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## **ISLANDING DETECTION OF MICROGRID USING DECISION-TREE APPROACH**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Microgrids are becoming more popular and irresistible options for increasing system reliability and operation. One of the most important challenges in microgrid operation is the unintentional islanding occurrence. Unintentional islanding can cause serious safety hazards and technical issues. Islanding detection methods can be classified into active and passive methods. The proposed passive approach is based on Discrete Fourier Transform and decision-tree for detecting the intentional and nonintentional microgrid islanding. The proposed microgrid islanding detection approach is tested on a microgrid equipped with synchronous generator-based DGs. The proposed method is capable of detecting islanding with a speed accuracy less than three cycles from the islanding inception. The results of proposed method are compared with other existing techniques in terms of fast islanding detection, dependability, security and accuracy. The simulation results show that the proposed approach is effective in detecting islanding phenomenon possesses compared to existing islanding detection techniques.

### **KEY WORDS**

Distributed Generators, Microgrids, Islanding Detection, Feature extraction, Decision Tree.

### **NOMENCLATURES**

ANFIS	Adaptive neuro fuzzy inference system.	FLC	Fuzzy logic control.
AUC	Area under curve.	K-NN	K nearest neighbor.
AIS	Artificial immune system.	NB	Naïve bayes.
ANN	Artificial neural networks.	PCC	Points of common couplings.
DT	Decision tree.	ROCOF	Rate of change of frequency.
DFT	Discrete Fourier transform.	ROC	Receiver operating characteristic.
DG	Distributed generator.	SVM	Support vector machine.
EPS	Electric power system.	WT	Wavelet transforms.
FT	Fourier transform.		

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## I. Introduction

Microgrid is a grouping of DGs and loads which operates connected to the electric utility grid, or operates disconnected as physical or financial policies dictate. Microgrid has two kinds of DGs; inverter-based DGs as solar cell, wind turbine, and storage battery, and others such as micro steam turbine and synchronous generator and depend on the principle of generators. The big problem with DGs in Microgrids is islanding. The islanding definition in IEEE Std.1547 is an area of EPS which is energized only by one or more local EPSs through its PCC while that part is electrically isolated from main grid" [1]. IEEE Std.1547 recommends that the distributed generation must have been separated in a time not more than 2 seconds in islanding Microgrids" [2].

The event of islanding has two kinds: intentional islanding and non-intentional islanding. First kind of islanding is a planned islanding as the maintenance is needful for the particular part of microgrid and disconnect this part from original grid. Where in non-intentional islanding, it is not planned to disconnect intentionally but it is disconnecting due to any types of fault [3]. There are some reasons that make fast detection for islanding phenomena is very important as shown in [4]:

- It creates safety hazard to the person working for maintenance. Thus, it may threat line worker's safety.
- It causes severe fluctuations in voltage and frequency of the electrical network, which cause a failure and damage of electrical equipment.
- A synchronous reclosing problem between the DG and main grid reconnection. This may cause fatal damaging the equipment or re-tripping lines.
- The sensitive equipment during islanding may have malfunctioning because of the degradation in the quality of the power system.

There are two categories of islanding detection approaches which are local technique and remote detection techniques. Local islanding detection moreover splitted into passive, active, hybrid and intelligent detection methods for islanding phenomenon [5]. Local techniques depend on system parameters measurement at the DG site, whereas, the other one remote technique depend on the interactive communications from the original grid and the DG site and vice versa [6].

The retrieve parameters (voltage, frequency) at the DG terminals or PCC are used in passive method for islanding detection, then comparing this measured parameters with a prearranged threshold limit for the detecting islanding. Some of passive techniques include voltage magnitude variation, voltage unbalance [7], method based on impedance to reserve overlapped ROCOF relay [8], ROCOF [9] and frequency with damping agent of output frequency [10]. The passive techniques have advantage of that the power quality of the electrical power system don't affected by it. Hence, power quality issues, such as electrical noise, voltage dip, and spikes do not appear. In the other side those techniques suffer from the carefully setting of thresholds values where low threshold value lead to have nuisance tripping, while high threshold value fail to achieve islanding detection. Those disadvantages can be overcome by using active islanding detection techniques.

The basic of active islanding techniques depend on the usage of high frequency signals to disturb the system variables, such as measured frequencies and voltages to make detection of the islanding. When the Microgrid is grid connected; this connection will cause variance in system parameters. Islanded mode makes the system observes a significant divergence in system parameter, which will lead to the detection of islanding. Approaches using active techniques in islanding detection include but not limited to the voltage negative sequence component injection [11], method depended on voltage phase angle of inverter based DG [12], analysis of sandia frequency-shift technique [13], current injection [14], current negative sequence component injection [15], injection of a high frequency signal [16], virtual capacitor [17] and phase locked loop perturbation [18]

When the two mentioned above techniques are combined resulting hybrid islanding detection. When a passive approach is failed to detect islanding events, Active techniques are come to achieve detection of the islanding. Hybrid techniques include but not limit to method based on measuring current and active power of DG circuit breakers [19], using rate-of-change-of-reactive power with load planning connection [20], frequency versus slip-mode frequency-shift and reactive power [21] real power shift and rate-of-voltage change in [22].

Islanding event must be detected as accurately and quickly as possible. So, methods using intelligent techniques are attractive for detecting and classifying the islanding condition. The hidden features of the retrieved signals can be obtained by implementing techniques of the signal processing for extracting some of effective features, then those features are can be used to have an input data to the artificial intelligent classifier to fulfill the islanding detection event. The implementation of the techniques of signal processing such as FT, WT and S-transform allows for extraction of the signatures of every retrieved signals to feed classifier with input data. The artificial intelligent classifier techniques include SVM technique [23], FLC [24], ANN [25], ANFIS [26] and AIS [27]. The advantage of artificial intelligent classifier techniques is their ability of solving nonlinear multi objective problems, which can't be solved by the conventional methods.

The approach in this paper used a passive approach for detecting island problem based on artificial intelligent technique to extract a unique set of decisive system features extracted from measured parameters at DG terminals. The decision tree based classifier is utilized for detecting and classifying event specific signatures associated with islanding events. The set of decisive system features is selected to enhance islanding detection accuracy under different system operating and loading conditions. The proposed microgrid islanding detection approach is simulated on a Microgrid model equipped with synchronous generator-based DGs. Running the simulation and take the events data base to train the decision tree classifier using the database obtained from simulations.

## **II. methodology of the proposed approach**

The proposed approach is consisting of two stages; *i)* extracting some features from the measured voltage and currents at the target DG, and *ii)* classifying event specific with these features using a DT based classifier for detection of islanding events. The proposed model is shown in Fig. 1.

**Fig. 1.** The proposed islanding detection model**A) Features Extraction**

DFT based pre-processor is applied to evaluate fundamental phasor values and consequent features. Phasor estimation includes measurement of parameters such as voltage amplitude, current amplitude, frequency and phase angle. From these parameters, several features can be extracted. The proposed model uses synchronous transformation-based phasor estimation of the measured instantaneous voltage and current signals for computing features. Fig 2 shows the block diagram for feature extraction stage and the complete feature extractor using DFT pre-processor which is interfaced to DT for final decision-making is cleared in Fig 3. In this approach, four features are extracted that are affected during islanding and can be measured locally and they are as follows:

$X_1 = \Delta f$ , the frequency deviation (Hz).

$X_2 = \Delta V$ , the rms voltage deviation in (pu).

$X_3 = \Delta \phi$ , the change in the phase angle difference between voltage and current.

$X_4 = d\phi/dt$ , the rate of change of phase angle difference.

**Fig. 2.** DFT block diagram**Fig. 3.** DFT detailed Matlab Simulink model**B) Decision Tree (DT)**

DT is built from a dataset called a training data which containing m dimensional feature vectors and their class values. Each branch downward from the node identifies to one of the possible values of this characteristic. Classification starting at the root node of the tree, testing the specific feature by this node, then moving down the tree branch according to the value of the characteristic. The process is iterated using the training events associated with every descendant node to choose the preferable characteristic to test at that point in a tree.

In this paper, islanding detection can be identified by the decision tree using the following steps:

- Simulating the model network.
- Measuring the voltage and current at every DG location at every situation.
- Simulating events (intentional or unintentional) and creating a database i.e. pattern vector X of the deviations.
- Analyzing the database generated from the simulation and determining the feature extractions of the parameters.
- Using DT, classify the data into islanding & non-islanding state and store pattern vector X along with the corresponding class Y in the database.

### III. the Test system

The studied model scheme along with the Microgrid components is shown in Fig. 4. The Matlab Simulink model of the test system shown in Fig. 5. The instantaneous voltage and current signals are monitored using current transformer / potential transformer at target DG location and then through DFT pre-processor. DFT estimates phase and frequency, fundamental amplitude for voltage and current and other related features. These extracted features are used to train the DT classifier model to have the best final decision. The detailed parameters of the model components are summarized in Tables 1-3.

**Fig. 4.** Single line diagram of the test system

**Fig. 5.** Matlab model of test system

**Table 1.** Line parameters

**Table 2.** Load parameters

**Table 3.** DGs parameters

The tested model consists of synchronous generator-based DG units as shown in Fig. 4. DG which used in the proposed model is a salient pole synchronous machine with brushless excitation. Excitation system is combined of a small synchronous machine connected on the main shaft and current rectification is executed by a rotating diode bridge fixed on the same shaft, feeding DC power to the synchronous generator field. Synchronous generator and the exciter are coupled mechanically using speed as mechanical input for the exciter machine.

### IV. simulation results

In this paper, an elaborated test system on a grid connected Microgrid model has carried out to assess the effectiveness of the used approach using Matlab Simulink. The proposed method is simulated according to some steps which shown in Fig. 1 as follows:

#### A) Running The Model and Recording Measurements

The process starts with retrieving voltage and current signals at the DG end for islanding and non-islanding conditions and, the phasor estimation is performed using synchronous transformation based estimation algorithm. Initially the instantaneous current and voltage signals are fed to the sampling device and, sampled  $V_{abc}$  and  $I_{abc}$  are cascaded to the synchronous transformation based phasor estimation algorithm to estimate  $V_p$  and  $I_p$  and phase angle difference. The system model is simulated at 1.0 kHz (20 samples per cycle on 50 Hz base frequency).

#### B) Training for Decision Tree Classifier

By recording measurements, a training matrix is built and it consists of four columns for extracted features and one column for the response that has zeros for non-islanding and ones for islanding.

Using classifier application in Matlab to make training by two different testing methods *i)* K-fold cross effectiveness and *ii)* Holdout effectiveness. K-fold cross method divides the data base into K subsets and make iterations in number of K. In each iteration, (K-1) subsets used for training sets and a single subset as validation set. Every K subsets is used for validation set once in the process and results over K iterations are averaged to reach the last result. The proposed technique simulated at choosing value of 5-fold cross validation as a classifier validation. In Holdout validation method, entire dataset is divided into a learning set for training and a test set for testing classifier. This approach uses amount 80% of the data set for training set and 20% for test.

### C) Checking Training Performance

#### 1) Check performance per class in the confusion matrix

The confusion matrix diagram is used to understand how the currently selected classifier performed in each class. The confusion matrix helps in identifying the areas where the classifier has Poor performance. In confusion matrix, shown in Fig. 6, the rows have the true category, while columns have the predicted category. The cells is the place where the real class and prediction class are assigned. If the cells color is green, the classifier has performed well and classified observations of this true class correctly and verse vice.

**Fig. 6.** Confusion matrix diagram

**Fig. 7.** Parallel coordinates diagram

**Fig. 8.** ROC curve

**Fig. 9.** DT generated during training

#### 2) Investigate features in the parallel coordinates diagram

This diagram is used to understand relationships between features and identify useful predictors for separating classes. Training data and misclassified points are visualized on the parallel coordinate's diagram. Misclassified points are appear as dashed in Fig. 7.

#### 3) Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve

ROC it is a curve which shows a graph for to values which is a true positive versus false positive rate for the classifier. In Fig. 8. Shows the values of the false positive and the true positive rate for the classifier. To understand the meaning of ROC curve we take an example like a false positive rate of 0.35 indicates that the classification incorrectly assigns 35% of positive status tracking. A positive force of 0.75 indicates that the classifier correctly allocates 75% of the positive class observations. The ideal result without the wrong points is the rectangular angle in the upper left corner of the curve. A bad result, which is no more than a coincidence, is a 45-degree line. AUC number is a measure of the overall quality of the classifier. Classifier performance will be better if the AUC indicates a larger value.

After recording data, training decision tree classifier and checking the performance of the decision tree classifier, the optimal decision tree is identified and is seen in Fig. 9.

## D) Results and Discussions

In the proposed method we take each cases of islanding intentional islanding by opening each CB and found its effect on the DGs, other case is non-intentional islanding by making a linear fault with  $R=30 \Omega$ .

### 1) Intentional islanding

When the main station breaker CB0 is opened at  $t=6.5s$ , for maintenance or any other normal operation switching, the proposed approach detects the islanding inception at DG1, DG2, DG3 and DG4 as shown in Fig. 10, where 0 refers non-islanding and 1 refers to islanding inception.

When CB1 is opened at  $t=6.5s$ , the results in Fig. 11 show that DG1 is islanded while the others DGs 2, 3 and 4 are non-islanded.

When CB2 is opened at  $t=6.5s$ , the proposed approach detects that DG2 is islanded and others are non-islanded, as shown in Fig. 12.

In Fig. 13, the proposed approach gives the decision of islanding for DG3 and non-islanding of others DGs when CB3 is opened at  $t=6.5s$ .

Finally, Fig. 14 shows that DG4 is islanded and DGs 1, 2 and 3 are non-islanded when CB4 is opened at  $t=6.5s$ .

**Fig. 10.** Islanding decision when CB0 is opened

**Fig. 11.** Islanding decision when CB1 is opened

**Fig. 12.** Islanding decision when CB2 is opened

**Fig. 13.** Islanding decision when CB3 is opened

**Fig. 14.** Islanding decision when CB4 is opened

### 2) Non-Intentional islanding

When a fault occurs near to CB0 and at  $t=4.5s$ , the proposed approach decides that all DGs are islanded from the instant of fault inceptions, as shown in Fig 15, and this means that this microgrid will be in autonomous mode.

In Fig. 16, the results show that DG1 is islanded and others are non-islanded, when a fault incepts close to CB1 at  $t=4.5s$ .

Also when the fault occurs close to CB2 and the instant of  $t=4.5s$ , the approach classifies that DG2 is islanded and others are non-islanded, as depicted in Fig. 17.

When CB3 is close to a fault location occurs at  $t=4.5s$ , the results shown in Fig. 19 illustrate that DG3 is islanded and other DGs are non-islanded.

The proposed approach detects that DG4 is islanded and other DGs are non-islanded from the instant of fault inception close to CB4 at  $t=4.5s$ , as shown in Fig. 19.

**Fig. 15.** Islanding decision when a fault occurs near to CB0

**Fig. 16.** Islanding decision when a fault is close to CB1

**Fig. 17.** Islanding decision when a fault occurs near to CB2

**Fig. 18.** Islanding decision when a fault occurs near to CB3

**Fig. 19.** Islanding decision when a fault occurs near to CB4

## E) Comparisons

Table 4 shows a comparison between the performance of proposed islanding detection approach based DT classifier, NB and K-NN classifiers for islanding detection in four indices of dependability, security, accuracy and fast islanding detection (time index).

The results show that the superiority of the proposed approach in terms of fast detection where it requires 50 ms to detect the islanding or non-islanding operation mode with 99.5 % accuracy.

**Table 4.** Comparison between proposed approach, NB, and K-NN

## V. CONCLUSIONS

The proposed islanding detection approach for Microgrids operation is proposed in this paper. This approach utilizes set of system features and uses DT based classifier for pattern recognition and classification of many types of system events, intentional or non-intentional, for islanding detection. The proposed approach is tested on a microgrid equipped with synchronous generator-based DGs. The suggested method is likely detecting islanding with a speed accuracy less than three cycles from the islanding occurrence. The results of proposed method are compared with other techniques in terms of fast islanding detection, dependability, security and accuracy. Examples of patterns show the superiority of effective detection of islanding phenomenon in compare with other islanding detection techniques.

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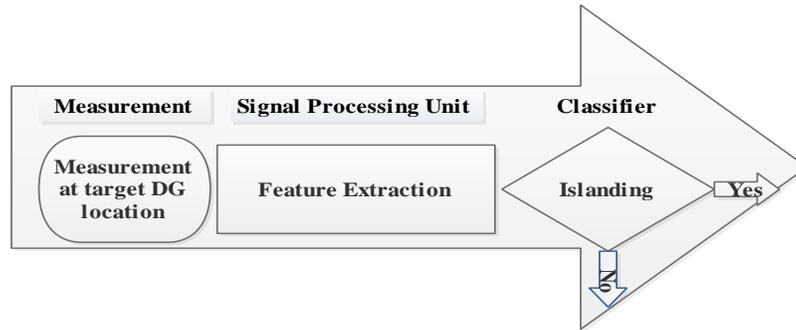
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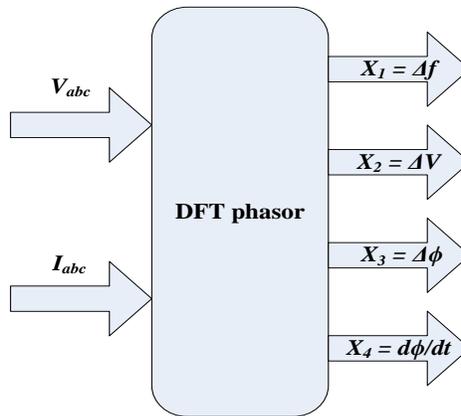
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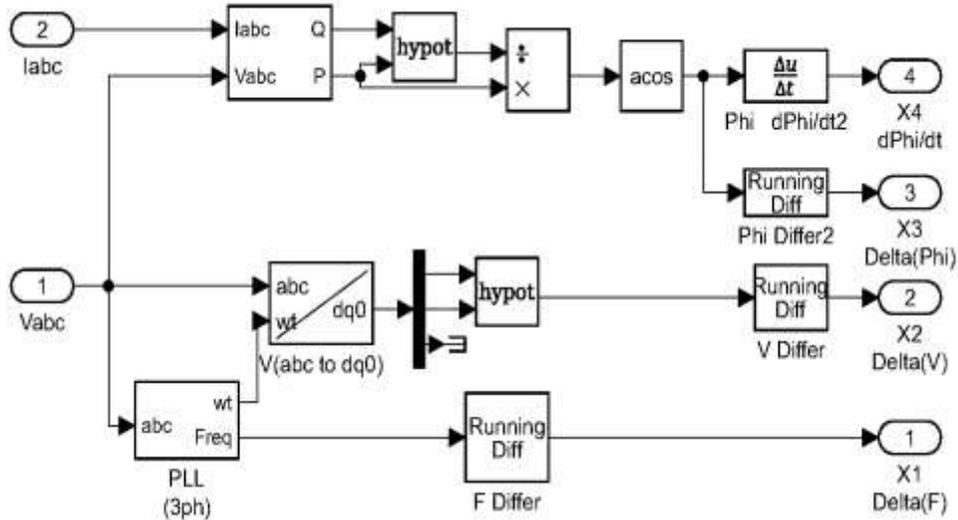
**A. Figures**



**Fig. 1.** The proposed islanding detection model



**Fig. 2.** DFT block diagram



**Fig. 3.** DFT detailed Matlab Simulink model

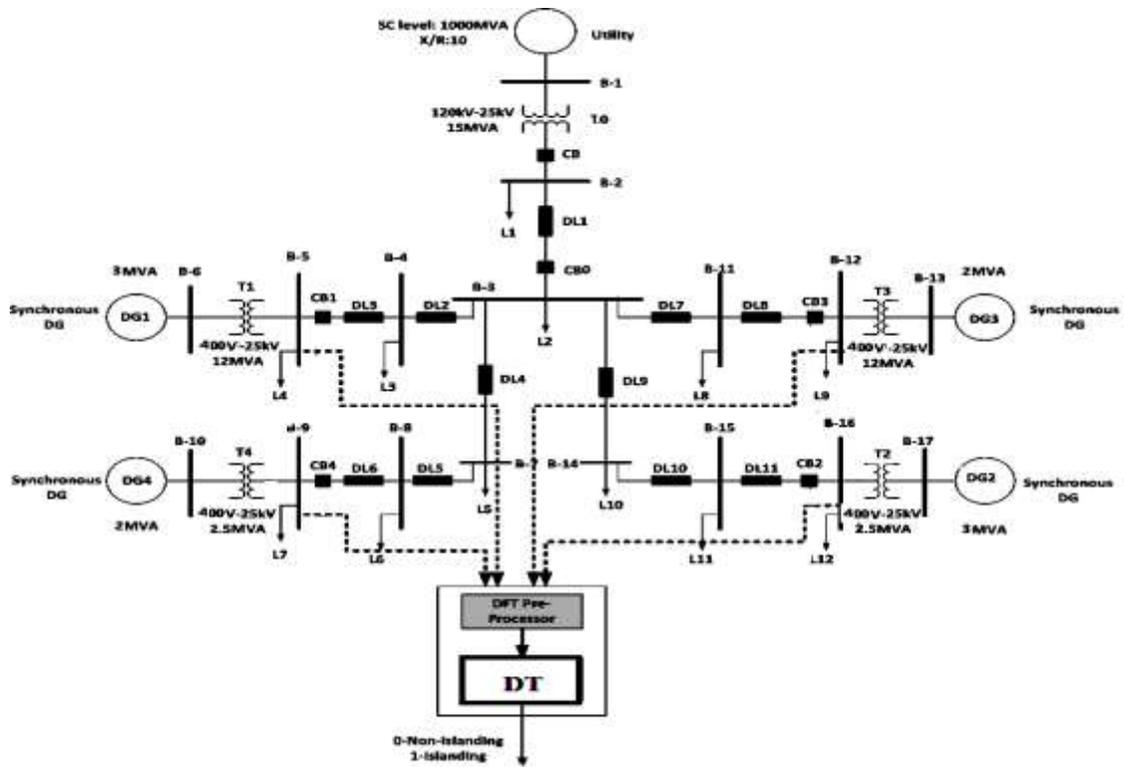


Fig. 4. Single line diagram of the test system

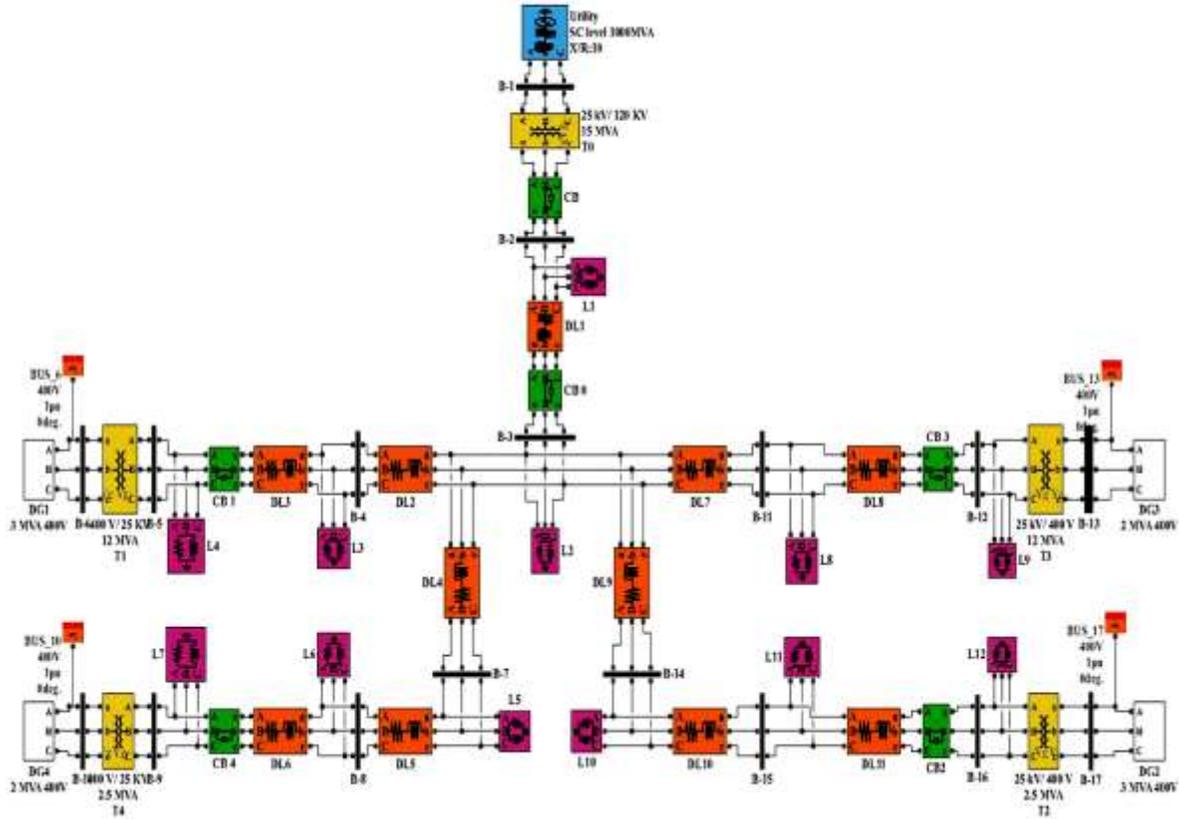


Fig. 5. Matlab model of test system

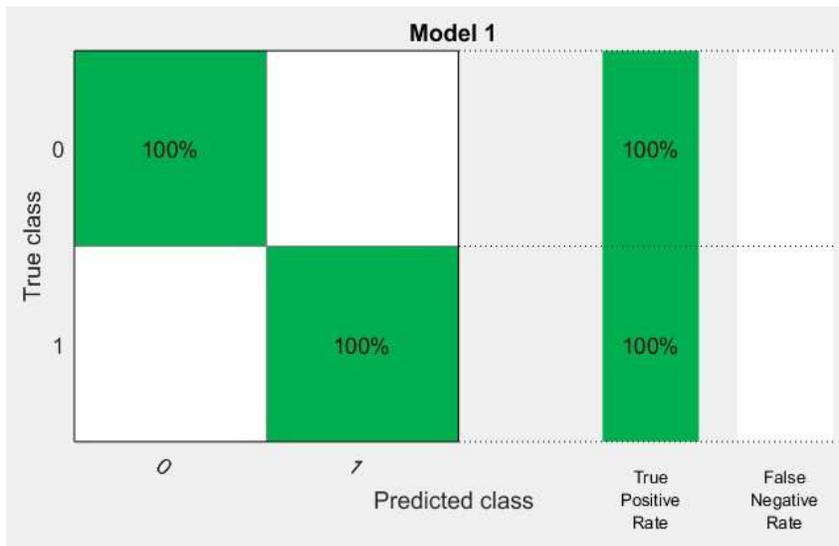


Fig. 6. Confusion matrix diagram

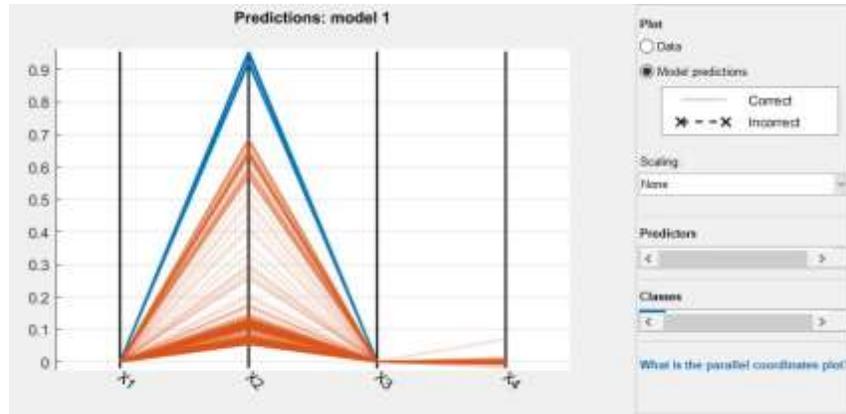


Fig. 7. Parallel coordinates diagram

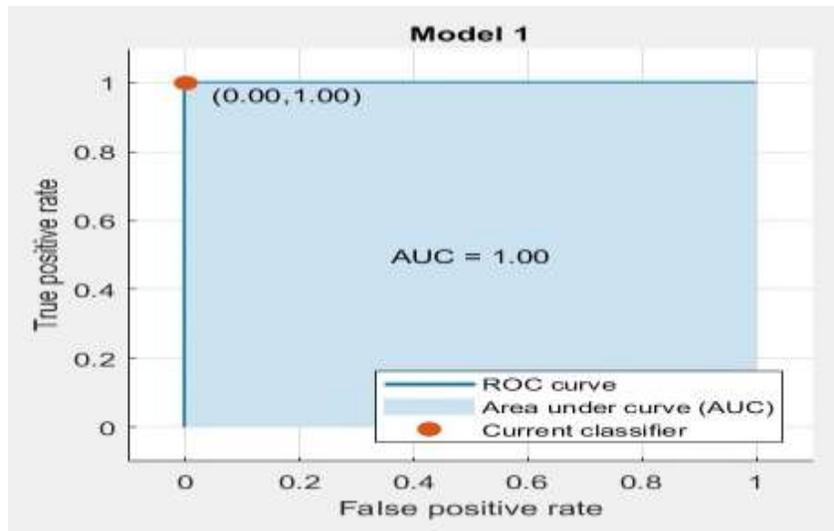


Fig. 8. ROC curve

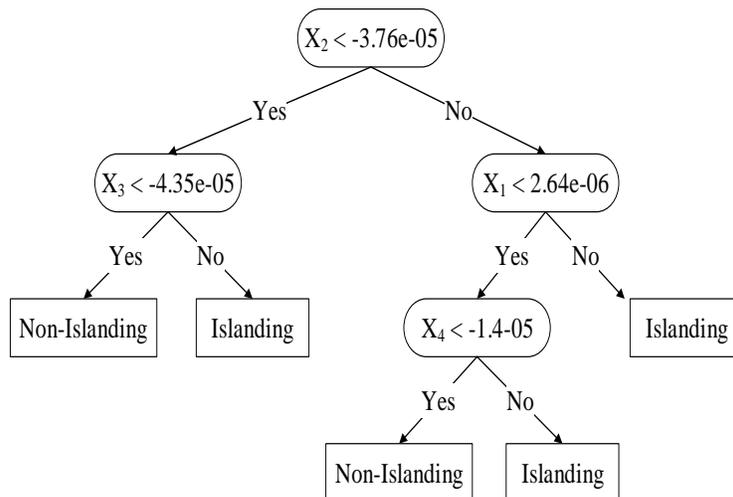


Fig. 9. DT generated during training

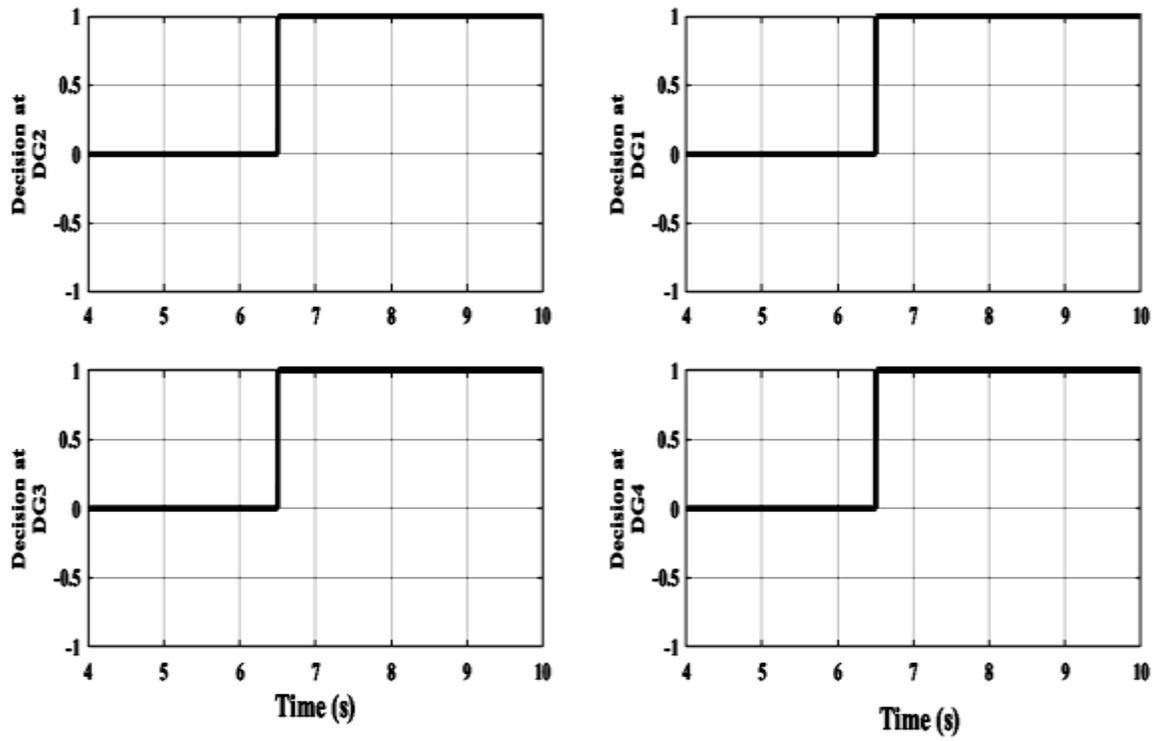


Fig. 10. Islanding decision when CB0 is opened

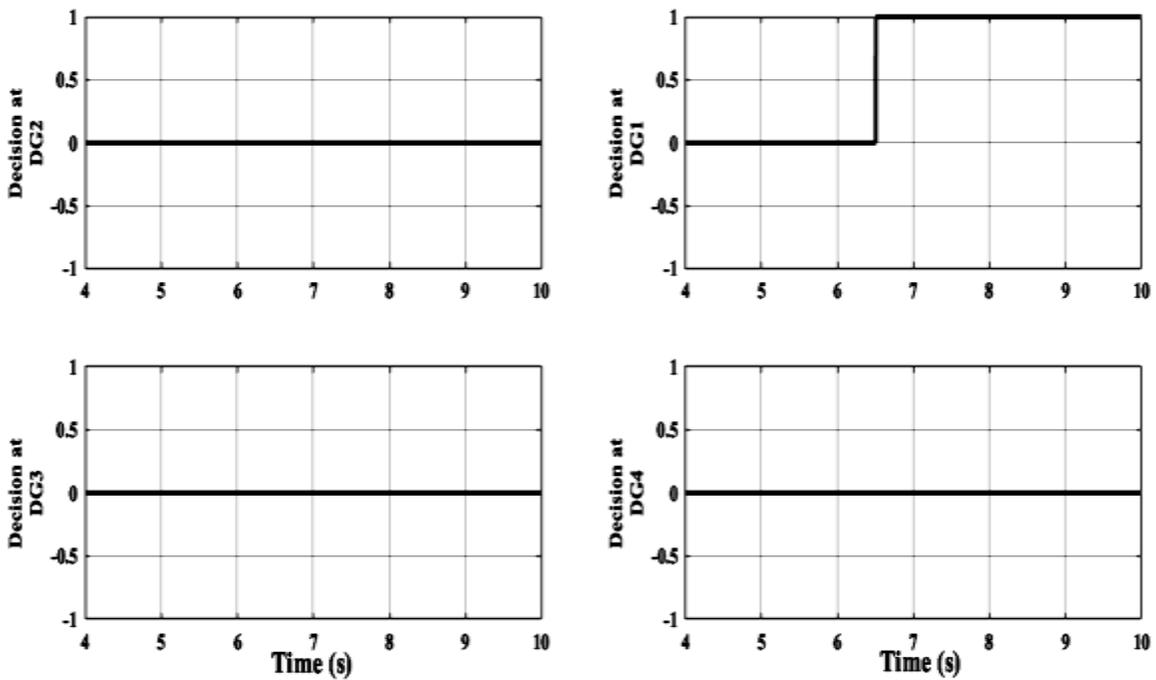


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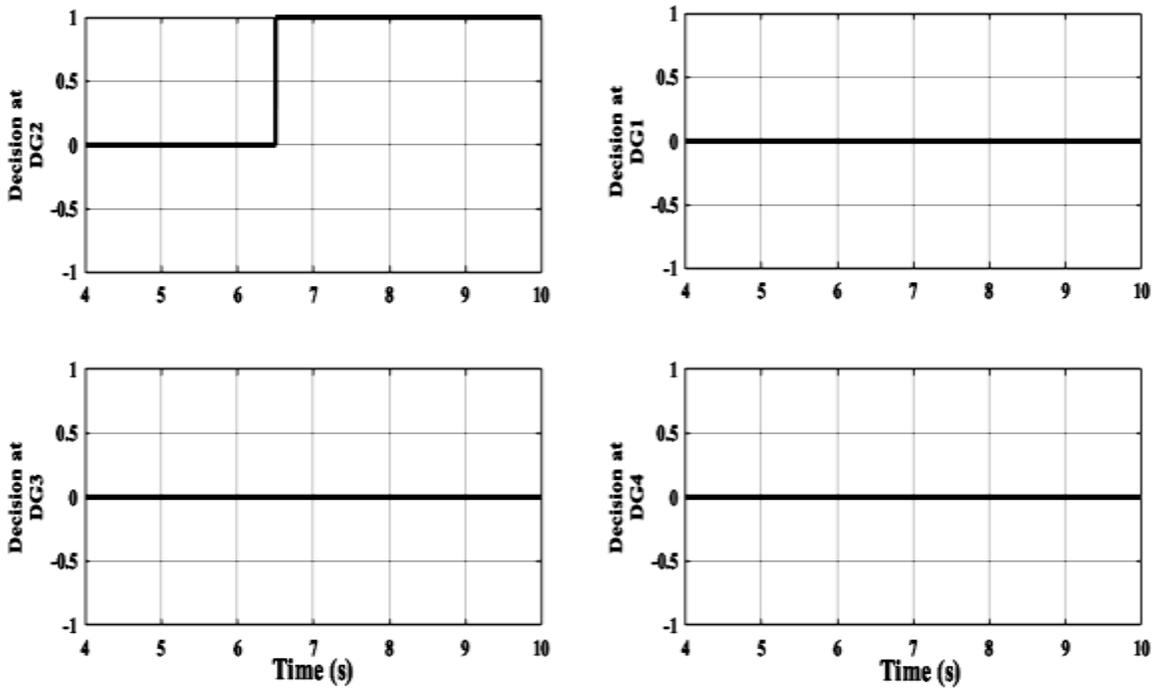
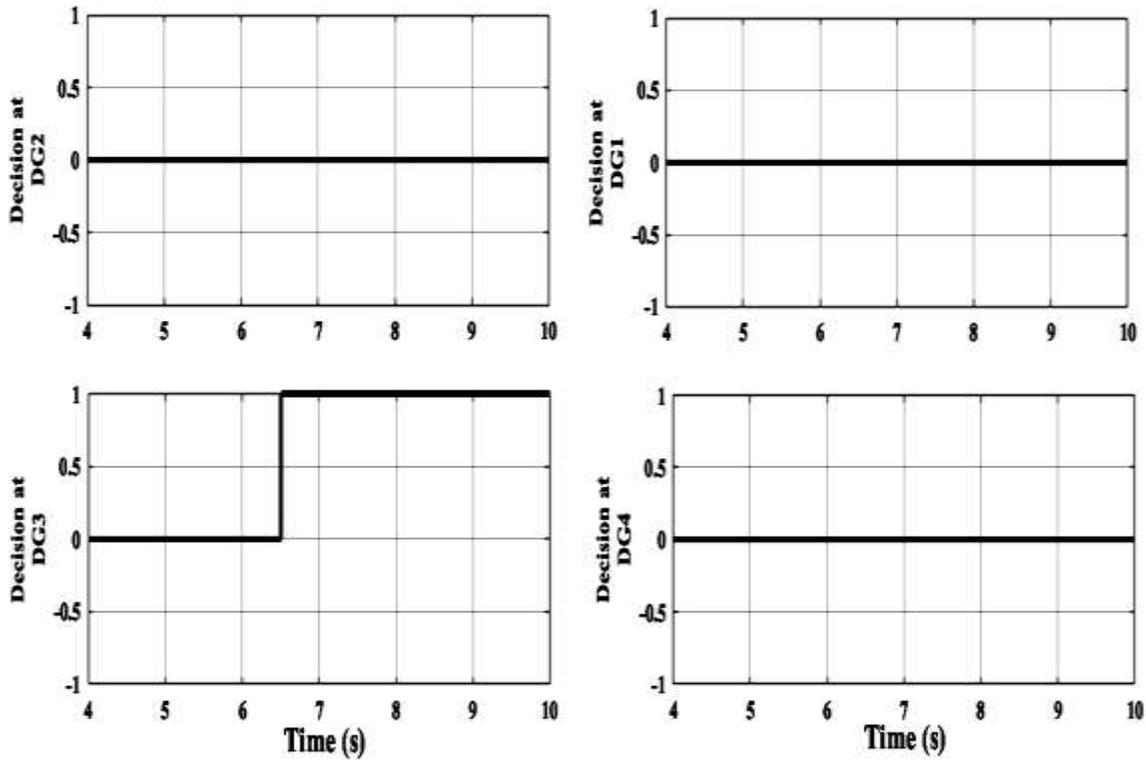
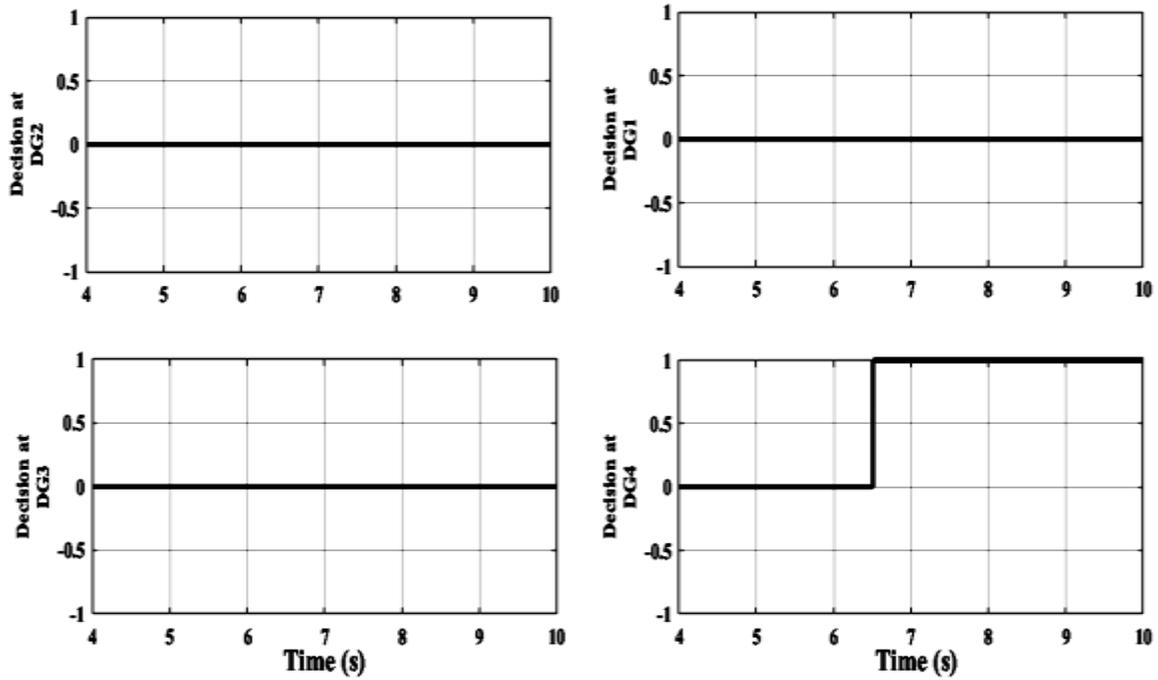


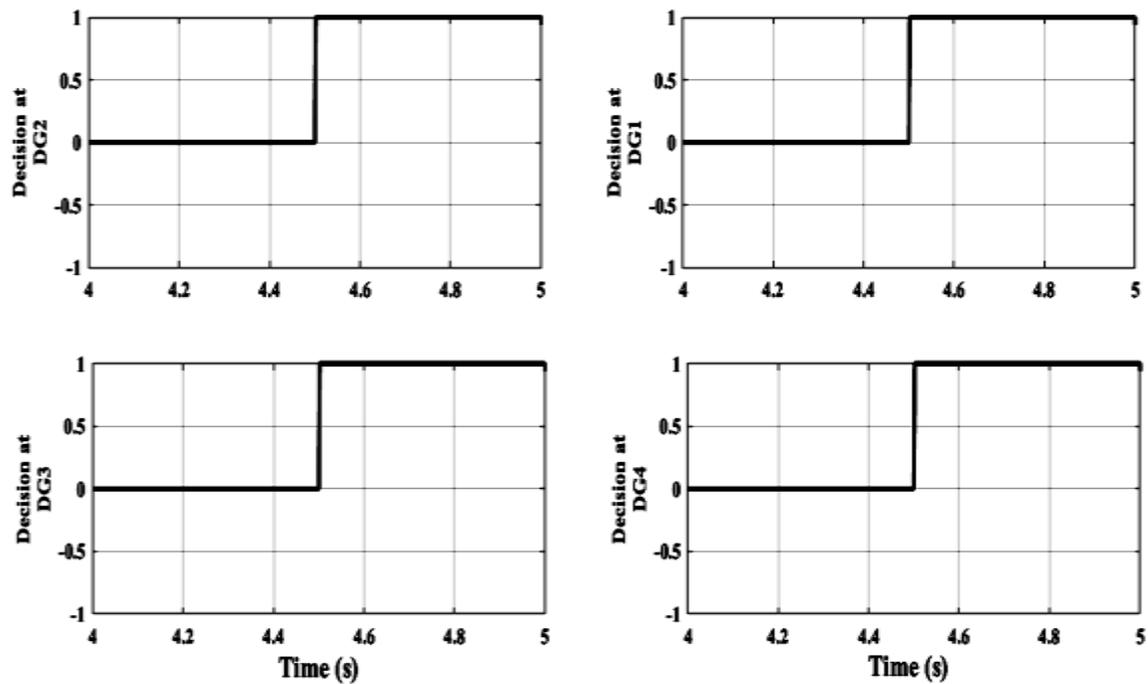
Fig. 12. Islanding decision when CB2 is opened



**Fig. 13.** Islanding decision when CB3 is opened



**Fig. 14.** Islanding decision when CB4 is opened



**Fig. 15.** Islanding decision when a fault occurs near to CB0

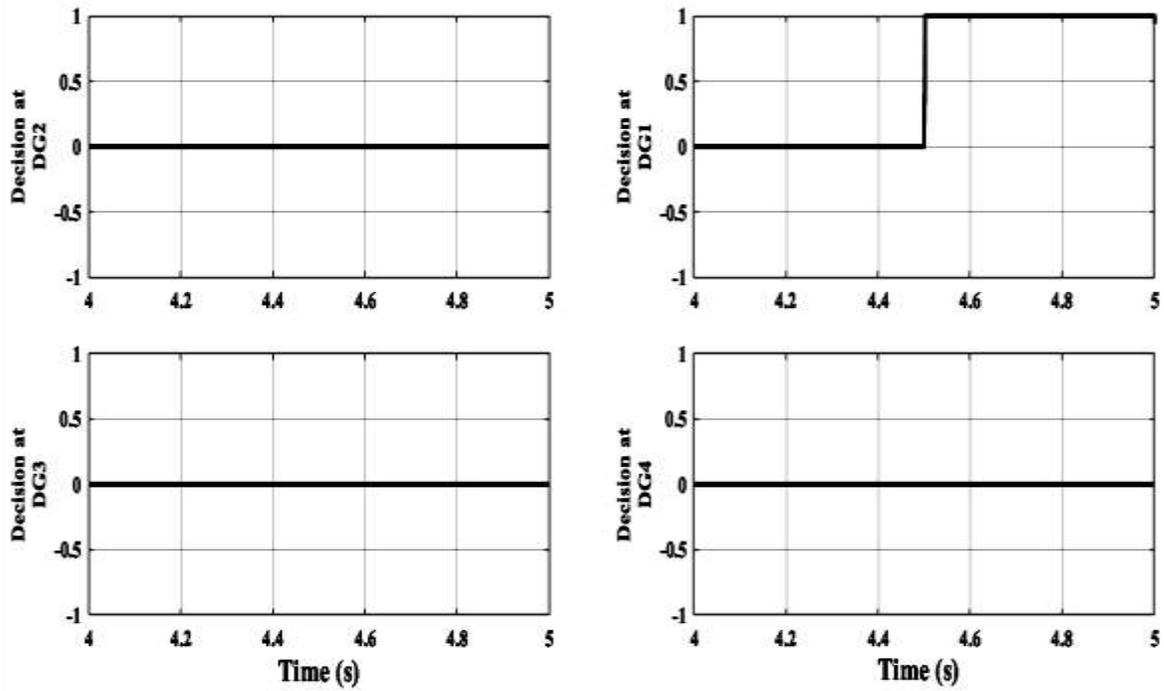


Fig. 16. Islanding decision when a fault is close to CB1

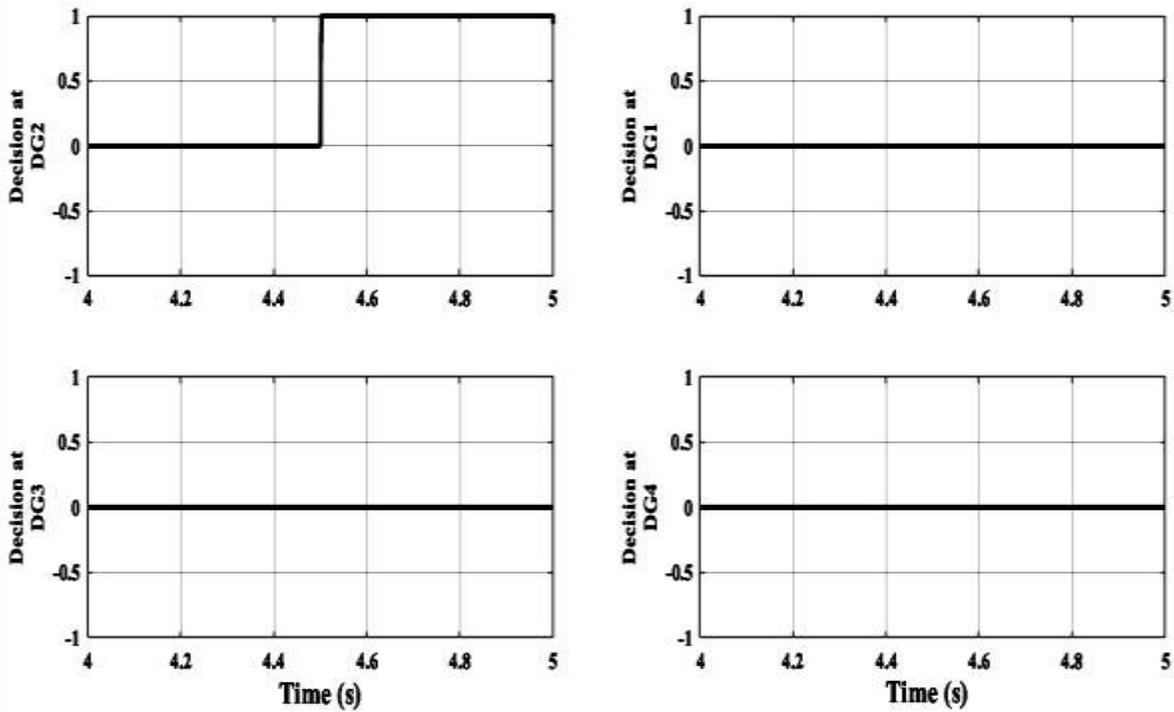


Fig. 17. Islanding decision when a fault occurs near to CB2

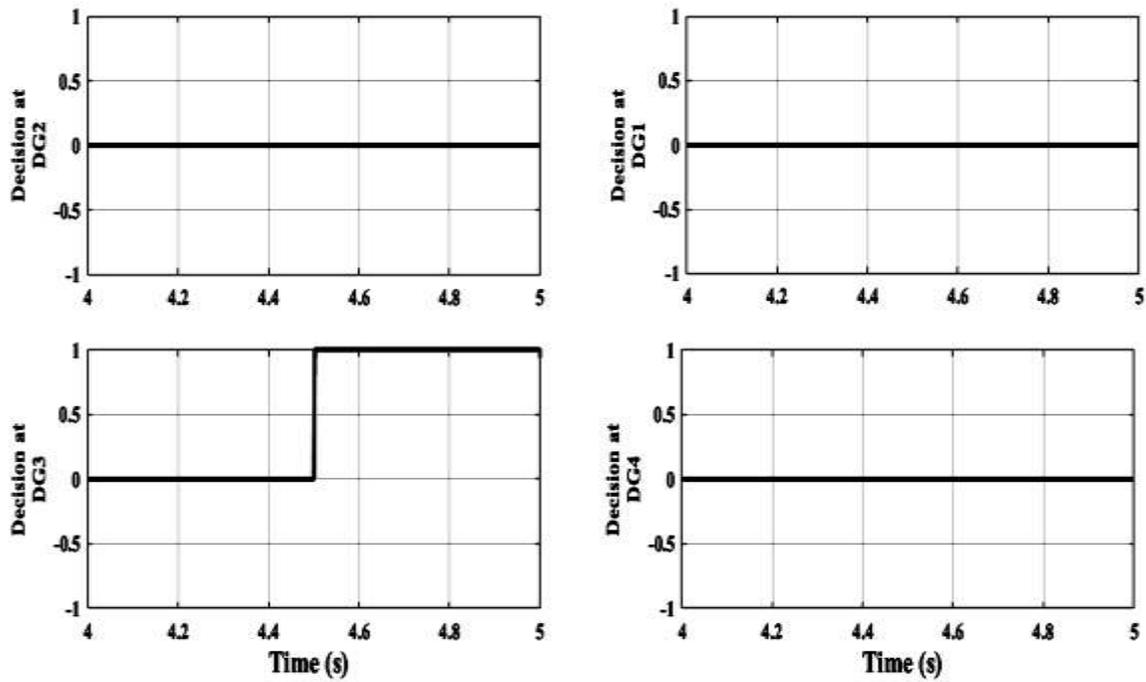


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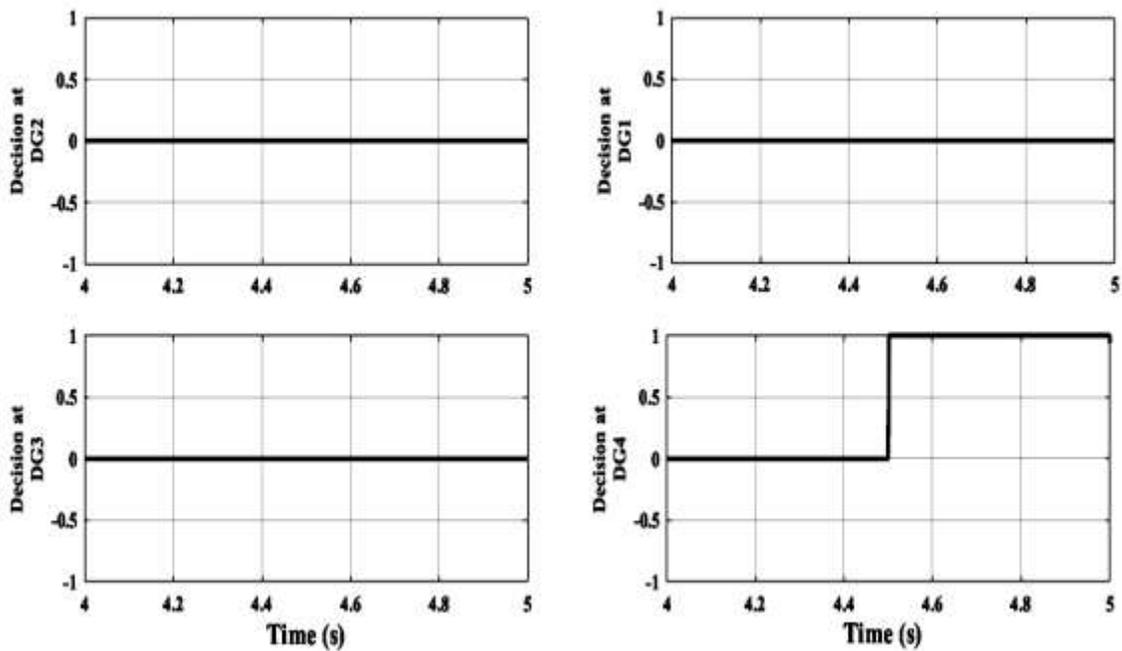


Fig. 19. Islanding decision when a fault occurs near to CB4

**B. Tables**

**Table 1.** Line parameters

	<b>Line (Bus-Bus)</b>	<b>R (<math>\Omega</math>)</b>	<b>L (mH)</b>
<b>1</b>	DL1	4.856	34.525
<b>2</b>	DL2,DL7	1.238	11.18
<b>3</b>	DL3,DL8	0.7706	2.754
<b>4</b>	DL4,DL9	3.2552	9.081
<b>5</b>	DL5,DL10	1.701	15.36
<b>6</b>	DL6,DL11	0.1803	1.628

**Table 2.** Load parameters

<b>Load No</b>	<b>P (MW)</b>	<b>Q (MVar)</b>
<b>L1</b>	1.50	0.70
<b>L2</b>	0.40	0.28
<b>L3,L8</b>	0.33	0.15
<b>L4,L9</b>	0.53	0.20
<b>L5,L10</b>	0.45	0.25
<b>L6,L11</b>	0.60	0.43
<b>L7,L12</b>	0.67	0.37

**Table 3.** DGs parameters

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>MVA</b>	3 & 2	$X_d$ (pu)	1.56
<b>Voltage (V)</b>	400	$X_d'$ (pu)	0.296
<b>H(s)</b>	1.07	$X_d''$ (pu)	0.177
<b>Td'(s)</b>	3.7	$X_q$ (pu)	1.06
<b>Td''(s)</b>	0.05	$X_q''$ (pu)	0.177
<b>Tqo''(s)</b>	0.05	$X_1$ (pu)	0.052
<b>F(pu)</b>	0	$R_s$ (pu)	0.0036
<b>Brushless Exciter unit</b>			
<b>Synchronous machine</b>	8.1 kVA, 400V, 3-phase, 50Hz, 1500 RPM		
<b>Transformer</b>	400V/12V (3-phase)		
<b>Rectifier</b>	Diode Rectifier Bridge		

**Table 4.** Comparison between proposed approach, NB, and K-NN

<b>Classifier</b>	<b>Dependability (%)</b>	<b>Security (%)</b>	<b>Accuracy (%)</b>	<b>Detection Time (s)</b>
<b>NB</b>	77	75	75	0.1
<b>K-NN</b>	95	90	90	0.1
<b>Proposed approach</b>	100	98	99.5	0.05