

Sensor Less Speed Control of PMSM using SVPWM Technique Based on MRAS Method for Various Speed and Load Variations

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Abstract— The permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) has emerged as an alternative to the induction motor because of the reduced size, high torque to current ratio, higher efficiency and power factor in many applications. Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation (SVPWM) technique is applied to the PMSM to obtain speed and current responses with the variation in load. This paper analysis the structure and equations of PMSM, SVPWM and voltage space vector process. The Model Reference Adaptive System (MRAS) is also studied. The PI controller uses from estimated speed feedback for the speed senseless control of PMSM based on SVPWM with MRAS. The control scheme is simulated in the MATLAB/Simulink software environment. The simulation result shows that the speed of rotor is estimated with high precision and response is considerable fast. The whole control system is effective, feasible and simple.

Index Terms— PMSM, Space vector pulse width modulation, model reference adaptive system.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE demand for variable speed drives in both low and high power applications has resulted in a great variety of products from different manufacturers, each offering a great variety of features. In this respect, the control strategy plays a great role in fulfilling the demands of each application. Modeling and simulation is usually used in designing permanent magnet drives compared to building system prototypes because of the cost. Having selected all components, the simulation process can start to calculate steady state and dynamic performance and losses that would have been obtained if the drive were actually constructed. This practice reduces time, cost of building prototypes and ensures that requirements are achieved.

The PMSM drive requires two current sensors and an absolute rotor position for the implementation of any control strategy. The rotor position is sensed with an optical encoder or a resolver for high performance applications.

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The position sensors compares to the cost of the low power motor and also reduce the motor efficiency. Thus making the total system cost very noncompetitive compared to other types of motor drives we are using sensor less speed control of PMSM. Position sensor could be bulky and may malfunction in harsh environment.

A speed controller has been designed for closed loop operation of the drive. A MRAS based sensor less control system is designed using the space vector pulse width modulation (SVPWM) of the PMSM motor in the MATLAB/Simulink [1-3, 6-8]. The MRAS adaptive speed estimator is easy to implement that we are using in this paper. The goal of this paper is to design and implement a normal drive system of a permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM).

II. SVPWM OF PMSM

The objective of space vector pulse width modulation (SVPWM) of PMSM is to control the torque variation demand, rotor speed and to regulate phase currents. The goal of SVPWM in synchronous machine is to separately control the torque and magnetizing flux producing components. SVPWM promotes us to decouple the torque and magnetizing components of stator current [4]. With this decoupling, the torque producing components of the stator flux now can be thought of as an independent torque control. It is necessary to engage several mathematical transforms for decoupling these components.

In general the SVPWM consist of controlling the stator current represented by a vector. This control is based on several mathematical transforms in which a three phase time and speed dependent system is converted into a two co-ordinate time variant system. SVPWM makes the control accurate in every walking operations (steady state or transient) and independent of the limited band with mathematical model [5].

Equations of Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor

The stator current equations of the PMSM is in the rotating d-q reference frame are as follows-

$$\frac{d}{dt} i_d = \frac{1}{L_d} u_d - \frac{R_s}{L_d} i_d + \frac{L_q}{L_d} \omega_r i_q \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} i_q = \frac{1}{L_q} u_q - \frac{R_s}{L_q} i_q + \frac{L_d}{L_q} \omega_r i_d - \frac{\psi_f}{L_q} \omega_r \quad (2)$$

$$T_e = 1.5P[\psi_f i_q - (L_q - L_d) i_d i_q] \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \omega_m = \frac{1}{J} (T_e - B\omega_m - T_L) \quad (4)$$

$$\omega_r = p\omega_m \quad (5)$$

Equations (1-3) are electrical equation, while equation (4) is mechanical equation.

- Where
 ψ_f = rotor magnetic flux
 L_d = d-axis stator inductance
 L_q = q-axis stator inductance
 R_s = stator resistance
 T_e = electromagnetic torque
 T_L = load torque
 ω_m = mechanical speed
 ω_r = angular speed
 J = moment of inertia
 B = coefficient of friction
 p = no. of poles

III. PRINCIPLE OF SVPWM

Space vector control is the process to generate a pulse-width modulation signal for PMSM voltage signal. In this technique the inverse Clarke transform has been folded into the space vector modulation routine which simplifies the equation. Each of the three output of inverter can be in one of the two states which allows for $2^3 = 8$ possible states of output as shown in Table I

SVPWM subjects to generate a voltage vector which is close to a reference circle through different switching modes of inverter [6]. Fig. (1) shows the basic diagram of three phase voltage source inverter (VSI) model.

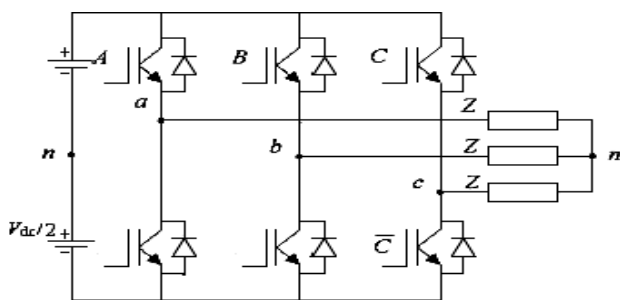


Fig. 1. Basic Voltage Source Inverter

The space vector of output voltage of inverter can be given as [9-10]:

$$V_A(S_A, S_B, S_C) = 2V_{dc}(S_A + \alpha S_B + \alpha^2 S_C)/3 \quad (6)$$

Where V_{dc} is DC bus voltage of inverter and α is $e^{j2\theta}$.

If the state of upper and lower arm switches is considered 1 and 0 respectively, then the on-off state will have eight possible

Combination voltage space vectors as shown in Fig. 3.

T-refers to the operation time of two non-zero voltage vectors in the same zone. $V_0(000)$ and $V_7(111)$ are called zero voltage space vector, while remaining six vectors are known as effective vectors with magnitude of $2V_{dc}/3$ [11].

TABLE I

Inverter states	S _A	S _B	S _C	$\frac{V_A}{V_{dc}}$	$\frac{V_B}{V_{dc}}$	$\frac{V_C}{V_{dc}}$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	-1/3	-1/3	2/3
2	0	1	0	-1/3	2/3	-1/3
3	0	1	1	-2/3	1/3	1/3
4	1	0	0	2/3	-1/3	-1/3
5	1	0	1	1/3	-2/3	1/3
6	1	1	0	1/3	1/3	-2/3
7	1	1	1	0	0	0

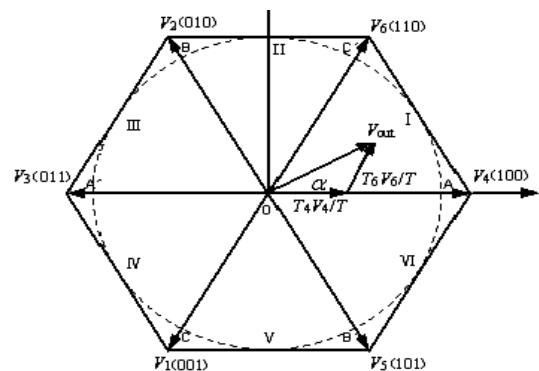


Fig. 2. Voltage Space Vector Diagram

IV. SIMULINK SIMULATION OF SVPWM

Based on the principle of SVPWM, the simulation models for generating SVPWM waveforms mainly include the sector judgment model, calculation model of operation, time for fundamental vectors, calculation model of switching time, and generation model of SVPWM waveforms.

(i). Sector judgment

To apply the technology of SVPWM, firstly it is requested to determine the sector which the voltage vector is within. Considering that the expression of vector in the α - β coordinate is suitable for controlling implementation, the following procedure is used for determining the sector [6].

When $V_\beta > 0$, $A = 1$; when $\sqrt{3}V_\alpha - V_\beta > 0$, $B = 1$; when $\sqrt{3}V_\alpha + V_\beta < 0$, $C = 1$. Then the sector containing the voltage vector can be decided according to $N=A+2B+4C$, listed in table II. Fig.3 shows the corresponding model.

TABLE II

THE SECTOR CONTAINING THE VOLTAGE VECTOR VERSUS N

SECTOR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
N	3	1	5	4	6	2

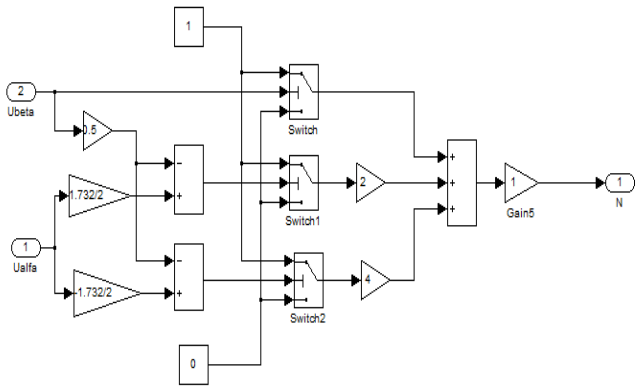


Fig. 3. Model of sector judgment

(ii). Calculation of operation time of fundamental vectors

Table III listed the operation times of fundamental vectors against N, where T_1 and T_m refer to the operation times of two adjacent non zero voltage space vectors in the same zone. Fig. 4 shows the calculation model, where $Z = T(-\sqrt{3}V_\alpha + V_\beta) / (\sqrt{2}V_d)$, $Y = T(\sqrt{3}V_\alpha + V_\beta) / (\sqrt{2}V_d)$, $X = 2T[V_\beta / (\sqrt{2}V_d)]$

The sum of T_1 and T_m must be smaller than or equal to T (PWM modulation period). The over saturation state must be judged: if

$T_1 + T_m > T$, take

$$T_1 = T_1 [T / (T_1 + T_m)], T_m = T_m [T / (T_1 + T_m)]$$

Fig. 5. illustrates the SIMULINK-based model.

TABLE III
OPERATION TIME OF FUNDAMENTAL VECTOR

N	1	2	3	4	5	6
T_1	Z	Y	-Z	-X	X	-Y
T_m	Y	-X	X	Z	-Y	-Z

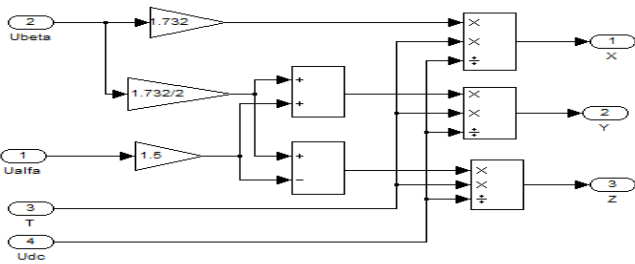


Fig. 4. Model for counting X,Y,Z.

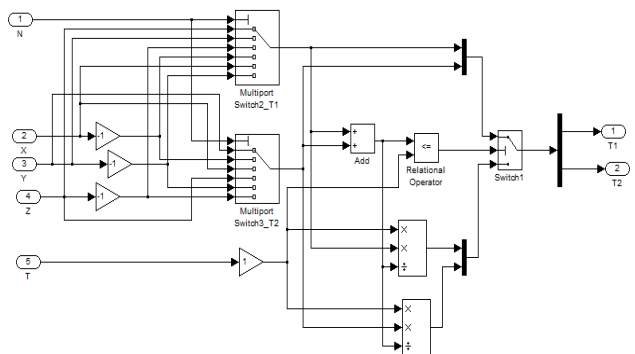


Fig. 5. Calculation model of operation times of fundamental vectors

(iii). Generation of SVPWM Waveform

The relation between N and switch operation times is realized in Fig. 6, where $T_a = (T - T_1 - T_m) / 4$, $T_b = T_a + T_1 / 2$, and $T_c = T_b + T_m / 2$, T_{cm1} , T_{cm2} and T_{cm3} are the operation times of three phases respectively.

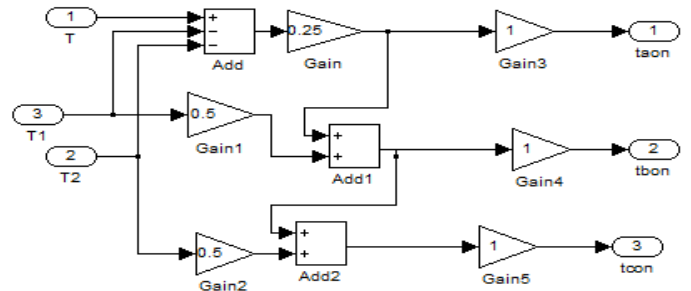


Fig. 6. Model of switch operation time

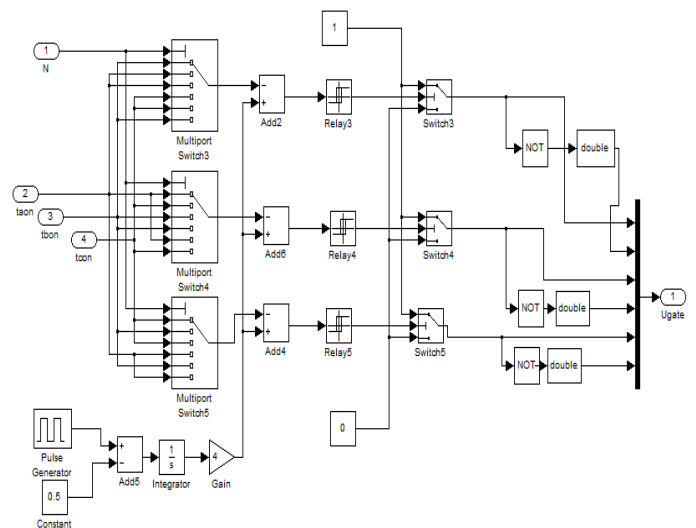


Fig. 7. Model of relation between N, T_{cm} , T_a , T_b and T_c and generation of SVPWM waveform.

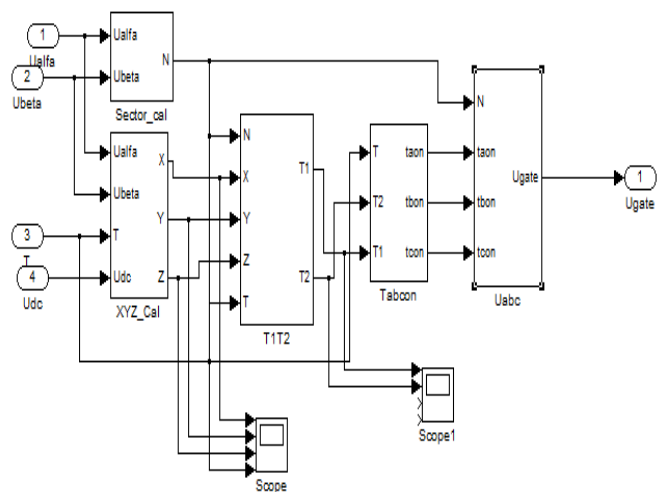


Fig. 8. Overall model of SVPWM

(iv). Calculation model of switch operation time

By comparing the computed T_{cm1} , T_{cm2} , and T_{cm3} with the equilateral triangle diagram, a symmetrical space vector PWM wave form can be generated and its model shown in Fig. 7. The PMSM is controlled by switching on or off the power electronics parts. Fig. 8 illustrates the overall model of SVPWM.

V. PRINCIPLE OF MODEL REFERENCE ADAPTIVE SYSTEM

The MRAS is an important adaptive controller. In this controller the performance is expressed in terms of reference model (which is PMSM itself) which gives the desired response to a command signal. Block diagram of MRAS is shown in Fig. 9.

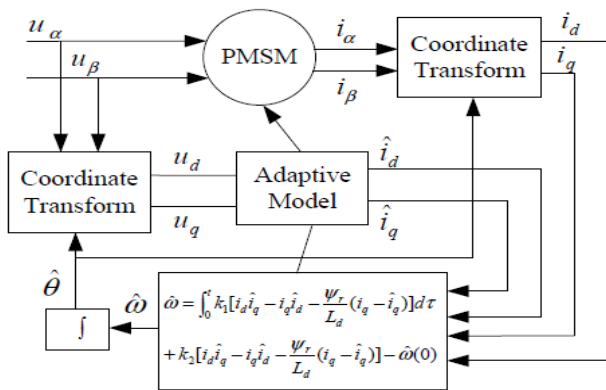


Fig. 9. Schematic Block of MRAS scheme

As the speed of rotor ω is included in these equations we can use the current model of PMSM as the adjustable model and PMSM itself as a reference model. Both of these models have output I_d and I_q . Through a certain adaptive mechanism, we can obtain the estimated value of speed and position of rotor [7].

The eqn. (1) and (2) can be written in the matrix form.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-R_s}{L_s} & \omega \\ -\omega & \frac{-R_s}{L_s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_d \\ \dot{u}_q \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

For the convenience of analysis of stability ω_m has been compared to system matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-R}{L} & \omega \\ -\omega & \frac{-R}{L} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Let

$$i'_d = i_d + \frac{\psi_r}{L}; \quad i'_q = i_q \quad (9)$$

$$u'_d = u_d + \frac{R\psi_r}{L}; \quad u'_q = u_q \quad (10)$$

The process of speed estimator can be described as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}'_d \\ \hat{i}'_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-R}{L} & \hat{\omega} \\ -\hat{\omega} & \frac{-R}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}'_d \\ \hat{i}'_q \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} u'_d \\ u'_q \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

The error of the static variable is $e = i' - \hat{i}'$

Above eqn. can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{i}' = \hat{A} \hat{i}' + B u' \quad (12)$$

From the above mention eqn. $\hat{\omega}$ can be obtained as[1-2]

$$\hat{\omega} = \int k_1(i'_d \hat{i}'_q - i'_q \hat{i}'_d) d\tau + k_2(i'_d \hat{i}'_q - i'_q \hat{i}'_d) + \hat{\omega}(0) \quad (13)$$

When k_1 and $k_2 \geq 0$

Replace i'_d, i'_q with i_d, i_q we get

$$\hat{\omega} = \int k_1[i'_d \hat{i}'_q - i'_q \hat{i}'_d - \frac{\psi_r}{L}(i_q - \hat{i}_q)] d\tau + k_2[i'_d \hat{i}'_q - i'_q \hat{i}'_d - \frac{\psi_r}{L_s}(i_q - \hat{i}_q)] + \hat{\omega}(0) \quad (14)$$

In above equation \hat{i}'_d and \hat{i}'_q are of adjustable model while i_d, i_q can be obtained from the stator current transformation.

The position of rotor can be estimated by integrating the estimated speed. A complete sensor less control scheme based on MRAS is shown in Fig. 10.

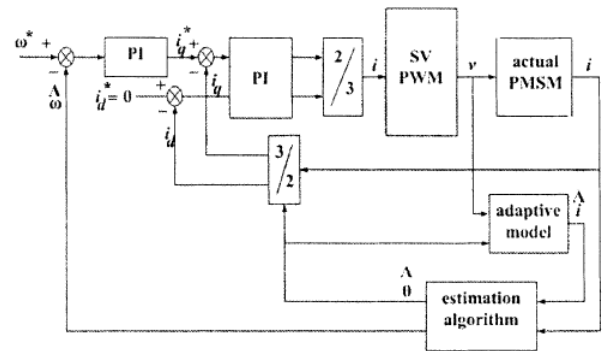


Fig. 10. Sensor less control block diagram with MRAS system

VI. SIMULATION AND RESULTS

Simulation is performed in the MATLAB Simulink. Simulation time is kept 0.4sec. Results are verified under different varying conditions.

- 1) When speed and load both are constant.
- 2) When speed is constant and load is varied.
- 3) When speed is varied and load is constant.
- 4) When speed and load both are varied.

For condition 1- When speed and load both are constant [speed is 1400rpm and load torque is 3Nm].

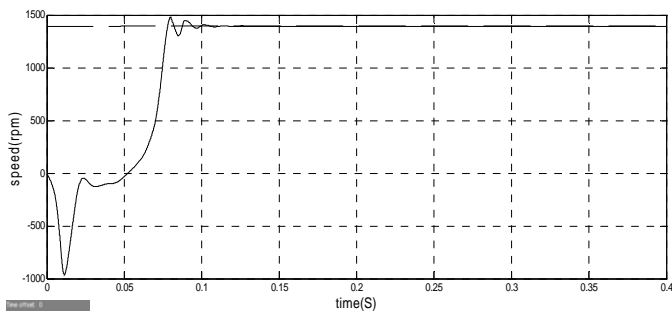


Fig. 11. Reference and real speed of PMSM

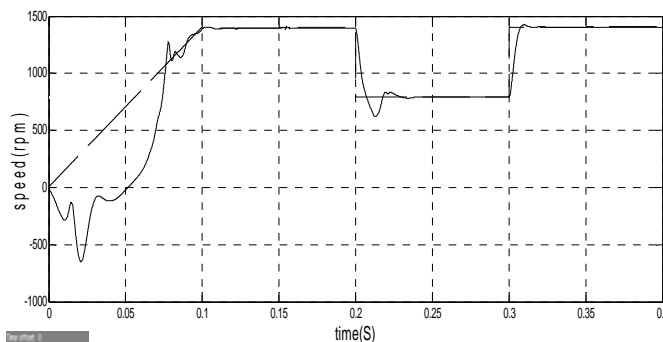


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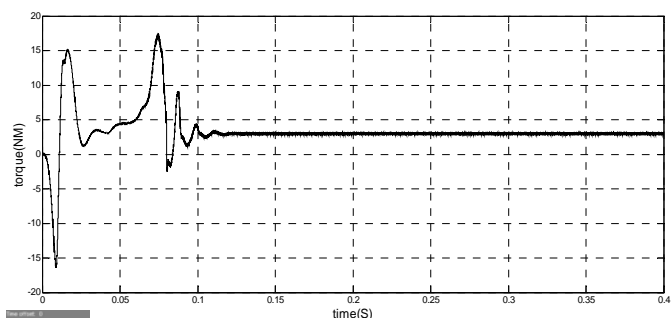


Fig. 12. Electromagnetic torque of PMSM

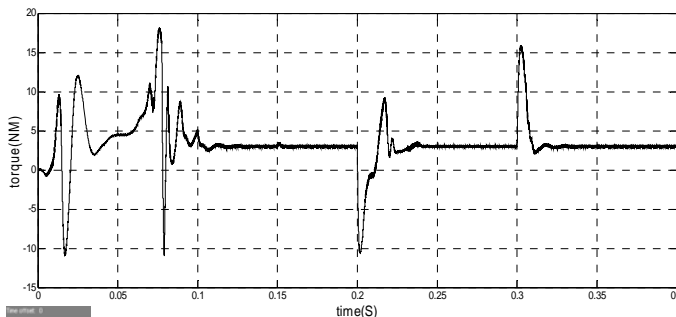


Fig. 16. Electromagnetic torque of PMSM

For condition 2- When speed is constant and load is varied [speed is 1400rpm and load torque is 0-0.1sec(3NM), 0.1-0.2sec(1NM), 0.2-0.3sec(2NM), 0.3-0.4sec(3NM)].

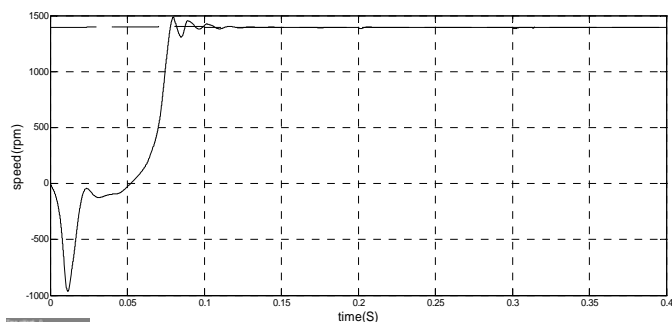


Fig. 13. Reference and real speed of PMS

For condition 4- When speed and load both are varied [speed is 0-0.1sec(0-1400rpm), 0.1-0.2sec(1400rpm), 0.2-0.3sec(800rpm), 0.3-0.4sec(1400rpm) and load torque is 0-0.1sec(3NM), 0.1-0.2sec(1NM), 0.2-0.4sec(3NM)].

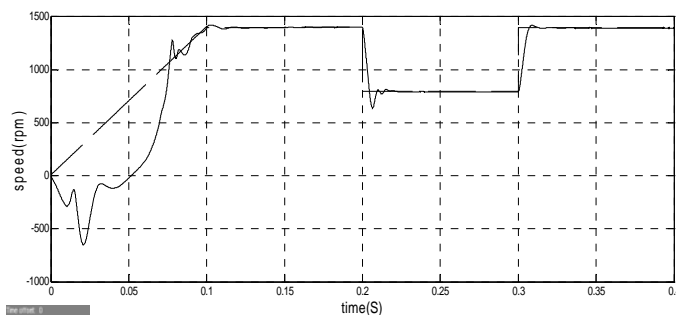


Fig. 17. Reference and real speed of PMSM

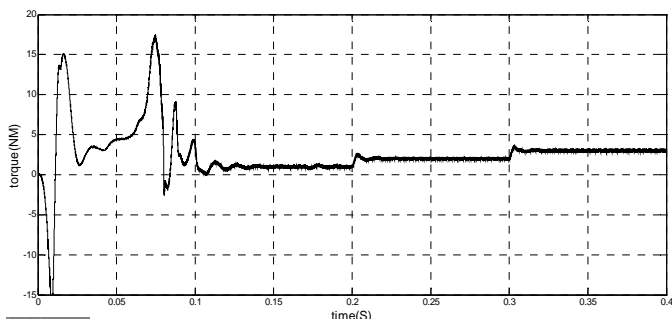


Fig. 14. Electromagnetic torque of PMSM

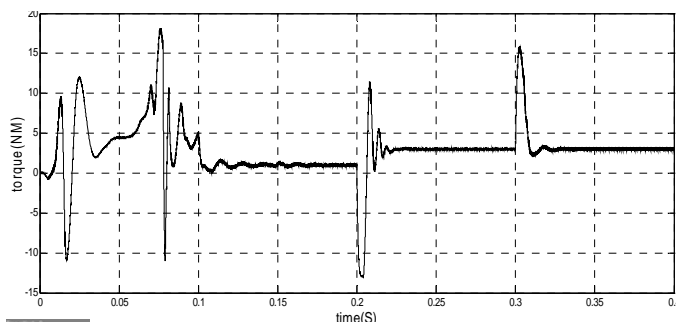


Fig. 18. Electromagnetic torque of PMSM

For condition 3- When speed is varied and load is constant [speed is 0-0.1sec(0-1400rpm), 0.1-0.2sec(1400rpm), 0.2-0.3sec(800rpm), 0.3-0.4sec(1400rpm) and load torque is 3NM].

The simulation waveform shows that the results are in accordance with the performance characteristics of PMSM.

VII. CONCLUSION

A detailed Simulink model for a PMSM drive system with SVPWM based on model reference adaptive system has been developed. Mathematical model can be easily incorporated in the simulation and the presence of numerous toll boxes and support guides simplifies the simulation. The space vector pulse width modulation technique (SVPWM) control technique is used in PMSM drive which has its potential advantages, such as lower current waveform distortion, high utilization of DC voltage, low switching and noise losses, constant switching frequency and reduced torque pulsations provides a fast response and superior dynamic performance.

Matlab/Simulink based computer simulation results shows that the adaptive algorithm improve dynamic response, reduces torque ripple, and extended speed range. Although this control algorithm does not require any integration of sensed variables.

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