

Model predictive control has emerged as a promising alternative control technique for power electronic applications which provides rapid dynamics and responses to demand changes. It can handle multiple variables and system constraints and achieve a fast, dynamic response.

Competitive advantage

- The use of a computationally efficient optimizer, namely sphere decoding algorithm (SDA)
- Experience in the practical application of n-multistep MPC using the 'Sphere Decoding Algorithm' in power electronics systems and electrical drives

Impact

- Demonstrable improvement in electrical machine and drive performance
- · Ability to predict future horizon response and control capabilities
- Reduced harmonic distortion and higher efficiency in machine drives and converter systems

More Information

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Successful applications

- These advanced control techniques have been applied, and shown to be effective in:
- Conventional induction machine drives
- Three-level inverter systems including neutral-point clamped and flying capacitor technologies

Capabilities and facilities

- · Rapid prototyping of multistep predictive control techniques
- Multiple testing platforms including machine types and inverter topologies