Design & Analysis of Autonomous Solar Photovoltaic Hybrid System Using D STATCOM

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Abstract— This paper presents a control algorithm for isolated solar photo-voltaic (PV)-diesel-battery hybrid system with integrated D-STATCOM. The admittance-based control algorithm is used for load balancing, harmonics elimination, and reactive power compensation under three-phase four-wire linear and nonlinear lo ads. The PV array is controlled using a maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithm to obtain the maximum power under unpredictable operating conditions. The battery energy storage system (BESS) is incorporated with diesel engine generator set for the coordinated load management and power flow within the system. Further, the proposed system with the help of D-STATCOM improves the power quality problems and decreases the total harmonic distraction. A four-leg voltage-source converter with BESS also provides neutral current compensation. The performance of the proposed standalone hybrid system with integrated D-STATCOM is studied under different loading conditions developed MATLAB/Simulation of the system.

Keywords: Admittance-Based Control Algorithm, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Diesel Generator (DG) Set, Four-Leg Voltage-Source Converter (VSC), Neutral Current Compensation, Power Quality, Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Array, Standalone System

I. INTRODUCTION

A GLOBAL transition to renewable energy resources is well suited to meet the need for power in remote areas, which lack grid and road infrastructure. The support for the use of renewable energy resources is increasing as global warming is a major environmental concern, and it offers an alternative for future energy supply. Among the available renewable energy resources, solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation is gaining wide acceptance, and it is used for various applications such as household appliances, remote missions, data communications, telecommunication systems, hospitals, electric aircraft, and solar cars [1]. The utilization of the PV power generation is for the reason that it has many advantages such as it gives clean power, is portable in nature, and can be employed for various small-scale applications [2]. However, considering the large fluctuations in the output of PV power, it is imperative to integrate other power sources like a diesel generator (DG) set, battery storage, fuel cells, etc. The performance analysis of standalone systems with PV- and DG-based sources is given in [3]. The design and operation of standalone DG-SPV-battery energy storage (BES) using a peak detection based control approach is shown in [4]. A character triangle function (CTF)-based control approach and its analysis for four-wire standalone distribution system are demonstrated in [5].

An enhanced phase-locked loop (EPLL)-based control approach is shown in [6], wherein three EPLLs are used for extraction of fundamental active and reactive power components of load currents. However, only simulation studies are presented in [4]–[6]. A composite observer-based control approach for standalone PV-DG-based system is used in [7]. However, the authors have provided experimental results, but the control approach in [7] is complex and requires tuning of internal parameters. Unlike the control approach in [7], the proposed system uses a conductance-based simple control approach. Moreover, a detailed experimental study is used to demonstrate all the features of the system. The proposed sys-tem consists of a diesel-engine-driven permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG), PV array, and BES. This micro grid is a representative of a typical rural hospital power supply sys-tem which needs to ensure uninterrupted constant power supply for 24×7 h. Therefore, the PMSG driven by a diesel engine ensures regulated power supply. In order to maintain the efficiency and to reduce the maintenance cost, the DG set is made to operate at 80–100% of its full capacity [8]. This is because, under light-load conditions, the efficiency reduces and the maintenance cost also increases as the DG set is subjected to carbon build up. Usually, to avoid these problems, the DG is operated by keeping a minimum loading of 80% by means of battery charging or the DG is made to turn ON/OFF depending upon the loading [9]–[11]. However, the turn ON/OFF of the DG set is usually not recommended as [12], [13].

1) The load may vary frequently. Therefore, the repeated turn ON/OFF of DG increases the mechanical maintenance.
2) The battery life reduces as the discharging current is high during transient periods.

Besides, the PMSG driven by the diesel engine does not re-quire a separate excitation control. The machine is robust, efficient, brushless construction, and with less maintenance [14]. A battery energy storage system (BESS) is incorporated to provide load leveling in the case of variations in PV array output power.

The BESS is considered as ideal energy storage for a standalone system as compared to compressed air, super capacitors, fly-wheels, pumped hydro, and superconducting magnetic storage [15]–[17]. The implementation of a standalone system devised of PV array, DG set, and BESS intends to fulfill the following requirements

1) To control the point of common coupling (PCC) voltage depending upon the solar irradiance variations, and load fluctuations and unbalances.
2) There is no requirement for the measurement of load for turn ON/OFF of DG.
3) The power quality of the system is improved by reducing the total harmonic distortion (THD) of PCC voltages and DG set currents under IEEE-519 standard.
4) To effectively regulate power flow between source and load.

5) The voltage-source converter (VSC) of BESS provides reactive power compensation and maintains the balanced DG currents. This reduces the vibration of shaft and over-heating of machines.
6) It allows neutral current compensation using four leg VSC.

Nowadays, the rapid increase in the use of nonlinear loads such as computers, electronics appliances, medical equipment, refrigerators, etc., has emphasized the concern for power quality in the electrical distribution system. These loads inject harmonics and distort the current and voltage waveforms causing poor power quality problems. The possible provision for the mitigation of the power quality problems is with inclusion of custom power devices [18] while meeting the IEEE-519 standard. Three-phase four-wire loads are also known to suffer from the problem of neutral current due to nonlinearity and unbalance present in the system. This may produce large amount of neutral current which consists of triple harmonics. The neutral current may cause overloading of the distribution system and causes additional heat losses, which may be dangerous and poses a serious threat to the connected equipment. A four-leg VSC is used for neutral current compensation in addition to mitigate the current harmonics with other reported advantages [19].

Additionally, the flexible operation of the system depends upon implementation of the various control strategies. Some of the control algorithms that have been applied for controlling are multi loop strategy [20], sliding-mode control [21], P controller-based technique [22], FLC-based control method [23], and enhanced phase locked technique [24]. The authors have failed to discuss the power quality and reactive power compensation. The response of these controllers to the unbalance and dynamic conditions is slow.

In this paper, an admittance-based control algorithm [25] is applied for the evaluation of reference power component of source currents in the PV-DG hybrid system. The admittance of the load is estimated using the active and reactive powers of the load. The conductance (GL) and susceptance (BL) are extracted from the estimated active power and reactive power of the three-phase four-wire loads, respectively. It is a simple mathematical formulation based on sinusoidal Fryze current control. This control strategy is based on the Lagrange's multiplier method and the fundamental principle of the PQ theory where the computation through the Clarke's transformation is eliminated. Therefore, it provides an improvement in the mathematical calculations. Here, the inputs are the load currents (iL a , iL b , iL c) and load voltages (va , vb , vc), which are further used for the estimation of the active (p) and reactive (q) power components using the formula mentioned in this paper. The oscillating component of power is eliminated as it is passed through the low-pass filter (LPF) to obtain Pdc and Qdc. These are used for the estimation of the reference conductance and susceptance, thus giving the value for the reference active and reactive power components. This method facilitates the extraction of the fundamental components and compensates independently for the active and reactive powers even when the system comprises of harmonics and unbalances at the PCC. The compensation allows balanced source currents to be drawn from the network. The controller responds faster under the steady-state and dynamic conditions. The control implementation is realized using a four-leg VSC with admittance control algorithm. The performance is verified experimental study using digital signal processor (DSP-dSPACE) under both linear and nonlinear loads.

II. SYSTEM DESIGN AND CONFIGURATION

The standalone system consists of a PV array along with a boost converter, maximum power point tracking (MPPT) controller, diesel-engine-driven PMSG, a four-leg VSC with BESS, and three-phase four-wire ac loads as shown in Fig. 1. The voltage at the PCC is restored by coordinating the reactive power through VSC control. Under varying conditions of generation and loads, BESS offers charging during the daytime when the insolation is large and the load is less. The battery discharges to compensate for any deficits. The DG set operates while maintaining the system frequency under varying generation and loads. The terminal capacitor provides a constant rated terminal voltage at no load. A four-leg VSC is interfaced along with its dc bus. The ripple filter and interfacing inductors are used to eliminate the switching harmonics.
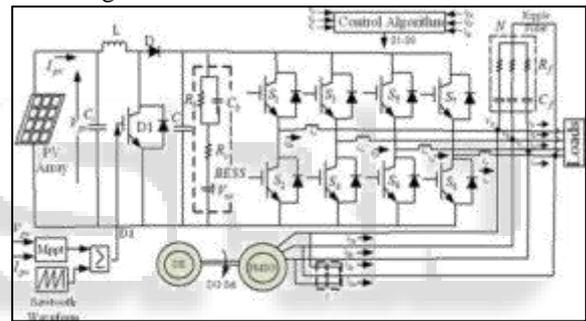

Fig. 1: Schematic diagram of the proposed system.

The considerations required for the selection of various elements are discussed as follows and their values are given in the Appendix.
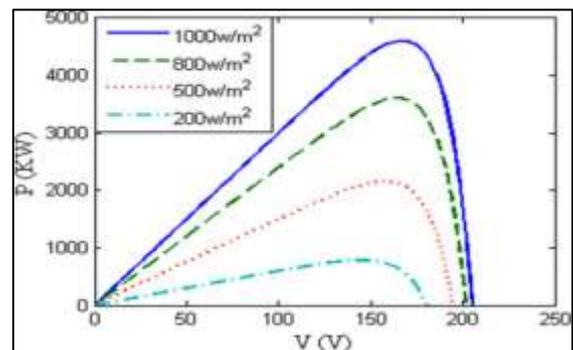
A. Solar PV Array

Fig. 2: PV characteristics.

The PV array is essentially modeled with the series and parallel modules where insolation and ambient temperature acts asinput [26]. The light-generated current of the PV array depends linearly on the solar irradiation and is also influenced by the temperature as shown in Fig. 2. There are ten modules in series resulting in 205 V under open-circuit condition and 100 mod-ules are connected in parallel for 30-A short-circuit current in the PV array. The PV array has

been provided with a MPPT con-roller in order to operate at the maximum power point (MPP) at any given temperature and insolation level. The incremental conductance (IC) algorithm tracks the voltage and current at the maximum power of the solar [27]. This IC method performs good with noise rejection and less confusion due to system dynamics. The IC method has been used here, which presents the MPP depending upon the slope of the power curve. The slope of the curve is zero at MPP. The MPPT controller regulates the control signal of the dc–dc boost converter until the following condition is satisfied:

$$(\partial I / \partial V) = -(I/V). \qquad (1)$$

B. Boost Converter

The design parameters for a boost converter depend upon the current ripple, voltage ripple, and power rating. The boost converter is interfaced with MPPT controller for tracking the maximum power.

It is used to boost the voltage to 400 V to feed power to the battery.

The inductor of the boost converter is given as

$$L_b = \frac{V_{in}DT}{\Delta I} = \frac{165 \times 0.5875 \times 1 \times 10^{\wedge -4}}{0.1 \times 27.27} = 3.55\,\text{mH} \approx 4\,\text{mH} \qquad (2)$$

where Vin is the input voltage. D is the duty cycle, T is the time period, and ΔI is the inductor ripple current. The value of ΔI is taken as 10% of the input current. The variation caused by the ripples on the PV power is taken care with the addition of a capacitor (Ci) at the input of the boost converter as shown in Fig. 1. This absorbs the ripples and smoothen the power flow within the system.
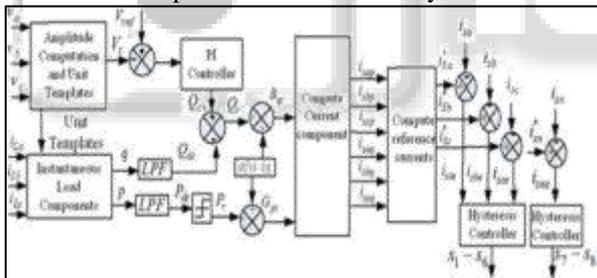

Fig. 3: Admittance-based control algorithm.

C. Battery Energy Storage System

The battery is connected at the dc link of the VSC. The battery is an energy storage unit, its energy is represented in kilowatt-hour, and a capacitor is used to model the battery unit as shown in Fig. 1. A 2.8-kWh capacity battery rack is used for the energy storage. Therefore, 36 sections of 12 V and 7 Ah are connected in series. The parallel configuration of R_b and C_b describes the charging/discharging stored energy and voltage. The value of resistance R_b = 10 kΩ is large, while R_s = 0.1 W is very small for all practical purposes. The battery operates according to the load variations. In conditions, when the load demand has increased, under those conditions, the power stored in the battery is used, and therefore, the battery starts discharging according to its discharge rate. In the case of reduced load demand, the battery charges from the available PV power once the load demand is satisfied.

D. Ripple Filter

The first-order LPF is tuned at half the switching frequency. It is used to filter the switching ripples of a VSC at PCC. The selected switching frequency is 10 kHz. The switching frequency of 10 kHz is selected, as it would give reduced losses and the size of the components is appropriate according to the selected switching frequency as compared to other value of switching frequency. The value of capacitor is taken as 10 μF. The ripple filter consists of a resistor in series with the capacitor. The value of the resistor is considered to be 5 Ω.

III. CONTROL ALGORITHM

The control algorithm extracts the fundamental component of the loads using the admittance control technique. Further, active and reactive power components of the load currents are determined. The proportional integral (PI) control loop produces reactive power (Qcv) for voltage control in order to compensate for any changes in reactive power in support to fluctuations in PCC voltages. The reference susceptance (Bqt) for reactive component of source current is computed by deducting the three phase load reactive power (Qdc) from the PI controller output (Qcv). The reference conductance (Gpt) is estimated using the reference load active power (Pr). The load active power component is limited to operate the DG set at 80–100% of its full-load capacity with VSC-BESS allowing load leveling. Fig. 3 shows the block diagram of the control technique.

The evaluation of the control algorithm demonstrates its robustness and relatively faster response. As it is the simple estimation of the active and reactive power components, the quality of computation is increased. Further, while working with the mathematical calculations, there is no delay for obtaining the results and the occurrence of error within the system is also reduced. Therefore, the system performance improves with this control algorithm.

A. Determination of Unit Templates

The amplitude of PCC voltage Vt and phase voltages are employed for the computation of in-phase unit template

$$V_t = \sqrt{\{2 \times (v_a^2 + v_b^2 + v_c^2)/3\}} \qquad (3)$$

$$u_a = \frac{v_a}{V_t}, \qquad u_b = \frac{v_b}{V_t}, \qquad u_c = \frac{v_c}{V_t}. \qquad (4)$$

The quadrature unit templates are estimated as

$$w_a = (-u_a + u_c)/\sqrt{3} \qquad (5)$$

$$w_b = (3u_a + u_b - u_c)/2\sqrt{3} \qquad (6)$$

$$w_c = (-3u_a + u_b - u_c)/2\sqrt{3}. \qquad (7)$$

B. Admittance Control Technique

The instantaneous load active power (p) and load reactive power (q) components are computed as follows. The calculated instantaneous components of load power consist of ac and dc components. The dc components are extracted using LPF

$$p = \{v_t(u_a i_{La} + u_b i_{Lb} + u_c i_{Lc})\} = P_{dc} + P_{ac} \quad (8)$$

$$q = -\{v_t(w_a i_{La} + w_b i_{Lb} + w_c i_{Lc})\} = Q_{dc} + Q_{ac}. \quad (9)$$

The voltage error for the kth instant at PCC is given as

$$V_e(k) = V_{tref}(k) - V_t(k) \quad (10)$$

where V_{tref} (k) is the terminal ac reference voltage amplitude and V_t (k) is the amplitude of three-phase sensed ac voltages at PCC as given in (10).

The PI controller output for maintaining the PCC voltage at the kth sampling instant is given as

$$Q_{cv}(k) = Q_{cv}(k-1) + k_{pv}[V_e(k) - V_e(k-1)] + k_{iv}V_e(k) \quad (11)$$

where k_{pv} and k_{iv} denote the proportional and integral gains of the PI controller.

The reference reactive power component (Q_i) is computed from the difference of the PI controller output (Q_{cv}) and the load reactive power component (Q_{dc}) as

$Q_r = Q_{cv} - Q_{dc}$. (12)

The active power drawn from the DG set (P_r) is limited to $0.8 P_R \le P_{dc} \le 1.0 P_R$. The reference source active power The reference conductance (G_{pt}) and susceptance (B_{qt}) of the load corresponding to the reference active (P_r) and reactive power (Q_r) components are derived as

$$G_{pt} = P_r / \{V_t^2(3/2)\} \quad (13)$$

$$B_{qt} = Q_r / \{V_t^2(3/2)\} \quad (14)$$

$$i_{Sap} = G_{pt}V_t u_a, \quad i_{Sbp} = G_{pt}V_t u_b, \quad i_{Scp} = G_{pt}V_t u_c \quad (15)$$

$$i_{Saq} = B_{pt}V_t u_a, \quad i_{Sbq} = B_{pt}V_t w_b, \quad i_{Scq} = B_{pt}V_t w_c. \quad (16)$$

The total reference source currents ($i*Sa$, $i*S$ b , $i*S$ c) are obtained as sum of in-phase and quadrature components of reference source currents of individual phases as

$$i_{Sa}^s = i_{sap} + i_{saq}, \quad i_{Sb}^s = i_{sbp} + i_{sbq}, \quad i_{Sc}^s = i_{scp} + i_{scq}. \quad (17)$$

C. Neutral Current Compensation

This fourth leg of VSC provides direct control over the source neutral current. The reference neutral current ($i*Sn$) is compared with the sensed source neutral current (iSn), as shown in Fig. 3. These are used in hysteresis current controller to produce switching signals for four leg of VSC.

IV. DSTATCOM

DSTATCOM is stand for Static Compensator. It is one of the FACTS family devices. To categorize the FACTS Devices, it can be seen by the way they connected to the power systems, either in shunt, series on in shunt-series connection. DSTATCOM can be used on alternating current electricity transmission networks. Basically a DSTATCOM is a system that relates closely with power electronic device. One of the power electronic device that be used in DSTATCOM is voltage source converter (VSC) .Voltage source converter functioning as a source or supplier. It will provide a reactive AC and active AC power to an electrical system. Usually a DSTATCOM is installed to support electricity networks that have a poor power factor and often

poor voltage regulation. Besides that, DSTATCOM can also be used in wind energy, voltage stabilization, and harmonic filtering. It also may be used for the dynamic compensation of power transmission system, providing voltage support and increased transient stability margins. However, the most common use of DSTATCOM is for voltage stability [27].

The general arrangement of DSTATCOM is shown in figure4. DSTATCOM system functioning as same as static VAR Compensator (SVC). Both of them provide shunt compensation by using a voltage source converter. The basic principle of operation of DSTATCOM is generation of a controllable AC voltage source behind a transformer leakage reactance by a voltage source converter connected to a DC capacitor. The voltage difference across the reactance produce active and reactive power exchanges between the DSTATCOM and power system [26].

A D-STATCOM consists of Voltage Source Converter (VSC), a DC energy storage device, a capacitor, and a coupling transformer to connect the D-STATCOM through it in shunt to the distribution network.
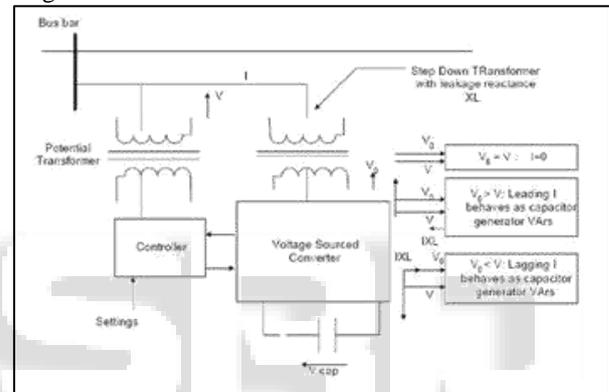

Fig: 4 General arrangement of statcom

A. Main Components of (D STATCOM)

D-STATCOM consists of three main components that is Voltage Source Converter (VSC), Energy Storage Circuit, and it Controller system. Each one of this component play an important role to ensure that D-STATCOM can operate wisely without have any problems.

Voltage Source Converter (VSC) is one of the power electronic devices.VSC is the most important component in D-STATCOM and it can generate a sinusoidal voltage waveform with any required magnitude, with any required phase angle and also with any required frequency. Usually VSC is mostly used in Adjustable Speed Drive but it also can be used to mitigate the voltage sags. VSC is used to replace the voltage or to inject the 'missing voltage'. The missing voltage can be defined as the difference between the actual voltage and the nominal voltage [29].

Normally, the converter is based on some kind of energy storage which will get the supply from the DC voltage. This converter is used the switching based on a sinusoidal PWM method. The PWM offers simplicity and good response. The device that used for the switching is an IGBT power electronic device.

Energy Storage Circuit: The purpose of energy storage is to maintain the DC side voltage of VSC. It can be capacitor or DC source, e.g. battery. Traditional STATCOM only has DC capacitor, thus; only reactive power can be

injected to the power system by STATCOM, whereas both active and reactive power can be injected to the power system by STATCOM if DC source is used. In energy storage circuit, the DC source was connected in parallel with the DC capacitor. DC source is act as a battery that will supply a power meanwhile the DC capacitor is the main reactive energy storage element. It carries the input ripple current of the converter. To charged the DC capacitor, it could be used either a battery source or it could be recharged by the converter itself [30].

Filter and Control part: As the Pulse-Width Modulation (PWM) technique is used in VSC, the output voltage of VSC has switching ripple, which bring harmonics into the current injected to the power system. These harmonics will affect the voltage quality of the power system. Therefore, a relatively small reactor is installed between VSC and the point of the system which the D-STATCOM is connected, to filter those harmonics in the current. The filter can be L-filter, LC-filter and LCL-filter.

V. SIMULATION RESULTS

The response of a standalone system is analyzed under nonlinear load using sim power system toolbox in MATLAB/ SIMULINK. The performance of the system is observed during line outage in one of the three phases at time t = 1.5 s to 1.56 s, as shown in Fig6.
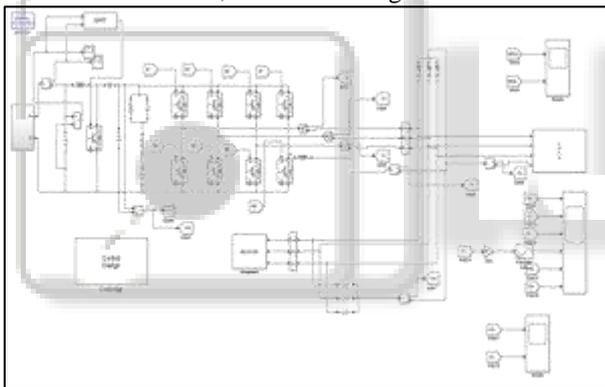

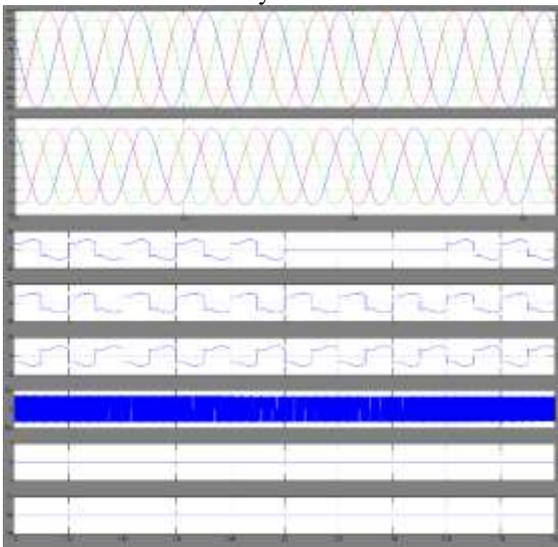Fig. 5: MATLAB/SIMULINK Model for the proposed System

Fig. 6: Performance of the proposed system under unbalance nonlinear load.
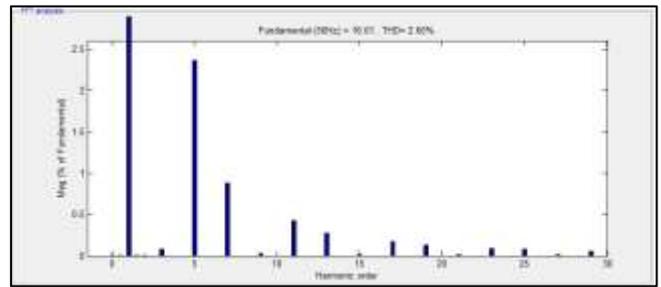

Fig. 7: THD values of Source Current

It is observed that for a subjected load unbalance in the system, the four-leg VSC has the capability of harmonics elimination as the source currents and the source voltages are maintained constant and neutral current compensation is provided while maintaining a zero source neutral current. The neutral current compensation provided by the four-leg VSC is clearly illustrated with the variations in the load neutral current and VSC neutral current waveforms. The system maintains its PCC voltage at the desired level. Moreover, it should be noted that even during unbalanced loading, the supply currents are balanced and sinusoidal there by leading to balanced loading on the DG, which in turn results in reduced maintenance and improved efficiency of DG.

VI. CONCLUSION

The admittance-based control technique has been used for a PV-diesel-battery hybrid system with a D-STATCOM for an uninterrupted power supply (UPS) and power quality improvement. The incremental-based MPPT algorithm has carried maximum solar array power under unpredictable conditions of temperature and insolation radiation. The method has been demonstrated to eliminate harmonics, load balancing, and to provide neutral current compensation by incorporating four-leg VSC in the system. The PCC voltage and frequency have been maintained constant. Satisfactory performance of the system has been observed through MATLAB/Simulation results acquired for steady-state and dynamic conditions under both linear/nonlinear loads.

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