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Improved Operation of an UPQC by Addition Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage System

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ABSTRACT: Power quality is a fundamental concern in modern power grids. Since there is a very broad spectrum of cause's for power quality depreciation, it is important to continuously develop devices that can overcome power quality problems in electric grids, thus increasing the quality of energy. Active power filters are one of the main class of devices whose applications are related to power quality improvement. In this paper, a combination of a Unified Power Quality Conditioner and a Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage system is considered and simulation results indicate that such hybrid system can be used to overcome power quality issues like harmonic distortion, voltage sags/swells and phase unbalance. The advantages of such combination are also discussed and results indicate that the addition of the superconducting device can increase the range of applications of the power active filter. Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES) systems are one of the most promising superconductivity applications in power systems. An SMES device consists on a superconducting coil, in which it is possible to store energy, connected to a grid by means of a power electronics interface. The stored energy can be kept for a relatively long time due to the virtually zero resistance of the superconductor. When compared to other energy storage devices, it has a low energy density, but a high power density, which indicates that this device can be used for power quality applications. The utilization of an SMES device to overcome power quality issues has already been discussed for several years and such devices have been used to compensate voltage sags/swells, mitigate frequency oscillations and operate as UPS, amongst other applications.

KEYWORDS: iUPQC, microgrids, power quality, static synchronous compensator (STATCOM), unified power quality conditioner (UPQC).

I. INTRODUCTION

The Usage of power quality conditioners in the distribution system network has increased during the past years due to the steady increase of nonlinear loads connected to the Electrical grid. The current drained by nonlinear loads has a high harmonic content, distorting the voltage at the utility grid and consequently affecting the operation of critical loads [1-3]. By using a unified power quality conditioner (UPQC) it is possible to ensure a regulated voltage for the loads, balanced and with low harmonic distortion and at the same time draining undistorted currents from the utility grid, even if the grid voltage and the load current have harmonic contents. The UPQC consists of two active filters, the series active filter (SAF) and the shunt or parallel active filter (PAF). The PAF is usually controlled as a non-sinusoidal current source, which is responsible for compensating the harmonic current of the load, while the SAF is controlled as a non-sinusoidal voltage source, which is responsible for compensating the grid voltage. Both of them have a control reference with harmonic contents, and usually, these references might be obtained through complex methods [4-6]. The line conditioner consists of two single phase current source inverters where the SAF is controlled by a current loop and the PAF is controlled by a voltage loop. In this way, both grid current and load voltage are sinusoidal, and therefore, their references are also sinusoidal. The aim of this is to propose dual three-phase four wire unified power quality



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conditioner (iUPQC) by using fuzzy logic in shunt active filter. It is to be used in the utility grid connection. Fuzzy logic control methodology has been demonstrated to allow solving uncertain and vague problems. In this paper fuzzy logic controller is used for generation of switching pulses for PWM controllers [7]. The advantages of using fuzzy system are simplicity, ease of application, flexibility, speed and ability to deal with imprecision and uncertainties. Due to absorbing and supplying of active and reactive power in active filter, the capacitance voltage is not maintained constant. In literature many controllers are used for capacitance balancing, such as PI, PID, and fuzzy logic controller. In this paper, fuzzy control algorithm is used to balance the dc voltage of capacitance in order to improve the performance of controller. The proposed method is evaluated and tested under non sinusoidal source voltage conditions using Mat lab/Simulink software. The performance of UPQC depends on the characteristic of the active filters. The fuzzy logic controller is used in almost all sectors of industry and power systems and science and one among them is harmonic current and reactive power compensation [8].

In this way, both grid current and load voltage are sinusoidal, and therefore, their references are also sinusoidal. Some authors have applied this concept, using voltage source inverters in uninterruptable power supplies and in UPQC [9]. In [10], this concept is called “dual topology of unified power quality conditioner” (iUPQC), and the control schemes use the p-q theory, requiring determination in real time of the positive sequence components of the voltages and the currents. The aim of this project is to propose a simplified control technique for a dual three-phase topology of a unified power quality conditioner (iUPQC) to be used in the utility grid connection. The proposed control scheme is developed in ABC reference frame and allows the use of classical control theory without the need for coordinate transformers and digital control implementation. The references to both SAF and PAFs are sinusoidal, dispensing the harmonic extraction of the grid current and load voltage [11-13].

II. EQUIPMENT APPLICABILITY

In order to clarify the applicability of the improved iUPQC controller, depicts an electrical system with two buses in spotlight, i.e., bus A and bus B. Bus A is a critical bus of the power system that supplies sensitive loads and serves as point of coupling of a microgrid. Bus B is a bus of the microgrid, where nonlinear loads are connected, which requires premium-quality power supply. The voltages at buses A and B must be regulated, in order to properly supply the sensitive loads and the nonlinear loads. The effects caused by the harmonic currents drawn by the nonlinear loads should be mitigated, avoiding harmonic voltage propagation to bus A.

The use of a STATCOM to guarantee the voltage regulation at bus A is not enough because the harmonic currents drawn by the nonlinear loads are not mitigated. On the other hand, a UPQC or an iUPQC between bus A and bus B can compensate the harmonic currents of the nonlinear loads and compensate the voltage at bus B, in terms of voltage harmonics, unbalance, and sag/swell. Nevertheless, this is still not enough to guarantee the voltage regulation at bus A. Hence, to achieve all the desired goals, a STATCOM at bus A and a UPQC (or an iUPQC) between buses A and B should be employed. However, the costs of this solution would be unreasonably high.

An attractive solution would be the use of a modified iUPQC controller to provide also reactive power support to bus A, in addition to all those functionalities of this equipment, as presented. Note that the modified iUPQC serves as an intertie between buses A and B. Moreover, the microgrid connected to the bus B could be a complex system comprising distributed generation, energy management system, and other control systems involving microgrid, as well as smart grid concepts.

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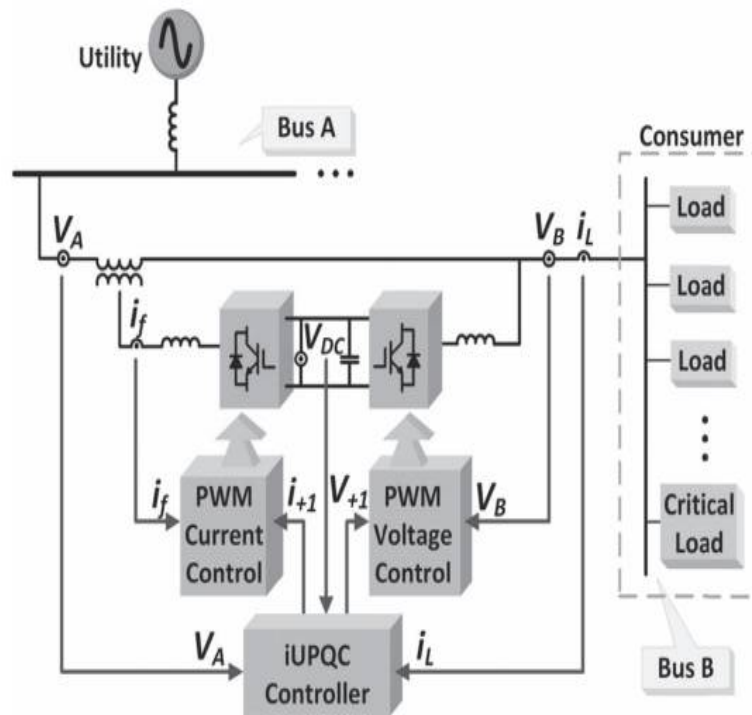


Fig.1. Modified iUPQC Configuration.

In summary, the modified iUPQC can provide the following functionalities:

- “Smart” circuit breaker as an intertie between the grid and the microgrid;
- Energy and power flow control between the grid and the microgrid (imposed by a tertiary control layer for the microgrid);
- Reactive power support at bus A of the power system;
- voltage/frequency support at bus B of the microgrid;
- Harmonic voltage and current isolation between bus A and bus B (simultaneous grid-voltage and load-current active filtering capability);
- Voltage and current imbalance compensation.

According to the conventional iUPQC controller, the shunt converter imposes a controlled sinusoidal voltage at bus B, which corresponds to the aforementioned functionality (d). As a result, the shunt converter has no further degree of freedom in terms of compensating active- or reactive-power variables to expand its functionality. On the other hand, the series converter of a conventional iUPQC uses only an active-power control variable p , in order to synthesize a fundamental sinusoidal current drawn from bus A, corresponding to the active power demanded by bus B. If the dc link of the iUPQC has no large energy storage system or even no energy source, the control variable p also serves as an additional active-power reference to the series converter to keep the energy inside the dc link of the iUPQC balanced. In this case, the losses in the iUPQC and the active power supplied by the shunt converter must be quickly compensated in the form of an additional active power injected by the series converter into the bus B.

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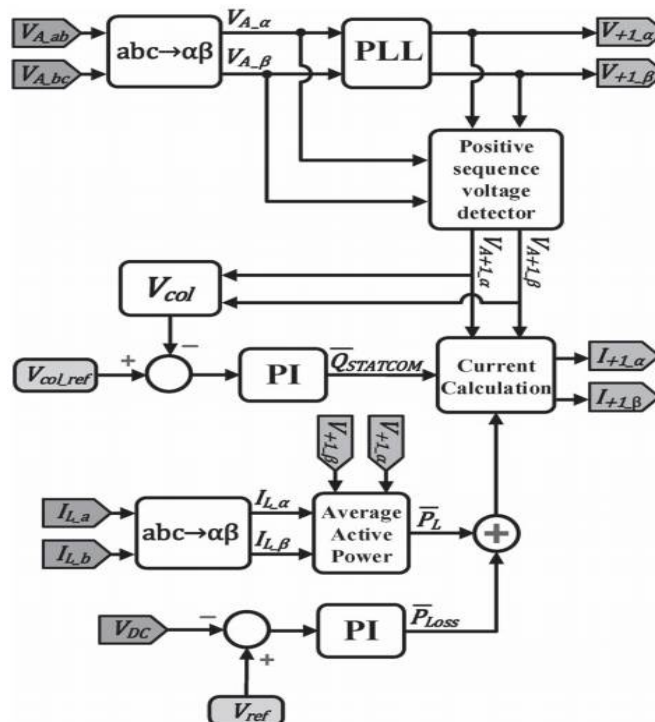


Fig.2. Novel iUPQC controller.

The iUPQC can serve as:

- a) “Smart” circuit breaker and as
- b) Power flow controller between the grid and the microgrid only if the compensating active- and reactive-power references of the series converter can be set arbitrarily. In this case, it is necessary to provide an energy source (or large energy storage) associated to the dc link of the iUPQC.

The last degree of freedom is represented by a reactive-power control variable \bar{q} for the series converter of the iUPQC. In this way, the iUPQC will provide reactive-power compensation like a STATCOM to the bus A of the grid. As it will be confirmed, this functionality can be added into the controller without degrading all other functionalities of the iUPQC.

III. IMPROVED IUPQC CONTROLLER

A. Main Controller

Fig.1. depicts the iUPQC hardware and the measured units of a three-phase three-wire system that are used in the controller. Fig.2. shows the proposed controller. The controller inputs are the voltages at buses A and B, the current demanded by bus B (i_L), and the voltage v_{DC} of the common dc link. The outputs are the shunt-voltage reference and the series-current reference to the pulse width modulation (PWM) controllers. The voltage and current PWM controllers can be as simple as those employed, or be improved further to better deal with voltage and current imbalance and harmonics. First, the simplified Clark transformation is applied to the measured variables. As example of this transformation, the grid voltage in the $\alpha\beta$ -reference frame can be calculated as

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{A_alpha} \\ V_{A_beta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{A_ab} \\ V_{A_bc} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The shunt converter imposes the voltage at bus B. Thus, it is necessary to synthesize sinusoidal voltages with nominal amplitude and frequency. Consequently, the signals sent to the PWM controller are the phase-locked loop (PLL)

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outputs with amplitude equal to 1 p.u. In the original iUPQC approach as presented, the shunt-converter voltage reference can be either the PLL outputs or the fundamental positive-sequence component V_{A+1} of the grid voltage (bus A in Fig.1.). The use of V_{A+1} in the controller is useful to minimize the circulating power through the series and shunt converters, under normal operation, while the amplitude of the grid voltage is within an acceptable range of magnitude. However, this is not the case here, in the modified iUPQC controller, since now the grid voltage will be also regulated by the modified iUPQC. In other words, both buses will be regulated independently to track their reference values. The series converter synthesizes the current drawn from the grid bus (bus A). In the original approach of iUPQC, this current is calculated through the average active power required by the loads \bar{P}_L plus the power \bar{P}_{Loss} . The load active power can be estimated by

$$P_L = V_{+1_α} \cdot i_{L_α} + V_{+1_β} \cdot i_{L_β} \quad (2)$$

Where $i_{L_α}$, $i_{L_β}$ are the load currents, and $V_{+1_α}$, $V_{+1_β}$ are the voltage references for the shunt converter. A low-pass filter is used to obtain the average active power (\bar{P}_L).

The losses in the power converters and the circulating power to provide energy balance inside the iUPQC are calculated indirectly from the measurement of the dc-link voltage. In other words, the power signal \bar{P}_{Loss} is determined by a proportional– integral (PI) controller (PI block in Fig. 2), by comparing the measured dc voltage V_{DC} with its reference value.

The additional control loop to provide voltage regulation like a STATCOM at the grid bus is represented by the control signal $\bar{Q}_{STATCOM}$ in Fig.2. This control signal is obtained through a PI controller, in which the input variable is the error between the reference value and the actual aggregate voltage of the grid bus, given by

$$V_{col} = \sqrt{V_{A+1_α}^2 + V_{A+1_β}^2} \quad (3)$$

The sum of the power signals \bar{P}_L and \bar{P}_{Loss} composes the active-power control variable for the series converter of the iUPQC (\bar{p}) described in Section II. Likewise, $\bar{Q}_{STATCOM}$ is the reactive-power control variable q . Thus, the current references $i_{+1α}$ and $i_{+1β}$ of the series converter are determined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{+1_α} \\ i_{+1_β} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{V_{A+1_α}^2 + V_{A+1_β}^2} \begin{bmatrix} V_{A+1_α} & V_{A+1_β} \\ V_{A+1_β} & -V_{A+1_α} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_L + \bar{P}_{Loss} \\ \bar{Q}_{STATCOM} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

B. Power Flow in Steady State

The following procedure, based on the average power flow, is useful for estimating the power ratings of the iUPQC converters. For combined series–shunt power conditioners, such as the UPQC and the iUPQC, only the voltage sag/swell disturbance and the power factor (PF) compensation of the load produce a circulating average power through the power conditioners. According to Fig.3, the compensation of a voltage sag/swell disturbance at bus B causes a positive sequence voltage at the coupling transformer ($V_{series} \neq 0$), since $V_A \neq V_B$. Moreover, V_{series} and i_{PB} in the coupling transformer leads to a circulating active power \bar{P}_{inner} in the iUPQC.

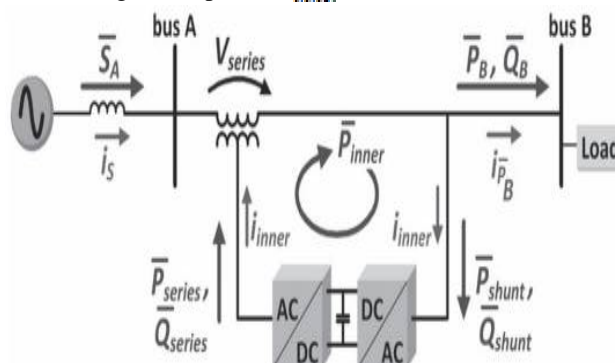


Fig.3. iUPQC power flow in steady-state.



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Additionally, the compensation of the load PF increases the current supplied by the shunt converter. The following analysis is valid for an iUPQC acting like a conventional UPQC or including the extra compensation like a STATCOM.

First, the circulating power will be calculated when the iUPQC is operating just like a conventional UPQC. Afterward, the equations will include the STATCOM functionality to the grid bus A. In both cases, it will be assumed that the iUPQC controller is able to force the shunt converter of the iUPQC to generate fundamental voltage always in phase with the grid voltage at bus A. For simplicity, the losses in the iUPQC will be neglected. For the first case, the following average powers in steady state can be determined:

$$\bar{S}_A = \bar{P}_B \quad (5)$$

$$\bar{Q}_{\text{shunt}} = -\bar{Q}_B \quad (6)$$

$$\bar{Q}_{\text{series}} = \bar{Q}_A = 0 \text{ var} \quad (7)$$

$$\bar{P}_{\text{series}} = \bar{P}_{\text{shunt}} \quad (8)$$

Where \bar{S}_A and \bar{Q}_A are the apparent and reactive power injected in the bus A; \bar{P}_B and \bar{Q}_B are the active and reactive power injected in the bus B; \bar{P}_{shunt} and \bar{Q}_{shunt} are the active and reactive power drained by the shunt converter; \bar{P}_{series} and \bar{Q}_{series} are the active and reactive power supplied by the series converter, respectively.

Equations (5) and (8) are derived from the constraint of keeping unitary the PF at bus A. In this case, the current passing through the series converter is responsible only for supplying the load active power, that is, it is in phase (or counter phase) with the voltages V_A and V_B . Thus, (7) can be stated.

If a voltage sag or swell occurs, \bar{P}_{series} and \bar{P}_{shunt} will not be zero, and thus, an inner-loop current (i_{inner}) will appear. The series and shunt converters and the aforementioned circulating active power (\bar{P}_{inner}) flow inside the equipment. It is convenient to define the following sag/swell factor. Considering V_N as the nominal voltage

$$k_{\text{sag/swell}} = \frac{|\dot{V}_A|}{|\dot{V}_N|} = \frac{V_A}{V_N} \quad (9)$$

From (5) and considering that the voltage at bus B is kept regulated, i.e., $V_B = V_N$, it follows that

$$\sqrt{3} \cdot k_{\text{sag/swell}} \cdot V_N \cdot i_S = \sqrt{3} \cdot V_N \cdot i_{P_B}$$

$$i_S = \frac{i_{P_B}}{k_{\text{sag/swell}}} = i_{\bar{P}_B} + i_{\text{inner}} \quad (10)$$

$$i_{\text{inner}} = \left| i_{P_B} \left(\frac{1}{K_{\text{sag/swell}} - 1} \right) \right| \quad (11)$$

The circulating power is given by

$$\bar{P}_{\text{inner}} = \bar{P}_{\text{series}} = \bar{P}_{\text{shunt}} = 3(V_B - V_A)(i_{P_B} + i_{\text{inner}}) \quad (12)$$



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From (11) and (12), it follows that

$$\bar{P}_{\text{inner}} = 3(V_N - V_A) \left(\frac{\bar{P}_B}{3V_N} \frac{1}{k_{\text{sag/swell}}} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$\bar{P}_{\text{inner}} = \bar{P}_{\text{series}} = \bar{P}_{\text{shunt}} = \frac{1 - K_{\text{sag/swell}}}{k_{\text{sag/swell}}} \bar{P}_B \quad (14)$$

Thus, (14) demonstrates that \bar{P}_{inner} depends on the active power of the load and the sag/swell voltage disturbance. In order to verify the effect on the power rate of the series and shunt converters, a full load system $\bar{S}_B = \sqrt{\bar{P}_B^2 + \bar{Q}_B^2} = 1$ p.u. with PF ranging from 0 to 1 was considered. It was also considered the sag/swell voltage disturbance at bus A ranging $k_{\text{sag/swell}}$ from 0.5 to 1.5. In this way, the power rating of the series and shunt converters are obtained through (6)–(8) and (14).

The apparent power of the series and shunt power converters. In these figures, the $k_{\text{sag/swell}}$ -axis and the PF-axis are used to evaluate the power flow in the series and shunt power converters according to the sag/swell voltage disturbance and the load power consumption, respectively. The power flow in the series converter indicates that a high power is required in case of sag voltage disturbance with high active power load consumption. In this situation, an increased \bar{P}_{inner} arises and high rated power converters are necessary to ensure the disturbance compensation. Moreover, in case of compensating sag/swell voltage disturbance with high reactive power load consumption, only the shunt converter has high power demand, since \bar{P}_{inner} decreases. It is important to highlight that, for each PF value, the amplitude of the apparent power is the same for capacitive or inductive loads. In other words, the same for \bar{Q}_B capacitive or inductive.

If the iUPQC performs all original UPQC functionalities together with the STATCOM functionality, the voltage at bus A is also regulated with the same phase and magnitude, that is, $V_A = V_B = V_N$, and then, the positive sequence of the voltage at the coupling transformer is zero ($\bar{V}_{\text{series}}=0$). Thus, in steady state, the power flow is determined by

$$\bar{S}_A = \bar{P}_B + \bar{Q}_{\text{STATCOM}} \quad (15) \quad \bar{Q}_{\text{STATCOM}} + \bar{Q}_{\text{series}} = \bar{Q}_{\text{shunt}} + \bar{Q}_B \quad (16)$$

$$\bar{Q}_{\text{series}} = 0 \text{ var} \quad (17)$$

$$\bar{P}_{\text{series}} = \bar{P}_{\text{inner}} = 0 \text{ W} \quad (18)$$

Where \bar{Q}_{STATCOM} is the reactive power that provides voltage regulation at bus A. Ideally, the STATCOM functionality mitigates the inner-loop active power flow (\bar{P}_{inner}), and the power flow in the series converter is zero. Consequently, if the series converter is properly designed along with the coupling transformer to synthesize the controlled currents I_{+1_α} and I_{+1_β} , as shown in Fig. 5.3, then a lower power converter can be employed. Contrarily, the shunt converter still has to provide the full reactive power of the load and also to drain the reactive power injected by the series converter to regulate the voltage at bus A.

IV. SUPER CONDUCTING MAGNETIC ENERGY

Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES) systems are one of the most promising superconductivity Applications in power systems. An SMES device Consists on a superconducting coil, in which it is possible to store energy, connected to a grid by means of a power Electronics interface. The stored energy can be kept for a Relatively long time due to the virtually zero resistance of the superconductor. When compared to other energy storage devices, it has a low energy density, but a high power density, which indicates that this device can be used for power quality applications. The utilization of an SMES device to overcome power quality issues has already been discussed for several years and such devices have been used to compensate voltage sags/swells, mitigate frequency oscillations and operate as UPS, amongst other applications.

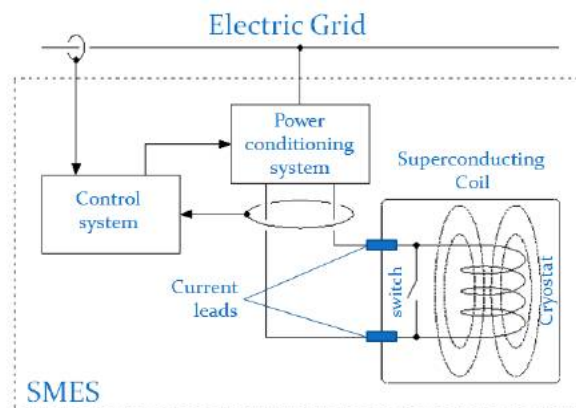
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An SMES is a very complex system, composed by three main components: a superconducting (SC) coil (placed inside a cryostat) where energy is stored; a Power Converter System (PCS), which is a power electronics bidirectional converter, responsible for the exchange of energy with the grid to which the SMES is connected, and a Control System (CS) responsible for controlling all energy exchanges with the grid and also for over viewing and protecting the conditions of the SC coil. depicts a typical configuration of the systems.



SMES system constitution

In this particular case, because it is a simulation work and because the SMES is connected to a DC bus, several simplifications are possible. The PCS becomes simpler than the used one when the SMES is connected to an AC grid. In this case, it is necessary to use only a DC/DC converter. The typical choice is a chopper converter, due to its simplicity. The control strategy used in the PCS also becomes simpler due to this fact, which will also decrease the complexity of the CS. Other simulations are performed on the controller of the SMES: all variables related to the cryogenic system and protection of the SC coil are not considered. However, since the hybrid system is supposed to be able to overcome voltage swells, it necessary to add a resistor in parallel with the SC coil, so that the excess energy (in case of a voltage swell) can be dissipated. This dissipation of energy will only occur if the SMES is already fully charged.

V.MATLAB/SIMULATION RESULTS

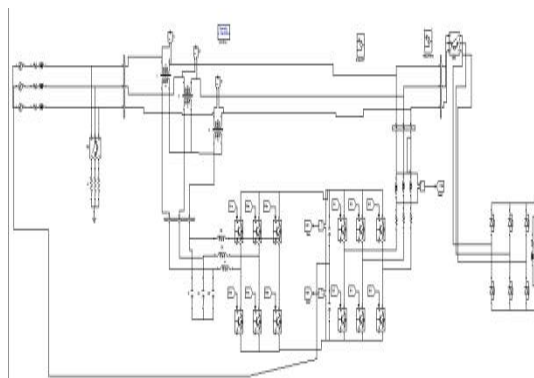


Fig 6 Matlab/simulation circuit for conventional method of iUPQC



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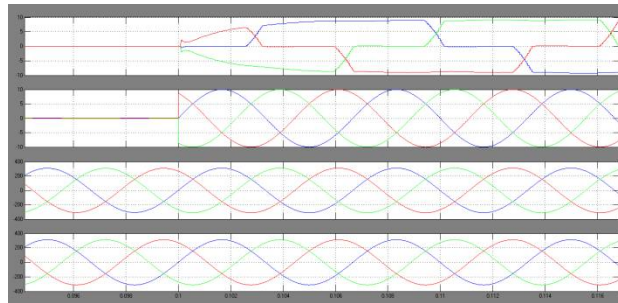


Fig 7 simulation wave form of iUPQC response at no load condition grid voltages V_A , load voltages V_B , and grid currents

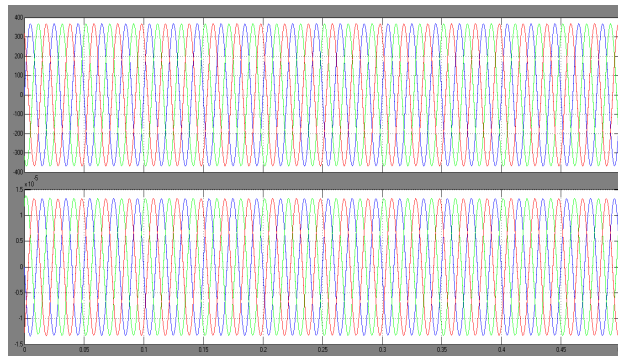


Fig 8 simulation wave form of iUPQC voltage and current at grid

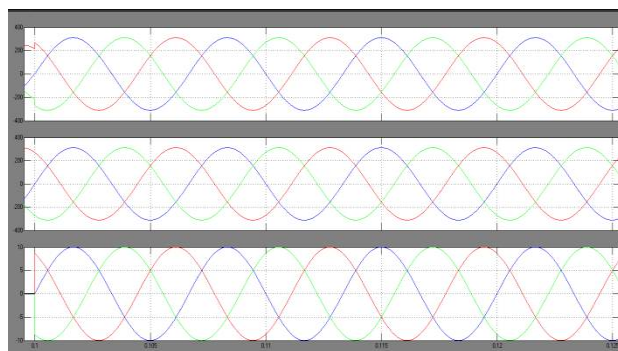


Fig 9 simulation wave form of iUPQC voltage and current at no load

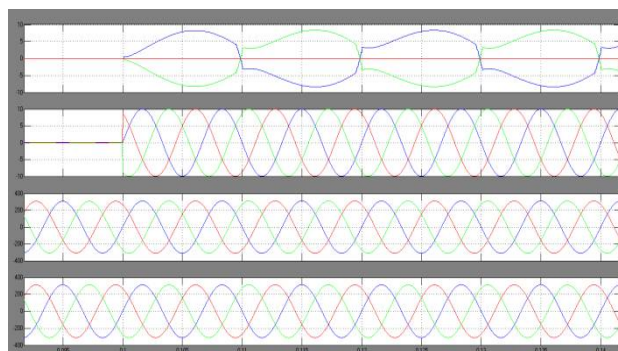


Fig 10 simulation wave form of iUPQC response at no load condition grid voltages V_A , load voltages V_B , and grid currents with fuzzy controller

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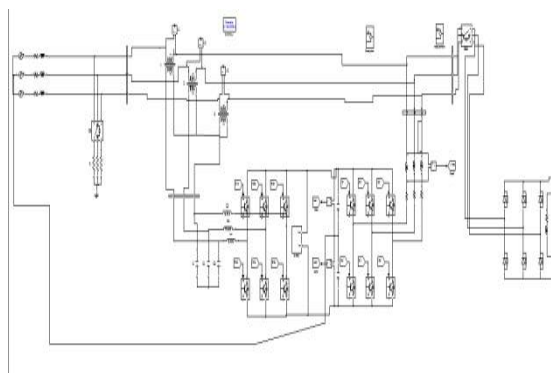


Fig 11: Simulation model of SMES Circuit

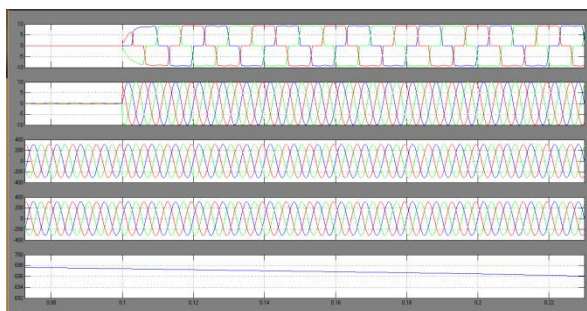


Fig 12: Simulation Waveforms of upqc and smes units

VI.CONCLUSION

The results is through with iUPQC using Fuzzy Logic Controller and design with Matlab/Simulation Technique in ABC reference frame and using series active filter and parallel active to compensate the harmonics from nonlinear load current. A fuzzy code designed to control something, which may be a software or hardware is used from small circuits to large mainframes. First create the membership values (fuzzy) and specify the rule table and also determine your procedure for defuzzifying the result. A proposed scheme of iUPQC using fuzzy controller in ABC reference frame of both the active filters and their control loops are generated by a digital signal processor (DSP) and to related to other proposed controls its utilization is better for a sinusoidal reference and to eliminate the harmonic from source to load.

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