

Detection, Classification and Location of Fault in DC Micro grid

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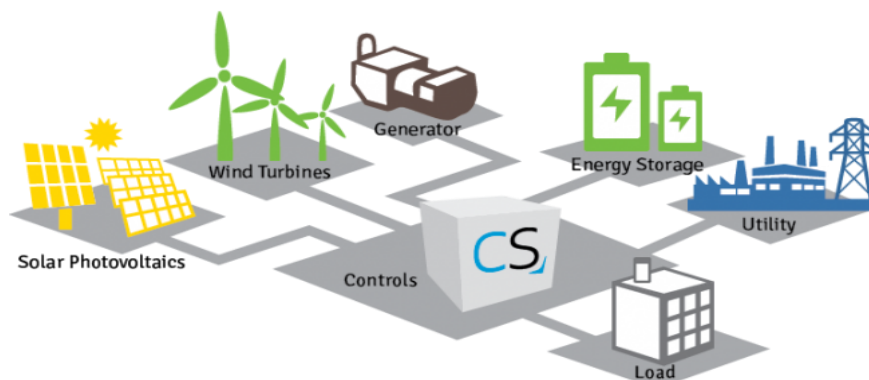
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Abstract: The majority of the population on this world unable to access basic electricity services, this despite the abundance of renewable energy sources (RESs). The inability to adequately tap into these RESs has led to the continued dependence on non-renewable energy sources such as coal for electricity generation, and kerosene for cooking and lighting, the resulting use of which is poor health conditions. The use of Microgrids (MGs) is being extensively researched as a feasible means of tackling the challenge of electrification, especially in rural and remote areas. A new differential current-based fast fault detection and location scheme for multiple Photovoltaic-based dc microgrid is proposed in this paper. A multi-terminal dc (MTDC) distribution network is an effective solution for present grids scenario, where local distribution is incorporated primarily by power electronics based dc loads. PV systems with auxiliary power sources and local loads are used for MTDC connection, especially when a utility grid is integrated with it by voltage source converters. Pole to pole and pole to ground faults are basically considered as dc distribution network hazards. As PV is connected through dc cable, high resistive dc arc faults are studied in present literature.

I. INTRODUCTION

A DC microgrid maintains a DC bus, which feeds DC loads connected to it. Normally, DC loads are low-power rating electronic devices such as laptops, cell phone, wireless phones, DVD players, battery-powered vacuum cleaner, and internet routers. In DC microgrid structure, sources with DC output are connected to DC bus directly, whereas sources with AC output are interfaced to DC bus through AC/DC converter. As the number of DC-generating renewable energy sources is higher as compared to AC-generating sources, lesser converter units are required. This increases the overall efficiency of DC microgrid. In addition, the problem of harmonics due to power electronic converter is not present due to DC nature of output power. Microgrid consists of microgeneration, energy storage system, load and control system and power electronic interfacing converter. The emergence of smaller generating systems such as PV, wind, fuel cell, microturbines have opened new opportunities for on site distributed power generation. Economical challenges, technological advancements and environment impacts are now demanding this distributed generation. To overcome the irregular behavior and increasing penetration of distributed generation microgrid was introduced.



Microgrid Architecture

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Growth of energy demand and environmental concern urge for RESs in smart grid initiatives.

Today energy policy of many countries envisages increased penetration of RESs. Based on the connection of equipment types, networks in the microgrid can be AC, DC or a combination of the two. DC network is more feasible for a demarcated power system, for example, rural power systems, office buildings and ships where the majority of loads are sensitive electronic equipment and electric vehicles. Further advantages with DC microgrid are high efficiency, easy connection of sources to DC bus, negligible transmission loss due to small and localized system, enhanced power transfer capacity and interfacing through more efficient power electronic devices. However, quick detection of a fault, DC arc breaking, DC protective equipment and lack of standards, guidelines and experience are the major issues in DC network protection.

As there are differences in patterns of voltage and current during fault in DC systems compared to AC, the methods available for protection of AC network cannot be copied for DC systems directly. Thus, there is a scope of development for improved protection for DC microgrid.

Power electronic converters are required to connect both AC and DC sources and loads to a common bus (AC or DC type) in a microgrid system. Moreover, DC network uses less stages of conversion. Internal faults in converter include failure of switches such as insulated-gate bipolar transistor (IGBT). Such faults are difficult to be cleared and for a fault tolerant converter system redundant devices are suggested. Fault in DC network with parallel converters is the more severe one. The DC link capacitor of converter and small cable impedance cause severe over current and undervoltage during a fault.

In a DC network, the common fault is of pole-to-ground type and this is because of physical damage, aging or severe electrical stress in cables. Differential current based protection schemes for cable fault in DC network are proposed in and that requires reliable communication channel for instantaneous data transfer between protected devices placed at both ends of the cable. Chances of communication failure and loss of data result in performance limitation of differential scheme. The cost of such protection scheme is also a concern in microgrid.

Motivation

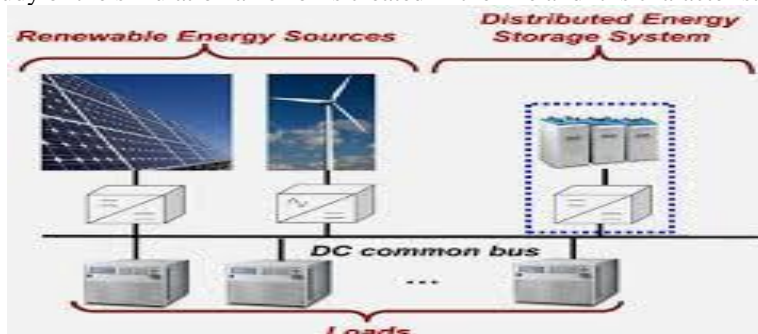
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Objective

To Detect the fault in the network very fast and effectively. To locate the fault accurately. Though so many work are done for detection, classification of fault but still very robust and efficient method are not done so there is a scope for more research in this area.

Problem formulation

- One Model of DC Microgrid with 5 number of DC Panel are taken into consideration they are connected to a common DC bus bar .
- After the study of the simulation an error is created in the line and it is characteristics is studied.



Solution methodology

- A differential current will pass through the EMD and different IMF are obtained.
- Out Of All the IMF the sensitive IMF will be pass through the Hilbert Transform to Obtain the amplitude and frequency to calculate the teager energy.
- Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD) is a signal analysis method with a wide range of applications such as bearing fault detection, biomedical data analysis, power signal analysis, and seismic signals.
- Although EMD has a wide area of applications, there are still issues related to the method that needs to be addressed such as mode mixing, end-effect, and spline problems.

- When the EMD cannot successfully decompose the signal into unique frequency components, then different Intrinsic Mode Functions (IMF) contain the same frequencies as overlapping components. This is known as the mode mixing issue.
- Another problem related to the EMD is the so-called end-effect, where large deviations occur in the interpolation fitting process of EMD resulting in the propagation and corruption of the data span.
- There are various methods proposed to overcome these problems such as “B-spline EMD”, “mask signal improved EMD”, “adaptively fast ensemble empirical mode decomposition”, “improved CEEMD (Complete Ensemble EMD)”, and wavelet packet denoising improved EMD.
- In this paper, a new method is proposed, i.e., the EMD improved with median filtering which provides a filter that eliminates the effects of the impulse noise while decreasing the mode-mixing. Median filter in general allows eliminating the impulse noise in various different signal analysis applications. In the MEMD method, a variable window sized median filter is applied to the IMFs.
- Firstly, EMD is applied to the signal to generate the IMFs. A variable window sized median filter is applied to these IMFs, where a narrow window size is used for high frequency components and a broader window size is used for low frequency components. These filtered IMFs are then summed to reconstruct the signal. EMD is once again applied to the reconstructed signal and the improved IMFs are generated. Comparison of the results of the MEMD and the regular EMD shows that the new method, i.e., MEMD, improves the decomposition in terms of mode mixing, allowing a better decomposition of the each frequency component per IMF

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