

Assessment of steady-state losses in electrical drives

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Introduction

Field Oriented Control

Dynamic performance

Constant nominal flux

Non-optimal for losses

Model with linear inductances

Sufficient for basic control

A non-linear model for the inductances is necessary to optimize losses

Induction Motor modeling

Model with linear inductances

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}^f = \mathbf{A}_c \mathbf{x}^f + \mathbf{B}_c \mathbf{u}^f + \mathbf{A}_{sc} \omega_s \mathbf{x}^f + \mathbf{A}_{rc} \omega_r \mathbf{x}^f$$

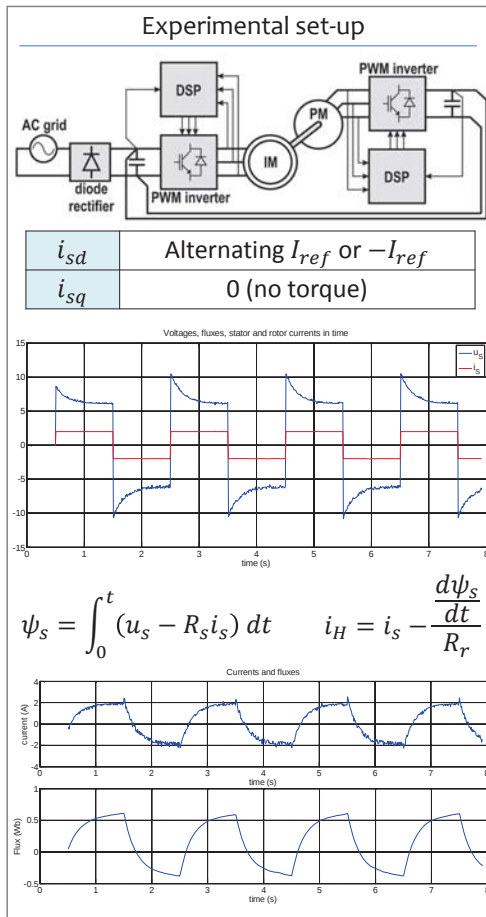
$$\mathbf{x}^f = [\psi_{ra} \quad \psi_{r\beta} \quad i_{sd} \quad i_{sq}]'$$

$$\mathbf{u}^f = [u_{sa} \quad u_{s\beta}]'$$

Needs an accurate model

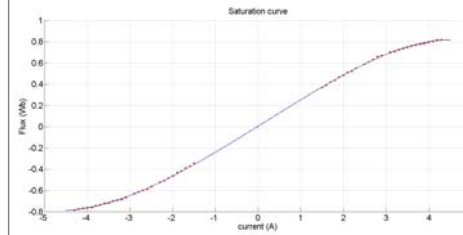
- Unavailable from manufacturer
- Theoretical Jiles-Atherton relations
- Experimental evaluation

Experimental test for saturation



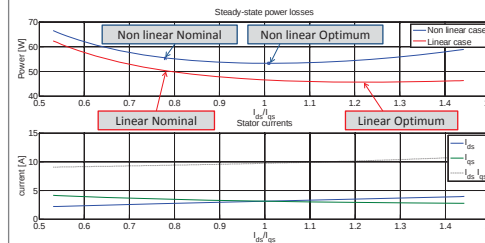
Steady-state optimal currents

Inductances with saturation effect



We assume L_r and L_m to be proportional to L_s

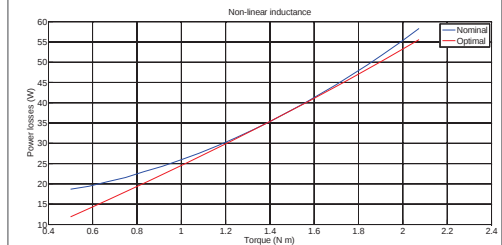
Optimization of stator currents



- up to 21% losses mismatch with linearity
- 4% improvement assuming non-linearity
- 3.5% more losses if linear optimum was implemented instead of non-linear one

Improvements in efficiency

Losses as a function of the torque



Improvement in drive efficiency:

- Rated power: 0.3 – 1.2%
- Low power, 4 - 16%

Future work

- Real-time control of stator currents to achieve dynamically theoretical savings
- Capability to optimally control varying loads known in advance
- Take in account hysteresis and iron losses

