



# New neural network and fuzzy logic controllers to monitor maximum power for wind energy conversion system



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## ABSTRACT

This work presents a new control strategy to ensure maximum power point tracking for a DFIG (doubly fed induction generator) based WECS (wind energy conversion system). The proposed strategy uses neural networks and fuzzy logic controllers to control the power transfer between the machine and the grid using the indirect vector control and reactive power control techniques. This transfer is ensured by controlling the rotor via two identical converters. The first converter is connected to the RSC (rotor side) and the second is connected to the GSC (grid side) via a filter. The DC (Direct Current) link voltage is controlled by a fuzzy controller. This control strategy is used to control the rotor side currents and to protect the generator by limiting the output current (or voltage).

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## 1. Introduction

In the area of wind power generation systems, where the wind speed varies considerably, VSG (variable speed generation) is more interesting than fixed speed systems [1,2]. In these systems, a MPPT (maximum power point tracking) adjusts a system quantity to maximize turbine power output [3,4]. The generator that operates at variable speeds is extremely attractive. So to exploit these advantages in wind power generation area, new control strategies should be designed, by taking into account all the parts of the system such as the grid, the structure complexity of the DFIG (doubly fed induction generator) with respect to the quality of the energy to be generated. In the absence of suitable control of the produced active and reactive powers many problems may appear when the generator is connected to the grid, such as, low power factor and harmonic pollution [4,5]. Several designs and arrangements have been investigated by using predictive functional and internal mode controllers, where satisfactory results in power response compared with those of the traditional methods, using a

conventional PI (Proportional Integral) controller. However, these new methods are hard to implement, due to their complicated structures [6,7].

Among control objectives of WECSs (wind energy conversion system) much work has been achieved in the control of variable speed TSR (Time Speed Ratio) and/pitch controlled wind turbines with the main goal to bring them to the optimum operating point for maximum power conversion [3,6,8]. Many control schemes has been proposed for this purpose [9–13].

Adaptive control [14,15], which is a promising approach since it provides controllers the ability of learning and auto-adjustment as systems and/or environment change [16,17]. This feature is particularly useful for DFIGs which are immersed in highly stochastic and varying winds [18,19]. Different adaptive control schemes were proposed for achieving maximum power capture in WECSs in Ref. [20], the authors proposed an adaptive fuzzy control of a PMSG-based wind turbine, which dealt successfully with the uncertainties in the turbine parameters, in Ref. [21] an adaptive control scheme using radial basis function was proposed, in both works, a sliding supervisory term is introduced, this last can be a source of chattering and complexity, another limitation of this approach is the boundedness assumptions made on the control gain, its derivative and on the structural error [20], and the dynamics field vector [21].

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### List of abbreviations

$\Omega_t$	Rotational speed of the turbine (m/s),
$C_t$	Turbine torque (N.m),
$\Omega_{mec}$	Mechanical speed of the turbine (m/s),
$C_{mec}$	Mechanical torque (N.m),
$C_{em}$	Electromagnetic torque (N.m),
$C_{aero}$	Aerodynamic torque (N.m),
$C_p(\lambda, \beta)$	power coefficient,
$B$	Orientation angle of the blades,
$\lambda$	Specific speed,
$V_{wind}$	Wind speed (m/s),
$R$	Ray of the blades (m),
$f$	Coefficient of friction (Ns/m),
$J$	Inertia (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> ),
$G$	Multiplier,
$\rho$	Air density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> ),

$V_{ds}, V_{qs}$	Stator voltage direct (V),
$I_{ds}, I_{qs}$	Stator current direct (A),
$V_{dr}, V_{qr}$	Rotor voltage direct (V),
$I_{dr}, I_{qr}$	Rotor current Quadrature (A),
$R_s, R_r$	Resistance of stator and rotor (Ohm),
$R_f$	Filter resistance (Ohm).
$V_g, I_g$	Voltage and current side network (V), (A),
$L_g$	Inductance side network (H),
$\varphi_{ds}, \varphi_{qs}$	Stator flow direct (Weber),
$\varphi_{dr}, \varphi_{qr}$	Rotor flow Quadrature (Weber),
$L_s, L_r$	Stator and rotor inductance (H),
$M$	Mutual inductance (H),
$\omega_s, \omega_r, \omega_{gli}$	Stator, rotor and slip angular speed (rd/s),
$P$	Number of the pair of the pole,
$P_s, Q_s$	Stator active and reactive power (Watt),
$P_r, Q_r$	Rotor active and reactive power (VAR),
$P_g, Q_g$	Active and reactive power side network (Watt), (VAR),

This paper is an alternative approach which has been proposed using optimized Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic controllers to control the active and reactive powers through the rotor circuit, these types of controllers have been used due to their characteristics and benefits, such as their robustness, easy to understand and design, *via* the introduction of human expertise ... etc [22–25].

The main objective of this work is to propose new neural network and adaptive fuzzy controller schemes for maximum wind power capture, applied to the doubly fed generator. The proposed schemes require controlling RSC (rotor side) and GSC (grid side). This paper is organized as follows. Section 1, briefly presents the model of the wind turbine, Section 2, presents a background of maximum power extraction objective. Section 3, presents modeling of asynchronous double feed Generator, the modeling of the indirect vector control power and the grid side converter, finalized by the DCLink voltages control. Section 5, outlines the proposed neural network and fuzzy logic controllers. Section 4, presents simulation results, Section 5 concludes the paper.

## 2. Wind turbine modeling

Fig. 1 represents the main parts of the studied WECS (wind energy conversion system).

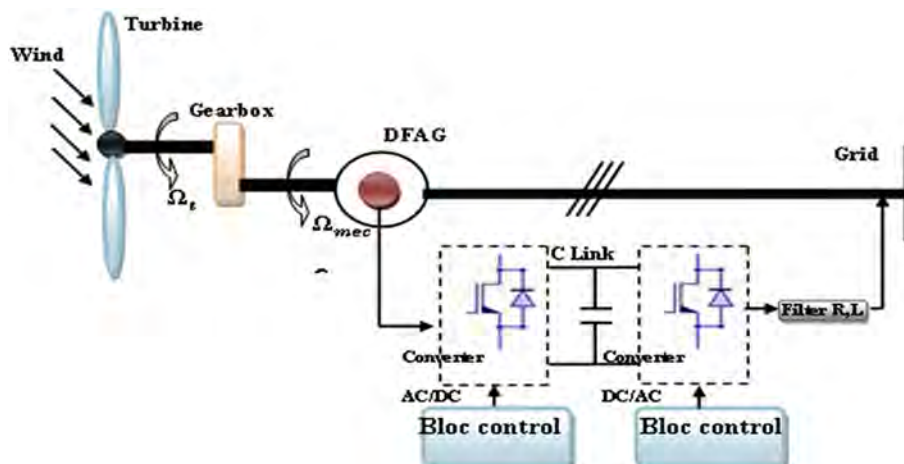


Fig. 1. The studied wind energy conversion system.

The extracted power is expressed by: [26]

$$P_{max} = \frac{1}{2} C_p(\lambda) \rho \pi R^2 V_{wind}^3 \quad (1)$$

$C_p(\lambda, \beta)$  is the power coefficient, expresses the aerodynamic efficiency of the turbine. With  $\beta$  is the pitch angle of the blades, so the ratio  $\lambda$  can be expressed as follows  $\lambda = \frac{\Omega_r R}{V}$ ;  $C_p$  for 7.5 kW wind is defined as:

$$C_p(\lambda, \beta) = C_1 \left( \frac{C_2}{\lambda_i} - C_3 \beta - C_4 \right) e^{\frac{C_5}{\lambda_i}} + C_6 \lambda \quad (2)$$

With:

$$C_1 = 0.5176, C_2 = 116, C_3 = 0.4, C_4 = 5, C_5 = 21, C_6 = 0.0068 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda + 0.008\beta} - \frac{0.035}{\beta^3 + 1}$$

The limit of Betz is defined by  $C_p = 0.48$  for a specific speed  $\lambda_{opt} = 8.1$  the WECS provides optimal power rating to determine the evolution of the mechanical speed from the total torque  $C_{mec}$

applied to the rotor of the DFAM (Double Fed Asynchrone Machine) we apply the fundamental equation of dynamics:

$$J \frac{d\Omega_{mec}}{dt} = C_{aero} - C_{mec} - f\Omega_{mec} \quad (4)$$

The previous equations used to establish the block diagram of the model of the turbine, Fig. 2.

### 3. Maximum power point tracking

The maximum power from wind energy, for  $\lambda_{opt} = 0.81, \beta = 0$  that gives  $C_p = 0.47$ , that allows adjusting the torque of the turbine, so as to set its speed to its reference is written by:  $\Omega_{tref} = \frac{\lambda_{opt} V_{wind}}{R}$ , it is very important to note that the turbine is to be used in the three zones of operation, Fig. 3. Zone I when the wind speed is less than a cut in speed, the turbine is stopped. Zone II, in this zone, the power is proportional to the cube of the wind speed. Zone III as from the rated speed, once the maximum speed reached it is dangerous to let the WECS turn [3–5] mechanical braking systems, often a disc brake are active to completely stop the turbine. To ensure maximum turbine efficiency and maintain the coefficient power at its maximum [8,9,17,23].

### 4. Modeling double feed induction generator DFIG

Electrical equations of DFIG can be written [26,27]:

$$\begin{cases} V_{ds} = R_s I_{ds} + \frac{d\varphi_{ds}}{dt} - \omega_s \varphi_{qs} \\ V_{qs} = R_s I_{qs} + \frac{d\varphi_{qs}}{dt} + \omega_s \varphi_{ds} \\ V_{dr} = R_r I_{dr} + \frac{d\varphi_{dr}}{dt} - \omega_{sli} \varphi_{qr} \\ V_{qr} = R_r I_{qr} + \frac{d\varphi_{qr}}{dt} + \omega_{gli} \varphi_{dr} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

With :  $\omega_{sli} = \omega_s - p\Omega_{mec}$  (6)

p: Number of the pole pairs,

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_{ds} = L_s I_{ds} + M I_{dr} \\ \varphi_{qs} = L_s I_{qs} + M I_{qr} \\ \varphi_{dr} = L_r I_{dr} + M I_{ds} \\ \varphi_{qr} = L_r I_{qr} + M I_{qs} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

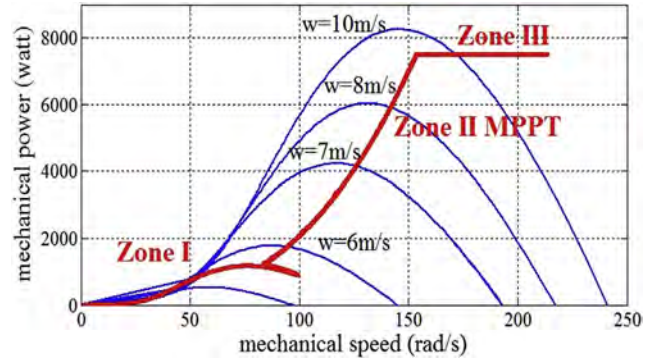


Fig. 3. Typical curve of the extracted power according to the wind speed.

$$C_{em} = \frac{3PM}{2} (\varphi_{ds} I_{qr} - \varphi_{qs} I_{dr}) \quad (8)$$

$C_{em}$ : Electromagnetic torque,

The active and reactive powers of the DFIG stator and rotor are written as:

$$\begin{cases} P_s = V_{ds} I_{ds} + V_{qs} I_{qs} \\ Q_s = V_{qs} I_{ds} - V_{ds} I_{qs} \\ P_r = V_{dr} I_{dr} + V_{qr} I_{qr} \\ Q_r = V_{qr} I_{dr} - V_{dr} I_{qr} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

#### 4.1. Indirect vector control of the DFIG power

Consider that the voltage and frequency are constant, from Equation (8), the electromagnetic torque is strongly coupled to the flows and currents, which makes the control of the DFIG very difficult. In order to simplify the task, the model is approximated to the DC machine, which has the advantage of having a natural coupling between flows and currents. For this, applying control vector; and choosing a two-phase dq (direct-quadrature) axis reference frame connected to the rotating field. Stator flux  $\varphi_s$  is oriented along the axis. Thus, it can be written as [27],

$$\varphi_{qs} = 0, \varphi_{ds} = \varphi_s \quad (10)$$

For medium and high power machine, the stator resistance can be neglected [11], hence:

$$\begin{cases} V_{ds} = 0 \\ V_{qs} = V_s = \omega_s \varphi_s \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

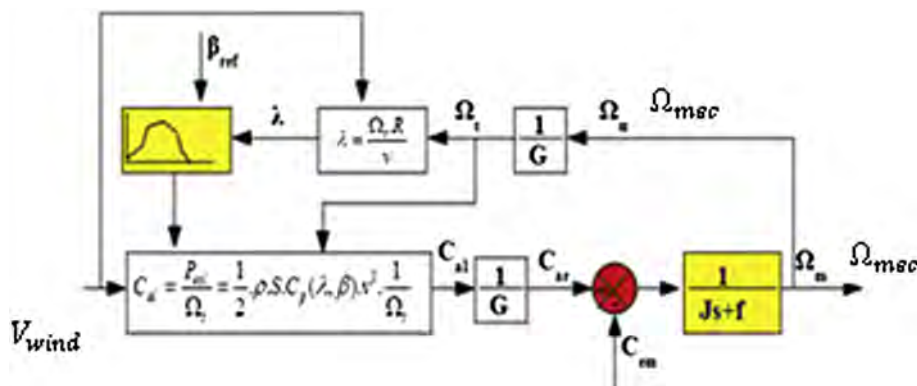


Fig. 2. Bloc diagram of the turbine.

$$\begin{cases} P_s = -V_s \frac{M}{L_s} I_{qr} \\ Q_s = V_s \frac{\phi_s}{L_s} - V_s \frac{M}{L_s} I_{dr} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{cases} P_r = g \frac{M V_s}{L_s} I_{qr} \\ Q_r = g \frac{M V_s}{L_s} I_{dr} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{cases} P_t = P_s + P_r = (g - 1) \frac{M V_s}{L_s} I_{qr} \\ Q_t = Q_s + Q_r = \frac{V_s^2}{\omega_s L_s} + (g - 1) \frac{M V_s}{L_s} I_{dr} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

According to Equation (8), the electromagnetic torque is described by the following equation [29]:

$$C_{em} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{P M}{L_s} \phi_{ds} I_{qr}, \text{ then, } I_{qref} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{L_s \omega_s}{P M V_s} C_{emref} \quad (15)$$

Following Equation (13), the reactive power of the stator can be controlled by a direct rotor current  $I_{dr}$  with the aim to have a unit stator side power factor, maintaining the stator reactive power zero, and the reference current becomes:

$$I_{drref} = \frac{V_s}{M \omega_s} \quad (16)$$

The rotor side converter control system is illustrated in Fig. 4.

#### 4.2. Modeling of the GSC (grid side converter)

The role of RL (Resistor–Inductor) filter is to keep the DLink voltage constant with a current and the power factor side network as unit. According to Fig. 5, the three-phase voltages can be expressed as follows [28,29]:

$$\begin{cases} V_{g1} = -R_f i_{g1} - L_g \frac{di_{g1}}{dt} + V_{s1} \\ V_{g2} = -R_f i_{g2} - L_g \frac{di_{g2}}{dt} + V_{s2} \\ V_{g3} = -R_f i_{g3} - L_g \frac{di_{g3}}{dt} + V_{s3} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

Using the park transformation, Equation (17) can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases} V_{gd} = -R_f i_{gd} - L_g \frac{di_{gd}}{dt} + L_g \omega_s i_{gq} \\ V_{gq} = -R_f i_{gq} - L_g \frac{di_{gq}}{dt} - L_g \omega_s i_{gd} + V_{qs} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

The coupling voltages are written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} e_{gd} = L_g \omega_s i_{gq} \\ e_{gq} = -L_g \omega_s i_{gd} + V_{qs} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

Thus the expressions of active and reactive power are expressed respectively by the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} P_g = V_{ds} i_{gd} + V_{qs} i_{gq} \\ Q_g = V_{qs} i_{gd} - V_{ds} i_{gq} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

According of previous hypotheses ( $V_{ds} = 0$ ), Equation (20) can be written as:

$$\begin{cases} P_g = V_s i_{gq} \\ Q_g = V_s i_{gd} \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Losses in the converter were considered as nonexistent i.e.:  $i_g = i_{red} = i_{gq}$  then the powers of DC link bus are defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} P_g = V_{dc} i_{gq} \\ P_c = V_{dc} i_c \\ P_{ond} = V_{dc} i_{ond} \\ P_g = P_{red} = P_c + P_{ond} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

The synoptic diagram of the grid side subsystem in the referential dq stator rotating field shows that currents control can be

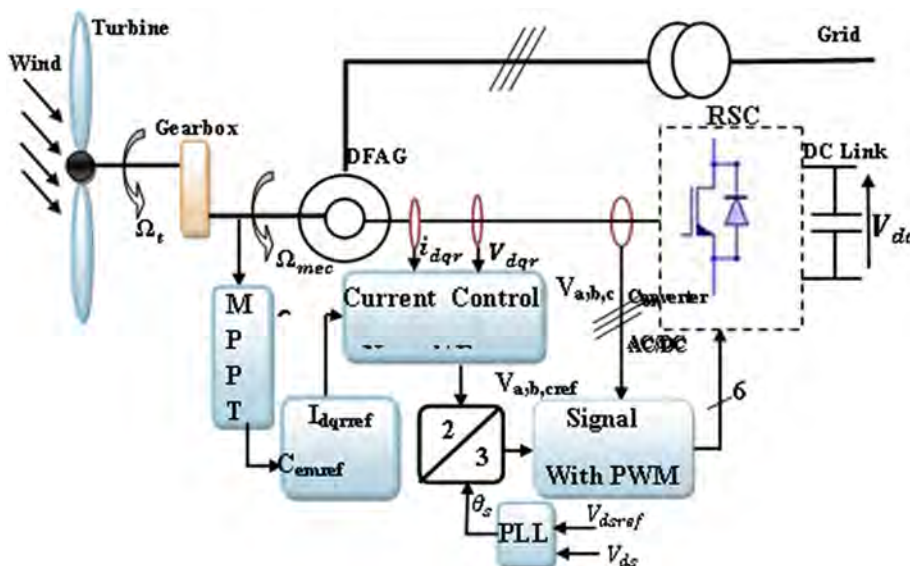


Fig. 4. Diagram control of the RSC.

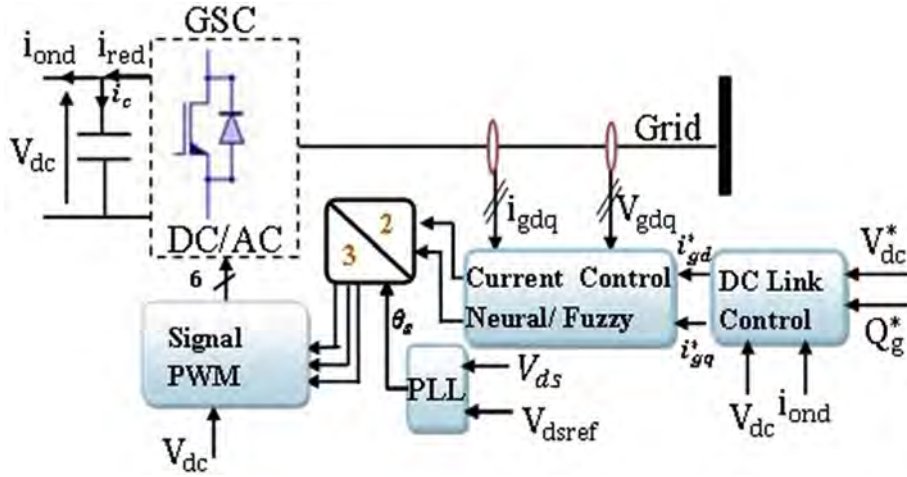


Fig. 5. Scheme of the grid side converter control.

established according to the given filter  $R_g, L_g$  [6,28]. Such, each axis can be controlled independently. The current control schema is given in Fig. 6; this control block includes the references currents direct and quadrature in input, the coupling block and the compensation term. The controllers used are types neural network and fuzzy logic. The direct current component is used to control the reactive power network side. The quadrature component, in turn, is used to adjust the DC link voltage. The block diagram in the grid side is [8,29].

#### 4.3. DC-link voltages control

Fig. 7 shows the block diagram of the DC link voltage control scheme. For maintaining a constant voltage [8,30] with a neural network and fuzzy controllers generating the reference current in the capacitor.

### 5. Neural network and fuzzy logic controllers

#### 5.1. Neural network controller design

The idea is to substitute the fuzzy controller (rotor side and grid side) by neural network regulator, for this, a graphic interface based on NNFTool (Neural Network Fitting Tool) in Matlab software tool is used for the learning, via Levenberg–Marquardt propagation algorithm. This step is a back propagation of the error of the output layer to the input layer. It can be done by modifying and adapting the weights of NN (Neural Network) to converge to the optimum values and constants (the learning coefficient must be 0.93 or

greater). The problem is to find a structure (number of hidden layers and number of neurons in each hidden layer), which gives better results. For this, purpose several tests to determine the optimal network architecture have been carried. The most efficient choice was to take a neural network structure in an input layer to a neuron, a single hidden layer with three neurons and an output layer neuron like it shows in Fig. 8. The activation used the sigmoid function [3,21].

$$X^{(1)}(k) = [w^{(1)}(k)]^T \cdot X(k) \tag{23}$$

$$O^{(1)}(k) = f^{(1)}(X^{(1)}(k)) \tag{24}$$

$$X^{(2)}(k) = [w^{(2)}(k)]^T O^{(1)}(k) \tag{25}$$

$$O^{(2)}(k) = f^{(2)}(X^{(2)}(k)) \tag{26}$$

$$Y(k) = O^{(2)}(k) \tag{27}$$

$X(k)$  is the input vector of dimension ( $m = 1$ ).  $W^{(1)}(k), W^{(2)}(k)$  are respectively the matrix of the weight in hidden layer and output layer size ( $m \times n = (1 \times 3)$  and ( $n \times p = (3 \times 1)$ ).  $X^{(1)}(k), O^{(1)}(k), X^{(2)}(k), O^{(2)}(k)$  are respectively the input and the output vectors of the hidden layer, the output layer size ( $n \times 1 = (3 \times 1)$  and ( $p \times 1 = (1 \times 1)$ ).

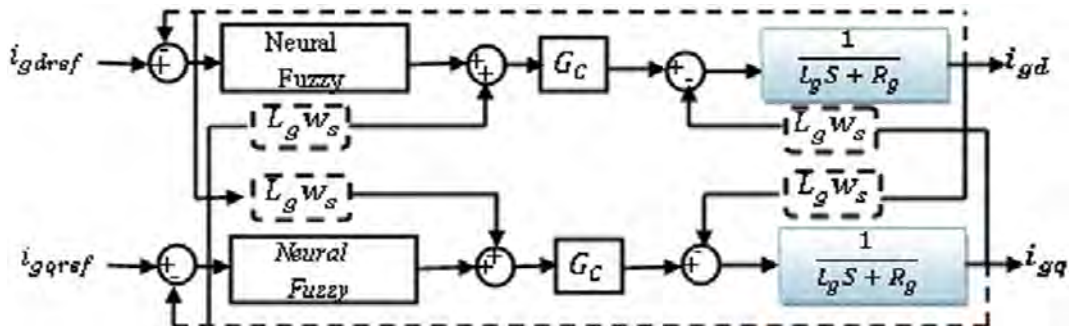


Fig. 6. Control loop of the currents filter.

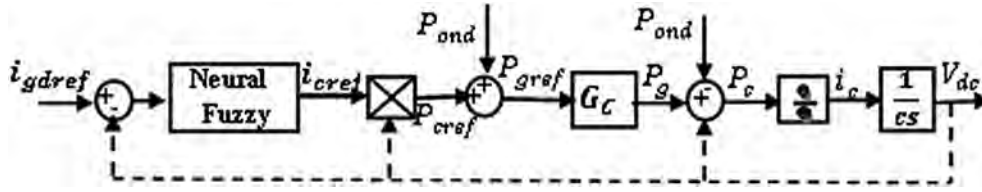


Fig. 7. Control loop of the DLink voltage.

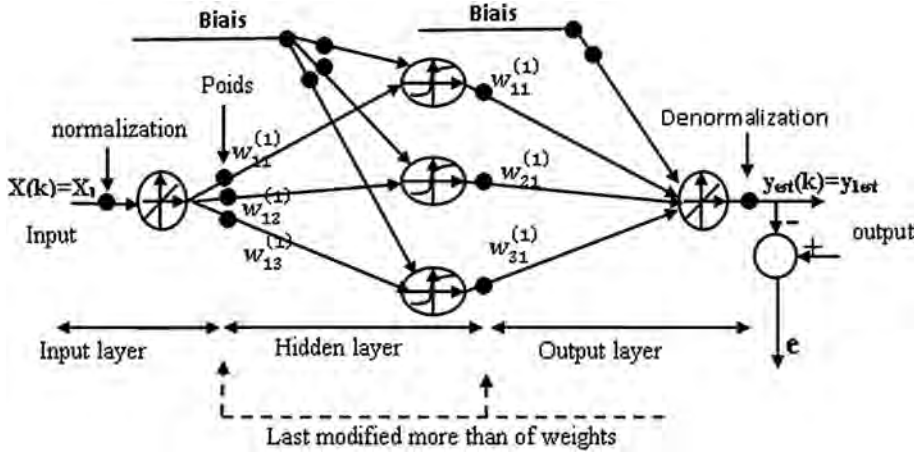


Fig. 8. Structure of neural networks with a single hidden layer.

$\Lambda^{(1)}(k)$   $\Lambda^{(2)}(k)$  are the back propagation error vectors of the hidden layer and the output size  $(n \times 1) = (3 \times 1)$  and  $(p \times 1) = (1 \times 1)$ .  $f^{(1)}(\cdot), f^{(2)}(\cdot)$  are respectively the activation functions of the hidden layer and the output layer (this latter is an identity function). From these equations, the output  $Y(k)$  can be calculated to show the neural network in the Fig. 8 as follows:

$$Y(k) = [w^{(2)}(k)]^T f^{(1)}([w^{(1)}(k)]^T X(k)) \quad (28)$$

The weights of the output layer are updated as follows:

$$\Delta w^{(2)}(k) = -\sigma O^{(1)}(k) (\Lambda^{(2)}(k))^T \quad (29)$$

With:

$$\Lambda^{(2)}(k) = Y(k) - Y_{est}(k)$$

The weights of the hidden layer are calculated as follows:

$$\Delta w^{(1)}(k) = -\sigma X(k) \cdot (\Lambda^{(1)}(k))^T \quad (30)$$

Hence:

$$X^{(1)}(k) = O_i^{(1)} \cdot (1 - O_i^{(k)}) \cdot \sum_{j=1}^p w_{ij}(k) \Lambda_j^{(2)}(k), i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (31)$$

5.2. Fuzzy logic controller design

The aim is to control the DFIG and grid power. The developed controller uses the scheme proposed by Mamdani [32], Fig. 9.

The major problem encountered during the synthesis of the fuzzy controller is the choice of adaptation parameters that plays an important role in assuring the best performance [19,20,23,33]. So,

parameters are varied until it can be a transient phenomenon proper setting [31]. The selected triangular membership functions are presented on Fig. 10. Such, (a) error for input, (b) error variation, and (c) function for output and Table 1 which presents the Decision rules.

6. Simulation results of both fuzzy logic and neuron network controllers

Mathematical model are implemented under MATLAB/Simulink, by using variable wind profile (Fig. 11) applied to the DFIG for a period of 15 s, in order to have an active power reference. Reference power reactive is maintained zero (i.e. maintain a unity power factor stator side).

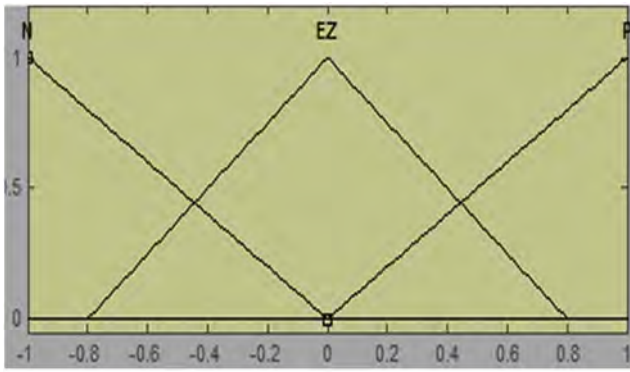
6.1. Results interpretation

Figures above shows the performance of neural network-fuzzy logic controllers and vector control in stator active and reactive power applied to the DFIG based WECS. The mechanical speed of the rotor follows the evolution of wind speed which varies between 100rd/s et 200rd/s which corresponds to the variation of wind between 6.5 m/s and 13.7 m/s respectively.

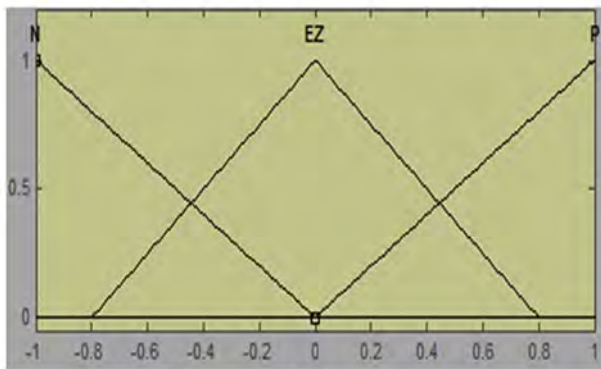
The reference magnitudes for the active and reactive power are attended by DFIG by using fuzzy logic and neural network controllers in Figs. 12 and 13 respectively. The active power is negative,



Fig. 9. Structure of a fuzzy logic controller. Ge, dGe and Gu are the adaptation parameters of fuzzy controller.

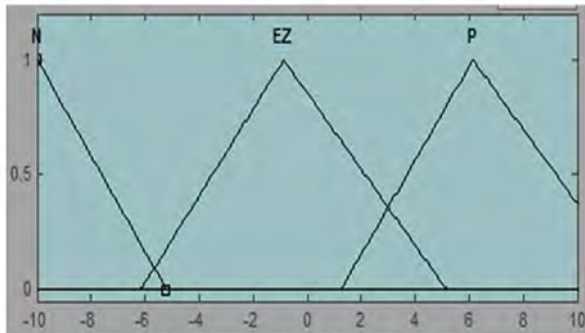


(a)



(b)

(a) Error of input (b) Error variation



(c) Function for output

Fig. 10. Memberships functions of a fuzzy logic controller.

which means that the DFIG operates as generators. However, the stator reactive power is set to zero in order to have a factor power as unit; this is observed on the shape of the stator current which is in phase opposition with the voltage (see Figs 14–19). This shows that the active power of the generator is sent to the network.

Figs. 20 and 21 represent the regulation of the DC bus voltage around a  $V_{dc} = 620$  V which is the reference. It presents some

Table 1  
Decision rules.

U	e			
	N	EZ	P	
de/dt	N	N	P	P
	EZ	N	P	P
	P	N	P	P

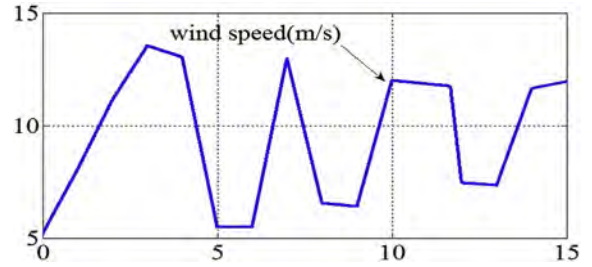


Fig. 11. Wind speed profile applied to the wind turbine.

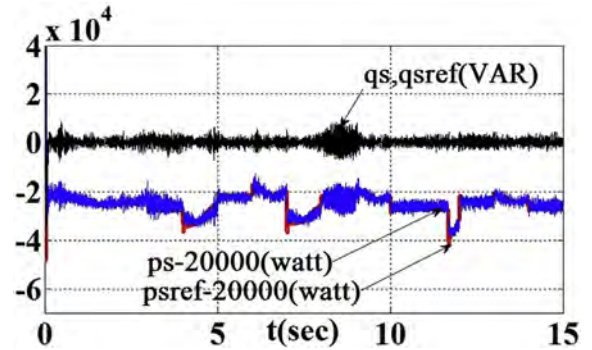


Fig. 12. Active and reactive power of DFIG by using fuzzy logic controller.

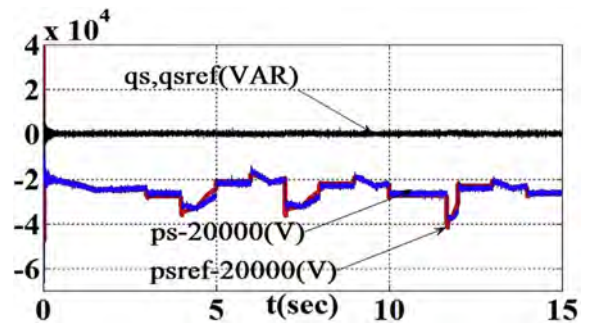


Fig. 13. Active and reactive power of DFIG by using of neural network controller.

disturbances, this is due to the fact that the DC link voltage rises or falls with an increase or decrease of the exploitation of the electric power.

In order to regulate the  $V_{dc}$  voltage, the inverter intervenes by injecting the surplus of power to the grid and vice versa, to discharge/charge the capacitor until ( $V_{dc} = V_{dc\_ref}$ ), at same time,

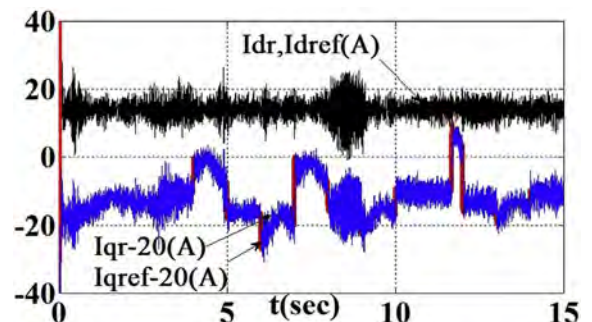


Fig. 14. Direct and quadrature currents by using fuzzy logic controller.

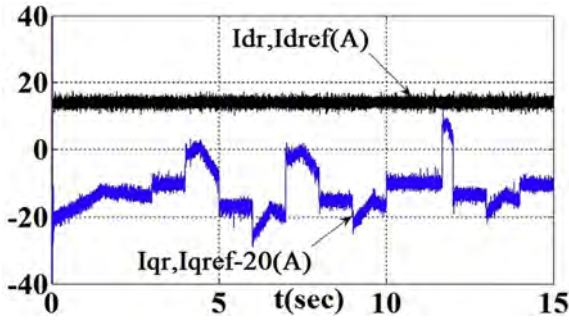


Fig. 15. Direct and quadrature currents by using neural network controller.

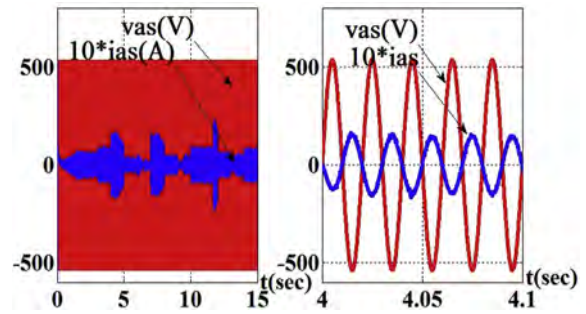


Fig. 19. Grid voltage and the phase stator currents by using neural network controller.

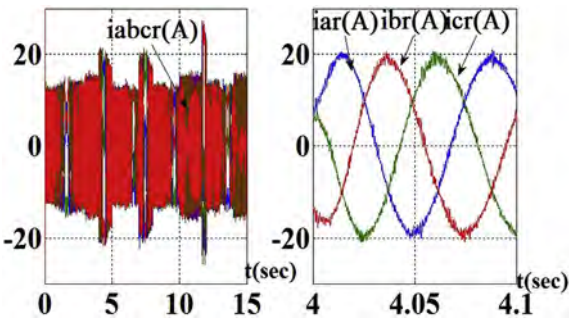


Fig. 16. Phase rotor currents by using fuzzy logic controller.

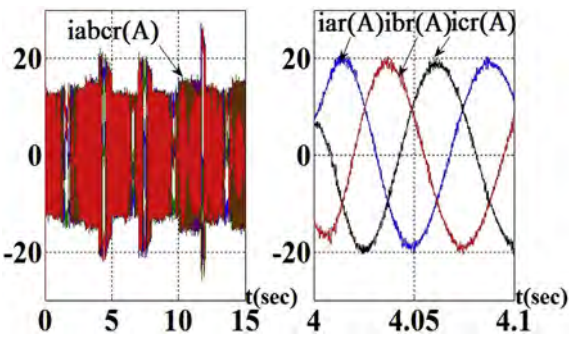


Fig. 17. Phase rotor currents by using neural network controller.

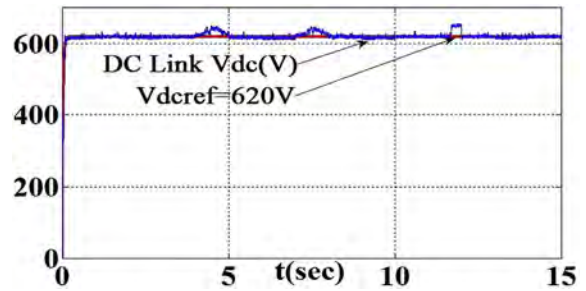


Fig. 20. DCLink voltage by using fuzzy logic controller.

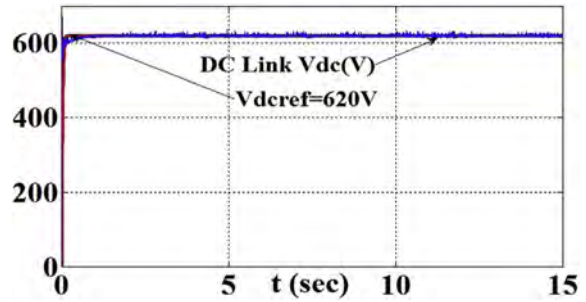


Fig. 21. DCLink voltage by using neural network controller.

the inverter assures transfer of the exploited power to the grid (the active and reactive power are injected to the grid) see Figs. 22–27.

From the simulation results, it can be concluded that the response time obtained by the Neuron controller is considerably reduced, the peak values are exceeded and limited compared to those of the fuzzy logic controller (see Figs. 28 and 29).

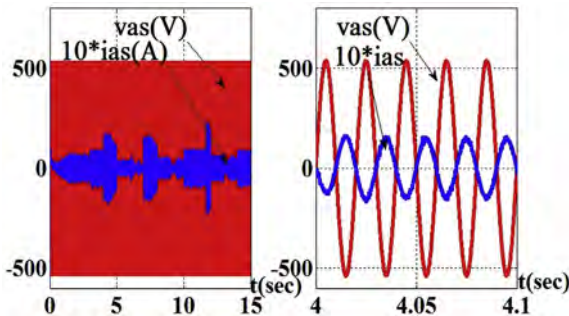


Fig. 18. Grid voltage and the phase stator currents by using fuzzy logic controller.

### 7. Conclusions

The main contribution of this work is the introduction of new control technique using neural networks and fuzzy logic controllers applied to grid connected DFIG based WECS. For this, the vector

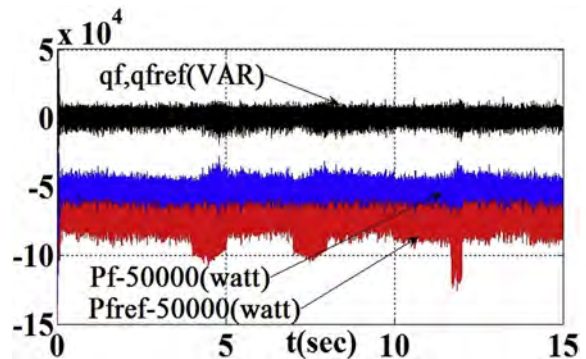


Fig. 22. Active and reactive power of the grid side converter by using fuzzy logic controller.



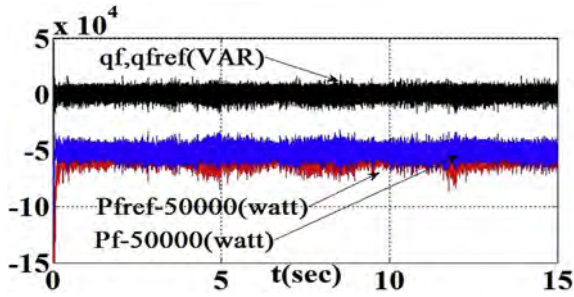


Fig. 23. Active and reactive power of the grid side converter by using neural network controller.

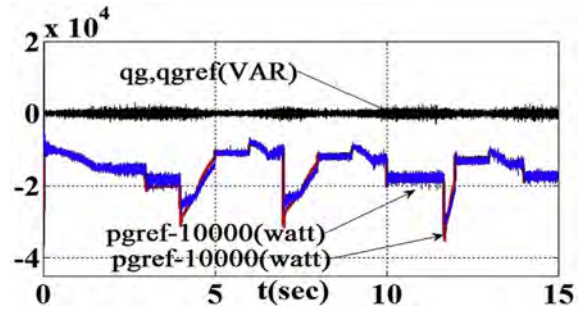


Fig. 27. Active and reactive power of the grid by using neural network controller.

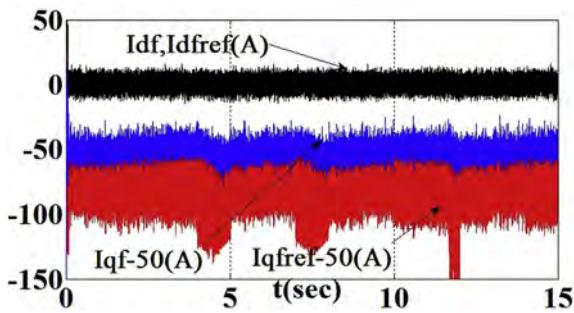


Fig. 24. Direct current and quadrature of the rotor side converter by using fuzzy logic controller.

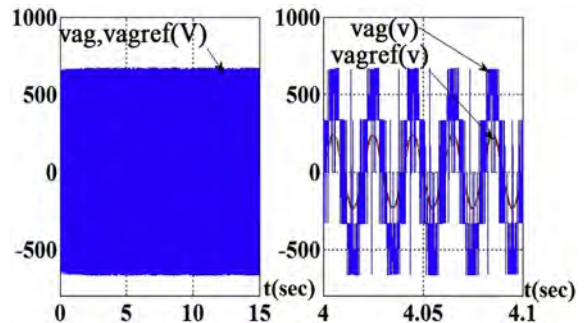


Fig. 28. Output voltage of the grid side converter by using fuzzy logic controller.

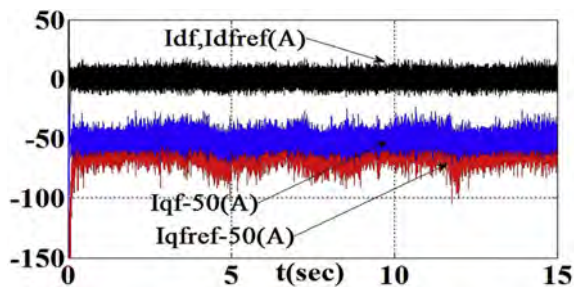


Fig. 25. Direct current and quadrature of the grid side converter by using neural network controller.

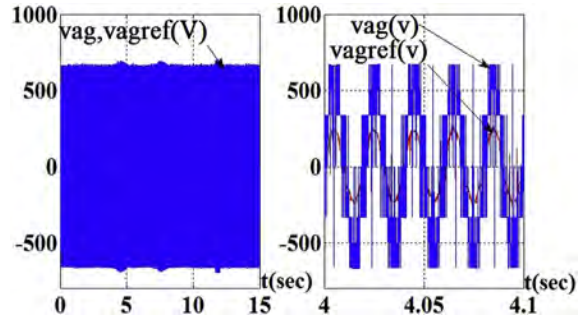


Fig. 29. Output voltage of the grid side converter by using neural network controller.

control is established via an electronic converter and a PWM (Pulse-Width Modulation) based switching. This electric combination allows the WECS control strategy for the maximum power point extraction application using a fuzzy control of the speed variation. Afterward, the extracted electrical power is injected to the grid via a three-phase voltage inverter, and the DC link voltage

is regulated. The analysis of the obtained results shows clearly an acceptable degree of effective regulation by the proposed controllers. It can be seen that after a change in wind speed, the measured powers follow the change of the reference. These results demonstrated that the proposed structure based on optimized neural network and fuzzy logic controllers may consider as an interesting solution in the wind energy conversion systems using a DFIG wind turbine.

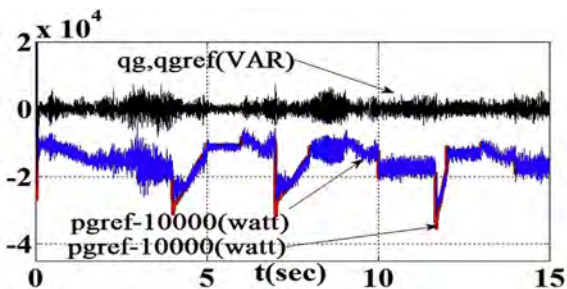


Fig. 26. Active and reactive power of the grid by using fuzzy logic controller.

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