

MULTIMODEL CONTROL AND FUZZY OPTIMIZATION OF AN INDUCTION MOTOR

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ABSTRACT

Classical indirect field-oriented control is highly sensitive to uncertainties in the rotor resistance of the induction motor. This sensitivity can be reduced by combining two different methods to compute the stator electrical frequency. Fuzzy logic is used to combine both methods to obtain a compromise which reduces the flux control sensitivity to electrical parameter errors at each operating point. The design of the fuzzy logic block is based on a theoretical sensitivity analysis taking magnetic saturation into account, in simulations. In this paper, the performance of the proposed control algorithm is theoretically studied. The predictions are validated by considering the stator current variations, to develop a given steady-state torque, induced by the imperfect flux control.

KEYWORDS

Fuzzy logic, induction motor drives, parameter uncertainty, robustness.

1. INTRODUCTION

High performance motion control using induction motors means controlling the flux and the current producing the torque separately. As the flux measurement in an induction motor has important drawbacks, the flux is often indirectly controlled via an intermediate variable, which is usually the d-axis Park component of the stator current in a reference frame selected in such a way that the rotor flux along the q axis is equal to zero. Because of its dependence on the motor model, this flux control method is naturally sensitive to parameter uncertainties. These uncertainties are due to the saturation of the inductances, to the temperature and the skin effect which alter the values of the stator and rotor resistance. The rotor resistance usually plays an important role in the field-oriented control of induction motors, but it is also a parameter which is very difficult to determine precisely, particularly in squirrel-cage induction motors.

Parameter uncertainties imply errors on the flux amplitude and orientation with the following consequences.

- The system can become unstable when the orientation error is too large.
- An additional stator current is necessary to develop a given torque, which increases the system losses.

Classical indirect field-oriented control [3] is highly sensitive to uncertainties in the rotor resistance. This is mainly due to the method of computing the stator electrical frequency from the mechanical speed added to an estimation of the slip frequency. However, the stator frequency can also be directly determined from stator voltage and current [2, 3]. This second method is not sensitive to uncertainties on the rotor resistance, but is sensitive to uncertainties on the stator resistance and on inductances. As these two methods each have some advantages and some

3. CONTROL STRATEGY

The position θ of the Park reference frame, which ensures the field orientation ($\psi_{rq} = 0$ and $\psi_{rd} = \psi_{ref}$) in an indirect control strategy, is computed by integrating the instantaneous stator electrical frequency $\omega_s = p \cdot \Omega_m + \omega_{sr}$. Generally, the estimation of the slip frequency ω_{sr} is obtained by using the rotor q axis (1d) of the motor model, which gives the stator electrical frequency (superscript* indicates an estimated parameter)

$$\omega_{s1} = p \cdot \Omega_m + \omega_{sr} = p \cdot \Omega_m + \frac{M^* \cdot R_r^*}{L_r^*} \cdot \frac{i_{sq}}{\psi_{ref}} \quad (4)$$

The main drawbacks to using (4) are its dependence on the value of the rotor resistance R_r , which varies with temperature, and its dependence on the value of the magnetizing inductance M which varies with magnetic saturation. The stator electrical frequency can also be determined from the stator q -axis equation of the motor model. By eliminating i_{rd} and i_{rq} in (3) and eliminating ψ_{sd} and ψ_{sq} between (3) and (1b), and then by setting $\psi_{rd} = \psi_{ref}$, and $i_{sd} = i_{sdref} = \psi_{ref} / M^*$ in (1b), a direct estimation of the stator electrical frequency is obtained [2], [3] (s is the Laplace operator)

$$\omega_{s2} = \frac{u_{sq} - (R_s^* + \sigma^* \cdot L_s^* \cdot s) \cdot i_{sq}}{\frac{L_s^*}{M^*} \cdot \psi_{ref}} \quad (5)$$

The advantage of (5) is that it is independent of the rotor resistance R_r . However, (5) depends on the stator resistance, but this parameter is quite easy to determine precisely, and on the derivative of the q -axis current i_{sq} . Experiments show that this derivative term can be neglected for the tested motor. The indirect field oriented control scheme considered in this paper is shown in Fig.1. The decoupling terms and the d, q reference frame speed ω_s are computed with the reference values of the flux and currents. In fact, the reference values give predicted values of the currents in the motor and they are less noisy than the measured values. Moreover, the stability of the system is increased, as shown in [8].

As both methods (4) and (5) for computing ω_s each have some advantages and drawbacks, it is suggested to compute ω_s by using a combination of two methods:

$$\omega_s = (1 - K_\omega) \cdot \omega_{s1} + K_\omega \cdot \omega_{s2} \quad (6)$$

$$0 \leq K_\omega \leq 1$$

The value of K_ω is determined by the fuzzy logic blocks shown in the control scheme of figure1.

4. SENSITIVITY TO PARAMETER UNCERTAINTIES

4.1. Flux amplitude and orientation errors

As the flux is controlled by using models, errors in the electrical parameters imply errors in the flux. These errors can be studied in steady-state conditions. The electrical equations deduced from (1) and (3) are the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{sd} = R_s \cdot i_{sd} - \sigma \cdot \omega_s L_s \cdot i_{sq} - \frac{\omega_s \cdot M}{L_r} \cdot \psi_{rq} \\ u_{sq} = \sigma \cdot \omega_s L_s \cdot i_{sd} + R_s \cdot i_{sq} + \frac{\omega_s \cdot M}{L_r} \cdot \psi_{rd} \\ i_{sd} = \frac{1}{M} \cdot \psi_{rd} - \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \cdot \psi_{rq} \\ i_{sq} = \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \cdot \psi_{rd} + \frac{1}{M} \cdot \psi_{rq} \end{array} \right. \quad (7)$$

From (7c), and when the i_{sd} current controller includes an integral action, we can write:

$$i_{sd} = i_{sdréf} = \frac{1}{M^*} \cdot \psi_{réf} = \frac{1}{M} \cdot \psi_{rd} - \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \cdot \psi_{rq} \quad (8)$$

When $K_o = 0$, it follows from (4) and by taking into account that the i_{sq} current controller includes an integral action:

$$i_{sq} = i_{sqref} = \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M^* \cdot R_r^*} \cdot \psi_{ref} = \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \cdot \psi_{rd} + \frac{1}{M} \cdot \psi_{rq} \quad (9)$$

When $K_o = 1$, it follows from (5) and by taking into account that the i_{sq} current controller includes an integral action:

$$i_{sqref} = \frac{u_{sq} - \frac{\omega_s \cdot L_s}{M^*} \cdot \psi_{ref}}{R_s^*} = \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \cdot \psi_{rd} + \frac{1}{M} \cdot \psi_{rq} \quad (10)$$

Equations (7) and (3), associated with the control algorithm, yield equations of the following form:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \cdot \psi_{ref} = A_1 \cdot \psi_{rd} - B_1 \cdot \psi_{rq} \\ D \cdot \psi_{ref} = B_2 \cdot \psi_{rd} + A_2 \cdot \psi_{rq} \end{array} \right. \quad (11)$$

The values of A_1 , A_2 , B_1 , B_2 , C , and D depend on the control strategy. So, (8) and (11a) yield:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C = \frac{1}{M^*} \\ B_1 = \omega_{sr} \cdot \frac{L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \\ A_1 = \frac{1}{M} \end{array} \right. \quad (12)$$

In (11b), A_2 , B_2 and D have the following forms:

$$\begin{cases} A_2 = (1 - K_\omega) \cdot A_2' + K_\omega \cdot A_2'' \\ B_2 = (1 - K_\omega) \cdot B_2' + K_\omega \cdot B_2'' \\ D = (1 - K_\omega) \cdot D' + K_\omega \cdot D'' \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

So, when $K_\omega = 0$, (9) and (11 b) yield:

$$\begin{cases} D' = \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot I_r^*}{M^* \cdot R_r^*} \\ B_2' = B_1 = \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \\ A_2' = A_1 = \frac{1}{M} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

When $K_\omega = 1$, by eliminating U_{sq} in (10) via (7b), and then by eliminating i_{sd} and i_{sq} via (7c) and (7d), you find by identification with (11b)

$$\begin{cases} D'' = \frac{L_s^*}{M^* \cdot R_s^*} \cdot \omega_s \\ B_2'' = \frac{\omega_s}{R_s^*} \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma \cdot L_s}{M} + \frac{M}{L_r} \right) + \frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r} \cdot \left(\frac{R_s}{R_s^*} - 1 \right) \\ A_2'' = - \frac{\omega_s \cdot \omega_{sr} \cdot \sigma \cdot L_s \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r \cdot R_s^*} + \frac{1}{M} \cdot \left(\frac{R_s}{R_s^*} - 1 \right) \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

The equations in (11) allow one to determine the errors in the flux, which yield

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{\psi_{rd}}{\psi_{ref}} \right) = \frac{B_1 \cdot D + A_2 \cdot C}{A_1 \cdot A_2 + B_1 \cdot B_2} \\ \left(\frac{\psi_{rq}}{\psi_{ref}} \right) = \frac{A_1 \cdot D - B_2 \cdot C}{A_1 \cdot A_2 + B_1 \cdot B_2} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

From (16), the following expressions for the errors, due to parameter uncertainties, in the flux amplitude ψ_r and orientation ρ can be determined:

$$\frac{\psi_r}{\psi_{ref}} = \sqrt{\frac{(B_1.D + A_2.C)^2 + (A_1.D - B_2.C)^2}{(A_1.A_2 + B_1.B_2)^2}} \quad (17)$$

$$\rho = \arctan \left(\frac{\psi_{rq}}{\psi_{rd}} \right) = \arctan \left(\frac{A_1.D - B_2.C}{B_1.D + A_2.C} \right) \quad (18)$$

The electromagnetic torque expression, when there are parameter uncertainties, is deduced from (2) by eliminating the currents via (7c) and (7d), and by taking into account equation (17):

$$T_{em} = \frac{p.\omega_{sr}}{R_r} \cdot \frac{(B_1.D + A_2.C)^2 + (A_1.D - B_2.C)^2}{(A_1.A_2 + B_1.B_2)^2} \cdot \psi_{ref}^2 \quad (19)$$

4.2. Effects of Saturation

The previous expressions (7) - (19) are computed from the linear motor model without any saturation effect. As errors in the stator and rotor resistances imply errors in the real value of the flux and, thus, alter the value of the magnetizing inductance, a simple model is introduced into the sensitivity analysis, which is useful in representing the variations of M. This model uses two parameters, a linear one β for the air gap and an exponent α for the core saturation [9, 10]

$$i_{mN} = \beta \psi_{sN} + (1 - \beta) \cdot \psi_{sN}^\alpha \quad (20)$$

$$M_N = \frac{\psi_{sN}}{i_{mN}} \quad (21)$$

$$\psi_{sm} = \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{L_s}{M}\right)^2 + \left(\sigma \frac{L_s L_r}{M R_r} \omega_r\right)^2}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{L_s}{M^*}\right)^2 + \left(\sigma^* \frac{L_s L_r}{M^* R_r^*} \omega_r\right)^2}} \sqrt{\frac{(B_1.D + A_2.C)^2 + (A_1.D - B_2.C)^2}{(A_1.A_2 + B_1.B_2)^2}} \cdot \frac{\psi_{ref}}{\psi_{refN}} \quad (22)$$

Where i_{mN} , ψ_{sN} , and M_N are the normalized values of the magnetizing current ($i_m = \sqrt{(i_{sd} + i_{rd})^2 + (i_{sq} + i_{rq})^2}$), the stator flux ($\psi_s = \sqrt{(\psi_{sd} + \psi_{sq})^2}$), and M . ψ_{sN} is related to the rotor flux by relation (22), where ψ_{refN} is the nominal reference value of the rotor flux.

Equation (21) is the static inductance. Since the sensitivity analysis considers only steady-state situations, the dynamic inductance is not taken into account [11].

Both parameters β and α required by (20) are estimated from terminal voltage and current measurements on the unloaded machine [10]. Fig.2 shows the 1500 W tested motor and the analytical expression. The analytic expression using the fitted parameter values agrees around the nominal flux value.

To obtain the flux amplitude and orientation errors, for each operating point determined by fixed values of ω_m and T_{em} , a system of two equations (19) and (21) with two unknown variables ω_{sr} and M has to be solved. As the system is strongly nonlinear, it must be solved numerically. The algorithm is the following.

- * An error is introduced on an estimated parameter.
- * Values of ω_m and T_{em} are fixed.
- * M is fixed at an initial value.
- * Equation (19) is solved to find ω_{sr} .
- * With this value of ω_{sr} , (22), (20), and (21) are computed.
- * Equation (21) gives a new value of M : if this value is nearly identical to the previous value, then (17) and (18) are computed, if not, we start again at point 4 by considering a new value of M which is obtained by computing an average between the last value of M and its previous values.

This simple algorithm converges very rapidly and gives good results confirmed by simulations results. It may be noticed that, in this study, it is assumed that the mechanical speed is correctly measured using a speed or a position sensor.

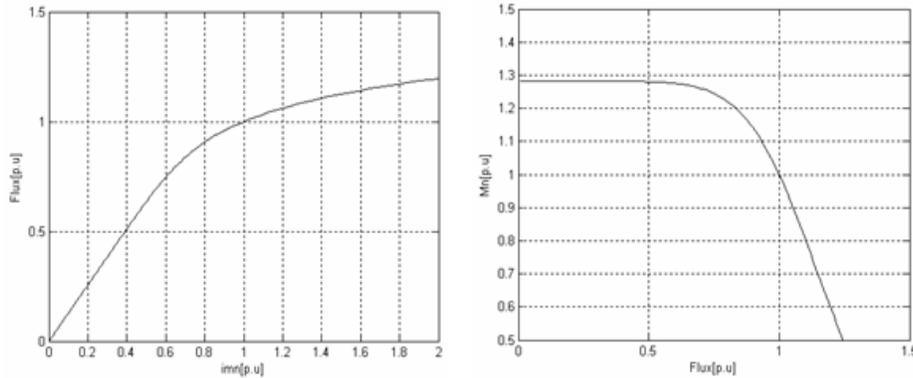


Figure 2. Saturation model Flux versus magnetizing current and magnetizing inductance versus flux($\alpha = 8.8$ and $\beta = 0.78$)

- If $K_\omega = 0$: ω_s is computed via the classical method (4), and expressions (16 -19) reduce to the expressions determined in (10 -13).

The theoretical analysis confirms that, in this case, the flux control is highly sensitive to errors in R_r and that this sensitivity is independent of the rotor speed.

- If $K_\omega = 1$: ω_s is computed from model (5).

From the theoretical analysis, the following expression for the flux orientation error is obtained:

$$\rho = \arctan \left(\frac{\omega_s \left(1 - \frac{L_s}{L_s^*}\right) - \omega_{sr} \frac{L_r}{R_r L_s^*} (R_s - R_s^*)}{\omega_s \omega_{sr} \frac{L_r}{R_r} \left(1 - \sigma \frac{L_s}{L_s^*}\right) + \frac{1}{L_s^*} (R_s - R_s^*)} \right) \quad (23)$$

$$\text{And if } \omega_{sr} = 0; \quad \rho = \arctan \left(p \cdot \Omega_m \frac{L_s^* - L_s}{R_s^* - R_s} \right) \quad (24)$$

Equation (24) shows that, when $\omega_{sr} = 0$ and when there is an error in L_s , the flux orientation error increases with speed and tends toward $\pi/2$, which will, of course, affect system stability. This result indicates that $K_{\omega} = 1$ would be a bad choice.

4.3. Stator current variation

The amplitude and orientation errors cannot easily be measured experimentally. But the variations of the stator current allow one to make directly the link between the theory and experiments. These variations appear when there is an error in the flux. The stator current variation is defined by:

$$\Delta i_s = \frac{i_s - i_{si}}{i_{si}} \quad (25)$$

Where i_{si} is the ideal current absorbed when there is no parameter error, and i_s (the actual current absorbed). From (7c) and (7d), with $\psi_{rq} = 0$ and $\psi_{rd} = \psi_{ref}$, we get the following expression for the current i_{si} :

$$i_{si} = \sqrt{i_{sdi}^2 + i_{sqi}^2} = \frac{\psi_{ref}}{M^*} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_{sri} \cdot L_r^*}{R_r^*} \right)^2} \quad (26)$$

From (2) and (3), with $\psi_{rq} = 0$ and $\psi_{rd} = \psi_{ref}$, the expression of ω_{sri} is:

$$\omega_{sri} = \frac{T_{em} \cdot R_r^*}{p \cdot \psi_{ref}^2} \quad (27)$$

Equations (2) and (3) yield:

$$i_s = \sqrt{i_{sd}^2 + i_{sq}^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{M}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\omega_{sr} \cdot L_r}{M \cdot R_r}\right)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\psi_{rd}^2 + \psi_{rq}^2} \quad (28)$$

By taking into account expression (9), it becomes:

$$i_s = \frac{\psi_{ref}}{M^*} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_{sri} \cdot L_r^*}{R_r^*}\right)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(B_1 \cdot D + A_1 \cdot C)^2 + (A_1 \cdot D - B_2 \cdot C)^2}{(A_1 \cdot A_2 + B_1 \cdot B_2)^2}} \quad (29)$$

With saturation

without saturation

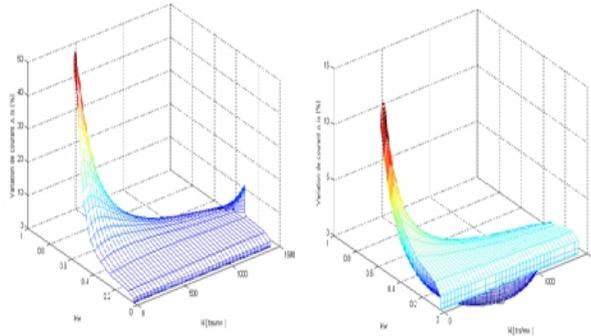


Figure 3. Theoretical results, stator current variation versus K_ω and mechanical speed when $R_r = 2R_r^*$ and for a 10 N.m torque with and without saturation effect.

Figure 3 shows the stator current variation as a function of K_ω , and of the mechanical speed. The parameters of the tested motor are given in the Appendix. In Fig. 3, an error of 100% is introduced in the rotor resistance ($R_r = 2R_r^*$). The curves of figure 3 are obtained by considering an electromagnetic torque of 10 N.m close to the rated value of the tested motor, which corresponds to the worst case as regards the flux control sensitivity to uncertainties on the rotor resistance. In figure 3(a), the curves are obtained by considering the magnetic saturation, whereas the curves in 3(b) are obtained without considering any saturation. These figures show that saturation strongly influences the flux control sensitivity, and that a small value of K_ω is sufficient to significantly reduce the over current when $R_r = 2R_r^*$. It can also be seen that, in figure 3(a), the current variation is positive. Working at constant flux is, therefore not optimal.

4.4. Determination of K_ω using Fuzzy logic

The value of K_ω will naturally be chosen to reduce the sensitivity of the flux control shown in Fig. 1 to the errors in R_r , but theoretical analysis shows that K_ω must also be chosen to avoid a too high sensitivity to the value of the inductances. K_ω will, thus, be a function of the measured speed ω_m and of ω_{sr} . Theoretical analysis shows that K_ω must be very small when the slip frequency ω_{sr} is low or when the mechanical speed ω_m is high. On the other hand, K_ω must be large when ω_{sr} is high and when ω_m is low (as shown in Fig. 3). Two input variables for the fuzzy logic block, ω_{sr} estimated from (4) and ω_m which is measured must be, therefore, considered. Two fuzzy sets for

these fuzzy variables, Zero (Z) and Big (B), are also considered. The determination of K_ω in the fuzzy logic block of Fig. 1 is then achieved as follows.

a) Fuzzification: The chosen membership functions of the normalized variables are given in Fig.4 (a), (b).

$$X_r = \left| \frac{\omega_{sr}}{\omega_{sr} \max} \right|, X_m = \left| \frac{\omega_m}{\omega_m \max} \right|$$

b) Inference: The chosen fuzzy rules are IF X_{sr} is Band X_m is Z THEN X_k is B , or IF X_{sr} is Z or X_m is B THEN X_k is Z .

When $\omega_{sr}\omega_m < 0$, K_ω is equal to zero. This means that, during braking operations, (6) is reduced to (4), as considered in this paper, mainly the motor operation.

c) Defuzzification: The membership function of the output variable X_k is shown in Fig. 4(c). The fuzzy value K_ω of the output variable is defuzzified using the "center of gravity" method [14]. The member function of X_k is chosen to limit the maximum value of K_ω so as to reduce the sensitivity to uncertainties in R , and to obtain a small value of X_k close to zero.

Fig. 5 shows the flux amplitude and orientation errors, the stator current variation and the evolution of K_ω and of the magnetizing inductance (21) when $R_r = 2R_r^*$ as functions of the rotor speed and of the electromagnetic torque. In Fig. 5, $K_\omega = 0$, which corresponds to classical field oriented control. In Fig. 6, K_ω is determined by fuzzy logic; ω is then computed from (6). The comparison between these two figures shows that the proposed method to compute ω significantly reduces the flux error.

5. SIMULATIONS RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 7 shows the results of a step in the speed reference from 0 to 500 rpm followed by a torque step of 10 N.m, with optimized parameters.

Fig. 8 and 9, shows the results, when an error of 100% is introduced in the estimated value of the rotor resistance. In the result of fig.8 $K_\omega = 0$. And determined by fuzzy logic in the fig.9, the response of the system shown in Fig. 9 is significantly better than the response shown in Fig. 8 because of the following.

- ✓ The additional stator current absorbed due to bad flux control, when the motor is loaded, is 2.3% in Fig. 9 instead of 24% in Fig.8
- ✓ The speed response is faster in Fig. 9. The results confirm the interest of the proposed model combination.

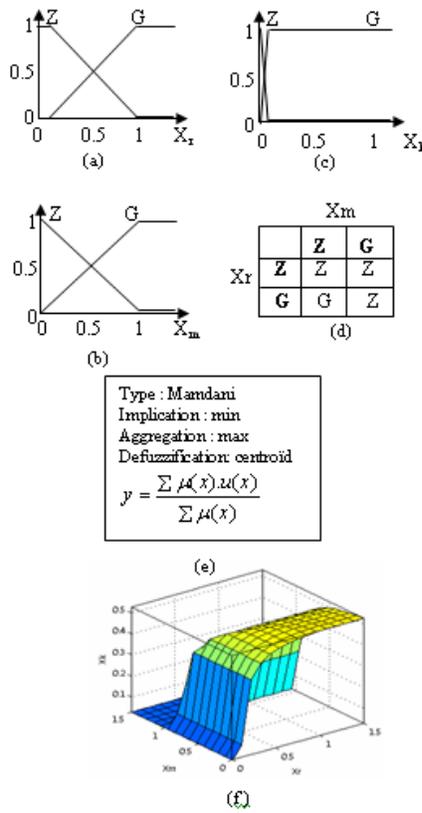


Figure 4. Membership functions and rule table of the fuzzy controller. (a) Membership functions of input variable ω_{sr} . (b) Membership functions of input variable ω_m . (c) Membership functions of output variable $(K\omega)$. (d) Rule table. (e) Fuzzy implication, aggregation and defuzzification method for fuzzy algorithm. (f) Input/output mappings of rules.

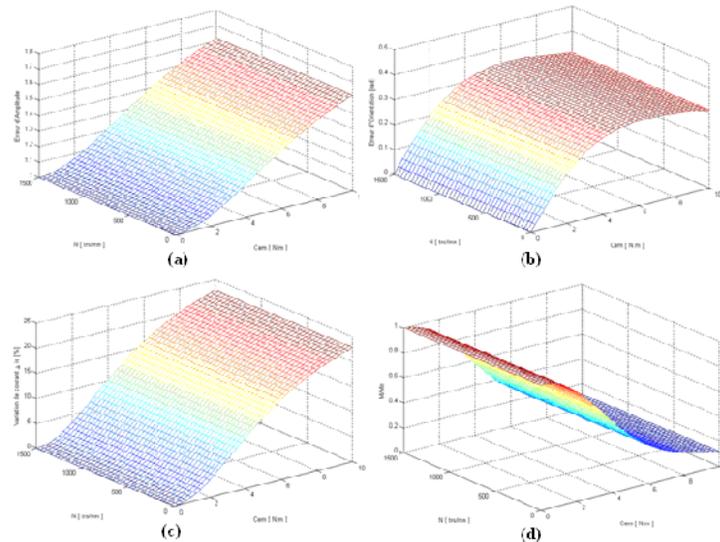


Figure 5.(a): Amplitude flux error, (b) : Orientation flux error (c) current variation and (d) variation of M, when : $R_r=2R_r^*$ and $K\omega = 0$.

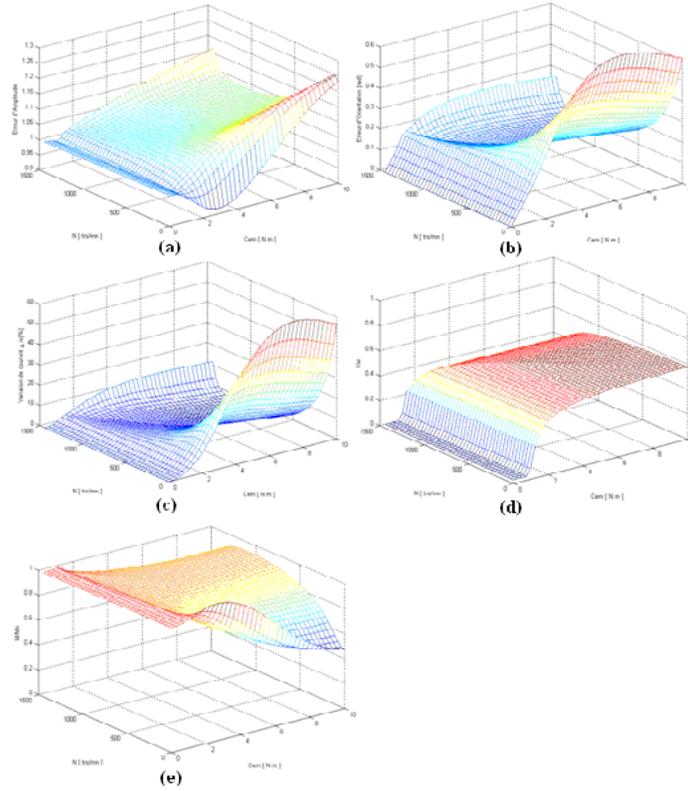


Figure 6. (a): Amplitude flux error, (b) : Orientation flux error (c) current variation and (d) variation of M, when : $R_r=2R_r^*$ and K_ω determined by fuzzy logic.

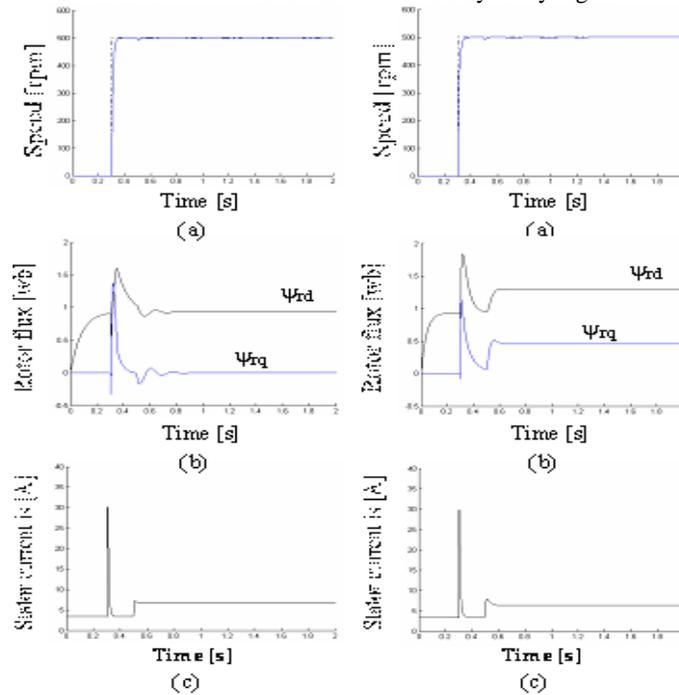


Figure 7. Simulation results parameters.

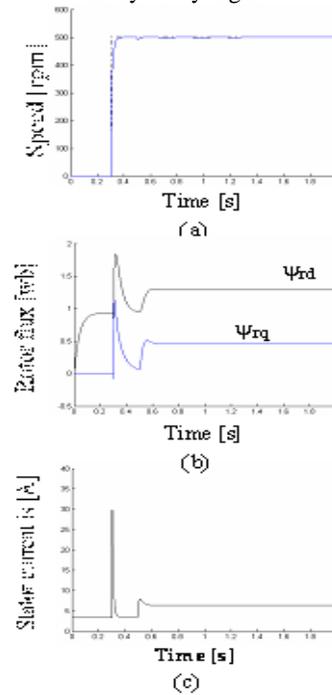


Figure 8. Simulation results with optimized with error of 100% on R_r .

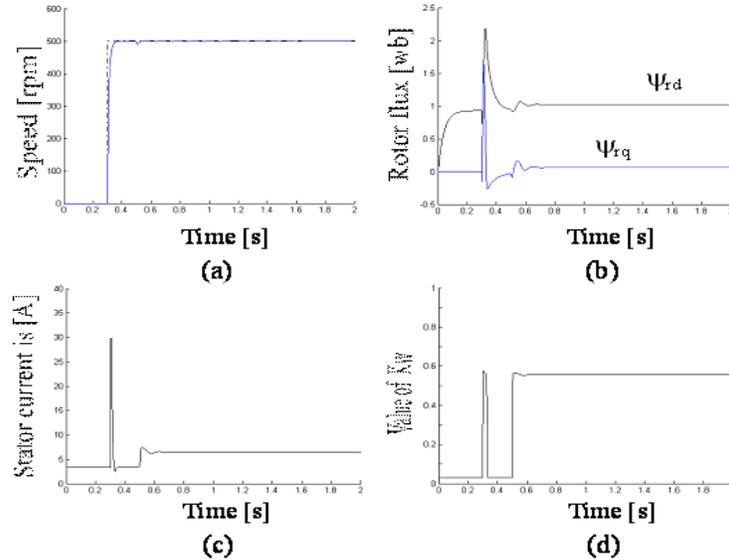


Figure 9. Simulation results when $R_r = 2.R_r^*$ and $K\omega$ determined by fuzzy logic

6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the performances of an indirect field-oriented control has been studied, the stator electrical frequency being computed by combining two models with the help of fuzzy logic. The results confirm the quality of the proposed method, especially concerning the sensitivity to uncertainties in the rotor resistance. As well as the need to take into account saturation effects in the theoretical analysis and the importance of the variation of the absorbed stator current in characterizing the parameter sensitivity of the control algorithm.

APPENDIX

Parameters of the induction motor

Rated power	$P=1500$ W	Stator inductance	$L_s = 0.29$ H
Rated speed	$n=1500$ rpm	Rotor inductance	$L_r = 0.29$ H
moment of inertia	0.0248 Kg.m ²	Mutual inductance	$M = 0.271$ H
Stator resistance	$R_s = 4.29$ Ω	Saturation parameter	$\alpha = 8.8$
Rotor resistance	$R_r = 3.6$ Ω		$\beta = 0.78$

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