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A Composite Vectors Modulation Strategy for PMSM DTC Systems

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Abstract: The operation performance of permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSMs) driven by direct torque control (DTC) are affected by torque error compensation and flux error compensation in each control period. The error compensational effects provided by different vectors under different control strategies are analyzed in this paper. The precondition of accurate error compensation is applied to the proposed novel composite vectors modulation strategy (CVM) for a PMSM DTC system. In CVM-DTC, the operating conditions of PMSM are divided into three cases according to the relationships between the errors and the actual error compensations, including steady-state case, dynamic-state case, and transient-state case. In order to establish the novel CVM-DTC strategy smoothly, the effect factors are introduced and used to represent the error compensational effects, which are obtained through the proposed effect factors' controller. The analysis of error compensational effects provided by single active vector and synthetic voltage vector are described in detail while the PMSM is operated in different operation conditions. Finally, the effectiveness of the novel CVM-DTC strategy is verified through the experimental results in a 100-W PMSM drive system.

Keywords: permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM); direct torque control (DTC); composite vectors modulation (CVM); effect factors

1. Introduction

Direct torque control (DTC)-fed permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSMs) have many merits, including simple construction, high efficiency, and ideal torque control performance. Therefore, PMSM driven by DTC has been applied in electrical drives and industrial applications widely [1–7]. However, because only six active vectors can be applied to compensate torque error and flux error, the PMSM driven by conventional DTC (CDTC) suffers from large torque ripple and flux ripple. Therefore, how to compensate for these errors is the key to improving the operation performance of PMSM. Many researchers have attempted to suppress the ripples through different methods, such as adding the active vector. The added active vector can be obtained through different methods easily, including utilizing a three-level inverter or matrix converter, adopting the duty ratio modulation method, or using decoupled-analysis method on the basis of space vector modulation (SVM) strategy.

Employing more appropriate active vectors during each sampling period, a new DTC strategy based on a three-level voltage-source inverter is proposed for PMSM drive systems [8,9], therefore, the ripples in the PMSM can be reduced effectively. In references [10,11], a PMSM DTC system based on a matrix converter is presented. Based on the redesigned four enhanced switching tables, the ripples of torque and flux in the PMSM can be suppressed effectively. Although more appropriate active vectors can be provided by the three-level inverter or the matrix converter, the cost of the system is inevitably increased.

As the errors of torque and flux are low in most cases. The errors will be over-compensated if the voltage vector is applied during the whole control period. To solve the above problems, a different duty ratio modulation method is introduced into the PMSM driven by DTC [12–16]. Therefore, torque ripples and flux ripples can be suppressed effectively without degrading the fast dynamic response performance in CDTC. In reference [17], the six basic active vectors provided by a two-level voltage-source inverter are modulated through discrete space vector modulation strategy (DSVM). Therefore, accurate active vectors can be selected from the redesigned switching tables according to torque error and flux error. Although the steady-state performance of the PMSM can be improved by using the DSVM technique, in fact, the errors of torque and flux are compensated by a single active vector with discrete duty ratio modulation.

The currents of stator flux linkage in PMSM are decoupled into d - q axes and controlled independently in field oriented control (FOC), hence satisfactory operating performance can be obtained easily. A novel DTC scheme based on decoupled-analysis strategy is proposed for PMSM, which utilizes a space vector modulation (SVM) strategy [18–25]. With independent control of torque and flux, the amplitude and the phase of the required vector can be accurately obtained through a proportional-integral (PI) regulator or sliding mode observer. Additionally, torque error and flux error can be compensated precisely. On the other hand, the dynamic response of the system will be degraded with the use of a PI regulator or sliding mode observer.

In short, the error compensational effects will affect the performance of the PMSM, therefore, the compensational effects of torque error and flux error in the PMSM driven by different control strategies should be analyzed first. Subsequently, the precondition of accurate error compensation can be obtained. It is worth mentioning that transient-state is the most complicated control process. The high error parameter needs to be compensated fully, and the low error parameter should not be over-compensated, thus, the novel direct torque control method in reference [6] can be used, which considers active angle and impact angle.

In order to obtain the best operation performance of DTC-fed PMSM, a novel composite vectors modulation (CVM) strategy is proposed in this paper. The precondition is adopted in CVM to determine the applied control strategy for the PMSM in different operation conditions, which is ignored in SVM-DTC and CDTC. Experimental results are carried out to validate the effectiveness of the novel CVM-DTC. It is worth mentioning that the steady-state and the dynamic performances of the PMSM which drives by CDTC, DDTC, and SVM-DTC are also discussed in this paper.

The rest of this paper comprises the following sections. The principle of CDTC is described in Section 2. Torque error and flux error compensational effects in the PMSM driven by SVM-DTC are also analyzed in Section 2. The operation conditions dividing criterion for the PMSM and the error compensation effects provided by different vectors are illustrated in Section 3. The accurate error compensation preconditions for the PMSM are also studied in Section 3. The description of the experimental setup and the discussions on the experimental results are described in Section 4. The conclusion is given in Section 5.

2. Principle of the Conventional DTC and SVM-DTC

2.1. Principle of the Conventional DTC

Torque error and flux error in the PMSM can be compensated through eight voltage vectors, which are provided by a two-level voltage source inverter, containing six active vectors V_n ($n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$) and two null vectors (V_0 and V_7). The spatial placements of the six active vectors in $\alpha\beta$ -reference frames are shown in Figure 1. The section boundary lines l_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$) are used to divide the rotation space of stator flux linkage F_s , as shown in Figure 1. Number “ N ” is used to represent the divided six sectors, and the active vector in which the stator flux linkage F_s is located is represents by the sector vector V_s .

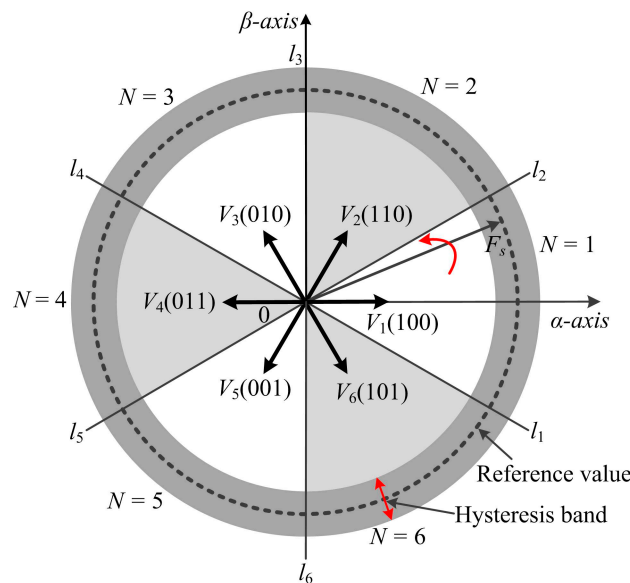


Figure 1. Active vectors in direct torque control (DTC) system.

The reference value T_{ref} and the real-time value T are used to obtain torque error e_T , and the property ε_T value of torque error e_T will be determined through the hysteresis comparator.

The property value of ε_T is 1 or -1 , which indicates that torque T needs to be increased if the ε_T is 1, while torque T needs to be decreased if ε_T is -1 . The determination process of another parameter flux F is done in the same way. The selection rules for the active vectors in CDTC are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Conventional switching table.

Sector Number N		Torque (ε_T)	
		1	1
Stator flux linkage (ε_F)	1	V_{N+1}	V_{N-1}
	-1	V_{N+2}	V_{N-2}

2.2. Compensations of Torque Error and Flux Error in a SVM-DTC System

In CDTC, the active vectors have fixed amount and direction, hence the torque error and the flux error are difficult to reduce accurately, leading to unsatisfactory steady-state performance. To reduce the large ripples in DTC-fed PMSM, the decoupled control method is adopted, which is used in FOC-fed PMSM. The PI controllers are adopted to gain the torque vector and the flux vector based on torque error and flux error. Finally, the accurate vector can be determined through space vector modulation (SVM).

Figure 2 shows the errors of torque and flux in SVM-DTC system. The stator flux linkage changes from F_{s1} to F_{s2} during one control period. And the variation of the stator flux linkage is ΔF_s , which can be decoupled into ΔF_{sd} and ΔF_{sq} in the d - q axis. The wanted voltage vectors u_{qs} and u_{ds} are obtained through the PI controllers based on torque error ΔT and flux error ΔF .

From the above analysis, it can be found that the PI controllers are used in SVM-DTC to determine the accurate vectors, instead of the use of switching table in CDTC. Additionally, it is not necessary to compensate torque error and flux error through the vectors selected from the six basic active vectors. Therefore, the operation performance of the PMSM can be improved effectively. Although the precise of the accurate synthetic vector can be obtained through the SVM strategy in the PMSM driven by SVM-DTC, the dynamic response of the system will be affected inevitably.

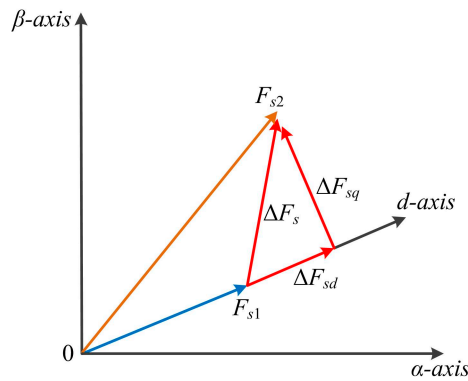


Figure 2. Errors of torque and flux in the d - q reference frame.

3. Analysis of Error Compensation

Torque error and flux error are relatively minor in the SVM-DTC-fed PMSM system, while the PMSM is operated in a steady-state condition. However, the dynamic response will be affected by complex calculations of synthesis voltage vector or over-modulation process while the PMSM is operated in the condition of dynamic-state. This is the main reason why the dynamic response of SVM-DTC-fed PMSM is weaker than that of CDTC.

In order to obtain the best steady-state performance and dynamic response of the PMSM, the control strategy should be adjusted on the basis of the operation conditions of the PMSM. Therefore, the differences of the error compensations supplied by the synthesis voltage vector in SVM-DTC and the single active vector in CDTC under different operation conditions are analyzed in this section.

3.1. Operation Conditions

In one control period, the torque error and the flux error are ΔT and ΔF , respectively. In this case, the torque parameter variation is ΔF_{sq} , and the amplitude parameter variation is ΔF_{sd} , as shown in Figure 3.

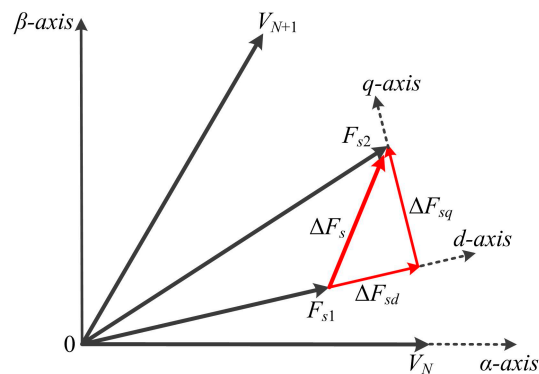


Figure 3. Analysis of error compensational effects.

The torque and amplitude component variations of the stator flux linkage can be expressed as

$$\Delta F_{sq} = \frac{2L_s}{3p} \cdot \frac{1}{F_f} \cdot \Delta T \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta F_{sd} = \Delta F \quad (2)$$

where L_s is the stator inductance, p is the number of pole pairs, and F_f is the permanent magnet flux linkage.

During the entire sampling period, the torque parameter compensation supplied by the applied vector is $\Delta F'_{sq}$, and the amplitude parameter compensation is $\Delta F'_{sd}$, as shown in Figure 4.

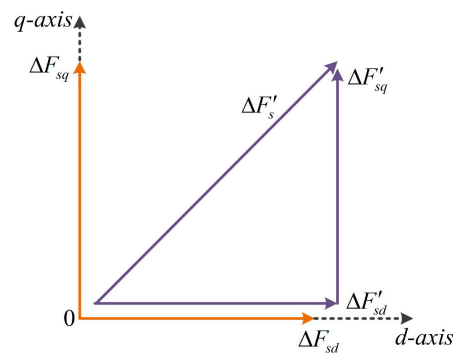


Figure 4. Analysis of error compensational effects.

It is obvious that the values of $\Delta F'_{sq}$ and $\Delta F'_{sd}$ are fixed in each control period. While torque error ΔT and flux error ΔF are different with the varying of the stator flux linkage's F_s location in different sampling period. Hence, the actual errors values of ΔF_{sq} and ΔF_{sd} are different in different control period.

The relationship between the actual error compensations and the errors are described in the following way.

First item, the errors are lower than the actual compensations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta F_{sd} < \Delta F'_{sd} \\ \Delta F_{sq} < \Delta F'_{sq} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Second item, the errors are greater than the actual compensations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta F_{sd} > \Delta F'_{sd} \\ \Delta F_{sq} > \Delta F'_{sq} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Third item, the flux error is greater than the actual compensation while the torque error is less than the actual compensation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta F_{sd} > \Delta F'_{sd} \\ \Delta F_{sq} < \Delta F'_{sq} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Fourth item, the flux error is lower than the actual compensation while the torque error is greater than the actual compensation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta F_{sd} < \Delta F'_{sd} \\ \Delta F_{sq} > \Delta F'_{sq} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

The operating conditions of the PMSM can be divided into three items on the basis of the errors and the actual compensations, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Operation conditions.

Operation Conditions	Reference Equation
Steady-state	(3)
Transient-state	(5) and (6)
Dynamic-state	(4)

3.2. Error Compensation Analysis in Steady-State Case

The torque error ΔT and the flux error ΔF are relatively low in the steady-state [6]. It should be noted that the compensations of the stator flux linkage supplied by the single active vector V_N or the synthesis voltage vector are $\Delta F'_{s1}$ and $\Delta F'_{s2}$, respectively, as shown in Figure 5. The angle between the stator flux linkage error ΔF_s and the active vector V_N is θ_1 . It is obvious that both torque error and flux error compensations are higher than the errors. Therefore, the errors will be over-compensated if the active vector or the synthesized voltage vector is applied over the whole control period.

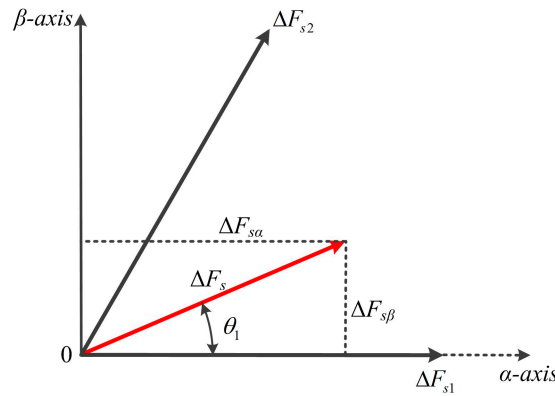


Figure 5. Analysis of error compensational effects in steady-state.

In the PMSM driven by duty ratio direct torque control (DDTC), the applied time of the active vector is modulated through a duty ratio modulation strategy. Although the over-compensation of the errors can be avoided in DDTC-fed PMSM, the fixed active vectors limit the compensational effects.

In the SVM-DTC-fed PMSM, the adjacent active vectors V_N and V_{N+1} can be selected as the benchmark vectors. Furthermore, an accurate synthesized voltage vector can be obtained. T_1 and T_2 are used to represent the applied time of V_N and V_{N+1} , respectively. Therefore, the error compensations can be calculated as:

$$\Delta F'_{s1} = V_N \cdot T_1 \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta F'_{s2} = V_{N+1} \cdot T_2 \quad (8)$$

The active vectors modulation process can be given by:

$$\Delta F'_{s1} + \Delta F'_{s2} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \Delta F_{s\alpha} = \Delta F_s \cdot \cos \theta_1 \quad (9)$$

$$\Delta F'_{s2} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \Delta F_{s\beta} = \Delta F_s \cdot \sin \theta_1 \quad (10)$$

$$T_1 + T_2 + T_0 = T_s \quad (11)$$

where T_0 is the applied time of zero voltage vector.

From above analysis, it can be observed that torque error and flux error can be compensated effectively through SVM while the PMSM is operated in the steady-state.

3.3. Error Compensation Analysis in Dynamic-State Case

The torque error ΔT or the flux error ΔF of the PMSM will become greater in dynamic-state while the speed or the torque varies. As shown in Figure 6, the stator flux linkage error is ΔF_s , and the angle between the active vector V_N and the stator flux linkage error ΔF_s is θ_2 . It is obvious that the error compensations are lower than the torque error and the flux error.

It can be observed that single active vector V_n or the synthesized voltage vector cannot supply the full compensations to torque error ΔT and flux error ΔF in next control period.

The differences of error compensational effect provided by synthesized voltage vector or single active vector are described in this section.

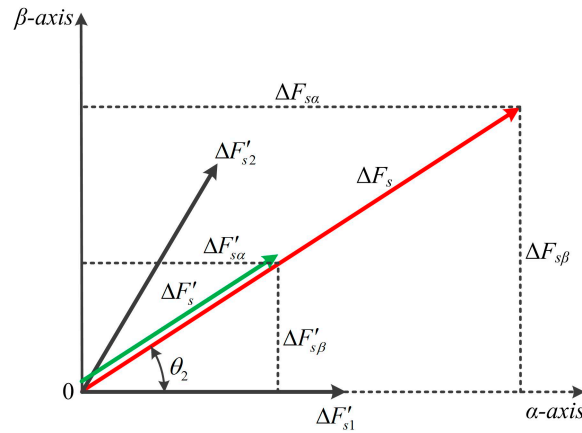


Figure 6. Analysis of error compensational effects in dynamic-state.

3.3.1. Synthetic Voltage Vector

The benchmark vectors are composed of the adjacent active vectors V_N and V_{N+1} , and T_1 and T_2 are the applied time of V_N and V_{N+1} , respectively. Consequently, the error compensations can be given by:

$$\Delta F'_{s1} = V_N \cdot T_1 \quad (12)$$

$$\Delta F'_{s2} = V_{N+1} \cdot T_2 \quad (13)$$

$$\Delta F'_{s1} + \Delta F'_{s2} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \Delta F_{s\alpha} = \Delta F_s \cdot \cos \theta_2 \quad (14)$$

$$\Delta F'_{s2} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \Delta F_{s\beta} = \Delta F_s \cdot \sin \theta_2 \quad (15)$$

Since the errors are greater than the actual compensations,

$$T_1 + T_2 > T_s \quad (16)$$

The applied time of the applied active vectors can be over-modulated as:

$$T'_1 = \frac{T_1}{T_1 + T_2} \cdot T_s \quad (17)$$

$$T'_2 = \frac{T_2}{T_1 + T_2} \cdot T_s \quad (18)$$

The applied time of the applied active vectors can be simplified as:

$$T_1 = k_1 \cdot T_s \quad (19)$$

$$T_2 = k_2 \cdot T_s \quad (20)$$

Furthermore, the actual compensation of the stator flux linkage can be described as:

$$\Delta F'_{s\alpha} = V_N \cdot \frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_2} \cdot T_s + V_{N+1} \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \cdot T_s \quad (21)$$

$$\Delta F'_{s\beta} = V_{N+1} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \cdot T_s \quad (22)$$

which can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta F'_{s\alpha} = V_N \cdot T_s \cdot \left(\frac{k_1}{k_1+k_2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{k_2}{k_1+k_2} \right) \\ \Delta F'_{s\beta} = V_N \cdot T_s \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{k_2}{k_1+k_2} \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

Consequently, the compensation of the stator flux linkage supplied by the synthesized voltage vector can be evaluated by:

$$|\Delta F'_s| = \sqrt{(\Delta F'_{s\alpha})^2 + (\Delta F'_{s\beta})^2} = V_N \cdot T_s \cdot \sqrt{\frac{k_1^2 + k_1 k_2 + k_2^2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2}} < V_N \cdot T_s \quad (24)$$

3.3.2. Single Active Vector V_n

The compensations of the stator flux linkage provided by the adjacent vectors V_N and V_{N+1} over the entire control period are:

$$\Delta F''_{s1} = V_N \cdot T_s \quad (25)$$

$$\Delta F''_{s2} = V_{N+1} \cdot T_s \quad (26)$$

The compensations of the stator flux linkage supplied by the single active vector can be defined as:

$$\Delta F''_s = \Delta F''_{s1} = \Delta F''_{s2} = V_N \cdot T_s \quad (27)$$

The comparison result of the stator flux linkage compensations provided by different vectors can be written as:

$$\Delta F'_s < \Delta F''_s \quad (28)$$

From above analysis, it can be found that the compensational effects of the stator flux linkage provided by a single active vector is greater than synthesized voltage vector. Therefore, the SVM strategy is not necessary to compensate these errors while the PMSM is operated in the dynamic state. In order to simplify the complicated calculations in the system, the appropriate active vector V_n can be selected from the switching table and be applied in the control system during the whole control period.

In conclusion, torque error and flux error can be compensated through the CDTC strategy while the PMSM is operated in the dynamic state. Thus, the delayed dynamic response can be eliminated which is caused by the introduced PI controller, and the ripples' depressing effects of the PMSM driven by CDTC are the same as that driven by SVM-DTC.

3.4. Error Compensation Analysis in Transient-State Case

External disturbance will cause the operating condition of the PMSM to deviate from the steady-state. Therefore, the operation condition may turn into transient-state if one component of torque error or flux error is large while another component is relatively low.

The torque error ΔT is high and the flux error ΔF is relatively low as shown in Figure 7. The variation of the stator flux linkage is ΔF_s .

The differences of the error compensation effect supplied by single active vector V_n or synthesized voltage vector u_s are described in the following section.

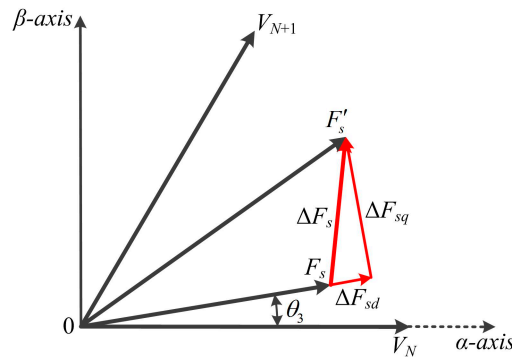


Figure 7. Analysis of error compensational effects in transient-state.

3.4.1. Synthetic Voltage Vector

Figure 8 shows the error compensations supplied by different active vectors.

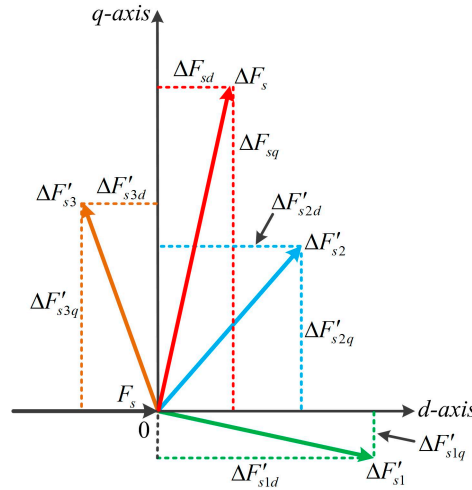


Figure 8. Analysis of error compensational effects provided by different active vectors.

As shown in Figure 8, the benchmark vectors are composed of the adjacent active vectors V_{N+1} and V_{N+2} . And T_1 and T_2 are the applied time of V_{N+1} and V_{N+2} , respectively. The error compensations are calculated as

$$\Delta F'_{s2q} \cdot T_1 + \Delta F'_{s3q} \cdot T_2 = \Delta F_{sq} \cdot T_s \quad (29)$$

$$\Delta F'_{s2d} \cdot T_1 - \Delta F'_{s3d} \cdot T_2 = \Delta F_{sq} \cdot T_s \approx 0 \quad (30)$$

3.4.2. Single Active Vector V_n

As shown in Figure 8, the stator flux linkage error ΔF_s is located in the middle of compensations $\Delta \phi'_{s2}$ and $\Delta \phi'_{s3}$. In order to compensate the torque error component ΔF_{sq} effectively and avoid the over-compensation of the flux error component ΔF_{sd} at the same time, the adjacent vectors V_{N+1} and V_{N+2} should be chosen and half of the sampling period applied.

From the aforementioned analyses, it can be observed that the torque error can be compensated fully supplied by the single active vector V_n while the PMSM is operated in the condition of transient-state, nevertheless, the flux error cannot be compensated effectively. Although the errors of torque and flux can be compensated effectively by the synthetic voltage vector u_s , the calculations of the system are inevitably increased. It is worth mentioning that the problem that one parameter is large and another parameter is relatively low can be solved through the novel DDTC strategy in reference [1], which considered the active angel. Consequently, the novel DDTC strategy can be

applied to compensate the errors in the control system while the PMSM is operated in the condition of transient-state.

3.5. Novel Composite Active Vectors Modulation Strategy

In order to improve both the steady-state performance and dynamic response of the PMSM, a novel composite vector modulation DTC (CVM-DTC) strategy is proposed for the control system, which considers the differences of the error compensations in different operation conditions. The schematic diagram of the CVM-DTC system is shown in Figure 9.

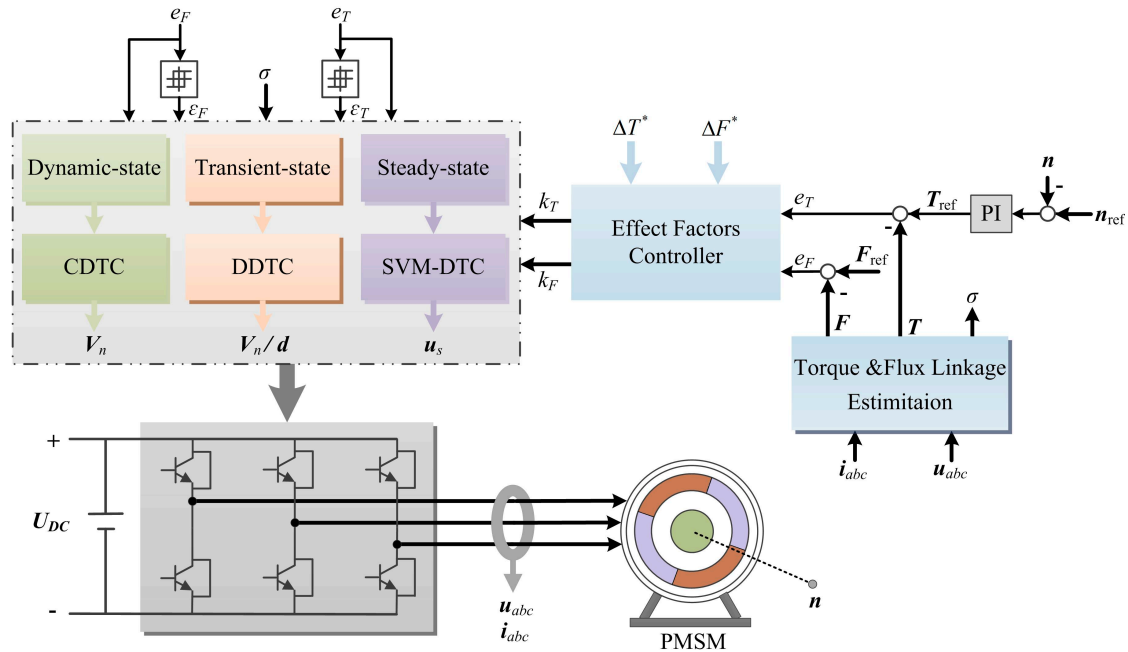


Figure 9. Schematic diagram of the composite vector modulation DTC (CVM-DTC) for a permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM).

In order to reduce the ripples of torque and flux linkage in the system effectively and maintain fast dynamic response performance, an appropriate control strategy should be selected from the three control strategies on the basis of the operating conditions of the PMSM and applied to the control system.

The precondition of the accurate error compensation is: the errors of torque and flux can be compensated fully provided by the applied active vector during the entire control period. On the other hand, this precondition is not considered in SVM-DTC. Additionally, the errors of torque and flux are analyzed through decoupled calculations by PI controllers. The compensations of the stator flux linkage in SVM-DTC systems and CDTC systems while the PMSM is operated in the condition of non-steady-state are nearly the same. In conclusion, the compensational effects for torque error and flux error are not satisfied without considering the operation conditions of the PMSM, and the dynamic response will also be affected.

3.6. Determining of the Operation Condition through FLC

It is worth mentioning that the accurate calculation of effect factors is the key to determining the operation condition of the PMSM, therefore, a feedback linearization control (FLC) strategy is adopted to eliminate the influences on the accurate effect factors calculations caused by external disturbance in the system.

ΔT^* and ΔF^* are the reference values of torque variation and flux variation, respectively, which can be given by

$$\Delta T^* = \Delta T_{\max} = \frac{3p}{2L_s} \cdot F_f \cdot V_n \cdot T_s \quad (31)$$

$$\Delta F^* = \Delta F_{d\max} = V_n \cdot T_s \quad (32)$$

Define the compensation rates of torque and flux are E_T and E_F , respectively. The effect factors controller will adjust the effect factors k_T and k_F based on the input of e_T and e_F through the proposed effect factors controller as shown in Figure 10, which can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_F \\ k_T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_F & \\ & l_T \end{bmatrix} E \quad (33)$$

where

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} E_F \\ E_T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_F & \\ & f_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_F \\ e_T \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} g_F & \\ & g_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_T \\ k_F \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta F^* \\ \Delta T^* \end{bmatrix} \quad (34)$$

and l_F , l_T , f_F , f_T , g_F , and g_T are the constant gains that are settled on the basis of the parameters in the PMSM.

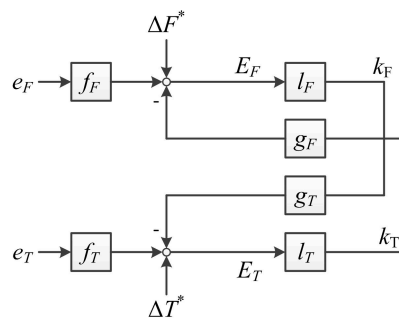


Figure 10. Structure of the proposed effect factors controller.

The relationships between the effect factors and the operation conditions of the PMSM are described in Table 3.

Table 3. Effect factors for different operation conditions.

Effect Factors		Operation Conditions
k_T	k_F	
$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-\infty, -1)$	Dynamic-state
	$(-1, 1)$	Transient-state
	$(1, +\infty)$	Dynamic-state
$(-1, 1)$	$(-\infty, -1)$	Transient-state
	$(-1, 1)$	Steady-state
	$(1, +\infty)$	Transient-state
$(1, +\infty)$	$(-\infty, -1)$	Dynamic-state
	$(-1, 1)$	Transient-state
	$(1, +\infty)$	Dynamic-state

4. Experimental Analysis

4.1. Experimental System Setup

Experimental studies are carried out on a 100-W PMSM drive system to validate the feasibility and effectiveness of the novel CVM-DTC. The experimental hardware setup is illustrated in Figure 11.

The parameters of the PMSM are given as follows: $R_s = 0.76 \, \Omega$; $L_s = 0.00182 \, \text{H}$; the number of pole pairs $p = 4$. The DC voltage is 36 V. A 1024-pulse incremental encoder is installed to obtain the rotor mechanical speed and position. The load is applied using a magnetic powder brake. This section compares the steady-state performance and the dynamic response of the PMSM driven by CDTC, SV-DDTC, SVM-DTC, or CVM-DTC. The experiments are implemented in a TMS320F28335 DSP (Digital Signal Processing) control system (Texas Instruments, Dallas, America) with a sampling period of 100 μs .

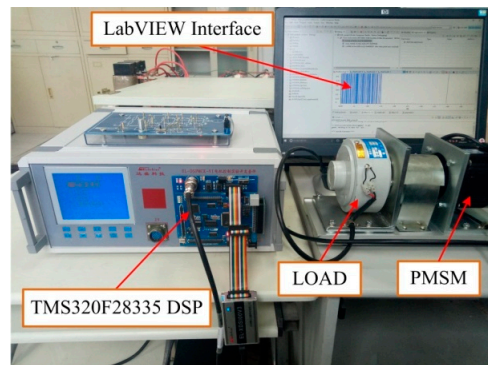


Figure 11. Experimental setup of the control system.

4.2. Dynamic Performance

In order to validate the fast dynamic response of the novel CVM-DTC, the speed responses of the PMSM driven by the four different control strategies are studied while the torque is set as 0.5 N·m. In these tests, a step change from 200 to 400 rpm is applied on the speed reference. The experimental results are shown in Figure 12.

It can be found that the rotor speed ripple is 35 rpm with the using of CDTC, while the rotor speed ripples are 30, 25, and 24 rpm when using DDTC, SVM-DTC, and CVM-DTC, respectively. Additionally, the rotor speed settling time with the four control strategies are 0.013, 0.012, 0.019, and 0.012 s, respectively.

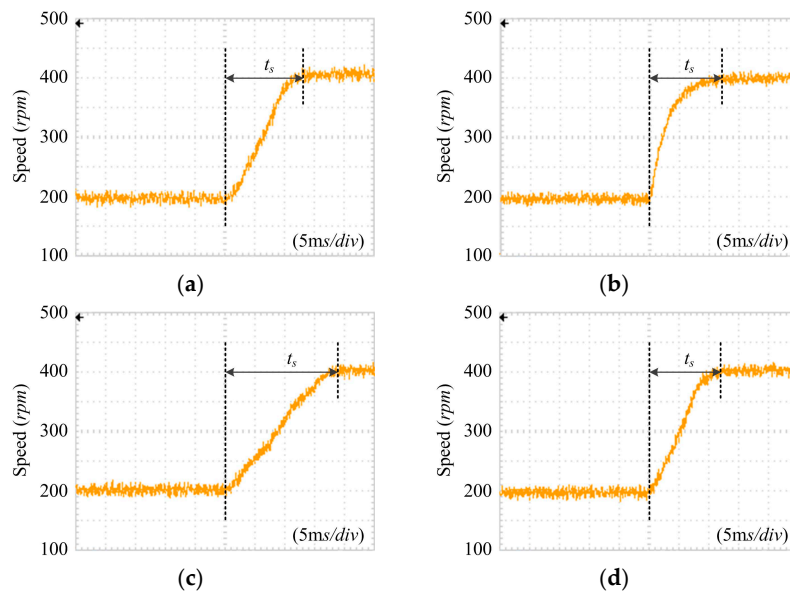


Figure 12. The speed trajectory from 200 rpm to 400 rpm when using: (a) conventional DTC (CDTC); (b) duty ratio direct torque control (DDTC); (c) space vector modulation DTC (SVM-DTC); (d) CVM-DTC.

In conclusion, the main advantage in CDTC, i.e., the fast dynamic response, can be maintained in novel CVM-DTC. Experimental results show that dynamic response has higher priority than ripples in the condition of dynamic-state, thus DDTC or SVM-DTC should be abandoned. In this case, the applied control strategy in CVM-DTC in dynamic-state condition is appropriate.

4.3. Steady-State Performance

The steady-state performances of CDTC, DDTC, SVM-DTC, and CVM-DTC are compared under the same operating conditions. The PMSM is operated at 300 rpm and the reference values of torque and flux are 1 N·m and 0.3 Wb, respectively. The torque and flux waveforms of the PMSM driven by different control strategies are shown in Figure 13.

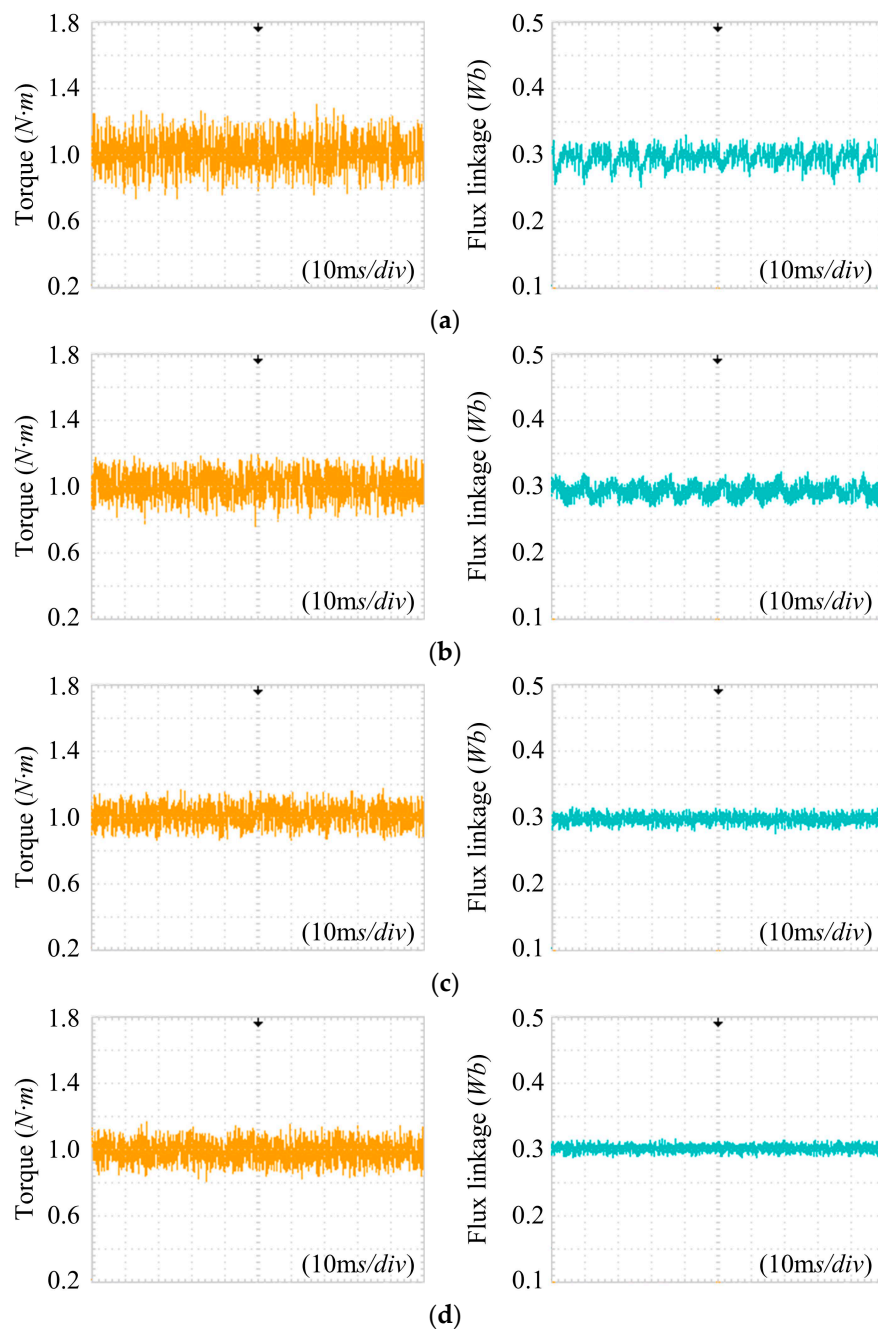


Figure 13. Experimental torque and flux of the PMSM when using: (a) CDTC; (b) DDTC; (c) SVM-DTC; (d) CVM-DTC.

Experimental results show that the torque ripples of the PMSM driven by CDTC, DDTC, SVM-DTC, and CVM-DTC are 0.6, 0.44, 0.32, and 0.34 N·m, respectively, and the flux ripples of the PMSM are 0.08, 0.055, 0.035, and 0.032 Wb, respectively. Consequently, compared with CDTC, DDTC and SVM-DTC can suppress torque ripple by at least 27% and 46%, respectively, and suppress flux ripple at least 25% and 50%, respectively. The steady-state performances of the PMSM driven by CVM-DTC in the same setting operation condition are nearly the same as SVM-DTC. The experimental results show that torque error and flux error can be compensated through SVM-DTC, which indicates that the selected control strategy for the CVM-DTC system in the condition of steady-state is appropriate.

5. Conclusions

The precondition of accurate error compensation is studied in this paper. We found that the errors of torque and flux can be compensated fully, provided by the applied active vector during the entire control period. It is obvious that this precondition will affect the operation performance of the PMSM directly, therefore, this precondition is adopted in the proposed CVM-DTC scheme.

Consequently, the error compensational effects supplied by different vectors are analyzed while the PMSM is operated in different operation conditions. Then, the effect factor is introduced to represent the obtained error compensation effects. Furthermore, effect factors are used to divide the operation conditions of the PMSM. It should be noted that dynamic response has higher priority than ripples in the condition of dynamic-state, thus, DDTC or SVM-DTC should be abandoned. In this case, applying CVM-DTC in the dynamic-state condition is appropriate. Furthermore, the steady-state performances of the PMSM driven by CVM-DTC in the same setting operation condition are nearly the same as with SVM-DTC. Hence, torque error and flux error can be compensated through SVM-DTC, which indicates that the selected control strategy for the CVM-DTC system in the steady-state is appropriate. To obtain the best operation performance, the most appropriate control strategy is determined on the basis of effect factors and is applied to compensate the errors in PMSM.

Experimental results indicate that the proposed CVM-DTC exhibits satisfactory steady-state performance with lower ripples of torque and flux when compared to CDTC and DDTC, and faster dynamic response when compared to SVM-DTC.

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