NPC five level inverter using SVPWM for Grid-Connected Hybrid Wind-Photovoltaic Generation System

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ABSTRACT
This paper covers a new topology, a synchronous wind turbine generator, and a solar photovoltaic generator. The Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator is linked to the grid by back-to-back voltage source converters (BtB VSC), consisting of a two-stage rectifier and a five-stage Neutral Point Clamped inverter, operated by the Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation technique. A solar photovoltaic system has a direct interface with the capacitor of the DC link of the BtB VSCs, with no additional DC/DC conversion stage, while the efficiency of the system is maximized. This work features a Perturb and Observe algorithm Maximum Power Point Tracking for to extract the optimum power from both wind turbine and solar PV generator. The application of Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation control scheme is used for harmonics compensation THD. A proportional integral regulator is used to regulate the DC link voltage. A prototype is tested under various conditions, wind velocity variations as well as under several photovoltaic solar isolations. The present work has been treated using Matlab/Simulink. Simulation results proved efficiency provided by this controlling approach: reduced distortion of harmonic and increased power factor.

1 Introduction

Today, the major energy sources used for generating electricity are fossil fuel resources [1]. To reduce the dependency on fossil based energy it necessary for power generation to move towards the renewable resources including solar energy, wind power, hydroelectricity, and biomass. In literature, most of the distributed production systems are uniquely focused on one type of sustainable resource, e.g., a wind power like in [2] or solar power like in [3].

The combination and the penetration of the renewable resources, face considerable challenges due to growing power industry. The injection into the grid of the energy yielded by wind and solar photovoltaic generators, is proven to be one of the technological solution [4,5]. Their combination offers additional benefits such as increasing the overall operational efficiency and power reliability, optimal use of lands resources, and improves the capital investments [5]. Grid-connected wind/Photovoltaic (PV) cogeneration is not largely discussed [6], whereas in literature, most of wind-PV hybrid systems are proposed for standalone off-grid applications [5]. The optimization method of generation of power using hybrid system used for battery charging is developed in [8], to increase the stability and efficiency. In [9], the author have proposed a small scale hybrid solar- wind power generation system to reduce Electricity shortage in Egypt.

Much research was conducted to track maximum power point (MPP) of the wind using methods based on Perturb and Observe (P&O) algorithm [6], neural network technique, or other approaches based on fuzzy logic. Due to the nonlinear voltage-current properties of PV solar panels, the necessity of MPP tracking has become apparent. MPP tracking schemes can be accounted for as perturb and observe (P&O), incremental conductance method, Fractional Open-Circuit Voltage, Neural Network, Fuzzy Logic Control, Current Sweep [10]. The combination of multilevel inverter and renewable energy sources are advantageous. In [11], the authors have proposed a hybrid cascaded nine level inverters for photovoltaic applications. The proposed system in [12] are based on Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) combined with multilevel inverter to achieve the maximum power. In [6], the system comprises back-to-back voltage source converters with no extra dc/dc conversion stages to connect wind and photovoltaic generators to the power grid. Moreover, the control of the currents on the machine- and grid- side are carried out using hysteresis regulators, introducing higher harmonic contents.
from the variable switching frequency. The objective in [13] is to realize a photovoltaic system with a MPPT linked to the 11 KV grid by employing a new control technique in order that it is possible to transfer maximum active power from the PV to the grid without injecting harmonics. The study proposes in [14, 15] a control strategy for a single-phase, three-phase photovoltaic system connected to a distribution network. The proposed technology is based on the modification of the conventional control in current mode to adjust the power factor of the photovoltaic system and control the voltage of the converter link.

This paper extends the work originally presented in ICEIT’4 [2], where the modeling and simulation of a wind turbine string, based on a vector-controlled five-level inverter, was presented. Its objective was the optimization of the energy produced, adjust the DC link and control power transferred into the grid. Motivated by advantages of hybrid production systems, presented paper covers a new topology to interface both is Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator (PMSG)-based wind energy and PV generators with power grid. Note a blocking diode is series connected with each PV string to avoid reverse flow of current. Two P&O algorithms, namely P&O Wind and P&O PV, are used to optimize the energy extracted by turbine and solar system, respectively. Note that perturbations could impact correct operation of the receivers attached to the grid if the voltage output wave is not sinusoidal. To avoid this problem, we have implemented in this chain a two-stage rectifier followed by a five-stage Neutral Point Clamped (NPC) inverter regulated by the Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation (SVPWM) technique, without additional DC/DC conversion stages[16]. The converter control strategy is detailed in which the presented study was treated using Matlab/Simulink. Simulation results proved efficiency provided by this controlling approach: decrease distortion of harmonic and increased power factor.

2 Wind Photovoltaic Generator Side Model

2.1 Wind turbine model

Mechanical energy absorbed by a wind turbine is defined by [2]:

\[ P_m = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega C_p(\lambda, \beta) V^3 \omega^2 \pi \]  

where: \( C_p \) is the coefficient of the rotor that is a non-linear function of the tip speed ratio \( \lambda \) and the pitch angle of blades \( \beta \), \( R \) and \( \omega \) are the radius of blades and the wind speed, respectively.

2.2 PMSG model

PMSG in the dq marker is modelised using these equations [2]:

\[ V_d = -R_s I_d - \frac{d\varphi_d}{dt} + \omega(L_{dq} I_q + \varphi_f) \] 

\[ V_q = -R_s I_q - \frac{d\varphi_q}{dt} - \omega(L_{sd} I_d + \varphi_f) \]  

The mechanical equation is as shown below:

\[ J \frac{d\Omega}{dt} + f_c \Omega = C_r - C_m \]  

Where: \( R_s \) and \( L_s \) are stator resistance and inductance, respectively, \( I_d \) and \( I_q \) are the stator currents, \( \Omega \) is Rotational speed of the PMSG, \( \varphi \) is stator phase magnetic flux, \( f_c \) and \( J \) are the friction coefficient and motor inertin, respectively. \( \varphi_f \): the flux generated by the permanent magnets across stator windings, \( C_m \) is the mechanical torque.

2.3 Photovoltaic Generator

The model of the PV generator is presented in Appendix whereas it is modeled as following:

\[ V_{pv} = -R_{dc} I_{pv} - \frac{dI_{pv}}{dt} L_{dc} + V_{dc} \]  

The \( l_{op} V_{op} \) characteristics of the PV array, there is an optimal operating point \( (l_{op} V_{op}) \) corresponding to the maximum generated PV power, at any solar irradiance level.

3 Control Strategy

The suggested wind-PV system appliances two appropriate control techniques for machine-side Voltage Source Rectifier Control (VSRC) and grid-side Voltage Source Inverter Control (VSIC). The proposed system operates efficiently despite solar irradiation changes and wind speed variability. The next section deals with control strategies.

3.1 Voltage Source Rectifier Control (VSRC)

Figure[1] visualizes the VSRC schema. Momentary torque is regulated through the application of the vector control schema. Vector Control technology treats the technique of control of AC machines. This control is based on eliminate the coupling between the inductor and the induced by dissociating the static current into two components \( (i_{sd}, i_{sq}) \). So that, the reference direct axis current \( (i_{sd}) \) is controlled relative to desired flux, while reference quadrature axis current \( (i_{sq}) \) is adjusted according to the desired torque. Which allows for a function comparable to a dc machine, with separate excitation [4].

The Voltage Source Rectifier (VSR) equivalent circuit is presented in Figure[1] The control of the VSR is split over two parts. The first is the direct and quadrature reference current generation \( (i_{sdref} \text{ and } i_{sqref}) \) and generation of switching signals for VSR.

3.1.1 Generation of \( i_{sdref} \text{ and } i_{sqref} \)

In proposed system, the electromagnetic torque is controlled by controlling the current \( i_{sqref} \) while the current \( i_{sdref} \) is set to zero.

For each wind speed, the speed of the rotor has only one value for maximum wind power. Using MPPT P&O algorithm, the reference speed \( \Omega_{ref} \) is generated.

Speed is regulated by the proportional integral (PI) speed controller, as illustrated in Figure[1] and its output is considered as \( i_{sqref} \).
\[ i_{sref} = 0 \]
\[ i_{qref} = \frac{2T_{ref}}{3p} \]
\[ T_{ref} = K_p(\Omega_{ref} - \Omega) + K_i \int (\Omega_{ref} - \Omega) \, dt \]

With: \( K_p \) and \( K_i \) are the proportion and integral coefficients of PI speed controller.

### 3.1.2 Generation of switching signals for VSR

The PI current controller is employed to ensure stator currents generated by PMSG correspond to references in (6), as shown in Figure 1 and (7).

\[ V_{sref} = K_p(i_{sref} - i_s) + K_i \int (i_{sref} - i_s) \, dt - \Omega L_s i_{sq} \]
\[ V_{qref} = K_p(i_{qref} - i_q) + K_i \int (i_{qref} - i_q) \, dt + \Omega L_s i_{sd} + \Omega \varphi \]

With: \( K_p \) and \( K_i \) are proportion and integral coefficients of PI current controller.

### 3.2 Voltage Source Inverter Control (VSIC)

Figure 9 shows the Voltage Source Inverter (VSI) commutation configuration, uses the SVPWM strategy. VSI control is structured in two sections. The first section is the active power component \( i_{dref} \) generation, the second is the VSI switching signal generation.

#### 3.2.1 Generation of \( i_{dref} \) and \( i_{qref} \)

VSIs system is regulated by using vector control scheme in which a phase locked loop (PLL) is applied to converter to synchronize it with power grid. Active and reactive power regulation are expressed by:

\[ P = 1.5(V_{dq}i_{dq} + V_{qs}i_{qs}) \]
\[ Q = 1.5(V_{qs}i_{dq} - V_{dq}i_{qs}) \]

This control has the advantage of decoupling active and reactive control, whereas to regulate DC bus voltage \( V_{dc} \), current \( i_{dq} \) is used and to regulate reactive power transited \( Q \), current in quadrature \( i_{qs} \) is used.

\[ P = 1.5V_{dq}i_{dq} \]
\[ Q = -1.5V_{dq}i_{dq} \]
We can therefore, through the imposition of reference currents, provide referencing for active power $P_{\text{ref}}$ and reactive power $Q_{\text{ref}}$ fixed in zero that maintains a unity power factor (PF), we have:

$$\begin{align*}
    i_{d\text{ref}} &= \frac{p_{\text{ref}}/V_d - q_{\text{ref}}/V_q}{V_d^2 + V_q^2} \\
    i_{q\text{ref}} &= \frac{p_{\text{ref}}/V_d + q_{\text{ref}}/V_q}{V_d^2 + V_q^2}
\end{align*}$$

(13)

The DC link reference ($V_{\text{dc ref}}$) is obtained by the PV P&O MPPT algorithm as shown in figure 1, corresponding to its maximum PV power output voltage at various irradiation levels. The regulation of DC bus voltage is performed by PI regulator and its output is considered as the active power component $i_{d\text{ref}}$. The $i_{d\text{ref}}$ is given as,

$$i_{d\text{ref}} = K_p(V_{\text{dc ref}} - V_{dc}) + K_i \int (V_{\text{dc ref}} - V_{dc}) \, dt$$

(14)

With: $K_p$ and $K_i$ are the proportion and integral coefficients of DC-bus voltage controller PI, respectively.

3.2.2 Generation of switching signals for VSI

The $i_{d\text{ref}}$ and $i_{q\text{ref}}$ are compared with $i_{dg}$ and $i_{qg}$, respectively, to obtain the currents error and are given as,

$$\begin{align*}
    i_{dge} &= i_{d\text{ref}} - i_{dg} \\
    i_{qge} &= i_{q\text{ref}} - i_{qg}
\end{align*}$$

(15)

The currents error are fed to PI controllers and the output of decoupled controller is given as:

$$\begin{align*}
    V_{d\text{ref}} &= -K_i \int i_{dge} \, dt - K_p i_{dge} + \\
    & \quad \Omega_e L_f i_{qg} + v_{dg} \\
    V_{q\text{ref}} &= -K_i \int i_{qge} \, dt - K_p i_{qge} + \\
    & \quad \Omega_e L_f i_{dg} + v_{qg}
\end{align*}$$

(16)

The three phase reference grid voltages ($V_{a\text{ref}}, V_{b\text{ref}}, V_{c\text{ref}}$) are generated from $V_{d\text{ref}}$ and $V_{q\text{ref}}$ using inverse Parks transform.

This approach is founded on geometrically splitting of a vector diagram to several hexagons that represent low-level vector diagrams, as shown in figure 2 [18].

To attain this objective, two actions need to be completed:

- Depending of voltage reference vector position $V_{\text{ref}}$, one of six referenced hexagons is chosen;
- $V_{\text{ref}}$ is moving to center of the hexagon selected in the first action. Following these actions two times would reduce the five-level inverter’s vector diagram to the two-level inverter’s vector diagram. Next, we will employ the classical method of vector modulation of the two-level inverter, discussed in the section 3.1.2.

4 Simulation results

For the hybrid system, a simulation model shown at figure 1 has been modulated with Matlab/Simulink® in order to validate and evaluate system performance. Simulation parameters are as shown in the appendix A. Penetration of wind and PV energy is studied under different weather conditions. As shown in Figure 3 and 4 the wind speed increases from 20 to 8, and finally drops to 5 m/s, at $t=0.3$ and 0.7s, respectively. Solar irradiance level increases from 400 to 1000, than drops at 500, and increases to 300 W/m, at $t=0.3, 0.5,$ and 0.7s, respectively.

![Figure 3: Cp(λ,β) curves typical for different inclination angles](image-url)
Optimal $\Omega_{ref}$ and $V_{dcref}$ are generated by Wind and PV MPPT P&O, respectively. As depicted in Figure 5 and 6, the corresponding variables are then regulated.

Under these conditions, $\Omega_{ref}$ and $V_{dcref}$ are both refracted on the corresponding PV and wind powers, as shown at figures 7 and 8.

Three-phase grid voltages before filtering are shown in figure 9 representing five-level inverter output voltage waveform obtained from capacitors. Economically, it is not interesting to use a rectifier for each capacitor, so it is necessary to ensure the balance of the continuous bus, as depicted in Figure 10.
The AC current injected into grid is indicated in Figure 11. During entire operating range, the reactive power is set to zero, then a unity Power Factor PF is maintained, as shown in in Figure 12.

The figure 13 illustrates the THD currents injected in the grid. According to THD analysis above, the total harmonic distortion at $F_c=1\text{KHz}$ given THD=0.80%. Therefore, as the number of levels is increased, THDs are minimized in comparison with classical multi-level inverters [19].

5 Conclusion

In this paper, the modeling and simulation of wind-power hybrid systems connected to the grid, using vector control systems were presented. A hybrid system based on wind and photovoltaic energy was set up with a five-level inverter. The VSRC’s purpose consists of extracting the maximum wind power, and the VSIC is responsible for extracting maximum PV power, and balance of dc-link capacitor in order to transfer produced power to utility-grid. This way, reactive power is fixed at zero, then a unity Power Factor PF is maintained. The proposed system has enhanced efficiency and reliability via a hybrid renewable energy system, the maximum power is extracted from independent MPPT using P&O algorithm, and reduces current THD. The results of the simulations showed the correspondence of the quantities assessed with the reference quantities and allowed the validation of the mathematical models.

References


A Appendix

The system Parameters: Wind turbine: $p = 122 \text{ Kg/m}^3$, $R = 412 \text{ m}$, $J = 0.0002 \text{ Kg.m}$; PMSG: $P = 2 \text{ kW}$, $R_s = 12 \text{ m}$, $L_{iq} = 0.0125 \text{ mH}$, $L_{id} = 0.0057 \text{ mH}$, $P = 4$; Solar PV : $N_s = 40$, $N_{p} = 2$, $I_{phc} = 3.45 \text{ A}$, $G_{ref} = 1000 \text{ W/m}^2$, Open circuit voltage = 20.1 V, Saturation diode current = $4.05e-7 \text{ A}$, Reference temperature = 24 °C; DC link: $U_f = 50 \text{ V}$, $C = 2200 \text{ pF}$; Grid connection: $L_f = 1 \text{ mH}$, $R_f = 0.1 \Omega$; Grid: $U = 338 \text{ V}$ and $f = 50 \text{ Hz}$. 