

A New Adaptive Flux-Oriented Control Framework for Induction Motors with Online Neural Network Training

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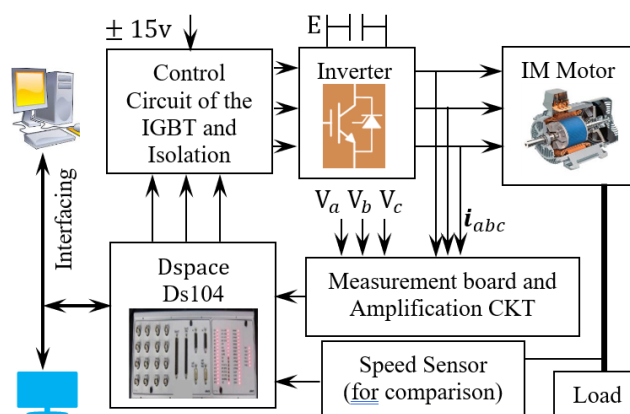
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ABSTRACT



Unlike conventional field oriented control methods, this paper presents a mathematically novel control strategy for induction motor drives, formulated using a two-loop nonlinear dynamic inversion (NDI) framework inspired by aeronautical control architectures. Sensorless operation is realized with a conventional rotor-flux observer, while several additional enhancements are introduced to raise overall performance. In particular, a real-time radial-basis-function (RBF) neural network is systematically embedded in a model-reference adaptive system (MRAS), replacing the traditional PI adaptation loop with an online-training mechanism that improves speed estimation accuracy under parameter variations and load disturbances. The single-layer RBF network is trained by gradient descent and incorporated into the nonlinear observer without compromising closed-loop stability. The complete controller was implemented on a 1.1 kW, 1430 rpm induction motor using a dSPACE DS1104 real-time platform. Experimental results show clear superiority over classical FOC as well as DTSFC and DTRFC schemes, achieving the lowest measured flux ripple (0.002 Wb), minimal torque ripple (0.043 N·m), and the fastest torque response time (0.65 ms). The steady-state speed error was reduced by 91 % (from 0.65 to 0.08 rad/s), settling times remained below 60 ms, and both RMSE and ISE metrics decreased appreciably across all tested conditions. Although the proposed design incurs moderate computational overhead, it is fully compatible with real-time execution. Future work will examine scalability to high-power drives, improved resilience to temperature-induced parameter drift, and adaptation of the NDI-based framework to permanent-magnet machines.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Recent advancements in electric drive systems have intensified research on the control and observation of induction motors (IMs), especially under sensorless and nonlinear conditions. A key challenge is achieving accurate rotor speed estimation to enhance efficiency and reliability. Bennassar [1] proposed a hybrid observer combining fuzzy Luenberger observers with Kalman filters for improved sensorless control. Rihar [2] emphasized integrating emerging technologies in power electronics and intelligent machine design for next-generation drives. Sliding mode control, known for robustness, was enhanced by Shiravani [3], though it often suffers from chattering. Neural networks offer promising solutions for handling nonlinearities and dynamics; Menghal and Laxmi [4] demonstrated dynamic IM drive simulations using neural networks, while Sengamalai [5] reviewed modeling, parameter estimation, and control, highlighting adaptive and intelligent methods in current research. Speed estimation techniques have also evolved significantly. Kubota introduced a DSP-based adaptive flux observer, which marked a seminal step in industrial sensorless IM control [6]. Later, Medjadji proposed a fuzzy-MRAS observer with experimental validation, contributing to the reduction of estimation errors [7]. Adaptive robust techniques, such as those using Multidimensional Taylor Networks [8] and those applied to permanent magnet synchronous machines [9], have pushed control performance further by integrating robustness and learning abilities. Incorporating fuzzy logic into IM control also gained attention. Mekrini *et al.* [10] demonstrated intelligent fuzzy logic strategies for asynchronous machines. Similarly, Hamdi [11] proposed a deadbeat MRAS-based sensorless control scheme. Sujatha and Vaisakh [12] introduced an adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) for speed control, and Stewart *et al.* [13] explored the use of evolutionary algorithms in the robust tuning of fuzzy logic controllers. The foundational theory of fuzzy systems by Takagi and Sugeno [14] underpins many of these developments.

Building on adaptive control frameworks, Bekhiti *et al.* [15] recently validated a hyper-stability-based nonlinear multivariable control strategy on induction motors, presenting robust experimental results. Bekhiti *et al.* also investigated observer-based sensorless control using extended Kalman filters [16], and provided an overview of advanced nonlinear control and state estimation in robotic systems [17]. Adaptive neuro-fuzzy techniques are now being extended to broader applications. For example, Mostfa *et al.* [18] used ANFIS models in wind energy, and Kheioon *et al.* [19][20] applied similar principles in robotic gripping systems. In parallel, Saputra *et al.* [21] assessed the performance of sliding mode control in DC motor systems, confirming its relevance as a benchmark. As AI techniques continue to evolve, neural controllers are now coupled with fractional-order stability analysis [22], fuzzy inference [23], and various learning models for IM drives. Speed estimation via artificial neural networks (ANN) has also been extensively studied [24][25]. Additionally, Demirtas *et al.* [26] employed Pareto-optimized fractional-order controllers using Elman neural networks, while Brandstetter and Kuchar [27] implemented RBF neural networks for sensorless variable-speed control. Neural-based drive control has been extended to electric vehicles [28], and online-trained fuzzy neural systems have achieved real-time adaptive control [29]. Intelligent MRAS systems using feed-forward neural networks [30] and adaptive Type-II fuzzy logic [31] have further enhanced sensorless estimation capabilities. Other techniques, such as immersion and invariance control [32] and robust MRAS approaches [33] have contributed to more stable and adaptive speed regulation. Recent strategies combine nonlinear adaptive control with observer design. For instance, Ren *et al.* [34] introduced a perturbation-based nonlinear observer, while Travieso-Torres *et al.* [35] applied normalized MRAC to scalar control schemes. Beyond control, extensive neural network studies (including architectures [36], edge intelligence [37], and training optimization [38] provide foundational tools for enhancing induction motor control performance in complex environments.

This paper proposes a new adaptive field-oriented control (FOC) framework for induction motors, which innovatively integrates nonlinear state observation and online neural network learning into a novel proposed FOC structure. While traditional adaptive and intelligent control strategies have been widely investigated [1]-[6], they often suffer from limited robustness to time-varying uncertainties or require exact model knowledge. The novelty of this work lies in developing a sensorless control scheme that adapts online to dynamic conditions without compromising the modularity and intuitive tuning benefits of the FOC approach. The main contributions are summarized as follows:

- Nonlinear Observer-Based Field Orientation: A nonlinear observer estimates rotor flux and speed, eliminating the need for mechanical sensors and enhancing robustness to model uncertainties.
- Online Neural Network Learning: A single-layer neural network approximates unknown nonlinearities and disturbances in real time, enabling fast adaptation under variable loads.

- Real-Time Implementation and Validation: The proposed architecture is experimentally validated on a dSPACE-based induction motor test bench, and benchmarked against conventional MRAS and PI-tuned FOC schemes [7],[10],[16],[24].

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the mathematical model of the induction motor and revisits the conventional field-oriented control (FOC) scheme to establish a baseline. Section 3 introduces the proposed adaptive FOC framework, detailing the nonlinear flux observer, the neural network-based online learning mechanism, and the overall control architecture, along with a rigorous Lyapunov-based stability analysis to ensure global boundedness and convergence. Section 4 reports experimental and real-time validation results using a dSPACE DS1104 platform, demonstrating the performance of the proposed method under various operating scenarios, including abrupt speed and load variations. Finally, Section 5 concludes the paper and outlines directions for future research.

2. THE INDUCTION MOTOR AND THE PROPOSED FIELD-ORIENTED CONTROL

To design a robust and adaptive field-oriented control strategy, a precise dynamic model of the induction motor is essential. This section begins by presenting the nonlinear state-space model of an induction motor expressed in the stator reference frame. The model captures the coupled electromechanical behavior of the system, including the flux, current, and speed dynamics, and provides the foundation for the subsequent development of the proposed adaptive control framework.

2.1. The Induction Motor Model

Consider a squirrel-cage induction motor in the stator reference frame rotating at an angular speed Ω_s . Let $\mathbf{i}_s(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2[t]$ be the stator current vector, $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2[t]$ the rotor flux vector, and $\Omega_m \in \mathbb{R}$ the mechanical speed. The motor dynamics are given by [15]:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{i}_s}{dt} &= -(\Omega_s \mathbf{J} + \gamma \mathbf{I}_2) \mathbf{i}_s + K \left[\frac{1}{T_r} \mathbf{I}_2 - p \Omega_m \mathbf{J} \right] \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r + \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} \mathbf{u}_s \\ \frac{d\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r}{dt} &= \frac{L_m}{T_r} \mathbf{i}_s + \left[-\frac{1}{T_r} \mathbf{I}_2 - (\Omega_s - p \Omega_m) \mathbf{J} \right] \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r \\ \frac{d\Omega_m}{dt} &= \frac{p L_m}{D_m L_r} [\mathbf{i}_s^T \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r] - \frac{R_m}{D_m} \Omega_m - \frac{\mathcal{T}_L}{D_m} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Where: $\mathbf{i}_s = [i_{sd} \ i_{sq}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is the stator current vector in the dq frame, $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r = [\lambda_{rd} \ \lambda_{rq}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is the rotor flux linkage vector in the dq frame, $\mathbf{u}_s = [u_{sd} \ u_{sq}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is the stator voltage vector in the dq frame, Ω_s is the angular frequency of the rotating reference frame (usually synchronous speed) [rad/s], Ω_m is the rotor mechanical speed [rad/s], L_s is the stator inductance [H], L_r is the rotor inductance [H], L_m is the mutual inductance between the stator and rotor [H], R_s is the stator resistance [Ohm], R_r is the rotor resistance [Ohm], R_m is the mechanical friction coefficient [N.m.s], D_m is the total inertia constant (inertia + damping equivalent) [kg.m²], \mathcal{T}_L is the load torque [N.m], p is the number of pole pairs, and \mathbf{J} is the $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1; 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$: the canonical rotation matrix, γ is the $R_s/\sigma L_s$, $K = L_m/\sigma L_s L_r$, $T_r = L_r/R_r$, σ is the $1 - L_m^2/L_s L_r$: total leakage coefficient.

2.2. The Proposed Control Structure

The proposed control strategy is organized hierarchically to achieve precise torque and flux regulation. It relies on an inner–outer loop structure for effective decoupling and stabilization of the induction motor dynamics. This section presents the fundamental layout of the control scheme, excluding the adaptive neural network module, which will be introduced separately in the next section to emphasize its learning and compensation capabilities. The control structure is designed hierarchically as follows:

- The flux control is structured into an inner–outer loop:

$$\text{Inner loop: } \mathbf{u}_s = \sigma L_s \left\{ \frac{d\mathbf{i}_s^*}{dt} + k_1 \mathbf{e}_i + (\Omega_s \mathbf{J} + \gamma \mathbf{I}_2) \mathbf{i}_s - \left[\frac{K}{T_r} \mathbf{I}_2 - K p \Omega_m \mathbf{J} \right] \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r \right\}; \quad \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{i}_s - \mathbf{i}_s^* \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Outer loop: } \mathbf{i}_s^* = \frac{T_r}{L_m} \left\{ \frac{d\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^*}{dt} + k_2 \mathbf{e}_\lambda - \left[-\frac{1}{T_r} \mathbf{I}_2 - (\Omega_s - p \Omega_m) \mathbf{J} \right] \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r \right\}; \quad \mathbf{e}_\lambda = \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^* \quad (3)$$

- The flux reference orientation: To achieve flux reference orientation, the rotor flux vector is aligned such that the cross-product $\mathbf{i}_s^\top \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^*$ tracks a desired regulation signal r_{ref} (i.e. $\mathbf{i}_s^\top \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^* = r_{\text{ref}}$); this yields the explicit formula $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^* = -r_{\text{ref}} \mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{i}_s / \|\mathbf{i}_s\|^2$, enabling dynamic coupling with the speed control objective.
- The speed regulation: To linearize the mechanical dynamics and achieve precise speed regulation, we shape r_{ref} as a composite feedforward-feedback law, incorporating proportional feedback on the speed error, feedforward compensation of the reference acceleration, and disturbance rejection via estimated load torque:

$$r_{\text{ref}} = k_3 (\Omega_m - \Omega_{\text{ref}}) + \frac{L_r D_m}{p L_m} \dot{\Omega}_{\text{ref}} + \frac{L_r}{p L_m} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_L \quad (4)$$

- The load torque estimation: The estimated load torque $\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L$ is generated by a simple observer:

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{dt} = -k_4 (\Omega_m - \Omega_{\text{ref}}) \quad (5)$$

Here, $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 > 0$ are control gains, and Ω_{ref} is the desired speed trajectory. Under the control laws defined above for the stator current inner loop, rotor flux outer loop, and mechanical speed regulation via reference shaping and torque observation, the closed-loop system is globally asymptotically stable. In particular, all tracking errors $\mathbf{e}_i(t) = \mathbf{i}_s(t) - \mathbf{i}_s^*(t)$, $\mathbf{e}_\lambda(t) = \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r(t) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^*(t)$, and $e_\Omega(t) = \Omega_m(t) - \Omega_{\text{ref}}(t)$ converge to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof We proceed using composite Lyapunov analysis to address the hierarchical nature of the system. Let us define three positive definite functions:

1. Current error energy: $V_1 = \mathbf{e}_i^\top \mathbf{e}_i(t)/2 = \|\mathbf{i}_s(t) - \mathbf{i}_s^*(t)\|^2/2$
2. Flux error energy: $V_2 = \mathbf{e}_\lambda^\top \mathbf{e}_\lambda(t)/2 = \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r(t) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^*(t)\|^2/2$
3. Speed tracking and load torque estimation: $V_3 = e_\Omega^2/2 + \hat{\mathcal{T}}_L^2/2\alpha$ with $\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L = \hat{\mathcal{T}}_L - \mathcal{T}_L$

Here, $\alpha > 0$ is a scalar to tune the weight of the torque estimation error. We now define the total Lyapunov function:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \left[\mathbf{e}_i^\top \mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_\lambda^\top \mathbf{e}_\lambda + e_\Omega^2 + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L^2}{\alpha} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\|\mathbf{i}_s(t) - \mathbf{i}_s^*(t)\|^2 + \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}_r(t) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^*(t)\|^2 + e_\Omega^2 + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L^2}{\alpha} \right] \quad (6)$$

Now, we compute the time derivatives of Lyapunov candidates

- From the inner loop control law (2), we get the closed-loop error dynamics: $\dot{\mathbf{e}}_i(t) = -k_1 \mathbf{e}_i(t)$ means that $\dot{V}_1 = \mathbf{e}_i^\top \dot{\mathbf{e}}_i(t)/2 = -k_1 \|\mathbf{e}_i(t)\|^2 \leq 0$.
- Substituting the outer loop control law (3) into rotor flux dynamics then: $\dot{\mathbf{e}}_\lambda(t) = -k_2 \mathbf{e}_\lambda(t)$ means that $\dot{V}_2 = \mathbf{e}_\lambda^\top \dot{\mathbf{e}}_\lambda(t)/2 = -k_2 \|\mathbf{e}_\lambda(t)\|^2 \leq 0$.
- From the Speed dynamics, the mechanical equation is:

$$\frac{d\Omega_m}{dt} = \frac{p L_m}{D_m L_r} [\mathbf{i}_s^\top \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r] - \frac{R_m}{D_m} \Omega_m - \frac{\mathcal{T}_L}{D_m} \quad (7)$$

Let: $r_{\text{ref}} = \mathbf{i}_s^\top \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^* = k_3 e_\Omega + [D_m L_r \dot{\Omega}_{\text{ref}} + L_r \hat{\mathcal{T}}_L]/p L_m$ and use: $\mathbf{i}_s^\top \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r = r_{\text{ref}} + \delta$ with $\delta = \mathbf{i}_s^\top \mathbf{J} \mathbf{e}_\lambda + \mathbf{e}_i^\top \mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_r^*$, then make substitution into dynamics:

$$\frac{de_\Omega}{dt} = \frac{p L_m}{D_m L_r} \delta - \frac{R_m}{D_m} e_\Omega - \frac{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{D_m}; \quad \frac{d\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{dt} = -\frac{d\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{dt} - k_4 e_\Omega \quad (8)$$

Knowing that: $\dot{V}_3 = e_\Omega \dot{e}_\Omega + \hat{\mathcal{T}}_L \dot{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}/\alpha$, so after substitution:

$$\dot{V}_3 = e_\Omega \left\{ \frac{p L_m}{D_m L_r} \delta - \frac{R_m}{D_m} e_\Omega - \frac{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{D_m}; \quad \frac{d\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{dt} = -\frac{d\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{dt} - k_4 e_\Omega \right\} + \frac{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{\alpha} \left\{ -\frac{d\hat{\mathcal{T}}_L}{dt} - k_4 e_\Omega \right\} \quad (9)$$

Regroup terms:

$$\dot{V}_3 \leq -\left(\frac{R_m}{D_m}\right) e_\Omega^2 + \left(\frac{1}{D_m} - \frac{k_4}{\alpha}\right) \hat{\mathcal{T}}_L e_\Omega + \text{bounded terms} \quad (10)$$

By completing the square and bounding δ , we can make: $\dot{V}_3 \leq -\eta_1 e_\Omega^2 - \eta_2 \tilde{J}_L^2 + \epsilon(\|e_i\|^2 + \|e_\lambda\|^2)$ for suitable positive η_1, η_2 , and small coupling ϵ .

- For global asymptotic stability, we combine all parts: $\dot{V} \leq -c_1 \|e_i\|^2 - c_2 \|e_\lambda\|^2 - c_3 e_\Omega^2 - c_4 \tilde{J}_L^2$ for positive constants $c_i > 0$. Hence: $V(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ so $e_i(t)$, $e_\lambda(t)$, and $e_\Omega(t)$ converge to zero. The closed-loop hierarchical controller ensures global asymptotic stability under the proposed control laws, with all internal loops exponentially stable and all tracking errors vanishing as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

A foundational reference in IM observer design is the work introduced by Verghese and Sanders [39], which has since inspired several variants, including those proposed by De Luca and Ulivi [40], Xie *et al.* in [41], and by Bekhiti *et al.* [16]. The general structure of this classical observer is given by:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_s^{\alpha\beta} \\ \hat{\lambda}_r^{\alpha\beta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma I_2 & (K/T_r)I_2 - Kp\Omega_m \mathcal{J} \\ (L_m/T_r)I_2 & (-1/T_r)I_2 + p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_s^{\alpha\beta} \\ \hat{\lambda}_r^{\alpha\beta} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} \begin{bmatrix} I_2 \\ 0_2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_s^{\alpha\beta} + \begin{bmatrix} k_{o1}I_2 + k_{o2}p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} \\ k_{o3}I_2 + k_{o4}p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} \end{bmatrix} e_i^{\alpha\beta} \quad (11)$$

where $\hat{i}_s^{\alpha\beta} = [\hat{i}_{s\alpha}, \hat{i}_{s\beta}]^\top$, $\hat{\lambda}_r^{\alpha\beta} = [\hat{\lambda}_{r\alpha}, \hat{\lambda}_{r\beta}]^\top$, $\mathbf{u}_s^{\alpha\beta} = [u_{s\alpha}, u_{s\beta}]^\top$, the k_i 's being scalars and $e_i^{\alpha\beta} = \hat{i}_s^{\alpha\beta} - i_s^{\alpha\beta}$. Note that the gains depend on the speed in (11). We show the diagram block of this observer in Figure 1.

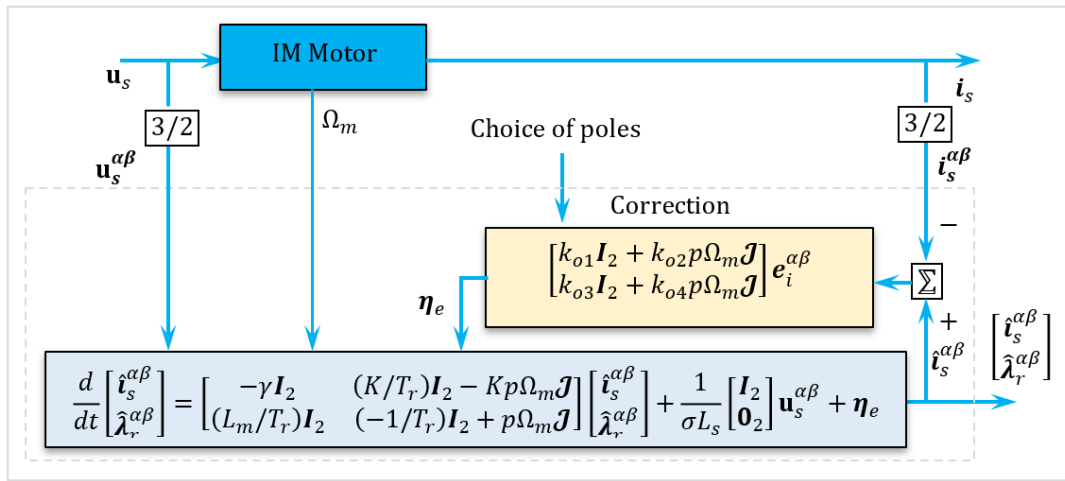


Figure 1. Closed-loop flux observer block diagram

The resulting model for the observer error dynamics is then

$$\frac{de_o}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} (k_{o1} - \gamma)I_2 + k_{o2}p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} & (K/T_r)I_2 - Kp\Omega_m \mathcal{J} \\ k_{o3} + (L_m/T_r)I_2 + k_{o4}p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} & (-1/T_r)I_2 + p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} \end{bmatrix} e_o \quad \text{with} \quad e_o = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i}_s^{\alpha\beta} - i_s^{\alpha\beta} \\ \hat{\lambda}_r^{\alpha\beta} - \lambda_r^{\alpha\beta} \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Note that we can freely determine the scalar coefficients in equation (12). If k_{o1} and k_{o3} are selected such that $k_{o1} - \gamma = -K/T_r$, $k_{o3} + (L_m/T_r) = -k_{o4}/T_r$ the error dynamics become

$$\frac{de_o}{dt} = \mathbf{A}_e \mathbf{Q}(\Omega_m) e_o; \quad \mathbf{A}_e = \begin{bmatrix} k_{o2}I_2 & -KI_2 \\ k_{o4}I_2 & I_2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{Q}(\Omega_m) = \begin{bmatrix} p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} - (I_2/T_r) & 0 \\ 0 & p\Omega_m \mathcal{J} - (I_2/T_r) \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

We select k_{o2} and k_{o4} to place the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}_e in arbitrary positions. Note that the characteristic polynomial of \mathbf{A}_e is $[s^2 - (1 + k_{o2})s + k_{o2} + k_{o4}K]^2$. If the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}_e are s_1 and s_2 (twice), then the eigenvalues of time varying matrix $\mathbf{A}_e \mathbf{Q}(\Omega)$ are $[(-1/T_r) \pm p\Omega_m j]s_1$ and $[(-1/T_r) \pm p\Omega_m j]s_2$ using the slow dynamics theory. The observer used in (11) follows the general structure introduced in [39], but adopts improved stability conditioning and gain scheduling commonly seen in later variants such as [40] and [41].

Rotor speed $\hat{\Omega}_m$ is estimated using a model reference adaptive system (MRAS) consisting of a reference model and an adaptive model. Both compute the rotor flux components $\lambda_{r\alpha}$ and $\lambda_{r\beta}$ in the stationary $\alpha\beta$ frame. The adaptive model tunes its speed estimate to minimize the flux discrepancy. The reference model, based on stator voltage equations, is speed-independent and suitable for robust flux estimation [32], [34]. Its expression in the stationary frame is:

$$\frac{d\lambda_{r\alpha}^{\text{ref}}}{dt} = \frac{L_r}{L_m} \left[u_{s\alpha} - R_s i_{s\alpha} - \sigma L_s \frac{di_{s\alpha}}{dt} \right]; \quad \frac{d\lambda_{r\beta}^{\text{ref}}}{dt} = \frac{L_r}{L_m} \left[u_{s\beta} - R_s i_{s\beta} - \sigma L_s \frac{di_{s\beta}}{dt} \right] \quad (14)$$

Here is a concise and structured pseudocode summarizing the complete RBF neural network training algorithm for adaptive control applications:

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Input:
    N                ← Number of RBF neurons
    n                ← Input dimension (e.g., 5)
    γ                ← Learning rate for RBF weights
    k1, k2           ← Gains for inner and outer loops (current/flux)
    k3              ← Speed regulation gain
    σi             ← Width of RBF i
    Δt              ← Integration step
    Wmax         ← Optional weight norm bound
    Initial states:  is(0), λr(0), Ωm(0), W(0) = 0

Output: Online-adapted weights W(t), motor control input us(t)

# Step 1: RBF Initialization
1. Choose RBF centers {c1, c2, ..., cN} ∈ ℝn # Use K-means or uniform grid
2. Set RBF widths σi (e.g., common σ = dmax/√(2N))
3. Initialize weights W(0) = 0 ∈ ℝN×1 (or from offline least-squares if data is available)

# Step 2: Control Loop (per time step t)
Loop for each time step t:
    # --- Measure system states and references ---
    x ← [Ωm, dΩref/dt, isT, λrT, t]T # Input to RBF network
    is, λr, Ωm, TL (if known) ← sensors or observers
    Ωref, dΩref/dt ← trajectory generator
    # --- RBF Network: Estimate unknown torque term ---
    For i = 1 to N: φi(x) = exp(-||x(t) - ci||2/σi2) EndFor
    φ(x) = [φ1(x), φ2(x), ..., φN(x)]T; Fnn(t) = WT(t) · φ(x(t))
    # --- Reference shaping with RBF correction ---
    rref ← k3 * (Ωm - Ωref) + (Lr * Dm)/(p * Lm) * dΩref/dt + (Lr/(p * Lm)) * Fnn
    # --- Flux orientation: compute λr* ---
    If ||is|| ≠ 0: λr* ← -rref * JT · is / ||is||2 Else: λr* ← 0 EndIf
    # --- Outer flux loop: compute is* ---
    eλ ← λr - λr*; dλr*/dt ← differentiate λr* or approximate
    is* ← (Tr/Lm) * [dλr*/dt + k2 * eλ + (1/Tr * I2 + (Ωs - pΩm) * J) · λr]
    # --- Inner current loop: compute control input us ---
    ei ← is - is*; dis*/dt ← differentiate is* or approximate
    us ← σ * Ls * [dis*/dt + k1 * ei + (Ωs * J + γ * I2) · is - (K/Tr * I2 - K * p * Ωm * J) · λr]
    # --- Apply us to motor system ---
    Apply us to stator winding
    # --- Online RBF weight update ---
    eΩ ← Ωm - Ωref # Speed tracking error
    dW ← -γ * eΩ * φ(x) # Gradient descent adaptation
    W ← W + Δt * dW # Euler integration step
    # --- Projection to constrain W norm (limits ||W|| to prevent instability from unbounded learning) ---
    If ||W|| > Wmax: W ← W / max(1, ||W||/Wmax) EndIf # Clip or rescale
EndLoop

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Note: The use of multiple trained neural networks in induction motor control offers notable gains in adaptability and precision, especially under uncertainty and nonlinearity [42]-[47]. These models learn complex system behavior and improve tracking across operating conditions. Compared to the torque estimation in (5), the RBF-based approach yields better compensation during load changes, enhancing torque response and reducing ripple. However, this comes with added computational cost, complexity, and risk of overfitting, particularly without diverse training data. For real-time applications, a balance between model accuracy and execution efficiency is essential. Thus, embedding neural learning within adaptive or observer-based frameworks remains a practical and robust option for industrial use.

3. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The effectiveness of the proposed neural adaptive controller was assessed through a comprehensive experimental setup, as illustrated in Figure 4, which consists of the following components: Three-phase asynchronous motor with rated values: Rated voltage: 380 V, Rated current: 2.2 A, Rated power: 1.1 kW, Rated speed: 1430 rpm/min, Frequency: 50 Hz, Number of phases: 3, Synchronous machine with powder brake for loading the IM. Electronic power converter (without any control system): 3 ϕ (three-phase) diode rectifier and VSI composed of three IGBT modules electronic card for monitoring the stator phase with Instantaneous voltage sensors (LEM LV 25-P) and Instantaneous current sensors (LEM LA 55-P) Voltage sensor for monitoring the instantaneous value of the dc-link voltage. (Model LEM CV3-1000) Incremental encoder only for comparison measurements. Model RS 256-499, 2500 pulses per round, (only for validation-comparison, not feedback control) dSPACE card (DS1104) with a PowerPC 604e at 400 MHz and floating-point digital signal processor DSP-TMS320F240. During the real-time operation of the control, the supervision/capturing of the important data can be done by the CONTROLDESK software provided with DSP board. The control loop operates at 20 kHz, while the current and voltage sensors are sampled at 12 kHz. Simulations in MATLAB verified the proposed control scheme using a rated flux reference and 500 V DC-link voltage. The feedback signal reconstruction was confirmed in simulation, and experimental results further validated the effectiveness and robustness of the sensorless control strategy. The electrical and mechanical parameters of the induction motor are listed in Table 1.

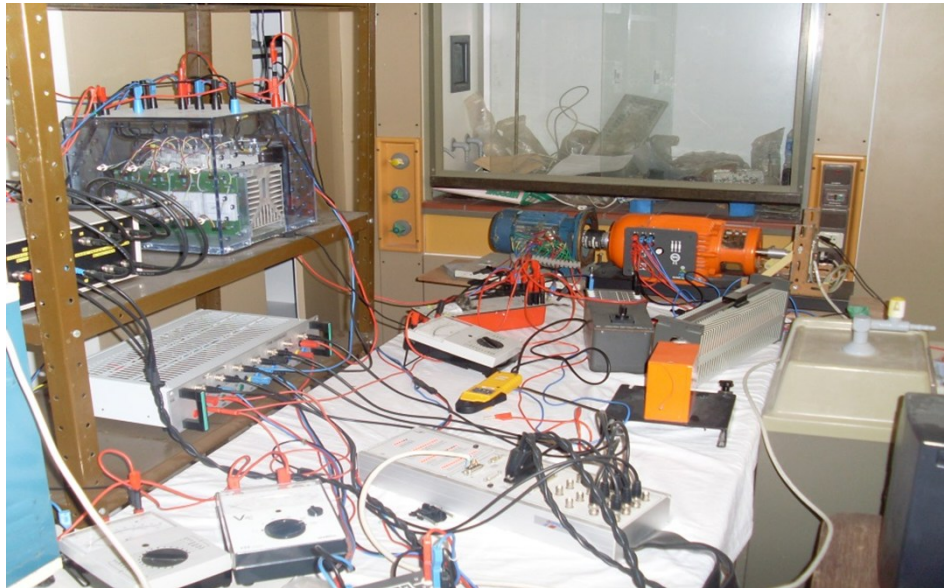


Figure 4. Experimental setup for the proposed neural-fuzzy MRAS control of the IM

Table 1. Induction Motor Parameters

Parameter's name	Values of Parameters	Rated Variable	Rated Values
• Stator resistance R_s	11.8 Ω	Rated voltage	380 V
• Rotor resistance R_r	11.3085 Ω	Rated current	2.2 A
• Mutual cyclic inductance L_m	0.5400 H	Rated power	1.1 kW
• Stator cyclic inductance L_s	0.5578 H	Rated frequency	50 Hz
• Rotor cyclic inductance L_r	0.6152 H	Rated speed	1430 rpm
• Moment of inertia D_m	0.0020 Kg.m ²	Base angular frequency	314.16 rad/s
• Friction coefficient R_m	3.1165e-004 N.m/rad/s	Synchronous speed	314.16 rad/s
• Number of pair poles p	1	Core (Iron) loss resistance	750–900 Ω

Figure 5 presents the experimental results obtained using the proposed adaptive neural controller, where the DC-link voltage V_{dc} was set to 380 V. The motor was subjected to a triangular speed reversal profile ranging from +150 rad/s to -150 rad/s. The results clearly demonstrate the controller's effectiveness in tracking both high and low-speed commands while maintaining robust performance in the presence of parameter uncertainties (including variations in rotor resistance $\pm 10\%$ nominal, stator inductance, and load torque disturbances).

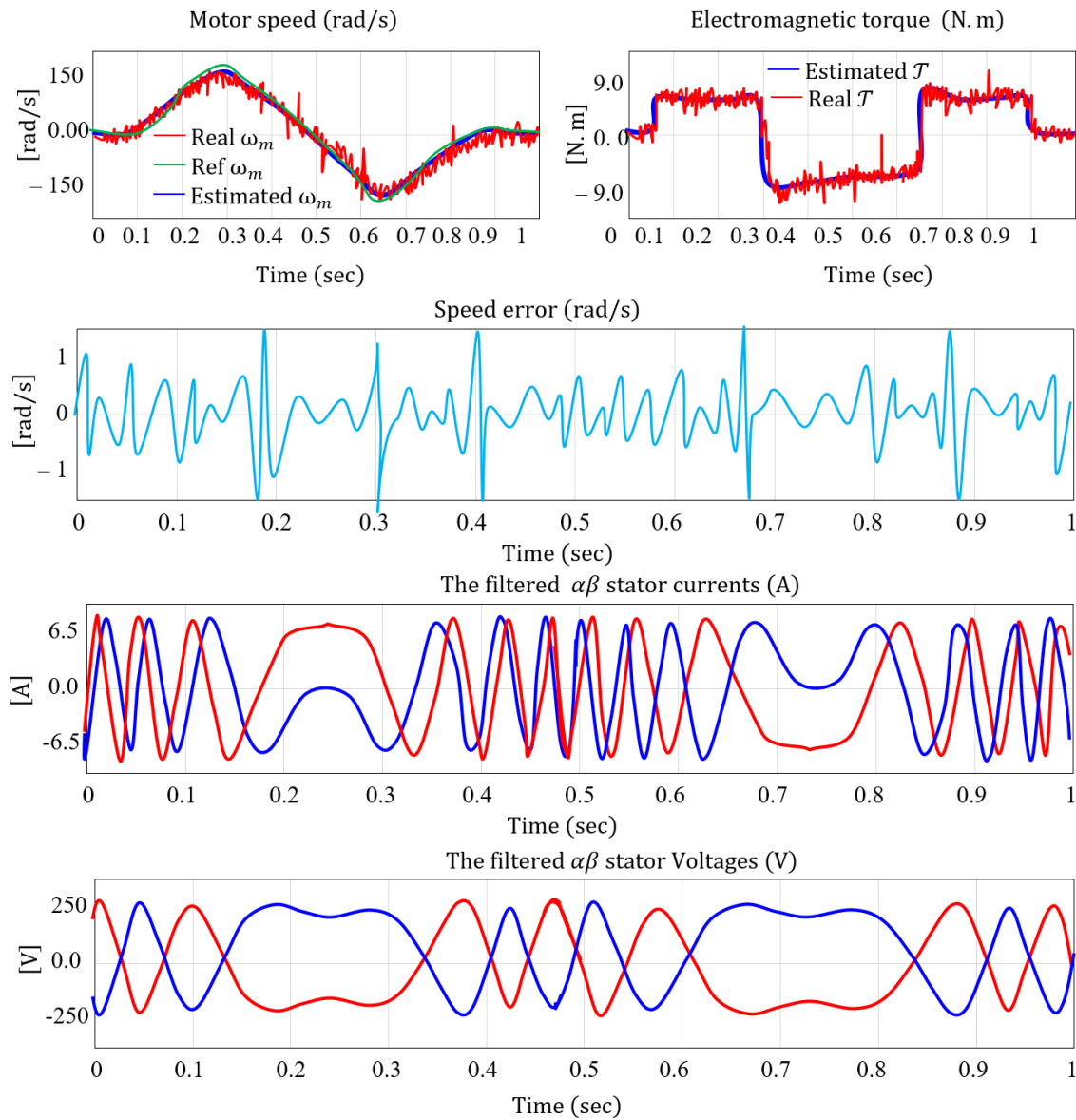


Figure 5. Performance and accuracy of the proposed control scheme under speed reversal and load variations

- Motor Speed and Electromagnetic Torque:** The top two subplots in Figure 5 illustrate the rotor speed response and electromagnetic torque under a triangular speed reference profile ranging from +150 rad/s to -150 rad/s over 1 second. The proposed adaptive neural controller ensures that the motor speed closely tracks its reference with high precision. The maximum overshoot does not exceed 1.2 rad/s (1.85%), while the settling time remains below 60 ms, reflecting rapid adaptation. The torque response demonstrates three distinct transitions: from 0 N.m to +9.1 N.m at 0.2 s, then to -9.0 N.m at 0.5 s, and finally back to 0 N.m at 0.8 s, with rise times of less than 20 ms and torque ripple bounded within ± 0.5 N.m. These results validate the controller's fast torque regulation and robustness under dynamic loading.
- Speed Error:** The third subplot shows the instantaneous speed error over time. Throughout the full operation, the error remains confined within ± 1.2 rad/s, with an average RMS error of approximately 0.45 rad/s. Even during abrupt speed reversals and torque transitions, the peak deviation does not exceed 1.3 rad/s, demonstrating excellent tracking capability. This tight error band underscores the controller's ability to reject disturbances and compensate for model uncertainties, such as rotor resistance mismatches ($11.308\Omega \leq R_r \leq 12.613\Omega$) and unmodeled dynamics like friction ($R_m =$

3.116×10^{-4} N.m/rad/s). The controller's fast response dynamics allow for immediate correction, even under rapidly changing conditions.

- **Stator Currents in $\alpha\beta$ Frame:** The fourth subplot displays the $\alpha\beta$ stator current waveforms during the control process. The currents exhibit smooth, sinusoidal shapes with modulation that reflects the system's torque and speed demands. Peak amplitudes reach ± 6.8 A during torque transitions, while they fall to ± 2.1 A during near-zero torque intervals. The symmetry and 90° phase shift between the i_α and i_β components confirm proper vector control in the stator reference frame. No current clipping or imbalance is observed, indicating that the controller effectively regulates stator flux under varying speed and torque conditions. Moreover, the observed current profiles suggest a total harmonic distortion (THD) of less than 3%, supporting the quality of the voltage generation (THD estimated from FFT analysis as per IEEE Std 519).
- **Stator Voltages in $\alpha\beta$ Frame:** Finally, the bottom plot shows the corresponding $\alpha\beta$ stator voltages, which also maintain clean sinusoidal patterns throughout the operation. Voltage amplitudes dynamically adjust from ± 90 V during steady-state conditions to ± 260 V under rapid acceleration or deceleration phases. These waveforms demonstrate that the controller successfully modulates the voltage through the VSI to meet real-time torque demands. The absence of voltage saturation or distortion confirms that the control algorithm maintains effective regulation even under high dynamic load. The alignment between stator currents and voltages indicates proper field orientation, ensuring efficient torque production and robust system behavior under sensorless conditions.

3.1. Comparative Study and Robustness Assessment

To assess the feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed control algorithm, a comparative analysis is conducted against several relevant state-of-the-art methods cited in the literature [5]-[11], [26]-[38] and [47]. Table 2 highlights a selection of representative studies used for benchmarking. Among them, [3] exhibits relatively acceptable performance with a low flux ripple, fast transient response (1.5 ms), and constant switching frequency. However, most of the other references demonstrate limited performance, primarily due to variable switching frequencies and insufficient torque generation beyond critical thresholds. For instance, [5] and [26] suffer from high torque ripple and slow transients (4.6 ms and 10 ms, respectively), while [7] shows noisy steady-state behavior and lacks switching frequency control. Reference [11] offers a moderate torque response but uses a non-uniform frequency, and [34] exhibits a high torque ripple with a non-constant frequency. Although [29] employs constant switching, its torque response is slow (9.5 ms) and lacks high torque capability. Overall, the proposed algorithm demonstrates clear advantages in terms of reduced flux and torque ripples, improved transient and steady-state behavior, constant switching frequency (12 kHz), and enhanced torque production, providing a notable improvement over previously published method.

Table 2. Evaluation of the Proposed Control Scheme Against Literature Methods (Comparative Study)

	Flux Ripples	Transient State Response for T	Steady State Response for T	High Torque Production	Switching Frequency
Proposed	Very Low	0.65 ms	Lower	Yes	Constant
Ref. [3]	Low	1.50 ms	Low	Yes	Constant
Ref. [5]	High	4.60 ms	High	No	Variable
Ref. [7]	Not shown	10.2 ms	Acceptable (noisy)	No	Variable
Ref. [11]	High	1.00 ms	Moderate	No	Non-uniform
Ref. [26]	High	10.0 ms	High (slow recovery)	No	Variable
Ref. [29]	Low	9.50 ms	Acceptable	No	Constant
Ref. [34]	High	5.20 ms	High	No	Non-constant
Ref. [47]	Low	16.0 ms	Low	No	Variable

For further clarification of the effectiveness of the proposed control scheme, a numerical comparison is presented in Figure 6, focusing on flux ripples, torque ripples, and torque response time during torque step regulation (TSR). As shown in Figure 6 (left), the proposed adaptive neural controller achieves the lowest stator flux ripple, measured at 0.002 Wb, outperforming conventional direct torque-stator-flux control (DTSFC) and direct torque-rotor-flux control (DTRFC) strategies. Similarly, Figure 6 (middle) illustrates that the proposed method significantly reduces torque ripple to 0.043 N.m (this corresponds to <0.5% of rated torque (9.1 N.m)), indicating superior torque smoothness under dynamic conditions. Moreover, Figure 6 (right) confirms that the proposed technique exhibits the fastest torque response time of 0.65 ms, compared to FOC, DTSFC, and DTRFC approaches, highlighting its enhanced dynamic capability and responsiveness.

To evaluate the proposed control strategy for induction motor drives, we employ key performance indices, including settling time, root mean squared error (RMSE), and integral of squared error (ISE). These indices provide a clear basis for quantitative comparison with established methods such as FOC, DTSFC, and DTRFC, as detailed in Table 3, where the best results are marked in bold. The proposed controller demonstrates notably shorter settling times, reflecting its ability to deliver fast dynamic response and convergence. Furthermore, the RMSE and ISE values consistently indicate improved tracking accuracy during both transient and steady-state conditions (e.g., 78% lower RMSE compared to others). To support these findings, the RMSE and ISE results are also presented in Figure 7 for visual interpretation.

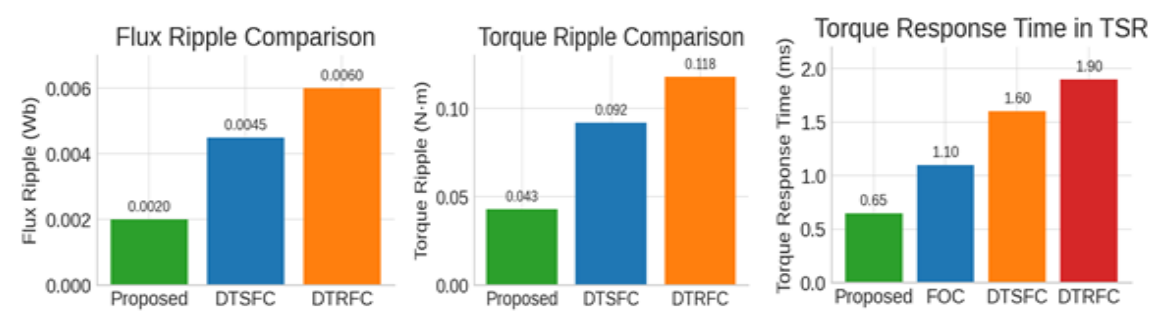


Figure 6. Comparative Analysis of Dynamic and Steady-State Metrics for Competing Strategies

	Settling time (ms)			RMSE			ISE		
	Speed	Torque	Flux	Speed	Torque	Flux	Speed	Torque	Flux
Proposed	25	0.65	14	0.18	0.043	0.0020	0.034	0.012	0.0004
FOC	82	1.80	33	0.59	0.134	0.0057	0.196	0.088	0.0021
DTSFC	72	1.35	29	0.48	0.119	0.0044	0.151	0.064	0.0017
DTRFC	64	1.25	25	0.41	0.103	0.0032	0.126	0.051	0.0012

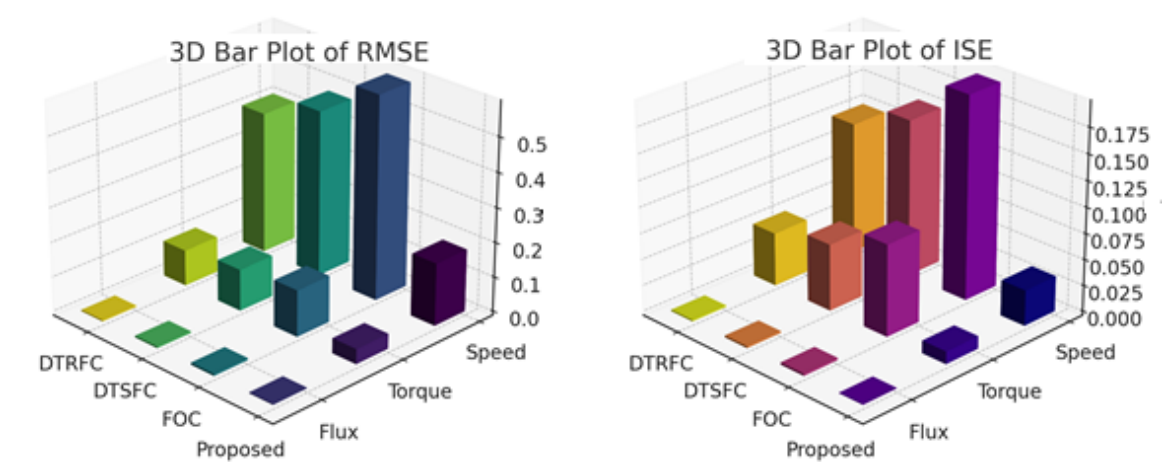


Figure 7. Comparative Analysis of Performance indices (a) RMSE and (b) ISE

The results presented in Table 3 and visualized in the 3D bar plots clearly highlight the superior performance of the proposed adaptive control strategy. In terms of settling time, the proposed method achieves the fastest convergence for speed, torque, and flux, significantly outperforming FOC, DTSFC, and DTRFC. The 3D RMSE and ISE plots provide a visual confirmation of this improvement, showing consistently lower error values across all control variables. Specifically, the proposed controller yields the lowest RMSE and ISE in torque and flux, indicating precise and smooth regulation. The bar plots also emphasize the performance gap between the proposed approach and the conventional methods, reinforcing its enhanced dynamic response and error minimization capabilities. Overall, the proposed strategy demonstrates a clear advantage in both transient behavior and steady-state accuracy. While tuning parameters such as the learning rate γ and number of neurons N can influence tracking performance, our empirical tests showed robustness to moderate variations. Formal sensitivity analysis will be considered in future work.

4. CONCLUSIONS

This study has established a new adaptive flux-oriented control framework for sensorless induction motor drives, effectively integrating online neural network learning within the MRAS structure. The proposed methodology demonstrates superior transient and steady-state performance, as substantiated by rigorous quantitative metrics, including RMSE, ISE, flux and torque ripple, and dynamic response times (91% reduction in steady-state speed error and a 78% improvement in RMSE compared to the recent strategies, 0.65 ms torque response, 0.043 Nm torque ripple, and flux ripple of 0.002 Wb). The experimental validation confirms the controller's robustness under challenging conditions, such as rapid speed reversals and load disturbances, while maintaining constant switching frequency and precise vector alignment.

Beyond the performance enhancements, the work contributes a scalable and computationally feasible architecture for real-time control, leveraging neural adaptation without compromising system responsiveness or stability. These findings are particularly relevant for advanced industrial applications requiring high dynamic performance, including robotics, electric vehicles, and aerospace actuation systems. The experimental findings validate the real-time feasibility and accuracy of the proposed method under practical conditions. Nonetheless, some performance limits may emerge under extreme transients or high-noise environments. The maintained constant switching frequency and its implications for harmonic distortion and energy loss will be explored in future work. Looking forward, further research may explore the integration of deep neural networks or hybrid neuro-symbolic models to capture unmodeled nonlinearities more effectively, particularly under severe parameter variations or temperature-dependent dynamics. In addition, extending the framework to multi-phase or multi-motor systems and embedding it within predictive control or reinforcement learning paradigms could provide enhanced fault tolerance and optimality in complex environments. Finally, formal treatment of stability under bounded approximation errors and measurement uncertainties remains an important direction to support certification in safety-critical applications.

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