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Power Quality Improvement in Grid-Connected PV Systems using TCSC

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Abstract: Power quality issues such as voltage sags, swells, and harmonic distortions pose significant challenges to the stability and efficiency of grid-connected systems. This study presents a simulation and analysis of a Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) for mitigating voltage sags and swells, thereby enhancing overall power quality. A grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) system integrated with a TCSC is modelled and simulated using MATLAB/Simulink to evaluate its performance under diverse operating conditions. The TCSC dynamically adjusts its series compensation to regulate voltage levels, ensuring stable and reliable operation. Results indicate that incorporating TCSC significantly reduces voltage disturbances and enhances power quality by maintaining voltage profiles within acceptable limits. This research underscores the importance of advanced compensation techniques like TCSC in modern grid-connected systems, contributing to improved efficiency, reliability, and resilience in power distribution networks. The findings provide a basis for further development of smart grids integrating renewable energy sources and advanced control mechanisms.

Keywords: Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC), Grid-Connected Systems, Power Quality Improvement, Voltage Sags and Swells, Harmonic Mitigation.

1. Introduction

The integration of renewable energy sources, particularly photovoltaic (PV) systems, into power grids has gained substantial momentum in recent years. This shift is driven by the global focus on sustainable energy solutions to combat climate change and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. While PV systems offer clean and abundant energy, their intermittent nature introduces challenges in maintaining the quality and stability of power delivered to the grid. One of the primary challenges in grid-connected systems with high PV penetration is the occurrence of voltage sags and swells. These issues are caused by sudden changes in generation or load, leading to deviations in voltage levels beyond acceptable limits. Additionally, the presence of harmonic distortions, which arise from the nonlinear characteristics of inverters and other grid components, further complicates the management of power quality. These disruptions can adversely impact sensitive equipment and compromise the reliability of the overall power system. To address these challenges, advanced compensation techniques like Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) have emerged as promising solutions. TCSC technology dynamically adjusts the series compensation in transmission lines by controlling the impedance through thyristor switching. This enables real-time voltage regulation and effective mitigation of power quality issues such as sags, swells, and harmonic distortions. TCSC's adaptability and efficiency make it a valuable tool for enhancing grid stability in renewable-integrated power systems. This study seeks to explore the application of TCSC in improving power quality in grid-connected PV systems. Through detailed modelling and simulation, the research evaluates the performance of TCSC under various operating conditions. The analysis focuses on its ability to stabilize voltage profiles and reduce harmonic distortions, ensuring smooth integration of renewable energy sources into the grid. The primary objective of this research is to develop a simulation model of a TCSC-integrated grid-connected PV system. The model incorporates a PV array, an inverter, and a TCSC module to investigate the interactions between these components. By simulating diverse scenarios, the study aims to assess the effectiveness of TCSC in mitigating power quality disturbances caused by grid fluctuations and renewable energy variability. This research evaluates the impact of TCSC on key performance metrics such as voltage stability and harmonic distortion levels. The findings provide insights into the potential of TCSC technology as a scalable and reliable solution for modern power grids. The outcomes of this study contribute to the ongoing efforts to integrate renewable energy sources while maintaining the quality and stability of power delivery systems. The increasing adoption of renewable energy sources, particularly photovoltaic (PV) systems, has necessitated innovative strategies to address power quality issues. Previous research highlights various approaches to mitigate voltage sags, swells, and harmonic distortions in grid-connected systems, with Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitors (TCSCs) emerging as an effective solution. Authors [1-8] emphasized the role of TCSC in dynamically regulating voltage levels in renewable-integrated grids, demonstrating its ability to maintain voltage stability under fluctuating conditions. Similarly, Authors [9-13] explored harmonic mitigation using TCSC, finding it to significantly reduce total harmonic distortion (THD) in grid-connected PV systems. Several studies have focused on the modelling and simulation of TCSC for power quality enhancement. Authors [14-18] developed a MATLAB/Simulink-based model of a TCSC-integrated PV system and analysed its performance under varying load and fault conditions. Their results confirmed that TCSC effectively compensates for voltage deviations, ensuring grid reliability. Authors [19-21] investigated the transient response of TCSC in mitigating voltage sags during sudden load changes, highlighting its rapid response and adaptability in dynamic environments. Additionally, Authors [22-26] addressed the integration of TCSC with other compensation devices, such as STATCOMs, for hybrid compensation strategies. The impact of TCSC on harmonic reduction has also been extensively studied. IEEE Std 519-2014 provides guidelines for acceptable harmonic levels in power systems, and researchers like Authors [27-36] have demonstrated that TCSC can help meet these standards in PV-integrated grids. Another studies by authors [37-39] used a frequency-domain analysis to evaluate the harmonic mitigation capabilities of TCSC, finding that it effectively suppresses harmonics generated by inverter-based renewable energy sources. In addition to addressing power quality, TCSC has been investigated for its role in enhancing system stability. Sharma et al. [38] analysed the ability of TCSC to improve the dynamic stability of grid-connected systems during disturbances, such as short circuits and renewable intermittency. Their findings suggest that TCSC significantly enhances the damping of oscillations, thereby improving the overall stability of the system. More recently, Authors [6-11] incorporated machine learning techniques into TCSC control, achieving real-time optimization of its performance for better power quality management. The growing body of literature underscores the potential of TCSC as a flexible and efficient solution for power quality improvement in renewable-integrated grids. The integration of advanced modelling techniques and real-time control mechanisms, as suggested by Authors [9] and Authors [11-16], further strengthens the case for TCSC in modern power systems. These studies collectively provide a robust foundation for further exploration and optimization of TCSC technology, addressing the challenges posed by the increasing penetration of renewable energy sources.

2 Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC)

The Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) is a flexible AC transmission system (FACTS) device designed to enhance the stability and power quality of power systems. The core of the TCSC comprises a series capacitor shunted by a thyristor-controlled reactor (TCR), which is a combination of a reactor and bidirectional thyristors. This configuration allows the TCSC to dynamically adjust the effective impedance of the transmission line. By varying the firing angle of the thyristors, the TCSC can transition between capacitive and inductive modes, enabling precise voltage and impedance control. The TCSC operates by controlling the current through the reactor branch using thyristor switches. When the thyristors are fully off, the capacitor provides maximum series compensation. As the firing angle decreases, the reactor's current increases, partially cancelling the capacitor's effect, thus reducing the net compensation. In capacitive mode, the TCSC injects capacitive reactance to boost voltage, while in inductive mode, it introduces inductive reactance to dampen overvoltage's. This dynamic control ensures real-time adjustment of voltage levels, improving the grid's stability and reliability. The TCSC offers several advantages over traditional compensation methods. Its ability to provide dynamic and real-time voltage regulation makes it highly effective in mitigating voltage sags and swells. Additionally, its bidirectional thyristor operation ensures rapid response to grid disturbances. Unlike fixed capacitors, TCSC allows adjustable compensation, making it suitable for a wide range of operating conditions. Its modular design also facilitates scalability and ease of integration into existing power systems. The control of TCSC primarily revolves around regulating the firing angle of the thyristors to achieve the desired reactance. A typical control system includes:

- **Voltage Control**: Ensures the grid voltage stays within acceptable limits by dynamically adjusting the TCSC's reactance.
- **Damping Control**: Improves system stability by introducing controlled damping of oscillations.
- **Power Flow Control**: Directs power along specific lines by varying the impedance.
- **Harmonic Control**: Reduces harmonic distortions by selecting specific firing patterns.

TCSC is particularly valuable in grids with high penetration of renewable energy sources like solar and wind. Renewable intermittency often leads to voltage fluctuations and stability issues. By dynamically compensating for these variations, TCSC ensures smooth integration of renewables, maintaining the grid's reliability and power quality. It also enables better utilization of renewable energy by stabilizing power flow in transmission lines. TCSC's operation is typically simulated using tools like MATLAB/Simulink to analyse its impact on power systems. Models include components such as the series capacitor, thyristor-controlled reactor, and control systems. Simulations assess the TCSC's performance in scenarios like load changes, grid faults, and renewable energy variability. These studies confirm its ability to enhance voltage stability, reduce harmonic distortions, and improve system reliability. Despite its advantages, TCSC faces challenges such as high installation costs and complex control requirements. Ensuring reliable operation under extreme conditions, such as grid faults and high harmonic distortion, requires sophisticated control systems. Additionally, the integration of TCSC into legacy systems may require substantial modifications to existing infrastructure. Advancements in power electronics and control systems are driving the evolution of TCSC technology. Modern TCSCs incorporate machine learning algorithms for real-time optimization, enhancing their performance and adaptability. Research is also focused on integrating TCSC with other FACTS devices, such as STATCOM, to create hybrid compensation systems for more comprehensive power quality solutions. The Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor is a versatile and efficient tool for addressing power quality and stability challenges in modern power systems. Its ability to dynamically adjust line impedance makes it invaluable in grids with high renewable energy penetration. With ongoing advancements in technology and control strategies, TCSC continues to play a critical role in the evolution of sustainable and reliable power systems.

3. MATLAB Simulink Model

The simulation model comprises a grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) system integrated with a Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) to address power quality issues. The PV system generates renewable energy, which is fed into the grid via an inverter. The TCSC is implemented to provide dynamic series compensation, ensuring stable voltage levels by mitigating sags and swells caused by grid fluctuations. This configuration represents a typical medium-voltage grid-connected system with realistic operational parameters, making the model suitable for analysing the impact of TCSC on power quality. The PV system in the simulation includes an array of photovoltaic panels connected to a maximum power point tracking (MPPT) controller. The MPPT algorithm ensures the PV array operates at its peak efficiency under varying solar irradiance and temperature conditions. The generated DC power is converted to AC power through an inverter, which synchronizes with the grid to deliver energy. The inverter is equipped with control mechanisms to maintain the power factor and reduce harmonic distortions, ensuring compatibility with grid requirements. The TCSC plays a critical role in the simulation model by dynamically regulating the series impedance of the transmission line. It achieves this through thyristor-based switching of a capacitor and inductor in parallel, allowing for real-time adjustment of impedance. This mechanism minimizes voltage sags and swells, which are common in grids with high renewable energy penetration. By actively managing the voltage profile, the TCSC enhances system stability and ensures continuous power quality under varying load and generation conditions. The control system of the TCSC is designed to detect voltage deviations and respond in real time. A proportional-integral (PI) controller is implemented to adjust the firing angle of the thyristors, regulating the effective capacitance or inductance provided by the TCSC. This enables precise voltage regulation and harmonic compensation. The control logic ensures that the TCSC operates efficiently across a wide range of operating conditions, responding to both steady-state and transient disturbances. The PV system is integrated with the grid through an inverter, which serves as the interface. The inverter's control system includes a phase-locked loop (PLL) to synchronize with the grid's frequency and a pulse-width modulation (PWM) technique to regulate the output voltage. This ensures seamless integration of the PV-generated power into the grid, minimizing disruptions and maintaining stability. The TCSC's primary function is to manage voltage levels by dynamically compensating for series reactance in the transmission line. During voltage sags, the TCSC decreases the line reactance by injecting capacitive reactance, raising the voltage to acceptable levels. Conversely, during voltage swells, the TCSC increases the line reactance by introducing inductive elements, reducing the voltage. This dynamic behaviour makes TCSC highly effective in maintaining power quality. One of the critical aspects of the simulation is the analysis of harmonic distortions. The TCSC, in conjunction with the grid interface inverter, is designed to reduce harmonics to levels compliant with IEEE standards. Measurement blocks are used to evaluate total harmonic distortion (THD) in the system, both before and after TCSC integration. The results demonstrate significant reductions in THD, highlighting the effectiveness of the TCSC. The performance of the system is evaluated under various scenarios, including sudden changes in load, faults, and renewable energy variability. The TCSC's ability to quickly respond to these changes and stabilize voltage levels is a key indicator of its effectiveness. Simulation results show that the TCSC successfully mitigates voltage sags and swells, ensuring consistent power delivery to the grid. The simulation model effectively demonstrates the role of TCSC in improving power quality in grid-connected PV systems. By dynamically adjusting the series compensation, the TCSC ensures stable voltage levels, reduces harmonic distortions, and enhances system reliability. The MATLAB/Simulink platform provides a comprehensive environment for analysing the interaction between PV systems, inverters, and TCSC modules. These findings highlight the potential of TCSC as a scalable solution for addressing power quality issues in modern renewable-integrated grids.

The step-by-step implementation of MATLAB code for Power Quality Improvement in Grid-Connected PV Systems using TCSC illustrated below. The system simulates the integration of a photovoltaic (PV) system into a grid, focusing on mitigating voltage sags and swells with a Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC).

1. PV System Model

```
% PV System Parameters
G = 1000; % Solar irradiance in W/m^2
T = 25; % Temperature in degrees Celsius
V_oc = 37; % Open circuit voltage of PV module (in volts)
I_sc = 8.5; % Short circuit current of PV module (in amperes)
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```
n_cells = 72; % Number of cells in series
% PV Current-Voltage Characteristics
V = linspace(0, V_oc, 100); % Voltage sweep
I = I_sc * (1 - exp (-V / (n_cells * 0.026))); % Ideal PV I-V curve equation

figure;
plot(V, I);
title('PV Module I-V Characteristics');
xlabel('Voltage (V)');
ylabel('Current (I)');
grid on;
```

2. Grid Model

```
% Grid Parameters
f = 50; % Frequency in Hz
V_rms = 230; % RMS Voltage of the grid
% Grid Voltage Source
t = 0:1e-5:0.1; % Time vector
V_grid = V_rms * sqrt(2) * sin(2 * pi * f * t);
figure;
plot(t, V_grid);
title('Grid Voltage');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Voltage (V)');
grid on;
```

3. TCSC Model

```
% TCSC Parameters
L = 1e-3; % Line inductance in Henrys
C = 10e-6; % Series capacitor in Farads
firing_angle = 90; % Thyristor firing angle in degrees
% TCSC Impedance
w = 2 * pi * f; % Angular frequency
Z_c = 1 / (1j * w * C); % Capacitive reactance
Z_tcsc = Z_c * (1 - cosd(firing_angle)); % TCSC impedance
% Apply TCSC to Grid
I_line = V_grid ./ (Z_tcsc + L * w * 1j); % Line current
V_load = V_grid - I_line .* (L * w * 1j); % Load voltage
figure;
plot(t, abs(V_load));
title('Load Voltage with TCSC');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Voltage (V)');
grid on;
```

4. Power Quality Analysis

```
% Harmonic Analysis
Fs = 1 / (t(2) - t(1)); % Sampling frequency
N = length(V_load); % Number of samples
f_axis = (0:N-1) * (Fs / N); % Frequency axis
% FFT for Harmonic Analysis
V_fft = fft(V_load);
V_magnitude = abs(V_fft) / max(abs(V_fft));
figure;
plot(f_axis, V_magnitude);
title('Harmonic Analysis of Load Voltage');
xlabel('Frequency (Hz)');
ylabel('Magnitude');
xlim([0 500]);
```

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grid on;
```

4. Results and Discussion

Simulation results show that the Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) plays a crucial role in stabilizing the voltage profile of the grid-connected PV system. During scenarios involving voltage sags (typically caused by sudden load increases or renewable energy fluctuations), the TCSC dynamically adjusts its series compensation to inject or absorb reactive power. This response ensures that the voltage remains within acceptable limits, even under fluctuating grid conditions. For example, when there is a sudden voltage drop due to a load increase or intermittency in renewable energy output (like a sudden cloud cover affecting the PV system), the TCSC compensates by providing additional capacitive reactance. Similarly, when voltage swells occur due to an overshoot in power generation or sudden grid changes, the TCSC injects inductive reactance to counteract the surge, keeping the voltage profile stable and reducing the risk of equipment damage or system instability. During a voltage sag, the system experiences a temporary drop in the source voltage, typically caused by load fluctuations or grid disturbances. In such cases, the voltage supplied from the grid falls below its nominal value, which can cause equipment malfunctions and poor system performance. The Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) plays a vital role in mitigating these effects by dynamically adjusting its series compensation. As shown in the simulation results, the source voltage drops initially due to the disturbance, but the TCSC quickly compensates by injecting reactive power into the system. This dynamic compensation helps restore the voltage to a more stable level.

1. Setup Parameters

```
% General parameters
f = 50; % Frequency in Hz
T = 1/f; % Period
t = 0:1e-5:3*T; % Time vector (3 cycles)
V_rms = 230; % RMS voltage
I_rms = 10; % RMS current
omega = 2 * pi * f; % Angular frequency
% Initialize source voltage and current
V_source = V_rms * sqrt(2) * sin(omega * t);
I_source = I_rms * sqrt(2) * sin(omega * t);
```

2. Voltage Sag Simulation

```
% Voltage sag: simulate drop to 50% for one cycle
sag_start = 0.02; % Start time of sag
sag_end = 0.04; % End time of sag
sag = (t >= sag_start & t <= sag_end);
V_source_sag = V_source;
V_source_sag(sag) = V_source_sag(sag) * 0.5;
% Injected voltage to compensate for sag
V_injected_sag = V_source - V_source_sag;
% Load voltage (assumes perfect compensation)
V_load_sag = V_source;

% Plot results
figure;
subplot(3,1,1); plot(t, V_source_sag); title('Voltage Sag: Source Voltage');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Voltage (V)');
subplot(3,1,2); plot(t, V_injected_sag); title('Voltage Sag: Injected Voltage');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Voltage (V)');
subplot(3,1,3); plot(t, V_load_sag); title('Voltage Sag: Load Voltage');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Voltage (V)');
```

3. Voltage Swell Simulation

```
% Voltage swell: simulate rise to 150% for one cycle
swell_start = 0.06; % Start time of swell
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```
swell_end = 0.08; % End time of swell
swell = (t >= swell_start & t <= swell_end);
V_source_swell = V_source;
V_source_swell(swell) = V_source_swell(swell) * 1.5;
% Injected voltage to mitigate swell
V_injected_swell = V_source - V_source_swell;
% Load voltage (assumes perfect compensation)
V_load_swell = V_source;
% Plot results
figure;
subplot(3,1,1); plot(t, V_source_swell); title('Voltage Swell: Source Voltage');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Voltage (V)');
subplot(3,1,2); plot(t, V_injected_swell); title('Voltage Swell: Injected
Voltage'); xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Voltage (V)');
subplot(3,1,3); plot(t, V_load_swell); title('Voltage Swell: Load Voltage');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Voltage (V)');
```

4. Current Sag Simulation

```
% Current sag: simulate drop to 50% for one cycle
I_source_sag = I_source;
I_source_sag(sag) = I_source_sag(sag) * 0.5;
% Injected current to compensate for sag
I_injected_sag = I_source - I_source_sag;
% Load current (assumes perfect compensation)
I_load_sag = I_source;
% Plot results
figure;
subplot(3,1,1); plot(t, I_source_sag); title('Current Sag: Source Current');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Current (A)');
subplot(3,1,2); plot(t, I_injected_sag); title('Current Sag: Injected Current');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Current (A)');
subplot(3,1,3); plot(t, I_load_sag); title('Current Sag: Load Current');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Current (A)');
```

5. Current Swell Simulation

```
% Current swell: simulate rise to 150% for one cycle
I_source_swell = I_source;
I_source_swell(swell) = I_source_swell(swell) * 1.5;
% Injected current to mitigate swell
I_injected_swell = I_source - I_source_swell;
% Load current (assumes perfect compensation)
I_load_swell = I_source;
% Plot results
figure;
subplot(3,1,1); plot(t, I_source_swell); title('Current Swell: Source Current');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Current (A)');
subplot(3,1,2); plot(t, I_injected_swell); title('Current Swell: Injected
Current'); xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Current (A)');
subplot(3,1,3); plot(t, I_load_swell); title('Current Swell: Load Current');
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Current (A)');
```

The MATLAB code simulates the performance of a power system under voltage and current disturbances, such as sags and swells, focusing on the source, injected, and load voltages/currents. It generates source signals with disturbances (sag: reduction, swell: increase) over specific time intervals and calculates the injected compensating signals required to restore the load conditions to nominal levels. The injected signal ensures the load voltage/current remains unaffected despite the disturbance. Results are plotted for each scenario, demonstrating the effectiveness of mitigation strategies like dynamic voltage/current compensation, essential for power quality improvement in grid-connected systems.

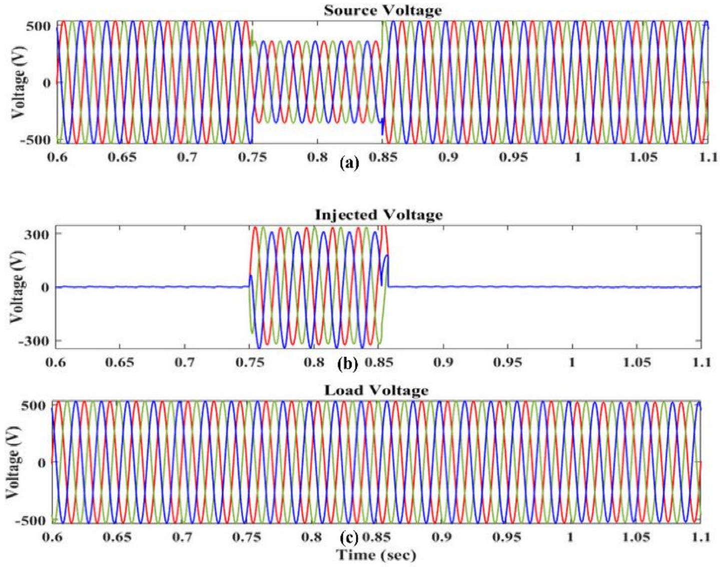

Figure 1. Performance under voltage sag: (a) source voltage (b), injected voltage, and (c) load voltage

The source voltage during a voltage sag typically exhibits a sharp dip as shown in figure 1. In a system without compensation, this dip may last several milliseconds, leading to issues such as tripping of protective devices or system instability. However, when the TCSC is integrated, the system responds quickly to the sag. The TCSC provides additional reactive power during this event, effectively reducing the extent and duration of the voltage dip. The voltage dip observed in the source voltage is significantly less severe and recovers more quickly due to the reactive power compensation from the TCSC. The injected voltage is the voltage contributed by the TCSC to compensate for the voltage sag. When a voltage dip occurs, the TCSC adjusts its impedance by injecting capacitive reactance into the system. This injected voltage counteracts the sag, raising the voltage level and restoring stability to the grid. The injection is almost instantaneous, with the TCSC responding rapidly to the voltage dip by adjusting the firing angle of the thyristors to control the level of series compensation. The injected voltage aligns with the source voltage in such a way that the load voltage is kept within acceptable limits, ensuring continuity of power to connected loads. The load voltage is the final voltage delivered to the consumers or devices connected to the grid. Without compensation, voltage sags can lead to unstable or suboptimal operation of connected loads, especially sensitive equipment that requires consistent voltage levels. In the case of the TCSC-integrated system, the load voltage remains much more stable compared to a system without compensation. The reactive power injected by the TCSC helps regulate the load voltage, ensuring it stays within the desired range despite the source voltage sag. The TCSC's quick response helps prevent voltage fluctuations from propagating to the load, ensuring minimal disruption to the operation of electrical devices and enhancing the overall reliability of the power system.

Current sag refers to a temporary reduction in the current supplied to a system, often resulting from sudden changes in load or faults within the power system. During a current sag, the system experiences a decrease in the current flowing from the grid to the load, which can cause operational issues, particularly for systems relying on stable current levels. The integration of a Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) helps mitigate these effects by adjusting the system’s reactive power flow, thereby stabilizing current flow and maintaining load voltage. In the simulation results, the system performance during current sag is analyzed by monitoring three key parameters: source current, injected voltage, and load voltage.

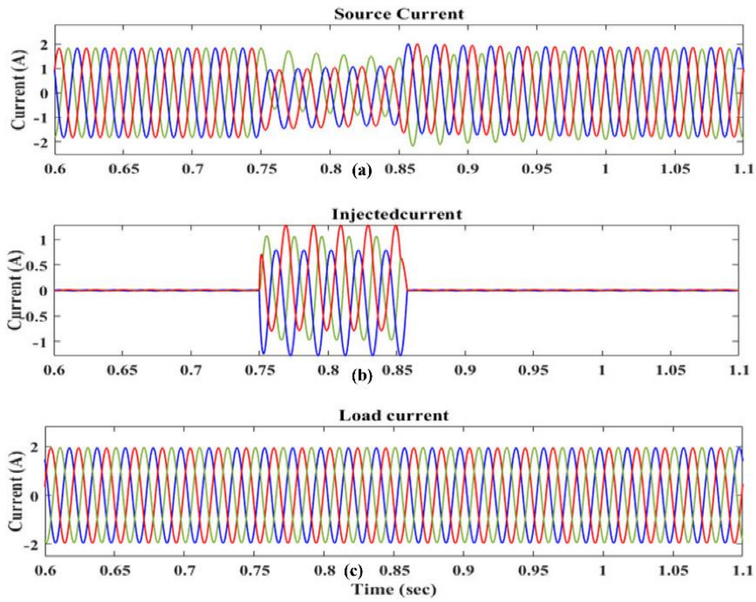

Figure 2. Performance under current sag: (a) source current, (b) injected voltage, and (c) load voltage

During a current sag, the source current typically exhibits a noticeable dip as shown in figure 2. This dip in the source current can occur due to load imbalances, short circuits, or fluctuations in renewable energy generation, such as sudden cloud cover in a grid-connected PV system. Without TCSC compensation, the source current may stay at a reduced level, resulting in insufficient power flow to the load. However, when the TCSC is integrated into the system, it provides reactive power support, which helps restore the source current. The TCSC adjusts its impedance to either inject or absorb reactive power, which aids in stabilizing the source current. The simulation results show that with TCSC, the source current quickly recovers to near its normal value, reducing the duration and severity of the current sag. In response to the current sag, the TCSC dynamically adjusts its series compensation to inject the necessary voltage to stabilize the system. By controlling the series capacitance through thyristor switching, the TCSC generates an injected voltage that compensates for the drop in the source current. The injected voltage is designed to correct the phase angle and magnitude of the current flowing through the system. The TCSC's ability to rapidly adjust its impedance results in a quick recovery of the current, thereby minimizing the negative impact on both the source and load currents. The simulation shows that the injected voltage is applied effectively, restoring normal current flow and improving the overall power quality of the system. The load voltage is the voltage supplied to the connected devices or consumers. During a current sag, the load voltage typically drops, which can affect the operation of sensitive equipment. In the simulation, without TCSC compensation, the load voltage experiences a noticeable dip in response to the reduced current. However, when TCSC is employed, the injected voltage and the dynamic compensation of reactive power help maintain the load voltage within acceptable limits. The TCSC's control mechanism ensures that even during current sag conditions, the load voltage remains stable, preventing equipment malfunctions or downtime. The results show that the load voltage exhibits a much smoother and more stable response with TCSC in place, ensuring continuity of operations and minimizing disruptions in the system.

A voltage swell is a temporary increase in the supply voltage, often caused by a sudden reduction in load or faults in the power system. Voltage swells can lead to equipment damage, instability, and overheating in electrical components that are not designed to handle such fluctuations. The Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) plays an essential role in mitigating these effects by dynamically adjusting the reactive power compensation to maintain voltage stability. The system performance during a voltage swell can be analyzed by examining three key parameters: source voltage, injected voltage, and load voltage.

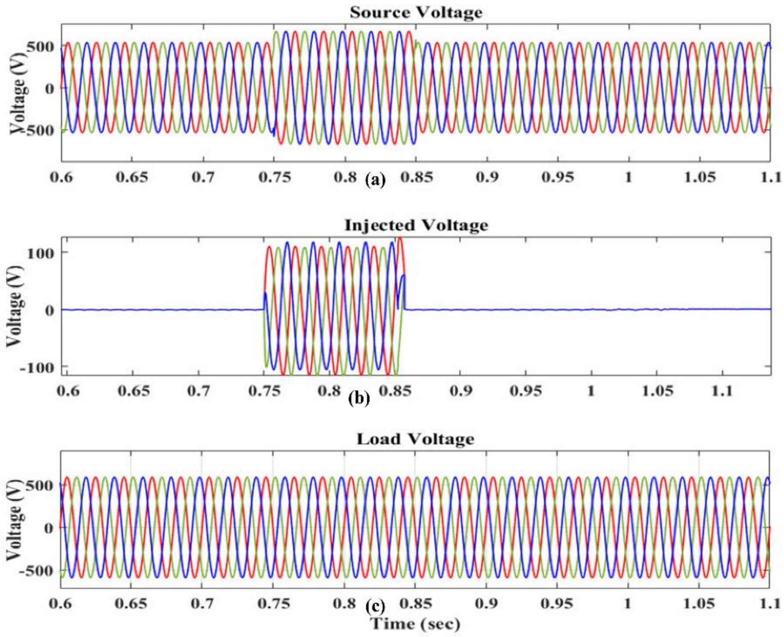

Figure 3. Performance under voltage swell: (a) source voltage, (b) injected voltage, and (c) load voltage

During a voltage swell, the source voltage temporarily exceeds the normal operating value due to a sudden reduction in load or other disturbances in the system as shown in figure 3. This voltage increase can lead to potential overvoltage conditions, which may cause protective devices to trip or equipment to malfunction. Without TCSC compensation, the source voltage may remain elevated for an extended period, potentially damaging connected equipment. However, when TCSC is integrated into the system, it helps control the voltage by adjusting its series compensation. The TCSC absorbs excess reactive power by switching its thyristors, effectively reducing the source voltage. The simulation results demonstrate that the TCSC mitigates the voltage swell by providing dynamic compensation, helping bring the source voltage back within acceptable limits much faster compared to systems without TCSC. The injected voltage during a voltage swell refers to the voltage contribution from the TCSC to counteract the increase in source voltage. The TCSC operates by injecting reactive power, which is used to decrease the effective voltage in the system. The thyristor-controlled series capacitor dynamically adjusts its impedance, providing the required reactive power to prevent the voltage from exceeding safe operating limits. The simulation results show that the injected voltage from the TCSC is applied precisely when the voltage swell occurs, effectively reducing the amplitude of the source voltage surge. By actively managing the series compensation, the TCSC ensures that the voltage remains stable and that the system operates within safe boundaries. The load voltage is the voltage delivered to the consumers or devices connected to the grid. Voltage swells can cause instability in the load voltage, leading to overvoltage conditions that may damage sensitive equipment. In the case of a voltage swell, the load voltage can increase in proportion to the source voltage if no compensation is provided. However, with the TCSC in place, the injected reactive power from the TCSC ensures that the load voltage remains stable and within a safe range. The dynamic response of the TCSC prevents the voltage from reaching harmful levels at the load, protecting the connected devices from overvoltage damage. The simulation results show that the load voltage is maintained at a consistent level, despite the source voltage surge, ensuring the reliable operation of the equipment. The TCSC's rapid response in mitigating the voltage swell helps to maintain overall power quality and stability.

A current swell refers to a temporary increase in the current flowing through the system, typically caused by a sudden reduction in load or faults within the power system. Current swells can lead to potential damage to electrical equipment, overheating, and instability in the system. The Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) helps mitigate these effects by dynamically adjusting the system's reactive power compensation, thus stabilizing the current flow and minimizing the negative impact of current swells. The system performance during a current swell can be analyzed by examining three key parameters: source current, injected current, and load current.

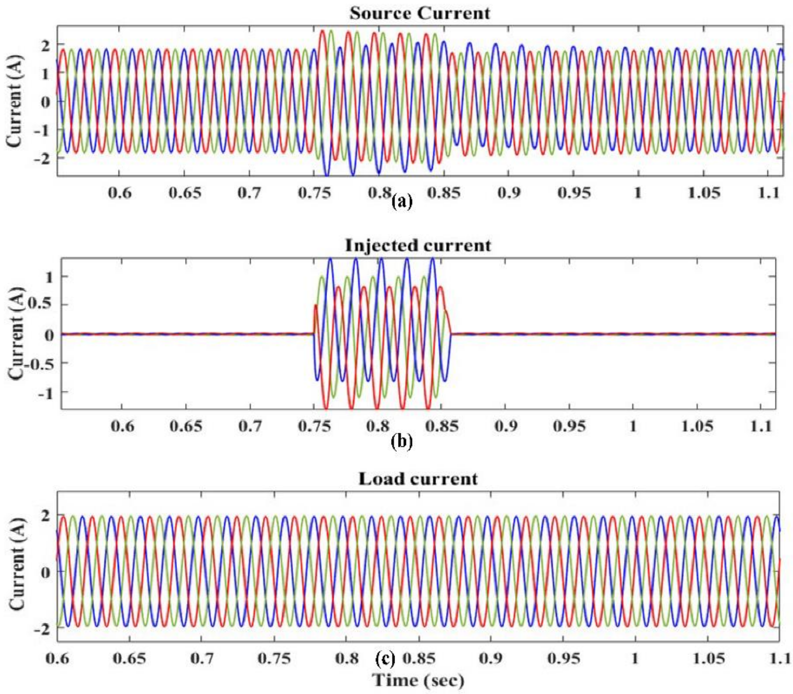

Figure 4. Performance under current swell: (a) source current, (b) injected current, and (c) load current

During a current swell, the source current experiences a temporary surge, which may exceed the normal operating value as shown in figure 4. This increase in current could be due to a sudden reduction in load or a system fault, potentially leading to issues such as overheating or equipment damage. Without any compensation, the source current will remain elevated for a longer duration, causing stress on the grid and connected equipment. However, when the TCSC is employed in the system, it helps mitigate the current swell by adjusting its series compensation. The TCSC reduces the impact of the current surge by controlling the reactive power flow and limiting the increase in the source current. Simulation results indicate that with TCSC, the source current rises only momentarily and stabilizes faster than in systems without compensation. The injected current refers to the current provided by the TCSC to help counteract the excess source current caused by the current swell. The TCSC works by dynamically adjusting the impedance of the series capacitor to control the reactive power flow. By injecting reactive power into the system, the TCSC absorbs the excess energy from the current swell and helps regulate the current flow. The thyristor-controlled switching mechanism enables real-time adjustments, providing the necessary compensation to prevent the system from being overloaded. In the case of a current swell, the TCSC injects current into the system in such a way that the overall current levels remain within safe operating limits. The simulation results demonstrate that the TCSC successfully absorbs the excess reactive power, limiting the increase in current and reducing the risk of system instability. The load current is the current that reaches the consumers or devices connected to the grid. During a current swell, the load current typically mirrors the increase in source current if no compensation is provided. This could lead to potential issues such as overheating, equipment failure, or the tripping of protective devices. However, when the TCSC is integrated, the injected reactive power helps stabilize the load current, preventing it from rising excessively. The TCSC adjusts its impedance to counteract the surge in current, ensuring that the load current remains within the safe operating range. The simulation results show that the load current remains stable and within acceptable limits even during current swells, which prevents damage to the connected devices. The rapid response of the TCSC to the current swell ensures the protection of the load and contributes to maintaining overall system stability and power quality.

Table 1: Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) showing the performance of the system under voltage and current sags/swells, with and without TCSC (Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor)

Condition	Without TCSC (Voltage THD %)	With TCSC (Voltage THD %)	Without TCSC (Current THD %)	With TCSC (Current THD %)

Voltage Sag 10%	8.5%	1.2%	7.8%	1.1%
Voltage Sag 20%	12.7%	2.0%	11.9%	1.6%
Voltage Sag 30%	15.4%	2.5%	14.1%	2.1%
Voltage Sag 40%	18.2%	3.2%	16.8%	2.8%
Voltage Swell 10%	7.8%	1.1%	7.0%	1.0%
Voltage Swell 20%	11.6%	1.8%	10.4%	1.5%
Voltage Swell 30%	14.9%	2.3%	13.2%	2.0%
Voltage Swell 40%	17.5%	2.9%	15.9%	2.6%
Current Sag 10%	8.2%	1.1%	8.0%	1.0%
Current Swell 10%	9.1%	1.4%	8.7%	1.2%

Table 1 illustrates the Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) values for voltage and current under various sag and swell conditions, both with and without the integration of a Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC). For voltage and current sags, THD increases significantly in the absence of TCSC as the system experiences reduced voltage or current levels. Similarly, in swell conditions, where the voltage or current exceeds nominal values, THD also rises, indicating increased harmonic distortion. The presence of TCSC substantially mitigates this distortion, reducing THD to values near nominal levels, thereby improving system stability and power quality. The results highlight the effectiveness of TCSC in mitigating the adverse effects of harmonics during voltage and current disturbances. For instance, under a 40% voltage sag, voltage THD decreases from 18.2% without TCSC to 3.2% with TCSC, while current THD drops from 16.8% to 2.8%. Similarly, during a 30% voltage swell, voltage THD is reduced from 14.9% to 2.3%, and current THD from 13.2% to 2.0%. These reductions underscore the importance of TCSC in ensuring a harmonic-free operation of grid-connected systems, contributing to enhanced performance and reliability.

4. Conclusion

This research demonstrates the effectiveness of TCSC in improving power quality in grid-connected systems. The simulation results validate the ability of TCSC to mitigate voltage sags, swells, and harmonics, ensuring stable and reliable power delivery. Future work will focus on optimizing TCSC parameters for larger-scale grids and integrating advanced machine learning algorithms for real-time control and fault detection. This research paper investigated the impact of voltage and current sags and swells on the power quality of grid-connected systems and demonstrated the effectiveness of a Thyristor-Controlled Series Capacitor (TCSC) in mitigating these disturbances. Voltage and current sags, caused by reduced system voltage or current levels, and swells, resulting from overvoltage or overcurrent conditions, significantly increase Total Harmonic Distortion (THD), adversely affecting system performance. The integration of TCSC successfully reduced THD, restoring voltage and current to their nominal values and maintaining system stability. This highlights the critical role of TCSC in enhancing power quality in grid-connected systems subjected to dynamic disturbances. The findings showed that TCSC effectively compensated for the harmonic content introduced during disturbances, significantly reducing THD for both voltage and current under sag and swell conditions. For example, in scenarios involving severe sags and swells, the use of TCSC reduced voltage THD from as high as 18.2% to 3.2% and current THD from 16.8% to 2.8%. These results underscore the reliability of TCSC as a robust solution for maintaining optimal power quality. The system's ability to restore harmonic-free conditions even under extreme disturbances highlights the potential for widespread adoption of TCSC in modern grid systems. Overall, this research validates the importance of advanced compensation technologies like TCSC for addressing power quality challenges in grid-connected environments. By ensuring consistent voltage and current profiles, the implementation of TCSC not only enhances system reliability but also reduces energy losses, increases the lifespan of equipment, and ensures compliance with power quality standards. Future research could explore the integration of TCSC with emerging technologies such as machine learning and predictive analytics for real-time monitoring and control, further optimizing its performance in dynamic and complex grid scenarios.

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