

Study on Dynamic Characteristics of Wind Farm with Different Wind Turbine Types

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Abstract. With more penetration of wind energy from onshore and offshore wind farms, wind generation will thus be exerting more influences on the original power system. The main purpose of this paper is to study two commonly adopted offshore wind turbine types, namely the doubly-fed induction generator and the full converter wind turbine. These two types of wind turbines are to be set as the offshore wind farm generating machines to compare their performances in the system. Transient responses of the two kinds of wind turbines under three-phase fault are analyzed to verify their ride-through capabilities. Results show that, that the wind farm with the doubly-fed induction generator has a better performance than full converter wind turbine during and after fault, and full converter wind turbine is capable of providing more reactive power as compared to the doubly-fed induction generator.

Introduction

Wind energy as an alternative to fossil fuels, renewable, widely distributed, clean, produces no greenhouse gas emissions during operation. The effects on the environment are far less problematic than those of fossil fuels [1]. The latest technological advancements in wind energy conversion and the increased support from government and private institutions have led to increased wind turbine generator in recent years [2]. With more generation from the onshore and offshore wind farms and thus increase in proportion from wind farms in the total system generation, the wind turbines exert more influences on the system and the regulation of parallel operation for the wind turbines has been becoming more and more stringent [3]. One of these influences is the analysis and advances of grid rules or technical code requirements regarding the improvement of dynamic support to the grid, and ride-through capabilities of wind turbines [4]. Therefore, the interaction with the power grid has become a major issue for wind turbines. In this paper, the doubly-fed induction generators and the full converter wind turbines have been adopted respectively in the offshore wind farm to compare their performances on the wind power integrated system.

Wind Turbines

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Modeling and Validation Working Group recently initiated an effort to develop and validate a series of generic dynamic models for wind turbine generators (WTG) [5]. Wind turbine generators have been classified into four basic types: (a) Type A: Squirrel Cage Induction Generator (b) Type B: Wound Rotor Induction Generator (c) Type C: Doubly-Fed Induction Generator (DFIG) (d) Type D: Full-converter Generator [6] [7].

Type C: The DFIG is common variable speed topology which utilizes wound-rotor induction machines with an AC/DC/AC converter between the stator and rotor terminals, is shown in Figure 1. The AC/DC/AC converter is divided into two parts, rotor side and grid side. The rotor is fed by the rotor side power converter and the grid side power converter is used to generate or absorb power in order to keep the DC link voltage constant. The generator stator winding is directly coupled to the

response of wind farm with type C terminal voltage, active power, and the reactive power, respectively. It is found from Figure 4 and Figure 5 that because the offshore wind farm with type D wind turbines are isolated from the grid by the power converter, the type D wind turbines are more severe than type C in term of level of voltage drop and swell during and after fault. Figure 6 shows the simulation results for the active power and reactive power of different type of wind turbine. It can be observed that the type D wind turbine provides more reactive power compared with type C wind turbine during a grid fault. The type D wind turbines restore the out power to normal state more quickly.

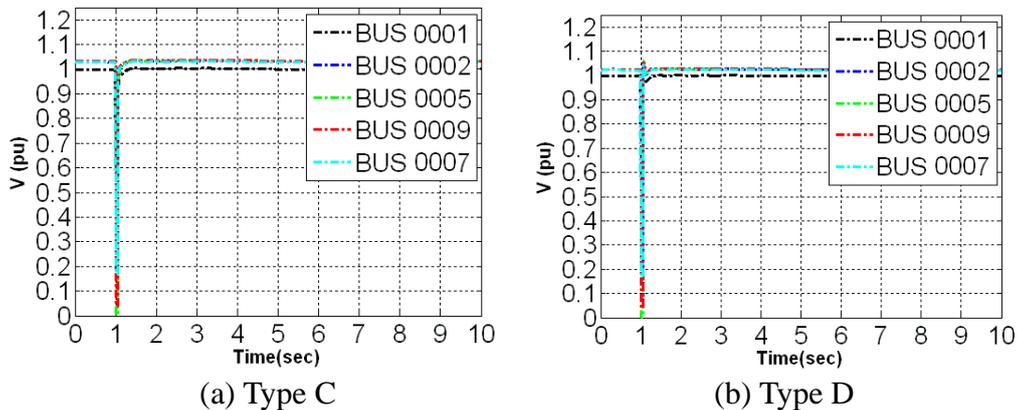


Fig. 4. Voltage responses of wind farm with different type

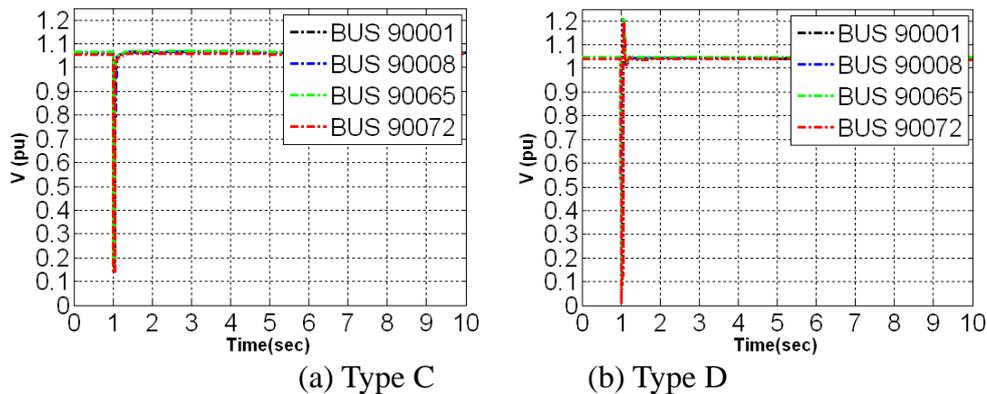


Fig. 5. Terminal voltage of wind farm with different type

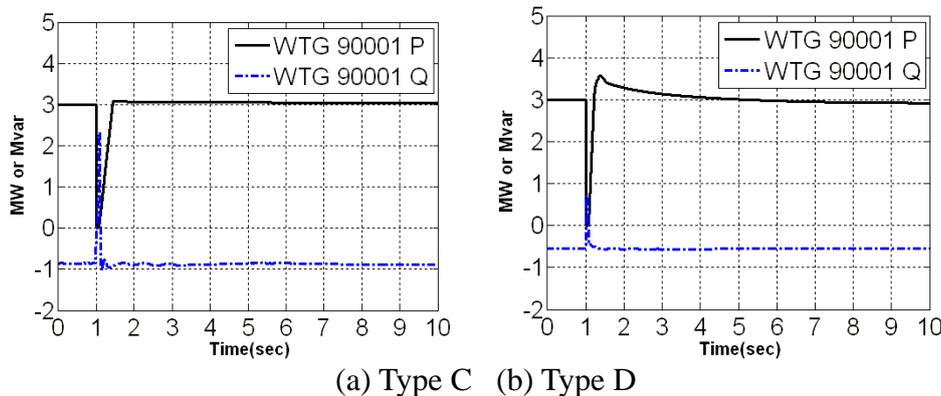


Fig. 6. Active power and reactive power of different type of wind turbine

Summary

The main purpose of this paper is to study the doubly-fed induction generator (type C) and the full converter wind turbine (type D) have been adopted in the offshore wind farm to compare their performances on the wind power integrated system. The demonstrated results show that for the study system with wind farms, that the type C wind turbine has a better voltage dynamics performance than

type D wind turbine during and after fault. The type C and type D wind turbines are equipped with power converters, but type D wind turbine can provide reactive power more than type C wind turbine, so that the full converter wind turbine can return to a steady state within a shorter time.

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