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Fault-Tolerant Control Using Fuzzy Logic for Induction Motor Drives

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Abstract

Asynchronous motor drives are extensively used in industrial applications due to their robustness, efficiency, and relatively low cost. However, their performance can be significantly degraded by sensor failures, parameter variations, or power supply disturbances, which compromise reliability and voltage stability. The objective of this research is to propose a fault-tolerant control strategy that enhances the reliability and stability of asynchronous motor drives under degraded operating conditions. To achieve this, a fuzzy logic controller is designed. The controller adaptively adjusts control actions by integrating heuristic rules and membership functions capable of representing system uncertainties, thereby ensuring dynamic adaptability to unexpected disturbances. The methodology consists of designing the fuzzy controller and evaluating its performance through MATLAB/Simulink simulations. Comparative analyses are conducted against classical vector control and PID schemes. The evaluation criteria include voltage stability, dynamic response, and harmonic distortion under scenarios such as sensor faults and load disturbances. Simulation results demonstrate that the proposed fuzzy-based approach maintains voltage stability and ensures satisfactory dynamic performance even in the presence of sensor faults and load variations. Furthermore, comparative analysis highlights superior tolerance to defects and a reduction of harmonic distortion compared with conventional control strategies. In conclusion, fuzzy logic control emerges as a practical and effective solution for industrial applications requiring high reliability. The proposed method improves fault tolerance and system robustness. Future work will focus on experimental validation and integration with hybrid artificial intelligence techniques, paving the way for deployment in critical industrial environments.

Keywords

Fuzzy Logic, Fault Tolerant Control, Voltage Stability, Robust Control

1. Introduction

Asynchronous motors are widely used in industrial processes thanks to their robustness and low cost [1]. Combined with advanced strategies such as vector control, they offer high dynamic performance [2]. However, these performances

strongly depend on the reliability of speed and current sensors, which are often exposed to severe constraints leading to drifts or signal losses. These faults can cause control instability and costly shutdowns [3].

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To address these issues, fault-tolerant control (FTC) has emerged as a strategic focus [4]. It combines detection, isolation and reconfiguration, favoring analytical redundancy, which is more economical than hardware redundancy [5]. Several studies have shown the interest of FTC strategies dedicated to speed and current sensors, notably via the generation of residues [6]. However, decision-making remains delicate in the face of uncertainties and noise, and fixed thresholds lack robustness [7].

Artificial intelligence approaches have been explored to strengthen the FTC [8]. While deep learning offers good performance, it suffers from a lack of interpretability and massive data needs [9]. Conversely, fuzzy logic remains an appropriate solution, capable of handling imprecision while remaining interpretable [10].

In this work, we propose a FTC strategy based on fuzzy logic for asynchronous motor drives. It is based on the exploitation of residues from observers, used as inputs to a fuzzy inference system of the Mamdani type. The control is then reconfigured to replace failed measurements with estimates, ensuring service continuity and system stability. The main contributions are:

- 1) A residue-based diagnostic framework;
- 2) A fuzzy decision system robust to noise and variations;
- 3) An automatic reconfiguration strategy without hardware redundancy.

2. Mathematical Modeling of the Induction Motor Drive and Sensor Fault Description

This section presents the mathematical model of the induction motor drive used for the development of the proposed fault-tolerant control strategy. The objective is not only to describe the electromechanical behavior of the machine but also to establish a rigorous analytical framework suitable for state estimation, residual generation, fault diagnosis and control reconfiguration. The obtained model constitutes the theoretical foundation for the observer design and the fuzzy fault diagnosis algorithm developed in the following sections.

2.1. Dynamic Model of the Induction Motor in the Synchronous Reference Frame

The three-phase stator variables are transformed into the synchronously rotating dq-reference frame using the Park transformation. Let

$$x_{abc}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_a(t) \\ x_b(t) \\ x_c(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

denote a generic three-phase variable vector.

The Park transformation is defined as

$$x_{dq}(t) = P(\theta_s)x_{abc}(t) \quad (2)$$

where the synchronous electrical angle is given by

$$\theta_s(t) = \int_0^t \omega_s(\tau) d\tau \quad (3)$$

and the transformation matrix is

$$P(\theta_s) = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_s & \cos\left(\theta_s - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta_s + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ -\sin\theta_s & -\sin\left(\theta_s - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & -\sin\left(\theta_s + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The transformation preserves the instantaneous power according to

$$p_{abc} = p_{dq} \quad (5)$$

The derivative of a transformed variable introduces an additional rotational term.

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_{dq} = P(\theta_s)\frac{d}{dt}x_{abc} + \omega_s J x_{dq} \quad (6)$$

where

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

is the 90° rotation matrix.

In the synchronous reference frame, the stator voltage equations become

$$v_{sd} = R_s i_{sd} + \frac{d\psi_{sd}}{dt} - \omega_s \psi_{sq} \quad (8)$$

$$v_{sq} = R_s i_{sq} + \frac{d\psi_{sq}}{dt} + \omega_s \psi_{sd} \quad (9)$$

while the rotor voltage equations are expressed as

$$0 = R_r i_{rd} + \frac{d\psi_{rd}}{dt} - (\omega_s - \omega_r) \psi_{rq} \quad (10)$$

$$0 = R_r i_{rq} + \frac{d\psi_{rq}}{dt} + (\omega_s - \omega_r) \psi_{rd} \quad (11)$$

The flux-current relationships are given by

$$\psi_{sd} = L_s i_{sd} + L_m i_{rd} \quad (12)$$

$$\psi_{sq} = L_s i_{sq} + L_m i_{rq} \quad (13)$$

$$\psi_{rd} = L_r i_{rd} + L_m i_{sd} \quad (14)$$

$$\psi_{rq} = L_r i_{rq} + L_m i_{sq} \quad (15)$$

where L_s , L_r and L_m denote respectively the stator, rotor and mutual inductances.

The leakage coefficient is defined as

$$\sigma = 1 - \frac{L_m^2}{L_s L_r} \quad (16)$$

and the rotor time constant is

$$\tau_r = \frac{L_r}{R_r} \quad (17)$$

After elimination of the rotor currents, the rotor flux dynamics are obtained as

$$\frac{d\psi_{rd}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tau_r}\psi_{rd} + \frac{L_m}{\tau_r}i_{sd} + \omega_{sl}\psi_{rq} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{d\psi_{rq}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tau_r}\psi_{rq} + \frac{L_m}{\tau_r}i_{sq} - \omega_{sl}\psi_{rd} \quad (19)$$

where

$$\omega_{sl} = \omega_s - \omega_r \quad (20)$$

is the slip angular frequency.

2.2. Electromechanical Dynamics

The mechanical dynamics of the drive are governed by

$$J_m \frac{d\omega_m}{dt} = T_e - T_L - f\omega_m \quad (21)$$

where J_m is the total inertia, f is the viscous friction coefficient and T_L denotes the load torque.

The electrical and mechanical angular velocities are related by

$$\omega_r = p\omega_m \quad (22)$$

where p represents the number of pole pairs.

The electromagnetic torque is expressed as

$$T_e = \frac{3}{2}p(\psi_{sd}i_{sq} - \psi_{sq}i_{sd}) \quad (23)$$

and the mechanical output power is

$$P_m = T_e\omega_m \quad (24)$$

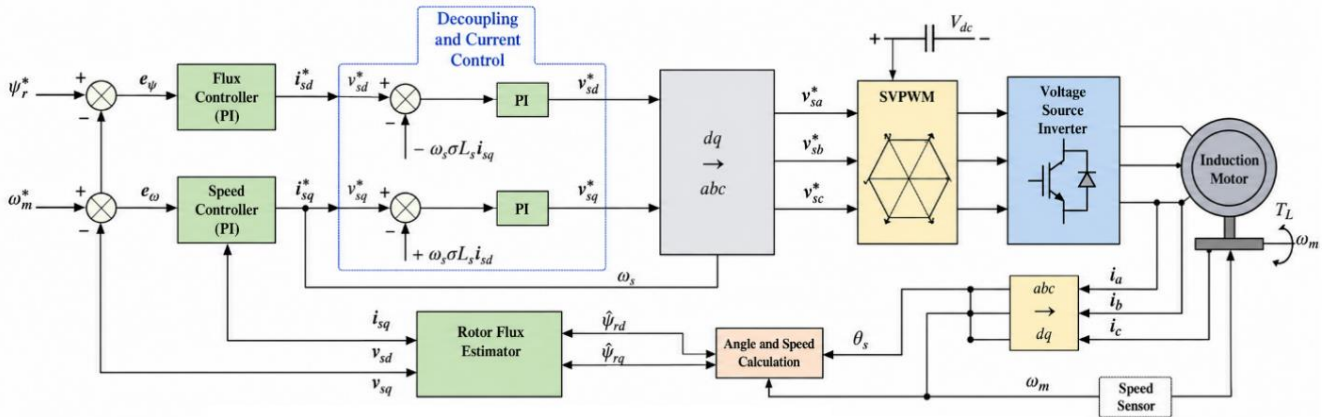


Figure 1. General structure of the induction motor drive with RFOC.

2.3. Rotor Flux Oriented Control

In rotor flux-oriented control, the rotating frame is aligned with the rotor flux vector. Therefore,

$$\psi_{rq} = 0 \quad (25)$$

and

$$\psi_{rd} = \psi_r \quad (26)$$

Under this condition, the electromagnetic torque simplifies to

$$T_e = \frac{3}{2}p \frac{L_m}{L_r} \psi_r i_{sq} \quad (27)$$

which clearly demonstrates the decoupling between flux and torque control.

The rotor flux amplitude is controlled through

$$\psi_r = L_m i_{sd} \quad (28)$$

while the slip angular frequency is given by

$$\omega_{sl} = \frac{R_r L_m}{L_r} \frac{i_{sq}}{\psi_r} \quad (29)$$

The synchronous speed can then be computed as

$$\omega_s = \omega_r + \omega_{sl} \quad (30)$$

and the orientation angle is updated according to

$$\theta_s = \int_0^t \omega_s(\tau) d\tau \quad (31)$$

These equations constitute the core of the vector control algorithm and highlight the sensitivity of the control system to speed and current measurement faults.

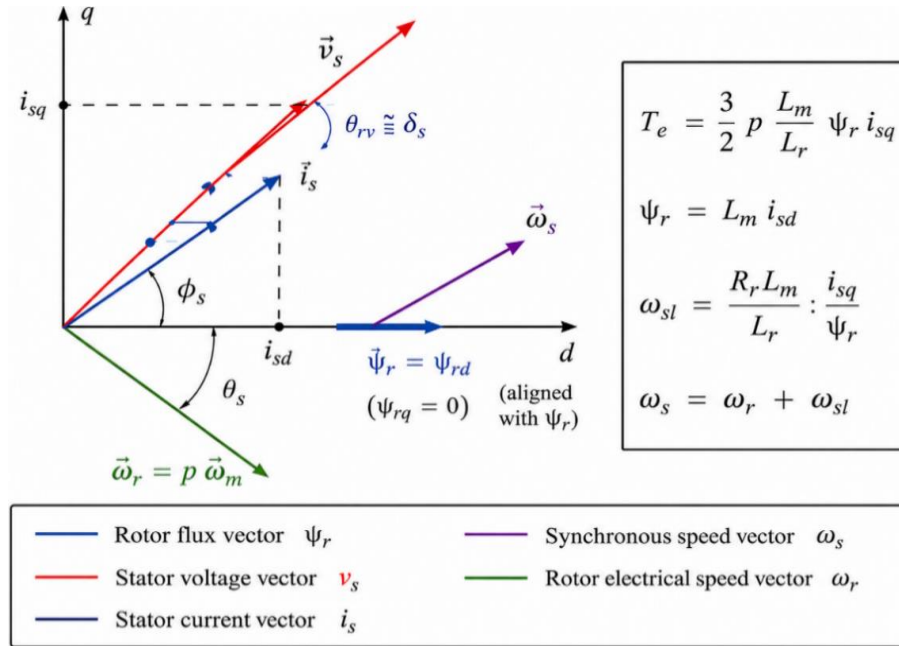


Figure 2. Rotor-flux-oriented vector diagram showing ψ_r , i_{sd} , i_{sq} and ω_s .

2.4. State-Space Representation for Fault Diagnosis

For observer synthesis and residual generation, the system is represented in nonlinear state-space form.

The state vector is defined as

$$x = [i_{sd} \quad i_{sq} \quad \psi_{rd} \quad \psi_{rq} \quad \omega_m]^T \quad (32)$$

The control input vector is

$$u = [v_{sd} \quad v_{sq}]^T \quad (33)$$

The system dynamics can be written as

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u, \theta) + G_d d \quad (34)$$

and the measured outputs are

$$y = h(x) \quad (35)$$

where d denotes external disturbances and parameter uncertainties.

2.5. Sensor Fault Modeling

The general faulty measurement model is expressed as

$$y_f(t) = \Gamma(t)y(t) + b(t) + v(t) \quad (36)$$

where $\Gamma(t)$ represents multiplicative faults, $b(t)$ additive faults and $v(t)$ measurement noise.

2.5.1. Speed Sensor Faults

The speed measurement is modeled by

$$y_\omega(t) = \gamma_\omega(t)\omega_m(t) + b_\omega(t) + v_\omega(t) \quad (37)$$

This formulation describes abrupt bias faults, progressive drifts, partial signal losses and complete sensor failures.

The resulting synchronization error affects the electrical angle estimation.

$$\theta_s(t) = \int_0^t \omega_s(\tau) d\tau \quad (38)$$

leading to an incorrect orientation of the rotating reference frame.

2.5.2. Current Sensor Faults

The current measurement model is expressed as

$$y_i(t) = (I + \Delta g(t))i_s(t) + \Delta b(t) + v_i(t) \quad (39)$$

where $\Delta g(t)$ and $\Delta b(t)$ denote gain and bias faults, respectively.

The faulty measurements directly affect flux estimation, torque computation and observer performance.

Finally, the fault distribution model can be written in compact form as

$$y_f(t) = h(x(t)) + S_f f_s(t) + v(t) \quad (40)$$

where S_f is the fault signature matrix and $f_s(t)$ represents the fault vector.

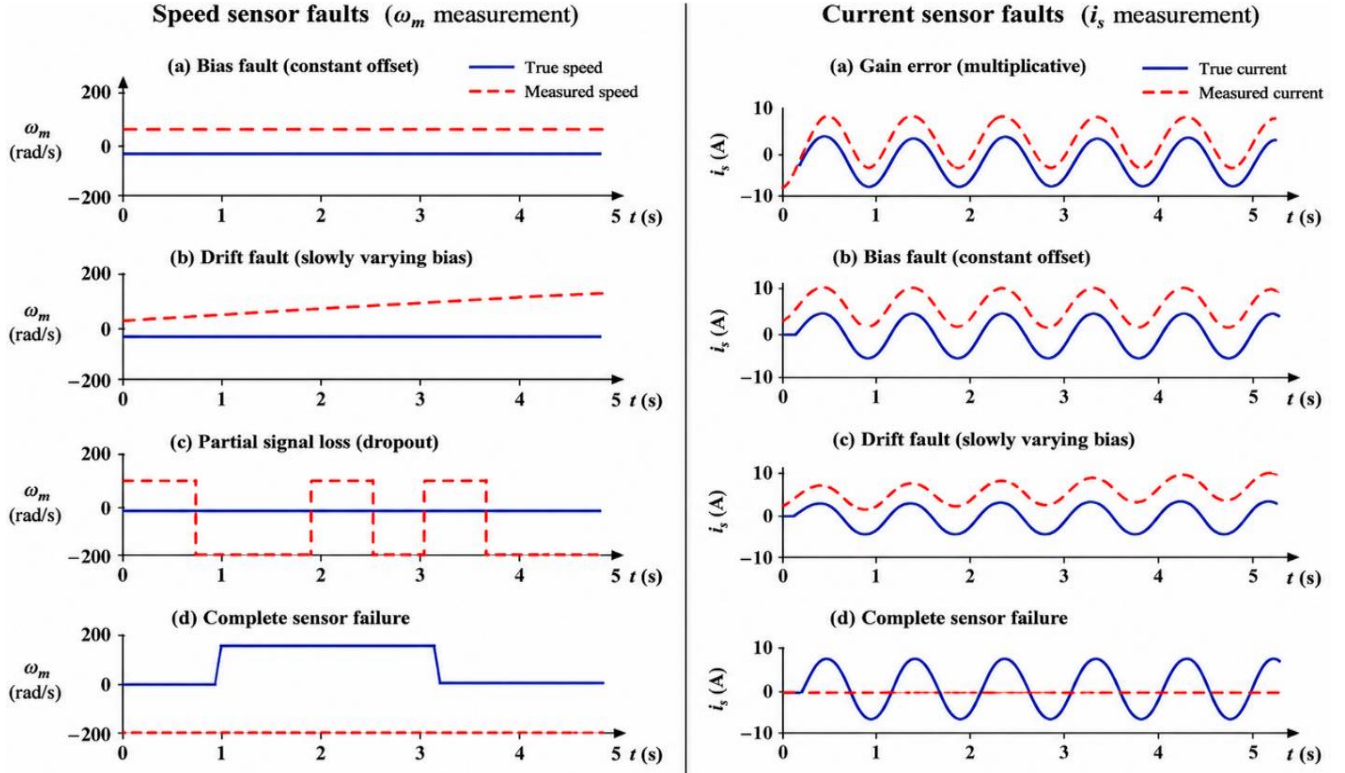


Figure 3. Typical sensor fault signatures: speed bias, speed drift, sensor loss and current gain error.

2.6. Residual Generation Framework

The observer provides an estimation of the measured outputs

$$\hat{y}(t) = h(\hat{x}(t)) \quad (41)$$

The residual signal is defined as

$$r(t) = y_f(t) - \hat{y}(t) \quad (42)$$

To improve fault detection robustness, the residual evaluation index is computed as

$$J_r(t) = \sqrt{r^T(t) W r(t)} \quad (43)$$

where W is a positive definite weighting matrix.

In addition, a residual energy criterion is introduced:

$$E_r(t) = \int_{t-T}^t r^T(\tau) W r(\tau) d\tau \quad (44)$$

These indicators are used as inputs of the fuzzy inference

system developed in the next section for fault detection, isolation and decision-making.

3. Observer-Based Fault Estimation and Structured Residual Generation

The proposed fault-tolerant control strategy relies on analytical redundancy generated through state observation. The observer is designed not only to estimate the unmeasured variables of the induction motor drive but also to generate fault-sensitive residuals suitable for diagnosis and control reconfiguration. Compared with hardware redundancy approaches, observer-based techniques significantly reduce implementation costs while maintaining a high level of reliability and fault detection capability.

3.1. Observer-Based Analytical Redundancy Principle

Starting from the nonlinear state-space representation established in Section II, the observer reconstructs the system outputs using the available measurements and the machine

model.

The observer dynamics are expressed as

$$\hat{\dot{x}} = f(\hat{x}, u, \theta) + L(y - \hat{y}) \quad (45)$$

where L denotes the observer gain matrix.

The estimated output vector is defined as

$$\hat{y} = h(\hat{x}) \quad (46)$$

The output estimation error is therefore given by

$$e_y = y - \hat{y} \quad (47)$$

while the state estimation error becomes

$$e_x = x - \hat{x} \quad (48)$$

Under bounded disturbances and parameter uncertainties, the observer gains are selected to ensure asymptotic convergence:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e_x(t) = 0 \quad (49)$$

This convergence property guarantees that the estimated variables accurately reproduce the actual system behavior during normal operating conditions.

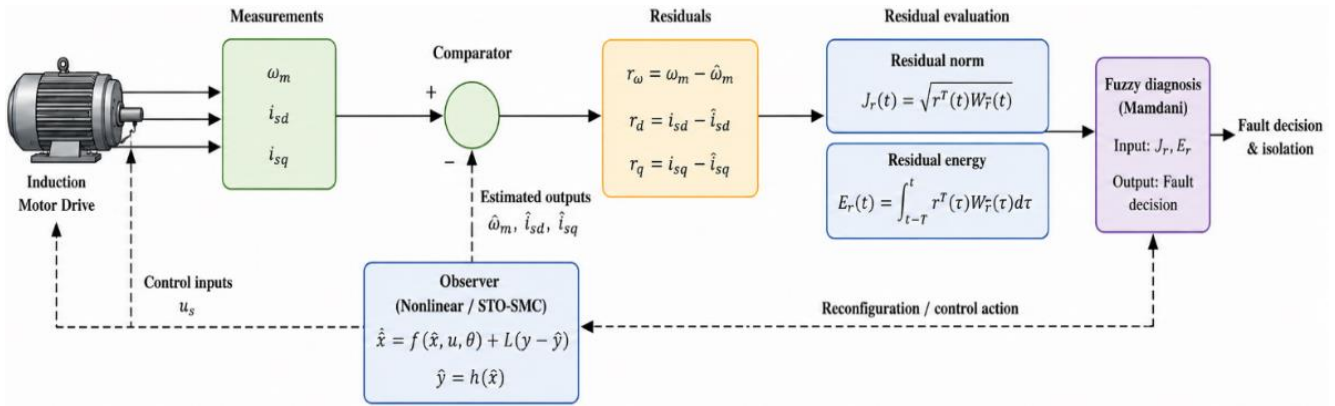


Figure 4. Observer-based fault diagnosis architecture showing analytical redundancy, residual generation and fuzzy decision-making.

3.2. Structured Residual Generation

The estimated outputs provided by the observer are compared with the measured quantities to generate residual signals. Unlike conventional approaches based on a single residual, the proposed strategy employs a structured residual vector capable of distinguishing between speed and current sensor faults.

The residual vector is defined as

$$r(t) = \begin{bmatrix} r_\omega(t) \\ r_d(t) \\ r_q(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (50)$$

where

$$r_\omega(t) = y_\omega(t) - \hat{\omega}_m(t) \quad (51)$$

represents the speed residual,

$$r_d(t) = i_{sd}(t) - \hat{i}_{sd}(t) \quad (52)$$

is the direct-axis current residual, and

$$r_q(t) = i_{sq}(t) - \hat{i}_{sq}(t) \quad (53)$$

corresponds to the quadrature-axis current residual.

Under healthy operating conditions, the measured and estimated variables remain consistent, yielding

$$r(t) \approx 0 \quad (54)$$

whereas the occurrence of sensor faults produces significant residual deviations

$$r(t) \neq 0 \quad (55)$$

which constitute reliable indicators of abnormal operating conditions. The use of multiple residual channels improves fault isolation capability by providing a specific signature for each fault type.

3.3. Residual Evaluation and Fault Indicators

Residual signals are inherently affected by measurement noise, transient operating conditions and model uncertainties. Consequently, direct threshold comparison may lead to false

alarms.

To enhance robustness, a weighted residual norm is introduced:

$$J_r(t) = \sqrt{r^T(t)Wr(t)} \quad (56)$$

where W is a positive definite weighting matrix. The index J_r provides an instantaneous evaluation of the fault severity.

To complement this information, a residual energy criterion is defined as

$$E_r(t) = \int_{t-T}^t r^T(\tau)Wr(\tau)d\tau \quad (57)$$

where T denotes a moving observation window. The residual norm J_r is particularly sensitive to abrupt faults, whereas the residual energy E_r efficiently captures progressive drifts and persistent sensor degradations. This dual-indicator approach significantly improves the reliability of fault detection under uncertain operating conditions.

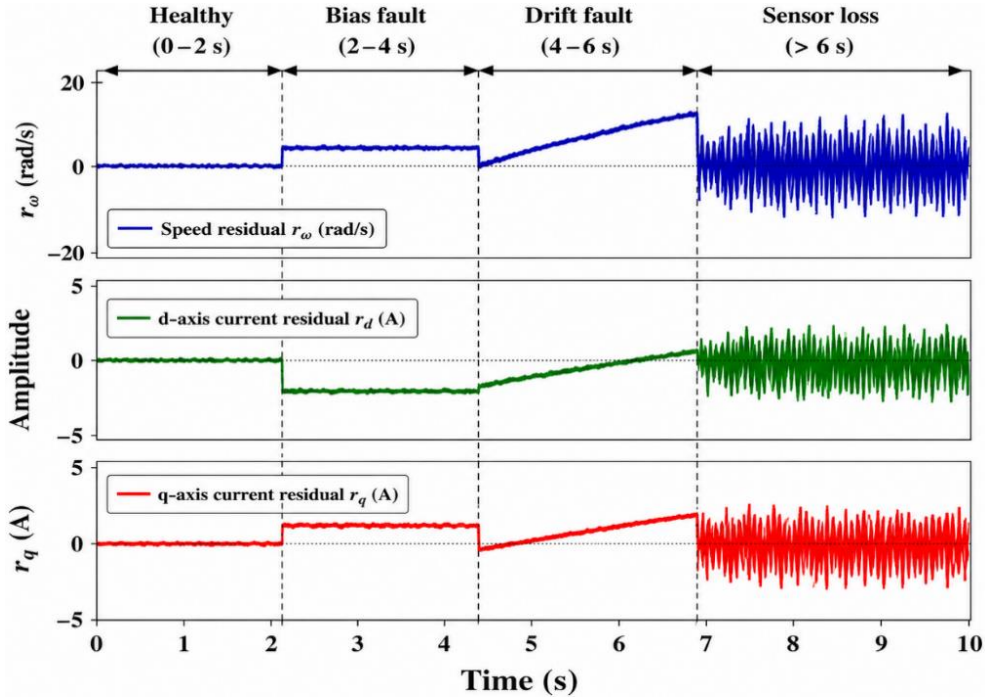


Figure 5. Typical residual responses under abrupt bias, progressive drift, sensor loss and current gain faults.

3.4. Fault Signature Analysis

To establish a direct relationship between residuals and sensor faults, the residual vector can be represented as

$$r(t) = S_f f_s(t) + T_d d(t) \quad (58)$$

where $f_s(t)$ denotes the fault vector, S_f the fault signature matrix and $d(t)$ external disturbances.

For the considered sensor faults, the fault signature matrix can be expressed as

$$S_f = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (59)$$

This representation establishes a one-to-one correspondence between residual channels and fault sources.

An efficient diagnostic system must satisfy

$$\|S_f f_s\| \gg \|T_d d\| \quad (60)$$

which ensures high fault detectability while minimizing the influence of disturbances and modeling errors. The structured residual formulation therefore provides a robust basis for fault classification and isolation.

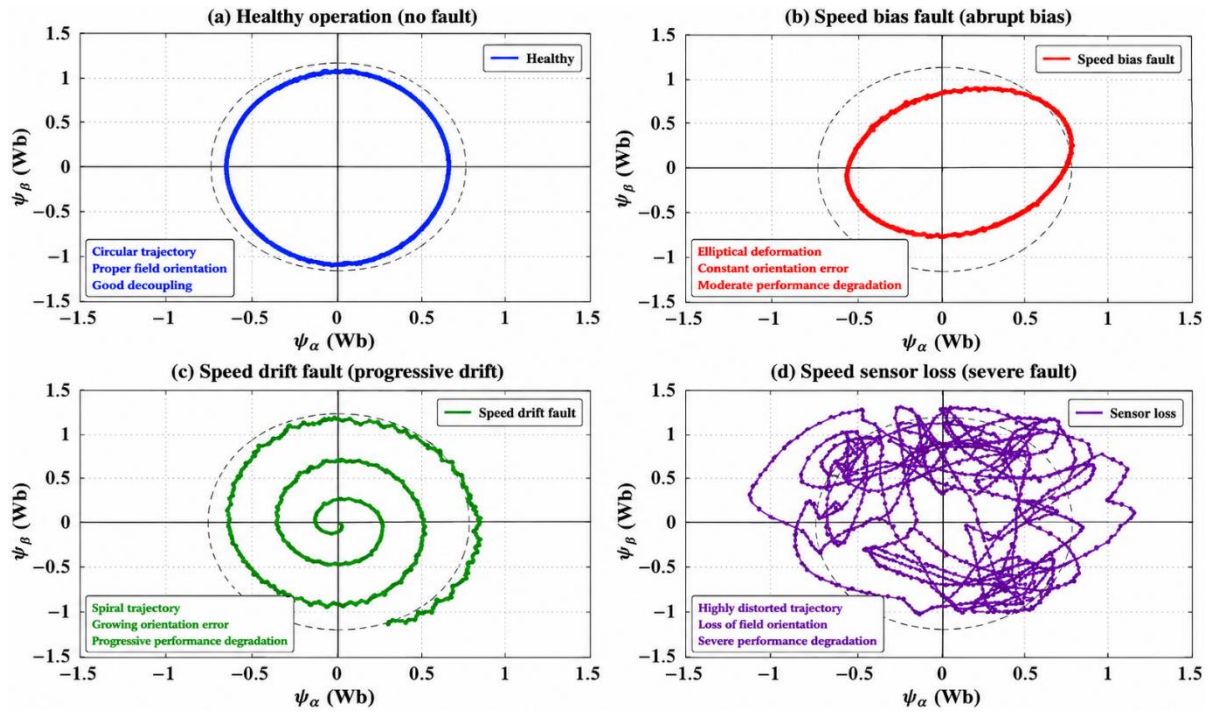


Figure 6. Residual evaluation space (J_r, E_r) showing the separation between healthy operation, sensor drift, bias faults and severe sensor failures.

3.5. Discussion and Transition Toward Fuzzy Diagnosis

The observer-based residual generation framework developed in this section transforms raw measurements into fault-sensitive indicators suitable for intelligent diagnosis. The residual norm J_r provides instantaneous fault information, while the residual energy E_r characterizes fault persistence and severity.

By combining analytical redundancy with structured residual evaluation, the proposed approach achieves improved robustness against noise, parameter uncertainties and transient operating conditions. However, fixed-threshold decision mechanisms remain insufficient for handling the nonlinear and uncertain nature of induction motor drives.

To overcome these limitations, the next section introduces a fuzzy inference system based on Mamdani reasoning. The indicators J_r and E_r are used as linguistic inputs for fault detection, isolation and decision-making, thereby enabling an adaptive and reliable fault-tolerant control strategy.

4. Fuzzy Residual Interpretation for FTC Decision Making

The structured residual generation framework developed in Section III provides two complementary fault indicators,

namely the residual norm (J_r) and the residual energy (E_r). These indicators contain valuable information regarding fault occurrence, persistence and severity. To exploit this information for fault-tolerant control purposes, a Mamdani fuzzy inference system is employed to transform the residual indicators into a continuous fault severity index.

4.1. Residual-Based Decision Mechanism

The proposed fuzzy decision mechanism evaluates the residual indicators and generates a normalized fault severity index according to

$$D_f = F(J_r, E_r) \quad (61)$$

where (D_f) represents the health condition of the induction motor drive.

The generated index provides a continuous assessment of fault severity and constitutes the supervisory variable used for FTC activation.

4.2. Residual-Based Decision Matrix

The fuzzy rule base is constructed from the physical behaviour of the induction motor under sensor fault conditions. The resulting decision matrix is summarized in Table 1.

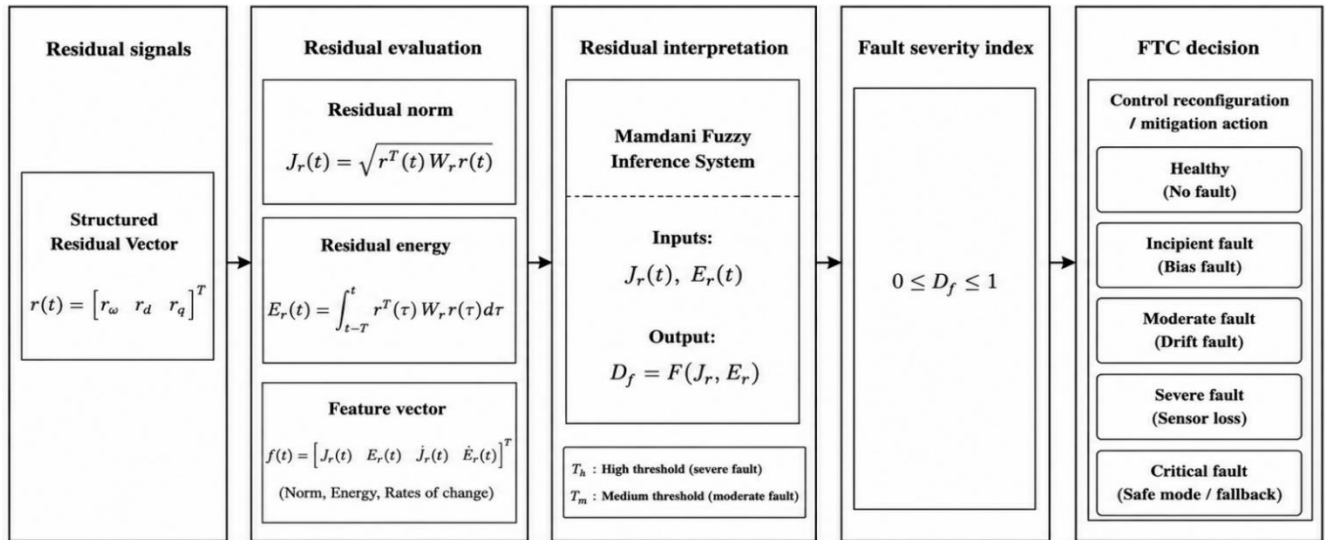


Figure 7. Residual interpretation mechanism for FTC decision making.

Table 1. Residual-Based Decision Matrix for FTC Activation.

$J_r \setminus E_r$	VL	L	M	H	VH
VL	Healthy	Healthy	Incipient	Incipient	Moderate
L	Healthy	Incipient	Incipient	Moderate	Moderate
M	Incipient	Incipient	Moderate	Moderate	Severe
H	Moderate	Moderate	Severe	Severe	Critical
VH	Moderate	Severe	Severe	Critical	Critical

Low residual values correspond to healthy operation, whereas simultaneous increases of (J_r) and (E_r) indicate severe degradation requiring FTC activation.

4.3. FTC Decision Surface

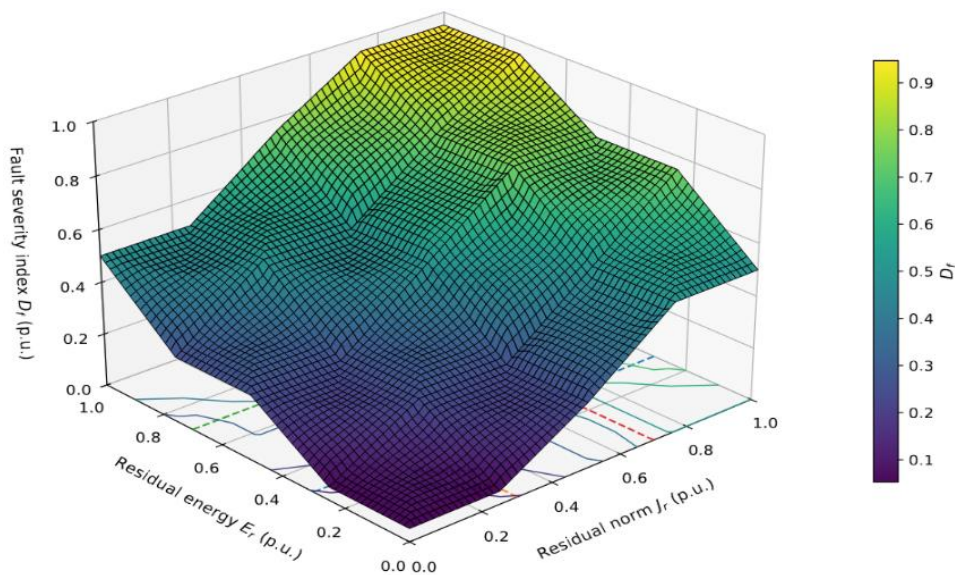


Figure 8. FTC decision surface generated from the residual indicators (J_r, E_r).

Figure 8 illustrates the FTC decision surface generated from the residual indicators. The surface provides a continuous transition between healthy, degraded and critical operating conditions, thereby avoiding abrupt switching phenomena and improving decision robustness.

4.4. Fault Severity Index

$$0 \leq D_f \leq 1 \quad (62)$$

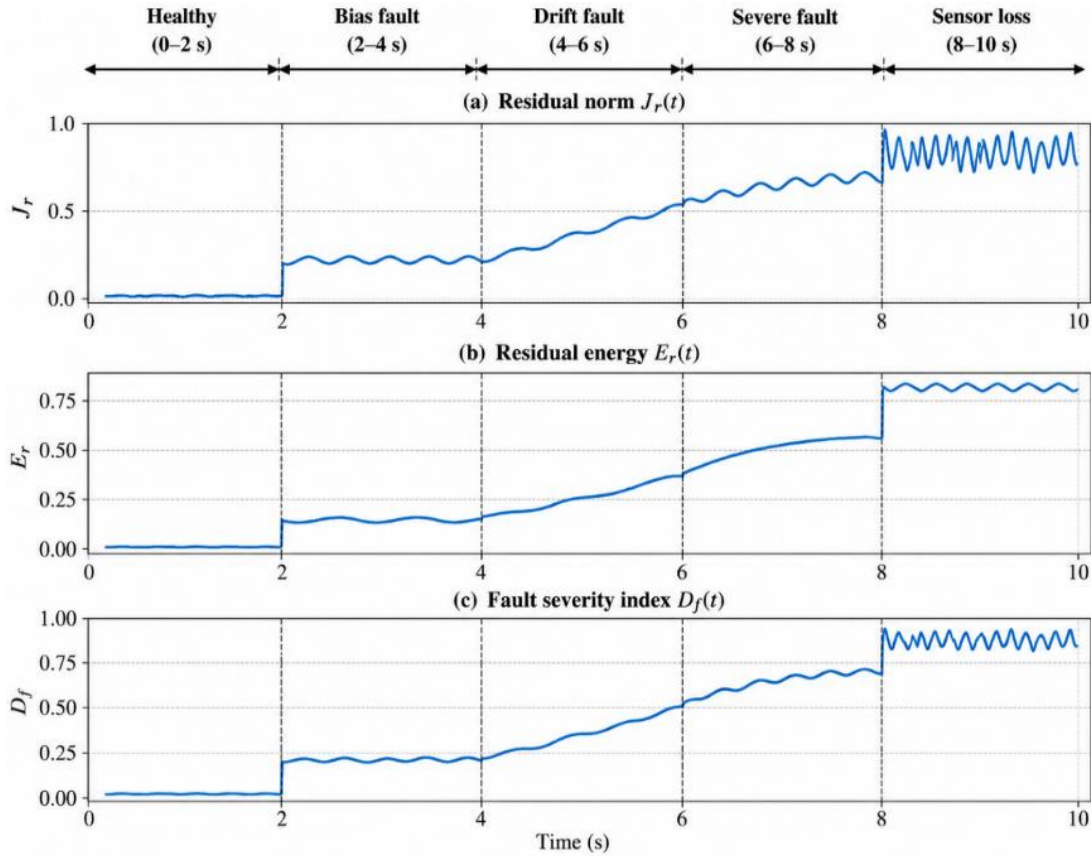


Figure 9. Evolution of the fault severity index under different sensor fault conditions.

The fault severity index is used as a supervisory signal for FTC activation. Values close to zero indicate healthy operation, whereas values approaching unity correspond to severe fault conditions.

4.5. Contribution to FTC Reconfiguration

The originality of the proposed diagnosis framework does not reside in the use of fuzzy logic itself, but in the integration of observer-based structured residuals with a continuous FTC-oriented decision mechanism. Instead of producing binary fault alarms, the proposed approach generates a fault severity index reflecting both fault magnitude and fault persistence. This information is directly exploited by the reconfiguration mechanism developed in the next section.

The resulting architecture establishes a direct link between residual generation, fault interpretation and control adaptation, thereby ensuring smooth and reliable fault-tolerant operation of the induction motor drive under sensor fault conditions.

5. Adaptive FTC Reconfiguration and Performance Validation

The fault severity index generated by the fuzzy diagnosis system is used to supervise the transition between measured variables and observer-based estimations. This adaptive reconfiguration ensures control continuity and preserves vector control performance under sensor fault conditions. The proposed FTC architecture combines analytical redundancy, fuzzy decision making and observer-based estimation within a unified framework capable of maintaining stable operation without hardware redundancy.

5.1. Adaptive FTC Reconfiguration Principle

The reconfiguration mechanism progressively replaces cor-

rupted measurements with observer-estimated variables according to the fault severity level. This strategy avoids abrupt

switching and guarantees smooth operation during fault conditions.

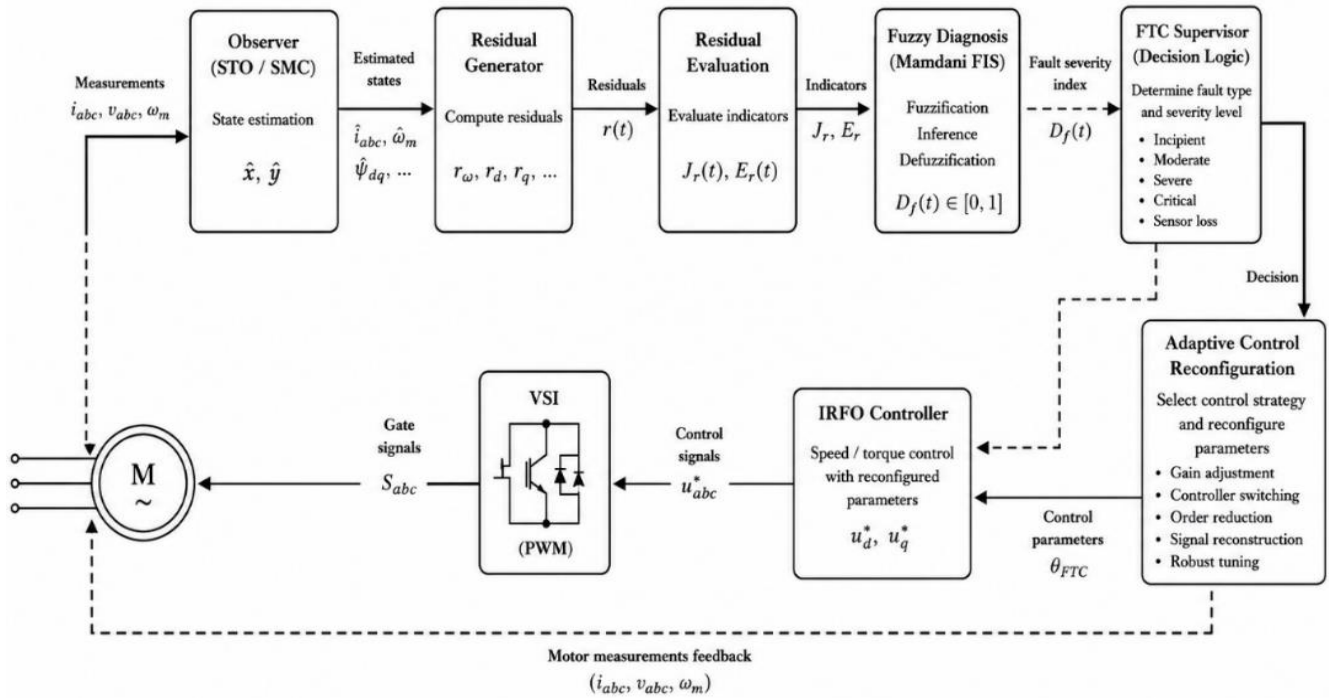


Figure 10. Adaptive FTC architecture integrating observer-based estimation, fuzzy diagnosis and control reconfiguration.

5.2. Performance Evaluation under Sensor Fault Conditions

The proposed FTC strategy is evaluated under three representative fault scenarios: speed sensor bias, progressive speed drift and complete speed sensor loss. These faults directly affect rotor flux orientation and therefore represent critical operating conditions for RFOC-based induction motor drives.

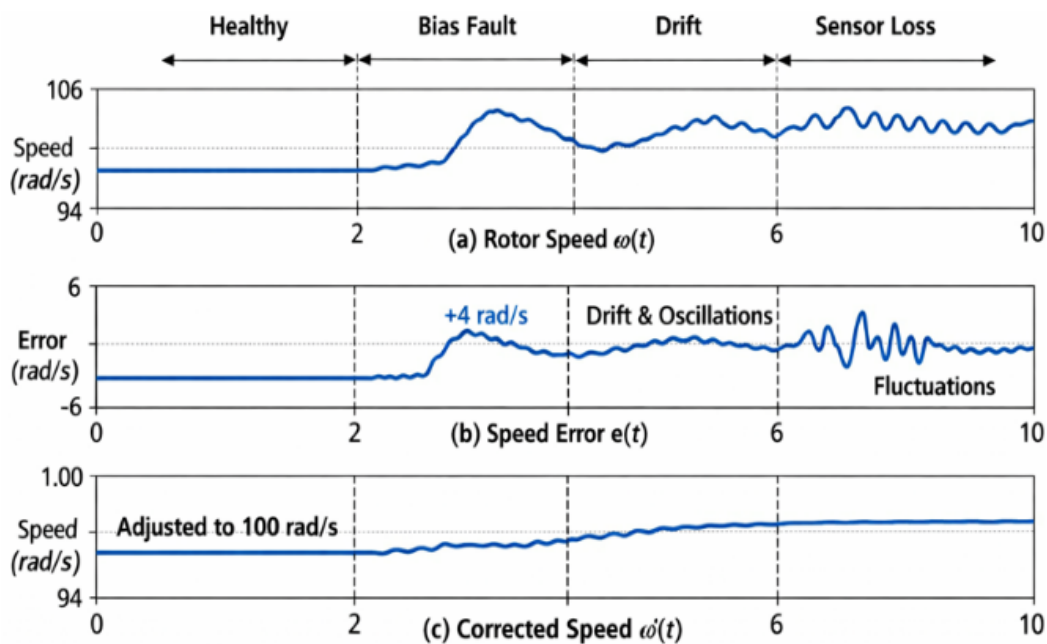


Figure 11. Rotor speed response under speed sensor bias.

The proposed FTC strategy significantly reduces speed deviation and improves recovery performance compared with conventional RFOC.

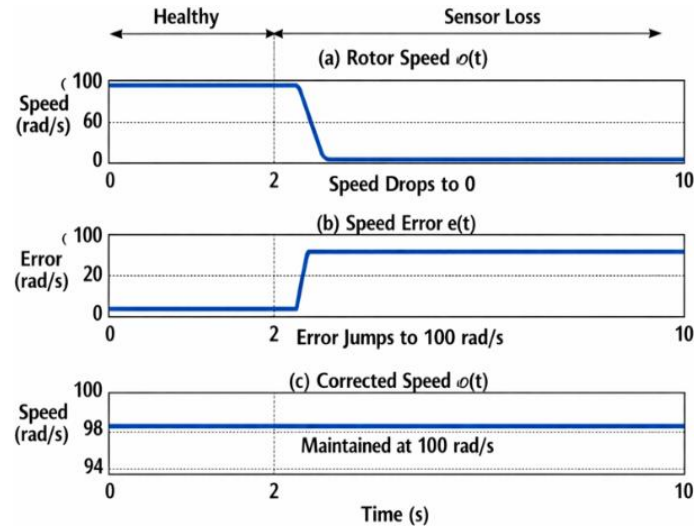


Figure 12. Rotor speed response under progressive speed drift.

The combined use of residual norm and residual energy enables early fault detection and limits the accumulation of orientation errors.

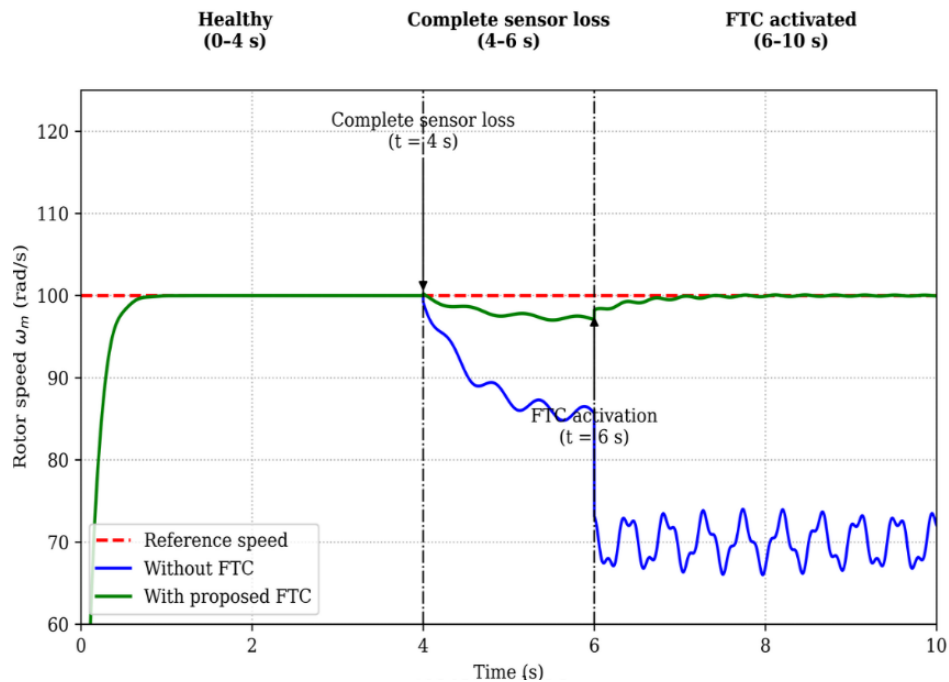


Figure 13. Rotor speed response under complete speed sensor loss.

Observer-based reconfiguration preserves closed-loop stability and ensures continuous operation despite the loss of sensor information.

5.3. Electromagnetic Torque Analysis

The electromagnetic torque response constitutes a direct indicator of control quality under faulty operating conditions.

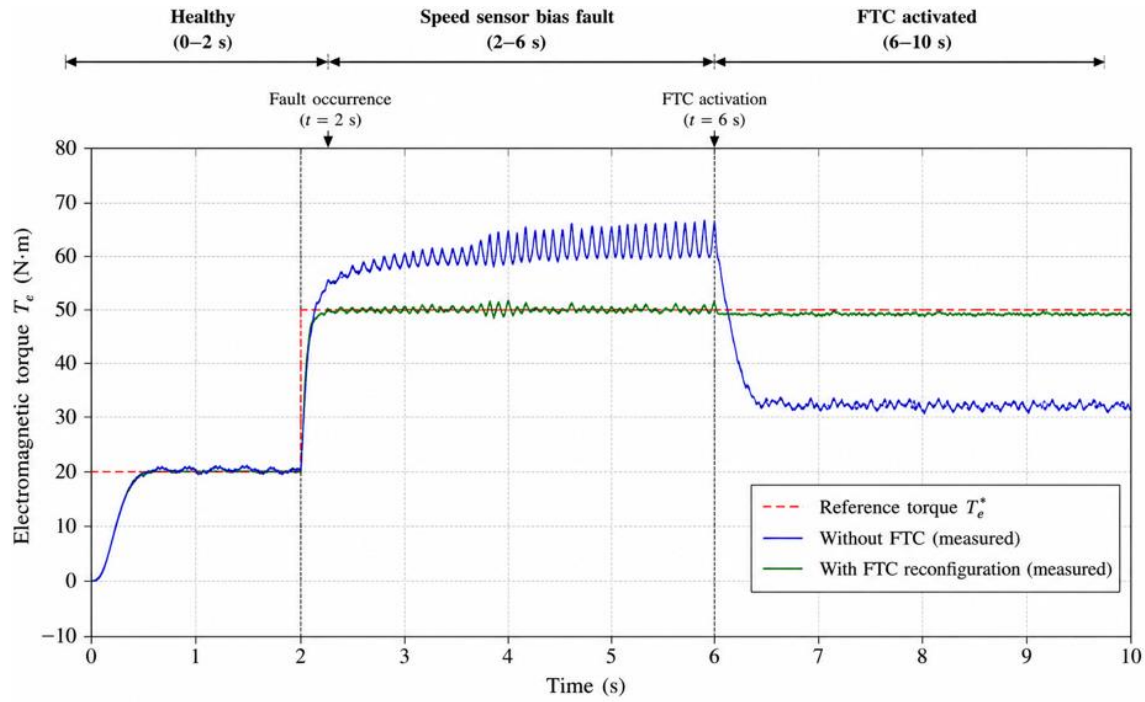


Figure 14. Electromagnetic torque response with and without FTC reconfiguration.

The proposed FTC strategy significantly reduces torque oscillations and preserves the decoupling properties of rotor-flux-oriented control.

5.4. Comparative Performance Assessment

Table 2. Comparative performance evaluation of conventional RFOC and proposed FTC strategy.

Performance Index	Conventional RFOC	Proposed FTC
Maximum speed overshoot (%)	10.80	4.21
Worst-case settling time (s)	>6.00	2.00
Worst-case steady-state speed error (%)	30.11	0.00
Electromagnetic torque ripple after fault (%)	25.00	2.19
Recovery time after complete sensor loss (s)	Not recovered	0.00
Stable operation after complete sensor loss	No	Yes

The obtained results confirm the superiority of the proposed FTC scheme in terms of speed regulation accuracy, disturbance rejection capability and fault recovery performance.

5.5. Discussion

The proposed framework establishes a direct link between observer-based fault estimation, fuzzy decision making and adaptive control reconfiguration. The simulation results demonstrate improved robustness, reduced torque ripple and

preserved speed regulation under severe sensor fault conditions. These characteristics make the proposed FTC strategy suitable for high-reliability industrial drive applications.

6. Conclusion

This paper presented an adaptive fault-tolerant control strategy for induction motor drives operating under sensor fault conditions. The proposed framework combines observer-based residual generation, fuzzy fault severity assessment and

adaptive control reconfiguration within a unified FTC architecture.

The generated fault severity index enables a progressive transition between measured and observer-estimated variables, thereby avoiding abrupt switching and preserving control continuity. This mechanism ensures reliable operation even under speed sensor bias, progressive drift and complete sensor loss conditions.

Simulation results demonstrated the effectiveness of the proposed approach in maintaining rotor speed regulation, reducing electromagnetic torque oscillations and preserving closed-loop stability under faulty operating conditions. Compared with conventional RFOC, the proposed FTC scheme exhibited improved robustness and fault accommodation capability.

Future work will focus on experimental validation and real-time implementation of the proposed strategy under multiple fault scenarios and parameter uncertainties.

Abbreviations

FTC	Fault-Tolerant Control
RFOC	Rotor Flux Oriented Control

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The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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