

Investigation and Control of Protection Issues in Distributed Generation Integrated Systems using Artificial Intelligent Controllers

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Abstract: In this paper, protection issues that arise due to distributed generation when integrated in the system are discussed. Protection of distribution system with the incidence of distributed generation can be achieved by designing the intelligent controllers that operate both under normal and faulted conditions. To analyze the issues related to protection and the performance of various distributed resources like wind turbines, microturbines, solar, PEMFC and SOFC units are considered in this paper. They are designed and modelled in MATLAB- SIMULINK environment. The wind power in this model is driven by an induction machine. To analyze deeply the performance of various distributed resources impact under normal and fault conditions a study has been done by simulating the various Artificial Intelligent Controllers. It can be seen from the simulation results that the performance of the DG units under normal and fault conditions is good with the AI controllers like Fuzzy, model reference adaptive controller compared to that of the conventional PID controller.

Index Terms: *Distributed Generation, DSTATCOM, Power quality issues, Non-linear loads.*

I. INTRODUCTION

In the present world scenario, the major challenges it is facing are protection of the environment, conservation of the existing energy resources and lastly the development of sustainable energy resources.[1]. To combine all of them the main issue is to provide sufficient energy for the customer to utilize without depleting the existing resources rapidly and do it in such a way that the environment is safe. The utilization of the Distributed Generation for the electrical energy production is the new era. The use of the small generating units DG are where usually the rating is less than 10 MW. They are connected to the transmission or distribution systems. The new and latest technologies such as fuel cells, wind energy, micro hydro power sources and solar photovoltaic's makes DG more and more economical and popular [2]-[6].

The Distributed Generation provided the most economical solution for the increasing energy needs. The growth in load and due to its impacts such as overload or low voltage is expected to be obtained by simulating the DG in different weak and strong locations. There are many series of problems with DGs right from its placement in different location. The necessary control that are required to mitigate the problems of voltage drop created by them is another concern. According to the literature, the DG should be able to be a minimal cost solution for the power optimization problem and ensure the required voltage level under all operating conditions. The DGs that are placed in the system may cater to drastic improvements in terms of reliability and reduce losses of the overall electrical power system. The penetration of the DG into the distribution system leads into a different level of fault current and impedance. This creates various problems in the power protection system, such as protective devices false tripping, protection blinding, a short circuit levels increase and decrease, undesirable network islanding and out of synchronism reclosers.[7]

II. PROTECTION ISSUES WITH DG

The existing network distributed systems are planned as passive networks which usually has unidirectional power flow from the central generating station downstream to the consumer loads, i.e. from high voltage level to medium or low voltage levels. Also, the existing protection system configuration is designed as common that the various levels of voltage expect for their ratings as there is no local generation expected throughout the network [7] With the introduction of the distributed resources, the network became active and hence the conventional protection system become unsuitable for the present scenario.

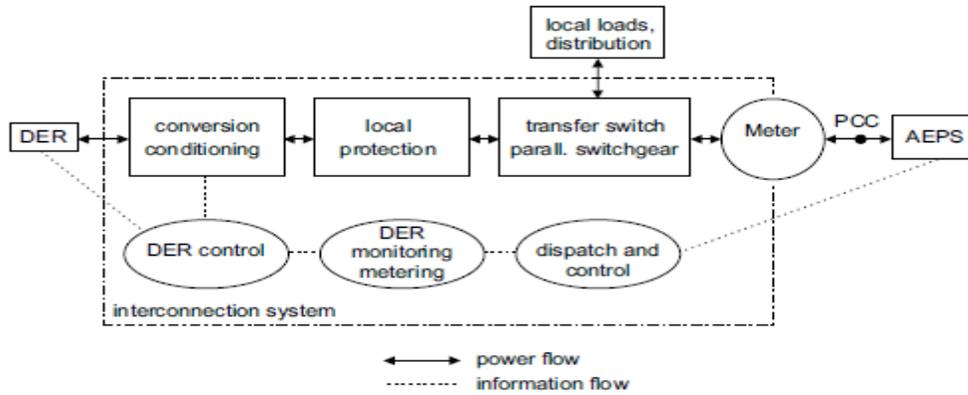


Fig 1: Block Diagram of Distribution system

The distribution generations are more concentrated in some areas of the distribution system, and they are also coupled to various buses as shown in figure 1. The analysis says that the distributed generations with same control modes which have same functionality can be modelled as equivalent to the sources in the system considered. The impact of the distribution network with this equivalence is analyzed by having microgrid. The overall distributed generators pertaining to a control are can be viewed as a larger generator with the cumulative capacity, i.e. with the added rating of all the small DG units.

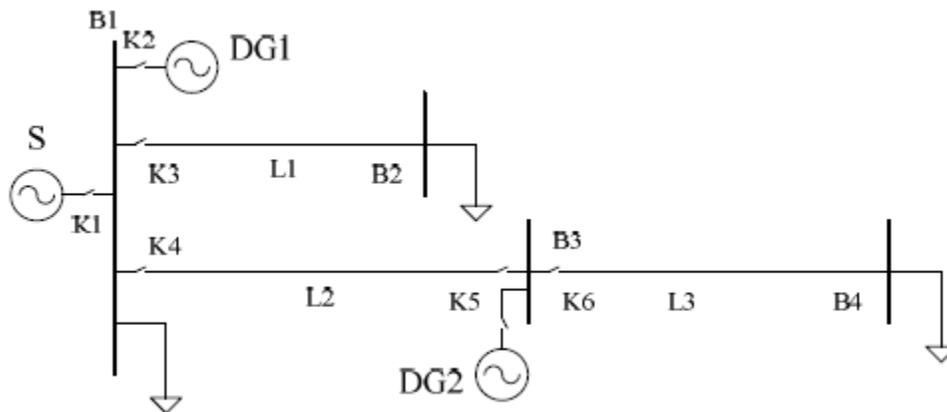


Fig 2: Grid-connected system

III. UTILITY REQUIRED PROTECTION

The solutions that are available for protection are both simple and intricate. The best feasible solution to a problem is always complied to a set of constraints so as to meet the regulatory standards. There are a set of regulations that are required to be followed by the Distributed Generation utilities. Few such areas are mentioned below

- 1 The winding requirements of the grid connecting transformer.
- 2 Suitable Relay configurations for interconnection to the utility
- 3 CT and PT configurations.
- 4 Protection standards complying to 810/U along with 27 & 59.
- 5 Fast acting devices present in DG and grid interconnections.

Table 1: Transformer connections based on the System voltage

System Voltage (kV) – Secondary	Generation Size	Preferred Interface Transformer High voltage side : Low voltage side (HVS:LVS)
27.6 kV	1 -2 MW	Gnd-wye : Delta Delta : Gnd-wye Gnd-wye : Gnd-wye
27.6/12/8 kV	200 kW – 1 MW	Gnd-wye : Gnd-wye Gnd-wye : Delta Delta : Gnd-wye
27.6/12/8/4 kV	50 kW – 200 kW	Gnd-wye : Gnd-wye
27.6/12/8/4 kV	10 kW – 50 kW	Gnd-wye : Gnd-wye

The primary substation feeders coming out of the power transformer have the general connections in either Delta winding or the Wye connection with grounding . the ground reference to the distribution system is obtained from the distribution transformers. A three phase four wire distribution system is generally installed in the secondary distribution side and the transformer associated is chosen accordingly. If the distribution system is of single phase, then the transformer having a center tap is chosen to provide the neutral connections.

IV. CONTROLLER

Design of PID Controller:

The difference between actual and the set value is to be minimized so that the process variable is as per requirements of the system. For this, a proportional-integral-derivative controller is employed based on the electronic devices like operational amplifiers. Continuous use is required for the system since an error is expected to happen due to the changes in the system behavior according to the input variables or changes in the set values. Parameters such as the rise time and peak overshoots are to be minimized to the maximum possible extent. Hence adjustment of the controller gains is necessary in real-time.

The proportional controller gain is associated with the magnitude shift of the output signal based on the input error magnitude. For example, if the error value is large, then, the output signal is multiplied by the gain value so that the output is increased proportionally.

the integral controller accumulates input values over a period and hence introduces a delay in the system response. As the input value samples and amplitudes increase, the output response also changes accordingly. # based on the derivative of error signal, i.e the slope of the error change from the previous sample (t-1) to the present sample causes the output to change.

The block diagram representation of a PID controller is given in Figure 3.

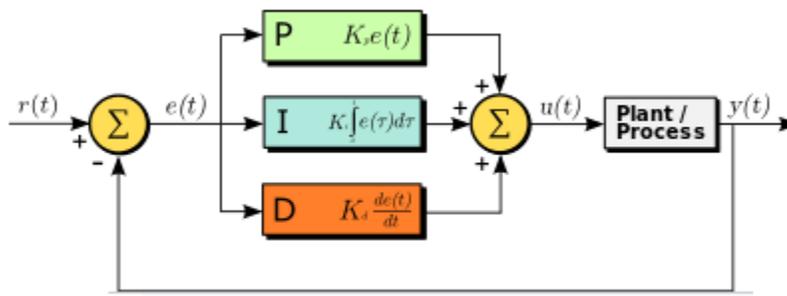


Fig 3: Block diagram of PID controller

Design of FLC controller:

A fuzzy logic controller is introduced in the paper. A FLC is typically either based on Mamdani or Takagi Sugeno methods of relating the crisp input values to the output parameters. In this paper, FLC is used to predict the sizing of DGs that are to be placed in the primary and secondary distribution feeders so that the reserve capacity of the system is increased and maintained to enhance reliability. It also decreases power losses in the transmission system as the load value changes, unbalance of voltages, and imbalances on the apparent power. The takagi sugeno type of controller is employed to site the location of DGs based on the output power produced, surviving index, and the nodal distance from the substations.

The expert system based on fuzzy-logic-controller is tested using the MATLAB software. Fuzzy logic toolbox is used and simscape simPowersystem platform is used to execute the multi-rule-based FLC system.

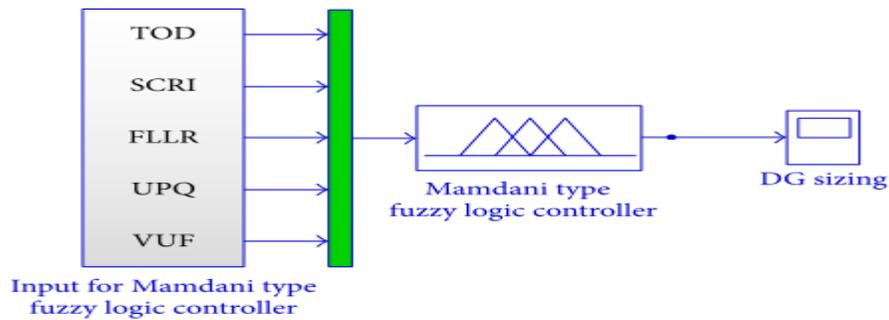


Fig 4: FLC – Mamdani type

V. SIMULATION RESULTS

a. Protection by varying external faults like LG, LLG and LLLG faults by varying different controllers:

The system without distributed generation is represented using a Matlab simulation as shown in fig. 6. A three-phase system is considered here with a combination of circuit breakers to simulate the fault environment and to analyze the response of the system. when the system goes into islanding mode, it is detected, and the breakers are operated accordingly based on PID controller is used in the system. the detailed modelling of the PID controller is shown in the figure 7. A three phase PLL is used to find out the angular frequency of the input voltage and current waves. The error is calculated with reference to the set values and is processed through the controller to get the control output signals.

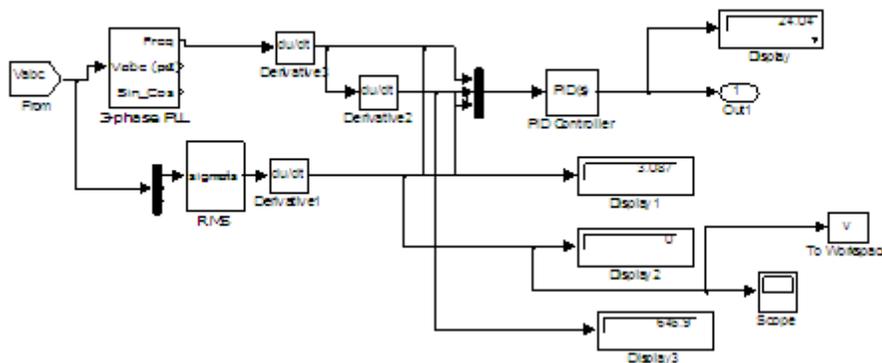


Fig 5: Subsystem of PID controller

Fig 8: Subsystem of FLC controller

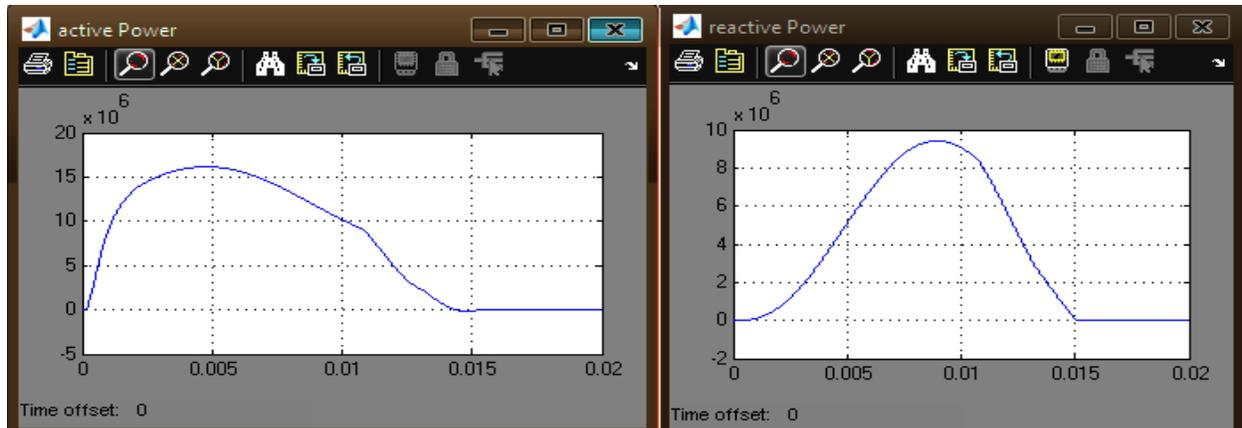


Fig 9: Active and reactive powers versus time

The active and reactive power shown in fig 11 represent the MW and MVAR flow in the system. The system simulation model with PID controller without the inclusion of DG is shown in figure 12.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

Protection is a very important aspect, whenever a change is proposed in the system configuration. Introduction of DGs in the system pose new problems though they are introduced to sort out the stated problems of fault protection and power low control. The adaptive control methodology implemented in the paper has resulted in a improved response of the system to the faults that happen in the system. The system modelled in MATLAB – Simulink environment and the program implementation of adaptive control has shown that the power flow is controlled and is within the limits of the standards. The efficient working of DGs such as wind turbines, microturbines, solar, PEMFC and SOFC units placed in the system is vident from the results obtained and presented in the paper during normal and faulty conditions. Coordinated operation of the DGs observed so that the overall active and reactive power is shared by the generators. The distance between the ource and load point also has a significant effect on the overall response of the DGs.

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