

Design and Mitigation Techniques of MV- Capacitor Bank Switching Transients on 132 KV Substation

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the techniques to mitigate transients caused by capacitor switching in the distribution system. It includes the theory of capacitive switching transients with different methods of mitigation. The paper uses MATLAB/SIMULINK software package to simulate the specific mitigation devices. The mathematical calculations of different parameters such as transient voltages, current, and frequencies for each device are compared with obtained value from the simulations of each case study.

Keywords: Capacitor Switching, Capacitor inrush current, switching transients, Surge arresters, Energization inrush, Pre- insertion of a resistor, MATLAB/SIMULINK

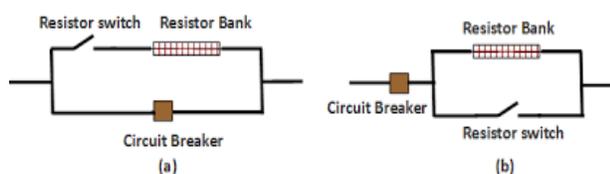
INTRODUCTION

POWER-FACTOR improvement increases transformers and lines capacities, decreases the power loss of distribution feeders, improves voltage drops and minimizes the electric bills for consumers [1, 2]. Inrush current leads to make failure for system equipment. This current usually generates extremely high transient over voltage [3]. Presence of capacitor banks in power systems provide many benefits but at the same time there are several problems appear during capacitor switching and have various effects on power quality. First one is transient overvoltage; the second is inrush current with high amplitude and frequency. The last is the capacitor switching that grows up the amplitude and frequency of harmonic signal [4]. As it is known over voltages occur in systems when the system voltage rises over 110 % of nominal rated voltage [5].

The riskiness of the capacitor switching effect is specified by the size of capacitor and the network impedance. The worst state occurs when the capacitor bank is energized close to a bank that is already connected [6]. To reduce transient overvoltage and inrush current during capacitor switching [7], there are various techniques to reduce that negative effects. Methods of transient's mitigation are classified as follow [8, 9]

Pre-insertion Resistors

The use of pre-insertion resistors is one of classical methods which have been used for controlling capacitor-bank switching overvoltage but still effective remedy. The addition of pre-insertion resistors helps to minimize the severity of the transient by momentarily providing greater losses in the circuit, which leads to a reduction of the peak values of the voltage and current transients [10, 11]. The pre-insertion is accomplished by movable contacts where switch first contacts the resistor before making contact with the capacitor.



Surge arrester

It may be a gadget to ensure electrical gear from over-voltage homeless people caused by outside (lightning) or inner (exchanging) occasions. Moreover called a surge assurance gadget (SPD) or transitory voltage surge silencer (TVSS), this course of gadget is utilized to ensure hardware in control transmission and dispersion frameworks. (For customer gear assurance, distinctive items called surge defenders are utilized.) The vitality measure for different separator materials can be compared by motivation proportion. A surge arrester ought to have a moo motivation proportion, so that a surge occurrence on the surge arrester may be bypassed to the ground rather than passing through the apparatus.



Fig. 1 Surge arrester

Benefits of Improving Power Factor

1. Industrial and commercial customers avoid power factor penalty charges.
2. Reduced currents results in reduced losses (I²R)
3. The efficiency of the power system is increased because real power flow is maximized and reactive power flow is minimized.
4. Voltage drop will be minimized. Voltages below equipment ratings cause reduced efficiency, increased current, and reduced starting torque in motors.[4]

Problem Description

Problem definition for the switching of capacitor several conventional methods is being used. Fixed reactor or pre inserted reactors are creating the resonance problem. Capacitor voltage levels are also needs to increase due to series reactor. Hence the DC series reactor is proposed to avoid the above mentioned issues. DC reactor provides the high impedance through a three phase coupling transformer during energizing instants. However during the steady state operation, DC reactor charges and discharges continuously.

DESIGN LAYOUT OF 132 KV GSS

Theoretical Background

A small station is a part of an electric living-stage, sending (power and so on) and distribution system. The group of parts of apparatus used to change some qualities (e.g.

voltage, number of times, p.f. A.C. to D.C. and so on.) of an electric supply is named a small station. Some of the main operations of small stations are:

- > To receive energy transmitted at high voltage from the generating stations.
- > To decrease the voltage to a value appropriate for local distribution.
- > To provide switching facilities

Electrical Substation

An electric substation is a less important station of an electric living-stage, sending (power and so on) and distribution system where electric force is greatly changed from high to low or the opposite using transformers Electric power may move liquid-like through several small stations between producing plant and user, and may be changed in electric force in several steps. A small station that has a step-up transformer increases the voltage while dropping [process the current, while a step-down transformer drops the electric force while increasing the current for kept by man and trading, business like distribution. [52]

Substations generally have:

- > Switching equipment
- > Protection equipment
- > Control equipment
- > One or more transformers

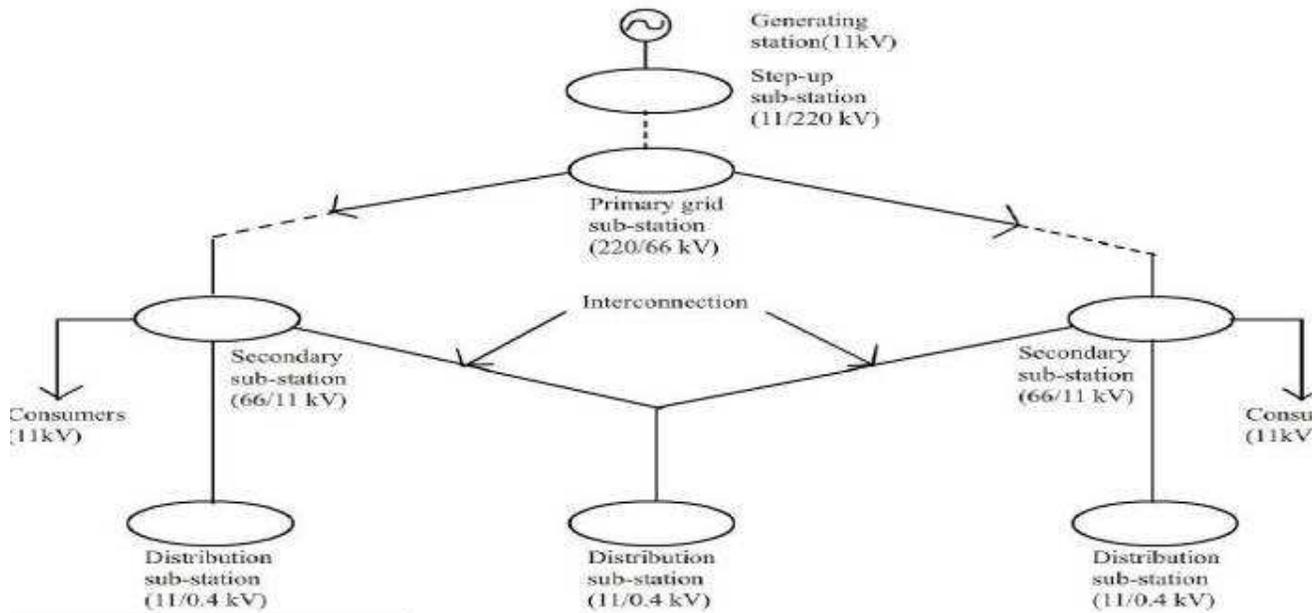


Fig. 2 Block Diagram of Typical Electrical Supply System

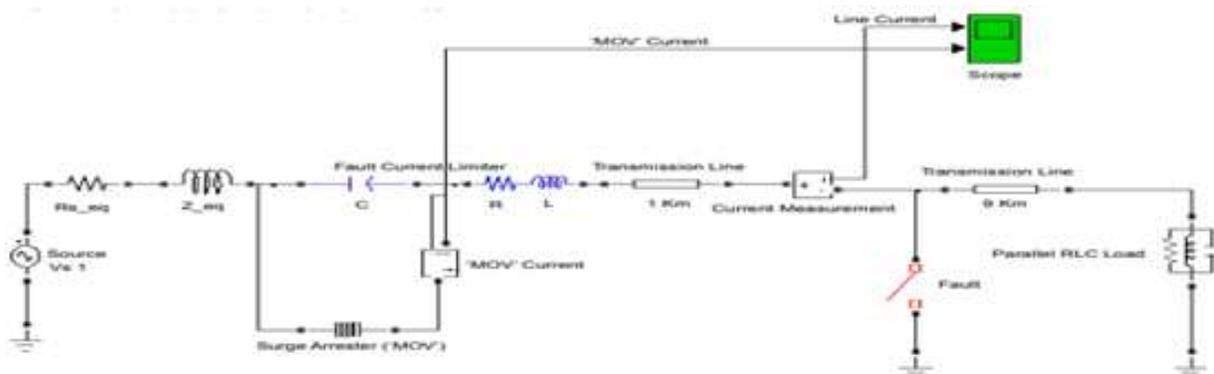
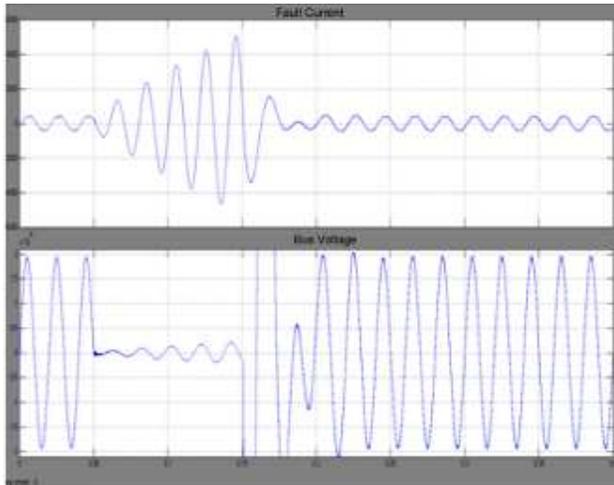
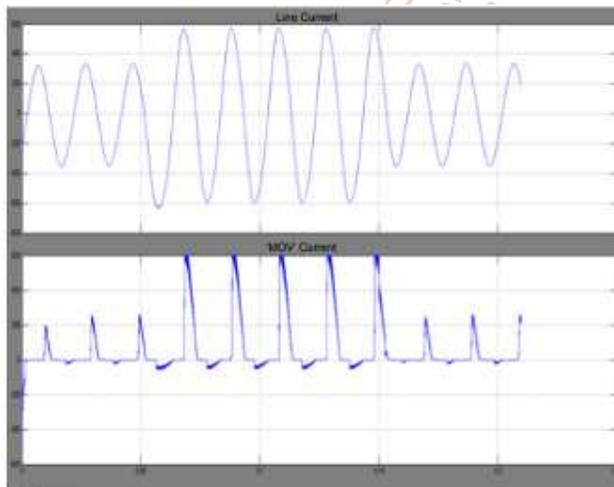


Fig. 3 MATLAB Model in Current limiting Reactor in 132 KV GSS

1. Primary voltage (HV side) 132 kV-50 Hz, with a short circuit power of 2400 MVA, secondary voltage (MV side) 20 kV, insulated neutral.
2. Main transformer 132/20 kV, 40 MVA, short circuit voltage $U_{cc} = 13\%$, copper losses 0.6%.
3. Ten departing lines of rated power 5 MVA and 10 km length each (line's parameters: parameters: series resistance 0.224 Ω /Km, series inductance 1.13mH/km, capacity 10.3nF/Km.
4. Line's actual loads are 4.4 MW and 2.3 MVAR (PF 0.88) each



Fault Current (Ampere) and Bus Voltage (Volt)



Line Current (Ampere) and 'MOV' Current (Ampere)

The current limiting reactor is an inductive coil having a large inductive reactances in comparison to their resistance and is used for limiting short circuit currents during fault conditions. Current-voltage reactors also reduced the voltage disturbances on the rest of the system.

Conclusion

Devices used for this power system are more vulnerable to power quality variations than equipment's as applied in past decays. We have analyzed three techniques to mitigate the switching transients. It has been observed that practically current limiting reactor is expensive than the Other technique, for high voltage switchgear, surge arresters technique is used which is less expensive. But, ideally, pre insertion resistor method can have ideal component values to mitigate the capacitor switching transient.

Therefore the other two techniques to be considered to reduce the transients in voltages and current. But, also in lesser degree values. Still, its effect was noticeable and lasted for a few milliseconds. Hence, this is to conclude that practically current limiting reactor has the higher cost, here in MV switchgear **surge arrester is the best choice to reduce transients with less complexity and cost of the equipment are concerned.**

Future Scope

1. Fast varying dynamic reactive power compensation.
2. Voltage sag mitigation at the time of Induction Motor starting.
3. Also it can be used for, at the time of long transmission & high rating of transformer charging.
4. Also it can be used for, to avoid resonance condition.

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