

FPGA-Based implementation of Stator Current Observer for sensorless induction motor drive

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to present speed estimation method for sensorless indirect field oriented controlled Induction Motor (IM) drive. The proposed Model Reference Adaptive System (MRAS) based on stator currents is used for the estimation of the rotor speed. The problems related to integration of the variables in the reference model of MRAS, here stator currents measured in the IM model are used as reference model. Assessed stator currents by means of current model, depends on speed to be estimate used as adjustable model. The differences in signal between assessed and measured currents are adjusted by new adaption algorithm such that output of the model is estimated speed. The proposed new stator current based MRAS is tested numerically on FPGA real time simulation platform with prototype. Performance of the drive with new MRAS was tested by developing a prototype model.

Keywords: MRAS, Sensorless control, FPGA, Induction motor

1. INTRODUCTION

Usually speed sensor is used to measure speed of the IM. Performances of the sensors are affected by mechanical shocks, varying environmental conditions, etc. at the same time reliability of the IM reduces and increases cost. Several control techniques already been proposed in the literature for the estimation of the rotor speed. Speed estimation using flux estimation through current and voltage models of the IM have been discussed in [1, 2]. Estimation of all state variables of IM using full order observer [3] – [8] is sensitive to noise.

For the estimation rotor speed, MRAS is one kind of observer. The Principle of MRAS is based on, outputs of two models – one autonomous model not dependent on the quantity to be estimate i.e. rotor speed and the second model dependent on the quantity to be estimate called as adjustable model.

MRAS based on the rotor flux proposed by Tami [10, 18] is more popular. In this MRAS, rotor flux is obtained by current and voltage models. The error between these two models through PI controller is used to estimate the rotor speed. Second type is back EMF based MRAS scheme [11], in which rotor speed of the IM is estimated through error between measured and estimated back EMF. Another class of MRAS is based on the stator currents [12], the stator currents are calculated by appropriate stator current model and are equated with measured currents. Difference between these two through suitable adaption algorithm is used to obtain the rotor speed

In this paper, MRAS adaption algorithm is proposed, in that measured stator currents of the IM are considered as a reference model, and these currents are equated with the adjustable model stator currents. Stator current-voltage model are used to estimate the currents in adjustable model and same are adjusted with the rotor speed calculated by the adaptation algorithm by making use of estimated rotor flux vector.

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2. INDUCTION MOTOR MODEL

The dynamical modeling equations of IM stationary reference frame is

$$\frac{di_s^s}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} \left(u_s^s - R_s i_s^s - \frac{L_m}{L_r} \frac{d\lambda_r^s}{dt} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d\lambda_r^s}{dt} = \frac{L_m}{T_r} i_s^s - \left(\frac{1}{T_r} - J\omega_r \right) \lambda_r^s \quad (2)$$

IM model in terms of stator current and flux is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_s^s \\ \lambda_s^s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_s^s \\ \lambda_s^s \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u_s^s \quad (3)$$

The electromagnetic torque produced in induction motor is

$$T_e = p * \lambda_r^s \oplus i_s^s \quad (4)$$

The mechanical relation between load torque and speed is given by

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{N_p}{J} (T_e - T_L) \quad (5)$$

3. MODEL REFERENCE ADAPTIVE SYSTEM

It has two models i.e reference model and adjustable, the between these two models with suitable adaption algorithm is used for estimation of rotor speed.

3.1. Mathematical model of rotor flux based MRAS

Reference model [8] is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{dr}^s \\ \lambda_{qr}^s \end{bmatrix} = \frac{L_r}{L_m} \left(\begin{bmatrix} u_{ds}^s \\ u_{qs}^s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} (R_s + \sigma L_s S) & 0 \\ 0 & (R_s + \sigma L_s S) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{dr}^s \\ \lambda_{qr}^s \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (6)$$

And the adjustable model is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s \\ \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left(-\frac{1}{\tau_r} \right) & (-\omega_r) \\ \omega_r & \left(-\frac{1}{\tau_r} \right) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{dr}^s \\ \lambda_{qr}^s \end{bmatrix} + \frac{L_m}{T_r} \begin{bmatrix} i_{ds}^s \\ i_{qs}^s \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

The flux estimator equation 6 and 7 independently calculates the rotor flux. Rotor speed is estimated using error between these two models through PI controller.

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_r &= K_p \epsilon + K_I \int \epsilon dt, \\ \hat{\omega} &= (K_p + K_I) \left[\lambda_{qr}^s \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s - \lambda_{dr}^s \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s \right] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

From the equation (8) the estimated speed using MRAS is obtained.

3.2. Proposed Stator current MRAS estimator

The stator current is measured by using MRAS adaption algorithm. The rotor speed is calculated by error between two values. The mathematical modeling equations is as follows.

$$\frac{d\hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s}{dt} = -\frac{1}{T_r} \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s - \hat{\omega}_r \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s + \frac{L_m}{T_r} i_{ds}^s \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s}{dt} = -\frac{1}{T_r} \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s - \hat{\omega}_r \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s + \frac{L_m}{T_r} i_{qs}^s \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_{ds}^s}{dt} = \frac{1}{T_r} \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s - \beta \hat{\omega}_r \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s - K_1 i_{ds}^s + K_2 u_{ds} \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_{qs}^s}{dt} = \frac{1}{T_r} \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s + \beta \hat{\omega}_r \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s - K_1 i_{qs}^s + K_2 u_{qs} \tag{12}$$

Where \hat{i}_{ds}^s and \hat{i}_{qs}^s are the estimated stator current components, $\hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s$ and $\hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s$ are estimated rotor flux components.

The rotor speed $\hat{\omega}_r$ through adaption algorithm is

$$\hat{\omega}_r = K_p \left(\overline{i_{qs}^s} \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s - \overline{i_{ds}^s} \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s \right) + K_I \int \left(\overline{i_{qs}^s} \hat{\lambda}_{dr}^s - \overline{i_{ds}^s} \hat{\lambda}_{qr}^s \right) dt$$

From the above analysis, use of estimated speed in adjustable modelis shown in figure 1.

Where L_m Mutual inductance, L_s , L_r are stator and rotor leakage inductances, T_r rotor time constant, ω_r rotor angular speed,

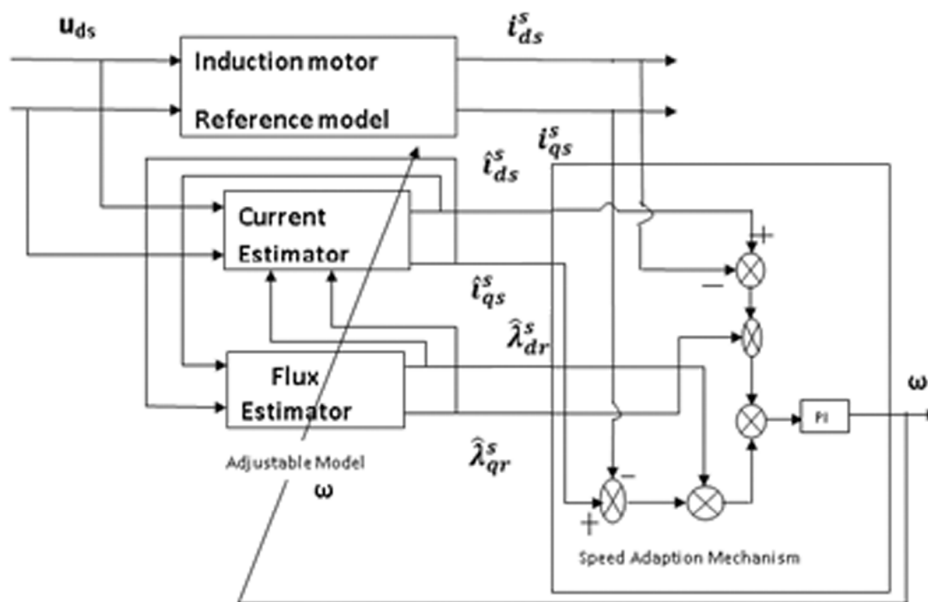
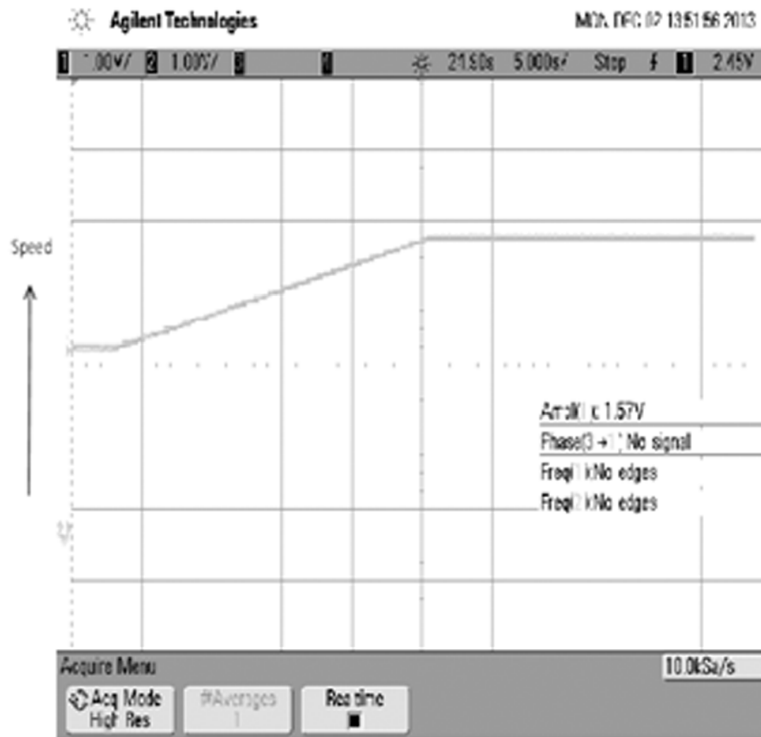


Figure 1: Stator current based MRAS scheme

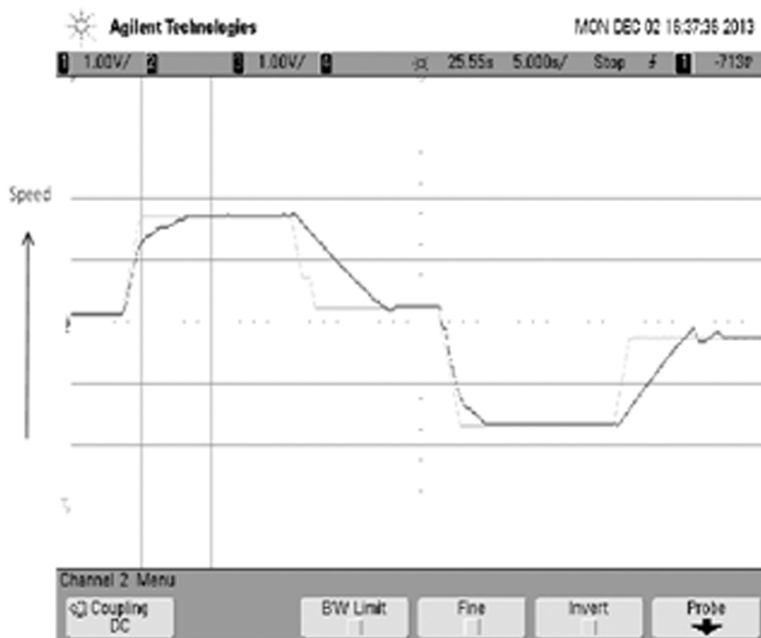
4. RESULTS

The transient response of the IM with the proposed MRAS estimator for IFOC induction motor was tested numerically on FPGA real time simulation platform with prototype.

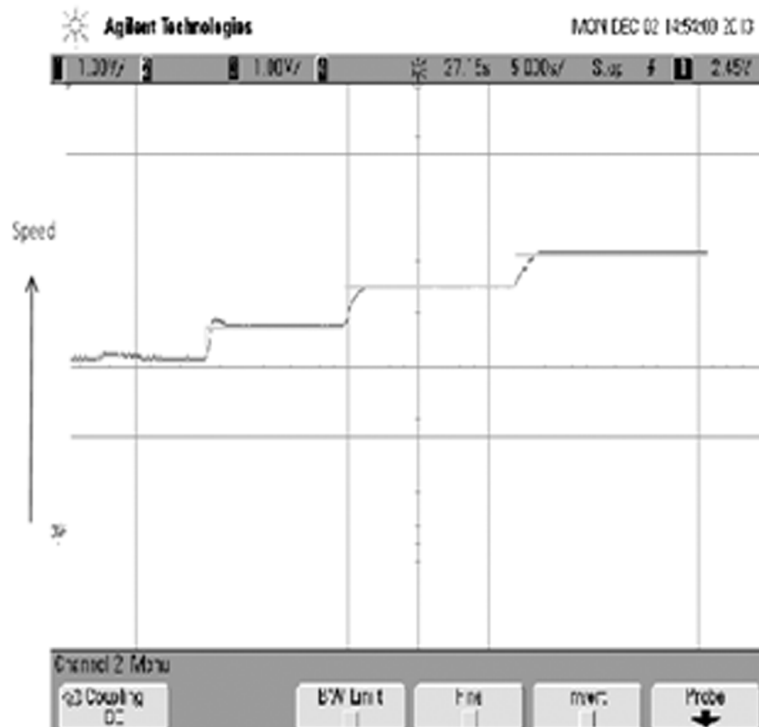
Figure 2 shows the dynamic behavior of command and actual rotor speed using the proposed MRAS scheme. The speed is increased 1400 rpm linearly in 0.5 sec, it shows that the real rotor speed follows the command signal with improved transient response, at 1400 rpm it is observed that there is 2% of steady state error. The response of the IM in forward and regenerative operation shown in Figure (b). Here the speed increased



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Figure 2: Response of the proposed based MRAS (a) desired and actual speed from 0 to 1400rpm (b) forward and regenerative speed operation (c) step change in torque (d) Stator currents

form 0 to 1400 rpm and it is maintained constant upto $t=4$ sec and decreased to -1400 rpm. Figure (c) shows the step change in torque from no load to rated torque in the steps of 1.25N-M. Figure (d) shows the stator currents.

5. CONCLUSIONS

A sensorless IFOC drive with new MRAS adaption algorithm was analyzed. By using the stator current based MRAS scheme the dynamic response of the IM has been improved in terms of the settling time, peak overshoot and rise time.

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