



REAL-TIME ASSESSMENT OF A SOLAR WATER PUMPING SYSTEM UNDER NORMAL AND FAULTY OPERATING CONDITIONS

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Solar-powered water-pumping systems are indispensable for ensuring consistent, efficient crop irrigation in remote, off-grid regions. In this paper, an advanced control strategy is implemented using the adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) to ensure maximum power extraction under all weather conditions. In addition, the induction motor (whether healthy or with one or more broken rotor bars) is coupled to a centrifugal pump in the solar water pumping system (SWPS). The motor's performance is precisely controlled using direct torque control (DTC). Furthermore, a fast Fourier transform (FFT) is used to monitor the induction motor's state in the SWPS. Finally, the developed SWPS, operating under both healthy and faulty conditions, is experimentally validated via hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) tests using the OPAL-RT OP5600 platform and the Virtex-6 ML605 FPGA. Thanks to the applied methods, the investigated SWPS exhibits highly satisfactory, reliable performance across varying operating conditions.

1. INTRODUCTION

Renewable energy has emerged as a vital component in the pursuit of sustainability and progress, serving as the foundation for a more environmentally and economically sustainable future [1,2]. This clean, renewable energy is a key factor in facilitating the transition to a greener, more financially stable global energy landscape [3]. Considering these changes, nonlinear solar water pumping systems (SWPSs) have emerged as a leading technological solution with a significant impact on the agricultural sector [2–5]. These systems are especially beneficial in remote areas with limited access to traditional electricity grids. Two fundamental components define the SWPS: the photovoltaic (PV) power supply, integrated with a strategy for maximizing power output, and the regulated electric motor that drives the water pump efficiently [6–8]. Maximum power point tracking (MPPT) is not only an essential mechanism for optimizing the power output of the PV panel but also determines the reference speeds [5]. Over the past few decades, several techniques have been proposed and have demonstrated impressive capabilities in tracking the MPP and exhibiting rapid convergence in response to environmental changes, playing a significant role in the relevant literature [9–11]. Artificial Intelligence (AI) approaches have been suggested to address the shortcomings of traditional algorithms, such as perturb and observe (P&O) and incremental conductance (INC) [12,13]. These intelligent approaches, largely based on fuzzy logic theory and artificial neural networks, offer the advantage of not requiring exact parameters or complex mathematical modeling of the systems under study [14–16].

The adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) represents a significant advancement in the field of artificial intelligence, integrating the learning capabilities of neural networks with the flexibility of fuzzy logic. This synergy enhances both technologies, resulting in a more robust and powerful model, particularly in contexts where the relationships between variables are complex, non-linear, or imprecise [11,17,18]. For these reasons, the ANFIS-MPPT strategy is designed to manage complex data and respond to

environmental changes, such as radiation and temperature variations, which are difficult to predict [12,19].

The induction motor (IM) is used due to its simple construction and operation [20,21]. However, various faults such as stator short circuits or the breakage of one or more rotor bars can affect the motor. Over time, these problems can lead to technical defects. These can cause the machine to fail and reduce its service life [22]. The aim of fault diagnosis is therefore to detect and locate issues within the motor, enabling early corrective actions that improve its performance and extend its operational lifespan [23]. On the other hand, the nonlinear nature of the IM makes control challenging, prompting researchers to develop various strategies to manage its behavior. Among the control strategies existing in the literature, direct torque control (DTC) is the most suitable approach for this type of motor. This is supported by the benefits offered by DTC, including its simple control structure and its ability to deliver excellent dynamic torque response [8,18,21].

This paper proposes a solar-powered water-pumping system that uses a water storage tank to irrigate a variety of agricultural crops. An effective control strategy is implemented, employing the ANFIS-MPPT method to ensure optimal power extraction under all weather conditions. Likewise, both the healthy and faulty IMs, caused by the breakage of one or more rotor bars, are integrated with the centrifugal pump in the solar-powered pumping system. The motor's operation is precisely regulated using the DTC method. A simple and effective technique, called the fast Fourier transform (FFT), is carried out in this paper for monitoring in a closed loop the state of the IM in the SWPS. By analyzing the stator current of the induction motor, faults can be easily detected. Finally, the developed SWPS was validated in both healthy and faulty modes using hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) tests on the OPAL-RT OP5600 platform and Virtex 6 ML605 FPGA, under different irradiance conditions. The results were robust and very satisfactory.

This paper is divided into seven sections. Following the introduction, Section 2 provides a comprehensive description of the developed SWPS. Section 3 explains the

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in Fig. 3, is defined by the following equations [14,19,22]:

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{L}] \frac{d[\mathbf{I}]}{dt} &= [\mathbf{V}] - [\mathbf{R}][\mathbf{I}], \\ [\mathbf{V}] &= [V_{ds} \ V_{qs}]^T; [\mathbf{I}] = [I_{ds} \ I_{qs} \ I_{dr} \ I_{qr} \ I_e]^T, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where: $[\mathbf{V}]$, $[\mathbf{I}]$, $[\mathbf{L}]$ and $[\mathbf{R}]$ are the matrices showing the electrical variables of the IM, namely: the voltages, the currents, the inductances and the resistances, respectively.

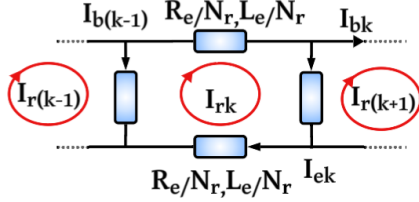


Fig. 3 – Rotor equivalent circuit of the applied IM.

$$[\mathbf{L}] = \begin{bmatrix} L_{sc} & 0 & -\frac{N_r}{2} M_{sr} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L_{sc} & 0 & -\frac{N_r}{2} M_{sr} & 0 \\ -\frac{3}{2} M_{sr} & 0 & L_{rc} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{2} M_{sr} & 0 & L_{rc} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & L_e \end{bmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

$$[\mathbf{R}] = \begin{bmatrix} R_s & -L_{sc}\omega & 0 & \frac{N_r}{2} M_{sr}\omega & 0 \\ L_{sc}\omega & R_s & -\frac{N_r}{2} M_{sr}\omega & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [R_{rdd} & R_{rdq}] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [R_{rqd} & R_{rqq}] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & R_e \end{bmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

The electrical angle ($\alpha = p \frac{2\pi}{N_r}$) is used to determine the total cyclic inductance of the stator and rotor phase (L_{sc} , L_{rc}). The following equations are used to identify these variables:

$$\begin{cases} L_{rc} = L_{rp} - M_{rr} + \frac{2L_e}{N_r} + 2L_e(1 - \cos(\alpha)), \\ L_{sc} = \frac{6\mu_0 N_s^2 RL}{\pi p^2} + L_{sf}. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

The cyclic inductance of the rotor, as well as the two mutual inductances of the stator/rotor and of the non-adjacent rotor meshes (L_{rp}), (M_{rr}), and (M_{sr}), respectively, are calculated using the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} L_{rp} = \frac{N_r - 1}{N_r^2} \frac{2\pi\mu_0}{e} RL, \\ M_{rr} = -\frac{1}{N_r^2} \frac{2\pi\mu_0}{e} RL, \\ M_{sr} = \frac{4\mu_0 N_s RL}{\pi p^2} \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right), \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where μ_0 is the air magnetic permeability and e represents the airgap.

The resistance sub-matrix serves as a reliable indicator of rotor faults, exhibiting unequal values that distinguish a faulty rotor from a healthy one. Here, R_{bfk} represents the resistance of the broken bar, and k denotes the index of the broken bar.

$$\begin{cases} R_{rdd,rqq} = 2R_b(1 - \cos(\alpha)) + 2\frac{R_e}{N_r} + \frac{2}{N_r}(1 - \cos(\alpha)), \\ \sum_k R_{bfk}(1 \pm \cos((2k-1)\alpha)), \\ R_{rdq,rqd} = -\frac{2}{N_r}(1 - \cos(\alpha)) \sum_k R_{bfk} \sin((2k-1)\alpha). \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

The following equation represents the final torque formula derived from the reduced IM model:

$$C_e = \frac{3}{2} p \frac{N_r}{2} M_{sr} (I_{ds} I_{qr} - I_{qs} I_{dr}). \quad (13)$$

5. DTC STRATEGY OF THE INVESTIGATED SWPS

The DTC strategy applied in the SWPS ensures reliable and efficient control of the IM under both healthy and faulty operating conditions. It mostly focuses on regulating electromagnetic torque and stator flux through mathematical models based on stator current and voltage measurements of the IM. The three-phase voltage source inverter (VSI) supplying the induction motor is controlled using a switching table, as shown in Table 1. This table takes three inputs: the stator flux position (S_i), the torque correction error (ΔT_{em}), and the flux correction error ($\Delta \varphi$). Based on these inputs, the table determines the appropriate switching states (S_a , S_b , and S_c) that control the inverter feeding the IM. The key equations governing the DTC strategy are as follows [8,18,21]:

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_{s\alpha} = \int_0^t (V_{s\alpha} - R_s I_{s\alpha}) dt, \\ \varphi_{s\beta} = \int_0^t (V_{s\beta} - R_s I_{s\beta}) dt, \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

$$\varphi_s = \sqrt{\varphi_{s\alpha}^2 + \varphi_{s\beta}^2}; \theta_s = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi_{s\alpha}}{\varphi_{s\beta}}\right), \quad (15)$$

where φ_s is the stator flux magnitude and θ_s represents the stator flux angle.

The electromagnetic torque in the stationary reference frame (α, β) is given by,

$$T_{em} = \frac{3}{2} p (\varphi_{s\alpha} I_{s\beta} - \varphi_{s\beta} I_{s\alpha}). \quad (16)$$

Table 1
Applied the switching table in the classical DTC strategy.

$\Delta\varphi_s$	ΔT_{em}	S_i					
		S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	S_6
1	1	V_2	V_3	V_4	V_5	V_6	V_1
	0	V_7	V_0	V_7	V_0	V_7	V_0
	-1	V_6	V_1	V_2	V_3	V_4	V_5
0	1	V_3	V_4	V_5	V_6	V_1	V_2
	0	V_0	V_7	V_0	V_7	V_0	V_7
	-1	V_5	V_6	V_1	V_2	V_3	V_4

The DTC strategy enables motor speed control using a standard PI controller, which sets and maintains the reference torque at an appropriate level [1]. The reference speed (Ω_{ref}) in the investigated SWPS is determined by the difference between the two speeds Ω_1 and Ω_2 [5].

$$\Omega_{ref} = \Omega_1 - \Omega_2, \quad (17)$$

The first speed (Ω_1) is calculated based on the power generated by the PV array, taking into account changes in irradiance. The formula for this speed is as follows:

$$\Omega_{rref} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{P_{PV}}{K_p}}, \quad (18)$$

where: K_p is the centrifugal pump constant.

The second speed (Ω_2) is controlled using a standard PI controller. The regulator's input is the voltage error resulting from the comparison between the reference value (V_{dcref}) and the measured value (V_{dcmes}). Furthermore, the same applied regulator is used to keep the DC bus voltage constant at its reference value.

$$\begin{cases} \Omega_2 = \Omega_2(n-1) + K_{Pdc}(\Delta V_{dc}(n) - \Delta V_{dc}(n-1)) \\ \quad + K_{Idc}\Delta V_{dc}(n), \\ \Delta V_{dc} = V_{dcref} - V_{dcmes}, \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

where: $\Omega_2(n-1)$ denotes the previous value of Ω_2 , K_{Pdc} and K_{Idc} represent, respectively, the proportional and integral parameters of the PI regulator.

The developed SWPS uses a centrifugal pump coupled with the IM that can operate reliably under all conditions and with varying levels of irrigation water demand, even in faulty states. The power of a hydraulic pump can be calculated using the following formula [25]:

$$P_m = \frac{\rho g H Q_p}{\eta_p}, \quad (20)$$

where: Q_p is the pump's flow; g represents gravitational acceleration; H is the entire dynamic head; ρ denotes the water density, and η_p is the pump efficiency.

The pump constant, denoted K_p , representing the quotient of the power (P_m) divided by the cube of the measured rotor speed (Ω_{rmes}) can be calculated as [1]:

$$K_p = \frac{P_m}{\Omega_{rmes}^3}. \quad (21)$$

In this paper, the FFT technique is utilized for closed-loop monitoring and diagnosis of the IM condition in the SWPS (healthy or faulty state). The transformation from the time domain to the frequency domain via the FFT technique is defined by the following equation [23]:

$$K_s(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K_s(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt, \quad (22)$$

where j , f , $K_s(f)$ and $K_s(t)$ represent, respectively, the unitary imaginary number, the frequency, the signal in the frequency domain and the original signal in the time domain.

6. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

As illustrated in Fig. 4, the OPAL-RT5600 platform was adopted to evaluate and validate the performance of the investigated SWPS under realistic conditions, encompassing a variety of operating scenarios. The specifications of the solar panel, the IM with DTC strategy, and the centrifugal pump incorporated in the investigated SWPS are comprehensively detailed in Appendix Table 3.

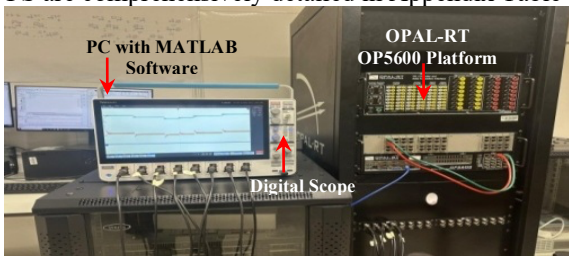


Fig. 4 – Real-time implementation: setup of the studied SWPS.

During the HIL tests, the irradiation profile consisted of four distinct levels: 900 W/m², 500 W/m², 700 W/m², and 1000 W/m². The experimental waveforms recorded by the digital oscilloscope are depicted in Figs. 5 to 9.

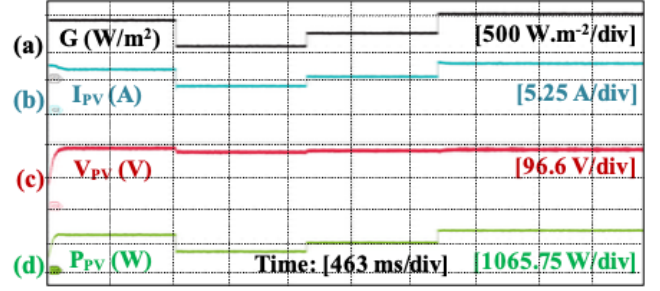


Fig. 5 – Experimental results: (a) Variable solar irradiation profile; (b) PV current; (c) PV voltage; and (d) PV power.

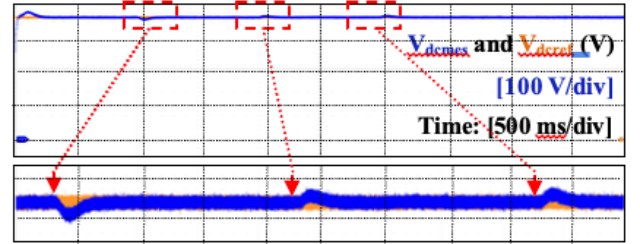


Fig. 6 – Experimental result: DC output voltage with its desired value.

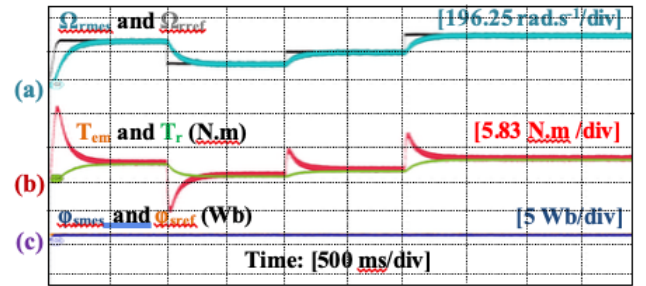


Fig. 7 – Experimental results: (a) Motor speed (Ω_r); (b) Electromagnetic and load torque; and (c) Stator flux.

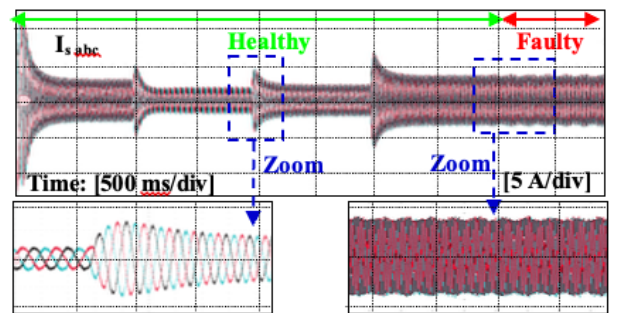


Fig. 8 – Experimental result: Stator currents of the investigated SWPS under healthy and faulty IM conditions.

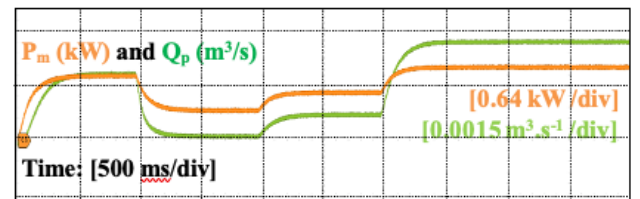


Fig. 9 – Experimental results: Hydraulic power (P_m) and pump flow rate (Q_p) of the investigated SWPS.

As presented in Fig. 5, variations in solar irradiance lead to corresponding changes in the PV panel's current and power, while the PV voltage remains approximately constant. According to Figs. 6 and 7, the investigated SWPS demonstrates high efficiency in real-time monitoring and control, accurately tracking the reference values of DC bus voltage, rotational speed, electromagnetic torque, and stator flux. The DTC strategy enables the induction motor in the SWPS to maintain apparently normal operation, effectively masking the presence of two broken rotor bars (TBRB), as key indicators such as speed, torque, and flux show no signs of the fault. Under normal operating conditions, the stator currents in Fig. 8 exhibit a pure sinusoidal waveform. In contrast, during IM faults, noticeable fluctuations in current amplitude are observed, clearly indicating the presence of a fault. Thus, applying FFT analysis is essential to detect and confirm the presence of the fault. Moreover, the stator currents respond appropriately to sudden variations caused by changes in solar irradiance, both under healthy and faulty SWPS operating conditions. According to Fig. 9, the pump's hydraulic power responds promptly to variations in water flow, even at low levels. Finally, under standard test conditions, the SWPS consistently maintains an irrigation flow rate of approximately 3 l/s, regardless of whether the IM is operating under healthy or faulty conditions.

The application of the FFT to stator current signals constitutes an effective diagnostic approach for identifying faults in electrical machines [23]. In a healthy state, the current waveform is regular and follows the fundamental frequency with minimal distortion. At fault, the current characteristics change to exhibit frequency bands around the fundamental frequency that reflect the presence and type of the fault [14]. Fig. 10 illustrates the FFT analysis of the IM's first-phase stator current within the SWPS, highlighting the differences between healthy and faulty operating conditions of the IM. The magnitude of the applied faults increases according to the number of affected rotor bars [20].

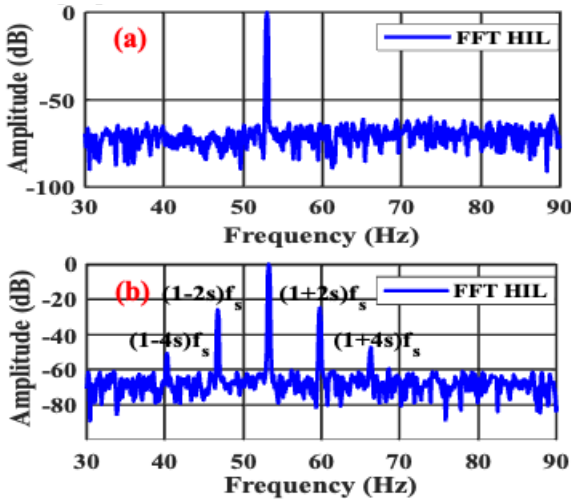


Fig. 10 – FFT analysis of the first stator current phase under (a) healthy and (b) faulty IM operating conditions.

Table 2 shows the additional harmonics ($f_s \pm 2sf_r$) ($f_s \pm 4sf_r$), where f_s denotes the main supply frequency, f_r represents the motor rotation frequency, and s is the slip of the IM. The inferred frequencies show high agreement with the calculated frequencies, with almost no differences across the various operating points studied, validating the

model. Furthermore, this study assesses the total harmonic distortion (THD) of the stator current under the DTC strategy of the IM incorporated in the SWPS. As illustrated in Fig. 11, the healthy operating condition yields a reduced THD of 7.64% (Fig. 11(a)), whereas a fault results in a notable increase in distortion, with the THD rising to 11.26% (Fig. 11(b)).

Table 2

Frequency analysis using the FFT technique.

	$(1-4s)f_s$	$(1-2s)f_s$	$(1+2s)f_s$	$(1+4s)f_s$
Motor with TBRB	$s_{HIL} = 0.0612$			
$f_{Deduced\ HIL}$ (Hz)	40.2	46.7	59.78	66.3
$f_{Calculated}$ (Hz)	40.2255	46.7353	59.7842	66.3038
Amplitude _{HIL} (dB)	-50.77	-25.9	-24.81	-47.31

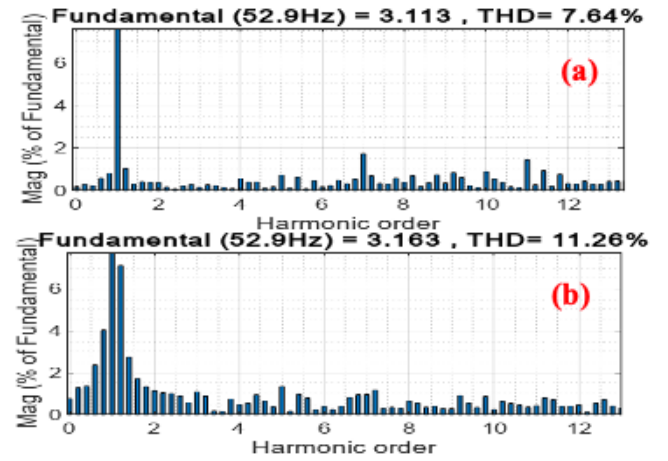


Fig. 11 – THD evaluation of the first stator current phase under (a) healthy and (b) faulty IM operating conditions

7. CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents a high-performance control system that has been developed for use with a SWPS. The investigated system is designed to improve the efficiency and sustainability of agricultural irrigation. It overcomes the limitations of conventional technologies by integrating ANFIS and DTC strategies to ensure more efficient and reliable operation. The ANFIS algorithm employs a training mechanism that enables real-time adaptation to varying operating conditions without the need for predefined mathematical models. This enhances MPPT performance beyond that of traditional techniques. Moreover, it allows for accurate adjustment of the reference speed based on solar irradiance data. The DTC method is used to regulate the motor driving the centrifugal pump. This ensures efficient and stable operation of the SWPS. Furthermore, the proposed diagnostic device utilizes a simple yet effective FFT analysis of stator currents to reliably detect the broken rotor bars in the IM. This method facilitates real-time monitoring of the motor's condition, enabling prompt maintenance interventions that help ensure the continuous and efficient operation of the solar pumping system. Finally, the effectiveness of the investigated SWPS has been rigorously validated through HIL testing using the OPAL-RT platform.

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APPENDIX

Table 3
 Specifications of the investigated SWPS.

Solar panel parameters	Numerical values
Peak solar power (P_{mpp})	213.15 W
Cells within each module (N_{cell})	60
Maximum voltage (V_{mpp})	29 V
Open circuit voltage (V_{oc})	36.3 V
Maximum current (I_{mpp})	7.35 A
Temperature coefficient of V_{oc}	-0.36099 % / °C
Temperature coefficient of I_{sc}	0.102 % / °C
IM parameters	Numerical values
Rated power (P_n)	1.1 kW
Nominal voltage of the stator (V_n)	220 V
Nominal load current (I_n)	4.6 A
Number of pole pairs (p)	1
Resistance of the stator phase (R_s)	7.58 Ω
Resistance of the rotor bars (R_b)	150 $\mu\Omega$
Resistance of end ring segment (R_e)	150 $\mu\Omega$
Inductance of the rotor bars (L_b)	0.1 μ H
Inductance of end ring (L_e)	0.1 μ H
Stator leakage inductance (L_{sf})	26.5 mH
Number of turns per stator phase (N_s)	160
Number of rotor bars (N_r)	16
Length of the rotor (l)	65 mm
Airgap (e)	0.2 mm
Inertia moment (J)	0.0054 kg m ²
Median air gap radius (R)	35.76 mm
DTC parameters	Numerical values
Torque hysteresis bandwidths (ΔT_{em})	0.65 Nm
Flux hysteresis bandwidths ($\Delta \Phi_s$)	0.01 Wb
Switching frequency (f_{sw})	10 kHz
DC bus voltage (V_{dc})	520 V
Centrifugal pump parameters	Numerical values
Pump's flow (Q_p)	0.0027 m ³ /s
Dynamic head (H)	28 m
Pump efficiency (η_p)	0.8

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