ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF SRG AND DFIG FOR WIND GENERATION APPLICATION

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ABSTRACT

Renewable energy is very important topic to be study to find new sources of energy to produce electricity. The main advantages of the renewable energy are available, clean, low cost, and continuous energy.

The main objective of this paper is to document the comparative and absolute advantages and disadvantages of using Switched Reluctance Generator (SRG’s) and Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG’s) in wind generation. The comparative study is based on the machine parameters like inductance, flux linkage, torque, output power, weight and cost. Performance analysis has been carried out using Finite Element Analysis (FEA). The predicted results show SRG’S has the optimal choice for Wind Generation.

1. INTRODUCTION

Wind powered generators must operate efficiently under variable speed conditions. Although the efforts are getting it from conventional machines, a devoted special machine is welcome. The switched reluctance machine represent one of the simplest types of electrical machines and Switched Reluctance Generator. SRG is a potential device for variable speed power generation. Investigation conducted to explore this new potion showed that it is promising due to the new advances in power electronics and in micro processing. The SRG is reliable efficient and present some specific characteristics that match the needs of wind power.

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The induction motor can also run as a generator. This simply happens when you, instead of forcing the rotor to turn at a rotational speed lower than the synchronous speed, exceed this synchronous speed by applying an outside energy source, such as diesel motor or a set of wind turbine rotor blades. Once again, the greater the difference between the rotating magnetic field of the stator and the speed of the rotor, the greater the torque produced by the rotor. When it is working as a generator, the rotating field however acts as a brake in slowing the rotor. The stator experiences a variable magnetic field from the rotor that drags its rotating magnetic field and thereby induces an electrical current in the stator. In comparison to motor operation the induced currents in the rotor and the stator will flow in the opposite direction, which means that power will be sent to the grid. The faster the rotor turns in relation to the magnetic field of the stator, the greater induction in the stator and the greater the production of power.

2.1 ANALYTICAL FORMULAS

Output Equation

\[ KVA\ input\ Q=C_lD^2L_n \]  (1)

Output co-eff \[ C_0=1.1k_Bu_ac*10^{-3} \]  (2)

\[ D = \text{core length} \]

\[ L = \text{pole pitch} \]
Flux per Pole
\[ \phi_m = B_{w0} \tau L = B_{w0}^* (\pi DL) / p \]  

(3)

Stator voltage per phase
\[ E_s = 4.44 f \phi_m T_s K_{w3} \]  

(4)

\( T_s \) = no of turns per phase
\( K_{w3} \) = stator winding factor

Stator turns per phase
\[ T_s = \frac{E_s}{4.44 f \phi_m K_{w3}} \]  

(5)

\( f \) = frequency

Stator conductors

Stator current per phase
\[ I_s = \frac{Q}{A_{conductor}} \]  

(6)

Area of each stator conductor
\[ \alpha = I_s \delta \]  

(7)

\( \delta \) = current density in stator conductor
\( I_s \) = stator current

Stator slot pitch
\[ Y_{sg} = \frac{\text{gap surface}}{\text{total no slots}} \]
\[ = \frac{\pi D}{S_g} \]  

(8)

\( S_g \) = no of stator conductor

Conductor per stator slot
\[ Z_{sg} = \frac{6T_s}{S_g} \]  

(9)

Area of each slot = copper area per slot/space factor
\[ = \frac{Z_{sg} \times \alpha_s}{\text{space factor}} \]  

(10)

Length of mean term
\[ L_{max} = 2L + 2.3\tau + 0.24 \]  

1 & \( L \) expressed in m

Stator teeth
\[ \text{min tooth area per pole} = \frac{\phi_m}{1.7} \]  

(12)

\[ \text{min width of stator tooth} = \frac{\phi_m}{1.7 \times S_g \times L_s} \]  

(13)

Stator core
area of stator core = \( \frac{\phi_m}{2B_{cs}} \)  

(14)

Outside diameter
\[ D_0 = D + 2d_e + 2d_o \]  

(15)

2.2 ANALYTICAL RESULT
ROTOR DIAMETER

\[ D_o = 2 \times r \]

\[ r = \frac{157}{2 \times \pi} = 25 \]

TORQUE \( D_o = 2 \times 25 = 50mm \)

\[ \tau = \frac{P_{gap}}{\omega_s} \]

\[ P_{gap} = 233.326 \]

\[ \omega_s = \frac{4 \times \pi \times 50}{1} = 628.31 \]

\[ \tau = \frac{233.326}{628.31} = 0.371nm \]

SLIP RING

\[ s = \frac{\omega_s - \omega_m}{\omega_s} = \frac{1500 - 1659.92}{1500} = -0.1066 \]

EFFICIENCY

\[ \eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{out}} \times 100 = \frac{0.55}{0.6639} = 82.8352\% \]

### Table 2.1 Designed Parameters of DFIG

| Parameters                      | Value     |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Rated output power(hp)         | 3         |
| Rated voltage                  | 220       |
| Given rated speed              | 1500      |
| Type of load                   | 12        |
| Number of stator poles         | 4         |
| Outer diameter of stator(mm)   | 180       |
| Inner diameter of stator(mm)   | 121       |
| No of stator slots(mm)         | 30        |
| Length of stator core(mm)      | 65        |
| Stacking factor of stator core | 0.95      |
| Number of rotor poles          | 4         |
| Length of air gap(mm)          | 0.5       |
| Inner diameter of rotor(mm)    | 30        |
| No of rotor slots(mm)          | 24        |
| Length of rotor core(mm)       | 65        |
| Stacking factor of rotor core  | 0.95      |
| Type of steel                  | M-45 steel |
2.3 FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

FEA consists of a computer model of a material or design that is stressed and analyzed for specific results. It is used in new product design, and existing product refinement. A company is able to verify a proposed design will be able to perform to the client's specifications prior to manufacturing or construction. Modifying an existing product or structure is utilized to qualify the product or structure for a new service condition. In case of structural failure, FEA may be used to help determine the design modifications to meet the new condition.

There are generally two types of analysis that are used in industry: 2-D modeling, and 3-D modeling. While 2-D modeling conserves simplicity and allows the analysis to be run on a relatively normal computer, it tends to yield less accurate results. 3-D modeling, however, produces more accurate results while sacrificing the ability to run on all but the fastest computers effectively. Within each of these modeling schemes, the programmer can insert numerous algorithms (functions) which may make the system behave linearly or non-linearly. Linear systems are far less complex and generally do not take into account plastic deformation. Non-linear systems do account for plastic deformation, and many also are capable of testing a material all the way to fracture.

FEA uses a complex system of points called nodes which make a grid called a mesh (Figure 2). This mesh is programmed to contain the material and structural properties which define how the structure will react to certain loading conditions. Nodes are assigned at a certain density throughout the material depending on the anticipated stress levels of a particular area. Regions which will receive large amounts of stress usually have a higher node density than those which experience little or no stress. Points of interest may consist of: fracture point of previously tested material, fillets, corners, complex detail, and high stress areas. The mesh acts like a spider web in that from each node, there extends a mesh element to each of the adjacent nodes. This web of vectors is what carries the material properties to the object, creating many elements.

2.4 RESULTS

![Speed Vs Efficiency](image1)

Fig 2.4.1 Speed Vs Efficiency

The Fig 2.4.1 shows the waveform of Speed Vs Efficiency. It shows that up to 500 rpm the efficiency increases slowly and after reaching 500 rpm it suddenly increases and reaches up to 82.83%.

![Speed Vs Angle](image2)

Fig 2.4.2 Speed Vs Angle

The Fig 2.4.2 describes about the Angle Vs Speed characteristics. When the speed is about 500 rpm the angle is at 50 degree. Then the angle decreases with increase in speed from 500 rpm. Once 1500 rpm speed is achieved the angle reaches 40 degree and remains get constant at that point.
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This Fig 2.4.5 shows the waveform of Torque Vs Speed. In this fig the torque is zero up to 500 rpm speed and it increases with increasing the speed above 500 rpm and finally it reaches 7.5 Nm at 3000 rpm speed.
The Fig 2.4.6 that shows about the waveform of Slip Vs Phase Current. When the slip is at zero the current is 2 A. Then when the slip that gets increase the current decreases and reach the point to 0.10 A. When the 2 A current is given the slip is zero and then by increasing the slip the current that decreases.

Fig 2.4.7 Slip Vs Efficiency

The Fig 2.4.7 shows about the waveform of Slip Vs Efficiency. The efficiency is 82% when the slip at the point from -1 to 0. Then the slip increases with decrease in efficiency and reaches the point at 1.20 A.

Fig 2.4.8 Torque Vs Slip

The Fig 2.4.8 that shows about the waveform of Torque Vs Slip. In this, the torque is 8 Nm when the slip at -1.0. Then by increasing the slip the torque that decreases and reaches the point 0.
3. ANALYSIS OF THE SWITCHED RELUCTANCE GENERATOR

Switched Reluctance Machines (SRM) can work as motor or as generators just by changing their switching angles. SRG has a mechanical input and an electrical input. Its output is the electrical power supplied to the load.

The voltage equation for a phase of 8/6 SRG is

\[ X' = R'Y' + \frac{d\theta}{dt} \left( L' \frac{dY''}{d\theta} + L'' \frac{dY'''}{d\theta} + L''' \frac{dY''''}{d\theta} \right) \]
\[ + \frac{d\theta}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \theta} Y'' + \frac{\partial L''}{\partial \theta} Y'''' + \frac{\partial L'''}{\partial \theta} Y''''' \right) \]

(1)

Where,
- \( X' \) phase ‘a’ winding voltage (volts)
- \( Y', Y'', Y''' \) - phase currents (amps)
- \( R' \) resistance of the phase a winding
- \( L' \) self inductance of phase ‘a’ (Henry)
- \( L'' \) self inductance among phase ‘a’ and ‘b’ (Henry)
- \( L''' \) self inductance among phase ‘a’ and ‘c’ (Henry)
- \( \theta \) rotor angular position (deg)

The induced electromotive force \( f \) is given by

\[ z = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \theta} i' + \frac{\partial L''}{\partial \theta} i'' + \frac{\partial L'''}{\partial \theta} i''' \right) \]

(2)

The supply is applied to the stator winding. When the back emf is positive electric power is converted to mechanical power and the machine works as motor. When the back emf is negative, it increases the current converting mechanical power into electrical power and the machine act as a generator.
3.1 DESIGN CALCULATION

The torque equation of SRG is given as

\[ T = \frac{P}{\omega'} \]  

(3)

Where,

\( P \) - Power

\( \omega' \) - Angular speed

The angular speed of the SRG is given as

\[ \omega' = \frac{2 \times \pi \times N}{60} \]  

(4)

Where,

\( N \) - Speed in rpm

\( \omega' \) - Angular speed (rpm)

The stator outer diameter \( D_o \) is given as

\[ D_o = 2r \text{ (m)} \]

\[ r = \frac{L}{2 \times \pi} \]  

(5)

Where,

\( D_o \) - the outer diameter in meter

\( r \) - the radius in meter

\( L \) - stack length in meter

MMF drop equation of SRG is given as

\[ \zeta = 2 \left[ H_{l1} + H_{l2} + H_{h1} + H_{h2} \right] + \frac{H_{d10} + H_{d1}}{2} \]  

(6)

Where,

\( H_{l} \) - magnetic field induction of stator

Turns per phase of SRG is given as

\[ T_{ph} = \frac{\zeta}{i_p} \]  

(7)

Where,

\( i_p \) - input power
- MMF drop equation of SRG

Aligned Inductance is given as

\[ L_a = \frac{T_p \cdot \phi}{i_p} \text{ (henry)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (8)

Where,

- \( T_p \): Turns per phase
- \( i_p \): Input power
- \( \phi \): Flux

Stator pole arc

\[ l_s = \frac{D}{2} (1 - g) \beta_s \frac{\pi}{180} \]  \hspace{1cm} (9)

Where,

- \( \beta_s \): Stator pole angle
- \( D \): Diameter

### 3.2 ANALYTICAL VALUE

\[ T_{req} = \frac{P}{\omega} = \frac{9549.952}{157.07} = 61.18 \text{ N.m} \]

Rotor diameter

\[ D_O = 2r \]

Where \( r = \frac{L}{2 \cdot 3.14} \)

\[ = \frac{234.04}{6.28} = 37.25 \text{ mm} \]

\[ D_O = 2 \cdot 37.25 = 74.5 \text{ mm} \]

Bore diameter

\[ D = (D_O / 2) + 82.75 \]

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\[ = 120 \text{ mm} \]

Efficiency

\[ \eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_m} \times 100 = \frac{549.952}{960.972} \times 100 = 57.2287\% \]
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| Rated output power (hp)                 | 3       |
| Rated voltage                           | 220     |
| Given rated speed                       | 1500    |
| Type of load                            | 12      |
| Number of stator poles                  | 8       |
| Outer diameter of stator (mm)           | 120     |
| Inner diameter of stator (mm)           | 75      |
| Yoke thickness (mm)                     | 9       |
| Pole embrace                            | 0.5     |
| Length of stator core (mm)              | 65      |
| Stacking factor of stator core          | 0.95    |
| Number of rotor poles                   | 6       |
| Length of air gap (mm)                  | 0.5     |
| Inner diameter of rotor (mm)            | 30      |
| Yoke thickness (mm)                     | 9       |
| Pole embrace                            | 0.5     |
| Length of rotor core (mm)               | 65      |
| Stacking factor of rotor core           | 0.95    |
| Type of steel                           | M-45 steel |
3.5 RESULTS

Fig 3.5.1 Flux linkage vs Current

The Fig 3.5.1 that shows the graph of flux linkage and current. In that at varying current the flux linkage that get increases at the certain point the flux linkage that get slowly increases.

Fig 3.5.2 Generated Current for different Speed

The Fig 3.5.2 that shows the graph of current and speed. In this the graph that shows at starting point the current is very high and then the speed that get increases and the current that decreases to the very low value.

Fig 3.5.3 Efficiency vs Speed
The Fig 3.5.3 that shows the graph of efficiency and speed. In this the efficiency that get increases suddenly and then speed increase and then gradually the efficiency that get decreases.

Fig 3.5.4 Output Power vs Angular Speed

The Fig 3.5.4 that shows the output power and the angular speed. At the starting point the output power increases and then it decreases suddenly but the speed that increases gradually.

Fig 3.5.5 Torques vs Speed

The Fig 3.5.5 that shows the graph of torque vs speed. In this graph that explains at starting point the torque is very high and then it decreases the speed that get increases gradually.
Fig 3.5.6 Current vs rotor position

The Fig 3.5.6 that shows the graph of current vs rotor position. This graph shows the current increases to a certain point and decreases to zero, then the rotor position.

Fig 3.5.7 Flux vs rotor position

The Fig 3.5.7 that shows the graph of flux vs rotor position. This graph clearly explains the rotor position and the flux for different rotor positions.

Fig 3.5.8 Inductance vs rotor position

The Fig 3.5.8 that shows the graph of inductance vs rotor position. The graph shows the inductance value for different rotor positions.
The Fig 3.5.9 that shows about the graph of voltage vs electric degree. The graph that clearly explains about the voltage for the electric degree.

**Fig 3.5.10 SWITCHED RELUCTANCE GENERATOR**

| Parameters | Analytical | FEA | Experimental value |
|------------|------------|-----|--------------------|
| Torque     | 6.118      | 6.089| 7.217              |
| Efficiency | 56.2287    | 57.228| 59.212             |
3.6 CONCLUSION

The main advantages of renewable are available, clean, low cost and continuous energy. The reasons for choosing induction generator in wind energy system are that its very reliable tends to be comparatively inexpensive, light weight and low maintenance. The generator also has some mechanical properties which are useful for wind turbines. So, the SRG is the most common generator in wind energy system applications due to its simplicity and ruggedness. The used formula to calculate the minimum values required for Switched Reluctance Generator is simple. The formula which used here gives typical results of the given parameters. This analysis and the waveforms are done by using the magnet software.

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