

HBCC With Fuzzy Logic Technic For Three-Phase PWM AC Chopper Fed Induction Motor Drive System For Power Factor Correction

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, a new control strategy for an induction motor (IM) drive system fed from three-phase pulse width modulation (PWM) AC chopper is proposed with HBCC and fuzzy technic. The main objective of the proposed control scheme is to achieve input power factor correction (PFC) of the IM drive system under different operating conditions. PFC is achieved by continuously forcing the actual three-phase supply currents with the corresponding reference currents, which are generated in phase with the supply voltages, using fuzzy with hysteresis band current control (HBCC) technique. The proposed control strategy has two loops; inner and outer loop. Output of the outer loop is the magnitude of the supply reference current resulting from either speed controller or startup controller, whereas output of the inner loop is PWM signals of the AC chopper. The proposed AC chopper features a smaller number of active semiconductor switches; four IGBTs, with only two PWM gate signals. As a result, the proposed system is simple, reliable, highly efficient and cost-effective. The IM drive system is modeled using MATLAB/SIMULINK was built and tested.

INDEX TERMS:

Hysteresis band current control, induction motor drive, power factor correction, pulse width modulation, three-phase AC chopper.

1. INTRODUCTION

AC voltage regulators, also called as AC voltage controllers, are used in various applications that require a regulated AC voltage. Lighting control using dimmer circuits, domestic and industrial heating, speed control and soft starters for the induction motors are examples of such applications [1], [2]. Different topologies with different control methods of these regulators in single phase applications and also in three phase applications are presented. The purpose of AC voltage controller is to vary the root mean square (RMS) value of its output that applied to the load circuit. There are three control methods are offered to achieve this objective; ON/OFF method, phase angle (PA) method and pulse width modulation (PWM) method. All three control methods can be implemented in both single-phase and three-phase applications. In ON/OFF control method, thyristors (i.e. silicon-controlled rectifiers)

are used as power switches to connect/disconnect the circuit of the load to/from the AC voltage source continuously. Connection is occurred for a few integral cycles and disconnection for the next few cycles of the feeding voltage. Adjusting the number of conducted and interrupted cycles controls the RMS magnitude of the output voltage. In ON/OFF method, the generated harmonics by the switching actions are reduced as silicon-controlled rectifiers (SCRs) are switched ON at zero voltage and switched OFF at zero current. However, undesirable sub-harmonic components may be produced [3].

Applications of this method is restricted to heating and temperature control systems due to the discontinuity of the power source at low demand levels. In PA control method, the output of the AC voltage controller is regulated by adjusting the firing angles of SCRs. The power circuit of a single-phase regulator with PA control method is generally consisted of two thyristors which are joined back to back between the AC source and the load circuit, while three-phase regulator is composed of three pairs of SCRs. In [4], [5], soft starting for induction motor (IM) fed from a thyristorized voltage regulator is presented. The artificial techniques are utilized to adjust the motor voltage by varying the firing angles of the thyristors at certain operating instant of speed and torque commands.

In [6], a voltage ramp technique is presented for starting of an AC motor. The voltage, in ramp technique, is increased gradually by adjusting the SCR firing angles during starting of the motor. In [7], [8], a closed loop current control approach that determines the firing angles of thyristors required to keep the motor current at starting instant within a limit value is presented. In these approaches, a smooth start-up of the IM is obtained. However, numerous sensors and zero crossing detection (ZCD) circuits are required which make these controllers are complicated and expensive. In addition, the thyristorized AC voltage controller provides significant harmonics and low input power factor (PF) even if the load is a pure resistive. Recent developments in semiconductor switches make it possible to replace SCRs by modern power semiconductor switches like MOSFETs and IGBTs. Using PWM control method with the modern power

switches, the AC voltage regulators performance can be enhanced in terms of harmonics, filter size, input PF and voltage control range [9], [10]. In [12], a speed control of two-phase IM fed from single phase PWM AC chopper is presented. The chopper has a power circuit that consists of four IGBT switches. The RMS value of the motor voltage is controlled by changing the duty ratio of the chopper IGBTs and hence the motor speed is adjusted. This chopper is working in buck mode. Buck and boost modes are represented in [13]. Performance of single phase PWM AC chopper can be further improved using voltage harmonic elimination techniques.

An approach using a genetic algorithm (GA) is presented in [14]. A phase shifting method for enhancing the input PF of a single phase PWM AC chopper is presented in [15]. Phase shifting of the output voltage is achieved using an asymmetrical pulse width modulation (APWM) as a control strategy. Performance comparison between conventional, symmetrical and

asymmetrical PWM techniques is presented. However, phase shifting method decreases the control range of the chopper output voltage. Optimal values of the PWM single phase AC chopper parameters were selected to achieve a unity PF. An extinction angle control technique for PF improvement of a single-phase AC voltage controller fed an IM is presented. Different topologies of three phase PWM AC chopper in different applications are represented. A three phase PWM AC chopper, has eight IGBTs, feeds an IM is presented. A configuration of the three-phase chopper with six IGBTs for soft starting of three phase IM is presented, while a four-IGBT configuration is presented.

However, these configurations have low PF. A method of determining the operating PF of the three-phase IM using only the measured current and the manufacturer data of the motor is presented, a new asymmetrical pulse width modulated (APWM) controller for AC chopper fed three-phase IM drive is proposed. A hysteresis band current control (HBCC) approach is used to control the switching of the three-phase chopper fed three phase AC load. Using HBCC technique, balanced three phase sinusoidal currents are obtained. However, the power circuit of this system uses six IGBTs with six gate pulses which makes the system complex and expensive. Furthermore, the input PF of this approach is low. Although researchers focused on PFC of single-phase PWM AC choppers, they have been given a little attention of PFC of three-phase choppers. PFC is important in order to comply with the necessities of the international standards. On the other side, the reduction in the amount of semiconductor devices and introducing new

control strategies are essential for control simplicity, reliability, higher efficiency and lower cost. In this article, new control strategy for PFC of three phase PWM AC chopper using HBCC technique fed three phase squirrel cage IM with soft starting and speed control operating modes is proposed. The power circuit of the proposed control strategy is simple, reliable, high efficiency and low cost as it has reduced number of power semiconductor switches.

The three phase PWM AC chopper consists of four IGBTs. A new closed-loop control strategy, that uses only two gate pulses to drive the four IGBTs, is achieved. The proposed control strategy has three main control objectives: soft starting, speed control and input PFC, which are achieved by adjusting the RMS value of the input voltage fed the IM terminals. The proposed control strategy is investigated, analysed and simulation results are obtained under different testing conditions. A laboratory prototype model is implemented based on the proposed control strategy.

The experimental setup consists of a 1.5 HP squirrel cage IM coupled mechanically with a DC generator for loading purpose, a four-switch PWM AC chopper and a DSP DS-1104 control board.

The experimental waveforms are obtained and compared with corresponding simulation waveforms. The rest of the article is organized as: first, description and operating modes of the proposed control strategy is discussed. Then, mathematical analysis of the proposed control strategy is introduced. Finally, the simulation and laboratory waveforms are collected and the article findings are concluded.

II. POWER QUALITY

The contemporary container crane industry, like many other industry segments, is often named by the bells and whistles, colorful diagnostic displays, high speed performance, and levels of automation that can be achieved. Although these features and their indirectly related computer based enhancements are key issues to an efficient terminal operation, we must not forget the foundation upon which we are building. Power quality is the mortar which bonds the foundation blocks.

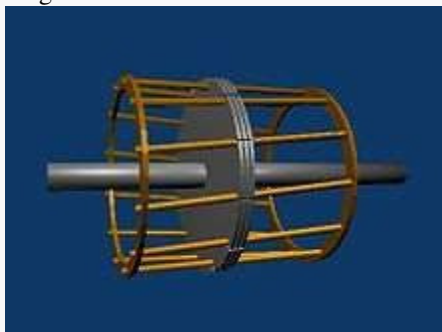
Power quality also affects terminal operating economics, crane reliability, our environment, and initial investment in power distribution system to support new crane installations. To quote the utility company newsletter which accompanied the last month issue of my home utility billing: 'Using electricity wisely is a good environmental and business practice which saves you money, reduces emissions from generating plants, and conserves our natural resources.' As we are all aware, container crane performance requirements continue to increase at an astounding rate.

III. INDUCTION MOTOR

An induction motor or asynchronous motor is an AC electric motor in which the electric current in the rotor needed to produce torque is obtained by electromagnetic induction from the magnetic field of the stator winding.^[1] An induction motor can therefore be made with out electrical connection to the rotor.^[a] An induction motor's rotor can be either wound type or squirrel-cage type. Three-phase squirrel-cage induction motors are widely used as industrial drives because they are rugged, reliable and economical. Single-phase induction motors are used extensively for smaller loads, such as household appliances like fans. Although traditionally used in fixed-speed service, induction motors are increasingly being used with variable-frequency drives (VFDs) in variable-speed service. VFDs offer especially important energy savings opportunities for existing and prospective induction motors in variable-torque centrifugal fan, pump and compressor load applications. Squirrel cage induction motors are very widely used in both fixed-speed and variable-frequency drive (VFD) applications.



A model of Tesla's first induction motor, in Tesla Museum, Belgrade



Squirrel cage rotor construction, showing only the center three laminations

IV. INTRODUCTION TO FUZZY

In recent years, the number and variety of applications of fuzzy logic have increased significantly. The applications range from consumer products such as cameras, camcorders, washing machines, and microwave ovens to industrial process control, medical instrumentation, decision support systems, and portfolio selection. To understand why use of fuzzy logic has grown, you must first understand what is meant by fuzzy logic.

Fuzzy logic has two different meanings. In a narrow sense, fuzzy logic is a logical system, which is an extension of multivalve logic. However, in a wider sense fuzzy logic (FL) is almost synonymous with the theory of fuzzy sets, a theory which relates to classes of objects with unsharp boundaries in which membership is a matter of degree. In this perspective, fuzzy logic in its narrow sense is a branch of FL. Even in its more narrow definition, fuzzy logic differs both in concept and substance from traditional multivalve logical systems.

The fuzzy logic toolbox is highly impressive in all respects. It makes fuzzy logic an effective tool for the conception and design of intelligent systems. The fuzzy logic toolbox is easy to master and convenient to use.



And last, but not least important, it provides a reader friendly and up to date introduction to methodology of fuzzy logic and its wide ranging applications.

The primary GUI tool of the fuzzy logic toolbox

V. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND CONTROL DESIGN

5.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION PRINCIPLE

Fig. 1 represents a schematic diagram of the proposed three-phase PWM AC chopper fed an IM. The chopper is composed

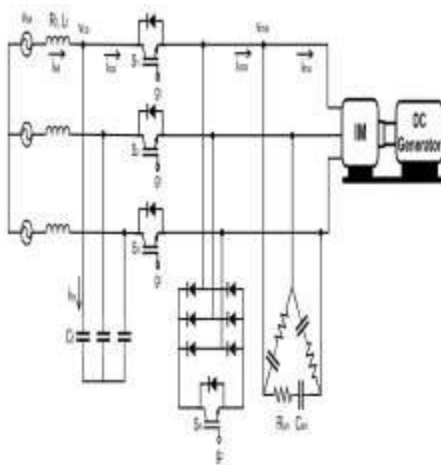


FIGURE 1. Power circuit of the proposed three-phase PWM AC chopper fed an IM drive system.

only of four power electronic switches (S_1, S_2, S_3 and S_4) that are illustrated in the figure. The three power switches (S_1, S_2 and S_3) are series-connected with the motor. While, the power switch (S_4) is parallel-connected via a poly phase bridge rectifier with the motor. The series-connected switches are utilized to continuously connect and disconnect the motor to and from the AC supply, respectively. Hence, they regulate the delivered power to the motor. While the parallel-connected switch (S_4) offers a free-wheeling way for discharging the energy kept in the motor windings when the series-connected switches are returned OFF. As series and parallel devices operate in a complementary way, a dead time is introduced to avoid the commutation problems. There are three operating stages: active, free-wheeling and dead time. In dead time period, all four devices are returned OFF. The current paths of the proposed PWM AC chopper fed IM in its three operating stages are illustrated by Fig. 2. A three-phase Δ -connected snubber circuit, which has a resistance R_{sn} and a capacitance C_{sn} per phase, is used to minimize the high voltage spikes at IM terminals due to switching of the chopper as well as providing the current path of IM during the

dead time period. The input filter is composed of three inductors (whose resistance is R_f and inductance is L_f per phase) and Y-connected three capacitors (whose capacitance C_f per phase). The LC input filter is used with the proposed PFC technique in order to reduce the harmonics of the supply current due to switching of the chopper. The proposed control circuit only generates two PWM complementary gate pulses (g_1 and g_2) which are used to drive the chopper IGBTs in order to provide the three main tasks of the proposed control strategy. **5.2 PROPOSED CONTROL STRATEGY**

The proposed control strategy has three main control objectives: soft starting, speed control, and input power factor correction (PFC). This strategy is depending on the control of the applied voltage across IM terminals using AC chopper. Fig. 3 illustrates the schematic diagram of the proposed control strategy. It has two control loops. The inner control loop uses HBCC to force the chopper actual current signals to track their command current signals to achieve input PFC, whereas the outer control loop determines the magnitude of the reference current either from starting mode or speed control mode. As a result, the inner loop controls the phase and the outer loop controls the magnitude of the chopper currents. In the first, the soft starting mode is working, and by giving a switch in pulse to the selector switch, the speed control mode is activated and the soft starting mode is turned off.

A. SOFT STARTING MODE

The role of the soft starting mode is to generate the reference value of the supply current in a manner that limits the starting current of the IM at a preset value. The actual current of IM (I_m) is measured and its RMS value is evaluated by RMS detector. The command or preset value of the motor current (I_m^*) and its actual value (I_m) are compared. The comparison result error is passed into a proportional integral (PI) controller to generate the command motor current (I_s^*). Limiting the starting current provides a smooth acceleration and reduces the torque pulsation of IM during soft starting period.

B. SPEED CONTROL MODE

There are several methods for controlling the speed of three-phase IMs. These methods can be classified into two main categories according to the control side of the IM: a) speed control methods through the stator such as changing the applied frequency, changing the applied voltage, changing the number of the stator poles and voltage/frequency (v/f) control, and b) speed control methods through the rotor such as rotor resistance control and rotor slip power recovery. Variable frequency drives (VFDs) are the commercial drives. Speed control by VFDs is based on changing both the stator voltage and frequency of the IM. VFDs are widely used for wide-range variable-speed IM applications. However, they are very expensive

and hence not convenient when they are used for limited-range variable-speed IM applications. Since the proposed speed control strategy depends on changing the stator voltage only, so it is simple, low cost and more convenient for limited-range variable-speed IM application which is intended in this research. The role of the speed control mode is to generate the reference current value (I_s^*) in a way that makes the measured speed of IM (ω_m) follow the command speed (ω_m^*). Command and measured speed are compared and the difference is used as an input signal to a PI speed controller to generate I_s^* .

C. PFC CONTROL

Since PWM AC/AC choppers can only modify the magnitude of the applied voltage, they are normally negatively viewed; when they are used in IM

drive systems, for their low PF. Therefore, the main contribution of the proposed control strategy is achieving high PF approximately unity as in case of resistive loads. The proposed PFC strategy was implemented during starting and speed control operating modes of IM drive while using AC chopper. The principle of harmonic minimization of the proposed control strategy depends on using PWM technique. Whereas, the principle of reactive power management to obtain PFC depends on the proposed current control technique; in which the actual supply currents are forced to track their reference currents that are in phase with supply voltages. The role of PFC block is to continuously correct the input PF during IM operation. Fig. 4 shows the proposed PFC using HBCC technique. The reference value of the stator current (I_s^*) is utilized to obtain the three phase reference supply currents (i_{sa}^* , i_{sb}^* and i_{sc}^*) by multiplying the value (I_s^*) by unit vectors of the supply voltages (u_{sa} , u_{sb} and u_{sc}) as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{sa}^* \\ i_{sb}^* \\ i_{sc}^* \end{bmatrix} = I_s^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{sa} \\ u_{sb} \\ u_{sc} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The unit vectors (u_{sa} , u_{sb} and u_{sc}) are generated by measuring the phase voltages of the supply (v_{sa} , v_{sb} and v_{sc}) and by using three zero crossing detection (ZCD) circuits and three lookup tables as shown in Fig. 4. The reference currents of the supply (i_{sa}^* , i_{sb}^* and i_{sc}^*), are compared with their corresponding actual values (i_{sa} , i_{sb} and i_{sc}) respectively. The resulted errors are passed through three hysteresis bands (HBs) and their outputs are the three switching signals (S1, S2 and S3).

Operation of HBCC technique to obtain the switching signal (S1) is explained by Fig. 4. The logic control signals block is utilized to find the higher value of the supply phase

voltages. The switching signal F is generated from the three switching signals (S1, S2 and S3) and the three logic control signals (q_1 , q_2 and q_3) as:

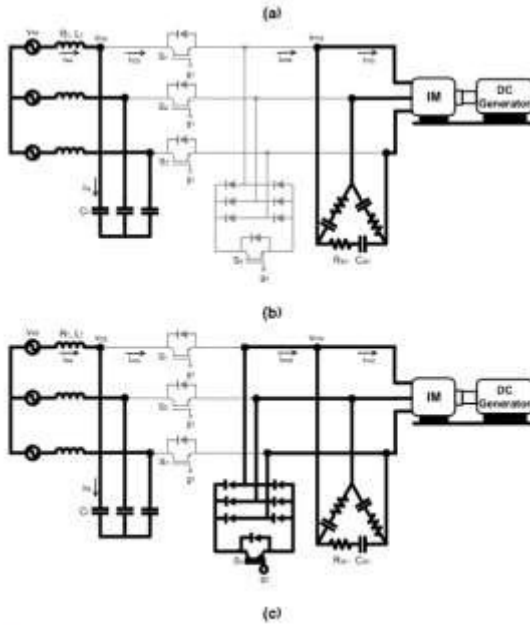


FIGURE 2. The currents paths of the proposed PWM AC chopper fed IM. (a) Active stage. (b) Dead time stage. (c) Freewheeling stage.

The switching signal F and its complementary signal are passed through a dead time block in order to obtain the two PWM complementary signals ($g1$ and $g2$) that are used to drive the chopper IGBTs. The idea of the proposed PFC technique is to force continuously the actual supply currents to follow their corresponding command currents which are in phase with supply voltages in both the two control modes. Considering a sinusoidal supply voltage, the PF at which a converter system operates is defined as follows:

$$PF = \frac{I_{s1}}{I_s} DPF \quad (3)$$

FIGURE 3. a) Proposed PFC using HBC technique, (b) Generation of switching signal $S1$.

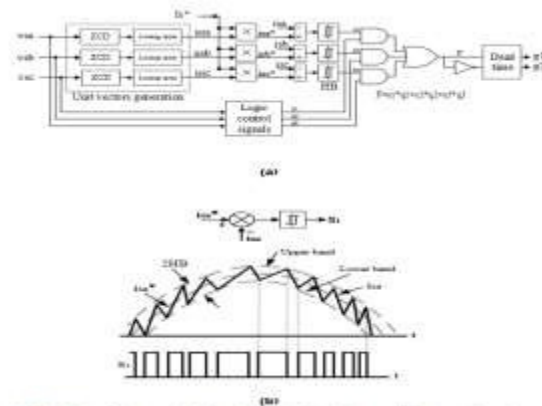


FIGURE 3. a) Proposed PFC using HBC technique. (b) Generation of

VI. SIMULATION RESULTS

The proposed AC chopper is simulated in the MATLAB/Simulink environment and a prototype model is implemented. The simulation was used to confirm the proposed control strategy theoretically. Three test cases are examined. Corresponding simulation results are obtained and compared. Parameters of the system under study are given in the appendix.

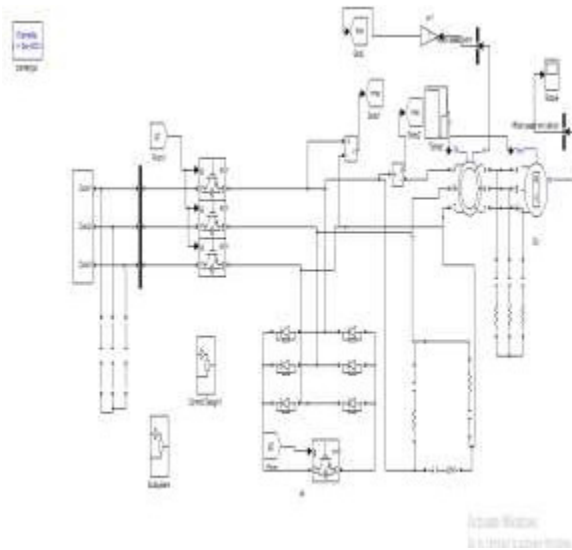


Fig4: Proposed Simulation diagram



Fig5: ω_m



Fig6: V_{ma}

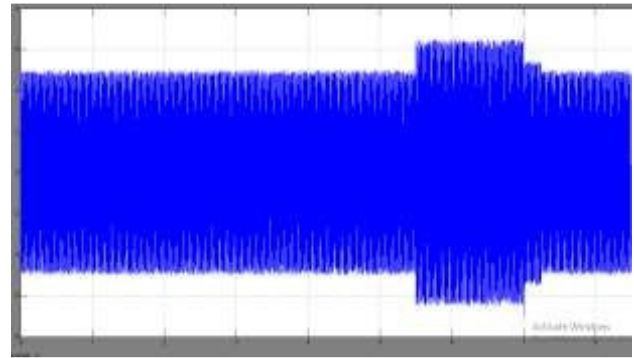


Fig7: I_{ma}

Fuzzy based Variation of the motor speed, current and phase voltage at step change in the reference speed.

VII. CONCLUSION

A new control strategy of three-phase squirrel cage IM fed from PWM AC chopper has been simulated and laboratory implemented using Fuzzy with HBCC control. The main control objective is to correct the input PF with different operating conditions of the induction motor drive system. Input PFC is achieved by forcing the actual currents of the chopper to track their reference currents that are in phase with the input voltage using Fuzzy with HBCC technique. The proposed control strategy uses only two PWM signals for driving the active switches of the AC chopper. The proposed system is simple, reliable and low cost as it has only four IGBT switches. Operation principle and mathematical analysis of the proposed system are introduced. The system was simulated using MATLAB/SIMULINK and implemented. The effectiveness of the proposed control strategy has been tested at starting, reference speed change and load torque variation. Performance of the system without PFC is roughly compared in accordance with concerning the proposed PFC technique during the three test cases. Comparative results illustrate that the system with the proposed PFC technique has a correct dPF and hence a better performance.

APPENDIX

TABLE II
PARAMETERS OF THE SYSTEM

Symbol	PARAMETER	Value
V_s	supply voltage	220 V
f	Line frequency	50 Hz
R_f	filter resistor	0.5 Ω
L_f	filter inductor	6 mH
C_f	filter capacitance	7 μ
V_r	IM rated voltage	220 V/ph
P_r	rated power of IM	1.5 hp
N	IM rated speed	1420 rpm
P	No. of poles	4
T_l	Rated load torque	7 N.m
R_s	Stator winding resistance	7.4826 Ω /ph
L_{ls}	Stator leakage inductance	0.0221 H/ph
R_r	Rotor winding resistance	3.6840 Ω /ph
L_{lr}	Rotor leakage inductance	0.0221 H/ph
L_m	Mutual inductance	0.4114 H
β	Motor friction	0.008
J	IM moment of inertia	0.02 kg.m ²

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In this work, the proposed system is simple, reliable and low cost as it has only four IGBT switches. In the future, I will use Artificial Intelligent Technique to compensate reactive power and harmonics.

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