

Minimization of Torque Ripple & Improvement of back EMF of BLDC Motor

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Abstract- In Brushless DC (BLDC) motor minimized the torque ripple with the help of electronically based commutators. When torque ripple is minimized then copper loss is also minimized. In this paper, our main aspect is to minimize the torque ripple & improve the back emf of brushless dc (BLDC) motor. This paper shows that the torque produced by the brushless DC motors with trapezoidal back EMF is constant under ideal condition. Due to freewheeling torque ripples are produced which is reduced. In this paper rotor position is resolved by the Zero Crossing Detection (ZCD) of back emf. Unlike previous methods of calculating back emf of the brushless DC by creating a virtual neutral point, a complimentary method is used. This method provides a broad range of speed. A pre conditioning circuit is anticipated to rectify the back emf at very small speed. The rotor position can be resolved even in standstill condition to minimize the torque ripple and designed to defeat the disadvantages from other torque ripple reduction methods.

Keywords- Brushless DC (BLDC) motor, Fast Torque response, low-frequency torque ripples, RC network, Hall effect Position-sensorless control, Torque Pulsation.

I. INTRODUCTION

In high performance applications like servos to traction drives BLDC motor drives are used extensively rather than permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM). Brushless DC Motor with trapezoidal BEMF has many advantages. Its efficiency, reliability and power density is very high, because the absence of field winding and brushes. So its maintenance is very low, high capability. Even though in a practical case BLDC drive have torque pulsations due to back electromotive force deviation from the ideal. Torque ripple produces noise and problem of speed control. Because of power electronic commutation, diode freewheeling of inactive phases and high frequency switching of power electronic devices, other difficulty is inverter output or input of the BLDC Motor have many harmonics that will produce Electromagnetic Interference. Brushless DC (BLDC) motors have characteristics of high reliability, simple frame, and low friction. By comparing with PMSM, Brushless DC motor has the advantages of high speed adjusting performance and power density. The torque ripple decrease and the control show improvement of BLDC mainly focused on

commutation torque ripple, the torque ripple formed by diode freewheeling of inactive phase, and the torque ripple caused by the non ideal back electromotive force (EMF). BLDCs achieve commutation electronically by incorporating a feedback from the rotor-position into a control system instead of mechanical commutators found in brushed dc motors. Such a controller excites the stator coils of the motor in a specific order to rotate the magnetic field generated by the coils to be followed along by the rotor. In case of non-ideal motors, the distributed magnetomotive force is not perfectly sinusoidal and hence sinusoidal commutation leads to torque ripple. With the suppression of torque ripple the performance of the motor drive performance can be improved by reducing speed fluctuations. By improving machine design such as increasing the number of motor poles the pulsating torque can be decreased in high-performance electric motors. But this may lead to increase in cost and bulkiness of the multiple coil windings. With the help of several current waveforms the torque-ripple harmonics have been reduced for brushless motors. This control approach produces accurate torque in electric motors and their underlying models. Torque ripple produced by non-ideal current waveform is minimized with the help of feedback controllers by adjusting the actual phase currents rather than using position sensors. During the commutation period the product of the instantaneous back EMF and current both in two-phase produces electromagnetic torque. With the help of midprecision position sensor the prestored phase back EMF can be obtained. As a result, torque pulsations due to the commutation are reduced. However, phase resistance is neglected and the torque inference depends on parameters such as dc-link voltage and phase inductance. Moreover, irrespective of a simple voltage selection look-up table technique more sophisticated PWM method is used to drive the brushless motor. Also, two phase conduction method instead of a three-phase one is used which is problematic in the high speed applications. Complex control strategies (used for BLDC current/speed regulation) are sensitive to variation in parameters, magnetic saturation; unmodeled disturbances etc. and make the entire system less reliable. For domestic or simple industrial applications where

the variation in operating parameters is not frequent, then the control strategies required for BLDC motor should also be simple. This simple control strategy will be available at low cost and uses simple structure and requires minor memory or processing capabilities.

II. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF THE SYSTEM

2.1. Modelling of the BL DC motor

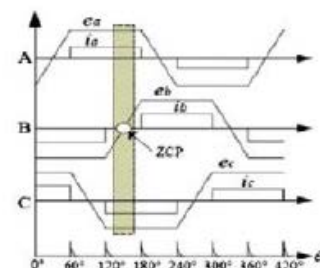
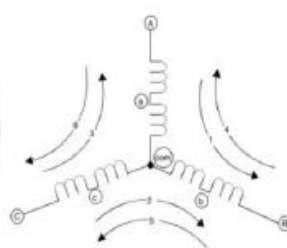
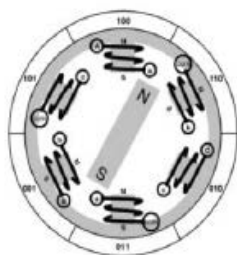
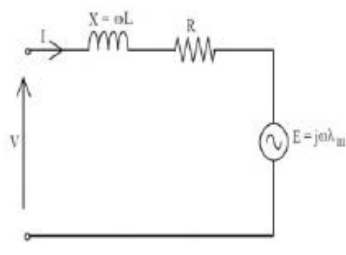


Fig.1 BLDC motor a) equivalent circuit and

b) structure and star connected armature

3. PROPOSED DIRECT BACK EMF SENSING

Brushless dc (BLDC) motors, with their trapezoidal electromotive force (EMF) profile, requires six discrete rotor position informations for the inverter operation. These are typically generated by Hall-effect switch sensors placed within the motor. However, it is a well-known fact that these sensors have a number of drawbacks. They increase the cost of the motor and need special mechanical arrangements to be mounted. Further, Hall sensors are temperature sensitive, and hence limit the operation of the motor. They could reduce system reliability because of the extra components and wiring. So sensor less method is the reliable method used in harsh environments. There are two independent methods for

determining the Hall configuration. The selection of which method to use will depend on the information provided.

1. Hall Based Commutation progression Provided.
2. Back EMF Waveforms.

Hall Based Commutation progression Provided:

This method is the straight ahead and requires the least amount of effort on the part of the user. This information is usually give in the form of a diagram or table and may have different titles such as “Block Commutation” or “Brushless DC Motor Timing Diagram”.

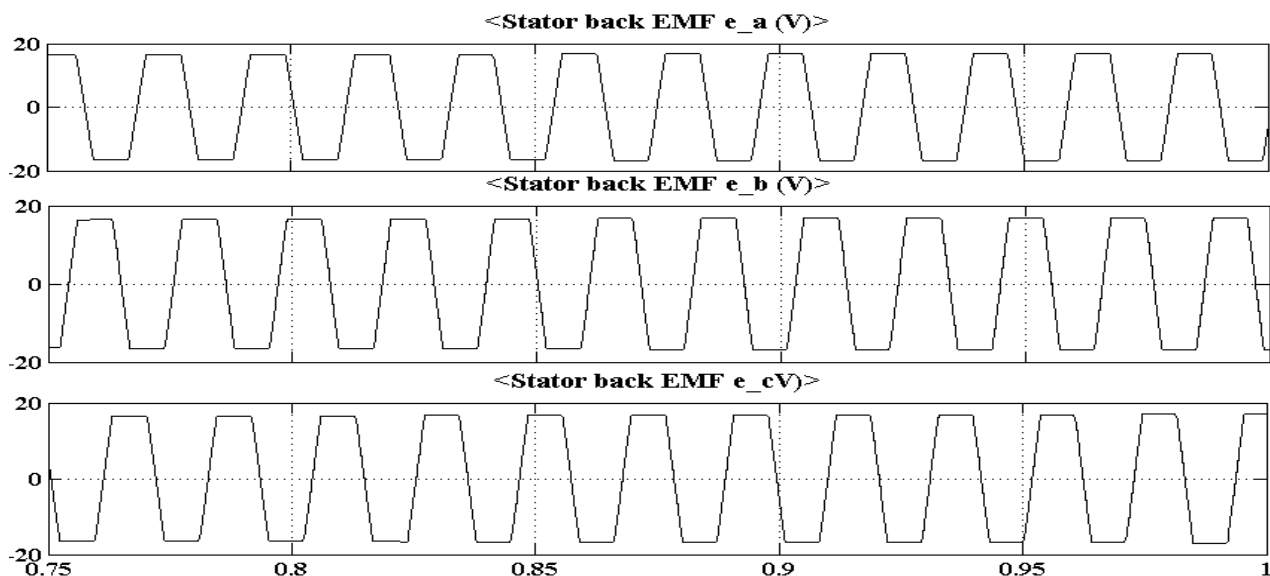


Fig.2. Waveforms of ideal back EMF phase current.

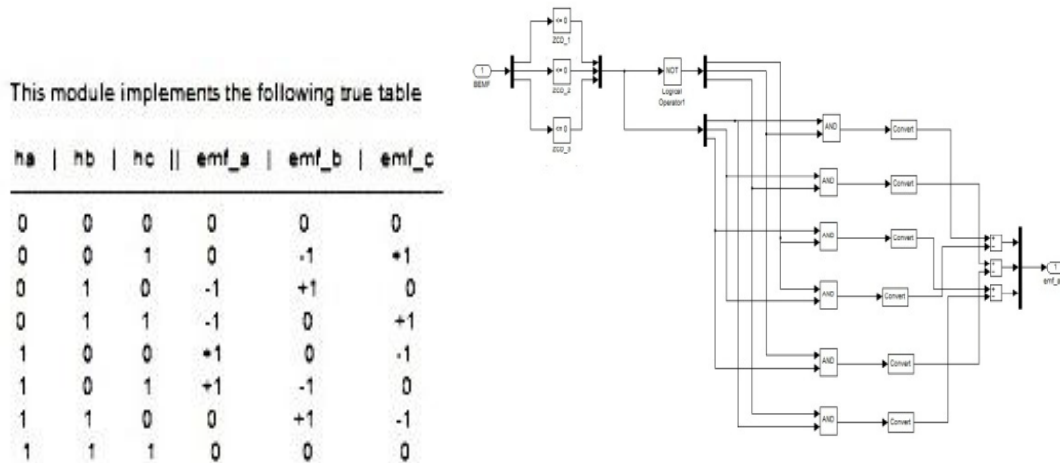


Fig.3 MATLAB/SIMULINK model of commutation logic & its table using zero crossing detector

4. SIMULATION RESULTS

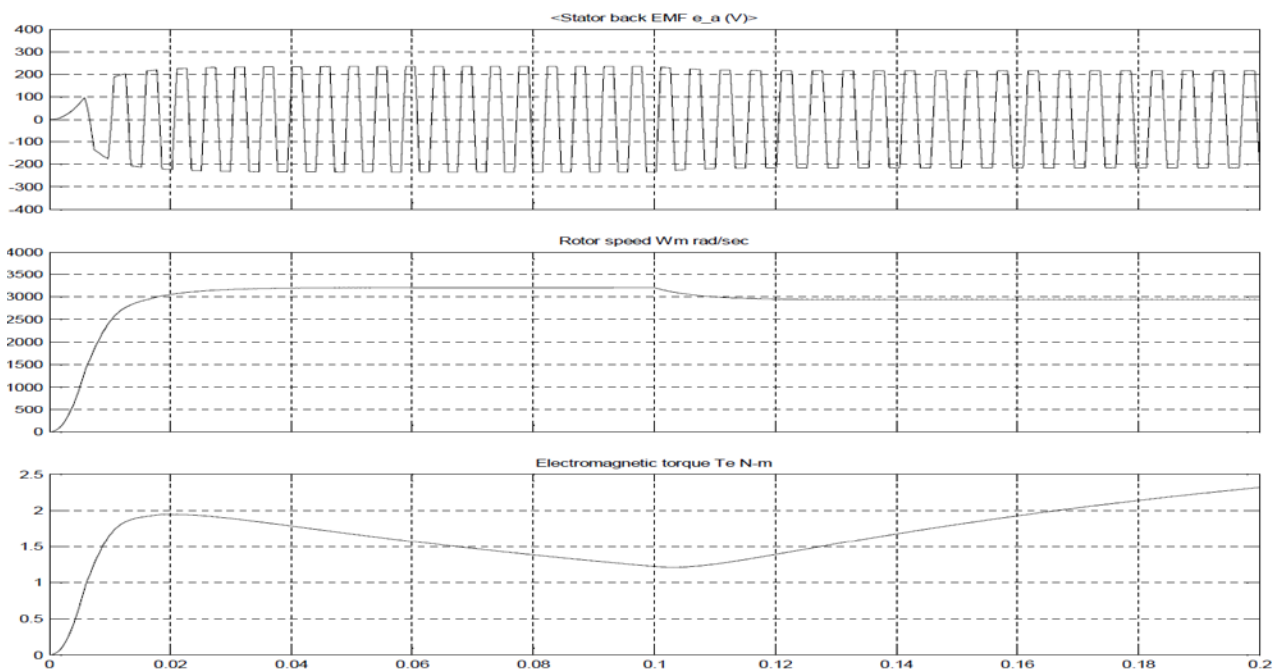
A three BLDC motor is fed to the inverter bridge and it is connected to controlled voltage source. The inverter

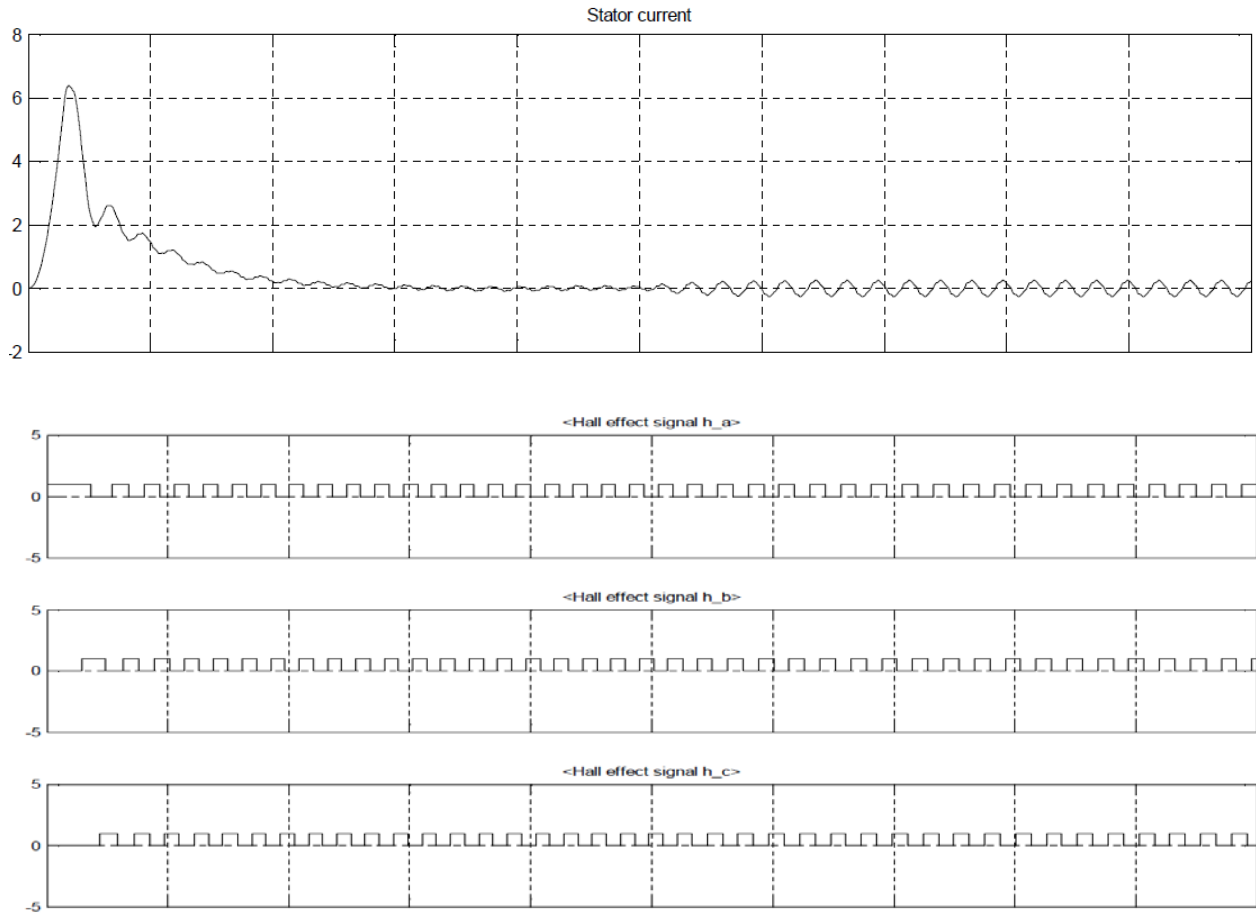
gates signals are produced by decoding hall effect signals. The three phase output of the inverter is applied to the

motors stator windings. From the supply voltage divider is connected, with the RC low pass filter and a compare to

zero circuit to produce the back emf for three phases. After simulating the circuit on the Matlab/Simulink, Motor rotor speed, Electromotive force, stator current and electromotive torque are shown in fig.

Let us take the above said values from the Fig. for one cycle.) we get the torque ripple value is 0.078%. Still further reduction in torque ripple can be achieved by selecting optimum value of PI controller constants also stator current ripple value is 0.38%.





5. CONCLUSION

This paper presents the concept of torque produced by the BLDC motors with trapezoidal Back electromotive force is constant under ideal condition. Due to freewheeling torque ripples are produced which is reduced. In this paper rotor position is determined by the Zero Crossing Detection (ZCD) of back emf. Unlike old methods of calculating Back emf of the BLDC by creating a virtual neutral point, a complimentary method is used. This method provides a wide range of speed. A pre conditioning circuit is proposed to rectify the back emf at very low speed. In this paper improve the performance of BLDCM and reduce the torque ripples and harmonics, calculate the total harmonic distortion. It is also understood that when torque ripple reduces the THD also reduces and there by performance of the machine is improved.

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