

# Transient characteristics and adaptive fault ride through control strategy of DFIGs considering voltage phase angle jump



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**Abstract** Wind power in China has experienced fast development in recent years. However, areas rich in wind power resources are often far away from loads centers, which leads to weak connection between wind turbines and power grid. When a grid fault occurs, new transient characteristics in weak grid integrated with doubly-fed induction generators (DFIGs) may present, such as voltage phase angle jump. Current control strategies for wind turbine with strong grid connection are hard to be adapted under weak grid connection. This paper explores the transient characteristics of DFIGs under voltage phase angle jump through analyzing the operation and control characteristics of

DFIGs connected into weak grid when the voltage phase angle jumps. Fault ride through (FRT) control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive phase-locked loop is proposed to adapt weak grid condition. The reference frame of the proposed strategy will be changed in real-time to track the operation condition of DFIGs according to the terminal voltage, and different phase tracking method is adopted during the grid fault. Field data analysis and time domain simulation are carried out. The results show that voltage phase angle jumps when a grid fault occurs, which weakens the FRT capability of DFIGs, and the proposed FRT control strategy can optimize transient characteristics of DFIGs, and improve the FRT capability of DFIGs.

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## 1 Introduction

The commercial development of wind turbines has increased continuously during the past 15 years, and the total installed capacity of wind power in China has reached 114.6 GW by the end of 2014 [1]. Centralized development and long-distance transmission are the outstanding characteristics of wind energy development in China. Most of the wind farms are located at the end of grid, which leads to a very weak connection between wind turbines and power grid. Grid disturbance will cause complex transient process of wind turbines [2]. Since DFIGs can not only greatly improve the energy conversion efficiency, and reduce mechanical stresses of the prime mover, but also improve control capability and stability of power system, it is one of the popular commercial wind turbines [3].

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Due to the application of non-synchronous generator with power electronics devices such as converter, the voltage phase angle of DFIGs is not related to the rotor position like conventional synchronous generator does, and the voltage phase angle jumps when a grid fault occurs in weak grid [4]. Additionally, the application of phase-locked loop (PLL) increases the difficulty of transient characteristics analysis and FRT control strategy design [5]. How to maintain the reliability and security of power grid is important to the power grid operation when large scale wind turbines are connected to weak grid [6, 7].

In order to enhance the transient stability of power system, the FRT has become basic requirements for wind power plants (WPPs) [8]. Many researches investigate the transient response characteristics and explore FRT control strategies of wind turbines. Power converter controller with transient voltage support capability and pitch angle control are adopted to ensure the FRT capability of DFIGs based wind turbines and to improve the transient voltage stability of grid-connected wind farm [3]. Promising methods based on crowbar protection circuit [9–11] or rotor excitation control have been developed [12, 13]. A switching control strategy is proposed to coordinate series-dynamic-resistor, dc-link chopper and crowbar [14]. Fault current characteristics of DFIGs are proposed through deriving analytical expressions of fault current. Some researches focus on the transient characteristics of wind turbines and their impacts on transient stability of power system [15, 16].

Fundamental voltage synchronous signal detection methods have been proposed to solve the phase-locked problem, such as resonant compensator [17], sinusoidal amplitude integrator method [18], model reference adaptive algorithm [19]. Six methods in calculating the phase-angle-jump for measured voltage dips in a three-phase system are proposed and compared [20]. A benchmarking of small-signal dynamics of PLLs is presented in [21]. The influence of voltage phase angle jump and generator parameters on the transient process are analyzed in [22]. Fault current characteristics of DFIGs considering voltage phase angle jump are analyzed in [23, 24], and phase angle compensation principle is proposed in [25]. The voltage phase angle jump mechanism and its influence factors in weak grid connection of DFIGs have been presented based on mathematical deduction [4]. However, the analysis of impact of voltage phase angle jump on the FRT control capability of DFIGs is insufficient, and the effective FRT control strategy of DFIGs considering voltage phase angle jump needs to be designed.

Due to the characteristics of terminal voltage phase angle jump of DFIGs in weak grid when a grid fault occurs, the applicability of traditional FRT control strategy of DFIGs is facing great challenges. The purpose of this paper is to reveal the transient characteristics of DFIGs

considering voltage phase angle jump and to propose a FRT control strategy of DFIGs so that to guarantee the safe operation of power grid with large scale DFIGs integration. The main work of this paper can be described as follows: Section 2 analyzes the transient characteristics of DFIGs considering voltage phase angle jump. A FRT control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive PLL is proposed and its principle is given in Sect. 3. Section 4 carries out the experiments and discusses. In the end, conclusions are drawn in Sect. 5.

## 2 Analysis of transient characteristics of DFIGs considering voltage phase angle jump

When a grid fault occurs, the voltage drops to a relative low level until a protection device trips and the circuit breakers isolate the fault. During this period, the DFIGs connected to the same bus with the faulted feeder will experience a complex transient process, especially in weak grid with large scale DFIGs integration. This section aims to reveal the voltage phase angle jump mechanism when a grid fault occurs, and to evaluate the effectiveness of traditional control strategy of DFIGs under voltage phase angle jump.

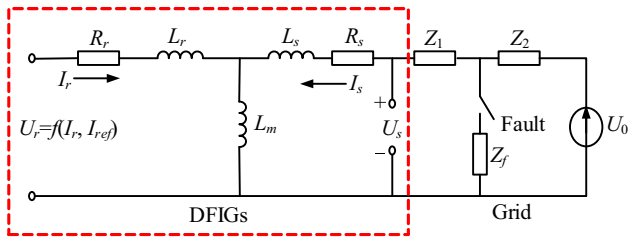
### 2.1 Analysis of voltage phase angle jump under grid fault

In recent years, model and controller of variable speed wind turbines have been conducted regarding power system analysis. Fifth-order mathematical model of DFIGs can represent the complete dynamics behaviors of stator and rotor, and its effectiveness has been widely verified, and is widely used to analyze the transient process of DFIGs. The voltage and flux plural vector model of DFIGs in the  $dq$  rotating reference frame can be expressed as [4]:

$$\begin{cases} U_s = \frac{d\psi_s}{dt} + j\omega_e\psi_s + R_s I_s \\ U_r = \frac{d\psi_r}{dt} + j\omega\psi_r + R_r I_r \\ \psi_s = L_s I_s + L_m I_r \\ \psi_r = L_r I_r + L_m I_s \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $U$  is the voltage;  $I$  is the current;  $\psi$  is the flux;  $R$  is the resistance;  $L$  is the inductance;  $\omega_e$  is the synchronous angular velocity;  $\omega$  is the slip angular velocity; subscript  $s$  is the stator component; subscript  $r$  is the rotor component; and subscript  $m$  is the mutual interaction component.

The voltage-divider model can be used to formulate the voltage sag conditions caused by three-phase short circuit fault in radial systems according to (1). The equivalent circuit of power grid connected with DFIGs is shown in Fig. 1 [4, 23].



**Fig. 1** Equivalent circuit of power grid connection of DFIGs

According to Fig. 1, the relation between voltage and current of power system in the steady-state condition can be defined as:

$$U_0 = U_{s0} + Z_0 I_{s0} \tag{2}$$

where  $U_0$  is the external grid voltage;  $U_{s0}$  is the steady-state terminal voltage;  $I_{s0}$  is the steady-state stator current; and  $Z_0 = Z_1 + Z_2$  is the impedance of transmission line.

It's assumed that the transient process of converter switch is ignored, and that the rotor current is equal to the reference value of rotor current. The voltage, current and flux vector of DFIGs are relative rest in the  $dq$  rotating reference frame, and the flux of generator is constant in the steady-state condition. The terminal voltage is determined by the external grid voltage and rotor current based on (1) and (2), which can be formulated as:

$$U_{s0} = \frac{Z_s}{Z_0 + Z_s} U_0 + \frac{jX_m Z_0}{Z_0 + Z_s} I_{r0} \tag{3}$$

where  $Z_s = R_s + j\omega_e L_s$ ,  $X_m = \omega_e L_m$ , and  $I_{r0}$  is the steady-state rotor current.

Similarly, the structure of power system will change when a grid fault occurs in power grid in Fig. 1, and there will be a switch between normal operation control strategy and FRT control strategy of DFIGs. Then, the relation between voltage and current of power system under grid fault can be defined:

$$U_0 = \left(1 + \frac{Z_2}{Z_f}\right) U_{sf} + \left(Z_0 + \frac{Z_1 Z_2}{Z_f}\right) I_{sf} \tag{4}$$

where  $U_{sf}$  is the terminal fault voltage;  $I_{sf}$  is the stator fault current; and  $Z_f$  is the grounding resistance.

If ignore the transient process of stator and rotor, the terminal fault voltage is determined by the external grid voltage and rotor fault current based on (1) and (4), which can be formulated as:

$$U_{sf} = \frac{Z_f Z_s}{Z_f Z_s + Z_2 Z_s + Z_f Z_0 + Z_1 Z_2} U_0 + \frac{jX_m (Z_0 Z_f + Z_1 Z_2)}{Z_f Z_s + Z_2 Z_s + Z_f Z_0 + Z_1 Z_2} I_{rf} \tag{5}$$

where  $I_{rf}$  is the rotor fault current.

The three-phase short circuit fault will cause voltage magnitude drop as well as a sudden change of voltage phase angle in weak grid with large scale DFIGs integration. The phenomenon is referred to as “voltage phase angle jump”. According to (1), (3) and (5), the change of terminal voltage is given by (6):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U_s &= U_{sf} - U_{s0} \\ &= \left( \frac{Z_f Z_s}{Z_f Z_s + Z_2 Z_s + Z_f Z_0 + Z_1 Z_2} - \frac{Z_s}{Z_0 + Z_s} \right) U_0 \\ &\quad + \frac{jX_m (Z_0 Z_f + Z_1 Z_2)}{Z_f Z_s + Z_2 Z_s + Z_f Z_0 + Z_1 Z_2} I_{rf} - \frac{jX_m Z_0}{Z_0 + Z_s} I_{r0} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Thus, the voltage phase angle jump value can be evaluated by (7) when a grid fault occurs.

$$\Delta\varphi = \arctan(\Delta U_s) \tag{7}$$

The value of voltage phase angle jump after the grid fault is close to the one when the grid fault occurs, which can be evaluated as:

$$\Delta\varphi' \approx -\Delta\varphi \tag{8}$$

The rotor current is equal to the reference value of rotor current ( $I_{r0} = I_{ref0}$ ) in the steady-state condition, which can be evaluated as:

$$\begin{cases} I_{rd\_ref0} = -\frac{2P_{ref} L_s}{3U_s L_m} \\ I_{rq\_ref0} = \frac{2Q_{ref} L_s}{3U_s L_m} - \frac{U_s}{\omega_e L_m} \\ I_{ref0} = I_{rd\_ref0} + jI_{rq\_ref0} \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

where  $P_{ref}$  is the reference value of active power; and  $Q_{ref}$  is the reference value of reactive power.

The rotor fault current is equal to reference value of rotor fault current ( $I_{rf} = I_{ref1}$ ) when a grid fault occurs,  $I_{ref1}$  is the reference value of rotor fault current under FRT control strategy, which can be evaluated as follows [4].

$$\begin{cases} I_{rd\_ref1} = \lim\left(0, \sqrt{I_{max}^2 - I_{rq\_ref1}^2}\right) \\ I_{rq\_ref1} = -U_T / \omega_e L_m - K(0.9 - U_T) I_N L_s / L_m \\ I_{ref1} = I_{rd\_ref1} + jI_{rq\_ref1} \end{cases} \tag{10}$$

where  $I_N$  is the rated current of DFIGs;  $U_T$  is the voltage of the point of common coupling (PCC);  $K$  is the dynamic reactive power compensation coefficient; and  $I_{max}$  is the maximum rotor current.

### 2.2 Response characteristics of PLL to voltage phase angle jump

PLL has been widely used for grid synchronization of power electronic converters. Generally speaking, PLL is a closed-loop dynamic system, where an internal oscillator is



controlled to keep in phase with the input periodic signal by means of a negative feedback loop. The structure of a typical PLL of DFIGs is shown in Fig. 2. It consists of three blocks: phase detector (PD), loop filter (LF), and voltage controlled oscillator (VCO).

The compensator  $LF(s)$  is a proportional plus integral controller (PI), i.e.  $LF(s) = k_p + k_i/s$ , where  $k_p$  and  $k_i$  are the proportional and integral gains respectively, which is needed to meet the closed-loop performance specifications.

transfer function of phase angle error of voltage phase angle jump in Fig. 2 can be simply expressed as follows.

$$\theta_c^{\Delta\varphi}(s) = \frac{\Delta\varphi}{s} G(s) = \frac{2\zeta\omega_c s + \omega_c^2}{s(s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_c s + \omega_c^2)} \Delta\varphi \quad (13)$$

The step response in frequency domain (13) can be transformed by Laplace inverse transformation into time domain in terms of tracking errors of the phase angle jump  $\theta_c^{\Delta\varphi}(t)$ , which is given by (14) [26].

$$\theta_c^{\Delta\varphi}(t) = \begin{cases} \left\{ 1 - e^{-\zeta\omega_c t} \left[ \cos(\omega_c t \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}) - \frac{\zeta\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}{1 - \zeta^2} \sin(\omega_c t \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}) \right] \right\} \Delta\varphi & 0 < \zeta < 1 \\ (1 - e^{-\omega_c t} + \omega_c t e^{-\omega_c t}) \Delta\varphi & \zeta = 1 \\ \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\zeta\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}{\zeta^2 - 1} \right) e^{-(\zeta - \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})\omega_c t} - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\zeta\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}}{\zeta^2 - 1} \right) e^{-(\zeta + \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1})\omega_c t} \right] \Delta\varphi & \zeta > 1 \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

The VCO function is represented as an integrator in Fig. 2. The open-loop transfer function of the PLL can be derived as:

$$G(s) = \frac{2\zeta\omega_c s + \omega_c^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_c s + \omega_c^2} \quad (11)$$

where  $\omega_c$  is the natural frequency, and  $\zeta$  is the damping factor, which are given by:

$$\begin{cases} \omega_c = \sqrt{k_i} \\ \zeta = \frac{k_p}{2\sqrt{k_i}} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

The parameters of PLL, i.e.  $k_p$  and  $k_i$  can be determined by the values of  $\omega_c$  and  $\zeta$ . According to the stability requirements of power grid connection of large scale wind power based on PLL technology, the allowable variation range of  $\omega_c$  and  $\zeta$  can be obtained. The specific values of  $\omega_c$  and  $\zeta$  can be given based on actual demand. Terminal voltage phase angle jump  $\Delta\varphi$  will occur under grid fault when large scale wind power based on DFIGs were connected into weak grid based on the above analysis. The

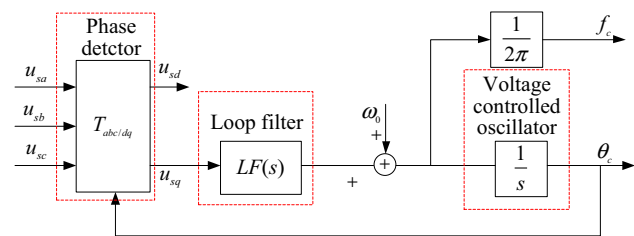


Fig. 2 The structure of a typical PLL of DFIGs

Figure 3 shows the response characteristics of PLL to the voltage phase angle jump in the condition of different parameters according to (14).

Figure 3 and (14) show that the higher natural frequency  $\omega_c$ , the smaller damping factor  $\zeta$ , and the faster transient response, the bigger overshoot. A high value of  $\omega_c$  will decrease the disturbance rejection capability of the PLL, and the damping factor  $\zeta$  has relatively less effect on the disturbance rejection ability of the PLL.

### 2.3 Impacts of voltage phase angle jump on the control capability of DFIGs

Figure 4 shows the relation between actual  $dq$  rotating reference frame and measured  $d'q'$  rotating reference frame, which is determined by PLL technology when the terminal voltage orientation method is applied. There is a phase angle deviation  $\theta_c$  between the two rotating reference frames when the voltage phase angle jumps.

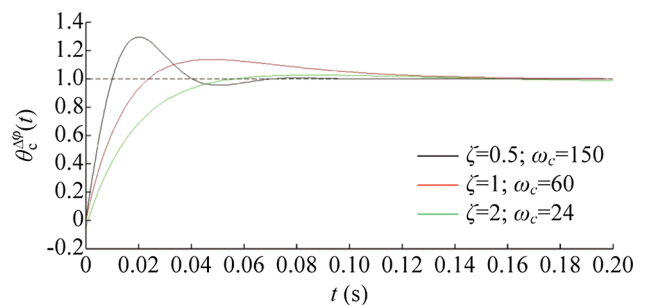


Fig. 3 Response characteristics of PLL to voltage phase angle jump

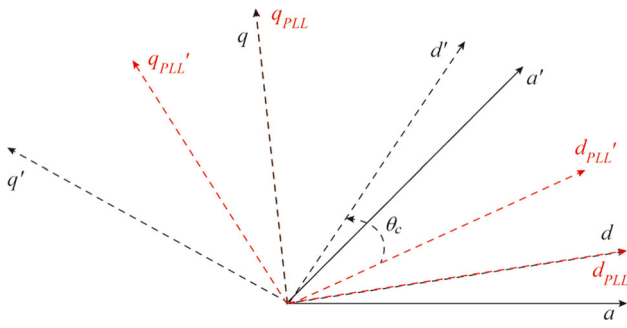


Fig. 4 Different reference frames

The phase angle deviation  $\theta_c$  is shown in Fig. 4, the relation between the rotor current  $i_{rd}$  and  $i_{rq}$  based on  $dq$  rotating reference frame and the rotor current  $i'_{rd}$  and  $i'_{rq}$  based on  $d'q'$  rotating reference frame can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{rd} \\ i_{rq} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_c & \sin \theta_c \\ -\sin \theta_c & \cos \theta_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i'_{rd} \\ i'_{rq} \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

The decoupling control of active power and reactive power is failed due to the phase angle deviation  $\theta_c$ . Then, the active power and reactive power output can be formulated by phase angle deviation  $\theta_c$ , reference value of active power  $P_{ref}$  and reference value of reactive power  $Q_{ref}$ , respectively. According to (1), (9) and (15), the power output of DFIGs can be given by (16) if ignore the influence of control strategies and electromagnetic transient process of DFIGs.

$$\begin{cases} P_E = P_{ref} \cos \theta_c - \left( Q_{ref} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{U_s^2}{\omega_e L_s} \right) \sin \theta_c \\ Q_E = \frac{3}{2} \frac{U_s^2}{\omega_e L_s} + P_{ref} \sin \theta_c + \left( Q_{ref} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{U_s^2}{\omega_e L_s} \right) \cos \theta_c \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Assume that the stator voltage orientation method of DFIGs is applied. Due to the application of PLL technology, there will be a phase angle deviation between the actual and measured rotating reference frame when the voltage phase angle jumps. The power output will be not equal to the power reference value any more, which decreases the control capability and transient stability of DFIGs. The power output characteristics of DFIGs can be illustrated in Fig. 5 based on (16) when there is a sudden increase of phase angle. Fig. 6 shows the power output characteristics of DFIGs when there is a sudden decrease of phase angle.

Figure 5 and Fig. 6 show that the bigger phase angle jump value, the larger power deviation between power output and power reference value when the phase angle deviation is within  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ . The maximum deviation of active power is up to 0.9 p.u., and the maximum deviation of reactive power is up to 0.4 p.u.. The control capability of

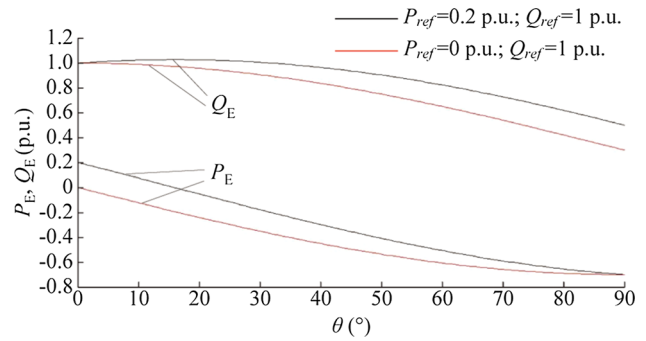


Fig. 5 Profile of power output of DFIGs caused by sudden increase of phase angle

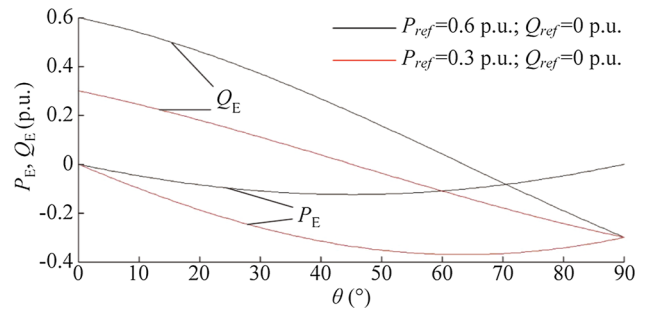


Fig. 6 Profile of power output of DFIGs caused by sudden decrease of phase angle

DFIGs becomes poorer with the increasing of phase angle jump value.

### 3 Adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs

#### 3.1 FRT control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive PLL

According to the above analysis, there is a voltage phase angle jump when a grid fault occurs or the grid fault is cleared in the condition of large scale of DFIGs connected to a weak grid, which weaken the control capability of DFIGs, and may cause FRT failure of DFIGs. In order to improve the controllability and transient stability of DFIGs under voltage phase angle jump, a FRT control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive PLL is proposed in the paper, and its basic principle is presented in Fig. 7.

Figure 7 shows the basic principle of the proposed FRT control strategy. The strategy coordinates adaptive PLL and traditional FRT control used for stability control and post-fault stability control of fault process under voltage phase angle jump, and ensures FRT capability of variable speed wind turbines equipped with DFIGs. The different phase tracking method is adopted in different fault process. Stage 1: normal operation period, the voltage phase angle



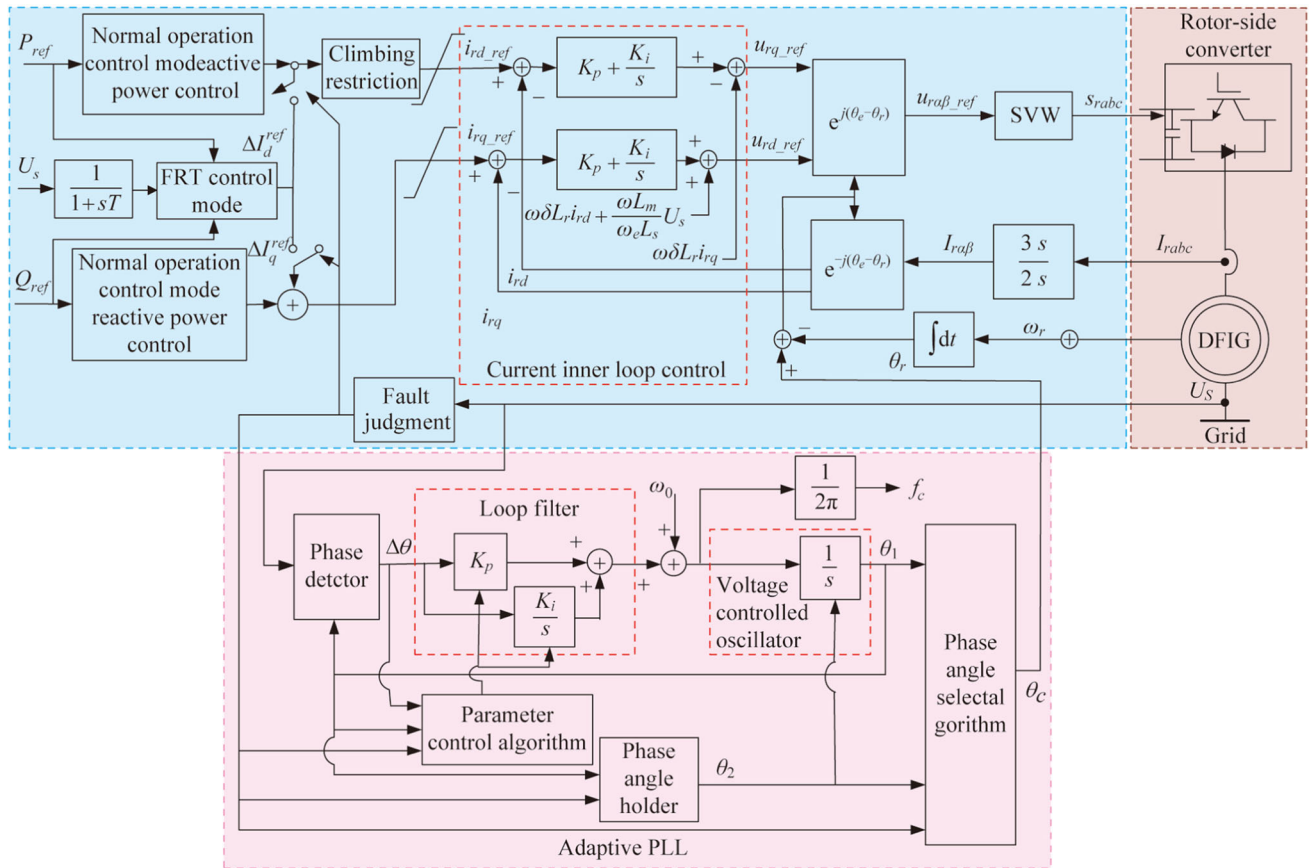


Fig. 7 Adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs

is constant in this period, and the traditional PLL shown in Fig 2. Stage 2: fault period, the phase tracking method based on locked phase angle is adopted as show in Fig. 7 during the grid fault. It can damp the change of voltage phase angle, so that to improve the stability and control capability of DFIGs. Stage 3: post-fault period, the phase tracking method based on variable parameter fast tracking is adopted as show in Fig. 7 after clearing the grid fault. The accuracy of phase tracking is guaranteed, and the stability and control capability of DFIGs are improved.

The detailed flow of FRT control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive PLL is shown in Fig. 8.

The detailed flow of FRT control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive PLL can be described as follows.

Step 1: Obtain the measured signal of terminal voltage  $U_s$ .

Step 2: Measure the range of terminal voltage  $U_s$ . Once the terminal voltage  $U_s$  is less than 0.9 p.u., DFIGs will transfer to FRT control mode, at the same time the phase angle holder module is activated, and the parameter control algorithm module is locked. The output phase angle of PLL  $\theta_c$  will be equal to  $\theta_{pre}$ ,  $\theta_{pre}$  is the terminal voltage phase angle before the grid fault. Then the next calculated cycle is carried out.

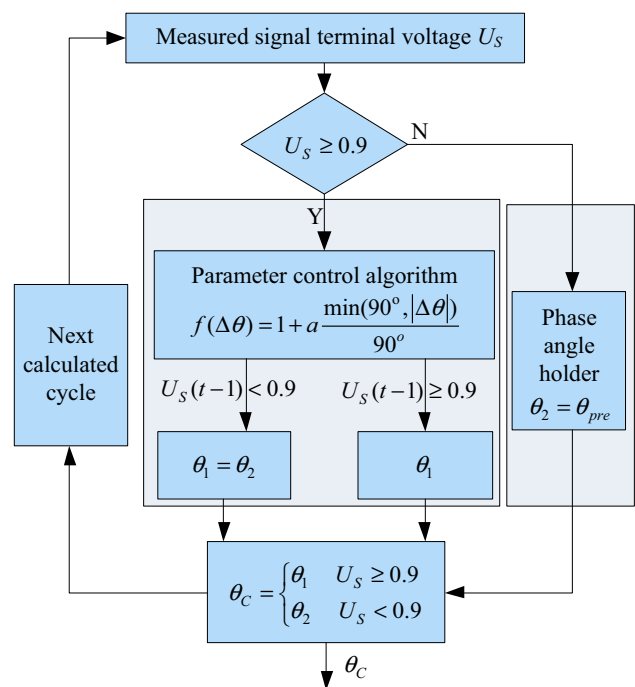


Fig. 8 Flow of FRT control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive PLL

Step 3: If the terminal voltage  $U_s$  is up to 0.9 p.u., the parameter control algorithm module is activated. The parameter control function  $f(\Delta\theta)$  is given by (17), and the parameters of PLL can be calculated by (18). Then, Step 4 is carried out.

$$f(\Delta\theta) = 1 + a \frac{\min(90^\circ, |\Delta\theta|)}{90^\circ} \tag{17}$$

where  $a$  is the phase angle deviation participation factor.

The parameter control function shows the degree of phase angle deviation  $|\Delta\theta|$ , which is within the range of 1 to  $(1 + a)$ . The bigger of phase angle deviation participation factor, the stronger capability of PLL to track phase angle change, and also the higher overshoot in phase angle tracking.

$$\begin{cases} \omega_c = f(\Delta\theta)\omega_{cN} \\ K_i = \omega_c^2 \\ K_p = 2\zeta\omega_c \end{cases} \tag{18}$$

where  $\omega_{cN}$  is the reference natural frequency.

Step 4: Determine the control mode of DFIGs by judging whether it is the initial moment of voltage recovery control mode after clearing the grid fault. If the terminal voltage of previous calculated cycle  $U_s(t - 1)$  is less than 0.9 p.u., the DFIGs operates at the initial moment of voltage recovery control mode after clearing the grid fault, and the output phase angle of PLL  $\theta_c$  will be equal to  $\theta_2$ , otherwise  $\theta_c$  will be equal to  $\theta_1$ , then the next calculated cycle is carried out.

### 3.2 Stability analysis of adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs

The adaptive FRT control strategy has little impact on the operation of GSC of DFIGs. Firstly, only the voltage amplitude drops under the grid fault, while the voltage phase angle is stable. Moreover, the phase tracking of PLL is accurate. Therefore, the traditional control strategy of GSC can meet the requirements. Secondly, when the voltage phase angle jumps under the grid fault, the traditional control strategy of GSC has been adopted. There is a phase deviation between actual reference frame and measured reference frame given by tracking voltage phase through PLL. However, the operation effect of GSC is small, which can be neglected. The reasons can be summarized as: ① The converter capacity is smaller than that of DFIGs, thus there is a little impact of control strategy of GSC on power grid. ② The FRT control of DFIGs is implemented mainly through improving control strategy of RSC. Therefore the transient output characteristics of DFIGs are almost not affected by the control strategy of GSC. ③ The functions of control strategy of RSC are to keep the stability of DC capacitor voltage and to control

the reactive power exchange between GSC and power grid. The reactive power exchange is usually zero. At the same time, a slight fluctuation of DC capacitor voltage is allowed during the grid fault, and the chopper protection circuit can ensure the safety of DC capacitor.

The stability of power grid with large scale DFIGs will be approved when the adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs is adopted. Firstly, only the voltage amplitude drops under the grid fault, the control performance of DFIGs is identical under the traditional FRT control strategy and the adaptive FRT control strategy, and the operation stability of DFIGs can be guaranteed. Secondly, the voltage phase angle jump can be damped by the adaptive FRT control strategy when grid fault occurs. Thus the control capability of DFIGs is improved, and the transient characteristics of DFIGs are optimized. Then the operation stability of power grid with large scale DFIGs is improved.

## 4 Examples and analysis

In order to verify the accuracy and effectiveness of the proposed adaptive FRT control strategy in this paper, an example is provided using DIGSILENT/PowerFactory in this section. Figure 9 shows the structure diagram of study system, which includes one hundred 1.5 MW DFIGs. The parameters are obtained from an actual operation of DFIGs, i.e.,  $U_N = 690$  V,  $R_s = 0.01$  p.u.,  $R_r = 0.01$  p.u.,  $L_s = 0.1$  p.u.,  $L_r = 0.1$  p.u.,  $L_m = 3.5$  p.u.. Wind farms are connected to an infinite power grid through a hundred kilometers of single circuit transmission line. The resistance of the line is 0.04  $\Omega$ /km, and the inductance of the line is 0.41 mH/km. The damping factor  $\zeta = 0.707$ , the reference natural frequency  $\omega_{cN} = 120$ , and the phase angle deviation participation factor of adaptive PLL  $a = 4$ . Suppose that the crowbar protection is inactivated, and the DFIGs is controlled during the grid fault.

### 4.1 Analysis of terminal voltage phase angle jump

The terminal voltage curves based on simulation, and field data of DFIGs are shown in Fig. 10 when the terminal

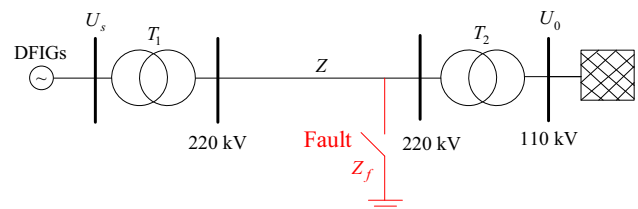


Fig. 9 Structure diagram of study system

voltage dropped to 0.2 p.u. and lasted for 625 ms. The field data of FRT are taken from a specific wind farm with 1.5 MW DFIGs based wind turbines. The simulation results are almost the same with the field data during the grid fault. The terminal voltage phase angle sudden increases when a grid fault occurs at 0.044 s, and sudden decreases when the grid fault is cleared at 0.669 s. The field data and simulation results demonstrate that the

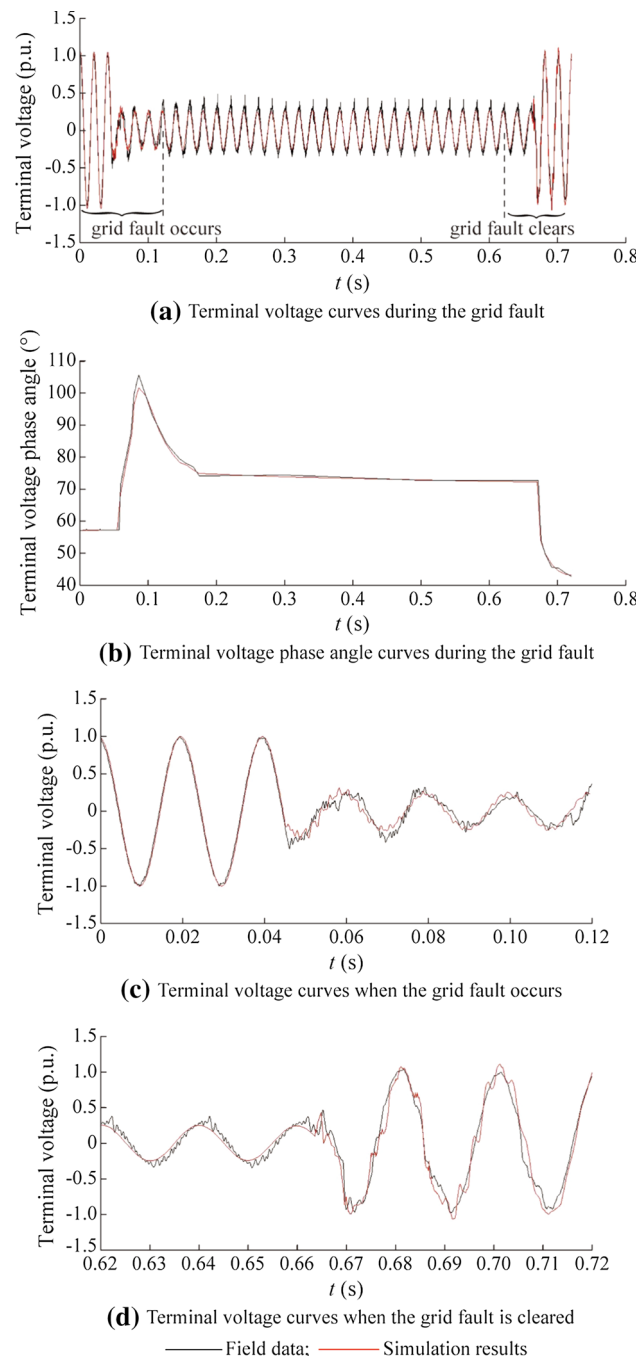
terminal voltage phase angle jump is existed in the actual system when a grid fault occurs or the grid fault is cleared.

#### 4.2 Analysis of transient characteristics of DFIGs under different FRT control strategy

It's assumed that a three-phase short circuit fault occurs on transmission line as shown in Fig. 9, and the grid fault is cleared after 120 ms. Two scenarios with different control strategies are designed to analyze the accuracy and effectiveness of the adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs. In the scenarios, the traditional FRT control strategy and adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs are implemented respectively. The comparison curves of terminal voltage amplitude, terminal voltage phase angle, active power output, reactive power output and rotor current are shown in Fig. 11.

As shown in Fig. 11, when a three-phase short circuit fault occurs and traditional FRT control strategy of DFIGs is adopted, the minimum drop of terminal voltage amplitude is 0.23 p.u.; the maximum jump of terminal voltage phase angle is  $44.6^\circ$ ; the active power output of wind farm is 2.5 MW; the reactive power output of wind farm is 24 Mvar; and the maximum rotor surge current is 3.4 p.u.. While the minimum drop of terminal voltage amplitude is 0.33 p.u. when a three-phase short circuit fault occurs and the proposed adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs is adopted; the maximum jump of terminal voltage phase angle is  $36.1^\circ$ ; the active power output of wind farms is 2.6 MW; the reactive power output of wind farms is 43 Mvar; and the maximum rotor surge current is 2.6 p.u..

When the three-phase short circuit fault is cleared, Figure 11 shows that the maximum jump of terminal voltage phase angle is  $24^\circ$ ; the maximum absorbing reactive power of wind farm is 42 Mvar; and the maximum rotor surge current is 1.5 p.u. under the traditional FRT control strategy of DFIGs. While under the proposed adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs scenario, the maximum jump of terminal voltage phase angle is  $7.1^\circ$ ; the maximum absorbing reactive power of wind farm is 24 Mvar; and the maximum rotor surge current is 1.1 p.u..



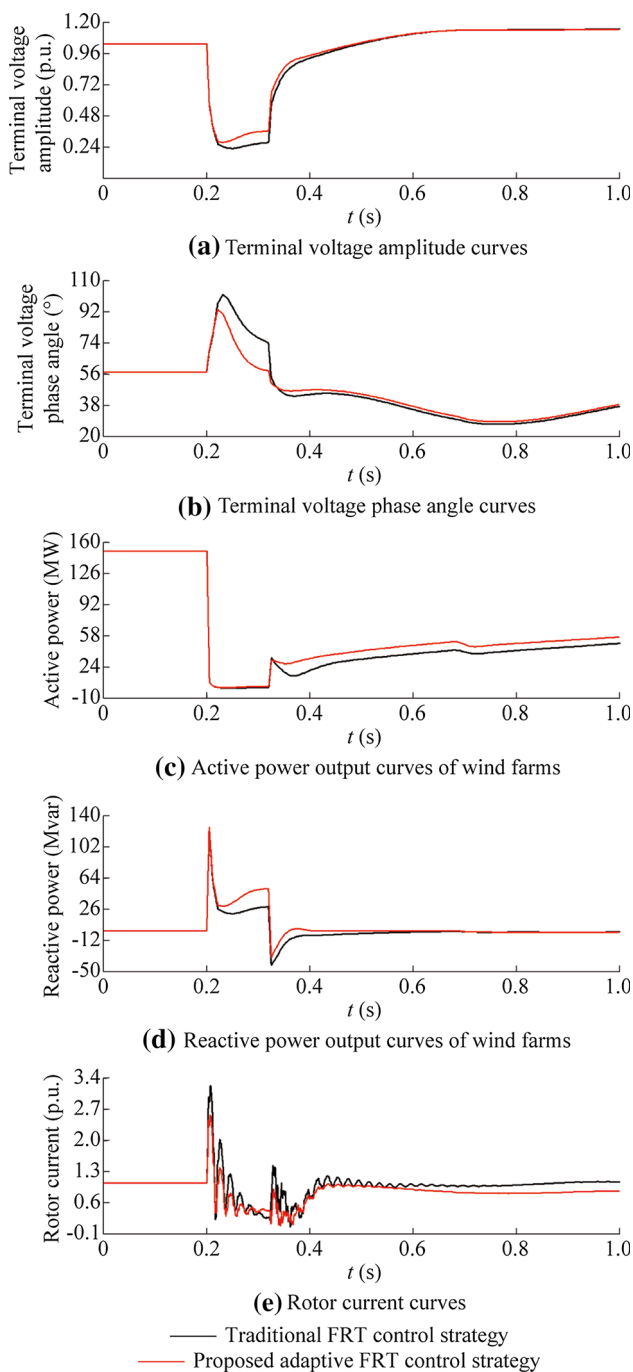
**Fig. 10** Simulation results and field data during FRT of DFIGs based wind turbine

## 5 Conclusion

The transient characteristics of DFIGs considering voltage phase angle jump has been analyzed, and a FRT control strategy of DFIGs based on adaptive PLL is proposed in this paper.

The following conclusions can be drawn through exploring the impacts of voltage phase angle jump on control capability of DFIGs, discussing the principle and





**Fig. 11** Transient characteristics of DFIGs under different FRT control strategy

stability of adaptive FRT control strategy, analyzing the field data and simulation results.

1) Terminal voltage phase angle jumps when a grid fault occurs or the grid fault is cleared in the condition of connecting large scale DFIGs into weak grid, and the current control strategies of wind turbines designed on an assumption of strong grid connection are hard to be adapted.

2) The locked phase angle is used to damp terminal voltage phase angle jump by the proposed adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs during the grid fault. It will decrease the terminal voltage amplitude drop, terminal voltage phase angle, maximum rotor current, and increase reactive power output.

3) The proposed adaptive FRT control strategy of DFIGs can track the change of terminal voltage, and transfer the operation state of PLL by dynamically distinguishing phase angle deviation to adapt system status after clearing the grid fault. It can decrease the terminal voltage phase angle jump value, the maximum rotor current and the maximum absorbing reactive power.

4) The proposed adaptive FRT control strategy can improve FRT capability of DFIGs considering voltage phase angle jump, and the transient characteristics of DFIGs are optimized.

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