

Modelling and Simulation of Solar and Wind Energy Input DC-DC Boost Converter Based BLDC Motor Drive for Water Pumping System

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Abstract: This Paper presents a new three-input DC - DC boost converter for hybrid power system. The DC - DC boost converter is hybridized with renewable energy sources such as photovoltaic source, wind sources. The proposed method can be applied to BLDC Motor drive for water pumping system and many alternative applications where there is an excessive power demand. The converter is interfaced with unidirectional ports for the input power sources, a bidirectional port for a storage element, and an output port for load. The converter is current-source type at the both input power ports and is able to step up the input voltages. The proposed systems has the merits of including bidirectional power flow at the storage port, simple structure, low-power components, centralized control, eliminating the need of transformer, low weight, high-stability working point, independent operation of input power sources, and high level of boosting. The validity of the proposed converter and its control performance are verified by simulation result in MATLAB/SIMLINK for different load condition.

Keywords: BLDC Motor, DC – DC boost converter, photovoltaic source, wind sources, MATLAB/Simulation software.

I. INTRODUCTION

The photovoltaic (PV) energy appears quite attractive for electricity generation because of its noiseless, pollution-free, scale flexibility and little maintenance. Because of the PV power generation dependence on sun irradiation level, ambient temperature and unpredictable shadows, a PV-based power system should be supplemented by other alternative energy sources to ensure a reliable power supply. Wind energy is also another supplementary power sources due to their merits of cleanness, high efficiency and high reliability [1-2]. Batteries are usually taken as storage mechanisms for smoothing output power, improving start up transitions, dynamic characteristics and enhancing the peak power capacity [3-4]. Combining such energy sources introduces a PV/WIND/battery hybrid power system. Brushless DC motors (BLDC) are considered as high performance motors due to their high reliability, versatility, adequate torque and speed and low maintenance cost. BLDC a preferred solution in not just automotive fuel pumps but also in a broad range of applications using adjustable speed motors [5].

II. BLOCK DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

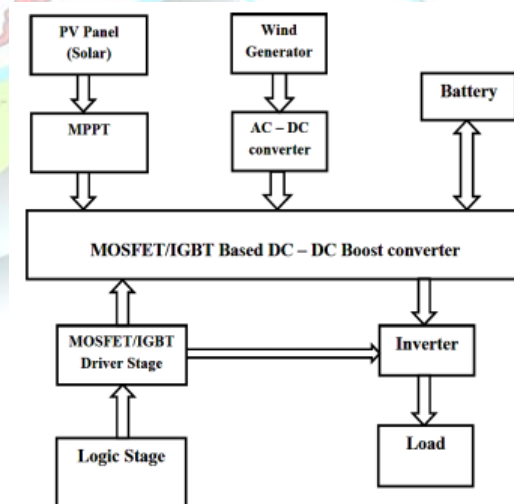


Figure 1. Block Diagram of Hybrid DC- DC boost converter system

The figure 1 shows the block diagram consists of two Input stage for solar, wind and bidirectional storage battery,

multi input DC- DC boost converter, MOSFET /IGBT driver stage, logic stage, inverter and load. The solar panel acts as one of source to the DC-DC converter. The DC output from the solar panel is given at one port of the integrated four port DC-DC converter. By switching ON and OFF the power devices the DC input is transferred to the inverter.

III. OPERATION OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

The solar power from the solar panel influenced by the sun light supply DC power to the four port DC-DC converter. The Wind power from the wind mill influenced by the wind supply AC power which is converted into DC supply using a rectifier, this is supplied to the DC-DC converter. The bi-directional storage port battery is used to supply power as well as act as storage and save excess power. The power switches are turned ON and OFF depending on the switching sequence developed under different source conditions with different independent duty ratios and the output DC boosts up the input and the boosted up voltage is supplied to the inverter. The inverter inverts the supplied DC power to BLDC Motor water pumping system.

IV. BLDC MOTOR AND CONTROLS

The easiest way to control a BLDC motor is called block commutation also known as six-step or trapezoidal drive. It is easy to implement on many logic gates, especially when the motor has Hall sensors. In this case, every slope on a Hall sensor signal triggers the next commutation [7]. Block commutation is often used in simple applications with moderate demands on dynamic behavior and acceptable torque ripple / noise. However, it is possible to optimize the motor construction for trapezoidal drive, reducing the noise and torque ripple. Setting up a three-phase PWM for block commutation is quite simple and does not necessarily need special waveform generator functions. [10] presented an Elaborate Study On Electronic Devices & Circuits to acquaint the students with the construction, theory and operation of the basic electronic devices such as PN junction diode, Bipolar and Field effect Transistors, Power control devices, LED, LCD and other Opto-electronic devices.

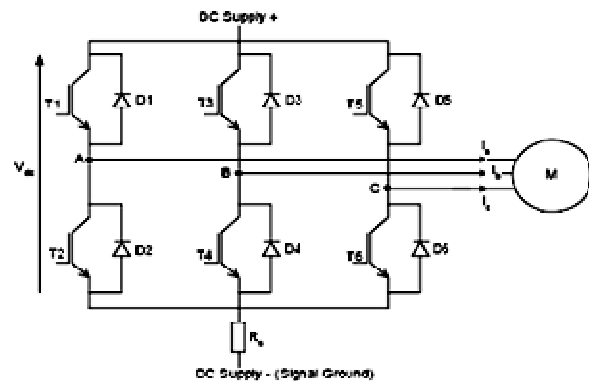


Figure 2. Control electronics for three phase BLDC motor drive system

V. SPEED TORQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF CENTRIFUGAL AND RECIPROCATING PUMPS

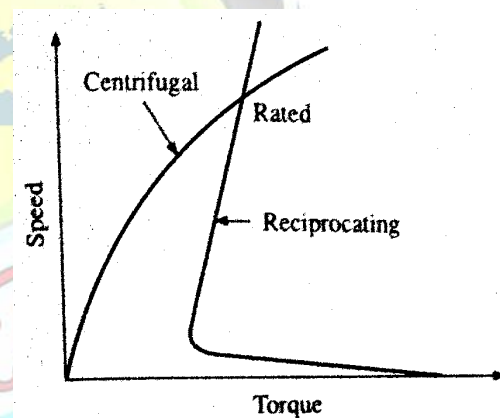


Figure 3. The speed torque characteristics of centrifugal and reciprocating pumps.

The centrifugal pumps and reciprocating pumps are the two types of water pumps. The centrifugal pump requires only a small starting torque and Reciprocating pump owing to stiction may require as much as three times the rated torque. Centrifugal pump output power is cube of speed and the output power reduces to half at a speed of 80%. Reciprocating pump with reduction in speed the torque reduces only by a small amount, the percentage reduction in output power is slightly more than the percentage of reduction in speed. This types of pumps are used in solar powered by permanent magnet dc motor or BLDC motor drive system.

VI. SIMULATION MODEL OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

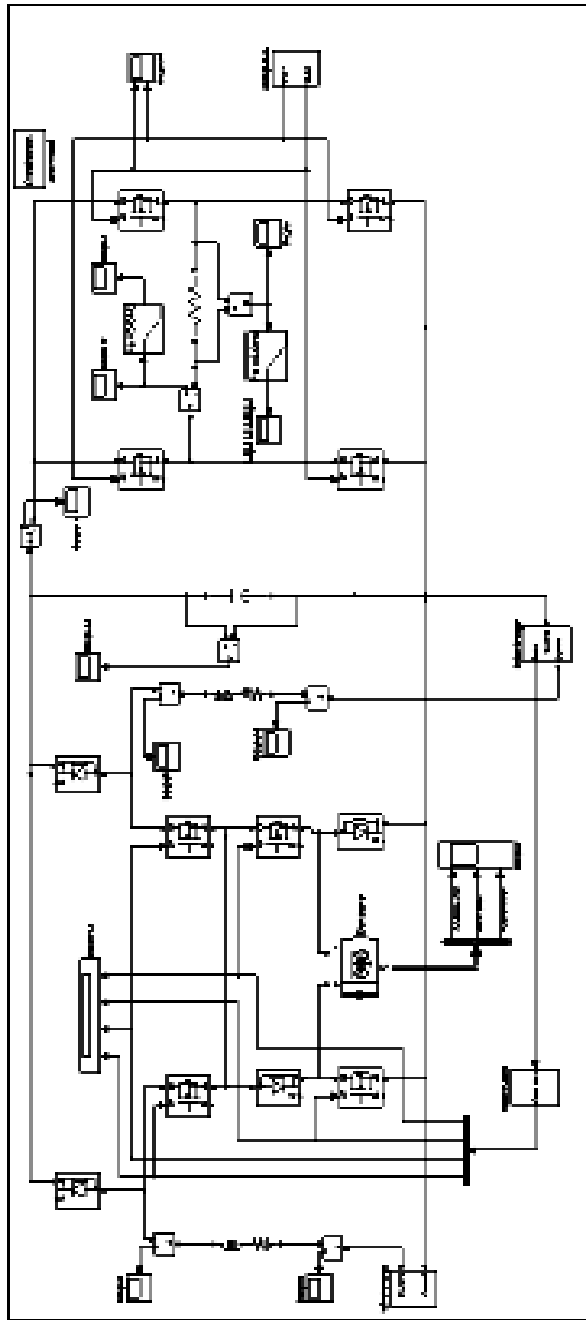


Figure 4. The Simulation circuit model of DC to DC hybrid system

The simulation circuit shows the overall DC to DC boost converter system, which controls the output of wind and

solar energy and also charging and discharging of the storage element. This can be used for residential and commercial applications to meet the electricity demand.

The converter circuit consists of four power MOSFET switch and Four Power Diodes which operates under different duty ratios independently under three different modes depending on the input connected. The output remains constant even if the wind speed changes and constant output is obtained. The simulation model of DC to DC boost converter based hybrid system is shown in figure 4.

VII. SIMULATION MODEL OF WIND ENERGY SYSTEM

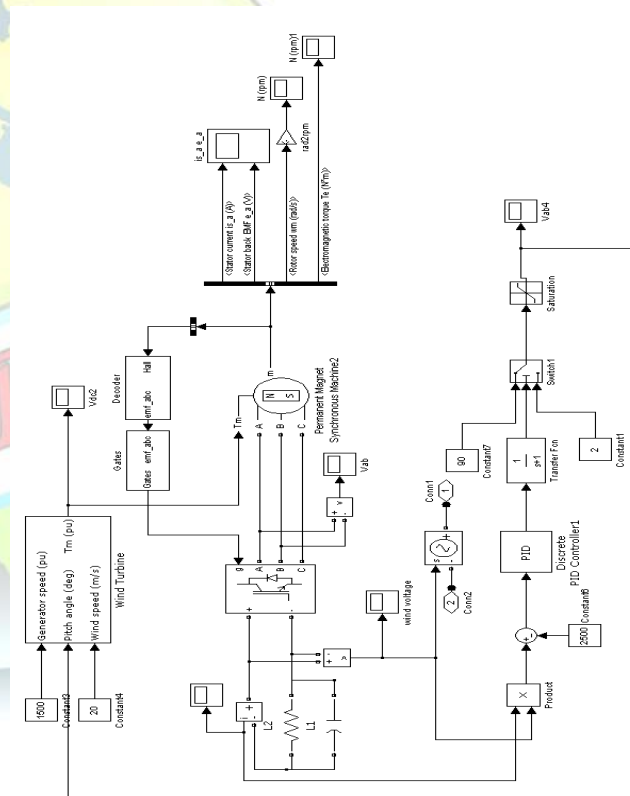


Figure 5. The Simulation circuit model of wind energy system

The simulation circuit shows the wind energy system which forms one of the inputs to the converter. The permanent magnet synchronous generator used in this wind

energy system for generating the output voltage. The figure 5 shows the simulation circuit model of wind energy system.

VIII. SIMULATION MODEL OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

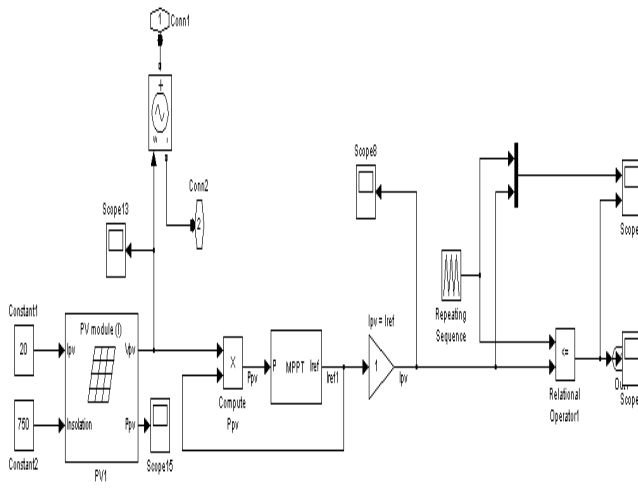


Figure 6. The Simulation circuit model of solar energy system

The figure 6 shows the simulation circuit for the solar energy system which forms one of the inputs to the converter. In this circuit MPPT converter is used to give the maximum power to the boost converter and the boosted power is stored in the storage element.

IX. EXPERIMENTAL TEST RESULTS AND VERIFICATION

The experimental test results of output voltage and output current of BLDC motor is shown in the graphs.

A. TEST RESULTS FOR OUTPUT VOLTAGE

The figure 7 shown the output voltage of the BLDC motor drive system for the proposed hybrid system is verified by the MATLAB simulation software.

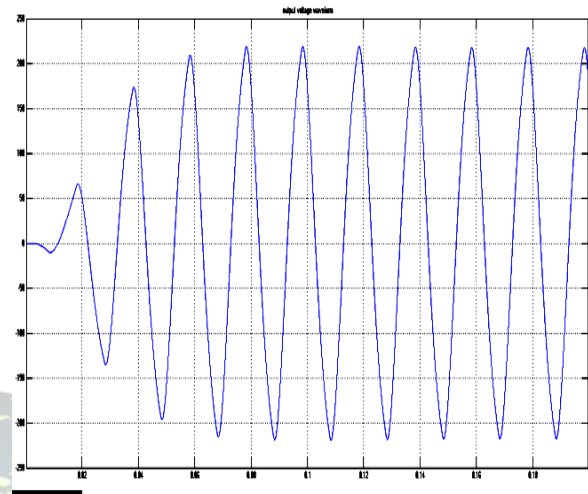


Figure 7. The Simulation results of an output voltage of BLDC motor connected system

B. TEST RESULT FOR OUTPUT CURRENT

The figure 8 shown the output current of the BLDC motor drive system for the proposed hybrid system is verified by the MATLAB simulation software.

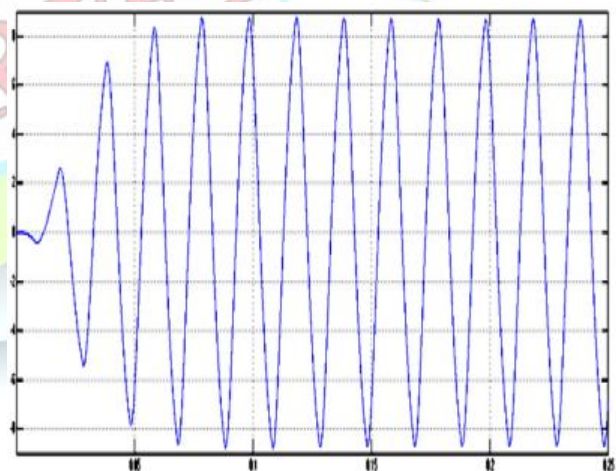


Figure 8. The Simulation results of an output voltage of BLDC motor connected system

X. CONCLUSION

The multi input DC-DC boost converter is most efficient with renewable energy resources to meet the present prevailing energy demand. The output of wind and solar given to DC – DC boost converter improves the quality of output obtained and also eliminates the requirement of filter and transformer section. Another advantage of this project is that if any input source is removed off the system can operate as a stand-alone system providing a continuous output.

This system will be more suitable to meet the energy demand in water pumping, residential and industrial sectors. The size of the wind turbine can be increased for higher power production. Similarly the MPPT can also be changed for maximum power. With Suitable improvement in wind energy generation and solar power generation the output power can be directly connected with the grid to meet the energy demand. By also suitable improvement in the hardware design can also lead to improved efficiency.

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