THREE-PHASE TO SINGLE-PHASE GENERATION SYSTEM BASED ON DOUBLY-FED INDUCTION GENERATOR

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Abstract – This paper presents a three-phase to single-phase six-leg converter for a wind energy conversion system based on Doubly-Fed Induction Generator (DFIG). The converter is composed of six legs and is divided in three parts: the grid-side converter (GSC), which is responsible for power factor and DC-link voltage controls, the stator-side converter (SSC), which guarantees the control of the stator voltage, and the rotor-side converter (RSC), which is responsible for vector control of the generator. One of the converter’s legs is shared by grid-side and stator-side converters. The main advantages of the proposed configuration compared to other topologies presented in the literature are providing balanced three-phase voltages to the DFIG, simple control system and not having any limitation with respect to synchronization between grid and stator voltages and DC-link voltage. The system model, pulse-width modulation (PWM) and control strategies are discussed and simulation and experimental results are presented in order to prove the feasibility of the system.

Keywords – DFIG, THREE-PHASE TO SINGLE-PHASE, WECS.

I. INTRODUCTION

Energy demand has increased significantly in the last decades and, to ensure the energy security, renewable sources have been increasingly explored [1]–[4]. Wind energy is one of the most competitive among renewable energies. Low cost generation systems are based on wind turbines with fixed speed, usually using squirrel cage induction generator (SCIG). The generator is connected to the grid (single-phase or three-phase source) and the reactive power and grid voltage cannot be controlled [5],[6]. In variable speed systems, the generator is connected to the grid through an AC-DC-AC converter. Employing either SCIG or permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG), the generator is connected to a full power AC-DC-AC converter, meaning that all of the generator power is processed by the converter [7]–[13].

When only single-phase grid is available (common condition in rural or remote areas), the connection between a three-phase generator and the single-phase grid can be obtained from a three-phase to single-phase converter. In [5] a three-phase SCIG was connected to a single-phase grid by means of a five-leg converter, in which the generator side converter was composed of three legs and the grid side converter was composed of two legs, all sharing the same DC-link. In [14], a low-cost system was proposed to connect a three-phase SCIG to a single-phase grid. The generator’s phases were delta-connected and a capacitor was parallel-connected to one of the phases, using the Steimetz connection. In [11], a three-phase SCIG is connected to a single-phase grid using parallel converters in order to reduce the current per leg in the grid, reducing, in turn, semiconductor losses and switches current rating.

On the other hand, very few single-phase to three-phase wind energy systems based on doubly-fed induction generator (DFIG) were discussed in the literature [15]–[17]. A structure of a single-phase grid connected to a three-phase DFIG was discussed in [15], which is illustrated in Figure 1.a. An inverter is connected to the three-phase rotor of the DFIG, while the three-phase stator is connected to a single-phase grid. Needless to say, the DFIG stator operates under unbalanced condition, which brings high complexity to the control system in order to adjust speed, stator reactive power and grid power factor. Besides, the inverter uses a floating capacitor, since the system operates employing the single external feeding (SEF) concept, which complicates even more the control system.

Other possible structure was proposed in [16], in which a DFIG is composed of a three-phase rotor, fed by an inverter, and a single-phase stator, which is connected directly to the grid. This configuration avoids the unbalanced operation observed in the topology of Figure 1.a, but single-phase DFIG with three-phase rotor is not easily found in trade. At last, in [17] the authors proposed three single-phase to three-phase converter topologies for DFIG composed of eight, seven and six legs. Pulse-Width Modulation (PWM) and control strategies were presented and a semiconductor losses analysis was performed. According to this analysis, the best performance was achieved with the seven-leg topology illustrated in Figure 1.b. Note that there is a shared leg between the DFIG stator and the grid. This requires synchronization between the grid voltage and stator voltage, otherwise the level of DC-link voltage and the power processed by the converter may increase. However, the six-leg topology is not interesting at all, because the dc-link voltage is bigger than the seven-leg topology. It has to use the double of dc-link voltage.

This paper proposes a single-phase to three-phase topology in which the DFIG is directly connected to the single-phase grid and the converter processes only part of the overall output power. The converter is divided into three parts as shown in
The proposed system was previously analyzed in [18], but this paper adds information regarding the controllers design and new experimental results of the proposed rotor control system.

II. MACHINE MODEL

The induction generator model in $d-q$ generic reference frame is given by [19]:

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\begin{align*}
\dot{\hat{v}}_g^s &= r_1 \hat{v}_g^s + \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\phi}_g^s + j \omega_s \hat{\phi}_g^\pi \\
\dot{\hat{v}}_f^s &= r_2 \hat{v}_f^s + \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\phi}_f^s + j \omega_s \hat{\phi}_f^\pi \\
\dot{\hat{\phi}}_g^s &= (l_2 + l_m) \hat{i}_s + l_m \hat{i}_g \\
\dot{\hat{\phi}}_f^s &= l_m \hat{i}_s + (l_2 + l_m) \hat{i}_f \\
c_r &= 2P_i l_m^3 (\hat{i}_g^s \hat{i}_f^s) \\
P_s &= (v_{sdg}^s i_{sdg}^s + v_{sqg}^s i_{sqg}^s) \\
Q_s &= (v_{sdg}^s i_{sqg}^s - v_{sqg}^s i_{sdg}^s)
\end{align*}
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where $j = \sqrt{-1}$ is an imaginary number, $\hat{x}^s = x^s_{ns} + j x^s_{nq}$ is the vector of variable $x$ in generic reference with $n = s, r$ ($s =$ stator and $r =$ rotor), $x = v, i, \phi$, and $\Im(z)$ is the imaginary part of $z$. Furthermore, $\hat{v}, \hat{i}$ and $\hat{\phi}$ are vectors of voltage, current and flux, respectively; $\omega_s$ is the rotation speed generic reference frame and $\omega$ is the electrical rotor speed; $r_s$ and $r_r$ are the resistance of the stator and rotor, respectively; $l_{sr}$ and $l_{rr}$ are the leakage inductances of stator and rotor, respectively; $l_m$ is the stator-rotor mutual inductance; $e_r$ is the electrical torque; $P$ pair of poles; $P_s$ and $Q_s$ are the stator active and reactive powers, respectively.

III. SYSTEM MODEL

The proposed configuration illustrated in Figure 2 consists in three parts: grid-side, stator-side and the rotor-side converters (GSC, SSC and RSC, respectively). These converters depict a single-phase AC-DC-AC converter with a share leg (leg $s$). The mathematical model of the system is given by:

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\begin{align*}
e_g &= r_1 i_1 + l_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} + r_2 i_2 + l_2 \frac{di_2}{dt} + v_g \\
v_{sg} &= r_1 i_1 + l_1 \frac{di_1}{dt} + r_2 i_2 + l_2 \frac{di_2}{dt} + v_{sg} \\
i_1 &= -i_1 + i_g \\
i_2 &= i_2 + i_g \\
i_3 &= -i_3 \\
v_g &= v_{s10} - v_{s0} \\
v_{s2} &= v_{s10} - v_{s0}.
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where $r_s$ and $l_s$ represent the resistance and inductance of inductor filter, respectively, $v_g$ and $v_{s2}$ are the voltages of the GSC and SSC, respectively, $v_{s10}$ and $v_{s10}$ are the pole voltages of the GSC and SSC, respectively, $v_{s2}$ is the pole voltage of the shared-leg between the GSC and SSC, $i_g$ is the grid current, $i_1, i_2$ and $i_3$ are the currents of GSC and SSC and $i_{s1}, i_{s2}$ and $i_{s3}$ are the generator currents. From (8) the voltage of the grid-side converter ($v_g = v_{s10} - v_{s0}$) can be used to regulate the grid current and from (9) the voltage of the SSC ($v_{s2} = v_{s10} - v_{s0}$) can be used to control the line machine voltage $v_{s23}$ since the line voltage $v_{s12}$ is already defined by the grid voltage. The model of the RSC is similar to that of the conventional three-phase system [19].

IV. CONTROL STRATEGY

Figure 3 shows the control block diagram of the proposed system. The control block is divided in the DC-link voltage and power factor control (realized by means of the GSC), the line voltage control (realized by means of the SSC) and the active and reactive power control (realized by means of the RSC). The grid-side converter control consists of two cascaded control loops. In the outer loop, the capacitor DC-link voltage $\bar{v}_C$ is adjusted to its reference value $v_C^*$ utilizing a PI type controller, represented by block $R_C$. The output of the DC-link voltage control is the amplitude of the reference current of the single-phase grid ($I_g^*$). The instantaneous reference current ($I_g^*$) is synchronized with the grid voltage by means of a Phase Locked Loop (PLL) scheme [20] represented in Figure 3 by block $G_{ge}$. In the inner current loop, the grid current control is implemented using a resonant controller described in [21]. This controller is represented by block $R_{eg}$. The output of the current control defines the reference voltage $v_C^*$. 

where $j$ is an imaginary number, $\bar{\Phi}$ is the leakage inductance of stator and rotor, respectively; $\Phi$ is the electrical torque; $\omega$ is the angular speed of the rotor; $G_{ig}$, $G_{s}$, and $G_{c}$ are the gain of the current controllers; and $\theta$ is the angle between the stator voltage reference frame and the stator reference frame.

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\[ G_{fp}(s) = G_{fq}(s) = \frac{L_m V_s K_{ppq} + L_m V_s K_{pq}}{s^2 + L_m V_s K_{pq} + L_m V_s + L_m V_s K_{pq}}. \]  

The denominator can be represented by polynomial characteristic of a second-order system \( s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 \), where \( \omega_n \) is natural frequency and \( \xi \) is damping factor. Then the gain is given by:

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where $v_C^*$ is the reference DC-link voltage. Once $v_s^*$ is determined, the reference pole voltages $v_{p10}^*$, $v_{q0}^*$ and $v_{s10}^*$ are obtained from (33) to (35).

VI. ANALYSIS OF GSC AND SSC

A. Normalized Currents Processed by GSC and SSC

The currents of the GSC and SSC are defined as $i_1$, $i_2$, and $i_3$, which are determined by (10)–(12). Figure 7 shows currents RMS values normalized by nominal generator current ($i_{n}$). The curves shown in Figure 7 were obtained considering four different mechanical torques [100%, 75%, 50% and 25% of the nominal (rated) mechanical torque] with the range of the rotor speed being from 0.7 to 1.3 of the synchronous speed.

Fig. 7. Normalized currents. (a) Current of the leg g1. (b) Current of the leg g2. (c) Current of the leg g3.

Figures 7.a and 7.b show that the currents of the GSC (legs g1 and g2, respectively) depend on the rotor speed of the DFIG. In subsynchronous operation, the rotor absorbs power from the grid. Because of this, the currents $i_1$ and $i_2$ present lower values than those observed in the case of supersynchronous operation. In addition, in supersynchronous operation, these currents are greater than the stator current of the leg g1, shown in Figure 7.c. As can be seen, currents $i_1$ and $i_2$ can be up to 30% higher than the currents of the generator. From this analysis, it is noted that the higher effort in the switch occurs in supersynchronous operation with rotor speed of 1.3 pu, in which the device must handle 1.3 of the nominal current of the DFIG.

B. Normalized Apparent and Active Power Processed by GSC and SSC

The apparent powers of the GSC and SSC are defined as $S_{gsc}$ and $S_{ssc}$, respectively. In this analysis, the stator reactive power is null, then the stator active power is equal to apparent power ($S_r = P_r$). The nominal (rated) apparent power of the machine is defined as $S_m$. Figure 8 shows the normalized apparent power curves $|S_{gsc}/S_m|$ and $|S_{ssc}/S_m|$. The apparent powers $S_{gsc}$, $S_{ssc}$ are defined by:

$$S_{gsc} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{V}_{g1} \bar{I}_{v1}$$

$$S_{ssc} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{V}_{g2} \bar{I}_{v2}$$

where $\bar{V}_{g1}$ and $\bar{V}_{g2}$ are the complex conjugate of the vector currents $i_1$ and $i_2$, respectively. These results were obtained considering four different values for the mechanical torque [100%, 75%, 50% and 25% of the nominal (rated) mechanical torque] with the range of the rotor speed being from 0.7 to 1.3 of the synchronous speed. From Figure 8.a, it is possible to see that the normalized apparent power processed by the SSC represents only a fraction of the apparent generator power. For example, when rated torque is applied, the power handled by the SSC is approximately 60% of the DFIG’s rated power.

On the other hand, with respect to the power of the GSC, as can be seen in Figure 8.b, it depends on the rotor speed and therefore on the rotor power flow. In subsynchronous operation, the power is delivered to the rotor by the RSC. Therefore, part of the power delivered by the stator is transferred to the rotor by means of SSC and RSC, while GSC delivers just a small part of power to the grid. For example, with rated torque and rotor speed of 0.7 pu, the power processed by the GSC is approximately 30% of the rated power (see Figure 8.b).

Now considering supersynchronous operation, the rotor must deliver power. Therefore, all power processed by SSC and RSC is delivered to the grid by means of the GSC. Therefore, power processed by GSC increases. For example, with rated torque and rotor speed of 1.3 pu, the power processed by the GSC is approximately 80% of the rated power (see Figure 8.b). It is worth to point out that in all cases neither the SSC nor the GSC process the total power of the generator. It represents an advantage when compared to full-rated systems, like the one illustrated in Figure 1.b. From this analysis, it is possible to see that, in the worst case (supersynchronous operation with rotor speed of 1.3 pu), the GSC and GSC converters processed power of approximately 60% and 80% of nominal, respectively. This implies the use of lower rated and cheaper devices.

For power flow analysis of SSC and GSC converters an active power study was performed in Figure 9. Figure 9.a shows the active power in the SSC. It is observed that at all operating points the power is negative. This shows that the active power flows from DFIG stator to SSC at all points. Note that the highest power processing happens at the 1.3 pu rotor speed. This is because the generator works in
supersynchronous mode, so the rotor provides power to the RSC and increases the energy processed by the SSC. Figure 9.b shows the active power in the GSC. Unlike the SSC converter, the GSC has positive active power at all operating points, which means that the power flows from GSC to the grid. For subsynchronous mode the power processed by the GSC is low because the rotor absorbs a portion of the SSC power flow, while for supersynchronous mode the rotor provides power, so the GSC processes the rotor power flow plus the SSC power flow.

VII. DC-LINK CAPACITOR

The methodology employed for the capacitors design can be found in [27]. By means of harmonic spectrum analysis of the DC-link current, the presence of dominant high or low frequency components are determined. In single-phase to three-phase systems the predominant component in the capacitor current is twice the grid frequency, so according to [27], the capacitance can be determined by:

$$C = \frac{P_{\text{load}}}{240V_s f_{\text{grid}} V_{\text{ripple}}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (41)

where $C$ is the capacitance of DC-link voltage, $P_{\text{load}}$ power of DFIG, $f_{\text{grid}}$ is the grid frequency, $V_s$ is the stator voltage in RMS value and $V_{\text{ripple}}$ is the ripple voltage of DC-link. For the system parameters with a capacitance of 2200µF a ripple of less than 1% was obtained.

VIII. SIMULATION RESULTS

In order to demonstrate the validity of the model and PWM and control strategies for the proposed topology, digital simulations have been performed. Current and power control gains are $K_d = 350.5$, $K_{pi} = 1.44$, $K_{pq} = 0.07$ and $K_{ppq} = 0.002$. DFIG parameters used in simulation are shown in Table I, while the setup parameters are shown in Table II.

Figures 10 and 11 illustrate the steady-state curves obtained for the proposed topology. Stator active and reactive power references were -500 W and 0 VA, respectively. The system is working in supersynchronous mode with a speed of 477rad/s. Power waveforms are illustrated in Figure 10.a, which shows that both active and reactive powers assume their reference values. And using Park’s transformation with stator voltage reference frame [23], the obtained rotor current components $i_{rd}$ and $i_{rq}$ are illustrated in Figure 10.b. From Figures 10.a and 10.b, it is possible to see that RSC control operated adequately. Also, as shown in Figures 10.c and 10.d, stator line voltages provided by PWM and control strategies are sinusoidal and balanced, producing balanced currents, which is an advantage when compared to topology of Figure 1.a.

On the other hand, PWM and control strategies operated adequately providing sinusoidal grid current with high power factor, as illustrated in Figure 11.a. The phase opposition between the grid voltage and grid current shows that the single-phase grid was receiving power of GSC. Also, DC-link voltage is well adjusted to its reference value, as seen in Figures 11.b and 11.c illustrates the converter currents, it is observed that current $i_3$ is equal to $-i_{s3}$ and $i_1$ and $i_2$ are a linear combination of $i_3$, $i_{s1}$ and $i_{s2}$.

Figure 12 shows the transient performance of the system, when the reference of the stator power was changed from -250 W to -500 W at the time of 4.5 s. The reactive power reference was kept null and DC-link voltage reference was maintained 400 V [see Figure 12.a and 12.b]. With the increase of the power provided by the generator, the grid current increased as shown in Figure 12.d.
where capacitor current is twice the grid frequency, so according to three-phase systems the predominant component in the low frequency components are determined. In single-phase of the DC-link current, the presence of dominant high or plus the SSC power flow. Figure 8. Normalized Power. (a) Apparent power of SSC. (b) Apparent power of the GSC. Power of the SSC (PU)

Rotor Speed (PU)

(a)

(b)

VIII. SIMULATION RESULTS

Fig. 11. Simulation results - steady-state. (a) Current and voltage of the grid ($i_g$ and $e_g$). (b) DC-link voltage ($v_C$). (c) SSC and GSC currents ($i_1$, $i_2$ and $i_3$).

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IX. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The topology presented in Figure 2 has been implemented experimentally in laboratory. DFIG parameters are shown in Table I and the setup parameters are shown in Table II. The experimental setup is based on a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) TMS320F28335 with a microcomputer equipped with appropriate plug-in boards and sensors. Results were obtained by oscilloscope Agilent DSO-X 3014A 100MHZ. The input mechanical torque was provided by a squirrel-cage induction motor (SCIM) of 0.55 kW fed by a WEG inverter. A photo of the experimental setup is shown in Figure 13.

Figures 14 and 15 illustrate steady-state experimental results, with a stator active and reactive power references of -500 W and 0 VA, respectively. By measuring stator voltages and currents, Park’s transformation is applied and stator active and reactive powers are calculated according to (6) and (7), respectively. Figure 14.a shows that the control system adequately adjusts both active and reactive powers to their reference values. Also, by measuring the rotor currents and applying Park’s Transformation, current components $i_{rd}$ and $i_{rq}$ are the ones shown in Figure 14.b. PWM and control strategies assure balanced stator line voltages, producing balanced stator currents, as illustrated in Figures 14.c and 14.d.

Figure 15.a shows the rotor currents $i_{r1}$, $i_{r2}$ and $i_{r3}$. They are sinusoidal and oscillate at low frequency (slip frequency). Grid current and voltage are illustrated in Figure 15.b. Note that high power factor and sinusoidal current are provided by the control system. It is possible to see the power flow from the GSC to the grid. DC-link voltage is shown in Figure 15.c, which is correctly adjusted to the value of 400 V.
X. CONCLUSION

This paper presented a three-phase to single-phase to wind energy conversion system based on Doubly-Fed Induction Generator. The generator is directly connected to the single-phase source and the system has the advantages of reduced cost of the power converter (because the converter process only part of the overall output power). In the supersynchronous mode with rotor speed 1.3 times the...
synchronous speed, which is the worst case scenario, the processed power by SSC and GSC was approximately 60% and 80%, respectively. In all analyzed cases, the power processed by the converters is less than the generator rated power, implying in the use of lower rated and cheaper devices. Control and PWM strategies assured balanced stator three-phase voltages. Simulation and experimental results showed their validity and the feasibility of the conversion system.

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