



## Real-Time Implementation of a Novel Vector Control Strategy for a Self-Excited Asynchronous Generator Driven by a Wind Turbine

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### ABSTRACT

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This paper proposes a novel idea to governing wind power conversion plants supplying DC loads characterizing an isolated site based on self-excited squirrel-cage induction generators (IG). In this wind power converting application, the induction generator produces an active power from the mechanical power provided by a wind-turbine to variable DC loads through a static converter with an output capacitor under constant voltage levels. For this reason, A specific vector control technique has been developed for controlling the induction machine in an analogous manner with a separated DC machine case. Thus, in order to satisfy the active power demand characterizing a variable DC load at a given rotor mechanical speed, the corresponding control laws are performed in steady-state conditions from a new control variable introduction defined by the ratio of the desired output DC-bus voltage square value and the rotor velocity. Computer simulations validated by experimental results demonstrate that the projected control approach including just one conventional controller ensures excellent tracking performances of the DC-bus voltage to its reference trajectory under simultaneous variations of the load-power demand and the rotor velocity profiles.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Due to its numerous profits, such as the reduced cost, brushless rotor structure, roughness, and simplicity of maintenance, the autonomous induction generator which is also known as the self-excited generator is widely used in wind power converting requests [1]. The main difficulty encountered with the use of this kind of generator is to ensure the output stator voltages regulation simultaneously in magnitude and frequency with respect to the load changes and fluctuations in rotor speed [2, 3].

The stator voltages build-up process of an induction generator magnetized by a three-phase capacitor is similar to the one of the DC paralleled generator. Nevertheless, the corresponding procedure is conditioned by some additional factors such as the initial core residual flux value, the capacitor bank value, and the rotor speed level [4, 5]. Recently, a single capacitor linked to the stator windings via a controlled three-phase static converter is more suggested to insure the machine magnetization in a fast way with respect to the conventional case using three-phase capacitors [3-7].

The terminal DC-bus voltage regulation is generally achieved in a similar way with the motoring mode by realizing a decoupled control of the torque and the rotor flux quantities. The basic idea resides in the use of two paralleled PI control loops; the first loop serves to regulate the rotor flux magnitude, provides the reference corresponding to the direct stator current component where the second loop's task is to control

the DC bus voltage and gives the set value relative to the quadratic stator current component. Various forms of this conventional control strategy were amply discussed by Mishra et al. [3, 8-12]. A similar solution based on the stator flux oriented control has been proposed by Seyoum et al. [13]. The adopted approaches use only hysteresis controllers and constitute an interesting solution for the DC-bus regulation [14-17]. Nevertheless, the rotor flux magnitude suffers from big fluctuations under transient conditions. More consistent regulation procedures based on the vector control strategy including the main core saturation effects are presented by Hua et al. [18-20]; better results could be obtained but supplementary non-linear computations relative to the control structure requirements are required. Recent control algorithms based on the combination of the vector control strategy with some advanced linearizing control techniques or meta-heuristic algorithms are presented by Nemmour et al. [21-23]. However, all these solutions are associated with an inherent high computational burden.

The scope of this paper is to show that a reduced version of the popular vector control strategy performed in steady-state conditions and requiring only one controller properly tuned constitutes an interesting tool to realize the terminal voltage regulation of variable speed induction generator driven by a wind turbine and supplying a DC Load. Control performances are verified by assuming a simultaneous variation of the DC load, and the mechanical speed values.

## 2. INDUCTION MACHINE MATHEMATICAL MODELLING

### 2.1 Induction generator mathematical model

In a reference frame rotating at a given angular speed  $\omega_a$ , a three-phase induction machine is entirely described by the following mathematical model [24, 25]:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{V}_s = R_s \bar{I}_s + j\omega_a \bar{\phi}_s \\ \bar{V}_r = R_r \bar{I}_r + \dot{\bar{\phi}}_r - j(\omega_a - \omega) \bar{\phi}_r \\ \frac{J}{pM} \dot{\omega} = \text{Imag}(\bar{I}_r \times \bar{I}_s) - \frac{B}{p} \omega - \tau_L \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where,  $\bar{V}_s$ ,  $\bar{V}_r$ ,  $\bar{I}_s$ ,  $\bar{I}_r$ ,  $\bar{\phi}_s$ ,  $\bar{\phi}_r$  are voltage, current and flux vectors of the stator and rotor,  $J$  is a moment of inertia,  $\omega$  is the rotor velocity and  $\tau_L$  is the load torque value.

In the  $(d-q)$  coordinate system, rotating at the synchronous velocity  $\omega_s$ , Eq. (1) could be formulated by a set of differential equations described in terms of the stator currents and rotor flux components in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{sd} &= R_s i_{sd} + \frac{d\varphi_{sd}}{dt} - \omega_a \varphi_{sq} \\ v_{sq} &= R_s i_{sq} + \frac{d\varphi_{sq}}{dt} + \omega_a \varphi_{sd} \\ v_{rd} &= R_r i_{rd} + \frac{d\varphi_{rd}}{dt} - (\omega_a - \omega) \varphi_{rq} \\ v_{rq} &= R_r i_{rq} + \frac{d\varphi_{rq}}{dt} + (\omega_a - \omega) \varphi_{rd} \\ C_{em} &= \frac{pM}{L_r} (i_{sq} \varphi_{rd} - i_{sd} \varphi_{rq}) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

In the case where the direct axis of the previous reference frame is aligned with the rotor flux vector, the quadrature rotor flux component  $\varphi_{rq}$  will be equal to zero. Under these conditions, the above differential equations system describing an induction machine could be explicitly rewritten as [24, 25]:

$$v_{sq} = R_s i_{sq} + \sigma L_s \frac{di_{sq}}{dt} + \omega_s \sigma L_s i_{sd} + \omega_s \frac{M}{L_r} \varphi_{rd} \quad (3)$$

$$\omega_s = \omega + \frac{M}{\tau_r \varphi_{rd}} i_{sq} \quad (4)$$

$$C_{em} = \frac{pM}{L_r} i_{sq} \varphi_{rd} \quad (5)$$

$$\varphi_{rd} = \frac{M}{1 + T_r s} i_{sd} \quad (6)$$

Eq. (6) shows that the direct rotor flux  $\varphi_{rd}$  component is related to the direct rotor current component  $i_{sd}$  according to a first-order system with a response time value equal to the rotor time constant  $T_r$ . For a given control input  $\varphi_{rd}^*$ , the steady-state value of the direct stator current  $i_{sd}^*$  will be equal to:

$$i_{sd}^* = \frac{\varphi_{rd}^*}{M} \quad (7)$$

Under these conditions, replacing Eq. (4) and Eq. (7) in Eq. (3) yields:

$$U_{sq} = v_{sq} - \varphi_0 \omega = R_{eq} i_{sq} + L_{eq} \frac{di_{sq}}{dt} \quad (8)$$

where,  $R_{eq} = R_s + \frac{L_s}{\tau_r}$ ,  $L_{eq} = \sigma L_s$  and  $\varphi_0 = \frac{L_s}{M} \varphi_{rd}^*$ .

By examining Eq. (8), it is clear that it constitutes an analog form of an independent DC machine's armature voltage equation.

The Laplace form of Eq. (8) is given by:

$$i_{sq}(s) = \frac{1}{R_{eq} + L_{eq}s} U_{sq}(s) \quad (9)$$

By considering Eq. (9), the electromagnetic torque  $C_{em}$  given by Eq. (5) could be expressed by the following formula:

$$C_{em}(s) = \frac{pM\varphi_{rd}}{L_r} \frac{1}{R_{eq} + L_{eq}s} U_{sq}(s) \quad (10)$$

Taking into account that the electromagnetic torque  $C_{em}$  of an induction machine has also another expression in terms of the stator active power  $P_s$  and the rotor electrical speed  $\omega$  given by:

$$C_{em} = p \frac{P_s}{\omega} \quad (11)$$

where,  $p$  represents the induction machine's pairs of poles number.

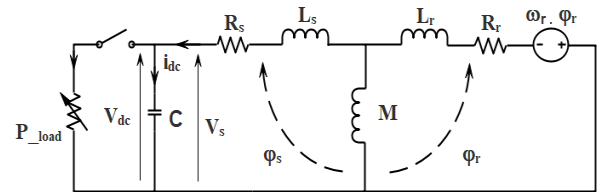
Finally, from Eq. (10) and Eq. (11), a first-order transfer function relationship between the stator active power  $P_s$  and the new quadrature voltage component  $U_{sq}$  could be obtained as:

$$P_s(s) = \frac{M\varphi_{rd}}{L_r} \frac{1}{R_{eq} + L_{eq}s} \omega(s) U_{sq}(s) \quad (12)$$

Eq. (12) indicates that for a given rotor speed, the stator active power  $P_s$  could be controlled by the introduced voltage quantity  $U_{sq}$  through a simple PI controller.

### 2.2 Induction generator-DC bus association mathematical model formulation

According to the described wind-power conversion structure, which consists essentially of a squirrel induction generator driven by a wind turbine as a prime mover, a variable DC load is supplied from the stator windings through a static converter with an output capacitor. Figure 1 demonstrates the corresponding per-phase conversion layout.



**Figure 1.** The per-phase wind-power conversion scheme base on a self-excited induction generator and a static converter association

Under the assumption that power losses relative to the converter semi-conductors switching are not considered, the

active power  $P_{load}$  imposed by the load on the inverter DC-bus side represents the difference between the active power  $P_s$  generated at the stator and the DC-bus power  $P_{dc}$  [8, 14, 21]:

$$P_{load} = P_s - P_{dc} \quad (13)$$

If  $C$  denotes the value of the capacitor on the DC side of the static converter, then the resulting power capacitor  $P_{dc}$  is expressed by:

$$P_{dc} = V_{dc}i_{dc} = V_{dc}C\dot{V}_{dc} \quad (14)$$

According to Eq. (14), the corresponding Laplace's representation is:

$$P_{dc}(s) = CsV_{dc}^2(s) \quad (15)$$

This yields to:

$$CsV_{dc}^2(s) = P_s(s) - P_{load}(s) \quad (16)$$

According to the linear control theory, the closed control loop of the  $V_{dc}^2$  quantity has the stator active power  $P_s(s)$  as a control input when the power  $P_{load}$  is considered as a disturbance. At no-load operating conditions defined by  $P_{load} = 0$ , the combination of Eq. (12) and Eq. (16) yields to:

$$Cs \frac{V_{dc}^2(s)}{\omega(s)} = \frac{M\varphi_{rd}}{L_r} \frac{1}{R_{eq} + L_{eq}s} U_{sq}(s) \quad (17)$$

By adopting the quantity  $Y(s) = \frac{V_{dc}^2(s)}{\omega(s)}$  as a new variable which represents the square value of the capacitor voltage and the electrical rotor speed ratio, Eq. (17) could be represented by the following compact form:

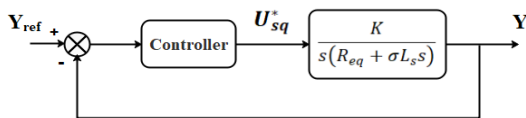
$$Y(s) = \frac{K}{s(R_{eq} + L_{eq}s)} U_{sq}(s) \quad (18)$$

with  $K = \frac{M\varphi_{rd}}{CL_r}$ .

### 3. DC-BUS VOLTAGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

#### 3.1 DC-bus voltage closed-loop controller design

From Eq. (18), it is clearly seen that the new variable  $Y(s)$  which is related to the output DC-bus voltage  $V_{dc}$  is explicitly governed by the  $U_{sq}(s)$  quantity. Figure 2 shows the corresponding closed-loop control.



**Figure 2.** The new variable  $Y(s)$  closed-loop control

By considering the introduced output control quantity, the regulation's error is:

$$e_Y(s) = Y_{ref}(s) - Y(s) \quad (19)$$

The differentiation of Eq. (19) gives:

$$se_Y(s) = sY_{ref}(s) - sY(s) \quad (20)$$

The substitution of the variable  $Y(s)$ , which is given by Eq. (18) in Eq. (20) gives:

$$se_Y(s) = sY_{ref}(s) - \frac{K}{R_{eq} + L_{eq}s} U_{sq}^*(s) \quad (21)$$

For practical considerations, where  $L_{eq}$  could be neglected with respect to the  $R_{eq}$  value, Eq. (18) will be reduced to:

$$Y(s) = \frac{K}{R_{eq}} U_{sq}(s) \quad (22)$$

Due to this potential simplification, Eq. (22) becomes:

$$se_Y(s) = sY_{ref}(s) - \frac{K}{R_{eq}} U_{sq}^*(s) \quad (23)$$

Since the output variable  $Y(s)$  which is governed by the control quantity  $U_{sq}(s)$  according to a first-order transfer function defined by Eq. (18), then a simple PI controller characterized by proportional and integration actions conditioned  $K_{p_Y}$  and  $K_{i_Y}$  gains respectively will be sufficient to ensure the proposed regulation task. In this case, the error equation given by Eq. (20) will take the following dynamical form:

$$se_Y(s) = -K_{p_Y} e_Y(s) - \frac{K_{i_Y}}{s} e_Y(s) \quad (24)$$

The multiplication of the two sides of Eq. (24) by the Laplace operator  $s$  gives:

$$s^2 e_Y(s) = -K_{p_Y} s e_Y(s) - K_{i_Y} e_Y(s) \quad (25)$$

Eq. (25) could be rearranged in the following form:

$$s^2 e_Y(s) + K_{p_Y} s e_Y(s) + K_{i_Y} e_Y(s) = 0 \quad (26)$$

Finally, Eq. (26) is factorized as:

$$e_Y(s) (s^2 + K_{p_Y} s + K_{i_Y}) = 0 \quad (27)$$

The PI parameters gains  $K_{p_Y}$  and  $K_{i_Y}$  could be easily determined using the conventional pole placement technique.

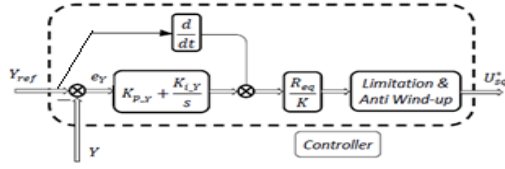
Finally, the control reference quantity  $U_{sq}^*$  that is performed by the  $Y(s)$  controller is computed according to Eq. (23) as:

$$U_{sq}^*(s) = \frac{R_{eq}}{K} \left[ \dot{Y}_{ref}(s) + K_{p_Y} e_Y(s) + \frac{K_{i_Y}}{s} e_Y(s) \right] \quad (28)$$

Figure 3 describes the internal controller structure relative to the Eq. (28).

Finally, Eq. (8) shows that the stator voltage component  $v_{sq}^*$  could be obtained from the controller output quantity  $U_{sq}^*$  as:

$$v_{sq}^*(k) = U_{sq}^*(k) - \frac{L_s}{M} \varphi_{rd} \omega(k) \quad (29)$$



**Figure 3.** DC-bus voltage regulation scheme relative to the introduced variable  $Y(s)$

### 3.2 Quadrature stator current component estimator model

For the proposed induction generator control scheme, the stator current component  $i_{sq}$  is needed to determine the instantaneous rotor flux angular speed according to Eq. (4). Generally, a physical sensor current performs the acquisition of this current component. However, the use of this additional measuring device could be avoided by performing a dynamical estimator formulation where the  $i_{sq}$  component is directly estimated from the control quantity  $U_{sq}$ . So, the corresponding estimation procedure could be easily synthesized according to Eq. (9) in the following way:

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_{sq}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_{eq}} (U_{sq} - R_{eq}\hat{i}_{sq}) \quad (30)$$

The corresponding recursive derivation of Eq. (30) is computed at each instant  $k$  by:

$$\hat{i}_{sq}(k+1) = \hat{i}_{sq}(k) + \frac{T_s}{L_{eq}} (U_{sq}^*(k) - R_{eq}\hat{i}_{sq}(k)) \quad (31)$$

where  $T_s$  denotes the used sampling time step value.

## 4. SIMULATION RESULTS AND EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION

The described procedure relative to the proposed induction generator control is verified firstly by simulation using Matlab-Simulink software concerning a laboratory induction machine with four poles, 1.5k W, 380 V, 50 Hz (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Induction generator parameters Values

Parameter description	Values
Rated power $P_{rated}$ [kW]	1.5
Rated voltage $U_{rated}$ [V]	380
Rated frequency $f$ [Hz]	50
pole-pairs numbers	2
Stator resistance $R_s$ [ $\Omega$ ]	4.700
Stator inductance $L_s$ [H]	0.395
Rotor resistance $R_r$ [ $\Omega$ ]	0.500
Rotor inductance $L_r$ [H]	0.023
Mutual inductance $L_m$ [H]	0.089
Capacitor value $C$ [ $\mu$ F]	2200

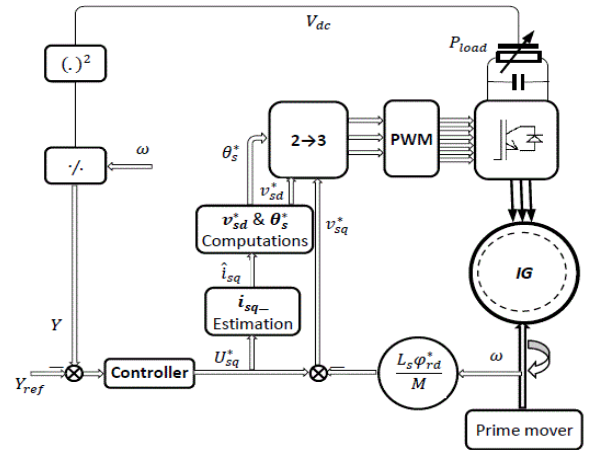
The terminal DC-bus voltage control task has been achieved via the introduced output-variable  $Y(s)$  regulation using the controller structure developed in section 3.1. The corresponding closed-loop control illustrated in Figure 2 considers the simultaneous step changing in  $Y_{ref}(s)$  profile and sudden load application on the DC converter side. The induction generator used in this power conversion process is

entrained with an auxiliary prime mover and working at a fixed rotor flux magnitude according to the proposed vector control strategy.

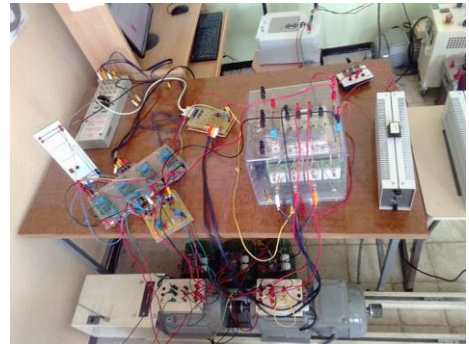
To verify experimentally the proposed control idea feasibility, a practical test-bench based on a signal processor control Dspace-DS1104 board has been realized. The three-phase stator windings terminals are connected to the output capacitor through a three-phase voltage source Semikron inverter where the PWM duty-cycles are computed by the Dspace board. For performing the introduced variable  $Y$  computation, A LV 100–500 voltage sensor and an incremental encoder of 1024 pulses per revolution are used to measure the DC-bus voltage and the rotor velocity respectively. The corresponding sampling time required for these signals acquisition is chosen equal to 0.1 ms.

The basic power conversion control structure and the corresponding experimental setup test bench are shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5 respectively.

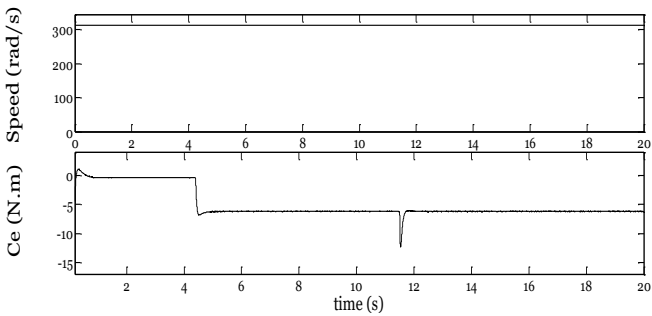
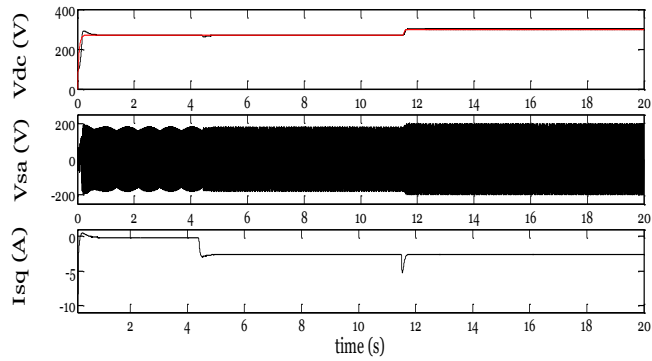
For objectivity considerations, both simulation and experimental results relative to the proposed DC-bus voltage regulation approach were performed under the same conditions. The transient response of a sudden load power application  $P_{load} = 800$  W at  $t = 4$  s followed up by a step-change in the controlled variable  $Y$  set value that corresponds to a similar step-changing in the DC-bus voltage from 250 V to 300 V introduced at  $t = 12$  s are presented in Figure 6a (simulation results) and Figure 6b (experimental results). The proposed control method based on the sizing controller procedure allows a perfect rejection of the considered load-power application and rapid DC-bus voltage response performances.



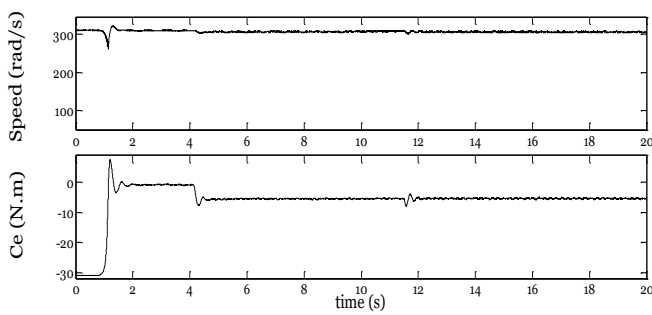
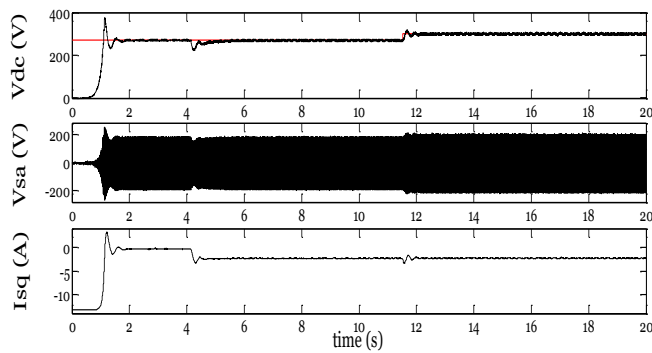
**Figure 4.** The proposed DC-bus voltage regulation structure via the introduced variable  $Y$  control



**Figure 5.** The experimental test bench details

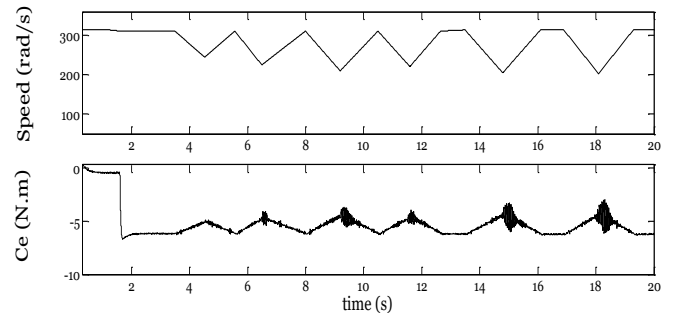
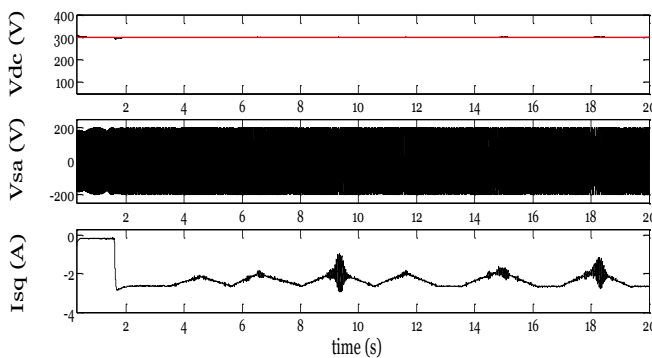


(a) Simulation results

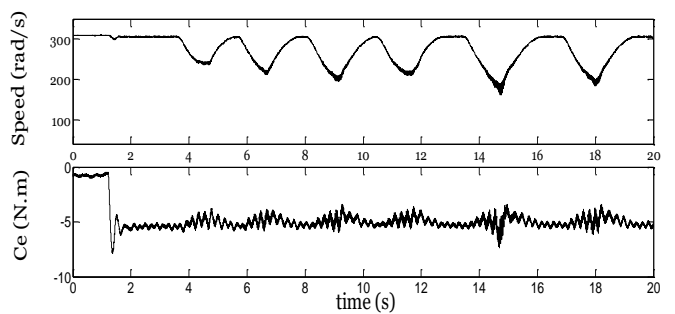
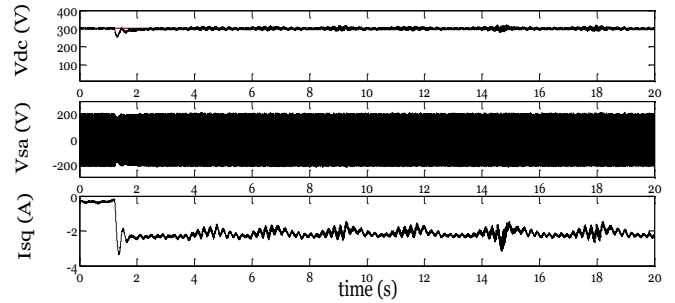


(b) Experiment results

**Figure 6.** Performances of IG control employing the implemented control model



(a) Simulation results



(b) Experiment results

**Figure 7.** IG control responses under a variable rotor speed profile

To reproduce the practical situation where the generator shaft is entrained by a wind turbine, a variable speed profile of the DC motor is considered. Consequently, Figure 7a and Figure 7b demonstrate that the tracking performances of the proposed IG system control remain insensitive to the imposed rotor speed fluctuations.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this work, an efficient control algorithm exclusively adapted for an isolated induction generator working under the vector control conditions is presented. According to the changing variable intentionally introduced, the resulting control approach allows high tracking DC-bus voltage performances using only one controller. Simulation results confirmed by experiment validation tests show the proposed control technique utility for practical working situations of wind power conversion plants. The proposed system conversion control could be easily extended for large wind power generation scales.

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## NOMENCLATURE

$B$	Viscous coefficient of friction [Nm/rad/s]	$M$	mutual inductance [H]
$C$	Capacitance [ $\mu$ F]	$p$	number of pole pairs
$C_{em}$	Electromagnetic torque [Nm]	$P_{dc}$	DC-bus active power [W]
$\bar{I}_s$	stator current space vector [A]	$P_{load}$	Load active power [W]
$\bar{I}_r$	rotor current space vector [A]	$P_s$	Stator power [W]
$i_{rd}, i_{rq}$	$d$ - $q$ rotor currents components [A]	$R_r$	rotor resistance [ $\Omega$ ]
$i_{sd}, i_{sq}$	$d$ - $q$ stator currents components [A]	$R_s$	stator resistance [ $\Omega$ ]
$\hat{i}_{sq}$	q stator current component estimated value [A]	$T_r$	Rotor time constant [s]
$K_{p_Y}, K_{i_Y}$	PI controller parameters gains	$T_s$	sampling time [s]
$L_r$	rotor inductance [H]	$V_{dc}$	DC bus voltage [V]
$L_s$	stator inductance [H]	$\bar{V}_r$	rotor voltage space vector [V]
		$v_{rd}, v_{rq}$	$d$ - $q$ rotor voltages components [V]
		$\bar{V}_s$	stator voltage space vector [V]
		$v_{sd}, v_{sq}$	$d$ - $q$ stator voltages components [V]
		$\sigma$	total leakage coefficient
		$\theta_s$	Stator pulsation [rad]
		$\varphi_{rd}, \varphi_{rq}$	$d$ - $q$ rotor flux components [wb]
		$\Omega$	mechanical speed [rad/s]
		$\omega$	Angular rotor speed [rad/s]
		$\omega_a$	Arbitrary Angular speed [rad/s]
		$\omega_s$	Stator pulsation [rad/s]