Enhanced DBCC for high-speed permanent magnet synchronous motor drives

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Abstract: High bandwidth and accuracy of the current control loop are fundamental requisites when a fast torque response is required or for facilitating the reduction of torque ripple in high performance drives, especially at high speed. One of the most suitable control methods to achieve these goals is dead beat current control (DBCC). Many types of DBCC have been proposed and implemented in literature. This paper proposes a DBCC incorporating two new functionalities. One is a two steps current prediction to improve prediction accuracy when current measurements are taken place before each sampling period; and particularly to reduce the overshoot during transients when mean value is used as current feedback. The second is a novel compensation method for the rotor movement to eliminate offset errors which occur at high speed. Moreover, the dynamic and steady state performance of the proposed DBCC is assessed in simulations. On the basis of the simulation tests, the control parameters are tuned for experiments and the performance of the proposed functionalities are verified. Finally, the advantage of DBCC, compared with a classical dq PI current regulator, is verified in experiments.

1. Introduction

Dead beat current control (DBCC) is categorized as belonging to the predictive control family. It is one of the possible solutions to achieve high-bandwidth and high-accuracy current control loop has been successfully applied for many industrial fields where high performance is required. For examples, for grid generation system in [1]; for multilevel converters in [2]; and for PMSM drives [3-8]. It has been for the first time introduced for the control of a PWM inverter used in an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) [9].

Permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSMs) are widely used in industry applications and different works have been proposed recently in literature [10-14]. In PMSMs, high-frequency electromagnetic torque ripple appears due to the distorted stator flux linkage, variable magnetic reluctance at the stator slots, and imperfect mechanical alignment. Therefore, high-bandwidth and high-accuracy in the current control loop (such as DBCC loop) are the fundamental requisites for facilitating the reduction of torque ripple or when a fast torque response is required in high performance PMSM drives. For example, the basic structure of DBCC for PMSM drives, which is embedded for the compensation of torque harmonics, is proposed and validated with simulation and experimental results in [3, 4]. Authors in [7] propose a DBCC scheme to achieve fast dynamic response.

Alongside the variety of DBCC schemes proposed for power electronics and drives, comparative studies against classical methods and the different types of DBCC have also been presented in [15-17]. It is

recognised in scientific literature that a current control loop with DBCC has potential to have higher bandwidth compared with a current loop using traditional PI current regulators. However, some of these studies claim that, given its model-based characteristic, deterioration of DBCC performance and eventual instability are possible due to mismatch in model parameter values, un-modelled delays, dead-time effects, and other errors in the model.

Many solutions have been proposed in literature in order to solve this problem. [18] proposes a fast PI controller based on deadbeat algorithm for active power filters. Disturbance observers have been applied to the DBCC for an UPS application to reduce control sensitivity for model uncertainties, parameter mismatches, and noise on sensed variables [19]. For a PMSM drive application, the DBCC combined with classical PI current regulators has been proposed to reduce the current errors that arise due to model mismatches and the non-ideal behaviour of the inverter during steady-state operation in [7]. For a three-phase PWM voltage-source inverter, the DBCC with an adaptive self-tuning load model has been proposed to reduce model mismatches in [20]. A current observer with an adaptive internal model is instead proposed in [21] to compensate system uncertainties of DBCC. A novel neural network-based estimation unit has been proposed to estimate, in real-time, the grid impedance and voltage vector simultaneously in [22].

Although the problem of DBCC has been claimed and many solutions has been proposed, quantitative assessments for its dynamic and steady-state performance on the pre-mentioned uncertainties are not sufficient in existing literature.

DBCC can ideally force the control error to zero in one sampling interval after a correct voltage has been applied to the motor. Since this "correct voltage" need to be calculated before being applied, the traditional DBCC implemented in [8] can achieve the current reference two sampling periods (one period for calculation and waiting to be applied at the beginning of the next period) after a new current reference has been applied in the controller. In such implementation, the current measurements are designed to be taken at the beginning of each sampling interval. It may be worth redesigning the traditional DBCC assuming measurements are taken place before the beginning of each sampling interval considering the following three reasons: 1) Feedback signals cannot be acquired instantaneously but sampling and conversion times are necessary before a new measurement is made available. In order to be sure that new measurements are available for the controller before the beginning of the next sampling period, the acquisitions need to be started in advance. In some cases, the amount of time the acquisitions are started in advance is much greater than the time strictly necessary because it could be more convenient to synchronize the acquisition to particular instants within the PWM pattern to minimize the acquired noise. 2) As the speed of PMSM increases, the current measured at the middle of the sampling interval can be more and more different from the value measured at the beginning due to rotor movement. Sampling in advance can possibly make the measurements more close to the mean current, therefore, the controller can work to bring the mean current to the demand. 3) Particularly, in case the current is oversampled for reducing noise, and mean current value is calculated as feedback, overshoots in current response may occurs using the traditional DBCC, which can be reduced by properly setting the advanced sampling time.

What is more, the rotor movement is also responsible for an error between the voltage demand and real voltage seen by the motor, consequently steady state error in current response increases as speed increases. Therefore, the rotor movement effect need to be compensated.

Hence, this paper first proposes a DBCC with two new functionalities: One is a two steps current prediction (section 2.1) to improve the accuracy of the current prediction when measurements are taken before the beginning of a period; and particularly in case of the mean current over a period is used as the feedback as in this paper, to cancel the false current error during transients. The other one is a novel compensation method for the rotor movement prediction (section 2.3) to eliminate offset errors which occur at high speed. Second, this paper reveals the influence of parameter mismatch and dead time of the inverter on the band-width, phase shift (delay) and steady state errors by a quantitative performance assessment supported by simulation validation (section 3.1). Third, based on the results of the simulative performance assessment, the parameters are tuned in the experiments and the effectiveness of the two proposed functionalities is verified (section 3.2). Fourth, the classical PI regulator is experimentally compared with DBCC to highlight the advantages of DBCC in terms of bandwidth and delay (section 3.3).

2. Proposed Dead Beat Current Control

This section demonstrates the proposed dead beat current control (DBCC) with two steps current prediction and rotor movement compensation.

The voltage equations of PMSM in a dq reference frame synchronous with the rotor are as follows:

$$v_{d} = R_{s}i_{d} + L_{d}\frac{di_{d}}{dt} - \omega_{e}L_{q}i_{q} \qquad (1)$$

$$di$$

$$v_q = R_s i_q + L_q \frac{d u_q}{d t} + \omega_e L_d i_d + \omega_e \psi_m \qquad (2)$$

Where, v_{dq} are the stator dq axis voltages, i_{dq} are the stator dq axis currents, ω_e is the rotor electrical angular speed. Stator inductances L_{dq} , stator resistance R_s , and permanent magnet flux linkage ψ_m are assumed to be independent from stator currents i_{dq} and rotor angle θ .

The inverter output is updated according to the dq stator voltage references v_{dq}^{ref} only at the beginning of every sampling period T_s . The timing sequence of DBCC is shown in Fig. 1. For clarity, relevant events and time durations are drawn only for the k^{th} sampling period.

The principle of DBCC is to calculate the $(k+1)^{\text{th}} dq$ voltage references considering time delays T_{cs} due to current detection (depending on when exactly the currents are sampled) and the sampling period T_s of the digital control. A priori knowledge of the motor model is exploited for this purpose. To ensure the availability of samples at the beginning the k^{th} interval, T_{cs} should be chosen long enough to cover A/D conversion and transmission times. Full calculations for the DBCC are executed in each sampling period T_s . Therefore the calculation time T_{cal} needs to be smaller than T_s . Essentially the required calculations are performed in three steps as follows:



Fig. 1. Timing sequence of dead beat current control.

2.1. Current Prediction

The calculated $(k+1)^{\text{th}} dq$ voltage references will be effectively applied at t_{k+1} , so the initial dq currents used for calculation should be those at t_{k+1} and not the ones measured at (t_k-T_{cs}) . This to prevent any overshoot or inaccuracy in the response during transients, since the dq currents at t_{k+1} can be different from those measured at $t=t_k-T_{cs}$ as a consequence of the reference voltages applied during the $(k-1)^{th}$ and k^{th} sampling periods. Since the $(k+1)^{th} dq$ currents are in the future with respect to the k^{th} sampling period (during which calculations are being performed), they must be predicted using the motor model. Considering that the $(k-1)^{th}$ and $k^{th} dq$ voltage references are applied in the time interval $[t_k-T_{cs}, t_{k+1}]$, the predictions must be performed in two steps. The first current prediction is to predict the dq currents at t_k using the $(k-1)^{th} dq$ reference voltages and the measured dq currents at t_k-T_{cs} . The second current prediction is to predict the dqcurrents at t_{k+1} using the $k^{th} dq$ voltage references and the previously predicted dq currents at t_k .

For the first current prediction, the stator voltage references $v_{dq}^{ref}(k-1)$ are used instead of the real stator voltages v_{dq} , since voltage sensor are not usually present in a drive for cost reasons. Please note that $v_{dq}^{ref}(k-1)$ are available during the k^{th} sampling period since calculated during the $(k-2)^{th}$ sampling period. The $v_{dq}^{ref}(k-1)$ and the rotor electrical angular speed $\omega_e(k)$ are assumed constant in one sampling period. $\omega_e(k)$ can be also assumed constant even in several sampling periods, since the mechanical system time constant is much larger than T_s . Furthermore, under the previous hypotheses, equations (1) and (2) can be rewritten as:

$$v_d^{ref}(k-1) = R_s i_d + L_d \frac{di_d}{dt} - \omega_e(k) L_q i_q \qquad (3)$$
$$v_q^{ref}(k-1) = R_s i_q + L_q \frac{di_q}{dt} + \omega_e(k) L_d i_d + \omega_e(k) \psi_m \qquad (4)$$

Both sides of equations (3) and (4) are integrated from t_k - T_{cs} to t_k .

$$\int_{t_{k}-T_{cs}}^{t_{k}} v_{d}^{ref}(k-1) dt = \int_{t_{k}-T_{cs}}^{t_{k}} \left\{ R_{s}i_{d} + L_{d}\frac{di_{d}}{dt} - \omega_{e}(k)L_{q}i_{q} \right\} dt \qquad (5)$$

$$\int_{t_{k}-T_{cs}}^{t_{k}} v_{q}^{ref}(k-1) dt = \int_{t_{k}-T_{cs}}^{t_{k}} \left\{ R_{s}i_{q} + L_{q}\frac{di_{q}}{dt} + \omega_{e}(k)L_{d}i_{d} + \omega_{e}(k)\psi_{m} \right\} dt \qquad (6)$$

The following equations are obtained from (5) and (6) assuming that current profiles are linear. This hypothesis is necessary for avoiding a closed-form solution of the differential equations (5) and (6). Although the hypothesis will not be true once the motor starts rotating and will even cause steady state errors in current responses, this steady state error can be cancelled by the rotor movement compensation method proposed in 2.3. The hypothesis may also be wrong if T_s is not sufficiently small (10 times) compared with the electrical time constant of the motor. In the case study of this paper, T_s is 52 times smaller than the electrical time constant.

$$T_{cs}v_{d}^{ref}(k-1) = \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{cs}}{2} + L_{d}\right)i_{d}(t_{k}) + \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{cs}}{2} - L_{d}\right)i_{d}(t_{k} - T_{cs}) - \frac{\omega_{e}(k)L_{q}T_{cs}}{2}\left\{i_{q}(t_{k}) + i_{q}(t_{k} - T_{cs})\right\}$$
(7)

$$T_{cs}v_{q}^{ref}(k-1) = \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{cs}}{2} + L_{q}\right)i_{q}(t_{k}) + \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{cs}}{2} - L_{q}\right)i_{q}(t_{k} - T_{cs}) + \frac{\omega_{e}(k)L_{d}T_{cs}}{2}\left\{i_{d}(t_{k}) + i_{d}(t_{k} - T_{cs})\right\} + \omega_{e}(k)\psi_{m}T_{cs}$$
(8)

The $k^{\text{th}} dq$ currents are detected at t_k - T_{cs} . Therefore the following assumptions for the measured currents are used to execute the first current prediction.

$$i_{d}^{mea}\left(k\right) = i_{d}\left(t_{k} - T_{cs}\right) \quad (9)$$
$$i_{q}^{mea}\left(k\right) = i_{q}\left(t_{k} - T_{cs}\right) \quad (10)$$

Therefore the estimated dq currents $i_{dq}^{pre}(k)$ of the first current prediction are derived from equations (7-10).

$$i_{q}^{pre}(k) = \frac{\left[a_{3}T_{cs}v_{d}^{ref}(k-1) + \frac{L_{q}T_{cs}^{2}}{2}\omega_{e}(k)v_{q}^{ref}(k-1) - \left\{\omega_{e}(k)^{2}a_{1} + a_{3}a_{4}\right\}i_{d}^{mea}(k) + L_{q}^{2}T_{cs}\omega_{e}(k)i_{q}^{mea}(k) - \frac{L_{q}T_{cs}^{2}}{2}\psi_{m}\omega_{e}(k)^{2}\right]}{a_{1}\omega_{e}(k)^{2} + a_{2}a_{3}}$$
(11)
$$i_{q}^{pre}(k) = \frac{\left[\frac{L_{d}T_{cs}^{2}}{2}\omega_{e}(k)v_{d}^{ref}(k-1) - a_{2}T_{cs}v_{q}^{ref}(k-1) + L_{d}^{2}T_{cs}\omega_{e}(k)i_{d}^{mea}(k) + \left\{\omega_{e}(k)^{2}a_{1} + a_{2}a_{5}\right\}i_{q}^{mea}(k) + a_{2}T_{cs}\psi_{m}\omega_{e}(k)\right]}{-a_{1}\omega_{e}(k)^{2} - a_{2}a_{3}}$$
(12)

Where,

$$a_1 = \frac{L_d L_q T_{cs}^2}{4}, \quad a_2 = \frac{R_s T_{cs}}{2} + L_d, \quad a_3 = \frac{R_s T_{cs}}{2} + L_q, \\ a_4 = \frac{R_s T_{cs}}{2} - L_d, \quad a_5 = \frac{R_s T_{cs}}{2} - L_q$$

In the experimental tests of this paper, the currents are sampled at a rate of 15MHz on the FPGA, and the mean current value over one sampling period is fed back to the controller so that it can bring the mean currents to its reference in steady state. As a consequence, to avoid the false current error during transients, it is necessary to use the first prediction to predict the real current at the end of each sampling interval from the mean value. In such case, the mean current can be assumed to be the same as the current measured at the middle of the sampling interval $i_{dq}(t_k-T_{s'}2)$ since a linear profile of current is assumed. Hence, only for taking into account the particular way the current are measured in the experimental system, $T_{cs}=T_{s'}2$ in this paper.

The second current prediction predicts the dq currents at t_{k+1} using the k^{th} voltage reference and the dq current at t_k obtained from the first current prediction. For the second current prediction, the stator voltage references $v_{dq}{}^{ref}(k)$ are used instead of the real stator voltages v_{dq} . Again, the $v_{dq}{}^{ref}(k)$ are available during the k^{th} sampling period since calculated during the $(k-1)^{th}$ sampling period and the $v_{dq}{}^{ref}(k)$ and the rotor electrical angular speed $\omega_e(k)$ are assumed constant during the sampling period.

$$v_{d}^{ref}(k) = R_{s}i_{d} + L_{d}\frac{di_{d}}{dt} - \omega_{e}(k)L_{q}i_{q}$$
(13)
$$v_{q}^{ref}(k) = R_{s}i_{q} + L_{q}\frac{di_{q}}{dt} + \omega_{e}(k)L_{d}i_{d} + \omega_{e}(k)\psi_{m}$$
(14)

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Both sides of equations (13) and (14) are integrated from t_k to t_{k+1} .

$$\int_{t_{k}}^{t_{k+1}} v_{d}^{ref}(k) dt = \int_{t_{k}}^{t_{k+1}} \left\{ R_{s} i_{d} + L_{d} \frac{di_{d}}{dt} - \omega_{e}(k) L_{q} i_{q} \right\} dt \qquad (15)$$

$$\int_{t_{k}}^{t_{k+1}} v_{q}^{ref}(k) dt = \int_{t_{k}}^{t_{k+1}} \left\{ R_{s} i_{q} + L_{q} \frac{di_{q}}{dt} + \omega_{e}(k) L_{d} i_{d} + \omega_{e}(k) \psi_{m} \right\} dt \qquad (16)$$

The following equations are obtained from (15) and (16).

$$T_{s}v_{d}^{ref}(k) = \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{s}}{2} + L_{d}\right)i_{d}(t_{k+1}) + \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{s}}{2} - L_{d}\right)i_{d}(t_{k}) - \frac{\omega_{e}(k)L_{q}T_{s}}{2}\left\{i_{q}(t_{k+1}) + i_{q}(t_{k})\right\}$$
(17)
$$T_{s}v_{q}^{ref}(k) = \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{s}}{2} + L_{q}\right)i_{q}(t_{k+1}) + \left(\frac{R_{s}T_{s}}{2} - L_{q}\right)i_{q}(t_{k}) + \frac{\omega_{e}(k)L_{d}T_{s}}{2}\left\{i_{d}(t_{k+1}) + i_{d}(t_{k})\right\} + \omega_{e}(k)\psi_{m}T_{s}$$
(18)

Once again the following relations are considered:

$$i_d(t_k) = i_d^{pre}(k) \qquad (19)$$
$$i_q(t_k) = i_q^{pre}(k) \qquad (20)$$

Therefore the estimated dq currents of the second current prediction are derived from the equations (17-20).

$$i_{d}^{pre}(k+1) = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} b_{3}T_{s}v_{d}^{ref}(k) + \frac{L_{q}T_{s}^{2}}{2}\omega_{e}(k)v_{q}^{ref}(k) \\ -\left\{b_{1}\omega_{e}(k)^{2} + b_{3}b_{4}\right\}i_{d}^{pre}(k) + L_{q}^{2}T_{s}\omega_{e}(k)i_{q}^{pre}(k) - \frac{L_{q}T_{s}^{2}}{2}\psi_{m}\omega_{e}(k)^{2} \end{bmatrix}}{b_{1}\omega_{e}(k)^{2} + b_{2}b_{3}}$$
(21)
$$i_{q}^{pre}(k+1) = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{L_{d}T_{s}^{2}}{2}\omega_{e}(k)v_{d}^{ref}(k) - b_{2}T_{s}v_{q}^{ref}(k) \\ + L_{d}^{2}T_{s}\omega_{e}(k)i_{d}^{pre}(k) + \left\{\omega_{e}(k)^{2}b_{1} + b_{2}b_{5}\right\}i_{q}^{pre}(k) + b_{2}T_{s}\psi_{m}\omega_{e}(k) \end{bmatrix}}{-b_{1}\omega_{e}(k)^{2} - b_{2}b_{3}}$$
(22)

Where,

$$b_1 = \frac{L_d L_q T_s^2}{4}, \quad b_2 = \frac{R_s T_s}{2} + L_d, \quad b_3 = \frac{R_s T_s}{2} + L_q, \quad b_4 = \frac{R_s T_s}{2} - L_d, \quad b_5 = \frac{R_s T_s}{2} - L_q$$

2.2. Voltage References with Current Predictions

The $(k+1)^{\text{th}} dq$ stator voltage references $v_{dq}^{ref}(k+1)$, applied in the period t_{k+1} to t_{k+2} , are calculated from the predicted dq currents at t_{k+1} , $i_{dq}^{pre}(k+1)$, and dq current references at t_k , $i_{dq}^{ref}(k)$, as in the following. Again, the current profiles are assumed to be linear in order to simplify the differential terms.

$$v_{d}^{ref}(k+1) = R_{s}i_{d}^{ref}(k) + \frac{L_{d}}{T_{s}}\left\{i_{d}^{ref}(k) - i_{d}^{pre}(k+1)\right\} - L_{q}\omega_{e}(k)i_{q}^{ref}(k)$$
(23)
$$v_{q}^{ref}(k+1) = R_{s}i_{q}^{ref}(k) + \frac{L_{q}}{T_{s}}\left\{i_{q}^{ref}(k) - i_{q}^{pre}(k+1)\right\} + L_{d}\omega_{e}(k)i_{d}^{ref}(k) + \psi_{m}\omega_{e}(k)$$
(24)

In this case, the $k^{\text{th}} dq$ current references will effectively set the dq currents at t_{k+2} , and consequently the digital control introduces a delay equal to two sampling periods. The only way to eliminate this delay is

to predict the $(k+2)^{\text{th}} dq$ current references starting from the k^{th} ones which are known only when the calculations are performed. However such a prediction is typically done by interpolation and is effective only in case of periodic references. When the $(k+2)^{\text{th}} dq$ current references, $i_{dq}{}^{ref}(k+2)$, are available, the $v_{dq}{}^{ref}(k+1)$ can be calculated from the $i_{dq}{}^{pre}(k+1)$ and the $i_{dq}{}^{ref}(k+2)$ as described by the following equations:

$$v_{d}^{ref}(k+1) = R_{s}i_{d}^{ref}(k+2) + \frac{L_{d}}{T_{s}} \left\{ i_{d}^{ref}(k+2) - i_{d}^{pre}(k+1) \right\} - L_{q}\omega_{e}(k)i_{q}^{ref}(k+2)$$
(25)

$$v_{q}^{ref}(k+1) = R_{s}i_{q}^{ref}(k+2) + \frac{L_{q}}{T_{s}}\left\{i_{q}^{ref}(k+2) - i_{q}^{pre}(k+1)\right\} + L_{d}\omega_{e}(k)i_{d}^{ref}(k+2) + \psi_{m}\omega_{e}(k)$$
(26)

For emphasizing the intrinsic delay of the DBCC, no prediction for the reference currents is performed in this paper.

2.3. Rotor Movement Compensation

The $v_{dq}^{ref}(k+1)$ are maintained for the whole $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$ sampling period; however during that period the rotor moves and the real dq voltages $v_{dq}^{real}(t)$ applied to it are different from the $v_{dq}^{ref}(k+1)$. Especially at high speed, the rotor movement in a sampling period is not negligible. Consequently, the non-constant real voltage $v_{dq}^{real}(t)$ is responsible for the nonlinear current profile, and the difference between the real average voltages $v_{dq}^{avg}(k+1)$ applied to the rotor during the $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$ sampling period and the reference voltages $v_{dq}^{ref}(k+1)$ is responsible for a steady state error/offset between the reference currents $i_{dq}^{ref}(k+2)$ and the actual currents at t_{k+2} . In order to avoid this issue, the novel technique proposed in this paper is to apply the compensated dq voltage references $v_{dq}^{com}(k+1)$ at t_{k+1} so that the average dq voltages $v_{dq}^{avg}(k+1)$ effectively applied to the motor during the $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$ sampling period are equal to the $v_{dq}^{ref}(k+1)$. The relationships between the instantaneous $v_{dq}^{real}(t)$ and the $v_{dq}^{com}(k+1)$ are described by the following equations with reference to the dq reference frame taking into account the rotor movement in Fig.2.

$$v_{d}^{real}(t) = \cos\left(\theta^{real}(t) - \theta(t_{k+1})\right) v_{d}^{com}(k+1) + \sin\left(\theta^{real}(t) - \theta(t_{k+1})\right) v_{q}^{com}(k+1)$$
(27)
$$v_{q}^{real}(t) = -\sin\left(\theta^{real}(t) - \theta(t_{k+1})\right) v_{d}^{com}(k+1) + \cos\left(\theta^{real}(t) - \theta(t_{k+1})\right) v_{q}^{com}(k+1)$$
(28)

The term $\left(\theta^{real}(t) - \theta(t_{k+1})\right)$ represents the difference between the instantaneous position and the initial position at the beginning of each sampling period. Therefore $\left(\theta^{real}(t) - \theta(t_{k+1})\right)$ can be replaced by $\left(\omega_{e}(k)t\right)$. Both sides of (27) and (28) are integrated from 0 to T_{s} to obtain:

$$T_{s}v_{d}^{avg}(k+1) = \int_{0}^{T_{s}}v_{d}^{real}(t)dt = \int_{0}^{T_{s}}\cos(\omega_{e}(k)t)v_{d}^{com}(k+1)dt + \int_{0}^{T_{s}}\sin(\omega_{e}(k)t)v_{q}^{com}(k+1)dt$$
(29)
$$T_{s}v_{q}^{avg}(k+1) = \int_{0}^{T_{s}}v_{q}^{real}(t)dt = -\int_{0}^{T_{s}}\sin(\omega_{e}(k)t)v_{d}^{com}(k+1)dt + \int_{0}^{T_{s}}\cos(\omega_{e}(k)t)v_{q}^{com}(k+1)dt$$
(30)



Fig. 2. dq reference frame for rotor movement.

The average voltages $v_{dq}^{avg}(k+1)$, compensated voltages $v_{dq}^{com}(k+1)$ and the rotor angular speed $\omega_e(k)$ are assumed constant for the integration interval. By imposing that the applied $v_{dq}^{avg}(k+1)$ equals to $v_{dq}^{ref}(k+1)$, the following equations are obtained from (29) and (30):

$$T_{s}v_{d}^{ref}(k+1) = \frac{\sin(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s})}{\omega_{e}(k)}v_{d}^{com}(k+1) - \frac{\cos(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}) - 1}{\omega_{e}(k)}v_{q}^{com}(k+1)$$
(31)
$$T_{s}v_{q}^{ref}(k+1) = \frac{\cos(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}) - 1}{\omega_{e}(k)}v_{d}^{com}(k+1) + \frac{\sin(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s})}{\omega_{e}(k)}v_{q}^{com}(k+1)$$
(32)

Therefore the $v_{dq}^{com}(k+1)$ are derived from (31) and (32).

$$v_{d}^{com}(k+1) = \frac{\left[T_{s}\sin(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s})\omega_{e}(k)v_{d}^{ref}(k+1) + T_{s}\left\{\cos(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}) - 1\right\}\omega_{e}(k)v_{q}^{ref}(k+1)\right]}{\sin^{2}\left\{\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}\right\} + \left[\cos\left\{\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}\right\} - 1\right]^{2}}$$

$$v_{q}^{com}(k+1) = \frac{\left[-T_{s}\left\{\cos(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}) - 1\right\}\omega_{e}(k)v_{d}^{ref}(k+1) + T_{s}\sin(\omega_{e}(k)T)\omega_{e}(k)v_{q}^{ref}(k+1)\right]}{\sin^{2}(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}) + \left\{\cos(\omega_{e}(k)T_{s}) - 1\right\}^{2}}$$
(33)

A scheme of the implemented control can be seen in Fig. 3.

3. Proposed control strategy Assessment with Simulation and Experimental tests

This performance evaluation is carried out with respect to three main issues: 1) the influence of detuned parameters and inverter dead time on the performance of DBCC, 2) the effectiveness of the proposed DBCC with two steps ahead predictions and rotor movement compensation, 3) the advantage of DBCC over classical PI regulators. This section is therefore divided into three parts, each one presenting the results relative to the previous three issues.

Simulation tests are carried out using MATLAB Simulink. The simulation model includes the permanent magnet synchronous motor, the controller, and the three phase inverter which is modelled considering a dead time related voltage error of which the polarity varies according to the polarity of the phase currents. The experimental test rig is set up as in Fig.3 where a DBCC and a PI controller are both implemented for comparison. The current control schemes can be switched over in the software easily. The speed control loop is used to keep the rotor speed constant or generate the high frequency sinusoidal signal in the i_q^{ref} for test reasons. A "Triphase" evaluation system, composed by an inverter and a real-time control platform is used in the experimental tests. The program in the FPGA inside the Triphase Realtime Target can be compiled directly using Matlab Simulink, and the Triphase converter is controlled by the Realtime Target to drive a Control Technique PMSM (115UMC300) with parameters as shown in Table 1. A Siemens induction motor (IM) (1LA9113) is used as load.

 Table 1 Motor Parameters

Name of parameter	Value	Name of parameter	Value
Rated power	2.54 [kW]	d axis stator inductances L_d	4.5 [mH]
Rated speed	3000 [min ⁻¹]	q axis stator inductances L_q	7.4 [mH]
Rated torque	9.4 [Nm]	Stator resistance R_s	1.4 [Ω]
Rated voltage	400 [V]	Magnetic flux linkage F_m	0.237 [Wb]
Rated current	5.9 [A]	Inertia	0.007 [kgm ²]
Number of pole pairs	3		





3.1. Performance Assessment

Regarding the desired performance for reducing torque ripple or achieving fast torque dynamic in

PMSMs, it would be ideal if the DBCC could track a wide frequency range of sinusoidal references with no attenuation, smallest possible phase shift and no offset in the average value. In this section, the Bode diagram is mapped in simulation to verify bandwidth, amplitude and phase response of DBCC, while, the steady state error in step response is mapped to verify the offset. In summary, the following results in 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 show that the dynamic performance (amplitude and delay) is affected mainly by detuned inductances while the steady state performance by the detuned magnetic flux.

3.1.1 Bode Diagram

For mapping Bode diagrams as shown in Fig.4, the reference current i_q^{ref} is set to be a sinusoidal signal with bias of 8.34A (the rated current), the motor speed N_r is set to be constant, and the amplification or attenuation in the magnitude of the response as well as the phase shift are calculated. This procedure has been repeated iteratively for current references of different frequencies and with different motor speed, different motor parameter detuned. For example, $L_d^{est}/L_d = 0.5$ in Fig.4b means that L_d^{est} (estimated in the control) is 50% of L_d (real value in the motor). It is also to be noticed that the results in Fig.4e for 10000rad/s and 5000rad/s are confirmed by the experimental results shown in Fig.9a and Fig.10a 10c in section 3.3.

Regarding bandwidth and amplitude response, the high bandwidth characteristic of DBCC is reliably maintained for varying speed N_r (Fig.4*e*) and for parameter mismatch of the magnetic flux F_m (Fig.4*d*). Also, since $i_d^{ref} = 0A$, the control performance is reliable with detuned L_d (Fig.4*b*). A mismatch of R_s (Fig.4*a*) not necessarily reduces the bandwidth, but may result in an increase (when $R_s^{est} > R_s$) or a decrease (when $R_s^{est} < R_s$) in the amplitude of i_q . In case of detuned L_q (Fig.4*c*), the bandwidth of DBCC can be significantly reduced when $L_q^{est} < L_q$; when $L_q^{est} > L_q$ the amplification introduced at high frequencies may bring challenges for the stability of the i_q control loop. It can thus be suggested, during the design of DBCC needs, to consider a smaller dq axis inductances for stability reason, but not too small to avoid sacrificing the bandwidth.

Before discussing the phase response, it would be necessary to define the smallest possible phase shift for DBCC. Theoretically, the reference current can be achieved only 2T_s after the reference change has been detected by the control or even longer (An example is given in Fig.7cd in 3.2.1) depending on the demanded current change and the available DC bus voltage. As a result, when operating below the voltage limitation, the phase shift of a signal is proportional to its frequency and equals to the frequency multiplied by 2T_s. This calculation is supported by almost all the phase plots in Fig.4 apart from the case of the detuned L_q (Fig.4c). Considering the worst case when $L_q^{est}=0.5L_q$ in Fig.4c, the phase lagging for 5000rad/s is 85.7°(=1.496rad) which is 28.4° more than the theoretical value (57.3°). However, if we convert the phase delay into a delay in time (i.e. 1.496/5000=299 µs), it can be seen that the delay is less than 1.5 times the theoretical value (2T_s). It is interesting to notice that the delay introduced by DBCC is affected mainly by detuned inductances, however, no significant influence is noticed when the detuned inductance is within a reasonable range (50% to 150% of the real value).





Fig. 4. Simulation results of bode diagrams of q axis current control loop ($i_d^{ref} = 0A$, bias of $i_q^{ref} = 8.34A$, $T_s = 100\mu s$) a $R_s^{est} = (0.5 \sim 1.5)R_s$, $N_r = 3000$ rpm b $L_d^{est} = (0.5 \sim 1.5)L_d$, $N_r = 3000$ rpm c $L_q^{est} = (0.5 \sim 1.5)L_q$, $N_r = 3000$ rpm d $F_m^{est} = (0.5 \sim 1.5)F_m$, $N_r = 3000$ rpm e $N_r = 10, 3000, 6000$ rpm

3.1.2 Steady State Error Plot

For mapping the steady state error plots as shown in Fig.5, both the reference current i_{dq}^{ref} and motor speed N_r are set to be constant and the error at steady state in the response current i_{dq} are calculated using the equations (35)(36). Again, the procedure is repeated for different settings of reference current value, motor speed, detuned motor parameter, and inverter dead time. Fig.6 shows the influence of switching devices dead time on the steady state errors in current responses using DBCC. The sampling frequency of DBCC is fixed at 10kHz while the dead time varies from 0µs to 10µs.

Steady – state error for
$$i_d = \frac{i_d - i_d^{ref}}{\sqrt{\left(i_d^{ref}\right)^2 + \left(i_q^{ref}\right)^2}} \times 100$$
 (35)
Steady – state error for $i_q = \frac{i_q - i_q^{ref}}{\sqrt{\left(i_d^{ref}\right)^2 + \left(i_q^{ref}\right)^2}} \times 100$ (36)

Considering that practically the machine parameters are tuned before actual operation, the mismatches in parameters are likely to be within $\pm 20\%$; also for surface mounted PMSM, the d axis reference current i_d^{ref} is normally controlled to be zero without field weakening. One important finding from Fig.5 and 6 is

that the steady state offset of DBCC is the most sensitive to the magnetic flux F_m and the dead time of inverter. Although the dead time effect can be compensated by many existing compensation methods[23], considering the results shown in Fig.4e it may also be possible to compensate the remaining steady state errors at a certain speed (non-zero) by tuning the estimated F_m in the control since the performance of the DBCC will not be influenced by F_m .

Another interesting finding is that the results in Fig.5 and 6 may give a clue for offline tuning of the machine parameters. For example, through increasing the estimated F_m , L_d , and R_s or decreasing the estimated L_q in the controller, the *d* axis current i_d can be increased; Similarly, the *q* axis current i_q can be increased by increasing the estimated F_m , L_q , and R_s or decreasing the estimated L_d in the controller; As the dead time increases, the steady state error positively increases in i_d and negatively increases in i_q .





Fig. 5. Simulation results of steady state current errors of DBCC due to parameter detuning $(i_d^{ref} = 0A, i_q^{ref} = 8.34A)$ a $R_s^{est} = (0.2 \sim 2)R_s$, $N_r = 0 \sim 6000$ rpm b $L_d^{est} = (0.2 \sim 2)L_d$, $N_r = 0 \sim 6000$ rpm c $L_q^{est} = (0.2 \sim 2)L_q$, $N_r = 0 \sim 6000$ rpm d $F_m^{est} = (0.2 \sim 2)F_m$, $N_r = 0 \sim 6000$ rpm



Fig. 6. Simulation results of steady state current errors of DBCC due to dead time $(i_d^{ref}=0A, N_r=3000rpm)$ a $i_q^{ref}=0.8A$ b $i_q^{ref}=8.34A$

3.2. Effectiveness of the Proposed DBCC

Turning now to the experimental tests of the proposed DBCC with two steps current prediction and rotor movement compensation, the machine parameters are tuned based on the findings in 3.1.2 and the results are as shown in Table 1. It is also to be noticed that the IGBT voltage drops and dead time of inverter is compensated by using a lookup table as demonstrated in [23].

3.2.1 Two Steps Prediction and Operating at Physical Limit

The current responses of DBCC to rectangular current references below and above voltage limitation

are shown in Fig.7bc. In both cases, the rectangular current references are generated by the i_d current loop. Moreover, the current responses of the same rectangular reference using the proposed DBCC (with two steps current prediction) and the traditional DBCC (with only one step prediction) are compared in Fig.7b to show the necessity of having two steps current prediction instead of one.

It can be seen from Fig.7a that with properly tuned parameters and properly compensated inverter nonlinearities, the proposed DBCC can achieve zero steady state error in the response.

By comparing the measured current (green) and the first prediction current (red) in Fig.7b, it can be seen that the first prediction current reaches its demand after $2T_s$ and the measurement current, which is a mean current, reaches the demand after $3T_s$. By comparing the measured current (green) for the proposed DBCC and the measured current (light blue) for the traditional DBCC (the first prediction is removed), it can be seen that an overshoot of 18.6% occurs without the first prediction. These results confirm the necessity of the first prediction as discussed in 2.1. The first prediction works to predict the real instantaneous current at 4.0003s so that the controller can have a fairly accurate judgement of whether the demand has been achieved or not.

Fig.7c shows that a longer settling time (as discussed in 3.1.1) of $5T_s$ is required for DBCC to achieve a current step of 11A with the peak value of the three-phase voltage limited at 450V.



Fig. 7. Experimental results of rectangular current responses of DBCC a With the proposed DBCC, id^{ref} is 0.5Hz (the inverter compensation is activated around 2s) b Comparison between the proposed DBCC and the traditional DBCC (without the first prediction), id^{ref} is 0.5Hz c With the proposed DBCC and inverter compensation, id^{ref} steps from 0A to 11A (above voltage limitation)

d The module of reference voltage under condition c

3.2.2 Rotor Movement Compensation

Figs.8a and 8b show the effects of the rotor movement compensation in simulation, which starts at 0.01s. The voltage references maintain a maximum two sampling time delays including a calculation step. Therefore it is shown that the offsets start to decrease after 2 sampling periods. Similarly, the experimental results in Figs.8c and 8d confirm the effectiveness of the proposed rotor movement compensation. The steady errors are calculated by equations (35) and (36), where mean values are used for i_d and i_q in the equations. By adding the proposed rotor position compensation, at 1000rpm, the steady state error in i_d reduces from 132% to 122%, while the error in i_q reduces slightly from -19% to -17%. Meanwhile, at 2930rpm, the steady state error in i_d reduces significantly from 81% to 27%, while the error in i_q reduces by half from -37% to -18%. It is obvious from both the simulation and the experiment that the rotor position compensation works for all speeds, but is much more effective at high speed as discussed in 2.3. Unfortunately, due to the parameter variations in motor and imperfect inverter compensation, the rotor position compensation method cannot remove all steady state errors in the experiments.



-0.2^L

0.002

0.004 0.006 Time [s]

d

0.008

0.01



0.004 Time [s]

0.006

c

a Simulation results i_q^{ref} =5A, N_r=100rpm; b Simulation results i_q^{ref} =5A, N_r=5000rpm

0.002

-0.2

c Experimental results $i_d^{ref} = 0A$, $N_r^{ref} = 1000$ rpm, the rotor position compensation is activated at 0.005s

0.008

0.01

d Experimental results $i_d^{ref} = 0A$, $N_r^{ref} = 2930$ rpm, the rotor position compensation is activated at 0.005s

3.3. Comparison Between DBCC and PI

Furthermore, the performance of DBCC is compared with that of a conventional dq PI current regulator with a decoupling circuit. The bandwidth of the dq PI control loop used for comparison is designed to be around 900Hz with classical SISO control design methods. The no load test results for the current responses to a very high frequency current reference (10000rad/s) are shown in Fig.9. The no load and full load test results for the current responses to a high frequency current reference (5000rad/s) are shown in Fig.10. The full load operation is tested using a commercial drive (ABB ACS800-11). The ABB drive is operated under a speed control mode. The rotor speed is kept at 2500rpm, and the i_q^{ref} is set at the rated value of 8.34A. No tests are performed for frequencies higher than 10000rad/s since it is unlikely to have speed ripple at such high frequencies due to the low-pass filtering effect of the mechanical system.



Fig. 9. Experimental results of current responses for a very high frequency $(Nr^{ref} = 2930 + 30sin(10000t) rpm, id^{ref} = 0A)$ a No load, DBCC









Fig. 10. Experimental results of current responses for a high frequency $(id^{ref}=0A)$ a No load, DBCC Nr^{ref}= 2930+30sin(5000t) rpm b No load, PI Nr^{ref}= 2930+30sin(5000t) rpm c Full load, DBCC N_r= 2500 rpm, i_q^{ref}=8.34+0.5sin(5000t) A d Full load, PI N_r= 2500 rpm, i_q^{ref}=8.34+0.5sin(5000t) A

For DBCC, it can be seen from Fig.9a that the first current prediction is able to track the reference after two samples which is the smallest possible delay as discussed in 3.1.1. The phase shift is 115° (=2rad) which is exactly 10000rad/s multiplied by $2T_s$ (=0.0002s). This last result confirms the phase plot in Fig.4e. Additionally, the attenuation is about -0.55dB. This is reasonably close to the simulated result for 10000rad/s (-0.8dB) as shown in Fig.4e. Furthermore, the attenuation (-0.25dB) and phase shift (57°) for 5000rad/s in Fig.4e is also supported by the experimental results as shown in Fig.10ac, where the phase lag of the first prediction current equals to 5000rad/s multiplied by $2T_s$ (=0.0002s), thus 57°, and the attenuation is about -0.61dB.

When using a traditional PI regulator, as can be seen from Fig.9b and Fig.10bd, the phase lag for 10000rad/s is about 200° (=3.5rad), which can be also represented by a delay time of 350μ s (=3.5rad divided by 10000rad/s); the phase lag for 5000rad/s is about 133° (=2.3rad), which is equivalent to a delay time of 460 μ s. Moreover, the signal is attenuated of -9.7dB (out of bandwidth) at 10000rad/s and of -1.4dB at 5000rad/s. Although the bandwidth and response can be improved by a better designed PI, the fact that the delay of the PI control loop varies with frequency cannot be changed.

It is worth noting that, in the no load test, the PMSM is driven under speed control mode, while in the full load test, it is under current or torque control mode. Practically, depending on specific applications, PMSM can also be operating under position control mode. Cascaded outer loops are added when under speed or position control modes. These experimental tests confirm the same behavior of the inner current loop under different control modes. When choosing between DBCC and PI, it is worth to consider if only inner loop is used (i.e. in torque control mode), or outer loops are used (i.e. in speed and position control mode) since the steady state error of current response can matters more in the toque control, and delay of the current loop may be more important when outer loop are present.

Analyzing the results for DBCC and PI, considering the current references is likely to be a signal containing more than one frequency under speed or position control mode and that the operating point is likely to be within physical limits, DBCC can be a better choice than PI for the inner loop due to its capability of producing the same delay time for all frequencies. This can benefit the design of the outer loop since the delay of a deadbeat current loop can be easier compensated than that of a PI current loop.

4. Conclusions

This paper has presented an improved high performance DBCC including two steps current predictions and a novel rotor movement compensation method for PMSM motor drives and has provided a detailed performance assessment under different operating conditions supported by simulation and experimental results. The two steps current prediction is necessary to improve the accuracy of the current prediction during transients. The rotor movement compensation is particular useful at high speed for reducing steady state errors in the current response due to the rotor position changing during each sampling period. Bode diagrams of the DBCC controlled system show that the bandwidth and phase response characteristic of DBCC are reasonably maintained even in the case of parameter detuning. Steady state analysis of the DBCC is useful in the design phase in order to indicate the current responses obtained with mismatched parameters, so to facilitate control tuning. The comparison between DBCC and a traditional PI regulator in dq reference frame with decoupling circuit in terms of control dynamics and steady state characteristics shows the main convenience of using DBCC, besides faster dynamics, is to have the fixed delay time for different frequencies. Therefore, the delay introduced by the DBCC loop can be compensated from the outer loop easily.

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