

CONTROL STRATEGIES FOR UNIFIED POWER QUALITY CONDITIONER TO
MITIGATE VOLTAGE SAG DUE TO LARGE MOTOR STARTING DURING FAULT

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ABSTRACT

As induction motors are the heart of industrial industries for electromechanical conversion, voltage sags during large motor starting have become the most frequent Power Quality (PQ) problem. Induction motors are one of the most prominent sources of voltage sag problem. These disturbances can cause loads that re sensitive to voltage in buildings or factories to malfunction, contributing to the deterioration of power quality in industrial power systems or utility. The Unified Power Quality Conditioner (UPQC), which incorporates a series and shunt active filter capable of compensating supply voltage sag, swell, current imbalance, harmonics, and reactive power, is one of the devices that will combat voltage sag occurrence. The goal of this project is to develop several control techniques for the UPQC in order to overcome voltage sag caused by large motor starting during a failure. UPQC's Active Power Filters (APFs) are linked to the system through series and shunt transformers. The voltage swell is then injected through the source, and various sorts of faults are simulated to produce the voltage sag at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC). The switching pulses are created using a Proportional Integral (PI) controller, which compares the observed load voltages to the reference voltages. The measured source currents, on the other hand, are compared to their reference values, and the shunt APF switching pulses are generated using a hysteresis band controller. The suggested model is implemented in MatLAB Simulink and is anticipated to include voltage sag/swell compensation capabilities, as well as the capacity to maintain load voltage constant.

ABSTRAK

Disebabkan motor aruhan merupakan nadi industri perindustrian untuk penukaran elektromekanik, kendur voltan semasa permulaan motor besar telah menjadi masalah Kualiti Daya (PQ) yang paling kerap. Motor aruhan adalah salah satu sumber masalah voltan kendur yang paling ketara. Gangguan ini boleh menyebabkan beban yang sensitif terhadap voltan di bangunan atau kilang untuk tidak berfungsi, menyumbang kepada kemerosotan kualiti kuasa dalam sistem kuasa elektrik atau utiliti. Perapi Kualiti Kuasa Bersatu (UPQC), yang menggabungkan penapis aktif siri dan selari yang mampu mengimbangi voltan bekalan, bengkak, ketidakseimbangan semasa, harmonik, dan daya reaktif, adalah salah satu peranti yang akan memerangi berlakunya penurunan voltan. Matlamat projek ini adalah untuk mengembangkan beberapa teknik kawalan untuk UPQC untuk mengatasi kendur voltan yang disebabkan oleh motor besar bermula semasa kegagalan. Penapis Daya Aktif UPQC (APF) dihubungkan ke sistem melalui transformer siri dan selari. Pembengkakan voltan kemudian disuntikkan melalui sumbernya, dan pelbagai jenis kesalahan disimulasikan untuk menghasilkan kendur voltan pada Titik Biasa (PCC). Denyut pensuisan dibuat menggunakan pengawal Proportional Integral (PI), yang membandingkan voltan beban yang dibandingkan dengan voltan rujukan. Arus sumber yang diukur, sebaliknya, dibandingkan dengan nilai rujukannya, dan denyut beralih APF shunt dihasilkan menggunakan pengawal jalur histeresis. Model yang disarankan dilaksanakan dalam MatLAB Simulink dan diharapkan dapat merangkumi kemampuan pampasan kendur / bengkak voltan, serta kemampuan untuk mengekalkan voltan beban tetap.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

PQ	-	Power Quality
UPQC	-	Unified Power Quality Conditioner
PCC	-	Point of Common Coupling
APF	-	Active Power Filters
PI	-	Proportional Integral
RMS	-	Root Mean Square
SAF	-	Series Active Filter
PAF	-	Parallel Active Filter
IEEE	-	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
SVC	-	Static VAR Compensators
DSTATCOM	-	Distribution Static Compensators
DVR	-	Dynamic Voltage Restorers
SHAF	-	Shunt Active Filter
SEAF	-	Series Active Filter
VSI	-	Voltage Source Inverter
CSC		Current Source Converter
VSC		Voltage Source Converter

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

In today's industrialized world, electrical power networks have been contaminated by undesired voltage and current fluctuations. Power quality concerns arise largely as a result of the ever-increasing sources of disturbances that occur in linked power grids, which comprise vast numbers of power sources, transmission lines, transformers, and loads, as well as environmental disturbances such as lightning strikes. Voltage quality has become increasingly essential as the quantity of sensitive devices in distribution networks grows [1].

Voltage disturbances, which include voltage sags, swells, harmonics, transients, unbalances, and flickers, are the most prevalent power quality (PQ) concern in industrial distribution systems. [2]. However, numerous power quality assessments have found that voltage sags account for more than 90% of all voltage-related incidents. [3-4]. Short-circuit failures, such as a single-line-to-ground fault in a power system, and the start-up of large-capacity motors, produce voltage sag, resulting in huge financial output losses.

Based on the aforementioned power quality concerns, the focus of this study will be on the consequences of voltage sag during induction motor start-up and three-phase-to-ground fault. Voltage sag is defined as a brief reduction in the RMS ac voltage (10%–90% of the nominal voltage) at a power frequency of 0.5 cycles to a few seconds, according to IEEE regulation [5]. Failures such as a three-phase-to-ground fault in a power system, and the start-up of large-capacity motors, produce voltage sag, resulting in huge financial output losses. Depending on the degree and length of the sag, the effect generated by this disruption on industrial customers varies. As a result, protecting sensitive loads from voltage sags is a critical concern. [6].

1.2 Problem Statement

Induction motors have been widely utilized in industry in comparison to other rotating machinery, however they are considered to be particularly sensitive to voltage sags due to their huge inductances, which might decrease their ride-through capacity. Electromagnetic and electromechanical transients make up the electromagnetic and electromechanical transients of induction motors. The voltage sag phenomenon is generally linked to a fault and its subsequent clearing for a few mains frequency cycles. Thus, the electromagnetic transients of the DV R-motor system are dominating for such a short duration. The electrical torque of the motor (proportional to the square of the RMS supply voltage) decreases during voltage sag. It's also fair to assume that the mechanical speed of the motor remains constant during this time span. The air gap flux will be rebuilt once the voltage sag is eliminated, resulting in a high inrush current. The voltage recovery will be temporarily slowed, following which the motor will accelerate again until it achieves its pre-sag speed. The motor will absorb a considerable current during the re-acceleration. Some sensitive electronics that have survived the sag may be tripped as a result of this post-sag phenomena. In any event, the more complicated sag profile makes the compensating procedure more difficult [7].

1.3 Research Objectives

The objectives of the research are:

1. To investigate the effect of large current motor starting during fault to voltage profile.
2. To apply control strategies for UPQC to mitigate voltage sag occurred due to large current induction motor starting during fault.

1.4 Scopes of projects

The following are the considered scopes of this project:

- (a) Proposes UPQC model using MatLAB Simulink..
- (b) Only three-phase-to-ground fault is applied.
- (c) The developed model only considers to mitigate voltage sags.

1.5 Contribution

Several international organizations' studies demonstrate that the economic losses caused by power quality issues are currently quite substantial, and they argue that a little investment in equipment and processes to improve power quality can result in a significant decrease in these losses. [8]. In this context, developing equipment to improve power quality, such as the UPQC previously mentioned, is critical to ensuring a favourable environment for the efficient running of industries, leading to improved productivity and lowering economic losses resulting from power quality issues. In addition to its capacity to mitigate power quality issues, the UPQC can also measure a variety of electrical signals that might be valuable to other Smart Grid devices.

1.6 Organization of report

This project report consists of five chapters that are organized as below:

Chapter 1 consists of a background overview of the project, problem statements, objectives, scopes and contribution of the project.

Chapter 2 describes the literature review on topics related to the project. The topics include existing related work induction motors, voltage sags, available power quality compensators in the market and state-of-the-art UPQC.

Chapter 3 describes the methodology used in the project by explaining the workflow of the project, tools and software used.

Chapter 4 provides the results and discussions of the project.

Chapter 5 concludes the report with outcomes and future works of the project.

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