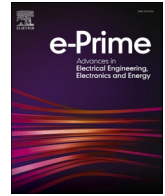




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## A critical analysis of different power quality improvement techniques in microgrid

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## SUMMARY

Recently, the exponential decay of traditional petroleum and coal-based reserves with the ever-rising energy demand has led to the need for alternate energy sources. Distributed Generation (DG) based on renewable energy sources serves as a viable alternative solution for researchers to counter the issue of rising load. Hence the use of renewable energy sources is of utmost priority. Renewable non-traditional energy resources also have the advantage of being an unlimited energy source and climate-friendly in nature. In this context, distributed micro-generating units come into the picture, popularly known as MicroGrid (MG). The MGs are small-scale resources generating electrical energy and connected to the main utility through power electronic converters. The main drawbacks associated with MGs are their association with converters and switching devices, which leads to the injection of disturbances in the power system. Due to the tremendous use of MGs in modern power systems, the inherent intermittent nature of the renewable sources increased infiltration of nonlinear loads, and the distributed nature of micro-generating units, huge power quality (PQ) issues are observed hazardous to both generation and supply ends. PQ issues could be either the reactive power compensation or the generation of harmonics that hamper the normal functioning of the electrical energy system. To maintain healthy transmission and distribution of electrical power, these issues must be taken care of utmost priority. Because of customer satisfaction, utilities have adopted many profitable schemes and power quality improvement methods. In this regard, around 350 recent review articles have been comprehensively surveyed, and a detailed discussion about regulation of power quality issues using the filters, controllers, Flexible AC Transmission Systems (FACTS), optimization techniques (OTs), and machine learning tools with modern and advanced control techniques have been highlighted in this review article. A clear idea regarding power quality and its enhancement in MG has been presented. The technical and economic aspects have also been projected in brief. In addition, an in-depth study covering all challenges has been cited, and possible solutions in the future for hassle-free PQ improvement have been suggested in detail. It is believed that this review article would serve as an efficient background for researchers, academicians, electrical engineers, industrialists, and manufacturers working towards the hassle-free operation of MGs by efficient PQ issues mitigation.

**Abbreviations:** DG, distributed generation; MG, microgrid; PQ, power quality; FACTS, flexible ac transmission systems; OTs, optimization techniques; DERs, distributed energy resources; MLTs, machine learning tools; PPFs, passive power filters; PV, photovoltaics; APFs, active power filters; HPFs, hybrid power filters; PI, proportional integral; PR, proportional resonant; MIMO, multiple-input and multiple-output; FL, fuzzy logic; ANN, artificial neural network; SVC, static var compensator; TSC, thyristor switched capacitor; TCR, thyristor controlled reactor; TCSC, thyristor controlled series compensator; ATC, available transfer capability; DSTATCOM, distributed static synchronous compensator; DFACTS, distributed FACTS; DTCSC, distributed thyristor-controlled series compensator; DSSC, distributed static series compensator; DSFC, distributed switched filter compensator; ZVRT, zero-voltage-ride-through; PSO, particle swarm optimization; PP-FFO, predator-prey based firefly optimization; GOA, grasshopper optimization algorithm; DVR, dynamic voltage restorer; BA, bat algorithm; PSO-GWO, PSO-grey wolf optimiser; SSWO, salp swarm optimization; CDOA, collecting decision optimization algorithm; TEO, thermal exchange optimization; CSO, crow search optimization; BCO, bee colony optimization; WSAA, weighted superposition attraction algorithm; SOA, seeker optimization algorithm; SMO, spider monkey optimization; GA, genetic algorithm; DE, differential evolution; PCC, point of common coupling; EVs, electric vehicles; UPS, uninterruptible power supply; APC, active power conditioner; UPQC, unified power quality conditioners; CPDs, custom power devices; IDFA, improved discrete firefly algorithm; VSI, voltage source inverter; CSI, current source inverter; HRES, hybrid renewable energy system; ASO, atom search optimization; FFT, fast Fourier transform; FLC, fuzzy logic controller; PMU, phasor measurement unit; ADALINE, adaptive linear combiner; KF, Kalman filtering; HT, Hilbert transform.

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## Introduction

Recently, most countries have started to adopt renewable energy-based DGs, leaving behind conventional energy sources due to their limitations such as environmental pollution, depletion of fossil fuels, very low energy efficiency, non-flexible and ageing. The concept of MG refers to an assemblage of several micro-generating units popularly known as DGs, which can operate alone and can be connected to the main utility through power electronic-based converters [1]. The various DG units are solar, hydro, biomass, wind, fuel cells, and microturbine [2]. The modes of operation are popularly referred to as islanded mode (supplying own loads only and detached from the utility) and grid-connected mode (connected to the main grid). The random distant location and a huge number of micro resources lead to the use of power converters which helps in promoting flexibility in control and better operation of the overall power system. However, this power electronic interface gives rise to an abundance of PQ hindrances such as the injection of harmonics and disturbances in the system [3–5]. These disturbances are dangerous and can cause mal-operation of load and source-side equipment and overheating, which must be taken care of. These disturbances are commonly termed PQ issues. Several PQ issues exist in an MG system, such as harmonic distortion, voltage imbalance, voltage sag, voltage swell, voltage interruption, transient phenomenon, frequency deviation, etc. [6]. These PQ issues should be taken care of for the efficient operation of the MG system and the effective utilization of the power at the load side. This study provides an elaborate discussion of the PQ issues and their mitigation methods associated with recent and future trends.

Authors have also reported the operation of an MG, where the optimized planning and working of the MG are discussed to increase the longevity, considering the climatic issues [7]. The MG control and construction, along with the dynamics, are also discussed [8]. A summary of the types, modes of operation, control, and coordination of a typical MG is presented. The PQ may be defined as the proficiency of the utility grid to deliver consumers consistent, ideal, and continuous power. The control of MG is of vital importance as it deals with the coordination among the DGs and affords power-sharing according to the load demand between the DGs. The authors have discussed the classification of MG control schemes into three levels: primary, secondary, and tertiary [9]. Primary and secondary levels deal with the operation of the MG itself, while the tertiary level concerns the coordinated operation of the MG. The use of multiple uses of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) is suggested by researchers with storage devices and controllable loads [10]. Authors have proposed the modelling and investigation of the independent action of inverter-based MG, where each sub-section is designed in the state-space method, and all are united collectively through a common reference frame [11]. The researchers have proposed the smaller potential DERs that can encounter consumer needs and can be attached to the grid by unifying these resources into MG [12]. In this way, a bidirectional flow of power can be possible, allowing a lesser burden on the grid for power production. This active and reactive power-controlling approach of electronically integrated DG units has been suggested by authors, where a multiple-DG MG system environment is considered [13]. According to load data, the optimized distribution of energy is discussed, where individual DGs provide their energy receiving and collecting data [14]. The grid can be broadly divided into AC or DC grids, in both types of grids, the instruments and equipment are dissimilar, and both may operate independently or combinedly. In this context, the exploration of power-sharing concerns of a self-governing hybrid MG is studied, apart from a purely AC grid, the hybrid MG comprises DC and AC sub-grids unified through power electronic interfaces [15]. The governing of a complex MG is vital as it takes care of control, coordination, and distribution of power between micro resources in different ways, as suggested by various researchers [16–18].

The PQ associated with various disturbances must remain within

specified limits. According to IEEE Std. 1250–2011, the PQ factors such as voltage deviation must be maintained within an acceptable range within 10% of the nominal limit in the MG system. The power factor must be equivalent to or more than 0.9 as given in IEC 60831-1/2 standard. The voltage/current harmonic is limited to within 5%, as denoted in IEEE Std. 519–2014. The frequency distortion must be within  $\pm 0.1$  Hz as notified in IEEE Std. 1159–2009 [19]. These limitations request consistent and proficient control, which must be connected so that PQ should be preserved systematically and effectively during grid-connected and islanded levels of operation. PQ may be defined as the capacity of the grid to deliver a spotless and steady flow of electric power. The power components such as voltage and current must have a pure sinusoidal waveform, and the power must be constrained within acceptable voltage and frequency tolerances. The PQ issues as discussed above can be hazardous to the MG system, hence these must be controlled by specific and advanced techniques. Fig. 1 illustrates the review methodology undertaken in this present survey article.

The primary contributions of this review article include:

- 1) In this research work, various techniques that have been incorporated into the literature for PQ issues mitigation have been meticulously reviewed and explored in detail.
- 2) A deep insight into PQ and enhancement in MG has been presented.
- 3) Around 350 recent research papers have been comprehensively surveyed. In addition, a detailed discussion about the regulation of PQ issues using the Filters, Controllers, FACTS, OTs, Compensators, Conditioners, and Machine Learning Tools has been highlighted.
- 4) A comprehensive evaluation of technical and economic aspects has been presented.
- 5) An in-depth study covering all challenges has been cited, and possible solutions in the future for hassle-free PQ improvement have been suggested in detail.
- 6) This comprehensive survey paper is believed to serve as an efficient background for researchers, academicians, electrical engineers, industrialists, and manufacturers working in the field of PQ enhancement.

The entire article has been categorized into the following sections: In Section 2, details about PQ and its issues have been highlighted. A thorough study of the various PQ mitigation techniques has been presented in Section 3. The technical and economic aspects have been projected in Section 4. The challenges faced and the possible solutions for hassle-free PQ improvement in the future have been suggested in Section 5. Finally, in Section 6, the conclusions have been discussed.

## Power quality and overview of issues

The utilization of nonlinear power electronics loads has posed threats among the industrial and commercial utilities, consumers, and manufacturers, thus making the quality of the electrical power produced a vital factor [20]. Nowadays, sustaining the electrical power quality under suitable indices is a chief concern [21]. Therefore, the power grid should ensure the customers with a consistent, safe, and uninterrupted power supply. Power quality is usually manifested as the ability to maintain a near sinusoidal voltage or current waveform with a particular rated magnitude and frequency [22]. Any deviation to the waveforms is termed a PQ issue, leading to the electrical power grid system [23]. PQ issues may pose several problems to the power grid network, such as more losses, interference with neighbouring communication lines, maloperation of equipment, etc. Therefore, optimizing several factors such as voltage, frequency, real and reactive power imbalance, and harmonics is the primary need for ensuring the reliable operation of the MG.

Various PQ disturbances associated with MG as reported in the literature are as follows: 1) voltage sag, 2) voltage swell, 3) voltage unbalance, 4) voltage spike, 5) voltage fluctuation, 6) voltage flicker, 7)

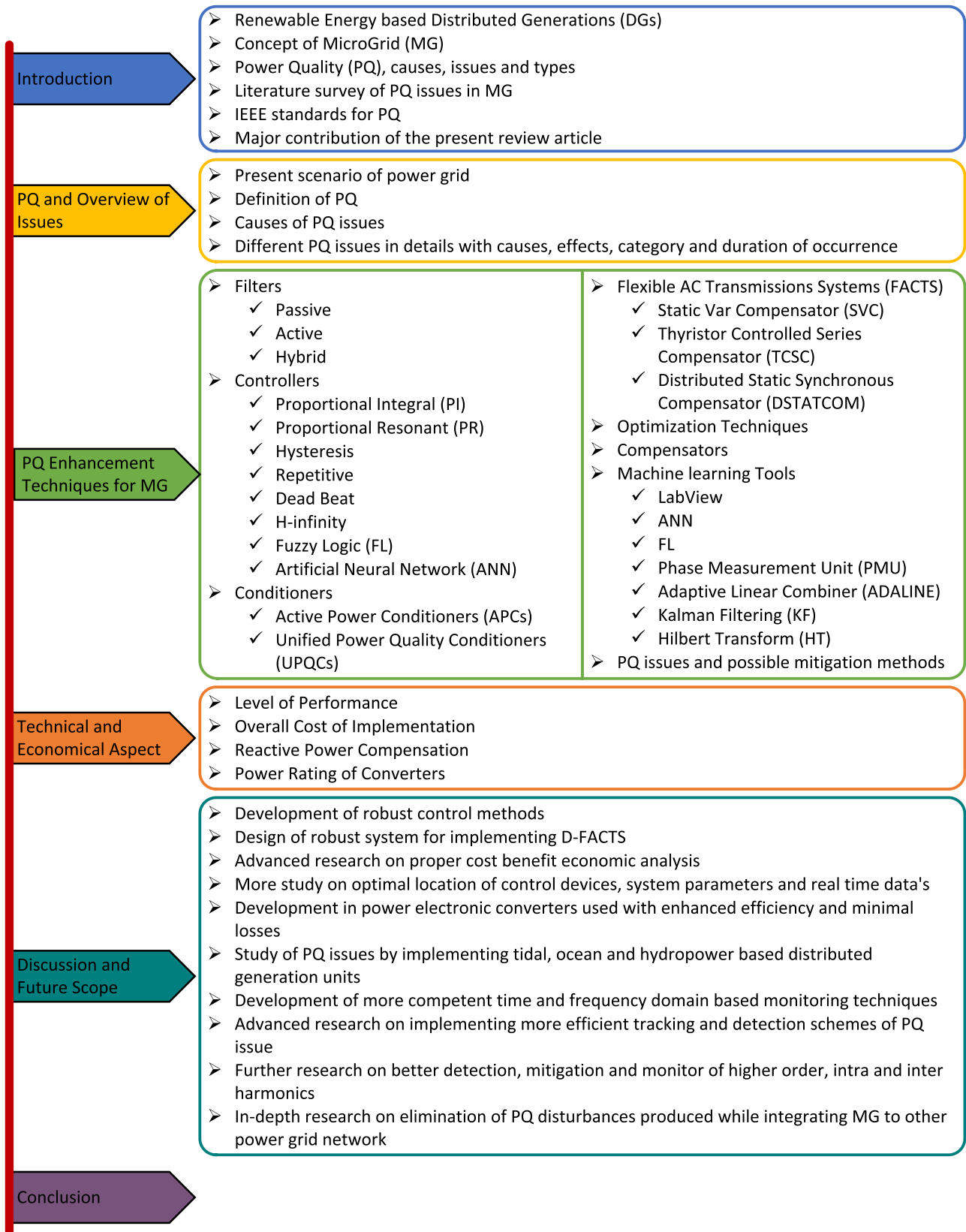


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interruptions, 8) harmonics, 9) noise, 10) switching transients [23,24] The voltage sags and the transients are reported to have the maximum and minimum contribution towards the PQ disturbances. The comprehensive research on PQ consists of detecting, classifying, and mitigating methods of PQ. Many authors have reported the numerous methods facilitating the detection and classification of various PQ events in the literature [25–30].

Integration of DERs in the form of MG plays a vital role in enhancing the overall system reliability, efficiency, and security, and meeting the requirements of the end-users. MG can supply the critical loads by either operating in islanded or grid-connected mode during the power failure from the main grids [30,31]. The seamless operation of static transfer switch employed with robust controllers helps to perform the transition of one mode to another mode of operation [32]. PQ disturbances such as

voltage swells and sags are predominant in a smaller and weaker MG [33,34]. In islanded operation, the PQ issues such as voltage distortion and unbalance are most likely to occur, whereas, in grid-tied mode, voltage sags have frequent occurrence [35]. Properly selecting inverter and associated control strategies play a significant role in mitigating power quality problems in MG [36,37]. Table 1 demonstrates the different PQ issues highlighting the cause, effects, category, and duration of occurrence.

### Power quality enhancement techniques for microgrid

Power quality can be termed MG's capacity to deliver a spotless and steady flow of electric power. The power components such as voltage and current must have a pure sinusoidal waveform, and the power must

**Table 1**  
PQ types, causes, effects, category, and duration.

PQ Issue Types	Causes	Effects	Category	Duration
Voltage Sag [38]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Energizing of transformer</li> <li>✓ Switching of heavy loads</li> <li>✓ Faults on network</li> <li>✓ Starting of large motors</li> <li>✓ Faults on the consumer's installation side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tripping of sensitive equipment and protecting relays</li> <li>✓ Efficiency loss and disconnection for rotating machines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Short duration</li> <li>✓ Instantaneous</li> <li>✓ Momentary</li> <li>✓ Temporary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 0.5 to 30 cycles</li> <li>✓ 30 cycles to 3 s</li> <li>✓ 3 s to 1 min</li> </ul>
Voltage Swell [39]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Turning up of large loads</li> <li>✓ Improperly regulated transformers during off-peak hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Loss of stored data</li> <li>✓ Damage to delicate power electronics interface units</li> <li>✓ Hardware failure</li> <li>✓ Torque pulsation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Short duration</li> <li>✓ Instantaneous</li> <li>✓ Momentary</li> <li>✓ Temporary</li> <li>✓ Long duration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 0.5 to 30 cycles</li> <li>✓ 30 cycles to 3 s</li> <li>✓ 3 s to 1 min</li> </ul>
Voltage Unbalance [40]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Load variation</li> <li>✓ Due to voltage variation where magnitude and phase angle differences between the phases are unequal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhanced vibration and mechanical stress</li> <li>✓ More losses</li> <li>✓ Overheating of motor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Long duration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Steady State</li> </ul>
Voltage Spike [41]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lightning</li> <li>✓ Due to static electricity</li> <li>✓ Magnetic fields</li> <li>✓ Internal changes in voltage use</li> <li>✓ Turning off heavy loads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Interference</li> <li>✓ Maloperation of electronic units</li> <li>✓ Damage to insulation materials</li> <li>✓ Loss of data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Short duration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ &lt; 3 nano-sec</li> </ul>
Voltage Fluctuation [42]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Loose connections</li> <li>✓ Continuous switching ON and OFF of oscillatory loads and elevators powered by electric motors</li> <li>✓ Arc furnaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Produces deteriorated power quality and discomfort</li> <li>✓ Disruption of production processes</li> <li>✓ Affects the vision process and brain reaction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Long/Short duration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ &gt;1 min</li> </ul>
Voltage Flicker [43]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fluctuation of the supply voltage</li> <li>✓ Due to the use of large loads with rapid fluctuation in active and reactive power demand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hampers the production by the environment</li> <li>✓ Causes personnel fatigue among workers</li> <li>✓ Reduces work concentration levels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Long/Short duration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 8 to 10 cycles per sec</li> </ul>
Interruptions [44]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Short interruptions are mainly due to the constant opening and closing of safety equipment to remove the faulty part and due to the failure of insulation</li> <li>✓ Long interruptions are mainly due to storms, wind, objects, humans, fire, failure of safety equipment, and failure of materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tripping of protecting relays and devices</li> <li>✓ Information loss</li> <li>✓ Misfunctioning of data processing units</li> <li>✓ Breakdown of all power electronic components</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Short/ long duration</li> <li>✓ Momentary</li> <li>✓ Temporary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 0.5cycles-3 s.</li> <li>✓ 3sec-1 min.</li> </ul>
Harmonics [45]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Due to the presence of nonlinear loads</li> <li>✓ Due to the operation of a highly efficient lighting system</li> <li>✓ Due to power electronic interfaces</li> <li>✓ Due to the employment of variable frequency drives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Leads to resonance</li> <li>✓ Excessive heating of power electronic equipment and cables</li> <li>✓ Reduced efficiency</li> <li>✓ Interference with the neighbouring communication line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Wave distortion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Steady-state</li> <li>✓ &gt; 2.5 min</li> </ul>
Noise [46]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Electromagnetic interferences provoked by Hertzian waves such as microwaves, television diffusion, and radiation due to welding machines, arc furnaces, and electronic equipment.</li> <li>✓ Incorrect grounding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tripping of thermal protectors</li> <li>✓ Loss of stored data</li> <li>✓ May create data processing errors</li> <li>✓ Creates issues on nonlinear loads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Wave distortion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Steady-state</li> </ul>
Switching Transients [47]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Any abrupt change in the circuit</li> <li>✓ Switching of devices</li> <li>✓ Static discharge</li> <li>✓ Arcing furnace</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This leads to the degradation of insulation</li> <li>✓ May cause flashover</li> <li>✓ May lead to total equipment damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Short duration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Micro-sec to several milli-sec</li> </ul>

be constrained within acceptable voltage and frequency tolerances. The PQ issues as discussed above can be hazardous to the MG system, hence these must be controlled by specific, robust, and advanced techniques. In this regard, a thorough review of the literature has been carried out, and in-depth ideas about various PQ mitigation techniques have been highlighted, such as 1) Filters, 2) Controllers, 3) FACT Devices, 4) OTs, 5) Compensators, 6) Conditioners and 7) Machine Learning Tools (MLTs). Fig. 2 illustrates the overall techniques employed for PQ issues mitigation.

**Filters**

Filters play a vital role in regulating harmonics, compensating real power and neutral current, reducing voltage flickers and unbalance, balancing loads, and mitigating voltage distortions, sags, and swells [43, 45,48–50]. The filters can be generally categorized into three types, namely passive, active and hybrid power filters.

*Passive power filters (PPFs)*

A passive filter is the simplest among all filters and can be defined as the grouping of passive elements such as capacitors and inductors adjusted for a particular frequency or a range of frequencies [49]. Fig. 3 depicts a schematic representation of PPF. Numerous topologies of PPFs are reported in the literature, such as series, shunt, low pass, high pass, bandpass, band rejection, LCL, and LLC [51,52]. The passive filters are utilized to overpower harmonic currents and minimize bias in voltage which occurs in delicate components of the power system network. Several literatures suggest using passive filters to mitigate PQ issues in renewable energy systems such as photovoltaics (PV) and wind, electric traction, and industrial power systems [53–57]. Authors have proposed an optimization problem formulation to allocate and size single-tuned passive filters in power distribution systems to minimize total harmonic distortion [58]. However, the PPFs suffer from serious shortcomings such as: 1) the filtering property is heavily affected due to resonance caused by source impedance, 2) the size is large, 3) limitation in the reactive power compensation, 4) bulkier in size, 5) improper tuning, 6) suffers from harmonic amplification issue, 7) dynamic compensation is not possible, 8) needs many filtering units and 9) not flexible. Owing to the above-cited issues, the PPFs find less utilization in the case of a complex MG associated with multiple distributed generators. Further, due to the intermittent nature of DERs and the nonlinear and variable nature of loads in modern power systems, the use of equipment that can actively participate in mitigating the harmonic components of current and at the same time could compensate the

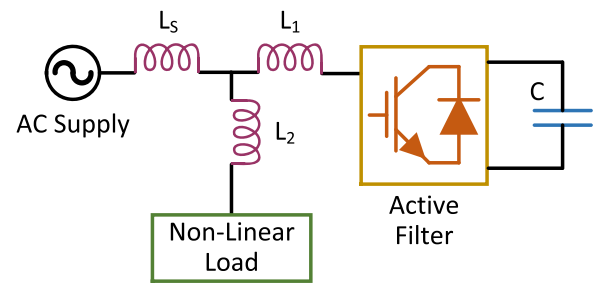


Fig. 3. Schematic structure of PPF.

reactive VARs is highly necessary. Therefore, the researchers opt to implement the active power filters (APFs) in the power system network.

*Active power filters (APFs)*

APFs consist of power electronics interfaces and passive storage units like inductors and capacitors, as shown in Fig. 4. APFs are the feasible alternative over conventional PPFs due to many merits such as 1) fastest dynamic response, 2) less volume and lighter in weight, 3) ability to compensate harmonics and reactive power requirement of nonlinear loads [59]. The APFs make a difference from passive filters because they inject real power at the source frequency and the opposite phase to mitigate the harmonic components [48]. The mitigation of harmonics with the help of an active power filter for a PV and fuel-cell-based MG system has been reported [60]. Furthermore, the authors have discussed implementing an active power filter for current harmonics mitigation in an industrial power system [61]. The APFs mostly find their application in medium power applications, thus facilitating active response to voltage notch, voltage distortion, and power factor enhancement [62–64]. Topologically, the active power filters are mainly of three types

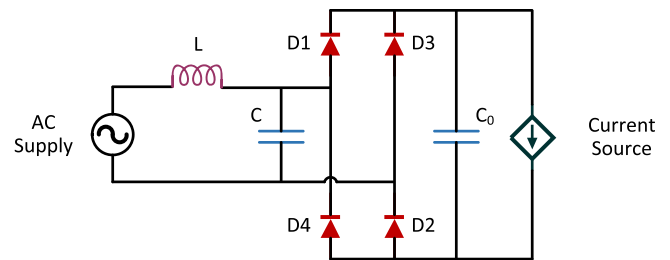


Fig. 4. Schematic structure of APF.

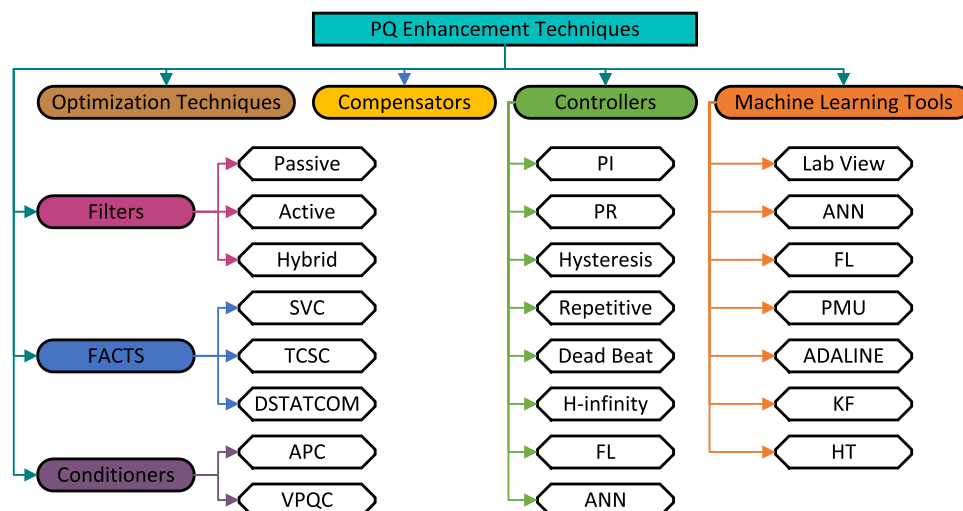


Fig. 2. Overall techniques for PQ issues mitigation.

such as series,[65] shunt,[66] and hybrid filter [67]. The hybrid filter is the amalgamation of both series and shunt active filters. Depending on the nature of the converter used, an APF can be either voltage source-based,[68] or current source-based [69]. Basing on several phases, APFs can be single-phase,[70] or three-phase types [71].

#### Hybrid power filters (HPFs)

The combination of PPFs and APFs results in the HPFs, as illustrated in Fig. 5. They are assumed to be the best among other filters as they combine the advantages of PPFs being cost-effective and the merits of APFs for providing efficient harmonic mitigation and regulation of voltage [72–75]. HPFs are reported to be available in different forms such as single-phase,[76] three-phase three-wire,[77] and three-phase four-wire [78]. Further, each type mentioned earlier can be classified into active,[79] or passive types [80]. Many researchers have reported the implementation of HPFs along with their control methods in various fields such as PV,[81–85] wind energy,[86,87] electric traction,[87–89] reducing inverter power rating,[90] and frequency regulation [91]. Further, a volume of work has been reported in the literature regarding harmonic regulation [92–96]. The authors have also discussed the analysis and control of new reduced switch count HPFs for ensuring high output voltage at minimum distortions [97].

#### Controllers

Controllers play a significant role in enhancing the system's stability and quality by regulating system voltage and frequency. The inverter of the MG can be controlled through various methods depending on the type of distributed generation resources used. A volume of research work employing controllers as control methods has been suggested in the literature to facilitate power quality issues mitigation. In this regard, a rigorous review of many recent articles has been carried out, and a summary regarding each type of controller used, its merits, demerits, and application has been presented in Table 2.

#### FACTS devices

According to the IEEE, FACTS can be defined as: "Alternating current transmission systems incorporating power electronic-based and other static controllers to enhance controllability and increase power transfer

capability" [141]. FACTS have been successfully employed in various sectors such as MGs, renewable systems, electric vehicles, aircraft, etc. facilitating many advantages such as 1) enhancement in the useable capacity of transmission lines, 2) proper control of the power flow over selected transmission paths, 3) improvement of power quality, 4) strengthening of power system's control, 5) delivers rapidity and flexibility to the transmission network, 6) deliberates electronically controlled high voltage power flow by the use of high-speed power electronic interfaces and algorithms, 7) allows increased loading of the transmission lines thus making the operation nearer to the thermal limits and 8) efficient damping of harmful power system oscillations [142]. According to their connection, FACTS devices can be of several types: series, shunt, and combined series-shunt. A detailed discussion of some basic FACTS devices and their applications in power quality enhancement as a technique is highlighted in the following subsections after a meticulous literature survey.

#### Static var compensator (SVC)

SVC came into existence in the 1970s and is referred to as the first generation of FACTS controllers as it is controlled with the help of a thyristor [143]. It is a shunt-connected electrical controller which injects reactive power into the system and controls various parameters of the electrical grid network. Incorporation of SVC into MG serves many advantages such as 1) proper exchange of capacitive or inductive power for controlling various system parameters, 2) faster response, 3) highly capable and reliability as compared to other synchronous condensators, 4) better improvement in voltage quality, 5) efficient in mitigating voltage oscillations, 6) good regulation of voltage transmission, 7) supports and stabilizes the power grid effectively, 8) high accuracy, 9) ease of availability and 10) helps control of reactive power for enhancement in system's transient stability, reduction in system losses and effective damping of flickers and swings [142]. Fig. 6 illustrates the typical circuit diagram of SVC consisting of two blocks connected in parallel, namely Thyristor Switched Capacitor (TSC) and Thyristor Controlled Reactor (TCR) [144]. These blocks play the primary role in varying the circuit reactance based on the thyristor's partial conduction. Authors in literature have reported SVC to play an essential role in various fields with numerous applications, some of which are summarized in Table 3.

#### Thyristor controlled series compensator (TCSC)

Depending on the technological characteristics, TCSC has been classified as the first generation of FACTS devices. TCSC was first installed in 1992 and enhanced the transmission network capacity by 30% [165]. It is a series-connected device consisting of a thyristor-controlled reactor in a shunt with many parallel capacitor banks to generate smooth variable series capacitive reactance [166]. Fig. 7 shows a simple circuit of a TCSC. Combining an inductor in shunt with a series capacitor facilitates proper control of equivalent reactance of the transmission system and empowers a continuous and quick variation in the series compensation system. The primary functions of TCSC in an MG include 1) proper power flow control, 2) mitigation of sub-synchronous resonance, 3) prevent the flow of short circuit current, 4) improvement in the system's transient and dynamic stability, 5) damping out harmful oscillations, 6) enhancement in power transfer capability, 7) ability to operate near thermal and electric limits by increasing the loading on the power line and 8) can transmit more real power [167–169]. A rigorous review of the literature based on TCSC applications in different fields, as suggested by many researchers, has been carried out in this article, and some of them are presented in Table 4.

#### Distributed static synchronous compensator (DSTATCOM)

The DFACTS (Distributed FACTS) are the last-generation controllers mostly employed in the distribution system. Unlike conventional FACTS devices, DFACTS is a new concept introduced recently that possesses the

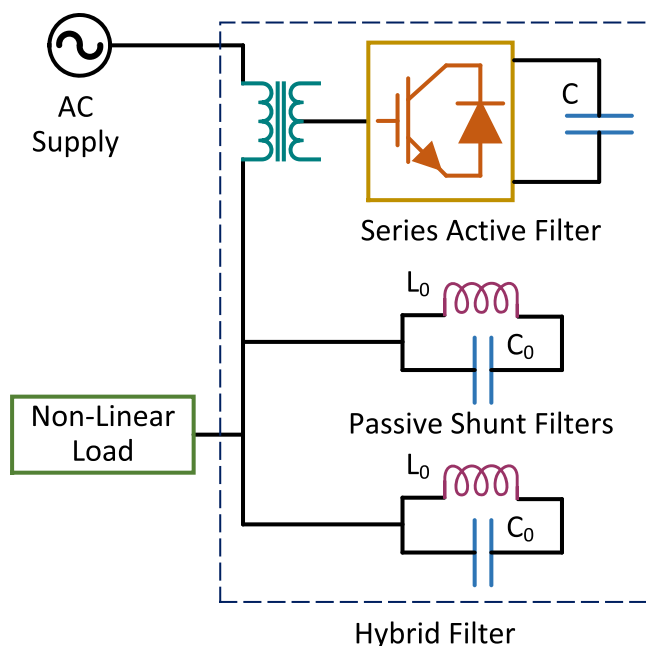


Fig. 5. Configuration of HPF.

**Table 2**  
Merits, demerits and applications of different control strategies for PQ enhancement.

Control Strategy	Merits	Demerits	Application
<b>Proportional Integral (PI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Easy to implement</li> <li>✓ System response is linear</li> <li>✓ No steady-state error</li> <li>✓ Regulation of fundamental components is possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fails to respond to nonlinear and imbalanced systems</li> <li>✓ Stability covers a very narrow range</li> <li>✓ Poor dynamic and transient response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Renewable energy resources integration [98]</li> <li>✓ Dual instantaneous power theory [99]</li> <li>✓ Dynamic Voltage Restorer [100]</li> <li>✓ Industrial electrical drives [101]</li> <li>✓ Doubly fed induction generator [102]</li> <li>✓ A wind power converter [103]</li> <li>✓ Smart household [104]</li> <li>✓ PV [105]</li> <li>✓ Micro hydropower generation [106]</li> <li>✓ Multilevel inverter control [107]</li> <li>✓ Multifunctional capacitive-coupling grid-connected inverter [108]</li> <li>✓ Converters for renewable energy resources [109]</li> </ul>
<b>Proportional Resonant (PR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The ability to introduce an infinite gain at the fundamental frequency</li> <li>✓ Can achieve zero steady-state error</li> <li>✓ The decoupling method and complex transformation are not required.</li> <li>✓ The capability of attaining higher gains</li> <li>✓ Robust current controller</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fails to operate at any other frequency apart from the tuning frequency</li> <li>✓ Provides low gain and cannot regulate the reference signal is made to work at any other frequency rather than the resonant frequency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Capacitance reduction in a 1-φ Quasi Z-Source Inverter [110]</li> <li>✓ Power Quality Enhancement [111]</li> <li>✓ MG application [112]</li> <li>✓ Grid-tied Solar systems [113]</li> </ul>
<b>Hysteresis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Simple in structure</li> <li>✓ Overall system dynamics are satisfactory</li> <li>✓ It does not depend on load parameters</li> <li>✓ Robust working</li> <li>✓ Faster response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The fundamental period may change the switching frequency resulting in irregular inverter working</li> <li>✓ Lower-order harmonics are not filtered out</li> <li>✓ Operation at higher power is not possible due to switching losses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In Synchronous Rotational Frame [114]</li> <li>✓ 3-φ, 4-Wire SAPF [115]</li> <li>✓ MG application [116]</li> </ul>
<b>Repetitive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Capable of mitigating frequent disturbances</li> <li>✓ Robust operation</li> <li>✓ Ability to maintain zero steady-state error at any frequency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fails to show efficient stability when the disturbances at the load end are not periodic</li> <li>✓ Sluggish response due to uncertainty of load.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Smart-grids [117]</li> <li>✓ Grid-connected inverters [118]</li> <li>✓ Wind energy [119]</li> <li>✓ Aircraft [120]</li> <li>✓ Solar energy [121]</li> <li>✓ Aircraft systems [122]</li> <li>✓ MGs [123]</li> <li>✓ Electric Vehicle [124]</li> <li>✓ Grid-connected converters [125]</li> <li>✓ MG and energy storage units [126]</li> <li>✓ Fuel cell [127]</li> <li>✓ Photovoltaic generation systems [128]</li> <li>✓ Wind energy [129]</li> <li>✓ Hybrid FC-PV-Wind-Battery energy utilization scheme [130]</li> <li>✓ Commercial airplane [131]</li> <li>✓ PV and battery-based system [132]</li> <li>✓ MG with battery-based energy storage system [133]</li> <li>✓ Photovoltaic with partial shading effects [134]</li> <li>✓ DSTATCOM based MG [135]</li> <li>✓ Electric vehicles [136]</li> <li>✓ Wind energy-based DC MGs [137]</li> <li>✓ Harmonic mitigation in the solar system [138]</li> <li>✓ Multilevel inverter [139]</li> <li>✓ Wavelet-based islanding detection in AC MGs [140]</li> </ul>
<b>Dead Beat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The structure is very simple</li> <li>✓ The dynamic response is the fastest</li> <li>✓ Accuracy is more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Requires a high rate of sampling for operation</li> <li>✓ Depends on system parameters</li> </ul>	
<b>H-infinity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Robust to any load variations</li> <li>✓ Modular in structure</li> <li>✓ Quick response</li> <li>✓ Consumes less energy for operation</li> <li>✓ The overall cost is less</li> <li>✓ It can be applied to multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) systems</li> <li>✓ Enhanced performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ System modelling is complex</li> <li>✓ Requires high-level knowledge of mathematics for modelling the control unit</li> </ul>	
<b>Fuzzy Logic (FL)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Simple in computation</li> <li>✓ Can handle system non-linearity</li> <li>✓ Convergence speed is good</li> <li>✓ Can control single or multiple inputs and output system</li> <li>✓ Illustration of the knowledge about the control action is easy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Design is complicated</li> <li>✓ Dependent on the performance of the expert's knowledge and experience</li> <li>✓ Needs a proper choice of parameters, the definition of membership functions, and the fuzzy rules</li> <li>✓ Operation is quite slow</li> </ul>	
<b>Artificial Neural Network (ANN)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Holds high fault-tolerant abilities</li> <li>✓ The ability to store a huge amount of information over a network</li> <li>✓ Capability to operate with incomplete information</li> <li>✓ Robust to faults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Weights require proper training</li> <li>✓ Manufacturing costs are higher</li> <li>✓ Only numeric data can be fed as input</li> <li>✓ Depends on the user's ability</li> </ul>	

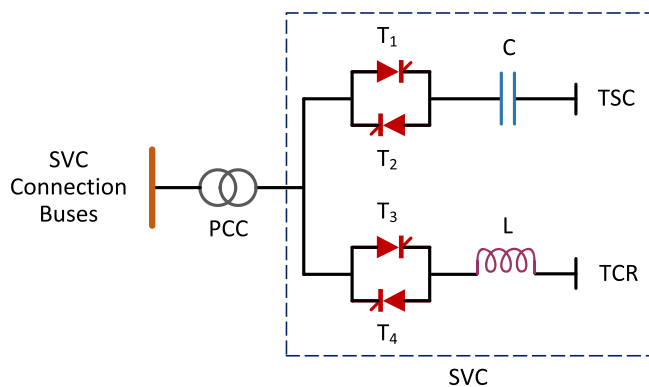
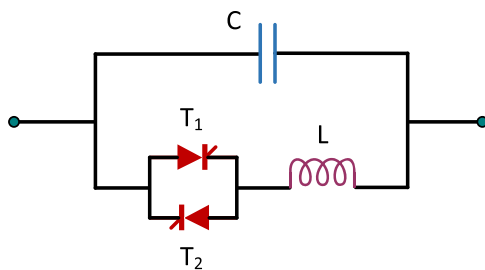


Fig. 6. Typical circuit diagram of SVC.

advantages of having a modular structure and loss cost for efficient power flow control [188]. Further, it also has the capability of effective dynamic control of the line impedance, enhancing system controllability and reliability, improving utilization of assets, and ensuring better power quality to end users with reduced environmental hazard and cost, which makes it a superior candidate for extensive deployment in the power system network [189]. There are many types of DFACTS reported in the literature, namely DSTATCOM,[190] Distributed Thyristor-Controlled Series Compensator (DTSCS),[191] Distributes Static Series Compensator (DSSC),[192] Distributed Switched Filter compensator (DSFC), [193] etc. Among all, the DSTATCOM-based DFACTS device has been reported to serve as a powerful FACTS controller having the capability to compensate currents regarding PQ events. It is usually a voltage source inverter comprising a current-controlled insulated-gate bipolar transistor

**Table 3**  
Literature survey citing the SVC applications in numerous fields.

Application Field	Major Effect of SVC Implementation
Wind generator [145,146]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Voltage profile enhancement</li> <li>✓ Enhancement in voltage stability and low-voltage ride-through capability</li> </ul>
Electric railways [147,148]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Compensation of harmonic and negative sequence components in the power system</li> <li>✓ Voltage stability improvement</li> </ul>
Low voltage grids [149]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mitigation of voltage fluctuation and reactive power compensation</li> </ul>
Arc Furnace [150–153]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Voltage flicker mitigation</li> </ul>
Solar PV system [154–156]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Active and Reactive power management</li> <li>✓ Stability Improvement</li> </ul>
Fuel cell-wind-diesel hybrid power system [157–159]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhanced dynamic response</li> <li>✓ Reactive power control</li> </ul>
Electric Vehicles [160,161]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power factor improvement of the distribution system</li> <li>✓ Improvement of voltage profiles and reduction of losses of unbalanced multiphase smart grid</li> </ul>
Two machine system [162]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Transient stability improvement</li> </ul>
Energy storage units in MGs [163]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mitigation of switching over-voltages in MGs</li> </ul>
MG [164]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proper Voltage Sag Investigation</li> </ul>

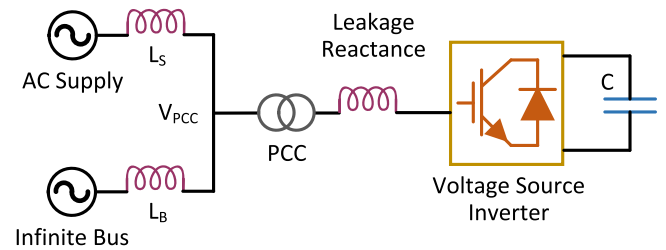


**Fig. 7.** Simple circuit of TCSC.

**Table 4**  
Literature review citing the TCSC applications in different fields.

Application Field	Major Effect of TCSC Implementation
Interconnected multi-source power system [170–172]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Effective oscillations damping</li> <li>✓ Mitigation of inter-area oscillations</li> <li>✓ Power system stability</li> </ul>
Grid-connected Solar Farms [173–175]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improvement of Power Quality and Performance</li> </ul>
Wind energy [176,177]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mitigating subsynchronous resonance</li> <li>✓ Analysis and protection of transmission lines</li> </ul>
Electrified railway [178,179]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Low-Frequency Oscillation Suppression</li> </ul>
Electric vehicle [180,181]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Low-Frequency Oscillation Suppression</li> <li>✓ Stability Improvement</li> </ul>
MG [182,183]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Intelligent voltage and reactive power management</li> <li>✓ Enhancement of stability and Available Transfer Capability (ATC) of transmission lines.</li> </ul>
Energy Storage [184,185]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Transmission Expansion Planning</li> </ul>
Directional relaying [186]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fault direction estimation technique</li> </ul>
IEEE Fourteen Bus Power System Network [187]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power transmission congestion management</li> </ul>

that is being fed from a DC voltage source. A schematic diagram of DSTATCOM is shown in Fig. 8. DSTATCOM has several advantages such as 1) helps in power factor correction, 2) compensation of harmonics, 3) facilitates load balancing, 4) ability to generate the rated current at virtually any network voltage, 5) better dynamic response and 6) uses moderately small capacitor on the DC bus [194]. Table 5 highlights some of the major implementations of DSTATCOM in numerous fields.



**Fig. 8.** Schematic diagram of DSTATCOM.

**Table 5**  
Literature review citing the DSTATCOM implementations in different fields.

Application Field	Major Effect of DSTATCOM Implementation
Grid-connected PV system [195–197]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power quality improvements employing active current control</li> </ul>
Hybrid renewable energy system [198]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhancement of low-voltage ride-through capability</li> </ul>
Multi-grounded distribution network [199]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Voltage compensation</li> </ul>
Wind energy [200–202]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Distribution Network Compensation</li> <li>✓ Thermal and reliability assessment in MGs</li> <li>✓ Adaptive reactive power control in weak AC grid</li> </ul>
Energy storage unit [203, 204]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power quality improvement in the distribution network</li> <li>✓ Mitigate Grid Disturbances with Solar Energy Penetration</li> </ul>
Hybrid wind and energy storage systems [205]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Intelligent voltage and reactive power management</li> <li>✓ Enhancement of stability and ATC of transmission lines.</li> </ul>
MGs [135,206–210]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Economic load sharing</li> <li>✓ Enhancement in power quality</li> <li>✓ Harmonic mitigation</li> <li>✓ Low-voltage ride-through characteristics and capability to support the utility grid during external faults</li> </ul>
Diesel generator [211,212]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhancement in voltage regulation</li> <li>✓ Compensation of the neutral current, harmonic current, reactive power, and unbalanced load</li> </ul>
Multilevel inverter [213–215]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Effective Load Compensation</li> <li>✓ Zero-voltage-ride-through (ZVRT) capability</li> </ul>

*Optimization techniques (OTs)*

OTs play a significant role in overall PQ enhancement in an MG. Various authors have implemented and reported the advantages of incorporating numerous OTs as controllers by considering the filters, controllers, and power-sharing methods as the optimization constraints [216]. The major advantage of OTs is that they can be employed in any either linear or nonlinear system in an autonomous or grid-tied mode of operation. A thorough review of the articles presented by researchers on OTs as a supreme controller for PQ mitigation in MG and other applications has been carried out in this section and is summarized in Table 6.

*Compensators*

Compensators find their primary application mostly in renewable-based DERs and MGs to ensure low current harmonic distortion and generation of enhanced power quality. Many research papers highlight the impact of compensators in attenuating current harmonics in an MG [252,253]. Some of the major contributions of the compensators for PQ enhancement in MG and other power system networks are listed in Table 7.

*Conditioners*

A conditioner is also termed a power line conditioner, which is usually a device that aims to enhance the PQ delivered to electrical load



**Table 6**  
Literature review citing the OTs applications in different fields.

OTs	Application Field	Major Effect of OTs Implementation
Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) [217–224]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Autonomous MG</li> <li>✓ Grid-connected fuel cell</li> <li>✓ Grid-tied PV</li> <li>✓ AC MG</li> <li>✓ PV-based DC MG</li> <li>✓ Grid-tied MG system</li> <li>✓ Power system network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power quality enhancement</li> <li>✓ Intelligent frequency control</li> <li>✓ Proper regulation of voltage and frequency</li> <li>✓ Optimal Energy Scheduling</li> <li>✓ Overcomes partial shading impact</li> <li>✓ Economic Optimization of Electricity Generation and Sales</li> <li>✓ Optimal design of shunt active power filter for power quality enhancement</li> </ul>
Predator-Prey based Firefly Optimization (PP-FFO) [225]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Dynamic voltage restorer (DVR)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Robust control of DVR and power quality enhancement</li> </ul>
Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA) [226]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Distributed solar PV-based MG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Robust capacity configuration optimization</li> </ul>
Hybrid algorithm: a combination of PSO and Bat Algorithm (BA) [227]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Solar/wind/bio-generator/diesel/battery-based MGs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Optimal planning of MG</li> </ul>
Hybrid PSO-Grey Wolf Optimiser (PSO-GWO) [228]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grid-tied AC MG</li> <li>✓ Three-Phase Soft Starter-Based Induction Motor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Dynamic response enhancement</li> <li>✓ Mitigate Transients</li> </ul>
Salp Swarm Optimization (SSWO) [228,229]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hybrid Power Source-Based solid oxide fuel cell and Supercapacitor for Grid Integration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhanced Dynamic Performance</li> </ul>
Novel Collecting Decision Optimization Algorithm (CDOA) [230]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hybrid Energy Storage Systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Supervisory State of Charge and State of Power Management Control</li> </ul>
Thermal Exchange Optimization Technique (TEO) [231]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grid-Tied Solid Oxide Fuel Cell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improvement of Performance and Quality of Power in Grid</li> </ul>
Crow Search Optimization Technique (CSO) [43]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Voltage Flicker Compensation</li> </ul>
Novel Bee Colony Optimization (BCO) [232]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Islanded System with Battery and SuperCapacitor-based Hybrid Energy Storage System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ for the State of Charge and Power Management</li> </ul>
Novel Weighted Superposition Attraction Algorithm (WSAA) [233]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Solar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Harmonic Cancellation</li> </ul>
Modified PSO [234]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Among micro-sources and supercapacitors in an islanded MG</li> <li>✓ Between hybrid PV and SOFC in an islanded MG</li> <li>✓ Grid-connected diesel generator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Optimal energy management</li> <li>✓ Economic load sharing</li> <li>✓ Power quality enhancement</li> </ul>
Hybrid Fuzzy Logic and Seeker Optimization Algorithm (SOA), SOA based on PI [235]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Unified Design of power system stabilizer and TCSC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Efficient damping of Inter-Area Oscillations</li> </ul>
Spider Monkey Optimization Technique (SMO) [236]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ MG</li> <li>✓ Grid-connected MG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Optimized power generation</li> <li>✓ Dynamic cost analysis</li> <li>✓ Operating cost reduction under real-time pricing</li> </ul>
Genetic Algorithm (GA) [237]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Solar PV system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improved MPPT Tracking Time by 85%</li> <li>✓ Reduction in tracking time</li> <li>✓ Increase in the efficiency</li> </ul>
Differential Evolution (DE) [238, 239]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 4S2P PV system configuration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhanced MPPT speed and efficiency</li> <li>✓ Better settling time</li> </ul>
Ordered Flower Pollination Algorithm [240]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Microgrid system that supplies uninterrupted power supply to Mirpur University of Engineering and Technology (MUST), Azad Jammu and Kashmir AJK, Pakistan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A solar photovoltaic system, a diesel generator, a battery bank, and a power converter make up the proposed system for the university campus; together, they provide a reliable means of meeting energy needs for the next 25 years at a reasonable cost. With 99% of its energy coming from renewable sources, the system encourages the development of clean, green energy and helps to significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions.</li> </ul>
Optimized Ten Check Algorithm (OTCA) [241]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Solar PV System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It is clear from examining a number of traditional and soft-computing methods for Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) that no single method is appropriate for every meteorological scenario.</li> <li>✓ In partial shading settings, effectiveness frequently results in algorithmic complexity and large computations, while simplicity sacrifices efficiency in such conditions.</li> <li>✓ The best MPPT algorithms should be straightforward, simple to implement, able to discriminate between local and global MPP, track MPP quickly and correctly in both uniform and partial shading situations, and free of oscillations in the steady state with zero electric parameters.</li> </ul>
HOMER Software [242]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Solar PV System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A few structural changes have been suggested for the FPA in order to enhance its search capabilities and obtain faster, more precise, and more effective MPPT results for solar PV systems.</li> </ul>
MPPT Techniques [243]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Photovoltaic system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Structural modifications in P&amp;O method has been carried out to obtain efficient results under partial shading conditions such as tracking speed, tracking time, efficiency, and ability to track the Global MPP (GMPP).</li> </ul>
Modified Flower Pollination Algorithm (MFPA) [244]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Standalone solar photovoltaic system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To improve tracking speed and efficiency, a well-known, nature-inspired Flower Pollination Algorithm (FPA) was carefully examined, changed, and integrated with a random walk filter.</li> <li>✓ The suggested technique has shown excellent performance, especially in monitoring global Maximum Power Points (GMPPs) under different Partial Shading Conditions (PSCs).</li> </ul>
Strategic Perturb and Observe Algorithm [245]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Solar System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The proposed method shows outstanding performance in zero shading condition, weak PSC, strong PSC, and changing weather conditions.</li> </ul>
Adaptive Flower Pollination Algorithm (AFPA) [246]		
Optimized Flower Pollination Algorithm [247]		

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Table 6 (continued)

OTs	Application Field	Major Effect of OTs Implementation
Ten Check (TC) algorithm [248]	✓ PV array	✓ Analysis showed that, in comparison to the P&O and FPA algorithms, the developed method attained the GMPP precisely and effectively.
Decrease and Fix method with Perturb and Observe [249]	✓ Standalone solar photovoltaic system	✓ In this research, a novel technique called "Decrease and Fix" is effectively provided as an enhancement to the PAO algorithm to address these tracking speed and oscillation problems. ✓ The decrease and fix approach is the first effective use of the PAO algorithm for achieving stability and expediting the photovoltaic system tracking process.
IRG based MOR techniques [250]	✓ Discrete time systems	✓ The suggested methods outperform traditional stability-preserving techniques in ensuring model stability even after reduction. ✓ The suggested methods produce stable ROMs and improve inaccuracy in comparison to other stability-preserving frequency-limited MOR methods already in use.
Optimized hill climbing algorithm (OHC) [251]	✓ Off shore PV system	✓ The suggested optimised HC (OHC) algorithm maintains the strength of the traditional HC algorithm while achieving zero steady-state oscillations. ✓ Both algorithms were implemented on an off-grid photovoltaic system in both constant and fluctuating weather scenarios, and the outcomes show that the suggested OHC method outperforms the traditional HC approach.

equipment. There are two basic types of Conditioners, namely, 1) Active Power Conditioner (APC) and 2) Unified Power Quality Conditioner (UPQC), which is discussed in depth in this section.

#### Active power conditioners (APCs)

APC is regarded as one of the efficient Custom Power Devices (CPDs) capable of mitigating PQ issues such as harmonic distortion and voltage sag, facilitating power factor correction, and enhancing system efficiency [263]. It is generally connected in parallel and is assumed to be a multi-function compensating device based on the available controller design. The primary part of APC consists of a voltage source converter that converts the DC-link voltage into three-phase AC voltages with controllable amplitude, frequency, and phase [264]. Numerous applications of APCs have been reported in the literature for PQ disturbances mitigation and overall enhancement of system stability, some of which are summarized in Table 8.

#### Unified power quality conditioners (UPQCs)

UPQC is regarded as a Universal APF which combines the shunt APF with the series APF sharing the same DC-link to mitigate supply voltage power quality disturbances (such as sags, swells, unbalance, flicker, harmonics) and load current power quality issues (such as, harmonics, unbalance, reactive current and neutral current) [272]. The main objective of UPQC is to maintain the supply voltage sinusoidal at a nominal value along with the source currents to become sinusoidal in phase with the source voltages [273]. A UPQC comprises two voltage source converters sharing a common DC-link either in a single-phase, three-phase three-wire, or three-phase four-wire configurations. Among the two converters, one acts as a current source inverter (CSI) being placed in parallel at the PCC with the help of a transformer as shown in Fig. 9(a), and the other acts as a Voltage Source Inverter (VSI), being connected in series between the source and the load with the help of a transformer as depicted in Fig. 9(b). The series converter carries out the following functions: 1) compensation of disturbances at the supply voltage such as sags, swells, harmonics, flickers, imbalances, etc., 2) facilitates harmonic isolation, and 3) damps out harmonic oscillations. The DC-link voltage regulation and compensation of load current waveform distortions are brought about by the shunt converter [274, 275]. A thorough survey of the articles reported in the literature regarding UPQC application for PQ enhancement in MG and other sectors has been carried out in this research paper and presented in Table 9.

#### Machine learning tools (MLTs)

Appropriate monitoring of power system dynamics is essential for

maintaining constant PQ, and this is brought about by incorporating MLTs into the power system network. Authors have studied the fluctuations in the power system by adopting the frequency spectrum analysis method based on the acquisition of time-domain signals by using the LabVIEW-based monitoring and analyzing tool [296,297]. Numerous harmonic analysis techniques have been reported in the literature for PQ enhancement, such as Artificial Neural Network (ANN), [298–302] Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), [303–307] and Fuzzy logic Controller (FLC) [36,135,308–311]. Detection and monitoring of PQ issues at a specific power line location is possible by the Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) device, which determines the phasor quantity. The phasor helps in finding the appropriate magnitude and phase angle of the supply voltage and current. Further, this information can also determine the frequency and analyze system conditions [312]. Researchers have also discussed and implemented some applications of PMU for PQ improvement [312–326].

Authors have adopted an Adaptive Linear Combiner (ADALINE) to detect PQ issues such as voltage sag, swell, transients, interruptions, etc. The main merits of this method are: 1) does not require setting up a threshold value for detecting PQ issues and 2) provides true and higher tracking ability [327–331]. Kalman Filtering (KF) method is also adopted for detecting various PQ disturbances. It has proved to be a more efficient technique as the PQ issues can be identified in the wavelet domain [332]. The application of the KF technique for PQ improvement has been thoroughly investigated in the literature [333–341]. Another algorithm suggested by researchers for signal processing in both the time and frequency domains is the Hilbert Transform (HT) algorithm [342–345]. This technique operates in a specific frequency range and uses an analog all-pass filter to effectively monitor mostly the voltage flicker type of PQ issues [346–351]. Fig. 10 shows the various MLTs for PQ events. Table 10 describes the major PQ issues and some of its possible PQ mitigation methods.

The overview and literature review of Deep Learning and Machine Learning's application to power system control Issues has been critically discussed by many authors [352,353]. To preserve reliability, machine learning techniques are used to extract patterns and arrange data to analyse, process, predict, and classify massive amounts of data relevant to the assessment of intricate power system dynamic security challenges. An overview of the various uses of AI-based methods in microgrids, including energy management, cyber security, protection, load and generation forecasts, and power electronics control, has been presented by the researchers [353]. Authors have reported the application of machine learning and intelligent controllers for prediction, control, energy management, and vehicle-to-everything (V2X) in hydrogen fuel cell vehicles [354]. A comprehensive review of the role of artificial

**Table 7**  
Literature review citing the compensators applications in MG and other power system network.

Application Field	Major Objective of Compensator Implementation
Grid-Tied Photovoltaic Inverters [252]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Determination of the capability curves of a multifunctional inverter during harmonic current compensation</li> <li>✓ Identification of main system parameters that affect the inverter's capability to provide harmonic current compensation</li> </ul>
Distributed generation based islanded MGs [253]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Active resonance damping and harmonics compensation</li> </ul>
MG [254]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improvements in Bidirectional Power-Flow Balancing and Electric Power Quality</li> </ul>
Low voltage secondary distribution system [255]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Design of a micro compensator to be installed and maintained by an electric utility for improved power quality</li> </ul>
MGs [256]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Formation of a consensus-based distributed control scheme, augmented by the conservative power theory for compensating imbalance and harmonics at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC)</li> </ul>
5-node power system network [257]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Proposing a novel expert system that automatically suggests the most appropriate and cost-effective solution for compensating reactive, harmonic, and unbalanced current through a careful analysis of several power quality indices and some grid characteristics.</li> </ul>
Utility grid with solar energy penetration [258]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Harmonic mitigation and power quality improvement</li> </ul>
Wind energy [259]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Optimization of the extracted wind power</li> </ul>
Low inertia power systems and battery energy storage [260]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mitigation of frequency stability issues</li> </ul>
Electric Vehicles (EVs) [261]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Finding a solution based on the reactive power</li> <li>✓ generation capability of PV systems to address the problem of increased voltage drop that will arise due to high EV penetration.</li> </ul>
Multilevel inverter in Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) systems [262]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Using the inverter cells as the VAR-compensator</li> </ul>

**Table 8**  
Literature review citing the APCs applications in MG and other power system network.

Application Field	Major Objective of APC Implementation
Radial distribution systems [263]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Design of an enhanced technique for optimal location and size of the APCs for power quality enhancement distribution systems</li> </ul>
Radial distribution systems [264]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Design of a method for optimally placing APC for voltage profile improvement and minimization of total harmonic distortion and total investment cost using an improved discrete firefly algorithm (IDFA)</li> </ul>
Industry [265]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mitigation of PQ problems</li> </ul>
MG [266]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Propose a three-phase back-to-back APC with dc-link voltage control strategies for the regulation of frequency and voltage to achieve high stability</li> </ul>
Electrified railway systems [267]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Use of APC to compensate power quality problems in single-phase 25 kV, 50 Hz railway traction substation</li> </ul>
Wind energy systems [268]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mitigation of PQ issues</li> </ul>
MGs [269]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Harmonic power market framework for compensation management of DER</li> </ul>
Power system network with 15 bus and six nonlinear loads [270]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Optimal siting and sizing of multiple APCs for minimizing network harmonic distortions considering Harmonic Couplings</li> </ul>
Solar Inverters [271]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Harmonic Compensation for Nonlinear Loads</li> </ul>

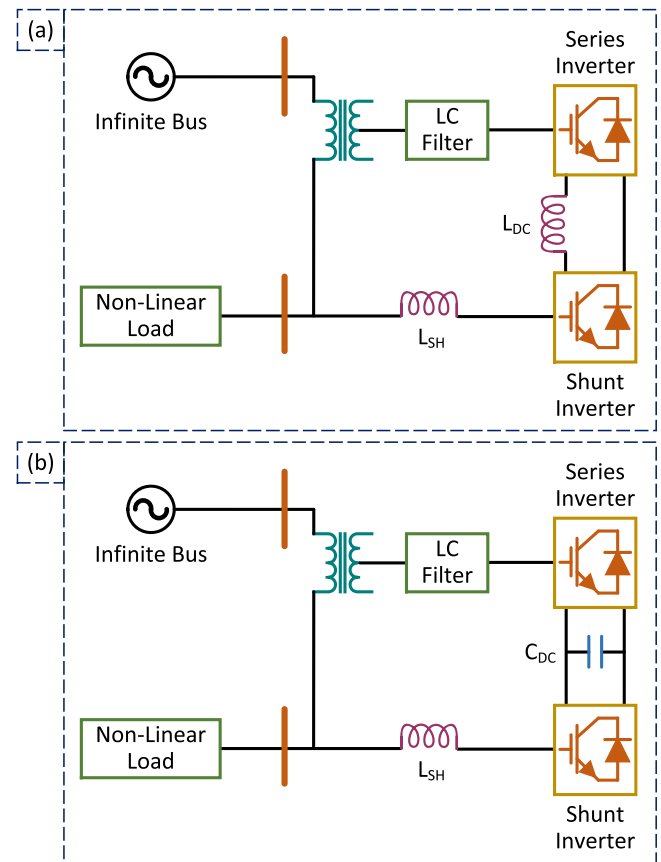


Fig. 9. (a) CSI based UPQC (b) VSI based UPQC.

intelligence methods and their sub-procedures in addressing problems in transient stability has been analysed and the rationality, applications, challenges and future opportunities have been projected [355]. The concept of deep learning, IoT and blockchain has been also implemented in the solar PV system to forecast maximum voltage to provide reference value to its MPPT technique [356,357]. Frequent blackouts and restricted access to energy in many poor countries have been studied by the application of artificial intelligence and machine learning applications in the energy sector [358]. Machine learning scopes on microgrid predictive maintenance with potential frameworks, challenges, and prospects have been comprehensively outlined and future research prospects in the industry have been discussed. A thorough analysis of the applications of artificial intelligence optimisation techniques in a hybrid microgrid during fault outbreaks has been elaborated by authors [359]. Researchers have given the concepts of synthesising control references for an active power filter (APF) that is installed in a smart grid with distortion loads to enhance power quality and adhere to standardised indices [360].

*Power quality issues and mitigation methods in various sources of microgrid*

It is essential to address power quality concerns and incorporate efficient mitigation techniques with diverse microgrid sources. The dependability, longevity, and efficiency of electrical systems are all strongly impacted by power quality, which also affects the functionality of vital equipment and the grid's general stability. Solar PV, wind, fuel cells, diesel gensets, and combined heat and power (CHP) are a few of the energy sources that are frequently used in microgrids [361]. Differential problems including voltage swings, harmonics, and transient events may compromise the quality of energy supplied to end consumers in solar PV, wind, fuel cells, diesel gensets, and combined heat and

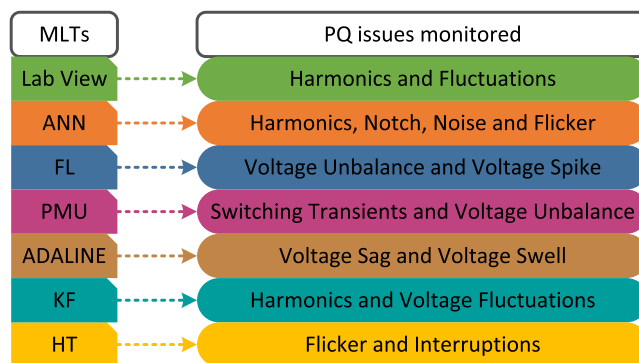
**Table 9**  
Literature review citing the UPQCs applications in MG and other power system network.

Application Field	Major Objective of UPQCs Implementation
Solar-fed grid network [276,277]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ For supplying a part or full reactive power required by the load and compensating the sag, swell, supply voltage unbalance and distortions.</li> <li>✓ Shunt part for extracting power from PV array and series part for compensation of the grid side power quality problems such as grid voltage sags/swells</li> </ul>
Three-Phase Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage System [278,279]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To mitigate the power quality problems that existed in the grid and the harmonics penetrated by the nonlinear loads</li> <li>✓ Designing a multi-objective planning approach for the optimal allocation of PV-BESS integrated open UPQC</li> </ul>
MG system with Solar energy [280]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To eliminate the sags and harmonics in the micro-grid system caused by the power electronic devices employed by the renewable sources</li> </ul>
Energy storage system [281,282]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Voltage sag mitigation</li> <li>✓ Enhancement of the electric power quality by compensating the source voltage sag</li> </ul>
Hybrid Renewable Energy System (HRES) consisting of PV/ Wind/ Battery [283,284]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Atom Search Optimization (ASO) was employed with UPQC to solve the PQ issues</li> </ul>
Wind Energy System [285–287]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power quality enhancement viz. Voltage sag, Voltage swell on the source voltage, and current harmonics mitigation on the source current.</li> </ul>
Hybrid fuel cell and wind energy [288, 289]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhancement of power quality</li> </ul>
Electric Vehicle [290,291]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improvement of the PQ problems caused by electric vehicle charging equipment</li> </ul>
Multilevel Inverter [292–295]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power flow control and power quality analysis in the power distribution system</li> <li>✓ For increasing the number of sub-modules at a medium voltage level</li> <li>✓ Power quality conditioning</li> </ul>

power (CHP) modules. To minimise equipment downtime, ensure a steady and reliable power supply, and guard against potential damage, these problems must be mitigated. It is essential to optimise power quality in microgrids through the use of sophisticated techniques such as harmonic filters, smart inverters, and predictive analytics [362]. This will help to create resilient and sustainable energy systems that can meet the needs of contemporary applications. Table 11 describes the major PQ issues and their causes that occur in common energy sources such as Solar PV, Wind, Fuel Cell, Diesel Gensets and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) of microgrids as well as its probable PQ mitigation techniques.

**Technical and economic aspect**

As discussed in this article, the numerous methods for mitigating PQ issues have their own merits and demerits that need to be dealt with very seriously. Recently, filters have been made more technical developed with reduced cost, size, and losses for delivering efficient supply to critical loads [50]. However, they suffer from some shortcomings, such as the resonance effect, and do not provide load compensation. On the other hand, controllers play a significant role in maintaining the system’s overall dynamic stability. Nevertheless, the use of controllers is, in fact, costly and makes the system more complex. The FACTS devices deliver superior reactive power and load compensation and have the highest power rating of converters, but the overall cost of implementation is extremely high [142]. OTs have proved to be a viable option for determining PQ issues; however, the cost of implementation is high [216]. Compensators ensure low current harmonic distortion and generation of enhanced power quality, but their overall cost is very high



**Fig. 10.** Machine learning tools for monitoring PQ events.

[252]. The enhancement in the PQ delivered to electrical load equipment is brought about by Conditioners. Still, the major disadvantage lies in its high cost of operation and lower power rating of power converters [263,272]. MLTs play a primary role in monitoring the event of the presence of PQ issues; however they suffer from many demerits such as 1) the need for massive data for operating, 2) requires high time and more resources, 3) choosing a particular feature is a key challenge that needs development of necessary tools in areas such as statistical analysis, machine learning, or data mining and 4) highly prone to errors [301]. So, the study of all PQ mitigation techniques regarding technical and economic aspects is essential. In this context, Table 12 highlights the Technical and Economic Aspects of various PQ improvement techniques.

**Discussion and future scope**

Although there have been numerous methods reported for the Mitigation of PQ disturbances the scope for future research work to be conducted on more efficient mitigation of PQ issues are many. It is

**Table 10**  
PQ issues and its possible PQ mitigation methods.

PQ Issue Types	Some Possible PQ Mitigation Methods
Voltage Sag [38]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ UPS</li> <li>✓ DVR</li> <li>✓ Filters</li> <li>✓ UPQC</li> </ul>
Voltage Swell [39]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Power Conditioners</li> <li>✓ UPS</li> <li>✓ Filters</li> <li>✓ UPQC</li> </ul>
Voltage Unbalance [40]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Protective Schemes</li> <li>✓ UPQC</li> </ul>
Voltage Spike [41]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Transient Voltage Surge Suppressors</li> <li>✓ Series (blocking) connected Low Pass Filters.</li> <li>✓ Parallel (shunting) connected Voltage Clampers and Voltage Clippers.</li> <li>✓ Parallel (shunting) connected Crowbar devices</li> </ul>
Voltage Fluctuation [42]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SVC</li> <li>✓ UPQC</li> </ul>
Voltage Flicker [43]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Voltage Imbalance Relay</li> <li>✓ Filters</li> <li>✓ SVC</li> <li>✓ DSTATCOM</li> <li>✓ UPQC</li> </ul>
Interruptions [44]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ UPS</li> </ul>
Harmonics [45]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Active Filters</li> <li>✓ DSTATCOM</li> <li>✓ Compensators</li> <li>✓ UPQC</li> </ul>
Noise [46]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Filters</li> <li>✓ By-pass capacitors</li> </ul>
Switching Transients [47]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SVC</li> <li>✓ DSTATCOM</li> </ul>

**Table 11**

Major PQ issues and causes in solar PV with its possible PQ mitigation methods.

Type of Energy Source	PQ Issue Types	Causes	Probable PQ Mitigation Techniques
Solar PV [363–373]	Voltage Fluctuations	Variations in the amount of clouds and shade cause the sun's power output to fluctuate quickly.	✓ Smart Inverters with Advanced control algorithms
	Harmonics	Harmonics are introduced by inverters because of their switching mechanism.	✓ Voltage Regulators
	Voltage Sag	Abrupt decreases in power output are caused by variations in sun irradiation.	✓ Harmonic Filter
Wind [374–381]	Voltage Fluctuations	Variations in wind power output are caused by variations in wind speed.	✓ Advanced Inverter Control
	Voltage Flicker	Rapid changes in wind speed result in voltage flicker.	✓ Predictive Analytics: Machine learning tools
	Grid-Resonance Issues	Resonance develops from grid interaction with wind turbines.	✓ Predictive Analytics through Machine Learning Tools
Fuel Cell [382–387]	Voltage Fluctuations	Quick variations in load or variations in the availability of hydrogen.	✓ Pitch Control Systems
	Harmonic Distortion	Harmonic distortion in fuel cells is caused by power electronic converters.	✓ FACTS Devices for voltage control
	Transients	Transients are produced when fuel cell systems start and stop.	✓ DVR for rapid voltage compensation
Diesel Gensets [388–394]	Voltage and Frequency Fluctuations	Variability in load variations and combustion of fuel.	✓ Energy Storage Systems for storing excess power during high wind speeds.
	Harmonics and Voltage Distortion	Nonlinear loads when running a diesel generator set.	✓ Voltage Imbalance Relay
	Start-up Transients	Rapid acceleration during start-up.	✓ Filters
Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Modules [395–402]	Voltage Fluctuations	Variations in power demands and loads	✓ SVC
	Harmonics and Inter-harmonics	Complicated power generation and nonlinear loads	✓ DSTATCOM
	Thermal Stress	Frequent shutdowns and starts.	✓ UPQC

nearly hard to point out which technique is superior as each has its pros and cons. All the PQ issues cannot be dealt with a single control method because the implementation of a particular technique depends upon many factors such as area of application, type of PQ issue, environmental effect, number of power switches used, power rating, the efficiency of reactive power and load compensation, etc. Some of the major suggestions to be implemented in the future for hassle-free operation and implementation of various PQ mitigation methods are enumerated below.

1. Development of more robust control methods which can mitigate any type of PQ disturbances irrespective of any factors.
2. Design of robust systems that can implement D-FACTS devices more efficiently into new and existing power markets.
3. More research is to be carried out on the proper cost-benefit economic analysis of all techniques adopted.
4. The optimal location of the control devices, system parameters, and real-time data need to be studied for the accurate functioning of the devices.
5. Further development in the power electronic converters used in the control structures needs to be carried out to enhance efficiency and minimise losses.
6. Future research areas can study the PQ issues incorporating tidal, ocean, and hydropower systems as generation units.
7. More competent time domain and wavelet domain analysis methods can experiment to enhance their monitoring capabilities further.

8. Tracking and detection schemes of PQ issues must be developed in the future to enhance efficacy.
9. Detection, mitigation, and monitoring of higher-order, inter, and intra-harmonics are also important considerations that can be addressed in future research.
10. In-depth research on eliminating PQ issues while integrating MG to other power systems needs to be carried out.

## Conclusion

MG system paves its way to maintain the present-day electrical grid network's reliability, stability, and flexibility by integrating renewable-based DERs, energy storage devices, and loads. Nevertheless, the quality of power generated is adversely affected due to the intermittent generation of renewable sources, a great demand for nonlinear load, and harmonic injection due to power electronic interfaces. So, presently maintaining controlled regulation of PQ and delivering compensation at all levels of power is a vital issue to be considered. In this regard, a meticulous survey of numerous PQ mitigation techniques such as Filters, Controllers, FACTS, OTs, Compensators, Conditioners, and Machine Learning Tools for enhancing the quality of electrical power delivered to the distribution systems has been carried out and highlighted in detail in this article. Further, deep insight into PQ and enhancement in MG have been enumerated.

Furthermore, a detailed discussion and comparative study among all PQ improvement techniques from technical and economic aspects have been projected comprehensively. Further, a detailed study covering almost all challenges has been cited, and possible solutions in the future

**Table 12**  
Technical and economic aspects of various PQ improvement techniques.

PQ Improvement Techniques	Level of performance	Overall Cost of Implementation	Reactive Power Compensation	Power Rating of Converters
Filters	Medium to low	✓ High (Active) ✓ Low (Passive) (Hybrid)	✓ Medium (Active) ✓ Low (Passive) ✓ Medium (Hybrid)	✓ High (Active) ✓ Low (Hybrid)
Controllers	High to medium	High	Medium	Medium
FACT Devices	High to medium	High	High	High
OTs	Medium to low	Medium	Medium	Medium
Compensators	High to medium	Medium to High	High	High
Conditioners	High to medium	High	High	Low
MLTs	Medium to low	Medium	Low	Low

for hassle-free PQ improvement have been suggested in detail. Therefore, this research article is also believed to serve as an excellent platform for providing considerable ideas to beginners, academicians, researchers, industrialists, manufacturers, and engineers working in this area.

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