Control of grid side converter in wind power based PMSG with PLL method

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ABSTRACT

Wind power is one of the most promising renewable energy sources. Due to a constantly increasing penetration rate in power grids in order to comply with interconnection requirements. This article targets the impact of a permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG) which is the subject of most attention due to low cost and maintenance requirements, driven by a wind turbine with the necessary power electronic converters that allow wind turbines to operate at variable speed, and connected to the grid for power generation more efficiently by the phase-locked loop (PLL) method in order to synchronize it. Thus, the proposed control techniques are based on vector control (VC) to achieve maximum power point tracking (MPPT), keep the DC link voltage constant, and control the speed and current at the generator side and grid side in PMSG which provides controllability of the reactive power supplied to the network. Therefore, the response of the PLL is analyzed and the simulation results of the dynamic model of the system is developed in Matlab / Simulink. The study results exhibit the excellent performance with high robustness, by improving the system efficiency to 98.72%.

Keywords: Grid side converter, Machine side converter, Maximum power point tracking, Phase-locked loop, Permanent magnet synchronous generator, Pulse width modulation, Vector control

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1. INTRODUCTION

Wind power generation has grown rapidly in recent years and has experienced a sharp increase [1], [2] which has made it a viable solution to reduce dependence on fossil fuels at rapid depletion and to adhere to environmentally friendly conditions [3]. In addition, wind is considered, one among the existing unconventional sources that can be used to meet the high demand for energy [4]. However, reducing the costs of the energy produced is crucial in order to continue to increase the penetration of wind energy [5].

Of the many dominant technologies in present-day variable speed wind power conversion (VS-WECS) industry, one of the most promising and increasingly popular is the direct drive topology based on PMSG without reducer and can therefore operate at low speed [5]-[7], due to its advantages such as excellent power factor, simple control, low noise and low losses [8], [9]. In addition, the development of large-scale power electronic devices has an important role in the perfection of their controllability and reliability [10]. On the other hand, electronic power converters are mainly used as an interface between the WECS and the power grid to achieve high performance and efficiency when connected to the power grid [11]. The WECS model includes a wind turbine (WT), a PMSG, a generator side PWM rectifier to follow the maximum wind power, an intermediate DC circuit and a grid side PWM inverter to independently control the active and
reactive power on the grid [10]. Two control strategies are applied to the control model on generator side and
grid side respectively [5]. The integration of wind power generators into the grid is a critical aspect, which
makes it difficult is the variation and higher intermittence of wind power generation. Thus, it is necessary to
provide the appropriate synchronizition techniques [12], [13].

Therefore, connecting a permanent magnet synchronous generator to a power system based on
vector control (VC) theory for grid side and generator side regulation, hence the proposed control law
combines the strategy of maximum power point tracking (MPPT) to increase the annual energy efficiency
[14] and to maximize the power extracted with the lowest possible impact on frequency and voltage of the
distribution network. The transfer of power between the distributed generation and the grid is improved by a
good synchronizion method. Therefore, synchronizion problems between them would arise during
failures. In previous works, traditional LVRT techniques have been implemented on the stability of
synchronizion under a weak connection [15], [16] and from the Boroievitch team which has been working
on this problem for a long time and with good progress [17]-[19] which gives a simplified model of a large
signal system to achieve the stability crietion.These two working methods will cause the loss of
synchronizion on the converter and the power grid under severe fault and may destabilize grid synchronizion.
Recently, research topics such as Discrete Fourier Transform [20], Kalman filtering [21],
least-squares estimation [22], artificial neural networks [23] and second order generalized integrator (SOGI)
[24], have been implemented to estimate the phase and frequency of the grid. Reference [25] presents a
detailed review of several algorithms and techniques that are widely used to synchronize single-phase
inverters with the grid. It should be emphasized that grid synchronizion is a general problem associated
with grid-bound power electronic equipment [26]. To solve this problem, the interaction must be taken into
consideration. Nowadays, the implementation of vector control relies on the phase monitoring of the voltage
across the PMSG, which will fill a phase locked loop (PLL) [27]. It should be noted that the advantage of
ovel sychronisation algorithm PLL is that it avoids the problem of double frequency error with a simple
structure which provides ease of parameter adjustment and robust functionality. This article discovers the
network synchronizion mechanism by indicating the dynamic behavior of the system as well as perfect
phase tracking performance with zero phase tracking error [28], [29] or constant between the system output
signal and the reference signal [30]. The results analysis displays an improvement in the system performance
with higher efficacy ratio of 98,72%.

The wind generation system is composed of wind turbine, a PMSG, a PWM rectifier, a PWM
inverter and a phase dector. The grid side converter is controlled using the synchronous d-q reference frame
approach. The PLL technique that is incorporated synchronizes the inverter and the grid. The high frequency
ripple at the inverter is filtered. The filtered output of the inverter is fed into the grid through a step-up
transformer as shown in Figure 1.

This paper is structured as follows. The proposed system description is describe in the second
section. Furthermore, the modeling of system components is illustrated in the secondsection. Section three is
dedicated to the control of machine side converters. The fourth section explains the control of grid side
converters using PLL. The simulation results of the studied control topology are presented in the fifth section.
At the end, a conclusion is drawn in the sixth section.
2. MODELING OF SYSTEM COMPONENTS

2.1. Wind turbine

Taking into account the chosen wind speed \( v \) (Builder signal), applied to the blades of the wind turbine, the mechanical power on the turbine shaft \( P_t \) is calculated using the [31]:

\[
P_t = \frac{1}{2} C_p(\lambda, \beta) \rho \pi R^2 v^3
\]

(1)

where \( \rho \) represent respectively the density of air (kg/m3), \( R \) is the blade radius (m) and \( v \) is the wind speed (m/s) and \( C_p(\lambda, \beta) \) is the turbine power coefficient. Where \( \lambda \) is defined by [32]:

\[
\lambda = \frac{R \Omega_t}{v}
\]

(2)

with \( R \) the ray of pale of the wind, \( C_p \) reactivity power coefficient and \( \Omega_t \) the angular a velocity of the turbine (rad/sec). The wind turbine mechanical torque output \( C_m \) given as [33], [34]:

\[
C_m = \frac{1}{2} \rho \pi R^3 v^2 C_t(\lambda, \beta)
\]

(3)

with:

\[
C_t = \frac{C_p}{\lambda}
\]

(4)

The power coefficient \( C_p \) represents the aerodynamic efficiency of the wind turbine and also depends on the characteristic of the turbine. This coefficient has a theoretical limit, called the Betz limit, equal to 0.593 and which is never reached in practice but it is between 0.4 and 0.45 [35]. In our case, the variations of \( C_p(\lambda, \beta) \) are modeled by the following exponential approximation [36]:

\[
C_p = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{116}{\lambda_i^2} - 0.4\beta - 5e^{-\frac{21}{\lambda_i}} \right)
\]

(5)

with:

\[
\frac{1}{\lambda_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda + 0.08\beta} - \frac{0.035}{\beta^2 + 1}
\]

(6)

And \( \beta \) is the pitch angle of the blades.

Figure 2 represents the power coefficient curves as a function of \( \lambda \) for different values of \( \beta \). The maximum value of \( C_p \) (\( C_{p_{max}} = 0.48 \)) is achieved for \( \text{opt } \lambda = 8.1 \) and \( \beta = 0 \). Besides, any change in the wind velocity or the generator speed induces change in the tip speed ratio leading to power coefficient variation. Consequently, the extracted power is affected. This power is maximized at the particular rotational speed for various wind and it is obligatory to keep the PMSG speed at an optimum value of the tip speed ratio, \( \lambda_{opt} \). Accordingly, the system can operate at the peak of the \( P_t \) curve when the wind speed changes and the maximum power is extracted continuously from the wind (MPPT control) [1] is shown in Figure 3.
2.2. PMSG system

The PMSG drive system is composed of a generator, whose parameters are shown in Table 1, two three-phase voltage-source converters in a back-to-back topology. Taking into account the simplifying assumptions, we used the Park transformation to model the PMSG, the goal of which is to make the impedance matrix independent.

Table 1. Permanent magnet synchronous generator parameters

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<tr>
<th>PMSG system</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
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<tr>
<td>Power</td>
<td>P = 10KW</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wind speed</td>
<td>Vv = 14 m/s</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nominal frequency</td>
<td>F = 50 Hz</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of pole pair</td>
<td>p = 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stator Resistance</td>
<td>R_s = 0.0083Ω</td>
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<td>Stator Inductance</td>
<td>L_s = 0.0050 H</td>
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<tr>
<td>d-axis Inductance</td>
<td>L_d = 0.174mH</td>
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<tr>
<td>q-axis Inductance</td>
<td>L_q = 0.174mH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Magnetic flux</td>
<td>Φ = 0.071 Wb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Moment of inertia</td>
<td>J = 0.0089kgm^2</td>
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The mathematical model of a PMSG in the d-q reference framework is represented usually by (7) [37]-[39].

\[
\begin{align*}
    v_{sd} &= L_s \frac{di_{sd}}{dt} + R_s i_{sd} - L_s \omega_r i_{sq} \\
    v_{sq} &= L_s \frac{di_{sq}}{dt} + R_s i_{sq} + p \omega_r i_{sd}
\end{align*}
\]

Where \( R_s \) is the stator resistance, \( L_s \) the inductance of stator, \( \omega_r \) the rotational velocity of the generator, \( v_{sd}, v_{sq}, i_{sd} \) and \( i_{sq} \) are stator voltage, current in the d-q reference framework, respectively. The adaptation of equations the active and reactive stator powers of synchronous generator to the chosen system of axes and to the simplifying assumptions \( v_{sd}=0 \) and \( v_{sq}=v_s \) considered in our case gives:

\[
\begin{align*}
    P_s &= v_s i_{sq} \\
    Q_s &= v_s i_{sd}
\end{align*}
\]

The electromagnetic torque can be described as:

\[
    C_{em} = \frac{3}{2} p \left[ \left( L_{sd} - L_{sq} \right) i_{sd} i_{sq} + f i_{sq} \Phi \right]
\]

where \( \Phi \) is the stator flux and \( p \) is the number of pole pairs of the generator. The dynamic equation of the wind turbine system is described by:

\[
    J \frac{d\omega_m}{dt} = C_{em} - C_{mec} - f \omega_m
\]

where, \( \omega_m \) and \( J \) represent respectively the mechanical speed and moment of inertia, \( f \) is the viscous friction coefficient and \( C_{mec} \) is the mechanical torque developed by the wind turbine.

3. CONTROL OF MACHINE SIDE CONVERTER

In the turbine control system, active power control and optimal wind speed monitoring are considered in the generator side rectifier control goals using the MPPT controller [40], [41]. The maximum power will be produced by the VS-WECs when the reference speed is applied to the generator speed control loop. For this reason, vector control (VC) is adopted as the control strategy in order to control the generator d-axis stator current (\( i_{sd} \)) and the reference current (\( i_{sd}^* \)) are compared and subtracted, which provides the d-axis reference voltage signal (\( v_{sd}^* \)) through the PI controller where the d-axis cost component is set to zero to reduce copper loss, as well as for the q-axis current of the stator of the generator with its reference signal which is supplied by comparing the nominal reference rotation speed of the generator (\( \omega_m^* \)) by its instantaneous speed (\( \omega_m \)) through the PI controller. The reference voltage of the q axis (\( v_{sq}^* \)) is obtained, which is shown in Figure 4. Finally, the decoupled voltages, \( v_{d}^* \) and \( v_{q}^* \), are derived as shown in (11):
\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{v}_s^d &= v_s^d - L_q \omega_e i_{sq} \\
\dot{v}_s^q &= v_s^q - L_d \omega_e i_{sd} + \omega \Phi_f
\end{align*}
\]  

(11)

Finally, we use pulse width modulation (PWM) to produce the control signal to implement the vector control for the generator.

4. CONTROL OF GRID SIDE CONVERTER USING PLL

For the grid-side converter, the purpose of its control is to provide reliable electrical energy to consumers, to regulate the intermediate circuit voltage to a predefined reference value and to achieve a unit power factor [2], by following a specific set of parameters such as frequency and harmonic levels. In order to keep the voltage of the DC link constant, the control technique requires internal loops which independently control the \(i_d\) and \(i_q\) currents of the network, the active and reactive power, respectively by decoupling in a synchronous d-q reference frame. Accordingly, PI control loops are used [42]. Although the external control loop is used for the DC voltage controller. The feedback and anticipation signals are first transformed into a dq frame and then processed by compensators to produce the control signals. These control signals are transformed into an abc frame and sent to the network side converters [43]. Figure 5 shows the grid side converter control method.

Efficient power transfer between the grid and the source can be achieved by the efficient synchronization technique. There are many methods used so far, zero crossing method, grid voltage filtering and finally phase locked loop (PLL) method [44]. The criterion for choosing an appropriate method is based on the best response to network disturbances, for example notches, harmonics and voltage drops [45]. The PLL is used to synchronize the voltage and frequency of a given reference and output signal. A phase detector, a loop filter, and a voltage controlled oscillator (VCO) together form a basic PLL system. Therefore, PLL provides the inverter with frequency and phase angle. The goal is to synchronize the current angle of the inverter with the voltage angle of the grid in order to obtain a power factor as close as possible to 1. In Figure 6, the PLL diagram is shown.
5. SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The models presented in this section are implemented in MATLAB / SIMULINK for its simulation, where we can see, the behavior of the system under different operating conditions. In addition, we will test the performance of the different controllers presented in the previous sections. Modeling the wind profile requires climatic and geographic data from the site concerned, as well as the period of the year concerned by the study. Therefore, several searches have been carried out. In this work, the wind profile is considered as a Builder signal, for a wind speed varies between 10 m / s and 14 m / s at time 2s and for a change of speed at time 4s of 12 m / s, as shown in Figure 7. Figure 8 shows the influence of the wind speed on the speed of rotation of the turbine controlled with the proposed strategy tracks its reference, obtained from the MPPT algorithm, successfully with a fast response, as well as the electromagnetic torque which have the same shape due to the linear relationship that exists between them. The system parameters have been listed previously in Table 1.

![Figure 7. Wind speed $V_v$ (m/s)](image)

![Figure 8. Speed of rotation $\omega_r$ (rad/s) and the torque $C_{em}$ (N.m)](image)

It is assumed that the wind power system is operating under normal conditions. As mentioned earlier, the wind power system injects its maximum active power available into the grid via machine side converter (MSC) and grid side converter (GSC) converters, to stabilize the intermediate circuit voltage when supplying local loads and check the reactive power in the event of a fault.

Figure 9 shows the intermediate circuit voltage is regulated to its desired and constant value, adjusted to settle around a continuous reference. The transient response is reduced in terms of the overshoot amplitude without updating the parameters. The DC link voltage reference and the frequency value of the electrical network are respectively $V_{dc-ref} = 750V$ and 50Hz. The output voltage of the inverter is depicted before and after PWM command in Figures 10 (a)-(b) and its responding accurately to the wind speed variations time.

![Figure 9. The DC link voltage (V)](image)
The grid voltage phase locked loop (PLL) is implemented. This technique is the simplest way to track the angle and frequency of grid voltage to generate the control signal to control the power converter during the run time. In addition, the same results can be observed for the active powers $P_g$ and reactive $Q_g$ in Figure 11, respectively. During the simulation, for the grid side inverter, $Q_{g_{ref}}$ is set to zero by controlling the $q$-axis current to zero and to ensure the unity power factor. In addition, power is generated with the most reliable impact possible on the frequency and voltage of the distribution network for fault conditions as well as for normal working conditions. As shown in the figure, the two powers are stabilized in their stationary state.

Current control techniques have been implemented in the grid-side converter model. The grid switching pulse is displayed. In Figure 12, the currents $i_{gd}$ and $i_{gq}$ injected into the network are represented with their references, this proves the efficiency of the established control systems. In addition, during simulation, the control current component $i_{gq}$ is set to zero. The grid side converter performance is verified. From figure 13, the three phase voltage $V_{abc}$ of the electricity network has smooth and steady signals.
In order to enhance the quality of the work, it is necessary to check the energy satisfaction requested by the network, the superiority and the efficiency of the system to follow the maximum power during the variations of the wind. For this, we must calculate the standard deviation \( \sigma \) between the power supplied by our wind power system \( P_t \) of 10KW which was calculated using the 1 and that completed by the network \( P_{rec} \) of 0.55 KW to supply a receiver of 10.55 KW of power, which was established using the (12).

\[
\sigma = \frac{P_t - P_{rec}}{P_{rec}} 
\]  

(12)

It can be determined that the \( \sigma \) attains 0.9 close to 1 and check that all of the power requested by the receiver is supplied by our wind turbine. Moreover, the difference between \( P_{rec} \) and \( P_t \) of the system when the response has reached its steady state is given by (13).

\[
\varepsilon = P_{rec} - P_t 
\]  

(13)

It can be determined that the power supplemented by the network \( \varepsilon \) attains 0.55 which is practically negligible, which justifies the lower energy cost of the installation. Based on the above, the ability to improve the operation and robustness of the system has been successfully demonstrated. Beyond that, the proposed PLL guaranteed synchronization, stability and while maintaining the simplicity of the system. In addition, the grid side control showed an excellent flow of active and reactive power, depending on the needs and necessities of the grid.

6. CONCLUSION

The study carried out allows to conclude that the control strategy of the variable speed wind energy conversion system is suitable for PMSG drives and the connected distribution network. From the responses, it has been proved that the MPPT controller is implemented to adjust the speed of the turbine as a function of the instantaneous wind speed. The proposed strategy is based on vector control (VC) theory for generator converter and PWM strategy for rectifier and inverter to keep DC link voltage constant and control active and reactive power independently, resulting in improved voltage drop. In addition, current control has better dynamic response and overall performance because of lower current distortion, higher grid power factor, and higher overall efficiency.

A built-in PLL for the grid interface is simulated and analyzed for normal grid operating conditions at constant voltage and frequency. Using PMSG with PLL grid synchronization increases the reliability of wind energy conversion systems (WECS). Finally, the simulation results show the effectiveness of the control strategies employed (no overshoot, zero steady state error and good tracking reference speed), and very good dynamic and steady state performance and working very well and very good dynamic and steady state performance and working very well with the high level of efficiency enhancement from 98.72 %. The following progress of this effort would include but not limited to the implementation of the system under a control board to experimentally verify the system reliability and efficiency examination in the existence of grid disturbances by comparing by the results obtained.

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