Simulation and Controlling of Wind Energy System using ANN Controller

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Abstract: *This paper presents a comparative analysis of three control algorithms for a wind turbine generator using a variable speed permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG). The design methodologies of the conventional PI based controller, the Taylor series expansion linear approximation based (TSLA-based) controller and the feedback linearization based (FL-based) nonlinear controller are provided. The objective is to keep the wind turbine operating at its optimum rotor speed (MPPT control), while insuring the power transfer from the turbine to the generator, regardless of the wind speed. The controller gains of the nonlinear controller are determined via Linear Quadratic Optimal Control (LQOC) approach. The results show a better control performance for the nonlinear controller. This performance is characterized by fast and smooth transient responses as well as a zero steady state error and reference tracking quality.*

I.   INTRODUCTION

In the present scenario, wind energy system is fast growing power generation system in renewable energy systems. Wind-turbine systems can work in two modes of operation: grid-connected and stand-alone. However, the majority of them operating in the field are grid-connected. In this mode, the power generated is directly uploaded to the grid. When WT are not generating enough energy in low wind time intervals, electricity from the grid supplies costumer needs. WT in stand-alone mode are usually employed as small power capacity to power homes, farms, and isolated areas where access to the utility grid is remote or costly. Since the power generated from the wind is not always available, other energy sources are commonly required in stand-alone systems. It is common that a stand-alone wind energy system operates with diesel generators or energy storage systems to form a more reliable distributed generation (DG) system.

Due to their random nature, wind-turbine systems are characterized by an unpredictable output. Hence, a suitable control system is required to ensure a good system dynamic behavior and an efficient extraction of the power from a wind turbine. This has been the subject of several recent research investigations. Most of the proposed control methods for WECS in the literature employed the conventional PI-based control method with different techniques. Methods of nonlinear control that use input-output feedback linearization method for WECS have been reported. Feedback linearization control method has the advantage of being able to be used to both stabilize a nonlinear system, such as WECS, simultaneously tracking many control reference signals. Also, it allows the user to have a complete decoupled control system where each variable can be controlled independently.

II. ARCHITECTURE OF PROPOSED GRID CONNECTED WIND SYSTEM

A. Grid Integration

Figure 1 shows the grid interconnected Wind Energy system

. The main components in this configuration are 1) PMSG generator, 2) Pitch angle Controller, 3) Converters, and 4) Filters.
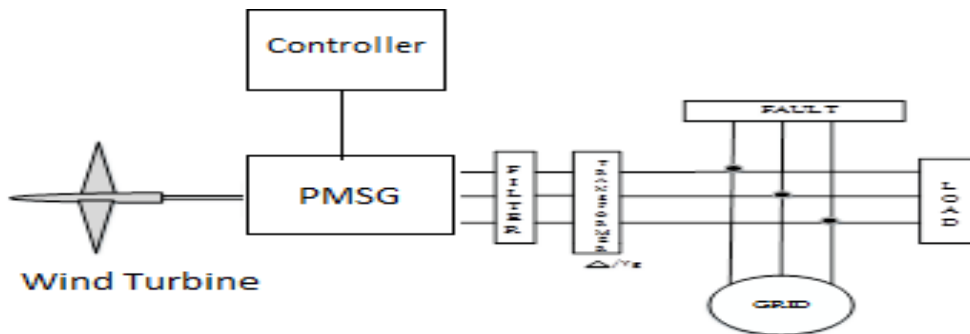

Figure 1: Hybrid System

B. Wind Turbine

Generally, wind turbine converts wind energy to mechanical (Kinetic) energy and it further converted into electrical energy with the help of generator. Wind turbines are mainly classified into two categories namely a) Horizontal axis wind turbine and b) Vertical axis wind turbine. The main components of the wind energy system are a) Turbine Shaft, b) Gear ratio Control (which Converts low speed shaft to high speed shaft), c) generator, d) Wind Vane and Anemometer, and e) Pitch Controller.

The mechanical power Expression for Wind energy system is

$$P_m = \frac{1}{2}\rho A V^3 C_p (\lambda, \beta)$$
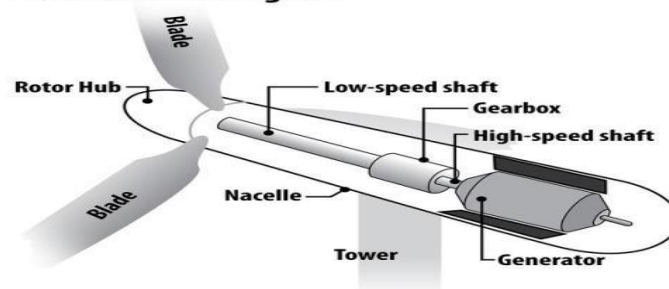
Wind Turbine Diagram

Figure 2: Basic diagram of wind turbine

C. Architecture of PMSG

The generator considered for wind system in the paper as Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator (PMSG). The wind turbine generates torque from wind power. The torque is transferred through the generator shaft to the rotor of the generator. The generator produces an electrical torque, and the difference between the mechanical torque from the wind turbine and the electrical torque from the generator determines whether the mechanical system accelerates, decelerates, or remains at constant speed. The basic architecture for the PMSG based wind system is shown in figure 3.
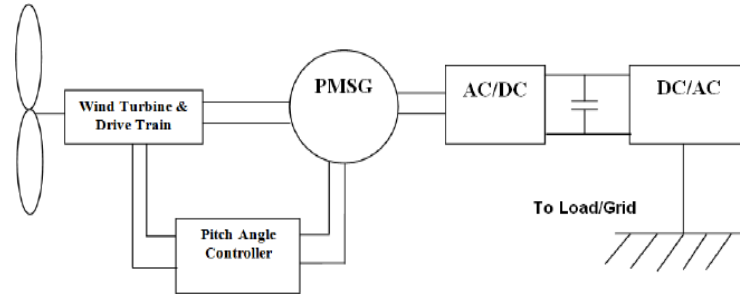
Figure 3: Structure of Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machine in Wind Turbine

The generator model is implemented entirely in -coordinates. It means that there are no AC-states in the model. The generator is modelled with DC voltages and currents in a rotor-fixed rotating coordinate system. The equations for the -axis and -axis currents are defined as

$$\frac{di_{sd}}{dt} = -\frac{R_{sa}}{L_{sd}}i_{sd} + w_s\frac{L_{sq}}{L_{sd}}i_{sq} + \frac{1}{L_{sd}}u_{sd}$$

$$\frac{di_{sq}}{dt} = -\frac{R_{sa}}{L_{sq}}i_{sq} - w_s(\frac{L_{sd}}{L_{sq}}i_{sd} + \frac{1}{L_{sq}}\varphi_p) + \frac{1}{L_{sq}}u_{sd}$$
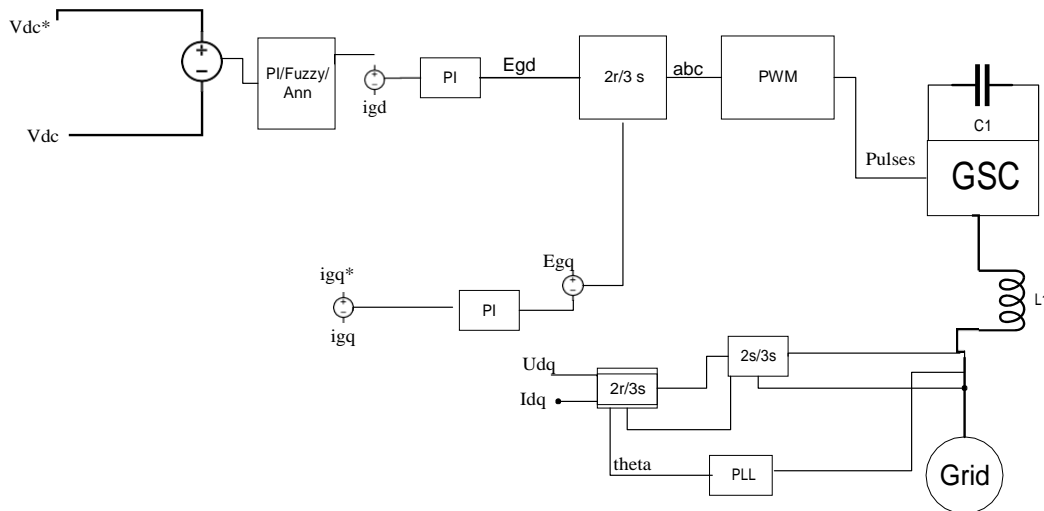

Figure 4 PMSG Control Diagram

The generator is connected to a three-phase inverter which rectifies the current from the generator to charge a DC-link capacitor. The DC-link feeds a second three-phase inverter which is connected to the grid through a transformer. Through the control system, the information of wind speed, pitch angel, rotor RPM, and inverter output is accepted to compare with the grid-side data.

D. PI Controller

A PI Controller (proportional-integral controller) is a combination of proportional and integral controller which is used for eliminating steady state error and peak overshoots [10-11]. The absence of derivative controller shows more stability under noise conditions. This is because the derivative controller is more sensitive under high frequency systems.

The general expression for PI controller is expressed as,

$$K_P \Delta + K_I \int \Delta dt$$

III.   ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

The neuro controller is one of the important controllers in adaptive techniques. This section provides the information regarding the designing of neuro controller. This neural controller has 2 inputs that are Δe (x) and Δde (y) and it has 1 output that is $f \in \{x, y\}$. Each input consists of 5 membership functions. Figure 5 shows the configuration of ANN controller.
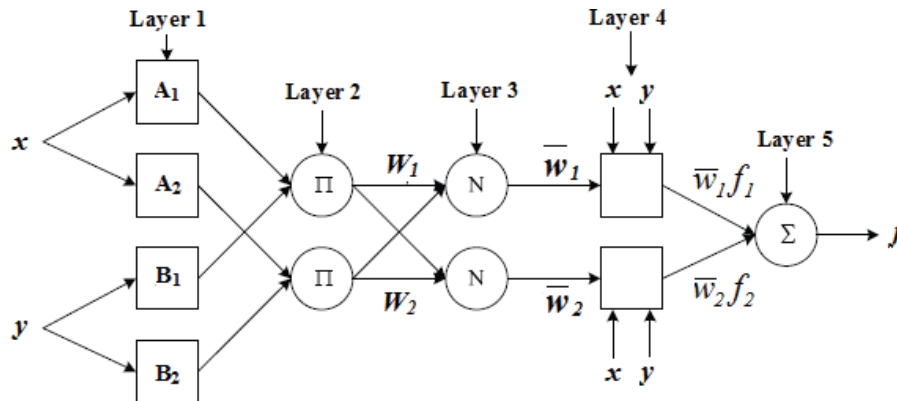

Figure 5: ANN architecture

Neural networks typically consist of multiple layers or a cube design, and the signal path traverses from front to back. Back propagation is where the forward stimulation is used to reset weights on the "front" neural units and this is sometimes done in combination with training where the correct result is known.

The goal of the neural network is to solve problems in the same way that the human brain would, although several neural networks are much more abstract. Modern neural network projects typically work with a few thousand to a few million neural units and millions of connections, which are still several orders of magnitude less complex than the human brain and closer to the computing power of a worm.

IV.   SIMULATION DIAGRAM AND RESULTS

In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed nonlinear MIMO control feedback linearization based scheme (FL-based), simulations have been carried out using Matlab/Simulink. The generator used in the study is a variable speed non-salient-pole PMSG driven by a wind turbine.

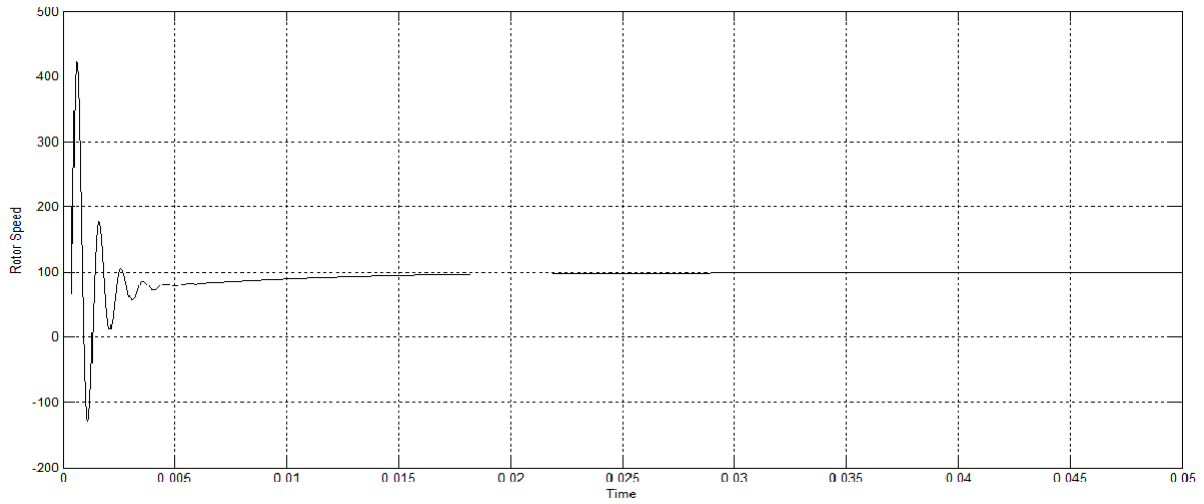**Case 1:** Simulation Result for PI Controller

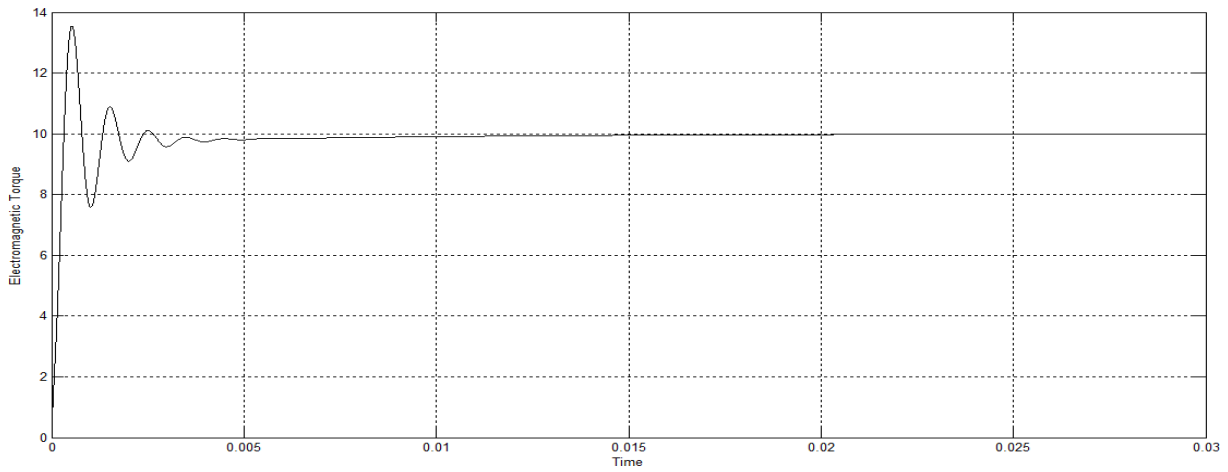**Figure 6: Rotor Speed Waveform with Conventional Controller**

Figure 7: Electromagnetic torque waveform with Conventional Controller

Case 2: Simulation Result for Non-Linear Controller
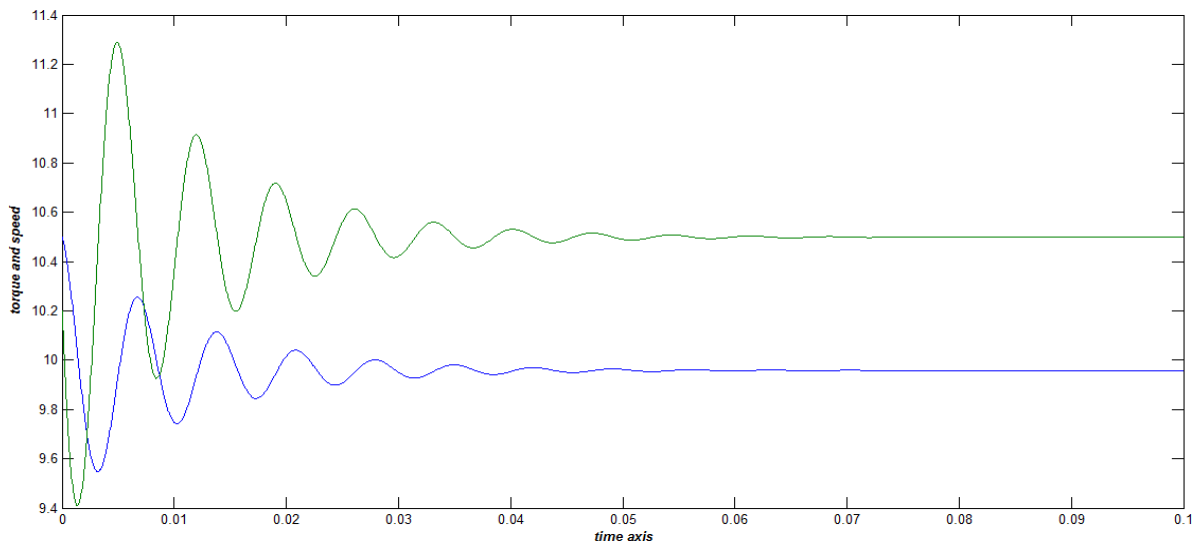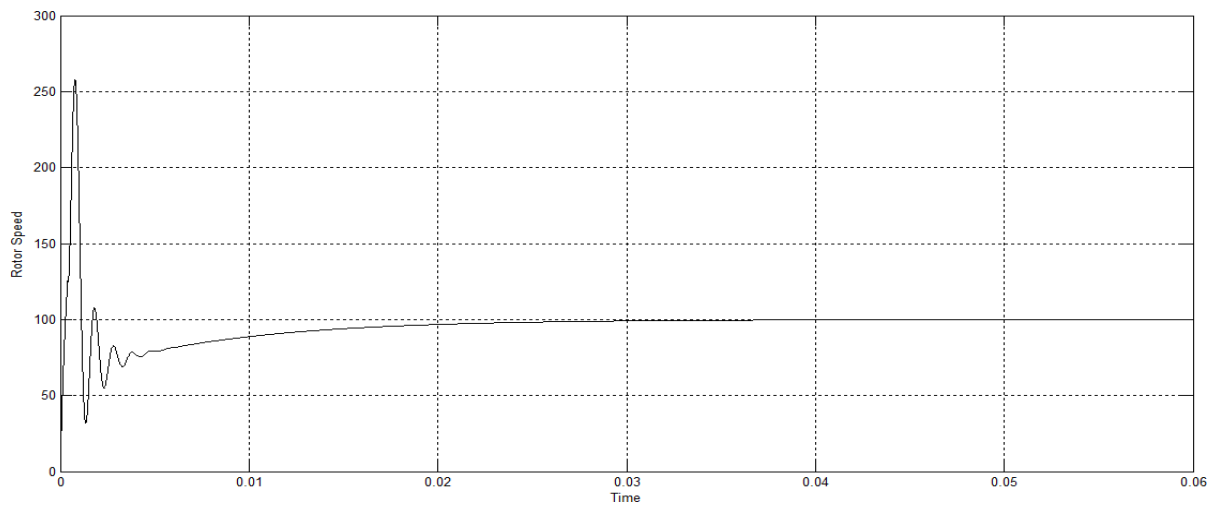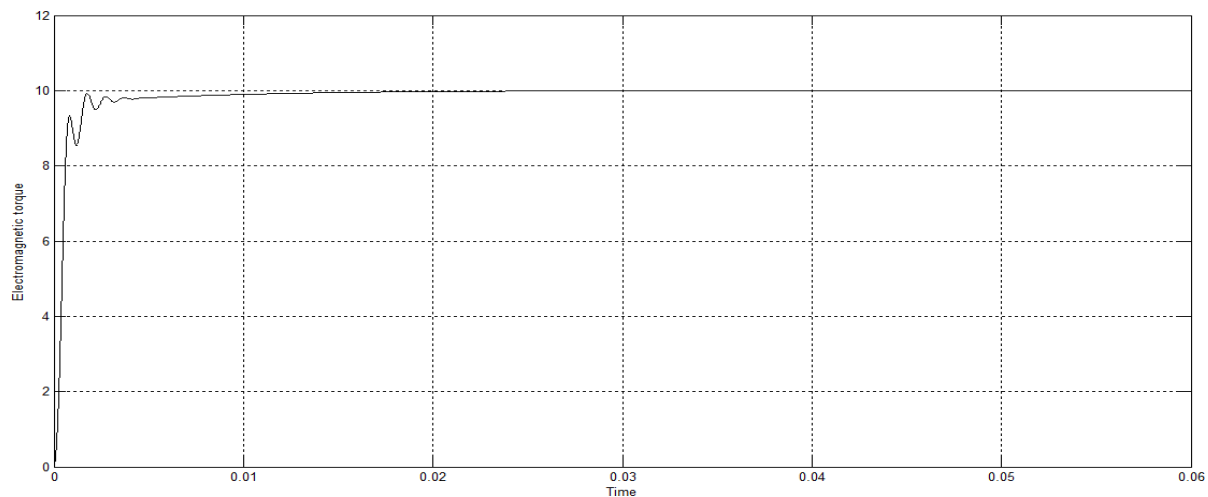

Figure 8: Simulation result for rotor speed and torque with NL-Controller

Case 3: Simulation Result for ANN Controller

Figure 9: Simulation result for rotor speed with ANN-Controller

Figure 10: Simulation result for Electromagnetic torque with ANN-Controller

V. CONCLUSION

This paper has proposed an ANN Controller along with nonlinear MIMO controller based on feedback linearization theory to regulate the generator current and rotor speed of a WECS. The controller gains have been selected by using optimal control. The performance and robustness of the proposed ANN controller have been compared to those of the traditional PI-based. For this purpose, full detailed PI-based and TSLA-based control schemes for WECS have also been given. The comparison has been done under three case of studies: 1) constant wind speed, 2) variable wind speed with constant generator parameters and 3) variable wind speed with variable generator parameters. The simulation results show that applying ANN based control strategy combined with optimal control, while keeping the wind turbine operating at its optimal maximum power and controlling the generator active power, provides a better control performance compare to the PI, TSLA and non-linear MIMO based control systems.

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