

# An Analytical Approach to Maximum Power Tracking and Loss Minimization of a Doubly Fed Induction Generator Considering Core Loss

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**Abstract**—To get maximum output power from a doubly fed induction generator (DFIG), it is essential to extract maximum mechanical power from the wind turbine and to minimize generator losses. The goal of maximum power tracking and minimum loss is usually achieved through vector control of rotor current. In other words, the *d*-axis and *q*-axis rotor currents  $I_{dr}$  and  $I_{qr}$  must be properly controlled as wind speed changes with time. In this paper, an analytical approach is developed to determine proper rotor current commands  $I_{dr}^*$  and  $I_{qr}^*$  which give maximum mechanical power and minimum loss based on the measured generator speed. The proposed analytical approach is more efficient than the exhaustive search approach proposed in a previous study and is, therefore, more suitable for real-time performance improvements. In addition, core loss component, which was usually neglected in previous studies, is included in the DFIG model in order to have more accurate results. The effectiveness of the derived analytical formulas is demonstrated by an example.

**Index Terms**—Core loss, doubly fed induction generator (DFIG), loss minimization, maximum output power, maximum power tracking, wind energy conversion, wind turbine generator.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Doubly fed induction generators (DFIGs) have been widely employed for wind energy conversion since they can be operated under a wide speed range from subsynchronous to supersynchronous speeds [1]–[14]. In contrast to a synchronous generator that requires a power converter of full capacity in the stator circuit, a DFIG needs a back-to-back converter in the rotor circuit rated only about 30% of the generator capacity.

As wind speed changes with time, generator speed changes in order to extract maximum mechanical power from the wind turbine [15]. In addition, generator loss must be minimized in order to get maximum power output from the DFIG. By aligning the synchronous direct-axis (*d*-axis) to the stator flux vector [16]

or stator voltage vector [17], it has been shown that maximum mechanical power can be extracted from the wind turbine if the *q*-axis component of the rotor current  $I_{qr}$  is driven to its reference value  $I_{qr}^*$  which is determined based on generator speed [16]. Loss minimization was not considered and the *d*-axis component of rotor current  $I_{dr}^*$  was set to be zero in [16]. Optimal rotor currents  $I_{dr}^*$  and  $I_{qr}^*$  that minimized total copper losses were derived by Hofmann and Okafor [18] based on steady-state equations neglecting rotor and stator resistances. Using a model based on the assumption of constant stator flux linkage, an expression for the *d*-axis rotor current  $I_{dr}^*$  which minimizes copper loss was derived in [19]. Recently, an approach based on a detailed model with stator resistance and changing stator flux linkage was presented in [20] to reach the rotor excitation voltage which maximizes DFIG output power. However, the optimal rotor excitation voltage was obtained using an exhaustive search method which is rather time consuming.

In this paper, an analytical approach is proposed to compute the optimal rotor currents  $I_{qr}^*$  and  $I_{dr}^*$  using a detailed model with stator resistance, changing stator flux linkage, and core loss. The desired rotor currents  $I_{qr}^*$  and  $I_{dr}^*$  can be solved directly by the derived analytical formulas rather than by using the exhaustive search method in [20].

- The main features of this paper are summarized as follows.
- 1) The desired rotor current commands  $I_{qr}^*$  and  $I_{dr}^*$ , which maximize the mechanical power extracted from the wind turbine and minimize the DFIG losses, can be obtained in a more efficient manner than the exhaustive search method in [20].
  - 2) In order to get more accurate rotor current commands, core loss component, which was neglected in previous papers, is included in the DFIG model.

## II. SYSTEM MODEL

Fig. 1 shows the system configuration for the DFIG system at the laboratory. The parameters of the 2.2-kW, 220-V, 60-Hz, six-pole machine are given in Appendix A.

As shown in Fig. 1, the induction generator is driven by a servomotor. A wind turbine simulator is implemented on a digital computer to generate the maximum mechanical power command  $P_m^*$  based on the measured generator speed  $\omega_r$ . It is assumed that the maximum mechanical power is related to generator speed by the expression [16]

$$P_m^* = K_{\text{opt}} \omega_r^3. \quad (1)$$

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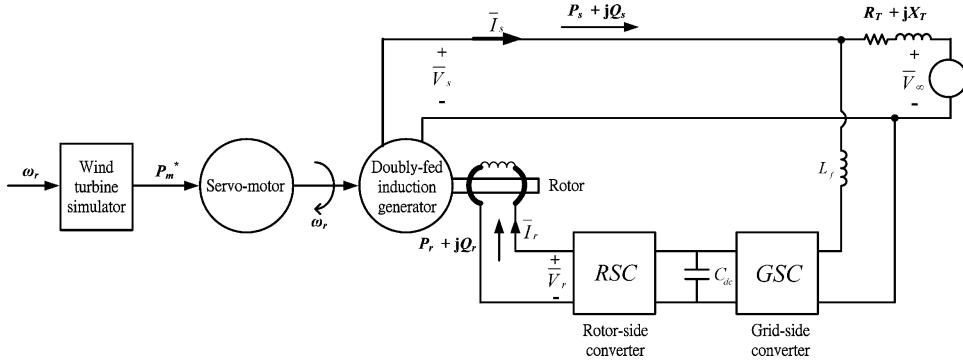


Fig. 1. System configuration for the DFIG.

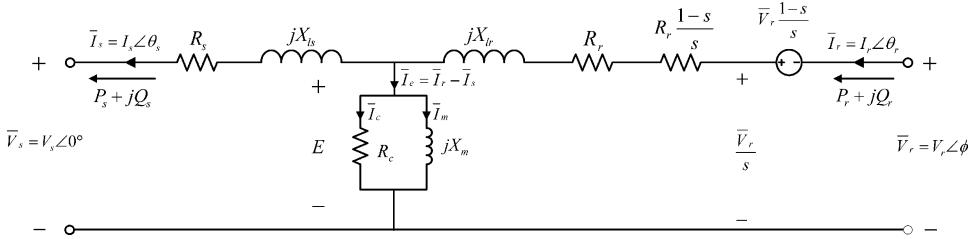


Fig. 2. Steady-state equivalent circuit for a DFIG.

When the direct-axis (*d*-axis) is aligned to stator flux linkage, the rotor voltage  $\bar{V}_r$ , rotor current  $\bar{I}_r$ , stator voltage  $\bar{V}_s$ , and stator current  $\bar{I}_s$  can be transformed from *abc* coordinates to their *dq* components. Then, the rotor voltage  $\bar{V}_r$  can be controlled by the rotor-side converter using the vector control scheme as shown in [16].

It has been shown [19] that the mechanical power extracted from the wind turbine is controlled mainly by the *q*-axis rotor current  $I_{qr}$ , while the copper loss is mainly affected by the *d*-axis rotor current  $I_{dr}$ . How to determine an optimal pair of *q*-axis and *d*-axis rotor current commands  $I_{qr}^*$  and  $I_{dr}^*$  such that the mechanical power extracted from the wind turbine can be maximized and generator losses can be minimized is of major concern in this study.

### III. ANALYTICAL FORMULAS FOR MAXIMUM POWER TRACKING AND LOSS MINIMIZATION

Fig. 2 depicts the steady-state equivalent circuit for a DFIG [5], [15], [20].

The symbols used in Fig. 2 are defined as follows:

- $\bar{I}_s = I_s \angle \theta_s$  stator current;
- $\bar{I}_r = I_r \angle \theta_r$  rotor current;
- $\bar{I}_e$  exciting current;
- $\bar{I}_m$  magnetizing current;
- $\bar{I}_c$  core loss component of  $\bar{I}_e$ ;
- $R_s$  stator resistance;
- $R_r$  rotor resistance;
- $X_{ls}$  stator leakage reactance;
- $X_{lr}$  rotor leakage reactance;
- $\lambda_s = I_s \angle \theta_s$  stator flux linkage;
- $\bar{V}_s = V_s \angle 0^\circ$  stator voltage;
- $\bar{V}_r = V_r \angle \phi$  rotor excitation voltage;
- $P_s + jQ_s$  stator active and reactive power;
- $P_r + jQ_r$  rotor active and reactive power;
- $\bar{V}_r = I_r \angle \theta_r$  rotor voltage;
- $\bar{V}_s = I_s \angle \theta_s$  stator voltage;
- $\bar{I}_s = I_s \angle \theta_s$  stator current;
- $\bar{I}_r = I_r \angle \theta_r$  rotor current;
- $R_c$  core loss resistance;
- $s = (\omega_s - \omega_r)/\omega_s$  slip;
- $\omega_s$  stator synchronous speed;
- $\omega_r$  rotor speed.

$X_m$  magnetizing reactance;

$R_c$  core loss resistance;

$s = (\omega_s - \omega_r)/\omega_s$  slip;

$\omega_s$  stator synchronous speed;

$\omega_r$  rotor speed.

The desired rotor current  $\bar{I}_r$  with maximum extracted mechanical power and minimum copper loss can be computed using the following steps that are summarized by the flowchart in Appendix B.

*Step 1:* Express stator current  $\bar{I}_s$  in terms of rotor current  $\bar{I}_r$  and stator voltage  $\bar{V}_s$ .

The voltage equation for the stator is first written as

$$\bar{V}_s = Z_m \bar{I}_e - (R_s + jX_{ls}) \bar{I}_s \quad (2)$$

where

$$Z_m = R_c || (jX_m) = \frac{R_c X_m}{R_c^2 + X_m^2} (X_m + jR_c)$$

$$\bar{I}_e = \bar{I}_r - \bar{I}_s.$$

As shown in Fig. 3, the real axis  $R$  is aligned to stator voltage  $\bar{V}_s$  since  $\bar{V}_s = V_s \angle 0^\circ$  is taken as the angle reference. The rotor current  $\bar{I}_r$  and stator current  $\bar{I}_s$  can be expressed using their real axis<sup>(R)</sup> and imaginary axis<sup>(I)</sup> components as  $\bar{I}_r = I_r^R + jI_r^I$  and  $\bar{I}_s = I_s^R + jI_s^I$ , respectively.

By separating real and imaginary parts of (2), we obtain

$$-(B_2 R_s + A_2 X_m) I_s^R + (B_2 X_{ls} + A_2 R_c) I_s^I \\ = -A_2 X_m I_r^R + A_2 R_c I_r^I + B_2 V_s \quad (3)$$

$$(B_2 X_{ls} + A_2 R_c) I_s^R + (B_2 R_s + A_2 X_m) I_s^I \\ = A_2 R_c I_r^R + A_2 X_m I_r^I \quad (4)$$

where  $A_2 = R_c X_m$  and  $B_2 = R_c^2 + X_m^2$ .

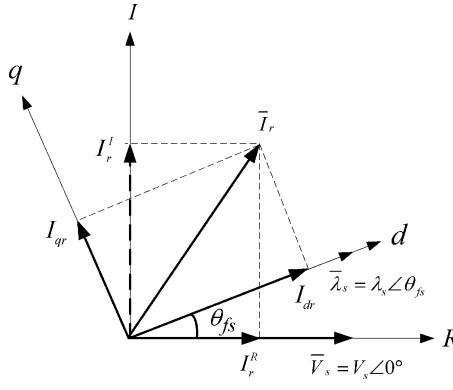


Fig. 3. Coordinate transformation between real ( $R$ ) and imaginary ( $I$ ) axes and  $dq$  axes.

From (3) and (4), the stator current components  $I_s^R$  and  $I_s^I$  can be expressed in terms of rotor current components  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  as follows:

$$I_s^R = \frac{1}{C_2}(D_2 I_r^R - E_2 I_r^I + F_2) \quad (5)$$

$$I_s^I = \frac{1}{C_2}(E_2 I_r^R + D_2 I_r^I + G_2) \quad (6)$$

where  $C_2 = (B_2 R_s + A_2 X_m)^2 + (B_2 X_{ls} + A_2 R_c)^2$ ,  $D_2 = A_2 B_2 (A_2 + R_c X_{ls} + R_s X_m)$ ,  $E_2 = A_2 B_2 (R_c R_s - X_m X_{ls})$ ,  $F_2 = -B_2 V_s (B_2 R_s + A_2 X_m)$ , and  $G_2 = B_2 V_s (B_2 X_{ls} + A_2 R_c)$ .

*Step2:* Derive formulas for stator powers  $P_s$  and  $Q_s$ , rotor powers  $P_r$  and  $Q_r$ , copper loss  $P_{cu}$ , and core loss  $P_{core}$  in terms of rotor current components  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$ .

Stator powers  $P_s$  and  $Q_s$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} P_s &= 3\text{Re}(\bar{V}_s \bar{I}_s^*) \\ &= 3V_s I_s^R \\ &= 3\frac{V_s}{C_2}(D_2 I_r^R - E_2 I_r^I + F_2) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_s &= 3\text{Im}(\bar{V}_s I_s^*) \\ &= 3V_s I_s^I \\ &= 3V_s \frac{1}{C_2}(E_2 I_r^R + D_2 I_r^I + G_2). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

To derive the formula for rotor power  $P_r$ , let us first write down the rotor voltage equation from Fig. 3

$$\frac{\bar{V}_r}{s} = \bar{V}_s + (R_s + jX_{ls})\bar{I}_s + \left(\frac{R_r}{s} + jX_{lr}\right)\bar{I}_r. \quad (9)$$

By substituting (5) and (6) into (9) and rearranging, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{V}_r &= V_r^R + jV_r^I \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{s}{C_2}H_2 + R_r\right)I_r^R - \left(\frac{s}{C_2}I_2 + sX_{lr}\right)I_r^I + \frac{D_2}{C_2}sV_s\right] \\ &\quad + j\left[\left(\frac{s}{C_2}I_2 + sX_{lr}\right)I_r^R + \left(\frac{s}{C_2}H_2 + R_r\right)I_r^I + \frac{s}{C_2}K_2\right] \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where

$$H_2 = A_2 B_2 [A_2 R_s + X_m (R_s^2 + X_{ls}^2)]$$

$$I_2 = A_2 B_2 [A_2 X_{ls} + R_c (R_s^2 + X_{ls}^2)]$$

$$K_2 = A_2 B_2 V_s (R_c R_s - X_m X_{ls}).$$

Then, the rotor powers can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} P_r &= 3\text{Re}(\bar{V}_r \bar{I}_r^*) \\ &= 3(V_r^R I_r^R + V_r^I I_r^I) \\ &= 3\{L_2[(I_r^R)^2 + (I_r^I)^2] + \frac{D_2}{C_2}sV_s I_r^R + \frac{s}{C_2}K_2 I_r^I\} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= \frac{s}{C_2}H_2 + R_r \\ Q_r &= 3\text{Im}(\bar{V}_r \bar{I}_r^*) \\ &= 3(V_r^R I_r^I + V_r^I I_r^R) \\ &= 3\left[\left(\frac{s}{C_2}H_2 + R_r\right)I_r^R\right. \\ &\quad \left.- \left(\frac{s}{C_2}I_2 + sX_{lr}\right)I_r^I + \frac{D_2}{C_2}sV_s\right]I_r^I \\ &\quad + 3\left[\left(\frac{s}{C_2}I_2 + sX_{lr}\right)I_r^R\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \left(\frac{s}{C_2}H_2 + R_r\right)I_r^I + \frac{s}{C_2}K_2\right]I_r^R. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The copper loss  $P_{cu}$  can be expressed in terms of  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{cu} &= 3[(I_s^R)^2 + (I_s^I)^2]R_s + 3[(I_r^R)^2 + (I_r^I)^2]R_r \\ &= \frac{3}{C_2^2}\{M_2[(I_r^R)^2 + (I_r^I)^2] + N_2 I_r^R + P_2 I_r^I + Q_2\} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where

$$M_2 = (D_2^2 + E_2^2)R_s + C_2^2 R_r$$

$$N_2 = 2(E_2 G_2 + D_2 F_2)R_s$$

$$P_2 = 2(D_2 G_2 - E_2 F_2)R_s$$

$$Q_2 = (F_2^2 + G_2^2)R_s.$$

To derive the core loss, let us first compute the core loss current as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{I}_c &= I_c^R + jI_c^I \\ &= \frac{\bar{E}}{R_c} \\ &= \frac{1}{R_c}[\bar{V}_s + (R_s + jX_{ls})\bar{I}_s]. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Then, the core loss can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{core}} &= 3[(I_c^R)^2 + (I_c^I)^2]R_c \\ &= \frac{3}{R_c C_2^2} \{R_2(D_2^2 + E_2^2)[(I_r^R)^2 + (I_r^I)^2] \\ &\quad + T_2 I_r^R + U_2 I_r^I + V_2\} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 &= R_s^2 + X_{ls}^2 \\ T_2 &= \frac{N_2}{R_s} R_2 + 2C_2 V_s (D_2 R_s - E_2 X_{ls}) \\ U_2 &= \frac{P_2}{R_s} R_2 - 2C_2 V_s (E_2 R_s + D_2 X_{ls}) \\ V_2 &= \frac{Q_2}{R_s} R_2 + 2C_2 V_s (F_2 R_s - G_2 X_{ls}) + C_2^2 V_s^2. \end{aligned}$$

*Step3:* Derive the first formula for solving  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  based on maximum extracted mechanical power.

In order for the DFIG to extract maximum mechanical power from the wind turbine, the total output power  $P_s - P_r$  must be equal to the maximum mechanical power  $P_m^*$  in (1) minus the copper loss  $P_{\text{cu}}$  and core loss  $P_{\text{core}}$ . In other words, we have the first formula for solving  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$

$$\begin{aligned} P_m^* &= K_{\text{opt}} \omega_r^3 \\ &= P_s - P_r + P_{\text{cu}} + P_{\text{core}} \\ &= W_2(I_r^R)^2 + W_2(I_r^I)^2 + X_2 I_r^R + Y_2 I_r^I + Z_2 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W_2 &= \frac{3}{C_2^2} \left[ -C_2^2 L_2 + M_2 + \frac{R_2(D_2^2 + E_2^2)}{R_c} \right] \\ X_2 &= \frac{3}{C_2^2} \left[ C_2 D_2 V_s (1-s) + N_2 + \frac{T_2}{R_c} \right] \\ Y_2 &= \frac{3}{C_2^2} \left( -C_2 E_2 V_s - C_2 K_2 s + P_2 + \frac{U_2}{R_c} \right) \\ Z_2 &= \frac{3}{C_2^2} \left( C_2 F_2 V_s + Q_2 + \frac{V_2}{R_c} \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Step4:* Derive the second formula for solving  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  based on loss minimization.

To achieve minimum loss, let us take the partial derivative of the loss  $P_{\text{cu}}$  with respect to  $I_r^R$  and get the following formula:

$$\frac{\partial(P_{\text{cu}} + P_{\text{core}})}{\partial I_r^R} = 0. \quad (17)$$

Since  $P_{\text{cu}}$  and  $P_{\text{core}}$  are functions of  $I_r^I$  as well as  $I_r^R$ , we need  $\partial I_r^I / \partial I_r^R$  in order to solve (17). Fortunately, we can take the partial derivative of (16) with respect to  $I_r^R$  and get the desired  $\partial I_r^I / \partial I_r^R$  as follows:

$$\frac{\partial I_r^I}{\partial I_r^R} = -\frac{2W_2 I_r^R + X_2}{2W_2 I_r^I + Y_2}. \quad (18)$$

Substituting (18) into (17), we get

$$A' I_r^R + B' I_r^I + C' = 0 \quad (19)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A' &= 2Y_2[M_2 R_c + R_2(D_2^2 + E_2^2)] - 2W_2(P_2 R_c + U_2) \\ B' &= -2X_2[M_2 R_c + R_2(D_2^2 + E_2^2)] + 2W_2(N_2 R_c + T_2) \\ C' &= Y_2(N_2 R_c + T_2) - X_2(P_2 R_c + U_2). \end{aligned}$$

From (19), we obtain the second formula for solving  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$

$$I_r^I = \frac{A' I_r^R + C'}{B'}. \quad (20)$$

*Step5:* Solve  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  using (16) and (20).

When  $I_r^I$  in (20) is substituted into (16), the following equation is reached:

$$D'(I_r^R)^2 + E' I_r^R + F' = 0 \quad (21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D' &= W_2 + W_2 \frac{(A')^2}{(B')^2} \\ E' &= W_2 \frac{2A'C'}{(B')^2} + X_2 - Y_2 \frac{A'}{B'} \\ F' &= W_2 \frac{(C')^2}{(B')^2} - Y_2 \frac{C'}{B'} + Z_2 - P_m^*. \end{aligned}$$

The desired rotor current  $I_r^R$  can be computed as

$$I_r^R = \frac{-E' \pm \sqrt{(E')^2 - 4D'F'}}{2D'}. \quad (22)$$

$I_r^I$  can then be solved using (20). The pair of solutions  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  in (22) and (20) with less loss are the desired rotor current components in real and imaginary axes.

*Step6:* Compute the desired  $I_{dr}$  and  $I_{qr}$  from  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$ .

As shown in Fig. 3, the  $d$ -axis is aligned to the stator flux linkage  $\bar{\lambda}_s = \lambda_s \angle \theta_{fs}$  which is computed using the following equation:

$$j\omega_s \bar{\lambda}_s = \bar{V}_s + \bar{I}_s R_s. \quad (23)$$

From Fig. 3, the desired rotor current components  $I_{dr}$  and  $I_{qr}$  can be derived from  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$

$$I_{dr} = I_r^R \cos \theta_{fs} + I_r^I \sin \theta_{fs} \quad (24)$$

$$I_{qr} = -I_r^R \sin \theta_{fs} + I_r^I \cos \theta_{fs}. \quad (25)$$

#### IV. EXAMPLE

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the derived analytical formulas for rotor currents  $I_{dr}$  and  $I_{qr}$ , the performance of DFIG in Fig. 1 with the parameters in Appendix A was examined.

##### A. DFIG Model Without Core Loss

When the core loss component was neglected, the optimal  $d$ -axis and  $q$ -axis rotor current components  $I_{dr}^*$  and  $I_{qr}^*$  with maximum extracted mechanical power and minimum loss were computed as functions of slip using analytical formulas in Appendix C. With the rotor currents at hand, we proceeded to compute stator real power  $P_s$ , rotor real power  $P_r$ , output power

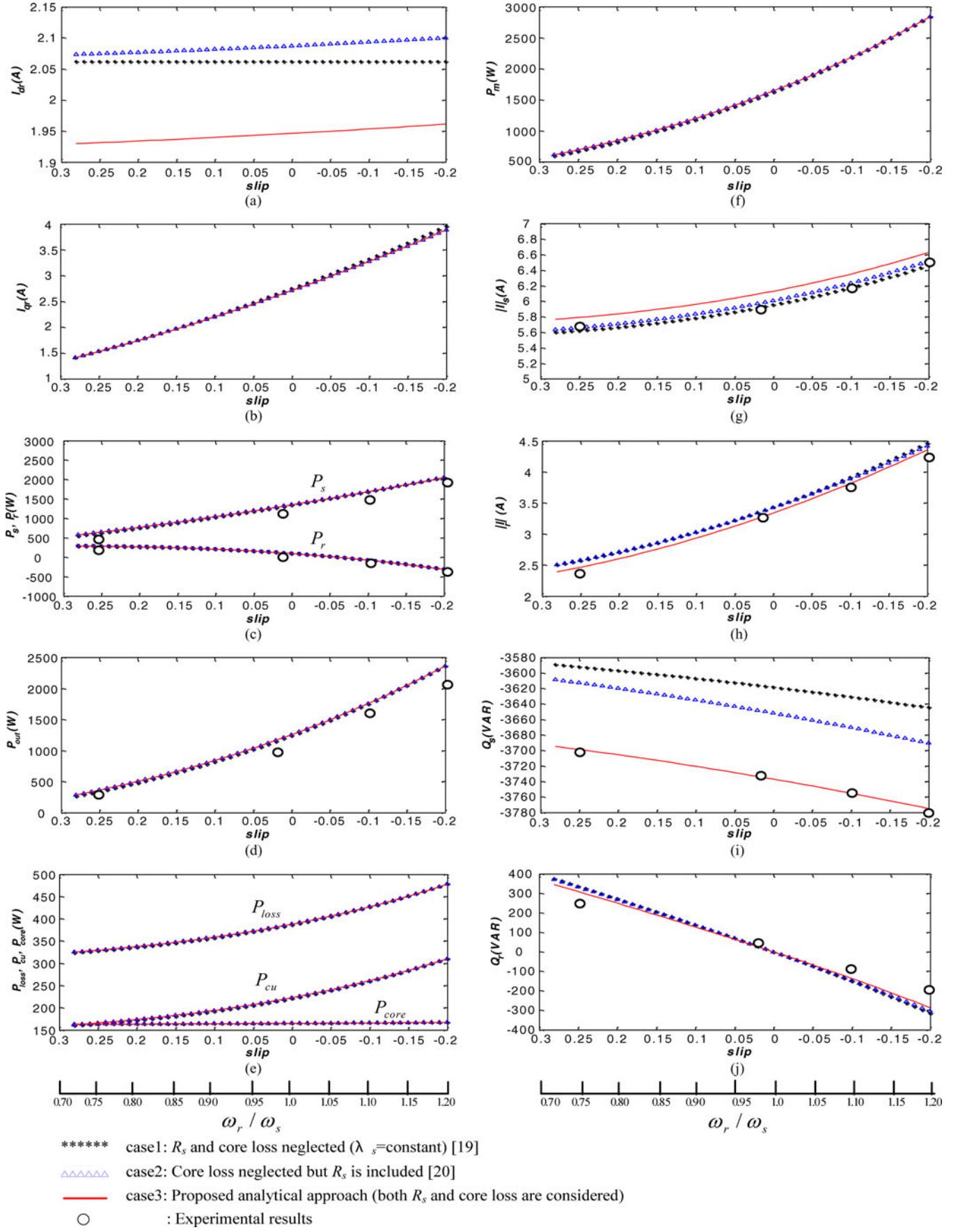


Fig. 4. Optimal  $d$ -axis and  $q$ -axis rotor commands and output powers for the DFIG model with core loss. (a) Optimal  $d$ -axis rotor current. (b) Optimal  $q$ -axis rotor current. (c) Stator real power and rotor real power. (d) Output power. (e) Loss. (f) Mechanical power. (g) Stator current. (h) Rotor current. (i) Stator reactive power. (j) Rotor reactive power.

$P_{\text{out}}$  ( $= P_s - P_r$ ), loss  $P_{\text{loss}}$  ( $= P_{\text{cu}}$ ), mechanical power  $P_m$  ( $= P_{\text{out}} + P_{\text{loss}}$ ), stator current  $I_s$ , rotor current  $I_r$ , stator reactive power  $Q_s$ , and rotor reactive power  $Q_r$ , as depicted in Fig. 4.

It took less than 1 s for the proposed analytical approach to reach the desired solution, while it took about 5 min for the exhaustive search method [20] to get similar solutions. It is, thus, concluded that the same results can be reached by the proposed analytical formulas in a much more efficient manner than the exhaustive search method.

### B. DFIG Model With Core Loss

When the core loss component is included in the DFIG model, the optimal rotor current commands  $I_{dr}^*$  and  $I_{qr}^*$  were determined using (20), (22), (24), and (25). The resulting currents and powers are depicted in Fig. 4.

For purpose of comparison, the following three cases were considered.

*Case1:* The rotor current commands  $I_{dr}^*$  and  $I_{qr}^*$  were determined based on the assumptions of zero stator resistance and zero core loss [19]. Then, the powers were computed using these rotor current commands and the DFIG model with stator resistance and core loss.

*Case2:* The rotor current commands  $I_{dr}^*$  and  $I_{qr}^*$  were determined based on the assumption of zero core loss [20]. Then, the powers were computed using these rotor current commands and the DFIG model with stator resistance and core loss.

*Case3:* The rotor current commands  $I_{dr}^*$  and  $I_{qr}^*$  were determined using the analytical formulas (20), (22), (24), and (25) in this paper for the complete DFIG model with stator resistance and core loss. Then, the powers were computed using these rotor current commands and the DFIG model with stator resistance and core loss.

Based on the results in Fig. 4, the following observations can be made.

- 1) It is observed from the results in Fig. 4(a) that, in case 1 where  $R_s$  was neglected and  $\lambda_s$  was assumed to remain constant, the optimal  $d$ -axis rotor current  $I_{dr}$  remains unchanged as generator speed changes [19]. When  $R_s$  was included in cases 2 [20] and 3, the optimal  $d$ -axis rotor current  $I_{dr}$  changes with generator speed.
- 2) It is also observed from Fig. 4(a) that the optimal  $d$ -axis rotor currents for the three cases are quite different.
- 3) As shown in Fig. 4(b), case 1 gives slightly larger  $q$ -axis rotor current command  $I_{qr}$  than case 2. It is also observed from Fig. 4(b) that the  $q$ -axis rotor current command in case 2 is very close to that in case 3.
- 4) It is observed from the curves in Fig. 4(c)–(f) that the real powers for the three cases differ not much from one another. This is due to the fact that the real powers of a DFIG are mainly affected by the  $q$ -axis rotor currents  $I_{qr}$  [19] which differ not much as shown in Fig. 4(b). On the other hand, the reactive powers in Fig. 4(i) and (j), which are mainly controlled by the  $d$ -axis rotor currents  $I_{dr}$ , differ much for the three cases, as the  $d$ -axis rotor currents for the three cases are quite different as shown in Fig. 4(a).

- 5) It is also observed from the curves in Fig. 4 that the experimental results match closely to the analytical results in case 3.

### V. CONCLUSION

Analytical formulas have been derived for the computation of  $d$ -axis and  $q$ -axis rotor current commands for a DFIG which give maximum extracted mechanical power and minimum generator loss. Both the DFIG model without core loss and with core loss have been investigated. Specific conclusions are as follows.

- 1) The proposed analytical approach is much more efficient than the exhaustive search method in a previous study since the desired rotor current commands  $I_{dr}$  and  $I_{qr}$  can be computed directly by using the derived analytical formulas. As a result, the analytical approach can be used to adjust the rotor current commands in real-time based on online measured generator speed.
- 2) Core loss component, which was usually neglected in previous studies, has been taken into account in the DFIG model in order to get more accurate rotor current commands.
- 3) For small wind turbine generators, core loss component has significant impacts on  $d$ -axis rotor current command  $I_{dr}$  and stator and rotor reactive powers  $Q_s$  and  $Q_r$ . However, it has only minor effects on  $q$ -axis rotor current command  $I_{qr}$  since the mechanical power  $P_m$  is related to  $I_{qr}$  by the expression [16]

$$P_m = \omega_r T_{em} = \omega_r \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{P}{2} \frac{L_m}{L_S} \lambda_{ds} I_{qr} \right).$$

Therefore, inclusion of core loss component in the derivation of rotor commands has only minor effect on total extracted power.

- 4) Rotor current commands and real and reactive powers are affected by stator resistance to a great extent, especially for small generators. It is, thus, desirable to include stator resistance in the DFIG model in order to get more accurate results.
- 5) The rotor current commands derived in this paper can only be applied to maximum output power tracking mode. When the wind velocity is high and the current commands exceed the rated values, the DFIG must be operated at the rated output power mode [20].

### APPENDIX A

Nameplate data of the DFIG:

Three-phase, 60-Hz, Y-connected, six poles;

Stator: 220 V/phase, 6.9 A;

Rotor: 70 V/phase, 6.9 A;

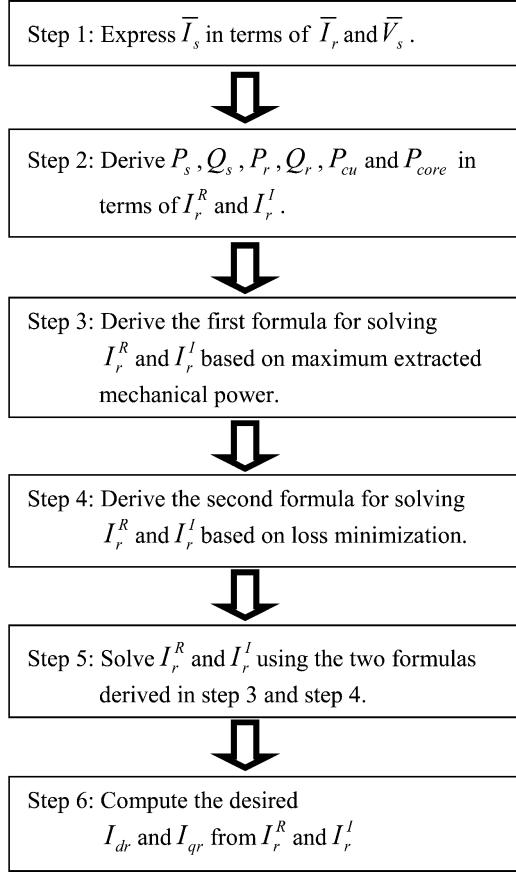
Machine parameters:  $V_s = 216$  V;  $R_s = 1.14$  Ω;  $R_r = 2.818$  Ω;  $X_{ls} = 2.21$  Ω;  $X_{lr} = 2.21$  Ω;  $X_m = 26.9$  Ω;

Turn ratio ( $N_s / N_r$ ) = 5.67:1;

( $R_r$ ,  $X_{lr}$ , and  $X_m$  are referred to the stator).

## APPENDIX B

The flowchart for the procedures to derive the derived rotor current  $\bar{I}_r$ .



## APPENDIX C

Detailed procedures for deriving the analytical formulas for the model without core loss are exactly the same as those for the model with core loss. Therefore, these procedures are omitted and only the results are presented.

Equations (5) and (6) are modified as

$$I_S^R = \frac{1}{A_1}(B_1 I_r^R - C_1 I_r^I + D_1) \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$I_S^I = \frac{1}{A_1}(C_1 I_r^R + B_1 I_r^I + E_1) \quad (\text{A2})$$

where

$$A_1 = R_S^2 + X_S^2$$

$$B_1 = X_m X_S$$

$$C_1 = R_S X_m$$

$$D_1 = -R_S V_S$$

$$E_1 = X_S V_S.$$

The stator powers in (7) and (8) are modified as

$$P_S = 3 \frac{V_S}{A_1} (B_1 I_r^R - C_1 I_r^I + D_1) \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$Q_S = 3 \frac{V_S}{A_1} (C_1 I_r^R + B_1 I_r^I + E_1). \quad (\text{A4})$$

The rotor powers in (11) and (12) are modified as

$$P_r = 3 \left\{ J_1 [(I_r^R)^2 + (I_r^I)^2] + \frac{B_1}{A_1} s V_S I_r^R + \frac{s}{A_1} I_1 I_r^R \right\} \quad (\text{A5})$$

where

$$J_1 = \frac{s}{A_1} F_1 + R_r.$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_r = 3 & \left[ \left( \frac{s}{A_1} F_1 + R_r \right) I_r^R \right. \\ & - \left( \frac{s}{A_1} G_1 + s X_{lr} \right) I_r^I + \frac{B_1}{A_1} s V_S \Big] I_r^I \\ & + 3 \left[ \left( \frac{s}{A_1} G_1 + s X_{lr} \right) I_r^R \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \frac{s}{A_1} F_1 + R_r \right) I_r^I + \frac{s}{A_1} I_1 \right] I_r^R \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A6})$$

where

$$F_1 = R_S X_m^2$$

$$G_1 = X_m (R_S^2 + X_S X_{ls})$$

$$H_1 = -V_S (R_S^2 + X_S X_{ls})$$

$$I_1 = C_1 V_S.$$

The copper loss in (13) is modified as

$$P_{cu} = \frac{3}{A_1} \{(F_1 + A_1 R_r)[(I_r^R)^2 + (I_r^I)^2] + 2 I_1 I_r^I + R_S V_S^2\}. \quad (\text{A7})$$

The first formula for solving  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  in (16) is modified as

$$\begin{aligned} P_m^* = K_{opt} \omega_r^3 &= P_S - P_r + P_{cu} \\ &= K_1 (I_r^R)^2 + K_1 (I_r^I)^2 + L_1 I_r^R + M_1 I_r^I \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A8})$$

where

$$K_1 = \frac{3}{A_1} F_1 (1 - s)$$

$$L_1 = \frac{3}{A_1} B_1 V_S (1 - s)$$

$$M_1 = \frac{3}{A_1} I_1 (1 - s).$$

The second formula for solving  $I_r^R$  and  $I_r^I$  in (20) is modified as

$$I_r^I = \frac{N_1 I_r^R - I_1 L_1}{P_1} \quad (\text{A9})$$

where

$$N_1 = M_1 (F_1 + A_1 R_r) - 2 I_1 K_1$$

$$P_1 = L_1 (F_1 + A_1 R_r).$$

Finally, the desired solution  $I_r^R$  can be computed using the following equation:

$$I_r^R = \frac{-R_1 \pm \sqrt{R_1^2 - 4Q_1 T_1}}{2Q_1}. \quad (\text{A10})$$

Then, the imaginary axis rotor current component  $I_r^I$  is computed using (A9) and the  $d$ -axis and  $q$ -axis rotor current components can be determined using (24) and (25).

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