

STAND-ALONE HYBRID WIND-BATTERY SYSTEM CONTROL STRATEGY USING FUZZY LOGIC

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ABSTRACT- In this paper a control strategy was explained for standalone hybrid wind-battery control strategy by using fuzzy logic controller. Wind is abundant almost in any part of the. With a competitive cost for electricity generation, wind energy conversion system (WECS) is nowadays deployed for meeting both grid-connected and stand-alone load demands. However, wind flow by nature is intermittent. In order to ensure continuous supply of power suitable storage technology is used as backup. In this paper, the sustainability of a 4-kW hybrid of wind and battery system is investigated for meeting the requirements of a 3-kW stand-alone dc load representing a base telecom station. A charge controller for battery bank based on turbine maximum power point tracking and battery state of charge is developed to ensure controlled charging and discharging of battery. The mechanical safety of the WECS is assured by means of pitch control technique. Both the control schemes are integrated and the efficiency is validated by testing it with various load and wind profiles in MATLAB/SIMULNIK.

Index Terms— wind energy conversion system (WECS), Maximum power point tracking (MPPT), pitch control, state of charge (SoC), and fuzzy logic controller.

I. INTRODUCTION

The conventional ways of generating electricity using non renewable resources such as coal, natural gas, oil and so on, have great impacts on the environment as it contributes vast quantities of carbon dioxide to the earth's atmosphere which in turn will cause the temperature of the earth's surface to increase, known as the green house effect. Hence, with the advances in science and technology, ways of generating electricity using renewable energy resources such as the wind are developed. Nowadays, the cost of wind power that is connected to the grid is as cheap as the cost of generating electricity using coal and oil. Thus, the increasing popularity of green electricity means the demand of electricity produced by using non renewable energy is also increased accordingly. Nowadays, many stand-alone loads are powered by renewable source of energy. With this

renewed interest in wind technology for stand-alone applications, a great deal of research is being carried out for choosing a suitable generator for stand-alone WECS.

A detailed comparison between asynchronous and synchronous generators for wind farm application is made in [4]. The major advantage of asynchronous machine is that the variable speed operation allows extracting maximum power from WECS and reducing the torque fluctuations [5]. Induction generator with a lower unit cost, inherent robustness, and operational simplicity is considered as the most viable option as wind turbine generator (WTG) for off grid applications [6]. However, the induction generator requires capacitor banks for excitation at isolated locations. The excitation phenomenon of self-excited induction generator (SEIG) is explained in [5]–[7]. The power output of the SEIG depends on the wind flow which by nature is erratic.

Both amplitude and frequency of the SEIG voltage vary with wind speed. Such arbitrarily varying voltage when interfaced directly with the load can give rise to flicker and instability at the load end. So, the WECS are integrated with the load by power electronic converters in order to ensure a regulated load voltage [8]. Again due to the intermittent characteristics of the wind power, a WECS needs to have energy storage system [9]. An analysis of the available storage technologies for wind power application is made in [9] and [10]. The advantage of battery energy storage for an isolated WECS is discussed in [10]. With battery energy storage it is possible to capture maximum power [11] from the available wind.

A comparison of several maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithms for small wind turbine (WT) is carried out in [12] and [13]. In order to extract maximum power form WECS the turbine needs to be operated at optimal angular speed [13]. However, [11] do not take into account the limit on

maximum allowable battery charging current nor do they protect against battery overcharging. In order to observe the charging limitation of a battery a charge controller is required. Such a charge control scheme for battery charging for a stand-alone WECS using MPPT is explained in [14]. However, in this paper also the maximum battery charging current is not limited. The discontinuous battery charging current causes harmonic heating of the battery. The terminal voltage instead of state of charge (SoC) is used for changeover from current mode to voltage mode. Also the MPPT implementation is highly parameter dependant and will be affected by variation of these parameters with operating conditions.

Moreover, as the wind speed exceeds its rated value, the WT power and speed needs to be regulated for ensuring mechanical and electrical safety [15]. This is achieved by changing the pitch angle to the required value [16]. Several pitch control techniques are explained in [17]–[19]. The experimental result from a prototype 3-kW pitch controlled horizontal axis WT is presented in [20]. However, these references (except [20]) have considered only grid-connected systems. Even in [20], a battery storage system has not been considered. From a study of the aforementioned literature, it is observed that MPPT schemes with [14] and without [11] battery charging mode control and pitch control technique [20] have been implemented independently for stand-alone wind energy applications.

However, none of the control strategy proposed so far has integrated all these three control objectives. In this paper, a hybrid wind-battery system is considered to meet the load demand of a stand-alone base telecom station (BTS). The BTS load requirement is modeled as a dc load which requires a nominal regulated voltage of 50 V. The WECS is interfaced with the stand-alone dc load by means of ac–dc–dc power converter to regulate the load voltage at the desired level. The proposed control scheme utilizes the turbine maximum power tracking technique with the battery SoC limit logic to charge the battery in a controlled manner. Unlike [14], the MPPT logic used here actually forces the turbine to operate at optimum TSR and hence is parameter independent.

The battery charging current is always continuous with very low ripple thus avoiding harmonic heating. The changeover between the modes for battery charging is affected based on the actual value of the SoC. Further it also provides protection against turbine over speed, over loading,

and over voltage at the rectifier output by using pitch control.

II. HYBRID WIND-BATTERY SYSTEM FOR AN ISOLATED DC LOAD

The proposed hybrid system comprises of a 4-kW WECS and 400 Ah, C/10 lead acid battery bank. The system is designed for a 3-kW stand-alone dc load. The layout of the entire system along with the control strategy is shown in Fig. 1. The specifications of the WT, SEIG, and battery bank are tabulated in the Appendix. The WECS consists of a 4.2-kW horizontal axis WT, gear box with a gear ratio of 1:8 and a 5.4 hp SEIG as the WTG. Since the load is a stand-alone dc load the stator terminals of the SEIG are connected to a capacitor bank for self-excitation.

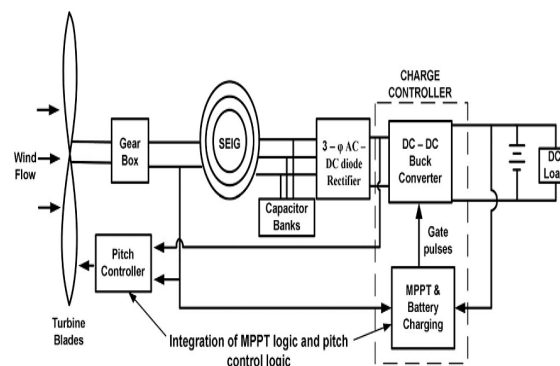


Fig. 1. Layout of hybrid wind–battery system for a stand-alone dc load

The ac output is rectified by three-phase uncontrolled diode rectifier. However, there is a need for a battery backup to meet the load demand during the period of unavailability of sufficient wind power. This hybrid wind-battery system requires suitable control logic for interfacing with the load. The uncontrolled dc output of the rectifier is applied to the charge controller circuit of the battery. The charge controller is a dc–dc buck converter which determines the charging and discharging rate of the battery. The battery bank connected to the system can either act as a source or load depending on whether it is charging or discharging. However, regardless of this the battery ensures that the load terminal voltage is regulated. Further, as shown in Fig. 1, the charging of the battery bank is achieved by MPPT logic, while the pitch controller limits the mechanical and electrical parameters within the rated value. The integrated action of the battery charge and pitch controller ensures reliable operation of the stand-alone WECS.

III. CONTROL STRATEGY FOR STAND-ALONE HYBRID WIND-BATTERY SYSTEM

The wind flow is erratic in nature. Therefore, a WECS is integrated with the load by means of an ac-dc-dc converter to avoid voltage flicker and harmonic generation. The control scheme for a stand-alone hybrid wind-battery system includes the charge controller circuit for battery banks and pitch control logic to ensure WT operation within the rated value. The control logic ensures effective control of the WECS against all possible disturbances.

A. Charge Controller for the Battery Bank

This section discusses in detail the development of charge controller circuit for a 400 Ah, C/10 battery bank using a dc-dc buck converter in MATLAB/SIMULINK platform. Generally, the batteries are charged at C/20, C/10, or C/5 rates depending on the manufacturer's specification where C specifies the Ah rating of battery banks. So, the battery bank system considered in the design can be charged at 20, 40, or 80 A. But, in this paper, C/10 rate (i.e., 40 A) for battery charging is chosen. However, the current required for charging the battery bank depends on the battery SoC. A typical battery generally charges at a constant current (CC), i.e., C/10 rate mode till battery SoC reaches a certain level (90%–98%). This is referred to as CC mode of battery charging. The CC mode charges the battery as fast as possible. Beyond this SoC, the battery is charged at a constant voltage (CV) which is denoted as CV mode of battery charging in order to maintain the battery terminal voltage.

B. Control Strategy

The implementation of the charge control logic as shown in Fig. 2 is carried out by three nested control loops. The outer most control loop operates the turbine following MPPT logic with battery SoC limit. To implement the MPPT logic, the actual tip speed ratio (TSR) of turbine is compared with the optimum value. The error is tuned by a PI controller to generate the battery current demand as long as the battery SoC is below the CC mode limit. Beyond this point, the SoC control logic tries to maintain constant battery charging voltage. This in turn reduces the battery current demand and thus prevents the battery bank from overcharging.

The buck converter inductor current command is generated in the intermediate control

loop. To design the controller, it is essential to model the response of the battery current (I_b) with respect to the inductor current (I_L).

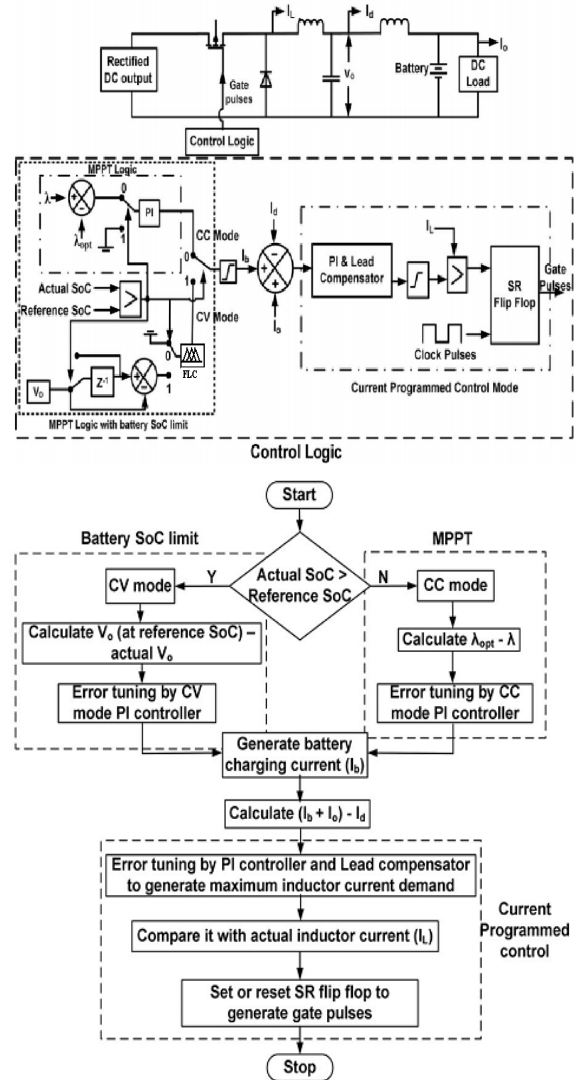


Fig. 2. Block schematic and flowchart of the charge controller circuit for battery.

The transfer function can be computed from Fig. 3 and is given by

$$\frac{I_b(s)}{I_L(s)} = \frac{r_c C_S + 1}{LCs^2 + (r_c + r_L + r_b)Cs + 1} \quad (1)$$

As shown in Fig. 3, the battery is assumed to be a CV source with a small internal resistance (r_b). The effective series resistances (ESR) of the capacitor (r_c) and the inductor (r_L) are also considered. The ESR of the capacitor and the inductor is taken to be 1mΩ each. The battery

internal resistance is 10 mΩ. For regulating the peak-to-peak (p-p) ripple of battery current and converter output voltage within 2% of the rated value the L and C are calculated to be 10 mH and 5 mF, respectively.

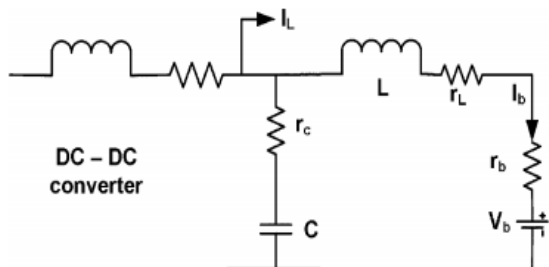


Fig. 3. Circuit representation of buck converter output

The zero and pole of the lead compensator are designed to have a positive phase margin and to restrict the crossover frequency to about 14% of the switching frequency. The output of the lead compensator determines inductor current reference for the dc-dc converter. In order to prevent over loading the turbine (and its consequent stalling) the lead compensator output is first passed through an adjustable current limiter. The lower limit is set to zero and the upper limit is varied according to the maximum power available at a given wind speed. The output of this limiter is used as the reference for the current controller in the dc-dc converter.

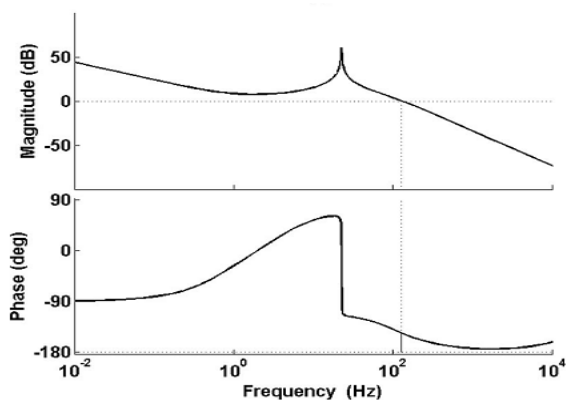


Fig. 4. Bode plot of Loop gain of the battery current control loop

Finally, in the inner most loop the actual inductor current is made to track the reference using peak current mode control [21]. The compensated output of the intermediate loop is compared with the instantaneous inductor current of the buck converter. The output of the comparator is applied to an SR flip-flop to produce the gate pulses for the dc-dc buck

converter. The frequency of the clock pulses is 2 kHz. The frequency of the gate pulse is equal to the clock pulse frequency. This method of generating gate pulses for the converter is known as the current programmed control technique. The advantage of this method is that it does not allow the inductor current to go beyond the rated limit. This in turn protects the buck converter switch and inductor from over current situation.

IV. MODES OF BATTERY CHARGING

A. Cc Mode of Battery Charging

In CC mode, the battery charging current demand is determined from the MPPT logic. MPPT is implemented by comparing the actual and optimum TSR (λ_{opt}). The error is tuned by a PI controller to generate the battery charging current as per the wind speed. In this mode, the converter output voltage rises with time while the MPPT logic tries to transfer as much power as possible to charge the batteries. The actual battery charging current that can be achieved does not remain constant but varies with available wind speed subject to a maximum of C/10 rating of the battery. The battery charging current command has a minimum limit of zero. In case the wind speed is insufficient to supply the load even with zero battery charging current the inductor current reference is frozen at that particular value and the balance load current is supplied by the battery.

B. CV Mode of Battery Charging

In the CV mode, the battery voltage and SoC rise fast with time. However, the charge controller should not overcharge the batteries to avoid gasification of electrolyte [14]. As a result, once the battery SoC becomes equal to the reference SoC the controller must switch over from CC mode to CV mode. In CV mode, the battery charging voltage is determined from the buck converter output voltage (V_o). The value of the converter voltage when the battery SoC reaches 98% is set as the reference value and is compared with the actual converter output voltage.

The error in the voltage is then controlled by a cascaded arrangement of PI controller and lead compensator to generate the inductor current reference. It is then compared with the actual inductor current by a logical comparator to generate gate pulses in a similar way as described in Section A. In this mode, the converter output voltage is

maintained at a constant value by the controller action. So, in CV mode the battery voltage and SoC rise very slowly with time as compared to CC mode. The battery charging current slowly decreases with time, since the potential difference between the buck converter output and battery terminal gradually reduces. Thus, in CC mode the buck converter output current is regulated while the output voltage keeps on increasing with time. On the contrary in CV mode the output voltage is regulated, while the current in the circuit reduces gradually. To study the CC and CV mode of battery charging, rated value of wind speed is applied to the system. The battery parameters and the converter output parameters are observed with time. The results are shown in Fig. 5.

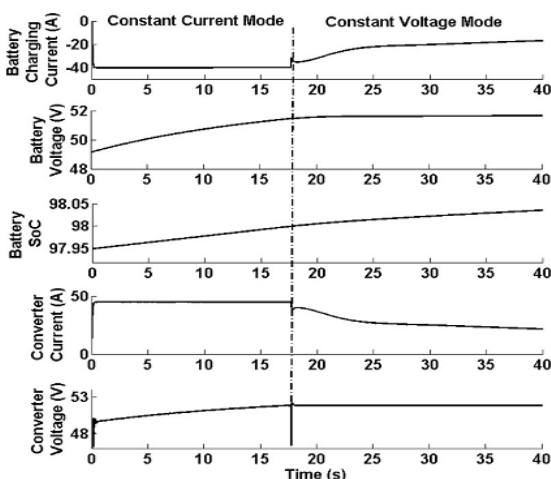


Fig. 5. Battery charging modes at a constant wind speed of 10 m/s.

As shown in Fig. 5, the battery is charged both in CC mode and CV mode. The transition from CC to CV mode takes place when the battery SoC reaches 98%. This is because in the present design, the threshold SoC for switch over in the control logic is set at 98%. As discussed in the earlier section, in the CC mode the battery charges at a CC of 40 A which is the C/10 value for a 400-Ah battery bank. During this mode, both converter output voltage and battery voltage rise. The battery SoC rises from an initial SoC level of 97.95% to 98% within 17 s. As the battery reaches the threshold SoC level, the buck converter voltage is regulated by the controller action at a constant value of 53 V while the converter current gradually reduces from 40 A at 17 s to 10 A at 40 s. The battery SoC slowly rises from 98% to 98.03%. The results indicate that the battery charges at a faster rate in CC mode as compared to CV mode. Thus, in CC mode much of the available power from

primary source is injected into the battery whereas in CV mode the battery is charged slowly to avoid gasification and heating issue.

C. Pitch Control Mechanism

The WT power output is proportional to the cube of wind velocity [15]. Generally the cut-off wind speed of a modern WT is much higher compared to the rated wind speed [9]. If the WT is allowed to operate over the entire range of wind speed without implementation of any control mechanism, the angular speed of the shaft exceeds its rated value which may lead to damage of the blades. So, it is very much essential to control the speed and power at wind speeds above the rated wind speed. This is achieved by changing the pitch angle of the blade. Such a mechanism is referred to as the pitch control of WT.

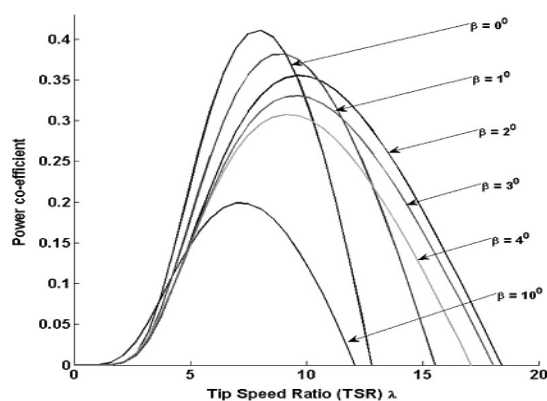


Fig. 6. $C_p - \lambda$ characteristics of the WT for different pitch angles.

The power coefficient (C_p) versus TSR (λ) characteristics of the WT considered in this study for different pitch angles are shown in Fig. 6. As examined from the characteristics, at a pitch angle of zero degree the value of C_p is maxima. But the optimum value of power coefficient reduces with increase in pitch angle. This happens because with increase in blade pitch the lift coefficient reduces which results in decreasing the value of C_p [15]. So, the pitch control mechanism controls the power output by reducing the power coefficient at higher wind speeds. Below the rated wind speed the blade pitch is maintained at zero degree to obtain maximum power. The pitch controller increases the blade pitch as the WT parameters exceed the rated value. The reduction in the value of C_p by pitching compensates for the increase in WT power output under the influence of higher wind speeds. Apart

from regulating the WT parameters, it is also essential to control the output voltage of the ac–dc rectifier to avoid overvoltage condition in the WECS. Hence, the pitch controller ensures that with desirable pitch command, the WT parameters and the rectifier output dc voltage are regulated within their respective maximum allowable limits to ensure safe operation of the WECS.

D. Pitch Control Scheme

The pitch control scheme is shown in Fig. 7. As seen the p.u. value of each input is compared with 1 to calculate the error. The errors are tuned by PI controller. The “MAX” block chooses the maximum output from each PI controller which is then passed on to a limiter to generate the pitch command for the WT.

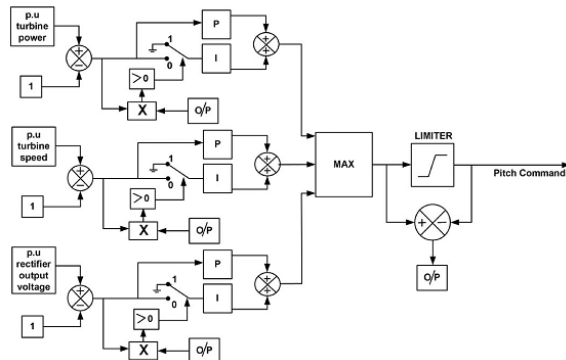


Fig. 7. Pitch control scheme for a stand-alone WECS

The actual pitch command is compared with the limited value. The lower limit of the pitch command is set at zero. There arises an error when the actual pitch command goes above or below the specified limit. This is multiplied with the error obtained from each of the comparator. The product is compared with zero to determine the switching logic for integrator. This technique is carried out to avoid integrator saturation. The pitch controller changes the pitch command owing to variation in turbine rotation speed, power, and output voltage of rectifier, which ensures safe operation of the WECS.

V. FUZZY LOGIC CONTROLLER

In FLC, basic control action is determined by a set of linguistic rules. These rules are determined by the system. Since the numerical variables are converted into linguistic variables, mathematical modeling of the system is not required in FC.

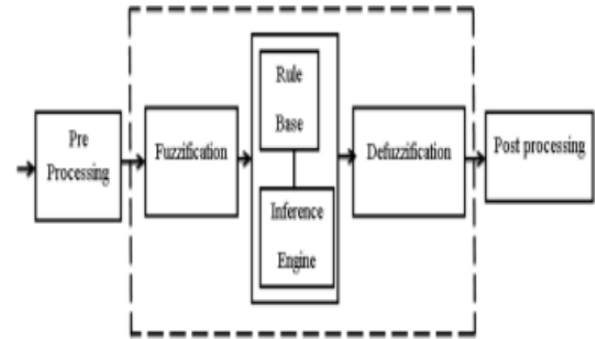


Fig.8.Fuzzy logic controller

The FLC comprises of three parts: fuzzification, interference engine and defuzzification. The FC is characterized as i. seven fuzzy sets for each input and output. ii. Triangular membership functions for simplicity. iii. Fuzzification using continuous universe of discourse. iv. Implication using Mamdani’s, ‘min’ operator. v. Defuzzification using the height method.

TABLE I: Fuzzy Rules

Change in error	Error						
	NB	NM	NS	Z	PS	PM	PB
NB	PB	PB	PB	PM	PM	PS	Z
NM	PB	PB	PM	PM	PS	Z	Z
NS	PB	PM	PS	PS	Z	NM	NB
Z	PB	PM	PS	Z	NS	NM	NB
PS	PM	PS	Z	NS	NM	NB	NB
PM	PS	Z	NS	NM	NM	NB	NB
PB	Z	NS	NM	NM	NB	NB	NB

Fuzzification: Membership function values are assigned to the linguistic variables, using seven fuzzy subsets: NB (Negative Big), NM (Negative Medium), NS (Negative Small), ZE (Zero), PS (Positive Small), PM (Positive Medium), and PB (Positive Big). The Partition of fuzzy subsets and the shape of membership CE(k) E(k) function adapt the shape up to appropriate system. The value of input error and change in error are normalized by an input scaling factor.

In this system the input scaling factor has been designed such that input values are between -1 and +1. The triangular shape of the membership function of this arrangement presumes that for any particular E(k) input there is only one dominant fuzzy subset. The input error for the FLC is given as

$$E(k) = \frac{P_{ph(k)} - P_{ph(k-1)}}{V_{ph(k)} - V_{ph(k-1)}} \quad (18)$$

$$CE(k) = E(k) - E(k-1) \quad (19)$$

Inference Method: Several composition methods such as Max–Min and Max-Dot have been proposed in the literature. In this paper Min method is used. The output membership function of each rule is given by the minimum operator and maximum operator. Table 1 shows rule base of the FLC.

Defuzzification: As a plant usually requires a non-fuzzy value of control, a defuzzification stage is needed. To compute the output of the FLC, „height“ method is used and the FLC output modifies the control output. Further, the output of FLC controls the switch in the inverter. In UPQC, the active power, reactive power, terminal voltage of the line and capacitor voltage are required to be maintained. In order to control these parameters, they are sensed and compared with the reference values. To achieve this, the membership functions of FC are: error, change in error and output.

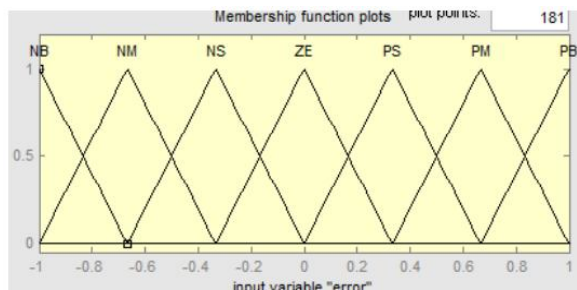


Fig.9.Membership functions

The set of FC rules are derived from

$$u = -[\alpha E + (1-\alpha)*C] \quad (20)$$

Where α is self-adjustable factor which can regulate the whole operation. E is the error of the system, C is the change in error and u is the control variable. A large value of error E indicates that given system is not in the balanced state. If the system is unbalanced, the controller should enlarge its control variables to balance the system as early as possible. One the other hand, small value of the error E indicates that the system is near to balanced state.

VI. SIMULATION RESULTS

A WECS needs to be efficient to ensure continuous power flow to the load. The effectiveness can be achieved by integrating the hybrid wind-battery system with suitable control logic. This includes the charge control logic and the pitch control logic. The charge controller regulates the charging

and discharging rate of the battery bank while the pitch controller controls the WT action during high wind speed conditions or in case of a power mismatch. Both the control strategy are integrated with the hybrid system and simulated with various wind profiles to validate the efficacy of the system. The system is connected to a load profile varying in steps from 0 to 4 kW. The WT parameters like shaft speed, TSR, blade pitch and output power are analyzed with variation in wind speed conditions. The simulation was done by using MATLAB/Simulink software.

The current profile of the converter, load, and the battery are also monitored with the wind profile. To ensure uninterrupted power flow, load demand is given more priority over battery charging. The WT and battery parameters are observed for the following wind profiles.

- 1) Gradual rise and fall in wind speed.
- 2) Step variation in wind speed.
- 3) Arbitrary variation in wind speed.

TABLE I: WT SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

PARAMETERS	VALUE(units)
Rated Power	4000w
Radius	2.3m
Cut-in Wind Speed	4m/s
Rated Wind Speed	10m/s
Inertia co-efficient	7kgm ²
Optimum Tip-Speed Ratio	7
Optimum Power Co-efficient	0.41

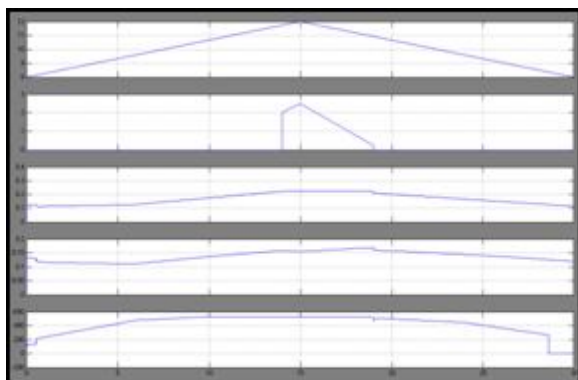
TABLE II: Squirrel Cage Induction Machine Specifications

PARAMETERS	VALUE(units)
Rated Power	5.4hp
Stator Resistance	2.6Ω
Stator Leakage Inductance	4mH
Mutual Inductance	240mH
Rotor resistance	2 Ω
Rotor leakage Inductance	4mH
Excitation capacitance(at full load) connected in Δ	15μF

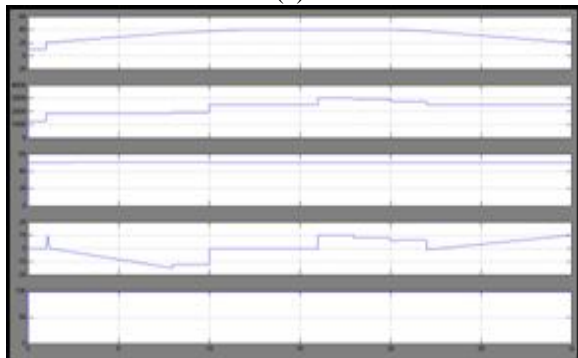
TABLE III: BATTERY SPECIFICATIONS

PARAMETERS	VALUE(units)
Ampere hour rating	400Ah
Nominal Voltage	48v
Fully Charged Voltage (no	55.2v

load)	
Charging rate	C/10



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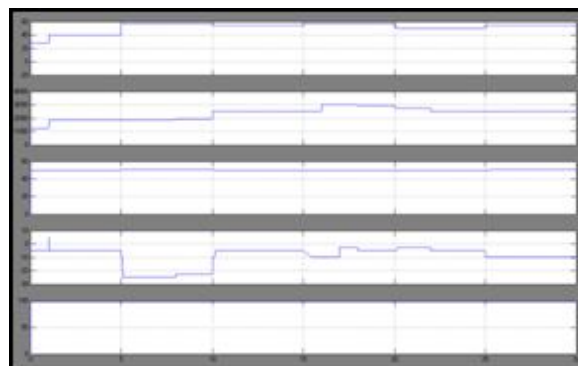


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Fig. 10. (a) WT and (b) battery parameters under the influence of gradual variation of wind speed

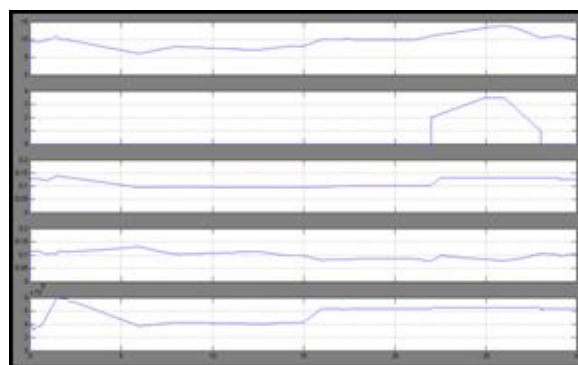


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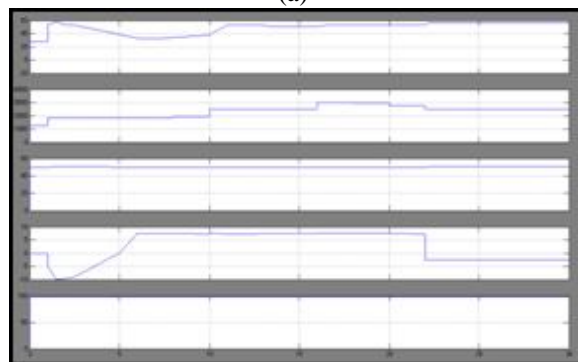


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Fig. 11. (a) WT and (b) battery parameters under the influence of step variation of wind speed



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Fig. 12. (a) WT and (b) battery parameters under the influence of arbitrary variation of wind speed.

CONCLUSION

The wind speed is one of the important factors in determining how much power can be extracted from the wind. The power available from a WECS is very unreliable in nature. So, a WECS cannot ensure uninterrupted power flow to the load. In order to meet the load requirement at all instances, suitable storage device is needed. Therefore, in this paper, a hybrid wind-battery system is chosen to

supply the desired load power. To mitigate the random characteristics of wind flow the WECS is interfaced with the load by suitable controllers. The control logic implemented in the hybrid set up includes the charge control of battery bank using MPPT and pitch control of the WT for assuring electrical and mechanical safety. The charge controller tracks the maximum power available to charge the battery bank in a controlled manner. Further it also makes sure that the batteries discharge current is also within the C/10 limit. The current programmed control technique inherently protects the buck converter from over current situation.

However, at times due to MPPT control the source power may be more as compared to the battery and load demand. During the power mismatch conditions, the pitch action can regulate the pitch angle to reduce the WT output power in accordance with the total demand. Besides controlling the WT characteristics, the pitch control logic guarantees that the rectifier voltage does not lead to an overvoltage situation. The hybrid wind-battery system along with its control logic is developed in MATLAB/SIMULINK and is tested with various wind profiles. The outcome of the simulation experiments validates the improved performance of the system.

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