

Indirect Field Orientation Control of Induction Machine with Detuning Effect

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Abstract:

Field orientation control (FOC) methods of an induction machine achieve decoupled torque and flux dynamics leading to independent control of torque and flux as for separately excited DC motor, but they are sensitive to motor parameter variations. The has present work selects the indirect field orientation control (IFOC) as an effective method for eliminating the coupling effect. The results show how well the drive performance has been improved by this control strategy. However, to which extent the control strategy can perform the decoupling relies on the accuracy of the slip frequency calculation. Unfortunately, the slip frequency depends on the rotor time constant that varies continuously according to the operational conditions and, then, the coupling effect may again arise.

This paper investigates the improvement in the performance of the induction machine dynamics as the IFOC technique is utilized, also, it investigates the degradation in dynamic performance when the rotor resistance is deviated from its nominal value.

Keyword: Induction Machine, Indirect field orientation control, Modelling

الخلاصة:

تحقق طرق سيطرة توجيه المجال للمحرك الديناميكية للفيض المغناطيسي والعزم، والذي يؤدي بدوره الى سيطرة منفصلة للعزم والفيض كما هو الحال في محرك التيار المستمر ذو التغذية المنفصلة. ولكن تلك المحركات، ذات السيطرة بتوجيه المجال، حساسة لتغير معلمات المحرك. في هذا البحث تم اختيار طريقة للسيطرة على متجه المجال الغير المباشر لغرض فصل متجه العزم عن متجه المجال. حيث اظهرت النتائج على حصول تحسن في اداء مسوق القدرة باستخدام هذه الطريقة. مع ذلك، فإن الحد الذي يستطيع هذه التقنية ان تبقى على متجه العزم والفيض متعامدان يعتمد على الثابت الزمني للجزء الدوار، الذي يتغير باستمرار مع ظروف الاشتغال، والذي يؤدي بالتالي الى ظهور التأثير المتبادل (فقدان التعامد). يتحرى هذا البحث عن نقاط التحسن في اداء الحركة الديناميكية للمحرك الحثي باستخدام تقنية السيطرة على توجيه المجال الغير مباشر وكذلك عن اسباب التدهور الحاصل في اداء المحرك عندما تحيد قيمة مقاومة ملفات الجزء الدوار عن القيمة القياسية.

1. Introduction:

The fundamentals of vector control implementation can be explained with the help of Fig.(1), where the machine model is presented in a synchronous rotating reference frame. The inverter is omitted from the figure, assuming that it has unity current gain, that is, it generates currents i_a , i_b , and i_c as dictated by the corresponding command currents i_a^* , i_b^* , and i_c^* from the controller. A machine model with internal conversions is shown on the right. The machine terminal phase currents i_a , i_b , and i_c are converted to i_{ds}^s and i_{qs}^s transformation. These are then converted to synchronously rotating frame by the unit vector components $\cos q_e$ and $\sin q_e$ before applying them to the $d^e - q^e$ machine model. The controller makes two stages of inverse transformation, as shown, so that the control currents i_{ds}^{e*} and i_{qs}^{e*} correspond to the machine currents i_{ds}^e and i_{qs}^e , respectively. In addition, the unit vector assures correct alignment of i_{ds}^e with the L'_r and i_{qs}^e perpendicular to it, as shown. The transformation and inverse transformation including the inverter ideally do not incorporate any dynamics and therefore, the response to i_{ds}^e and i_{qs}^e is instantaneous.

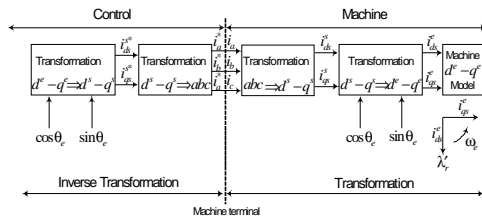


Fig.(1) Vector control implementation

principle with machine $d^e - q^e$ model

There are two essentially general methods of vector control; one called the direct method, and the other known as the indirect method. The methods are different essentially by how the unit vector ($\cos q_e$ and $\sin q_e$) is generated for the control. It should be mentioned that the orientation of i_{ds}^e with the rotor flux L'_r , air gap flux, or stator flux is possible in vector control. However, rotor flux orientation gives natural decoupling control, whereas air gap or stator flux orientation gives a coupling effect which has to be compensated by a decoupling compensation current [1,2].

2 Indirect Field Orientation Control (IFOC):

Indirect vector control is very popular in industrial applications. Fig. (2) explains the fundamental principle of indirect vector control with the help of a phasor diagram. The $d^s - q^s$ axes are fixed on the stator, but the $d^r - q^r$ axes, which are fixed on the rotor, are moving at speed ω_r . Synchronously rotating axes $d^e - q^e$ are rotating ahead of the $d^r - q^r$ axes by the positive slip angle q_{sl} corresponding to slip frequency ω_{sl} . Since the rotor pole is directed on the d^e axis and $\omega_e = \omega_r + \omega_{sl}$, one can write

$$q_e = \int \omega_e dt = \int (\omega_r + \omega_{sl}) dt = q_r + q_{sl}$$

(1) The phasor diagram suggests that for decoupling control, the stator flux component of current i_{ds}^e should be aligned on the d^e axis, and the torque component of current i_{qs}^e should be on the q^e axis, as shown.

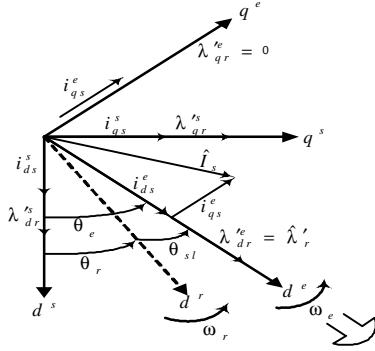


Fig. (2) Phasor diagram explaining indirect vector control

For decoupling control, one can make a derivation of control equations of indirect vector control with the help of $d^e - q^e$ dynamic model of induction machine (IM) [1,2,3,4],

$$\begin{aligned} v_{qs}^e &= pI_{qs}^e + w_e I_{ds}^e + r_s i_{qs}^e \\ v_{ds}^e &= pI_{ds}^e - w_e I_{qs}^e + r_s i_{ds}^e \\ v_{qr}^e &= pI_{qr}^e + (w_e - w_r) I_{dr}^e + r_r' i_{qr}^e \\ v_{dr}^e &= pI_{dr}^e - (w_e - w_r) I_{qr}^e + r_r' i_{dr}^e \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$T_{em}^e = \frac{3P}{2} (I_{qr}^e i_{dr}^e - I_{dr}^e i_{qr}^e) \quad (3)$$

If d^e axis is aligned with the rotor field, the q-component of the rotor field, I_{qr}^e , in the chosen reference frame would be zero [1,2,5,6],

$$I_{qr}^e = L_m i_{qs}^e + L_r' i_{qr}^e = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$i_{qr}^e = -\frac{L_m}{L_r'} i_{qs}^e \quad (5)$$

With I_{qr}^e zero, the equation of the developed torque, Eq.(3), reduces to

$$T_{em} = \frac{3P}{2} \frac{L_m}{L_r'} I_{dr}^e i_{qs}^e \quad (6)$$

which shows that if the rotor flux linkage I_{dr}^e is not disturbed, the torque can be independently controlled by

adjusting the stator q component current, i_{qs}^e .

For I_{qr}^e to remain unchanged at zero, its time derivative (pI_{qr}^e) must be zero, one can see from Eq.(2) [6,1,2]

$$I_{dr}^e = \frac{r_r' L_m}{r_r' + L_r' p} i_{ds}^e \quad (7)$$

$$w_{sl}^e = w_e - w_r = \frac{r_r' i_{qs}^e}{L_r' i_{ds}^e} \quad (8)$$

To implement the indirect vector control strategy, it is necessary to use the condition in Eq.s(6), (7), and (8) in order to satisfy the condition for proper orientation. Torque can be controlled by regulating i_{qs}^e and slip speed w_{sl} . Given some desired level of rotor flux, I_r^* , the desired value of i_{ds}^{e*} may be obtained from,

$$I_{dr}^{e*} = \frac{r_r' L_m}{r_r' + L_r' p} i_{ds}^{e*} \quad (9)$$

For the desired torque of T_{em}^* at the given level of rotor flux, the desired value of i_{qs}^{e*} in accordance with Eq.(6) is

$$T_{em}^{e*} = \frac{3P}{2} \frac{L_m}{L_r'} I_{dr}^{e*} i_{qs}^{e*} \quad (10)$$

When the field is properly oriented, i_{dr}^{e*} is zero, $I_{dr}^e = L_m i_{ds}^e$: thus, the slip speed of Eq.(8) can be written as

$$w_{sl}^{e*} = w_e - w_r = \frac{r_r' i_{qs}^{e*}}{L_r' i_{ds}^{e*}} \quad (11)$$

Thus, the above analysis shows that the vector control strategy can provide the same performance as is achieved from a separately excited DC machine; this is done by formulating the stator current phasor, in the two-axis synchronously rotating reference

frame, to have two components: magnetizing current component and torque producing current component; the generated motor torque is the product of two components. By keeping the magnetizing current component at a constant rated value, the motor torque is linearly proportional to the torque-producing component, which is quite similar to the control of a separately excited DC motor [7,8,9].

Figure (3) shows an indirect field-oriented control scheme for a current regulated PWM induction machine drive. The command values for the abc stator currents can then be computed as follows

$$i_{qs}^* = i_{qs}^e \cos q_e + i_{ds}^e \sin q_e \quad (12)$$

$$i_{ds}^* = -i_{qs}^e \sin q_e + i_{ds}^e \cos q_e$$

$$i_{as}^* = i_{qs}^*$$

$$i_{bs}^* = -(1/2)i_{qs}^* - (\sqrt{3}/2)i_{ds}^* \quad (13)$$

$$i_{bs}^* = -(1/2)i_{qs}^* + (\sqrt{3}/2)i_{ds}^*$$

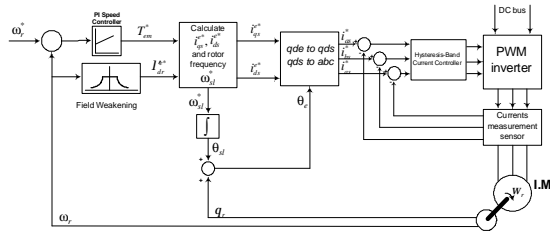


Fig.(3) Indirect field-oriented control of a current regulated pwm inverter induction motor drive

3 IndirectField Orientation Detuning:

The success of FOC is based on the proper division of stator current into two components. Using the above d-q axis orientation approach, these two currents components are i_{ds}^* and i_{qs}^* , which specify the magnetizing flux and torque respectively [1,2,4,10].

The indirect FOC method uses a feedforward slip calculation, Fig.(3), to

partition the stator current. The slip speed equation is rearranged as

$$w_{sl} = \frac{L_m}{T_r} \frac{i_{qs}^{e*}}{I_r'} \quad (14)$$

where $I_r' = L_m i_{ds}^{e*}$. The above condition, if satisfied, ensures the decoupling torque and flux production; a change in i_{qs}^{e*} will not disturb the flux and the instantaneous torque control is achieved. This indicates that an ideal field orientation occurs. To what extent this decoupling is actually achieved will depend on the accuracy of motor parameters used. It is easy to be noted that the calculation of the slip frequency in Eq.(14) depends on the rotor resistance. Owing to saturation and heating, the rotor resistance changes and hence the slip frequency is either over or under estimated.

Eventually, the rotor flux I_{dr}^e and the stator-axis current i_{qs}^e will be no longer decoupled in Eq.(10) and the instantaneous torque control is lost. Furthermore, the electromechanical torque generation is reduced at steady state under the plant parameter variations and hence the machine will work in a low-efficiency region.

Finally, the variation of the parameters of moment of inertia J and the friction constant B is common in real applications. For instance, the bearing friction will change after the motor has run for a period of time [11].

Since the values of rotor resistance and magnetizing inductance are known to vary somewhat more than the other parameters, on-line parameter adaptive techniques are often employed to tune the value of these parameters used in an indirect field-oriented controller to ensure proper operation [2,11,12]. The detuning effect,

generally, causes degradation in the drive performance.

4. Simulated Results

4.1 Simulation of Fixed Voltage Open-Loop Operation:

The model equations of the IM, Eq.(2), in the stationary qd reference frame are modeled using SIMULINK [13,14]. The simulation is set up for simulating the dynamic behavior of the motor with fixed-step type of step size (2e-6 sec). The results from these open-loop operations will later be used as a benchmark to compare the performance of the same motor operated with field-oriented control.

In the model, three-phase voltages of base frequency ($f_b = 60$ Hz) applied to the input are converted into two-phase stationary reference frame voltages. Once d-q phase voltages obtained, the associated flux and current are calculated and then applied to electromechanical and mechanical torque equations to obtain torque-speed responses.

Based on the stationary reference frame model, Fig.(4) shows the waveforms of stator a-phase voltage, v_{ag} , the quadrature stator current, i_{qs} , the developed torque, T_{em} , and the rotor speed ω_r at no-load for a 20-hp motor. The figure shows that the speed is settled at approximately 0.2 sec., which is the same settling time for the stator current and developed torque. Also, the speed has a steady state value of 188.5 rad/sec., as shown. Torque vs. speed curve obtained from the same model is shown in Fig.(5) for no-load condition.

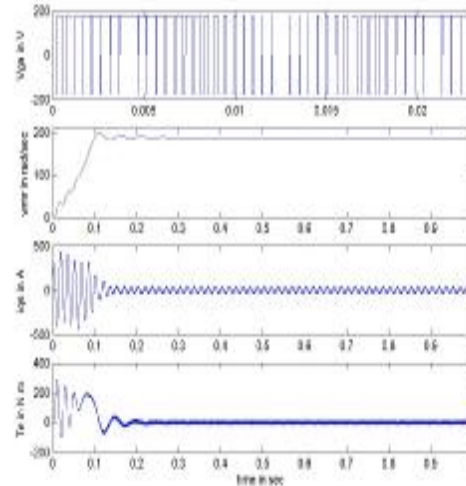


Fig.(4) No-Load Response of Stationary Frame Induction Motor Model

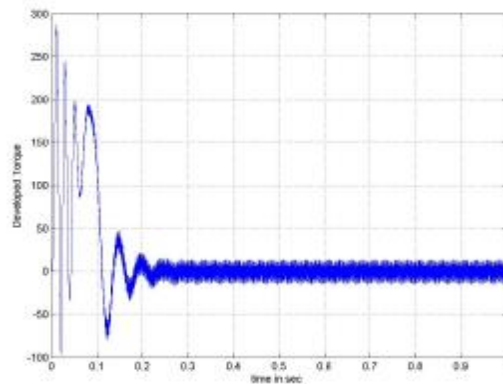


Figure (5) Open-loop torque-speed curve of the IM model at no-load.

The value of the externally applied mechanical torque is generated by a repeating sequence source with the time and output values scheduled as follows:

Time array: $time_tmech = [0 \ 0.75 \ 0.75 \ 1.0 \ 1.0 \ 1.25 \ 1.25 \ 1.5 \ 1.5 \ 2]$.

Output array: $tmech_tmech=[0 \ 0 \ -Trated \ -Trated \ -Trated/2 \ -Trated/2 \ -Trated \ -Trated \ 0 \ 0]$.

Sample results showing the starting of the motor with full stator voltage and the response of the motor to the programmed sequence of loading are shown in Fig.(6). In the figure, the speed is expressed in per unit (p.u.) and the speed settled to unity. Also, the figure shows the magnitude of stator and rotor flux linkages per second $|y_s|$ and $|y_r|$, where $y = w_b I$ (volt). One can observe the oscillatory response of the rotor flux linkage before it builds up to its steady state value (172.56 V.). The flux response shows a large change when the load is suddenly changed.

4.2 Simulation of IFOC developed in Stationary Reference Frame:

This simulation is implemented to be familiar with indirect field-oriented control and to observe the variables at every stage of the control.

It is easy to build the SIMULINK modeling for a current regulated PWM IFOC IM of Fig.(3) [13,14,15]. In this simulation, reference dq currents are obtained according to the reference load torque and speed waveform. These dq reference currents are transformed into abc reference currents to be compared with the actual motor currents and the errors are fed to three hysteresis controllers to obtain reference voltages.

The proportional gain k_p and integral gain k_i of the speed controller are tuned to give the best speed response shown in Fig.(7). The value of $k_p=75$ and $k_i=7$ have been chosen to meet such transient specification. Also, the allowable commanded torque generated from the speed controller should not exceed $\pm T_{lim}$ (170 N.m),

as dedicated by the developed torque response shown in Fig.(5).

The look-up table for field weakening matches the desired value

of the rotor d-axis flux, I_{dr}^e , to that of the mechanical speed of the rotor, w_r . For speed less than the base or rated speed, I_{dr}^e is set equal to its no-load value with a rated supply voltage. Beyond the base speed, the flux speed product is held constant at the base speed (w_b) value.

In this case, the machine is ramped up to speed using the speed reference after which it is subjected to a sequence of step changes in load torque. The following values are used:

tstop: The study time to two seconds.

time_wref: The time array of the speed reference repeating sequence signal source to $[0 \ 0.5 \ tstop]$.

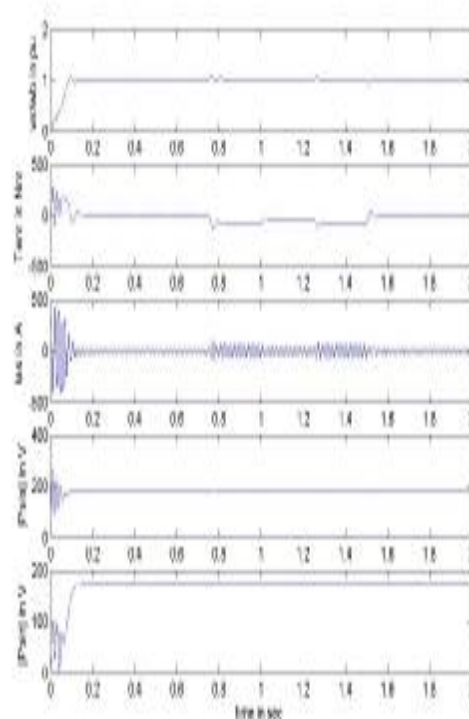


fig.(6) Startup and cyclic loading transients under open-loop control.

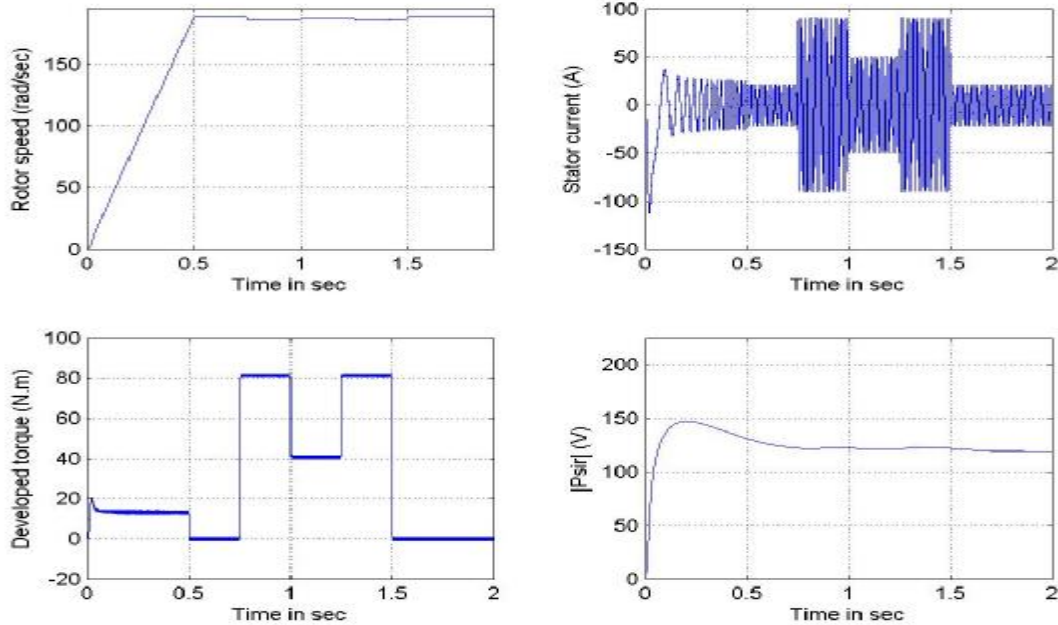


Fig. (7) Startup and load transients with field-oriented control

time_tmech: The time array of the T_{mech} repeating sequence source to [0 0.75 1 1.25 1.25 1.5 1.5 2].
 tmech_tmech: The value array of the T_{mech} repeating sequence source to [0 0 -Trated -Trated/2 -Trated/2 -Trated -Trated 0 0].
 Sampling Time: 2e-6 sec.

One can see from Fig.(7) the monotonic response of the flux before it reaches its steady-state value (122.44 volt) compared to that oscillatory one in Fig.(6). Also, it is easy to see in Fig.(7) how well the flux amplitude remains constant when the motor is loaded, as compared to a large change in the flux response with open loop situation.

Another comparison is clear between the electromechanical torque responses of Fig.(5) and (6). The torque shows a smooth response in case of IFOC, while it is oscillatory in open loop case.

The validity of IFOC technique is verified via two tests. In the first test, a change in stator quadrature current is generated by a repeating sequence source with the time and output values scheduled as follows:

time_change_iqse= [0 0.6 0.8 0.9 2]
 output_change_iqse= [0 0 10 10 0 0]

In both tests, the machine is ramped up to mechanical base

frequency ω_{bm} in 0.5 second and started up at no load condition.

In Fig.(8), the change in i_{qs}^{*e} immediately appears at its corresponding output, i_{qs}^e , while no change is detected in i_{ds}^e and rotor flux magnitude $|Y_r|$. Also, the figure shows the change in the response of developed torque and rotor speed due to this current change. and added to the commanded quadrature stator current in synchronous frame i_{qs}^{*e} . The same change values are fed to the direct stator current in synchronous frame i_{ds}^{*e} in the other test. The reflection of these changes on the output synchronous qd components of the stator currents, i_{ds}^e and i_{qs}^e , and then to what extent the IFOC technique performs the decoupling action is investigated in Fig.s(8) and (9).

In Fig.(9), the change in i_{ds}^{*e} gives rise to a corresponding change in i_{ds}^e , which in turn affects the response of rotor flux magnitude $|Y_r|$. No reflection of this change to i_{qs}^e has been seen, and therefore, no change in the torque and speed responses would be expected.

Thus, the observations seen in Fig.s(8) and (9) give a strong indication that the decoupling action is well performed by IFOC technique and the machine is, by now, a dc like machine. However, the conclusion that induction machine model has been converted to dc like machine is not yet decisive. There is still a problem behind the calculation of slip frequency, where the changes in rotor resistance could cause

degradation in IFOC technique performance and the coupling effect might again be arisen (detuning effect).

4.2 Simulation of IFOC IM with Detuning Effect:

The examination of detuning effect in the rotor resistance is performed by introducing an estimation factor, k_r , to all the r_r' terms of machine model. As set up, perfect tuning is when $k_r=1$. The previous run of perfect tuning, Fig.(7), is repeated at fixed reference speed (ramped up to speed ω_{bm} in 0.5 sec) for a $k_r=1.5$ and 0.5, with no-load, rated load and with cyclic change of load.

Fig. (10) and (11) are run with no-load and with estimation factors $k_r=0.5$ and 1.5 respectively. It is evident from these figures that the speed responses are not much affected by this change in rotor resistance, where both responses reach settling time at 0.5 sec. However, their steady state values never reaches the value of the reference value as in the case where $k_r=1$. But, the dramatic changes are observed in the flux linkage levels and their time constants. The level of flux linkage in Fig.(10) is higher than that in Fig.(11), but the response time of Fig.(10) is slower than for Fig.(11); a valid justification, since the flux linkage time constant is inversely proportional to the rotor resistance value.

The above run is repeated with rated load torque (Trated=81.49), and the responses of Fig.(12) and Fig.(13) will be obtained. The speed responses obtained from this test show a temporary jump at motor start-up. Moreover, the steady state speed errors resulting from this test are

larger than that with no-load test; with $kr=0.5$, the speed settles at 189.64 rad/s, while it settles at 191 rad/s when $kr=1.5$. It is clear from the figures that the developed torque response with $kr=1.5$ is much distorted as compared to the smooth envelope in case $kr=0.5$. Also, the current waveform shows a larger swing when $kr=1.5$ as compared to waveform with $kr=0.5$. Finally, Fig.(13) shows an oscillatory and Fig.(7). As compared to the perfect tuning case, the increased value of rotor resistance ($1.5 r_r'$) could cause the responses of flux linkages, torque and current to be distorted, especially, at time of load exertion, as shown in Fig.(14). Also, at this time the speed deviation from its steady state value is larger than the case with $kr=1$. The situation with the decreased rotor resistance is shown in Fig.(15). The responses of Fig.(15) are run with $kr=0.625$; the *minimum allowable value below which fluctuations will appear at the developed torque response at load* rotor flux linkage, speed and current responses as compared to the perfect tuning case.

exertion times. One can easily observe the amount of deviation in

5.Conclusion:

The implementation of IFOC technique has been performed and the following observations could be concluded:

1. The technique can keep the rotor flux constant even during changes in load torque. This indicates that decoupling control of flux and torque has been obtained.
2. It has been shown that decoupling is conditioned by the accuracy of slip calculation. The slip

low level flux linkage compared to the monotonic and higher level flux response in Fig.(12), with $kr=0.5$.

The validity of IFOC technique is verified via two tests. In the first test, a change in stator quadrature current is generated as follows:

In the next study, the machine is subjected to the same sequence of step changes in load torque as previously applied in perfect tuning, calculation depends on the rotor time constant, T_r , which varies continuously according to the operational conditions.

3. On the other hand, the conventional PI controller can not compensate such parameter variations in the plant. That is, the PI controller is not an intelligent
4. controller nor is the slip calculation accurate. Therefore, changes in T_r degrade the speed performance and other controllers can be suggested.

APPENDIX

Table 1: Induction Motor Parameter [2]

Rated Power	20 hp
Rated Line-Line Voltage	200 V
Rate Torque	81.5 Nm
Number of Poles (P)	4
Stator Resistans (rs)	0.106 Ω
Stator Inductance (L_s)	9.15 mH
Magnetizing Inductance(L_m)	8.67 mH
Referred Rotor Resistance(r_r')	0.076 Ω
Rotor Inductance (L_r')	9.15 mH
Base frequency f	50 Hz

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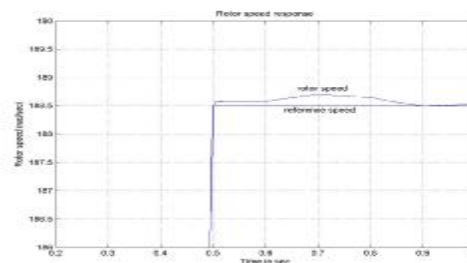
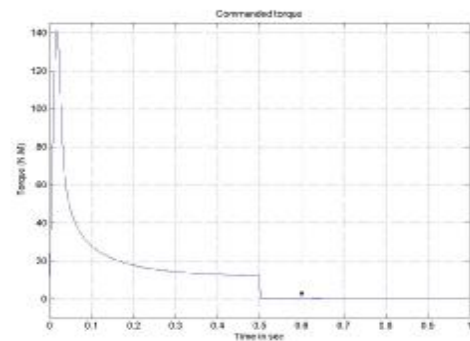
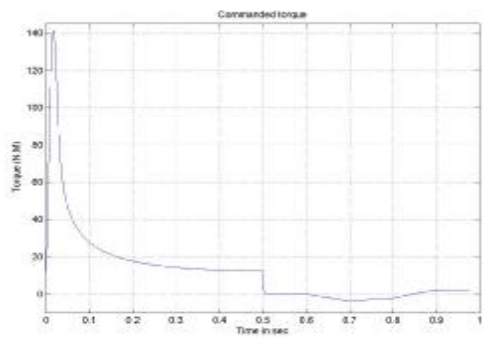
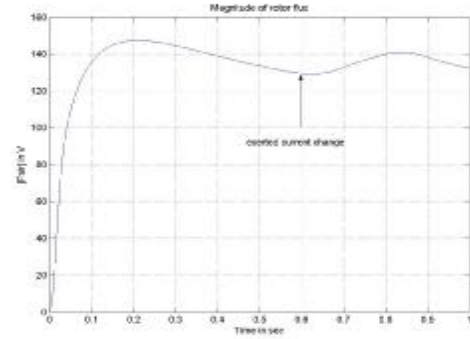
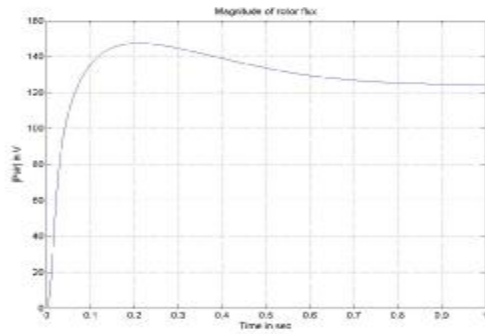
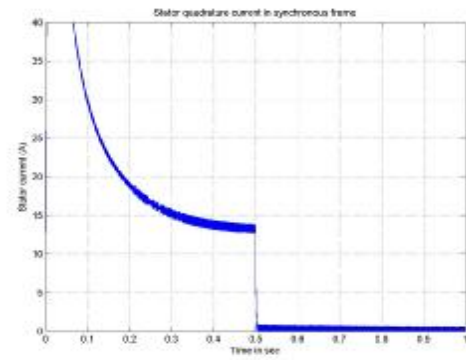
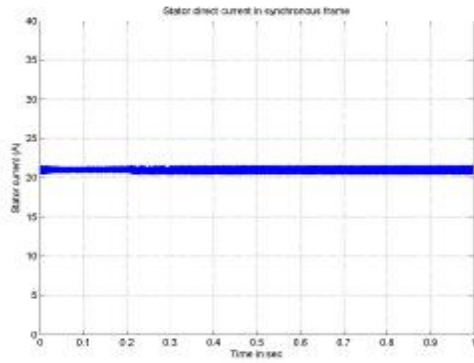
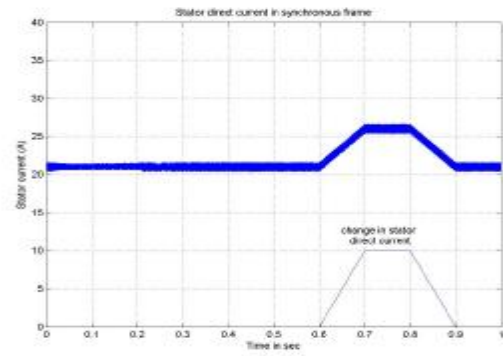
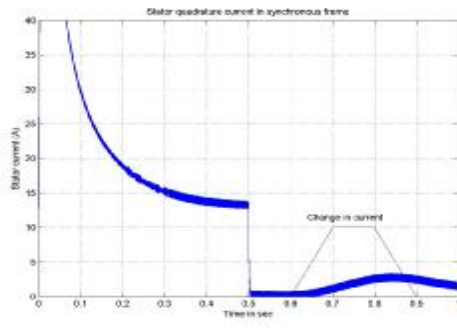


Figure (8) Changes in Responses due to change in i_{ds}^*



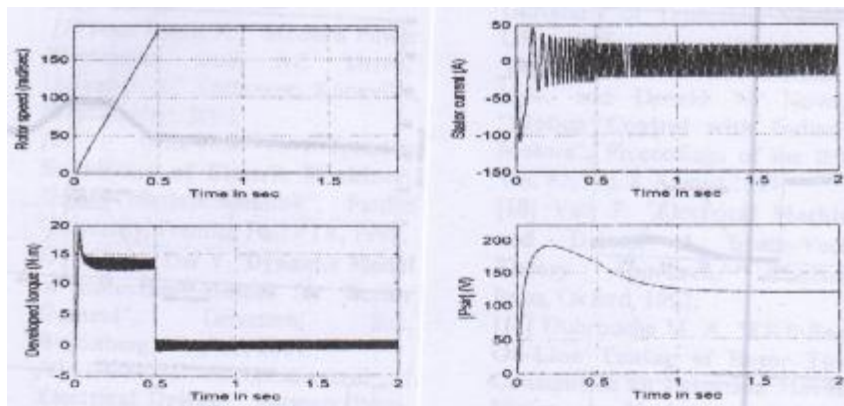


Figure (10) Responses due to detuning effect ($kr=0.5$) with no-load

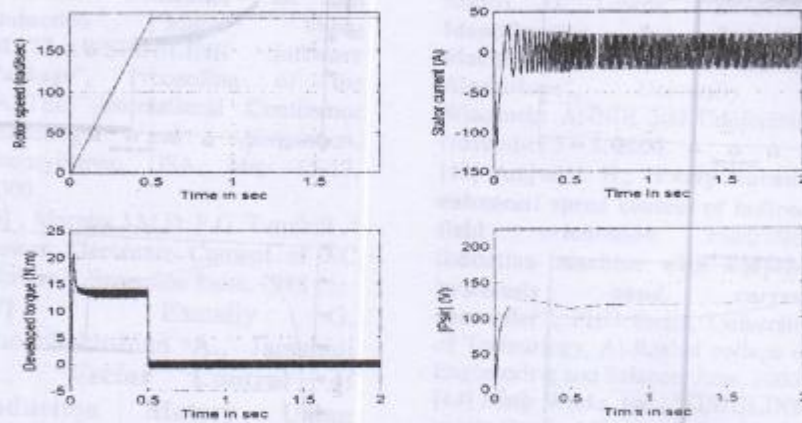


Figure (11) Responses due to detuning effect ($kr=1.5$) with no-load

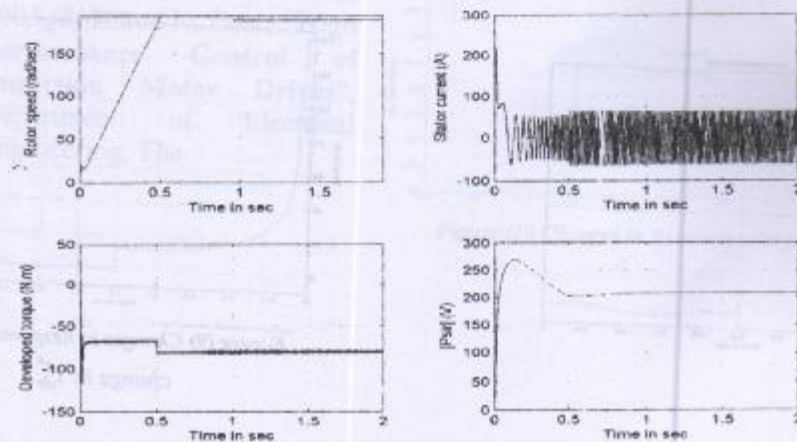


Figure (12) Responses due to detuning effect ($kr=0.5$) with rated load torque

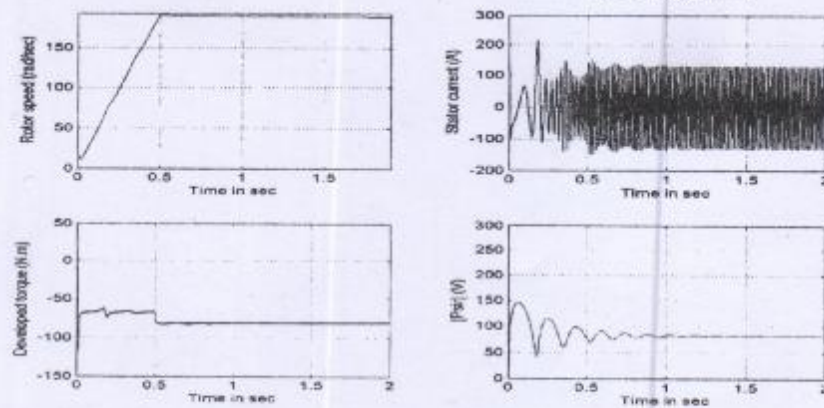


Figure (13) Responses due to detuning effect ($kr=1.5$) with rated load

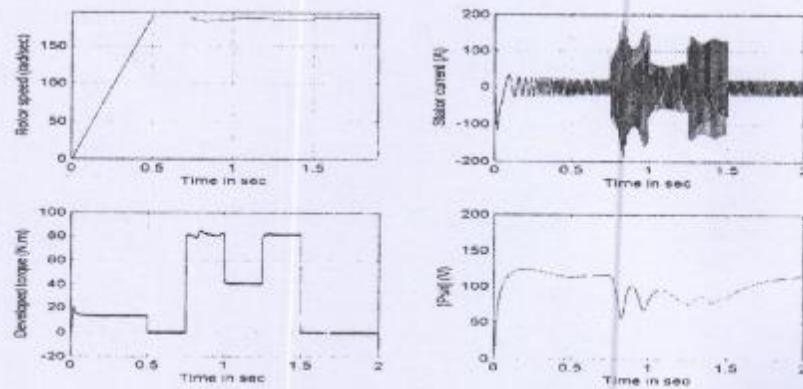


Figure (14) Responses due to detuning effect ($kr=1.5$) with cyclic load changes

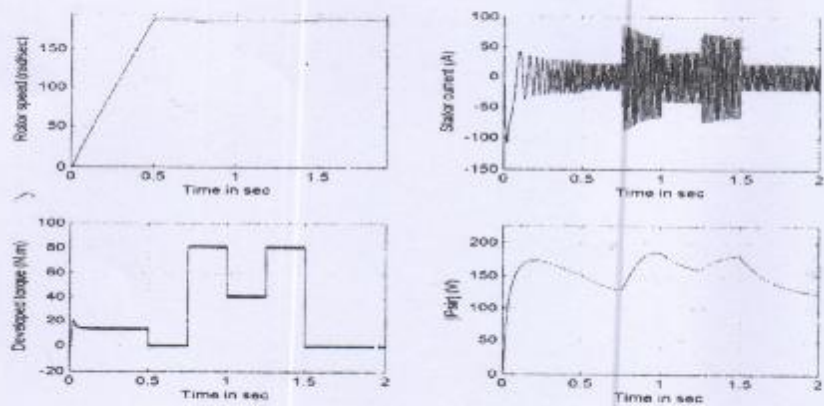


Figure (15) Responses due to detuning effect ($kr=0.625$) with cyclic load changes