

Configuration and Voltage Control of a Solar-Wind Hybrid Microgrid Employing STATCOM with Fuzzy Logic Controller

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Abstract

The ability of wind and solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to generate electricity is heavily dependent on weather conditions. Their output fluctuates due to their intermittent nature. As a result, the requirement for energy transmission and distribution systems to compensate quickly is becoming increasingly crucial for this reason fuzzy logic controller is used to better results. The Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) is a device that can be used to compensate for reactive power and reduce voltage fluctuations generated by the system and renewable energy sources. This research looks at how to simulate a Solar PV-Wind Hybrid Micro-grid and how to raise the system's stable working limit with the addition of STATCOM. The main contribution of this research is the use of genetic algorithms (GA) to optimize the gain parameters of four PI controllers in STATCOM, resulting in superior responses and voltage stability in the nonlinear nature of a solar-wind hybrid micro-grid. A 2 MW wind turbine model based on a doubly fed induction generator (DFIG), a 0.4 MW solar PV power system model, and a 3 MVAR STATCOM are among the Simulink models of the system

design. The voltage fluctuation at the end of the bus bar is reduced by 8% when utilising a traditional PI controller, according to certification. The results of Fuzzy logic controller optimization are compared to those of a traditional controller and a GA-based PI controller, and better results are produced.

Index Terms: Flexible AC transmission systems (FACTS); Genetic Algorithm; PV-Wind hybrid system; Static synchronous compensator; Voltage control.

I. INTRODUCTION

Renewable energy applications have grown in popularity, particularly in recent years. Increasing energy use, significant advancements in energy production technology and growing public awareness of environmental issues are driving research into alternative energy and distributed production. For applications with minimal installed capacity, a hybrid structure comprising of an efficient photovoltaic (PV) system and a wind energy system can be created utilising various control techniques. Because renewable energy systems, such as wind alone and hybrid Wind/PV, are not totally safe in terms of satisfying load demand, power instabilities occur, and reactive power compensation is an emerging need for a hybrid system's stable operation. In all energy systems, reactive power adjustment is needed. Reactive

power is associated with a variety of power quality issues as well as increased power losses.

Synchronous condensers and permanent mechanical switching capacitors have been utilized to overcome this problem for many years. This sort of compensation has some drawbacks, such as enormous dimensions, excessive losses, and a poor response time. The FACTS (Flexible Alternating Current Transmission Systems) devices were commercially introduced in the late 1980s for reducing power quality issues, enhancing system stability, and increasing power transfer capability [1]. New FACTS topologies, on the other hand, are emerging to improve the security and stability of microgrids [2], [3]. STATCOM is a shunt-connected inverter-based device that enhances power quality in alternating current systems and is part of the FACTS family of devices.

In 1991, the STATCOM was installed for the first time in Japan. It had a ± 80 MVAR voltage stabilization rating [1]. Advanced and complex control algorithms have been possible to construct with the debut of real-time controllers [4]. Power factor enhancement, load balancing, voltage control, and harmonic reduction are all functions of these devices in energy systems. The need for additional lines is reduced by boosting the capacity of existing transmission lines. To keep the power system within the required operating limits, various control mechanisms are employed.

Proportional-Integral (PI), Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID), Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC), and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) based controllers are the most often used controllers. Traditional PI type controllers are commonly used in commercial

STATCOM devices, and the controller's effectiveness dictates STATCOM's performance. As a result, the current study aims to improve the reliability and adaptability of STATCOM for hybrid power system variations.

In recent years, various researches on STATCOM have been made. In 2010, it is carried out research on a hybrid PV-Wind supply system with STATCOM interface for a water-lift station and reduced voltage fluctuation in a limited manner [5]. In the literature, some studies have discussed the impact of FACTS controllers on the stability of power systems connected with doubly fed induction generators and focused on the results of rotor angle responses [6]. The use of conventional and direct-current vector control schemes has been proposed as a control mechanism for VSC (voltage source control)-based STATCOM. However, it only operated with the system's voltage fluctuations, not a hybrid system [7].

Describes voltage control for a hybrid power system based on a wind energy conversion technology with reactive power support. However, STATCOM was not used to decrease voltage fluctuations in the load side converter in this study. [9] Describes the use of a parallel-resonance bridge type fault current limiter (PRBFCL) to improve the transient stability of a hybrid power system and reduce voltage fluctuation. According to the literature study, relatively little research has been done on the STATCOM system-based voltage fluctuations generated by the hybrid solar-wind microgrid. With the growing use of PV and wind power systems, traditional FACTS devices still need to be improved through controller

optimizations and considerable analysis under various operating situations is required.

The dynamic response of hybrid power systems was studied in reference [10] using the STATCOM optimum gain setting. The use of SVC and an Automatic Voltage Regulator was suggested in reference [11]. (AVR) The evolutionary method is utilized to solve an optimization issue while also obtaining the SVC and AVR PI control settings. For the isolated hybrid power system model-performance analysis of a Takagi-Sugeno fuzzy logic (SOA-TSFL) based controller, reference [12] used a searcher optimization approach.

The objective of this article is to incorporate STATCOM for reactive power compensation to boost the reliability of the presented power system design. It also aims to lower voltage fluctuations caused by renewable energy sources' fluctuating nature. To get a good response, optimal PI parameter adjustments in STATCOM are conducted automatically based on GA. In the STATCOM control circuit, optimization of the PI controller parameters is done. To the best of the authors' knowledge, no research has been published on the optimization and adjustment methods of four PI controllers in the STATCOM control circuit for PV-Wind hybrid system voltage stability.

II. WIND POWER SYSTEM MODELLING

One of the most popular wind generators today is the Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG) [13]. DFIG is made up of stator windings that are directly connected to a fixed frequency 3-phase network and rotor windings that have back-to-back voltage-based converters. The word "doubly -fed" refers to a system in which the stator voltage comes from

the mains while the rotor voltage is induced by the power converter. The method allows for significant but limited variable speeds (a speed differential of up to $\pm 40\%$ can be achieved). By injecting varying frequencies of current into the rotor, the transducers alter the mechanical and electrical frequency. Power converters or controllers influence the behaviour of generators in both normal and abnormal operation [14]

The DFIG is made up of a series of voltage-induced converters that are bi-directionally coupled to the rotor windings and are connected directly to the fixed frequency three-phase grid. The rectifier on the rotor side and the inverter on the grid side control each other in the power converter unit. The fundamental aim is to manage the active and reactive powers of the rectifier's rotor current components on the rotor side. On the grid side, the inverter controls the DC link voltage and guarantees that the converter's functioning is integrated with the power factor.

DFIG has a number of advantages, including the ability to adjust active and reactive power using rotor current [14]. In Fig. 1, it has two sequential converters for rotor and grid side control. V_{bus} (grid voltage), Q (reactive power component), and three-phase current component (I_a, I_b, I_c) are taken into consideration in the grid side control circuit of the wind, and V_{bus} and $I_d \& I_q$ are regulated. Voltage and current components ($V_d \& V_q$) are converted to three-phase signals via space vector transformations. The angles are calculated using voltage values and employed in space vector transformations using PLL (Park and Clarke).

$$I = I_{ph} - I_0 \left[e^{\frac{(V+IR_s)q}{nKT N_s}} - 1 \right] - I_{sh}, \quad (6)$$

where k is Boltzmann gas constant (1.38×10^{-23} J/K), T is absolute temperature (K), q is electron charge (1.6×10^{-19} C), n is linearity factor, R_s is the series resistance, R_{sh} is the cell shunt resistance, N_s is number of PV module in series, V is the output voltage of solar cell and I_0 shows the dark saturation current value. Simulink is used to create the mathematical model of the photovoltaic system using the equations provided in [16]. In addition, the system's maximum power point tracking (MPPT) is implemented using perturb and observe (P&O) algorithm.

IV. STATIC SYNCHRONOUS COMPENSATOR:

A voltage source DC/AC converter is used in STATCOM. Balanced three-phase voltages with controlled amplitude and phase angle are obtained at the STATCOM output at the mains frequency. The AC system and the device's steady-state power exchange are often reactive in this embodiment. Controlling the magnitude and phase angle of the transformer output voltage controls the reactive power exchange between the STATCOM and the AC system. In the STATCOM circuit, the magnitude and frequency of the inverter's ac output voltage must be tuned for this. If the STATCOM's output voltage is greater than the AC system voltage ($V_{statcom} > V_{ac}$), current flows from the STATCOM to the AC system via transformer reactance, generating reactive power for the transmission line.

The equipment performs in capacitive mode if the STATCOM output voltage exceeds the transmission line voltage. The DC voltage required by the inverter is provided by the capacitor. The phase difference between the inverter output voltage and the AC system voltage determines whether the capacitor is charged or discharged. In the absence of transformer resistance, active power flowing from the AC system to STATCOM is depicted in (7) [17].

$$P = \frac{V_{ac} V_{statcom} \sin \alpha}{X} \quad (7)$$

If $\alpha > 0$, the inverter output voltage is in phase opposition with the system voltage. The capacitor is charged because of $P > 0$. If $\alpha < 0$, the capacitor is discharged because of $P < 0$. Reactive power flowing from STATCOM to AC system or from AC system to STATCOM can be calculated by (8)

$$Q = \frac{V_{ac} V_{statcom} \cos \alpha - V_{ac}^2}{X} \quad (8)$$

Where V_{ac} is AC system voltage, $V_{statcom}$ is inverter output voltage, X is equivalent reactance of transformers, α is the phase difference between voltages. In the STATCOM, the voltage V_{dc} is kept constant and the amplitude of the AC output voltage of the inverter is calculated by changing the modulation index (m_a). The modulation index is usually between $0 < m_a < 1$.

In case $m_a = 0.75$; there is no power exchange

$$(V_{ac} = V_{statcom})$$

In case $m_a = 0.65$; STATCOM is in inductive

variable load between 1 MVA and 5.2 MVA was used at the end of the line in the hybrid system with STATCOM. The STATCOM system has been set at 1.077 p.u to maintain a 1 p.u. reference voltage the time domain criterion is employed in this work to evaluate the voltage stability of the PI controller in the STATCOM's control circuit. As a result, proper tuning constant selection and optimal controller parameter adjustment are essential to the control's operation and maintenance.

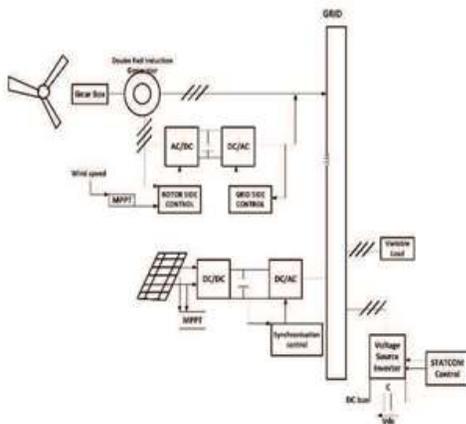


Fig. 5. Solar-wind hybrid system including STATCOM

ITAE is the most common performance criterion (integral absolute time error). The drawback of the IAE (integral absolute error) and ISE (integral square error) criteria is that the transient performance is poor while the reduction process is relatively low. ITAE or ITSE (integral time square error) [19] are used to overcome this problem. The ITAE performance criterion (11) is used as the objective function for optimization in this study.

Table II shows the results of the optimization. Genetic algorithm codes suitable with the m-function code file have been written, and a good optimization with the correct restriction, multiplication, mutation, and

population size values has been carried out. The Matlab m-function file optimizes eight variables in an eight-dimensional search space, with Kp and Ki values specified by particular lower and upper constraints.

$$ITAE = \int_0^{\infty} t |e(t)| dt, \tag{11}$$

GA based method

Three steps are followed by genetic programming to address a problem:

1. Identification of fitness function;
2. Coding (genetic coding);
3. Selecting the starting population to be random individuals.

TABLE II. CONTROLLER GAIN CONSTANTS IN STATCOM FOR ITAE

ITAE	For AC Regulator		For DC Regulator		For (Id&Iq) current regulator	
	Kp1	Ki1	Kp2	Ki2	Kp3 Kp4	Ki3 Ki4
PI constants						
GA results	0.3747	0.5694	0.0114	0.8051	0.9748 0.4292	0.3043 0.7021

The process is repeated until a satisfactory solution is discovered, and the fitness function of the entire population is determined. The best individuals are chosen for the new generation, and crossing and mutation are used to establish a new generation. The population is refreshed with a new generation (chromosomes), and the optimal solution is discovered.

The best value of Kp (proportional) and Ki (integral) constants for STATCOM in ITAE as a fitness function is determined using a

genetic algorithm. The starting operators for the genetic algorithm are K_p and K_i , which are estimated using a traditional technique. The technique for enhancing the value of the K_p and K_i gain constants for STATCOM using GA is depicted in Fig. 6.

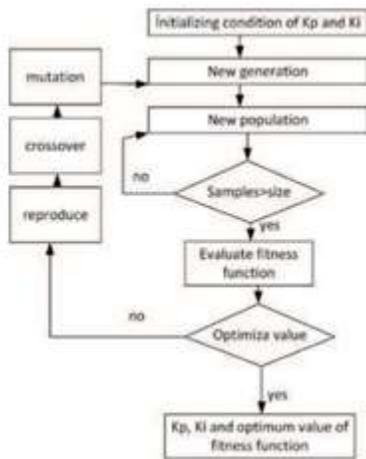


Fig. 6. Flow chart for STATCOM tuning using GA

II. SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The impact of distribution networks on power quality increases as more solar PV and wind power plants are connected to the grid [4]. Slow voltage variations, voltage collapses, fast voltage changes, harmonics, and frequency imbalances are common power quality issues induced by renewable sources. Voltage fluctuations are one of the most noticeable issues with the integration of solar PV and wind power systems into the grid. The voltage fluctuation has been decreased by STATCOM's control system, and STATCOM has improved the voltage profile and compensated for reactive power.

A. Simulation Results of STATCOM for Power Factor Compensation

The magnitude of the voltage source was increased by 0.2 seconds when the system was tested, as shown in Fig. 7(a), and STATCOM adjusted for this voltage by absorbing +2.7 MVAR of reactive power.

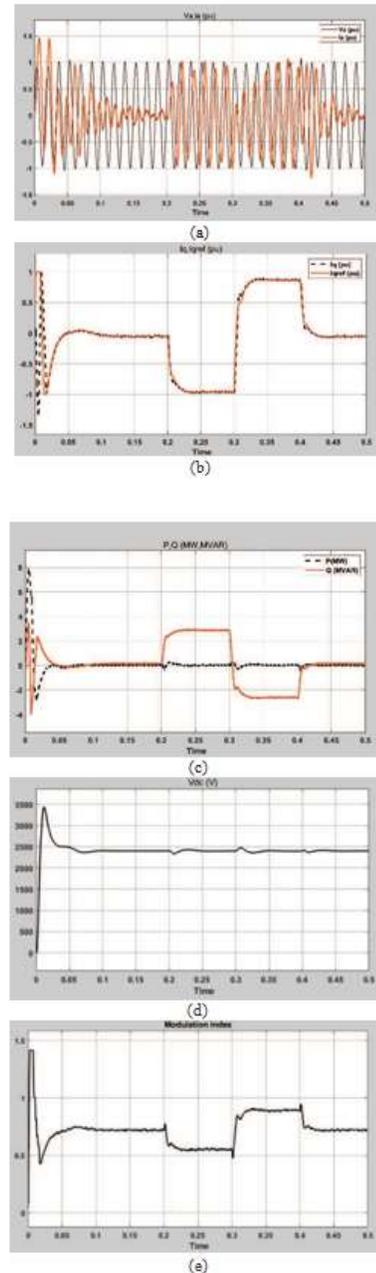


Fig. 7. STATCOM output voltage profile (a); reactive current component of STATCOM (b), produced or absorbed active and reactive

power by STATCOM (c), DC voltage (d), modulation index waveforms (e).

DSTATCOM generated reactive power while preserving the voltage value by shifting the reactive power from +2.7 to -2.7 MVAR at 0.3 seconds, as illustrated in Fig. 7. (c). DC voltage is attempted to be kept constant, as illustrated in Fig. 7(d), and the modulation index is referred to in Fig. 7(e). STATCOM operates in inductive mode ($m_a = 0.65$) for the first 0.2 seconds, then switches to capacitive mode ($m_a = 0.85$) for the next 0.3 seconds, generating reactive power. For a total of 0.5 seconds, the simulations were run.

B. Simulation Results of Solar-Wind Hybrid System with STATCOM for Reactive Power Compensation

The hybrid micro-grid system first functions without STATCOM, as shown in Fig. 8(a), where the voltage value increases to 1.08 p.u. at 0.2 seconds and drops to 0.92 p.u. at 0.3 seconds. A voltage variation of about $\pm 10\%$ can be seen clearly. The voltage is maintained at 1 p.u. in the hybrid system with STATCOM at all points in Fig. 8(b) and the variation between 0.2 seconds and 0.4 seconds are decreased by $\pm 8\%$.

The graphs for the ITAE performance criterion in Fig. 8(b) indicate that the PI controller has the highest overshoot and peaks at some points, whereas the voltage profiles of the GA reach a point of 1 p.u. at 0.05 s, have a smaller overshoot, and have the least voltage fluctuation. As can be seen in the diagram, GA optimization improved response and voltage stability. The results show that accurate tuning constant selection and optimal controller parameter modification play a vital role in the proper operation of this control.

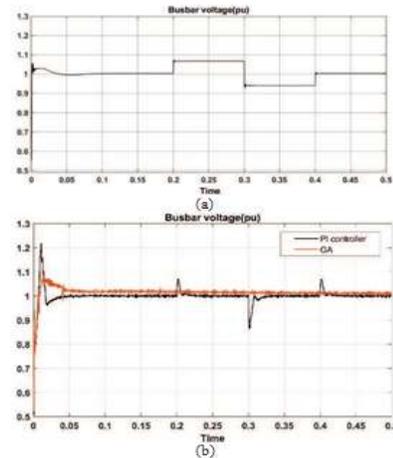


Fig. 8. Voltage profile at the end of the bus bar without STATCOM (a); voltage profile at the end of the bus bar for conventional PI controller, GA optimized controller, with STATCOM (p.u.) (b).

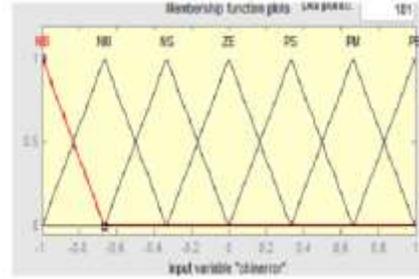
FUZZY LOGIC CONTROLLER:

A set of linguistic principles governs basic control action in FLC. The system establishes these regulations. In FC, mathematical modelling of the system is not necessary because numerical variables are translated to linguistic variables. Fuzzification, interference engine, and defuzzification are the three sections of the FLC. The FC is defined as follows: i. each input and output has seven fuzzy sets. ii. For simplicity, triangular membership functions are used. iii. The use of a continuous universe of discourse for fuzzification. iv. Mamdani's "min" operator is used to infer. v. Using the "height" approach to defuzzify.

Fuzzification:

Membership function values are assigned to the linguistic variables, using seven fuzzy subsets: NB (Negative Big), NM (Negative Medium), NS (Negative Small), ZE

(Zero), PS (Positive Small), PM 5 (Positive Medium), and PB (Positive Big). The partition of fuzzy subsets and the shape of membership CE (k) E (k) function adapt the shape up to appropriate system. The value of input error and change in error are normalized by an input scaling factor



ΔE	NE	NW	NS	ZE	PS	PM	PB
NE	1000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
NW	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
NS	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000	0000
ZE	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000
PS	0000	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000
PM	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000
PB	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	1000

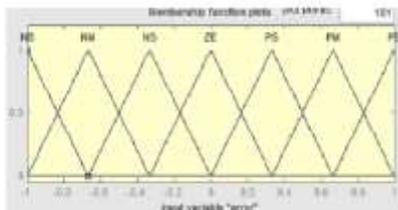
In this system the input scaling factor has been designed such that input values are between -1 and +1. The triangular shape of the membership function of this arrangement presumes that for any particular E(k) input there is only one dominant fuzzy subset. The input error for the FLC is given as

$$E(k) = \frac{P_{ph(k)} - P_{ph(k-1)}}{V_{ph(k)} - V_{ph(k-1)}}$$

$$CE(k) = E(k) - E(k-1)$$

Interference Method:

Several composition methods such as Max–Min and Max-Dot have been proposed in the literature. In this paper Min method is used. The output membership function of each rule is given by the minimum operator and maximum operator. Table 1 shows rule base of the FLC.



MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS

Defuzzification:

As a plant usually requires a non-fuzzy value of control, a defuzzification stage is needed. To compute the output of the FLC, „height“ method is used and the FLC output modifies the control output. In recent years, the number and variety of applications of fuzzy logic have increased significantly. The applications range from consumer products such as cameras, camcorders, washing machines, and microwave ovens to industrial process control, medical instrumentation, decision-support systems, and portfolio selection.

To understand why use of fuzzy logic has grown, you must first understand what is meant by fuzzy logic. Fuzzy logic has two different meanings. In a narrow sense, fuzzy logic is a logical system, which is an extension of multivalve logic. However, in a wider sense fuzzy logic (FL) is almost synonymous with the theory of fuzzy sets, a theory which relates to classes of objects with unsharp boundaries in which membership is a matter of degree. In this perspective, fuzzy logic in its narrow sense is a branch of fl. Even in its more narrow definition, fuzzy logic differs both in concept and substance from traditional multivalve logical systems.

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