OPTIMAL PERFORMANCE OF SELF EXCITED INDUCTION GENERATOR USING TEACHING LEARNING-BASED OPTIMIZATION ALGORITHM AND STATIC VAR COMPENSATOR

الاداء الامثل للمولد الحثى ذاتى التغذيه باستخدام خوارزميه التعليم والتعلم الامثل على اساس ومعوضات القدرة غير الفعالة الساكنه

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Abstract

The paper presents an application of Teaching Learning-Based Optimization (TLBO) algorithm to improve the performance of self-excited induction generators (SEIG). Two control methods of SEIG have been studied. The first method, the TLBO algorithm is applied to generate the optimal capacitance to maintain rated voltage with constant prime mover speed. The drawback of this method is the generator frequency decreases with load and to overcome this disadvantage, the other control method is proposed. In the proposed method, the TLBO is used to obtain optimal capacitance and prime mover speed to have rated load voltage and frequency. The Static VAR Compensator (SVC) of fixed capacitor and controlled reactor is used to control the reactive power. The parameters of SVC are obtained by using TLBO algorithm. The performance of the SEIG at different loads and prime mover speeds using TLBO algorithm is realized. A whole system of three phase induction generator and SVC is established under MatLab/Simulink environment. The performance of the SEIG is demonstrated on two different ratings (i.e. 10 hp and 2hp). An experimental setup is built-up using a 2 hp induction motor to confirm the theoretical analysis. Good agreement between results confirms and signifies the viability of the proposed TLBO-based methodology.

الملخص العربي

يقدم البحث تطبيق خوارزميه التعليم والتعلم الامثل على اساس (TLBO) لتحسين اداء المولد الحثى ذاتى التغذية. وقد تمت دراسة طريقتين للتحكم فى خواص اداء المولد الحثى المعزول. الطريقة الاولى يتم فيها تحديد قيم المكثف المثلى باستخدام خوارزميه (TLBO) لتثبيت جهد المولد عند كل الاحمال عند ثبات سرعه المولد. ويتمثل عيب هذه الطريقه فى تغير تردد المولد مع تغير الاحمال. ولتلافى هذا العيب تم اقتراح الطريقة الثانيه حيث تم تعيين القيم المثلى كلا من المكثف وسرعه المولد باستخدام خوارزميه (TLBO) لتثبيت جهد وتردد المولد عند كل الاحمال عند ثبات سرعه المولد. ويتمثل عيب هذه الطريقه فى تغير تردد المولد خوارزميه (TLBO) لتثبيت جهد وتردد المولد عند كل الاحمال. فى البحث تم استخدام معوضات القدرة الغير الفعالة الساكنه الحصول على قيم المكثف المطلوبه. وتم استخدام برنامج الماتلاب/ المحاكاه لبناء نموذج متكامل يحاكى المولد ومعوضات القدرة الغير الفعالة الساكنه و 2 حصان. تم عمل نموذج معملى باستخدام مولد حثى ثلاثى الاوجه 2 حصان للتحقق من النتائج النظريه وكان التقارب جيد بين كلا من النتائج النظريه والعملية.

Keywords: Self-excited induction generators; constant voltage; constant frequency; static VAR compensator; teaching learning based optimization

1. Introduction

The self-excited induction generators (SEIG) have been received great attention during last decades. SEIGs are the most suitable power solution for remote areas because of their lower unit cost, inherent ruggedness and maintenance simplicity compared to DC and synchronous machines. These machines are available in the ranges of fractional hp to MW capacities [1]. In a common practice, the required reactive power for the generator and its load can be provided by the terminal static capacitor banks. The value of the capacitance required for excitation depends on the load current, power factor and the rotor speed, causing unsatisfactory voltage and frequency regulation problem [2-3].Various researches have discussed the issue of voltage regulation of SEIG and they suggested somehow effective solutions [4-10]. A very simple method uses controlled capacitors connected to the generator terminals [4-7]. Another method uses switched capacitor in order to change the capacitance with load variation to provide a good voltage regulation by simple and fast control method using GTO and/or IGBT switches. A static VAR compensator (SVC) is used to have a combination of switching capacitors and controllable reactors in order to provide continuous control of the reactive current [8-10].

Poor frequency regulation due to the SEIG's loading appears as another serious problem standing in the operation of SEIG. Many researchers have been attempted to solve this problem using the development of power electronics [11-15]. They suggested to convert the terminal voltage of the induction generator from AC to DC voltage using rectifiers and then from DC to AC by using PWM inverters with certain frequency. The other solution of frequency and voltage problems of SEIG is to use an Electronic Load Controller (ELC) for regulating its voltage and frequency under varying load conditions [16]. However, this solution generates harmonics on AC side of the SEIG system.

During last three decades, meta- heuristic algorithms are used to solve complicated engineering problems and to improve the performance of electrical machines [17-20]. One of the recent algorithms namely, Teaching Learning Based Optimization (TLBO) algorithm is developed [21-22]. The advantageous of TLBO algorithm is less controlling parameters viz. only population size and number of generations which save lot of efforts. As a result, TLBO can be said as an algorithm's specific parameter-less algorithm. [23-24]

This paper presents an application of TLBO algorithm to study the steady state and dynamic performance of SEIG. Two different modes of operations have been presented. The first one is the operation at constant voltage by controlling capacitor and constant prime mover speed. The second one is the operation at constant voltage and frequency by controlling both capacitor and prime mover speed. The TLBO algorithm is used to obtain optimal capacitance in the first mode of operation. The TLBO algorithm determines the optimal capacitors and prime mover speed to have constant voltage and frequency in the second mode of operation. The SVC is used to have continuous variation of excitation capacitors to have rated load voltage. The modeling of the SEIG, SVC and PI controller is developed using MatLab/Simulink. The accuracy of the proposed model and simulation is validated by building an experimental model of 2 hp induction motor.

2. Steady state model of SEIG

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The steady state operation of the SEIG is analyzed using the equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 1[4].Nodal admittance technique is used to solve the equivalent circuit. The generator frequency varies with the load current and the rotor speed. Moreover, the generator reactance values changes with the frequency. Therefore, the ratio between the generator frequency and the base frequency must be taken into consideration.



Fig. 1 Equivalent circuit of self-excited induction generator

where; *a* is the frequency ratio $(a = \frac{f}{f_b})$, *f* is the actual frequency, f_b is the base frequency, R_s is the stator winding resistance, X_1 is the stator leakage reactance $(X_1 = 2\pi f_b L_1)$, X_m is the magnetizing reactance $(X_m = 2\pi f_b L_m)$, R_r is the referred rotor winding resistance, X_2 is the referred rotor leakage reactance $(X_2 = 2\pi f_b L_2)$, R_L is the load resistance, X_L is the load reactance $(X_c = 1/(2\pi f_b C))$ and *S* is generator slip.

The equivalent circuit has four unknown variables $(a, S, X_m \text{ and } X_c)$. For an assumed values of a and C, the other two unknown variables (S and X_m).can be calculated as Eqs.(1) and (2).

$$S = \frac{-K_2 \pm \sqrt{K_2^2 - 4K_1K_3}}{2K_1} \tag{1}$$

$$X_m = \frac{-1}{\frac{a X_{1L}}{R_{1L}^2 + X_{1L}^2} + \frac{a^2 S^2 X_2}{R_r^2 + (a^2 S^2 X_2)}}$$
(2)

Where;

$$K_{1} = a^{2} R_{1L} X_{2}^{2}; K_{2} = R_{r} (R_{1L}^{2} + X_{1L}^{2}); K_{3}$$

$$= R_{1L} R_{r}^{2}; R_{1L} = R_{s} + R_{LC}; X_{1L}$$

$$= \frac{R_{L} \frac{X_{c}^{2}}{a^{2}}}{R_{L}^{2} + (aX_{L} - \frac{X_{c}}{a})^{2}}$$

$$X_{LC} = \frac{X_{L} \frac{X_{c}^{2}}{a^{2}} - A X_{L}^{2} X_{c} - R_{L}^{2} \frac{X_{c}}{a}}{R_{L}^{2} + (a X_{L} - \frac{X_{c}}{a})^{2}}$$
The rotor speed can be given as:
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$$n = (1-s)\frac{120 a f_b}{p}$$
 (3)

Where; p is the number of poles.

The Excitation voltage (E) is obtained using (a), (X_m) and magnetizing curve of the generator.

The stator current (i_s) , load voltage (V) and load current (i_L) are given as:

$$i_s = \frac{E_1}{R_{11} + iX_{11}} \tag{4}$$

$$V = E - i_s (R_s + ja X_1)$$
(5)
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$$I_L = \frac{V}{R_L + j \ a \ X_L} \tag{6}$$

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The presumed values of *a* and *C*, are acceptable if the generator voltage and speed equal reference values.

A Computer program is developed based on MATLAB package to obtain the optimum values of excitation capacitance to generate rated voltage at prime mover speed using TLBO algorithm.

3. Dynamic model of SEIG

The dynamic model is developed to study the dynamic performance of SEIG under step change in load and speed. The mathematical model of SEIG in stationary reference frame is described using the following equations after many simplifications [25-27].

The d-q stator and referred rotor currents $(i_{sd}, i_{sq}, i_{rd} \text{ and } i_{rq})$ are given as:

$$\frac{di_{sd}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_{\sigma}} \left[L_r V_{sd} - L_r R_s i_{sd} + L_m R_r i_{rd} + \omega L_m L_r i_{rd} + \omega L_m L_r i_{rd} + \omega L_m^2 i_{rd} \right]$$
(7)

$$\frac{di_{sq}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_{\sigma}} \left[L_r V_{sq} - L_r R_s i_{sq} + L_m R_r i_{rq} \right]$$
(8)

$$-\omega L_m L_r i_{rd} - \omega L_m^2 i_{sd} \right]$$

$$\frac{di_{rd}}{di_{rd}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-L_r V_r - L_r R_r i_r + L_r R_r i_r \right]$$
(9)

$$\frac{du_{rd}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_{\sigma}} \left[-L_m V_{sd} - L_s R_r i_{rd} + L_m R_s i_{sd} - \omega L_s L_r i_{ra} - \omega L_s L_m i_{sa} \right]$$
(9)

$$\frac{di_{rq}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_{\sigma}} \left[-L_m V_{sq} - L_s R_r i_{rq} + L_m R_s i_{sq} + \omega L_s L_r i_{rd} \right]$$
(10)

$$+ \omega L_s L_m i_{sd}$$

where; L_s is the stator self inductance, L_r is the referred rotor self inductance, L_m is the magnetizing inductance, ω is the rotor speed in electrical rad/s. and L_{σ} is defined as shown in Eq. (11).

$$=L_sL_r-L_m^2 \tag{11}$$

After solving the a for mentioned differential equations, the magnetizing current (i_m) is defined as shown in Eq. (12).

 L_{σ}

$$i_m = \sqrt{(i_{sd} + i_{rd})^2 + (i_{sq} + i_{rq})^2}$$
(12)

The electromagnetic torque (T_e) of the induction generator is defined in Eq. (13) and the mechanical dynamic equation of the generator is described in Eq. (14).

$$T_{e} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{p}{2} L_{m} (i_{sq} i_{rd} - i_{sd} i_{rq})$$
(13)

$$T_e - T_L = J \frac{d\omega_m}{dt} + B\omega_m \tag{14}$$

Where; *J* is the moment of inertia in Kg.m², *B* is the rotor friction coefficient and ω_m is the rotor speed in mechanical rad/s.

The d-q load current (i_{Ld} and i_{Lq})can be described in Eqs. (15) and (16); respectively.

$$R_{L}i_{Ld} + L_{L}\frac{di_{Ld}}{dt} + i_{sd} = \frac{-1}{C}\int V_{sd} dt$$
(15)

$$R_{L}i_{Lq} + L_{L}\frac{di_{Lq}}{dt} + i_{sq} = \frac{-1}{C}\int V_{sq} dt$$
(16)

The previous Eqs. (7-16) are used to develop a dynamic model of three phase SEIG using MatLab/Simulink.

4. Teaching Learning Based Optimization (TLBO) algorithm

The TLBO is a nature-inspired algorithms optimization method developed by Rao [21-22].TLBO algorithm uses a population of solutions to have the global solution. The population is considered as a group of learners and consists of different variables which are similar to subjects of learners. The algorithm of TLBO consists of 'Teacher Phase' and 'Learner Phase'. The learners are learning from the teacher in the 'Teacher Phase', and learning from each other in the 'Learner Phase'.

Similar to other evolutionary methods, the random initialization of the student population is the first step of the TLBO process. Then, the mean of each subject (variable) is calculated.

The Teacher-phase starts by selecting the best student of the class which is considered as a teacher $(X_{teacher})$ and the other students learn from him to improve their qualities by using the following expression shown in Eq. (17) [21].

$$X_{\text{new},i} = X_{\text{old},i} + r_i (X_{\text{teacher}} - T_F M_i)$$
(17)

Where; $X_{new,i}$ is the updated new solution, $X_{old,i}$ is the old solution, r_i is a random number in the range [0,1], M_i is the mean of each subject (variable) and T_F is a teaching factor that determines the learning intensity and decides the value of mean to be changed. Its value can be either 1 or 2, which is decided randomly with equal probability as:

$$T_{\rm F} = \text{round}[1 + \text{rand}(0,1)\{2 - 1\}]$$
(18)

As shown from above equation, in this phase, all students learn from both class (by using the mean values) and teacher (best solution) qualities The new solution is accepted if it is better than the previous one. After updating solutions, the second learning phase (Learner-phase) starts by selecting randomly any two solutions X_i and X_j . The objective function of X_i and $X_j(f(X_i))$ and $f(X_j)$ are calculated and used to updated the solutions according to the following equation.

$$\begin{cases} X_{new,i} = X_{old,i} + r_i(X_i - X_j) & f(X_i) < f(X_j) \\ X_{new,i} = X_{old,i} + r_i(X_j - X_i) & f(X_j) < f(X_i) \end{cases}$$
(19)

The new value of the solution (X_{new}) is accepted if it gives a better function value and the process is terminated if the termination criteria are satisfied.

5. Simulation and results using TLBO algorithm

The three phase induction motor used in this study has the following nameplate data and parameters: 7.5 kW, 4 poles, 415 V, 50 Hz, 14.6 / 26.2 A, $R_s = 1 \Omega$, $R_R = 0.77 \Omega$, $L_1 = 0.004774$ H, $L_2 = 0.004774$ H and J = 0.1384 kg.m².

The magnetization curve of the machine is described as:

$$= \begin{cases} 0.13771 & i_m < 3.16\\ (9 \times 10^{-5})i_m^2 - (0.0087i_m) + 0.1643 & 3.16 < i_m < 12.71 \\ 0.068 & i_m > 12.71 \end{cases}$$
(20)

5.1 Constant voltage operation at constant speed

In this mode of operation, the excitation capacitor is controlled to operate SEIG at rated voltage when it driven from constant speed prime mover. The TLBO algorithm searches for the values of capacitor (C) and frequency ratio (a) to minimize the Objective Function (OF). The OF is the error between the load voltage (V), rated value (V_{rated}) and error between generator speed (n), prime mover speed $(n_{prime mover})$ as shown in Eq. (21). The TLBO adapted parameters are, class size=50 and iterations=100.

$$OF = Minimize\{|V - V_{rated}| + |n - n_{prime\ mover}|\}$$
(21)

At a given load current, power factor and prime mover speed, the TLBO is run for 20 times and best solution is picked up. The trend of variation the objective function versus iteration is shown in Fig. 2 at no load and prime mover speed is adjusted at 1500 rpm. It can be notice that the TLBO converges steadily and in smoothly. Table 1 summarizes the performance measures out of 20 runs at no load and speed of 1500 rpm. One can notice obviously the deviations between results of each run are very small and the value of standard deviation is insignificant (see Table 1).

The variations of generator characteristics versus load current of unity power (UPF) at different constant speed are shown in Fig. 3. It's shown that the output voltage is maintained constant at rated value by controlling the capacitor as shown in Fig. 3(b). The generator frequency depends on load current and generator speed. It decreases with load increasing but for the same load current it can be increased by increasing speed as depicted in Fig. 3(c). The generator develops the same load current with lower stator current when the generator speed is increased as shown in Fig. 3(d). The stator current has full load value 14.6 A when the load current of 10.9 A and UPF.

The waveform of the output voltage when load varied from no load $(R_L = \infty)$ to resistive load $(R_L = 24 \Omega)$ (10 A, UPF) at t=6 s and constant speed of 1500 rpm is shown in Fig. 4. It's shown that the output voltage is maintained at rated value because the excitation capacitor is increased from 88.0196 μF at no load to 128.071 μF at load of 10 A as calculated using TLBO algorithm from Fig. 3(b).



Fig. 2 Convergence of TLBO objective function

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Statistical function	a = f/fb	C (µF)	OF
Minimum	0.999360991067669	88.0196113861336	$9.80345286431353 \times 10^{-12}$
Maximum	0.999360991445124	88.0196114687359	$4.65723905070566 \times 10^{-10}$
Mean	0.999360991221912	88.0196114300202	$1.63121186602666 \times 10^{-10}$
Standard Deviation	$1.1096244330 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.67086882 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.36892107248994 \times 10^{-10}$

Table 1 Statistical analysis of TLBO results at no load and 1500 rpm



Fig. 3 Variation of load voltage, frequency, capacitance and stator current against load current of UPF and different constant speed



Fig. 4 Waveform of the load volatge against time at different loads and n = 1500 rpm

5.2 Constant voltage constant frequency operation

$$OF = Minimize \{ |V - V_{rated}| \}$$
(22)

In this mode of operation, both excitation capacitor and prime mover speed are controlled to operate SEIG at rated voltage and frequency at all loading conditions. The TLBO algorithm searches for the value of capacitor (C) with keeping frequency ratio (*a*) at unity. The OF is the error between the load voltage (*V*), rated value (V_{rated}) as shown in Eq. (22). The TLBO results are used to calculate the steady state performance of SEIG when its load has been varied from no load to 14 A at UPF as shown in Fig. 5. It's shown that, the load voltage and frequency are maintained at rated values (240 V and 50 Hz) over all range of loads by controlling both excitation capacitor and prime mover speed as described in Figs. 5(b) and (c) respectively. The stator current has

full load value 14.6 A when the load current of 11.2 A and UPF as given in Fig. 5(d). It's shown from Fig. 6, the waveform of the load voltage has constant amplitude and frequency at different loads by

changing capacitor and speed from 87.86436 μF , 1500.957 rpm at no load to 117.23017 μF , 1552.844 rpm at load current of 10 A(R_L = 24 Ω).



Fig. 5 Variation of load voltage, frequency, capacitance, speed and stator current against load current of UPF with controlled capacitor and prime mover speed



Fig. 6 Waveform of the load volatge against time at different loads with controlled capacitor and prime mover speed

6. Dynamic performance with SVC controller

In this section, the excitation capacitor is controlled using SVC to regulate the generator voltage at its rated value. The generator frequency is fixed at rated vale by controlling the prime mover governor. The SVC consists of fixed three phase capacitors parallel with thyristor controlled reactor (TCR) as shown in Fig.7. The effective capacitance (C_{eff}) of the SVC is controlled by changing the firing angle (α) from 90° (fully conducting) to 180° (non-conducting) as described in Eq. (23) [28].

$$C_{eff} = C_{fixed} - \frac{1}{\omega^2 L} \left(2 - \frac{2\alpha}{\pi} + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{\pi} \right)$$
(23)

Where; L is the TCR inductance and C_{fixed} is the capacitance of fixed capacitor.

The inductance of TCR is calculated by using Eq. (24) to have the desired range of controlled capacitor from minimum value at no load (C_{min}) to maximum value at full load (C_{max}).

$$L = \frac{1}{\omega^2 (C_{max} - C_{min})}$$
(24)

The following results are simulated with $C_{max} = 180 \ \mu F$, $C_{min} = 75 \ \mu F$ (L-N) and L = 96.496 mH (L-N). The constants of proportional-integral (PI) SVC are $K_p = 0$ and $K_i = 800$. The simulation sampling time is $5 \times 10^{-6} \ s$.

The effective capacitance of SVC varies between minimum and maximum values by firing angle variation as shown in Fig. 8.

The complete control system of 7.5 kW, 415 V three phase induction machine is tested with two different scenarios. The first scenario is the dynamic response under constant speed and SVC control with different loading conditions. The other one is the response with controlled speeds and SVC.

The Simulink connection diagram of the SEIG dynamic model, SVC and controller is revealed in Fig. 9.

6.1 Response with Constant Speed and SVC

In this scenario, the prime mover speed is constant at 1500 rpm and the load is varied as described in Fig. 10(a). The load current is changed from no load $(R_L = \infty)$ to 4 A with UPF $((R_L = 60 \Omega) \text{ at } t = 65 \text{ and to } 8\text{A} \text{ with } 0.8 \text{ lagging power factor at } 12\text{s}$ $(R_L = 37.5 \Omega \text{ parallel with } L_L = 0.16 \text{ H})$. The SVC varies the firing angle to increase the excitation current (increase effective capacitance) with

increasing in load current as shown in Fig. 10(b). This variation in SVC current regulates the generated voltage at rated value (240 V) as shown in Fig. 10(c). The generator frequency decreases with load current increase as described in Fig. 10(d) because the prime mover speed is constant at 1500 rpm. It's shown that, the waveform of the load voltage has constant amplitude and variable frequency with increasing in load current as shown in Fig. 11.

6.2 Response with controlled Speed and SVC

In this scenario, excitation capacitor and prime mover governor are controlled to have rated voltage and frequency with load current variation as shown in Fig. 12(a). The prime mover speed and SVC current are controlled as shown in Fig. 12(b) to have rated voltage and frequency as shown in Figs. 12(cd). The waveform of the output voltage is sinusoidal with constant amplitude and frequency at different loads as shown in Fig. 13.



Fig. 9 Simulink diagram of SEIG and control system



Fig. 10 Variation of load current, SVC current, load voltage and frequency versus time and n = 1500 rpm



Fig. 11 Variation of phase voltage waveform versus time with load change and n = 1500 rpm



Fig. 12 Variation of load current, SVC current, load voltage and frequency versus time at constant load current and different speeds

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Fig. 13 waveform of load voltage against time with constant load and different speeds

7. Experimental work

An experimental model is built up to validate the steady state and dynamic models of SEIG. The experimental work is carried out using 2 hp, 4 poles, 220/380V three phase induction machine having the following parameters; $R_S = 5.03 \Omega$, $R_R = 5.94 \Omega$, $L_1 = 0.0176$ H and $L_2 = 0.0176$ H.

The magnetizing curve of the experimental motor is described as:

$$= \begin{cases} 0.3582 & i_{m} < 1\\ (0.0052)i_{m}^{3} - (0.029)i_{m}^{2} - (0.028)i_{m} + 0.41 & 1 < i_{m} < 4\\ 0.1668 & i_{m} > 4 \end{cases}$$
(24)

A synchronous motor is used as a constant speed prime mover and all results are recorded using data acquisition system of Feedback 68-600 multichannel power sensor which is a combination of hardware and software to capture and display signals on the integrated DSP instrumentation in Espial as shown in Fig. 14.



Fig. 14 Experimental Connection Diagram

The experimental and theoretical waveforms of the generator line voltage at no load at excitation capacitor of 40 μ F and 50 μ F with speed of 1500 rpm are shown in Fig. 15(a-b). It's shown that the both results are very close together and this agreement validates the simulink model of SEIG. The variation of load voltage and stator current against load current at constant speed of 1500 rpm and different capacitors of 40 μ F and 50 μ F is shown in Fig. 16(a)-(b) respectively. The agreement between theoretical and experimental validates the

steady state model of SEIG and TLBO results.









8. Conclusions

In this paper, the methodology based on TLBO algorithm has been proposed to study the performance of self-excited induction generator (SEIG). The TLBO algorithm is used to produce optimal excitation capacitors required to have rated voltage at different load currents, power factors and speeds. The operation with constant voltage and constant prime mover speed has been studied. The operation with constant voltage and frequency has been achieved by controlling both capacitor and prime mover speed. The SVC method is used to have continuous change in capacitor to maintain rated voltage. The proposed TLBO algorithm is used to generate the value of SVC fixed capacitor. The dynamic performance of the 7.5 kW induction generator with SVC and PI controller under different step load changes and speeds are demonstrated using Matlab/Simulink. The good agreement between experimental and theoretical results of 2 hp SEIG validate the feasibility of the proposed TLBO algorithm, accuracy of steady state and dynamic model of SEIG.

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