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Chapter - 5

Control and Operation of a DC Grid-Based Wind Power Generation System

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Abstract

This work presents the design of a dc grid-based wind power generation system in a poultry farm. The proposed system allows flexible operation of multiple parallel-connected wind generators by eliminating the need for voltage and frequency synchronization. A model predictive control algorithm that offers better transient response with respect to the changes in the operating conditions is proposed for the control of the inverters. The design concept is verified through various test scenarios to demonstrate the operational capability of the proposed microgrid when it operates connected to and islanded from the distribution grid.

Keywords: Wind system, DC, micro grid

I. Introduction

Poultry farming is the raising of domesticated birds such as chickens and ducks for the purpose of farming meat or eggs for food. To ensure that the poultries remain productive, the poultry farms in Singapore are required to be maintained at a comfortable temperature. Cooling fans, with power ratings of tens of kilowatts, are usually installed to regulate the temperature in the farms [1-3]. Besides cooling the farms, the wind energy produced by the cooling fans can be harnessed using Wind turbines (WTs) to reduce the farms' demand on the grid. The Singapore government is actively promoting this new concept of harvesting wind energy from electric ventilation fans in poultry farms which has been implemented in many countries around the world [4]. The major difference between the situation in poultry farms and common wind farms is in the wind speed variability. The variability of wind speed in wind farms directly depends on the environmental and weather conditions while the wind speed in poultry farms is generally stable as it is generated by constant-speed ventilation fans. Thus, the generation intermittency issues that affect the reliability of electricity supply and power