A Novel fuzzy Control Strategy for Maximum Power Point Tracking of Wind Energy Conversion System

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Abstract- This paper presents a novel fuzzy control strategy for maximum power tracking of Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) using a Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator (PMSG) supplying a DC load through a AC/DC converter. The proposed fuzzy controller allows to extract the maximum power from the wind turbine which leads to an optimal operation of the WECS. First, the dynamics behaviour of the (WECS) is represented by a Takagi Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy model. Then, a reference model-based tracking controller is proposed to achieve a maximum power point tracking even when we consider varying wind speed profile. The controller gains are calculated by solving Linear Matrix Inequalities (LMIs). Finally, simulation results are presented to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

Keywords T-S fuzzy model, Wind conversion system, Linear Matrix Inequality.

1. Introduction

Renewable energies, derived from the sun, the wind or the sea, have long been considered as alternative sources to the energy problems of our civilization, offering the advantage of being unlimited and non-polluting, but not always available at low prices. Currently, several solutions are proposed to reduce this cost, such as the use of advanced control laws, which allow to improve significantly the performance of the wind turbine operating at variable speed. The implemented control algorithms aim to optimize the energy captured by the wind turbine, and then to increase the global efficiency of the Wind Energy Conversion System [1].

The operation of the wind turbine is divided into several distinct zones, which depends on on the speed of the wind acting on its rotor: for low speeds, the main objective is to maximize the energy generated by the turbine, the power is proportional to the cube of the wind speed while for high wind speeds, the electrical power produced must be limited and regulated to the rated generator power [2]. The wind energy produced by the turbine depends strongly on the wind speed profile. The control system continuously adjusts the rotor speed function of the wind speed level, thanks to the use of AC/DC converter which allows to operate at the maximum power zone. Thus, the problem of wind turbine control is converted as multiobjective tracking control of a multivariable system, nonlinear and strongly dependent on a stochastic input represented by the wind speed.

To solve these problems, many strategies have been proposed, among them, we can quote the use of PI controllers with a fixed gains [3], or controllers designed from the fuzzy logic approach [4, 5, 6]. Other optimal control law has been developed from a linearized model over different operation zone, such as the LQG control [7, 8, 9] or the robust control which minimizing a $H_\infty$ criterion [10, 11, 12].

Currently, TS approach is considered as a very useful tool for modeling non-linear systems, being based on the decomposition of the dynamic behavior of the system into several operating zones, each characterized by a sub-model of reduced complexity [13, 14, 15, 16, 17]. In this context, several works have been proposed to solve the problem of maximum power point tracking control applied to the wind turbine system [18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23].

In this paper, we present a reference Model-Based Tracking Control of (WECS) to improve energy conversion and reduce the disturbance effect due to rapidly-changing of wind speed by using an $H_\infty$ performance. This controller is designed by using a collection of linear local models blended together with weighting functions. For each model defined around an operation zone, an optimal controller minimizing a...
The fuzzy controller applied to the system is then obtained by interpolation of each local controller. The proposed fuzzy control law assures:

- a fast convergence speed of the wind turbine power to the maximum power point (MPP).
- a smoother response in steady state without oscillation around the MPP.
- achieve disturbance/uncertainty attenuation

2. Modeling of wind system components

Figure 1 shows the structure of the wind energy conversion chain. It's composed of a fixed-pitch turbine coupled to a PMSG generator via a gearbox that transmit the mechanical power from the rotor side, running at low speeds to the generator side, running at higher speeds. The meaning of each sub-model is described in detail in the following sections.

\[ P_t = \frac{1}{2} C_p(\alpha, \beta) \rho R^3 V_w^3 \]  
\[ \lambda_t = \left( \frac{1}{\rho \beta - 0.02} - 0.003 \beta + 1 \right)^{-1} \]  
\[ \lambda = \frac{\omega_r R}{V_w} \]

Figure 2 shows the power coefficient curve characteristic related to the tip speed ratio.

Clearly, there is an optimal speed ratio which provides a maximum power coefficient and then ensure an optimum operation of the (WECS).

\[ T_r = K_{opt} \omega_m^2 \]  
\[ K_{opt} = 0.5 \pi \rho C_{p,m} R^2 \left( \lambda_{opt} \right)^3 \]  
\[ i_d = C \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} + \frac{u_{dc}}{R} \]  
\[ P_r = i_d u_{dc} \]
In addition, using the (d-q) reference frame, the electrical power delivered over the terminal of the PMSG is obtained from the terminal (d-q) currents and voltages as follows:

$$P_e = \frac{3}{2} \left( u_{sd}i_{sd} + u_{sq}i_{sq} \right)$$

(8)

Where \((i_{sd}, i_{sq})\) and \((u_{sd}, u_{sq})\) are the (d-q) stator currents and voltages in the (d-q) reference frame respectively. However, if we assume that the AC/DC converter is ideal and there’s no switching loss power, a nonlinear differential equation for the DC link voltage can be obtained as:

$$\frac{du_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} \left( u_{sd}i_{sd} + u_{sq}i_{sq} \right) - \frac{u_{dc}}{R_c}$$

(9)

On the other hand, the dynamic model of the PMSG is stated as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt}i_{sd} = -\left( \frac{R_s}{L_s} \right) i_{sd} + n_p \omega_n i_{rq} + \frac{1}{L_d} u_{sd}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}i_{sq} = -\left( \frac{R_s}{L_s} \right) i_{sq} - n_p \omega_n i_{sd} - \frac{1}{L_d} u_{sq}$$

(10)

$$\frac{d}{dt}\omega_n = \frac{1}{J} \left( K_{em} \omega_n^3 - \frac{3}{2} n_p i_{sq} \omega_f \right)$$

where \(J\) is the total moment inertia (wind turbine and generator), \(R_s\) is the stator resistance, \(L_d\) is the stator inductance in the direct axis, \(n_p\) is the number of poles, \(\omega_f\) is the fixed flux linked by the stator windings and \(T_e\) is the electromagnetic torque given as follows:

$$T_e = \frac{3}{2} n_p (i_{sq} \omega_f)$$

(11)

Thus, if we take into account the dynamics of the DC link, the global model of the PMSG generator connected to the DC load is given by:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) + g(x(t))u(t)$$

(12)

Where

$$f(x(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{R_s}{L_s} i_{sd} + n_p \omega_n i_{rq} \\ \frac{R_s}{L_s} i_{sq} - n_p \omega_n i_{sd} \end{bmatrix}, \quad g(x(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we can rewrite the nonlinear terms as:

$$z_i(t) = F_{i_{min}}(t)z_{i_{min}} + F_{i_{max}}(t)z_{i_{max}}$$

(15)

where

$$F_{i_{min}}(t) = \frac{z_i(t) - z_{i_{min}}}{z_{i_{max}} - z_{i_{min}}}$$

$$F_{i_{max}}(t) = \frac{z_{i_{max}} - z_i(t)}{z_{i_{max}} - z_{i_{min}}}$$

(16)
3.2. Uncertain T-S model representation

Robust control design is based on an uncertainty description of the wind energy conversion system. This last, is subject to a parametric variations that can degrade its tracking performance. Hence, uncertain terms are added to the WECS dynamic model which affects the stator resistance $R_s$ and the inertia moment $J$ as follows:

$$\begin{align*}
\Delta R_s &= R_s - R_s^\circ, \\
\Delta J &= J - J^\circ,
\end{align*}$$

with $R_s^\circ$ and $J^\circ$ are the nominal value with $\Delta R_s = R_s^\circ \delta R_s(t)$ and $\Delta J = J^\circ \delta J(t)$ where $\delta R_s(t)$ and $\delta J(t)$ are random functions. So, the uncertain T-S WECS model can be rewritten:

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{s} h_i(z(t)) \left( (A_i + \Delta A_i)x(t) + (B_i + \Delta B_i)u(t) \right)$$

The global fuzzy system is the weighted sum of the submodel given as:

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{s} h_i(z(t)) \left( (A_i x(t) + B_i u(t)) \right)$$

### 3.3. MPP reference model

In this part, we design a reference model that can specify the trajectory of the maximum power point (MPP). The considered model takes into account the optimal turbine speed calculated in real time from the wind speed, in order to subsequently provide the reference control law corresponding to the optimal operation. Therefore, it is necessary to orient the permanent flux in quadrature with the stator current generating the torque. This allows to an independent control between the flux and the electromagnetic torque.

Once the optimal rotor speed $\omega_{\text{opt}} = \frac{V_w}{L_d} \frac{J}{R}$ is calculated

$$\begin{align*}
\omega_{\text{opt}} &= 0 \\
i_{\text{opt}} &= \left( \frac{2K_i}{3n_p} \right) \omega_{\text{opt}}^2
\end{align*}$$

In this context, and based on the nonlinear model (12), the reference model to be designed is defined by the following equation:

$$\dot{x}_r(t) = A_r x_r(t) + B_r u_r(t)$$

Where

$$\begin{align*}
A_r &= \begin{bmatrix}
-\frac{R_s}{L_d} + \frac{K_i}{L_d} & n_p \omega_{\text{opt}} & 0 & 0 \\
-\frac{n_p \omega_{\text{opt}}}{L_d} & -\frac{R_s}{L_d} & -\frac{n_p \omega_{\text{opt}}}{L_d} & 0 \\
0 & -\frac{3n_p \omega_{\text{opt}}}{2J} & \frac{K_i}{J} \omega_{\text{opt}} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{RC}
\end{bmatrix}, \\
B_r &= \begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1}{L_d} \\
0 \\
0 \\
3 \frac{i_{\text{opt}}}{2C} \left( \frac{1}{u_{\text{opt}}} \right)
\end{bmatrix}.
\end{align*}$$

The reference model (24) is also nonlinear via the premise variable $z_1 = \omega_{\text{opt}}$, $z_2 = \frac{i_{\text{opt}}}{u_{\text{opt}}}$ and $z_3 = \frac{i_{\text{opt}}}{u_{\text{opt}}}$. It can be
described by the following rules

If $(z_{i1}(t) = F_{i1})$ and $(z_{i2}(t) = F_{i2})$ and $(z_{i3}(t) = F_{i3})$

then $\dot{x}_i(t) = A_i x_i(t) + B_i u_i(t), i = 1, 2, \ldots, 8$  \hspace{1cm} (26)

The global TS fuzzy reference model is inferred as:

$$\dot{x}_r(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{8} h_i(z(t))(A_i x_i(t) + B_i u_i(t))$$ \hspace{1cm} (27)

### 3.4. Fuzzy controller design

The optimal operating condition of the WECS is achieved when the tracking error $e_i(t) = (x(t) - x_i(t))$ converges to zero for all wind speed variations and uncertainly which affect the wind turbine parameters. Hence, the trajectory tracking problem is converted to a fuzzy state feedback control for which the proposed control law is given by [13, 14]:

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{8} h_j(z(t))K_j(x(t) - x_i(t))$$ \hspace{1cm} (28)

Thus, taking into account the control law (28), the tracking dynamics is defined as:

$$\dot{e}_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{8} h_j(z(t))h_j(z(t))\left( \left( A_i + \Delta A_i \right) + \left( B_i + \Delta B_i \right) K_j \right) e_i(t)$$

(29)

The dynamic errors equations (29) and the reference model equation (27) allow to an augmented state-space form as follows:

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{8} \sum_{j=1}^{8} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t))\left( \tilde{G}_{ij} \tilde{x}(t) + \tilde{B}_{ij} u_i(t) \right)$$ \hspace{1cm} (30)

where

$$\tilde{G}_{ij} = \tilde{A}_{ij} + \Delta \tilde{A}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} (A_i + \Delta A_i) & (A_i - A_{ij}) \\ 0 & A_{ij} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Delta A_i + \Delta B_i K_j & \Delta A_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e_i(t) \\ x_i(t) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \tilde{B}_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} -B_i \\ B_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Additionally, to deal with the problem of the rapidly changing wind speed, the $H_\infty$ performance related to the tracking error is introduced as follows [20, 21]:

$$\int_0^T \left( \tilde{x}(t)^T \tilde{Q} \tilde{x}(t) \right) dt \leq \int_0^T \left( u_i(t)^T u_i(t) \right) dt$$ \hspace{1cm} (31)

Where $\tilde{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. $\rho$ is a defined value and $Q$ is a positive definite weighting matrix.

Hence, the objective of this study is to determine a robust fuzzy controller (28) with the $H_\infty$ tracking performance (31) able to force the (WECS) system to operate very close to its maximum power trajectory for all wind speed variations and parametric uncertainties. The main result is stated in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Consider the TS uncertain system (21), the closed-loop system (30) is asymptotically stable and the $H_\infty$ performance (31) with the attenuation level $\rho$ is bounded, if there a symmetric definite positive matrices $X_i$, $P_2$, matrices $Y_i$, and the scalars $\epsilon_{A_{i1}}, \epsilon_{A_{i2}}, \epsilon_{B_{i1}}$ satisfy the following optimization problem:

$$\min_{(\tilde{Q}, \tilde{B}_{ij}, \tilde{K}_j)} \left( \begin{array}{c} \Pi_{11} \quad E_{w1} X_i \\ \Pi_{12} \quad E_{w2} Y_i \end{array} \right) (A_i - A_{ij}) - B_i X_i$$

$$* * -\epsilon_{A_{i1}}^{-1} 0 0 0 0$$

$$* * -\epsilon_{A_{i2}}^{-1} 0 0 0$$

$$* * * * * * * * -\rho^2 I_e 0$$

(32)

where

$$\Pi_{11} = X_i A_i^T + A_i X_i + Y_i^T B_i^T + B_i Y_i + (\epsilon_{A_{i1}} + \epsilon_{A_{i2}}) D_i D_i^T + \epsilon_{B_{i1}} D_i B_i^T$$

$$\Pi_{12} = A_i^T P_2 + P_2 A_i + \epsilon_{A_{i1}} E_{w1} E_{w1}^T$$

and $K_j = Y_i X_i^{-1}$

**Proof:**

Let consider the following candidate quadratic Lyapunov function:

$$V(\tilde{x}(t)) = \tilde{x}^T(t) \tilde{P} \tilde{x}(t)$$ \hspace{1cm} (33)

where $\tilde{P} = diag(P_1, P_2)$, the attenuation of perturbation related to the tracking error is ensured when the following inequality is verify:

$$\dot{V}(\tilde{x}(t)) + \tilde{x}^T(t) \tilde{P} \tilde{x}(t) - \rho^2 u_i(t)^T u_i(t) < 0$$ \hspace{1cm} (34)

Taking into account the time-derivative of the function (33) along the closed-loop system (30), inequality (34) becomes:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{8} \sum_{j=1}^{8} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t)) \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(t) \\ u_i(t) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{G}_{ij} \tilde{P} + \tilde{P} \tilde{G}_{ij} + \tilde{Q} \\ \tilde{B}_{ij}^T \tilde{P} \\ -\rho^2 I_e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(t) \\ u_i(t) \end{bmatrix} < 0$$ \hspace{1cm} (35)

Equation (35) is satisfied if the following condition holds:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{G}_{ij} \tilde{P} + \tilde{P} \tilde{G}_{ij} + \tilde{Q} \\ \tilde{B}_{ij}^T \tilde{P} \\ -\rho^2 I_e \end{bmatrix} < 0$$ \hspace{1cm} (36)

Note that inequality (36) can be rewritten as:

$$\tilde{Y}_y + A\tilde{Y}_y < 0$$ \hspace{1cm} (37)

where

$$\tilde{Y}_y = \begin{bmatrix} h_i(P(A_i + B_i K_j) + Q) \\ P_i(A_i - A_{ij}) - P_i B_i \\ A_i^T P_2 + P_2 A_i \\ P_i B_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ * \\ -\rho^2 I_e \end{bmatrix}$$
\[
\Delta \bar{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} h \left( P_I(\Delta A + \Delta B, K_r) \right) P_I \Delta A & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\]

Pre-and post multiply the BMI (37) by \( \text{diag}(X = P_I^{-1}, I/1, I) \), consider the variable change \( Y_j = K_r X \) and using both the uncertainties structure defined in section 3.2 and the well known lemma 1, \( \Delta \bar{Y} \) can be bounded as follows:

\[
\Delta \bar{Y} \leq \begin{bmatrix} (\varepsilon_{h1} + \varepsilon_{h2}^{-1})D_{\alpha}D_{\alpha}^T + \varepsilon_{h1}D_{\beta}D_{\beta}^T \\ + \varepsilon_{h1}^{-1}X_{E_{\alpha}}E_{\alpha}^T X + \varepsilon_{h1}^{-1}Y_{\beta}E_{\beta}^T Y_{\beta} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\]

(38)

By using the condition (38) and applying the Schur complement, we get LMI (32).

4. Numerical simulation

In order to evaluate the performance of the proposed model-based fuzzy tracking controller applied to the WECS, a variable wind speed profile is adopted as shown in Fig. 5a. The specifications of the WECS are stated in the appendix A. We assume that the stator resistance \( R \) and the inertia \( J \) will undergo a variation of 30\% from their nominal value at the time \( t_0=20 \text{ s} \) and \( t_1=30 \text{ s} \), respectively. The simulation tests included the analysis of tracking accuracy of MPP, and the study of the dynamic performance during the wind speed variation. The TS uncertain model (27) exactly represents the dynamic behavior of the nonlinear model (20) under the condition that the premise \( z_0(t) \) are bounded as:

\[
\begin{align*}
\varepsilon_{\text{ms}} &= -0.05 \text{ A/V}, \quad \varepsilon_{\text{ms}} = 0.5 \text{ A/V}, \\
\varepsilon_{\text{ms}} &= -0.05 \text{ A/V}, \quad \varepsilon_{\text{ms}} = 0.075 \text{ A/V}, \\
\varepsilon_{\text{ms}} &= -200 \text{ rd/s}, \quad \varepsilon_{\text{ms}} = 200 \text{ rd/s}.
\end{align*}
\]

By using the proposed controller, the turbine power response, the DC link voltage and the generator power tracking error are illustrated in Fig. 5. Fig. 5b show that, the power error between the output generator and output turbine is due essentially to the stator resistive losses which is proportional to the square of the d-q stator current. In addition, Fig. 5c illustrate that the variation of the (WECS) parameters (\( R_s \) and J) and the abrupt change of the wind speed, doesn’t affect the performances of the proposed fuzzy controller, which allows to guarantee a low power tracking error which does not exceed 0.56 \% even we increase the stator resistance and the total inertia of 30\% of theirs nominal values. This proves that the fuzzy controller forces the wind turbine to operate close to the optimal power trajectory which leads to an important transfer of the available wind power to the DC link side.

Figure. 6a show that the real DC link voltage follows perfectly the reference trajectory delivered by the TS reference model. Moreover, for the same wind speed profile, a rapid convergence of the rotor speed towards the reference speed trajectory is illustrated in Fig. 6b and consequently a good tracking optimal power accuracy is achieved.
As shown in Fig. 7a, the d-axis stator current is kept constant at zero, which proves that the decoupling control characteristic between the flux and the electromagnetic torque is obtained, despite of wind speed variation and the change of system parameters (specially $R_s$ and $J$).

4. Conclusion

This paper presented a robust reference model-based tracking controller of WECS system. The main advantage of this TS fuzzy strategy control is to ensure the extraction of maximum wind turbine power even of varying wind speed profile and parameters uncertainty. A TS reference model is designed to generate the optimal trajectory corresponding to the maximum power. Here, the stability problem is reformulated as a Linear Matrix Inequality using the $H_\infty$ performance. Finally, simulation results are proposed to shown the effectiveness of the proposed fuzzy approach.

Appendix . System parameters

A.1. Wind turbine parameters

Air density $\rho = 1.205 \text{ kg/m}^3$, rotor radius $R = 1.74 \text{ m}$, optimal tip speed ratio $\lambda_{opt} = 6.9$, maximum power coefficient $C_{\text{p,max}} = 0.47$.

A.2. PMSG parameters

Rated power 6.4 kW, pole pairs number $n_p = 4$, stator inductance $L_d = L_q = 5.5 \text{ mH}$, stator resistance $R_s = 0.57 \Omega$ and inertia $J = 0.01645 \text{ kg m}^2$.

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