

# Flux linkage estimation strategies for sensorless field-oriented control of doubly-fed induction motor drive

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**Abstract.** In this paper authors propose two different strategies of flux linkage estimation for sensorless FOC system of doubly-fed induction motor drive implementation. Possibility to measure currents and voltages of rotor and stator circuits in doubly-fed motor gives place to a simpler flux linkage observers model. Functional scheme of electric drive and two models of flux linkage observers are proposed - a model using the voltage and a model using the rotor current. The stability of the present field-oriented control system when implementing these flux-linkage estimations strategies are investigated using LabView software. The results of theoretical research are confirmed by simulation results in Matlab software.

## 1 Introduction

The development of microcontroller control systems has created new opportunities in power electronics and electric power industry. Currently, most control systems in power electronics are implemented using microprocessors. This has served as a steady trend for replacing hardware solutions with software in various automated control systems. Also, in AC adjustable speed electric drive systems, sensors are replaced by state observers [1-5, 14, 19].

The reduction in the number of mechanical components of the adjustable electric drive and the implementation of speed and flux-linkage observers leads to an increase in the reliability of the system. The issues of research and implementation of the AC drives speed and flux-linkage observers are presented in a large number of Russian and foreign scientific papers and articles [1-6, 15-19].

## 2 Problem definition & research goals

In some industrial areas with high-power electric drive systems, a doubly-fed motor is widely used. The DFIM has some distinct advantages compared to the squirrel-cage induction machine. The DFIM can be controlled from the stator or rotor by various possible

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Represents it in Cauchy form. Flux linkage through the remaining variables of the equations is expressed:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\psi_{\delta x}}{dt} = U_{rx} - R_r i_{rx} - L_{lr} \frac{di_{rx}}{dt} + \omega_2 L_{lr} i_{ry} + \omega_2 \psi_{\delta y}; \\ \frac{d\psi_{\delta y}}{dt} = U_{ry} - R_r i_{ry} - L_{lr} \frac{di_{ry}}{dt} - \omega_2 L_{lr} i_{rx} - \omega_2 \psi_{\delta x}. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

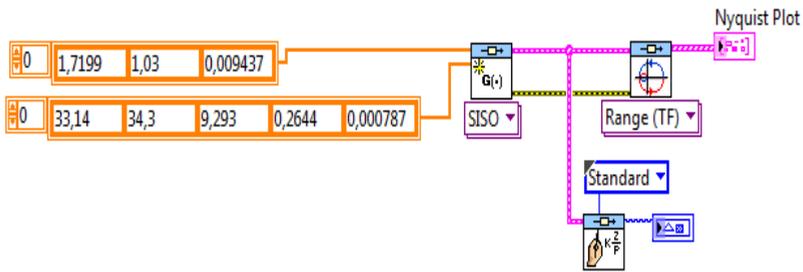
However, the rotor resistance value, which is included in this flux linkage estimation strategy in different operation modes can vary significantly compared to the rated value [3, 8, 12, 17-19].

To robustness evaluation of the synthesized flux linkage observer it is necessary to find the stable area of the system with respect to the parameter  $R'_r$  by the D-decomposition strategy.

The characteristic equation of transfer function of flux linkage control loop looks:

$$H = T_{pn} p^2 (T_n p + 1) (T_r p + 1) + k_{on} k_n k_{pn} (T_{pn} p + 1) (T_r p - R_r R'_r T_{lr} p - R_r R'_r + 1). \quad (3)$$

To create the locus of the system LabVIEW software is applied (Fig.2, Fig.3).



**Fig. 2.** Program in LabVIEW software for locus creation.

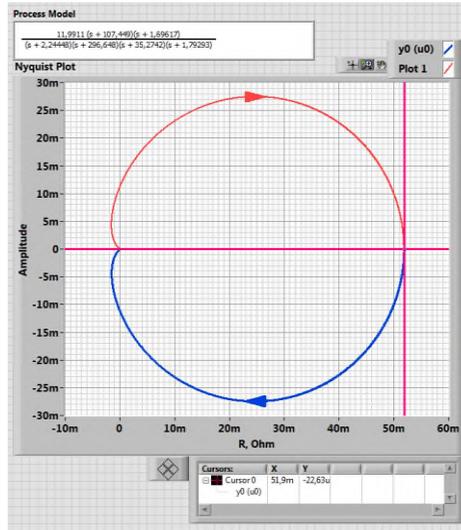
The locus has a classical shape for the inertial link and crosses the X-axis at the point with coordinates (0.00519; 0). In that values of the parameter  $R'_r$  are real and always positive the most interesting is the positive real semi-axis of the locus.

In order to solve this problem, the methods used in other types of AC drives are valid in the DFIM drive:

- to reduce the error in estimation the value of the rotor resistance in the observer model should be set equal to the rotor resistance in the heated state;
- parametric adaptation to the changing parameters of the base machine [3, 4].

However, these approaches have a significant disadvantage - it is too difficult to determine with high accuracy the parameters of the basic machine, and the implementation of adaptive strategies requires a consumption of processor resources.

In addition, the measurement of rotor voltage has a integration DC component, which link with accumulation of error at the integrator output as a result of incorrect estimation of the flux linkage. To correct the operation mode of the integrator and eliminate the influence of the DC component it is necessary to introduce a weak negative feedback into the integrator [12].



**Fig. 3.** Locus in LabVIEW software.

After the discussion of the disadvantages of the flux-linkage observer with voltage model, will be useful to consider current model of the flux linkage observer. The scalar form of writing equations (1) in a coordinate system oriented along the air gap magnetic flux vector ( $\Psi_{\delta y} = 0$ ) will take the form:

$$\begin{cases} L_{1s} \frac{di_{sx}}{dt} = U_{sx} - R_s i_{sx} - \frac{d\Psi_{\delta x}}{dt} + \omega_1 L_{1s} i_{sy}, \\ L_{1s} \frac{di_{sy}}{dt} = U_{sy} - R_s i_{sy} - \omega_1 L_{1s} i_{sx} - \omega_1 \Psi_{\delta x}, \\ \frac{d\Psi_{\delta x}}{dt} = -\frac{R_r}{L_r} \Psi_{\delta x} + \frac{L_m}{L_r} R_r i_{sx} + L_{1r} \frac{L_m}{L_r} \frac{di_{sx}}{dt} - \omega_2 L_{1r} \frac{L_m}{L_r} i_{sy} + \frac{L_m}{L_r} U_{rx}, \\ 0 = \frac{L_m}{L_r} R_r i_{sy} + L_{1r} \frac{L_m}{L_r} \frac{di_{sy}}{dt} - \omega_2 \Psi_{\delta x} + \omega_2 L_{1r} \frac{L_m}{L_r} i_{sx} + \frac{L_m}{L_r} U_{ry}. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

From the third equation of the system, the transfer function of the flux observer is determined. In an electric drive based on double inverter-fed induction motor the base motor is magnetized along the rotor circuit ( $i_{sx} = 0$ ), and the EMF  $\omega_2 L_{1r} \frac{L_m}{L_r} i_{sy}$  is compensated in the control system compensation block, therefore, the final transfer function will look like:

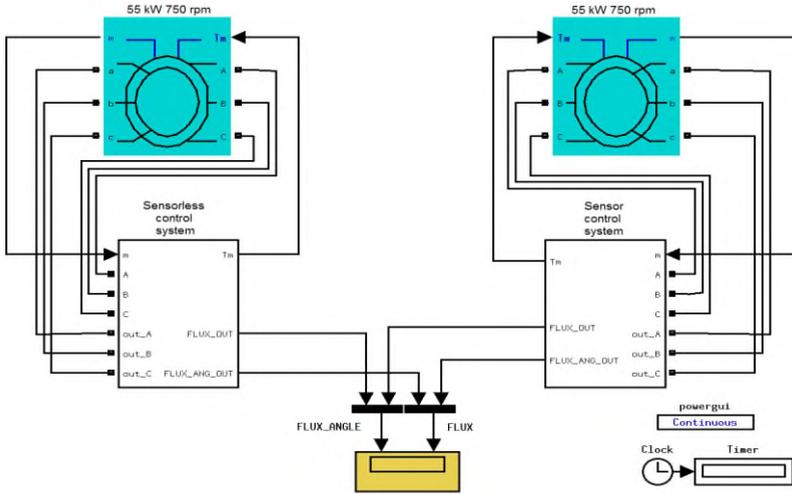
$$W_{\Psi_{\delta x}}(p) = L'_m i_{rx} \frac{1}{T_r p + 1} \quad (5)$$

In this strategy of the flux linkage estimation there is a mutual inductance parameter, which can be varies depending on the operating mode of the electric drive system [3, 11, 12, 14].

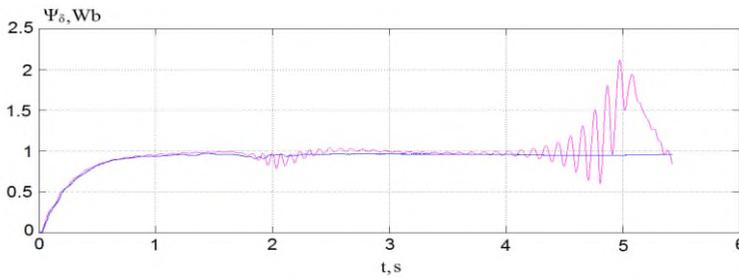
## 4 Simulation results

At Fig. 4 represents the Matlab software simulation model of two DFIM electric drives system - with proposed observers models and Machines Measurement Demux block as the flux linkage sensor in SymPowerSystem library. In the simulation the parameters of an induction motor with wound rotor of the industrial series 4AK250SB4U3 (rated power 55 kW) are used. In first case the motor parameters are equal to their rated values, and in the

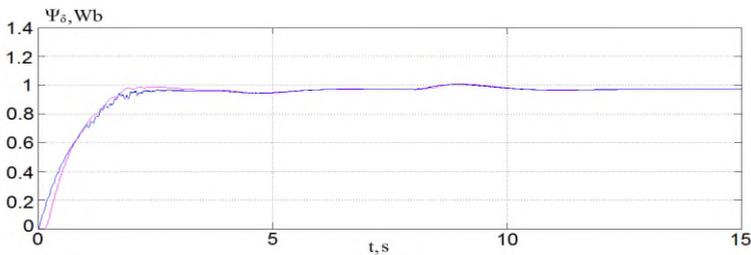
sensorless system it is changed within the limits considered above. The results of simulation of flux linkages are shown in Fig. 4-6.



**Fig. 4.** Simulation model of two drive systems.



**Fig. 5.** Simulation results of flux with  $R_r = 1.15R_r^*$ .



**Fig. 6.** Simulation results of flux with  $L_m=1.5 L_m$ .

In this option of electric drive, implementation of a speed observer model is easier than induction motor or permanent magnet synchronous motor electric drives. The research and implementation issues, simulation and experimental results of speed observer development for DFIM are described in detail in [9, 12, 14].

## 5 Conclusion

The proposed strategies of estimation of flux-linkage make it possible to exclude a flux linkage sensor from the control system and use a serial wound-rotor motor as the base machine. The flux linkage observer using for estimation the rotor voltage is sensitive to the resistance change and if it deviates by 5-10% of the rated value causes the FOC system can become unstable.

Significant influence on the evaluation of flux linkage is due to the presence of a DC component in the rotor voltage. To compensate for the integration error, it is necessary to introduce feedback into the integrator structure.

The application of the current model of observers can provide to errors of at least 15% in the flux linkage estimation in the low-load region, which affects the dynamics and losses. But in general, the system remains stable when a specified flux linkage is reached. Both proposed models of observers allow estimating the value of the flux linkage when the rotor is stationary. The simulation results showed the reliability of stability margin estimation using LabView software. It is advisable to combine two strategies of flux linkage estimation depending on the electric drive operating modes.

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