

DTCSVM Fault Tolerant Control of PMSM

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Abstract—This paper presents a MRAS observer applied to fault-tolerant PMSM drive system. It proposes a fast method of fault switches detection in the power converters, whose objective is to eliminate the mechanical sensor and ensure continuity of service even fault presence opening a phase. A MRAS observer is used to replace the mechanical sensor and a redundant inverter leg is used to replace the faulty leg.

Index Terms—Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machine (PMSM), Direct Torque Control (DTC-SVM), FTC, MRAS.

I. INTRODUCTION

Recently, permanent magnet synchronous motors are applied to various applications such as electric vehicle, aerospace, medical service, and military applications due to several outstanding characteristics. If any failure of the drive system occurs in these applications, cost and damages to the human life should become very high. Because of the importance of high reliable operation in these areas. Therefore, there is an urgent need to research fault control for electrical motor performance [1], [2]. Multitudes of control solutions for PMSM have been studied. The DTC-SVM controls is a powerful control, not sensitive to parameters changes in machines and robust to disturbance and reduce the ripples of the flux and torque in comparison with classical DTC [3], [4]. The objective of this method is to make a monitor of stator flux vector in a fixed (α, β) reference and we consider two flux vectors, the estimated flux and its reference. The polar forms of these two vectors are obtained by their projections on the reference frame (α, β) . From these components, the increment desired stator flux vector at a given time is calculated. SVPWM will be applied to this vector to get the inverter switching states. Consequently, the block of the DTC-SVM has been defined and presented. Moreover, a sensorless control with MRAS is presented in order to reduce the hardware complexity, the size of the drives. Also, it eliminates the sensor cable, increase the reliability, and decrease the maintenance requirements [5]. In this paper, DTC-SVM control sensorless fault tolerant of PMSM (case of open phase) is presented.

II. PMSM EQUATIONS

When The equations will be developed in the park reference (d, q) . The electromagnetic torque equation (3) is based on i_d and i_q currents [6].

$$\frac{di_d}{dt} = \frac{R_s}{L_d} i_d + \frac{L_q}{L_d} \omega_r i_q + \frac{V_d}{L_d} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{di_q}{dt} = -\frac{R_s}{L_q} i_q - \frac{L_d}{L_q} \omega_r i_d - \frac{K_e}{L_q} \omega_r + \frac{V_q}{L_q} \quad (2)$$

$$T_e = \frac{3}{2} n_p [K_e i_q + (L_d - L_q) i_d i_q] \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{d\omega_r}{dt} = n^2_p \left(\frac{L_d - L_q}{J} \right) i_d + n^2_p \frac{K_e}{J} i_q - \frac{f}{J} \omega_r - \frac{n_p T_L}{J} \quad (4)$$

$$J \frac{d\Omega}{dt} + f\Omega = T_e - T_e \quad (5)$$

Where $\omega_r = n_p \Omega$

III. FAULT TOLERANT INVERTER

The principle of the method is illustrated by Fig. 1 which is a DTC-SVM fault tolerant control of a PMSM. Fig. 1 shows that the control presented is none other than a standard three-phase six-switch inverter, endowed with three fuses and three TRIACs. In healthy mode, the structure of the presented DTC-SVM fault tolerant inverter is the same as a standard three phases six switches inverter. The adopted inverter fault tolerant control has the objective of accommodation the opening of a phase fault or short circuit. We considered only in this paper the open phase fault (phase A) case. The same procedure is applied to the phase B and phase C. Fig.2 shows the new inverter topology, after the fast detection and isolation of the open phase (phase A) [7]. In this paper, we studied two cases; healthy and faulty mode.

IV. MODEL REFERENCE ADAPTATIVE SYSTEM

During operation of an electrical machine, its parameters can be changed. Therefore its performance decreases. The MRAS can eliminate this problem. The model reference adaptive system (MRAS) is a significant observer [8]. By using equations (1) and (2), the state model were the stator current are chosen as the state variable is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{di_d}{dt} \\ \frac{di_q}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R_s}{L_d} & \frac{L_q}{L_d} \omega_r \\ \frac{L_d}{L_q} \omega_r & -\frac{R_s}{L_q} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_d}{L_d} \\ \frac{V_q}{L_q} - \frac{K_e}{L_q} \omega_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Whether

$$i_d^* = i_d + \frac{K_e}{L_d}, \quad i_q^* = i_q$$

$$V_d^* = V_d + \frac{K_e}{L_d} R_s, \quad V_q^* = V_q$$

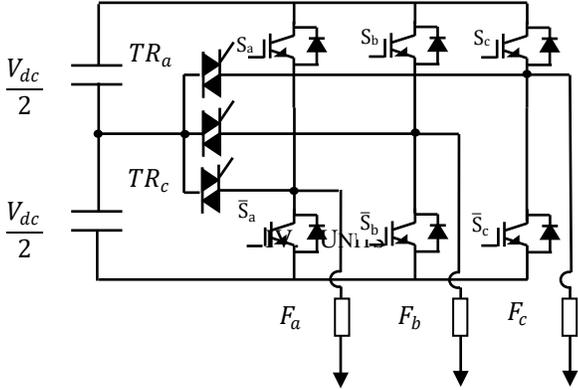


Fig.1 Healthy mode inverter

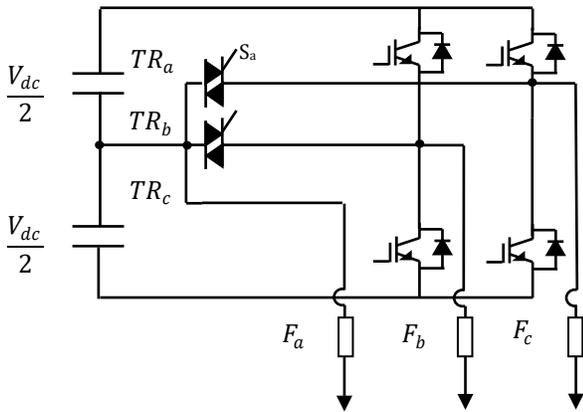


Fig.2 Fault tolerant inverter fed PMSM drive

According to the general structure of the adaptation law, the $\hat{\omega}_r$; can be expressed in the form of (11).

$$\hat{\omega}_r = \int_0^t \psi_1(v, \tau) d\tau + \psi_2(v, t) + \hat{\omega}_r(0) \quad (11)$$

Where v is the output of the block.

ψ_1 et ψ_2 area as follow.

$$\begin{cases} \psi_1(v, t) = K_1 e^T L \hat{i}^* \\ \psi_2(v, t) = K_2 e^T L \hat{i}^* \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Where

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{L_q}{L_d} \\ -\frac{L_d}{L_q} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, e = \begin{bmatrix} i_d^* - \hat{i}_d^* \\ i_q^* - \hat{i}_q^* \end{bmatrix}, \hat{i}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_d^* \\ \hat{i}_q^* \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

So with replace equation (10) into equation (9), the estimated is as follows:

$$\hat{\omega} = \left(K_p + \frac{K_i}{p} \right) \left[\frac{L_q}{L_d} i_d \hat{i}_q - \frac{L_d}{L_q} \hat{i}_d i_q - \frac{K_e}{L_q} (i_q - \hat{i}_q) + \hat{i}_d \hat{i}_q \left(\frac{L_d}{L_q} - \frac{L_q}{L_d} \right) \right] + \hat{\omega}(0) \quad (6)$$

By these equations, block diagram control of the PMSM based on MRAS can be gotten, and it is shown as Fig. 3

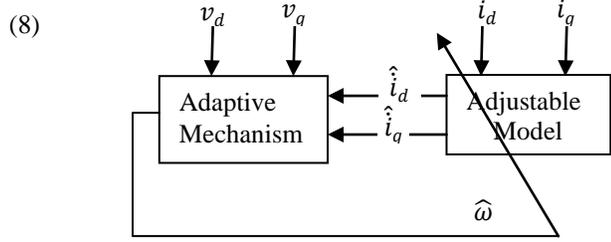


Fig.3 The block diagram control of the PMSM based on MRAS

V. DIRECT TORQUE CONTROL SPACE VECTOR MODULATION

The DTC-SVM greatly improves torque and flux performance by achieved fixed switching frequency and decreased torque and flux ripples.

$$T_e = \frac{3}{2} n_p \left[\frac{|\Phi_s| K_e \sin \delta}{L_d} - \frac{|\Phi_s|^2 (L_q - L_d) \sin(2\delta)}{2L_d L_q} \right] \quad (14)$$

From equation (14) we can see that for constant stator flux amplitude $|\Phi_s|$ and flux produced by permanent magnet K_e , the electromagnetic torque can be changed by control of the torque angle δ . This is the angle between the stator and rotor flux linkage, when the stator resistance is neglected.

The torque angle, in turn, can be changed by changing position of the stator flux vector θ_s in respect to PM vector using the actual voltage vector supplied by PWM inverter. In the steady state, δ is constant and corresponds to a load torque, whereas stator and rotor flux rotate at synchronous speed. In transient operation, δ varies and the stator and rotor flux rotate at different speeds (Fig. 4)

The relation between torque error and increment of load angel δ is nonlinear. Therefore, we used PI controller which generates the load angel increment required to minimize the instantaneous error between reference T_{e_ref} and actual T_e torque.

The torque error signal ΔT_e is delivered to the PI controller, which determines the increment of torque angle δ . Based on this signal and reference amplitude of stator flux Φ_{s_ref} , the reference voltage vector in stator coordinates α, β is calculated. The calculation block of reference voltage vector also uses information about the actual stator flux vector (amplitude Φ_s and position θ_s) as well as measured current vector I_s . The reference stator voltage vector is delivered to space vector

modulator (SVM), which generates the switching signals S_a, S_b et S_c for power transistors of inverter. The calculation block of reference voltage vector is shown in Fig. 5.

Based on $\Delta\delta$ signal, reference of stator flux amplitude $|\Phi_{s_ref}|$ and measured stator flux vector position θ_s (Fig. 5) the reference flux components $\Phi_{s\alpha_ref}, \Phi_{s\beta_ref}$ in stator coordinate system are calculated as:

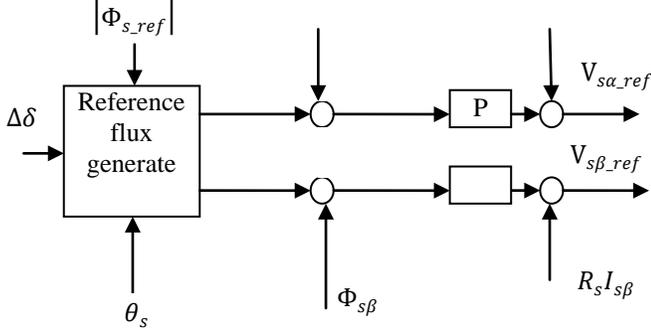


Fig.4 Calculation block of reference voltage vector

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_{s\alpha_ref} = |\Phi_{s_ref}| \cos(\theta_s + \Delta\delta) \\ \Phi_{s\beta_ref} = |\Phi_{s_ref}| \sin(\theta_s + \Delta\delta) \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

For constant flux operation region the reference value of stator flux amplitude $|\Phi_{s_ref}|$ is equal flux amplitude of permanent magnet K_e .

The command voltage can be calculated from flux errors in α, β coordinate system as follows

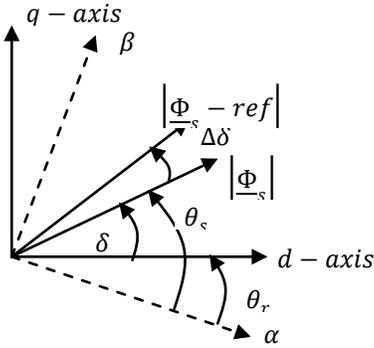


Fig.5 Space vector diagram illustrating torque control conditions

$$\begin{cases} V_{s\alpha_ref} = \frac{\Delta\Phi_{s\alpha}}{T_s} + R_s I_{s\alpha} \\ V_{s\beta_ref} = \frac{\Delta\Phi_{s\beta}}{T_s} + R_s I_{s\beta} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Where T_s is the sampling time, $\Delta\Phi_{s\alpha} = \Phi_{s\alpha_ref} - \Phi_{s\alpha}$ et $\Delta\Phi_{s\beta} = \Phi_{s\beta_ref} - \Phi_{s\beta}$.

The structure of the proposed control scheme presented in this paper is shown in the Fig.6.

VI. FAULT TOLERANT CONTROL (FTC)

The design and modeling of some types of faults in the electric actuators and particularly in the inverter faults (component faults) are very important task. So, the development of control strategy able to detect, to isolate and to ensure continuity of functioning of the system becomes a necessity. Many studies have already been conducted on the detection of an electrical fault in the machine, inverter and power circuits. Each fault is the cause of one or more perturbations. Therefore, the detection thereof should be traceable to the fault. The choice and the desired signature extraction method differ from one technique to another. Open circuit faults are identifiable from their observed by measuring currents and result in a decrease of current (or voltage) on the faulty phase signatures.

When the abnormal operation is detected, the fault is localized with some specific test loop at each leg inverter, which allows knowing the IGBT module where the fault occurred. Fig.2 shows the technique used (series of tests) for fault detection and localization by the same operations and signal generation for the intervention of these fault tolerant control [9].

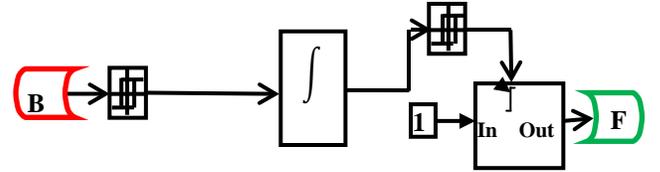


Fig.6 Fault detection isolation algorithm (FDI)

B: Represents the signal of the measured current on phase b. (same thing for a and c phase)

F: Represents the signal (1 or 0 logic) for passing the command to fourth leg of the IGBT, if $F=1$.

VII. SIMULATION RESULTS

The simulation results of the proposed control, under inverter fault discussed previous has been carried out with the scheme block fig.6, using Matlab/Simulink. The drive system is composed of a PMSM (parameters are listed in Table 1) and a fault tolerant inverter shown in Fig.1.

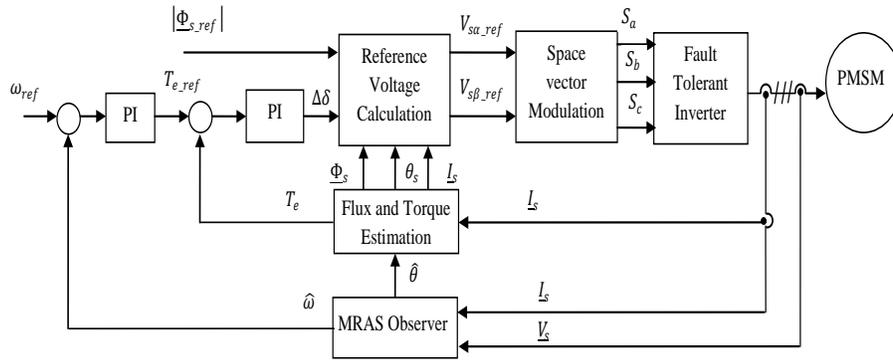
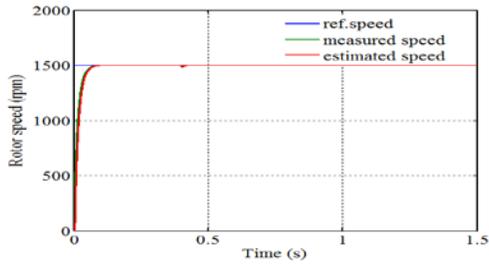
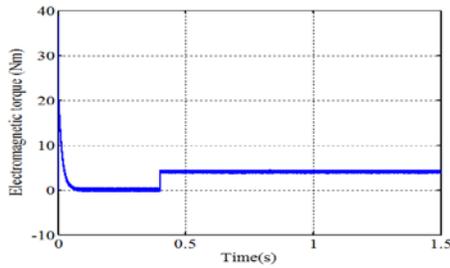


Fig.7 Block diagram of the fault tolerant control of PMSM drive with MRAS-based rotor speed estimator.

A. Healthy mode



(a)



(b)

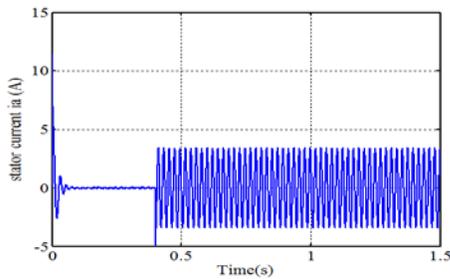
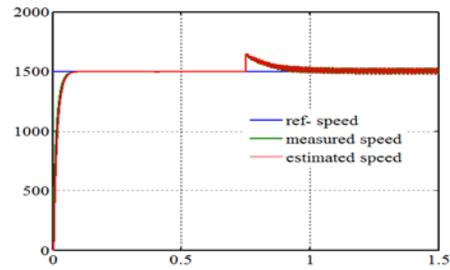
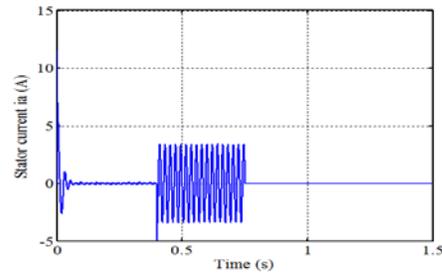


Fig.8 waveforms of speed, torque and stator current i_a in case of healthy mode

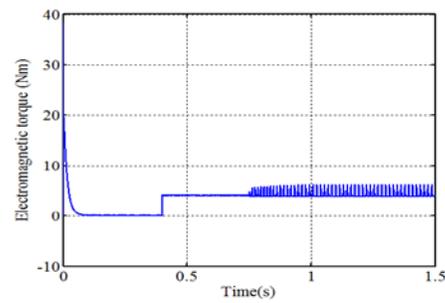
C. Faulty mode



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig.9 Waveforms of speed, torque and stator current i_a ; case of open phase fault.

D. FTC Mode

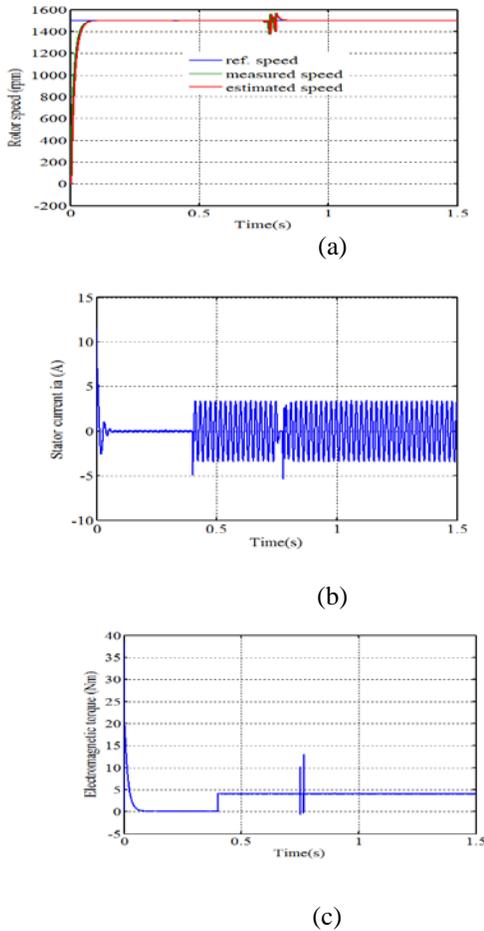


Fig.10 Waveforms of speed, torque and stator current i_a ; FTC mode

The capacitors in the DC-link are assumed to be infinite so that the voltage on both capacitors is constant and equal to $\frac{V_{dc}}{2}$.

As a first test, fig.8 shows a typical start-up of the PMSM without fault. The reference rotor speed is set at 1500 rpm with step nominal load torque $T_l=4$ Nm applied to the system at time $t=0.4$ s. Fig.8 (a) show that the speed drop at the time of applying a load torque does not exceed 4%, while the duration of the disturbance does not exceed 0.6 s. Fig.8 (b) shows the waveforms of the electromagnetic torque Fig.8 (c) illustrates the waveform of the currents i_a .

In the second test (Fig. 9), the PMSM started without load torque, and then a nominal load torque is applied at 0.4 s.

An open phase fault is created by a cutting of motor power phase. The fig.9 shows the rotor speed, stator currents, electromagnetic of the PMSM to an open phase fault. Like it's shown in the fig. 9 (c), the machine continues to rotate with oscillations as a consequence of the huge oscillations in the torque.

Fig. 10 shows the simulation results under the same conditions (the reference rotor speed is set at 1500 rpm with step nominal load torque $T_l=4$ Nm) but with an open phase. We note a presence of disturbances in the amplitudes of the currents at the time of fault and the removal of the alternating positive of i_a current returns to its nominal value after a few milliseconds

(fig 10.b), when the changeover takes place (response time of the tolerant control faults - time required for diagnosis). Note also large variations in the torque of the machine that accompanies a slowdown in speed (fig. 10.c).

This controller is capable of tolerating a fault. Based on the results obtained during the application of our FTC, there is a conservation of its performance since all variables return to their nominal states.

VIII. CONCLUSION

This paper has presented a fault tolerant voltage source inverter which can compensate faults in the switching devices. A comparison between the behavior of the machine corresponding to the operate in a healthy and degraded mode in the presence of the fault and in his absence is presented. A sensorless control based on MRAS is also presented. The simulation results demonstrate that the proposed algorithms have good static and dynamic performance.

TABLE.I
PMSM PARAMETERS

Parameters		Specification	
R_s	0.5Ω	Rated power	1.570kW
L_d	3.9 mH	Rated voltage	400V
L_q	3.7 mH	Rated current	5.9A
K_t	0.910 Nm/A	V_{dc}	540V
K_e	0.2275V.s/rad	Number of pole pairs	4
J	5.810^{-4} Kg.m ²	Rated speed	3000 rpm
f	0.00374 Nm./rad	Rated torque	5 Nm

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