

# Damping Power System Oscillations Improvement by FACTS Devices: A Comparison between SSSC and STATCOM

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**Abstract**—The main objective of this paper is a comparative investigation in enhancement of damping power system oscillation via coordinated design of the power system stabilizer (PSS) and static synchronous series compensator (SSSC) and static synchronous compensator (STATCOM). The design problem of FACTS-based stabilizers is formulated as a GA based optimization problem. In this paper eigenvalue analysis method is used on small signal stability of single machine infinite bus (SMIB) system installed with SSSC and STATCOM. The generator is equipped with a PSS. The proposed stabilizers are tested on a weakly connected power system with different disturbances and loading conditions. This aim is to enhance both rotor angle and power system stability. The eigenvalue analysis and non-linear simulation results are presented to show the effects of these FACTS-based stabilizers and reveal that SSSC exhibits the best effectiveness on damping power system oscillation.

**Keywords**—Power system stability, PSS, SSSC, STATCOM, Coordination, Optimization, Damping Oscillations.

## I. INTRODUCTION

ELECTROMECHANICAL oscillations have been observed in many power systems [1],[2],[3]. The oscillations may be local to a single generator or generator plant (local oscillations), or they may involve a number of generators widely separated geographically (inter-area oscillations). Electromechanical oscillations are generally studied by modal analysis of a linearized system model [2],[4]. The most common control action to enhance damping of power system oscillations is the use of power system stabilizers (PSSs). Although PSSs provide supplementary feedback stabilizing signals, they suffer a drawback of being liable to cause great variation in the voltage profile. Recently, several FACTS devices have been implemented and installed in practical power systems such as static VAR compensator (SVC), thyristor controlled series capacitor (TCSC), and thyristor controlled phase shifter (TCPS) [5-7]. The

emergence of FACTS devices and in particular gate turn-off (GTO) thyristor-based STATCOM has enabled such technology to be proposed as serious competitive alternatives to conventional SVC. Nowadays, series power electronics-based controllers FACTS such as Static Synchronous Series Compensator (SSSC), have become one of the best alternatives means to damp power system oscillation [8]-[10]. From the power system dynamic stability viewpoint, the STATCOM provides better damping characteristics than the SVC as it is able to transiently exchange active power with the system [11]. A multivariable design of STATCOM AC and DC voltage control is presented in [12]. The coordination between the AC and DC voltage PI controllers was taken into consideration. However, the structural complexity of the presented multivariable PI controllers with different channels reduces their applicability. Moreover, the utilization of damping capability of the STATCOM has not been addressed. The STATCOM damping characteristics have been addressed in [13-20]. However, the coordination among the STATCOM damping controllers and AC and DC voltage PI controllers has not been investigated. In this study, a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of the PSS and STATCOM damping stabilizers when applied in coordination with the STATCOM internal AC and DC voltage controllers has been carried out. The benefits of using an SSSC are listed in [21]-[23]. This paper presents a comparative study of the effects of PSS and FACTS-based controllers, namely, Static Synchronous Series Compensator (SSSC), and static synchronous compensator (STATCOM) on power system electromechanical oscillations damping. The controller design problem is formulated as an optimization problem. A Genetic algorithm (GA) is employed to search the optimal settings of stabilizer parameters. Moreover, the potential of the proposed PSS and FACTS-based has been demonstrated to enhance the power system small disturbance stability.

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$$\frac{dV_{DC}}{dt} = \frac{I_{DC}}{C_{DC}} = \frac{C}{C_{DC}} (I_{sd} \cos \psi + I_{sq} \sin \psi) \quad (10)$$

where  $C_{DC}$  is the DC capacitor value and  $I_{DC}$  is the capacitor current while  $i_{sd}$  and  $i_{sq}$  are the  $d$  and  $q$  components of the FACTS current  $i_s$  respectively. Fig. 3 illustrates the block diagram of FACTS AC/DC voltage PI controller with a damping stabilizer.

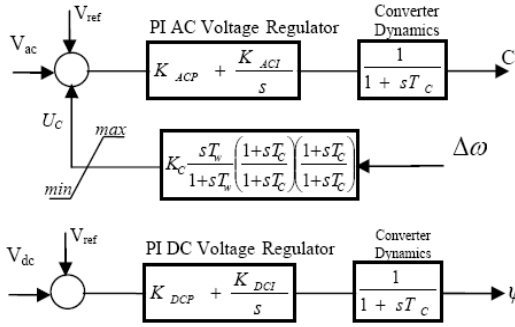


Fig. 3 FACTS AC/DC Voltage Regulator with supplementary damping control in the AC control loop

The proportional and integral gains are  $K_{ACP}$ ,  $K_{ACI}$  and  $K_{DCP}$ ,  $K_{DCI}$  for AC and DC voltages respectively. The FACTS damping stabilizers are lead-lag structure where  $K_c$  and  $K_p$  are the stabilizer gains,  $T_w$  is the washout time constant, and  $T_{1C}$ ,  $T_{2C}$ ,  $T_{3C}$ ,  $T_{4C}$ ,  $T_{1\psi}$ ,  $T_{2\psi}$ ,  $T_{3\psi}$ , and  $T_{4\psi}$  are the stabilizer time constants.

#### E. Linearized Model SSSC and STATCOM

In the analysis of electromechanical mode damping stabilizers, the linearized incremental model around a nominal operating point is usually employed [24,25]. Linearizing the expressions of  $i_d$  and  $i_q$  and substituting into the linear form of (1)-(10) yield the following linearized expressions.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_7 i_d + C_8 i_q = V_b \sin \delta + C_{11} E'_q + C V_{DC} \cos \psi & (11) \\ C_9 i_d + C_{10} i_q = V_b \cos \delta + C_{12} E'_q + C V_{DC} \sin \psi & (12) \end{cases}$$

Solving (11) and (12) simultaneously,  $i_d$  and  $i_q$  expressions can be obtained.

$$\begin{cases} C_7 \Delta i_d + C_8 \Delta i_q = V_b \cos \delta \Delta \delta + C_{11} \Delta E'_q + C \cos \psi \Delta V_{DC} \\ \quad + V_{DC} \cos \psi \Delta C - C V_{DC} \sin \psi \Delta \psi & (13) \\ C_9 \Delta i_d + C_{10} \Delta i_q = V_b \sin \delta \Delta \delta + C_{12} \Delta E'_q + C \sin \psi \Delta V_{DC} \\ \quad + V_{DC} \sin \psi \Delta C + C V_{DC} \cos \psi \Delta \psi & (14) \end{cases}$$

Solving (13) and (14) simultaneously,  $\Delta i_d$  and  $\Delta i_q$  can be expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta i_d = C_{19} \Delta \delta + C_{21} \Delta E'_q + C_{23} \Delta V_{DC} + C_{25} \Delta \psi + C_{27} \Delta C & (15) \\ \Delta i_q = C_{20} \Delta \delta + C_{22} \Delta E'_q + C_{24} \Delta V_{DC} + C_{26} \Delta \psi + C_{28} \Delta C & (16) \end{cases}$$

The constants  $C_7$ - $C_{28}$  are expressions of:

$$Z, Y_L, x'_d, x'_q, i_{q0}, i_{d0}, E'_{q0}, C_0, \Psi_0$$

The constants  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$  are expressions of:

$$\Delta v_d = x'_q \Delta i_q \quad (17)$$

$$\Delta v_q = \Delta E'_q - x'_d \Delta i_d \quad (18)$$

Using Equations ( $\Delta i_d$ ) and ( $\Delta i_q$ ), the following expressions can be easily obtained

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta P_e &= K_1 \Delta \delta + K_2 \Delta E'_q + K_{pDC} \Delta V_{DC} \\ &\quad + K_{pC} \Delta C + K_{p\psi} \Delta \psi \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (K_3 + sT'_{do}) \Delta E'_q &= \Delta E_{fd} - K_4 \Delta \delta - K_{qDC} \Delta V_{DC} \\ &\quad - K_{qC} \Delta C - K_{q\psi} \Delta \psi \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta v &= K_5 \Delta \delta + K_6 \Delta E'_q + K_{vDC} \Delta V_{DC} \\ &\quad + K_{vC} \Delta C + K_{v\psi} \Delta \psi \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V_{DC} &= K_7 \Delta \delta + K_8 \Delta E'_q + K_{DC} \Delta V_{DC} \\ &\quad + K_{\Delta C} \Delta C + K_{\Delta \psi} \Delta \psi \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where  $K_1$ - $K_8$ ,  $K_{DCP}$ ,  $K_{PC}$ ,  $K_{p\psi}$ ,  $K_{qDC}$ ,  $K_{qC}$ ,  $K_{q\psi}$ ,  $K_{vDC}$ ,  $K_{vC}$ ,  $K_{v\psi}$ ,  $K_{DC}$ ,  $K_{\Delta C}$ , and  $K_{\Delta \psi}$  are linearization constants. The above linearizing procedure yields the following linearized power system model

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\Delta\delta} \\ \dot{\Delta\omega} \\ \dot{\Delta E'_q} \\ \dot{\Delta E_{fd}} \\ \dot{\Delta V_{DC}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 377 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{K_1}{M} & -\frac{D}{M} & -\frac{K_2}{M} & 0 & -\frac{K_{pDC}}{M} \\ \frac{K_4}{T'_{do}} & 0 & -\frac{K_3}{T'_{do}} & \frac{1}{T'_{do}} & -\frac{K_{qDC}}{T'_{do}} \\ \frac{K_A K_5}{T_A} & 0 & -\frac{K_A K_6}{T_A} & \frac{1}{T_A} & -\frac{K_A K_{qDC}}{T_A} \\ \frac{K_7}{K_8} & 0 & \frac{K_8}{K_8} & 0 & \frac{K_9}{K_9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta \\ \Delta\omega \\ \Delta E'_q \\ \Delta E_{fd} \\ \Delta V_{DC} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{K_{pC}}{M} & -\frac{K_{p\psi}}{M} \\ 0 & -\frac{K_{qC}}{T'_{do}} & -\frac{K_{q\psi}}{T'_{do}} \\ \frac{K_A}{T_A} & -\frac{K_A K_{vC}}{T_A} & -\frac{K_A K_{\psi\Psi}}{T_A} \\ 0 & K_{\Delta C} & K_{\Delta\Psi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{PSS} \\ \Delta C \\ \Delta\psi \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

In short;

$$P\Delta x = A\Delta x + B\Delta u \quad (24)$$

Here, the state vector  $X$  is  $[\Delta\delta, \Delta\omega, \Delta E'_q, \Delta E_{fd}, \Delta V_{DC}]^T$ , and the control vector  $U$  is  $[u_{PSS}, \Delta B, \Delta C, \Delta\psi]^T$ .  $K_1$ - $K_9$ ,  $K_p$ ,  $K_q$ ,  $K_v$  and  $K_{\Delta}$  are linearization constant.

### III. PROBLEM FORMULATION

#### A. Stabilizer Structure

The commonly used lead-lag structure shown in Figs. 2 and 3 is chosen in this study. The transfer function of the stabilizer is

$$u = K \left( \frac{sT_w}{1+sT_w} \right) \left( \frac{1+sT_1}{1+sT_2} \right) \left( \frac{1+sT_3}{1+sT_4} \right) y \quad (25)$$

where  $u$  and  $y$  are the stabilizer gain output and input signals respectively,  $K$  is the stabilizer gain,  $T_w$  is the washout time constant, and  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ , and  $T_4$  are the stabilizer time constants. In this structure,  $T_w$  prespecified. The controller gain  $K$  and time constants  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  are to be determined. In this study, the input signal of the proposed damping stabilizers is the speed deviation,  $\Delta\omega$ .

#### B. Objective Function

A widely used conventional lead-lag structure for both excitation and FACTS-based stabilizers, shown in Figs. 2 and 3, is considered. In this structure, the washout time constant  $T_w$  is usually prespecified. In this study, several loading conditions represent nominal, heavy, without and with system parameter uncertainties are considered to ensure the robustness of the proposed stabilizers. In stabilizer design process, it is aimed to enhance the system damping of the poorly damped electromechanical mode eigenvalues at the entire range of the specified loading conditions. Therefore, the following objective function  $J$  is used.

$$J = \int_0^{t_{sim}} t (|\Delta\omega| + \alpha_1 |\Delta V_m| + \alpha_2 |\Delta V_{DC}|) dt \quad (26)$$

where  $t_{sim}$  is the simulation time,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are weighting factors,  $\Delta\omega$  is the generator speed deviation,  $\Delta V_m$  is the FACTS AC voltage deviation, and  $\Delta V_{DC}$  is DC voltage deviation. It is aimed to minimize this objective function in order to improve the system response in terms of the settling time and overshoots.

#### C. Optimization Problem

In this study, it is aimed to minimize the proposed objective function  $J$ . The problem constraints are the stabilizer optimized parameter bounds. Therefore, the design problem can be formulated as the following optimization problem.

#### Minimize J

#### Subject to:

$$K_{ACP}^{\min} \leq K_{ACP} \leq K_{ACP}^{\max} \quad (27)$$

$$K_{ACI}^{\min} \leq K_{ACI} \leq K_{ACI}^{\max} \quad (28)$$

$$K_{DCI}^{\min} \leq K_{DCI} \leq K_{DCI}^{\max} \quad (29)$$

$$K_{DCP}^{\min} \leq K_{DCP} \leq K_{DCP}^{\max} \quad (30)$$

$$K_C^{\min} \leq K_C \leq K_C^{\max} \quad (31)$$

$$K_{\psi}^{\min} \leq K_{\psi} \leq K_{\psi}^{\max} \quad (32)$$

$$K_{PSS}^{\min} \leq K_{PSS} \leq K_{PSS}^{\max} \quad (33)$$

$$T_1^{\min} \leq T_1 \leq T_1^{\max} \quad (34)$$

$$T_2^{\min} \leq T_2 \leq T_2^{\max} \quad (35)$$

$$T_3^{\min} \leq T_3 \leq T_3^{\max} \quad (36)$$

$$T_4^{\min} \leq T_4 \leq T_4^{\max} \quad (37)$$

The proposed approach employs genetic algorithm to solve this optimization problem and search for optimal set of the controller parameters. In this study, PSS and FACTS-based damping controllers as discussed in the following combination cases:

**Case 1: Without compensation (base case)**

**Case 2: FACTS internal AC and DC PI voltage controllers with PSS and C and  $\psi$ -based damping stabilizer.**

*D. Application of Genetic Algorithm*

Based on the linearized power system model, Genetic Algorithm (GA) has been applied to the above optimization problem to search for optimal settings of the proposed stabilizer.

#### IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

To assess the effectiveness of the proposed stabilizers, two different loading conditions given in Table I were considered. Each loading condition is considered without and with parameter uncertainties as given in Table III. Parameters for the proposed stabilizers are given in Table II and Table III.

TABLE I  
LOADING CONDITION

Loading	$P_e$ (pu)	$Q_e$ (pu)
Normal	1.0	0.015
Heavy	1.1	0.4

TABLE II  
OPTIMAL PARAMETER SETTING OF THE SSSC-BASED STABILIZERS

Controller optimal parameter	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
T1	0.3049	0.0080
T2	0.5000	0.5000
T3	0.4625	0.1295
T4	0.5000	0.5000
K	39.07	51.40
KP <sub>AC</sub>	595.9	328.1
KI <sub>AC</sub>	31.87	795.7
KP <sub>DC</sub>	291.6	160.7
KI <sub>DC</sub>	922.7	825.2

TABLE III  
OPTIMAL PARAMETER SETTING OF THE STATCOM-BASED STABILIZERS

Controller optimal parameter	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
T1	0.3049	0.0080
T2	0.5000	0.5000
T3	0.4625	0.1295
T4	0.5000	0.5000
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*A. Eigenvalues Analysis*

The system eigenvalues with the proposed stabilizers' structures for nominal and heavy loading conditions are given in Tables IV-IX, respectively, where the first row represents the electromechanical mode eigenvalues and their damping ratios.

**Case 1: Without Compensation (Base Case)**

In this case, the power system is not equipped with any compensator. Eigenvalues and damping factors of electromechanical mode, in different loading conditions, are as following:

TABLE IV  
EIGENVALUES (A) & DAMPING (B) OF NORMAL AND HEAVY LOADING CONDITIONS, BASE CASE (WITHOUT INSTALLATION OF PSS&FACTS DEVICES)

A	
nominal	Heavy
<b>0.3±j4.96</b>	<b>0.49±j3.69</b>

B	
nominal	Heavy
-0.0595	-0.1304

**Case 2: FACTS internal AC and DC PI voltage controllers with PSS and C and  $\psi$ -based damping stabilizer.**

TABLE V  
SYSTEM EIGENVALUES OF NOMINAL LOADING CONDITION

System with SSSC No POD controllers	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
<b>-1.701±j3.291</b>	<b>-4.742± j5.002</b>	<b>-6.325± j 3.108</b>
-11.314	-3.3361± j 5.546	-3.017± j 1.8594
-5.187	-8.2703± j 13.46	-15.658± j 10.25
-0.1506	-30.681; -10.045	-14.906± j 2.056
—	-8.4381;-2.5001	-2.7756;-0.2223
—	-0.2010	-0.20

TABLE VI  
SYSTEM EIGENVALUES OF HEAVY LOADING CONDITION

System with SSSC No POD controllers	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
<b>-1.073±j5.71</b>	<b>-1.968± j3.989</b>	<b>-3.078± j1.50</b>
-15.0978	-5.671± j 5.6945	-2.8856± j0.454
-9.2108	-9.743± j 74.848	-5.0821± j6.120
-0.1576	-31.119;-11.872	-9.9427± j13.06
—	-2.5485;-0.7464	-28.366;-0.2069
—	-0.201	-0.2

TABLE VII  
SYSTEM EIGENVALUES OF NOMINAL LOADING CONDITION

System with STATCOM No POD controllers	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
<b>-0.7174±j1.8546</b>	<b>-1.503± j2.499</b>	<b>-2.610± j2.2899</b>
-13.5086	-4.157± j10.2611	-2.6630± j6.0705
-5.3029	-5.738± j23.4564	-8.2258± j17.831
-0.1540	-31.864;-14.186	-33.543;-13.5437
—	-9.6084;-2.362	-7.1361;-0.2005
—	-0.202	-0.0380

TABLE VIII  
SYSTEM EIGENVALUES OF HEAVY LOADING CONDITION

System with STATCOM No POD controllers	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
<b>-1.083± j 2.651</b>	<b>-1.2910± j1.7502</b>	<b>-2.697± j2.697</b>
-1.7071	-4.1875± j11.557	-3.4708± j6.17
-13.0972	-5.6067±19.7289	-7.745± j14.34
-6.8040	-31.129;-13.4416	-33.62;-13.212
—	-10.4998;-3.4676	-7.671;-0.2023
—	-0.2062	-0.0337

TABLE IX  
DAMPING OF SYSTEM ELECTROMECHANICAL MODE, SINGLE AND COORDINATED DESIGN (SSSC)

Loading	No control	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
Normal	0.4589	0.6880	0.8975
Heavy	0.4809	0.6525	0.9652

TABLE X  
DAMPING OF SYSTEM ELECTROMECHANICAL MODE, SINGLE AND COORDINATED DESIGN (STATCOM)

Loading	No control	C-based Stabilizer	$\psi$ -based Stabilizer
Normal	0.3608	0.5154	0.7517
Heavy	0.3783	0.5936	0.7992

**B. Non Linear Time Domain Simulation**

The single machine infinite bus system shown in Fig. 1 is considered for nonlinear simulation studies. 6-cycle 3- $\phi$  fault on the infinite bus was created, at all loading conditions given in Table I, to study the performance of the proposed controller. Figs. 4-9 show the rotor angle, the speed deviation response with above mentioned disturbance at nominal and heavy loading conditions respectively. From the figure it can be seen that the coordinated design approach provides the best damping characteristic and enhance greatly the first swing stability at two loading conditions. Response when designed individually and in coordinated manner at nominal and heavy loading conditions are compared and show in Figs. (4-9)a & b, respectively. It is clear that the control effort is greatly reduced with the coordinated design approach.

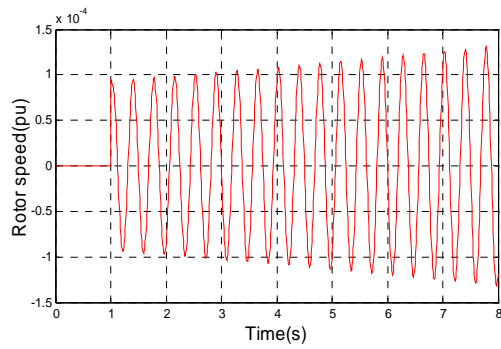
**Case 1: Without compensation (base case)**

Fig. 4 Response of deviation of generator speed in nominal loading condition, without compensation

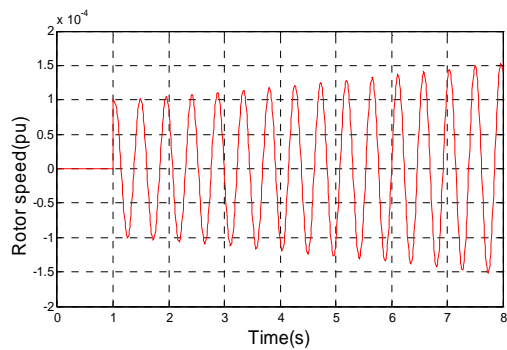
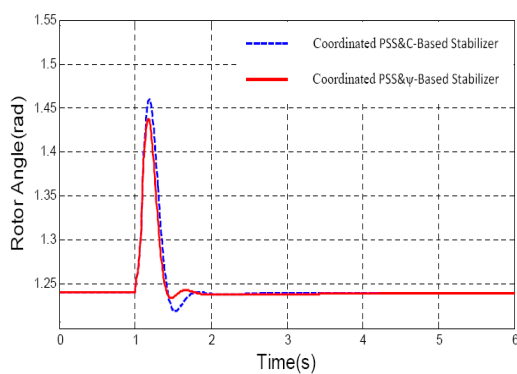
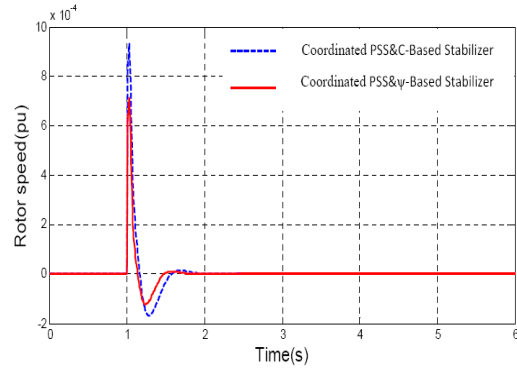


Fig. 5 Response of deviation of generator speed in heavy loading condition, without compensation

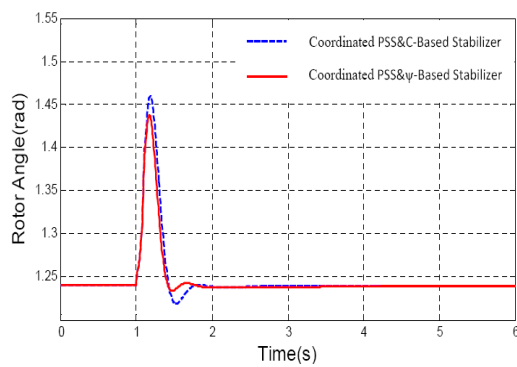
**Case 2: FACTS internal AC and DC PI voltage controllers with PSS and C and  $\psi$  -based damping stabilizer.**

(a)

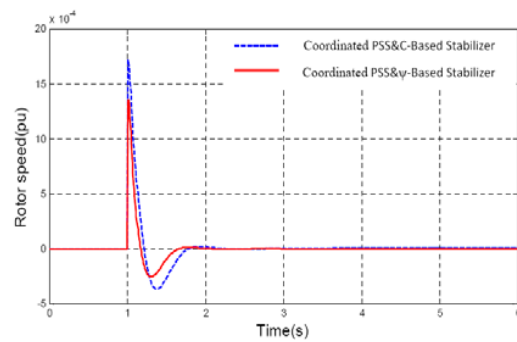


(b)

Fig. 6 Machine rotor angle (a) &amp; speed (b) response for a six cycles fault with nominal loading condition



(a)



(b)

Fig. 7 Machine rotor angle (a) &amp; speed (b) response for a six cycles fault with heavy loading condition (SSSC)

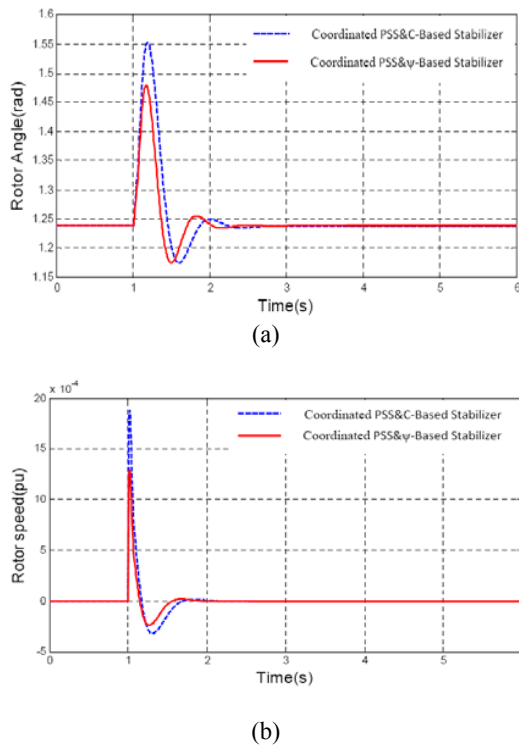


Fig. 8 Machine rotor angle (a) & speed (b) response for a six cycles fault with nominal loading condition

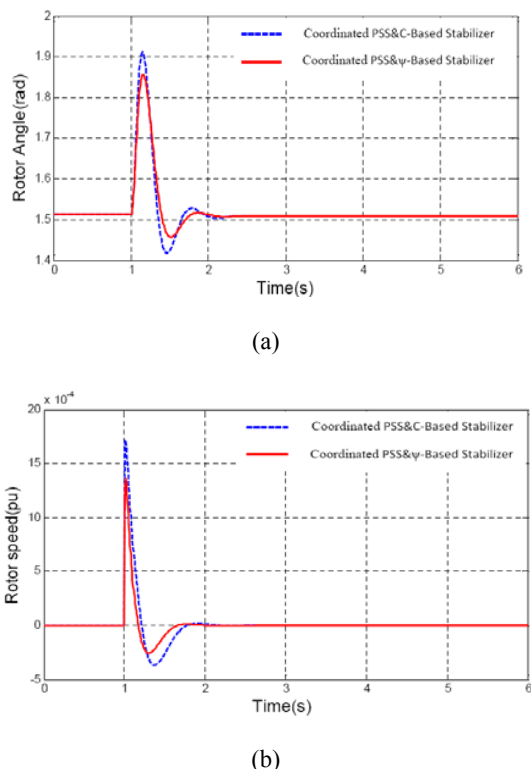


Fig. 9 Machine rotor angle (a) & speed (b) response for a six cycles fault with heavy loading condition

## V. CONCLUSION

This paper has compared between the SSSC and STATCOM based-stabilizers is presented and discussed. The stabilizer design problem has been formulated as a multiobjective optimization problem, which was solved by genetic algorithms (GA). The proposed stabilizers have been applied and tested on power system under severe disturbance and different loading condition. It is also evident that the coordinated design of PSS and FACTS-based stabilizer provides great damping characteristics and enhance significantly the system stability compared to individual design. It is clear from the eigenvalues analysis that the system stability is greatly enhanced with the proposed stabilizers. The eigenvalues results presented show that the system stability is greatly enhanced with the coordinated design of the proposed stabilizers. The simulations results presented show that both FACTS devices improve the system stability, furthermore the SSSC-based stabilizer provide a better effectiveness than STATCOM-based stabilizer on damping power system oscillation. Moreover it can be seen that the coordinated PSS and  $\psi$ -based stabilizer provide better damping characteristics and enhances the first swing stability greatly compared to the coordinated PSS and C-based stabilizer case.

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#### APPENDIX

Power system data in per unit value:

**$M=9.26; T_{d0}=7.76; D=0; x=0.973; x_d=0.19;$**   
 **$x_q=0.55; R=0.234; X=0.997; g=0.249; b=0.262; Kc=1.0; T$**   
 **$c=0.05; |E_{fd}| \leq 7.3 \text{ pu} ; V_{dc}=1, K_A=20, T_A=0.01, T_w=5.$**