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Modelling and simulation of ZDC controlled PMSG based wind energy conversion system

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Abstract

This paper presents the comparison of dynamic performance and steady state operation of PMSG wind energy conversion systems with two modulation techniques. Voltage oriented control (VOC) is used for grid-connected converter along with sinusoidal pulse width modulation (SPWM) and Space Vector Modulation (SVM) schemes. The generator is controlled by using zero d- axis current (ZDC) control scheme along with optimal torque control (OTC). Performance comparison with two pulse width modulation schemes through simulation results are presented for 2MW/ 690V/ 9.75Hz Non-Salient Pole PMSG using MATLAB/SIMULINK.

Keywords: *Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator (PMSG); Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation (SPWM); Space Vector Modulation (SVM); Voltage Oriented Control (VOC); Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS).*

1. Introduction

Due to exhausting fossil fuels, raise in cost and global warming, renewable energy sources have turned up as a new criterion to fulfill the energy needs of our society [6]. The electricity generation from the hydro, wind, geothermal, solar, tidal, biomass and wave energy sources are drawing more attention these days [11].In the meantime, advancements in the technology, reduction in the cost, and governmental encouragements have made some renewable energy sources more economical in the market. Among them, one of the fastest growing renewable energy sources is wind energy [4].

The two main electrical components of the WECS are power converter and generator. Various schemes of these two components show the way to a broad variety of WECS configurations, which can be classified into three groups: (1) fixed-speed WECS without power converter interface, (2) WECS using reduced-capacity converters, and (3) full-capacity converter operated WECS [3].Amongst the prevailing WECSs, its generators are classified into four types [2]: the doubly fed induction generator(DFIG), the squirrel cage induction generator(SCIG), the wound rotor synchronous generator(WRSG) and the PMSG. These days, the WECS with PMSG is used for direct grid- connection because it has no slip ring maintenance and gives higher efficiency. Thus, the low maintenance and lightweight characters can be acquired in this kind of WECS [5].

The generator control is carried out with ZDC to achieve linearity between generator torque and stator current relationship [8]. ZDC control provides an efficient solution and exceptional generator incorporation performance such as control algorithm which is simple, producing high efficiency, and decreasing loses of the system [9-10]. Still, the major problem with ZDC control is unsuitable for salient-pole synchronous generators as optimal operation cannot be achieved with ids=0 [1] [7].

VOC is used to control the grid side inverter. This technique is based on transformation among d-q synchronous frame and abc stationary reference frame. The control procedure is executed in the synchronous reference frame of grid voltage, while completely the variables are of DC in steady state and this helps in the control and design of the inverter.

The key objectives of paper are to implement the VOC with a decoupling controller for the grid-connected converter; to design sinusoidal pulse width modulation and space vector modulation schemes for grid- and generator-connected converters; and finally to implement ZDC control scheme for full-scale power converter based variable-speed, direct-drive non-salient PMSG WECS.

2. System description

The configuration of the PMSG WECS with back-to-back converters is shown in fig 1. Here PMSG converts wind turbine mechanical power into AC electrical power; it is again converted to DC with a converter with dc link supplying either the inverter connected to a grid or the load in case of stand-alone. With this inverter, ac electrical power with constant frequency and voltage is supplied to the power grid by PMSG. The generator side converter control and the grid side converter control schemes are presented in the subsequent sections.

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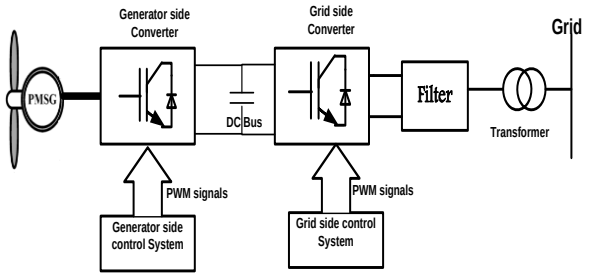


Fig. 1: PMSG Wind Energy Conversion System with Back to Back Converters.

2.1. PMSG modelling

The generator is normally modeled in the synchronous reference frame of rotor field. The generator voltage equations are given by

$$v_{ds} = -R_s i_{ds} - \omega_r \lambda_{qs} + p\lambda_{ds} \quad (1)$$

$$v_{qs} = -R_s i_{qs} + \omega_r \lambda_{ds} + p\lambda_{qs} \quad (2)$$

Where λ_{qs} and λ_{ds} are the q-axis and d- axis flux linkages of stator, given by

$$\lambda_{ds} = -L_d i_{ds} + \lambda_r \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_{qs} = -L_q i_{qs} \quad (4)$$

Where λ_r is the rotor d axis flux due to permanent magnet, L_d and L_q are stator d and q- axis self-inductances. Substituting (3), (4) in (1), (2) and for constant field current I_f, we have

$$v_{ds} = -R_s i_{ds} + \omega_r L_q i_{qs} - L_d p i_{ds} \quad (5)$$

$$v_{qs} = -R_s i_{qs} - \omega_r L_d i_{ds} + \omega_r \lambda_r - L_q p i_{qs} \quad (6)$$

Based on the above equations, the simplified model of the PMSG is shown in Figure2. The electromagnetic torque can be calculated by

$$T_e = \frac{3P}{2}\left[i_{qs}\lambda_r - \left(L_d - L_q\right) i_{qs} i_{ds} \right] \quad (7)$$

Where P is the pole pairs

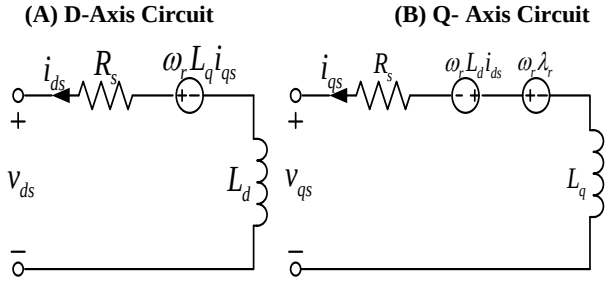


Fig. 2: Simplified DQ-Axis Model of PMSG in the Rotor-Field Synchronous Reference Frame.

3. Optimal torque control (OTC)

Generator is operated below the rated wind speed by controlling variable speed wind turbine. The fundamental objective is to maximize the power capture at variable wind speeds; this is achieved by adjusting turbine speed to keep the tip speed ratio constant. The trajectory of maximum power points represents a power curve which can be described by

$$P_M \propto \omega_M^3 \quad (8)$$

Power captured by turbine is expressed in terms of torque as,

$$P_M = T_M \omega_M \quad (9)$$

Where T_M is the turbine mechanical torque. From (8) & (9)

$$T_M \propto \omega_M^2 \quad (10)$$

MPPT (Maximum Power Point Tracking) scheme, with OTC is realized by computing the desired torque reference T_e^*.The optimal torque coefficient (K_{opt}) is calculated from the turbine rated parameters. Wind speed sensors are not required in this scheme.

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4. Generator side converter control

All title and the generator side converter control arrangement is shown in Figure 3. ZDC and MPPT controls are employed for the generator side converter. The MPPT is achieved by generating generator torque reference T_e^* using measured generator speed ω_m. The ZDC control is realized by resolving the three phase stator current in the stationary reference frame to d and q axis components in the synchronous frame at grid frequency. The d- axis component i_{ds} is kept at zero [6]. With direct axis current equal to zero, the stator current becomes equal to q- axis current i_{qs}.

$$i_s = i_{qs} \quad (11)$$

Where i_s, is the space vector of stator current. With zero d- axis current the torque equation (7) becomes

$$T_e = \frac{3P}{2}\left[i_s \lambda_r \right] \quad (12)$$

From the above equation it is clear that, the generated torque is directly proportional to stator current i_s.The reference torque T_e^* is generated from MPPT controller and torque producing component i_{qs}^* is calculated from (12)

$$i_{qs}^* = \frac{2T_e^*}{3P\lambda_r} \quad (13)$$

The position angle of rotor flux θ_r is to be sensed for rotor flux field orientation. Three phase currents are measured and are then transformed into i_{ds} and i_{qs} using abc/dq transformation. These currents are compared with i_{ds}^* and i_{qs}^* and the corresponding errors are processed by the controllers to generate v_{ds}^* and v_{qs}^* for the rectifier. These voltages are converted to three phase reference voltages using dq/abc transformation. Generator Active power is controlled by controlling the rectifier using PWM technique.

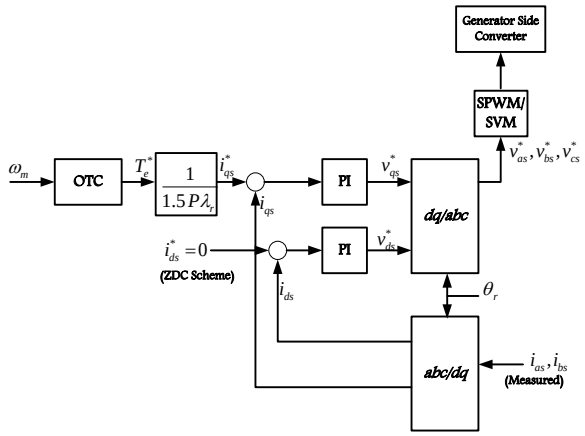


Fig. 3: Generator Side Converter Control Scheme.

5. Control of the grid side converter (inverter)

The main function of grid side converter is to control the reactive power and the DC link voltage v_{dc} . Grid voltage vector is tracked and the angle θ_g is generated by phase locked loop. This angle and grid voltage is used for the VOC of the grid side inverter. The block diagram of grid side converter control scheme is shown in Figure4.

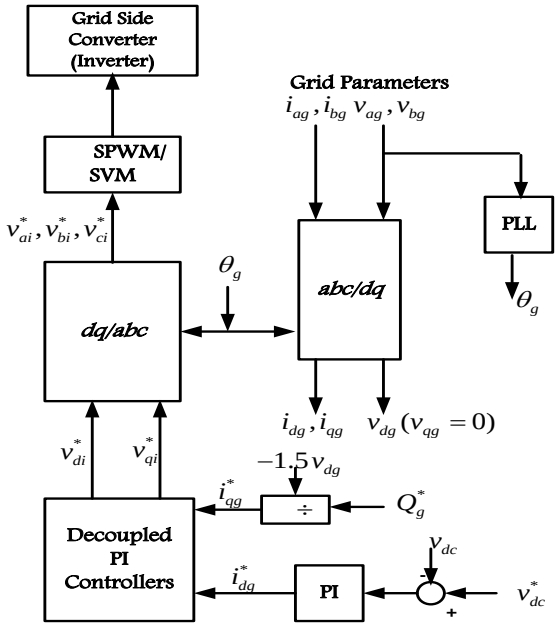


Fig. 4: Grid Side Converter Control Scheme.

Three feedback control loops are present in VOC scheme: one outer feedback loop to control DC voltage v_{dc} and two inner loops to control accurately the dq-axis currents i_{dg} and i_{qg} . The independent control of i_{qg} and i_{dg} provides accurate control of reactive and active power control. To obtain the VOC scheme, the synchronous frame d-axis is aligned with the voltage vector of grid, therefore ($v_{dg}=v_g$), and q-axis voltage v_g is then equal to zero, from which the active and reactive power of the system can be obtained by

$$P_g=\frac{3}{2}v_{dg}i_{dg} \tag{14}$$

$$Q_g=-\frac{3}{2}v_{dg}i_{qg} \tag{15}$$

The q- axis reference current will be obtained from

$$i_{qg}^{*}=-\frac{2}{3}\frac{Q_g^{*}}{v_{dg}} \tag{16}$$

The DC reference voltage can be obtained from

$$V_{dc}^{*}=\frac{\sqrt{6}V_{ail}}{m_a} \tag{17}$$

Where V_{ail} is inverter line voltage and m_a is modulation index. The real power on the AC side of the inverter with negligible losses in the inverter is

$$P_g=\frac{3}{2}v_{dg}i_{dg}=v_{dc}i_{dc} \tag{18}$$

6. Simulation results

The performance of non- salient PMSG WECS with zero d-axis current control of the generator-side converter and VOC of the grid side converter with SPWM and SVM techniques for both converters is presented. PMSG parameters are given in Table I. Generator side wave forms during start up are shown with both PWM techniques in Figure5(a) and 5(b). Generator torque starts rising from t=0.4 sec and reaches the rated value (1 pu) at t=1.4 sec.

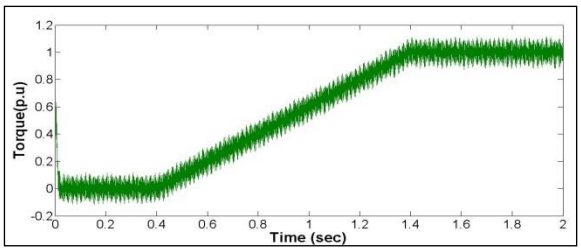


Fig. 5: (A) Generator Torque Waveform during Start up with SPWM for Generator Side Converter.

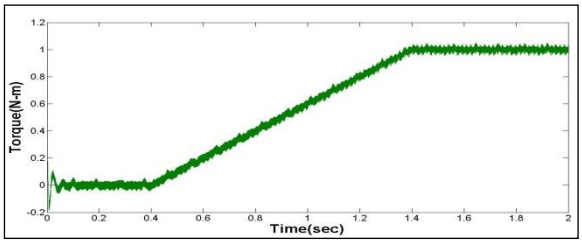


Fig. 5: (B) Generator Torque Waveform during Start up with SVM for the Generator Side Converter.

As the generator is controlled by ZDC technique, the d-axis stator current i_{ds} is kept at zero. The stator current along q-axis i_{qs} is proportional to the torque of the generator Te. The two currents i_{ds} and i_{qs} are in the synchronous frame of rotor flux and DC values in steady state are shown in Figure 6(a) and 6(b).From the results it is clear that, the ripple in i_{qs} is less with SVM when compared to SPWM.

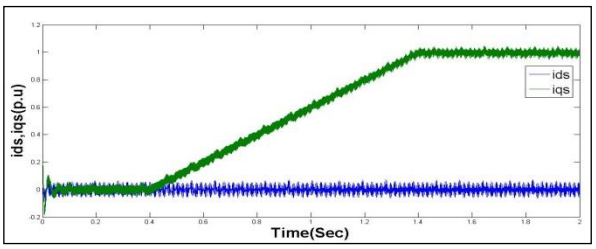


Fig. 6: (A) Generator D and Q Axis Currents with SPWM for the Generator Side Converter.

The phase a current of the generator i_{as} , is shown in the Figure7. Its amplitude is proportional to i_{qs} as i_{ds} =0. the amplitude of the current increases with i_{qs} .

Figure 8 shows the DC voltage v_{dc} , which is controlled by the grid side converter kept at its reference value of 2.15 pu during the transient and as well as in steady state.

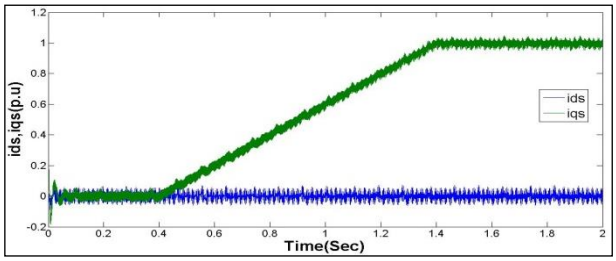


Fig. 6: (B) Generator D and Q Axis Currents with SVM for the Generator Side Converter.

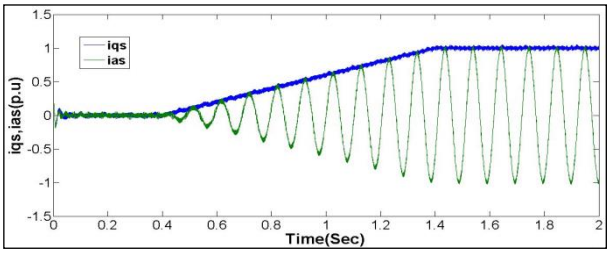


Fig. 7: (A) Generator A Phase Current with SPWM for the Generator Side Converter.

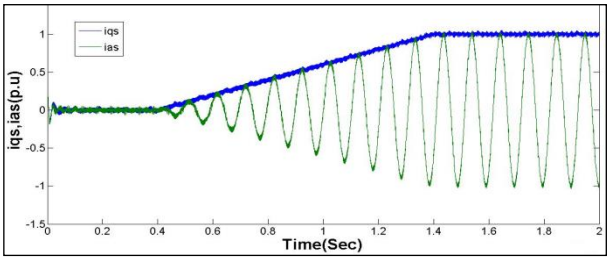


Fig. 7: (B) Generator A Phase Current with SVM for the Generator Side Converter.

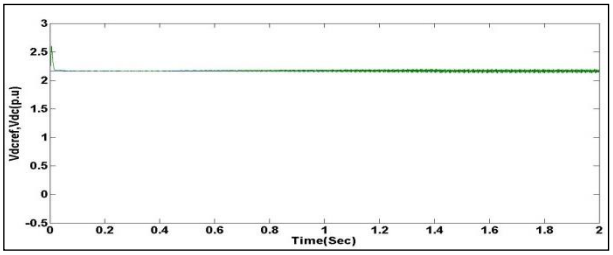


Fig. 8: (A) DC Link Voltage in P. U. with SPWM for the Generator Side Converter.

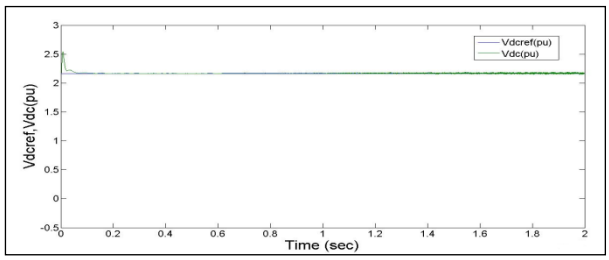


Fig. 8: (B) DC Link Voltage in P. U. with SVM for the Generator Side Converter.

The reactive power Q_g on the grid side, is kept at zero to achieve unity power factor operation by the controller. The grid active power P_g is negative value which is shown in Figure9, indicating that the power is flowing from the inverter to grid.

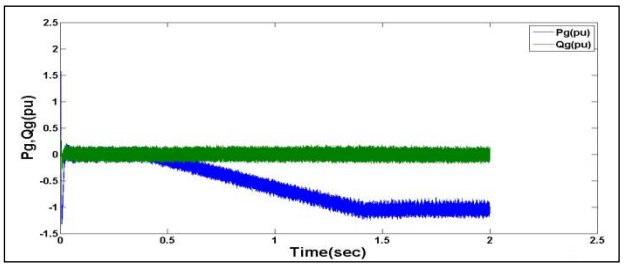


Fig. 9: (A) Active Power and Reactive Power on the Grid Side with SPWM for the Grid Side Converter.

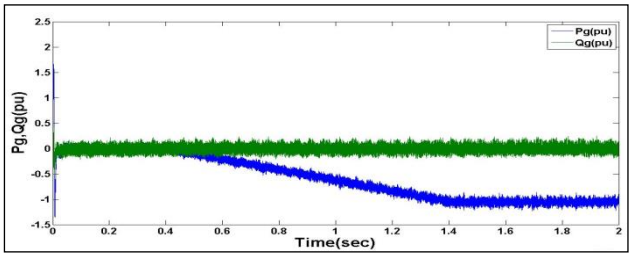


Fig. 9: (B) Active Power and Reactive Power on the Grid Side with SVM for the Grid Side Converter.

The power factor of the grid is maintained at unity by the controller as reactive power is kept at zero. The waveform the power factor is shown is Figure10.

THD of the grid current with both SPWM and SVM techniques is shown in the Figure11; from the waveforms it is clear that, THD in the grid current is less with SVM when compared to SPWM.

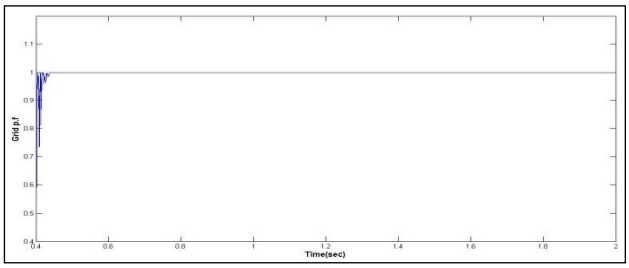


Fig. 10: (A) Grid P. F with SPWM for the Grid Side Converter.

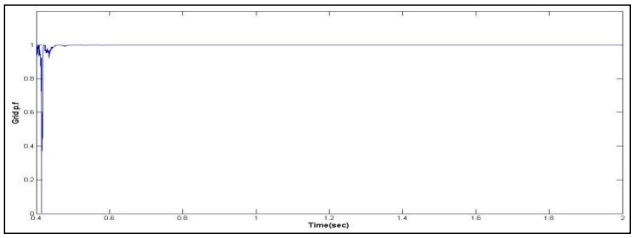


Fig. 10: (B) Grid P. F with SVM for the Grid Side Converter.

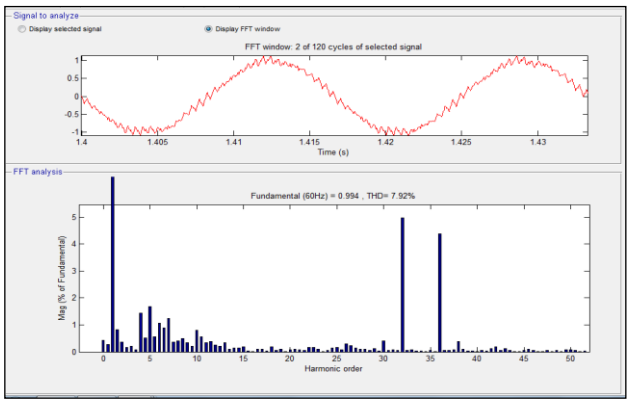


Fig. 11: (A) THD of Grid Current with SPWM for the Grid Side Converter (Inverter).

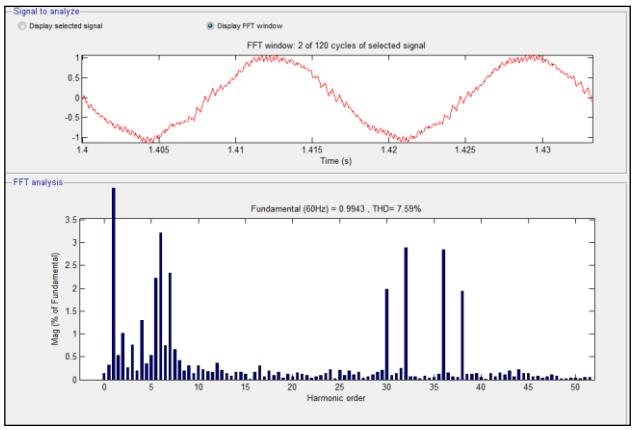


Fig. 11: (B) THD of Grid Current with SVM for the Grid Side Converter (Inverter).

7. Conclusion

In this paper, performance of PMSG based WECS with back-to back PWM converters is analysed. Voltage oriented control (VOC) is used for grid-connected converter along with SPWM and SVM schemes. The generator is controlled by using zero d- axis current (ZDC) control scheme along with optimal torque control (OTC). The control strategy is developed for the generator operation which is optimized while obtaining the maximum power from wind. The control system of the generator decouples the q-axis and d- axis stator current by using vector control for the converter on generator-side. From the results, the performance of PMSG based WECS is superior when SVM is used for both the converters when compared to SPWM scheme.

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