Dear reviewer and editor,

We want to start by thanking you for the positive general comments and good specific suggestions that we can use to improve the paper. We will address the comments below.

Questions from reviewer Henk Poulinder

This paper presents test results of new method to test if a wind turbine meets the grid codes using a voltage source converter. What I appreciate very much is that this paper does not report on more simulations (as many other publications do), but on a test setup that has been built to test wind turbines. Building a voltage source converter with a power level of 8 MW and controlling it with such dynamics that it can simulate grid faults is a huge engineering job. This setup makes it possible to do lots of other tests that the current test setups using voltage dividers cannot do.

The authors presented this idea in earlier publications. This paper presents test results that show the equipment works.

1. More than half of the paper presents test results: measurements of voltages, currents and powers under different circumstances. Can the test of fig 5 be omitted because it does not add anything to fig 6?

2. Doing a frequency scan is something that is possible with a VSC. However, why is that useful? What can we do with the results? 3 p9, line 1, I think the ramp is 12.5 pu/s instead of 0.0125 pu/s. Is that correct?

4. I miss a reference to what seems to be a similar paper: C Saniter; J Janning, "Test Bench for Grid Code Simulations for Multi-MW Wind Turbines, Design and Control", IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics, 2008, Volume: 23, Pages: 1707 - 1715. What does the paper under review add to this one?

5. There are too many language mistakes. A number of examples: p3 line 4: In every grid code it is specified => Every grid code specifies p3 line 6: In fig. 1 is shown => Fig. 1 shows p4 line 7: dependent of => dependent on p4 line 24: can be of used to obtain => can be used to obtain p7 line 10-13: unclear sentence p9 line 14: as later see =>?? p12 line 3: signal of the wind turbine converter are => signals of the wind turbine converter are p12 line 5: have being kept => have been kept p12 line 7: dip => deep

Replay:

Dear Henk,

Thanks for the review, some comments follows, we have also updated the paper for most of your comments. Especially we have in a more clear way explained the benefits with frequency scan and improved the paper linguistically.

1. As explained in the text the LVRT control is not activated in the small dip test in fig 5 whereas in fig 6 the LVRT mode is activated and the control of active and reactive power starts a small oscillation in active and reactive power. And this can be a message for even larger transients

if the dip is lager. For this reason, we believe this case must stay in the paper. A note on this will be added to the paper.

- 2. This information is vital when, for example, analysing wind farm system data to identify the risk for sub-synchronous oscillations. This information is also valuable to evaluate the performance of large time-constant controller such as voltage control or power oscillations damping control that can be implemented in a wind turbine system or at wind farm level. A note on this will be added in the paper for better understudying of the reader.
- 3. Thank you for pointing this out. There is a m missing in pu/s, pu/ms. It will be corrected in the next revision.
- 4. Thank you for the suggestion and for the interest in the topic. The abstract indicate that that paper describe the test setup and not the use of it in a real test with a large wind turbine A discussion will be added to our paper and the list of reference will be updated. In the new text can be read: "For example, the test setup presented in Saniter and Janning (2008) consists of a complex configuration of several VSCs and a three-winding transformer. The paper discusses a comparison between no-load tests and simulation results, while the effectiveness of actual tests remain"
- 5. Thank you for pointing this. The paper will be checked for proofread.

The editor also like us to explain the scientific value of the paper:

This paper has demonstrated that the full characterisation of the wind turbine system can be carried out by using flexible VSC-based test equipment. The full controllability of the test device allows for testing of multiple grid scenarios, making it possible not only to determine the behaviour of the generating unit against common grid contingencies, but also to evaluate the performance of the generating unit in further improving overall grid reliability. This includes evaluating different operating modes of the wind turbine which can be of interest for the overall stability of the interconnected power system.

The unique field tests presented in this report have provided an experimental validation of the proposed wind turbine testing methodology, particularly on the wind turbine impedance characterisation and on the evaluation of its steady-state and dynamic performance under different grid conditions.

To the knowledge of the authors a full scale tests with a 4 MW wind turbine have not been reported in the literature, especially where the generator and the converter performance are shown during the same test occasion.

In this paper we have highlighted the test methods for wind turbines by VSC and the theory, methods development with simulations are omitted in this paper. The theory part are referred to in the background chapter and are well described in the PhD-thesis of the first author Nicolas Espinosa.

Best regards

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Field-Test of Wind Turbine by Voltage Source Converter

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Abstract. One of the main challenge for the challenges for wind energy development is to make the making wind turbines efficient in respect of costs while maintaining a terms of costs, whilst maintaining safe and reliable operation. An important design criterion is to fulfil the grid codes given by the fulfilment of Grid Codes given by transmission system operators (TSO). The Grid Codes Grid codes state how wind turbines/farms must behave farms must perform when connected to the grid in

- 5 under normal and abnormal conditions. In this regard, it is well known well-known that not all the technical requirements can be tested by using the actual impedance-based testing equipment. For this reason, a testing equipment which comprises the use of test equipment. Therefore, test equipment comprising a fully-rated Voltage Source Converter (VSC) in back-to-back configuration is proposed. Thanks to the full controllability of the applied voltage in terms of magnitude, phase and frequency, the use of VSC-based testing equipment, test equipment provides more flexibility as when compared with actual testing test
- 10 systems. As demonstrated in this paper, the investigated testing device test device not only can recreate any type of fault, including its recovery rampand it, but also can carry out steady-state tests, such as frequency scan on the tested variations and frequency scan, on the test object. Finally, test results of a 4 from a 4.1 MW wind turbine and an 8 MW test equipment, located in Gothenburg, Sweden, are shown in order to validate the investigated grid code testing test methodology.

1 Introduction

- 15 The reliability of the electrical grid depends on how well the generating units, including wind energy systems, are prepared to support the grid provide support in case of abnormal conditiongrid contingencies. In this regard, Transmission System Operators transmission system operators (TSOs) have included in their Grid Codes specific technical requirements for interconnection of included in their grid codes for connecting wind power plants with into the electricity grid. In general words, a Grid Code terms, a grid code specifies how a generating plant should behave during under normal and abnormal condition of the grid grid.
- 20 conditions. The continuous increase of in electrical energy from wind power injected into the power system has lead led TSOs to impose more and more stringent requirements for this kind ever more stringent requirements on these kinds of plants. For this reason, it is It is therefore crucial to develop testing test methodologies for this type of technology in order to ensure a to ensure correct integration of wind energy into the electricity grids (Espinoza, 2016).
- To evaluate the capability of the wind turbine wind turbines to withstand grid disturbances, today tests are performed tests are currently carried out on the generating unit by using an impedance-based voltage dip generator (Yang et al., 2012). By developing further new testing test methodologies, it will be possible to test for grid scenarios other than voltage dips, ensuring

a reliable and fault-tolerant operation of the wind turbine system. Furthermore, in the future, wind turbines will be required to participate more actively in the regulation of the regulating the grid (Tsiliand and Papathanassiou, 2009). In this regard, it is well known well-known that voltage source converters (VSC) can provide the necessary flexibility in order to control the terminal voltage as desired. On the other hand, power electronic devices have become cheaper and more accessible over the

5 years (Blaabjerg and Ma, 2013). It is , therefore, therefore natural that future testing test devices will be fully, or if not, partially partly or fully driven by VSC devices. For these reasons, a test run has been carried out during was carried out from January 2015 to August 2017 on Big Glenn wind turbine (4 a 4.1 MW full-power converter (FPC) wind turbine) by means of a full rated VSC-based testing equipment ((so called "Big Glenn" wind turbine) using a fully-rated 8 MW VSC-HVDC) VSC-based test equipment.

10 2 Review of Grid Code grid code technical requirements

The Grid Codes grid codes considered in this section refer to countries that have high penetration with high levels of wind power penetration into their national grid grids (EWEA, 2016). Consequently, these countries have developed detailed technical requirements for grid interconnection of wind power plants (Espinoza et al., 2013).

The requirements for steady-state operation of the grid can be mainly <u>categorized in categorised into</u> three groups: reactive power requirements for normal voltage operation range; reactive power requirements during nominal active power production; and minimum operation time and active power curtailment during long-term frequency deviations.

These requirements have been compared in Tsiliand and Papathanassiou (2009), Espinoza et al. (2013), Mohseni and Islam (2012) and Altın et al. (2010). A dedicated analysis of the German Grid Code grid code is given in Erlich and Bachmann (2005). A specific analysis of the German grid code is given in Erlich and Bachmann (2005). Finally, control strategies developed for

20 meeting Grid Code to meet grid code technical requirements have been documented in Bongiorno and Thiringer (2013), Molina et al. (2007) and Martinez and Navarro (2008).

2.1 Requirements for steady-state condition of the grid

A TSO can require reactive power injection from the wind farms to support overall system voltage control during normal operation of the grid grid operation. Usually, reactive power requirements are delimited inside within a minimum power factor

25 range that goes from 0.95 lagging to 0.925 leadingand for, an active power set-point of between 0.05 pu and 1 pu ; and within a nominal voltage that varies varying between 0.9 pu and 1.15-1.1 pu.

Reactive power requirement requirements are also dependent on the active power production of the wind farm. For instance, the Danish Grid Code (ENERGINETDK, 2010) states grid code (ENERGINETDK, 2010) stipulates dependencies between voltage and reactive power , and between active and reactive power production. Both requirements shall be complied must

30 <u>be complied with simultaneously during normal operation of the wind farm operation</u>. Moreover, reactive power injection can be controlled by either using, with either a voltage control or power factor control (Tsiliand and Papathanassiou,



Figure 1. Example of LVRT profiles from the selected Grid Codesgrid codes.

2009). An extra option to define the additional option for defining reactive power production is to manually set the reactive power operating point if, for example, a continuous voltage deviation is present at the connection pointis present. In addition, in Grid Codes it is specified Moreover, grid codes specify the steady-state frequency and voltage operation range in

within which the wind turbine should operate continuously. Normal For voltages, normal condition is considered for voltages
close to to be at 1.0 puand frequency around, with frequency of 50 for 60 Hz, with a. A deviation of approximately ±0.1 pu from the rated voltage and ±0.5 Hz from the rated frequency. Any steady-state is also considered as normal condition. Any steady state grid condition outside these values boundaries is defined by a minimum operational time, and in. In some cases, by a control action on the active power set-point of the wind farm , as enforced by can be requested by the TSOs, e.g.: the Danish (ENERGINETDK, 2010), Irish (EirGrid, 2015) and German (E.ON, 2006, 2008)TSOs. When active power curtailment

10 is <u>demanded by the TSO requested</u> in case of frequency deviations, the generation unit must vary its active power output in order to contribute to the overall regulation of the system frequency. In <u>a severe case scenario severe cases</u> where the system frequency is outside the frequency operation band, the generating plant is allowed to disconnect.

2.2 Requirements for dynamic condition of the grid

Every Grid Code grid code specifies a voltage dip profile that the wind turbine should ride through without tripping. An An
exhaustive comparison of LVRT profiles is given in Tsiliand and Papathanassiou (2009). Low voltage ride through profilescharacterization
while LVRT profiles, characterised in terms of fault time, retained voltage and recovery ramp rates can be found in Mohseni
and Islam (2012). Figure 1 shows a combination of the strictest LVRT profiles among the selected Grid Codesgrid codes.
In particular, the European Grid Code ENTSO-E grid code (ENTSO-E, 2016) defines the guidelines to establish the LVRT profiles in each network inside EUEuropean Union (EU).

When it is specified in the Grid Codegrid code, wind parks are required to support voltage restoration by injecting reactive power into the grid. In particular Specifically, the generating plant must provide voltage support by injecting a specific amount of reactive current during a voltage dipdepending of the retained voltage at the connection point. For example, the Danish Grid Code grid code (ENERGINETDK, 2010) enforces a specific LVRT with a retained voltage of 0.2 pu per 500 ms, as shown in

5 Fig. 1, and demands for stipulates reactive power support during voltage restoration. Reactive current must be injected when in a linear fashion when the voltage deviates below 0.9 pu. When the system voltage is lower than 0.5 pu, nominal reactive current injection must be reached.

2.3 Testing for Grid Code grid code fulfilment

The IEC 61400-21 standard issued by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) defines the methodology to test
 for testing part of the requirement stated in Grid Codes for interconnection of technical requirement stipulated in grid codes, particularly for interconnecting wind turbines (IEC 61400-21 ed2.0, 2008). Moreover, in order specialised test equipment has been developed to fulfil the standard criteria , specialized testing equipment has been developed (Yang et al., 2012).
 The most common testing test device for LVRT test-testing of wind turbines is the impedance-based voltage dip generator (Beeckmann et al., 2010; Martinez and Navarro, 2008; Ausin et al., 2008) . The impedances that constitute the testing

- 15 which constitute the test device are arranged in order to form a voltage divider at the terminals of the tested object. By a proper selection of these object being tested. By selecting the proper impedances, the amplitude and phase angle of the applied voltage can be controlled as desired. Although it has a simple and robust design which makes it modular and easily transportable, one of the main drawbacks of this testing device is the fact that it is only able to apply voltage steps test device is that can only be applied to voltage step variations due to the closing-opening action of the circuit breaker. Moreover, the
- 20 device is highly dependent on the short-circuit power at the grid connection point, which will also impact the resulting wind turbine voltage (Ausin et al., 2008; Yang et al., 2012; Hu et al., 2009). Other devices have been developed in which the applicable voltage is controlled by VSC. For exampletesting, the test setup presented in Saniter and Janning (2008) consist of a highly-complex consists of a complex configuration of several VSCs and a three-winding transformerwhile the paper discusses. The paper discusses a comparison between no-load test tests and simulation results, while the effectiveness of actual tests
- 25 remain undisclosed.

A simple and flexible solution to realize realise a voltage dip generator is to use two fully-rated VSCs in back-to-back configuration. By controlling the turbine-side output of the converter system, the effect of all kind-kinds of grid faults can be emulated (Wessels et al., 2010). Thanks to the full controllability of the applied voltage in terms of magnitude, phase and frequency, the use of VSC-based testing test equipment, shown in Fig. 2, provides more flexibility as compared with compared

30 to the standard impedance-based test equipment (Espinoza et al., 2013; Ausin et al., 2008), and . It also brings more advantages in terms of size and weight (Yang et al., 2012; Diaz and Cardenas, 2013). In additionFurthermore, the AC grid is decoupled from the tested object when performing the test; meaning thatthe strength of the grid is not a major limitationtest object when conducting the test. This means that, if a proper control strategy of is implemented for the grid-side VSC of the test equipmentis implemented, grid strength is not a major limitation.



Figure 2. Single-line diagram of a VSC-based test equipment.

Moreover, the LVRT profile given in the majority of the Grid Codes grid codes can be fully tested, including the recovery ramp (Espinoza et al., 2013), allowing for the emulation of any kind of grid scenario applied to the tested object. Its Such precise control allows for more possibilities of tests that can be carried out besides what is normally required in the Grid Codesmore test types to be conducted than normally required by grid codes. For example, frequency characterization of wind

- 5 turbines can be performed support capabilities of the test object can be evaluated by conducting a test in which the fundamental frequency applied at the PCC is varied. On the other hand, a frequency characterisation of the wind turbine can be conducted by introducing asynchronous frequency content into the applied voltage while observing the equivalence admittance at the Point of Common Coupling point of common coupling (PCC). Additionally, frequency support capabilities of the tested object can be evaluated by performing a test where the frequency applied at the PCC is varied, as later demonstrated, as demonstrated
- 10 later in this paper.

Since wind turbine data is not always available, the testing test equipment can be used to obtain more information from an actual wind turbine system (Espinoza, 2016). By using a fully controllable VSC-based testing test equipment, it is possible to determine how well the wind turbine is able to can reject frequency components other than the fundamental frequency. In this regard Thus, the generating unit can be scanned in across a wider frequency range in which the wind turbine can could interact with other existing elements already present in the interconnected grid, interconnecting grid.

- 15 with other existing elements elements already present in the interconnected grid. interconnecting grid. In this regard, frequency scan tests have been carried out by means of the testing device to characterize using the test device to characterize the input admittance of the tested wind turbine unit . Herebeing tested. In this paper, this analysis is limited to the sub-synchronous rangeonly. The implementation of the controller on the testing equipment is also in the test equipment is discussed in Espinoza (2016).
- 20 The main drawback of this technology is the fact that that it is more expensive than using the standard testing the standard test device introduced in the previous section. In addition, the control algorithm needed to implement such arrangement of VSC is more complexand, while extra attention must be given paid when dealing with over-currents due to the use of sensitive power electronics. Moreover, to emulate a grid fault as realistically as possible, a high dynamic performance of the controller that the controller which computes the output voltage of the VSC is necessary needs to be of high dynamic performance (Lohde and
- 25 Fuchs, 2009).



Figure 3. Testing facility in Gothenburg test facility, comprising the 4.1 MW FPC " $\hat{O}CE$ Big Glenn" $\hat{O}CQ$ wind turbine; housing of . The facility houses the back-to-back HVDC station , and coupling inductor (back) and AC filters (front) inside the house.

3 Description of the testing test facility

3.1 System layout

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The testing test equipment is an 8 MW back-to-back HVDC station placed in the harbour of located at the harbour in Gothenburg, Sweden - A picture of the actual wind turbine is given in Fig. 3 (Göteborg Energi AB). The (Göteborg Energi AB). Figure 3 pictures the wind turbine itself. The turbine is located at the edge of the land in proximity and close to the sea. During the majority Most of the time, the wind turbine receives offshore wind from the northern part of Denmark. The stationalso shown in Fig. 3, shown in the upper right corner of Fig. 3, houses the interconnecting filters shown in Fig. 3 equipment shown at the bottom right side. Moreover, a of the figure. A diagram of the layout of the wind turbine layout connected to

the VSC-based testing device is shown in Fig. 2, including test device, including the VSC, interconnecting filters and coupling

10 transformerwhich are located in the HVDC station, is shown in Fig. 2.

3.2 Description of the VSC-based test system

3.3 VSC-based testing system description

The test equipment is rated in at 8 MVA at 10.5 kV. The wind turbine is coupled to the testing test device at the primary of the coupling transformer, as shown in Fig. 2. The secondary of the transformer is rated at 9.35 kV and its impedance 0.08 pu.

- 5 An LCL LCL filter bank is placed in order to remove the harmonic content produced by the turbine-side VSC VSC itself. This converter controls the AC voltage imposed to on the wind turbine system, while the grid-side converter is controlling controls the DC-link voltage by exchanging active power with the interconnecting grid. The testing test equipment is interfaced with the grid means of LCL 10.5 kV grid using again an LCL filter bank and coupling transformer, which grid-side is again 10.5 kV. Note that the AC grid is decoupled from the tested object when performing the test; meaning that the strength of the grid is not
- 10 a major limitation. Finally, between. Finally, the wind turbine and the testing equipment are interconnected test equipment are connected by a 300 m cable.

In this installation, only the three-phase voltages and three-phase currents at the PCC are sampled by a computer located in the control room of the HVDC station HVDC station control room. The instantaneous active and reactive power are calculated off-line.

15 3.2.1 Control of the grid-side VSC

The main blocks that constitute comprising the implemented discrete controller are the DC voltage controland the inner current control and pulse-width modulator (PWM) block in cascade configuration and synchronized with the AC grid by means of a phase-locked loop (PLL). The structure of a typical cascaded controller can be found in Espinoza (2016). The outer DC voltage control generates the reference current for the inner-current controllerof

20 the grid-connected converterinner current controller. The output of the current controller is the reference voltage value for the output voltage at the terminals of the grid-side VSC. The output reference voltage is sent to a pulse-width modulator (PWM) PWM block which computes the gating signals transistors of the VSC (Espinoza, 2016). signal for the VSC transistors. The complete structure of a typical controller for this type of application can be found in Espinoza (2016).

3.2.2 Control of the turbine-side VSC

25 In A dedicated open-loop voltage control is incorporated in the control algorithm of the turbine-side VSC of the test equipment, a dedicated open-loop voltage control is implemented. The output of the controller is the reference value for the output voltage of the VSC-VSC terminal voltage. Finally, a PWM modulator is used to compute the switching signals of the converter (Espinoza, 2016).



Figure 4. Schematic representation of an FPC wind turbine.

3.3 Big Glenn wind turbine

In an FPC wind turbine, the generator is connected to the grid through a full-power rated back-to-back VSC, as depicted shown in Fig. 4. This configuration allows for an increased fault-tolerant capability of the wind turbine, avoiding severe transients in the generator when a grid fault occurs. Moreover, the grid-side converter of an FPC wind turbine can be designed and

- 5 controlled in order to provide additional reactive power support, without having the need of over-magnetizing the generator core. Moreover, a A gearbox is typically used to step-up the rotational speed when coupling the wind turbine hub with the generator shaft. In a direct-drive configuration similar to the configuration that found in Big Glenn , i.e.: absence of the (no gearbox in the drive trainallowing a , allowing direct connection between the hub and the rotorhub and rotor), a dedicated low-speed multi-pole generator must be used in order to achieve the desired nominal frequency in the stator terminals. The
- 10 back-to-back VSC is then used to transfer the generated power to the AC grid, while allowing enough decoupling thanks to the DC-link between the two VSCs in Fig. 4. This configuration allows for an increased fault-tolerant capability of the wind turbine, avoiding severe transients in the generator when a grid fault occurs. Moreover, the grid-side converter of an FPC wind turbine can be designed and controlled to provide an additional reactive power support.

The use of fully-rated back-to-back VSC for grid interconnection of wind turbine generators allows for a fast response during

- 15 abnormal condition of the grid grid condition (Beeckmann et al., 2010; Abram Perdana, 2014). For instance, during a voltage dip, the generated power cannot be delivered into the grid due to the absence of sufficient insufficient grid voltage. In this scenario, the grid-side-converter can quickly control the current output, avoiding feeding fault currents of large magnitude large-magnitude fault currents into the grid. The DC-link capacitor is protected by a DC-crowbar, which allows for the . This allows redirection of the produced power into a resistor providing a fast protection during DC over-voltages., providing fast
- 20 DC over-voltage protection.

The wind turbine under test is rated in at 4.1 MVA at 10.5 kV. The stator of the generator, having a voltage rating of 0.69 kV, is directly connected to the back-to-back VSC. The generator-side VSC, here operated in torque control mode, injects the generated power into the wind turbine DC-link capacitor. The grid-side VSC controls the DC-link voltage by exchanging active



Figure 5. Wind turbine tested for voltage dip at full power production. In The figure \div shows three-phase voltage and current, and plus active and reactive power output.

power with the imposed AC grid. A filtering stage is placed between the VSC and the LV-side of the wind turbine transformer in order to reduce the harmonic content injected into the electricity grid.

Finally, the output transformer of the wind turbine, with an impedance of 0.06 pu, steps-up the voltage from 0.69 kV to 10.5 kV. Information about wind turbine control during faults can be found in Espinoza (2016), Abram Perdana (2014), Espinoza et al. (2015).

4 Tests results

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4.1 Testing for Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT)

One of the first tests carried out on the testing facility corresponds test facility on January 13th, 2015, corresponded to a voltage dip at full power production. The following tests were conducted on January 13th, 2015. The first attempt was to select

10 a relatively small voltage variation, with a smooth transition between normal operation level and retained level. In order to safely conduct the experiment safely while learning the dynamics of the system, the voltage is was reduced from 1 pu to 0.9 pu for 100 ms. The results are shown in Fig. 5. In the following and in all plots, a base voltage of 10.5 kV and base power of 4.1 MVA is utilizedused.

The three-phase PCC voltage is shown in Fig. 5. At 0.05 s the voltage is reduced from 1 pu to 0.9 pu. At 0.15 s the voltage

15 is brought back to 1 puwith a ramp function. In this test, a stiff ramp rate of 0.2 pu/ms has been selected for the inception of the voltage dip, while a ramp of 0.01 pu/ms has been set for the recovery. In order for the wind turbine to maintain constant



Figure 6. Wind turbine tested for LVRT at full power, figure shows three-phase voltage and current, plus active and reactive power output.

power production during the voltage reduction, the generating unit increases the magnitude of the current, while maintaining a constant power production, as also depicted in Fig. 5. During the voltage variation, the wind turbine maintains its active power set-point, injecting a steady 0.9 pu of active power into the imposed grid. From the figure, it is possible to observe can be observed that the wind turbine does not engage its LVRT control. Thus, the reactive power is reduced only only reduced due to the reduction of the voltage across the AC-link between the wind turbine and the testing-test equipment.

A second test has been was carried out the same day and during the time in in which the wind turbine was still producing nominal active power. Here, the voltage is was varied from 1 pu to 0.65 pu for 100 ms while the wind turbine is producing nominal active power. As compared with the test presented in Fig. 5 with the same ramp-rates as previously mentioned. In this test, the LVRT control strategy of the wind turbine is here activated. The results are depicted in presented Fig. 6. Moreover, the

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10 latter figure shows an indication on how sensitive fault-ride trough threshold-was activated during the voltage dip, providing an indication of how sensitive fault ride-through thresholds are set in the tested object. test object. The results are presented in Fig. 6.

The three-phase PCC voltage is dropped at t=0.05 s. In this test, a stiff ramp rate of 0.2 pu/ms has been selected for the voltage dip while a ramp of 0.01 pu/ms has been set for the recovery. At 0.075 s, it is possible to observe a transient in both the current

15 and the voltage shown in the figure. The transient lasts for 10 ms and while the wind turbine manages to control its current output during the voltage dip.

Wind turbine tested for LVRT at full power. In figure: three-phase voltage and current, and active and reactive power output. The wind turbine active power set-point is maintained at 1 pu, while the reactive power is boosted 0.2 pu at pre-fault, reaching a mean value of 0.4 pu during the voltage dip. Finally, it is possible to observe that the pre-fault reactive power exchange at the measurement point is 0.2 pu. The wind turbine injects an additional 0.2 pu of reactive power when detecting the voltage dip at its terminals. Therefore, a total of 0.4 pu is maintained until the voltage is increased back to 1 pu.

The voltage starts to recover The voltage starts its recovery at 0.18 s with a as per the ramp function. Observe Note that the current is also reduced at the same time that the reactive power is brought back to 0.2 pu. The active power oscillates at 0.23 s

5 while when the voltage has reached a steady-state level of 1 pu. Observe Finally, observe that the current is above 1 pu during the voltage dip, meaning that the wind turbine have over-current capabilities and it is capable to momentarily increase the output current beyond nominal values during the voltage dipcontingency.

4.2 Reactive power control during voltage dip

A similar test has been was carried out on the 17th of May of 2016. Unfortunately, the wind turbine was operating at low wind speed. However, the lack of produced active power active power produced made the variations in the reactive power more prominent, as later shown shown later in this section. This experiment consists in consisted of a voltage variation from 1 pu to 0.75 for about 200 ms. In order to To avoid an oscillatory response similar to the ones those experienced in the previous experiment, the down-slope ramp of the controlled VSC voltage is set at 0.02 was set at 0.04 pu/ms and the recovery ramp is set at 0.006 recovery ramp at 0.0067 pu/ms. From the voltage waveform given in Fig. 7, it is possible to observe that the

- 15 voltage is controlled by the testing_test_equipment in an effective and smooth way. Moreover, due to reduced ramp-rate slope at dip inception, as compared to 10 times faster in Fig. 6, the oscillatory response is shown in Fig. 6 was not triggered. The active power was set to 0.15 pu during this test. Moreover, the The reactive power seen in Fig. 7 at pre-fault is mainly due to the capacitor bank of the local LCL filter placed at the terminals of the turbine-side VSC of the testing-test equipment, while the variation observed during the voltage dip is due to the control action of the wind turbine.
- 20 When the Note that the wind turbine injects reactive current when the voltage dip is detected at 0.12 s, the wind turbine injects reactive current. As shown in the figureabove, the current reaches 0.95 reached 1 pu, meaning that the turbine is operated in proximity to the was operated at rated current. In order to To quickly boost the voltage, the reactive powershown also in Fig. 7 is increased using a ramp function. There is a small overshoot in the current that is reflected on the reactive power at 0.14 s, mainly due to the fact that the voltage has reached steady-state during the dip while
- 25 the current continues to increase. This can be attributed to the voltage monitoring system and the reactive power controller of the wind turbine during dynamic condition of the grid. The reactive power Reactive power injection is maintained for the complete duration of the voltage dip. The (mainly reactive)

three-phase current is later reduced when, once the voltage is restored to 1 pu. Note that the current is maintained during a short period of time briefly at 0.85 pu, while the voltage has already started to increase towards 1 pu. The system reaches a post-fault steady-state at 0.43 s. It can be observed that there is a

30 post-fault steady-state at 0.43 s. It can be observed that there is a

A small transient on the reactive power set-point after the voltage dipcan be observed both at fault inception and recovery. This can be attributed to the wind turbine voltage monitoring system and the dynamics of the reactive power controller of the wind turbine; particularly, to the wind turbine control action when calculating a reactive current reference based to a varying instantaneous on a varying measured voltage. Afterwards, the wind turbine will resume resumes normal operation, reducing the



Figure 7. Wind turbine tested for LVRT at low power production. In figure: three-phase voltage and current, and active and reactive power output.

current (and therefore the reactive power output) to its pre-fault operating point. The system reaches a post-fault steady-state at 0.43 s.

4.3 Testing for unbalance voltage dip

- In this section <u>This section studies</u> the response of the wind turbine under unbalanced voltage dipis studied. This test was carried out again on the conducted on 17th of May of 2016, at <u>under</u> low wind conditions. The Here, the turbine-side VSC of the actual testing test equipment is controlled in an open-loop and the voltage in phase a and b voltages in phases a and b are dropped from 1 pu to 0.7 pu for 200 ms. The resulting PCC voltage is given in Fig. 8. During the duration of the test, the voltage in phase c is maintained at 1 pu from the VSC output. However, due the negative sequence across the AC circuit between test-VSC test device and wind turbine, phase c appears to be slight slightly lower than 1 pu at the measurement point.
- 10 Moreover, observe from the power plot in Fig. 8 that the reactive power is increased from approximately 0.25 pu to 0.35 puapproximately, while a . A relatively small oscillation at 100 Hz in both active and reactive power is seen. The distorted current shown in Fig. 8 accounts for oscillations seen in the power, although these oscillations are small, mainly due to the small negative sequence present in the current.

These last three examples show in a clear way clearly illustrate the response of the wind turbine, particularly the reactive power

15 controller during a balanced and unbalanced voltage dip. Considering that the control system of the Given that the tested wind turbine OCOs control system is unknown, these results suggest that the controller implemented on the wind turbine accounts also may also account for the negative sequence, while whilst still experiencing small oscillations in its output power.



Figure 8. Wind turbine tested for unbalanced voltage dip at low power production. In-figure :- shows three-phase voltage and, current and active and reactive power output.

4.4 Impact of the voltage dip in wind turbine converter

A voltage dip applied at the <u>VSC</u> terminals of the <u>VSC of the testing equipment affect drastically the voltage of the test</u> equipment drastically affects the wind turbine converter <u>voltage</u>. Moreover, the <u>grid-side VSC</u> controller of the wind turbine <u>VSC will also react against will react to</u> the voltage dip measured at the <u>LVÔÇôside LV-side</u> of its output transformer(where the

- 5 local LCL filter is, particularly at the grid-side LCL filter shown in Fig. 4). Although the measured voltage will be somewhat smooth because of the filtering action of the overall inductancedue to the wind turbine transformer impedance and filtering stage, the resulting output current and DC voltage of the back-to-back wind turbine converter VSC are controlled in such way that the wind turbine can maintain normal operation as when possible. In the followingthis regard, the internal signals of the wind turbine converter is are plotted for the case given in Fig. 6 and the effect of the voltage dip test is further discussed below.
- 10 . For a better understanding of the dynamics inside the wind turbine converter, the physical magnitudes of speed, voltage and power have been kept, while the measured torque and mechanical power at the generator are shown in percentage of their nominal values.

If the voltage reduction is not dip enoughdoes not dip sufficiently, the wind turbine might have some extra room in its rating in order to maintain normal power production at a reduced voltage (see Fig. 5). This can be done by increasing the current

15 immediately after detecting a voltage dip. In Fig. 9 it is possible to observe this regard, Fig. 9 shows the effect of a voltage dip in the wind turbine converter. The voltage imposed is measured at 1 pu and is dropped to 0.74 pu for approximately 150



Figure 9. Wind turbine VSC under a non-severe voltage dip. In The figure :- shows AC voltage resulting at the LV-side of the wind turbine transformer and DC voltage and AC current magnitude measured at the grid-side VSC.



Figure 10. Wind turbine VSC under a non-severe voltage dip. In The figure :- shows generator torque and generator speed.

msapproximately. The <u>VSC</u> line current is also plotted in Fig. 9 and <u>it increases fast increases rapidly</u> when the voltage dip is detected at 0.08 s. The Its pre-fault value is 0.85 pu and rises to 1.3 pu during the dip.

The DC voltage (also shown in Fig. 9) is dropped during the test. This can be attributed to the fast increasing in the rapid increase in wind turbine current, which can be faster than the time constant of the DC link eapacitor, allowing capacitors at

5 the wind turbine converter. This allows a normal power flow during the dip while affecting slightly or even decreasing slightly disturbing the DC voltage.

Finally, it is interesting to see the decoupling that exist exists between the grid-side VSC and the generator-side VSC of the wind turbine. Figure 10 shows the generator torque and generator speed when the grid voltage experiences a dip. If the conditions are met so that for the wind turbine VSC response is to be smooth, the generator is not affected. Here, the torque is maintained eonstant at a constant 1 pu and the speed is also controlled at 1 puas well, meaning that. This means the

5 wind turbine system is operated at full power. Note that the wind turbine converter have has over-current capabilities in order to maintain a constant power flow during transients.

4.5 Testing for frequency deviation

In this case study, the voltage applied to the wind turbine is controlled at 1 pu and only the <u>fundamental</u> frequency is varied. The obtained results are given results are shown in Fig. 11. In order to measure for a long period of time. To measure for long

- 10 time period, voltage and current are here measured by a portable measurement measured using a portable unit installed at the turbine-side of the VSC-HVDC stationshown in Fig. 3. Particularly, at the converter-side of the coupling transformer in ??. The unit is placed between the coupling transformer and the LCL filter shown in Fig. 3. For this reason, the reactive power curve depicted (shown in red in Fig. 11) has a different value with respect compared to the other case studies shown throughout in this paper.
- 15 HereIn the following, only the measured frequency and the active and reactive power output outputs are shown. The first scenario corresponds to a frequency drop of 0.5 Hz for 15 seconds. From the first case shown in Fig. 11, it can be noticed observed that the frequency is varied varies with a ramp of 0.2 Hz/s, or 5 seconds per varied Hz, for both the drop and the recovery of the frequency. According to the Swedish Grid Code grid code (Svenska Kraftnät, 2005), the wind turbine should maintain its active power production at any given frequency within the specified normal frequency range(, i.e.: from 49.5).
- Hz to 50.5 Hz); while varying its output power for frequencies outside this range and ultimately <u>cease ceasing</u> to operate at frequencies outside the full operational range(, i.g.: 48 Hz to 52 Hz). The upper plot in Fig. 11 for frequency dip in Fig. 11 shows that the active power is kept constant at 0.7 pu for the majority of the most of the time during the test. At 30 s, the active power is slightly reduced, mainly due to the variations in the wind speed at the moment of the variations in wind speed during the test.
- 25 The second scenario corresponds to two consecutive frequency swells of 1 Hz. The frequency is initially controlled at 50 Hz and varied upwards with a ramp of 0.05 Hz/s, or 20 seconds per varied Hz. A frequency of 51 Hz is maintained for <u>approximately</u> 25 secondsapproximately. Afterwards, the frequency is . The frequency is then increased to 52 Hz. The results are shown in the right-side on the right-hand side of Fig. 11.

Observe in the lower plot that the upwards and downwards upward and downward tendency of the output power suggest

30 suggests that the wind turbine is varying varies its operating point according to the wind speed and not in demand of with demand for the applied frequency. In addition, the active power is slightly increased increases slightly 10 seconds after the frequency reaches 51 Hz, at 40 s, while continues to increase with the increasing of the system frequency continuing to increase as the system frequency increases, at 60 s. Finally, a A critical point is finally encountered at 80 s when the frequency reaches 52 Hz. The wind turbine enters into an operation mode that an operational mode which affects the active power output while.



Figure 11. Frequency variation test. In figure: , showing set-points of active and reactive power during frequency dip (left-side figures) and frequency swell (right-side figures).

whilst experiencing an oscillation at 104-roughly 100 Hz. The wind turbine shuts downby, via an over-frequency protection relay, 5-five seconds after the frequency reaches 52 Hz, at t=85 s. The different power production levels experienced when performing conducting the test are also somewhat reflected on in the reactive power output of the wind turbine, as seen in the red traces for both scenarios shown in Fig. 11.

5 4.6 Frequency scan

Carry on Conducting a frequency scan on a wind turbine generator can provide valuable information about how the tested system behaves in across a wider frequency range. This information is vital when, for example, analysing wind farm system data to identify e.g.: the risk for issues such as the risk of sub-synchronous oscillations; the risk for risk of interaction with other elements of the interconnecting grid such as in the interconnecting e.g.: underwater cables or filter banks in case of

- 10 off-shore wind farms; as well as wind turbine (for offshore wind farms), or interaction with active devicessuch as, such as a Static Synchronous Condenser (STATCOM). In addition, the The investigated method can provide information in order to evaluate the stability as well as the also provide information for evaluating the stability and performance of large time-constant controllers, such as voltage control or power oscillations damping control implemented oscillation damping (POD) control installed in a wind turbine systemor at wind farm levelenergy system.
- 15 FirstFirstly, this section shows the frequency scan test carried out on the 20th of June, 2016, when the wind turbine was operating at 0.6 pu power of production. Afterwards, the result from of the frequency scan test ,-carried out on the 17th of May, 2016, at low power production, is then given. The current and voltage are again measured at the HVDC station , where controlling the voltage applied to the wind turbine is controlled. The frequency scan is performed conducted by adding a voltage



Figure 12. Results of frequency scan on the wind turbine operated at $\frac{565\%}{65\%}$ of power production. In The figure $\frac{1}{500\%}$ operating points prior the scan $\frac{1}{500\%}$ measured and admittance components measured.



Figure 13. Results of frequency scan on the wind turbine operated at 655% of power production. In The figure : shows the operating points prior the scan ; measured and admittance components -measured

component of magnitude 0.015 pu modulated at the interested frequency , on top of (modulated to the frequency being scanned) to the fundamental reference voltage of 1 pu. The measured phase voltage and line current are evaluated at the frequency of interest by and using the methodology given in Espinoza (2016), also reported in Espinoza et al. (2016).

The wind turbine is changing During the scan, the wind turbine changed its operating conditions during each tested frequency and

5 these are shown in Fig. 12 in bars. The average output power power output of the wind turbine is of measured at 2.9 MW. However, a wide variation between 2.6 MW and 3.5 MW has been was encountered during the test. The, as shown in Fig. 12 as bars of different length. For each scan at a given frequency, the wind turbine impedance $Z_w(j\omega)$ is obtained as an average of the phase impedances. The, while each phase impedance is computed with the corresponding voltage and current vector measured at the frequency of interest and averaged within the sampling period. The wind turbine admittance $Y_w(j\omega)$ can be calculated by the inverse of $Z_w(j\omega)$. The real and imaginary part together with the parts, plus magnitude of the measured phase admittance $Y_w(j\omega)$ are shown in Fig. 12 with as blue and green dots respectively. The magnitude of the admittance is plotted in as white dots. The resulting measured points in Fig. 12 suggest that the wind turbine presents a positive real part for frequencies below 22 Hz, with a maximum measured value of 2.8 pu at 10 Hz. On

5 the other hand, a relatively high non-passivity behaviour is <u>exhibit seen</u> for frequencies above 30 Hz, meaning that the wind turbine could resonate if these frequencies are encountered in the network. The minimum value for $Re(Y_w(j\omega))$ is -1.5 pu and can be observed at the last scanned frequency of 34 Hz.

The scanned imaginary part of the admittance $Im(Y_w(j\omega))$ is also shown in Fig. 12 in as green dots. The turbine seems to present a exhibit capacitive behaviour for most of the studied frequency range. The Note that the reactive power set-point at the

10 measurement point is dependent on both the configuration of the filtering stage at the terminals of the VSC-HVDC terminals and on the wind turbine $\hat{O}COS$ reactive power controller. The minimum value of $Im(Y_w(j\omega))$ is found to be -2.4 pu at 18 Hz, exhibiting its maximum capacitance in the scanned frequency range. For frequencies above 20 Hz, $Im(Y_w(j\omega))$ increases up to a maximum of -0.4 pu measured at 34 Hz, corresponding to its minimum capacitance in the synchronous sub-synchronous range. Observe, however, that the reactive power set-point shown Fig. 12 is kept relatively constant at 0.2 pu (0.9 MVAr) at 50

15 Hz during all throughout the test.

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The absolute value of the measured wind turbine admittance $|Y_w(j\omega)|$ is also shown in in Fig. 12 in Fig. 12 as white dots. The Note that the operating point of the wind turbine at the moment of each test impacts both the amplitude and also the vector components of its input admittance during each scan impact not only the amplitude of the admittance but also its vector components. For this reason, the uneven trend of $|Y_w(j\omega)|$ somewhat matches the variation on the output power of the wind turbine at each scanned frequency.

- Finally, a second frequency scan is given in Fig. 13. The test was <u>carried out in a very low windy day</u>; <u>thereforeconducted on</u> <u>a day with very little wind</u>; <u>thus</u>, the wind turbine <u>is operated was operating</u> at low power production. The figure shows the active and reactive power set-points at the moment of each test. Moreover, it <u>is possible to note can be noted</u> that the power flow <u>is mainly dominated was dominated mainly</u> by reactive power coming from the filter banks between the wind turbine and
- 25 the testing equipment. The test equipment with a measured reactive power is 0.023 pu for all 0.23 pu throughout the test. The calculated admittance components are shown in dots also in Fig. 13 magnitude and its real and imaginary components are also shown in Fig. 13 as white, blue and green dots, respectively.

The real part of the admittance component $Re(Y_w(j\omega))$, show in blue dots in Fig. 13, is slightly reduced to 2.2 pu, as compared to 2.8 pu given for the previous case. The shows a reduction of 0.3 pu in its magnitude, if compared with the previous scan.

30 <u>However, the</u> main difference is the its zero-crossing of the real part, which in this case occurs at 26 Hz, instead of 23 Hz for mid-power operation. From the plots where the reactive power is given, this second tests the second test shows a small increase in the reactive power measured at the HVDC station. Thus, the imaginary part of the measured admittance $Im(Y_w(j\omega))$ can be affected by the operating point of the wind turbine, making the green trace in Fig. 13 slightly closer to 0 pu, as compared with Fig. 12. Finally, the total magnitude $|Y_w(j\omega)|$ of the admittance is decreased from 4 pu from in the first test, to 2.7 pu when operated at no power, as shown in white dots in the figure. Observe that the trend of $|Y_w(j\omega)|$ is somewhat smoother given that the wind turbines operates a low power during the complete turbine operates at low power for the full duration of the scan.

5 Conclusions

In this paper it has been This paper has demonstrated that the full characterization characterisation of the wind turbine system

- 5 can be carried out by the use of a using flexible VSC-based test equipment. The full controllability of the testing test device allows for testing of multiple grid scenarios, making it possible not only to determine the behaviour of the generating unit against common grid contingencies, but also to evaluate the performance of the generating unit in further improving the overall reliability of the grid overall grid reliability. This includes , for example, the evaluation the operating modes that are of evaluating different operating modes of the wind turbine which can be of interest for the overall stability of the interconnected
- 10 power system.

Field test results of from the Big Glenn 4.1 MW wind turbine and 8 MW testing test equipment have been included in this paper. The tests carried out on the actual wind turbine system include included not only balance and unbalanced voltage dips, defined by different retained voltage and different ramp-rates, as well as but also frequency variation tests and frequency seanscans. The results shows show that a LVRT control strategy is implemented on in the tested system injecting that injects reactive

15 power when a voltage dip is detected. Moreover, it has been shown that the generating unit maintains a smooth control of the reactive power output even during unbalanced voltage dips, at least for low power set-points. These results demonstrate that a VSC-based testing-test device can be used to evaluate how well a wind turbine system can withstand the technical requirements given in the Grid Codesgrid codes.

The multi-megawatt FPC wind turbine system has also been characterized characterized in the sub-synchronous range by means

20 of using the interconnected VSC-based testing_test equipment. The frequency scanning technique has been demonstrated by field test and the input admittance of the generating unit has been evaluated for under two operating conditions. The frequency trend of the scanned turbine exhibits a non-passive behaviour at higher frequencies within the sub-synchronous range, while also exhibiting capacitive behaviour throughout the whole complete scanned range.

The unique field tests presented in this report have provided an experimental validation of the proposed wind turbine testing methodology, particularly on the wind turbine impedance characterization characterisation and on the evaluation of its steady-state and dynamic performance against different conditions of the grid under different grid conditions.

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