



IEEE Power & Energy Society Distinguished Lecturer

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Wind Generation and its Grid Connection

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Abstract

Traditionally, induction generators are employed for wind farms which are mainly onshore. However there are many limitation of these generators and they are unable to meet the grid code requirements without employing other enabling technologies. In recent years controllable renewable energy generators such as doubly-fed induction generators (DFIG) and full power converter (FPC) connected generators were emerged which are now being used extensively in onshore and offshore wind farms. With the increased size of the wind turbines, the gearless multi-pole induction generators are capturing the market interest. Many wind farm manufactures are now producing up to 5 MW of multi-pole permanent magnet wind turbines having as high as 84 poles.

Due to the variable nature of the wind power output, utilities are imposing stringent grid connection codes. These grid codes specify the mandatory technical requirements that a large synchronous generator should fulfil for efficient, safe and economic operation of the power system. In addition to these mandatory requirements, power plants are expected to provide additional support to maintain a second-by-second power balance while maintaining the required level of quality and guaranteeing the security of the system. With the increased penetration of wind power, the larger wind power plants are also now being expected to participate in the mandatory and additional services that the large synchronous generators are offering.

In this presentation the basic principles of wind generation are discussed followed by different technologies used for wind turbines. The grid code requirement of countries which has a large penetration of wind is presented and the measures taken by wind farm manufacturers to fulfil the grid code requirements are exemplified. Enabling technologies for wind farm connections such as SVC, STATCOM and VSC-HVDCs are also introduced.







Distinguished Lecture Biography



Janaka Ekanayake is Professor and Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. He is also a visiting professor at the Institute of Energy at Cardiff University, United Kingdom. Prior to that, until end of October 2012, he was a Senior Research Fellow/Reader at Cardiff University.

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Prof. Ekanayake is an expert on wind power generation and its connection to the grid, and on modern power systems. He has co-authored five books, including: *Distributed Generation* (IET); *Electric Power System; Wind Energy Generation: Modelling and Control;* and *Smart Grid: Technology and Applications* (Wiley). His forthcoming book, *Modern Power System Protection*, is due to be published by Wiley in January 2017. He has also published more than 150 journal and conference papers.

His professional involvements include, a member of the editorial board of IEEE Transaction on Energy Conversion (2007 to date), IET Journal of Renewable Energy (2015 to date) and Journal of Wind Energy (2013 to date). He is involved in many Asian Development Bank funded energy efficiency, renewable energy and smart grid related consultancy assignments. He has contributed to write wind connection codes for Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

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