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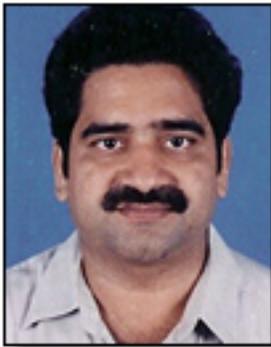
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Abstract

In this paper, a new model for a neural-network-controlled single phase induction motor is presented. The neural-network-based control scheme has been developed using a pulse width modulation technique. It is used to implement the energy-saving scheme of single-phase Induction motors, when they operate under no load or small duty-ratio load. The pulse width modulated AC chopper fed single phase induction motor is implemented using an Atmel 89C51 microcontroller. The intention is to save energy in plants using induction motors. At no load, 58% of the energy can be saved that decreases with an increase in the load. The neural network is trained to estimate the required voltage at different load conditions. To provide the required data to train the neural network, a simulation program was written to obtain the duty ratio values at different load conditions. From the simulation results, it is seen that the pulse width modulated (PWM) AC chopper system has lesser harmonics than the phase controlled AC chopper system, and hence it is used in the present work. The neural network based closed-loop control scheme to implement the energy-saving of the single phase induction motor drive system is designed and presented. The possibility of energy saving is explored in loads like punching and drilling industries, where most of the induction motors run at no load.

Introduction

There is a growing demand for power in the world. The generation is not able to meet the load demand. In addition, losses occur in transmission systems. Therefore, it is better to develop energy savers to conserve the energy that can minimize the load demand. Intelli-

gence-controlled energy savers are not readily available in the market. Microcontroller-based energy savers have been investigated by Xue and Cheng (2006). Microcontroller-based energy savers can be used only for linear load applications, whereas, most of the loads found in industries are non-linear. Thus, developing a neural network controlled energy saver has economic sense. This project can be used in medium and large-scale industries, as it leads to a considerable saving in energy.

In modern cities, motor drive systems can consume over half the electricity. Furthermore, those systems can consume over 75% of all the electricity in an industrial plant (Xue and Cheng, 2006). In industrial complexes like drilling mills, most of the induction motors run at no load. These motors are always connected to the mains irrespective of the load conditions. Due to the rated voltage at stator terminals, rated iron losses have to be supplied constantly to the motors. These losses mean a waste of some form of energy, which is in short supply. If it is possible to reduce the voltage at the stator terminals during no load or small duty ratio load conditions, then iron losses can be reduced and some electrical energy might be saved (Hunyar and Veszpremi, 2001). Voltage controllers are increasingly applied as motor soft starters and sometimes as energy savers, reducing the flux level in the connected induction motor, in accordance with the load (Kioskeredis and Margaris, 1996).

The use of a practical silicon controlled rectifier voltage controller results in considerable harmonic distortion and substantial additional losses, which reduce the net energy saving. The main problems associated with the silicon

controlled rectifier voltage controller are the high harmonic contents in the supply and motor currents, very poor power factor especially at light loads, and low efficiency. The pulse width modulated AC chopper can help in modifying these parameters. With the increased availability of power MOSFETs and insulated gate bipolar transistors, a new generation of simple choppers for AC inductive loads is foreseen. Pulse width modulated AC chopper controllers can replace the AC controllers with thyristor technology, which can overcome the above drawbacks (Ahmed, Amei and Sakuri, 1999; Meco-Gutierrez, Perez-Hidalgo, Vargas-Merino and Heredia-Larrubia, 2007). The pulse width modulated AC chopper is inferior to the phase angle control scheme for an induction motor (Sundareswaran, Rajasekar and Sreedevi, 2006; Hongxiang, Min and Yancho, 2004).

Energy conservation is significant for induction motors. Because harmonics generates additional energy consumption, how to eliminate harmonics is important for energy conservation in induction motors (LuGuangqiang, Guangfu, Hongxiang and Ynchao, 2004). The performance characteristics of a symmetrical pulse width modulated single-phase AC chopper controller-fed single-phase induction motor to achieve variable speed operations are evaluated. The controller employs a chopper circuit on the stator side of the motor. Speed control is achieved by varying the duty cycle of the switching function of the chopper as a suitable means for controlling the effective voltage applied to the motor terminals. (Ahmed, Amei and Sakuri, 2000). Asaii, Gosden and Sathiakumar (1996) described the application of neural networks to the sensorless control of the speed of an electric vehicle-induction-machine drive. Mademlis (2005) investigated the problem of efficiency optimization in capacitor-run single-phase induction motors.

The pulse width modulated AC chopper and phase angle controlled AC chopper fed induction motor systems are simu-

lated and their performances are compared (Jamuna and Reddy, 2008). It is proved that the pulse width modulated AC chopper system has lesser total harmonic distortion and better power factor. With reduced voltage, energy can be saved during the no load and partial load periods of a single phase induction motor drive (Jamuna and Reddy). The possibilities of applying off-line trained artificial neural networks in creating the system inverse models, that are used in designing the control algorithm for a non-linear dynamic system were described by Zilkova, Timko and Givrovsky (2006).

Motor drives are popularly applied in air conditioning, fans, pumps, compressors, chillers, escalators, elevators and industrial drives. Common motor drives include induction motor drives, DC motor drives, synchronous motor drives, switched reluctance motor drives, as well as other motor drives. Among these drives, a single phase induction machine is most widely used in industry because of its simple construction, reliable operation and lightness. Xue and Cheng (2006) proposed a control scheme for the energy saving of three-phase induction motor drive systems operating under long-term light-loads or small duty ration loads, based on the variable voltage control.

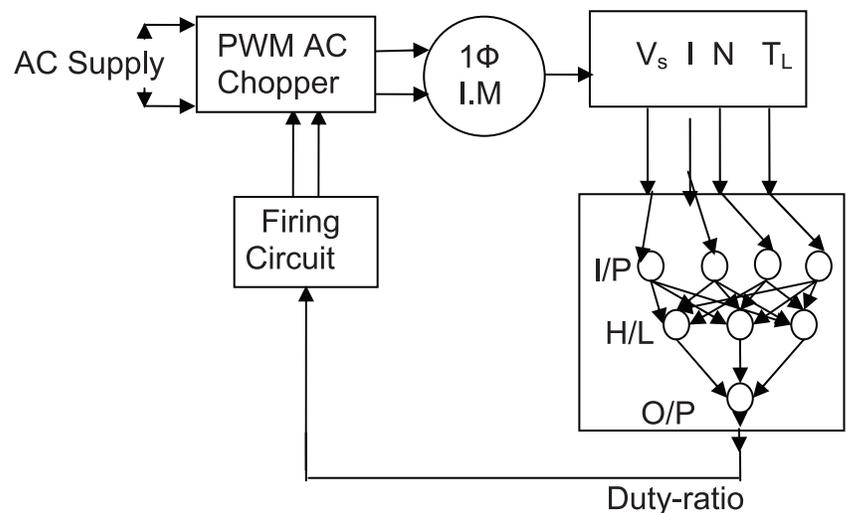
In the reviewed literature, investigations on an AC Chopper fed single

phase induction motor controlled by a neural network have not been presented. In industries, an energy saving scheme has not been implemented using neural networks. In the previous works and papers related to energy conservation, an induction machine is used instead of its mathematical model. Simulink available through Matrix Laboratory (MATLAB) is one of the most commonly used tool for simulating power electronic systems. In the work discussed, the simulink model for induction motor is developed using the double field revolving theory. In the double field revolving theory, two rotating fields replace a rotor. M files needed for the neural network system are developed. To save energy in no load and partial load conditions, a neural-network-based closed loop stator voltage control method is employed. Prototype hardware is implemented using the ATMEL's AT89C51 embedded microcontroller.

Circuit Description And Principle Of Operation

A block diagrammatic representation of the neural network controlled AC chopper fed single phase induction motor is shown in Figure 1. The speed of the machine is sensed using photoelectric type digital pickup. Current is sensed using a circular shaped current transformer made from nickel iron alloy. In addition to these two signals, load torque and pulse width modulated

Figure 1. Neural-Network-based PWM AC Chopper fed Single Phase Induction Motor



output voltages are considered to train the neural network. Based on these four parameters, the neural network generates the driving pulses to the switches by considering the load conditions to save energy.

Pulse width modulated output voltage (V_s), stator current (I), Speed (N) and load torque (T_L) are independent variables for the neural network. Driving pulses to the switches, i.e. the duty ratio, is a dependent variable. With a conventional controller, training data such as dependent and independent variables are collected. These data are used to train the model. Every time, the weights and biases at the input layer (I/P), hidden layer (H/L) and output layer (O/P) of the neural network are updated using the backpropagation algorithm (Asaii, Gosden and Sathiakumar, 1996).

Model Of A Single Phase Induction Motor

According to the double field revolving theory, any alternating quantity can be resolved into two rotating components that rotate in opposite directions, each having half the maximum magnitude of the alternating quantity. The rotor of a single phase induction motor can be considered as two rotating fields. These fields have the same magnitude and revolve at a synchronous speed in opposite directions. Since the value of slip(s) is generally small, $r_2^1/2s$ is considerably higher than $r_2^1/[2*(2-s)]$. In general, the magnitude of the output voltage (V_0) is 90% to 95% of the applied voltage. Hence, to obtain the simplified model of a single phase induction motor, the effect of the backward field is neglected. The generalized SIMULINK model of a single phase induction motor is shown in Figure 2. The nomenclature for the various parameters used for the modeling is listed in Table1.

The current flowing through the stator is expressed as

$$I_1 = \frac{(V - V_0)}{(r_1 + jx_1)} \quad (1)$$

Table 1. Nomenclature for parameters

s	Slip (no unit)
r_1	Stator resistance in ohms
r_2	Rotor resistance referred to stator in ohms
r_0	Equivalent resistance corresponding to the iron losses in ohms
L_1	Leakage inductance of stator in henry
L_2	Leakage inductance of rotor referred to stator in henry
L_0	Magnetizing inductance of the stator in henry
V_i	Input voltage in volts
V_0	Output voltage in volts
V_1	Voltage across the variable rotor resistance in volts
I	Current flowing through the stator in Amperes
I_1	Iron-loss and magnetizing component of the no-load current in Amperes
I_{1c}	Core loss component of current in Amperes
I_{1m}	Magnetizing component of current in Amperes
I_2	Rotor current referred to the stator in Amperes
T	Torque in Nm
n_s	Synchronous speed in rps
J	Moment of inertia in Kgm ²
B	Viscous friction in Nms
P	Poles
ω	Angular speed in rad/sec
θ	Angular displacement in radians

If the rotor current referred to the stator is taken as I_2^1 then the iron-loss and magnetizing component of the no-load current can be expressed as

$$I_0 = I_1 - I_2^1 \quad (2)$$

The core loss component of current is

$$I_{0c} = I_0 - I_{0m} \quad (3)$$

The output voltage can be obtained from the expression

$$V_0 = I_{0c} * \left(\frac{r_0}{2} \right) \quad (4)$$

The current through the magnetizing component,

$$I_{0m} = \frac{V_0}{\left(\frac{jx_0}{2} \right)} \quad (5)$$

The current through the rotor component,

$$I_2^1 = \frac{(V_0 - V_1)}{\left(\frac{jx_2^1}{2} \right)} \quad (6)$$

The voltage across the variable resistance,

$$V_1(s) = R_2 * I_1(s) \quad (7)$$

The torque developed by the motor is given by the expression

$$T = (I_2^1)^2 * \left(\frac{r_2^1}{2s} \right) / 2\pi n_s \quad (8)$$

The electromechanical equation is expressed as

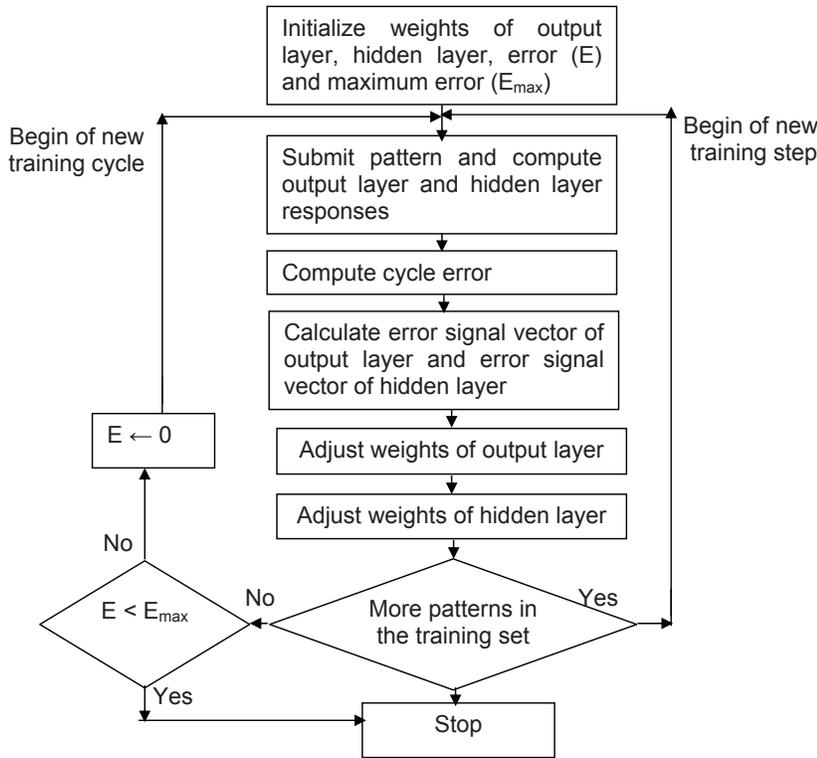
$$T = J \frac{d\omega}{dt} + B\omega + T_L \quad (9)$$

where, $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ (10)

$$\% \text{ Save} = \frac{(\text{Losses at full voltage} - \text{Losses at reduced voltage})}{\text{Losses at full voltage}} \quad (13)$$

In a no load condition, the loss at full voltage (230V) is 400 watts and 20% of the voltage (46V) results in a loss of 168 watts. Hence, 20% of the rated voltage results in an energy saving of $(400-168)/400 = 58\%$. The power factor is improved from 0.31 to 0.81 with a slight reduction in speed. Similarly the % of energy saved can be calculated for 30%, 40%... of the rated voltage. The results are shown in Figure 5.

Figure 4. Flowchart for Error backpropagation algorithm

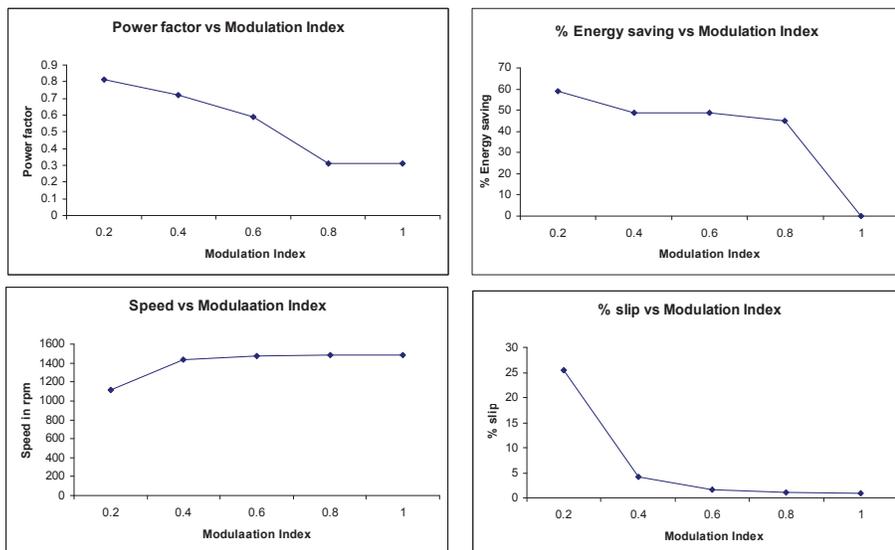


In partial load conditions, the drive system is operated with various duty-ratio values. From the studies, it is seen that from no load to 20% of the rated load, the saving in energy is modest. For the same model, simulation was carried out for 20% of the rated load. The loss at full voltage (230V) is 470watts and 70% of the voltage (161V) results in a loss of 362watts. Hence, one can see that, 23% of the energy can be saved, when the machine is operated at 70% of the rated voltage.

From the above results, it is found that energy can be saved during no load and partial load operations. In order to achieve closed loop control using the neural network, the load torque is sensed continuously. Based on the load torque values, the trained neural network adjusts the voltage applied to the stator of an induction motor. The neural-network-based energy saving scheme for a single phase induction motor drive system used for simulation is shown in Figure 6. The SIMULINK model for the power circuit used to generate the pulse width modulated AC voltage is developed, and the same is used for simulation. The pulse width modulated AC voltage is applied to the single phase induction motor. A 1horse power, 230V Single phase induction motor with the parameters shown in Table 2 is used for simulation. Figure 6 shows the results obtained by replacing the variables used in the Figure 2 with these parameters.

To provide the required data to train the neural network, a simulation program was written to obtain the duty ratio values for different load torques. Using this program, 1 million sets of the training pattern such as pulse width modulated output voltage, stator current, speed of the machine, load torque and duty ratio values are obtained. These patterns are used for training the neural network using the error backpropagation algorithm. Using the training pattern, the neural network was trained successfully and a neural network controller replaced the matlab program.

Figure 5. Performance characteristics of PWM AC Chopper fed Induction Motor at various voltage steps during no-load operation



The output of the neural network controller is used to vary the duty ratio of the pulse width modulated AC chopper. Various calculations in Figure 6 are done using the Matlab functions given in Tables 3,4, and 5.

Based on the load torque applied to the machine, the neural network controller controls the duty-ratio. Hence, energy can be saved in no load and partial load conditions. For example, the model shown in Figure 6 is operated in a full load condition for a certain period. The load is reduced and it is operated with 20% of the rated load for some time and then it is further reduced to no load for the remaining period as shown in Figure 7.

The neural network estimates the duty-ratio values in different load conditions so that the energy is saved in no load and partial load conditions as shown in Figure 8. In various load conditions, the copper loss and iron loss are measured and the net electrical losses are shown in Figure 9. From this figure it is seen that, by varying the duty-ratio, the losses during no load and partial load periods are lesser. Hence, energy can be saved in partial load and no load conditions.

Experimental Verification

For experimental verification, a 1 horsepower, 230V induction motor was used. The hardware was implemented using the AT89C51 microcontroller. It consists of a small capacitor of 11µf, as a voltage suppressor, placed across the freewheeling path in order to avoid problems of high-voltage transients that can occur if both the switches are switched off in the presence of a reactive load. The experimental set up of the hardware implemented is shown in Figure 10.

The hardware circuit of the pulse width modulated AC chopper fed drive is shown in Figure 11. The main part of the control circuit is the microcontroller. The line-interfacing unit gives the information about the AC supply to the microcontroller. An assembly language program is written in the microcontroller to generate the driving

Table 2. Parameters of single phase induction motor

Parameter	Values
r_1	2Ω
x_1	5.12Ω
r_2	1.01Ω
x_2	0.26Ω
r_0	300Ω
x_0	47.12Ω
J	0.0146Kgm^2
B	0.007Nms
Turns ratio	1.99
Poles	4

Table 3. Matlab function to calculate voltage and torque

```
function y = vandt(in)
I21 = in(1);
ω = in(2);
s = (157-ω)/157;
r2 = 1.01/s;
y(1) = I21*r2;
y(2) = I21* I21*r2/157;
end
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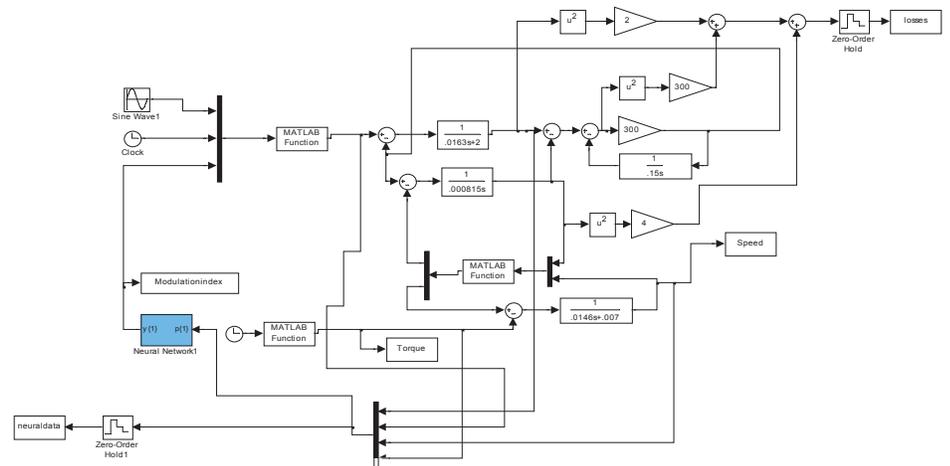
Table 4. Matlab function for PWM generation

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function out = pwm(a)
vs = a(1);
t = a(2);
k = a(3);
T = .0008;
t1 = mod(t,T);
if t1 <= k*T
out(1) = vs;
else
out(1) = 0;
end
```

Table 5. Matlab function for non-linear load

```
function out = loadtorque(a)
t = a(1);
if t < 2
out(1) = 14;
else if t < 7
out(1) = 3;
else
out(1) = 0;
end
```

Figure 6. Model of the Neural Network controlled Pulse Width Modulated AC Chopper fed Single Phase Induction Motor



pulses. Thus, the gating pulses required by the switches are obtained from the microcontroller. The flow chart to obtain the driving pulses for the three switches is given in Figure 12.

For various load conditions, the value of duty-ratio can be changed to adjust the input voltage for energy saving. By trial and error, the optimal values of duty-ratio are found using the simulation.

The same values of duty-ratio are used for the experimental verification. For 1 horsepower induction motor, at no load condition, duty ratio is set to 0.2 using AT89C51 and the readings are noted. For 20% of the rated load, the duty-ratio is changed to 0.7 and the readings are noted. Similarly for various load conditions, the duty ratio values can be changed to adjust the input voltage to yield the energy saving.

From the experimental set up, the readings are noted and tabulated as shown in Table 6. The saving in energy in a no load condition is calculated for various duty-ratio values using equation (13).

Gating pulses and the output voltage are captured using the oscilloscope and they are shown in Figure 13.

It is found that 62% of the energy can be saved in a no load condition with reduced voltage.

Conclusion

A new SIMULINK model for the pulse width modulated AC chopper fed single phase Induction motor system was developed. A neural network is trained successfully using the error backpropagation algorithm and it is used to vary the duty ratio value depending upon the load conditions. Systematic investigations on an induction motor model with respect to energy saving led to the following results and conclusions: In a no-load operation with 20% of the rated voltage applied to the stator, the energy saving is as high as 58% and the power factor improves from 0.31 to 0.81. From no load to 20% of the rated load, the saving in energy is modest. At 20% of the rated load, 23% of energy can be saved with 70% of the rated voltage applied to the stator.

In industrial units like a punching press and drilling machinery, most of the induction motors often run at no load or partial load. The rated efficiency of an induction motor is high when it runs under the full load. Therefore, even a modest improvement in the energy efficiency of induction motor drives can imply huge energy-saving. Using the

Figure 7. Variation in load torque

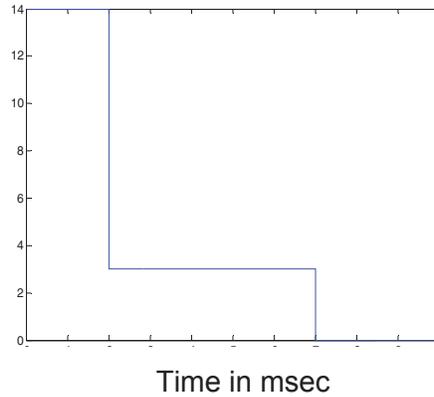


Figure 8. Variation in Modulation Index estimated

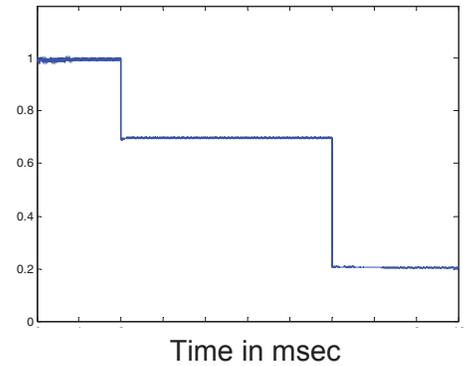


Figure 9. Loss in various load conditions

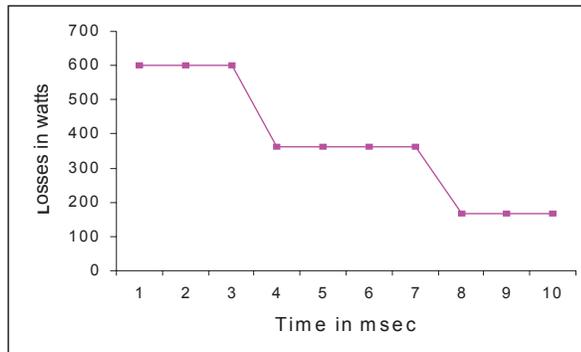


Figure 10. Experimental setup



Table 6. Experimental values in a no load and partial load condition

Load condition	Voltage in Volts	Current in Amps	Power in Watts	Energy saving in %
No load	230	4.1	228	-
	47	1.2	87	62%
Partial load	230	5.2	440	-
	161	2.3	330	25%

Figure 11. Modulated AC chopper fed drive

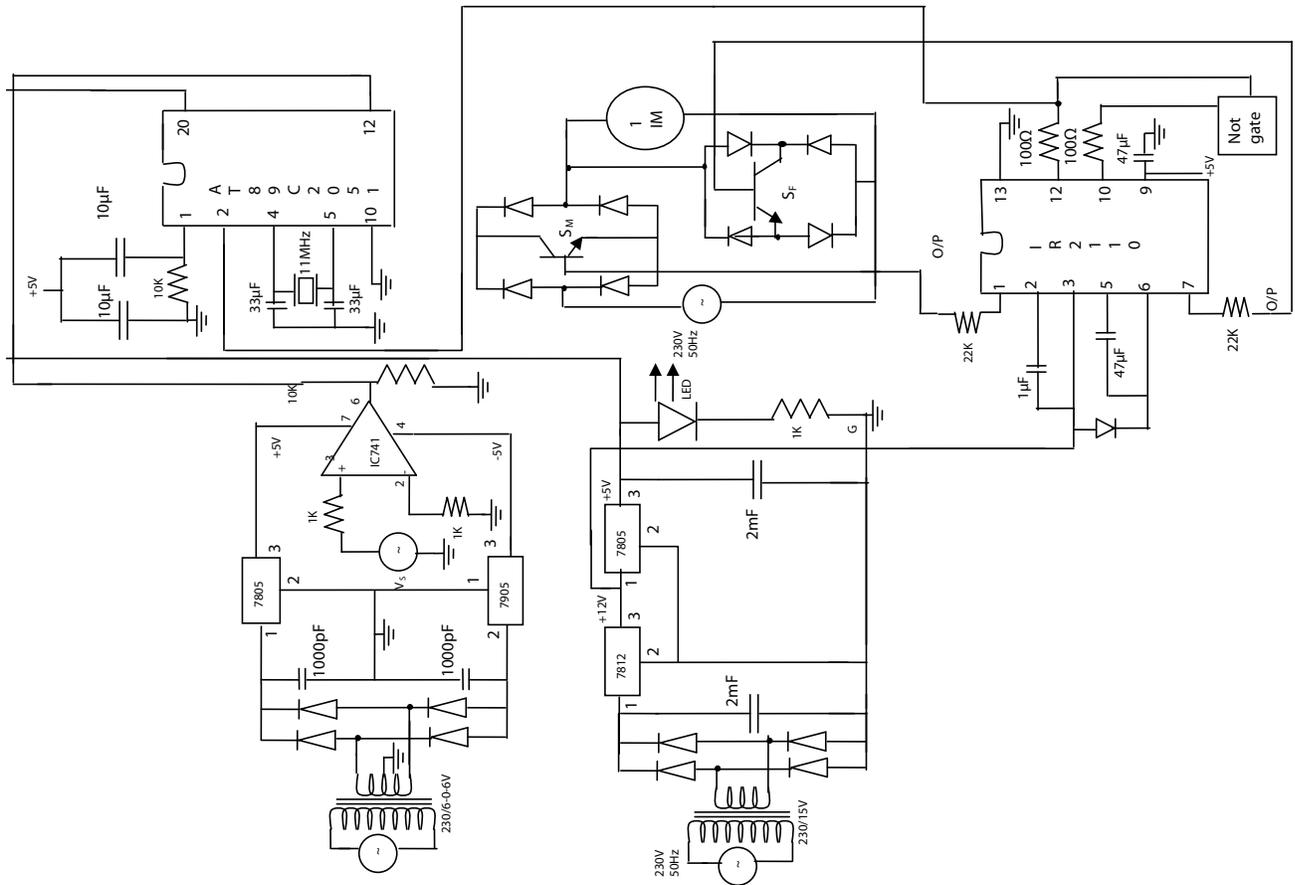


Figure 12. Flow Chart for the generation of Control Pulses

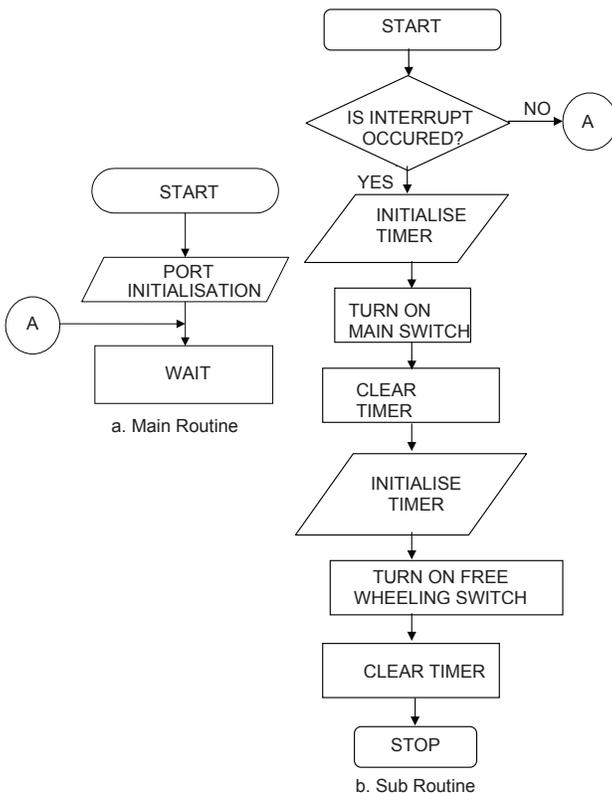
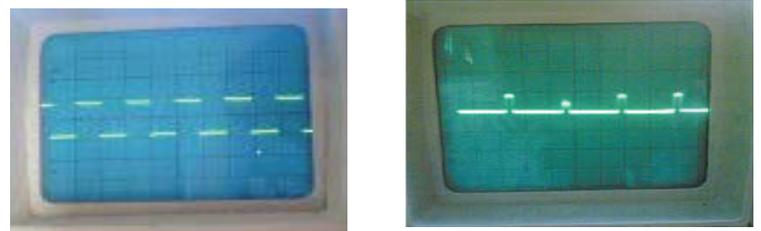
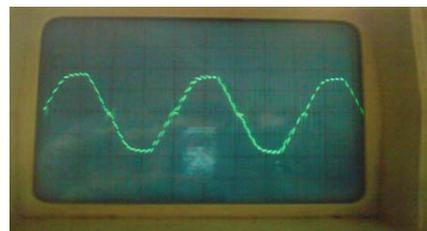


Figure 13. Experimental Results



a. Driving Pulses for 50% and 20% duty-ratio



b. Output voltage of AC chopper

proposed scheme, the voltage at the stator terminals is reduced during no load or small duty ratio load conditions, and electrical energy is saved. The experimental results are almost similar to the simulation results.

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