

## **Review of different vector control schemes used for WECS for AC and DC grids employing DFIG's**

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*Abstract—Climate change concerns and rising global fuel prices, have increased the focus on renewable energy resources for energy requirements. Thus, Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) are gaining popularity as they allow for large scale power generation. Over the years, advantages such as controllability, better-quality of output power, increased energy efficiency and low cost of power electronics have made Doubly fed Induction Generators (DFIG's) the first choice systems for WECS. This paper presents a critical review of various control schemes used in DFIG's connected to AC grids. Also, some latest schemes of DFIG's schemes in DC grid are also presented.*

*Keywords— Doubly fed induction generator, Wind energy conversion system, Back-to-back converter, Stator-flux oriented vector control, Stator voltage oriented vector control*

### **INTRODUCTION**

In the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, power systems were built to supply loads such as heating, lighting, and motor loads which work satisfactorily on AC. Since AC supply became the dominant supplying medium, hence AC power systems were boosted at a humungous speed to the present scale. With the development of power electronics and advanced control technologies, the efficiency of energy utilization and control flexibility has improved, which led to the rapid growth of DC loads. Purely AC loads in today's power systems have considerably reduced with time. In our homes as well as offices, several sensitive devices such as computers, printers, and TVs are employed, which mostly work internally on DC. Even the traditional AC motor driven loads (pumps, washing machines, air compressors, refrigerators, and other industrial equipment) are being replaced by inverter driven motor drives, which control the motor speed and save energy. Even the fluorescent lamps which work equally well on both AC and DC, are being replaced by more efficient LEDs. In steel industry, a DC electric arc furnace consumes lesser energy than its AC counterpart with the same capacity, but most of the electrochemical processes used in industry require DC supply. Addition of DGs for integration of renewable energy sources like photovoltaic (PV) modules, fuel cells, battery energy storage systems (BESSs), and electric vehicles (EVs) into local distribution systems has further increased the motivation to add DC networks [1].

Today, there are many applications where DC grids have advantages over traditional AC grids. Over the years, a lot of research work has been done on Distributed generation [2–6], microgrids [7–10] and offshore WECS [11, 12]. WECS, which employ the variable speed DFIG's are most widely used because the cost of power electronics involved is greatly reduced [13].

DFIG's connected to an AC mains or standalone configurations aimed at feeding AC loads have been the topics of many titles available in the literature. Vector control was the first technique proposed for DFIGs employed for wind applications [14] and is still most commonly preferred in literature [15]. Two of the most common vector control techniques used are the stator flux oriented vector control [16], and the stator voltage orientation based control [17]. The basic issues related to control of rotor side converters and grid side converters using vector control techniques have been reported in [13,18]. Strategies using sensorless control have been investigated in [19–21] and techniques to achieve encoder-less control with a stable behaviour at synchronism are studied in [21–23].

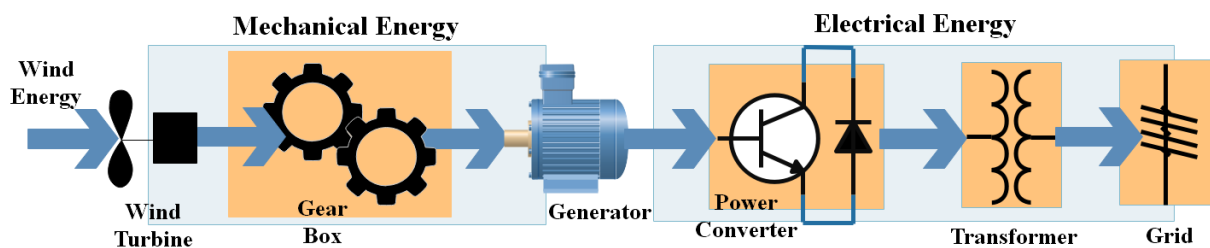


Fig 1: Components of a wind energy conversion system

This paper presents an overview of the various conversion topologies suitable for connection of WECS, using the variable speed DFIGs to AC as well as DC networks. Various control techniques proposed for DFIGs with respect to control of stator side converter and rotor side converters are discussed. Conversion topologies suitable for connection of DFIGs to DC networks along with their control schemes are also discussed.

### OVERVIEW OF VARIOUS DFIG'S

All wind energy conversion systems are comprised of the components as shown in Figure 1.

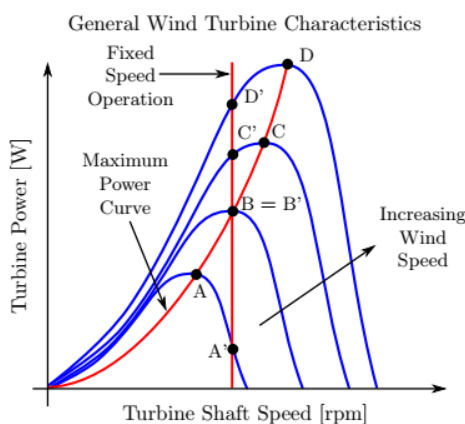


Fig 2: Wind Turbine Characteristics

A necessary condition to connect the wind turbine with the AC grid is that the frequency of turbine output power should match the grid frequency,

$$f_{grid} = \frac{N * P}{120} \quad (1)$$

where,  $f_{grid}$  is the grid frequency in Hertz,  $P$  is the no. of poles on the stator and  $N$  is shaft speed of DFIG in revolutions per minute. With the normal range of wind speeds available, the variation in slip is in the range of  $\pm 30\%$  [24].

Typical configuration used to connect DFIG an AC grid is shown in Figure 3. DFIG is a good choice for wind energy applications since its stator can connect straightway to the AC grid while its speed at the shaft of the rotor can change with the changing wind velocity. Since the rotor carries slip frequency currents, hence a back-to-back AC-DC-AC converter, to change the slip frequency currents to the frequency of AC grid, along with an AC filter, and a transformer, to match the level of converter output voltage with that of AC grid, are required.

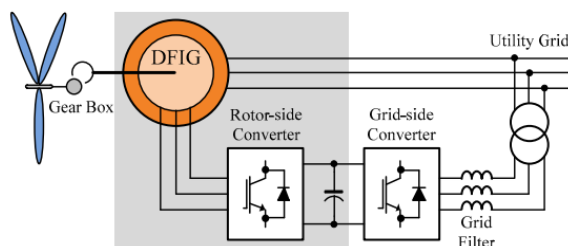


Fig 3: Configuration of a DFIG based WECS

A. Modelling and equivalent circuit

Equivalent circuit of DFIG under steady state conditions as reported in [25] is as presented in Figure 4.

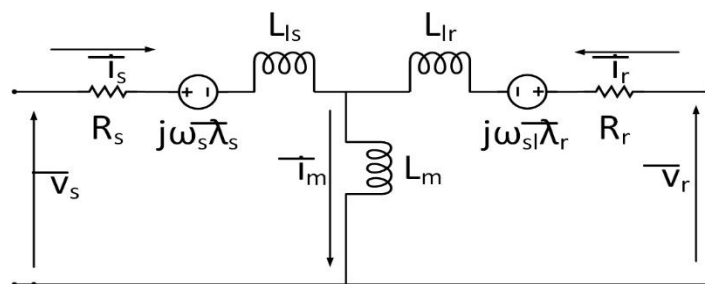


Fig 4: Equivalent circuit of a DFIG

Thus, the rotor and stator voltages and their flux linkages are given by

$$\bar{v}_s = R_s \bar{i}_s + \frac{d\bar{\lambda}_s}{dt} + j\omega_s \bar{\lambda}_s \quad (2)$$

$$\bar{v}_r = R_r \bar{i}_r + \frac{d\bar{\lambda}_r}{dt} + j\omega_{sl} \bar{\lambda}_r \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_s = L_s \bar{i}_s + L_m \bar{i}_r \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda_r = L_r \bar{i}_r + L_m \bar{i}_s \quad (5)$$

where,  $\bar{v}_s$  and  $\bar{v}_r$  are the space vectors for stator and rotor voltages respectively,  $\bar{i}_s$  and  $\bar{i}_r$  are the space vectors for stator and rotor current respectively,  $\bar{\lambda}_s$  and  $\bar{\lambda}_r$  are the space vectors for stator and rotor flux linkages respectively,  $R_s, R_r$  are the resistances of stator and rotor respectively,  $L_m, L_s$ , and  $L_r$  are the magnetizing and stator and rotor leakage inductances respectively,  $\omega_s, \omega_r$  and  $\omega_{sl}$  are synchronous, rotor and slip angular speeds respectively.

The expression for electromagnetic torque,  $T_e$  produced by the DFIG is given as

$$T_e = \frac{3P}{2} \text{Re}(\bar{\lambda}_s \bar{i}_s^*) = \frac{3P}{2} (\lambda_{ds} i_{qs} - \lambda_{qs} i_{ds}) \quad (\text{Error! Bookmark not defined.})$$

where,  $\lambda_{ds}$  and  $\lambda_{qs}$  are the d and q axis components of the stator flux linkage. Neglecting any losses in the stator resistances, the active and reactive powers in stator,  $P_s$  and  $Q_s$  respectively are given by

$$P_s = \frac{3}{2} \text{Re}(\bar{v}_s \bar{i}_s^*) = \frac{3}{2} (v_{ds} i_{ds} + v_{qs} i_{qs}) \quad (6)$$

$$Q_s = \frac{3}{2} \text{Im}(\bar{v}_s \bar{i}_s^*) = \frac{3}{2} (v_{qs} i_{ds} - v_{ds} i_{qs}) \quad (8)$$

Here,  $v_{ds}, v_{qs}$  and  $i_{ds}, i_{qs}$  are the d and q axis components of the stator voltages and currents respectively.

#### DIFFERENT CONTROL STRATEGIES EMPLOYED FOR DFIG'S

As discussed earlier, for AC grid applications, the DFIG stator can connect straightway to the AC grid whereas, in the rotor circuit, two voltage source converters are required. The AC to DC converter at the grid side is joined to stator terminals using filters and a transformer at its AC side and its DC side is connected to a DC link. This DC link feeds the DC to AC converter connected to the rotor terminals [26].

For the converter at supply side, the control schemes reported in the literature aim to control, the active and reactive power flows between the AC grid and the DFIG stator, independently, while keeping constant the voltage at the DC link. The most commonly reported scheme in the literature is the stator voltage oriented vector control scheme.

For the converter on the rotor side, the control schemes reported in the literature aim at exciting the induction machine rotor, thus these control schemes should provide decoupled control between the electromagnetic torque and the rotor currents. The most reported scheme in the literature is stator flux oriented vector control scheme [16].

#### *Stator side converter*

The converter at the stator side should keep constant the DC link voltage, thus enabling control of active and reactive power flows between the AC grid and the stator of DFIG, independently. Stator voltage oriented vector control is the most commonly employed controlling strategy.

Stator voltages in dq reference frames can be written as

$$v_{ds} = R_s i_{ds} + \frac{d\lambda_{ds}}{dt} - \omega_s \lambda_{qs} \tag{9}$$

$$v_{qs} = R_s i_{qs} + \frac{d\lambda_{qs}}{dt} + \omega_s \lambda_{ds} \tag{10}$$

The expression for active and reactive powers is given in (7).

The angular position  $\Theta_s$  of supply voltage is calculated using

$$\theta_s = \int \omega_s dt = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_\beta}{v_\alpha} \tag{Error! Bookmark not defined. 1}$$

where,  $v_\alpha$  and  $v_\beta$  are the stationary components of stator voltage.

Aligning the d axis of the rotating dq reference frame with the stator voltage vector position given by (10),  $v_{qs}$  becomes zero and  $v_{ds}$  is equal to  $|\vec{v}_s|$ . Therefore, from (7), the stator active and reactive powers become proportional to  $i_{ds}$  and  $i_{qs}$  respectively.

The control scheme as reported in [26] is as shown in Figure 5.

#### *A. Rotor Side converter*

The converter at rotor side provides excitation to the induction machine rotor. Thus the aim of control scheme is to provide decoupled control between the electromagnetic torque and the rotor excitation current. Stator flux oriented control technique where the control is done in a dq axis reference frame rotating at synchronous speed, with its d-axis aligned with stator flux position vector is the most commonly used technique. Implementation of this control scheme requires the measuring the stator voltage, rotor and stator currents and also the position of rotor.

The stator flux angle,  $\Theta_e$  is calculated as

$$\lambda_{\alpha s} = \int (v_{\alpha s} - R_s i_{\alpha s}) dt \tag{12}$$

$$\lambda_{\beta s} = \int (v_{\beta s} - R_s i_{\beta s}) dt \tag{13}$$

$$\theta_e = \tan^{-1} \frac{\lambda_{\beta s}}{\lambda_{\alpha s}} \tag{14}$$

where,  $i_{\alpha s}$ ,  $i_{\beta s}$  are the  $\alpha\beta$  components of stator current vector and  $\lambda_{\alpha s}$ ,  $\lambda_{\beta s}$  are the  $\alpha\beta$  components of stator flux linkages respectively.

Aligning the d axis of the rotating dq reference frame with the stator flux vector position given by (8) and (9)  $v_{ds}$  becomes zero and  $v_{qs}$  is equal to  $|\vec{v}_s|$ .

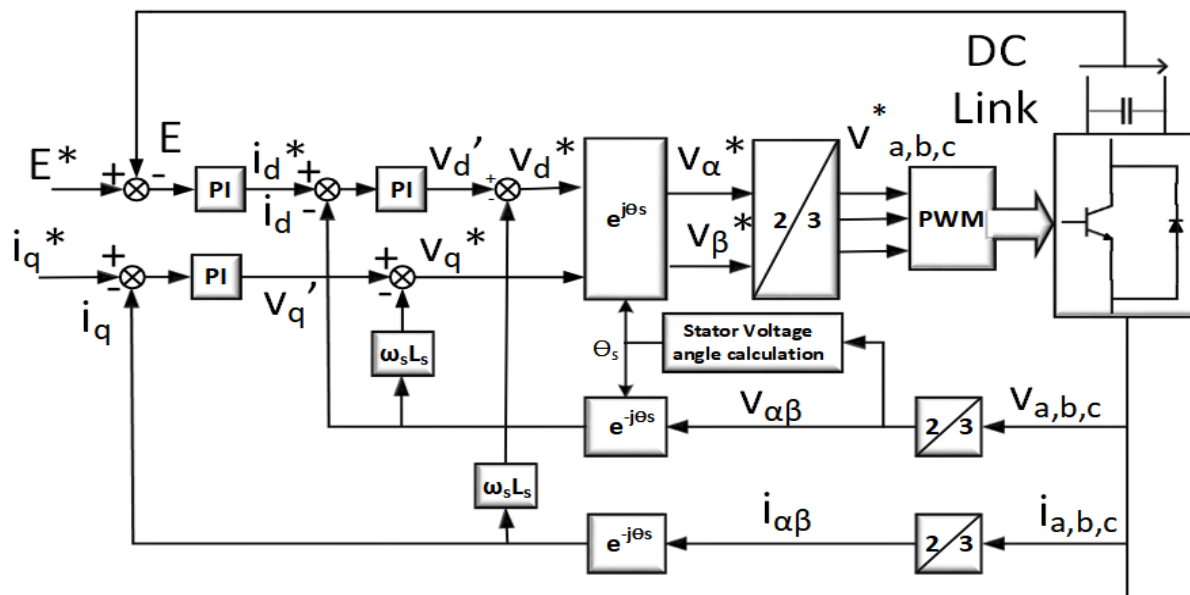


Fig 5: Control Scheme for stator side converter

$$Q_s = \frac{3}{2} v_{qs} i_{ds} \quad (15)$$

and hence by controlling  $i_{ds}$ , the reactive power flow can be controlled.

The rotor voltages can be written as

$$v_{dr} = R_r i_{dr} + \sigma L_r \frac{di_{dr}}{dt} - \omega_{s1} \sigma L_r i_{qr} \quad (16)$$

$$v_{qr} = R_r i_{qr} + \sigma L_r \frac{di_{qr}}{dt} + \omega_{s1} [\sigma L_r i_{dr} - \lambda_{ds} \frac{L_m}{L_s}] \quad (17)$$

where,  $\sigma$  is known as leakage factor. The electromagnetic torque in terms of rotor currents can be written as

$$T_e = -\frac{3 P L_m}{2 L_s} \lambda_{ds} i_{qr} \quad (18)$$

Thus, from (18) we observe that by controlling  $i_{qr}$ , the electromagnetic torque produced inside the DFIG can directly be controlled.

The control scheme as reported in [25] is as shown in Figure 6.

### INTERCONNECTION OF A DFIG TO DC GRID

So far in this work, the AC grid connection of DFIG, where the stator can connect to an AC grid straightway, while two voltage source converters are required in the rotor circuit for connecting it to the same AC grid. If instead of connecting to an AC grid, the DFIG is connected to a DC grid, only a single voltage source converter is required on rotor circuit and the stator connection can be made to the same DC grid by the use of an uncontrolled diode rectifier. Various configurations of such systems are proposed in [11,27–40].

1. The main advantages of these systems are
2. No reactive power is required in DC systems. Also parallel operation of various machines is easier to achieve.
3. Minimization of conversion stages since only a single AC-DC converter is required instead of a back-to-back AC- DC-AC converter. This also reduces the cost and complexity of the system.
4. The DFIG's can also be integrated with other distributed generation sources and storage systems through a common DC bus.
5. On the stator windings, the diode bridge rectifier connected to a fixed voltage DC network applies highly distorted voltages, thus injecting current harmonics of order 5th, 7th, 11th etc. [37]. Since these harmonic orders can be predetermined based by the type of bridge rectifier used, appropriate DC filters can be designed for these which help in improving the overall quality of the output DC currents [27].

A. Conversion topology for a DC-DFIG System

The conversion topology for a DC-DFIG system as reported in [27] is shown in Figure 7. The stator connection to the DC grid is made by the use of an uncontrolled diode bridge rectifier. To connect the rotor of the DFIG, to the same DC grid, a fully controlled AC-DC voltage source converter is used.

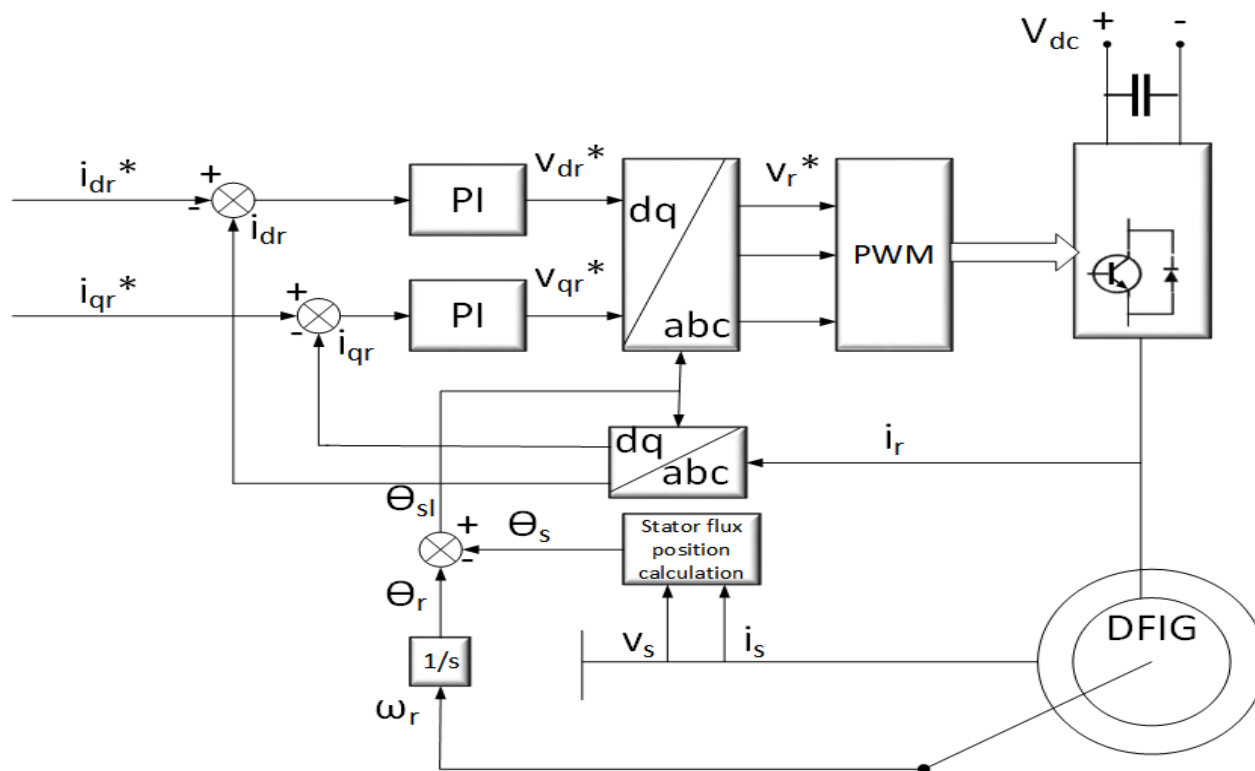


Fig 6: Control scheme for rotor side converter

B. Control requirements of DFIG connected to DC grid

When a DFIG is connected to an AC utility grid, the frequency of currents induced in the stator windings is controlled by the AC utility grid itself. However, when the DFIG is connected to a dc grid, the frequency of currents induced in the stator windings depends on the DFIG limits, since the stator windings are linked to an uncontrolled diode bridge rectifier. Hence, the frequency of stator currents should be regulated near the actual rating of the machine. This helps in utilizing the rated power of the DFIG and also limits the stator flux to proper values.

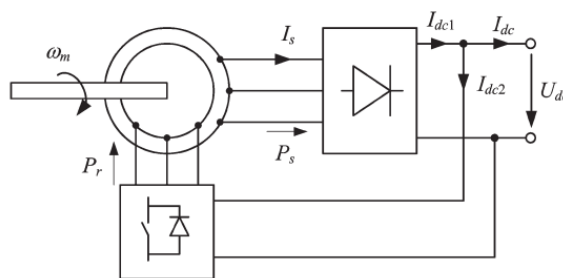


Fig 7: Layout of a WECS based on DFIG connected to a DC grid

The amplitude of voltages induced in the stator windings is set by the DC grid and the uncontrolled diode bridge rectifier. Thus the stator induced voltage is related to stator flux  $\lambda_s$ , and the frequency of induced currents as

$$|\bar{v}_s| = \omega_s \lambda_s \tag{19}$$

Due to the ever changing nature of wind speeds, control of the DFIG shaft speed is necessary. Thus, a speed controller is required, which changes the shaft speed according to the reference torque. If torque and speed controllers are not used, then the speed of shaft is controlled by the wind turbine which is coupled to thyshaft of the DFIG, but this is generally not done.

C. Control Scheme

The control is based on aligning the d axis of a synchronously rotating dq axis reference frame, with the stator flux position vector.

From (18), similar to the case in the earlier topology, the electromagnetic torque produced inside the DFIG can directly be controlled by controlling the q-axis rotor current reference  $i_{qr}^*$ . The frequency of the induced stator currents is controlled with the use of an adaptation block, which works by adjusting the d-axis rotor current reference  $i_{dr}^*$ .

Since the frequency of induced stator currents is related to the speed of the stator flux vector, control is achieved by fixing the position of the stator flux vector using a reference position which rotates at rated speed of the machine. By integrating the reference speed,  $\omega_s^*$  of the machine, the reference position,  $\Theta_s^*$  is obtained. This is corrected using a PI controller, which is shown in Figure 8 as the frequency error detector. The output of the frequency error detector is the phase difference  $\delta$  which can be taken as the frequency error.

$$\delta = \Theta_s^* - \Theta_s \quad (20)$$

The adaptation block uses another PI controller to force the frequency error  $\delta$  to zero. The control scheme as reported in [29] and shown in Figure 8 fulfils all the control requirements.

V. Conclusion

This paper presents a summary of the latest research on DFIG's employed for WECS. DFIGs are suitable for WECS since they allow to generate power on a large scale. Also, power converters required in DFIG's need to handle only the slip power, which is in the range of  $\pm 30\%$ . Hence, the ratings of power converters used in the DFIG's are only 30% of the total machine rating.

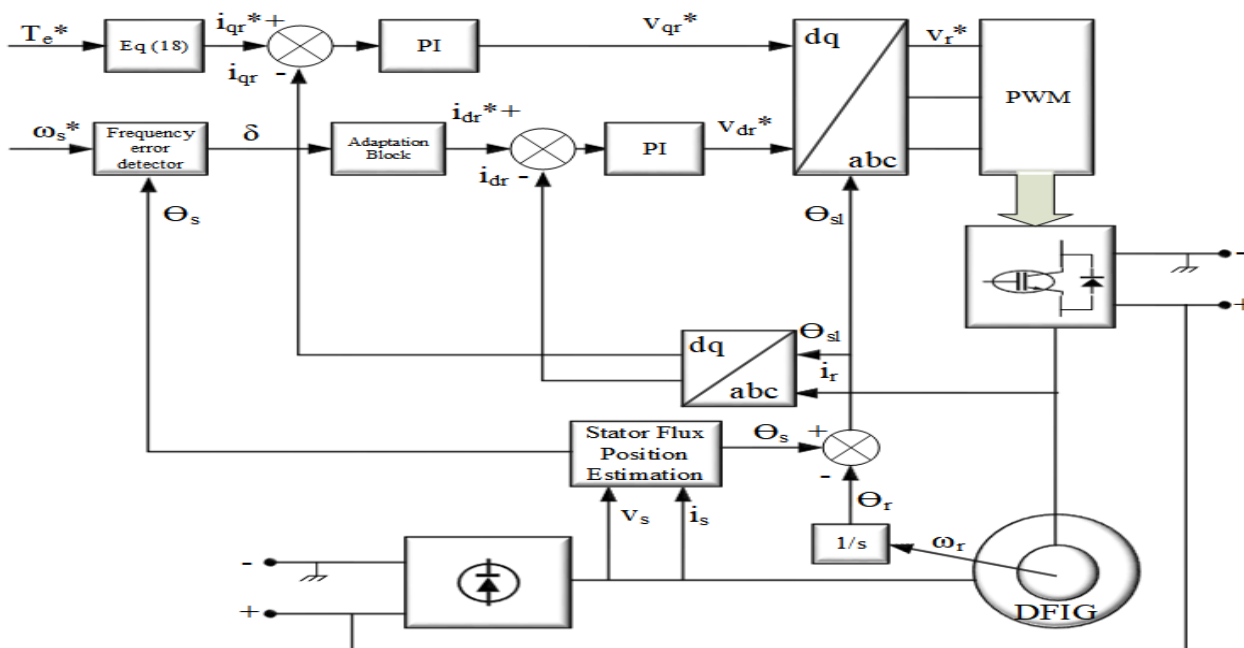


Fig 8: Conversion topology for the DC-DFIG system

Connections of the DFIG to an AC grid as well as a DC grid are also reviewed in this paper. The control requirements for each type of connection are established and the control strategies for each one of them is presented.

DFIG's connection to an AC grid requires a back-to-back AC-DC-AC converter. The converter on the stator side acts as an AC to DC converter and the control strategy aims to control, the active and reactive power flows between the AC grid and the DFIG stator, independently, while keeping the voltage at the DC link constant. Stator voltage oriented vector control scheme is found to be most suitable for this purpose and is most widely presented in the literature.

Also, the connection of a DFIG to a DC grid is presented in this paper. The stator connection of the DFIG, to the DC grid is made by the use of an uncontrolled diode bridge rectifier. To connect the rotor of the DFIG, to the same DC grid, a fully controlled AC-DC voltage source converter is used. Hence, a control scheme based on this topology has also been reviewed.

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