

SOLAR POWERED HYBRID MULTILEVEL INVERTER FED INDUCTION MOTOR USING FUZZY PI SPEED CONTROLLER

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In this paper, speed control of solar powered single phase Hybrid Multilevel Inverter fed induction motor using fuzzy Proportional Integral (PI) controller is proposed. The proposed control system has been developed using MATLAB/SIMULINK. Performance of the proposed controller is tested in reference speed conditions with step change. The parameter analyzed for the proposed controller is steady state error and settling time. This is compared with the PI controller. Proposed speed controller is tested with two speed region such as low speed region and high speed region. In low speed region, speed command is varied from 40 rad/sec, 60 rad/sec and 80 rad/sec with 0.6 sec step time. In high speed region, speed command is varied from 100 rad/sec, 120 rad/sec and 140 rad/sec with 0.6 sec step time. Corresponding, performance parameters are measured and analyzed for both regions with proposed controller and PI controller. From the test results, fuzzy PI speed controlled hybrid multilevel inverter fed induction motor outperforms than PI controller. Finally, the results are verified experimentally.

Key Words: *Fuzzy-PI controller, multilevel inverter, solar power, steady state error.*

1. Introduction

The conventional sources such as coal, diesel, gas etc. are depleting day by day. The cost of renewable energy technologies is getting down as energy production increases and the study of various alternate sources have gained momentum. Among the renewable sources, photovoltaic (PV) generation is important as it offers advantages such as low fuel costs, less pollutant, minimum maintenance and no noise. Applications of PV have been widely employed for power generation, satellite power system, solar vehicle and solar battery charging stations [1], [2]. In this paper, solar powered Hybrid Multilevel Inverter (HMLI) fed induction motor using Fuzzy PI speed controller is proposed. Solar PV array is nonlinear in nature; the output power of the solar PV system depends on irradiation and temperature [3]. To extract the maximum power in solar PV system, incremental conductance maximum power point tracking algorithm is presented in this paper.

Normally, single phase H-bridge inverter is used to drive the induction motor when supply is direct current source but conventional inverter has some disadvantages such as harmonic level is high and noise effect is also high when driving induction motor. In order to overcome this problem, multilevel inverter has been developed. Multilevel inverter produces a high level output whose waveform resembles a pure sinusoidal waveform due to that harmonic level is reduced and noise level also reduced

but it is also has some disadvantages such number level is depends on switching device i.e., high level of output requires large number of switching devices. This will lead to power loss in switching device and also controlling technique is more complex. To solve this problem, HMLI has been developed as it requires only less number of switches for high level of output [4].

Speed regulation is the most important control parameter of induction motor. Conventionally, PI controller has been widely used in industries and controlling the target system. But it have some disadvantages such as constant parameter of the PI controller and manual tuning of parameter which leads to poor response in target system and may lead to unstable conditions. PI controller has been optimized by different optimization algorithm such as genetic algorithm, particle swarm optimization, etc. These algorithms tune the parameter of the PI controller in offline mode. In offline mode, large number of iteration and trial have to perform for obtain the optimal solution and also this is time consuming process [5]. In order to overcome this problem in this paper, online tuning or automatic tuning of parameter of the PI controller is proposed using Fuzzy controller. Fuzzy controller automatically tunes the parameter of the PI controller based operating conditions of the induction motor. Fuzzy controller has the following advantages such as it does not need any mathematical model of the system, and human expert knowledge can be easily included in the fuzzy system using if then rules.

2. Solar Powered Hybrid Multilevel Inverter Fed Induction Motor using Fuzzy PI Speed Controller

The proposed system consist of solar PV , maximum power point tracking controller, DC-DC converter, single phase HMLI, Fuzzy PI speed controller and single phase induction motor. The overall proposed system is shown in Fig.1.

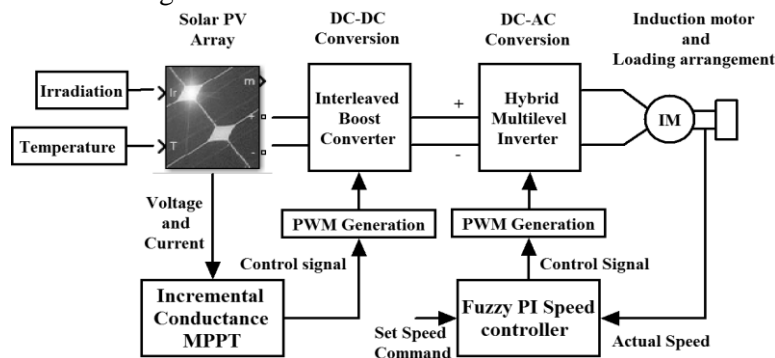


Fig.1. Solar Powered HMLI Fed Induction Motor using Fuzzy PI Speed Controller

In the proposed system, solar PV array output is processed via Interleaved Boost Converter (IBC) with incremental conductance maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithm. Input for the MPPT controller is voltage and current of the solar panel and output of the MPPT controller is PWM pulse for IBC to extract maximum power from solar panel. The output of the IBC is fed to HMLI and it drives the single phase induction motor. The actual speed of the induction motor is sensed and compared with set speed command then speed error and rate of change of speed error is processed via Fuzzy PI speed controller and output of the controller is control signal and this processed via PWM generation unit for generating pulses to hybrid multilevel inverter for controlling the speed of the induction motor.

2.1. Solar PV array

Solar PV array module consists of series and parallel string of PV cell. The series string is used to sum up the voltage level of each PV cell and parallel string is used to sum up power level of each PV cell. The equation for single PV cell is expressed by equation (1),

$$I_d = I_o \left[\exp\left(\frac{V_d}{V_T}\right) - 1 \right] \quad (1)$$

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{q} \times nl \times N_{cell} \quad (2)$$

where, I_d is diode current in Amps, V_d is the diode voltage in Volts, I_o is the diode saturation current in Amps, nl is the diode ideality factor, k is the boltzman constant, q is the electron charge, T is the cell temperature in Kelvin and N_{cell} is the number of cells in series in array.

The single PV module having the following characteristics, the open circuit voltage is 36.3 V, maximum power point voltage is 29 volts, short circuit current is 7.84 A, maximum power point current is 7.35 amps, maximum power is 213.5W, N_{cell} is 60, light generated current is 7.8649 A, saturation current is 2.95×10^{-10} A, ideality factor is 0.98117, shunt resistance is 313.39Ω and series resistance is 0.3983Ω . I-V and P-V characteristics of single PV array are shown in Fig.2.

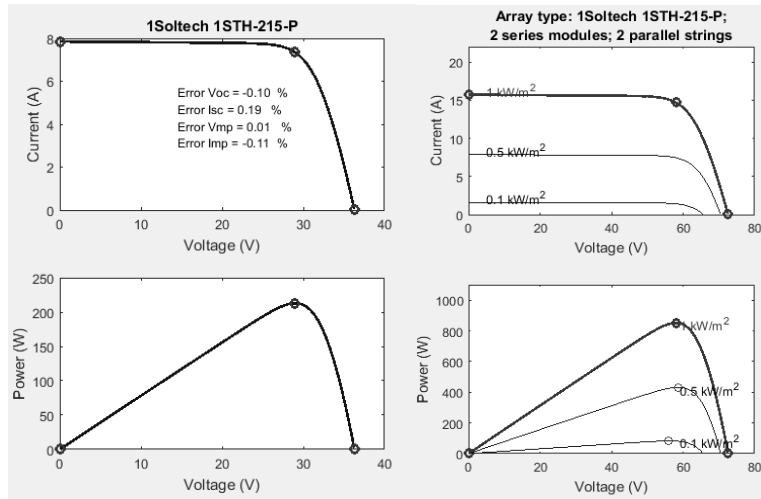


Fig.2. I-V and P-V Characteristics of single Solar PV array and ten series and two parallel strings of solar PV array

In this paper, two series string and two parallel strings are used and corresponding I-V and P-V characteristics of solar array with different irradiation level is shown in Fig.2.

2.2. Incremental conductance maximum power point tracking algorithm

In incremental conductance method, solar PV array voltage is modified based on maximum power point voltage. This method is based on the instantaneous and incremental conductance of the solar PV array [6].

Basic idea of incremental conductance MPPT is shown in Fig.3. At maximum power point, the slope of the P-V curve is zero. Slope is increasing on left side of the P-V curve and decreasing on right of the P-V curve. The basic of incremental conductance method expressed by equation (3), (4) and (5),

$$\frac{dI}{dV} = -\frac{I}{V} \text{ at maximum powerpoint of the curve} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dV} > -\frac{I}{V} \text{ at left of the maximum powerpoint of the curve} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dV} < -\frac{I}{V} \text{ at right of the maximum powerpoint of the curve} \quad (5)$$

where, I and V are solar PV array current and voltage respectively. Equation (4) represents the incremental conductance of the PV array and the Equation (5) represents the instantaneous conductance of the PV array. At maximum power point, rate of output conductance is equal to negative output conductance of the solar array. The MPPT generates the PWM control signal for IBC converter until the condition: $\partial I/\partial V = -I/V$ are satisfied. Flowchart for incremental conductance maximum power point tracking is shown in Fig.4.

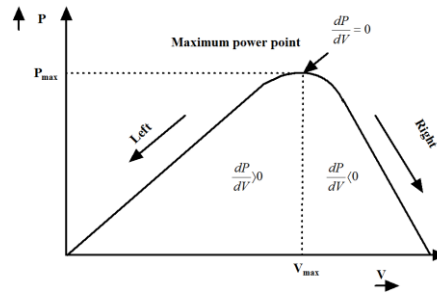


Fig.3. Basic idea of Incremental conductance maximum power point tracking

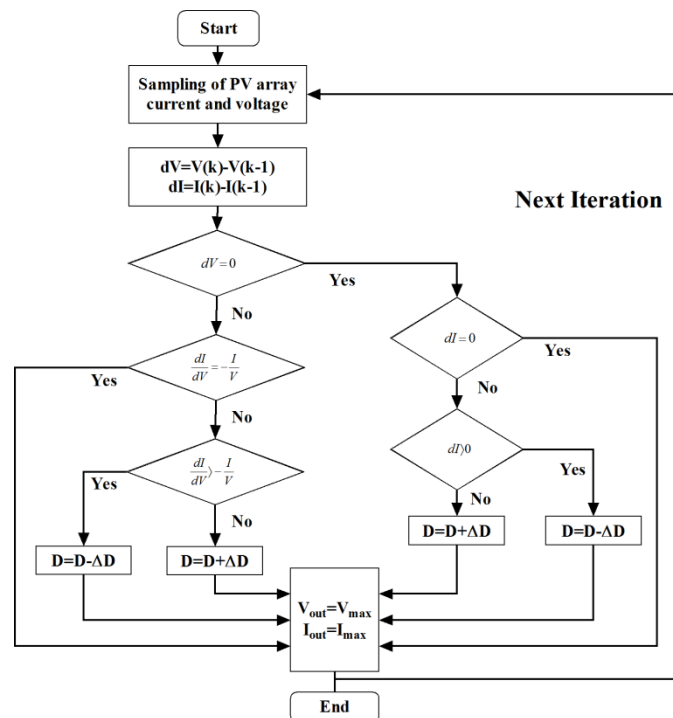


Fig.4. Flowchart for Incremental conductance maximum power point tracking

2.3. Interleaved boost converter

DC-DC boost converters are employed as interfacing circuit for the PV array with MPPT control to provide maximum power to the load [7]. Boost DC-DC converter have high power density , easy structure, , quick transient response and constant input current and hence, this topology is used in different high power application such as power factor improvement, photovoltaic energy conversion systems and electric vehicles. To supply high voltage output, DC-DC boost converter requires to be driven at maximum duty cycle which subjects the switching devices to small pulse, high magnitude current which leads to electromagnetic interference problems and reverse recovery and also reduces the dynamic response for load and line variations. A high voltage output, small switching voltage loss

without maximum duty cycle can be achieved using converters with coupled inductor circuits; however the efficiency of the converter reduces due to energy loss (leakage current) in the coupled inductor. To alleviate these problems and to increase the efficiency of the boost DC-DC converter, interleaving method is used [8]. Also, interleaving results in reduction of current through the input capacitors and enhances ripple current cancellation in the output capacitor. Further, it provides improved transient response and reduced EMI. In this paper, three stage interleaved soft switched boost converter is used for maximum power conversion converter. The simulink model of the three stages IBC is shown in Fig.5.

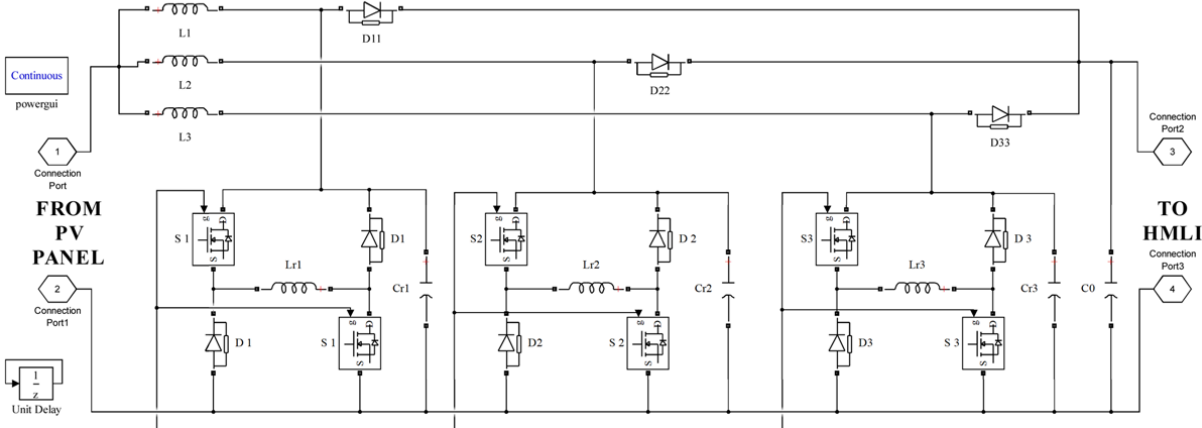


Fig.5. Simulink model of IBC converter

The designed values of IBC converter as follows, inductor (L1, L2 and L3) is 13.3 mH, (Lr1, Lr2 and Lr3) is 33.3 mH capacitor (Cr1, Cr2, and Cr3) is 100 μ F, capacitor (C0) is 200 μ F

2.4. Hybrid multilevel inverter

Generally, H-bridge inverter is used to drives the single phase induction motor but in this paper, HMLI is used for driving the induction motor. This inverter has six switching devices to produce seven level output due to that output voltage looks like near sinusoidal and total harmonic distortion is less than 5 % (IEEE-519 standard). Multiple references with inverted sine carrier PWM switching are employed for hybrid multilevel inverter to produce seven levels at output [9]. The simulink model of HMLI is shown in Fig.6. Multiple references with inverted sine carrier PWM switching logic is shown in Fig.7.

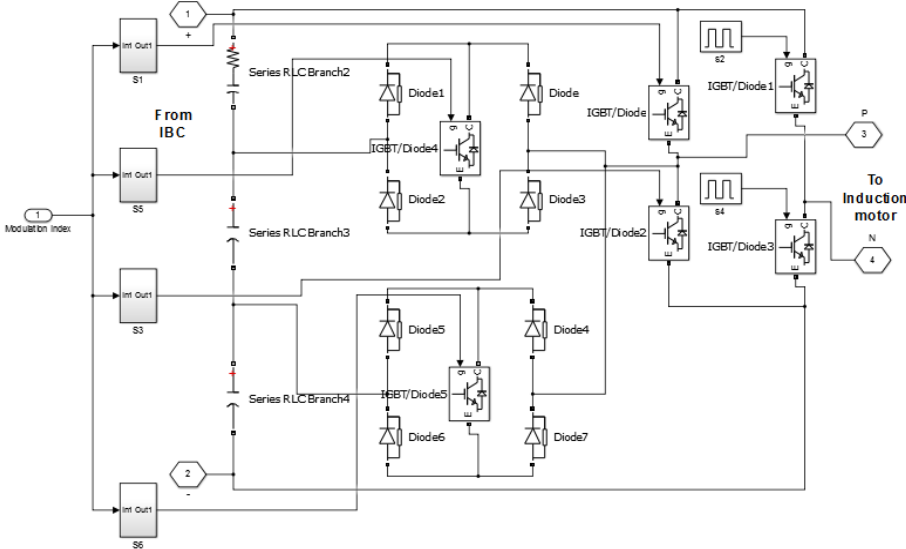


Fig.6. Simulink model of hybrid multilevel inverter

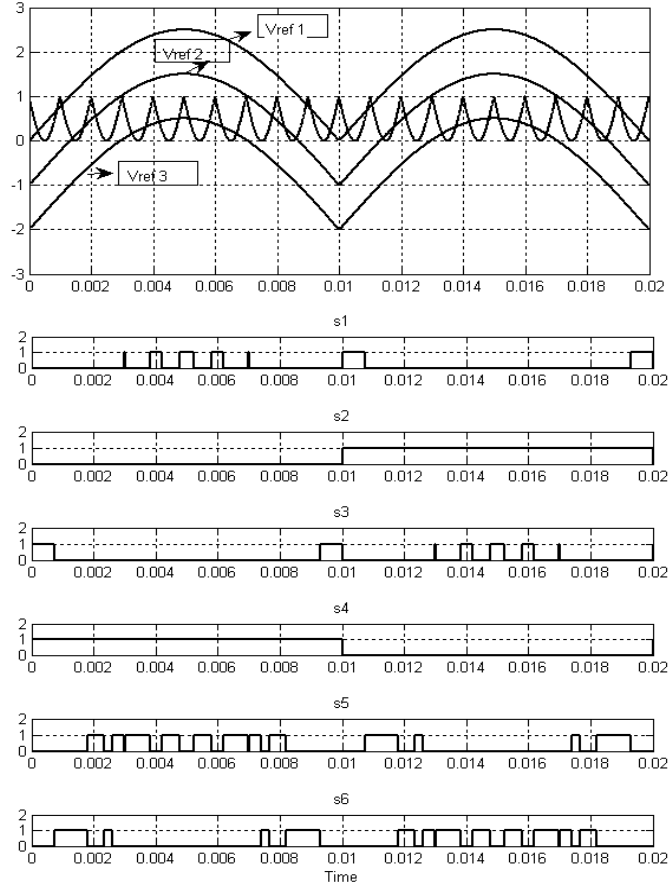


Fig.7. PWM pulse Pattern for Multiple references with inverted sine carrier PWM

The output voltage of hybrid multilevel inverter for modulation index 0.9 is shown in Fig.8.

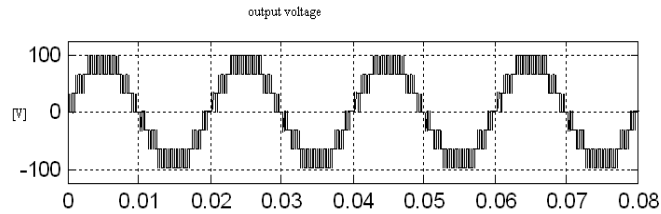


Fig.8. Output voltage of hybrid multilevel inverter for modulation index is 0.9.

2.5. Fuzzy PI speed controller

The structure of Fuzzy PI speed controller is shown in Fig.9 and in order to obtain the variable gain, fuzzy logic is employed for tuning the controller gain in online mode under all operating conditions. Fuzzy logic controller modeled by Mamdani fuzzy inference system [10]. The structure of Fuzzy logic controller is shown in Fig.10. It has two inputs i.e., speed error (e) and the rate of change of speed error (Δe) and two outputs (KP and KI). Each input has distributed with five bell shaped membership functions and each output has distributed with five Gaussian norms membership functions.

Distribution of input membership function is shown in Fig.11. The universal bell shaped membership function is expressed by equation (6) as,

$$f(x;a,b,c) = \frac{1}{1 + \left| \frac{x-c}{a} \right|^{2b}} \quad (6)$$

The universal bell shaped function has three parameters. They are a, b and c, where 'a' denotes the half width, 'b' controls the slopes at the intersecting points and 'c' determines the centre of the corresponding membership function. The input range for speed error is from 0 to 150, range of rate of change of speed error is from -150 to 150 and five membership functions denoted by Positive-Big (PB), Positive-Small (PS), Zero (Z), Negative-Small (NS), and Negative-Big (NB).

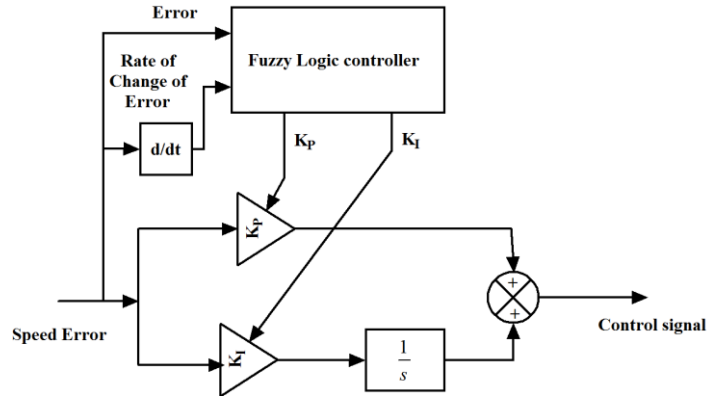


Fig.9. Fuzzy PI Speed Controller

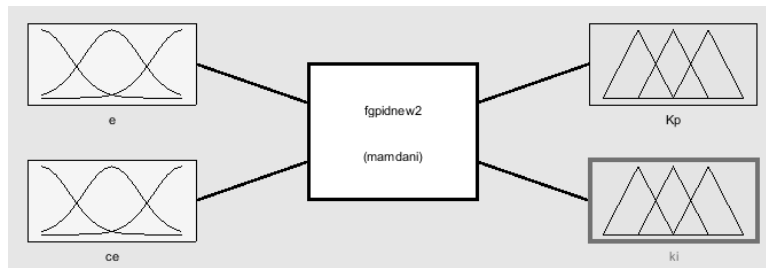


Fig.10. Proposed structure of fuzzy logic controller

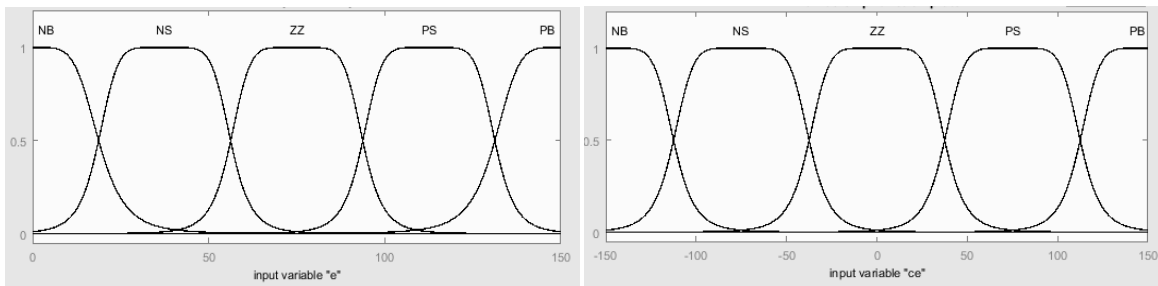


Fig.11. Distribution of input membership functions for speed error and their rate of change

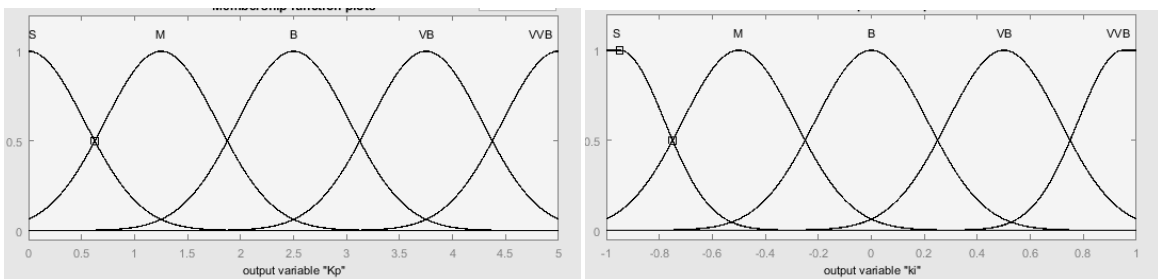


Fig.12. Distribution of output membership functions for Proportional gain and integral gain

Each output is distributed with five Gaussian norms membership functions. The membership

functions are shown in Fig.12. The generalized Gaussian function expressed by the equation (7) as,

$$f(x; \sigma, c) = e^{-\frac{(x-c)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (7)$$

where, c and σ gives the center and width of the membership function. Five Gaussian membership functions are expressed by Small (S), Medium (M), Big (B), Very Big (VB), and Very-Very Big (VVB). The range of proportional gain is from 0 to 5. The integral gain ranges from -1 to 1. There are totally 25 rules for fuzzy online gain tuner and few rules are described in equation (8) as,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rule 1 : if } e \text{ is NB and } \Delta e \text{ is NB then (Kp is VVB) (Ki is VVB)} \\ \vdots \\ \text{rule 25 : is } e \text{ is PB and } \Delta e \text{ is PB then (Kp is S) (Ki is S)} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Table 1. Rule Base of Fuzzy Logic Controller

Speed Error	Rate of change of speed error						Speed Error	Rate of change of speed error					
	KP	NB	NS	Z	PS	PB		KI	NB	NS	Z	PS	PB
NB	VB	VB	VVB	VB	B	B	NB	VB	VVB	B	B	B	
NS	VB	VB	VVB	VB	B	B	NS	VB	VB	VVB	B	M	
Z	VVB	VVB	PB	PS	PS	PS	Z	PB	M	S	S	S	
PS	B	M	M	M	M	M	PS	M	B	M	S	S	
PB	M	M	S	M	S	S	PB	M	S	S	PS	PS	

In Tab.1.,the overall rule base for fuzzy online gain tuner is shown. The fuzzy system uses the centroid defuzzification method. Centroid defuzzification gives the center of area under the curve. This is the most commonly used technique. It is described by the equation (9) as,

$$\text{Gain}_{Kp \text{ and } Ki} = \frac{\int \mu A(x) dx}{\int \mu A(x) dx} \quad (9)$$

The output of the fuzzy logic controller gain is then multiplied with Proportional and integral controller and it gives the control signal to the system. The simulink model of this controller is shown in Fig.13.The overall system is created and simulated in MATLAB/Simulink toolbox and simulink model of proposed system shown in Fig.14.

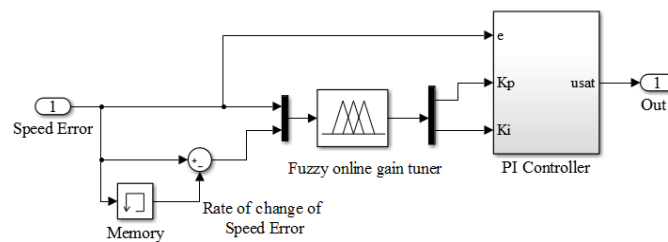


Fig.13. Simulink model of fuzzy PI speed controller

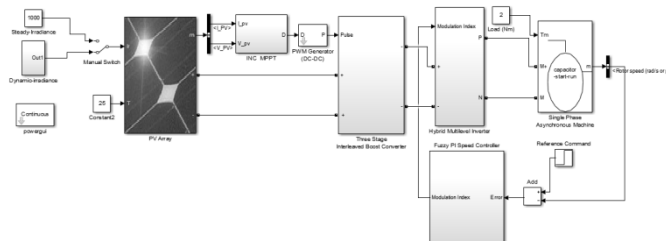


Fig.14. Overall simulink model of proposed system

3. Simulation Results and Discussions

In this section, developed simulink model is tested for varying solar irradiation level. During this test, modulation index of the hybrid multi level inverter is maintain at 0.9 i.e., motor is operated at open loop. Speed control of induction motor is tested for two operating regions such as low speed and high speed with proposed controller and compared with PI controller. During this test, solar irradiation is maintained at constant irradiation level at 1000 W/m^2 .

3.1. Constant irradiation level of solar PV array

In this section, solar PV array is operated with constant irradiation of 1000 W/m^2 , and 500 W/m^2 . The following results are obtained for analysis such as maximum power tracking, speed of the induction motor, and electromagnetic torque of the motor. From the Fig.15, for irradiation level of 1000 W/m^2 , power output of the converter is 190 W, converter voltage is 230 V and speed of the motor is 170 rad/sec. at irradiance level 500 W/m^2 , power output of the converter is 86 W, converter voltage is 150 V and speed of the motor is 110 rad/sec. From these results, if irradiation level changes, the corresponding voltage also changes and hence the speed of the motor varies.

3.2. Dynamic irradiation level of solar PV array

In this section, solar PV array is operated with dynamic change in irradiation level such as irradiation level is changed randomly at 1 sec. interval and corresponding results are obtained for analysis. From the Fig.16, irradiation level is changed from 1000 W/m^2 to 600 W/m^2 then 600 W/m^2 to 400 W/m^2 then 400 W/m^2 to 1000 W/m^2 . In this condition, converter output voltage and power is decreased and increased due to decreasing and increasing irradiation level. The speed of the motor is decreased by decreasing irradiation level and speed is increased by increasing irradiation level.

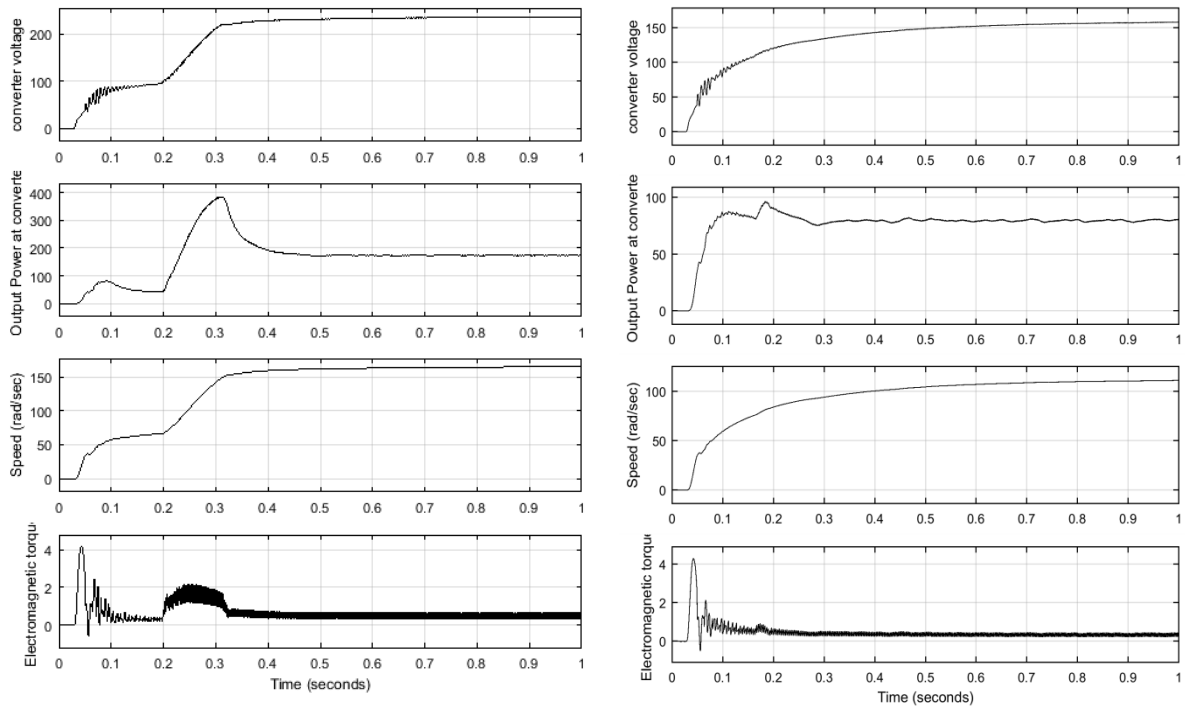


Fig.15. Simulation results for irradiation level 1000 W/m^2 and 500 W/m^2 respectively

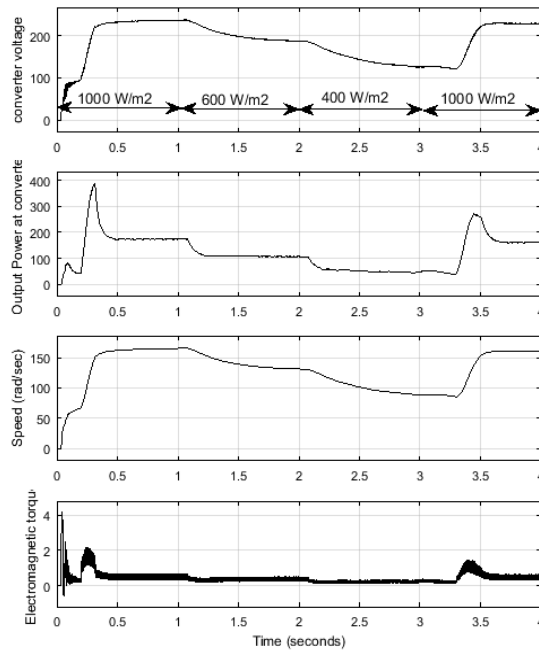


Fig.16. Simulation results for dynamic change in irradiation level

3.3. Speed control of induction motor in low speed region

In this section, effectiveness of the fuzzy PI speed controller is examined with conventional PI speed controller at low speed region. The set speed command of the controller is varied from 40 rad/sec, 60 rad/sec and 80 rad/sec with 0.6 sec step time. Load demand is maintained at 2 Nm. The corresponding speed responses are obtained for analysis.

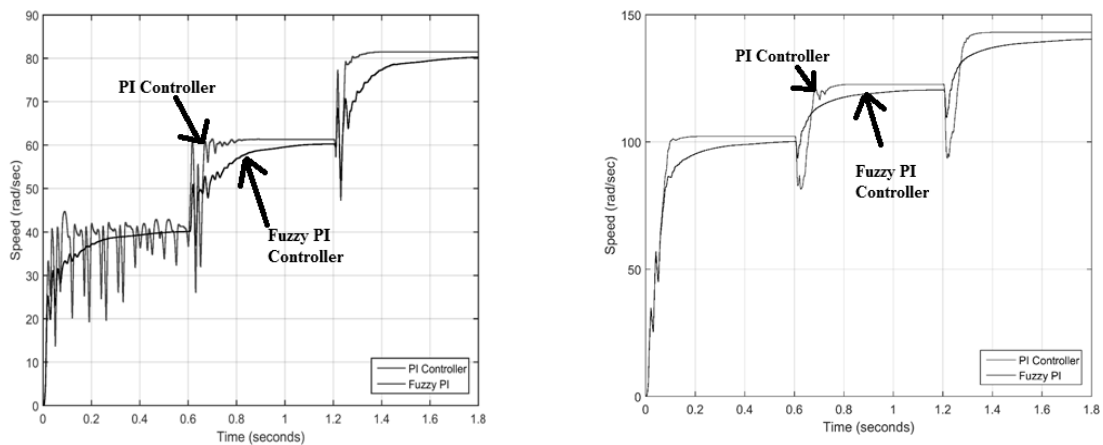


Fig.17. Simulation results for low speed region and high speed region respectively

Table 2. Performance Parameter for Low Speed Region

Speed reference	Steady state error		Settling time	
	PI Controller	Fuzzy PI	PI Controller	Fuzzy PI
0.0 - 0.6 sec - 40 rad/sec	oscillatory	0.1 rad/sec	Not settled	0.3 sec
0.6 - 1.2 sec – 60 rad/sec	12 rad/sec	0.2 rad/sec	Not settled	1 sec
1.2 – 1.8 sec – 80 rad/sec	20 rad/sec	0.2 rad/sec	Not settled	1.4 sec

Table 3. Performance Parameter for High Speed Region

Speed reference	Steady state error		Settling time	
	PI Controller	Fuzzy PI	PI Controller	Fuzzy PI
0.0 - 0.6 sec - 100 rad/sec	15 rad/sec	0.2 rad/sec	Not settled	0.4 sec
0.6 - 1.2 sec - 120 rad/sec	20 rad/sec	0.3 rad/sec	Not settled	1 sec
1.2 - 1.8 sec - 140 rad/sec	21 rad/sec	0.2 rad/sec	Not settled	1.5 sec

From Fig.17 and Tab.2, it is observed that PI speed controller produces oscillatory response at set speed command of 40 rad/sec and not settled at reference speed. At reference speed command 60 rad/sec and 80 rad/sec, PI speed is not settled and it has steady state error of around 12 to 20 rad/sec. While analyzing the performance of the fuzzy PI speed controller, it does not produce oscillation in the speed response but a reduced steady state error of around 0.1 to 0.2 rad/sec is obtained and it settles quickly.

3.4. Speed control of induction motor in high speed region

In this section, effectiveness of the fuzzy PI speed controller is examined with conventional PI speed controller at high speed region. The set speed command of the controller is varied from 100 rad/sec, 120 rad/sec and 140 rad/sec with 0.6 sec step time. Load demand is maintained at 2 Nm. The corresponding speed responses are obtained for analysis. From the Fig.17 and Tab.3, PI speed controller has steady state error around 15 rad/sec to 20 rad/sec and does not track the set speed command but fuzzy PI speed controller has less steady state error around 0.2 rad/sec to 0.3 rad/sec and settling time of less than 2sec.

4. Experimental Verification Of Proposed System

In this section, experimental setup of the proposed system is presented. Hardware has been fabricated and tested in laboratory and the observed waveform was recorded. The main power circuit consists of three phase soft switched IBC and 2 SPM IGBT model (FSBB20CH60B) . To implement the MPPT and fuzzy PI control model, VHDL code is generated from MATLAB, Simulink model and FPGA chip is developed in the Xilinx ISE 9.2i software environment, provided by Xilinx for analysis and synthesis of VHDL designs. The IGBT gate pulses are generated by using FPGA Spartan 3A kit with MPPT and Fuzzy PI control algorithm. Fig.18 shows shows the pulse for HMLI and Seven level output voltage of the HMLI and it drives the induction motor.

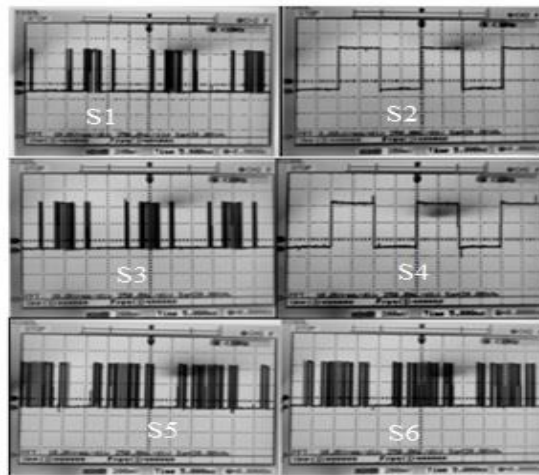


Fig.18. Experimental results of the proposed system

5. Conclusion

This paper has presented the speed regulation of hybrid multilevel inverter fed induction motor using Fuzzy PI speed controller. The overall system has been designed and simulated in MATLAB/SIMULINK Toolbox. The system under study is tested with constant irradiance level and dynamic irradiance level and corresponding results are obtained and analyzed. From this analysis, speed of the induction motor is increased with increasing irradiance level and decreased with decreasing irradiance level. Moreover, proposed controller is tested for different operating conditions of the induction motor and compared with PI controller. From the test results, all vital parameters such as Steady state error and settling time are in favor for proposed controller. Therefore fuzzy PI speed controller is suitable for speed controller for induction motor drive. The hardware also successfully implemented without any deviation from the simulation.

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