

Active Converter Injection-based Protection for a Photovoltaic DC **Distribution System**

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Additionally, the short time range with blaming features Module Modular Multilevel Converter) architecture is used in makes it difficult to identify the DC line-to-line faults. That's influenced by different converter structures and control calculations. To resolve these issues, an unused blame several contemporary projects in conjunction with DAB (Dual discovery and area strategy based on dynamic converter Active Bridge Unit Transformer) [9][10]. The primary infusion is displayed. The proposed strategy adjusts the protection issue in this situation is that the system is unable to converter to end up a frequency-controllable infusion source produce useful fault information for protection when a DC fault by effectively utilizing the facilitated control between nearby happens between the lines (pole-to-pole) because the high fault assurance and the converters, which can construct a clear current stops the converter in 1-2 mille seconds. There are two security boundary. In addition, this strategy can find the types of algorithms designed to safeguard DC systems: passive blamed zone precisely by selecting the fitting infused and active. The passive techniques can be further divided into consonant recurrence: The DC/DC converter's outlet single-sided protection and double-sided protection based on capacitance and the cable-distributed capacitance have an whether a communication channel and distant end information impact on this. Comparatively with current DC security are needed. In the former scenario, local measurements are the methods, this strategy does not require extra infusion only way to identify the problematic line. Rapidly fluctuating hardware and tall information inspecting recurrence. DC residual currents have been satisfactorily detected using Equipment tests and reenactment comes about are carried voltage leakage-based protection techniques, leakage current out, outlining that the proposed component is successful to (di/dt and d2i/dt2), and under voltage [11][12]. These attain both control and security through the controllability techniques, however, compromise the selectivity of relay of control gadgets.

photovoltaic, Frequency characteristics, Harmonic impedance, However, the DC side reactor may have an effect on the VSC-Active protection.

I. INTRODUCTION

power systems has been extensively researched. In contrast with area, a number of double-sided protection algorithms have been the current AC grid, they provide several benefits, such as put forth. Differential protection [14][15] is the most increased power quality, dependability, and energy efficiency straightforward of these, however reliability may be impacted by [1-3]. Additionally, by facilitating a high penetration of transient currents in the line distribution capacitance. Low-pass distributed renewable energy and DC demands, DC distribution filters have an impact on the protection speed but can remove systems might help future smart grids [4–7]. However, the transient currents from line-dispersed capacitors. In [16], a third inability to accurately identify faults, locate fault areas, isolate study suggests pilot protection using transient voltages. In DCfault areas quickly, and establish clear rules and guidelines limiting reactors, and another event-based prevention technique compromises the defense of DC distribution systems with many in [17] uses communication to discover errors in the current rate terminals. Versatile DC systems for distribution have both of change. Although both forms of protection operate converters between DC and DC and voltage source converters satisfactorily, they are only applicable in systems with a (VSCs). Different converter structures place different demands restricted reactor. on the system protection performance: two-level VSCs, modular multilevel converters (MMCs), and direct current transformers been suggested for DC networks with low and medium

(DCTs) are examples of converters that are vulnerable to DC Abstract: Because of the intricate construction of flexible DC faults in the absence of additional fault current limiters or DC conveyance frameworks with dispersed photovoltaic control, circuit breakers [8]. Because of its powerful fault current single-ended estimation Based security is ineffective. blocking capabilities, the CDSM-MMC (Clamp Doubles Sub-

functioning and do not offer a clearly defined limit. In order to satisfy the selectivity criteria, [13] uses The rate of voltage Keywords—Flexible DC distribution system, Distributed change at the containment reactor as the protection criterion. DC distribution's dynamic performance. In conclusion, it is challenging to detect every flaw on the line of protection in 1-2 ms due to the absence of a specified limit in single-ended The design and analysis of distributed and multi-terminal DC measurement-based protection. To provide a clear protected

Furthermore, the majority of active techniques have

inputs are active ways [18–21] for locating and detecting faults. The primary disadvantage is that, for reliability concerns, the power provider might not permit extra equipment. Furthermore, there is a chance that the localization findings will give false fault spots because of the intricate branch structure of DC distribution networks. As a result, creating new protection principles with high dependability and selectivity is crucial. This study suggests a novel fault localization and detection technique to offer active protection for multi-pole photovoltaic (PV) flexible DC distribution systems in light of these problems. This paper's primary contributions are:

The suggested approach turns converters into injection sources with known characteristic signals for protection by utilizing local protection and coordinated control among converters in the system.

The majority of current DC protection systems concentrate on identifying problematic line segments, but pinpointing the precise fault site for fault correction still takes a very long time. The recommended protection method may identify the fault and isolate the fault line while eliminating the DC fault by figuring out the harmonic impedance of these distinctive signals. This significantly reduces the system recovery time. By contrasting the suggested protection's performance with that of current approaches, we demonstrate that the suggested method outperforms them and doesn't call for additional injection tools or changes to the setup across the system.

II. EXAMINATION FROM THE PROCESS OF A **CONVERTER FAULTS**

A multi-connected DC distribution system [22] was the basis for the application project that was selected as the study topic (Figure 1). A DAB raises six solar plants' on-site voltage to ± 10 kV. A ring system is created by connecting the plants using DC wires. A high-frequency transformer and an H-bridge on each side make up the DAB. By altering the pulse width of the Hbridge, the voltage level on either side of the DAB can be changed, and the high-frequency transformer serves as an electrical isolation device. Bidirectional power transfer between the AC and DC systems is thus made possible by the CDSM-MMC, which links the ring system to the AC system. In typical operation, the DAB works similarly to a power supply, and the AC/DC converter uses continuous DC voltage regulation on the DC side. To balance the energy produced by solar cells. Two additional energy storage devices are part of the system. At the output of each PV terminal, a current-limiting reactor is installed concurrently to safeguard the converter equipment in the event that the DC switch cuts the fault current. Converter communication allows for the protection and control of the Discharge circuit. multi-pole DC distribution system. It is possible to modify the Equivalent sub module local converter's modulation frequency through device-level The following is the expression for the natural response when control (DC/DC converter control).

A communication network (Generic Object-Oriented Udc. Substation Events or GOOSE technology that facilitates information exchange between transducers and local protection makes it possible for several transducers to coordinate and function together. Thus, following a defect, the local transducer may be transformed into an injection source with a distinct frequency signal by altering its modulation frequency. In practice, the neutral point on the DC side is usually connected to Stage 2: ground via high impedance [23]. If there is a connection-to- Following the converter's blocking, the "isolation stage" ground failure, clamping the fault line to zero voltage. The

voltages. Installing extra devices and recording certain signal power transformer sub module's capacitors help raise the healthy pole's voltage to double its pre-fault level while maintaining a steady voltage between the poles [24]. Therefore, line-to-earth faults are protected from DC voltage imbalance and over current damage is not caused by DC line-to-earth faults. Therefore, our work is mostly focused on line-to-line DC faults.

A Features of the CDSM-MMC Fault

The "detection phase" and "isolation phase" of a DC line fault are the two stages into which the CDSM Figure 2 shows how the fault progression time can be used to differentiate MMC's fault transition.

Stage 1:

As seen in Figure 2(a), the analogous circuit during the "detection phase" is a quadratic function of the solid-state defect. Under the circumstances, the circuit's normal reaction oscillates $R < 2\sqrt{L/C}$, where L stands for the bridge branch reactor's equivalent inductance, C for the converter's equivalent capacitance, and R for the capacitor's series resistance and the converter's contact resistance.



Fig. 1: Architecture of a flexible multi-terminal DC distribution system

the load current is set to IO and the capacitor voltage is set to

$$\begin{cases} i_{dc}(t) = (U_{dc}/\omega L)e^{-\delta t}\sin(\omega t) - (I_0\omega_0/\omega)e^{-\delta t}\sin(\omega t - \beta) \\ u_C(t) = (U_{dc}\omega_0/\omega)e^{-\delta t}\sin(\omega t + \beta) - (I_0/C\omega)e^{-\delta t}\sin(\omega t) (1) \\ \beta = \arctan(\omega/\delta) \end{cases}$$

involves the directing potential to the fault circuit provided by the series/parallel capacitance voltage. As seen in Figure 2(b), the fault current at the bridge branch travels in two distinct directions. The lower bridge branches' phases A and C make up fault route 2, whereas the higher bridge branches' phases A and B make up fault path 1. In order to bring the fault current down to zero during the fault isolation stage, the sub module capacitors must receive all of the current. The voltage of the capacitor increases at the same time.



Fig. 2 CDSM-MMC equivalent circuits at various phases of the failure

B. Fault Characteristics of DAB

to-pole failure on the DC line.

Stage 1:

responding under damped.

Stage 2:

The current rapidly rises to the DAB's IGBTs' line are involved. (Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistors) self-protection value. The DC/DC transformer is then blocked. By cutting off the fault current, a continuous flow channel is formed through the reactor and the anti-parallel diodes of the H-bridge. The path is shown in the second row in Figure 3. The DC fault current progressively decreases to zero once the DAB is turned off because the high-frequency transformer in the DAB module is electrically disconnected.



Fig. 3. DAB comparable circuits in case of a failure from pole to pole

According to the fault process analysis, since the DC cable fault current is zero, the isolation step-which is a part of both CDSM-MMC and DAB—cannot supply fault transient information for protection. After the issue arises, The frequency at which the converter modulates is changed to modify the converter control and inject a characteristic signal. To find and identify the problem, these distinct signals are computed and picked up.

III. A PROTECTION METHOD ACTIVE CONVERTERINJECTION BASED ON

A. Where the Single-end Fault Distance Is

At a predetermined frequency, the DAB uses a square wave pulse-width modulation (PWM) signal to turn on and off the In the H-bridge are IGBTs. The output frequency and the DAB's switching frequency fluctuate in unison when using the conventional PWM control approach is dictated by the PWM signal's frequency. The PWM trigger pulse's frequency is altered in this work to alter the DAB's switching frequency, enabling the DAB to produce a predetermined amount of intrinsic harmonic content. One way to think of the DAB's output frequency is as a self-defined harmonic source. H-bridge A DC fault's "detection phase" and "isolation phase" are the two IGBTs. The output frequency and the switching frequency of the distinct stages that make up the fault transient. in spite of the DAB change in unison when using the conventional PWM DAB converter's performance, depending on how long a pole- control approach the capacitor in the DAB gradually reaches a top defect takes to propagate. The on-site PV voltage step-up new stable condition. Its equivalent circuit is depicted in Figure transformer's DC/DC module is thought to have a single DAB 4, where udc is the output's capacitor voltage, Co is the output's sub module. Figure 3 depicts the analogous circuit with a pole- equivalent capacitance, and CPV is the equivalent capacitance of the DAB's low-voltage side. The DC line's equivalent the symbols Ll and Rl stand for inductance and resistance, Because of the significant voltage differential between respectively, and Rf for fault resistance. The capacitor CPV the output capacitor and the fault site, energy stored in the (route (1)) is charged by the PV power source (constant current output When there is pole-to-pole DC malfunction, the capacitor source), as shown in Figure 4 in the process of energy flow. In is rapidly released to the fault location. It takes very little time addition to charging the output capacitor Co, the capacitor CPV for the current to reach its maximum. This process is hence also then uses the DAB to power the issue site. Figure 4 shows the known as the capacitor discharge operation. The circuit is blue arrow for the current route, which comprises the comparable to an RLC tank circuit, and the route is depicted in connections of CPV, g11, g11', and Co. Connecting CPV, g12, Figure 3's first row [25]. To put it another way, the circuit is g12', and Co, the alternate route is indicated by the red arrow. A fault loop circuit (route (2)) is produced by the DAB's output capacitor in conjunction both the fault resistor and the DC fault



Fig. 4. Equivalent steady-state circuits following a failure

Furthermore, it may be claimed that the external environment remains stable throughout the harmonic current injection of DAB because both the output capacitor's voltage differential and the energy it stores are now quite modest. There is no change in the PV output's characteristics. Because the PV side use the MPPT control mechanism, the output current of the PV is fixed. During DAB unlocking, the fault circuit will swiftly move to a new stable condition because to the low fault current. Consequently, the PV as well as DAB sources can be considered sources of harmonic injection. Once the fault F2 example (Figure 1) has been used to examine the fault circuit's impedance, Figure 5 shows the added harmonic current loop.R1 and The inductance of the current-limiting reactor is L0, and the resistance and inductance of the DC are L1. At measurement point 6, the line voltage and current are upv6 and ipv6, respectively, along with the cable per kilometer (Figure 1). The length of the DC connection between PV1 and PV6 is denoted by x in Figure 1, whereas y1 represents the distance between measurement point 1 as well as fault site F2. DC/DC1-2 and DC/DC1-1 output capacitors are denoted by the symbols C1-1 and C1-2, respectively.



Fig. 5 DC fault including a loop of injected harmonic current Once a harmonious current is switched via the DC wire between the fault points F2, DC/DC1-1, and DC/DC1-2 and the measuring point, the current flows via DC/DC6-1 in Figure 5. The output capacitor is the only component that permits the harmonic current to flow because DC/DC1-1 and DC/DC1-2 are blocked. A display of the recorded DC side voltage upv6 in the frequency range is shown in Figure 5:

$$U_{pv6}^{f} = xR_{1}I_{pv6}^{f} + j2\pi f(xL_{1} + 2L_{0})I_{pv6}^{f} + \{[1/(j2\pi fC_{1-1})] / [1/(j2\pi fC_{1-2})] / [y_{1}R_{1} + j2\pi f(y_{1}L_{1} + L_{0})]\}I_{pv6}^{f}$$
(2)

Upv6f and Ipv6f are the harmonic vectors of the observed voltage and current, respectively, while f is the frequency (DAB switching frequency). By employing a parallel input-output series structure (IPOS), as illustrated in Figure A1 of the Appendix, the DAB raises the solar power plant's capacity and voltage. As a result, the output's equivalent capacitance of the DAB is reduced. The DC/DC converter output's harmonic impedance is therefore significantly higher than the DC line's impedance. Thus, it is possible to ignore the DAB's impedance and have very minimal harmonic current flow in DC/DC1-1 and DC/DC1-2. Consequently, (2) can be lowered to

$$U_{pv6}^{f} = xR_{1}I_{pv6}^{f} + j2\pi f(xL_{1} + 2L_{0})I_{pv6}^{f} + [y_{1}R_{1} + j2\pi f(y_{1}L_{1} + L_{0})]I_{pv6}^{f}$$
(3)

The measured impedance $Z_pv\delta$ f and fault distance can be found in three (3) states by

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$$Z_{pv6}^{f} = U_{pv6}^{f} / I_{pv6}^{f} = j2\pi f 3L_{0} + (R_{1} + j2\pi fL_{1})(x + y_{1})(4)$$
$$x + y_{1} = (Z_{pv6}^{f} - j2\pi f 3L_{0}) / (R_{1} + j2\pi fL_{1})$$
(5)

It should be noted that the DAB's impedance cannot be disregarded whether there is an unusually high switching harmonic frequency or if the system's properties deviate from those outlined in this study. Nevertheless, (2) may be used to compute the error distance. A key component of the suggested fault finding technique is the precise extraction of the harmonic content from the readings. As a result, the defect is promptly located using a windowed Fourier technique (about one cycle of the user-defined frequency).



Fig. 6 Topology of VSC-DC system with DAB









(d)

Fig. 7 Waveform of DC current in steady condition with varying DAB switching frequencies

In Figure 6, Point M is where the voltage waveform is monitored. The steps involved in altering the DAB switching frequency are shown in Fig. 7. so that the output voltage frequency and current may be verified in respect to the switching frequency.

IV.CONCLUSIONS

An active protection approach for adaptable DC distribution [9] networks is presented in this paper using multi-terminal distributed PV Results from hardware testing and simulations show that the technique can successfully combine protection and control through power electronics controllability and precisely pinpoint the issue location with the appropriate injected harmonic frequency selection. This solution does not require a high frequency of data collection or extra injection equipment, in contrast to the DC protection strategy that was previously explained. Furthermore, neither measurement noise nor cable distribution capacitance affect the proposed technique. As a result, a vast and intricate industrial DC network may benefit from the increased security.

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