

Real-Time Simulation and Analysis of the Induction Machine Performances Operating at Flux Constant

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Abstract—In this paper, we are interested, in a first time, at the study and the implementation of a V/f control for induction machine in real time. After, We are attached to a comparison of the results by simulation and experiment for, speed responses, flux and currents of the real machine, with a DSPACE card and model established by classical identification (Direct Current test, blocked-rotor test, no-load test, synchronous test), to ensure the validity of the established model. The scalar controlled induction motor allows operation of the motor with the maximum torque by simultaneous action on the frequency and amplitude of the stator voltage, with conservation of the ratio V/f.

Speed reference imposes a frequency at the inverter supplying the voltages needed to power the motor, which determines the speed of rotation. The maximum torque of the machine is proportional to the square of the supply voltage and inversely proportional to the frequency voltage. So, Keep V/f constant implies a operating with maximum constant torque. The results obtained for the rotor flux and the stator currents are especially satisfactory steady.

Keywords—Induction Machine Modeling; Scalar-controlled induction machine; Experimental identification; Environment Matlab/Simulink/DSPACE

I. INTRODUCTION

The speed control of electrical machine aims to control the operating point of the group "Engine - Load" to best meet the needs of a given industrial application.

This multidisciplinary field currently experiencing considerable importance in industry and in research and requires varied skills in the field of electrical engineering.

Recent progress in the areas of power electronics, automation and digital control led to the development of control system of high performance [1...7].

Today, alternating current machines can replace the direct current machine in most variable speed applications. In particular, induction motor is considered the preferred actuator in constant speed applications. It offers some advantages compared to the DC motor, such as its ease of manufacture and maintenance, without brush-collector device, its weight and low inertia, with an excellent performance. It is also appreciated for its reliability and robustness. However, the simplicity of its mechanical structure is accompanied by a high complexity in the mathematical model (multi-variable and non-linear).

Indeed, in the induction motor, the stator current is used both to generate the flux and the torque. The natural decoupling of the DC machine no longer exists.

On the other hand, we can't know the internal variables of the rotor (rotor current for example) only through the stator. The difficulty is that it exists a complex coupling between the input variables, output variables and the internal variables of the machine, such as torque and speed.

The technological advances had allowed to solve this problem and to develop appropriate strategies of the engine command.

Among them, we can mention the scalar control, Field-oriented control (FOC), direct torque control (DTC), direct mean torque control (DMTC), vector torque control (VTC) and direct self-control (DSC) [8].

The control of AC machine is now almost exclusively based on digital techniques, and so many control algorithms are implemented by the major powers of calculations available. These control algorithms require knowledge of the mathematical model of the machine. The elements constituting of the latter are determined using a set of tests on the machine, especially the Direct Current test, the no-load test, the blocked-rotor test (slip = 1) and the synchronization test (slip = 0). The resulting model is widely used in the stationary regime, that is to say, the machine is assumed to operate at steady regime and powered by a three phase system of constant effective value and rotates at constant speed.

This model is no longer valid if the machine is powered by a three-phase inverter controlled using a control algorithm. This led us to check the validity of this model by comparing the responses in speed, currents and flux of the induction motor obtained by simulation in the Simulink environment with those obtained in real time experimentation.

The scalar control is the easiest control of speed of the induction motor; it allows varying the speed of the machine over a wide range. This is one of the first commands, developed for the variable-speed driving. In this command, we focus on the amplitude of the controlled variable and not to its phase [9]. There are two variants of the scalar control:

- The scalar indirect control where the magnetic flux is controlled by imposing the amplitude / frequency report of the voltage or current

- Direct scalar control where the magnetic flux is controlled from its estimate or its measurement

The second method is more difficult to put into practice. So, we focus in this article on the first approach because it's simple and most used.

II. MODELING THE INDUCTION MOTOR

A good closed-loop control must be based on a mathematical model of the process to be controlled or enslaved. In our application, we use a model of the asynchronous machine that describes the dynamic behavior of the various parameters involved in the control system.

The machine considered in this paper, is a three-phase squirrel-cage (short circuit rotor) asynchronous machine. So, her electrical equations are writing in the following form:

- In the stator :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{sa} &= R_s I_{sa} + \frac{d\phi_{sa}}{dt} \\ V_{sb} &= R_s I_{sb} + \frac{d\phi_{sb}}{dt} \\ V_{sc} &= R_s I_{sc} + \frac{d\phi_{sc}}{dt} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- In the rotor :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{ra} &= 0 = R_r I_{ra} + \frac{d\phi_{ra}}{dt} \\ V_{rb} &= 0 = R_r I_{rb} + \frac{d\phi_{rb}}{dt} \\ V_{rc} &= 0 = R_r I_{rc} + \frac{d\phi_{rc}}{dt} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

With:

- V_{sa}, V_{sb}, V_{sc} the Three stator voltages.
- I_{sa}, I_{sb}, I_{sc} : the Three stator currents.
- V_{ra}, V_{rb}, V_{rc} the Three rotor voltages.
- I_{ra}, I_{rb}, I_{rc} : the Three rotor currents.
- $\Phi_{sa}, \Phi_{sb}, \Phi_{sc}$: the flux through the three phases of the stator.
- $\Phi_{ra}, \Phi_{rb}, \Phi_{rc}$: the flux through the three phases of the rotor.

To replace these differential equations at coefficients which depend on time by simple differential equations with constant coefficients, we apply the Park transformation theory that is the important approach of modeling of induction machine and it's the most used [10].

In our case, we focus on the modeling of induction machine in a reference frame linked to the rotating field. The equations of the machine are then as follows:

- Voltages at the stator :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{sd} &= R_s I_{sd} + \frac{d\phi_{sd}}{dt} - \omega_s \phi_{sq} \\ V_{sq} &= R_s I_{sq} + \frac{d\phi_{sq}}{dt} - \omega_s \phi_{sd} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

- Voltages at the rotor (shorted):

$$\begin{aligned} V_{rd} &= R_r I_{rd} + \frac{d\phi_{rd}}{dt} - \omega_{sl} \phi_{rq} = 0 \\ V_{rq} &= R_r I_{rq} + \frac{d\phi_{rq}}{dt} - \omega_{sl} \phi_{rd} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

- Flux at the stator with $M_{sr} = M_{rs} = M$:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{sd} &= L_s I_{sd} + M \cdot I_{rd} \\ \phi_{sq} &= L_s I_{sq} + M \cdot I_{rq} \end{aligned}$$

- Flux at the rotor rotor with $M_{rs} = M_{sr} = M$:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{rd} &= L_r I_{rd} + M \cdot I_{sd} \\ \phi_{rq} &= L_r I_{rq} + M \cdot I_{sq} \end{aligned}$$

- Electromagnetic torque:

$$T_e = J \frac{d\theta}{dt} + f \cdot \Omega + T_L \quad (7)$$

With: (d, q) : rotating frame

I_{sd}, I_{sq} : the stator currents in the d-q plane

V_{sd}, V_{sq} : The stator voltages in the d-q plane

I_{rd}, I_{rq} : The rotor currents in the d-q plane

Φ_{sd}, Φ_{sq} : The stator flux in d-q plane

Φ_{rd}, Φ_{rq} : The rotor flux in d-q plane

R_s, R_r : Stator and rotor resistances

L_s, L_r : Stator and rotor Inductances

M : Mutual inductance

ω_s : The stator pulsation

ω : The mechanical pulsation

ω_{sl} : The slip pulsation

J : Moment of inertia

f : Friction coefficient

T_r : Load torque

T_e : Electromagnetic torque

Ω : Mechanical speed ($\omega = p \cdot \Omega$)

III. PRINCIPLE OF SCALAR CONTROL

Several scalar controls exist depending on whether it operates on the current or the voltage. They mainly depend on the topology of the actuator used (Udc voltage or Idc current). For our application, we used a voltage inverter supplying the induction machine and driven by the scalar control (ratio V/f constant). The speed variation is achieved by variation of the stator pulsation that is generated directly by the speed controller. This method of control is based on the model of the machine in the stationary regime. For this reason, the study of the machine's model is important in this regime.

The principle of this control is to maintain constant of the ratio V/f, which means keeping the torque constant.

Indeed, if the value of the resistance of the stator windings is neglected, and it is often the case, the electromagnetic torque-slip characteristic in the stationary regime takes the following form:

$$T_e = \frac{3p}{\omega_s} \cdot V_s^2 \cdot \frac{\frac{R'_r}{s}}{\left(\frac{R'_r}{s}\right)^2 + (L\omega_s)^2} \quad (8)$$

With

s : Slip

The figure 2 below shows the block diagram of the experimental banc.

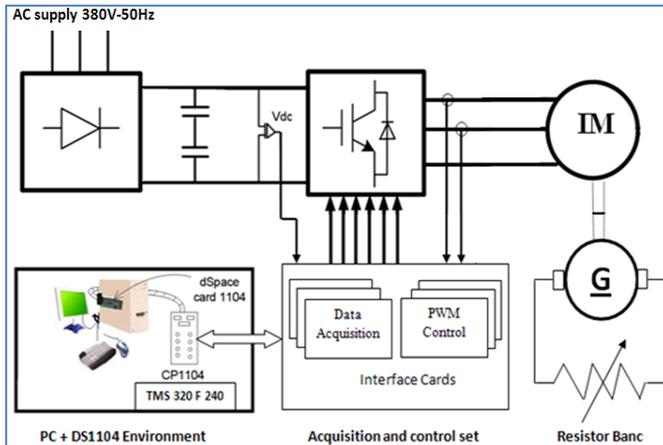


Fig. 2. Block diagram of the experimental banc

The image below shows the real banc experimental [11]:

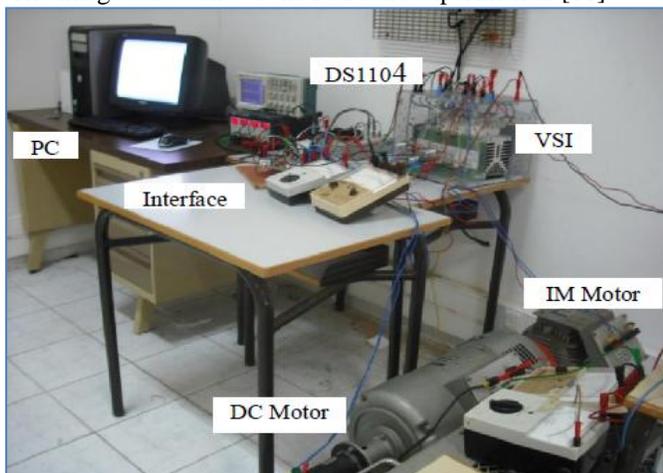


Fig. 3. Experimental banc

VI. COMPARISON OF EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS VERSUS THOSE OBTAINED BY SIMULATION

A. Rotation speed

Response speed is given by the figure 4 below:

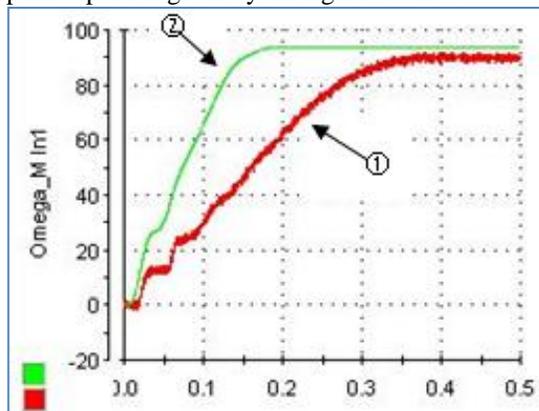


Fig. 4. Rotation speed of the machine

- 1) The real speed of the machine.
- 2) Speed of the simulated model.

We find that:

- The response time of the simulated model is equal to 0.14s
- The response time of the real system is equal to 0.28s.
- The simulated model, as regards the speed, doesn't perfectly follows the machine at the time of starting because all the elements of the machine are still be cold.

B. The stator currents

The stator current of the first phase is shown in the figure below:

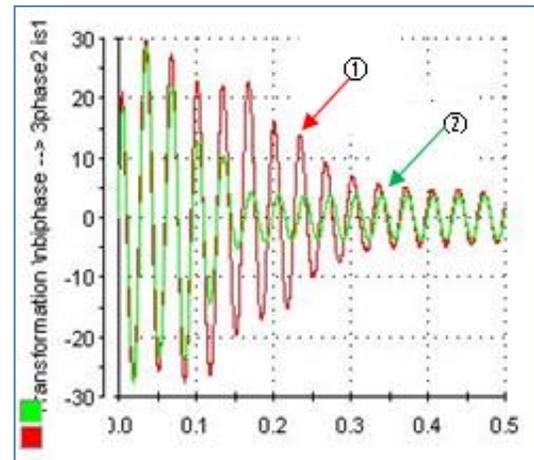


Fig. 5. The stator currents

- 1) The real stator current of phase 1 of the machine
- 2) The stator current of phase 1 of the simulated model.

The figure 6 below shows the various stator currents

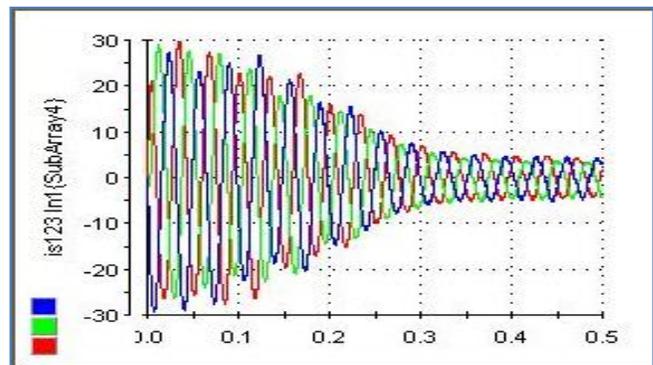


Fig. 6. Stator currents

We note that the current of the simulated model follows perfectly the real current in the stationary regime. It's not the same case in the transient regime.

C. Rotor flux

The shapes of the rotor flux in phase 1 of the machine are shown in Figure 7 below.

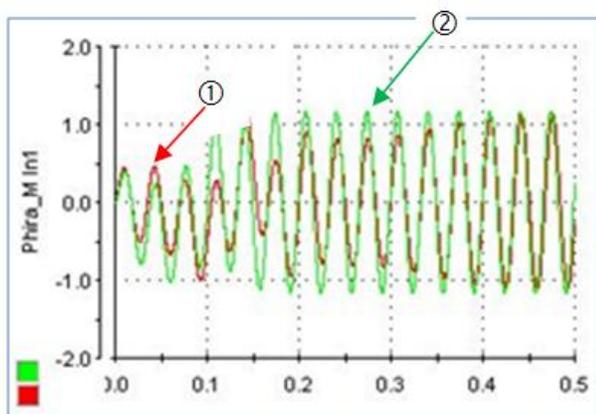


Fig. 7. The rotor flux in phase 1 of the machine

- 1) The real rotor flux of phase 1 of the machine.
- 2) The rotor flux of phase 1 of the simulated model.

The shapes of the rotor flux in phase 2 of the machine are shown in Figure 8 below.

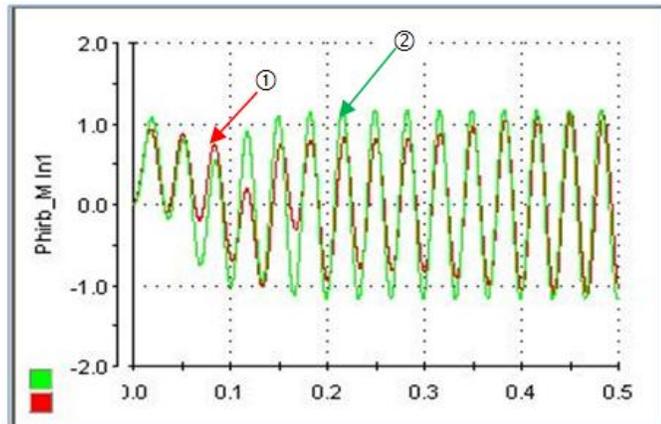


Fig. 8. The rotor flux in phase 2 of the machine

We note, in the figure 7 and the figure 8 above, that the rotor flux of the induction machine in real time and the rotor flux of the equivalent model in the plane of Park converge perfectly in the stationary regime.

VII. CONCLUSION

In this article, we had presented the scalar command of the induction machine operating as a motor. The implementation of the control algorithm explained the performance and limitations of the model of Park established from the values of the parameters of the asynchronous machine obtained by experimental identification (direct current Test, no load, locked-rotor and in synchronism). Indeed, we have seen, from the results, that the model of Park presents some identification errors but which are acceptable and especially in the stationary regime. The errors noticed in the transient regime are mainly due to the moment of inertia of the load on the motor shaft which we have not taken into account.

So an adaptive command that takes into account the parametric variations of the machine (especially the moment of inertia and the load torque) can easily overcome these errors. The perspective of this work consists to implement other algorithms of the induction machine control and compare the result of simulation with the real time.

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