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LOW-SPEED SENSORLESS CONTROL OF PMSM MOTOR DRIVE USING A NONLINEAR APPROACH BACKSTEPPING CONTROL: FPGA-BASED IMPLEMENTATION

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a novel speed control technique for a permanent magnets synchronous (PMSM) drive based on newly nonlinear backstepping technique. We design a not adaptive speed regulator for a permanent-magnet synchronous motor (PMSM). In this paper, we present a new contribution of FPGAs (Field-Programmable Gate Array) for control of electrical machines. In this paper a robust continuous approach nonlinear not adaptative Control strategy for permanent-magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) drive systems is presented. This control scheme is based on an adaptive pole placement control strategy integrated to a Backstepping control scheme. The overall stability of the system is shown using Lyapunov technique. The simulation results clearly show that the proposed not adaptive scheme can track the speed reference. A bench test was realized by a prototyping platform, the experimental results obtained show the effectiveness and the benefit of our contribution and the different steps of implementation for the control FPGA.

Keywords: Not Adaptive Backstepping control, Backstepping Design Technique, FPGAs, Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machine (PMSM), Lyaponov Stability, Robust Adaptive Control, FPGA-Based implementation.

1. INTRODUCTION

The speed performance of new components and the flexibility inherent of all programmable solutions give today many opportunities in the field of digital implementation for control systems. This is true for software solutions as microprocessor or DSP (Digital Signal Processor). However, specific programmable hardware technology such as Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) can also be considered as an especially appropriate solution in order to boost performances of controllers [1-3]. Indeed, these generic components combine low cost development, thanks to their re- configurability, use of convenient software tools and more and more significant integration density [4, 5].

The *FPGA* technology is now used by an increasing number of designers in various fields of application such as signal processing [6], telecommunication, video, embedded control systems, and electrical control systems. This last

domain, i.e. the studies of control of electrical machines, will be presented in this paper. Indeed, these components have already been used with success in many different applications such as Pulse Width Modulation (*PWM*), control of induction machine drives and multimachine system control. This is because the *FPGA-based* implementation of controllers can efficiently answer current and future challenges of this field.

This paper presents the realization of a platform for *not adaptative Backstepping* control of *PMSM* using *FPGA* based controller. This realization is especially aimed for future high performance applications. In this approach, not only the architecture corresponding to the control algorithm is studied, but also architecture and the *ADC* interface and *RS232 UART* architecture.

Among various types of ac motors, the permanent-magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) has received widespread acceptance in industrial applications due to some of its advantageous features, such as high efficiency, high torque-tocurrent ratio, low noise, and robustness [7]. For 29th February 2012. Vol. 36 No.2 © 2005 - 2012 JATIT & LLS. All rights reserved



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high-performance control of a PMSM, a widely used approach is to employ the field-orientation mechanism [8], using synchronous frame proportional-integral (PI) current controllers with an active state-decoupling scheme. This technique allows a PMSM to achieve similar torque control performance to a separately excited dc motor where torque and flux can be controlled separately. This scheme, however, requires full knowledge of the machine parameters and operating conditions.

The PMSM motor is attractive candidates for high performance applications such as machine tools, or direct drive robotics. The effects of torque ripple on PMSM drives in such applications are potentially significant, as the high-frequency dynamics of the actuated system may get excited.

The PMSMs motors are known to provide higher torque per unit volume and better efficiency than induction motors, while improvements in the properties of permanentmagnet materials have increased their viability. Recently, sensorless PMSM drives have received increasing interest for industrial applications where there are limitations on the use of a position sensor. The elimination of the position sensor reduces the cost of the drive and increases the overall system ruggedness and reliability. High performance operation of sensorless PMSM drives mainly relies on accurate knowledge of the rotor-magnet flux magnitude, position, and speed. The sensorless rotor-position estimation techniques can be classified into two major groups: the motor model-based and the rotor-saliency-based techniques. The latter are suitable only for the interior PMSM (IPMSM). Most of the motor-model-based techniques detect the back-EMF vector, which holds information about the rotor position and speed, using either open-loop estimators [9] or closedloop estimators/observers. In other motor-modelbased techniques, the rotor-flux vector is directly estimated [10]. Moreover, adaptive observers have been used to estimate the stator current, the rotor speed, and the rotor position [11].

The adaptive backstepping design offers a choice of design tools for accommodation of uncertainties nonlinearities. And can avoid wasteful cancellations. In addition, the adaptive backstepping approach [12] is capable of keeping almost all the robustness properties of the mismatched uncertainties. The adaptive backstepping is a systematic and recursive

design methodology for nonlinear feedback control.

The two major classes of controllers which are capable of dealing with nonlinear uncertain systems are adaptive and robust controllers. Backstepping control is an approach to nonlinear control design which has attracted a great deal of research interest in recent years. It is mainly applicable to systems having a cascaded or triangular structure.

The central idea of the approach is to recursively design controllers for motor torque constant uncertainty subsystems in the structure and "step back" the feedback signals towards the control input. This differs from the conventional feedback linearization in that it can avoid cancellation of useful nonlinearities in pursuing the objectives of stabilization and tracking. In addition, by utilizing the control Lyapunov function, it also has the flexibility in introducing appropriate dynamics to make the system behave in a desired manner.

The Backstepping control is a systematic and recursive design methodology for nonlinear feedback control. Appling those design methods, control objectives such as position, velocity can be achieved.

A nonlinear backstepping control design scheme is developed for the speed tracking control of PMSM that has exact model knowledge. The asymptotic stability of the resulting closed loop system is guaranteed according to Lyapunov stability theorem.

2. MODEL OF PMSM CONTROL SYSTEM

The model of IPMSM can be described in the dq-reference frame, with the d axis aligned with the direction of the rotor flux. So, the stator voltage can be characterized by [13],



Fig.1: PMSM equivalent circuit from dynamic equations



Where the direct and quadrate axis flux linkages are,

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ISSN: 1992-8645www.jatit.orgE-ISSN: 1817-3195 $\Phi - I$ $i + \Phi$ (2)flux in the d axis and achieve maximum torque

$$\Phi_{sd} = L_{sd} \, i_{sd} + \Phi_f \tag{2}$$

$$\Phi_{sq} = L_{sq} i_{sq} \tag{3}$$

The electromagnetic torque of the motor can be evaluated as follows,

$$Ce = \frac{3}{2} p \left[\phi_f . i_{sq} + (L_{sd} - L_{sq}) . i_{sd} . i_{sq} \right]$$
(4)

The motor dynamics can be simply described by the equation (6).

$$Ce - C_r = J \cdot \frac{d\Omega}{dt} + f \cdot \Omega \tag{5}$$

With:

 i_{sd} , i_{sq} : Direct and quadrature axis stator currents Ω : rotation's speed mechanical of the *PMSM*.

 ω : rotation's speed electric.

- *p*: Number of pairs of poles.
- J: Total moment of inertia brought back on the tree of the *PMSM*.
- f: Coefficient of viscous friction.

 C_r : Resistive torque.

f: flux produced by the permanent magnet.

 Φ_{sd} : d axis stator magnetic flux,

 Φ_{sq} : q axis stator magnetic flux,

- L_{sd} : d axis stator leakage inductance,
- L_{sq} : q axis stator leakage inductance,

 r_s : stator winding resistance,

 C_e : electromagnetic torque,

3. NONLINEAR BACKSTEPPING NOT ADAPTATIVE CONTROLLER APPLIED TO PMSM

No Adaptive backstepping control is a control technique that can effectively linearize a nonlinear system such as the PMSM in the presence of uncertainties. Unlike other feedback linearization techniques, adaptive backstepping has the flexibility of keeping useful non linearities intact during stabilization. The essence of backstepping is the stabilization of a virtual control state. Hence, it generates a corresponding error variable which can be stabilized by carefully selecting proper control inputs. These inputs can be determined from Lyapunov stability analysis.

From (1), it is obvious that the dynamic model of PMSM is highly nonlinear because of the coupling between the speed and the electrical currents. According to the vector control principle, the direct axis current i_d is always forced to be zero in order to orient all the linkage

per ampere.

$$\frac{di_{sd}}{dt} = -\frac{r_s}{L_{sd}}i_{sd} + \frac{L_{sq}}{L_{sd}}p\Omega i_{sq} + \frac{V_{sd}}{L_{sd}}$$

$$\frac{di_{sq}}{dt} = -\frac{r_s}{L_{sq}}i_{sq} - \frac{L_{sd}}{L_{sq}}p\Omega i_{sd} - \frac{\Phi_f}{L_{sq}}p\Omega + \frac{V_{sq}}{L_{sq}}$$
(6)

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = \frac{3p}{2J}(\Phi_f i_{sq} + (L_{sd} - L_{sq})i_{sd}i_{sq}) - \frac{f}{J}\Omega + \frac{C_r}{J}$$
The vector $[x] = [x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3]^T = [i_{sd} \quad i_{sq} \quad \Omega]^T$
choice as state vector is justified by the fact that currents and speed are measurable and that the control of the instantaneous torque can be done

control of the instantaneous torque can be done comfortable via the currents i_{sd} and/or i_{sq} . And stator voltages as control variables $u = \begin{bmatrix} V_{sd} & V_{sq} \end{bmatrix}^T$.

The main objective of the backstepping control is to regulate the speed of the machine to its reference value Ω_{ref} whatever external disturbances.

It is assumed that the engine parameters are known and invariant.

By choosing $\begin{bmatrix} i_{sd} & i_{sq} & \Omega \end{bmatrix}^T$ as variable states and equation (6) the mathematical model of the machine. The objective is to regulate the speed to its reference value.

3.1. Backstepping speed controller

We begin by defining the tracking errors:

$$e_{\Omega} = \Omega_{ref} - \Omega \tag{7}$$

The derivative of (7) is:

$$\dot{e}_{\Omega} = \frac{de_{\Omega}}{dt} = \dot{\Omega}_{ref} - \dot{\Omega}$$

$$= \dot{\Omega}_{ref} - \frac{1}{J} \left[\frac{3p}{2} (\Phi_f i_{sq} + (L_{sd} - L_{sq}) i_{sd} i_{sq}) - f \Omega - C_r \right]$$
(8)

We define the following quadratic function:

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{2} e_{\Omega}^2 \tag{9}$$

Its derivative along the solution of (9), is given by:

$$V_{1} = e_{\Omega}e_{\Omega}$$
$$= e_{\Omega}\left(\dot{\Omega}_{ref} - \frac{1}{J}\left[\frac{3p}{2}(\Phi_{f}i_{sq} + (L_{sd} - L_{sq})i_{sd}i_{sq}) - f\Omega - C_{r}\right]\right)$$
(10)

Using the backstepping design method, we consider the d-q axes currents components i_{sd} and i_{sq} as our virtual control elements and specify its desired behavior, which are called stabilizing function in the backstepping design terminology as follows:

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 $\frac{\text{ISSN: 1992-8645}}{i_{sdref}} = 0$ $i_{sqref} = \frac{2}{3 p \Phi_{f}} (f\Omega + C_{r} + J.k_{\Omega}.e_{\Omega})$ (11)

Where k_{Ω} is a positive constant

Substituting (11) in (10) the derivative of V_1 :

$$\dot{V}_1 = -k_\Omega e_\Omega^2 \le 0 \tag{12}$$

3.2. Backstepping Current controller

We have the asymptotic stability of the origin of the system (6). We defined:

$$\begin{cases} e_d = i_{sdref} - i_{sd} & with \ i_{sdref} = 0 \\ e_q = i_{sqref} - i_{sq} \end{cases}$$
(13)

Their dynamics can be written:

$$\dot{e}_{d} = \dot{i}_{sdref} - \dot{i}_{sd} = \frac{r_{s}}{L_{sd}} \dot{i}_{sd} - \frac{L_{sq}}{L_{sd}} p\Omega \dot{i}_{sq} - \frac{V_{sd}}{L_{sd}}$$

$$\dot{e}_{q} = \dot{i}_{sqref} - \dot{i}_{sq} = \frac{2}{3p\Phi_{f}} (f\Omega + C_{r} + J.k_{\Omega}.e_{\Omega}) + \frac{r_{s}}{L_{sq}} \dot{i}_{sq} + \frac{L_{sd}}{L_{sq}} p\Omega \dot{i}_{sd} + \frac{p\Phi_{f}}{L_{sq}} \Omega - \frac{V_{sd}}{L_{sd}}$$

$$(14)$$

To analyze the stability of this system we propose the following Lyapunov function:

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(e_{\Omega}^2 + e_d^2 + e_q^2 \right)$$
(15)

Its derivative along the trajectories (12), (13) and (14) is:

$$\dot{V}_{2} = \frac{1}{2} (e_{\Omega} \dot{e}_{\Omega} + e_{d} \dot{e}_{d} + e_{q} \dot{e}_{q})$$

= $-k_{\Omega} e_{\Omega}^{2} - k_{d} e_{d}^{2} - k_{q} e_{q}^{2} +$
 $e_{d} [k_{d} e_{d} - \frac{V_{sd}}{L_{sd}} + \frac{r_{s}}{L_{sd}} - \frac{L_{sq}}{L_{sd}} \Omega i_{sq} +$

 $\frac{3p}{2J} \frac{E-\text{ISSN: } 1817-3195}{(L_{sd} - L_{sq})e_{\Omega}i_{sq}} + e_q[k_q e_q + \frac{2(k_{\Omega}J - f)}{3p\Phi_f}].$ $(\frac{3p\Phi_f}{2J}e_q + \frac{3p}{2J}(L_{sd} - L_{sq})e_di_{sq} - k_{\Omega}e_{\Omega})$ $+ \frac{3p\Phi_f}{2J}e_{\Omega} - \frac{V_{sq}}{L_{sq}} + \frac{r_s}{L_{sq}}i_{sq} + \frac{L_{sd}}{L_{sq}}\Omega i_{sd} + \Omega \frac{\Phi_f}{L_{sq}}]$ (16)

The expression (16) found above requires the following control laws: $V = kL e_{+}ri_{-} - L \Omega$

$$V_{sq} = \frac{3pL_{sd}}{2J}(L_{sd} - L_{sq})e_{i}j_{sq}$$

$$+\frac{3pL_{sd}}{2J}(L_{sd} - L_{sq})e_{i}j_{sq}$$

$$V_{sq} = \frac{2L_{sq}(k_{\Omega}J - f)}{3p\Phi_{f}} \left(\frac{3p\Phi_{f}}{2J}e_{q} + \frac{3p}{2J}(L_{sd} - L_{sq})e_{i}j_{sq} - k_{\Omega}e_{\Omega}\right)^{(17)}$$

$$+\frac{3p\Phi_{f}L_{sq}}{2J}e_{\Omega} + rj_{sq} + L_{sd}\Omega_{sd} + \Omega\Phi_{f} + k_{q}L_{s}e_{q}$$
With this choice the derivatives of (17) become:

$$\dot{V}_2 = -k_\Omega e_\Omega - k_d e_d - k_q e_q \le 0$$
(18)

3.3. Simulation results

In order to verify asymptotic stability of notadaptive controller and show its performance against and tracking the trajectory of the speed, we implemented the system in Matlab / Simulink environment as the diagram below:



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Next, we performed simulations as follows:

- For test the further trajectory, the speed reference was made variable. The reference of the direct component of current was set to zero.
- With the aim to test the performance of the controller in disturbance rejection, we apply a load torque 7N.m at t = 0.6s.
- To test the robustness of the controller, electrical and mechanical parameters are varied in the non-adaptive controller at t=0.6s. Indeed, the values of the resistance and inductance are directly increased by 50% of the nominal value while the value of inductance in quadrature becomes equal to half of its nominal value. On the other hand, the value of the magnetic flux is increased by 20% of its nominal value.

For a trajectory Ω_{ref} =150 rad/s at 0s, i_{sdref} =4.5A and C_r =7N.m.the following figures (3 to 6) show the performance of the input output linearization control.







Fig.4: Electromagnetic Torque Ce reponse







Fig.6: d-q axis Flux without uncertainties

Further trajectory

For a trajectory Ω_{ref} (=150rad/s at 0s, =100rad/s at t=0.4s, =250rad/s at t=0.8s), the following figures (7 to 12) show the performance of the PMSM.



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Fig.12: Electromagnetic Torque Ce



Fig.16: dq Axis Stator Flux

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Fig.18: abc Axis Stator Current

The simulation results show the robustness of the controller used. In the third part we will define in brief the different steps for the implementation of an algorithm on the FPGA target. Also explained the platform we used to make this work.

4. FPGA IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ROBUST NO ADAPTIVE BACKSTEPPING CONTROLLER

4.1. Development Of The Implementation

There are several manufacturers of FPGA components such: Actel. Xilinx and Altera...etc. These manufacturers use different technologies for the implementation of FPGAs. These technologies are attractive because they provide reconfigurable structure that is the most interesting because they allow great flexibility in design. Nowadays, FPGAs offer the possibility to use dedicated blocks such as RAMs, multipliers wired interfaces PCI and CPU cores.

The architecture designing was done using with *CAD* tools. The description is made graphically or via a hardware description language high level, also called *HDL* (Hardware Description Language). Is commonly used language *VHDL* and Verilog. These two languages are standardized and provide the

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description with different levels, and especially the advantage of being portable and compatible with all *FPGA* technologies previously introduced [14-18].

The *Fig.19* summarizes the different steps of programming an FPGA. The synthesizer generated with *CAD* tools first one Netlist which describes the connectivity of the architecture. Then the placement-routing optimally place components and performs all the routing between different logic. These two steps are used to generate a configuration file to be downloaded into the memory of the *FPGA*. This file is called bitstream. It can be directly loaded into *FPGA* from a host computer.





In this paper an *FPGA XC3S500E* Spartan3E from Xilinx is used. This *FPGA* contains 400,000 logic gates and includes an internal oscillator which issuer a 50MHz frequency clock. The map is composed from a matrix of 5376 slices linked together by programmable connections.

4.2. Simulation Procedure

The simulation procedure begins by verifying the functionality of the control algorithm by trailding a functional model using Simulink's System Generator for Xilinx blocks. For this application, the functional model consists in a Simulink timeis discretired model of the *No adaptative Backstepping* algorithm associated with a voltage inverter and PMSM model. The *Fig.20* shows in detail the programming of the control shown in *Fig.2* in the *SYSTEM GENERATOR* environment from Xilinx, we will implement it later in the memory of the *FPGA* for the simulation of *PMSM*.



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Fig.20: Functional Model for No adaptative Backstepping Controller from SYSTEM GENERATOR

The functional model for no adaptative Backstepping Controller from SYSTEM GENERATOR is composed the different blocks:

- The block encoder interface *IC* allows the adaptation between the *FPGA* and the acquisition board to iniquity the rotor position of the *PMSM*,
- The ADC interface allows the connection between the FPGA and the analog-digital converter (ADCS7476MSPS 12-bit A/D) that will be bound by the following two Hall Effect transducers for the acquisition of the stator currents machine,
- The blocks of coordinate's transformation: the transformation of Park Inverse (*abc-to-dq*),
- The blocks of coordinate's transformation: the transformation of Park (*dq-to-abc*),

- The *SVW* block is the most important, because can provide control pulses to the *IGBT* voltage inverter in the power section from well-regulated voltages,
- The block for the controller no adaptative backstepping which is designed to regulate the speed and stator currents of the PMSM,
- Block "Timing" which controls the beginning and the end of each block, which allows the refresh in the voltages reference V_{10} , V_{20} and V_{30} at the beginning of each sampling period,
- The *RS232* block allows signal timing and recovery of signals viewed, created by another program on Matlab & Simulink to visualize the desired output signal.

The second step of the simulation is the determination of the suitable sampling period and

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fixed point format. The *Fig.21* gives the specification model of the *abc-to-dq* (park) transformation.

For example, we present the construction of Block Clark's Transformation in the system generator environment from Xilinx, which is characterized by the following system (18):



Fig.21: Park Transformation Model.

The specification model is then used for the definition of the corresponding Data Flow Graph. The *Fig.22* shows the *DFG* corresponding to the Park transformation module.

4.3. Modular design of the control architecture

To design the control architecture to implement a datapath and control unit is defined for each module as shown in *Fig.22*. The datapath is mainly made up of operators and registers. The registers can provide the technical Pipeline which consists on decomposing the performance of an algorithm in different sequences according to the data dependency. The communication between the registers and operators can be achieved through data buses, multiplexers and demultiplexers. Concerning the control unit, its role is to ensure the flow of data according to very specific sequences within the datapath [19-20].



Fig.22: DFG Clark transformation module architecture

5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

5.1. Simulation of the no adaptative backstepping control

For this work, the used *FPGA* target is a *XC3S500E Spartan3E* the firm Xilinx, the *FPGA* based hardware control system includes the *no adaptative* backstepping control, an *ADC* interface and *IC* interface in one *FPGA* chip. *Fig.25* presents the corresponding implemented architecture.

The control unit for architecture ensures implanted control module of the ADC interface. the encoder interface and the command encoder DTC. At the beginning of each sampling period, the A/D interface module and encoder interface are activated simultaneously. Then, after a delay conversion from analog to digital, the control module Backstepping Control is activated. This is driven by its own control unit and allows you to refresh the reference d-axis stator current and qaxis stator courant. Once activated, the control unit control module Backstepping Control activates the first module of the transformation of Park (abc-dq) that will calculate the components i_{sd} and i_{sq} stator current vector and the speed calculation for the electrical machine. When the module of this transformation indicates the end of the calculation, the "No Adaptative Backstepping Controller" module is activated.

Subsequently, when "No Adaptative Backstepping Controller" module indicates the end of the calculation, the module of the transformation of Park inverse (dq-abc) is activated to calculate the components V_{sa} , V_{sb} and V_{sc} stator voltage vector. Finally, the module of the PMW is activated. The latter has a running time and generates the control signals S_a , S_b and S_c for controlling the switches of the voltage inverter.

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Fig.23: FPGA based hardware No Adaptative Backsteppin Control

5.2. Prototyping platform

To test the *FPGA* based controller, a prototyping platform for the control of a Permanent magnet Synchronous Machine was assembled (*Fig.24*). Inverter (IGBT)



Fig.24: Prototyping platform control



Fig.25: Synoptic Prototyping platform control

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The *Fig.25* shows the block diagram of the implementation of the platform to ban testing for the simulation of PMSM controlled by an FPGA. It shows the different parts, such as the power section and control section and the man/machine interface and the procedure for the acquisition of current and voltage of the DC bus.

5.3. Simulation Results

In *Fig.26* the experimental results No Adaptative Backstepping Control of *PMSM* with the *FPGA* platform are shows the evolution of the stator current i_{sd} which shows that the output follows the reference i_{sdref} and i_{sq} . The *Fig.27* shows the stator current i_{sa} and i_{sb} . Update frequency for this implementation is 20 kHz.



Fig.27: abc axis stator current performances

6. CONCLUSION

In this paper a robust continuous approach nonlinear not adaptative Control strategy for permanent-magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) drive systems is presented. The FPGA based implementation is detailed, a bench test was realized by a prototyping platform, the results obtained show experimental the effectiveness and the benefit of our contribution and the different steps of implementation for the control FPGA. A method of nonlinear backstepping control has been proposed and used for the control of a PMSM. The simulation results show, with a good choice of control parameters, good performance obtained with the proposed control as compared with the nonlinear control by state feedback. This shows the

robustness and reliability of the control algorithm used.

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