# Novel Control Technique of Z-Source Multi Phase Inverter For Torque Ripple Minimization in Variable Speed PMBLDC Motor

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#### ABSTRACT

This paper describes the design and Simulink modeling of novel controlling system for multiphase PMBLDC motor. In PMSM drive operation, copper losses on stator and current harmonics and vibration can be happened due to wrong selection of rotor shape, vibration and current harmonics in permanent magnet motor is generated by more torque ripples and voltage saturation. Those two kind of issues can be affects the performance of the motor. The proposed multiphase arrangement has been able to neglect these problems. Additionally the multiphase motor have more handling capacity and high reliability. This has to produce high torque at same ampere volume of machine. This multiphase topology is requires high dc source and effective control scheme for high speed operation. An introduced novel Z-source topology is used to improve source voltage boost up ability without adding any DC/DC converters. Furthermore, it has reduces the line harmonics, upgrades the load power factor, gives ride through ability in the course of input voltage sags and improves inverter reliability. The IFOC control strategy is possible to achieve high reliable operation at input voltage sag conditions. The proposed Z-source networks as well as IFOC scheme based multi phase motor to achieve the minimum torque ripples and high voltage gain in ASD (adjustable speed drive) are analyzed in MATLAB/ SIMULINK environment.

*Keywords:* Multi Phase, torque ripple, voltage saturation, PMSM, ZSI, IFOC, ASD (adjustable speed drive), vector control, and variable speed drives.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) drives can be used in all kinds more attractive in motion control applications such as High Speed Trains and electric vehicles. The main features and advantages are followed: high efficiency, good performance, low inertia ratio, high torque-to-volume ratio, good power factor, which is compared to induction and reluctance motors, PMSM has achieved high density and small size [1]. A PMSM is produce the air gap magnetic field rather than using electromagnets. the multiphase PMSM is proposed in this paper; which have more advantages over traditional three phase drives, the multiphase PMSM is used to increases the frequency of pulsating torque, also decreased the torque pulsations, reduced the current harmonics, improved the phase voltage as well as torque/current relation for the same volume of the drive, [2]. Those are applicable in high power applications, such as electric/hybrid vehicles, aerospace application, warship, submarine propulsion and circulation pumps in nuclear power plants.

The trapezoidal permanent magnet brushless dc motor is associated with corresponding multiphase inverter [3]. Number of legs in the inverter should be equal to the number of stator windings of the motor and the commutation is accomplished by electronic switches (IGBT). The voltage source inverter is made

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by using power electronic switches; varies control strategies are followed: PWM, SPWM, SVPWM etc., [4-6], the traditional z source inverter is shown in fig.1. The dc source is located with two side of z source inverter [16]-[17]. The leg switching arrangement controlled by using PI control strategy; L\_1, L\_2 have same Inductor current ripples. But given input source is not enough for motor operation the conventional Z-source topology is also operated under various shoot through condition.

Therefore, voltage gain capability decreased and potential stress occurred on Z-source capacitor; low voltage gain and mechanical stresses to create a current harmonics in rotor side; therefore the conventional system can produce poor motor performance. Since PWM control scheme is not suitable for high speed operation. The proposed impedance network is developed to improve input voltage boost ability. Since it requires small shoot through duty ratio for voltage gain and proposed to reduce the voltage stresses [5]. Additionally, Z source inverter is very suitable replacement for traditional VSI and CSI. Z source inverter is very simple to explain two ports and x shape LC network between input and inverter voltage.[3] With sole network LC network, we can purposely add the shoot through state to boost output voltage level. Using this method, we can get higher or lower level voltage.

The PMSM is required to operate at a rated torque with speed control to improve energy efficiency. In fact, the back-EMF and motor speed of the PMSM is proportional and the developed torque(Tm) is proportional to its phase current (I). Therefore, a rated torque is maintained by a constant current in the stator of the five phases motor. Multiphase inverter required standard control techniques; compared with other control methods, IFOC algorithm is only suitable for handling the dynamic and variable load application. In IFOC control method has rotor flux vector, which is implemented by using the field oriented vector control equations, is required the rotor speed.

This paper proposes a detailed modeling, design and result evaluation of IFOC strategy based multiphase PMSM drive for fast dynamics operation of torque ripple minimization. Additionally, ZSI topology is evaluated and proposed to achieve boost voltage gain without using any dc to dc converter. Different torque at various speed conditions is achieved in MATLAB/Simulink environment. The proposed five-phase IFOC based ZSI system that provides higher reliability, better dynamic performance, higher efficiency.

## 2. GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS

## 2.1. Five-Leg Inverter

Generally the multiphase (more than three phases) motors considered for high speed applications due to their inherent advantages compared with three phase drives. The multiphase inverter electric drive is limited



Figure 1: Conventional Circuit Diagram.

Table 1 Switching Format								
Angle/Degree	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5			
0°	<i>S</i> 1	<i>S</i> 8	<i>S</i> 10	<i>S</i> 7	<i>S</i> 9			
36°	<i>S</i> 1	<i>S</i> 8	<i>S</i> 10	<i>S</i> 2	<i>S</i> 9			
72°	<i>S</i> 1	<i>S</i> 3	<i>S</i> 10	<i>S</i> 2	<i>S</i> 9			
108°	<i>S</i> 1	<i>S</i> 3	<i>S</i> 10	<i>S</i> 2	<i>S</i> 4			
144°	<i>S</i> 1	<i>S</i> 3	<i>S</i> 5	<i>S</i> 2	<i>S</i> 4			
180°	<i>S</i> 1	<i>S</i> 3	<i>S</i> 5	<i>S</i> 2	<i>S</i> 4			
216°	<i>S</i> 6	<i>S</i> 3	<i>S</i> 5	<i>S</i> 2	<i>S</i> 4			
252°	<i>S</i> 6	<i>S</i> 8	<i>S</i> 5	<i>S</i> 7	<i>S</i> 4			
288°	<i>S</i> 6	<i>S</i> 8	<i>S</i> 5	<i>S</i> 7	<i>S</i> 9			
324°	<i>S</i> 6	<i>S</i> 8	<i>S</i> 10	<i>S</i> 7	<i>S</i> 9			
360°	<i>S</i> 6	<i>S</i> 8	<i>S</i> 10	<i>S</i> 7	<i>S</i> 9			

to the controlling of the supply system. In fact it can be able to develop any static transformation system to change the phase number from three to n-phases. Five-phase VSIs covers single and three phase power applications. The main advantage of these five phase scheme is to provide always controllable and rated phase amplitude, and frequency. PMSM drive system requires sinusoidal voltage waveform. Therefore the five-phase VSI topology is operated as per the switching table. 1.

From this; the five phase power is derived as,

$$P = 5V_{ph}I_{ph}\cos\phi$$
 Or  $P = 4.25V_{L}I_{L}\cos\phi$  (\*)

Therefore, the five-phase power is greater than three-phase power, whereas five-phase power is 2.52 times greater than three-phase power and 4.25 times greater than the single-phase power.

#### 2.2. Modeling of Five Phases PMSM

The five phases PMSM model is derived from three phase PMSM. The proposed five-phase PMSM is the smallest commonly used phase variable based multiphase motor. Therefore n number of phases is considered in PMSM; where "*n*" is the no of phases that is derived from  $(360^{\circ}/n)$ . It processes five phase stator windings are displaced with a phase difference of 72° degree for all individual phases [11]. By increasing the number of phases in stator side, the machine has produced the lower space harmonic content in field. Hence the efficiency is also high; in multiphase inverter fed PMSM has equal stator windings and number of phase [14], [15].

The proposed PMSM model is described by using 20-slots 18-poles which is shown in fig. 2. The proposed motor has been designed to obtain a high speed and transient torque and also maintain the fault-



Figure 2: FE model of the five-phase motor



Figure 3: phasor diagram

tolerance capability. Fig. 3. shows the phasor diagram of the phase to neutral voltage, is taken as reference and the phase sequences which is considered at  $72^{\circ}$ .

The steady-state voltage equations of a five-phase-PMSM in the rotor reference frame and abcde transformation can be written as follows

Stator voltage is derived as in equation 1,

$$V_s = R_s I_s + \rho \lambda_s \tag{1}$$

$$\lambda_s = \lambda_{ss} + \lambda_m \tag{2}$$

Substitute the flux linking stator winding currents in the stator windings in terms of the stator winding inductances,

$$\lambda_s = L_{ss} \frac{i}{s} + \lambda_m \tag{3}$$

 $L_{ss}$  Is the stator inductance matrix which can contain the self and mutual inductances of the stator phases, from the above equation 3, Rs, Is,  $\lambda_s$  are the stator resistance, current, flux linkages matrices respectively.

$$V_{s} = \left[ V_{a} V_{b} V_{c} V_{d} V_{e} \right]^{T}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

$$I_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{a}I_{b}I_{c}I_{d}I_{e} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

$$\tag{5}$$

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From equation 6, the matrix value of the stator inductances are given by  $\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{5}$ 

$$L_{SS} = \begin{bmatrix} Laas & Labs & Lacs & Lads & Laes \\ Lbas & Lbbs & Lbcs & Lbds & Lbes \\ Lcas & Lcbs & Lccs & Lcds & Lces \\ Ldas & Ldbs & Ldcs & Ldds & Ldes \\ Leas & Lebs & Lecs & Leds & Lees \end{bmatrix}$$
(6)

Arbitrary transformation is introduced into the phase variable into rotating arbitrary angularly velocity. The transformed matrix is following;

$$k_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \gamma & \cos \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) & \cos \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) & \cos \left( \theta \gamma + \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) & \cos \left( \theta \gamma + \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) \\ \sin \theta \gamma & \sin \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) & \sin \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) & \sin \left( \theta \gamma + \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) & \sin \left( \theta \gamma + \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) \\ \cos \theta \gamma & \cos \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) & \cos \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) & \cos \left( \theta \gamma + \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) & \cos \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) \\ \sin \theta \gamma & \sin \left( \theta \gamma + \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) & \sin \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) & \sin \left( \theta \gamma + \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) & \sin \left( \theta \gamma - \frac{4\pi}{5} \right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(7)$$

From equation 7, transformation matrix  $\theta \gamma = 0$ 

 $[K_{,}]^{-1}$  Is derived from pseudo orthogonal property, is given in equation 8,

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{5}{2} \begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix}$$
(8)

Voltage equation (10) gets from transformation matrix which is multiplied with equation (1)

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix} V_s = \begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix} R_s I_s + \begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix} \rho \lambda_s$$
(9)

$$V_{qdxyo} = \begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix} R_s \begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix}^{-1} I_{qdxyo} + \begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix} \rho \begin{bmatrix} K_s \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \lambda_{qdxyo} + \lambda_{qdxyo}$$
(10)

$$Lqdxyo = \begin{bmatrix} Lq & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Ld & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Lx & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & Ly & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & L0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(11)

$$Ld = Lls + Lm \tag{12}$$

$$Lq = Lls + Lm \tag{13}$$

$$\lambda_m = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{14}$$

$$V_q = R_s I_q + \rho \lambda_q + \omega \lambda_m + \omega L dI_q$$
(15)

$$V_d = R_s I_q + \rho \lambda dq - \omega_L dIq$$
(16)

$$V_x = R_s i_x + \rho L_{ls} \tag{17}$$

$$V_y = R_s i_y + \rho L_{ls}$$
(18)

$$V_0 = R_s i_0 + \rho L_{ls}$$
(19)

Where  $\lambda$  is the inertia and  $\rho$  is the number of poles pairs.

#### 2.3. Torque Ripple Minimization

At first, surface of the PMSM permanent magnet is enclosed with the smooth surface of the rotor inductance value of the d & q-axis are same. However the relative permeability of a permanent magnet is nearly equal to the air gap of the magnetic path. From the fig. 4 the d-axis differs from q-axis inductance. Magnetic flux occurs in d-axis so q-axis inductance is greater than d-axis. The reluctance torque is generated by magnetic saliency from the several of inductance.

Accordingly, the generated torque of the PMSM consists of the magnetic torque and the reluctance torque as followed in equation (20)

$$T_e = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) \left(\frac{p}{2}\right) \left\{ \lambda_d i_q - \lambda_q i_d \right\}$$
(20)

Therefore many pairs of d & q axis current can be generated in same rated torque condition.



Figure 4: d & q-axis reference diagram.

#### **3. Z-SOURCE INVERTER**

The traditional voltage-source inverter serves as buck type (step down) converter, a rectifier front end diode and dc link capacitor arrangements are used to achieve good output voltage with low harmonic levels. But VSI can have more disadvantages; such as limited output voltage and the unregulated source voltage. Therefore, dc to dc boost converter is required. The proposed z-source inverter acts as a buck-boost converter without using of additional switches, which is obtained from wide range of desirable output voltage [7]. The proposed topology reduces the voltage stresses of capacitors, power devices and diodes for the same input and output voltage. Furthermore it can improve the conversion boost up efficiency and which is overcomes the voltage limitation of the conventional VSI, CSI and also has several special features [9-10]. A mono stage structural inverter can produce required buck and boost output voltage.

Highly increases the inverter reliability. There is no dead time; since perfect sinusoidal output waveform is achieved. In proposed z-source network, the minimized size of the Z-source capacitors are used improve the ZSI topology. Currently, two improved ZSI topologies are presented [8], called as the embedded and series ZSI, respectively. Which is proposed topology can decrease the size and cost of the capacitor and improves the power density. Where the DC source is series connected with the inductor in proposed series ZSI network, five phase inverter and input source are connected at two sides of the Z-source network [12]. Modulation strategy and inductor current are exactly same for both embedded and series ZSI topology is derived following equation [13]

$$V_c = \frac{D_{sh}}{1 - 2D_{sh}} V_{dc}$$
(21)

$$V_{c} = 2V_{c} + Vd_{c} = \frac{D_{sh}}{1 - 2D_{sh}}V_{dc}$$
(22)

Where,  $D_{dc}$ -Dc source voltage,  $D_{sh}$ -Shoot-through duty ratio.

In the shoot-through state the inductors are charged and the capacitors are discharged, the energy will be transferred through the power source to the inductor, where the inductor current is described as

$$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{Vd_c + V_c}{L} = \frac{\left(1 - D_{sh}\right)v_i}{L}$$
(23)

Where,  $i_L$ -Inductor current, L–Inductance.

In the non-shoot-through state the inductor is discharged; the capacitor is charged, the energy is transferred from the power source to the load.

#### 4. IFOC CONTROL STRUCTURE

High performance and dynamic load applications based multiphase drives required special control algorithms. Fig.5 illustrates the control structure of IFOC scheme which is based on PMSM drive considered in this investigation [3]. As the proposed drive consists of z-source with five phase inverter switching arrangements, the most common vector principle independently controls the torque and flux in PMSM. In the indirect field oriented control method, different type of co-ordinate transformation has produce stator voltage or

stator current in rotating reference frame at the angular velocity. The d&q axis are responsible for stator current produced torque and flux. [8]-[9] Those field and torque currents are orthogonal with two vector axis (d & q). Q-axis reference current  $i_{qs}$  \* is may be computed by using the reference torque, is given in equation 24,

$$i_{qs}^{*} = \frac{2}{5} \frac{2}{p} \frac{L_r}{L_m} \frac{T_{ref}}{\Psi_r}$$
(24)

Where  $\Psi_{y}$  is rotor flux, which is derived in equation 25,

$$\Psi_r = \frac{L_m}{\tau r^{s+1}} i_{ds} \tag{25}$$

Where,  $L_m$ -Magnetization inductance,  $L_r$ -Rotor inductance,  $\tau_v$ -rotor time constant.

D-axis referred stator reference current  $i_{ds}$  \* is derived in equation 26,

$$i_{ds}^{*} = \frac{\Psi_{ref}}{L_m}$$
(26)

By using the rotor speed  $\omega_r$ , the slip frequency  $\omega_{sr}$ , which is given in equation 27,



 $\omega_{sl} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\gamma}} \frac{i_{ds}}{i_{qs}}^{*}$ (27)

Angle of the rotor flux  $\theta_{\mathfrak{N}}$  is derived in equation 28,

$$\theta_{\mathfrak{Y}} = \int (\omega_{sl} + \omega_r) dt \tag{28}$$

#### 5. SWITCHING-TABLES BASED STATE OF OPERATION

The proposed speed control loop described in multiphase system. In this section detailed simulation studies have been performed initially in order to fully develop the control strategy. Here, the results are compared with conventional system. The concept of commutated linear equivalent circuits was applied to the machine, i.e., every  $72^{\circ}$  electrical degrees two equivalent circuits valid for forced and freewheeling conditions are shown in fig. 3 therefore the five phase motor have been operated in  $72^{\circ}$  angle difference and each switch has commutated at  $36^{\circ}$ .

Fig. 6 shows the switch operating states at five phase angles  $(72^\circ, 144^\circ, 216^\circ, 288^\circ, 360^\circ)$  state: 1 the motor operated at angle of  $72^\circ$  is shown in Fig. 4. The following are the assumptions. Conduction starts from phase A, the switches Q1, Q3, Q9, and, Q10, Q2 are commutated. Initially the Q1, Q3, Q9 switches are allows +ve current flow and Q10, Q2 are –ve conduction., impressing excitation for phases A, B, C, D



Figure 6: five phase operating state diagram; state I: 72°; state II: 144°; state III: 216°; state IV: 288°; state V: 360°.

and E, while there is still current flowing on the machine coils due to the last driving stage as indicated by the free-wheeling path. Such an approach is applied subsequently to all the remaining phases. Retrieving the currents derived from all those difference states. Where the current harmonic in rotor is the other important issues were found for accurate machine mathematical modeling.

Moreover, the mutual inductance between phases and armature reaction can be occurs as distortion in existing brushless dc-machines. Additionally the conventional topology should require one phase with null current every time. But recent trend requires fourth order system, while a fifth phase is not kept off condition. However, each phase is permitting the dynamic operation and each stage has its own current, equivalent back emf. The induced voltage due to the changing emf delivers mechanical energy. Thus, the ripple less pure form of torque should be induced in five-phase BPM machine has to account for the air-gap flux distortion by the armature reaction.

# 6. SIMULATION RESULTS

The proposed estimation method was demonstrated by using the MATLAB software. The overall performance of the proposed PMBLDC drive system operation is shown in Fig. 7 (a, b, c) shows overall simulation





Figure 7: (a) proposed simulation circuit, (b) five phase inverter arrangement, (c) IFOC controller.

circuit and respective IFOC controller part. The simulation parameters are given in table.1. The indirect field oriented current and speed control included in the drive system is fed from dc link voltage impedance network.

The simulation results were considered for 11kW PMBLDC system. Switching frequency and sampling period Ts are 10 kHz and 100 is respectively. The good performance of estimation can be confirmed for both 1000rpm and 1500rpm. Also, the fast response to step change of speed can be seen through the estimated value. Therefore the following figures should represents varies steady state operations.

Fig. 8 shows the results of parameter estimation with overall performance of the proposed system. Also the simulation was performed in two different systems (proposed and conventional) speed at 1000 rpm. Also, these results are categorized as performance during transient and steady state conditions [22]. Fig. 9(a) shows the maximum torque state at 1500 rpm speed condition. Here, the actual torque ripple range

Simulation Parameter Specifications				
Parameter	Value			
ZSI parameter				
Inductance	100µH			
Capacitance	100µF			
Switching Frequency	10 kHz			
Five Phase PMSM				
Resistance	$1.4\Omega$			
d-axis inductance	6.6 mH			
q-axis inductance	5.8 mH			
Stator inductance	6.6 mH			
Inertia	0.00176N.m.S <sup>2</sup> /rad			
Friction Factor	0.000388.m.s/rad			
Pole pairs	3			
Rated flux	0.1546 Wb			

Table 1	
Simulation Parameter	Specifications



should be greater the than the reference torque (7-12N\*m). Ripple minimization of torque waveform is shown in Fig. 9(b).

# 7. PERFORMANCES UNDER TRANSIENT CONDITION

Figs. (10-12) show the performance of the drive during speed control of the PMBLDC motor. The reference speed is changed from 750 rpm to 1500 rpm for the rated load performance of the five phases PMBLDC; from 750 rpm to 1000 rpm for the motor at medium rated load; and from 1000 rpm to 1500 rpm for the



Figure 11: Performance of the PMBLDCM drive under speed 1000 rpm

compressor at maximum rated load. Speed is controlled in fast and smooth at either direction, i.e., acceleration or retardation. Moreover, the stator current of five PMBLDCM is within the allowed limit (twice the rated current) due to the introduction of impedance network in inverter side. Which is allows additional voltage gain by using small shoot through. However, nearly unity power factor is maintained by the drive during these transient conditions.

Fig. 13 and fig. 14 shows The performance of the proposed PMBLDCM drive in terms of various power quality parameters such as  $THD_i$ . Reduced THD of the AC mains current are observed in a wide speed range of the PMBLDC motor, Figs. 13 & Fig. 14 (a-b) shows the conventional current THD waveform for two different speed(1000 rpm & 1500rpm). Moreover, the proposed THD of the current around 3%





Figure 13 (b): conventional waveform-for at 1500 rpm.



along with near unity Power factor in different range of speed (1000 rpm & 1500rpm) and load. Additionally, following current waveforms should show the harmonic content range.

Performance evaluation of the proposed PMBLDCM drive is carried out under varying load at rated torque and rated speed. This is demonstrated the operation of the proposed PMBLDCM drive for five phase operation in various practical situations as summarized in Table 2.

Figs. 15(a-b) shows variation of speed and THD, load and efficiency is within the specified limits of international norms [23] along with near 3.7% to 2.2% of THD is achieved for wide range of speed. Fig 15(b) shows the efficiency curve for various load condition.

Table 2           Performance under Speed Control at Load Variation									
Speed (rpm)	Load (%)	Proposed method		Conventional method					
		THD	%	THD	%				
750	40	3.68	93.4	22.68	78.5				
900	55	3.24	94.6	20	79.9				
1000	65	2.96	95.9	19.06	80.9				
1200	80	2.60	96.7	17.02	82.6				
1400	90	2.33	97.2	14.26	84.2				
1600	100	2.02	98	11.76	85.9				



#### 8. CONCLUSION

This paper proposed a multi phase for permanent magnet brushless DC motor to minimize torque ripple. The method combined indirect field oriented control strategy and PWM mode, which avoided large current and torque ripple. At the same time, in the case when five-phase Z-source inverter 72° conduction mode, improved the given input voltage level and lookup table of switching devices states solved torque ripple in commutation. Finally, simulation results were presented and compared with conventional torque control method. This is provided feasible and effective reduction of torque ripple and voltage saturation of the proposed strategy.

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