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Analysis of THD with and without a dc-dc converter by the use of an ultra capacitor in simulation of a DVR

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ABSTRACT-

 Issues related to power quality have become more critical in recent times due to the increased penetration of renewable into the power grid. Voltage sags and swells are amongst the most important issues associated with a power grid, and extensive research has been directed towards the mitigation of these issues. The quality of the power may be improved by using power conditioning equipment. To protect sensitive load from the effect of voltage disturbance on the distribution feeder the Dynamic voltage restorers (DVR) are used. In the DVR control strategies the absence of a buck- boost converter in some of the existing DVR systems necessitates energy storage of high voltage rating. Ultra capacitors (UCAP) have typical characteristics such as low energy density and high power density for the mitigation of voltage sag and swell The DVR system discussed in this paper has a bidirectional buck-boost converter and an ultra- capacitor as the energy storage device This paper presents an enhance DVR topology suitable for delivering extended mitigation for PQ problems. In the proposed DVR, Ultra- Capacitor is used as an energy storage device as it provides extravagant power in a short interval of time due to this many advantages it offers over the conventional battery, has been used as the active source for the DVR This paper presents modeling and simulation of a DVR for power quality problems and Compare the THD for Voltage Sag and Swell when Ultra Capacitor connected to the series inverter via with and without Dc-Dc converter. All the simulation work is done in MATLAB software.

Key words: Dynamic Voltage Restorer (DVR), Ultra- capacitor (UCAP), Voltage sag/swell, PI controller, DC-DC Converter.

1.INTRODUCTION

 In recent years , the term power quality refers to thecharacterization of the quality of power being delivered to the customer premises in terms of certain indices like the magnitude and frequency of voltage, waveform shape etc. Power quality has turn into major issues by way of the beginning of power electronics devices, whose behavior is most responsive to the power quality problems. In the production industries, load devices utilizes power electronic based controllers which are fast responding to pitiable

voltage quality and will be in OFF mode if the source voltage is lowered and may mis-operate in many methods if harmonic distortion of the source voltage is much more. Power quality issues is an incidence evident as unwanted voltage, current or frequency, the performance is operation failure or miss operation of user device. Much of this modern load equipment itself uses electronic switching devices which then can contribute to poor network voltage quality. With a fast increasing technology in industrial sector, electrical companies are observing more stipulating demands on the power quality from the power consumers and the association of the universal financial system has advanced in the direction of globalization and the gain boundaries of a lot of tricks be likely to reduced. The improved compassion of the huge amount of work like (industrial, Services and even residential) to power quality issues makes the accessibility of electric power system with excellence a essential feature for competitiveness in each sector. Some of the salient power quality issues include voltage sags/swells, harmonics, long term voltage disruptions etc. Switching of loads and capacitor banks, faults or short circuits in the power system, starting currents of large machines and many such occurrences may manifest as power quality issues. A survey conducted by International Energy Agency lists voltage sag as the most important power quality issue to be dealt with Voltage sag/swell is a momentary dip/rise in voltage from 0.9 - 0.1 p.u (sag) / 1.1 −1.8 p.u (swell) of the nominal rms value. Typically the duration of voltage sags or swells can lie anywhere between half cycle to one minute.

There are many FACTS devices or power conditioning devices are introduced to minimize different power quality problem to improve the power quality of the electrical power. With the help of these devices we are capable to reduce the problems related to power quality. This paper presents the two simulation model of integrated UCAP based DVR with and without Dc-Dc converter. UCAPs have high power density and low energy density ideal

characteristics for effective compensation of PQ problems such as voltage sag and voltage swell investigating the high quality of power in the distributed power generation.

1. DYNAMIC VOLTAGE RESTORER (DVR)

The DVR (Dynamic Voltage Restorer) model is shown in Fig-
1. It consists of the Insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT), its gate driver, filter circuit consists of the inductance and capacitor and an isolation transformer.
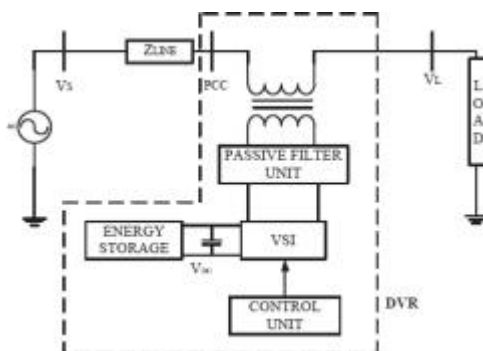

Fig- 1: Basic Model of DVR

The key purpose of a DVR is the protection of sensitive loads from power quality problems such as voltage sag and swell. If a fault arises on the transmission lines, DVR injects a series voltage and pre-fault value is obtained by compensating the load voltage. The injected voltage of the DVR connected in series can be written as

$$V_{DVR} = V_{load} + Z_{TH}I_L - V_{TH} \qquad (1)$$

Where, V_{load} is the required load voltage magnitude, Z_{TH} is the load impedance, I_L is the load current and V_{TH} is the source voltage during sag and swell condition.
The load current can be calculated by given formula,

$$I_L = \frac{PI + jQI}{vI} \qquad (2)$$

In order to provide dynamic voltage restoration, there are various methods available to control the inverter connected in series. The control method requires the use of the proportional and integral controller. The output signal of the PI controller is directly proportional to the sequence of measured actuating error signal and its time. The transfer function is given by,

$$\text{Transfer Function} = (K1/s) + KP$$

Power quality problem includes voltage sag and swell are generated at the load terminals by inducing the fault. The sensing of load voltage takes place and is passed through the sequence analyzer and its amplitude is compared with a reference voltage (Vref). In order to maintain the base voltage across the load terminals, the IGBT inverter is controlled by using PI controller. Using DVR, the

compensation is achieved by either injecting or absorbing the real and reactive power into the system. The main disadvantage of DVR states that it can supply only limited amount of real power during compensation. For effective compensation to take place, DVR can be connected through the energy storage device.

3. ULTRA-CAPACITOR (UCAP)

The specifics of ultra capacitor construction are dependent on the application and use of the ultra capacitor. The materials may differ slightly from manufacturer or due to specific application needs. The ultra capacitor is consist of a positive electrode, a negative electrode and separator between these two electrodes. The assembly of the ultra capacitors can vary from product to product. This is due in part to the geometry of the ultra capacitor packaging. UCAP can be divided into three categories according to the energy storage mechanism namely Double-Layer Capacitor, organic polymer electrode Ultra-capacitor and metal oxide super capacitor. Double layer Capacitor is shown in following Fig-2.
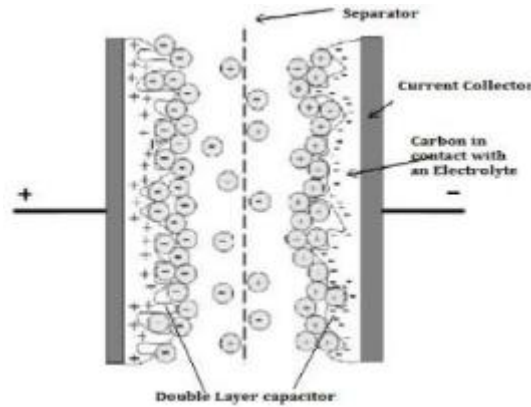
Fig- 2: Ultra-Capacitor Model

While charging, the Positive attracts electrolyte anion and negative attracts cation. When discharging, it can release all stored energy instantly. UCAP is mainly suitable for short term high power application.

Like a battery, A UCAP cannot be connected directly to the dc-link of the inverter, as the voltage profile of the UCAP varies as it discharges energy. Therefore, here is a need to integrate the UCAP system through a bidirectional dc–dc converter, which maintains a stiff dc-link voltage, as the UCAP voltage decreases while discharging and increases while charging. The model of the bidirectional dc–dc converter and its controller are shown in Fig-3, where the input consists of three UCAPs connected in series and the output consists of a nominal load to prevent operation at no-load, and the output is connected to the dc-link of the

inverter. The amount of active power support required by the grid during a voltage sag event is dependent on the depth and duration of the voltage sag, and the dc–dc converter should be able to withstand this power during the discharge mode. The dc–dc converter should also be able to operate in bidirectional mode to be able to charge or absorb additional power from the grid during voltage swell event.
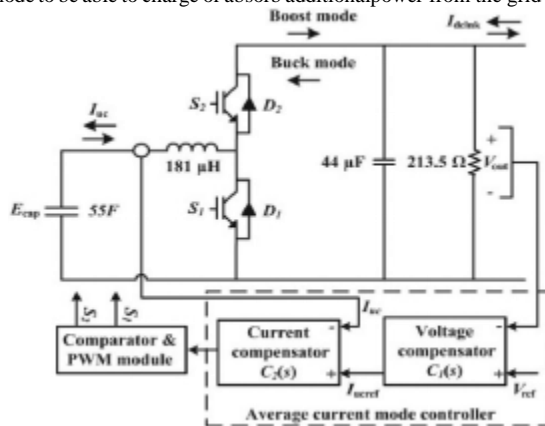

Fig-3. Model of the bidirectional dc–dc converter and its controller.

In this paper, the bidirectional dc–dc converter acts as a boost converter while discharging power from the UCAP and acts as a buck converter while charging the UCAP from the grid. A bidirectional dc–dc converter is required as an interface between the UCAP and the dc-link since the UCAP voltage varies with the amount of energy discharged while the dc-link voltage has to be stiff. Average current mode control, which is widely is used to regulate the output voltage of the bidirectional dc–dc converter in both buck and boost modes while charging and discharging the UCAP bank. This method tends to be more stable when compared to other methods such as voltage mode control and peak current mode control. Average current mode controller is shown in Fig. 3, where the dc-link and actual output voltage Vout is compared with the reference voltage Vref and the error is passed through the voltage compensator C1(s), which generates the average reference current Iucref .When the inverter is discharging power into the grid during voltage sag event, the dc-link voltage Vout tends to go below the reference Vref and the error is positive; Iucref is positive and the dc–dc converter operates in boost mode. When the inverter is absorbing power from the grid during voltage swell event or charging the UCAP, Vout tends to increase above the reference Vref and the error is negative; Iucref is negative and the dc–dc converter operates in buck mode. Therefore, the sign of the error between Vout and Vref determines the sign of Iucref and thereby the direction of operation of the bidirectional dc–dc converter. The actual UCAP current (which is also the inductor current) Iuc is then compared to the average reference current Iucref and the

error is then passed through the current compensator $C2(s)$.The compensator transfer functions, which provide a stable response, are given by,

$$C1\ (s) = 1.67 + \frac{23.81}{S} \quad C2\ (s) = 3.15 + \frac{1000}{S}$$
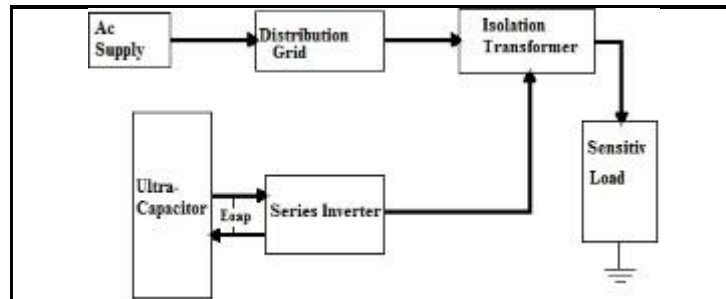
4.PROPOSED WORK

Fig- 4: Block diagram of Integrated UCAP-DVR withoutDc-Dc Converter

The block diagram of the without Dc converter UCAP-DVR system is shown in Fig-4. It consists of three phase series inverter, UCAP energy storage device and three phase isolation transformer connected to distribution Grid. The three phase supply voltage of 415 V,50 Hz is connectedto the sensitive load in both the block diagram.
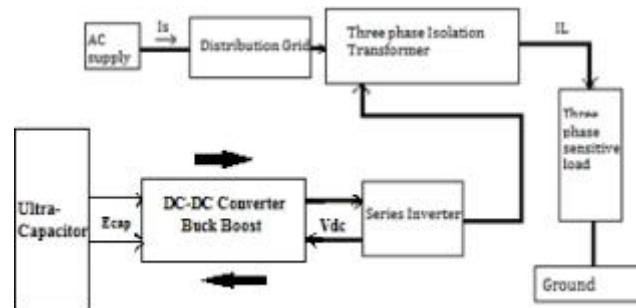

Fig- 5: Block diagram of Integrated UCAP-DVR with Dc-DcConverter

Fig-5. shows the block diagram of the integrated UCAP-DVR system. It consists of three phase series inverter, a bidirectional DC-DC converter connected with UCAP energy storage device and three phase isolation transformer connected to distribution Grid. In both the system the three phase voltage source inverter which acts as a power stage is connected in series to the grid and is responsible for the voltage sag and swell compensation. In Fig-4. the energy storage device i.e. UCAP is connected directly to the invertercircuit vice versa in Fig-5. the energy storage device i.e. UCAP is connected to the inverter via Dc-Dc Buck Boost Converter because to maintain stiff Dc voltage to the inverter.And the various Simulation results of this two system are discussed and shown in results section

4.SIMULATION/EXPERIMENTS RESULTS

The simulation of the UCAP-DVR with and without DC-DC converter is carried out in MATLAB/Simulink for a 415 V, 50Hz system. Fig-6. shows the simulation model of three phase DVR Circuit with DC-DC converter and Fig-7. shows the simulation model of UCAP-DVR without Dc-Dc converter and three phase RL load are connected. Between three phase ac supply and load an injection transformer having 1:1 turn's ratio is connected. Primary of transformer is connected in series with load, while its secondary is connected to the inverter circuit. Three VI measurements are connected at source side, load side and DVR side, so that these voltages are used to see the waveforms on scope. Voltage of the DC storage device is 300volts. SPWM controltechnique is used in the DVR in both the model to stimulatethe sag and swell.
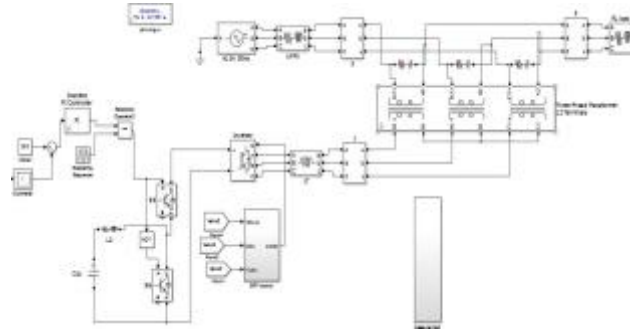
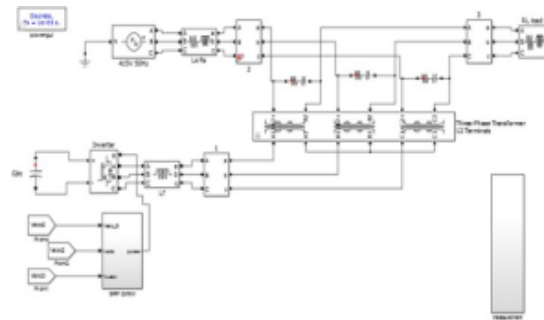**Fig-6**: Simulation model of Three phase DVR with Dc-DcConverter

Fig-7: Simulation model of Three phase DVR without Dc-Dc Converter
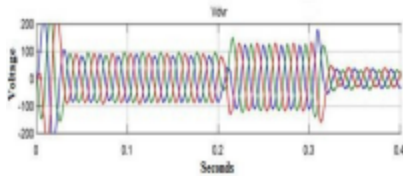
Case study: Voltage sag compensation

At the power frequency sag is a decrease for durations from cycle to 1 minute in between 0.1 and 0.9 pu in rms voltage or current. The system model with 20% voltage sag created in 0.2s to 0.3s in three phase voltage as shown in Fig-8(a). When the three phase supply voltage sag is produce at 0.2s to 0.3s the DVR activated suddenly in milliseconds to compensate load voltage and inject the lost sag voltage to the load voltage side to maintain the magnitude constant during voltage sag condition as shown in Fig-8(c).

a)   Source Voltage
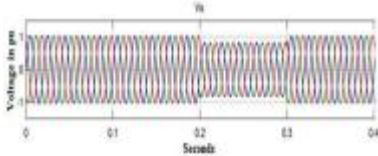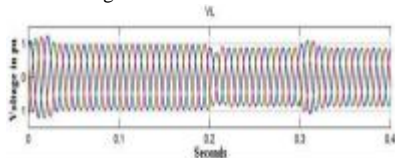

Injected Voltage

Load Voltage

Fig-8: Simulation results for voltages Sag Condition
        (a) Source voltage (b) Injected DVR Voltage (c)Loadvoltage

Case study: Voltage Swell compensation

A swell is defined as, at the power frequency for durations from 0.5 cycle to 1 minute an increase between 1.1pu and 1.2 pu in rms voltage or current. In this simulation 20% voltage swell are created in three phase at 0.2s to 0.3sas shown in Fig-9(a). When voltage swell are produced in 0.2s to 0.3s the DVR is activated and inject the missing voltage as shown in Fig-9(c).

Here UCAP-DVR absorbed the active power from the grid during voltage swell event through the bidirectional converter and the inverter. It can be observed that, the magnitude of the source voltage is reduced due to the injected voltage, but the load voltage remains constant and

thus the voltage sag event can be compensated. Similarly, the magnitude of source voltage has increased due to the injected voltage, but the load voltage remains constant andthus the voltage swell can be compensated.
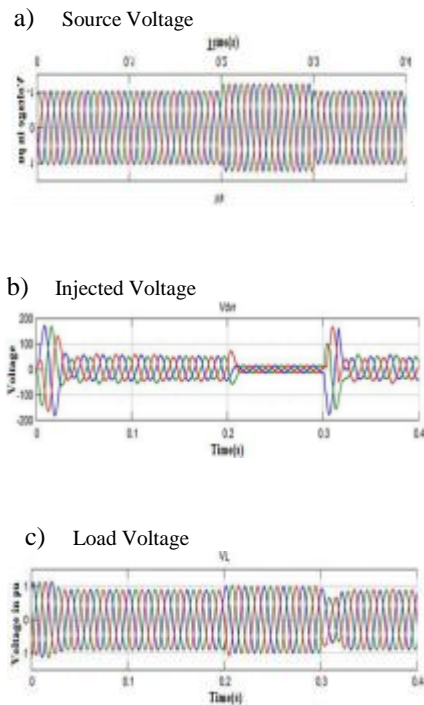
a)   Source Voltage

b)   Injected Voltage

c)   Load Voltage

Fig-9: Simulation results for voltages Swell Condition
(a) Source voltage (b) Injected DVR Voltage(c) Loadvoltage.

Thus, the voltage sag and swell problems are compensated effectively by the use of Integrated of UCAP with DVR.

Case study: Voltage harmonics Compensation

The supply system is designed to operate (termed the fundamental frequency; usually 50 or 60 Hz)at which The Harmonics are sinusoidal voltages or currents having frequencies that are integer multiples of the frequency. Generally on the power system, Harmonic distortion originates in the nonlinear characteristics of devices and loads. Harmonic distortion levels are described by the complete harmonic spectrum with magnitudes and phase angles of each individual harmonic component. It is also common to use a single quantity, the total harmonic distortion(THD)*,* as a measure of the effective value of harmonic distortion.
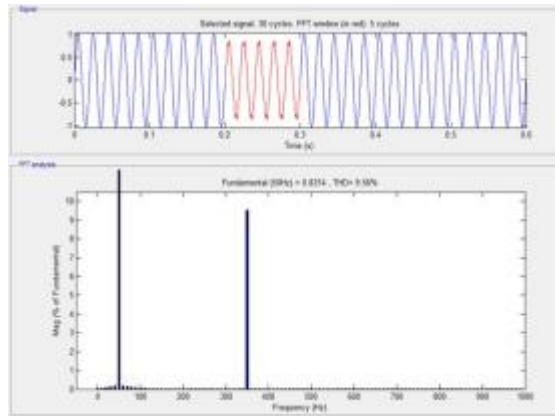
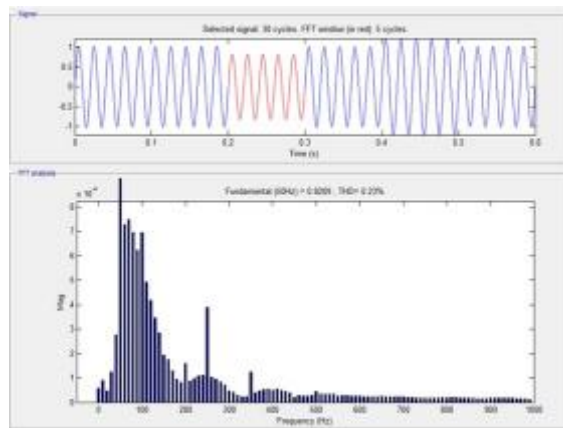**Fig-10**:THD for UCAP-DVR without Dc-Dc Converterduring Voltage sag

Fig-11:THD for Integrated UCAP-DVR with Dc-Dcconverter during Voltage sag

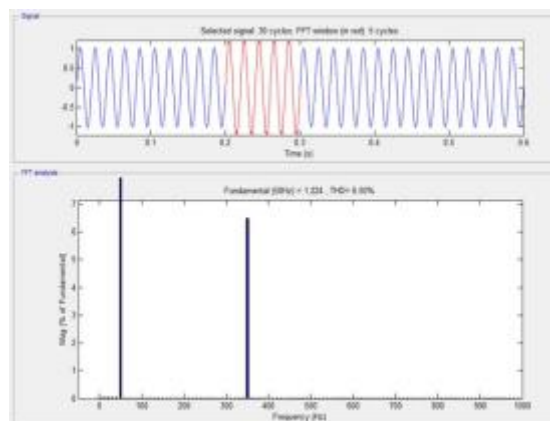Fig-10 & Fig-11. Shows the stimulated THD for theintegrated Ultra capacitor connected to the DVR via Dc-Dc converter.

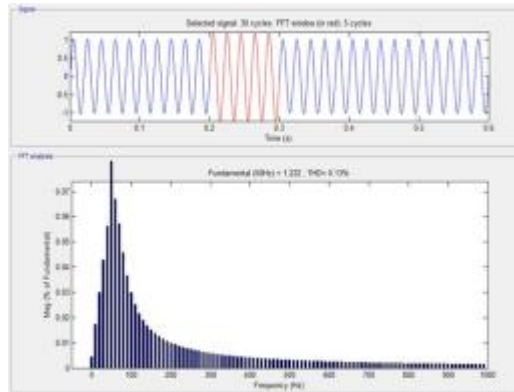**Fig-12**:THD for UCAP-DVR without Dc-Dc converterduring Voltage swell

Fig-13:THD for Integrated UCAP-DVR with Dc-Dcconverer during Voltage swell

Fig-12 & Fig-13. Shows the stimulated THD for theUltracapacitor connected to the DVR without Dc-Dc converter.

Thus, some distortion may be seen in compensated voltage is specified in the Total harmonic distortion analysis. The voltage sag and swell event in terms of THD for the integrated UCAP-DVR with Conveter is shown in Fig-10 and Fig-11. The comparison of total harmonic distortion between the conventional DVR where UCAP is directly connected to the Series Inverter and the proposed system i.e. Integrated UCAP-DVR where UCAP is connected to the Series Invertervia Dc-Dc Converter is shown in Table-1.

Table -1: THD Comparison

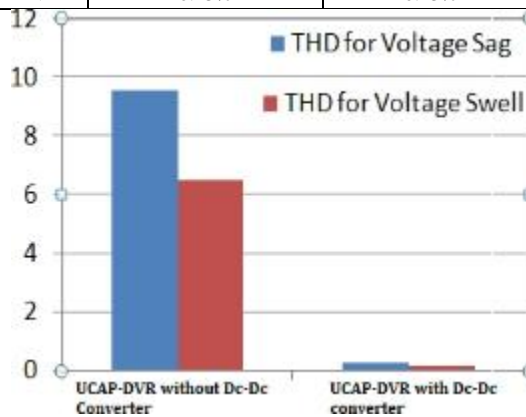| System	THD for Voltage Sag	THD for Voltage Swell
Conventional UCAP-DVR(Without Dc-Dc converter)	9.56%	6.50%
Integrated UCAP-DVR	0.23%	0.13%

Chart-1:The comparison for Two DVR System

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