A SMART GRID WIRELESS NEURO-FUZZY POWER CONTROL FOR WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS

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Abstract - The wind energy generation is the huge driver behind the push for supergrids and cross-border infrastructure for renewable energy systems. To improve the energy system and reduce deployment costs, the wireless communications can arise as a powerful tool in this new scenario. However, the wireless technology for transmitting control information to wind generator requires special attention to avoid any damage to the generator and to the energetic plant caused by transmission errors. In this context, this work proposes a wireless coded power control system for variable speed wind doubly-fed induction generators. The proposed controller is based on the adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system and it uses the vector control technique to independently control the active and reactive power. The wireless communication system employs QPSK digital modulation and LDPC coding scheme to reduce the transmission errors and the overall system latency. In addition, it is presented its feasibility analysis and impact to the overall system by investigating the control performance in operational conditions at AWGN and flat fading propagation channels.

Keywords – DFIG, Wind energy, Smart grid, Neurofuzzy control, Wireless communication, LDPC

I. INTRODUCTION

A modern power generation controlling in smart grid requires a complex telecommunications system infrastructure to a fully efficient operation [1]. The smart grids are an evolution of the energy grid and are based on a more efficient employment of the infrastructure for generation, transmission, and distribution, in order to manage the relationship between power supply and demand in the electrical system to avoid contingencies [2]. For a optimized operation, the fully complete smart energy system needs a set with a strong interaction formed by communication networks, data management, and monitoring applications in real time [3].

Wireless technologies utilization for transmitting power control signals may cause apprehension, due to errors generated in the recovered control signal which can cause serious problems to the generators, and consequentially, to the energy system. Such behavior is different from what usually happens in telecommunications systems designed to conversation and data transmission, where small errors can be detected, initiate requests for retransmission (generating bvj@yahoo.com.br, jl.azcue@gmail.com, ruppert@fee.unicamp. delays) or even in some cases be ignored without any significant impact to the network.

Comparing and looking through a modern renewable energy system, the wind energy is the huge driver [4] and the Doubly-Fed Induction Generator (DFIG) is widely used with this purpose [5]. Wind energy systems using a DFIG have some advantages due to variable speed operation and four quadrant active and reactive power capabilities compared with fixed speed squirrel cage induction generators [6–8].

In this context, this paper proposes a wireless neuro-fuzzy power control system, to improve robustness and reliability, for a variable speed wind DFIG employing Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) coding [9] in smart grid applications.

The paper is organized as follows. DFIG neuro-fuzzy power control is shown in section II; the wireless coded communication is presented in section III; main results are considered in section IV; and section V concludes the work.

II. DFIG NEURO-FUZZY POWER CONTROL

A. Machine model and rotor current vector control

The doubly-fed induction generator model in synchronous dq reference frame is given by [10]:

$$\vec{v}_{1dq} = R_1 \vec{i}_{1dq} + \frac{d\vec{\lambda}_{1dq}}{dt} + j\omega_1 \vec{\lambda}_{1dq} \tag{1}$$

$$\vec{v}_{2dq} = R_2 \vec{i}_{2dq} + \frac{d\vec{\lambda}_{2dq}}{dt} + j \left(\omega_1 - N_P \omega_{mec}\right) \vec{\lambda}_{2dq} \qquad (2)$$

and the relationships between fluxes and currents are:

$$\vec{\lambda}_{1dq} = L_1 \vec{i}_{1dq} + L_M \vec{i}_{2dq} \tag{3}$$

$$\vec{\lambda}_{2dq} = L_M \vec{i}_{1dq} + L_2 \vec{i}_{2dq} \tag{4}$$

so, the active and reactive powers are given by:

$$P = \frac{3}{2} \left(v_{1d} i_{1d} + v_{1q} i_{1q} \right) \tag{5}$$

$$Q = \frac{3}{2} \left(v_{1q} i_{1d} - v_{1d} i_{1q} \right) \tag{6}$$

The subscripts 1 and 2 represent the stator and rotor parameters, respectively; ω_1 represents the synchronous speed, ω_{mec} represents machine speed, R represents winding per phase electrical resistance, L and L_M represent the proper and the mutual inductances of windings, \vec{v} represents voltage vector, \vec{i} represents current vector, $\vec{\lambda}$ represents flux vector and N_P represents the machine number of pair of poles.

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The DFIG power control aims independent stator active P and reactive Q power control by means of a rotor current regulation. For this purpose, P and Q are represented as functions of each individual rotor current. Using stator flux orientation, that decouples the dq axis, it has that $\lambda_{1d} = \lambda_1 = |\vec{\lambda}_{1dq}|$, thus, the equation (3) becomes:

$$i_{1d} = \frac{\lambda_1}{L_1} - \frac{L_M}{L_1} i_{2d}$$
(7)

$$i_{1q} = -\frac{L_M}{L_1} i_{2q} \tag{8}$$

Where i_{1d} is direct axis component and i_{1q} is quadrature axis component of the current vector in dq axis.

Similarly, using stator flux oriented, the stator voltage becomes $v_{1d} = 0$ and $v_{1q} = v_1 = |\vec{v}_{1dq}|$. Hence, the active (5) and reactive (6) power can be calculated by using equations (7) and (8):

$$P = -\frac{3}{2}v_1 \frac{L_M}{L_1} i_{2q}$$
(9)

$$Q = \frac{3}{2}v_1 \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{L_1} - \frac{L_M}{L_1}i_{2d}\right) \tag{10}$$

Thus, rotor currents will reflect on stator current and on stator active and reactive powers, respectively. Consequently, this principle can be used on stator active and reactive power control of the DFIG.

B. Neuro-Fuzzy System

The Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS), shown in Figure 1, is a network structure whose overall inputoutput behavior is determined by the values of a collection of modifiable parameters. More specifically, the configuration of an adaptive network is composed of a set of nodes connected through directed links, where each node is a process unit that performs a static node function on its incoming signals to generate a single node output and each link specifies the direction of signal flow from one node to another.

Usually, a node function is a parameterized function with modifiable parameters. By changing these parameters, we are actually changing the node function, as well as the overall behavior of the adaptive network [11].

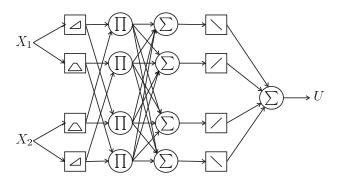


Fig. 1. ANFIS structure.

The parameters of an adaptive network are distributed into the network nodes, so each node has a local parameter set. The union of these local parameter sets is the network overall parameter set. If a node parameter set is nonempty, then its node function depends on the parameter values; we use a square to represent this kind of adaptive node. On the other hand, if a node has an empty parameter set, then its function is fixed; we use a circle to denote this type of fixed node [11].

The ANFIS network uses two sets of parameters S1 and S2. The first one represents the fuzzy partitions used in the rules and the second one represents the coefficients of the linear functions in the rules.

$$S1 = \{\{a_{11}, b_{11}, c_{11}\}, \{a_{12}, b_{12}, c_{12}\}, \dots, \\ \{a_{1p}, b_{1p}, c_{1p}\}, \dots, \{a_{np}, b_{np}, c_{np}\}\}$$
(11)

$$S2 = \{\{C_{10}, C_{11}, ..., C_{1n}\}, ..., \{C_{P^n0}, C_{P^n1}, ..., C_{P^nn}\}\}$$
(12)

The ANFIS uses a two-pass learning cycle, in the forward pass: S1 is fixed and S2 is computed using a Least Squares (LS) algorithm (Off-line Learning), and in the backward pass: S2 is fixed and S1 is computed using a Gradient Descent (GD) algorithm (usually Back-propagation [12]).

C. Design of ANFIS Controllers

The ANFIS controller [11, 13] was designed with the input and output data set collected from the DFIG operating at different conditions with the deadbeat controller [14].

In the Figure 2, it is shown graphically the substitution that was made, it should be mentioned that this is a simplified representation of the deadbeat controller with the purpose of illustrating that the ANFIS has the same function as the deadbeat controller. The proposed ANFIS controller has only the rotor current error as input different than presented in the literature [15]. The final neuro-fuzzy power control for DFIG is shown in Figure 3.

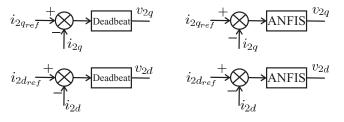


Fig. 2. ANFIS Controller.

The tests used in this work to collect data set training are similar to the ones used for Singh [15]:

- Operation at different wind speed profiles;
- Operation at different ramp increments in wind speed;
- Operation at different step increments in wind speed;
- Operation during voltage sag conditions.

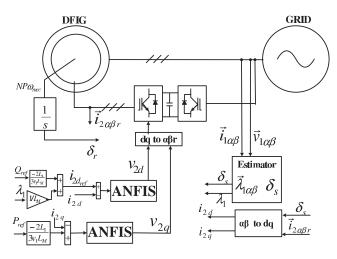


Fig. 3. Neuro-Fuzzy DFIG power control.

The grid partition method is chosen to design the fuzzy controller structure, which usually involves only several state variables as the inputs to the controller. For input and output, a generalized bell Membership Function (MF or bell MF) has been considered and the MF is specified by three parameters a, b, c, besides the input x:

$$bell(x, a, b, c) = \frac{1}{1 + |\frac{x - c}{a}|^{2b}}$$
(13)

where, the parameter b is usually positive.

A desired generalized bell MF can be obtained by a proper selection of the parameter set $\{a, b, c\}$. Specifically, we can adjust c and a to vary, respectively, the center and width of the MF and then use b to control the slopes at the crossover points [11].

The ANFIS structure was trained with the hybrid method, this one combines the least squared error algorithm and backpropagation method. The ANFIS was trained considering maximum 5000 epochs and an error tolerance of 0.0001. To calculate the numerical value resulting from the activated rules, it was used the weighted average method for defuzzification.

Thus, if the d and q axis voltage components are calculated according to the ANFIS controller and are applied to the generator, then the active and reactive power convergence to their respective commanded values will occur in a few samplings intervals. The desired rotor voltage in the rotor reference frame $(\delta_s - \delta_r)$ generates switching signals for the rotor side using either space vector modulation.

D. Estimation

The stator flux $\vec{\lambda}_{1\alpha\beta}$ estimation in stationary reference frame is given by:

$$\vec{\lambda}_{1\alpha\beta} = \int \left(\vec{v}_{1\alpha\beta} - R_1 \vec{i}_{1\alpha\beta} \right) dt \tag{14}$$

and the stator flux position by using equation (14) as:

$$\delta_s = \arctan\left(\frac{\lambda_{1\beta}}{\lambda_{1\alpha}}\right) \tag{15}$$

The angle between stator and rotor flux is given by:

$$\delta_s - \delta_r = \int \omega_{sl} dt \tag{16}$$

III. WIRELESS CODED COMMUNICATION

The proposed wireless control system, shown in Figure 4, uses LDPC codes [9, 16, 17] to improve system performance and reliability. The LDPC are (N_c, N_b) binary linear block codes that have a sparse parity-check matrix **H** that can be described in terms of a Tanner graph [18], where each bit in the codeword corresponds to a variable node and each parity-check equation corresponds to a check node. A check node j is connected to a variable node k whenever the element $h_{j,k}$ in **H** is equal to 1 [16, 18].

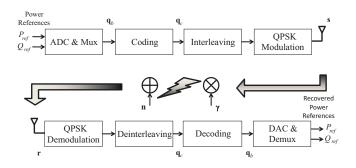


Fig. 4. Wireless Coded Communication Diagram.

Extended Irregular Repeat Accumulate (eIRA) codes [19– 23] are a special subclass of LDPC codes that improve the systematic encoding process and generate good irregular LDPC codes for high code rate applications. The eIRA paritycheck matrix can be represented by $\mathbf{H} = [\mathbf{H_1} \ \mathbf{H_2}]$, where $\mathbf{H_1}$ is a sparse (N_m) by (N_c) matrix, that can be constructed irregularly by density evolution according to optimal weight distribution [22], and $\mathbf{H_2}$ is the (N_m) by (N_m) dual-diagonal square matrix given by:

$$\mathbf{H}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 & \\ & & & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(17)

where N_b is the number of control bits, N_c is the number of coded bits and N_m is the number of parity bits.

Given the constraint imposed on the **H** matrix, the generator matrix can be represented in the systematic form by the (N_b) by (N_c) matrix:

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \boldsymbol{\Psi} \end{bmatrix} \tag{18}$$

where I is the identity matrix, $\Psi = \mathbf{H}_1^T \times \mathbf{H}_2^{-T}$ and \mathbf{H}_2^{-T} is the upper triangular matrix given by:

$$\mathbf{H}_{2}^{-\mathrm{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(19)

The encoding process can be accomplished by first multiplying the control information vector $\mathbf{q}_b = \begin{bmatrix} q_b(1) \cdots q_b(N_b) \end{bmatrix}^T$ by the sparse matrix \mathbf{H}_1^T and then differentially encoding this partial result to obtain the parity bits. The systematic codeword vector $\mathbf{q}_c = \begin{bmatrix} q_c(1) \cdots q_c(N_c) \end{bmatrix}^T$ can be simply obtained by combining the control information and the parity bits.

In the transmission process, the codeword vector is then interleaved and Quaternary Phase Shift Keying (QPSK) mapped using Gray code [24], resulting in the symbol vector $\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} s(1) & \cdots & s(N_s) \end{bmatrix}^T$, where N_s is the number of transmitted coded control symbols. Afterward, the coded symbols are filtered, upconverted and transmitted by the wireless fading channel.

Assuming that the channel variations are slow enough that intersymbol interferences (ISI) can be neglect, the fading channel can be modeled as a sequence of zero-mean complex Gaussian random variables with autocorrelation function [24, 25]:

$$R_h(\tau) = J_0 \left(2\pi f_D T_s\right) \tag{20}$$

where $J_0()$ is the zero-th order Bessel function, T_s is the signaling time and f_D is the Doppler spread.

Thus, in the receive process, the complex low-pass equivalent discrete-time received signal can be represented by [24]:

$$\mathbf{r} = \gamma \cdot \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n} \tag{21}$$

where $\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} r(1) \cdots r(N_s) \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the received signal vector, $\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma(1) \cdots \gamma(N_s) \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the vector of complex coefficients of the channel and $\mathbf{n} = \begin{bmatrix} n(1) \cdots n(N_s) \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) vector. Note that the above vector multiplication is performed element by element.

Once the transmitted vector s is estimated, considering perfect channel estimation, the transmitted control bits can be recovered by performing symbol demapping, code deinterleaving and bit decoding.

Decoding can be accomplished by a message passing algorithm [26–29] based on the Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) criterion [16], that exchanges soft-information iteratively between the variable and check nodes. The exchanged messages can be represented by the following Log-Likelihood Ratio (LLR):

$$L_{c_k} = \log\left[\frac{p(\mathbf{q}_c(k) = 0|\mathbf{d})}{p(\mathbf{q}_c(k) = 1|\mathbf{d})}\right]$$
(22)

where $p(\mathbf{q}_{c}(k))$ is the probability of the codeword vector $\mathbf{q}\mathbf{c}$ to be equal to 0 or 1.

The LLR message from the j^{th} check node to the k^{th} variable node is given by:

$$L_{r_{j,k}} = 2 \operatorname{atanh} \left[\prod_{k' \in V_{j \setminus k}} \operatorname{tanh} \left(\frac{L_{q_{k',j}}}{2} \right) \right]$$
(23)

The set V_j contains the variable nodes connected to the j^{th} check node and the set C_k contains the check nodes connected to the k^{th} variable node. $V_{j\setminus k}$ is the set V_j without the k^{th} element, and $C_{k\setminus j}$ is the set C_k without the j^{th} element. The LLR message from the k^{th} variable node to the j^{th} check node is obtained by:

$$L_{q_{k,j}} = L_{c_k} + \sum_{j' \in c_{k \setminus j}} L_{r_{j',k}}$$
(24)

and the LLR for the k^{th} code bit is given by:

$$L_{Q_k} = L_{c_k} + \sum_{j \in c_k} L_{r_{j,k}}$$
(25)

At the end of each iteration, L_{Q_k} provides an updated estimate of the a posteriori LLR of the transmitted coded bit $q_c(k)$. If $L_{Q_k} > 0$, then $q_c(k) = 1$, else $q_c(k) = 0$.

IV. CONTROL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

The proposed wireless control for the DFIG connected to the grid was simulated in the MATLAB-Simulink using the SimPowerSystems, Fuzzy logic, and Communications toolboxes. The system has a sampling time of 0.5×10^{-4} s and the DFIG parameters are shown in the Appendix. The active and reactive power references were step changed, respectively, from -100 to -120 kW and from 60 to 0 kVAR at 1.25 s. At 1.5 s, the references also were step changed from -120 to -60 kW and from 0 to -40 kVAR. Again, at 1.75 s, the references were step changed from -60 to -100 kW and from -40 to -60 kVAR. These references are the inputs of the wireless coded power control, shown in Figure 4, which is analyzed for two different scenarios: an AWGN channel and a more realistic flat fading correlated Rayleigh channel.

The system is evaluated for a frequency flat fading Rayleigh channel with a Doppler spread of 180 Hz. The LDPC coding scheme uses the (64,800 and 32,400) eIRA code specified in [30] and an ordinary Convolution Coding (CC) scheme with a (171, 133) generator polynomial with constrain length of 7 is used as reference of performance [16]. Both schemes have code rate of 1/2 and employ a random interleaving of length 64,800. For simplicity, the number of iterations in the LDPC decoding is limited to 25. The bit duration is 1.25×10^{-5} s and each transmitted frame is composed by 32,400 QPSK coded symbols.

In Figures 5 and 6, the final responses of the wireless power control system employing CC are presented for an E_b/N_0 of 10 dB. The spikes presented in the responses of the system occur due to the errors in the wireless communication, even with the use of a very efficient error correction scheme.

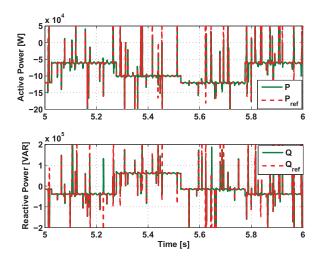


Fig. 5. Step Response of Active and Reactive Powers Using CC Coding in a Flat Fading Channel.

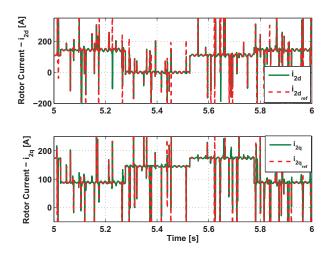


Fig. 6. Step Response of Rotor Current \vec{i}_{2dq} Using CC Coding in a Flat Fading Channel.

It can be observed that several of these spikes, presented in the reference signals, are followed by the controller and not others due to the fact that the time response of the controller is not sufficient to follow quick changes caused by destructive effects of the channel in the transmitted signal. In this way, the problem would be aggravated in a controller with faster time response.

These errors in the control system can permanently damage the aerogenerator, the wind generation, or even, cause a loss of system efficiency, since the machine will not generate its maximum power track at that moment, and additionally, they generate undesirable harmonic components to the power grid. The damage related to wind generation occurs due to the fact that high values of $\frac{di}{dt}$, as shown in Figure 7, can completely deteriorate the Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistors (IGBTs) and, consequently, through the power converter, it can cause short circuits in rotor and/or stator of the generator.

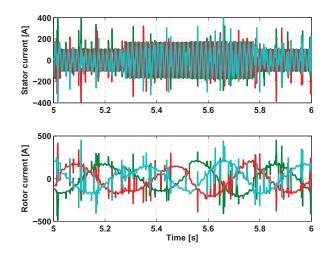


Fig. 7. Stator and Rotor Currents Using CC Coding in a Flat Fading Channel.

Thus, it is necessary to use a wireless control system capable of minimizing the occurrence of these spikes arising from errors caused by the channel distortions. With this finality, it is highlighted the proposal of using a more robust wireless control system based on LDPC coding. Figures 8 and 9 show the response of the wireless controller employing the LDPC coding scheme for an E_b/N_0 of 10 dB and the same step reference signals described at the beginning of this section.

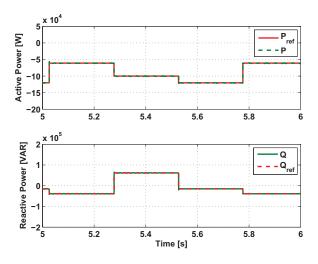


Fig. 8. Step Response of Active and Reactive Powers Using LDPC Coding in a Flat Fading Channel.

The satisfactory performance of the wireless control system can be seen due to the fact the references were perfectly followed by the controller and the inexistence of destructive spikes caused by errors in the wireless transmission system. Additionally, these good functionalities are shown in Figure 10, where the stator currents present expected waveforms. It is important to emphasize that the errors generated in the wireless transmission are independent of the power control technique and they cannot be easily removed without using advanced FEC coding technique as the LDPC employed in this work.

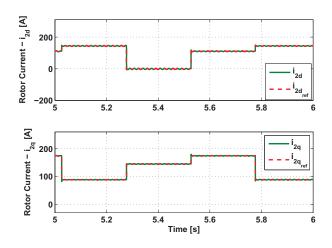


Fig. 9. Step Response of Rotor Current $i_{2_{dq}}$ Using LDPC Coding in a Flat Fading Channel.

To complete the analysis, it is evaluated the performance of the proposed wireless coded neuro-fuzzy power control system for different values of E_b/N_0 and different propagation scenarios to show its robustness and functionality.

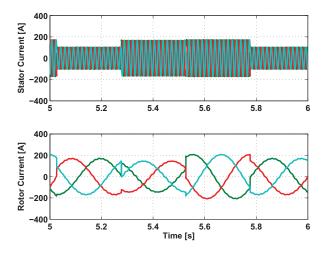


Fig. 10. Stator and Rotor Currents Using LDPC Coding in a Flat Fading Channel.

In Figures 11 and 12 comparisons of performance for No Coding, CC, and LDPC schemes are presented. As expected, the performance of LDPC is significantly superior than CC for both propagation scenarios. As pointed out in Figure 11, the performance improvement of LDPC over CC in AWGN channels for a BER of 10^{-5} is approximately 5.3 dB while, as shown in Figure 12 for flat fading channels, the improvement is approximately 26.8 dB for the same BER (Bit Error Rate).

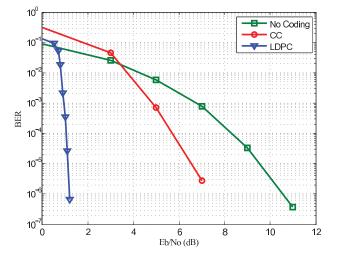


Fig. 11. Performance Comparison for Different Coding Schemes in AWGN Channel.

Tables I and II show the number and percentage of phase inversions, correspondent to P_{ref} and Q_{ref} references, presented in the recovered control signal for both scenarios. It can be seen that LDPC coding requires a significant lower E_b/N_0 to present the same order of phase inversions as CC. For a low BER as 10^{-5} , there are some changes in the active and reactive power references that can cause serious problems in the generator, and consequentially, in the energy plant.

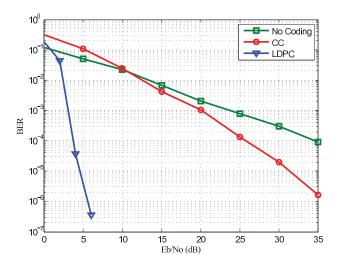


Fig. 12. Performance Comparison for Different Coding Schemes in Flat Fading Channel (180 Hz - QPSK).

However, the use of LDPC coding can reduce notably this number for a typical E_b/N_0 in real systems and can improve considerably system robustness to the channel impairments. For example, a system operating with a typical E_b/N_0 of 10 dB employing CC will fail dramatically, while a system using LDPC coding will be free of errors.

 TABLE I

 Control Inversion in an AWGN Channel.

Coding Scheme	Bit Error Rate	Eb/No (dB)	Number of Inversions
CC	10^{-3}	4.80	225 (0.12%)
CC	10^{-4}	5.65	21 (0.01%)
CC	10^{-5}	6.40	2 (0.001%)
LDPC	10^{-3}	0.98	204 (0.11%)
LDPC	10^{-4}	1.06	21 (0.01%)
LDPC	10^{-5}	1.13	2 (0.001%)

 TABLE II

 Control Inversion in a Flat Fading Channel.

Coding Scheme	Bit Error Rate	Eb/No (dB)	Number of Inversions
CC	10^{-3}	20.0	167 (0.087%)
CC	10^{-4}	25.5	21 (0.01%)
CC	10^{-5}	31.5	4 (0.002%)
LDPC	10^{-3}	3.20	188 (0.098%)
LDPC	10^{-4}	3.80	26 (0.013%)
LDPC	10^{-5}	4.70	1 (0.0005%)

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, it was proposed a wireless coded control system using a neuro-fuzzy controller applied to a doublyfed induction aerogenerator. An analysis for different coding schemes shows that, even for a relatively low BER, the power reference changes can occur and it can be very dangerous for the generator and the energy plant.

However, the use of LDPC coding improves significantly the robustness of the system in severe noise and fading channel situations, eliminating the occurrence of errors in the active and reactive power references for operational conditions.

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Appendix

Doubly-fed induction generator parameters [31]: $R_1 = 24.75 \ m\Omega; \ R_2 = 13.3 \ m\Omega; \ L_M = 14.25 \ mH;$ $L_{l1} = 284 \ \muH; \ L_{l2} = 284 \ \muH; \ J = 2.6 \ Kg \cdot m^2; \ N_P = 2;$ $P_N = 149.2 \ kVA \text{ and } V_N = 575 \ V.$

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