Power Quality Solutions for Voltage dip compensation at Wind Farms

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Introduction



Installed wind capacity in Spain

Sources:

Global Wind Energy Council. "Global Wind Energy Markets Continue To Boom – 2006 Another Record Year." 2007.

- Plan for the promotion of renewable energy (1999) in Spain
 - •Goal of meeting 12% of the total energy supply and 29% of electricity with renewable by 2010.
- The strongest growth in renewable energy comes from the wind sector, which is already at 70% of the Plan's goal for installed capacity of 13,000 MW by 2010.
 - In 2004, the Spanish government raised the renewable energy target to 20 GW by 2010.

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Basic Technologies

- Fixed speed
 - Induction generator with capacitor bank
 - Induction generator (two-generator principle) two pole pairs
 - Induction generator rotor resistance control
- Variable Speed
 - Doubly-fed induction generator DFIG (wounded rotor)
 - •Full power converter:
 - Squirrel cage induction generator -full power converter
 - •Synchronous generator- external magnetized
 - •Synchronous generator Permanent magnet

Power Quality from wind turbines



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Voltage dips at wind farms

Spanish Regulations established in 1985 require that all wind turbines automatically trip off-line if the grid voltage drops below 85% of the required voltage.



Simulation PSS/E fixed-speed wind farm

Risks Stability Problems!!

Grid code requirements



• In October 2006, Spain adopted a grid code that requires a windfarm to stay connected to the system for voltage dips (on any or all phases) above the heavy black line.

Reactive power capability



voltage stability by utilizing **reactive** power **injection** capability of variable speed **wind turbines**.

Wind Power requirements

- The capacity to meet these requirements depends on the wind turbine technology
 - Variable speed wind turbines using synchronous generators with a power electronic converter connected to the grid can provide this facility with minimum modifications.
 - Fixed-speed induction generators require additional equipment at the PCC.
 - DFIG VARIATIONS:

DFIG+ Crowbar

DFIG+ Crowbar and stator switch



D-STATCOM



- •Based on Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)
- •Operating range is wider than a classic SVC
- •Control functions is based on the adjustment of voltage through power electronics
- •The capability of the STATCOM to operate at low voltage allows it to contribute to the low voltage ride through requirement

Case Study: DVR AT PCC

- DVR control structure includes:
 - Voltage dip detection.
 - reference generation and compensation strategy.
- DC voltage control
- IGBT power converter control



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Simulation results (I)

• Wind turbine performance under three-phase fault conditions with DVR.





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Simulation results (II)

• Wind turbine performance under single-phase to ground fault with DVR.





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CASE STUDY: STATCOM AT PCC



Main STATCOM Control Blocks

Objective of the simulation

- To keep wind farm stable and wait for failure recovery and voltage restoration when faults occurs at distribution network.
- A solid state circuit breaker (SSCB) opens in case of fault at the PCC and closes once in normal situation.

Simulation results: STATCOM at PCC



Magnitude and phase voltage at PCC and wind farm during the dip



Rotor speed evolution during the dip



Active and reactive power supplied by the STATCOM

Conclusions

| Harmonics | -Active filters | -Good |
|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Flicker | -D-STATCOM -DVR -UPQC | -Good -Not used -Good |
| Voltage dips and short interruptions | -D-STATCOM -DVR -UPQC | -Limited by the capacitor -Good -Good |
| Voltage fluctuation | -D-STATCOM -DVR -UPQC | -Low -Good -Good |
| Voltage Unbalance | -D-STATCOM -DVR -UPQC | -Difficult control -Good -Good |

Conclusions

 Custom Power Systems (D-STATCOM, DVR) helps wind turbines to withstand voltage drops without disconnection.

-Reliability, stability and quality of supply.



Thank you!

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