

Integrated Energy Management System for Microgrid based on Renewable Energy Sources

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ABSTRACT- An effective energy management strategy is crucial to ensure highest system reliability, stability, operation efficiency and cost-effective operation of renewable energy sources based standalone microgrid. This paper presents an efficient energy management system for microgrid incorporated with Photovoltaic system, PMSG based wind turbine and energy storages including battery, fuel cell-Electrolyzer. Implemented hybrid modified invasive weed optimization with perturbed and observed method for PV systems to harvest maximum energy during partial shading condition. A sliding mode controller is implemented for boost converter to work as maximum power point tracker for wind turbine. Three solar plants and three wind farms are considered in this paper to establish 1 MW microgrid. Each wind farm is established with multiple wind turbines and similarly each solar plant having multiple PV modules. Each wind turbine and solar plant has their own inverter to synchronize at point of common coupling (PCC). Effective controllers are proposed to supply quality power at PCC under linear status and nonlinear status of single and three phase loads. Small size battery is considered to work under transient time and electrolyzer-fuel cell set will be working under steady state condition to reduce the cost of the system. TS-Fuzzy based controllers are designed for all the converters and implemented hardware-in-loop on a Real Time Simulator (RTS) by using OPAL RT technology/modules. The results unveiled that the RTS precisely emulate the dynamics of the microgrid with proposed controllers.

Keywords: Microgrid, Photovoltaic, PMSG, Wind, MPPT, MIWO, Fuel Cell, Electrolyzer, Battery, Power Quality, Energy Management System.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The renewable energy sources (RES) based standalone microgrids are becoming popular in present days. Generation of electricity from RES is a solution to reduce global warming. Interconnecting more renewable energy sources with storage device can help establishing a more stable microgrid. The power generation of RES is always fluctuating due to weather conditions. An effective energy management system can help supplying quality power to consumers during fluctuations in generation and load. Among many renewable energy sources, photovoltaic (PV) based solar plant and permanent magnetic synchronous generator (PMSG) based wind power generation systems are more popular in establishing microgrids [1-3], especially in rural areas or the areas where grid is impractical to supply power to consumers, and some isolated places where considering only RES based power generation systems, a locally placed standalone microgrid system is popular. Usually loads where connected to common coupling point (PCC) are

unbalanced, nonlinear and reactive power loads. These loads will lead poor power quality of other sensitive loads. In order to provide quality power to consumers, proper controllers are required to satisfy the requirements by the loads with respective to generation. To compensate the surplus power, a battery can be effectively working due to its fast response under rapid changes on either load or generation or in both sides. However, the big size batteries are costlier for supplying power to high loads and also require high maintenance. Hence, small size of battery is considered in this paper and electrolyzer – fuel cell set is considered for continuous operation to consume surplus power or reach load demand. The electrolyzer can split water into hydrogen and oxygen gases and these gases can be used to generate electricity through Fuel Cell (FC) [4-5]. The generated hydrogen and oxygen can be stored in respective tanks to use when load demand is high, hence, it is having reliable and stable operation. However, due to slow time response and dynamics of FC, a small size battery is considered to maintain load demand during transient time periods. Battery will stop discharging automatically once FC handles load demand.

2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The microgrid consists of three numbers of wind farms, three numbers of solar plants, battery bank, electrolyzer, fuel cell and different kinds of loads is considered in this paper as shown in *figure 1*. All these components are connected to point of common coupling (PCC). Each solar plant consists of many PV arrays, similarly each wind farm consists of many PMSG units coupled with respective wind turbines. Single inverter can be sufficient for each wind farm as well as each solar system.

However, individual maximum power point tracker (MPPT) converters are used for each wind and PV units as shown in *figure 2*. The complete list of wind turbines and PV arrays used in respective generation units is listed in *table 1* for 1MW system. The battery is connected to PCC through separate inverter followed by bidirectional converter. Electrolyzer and FC are connected to a separate DC-bus through their respective DC-to-DC converters. However, the electrolyzer will not be operating when FC is in operation and vice versa. Hence single inverter is sufficient for integrating to PCC. Different kind of loads are connected to PCC and it is very important to synchronize all the inverters were connected to PCC to maintain power quality.

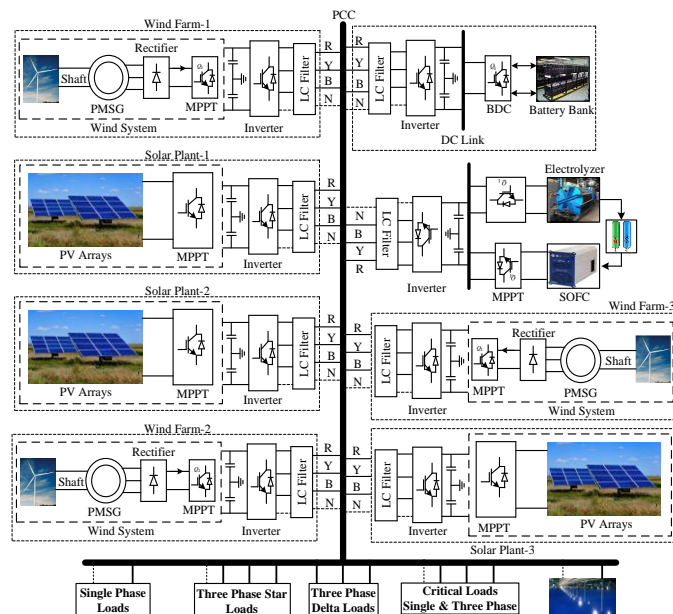


Figure 1: Renewable Energy Sources based Microgrid

Table 1: Ratings of wind farms and solar plants

No	Power station	Digit of 'N'	Power/one system	Capacity of plant (kW)
1	Wind Farm1	8	6.4	51.2
2	Wind Farm2	10	6.4	64.0
3	Wind Farm3	15	6.4	96.0
4	Solar Plant1	17	14.2	241.4
5	Solar Plant2	16	14.2	227.2
6	Solar Plant3	23	14.2	326.6

In order to obtain maximum efficiency of RES, effective MPPT algorithms are required for both wind and PV. Many algorithms are available to harvest maximum energy from wind turbines, however, they require speed sensors. A Sliding Mode Controller (SMC) based algorithm is implemented on the boost converter for extracting maximum power from PMSG which is directly coupled by shaft of wind turbine. Hence, voltage and currents of boost converter are sufficient to develop MPPT algorithm (i.e., SMC) for wind system. Moreover, conventional perturb and observe (P&O) algorithm fails to extract maximum power from PV under partial shading condition (PSC) [6-8]. In

order to avoid this problem, the technique Modified Invasive Weed Optimization (MIWO) and P&O algorithm are hybridized for developing MPPT controller for boost converter of PV array.

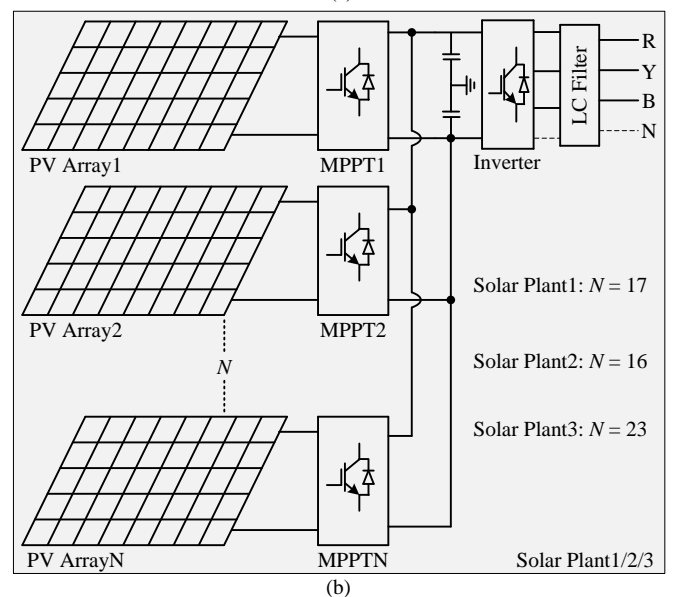
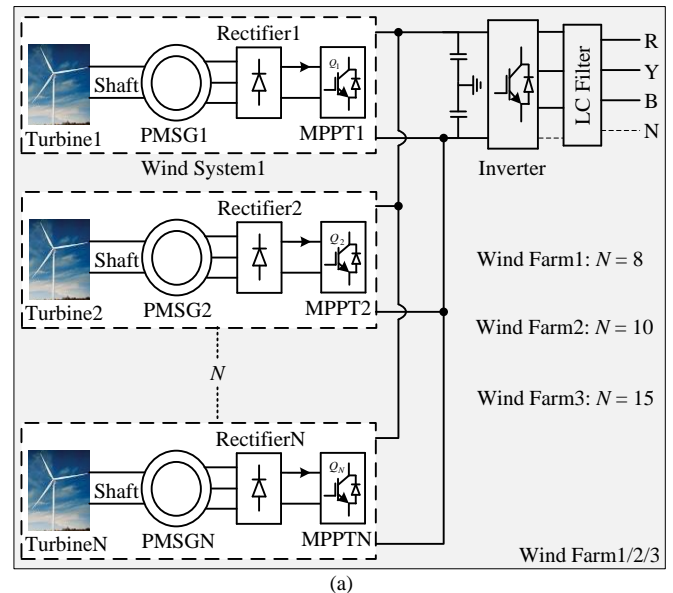


Figure 2: Configuration of (a) Wind Farm(s), (b) Solar Plant(s)

Similar kinds of systems are developed by many scholars, apart from many few important systems are listed in [2, 9-23]. In [2], authors proposed a voltage controller for wind and PV based standalone system and also considered battery, electrolyzer and FC. However, the components of system in [2] are connected to common DC bus. All components in this kind of systems are placed at same place and small rating of system. The authors in [9-11] presented the optimization procedure for renewable energy sources-based systems. However, in [9-11], authors did not address the energy management system and the system is connected with common DC bus. Hybrid renewable energy sources based standalone system is proposed for residential applications by authors in [12]. However, these kinds of

systems are applicable for small community and all sources are considered at same location. The authors in [13] proposed a single phase standalone system with different kinds of renewable energy sources. However, the system in [13] is limited to single phase and authors did not address electrolyzer and FC. The diesel generator-based standalone systems are proposed in [14-16]. However, application of these systems is limited and there was no information about the applicability of having sources in different locations. Moreover, authors in [14-16] did not provide discussion about FC and electrolyzer. The frequency control of standalone microgrid with renewable energy sources is presented in [17]. However, the sources in [17] are placed in same location, the authors also did not discuss the energy management system as well as applications of electrolyzer – FC. The MPPT of hybrid renewable energy sources based standalone microgrid is discussed in [18], however, authors did not address the energy management system as well as applications of electrolyzer – FC. The production of hydrogen and application of FC with renewable energy sources based standalone system are discussed by authors in [19-23]. However, the authors did not address the energy management systems and did not consider sources in various locations. It is very important to design proper energy management system in standalone microgrid that has sources in different locations.

3. DC SIDE CONTROLLERS

PMSG based wind energy to electricity conversion system is considered in this paper. Total 33 wind turbines are considered in this paper in three wind farms which are located in different places. Each wind farm is integrated with PCC with single inverter. Hence, it is very important to connect all PMSGs in each wind farm to a common DC-bus which is treated as the input of the respective inverter. However, due to variable wind speed, the output of all PMSGs cannot be connected directly. Hence the PMSG output is converted to DC through an uncontrolled three phase rectifier (diode). Output of each diode rectifier is connected to respective boost converter as shown in *figure 2* and SMC is implemented to work boost converter as MPPT converter of respective wind turbine. The controller of SMC is not required to sense the speed of wind turbine. The implemented SMC is shown in *figure 3* and the parameters involved in SMC are provided in *table 2*.

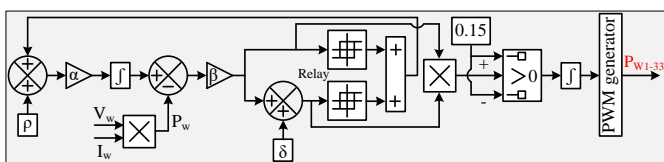


Figure 3: MPPT of wind turbine

Table 2: Parameters involved in SMC

S. No	Parameter	Value
1	ρ	0.1
2	α	80
3	β	0.03
4	δ	0.8

All boost converters used in wind farm(s) are connected to a common DC-link, hence generated power by all the PMSG can feed to microgrid by regulating DC-link voltage even under low wind speed. At the same time these boost converters can work as MPPT converters of respective wind turbines by controlling with SMC. Similarly, every solar plant established by connecting PV arrays/strings, and every array is connected to an individual MPPT converter. However, single inverter can manage to transfer total generated power of solar plant to Microgrid/PCC which can decrease complexity and price of complete system. The complete block diagram of PV array under partial shading and PV cell are shown in *figure 4 (a)* and *(b)* respectively.

The PV string is modeled by considering series connection of 22 number of PV modules to generate 660V at the maximum level of irradiance. The parameters of single PV module are listed in *table 3*. Each PV array designed by connecting three PV strings in parallel to decrease amount of MPPT devices to be used, hence it can be a solution for cost effective system. Therefore, a single DC-DC converter can work effectively as a MPPT converter for the whole PV array (i.e., for three PV strings). However, such a layout is having more chance to get partial shading conditions (PSCs). Under these circumstances, the designed MPPT mechanism must handle PSCs to harvest the maximum available energy. Two different patterns of PSC are listed in *table 4* and modeled based on the references [2-3, 12-14].

Table 3: Parameters of a PV Module

S. No.	Parameters	Values
1	Short-circuit current	8.01
2	Open circuit voltage	36.90
3	Voltage at MPP	30.30
4	Current at MPP	7.10

Table 4: Partial shading Conditions

Pattern	For one PV string irradiance in W/m ²
1	[1 st Partial shaded condition]: figure 5(b) Modules: 1 to 3=1000; 4 to 8=800; 9 to 18=600; 19 to 22=400
2	[2 nd Partial shaded condition]: figure 5(b) Modules: 1=1000; 2 to 4=800; 5 to 12=600; 13 to 22=400

The PV system can exhibit its maximum power by operating at a particular voltage level (V_{mpp}) as indicated in *figure 5(a)* under different level of irradiances. However, the conventional designed P&O technique fails to identify the best MPP location under the PSC due to existence of many local maximum points depicted in *figure 5(b)*. The voltage corresponding to the maximum power point achieved by P&O algorithm is stated by *equation (1)* [2-4].

$$V_{mpp}(i) = \Delta V \times \text{sign} \left(\frac{dP_{pv}}{dV_{pv}} \right) + V_{mpp}(i-1) \quad (1)$$

ΔV is the small step variation in voltage, i represent the iteration number.

During PSC, many local peaks of PV power points are existed, but one will become a global maximum power point (GMPP) among them which is like shown in figure 5 (b). Traditional algorithm(s) (i.e., P&O and incremental conductance) may not guarantee for convergence to reach GMPP. Therefore, the modified invasive weed optimization (MIWO) algorithm is developed and integrated to P&O algorithm for finding the GMPP among all local peaks during PSCs. The characteristics of PV system under PSC are depicted in figure 5 (b). The proposed MIWO based P&O algorithm can help to find GMPP by continues to update the V_{mpp} signal. The flow chart of hybrid P&O-MIWO is depicted in i.

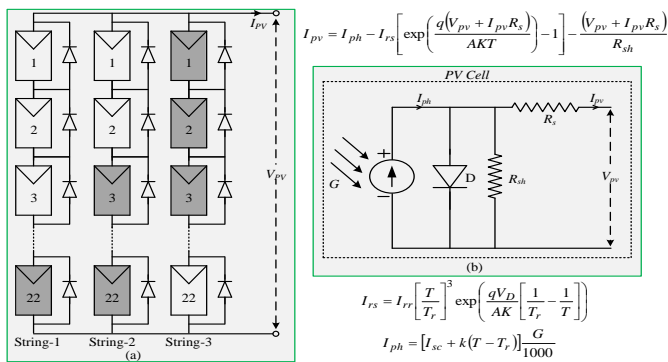


Figure 4: Model of PV (a) system/array, (b). single cell

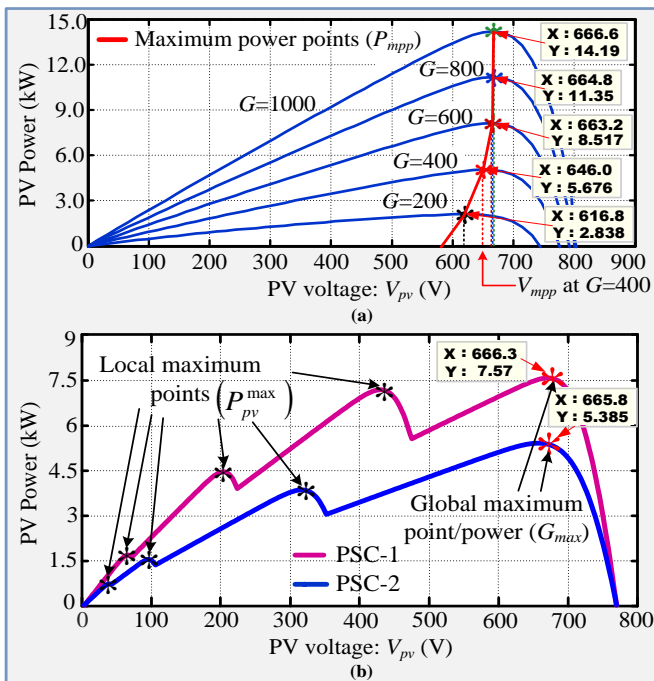


Figure 5: P-V curves under (a) symmetrical irradiance, (b) PSC

The reference voltage signal which is corresponding to maximum power point is generated by P&O-MIWO algorithm and compare with PV array voltage to generate duty cycle through PI/TS-Fuzzy controller as shown in figure 7. Individual

MPPT controllers are designed to respective MPPT converters (i.e., boost converter) of PV arrays as shown in figure 2. The power generated by PV and wind depends on nature, hence energy storage devices are required to stabilize the power of the microgrid. Battery is one of the efficient energy storage devices, hence a battery bank is considered to maintain the power balance in microgrid. Individual battery bank is considered with own inverter for connecting to PCC. Moreover, to maintain charging and discharging properly a bidirectional DC-to-DC converter with proper controller is incorporated in this paper. The power balance is maintained by regulating voltage at DC-link with proposed controller as shown in figure 8. In order to protect the battery from over charging the controller is designed by considering state of charge (SoC) of battery.

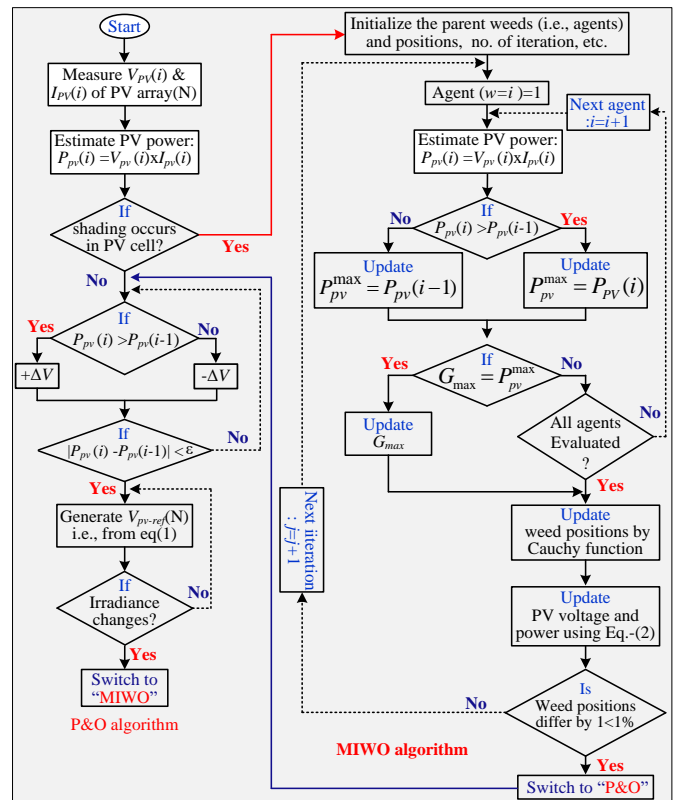


Figure 6: Flow chart of proposed P&O-MIWO algorithm for MPPT of PV array

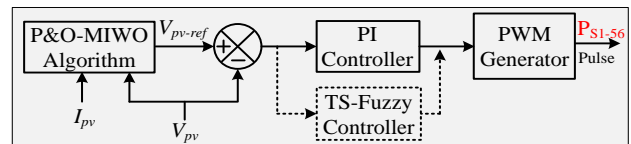


Figure 7: MPPT controller of boost converter for PV System

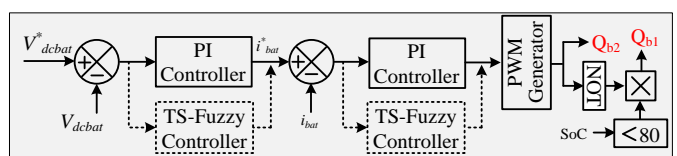


Figure 8: Controller for bidirectional DC-to-DC converter of battery

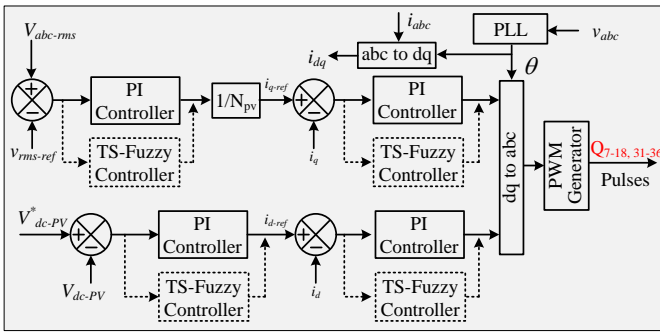


Figure 11: Controller of Inverter for Solar plant

The battery needs to work in transient time periods and it is associated with separate inverter followed by DC-to-DC bidirectional converter. The bidirectional converter can regulate its DC-link voltage, hence the inverter need to regulate AC output which is connected to PCC. The proposed inverter controller for battery is shown in figure 12. As it is standalone system, the frequency regulation is very important hence the flow of active power controller is designed by regulating frequency of PCC at its reference value. By taking this frequency, the other inverters will make synchronizing with PCC. The oscillations due to harmonics in generation currents (wind, PV and FC) are comparing with zero reference, hence, the controller can allow the harmonic component through this inverter to work as active power filter. The hysteresis current controllers are used to run the inverter as shunt active power filter.

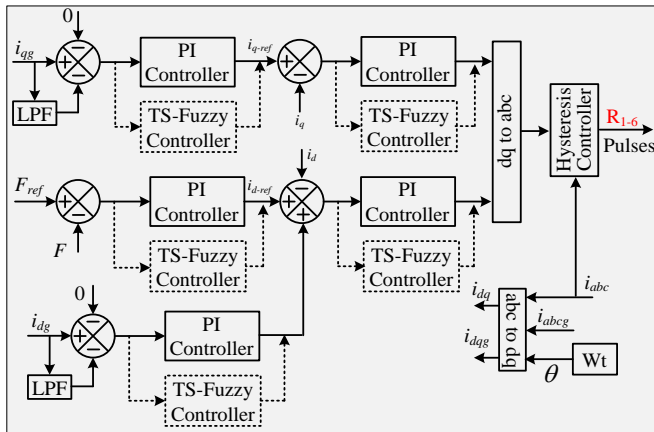


Figure 12: Controller of Inverter associated with battery

The inverter that is associated with electrolyzer-FC set is used to transfer surplus power to electrolyzer when load is more than the generation as well as to supply power from FC to PCC when load demand is more than the load. The power flow can be done by regulating DC-link voltage. Hence, DC-link voltage is considered while designing the controller and the same inverter is also used to compensate unbalanced load currents. This inverter can convert unbalanced current to DC when electrolyzer is under operation accordingly to compensate unbalanced load currents that exist due to unbalanced load at PCC. This can helps to flow balanced currents through PCC. Therefore, balanced currents can be produced by other inverters

to PCC by generating unbalanced currents through inverter that is associated with electrolyzer-FC set. The proposed controller for inverter which is associated with electrolyzer-FC set is shown in figure 13.

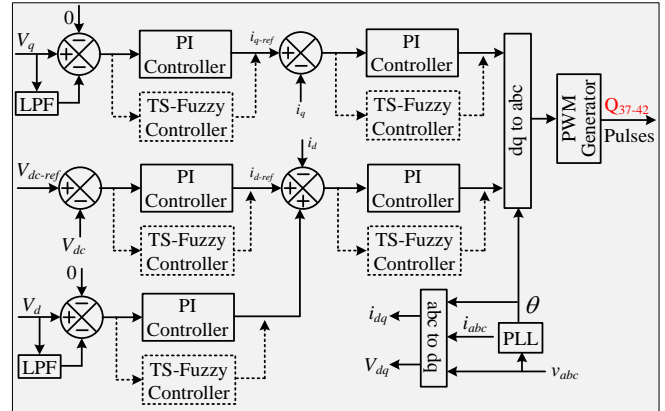


Figure 13: Controller of Inverter associated with FC-Electrolyzer

5. TS FUZZY CONTROLLER

The proportional plus integral controllers are tuned at particular instant, hence the same gains may not work properly during rapid changes in solar irradiance as well as sudden changes in load. Therefore, TS-Fuzzy controllers are implemented to produce smooth operation under rapid irradiance changes [4]. The procedure along with proper description of the TS-Fuzzy controller is provided here. The inputs of TS-Fuzzy controller are treated as error variations of voltage/current (x_i) and its derivative (\dot{x}_i) signals, as shown in figure 14. The fuzzification in the controller for two inputs is evaluated by respective membership functions (MFs) such as negative (N) and positive (P) that is displayed in figure 14. The MFs of x_i & \dot{x}_i signals are represented by eq. (2) and eq. (3). The designed rules of the TS-Fuzzy controller are listed in table-5.

$$\mu_P(x_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & x_i < L_1 \\ \frac{x_i + L_1}{2L_1}, & -L_1 \leq x_i \leq L_1 \text{ and} \\ 1, & x_i > L_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_N(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & x_i < L_1 \\ \frac{-x_i + L_1}{2L_1}, & -L_1 \leq x_i \leq L_1 \\ 0, & x_i > L_1 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$\mu_P(\dot{x}_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \dot{x}_i < L_2 \\ \frac{\dot{x}_i + L_2}{2L_2}, & -L_2 \leq \dot{x}_i \leq L_2 \text{ and} \\ 1, & \dot{x}_i > L_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_N(\dot{x}_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \dot{x}_i < L_2 \\ \frac{-\dot{x}_i + L_2}{2L_2}, & -L_2 \leq \dot{x}_i \leq L_2 \\ 0, & \dot{x}_i > L_2 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

In table 5, $Z_1, Z_2, Z_3,$ and Z_4 characterize outputs of TS-Fuzzy process. 'K' denotes sampling instant. a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 and

a_5 designate the fuzzy constants. A generalized defuzzifiers of the controller's output (Y) is denoted by eq. (4).

$$Y = \frac{Z_1 F_1 + Z_2 F_2 + Z_3 F_3 + Z_4 F_4}{Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + Z_4} \quad (4)$$

Where,

$$F_1 = \text{minimum} \{ \mu_p(\dot{x}_i), \mu_p(x_i) \},$$

$$F_2 = \text{minimum} \{ \mu_N(\dot{x}_i), \mu_p(x_i) \},$$

$$F_3 = \text{minimum} \{ \mu_p(\dot{x}_i), \mu_N(x_i) \}, \text{ and}$$

$$F_4 = \text{minimum} \{ \mu_N(\dot{x}_i), \mu_N(x_i) \}$$

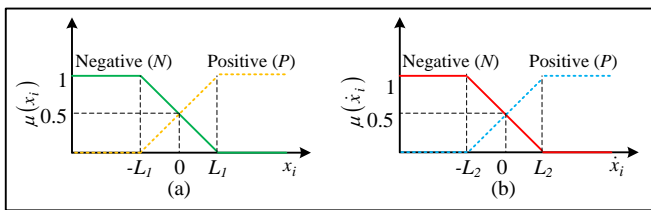


Figure 14: Membership functions of Fuzzy rules

Table 5: The TS-Fuzzy controller rules

Rule	$x_i(k)$	$\dot{x}_i(k)$	function
Rule1	N	N	$Z_1 = a_1 x_i(k) + a_2 \dot{x}_i(k)$
Rule2	N	P	$Z_2 = a_3 Z_1$
Rule3	P	N	$Z_3 = a_4 Z_1$
Rule4	P	P	$Z_4 = a_5 Z_1$

6. RESULTS

The proposed Microgrid system presented in figure 1 is implemented on a real-time simulator (RTS) platform using OPAL-RT technology. The configuration of Hardware-In-Loop (HIL) is attempted by interconnecting two OPAL-RT modules here. One unit serves as a microgrid block while other is used to build the controller as shown in figure 15.

The HIL setup of proposed system is established by sending analogue signals from the OPAL RT1 unit to the controller unit (OPAL RT2). Similar way, the digital signals are coming to unit-1 from unit-2.

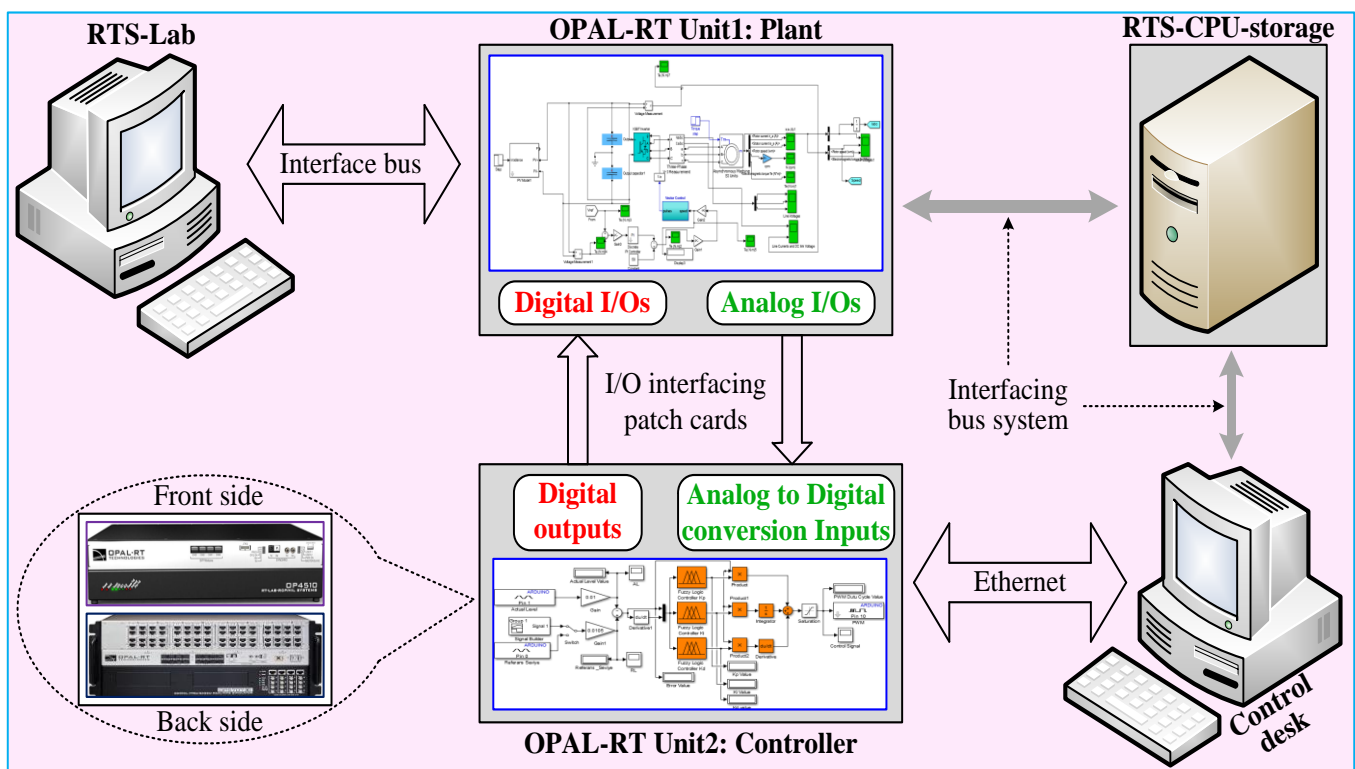


Figure 15: Configuration of OPAL-RT

In order to form Hardware – in- loop (HIL), the complete system needs to be divided into two parts. One is Plant and another one is controller. The plant model consists of all components including converters, sensors for voltage, current, SoC, etc. The controller unit consists of only controllers and output as digital signals for pulses. The plant is dumped in

‘OPAL-RT’1 & other ‘OPAL-RT’2 consists of controller block. The complete block representation with color coding of analog and digital signals for HIL is depicted in figure 16. The following case studies are investigated to evaluate the significance and verify the performance of the system.

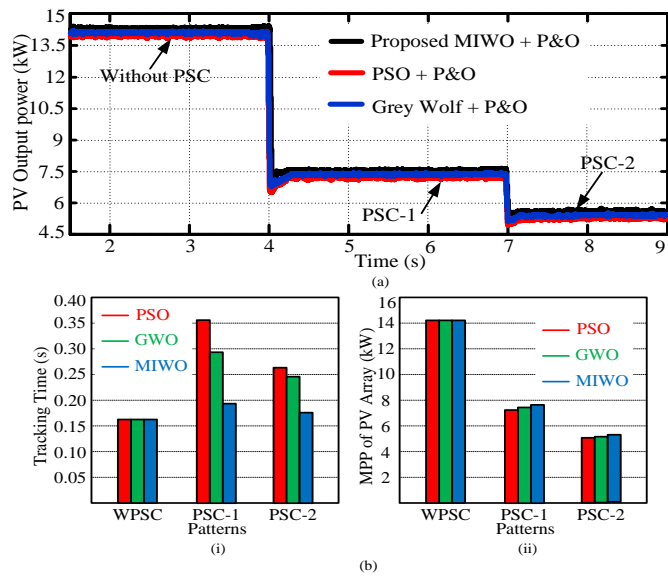


Figure 18: (a) Output power, (b)-(i) MPPT tracking time, (b)-(ii) MPPs

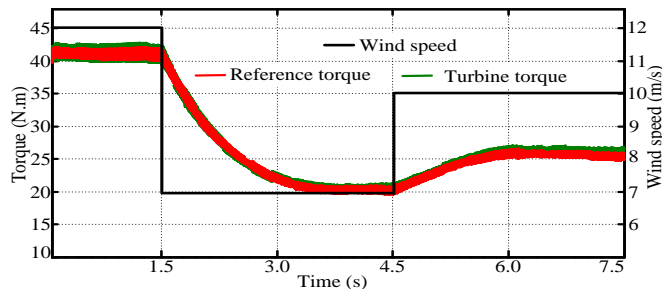


Figure 19: MPPT operation of wind turbine

Case-C: Responses of the system during unbalanced and nonlinear load

A 3-phase unbalanced (currents) load is connected at PCC that draws unbalanced current as illustrated in figure 20(a). The voltage at PCC will be unbalanced voltages because of unbalanced voltage drops due to unbalanced currents. Unbalanced voltages may create several issues to connected loads at PCC, which lead to power quality problems. Moreover, these unbalanced voltages draw unbalanced currents from all inverters of wind farms as well as solar plants. For instance, these unbalanced currents of wind farm/solar plant inverters create second order oscillations, these oscillations will damage the wind turbine shaft [3] at the same time will produce heat on PV arrays. Thus, it is imperative in maintaining balanced three phase voltages at the Microgrid, irrespective of unbalanced currents. As unbalanced currents are noticed, the controller permits such oscillations through electrolyzer-FC inverter and then produce unbalanced currents to keep the balanced terminal voltages at PCC/Microgrid.

In this case study, considered unbalanced load at $t=1$ sec. The injected 2nd wind farm's currents (balanced) and the voltages at PCC are depicted in figure 20(b) and 20(c) respectively. Due to unbalanced currents, the generated oscillations in wind farm are mentioned in 20(e) with the normal controller and proposed controller of inverter that is associated with electrolyzer-FC set.

It is noted that suggested controllers will control the second order oscillations. The generated three-phase balanced RMS voltages at PCC are in figure 20(f).

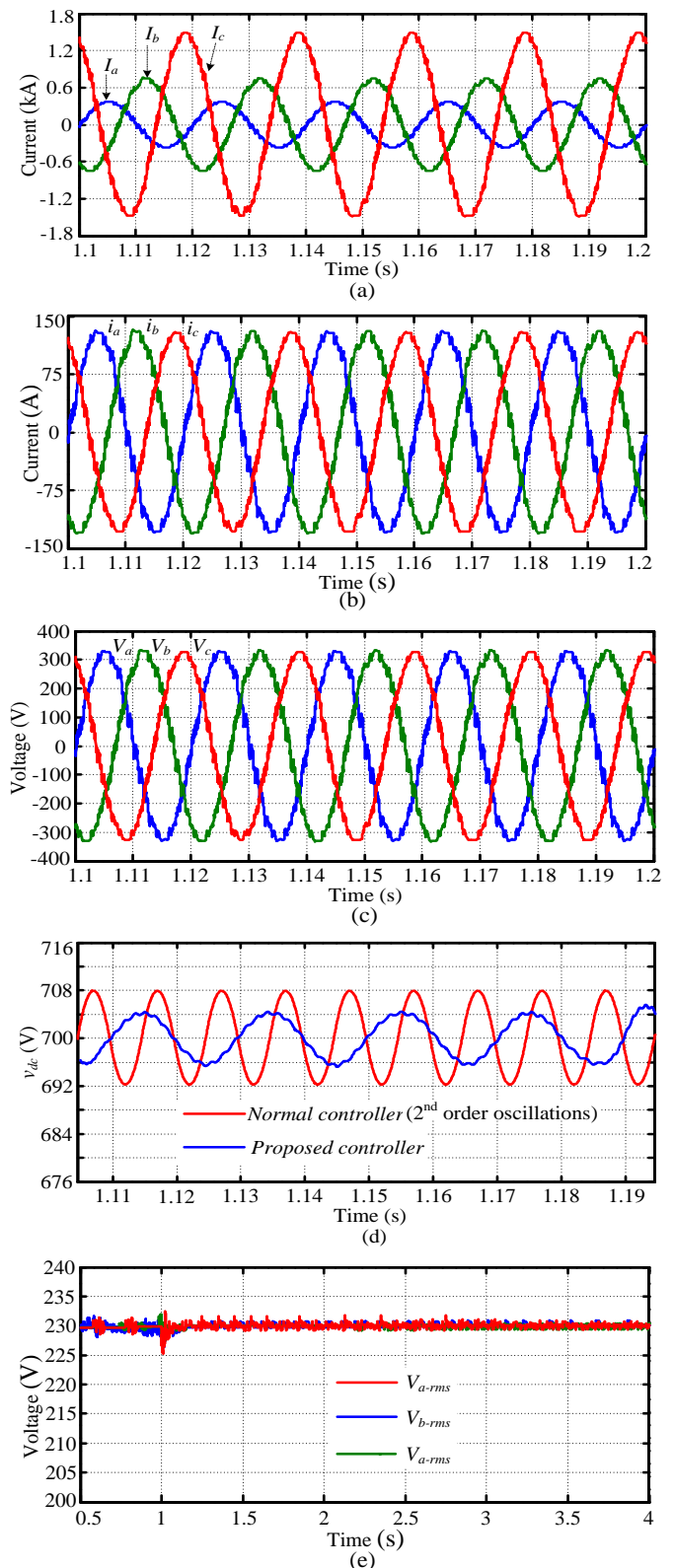


Figure 20: (a) unbalanced currents, (b) currents at wind farm-2, (c) voltages at PCC, (d) voltage at dc-link, (e) RMS phase voltages at PCC

The proposed controller is further tested under nonlinear loads. The ITD obtained from FFT of the voltage is depicted in *figure 21*. The values of positive and negative sequence of voltage are reported in *figure 22(a)* and *22(b)* respectively. The positive to negative voltage sequence factor is reported in *figure 22(c)* under the mixing of nonlinear and unbalanced loads at PCC. The positive to negative sequence factor value that was achieved is less than '1' percent, which suggests that further renewable energy sources may be added in the future.

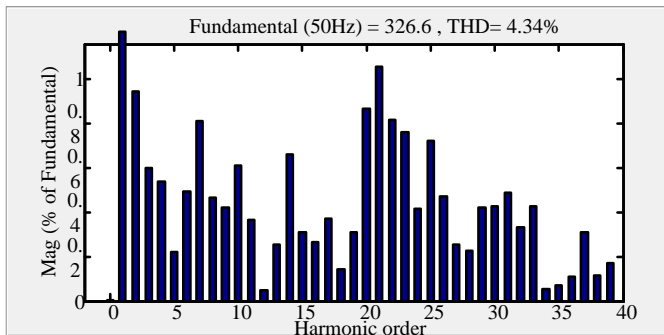


Figure 21: THD spectrum of phase voltage at PCC

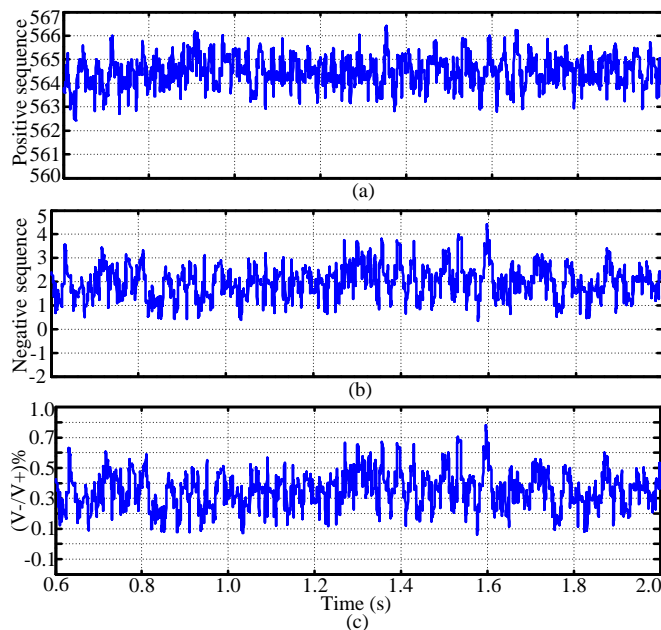


Figure 22: (a) positive sequence, (b) negative sequence, (c) ratio of positive-negative sequence voltage factor

Case-D: Operation with Electrolyzer and Fuel Cell

The battery controller will stop to charge the battery when SoC of battery reaches its upper limit (i.e., 80%). In this scenario, the power generated by wind farms and solar plants are considered more than the load demand. The load demand of 500 kW is considered at PCC in this situation and generation is about 1 MW. Hence, the surplus power is consumed by electrolyzer to produce oxygen and hydrogen which can easily be stored in tanks and can be utilized to generate electricity through FC when generation power is less than the load demand. The

corresponding power diagram of all wind farms, solar plants, battery, FC and electrolyzer is shown in *figure 23*.

In similar manner, when load power is more than the total generation from wind farms and solar plants, the FC will start to produce electricity to maintain load demand. However, due to slow dynamics of FC, it cannot reach load demand instantaneously. During this time period, the battery will handle the load demand in transient time period and FC can handle the load demand in steady state. In this case 1.35 MW load is connected at PCC and the generation is at 1 MW. The corresponding powers are depicted in *figure 24*.

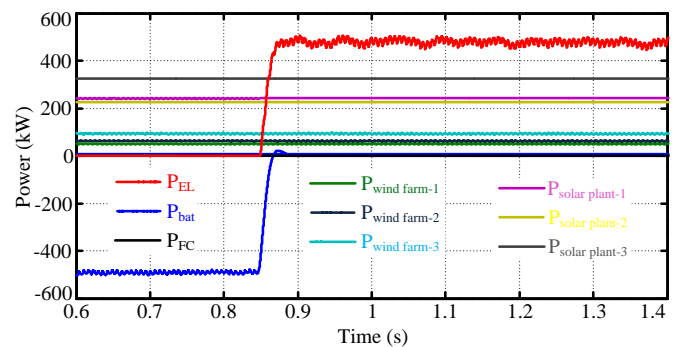


Figure 23: Powers under operation of electrolyzer

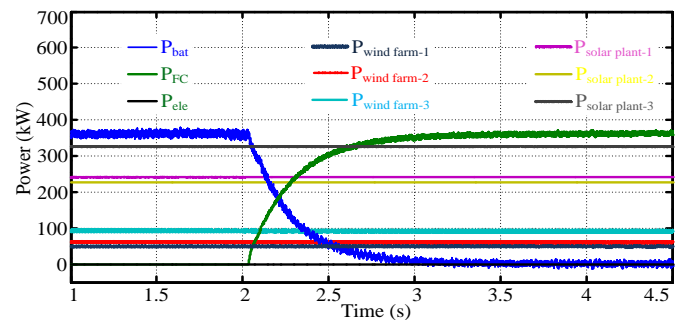


Figure 24: Powers under operation of Fuel Cell

7. CONCLUSION

An efficient energy management system is developed to provide an economical solution for the huge problem of power demand and emission without sacrificing the power quality for Microgrid based on Renewable Energy Sources. Hybrid MIWO-P&O algorithm is implemented for MPPT of PV system under PSCs. The designed controller was capable of transferring only active power to AC Microgrid while the reactive power being shared by all the PV inverters. Unbalanced load compensation was achieved with the help of FC-Electrolyzer concurrently. The results on OPAL-RT substantiate the effectiveness of the bestowed strategy and potentiality of the TS-Fuzzy based controller for the energy management system of renewable energy based standalone Microgrid utilizing Real time Simulator. Hardware in loop structure is implemented to demonstrate the viability of a more realistic simulation and controller testing. The positive to negative sequence of line-to-line voltage factor of less than '1'

has been maintained for all the controllers so that further integration of renewable sources is allowed to the AC Microgrid.

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