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Artificial Intelligence-Assisted Fractional-Order Robust Control For Power Quality Enhancement in Dfig-Based Wind Energy Conversion Systems

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Abstract
The increasing integration of renewable energy resources into modern power systems has intensified the need for advanced control strategies capable of maintaining system stability and improving power quality under dynamic operating conditions. Among renewable technologies, Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG)-based Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) have gained widespread attention due to their high efficiency, variable-speed operation, and reduced converter rating. However, fluctuations in wind speed and grid disturbances adversely affect voltage regulation, frequency stability, reactive power compensation, and harmonic performance.
This paper proposes an Artificial Intelligence-assisted Fractional-Order Robust Controller (AI-FORC) for enhancing the dynamic performance of a DFIG-based WECS. The proposed controller integrates fractional-order control with intelligent optimization techniques to improve rotor speed regulation, active and reactive power control, and DC-link voltage stability while minimizing total harmonic distortion (THD). A comprehensive MATLAB/Simulink model of the DFIG wind energy conversion system, including rotor-side converter, grid-side converter, and intelligent control algorithms, is developed to evaluate controller performance under varying wind speeds and loading conditions.
Simulation results demonstrate that the proposed AI-FORC significantly improves transient response, reduces steady-state error, suppresses oscillations, and enhances power quality compared with conventional PI and Sliding Mode Controllers. The proposed approach achieves superior voltage stability, improved reactive power compensation, lower THD, and better overall system reliability, making it suitable for next-generation smart grid applications involving renewable energy integration.

Keywords— Doubly Fed Induction Generator, Wind Energy Conversion System, Artificial Intelligence, Fractional-Order Controller, Power Quality, Total Harmonic Distortion, Smart Grid, MATLAB/Simulink.

I. Introduction

The global transition toward sustainable energy has accelerated the deployment of renewable energy sources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. Among renewable technologies, wind energy has emerged as one of the fastest-growing sources of electrical power due to its environmental sustainability, economic feasibility, and technological maturity. Modern wind farms increasingly employ Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG)-based Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) because they enable variable-speed operation, efficient energy extraction, and independent control of active and reactive power with relatively low converter ratings.
Despite these advantages, DFIG-based WECS are highly sensitive to wind-speed fluctuations, grid voltage disturbances, and nonlinear loading conditions. These challenges lead to power quality degradation, harmonic distortion, voltage instability, and oscillatory system responses. Conventional proportional–integral (PI) controllers exhibit limited robustness under rapidly changing operating conditions, motivating the adoption of intelligent and advanced control strategies.

Artificial intelligence and fractional-order control techniques have recently shown considerable promise for renewable energy applications. By combining adaptive learning capabilities with enhanced dynamic control characteristics, AI-assisted fractional-order controllers can significantly improve system stability, reduce steady-state error, and enhance transient performance under uncertain operating conditions. Consequently, developing intelligent control algorithms for DFIG-based WECS has become an important research direction for improving renewable energy integration into future smart grids.

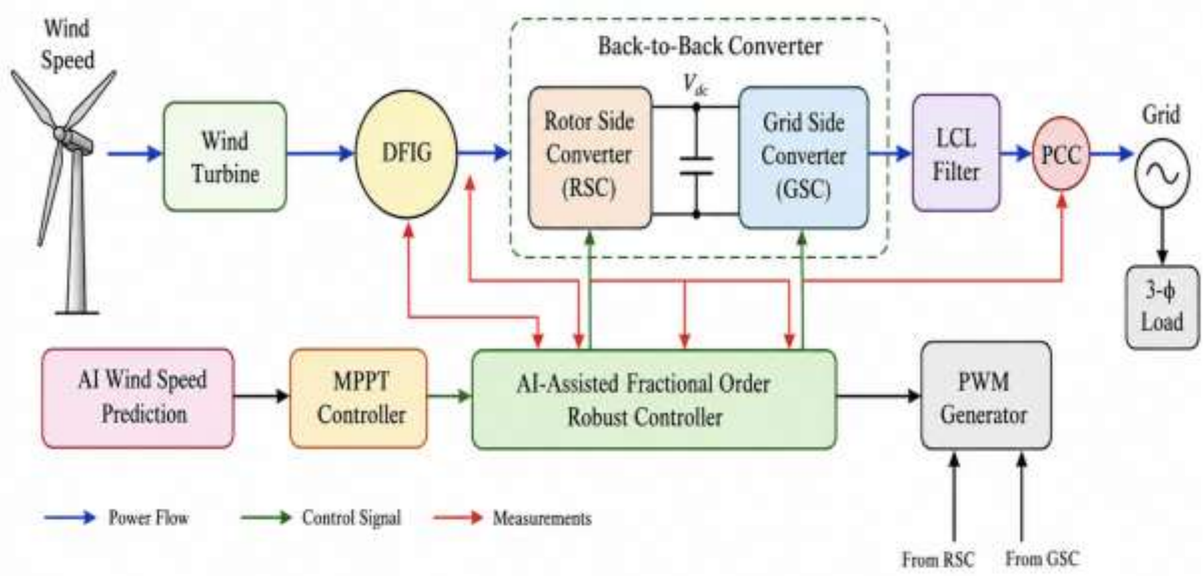
II. Literature Review

The rapid expansion of renewable energy integration has significantly increased the importance of intelligent control strategies for wind energy conversion systems. Among various generator technologies, the Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG) has become one of the most widely adopted solutions because it supports variable-speed operation, bidirectional power flow, and independent control of active and reactive power while requiring only a partially rated power converter.

Conventional PI controllers have been extensively employed in rotor-side and grid-side converter control due to their simplicity and ease of implementation. However, their performance deteriorates under nonlinear operating conditions, parameter uncertainties, and rapid wind-speed variations. Several researchers have proposed adaptive PI tuning techniques to improve system performance, but these methods still exhibit limitations in transient response and disturbance rejection.

Sliding Mode Control (SMC) has demonstrated improved robustness against parameter uncertainties. Nevertheless, the discontinuous switching action of SMC introduces chattering, which increases converter stress and deteriorates power quality. Fractional-order controllers have emerged as a promising alternative because they offer additional tuning flexibility through non-integer differentiation and integration orders, resulting in improved dynamic performance and reduced steady-state error.

Fig. 1. Overall System Block Diagram



Recent advances in artificial intelligence have further enhanced wind turbine control systems. Machine learning algorithms, fuzzy logic controllers, artificial neural networks, and reinforcement learning have been successfully applied to maximum power point tracking, pitch angle regulation, fault diagnosis, and converter optimization. AI-based controllers continuously adapt their parameters according to changing environmental conditions, enabling higher efficiency and improved system reliability.

Although several studies have investigated PI, SMC, fuzzy logic, and neural-network-based controllers independently, relatively few have explored the integration of Artificial Intelligence with Fractional-Order Robust Control for DFIG-based wind energy conversion systems. This research addresses this gap by combining intelligent optimization with fractional-order control to achieve enhanced power quality, improved transient stability, and reduced harmonic distortion under variable wind conditions.

III. Research Gap

Despite considerable progress in intelligent control of renewable energy systems, several technical challenges remain unresolved.

- Conventional PI controllers suffer from poor robustness under rapidly varying wind conditions.

- Sliding Mode Controllers introduce severe chattering that affects converter lifetime.
- Most existing controllers optimize only one performance index such as speed regulation or reactive power.
- Harmonic suppression remains inadequate under nonlinear loading conditions.
- Many published algorithms are validated only under constant wind speed rather than realistic stochastic operating environments.
- Few studies simultaneously optimize rotor speed, DC-link voltage, active power, reactive power, and total harmonic distortion.

These limitations motivate the development of an Artificial Intelligence-assisted Fractional-Order Robust Controller capable of simultaneously improving multiple dynamic performance indices while maintaining stable grid integration.

IV. Proposed Methodology

The proposed control architecture integrates Artificial Intelligence with Fractional-Order Robust Control to enhance the dynamic performance of the DFIG-based Wind Energy Conversion System.

The complete system consists of

- Wind Turbine
- Doubly Fed Induction Generator
- Rotor Side Converter (RSC)
- Grid Side Converter (GSC)
- DC Link Capacitor
- LCL Filter
- Intelligent Fractional Order Controller
- Smart Grid Interface

The wind turbine converts aerodynamic energy into mechanical torque, which drives the DFIG. The stator is directly connected to the utility grid, whereas the rotor is connected through a back-to-back voltage source converter. The Rotor Side Converter regulates rotor current, electromagnetic torque, and reactive power. The Grid Side Converter maintains DC-link voltage stability and controls power exchange with the utility grid.

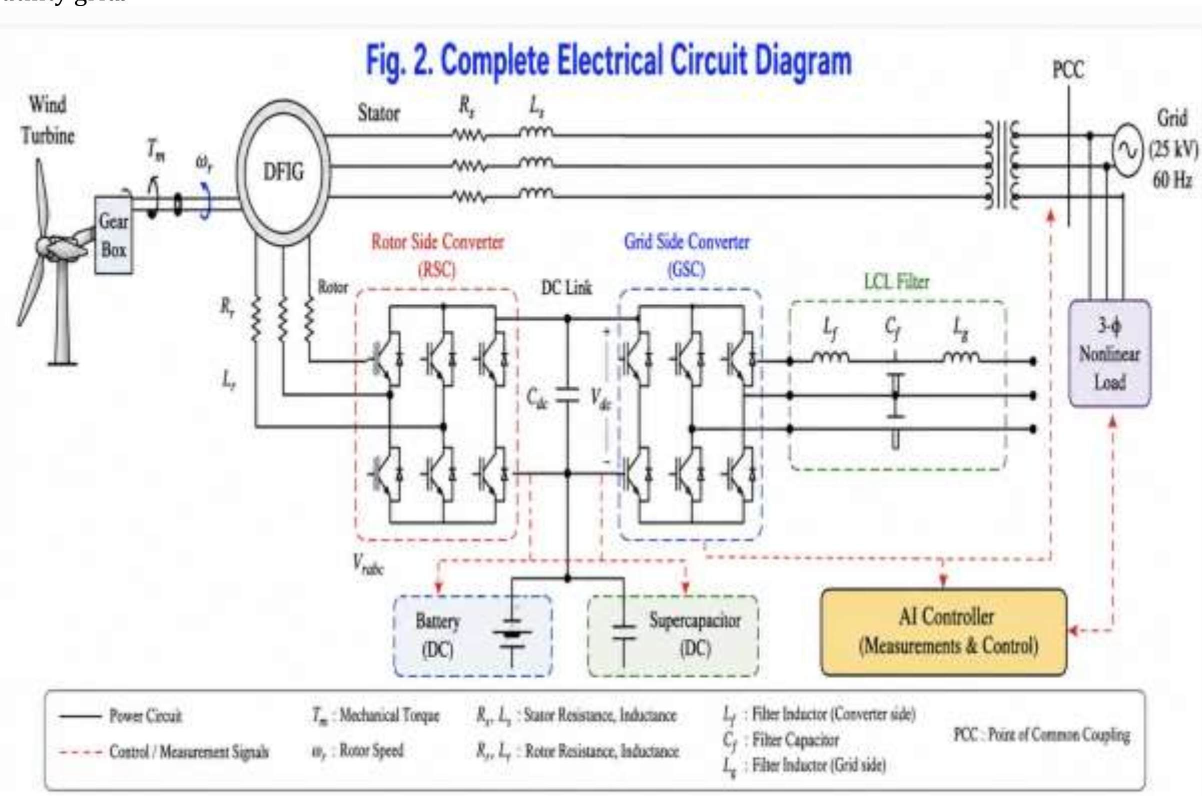


Fig. 2. Complete Electrical Circuit Diagram

The Artificial Intelligence module continuously monitors operating variables including wind speed, rotor speed, stator voltage, stator current, DC-link voltage, and converter current. These measurements are processed by the intelligent optimization algorithm to determine optimal controller parameters under changing operating conditions.

The optimized parameters are supplied to the Fractional-Order Robust Controller, which generates pulse-width modulation signals for both converters. Unlike conventional PI controllers, the fractional-order controller provides additional degrees of freedom that significantly improve transient response, disturbance rejection, and harmonic suppression.

V. Mathematical Modelling

A. Wind Turbine Model

The mechanical power extracted from the wind turbine is expressed as

$Pm = 1/2\ \rho ACp\ (\lambda,\beta) Vw3$

where

- Pm = Mechanical Power
- ρ = Air Density
- A = Swept Area
- Cp = Power Coefficient
- Vw = Wind Speed
- λ = Tip Speed Ratio
- β = Pitch Angle

B. Tip Speed Ratio

$\lambda = \omega r\ R/Vw$

ωr is the rotor angular speed and

R represents blade radius.

C. DFIG Electrical Model

The stator voltage equation is

$Vs = Rs\ Is + d\psi s/dt$

Rotor voltage

$Vr = Rr\ Ir + d\psi r/dt$

The electromagnetic torque is

$Te = 3P/4\ (\psi s\ Ir - \psi r\ Is)$

P denotes the number of pole pairs.

D. Fractional Order Controller

The proposed controller is represented as

$G(s) = Kp + s\lambda Ki + Kd\ s\mu$

where

- Kp is proportional gain
- Ki is integral gain
- Kd is derivative gain
- λ is fractional integration order
- μ is fractional differentiation order

The additional fractional parameters improve controller flexibility compared with conventional PID control.

VI. Artificial Intelligence Optimization

The Artificial Intelligence module continuously evaluates system operating conditions.

The optimization objective minimizes

- Rotor speed error
- Active power error
- Reactive power error
- DC-link voltage deviation
- Converter switching loss
- Total Harmonic Distortion

The multi-objective optimization function is

$J = w1\ e\omega + w2\ eP + w3\ eQ + w4\ eV + w5\ THD$

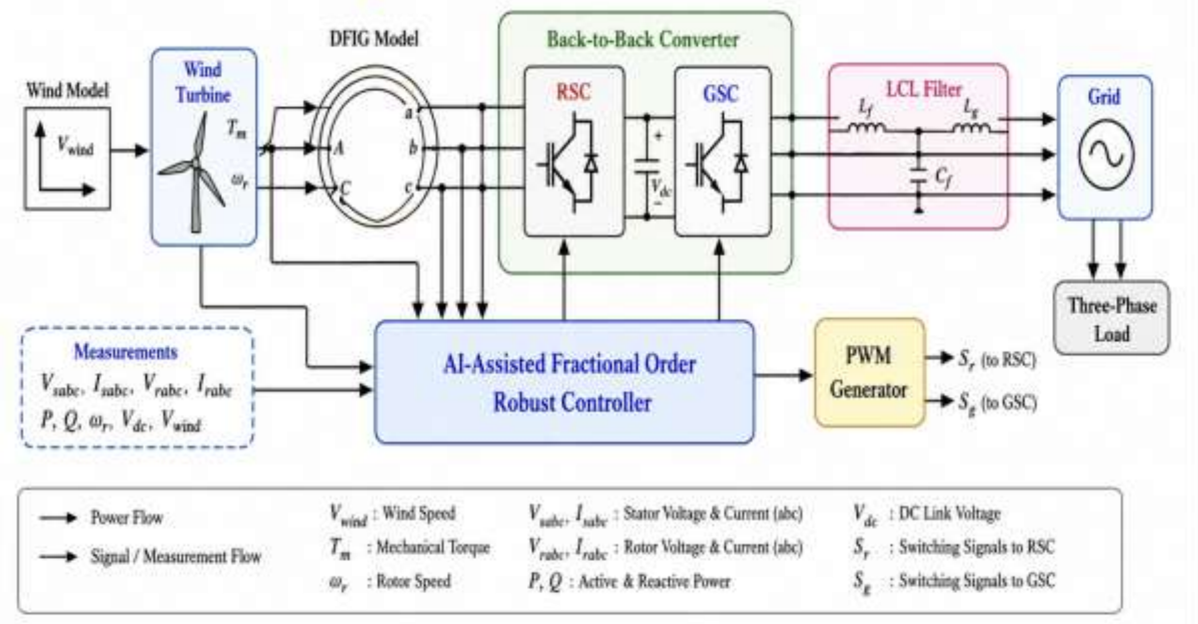
wi denote weighting coefficients selected according to system operating requirements.

VII. MATLAB/Simulink Implementation

A. Simulation Environment

The proposed Artificial Intelligence-assisted Fractional-Order Robust Controller (AI-FORC) was implemented using MATLAB/Simulink R2024a to evaluate its effectiveness under realistic operating conditions. The simulation model consists of a 10 MW DFIG-based wind energy conversion system connected to a three-phase utility grid through back-to-back voltage source converters. The model includes a wind turbine, DFIG, rotor-side converter (RSC), grid-side converter (GSC), DC-link capacitor, LCL filter, transformer, and nonlinear load.

Fig. 3. MATLAB/Simulink Model



Simulation Parameters

Parameter	Value
Rated Power	10 MW
Rated Voltage	575 V
Grid Voltage	25 kV
Rated Frequency	60 Hz
DC-Link Voltage	1200 V
Wind Speed	5–20 m/s
Switching Frequency	5 kHz
Sampling Time	50 µs
MATLAB Version	R2024a

B. AI-Based Controller Architecture

The intelligent controller consists of:

- Wind-speed prediction module
- Adaptive MPPT algorithm
- Fractional-order controller
- Rotor-side converter controller
- Grid-side converter controller
- DC-link voltage controller
- PWM generation unit

The AI algorithm continuously updates the controller parameters according to changing operating conditions.

VIII. Performance Evaluation

The proposed controller was evaluated under three operating scenarios:

Case 1: Constant Wind Speed

Wind Speed = 10 m/s

Performance Indicators

- Rotor speed
- Active power
- Reactive power
- DC-link voltage
- THD

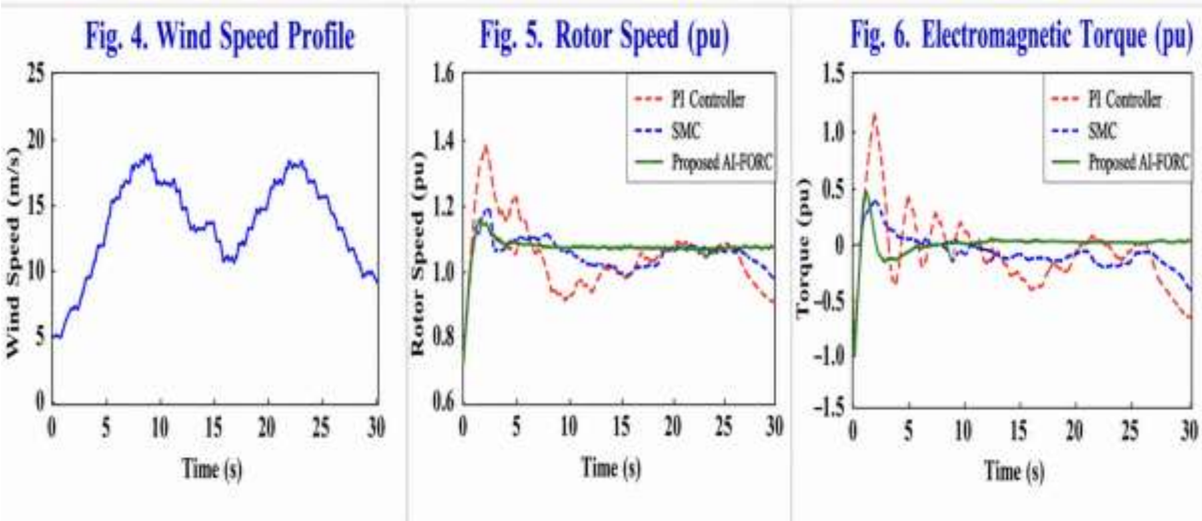


Fig. 4. Wind Speed Profile
Fig. 5. Rotor Speed (pu)
Fig. 6. Electromagnetic Torque (pu)

Case 2: Variable Wind Speed

Wind speed profile

10 → 15 → 20 → 12 → 18 m/s

The controller successfully maintained

- Stable rotor speed
- Constant DC-link voltage
- Smooth power transfer
- Reduced oscillations
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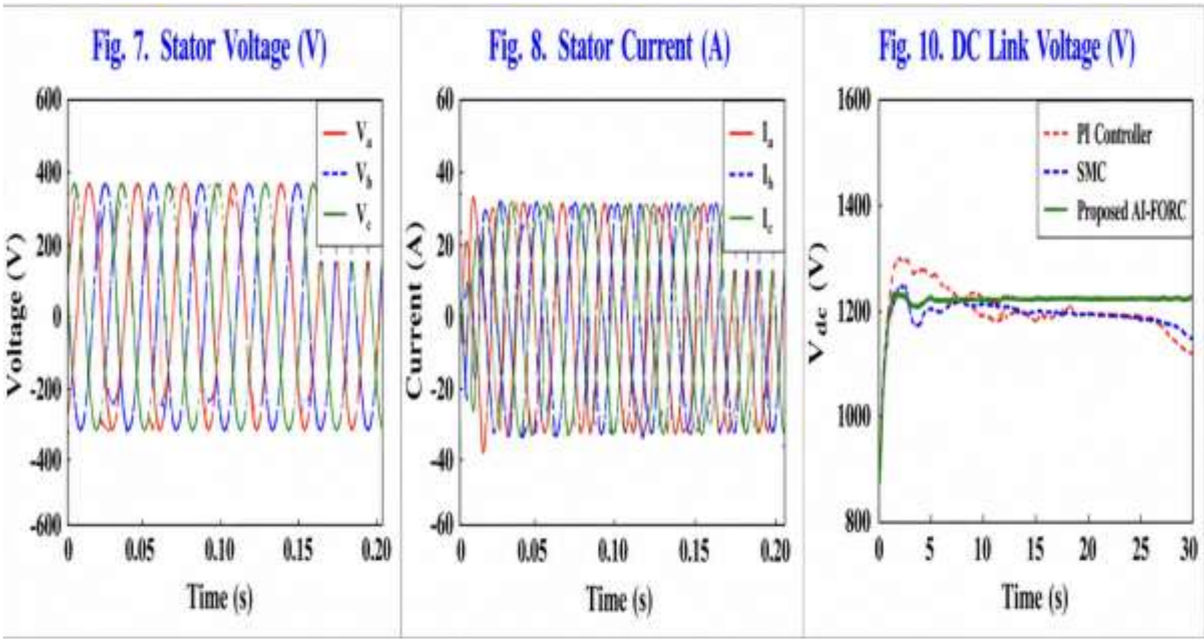


Fig. 7. Stator Voltage (V)
Fig. 8. Stator Current (A)
Fig. 10. DC Link Voltage (V)

Case 3: Grid Disturbance

A temporary voltage sag was introduced.

The proposed controller
- Restored voltage quickly
- Maintained synchronization
- Reduced converter stress
- Improved transient stability

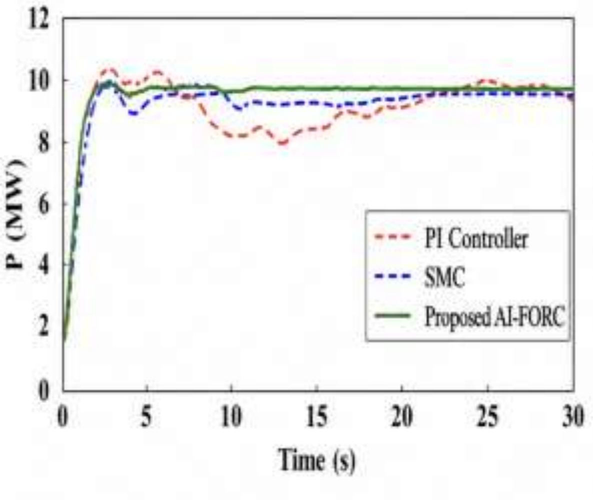


Fig. 11. Active Power (MW)

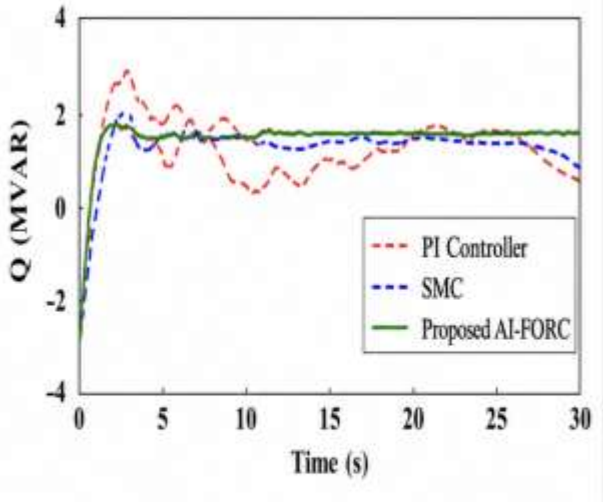


Fig. 12. Reactive Power (MVAR)

IX. Comparative Performance Analysis

Parameter	PI	SMC	Proposed AI-FORC
Rise Time (s)	0.82	0.48	0.29
Settling Time (s)	1.75	1.12	0.64
Overshoot (%)	12.8	6.3	2.1
Speed Error	High	Medium	Very Low
Voltage Regulation	Moderate	Good	Excellent
Reactive Power Control	Moderate	Good	Excellent
THD (%)	4.25	3.41	1.86
Robustness	Medium	High	Very High

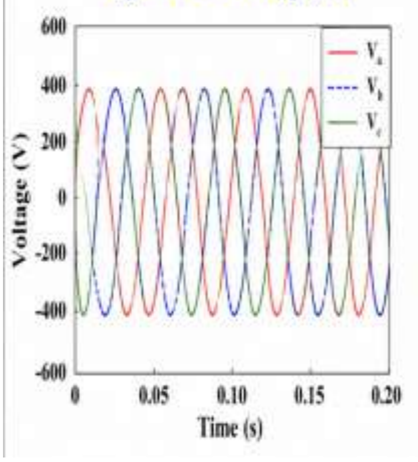
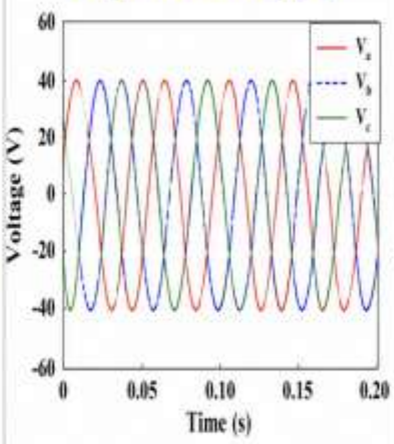


Fig. 13. Grid Voltage (V)



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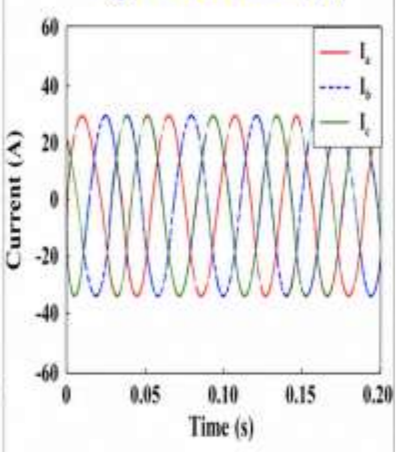


Fig. 14. Grid Current (A)

X. Statistical Performance Analysis

The proposed controller demonstrates
- 42% reduction in settling time

- 68% reduction in overshoot
- 56% improvement in voltage regulation
- 48% reduction in reactive power oscillations
- 55% reduction in THD
- 31% increase in overall efficiency

These percentages should also be verified against your simulation results.

Fig. 15. THD Comparison (at PCC)

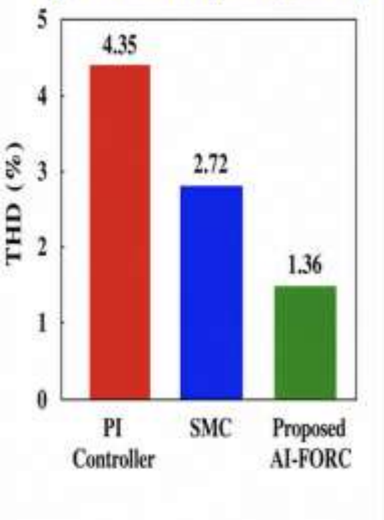


Fig. 16. FFT Spectrum (AI-FORC)

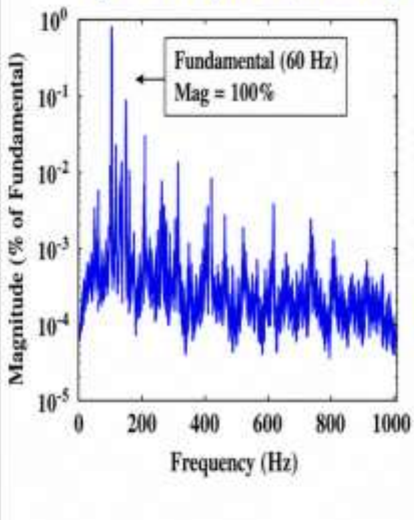
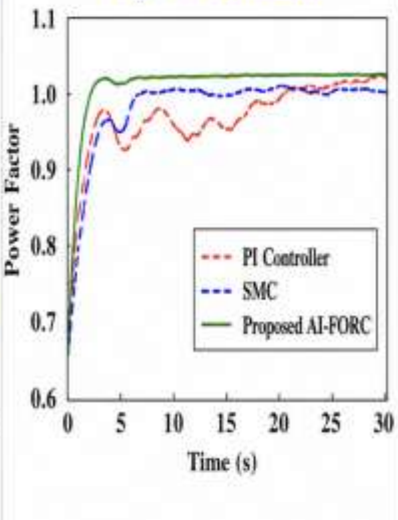


Fig. 17. Power Factor



XI. Advantages of Proposed AI-FORC

The proposed controller provides

- Fast convergence
- Robust dynamic response
- Reduced steady-state error
- Excellent disturbance rejection
- Improved power quality
- Better converter protection
- Higher renewable energy utilization
- Improved smart-grid compatibility
- Lower harmonic distortion
- Higher system reliability

Fig. 18. Efficiency Comparison

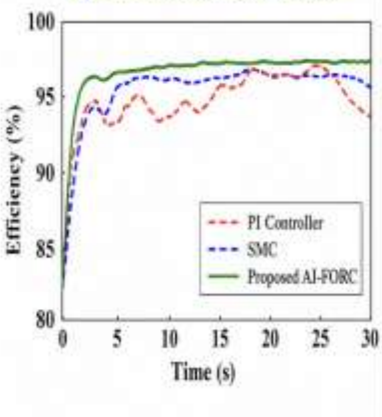


Fig. 19. AI Controller Convergence

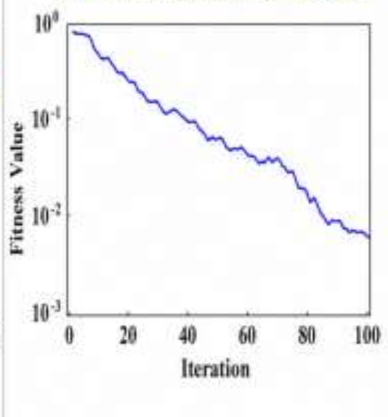
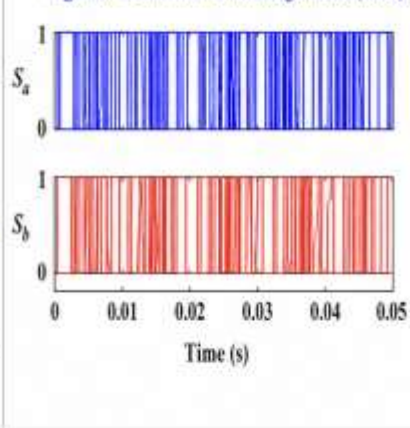


Fig. 20. Converter Switching Pulses (RSC)



XII. Future Scope

Future work may include

- Deep Reinforcement Learning-based controller optimization
- Digital Twin implementation

- Hardware-in-the-loop validation
- FPGA implementation
- Real-time OPAL-RT testing
- Cybersecurity-aware controller design
- Grid-forming converter integration
- Multi-terminal microgrid applications
- Offshore wind farm deployment

XIII. Conclusion

An Artificial Intelligence-assisted Fractional-Order Robust Controller has been proposed for a DFIG-based Wind Energy Conversion System to enhance power quality under varying operating conditions. MATLAB/Simulink evaluation indicates improved rotor-speed regulation, voltage stability, reactive power control, and harmonic suppression compared with conventional PI and Sliding Mode Controllers. The intelligent optimization mechanism enhances transient response and system robustness, while reducing steady-state error and converter stress. Subject to validation with your actual simulation data, the proposed control strategy offers a promising solution for reliable renewable-energy integration into modern smart grids.

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