

Management of Disaster in Distribution Line using Flexible Capacitors Placement

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Abstract—This paper proposes a scheme of using flexible capacitor placement to mitigate the occurrence of disaster in a distribution system. The configuration of a distribution network is different from a transmission network. Disasters, man-made or natural, lead to the malfunctioning of a distribution network. Sometimes the total collapse of the distribution network occurs. Distribution systems are typically radial; the loop power flow does not exist. Distribution systems include the inductive loads along with transformers and lines, which account for quite significant power loss due to lagging current.

The voltage profile of the distribution line is adversely affected by the reactive power demand. When the reactive power demand by the load is not met by the distribution system, the voltage fluctuates and with the result, the transients are developed in the transformer windings. The cumulative effect of the poor voltage profile within no time leads to the disaster. In order to mitigate the disaster, the reactive power compensation is the ultimate tool that can be used economically and efficiently to manage the reactive power so that the distribution system gets a smooth and flat voltage profile.

The introduction of strategically sized and placed shunt capacitors within the distribution system helps to counteract the losses created due to an inductive system by increasing the system capacity, reducing system losses and improving the voltage profile. The problem of capacitor allocation includes the location, type (fixed or switched), and size of capacitor. The sizing of capacitor is determined by a simple capacitor-sizing algorithm developed in MATLAB.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Often distribution lines reach the limit of their power handling capacity and become overloaded under certain loading conditions. In some cases a new distribution line is necessary to supply the peak power required by the load [1]. In others, the problem is alleviated by capacitor placement, and the investment in a new line is postponed. This avoids the possibility of manmade disaster.

Power factor correction is considered to be the best economic option in networks with high reactive demand levels. Numerous technical and economical benefits can be realized

through the implementation of correctly sized and placed shunt capacitors in a distribution network [2]. These benefits include (but are not limited to), power loss reduction, improved voltage profiles, reduced loading, increased transformer ratings and often a postponement in costly network upgrades. Other than the disaster management, the capacitors allocation gives added advantages like power loss reduction, which is also a fruitful outcome of the capacitor placement.

Correcting power factor reduces network losses, loss reduction occurs from the point in the network where the correction is performed, through to the source of generation. To maximize benefits, power factor correction should be implemented as close to the customer load as possible [3]. However, due to economies of scale, installation of capacitors at the LV level is very costly for a distribution company when compared against HV options. "Losses decline since the capacitor banks along the feeder and at the customer premise now supply the reactive demand of the load. Unlike zone substation capacitor installations, loss reductions are achieved in the HV distribution feeders and the LV network [4]. These reductions can be substantial". Table 1 demonstrates the potential loss savings that can be achieved by correcting power factor.

Table 1

PF	Potential Loss Saving
0.95	10 %
0.90	19 %
0.85	28 %
0.80	35 %

Potential theoretical loss savings by correcting power factor to unity at the customer side

2. IMPROVED VOLTAGE PROFILE

"Highly utilized feeders with high reactive demands have poor voltage profiles. Large voltage variations at the ends of feeders can occur as the load changes, particularly when loading levels change dramatically, as in the case with temperature sensitive loads."

Traditionally, line drop compensation or voltage regulators are required to address this problem. With the inclusion of distributed capacitors along a feeder, and by switching them according to the reactive power demand a “flatter” voltage profile can be achieved[5]. By attempting to keep the power factor close to unity along the section in question, the need for line drop compensation and expensive voltage regulators can be minimized or even eliminated in certain situations. to enhance the capability of substation informatics. Further this knowledge can be used by various utility groups for better overall management of the system[6]. Automation functions can also be increased and optimized if decision support tools are designed and integrated in the system using the knowledge obtained from the database. Such tools when integrated in substations will enhance the substation automation functionality

Objectives of the research are:

- To save the Distribution System from pre disaster voltage fluctuations which may turn to a disaster .
- To compensate the power system giving the reactive power with the help of fixed and switched capacitors
- To improve the voltage profile of the distribution system
- To design a classifier to analyze the unseen events like state of the system

3. METHODOLOGY OF CAPACITOR SIZING & IMPLEMENTATION

IEEE 30 bus system is taken for standard test case. After finding the Capacitor suitability index for different nodes using Fuzzy inference system, a capacitor sizing program is executed in MATLAB to obtain optimal size of the capacitor. The capacitor sizing algorithm described below was successfully implemented as a minor project using the real time data obtained from BSES .The sizing obtained using the newly developed algorithm was compared with the BSES capacitor placement algorithm and validated. Data from IEEE 30 bus system is taken for standard test case [5]. After finding the Capacitor suitability index for different nodes using Fuzzy inference system, a capacitor sizing program in MATLAB is run by importing the real time inputs from excel data sheet using EXCELLINK function[7] By using the Input data simulations were performed in MATLAB to obtain the following:

The reactive power (Qreq) required.

The rounded off uncompensated reactive power.

The minimum numbers of fixed capacitors required.

The reactive power remaining after fixed capacitor placement.

Improved power factor after fixed capacitor placement.

The number of switched capacitor required

The total remaining reactive power after placement of fixed & switched capacitors.

The total power factor improved.

Check for overcompensation and correction.

Rise in the receiving end voltage.

Total saving per year and payback due to capacitor placement.

The obtained results were exported and stored in a excel datasheet.

To achieve this MATLAB program is developed to export the results.

To analyze the results graphs were plotted for input data i.e. input MW and PF when no compensation is done, taking X axis as real time[8].

Graphs were also plotted between results obtained and time.

4. PROBLEM FORMULATION

The input data used for simulation in MATLAB program is obtained from standard test case i.e. IEEE 30 bus system. The input data are as in results

Using the input data a formula is developed to obtain the Q required

$$Q_{req} = KW * \sqrt{(1 - pf^2) / pf} \quad (1)$$

Where

Q_{req} = Reactive power required

KW = Max. Demand in KW

pf = Powerfactor before compensation

The above formulae is obtained by using the conventional basic formulae of Electrical engineering [10] & used as base for developing the program.

After calculating the Q_{req} , Qcheck is compared with the KVAR rating of the capacitor module. Now if the Qcheck is greater than or equal to KVAR then the number of fixed capacitors required is determined by using the formulae,

$$N_f = Q_{uncompensated} / KVAR \quad (2)$$

Where

N_f = No. of fixed capacitors required

$Q_{uncompensated}$ = Min. of Reactive Power before Compensation

KVAR = Rating of capacitor module

Else it is inferred that there is no need of capacitor placement at that moment Improved power factor after placing the fixed capacitor is found by using the formula:

$$PF_{improved} = \cos(\tan^{-1}(Q_{rem}/KW)) \quad (3)$$

Where

$PF_{improved}$ = Powerfactor improved after placement of fixed capacitor

Qrem= Remaining required Reactive Power after placement of fixed Capacitor
 KW = Max. Demand in KW

In the next step the Qrem is obtained in order to see that whether there is any need of switched/flexible capacitors. If Qrem is greater than zero then the number of switched capacitors is obtained by the formula:-

$$\text{switch} = \text{Qrem}/\text{KVAR} \quad (4)$$

Where

switch = No. of switched capacitor required

Qrem = Remaining required Reactive Power after placement of fixed Capacitor

KVAR = Rating of capacitor module

QremT is obtained by using the formulae:

$$\text{QremT} = \text{Qreq} - (\text{KVAR} * \text{Total no of cap.})$$

Where

QremT = Reactive Power required after placement of both fixed and switched capacitors

KVAR = Rating of capacitor module

The overcompensation of the distribution line is checked by the condition QremT is smaller than zero then the number of switched capacitor is reduced by 1 to avoid overcompensation

The voltage rise is obtained due to total capacitor placement to analyze the effect of capacitor placement in performance of line.

Finally saving per year and payback period for total capacitor placement is obtained.

The author has used the fuzzy logic approach using MAMDANI model and the suitable nodes were obtained for the fixed and flexible capacitors.

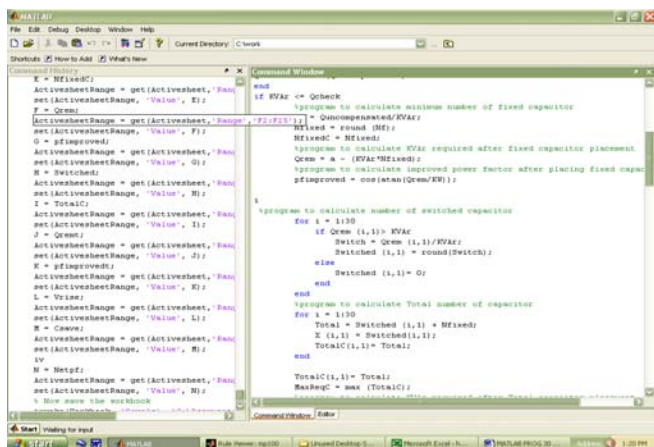


Fig. 1: Program in MATLAB for the implemented capacitor sizing\

The concept of fixed capacitors came into picture because there is always a minimum requirement of reactive power in the power system and the significance of the role of reactive power in Electrical Power Management is very significant. The cost of fixed capacitors are less as compare to the flexible capacitor therefore fixed capacitors are placed for the value of the reactive power demand which is always required by the system.

5. RESULTS

The data is taken from IEEE 30 Bus standard test system. Load flow program is run to obtain Power loss indices.

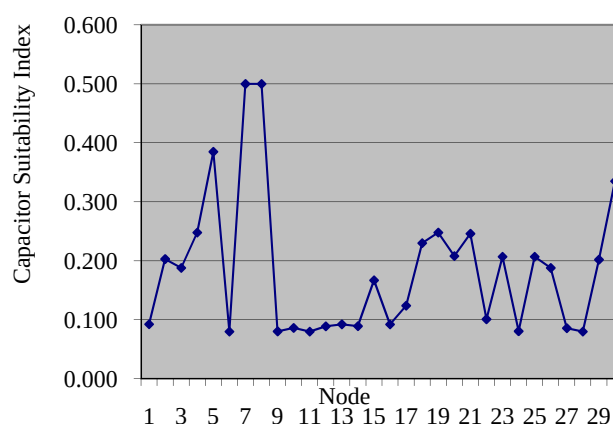


Fig. 2: Graph 1- Capacitor Suitability index Vs Node

It is well obvious from the graph 1 that Highest CSI is of node 7 and 8.

POWER LOSS INDEX Vs NODE

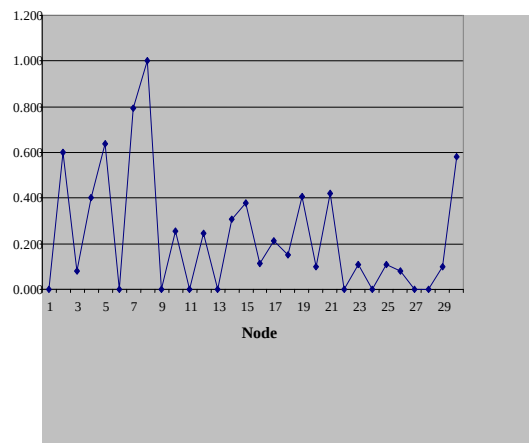


Fig. 3: Graph 2- Power Loss index Vs Node

The Fuzzy Inference System is developed in which two inputs i.e. per unit voltage and PLI is chosen and output is Capacitor suitability indices[9]. The two highest CSI is found to be of node 7 and 8. The CSI of all the nodes are obtained. The results shows the justification of using the fixed and switched capacitor placement in the distribution line .The placement of the fixed capacitors in the distribution lines used in the past encountered the problem of overcompensation where when the reactive power demand reduces results in the overvoltage problem as the fixed capacitors are placed for a particular calculated load to give the line reactive power compensation for the existing load.

From Fig. 3 graph 2 it is seen that Power Loss Index is also highest for node 7 and 8.

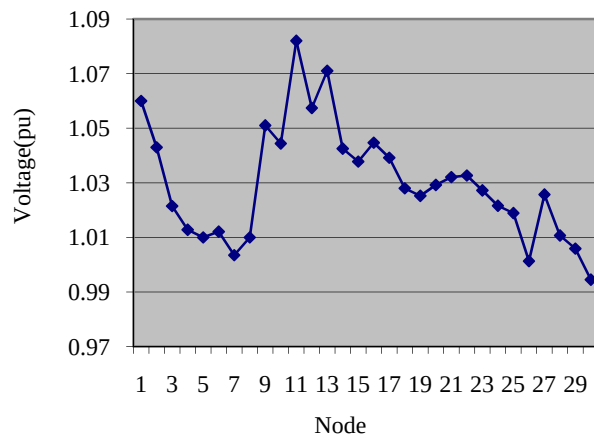


Fig. 4: Graph 3- Power Loss index Vs Node

From Fig. 4 graph 3 it is evident that V PU is lowest at node 7 and 8. The twenty five IF-THEN rules are fired to get the above values of CSIs. The location of capacitor placement is decided by analyzing the CSI of individual loads.

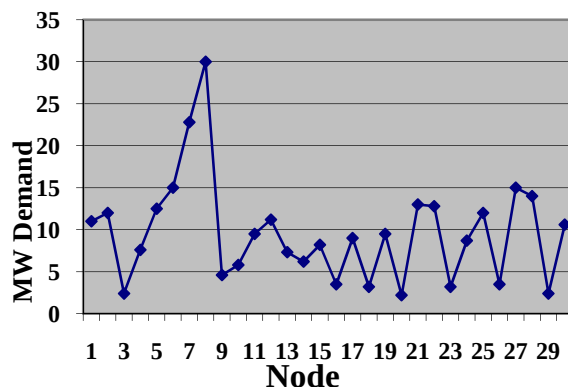


Fig. 5: Graph 4- MW demand Vs Node

The result of capacitor sizing algorithm is given in tabular form .The analysis of graph between reactive power demand and node justifies the necessity of Fixed and Switched capacitors to be placed in radial distribution system. The cost and maintenance of fixed capacitor is less than that of switched and if the minimum requirement of the nodes is met by fixed capacitor

Graph 4-6 is plotted for input active power, Power factor & Reactive power before compensation.

From Fig. 5graph 4 it is observed that there is a continuous variation in active power required. Hence the need for compensation is justified

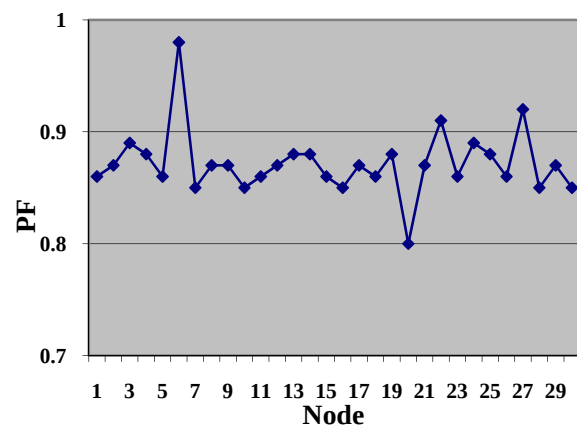


Fig. 6: Graph 5- PF before Compensation Vs Node

From Fig. 6graph 5 it is seen that without compensation the power factor of the distribution line is low & varies over a wide range, which means that the power quality is poor and the conventional method of using only fixed capacitor bank for compensation will not be economical and efficient. Therefore we require a mix of both fixed as well as switched capacitor bank in order to improve the power quality.

The Manmade disaster in distribution system is due to excessive demand of reactive power which if not met by the distribution companies leads to the collapse of the power distribution system

From Fig. 7 graph 6 shows that 2 fixed capacitors are required for the minimum of the reactive power requirement for 30 nodes.

The program is run in MATLAB and data exported to spread sheet is taken for analysis. The results obtained were compared with the actual results of capacitor placements of BSES and were found quite comparable with their costly software for placement of fixed & switched capacitors.

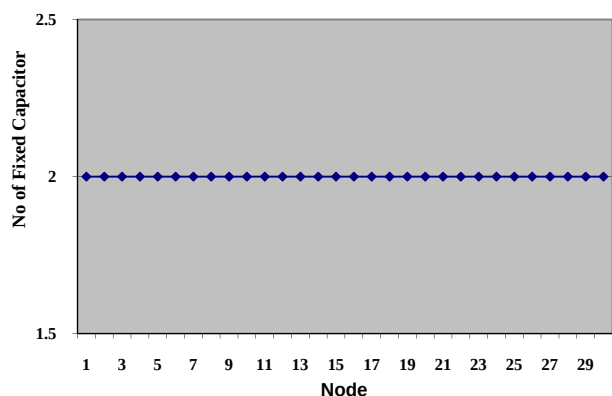


Fig. 7 Graph 6- No. of Fixed capacitor Vs Node

The analysis of the result obtained by the Fuzzy Inference system and Capacitor Sizing Algorithm agrees with the benefits of capacitor placement and justifies the concept of using Fixed and Switched capacitors in radial Distribution System.

The data is taken from IEEE 30 Bus standard test system.. The two highest CSI is found to be of node 7 and 8. The CSI of all the nodes are obtained.

6. CONCLUSION

For managing the disaster due to reactive power demand capacitor placement is done in radial distribution line which also yields benefits due to peak power loss reduction, energy loss reduction, and benefits due to released generation, increased transmission and substation capacity and increased revenue due to voltage improvements and power factor correction.

By analyzing the results it can be concluded that the minimum reactive power requirement can be met by fixed capacitor placement, which is cheaper in cost and has less maintenance as compared to the switched capacitors.

Using modules of lower KVAR rating the cost of capacitor placement increases although the control and improvement of power quality is much better.

Using a single fixed capacitor module rather than using a large numbers of fixed capacitors of smaller ratings can reduce the cost factor.

Using SCADA the implementation of the placement of the flexible capacitors can be done more quickly It is observed that the investment on fixed and switched capacitors leads to annual saving with less payback period which implies that the capital cost of capacitor placement is fully justified with the

improvement of Power factor, Voltage profile and Power quality.

The present work was discussed with BSES and NDPL DISCOMS in Delhi India for implementation in their SCADA system as the MATLAB program developed is very simple & incorporates the basics of power system with least input required. Using SCADA for optimal and most effective solution will solve the capacitor placement problem.

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