State-Space Modelling of Variable-Speed Wind
Turbines: A Systematic Approach

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Abstract - The complete-order modelling of state-space
representations of synchronous and induction generators for
wind turbine applications is presented. Fully equivalent models
with different state variables, suitable for different control
schemes, are given. The state-space representations provide a
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synchronous generator-based wind turbines, with information
readily available for stability, controllability and observability
analyses. Simulation results of the featured representations are
assessed. As an example, the control of a doubly-fed induction
generator-based wind turbine is included.

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INTRODUCTION

Wind power has shown an increasing penetration into
electricity networks over the last decades. Along with other
renewable sources, the integration of wind farms to the power
grid comes in response to initiatives pushing towards a low-
carbon, green energy future. It has been recognised the need
of comprehensive studies to identify the interaction between
wind farms and the power system [1]. These require accurate
models of variable-speed wind turbines. Different dynamic
models have been derived and are fully documented in the
literature [1-4]. However, some of them feature significant
simplifications in order to match control system design
methods, i.e., vector control [5].

This paper presents the complete-order modelling of state-
space representations of synchronous and induction machines
for wind turbine applications. Reduced order models can be
directly obtained from the representations here presented.
Fully equivalent models with different state variables are
given, suitable thus for different control schemes. The state-
space representations provide a convenient, compact and
elegant way to assess the induction and synchronous
generator-based wind turbines, with information readily
available for stability, controllability and observability
analyses.

BASIC CONFIGURATIONS FOR WIND TURBINES

A. Fixed-speed wind turbines [1]

Fixed-speed wind turbines are fairly simple devices
consisting of an aerodynamic rotor driving a low-speed shaft,
a gearbox, a high-speed shaft and an induction generator. The
typical configuration of a fixed-speed induction generator
(FSIG) wind turbine using a squirrel-cage induction generator
is shown in Fig. 1(a). The slip (thus, rotor speed) varies with
the amount of power generated. However, the rotor speed
variations are small (1–2%); therefore it is referred to as a
fixed-speed. As induction generators consume reactive
power, capacitor banks are connected at the terminals.

B. Variable-speed wind turbines [1]

As the size of wind turbines has become larger, the
technology has switched from fixed to variable speed. The
drivers behind these developments are mainly the ability to
comply with Grid Code connection requirements and the
reduction in mechanical loads achieved with variable-speed
operation.

Fig. 1. Typical configuration wind turbines: (a) FSIG. Variable-
speed: (b) DFIG; (c) FRC-connected;

1. Doubly-fed induction generator (DFIG) wind turbine [1, 2, 4]

A typical configuration of a DFIG wind turbine is shown in
Fig. 1(b). It uses a wound-rotor induction generator with slip
rings to take current into or out of the rotor winding.
Variable-speed operation is obtained by injecting a
controllable voltage into the rotor at slip frequency. The rotor
winding is fed through back-to-back variable frequency,
voltage source converters. The power converter decouples the
network electrical frequency from the rotor mechanical
frequency, enabling variable-speed operation of the wind
turbine. The generator and converters are protected by
voltage limits and an over-current `crowbar’.
2. Fully rated converter (FRC) wind turbine [1, 3]

The typical configuration of a FRC wind turbine is shown in Fig. 1(c). This type of turbine may or may not include a gearbox. A wide range of electrical generator types can be employed; e.g., induction or synchronous (wound-rotor or permanent magnet). All power from the turbine goes through the power converters; therefore, the dynamic operation of the generator is isolated from the power grid. The electrical frequency of the generator may vary as the wind speed changes, while the grid frequency remains unchanged, thus allowing variable-speed operation of the wind turbine.

INDUCTION GENERATOR REPRESENTATIONS

The models are developed based on the following conditions and assumptions: (i) the stator current is negative when flowing towards the machine; (ii) the equations are derived in the synchronous reference frame using dq axis representations; (iii) the q-axis is 90° ahead of the d-axis. The dynamic equations are given in [1]. The state-space representations are obtained by suitable algebraic manipulations to derive differential equations in terms of the desired state variables. In all models presented here the bar notation indicates per unit.

A. Double-cage induction generator

Under system disturbances, it is desirable to represent the induction generator with a double-cage model, which provides more accurately the machine’s transient and sub-transient behaviour [2]. Equivalent state-space representations

\[
x = Ax + Bu
\]

\[
y = Cx + Du
\]

are obtained -differences arise from the chosen state variables.

1. Currents model

For this representation, the state variables are the rotor and stator currents. The state, input and output vectors are defined, respectively, as

\[
x = \begin{bmatrix} i_{ds} & i_{qr} & i_{ds} & i_{q} & i_{m} \end{bmatrix}^T
\]

\[
u = \begin{bmatrix} v_{ds} & v_{qr} & v_{ds} & v_{q} \end{bmatrix}^T
\]

\[
y = \begin{bmatrix} i_{d} & i_{q} \end{bmatrix}^T
\]

The system, control, output, and feed-forward matrices, together with associated constants, are given by (5) (see bottom of the page).

Notice that \(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3\) and \(\gamma_4\) are expressed in terms of the slips: \(s\). The model is completed by the rotor mechanics equation

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \theta = \frac{1}{2H} (T_e - T_i)
\]

where the electromagnetic torque can be expressed in terms of the state variables as

\[
T_e = T_a \left( i_{d} i_{q} - i_{q} i_{d} \right)
\]
The constants in the matrices are defined as before. The model is completed by the rotor mechanics equation (6), with the electromagnetic torque given as

\[
\tau = \frac{1}{L_s} \left( \sigma \dot{\varphi}_s \dot{\varphi}_s + \sigma \dot{\varphi}_d \dot{\varphi}_d - \sigma \dot{\varphi}_q \dot{\varphi}_q - \sigma \dot{\varphi}_d \dot{\varphi}_q \right) \tag{10}
\]

### B. Single-cage induction generator

Three equivalent representations are arrived at, with the differences arising from the selected state variables.

#### 1. Currents model

The state variables are the rotor and stator currents. This model is particularly useful when implementing the PVdq control for a DFIG or the vector control of the generator side converter for FRC IG-based wind turbines. Notice that the control signals in these strategies are the input voltages and the outputs (i.e., the currents) are directly provided by the state vector. In (1), the input and output vectors are given by (3) and (4), with the state vector

\[
x = \begin{bmatrix} t_a \ t_d \ t_b \ t_c \end{bmatrix}^T
\]

and system, feed-forward, control, and output matrices,

\[
A = \frac{\alpha}{L_m} \begin{bmatrix} -R_{m} & \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\alpha_1 & -R_{m} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_1 & 0 & -R_{m} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -R_{m} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \frac{\alpha}{L_m} \begin{bmatrix} -L_{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -L_{m} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -L_{m} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -L_{m} \end{bmatrix}
\]

where \( \alpha_1 = L_{m} \omega - \sigma \), \( \alpha_2 = L_{m} - \sigma L_{m} \), \( \beta_1 = L_{m} \omega (1-s) \), \( \beta_2 = L_{m} (1-s) \). Notice that \( \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \) are expressed in terms of the slip \( s \). The model is completed with (6) and (7).

#### 2. Fluxes model

This representation considers the rotor and stator fluxes as state variables. The advantage of this model is that it can be easily obtained from the voltage equations of the machine following simple algebraic substitutions. The input and output vectors are given by (3) and (4), with a state vector and matrices being defined as

\[
x = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_s \ \varphi_d \ \varphi_s \ \varphi_d \end{bmatrix}^T
\]

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} -\beta_1 & \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\alpha_1 & -\beta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_1 & 0 & -\beta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\beta_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -L_{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -L_{m} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -L_{m} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -L_{m} \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

where \( \beta_1 = \frac{R_{m}}{L_s} \left( -\frac{T_{rot}}{L} \right) \) and \( \beta_2 = \frac{R_{m}}{L_s} \left( 1 - \frac{T_{rot}}{L} \right) \).

The model is completed by the rotor mechanics equation (6), with the electromagnetic torque defined as

\[
\tau = \frac{T_{rot}}{L_s} (\varphi_s \dot{\varphi}_s - \varphi_d \dot{\varphi}_d) \tag{15}
\]

#### 3. Rotor internal voltages and stator currents model

In this representation the state variables are the stator currents and the rotor internal voltages. The conventional technique in power systems of representing the induction generator by a simple voltage behind a transient reactance equivalent circuit is used in this model. For machine representation in power system stability studies, order reduction is straightforward from this realisation. The input and output vectors are given by (3) and (4), with a state vector and matrices given as

\[
x = \begin{bmatrix} t_a \ t_d \ \bar{v}_r \ \bar{v}_s \end{bmatrix}^T
\]

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_1 / \bar{X} & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 (1-s) / \bar{X} & -1 / (\bar{X} \tau_{r1}) \\ -\alpha_2 & -\alpha_1 / \bar{X} & 1 / (\bar{X} \tau_{r1}) & \alpha_2 (1-s) / \bar{X} \\ 0 & (\bar{X} - \bar{X}) / \tau_0 & -1 / \tau_0 & \text{seo} \\ -1 / \bar{X} / \tau_0 & 0 & -\text{seo} & -1 / \tau_0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\bar{L}_m / \bar{L}_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\bar{L}_m / \bar{L}_r \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 / (\alpha \bar{L}_m) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 / (\alpha \bar{L}_m) \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{2 \times 4} \end{bmatrix} \tag{17}
\]

where \( \alpha = \bar{R}_r + (\bar{X} - \bar{X}) / (\text{seo} \tau_{r1}) \). The model is completed by the rotor mechanics equation (6), with the electromagnetic torque

\[
\tau = \frac{\bar{v}_r \dot{\bar{v}}_s + \bar{v}_r \dot{\bar{v}}_s}{\bar{\sigma}} \tag{18}
\]

Remark: Induction machines may have either a wound or a squirrel-cage rotor. Squirrel-cage rotors have a winding consisting of a series set of bars which are short-circuited at each end of the rotor. Wound rotors have a distributed winding with the ends brought out to enable external circuits to be added for control purposes [1]. In terms of modelling, both types can be represented by the single or the double cage models previously discussed irrespectively of the kind of rotor. However, for the squirrel-cage rotors, \( \bar{v}_r = \bar{v}_s = 0 \); thus,

\[
u = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_s \ \bar{v}_s \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{19}
\]

### SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR REPRESENTATIONS

The dynamic equations of a salient-pole synchronous generator, given in [6], are considered. The non-reduced order models here presented include stator and rotor transients as well as rotor damper windings. Two damper
The state variables are the rotor and stator currents. This can be assigned for the field current if the rotor is permanent magnet an appropriate constant value can be used to control the magnetizing flux of the generator; for an electrically excited rotor, the field current can be obtained, in a straightforward fashion, from the models presented in this section.

### B. Fluxes model

In this model, the state variables are the rotor and stator fluxes. In (1), the input and output vectors are given by (21) and (22), with the state vector defined by

\[ x = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\varphi}_d & \bar{\varphi}_r & \bar{\varphi}_{d*} & \bar{\varphi}_{r*} \end{bmatrix}^T \]

The system, control, output, and feed-forward matrices are given by (27) (see bottom of the page).

The model is completed with equation (24), where

\[ \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\varphi}_n = \frac{1}{2H} \left( \bar{T}_n - \bar{T}_r \right) \]

where the electromagnetic torque is given by

\[ \bar{T}_r = \left( \bar{T}_{em} - \bar{T}_{ms} \right) \bar{T}_n + \bar{T}_{sm} (\bar{T}_{ud} + \bar{T}_{ud} + \bar{T}_{um} + \bar{T}_{um}) \]

and \( \bar{\varphi}_n = \left( \bar{\varphi}_{d2}^T \bar{\varphi}_{r2} \right)^T \).

Remark: Reduced-order representations neglecting stator transients or featuring less damper windings in the rotor can be obtained, in a straightforward fashion, from the models presented in this section.

### A. Currents model

The state variables are the rotor and stator currents. This representation is useful when implementing the vector control of the generator side converter for a FRC synchronous generator-based wind turbines. Notice that the control and output signals are the stator voltages and currents, respectively. In (1), the state, input and output vectors are defined as

\[ x = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{I}_r & \bar{I}_s & \bar{I}_{r*} & \bar{I}_{s*} \end{bmatrix}^T \]

\[ u = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{V}_d & \bar{V}_r & \bar{V}_{d*} & \bar{V}_{r*} \end{bmatrix}^T \]

\[ y = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{I}_r & \bar{I}_s \end{bmatrix}^T \]

with matrices and associated constants given by (23) (see bottom of the page). The model is completed with the rotor mechanics equation,

\[ A = \begin{bmatrix} -a_0 & a_0 & 0 & 0 & -a_0 & a_0 & 0 & 0 & -a_0 & a_0 & 0 & 0 & -a_0 & a_0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ B = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} & \sigma_{ij} \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \]

(23)
RESULTS

A. Induction generator representations

In order to assess the induction generator models presented in Section III, a test system comprising a FSIG connected to an infinite bus through the impedances of the turbine transformer and a single transmission line is considered. The parameters of the induction machine can be found in the Appendix. The simulation compares the three single-cage representations together with the two double-cage models and a simplified representation of the single-cage (which does not consider the stator transients). At the point of connection of the FSIG, a short circuit level of 16 MVA with a $X/R$ ratio of 10 was used to represent the network connection. Fig. 2 shows the torque and slip of all FSIG models after a fault (at $t = 1$ s). The fault is released after 150 ms. A constant $T_m = 0.81$ p.u. is assumed. All single-cage models behave the same and are labelled under the same tag (‘Single-cage’). Both double-cage models (label ‘Double-cage’) reflect the same behaviour as well.

![Fig. 2. FSIG models performance after a fault: (a) torque; (b) slip.](image)

B. Synchronous generator representations

A test system comprising a synchronous machine connected to an infinite bus through the impedances of a transformer and a single transmission line is considered in order to assess the synchronous generator models presented in Section IV. The parameters of the synchronous machine are included in the Appendix. Fig. 3 shows the rotor speed and the electromagnetic torque of the synchronous generator models after a fault (at $t = 5$ s). The fault is released after 30 ms. A constant $T_m = 0.85$ p.u. is assumed. From the figure, it can be seen that both the current and fluxes models reflect the same behaviour (labelled under tag ‘Complete’). Lower order models are also presented, featuring the same dynamic performance (labelled under the tag ‘Reduced’). The mathematical representations here presented may be directly used for FRC wind turbines based on synchronous generators.

![Fig. 3. Synchronous generator models after a fault: (a) rotor speed; (b) torque (zoom in).](image)

C. A case study: DFIG control

As an example, the control of a variable-speed wind turbine is here presented. From the available options, the DFIG was chosen. The current-mode control (PV$_{dq}$) is used for the electrical control of the DFIG [1, 7], where the rotor current is split into two orthogonal components, $d$ and $q$. The $q$ component of the current regulates the torque, while the $d$ component regulates the power factor or terminal voltage. PI controllers and compensation terms are employed. The overall DFIG control strategy is shown in Fig. 4.

![Fig. 4. DFIG control: PV$_{dq}$ control strategy.](image)
It is assumed that the power converters are ideal and that the DC link voltage between them is constant (in order to decouple them). Converter $C_1$ has been modelled as a voltage source whereas $C_2$ as a current source (refer to Fig. 1). For the simulations, both the double and single-cage models previously presented are employed.

An optimal torque set point is achieved from the torque-speed characteristic for a maximum power extraction [7]. The DFIG is connected to an infinite bus through the impedances of the turbine transformer and the transmission line. The protective over-current crowbar circuit is not considered for these simulations. The parameters of the induction machine and controllers are included in the Appendix.

Fig. 5 shows the DFIG responses for a 20% decrease in the mechanical torque $T_m = 0.81$ p.u. is assumed. As it can be seen, in both representations the terminal voltage remains at 1 p.u., with both the torque and slip reaching new values. It can be seen that both double and single-cage models respond adequately to the control system design.

CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the complete-order mathematical modelling of synchronous and induction generators for variable-speed wind turbine applications has been presented. Due to their compact and portable representations, the obtained state-space models are suitable for the inclusion in power system transient stability programs. Moreover, the modelling approach allows fully equivalent representations independently of the chosen state variables. In particular, the so-called currents models are amenable for vector control schemes, where the control and output signals are voltages and currents, respectively. Simulation results are obtained using typical data and show that the developed models are in fact equivalent.

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APPENDIX

A. Induction Generator Parameters [1, 2]

$$V_s = 690 \, V, \, S_b = 2 \, MVA, \, \omega_b = 2 \pi f_s = 50 \, Hz, \, H = 3.525, \, X_{ds} = 0.05 \, p.u., \, R_d = 0.00488 \, p.u., \, X_{qs} = 0.09241 \, p.u., \, R_s = 0.00549 \, p.u., \, X_{qs} = 0.09955 \, p.u., \, R_s = 0.2696 \, p.u., \, X_{qs} = 0.0453 \, p.u., \, X_m = 3.95279 \, p.u., \, X_m = 0.02 \, p.u.$$

B. Synchronous Generator Parameters [8]

$$V_s = 24 \, kV, \, S_b = 555 \, MVA, \, \omega_b = 2 \pi f_s = 50 \, Hz, \, H = 3.525, \, X_{ds} = 0.003 \, p.u., \, \omega_b = 0.15 \, p.u., \, R_d = 0.0006 \, p.u., \, X_{qs} = 0.165 \, p.u., \, R_s = 0.000619 \, p.u., \, X_{qs} = 0.7252 \, p.u., \, R_s = 0.02368 \, p.u., \, X_{qs} = 0.125 \, p.u., \, X_m = 1.66 \, p.u., \, X_m = 1.61 \, p.u.$$

C. DFIG Control Parameters

Cut-in speed = 1000 rpm, speed limit = 1800 rpm, shutdown speed = 2000 rpm [2]. $K_{FSC} = K_{PSC} = 0.05, \, \beta_{FSC} = \beta_{PSC} = 10, \, \beta_{FSC} = 7$.

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