

Modeling, Simulation And Performance Analysis of AC-DC-AC PWM Converters Based Wind Energy Conversion System

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Abstract- In order to send wind energy to a utility grid, a variable speed wind turbine requires a power electronic converter to convert a variable voltage variable frequency source into a fixed voltage fixed frequency supply. Generic three-phase AC-DC-AC converter, converter control methods for wind power generation, wind turbine, two mass drive train and PMSG generator are modeled in the thesis using MATLAB / SIMULINK for establishing variable-speed wind energy conversion systems. Variable speed wind power generation system modeling and simulation are essential methods both for understanding the system behavior and for developing advanced system control strategies. The developed wind energy conversion system have been validated through simulation study using MATLAB / SIMULINK, under different input/output conditions like constant wind speed, variable wind speed, and different fault conditions. The simulation results verify the validity of the developed wind energy conversion system and its controls.

Keywords: AC-DC-AC Converter, , PMSG, Pitch Controller, Two Mass Drive Train, Wind Turbine, WECS

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, there has been an increasing awareness about the global warming and the harmful effects that the emissions of carbon have. This created a higher demand for clean and sustainable energy sources like: wind, sea, sun, biomass etc. The wind energy has experienced the biggest growth in the past 10 years. This is because wind energy is a pollution-free resource, has an inexhaustible potential and also because of its increasingly competitive cost. The size of the wind turbine installations has also grown from 300 KW in the early 1990, up to 10 MW capacity range presently. The main drawback of the wind is that it is irregular in occurrence. The problem becomes how to maximize the energy capture from the wind. The wind energy can be harnessed by a wind energy conversion system (WECS), composed of a wind turbine, an electric generator, a power electronic converter and the corresponding control system. Based on the types of components used, different WECS structures can be realized. However, the objective in all structures is the same, i.e., the wind energy at varying wind velocities has to be converted to electric the grid frequency. In terms of generators for wind power-application, there are two main classes considering the speed: constant and variable speed.

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The constant speed wind turbines and induction generators were often used, in the early stages of wind power development. Some of the disadvantages of the fixed speed generators are the low efficiency, poor power quality, high mechanical stress but also that by having a fixed speed operation the maximum coefficient of performance is obtained only at a particular wind speed. Due to development of power electronics and their falling costs, the variable speed operation became the most attractive option. By running the wind turbine generator in variable speed, variable frequency mode, and the maximum power can be extracted, at low and medium wind speeds. Among all kinds of wind energy conversion systems (WECSs), a variable speed wind turbine (WT) equipped with a multi pole permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG) is found to be very attractive and suitable for application in large wind farms. With gearless construction, such PMSG concept requires low maintenance, reduced losses and costs, high efficiency and good controllability. Currently, the PMSG-based WECS has been commercialized by some WT manufactures, such as Siemens Power Generation and GE Energy.

II. MODELLING OF THE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM

In this paper, various design and modelling aspects of different components of the WECS System like the basic models of synchronous generator, AC-DC-AC PWM converter, wind turbine, drive train and their control system are discussed in detail.

A. The Proposed Wind Energy Conversion System

As it can be seen in Fig.1, the proposed WECS system consists of wind turbine, two mass drive train, permanent magnet synchronous machine (PMSM) which is torque controlled and AC-DC-AC PWM converter.

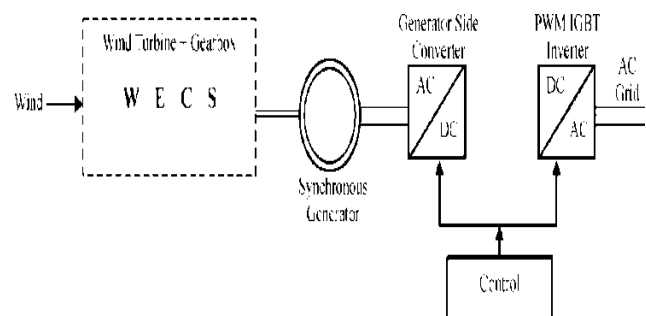


Fig. 1 Proposed Wind Energy Conversion System

B. Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator (PMSG)

The PMSG is a Synchronous Machine, where the DC excitation circuit is replaced by permanent magnets, by eliminating the brushes. PMSG has a smaller physical size, a low moment of inertia which means a higher reliability and power density per volume ratio as it has permanent magnets instead of brushes and the slip rings. Also by having permanent magnets in the rotor circuit, the electrical losses in the rotor are eliminated. the PMSG are becoming an interesting solution for wind turbine applications.

C. Three Phase PMSG d-q Model

The voltage of a 3-phase PMSG in the phase coordinate frame can be expressed as

$$\begin{cases} u_A = U_m \sin \omega t \\ u_B = U_m \sin \left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\ u_C = U_m \sin \left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where U_m is the magnitude of the phase voltage and ω is the angular frequency of the voltage in the phase coordinate frame. (1) can be transformed to the d-q axis through the following transformation matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_d \\ u_q \\ u_0 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_r & \cos \left(\theta_r - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & \cos \left(\theta_r + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\ -\sin \theta_r & -\sin \left(\theta_r - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & -\sin \left(\theta_r + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \\ u_C \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Where θ_r is the rotor position, $\theta_r = \theta_0 + \int \omega dt$, θ_0 is the initial position of the rotor.

After the transformation, the performance of a PMSG can be described by the parameters given in the next few paragraphs.

The PMSG voltage is described by

$$\begin{cases} u_d = \frac{d\psi_d}{dt} - \omega \psi_q - R_d i_d \\ u_q = \frac{d\psi_q}{dt} - \omega \psi_d - R_q i_q \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where R_d and R_q are the d- and q-axis resistance. For the PMSGs studied in this thesis, $R_d = R_q = R_1$, where R_1 is the phase resistance of the PMSG. ψ_d and ψ_q are the d- and q-axis fluxes, and i_d and i_q are the d- and q-axis currents.

The PMSG flux is described by

$$\begin{cases} \psi_d = L_d i_d + L_{ad} i_{fm} \\ \psi_q = -L_q i_q \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where L_{ad} is the d-axis armature reaction inductance and L_1 is the leakage inductance L_d and L_q are the d- and q-axis synchronous inductance,

$$\begin{aligned} L_d &= L_{ad} + L_1 \\ L_q &= L_{aq} + L_1 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where L_{aq} is the q-axis armature reaction inductance and i_{fm} is the equivalent current of the magnet. The electromagnetic torque is described by

$$\begin{aligned} T_{em} &= p(\psi_d i_q - \psi_q i_d) \\ &= p[L_{ad} i_{fm} i_q - (L_q - L_d) i_d i_q] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where p is the number of pole-pairs. The mechanical equation of PMSG is described by

$$J \frac{d\Omega}{dt} = T_{mec} - T_{em} - R_\Omega \Omega \quad (7)$$

where J is the rotational moment of inertia, Ω is the mechanical angular speed, T_{mec} and T_{em} are the turbine mechanical drive torque and the PMSG electromagnetic torque, and R_Ω is the damping coefficient. The damping coefficient can be calculated from

$$R_\Omega = \begin{cases} \frac{P_{fw}}{\Omega^2} & \Omega \leq \Omega_N \\ \frac{P_{fw}}{\Omega^2} & \Omega > \Omega_N \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where Ω_N is the rated PMSG angular mechanical speed and P_{fw} is the mechanical loss under rated load conditions.

D. AC-DC-AC PWM Converters

The equivalent circuit of a voltage source converter is presented in Fig.3.. As it can be seen in the figure, a three phase converter has 6 semiconductors (IGBTs) displayed in three legs: a, b and c. The 6 semiconductors are considered as ideal switches. Only one switch on the same leg can be conducting at the same time

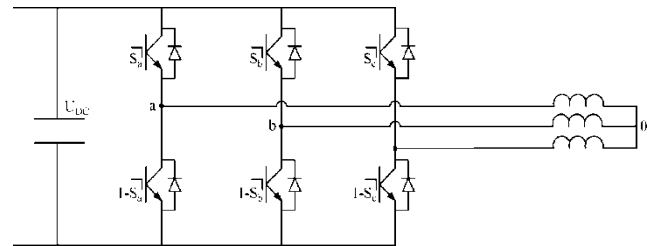


Fig. 2 VSC with ideal switches

In the figure, S_a , S_b , S_c are variables which represent the switching status for each leg. S_{can} only have two values: 1 for the conduction state and 0 for the block state. The desired output voltages are obtained by programming the duty cycles of the 6 IGBTs. The phase voltages are calculated using the DC voltage and the duty cycles D_a , D_b , D_c

$$\begin{aligned} u_{a0} &= \frac{U_{DC}}{3} (2D_a - D_b - D_c) \\ u_{a0} &= \frac{U_{DC}}{3} (-D_a - 2D_b - D_c) \\ u_{a0} &= \frac{U_{DC}}{3} (-D_a - D_b - 2D_c) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where, ua_0, ub_0, uc_0 - phase voltages; UDC - DC voltage.

The DC link current can be expressed as:

$$i_{DC} = [D_a D_b D_c] \begin{bmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

where i_a, i_b, i_c - line currents.

E. Wind Turbine and Pitch Controller

The turbine is the prime mover of WECS that enables the conversion of kinetic energy of wind E_w into mechanical power P_m and eventually into electricity

$$\begin{cases} P_m = \frac{\partial E_w}{\partial t} C_p = \frac{1}{2} \rho A V_w^3 C_p \\ C_p(\lambda, \beta) = 0.5176 \left(\frac{116}{\lambda_1} - 0.4\beta - 5 \right) e^{-21/\lambda_1} + 0.0068\lambda \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where V_w is the wind speed at the center of the rotor (m/sec), ρ is the air density (Kg/m³), $A = \pi R^2$ is the frontal area of the wind turbine (m²) and R is the rotor radius. C_p is the performance coefficient which in turn depends upon the turbine characteristics (β - blade pitch angle and λ - tip speed ratio) that is responsible for the losses in the energy conversion process.

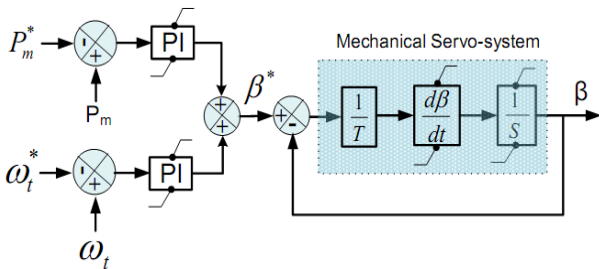


Fig. 3: Pitch angle control scheme using PI controllers

The numerical approximation of C_p used in this study is taken from and $\lambda_1 = f(\lambda, \beta)$ is given by

$$\begin{cases} P_m = \frac{\omega_t R}{V_w} \\ \frac{1}{\lambda_1} = \frac{1}{\lambda + 0.08\beta} - \frac{0.035}{\beta^3 + 1} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where ω_t is the turbine speed and R is the blade radius of the wind turbine.

F. Modelling of Two Mass Drive Train

By applying Newton's second law for rotation system or using energy principles on the rotor, the mathematical model will be:

$$J_r \dot{\omega}_t + B_r \omega_t = T_a - T_{ls} \quad (13)$$

Where J_r = rotor moment of inertia(cancelled), ω_t = rotor angle speed, B_r = rotor damping effect, T_a = applied torque on the rotor, T_{ls} = low speed shaft torque.

Whereas the same technique is applied for the driving gear, which basically its moment of inertia is cancelled, this will yield:

$$J_{ls} \dot{\omega}_{ls} + B_{ls}(\omega_t - \omega_{ls}) + K_{ls}(\theta_t - \theta_{ls}) = T_{ls} \quad (14)$$

Where J_{ls} = drive moment of inertia, ω_{ls} = angular speed of the low speed shaft, B_{ls} = low speed damping effect, K_{ls} = stiffness of low speed shaft, θ_t = rotor angular displacement, θ_{ls} = low speed angular displacement.

This will yield

$$T_{ls} = B_{ls}(\omega_t - \omega_{ls}) + K_{ls}(\theta_t - \theta_{ls}) \quad (15)$$

By the same procedure, the mathematical model for the generator is:

$$J_g \dot{\omega}_g + B_g \omega_g = T_{hs} - T_{em} \quad (16)$$

Where J_g = generator moment of inertia, ω_g = angular speed of high speed shaft, B_g = high speed damping effect, T_{hs} = high speed shaft torque, T_{em} = generator electromagnetic torque,

The gear train ratio n_g is described by

$$n_g = \frac{T_{ls}}{T_{hs}} = \frac{\omega_g}{\omega_{ls}} = \frac{\theta_g}{\theta_{ls}} \quad (17)$$

where, ω_g = is the angular displacement of high speed shaft.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF WECS IN MATLAB / SIMULINK

In this chapter, various components of the wind energy conversion system (WECS) like synchronous generator, AC-DC-AC PWM converter, wind turbine, drive train and their control system is implemented in MATLAB/SIMULINK environment.

A. Proposed AC-DC-AC PWM Converter based WECS Model

In order to study the effects of the entire WECS, the proposed system is modelled using MATLAB/SIMULINK environment by using different toolboxes. It includes a wind turbine and drive train model, PMSG model, and AC-DC-AC PWM converter and its control model. The different block sets of SIMPOWER SYSTEM toolbox is specially used to design the electrical model. The proposed WECS system as shown is implemented using MATLAB/SIMULINK environment as shown in fig.4 proposed wind energy conversion system in MATLAB/SIMULINK is described in below sections

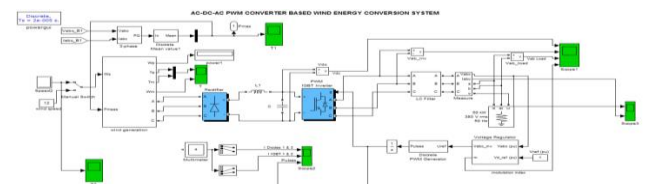


Fig.4: Proposed Wind Energy Conversion System in MATLAB/SIMULINK

B. Wind Turbine Model

The wind turbine model designed in MATLAB/SIMULINK is shown in fig. 5. This block implements a variable pitch wind turbine model. The performance coefficient C_p of the turbine is the mechanical output power of the turbine divided by wind power and a function of wind speed, rotational speed, and pitch angle (β). C_p reaches its maximum value at zero betas.

Various parameters of the wind turbine are designed as:

Nominal mechanical output power (W): 8.5e3

Base power of the electrical generator (VA): 8.5e3/0.9

Base wind speed (m/s): 8

Maximum power at base wind speed (p.u. of nominal mechanical power): 0.8

Base rotational speed (p.u. of base generator speed): 1

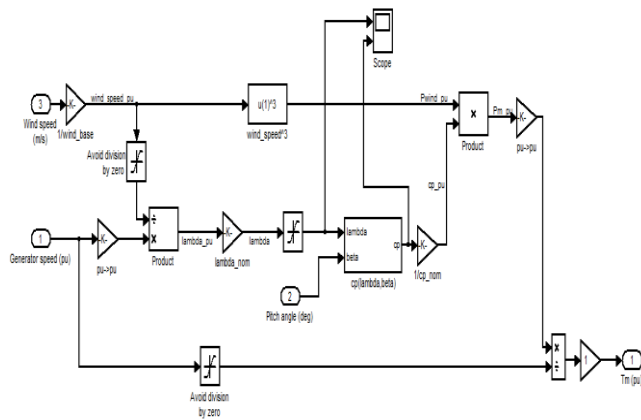


Fig. 5: Wind Turbine Model

C. Two Mass Drive Train Model

The Two mass drive train model implemented in SIMULINK is shown in Fig. 6. This is turbine and shaft coupling system. The above subsystem will give shaft torque $T_{shaft}(pu)$, W_{wt} as outputs and $T_{wt}(pu)$, generator speed (pu) as input. It is an example of closed loop control system where feedback is provided just before the gain (=1)

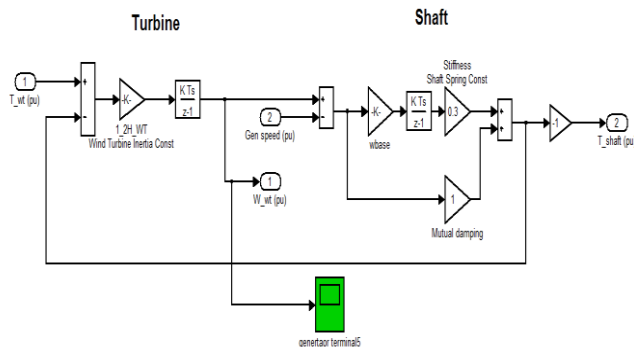


Fig.6: Two mass drive train model

D. Pitch Angle Controller

The Pitch angle controller designed in MATLAB/SIMULINK is shown in Fig. 7. Here, pitch compensator is also designed with Proportional gain (K_p):1.5, Integral gain (K_i):6, output max. Limit: 45, min. limit: 0, Pitch Gain: 500.

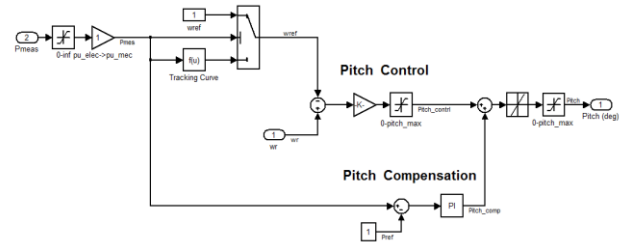


Fig 7 :Pitch angle controller

E. AC-DC-AC PWM Converters

The AC-DC-AC PWM Converter designed in MATLAB/SIMULINK is shown in Fig. 8. The PWM controller designed to produce the gate pulse is shown in fig. 8. Voltage controller is also designed which is shown in fig. 9 with Proportional gain (K_p):0.4, Integral gain (K_i):500, Carrier frequency (Hz):2000. The abc_to_dqo Transformation, Discrete virtual PLL, Discrete PID Controller, dqo_to_abc Transformation, Discrete PWM generator developed in MATLAB/SIMULINK are shown in fig.8 to fig. 11. Fig 10 show the there is a error signal apply to proportional gain (K_p) and integral gain (K_i). proportional gain(K_p) apply to zero order hold The Zero-Order hold block samples and holds its input for the specified sample period. The block accepts one input and generates one output, both of which can be scalar or vector. If the input is a vector, all elements of the vector are held for the same sample period.

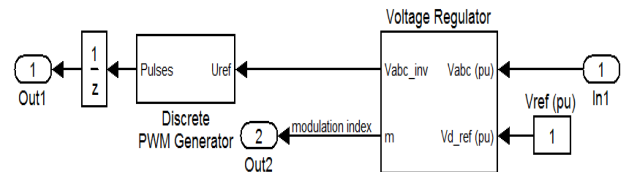


Fig. 8 :PWM controller

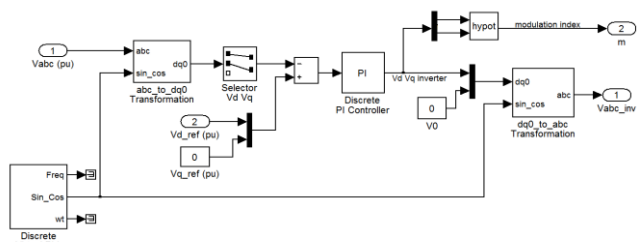


Fig. 9 :Voltage Controller

Integral gain (K_i) applies to Discrete-Time Integrator block in place of the Integrator block to create a purely discrete system. Both zero order hold and Discrete-Time Integrator block apply sum and saturation block and then got output.

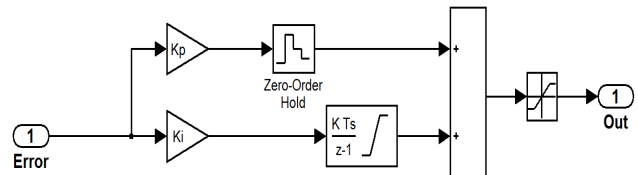


Fig.:10 Discrete PID Controller

It is a closed loop control system that generates and outputs a signal in relation to the frequency and phase of an input (reference) signal. In the basic blocks a constant value is amplified then summed with an output of product block. It will give three outputs Freq, wt and sin_cos out which freq and wt is terminated.

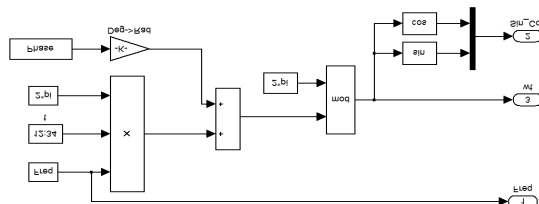


Fig 11 Discrete virtual PLL

IV SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this paper, simulation results of developed wind energy conversion system (WECS) connected to a utility grid under different conditions i.e. under constant wind speed, step change in wind speed, three phase to ground fault etc. are presented to validate the developed models and controls for the proposed wind generation system.

CASE-1 Under Constant Wind Speed

Here, the developed WECS systems have been tested for constant wind speed of 12 m/s as shown in fig.12 to fig.17

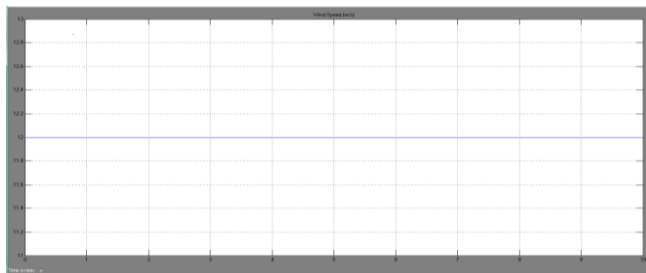


Fig.12 Constant Input Wind Speed

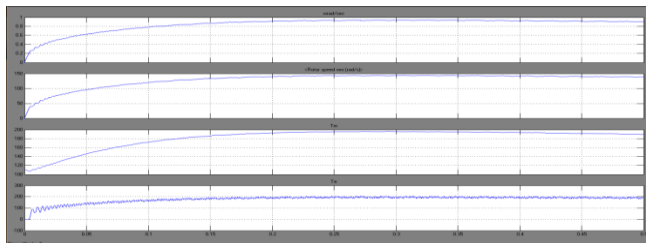


Fig. 13: Waveform of Synchronous generator Rotor wind speed Wm (rad/sec), Mechanical Torque (Tm), Electromagnetic Torque (Te)

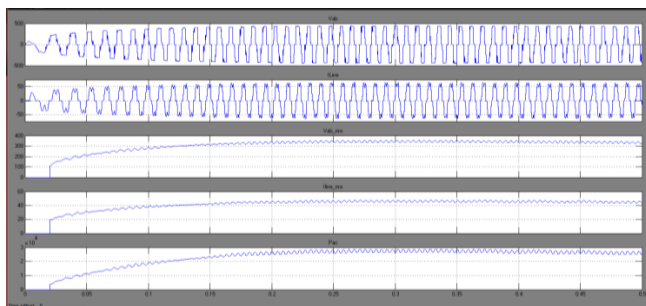


Fig. 14: Waveform of line to line Voltage (Vab), Line Current (IL), rms Line Voltage (Vab_rms), AC Power

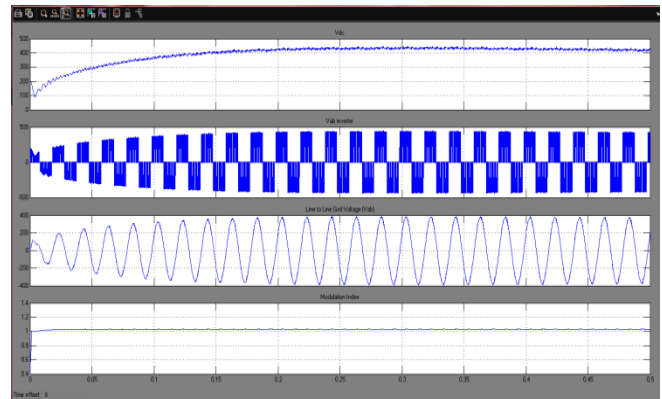


Fig. 15: Waveform of dc link voltage, Inverter output AC voltage, line to line grid voltage, and modulation Index.

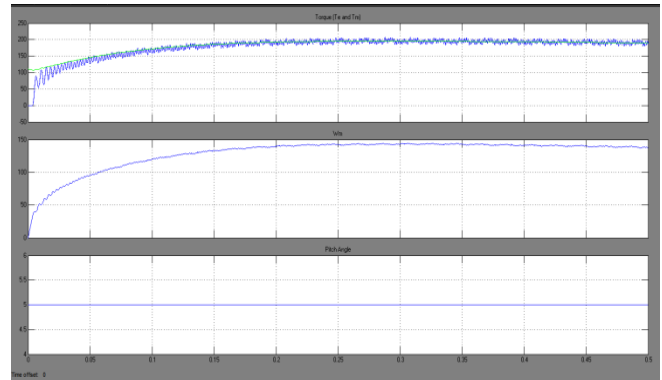


Fig. 16: Torque (Tm and Te), Rotor speed and the pitch angle

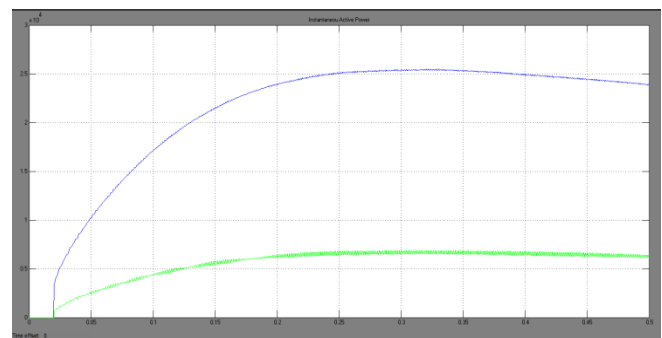


Fig. 17: Instantaneous Active and reactive power waveforms

CASE-11 UNDER STEP CHANGE IN WIND SPEED

Here, the developed WECS system has been tested under step change in wind speed. A step change has been made in wind speed at time $t=5$ sec. from 8m/s to 18 m/s as shown in fig. 6.10. Various waveforms like generator Rotor wind speed Wm (rad/sec), mechanical torque (Tm), electromagnetic torque (Te), line to line Voltage (Vab), Line Current (IL) rms Line Voltage (Vab_rms), AC Power, Rotor angle (rad), Stator Current Is_A, Is_B, Is_C, and direct and quadrature axis Stator voltage are shown in figure 18 to fig. 23 It can be seen from the waveforms that at time $t=5$ sec. when step increase in wind speed is made then, all magnitude of all the parameters increases within the permissible limits and attains their steady state value, which validates the model and its controls

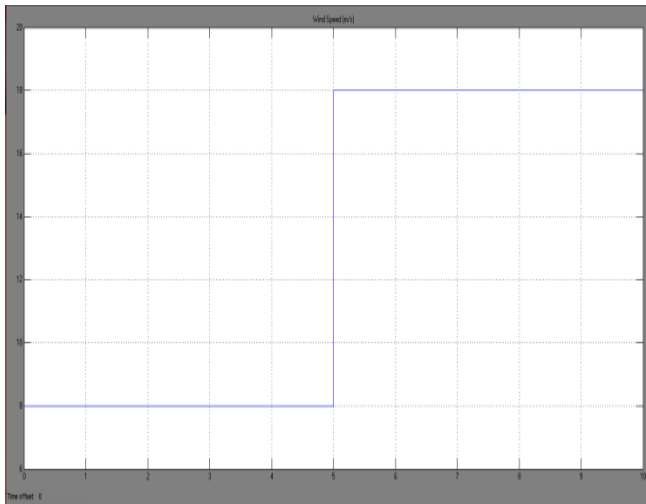


Fig. 18: Step Change in Input Wind Speed

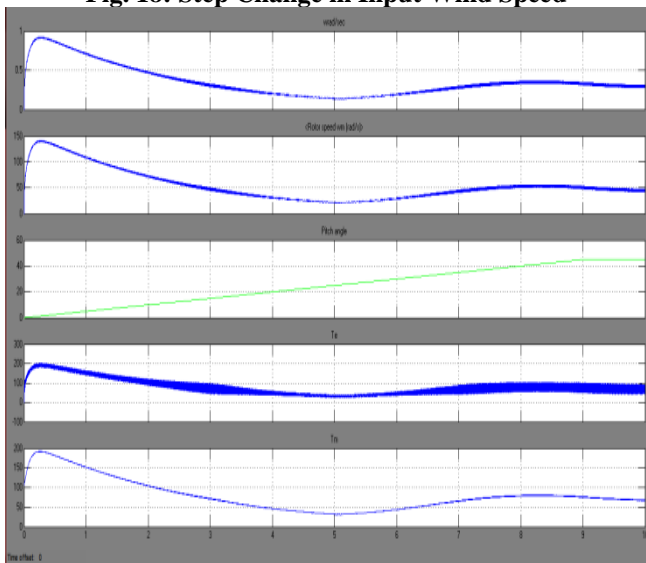


Fig. 19: Waveform of Synchronous generator Rotor wind speed W_m (rad/sec), Mechanical Torque (T_m),

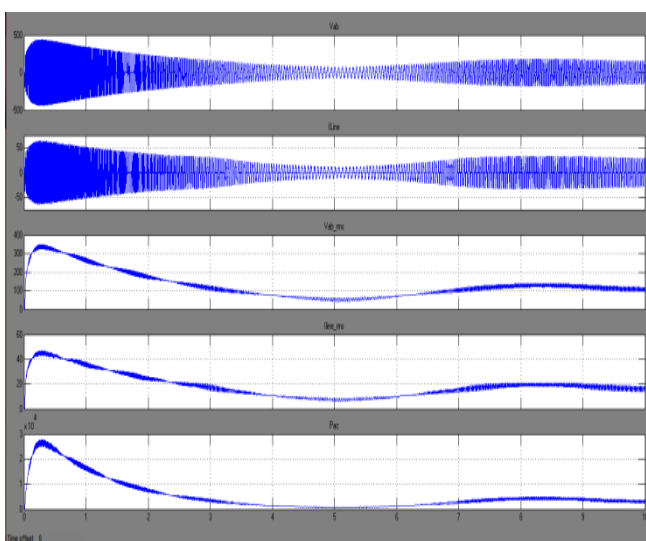


Fig. 20: Waveform of line to line Voltage (V_{ab}), Line Current (I_L), rms Line Voltage (V_{ab_rms}), AC Power

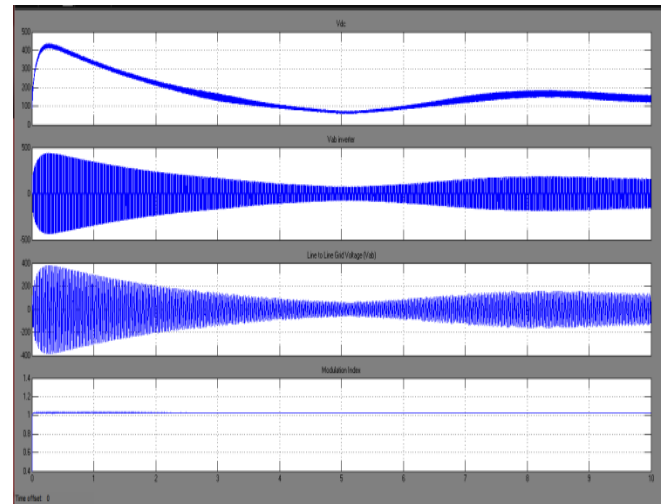


Fig. 21: Waveform of dc link voltage, Inverter output AC voltage, line to line grid voltage, and modulation Index

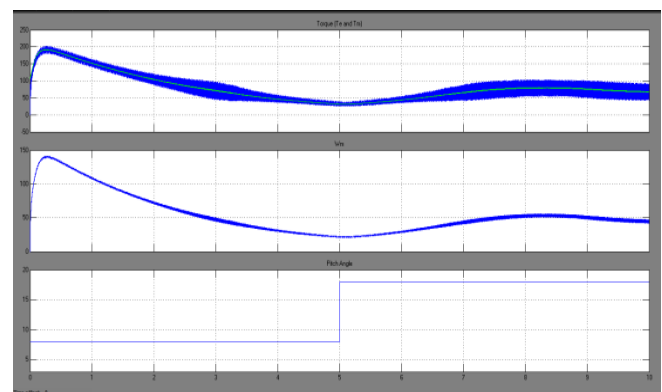


Fig. 22: Torque (T_m and T_e), Rotor speed and the pitch angle

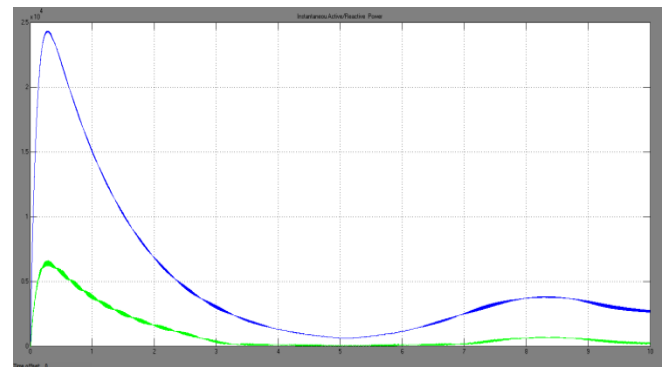


Fig. 23: Instantaneous Active and reactive power waveforms

CASE-3 UNDER FAULT CONDITIONS AT GRID SIDE

A. Three Phase to Ground Fault (L-L-L-G)

Here, to test the validity of the developed WECS system, three phase to ground fault has been applied at time $t=0.4$ sec. for a duration of 0.1 sec. after which, fault has been cleared. Simulation results from fig. 26 to fig. 29 show the response of various parameters of the developed model during the fault condition.

It can be seen that during the fault period, voltage becomes almost zero, current undergo transients, dc voltage becomes zero, grid voltage and current also becomes zero. After the fault period, parameters undergo transients and attain steady state within very short time, validating the developed model

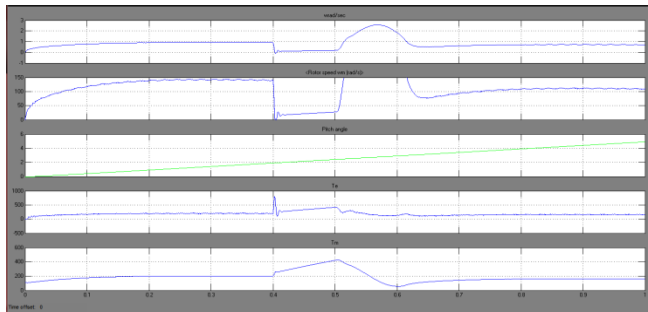


Fig. 24: Waveform of Synchronous generator Rotor wind speed W_m (rad/sec), Pitch Angle, Mechanical Torque (T_m), Electromagnetic Torque (T_e)

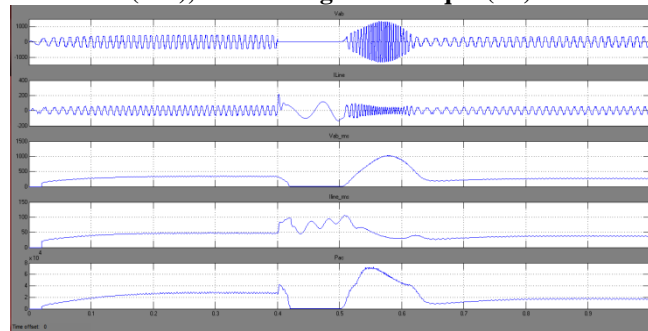


Fig. 25: Waveform of line to line Voltage (V_{ab}), Line Current (I_L), rms Line Voltage (V_{ab_rms}), AC Power

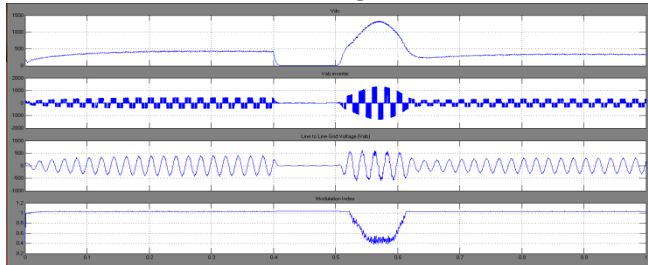


Fig. 26: Waveform of dc link voltage, Inverter output AC voltage, line to line grid voltage, and modulation Index

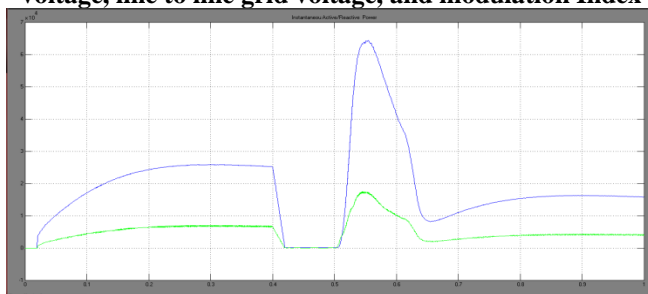


Fig. 27: Instantaneous Active and reactive power waveforms

B. Two Phase to Ground Fault (L-L-G)

Here, to test the validity of the developed WECS system, two phase to ground fault has been applied at time $t=0.4$ sec. for a duration of 0.1 sec. after which, fault has been cleared. Simulation results from fig. 24 to fig. 31 show the response of various parameters of the developed model during the fault condition. It can be seen that during the fault period, voltage becomes almost zero, current undergo transients, and dc

voltage becomes zero, grid voltage and current also becomes zero. After the fault period, parameters undergo transients and attain steady state within very short time, validating the developed model

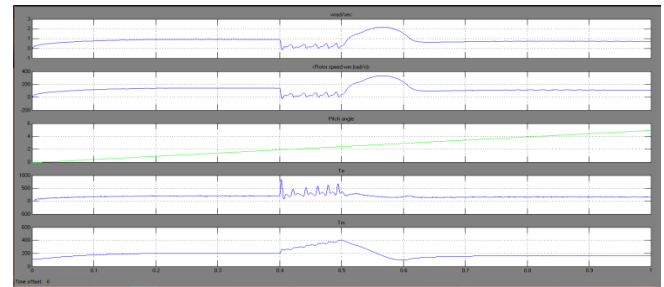


Fig. 28: Waveform of Synchronous generator Rotor wind speed W_m (rad/sec), Pitch Angle, Mechanical Torque (T_m), Electromagnetic Torque (T_e)

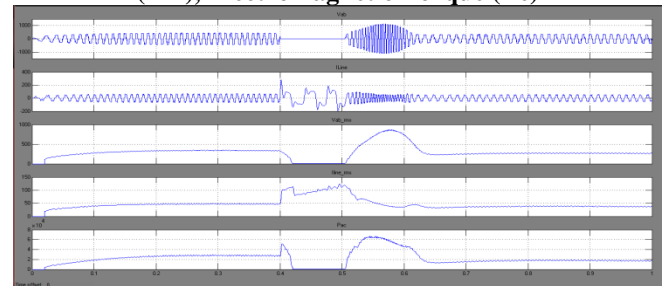


Fig. 29: Waveform of line to line Voltage (V_{ab}), Line Current (I_L), rms Line Voltage (V_{ab_rms}), AC Power

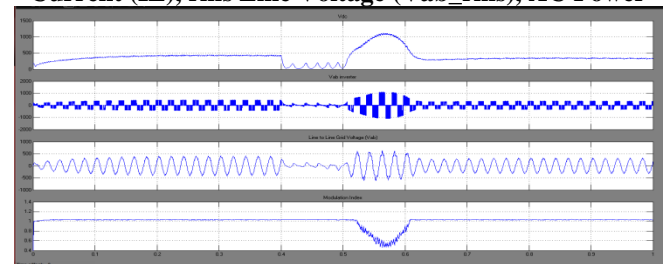


Fig. 30: Waveform of dc link voltage, Inverter output AC voltage, line to line grid voltage, and modulation Index.

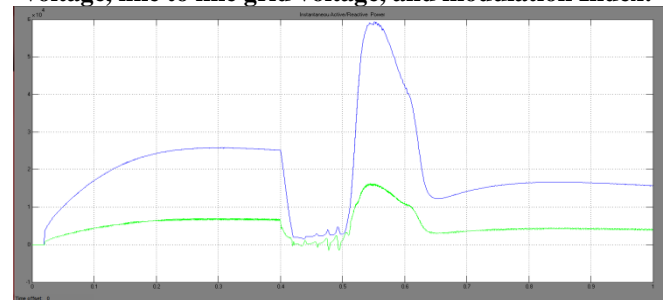


Fig. 31: Instantaneous Active and reactive power waveforms

C. Single Phase to Ground Fault (L-G)

Here, to test the validity of the developed WECS system, single phase to ground fault has been applied at time $t=0.4$ sec. for duration of 0.1 sec. after which, fault has been cleared. Simulation results from fig.32 to fig. 36 show the response of various parameters of the developed model during the fault condition.

It can be seen that during the fault period, voltage becomes almost zero, current undergo transients, and dc voltage becomes zero, grid voltage and current also becomes zero. After the fault period, parameters undergo transients and attain steady state within very short time, validating the developed model.

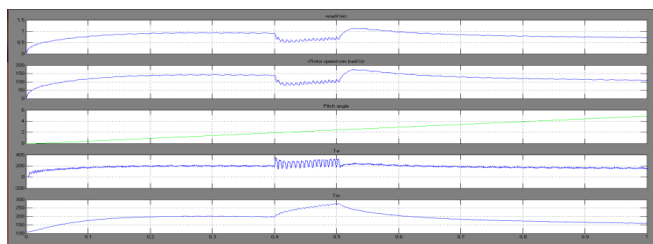


Fig. 32 Waveform of Synchronous generator Rotor wind speed W_m (rad/sec), Pitch Angle, Mechanical Torque (T_m), Electromagnetic Torque (T_e)

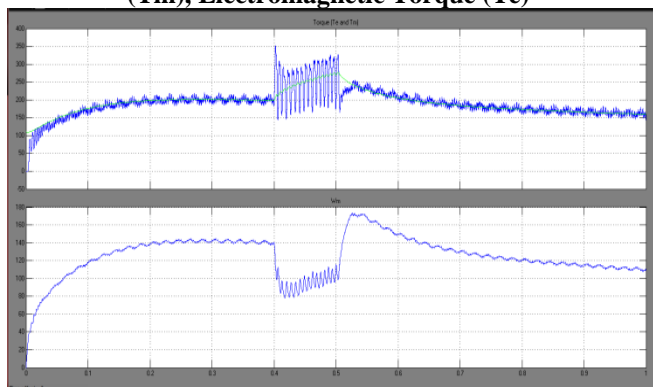


Fig. 33: Torque (T_m and T_e), Rotor speed

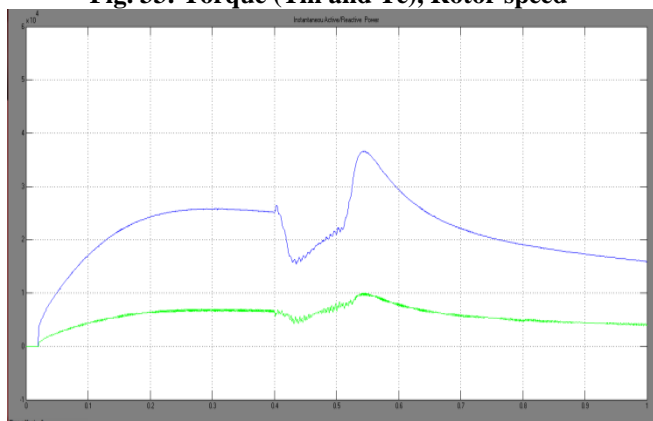


Fig. 34: Instantaneous Active and reactive power waveforms

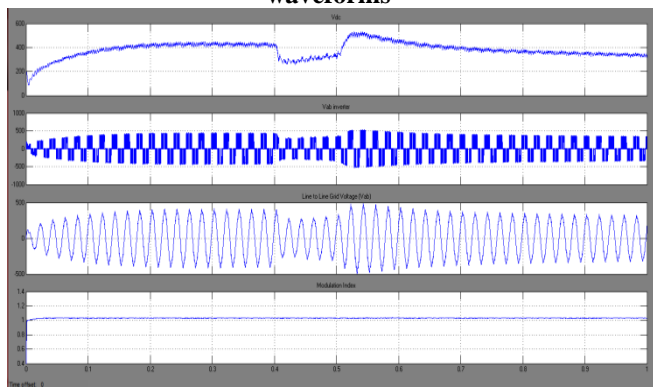


Fig. 35: Waveform of dc link voltage, Inverter output AC voltage, line to line grid voltage, and modulation Index.

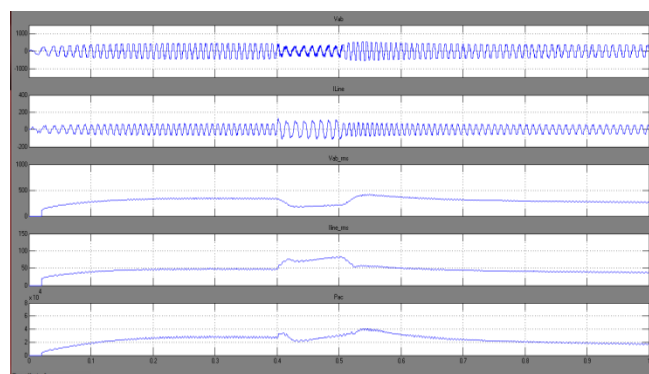


Fig. 36: Waveform of line to line Voltage (V_{ab}), Line Current (I_L), rms Line Voltage (V_{ab_rms}), AC Power

V.CONCLUSION

In this thesis, a variable speed wind energy conversion system (WECS) has been developed using MATLAB/SIMULINK. Mathematical model of various components of the WECS like wind turbine, two mass drive train, PMSG generator, and AC-DC-AC converter along with their controls has been discussed and developed. The energy extracted from wind is transferred from the generator to the dc-link by the generator-side rectifier and then to the utility by the grid side inverter

- The dc-link capacitor provides decoupling between the generator-side and grid-side converter, a thereby offers separate control flexibilities for the power converters.
- The developed model and its control was simulated in MATLAB/SIMULINK and tested/validated for different conditions i.e. constant and variable wind speed, different faults like three phase to ground etc.
- The results presented showed good performances of the developed model and control.
- After the fault has cleared, various parameters regain their steady state values within short time, indicating the fastness of the control action.

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