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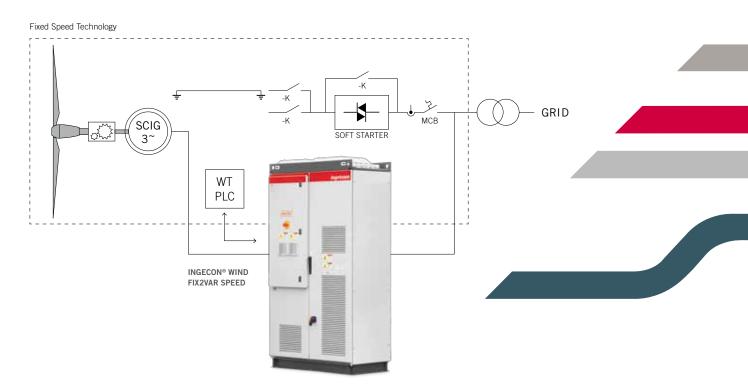


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BENEFITS AT A GLANCE:

INGECON WIND FIX2VAR SPEED

maximize your ROI by:

- Minimizing the investment, maintaining generator and PLC
- Minimizing the Levelized Cost of Energy (LCoE) with optimum case by case power curve, increasing Annual Energy Production (AEP) and Lifetime Extension (LTE)
- Complying with the strictest grid codes

WHAT IS

INGECON® WIND FIX2VAR SPEED?

The INGECON® WIND FIX2VAR SPEED solution is a ground-breaking autonomous power conversion system that increases the Annual Energy Production (AEP), lifetime and grid-performance of fixed-speed wind turbines by enabling them to transform to variable-speed machines to best match wind conditions.

The transformation to a variable speed topology will enable fixedspeed asset operators to obtain the optimum power curve for their fleet, in a wide range of wind speeds, leading to increased AEP.

INGECON® WIND FIX2VAR SPEED extends asset lifetime by smoothing speed changes, reducing mechanical torque steps caused by wind gusts, as well as by minimizing transients due to start-ups, emergency stops and grid variations. What is more, the system ensures grid compliance by removing flicker effects and low frequency harmonics generated by the capacitor banks and enabling power factor regulation.

This new innovation in power conversion can turn fixed speed drivetrains to variable speed without the need to recondition both the original generator and wind turbine programmable logic controller (PLC).

SCOPE OF THE SOLUTION:

DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL

BASED ON INGECON® WIND FIX2VAR SPEED PRODUCT

Analysis through simulation

SOLUTION

Installation, commissioning and functional validation of the solution

Implementation of site-specific power control strategy

CHARACTERIZATION OF TRANSFORMATION

LTE, AEP increase measurement

ROI increase calculation

WIND TURBINE **CHARACTERIZATION**

Site-specific data

Wind turbine simulation model

RUL calculation under initial conditions

LTE. AEP. ROI increase estimation



Wind turbine characterization:

During the wind turbine characterization, site-specific data is obtained in order to identify the exact conditions under which the fixed-speed solution is operating. SCADA variables such as wind speed distribution of the site and air density are needed during a representative period.

Considering the wind turbine technology, the specific wind turbine simulation model is adjusted so that operation and mechanical loads are calculated under determined boundary conditions.

With all given data the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of the wind turbine under the fixed-speed measured conditions is calculated. In addition. through simulation, the estimated increase in Lifetime Extension (LTE) and Annual Energy Production (AEP) are obtained for the specific conditions. From these values, the Return on Investment (ROI) for the given site is obtained.



Development of a global solution based on an INGECON® WIND FIX2VAR SPEED product:

A product from the INGECON® WIND FIX2VAR SPEED family is selected and adapted if necessary to the plant. A preliminary analysis through simulation confirms the feasibility of the global solution, giving the expected results.

Once the product to be included in the solution is confirmed, it is installed in the wind turbine, commissioned and functionally validated to ensure the complete compatibility with the rest of the plant.

Based on the site-specific conditions, the results of simulations performed and the client's preferred strategy, the power control strategy that best suits the requirements is implemented. This way, the solution is completely adapted to the client's needs for each site.



Characterization of transformation:

With the global solution up and running in the wind turbine, it is time to characterize the improvements in LTE and AEP so that the exact increase in ROI is calculated.

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ABOUT US





23 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



41 GW
INSTALLED
WIND POWER
CAPACITY



8.6 GW 0&M PROJECTS



25,000 POWER CONVERTERS SUPPLIED



8% MARKET SHARE



5%
ANNUAL
INVESTMENT
OF TURNOVER
IN R&D



3,900 EMPLOYEES



22 LOCATIONS



PRODUCTION SITES

OUR VALUE PROPOSITION IS BASED ON R&D, FLEXIBILITY, GLOBAL PRESENCE, EXPERIENCE AND PARTNERSHIP

Ingeteam, an independent supplier of electrical conversion equipment, offers power converters, turbine controllers, CMS, Smart SCADA management systems and O&M services for wind turbines up to 15 MW for onshore and offshore applications.

Ingeteam provides ongoing support throughout the entire product lifecycle, from research and design to production and testing, commissioning and after-sales services, technical training and support.

We are committed to innovation and development of full in-house technology. In 2017, 5% of net sales was invested in R&D, the backbone of our business activity.

We are flexible. We can meet your project needs through flexibility in designs and R&D solutions, operations, different business models or additional value-added services.

We have manufacturing facilities in Europe, Asia, North and South America, and sales and service centers strategically located all over the world to deliver the most efficient support and service to you.

Since 1995, we have commissioned over 25,000 wind power converters, accounting for more than 41 GW of installed wind power capacity worldwide and an 8% market share. The company is the world's number one independent supplier of wind power converters and a leading 0&M services provider with more than 8.6 GW maintained in the world.

We are partners, providing you active support for each specific project throughout the entire product life cycle.

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