"PREDICTIVE CONTROL IN POWER ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL DRIVES"

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Abstract – With the fast microcontrollers available today, applications of predictive control in power converters and electrical drives are a very powerful and attractive alternative to classical controllers. The use of predictive control offers a number of advantages: very intuitive approach, no need for linear controllers and modulators, easy inclusion of nonlinearities and restrictions, etc. However, predictive control schemes in power converters and electrical drives have not yet been implemented in industrial applications. Nevertheless, after some further progress, it can be expected that the advantages of predictive algorithms will lead to an increased number of industrial applications in the future. This tutorial will present the most recent advances with topics such as the following:

- Predictive control applied to power converters: AC/DC, AC/AC, DC/AC, AC/DC/AC, multilevel converters, etc.

- Predictive control applied to motor drives: induction machines, permanent magnet synchronous motors, etc.

- Design and implementation issues of predictive control: cost function selection, weighting factor design, delay compensation, model parameters errors, variable switching frequency, etc.

- Applications of predictive control in Industrial Electronics.

Author's Biography

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