

# Fuzzy logic Controller based Asymmetrical SRM Converter for Reduction of Torque Ripple

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**Abstract-**The generated torque ripple in switched reluctance motors (SRM) can be considered as one of the major disadvantages of the motor. It is mainly due to frequent switching of phases for rotation of the motor and changes of the air gap length between the rotor and stator teeth. It decreases the average developed torque, diminish the efficiency, causes noise and vibration in the motor. So, in order to improve the performance of SRM and extend its applications in industry, it is essential to reduce these torque ripple. So far, many torque ripple reduction methods have been introduced. These have been done through changing and improving the structure and geometry of the motor or using some control strategies. This paper reviews a variety of control strategies to reduce the torque ripple in SRM. Each of the methods described in details. Different techniques are compared and the best and most efficient one is introduced.

In present work detailed analysis, and modeling of six different type of converters used in with three phase switched reluctance motor (SRM). These converters are Asymmetric, Bifilar, Auxiliary, High Demagnetization dump, C-dump type. These controllers were: a conventional PI controller. From simulation results, the effective reduction of the torque ripple was confirmed and the performance of the fuzzy logic controller was compared. The simulation results are presented by using Matlab/Simulink platform.

**Key words -** SRM, Converters, R-dump, C-dump, Bifilar, Auxiliary, Asymmetric.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Switched reluctance motor (SRM) is a doubly salient synchronous motor with concentric windings on the stator poles and no winding or permanent magnet on the rotor. Therefore there is no copper loss in the rotor. Rotor and stator cores are laminated. The motor has simple structure, robust and low construction cost. High power density, high reliability, good controllability and high efficiency are merits of SRM [1].

In spite of the above-mentioned advantages of SRM, it has some disadvantages which limit its wide applicability. They include complicated control due to its non-linear nature, torque ripple, vibration and acoustic noise. So far

many techniques have been recommended for torque ripple reduction in the motor. In some papers attempt has been made to reduce the ripple by modification of structure and geometry of SRM. In addition, many attempts to decrease the torque ripple using advanced electronics control techniques including optimization of controlling parameters such as supply voltage, commutation angles and current level [2]. One of the old methods for torque ripple reduction uses torque/current/rotor angular angle characteristics to control SRM drive system. These characteristics can be obtained using theoretical methods [3] or by static test and then apply interpolation routine. Some methods try to reduce torque ripple through compensation, deformation and current optimization. In [4], PWM control technique has been used to improve the current in which the current traces a contour to develop a constant torque. This technique is appropriate over low speeds. Current compensation has been used in [5]. To generate current profile, Fuzzy-logic method has been applied in which compensate the non-linearity of the system well. In, reference current is modified through adding output of a fuzzy natural compensator. In [6], phase current compensation has been implemented by fuzzy logic controller and ANFIS, which leads to good results up to the base speed. Phase current shaping method has been used in [7]. Phase current can be improved by injecting and adjusting proper harmonic terms in the current and cancelling the harmonics [8]. An appropriate speed controller design for minimizing the torque ripple and obtaining high performance has been suggested. In [9], controlling sum of square of phase currents plus sliding mode control has been recommended. In [10], phase current optimization method in a positive semi-sinusoidal form and its control has been used. In [11], the hysteresis controller has been optimized in order to inject a suitable current to the drive system. One other method is designing and obtaining particular current [12]. In this paper presents the electronic approach is based on optimizing the control parameters, which

include the supply voltage, turn-on and turn-off angles, and current level. The minimization of torque ripple through electronic control may lead to a reduction in the average torque, since the motor capabilities are not being fully utilized at all power levels.

## II. REQUIREMENTS OF SRM CONVERTER

A main problem in certain application is the selection of converter topology. The SRM Converter has some essential requirements [6], they are:

- Minimum one switch is capable to conduct freely in each phase of the motor.
- The converter would be capable to excite the phase before it enters the generating or demagnetizing region. The converter needs to satisfy several other necessities in order to increase the converter performance; such as fast demagnetization time, faster excitation time, high power, higher efficiency, and fault acceptance. They are [4], [7]-[9]:
- The converter must be able to allow phase overlap control because the converter energy can be provided to one phase whereas at the same time it is removed from the other phase.
- The phase voltage should be modulated using Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) technique at low speeds for the controlling of phase current.
- On each operating point, to inject the sufficient current into the winding at high speed, necessary high driving voltage is essential. This necessary control system can be single pulse or hysteresis current control. Using this device; the demagnetization time can be reduced for avoiding negative torque and / or allowing an addition of commutation period (i.e.; dwell angle).
- The demagnetization energy from the leaving phase must be provided back to the dc source or should use it in the incoming phase.
- The hysteresis losses and switching losses can be reduced by the converter, because in order to decrease the switching frequency it is capable of freewheeling during the chopping period.
- In order to decrease the voltage stress through the semiconductor switches, the converter takes to be single rail of power source.
- Upon the construction of motor, the converter would have to be single rail of power source.
- The resonant circuit is needed for the converter to apply zero-voltage or zero-current switching for reduction of switching loss.
- Less number of semiconductor switches is suitable.

- Power factor correction circuit should be applied for improve the power factor.
- Little complexity of converter is required. Application and efficiency of this converter is defined by choosing the appropriate dwell angle, switching strategy, and control technique (usually hysteresis current control).

## III. TYPES OF CONVERTER IN SRM

The converter fed SRM is power-driven from fixed dc-link voltage, which is established by an ac/dc converter or directly by a Battery. The group of suitable converter and control scheme depends on the performance and the necessities of application of SRM [4], [10]. The features of SRM operation must be shown before the converter types are to be used. Based on operation these features can be summarized by 3 tasks [6]:

- In the Inductance profile, the current should be supplied into the phase only in the positive gradient period.
- During the phase energizing of the motor phase, the torque must be maximized. By shaping the phase current by maximizing the amount of it at rise time period and then minimizing at fall time period by this it can be achieved.
- During the commutation the stored magnetic energy must be returned to the dc supply.

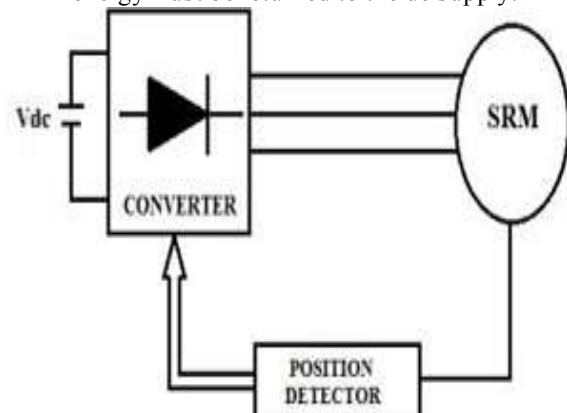


Figure.1 Basic SR Motor Drive.

### A. R-Dump Converter

R-dump is one of the configurations which have one switch (IGBT) and one diode for every phase. The value of resistance R determines the switch voltage and also the power dissipation. To attain both realistic stress on the switch (higher resistance R increased), and suitable fall time of the current (lower resistance R increased) by changing the value of resistance R. While the  $T_1$  switch is turned off, the current through diode D, charging capacitor C, and afterward flows through the external resistor R. This resistor moderately dissipates the energy

stored in the magnetized phase [11], [12]. R-dump converter type is shown in Fig.2.

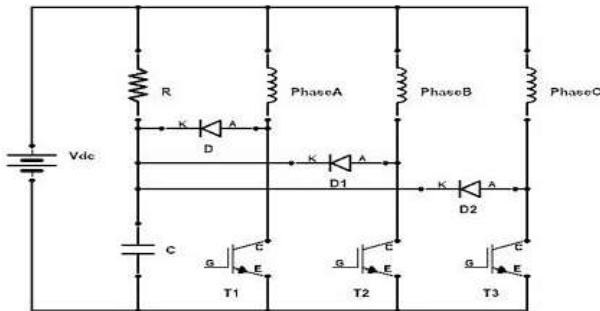


Figure.2. R-dump converter

### B. C-Dump Converter

C-dump converter is considered as a converter of supplementary voltage supply converter; because the stored energy of a phase is feed into a supplementary voltage supply that is a dump capacitor in order to return the intermediate circuit or for directly magnetizing the following phase. C-Dump converter circuit is shown in Fig.3.

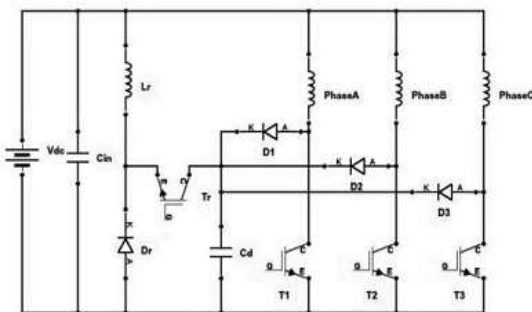


Figure.3. C-dump converter.

In C-Dump converter, imagine that  $T_1$  switch is turned on to magnetize the phase A. While the phase current exceeds the reference value,  $T_1$  switch is turned off, this allows the  $D_1$  diode to be forward biased and Fast demagnetization is achieved by, increases the voltage across Dump Capacitor by closing the current path and then the excess voltage from the (dump) capacitor is given into the power supply [12].

### C. Asymmetric Converter

Asymmetric bridge converter is used for high switching voltage to have fast developed of the excitation current. Asymmetric bridge converter is shown in Fig.4. In each phase the converter consists of two power electronic switches and two diodes so that the unipolar switching strategy is achieved. In every phase, the lower switch is used in charge of commutation, while the PWM switching control can be performed by the upper one. Every phase can be controlled separately. Magnetization,

demagnetization and freewheeling mode [4] are defined as the three current modes of operation. In the inner current control loop of the SRM drive, less current ripple and improved frequency reaction can be obtained by using unipolar switching approach.

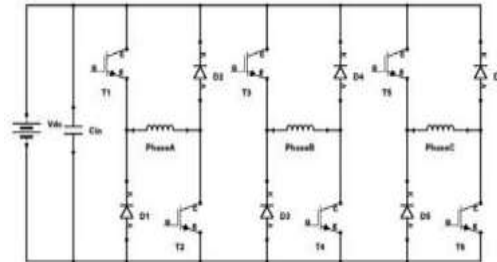


Figure.4. Asymmetric converter.

SRM is generally controlled by either voltage or current control in the asymmetric converter. Phase current can be controlled accurately that means torque is accurately controlled and the decrease of torque ripple or noise is achieved. This is the main benefit of current control over voltage control the main demerit is it requires a larger heat sink for cooling because the one switch that is always in the current conduction path increases the losses in the converter so it reduces the efficiency of the system. From this paper, it is found that the asymmetric converter type is suitable for very high speed operation of SRM drive because of the quick rise and fall times of current and moreover it give negligible shoot through faults. Because of the nonappearance of the resistance commutation circuit or any coil that is added to the converter, copper losses is not presented in the asymmetric converter. So, for high power SRM drives, Asymmetric converter is considered as the most suitable converter.

### D. Bifilar and auxiliary type Converter

The Bifilar and Auxiliary type converter type dissipate some or all of the stored magnetic energy using external resistor, a phase resistor, or both. Then the remaining energy is transferred as mechanical energy [7].

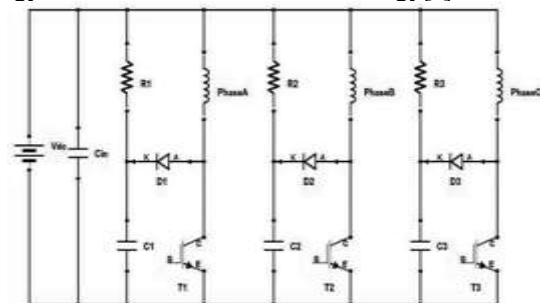


Figure.5. Bifilar converter.

So, nothing from the stored magnetic energy in the phase winding is returned to the power supply or DC link capacitor. Bifilar and Auxiliary type converter is shown in Fig.5 and Fig.6 respectively

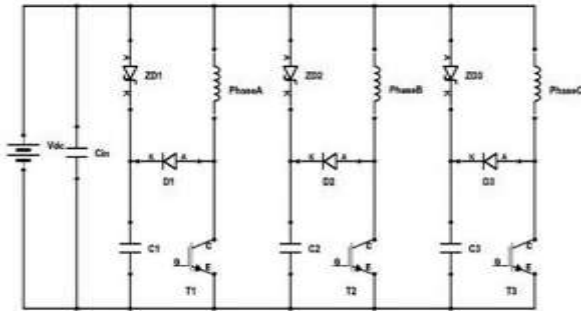


Figure.6. Auxiliary converter.

The benefit of this type of converter is its simplicity, used less number of semiconductor components, and low cost.

### E. High Demagnetization type Converter

In (High Demagnetization) resonant type converter for buck, boost, and resonant purposes, one or more external inductances are used[7]. Resonant type (High Demagnetization) converter is shown in Fig.7.

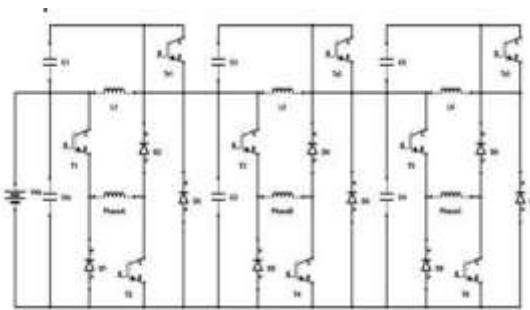


Figure.7. High Demagnetization converter

Snubber circuit consists of the diode, inductance, and power switches. It makes the dump voltage simple to control and also give low voltage for easy boost up. Resonant converter is constructed by inductor in special cases. Snubber circuit controls the voltage of the phase winding. The size and cost of the converter is increased by adding inductance, and the cost of converter is increased by adding some other components.

## IV.FUZZY LOGIC CONTROL

L. A. Zadeh presented the first paper on fuzzy set theory in 1965. Since then, a new language was developed to describe the fuzzy properties of reality, which are very difficult and sometime even impossible to be described using conventional methods. Fuzzy set theory has been widely used in the control area with some application to power system [5]. A simple fuzzy logic control is built up by a group of rules based on the human knowledge of system behavior. Matlab/Simulink simulation model is built to study the dynamic behavior of converter. Furthermore, design of fuzzy logic controller can provide desirable both small signal and large signal dynamic performance at same time, which is not possible with

linear control technique. Thus, fuzzy logic controller has been potential ability to improve the robustness of compensator.

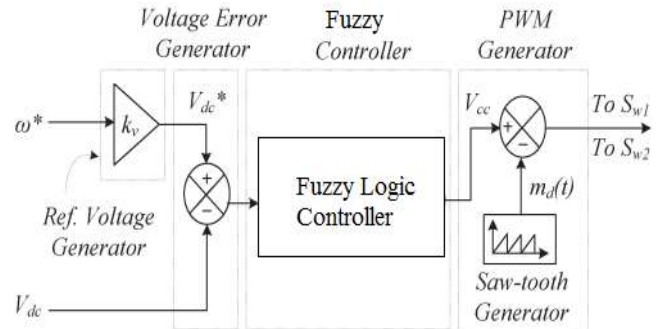


Fig. 8. Fuzzy logic Control of the PFC BL-CSC converter feeding BLDC Motor Drive.

The basic scheme of a fuzzy logic controller is shown in Fig 8 and consists of four principal components such as: a fuzzyfication interface, which converts input data into suitable linguistic values; a knowledge base, which consists of a data base with the necessary linguistic definitions and the control rule set; a decision-making logic which, simulating a human decision process, infer the fuzzy control action from the knowledge of the control rules and linguistic variable definitions; a de-fuzzification interface which yields non fuzzy control action from an inferred fuzzy control action [10].

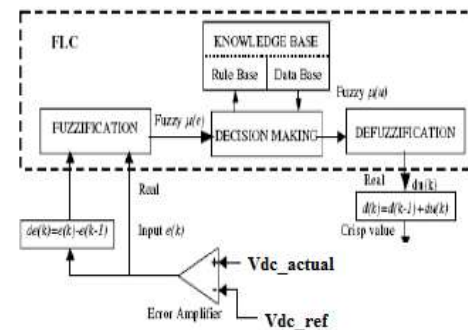


Fig.9. Block diagram of the Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC) for proposed converter.

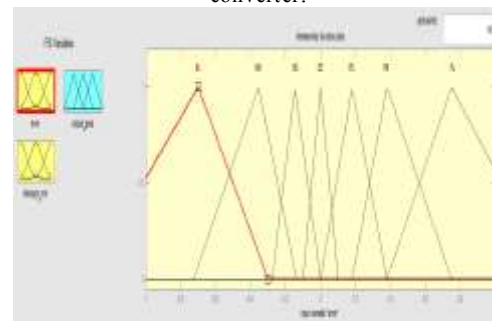


Fig.10. Membership functions for error.



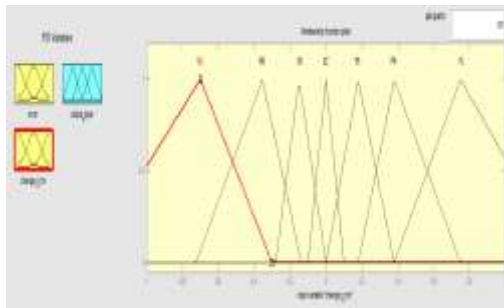


Fig. 11. Membership functions for change\_in\_error.

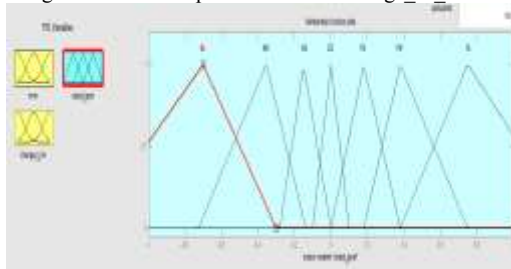


Fig. 12. Membership functions for Output.

Table II

Table rules for error and change of error.

Error \ Change error	Error						
	NL	NM	NS	EZ	PS	PM	PL
NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NM	NS	NL
NM	NL	NL	NL	NM	NS	EZ	NM
NS	NL	NL	NM	NS	EZ	PS	NS
EZ	NL	NM	NS	EZ	PS	PM	EZ
PS	NM	NS	EZ	PS	PM	PL	PS
PM	NS	EZ	PS	PM	PL	PL	PM
PL	EZ	PS	PM	PL	PL	PL	PL

## V. SIMULATION RESULTS

Hear different cases for SRM Converter

Case I: Open loop C-Dump Converter. Case II: Closed loop C-Dump Converter. Case III: Open loop R-Dump Converter. Case IV: Closed loop R-Dump Converter. Case V: Open loop Bifilar Converter. Case VI: Closed loop Bifilar Converter. Case VII. Auxiliary converter. Case VIII. Open loop asymmetric converter. Case IX. Closed loop with PI Controller asymmetric converter. Case X. Closed loop with Fuzzy logic Controller asymmetric converter

### Case I: open loop C-Dump Converter

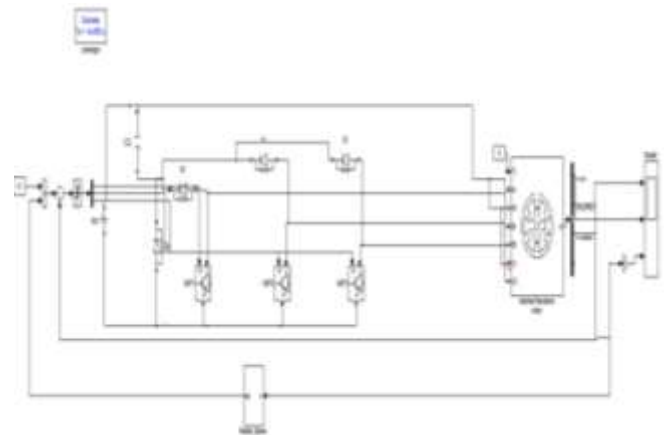


Fig. 13. Simulation model of basic open loop 3 phase C-dump converter based SRM.

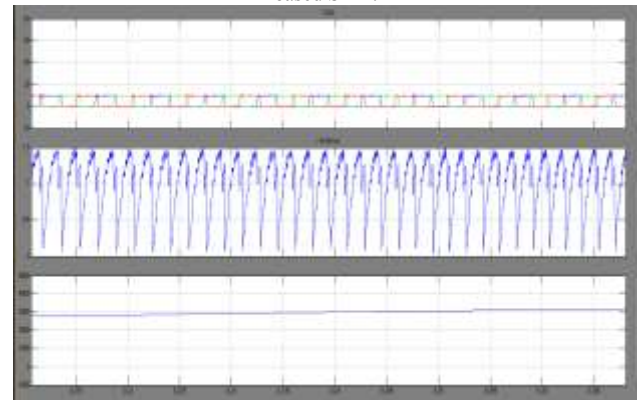


Fig. 14. Simulation waveform of open loop C-dump converter characteristics.

### Case II: Closed loop C-Dump Converter.

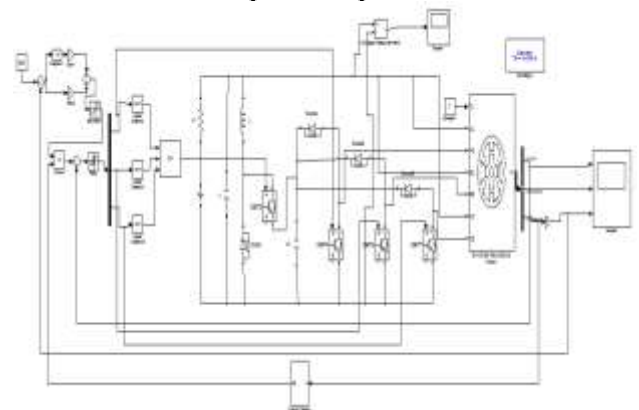


Fig. 15. Simulation model of basic closed loop 3 phase C-dump converter based SRM.

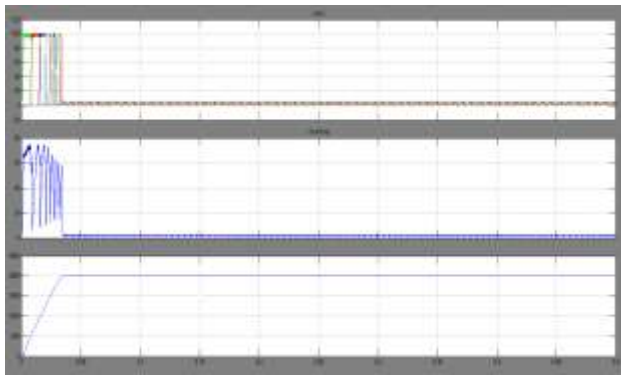


Fig 16. Simulation waveform of Closed loop C-dump converter characteristics.

**Case III: Open Loop R-Dump Converter**

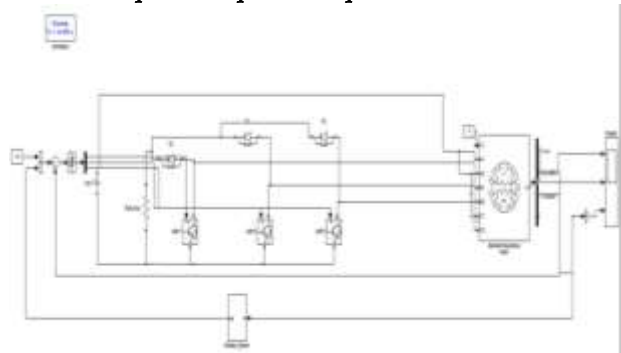


Fig 17 Simulation model of basic open loop 3 phase R-dumpconverter based SRM

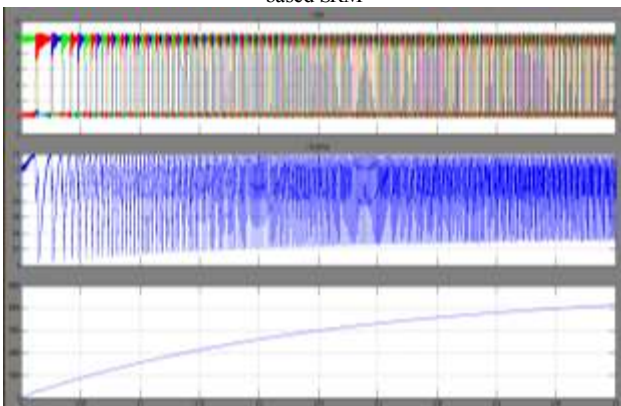


Fig 18 Simulation waveform of R-dump converter characteristics.

**Case IV: Closed loop R-Dump Converter.**

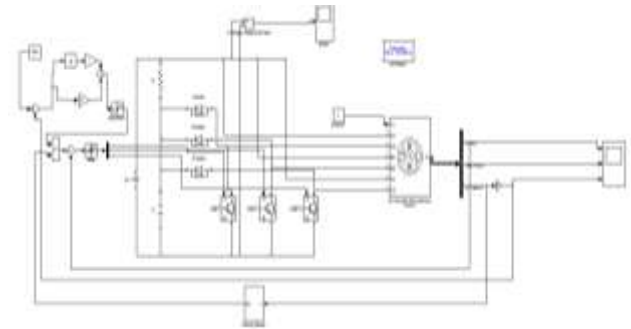


Fig 19 Simulation model of basic closed loop 3 phase R-dumpconverter based SRM.

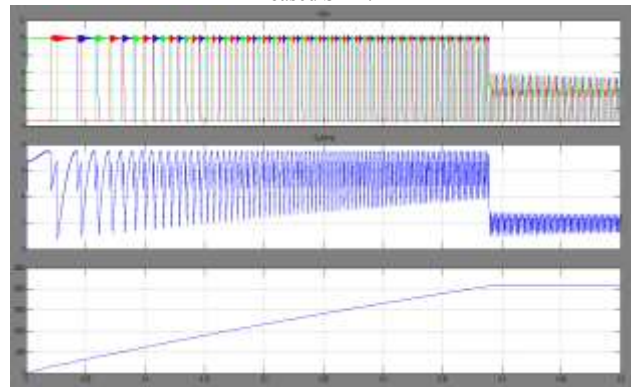


Fig 20 Simulation waveform of R-dump converter characteristics.

**Case V: Open loop Bifilar Converter.**

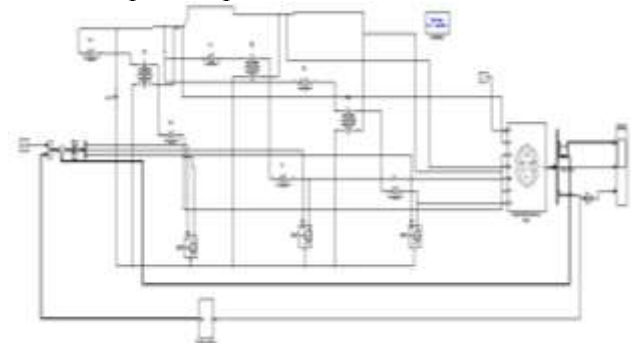


Fig 21. Simulation waveform of open loop 3-Phase SRM using bifilar converter.

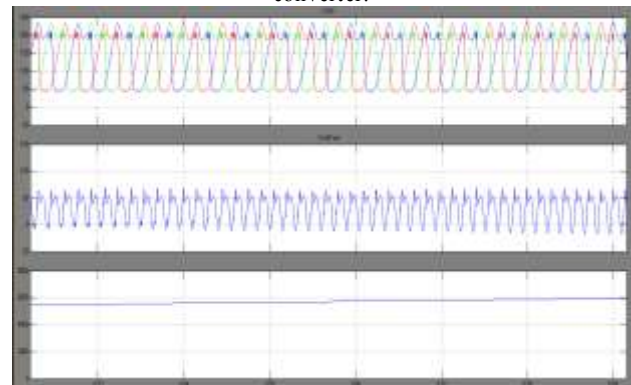


Fig 22. Simulation waveform of torque, current and speed.

**Case VI: Closed loop Bifilar Converter.**

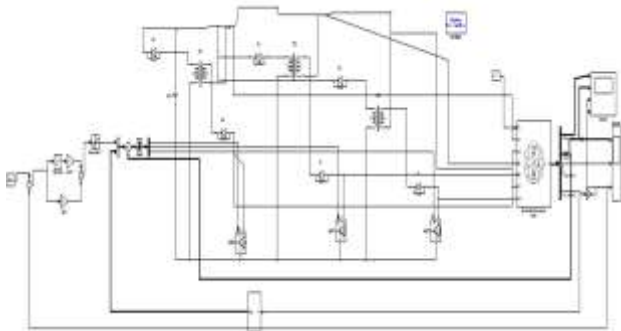


Fig 23. Simulation waveform of Closed loop 3-Phase SRM using bifilar converter.

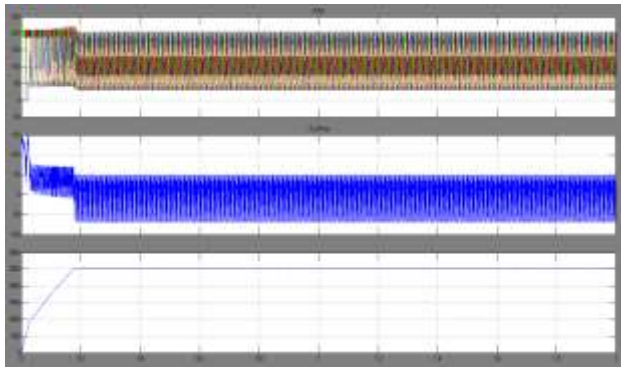


Fig.24. Simulation waveform of torque, current and speed.

**Case VII. Auxiliary converter.**

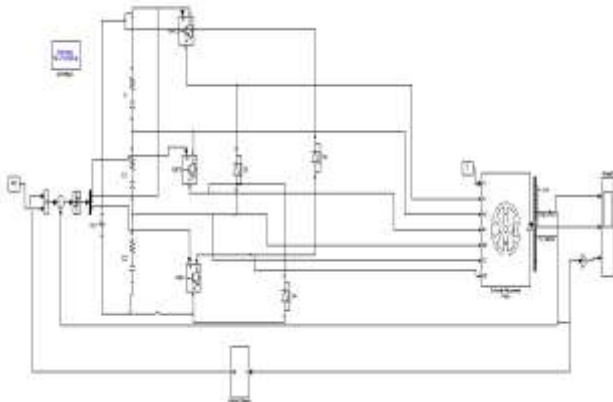
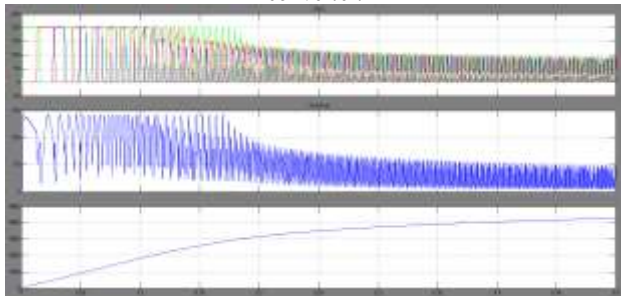


Fig 25. Simulation waveform of 3-Phase SRM using Auxiliary converter.



**Case VIII. Open loop asymmetric converter**

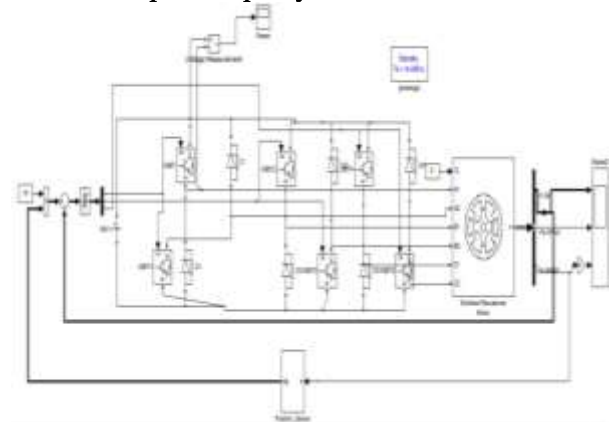


Fig .27.Simulation model of basic open loop 3 phase asymmetric converter based SRM.

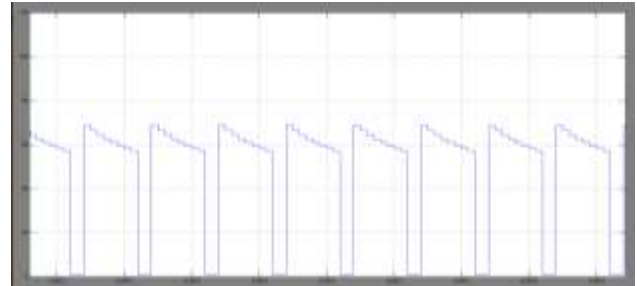


Fig.28. Simulation waveform of input voltage.

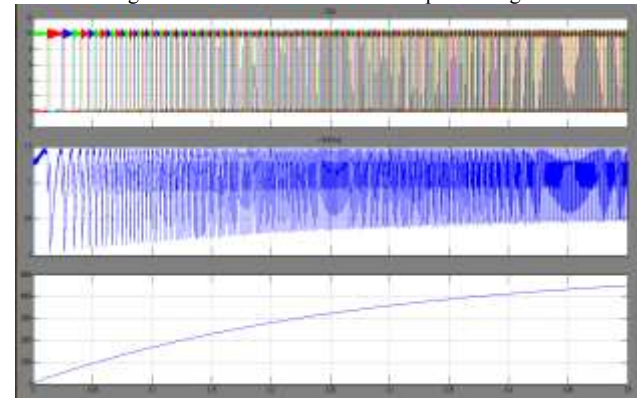


Fig.29.Simulation waveform of torque, current and speed of SRM.

**Case IX. Closed loop with PI Controller asymmetric converter**



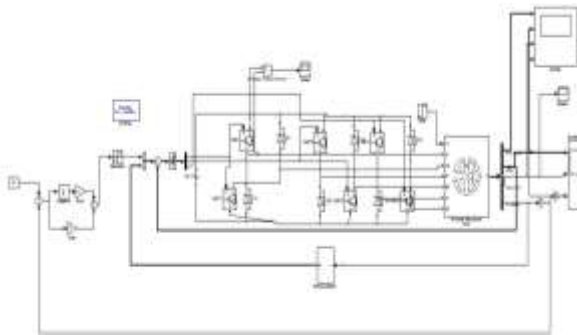


Fig.30. Simulation model of basic closed loop 3 phase asymmetric converter based SRM.

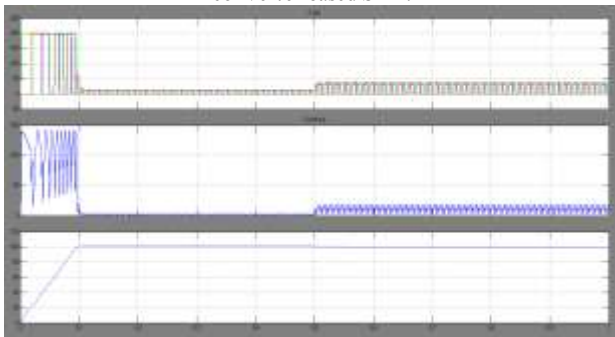


Fig.31. Simulation waveform of torque, current and speed of SRM.

**Case X. Closed loop with Fuzzy logic Controller asymmetric converter**

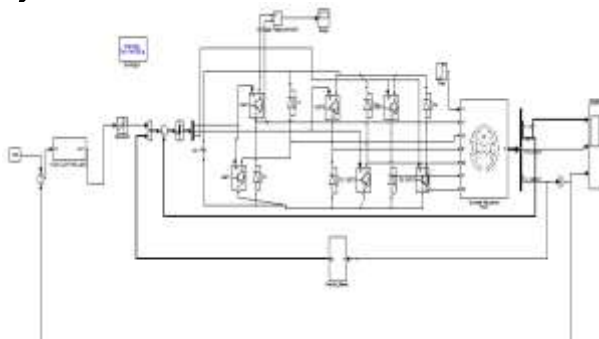


Fig32. Simulation model of basic fuzzy logic controller phase asymmetric converter based SRM.

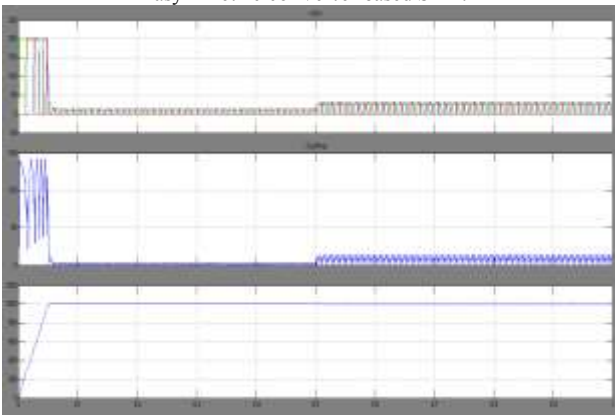


Fig.33. Simulation waveform of torque, current and speed of SRM.

**VI. CONCLUSION**

Power electronics applications requiring high-voltage high-power converters have been steadily growing in fields such as interfacing drive control system, power quality, power systems control, adjustable speed drives, and uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), and cogeneration. Most applications demand high voltage gain converter applications to SRM drive. Various converter topologies have been proposed in the literature, to improve performance, adapt to requirements and avoid proprietary technologies. Intelligence techniques such as fuzzy-logic, neural network, or a combination of these methods, have the advantage of using SRM nonlinear models. Thus, more accurate results are obtained. Using fuzzy-logic as speed controller or controller which can work along PI speed controller has better and more accurate results than a single PI controller.

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