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# **An Analysis of Case Study Utilizing Distributed Power Flow Controllers Which Improves and Mitigates Power Quality**

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#### **Abstract**

Providing high-quality electrical power should be taken into consideration in light of the rising demand for electricity and the rise in non-linear loads in power systems. This research examines power quality concerns related to voltage sag and swell and uses a distributed power flow controller (DPFC) to reduce voltage deviation and enhance power quality. A novel FACTS device, the DPFC shares structural similarities with the unified power flow controller (UPFC). Despite UPFC, DPFC separates the threephase series converter into many single-phase series dispersed converters via the line and removes the common dc-link between the shunt and series converters. A DPFC located in a single-machine infinite bus power system with two parallel transmission lines is included in the case study. The MATLAB/Simulink environment was used to model the system. The simulation findings that are shown confirm that DPFC may raise power quality.

**Index Terms:** Distributed Power Flow Controller, Power Quality, Sag and Swell Mitigation, FACTS.

#### **I. INTRODUCTION (HEADING 1)**

Power companies' primary priority over the past ten years has been electrical power quality [1]. The metric that measures how electric power supply and consumption impact electrical equipment performance is known as power quality [2]. Any issue that shows up as a voltage, current, or frequency variation that causes a power outage might be considered a power quality issue from the perspective of the customer [3]. Power quality enhancement is impacted by power electronics advancement, particularly in bespoke power devices and flexible alternating-current transmission systems (FACTS) [4], [5]. Custom power devices, such as dynamic voltage restorers (DVRs), are typically employed to enhance consumer power quality at medium-to-low voltage levels [6]. In electrical grids, voltage sags (voltage drop) and swells (excess voltage) pose the greatest risks to sensitive equipment [1]. These disruptions can be caused by a variety of things, such as a grid short circuit, inrush currents that happen when big machinery is beginning, or grid switching procedures. To reduce disruptions and enhance the quality and dependability of the power system, FACTS devices such synchronous static compensators (STAT-COM) and unified power flow controllers (UPFC) are employed [7], [8].In order to reduce voltage and current waveform deviation and enhance power quality in a matter of seconds, this study uses a distributed power flow



controller, which was first presented in [9] as a novel FACTS device. The UPFC structure, which includes a single shunt converter and several tiny independent series converters, provides the basis for the DPFC structure, as seen in Fig. 1 [9]. Line characteristics, such as line impedance, transmission angle, and bus voltage magnitude, may be balanced by the DPFC just as well as by the UPFC [10].The structure of the paper is as follows: The DPFC concept is covered in section II. Section III provides a description of the DPFC control. Section IV is devoted to DPFC's efforts to enhance electricity quality. Section V presents the findings of the simulation.



**Fig. 1. The DPFC Structure**

### **I. The DPFC Principle**

The primary benefit of DPFC over UPFC is the removal of the large DC-link and the use of thirdharmonic current for active power exchange [9]. The fundamental ideas of DPFC are described in the next subsections.

A. Disable Power Exchange and DC Link Instead of utilizing a direct connection with a DC-link to interchange power across converters, the DPFC uses a transmission line to connect the DC terminal of a shunt converter to the AC terminal of series converters. The power theory of non-sinusoidal components serves as the foundation for the DPFC power exchange technique [9]. A non-sinusoidal voltage or current can be represented as the sum of sinusoidal components at various frequencies using Fourier series.

The active power is the result of the product of the voltage and current components. The active power equation is as follows since the integral of some components with various frequency is zero.

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p = \sum_{i=1}^{N} I_i \cos \varphi i
$$

where φi is the angle between the voltage and current at the same frequency, and Vi and Ii are the voltage and current at the ith harmonic, respectively. The active power at various frequency components are independent and expressed by equation (1).

Because of this, a DPFC shunt converter may provide output power at one frequency while absorbing active power at another. Suppose, as illustrated in Fig. 1, that a DPFC is installed in a two-bus system's transmission line. The shunt converter may absorb power in the fundamental frequency of current, while the power source produces the active power. At the same time, the Y-∆ transformer traps the third harmonic component. The third harmonic current is injected into the ∆-Y transformer's neutral via the shunt converter's output terminal (Fig. 3). As a result, the transmission line experiences the harmonic current. The DC voltage of series capacitors is regulated by this harmonic current.

The active power exchange between the DPFC's shunt and series converters is shown in Fig. 2. A highpass filter is necessary to create a closed loop for the harmonic current, and the third harmonic is chosen to swap the active power in the DPFC. The transformer's ∆-winding traps the third-harmonic current. As a result, the high-pass filter at the system's receiving end is not required. In other words, a wire that is



linked between the transformer's ∆-winding and ground can be used in place of the high-pass filter when the third harmonic is used. The harmonic current is directed to ground by this wire.



Fig. 2. Active power exchange between DPFC converters

#### **B. The Benefits of DPFC**

When compared to UPFC, the DPFC offers the following benefits:

#### **Excellent Control Ability**

Like UPFC, DPFC has the ability to regulate every transmission network characteristic, including bus voltage magnitude, transmission angle, and line impedance.

#### **Exceptional Dependability**

Redundancy in series converters improves DPFC dependability while the converters are operating [10]. It implies that the other converters in the series can still function even if one fails.

#### **Affordable**

Three-phase converters have a higher rating than single-phase series converters. Additionally, the series converters may be hung using single-turn transformers and do not require high voltage isolation in transmission line connection.

#### **II. DPFC MANAGEMENT**

Within Figure 3, the DPFC utilizes three control strategies: shunt control, series control, and central controller.

A. Add two line breaks where necessary. Central Authority All shunt and series controllers are managed by this controller, which also supplies them with reference signals. Please add line breaks where needed in the following text.

B. Control in Series Through the line, each single-phase converter is equipped with its individual series control. The controller's inputs consist of the line current, series voltage reference in the dq-frame, and series capacitor voltages. Fig. 4 presents the block diagram of the series converters in the Matlab/Simulink environment.



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Fig. 4. Block diagram of the series converters in Matlab/Simulink

#### *Equations*

A low-pass and a third-pass filter are built into any series controller to produce the fundamental and third harmonic currents, respectively. Frequency and phase information are extracted from networks using two single-phase phase lock loops (PLL) [11]. Fig. 5 displays the block diagram of the series controller in Matlab/Simulink. Switching operations are controlled by the PWM-Generator block.

#### **C. Shunt Management**

The shunt converter consists of a three-phase converter that is coupled to a single-phase converter backto-back. Between this converter and a single-phase one, the three-phase converter regulates the dc voltage of the capacitor and absorbs active power from the grid at a fundamental frequency. Injecting a steady third-harmonic current into lines via the ∆-Y transformer's neutral wire is another function of the shunt converter.

#### **IV. Enhancement of Power Quality:**

Fig.5 : displays the entire system model that is being studied. Through parallel transmission lines (Lines 1 and 2) of the same length, the system's three-phase source is connected to a non-linear RLC load. The DPFC is placed within a transmission line. Series converters are then distributed throughout it. A Y-∆ three-phase transformer is connected to the shunt converter, which in turn is connected in parallel to transmission line 2. Appendix TABLE I presents a list of the system parameters. A three-phase fault is considered near the load to accurately represent the dynamic performance. The issue endures for 0. 5 seconds, or 500–1000 milliseconds. An evident voltage sag is observed during the fault, as illustrated in Fig.Please, add a line break before "8. " with two br tags.







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#### V. **EXAMINING SIMULATION RESULTS**



Fig. 8. Three-phase load voltage sag waveform

**Fig 6**



Fig. 9. Mitigation of three-phase load voltage sag with DPFC

**Fig 7**





Fig. 11. Mitigation of three-phase load current swell with DPFC





Figure 9: shows the harmonic analysis of the load voltage in the absence of DPFC. After DPFC is implemented in the system, it is evident that the even harmonics are removed, the odd harmonics are reduced to acceptable levels, and the load voltage's total harmonic distortion (THD) is reduced from 45.67 to 0.65 percent meaning that the IEEE standard THD is less than 5 percent.

#### **VI. CONCLUSION**

There are a few efficient ways to raise the power transmission system's power quality. This research presents a novel FACTS device dubbed the distributed power flow controller (DPFC) for mitigating voltage sag and swell. The unified power flow controller (UPFC) and the DPFC have a similar structure and control capacity for balancing the line characteristics, such as bus voltage magnitude, transmission angle, and line impedance. In contrast to UPFC, the DPFC has a few benefits, including low cost, great dependability, and strong control capabilities. Three control loops—central controller, series control, and shunt control—are designed and the DPFC is modeled. The system being studied is an infinite-bus single machine system, both with and without DPFC.A three-phase fault is taken into consideration close to the load in order to model the dynamic performance. It is demonstrated that the DPFC performs satisfactorily in terms of power flow control and power quality mitigation.



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