

# The wind turbine's direct power control of the doubly-fed induction generator

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## ABSTRACT

The study suggests a comprehensive approach to modeling and controlling variable-speed wind turbine systems that utilize doubly fed induction generators (DFIGs). To make sure that energy is transferred efficiently between the DFIG rotor and the grid, a two-level inverter with perfect bidirectional switches is used. Using the tip speed ratio algorithm and taking into consideration the randomness in wind speed, the maximum power at the wind turbine is optimized. Then, the control strategy utilizes direct power control (DPC) due to its various advantages. The advantages of employing this control technique are manifold. Firstly, it eliminates the necessity for rotor current control loops. Secondly, it obviates the need for controllers such as PI controllers to manage torque and flux. Furthermore, it has yielded exceptional simulation results when implementing direct power control (DPC) within the MATLAB/Simulink environment, specifically in the context of a doubly fed induction generator (DFIG) wind power system.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The economic and social advancement of civilization is significantly influenced by energy technology [1]. The use of wind energy is generally regarded as one of the most significant and promising renewable forms available today. With nearly 94 GW of capacity added globally in 2021 [2], the wind industry experienced its second-best year on record, falling short of the record 1.8% increase the year before. The future appears even more promising for the global wind industry. According to policies, 557 GW of new capacity will be added over the next five years, or more than 110 GW of new additions annually until 2026 [3].

When using an induction machine with wind turbines, the connection to the grid can be made either directly or via a power electronic converter [4]. A doubly-fed induction generator (DFIG) is a device that switches the machine's rotor and stator sides using converters (a rectifier and an inverter). Following an in-depth review of literature, it is known that the doubly fed asynchronous generator (DFAG) is the component of wind turbine systems that is used the most frequently [5]. The DFIG allows for autonomous control of the machine's reactive (Q) and active (P) power. While a variable speed rotor resistance control or variable-speed pitch control approach can be employed to achieve the desired active power, the reactive power that the machine generates or absorbs cannot be regulated [6], [7]. Recent research has been developed in the area of wind energy systems and control. The three most well-known strategies in this field are field-oriented control (FOC), firstly. Secondly, direct torque control (DTC) and direct power control (DPC), finally.

Martinez *et al.* [8] introduces a novel control technique for DFIG functioning as a voltage source converter (VSM) in grid-forming mode. The primary objective is to enhance control loop performance and enable autonomous operation by directly manipulating rotor flux using rotor voltage, thereby eliminating the need to measure voltage angles for grid synchronization. Additionally, Elmahfoud *et al.* [9] discusses the utilization of two voltage source inverters (VSI) in a variable speed doubly fed induction machine (DFIM), controlled via pulse width modulation (PWM). This setup faces challenges due to nonlinear coupling, and the proposed solution, rotor flux orientation control (RFOC), aims to decouple DFIM variables and operate it similar to a DC machine with independent excitation, ultimately improving variable speed performance.

As for the DTC technique, it was implemented in order to address these issues [10]. It is well-known for its high performance, robustness, and resistance to DFIG parameter fluctuations. However, the significant ripple in the produced torque and power as well as the non-constant switching frequency were to blame for the torque power and torque hysteresis comparators' non-linear behavior. Preview study [11], DFIM in motor mode is operated using the "virtual torque" method, a subset of direct torque control. This approach replaces the actual electromagnetic torque with a virtual one by measuring network current, rotor position, and voltage and altering the control algorithm to compute electromagnetic torque as opposed to virtual torque for grid connection. Ouanjli *et al.* [12], compares two control methods for the DFIM in motor mode: FOC and DTC.

In another research study, the DPC method is employed. This investigation delves into the integration of a maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithm with DPC to optimize rotor voltage vectors and minimize power discrepancies, with a primary emphasis on enhancing the cost-effectiveness of system control [13]. DPC offers various advantages, including streamlined implementation, independent regulation of active and reactive powers, and robust performance in both transient and steady-state conditions, all achieved without the need for proportional-integral (PI) controllers or coordinated transformations. The central objective of this research is to refine the control of a DFIG within a conversion of wind energy using DPC [10]–[13].

The DPC method enables direct manipulation of the power output from a DFIG by utilizing the disparity between the desired power and the actual power to achieve voltage control. This approach obviates the need for conventional current regulators commonly used in DTC systems [14]. Compared to vector control-based variable speed wind turbine generators, this approach employs fewer PI controllers [15], making it more efficient. Furthermore, the DPC technique offers the benefits of robustness and rapid control [16]. In this research, the DPC technique for controlling a DFIG in a wind power system is analyzed and designed. Figure 1 illustrates the overall system configuration under investigation.

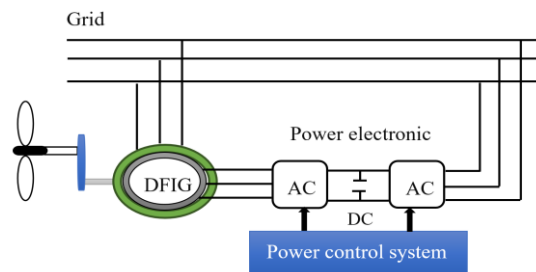


Figure 1. Schematic of DFIG

## 2. WIND TURBINE'S MODEL

The aerodynamic input power of a wind turbine describes as (1) [17], [18].

$$p_w = \frac{1}{2} \rho s v_w^3 \quad (1)$$

In steady-state conditions, the power characteristics of a wind turbine system are represented and simulated by the wind turbine block. The drive train's stiffness is infinite, and the turbine's inertia and friction factor must be combined with those of the generator that is coupled to the turbine. The mechanical power and aerodynamic torque produced by the wind turbine can be described as (2) [19], [20].

$$p_{mec} = p_w C_p(\lambda, \beta) = \frac{1}{2} \rho s v_w^3 C_p(\lambda, \beta) \quad (2)$$

Where  $p_{wt}$  stands for mechanical power "MW", for air density "kg/m<sup>3</sup>", and  $v$  for wind speed at rotor center (m/s),  $R$  for wind rotor radius "m". The performance coefficient of the turbine, denoted as "cp," is determined

by a function of the rotor blade pitch angle in degrees and the tip speed ratio (TSR), as illustrated in Figure 2. The relationship between wind speed and rotor speed is described by the ratio of top speed to rotor speed, as in (3).

$$\lambda = \frac{w_t \cdot R_t}{v} \tag{3}$$

The turbine's coefficient of power conversion, or  $c_p$ , is rearranged as in (4) and (5).

$$c_p f(\lambda, \beta) = A_1 \left( \left( \frac{A_2}{\lambda_i} \right) - A_3 \cdot \beta - A_4 \right) \cdot e^{\left( \frac{A_5}{\lambda_i} \right)} + A_6 \cdot \lambda \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda + 0.08 \cdot \beta} - \frac{0.035}{\beta^3 + 1} \tag{5}$$

The  $A1 = 0.5176$ ,  $A2 = 116$ ,  $A3 = 0.4$ ,  $A4 = 5$ ,  $A5 = 21$ , and  $A6 = 0.0068$  are the coefficients from  $A1$  to  $A6$ . Figure 2 shows the CP characteristics a 2D graph (Figure 2(a)) and 3D graph (Figure 2(b)) for various values of the pitch angle. The optimal value of  $c_p$  equals 0.48 is realized for  $\beta = 0$  degrees and for  $\lambda = 8.1$ . The nominal value of this particular value is defined. This fact allows one to determine the rotor speed necessary to achieve the MPPT [21]. From the value of the performance of the of rotation, it is possible to determine the torque value  $T_m$  acting on the shaft as in (6).

$$T_m = \frac{P_w}{w} \tag{6}$$

Where  $w_t$  is the wind rotor's angular velocity (in rad/sec) and  $R$  are the blade length (in m), respectively.

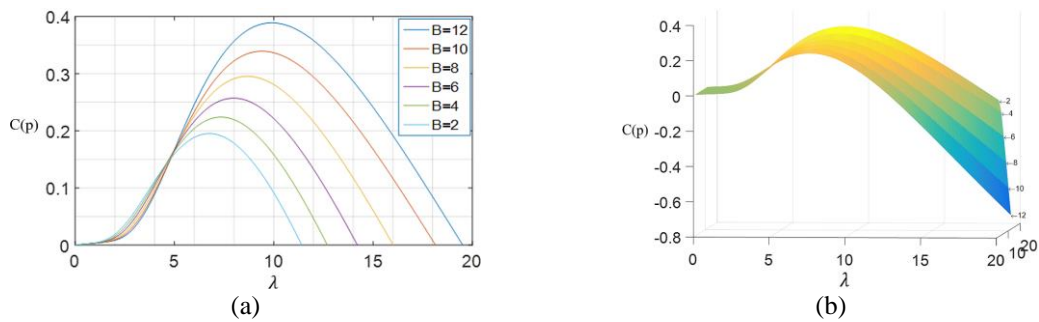


Figure 2. Plotting the changes in the aerodynamic coefficient ( $C_p$ ) with respect to variables " $\beta$ " and " $\lambda$ " can be visualized as (a) a 2D graph and (b) a 3D graph

### 3. DFIG MODEL

The DFIG general model is represented in the d-q reference frame using Park's transformation and DFIG as in (7) to provide a basic model that simplifies modeling and evaluating the DFIG [22]–[24]. The appropriate way to represent the stator and rotor voltages as in (7)-(10).

$$\begin{cases} V_{ds} = R_s i_{ds} + \frac{d\psi_{ds}}{dt} - \omega_s \psi_{qs} \\ V_{qs} = R_s i_{qs} + \frac{d\psi_{qs}}{dt} + \omega_s \psi_{ds} \\ V_{dr} = R_r i_{dr} + \frac{d\psi_{dr}}{dt} - (\omega_r - \omega_s) \psi_{qr} \\ V_{qr} = R_r i_{qr} + \frac{d\psi_{qr}}{dt} + (\omega_r - \omega_s) \psi_{dr} \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

The fluxes of the stator and rotor shown as (8).

$$\begin{cases} \psi_{ds} = L_s i_{ds} + M i_{dr} \\ \psi_{qs} = L_s i_{qs} + M i_{qr} \\ \psi_{dr} = L_r i_{dr} + M i_{ds} \\ \psi_{qr} = L_r i_{qr} + M i_{qs} \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

The power shown in (9).

$$\begin{cases} P_s = \frac{3}{2} \cdot (V_{ds} I_{ds} + V_{qs} I_{qs}) \\ Q_s = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot (V_{ds} I_{qs} - V_{qs} I_{ds}) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

For electromagnetic torque provided by (10).

$$T_e = -\frac{3}{2} p \frac{M}{L_s} (\psi_{ds} i_{qr} - \psi_{qs} i_{dr}) \quad (10)$$

#### 4. THREE-PHASE VOLTAGE INVERTER OPERATION

Using two-level inverter with ideal bidirectional switches. The voltage vector controlled by controlling the switches states  $s_a$ ,  $s_b$ , and  $s_c$  given by (11).

$$\bar{V}_{s,k} = \frac{3}{2} V_{dc} \left[ S_a + S_b e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} + S_c e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}} \right] \quad (11)$$

There are six active voltage vectors: " $\bar{V}_{s,k}$ "

$$v_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 0]; v_2 = [1 \ 1 \ 0]; v_3 = [0 \ 1 \ 0]; v_4 = [0 \ 1 \ 1]; v_5 = [0 \ 0 \ 1]; v_6 = [1 \ 0 \ 1]$$

Furthermore,  $v_0$  (000) and  $v_7$  (111) are two zero voltage vectors.

In order to enhance its magnitude, the stator flux vector's best voltage vectors can be chosen. The placement of the flux vector in the  $\alpha - \beta$  rotor plane, divided into six sectors as depicted in Figure 3, along with the logic outputs of the flux and torque controllers, determines the voltage  $\alpha - \beta$ . In addition to rotating in the same direction as the applied rotor voltage vector, the rotor flux vector also spins at a rate proportionate to the amount of the applied rotor voltage. The DPC scheme is very simple. In its basic configuration, it consists of hysteresis controllers, torque and flux estimators and a switching table.

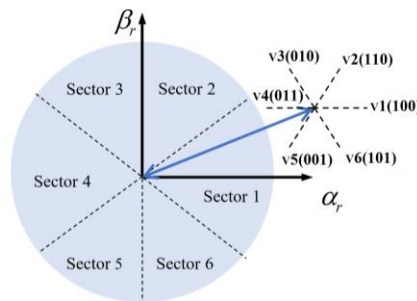


Figure 3. Voltage vectors and rotor flux control principle

#### 5. MAXIMUM POWER POINT TRACKING

Tip speed ratio (TSR) algorithms, as shown in Figure 4, are employed to achieve maximum power point tracking (MPPT) by regulating the tip speed ratio to its optimal value ( $\lambda_{opt}$ ), which corresponds to the maximum  $C_{pmax}$ . The primary objective of MPPT is to optimize power generation by adjusting the generator speed in response to the current wind speed at which the turbine operates [25].

Since measuring wind speed is challenging, an approximation of its value may be made (12). To extract the maximum power created, and we need fix the advance report  $\lambda_{op}$  is the maximum power coefficient  $c_p$ :

$$v_r = \frac{\omega_t R}{\lambda_{opt}} \quad (12)$$

The electromagnetic power to be configured as (13).

$$P_{ref} = \frac{\pi}{2} C_T^3 v^3 \quad (13)$$

It is simple to calculate the value of the electromagnetic torque in (13) setting from the electromagnetic power reference value as shown in (14).

$$C_{ref} = P_{ref} / \omega_t \quad (14)$$

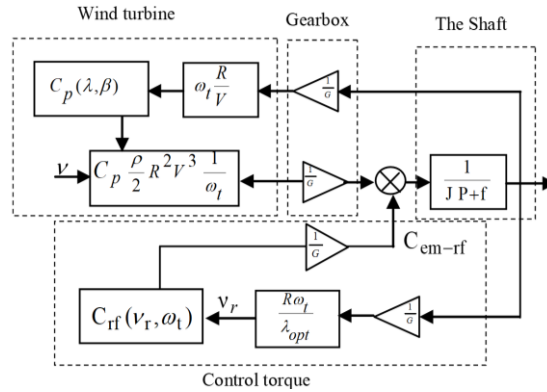


Figure 4. Wind turbine

## 6. CONTROL METHODS

### 6.1. DPC strategy

Noguchi introduced the initial version of the DPC technique in 1998 [7]. Subsequent research has led to a greater understanding of this method, enabling further refinements to be made. Due to its simplicity and ease of use, the DPC method, one of the linear strategies, has recently gained favor in the field of renewable energies. This control method's concept and operation are comparable to those of direct torque control the only distinction is the sources used. For this control, monitoring the current and voltage required highly accurate measuring equipment. The DPC has the benefit of not requiring block current PWM control. The WT-DFIG's reactive and active power are controlled by the DPC, which is dependent on the choice of two hysteresis controllers. Additionally, the exact estimation of the instant. The schematic diagram of a simple direct power controlled DFIG drive is shown in Figure 5.

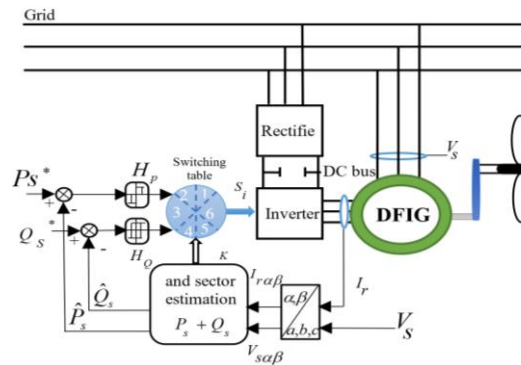


Figure 5. Block scheme of the DPC method

### 6.2. Formulation of reactive and active power

The estimation of the capabilities by the DPC algorithm is dependent on the rotor flux. The equation for the rotor flux voltage in the rotor reference frame is expressed as shown in [26]. The DFIG's direct and quadrature rotor fluxes are found using (15).

$$\begin{cases} \psi_{\alpha r} = \int (V_{\alpha r} - R_r i_{\alpha r}) dt \\ \psi_{\beta r} = \int (V_{\beta r} - R_r i_{\beta r}) dt \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Conversely, in (16) provides the rotor flux.

$$\psi_r = \sqrt{\psi_{\alpha r}^2 + \psi_{\beta r}^2} \tag{16}$$

It is possible to express the phase angle of rotor flux by (17).

$$|\theta_r| = \arctan\left(\frac{\psi_{\beta r}}{\psi_{\alpha r}}\right) \tag{17}$$

For determining the direct and quadrature stator fluxes, use (7). The (18) provides the stator flux, and the (19) provides the stator flux angle. The angle of the stator flux as in (20) is crucial in determining the reference stator voltage areas.

$$\begin{cases} \psi_{\alpha s} = \int (V_{\alpha s} - R_s i_{\alpha s}) dt \\ \psi_{\beta s} = \int (V_{\beta s} - R_s i_{\beta s}) dt \end{cases} \tag{18}$$

$$\psi_s = \sqrt{\psi_{\alpha s}^2 + \psi_{\beta s}^2} \tag{19}$$

$$|\theta_s| = \arctan\left(\frac{\psi_{\beta s}}{\psi_{\alpha s}}\right) \tag{20}$$

To calculate both the reactive and active power using (7)-(10). The active and reactive powers may be estimated using (21).

$$\begin{cases} P_s = \frac{3}{2} \left( -\frac{v_s L_m}{\delta L_s L_r} \varphi_{r\beta} \right) \\ Q_s = -\frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{v_s}{\delta L_s} \varphi_{r\beta} - \frac{v_s L_m}{\delta L_s L_r} \varphi_{r\alpha} \right) \end{cases} \tag{21}$$

Estimate of the electromagnetic torque of the DFIG shown as (22).

$$C_e = -\frac{3}{2} P (\psi_{\alpha r} \cdot i_{\beta r} - \psi_{\beta r} \cdot i_{\alpha r}) \tag{22}$$

**6.3. Hysteresis power regulators**

To control the active and reactive power of the DFIG-based wind turbine (WT) system using the direct power control (DPC) approach, two hysteresis comparators are needed. A three-level hysteresis comparator is employed for active power regulation in this method, while a two-level hysteresis comparator is used for reactive power control. The hysteresis (a) and (b) comparators utilized in this approach are seen in Figure 6.

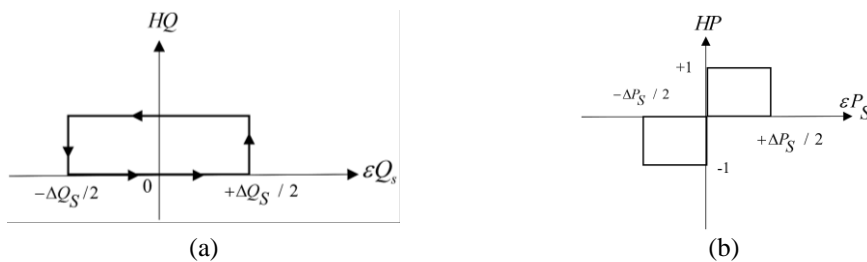


Figure 6. The hysteresis comparators scheme block of (a) reactive power and (b) active power

**6.4. DPC switching table**

The inverter transistors control signals, as shown in Table 1 are produced using the switching table. This table is generated based on the estimation of active power, sectors, and reactive power. The power estimation helps identify errors in both reactive and active power.

**Table 1. Hysteresis controller switching tables based on DPC**

| $\Delta P_s$ | $\Delta Q_s$ | Sector               |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|              |              | 1                    | 2                    | 3                    | 4                    | 5                    | 6                    |
| 1            | 1            | V <sub>2</sub> (110) | V <sub>3</sub> (010) | V <sub>4</sub> (011) | V <sub>5</sub> (001) | V <sub>6</sub> (101) | V <sub>1</sub> (100) |
|              | 0            | V <sub>0</sub> (000) | V <sub>7</sub> (111) | V <sub>0</sub> (000) | V <sub>7</sub> (111) | V <sub>0</sub> (000) | V <sub>7</sub> (111) |
|              | -1           | V <sub>6</sub> (101) | V <sub>1</sub> (100) | V <sub>2</sub> (110) | V <sub>3</sub> (010) | V <sub>4</sub> (011) | V <sub>5</sub> (001) |
| -1           | 0            | V <sub>3</sub> (010) | V <sub>4</sub> (011) | V <sub>5</sub> (001) | V <sub>6</sub> (101) | V <sub>1</sub> (100) | V <sub>2</sub> (110) |
|              | 1            | V <sub>1</sub> (100) | V <sub>2</sub> (110) | V <sub>3</sub> (110) | V <sub>3</sub> (010) | V <sub>3</sub> (010) | V <sub>4</sub> (011) |
|              | -1           | V <sub>5</sub> (001) | V <sub>6</sub> (010) | V <sub>1</sub> (100) | V <sub>2</sub> (110) | V <sub>3</sub> (010) | V <sub>4</sub> (011) |

**7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Here, we show the simulation outcome of the fundamental DPC control method, which was built on hysteresis controllers. Figure 7 represent block simulation in MATLAB/Simulink illustrating the DPC method for a DFIG. This simulation showcases the complexity of control algorithms in renewable energy systems. DPC is a vital technique for optimizing the performance of wind energy conversion systems. The detailed interplay of blocks and signals highlights the precision and control that can be achieved in managing power output.

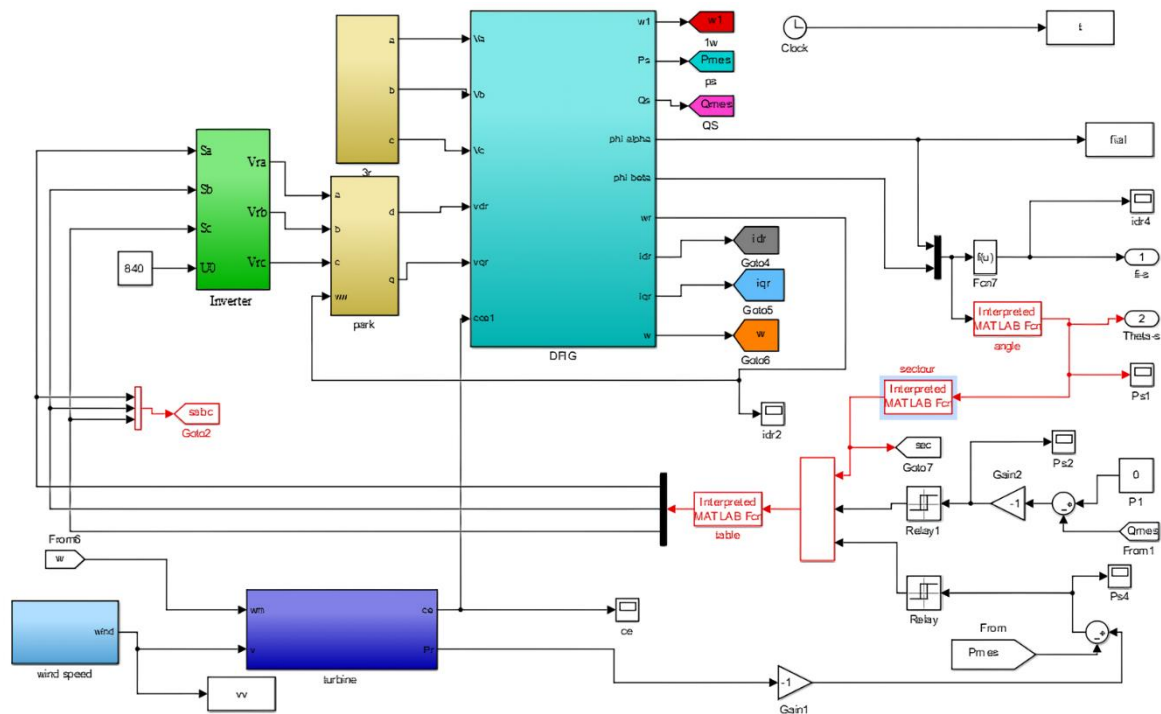


Figure 7. Block simulation of the DPC method of DFIG

Figures 8–16 show the system simulation results in the MATLAB-Simulink environment. In this analysis, show in Figure 8, we will look at the relationship between wind speed (m/s) and time (s), specifically how wind speed varies from t = 0 to t = 7 s. The information in Figure 8 represents the variation in wind speed (measured in rad/second) over a certain time period. As we analyze the data, we can observe how wind speed changes over time. At first, the wind is moving at 5 m/s, but at 4 s, it abruptly increases to 7 m/s, and at 5 s, it reaches a speed of 9 m/s before stabilizing. In Figure 9, there is a staircase pattern with alternating decreases and returns. We can observe a stair-step-like trend in the data, characterized by periods of decline followed by recovery.

Figure 10 shows the maximum active power of the DFIG turbine; this results in maximum wind energy tracking control, as demonstrated by the wind turbine's maximum power trajectory. At time t = 0 to t = 0.2 and application of the echelon of active power and after time 4 s, we notice a slight increase we return at step t = 5 s we find p = 7.5 kW. The reactive power step is not changed. Figure 11, is equal to zero after a slight ripple at the beginning of the simulation.

Figures 12 and 13 show the rotor's current in terms of time, where Figure 13 is comparable to the shape in terms in Figure 10 of change. Figures 11 and 12 are similar in terms of change. Figure 14 illustrates

the speed (in rad/second) changing with respect to time (in seconds). It is notable for its three-step increase in velocity. The data reveals a clear trend of velocity increasing in three successive steps as time progresses. Each step represents a distinct phase of acceleration. This is due to an increase in wind speed in three successive steps:  $t = 0$  s to  $t = 4$  s,  $t = 4$  s to  $t = 5$  s, and  $t = 5$  s to  $t = 7$  s.

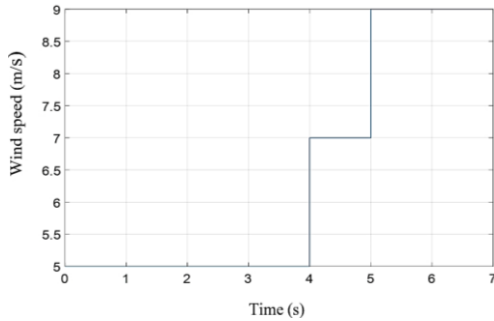


Figure 8. Wind speed

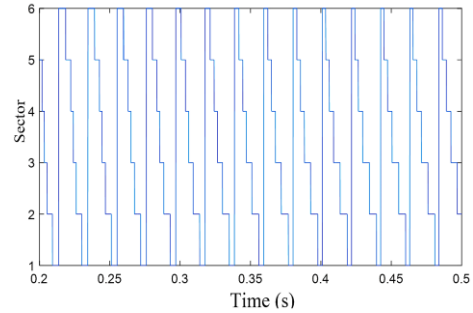


Figure 9. Sector

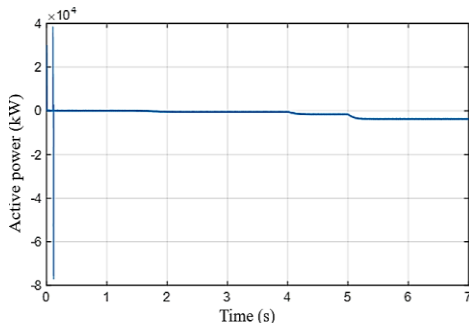


Figure 10. Active power

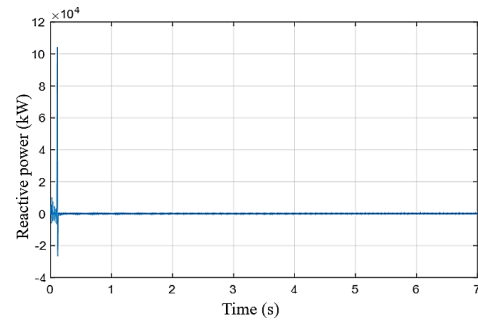


Figure 11. Reactive power

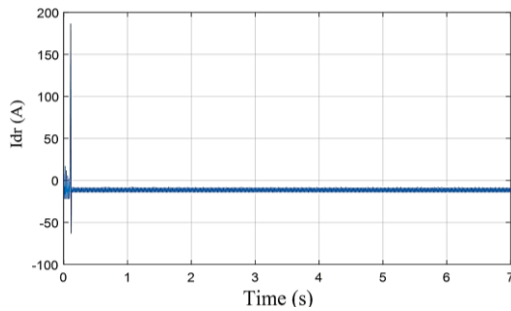


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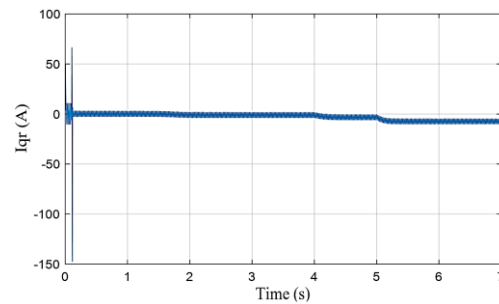


Figure 13. Iqr (A)

Figure 15 depicts  $c(p)$  changing over time, with the initial phase showing an increase in  $c(p)$ , which eventually levels off at a maximum value of  $c(p)_{max} = 0.48$ . The data reveals a distinct trend where  $s$  steadily increases over a certain period and then remains constant at 0.48, indicating a stabilization phase. Figure 16 demonstrates the evolution of  $\lambda$  through time, with the early phase indicating a rise in  $\lambda$  that finally levels out at a maximum value of  $\lambda = 8.1$ . The data show a definite pattern in which it progressively climbs over a period of time before remaining constant at 8.1, indicating a stabilizing phase.

Reactive power (Q) and active power (P) remain constant: regardless of variations in wind speed, the active power (P) and reactive power (Q) values remain constant at their specific values. This suggests the effectiveness of maximum power point tracking (MPPT) in the system. Steadiness of  $c(p)$  at 0.48: The value of  $c(p)$  remains steady at 0.48, which is the critical value for both  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$  at 8.1. This is a theoretical and studied value that implies stability in the system. Stability of reactive power at zero: The reactive power remains stable at zero, indicating no apparent distortion or fluctuations in the system's output. These findings suggest that the system effectively maintains its active and reactive power outputs, ensuring a



consistent output even with varying wind speeds. The stability of  $c(p)$  and the absence of reactive power further indicate well-controlled and efficient system operation.

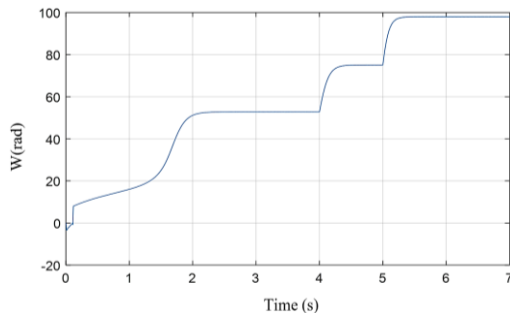


Figure 14. The mechanical speed

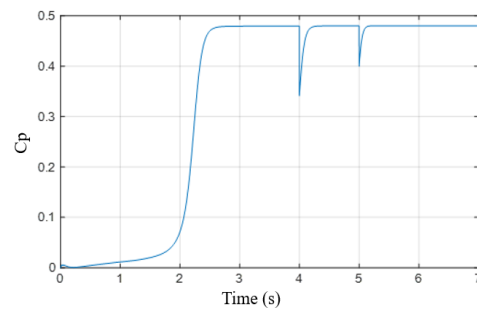


Figure 15. Variation of the power

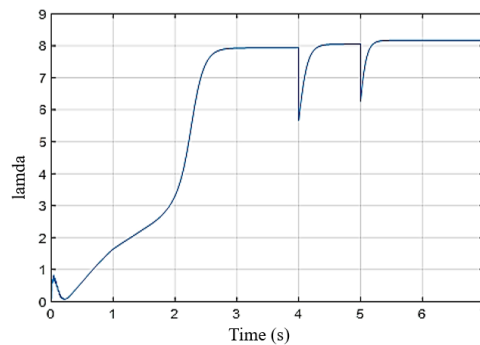


Figure 16. The tip speed ratio  $\lambda$

## 8. CONCLUSION

This paper offers a full mathematical and theoretical analysis of the DFIG based on direct power control (DPC) in variable wind speed conditions; the wind energy is maximized using the tip speed ratio (TSR) algorithms. The DPC technique directly regulates the machine torque by choosing the proper voltage vectors based on stator flux and torque information. It is providing higher power response, simple structure, robust response and competitor dynamic performance than the field-oriented control (DTC). It is simple control logic. The MATLAB/Simulink software is used to model the complete system, and the simulation results demonstrate the efficacy of the suggested control.

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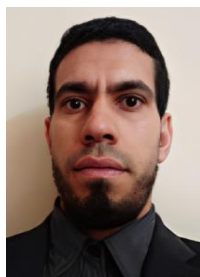
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