



Control of Reactive Power in Doubly Fed Induction Generator Wind Turbine System

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ABSTRACT: Doubly fed induction generators (DFIG) based wind turbine is an emerging technology, which becomes increasingly popular due to its various advantages over fixed speed generator systems. A DFIG based wind turbine has an ability to generate maximum power with varying and adjustable speed, ability to control active and reactive power by the integration of electronic power converters, low power rating of cost converter components, and so on. This study presents an overview and literature survey over past few decades on the different problems associated due to penetration of WT-DFIG in the power system and control aspects of DFIG. The doubly-fed induction generator (DFIG) is widely used in wind farms because it has many advantages. The reactive power control is mainly achieved by two modes, i.e. power factor control and voltage control.

KEYWORDS: DFIG, WTS, Reactive power compensation etc.

I. INTRODUCTION

World's largest sum of electricity generation contributed by non-renewable sources of fuel such as coal, gas and oil. These fuels emit lots of CO₂ other harmful gases to the atmosphere and their residues in the water, which raised global warming issues of earth health problems of human and wild-life issues [7]. According to Fatih Birol, Chief Economist, International Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (IEA), world electricity demand is projected to double between 2000 and 2030, growing at an annual rate of 2.4%. This is faster than any other energy demand. Total share of electric energy

consumption rises from 18% in 2000 to 22% in 2030. Electricity demand growth is strongest in developing countries, where demand will climb by over 4% per year over the projected period, which gets more than triple by 2030. Consequently, the electric energy demand in developing countries will rise global electricity share from 27% in 2000 to 43% in 2030 [2]. Non-renewable resources also depreciating in reserve each year and not long-lasting. Their purchasing cost increasing day by day and it would become unaffordable to developing countries. So, these countries have to face unbalance between demand and blackouts. Some developed countries also have faced some blackouts in the past. This harms drastically their economy. Hence cost, availability and environmental pollution and health issues become the limiting factor for these fuels. No, doubt we can go for nuclear fusion ($H+H=He +$ abundant source of energy but nobody knows when we able control it?) and nuclear fission (Pl and Uranium on splits as chain reaction gives a large amount of heat energy and harmful radiating residues

which is the major cause of health problems for any country as already faced by Japan and Russia). The earth disturbances, human population and atmospheric are still limiting factors for nuclear fission. In present scenario to cope up the demand of electricity, we must have to divert for another solution. So, solution of this critical situation would be provided by the natural resources. These resources characterized as renewable energy resources such as Wind, solar, hydro, Geo and Bio-gas. In past few decades there is a lot of research findings to capture these energies and new technologies being listed by researches [1-3].

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Out of the above natural sources wind energy conversion systems include less conversion equipment, land need, less maintenance, direct coupling of wind turbine to generator shaft. There are so many WECS technologies available classified as: fixed speed and variable speed WECS. Fixed speed employed Squirrel Cage Induction Generator (SCIG) as mechanical to electricity conversion element with soft starter technology simple to construct but may affect steady state stability of power system under unbalanced conditions such as gust in wind, voltage dip in the bus bar voltage, and need a stiff power grid and not tolerated by weak grid [1-6]. Variable speed WECS employed mainly two technologies such as SCIG in which capacitor bank and soft-starter are replaced by a full scale converter. It requires 100% rating of power stability equipment (FACTS for power factor correction) as that of generator rating.

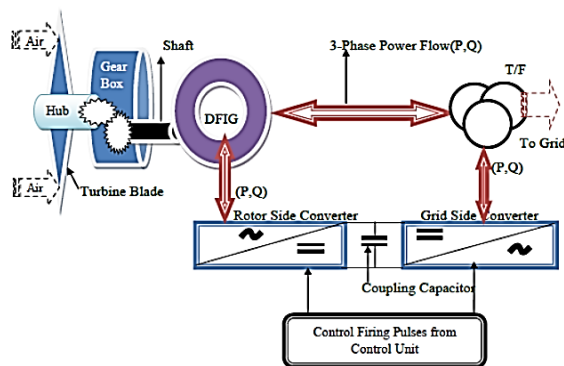


Fig. 1 DFIG with power converter

It gives still less effective steady state stability measures as constrained by high cost of converter [1,4,5]. Second technology of variable WECS is Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG) based wind power to electricity conversion element as shown in fig. 1. This technology becomes so much popular and opted by maximum number of countries in the world. There are following advantages listed for DFIG based WECS [4-6]:

- Converter system provides reactive power compensation and smooth grid integration.
- The market share of DFIG systems (75%) many times the any other types of WECS.
- Around 86% patents are on controlling of DFIG. Woodward filed 10 patent applications in the same field in year 2010, as it has no previous record of Intellectual Property activity.
- Converter Rating is only 25%-30% in DFIG as compared to 100 % of total nominal power of the generator.
- Stator feeds the remaining 70%-75% of total power directly into the grid.
- Wider range of variable speed of approximately $\pm 30\%$ around synchronous speed.

In the present scenario due to penetration of large number of DFIG based WECS and interconnection to main grid gives rise to new steady state stability challenges for the researchers and scientists due to some power regulating issues under unbalanced conditions such as Voltage sags or faults which occur in the network makes performance poor, fault ride-through (FRT), Low voltage ride through (LVRT) capabilities of DFIGWTs under transient periods, Inter area oscillations in long distance transmission to keep up constant output power to grid and to extract maximum power from continually fluctuating power, Sub-synchronous resonance (SSR) occurred in series compensated electrical networks becomes new area of research with DFIGWTs connected to series compensated networks, Large oscillations of the DC-link voltage cannot be avoided as the grid side converter controller was not optimized, Suitable choice of Insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT for converter equipment) thermal impedances, Small-Signal Stability Problems and steady state problems. Some other issues are also taken as research finding by the researchers such as converter's battery energy system optimization (BES), stator's harmonic current control, Direct torque control, amplitude frequency control, load frequency control, open loop rotor control, Control based inertia contributed by DFIG, Hysteresis-Based Current Regulators and Dynamic Stability control using FACTS.

II. PROPOSED CONTROL STRATEGY

DFIG wind turbine has the capability of absorbing as well as generating reactive power, a DFIG windfarm thus can not only generate active power, but also generate or absorb the reactive power to stabilize the grid voltage. The reactive power is mainly controlled by power factor control mode and voltage control mode. Some reactive power compensation techniques used in DFIG wind turbine systems are explained below. The customary reactive power remuneration gadgets like STATCOM and SVC will build expenses of the wind cultivate. The STATCOM and the SVC plays out similar capacities. Yet, STATCOM have a larger number of favorable circumstances than SVC. The STATCOM can create more responsive power at voltages lower than the ordinary voltage direction go, than SVC. Since the most extreme capacitive power created by the SVC is corresponding to the square of the framework voltage. This is one vital preferred standpoint of the STATCOM over the SVC. Likewise, the STATCOM will likewise display a speedier reaction than the SVC. Since, the STATCOM has no deferral related with the terminating of thyristor. Another strategy for reactive power control in DFIG wind turbine is SFO vector control. The design comprises of the consecutive two level SPWM converters. One is utilized for RSC and another is utilized for GSC. The control of DFIG is accomplished by controlling the RSC and the GSC. The fundamental goal of the RSC is to controls the dynamic (Ps) and responsive power (Qs). The point of the GSC is to keep up the DC connect voltage (Vdc) as steady. The vector control of the SFO is corresponding to the present controller. That is, by managing rotor streams in direct and quadrature pivot the control of the dynamic power (Ps) and responsive power (Qs) is accomplished and additionally rotor speed of the generator is controlled, subsequently control variable can be controlled.

To enhance the participation of DFIG WTS for voltage regulation, by enabling load balancing and reactive power support to the grid. For this purpose, derives the optimal power coefficient of the

wind turbines system that allows reactive or unbalanced power compensation and optimal power injection simultaneously. Furthermore, as the interaction between the different sequence components of the current in both the stator and the rotor causes oscillating torque leading to mechanical strain on the drive-train, the unbalanced power is compensated by the GSC. The RSC is controlled to adjust the active and reactive power of the stator. The optimal power coefficient is derived based on the steady-state power capability of the DFIG-GSC. For regulating reactive power in DFIG wind farm, a certain number of DFIG wind turbines are selected according to the up and down limitations to inject the demanded reactive power into the grid. In DFIG wind farm thus can not only generate active power, but also generate or absorb the reactive power to stabilize the grid voltage. The reactive power is mainly controlled in two modes, i.e. power factor control and voltage control. Both the two modes take the point of common coupling (PCC) as the reference point. The voltage or power factor at Point of Common Coupling is detected and it is compared with the reference to calculate the reactive power demanded by the grid. Based on the demanded reactive power and the reactive power the number of DFIGs involved is determined.

A. Loss Model of the DFIG System

However, this approach not only affects the loss of the RSC, but also imposes the loss of the DFIG itself. Loss dissipation inside the induction generator generally consists of the copper loss and iron loss as shown in Fig.2 [18]. If the stator voltage-oriented vector control is applied, the stator side active power P_s and reactive power Q_s are independently in line with the stator d-axis current i_{sd} and q-axis current i_{sq} .

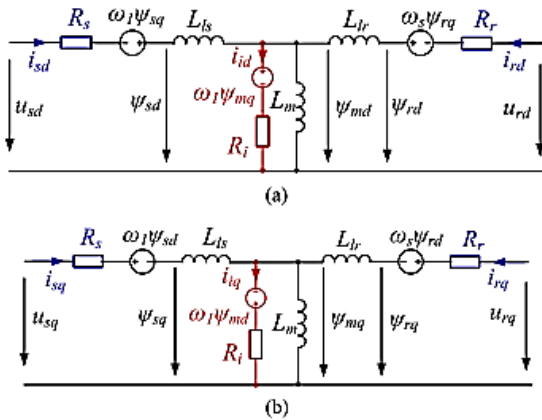


Fig. 2 DFIG equivalent circuit considering copper loss and iron loss. (a) d-axis circuit. (b) q-axis circuit.

In respect to the losses of the power converters in the DFIG system, it is well described in [16]. If the reactive power is provided by the RSC, the loss model of the generator (copper loss and iron loss) and the RSC (conduction loss and switching loss both in the IGBT and the freewheeling diode) is shown in Fig. 3(a). It is evident that if the references of the active power, reactive power, and slip are known in advance, together with the information of the generator and power switching devices, each type of the losses can be analytically calculated.

With the aid from the GSC, another approach may be realized to compensate the reactive power, which stresses the GSC and affects the loss of the GSC and the filter. Compared with the GSC losses, the grid filter loss is small enough [21], and it is simply calculated by its parasitic equivalent series resistance (ESR). Similarly, as the conduction loss and switching loss of the IGBT and the diode are analytically solved, the GSC loss can be calculated as shown in Fig. 3(b).

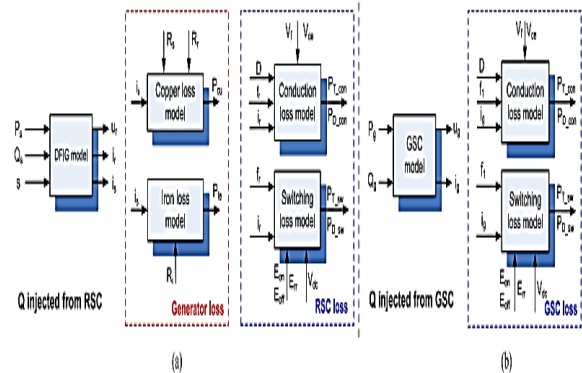


Fig. 3. Framework of power loss estimation. (a) Reactive power is injected by the RSC. (b) Reactive power is injected by the GSC.

III. CONCLUSION

The DFIG framework has a greater number of focal points however high cost than settled speed acceptance generators without converters. Likewise the controllability and execution of DFIG wind turbines are phenomenal. They catch more wind vitality, display a higher dependability adapt framework, and excellent power provided to the matrix. Due to the existence of the two possibilities to generate the demanded reactive power for the DFIG system controlled by the RSC or controlled by the GSC each of them is analyzed in terms of the DFIG loss and the power converters loss.

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