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I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, the FCMLIs are used to implement an STATCOM. Three-level and Five-level structures have been used separately to simulate the STATCOM. Two control approaches i.e., Direct Control and Indirect Control are used and comparisons are made based on the results.

For an STATCOM to operate, several important requirements listed below, have to be made.

1. The transformers, interconnecting the inverter and the transmission line, should provide galvanic isolation of the inverter from the line so that the three legs of the multilevel inverter can be connected to a common dc link.

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2. To allow the zero sequence currents to flow during faults, it is necessary to connect the secondary windings of the three phase transformers in delta, so that the zero sequence secondary currents flow as the circulating current of the delta.
3. The transformer primary to secondary turns ratio should be such that, it insures that the voltage and currents across the power semiconductor devices do not exceed their ratings.

Keeping in consideration these requirements, an STATCOM can be designed using a voltage source converter. It is seen that FCMLI is able to operate in high voltage and high power conditions, while maintaining constant its flying capacitor voltages. From this paper we proved that FCMLI is a well-suited inverter for the compensation purposes. In the system under consideration, ideally there is no real power transfer between the converter and the lines. For only reactive compensation, the battery of the inverter can be replaced by capacitor of suitable size. The simulation study has been done using PSCAD/EMTDC

II. TRANSMISSION SYSTEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

A three-phase, Single Machine Infinite Bus (SMIB) transmission system is being considered for the simulation studies. A coupled pi-section model of the transmission line is being considered. The transmission line data is given in Table 1. The phase of the sending end voltage is fixed at 0° while the phase of the receiving end voltage is varied. Initially, receiving end voltage has 30° lag with respect to the sending end voltage phase. At 1.0 second, the phase angle of the receiving end is changed to 0° such that the power transferred over the transmission line is reduced to zero. The phase angle is again changed to -60° at 1.5 second.

The simulation results for an uncompensated transmission are shown in Fig. 1. The real power transferred from the sending end and the power received at the receiving end is shown in Fig. 1 (a) and the reactive power is shown in Fig. 1 (b). Note that in this figure and the following figures in this paper, the receiving end real power shown with multiplying it by -1 as this power is entering at the receiving end terminals. Fig. 2 (a and b) shows line current of phase a at the

sending end and the receiving end respectively. Fig. 3 (a and b) shows the line current of phase *a* from 1.49 second to 1.8 second. It shows that the transients die out within 5 cycle. Fig. 4 shows per unit mid point terminal voltage. Table 2 lists the steady state values of the system without compensation.

Table 1: Transmission Line Parameter.

System Parameter	Values
Base MVA	1000 MVA
Base voltage	230 kV (Line-line)
Operating Source Voltage	1.0 per unit
Source Impedance type	$R = 0.01 \Omega$ (resistive)
System frequency	50 Hz
Line length	2×200 km
Positive sequence resistance	$0.17816 \times 10^{-4} [\Omega/m]$
Positive sequence inductive reactance	$0.31388 \times 10^{-3} [\Omega/m]$
Positive sequence capacitive reactance	$273.545 [M \Omega \cdot m]$

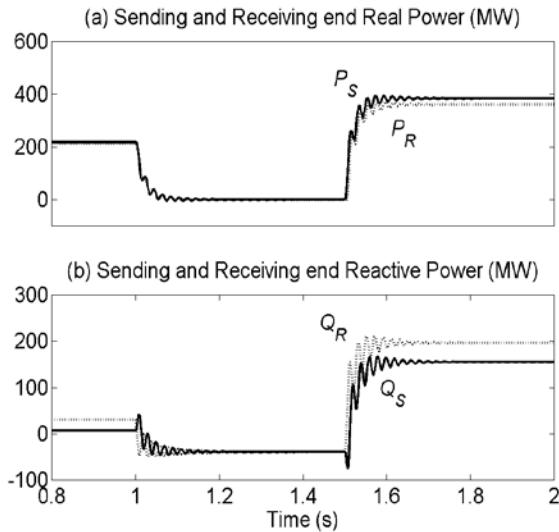


Fig. 1: Simulation Results of Uncompensated Transmission System.

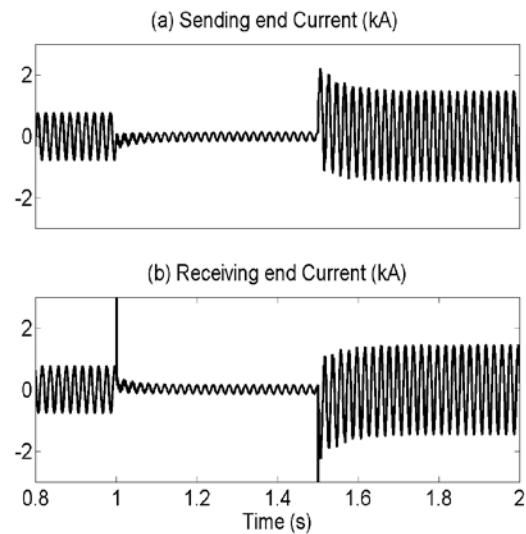


Fig. 2: Line current of phase 'a'.

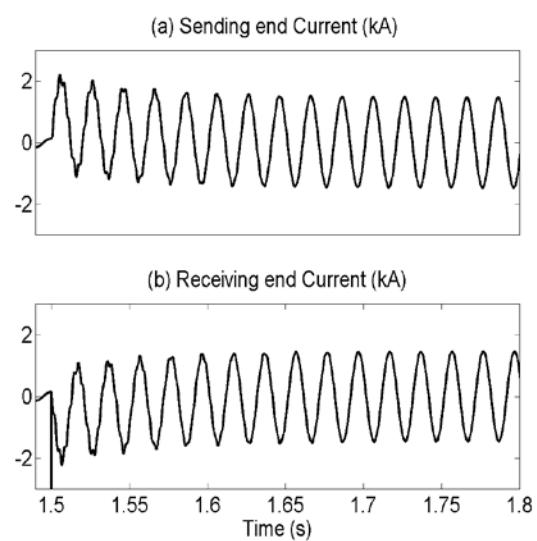


Fig. 3: Magnified portion of Line current of phase 'a' from 1.5 s to 1.8 s.

Table 3: Switching device parameters.

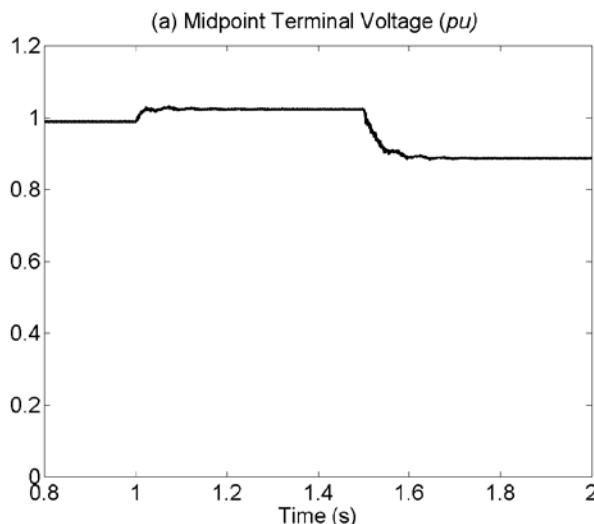


Fig.4: mid-point terminal Voltage .

III. CONTROL STRATEGY OF STATCOM

In STATCOM control, the main objective is to control the output of the VSI through varying the modulation index and the dc capacitor voltage. The control of the STATCOM can be broadly categorized in two categories.

- Indirect control
- Direct control.

Table 2 . System parameters of the Transmission line.

Parameters	Values before 1.0 sec.	Values after 1.0 sec. and before 1.5 sec	Values after 1.5 sec
P_s (MVA)	218.17	0.048	384.28
P_r (MVA)	211.68	-0.032	360.27
Q_s (MVA)	6.45	-39.13	155.01
Q_r (MVA)	30.46	-39.13	196.58
V_m (pu)	0.989	1.024	0.888

The output voltage of the VSI depends on the magnitude of the dc side voltage and the modulation index m_a . In the indirect control, the dc side voltage of the VSI is varied by keeping m_a constant while in the direct control, the m_a is varied keeping the dc side voltage constant. The parameters of the switches, which are being used for the realization of VSI is listed in Table 3. The same ratings of anti parallel diodes are used. The simulation results for both these controls are discussed below.

Main device type	IGBT
IGBT <i>ON</i> resistance	0.01Ω
IGBT <i>OFF</i> resistance	$1.0 \times 10^6 \Omega$
Forward voltage drop	0.0 kV
Forward breakover Voltage	1.0×10^5 kV
Reverse withstand Voltage	1.0×10^5 kV
Snubber Resistance	5000 Ω
Snubber Capacitance	$0.05 \mu F$

1) Indirect Control

A STATCOM is connected at the midpoint of the transmission line. The transmission line discussed in the previous section has been again taken in this case. The PSCAD/EMTDC simulation diagram of a STATCOM connected to transmission line at the midpoint line through a coupling transformer and a smoothing reactor is shown in Fig. 5. The data of the coupling transformer is given in Table4. The VSI is connected to the transformer through a coupling inductor whose inductance is 1 mH. Main capacitor and capacitors of clamping leg are 20000 μF each. Only one capacitor in each clamping leg is taken for simulation but it is of different voltage rating. The instantaneous value of the main capacitor voltage is passed through a moving average (MA) filter [5]. The output of the MA filter is compared with the actual value of the other clamping capacitor to get the error. This error is used to get the proper switching combination for different voltage levels.

Now the midpoint voltage is measured and compared to its reference value. This error is passed through a proportional plus integral (PI) controller and then subtracted from the synchronizing signal. It gives the reference signal for switching of the power electronic devices used in VSI, the output of the PI controller provides the required phase shift between the midpoint bus voltage and the VSI output voltage. This phase shift controls the real power exchange between the midpoint bus and the VSI. This leads to charging or discharging of the dc capacitor. There is an additional phase shift of 30° to compensate the phase shift due to star delta connection of the transformer.

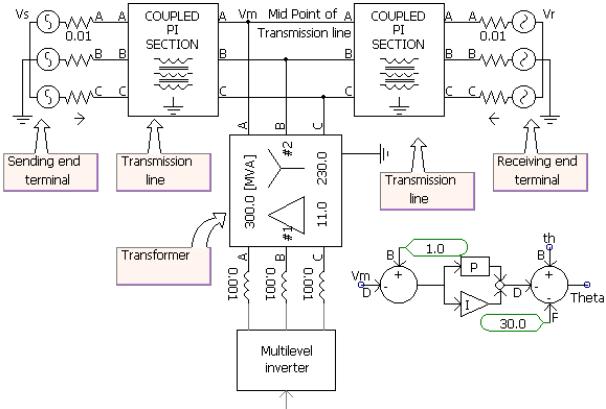


Fig. 5: Indirect controlled STATCOM.

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Table 4: Transformer Parameters.

Parameter	Values
System frequency	50 Hz
Base MVA	300 MVA
Connection	Delta-star with neutral ground
Delta winding voltage	11 kV (line-line)
Star winding voltage	230 kV (line-line)
No load losses	0.01 per unit
Positive sequence leakage reactance	0.1 per unit

Let us consider that V_m is less than its reference value. Then the error will be positive and hence the phase shift provided by the PI controller is increased. This leads to increase in the real power flow from the midpoint bus to the VSI, which increases the dc capacitor voltage, and hence the VSI output voltage. Therefore reactive power supplied by the inverter also increases, which increases the midpoint terminal voltage to its reference value. The proportional gain and the integral time constant of the PI control are chosen as 500 and 0.0009 second respectively. The simulation results for the indirect controlled STATCOM are given in Figures 6 to 11. From Fig. 7 (a), it can be seen that the midpoint voltage approaches to its reference value. When the receiving end phase angle changes from -30° to 0° at 1.0 second, the midpoint terminal voltage increases. When the phase angle of the receiving end changes, the reactive power demand by the line also changes. But the dc capacitor voltage can not be changed suddenly and hence the reactive power supplied by the STATCOM does not change fast. In the meanwhile the midpoint terminal voltage deviates from its reference value. Now once the dc capacitor regulates

its voltage to supply the required reactive power, the midpoint terminal voltage returns to its specified value. It can be seen that the midpoint terminal voltage does not change much for a small disturbance occurred at 1.0 second but it has a large fluctuation for very large transient at 1.5 second. However the voltage approaches its reference value within 15 cycles. Now consider the case when power transfer from sending end to receiving end increases suddenly. For this, more reactive power is required by the line. It needs to increase the dc capacitor voltage. Therefore the real power flow from the system to STATCOM which also increases the line drop and reduces the midpoint voltage. As the dc capacitor charges to the required value, the midpoint terminal voltage reaches to its reference value. The real power and the reactive power at the sending end and receiving end are shown in Figures 6 (a and b) respectively. It shows that the power at both ends vary at the time of transient. Fig. 6 (c) shows the real and reactive power supplied by the STATCOM. It can be seen that a large amount of real power exchange occurs at the time of transients while a very small amount of power flows from the line to the STATCOM. This power accounts for the compensation of the losses in the STATCOM and transformer under steady state. Fig. 7 shows the dc capacitor voltage magnitude maintaining the mid point terminal voltage. The dc capacitor voltage is high for large real power transfer while its value is low under light load condition. Note that for the above, the capacitor voltage varies between 16 kV to 35 kV.

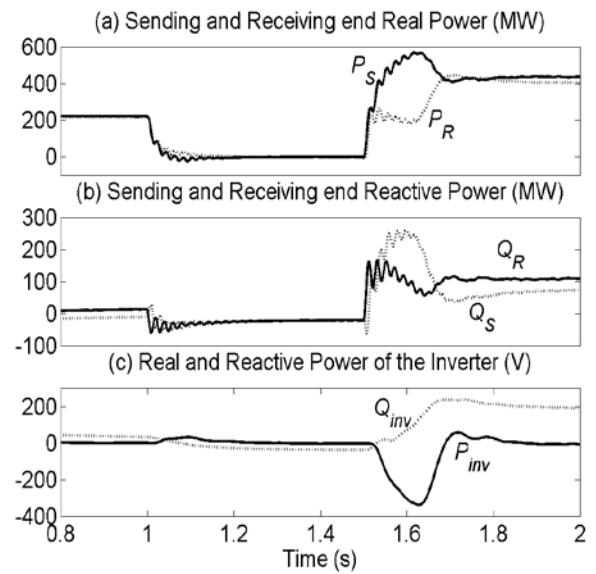


Fig. 6: Real and reactive powers.

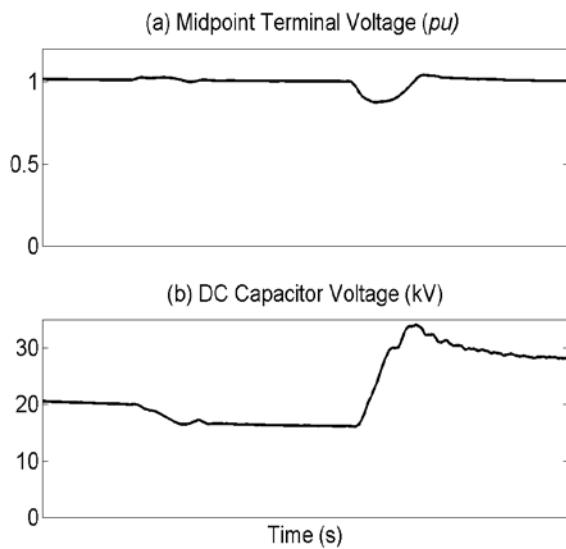


Fig. 7: Midpoint terminal voltage and dc capacitor voltage.

Figs. 8 and 9 shows the current of phase *a* at sending end, receiving end and the current supplied by the STATCOM. It can be seen that all currents are sinusoidal and balanced under steady state condition. In comparison of sending end currents, the receiving end currents have a large variation at the time of transients. This is due to the transients at the receiving end. Note that the transients in the currents die out within 15 cycles for large system variation at the time of 1.5 second.

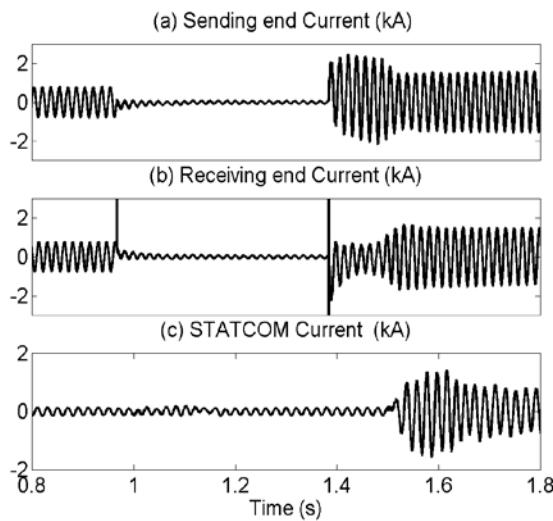


Fig. 8: Phase *a* line current at various terminals.

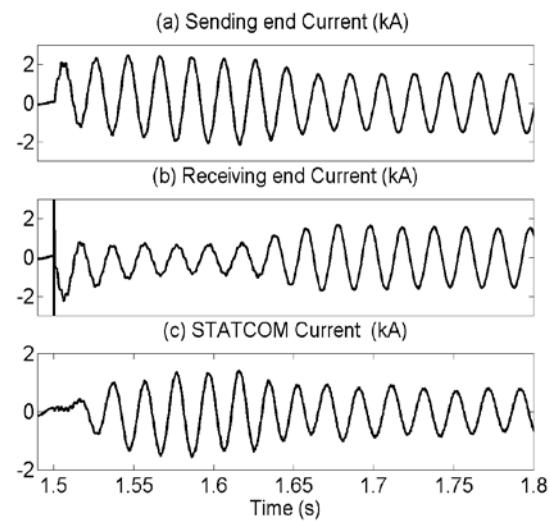


Fig. 9: Magnified portion of Phase *a* line current at various terminals from 1.5 s to 1.8 s.

Fig. 10 shows the line voltage in the inverter side. It is measured between the smoothing reactor and the coupling transformer. It can be seen that the line voltage is approximately sinusoidal. Third and multiples of third harmonics are removed due to delta-star connection of the transformer. With higher value of smoothing reactor and higher switching frequency, the other harmonics can also be removed.

Fig. 11 shows the clamping capacitor voltages of various leg and main capacitor voltage. The main capacitor voltage shown is obtained after passing it through a MA filter while other voltages shown indicate instantaneous values. Table 5 lists the steady state system quantities for different phase angles of the receiving end. Note that, there are large variations in the reactive power supplied by the STATCOM for various system conditions.

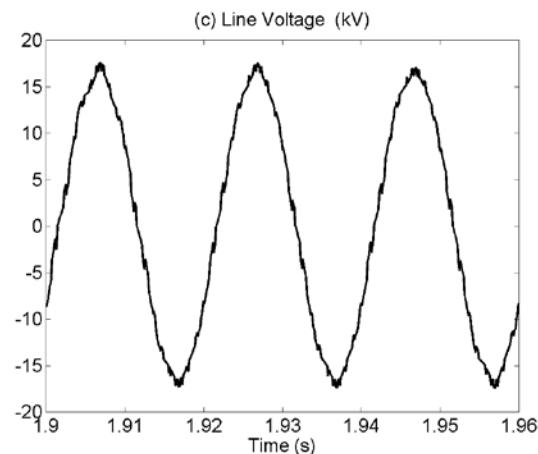


Fig. 10: Line voltage before the transformer.

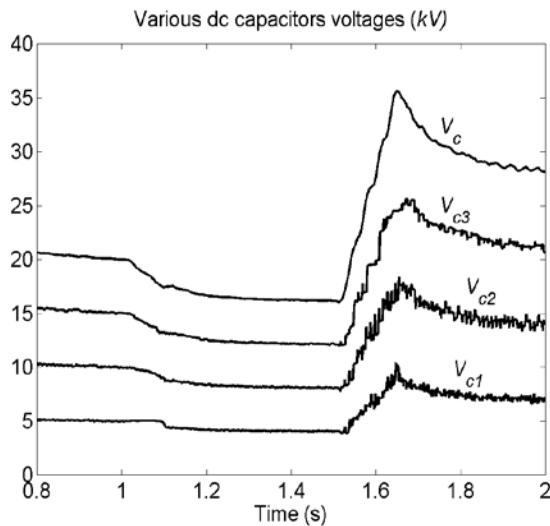


Fig. 11: Various capacitor voltages.

2) Direct control

In this case, the control strategy of the STATCOM is different than indirect control. The system parameters are assumed to be same as in the case of indirect control. The modulation index (m_a) is varied for controlling the output of the VSI while keeping the dc capacitor voltage constant. The error between midpoint terminal voltage and its reference value is passed through a PI controller. The output of the PI controller gives the m_a for the switching of the VSI that decides the output voltage of the VSI.

Table 5: System parameters of the Transmission lin with STATCOM

Parameters	Values before 1.0 sec.	Values after 1.0 sec. and before 1.5 sec	Values after 1.5 sec
P_s (MVA)	222.37	1.06	438.31
P_r (MVA)	221.37	-1.06	405.27
Q_s (MVA)	-10.04	-19.94	79.11
Q_r (MVA)	14.01	-19.94	112.28
P_{inv} (MVA)	0.72	-2.35	13.31
Q_{inv} (MVA)	34.33	-37.05	181.04
V_m (pu)	1.011	1.003	1.002

It influences the midpoint terminal voltage. The dc capacitor voltage is compared to its reference value and the error is passed through a PI controller. The output of the PI controller gives the necessary phase shift for the VSI, which controls the real power flow between the STATCOM and the transmission line. The output of the phase shift PI controller is subtracted from the synchronizing signal. A small amount of real power is required for the losses in the STATCOM and coupling transformer. The PSCAD/EMTDC simulation diagram of

a STATCOM connected to transmission line at the midpoint is shown in Fig. 12. The proportional gain and integral time constant of the PI controller (for m_a) are chosen as 4.0 and 0.002 second respectively while that for the phase shift controller are 8.0 and 0.005 second respectively.

Figures 13 to18 show the simulation results of the direct control of STATCOM. Figs. 4.13 (a and b) show the midpoint terminal voltage and dc capacitor voltage respectively. The midpoint terminal voltage and the dc capacitor voltage are nearly constant under all transients. However, a small fluctuation occurs in the midpoint terminal voltage under heavy transients but it is much smaller as compared to the case of indirect control.

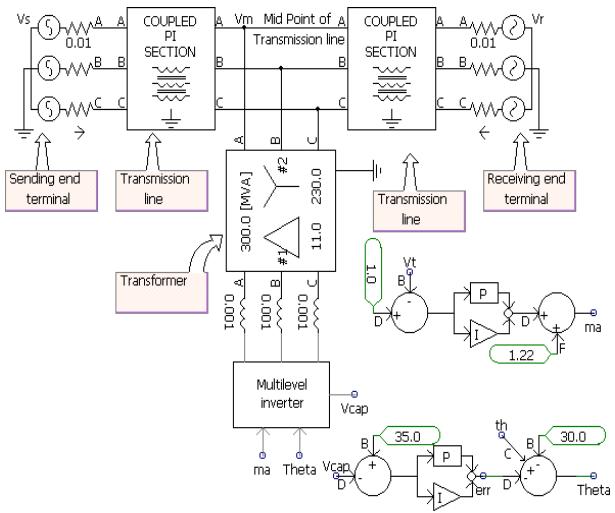


Fig. 12: Circuit diagram of Direct control STATCOM.

Fig.14 (a) shows the real powers at the sending end (P_s) and the receiving end (P_r). Fig. 14 (b) shows the respective reactive powers and Fig. 14 (c) shows the real power (P_{inv}) and reactive power (Q_{inv}) flowing from the VSI to the line. It can be seen that the reactive power demand of the line increases with real power transfer and a large amount of reactive power is supplied by the STATCOM to maintain the midpoint terminal voltage. The negative value of P_{inv} under steady state shows that there is a small amount of real power flow from the line to the STATCOM. Q_{inv} has positive value for the inductive compensation and negative value for the capacitive compensation.

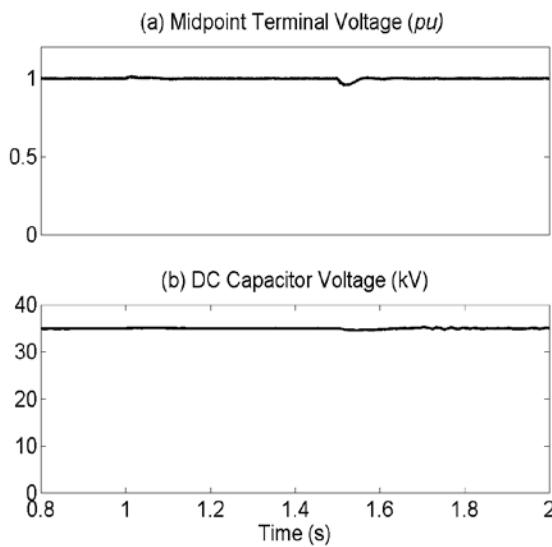


Fig. 13: Midpoint voltage and dc capacitor voltage.

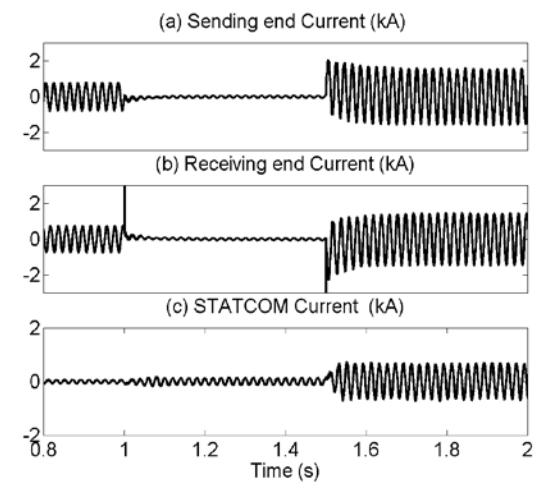


Fig. 15: Phase a line current at various terminals.

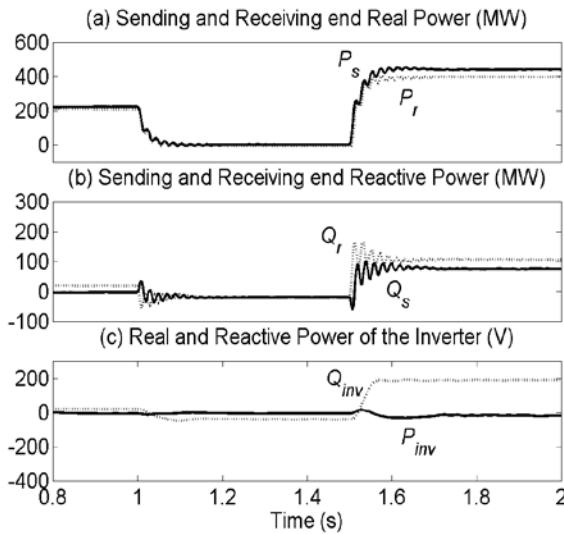


Fig. 14: Real and Reactive Powers at various end.

Figs. 15 shows the sending end, the receiving end and the STATCOM currents respectively. It can be seen that there are large transients in all the three currents at the time of receiving end phase angle (δ) change. Fig. 16 shows that these transients die out with time. The magnitude of the STATCOM currents show the amount of reactive power exchange between the line and the STATCOM. The STATCOM currents are sinusoidal except at the time of transient as of sending end and receiving end currents.

Fig. 17 shows the main capacitor voltage and various clamping capacitor voltages. It can be seen that all the capacitor voltages are nearly constant at their reference value.

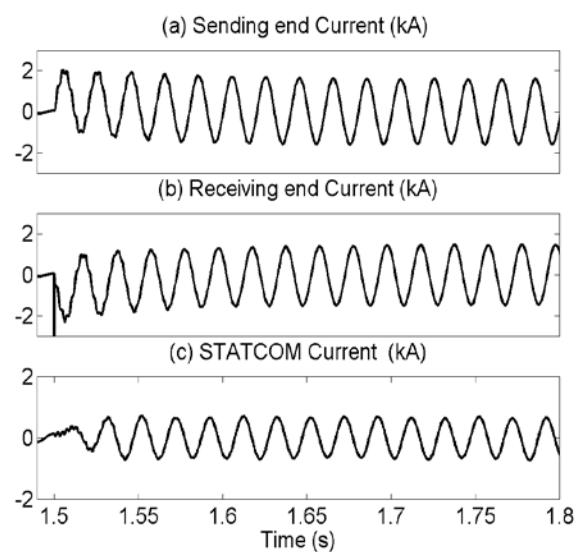


Fig. 16: Magnified portion of phase a line current from 1.49 s to 1.8 s.

Table 6 lists the steady state system quantities for different phase angle of the receiving end. Note that, there are large variations in the reactive power supplied by the STATCOM for various system conditions without high transient as in the case of indirect control.

Parameters	Values before 1.0 sec.	Values after 1.0 sec. and before 1.5 sec	Values after 1.5 sec.
P_s (MVA)	223.9	2.54	442.37
P_r (MVA)	211.15	- 2.53	398.27
Q_s (MVA)	- 2.68	- 18.09	76.0
Q_r (MVA)	19.78	- 18.09	106.93
P_{inv} (MVA)	- 6.02	- 4.8	- 20.15
Q_{inv} (MVA)	19.79	- 39.94	190.56
V_m (pu)	1.002	1.00	1.00

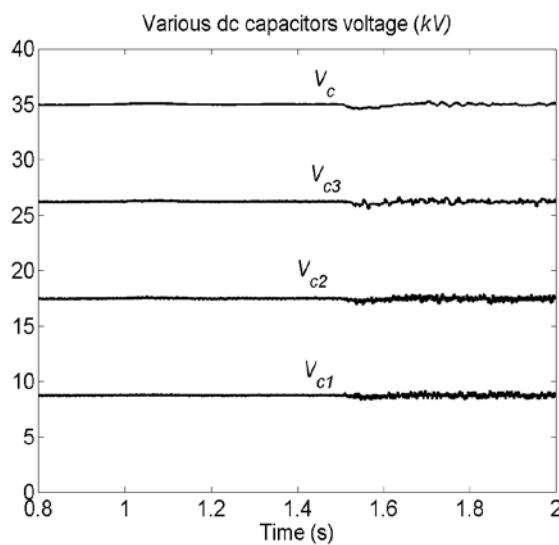


Fig. 17: Various capacitor voltages.

Fig. 18 shows the line voltage at the inverter side. It can be seen that line voltage is nearly sinusoidal. Third harmonic and its multiple harmonics are reduced by delta-star transformer connection. If the switching frequency of the inverter is increased, the amplitude of harmonics in the output line voltage can be further reduced. As said earlier the harmonic amplitude can also be reduced by increasing the value of smoothing reactor.

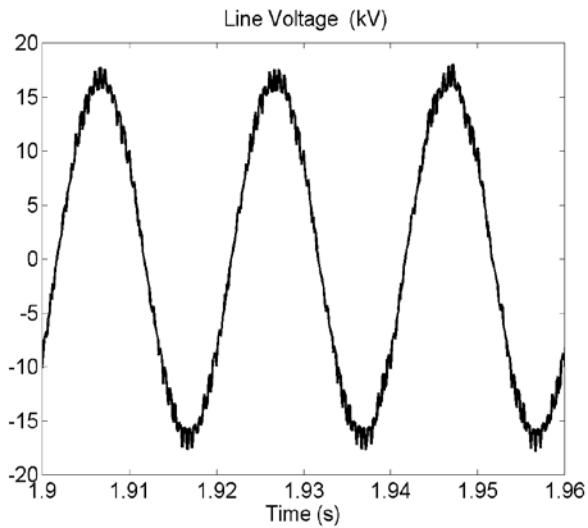


Fig. 18: Line Voltage before the transformer.

IV. CONCLUSION

The simulation results of a STATCOM are discussed. It has been observed that the real power transfer is increased with the shunt compensation while the reactive power supplied by the sending end and the receiving end is decreased. The midpoint terminal voltage remains near to its specified value under low as well as high transients. The response of the direct control is faster than indirect control. It can therefore be concluded that the direct control of the STATCOM is much more superior to indirect control.

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