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Control of Gas Turbine Speed Using Modelica

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ABSTRACT:In this study, speed control system has been designed for the heavy-duty gas turbine. The speed control includes three control loops: acceleration control - speed control -temperature control. Acceleration control determines the speed during the initial start-up period. Then, the speed/load controller is selected by a minimum selector to control the speed of the gas turbines. When the load increases, the torque increases and the speed decreases, the fuel should be increase to maintain the speed of the turbine at requires system. In this study, the gas turbine speed control system was modelled using Modelica and a Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controller was designed to improve system performance.

KEYWORDS:Gas Turbine,ThermoPower,PID Controller, Modelica language.

I.INTRODUCTION

Gas turbines (GT) are one of the significant parts of modern industry. They play a key role in aeronautical industry, power generation, and in mechanical drivers for large pumps and compressors. Modelling and simulation of gas turbines have always been a powerful tool for performance optimization of this kind of equipment. Remarkable research activities have been carried out in this field and varieties of analytical and experimental models have been built so far to get in-depth understanding of the nonlinear behavior and complex dynamics of these systems [1]. However, the need to develop accurate and reliable models of gas turbines for different objectives and applications has been a strong motivation for researchers to continue to work in this fascinating area of research. Besides, because of the high demand of the electricity market, the power producers are eager to continuously investigate new methods of optimization for design, manufacturing, control and maintenance of gas turbines [2].

II. SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT

Modelica is an equation based object oriented modeling language where the focus on reusing component and model libraries are applied. In an equation based language the relationships between variables are specified by the user simultaneously and the causality is left open. An open causality means that the order to calculate the variables does not have to be specified by the user. Another advantage with the Modelica language is the concept of multi-domain modeling which means that different kinds of physical domains can be encapsulated in the same model [4]. In the available simulation platform, the considered domains are; the thermodynamic, the mechanical, and the electrical domain. In Modelica, state equations and algebraic constraints can be mixed which results in a model that is in a differential algebraic equation (DAE) form. For a differential algebraic equation model, the DAE-index of the model is an important property [6]. For simulation purposes, a state-space form of the system model is desirable and the DAE index is one measure of how easy/hard it is to obtain a state-space form. In general, higher index problems are often more complicated than lower index problems to simulate. Simulations of DAE-system are well described in Haireretal. (1991).For a comprehensive description of the Modelica language, see the language specification at the webpage in Modelica Association (2007), or the textbooks by Fritzson (2004); Tiller (2001)[8]. In Casella et al. (2006),the Medialibrary available in the standard Modelica package is presented. The available simulation platform consists of a controller, a fuel system, a starter motor, a transmission, and a single shaft gas turbine. The simulation platform and its components are shown in Fig 1. All of these components are written in the modeling language Modelica [9].The experimental platform can be used for start/stop trip simulations, and other dynamic and static operational cases. During the simulation, environment conditions such as pressure, temperature, and relative humidity of the incoming air can be varied.

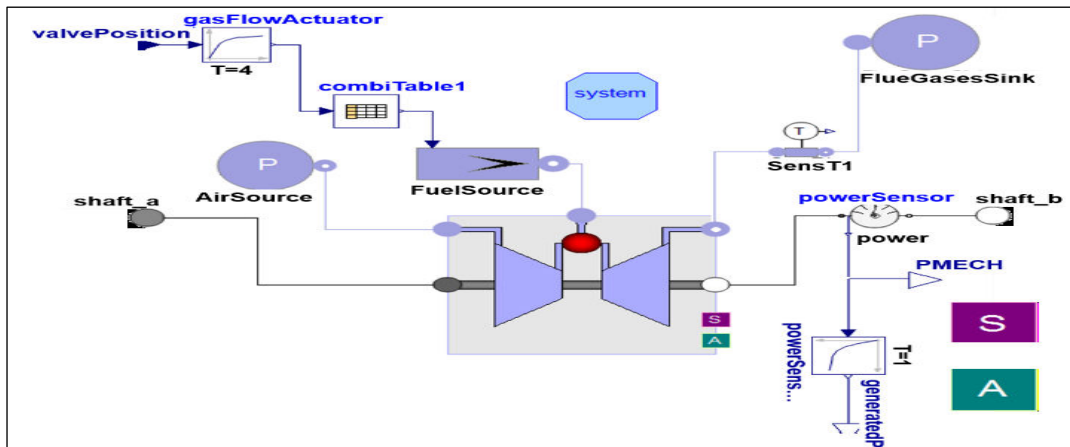


Fig. 1: The simulation platform

The advantage with the simulation platform is the ability to evaluate reliable performance estimation of parameters throughout the gas path, due to different operational conditions. The input signals to the simulation platform are the ambient pressure, the ambient temperature, the relative humidity of ambient air, and the desired generator power. In the simulation platform, the speed of the power turbine is fixed since here the application is a 50Hz electrical generator. It is easy to modify the platform to also handle variable speed of the power turbine.

III. DESIGN OF GAS TURBINE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEM

Rowen [7] has developed the transfer function block diagram is shown in Fig 2 of heavy and time constant by test and actual field experience accumulated from numerous installations in many different applications. In dynamic analysis of combined cycle plants, twin shaft gas turbine model, combustion turbine model and biomass - based gas turbine plant and even interturbine power generation this transfer function model has been used. Basically, Rowen’s model has speed, temperature and acceleration controllers.

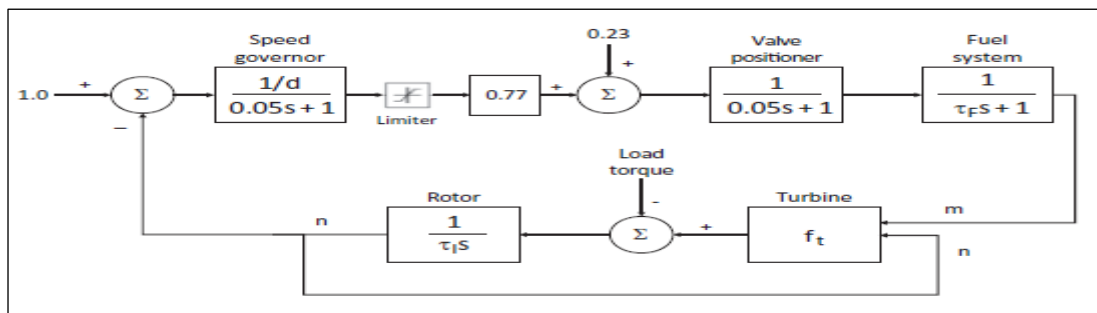


Fig.2: Transfer function model of gas turbine plant

- Mathematical Model for Gas Turbine Speed Control

The model of gas turbine speed control is shown in Fig 3, consists of three control loops: speed control -temperature control -acceleration control. The speed control is the main control loop during normal operating conditions. The temperature and acceleration control are active in the case of abnormal operating conditions. The output of the three control loops are then input to a minimum value gate so that the loop which takes control is the one which output is the lowest of the three. The output of minimum value gate commands the fuel system and therefore the mechanical power delivered by the gas turbine [8].

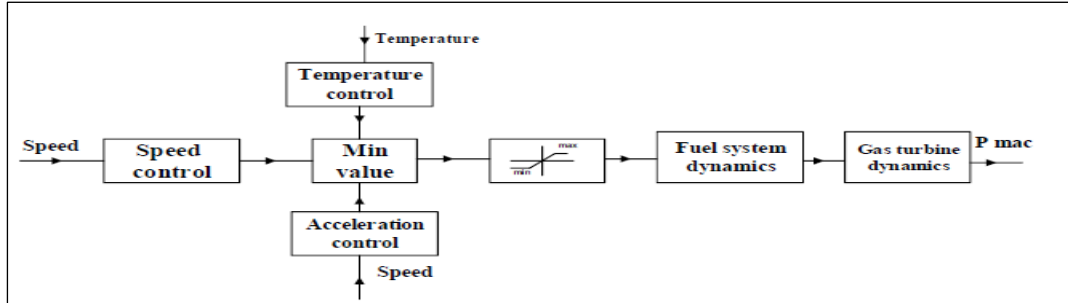


Fig 3: Modal of gas turbine speed control

- **System Design Using PID Controller**

PID controller is predominantly used for industrial control due to its ease of operation. The actual speed is compared with a reference and the error signal is applied to PID controller, PID controller settles the speed exactly at rated value with less oscillation and at a faster rate. The governor PID setting is shown in Table 1.

Table (1): The governor PID settings

P	I	D
3.7	1.07	1.9

Gas turbine speed control simulation using PID controller is shown in Figure 8.

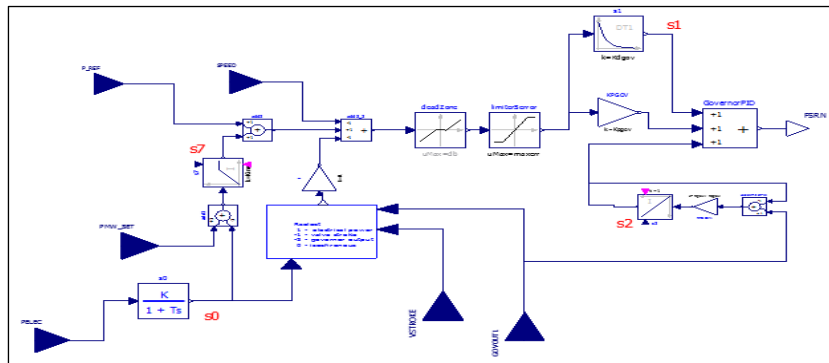


Fig 8: Gas turbine speed control simulation using PID controller

IV. SYSTEM SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

A mathematical model of the gas turbine as explained in chapter three is modelled with Modelica. Speed reference was kept constant at 1 p. u. for all simulations.

a) System Simulation Results without PID Controller

The response of the developed gas turbine is given in the following simulation results:

- **Mechanical power**

Initially the gas turbine is operated at no-load. After that the gas turbine is loaded with variable load. The mechanical power of gas turbine response is shown in Fig 9.

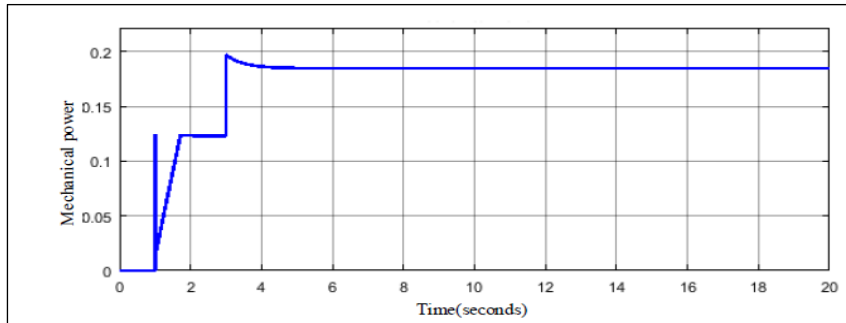


Fig 9: Mechanical power

- **Fuel demand**

The fuel demand at no load it is 23% (0.23 p. u). The load is applied to the gas turbine, which rises linearly from zero power at 23% fuel rate to the rated output at 100% fuel rate, increasing the amount of fuel required to keep the combustion process alive. The fuel demand of gas turbine response is shown in Fig 10.

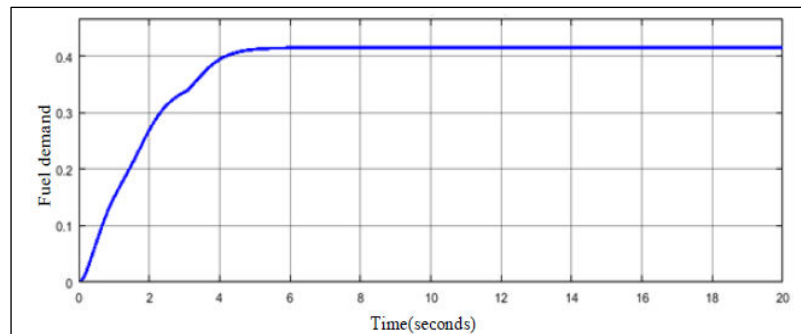


Fig 10: Fuel demand

- **Per unit speed - load**

Speed/load controller is double variable controller, before connect to load, speed/load controller only speed after connect to load it will shaft to load control. Initial rate of speed change is maintained after removal of rated load torque. The speed is compared with thereference speed and the error is given to the speed governor. The per unit speed (loadvariation) of gas turbine response is shown in Fig 11.

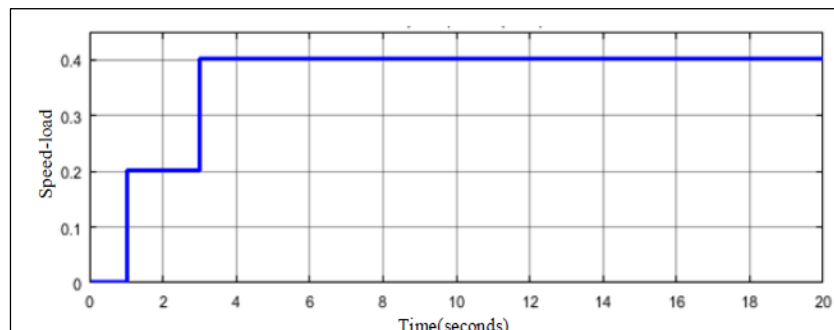


Fig 11: Per unit speed (load variation)



- Turbine torque

The torque characteristics of gas turbine are essentially linear with respect to fuel flow and turbine speed, the generator torque is the same as the shaft torque which produced by turbine at steady-state. The turbine torque of gas turbine response is shown in Fig 12.

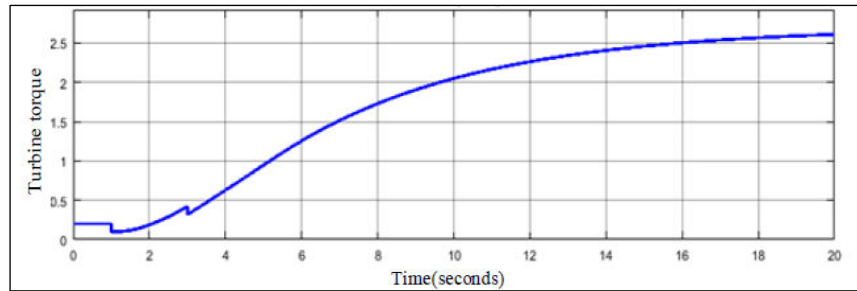


Fig 12: Turbine torque

- Rotor speed

When the gas turbine is operated at no-load, the speed of the rotor is equal to 10 p. u. and the stator line voltage of the generator reaches no-load steady-state value of 10. p. u. When the generator is loaded the voltage decreases from no-load value to 5 p. u. The rotor speed of gas turbine response is shown in Fig 13.

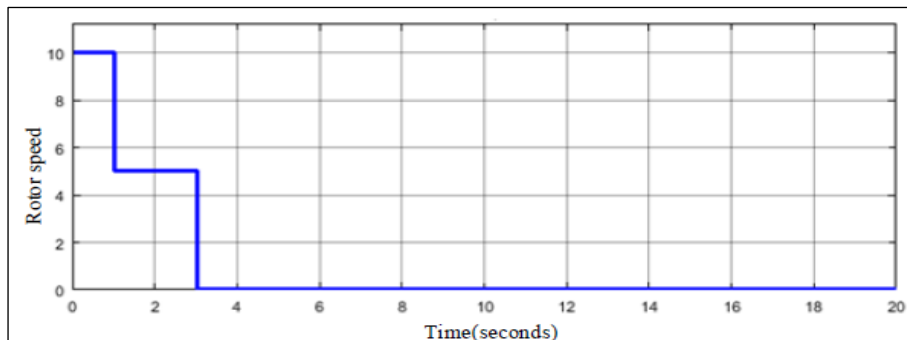


Fig 13: Rotor speed

- Fuel demand and load

The fuel demand and load are compared is shown in Fig 14.

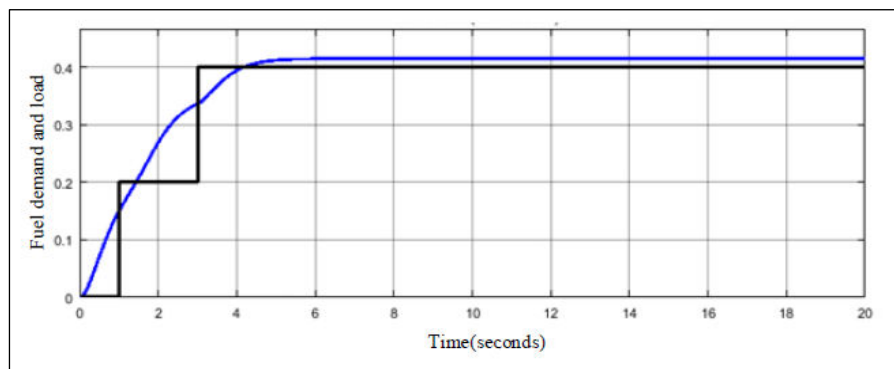


Fig 14: Fuel demand and rotor speed



b) System Simulation Results with PID Controller

The response of the improved gas turbine using PID controller is given in the followingsimulation results:

- **Mechanical power**

The mechanical power of the gas turbine controlled with PID controller is shown in Fig 15.

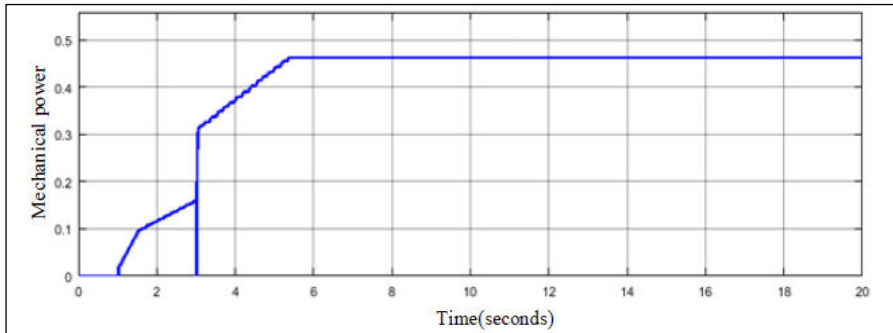


Fig 15: Mechanical power

- **Fuel demand**

The fuel demand of the gas turbine controlled with PID controller is shown in Fig 16.

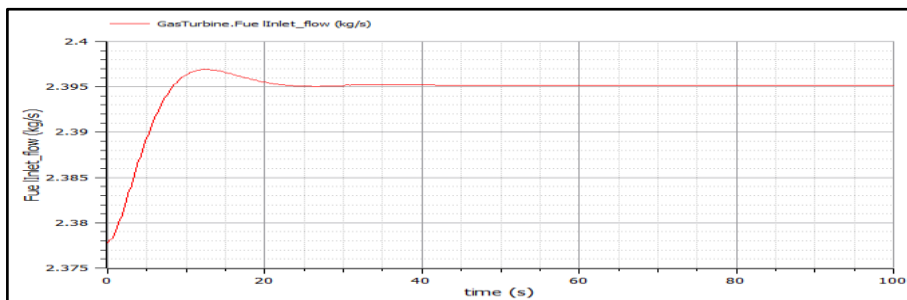


Fig 16: Fuel demand

- **Per-unit speed (load variation)**

The per unit speed (load variation) of the gas turbine controlled with PID controller is shown in Fig 17.

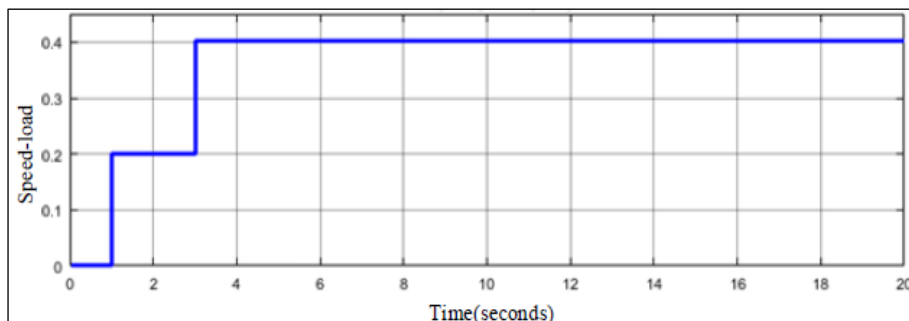


Fig 17: Per unit speed (load variation)



- **Turbine torque**

The turbine torque of the gas turbine controlled with PID controller is shown in Fig 18.

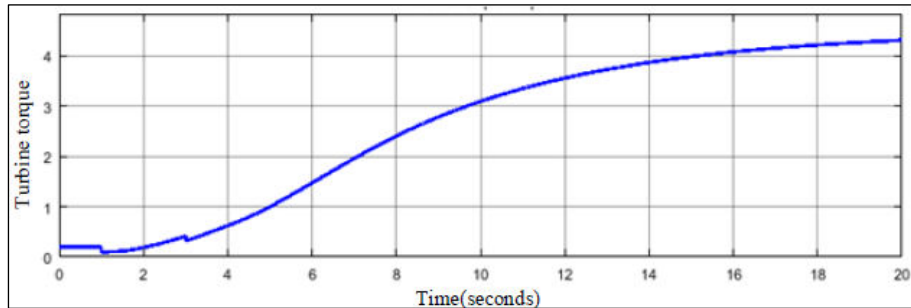


Fig 18: Turbine torque

- **Rotor speed**

The rotor speed of the gas turbine controlled with PID controller is shown in Fig 19.

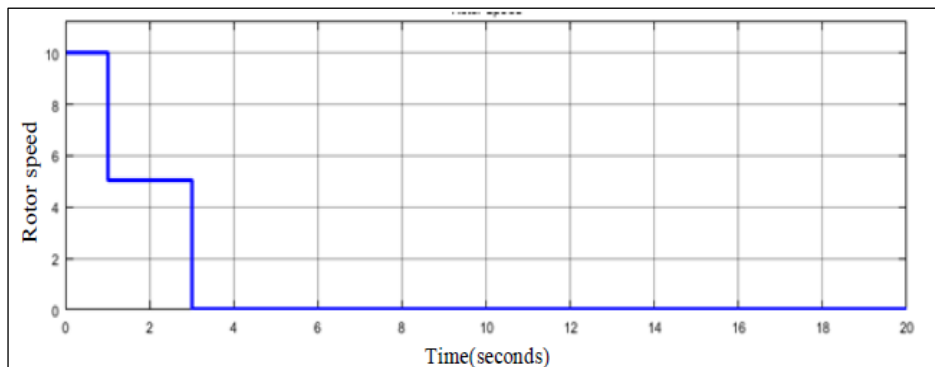


Fig 19: Rotor speed

- **Fuel demand and load**

The fuel demand and load after of the gas turbine controlled with controller is shown in Fig 20.

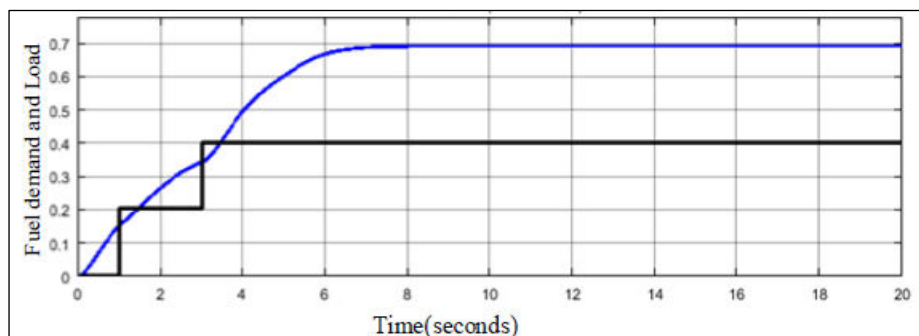


Fig 20: Fuel demand and load



- Compare fuel and load variation

The compare between fuel without PID controller and fuel of the gas turbine controlled with PID controller and load variation is shown in Fig 21.

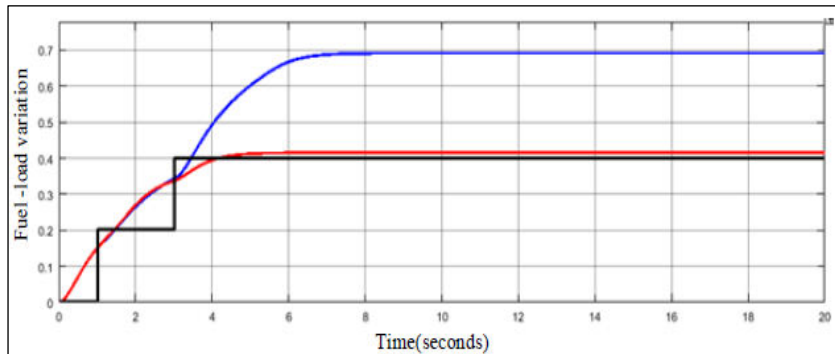


Fig 21: Compare fuel and load variation

- Discussions

The model of a single - shaft gas turbine system is suitable for power management, and the speed control loop is necessary for the system stability. Low value selection plays a major role in the response of the model. The turbine torque increased with load and the rotor speed decreased, the variation of load results in changing the speed which should be controlled by increasing or decreasing the amount of inlet fuel. The system with PID controller improves the fuel valve time response.

V. CONCLUSION

In this study the gas turbine speed control system has been designed, the model is good for power generation. Detailed mathematical modelling of the control systems of the gas turbine is given and simulation of the developed gas turbine system model is carried out. The simulation results show that the developed model of the gas turbine system has the ability to meet the power requirements of the load.

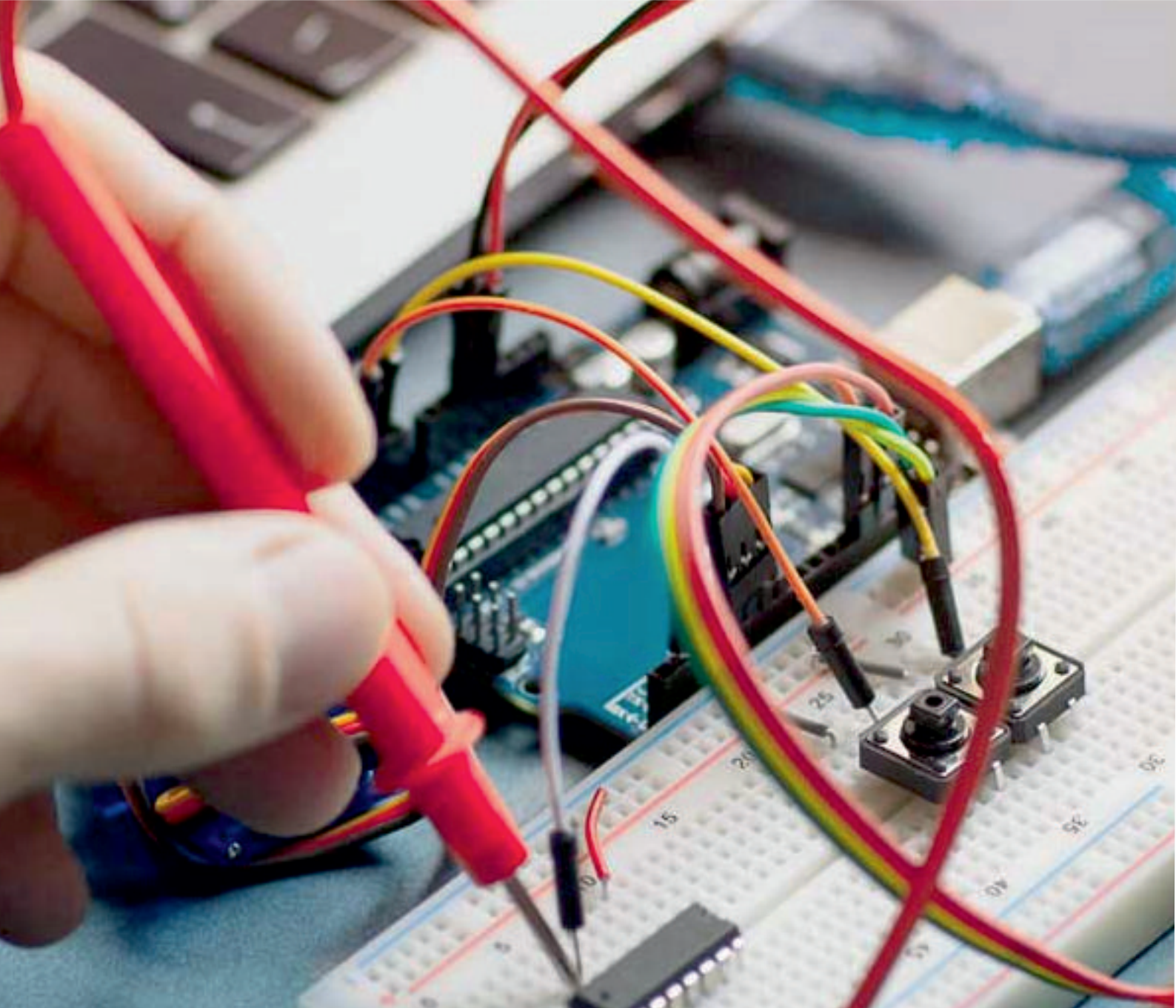
Modelica is a suitable tool for building an object-oriented gas turbine. The simulations are very fast considering the number of math operations within the large model. This work provides proof of concept about Modelica employing complex power sources for co-modelling without the information loss that traditional network methods incur.

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