

SPEED CONTROL OF INDUCTION MOTORS USING HYBRID PI PLUS FUZZY CONTROLLER

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ABSTRACT

The conventional speed controllers for vector control of induction motor drive (VCIMD) suffer from the problem of stability; besides, these controllers such as PD/PID controllers show either steady state error or sluggish response to the perturbation in reference setting or during load perturbation. In this paper, one method has been implemented on a 3 phase, 50 HP(37KW), cage type induction motor . According to this, a PI plus Fuzzy hybrid controller is implemented. At first, the PI controller is investigated for speed control of Induction Motor then Hybridization of fuzzy logic (FL) and PI controller for the speed control of given motor is performed to remove the disadvantages of FL controller (steady-state error) and PI controller (overshoot and undershoot). For experimental analysis, we have used MATLAB SIMULINK of Induction Motor. According to the simulation results, hybrid controller creates better performance in terms of rise time, overshoot, undershoot and settling time .The Comparison analysis shows that in the PI controller it requires more settling time and steady state speed error but the speed response with this controller has no overshoot and settles faster in comparison with FL controller and it improves the torque disturbances rejections .

KEYWORDS: Induction Motor Indirect Vector Control, Hybrid Controller (PI+FL).

I. INTRODUCTION

An induction motor is an asynchronous AC (alternating current) motor. The least expensive and most widely used induction motor is the squirrel cage motor. The interest in sensor less drives of induction motor (IM) has grown significantly over the past few years due to some of their advantages, such as mechanical robustness, simple construction, and less maintenance. These applications include pumps and fans, paper and textile mills, subway and locomotive propulsions, electric and hybrid vehicles, machine tools and robotics, home appliances, heat pumps and air conditioners, rolling mills, wind generation systems, etc. So, Induction motors have been used more in the industrial variable speed drive system with the development of the vector control technology. This method requires a speed sensor such as shaft encoder for speed control.

The control and estimation of ac drives in general are considerably more complex than those of dc drives, and this complexity increases substantially if high performances are demanded. The main reasons for this complexity are the need of variable-frequency, harmonically optimum converter power supplies, the complex dynamics of ac machines, machine parameter variations, and difficulties of processing feedback signals in the presence of harmonic PI controller can never achieve perfect control, that is, keep the speed of induction motor continuously at the desired set point value in the presence of disturbance or set point changes. Therefore, an advanced control technique such as fuzzy logic controller is needed. Fuzzy systems are applied in wide range of academic and industrial fields such as modelling and control, signal processing, medicine, and etc. An important Fuzzy Logic application is finding a new solution for control problems that will be discussed later. The present paper discusses a Fuzzy Logic Based intelligent controller. A Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC) does not need complex mathematical algorithms and is based on the IF_THEN linguistic rules. Principle of vector control method is the use of coordinate transformation which to produce the same rotating magnetic potential and transformed the same power as the standard. It creates equivalent relation among a three-phase winding, two-phase AC windings and the rotation of the DC winding in order to

seek the equivalent model of induction motor windings of the DC motor. To establish a Simulation model of induction motor vector control system can effectively save control system design time and validate the algorithm.

Next section II describes the literature review regarding the methods of indirect vector control using fuzzy controllers. Section III and IV describes method of hybrid controller and related terminologies. Section V presents the experimental setup for further conclusions.

II. RELATED WORK

Basically, methods of speed control of induction motor are categorized into two types such as scalar control and vector control. Scalar control as the name indicates, is due to magnitude variation of the control variable only, and disregards the coupling effect in machine. For example, the voltage of machine can be controlled to control the flux, and frequency or slip can be controlled to control the torque. However flux and torque are also function of voltage and frequency respectively. Vector control was invented in the late 1960 [2]. The vector control is also known as decoupling, orthogonal, or trans- vector control. The higher order and coupling model of the machine that gives complex stability and sluggish response problems in a scalar controlled drive tend to vanish with vector control. The FOC schemes are classified into two groups: the direct method of field orientation and the indirect method of field orientation.

Iulian Birou & Virgil Maeir [3] designed fuzzy controller is designed indirect vector control of an induction motor to achieve fast dynamic response and robustness for low and high speeds. Different types of membership functions of the linguistic variables and output/input characteristics are analyzed. A simple, but robust structure enables a wide range speed control of the driving system. The rotor flux field oriented control (FOC) is realized by using a flux observer based on the IM model with nonlinear parameters.

Vinod Kumar, R. Joshi [4] presents a hybrid system controller, incorporating fuzzy controller with vector-control method for induction motors. The vector-control method has been optimized by using fuzzy controller instead of a simple P-I controller. High quality of the regulation process is achieved through utilization of the fuzzy logic controller, while stability of the system during transient processes and a wide range of operation are assured through application of the vector-control.

Field orientation control (FOC) of induction machines has permitted fast transient response by decoupled torque and flux control. However, field orientation detuning caused by parameter variations is a major difficulty for indirect FOC methods. Traditional PID controllers have trouble meeting a wide range of tracking performance even when proper field orientation is achieved. PID performance is severely degraded when detuning occurs. Heber [5] presents a fuzzy logic design approach that will meet the speed tracking requirements even when detuning occurs.

Ali Saghafinia, Hew W. Pinga & M. Nasir Uddin [6] presented a new design of fuzzy self-tuning hybrid fuzzy controller for IFOC induction motor drives. Induction motor drive with the appropriate design of hybrid fuzzy controller as speed controller could be high performance under steady state and transient state. In this hybrid fuzzy controller coefficients should be tuned for high performance and robust IM drive under steady and transient conditions. The results show the effectiveness of the proposed adaptive fuzzy self-tuning hybrid fuzzy controller (AFSHFC) based IM drive at different operating conditions.

Fuzzy logic, unlike Boolean logic, deals with problems that have vagueness, uncertainty, or imprecision, and uses membership functions with values between 0 and 1 to solve the problem Fuzzy control, similar to expert system based control, is described by a set of IF-THEN production rules, and is often defined as fuzzy expert system[7]. In [8], fuzzy-logic-based intelligent controllers have been proposed for speed control of FOIM drives.

Motivated by the successful development and application in [8] proposed a hybrid PID + fuzzy controller consisting of a PID controller and a fuzzy logic controller (FLC) in a serial arrangement for speed control of FOIM drives, more specifically, direct field-oriented IM (DFOIM) drives[9]. A. Mishra & P. Chaudhari [10] The presents indirect vector control using intelligent controller approach avoids the use of flux and speed sensor which increase the installation cost and mechanical robustness.

III. SPEED CONTROL OF INDUCTION MOTOR

3.1. Induction Motor Modelling

The electrical part of an induction motor is represented with a fourth-order state-space model and the mechanical part with a second-order system. All electrical parameters and variables are referred to the stator. This is indicated by the prime symbols in the machine Equations (1) for electrical and mechanical systems. Figure 1 show all rotor and stator quantities are in the arbitrary two axis reference frame (d-q frame).

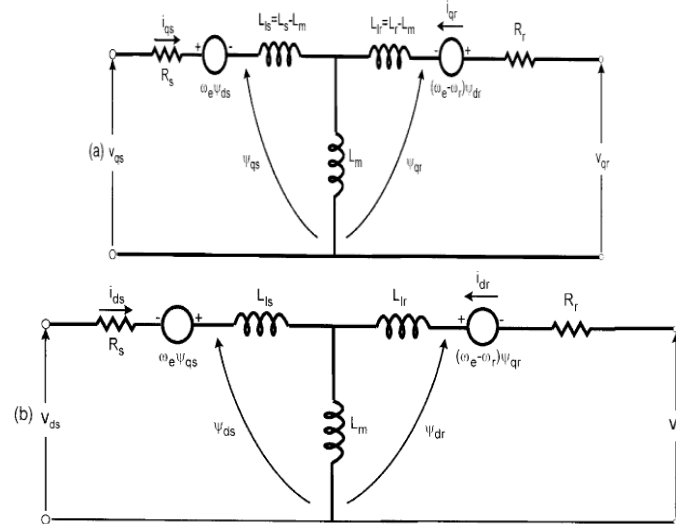


Figure 1: Stator and rotor in two-axis reference frame (a) q-axis, and (b) d-axis

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{qs} &= R_s i_{qs} + \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{qs} + w \phi_{ds} & \phi_{qs} &= L_s i_{qs} + L_m i'_{qr} \\
 V_{ds} &= R_s i_{ds} + \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{ds} - w \phi_{qs} & \phi_{ds} &= L_s i_{ds} + L_m i'_{dr} \\
 V'_{qr} &= R'_r i'_{qr} + \frac{d}{dt} \phi'_{qr} + (w - w_r) \phi'_{dr} & \phi'_{qr} &= L'_r i'_{qr} + L_m i_{qs} \\
 (1) & & & \\
 V'_{dr} &= R'_r i'_{dr} + \frac{d}{dt} \phi'_{dr} + (w - w_r) \phi'_{qr} & \phi'_{dr} &= L'_r i'_{dr} + L_m i_{ds} \\
 T_e &= 1.5P(\phi_{ds} i_{qs} - \phi_{qs} i_{ds}) & L_s &= L_{ls} + L_m \\
 & & L'_r &= L'_{lr} + L_m
 \end{aligned}$$

The squirrel cage IM using direct and quadrature axes (d-q) theory in the stationary reference frame, which needs less variables and thus analysis becomes easy [11]. Figure 2 shows the block diagram of the indirect vector control technique. The drive is controlled with two control loops, i.e. internal pulse width modulation (PWM) current control loop and external speed control loop.

The induction motor is fed by a current-controlled PWM inverter. This inverter operates as a three-phase sinusoidal current source. The error between speed ω and the reference speed ω^* ($\omega - \omega^*$) is processed by the speed controller to produce a command torque T_e^* . The rotor flux and torque can be independently controlled by the stator direct-axis current i_{ds} and quadrature-axis current i_{qs} , respectively. The stator quadrature-axis current reference is i_{qs}^* calculated from command torque T_e^* as shown in Equation (2)

$$i_{qs}^* = \frac{2}{3} \frac{L_r}{P L_m} \frac{T_e}{|\psi_r|_{est}} \quad (2)$$

Where L_r is the rotor inductance, L_m is the mutual inductance, and $|\psi_r|_{est}$ is the estimated rotor flux linkage given by Equation (3)

$$|\psi_r|_{est} = \frac{L_m i_{ds}}{1 + \tau_r s} \quad (3)$$

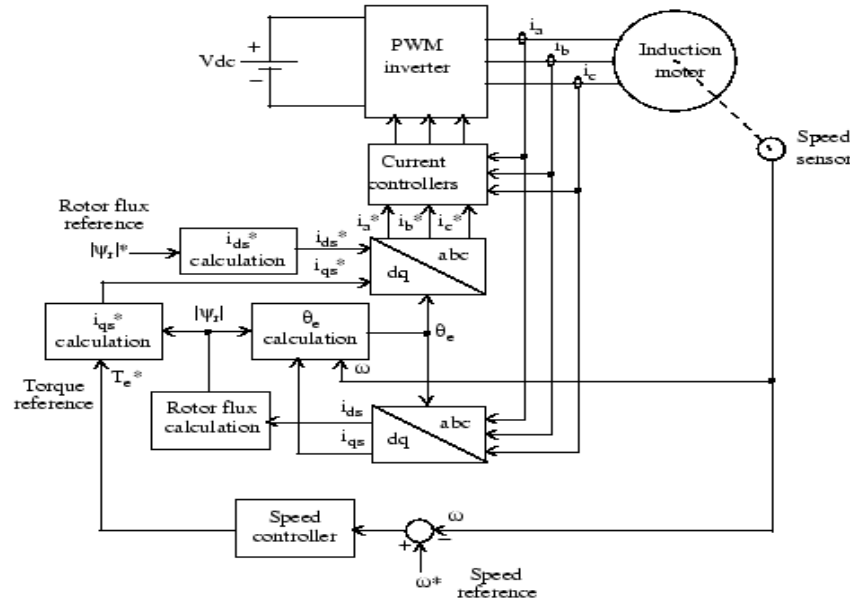


Figure 2: Block diagram of the indirect vector control technique

where $\tau_r = L_r/R_r$ is the rotor time constant.

The stator direct-axis current reference i_{ds}^* is obtained by Equation (4) from rotor flux reference input $|\psi_r|^*$.

$$i_{ds}^* = \frac{|\psi_r|^*}{L_m} \quad (4)$$

The rotor flux position θ_e required for coordinates transformation is generated from the rotor speed w_m and slip frequency w_{sl} (Equation 5).

$$\theta_e = \int (w_m + w_{sl}) dt \quad (5)$$

The slip frequency is calculated by Equation (6) from the stator reference current i_{ds}^* and the motor parameters.

$$w_{sl} = \frac{L_m}{|\psi_r|_{est}} \frac{R_r}{L_r} i_{qs}^* \quad (6)$$

The i_{qs}^* and i_{ds}^* current references are converted into phase current references i_a^*, i_b^*, i_c^* for the current regulators. The regulators use the measured and reference currents to form the inverter gating signals. The speed controller keeps the motor speed equal to the reference speed input in steady state and provides a good dynamic during transient periods. The proportional integral (PI) controller can be used for speed control of IM. The PI and differential (PID) controller is not normally used because differentiation could be causing the problem when input reference is a step. Usually, the difference of reference speed (w^*) and actual speed(w), which is called the speed error, is given as input to the controller. The speed controller processes the speed error and gives torque value as an input. Then the torque value is fed to the limiter, which gives the final value of command torque. The speed error and change in speed error at n-th instant of time are as below:

$$e(n) = w^*(n) - w(n) \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta e(n) = e(n) - e(n-1) \quad (8)$$

This paper presents the performance of three types of speed control methods for simulation study: PI controller, fuzzy speed controller and hybrid controller (hybridization of fuzzy logic (FL) and PI controller).

IV. HYBRID CONTROLLER

The hybrid controller module has two controllers combined PI-controller and Fuzzy Controller.

4.1. PI-Controller

Control law used for this strategy is given by

$$T = K_p e + K_i \int e dt \quad (9)$$

Its output is the updating in PI controller gains (K_p and K_i) based on a set of rules to maintain excellent control performance even in the presence of parameter variation and drive nonlinearity. At starting mode the high value of the error is amplified across the PI controller provoking high variations in the command torque. If the gains of the controller exceed a certain value, the variations in the command torque become too high and will destabilize the system. To overcome this problem, a limiter ahead of the PI controller is used [11]. This limiter causes the speed error to be maintained within the saturation limits provoking, when appropriately chosen, smooth variations in the command torque even when the PI controller gains are very high. The motor reaches the reference speed rapidly and without overshoot, step commands are tracked with almost zero steady state error and no overshoot, load disturbances are rapidly rejected and variations of some of the motor parameters are fairly well dealt.

4.2. Fuzzy-Controller

Table 1: Fuzzy variables

| | | CE | | |
|---|---|----|----|----|
| | | N | Z | P |
| E | N | NB | NM | Z |
| | Z | NM | Z | PM |
| | P | Z | PM | PB |

The drawbacks of this PI controller are the occurrence of overshoot while starting, undershoot while load application and overshoot again while load removal [11]. In the fuzzification block, the inputs and outputs crisp variables are converted into fuzzy variables 'e', 'de' and 'du' using the triangular membership function shown in figure 3. The fuzzification block produces the fuzzy variables 'e' and 'de' using their crisp counterpart. These fuzzy variables are then processed by an inference mechanism based on a set of control rules contained in (3*3) table as shown in Table 1. The fuzzy rules are expressed using the IF-THEN form. The crisp output of the FLC is obtained by using MAX-MIN inference algorithm and the center of gravity de-fuzzification approach. The performance of the fuzzy controller depends on the membership functions, their distribution and the fuzzy rules that describe the control algorithm. There is no formal method to determine the parameters of the controller accurately. In this controller, FL is used for pre-compensation [12, 13, 15, 16] of reference speed, which means that the reference speed signal (w^*) is changed in advance in accordance with the rotor speed, so that a new reference speed signal ($w1^*$) is obtained and the main control action is performed by PI controller. The speed error ($e(n)^*$) and the change in speed error are the inputs to the FL, the output of the FL controller is added to the reference speed to generate a pre-compensated reference speed, which is to be used as a reference speed signal by the PI controller. Figure 4 shows membership function for control variables.

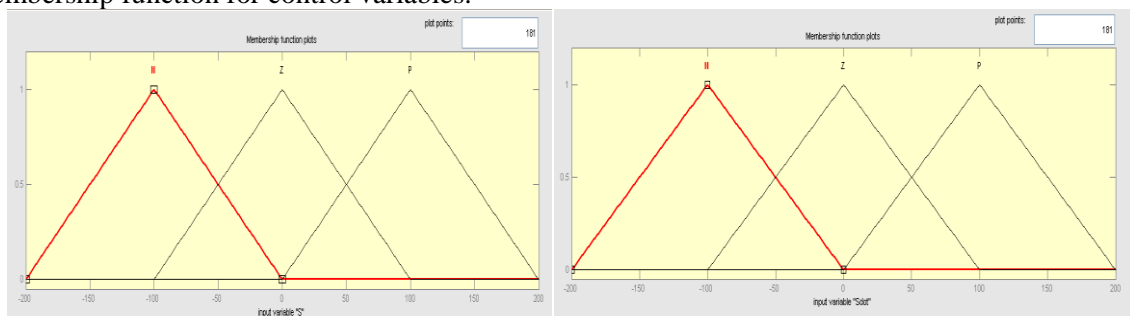


Figure 3: Membership function for Input variables

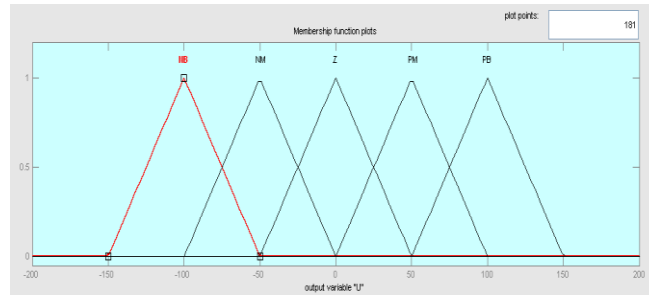


Figure 4: Membership function for Control variable

V. SIMULATION RESULTS

A complete mathematical model of FOC induction motor with a 50 HP (37KW) is simulated in MATALAB-SIMULINK. The performance of FOC drive with proportional plus integral (PI) controller are presented and analysed. One common linear control strategy is proportional-integral (PI) control. The Induction motor used in this is a 50 HP, 460 V, four-pole, 60 Hz motor having the following parameters:

Table 2: Parameter Values

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Rated Power (P) | 50 Hp |
| Voltage | 460 V |
| R_s | 0.087Ω |
| L_{ls} | 0.8mH |
| L_m | 34.7mH |
| R_r | 0.228Ω |
| L_{lr} | 0.8mH |

The simulation results are done in two mode, the starting mode and dynamic mode. In the dynamic mode, the reference speed goes up from 120 (rad/s) to 160 (rad/s) at $t=0.3$ (s).

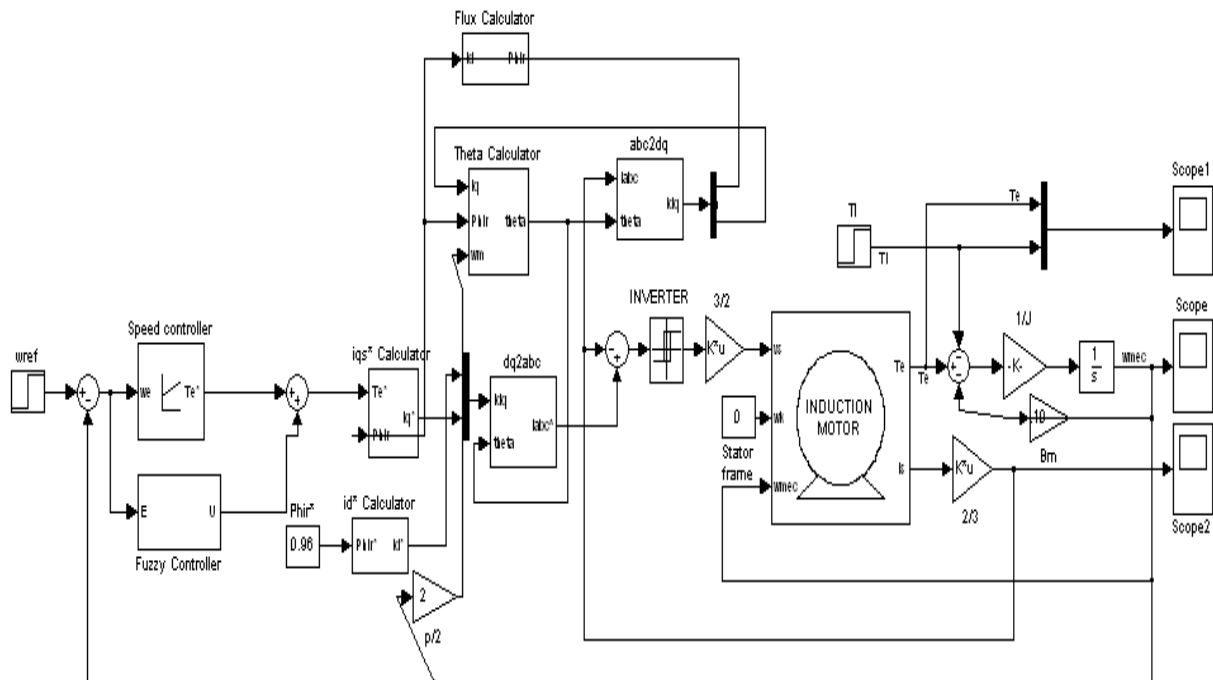


Figure 5: SIMULINK Model of Induction motor using hybrid PI -Fuzzy controller

The PI speed controller gains in (9) are selected by trial and error basis by observing their effects on the response of the drive. Figure 5 shows complete SIMULINK Model. The results of hybrid speed controller are shown in Figure 6 and Figure 7.

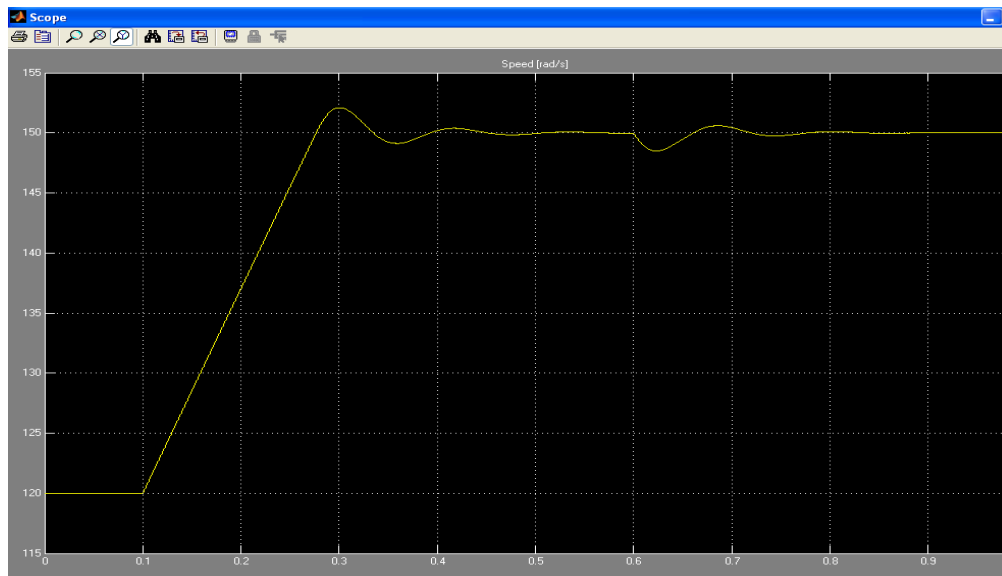


Figure 6: Speed Response of Induction Motor using PI -Control.

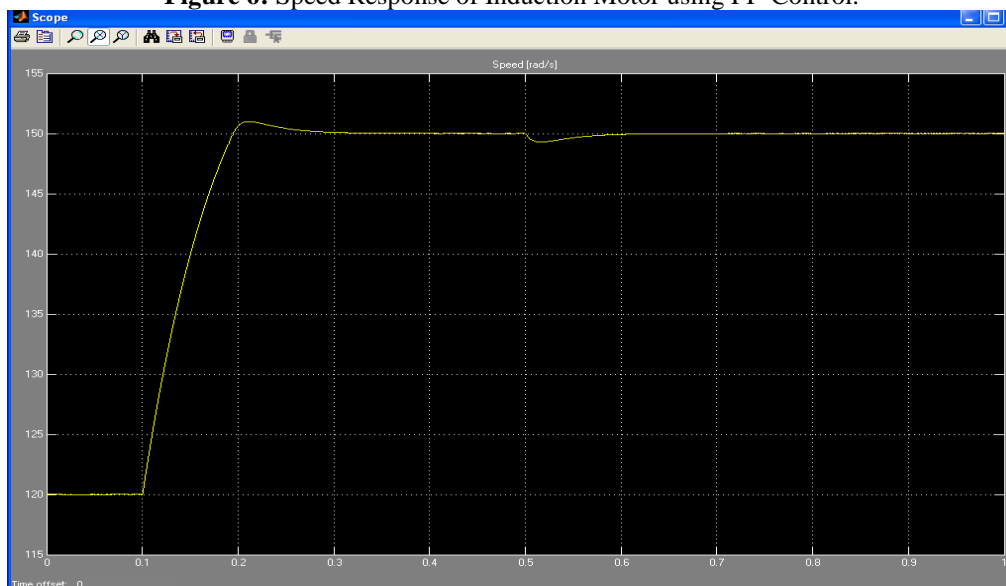


Figure 7: Speed Response of Induction Motor using hybrid PI-fuzzy Control.

Table 3 shows the comparison results of PI and PI-Fuzzy Controller in terms of rise time and Settling Time. Comparison shows that, Good torque response is obtained with hybrid controller at all the instants. Less oscillation occurred in the torque response with Hybrid controller compared to PI Controller.

Table 3: Comparison between PI and PI-Fuzzy Controller

| Controller | Rise Time(T_r) | Settling Time(T_s) |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| PI-Controller | 0.2 | 0.45 |
| PI-Fuzzy Controller | 0.1 | 0.25 |

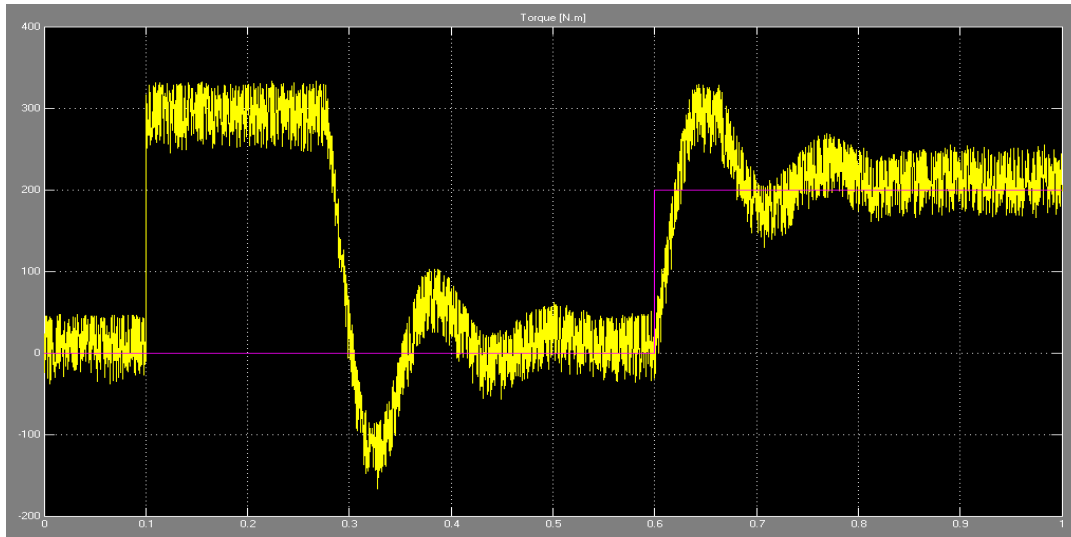


Figure 8: Torque Response of Induction Motor using PI-Control.

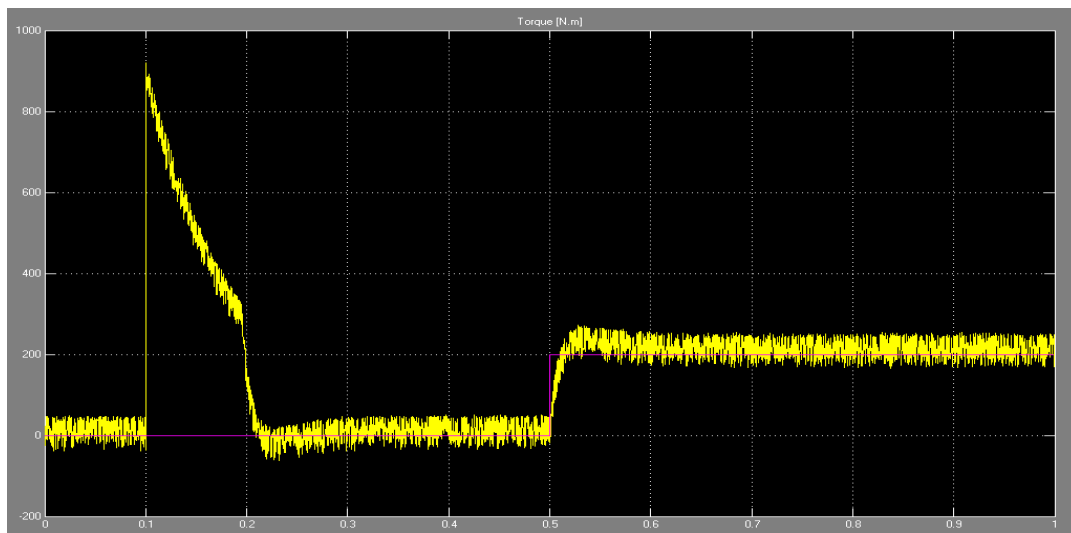


Figure 9: Torque Response of Induction Motor using hybrid PI-fuzzy Control.

VI. CONCLUSION

The proposed controller has exhibited the combined advantages of a PI controller and a FLC. Hybrid controller produces better performances in terms of rise time, overshoot, undershoot and settling time. There is no steady-state error in the speed response during the operation. Good torque response is obtained with hybrid controller at all time instants and speed response is better than FL and PI controllers. The speed response with this controller has no overshoot and settles faster in comparison with FL controller. It is also noted that there is no steady-state error in the speed response during the operation when hybrid controller is activated. Good torque response is obtained with hybrid controller at all time instants and speed response is better than FL and PI controllers. There is a negligible ripple in speed response at hybrid controller in comparison with PI and FL controllers.

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