

HARVESTING WIND POWER

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Abstract - Harvesting wind power has emerged as a pivotal strategy in transitioning towards sustainable energy sources due to its abundant availability and eco-friendly attributes. This paper presents an overview of various methodologies and technologies employed in the harvesting of wind power, encompassing both onshore and offshore applications. It discusses the fundamental principles governing wind energy conversion systems (WECS), including aerodynamics, turbine design, and power generation mechanisms. Furthermore, it explores the advancements in wind turbine technology, such as horizontal and vertical axis turbines, as well as emerging concepts like airborne wind energy systems. The integration of wind farms into existing power grids, along with associated challenges and solutions, is also addressed. Additionally, the environmental impacts and socio-economic considerations associated with wind power deployment are discussed, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices in the renewable energy sector. Finally, the paper concludes with insights into future trends and potential innovations in wind power harvesting, emphasizing the need for continued research and development to maximize its potential contribution to global energy demands while minimizing its environmental footprint.

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1. INTRODUCTION -

For that reason, these systems require energy harvesting from the environment for long term operation. Together with solar and hydro systems, the wind is a renewable energy source mostly used in large-scale systems. Many works have been proposed for solar small-scale energy harvesting. These systems incorporate methods for maximum power point tracking (MPPT) to charge batteries or super capacitors. Several studies suggest the use of wind energy for small-scale systems, mainly with vertical axis wind turbines. Most part of this work is based on the evaluation of the Savonius turbine. However, there are few examples for wind energy harvesting which include the turbine, the generator and a maximum power transfer circuit. To compare various wind prototypes, it is defined the

efficiency of the wind generator as the ratio of the generated output power and the maximum power available from the wind. The system in [12] used a commercial three-bladed turbine (16 cm radius), which provided 200 MW for a wind speed of 5.4 m/s (efficiency of 2.5%).

2. WIND OVERVIEW

Wind is used to produce electricity by converting the kinetic energy of air in motion into electricity. In modern wind turbines, wind rotates the rotor blades, which convert kinetic energy into rotational energy. This rotational energy is transferred by a shaft which to the generator, thereby producing electrical energy. Wind power has grown rapidly since 2000, driven by R&D, supportive policies and falling costs. Global installed wind generation capacity – both onshore and offshore – has increased by a factor of 98 in the past two decades, jumping from 7.5 GW in 1997 to some 733 GW by 2018 according to IRENA’s data. Onshore wind capacity grew from 178 GW in 2010 to 699 GW in 2020, while offshore wind has grown proportionately more, but from a lower base, from 3.1 GW in 2010 to 34.4 GW in 2020. Production of wind power increased by a factor of 5.2 between 2009 and 2019 to reach 1412 TWh. Both onshore and offshore wind still have tremendous potential for greater deployment and improvement, globally.

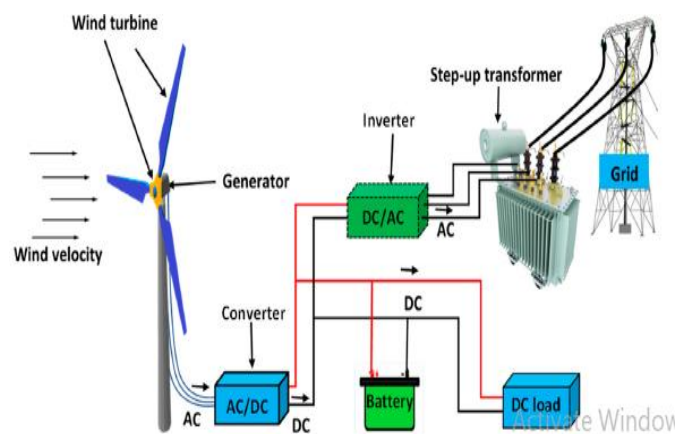


Fig -1: Grid-connected WEHS.

3. PROPOSED METHOD

The future of energy lies in the power of the wind. Advancements in wind turbine technology have unlocked the

designed for high voltages. This does not improve the efficiency, but for high powers in the order of MW, when the voltage level is changed from 400 or 750V to 5 kV, the copper losses are reduced.

$$T_d = \frac{T}{((d_0^2 \pi)/4)L_a}$$

Where T is the machine nominal torque (kN m), T_d is the machine torque density (kNm/m³), d_0 is the stator outer diameter (active outer diameter only), and L_a is the machine total axial length (active length only including stator end windings).

6.2 BLDC Machines

The waveform of the induced EMF from the stator winding is shown in Figure.20. The concentric winding of the machine and rectangular distribution of the magnetic flux in the air gap generate this no sinusoidal EMF. Due to this waveform, a BLDC generator has approximately 15% higher power density in comparison to a PMSG, which has a sinusoidal winding configuration and sinusoidal magnetic flux distribution in the air gap.

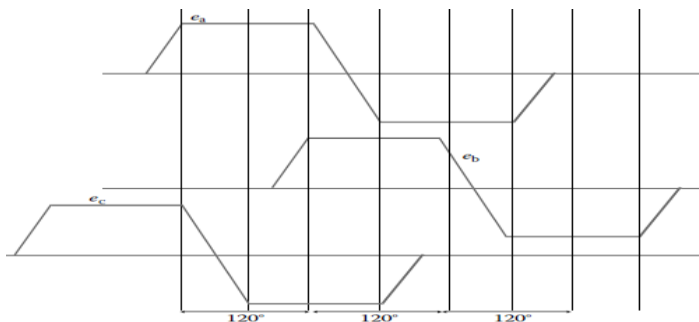


Fig -4: Induced EMF of a three-phase BLDC generator

6.3 Induction Machines

The DC bus voltage also reaches its steady-state value after the transient conditions and it is kept constant during the rest of the operation. The voltage measured across the terminals of a switch in the inverter is shown in Figure 5, which is the PWM chopped DC bus voltage. The output of the DC/AC inverter and line-to-line voltage after the transformer .This is a PWM sinusoidal voltage that can supply AC loads.

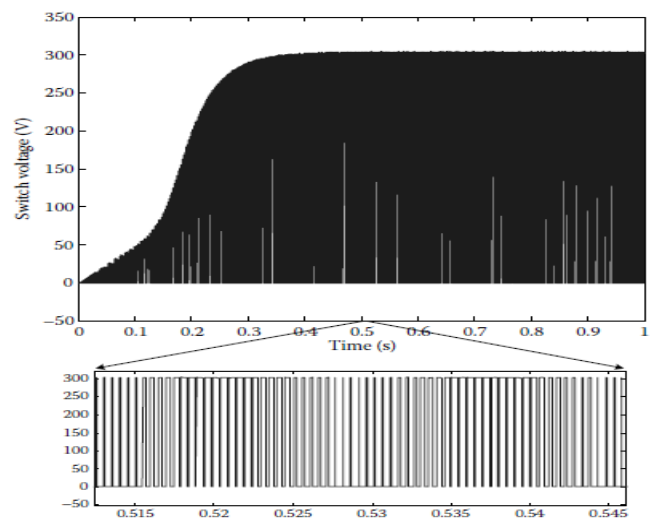


Fig -5: Voltage of the first switch of the inverter.

7. Wind POWER Harvesting FORMULATION

Betz’s law demonstrates the theoretical maximum power that can be extracted from the wind. The wind turbine extracts energy from the kinetic energy of the wind. Higher wind speeds result in higher extracted energy. The extracted power from the wind can be calculated using Equation.

$$P_{\text{extract}} = \frac{E_k}{t} = \frac{1}{2} \rho R^2 \pi \frac{d}{t} (v_b^2 - v_a^2) = \frac{1}{2} \rho R^2 \pi \frac{v_a + v_b}{2} (v_b^2 - v_a^2),$$

Where P_{extract} is the maximum extracted power from the wind, V_a and V_b are wind speeds after and before passing through the turbine, ρ is the air density, and R is the radius of the blades.

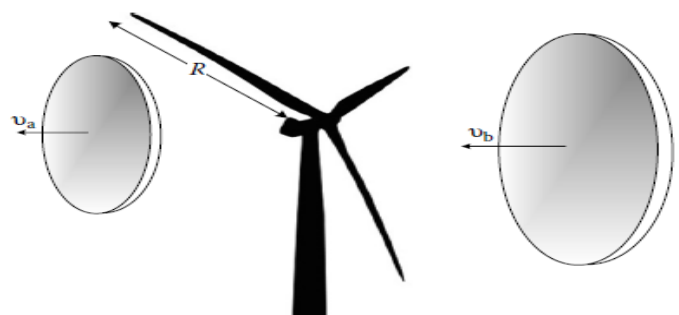


Figure -6: Wind speed before and after the turbine.

7.1 Winds

The wind is the phenomenon of air moving from the equatorial regions toward the poles, as light warm air rises toward the atmosphere, while heavier cool air descends toward the earth’s surface. Therefore, cooler air moves from the North Pole toward the Equator and warms up on its way, while already warm air rises toward the North Pole and gets

developed platform to emulate both wind and tidal turbines whatever the used generator topology.

Significant funds are invested in various research and development projects of wind energy harvesting. The research and development efforts in wind energy harvesting can be categorized into three different areas: (a) developments in control systems, (b) developments in electrical machine design, and (c) developments in distribution and grid-connected topologies.

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