

# Power Quality Enhancement of Grid Connected Doubly-Fed Induction Generator Using Sliding Mode Control

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**Abstract** – In this paper, we present a simulation study of a wind system with a doubly fed induction machine driven by a variable pitch wind turbine. The objective of the work is to design a control algorithm based on the sliding mode control strategy allowing the control of both active and reactive power independently. The main goal achieved by the control strategy is to control the amount of active and reactive power produced by the doubly fed induction generator and injected in the main grid according to the power references derived from turbine's mechanical power and the grid operator. The simulation results have shown good performances concerning the tracking of the references both in transient and steady state. A comparative study between the proposed control strategy and the well known vector control strategy has been carried out and has shown the superiority of sliding mode control to track the given references. **Copyright © 2015 Praise Worthy Prize S.r.l. - All rights reserved.**

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## I. Introduction

Nowadays wind based energy generation is gaining more and more visibility in a context of an increasing power demand worldwide [1]. The merit of wind energy is mainly due to its economic viability compared with conventional energy and especially the clean nature of the energy production process allowing the mitigation of dioxide carbon emissions [2].

However, the stochastic nature of the primary source from one hand and the grid utility requirements in term of power quality on the other hand have lead to a massive penetration of power converters as an interface to improve the electrical variables shaping at the point of common coupling (PCC). Therefore, proper integration of wind turbine based energy generation into the grid utility require a detailed modeling process of wind turbine, power converters and the associated control strategies [3]-[4]. During the last decade, wind farms based on doubly fed induction generator (DFIG) technology are becoming more attractive and very popular due to its advantages compared with others generators such as variable speed and constant frequency operation, decoupled active/reactive power control, maximum power tracking capability, reduced dimension of the static converter (AC/AC) to about 25%-30% of the generator rating which led to lower converter's cost and lower power losses [5]-[6]-[7]-[8].

Many research papers have addressed the issue of power quality enhancement of DFIG wind energy system based on the stator's active and reactive power control.

Vector control approaches are widely used due to their ability to handle the decoupled model of the DFIG [9].

However vector control approche exhibits low performance and less robustness when the DFIG nonlinearities are considered.

Thus, nonlinear control strategies such as sliding mode control have been more attractive due their inherent properties to deal with unmodeled dynamics, insensitivity to parameters variation, disturbance rejection and fast dynamic response. These properties are suitable for controlling both active and reactive power generated by a wind energy conversion system (WECS) based on a DFIG connected to the grid utility [10]-[12].

In this paper a sliding mode control strategy applied to a DFIG wind energy conversion system is proposed. First the different components of a wind energy system are modeled. Then, a combination of vector control and sliding mode control to enhance the tracking capabilities of the reference active and reactive powers respectively.

In the second stage, a simulation study is carried out using Matlab/Simulink environment, to verify the effectiveness of the proposed control algorithms.

The paper is structured as follows. Section 1 describes the wind turbine modeling details. Section 2 presents the different components of a wind energy system and their modeling procedure. Section 3 focuses on the structure of the vector control for controlling independently active and reactive powers.

In section 4 it is given the design of the proposed sliding mode (SM) based on the active and reactive powers derivation.

Section 5 gives the numerical simulation results and discussion. Finally, Section 6 provides a conclusion of the present work.

## II. System Description

The studied wind system based on DFIG is mainly composed by a wind turbine, doubly fed induction generator and bidirectional power converter. A model of each sub-system is shown in Fig. 1.

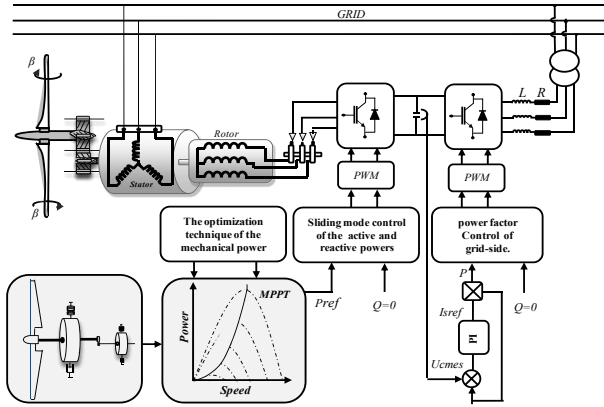


Fig. 1. Global configuration of the wind energy conversion systems

## III. Modeling and Control of the Individual Components of Wind System

### III.1. Modeling and Control of the Turbine

#### Modeling of the turbine

The turbine is made up of three-bladed rotor and a hub. Through the turbine, wind energy is transformed into mechanical energy that rotate the main shaft of the generator. The aerodynamic (mechanical) power  $P_m$  extracted by the wind turbine is given by [13]:

$$P_m = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot \pi \cdot R_T^2 \cdot V^3 \cdot C_p(\lambda, \beta) \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho$  is the air density,  $R_T$  is the wind turbine rotor length,  $V$  is the wind speed. The power coefficient  $C_p(\lambda, \beta)$  represents the turbine efficiency to convert the kinetic energy of the wind into mechanical energy. This coefficient is a function of both the blade pitch angle  $\beta$  and the tip speed ratio  $\lambda$ , which is defined as [14]:

$$\lambda = \frac{\Omega_T \cdot R_T}{V} \quad (2)$$

where  $\Omega_T$  is the shaft speed in (rad/s).

As a matter of example, the expression of the power coefficient of a wind turbine of 4 kW is approximated by the following equation. Fig. 2 shows the plot of  $C_p(\lambda, \beta)$  as function of both lambda and beta:

$$C_p(\lambda, \beta) = (0,5 - 0,167 \cdot (\beta - 2)) \cdot \sin \left[ \frac{\pi \cdot (\lambda + 0,1)}{18,5 - 0,3 \cdot (\beta - 2)} \right] - 0,00184 \cdot (\lambda - 3) \cdot (\beta - 2) \quad (3)$$

$$C_g = \frac{C_T}{G}, \quad \Omega_T = \frac{\Omega_g}{G} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{C_T}{G} - C_g = J \cdot \frac{d\Omega_g}{dt} + f \cdot \Omega_g$$

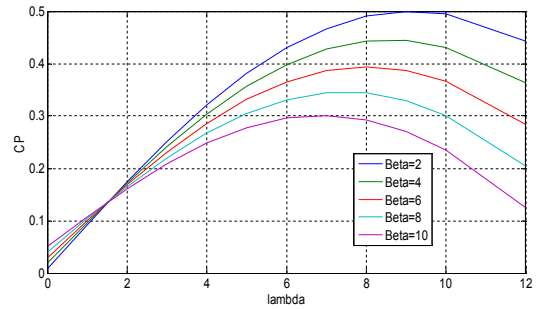


Fig. 2. Power coefficient  $C_p$  according to  $\lambda$  for different  $\beta$

#### Ideal characteristics of a wind turbine at variable speed

Zone I: corresponds with the low speed of the insufficient wind to actuate the wind system. The objective in this zone is to extract the maximum of power of the wind by applying techniques called extraction of maximum of power.

Zone II: in this zone, the speed of the wind is constant.

Zone III: corresponds with the very high speed of the wind, the objective in this zone is to limit the output power to a value equal to the nominal power of the wind system to avoid overloads. This is done by action on the pitch angle of the blades [15].

#### Control in lower part of the nominal output (optimization of the power)

In this zone of operation, the control has as main objectives to maximize the captured energy of the wind and to minimize the efforts undergone by the driving mechanism. To maximize the capture of wind energy, there are two variables which are controlled in order to be maintained at their optimal values namely:  $C_{pmax} = (\lambda_{opt}, \beta_{opt})$ .  $\beta$  is maintained by fixing the pitch angle at its optimal value  $\beta_{opt}$ , and  $\lambda$  by fixing the specific speed to its optimal value. The characteristic corresponding to this relation is given in Zone I of Figs. 3.

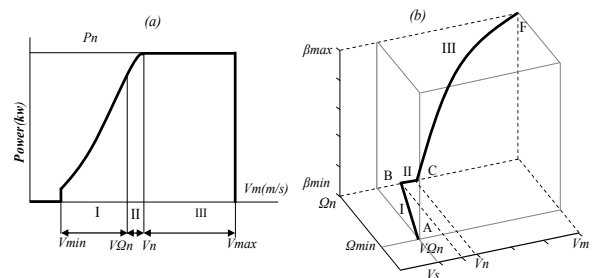


Fig. 3. Ideal characteristic of a wind turbine at variable speed

#### Indirect control in Zone I

The optimization technique of the mechanical power used in this zone is the Maximum Power Point Tracking

Control (MPPT). In the present work, maximum power coefficient is taken as:  $C_p \max = 0.48$  by achieving for a tip speed ratio of  $\lambda_{opt} = 9.2$  and  $\beta = 2$  deg.

This choice has been dictated according to Fig. 2 [16]:

$$C_{Topt} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot \pi \cdot R_T^3 \cdot V^2 \frac{C_p(\lambda_{opt})}{\lambda_{opt}} \quad (5)$$

$$V = \frac{R_T \cdot \Omega_T}{\lambda_{opt}} \quad (6)$$

$$C_{Topt} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot \pi \cdot R_T^5 \cdot \frac{C_p(\lambda_{opt})}{\lambda_{opt}^3} \cdot \Omega_T^2 \quad (7)$$

$$C_{Topt} = k_{opt} \cdot \Omega_T^2 \quad \text{and} \quad k_{opt} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot \pi \cdot R_T^5 \cdot \frac{C_p(\lambda_{opt})}{\lambda_{opt}^3}$$

$$\frac{C_T}{G} - C_g - f \cdot \Omega_g = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{k_{opt}}{G} \cdot \Omega_T^2 - f \cdot \Omega_g - C_g = 0$$

with:

$$\Omega_g = G \cdot \Omega_T \quad \text{then} \quad C_{gopt} = \frac{k_{opt}}{G^3} \cdot \Omega_g^2 - f \cdot \Omega_g$$

The block diagram given by the Fig. 4 shows the implementation of the indirect control of the turbine.

### III.2. Modeling of the Generator

A classical modeling of the doubly fed induction generator in the Park reference frame is used.

The voltage and flux equations of the DFIG are given as follows in Eq. (8) [17]-[20], [30]-[32]:

$$\begin{cases} V_{sd} = R_s I_{sd} + \frac{d\varphi_{sd}}{dt} - w_s \varphi_{sq} \\ V_{sq} = R_s I_{sq} + \frac{d\varphi_{sq}}{dt} + w_s \varphi_{sd} \\ V_{rd} = R_r I_{rd} + \frac{d\varphi_{rd}}{dt} - w_r \varphi_{rq} \\ V_{rq} = R_r I_{rq} + \frac{d\varphi_{rq}}{dt} + w_r \varphi_{rd} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} \varphi_{sd} = L_s I_{sd} + M I_{rd} \\ \varphi_{sq} = L_s I_{sq} + M I_{rq} \\ \varphi_{rd} = L_r I_{rd} + M I_{sd} \\ \varphi_{rq} = L_r I_{rq} + M I_{sq} \end{cases}$$

The electromagnetic torque equation is given by:

$$C_{em} = p \frac{M}{L_s} (I_{rd} \varphi_{sq} - I_{rq} \varphi_{sd}) \quad (9)$$

The stator active and reactive powers are expressed by:

$$\begin{cases} P = V_{sd} I_{sd} + V_{sq} I_{sq} \\ Q = V_{sq} I_{sd} - V_{sd} I_{sq} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

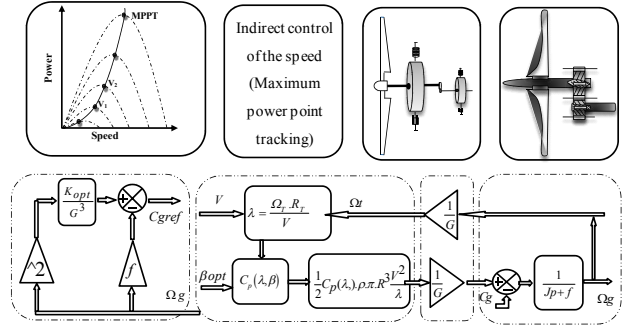


Fig. 4. Diagram block of the turbine's model and indirect control speed (Zone I)

In the state space representation, the system is given as:

$$[\dot{X}] = [A] \cdot [X] + [B] \cdot [U] \quad (11)$$

with:

$$[X] = [\varphi_{sd} \quad \varphi_{sq} \quad i_{rd} \quad i_{rq}]^t$$

$$[U] = [v_{sd} \quad v_{sq} \quad v_{rd} \quad v_{rq}]^t$$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{T_s} & \text{Where: } \frac{M}{T_s} & 0 \\ -w_s & \frac{-1}{T_s} & 0 \\ \alpha & -\beta w_e & -\delta & w_r \\ \beta w_e & \alpha & -w_r & -\delta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-M}{\sigma L_r L_s} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma L_r} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-M}{\sigma L_r L_s} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma L_r} \end{bmatrix}$$

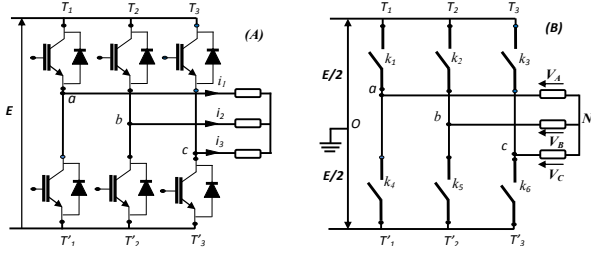
$\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  are constants defined as follows:

$$\alpha = \frac{M}{\sigma T_s L_s L_r} \quad \beta = \frac{M}{\sigma L_s L_r} \\ \delta = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left( \frac{1}{T_r} + \frac{M^2}{T_s L_r L_s} \right); \quad w_e = w_s - w_r$$

### III.3. Modeling and Control of the Grid Side Converter

The Grid side converter is used to provide bi-directed power flow from rotor-side converter allowing the





Figs. 7. Schematic diagram of rotor side converter

#### IV. Vector Control of the Active and Reactive Powers

Vector control allows to separately controlling the active and reactive power flow between utility grid and wind generator [21]. Stator and rotor variables are both referred to Park's stator reference frame.

With this orientation, the d-component of the stator flux is equal to the total flux while the q-component is equal to zero i.e  $\varphi_{sd} = \varphi_s$  and  $\varphi_{sq} = 0$ .

Using this approach, a decoupled control between the stator's active and reactive powers can be then obtained [22]. Assuming the windings stator resistance  $R_s$  is neglected and referring to the chosen reference frame, the voltage and the flux equations of the stator winding can be simplified in steady state as follows [23]:

$$\begin{cases} V_{sd} = 0 \\ V_{sq} = V_s = \omega_s \cdot \varphi_s \\ V_{rd} = R_r \cdot I_{rd} + \frac{d\varphi_{rd}}{dt} - \omega_r \varphi_{rq} \\ V_{rq} = R_r \cdot I_{rq} + \frac{d\varphi_{rq}}{dt} + \omega_r \varphi_{rd} \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

and the equations of flux are expressed by:

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_{sd} = \varphi_s = L_s \cdot I_{sd} + M \cdot I_{rd} \\ 0 = L_s \cdot I_{sq} + M \cdot \varphi_{rq} \\ \varphi_{rd} = L_r \cdot I_{rd} + M \cdot \varphi_{sd} \\ \varphi_{rq} = L_r \cdot I_{rq} + M \cdot \varphi_{sq} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

The relationship between stator powers and rotor currents are given by the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} P_s = -\frac{V_s \cdot M}{L_s} \cdot I_{rq} \\ Q_s = \frac{V_s^2}{\omega_s \cdot L_s} - \frac{V_s \cdot M}{L_s} I_{rd} \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{cases} I_{rq} = -\frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot P_s \\ I_{rd} = \frac{V_s^2}{\omega_s \cdot L_s} - \frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot Q_s \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

The obtained control voltages which will drive the rotor are given by the following expressions:

$$\begin{cases} V_{rd} = \left[ R_r + \left( L_r - \frac{M^2}{L_s} \right) s \right] I_{rd} + \\ -g \cdot \omega_s \left( L_r - \frac{M^2}{L_s} \right) \cdot I_{rq} \\ V_{rq} = \left[ R_r + \left( L_r - \frac{M^2}{L_s} \right) s \right] I_{rq} + \\ +g \cdot \omega_s \left( L_r - \frac{M^2}{L_s} \right) \cdot I_{rd} + g \cdot \frac{V_s \cdot M}{L_s} \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

In Fig. 8, it is give the block diagram of vector control approach applied to the DFIG.

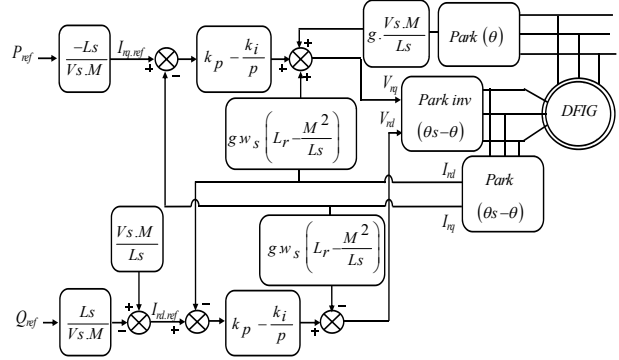


Fig. 8. Block diagram of oriented stator flux of a voltage controlled DFIG

#### V. Sliding Mode Control of the Active and Reactive Powers

Sliding Mode Controller (SMC) is a powerful nonlinear controller which has been analysed by many researchers especially in recent years [33]-[35]. This method forces the system to slide along a predefined sliding mode surface and alters the dynamic of system by using a discontinuous control signal [24].

Sliding mode (SM) control possesses strengthen robustness and has been successfully applied in wind energy conversion system (WECS) [25]. In this paper, a controller is designed for a decoupled control strategy of the active and reactive power based on the sliding mode algorithm to match WECS variable environments.

Thus, the relationships between stator powers and rotor currents are given by:

$$\begin{cases} I_{rq}^{ref} = -\frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot P_s^{ref} \\ I_{rd}^{ref} = \frac{V_s}{\omega_s \cdot M} - \frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot Q_s^{ref} \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

The derivative rotor currents are then given by:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dI_{rd}}{dt} = \left( \frac{V_{rd} - R_r \cdot I_{rd} + g \cdot w_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rq}}{L_r \cdot \sigma} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{L_r \cdot \sigma} \\ \frac{dI_{rq}}{dt} = \left( \frac{V_{rq} - R_r \cdot I_{rq} - g \cdot w_s \cdot L_r}{\sigma \cdot I_{rd} - g \cdot w_s \cdot \frac{M \cdot V_s}{w_s \cdot L_s}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{L_r \cdot \sigma} \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

### V.1. Sliding Mode Controller Design

Design of sliding mode controller takes into consideration system stability and accounts for stability and good performances in a systematic way. Here after, detailed design steps of the sliding mode controller are given:

#### Choice of the sliding surfaces

The first phase of the control design consists of choosing the number of the switching surfaces  $s(x)$ . Generally this number is equal to the dimension of the control vector  $[V]$  [26].

The active power is directly proportional to the rotor current in the  $q$  axis while reactive power is proportional to the rotor current in  $d$  axis. Thus, the expression of the control surfaces of active and reactive powers is given by:

$$s(P) = (I_{rq}^{ref} - I_{rq}) \quad (28)$$

$$s(Q) = (I_{rd}^{ref} - I_{rd}) \quad (29)$$

#### Conditions of convergence

In order to ensure to convergence to the references variables, it is necessary that the two sliding surfaces must given above must be equal to zero. Therefore, the system of equations given bellow must be verified:

$$\begin{cases} s(P) = 0 \\ s(Q) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}(I_{rq}^{ref} - I_{rq}) = 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt}(I_{rd}^{ref} - I_{rd}) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

Consequently, for a zero sliding surface  $s(P, Q)$ , the active and reactive power would converge exponentially towards their references.

So, to track  $P_s^{ref}$  and  $Q_s^{ref}$ , it is sufficient making the sliding surface attractive and invariant.

The effectiveness of a sliding mode control is conditioned by checking Lyapunov' attractivity relationship [27], given by:

$$s(X) \cdot \dot{s}(X) \leq 0 \quad (31)$$

#### Sliding mode control algorithm

The third phase consists to derive the control laws which allow the controlled variables to be kept very close to the sliding surface [26]. In order to obtain good dynamic performances, the control voltage vectors are given by the following expressions [28]:

$$\begin{cases} V_{rq} = V_{rq-Equi} + V_{rq-attr} \\ V_{rd} = V_{rd-Equi} + V_{rd-attr} \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{cases} V_{rq-attr} = -k_1 \cdot \text{sgn}(s(p)) \\ V_{rd-attr} = -k_2 \cdot \text{sgn}(s(Q)) \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

$V_{rd}, V_{rq}$ : is the control vector

$V_{rd\_Equi}, V_{rq\_Equi}$ : is the equivalent control vector

$V_{rd\_attr}, V_{rq\_attr}$ : is the switching part of the control

Sliding Mode control is a discontinuous control in nature.

So, in order to reduce the chattering effect, a continuous function expressed by Eq.(34) which delimitate the maximum and minimum excursion values of the controlled variables by using a sign function,  $(\text{sgn}(s(x)))$  defined as follow [29]:

$$\text{sgn}(S(x)) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } S(x) < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } S(x) > 0 \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

$$V_{rdq-attr} = k_x \frac{S(x)}{|S(x)| + \xi_x} \quad (35)$$

where:

$k_x$  is a constant and

$\xi_x$  is small positive scalar.

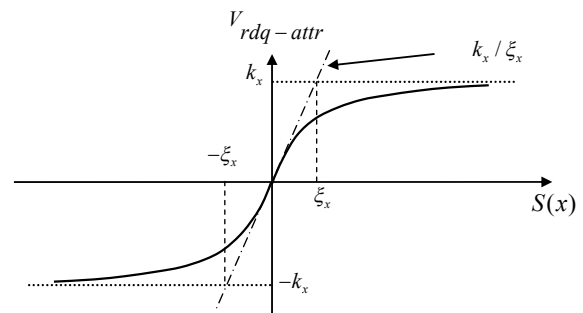


Fig. 9. Shape of the  $\text{sgn}(s(x))$  function

### V.2. Active Power Control

To control active power, we put  $r=1$ (relative degree of the number of derivative times of the control surface to

get the control law), so the expression of the control surface and its derivative to control active power are given by:

$$s(P) = (I_{rq}^{ref} - I_{rq}) \quad (36)$$

$$\dot{s}(P) = (\dot{I}_{rq}^{ref} - \dot{I}_{rq}) \quad (37)$$

By replacing  $\dot{I}_{rq}^{ref}$  and  $\dot{I}_{rq}$  by their relative expressions, we get:

$$\dot{s}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{L_s}{M \cdot V_s} \cdot \dot{P}_s^{ref} - \frac{1}{L_r \sigma} \\ V_{rq} - R_r \cdot I_{\zeta} - g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rd} + \\ -g \cdot \frac{M \cdot V_s}{L_s} \end{pmatrix} \quad (38)$$

$$\dot{s}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{L_s}{M \cdot V_s} \cdot \dot{P}_s^{ref} - \frac{1}{L_r \sigma} \cdot V_{rq} - \frac{1}{L_r \sigma} \\ -R_r \cdot I_{rq} - g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rd} - g \cdot \frac{M \cdot V_s}{L_s} \end{pmatrix} \quad (39)$$

$$V_{rq} = -\frac{L_s \cdot L_r \sigma}{M \cdot V_s} \cdot \dot{P}_s^{ref} + R_r \cdot I_{rq} + g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rd} + g \cdot \frac{M \cdot V_s}{L_s} + L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot v_1 \cdot \text{sgn}(s(P)) \quad (40)$$

$$\begin{cases} V_{rq-Equi} = -\frac{L_s \cdot L_r \sigma}{M \cdot V_s} \cdot \dot{P}_s^{ref} + R_r \cdot I_{rq} + g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rd} + g \cdot \frac{M \cdot V_s}{L_s} \\ V_{rq-attr} = L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot v_1 \cdot \text{sgn}(s(P)) \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

### V.3. Reactive Power Control

The same procedure is followed to derive reactive power control law. Then, the related expressions are given below:

$$s(Q) = (I_{rd}^{ref} - I_{rd}) \quad (42)$$

$$\dot{s}(Q) = (\dot{I}_{rd}^{ref} - \dot{I}_{rd}) \quad (43)$$

By replacing  $\dot{I}_{rd}^{ref}$  and  $\dot{I}_{rd}$  by their relative expressions, we get:

$$\dot{s}(Q) = \begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{V_s}{\omega_s \cdot M} - \frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot \dot{Q}_s^{ref} \right) + \\ -\frac{1}{L_r \sigma} (V_{rd} - R_r \cdot I_{rd} + g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rq}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (44)$$

$$\dot{s}(Q) = \begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{V_s}{\omega_s \cdot M} - \frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot \dot{Q}_s^{ref} \right) - \frac{1}{L_r \sigma} V_{rd} + \\ -\frac{1}{L_r \sigma} (-R_r \cdot I_{rd} + g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rq}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (45)$$

$$V_{rd} = L_r \sigma \left( \frac{V_s}{\omega_s \cdot M} - \frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot \dot{Q}_s^{ref} \right) + R_r \cdot I_{rd} + -g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rq} + L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot v_2 \cdot \text{sgn}(s(Q)) \quad (46)$$

$$\begin{cases} V_{rd-Equi} = L_r \sigma \left( \frac{V_s}{\omega_s \cdot M} - \frac{L_s}{V_s \cdot M} \cdot \dot{Q}_s^{ref} \right) + R_r \cdot I_{rd} - g \cdot \omega_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot I_{rq} \\ V_{rd-attr} = L_r \cdot \sigma \cdot v_2 \cdot \text{sgn}(s(Q)) \end{cases} \quad (47)$$

Explicit block diagram of sliding mode control approach applied to the DFIG is given in Fig. 10 below.

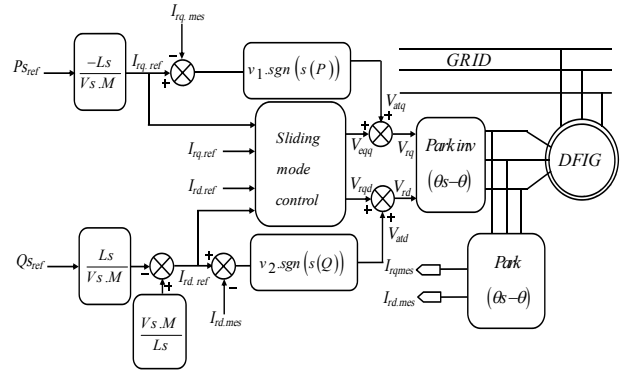


Fig. 10. Block diagram the sliding mode controller

### V.4. Simulation Results

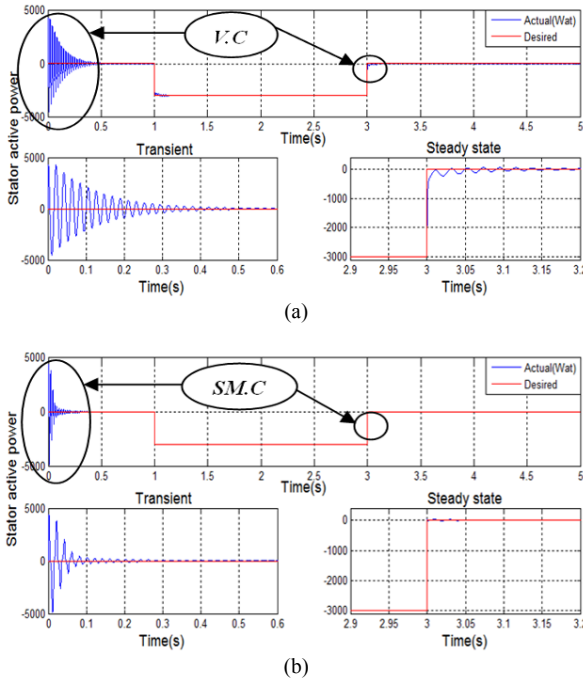
Two case studies have been studied. The first case is the implementation of the control law with a fixed speed (without turbine). While in the second case, the simulation study has been carried out with variable speed (with the presence of turbine).

#### Case 1: Fixed speed operation

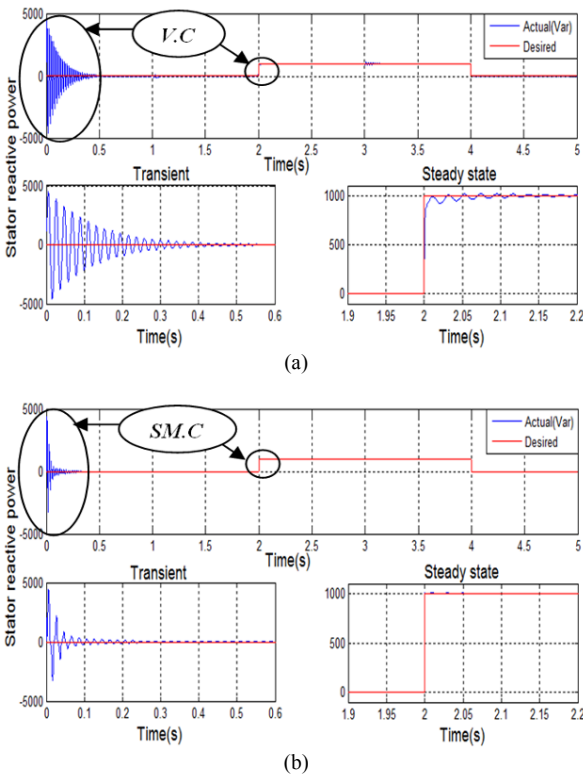
Figs. 11 and Figs. 12 are the simulation results for active and reactive power response in case of fixed speed operation when traditional PI controller (Fig. 11(a) and Fig. 12(a)) and sliding mode control (Fig. 11(b) and Fig. 12(b)) are applied. In this case study, simulation results show clearly the improvement of active and reactive power demand obtained by applying sliding mode



control in term of time response and good reference tracking accuracy than those obtained using traditional PI regulator. We notice here, in case of step change, that the sliding mode controller transient responses of both active and reactive powers present no overshoot whereas the steady state error is close to zero.



Figs. 11. Stator active power: (a) Vector control (b) Sliding mode control



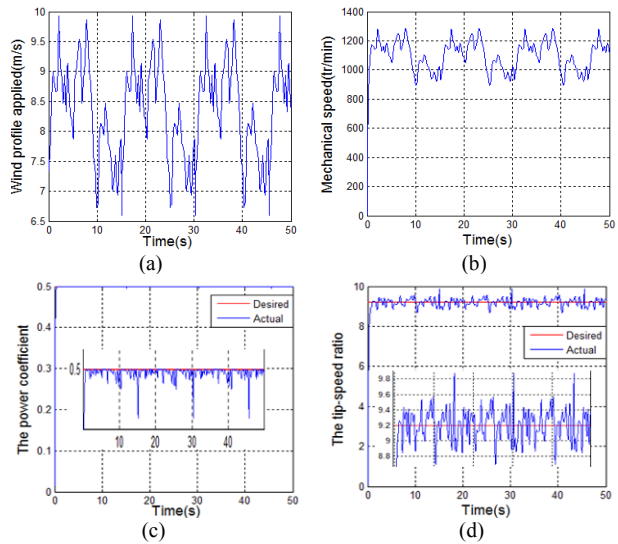
Figs. 12. Stator reactive power: (a) Vector control (b) Sliding mode control

Case 2: Variable speed operation

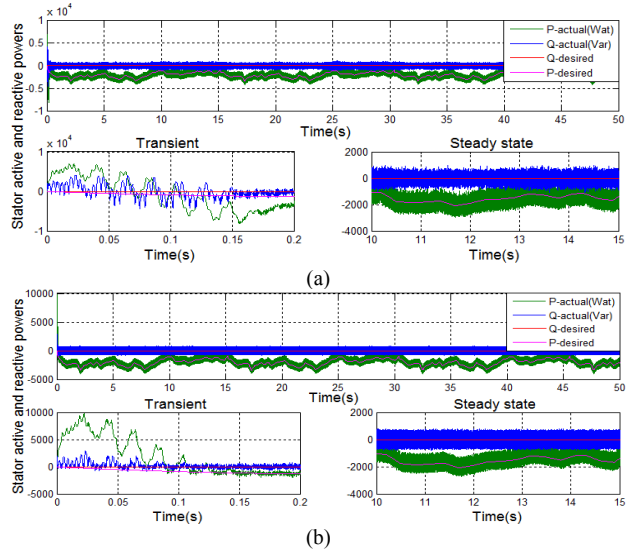
In this case, the overall system consists of a DFIG controlled by a bidirectional power converter allowing the control of both active and reactive generated power.

For this purpose a wind speed profile (Fig. 13(a)) has been applied to the turbine where the generated mechanical speed is shown in Fig. 13(b). The obtained power coefficient,  $C_{pmax}$ , and the Tip speed ratio,  $\lambda_{opt}$ , are shown in Fig. 13(c) and Fig. 13(d) respectively.

The control goal is to control the output active power determined from the available mechanical power and reactive power in order to get unity power factor operation. The simulation results given below are obtained for two control strategy namely: Vector and sliding mode control respectively. Fig. 14(a) and Fig. 14(b) show the simulation results of active and reactive power for both vector and sliding mode control respectively.



Figs. 13. (a) Wind profil applied, (b) Mechanical speed (c) Power coefficient, (d) Tip-speed ratio



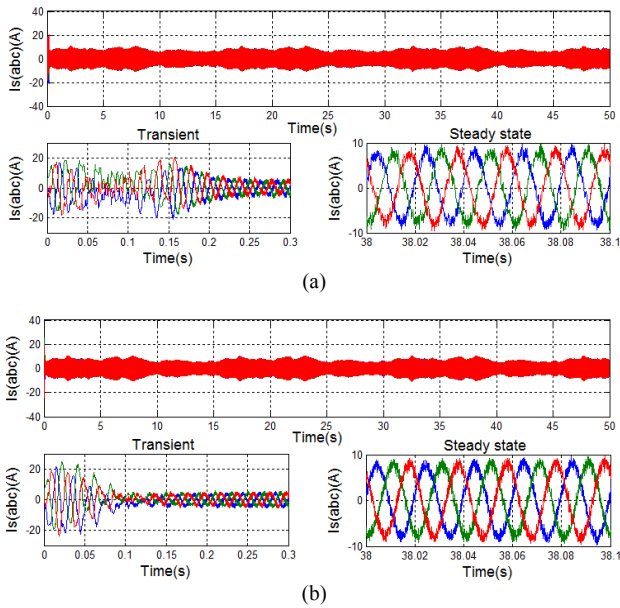
Figs. 14. Stator's active and reactive powers: (a) Vector control, (b): Sliding mode control



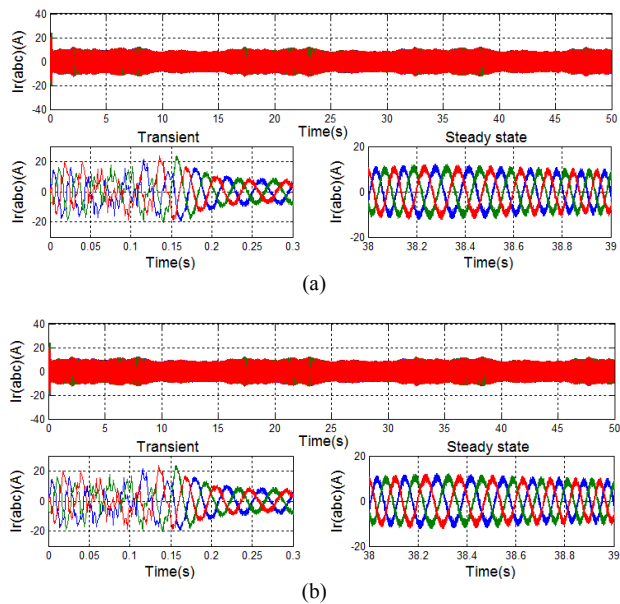
First it could be noticed the best performances of sliding mode control compared to vector control in steady state as well as in transient.

In addition in case of disturbance, the simulation results of the sliding mode control show no overshoot and the overall system behaves like a first order system while in the vector control, it behaves like a second order system with a significant overshoot.

On the hand, the time response got in sliding mode control is less than obtained in vector control. In Figs. 15(a), 15(b), 16(a) and 16(b) are the time evolution of stator and rotor currents respectively in both transient and steady state.

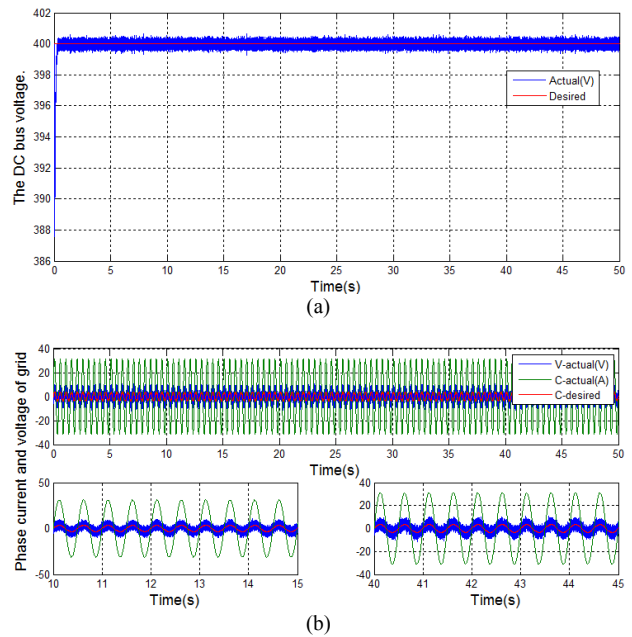


Figs. 15. Stator current components: (a) Vector control, (b) Sliding mode control



Figs. 16. Rotor current components: (a): Vector control, (b): Sliding mode control

In Figs. 17(a) and (b) it is given the time evolution of the DC voltage and phase current versus phase voltage respectively. It is clearly shown that the overall system operate at a unity power factor.



Figs. 17. (a): DC bus voltage, (b): The phase current and voltage of grid

## VI. Conclusion

The present paper presents a comparative study on the performance of two control strategies; vector and sliding mode controller applied on a DFIG wind turbines when operated in power regulation mode. The comparative study has focused on the main performance parameters namely: dynamic and steady state operation. In addition, two operating mode a DFIG with fixed speed operation and linked to a turbine with variable speed operation, has been chosen to strengthen the comparative study. Both of vector and sliding mode control allow the decoupling of real and reactive power in order to be controlled separately. The simulations results have shown the effectiveness of sliding mode controller over vector control in term of dynamic and steady state operation.

The control based on sliding mode controller not only enhances the overall quality of the delivered power but also ensure functioning at unity power factor.

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