

Fuzzy logic based intelligent control of active front end converter for five phase voltage source inverter fed induction motor drive

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ABSTRACT

This paper deals with an active front-end converter (AFEC) for a 5- ϕ inverter-fed induction motor (IM) drive. Multi-phase IM drive stands as an evolving domain of electrical drive usages. Supply from the grid is prone to be unbalanced and affects the input power quality of adjustable multi-phase IM drives. This work proposes a fuzzy logic control strategy with the space vector pulse width modulation (SVPWM) switching scheme for the AFEC outer voltage control along with inner current control loops for attenuating the disturbances due to voltage unbalance conditions. This method of control can keep the power factor nearby unity on the AC side with sinusoidal AC current and constant DC voltage at the DC link capacitor. A 5- ϕ inverter designed with SVPWM for IM drive enables operation of the drive with reduced percentage total harmonic distortion (THD) in the voltage of output side. This SVPWM control for a 5- ϕ voltage source inverter (VSI) uses entire voltage of the DC bus and the output responses are more efficient having a minimal lower order THD. The dynamic performances of a 5- ϕ VSI fed IM drive are investigated. The simulation results show the system has an improved power factor at the front-end, constant DC voltage across the capacitor, low THD at the input current, and a superior output performance for the 5 phase IM based drive.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Multi-phase drives hold numerous advantages over 3- ϕ drives and are utilized in applications due to several benefits in the automotive, aviation, and electric power generation sectors. When there are even numbers of phases, the poles coincide alongside each other, reducing motor functioning. Hence, odd numbers of phases are chosen instead of even amount of phases [1], [2]. Also, the 5- ϕ induction motor (IM) has superior fault tolerance ability as compared with the 3- ϕ system, diverting attention to the development of multiphase machine control for industry applications [3]-[5].

Nonlinear loads such as variable speed IM drives are the source of harmonics in current, which produce reactive power and losses in the transmission line. It requires power factor correction (PFC) converters to limit the input current harmonics of modern variable speed drives (VSDs) as per IEEE519, IEC1000-3-2, and EN61000-3-2. Research interest in this form of pulse width modulation (PWM) converter has developed

rapidly over the past few years and various techniques have been proposed in the literature [6]-[8]. Design of direct power control (DPC) and DPC-space vector modulation (SVM) techniques for 3- ϕ PWM converters led to input side power quality improvement [9]-[15].

The fuzzy controller is an alternative solution to the PI controller and it is proposed for switched reluctance motor speed regulation. Its performance is found to be satisfactory compared to the conventional PI controller [16]. The selective harmonic elimination methods are proposed for high power electric drive with the goal to improve the system's power quality [17]-[20]. However, problems with input side power quality, including flicker, swell, and sag in the voltage, should be considered while designing the control algorithm for AFEC.

In this paper, dual control strategies with (space vector PWM) SVPWM are used to improve the line current quality at the AC input supply with unity PF and constant DC link voltage for IM drives. In the front-end decoupled control, fuzzy controller works better than PI controllers to achieve better dynamic performance. The SVPWM scheme generates the trigger pulses for IGBT switches in the AC-DC converter to have total control of input current total harmonic distortion (THD), reactive power, and DC bus potential. The SVPWM switching scheme is presented with regard to the 5- ϕ VSI-fed drive. This control uses the entire voltage of the DC bus and the output responses are more efficient having a marginally lower order THD.

2. VOLTAGE SAGS ON VSIDS

Unwanted tripping of the equipment depends on both unbalanced voltage and phase angle shift. The voltage sags in the AC input supply point is due to various faults in the power system. Voltage sag classification according to IEEE 1159 standards is given in Table 1.

The VSD comprises a front end converter, a DC bus and an inverter. Different types of sags may appear in the power system and it will disturb the performance of VSDs [21]. VSD performance depends on the hardware, software for the controller, and response time of a control system. The DC link may supply the energy during short sags, but for the longer sags the capacitor voltage reduces to a lower level and it cannot supply the energy. So, the inverter will trip during this condition. Analysis of instantaneous voltage sag and its mitigation are considered for the 5- ϕ IM drive.

Table 1. Voltage sag categorization

Type of sag	Duration	Magnitude (pu)
Instantaneous	0.01-0.4 sec	0.1 - 0.9
Momentary	0.4-3 sec	0.1 - 0.9
Temporary	3-1 min	0.1 - 0.9

3. ACTIVE FRONT-END CONVERTER FOR FIVE-PHASE IM DRIVE

Decoupled control is necessary, similar to DC motor control, to achieve good dynamic performance in the line side of an AC to DC converter. This decoupled control is possible only by the vector control method. The primary objective of vector control remains to transform the 3- ϕ quantities into 2- ϕ quantities. Here, input currents i_a, i_b and i_c are converted into i_q and i_d parameters. Reactive power is regulated through the i_q parameter, and DC capacitor voltage in the DC link by the i_d parameters. The feedback and forward control help to obtain a faster dynamic response.

There are certain power quality issues related to adjustable speed drives which need to be controlled at the front end of the IM drive system. The circuit in Figure 1 shows that the basic structure of a 3- ϕ PFC converter for a 5- ϕ IM drive consists of a dual closed loop including forward path, feed-forward control, and feedback control. The 3- ϕ quantities are transformed to 2- ϕ quantities for the purpose of decoupled control by sensing the 3- ϕ currents and voltages from the supply. SVPWM receives the $\alpha\beta$ components to produce gate signals that are fed to the converter.

3.1. Mathematical representation of front-end converter

The basic current relationship is given by (1). PWM converter input voltages can be described as (2)-(4).

$$i_a + i_b + i_c = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$V_a = L \frac{di_a}{dt} + R i_a + V_{ra} \quad (2)$$

$$V_b = L \frac{di_b}{dt} + R i_b + V_{rb} \quad (3)$$

$$V_c = L \frac{di_c}{dt} + Ri_c + Vr_c \quad (4)$$

Input line voltages of a PWM converter is given as (5)-(7).

$$V_{ra} = [S_a - \frac{1}{3}(S_a + S_b + S_c)] V_{dc} \quad (5)$$

$$V_{rb} = [S_b - \frac{1}{3}(S_a + S_b + S_c)] V_{dc} \quad (6)$$

$$V_{rc} = [S_c - \frac{1}{3}(S_a + S_b + S_c)] V_{dc} \quad (7)$$

The 3- ϕ system voltage equation under balanced condition is as (8)-(10).

$$v_L = v_I + v_S \quad (8)$$

$$V_L = Ri_L + L \frac{di}{dt} + V_S \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix} = R \begin{bmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{bmatrix} + L \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} V_{sa} \\ V_{sb} \\ V_{sc} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

In addition, for currents (11).

$$C \frac{dV_{dc}}{dt} = S_a i_a + S_b i_b + S_c i_c - i_L \quad (11)$$

The park coordinate transformation is used to obtain synchronous d-q coordinate equation [9].

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \cos \left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & \cos \left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\ \sin \theta & \sin \left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & \sin \left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$L \frac{di_d}{dt} = v_d - Ri_d + \omega Li_q - v_{rd} \quad (13)$$

$$L \frac{di_q}{dt} = v_q - Ri_q + \omega Li_d - v_{rq} \quad (14)$$

$$C \frac{dV_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} (S_d i_d + S_q i_q) - \frac{V_{dc}}{R_L} \quad (15)$$

Where:

$$S_d = S_\alpha \cos \omega t + S_\beta \sin \omega t \quad (16)$$

$$S_q = S_\beta \cos \omega t + S_\alpha \sin \omega t \quad (17)$$

$$v_{rd} = S_d V_{dc} \quad (18)$$

$$v_{rq} = S_q V_{dc} \quad (19)$$

v_{rd} , v_{rq} and S_d , S_q are input voltages of rectifier, switching function in synchronous rotating d-q coordinate, respectively. v_d , v_q and i_d , i_q are voltages and currents in synchronous rotating d-q coordinate, respectively, and ω is the angular frequency.

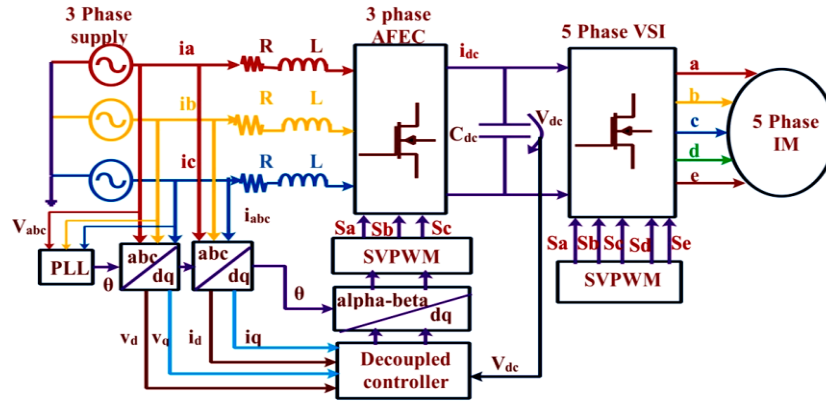


Figure 1. Active front-end converter for 5-φ IM drive

4. CONTROL STRATEGIES FOR AFEC

Voltage and virtual-based control are the 2 control strategies used for AFEC. In this paper, voltage based control is used for the PWM generation. The inner current loop of the VOC scheme is designed in such a way that it should give the best static and dynamic performance of internal control loops.

Figure 2 shows the voltage oriented d-q coordinate transformation, in that the AC input current i_L is divided into $i_L = [i_{Ld}, i_{Lq}]$, two rectangular components. The i_{Lq} part decides the reactive power, whereas the i_{Ld} part determines an active power flow. Hence, the two powers (real and reactive) are regulated independently.

The circuit achieves the unity power factor condition during the alignment of i_L and v_L . An (20) and (21) gives the simplified dynamic model of d-q synchronous frame voltage equations.

$$V_{Ld} = Ri_{Ld} + L \frac{di_{Ld}}{dt} + V_{sd} - \omega L i_{Lq} \quad (20)$$

$$V_{Lq} = Ri_{Lq} + L \frac{di_{Lq}}{dt} + V_{sq} - \omega L i_{Ld} \quad (21)$$

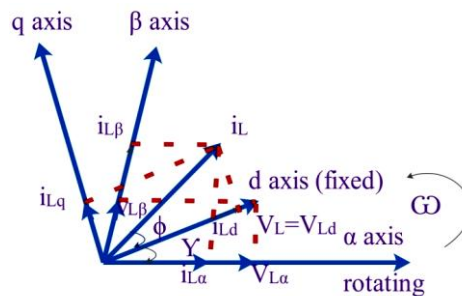


Figure 2. Phasor diagram of d-q to α-β co-ordinates transformation in VOC

Decoupled current control is essential for the AFEC to achieve high performance with accurate current tracking [9]. Figure 3 shows the flow diagram of such a decoupled current control for the AFEC. Real power and reactive power reference frame controls are referred to as i_d and i_q controls, respectively. DC link voltage steadiness shall be achieved by active power V_{dc} control loop as well as the power factor by the reactive power inner current control loop.

$$V_{sd} = \omega L i_{Lq} + V + \Delta v_d \quad (22)$$

$$V_{sq} = \omega L i_{Ld} + \Delta v_q \quad (23)$$

Here, the output of current controllers is as (24) and (25).

$$\Delta V_d = k_p(i_d^* - i_d) + k_i \int (i_d^* - i_d) dt \quad (24)$$

$$\Delta V_q = k_p(i_q^* - i_q) + k_i \int (i_q^* - i_q) dt \quad (25)$$

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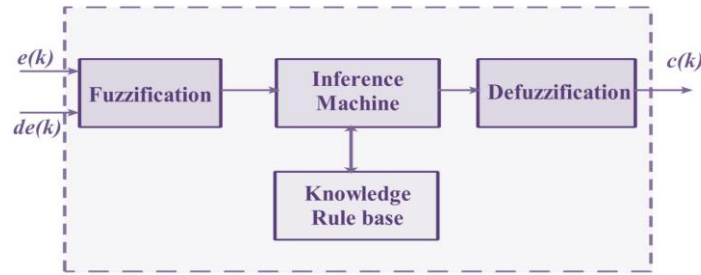
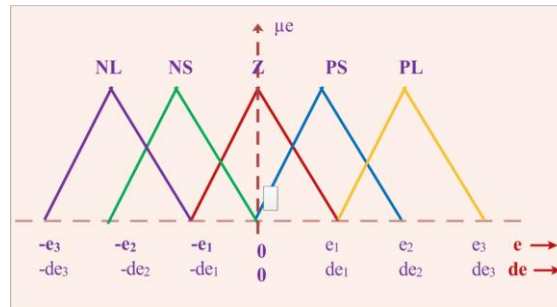


Figure 4. General FLC rule base system

Figure 5. FLC membership functions for both speed error (e) and previous state speed error (de)

5. PWM TECHNIQUES

The SVPWM control structure is presented in Figure 6. One switching cycle is divided into 8 states (V_0 to V_7) out of which 6 are active (V_1 upto V_6) and 2 are zero conditions (V_0 and V_7). The reference vector V_r is calculated, and it rotates over 360 degrees in all sectors. V_r travel in angle θ depends on switching frequency. Here, the SVPWM is used and the responsibilities are as follows:

- To sustain a constant and regulate the voltage in DC link with regard to changes in load and unbalance in the supply network.
- To minimize harmonics injected by the rectifier switching in the line side, and to provide UPF at the supply point.

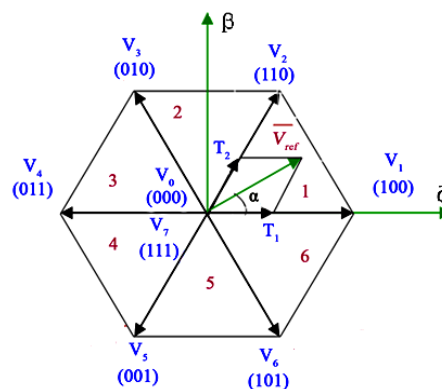


Figure 6. Space vector representation for the SVPWM technique

6. FIVE PHASE VSI WITH SVPWM CONTROL

The 5- ϕ 2-level VSI and its SVPWM control are shown in Figures 7 and 8. It can be represented in the (d_1 - q_1) space vector plane, which contains two zero vectors and thirty active vectors. The inverter has 32 switching state combinations (i.e., 2^n , where n is the number of phases) [22]–[25].

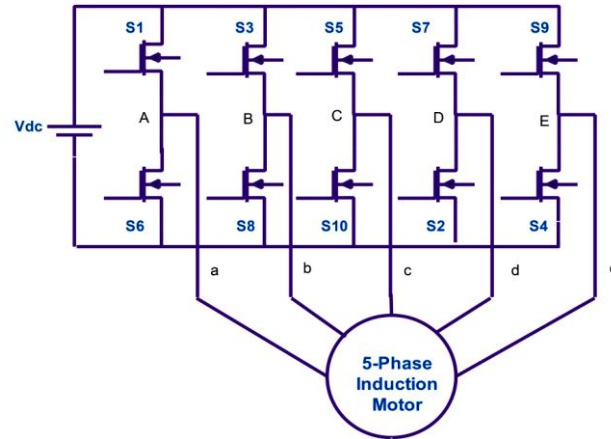


Figure 7. 5-φ VSI fed IM drive

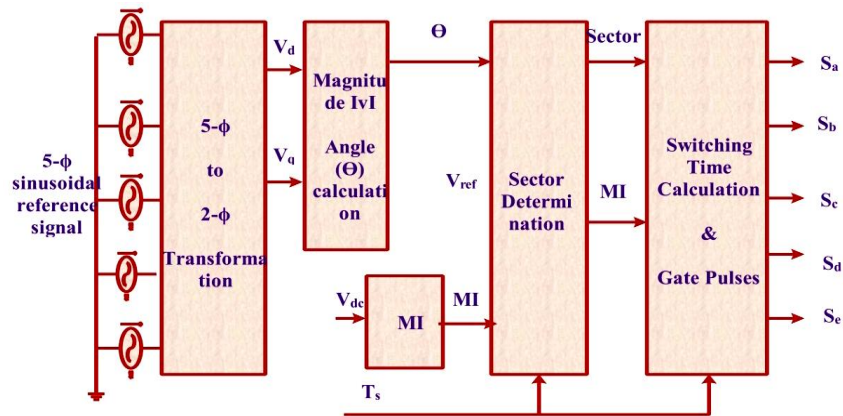


Figure 8. SVPWM control for 5-φ 2-level VSI

Inverter pole voltages could be used to express the 5-φ VSI's phase to neutral voltages ($V_a \sim V_e$) as shown in (30) and (31) [12].

$$V_j = \frac{4}{5}V_j - \frac{1}{5}\sum_{i,i \neq j}^5 V_i, \text{ if } j < 5 \quad (30)$$

$$V_j = \frac{4}{5}V_j - \frac{1}{5}\sum_{i,i \neq j}^4 V_i, \text{ if } j = 5 \quad (31)$$

In (28) indicates the 5-φ inverter voltages in 2-φ d-q plane. The value of a , a^2 , a^3 and a^4 are donated by (32) to (36).

$$V_{d1q1} = \frac{2}{5}V_{dc}[V_a + aV_b + a^2V_c + a^3V_d + a^4V_e] \quad (32)$$

$$a = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} + j \sin \frac{2\pi}{5} \quad (33)$$

$$a^2 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} + j \sin \frac{4\pi}{5} \quad (34)$$

$$a^3 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} - j \sin \frac{4\pi}{5} \quad (35)$$

$$a^4 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} - j \sin \frac{2\pi}{5} \quad (36)$$

The two zero vectors are the starting point for the 3 coordinated decagons made up of the thirty active vectors, and are shown in Figure 7. Inner, center, and outer decagon values are 0.2472, 0.4, and 0.6472, respectively. Tables 3 and 4 present magnitudes and phase angles of the vectors in d-q plane, which are calculated using (37).

$$V_{d1q1} = \frac{2}{5} V_{dc} [V_a + aV_b + a^2V_c + a^3V_d + a^4V_e] \quad (37)$$

The d_{1q1} plane's large decagon's space vectors are taken into account. As illustrated in Figure 9, the switching vector travels counter-clockwise from V25 to V17 to the neighboring space vector. The operation time for every switching state is determined using (38) to (40) and is displayed in Figure 10. The following formulas are used to determine every switching state's conduction period.

$$t_{al} = \frac{|V_{ref}| \sin\left(\left(\frac{K\pi}{5}\right) - \theta\right)}{V_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)} t_s \quad (38)$$

$$t_{bl} = \frac{|V_{ref}| \sin\left(\theta - \left((K-1)\frac{\pi}{5}\right)\right)}{V_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)} t_s \quad (39)$$

$$t_0 = \frac{t_s - t_{al} - t_{bl}}{2} \quad (40)$$

Large space vector's highest feasible fundamental voltage peak is as (41).

$$V_{max} = |V_1| \cos \frac{\pi}{10} V_{dc} = 0.6155 V_{dc} \quad (41)$$

Table 3. Magnitude and phase angle of vectors in d-q plane for decimal value 1-15

Decimal value	Equivalent binary number	d-q plane	
		Magnitude (pu)	Angle (degree)
0	00000	0	0
1	00001	0.4	-72
2	00010	0.4	-144
3	00011	0.6472	-108
4	00100	0.4	144
5	00101	0.2472	-144
6	00110	0.6472	180
7	00111	0.6472	-144
8	01000	0.4	72
9	01001	0.2472	0
10	01010	0.2472	144
11	01011	0.2472	-108
12	01100	0.6472	108
13	01101	0.2472	108
14	01110	0.6472	144
15	01111	0.4	180

Table 4. Magnitude and phase angle of vectors in d-q plane for decimal value 16-31

Decimal value	Equivalent binary number	d-q plane	
		magnitude (pu)	
16	10000	0.4	0
17	10001	0.6472	-36
18	10010	0.2472	-72
19	10011	0.6472	-72
20	10100	0.2472	72
21	10101	0.2472	-36
22	10110	0.2472	180
23	10111	0.4	-108
24	11000	0.6472	36
25	11001	0.6472	0
26	11010	0.2472	36
27	11011	0.4	-36
28	11100	0.6472	72
29	11101	0.4	36
30	11110	0.4	108
31	11111	0	135

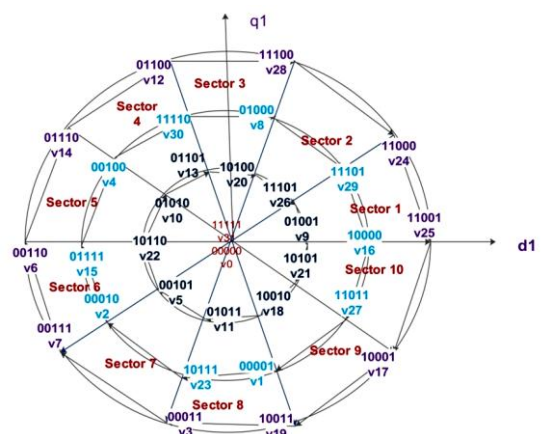


Figure 9. Switching states of d_1 - q_1 subspace

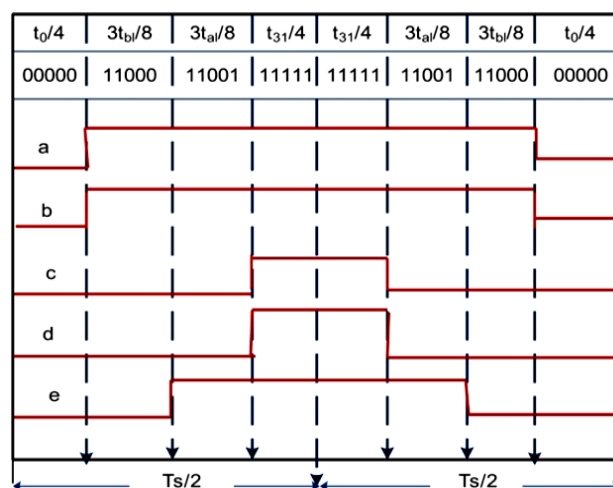


Figure 10. Switching sequences for large vectors of d_1 - q_1 sub-space

7. SIMULATION RESULTS

MATLAB/Simulink has been employed to develop the AFEC for the five phase VSI controlled IM drive and the specifications are given in Table 5. The 3- ϕ RMS input line voltage is 415 V, 50 Hz. The DC link capacitor is 560 μ F and the line value of inductance is 7 mH. In the steady state, the DC output potential is 400 V and 3 kHz is taken as the switching frequency.

Table 5. Parameters of the 3- ϕ active front-end converter fed 5- ϕ IM drive

Parameters	Values
Phase RMS voltage	230 V
Frequency	50 Hz
Line resistance, inductance	1 ohm, 7 mH
Reactive power (Ref. value)	0
DC bus voltage	400 V
DC link capacitor	760 μ F
Switching frequency	3 KHz
Power (P)	1 hp
Input voltage of motor (V)	220
Number of phases, total count poles (p)	5, 4
Stator resistance, inductance	10.1 Ω , 0.833 Henry
Rotor resistance, inductance	9.854 Ω , 0.782 Henry
Mutual inductance	0.782 Henry
Inertia of rotor	0.0088

The 5- ϕ IM fed from the AFEC without a power factor correction control is simulated. Three different sag conditions are simulated and the input current THD, power factor, real power, reactive power, and DC voltage variations are recorded. From Figure 11(a) the 3- ϕ voltage sag condition is observed with a reduction in voltage of 20% between 1 second and 1.3 seconds. The DC link potential is decreasing from 380 V to 282 V, as presented in Figure 11(b).

The power factor is as low as 0.72 because of reasonable reactive power in the system. There is a phase displacement amongst the voltage and current as depicted in Figures 11(c), 11(d), and 11(e), and the variations in torque and speed are undesirable, which can be observed from Figures 11(f) and 11(g). Similar to this, results are obtained for other two cases, and the input current harmonics and power factor are given in Table 6.

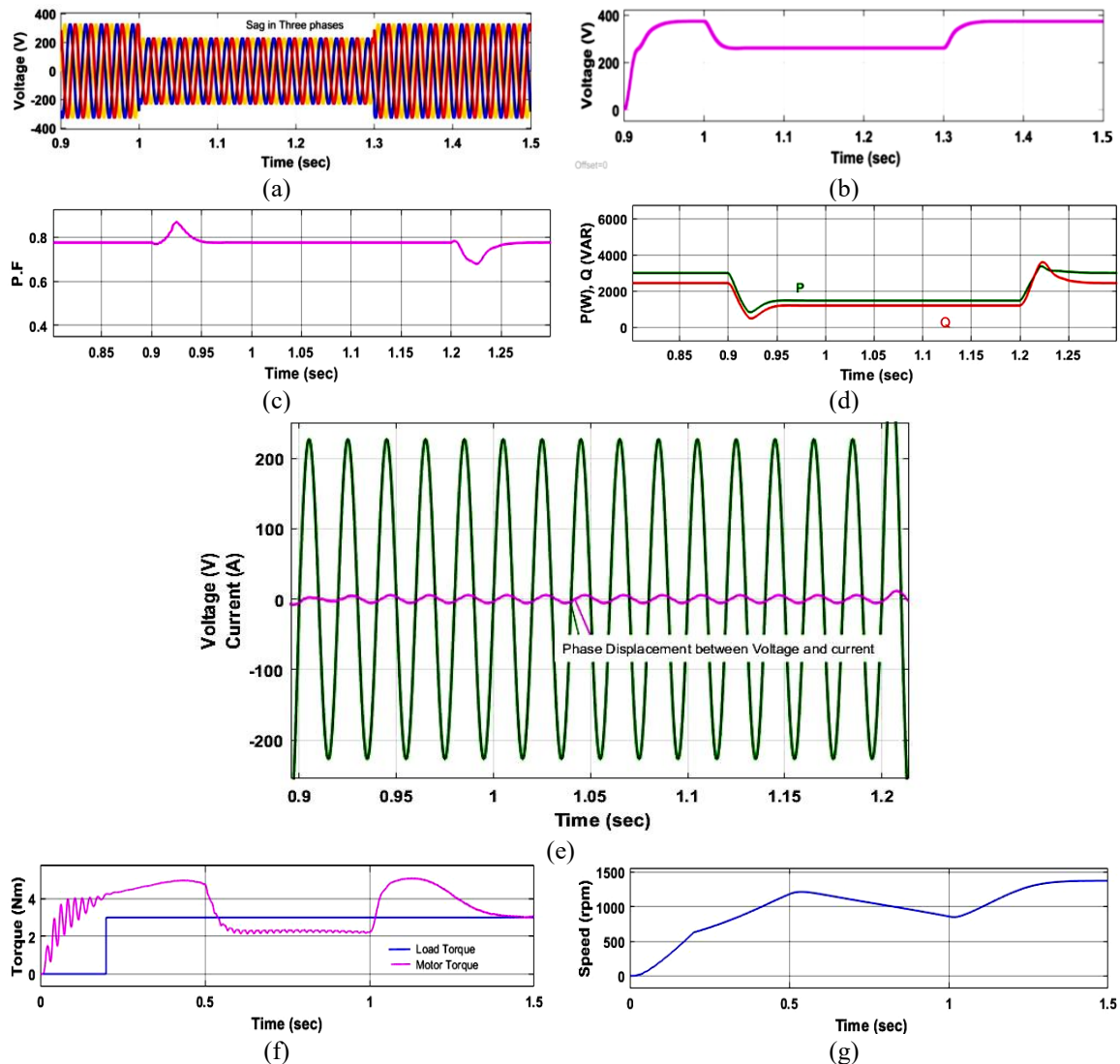


Figure 11. Responses of the 5- ϕ IM drive without AFEC: (a) voltage sag in all phases, (b) DC link voltage, (c) input power factor, (d) real and reactive power, (e) phase relationship between input phase voltage and current, (f) load and motor torque, and (g) speed response

This type of sag greatly affects the input power quality and the output functioning of the system. In order to improve power quality, the AFEC is designed and it is applied for the 5- ϕ IM drive. AFEC with decoupled control in the front end of the 5- ϕ IM drive improves the overall performance of the system. Two types of decoupled controls (PI and fuzzy) are proposed and the effectiveness of the control actions are compared.

Figures 12 and 13 indicate the responses of the system under 1- ϕ and 2- ϕ sag conditions. Similar to the previous case, the sag event is noticed between 0.9 and 1.2 seconds. The various responses show that the

controllers work better in improving the DC link potential, sinusoidal input current, input power factor, speed, and torque responses of the 5- ϕ IM drive system. The input current, harmonics, and power factor for all cases are presented in Table 6. From the table, the current harmonics for most of the conditions are found to be around 5 % and the corresponding power factor is near unity. These results clearly imply the effectiveness of the FLC's control over the PI controllers. Figure 14 shows the power factor comparison of AFEC with and without controllers.

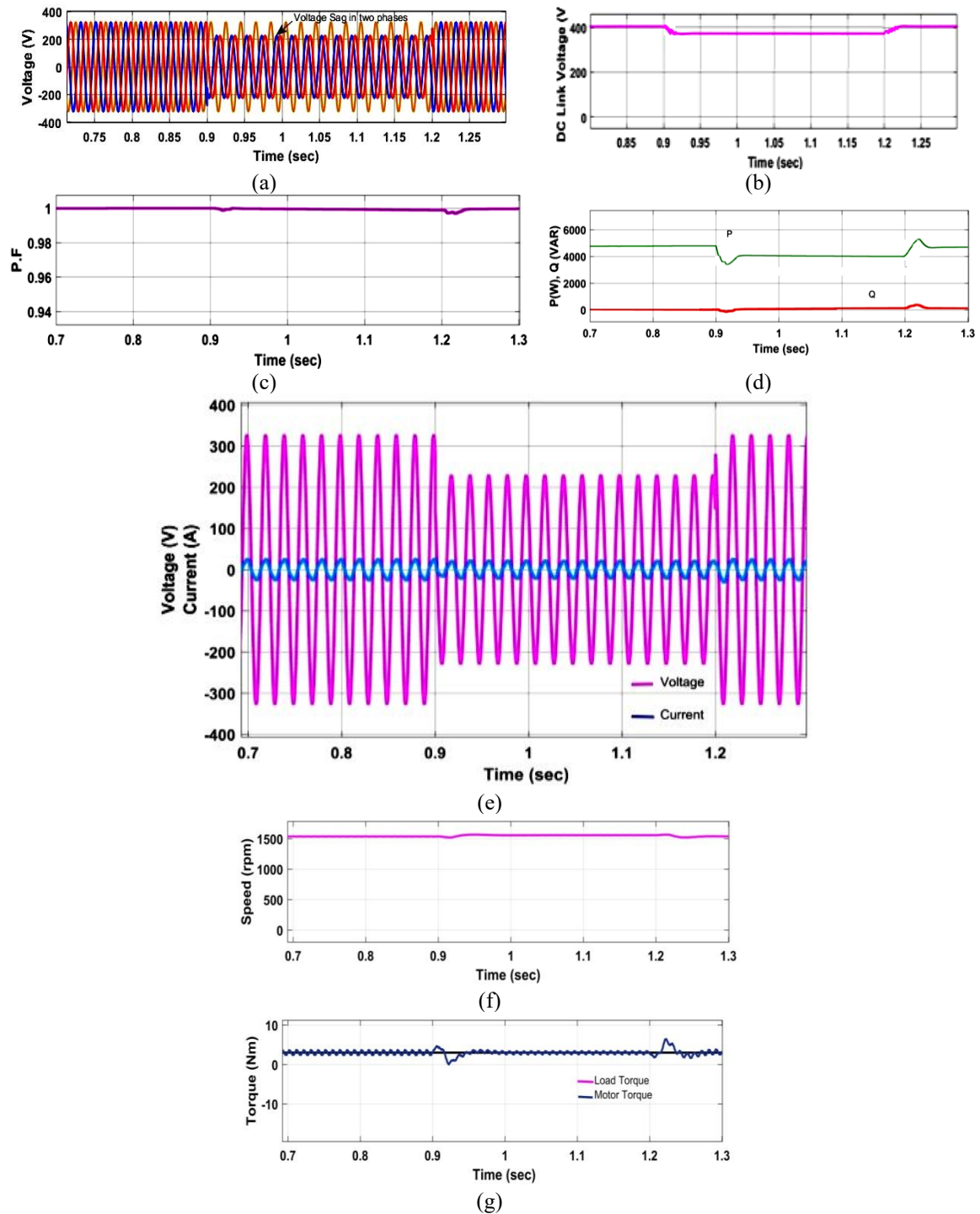


Figure 12. Responses of the 5- ϕ IM fed drive with AFEC: (a) voltage sag in two phases, (b) DC link voltage, (c) input power factor, (d) real and reactive power, (e) phase relationship between input phase voltage and current, (f) load and motor torque, and (g) speed response

Table 6. % THD in input current and power factor

Type of sag		% THD in input current			Power factor
		Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	
Without AFEC	Normal	18.67	18.41	18.57	0.88
	Case A (3- ϕ sag)	20.02	21.12	21.16	0.72
	Case B (2- ϕ sag)	17.27	40.94	45.65	0.786
	Case C (1- ϕ sag)	38.881	18.40	17.7	0.863
AFEC with PI controllers	Normal	7.55	7.59	7.45	0.999
	Case A (3- ϕ sag)	8.07	8.25	7.76	0.87
	Case B (2- ϕ sag)	16.91	27	10.63	0.968
	Case C (1- ϕ sag)	5.02	10.46	12.56	0.991
AFEC with fuzzy controllers	Normal	5.22	5.20	5.26	1
	Case A (3- ϕ sag)	5.4	5.63	5.09	0.997
	Case B (2- ϕ sag)	10.96	11.29	4.7	0.983
	Case C (1- ϕ sag)	4.46	5.89	8.16	0.998

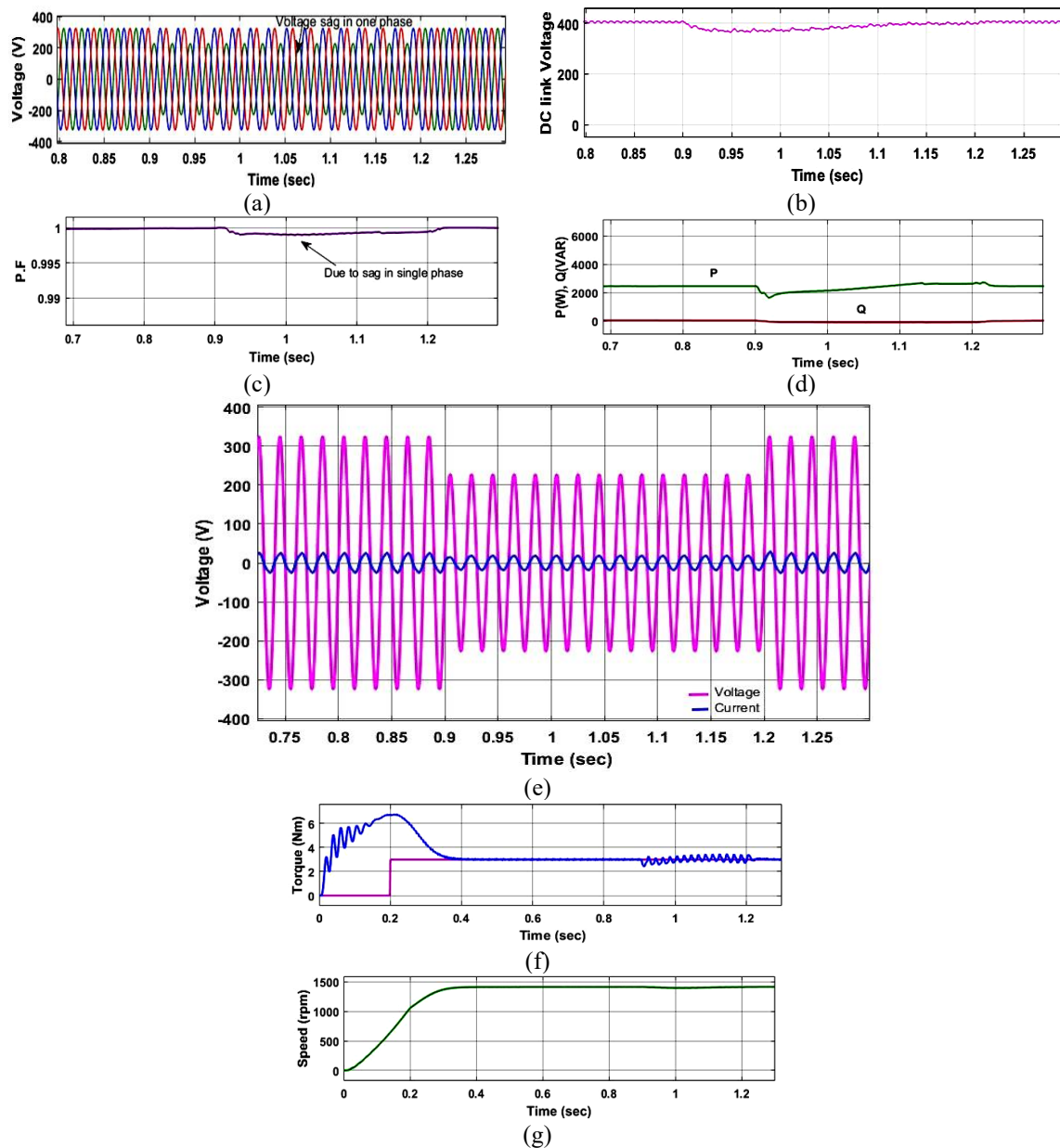


Figure 13. Responses of the 5- ϕ IM drive with AFEC: (a) voltage sag in single phase, (b) DC link voltage, (c) input power factor, (d) real and reactive power, (e) phase relationship between input phase voltage and current, (f) load and motor torque, and (g) speed response

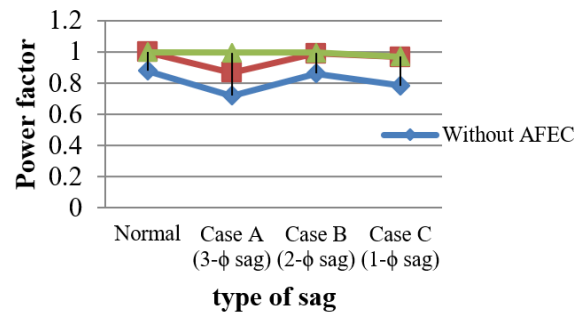


Figure 14. Comparison of power factor for with and without AFEC

8. CONCLUSION

In this paper, an intelligent fuzzy inference system for AFEC has been used to achieve the unity power factor control for a 5- ϕ SVPWM VSI controlled IM fed drive. The behaviour of the multi-phase IM drive changes when supply from the grid is prone to be imbalance situation. The conventional non-linear model is converted into the linear model using non-linear transformation. The designs of decoupled fuzzy controllers are more effective for reactive power minimization, and also, faster dynamic response could be attained in DC as well as reactive power values. This analysis is executed in the MATLAB Simulink for the front-end 5- ϕ SVPWM VSI based IM fed drive. The use of AFEC is able to compensate the voltage disturbance, and simulation results confirm the feasibility of the approach. The comparative evaluation confirms that the fuzzy controller offers enhanced control performance, characterized by reduced input current harmonic distortion and improved power factor under both normal and voltage sag operating conditions. This paper also presents the SVPWM switching scheme for a 5- ϕ VSI fed IM drive to reduce %THD in the output voltage. The SVPWM control for a 5- ϕ VSI provides operation of the drive with minimal THD in output voltages. This control also uses entire DC bus potential and the output responses are better with less magnitude for harmonics of lower order.

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