

Research on hydraulic wind turbine main drive system and active yaw control

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1.1 Wind energy resources

- Land of 10 m height from the ground wind energy resources reserves is about 4.35 billion KW.
- The development and utilization of wind energy reserves is about 750 million KW on the Sea of 10 m height.
- Land of wind energy resources in China are mainly distributed in three north regions (northeast, north, northwest, southeast coast and the islands.



The wind energy resource is large and widely distributed in China.

Effective wind power density distribution in our country

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1.2 The market demand



GLOBAL ANNUAL INSTALLED WIND CAPACITY 2000-2015

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In 2015, the global wind power installed capacity hit a record high. Global new installed capacity of 11715 mw, up 22.64% from a year earlier. Between 2007 and 2015, Asia, Europe, North America, the installed capacity is higher. In Asia the installed capacity is increasing year by year.

China is the big country of Asia's abundant wind resource, so wind power generators have a big commercial market.

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1.3 National policy

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Energy industry standardization management approach (trial)

It is our duty to follow the Chinese policy of low carbon green environmental protection and develop resource-conserving and environmentally friendly industries.

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1.5 Advantages of hydraulic wind turbine

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Hydraulic wind turbines have many engineering and technical advantages.

2 Brief introduction and classification

2.1 The composition and working principle

◆ Hydraulic wind turbine (HWT) is consist of wind turbine, a fixed displacement pump-various motor closed hydraulic drive system and synchronous generator.

♦ Wind turbine drives fixed displacement pump to export high pressure oil. Then the oil is exported to motor. Finally, motor drives generator generating electricity.

The wind turbine drives hydraulic pumps. And the pumps drive motors. Then motors generates electricity.

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Brief introduction and classification

2.2 Classification

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Vertical shaft

Horizontal shaft

According to the blade fixed axis orientation of wind turbine, it can be classified as follows.

- (1) Horizontal shaft: it needs adjust orentation timely to keep consistent with wind.
- (2) Vertical shaft: it can collect various orentation wind.

➢ Wind turbines can be classified to horizontal shaft and vertical shaft.

3 Present Condition of Research

3.1 Present Condition of Foreign Research

Chapp drive company

225kW、900kW、5MW types.3 Europe patents, 3.3MW and6.6MW are under research.

Atos

Using Radial piston pump, purchased by Mitsubishi. 7MW "Sea Angel" was installed in 2015.

RWTH Aachen

Highest efficiency is 85%, speed control and pressure control.

 \succ The three companies did a lot of research on hydraulic wind turbines.

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3 Present condition of research

3.2 Present condition of domestic research

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Several Chinese university also did a large amount of work on hydraulic wind turbines.

4.1 Wind turbine model

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> To improve the generating efficiency, the characteristics of wind turbines are researched.

4.2 Wind energy and wind turbine operation area

Although Wind speed has certain randomness, it still has a certain distribution principle. Mathematical method is used to describe wind characteristics. Blow picture is the relevant data in a wind farm.

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The wind speed model is simplified to a sum of four typical wind speeds: basic wind, intermittent wind, varied wind and random wind.

4.2 Wind energy and wind turbine operation area

• A study about 850kW wind turbine has been conducted, the relevent curve of wind turbine speed obtained as followed.

♦ Analyze of running area

Output power of wind turbine

- A~B: Local load area ;
- B~C: Rated load area ;
- C~D: Exceed load area.

model accuracy of more than 95 %)

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4.3 Wind turbine analog simulation research

There are no actual wind condition in lab. Variable frequency generator simulates wind turbine characteristics.

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Analog simulation of wind turbine must meet the following three similarconditions
(1) Same wind energy utilization coefficient; (2) Similar power;
(3) Similar moment of inertia

▶ Wind turbine simulation method is realized in the above aspects.

5.1 Quasi-synchronization grid control

The same waveform ;
 The same phase sequence ;

Five conditions of connected to Grid

③ The same frequency;

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④ The same magnitude ;

⑤ In the same phase .

For the state grid frequency : 50Hz±(0.2)Hz

The range of motor speed : $1500 \pm 6r/min$ Grid control mode:
(Penecontemporaneous
method)

➢ Five conditions are needed in Quasi-synchronization grid control.

2.5.1 Speed control-Flow steady speed feedback control mode

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Speed control method of fixed displacement pump-variable motor system and steady flow output control method is researched.

2.5.1 Speed control - Based on the speed of the feedback linearization control mode

◆ Controlling output option and Tracking target choose

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≻Wind turbine grid-connection control under the condition of changing wind speed is realized.

5.1 Speed control -Based on dynamic cover control variabl e motorangular speed control

Various motor control law is consist of 3 portion as followed.

(1) Reference value of motor angular

(2) Compensation value of motor angular corresponding to system leaking

(3) Compensation value of motor angular corresponding to system pressure transient adjustment

$$S_{1} = \omega_{m} - \omega_{md}$$

$$S_{2} = p_{h2} - p_{h2d}$$

$$\overline{p}_{h2} = \frac{(-k_{1}S_{1} + \dot{\omega}_{md})J_{m} + B_{m}\omega_{m} + T_{e}}{K_{m}\gamma\eta_{mm}}$$

$$\tau_{1}\dot{p}_{h2d} + p_{h2d} = \overline{p}_{h2}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{D_{p}\omega_{p} - C_{tp}p_{h1} - (-k_{2}S_{2} + \dot{p}_{h2d})\frac{V_{02}}{\beta_{e}}}{K_{m}\omega_{m}}$$

$$= \frac{D_{p}\omega_{p}}{K_{m}\omega_{m}} - \frac{C_{tp}p_{h1}}{K_{m}\omega_{m}} - \frac{(-k_{2}S_{2} + \dot{p}_{h2d})V_{02}}{K_{m}\omega_{m}\beta_{e}}$$

≻Hydraulic system output speed is controlled by the variable motor angle.

5.1 Speed control-Experiment and simulation

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- Voltage and frequency offset have less impact on grid, and a greater influence on the phase angle difference.
- > The impact current is small than 30% rated current, and the phase angle impact is about 4 degrees.

5.2 Main drive system power control—Active power control

Position closed-loop control; motor speed closed-loop control; power closed-loop control

Using **droop characteristic** control scheme to establish the linear relationship between speed and power

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> Power control can be realized by using the droop characteristic method.

5.2 power control—Active Power Control Online Optimization of Power Controller

According to the system's initial pressure and motor's initial swing angle, the gain value of power control link is determined.

5.2 power control—experimental verification

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Under the condition of low wind speed, the optimal control theory is used to realize the power tracking and power smoothing.

5.3 Research on the characteristics and the steady speed control of the main

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transmission system with long pipeline

The influence of system parameters, including pipe length, diameter and steady speed control strategy are studied.

5.4 Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT)Control —Control target

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Energy transfer of HWT

Wind turbine power output characteristic curve

- **Essence:** Control wind turbine's rotate speed.
- **Purpose:** Get more energy from wind.
- The wind turbine can automatically and quickly adjust itself to the maximum power point and operate stably.

- 5.4 MPPT Control —Control method
- **MPPT Control Method for Hydraulic Wind Turbine**

HWT is different from traditional wind turbine, so MPPT control method is proposed,

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which divides into the following four steps:

(1)Operation condition judgement(2)Quick adjustment(3) Slow adjustment(4) MPPT result judgement

➤ A new MPPT control method for HWT is proposed.

a)

5 Hydraulic main drive system

5.4 MPPT Control —Control method

Experiment and simulation results in step wind speed

Conclusion: When the tracking process is completed, the final stable point deviates from MPPT.

b) Based on wind power and speed

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Experiment and simulation results in step wind speed

Conclusion: The speed control loop is adopted, which overcomes the defect of MPPT control.

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5.4 MPPT Control —Control method

c) Based on system pressure

d) Based on system pressure and wind turbine rotation speed

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5.4 MPPT Control —Control method

In order to compare the results of four MPPT control methods ,the experimental data is as followed.

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Comparison chart of four MPPT control methods

- MPPT control method based on wind power
- MPPT control method based on system pressure
- MPPT control method based on wind power and wind turbine speed
 MPPT control method
- MPPT control method based on system pressure and wind turbine speed

> The combination control of system pressure and wind turbine speed shows the best control performance.

5.4 MPPT Control —Control method

e) Based on wind turbine using feedback linearization method

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The tracking accuracy of the system increases with the increase of the ratio of q to r, but the output power is relatively large.

5.4 MPPT Control —Control method

e) Based on output power using feedback linearization method

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The tracking time is longer, but the output power is relatively stable and it is easy to be accepted by the power grid.

6.1 Research background

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The LVRT are different from countries to countries and here Chinese LVRT is taken as the standard.

6.1 Research background

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➤Self-preservation—Adjust hydraulic transmission power quickly.

≻Not to take off power grid—Ensure steady speed output.

Support—Steadily provide reactive power.

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6 Low voltage ride through

6.2 Coupling analysis of hydraulic system

The hydraulic main driving system mathematical model

(1)Fixed-displacement pump

$$Q_{\rm p} = D_{\rm p}\omega_{\rm p} - C_{\rm tp}p_{\rm h1}$$

 $\dot{\omega}_{\rm p} = \frac{1}{J_{\rm p}}(T_{\rm w} - \frac{D_{\rm p}p_{\rm h1}}{\eta_{\rm mp}} - B_{\rm p}\omega_{\rm p})$

(2) proportional throttle value

$$X_{v} = KU_{E}$$

 $Q_{b} = C_{d}WX_{v}\sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho}(p_{h1} - p_{h2})} = C_{d}WX_{v}\sqrt{\frac{2p_{L}}{\rho}}$

(3) Various motor $Q_{\rm m} = K_{\rm m} \gamma \omega_{\rm m} + C_{\rm tm} p_{\rm h2}$ $\dot{\omega}_{\rm m} = \frac{1}{J_{\rm m}} \left(K_{\rm m} \gamma p_{\rm h2} \eta_{\rm mm} - B_{\rm m} \omega_{\rm m} - T_{\rm e} \right)$

(4) Hydraulic pipeline

$$\dot{p}_{h1} = \frac{\beta_e}{V_{01}} (D_p \omega_p - C_{tp} p_{h1} - K_q X_V)$$

$$\dot{p}_{h2} = \frac{\beta_e}{V_{02}} (K_q X_V - K_m \gamma \omega_m - C_{tm} p_{h2})$$

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6.2 Coupling analysis of hydraulic system

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Considering generator's load characteristic and the input of wind turbine's energy capture, the coupling mathematical model is proposed.

6 Low voltage ride through6.2 Hydraulic system output decoupling algorithm

The transfer function matrix of the diagonal elements of the said output is affected by other input, so there are certain coupling control system.

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The feed-forward compensation decoupling control method is used to remove the coupling between the control circuits.

6.3 LVRT control – Torque control

The electromagnetic torque state observer

 $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

The hydraulic torque following diagram based on time delay compensation in the actual system

A prediction state observer and a dynamic compensation method are designed. \geq

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6.4 LVRT control - Energy hierarchical control method

The energy eigenstate from input and output side is analyzed respectively, which can obtain the energy transfer model of HWT.

6.4 LVRT control - Energy hierarchical control method

(1) Through the adjustable blade abandon the wind, the wind turbine inertial energy storage, proportional throttle coordination control to control unit to transmit power.

(2) Eventually in the process of the low voltage across, residual energy storage, dissipation and release.

Low voltage through the energy flow diagram

The control method for saving, storing and dissipating the redundant energy is achieved in the process of LVRT.

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6.5 Experiment

According to the experimental results, it can be seen that the proposed control method shows good control performance.

7 Test platform

7.1 30kVA HWT test platform

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7.2 The whole physical picture test platform

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7 Test platform

7.3 Hydraulic main drive system

A fixed displacement pump - various motor is used in the transmission system. Composition principle and hydraulic transmission system is shown below.

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a) The principle of the hydraulic drive system

b)) Hydraulic drive system physical figure

8 Accurate Vane Direction Control

8.1 Introduction

An active yaw system with valve-controlled hydraulic motor is designed.

Correspondingly, the accurate control method of vane direction based on pressure difference feedback is presented. The zero pressure difference means the vane direction is aligned at the wind direction.

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Then the simulation model is built to show that the control method presented in this paper is efficient.

Finally, an experimental platform is built to verify the feasibility of the control method presented

 \succ In this chapter, we introduce the accurate method of vane direction.

8 Accurate Vane Direction Control

8.2 Load calculation of the active yaw system

Force diagram of wind wheel

$$M_{YH} = F_{YH}L_{XH} = P_H A\cos\theta\sin\theta L_{XH} = \frac{1}{2}P_H A L_{XH}\sin2\theta$$

Parameter	Value	Unit
Rated generation power	850	kW
Rated wind speed	13	m/s
Best aerodynamic coefficient	0.4496	
Swept area of vanes and wind wheel hub	1559.9	m^2
Vertical distance between the center of Tower and wind wheel	3.177	m

Parameters of 850kW wind turbine

> The torque applied at the wind wheel is calculated and the parameters are confirmed.

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8 Accurate Vane Direction Control

8.3 Principle of active yaw hydraulic system

motor 2. pump 3. relief valve 4. tank
 check valve 6. pressure relay 7.
 energy accumulator 8. valve bank for
 energy accumulator 9. proportional
 direction valve 10. check valve 11. relief
 valve 12. hydraulic motor 13. yaw gears
 pressure sensor 15. coder 16. cabin
 internal-geared ring 17. counter 18.

anemoscope

Principle of active yaw hydraulic system

 \triangleright According to the load calculation result and the requirement of active yaw, the principle of active yaw hydraulic system is designed.

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8 Accurate Vane Direction Control

8.4 The simulation model of active yaw hydraulic system

AMESim[®] simulation model of the whole system

Parameter	Value	
Transmission ratio (actual value)	16.7	
Inertia torque of cabin and axis of		
wind wheel tower (calculated	$8.96 \times 10^5 \text{kgm}^2$	
from the 3D model)		
The mass of vane and wheel hub	1.14×10^4 kg	
(calculated from the 3D model)		
Total mass of wind wheel and	$4.5 \times 10^4 \text{kg}$	
cabin (calculated from the 3D		
model)		
Motor speed	990 r/min	
Pump displacement	4 ml/r	
Rate volume of energy	30 L	
accumulator		
Opening pressure of check valve	0.15 MPa	
Rate flow of proportional	8 L/min	
direction valve		
Displacement of hydraulic motor	940 ml/r	
System pressure	25 MPa	
Parameters of pipes	Estimated according to the	
	actual situation	
oil	Software default	

Parameters of AMESim[®] Simulation model

 \succ The overall simulation model is composed of hydraulic system model, load model and control system.

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8.4 The simulation analysis of active yaw hydraulic system

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Vane direction curve under compensation control of friction torque

> The simulation results verifies the active control method of vane direction.

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9 Test Platform of Vane Direction

9.1 Hardware composition of simulation experimental platform

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The above figure shows the overall schematic of the simulation experimental platform

9 Test Platform of Vane Direction

9.2 Hydraulic system of experimental platform

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The yaw simulation hydraulic system is composed of a variable pump, a constant delivery pump, hydraulic control valves, a control system, detection components, valve blocks and pipes.

9 Test Platform of Vane Direction

9.3 Experimental analysis

The system pressure is set to 10MPa. When the input angle signal is 10 degrees and 15 degrees, the yaw angle curves of the simulation yaw system are shown in the following figure.

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The steady-state angle error meets the accuracy requirement. The accurate control of vane direction is achieved.

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