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Optimizing direct power control of DFIG-based WECS using super-twisting algorithm under real wind profile

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In this study, we address the optimization of the direct power control of a doubly fed induction generator within a wind conversion system under actual wind conditions. The primary objective is to enhance the dynamic response of the wind energy conversion system (WECS) while minimizing the impact of wind fluctuations on power generation. To achieve this goal, we introduce a novel control methodology based on the super-twisting algorithm (STA). This approach allows for effective regulation of both reactive and active power output in the WECS. We employ comprehensive simulations using a detailed model of the WECS and real wind profiles to evaluate the efficacy of the STA-based control strategy. Our simulations demonstrate that the adopted STA-based control strategy successfully tracks the desired power set-point and effectively mitigates the adverse effects of wind power fluctuations and uncertainties on the WECS power output. Specifically, it exhibits superior performance in managing transients and rejecting disturbances compared to a conventional approach employing a switching table and hysteresis controller. These results suggest the practical viability and potential applications of the STA-based control strategy in real-world wind energy systems.

KEYWORDS

wind energy conversion system, STA-DPC, DPC, doubly fed induction generator, wind turbine

1 Introduction

In today's era, the importance of generating electricity from renewable energy sources has grown significantly. This is primarily the result of the exhaustion of traditional energy resources and increasing concerns about global warming (Cordroch et al., 2022; Steane et al., 2022; Algarni et al., 2023). To estimate an organization's carbon emissions, particularly from electricity delivery, the use of carbon accounting has become crucial. More and more entities



are striving to reduce their carbon footprint (Chu et al., 2021; Dong and Zhang, 2023). Additionally, meeting the CO₂ reduction targets by 2050 and restricting the increase in global temperatures to 1.5°C may depend on the increased adoption of renewable energy sources and greater electrification (Anika et al., 2022; Galimova et al., 2022). Given the abundance of options within the realm of renewable energy, wind energy has emerged as a remarkably promising alternative owing to its exceptional efficiency and versatile control capabilities (Saha et al., 2022). By using an adequate conversion system, especially the right generator and a robust control methodology, a part of the kinetic energy of wind can be converted to electrical energy (Chen and Blaabjerg, 2009). To guarantee the wind turbine's reliability and efficiency, it is crucial to possess an electrical control system tailored to the generator and a mechanical control system suited for the turbine, aligning with the generator's specifications (Al-Muhaini et al., 2019; Desalegn et al., 2022; Hamid et al., 2022). Therefore, selecting the appropriate generator is a critical consideration prior to the development and implementation of the controller (Chen and Blaabjerg, 2009; Desalegn et al., 2022).

Variable-speed wind generators have gained popularity as a solution to overcome the limitations of constant-speed operations that have certain disadvantages like relatively low conversion efficiency, significant impact of wind speed variability on the electrical utility, and high sensitivity to voltage drops and grid faults (Al-Muhaini et al., 2019; Choe Wei Chang et al., 2022; Loulijat et al., 2023). At present, the prevailing type of generator commonly employed in wind turbine systems with capacities lower than 6 MW is the wound rotor induction motor or doubly fed induction generator (DFIG) (Choe Wei Chang et al., 2022). The DFIG offers numerous advantages and is well suited for various wind power operations. In this particular type of generator, the rotor windings establish a connection to the power grid via an adequate converter, and those of the stator are connected directly to the grid.

The existing literature highlights diverse control methods, each associated with distinct objectives. Figure 1 summarizes the main objectives aimed to enhance the operation of the WECS based on

wound rotor induction generators (WRIGs) during normal functioning.

Two commonly used techniques for controlling the DFIG are field-orientation control (FOC) and direct power control (DPC) (Yessef et al., 2022). FOC with proportional–integral (PI) control is employed to make the machine behave like a direct current generator and decouple the machine's variables (Jenkal et al., 2020). This technique remains prevalent due to its simplicity (Zellouma et al., 2023). However, the dynamic performance of the FOC-controlled DFIG is significantly influenced by the design of the PI parameters. While a classical PI controller can provide satisfactory performance in many wind energy conversion system (WECS) applications, it lacks robustness and adaptability to the changes in machine parameters that may arise from grid voltage drops, model inaccuracies, and unforeseen factors like temperature variations (Kerrouche et al., 2013).

The state-of-the-art control approaches such as sliding mode control (SMC) (Levant and Levantovsky, 1993; Amira et al., 2020; Ali et al., 2022; Mousavi et al., 2022) and backstepping (BSC) (Drhorhi et al., 2021; Hamid et al., 2021) can be employed to replace FOC and enhance the robustness of the WECS. These advanced control methods offer potential improvements in the overall performance of wind turbine systems based on DFIGs.

DPC has risen to prominence as a feasible substitute for the vector control technique due to its ability to overcome sensitivity issues associated with parameter variations. However, there are notable drawbacks to this control technique, which include significant power fluctuations and variable commutation frequencies. The existing literature contains a range of proposed approaches to mitigate these concerns. For instance, Mousavi et al. (2022) introduced a new sliding mode control (SMC) methodology for DPC in DFIG-based systems. Wang et al. (2016) suggested a resonance-based backstepping DPC strategy specifically designed for DFIG systems. Additionally, Yousefi-Talouki et al. (2019) presented a DPC technique for a matrix converter supplying a DFIG with a fixed switching frequency. Furthermore, a new DPC methodology for DFIGs has been described in Chojaa et al. (2023)

that utilizes DSpace to boost the DFIG-WTS current quality by reducing undesirable harmonic at the current, torque, and active power signals. Rauf et al. (2022), Gulzar et al. (2023), and Syed and Khalid (2023) go beyond proposing the right techniques and approaches to overcome the impact of uncertainties, and they have suggested that the faced challenges can be effectively reduced by using a battery energy storage system.

The focus of the present contribution is to present a new approach that directly controls the power by incorporating the super-twisting algorithm (STA) for handling real-world wind conditions. The STA is a widely recognized and effectively controlled data processing technique. Unlike the conventional DPC method, the proposed customized DPC approach brings about significant differences. It replaces the traditional switching table and comparators with improved alternatives, thereby leading to a more efficient DPC strategy.

This study contributes valuable insights to the existing body of literature and presents several noteworthy conceptual ideas. The key highlights of this contribution can be summarized as follows:

- A robust control strategy using the super-twisting algorithm has been developed to control both the DFIG's active and reactive powers.
- The proposed control design has been evaluated using actual wind speed data, providing a real-world context for analysis.
- A study comparing different aspects has been undertaken to evaluate the performance of the proposed method against other published works in terms of dynamic response time, accuracy, static error, reference tracking, stator current THD, and robustness to variations in system parameters.

The structure of this work is as follows: in Section 2, we present a model of the WECS, comprising the WT model and DFIG model. Section 3 formulates the problem by explaining the control configuration of the classic DPC and the objectives of the intelligent DPC controller. Section 4 describes the STA control, regulating both active and reactive powers. Section 5 analyzes the results obtained under a specific wind profile depicted in Figure 6; in addition, a comparison between the two controllers is conducted to evaluate their performances. Finally, Section 6 concludes this article.

2 Wind energy conversion system modeling

2.1 Wind turbine modeling

The mechanical output power of the wind turbine is given by the following equation (Jiang et al., 2022):

$$P_{Tur} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \pi r^2 C_P(\lambda, \beta) v^3.$$
 (1)

Equation (2) defines the turbine power coefficient (Heier, 2014):

$$C_{P}(\lambda,\beta) = 0.5176 \left(\frac{116}{\lambda_{i}} - 0.4\beta - 5\right) exp^{\left(-\frac{21}{\lambda_{i}}\right)} + 0.0068\lambda.$$
 (2)

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_i} = \left[\frac{1}{\lambda + 0.08\beta}\right] - \left[\frac{0.035}{\beta^3 + 1}\right].$$
(3)

The tip speed ratio (λ) is a function of the shaft speed $(\omega_{\rm m})$ and the wind speed as

$$\lambda = \frac{r\omega_m}{v}.$$
 (4)

From Equations (1) and (4), the turbine torque is given as

$$T_{Tur} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \pi r^2 \frac{C_P(\lambda, \beta)}{\lambda} v^2.$$
 (5)

The equation of motion of single-mass modeling of the mechanical system is expressed as

$$\frac{d\omega_m}{dt} = \frac{1}{J_{eq}} \Big(T_{Tur} - T_e - B_{eq} \omega_m \Big), \tag{6}$$

where Te is the generator's electromagnetic torque.

2.2 DFIG modeling

The doubly fed induction generator (DFIG) is a part of the wind conversion system illustrated in Figure 2. It offers easy control and provides a higher energy output when there are fluctuations in wind speed. The DFIG has two sets of windings: the stator windings and rotor windings. The windings of the stator are fixed and connected to the power grid, and those of the rotor are fed by a power converter that allows the control of the generator's output.

The electrical equations of the DFIG in the PARK frame are represented by the following equations (Abu-Rub et al., 2014):

$$\begin{cases} V_{ds} = R_{s}I_{ds} + \frac{d\varphi_{ds}}{dt} - \omega_{s}\varphi_{qs} \\ V_{qs} = R_{s}I_{qs} + \frac{d\varphi_{qs}}{dt} + \omega_{s}\varphi_{ds} \\ V_{dr} = R_{r}I_{dr} + \frac{d\varphi_{dr}}{dt} - (\omega_{s} - \omega)\varphi_{qr} \\ V_{qr} = R_{r}I_{qr} + \frac{d\varphi_{qr}}{dt} + (\omega_{s} - \omega)\varphi_{dr} \end{cases}$$
(7)

where R_s and R_r are the phase resistances of the stator and rotor, respectively, and ω is the electrical speed that is equal to $\omega = P_{dfig} - \Omega_{mec}$. The pair pole number, denoted as P_{dfig} , determines the following equations for expressing the stator and rotor flux:

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

$$\tag{8}$$

where I_{ds} and I_{qs} are direct and quadrate stator currents, and I_{dr} and I_{qr} are for rotor currents, respectively.

The stator's active and reactive powers are as follows (Chojaa et al., 2023):

$$\begin{cases} P_{s} = \frac{3}{2} \left(V_{ds} I_{ds} + V_{qs} I_{qs} \right) \\ Q_{s} = \frac{3}{2} \left(V_{qs} I_{ds} - V_{ds} I_{qs} \right) \end{cases}$$
(9)

The DFIG torque is a function of the stator currents and rotor flux as shown in Equation (10):



$$T_{\rm em} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{P_{dfig}M}{L_s} \Big(I_{dr} \varphi_{\rm qs} - I_{qr} \varphi_{\rm ds} \Big). \tag{10}$$

If the d and q axes are oriented in order to get the stator flux, the vector is aligned with the d axis (Mensou et al., 2020), therefore

$$\varphi_{\rm s} = \varphi_{\rm ds} = > \quad \varphi_{\rm qs} = 0. \tag{11}$$

and

$$T_{\rm em} = -\frac{P_{dfig}M}{L_s} (I_{qr}\varphi_{\rm ds}).$$
(12)

The stator flux can be expressed as

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_s = L_s I_{ds} + M I_{dr} \\ 0 = L_s I_{qs} + M I_{qr} \end{cases}.$$
(13)

By adopting the abovementioned mechanism, we can conclude that the electromagnetic torque and active power are functions of the rotor quadratic current. The direct and quadrature stator voltages can be written as per Equation (14) if we consider Rs is negligible and that φ_s is constant:

$$\begin{cases} V_{ds} = R_s I_{ds} + \frac{d\varphi_{ds}}{dt} - \omega_s \varphi_{qs} = 0\\ V_{qs} = R_s I_{qs} + \frac{d\varphi_{qs}}{dt} - \omega_s \varphi_{ds} = \omega_s \varphi_s = V_s \end{cases}$$
(14)

The expressions of the stator currents using rotor currents are

$$\begin{cases} I_{\rm ds} = \frac{\varphi_{\rm s}}{L_{\rm s}} - \frac{M}{L_{\rm s}} I_{\rm dr} \\ I_{qs} = -\frac{M}{L_{\rm s}} I_{\rm qr} \end{cases}$$
(15)

The expressions of the stator's active and reactive powers are

$$\begin{cases} P_s = V_s I_{qs} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{MV_s}{L_s} I_{qr} \\ Q_s = V_s I_{ds} = \frac{3V_s}{2} \left(\frac{\varphi_s}{L_s} - \frac{M}{L_s} I_{dr}\right). \end{cases}$$
(16)

3 Problem formulation

3.1 Control configuration

3.1.1 Classic PI regulator

The control principle involves adjusting the rotor-side converter control variables, such as the rotor voltage, in order to regulate the active and reactive powers of the DFIG. The PI regulator compares the desired active and reactive power references with the actual measured values and generates control signals to adjust the converter settings accordingly. Figure 3 illustrates the block diagram of the implemented controller. The term Kp is the proportional gain, and Ki represents the integral gain.

3.1.2 DPC: classic strategy

The traditional DPC, as presented in Figure 4, is a control methodology commonly used for controlling wind turbine systems powered by the doubly fed induction generator (DFIG). In this control scheme, two hysteresis comparators [the active power hysteresis comparator (APHC) and reactive power hysteresis comparator (RPHC)] are used to directly control the DFIG machine's stator active and reactive powers, and a switching table is applied to the converter on the rotor side (Djeriri et al., 2014; Chojaa et al., 2022).

The switching table receives the rotor flux sector and errors Sp and Sq as the input and then each switching state, that is, Sa, Sb, and Sc, of the converter is stored, as shown in Table 1.

The DPC controller aims to regulate the power outputs of the DFIG by directly controlling the converter switches on the rotor side. The hysteresis comparators monitor the deviation between the actual active and reactive powers and their reference values. Based on this deviation, the hysteresis comparators generate control signals that determine the switching states of the rotor-side converter. The switching table provides the appropriate voltage vectors to be applied to the rotor-side converter based on the control signals from the hysteresis comparators (Djeriri et al., 2014; Chojaa et al., 2023).





✓ Advantages:

• Fast dynamic response due to its direct control over the rotor-side converter switches. It can quickly regulate the

active and reactive powers in response to changes in wind speed.

• Simplified control structure.

TABLE 1 Switching table concept.

| Sq | | | | -1 | | | V_0 to V_7 as follows |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Sp | | 0 | -1 | | 0 | -1 | |
| S ₁ | V ₅ | V ₇ | V ₃ | V ₆ | V ₀ | V ₂ | $\beta_{\beta} = \gamma_{\beta}$ |
| S ₂ | V ₆ | V ₀ | V_4 | V_1 | V ₇ | V ₃ | V3(110)V2(010) |
| S ₃ | V1 | V ₇ | V ₅ | V2 | V ₀ | V ₄ | Sector3 Sector1 |
| S ₄ | V2 | V ₀ | V ₆ | V ₃ | V ₇ | V ₅ | $V4(001)$ $V0(000)$ $V0(000)$ $V0(111)$ $V0(011)$ $V1(100)$ $V1(100)$ a_r $V1(100)$ a_r $V1(100)$ $V1(10)$ |
| S ₅ | V ₃ | V ₇ | V_1 | V_4 | V ₀ | V ₆ | |
| S ₆ | V ₄ | V ₀ | V ₂ | V ₅ | V ₇ | V ₁ | |

Disassociated control of active and reactive powers.

- ✓ Disadvantages:
 - Voltage and current harmonic: the traditional DPC can introduce harmonic in the grid due to the rapid switching of the rotor-side converter. This can lead to increased distortion in the voltage and current waveforms, requiring additional filtering or mitigation techniques.
 - Limited control precision: the hysteresis comparators used in the traditional DPC have limited control precision due to the hysteresis band. This can result in slight fluctuations in active and reactive powers around the reference values.
 - Complexity for higher power levels: The traditional DPC may become more complex to implement at higher power levels as the switching losses and thermal stresses on the power electronics increase with increased power ratings.

3.2 Control objectives

The objective is to track predefined power references by optimizing errors between the actual and desired values of the targeted parameters, optimizing the transient response and reducing the steady-state error. In order to achieve this, the proposed topology is to first decompose the active and reactive powers at the outer loop controller level in order to get the targeted errors and then apply the STA at the second level that is considered as the inner loop controller. Precisely, the aim of using the STA at this level is to act on the stator and rotor control voltages in order to control the active and reactive power flow. The STA continuously monitors the electrical power output of the DFIG-based WECS and adjusts the power reference signal as required to maintain the desired set point, while the DPC operates at a higher frequency than the STA to achieve a fast transient response. Overall, the control objective is to provide and demonstrate an efficient and stable operation of the DFIG-based WECS.

4 Super-twisting algorithm

The idea of using the STA concept to control a variable-structure first-order system is to minimize the effect of the chattering

so that

$$\dot{\mathbf{h}}_{1} = \begin{cases} -u \ if \ |u| < U_{M} \\ -\alpha sign \ (s) \ if \ not \end{cases}$$
(18)

(17)

and

$$u_{2} = \begin{cases} -\lambda |S_{0}|^{\rho} sign(s) & if |u| < S_{0} \\ -\lambda |S|^{\rho} sign(s) & if not \end{cases},$$
(19)

where

$$\begin{cases} \alpha > \frac{C_0}{K_m} & \text{and} \quad 0 < \rho < 0.5 \\ \lambda^2 > \frac{4C_0 K_M (\alpha + C_0)}{K_m^3 (\alpha - C_0)} & if \quad \rho = 0.5 \end{cases}$$
(20)

The α , λ , and ρ satisfy the aforementioned conditions, with S₀, C₀, K_m, and K_M as positive constants (Chiang et al., 2011; Xiong et al., 2020). If S₀ = ∞ , the equations can be developed as follows:

phenomenon (Chiang et al., 2011; Hatlehol and Zadeh, 2022). This

approach has similar properties to that of the controllers developed on

the basis of the first-order sliding mode strategy (Levant and

Levantovsky, 1993; Kelkoul and Boumediene, 2021; Elmorshedy

et al., 2023). The controller based on the STA is made up of two

components: one of them is discontinuous, while the other is continuous:

 $u = u_1(t) + u_2(t),$

This control is decomposed into a static algebraic component and an integrative component.

5 Active and reactive power controllers

In Equation (16), we have

$$\begin{cases} P_s = V_s I_{qs} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{MV_s}{L_s} I_{qr} \\ Q_s = V_s I_{ds} = \frac{3V_s}{2} \left(\frac{\varphi_s}{L_s} - \frac{M}{L_s} I_{dr}\right) \end{cases}$$





and from Equations (7), (8), we can conclude the first derivative of the rotor current in the d, q frame as

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dI_{dr}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sigma L_r} \left(V_{dr} - R_r I_{dr} + \sigma L_r \omega_r I_{qr} \right) \\ \frac{dI_{qr}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sigma L_r} \left(V_{qr} - R_r I_{qr} - \sigma L_r \omega_r I_{dr} - g \frac{MV_s}{L_s} \right). \end{cases}$$
(22)

5.1 Active power controller

The error of $P_{\rm s}$ can be written as

$$e(P_s) = P_{ref} - P_s, \tag{23}$$

where P_{ref} is the corresponding reference.

The first derivative of the error expressed in Equation (23) is

$$\dot{e}(P_s) = \dot{P}_{ref} - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\frac{MV_s}{L_s}\frac{dI_{qr}}{dt}\right).$$
(24)

Then, by using Equation (22), we have

$$\dot{e}(P_s) = \dot{P}_{ref} + \frac{V_s M}{\sigma L_s L_r} \left(V_{qr} - R_r I_{qr} - \sigma L_r \omega_r I_{dr} - g \frac{M V_s}{L_s} \right).$$
(25)

Equation (26) shows the designed power controller based on the STA that aims to change the $V_{qr}\!.$





$$V_{qr} = -\lambda |S|^{\rho} sign\left(e\left(P_{s}\right)\right) - \int \lambda_{1} sign(e\left(P_{s}\right)).$$
(26)

$$\dot{e}(Q_s) = \dot{Q}_{ref} - \frac{3MV_s}{2L_s} \frac{dI_{dr}}{dt}.$$
(28)

Then, by using Equation (22), we have

$$\dot{e}(Q_s) = \dot{Q}_{ref} + \frac{MV_s}{\sigma L_r L_s} \left(V_{dr} - R_r I_{dr} + \sigma L_r \omega_r I_{qr} \right).$$
(29)

We can design our super-twisting reactive power controller in order to change the V_{dr} as shown in Equation (30):

$$V_{dr} = -\lambda |S|^{\rho} sign\left(e\left(Q_{s}\right)\right) - \int \lambda_{1} sign(e\left(Q_{s}\right)).$$
(30)

5.2 Reactive power controller

The error of Qs can be written as

$$e(Q_s) = Q_{ref} - Q_s, \tag{27}$$

where Q_{ref} is the corresponding reference.

The first derivative of the error expressed in Equation (28) is





5.3 STA-DPC strategy

Figure 5 illustrates the graphical representation of our proposed control strategy, which is derived from Equation (26) and Equation (30). This control strategy incorporates the mathematical relationships defined in these equations to effectively regulate the system dynamics. By visually presenting the control strategy in Figure 5, a clear and concise understanding of the proposed approach is provided that allows further analysis

and evaluation of its effectiveness in achieving the desired control objectives.

6 Results and discussion

The aim of the simulation is to examine the dynamic behavior of the system and to check the performance of the proposed control strategy that is developed on the basis of the super-twisting sliding



mode and applied to a 1.5 KW DFIG using the MATLAB/Simulink. In Table A1, we highlight the DFIG's parameters.

In this section, we have analyzed the behavior of the classical DPC and the STA-DPC using the wind profile shown in Figure 6.

The power coefficient and speed ratio of the WT closely align with the behavior of the wind variation. These parameters adapt and respond to changes in wind conditions, as is illustrated in Figure 7.

Figure 8 presents the rotor speed, offering valuable insights into the impact of wind on the rotational comportment of the system. The plot depicts the behavior of rotor speed over time, providing a clear representation of its dynamic nature.

The electromagnetic torque behavior in Figure 9 provides valuable insights into the dynamics of the system. The torque exhibits a direct relationship with the quadrature rotor current (Figure 11), as variations in the quadrature current lead to corresponding changes in the electromagnetic torque. This relationship can be observed through the torque fluctuations, which coincide with the fluctuations in the quadrature rotor current.

In Figure 10, it is evident that both the active and reactive powers exhibit a remarkable convergence toward their respective reference values. Notably, even a slight alteration in the wind speed can lead to a substantial variation in the extracted active power, ranging from 100 W to 600 W. It is clear that when the wind speed decreases, the value of active power (P_s) decreases as well, whereas it increases when the wind speed rises. Regarding the reactive power, the reference value remains fixed at zero, ensuring a unit power factor on the network side.

In the context of Figure 11, an insightful representation is provided regarding the rotor current components within the (d, q) frame. Notably, the quadrature rotor current, which is intricately connected to the active power, demonstrates a notable variation spanning from approximately 0.3 A to 1.8 A. This range illustrates the dynamic nature of the active power generation process. On the other hand, the direct rotor current remains relatively stable, maintaining a consistent value of around 2.7 A. This constant magnitude of the direct rotor current underscores its role in facilitating reactive power exchange within the system. Together, these findings shed light on the intricate relationship between the rotor currents, power generation, and their respective components in the (d, q) frame.

The observations in Figure 12A–D highlight the correlation between the three parameters: stator currents, rotor currents, and the used wind profile. These figures clearly demonstrate the effect of wind variability on the current's magnitude of the stator and rotor currents. Notably, the currents exhibit a maximum value of 3 A each, indicating the peak levels of electrical flow within the system. This dependence on the wind profile underscores the crucial role that the external environmental factors play in determining the operational performance of the system.

Figure 13 visually represents the power factor of the system, revealing an approximate value of 1. The plot also exhibits noticeable





Rotor current Isabc observed under the DCP classic configuration



Rotor current Isabc observed under super twisting DCP configuration

FIGURE 12

Stator and rotor current I_{sabc} observed under the super-twisting_DCP configuration. (A) Stator current I_{sabc} observed under the DCP classic configuration structure. (B) Stator current I_{sabc} observed under the super-twisting_DCP configuration structure. (C) Rotor current I_{sabc} observed under the DCP classic configuration structure. (D) Rotor current I_{sabc} observed under the super-twisting_DCP configuration structure.





TABLE 2 Comparison of the obtained THD with those recorded in the literature.

| Strategies | THD (%) | References |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Integral SMC | 9.7 | Quan et al. (2019) |
| Second-order SMC | 3.13 | Yahdou (2017) |
| DPC using LCL filter | 4.05 | Alhato and Bouallègue (2019) |
| DPC with neural algorithm | 3.26 | Mahfoud et al. (2022) |
| Proposed strategy (DPC with STA) | 0.85 | _ |

ripples that are directly linked to the system's operation and the fluctuations in wind speed.

Figure 14 represents a result of the fast Fourier transform (FFT) analyses of the current waves generated at the DFIG stator for both the used methods. The following key parameters were considered.

 \checkmark Sampling rate (Fs): The sampling rate is twice the maximum frequency to avoid aliasing.

 \checkmark Window function: Hamming is a window function that is applied to the time-domain signal before performing the FFT.

 \checkmark Window length (N): The window length is the number of data points used in each FFT calculation.

✓ Overlap: 50%.

 \checkmark Zero Padding: Two zeros were added to the end of the time-domain signal before performing the FFT.

 \checkmark Averaging: Multiple FFTs are averaged to reduce the effects of noise.

✓ Window Scaling: A scaling factor of 1.5 was applied to correct the amplitude loss due to windowing.

 \checkmark DC component handling: The DC (0 Hz) component was excluded in the FFT results.

 \checkmark Normalization: FFT results were normalized to obtain the power spectral density values.

Notably, the results clearly indicate that the THD achieved through the implementation of the STA-DPC is significantly lower than the THD observed with the classical DPC. This finding highlights the improved harmonic performance and superior quality of the generated current.

While Figure 14 does not offer a direct comparison with specific standards such as IEEE 519, it serves as a fundamental assessment of the harmonic behavior. Table 2 compares the presented study with

other studies that have been published according to the THD of electric stator current.

7 Conclusion

This research presents a thorough investigation aimed to highlight the advantages of utilizing doubly fed induction generators (DFIGs) in wind energy conversion systems (WECSs) in association with a robust control strategy known as the supertwisting algorithm (STA).

By implementing the STA based on the direct power control (DPC) method, several significant benefits are achieved relative to the conventional DPC approach. One of the notable advantages is the reduction of total harmonic distortion (THD) in the stator current of the DFIG. This reduction indicates that the STA-DPC effectively mitigates harmonic components and enhances the overall quality of the stator current. Consequently, the adoption of the STA-DPC leads to an improvement in the overall system performance, a decrease in electrical noise, and a power quality enhancement in the used wind energy conversion system.

Data availability statement

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/Supplementary Material; further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding authors.

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Appendix A

TABLE A1 Parameters of the DFIG.

| Rated power | Pn = 1.5 KW |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stator rated voltage | vs = 220/380 V |
| Stator current | Isn = 5.2 A |
| Rotor current | Irn = 8.5 A |
| Number of pair of poles | <i>p</i> = 2 |
| Stator rated frequency | fs = 50 Hz |
| Stator resistance | $Rs = 1.18 \Omega$ |
| Stator resistance | $\mathrm{Rr} = 1.66 \ \Omega$ |
| Stator inductance | Lss = 0.20 H |
| Rotor inductance | Lrr = 0.18 H |
| Mutual inductance | Lm = 0.17 H |
| Rotor radius | R = 1 m |
| Number of blades | 3 |
| Gearbox gain | G = 2 |
| Friction coefficient | f = 0.0027 N.m.s/rad |
| Moment of inertia | $J = 0.04 \text{ kg.m}^2$ |

Nomenclature

| P _{Tur} | Mechanical output power of wind turbine |
|------------------|---|
| ρ | Air density |
| r | Wind turbine blade |
| C_P | Turbine power coefficient |
| λ | Speed ratio |
| β | Pitch angle |
| ω _m | Shaft speed |
| T _{Tur} | Turbine torque |
| Te | Generator's electromagnetic torque |
| DFIG | Doubly fed induction generator |
| Rs | Resistance of stator |