

AN INTEGRATED UNDER FREQUENCY LOAD SHEDDING PROTECTION
BASED ON HYBRID INTELLIGENT SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

Recent blackouts, which are associated with severe technical and economic damages, show that current protection systems are not reliable enough when power system is in an emergency condition. This research attempts to address the issue by introducing a novel, integrated and optimized frequency modelling approach and Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS) protection for electric power systems. This system is capable to consider various aspects of the problem simultaneously in modern power systems. Furthermore, it takes advantage of a new multi-objective decision making approach considering all required criteria and risk indicators based on the related standards of power system operation. In this approach, a new frequency response modelling system, named Extended System Frequency Response (ESFR) model and new aggregated load modelling system are proposed. This approach does not only consider all factors which contribute to frequency performance of power system simultaneously, but also is capable to consider advanced components of electric power systems. This modelling system is designed in consistent with the new generation of advanced power system simulators. In the next step, Genetic Algorithm (GA) as an Artificial Intelligent (AI) method is used for designing an optimal and integrated UFLS system. The technical implementation of this step leads to the creation of a new methodology for coupling two software or simulators together. This approach is applied to create a junction between the advanced power system simulator and the GA provider. This method does not only decrease the simulation time dramatically, but also makes the remote communications possible between two or more software. Finally, an AI system, namely Artificial Neural Network (ANN), is used in a hybrid structure to execute the GA UFLS system design as an online Wide Area Protection (WAP) system. The results of the first step show the high capability of the proposed frequency response modelling system. The new approach of under frequency protection system design shows clear advantages over the conventional methods. Finally, the performance of ANN is promising as a new generation of intelligent WAP systems.

ABSTRAK

Ketiadaan bekalan yang berlaku kebelakangan ini dikaitkan dengan kemusnahan teknikal dan ekonomi yang teruk menunjukkan perlindungan arus masih tidak mencapai keboleharapan yang mencukupi terutama apabila sistem kuasa berada di dalam keadaan kecemasan. Kajian ini bertujuan mengatasi isu tersebut dengan memperkenalkan pendekatan baru, bersepadu dan mengoptimumkan frekuensi pemodelan serta penggunaan Perlindungan Penyingkiran Beban Frekuensi (UFLS) bagi sistem kuasa elektrik. Sistem ini mampu untuk mempertimbangkan pelbagai aspek masalah yang berlaku secara serentak dalam sistem kuasa moden. Selain itu, kelebihan daripada penghasilan keputusan pelbagai objektif yang baru turut diambil kira bagi semua kriteria yang diperlukan dan petunjuk risiko berdasarkan kepada piawaian operasi sistem kuasa. Melalui pendekatan ini, gerak balas frekuensi sistem pemodelan yang baru, atau dikenali sebagai model Sistem Sambutan Frekuensi Lanjutan (ESFR) dan sistem pemodelan beban agregat dicadangkan. Pendekatan ini bukan sahaja mengambil kira semua faktor yang menyumbang kepada prestasi frekuensi sistem kuasa secara serentak, tetapi juga mampu untuk mempertimbangkan komponen terkini pada sistem kuasa elektrik. Pemodelan sistem ini turut direka selaras dengan sistem penyelakuan kuasa generasi baru yang canggih. Seterusnya, Algoritma Genetik (GA) yang dikenali sebagai Kecerdikan Buatan digunakan untuk mereka bentuk sistem UFLS optimum dan bersepadu. Pelaksanaan teknikal ini membawa kepada kewujudan satu kaedah baru untuk gandingan dua perisian penyelakuan. Pendekatan ini digunakan untuk mewujudkan hubungan antara penyelakuan sistem kuasa yang canggih dengan kaedah GA. Selain itu, kaedah ini bukan sahaja mengurangkan masa simulasi secara mendadak, ia turut membolehkan komunikasi secara jauh dilakukan diantara dua perisian atau lebih. Akhir sekali, sistem Kecerdikan Buatan (AI), yang dikenali sebagai Rangkaian Saraf Buatan (ANN) digunakan dalam struktur hibrid untuk melaksanakan reka bentuk sistem GA UFLS sebagai Kawasan Perlindungan Lebar (WAP) sistem yang dilaksanakan secara dalam talian. Keputusan awal menunjukkan keupayaan yang tinggi dalam kekerapan pemodelan sistem bagi tindak balas frekuensi yang dicadangkan. Pendekatan baru dalam reka bentuk sistem perlindungan frekuensi kurang turut menunjukkan kelebihan yang jelas berbanding dengan kaedah konvensional. Kesimpulannya, prestasi ANN mampu menjanjikan kelebihan yang ketara sebagai generasi baru sistem WAP yang pintar.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

UFLS	-	Under Frequency Load Shedding
AI	-	Artificial Intelligence
ROCOF	-	Rate Of Change Of Frequency
DG	-	Distributed Generation
SCADA	-	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
WAP	-	Wide Area Protection
WAMS	-	Wide Area Measurement System
HVDC	-	High Voltage Direct Current
FACTS	-	Flexible Alternating Current Transmission System
SFR	-	System Frequency Response
ESFR	-	Extended System Frequency Response
ANN	-	Artificial Neural Network
GA	-	Genetic Algorithm
AVR	-	Automatic Voltage Regulator
PSS	-	Power System Stabilizer
CRIEPI	-	Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry
UCTE	-	Union for the Coordination of Transmission of Electricity
CE	-	Continent Europe
DPL	-	DIgSILENT Programming Language
SSE	-	Sum Squared Error
MSE	-	Mean Squared Error
APE	-	Absolute Percentage Error
MAPE	-	Mean Absolute Percentage Error
Mode	-	Most frequent value
$Risk_{Sys}$	-	Risk of the System
<i>T.S.</i>	-	Total Load Shed

<i>M.D.</i>	-	Magnitude of the Disturbance
<i>B.F.</i>	-	Base Fault
<i>M.C.</i>	-	Maximum Contingence
<i>O.C.</i>	-	Operating Condition
<i>H.G.</i>	-	Hydro Generation
<i>B.C.</i>	-	Base Condition
<i>Hyd.Units</i>	-	Hydro Units
<i>Stea.Units</i>	-	Steam Units
<i>Sc.+/-</i>	-	Scenario of rising or falling value
<i>DFIG</i>	-	Double Fed Induction Generator
<i>CB</i>	-	Circuit Breaker
<i>WTG</i>	-	Wind Turbine Generator
<i>CHP</i>	-	Combined Heat and Power
<i>CPU</i>	-	Central Processing Unit
<i>FRF</i>	-	Frequency Regulation Factor
<i>OBDD</i>	-	Ordered Binary Decision Diagram
<i>PO.L</i>	-	Percentage of Active Power Over Load Indicator
<i>AHP</i>	-	Analytical Hierarchy Process
<i>SPS</i>	-	Special Protection Scheme
<i>GPS</i>	-	Global Positioning Satellite
<i>PMU</i>	-	Phasor Measurement Unit
<i>TSO</i>	-	Transmission System Operator
<i>PV</i>	-	Photo-Voltaic
<i>ENTSOE</i>	-	European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity
<i>NNH</i>	-	Number of Neuron in the Hidden layer

LIST OF SYMBOLS

T_R	-	Average Reheat Time Constant
H	-	Inertia Constant
R	-	Governor Regulation or Droop
D	-	Damping Factor
F_H	-	High Pressure Power Fraction of Reheat Turbine
K_m	-	Mechanical Gain
SR	-	Spinning Reserve
PF	-	Power Factor
ω_s	-	Synchronous Speed
J	-	Moment of Inertia
T_m	-	Accelerating Time Constant
T_w	-	Water Starting Time Constant
K	-	Effective Gain of Governing System
T_G	-	Governor Time Constant
Δ	-	Temporary Droop
σ	-	Permanent Droop
T_r	-	Hydro Governor Time Constant
T_p	-	Pilot Valve Time Constant
T_g	-	Gate Servo Time Constant
T	-	Turbine Time Constant
K	-	Turbine Factor
a	-	Water Hammer Factor
K_{Pf}	-	Load Active Power Frequency Dependency Factor
K_{qf}	-	Load Reactive Power Frequency Dependency Factor
K_{PV}	-	Load Active Power Voltage Dependency Factor
K_{qV}	-	Load Reactive Power Voltage Dependency Factor
Z	-	Constant Impedance

T_l	-	Dynamic Load Time Constant
T_{Pf}	-	Transient Frequency Dependency of Load Active Power
T_{qf}	-	Transient Frequency Dependency of Load Reactive Power
T_{Pu}	-	Transient Voltage Dependency of Load Active Power
T_{qu}	-	Transient Voltage Dependency of Load Reactive Power
P	-	Active Power
S	-	Apparent Power
N	-	The Number of Steps in Load Shedding
P_{Step}	-	Load to be Shed in Each Step
T_{Step}	-	Time Delay of Each Step
f_{OS}	-	Frequency Over-Shoot
f_{US}	-	Frequency Under-Shoot
f_{ost}	-	Overshoot Threshold or the Maximum Instantaneous Frequency Permissible after loss of Load
f_{ust}	-	Undershoot Threshold or the Maximum Instantaneous Frequency Permissible after loss of Load
f_{SS}	-	Post-fault Steady State Frequency
f_{osdt}	-	Post-fault Steady State downer Threshold of Frequency or Minimum Quasy-Steady-State deviation of Frequency after Reference Incident
f_{osut}	-	Post-fault Steady State Upper Threshold of Frequency or Minimum Quasy-Steady-State deviation of Frequency after Reference Incident
ζ	-	Vector of Load Shedding
ξ	-	Vector of the Sequence of the Measurable
g	-	Gradient
$d\omega/dt$	-	Frequency Gradient
ΔP_L	-	Active Power Load Changing
P_{LA}	-	Threshold value of active power mismatch
P_{tur}	-	Turbine-Governor reaction to Disturbance
f_{final}	-	Final Steady State Frequency
t_{off}	-	Non-permissible Off-nominal Frequency Duration
t_{fall}	-	Time of Frequency Fall

- α - Factor Depicting Active Power Dependence of Load on Voltage Deviations
- β - Factors Depicting Reactive Power Dependence of Load of Voltage Deviations

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Security is one of the most vital requirements in the operation of electric power systems. “Power system security” is the ability of the system to survive probable contingencies without interruption to customer service [1]. A set of imminent disturbance is referred to as contingencies. Power System Stability is also defined as the ability to regain an equilibrium state after being subjected to a physical disturbance [1]. Stability is an important factor of power system security, which is closely dependent on the value of system frequency. The deviation of frequency from its rated value is not only an indication of imbalance between real power generation and load demand, but also it is a reliable indicator for the instability condition of the given power system.

As power system load exceeds the maximum generation of power supply or large disturbance occur, such that system overload takes place due to governors being unable to react in time, system frequency will thus suffer a fast drop and in turn it can result in system collapse if appropriate preventive actions are not taken or functioning properly.

Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS), as the only appropriate way to prevent an electric power system from collapsing, may lead to severe technical and economical

damages, is of major importance. Load shedding schemes have become quite important in present day power systems, because they are operating at ever smaller capacity of the reserve and stability margins and have considerable connections with neighbour systems.

In other words, if the generation does not match the load in an interconnected power system (or in the isolated area) then an automatic load shedding scheme based on system frequency can be used to maintain system stability and provide a continuous supply for remaining loads and protecting for other equipment. Dynamic load shedding schemes have not been only suggested to stabilize the island following major disturbances but also define an appropriate analytic framework to enhance the dynamics of the islanding with the minimum load shedding effort. This problem is too complex to solve in real-time.

The major concern of UFLS design in modern power system operation is to take into account various influencing factors leading to the best load shedding scenario. Hence, fast calculation of optimal approaches for load shedding is one of the most important issues in planning, security, and operation of power systems. Recent advances in computer systems and Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods have provided golden opportunities leading to development an integrated UFLS system.

The first step in any electric power system dynamic study is choosing a proper mathematical model. Yet the selection of a power system model can be dissociated neither from the problem itself nor from the computing facilities and control techniques available. It is neither adequate, nor practical to devise a “universal model” for all power system dynamic problems. There are various kinds of power system dynamic problems, but there are only a limited number of system components which are important to the dynamic study. For each of them, several basic models are recommended by the professional societies, and can be adapted for the studies of specific problems.

Several UFLS schemes are also available that they can be categorised as traditional schemes, based only on frequency threshold, semi-adaptive schemes, based on frequency and Rate Of Change Of Frequency (ROCOF), adaptive schemes, based on frequency, and System Frequency Response (SFR) model [2].

Traditional load shedding schemes are designed by using a static model of power system which are set to disconnect fixed amounts of load using a predetermined fixed number of step sizes and usually do not provide optimized settings for different system conditions. These are conservative in the amount of load effectively shed and the frequency excursion ranges of UFLS schemes are too wide; because of neglecting the actual system state and magnitude of disturbance. In addition, it was found that the present schemes were not safe enough to maintain power system stability in the recent blackouts.

Studies have been conducted to determine the quantity of the load to be shed and to assess the system dynamic response following disturbances. However there is no representation that can effectively determine the settings of this protection. Several strategies used the frequency gradient to determine the initial active power deficit via a frequency response model. It has been shown that certain other factors also cannot be ignored or assumed to be constant. Otherwise, using frequency gradient as a sole indicator can give very misleading information about the active power deficit in the power system or an island. Additional information about the system such as voltage, spinning reserve, total system inertia, load characteristics are also required for designing an integrated UFLS system.

Previous researches assumed, in theory, that due to the slow response of the mechanical turbine valves controlled by the turbine governor, compared to the frequency decay rate, it can be concluded that the turbine output remains constant at the moment of disturbance and there is no turbine governor's reaction [3]. But this is not the case for load change. In the other words, load has a special position between various components in power systems which are affected by frequency deviations. Nevertheless, the major

drawback of using the conventional frequency response model for UFLS purposes is the fact that the load's frequency and voltage dependence is not included in the model [3]. Generally, several load models are considered in power system dynamic analysis, such as constant power, constant impedance and constant model [4-6]. The above brief outline shows that having an integrated UFLS protection system is dependent on providing an integrated frequency response model of electric power systems.

1.2 Problem Statement

Modern power systems are operating at ever smaller capacity and stability margins due to limitations imposed by introducing of renewable energy resources and deregulation. In this situation, traditional schemes involved in securing the power system, such as UFLS scheme should be revised. The existing UFLS schemes are predominantly deterministic, neither taking into account the actual system state, topology and operating condition; nor include the nature and the characteristic of the disturbance. Recent blackouts confirm that current UFLS systems are not safe and reliable enough when power system is in an emergency condition.

If an emergency frequency condition occurs, not only the governor will regulate the mechanical output power by frequency variation but also the load will regulate its active power. Furthermore, despite the individual contribution provided by the DG may be low, the total sum of these producers is currently significant; as its characteristic will change the overall system performance among frequency response. Previous load shedding schemes were designed without taking into consideration this type of generation.

What's more, new types of controls involving a complex array of devices are widely used in the modern power systems, which should be taken into consideration when performing the frequency dynamics analysis. Advances have also been made in the control

and operating systems which play significant roles in the system dynamic performance. Nowadays it is also evident that Wide Area Protection (WAP) is the most suitable system of UFLS which is a concept of using the Wide Area Measurement System (WAMS).

Discussing the importance of UFLS brings us to the conclusion that a high reliability level must be reached by implementing UFLS scheme, specially in modern power systems. It is desirable to use adaptive and integrated load shedding schemes disconnecting the minimum required system load at different conditions and maintain system stability. There are various modern components such as various DG resources accompanied by promoting the control and operating systems that they play a significant role in the dynamic performance and the frequency response of electrical power systems.

The integration of an adaptive UFLS strategy is dependent upon the integration of dynamic simulation arrangement and frequency response modelling. Such an integrated simulation should be more capable enough to consider the mentioned components and advances. The integrated UFLS system must also be able to take into account their effects on the system action and on stability indicators.

Moreover, it is necessary to have an adaptive, optimized and integrated UFLS system that would be able to consider these factors simultaneously to design the best UFLS strategy. In an advanced and novel approach, based on this proposal, UFLS scheme must take into account different influencing factors such as frequency variation, load characteristics, magnitude of disturbance, spinning reserve leading to define number of steps, the amount of load shed and delay time of each step. In this point of view, it is important that the scenario of protection system design should be capable enough to handle the new and integrated frequency model to plan the best UFLS system for operation condition. The proposed approach is a response to this serious request of the electric industry.

The proposed approach is a considerable step towards having a high security power grid with enhanced reliability indices; the power system operators by applying, such an integrated, optimized, fast and precise protection system would be presented with huge economical and technical benefits. Moreover, parallel to recent advances in management policies of electric power systems and with due attention to the development of WAM and WAP systems, it is a good background for fast and intelligence protection system with high compatibility with modern operating systems.

1.3 Research Objectives

The objectives of this research are:

- i. To propose an integrated frequency response model of complex electric power systems for both generation side and consumption side.
- ii. To design a new integrated and optimized under frequency load shedding system.
- iii. To develop a new integrated and optimized online protection system using the hybrid artificial intelligence method.
- iv. To develop an efficient protection system by reducing the risk of the system in emergencies.

1.4 Research Contributions

The significant contributions of this study can briefly be listed as follows:

- i. Developing an Extended System Frequency Response (ESFR) model.

- ii. Developing a new Aggregated Load Modelling system.
- iii. Devised a new integrated and optimised approach for Under Frequency Load Shedding System (UFLS) design.
- iv. Developing a fast and adaptive hybrid intelligence based UFLS protection system.

1.5 Scope of Research

The novel high-order multi-machine ESFR model, which is proposed and developed in this research, is implemented in the “IEEE 39-Bus” standard Dynamic Test System, which is also known by the name of “New England” test system. Validation step is performed via a comparative analysis of the results with the full system performance and with the traditional model. In the next step, the new integrated and optimized UFLS design system also established and developed using Genetic Algorithm (GA) for the test case.

In this approach, GA is assigned to identify the number of steps, the amount of load should be shed in each step and time of each step gained to protect the frequency response of the system, the risk of the system and power interruption. It can be implemented by using the integrated dynamic simulation of the test system which is prepared in the first step.

Finally, a new intelligence UFLS protection system is provided by hybridization of GA with ANN. In this approach, ANN is set to determine the GA output based on

operating data. The results of this method are validated by comparing with the traditional UFLS system for the test grid.

It is assumed that the “New England” test case is a complex power system with high penetration of renewable energy resources, especially hydro generation. Considering the technical aspects which exist in all power systems, there are limitations related to the maximum number of steps can be executed for UFLS protection and minimum discrimination required time between two steps. These limitations are considered in the approach as can be defined by the operators for each application.

1.6 Thesis Organization

The structure of this thesis is outlined to comprise five chapters as follows:

Chapter 2 is dedicated to review of the recent advances in the frequency response modelling approach of electrical power systems, load modelling, consideration of renewable energy resources and UFLS system improvement. The background of artificial intelligence applications in the field of study is also analysed. All the above have been done to find the main gap in this field and performing this idea to cover the requirements of the electric industry.

Chapter 3 is allocated firstly to outline the new Extended System Frequency Response (ESFR) and new aggregated load modelling approaches which are proposed by this research for complex power systems.

Chapter 4 is proposed a new approach to the design of UFLS protection system using the GA. In the next step, in a hybrid intelligence approach, ANN is used in an on-line WAP structure to execute the GA-UFLS design in complex power systems.

Chapter 5 presents the process of test and validation of the proposed approaches (in all three sections of the ESFR modelling system, GA-UFLS designer and ANN-GA wide area protection) and the related results considering the required analysis.

Chapter 6 contains a conclusion on the finding of the proposed approaches and requirements of this field leading to make recommendations for the future.

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