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Low-Voltage Ride Through Capability Augmentation of DFIG-Based Wind Farms Using Series-Parallel Resonance-Type Fault Current Limiter

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Abstract: The introduction of doubly fed induction generators (DFIGs) has facilitated the utilization of wind energy to a great extent and constituted distributed generation (DG) systems in remote places. Therefore, long transmission lines are required to interconnect with the utility grid and, consequently, different short-circuit faults interrupt this transmission. Use of different fault current limiters (FCLs) minimizes the effect of faults and allows normal operation with minimum interruption in power flow. In this study, a series-parallel resonance-type fault current limiter (SPRFCL) is presented for enhancing the low-voltage ride-through (LVRT) capability of DFIG-based wind farms. The SPRFCL preserves the nominal voltage and power quality within the permissible limit during normal operation and during disturbances irrespective of the type of fault. The effectiveness of the proposed SPRFCL is validated by simulating both symmetrical and asymmetrical faults. Alongside the SPRFCL, two state-of-the-art FCLs—the parallel resonance-type fault current limiter (PRFCL) and the capacitive bridge-type fault current limiter (CBFCL)—are considered to investigate and compare the relative performances. Several graphical and numerical studies assure the efficacy of the proposed SPRFCL in wind farm application in multiple aspect. Moreover, the stunning total harmonic distortion (THD) values with the proposed technique signifies the excellency over its competitors. Additionally, the sub-synchronous resonance (SSR) analysis confirms the supremacy of SPRFCL for series compensated lines.

Keywords: capacitive bridge-type fault current limiter; doubly fed induction generator; low voltage ride through; parallel resonance-type fault current limiter; wind farm



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1. Introduction

Fossil energies like natural gas, coal and oil are the main sources of vast power generation in today's world. However, the reserves of these fuels are declining rapidly with the pace of time. Besides, they are responsible for producing bulk amount of CO₂ that pollutes the environment gradually [1]. By contrast, renewable energy sources (RESs) offer some distinctive advantages over fossil energy, for instance, low-cost, sufficiency, cleanliness, etc. [2]. Wind energy solely contributes to the largest part of this green energy, as it possesses improved efficiency than rest of the RESs [3]. Moreover, the wind power generation system has become more efficient than ever with the addition of doubly fed induction generator (DFIG) [4]. Some remarkable features that make the DFIG stand out are its reduced cost, compact size, energy efficiency, voltage controllability, as well as active and reactive power regulation system. Most importantly, while rotational speed of wind turbine changes, the stator voltage and frequency can be made constant by regulating the frequency of rotor winding [5]. To utilize the electrical power in every corner of the world, widespread transmission systems are built. As a result, climatic disorder and miscellaneous

problems occur short circuit in the power system very often. As the stators of the DFIG are coupled to the utility grid directly, any disturbance in grid eventually affects the wind turbine performance. Therefore, to ensure stable operation of DFIG based wind farms (WFs), low-voltage ride through (LVRT) capability improvement is needed.

In order to enhance the LVRT capability, different approaches incorporating software and hardware-based solutions have been proposed in different literature [6–9]. Some noticeable software approaches that are introduced by the modification of rotor side converter (RSC) control system are virtual damping flux-based control, robust control, inductance emulating control, scaled current tracking control, etc. [7–9]. These solutions are feasible for systems with lower voltage sag, but fail to satisfy the LVRT requirements when the voltage sag is severe. Hardware-based solutions solve the problems with software solutions and fulfill the LVRT requirements for both small and large voltage sags [10–12]. Therefore, hardware-based solutions are crucial to enhance the LVRT capability for modern power systems.

From the early stage, researchers have documented numerous hardware approaches like crowbars [13], DC choppers [14], energy storage system (ESS) [15], static synchronous series compensator (SSSC) [16], static dynamic resistors (SDR) [17], static synchronous compensator (STATCOM) [18], unified inter-phase power controllers (UIPC) [19], fault current limiters (FCLs), and so on. The applications of crowbars are a fairly old LVRT scheme that installs resistance between the rotor and RSC [13]. Although the crowbars can improve the rotor current response to some extent, they have the problem that they absorb reactive power from the grid during faults [20]. DC choppers are another popular LVRT scheme that can improve the DC link voltage response in a fair margin [14]. However, controlling the switching of DC choppers is complicated and also their performances are somewhat inferior to the crowbars. Then a combining strategy including both the crowbars and DC choppers is proposed in [21] and later, a comparative study is carried out in [20]. The SSSC, SDR, STATCOM, UIPC, and ESS provide an effective series interface to fulfill the requirement of LVRT. However, their applications in DFIG are not feasible in most of the cases, as they become bulky in higher rated wind farms and increase the overall installation and maintenance cost. Furthermore, they comprise costly power converters that add to the overall cost. Therefore, FCLs are the most appropriate solution to improve the LVRT capability of DFIG-based wind farms regarding the application feasibility and cost [17,22–24].

The FCLs must be capable of showing zero impedance during normal operation, and they must switch to an impedance during fault so that the fault current can be reduced [22]. Amendment of transient stability, power quality, and reliability are some other key features of FCLs. Among different FCLs, one of the most commonly used ones are superconducting fault current limiters (SFCLs) [25–27]. Based on their structure, they are broadly categorized into quench type and non-quench type SFCLs. Quench type SFCLs are of various types such as resistive, inductive, magnetic shielding, etc. [28,29], and non-quench types include the bridge, saturated core, as well as active types [30]. Although the SFCLs consume no power during normal operation, their implementation is complicated due to the requirement of superconducting material and a cryogenic cooling system. Additionally, their usage is limited, owing to high implementation and maintenance cost in DFIG-based WF.

Solid-state fault current limiters (SSFCLs) are another popular type of FCL that consist of semiconductor devices like insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT), gate turn off (GTO), integrated gate-commutated thyristor (IGCT), silicon controlled rectifier (SCR), and so on [31]. These SSFCLs are free from mechanical contact and electric arc, and so it has a long life span and reduced noise output. In [32], application of bridge-type FCL is introduced to improve the power quality and transient stability. They are proved to be better than the SDBRs that was proposed a few years earlier [33]. BFCLs with multiple topology have been proposed over the years, namely, inductive BFCL [34] and resistive BFCL [35], to augment the LVRT capability. However, they were unable to maintain the reactive power flow after the fault, which is required for fast voltage stability in DFIG system. To resolve

this problem, a capacitive BFCL (CBFCL) was proposed in [10,36], which is more efficient in transient stability enhancement. Moreover, it provides the required reactive power support after fault clearance. However, there are still some scope of improvement as the CBFCL generates high transient spike over-voltage during fault, and high rated diodes are required for normal operation.

In recent years, several resonance-type FCLs incorporating switching elements have been documented and used in DFIG-based WF to limit the excess fault current. Series resonance FCL (SRFCL) is one of the resonant-type FCLs that can aid the LVRT requirements of DFIG-based WFs [37]. The SRFCL is simple in construction and requires no additional switching scheme like traditional FCLs. However, the SRFCL is subjected to substantial voltage dip during fault that can have adverse affect to the rest of the healthy system [38]. In [39], a parallel resonance scheme along with conventional BFCL has been proposed to improve LVRT performance, which is then further explored to improve the LVRT performance of DFIG-based WFs [5,12,40]. Under normal operation, the bridge circuit of the BFCL carries the line current and switches to the parallel resonant circuit during fault to provide high impedance path to minimize the fault current [5,12,40]. The bridge circuit comprises four power diodes, switching elements, and a DC reactor. Therefore, a significant power loss at normal state is unavoidable, and it further causes voltage sag or swelling during fault transients. As a consequence, normal operation of wind turbine is affected and reactive power support during faults also weakens [24].

The series-parallel resonance-type FCL (SPRFCL) [41] is a new technique which is applied in this paper to enhance the LVRT capability of DFIG based WFs. To the best of our knowledge, this SPRFCL has never been applied in a DFIG-based system to improve its transient performance. This SPRFCL uses the technique of series resonance as well as parallel resonance incorporating switching devices. During normal operation, series resonance is employed, and in fault condition parallel resonance is activated to limit the fault current by controlling the solid-state switching devices. To check the efficacy of this SPRFCL, its performance is compared with well-established CBFCL [10,36] and PRFCL [5,12,40]. MATLAB/Simulink platform is used to model those FCLs and the system for analyzing their performances.

The remainder of the paper is structured as follows. Section 2 describes the configuration of the proposed SPRFCL. Section 3 provides a brief description about existing FCLs that we are comparing the SPRFCL with. The proposed system configuration is discussed in Section 4. Performances of the FCLs are evaluated in Section 5, and Section 6 concludes the paper.

2. Series-Parallel Resonance-Type Fault Current Limiter (SPRFCL)

2.1. Architecture

The proposed SPRFCL architecture is depicted in Figure 1, where a couple of parallel branches are used to form a series-parallel resonance circuit [41]. The upper branch comprises the capacitor C_{PR} and the resistor R_{PR} , while the lower branch includes the capacitor C_{SR} , inductor L_C , and two IGBTs as an anti-parallel semiconductor switch.

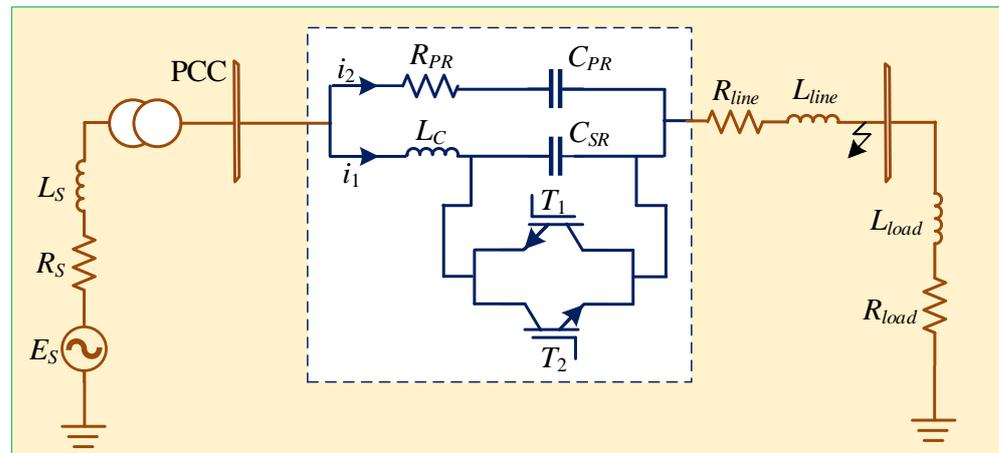


Figure 1. General circuit for series-parallel resonance-type fault current limiter.

In normal operation, both the T_1 and T_2 IGBT switches are turned off, and therefore series resonance takes place at power frequency keeping the L_C and C_{SR} in series with the transmission line. Theoretically, this series resonance condition offers zero impedance along the line, keeping the voltage at the point of common coupling (PCC) unaffected. During the normal period, almost all the line current passes along the L_C and C_{SR} except some leakage current across the high impedance path containing C_{PR} and R_{PR} . Therefore, normal period current is hardly hampered by the proposed SPRFCL as it maintains a smooth flow of current without affecting the LVRT performance.

Meanwhile, during a fault, both the T_1 and T_2 IGBT switches are turned on, and thus the C_{SR} is short-circuited. The elements of the upper branch consisting of C_{PR} and R_{PR} , and the elements of lower branch consisting of L_C , form parallel resonance. Thus, the high impedance path formed as the result of parallel resonance and the resistor R_{PR} suppress the surge of fault current simultaneously. The resistor effectively improves the transient stability during fault condition and helps in fast recovery of voltage and line current [41].

2.2. Mathematical Model

The mathematical model of the SPRFCL is dependent on whether it is in series resonance or parallel resonance condition. To understand the differences between the two modes, the theoretical analysis is segmented into two states.

Normal state: During normal operation, L_C and C_{SR} carry the line current. Therefore, the equivalent resistance can be defined as $R_T = R_S + R_{line} + R_{load}$, and the equivalent inductance is thus $L_T = L_S + L_{line} + L_{load}$. Here, R_S , R_{line} , and R_{load} are associated to source, transmission line, and load resistances, respectively. L_S , L_{line} , and L_{load} refer to the inductances of the source, transmission line, and load, respectively. Applying Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) in the circuit that is depicted in Figure 1, we get the following differential equation [41]:

$$R_T i_L(t) + L_T \frac{di_L(t)}{dt} + L_C \frac{di_1(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C_{SR}} \int i_1(t) dt = V_m \sin(\omega t) \quad (1)$$

solving (1), we get

$$i_L(t) = A e^{-\frac{R_T}{L_T + L_C}(t-t_0)} + B(t) \quad (2)$$

where B and A are defined as

$$B(t) = \frac{V_m \sin(\omega t - \delta_T)}{Z_T} \quad (3)$$

$$A = I_L(t_0) - \frac{V_m \sin(\omega t_0 - \delta_T)}{Z_T} \quad (4)$$

where $Z_T = \sqrt{R_T^2 + \omega^2 L_T^2}$ and $\delta_T = \tan^{-1}(\omega(L_T + L_C)/R_T)$. $I_L(t_0)$ refers to the line current at $t = t_0$.

Fault state: Let a short-circuit fault occur at time $t = t_1$ near the load bus, as shown in Figure 1. The magnitude of the fault current without any FCL can be expressed as

$$i_L(t) = \left(I_L(t_0) - \frac{V_m \sin(\omega t_0 - \delta_F)}{\sqrt{R_F^2 + \omega^2 L_F^2}} \right) e^{-\frac{R_F}{L_F}(t-t_0)} + \frac{V_m \sin(\omega t - \delta_F)}{\sqrt{R_F^2 + \omega^2 L_F^2}} \quad (5)$$

where δ_F , R_F and L_F can be defined as

$$\delta_F = \tan^{-1}(\omega L_F / R_F)$$

$$R_F = R_S + R_{line} + R_n$$

$$L_F = L_S + L_{line}$$

and R_n is the fraction of the resistance during fault.

Now, when a fault occurs whilst the SPRFCL is connected to the system, the parallel resonance employs to suppress the high current. The mathematics behind this fault suppression can be expressed as

$$i_L(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} + I_{L,m} \sin(\omega t + \varphi) \quad (6)$$

where $s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \omega_d^2}$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R_F}{L_F + L_C} + \frac{1}{R_{PR} C_{PR}} \right)$$

$$\omega_d^2 = \frac{R_F}{R_F + R_{PR}} \frac{1}{(L_F + L_C) C_{PR}}$$

The expression of $I_{L,m}$ that is used to calculate the forced response, can be expressed as

$$I_{L,m} \angle \varphi = \frac{V_m}{Z_F} \frac{Z_a}{Z_a + Z_b} \quad (7)$$

where $Z_F = R_F + j\omega L_F + Z_a / Z_b$

$$Z_a = R_{PR} - j / \omega C_{PR}$$

$$Z_b = j\omega L_C$$

Any fault near the load bus is responsible for fluctuations in PCC voltage waveform. In addition to that, sag or swell in PCC voltage occurs during fault, and a large fault current flows. To address the aforementioned difficulties, many analysis has been performed to find out suitable combination of capacitor as well as inductor of SPRFCL. Therefore, appropriate values are considered to cause both series and parallel resonance at power system frequency considering nominal PCC voltage and lowest fault current. Moreover, in order to get fast recovery after fault and to damp the fluctuations effectively, considerable value of resistor is chosen. Considering all the criterion and obeying the design procedure discussed in [41], the values of the parameters of the SPRFCL that are used throughout the analysis for C_{SR} , L_C , C_{PR} , and R_{PR} are 78.18 μ F, 90 mH, 78.18 μ F, and 18 Ω , respectively.

2.3. Working Principle and Control Strategy

Operation of the SPRFCL depends on the voltage available at the PCC. The SPRFCL is designed to offer approximately zero impedance at series resonance and high impedance at parallel resonance. Therefore, the PCC voltage is continuously monitored to determine whether it is higher or lower than the threshold voltage level. Literature suggests that, instead of tracking the three phase voltage at the PCC directly, converting the three phase quantity into direct (d-axis) and quadrature (q-axis) counterparts yields better tracking results and precise detection of faults [12,26]. In the conversion process, the three-phase PCC voltage is first converted into d & q-axis quantities, denoted as $V_{d,\phi}$ and $V_{q,\phi}$ in Figure 2. The $V_{d,\phi}$ and $V_{q,\phi}$ are then individually squared and added together. The square root of the sum is denoted as $V_{dq,\phi}$, it is the quantity that is used to compare with a threshold level

(V_{th}) of 0.9 pu to detect faults. Depending on the measured voltage level, the operating mode of the SPRFCL is decided.

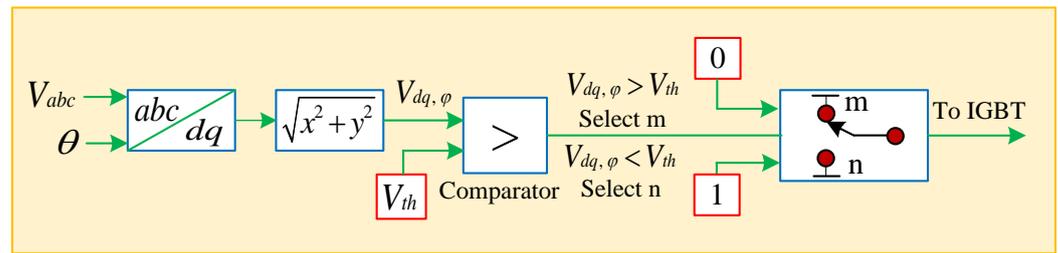


Figure 2. Control circuit for the SPRFCL, CBFCL, and PRFCL.

As long as the PCC voltage stays above the threshold level, i.e., when there is no fault, the normal operation of the SPRFCL is executed. In this state, control signal or gate pulse of two anti-parallel IGBT switches is determined to make sure the circuit is in series resonance condition. Therefore, the control signal turns off the T_1 and T_2 switches and the C_{SR} constitutes series resonance with L_C . During this period, a negligible amount of current passes through the upper parallel branch owing to its high impedance.

Whenever the PCC voltage goes below the threshold voltage due to any short circuit fault, the fault state mode of the SPRFCL is activated. Therefore, the switches T_1 and T_2 are turned on by providing appropriate control signal, and the C_{SR} is thus short circuited. As a result, parallel resonance is formed, which provides high impedance path to subside the fault current properly.

3. Comparison with Existing FCLs

The efficacy of the SPRFCL in DFIG-based WF system is compared with some well-known high performance existing FCLs, i.e., capacitive bridge-type FCL (CBFCL) [10,36] and parallel resonance-type FCL (PRFCL) [5,12,40]. Short description of these FCLs are discussed in the following subsections.

3.1. Capacitive Bridge-Type Fault Current Limiter (CBFCL)

The topology of the CBFCL is outlined in Figure 3. The CBFCL is placed at the exact same position as the proposed SPRFCL. It possesses a couple of elementary parts: the bridge circuit and the shunt path [10,36]. The diode bridge is generally made up of four power diodes ($D_1 - D_4$), a DC reactor, and a semiconductor switch. A free-wheeling diode (D_5) and an internal resistance are connected across the DC reactor to protect it. The DC reactor smooths the ripple current as it charges up to the rated line current in the same direction for both negative and positive half cycle. However, high impedance is offered by shunt path that contains a capacitor C_{sh} in series with a resistor R_{sh} . During normal operation, the IGBT switch is kept on, and the line current passes through the diodes and DC reactor, which have negligible effect on normal PCC voltage. In the fault condition, the IGBT switch is turned off and the line current is forced to flow through the shunt path. The shunt path is designed in such a way that it can provide a high-impedance path that is able to suppress the fault current and improves the transient performance of the overall system. Considering this and following the design procedure discussed in [10,36], the values of C_{sh} and R_{sh} are chosen as $50\mu\text{F}$ and 18Ω , respectively. Furthermore, the value of the DC reactor is taken as 10mH , which is enough for the system. The IGBT gate control of the CBFCL is also same as Figure 2 to get the fair comparison with SPRFCL.

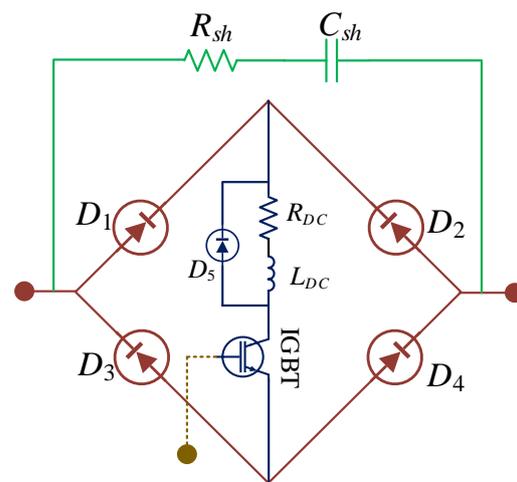


Figure 3. Architecture of the CBFCL.

3.2. Parallel Resonance-Type Fault Current Limiter (PRFCL)

Simple schematic diagram of the PRFCL is demonstrated in Figure 4. Its topology is somewhat similar to that of the CBFCL as it has the same diode bridge and a shunt path. The difference is that the shunt path of the PRFCL consists of a parallel configuration of a series RC branch and an inductor [5,12,40]. This unique combination of the shunt path form parallel resonance and used to suppress the high current in fault condition. During normal operation, entire line current is carried out by the bridge circuit except a little amount of leakage current through the shunt path. During fault, the IGBT in bridge circuit turns off and routes the current over the parallel branch. The IGBT gate control logic can be found at Figure 2. The parameters' value of shunt path are selected so as to conform parallel resonance at power frequency. As parallel resonance offers high impedance at resonant frequency, this property is used to suppress the fault current smoothly whenever fault occurs. The values of L_p , C_p , and R_p are chosen as 78.18 mH, 90 μ F, and 18 Ω , respectively. For a fair comparison with the proposed SPRFCL, those values of the PRFCL to offer resonance at power frequency are chosen the same as the SPRFCL's parallel resonance part during fault.

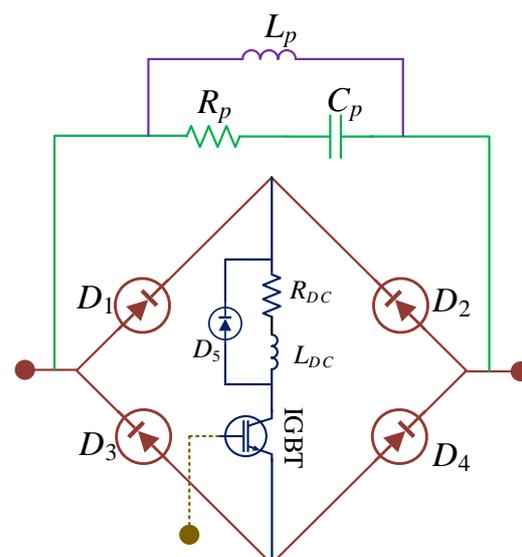


Figure 4. Architecture of the PRFCL.

4. Study System Configuration

The system modeled in Figure 5 has been exploited to study the performance of the SPRFCL. It comprises an aggregated 20 MW WF with ten DFIGs, each of them rated at 2 MW. The individual ratings of each DFIG is enlisted in the Appendix. The WF gets connected to the utility grid through a step-up transformer and a double circuit transmission line, one of which holds the SPRFCL. The grid is represented by an equivalent voltage source incorporating infinitesimal internal impedance. To spare the analysis about excessive transients for the negative sequence components due to the phase jump of the supply voltage during unbalanced voltage sag during fault, we considered the grid connection to be strong as the issues relating to the phase voltage jump do not occur with strong connection between the wind farm and the grid [42]. The PCC acts as the medium between the single- and double-circuit lines. The control signal from the PCC ensures whether the system is in fault or normal condition, and actuates the SPRFCL to perform its operation corresponding to the signal. The DC link capacitor joins the rotor-side converter (RSC) together with the grid side converter (GSC). The RSC involves an IGBT-based six-pulse two-level full-bridge power converter as well as a control device. The active and reactive power of the DFIG are mainly controlled by RSC, specifically by controlling the pulse width of the converter switches. On the other hand, GSC regulates the DC link voltage by controlling the gate pulse of the IGBT-based six-pulse two-level power converter. The control parameters of the RSC and GSC control circuits are modeled by the discussion carried out in [33]. Symmetrical as well as asymmetrical faults are applied in the transmission line to investigate the LVRT capability of the SPRFCL. The entire system is modeled and the outcomes are analyzed in the MATLAB/Simulink platform. Different system parameters are listed in Table A1 in the Appendix A.

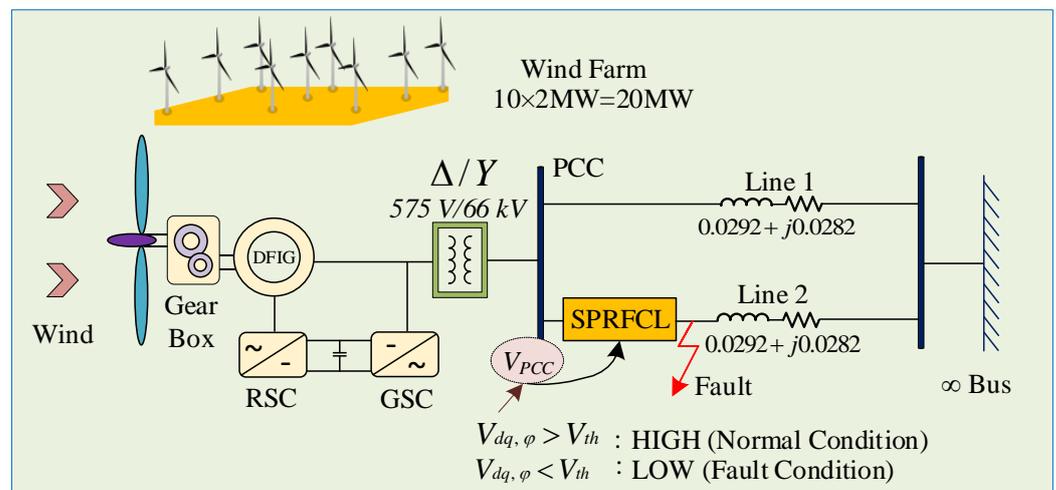


Figure 5. Schematic diagram of the complete DFIG-based wind farm.

4.1. Modeling of the Wind Turbine

The wind turbine (WT) converts the kinetic energy of the wind into mechanical energy. The mechanical power (P_m) harnessed from wind power can be expressed as [23,43]

$$P_m = \frac{1}{2} \rho A_\omega C_p V_\omega^3 \quad (8)$$

where ρ is the air density, V_ω is the wind speed, $A_\omega = \Pi R^2$ is the area of the rotor blade with radius R , and C_p is the coefficient of power. C_p is a function of the tip speed ratio λ and the blade pitch angle β , which can be written as

$$C_p(\lambda, \beta) = 0.22 \left(\frac{116}{\lambda_c} - 0.4\beta - 5 \right) e^{-12.5\lambda_c} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\lambda_c = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\lambda+0.08\beta} - \frac{0.035}{\beta^3-1}} \quad (10)$$

4.2. Modeling of the DFIG

The equivalent model of the DFIG can be derived following Park's model, as shown in the equivalent circuit of Figure 6 [44]. The fifth-order two-axis representation of Park's transformation model is used to model the DFIG [45]. A $d-q$ reference frame that is rotating synchronously, is used with its d-axis aligned with the stator flux. The rotor excitation current and the electrical torque comprise a decoupled control and therefore, the reference frame rotates at the same speed as the stator flux. As per the synchronous reference frame of this model, the stator and rotor voltages and the fluxes are expressed as [22,23]

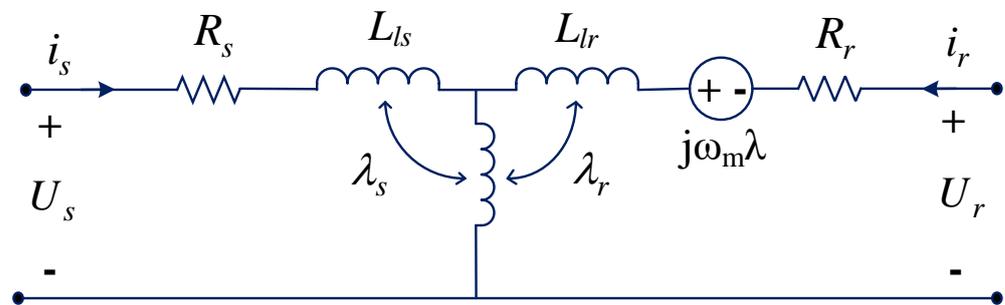


Figure 6. DFIG-equivalent circuit.

$$\vec{u}_s = R_s \vec{i}_s + \frac{d}{dt} \vec{\lambda}_s \quad (11)$$

$$\vec{u}_r = R_r \vec{i}_r + \frac{d}{dt} \vec{\lambda}_r - j\omega_m \vec{\lambda}_r \quad (12)$$

$$\vec{\lambda}_s = L_s \vec{i}_s + L_m \vec{i}_r \quad (13)$$

$$\vec{\lambda}_r = L_r \vec{i}_r + L_m \vec{i}_s \quad (14)$$

where \vec{u}_s and \vec{u}_r denote the space vector of the stator and rotor voltages, respectively; \vec{i}_s and \vec{i}_r denote the space vector of the stator and rotor currents, respectively; the stator resistances are denoted by R_s and R_r ; L_m is the magnetizing inductance; $\vec{\lambda}_s$ and $\vec{\lambda}_r$ are the space vector of the stator and rotor fluxes, respectively; and ω_m denotes the slip angular frequency. Neglecting the stator and rotor resistances and combining (11) and (12), we get

$$\frac{L_m}{L_s} \vec{u}_s = -\sigma \frac{d\vec{i}_r}{dt} - j\sigma L_r (\omega_s - \omega_r) \vec{i}_r + j\omega_r \frac{L_m}{L_s} \vec{\lambda}_s \quad (15)$$

where

$$\sigma = 1 - \frac{L_m^2}{L_s L_r} \quad (16)$$

During the normal operation, $\frac{d\vec{i}_r}{dt} = 0$ and \vec{u}_s is almost equal to $j\omega_r \vec{\lambda}_s$. Therefore, (15) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{L_m}{L_s} \vec{u}_s = -j\sigma L_r (\omega_s - \omega_r) \vec{i}_r + \vec{u}_r \quad (17)$$

After a fault occurs in the system, the magnetic flux and the inductor current are continuous at the fault instant. Therefore, the values of stator flux and rotor current remains unchanged. Thus, the change in stator voltage during fault can be derived from (Equation (17)) as

$$\frac{L_m}{L_s} \Delta \vec{u}_s = -\sigma \frac{d\vec{i}_r}{dt} + \Delta \vec{u}_r \quad (18)$$

As the voltage capacity of the RSC ($\Delta \vec{u}_r$) is limited, there will be a surge of high fault current if the voltage dip is severe (i.e., $\Delta \vec{u}_s$).

5. Performance Evaluation of the Proposed SPRFCL

This section extensively demonstrates and interprets the simulation results of proposed SPRFCL in DFIG-based WF. Both symmetrical three-line-to-ground (3LG) and asymmetrical double line to ground (2LG) faults are simulated in the transmission line section of the model system to compare the relative performances of the FCLs in improving the LVRT capability. The faults are initiated at $t = 2.1$ s and withdrawn at $t = 2.2$ s. The wind speed is considered constant at 15 ms^{-1} , as the time span of fault is too short for the variable wind speed to cause any effect on transient performance. In order to investigate the relative performance among proposed and other mentioned FCLs, following cases are considered for both symmetrical and asymmetrical faults:

Case 1: System with no FCL

Case 2: System with the CBFCL

Case 3: System with the PRFCL

Case 4: System with the proposed SPRFCL

Findings for both graphical and computational analyses are discussed in the subsequent subsections.

5.1. Graphical Analysis: Symmetrical Fault

From Figures 7–13, the system responses for a symmetrical fault are demonstrated. The PCC voltage response suffers the worst consequences in case of no FCL as the voltage dips to zero and violates the grid code. The CBFCL and the PRFCL reduce this voltage sag to a considerable amount, and maintains the grid code properly as shown in Figure 7. However, the SPRFCL exhibits the best performance as it assures lower voltage sag during fault than the rests.

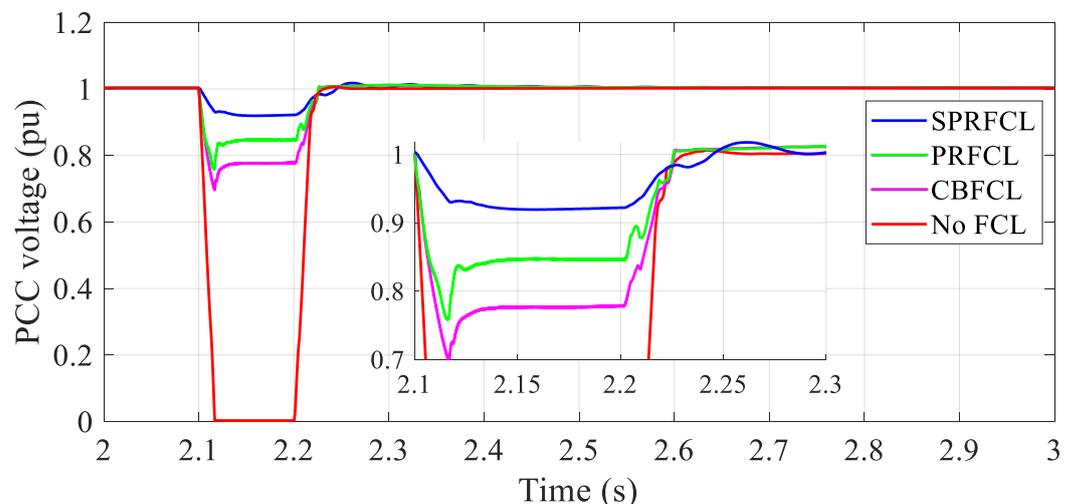


Figure 7. PCC voltage response for symmetrical fault.

The active power response of the DFIG is illustrated in Figure 8. The active power reaches almost zero during fault without any FCL and maintains the per unit value higher

than 1 pu even after clearing the fault. Although the CBFCL and the PRFCL guarantee overall lower sag and deviation in active power profile, they exhibit significant swell and dip just after the beginning and clearance of the fault. However, improved performance is achieved using SPRFCL, which minimizes the fluctuations and sag notably in the active power response.

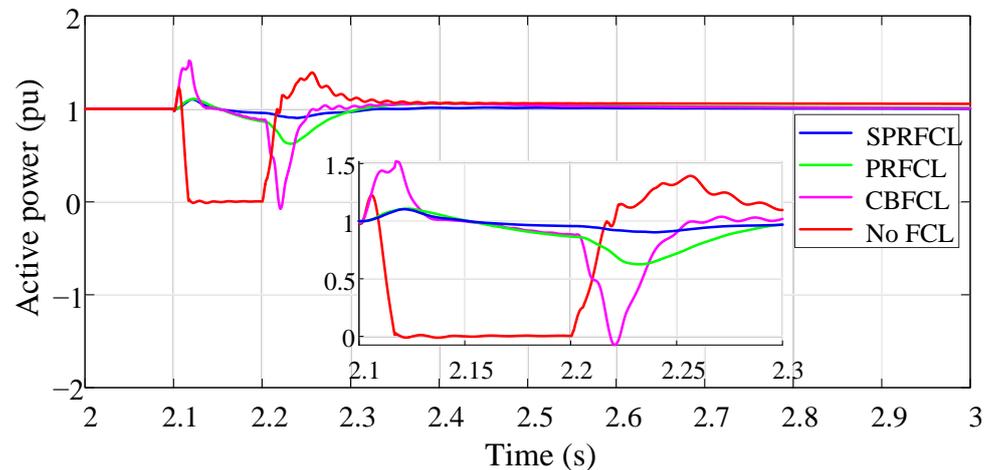


Figure 8. Active power response for symmetrical fault.

In Figure 9, the DC link voltage profile of the DFIG is shown, where maximum deviation is observed without any FCL. Although both the CBFCL and PRFCL can keep the fluctuations within the permissible range, a greater reduction in oscillations is obtained by the utilization of SPRFCL. During the occurrence of fault, DFIG speed, as shown in Figure 10, deviates from the desired level and returns to the normal state a while after withdrawing the fault. Although the CBFCL and PRFCL do a great job in lowering the speed deviation, the SPRFCL sustains almost constant speed during the fault time span.

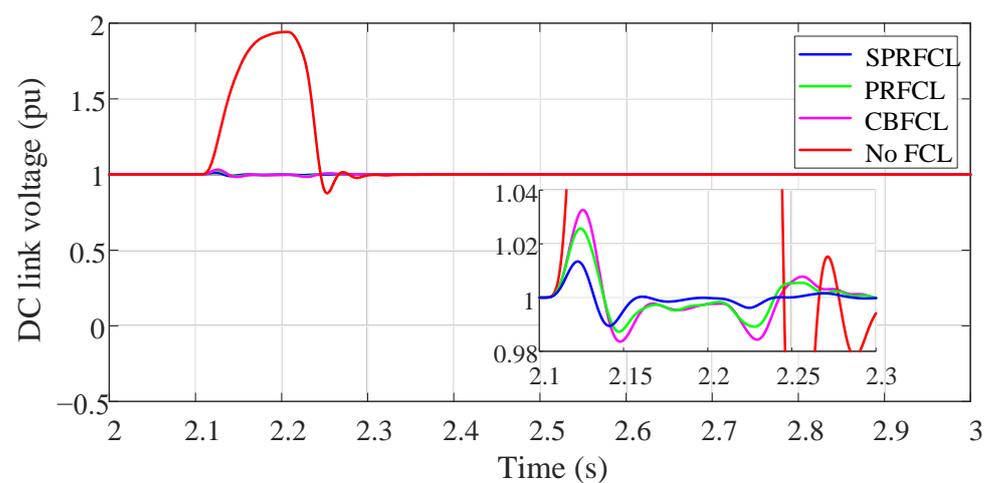


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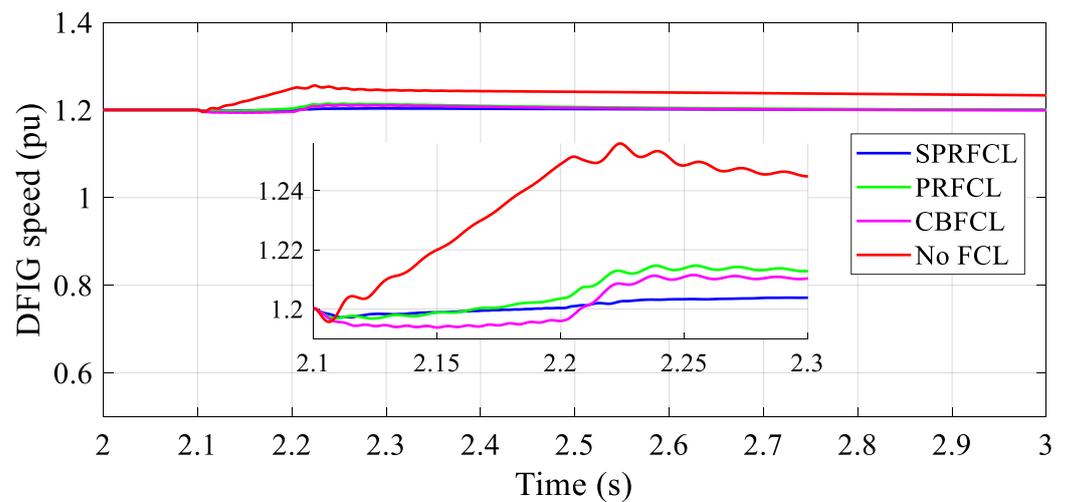


Figure 10. DFIG speed response for symmetrical fault.

The rotor and stator current responses of DFIG are illustrated in Figure 11 and Figure 12, respectively. Without any FCL there emerges lots of spikes, and the current also diverges from the desired value. The overcurrent and spikes are responsible for the overheating of the DFIG and necessary power equipments. Therefore, proper protection is required to suppress these spikes. Application of the CBFCL and PRFCL has a great impact on reduction of these surges in both rotor and stator currents. They diminish the over current and unwanted spikes in current responses to some extent. However, the proposed SPRFCL outperforms its competitors by making the current responses smoother. The current responses are approximately identical during and after the fault owing to utilization of the SPRFCL. The electromagnetic torque spectrum is depicted in Figure 13. It is observed that the torque fluctuates much more without any FCL, whereas it is significantly lower for the case of CBFCL and PRFCL. However, the proposed SPRFCL mitigates these fluctuations remarkably and preserves almost constant electromagnetic torque during and after the fault.

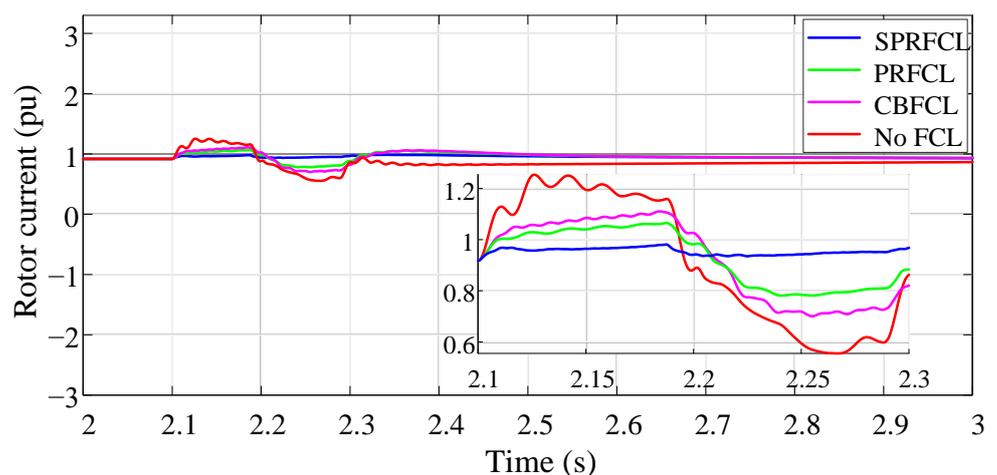


Figure 11. Rotor current response for symmetrical fault.

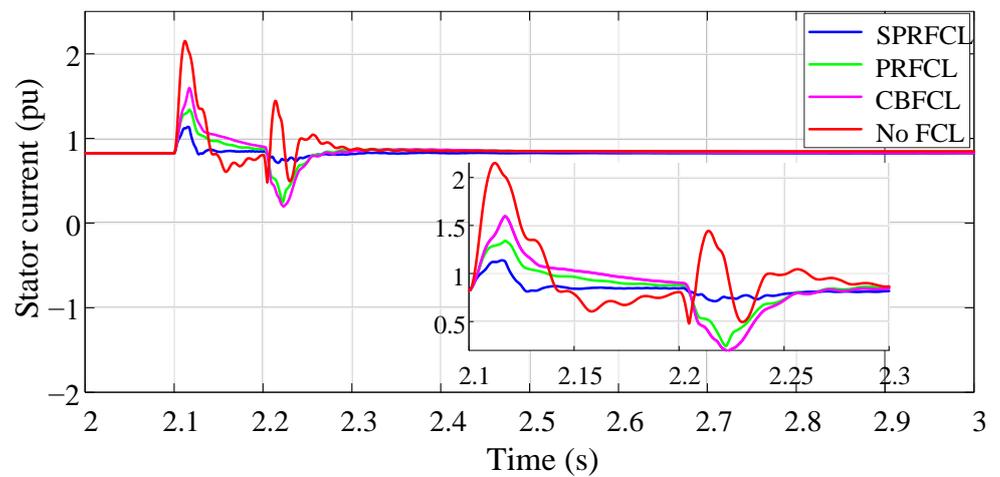


Figure 12. Stator current response for symmetrical fault.

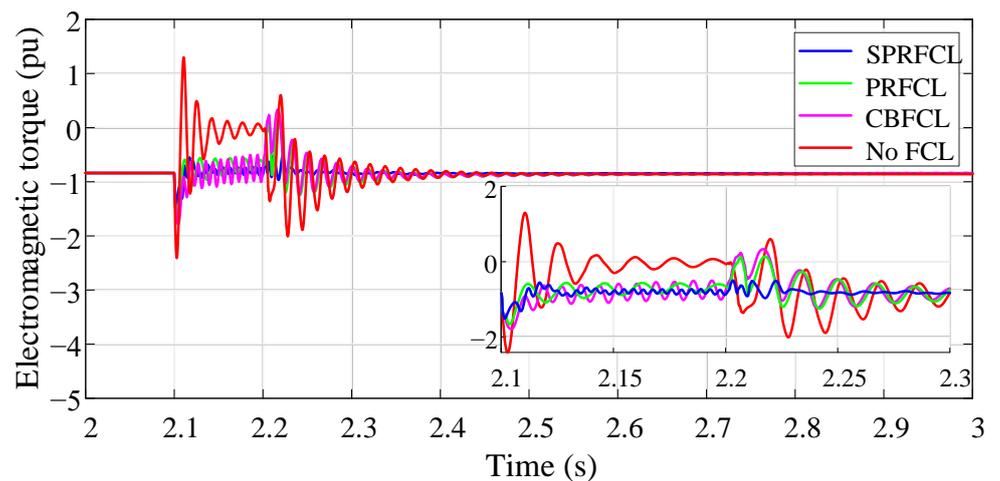


Figure 13. Electromagnetic torque response for symmetrical fault.

5.2. Graphical Analysis: Asymmetrical Fault

Figures 14–19 present several responses for an asymmetrical fault. Quite similar to the symmetrical fault, the PCC voltage profile is best preserved by the SPRFCL, followed by the CBFCL and the PRFCL, as shown in Figure 14. Similarly, the active power response, as shown in Figure 15, has the lowest amount of fluctuations with the SPRFCL. Although the CBFCL and PRFCL provide a far better active power response than that without any FCL, the SPRFCL exhibits overall better performance.

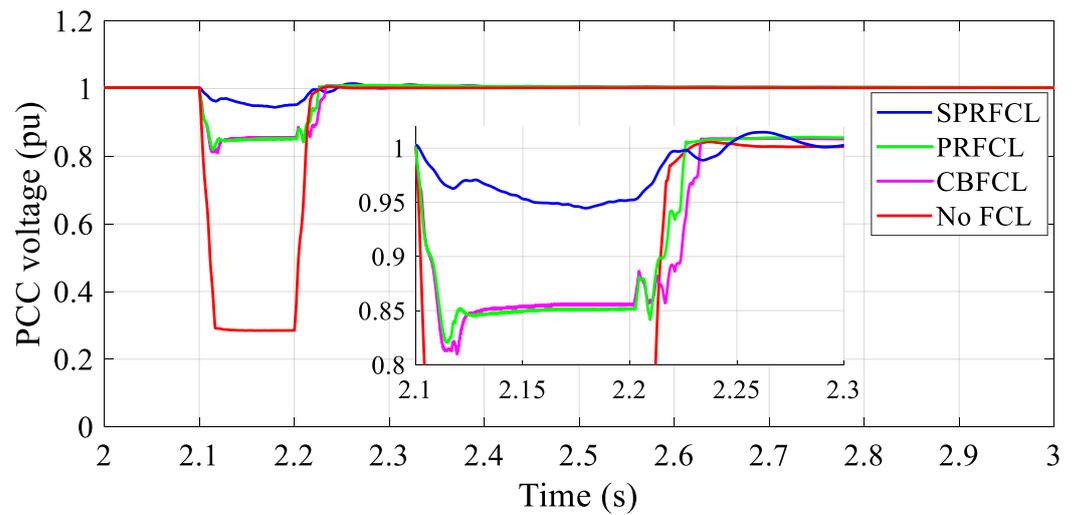


Figure 14. PCC voltage response for asymmetrical fault.

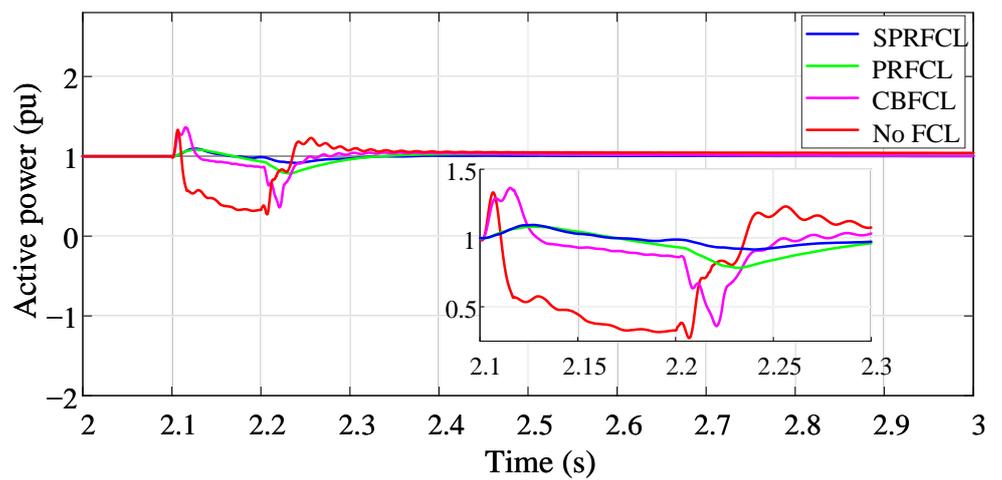


Figure 15. Active power response for asymmetrical fault.

The SPRFCL reins over the CBFCL and PRFCL for other responses as well. The SPRFCL assures comparatively smoother DC link voltage profile, a more constant DFIG speed response, better rotor and stator current profiles, and overall improved electromagnetic torque response, as observed in Figures 16–20.

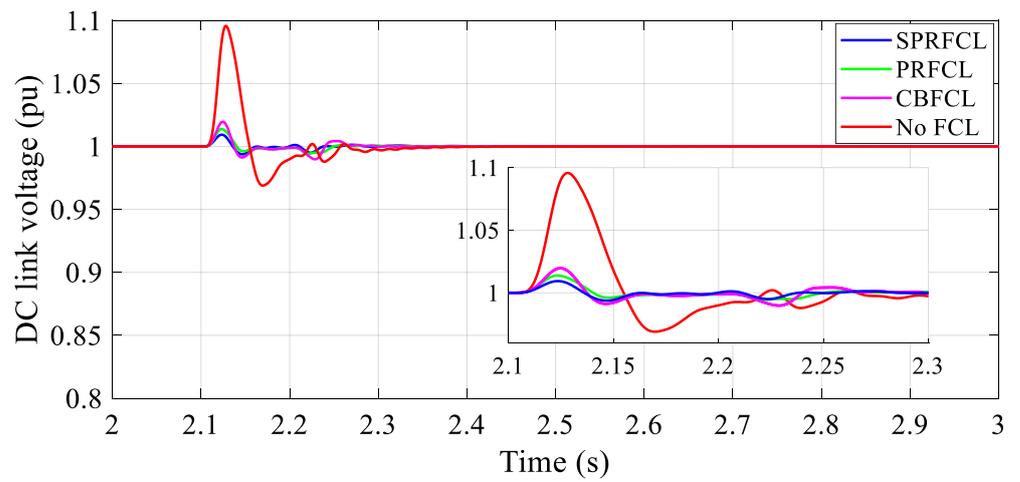


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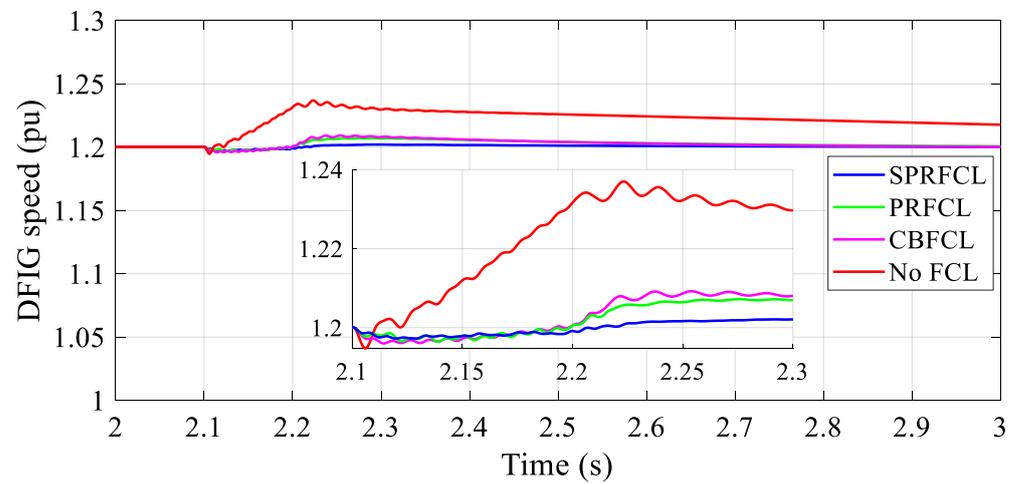


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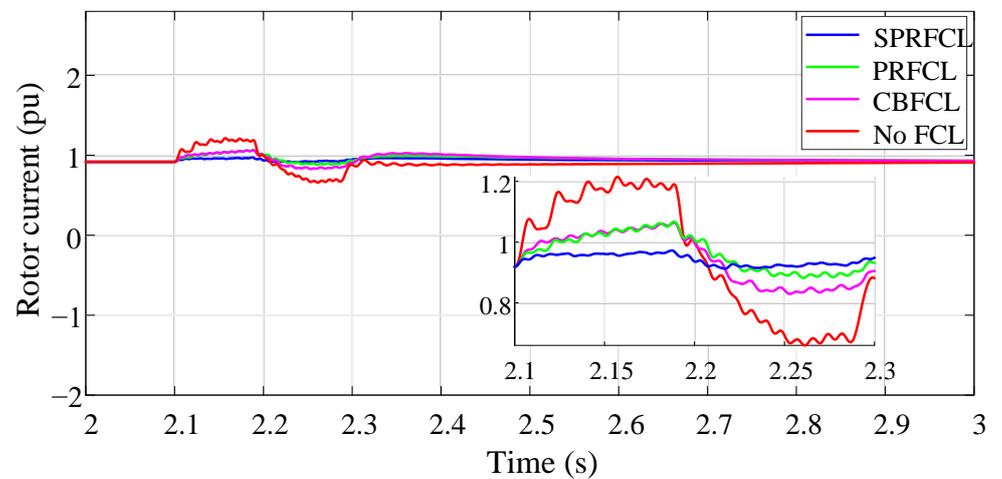


Figure 18. Rotor current response for asymmetrical fault.

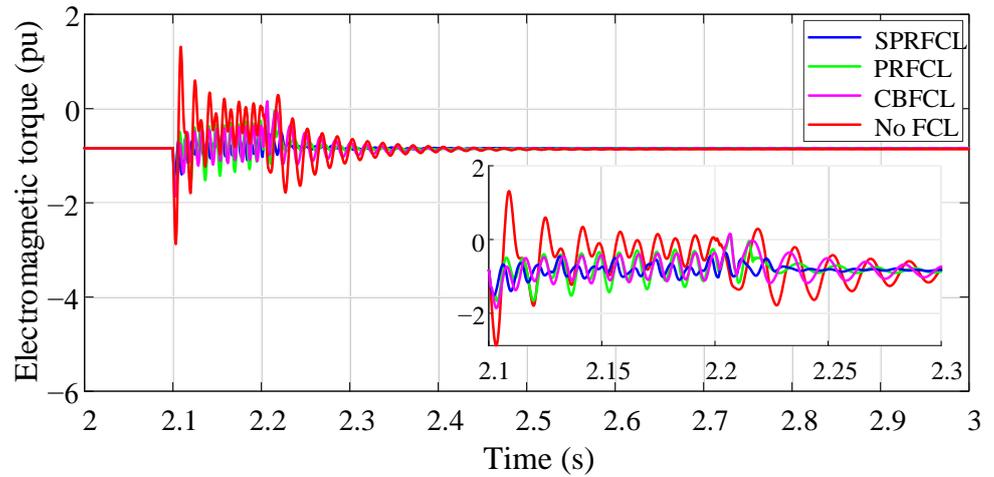


Figure 19. Electromagnetic torque response for asymmetrical fault.

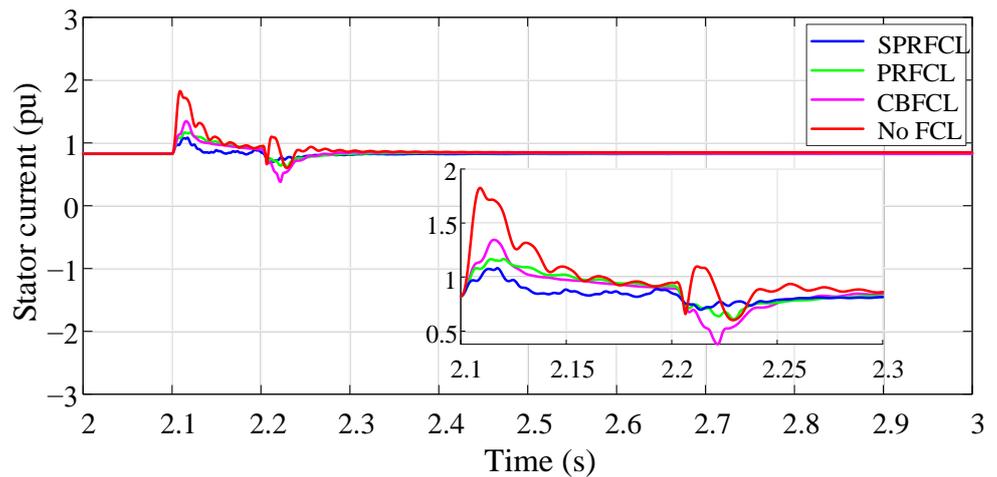


Figure 20. Stator current response for asymmetrical fault.

5.3. Index-Based Analysis

In order to justify the performance of all the FCLs numerically, an index-based analysis of the major responses are carried out. Several indices, denoted as $vlt(pu.s)$, $pow(pu.s)$, $dclink(pu.s)$, $spd(pu.s)$, $rtr(pu.s)$, $str(pu.s)$, and $torque(pu.s)$, are calculated with the help of the following mathematical expressions [12,43]:

$$vlt(pu.s) = \int_0^T |\Delta V| dt \quad (19)$$

$$pow(pu.s) = \int_0^T |\Delta P| dt \quad (20)$$

$$dclink(pu.s) = \int_0^T |\Delta V_{dc}| dt \quad (21)$$

$$spd(pu.s) = \int_0^T |\Delta \omega| dt \quad (22)$$

$$rtr(pu.s) = \int_0^T |\Delta I_r| dt \quad (23)$$

$$str(pu.s) = \int_0^T |\Delta I_s| dt \quad (24)$$

$$torque(pu.s) = \int_0^T |\Delta T_{em}| dt \quad (25)$$

where ΔV , ΔP , ΔV_{dc} , $\Delta \omega$, ΔI_r , ΔI_s , and ΔT_{em} are the deviations of PCC voltage, active power, DC link voltage, DFIG speed, rotor current, stator current, and electromagnetic torque, respectively. The smaller the value of indices, the better the LVRT capability enhancement of the system, as they indicate deviations from the anticipated value. Tables 1 and 2 show the computed indices for symmetrical and asymmetrical faults for all of the mentioned FCLs. In both types of faults, the SPRFCL scored the lowest for each type of indices compared to the PRFCL and the CBFCL, indicating its superiority numerically too.

Table 1. Performance indices for symmetrical fault.

Index Parameters (%)	No FCL	CBFCL	PRFCL	SPRFCL
vlt(pu.s)	10.330	2.947	2.235	1.313
pow(pu.s)	15.833	5.717	2.738	2.085
dclink(pu.s)	9.023	0.149	0.120	0.053
spd(pu.s)	0.310	2.876	0.406	0.140
rtr(pu.s)	10.807	7.230	6.188	3.375
str(pu.s)	8.591	6.802	5.579	1.377
torque(pu.s)	17.762	8.397	7.779	2.439

Table 2. Performance indices for asymmetrical fault.

Index Parameters (%)	No FCL	CBFCL	PRFCL	SPRFCL
vlt(pu.s)	7.377	2.199	2.141	0.906
pow(pu.s)	10.735	4.131	3.233	1.591
dclink(pu.s)	0.393	0.085	0.062	0.044
spd(pu.s)	1.757	0.257	0.249	0.085
rtr(pu.s)	5.881	5.036	4.292	2.189
str(pu.s)	7.376	4.371	3.623	1.468
torque(pu.s)	15.129	7.547	6.387	2.894

5.4. Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Analysis

This subsection emphasizes the amount of THD present on the PCC voltage for each type of FCLs. Different nonlinearities emerge owing to grid disturbances, which result in harmonics and inter-harmonics in the current. Though series compensations are employed to mitigate the consequence of faults in the power system, different levels and orders of inter-harmonics remain in the spectrum. The IEEE 519-2014 standard sets a limitation on THD, that the percentage of THD must be within 5% before the injection of current to the utility grid. Therefore, a proper THD analysis is a prerequisite before installing the FCLs into the live grid.

The THD profiles of PCC voltages for both symmetrical and asymmetrical faults are displayed in Figures 21 and 22, respectively. Among different FCLs, minimum THD is observed for the SPRFCL, that is 3.46% for symmetrical fault, complying with the IEEE standard by some margin. In the case of PRFCL and CBFCL, the percentage THD is lower than no FCL's 17.93% to some extent. Their scores are 4.0% and 4.93% for the same symmetrical fault, higher than that of the SPRFCL. Therefore, both the CBFCL and PRFCL proved to be inferior to the SPRFCL for the overall health of the PCC voltage. Similar

scenarios are observed for the asymmetrical fault as well, as shown in Figure 22. The SPRFCL kept the lowest THD profile compared to its counterparts by a significant margin.

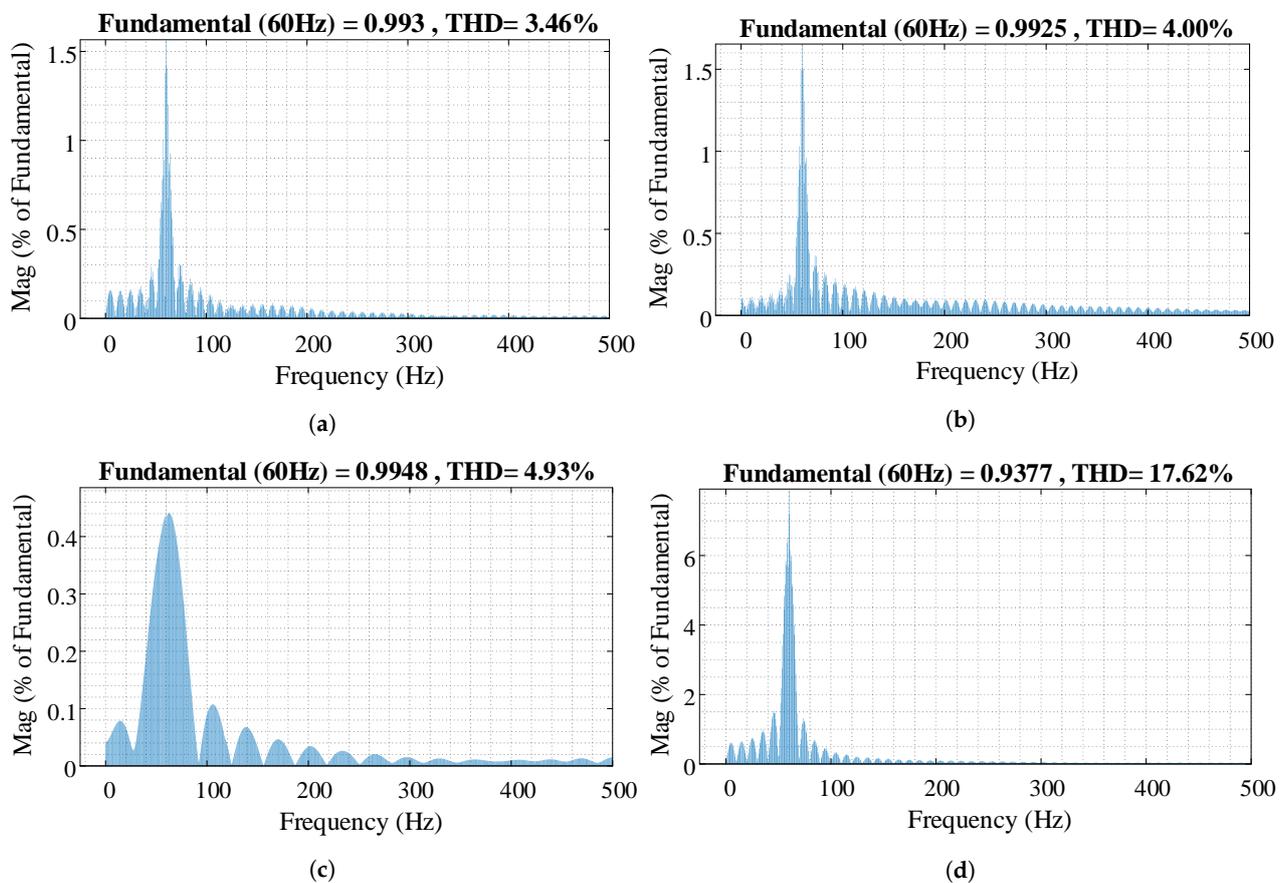


Figure 21. Percentage THD of the PCC voltage during symmetrical fault for the (a) SPRFCL, (b) PRFCL, (c) CBFCL, and (d) No FCL.

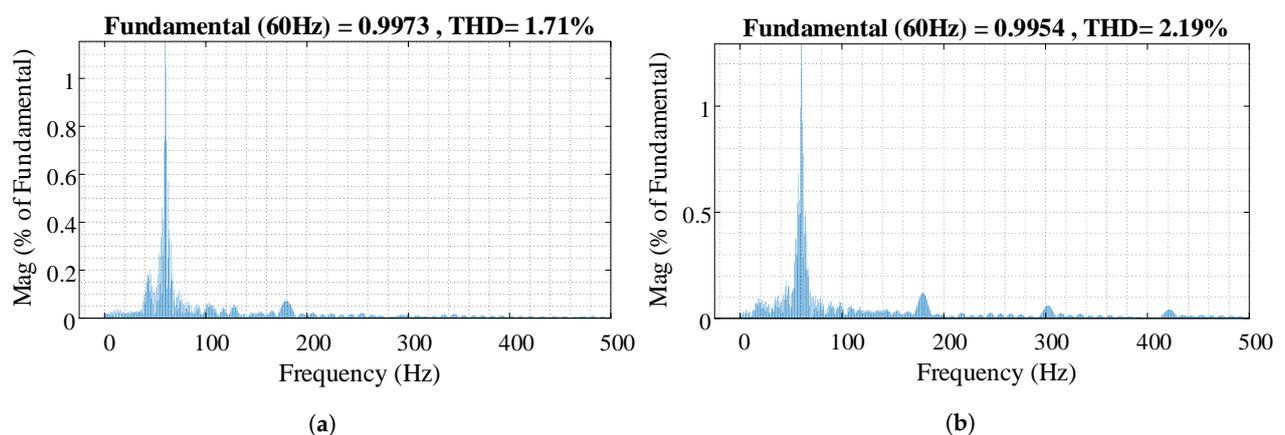


Figure 22. Percentage THD of the PCC voltage during asymmetrical fault for the (a) SPRFCL and (b) PRFCL.

5.5. Subsynchronous Resonance (SSR) Analysis

As the worldwide consumption of electrical energy is increasing every day, a large number of distributed generators (DGs) are being integrated to the grid. To support this the increased amount of power, the power transfer capability of existing transmission lines needed to be upgraded. Series compensation is a reliable way for expanding the power transfer capability of transmission lines, and it is accomplished by installing capacitor banks in series with the transmission line. This capacitive compensation not only increases power

transfer capability, but also enhances transient voltage stability and controllability [23]. However, the expansion of power transfer capability comes at a cost as it gives rise to a phenomenon called subsynchronous resonance (SSR). This SSR results in torsional stress on the shaft of the turbine generator, which may damage the turbine in extreme case [46]. The risk of damage due to SSR becomes higher with the increase in the percentage of series capacitive compensation [46]. In this study, different compensation levels, for instance, 20%, 50%, 70%, and 90%, are considered for system without any FCL to study the spectrum of electromagnetic torque. Normally, the compensation is kept within 75%, but to observe the behaviour of electromagnetic torque in an extreme scenario, we considered 90% compensation in a symmetrical fault [47]. From Figure 23, it is observed that the torque oscillates more severely whenever the compensation level is 90%. Conversely, when the compensation is lower than 20%, the oscillations are at a minimum. In order to investigate the performance of different FCLs against transient SSR, 90% compensation is considered, and their outcomes are depicted in Figure 24. The SPRFCL shows the superior result as it damps the oscillations more precisely than its counterparts. Although the PRFCL performs better than the CBFCL and without any FCL in keeping the transient SSR minimum, their responses are still inferior to that of the SPRFCL.

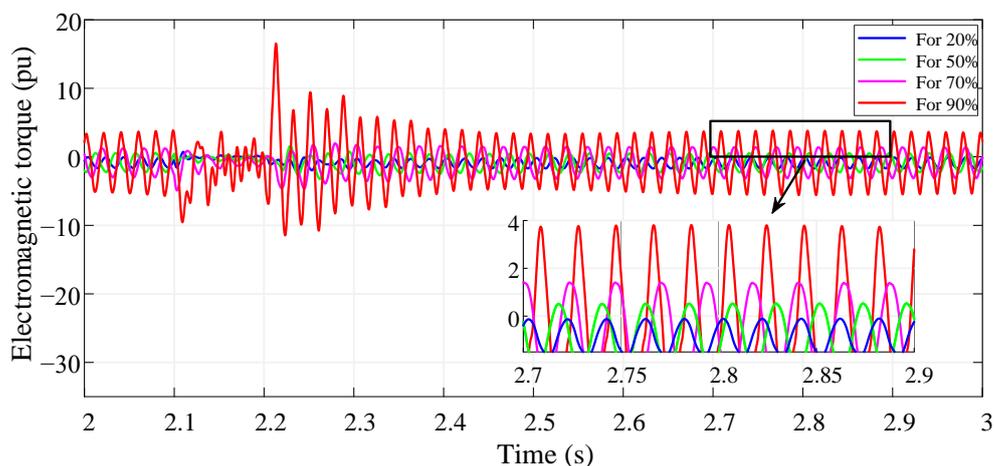


Figure 23. Electromagnetic torque responses for different level of series compensation.

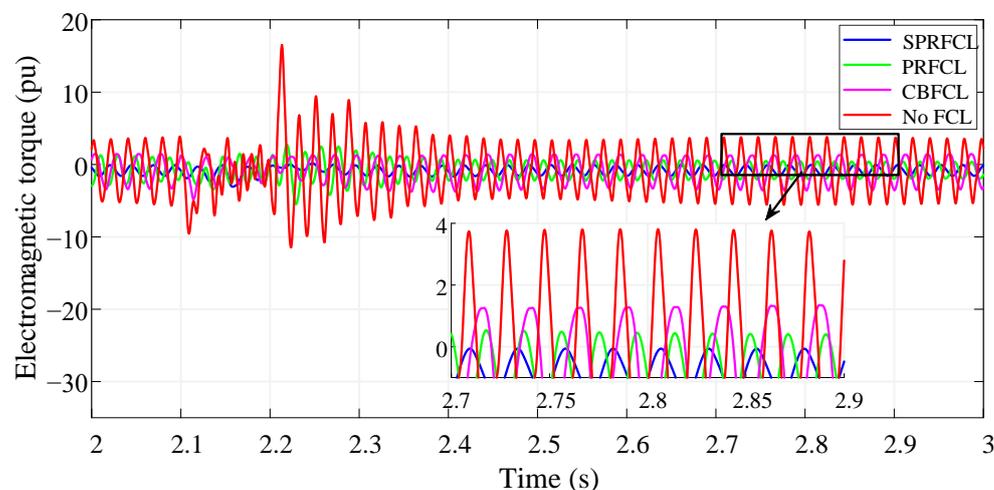


Figure 24. Electromagnetic torque responses of different FCLs for 90% series compensation.

5.6. Power Consumption Across the FCLs

Keeping the power consumption low across the FCLs under fault condition while maintaining overall good output responses is a challenging task. If more power dissipates through FCL, the system will get heated and will need larger power rated equipment. In Figure 25a, the absorbed power across the FCLs for symmetrical fault are presented. Explicitly, the SPRFCL consumes less power than the others. Under asymmetrical fault in Figure 25b, the same scenario is observed as the SPRFCL consumes the lowest power. Therefore, it is undoubtedly proved that the SPRFCL requires lower power ratings at any circumstance, which makes it more efficient in LVRT application.

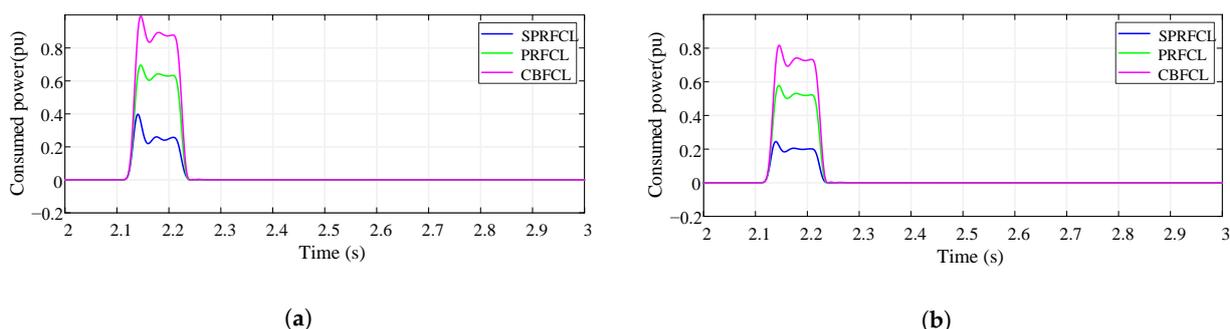


Figure 25. Consumed power across the FCLs for the (a) symmetrical fault and (b) asymmetrical fault.

5.7. Performance Comparison with Conventional LVRT Techniques

This section deals with comparison of some high-performance FCLs with conventional LVRT techniques. Conventional techniques like crowbar DC link choppers were studied decades ago and used for distinctive purposes. For instance, crowbar was proposed mainly to protect the RSC from overcurrent during fault [13,20]. It hardly improves the other DFIG responses except the rotor current. Similarly, a DC link chopper [14,48] was introduced for a specific purpose, that is, to keep the DC link voltage across the DC link capacitor at a permissible level. Therefore, the applications of these conventional schemes are confined to some specific objectives, and they only provide partial protection [36]. However, the various FCLs enhance the LVRT capability along with better output profiles of different responses providing complete protection against fault transients. Here, in Figure 26a,b, rotor current responses are shown for symmetrical and asymmetrical faults, respectively. These figures admit that crowbar diminishes the fault current properly and shows better response than the system without any FCL, whereas SPRFCL shows outstanding performances among all FCLs and crowbar systems. A similar observation is found for DC link chopper which restricts the DC link voltage increasing further during a fault and shows better output than the systems without any FCL, which are depicted in Figure 27a,b, respectively, for symmetrical and asymmetrical fault. However, this case also supports the superiority of the SPRFCL as it outweighs all its counterparts and DC chopper.

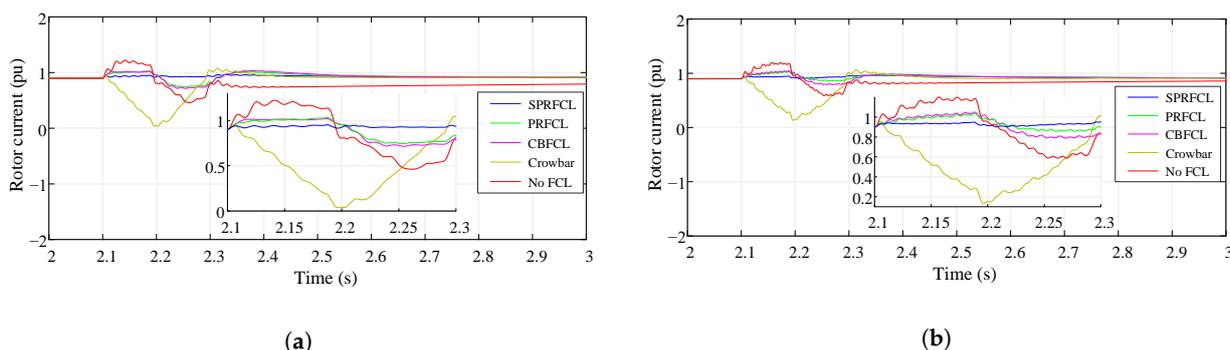


Figure 26. Rotor current profile for (a) symmetrical fault and (b) asymmetrical fault.

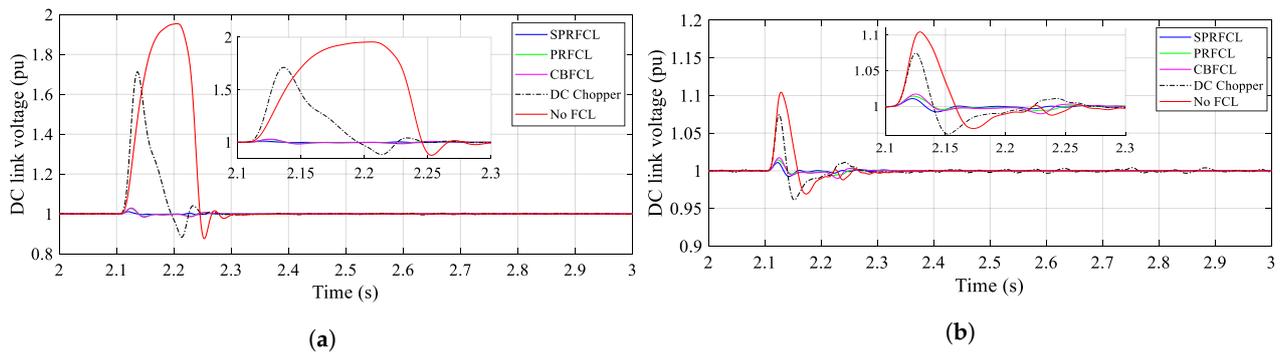


Figure 27. DC link voltage profile for (a) symmetrical fault and (b) asymmetrical fault.

6. Economic Viewpoint of the Application of the SPRFCL

Apart from the SPRFCL, almost all FCLs in the current literature are of bridge type, which comprises a diode bridge circuit and inherent IGBT switch. The dynamic configuration of the SPRFCL does not need any bridge circuit for proper switching and thus it saves the cost of a bridge circuit. Furthermore, the bridge circuits incur power loss in the diodes. The SPRFCL is free from these losses too. If we observe the structure of the SPRFCL properly, we can find that the same inductor L_C is being used to form series and parallel resonance, and so maximum utilization of existing components is achieved without increasing any cost. If we compare the SPRFCL circuit with that of the PRFCL and CBFCL, we notice that the cost of an additional capacitor in the SPRFCL is neutralized by the savings of not having any diode bridge circuit. Therefore, the SPRFCL can provide richer system responses than the PRFCL and CBFCL at lower cost.

7. Conclusions

In this paper, a high-performance series-parallel resonance-type fault current limiter (SPRFCL) is proposed for augmenting the LVRT capability of DFIG-based WF. The overall outcomes are investigated applying both symmetrical and asymmetrical faults, where the proposed SPRFCL shows the best result in every case. Several performance evaluation techniques like index-based analysis, percentage THD, and SSR analysis support the theoretical claims and proves the supremacy of the SPRFCL over the documented PRFCL and CBFCL. Going through all the simulation results as well as computational analysis, the following points are summarized.

- The SPRFCL assures better overall voltage, current, power, speed, and torque profiles of the DFIG for both symmetrical and asymmetrical faults. The SPRFCL assures less perturbations in every response and provided better damping so as to make the settling time of each responses the lowest.
- The SPRFCL scores the lowest in index-based analysis, indicating lower deviation in system responses. The SPRFCL has improved the PCC voltage by 87.79%, when compared to the voltage profile without any FCL during a symmetrical fault. The PRFCL and CBFCL have improvements of 78.36% and 71.47%, respectively, which are much lower than that of the SPRFCL. Similarly, the SPRFCL guarantees the highest improvement in PCC voltage during an asymmetrical fault as well, scoring 16.74% more than the PRFCL and 17.54% more than the CBFCL.
- Better THD profiles and more reliable transient SSR responses are observed with the SPRFCL.

In future, the SPRFCL will be implemented for a larger power system to test its efficacy. Further, a nonlinear controller will be implemented to model adaptive impedance based on fault severity.

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

DFIG	Doubly fed induction generator
FCL	Fault current limiter
LVRT	Low-voltage ride-through capability
WF	Wind farm
DG	Distributed generator
PCC	Point of common coupling
RSC	Rotor side converter
GSC	Grid side converter
THD	Total harmonic distortion
SSR	Subsynchronous resonance
CBFCL	Capacitive bridge-type fault current limiter
PRFCL	Parallel resonance-type fault current limiter

Appendix A

The parameters of the DFIG and the drive train data are provided in Table A1.

Table A1. Each DFIG and drive train data.

Parameter	Value
Rated power	2 MW
Rated voltage	575 V
DC-link nominal voltage	1150 V
DC-link capacitance value	10,000 μ F
Wind speed	15 ms^{-1}
Frequency	60 Hz
Resistance of stator	0.023 pu
Magnetizing inductance	2.9 pu
Leakage inductance of stator	0.18 pu
Inertia constant	0.685
Leakage inductance of wound rotor	0.16 pu
Wound rotor resistance	0.016 pu
Friction factor	0.01

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