

## **Observer structures in advanced power electronics** for load analysis and power control

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# The Challenge

- Damage in Drive Train (Gear Box)
- **Drive Train Oscillations**
- **Expensive CMS Equipment**
- Life Time Consumption

## The Method

• Sensorless Observer



The observer estimate (blue) follows the measured torque (green) from the torque sensing flange. Even the step of 35 Nm is reproduced.



- Test facility
- **Aeroelastic Simulation**

## The Results

- Measured and "observed" torsional load coincide on test stand and simulation
- Smooth torque transfer through active damping
- Prediction of damage load

#### The Benefit

- Sensorless CMS Software
- **Customer Tailored Modeling**
- Damage prediction
- Active Drive Train Damping



Modified control. Blue line represents load from normal control, red line utilized the torque signal from observer as a torque demand. The observer driven torque demand leads to reduced load on drive train.



Test facility at the IALB U Bremen



#### 250 500 1750 2000 750 Load level [kNm]

Load duration distribution for one year and average wind speed of 8 m/s. Full model and Modified Observer coincide.





#### 1250 1500 Load level [kNm]

RFC load spectrum of torsional load for full model (blue), naïve Observer (green), and modified observer (red). Full model and Modified Observer agree.



Damage equivalent loads for torsional load on drive train for various model, extrapolation to one year.



Accumulated damage equivalent load (DEL) for S/N slope m=5 during 10 min for wind bins of 2 m/s width. No Weibull distribution engaged.

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