

# **Nonlinear control and parameter estimation of renewable energy systems**

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# Technische Universität München (TUM)

## Students and staff

**Students**  
men 24.078  
women 11.901

**International students** 7.203  
1. China 1.057  
2. Austria 585  
3. Italy 421  
4. India 415  
5. Turkey 405

**Programs** 154  
*among these*  
Bachelor 42  
Master 95  
English-language master and PhD 23  
**Programs at TUM Asia in Singapore** 5

**Newly enrolled students** 11.673

**Graduates** 7.113

Data as of Dec. 1, 2013



**Professors** 501  
(including university hospital)

Proportion of women 16 %

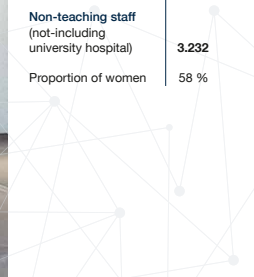
**New appointments 2013** 29

**Other teaching staff** 6.168  
(including university hospital)

Proportion of women 33 %

**Non-teaching staff** 3.232  
(not-including university hospital)

Proportion of women 58 %



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## Main campuses

154 programs - 13 departments - 3 locations

### Munich

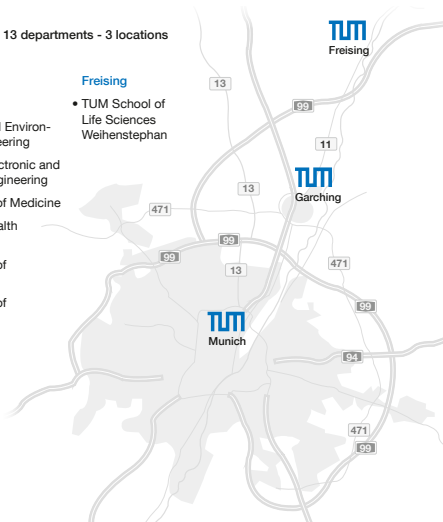
- Architecture
- Civil, Geo and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering
- TUM School of Medicine
- Sport and Health Sciences
- TUM School of Education
- TUM School of Management

### Freising

- TUM School of Life Sciences Weihenstephan

### Garching

- Chemistry
- Informatics
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics



### TUM science network

- Max Planck Institutes: Garching Martinsried Munich
- Helmholtz Zentrum München
- iwv Anwenderzentrum Augsburg
- Fraunhofer Institutes: Holzkirchen Freising

### TUM locations

- Munich
- Garching
- Freising
- Iffeldorf
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- Straubing
- Wettzell
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# Munich School of Engineering (MSE)

Integrative Research Center: TUM's bundled expertise on "Energy Research"

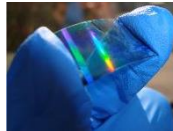
## CPG Center for Power Generation

- flexible power plant technologies
- synthetic energy carriers
- technologies for energy storage
- energy studies and concepts
- solarthermal power plants



## NRG Network for Renewable Energy

- carbon neutral energy generation
- novel energy materials
- conversion of raw materials to energy sources
- local energy storage



TUM.Energy



- interdisciplinary development of electric vehicles
- investigation of mobility behavior
- development of new mobility concept



## ENPB Center for Sustainable Building

- sustainable urban development
- sustainable buildings
- energy optimized building envelopes
- energy efficient building technology

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## Team and facts

### ■ Team



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(CRES,01/2014)



Z. Zhang, M.Sc.  
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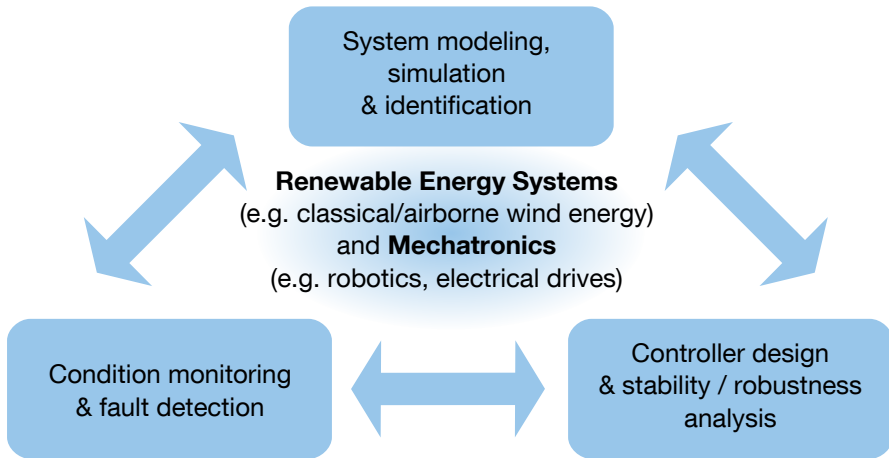
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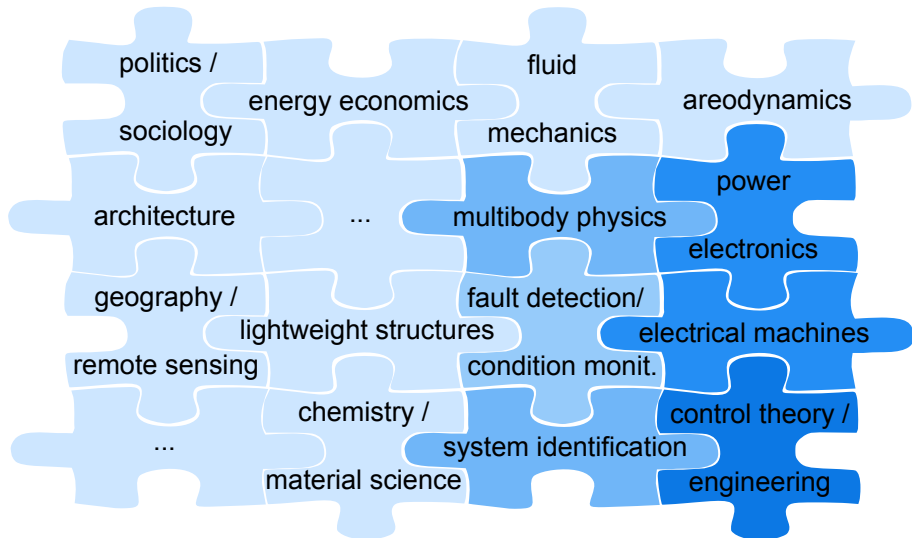
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(Energy-)Research = Interdisciplinarity



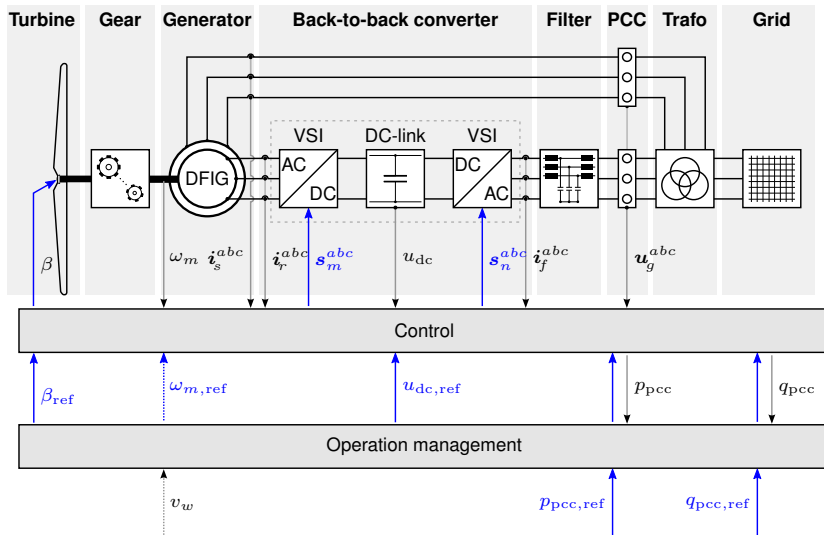
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Point of view: Electrical sub-system(s) of e.g. WTS with DFIG



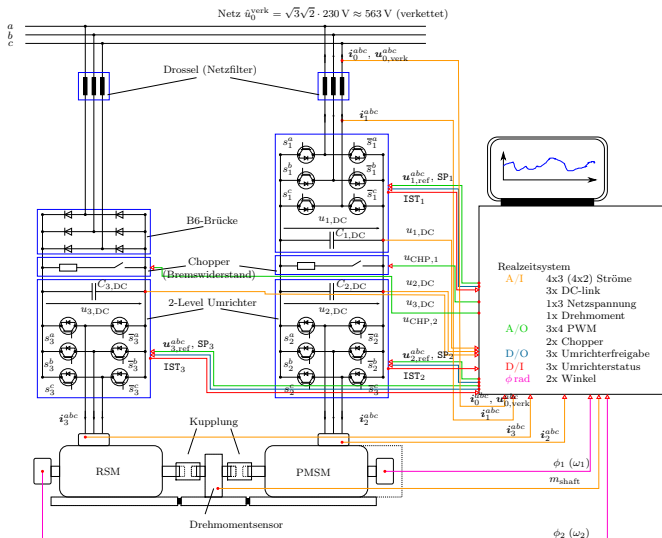
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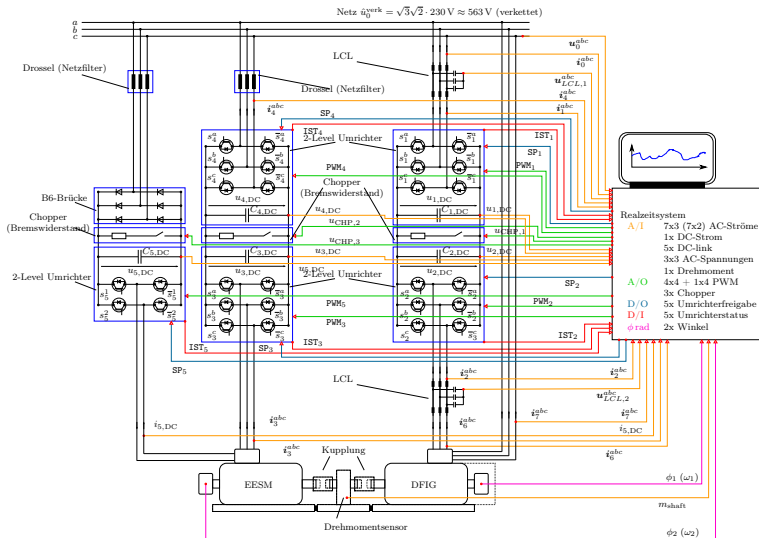
# Control of renewable energy systems (CRES)

## Lab setup 1: Reluctance synchronous machine and permanent-magnet synchronous machine



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## Lab setup 2: Electrically-excited synchronous machine and doubly-fed induction machine



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# Control of renewable energy systems (CRES)

Contributions this far ...

## Renewable energy systems:

- Chapter on “Modeling and control of modern wind turbine systems” (German): [1]
- Model predictive control of PMSG and grid connection: [2–5], [6]<sup>1</sup>
- Sensorless control of PMSG and DFIG: [2, 7]
- Online estimation of DFIG parameters (Extended Kalman Filter): [8]
- State-feedback control with observer for LCL filters: [9]
- Sensorless control of grid connection (Virtual Flux): [10]
- DC-link control: [4, 11], [12]
- Model-free generator speed control of wind turbine systems: rigid [13], elastic [14]
- Model-based and model-free current control of RSM: [15] and [16]
- Non-ideal torque control in wind turbine systems: Causes and impacts [17]
- Dynamic power flow in WTS with DFIG [18]

## Mechatronics:

- Chapter on dynamic friction modeling (German): [19]
- Model-free position and speed control of electrical drives and robots: [20–27]
- Monograph on non-identifier based adaptive control in mechatronics [28]

<sup>1</sup>submitted/under review/in preparation

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# Small-scale WTS with RSM

International cooperation with the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (Prof. M. Kamper)



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# Small-scale WTS with RSM

RSM: A viable alternative?



Traditional IE2 induction motor



IE4 SynRM motor



<http://www.abb.com>

## advantages [30–32]:

- (very) cheap
- high efficiency feasible (IE4)
- high power density and torque-per-volume ratio
- sensorless control feasible

## disadvantages:

- power factor
- highly nonlinear
- inverter necessary
- (complex/nonlinear control necessary)

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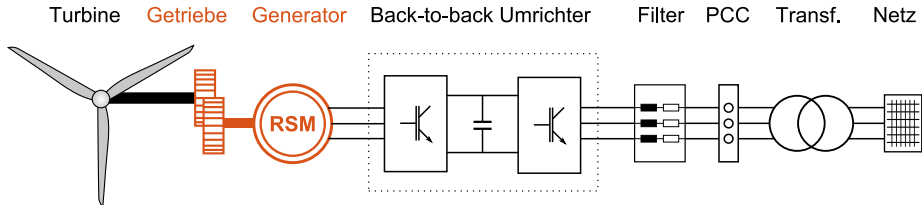
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# Small-scale WTS with RSM

Preparatory work: Modeling, control and simulation of small-scale WTS with RSM [29]



- current control (generator-side)
- maximum torque per Ampere (MTPA)
- speed control (maximum power point tracking (MPPT))
- current control (grid-side)
- DC-link voltage control
- reactive power (feedforward) control

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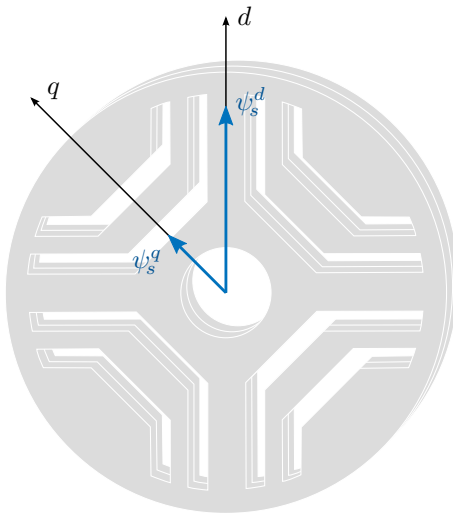
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# Nonlinear PI current control of RSM

Flux linkage in the rotor of the RSM

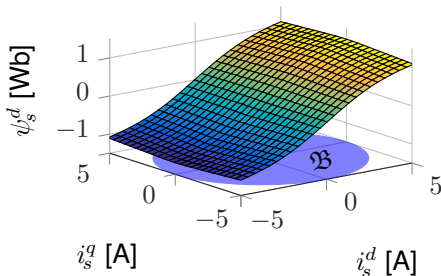


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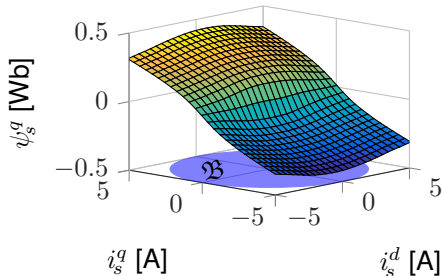
Generic model with nonlinear flux linkage (without iron losses)

$$\mathbf{u}_s^k(t) = R_s \mathbf{i}_s^k(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^k(\mathbf{i}_s^k(t)) + \omega_k(t) \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{=: \mathbf{J}} \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^k(\mathbf{i}_s^k(t)),$$

$$m_m(t) = \frac{3}{2} p \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^k(\mathbf{i}_s^k(t))^\top \mathbf{J} \mathbf{i}_s^k(t)$$



(a)  $d$ -flux linkage

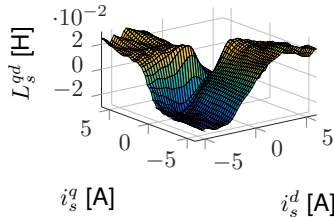
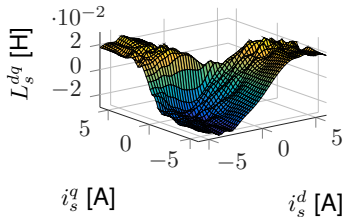
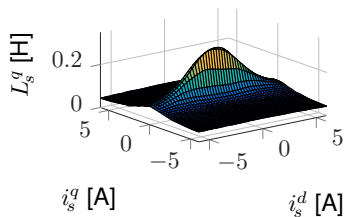
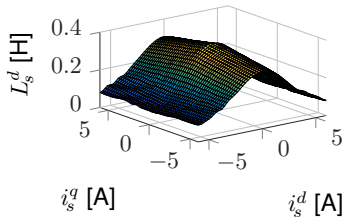


(b)  $q$ -flux linkage

⇒ **Nonlinear dynamical system!**

# Nonlinear PI current control of RSM

Nonlinear inductances  $L_s^d := \frac{\partial \psi_s^d}{\partial i_s^d}$ ,  $L_s^q := \frac{\partial \psi_s^q}{\partial i_s^q}$ ,  $L_s^{dq} := \frac{\partial \psi_s^d}{\partial i_s^q} = \frac{\partial \psi_s^q}{\partial i_s^d} =: L_s^{qd}$



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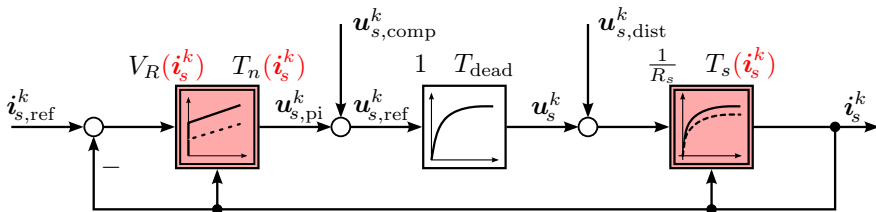
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# Nonlinear PI current control of RSM

Control loop (with inverter approximation) and PI controller design



where for the **nonlinear** case we have [15, 29]

- $T_s = T_s(L_s^{dd}(i_s^k), L_s^{dq}(i_s^k), L_s^{qd}(i_s^k), L_s^{qq}(i_s^k))$
- $T_{\text{dead}} \propto f_{\text{pwm}}$
- $u_{s,\text{comp}}^k = u_{s,\text{dist}}^k$  (ideal decoupling)
- Controller design according to **Magnitude Optimum** [33]:

$$\text{Gain: } V_R(i_s^k) = \frac{T_s(i_s^k) R_s}{2T_{\text{dead}}} \quad [\Omega] \quad \wedge \quad \text{Time constant: } T_n(i_s^k) = T_s(i_s^k) \quad [\text{s}]$$

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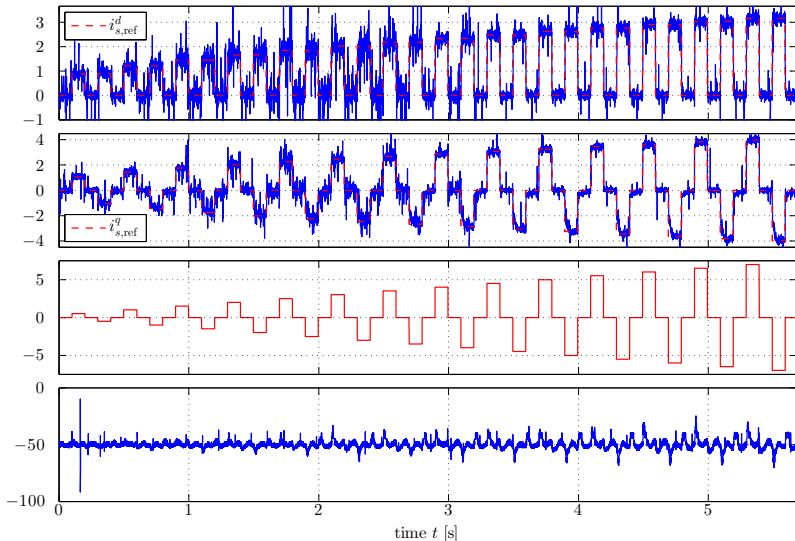
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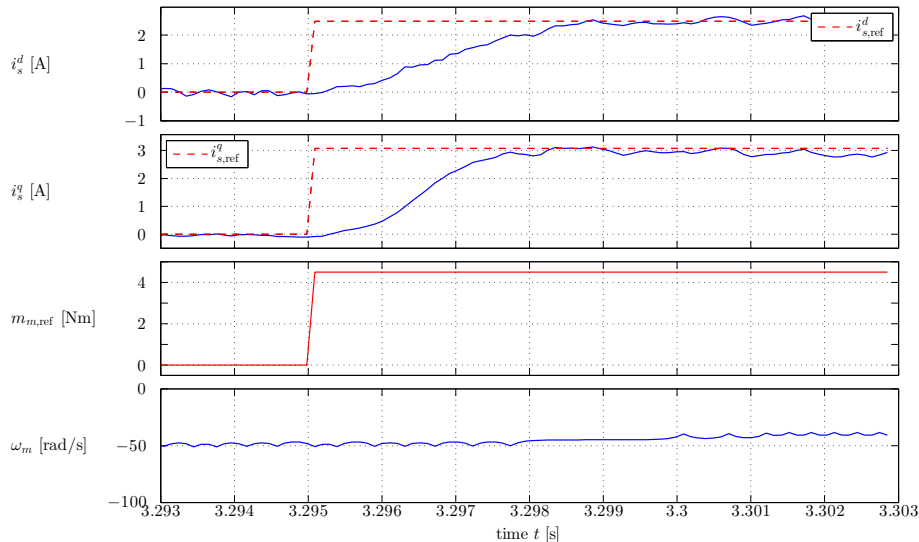
# Nonlinear PI current control of RSM

Measurement results for 1,1 kW RSM



# Nonlinear PI current control of RSM

Measurement results for 1,1 kW RSM (Zoom)



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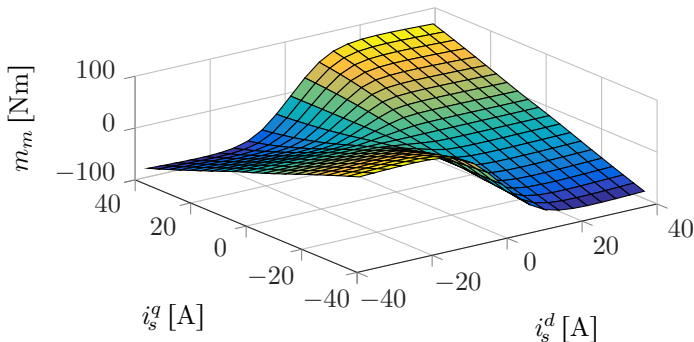
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# Maximum Torque per Ampere (MTPA)

Nonlinear machine torque

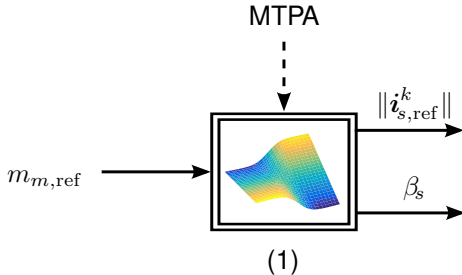


$$m_m(t) = \frac{3}{2} p \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^k(\mathbf{i}_s^k(t))^\top \mathbf{J} \mathbf{i}_s^k(t) = \frac{3}{2} p \left( \psi_s^d(\mathbf{i}_s^k(t)) i_s^q(t) - \psi_s^q(\mathbf{i}_s^k(t)) i_s^d(t) \right) \quad (1)$$

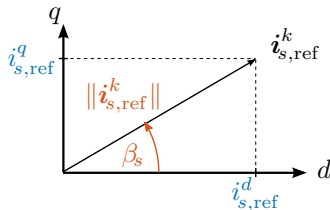
# Maximum Torque per Ampere (MTPA)

Torque (feedforward) control: Block diagram

- Goal: Current reference generation  $m_{m,\text{ref}} \rightarrow \dot{i}_{s,\text{ref}}^k$
- Constraint: High efficiency  
 $\Rightarrow$  minimize copper losses  $\frac{3}{2}R_s\|\dot{i}_s^k\|^2 = \frac{3}{2}R_s[(i_s^d)^2 + (i_s^q)^2]$
- Strategy: *Maximum Torque per Ampere* (MTPA; numerical solution)



(a) Torque feedforward control



(b) Current vector

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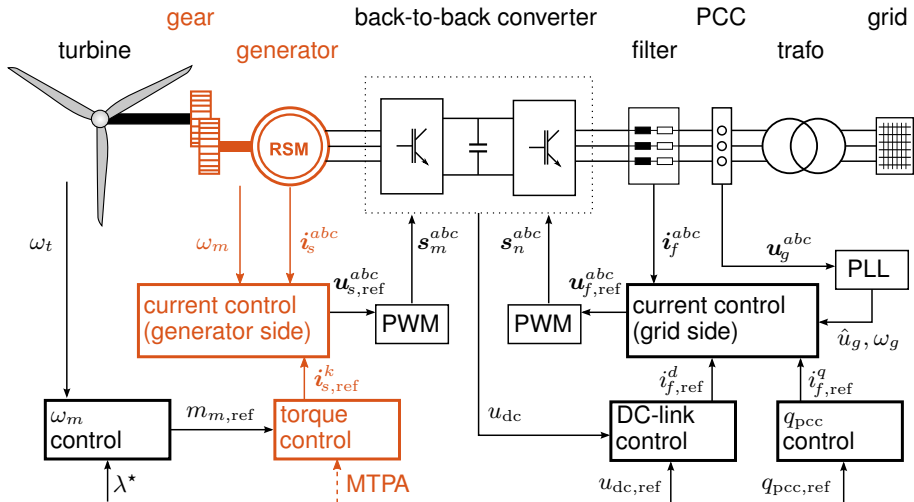
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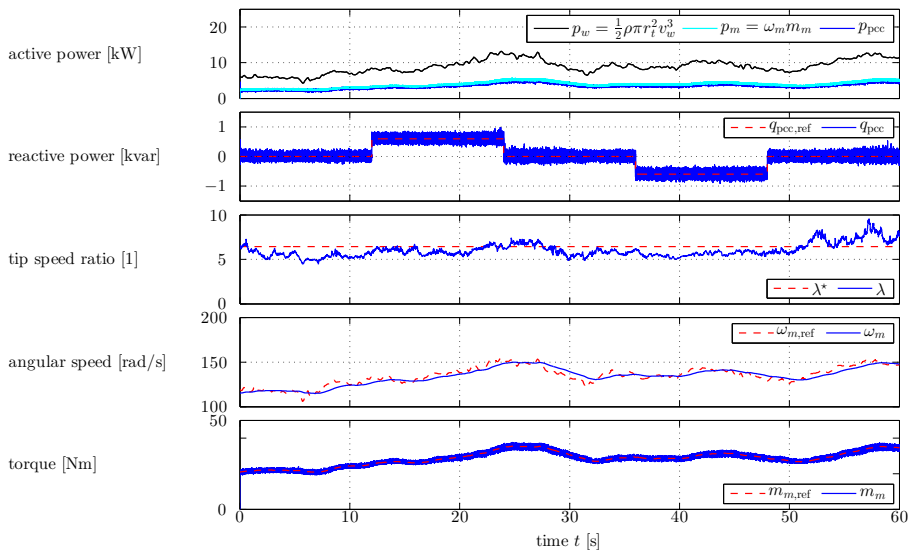
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Small-scale wind turbine system with reluctance synchronous machine (region II)



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Simulation results for overall small-scale wind turbine system (region II)



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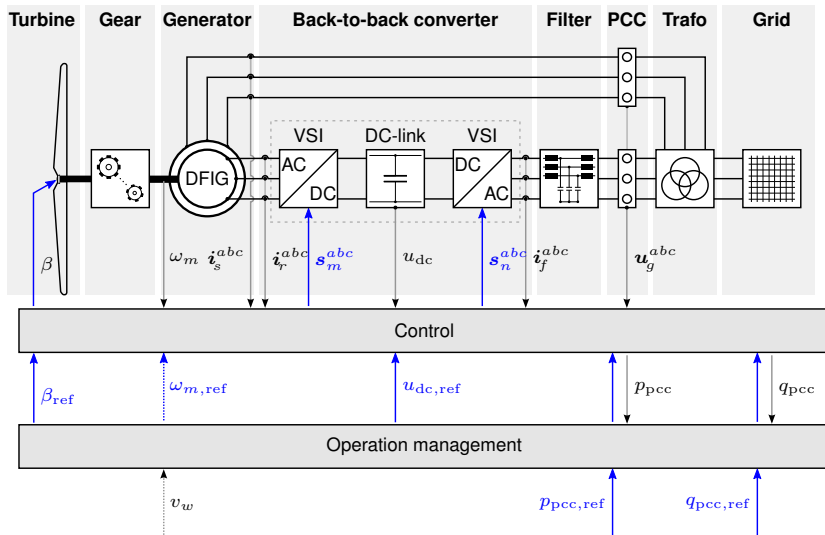
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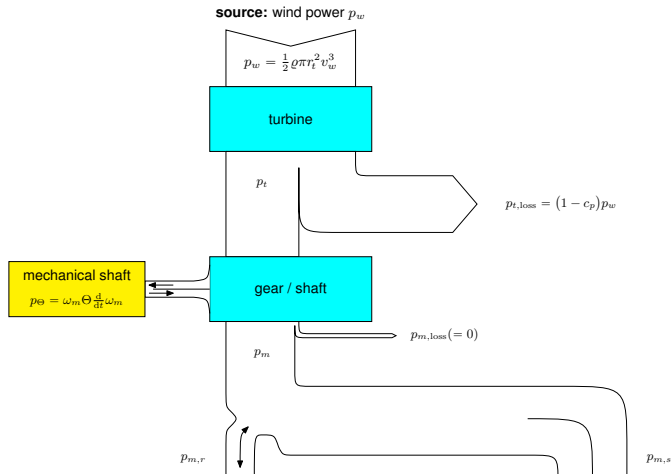
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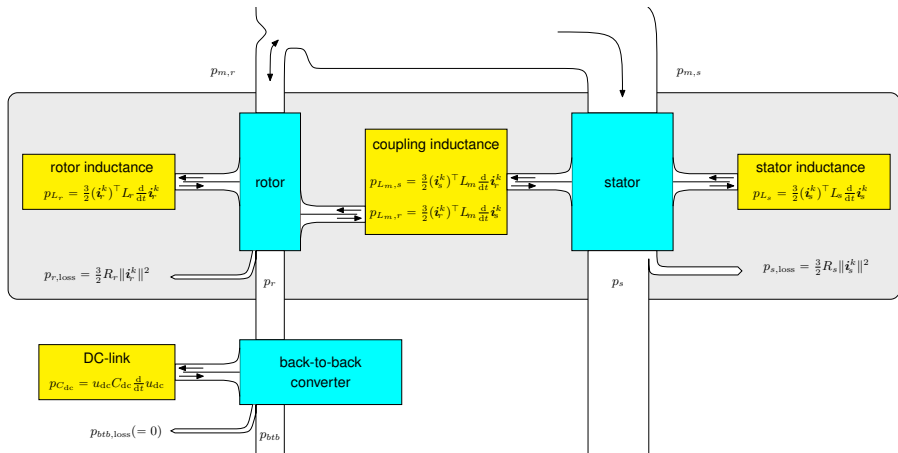
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## Part 1



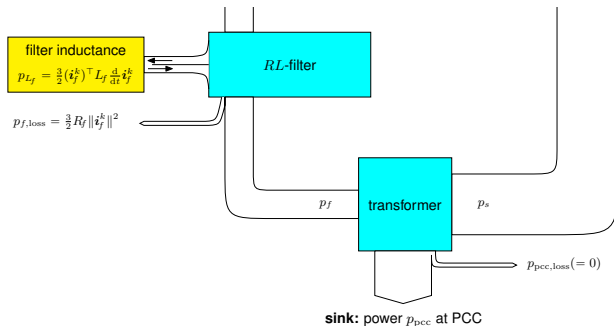
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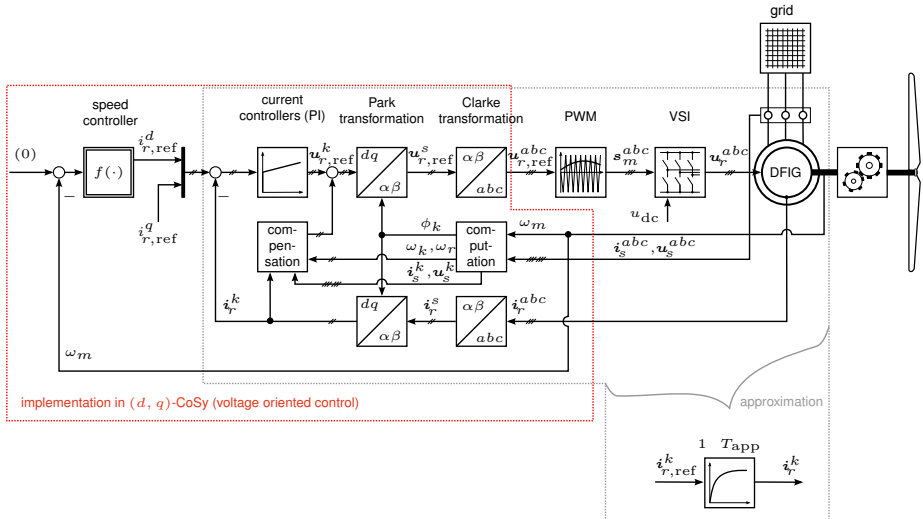
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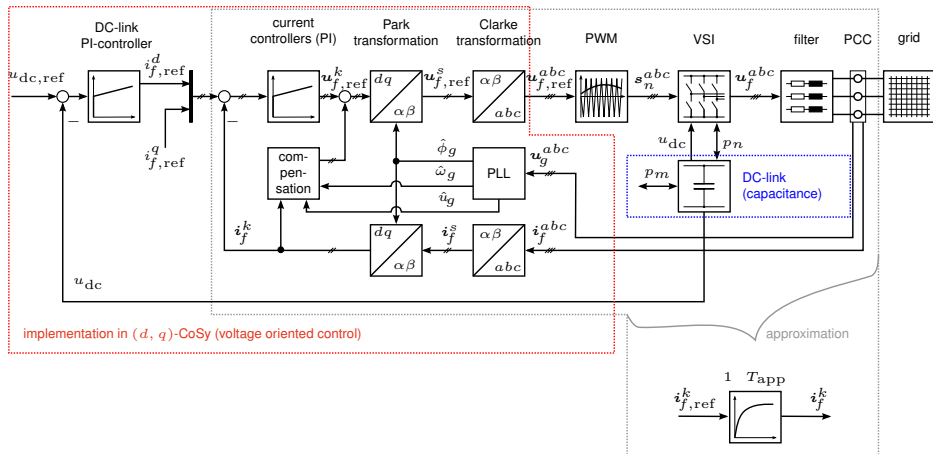
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## Rotor side controller structure



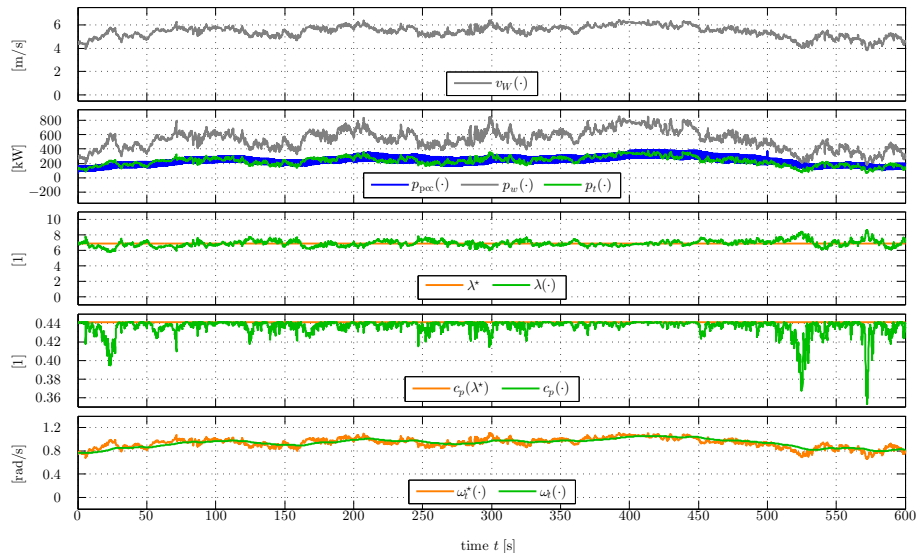
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# WTS with DFIG

## Generic model of DFIG (after Clarke transformation)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{stator:} & \mathbf{u}_s^s(t) = R_s \mathbf{i}_s^s(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^s(t), \\ \text{rotor:} & \mathbf{u}_r^r(t) = R_r \mathbf{i}_r^r(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \boldsymbol{\psi}_r^r(t), \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^s(0) = \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^{s,0} \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}_r^r(0) = \boldsymbol{\psi}_r^{r,0} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{flux linkage:} & \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^s(t) = \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^s(\mathbf{i}_s^s(t), \mathbf{i}_r^s(t), \phi_m(t)) \\ \text{(general)} & \boldsymbol{\psi}_r^r(t) = \boldsymbol{\psi}_r^r(\mathbf{i}_r^r(t), \mathbf{i}_s^r(t), \phi_m(t)) \end{array}$$

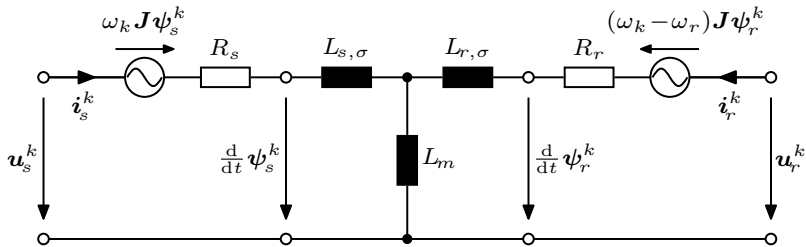
$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{mechanics:} & \frac{d}{dt} \omega_m(t) = \frac{1}{\Theta} \left( m_m(t) + \frac{m_t(t)}{g_r} - (\mathfrak{F} \omega_m)(t) \right), \quad \omega_m(0) = \omega_m^0 \\ & \frac{d}{dt} \phi_m(t) = \omega_m(t), \quad \phi_m(0) = \phi_m^0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{torque:} \quad m_m(t) = \frac{3}{2} p \boldsymbol{\psi}_s^s(t)^\top \mathbf{J} \mathbf{i}_s^s(t)$$

(DFIG)

# WTS with DFIG

## Electrical circuit of DFIG (linear flux linkage)



$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \text{stator: } u_s^s(t) &= R_s i_s^s(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \psi_s^s(t), & \psi_s^s(0) &= \psi_s^{s,0} \\
 \text{rotor: } u_r^r(t) &= R_r i_r^r(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \psi_r^r(t), & \psi_r^r(0) &= \psi_r^{r,0} \\
 \text{flux linkage: } \psi_s^s(t) &= L_s i_s^s(t) + L_m i_r^r(t), & L_s &= L_{s,\sigma} + L_m \\
 \text{(linear) } \psi_r^r(t) &= L_r i_r^r(t) + L_m i_s^s(t), & L_r &= L_{r,\sigma} + L_m
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

# Online estimation of DFIG parameters [8]

## Extended nonlinear model of DFIG

Extended nonlinear model of DFIG including

- electrical parameters are additional system states
- uncertainties for model  $w$  and measurement  $v$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) + \mathbf{w}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{10} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{v}(t), \quad (4)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= \left( (\boldsymbol{\psi}_s^k)^\top, (\boldsymbol{\psi}_r^k)^\top, \omega_m, R_s, R_r, L_{s,\sigma}, L_{r,\sigma}, L_m \right)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{10}, \\ \mathbf{y} &= \left( (\mathbf{i}_s^k)^\top, (\mathbf{i}_r^k)^\top, \omega_m \right)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^5, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \left( (\mathbf{u}_s^k)^\top, (\mathbf{u}_r^k)^\top \right)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^4. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

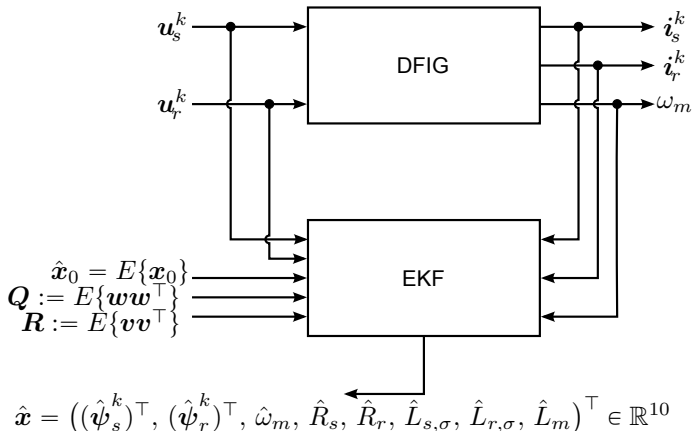
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Implementation: Block diagram of DFIG and Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)



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# Online estimation of DFIG parameters [8]

## Algorithm: Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

**Step I:** Initialization for  $k = 0$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}[0] = E\{\mathbf{x}_0\}, \mathbf{P}_0 := \mathbf{P}[0] = E\{(\mathbf{x}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{x}}[0])(\mathbf{x}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{x}}[0])^\top\},$$

$$\mathbf{K}_0 := \mathbf{K}[0] = \mathbf{P}[0]\mathbf{C}[0]^\top (\mathbf{C}[0]\mathbf{P}[0]\mathbf{C}[0]^\top + \mathbf{R})^{-1}$$

where, for  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{C}[k] := \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}^-[k]}$

**Step II:** Time update ("a priori prediction") for  $k \geq 1$ :

(a) State prediction

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^-[k] = \mathbf{f}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}[k-1], \mathbf{u}[k-1])$$

(b) Error covariance matrix prediction

$$\mathbf{P}^-[k] = \mathbf{A}[k]\mathbf{P}[k-1]\mathbf{A}[k]^\top + \mathbf{Q}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}[k] := \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}^-[k]}$

**Step III:** Verification of (local) observability  $k \geq 1$ :

$$n_o[k] := \text{rank}(\mathbf{S}_o[k]) \text{ with } \mathbf{S}_o[k]$$

**Step IV:** Computation of Kalman gain for  $k \geq 1$

$$\mathbf{K}[k] = \mathbf{P}^-[k]\mathbf{C}[k]^\top (\mathbf{C}[k]\mathbf{P}^-[k]\mathbf{C}[k]^\top + \mathbf{R})^{-1}$$

**Step V:** Measurement update ("correction") for  $k \geq 1$ :

(a) Estimation update with measurement

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}[k] = \hat{\mathbf{x}}^-[k] + \mathbf{K}[k](\mathbf{y}[k] - \mathbf{h}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}^-[k]))$$

(b) Error covariance matrix update

$$\mathbf{P}[k] = \mathbf{P}^-[k] - \mathbf{K}[k]\mathbf{C}[k]\mathbf{P}^-[k]$$

**Step V:** Go back to Step II (use  $\mathbf{C}[k]$ ).

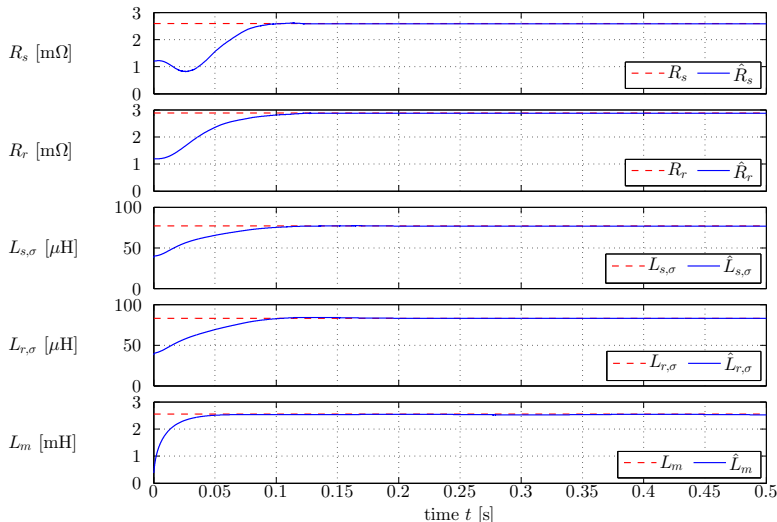
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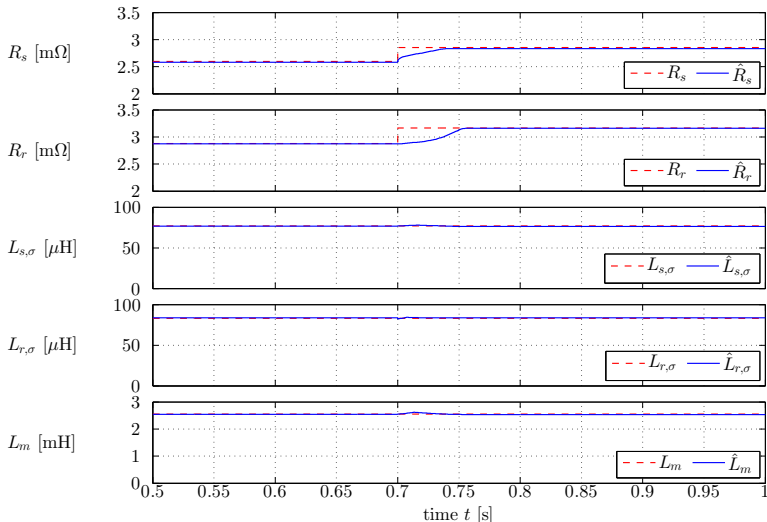
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Simulation results: Parameter estimation of nominal values



# Online estimation of DFIG parameters [8]

Simulation results: Parameter estimation of resistance changes of +10%



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