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# Control Method for Maximizing Fault Voltage of Wind Generation-Integrated Power Systems With Consideration of DFIG-Grid Coupling

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**ABSTRACT** In the last decade, wind generation techniques have been actively developed, and wind farms comprising doubly-fed induction generators (DFIGs) have been widely deployed. As a result of the increasing penetration of wind generation, the output power of DFIGs requires adjustment to ensure an adequate supply of reactive current under fault conditions. Many studies show that the reactive capability of a DFIG is constrained by the rotor current and terminal voltage. However, the power adjustment of DFIGs changes the grid power flow and the terminal voltage of DFIGs due to the coupling between DFIGs and the grid. The permissible power range of DFIGs also changes because of the terminal voltage variation. The DFIG-grid coupling has not been considered, and the permissible power range is not accurate. The control methods based on the existing permissible power range do not maximize the power controllability of DFIGs. In this paper, the fault power characteristics of DFIGs under the constraints of rotor current and rotor speed are analyzed on the basis of a fault model. The permissible power range of DFIGs with consideration of internal and external constraints is established by analyzing the terminal voltage under the effect of the grid power flow. A control method for maximizing fault voltage is proposed on the basis of the established permissible power range. The simulation results verify the accurate calculation of the permissible power range. The power controllability of DFIGs could be fully utilized to improve fault voltage by adopting the proposed method.

**INDEX TERMS** Doubly-fed induction generator (DFIG), voltage control, permissible power range, DFIG-grid coupling.

## I. INTRODUCTION

With the development of power electric techniques, wind turbines based on doubly-fed induction generators (DFIG) have been widely applied to power systems [1]. Wind turbines are expected to contribute to transient voltage support, frequency regulation, and inertia support, in addition to basic power generation [2]–[4]. Among these ancillary services of wind turbines, fault voltage support has attracted increasing attention from researchers.

The fault voltage needs to be improved to avoid the tripping of wind turbines under the fault and benefit on voltage recovery in the post-fault condition. A supplement of reactive power compensators is an effective solution to realize the

fault voltage support of wind farms and improve voltage stability [5]–[7]. However, this solution increases cost and may lead to high voltage and tripping of wind turbines if reactive power compensators are not timely switched off under post-fault conditions [8]. Given the fast and flexible controllability of DFIGs, the use of their own reactive power has been proposed as an alternative. References [9]–[11] devoted efforts to improve the reactive capability of DFIGs through controller structure modification. Additionally, References [12]–[14] discussed the constraints of DFIGs' transient power and focused on optimal reactive power dispatch.

Researchers have been trying to establish a permissible power range to explore the maximum reactive power of

DFIGs [15]–[17]. Reference [15] discussed the factors that influence DFIGs' permissible power range among which MPRC was found to be the most important. In vector-oriented control, the stator power is controlled by the rotor current, which is restricted by the MPRC. Reference [16] specifically addressed the influence of IGBT's junction temperature on the MPRC. Studies on the permissible power range of DFIGs focused on internal constraints and regarded terminal voltage as a static parameter [18]–[21]. However, the influence of grid power flow on DFIGs' terminal voltage has not been considered. Existing voltage control methods usually take the maximum reactive power in the power range as the optimal power reference for transient voltage support [22]–[24]. However, the best fault voltage may not be achieved when the maximum reactive power is provided due to the coupling of active power and reactive power.

The coupling between DFIGs and the grid has strengthened with the increasing application of DFIGs and the deepening exploration of their power controllability. Grid power flow is changed by the transient power of DFIGs and conversely affects the terminal voltage of DFIGs. Hence, the terminal voltage of DFIGs varies with respect to the DFIGs' active and reactive power. The permissible power range also changes with the variation of the terminal voltage. The influence of grid power flow on DFIGs' power range has not been considered in existing studies. The permissible power range in the literature may be not accurate, and existing voltage control methods could not fully utilize the power controllability of DFIGs.

In the present study, the fault power characteristics of DFIGs are analyzed on the basis of a fault model. The constraints of rotor current and rotor speed on the permissible power range are discussed. Then, the permissible power range is established with consideration of internal and external constraints by analyzing the function of DFIGs' terminal voltage under the effect of grid power flow. A control method for maximizing fault voltage is proposed on the basis of the established permissible power range. The simulation results verify the accuracy of the presented permissible power range. The proposed voltage control is proved to be more effective than conventional voltage control methods are in terms of supporting fault voltage.

## II. FAULT POWER CHARACTERISTICS OF DFIGS

### A. MPRC-CONSTRAINED POWER CHARACTERISTICS

The rotating turbine of a DFIG provides mechanical power while the rotor-side converter (RSC) provides excitation. Owing to the wide frequency range of RSCs, DFIGs are able to operate in a wide wind speed range. The voltage and flux linkage equations of DFIG in the synchronous reference frame are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_s = R_s \mathbf{i}_s + j\omega_s \boldsymbol{\psi}_s + d\boldsymbol{\psi}_s/dt \\ \mathbf{u}_r = R_r \mathbf{i}_r + js\omega_s \boldsymbol{\psi}_r + d\boldsymbol{\psi}_r/dt \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}_s = L_s \mathbf{i}_s + L_m \mathbf{i}_r \\ \boldsymbol{\psi}_r = L_r \mathbf{i}_r + L_m \mathbf{i}_s \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_s$  and  $\mathbf{u}_r$  are the stator and rotor voltage vectors, respectively;  $\mathbf{i}_s$  and  $\mathbf{i}_r$  are the stator and rotor current vectors, respectively;  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_s$  and  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_r$  are the stator and rotor flux linkage vectors;  $R_s$  and  $R_r$  are the stator- and rotor-side resistances, respectively;  $L_s$  and  $L_r$  are the stator- and rotor-side inductances, respectively;  $L_m$  is the excitation inductance;  $\omega_s$  is the synchronous speed and  $s$  is the slip ratio.

When the grid fault occurs, the stator voltage dip results in transient components in the stator and rotor electrical quantities, especially the flux linkages. To avoid devices damage by high transient components, a general solution is to activate the crowbar and shut down the RSC [25]. A reasonable crowbar resistance contributes to fast decaying of transient components and recovery of the DFIG control. The RSC will be restarted and the crowbar will be removed when the rotor current recovers to normal level. In the RSC control period, the fundamental frequency components are the main of currents and flux linkages [26]. Therefore, the equation of stator voltage in (1) can be transformed as

$$\mathbf{u}_{sf} = R_s \mathbf{i}_{sf} + j\omega_s \boldsymbol{\psi}_{sf} \quad (2)$$

where the subscript 'f' represents electrical quantities under the grid fault.

By substituting the stator flux linkage equation in (1) into (2), the stator voltage is obtained as [27]

$$\mathbf{u}_{sf} = (R_s + jX_s) \mathbf{i}_{sf} + jX_m \mathbf{i}_{rf} \quad (3)$$

where  $X_s = j\omega_s L_s$  and  $X_r = j\omega_s L_r$  are the stator-side and equivalent rotor-side reactances, respectively;  $X_m = j\omega_s L_m$  is the excitation reactance.

Based on the instantaneous power theory, the stator current can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{i}_{sf} = \frac{-P_{sf} + jQ_{sf}}{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{sf}} \quad (4)$$

where  $P_{sf}$  and  $Q_{sf}$  are the active and reactive power of the stator, respectively. The superscript '^' represents the conjugation of the stator voltage vector.

By substituting (4) into (3), the rotor current can be obtained as

$$\mathbf{i}_{rf} = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{sf}}{jX_m} - \frac{R_s + jX_s}{jX_m} \frac{-P_{sf} + jQ_{sf}}{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{sf}} \quad (5)$$

Equation (5) indicates that the stator power is controlled by the rotor current. The amplitude of the rotor current is written as

$$I_{rf}^2 = \frac{(P_{sf} X_s - Q_{sf} R_s)^2 + (U_{sf}^2 + P_{sf} R_s + Q_{sf} X_s)^2}{X_m^2 U_{sf}^2} \quad (6)$$

where  $U_{sf}$  is the amplitude of the terminal voltage.

The rotor current should not exceed the MPRC  $I_{rmax}$  to avoid damaging the RSC. Derived from (6), the following equation is obtained as

$$(P_{sf} - Y_{rc1} U_{sf}^2)^2 + (Q_{sf} - Y_{rc2} U_{sf}^2)^2 \leq I_{rc}^2 U_{sf}^2 \quad (7)$$

where  $Y_{rc1} = -R_s/Z_s^2, Y_{rc2} = -X_s/Z_s^2, I_{rc} = X_m I_{rmax}/Z_s$ , and  $Z_s^2 = R_s^2 + X_s^2$ .

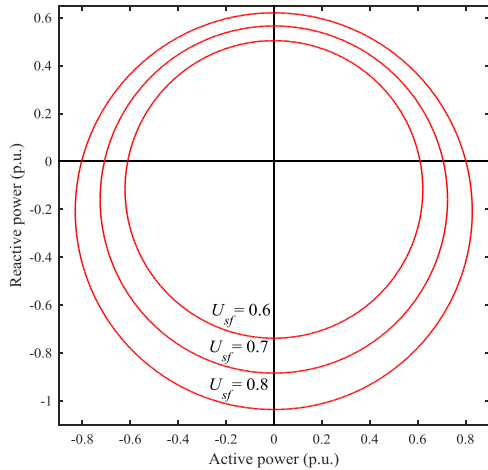


FIGURE 1. MPRC-constrained power range of DFIG.

When only the internal constraint is considered, the terminal voltage is a constant. Thus, (7) is a circle with the center of point  $(Y_{rc1}U_{sf}^2, Y_{rc2}U_{sf}^2)$  and radius of  $I_{rc}U_{sf}$  in the coordinate plane of  $P_{sf} - Q_{sf}$  (Fig. 1). The operation points of a DFIG on the circle indicate the active and reactive power required to achieve a certain terminal voltage. The operation points within the circle region indicate the permissible power range under the constraints of the MPRC and a certain terminal voltage, that is, the internal constrained power range (ICPR). The radius of the circle increases, and the center point moves far from the horizontal axis as the terminal voltage increases.  $Y_{rc1}$  is small because of the small stator resistance. Hence, the horizontal position of the center of the circle changes slightly when the terminal voltage increases.

The DFIG operates at unity power factor before the grid fault. After the grid fault, the output power of the DFIG should be adjusted to satisfy the grid code. With the coupling between the DFIG and the grid, the power adjustment of the DFIG changes the grid power flow and furtherly its own terminal voltage. The terminal voltage of the DFIG varies with respect to its active and reactive power instead of being a constant. The circle region represented by (7) could not accurately denote the permissible power range under the influence of grid power flow.

**B. ROTOR SPEED-CONSTRAINED POWER CHARACTERISTICS**

A DFIG is driven by the mechanical power supplied by a turbine. In a normal operation, the mechanical power and electromagnetic power are balanced. As grid fault occurs, the electromagnetic power drops, and the power balance is interrupted, leading to rotor acceleration. The rotor motion equation can be expressed as

$$\int (P_m - P_{sf}) dt = M (\omega_r - \omega_{r0}) \tag{8}$$

where  $M$  is the rotor inertia,  $\omega_{r0}$  is the initial rotor speed before the fault, and  $P_m$  is the mechanical power.

The emergency pitch control is activated immediately after the grid fault occurs to avoid over speeding and DFIG tripping. The average pitch regulation speed is usually  $10^\circ/s$ . By utilizing the numerical fitting method, the mechanical power can be obtained as [28]

$$P_m = P_w C_p = P_w (-0.0173t^2 - 0.1467t + 0.4382) \tag{9}$$

where  $P_w$  is the power absorbed from the wind and  $C_p$  is the power coefficient.

The rotor speed does not reach the maximum value until the mechanical power  $P_m$  decreases to  $P_{sf}$ . As a result of the unpredictable duration of the fault, the maximum rotor speed should be kept lower than the permissible value. By combining (8) and (9), the rotor speed of the DFIG under grid fault is expressed as

$$\omega_r = \omega_{r0} - \frac{P_w}{M} t (0.0058t^2 - 0.0734t + 0.4382 - P_{sf}/P_w) \tag{10}$$

On the basis of the derivation of (10), the maximum rotor speed can be given by

$$\omega_{r \max} = \omega_{r0} - 4.2163 \frac{0.6444P_w - P_{sf}}{M} + 5.0530 \frac{0.7510P_w - P_{sf}}{M} \sqrt{0.7409 - \frac{P_{sf}}{P_w}} \tag{11}$$

The minimum permissible active power of the DFIG  $P_{sf,ao}$  is obtained as

$$P_{sf,ao} = P_w \eta \tag{12}$$

where  $\eta$  is the minimum real root of the following equation:

$$\eta^3 - 1.5466\eta^2 + (0.7795 - 0.3303\varepsilon)\eta + 0.03917\varepsilon^2 + 0.2128\varepsilon - 0.1288 = 0$$

in which  $\varepsilon = M(\omega_{rpa} - \omega_{r0})/P_w$  and  $\omega_{rpa}$  is the maximum permissible rotor speed.

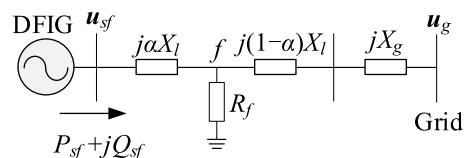


FIGURE 2. DFIG-integrated power system.

**III. PERMISSIBLE POWER RANGE OF DFIG WITH CONSIDERATION OF EXTERNAL CONSTRAINT**

**A. BOUNDARY OF PERMISSIBLE POWER RANGE**

The DFIG-integrated power system is shown in Fig. 2. The DFIG connects to an equivalent grid through a transmission line with the reactance of  $X_l$ . The voltage of the equivalent grid is  $u_g$ , and the equivalent reactance is  $X_g$ . The three-phase

fault occurs at the point on the transmission line that is  $\alpha$  times the whole line length away from the DFIG. The fault resistance is  $R_f$ . The circuit equation of the system is

$$\frac{(R_f + jX'_g) \mathbf{u}_{sf} - R_f \mathbf{u}_g}{-X'_d X'_g + jR_f (X'_g + X'_d)} = \frac{P_{sf} - jQ_{sf}}{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{sf}} \quad (13)$$

where  $X'_g = (1 - \alpha)X_l + X_g + X_{Tg}$ ,  $X'_d = \alpha X_l + X_{Td}$ .  $X_{Tg}$  is the reactance of the transformer between the transmission line and the equivalent grid.  $X_{Td}$  is the reactance of the DFIG's step-up transformer.

By solving (13), the terminal voltage equation is obtained as

$$(P_{sf} - Y_{pf1} U_{sf}^2)^2 + (Q_{sf} - Y_{pf2} U_{sf}^2)^2 = I_{pf}^2 U_{sf}^2 \quad (14)$$

where

$$Y_{pf1} = -\frac{R_f X_g'^2}{X_{d1}^2 X_g'^2 + R_f^2 (X_{d1} + X'_g)^2}$$

$$Y_{pf2} = -\frac{X_{d1} X_g'^2 + R_f^2 (X_{d1} + X'_g)}{X_{d1}^2 X_g'^2 + R_f^2 (X_{d1} + X'_g)^2}$$

$$I_{pf} = \frac{R_f U_g}{\sqrt{X_{d1}^2 X_g'^2 + R_f^2 (X_{d1} + X'_g)^2}}$$

Equation (14) indicates the effect of grid power flow on the terminal voltage of the DFIG, which varies with respect to the active and reactive power of the DFIG. Therefore, the permissible power region changes with the variation of the operation points. By substituting (14) into (7), the equation of the permissible power range is obtained as

$$AP_{sf}^2 + BP_{sf} Q_{sf} + CQ_{sf}^2 + DP_{sf} + EQ_{sf} + F \leq 0 \quad (15)$$

where

$$A = \left[ (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) - (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) \right]^2$$

$$+ 4(Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1}) \left[ Y_{rc1} (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) - Y_{pf1} (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) \right]$$

$$B = 4 \left\{ (Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1}) \left[ Y_{rc2} (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) - Y_{pf2} (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + (Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) \left[ Y_{rc1} (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) - Y_{pf1} (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) \right] \right\}$$

$$C = \left[ (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) - (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) \right]^2$$

$$+ 4(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) \left[ Y_{rc2} (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) - Y_{pf2} (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) \right]$$

$$D = 2 \left\{ (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) \left[ (2Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1}) I_{rc}^2 - Y_{rc1} I_{pf}^2 \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) \left[ (2Y_{pf1} - Y_{rc1}) I_{pf}^2 - Y_{pf1} I_{rc}^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$E = 2 \left\{ (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) \left[ (2Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) I_{rc}^2 - Y_{rc2} I_{pf}^2 \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) \left[ (2Y_{pf2} - Y_{rc2}) I_{pf}^2 - Y_{pf2} I_{rc}^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$F = (I_{rc}^2 - I_{pf}^2) \left[ (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) I_{rc}^2 - (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2) I_{pf}^2 \right]$$

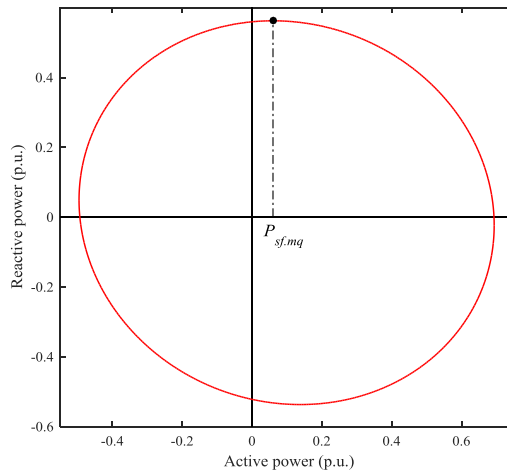


FIGURE 3. Internal and external constrained power range of DFIG.

$A$  is not equal to  $C$ , and therefore, (15) indicates an ellipse in the coordinate plane of  $P_{sf} - Q_{sf}$  (Fig. 3). The region in the ellipse represents the permissible power range of the DFIG under the constraints of the rotor current and grid power flow, that is, the internal and external constrained power range (IECPR). As  $U_{sf}$  is absent in (15), the IECPR is only related to the parameters of the DFIG and the grid and not to the operational conditions. The IECPR benefits the power dispatch and control strategy design.

### B. MAXIMUM REACTIVE POWER IN PERMISSIBLE POWER RANGE

According to (15), the operation points of the DFIG on the boundary of the ellipse can be expressed as

$$CQ_{sp}^2 + (BP_{sf} + E) Q_{sp} + AP_{sf}^2 + DP_{sf} + F = 0 \quad (16)$$

As the DFIG is generally used to supply reactive power, the large root of (16) can be solved as

$$Q_{sp} = \frac{\sqrt{(BP_{sf} + E)^2 - 4C(AP_{sf}^2 + DP_{sf} + F)} - (BP_{sf} + E)}{2C} \quad (17)$$

By deriving  $Q_{sp}$  with respect to  $P_{sf}$ ,  $P_{sf}$ , which makes  $Q_{sp}$  achieve the maximum value, can be obtained as

$$P_{sf,mq} = \frac{BE - 2CD}{4AC - B^2} - \sqrt{\left( \frac{BE - 2CD}{4AC - B^2} \right)^2 - \frac{CD^2 + B^2F - BDE}{A(4AC - B^2)}} \quad (18)$$

Equation (18) indicates that  $Q_{sp}$  increases as  $P_{sf}$  increases when  $P_{sf} < P_{sf,mq}$ ; otherwise,  $Q_{sp}$  decreases as  $P_{sf}$  increases. Additionally, if  $P_{sf,mq}$  is lower than the minimum permissible active power  $P_{sf,ao}$ ,  $Q_{sp}$  achieves the maximum value when  $P_{sf} = P_{sf,ao}$ . Thus, the maximum reactive power

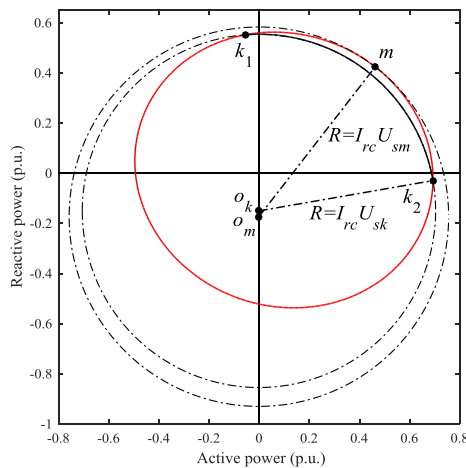
in the permissible power range is

$$Q_{sf,max} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{(BP_{sf,mq} + E)^2 - 4C(AP_{sf,mq}^2 + DP_{sf,mq} + F)}}{2C} \\ \frac{(BP_{sf,mq} + E)}{2C}, P_{sf,mq} > P_{sf,ao} \\ \frac{\sqrt{(BP_{sf,ao} + E)^2 - 4C(AP_{sf,ao}^2 + DP_{sf,ao} + F)}}{2C} \\ \frac{(BP_{sf,ao} + E)}{2C}, P_{sf,mq} \leq P_{sf,ao} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

**IV. CONTROL METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING FAULT VOLTAGE BASED ON PERMISSIBLE POWER RANGE**

**A. CONTROL PURPOSE AND REFERENCES**

The ICPR and IECPR are compared in Fig. 4. The solid red ellipse represents the boundary of the IECPR while the dashed black circle indicates the boundary of the ICPR. The circle with point  $o_k$  at the center and radius of  $I_{rc}U_{sk}$  intersects at points  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  with the ellipse. The circle with point  $o_m$  at the center and radius of  $I_{rc}U_{sm}$  is tangent to the ellipse at point  $m$ . After the effect of grid power flow is considered, the shape and area of the permissible power range change, which reflects the variation of power controllability.



**FIGURE 4. Comparison between IECPR and ICPR.**

The dashed black circle denotes a set of the required operation points for a certain terminal voltage. Given the significance of the ellipse, the part of the circle within the ellipse region indicates the available operation points for a certain terminal voltage. For example, the solid segment  $k_1k_2$  on circle  $o_k$  indicates that the terminal voltage can achieve  $U_{sk}$  when the DFIG operates at the segment  $k_1k_2$ . The same is not true for the part beyond the ellipse. With regard to circle  $o_m$ , only one point (point  $m$ ) is noted on the circle within the ellipse that makes the terminal voltage achieve  $U_{sm}$ . Point  $m$  denotes the maximum terminal voltage that the DFIG is able to achieve in the permissible power range.

By substituting (17) into (14), the terminal voltage when the DFIG operates at the points on the ellipse is obtained as

$$U_{sf}^2 = \frac{[B(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) - 2C(Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1})]P_{sf}}{CG} + \frac{E(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) + C(I_{pf}^2 - I_{rc}^2) - (Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2})\sqrt{\Delta}}{CG} \quad (20)$$

where

$$\Delta = (B^2 - 4AC)P_{sf}^2 + (2BE - 4CD)P_{sf} + (E^2 - 4CF)$$

$$G = (Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) - (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2).$$

The derivation of (20) with respect to  $P_{sf}$  is given by

$$\frac{dU_{sf}^2}{dP_{sf}} = \frac{B(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) - 2C(Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1})}{CG} - \frac{(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2})[(B^2 - 4AC)P_{sf} + (BE - 2CD)]}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \quad (21)$$

Equation (21) equals zero, that is,  $U_{sf}$  achieves the maximum value when  $P_{sf} = P_{sf,mv}$ :

$$P_{sf,mv} = \frac{BE - 2CD}{4AC - B^2} - \left[ 1 + \frac{E^2 - 4CF}{4AC - B^2} - \frac{AE^2 + CD^2 - BDE - 4ACF + B^2F}{(4AC - B^2)(1 + H)G^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (22)$$

where

$$H = (Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1})^2 / (Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2})^2$$

For the operation points on the ellipse, the terminal voltage increases as  $P_{sf}$  increases when  $P_{sf} < P_{sf,mv}$ ; otherwise, the terminal voltage decreases as  $P_{sf}$  increases.

If  $P_{sf,mv} > P_{sf,ao}$ , the DFIG does not overspeed when delivering the active power of  $P_{sf,mv}$ . By substituting  $P_{sf,mv}$  into (17) The corresponding reactive power  $Q_{sf,mv}$  can be solved as

$$Q_{sf,mv} = \frac{\sqrt{(BP_{sf,mv} + E)^2 - 4C(AP_{sf,mv}^2 + DP_{sf,mv} + F)}}{2C} - \frac{BP_{sf,mv} + E}{2C} \quad (23)$$

Therefore, the maximum terminal voltage in the permissible power range is obtained as

$$U_{sf,max} = \left\{ \frac{[B(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) - 2C(Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1})]P_{sf,mv}}{CG} + \frac{E(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) + C(I_{pf}^2 - I_{rc}^2)}{CG} - \frac{\sqrt{(BP_{sf,mv} + E)^2 - 4C(AP_{sf,mv}^2 + DP_{sf,mv} + F)}}{CG} \right\}^{1/2} \quad (24)$$

If  $P_{sf.mv} \leq P_{sf.ao}$ , then the DFIG overspeeds when delivering the active power of  $P_{sf.mv}$ . For this condition, the terminal voltage reach the maximum value with the active power of  $P_{sf.ao}$  under the premise of safety. The corresponding reactive power and maximum terminal voltage are as follows:

$$Q_{sf.ao} = -\frac{BP_{sf.ao} + E}{2C} + \frac{\sqrt{(BP_{sf.ao} + E)^2 - 4C(AP_{sf.ao}^2 + DP_{sf.ao} + F)}}{2C} \quad (25)$$

$$U_{sf.max} = \left\{ \frac{[B(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) - 2C(Y_{rc1} - Y_{pf1})]}{C[(Y_{pf1}^2 + Y_{pf2}^2) - (Y_{rc1}^2 + Y_{rc2}^2)]} P_{sf.ao} + \frac{E(Y_{rc2} - Y_{pf2}) + C(I_{pf}^2 - I_{rc}^2)}{CG} - \frac{\sqrt{(BP_{sf.ao} + E)^2 - 4C(AP_{sf.ao}^2 + DP_{sf.ao} + F)}}{CG} \right\}^{1/2} \quad (26)$$

**B. FLOW CHART OF PROPOSED METHOD**

In maximizing the terminal voltage of the DFIG under the fault, the fault power of the DFIG should be dispatched according to the calculation results under different conditions. The flow chart of control method for maximizing fault voltage is illustrated in Fig. 5. First, the fault position  $\alpha$  and fault resistance  $R_f$  are calculated as followings:

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda_1 U_{sf0}^2}{(\lambda_1 Q_{sf0} + \lambda_2 P_{sf0}) X_l} - \frac{X_{Td}}{X_l} \quad (27)$$

$$R_f = \frac{\lambda_1 P_{sf0} U_{sf0}^4}{(\lambda_1 Q_{sf0} + \lambda_2 P_{sf0})^2} - \frac{(X'_g + X'_d) P_{sf0} U_{sf0}^2}{\lambda_1 Q_{sf0} + \lambda_2 P_{sf0}} \quad (28)$$

where

$$\lambda_1 = U_{sf0}^2 - U_g U_{sf0} \cos \theta_{df0} + (X'_g + X'_d) Q_{sf0}$$

$$\lambda_2 = U_g U_{sf0} \sin \theta_{df0} + (X'_g + X'_d) P_{sf0}$$

where  $U_{sf0}$  and  $\theta_{sf0}$  are the measured amplitude and phase angle of DFIG’s terminal voltage following the fault;  $P_{sf0}$  and  $Q_{sf0}$  are the measured active and reactive power of DFIG following the fault.

Then the boundary of the IECPR is calculated by (15).  $P_{sf.ao}$  and  $P_{sf.mv}$  are calculated by (12) and (22), respectively. The corresponding reactive power  $Q_{sf.mv}$  and  $Q_{sf.ao}$  with respect to  $P_{sf.mv}$  and  $P_{sf.ao}$  can be calculated by (23) and (25), respectively. If  $P_{sf.mv} > P_{sf.ao}$ , then the power references  $P_{sf.ref}$  and  $Q_{sf.ref}$  are set to  $P_{sf.mv}$  and  $Q_{sf.mv}$ , respectively; otherwise,  $P_{sf.ref}$  and  $Q_{sf.ref}$  are set to  $P_{sf.ao}$  and  $Q_{sf.ao}$ ,

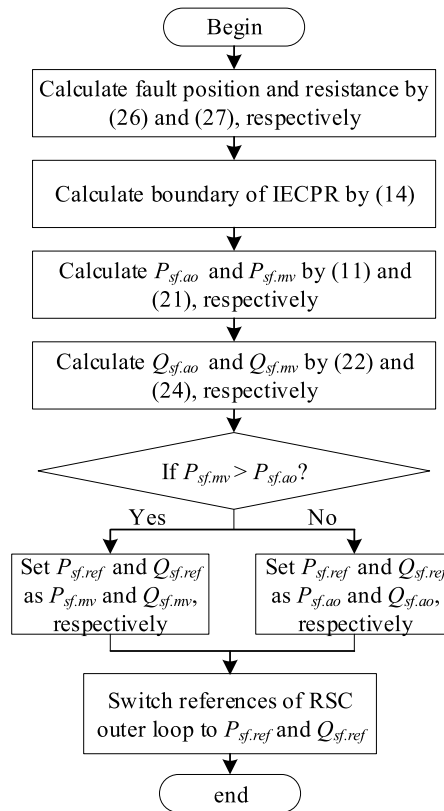


FIGURE 5. Flow chart of proposed method.

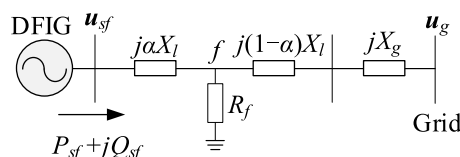


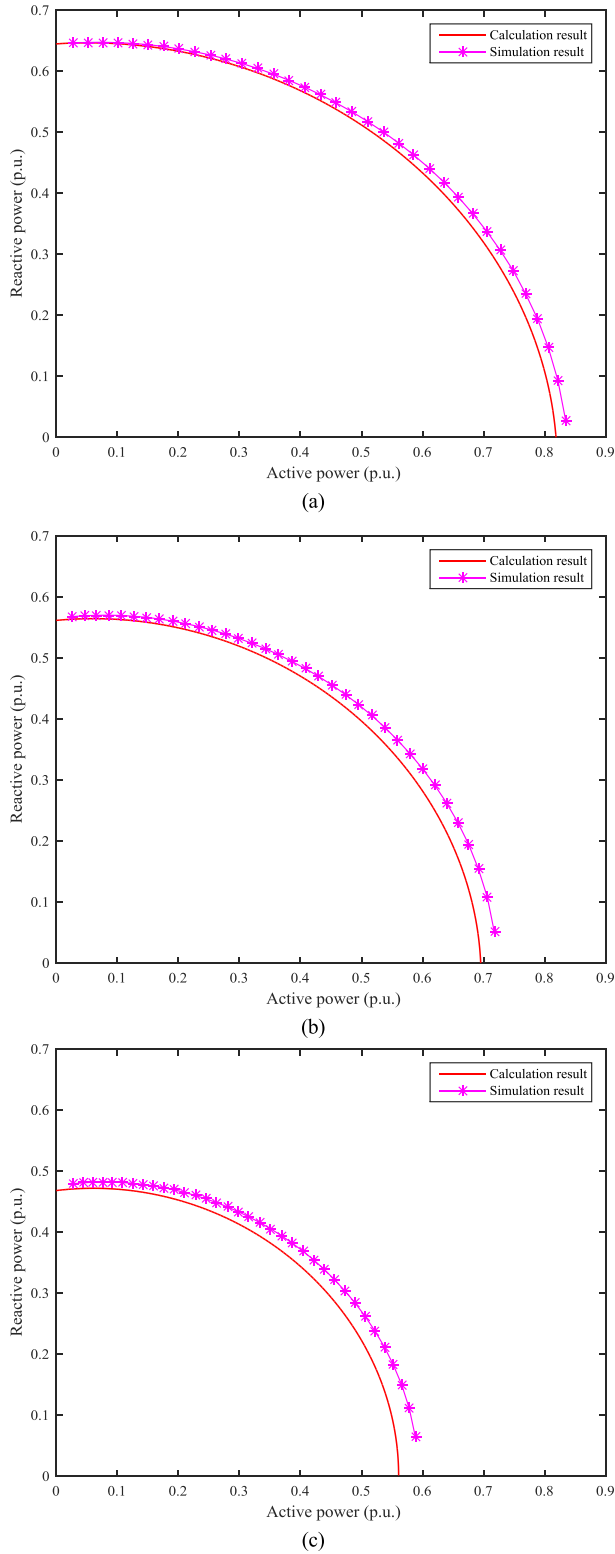
FIGURE 6. Structure of simulation system.

respectively. Finally, the proposed control is activated, and the power references of the outer loop of the RSC are switched to  $P_{sf.ref}$  and  $Q_{sf.ref}$  when the grid fault occurs.

**V. CASE STUDY**

**A. VERIFICATION OF PERMISSIBLE POWER RANGE**

The simulation system shown in Fig. 6 is built in MATLAB/Simulink. The DFIG connects to the equivalent 110 kV grid through a 50 km transmission line. The short-circuit capacity of the equivalent grid is 10 MVA. The detailed parameters of the DFIG are listed in the Appendix. The DFIG operates in the normal rated condition with the rotor speed of 1.2 p.u. before the fault. The maximum permissible rotor speed is 1.3 p.u.. The wind speed is 15 m/s. A three-phase fault occurs at the middle of the transmission line when  $t = 0.5$  s. The proposed voltage control is activated immediately following the fault, and the grid-side converter (GSC) continues to operate at



**FIGURE 7.** IECPR of the DFIG when fault resistances are (a) 100 Ω, (b) 70 Ω, and (c) 50 Ω.

unity power factor.  $P_{sf,ao}$  is calculated as 0.1033 p.u. by (12). The boundaries of the IECPR calculated by (15) under the fault resistances of 100, 70, and 50 Ω are compared with simulation results in Fig. 7.

The comparison indicates that the calculation results agree with the simulation result and that the theoretical analysis is accurate. The permissible power range indeed changes from a circle into an ellipse when the coupling between the DFIG and the grid is considered. The errors between the theoretical and simulation results are caused by the disregard for the active power transferred by the GSC. However, the active power of the GSC is low under the grid fault, and the resulting errors are relatively small.

**B. VERIFICATION OF PROPOSED VOLTAGE CONTROL METHOD**

Two methods are compared to verify the effectiveness of the proposed method. The proposed method is regarded as Case 1. In Case 2, the DFIG supplies reactive current according to the grid code given by

$$i_Q = 1.5 (0.9 - U_{pcc})$$

where  $U_{pcc}$  is the voltage amplitude of the point of common coupling (PCC).

In Case 3, the DFIG has the same reactive power as Case 1, and the active power retains its minimum value of  $P_{sf,ao}$ .

*1) Scenario 1*

The fault resistance is set to 100 Ω, and the PCC voltage falls to 0.70 p.u. following the fault.  $P_{sf.ref}$  and  $Q_{sf.ref}$  calculated by the proposed method in Case 1 are 0.4790 and 0.5252 p.u., respectively. The theoretical maximum voltage of the PCC in the IECPR is calculated as 0.8789 p.u. The reactive current in Case 2 should be 0.30 p.u. Accordingly, the active and reactive power references in Case 2 should be 0.6261 and 0.21 p.u., respectively. The active and reactive power references in Case 3 are 0.1033 and 0.5252 p.u., respectively. The DFIG active and reactive power, rotor current and the PCC voltage amplitude are shown in Fig. 8.

The PCC voltage amplitudes in the three cases are 0.8960, 0.8580, and 0.8395 p.u., respectively. The voltage amplitude of the PCC in Case 1 improves by 4.43% and 6.73% relative to the values in Case 2 and Case 3, respectively.

*2) Scenario 2*

The fault resistance is set to 70 Ω, and the PCC voltage falls to 0.58 p.u. following the fault.  $P_{sf.ref}$  and  $Q_{sf.ref}$  calculated by the proposed method in Case 1 are 0.4650 and 0.4258 p.u., respectively. The theoretical maximum voltage of the PCC in the IECPR is calculated as 0.7309 p.u. The reactive current in Case 2 should be 0.48 p.u. Accordingly, the active and reactive power references in Case 2 should be 0.4692 and 0.2784 p.u., respectively. The active and reactive power references in Case 3 are 0.1033 and 0.4258 p.u., respectively. The DFIG active and reactive power, rotor current and the PCC voltage amplitude are shown in Fig. 9.

The PCC voltage amplitudes in the three cases are 0.7560, 0.7324, and 0.6943 p.u., respectively. The voltage amplitude of the PCC in Case 1 improves by 3.22% and 8.89% relative to the values in Case 2 and Case 3, respectively.

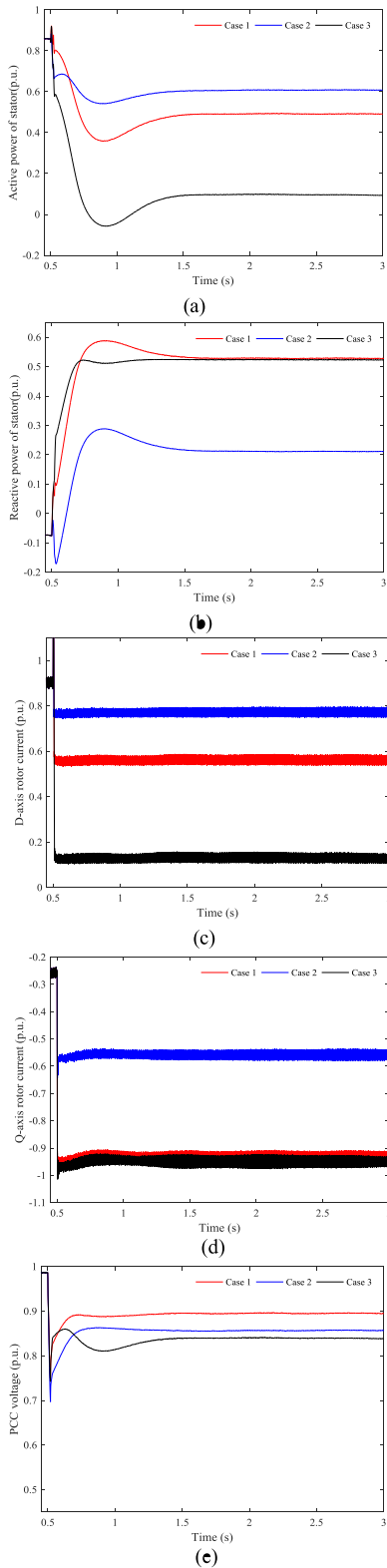


FIGURE 8. Simulation results in Scenario 1 (a) active power, (b) reactive power, (c) d-axis rotor current, (d) q-axis rotor current and (e) PCC voltage.

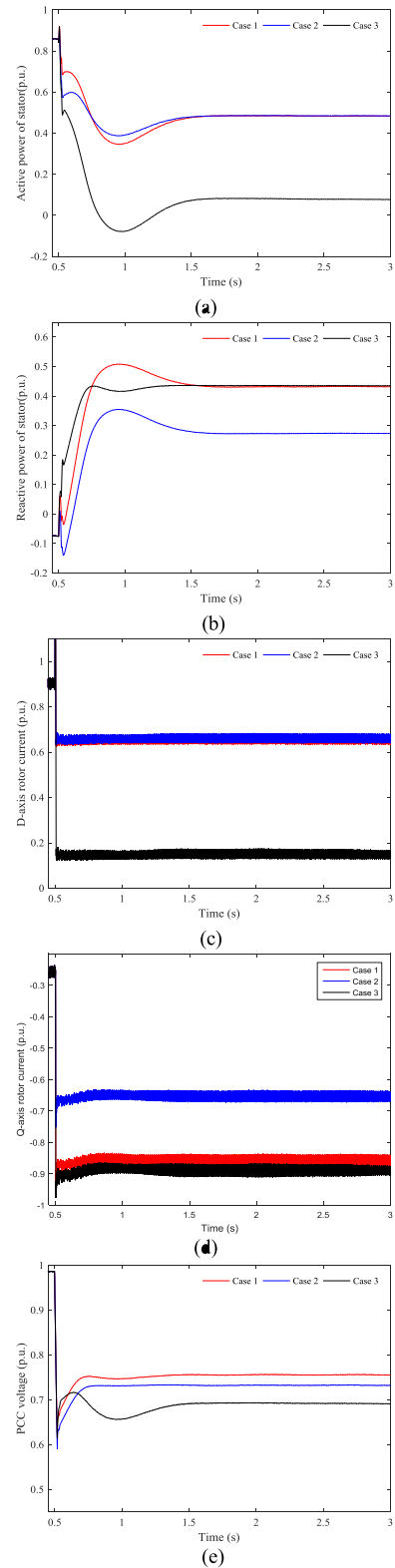


FIGURE 9. Simulation results in Scenario 2 (a) active power, (b) reactive power, (c) d-axis rotor current, (d) q-axis rotor current and (e) PCC voltage.

### 3) Scenario 3

The fault resistance is set to  $50 \Omega$ , and the PCC voltage falls to 0.48 p.u. following the fault.  $P_{sf.ref}$  and  $Q_{sf.ref}$  calculated

by the proposed method in Case 1 are 0.4014 and 0.3426 p.u., respectively. The theoretical maximum voltage of the PCC in the IECPR is calculated as 0.5832 p.u. The reactive current



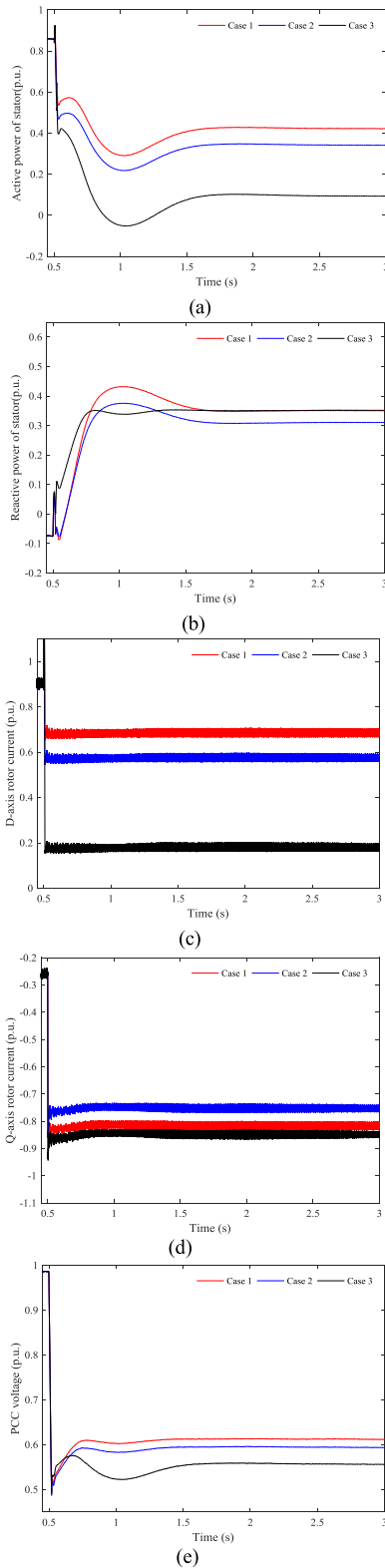


FIGURE 10. Simulation results in Scenario 3. (a) active power, (b) reactive power, (c) d-axis rotor current, (d) q-axis rotor current and (e) PCC voltage.

in Case 2 should be 0.63 p.u. Accordingly, the active and reactive power references in Case 2 should be 0.3257 and 0.3024 p.u., respectively. The active and reactive power

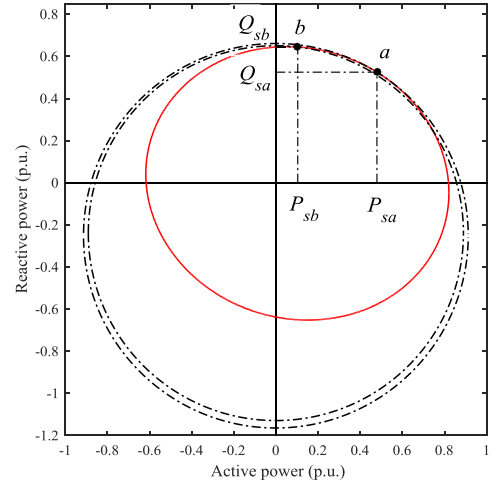


FIGURE 11. Comparison of maximum voltage control and maximum reactive power control.

references in Case 3 are 0.1033 and 0.3426 p.u., respectively. The DFIG active and reactive power, rotor current and the PCC voltage amplitude are shown in Fig. 10.

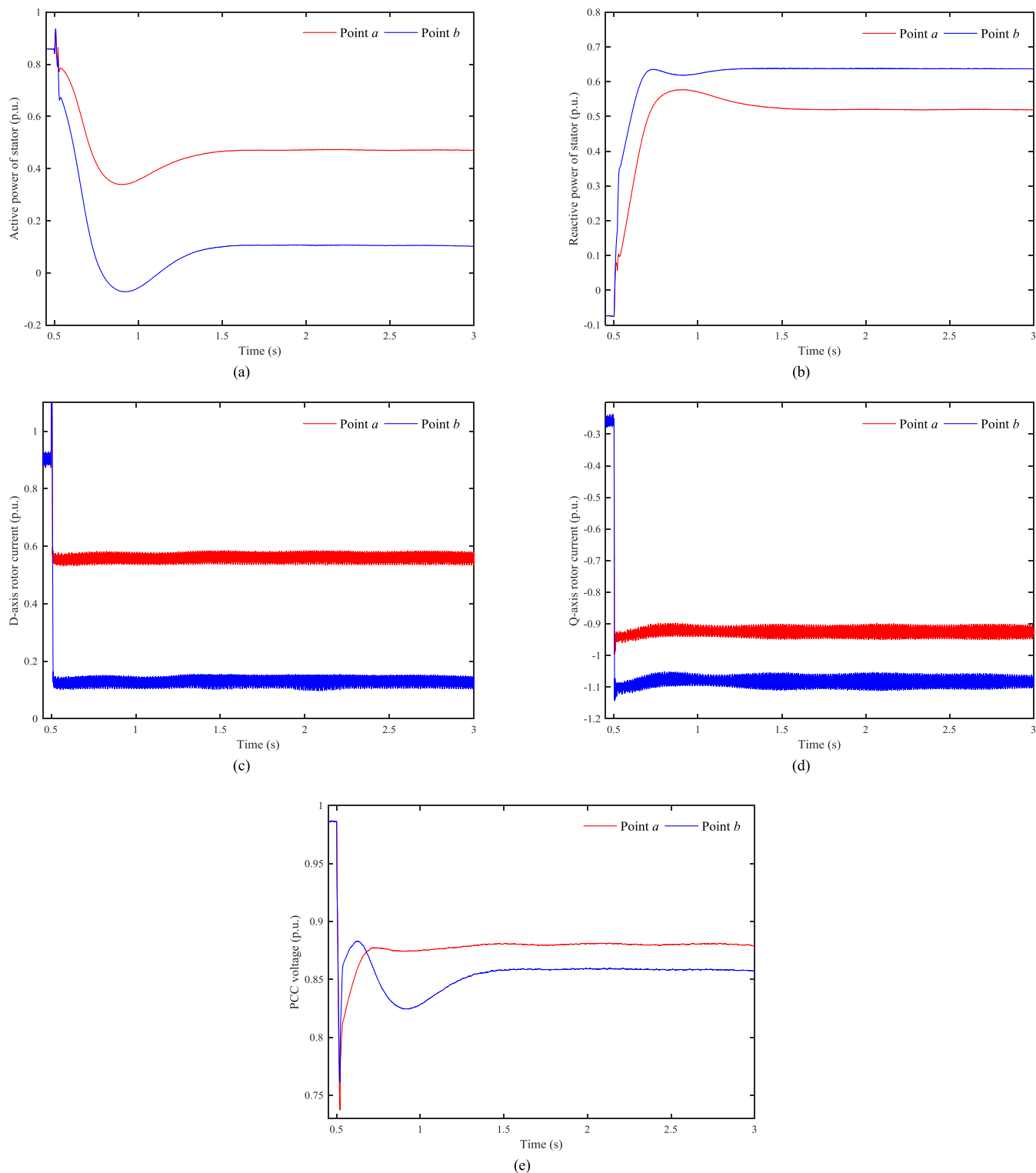
The PCC voltage amplitudes in the three cases are 0.6105, 0.5911, and 0.5560 p.u., respectively. The voltage amplitude of the PCC in Case 1 improves by 3.28% and 9.80% relative to the values in Case 2 and Case 3, respectively.

The simulation results indicate that the proposed method can improve the PCC voltage under different fault resistance conditions and that it is more effective than the other two methods are.

#### 4) Scenario 4

In this scenario, the PCC voltage improvements of the proposed method and the maximum reactive power control are compared. The fault resistance is set to 100  $\Omega$ , and the IECPR of the DFIG is shown in Fig. 11. Point *a* is the operating point that makes the terminal voltage reach the maximum. The active and reactive power of Point *a* are 0.4790 and 0.5252 p.u., respectively. The theoretical maximum PCC voltage in the IECPR is calculated as 0.8789 p.u. Point *b* is the operating point that has the maximum reactive power. The active and reactive power of Point *b* are 0.1033 and 0.6449 p.u., respectively because  $P_{sf.a0} > P_{sf.mq}$ . The theoretical PCC voltage when the DFIG operates at Point *b* is calculated as 0.8569 p.u.

The electrical quantities of Points *a* and *b* are illustrated in Fig. 12. The practical active and reactive power of the DFIG agree with the theoretical results. The practical PCC voltages of Points *a* and *b* are 0.8858 and 0.8602 p.u., respectively. The PCC voltage of Point *a* is improved by 2.98% relative to the PCC voltage of Point *b*. Meanwhile, the active power of Point *b* is only 21.57% of that of Point *a*. The maximum reactive power control sacrifices the active power for reactive power support, which may result in the lack of active power in the power system and instability. The proposed method maintains a large active power



**FIGURE 12.** Simulation results when proposed method and maximum reactive power control adopted respectively (a) active power of DFIG, (b) reactive power of DFIG, (c) d-axis rotor current of DFIG, (d) q-axis rotor current, and (e) PCC voltage.

when supporting the fault voltage. Active power shortage and instability are avoided when the proposed method is adopted.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

The coupling between DFIGs and the grid has not been considered in existing studies on permissible power range.

The permissible power range in the literature may not be accurate, and the controllability of DFIGs has not been fully utilized to support the fault voltage. In the present study, the fault power characteristics of a DFIG under the constraints of rotor current and rotor speed are analyzed on the basis of a fault model. The permissible power range under the constraints of rotor current and grid power flow is established by analyzing the influence of grid power flow on the terminal voltage of the DFIG. Different from existing conclusions, the shape and area of the permissible power range undergo drastic changes when the coupling between the DFIG and the grid is considered. The control method for maximizing fault voltage is proposed on the basis of the established permissible power range with consideration of internal and external constraints. The simulation results demonstrate that the proposed method can improve the fault voltage and active power output. The use of the proposed method benefits the safety and stability of the power system better than maximum reactive power control methods could.

## APPENDIX

The parameters of DFIG simulation model are as follows:

- Rated voltage: 575 V.
- Rated capacity: 1.5 MW.
- Rated frequency: 60 Hz.
- Stator resistance: 0.0071 p.u.
- Rotor resistance: 0.005 p.u.
- Stator leakage inductance: 0.1714 p.u.
- Rotor leakage inductance: 0.1563 p.u.
- Magnetizing inductance: 2.9 p.u.

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