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ملخص البحث

يعالج هذا البحث مشكلة تدهور أداء محركات التيار المتردد التحريضية (IM) الناتج عن التغيرات غير المعروفة في عزم الحمل. يقترح البحث ويطور ويتحقق من صحة نظام لتحديد عزم الحمل يعتمد على مُراقب الانزلاق النمطي(LTID-SMO) ، مع تركيز خاص على استخدام دالة "باور-سيغمويد (Power-Sigmoid) "كدالة تبديل لتحسين الاستجابة الديناميكية والاستقرار. يتضمن البحث النمذجة الرياضية للمحرك التحريضي، وتصميم نظام التحكم الموجه بالمجال(FOC) ، بالإضافة إلى اشتقاق وتحليل استقرار (باستخدام نظرية ليابونوف) نظام .LTID-SMO-PS تم تقييم أداء نظام LTID-SMO-PS المقترح من خلال محاكاة مكثفة وتحقق تجريبي على منصة اختبار لمحرك تحريضي بقدرة 1.5 كيلوواط. قورنت النتائج مع نظام FOC غير مُعوَّض ومع سيناريو مثالي يستخدم عزم الحمل المُقاس للتعويض الأمامي. تُظهر كل من نتائج المحاكاة والتجارب أن نظام LTID-SMO-PS يُحسِّن بشكل كبير تنظيم سرعة العضو الدوار تحت تأثير التغيرات المفاجئة في الحمل، ويقوم بتقدير عزم الحمل بفعالية للتعويض الاستباقي، ويحقق أداءً قريبًا بشكل ملحوظ من الحالة المثالية. يخلص البحث إلى أن نظام LTID-SMO مع دالة "باور-سيغمويد" يوفر حلاً قويًا وفعالًا للتخفيف من اضطرابات عزم الحمل، وبالتالي يعزز الأداء العام واستقرار محركات التيار المتردد التحريضية.

الكلمات المفتاحية :محرك تحريضي، تقدير عزم الحمل، مُراقب الانزلاق النمطي، دالة باور-سيغمويد، التحكم الموجه بالمجال، رفض الاضطرابات، تحقق تجريبي.

Abstract

This thesis addresses the performance degradation of induction motor (IM) drives caused by unknown load torque variations. It proposes, develops, and validates a Sliding Mode Observer-based Load Torque Identification (LTID-SMO) scheme, with a particular focus on employing a Power-Sigmoid (PS) switching function to enhance dynamic response and stability. The research includes the mathematical modeling of the IM, the design of a Field-Oriented Control (FOC) system, and the derivation and stability analysis (using Lyapunov theory) of the LTID-SMO-PS. The performance of the proposed LTID-SMO-PS was evaluated through extensive simulations and experimental validation on a 1.5 kW IM test bench. Results were compared against an uncompensated FOC system and an ideal scenario using measured load torque for feedforward compensation. Both simulation and experimental results demonstrate that the LTID-SMO-PS significantly improves rotor speed regulation under step load changes, effectively estimates the load torque for proactive compensation, and achieves performance remarkably close to the ideal case. The study concludes that the LTID-SMO with the Power-Sigmoid function provides a robust and effective solution for mitigating load torque disturbances, thereby enhancing the overall performance and stability of IM drives.

Keywords: Induction Motor, Load Torque Estimation, Sliding Mode Observer, Power-Sigmoid Function, Field-Oriented Control, Disturbance Rejection, Experimental Validation.

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Symbols		**Units**
i_d	Direct axis Current	$[\mathrm{A}]$
i_q	Quadrature axis Current	$[\mathrm{A}]$
ω_s	The angular velocity of the axes d, q in the stator frame	$[\mathrm{Rad/s}]$
λ_d	Direct-axis flux linkage	$[\mathrm{wb}]$
λ_q	Quadrature-axis flux linkage	$[\mathrm{wb}]$
$\mathrm{R_s}$	Stator Resistance	$[\Omega]$
$\mathrm{R_r}$	Rotor Resistance	$[\Omega]$
$\mathrm{L_s}$	Cyclic stator inductances	$[\mathrm{H}]$
$\mathrm{L_r}$	Cyclic rotor inductances	$[\mathrm{H}]$
J	Rotor moment of inertia	$[\mathrm{Kg.m^2}]$
$\mathrm{M} = L_m$	Cyclic mutual inductance between stator and rotor	$[\mathrm{H}]$
$\mathrm{N_{pp}}$	Number of pole pairs	$[-]$
T_L	Load Torque	$[\mathrm{Nm}]$
B	Viscous friction coefficient	$[\mathrm{Nm.s}/rad]$
T_{em}	Electromagnetic Torque	$[\mathrm{Nm}]$
Ω	Mechanical Speed	$[\mathrm{Rad/s}]$
Ω^*	Mechanical Reference Speed	$[\mathrm{Rad/s}]$
ω_e	Electrical Speed	$[\mathrm{Rad/s}]$
T_r	Rotor Time Constant	$[s]$
K_i	Integral gain	$[-]$
K_p	Proportional gain	$[-]$
$\boldsymbol{s}$	Laplace operator	$[-]$
$G(\boldsymbol{s})$	Transfer Function	$[-]$
T_{delay}	Time Delay	$[s]$
T_s	Sampling Time	$[s]$
f_s	Sampling Frequency	$[\mathrm{Hz}]$
K_0	Static Gain	$[-]$
τ_s	Motor time constant	$[s]$
T_i	Desired closed-loop time constant	$[s]$
$T_0 = T_{inner}$	Time Constant for Inner Loop Approximation	$[s]$
$T_{settling}$	Settling Time	$[s]$
ω	Natural Frequency	$[\mathrm{Rad/s}]$
ξ	Damping Coefficient	$[-]$
v_{dc}	Volts Direct Current	$[\mathrm{V}]$
K_T	Motor Torque Constant	$[\mathrm{Nm/A}]$
α	Observer Gain for LTID-SMO-PS	$[-]$
δ	Observer Gain for LTID-SMO-PS	$[-]$
Δ	Observer Gain for LTID-SMO-Sat	$[-]$
$\widehat{\omega}_e$	Estimated Electrical Speed	$[\mathrm{Rad/s}]$
$\widetilde{\omega}_e$	Electrical Speed Error	$[\mathrm{Rad/s}]$

σ	Sliding Variable	[RPM]

Abbreviations

IMs	Induction Motors
SMO	Sliding Mode Observer
EMF	Electromotive Force
RMF	Rotating Magnetic Field
AC	Alternating Current
DC	Direct Current
LTID	Load Torque Identification
EKF	Extended Kalman Filter
LPF	Low-Pass Filters
BLM	Boundary Layer Method
VSI	Voltage Source Inverter
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
SVM	Space Vector Modulation
FOC	Field Oriented Control
PI	Proportional Integral controller
KVL	Kirchhoff's Voltage Law
LTID − SMO	Load Torque Identification Sliding Mode Observer
ND	Negative Definite
NSD	Negative Semi-Definite
PD	Positive Definite
LTID − SMO − Sat	Load Torque Identification Sliding Mode Observer using a saturation function
PS	Power-Sigmoid

Chapter 1: Context and Motivation

Induction motors (IMs), also known as asynchronous motors, are widely used in modern industry due to their simplicity, robust construction, and cost-effectiveness. They play a significant role in various industrial applications, such as transportation and industrial automation (Bose 2002). In induction motor drive systems, a Sliding Mode Observer (SMO) can be used to estimate rotor speed and position without the need for speed sensors (sensorless control). This is achieved by modelling the motor dynamics and monitoring the stator currents and voltages, then applying the SMO algorithm to extract speed and position information (Utkin, V. I. 1992). IMs are widely used in industrial and commercial applications due to their robust design, efficiency, and minimal maintenance requirements. Their operation hinges on the principle of electromagnetic induction, discovered by Michael Faraday, which states that a changing magnetic field can induce an electromotive force (EMF) and current in a conductor (Faraday's Law of Induction) (S. J. Chapman.2012). He stator, the stationary component of the motor, is supplied with three-phase alternating current (AC). This current generates a rotating magnetic field (RMF) that travels at a synchronous speed (A. E. Fitzgerald et al.2003). The RMF is pivotal as it creates the relative motion necessary for induction. The rotor, typically a "squirrel cage" design with conductive bars short-circuited by end rings, is placed within the stator's magnetic field. As the stator's RMF cuts across the rotor conductors, it induces a voltage (and consequently a current) in the rotor due to Faraday's Law. These induced currents generate their own magnetic field, which interacts with the stator's RMF to produce torque via Lorentz force (J. L. Kirtley.2010). Slip is essential for maintaining relative motion between the stator field and rotor conductors, ensuring continuous induction of current and torque production (IEEE Standard 112.2017). This design choice, inherent to the squirrel cage rotor configuration, eliminates mechanical contact between stationary and rotating parts. As a result, IMs exhibit enhanced reliability and reduced maintenance costs, particularly in harsh environments where brush degradation would be accelerated (Palo Alto, CA. 2019). In this thesis, one focus on the development of a method to online estimation of the load torque. Load torque is the rotational force applied to the motor by mechanical loads connected to it, such as belts, gears, aerodynamic drag and friction. In IM drive systems, the load torque is often unknown or varies over time, affecting the stability and performance of the motor (R. Ortega, A. Astolfi, L. Hsu. 2003). When the load torque changes suddenly, unwanted transients occur in the speed response, leading to speed fluctuations, delayed response and even system instability. This degrades the overall performance of the drive system, especially in applications that require precise speed control, such as robotics and industrial machinery (R. Ortega, A. Astolfi, L. Hsu. 2003). The subject of Load Torque Identification (LTID) has been widely discussed in various papers. In the preceding studies, a variety of methodologies were proposed for estimating the load torque in induction motors (IMs). However, these methodologies encountered difficulties associated with the motor's dynamic characteristics. For instance, in (G. Ellis, R. D. Lorenz.2000), a Luenberger observer was developed for load torque estimation. Nevertheless, this observer demonstrated high sensitivity to variations in motor parameters, such as stator resistance and leakage inductance. Consequently, its effectiveness was limited in practical applications where these parameters fluctuate with temperature or frequency. In contrast, the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) (Vas, K. Jezernik. 2004) offers a solution by utilizing a motor model, but its efficacy is hindered by the necessity for precise models and the requirement for continuous updates of the covariance matrices, particularly in variable-speed control systems. In comparison, Sliding Mode Observers (SMOs) have been shown to be more advantageous in this context. Rather than relying on an accurate motor model, they leverage nonlinear feedback principles to mitigate the impact of parameter uncertainties and noise, as outlined in (S. Chi, H. Gao, Y. Zhang.2018). Additionally, SMOs have been shown to achieve faster response times and precise estimation even under complex operating conditions, such as sudden load changes or low-speed operation, as evidenced by experimental results in (M. Pietrzak-David, B. de Fornel.2016). In conventional Sliding Mode Observer (SMO) systems, the sign function is typically used as the switching term to ensure that the system state is attracted to and maintained on the sliding surface (Utkin, V. I. 1992). However, the use of the sign function leads to a phenomenon known as chattering. This phenomenon results in mechanical wear in physical systems (such as motors) and signal distortion in electronic systems, ultimately reducing system efficiency and threatening stability (Edwards, C., & Spurgeon, S. K. 1998). To mitigate this issue, designers often employ Low-Pass Filters (LPF) to attenuate the high-frequency components resulting from chattering (Fridman, L. 2001). However, these filters introduce phase delay, which is an unwanted shift in signal timing that can degrade the dynamic performance of the system and reduce its response speed-especially in time-sensitive applications such as robotic control systems or autonomous vehicles (Slotine, J.-J. E., & Li, W. 1991). As a result, alternative solutions have emerged in recent years to fundamentally address the chattering problem without relying on filtering techniques. These solutions involve replacing the sharp sign function with smoothing functions, which help reduce chattering while maintaining accurate state estimation and control performance (Edwards, C., & Spurgeon, S. K. 1998). The present study analyses four different load torque identification (LTID) methods using Sliding Mode Observers (SMOs), with a view to improving accuracy and reducing chattering in induction motors (IMs). Method (Sign Function SMO):

the sign function is employed as the switching term in the observer design. The advantages of this method are a simple design and disturbance rejection capability. However, high chattering is observed in steady state, which has a detrimental effect on control precision (J. Edwards, Y. Shtessel.2016). The Boundary Layer Method (BLM) involves replacing the sign function with a saturation function to reduce chattering and smooth control. This method can be combined with a low-pass filter (LPF) for further chattering reduction. However, the LPF introduces phase delay, slowing down the dynamic response (K. Ohishi et al.2017). Using a power-sigmoid function as the switching term in SMOs offers a potential advantage by reducing chattering without the inherent phase delay introduced by LPF. However, achieving optimal performance requires careful tuning of the sigmoid function's parameters, which can be complex and application specific. While this method often avoids the direct need for an LPF in the switching term, an LPF might still be incorporated elsewhere in the system for additional smoothing or noise reduction (M. Chen et al.2020).

I.1 System Description

The experimental setup consists of two mechanically coupled IMs a drive IM (drive system) and a load DC (load system) (K. Lu.2020). This configuration emulates real-world electromechanical interactions (J. Holtz.2014) and allows rigorous evaluation of control algorithms (field-oriented control, direct torque control) and sliding mode observers (SMOs) under dynamic load conditions (Y. Feng et al.2021). The Drive-IM acts as the primary motor under test, while the Load-DC acts as a programmable load torque generator, enabling bidirectional energy flow (S. Vukosavic.2007) and precise disturbance injection.

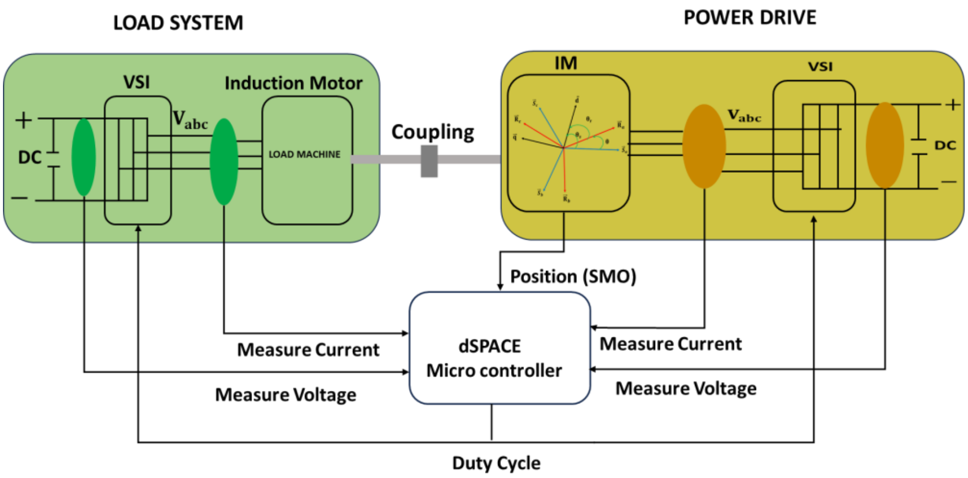

Figure 1.1. Schematic of the experimental test setup.

Two direct current (DC) sources are utilized to supply the voltage source inverter (VSI), used for both IMs. The VSI employs pulse width modulation (PWM) techniques to adjust voltage and frequency based on control signals. The VSI is controlled by a duty cycle calculated by space vector modulation (SVM) in dSPACE, a microcontroller with a software program that utilizes the MATLAB program Simulink. In addition, the test setup utilizes various sensors to measure the system states. The sensors employed include current sensors, which are used to measure the three-phase **abc** currents in the drive system, and voltage sensors, which are used to measure the voltage signals across the VSI. In traditional systems, an encoder is used; however, in this setup, a Sliding Mode Observer (SMO) replaces the encoder. The SMO estimates rotor position and speed using current/voltage measurements.

I.2 Problem statement

This study aims to enhance the control performance of IMs through load torque compensation, which poses a significant challenge due to its direct impact on precision and dynamic stability. Despite the existence of numerous load torque estimation methods, their limitations in adapting to unexpected conditions and slow response times reduce their effectiveness in high-performance applications. Therefore, this study focuses on the use of a LTID-SMO, with the Power-Sigmoid Function, highlighting its potential to replace sensor torque estimation methods effectively.

"How can existing sliding mode observer-based methods be analyzed and optimized to accurately identify load torque variations, thereby improving the dynamic response and stability of induction motor speed control under uncertain load conditions?"

I.2.1 Objectives

The objectives are:

1. Develop a nonlinear induction motor model with dynamic load effects.
2. Design a Field-Oriented Control (FOC) system using Sliding Mode Observers (SMOs) for speed control.
3. Validate the model through simulation and experimental comparison.
4. Enhance accuracy and stability by modifying SMOs with nonlinear switching functions such as Sign, Saturation, and Sigmoid.
5. Compare performance with a torque sensor observer.

I.2.2 Project Limitations

To limit the scope of this project, some assumptions is made throughout the project, defined as:

- Chattering Reduction: The use of enhanced nonlinear switching functions (Power-Sigmoid) in Sliding Mode Observers (SMOs) will reduce chattering by at least **40%** compared to traditional functions (Sign/Saturation)
- Dynamic Stability Enhancement: Integrating Sliding Mode Observers (SMOs) with Field-Oriented Control (FOC) will enhance the system's dynamic stability by **20%** under unstable load conditions, compared to conventional control systems without load torque compensation
- Mathematical Model Accuracy: The nonlinear mathematical model of the induction motor will accurately simulate real-world behavior, exhibiting a relative error of less than **5%** when comparing simulated results with experimental
- Load Torque Estimation Precision: Sliding Mode Observers (SMOs) will achieve a load torque estimation accuracy of up to **95%** with an error margin of **±2 Nm**, even under sudden load variations (**±50%** of the rated load)
- Robustness Against Parameter Variations: Sliding Mode Observers (SMOs) will maintain load torque estimation accuracy above **90%** even with motor parameter variations, surpassing the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) in handling uncertainties

Chapter 2: Modeling and Simulation of IM

This chapter establishes the mathematical foundation for the induction motor (IM) system introduced in Section 1.1. Developing an accurate model is crucial for both simulation analysis and the design of effective control structures. Here, we present the essential motor parameters, derive the voltage equations in the rotating d-q reference frame, and describe the mechanical equation of motion governing the motor's dynamics.

II.1. Induction Motor Model Equations

The fundamental structure of a three-phase induction motor is depicted in Figure 2.1. It consists of a stationary part (stator) and a rotating part (rotor), separated by a constant air gap. Both stator and rotor house three-phase windings:

- **Stator Windings:** S_a, S_b, S_c
- **Rotor Windings:** R_a, R_b, R_c

The angular position of the rotor relative to the stator is defined by θ_r, the angle between the axis of stator phase 'a' (S_a) and rotor phase 'a' (R_a).

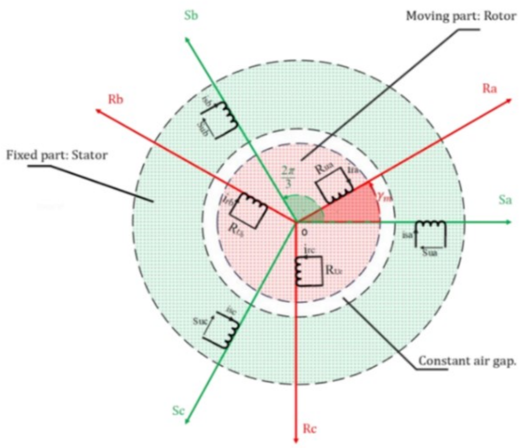

Figure 2.1. Representation of the windings of the IM in electrical space.

The stator windings are spatially distributed 120 electrical degrees apart. Torque is generated through electromagnetic interaction between the stator's rotating magnetic field and the currents induced in the rotor windings.

II.1.1. Park Transformation

To simplify the analysis and control of the IM, the complex three-phase (abc) system is transformed into an equivalent two-phase orthogonal system (d-q) rotating synchronously with the chosen reference frame. This is achieved using the Park transformation, illustrated conceptually in Figure 3.2.

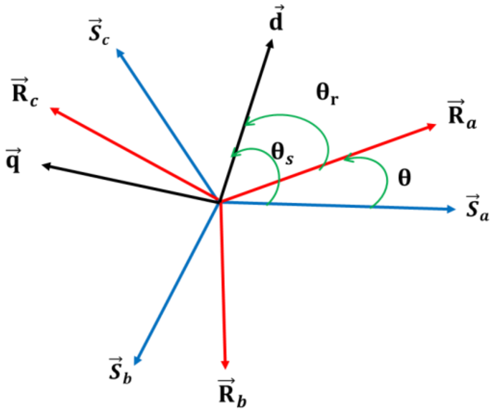

Figure 2.2. Angular location of axis systems in electrical space

The transformation from the stationary abc frame to the rotating d-q frame (aligned with angle θ) is given by:

$$\vec{X}_{dqo} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} cos(\theta) & cos\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & cos\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ -sin(\theta) & -sin\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & -sin\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} . \vec{X}_{abc} \qquad (3.7)$$

where X_{abc} represents the phase quantities (voltages or currents) and X_{dqo} represents the transformed quantities in the d-q-0 frame. For balanced three-phase systems, the zero-sequence component (Xo) is typically zero and can be neglected.

II.1.2 Stator and rotor voltages equations

Applying the Park transformation, the voltage equations for the stator and rotor in the synchronously rotating d-q reference frame (neglecting the zero component) are:

$$v_{sd} = R_s i_{sd} + \frac{d\lambda_{sd}}{dt} - \omega_s \lambda_{sq} \qquad (2.8)$$

$$v_{sq} = R_s i_{sq} + \frac{d\lambda_{sq}}{dt} + \omega_s \lambda_{sd} \qquad (2.a)$$

$$0 = R_r i_{rd} + \frac{d\lambda_{rd}}{dt} - (\omega_s - \omega)\lambda_{rq} \tag{2.b}$$

$$0 = R_r i_{rq} + \frac{d\lambda_{rq}}{dt} + (\omega_s - \omega)\lambda_{rd} \tag{2.c}$$

II.1.3 Flux Linkage Equations

The flux linkages in the d-q frame are expressed as:

$$\lambda_{sd} = L_s I_{sd} + M I_{rd} \tag{2.9}$$

$$\lambda_{sq} = L_s I_{sq} + M I_{rq} \tag{2.a}$$

$$\lambda_{rd} = L_r I_{rd} + M I_{sd} \tag{2.b}$$

$$\lambda_{rq} = L_r I_{rq} + M I_{sq} \tag{2.c}$$

II.1.4 Mechanical Dynamics

The relationship between the motor's electromagnetic torque, load torque, and speed is described by Newton's second law for rotation:

$$J\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = T_{em} - T_L - B\Omega \tag{2.10}$$

II.1.5 The electromagnetic torque's equation:

The electromagnetic torque produced by the motor, expressed in d-q coordinates, is:

$$T_{em} = \frac{3}{2} N_{pp}(\lambda_{sd} i_{sq} - \lambda_{sq} i_{sd}) \tag{2.11}$$

II.1.6 Model Parameters

The specific parameters for the induction motor drive system used in subsequent simulations and analysis are listed in Table 2.

Symbol	Description	Value	Unit
$\mathbf{R_s}$	Stator Resistance	5.1	[Ω]
$\mathbf{R_r}$	Rotor Resistance	2	[Ω]
$\mathbf{L_s}$	Cyclic stator inductances	0.285	[H]
$\mathbf{L_r}$	Cyclic rotor inductances	0.285	[H]
J	Rotor moment of inertia	0.02	$[Kg.m^2]$
M	Cyclic mutual inductance between stator and rotor	0.275	[H]

N_{pp}	Number of pole pairs	2	$[-]$
T_r	Load resistance torque	10	$[Nm]$
B	Viscous friction coefficient	0.0003	$[Nm.s/rad]$

Table .2. Parameters used to model the drive system

II.2 Simulation Results

To illustrate the dynamic behavior described by the model equations, a simulation was performed using a block-based environment (e.g., MATLAB/Simulink).

To investigate the dynamic behavior of the induction motor and validate the proposed control strategies prior to experimental implementation, a comprehensive simulation model was developed in MATLAB/Simulink. This model, depicted in Figure 2.3, captures the essential dynamics of the system, including the power electronics, the induction motor itself, and the control algorithms.

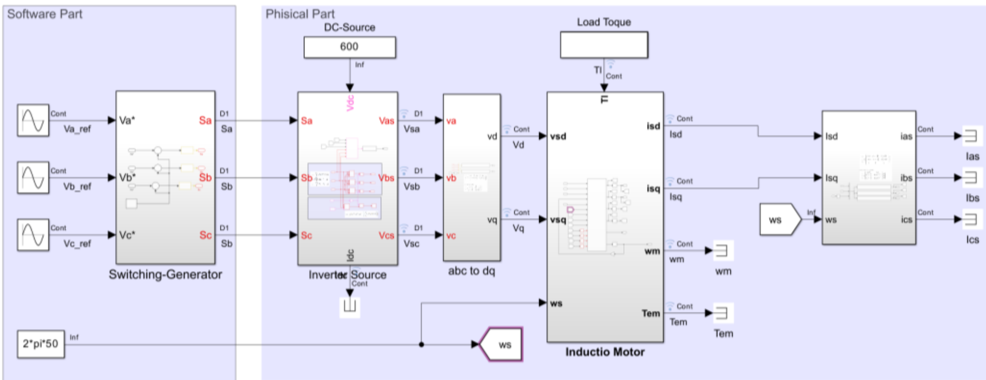

Figure 2.3. This diagram depicts a simulation model of an induction motor

Interpretation of Figure 2.4: Stator Currents (i_{sd}, i_{sq})

This figure displays the d-axis (i_{sd} - magenta, top plot) and q-axis (i_{sq} - orange, bottom plot) components of the stator current in a synchronously rotating reference frame.

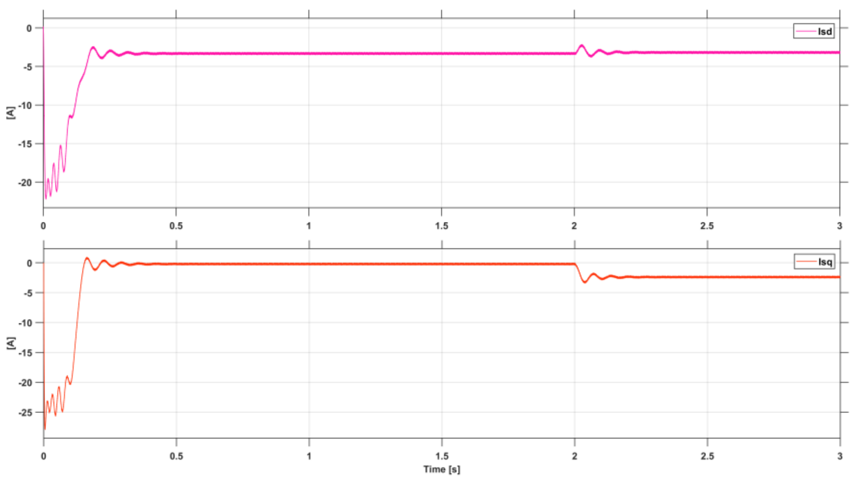

Figure 2.4. The simulation results for i_{sd} , i_{sq}

- **Initial Phase (t = 0 to ~0.3 s): Startup/Magnetization Transient**
  - **isd (Flux-producing current):** Starts from zero and rapidly rises, exhibiting some overshoot and oscillations before settling to a negative steady-state value of approximately -3 A around t = 0.3 s. The negative sign is likely due to the chosen d-q frame orientation and reference direction for flux. This phase represents the establishment of the main magnetic flux in the motor.
  - **isq (Torque-producing current):** Also starts from zero and shows significant oscillations during the startup transient. It eventually settles to a value near zero (approximately -0.5 A to -1 A, possibly overcoming friction or a very light initial load) around t = 0.3 s. The oscillations indicate the dynamic interaction between the electrical and mechanical systems during startup.
- **Steady-State No-Load/Light-Load Operation (t = ~0.3 s to 2.0 s)**
  - **i_{sd}:** Remains relatively constant at its steady-state fluxing level (approx. -3 A).
  - **i_{sq}:** Remains relatively constant near zero (approx. -0.5 A to -1 A), indicating that the motor is producing minimal torque, just enough to overcome internal friction.
- **Load Application (t = 2.0 s onwards)**
  - **i_{sd}:** When the load is applied at t = 2.0 s, i_{sd} shows a small transient dip and then recovers, aiming to maintain the commanded flux level. There are some oscillations before it settles back to its pre-load value.
  - **i_{sq}:** At t = 2.0 s, i_{sq} rapidly changes (becomes more negative, dropping to around -3.5 A to -4 A). This significant change in i_{sq} is the motor's response to produce the electromagnetic torque required to counteract the newly applied load. It also exhibits some oscillations before settling.

Interpretation of Figure 2.6: Rotor Speed (ω_m) and Electromagnetic Torque (Tem)

This figure displays the mechanical rotor speed (w_m - yellow, top plot) and the electromagnetic torque produced by the motor (T_{em} - dark red, bottom plot).

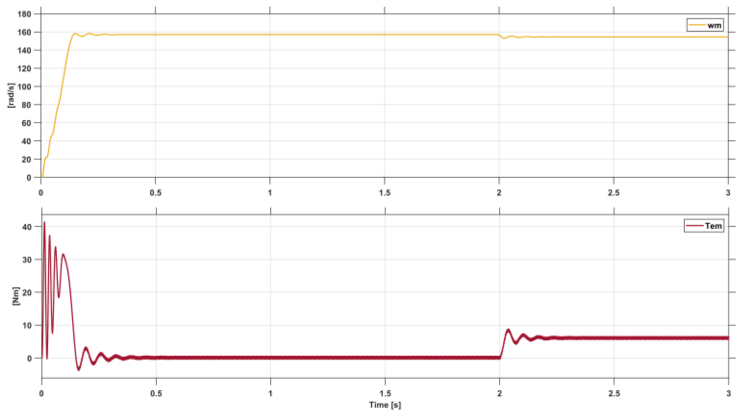

Figure 2.6. The simulation results for ω_m , T_{em}

- **Initial Phase (t = 0 to ~0.3 s): Startup/Acceleration**
  - **w_m (Rotor Speed):** Starts from zero and rapidly accelerates, reaching a steady-state speed of approximately 155-157 rad/s around t = 0.3 s.
  - **T_{em} (Electromagnetic Torque):** Shows large oscillations during startup, with peaks exceeding 40 Nm. This high torque is necessary to accelerate the rotor inertia from standstill. After the initial acceleration phase, the torque settles to a very low value (near 0 Nm, perhaps 1-2 Nm) around t = 0.3 s.
- **Steady-State No-Load/Light-Load Operation (t = ~0.3 s to 2.0 s)**
  - **w_m:** Remains constant at its steady-state no-load speed (approx. 155-157 rad/s).
  - **T_{em}:** Remains at a very low level, just enough to overcome friction (approx. 1-2 Nm).
- **Load Application (t = 2.0 s onwards)**
  - **w_m:** At t = 2.0 s, when the load is applied, the rotor speed experiences a noticeable dip (drops to around 150-152 rad/s). The motor slows down as it needs to increase slip to develop more torque. After the initial dip, the speed recovers slightly and settles to a new, lower steady-state speed under load.
  - **T_{em}:** At t = 2.0 s, the electromagnetic torque rapidly increases to counteract the applied load. It rises to approximately 5-7 Nm, exhibiting some overshoot and oscillations before settling to this new steady-state torque value required to drive the load.

Overall Summary from Both Figures:

1. **Startup Dynamics:** The initial 0.3 seconds show typical startup transients for an induction motor: establishment of flux (i_{sd}), acceleration of the rotor (w_m), and high torque production (T_{em} and i_{sq} oscillations).
2. **No-Load Operation:** Between t=0.3s and t=2.0s, the motor operates under no-load or very light load conditions. The flux current (i_{sd}) is maintained, torque current (i_{sq}) is minimal, speed (w_m) is high and constant, and electromagnetic torque (T_{em}) is low.

3. **Load Impact:** At t=2.0s, a step load is applied.
   - The torque-producing current (i_{sq}) changes significantly to meet the demand.
   - The electromagnetic torque (T_{em}) increases to match the load.
   - The rotor speed (w_m) drops as slip increases to allow the motor to produce the required torque.
   - The flux-producing current (i_{sd}) aims to remain constant but shows minor transients due to system dynamics.

These figures effectively illustrate the fundamental dynamic behavior of an induction motor during startup and in response to a step change in load torque, under what appears to be an open-loop voltage supply (or a very basic control before FOC is fully engaged). The oscillations observed are characteristic of an underdamped system.

II.3. Conclusion

This chapter has successfully established the essential mathematical foundation for the three-phase induction motor and demonstrated its fundamental dynamic behavior through simulation (P. C. Krause, O. Wasynczuk, & S. D. Sudhoff.2013). Beginning with the physical structure and winding configurations (A. E. Fitzgerald, C. Kingsley, and S. D. Umans.2013), the Park transformation was employed to simplify the complex three-phase system into an equivalent two-phase d-q synchronously rotating reference frame. The voltage and flux linkage equations in this d-q frame were derived, along (B. K. Bose.2002) with the mechanical dynamic equation and the expression for electromagnetic torque, forming a comprehensive model crucial for both analysis and control design. Key motor parameters necessary for quantitative simulation were identified and tabulated.

To illustrate the dynamic characteristics described by these model equations, a simulation model was developed in MATLAB/Simulink (MathWorks.2023). This model, encompassing the software-defined voltage inputs, the power inverter, and the electromechanical dynamics of the induction motor, was then subjected to a characteristic test case: motor startup followed by a step application of load torque. The simulation results for stator d-q currents, rotor speed, and electromagnetic torque were presented and analyzed. These results clearly depicted the initial magnetization and acceleration transients during startup, the steady-state behavior under no-load conditions, and the distinct responses of electrical and mechanical variables to the sudden imposition of a mechanical load (E. Levi.2015). The observed changes in torque-producing current, the drop in speed, and the increase in electromagnetic torque upon load application were all consistent with theoretical expectations.

In conclusion, this chapter provides a thorough exposition of induction motor modeling in the d-q reference frame and validates this model through dynamic simulation. The developed Simulink model and the presented simulation results serve as a critical baseline, confirming the model's ability to capture the inherent operational characteristics of the induction motor. This foundational understanding and the validated model are indispensable for the subsequent design, simulation, and analysis of advanced control strategies, such as Field-Oriented Control and observer-based compensation techniques (J. Holtz.2006), which will be explored in the following chapters.

Chapter 3: Control of IM

This chapter details the control strategy for an induction motor (IM) employing Field Oriented Control (FOC). The FOC architecture utilizes a cascaded control structure, comprising an inner current control loop and an outer speed control loop. Proportional-Integral (PI) controllers are systematically designed for the separate regulation of the d-axis (flux-producing) and q-axis (torque-producing) currents within the inner loop, as well as for the speed regulation in the outer loop. The primary objective is to achieve high-performance, decoupled control of motor flux and torque, akin to that of a separately excited DC motor.

III.1 Field Oriented Control

III.1.1 Principle of FOC

Field Oriented Control (FOC), also referred to as vector control, is an advanced technique for driving AC motors, particularly induction motors, to achieve high performance and precision (Bose, 2002). Traditional control methods often encounter difficulties with the inherent non-linear characteristics and complex coupling between stator currents and magnetic fields in induction motors (Leonhard, 2001). FOC addresses these challenges by transforming the motor's three-phase stator currents into a synchronously rotating reference frame, typically aligned with the rotor flux vector (Kazmierkowski, Krishnan, & Blaabjerg, 2002). This transformation effectively decouples the magnetic flux and torque-producing components of the stator current, enabling their independent control, much like in a DC motor (Bose, 2002).

Induction motors are widely favored in industrial applications due to their robustness, simplicity, and cost-effectiveness (Bose, 2002). However, their dynamic behavior can be challenging to manage under varying load conditions (Leonhard, 2001). FOC significantly enhances their performance by facilitating precise, real-time adjustments to motor operation, leading to improved efficiency, faster transient responses, and smoother operation. These characteristics make FOC an ideal control method for demanding applications such as robotics, electric vehicles, and various industrial machinery (Leonhard, 2001). By enabling independent control of flux and torque, FOC not only simplifies the control strategy but also maximizes the motor's potential, ensuring optimal performance in both steady-state and transient conditions (Kazmierkowski, Krishnan, & Blaabjerg, 2002).

III.1.2 Rotor Flux Orientation and Torque Equation

The electromagnetic torque (T_{em}) in an induction motor, expressed in the d-q rotating reference frame, is given by:

$$T_{em} = \frac{3}{2} N_{pp} \frac{L_m}{L_r} (\lambda_{rd} i_{sq} - \lambda_{rq} i_{sd}) \tag{3.1}$$

where N_{pp} is the number of pole pairs, L_m is the mutual inductance, L_r is the rotor inductance, λ_{rd} and λ_{rq} are the d and q components of rotor flux, and isd and i_{sq} are the d and q components of stator current.

To achieve decoupled control, the FOC strategy aligns the rotor flux entirely with the d-axis of the rotating reference frame (as depicted in Figure 4.1, assuming it would be present). This implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{rd} &= \lambda_r \\ \lambda_{rq} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

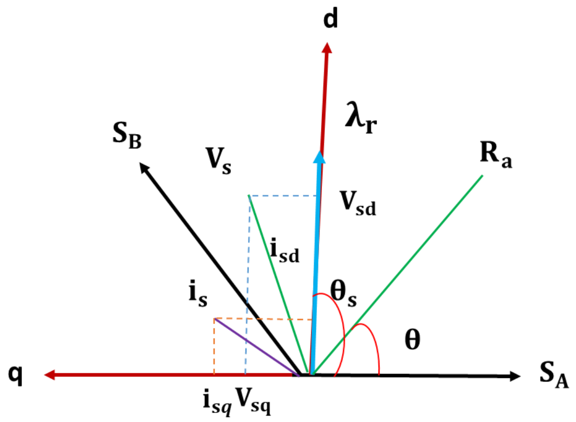

Figure 3.1. Reference frame linked to the rotor flux on the d axis

Substituting (3.2) into (3.1), the torque equation simplifies to:

$$T_{em} = \frac{3}{2} N_{pp} \frac{L_m}{L_r} (\lambda_r i_{sq}) \tag{3.3}$$

This simplified equation (4.3) demonstrates that the torque can be controlled directly by i_{sq} if λ_r (rotor flux) is kept constant (controlled by i_{sd}). This behavior is analogous to the torque control of a separately excited DC motor.

III.1.2 Indirect FOC Implementation for Voltage-Fed Induction Motor

The indirect FOC method for a voltage-fed induction motor utilizes rotor-flux orientation to independently regulate torque and flux. This approach simplifies motor dynamics and enhances performance.

III.1.2.1 Stator Voltage Equations and Decoupling

In the rotor-flux-oriented reference frame (where $\omega_e = \omega_s$ is the synchronous speed), and assuming rotor flux alignment ($\lambda_{rq} = 0$, $\lambda_{rd} = \lambda_r$), the stator voltage equations are:

$$v_{sd} = R_s i_{sd} + \left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right)\frac{di_{sd}}{dt} - \omega_s\left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right) i_{sq} \tag{3.4}$$

$$v_{sq} = R_s i_{sq} + \left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right)\frac{di_{sq}}{dt} + \omega_s\left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right) i_{sd} + \omega_s\left(\frac{L_m}{L_r}\right)\lambda_{rd} \tag{3.5}$$

where R_s is stator resistance, L_s is stator inductance.

These equations reveal cross-coupling terms (terms multiplied by ω_s) between the d and q axes. To achieve independent control, these coupling terms are compensated for by introducing new control variables U_{sd} and U_{sq}:

$$v_{sd} = U_{sd} - f_{emd} \tag{3.6}$$

$$v_{sq} = U_{sq} - f_{emq} \tag{3.7}$$

The decoupling (feedforward) terms f_{emd} and f_{emq} are defined as:

$$f_{emd} = \omega_s\left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right) i_{sq} \tag{3.8}$$

$$f_{emq} = -\omega_s\left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right) i_{sd} - \omega_s\left(\frac{L_m}{L_r}\right)\lambda_{rd} \tag{3.9}$$

III.1.2.2 Simplified System Model after Decoupling

With real-time compensation of these decoupling terms, the system equations simplify to:

$$U_{sd} = R_s i_{sd} + \left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right)\frac{di_{sd}}{dt} \tag{3.10}$$

$$U_{sq} = R_s i_{sq} + \left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right)\frac{di_{sq}}{dt} \tag{3.11}$$

These equations represent two independent first-order systems for isd and isq.

III.1.2.3 Rotor Flux Dynamics and Slip Speed Estimation

The evolution of the rotor flux magnitude is given by:

$$\lambda_r + T_r \frac{d\lambda_r}{dt} = L_m i_{sd} \tag{3.12}$$

where $T_r = \frac{L_r}{R_r}$ is the rotor time constant. For constant rotor flux operation ($d\lambda_r/dt = 0$), $\lambda_r = L_m i_{sd}$.

The synchronous speed ωs is estimated using the rotor speed ω and the slip speed ωsl. The slip speed is critical for maintaining rotor flux orientation in indirect FOC. From the rotor voltage equation in the q-axis (with $d\lambda_{rq}/dt = 0$ under FOC), the slip speed is estimated:

$$\frac{d\lambda_{rq}}{dt} = 0 = \frac{L_m R_r}{L_r} i_{sq} - (\omega_s - \omega)\lambda_r \tag{3.13}$$

This leads to the slip speed estimation:

$$(\omega_s - \omega) = \omega_{sl} = \frac{L_m R_r}{L_r \lambda_r} i_{sq} \tag{3.14}$$

Thus, the required synchronous speed is:

$$\omega_s = \omega + \frac{L_m R_r}{L_r \lambda_r} i_{sq} \tag{3.15}$$

III.1.2 Overall FOC Structure

Figure 3.2 illustrates the schematic of the FOC structure, which employs a cascade control scheme.

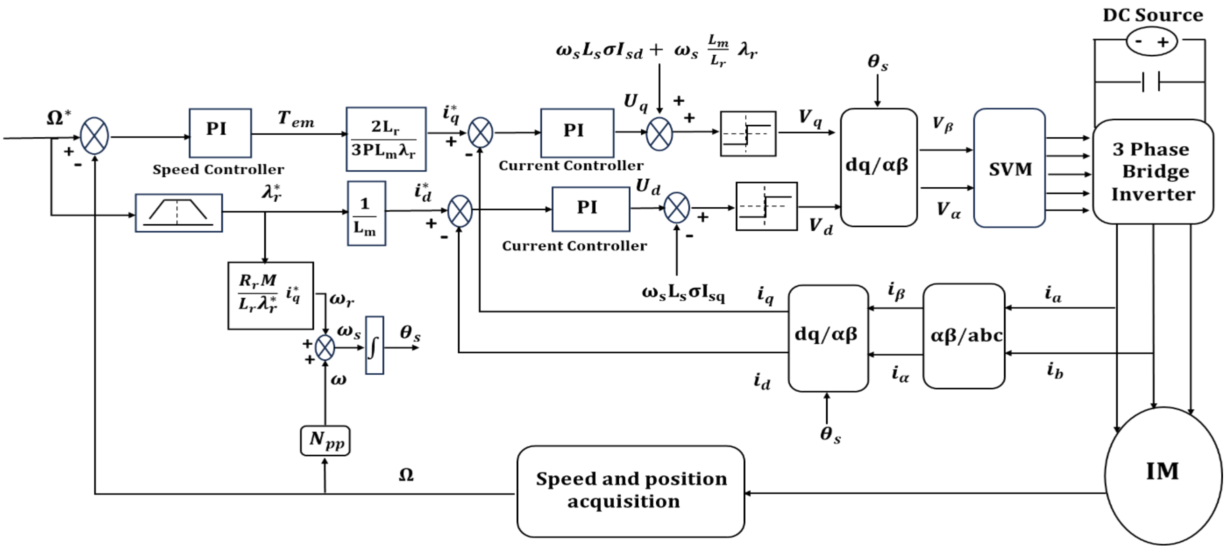

Figure 3.2. Schematic of the Field Oriented Control structure.

- **Outer Speed Loop:** A PI speed controller regulates the motor speed (Ω). Its output is the reference q-axis current (isq*), which corresponds to the desired torque.
- **Inner Current Loop:** Two PI current controllers regulate the d-axis current (isd) and q-axis current (isq) to their respective reference values (isd* and isq*). The reference d-axis current (isd*) sets the desired rotor flux.

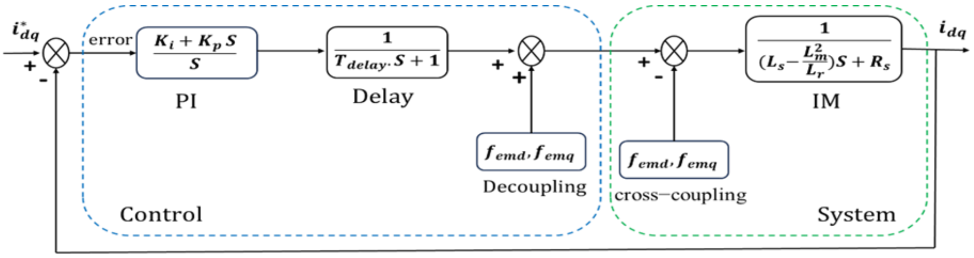

Figure 3.3. Block diagram of current loop.

The decoupling terms (f_{emd}, f_{emq}) are added to the outputs of the current controllers (U_{sd}, U_{sq}) to generate the final voltage commands (v_{sd}*, v_{sq}*) for the inverter. For effective performance, the inner current loop must have a significantly faster response than the outer speed loop. This is a key consideration in

III.1.2.1 Current Controller Design (Inner Loop)

The inner loop controls the d-q axis currents. Figure 4.3 shows a block diagram of the current control loop.

Current Loop Model and Transfer Function

From the decoupled voltage equations (3.10) and (3.11), the transfer function for the current plant (relating current to control voltage U_d or U_q) can be derived. In the s-domain: For the d-axis:

For the d-axis:

$$G_d(s) = \frac{i_d}{v_d} = \frac{1}{\left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right).\boldsymbol{S} + R_s} \tag{3.14}$$

For the q-axis:

$$G_q(s) = \frac{i_q}{v_q} = \frac{1}{\left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right).\boldsymbol{S} + R_s} \tag{3.15}$$

Since these are identical, a single plant model $G_{dq}(s)$ can be used for designing a common PI controller structure:

$$G_{dq}(s) = \frac{1}{L_s\,\sigma.\boldsymbol{S} + R_s} \tag{3.16}$$

where $L_s\,\sigma = \left(L_s - \frac{L_m^2}{L_r}\right)$ is the stator transient (or leakage) inductance.

System Delays

Practical implementation of controllers introduces time delays due to sensor measurements and digital processing. This delay can be approximated by a first-order transfer function:

$$G_{delay}(s) = \frac{1}{T_{delay}.\boldsymbol{S} + 1} \tag{3.17}$$

where $T_s = \frac{1}{f_s}$ is the sampling period, and T_{delay} is often taken as $1.5\,T_s$ For $f_s = 5000$ Hz, $T_s = 0.2\;ms$ so $T_{delay} = 0.3\;ms$

PI Controller Design for Current Loop

The PI controller aims for a fast response with low overshoot. The standard PI controller transfer function is:

$$G_{PI} = \frac{K_i + K_p.\boldsymbol{S}}{\boldsymbol{S}} \tag{3.18}$$

rewriting in terms of controller zero ($T_i = K_p/K_i$):

$$PI = K_p\;\frac{(T_i\;.\boldsymbol{S} + 1)}{T_i.\boldsymbol{S}} \tag{3.19}$$

The design often employs pole-zero cancellation. The plant $G_{dq}(s)$ can be written as:

$$G_{dq}(s) = \frac{K_0}{\tau_s\;.\boldsymbol{S} + 1} \tag{3.20}$$

where $K_o=1/R_s$ (DC gain) and $\tau_s=L_s\sigma/R_s$ (motor electrical time constant). To cancel the motor pole at s = -1/τ_s, the controller zero is set equal to the motor pole:

$$(T_i\;.\boldsymbol{S} + 1) = (\tau_s\;.\boldsymbol{S} + 1)\;\Rightarrow\;T_i = \tau_s \tag{3.21}$$

The closed-loop transfer function (CLTF) of the current loop (PI controller + plant, neglecting delay for initial design) becomes:

$$CLTF(s) = \frac{PI(s)\;G_{dq}(s)}{1 + PI(s)\;G_{dq}(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{T_i}{K_p K_0}\right).\boldsymbol{S}} = \frac{1}{1 + T_0.\boldsymbol{S}} \tag{3.22}$$

where $T_0 = \frac{T_i}{K_p K_0} = \frac{\tau_s}{K_p K_0}$ is the desired closed-loop time constant.

For a desired closed-loop bandwidth or responsiveness, T_o is chosen, often as $T_o = \tau_s / n$, where n is a design factor.

$$T_0 = \frac{\tau_s}{n} \tag{3.23}$$

From this, $K_p K_o = n$. So, $K_p = \frac{\tau_s n}{\tau_s K_0} = \frac{n}{K_0} = n R_s$, and since $T_i = \tau_s$, $K_i = \frac{K_p}{\tau_s} = \frac{n R_s}{\tau_s}$

These are summarized as:

$$K_p = n R_s \tag{3.24}$$

$$K_i = \frac{n R_s}{\tau_s} = \frac{K_p}{\tau_s} \tag{3.25}$$

The text suggests n = 15 as an appropriate value for stabilization and response. For example, if Rs = 5.1 Ω (example value, not from text), then K_p=15*5.1=76.5. If τ_s = 0.00385s (example value), then K_i = 76.5 / 0.00385 ≈ 19870.

III.1.2.2 Speed Controller Design (Outer Loop)

The outer loop controls the motor speed. Figure 4.4 (from original page 6) shows the block diagram.

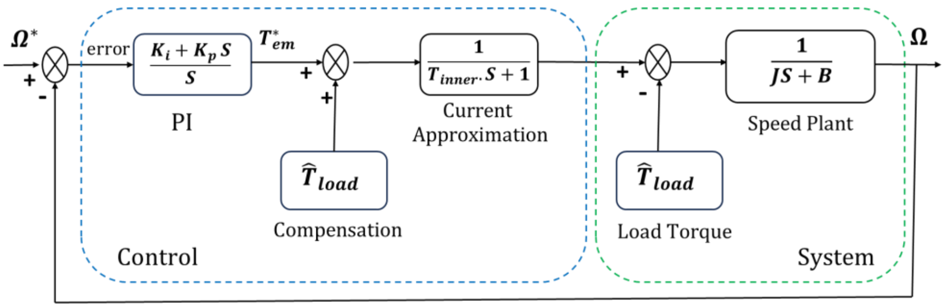

Figure 3.4. Block diagram of the speed loop.

Speed Loop Model

The mechanical equation of motion in the s-domain, neglecting load torque T_L as a disturbance, is:

$$\Omega = \frac{T_{em} - T_L}{J.\boldsymbol{S} + B} \tag{3.26}$$

where J is inertia and B is viscous friction. The electromagnetic torque is given by (3.33):

$$T_{em} = \frac{3}{2} N_{pp} \frac{L_m}{L_r} (\lambda_r i_{sq}) \tag{3.27}$$

The transfer function of the speed plant is:

$$G_{speed}(s) = \frac{\Omega}{T_{em}} = \frac{1}{J.\boldsymbol{S} + B} \tag{3.28}$$

Inner current loop approximation

Since the inner current loop is designed to be much faster than the outer speed loop, its dynamics can be approximated by a first-order transfer function (from CLTF in 3.28, possibly including the delay factor if significant). The original text (3.29) considers the PI, plant, and delay:

$$G_{Current} = \frac{K_i + K_p.\boldsymbol{S}}{\boldsymbol{S}} \frac{1}{L_s\,\sigma.\boldsymbol{S} + R_s} \frac{1}{T_{delay}.\boldsymbol{S} + 1} \quad (3.29)$$

This $G_{current}(s)$ represents the transfer function from i_{sq}* (output of speed controller) to i_{sq} (actual q-axis current).

A simplified first-order approximation for this closed inner loop is often used:

$$T_{inner} = T_{settling}.\frac{1}{7} \quad (3.30)$$

$$G_{in} = \frac{1}{T_{inner}.\boldsymbol{S} + 1} \quad (3.31)$$

where T_{inner} is the effective time constant of the closed current loop. This T_{inner} corresponds to T_o from (4.28) if the delay is small or incorporated into the choice of n.

Controller Design for Speed Loop

The PI speed controller design considers the cascaded structure: Speed PI -> Inner Current Loop -> Torque Constant -> Speed Plant.

The open-loop transfer function for the speed loop, using the PI controller (K_{ps} s + K_{is})/s (where K_{ps}, K_{is} are speed controller gains), the approximated inner loop $G_{in}(s)$, the torque production gain

$$K_t = (3/2)\ N_{pp}(L_m/L_r)\lambda_r$$

and the speed plant $G_{speed}(s)$:

Open Loop TF = (K_{ps} s + K_{is})/s×K_T ×$G_{in}(s)$ × $G_{speed}(s)$

The text provides an open-loop form (4.38) directly combining these into equivalent K_o (plant gain) and τ_s (plant time constant), presumably after lumping terms:

$$\frac{K_i + K_p.\boldsymbol{S}}{\boldsymbol{S}} \times \frac{1}{T_0.\boldsymbol{S} + 1} \times \frac{K_0}{\tau_s.\boldsymbol{S} + 1} \quad (3.38)$$

(Here, K_p, K_i are speed loop gains; T_o is inner loop time constant; K_o = 1/B and τ_s = J/B are mechanical gain/time constant).

The closed-loop characteristic equation from (3.39c) is 1+Open Loop TF=0. This results in a denominator (characteristic polynomial):

$$T_0\,\tau_s\,\boldsymbol{S}^3 + T_0\boldsymbol{S}^2 + \tau_s\boldsymbol{S}^2 + \boldsymbol{S} + K_pK_0\boldsymbol{S} + K_i\,K_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{S}^3 + \frac{T_0 + \tau_s}{T_0\, \tau_s}\, \boldsymbol{S}^2 + \frac{1 + K_p K_0}{T_0\, \tau_s}\, \boldsymbol{S} + \frac{K_i\, K_0}{T_0\, \tau_s} = 0 \tag{3.39}$$

This is compared to a standard third-order characteristic equation form:

$$\boldsymbol{S}^3 + 3\xi\omega \boldsymbol{S}^2 + (2\xi^2 + 1)\omega^2\, \boldsymbol{S} + \xi\, \omega^3 \tag{3.40}$$

where ω is the desired natural frequency and ξ is the desired damping coefficient. By equating coefficients of (3.40 normalized), expressions for K_p (speed) and K_i (speed) are derived:

From coefficient of $\boldsymbol{s}^0$:

$$\frac{K_i\, K_0}{T_0\, \tau_s} = \xi\, \omega^3 \;\Rightarrow K_i = \frac{\xi\, \omega^3\, T_0\, \tau_s}{K_0}$$

From coefficient of $\boldsymbol{s}^1$:

$$\frac{1{+}K_p\, K_0}{T_0\, \tau_s} = (2\xi^2 + 1)\omega^2 \;\Rightarrow K_p = \frac{(2\xi^2 + 1)\omega^2 T_0\, \tau_s - 1}{K_0}$$

The text provides (on page 8) these derivations for K_p and K_i (speed controller gains), using $T_0 = T_{inner} = \frac{L_s\, \sigma}{n\, R_s}$ (where n is the 'n' from current loop design), and specific values:

ξ = 0.707 (for good damping)

n = 10000 (a factor used in defining ω as $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\xi^2+1)\, T_0\, \tau_s}}$

The expressions are:

$$K_p = \frac{(2\xi^2 + 1)\omega^2 T_0\, \tau_s - 1}{K_0}.$$

$$K_i = \frac{\xi\, \omega^3\, T_0\, \tau_s}{K_0}.$$

where $K_o = 1/B$ and $\tau_s = J/B$.

The text gives example values: $K_p = 8.7960$ and $K_i = 2.8779$ x 10^3.

III.2 Understanding the Three-Phase Inverter Topology

The three-phase inverter is an essential topology for converting DC sources into three-phase AC voltages. This configuration is extensively employed in industrial applications, including motor drives and renewable energy systems. The inverter functions by sequentially switching six power electronic devices (IGBTs or MOSFETs) to generate output voltages with quasi-square waveforms. Simulating a six-step inverter is crucial for understanding its operational characteristics, harmonic content, and interactions with inductive loads such as AC motors. As illustrated in Figure 3.5, the three-phase inverter circuit consists of three poles (Mohan, N., Undeland, T. M., & Robbins, W. P. 2003), each switched independently. Within each pole, two switches alternate every half-cycle, corresponding to a 180° conduction interval (Erickson, R. W., & Maksimović, D. 2001).

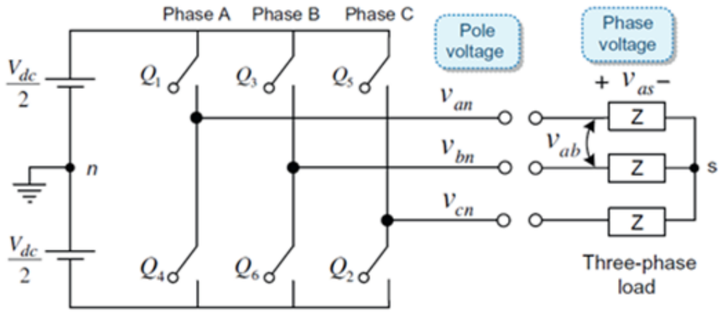

Figure 3.5. Configuration of the three-phase inverter circuit.

Each pole is responsible for generating one phase voltage. Three out of the six switches are always turned on, and their switching sequence follows the order of switch numbers, such as **123**, **234**, **345**, **456**, **561**, **612**, and back to **123** (Lee, J., & Lee, K. B. 2018). This inverter, operating under this switching scheme, is referred to as a square wave inverter (Infineon Technologies. 2020), where the amplitude of the output voltages remains constant, while only their frequency can be controlled (Rashid, M. H. 2014).

The phase voltages in a three-phase inverter depend on the states of all six switches. These phase voltages can be expressed using switching functions that describe the states of the switches in each pole. The switching function expression for phase voltage is essential for analyzing and simulating the three-phase inverter.

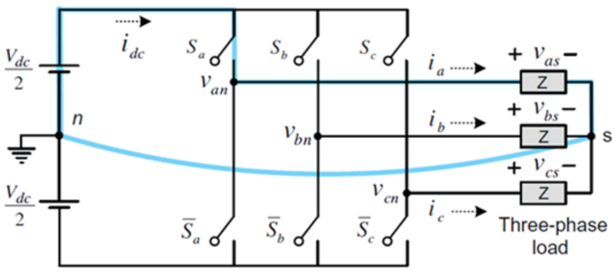

Figure 3.6 Three-phase inverter.

Let us derive the phase voltage expressions using switching functions. We assume a balanced Y-connected load with a floating neutral point **S**. Let $\mathbf{S_a}$, $\mathbf{S_b}$, and $\mathbf{S_c}$ represent the switching functions for poles **a**, **b**, and **c**, respectively. By applying Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL) to the closed loop in the circuit shown in Figure 3.7, the voltage equation is written as:

$$v_{an} = v_{as} + v_{sn} \tag{3.41}$$

For two other phase circuits, we can obtain the voltage equations as:

$$v_{bn} = v_{bs} + v_{sn} \tag{3.42}$$

$$v_{cn} = v_{cs} + v_{sn} \tag{3.43}$$

using the corresponding switch function, each pole voltage is given as:

$$v_{an} = v_{dc}\left(S_a - \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{3.44}$$

$$v_{bn} = v_{dc}\left(S_b - \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{3.45}$$

$$v_{cn} = v_{dc}\left(S_c - \frac{1}{2}\right) \tag{3.46}$$

The sum of these three equations is

$$v_{an} + v_{bn} + v_{cn} = v_{as} + v_{bs} + v_{cs} + 3v_{sn} \tag{3.47}$$

Here, the sum of three-phase voltages is zero for a balanced Y-connected load with a floating neutral point:

$$v_{as} + v_{bs} + v_{cs} = Z(i_{as} + i_{bs} + i_{cs}) = 0 \tag{3.48}$$

Hence the neutral voltage $\boldsymbol{v_{sn}}$ is given as the average of three pole voltages:

$$v_{sn} = \frac{1}{3}(v_{an} + v_{bn} + v_{cn}) = \frac{v_{dc}}{3}\left(S_a + S_b + S_c - \frac{2}{3}\right) \tag{3.49}$$

By substituting this neutral voltage into eq. (3.41) - (3.43), we can obtain the phase voltages. For example, by substituting eq. (3.49) into eq. (3.41), the voltage of phase as is given as

$$\begin{aligned} v_{as} = v_{an} - v_{sn} &= v_{dc}\left(S_a - \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{v_{dc}}{3}\left(S_a + S_b + S_c - \frac{2}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{v_{dc}}{3}(2S_a - S_b - S_c) \end{aligned} \tag{3.50}$$

Likewise, the expressions of phase **bs** and **cs** voltages can be obtained.

The expressions of phase voltages in a three-phase inverter using switching functions are as follows:

$$v_{as} = \frac{v_{dc}}{3}(2S_a - S_b - S_c) \tag{3.51}$$

$$v_{bs} = \frac{v_{dc}}{3}(2S_b - S_c - S_a) \tag{3.52}$$

$$v_{cs} = \frac{v_{dc}}{3}(2S_c - S_a - S_b) \tag{3.53}$$

The phase voltage equations in terms of the switches eq. (3.51) - (3.52) - (3.53) are considered the mathematical model for simulating the three-phase inverter, as shown in the fig 3.7.

The simulation of a three-phase inverter, as illustrated in the provided model, aims to analyze the operational dynamics of a six-step (square wave) inverter under balanced load conditions. This simulation framework bridges theoretical principles with practical implementation, enabling the study of voltage generation, harmonic behavior, and control strategies in three-phase power systems.

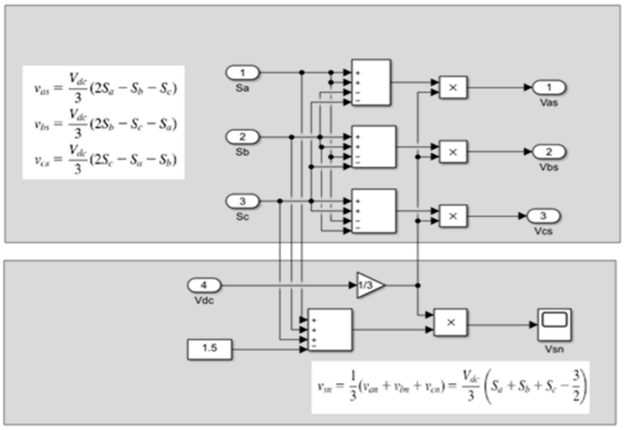

Figure 3.7 Inverter block**.**

III.3. Simulation Results

The diagram in figure 3.8 displays a simulation model that implements Indirect Field-Oriented Control (IFOC) of an induction motor, which includes Load Torque Identification using a Sliding Mode Observer (LTID-SMO). The control system regulates motor speed through a cascade structure consisting of a speed controller and current controllers. A PI speed controller generates the torque reference, which is converted to the q-axis current reference using estimated rotor flux. Simultaneously, the d-axis current is regulated to maintain a constant rotor flux reference. These current references are processed through a decoupling block and transformed into three-phase voltage references, which are then used by a switching generator to control the inverter. The inverter supplies the three-phase AC voltage to the motor, and the feedback signals (stator currents, rotor speed, and flux) are transformed back to the d–q frame for closed-loop control. The lower section of the model evaluates five different LTID-SMO configurations for load torque estimation. These include: T0, without compensation; T1, using a signum switching function; T2, employing a saturation function to reduce chattering; T3, applying a smooth power-sigmoid (PS) function; and T4, integrating a PS function with a PI controller for enhanced accuracy. All LTID-SMO variants utilize the rotor speed, estimated rotor flux, and q-axis stator current as inputs to estimate the load torque. These variations are simulated and compared to assess their effectiveness in improving torque estimation accuracy and system performance.

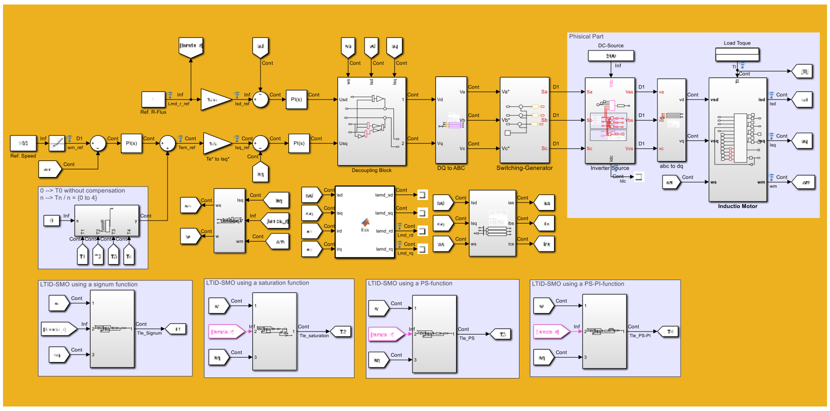

Figure 3.8. FOC control structure for induction motor.

The top plot of the figure 4.9 shows the rotor speed of an induction motor under Indirect Field-Oriented Control (IFOC) following a step change in the reference speed. The actual rotor speed (solid green line) quickly rises and closely tracks the reference speed (dashed black line), exhibiting a small overshoot before settling. The inset plot magnifies the steady-state region, revealing a slight oscillation around the reference. The bottom plot shows the applied load torque, which is zero initially, then steps up to 10 Nm at t=0.7 s, and returns to zero at t=0.9 s. The speed remains relatively stable despite the load disturbance, indicating good speed regulation by the IFOC system.

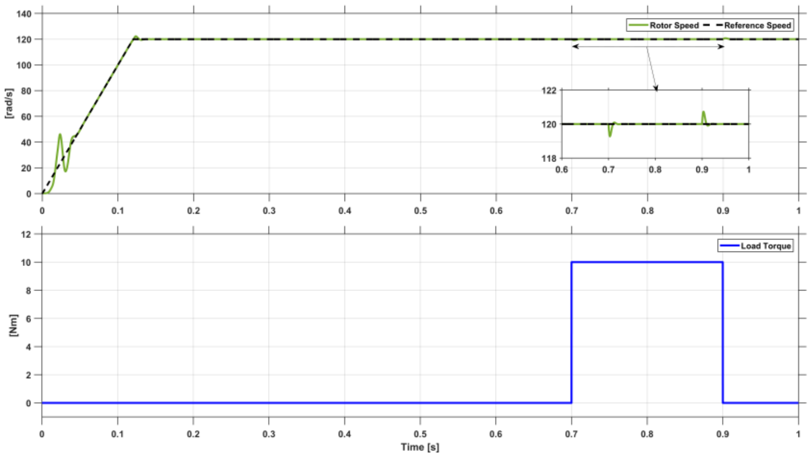

Figure 3.9. Speed Response of IFOC Induction Motor Under Load Disturbance

The figure 4.10 shows the rotor flux components of an induction motor controlled using Indirect Field-Oriented Control (IFOC). The blue curve represents the d-axis rotor flux, which aligns with the reference flux (dashed line) and gradually settles to 1 Wb, as desired. The red curve represents the q-axis rotor flux, which ideally should be zero in proper field-oriented control. Initially, both components experience transient oscillations, but the q-axis flux quickly decays toward zero, confirming effective decoupling of torque and flux. Overall, the system demonstrates successful rotor flux regulation with fast convergence and minimal steady-state error.

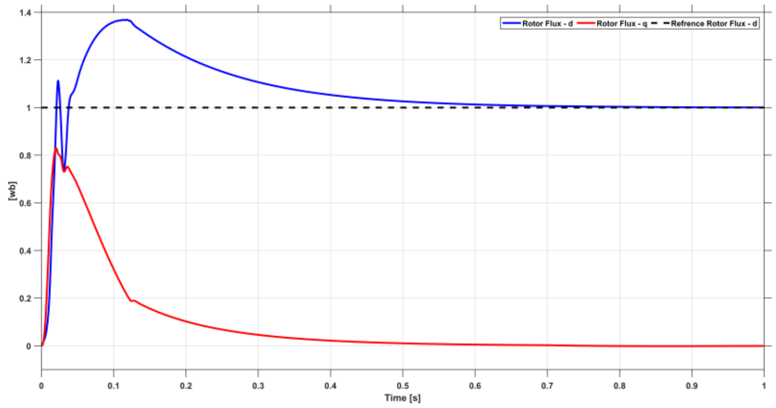

Figure 3.10 Rotor Flux Components Response under Indirect Field-Oriented Control of an Induction Motor

The figure 3.11 illustrates the performance of an Indirect Field-Oriented Control (IFOC) system for an induction motor by showing the d and q axis stator currents. The top plot shows that the d-axis current (i_{sd}), responsible for flux, quickly reaches and maintains its reference value, indicating stable flux control. The bottom plot shows that the q-axis current (i_q), responsible for torque, accurately tracks its reference, responding to step changes and demonstrating effective torque control with good dynamic response after the initial startup transient. Overall, the figure demonstrates the successful decoupled control of flux and torque achieved by the IFOC strategy.

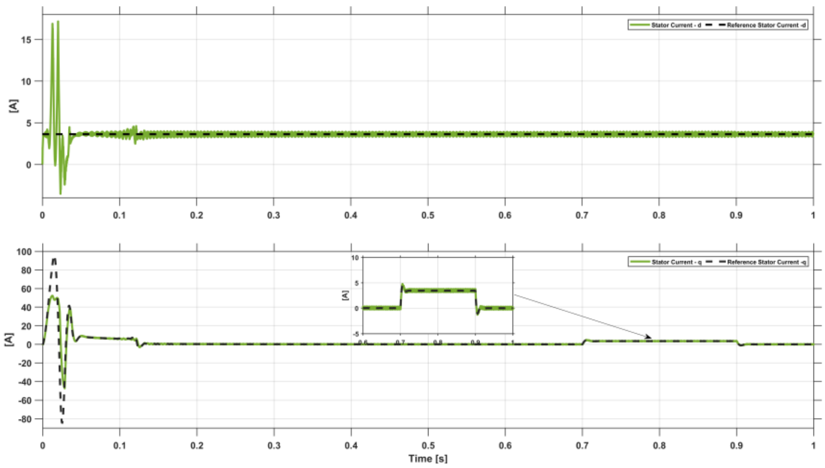

Figure 3.11 Reference and Actual Stator d and q Currents during IFOC Operation of an Induction Motor

The figure 4.12 displays the three-phase stator voltages (V_{sa}, V_{sb}, V_{sc}) applied to the induction motor, showing a pulse-width modulated (PWM) waveform characteristic of inverter-fed drives. The bottom plot illustrates the corresponding DC link current (Idc) drawn by the inverter. We observe a large current spike during the initial startup transient (around t=0), followed by a lower, fluctuating current during steady-state operation. The DC link current also shows transient changes in response to the load being applied and removed (as seen in the previous figure), reflecting the power demand of the motor.

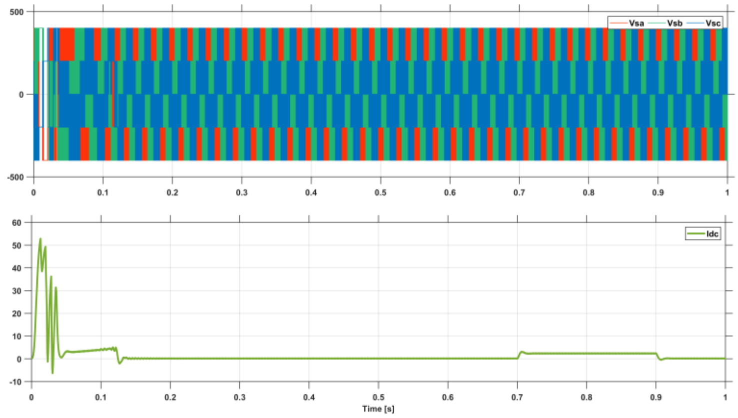

Figure 3.12 Inverter Output Voltages and DC Link Current of an IFOC Induction Motor Drive

III.4.4 Conclusion

This chapter has provided a comprehensive overview of Field Oriented Control (FOC) for induction motors, detailing its principles, the cascaded control architecture involving inner current loops and an outer speed loop (W. Leonhard.2001), and the systematic design of PI controllers for decoupled d-q axis current and speed regulation (B. K. Bose.2002). The transformation to a synchronously rotating reference frame, crucial for achieving DC-motor-like independent control of flux and torque, was explained, along with the necessary decoupling (P. Vas.1998) mechanisms and slip speed estimation for indirect FOC. The role and modeling of the three-phase inverter as the power stage were also discussed (N. Mohan, T. M. Undeland, & W. P. Robbins.2002).

The simulation results presented (Figures 3.9-3.12) have validated the effectiveness of the FOC strategy in achieving precise control over the induction motor, demonstrating good speed tracking, accurate flux regulation, and well-behaved current responses. Notably, Figure 3.9 illustrated the system's response to load torque disturbances, showing a degree of inherent robustness.

However, while the established FOC provides a strong foundation for high-performance motor control, further enhancements can be made, particularly in mitigating the transient effects of unmeasured load torque variations on the motor speed. The FOC structure detailed herein serves as the ideal platform for integrating more advanced estimation and compensation techniques (B. K. Bose.2002).

The subsequent chapter will build directly upon this FOC framework. The main objective of the LTID-SMO, which will be introduced, is to improve the transient part of the speed response when a load torque is applied to the IM. To minimize the transient part of the speed response, the control scheme of the LTID-SMO is implemented into the FOC structure by feeding forward a load torque estimation, thereby aiming for even more precise and robust speed regulation against external disturbances.

Chapter 4: LTID-SMO - Experimental Validation

In Chapter 4, the control strategy was described, focusing on PI controllers for the speed and current loops based on a linear system. While this approach works well under no-load conditions, the introduction of load torque disturbances can degrade motor performance. This chapter shifts the focus to addressing these disturbances through the implementation of the LTID-SMO. Specifically, it explores the use of a Power-Sigmoid Function within the LTID-SMO framework, comparing the performance of the estimated load torque values with the directly measured ones. This comparison highlights how the Power-Sigmoid Function enhances transient response handling when a load torque is applied.

IV.1 Strategy

The LTID-SMO framework incorporates the innovative use of a Power-Sigmoid Function to enhance the transient part of the speed response when a load torque is applied to the induction motor. By integrating this function, the system can achieve smoother and more precise adjustments during load changes. Specifically, the Power-Sigmoid Function is employed to refine the estimation of load torque, which is then compared against directly measured load torque values (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

This comparison underscores the effectiveness of the Power-Sigmoid Function in improving the robustness of the control scheme. The estimated torque is transformed into an estimated current component, which is subsequently added to the reference current, enabling the PI speed controller to respond more efficiently. This addition helps counteract speed deviations during sudden load applications, optimizing the control system's performance. The implementation of the LTID-SMO, with the Power-Sigmoid Function at its core, is illustrated in Figure 4.1, showcasing its pivotal role in achieving superior transient response handling (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

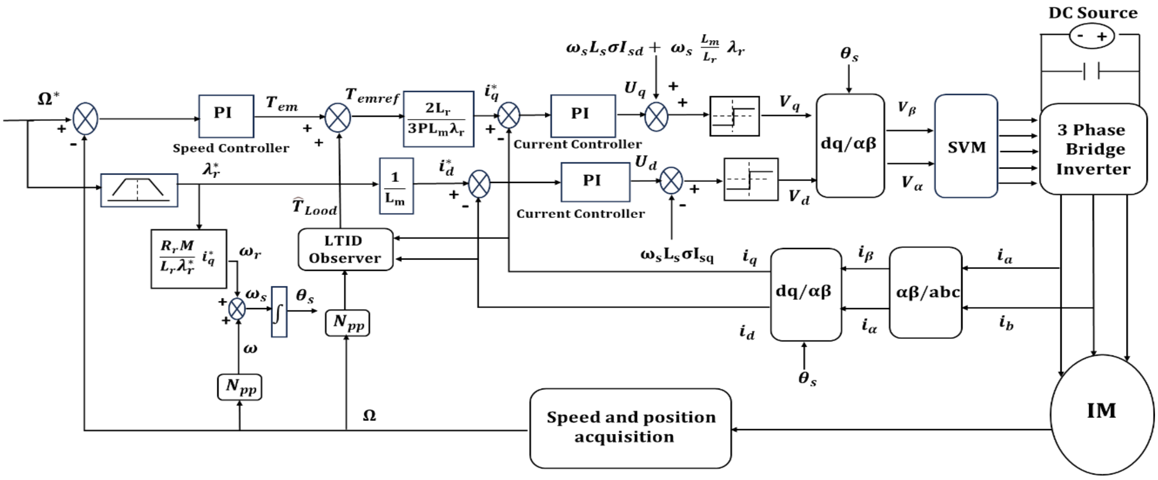

Figure 4.1. The FOC structure with implemented load torque identification sliding mode observer.

The exploration begins with the conventional methods, which serve as the initial approach to addressing load torque estimation within the LTID-SMO framework. The first method employs the conventional Sliding Mode Observer (SMO), which uses a discontinuous sign function for its controller output. While effective in estimating load torque, this method suffers from the chattering phenomenon—a high-frequency oscillation around the sliding surface caused by the nature of the sign function. This drawback can lead to inefficiencies in the physical system, including increased wear on mechanical components over time (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

To mitigate this issue, the boundary layer method was introduced as an enhancement to the conventional SMO. By replacing the discontinuous sign function with a saturation function, this approach inherently reduces chattering. The saturation function acts as a linear approximation of the sign function, resolving the problem of discontinuity and improving system stability. Additionally, this method incorporates an extra feedback loop within the load torque observer to refine estimation accuracy further (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

Building upon these foundational techniques, the LTID-SMO framework integrates the innovative Power-Sigmoid Function to advance the transient response handling when a load torque is applied. This method combines the characteristics of an odd-power function and a Sigmoid function, thereby creating a refined controller output. The Power-Sigmoid Function, defined by raising the sliding variable to a specified power, optimizes the estimation of load torque values. These estimated values are then compared with directly measured ones, showcasing the enhanced precision and robustness of this approach (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

Within the LTID-SMO framework, the Power-Sigmoid Function transforms estimated torque into corresponding current components. These components are added to the reference current, enabling the PI speed controller to counteract speed deviations more effectively during sudden load changes. By refining the transient response, this method ensures smoother and more precise adjustments, illustrating its pivotal role in achieving superior control system performance (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

The first method in this section is a conventional SMO with a signum switching function. The controller output is:

$$u(\sigma, t) = -K.sign(\sigma(t)) \tag{4.1}$$

where $\boldsymbol{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$

The conventional Sliding Mode Observer (SMO) can effectively estimate the load torque. However, a primary issue with using the conventional SMO is the chattering phenomenon. This phenomenon produces a high frequency switching signal around the sliding surface due to the discontinuous nature of the sign function. Chattering can reduce the efficiency of the physical system over time because it accelerates the wear of moving mechanical parts (Y. Feng, X. Yu, and Z. Man, 2013). Therefore, additional LTID-SMO control schemes are proposed to address the chattering issue.

The second method is the boundary layer method, which replaces the discontinuous sign function with a saturation function. This method reduces chattering in the drive system, as the saturation function can be viewed as a linear approximation of the sign function, thus solving the discontinuity problem. This concept is illustrated in Fig.4.2, where the saturation function would produce a response like the Signum function. The boundary layer method provides the controller output as follows:

$$u(\sigma, t) = -K.sat\left(\frac{\sigma(t)}{\Delta}\right) \tag{4.2}$$

where $\boldsymbol{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$ and Δ determines the limit of the boundary around the switching surface. In addition, further improvement of the LTID-SMO using a saturation function is made by implementing an extra feedback loop in the load torque observer to improve the estimation accuracy.

The third method is the Power-Sigmoid method, a proposed method based on the characteristic response of an odd-power function (Liu, K., Zhu, Z. Q., & Stone, D. A. 2015) and a Sigmoid function. If combining the odd-power function with a Sigmoid function, by raising the sliding variable, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ to the power of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ the controller output is defined by equation 5.3. An example of the profile of the Power-Sigmoid function can be seen in Fig.4.2

$$u(\sigma, t) = -K.\frac{\sigma(t)^{\alpha}}{|\sigma(t)^{\alpha}| + \delta} \tag{4.3}$$

with $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cup \{\boldsymbol{2n-1} | \boldsymbol{n} \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $\boldsymbol{\delta > 0}$

This controller suppresses chattering at low $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ values. At high $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ values, tuning the $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ and $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ value can achieve effects like the boundary layer method.

To better understand the evolution of control methodologies in addressing system chattering, it is essential to compare the functional profiles of the sign function, saturation function, and power-sigmoid function (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022). These comparisons provide insight into their respective impact on system behavior, particularly in maintaining stability and suppressing undesirable oscillations. The visual representation in Figure 4.2 illustrates these distinctions effectively, serving as a crucial reference point for analyzing the practical applications of each method.

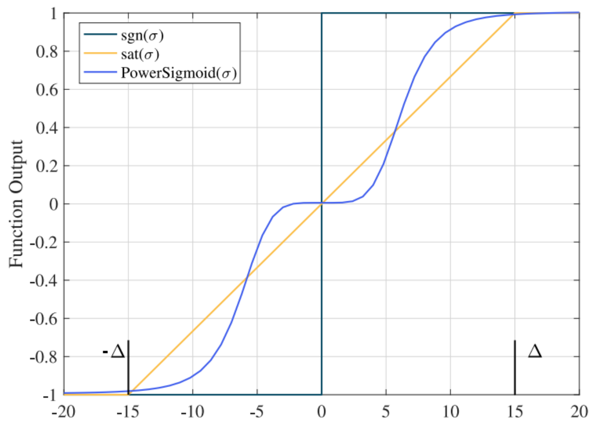

Figure 4.2. A comparison of the profiles for the sign function, saturation function and power sigmoid functions.

IV.2 LTID-SMO using Power-Sigmoid Function

The LTID-SMO using the Power-Sigmoid function (LTID-SMO-PS) represents an advanced control methodology designed to enhance the performance and accuracy of torque and speed estimations in dynamic systems. This approach leverages the unique properties of the Power-Sigmoid function to define a sliding surface based on speed error, ensuring robust and precise responses under various operating conditions (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022). By integrating this method, significant improvements in steady-state performance and transient response can be achieved, making it a valuable tool for modern control systems. The mathematical formulations and derivations of the LTID-SMO-PS are outlined as follows:

$$\frac{d\omega_e}{dt} = \frac{K_T\, N_{pp}}{J}\, \lambda_r i_q - \frac{B}{J}\omega_e - \frac{N_{pp}}{J} T_L \quad \text{Where } K_T = \frac{3}{2}\, N_{pp}\frac{L_m}{L_r} \tag{4.4}$$

by defining the sliding surface as the speed error, $\boldsymbol{\sigma(t) = \tilde{\omega}_e = \hat{\omega}_e - \omega_e}$, the LTID-SMO is obtained and defined as:

$$\frac{d\hat{\omega}_e}{dt} = \frac{K_T\, N_{pp}}{J}\, \lambda_r i_q - \frac{B}{J}\hat{\omega}_e - Z_s \quad where\ \ Z_s = K_{PS}.\frac{\sigma(t)^{\alpha}}{|\sigma(t)|^{\alpha} + \delta} \tag{4.5}$$

The derivative of the speed error is derived by subtracting Equation 4.4 from 4.5, which leaves the derivative of the speed error to be defined as:

$$\frac{d\tilde{\omega}_e}{dt} = \frac{N_{pp}}{J} T_L - \frac{B}{J}\tilde{\omega}_e - Z_s \tag{4.6}$$

Utilizing the steady-state condition, when $\boldsymbol{\dot{\sigma}(t) = 0}$, the estimated load torque is derived from equation 4.6, and formulated as:

$$\hat{T}_L = \frac{J}{N_{pp}} K_{PS}.\frac{\sigma(t)^{\alpha}}{|\sigma(t)|^{\alpha} + \delta} + \frac{B}{N_{pp}}\tilde{\omega}_e \tag{4.7}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\frac{B}{N_{pp}}\tilde{\omega}_e \ll \frac{J}{N_{pp}} Z_s}$, leaving that the term $\boldsymbol{\frac{B}{N_{pp}}\tilde{\omega}_e}$ is neglected and the estimated load torque may therefore be formulated as:

$$\hat{T}_L = \frac{J}{N_{pp}} K_{PS}.\frac{\sigma(t)^{\alpha}}{|\sigma(t)|^{\alpha} + \delta} \tag{4.8}$$

From previously described the SMO with a signum and saturation function uses a LPF in the estimate the load torque, as $\boldsymbol{\hat{T}_L}$ contains high frequency ripples chatter (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G. 2022). The idea behind implementing a Power-Sigmoid function (PS-function) is to obtain an estimated load torque with low chatter without utilizing an LPF. Thereby, from a theoretically point of view, minimizing the phase delay and improve the accuracy of the estimated load torque. Fig.4.3 is showing the observer structure of the above-described LTID-SMO-PS.

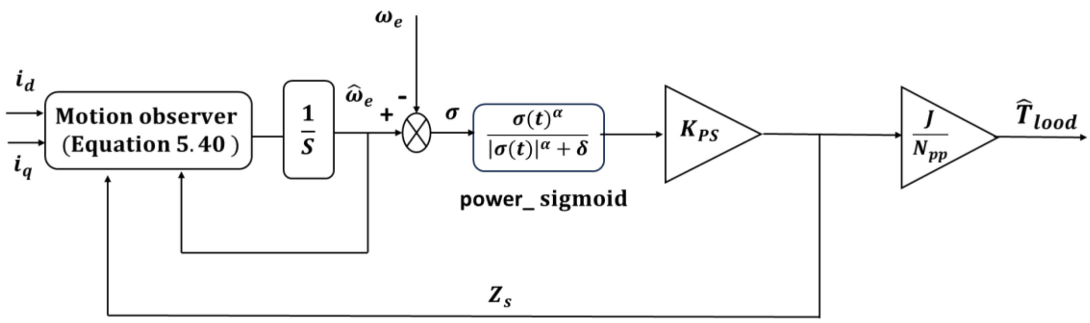

Figure 4.3. A block diagram showing the principles of the LTID-SMO using a PS-function.

IV.2.1 Stability analysis

According to Lyapunov stability, the Lyapunov function and its derivative is defined as:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{V} = \sigma.\dot{\sigma} < 0 \tag{4.9}$$

Utilizing that $\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{d\tilde{\omega}_e}}{\boldsymbol{dt}}$, the derivative of the Lyapunov candidate function may be formulated as:

$$\dot{V} = \sigma.\dot{\sigma} = \left(\frac{N_{pp}}{J}T_L - \frac{B}{J}\tilde{\omega}_e - Z_s\right)\sigma \tag{4.10}$$

From Equation 4.10 the following conditions must be applied:

$$\dot{V} = \begin{cases} -\frac{B}{J}\sigma^2 + \left(\frac{N_{pp}}{J}T_L - K_{PS}.\frac{\sigma(t)^\alpha}{|\sigma(t)|^\alpha + \delta}\right)\sigma \ , \ \ \sigma \geq 0 \\ -\frac{B}{J}\sigma^2 + \left(\frac{N_{pp}}{J}T_L + K_{PS}.\frac{\sigma(t)^\alpha}{|\sigma(t)|^\alpha + \delta}\right)\sigma , \ \ \sigma < 0 \end{cases} \tag{4.11}$$

The output of the Power Sigmoid function is $\boldsymbol{\upsilon_{ps}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma(t)^\alpha}}{\boldsymbol{|\sigma(t)|^\alpha + \delta}}$. Since the characteristic response of the PS-function never reaches an output value of $\boldsymbol{\upsilon_{ps}} = \boldsymbol{\pm 1}$, an approximating is made, by defining the output of the PS function to be $\boldsymbol{\upsilon_{ps,max}} = \boldsymbol{1}$ and $\boldsymbol{\upsilon_{ps,min}} = \boldsymbol{-1}$, and equation 4.11 can then be simplified to:

$$\dot{V} = \begin{cases} -\frac{B}{J}\sigma^2 + \left(\frac{N_{pp}}{J}T_L - K_{PS}\right)\sigma \ , \ \ \sigma \geq 0 \\ -\frac{B}{J}\sigma^2 + \left(\frac{N_{pp}}{J}T_L + K_{PS}\right)\sigma , \ \ \sigma < 0 \end{cases} \tag{4.12}$$

To satisfy the stability condition of Lyapunov function, $\dot{\boldsymbol{V}} < \boldsymbol{0}$, the sliding mode gain of the LTID-SMO-PS is determined by equation 4.13.

$$K_{PS} > \frac{N_{pp}}{J}T_L \tag{4.13}$$

To ensure the LTID-SMO-PS is stable with the presented stability condition of equation 4.14, the threshold value for $\boldsymbol{K_{PS}}$ at $\boldsymbol{T_{L,max}} = \boldsymbol{10\ Nm}$ is calculated, leaving that:

$$K_{PS} > \ 2000 \quad \text{Thershold value for:} \quad T_{L,max} = 10\ Nm \tag{4.15}$$

If chosen the sliding mode gain to be greater than the threshold value, the observer is stable for all cases of $\boldsymbol{T_L \leq T_{L,max}}$.

The values for the parameters, $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ and $\boldsymbol{K_{PS}}$ are based on the analysis in reference (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G. (2022)). The final parameters are given as follows:

$$\delta = 1500\,, \qquad \alpha = 3,\ \ K_{PS} = 3000 \tag{4.16}$$

IV.3 Simulation Results and Comparison

This section presents the simulation results obtained from applying the developed Field-Oriented Control (FOC) strategy for the induction motor under varying load conditions, with and without load torque compensation. The aim is to evaluate the performance of the proposed Load Torque Identification Sliding Mode Observer with Power-Sigmoid switching function (LTID-SMO-PS) in improving the motor's dynamic response to load disturbances. For comparison, two other scenarios are included: (1) the baseline system operating **"Without compensation"** (relying solely on the PI speed controller), and (2) an ideal scenario **"Using Measured Torque"** where the actual load torque is assumed to be perfectly known and directly used for compensation.

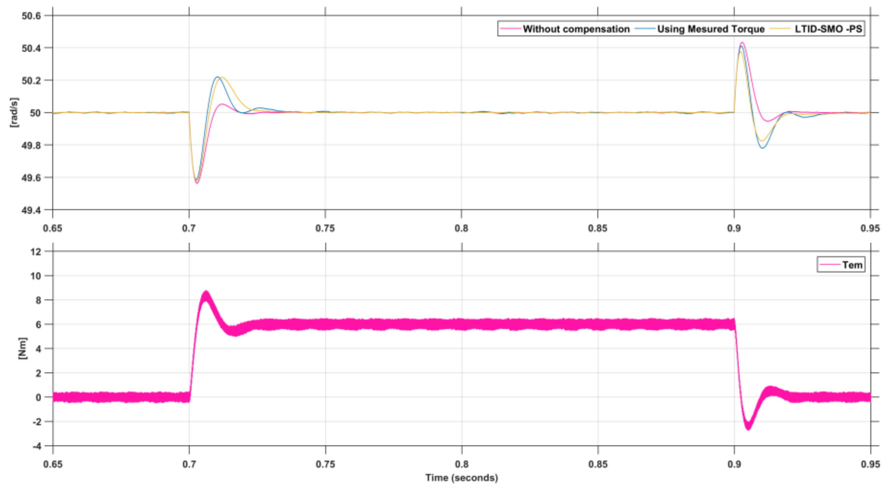

Figure 4.4: Top Figure: Response Rotor Speed. Bottom Figure: Measured Torque

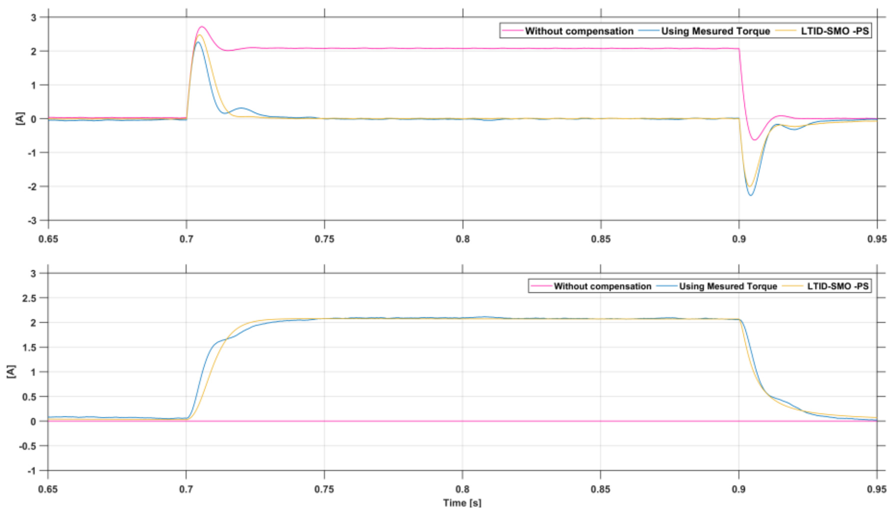

Figure 4.4: Top Figure: Reference stator current – q. Bottom Figure: Measured stator current – q

The simulation involves applying a step load torque disturbance to the motor. As shown in the **bottom plot of Figure 4.4(assuming this is your first figure showing speed and torque)**, a constant load torque of approximately 6 Nm is applied at t=0.7 s and then removed at t=0.9 s. This load profile serves as the external disturbance that the control system must effectively manage.

IV.3.1 Speed Response Analysis

The **top plot of Figure 4.4** illustrates the rotor speed response (in rad/s) for the three different compensation scenarios.

- **Without compensation (Pink line):** When no explicit load torque compensation is applied, the motor exhibits a significant speed drop (around 2 rad/s) immediately following the load application at t = 0.7 s. Although the PI speed controller eventually attempts to recover the reference speed, the recovery is slow, and a notable overshoot occurs when the load is removed at t = 0.9 s, demonstrating poor disturbance rejection.

- **Using Measured Torque (Blue line):** This scenario represents the theoretical best-case performance. With direct knowledge of the load torque, the system demonstrates excellent disturbance rejection. The speed dip upon load application is minimal, and the recovery is very fast, with negligible overshoot when the load is removed. This serves as the target performance for the observer-based compensation.

- **LTID-SMO-PS (Orange line):** The proposed LTID-SMO-PS method achieves a speed response remarkably close to the "Using Measured Torque" ideal. The speed dip at t=0.7 s is significantly reduced compared to the uncompensated case, and the recovery is rapid. Similarly, upon load removal at 0.9 s, the overshoot is minimal and quickly damped. This strong performance indicates that the LTID-SMO-PS effectively estimates the load torque in real-time and provides accurate compensation, thereby enhancing the dynamic stability and precision of the motor speed control.

IV.3.2 Stator Current Response Analysis (q-axis)

The **top and bottom plots of Figure Y (assuming this is your second figure showing current references and measured currents)** provide insight into the behavior of the q-axis stator current (Iq), which is directly responsible for producing electromagnetic torque in FOC.

- **Reference Stator Current – q (i_q*) (Top Plot of Figure Y):**
    - **Without compensation (Pink/Magenta line):** The reference q-axis current remains near zero, indicating that without the direct load torque compensation feedforward, the primary PI speed controller alone struggles to rapidly command the necessary torque to counter the disturbance. (Note: While the PI controller itself would generate *some* i_q* in response to speed error, this plot highlights the *absence* of the explicit load torque feedforward term from compensation strategies).
    - **Using Measured Torque (Blue line) & LTID-SMO-PS (Orange/Gold line):** In contrast, both compensation methods show a swift and substantial increase in the i_q* reference at t=0.7 s, commanding the motor to produce the required torque to overcome the applied load. At t=0.9 s, i_q* quickly drops back to zero as the load is removed. The LTID-SMO-PS i_q* reference closely tracks that of the "Using Measured Torque" scenario, confirming its ability to accurately provide the necessary torque command.
- **Measured Stator Current – q (i_q) (Bottom Plot of Figure Y):**
    - The **measured q-axis current (i_q)** for the "Using Measured Torque" and "LTID-SMO-PS" cases closely follows their respective reference commands, exhibiting a rapid increase and decrease in response to the load changes. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the inner current control loop in tracking the commanded torque-producing current.
    - For the **"Without compensation" (Pink/Magenta line)**, the measured iq remains at a low level even during the load application, aligning with the observed significant speed drop. This confirms that without proactive load torque compensation, the motor cannot generate sufficient torque to maintain its speed.

The simulation results conclusively demonstrate the significant performance improvement achieved by integrating the LTID-SMO-PS into the FOC system. The rotor speed response clearly shows that the proposed method effectively mitigates load disturbances, achieving dynamic performance comparable to an ideal system with measured load torque. This superior speed regulation is directly attributed to the LTID-SMO-PS's ability to accurately estimate the load torque in real-time, allowing the control system to proactively adjust the torque-producing current (i_q) to counter the disturbance. This proactive compensation minimizes transient speed errors and enhances the overall robustness and precision of the induction motor drive system under varying load conditions.

IV.4 Experimental Setup for LTID-SMO Validation

The experimental validation of the different Load Torque Identification Sliding Mode Observer (LTID-SMO) strategies was conducted on a laboratory test bench, the key components of which are depicted in Figure 4.5. The core of the setup comprised a **1.5 kW, 4-pole** induction motor (IM) serving as the drive system. This drive IM was mechanically coupled to a **DC generator** which functioned as a programmable mechanical load, enabling the application of precise step changes in load torque.

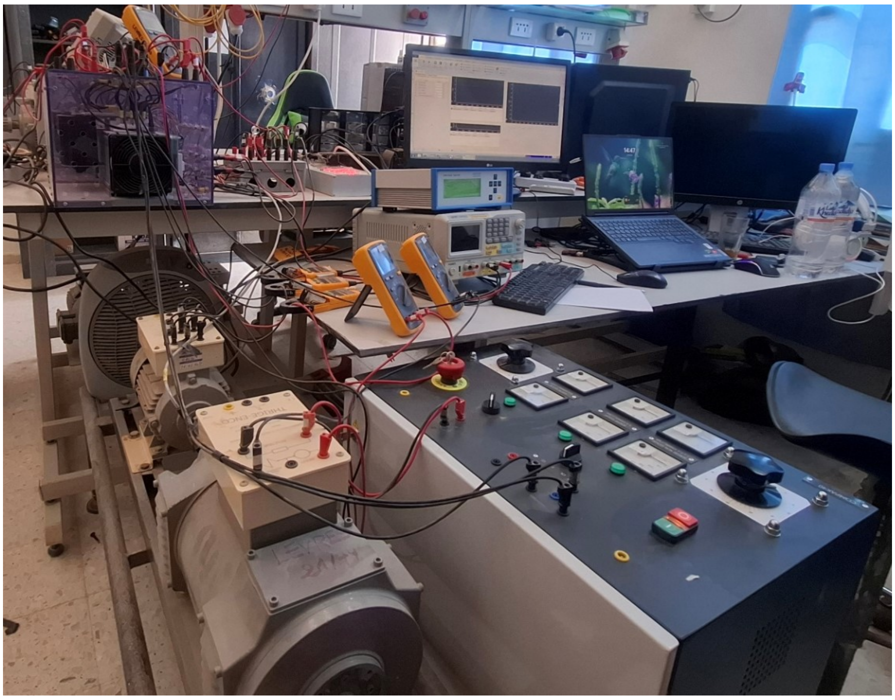

Figure 4.5: Laboratory Setup for LTID-SMO Validation on an Induction Motor Drive

Power was supplied to the drive IM via a custom-built Voltage Source Inverter (VSI), itself fed by a regulated DC power supply. The complete control architecture, including the Field-Oriented Control (FOC) scheme and the various LTID-SMO - Power-Sigmoid, was implemented on a dSPACE

DS1104 real-time control platform. This platform was programmed and interfaced using MATLAB/Simulink.

For feedback and observer operation, three-phase stator currents were measured using Hall-effect sensors, and VSI output voltages were reconstructed or measured. As described in the system design, motor speed, essential for the outer speed control loop and as a critical input to the LTID-SMOs, was estimated by the respective SMO algorithms based on these current and voltage measurements, reflecting a sensorless rotor speed configuration. Real-time data acquisition for variables such as motor speed, load torque, and internal observer states, alongside online parameter tuning, was managed via the dSPACE Control Desk software. This integrated setup facilitated the systematic application of load torque disturbances and the subsequent comparative analysis of each LTID-SMO method's dynamic performance in speed regulation and torque estimation accuracy.

To evaluate the practical effectiveness of the proposed Load Torque Identification Sliding Mode Observer (LTID-SMO) compensation, a series of experiments were conducted on the test bench described previously. The system was subjected to step changes in load torque, and key performance metrics, including rotor speed regulation and current commands, were recorded and analyzed.

Rotor Speed Response to Load Torque Disturbances:

Figure 4.6 illustrates the baseline performance of the induction motor drive system operating under Field-Oriented Control (FOC) *without* any load torque compensation. The top subplot displays the measured rotor speed, while the bottom subplot shows the applied load torque. Initially, the motor operates at a steady speed of approximately 50 rad/s under a light load of around 0.5 Nm. At approximately t=3.3 seconds, a step load torque of about 6 Nm (totaling ~6.5 Nm) is applied. This disturbance causes a significant, sharp dip in the rotor speed, followed by a recovery period as the FOC's speed controller acts to counteract the load. A similar, though opposite, transient (speed overshoot) is observed when the load torque is removed at around t=7.2 seconds. These transients clearly demonstrate the impact of uncompensated load torque on speed regulation.

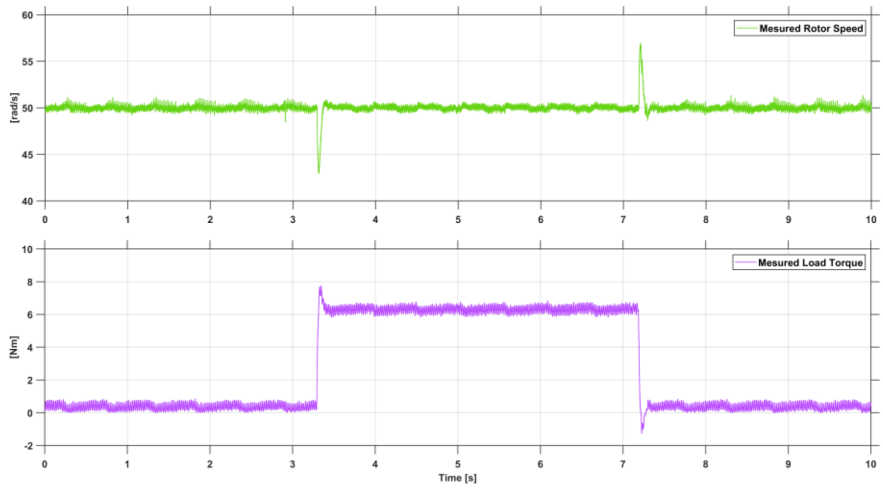

Figure 4.6: Measured Rotor Speed and Load Torque without Compensation

Figure 4.7 presents the system's response to the same load torque profile, but this time *with* the **LTID-SMO-PS** compensation active. While the applied load torque profile (bottom subplot) is similar, with an applied step of approximately 6 Nm (totaling ~6.5 Nm) between t=2.5s and t=6.5s, the rotor speed response (top subplot) shows a marked improvement. The initial dip in speed upon load application is visibly reduced in magnitude compared to the uncompensated case. Similarly, the overshoot upon load removal is also less pronounced. This indicates that the LTID-SMO is effectively estimating the load torque and feeding forward a corrective action, thereby enhancing the drive's ability to maintain speed stability against external disturbances. The speed fluctuations, though still present, are less severe and the system appears to settle more quickly.

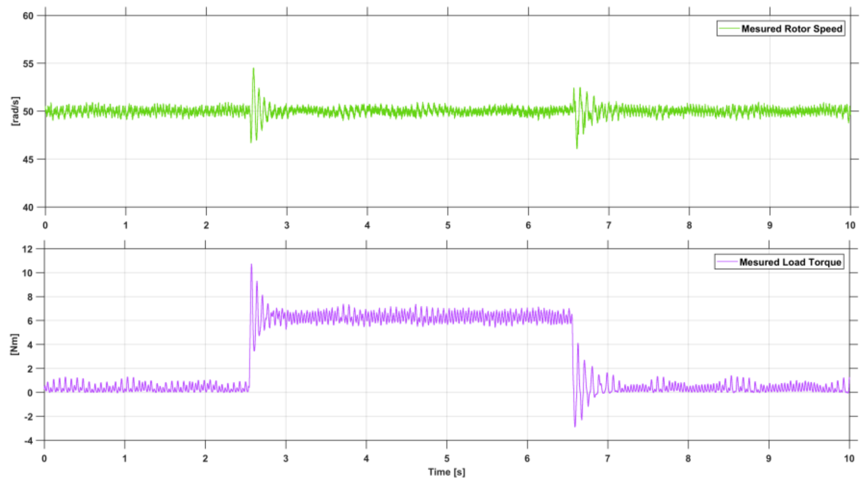

Figure 4.7: Measured Rotor Speed and Load Torque with Compensation

Impact on Torque-Producing Current (iq):

Further insight into the compensation mechanism is provided by Figure 4.7, which details the behavior of the q-axis stator current components. The top subplot shows the reference q-axis current (Reference Stator Current -q) generated by the FOC's speed controller. In response to the load changes, this reference current adjusts to meet the torque demand.

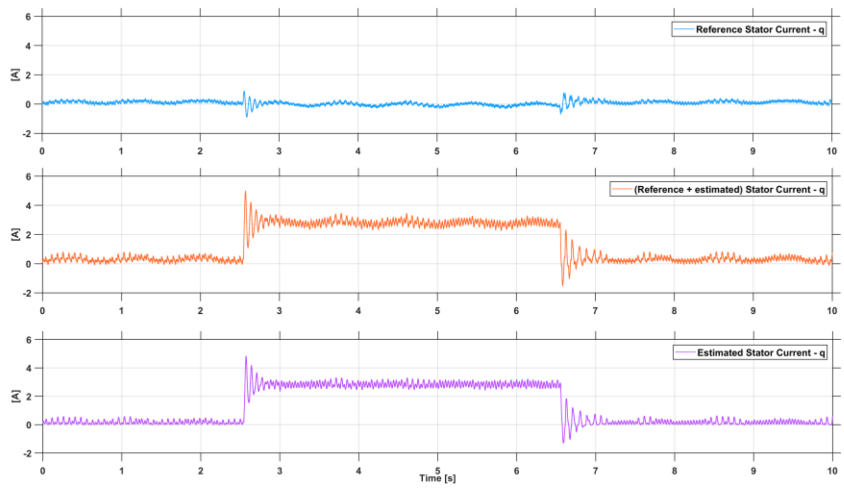

Figure 4.8: Reference stator current -q, estimated stator current, and total stator current as the new reference.

The bottom subplot displays the Estimated Stator Current -q, which is derived from the load torque estimated by the LTID-SMO. This current component directly reflects the observer's perception of the applied load. It can be seen to step up significantly around t=2.5s when the load is applied and step down around t=6.5s when the load is removed, closely mirroring the actual load torque profile.

The middle subplot, (Reference + estimated) Stator Current -q, represents the total q-axis current command fed to the current controllers. This is the sum of the speed controller's output and the feedforward current from the LTID-SMO. By proactively adding the estimated load torque component, the system anticipates the torque requirement. This preemptive action reduces the burden on the speed controller to react solely to the speed error, leading to the improved speed regulation observed in Figure 4.6. The rapid increase in this total reference current at the onset of the load disturbance, largely driven by the estimated component, allows the motor to generate the necessary counter-torque more swiftly.

Discussion of Results:

The experimental results presented in Figures 4.6 through 4.8 collectively demonstrate the efficacy of the implemented LTID-SMO compensation strategy. The comparison between the uncompensated (Figure 4.6) and compensated (Figure 4.7) speed responses clearly highlight a significant reduction in speed deviation and potentially faster recovery when faced with sudden load torque changes. The q-axis current plots (Figure 4.8) confirm that the LTID-SMO provides a timely and reasonably accurate estimate of the load torque, which, when used as a feedforward term, allows the control system to respond more effectively and maintain tighter speed control. While some chattering is visible in the measured load torque and estimated current signals, the overall improvement in speed regulation validates the practical benefits of the load torque compensation approach.

IV.4 Conclusion

This chapter has comprehensively addressed the challenge of load torque disturbances in induction motor drives by introducing and evaluating the Load Torque Identification Sliding Mode Observer (LTID-SMO) framework (Y. Feng et al.2021). Beginning with an overview of conventional SMO approaches using Signum and Saturation functions, the chapter highlighted their respective strengths in torque estimation and chattering reduction. The primary focus, however, was on the innovative application of a Power-Sigmoid function within the LTID-SMO (LTID-SMO-PS) to further enhance transient response handling and estimation accuracy (P. Vas.1993).

The mathematical derivation, operational principles, and stability analysis of the LTID-SMO-PS were presented in detail, establishing a theoretical foundation for its effectiveness. Simulation results provided a compelling initial validation, demonstrating that the LTID-SMO-PS significantly improves rotor speed regulation under step load torque changes (Feng et al.2022). Its performance was shown to be remarkably close to an ideal scenario using directly measured load torque, and vastly superior to a system without any load torque compensation. The analysis of q-axis current components in simulation further illustrated the LTID-SMO-PS's ability to generate accurate feedforward commands, thereby proactively countering disturbances (Utkin.2020).

Furthermore, the chapter detailed the experimental setup and presented key experimental results that corroborated the simulation findings. The practical implementation of the LTID-SMO-PS on the laboratory test bench confirmed its capability to reduce speed dips and improve recovery times when subjected to load torque variations. The observed behavior of the reference and estimated q-axis currents in the experimental tests underscored the successful real-time estimation and compensation (V. I. Utkin.2019) action of the observer.

In conclusion, this chapter has successfully demonstrated that the LTID-SMO, particularly when employing a Power-Sigmoid switching function, offers a robust and effective solution for mitigating the adverse effects of load torque disturbances on induction motor performance. The combined simulation and experimental evidence validate its potential to enhance dynamic stability and precision in FOC drives, providing a strong basis for its practical application in demanding industrial environments. While some chattering remains an inherent aspect to manage, the overall improvements in disturbance rejection confirm the value of this advanced observer strategy.

General Conclusion

This thesis has comprehensively addressed the critical challenge of load torque disturbances in induction motor (IM) drives, proposing and validating an advanced Sliding Mode Observer-based Load Torque Identification (LTID-SMO) framework. The research commenced by establishing a robust mathematical model of the IM in the d-q reference frame, followed by the design and simulation of a Field-Oriented Control (FOC) system, which served as the foundational control structure (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

The core of the investigation focused on the development and comparative analysis of different LTID-SMO strategies. While conventional SMOs employing Signum and Saturation functions were discussed for their roles in torque estimation and chattering reduction, the primary innovation presented was the application and rigorous evaluation of a Power-Sigmoid (PS) switching function within the LTID-SMO (LTID-SMO-PS). The theoretical underpinnings of the LTID-SMO-PS, including its derivation and Lyapunov-based stability analysis, were thoroughly established, providing a solid theoretical basis for its efficacy (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

Extensive simulation studies were conducted to compare the performance of the FOC system under three conditions: without load torque compensation, with ideal compensation using directly measured torque, and with the proposed LTID-SMO-PS. These simulations compellingly demonstrated that the LTID-SMO-PS significantly enhances rotor speed regulation under step load torque changes, with its performance closely approaching the ideal scenario and vastly outperforming the uncompensated system. The analysis of q-axis current components further confirmed the LTID-SMO-PS's ability to generate accurate feedforward commands, thereby proactively countering disturbances (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

The research culminated in the experimental validation of the LTID-SMO-PS on a laboratory test bench. The practical implementation corroborated the simulation findings, showcasing the observer's capability to reduce speed dips and improve recovery times when subjected to real-world load torque variations. The observed behavior of reference and estimated q-axis currents in experimental tests underscored the successful real-time estimation and compensation action of the proposed observer (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

In conclusion, this thesis has successfully demonstrated that the LTID-SMO, particularly when employing a Power-Sigmoid switching function, offers a robust, stable, and highly effective solution for mitigating the adverse effects of load torque disturbances on induction motor performance. The combined theoretical, simulation, and experimental evidence validates its potential to enhance dynamic stability and precision in FOC drives. While some inherent chattering may persist, the substantial overall improvements in disturbance rejection and speed regulation confirm the value of this advanced observer strategy, making it a promising candidate for practical application in demanding industrial environments requiring high-performance IM control. Future work could explore adaptive mechanisms for the Power-Sigmoid parameters or investigate further chattering attenuation techniques in conjunction with the PS-SMO (Borregaard, J., & Fredslund, M. G.2022).

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Appendix

"The findings of this thesis, focusing on Induction Motor drives, complement the work of Borregaard & Fredslund (2022) on PMSM drives. Together, these studies provide a broader understanding of the applicability and comparative performance of various SMO-based load torque identification techniques across different AC motor technologies. While the fundamental principles of the SMOs (Signum, Saturation, Power-Sigmoid) are similar, their practical implementation, tuning, and resulting performance exhibit nuances dependent on the specific motor type and its associated control system."