Chapter 5

Online Enhancement of Voltage Stability Margin through STATCOM

5.1 Introduction

Maintenance of voltage stability is an important aspect for secure operation of power systems. Voltage instability may result in appearance of unacceptable low voltages in a significant part of network leading to voltage collapse in a large area [125]. Several control measures have been suggested to protect the system against voltage collapse. One major cause of voltage instability is lack of reactive support. Transmission of reactive power is difficult particularly under stressed conditions. Therefore, local reactive support at critical buses seems a viable solution against voltage instability. Advancement in power electronics technology has led to development of Flexible AC Transmission System (FACTS) controllers that can effectively control voltage stability of the system [76]. Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) belonging to FACTS family is a shunt controller capable to enhance voltage stability margin by injecting reactive power to the bus. Considering high cost, it is important to install STATCOM at optimal location. Generally, sufficient reactive power support at the critical bus or weakest bus of the system improves voltage stability margin. The *L*-index based method to determine critical buses for the placement of STATCOM has been considered [79], [126]. The *P*-*V* and *Q*-*V* curves based technique have been widely used since the voltage collapse of Tokyo for optimal location and sizing of STATCOM [1], [78]. These techniques are time consuming and expansive.

Many heuristic approaches have been applied to find location and sizing of FACTS devices. Mixed integer linear and non-linear programming has been used to find optimal size and location of FACTS devices. However, difficulty arises due to local minima and computational efforts [127]. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is an evolutionary computation technique that can be used to solve STATCOM size and allocation problem. This technique has been applied in advancing many issues of power system such as economic load dispatch [128], generation expanses [129] and short term load forecasting [130]. Particle Swarm Optimization based technique for optimal location and size of STATCOM to improve loadability and voltage stability is reported [80]. Bangjun Lei and Shumin Fei proposed an Innovative Nonlinear (IN) H_∞ control for STATCOM to improve voltage stability of power system network [131]. In this work, Hamiltonian function method has been used to design the IN H_∞ control for STATCOM. A systematic method for short-term voltage stability improvement has been proposed that determines critical buses using concept of trajectory sensitivity [132]. Direct power control by STATCOM based on transit of active power as a result of injection/absorption of reactive power has been proposed [133].

Most of the research has considered studies on role of STATCOM in voltage stability enhancement of offline systems. With advent of Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs), it seems possible to monitor and enhance voltage stability of online systems. This chapter proposes monitoring and enhancement of voltage stability of online systems employed with STATCOM using Phasor Measurement Units. Considering STATCOM placement to be an offline strategy, it has been optimally placed in the system based on critical bus obtained by Continuation Power Flow (CPF) method [10]. However, monitoring and enhancement of voltage stability margin as a result of reactive power injection by STATCOM to the critical bus has been proposed for the online systems using bus voltages measured by phasor measurement units at regular intervals.

5.2 STATCOM Placement Strategy

As STATCOM placement is an offline strategy its optimal location is decided based on maximum loadability obtained by continuation power flow (CPF) method. Continuation power flow is run for the system intact case and all the single line outage cases to determine maximum real power as well as maximum reactive power loadability of each bus. Maximum real power loadability and maximum reactive power loadability have been obtained by varying real power and reactive power demand as per following:

$$P_{D_i} = P_{D_{ib}}(1+\lambda_{ip}) \tag{5.1}$$

$$Q_{D_i} = Q_{D_{ib}}(1+\lambda_{iq}) \tag{5.2}$$

where,

P_{D_i} = Real power demand at bus-*i*

Q_{D_i} = Reactive power demand at bus-*i*

$P_{D_{ib}}$ = Real power demand at bus-*i* at the base case operating point

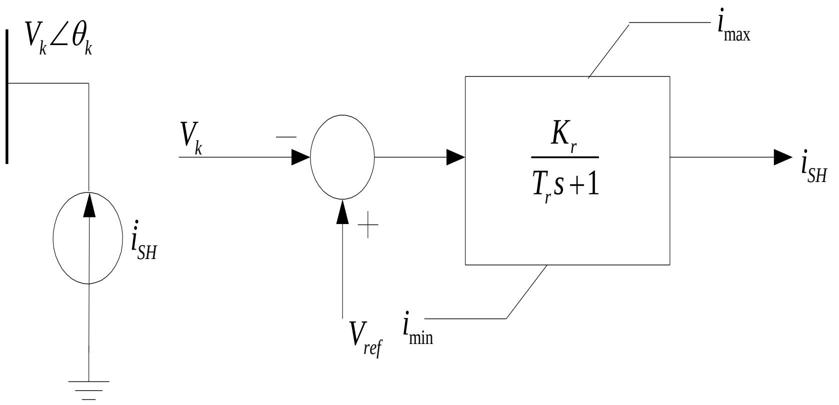
$Q_{D_{ib}}$ = Reactive power demand at bus-*i* at the base case operating point

λ_{ip} = Fraction of real power demand increase at bus-*i*

λ_{iq} = Fraction of reactive power demand increase at bus-*i*

STATCOM is placed at the bus having lowest real power loadability as well as reactive power loadability for majority of contingency cases.

In this work, voltage regulator model of STATCOM (shown in Figure-5.1) has been considered that injects reactive power to the bus based on bus voltage magnitude differing from its reference value, subject to maximum and minimum limit of current injection (viz. i_{max} and i_{min} as shown).



$V_k \angle \theta_k$ = node voltage and angle

Figure 5.1: STATCOM model

State equation pertaining to dynamic model of STATCOM is given by,

$$i_{SH} = (K_r(V_{ref} - V_k) - i_{SH}) / T_r \tag{5.3}$$

where, i_{SH} = Current injected to bus by STATCOM

V_{ref} = Reference value of bus voltage magnitude

V_k = Voltage of bus-*k* (the bus where STATCOM is placed)

K_r = Gain of voltage regulator

T_r = Time constant of voltage regulator

Reactive power (Q_{SH}) injected by STATCOM is given by,

$$Q_{SH} = i_{SH} V \tag{5.4}$$

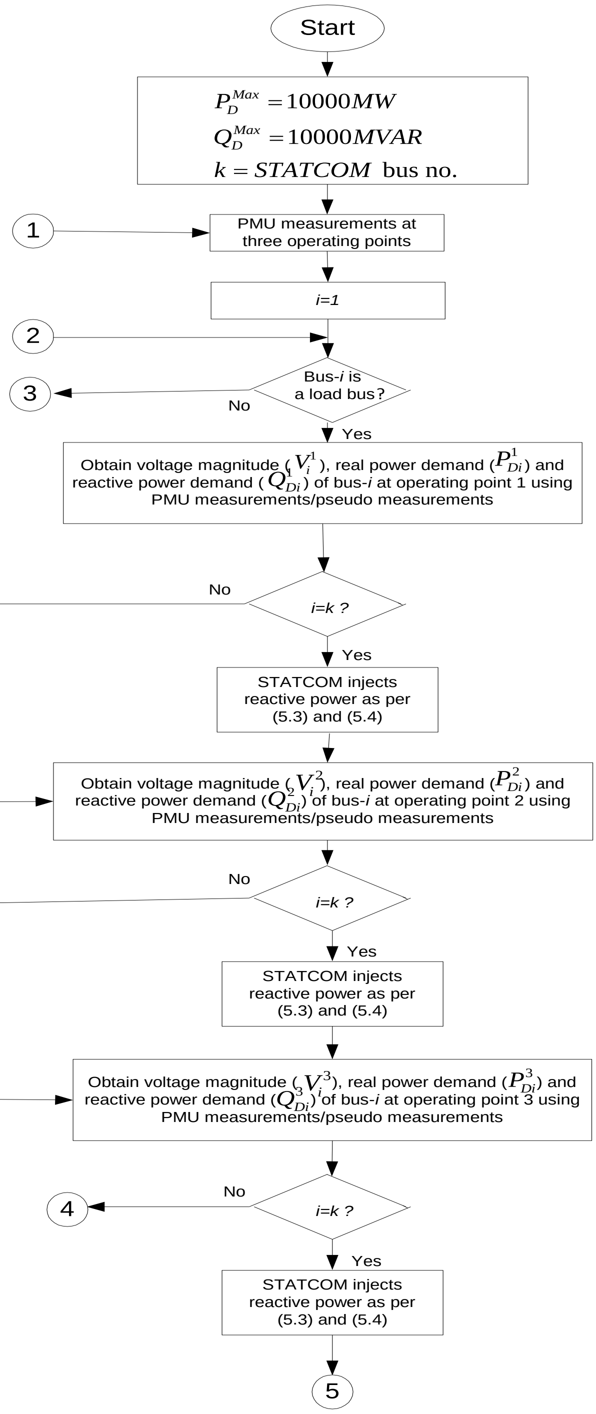
as bus voltage and injected current are considered to be in phase quadrature.

5.3 Methodology for Online Enhancement of Voltage Stability Margin through STATCOM

Voltage stability margin of the system employed with Static Compensator (STATCOM) is monitored online using Phasor Measurements Unit (PMU) measurements and pseudo measurements performed at three operating points. As operating points keep on changing due to change in operating conditions/network topology, fresh PMU measurements are performed and updated voltage stability information is obtained at regular intervals. PMUs are optimally placed in the system based on results of binary integer linear programming ensuring full network observability even in case of loss of few PMUs. Pseudo measurements are performed as per following network observability rules mentioned in Section 2.3.

PMU measurements and pseudo measurement are performed at three operating points to determine voltage magnitude of all the buses. Reactive power injection to the bus by STATCOM at the three operating points is computed as per (5.3) and (5.4). Voltage stability margin (maximum real power loadability as well as reactive power loadability) of the system employed with STATCOM is obtained by quadratic fitting of nose curves based on PMU measurements and pseudo measurements obtained at three operating points as per methodology presented in Section 4.3.

The flow chart for online monitoring of voltage stability margin and its enhancement using STATCOM is shown in Figure-5.2. Since, maximum loadability of a real time system keeps on changing with change in operating conditions, it is proposed to update maximum loadability as well as most critical bus information based on new PMU measurements obtained, at regular intervals. Flowchart shown in Figure-5.2 assumes very high initial maximum loadability of 10,000 MW and 10,000 MVAR, respectively, keeping in mind such values to be higher than maximum loadability of any of the load buses present in the system, and keeps on reducing these till maximum real power as well as reactive power loadability of the most critical bus are obtained. After each PMU measurement, STATCOM injects reactive power as per (5.3) and (5.4).


Start
$P_D^{Max} = 10000MW$
$Q_D^{Max} = 10000MVAR$
$k = STATCOM$ bus no.
1
PMU measurements at three operating points
i=1
2
Bus-i is a load bus?
3
No
Yes
Obtain voltage magnitude (V_i^1), real power demand (P_{Di}^1) and reactive power demand (Q_{Di}^1) of bus-i at operating point 1 using PMU measurements/pseudo measurements
No
i=k ?
Yes
STATCOM injects reactive power as per (5.3) and (5.4)
Obtain voltage magnitude (V_i^2), real power demand (P_{Di}^2) and reactive power demand (Q_{Di}^2) of bus-i at operating point 2 using PMU measurements/pseudo measurements
No
i=k ?
Yes
STATCOM injects reactive power as per (5.3) and (5.4)
Obtain voltage magnitude (V_i^3), real power demand (P_{Di}^3) and reactive power demand (Q_{Di}^3) of bus-i at operating point 3 using PMU measurements/pseudo measurements
4
No
i=k ?
Yes
STATCOM injects reactive power as per (5.3) and (5.4)
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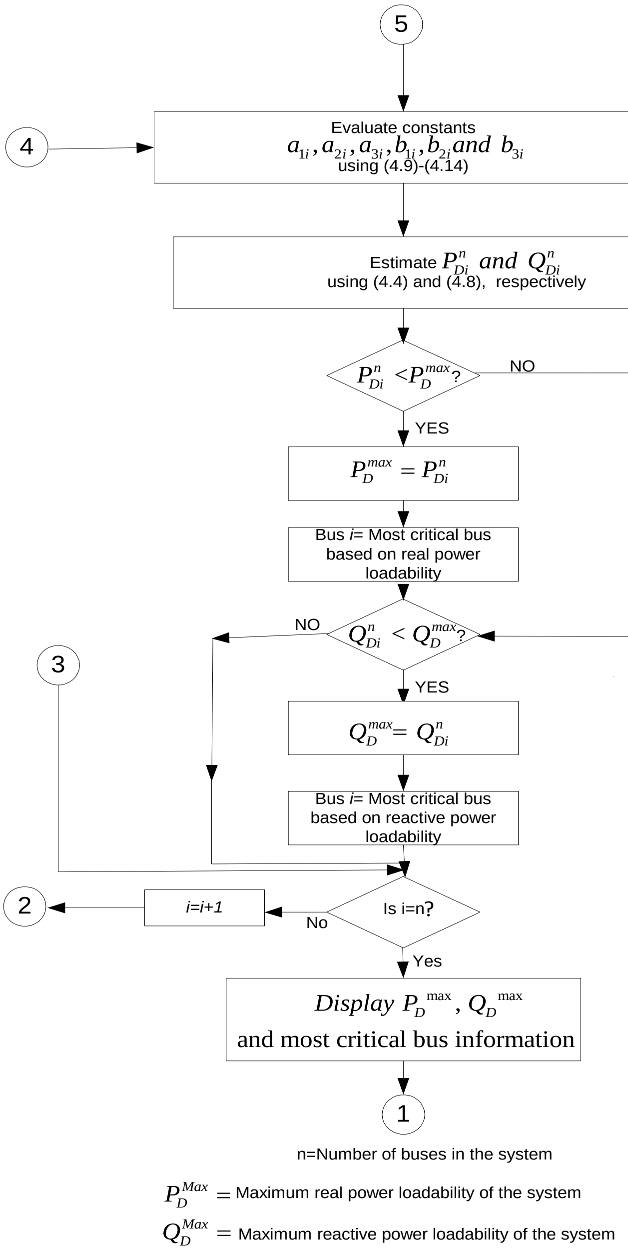

Figure 5.2: Flowchart for online enhancement of maximum loadability using STATCOM

5.4 Case Studies

Case studies were performed on IEEE 14-bus system, New England 39-bus system, and a practical 246-bus Northern Region Power Grid (NRPG) system representing power network of seven states and two union territories of India. All simulations have been done in MATLAB linked PSAT software. Simulation results obtained on three systems are presented below:

5.4. 1 IEEE 14-Bus System

Continuation power flows were run to determine maximum real power loadability as well as maximum reactive power loadability of each bus for the system intact case and all the single line outage cases. For running continuation power flows, real and reactive power demand at each bus was varied as per (5.1) and (5.2), respectively. Maximum real power loadability (P_D^{Max}) along with critical bus number based on real power loadability, have been shown in Table 5.1 for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. Maximum reactive power loadability (Q_D^{Max}) along with critical bus number based on reactive power loadability, have been shown in Table 5.2 for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. It is observed from Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 that bus-5 is the most critical bus based on real power loadability as well as reactive power loadability for majority of critical contingencies. Therefore, bus-5 was selected as the optimal location for the placement of STATCOM.

Table 5.1: Maximum real power loadability of critical bus under critical contingencies obtained by CPF method (IEEE 14-bus system)

C.C.	P_D^{Max} **(MW)**	**C.B.**
Intact Case	40.20	5
1-2	16.49	5
2-3	30.11	4
2-4	32.91	5
1-5	34.50	5
2-5	35.26	5

C.C. = Critical Contingency, P_D^{Max} = Maximum Active Power Loadability, C.B. = Critical Bus

Table 5.2: Maximum reactive power loadability of critical bus under critical contingencies obtained by CPF method (IEEE 14-bus system)

C.C.	Q_D^{Max} **(MVAR)**	**C.B.**
Intact Case	8.46	5
1-2	0.54	5
2-3	3.07	4
9-14	5.22	14
6-13	6.04	13
9-10	6.10	10

C.C. = Critical Contingency, Q_D^{Max} = Maximum Reactive Power Loadability, C.B. = Critical Bus

Maximum real and reactive power loadability of the system with STATCOM placed at bus-5 were calculated for the system intact case and all the single line outage cases using flowchart shown in Figure-5.2 with the help of measurements from optimally placed PMUs. In order to validate effectiveness of STATCOM placement strategy, real and reactive power loadability were also calculated for the system in the absence of STATCOM, based on flowchart presented in Figure-5.2 ignoring blocks corresponding to STATCOM. Real and reactive power loadability were also calculated using continuation power flow (CPF) method for the system with and without STATCOM. Real and reactive power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM has been shown in Table 5.3 and 5.4 respectively, for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. It is observed from Table 5.3 and Table 5.4 that placement of STATCOM at optimal location (viz. bus number 5) results in significant enhancement in voltage stability margin. Figure-5.3 shows a comparison of the nose curves of critical bus 5 obtained using proposed approach with and without STATCOM for the line outage 2-3 using real power. Figure-5.4 also shows a comparison of the nose curves of critical bus 5 obtained using proposed approach with and without STATCOM for the line outage 2-3 using reactive power. It is observed from Figures-5.3 and 5.4 that STATCOM placed at bus-5 yields considerable enhancement in voltage stability margin.

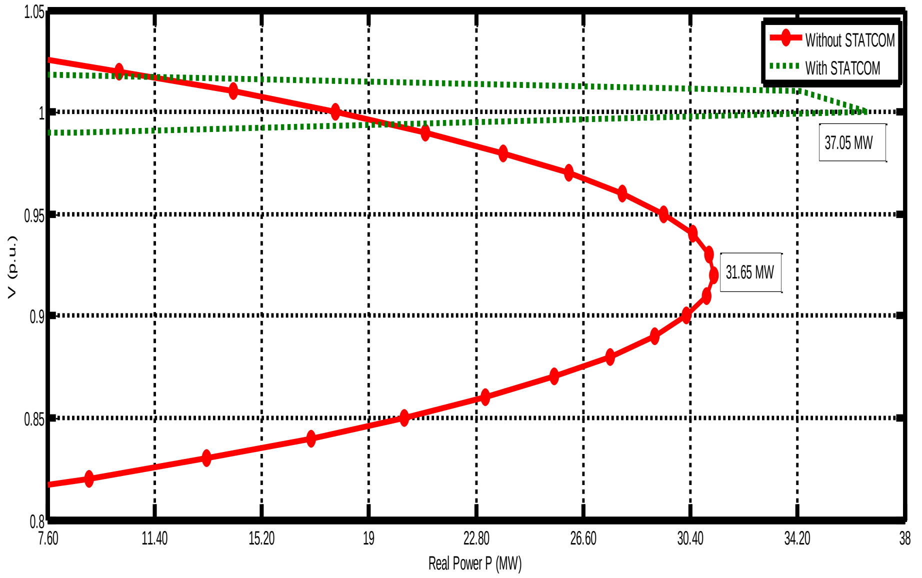

Figure 5.3: Comparison of *P-V* curves of critical bus 5 with STATCOM and without STATCOM for line outage 2-3 based on PMU measurements

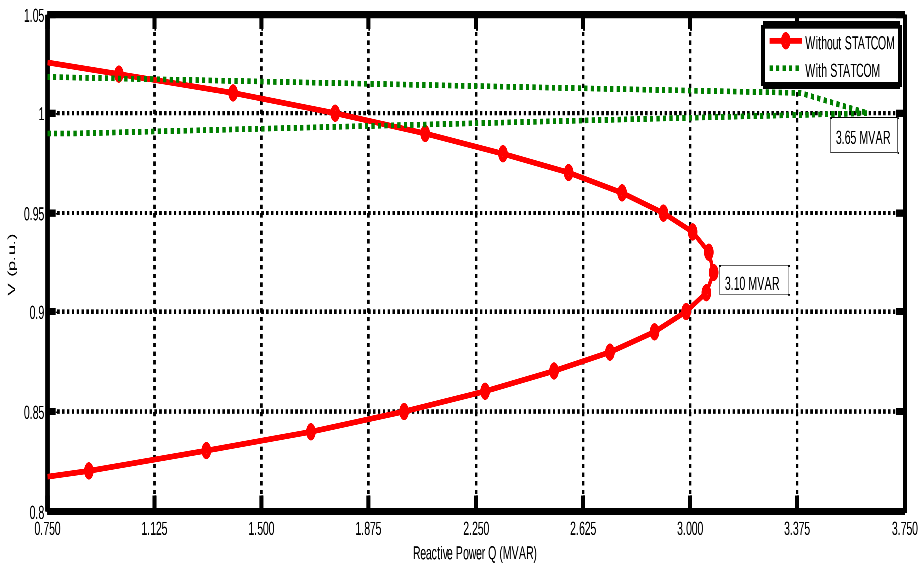

Figure 5.4: Comparison of *Q-V* curves of critical bus 5 with STATCOM and without STATCOM for line outage 2-3 based on PMU measurements

It is observed from Figures 5.3 and 5.4 that STATCOM placement at bus-5 shrinks *P-V* curve of critical bus-5 for line outage 2-3, and *Q-V* curve of critical bus-5 for line outage 2-3. This may be due to change in power flow through different branches of the network as a result of *Q*- injection by STATCOM that brings upper and lower voltage solutions of bus-5 closer under outage of line 2-3.

Table 5.3: Real power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM

Critical Continge-ncy	PMU Measurements		CPF Method	
	Without STATCOM P_D^{Max} (MW)	With STATCOM at bus- 5 P_D^{Max} (MW)	Without STATCOM P_D^{Max} (MW)	With STATCOM at bus-5 P_D^{Max} (MW)
Intact	39.44	49.60	40.20	43.77
1-2	17.78	20.20	16.49	17.63
2-3	31.65	37.05	30.11	33.42
2-4	32.76	43.71	32.91	38.32
1-5	37.39	40.66	34.50	39.03
2-5	35.64	42.93	35.26	44.59

Table 5.4: Reactive power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM

Critical Continge-ncy	PMU Measurements		CPF Method	
	Without STATCOM Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	With STATCOM at bus- 5 Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	Without STATCOM Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	With STATCOM at bus- 5 Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)
Intact	7.81	9.25	8.46	9.05
1-2	0.56	1.27	0.54	0.58

2-3	3.10	3.65	3.07	4.73
6-13	5.57	9.08	6.04	6.38
9-14	4.68	7.31	5.22	6.44
9-10	5.64	8.30	6.10	6.50

5.4. 2. New England 39-Bus System

Continuation power flows were run to determine maximum real power loadability as well as maximum reactive power loadability of each bus for the system intact case and all the single line outage cases. For running continuation power flows, real and reactive power demand at each bus were varied as per (5.1) and (5.2), respectively. Maximum real power loadability (P_D^{Max}) along with critical bus number based on real power loadability, have been shown in Table 5.5 for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. Maximum reactive power loadability (Q_D^{Max}) along with critical bus number based on reactive power loadability, have been shown in Table 5.6 for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. It is observed from Table 5.5 and Table 5.6 that bus-29 is the most critical bus based on real power loadability as well as reactive power loadability for majority of critical contingencies. Therefore, bus-29 was selected as the optimal location for the placement of STATCOM.

Table 5.5: Maximum real power loadability of critical bus under critical contingencies obtained by CPF method (New England 39-bus system)

C.C.	P_D^{Max} (MW)	C.B.
Intact Case	1686.83	29
21-22	930.60	23

28-29	989.42	29
22-35	1099.98	29
10-32	1102.82	29
29-38	2380	20

C.C. = Critical Contingency, P_D^{Max} = Maximum Active Power Loadability, C.B. = Critical Bus

Table 5.6: Maximum reactive power loadability of critical bus under critical contingencies obtained by CPF method (New England 39-bus system)

C.C.	Q_D^{Max} **(MVAR)**	**C.B.**
Intact Case	151.01	29
2-25	51.26	25
29-38	72.10	20
28-29	88.58	29
10-32	98.73	29
15-16	168.90	15

C.C. = Critical Contingency, Q_D^{Max} = Maximum Reactive Power Loadability, C.B. = Critical Bus

Maximum real and reactive power loadability of the system with STATCOM placed at bus number 29 were calculated for the system intact case and all the single line outage cases using flowchart shown in Figure-5.2 with the help of optimally placed PMUs. In order to meet efficiency of STATCOM placement strategy, real and reactive power loadability were also calculated for the system in the absence of STATCOM, based on flowchart presented in Figure-5.2 ignoring blocks corresponding to STATCOM. Real power and reactive power loadability were also calculated using continuation power flow (CPF) method for the system with and without STATCOM. Real and reactive power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM has been shown in Table 5.7 and Table 5.8 respectively, for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. It is observed from Table 5.7 and Table 5.8 that placement of STATCOM at optimal location (viz. bus number 29) results in significant enhancement in voltage stability margin. Figure-5.5 shows a comparison of the nose curves of critical bus 29 obtained using proposed approach with and without STATCOM for the line outage 29-38. Figure-5.6 also shows a comparison of the nose curves of critical bus 29 obtained using proposed approach with and without STATCOM for the line outage 29-38. It is observed from Figures-5.5 and 5.6 that STATCOM placed at bus-29 yields considerable enhancement in voltage stability margin.

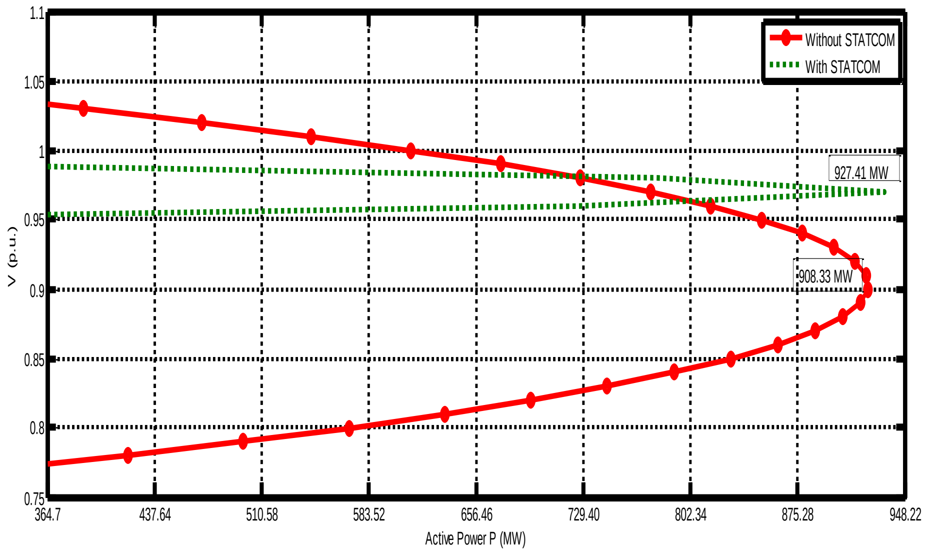

Figure 5.5: Comparison of *P-V* curves of critical bus 29 with STATCOM and without STATCOM for line outage 21-22 based on PMU measurements

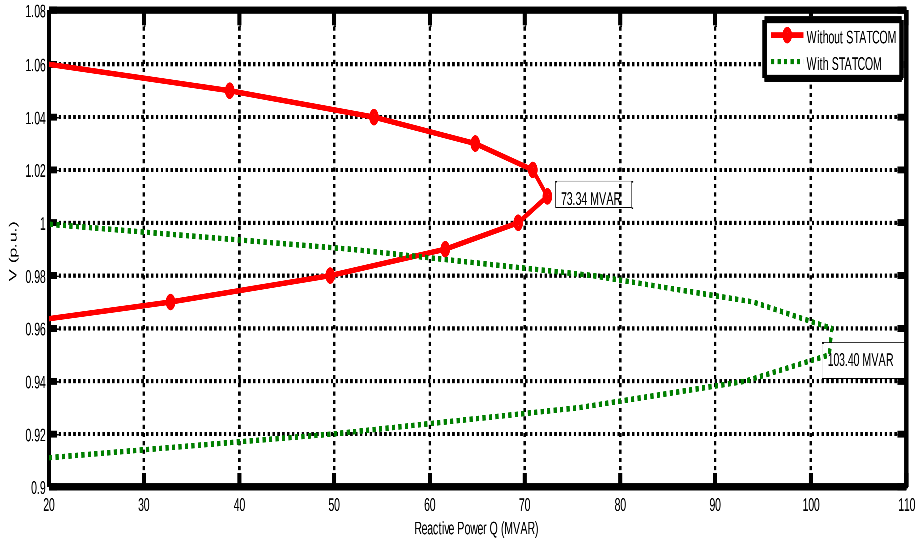

Figure 5.6: Comparison of *Q-V* curves of critical bus 29 with STATCOM and without STATCOM for line outage 29-38 based on PMU measurements

It is observed from Figure 5.5 that STATCOM placement at bus-29 shrinks *P-V* curve of bus-29 for line outage 21-22. Redistribution of power flows through branches might have brought upper and lower voltage solutions of bus-29 closer. No such shrinkage of *Q-V* curve of bus-29 following STATCOM placement is observed in case of line outage 29-38.

Table 5.7: Real power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM

Critical Contingency	**PMU Measurements**		**CPF Method**	
	Without STATCOM P_D^{Max} **(MW)**	**With STATCOM at bus-29** P_D^{Max} **(MW))**	**Without STATCOM** P_D^{Max} **(MW)**	**With STATCOM at bus-29** P_D^{Max} **(MW)**
Intact	1363.64	1419.85	1686.83	1702.68
28-29	856.17	926.73	989.42	1003.23
21-22	908.33	927.41	930.60	943.28
22-35	1108.49	1117.63	1099.98	1104.45

10-32	1114.16	1144.15	1102.82	1107.47

Table 5.8: Reactive power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM

Critical Contingency	PMU Measurements		CPF Method	
	Without STATCOM Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	With STATCOM at bus-29 Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	Without STATCOM Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	With STATCOM at bus-29 Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)
Intact	122.08	127.11	151.01	157.23
28-29	76.65	82.97	88.58	98.32
29-38	73.34	103.40	72.10	75.91
15-16	142.60	150.93	168.90	169.41
2-25	42.10	43.45	51.26	51.97
10-32	99.74	102.43	98.73	99.15

5.4. 3. 246-Bus NRPG System

Continuation power flows were run to determine maximum real power loadability as well as maximum reactive power loadability of each bus for the system intact case and all the single line outage cases. For running continuation power flows, real and reactive power demand at each bus was varied as per (5.1) and (5.2), respectively. Maximum real power loadability (P_D^{Max}) along with critical bus number based on real power loadability, have been shown in Table 5.9 for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. Maximum reactive power loadability (Q_D^{Max}) along with critical bus number based on reactive power loadability, have been shown in Table 5.10 for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. It is observed from Table 5.9 and Table 5.10 that bus-174 is the most critical bus based on real power loadability as well as reactive power loadability for majority of critical contingencies. Therefore, bus-174 was selected as the optimal location for the placement of STATCOM.

Table 5.9: Maximum real power loadability of critical bus under critical contingencies obtained by CPF method (NRPG 246-bus system)

C.C.	P_D^{Max} **(MW)**	**C.B.**
Intact Case	641.84	174
173-174	344.69	174
40-41	383.75	174
166-173	434.69	174
156-158	476.93	158
194-198	518.86	174

C.C. = Critical Contingency, P_D^{Max} = Maximum Active Power Loadability, C.B. = Critical Bus

Table 5.10: Maximum reactive power loadability of critical bus under critical contingencies obtained by CPF method (NRPG 246-bus system)

C.C.	Q_D^{Max} **(MVAR)**	**C.B.**
Intact Case	51.11	174
63-70	19.33	156
173-174	27.45	174
40-41	30.56	174
156-158	34.07	158
166-173	34.61	174

C.C. = Critical Contingency, Q_D^{Max} = Maximum Reactive Power Loadability, C.B. = Critical Bus

Maximum real and reactive power loadability of the system with optimally placed STATCOM were calculated for the system intact case and all the single line outage cases using flowchart shown in Figure-5.2 with the help of optimally placed PMUs. In order to meet efficiency of STATCOM placement strategy, real and reactive power loadability were also calculated for the system in the absence of STATCOM, based on flowchart presented in Figure-5.2 ignoring blocks corresponding to STATCOM. Real and reactive power loadability was also calculated for the system with and without STATCOM using continuation power flow (CPF) method. Real and reactive power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM has been shown in Table 5.11 and 5.12 respectively, for the system intact case and few critical contingency cases. It is observed from Table 5.11 and Table 5.12 that placement of STATCOM at optimal location (viz. bus number 174) results in significant enhancement in voltage stability margin. Figure-5.7 shows a comparison of the nose curves of critical bus 174 obtained using proposed approach with and without using STATCOM in the system for the line outage 156-158. Figure-5.8 shows a comparison of the nose curves of critical bus 174 obtained using proposed approach with and without STATCOM in the system for the line outage 156-158. It is observed from Figures-5.7 and 5.8 that STATCOM placed at bus-174 yields considerable enhancement in voltage stability margin.

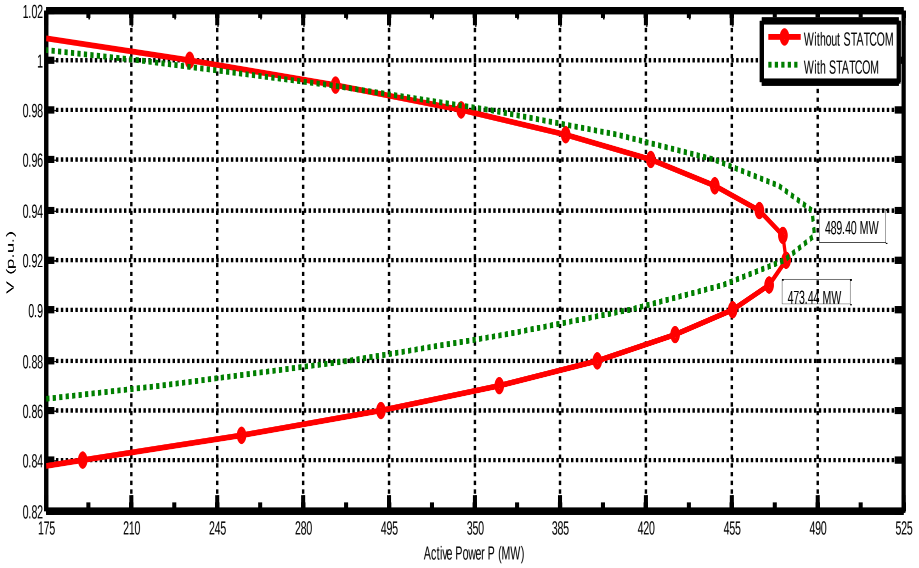

Figure 5.7: Comparison of *P-V* curves of critical bus 174 with STATCOM and without STATCOM for line outage 156-158 using PMU measurements

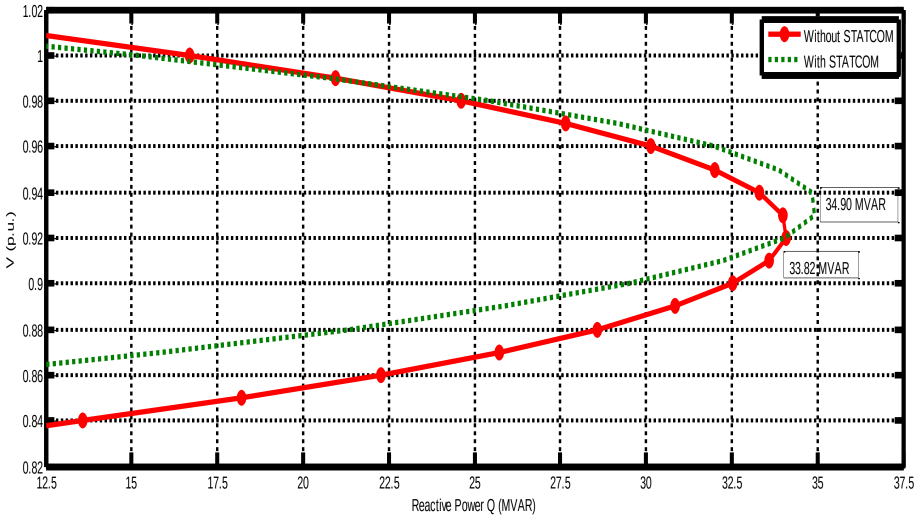

Figure 5.8: Comparison of *Q-V* curves of critical bus 174 with STATCOM and without STATCOM for line outage 156-158 using PMU measurements

Table 5.11: Real power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM

Critical Contingency	PMU Measurements		CPF Method	
	Without STATCOM P_D^{Max} (MW)	With STATCOM at bus-174 P_D^{Max} (MW)	Without STATCOM P_D^{Max} (MW)	With STATCOM at bus-174 P_D^{Max} (MW)
Intact	487.33	562.36	641.84	646.30
173-174	269.98	287.29	344.69	402.30
40-41	388.84	424.20	383.75	387.16
166-173	385.45	434.66	434.69	448.92
156-158	473.44	489.40	476.93	476.96
194-198	506.63	596.08	518.86	519.33

Table 5.12: Reactive power loadability of the system with and without STATCOM

Critical Contingency	PMU Measurements		CPF Method	
	Without STATCOM Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	With STATCOM at bus-174 Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	Without STATCOM Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)	With STATCOM at bus-174 Q_D^{Max} (MVAR)
Intact	38.80	44.77	51.11	51.47
173-174	21.50	22.88	27.45	32.04
40-41	30.96	33.78	30.56	30.83
166-173	30.69	34.61	34.61	35.74
156-158	33.82	34.90	34.07	37.08
63-70	19.51	21.68	19.33	21.50

5.5 Conclusions

Most of the research has concentrated on voltage stability monitoring and enhancement of offline system. In this chapter, real time monitoring and enhancement of online system through reactive power injection by STATCOM has been proposed. Voltage stability margin has been monitored in real time framework based on voltage measurement obtained by PMUs at three consecutive operating points. STATCOM injects reactive power to the critical bus (the bus where it is placed) based on bus voltage magnitude differing from its reference value. Enhanced voltage stability margin as a result of reactive power injection is monitored at regular intervals using updated PMU measurements. Case studies performed on three test systems establish effectiveness of proposed approach of real time enhancement of voltage stability margin through reactive power injection by STATCOM.