MindMotion Ceiling Fan Control Board User Guide BLDC FOC Sensor less

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1. Introduction

This user guide introduces the MindMotion ceiling fan control board operation methology which not only present the hardware structure but also provides the ceiling fan tuning procedure that is based on MindMotion BLDC driving methodology and algorithm.

1.1. Overview

The system block diagram shown as Figure 1 which includes main controller MM32SPIN160C(BLDC control MCU), related circuit, drivers and power supply.

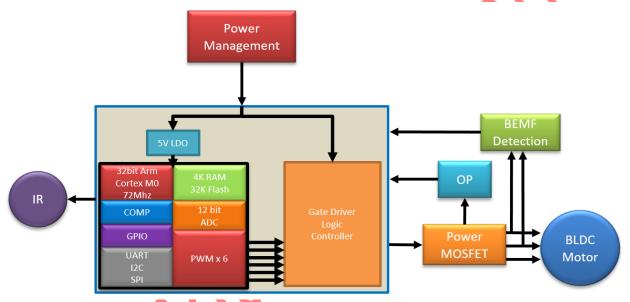


Figure 1. Block Diagram

1.2. Features

The control system has the following features:

- Bulit-in AC-DC Rectifier
- Bulit-in DC-DC Rectifier
- FOC Sensorless
- Programmable Over-Current Protection
- Programmable Over-Voltage Protection
- Firmware Example



1.3. Specifications

Symbol	Description	Value	Comments
AC _{IN}	AC Input Voltage	90V~320 V	50Hz/60Hz
DC _{24V}	24 V Voltage	24V	
DC _{12V}	12 V Voltage	12V	
DC _{5V}	5 V Voltage	5 V	
PWM _{Freq}	PWM Frequency	16 kHz	X/C
AC input _{OVP}	AC Input Voltage Over-Voltage Protection	350 V	
Motor _{OVP}	Motor Drive Over-Voltage Protection	30 V	Programmable
OCP _{SHORT}	Short-Circuit Current Protection	5 A	
	Maximum Input Power	35 W	



2. Introduction of Functions

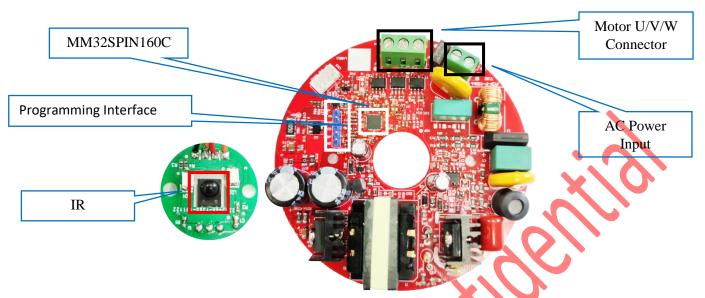


Figure 2. Top view of PCBA

2.1. Power supply

The AC input power is 220V, then generates three DC voltages:

- 1) 24V for motors
- 2) 12V system voltage
- 3) 5V system voltage

2.2. Firmware programming

User can update the firmware through SWD interface as shown in Figure 3. MindMotion provides more detail information about programming tool MM32-LINK which can found by following link: MM32-Link Application Note

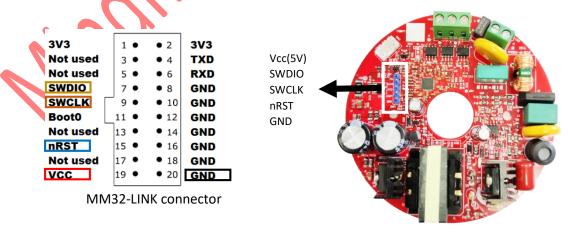


Figure 3. Programming Interface



3. Remote controller



Figure 4. Remote control

3.1. Switch ON/OFF

Turn on/off the ceiling fan and the target speed will be the first stage when the fan starts.

3.2. Speed control

The Fan speed control button configures seven stages for choice.

3.3. Reverse control

Reverse the Fan rotation.

3.4. LED

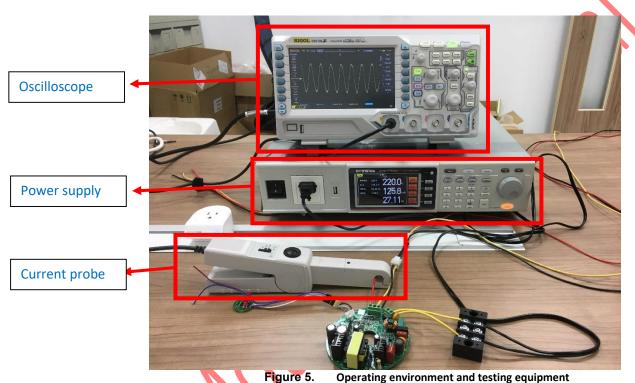
LED will blink when system error is encountered. Please refer to Ch.6.1 for the Error Code description.



4. Motor Phase Current Measurement

4.1. Required Equipments and Tools

Figure 5. shows recommended tools that user needs to prepare for emulation and verification which are Power supply to supply DC 310V or AC 220V, Current probe to measure the phase current of motor and Oscilloscope to display the phase current waveform.



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The user uses Current probe to connect each one of U, V, W signal of motor for the phase current waveform measuring which is shown in Figure 6.

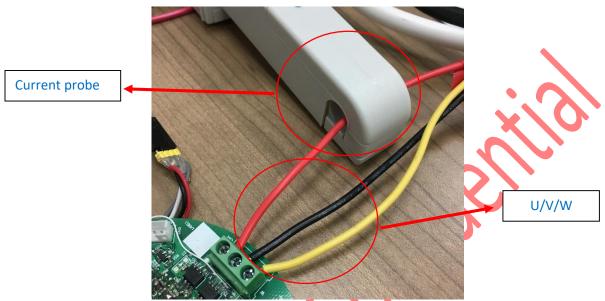


Figure 6. Phase current measurement



4.2. Motor phase current waveform

Figure 7 shows the phase current waveform of motor start from standstill. IPD procedure will capture the rotor initial position then speed up the motor in open loop stage and enter the close loop control stage.

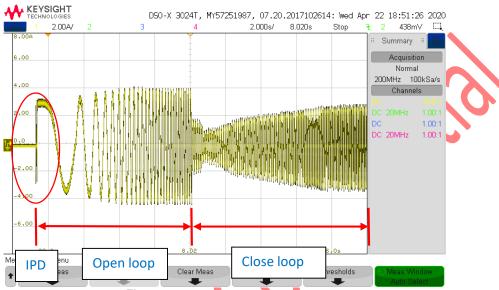


Figure 7. Motor standstill startup phase current waveform

User can calculate the phase current frequency by following fomula which can help to identify the motor speed reach to the assigned speed.

Motor speed(RPM) = Phase current frequency(Hz) * 60 / (motor pole number/2)

For example, user set 320rpm rotation speed with 16 poles motor, then measure the waveform and found the exact speed is $43.1(Hz) \times 60 / (16 / 2) = 323(RPM)$.

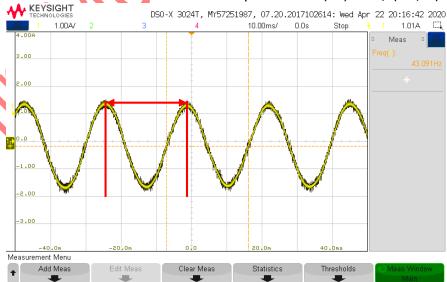


Figure 8. Phase current waveform when motor speed = 320RPM



5. Parameters tuning procedure

The ceiling fan work flow is shown in Figure 9 that describes system initialized after power on, then the program monitor the motor status and rotating speed by measuring the BEMF voltage. Enter the standstill startup procedure when motor still or downwind startup if motor spin as same as direction, otherwise startup procedure will enter the against wind startup.

User can follow the steps for the optimization like setting initial parameter, then setup the BEMF detection parameter to identify the initial status and speed of motor. Third stage will be the Standstill startup parameter adjustment and make the motor rotating stable at the target speed. In the last, user can try to power on the motor in Downwind and Against wind condition to find if motor spins smoothly.

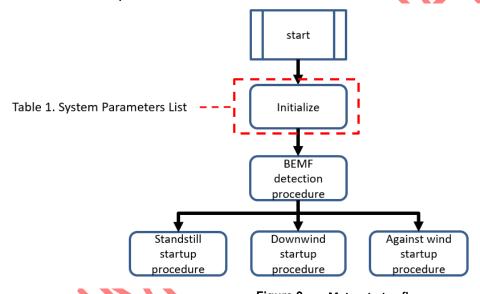


Figure 9. Motor startup flow

5.1. Initialize procedure

User have to input the motor poles and PWM frequency specs in this stage for system initialization.

Table 1. System Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
PWM_FREQUENCY	Unit: Hz. Set the frequency of PWM output. Setting range: 10K~20KHz	16000
POLE_NUMBER	The pole number of motor	14



5.2. BEMF detection procedure

When startup command is issued, the procedure will calculate BEMF voltage and recognize the motor is still or not. Then enter the Standstill startup procedure if motor is still. If not, program will measure the initial speed and rotation direction of motor. If speed is less than the value of BEMF_SPEED_AS_STILL, then treat it like standstill. Enter the Downwind startup procedure when the speed is higher than BEMF_SPEED_AS_STILL and motor rotate as same direction, otherwise start with Against wind startup procedure.

Generally, the detection time needs longer for the lower speed capturing but the BEMF_SPEED_AS_STILL value and BEMF detection duration still can be adjusted based on user's demand. If user would like to curtail the reaction in startup procedure, then the detected lowest speed must increase. Refer to Table 2 for the relative parameter and adjustment.

User can rotate the fan smoothly with higher efficiency by enabling the low brake function when initial failed in very low rotating speed. Table 3 shows the relative parameter and how to modify it.

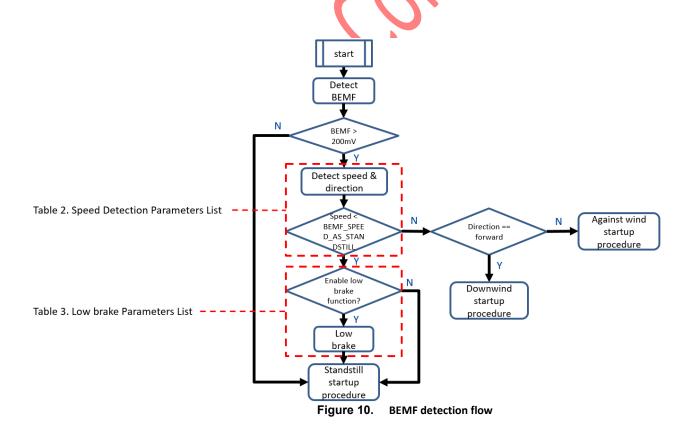




Table 2. Speed Detection Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
BEMF_DETECT_LIMIT_	Motor speed and direction detection time. If user would like motor response faster after receive command, then user can curtail detection time.	2000
TIME	Reference configuration for these two parameters:	
	BEMF_DETECT_LIMIT_TIME: 600 / 1000 / 2000 (Unit: ms)	
	BEMF_SPEED_AS_STANDSTILL: 30 / 24 / 12 (Unit: RPM)	\mathcal{N}
	Unit: RPM.	12
	Motor will be treated like standstill if the motor initial speed lower than this	•
	value. User set this value as low as possible to prevent the motor startup	•
BEMF_SPEED_AS_	failed in low speed status, but BEMF_DETECT_LIMIT_TIME have to increase.	
STANDSTILL	Reference configuration for these two parameters:	
	BEMF_DETECT_LIMIT_TIME: 600 / 1000 / 2000 (Unit: ms)	
	BEMF_SPEED_AS_STANDSTILL: 30 / 24 / 12 (Unit: RPM)	

Table 3. Low brake Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
ENABLE_LOWER_3_	Motor will brake before startup when this function enables. User can	
ARM_UL_VL_WL_ON_	switch on this function when motor start failed in low speed status.	
BRAKE_VERY_LOW_		
SPEED		
K_PARAMETER_OF_UL_	Brake time = 10ms * (LOWER_3_ARM_BRAKE_MIN_TIME + (BEMF_SPEED *	10
VL_WL_BRAKE_VERY_	K_PARAMETER_OF_UL_VL_WL_BRAKE_	
	VERY_LOW_SPEED))	
LOW_SPEED	DO NOT MODIFY THIS PARAMETER.	
LOWER_3_ARM_	The motor brake minimum time.	600
BRAKE_MIN_TIME_	The brake time should longer than motor stop time, otherwise, the startup	
	will fail due to motor still not stop.	
VERY_LOW_SPEED	Setting range: 1~5000 (Unit: 10 ms)	



5.3. Standstill startup procedure

Figure 11 shows the motor Standstill startup flow. We have to detect the rotor position first which is based on IPD detection and then enter the motor running procedure. Chapter 5.3.1 will introduce the IPD function and 5.3.2 will show the motor running procedure.

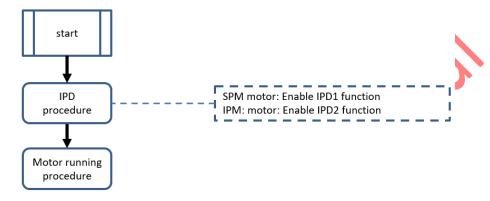


Figure 11. Standstill startup flow

5.3.1. IPD procedure

Initial Position Detection (IPD) methology is used for the rotor position when motor startup in FOC sensorless structure. There are two IPD methods provided to user for different motor manufacture. IPD1 used for the SPM motor and IPD2 for IPM. Using IPD1 will cause the fan reverse a little bit but not in IPD2.

- IPD1: IPD by BEMF detection (good at SPM, IPM motor)
- IPD2: IPD by inductance saturation theory (good at IPM motor)

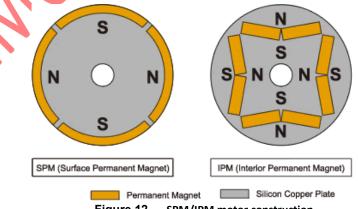


Figure 12. SPM/IPM motor construction



(1) IPD1 procedure

Following Figure 13 shows the IPD1 flow. IPD1 calculates the rotor position by the BEMF value which is generated by injecting the phase currents with different angles and cause the fan shake lightly.

Injection start from zero degree and capture the BEMF value. Increase 60 degree for 2nd injection if last injection can not capture enough BEMF value for algorithm calculation. Repeat this procedure until the injection phase current cause the fan shaking and generate enough BEMF values for calculation. If IPD1 still can not detect the rotor position after six times, then program will force the motor startup with open loop but it will cause the motor not to rotate smoothly. For more detail parameter and adjustment method, can refer to Table 4.

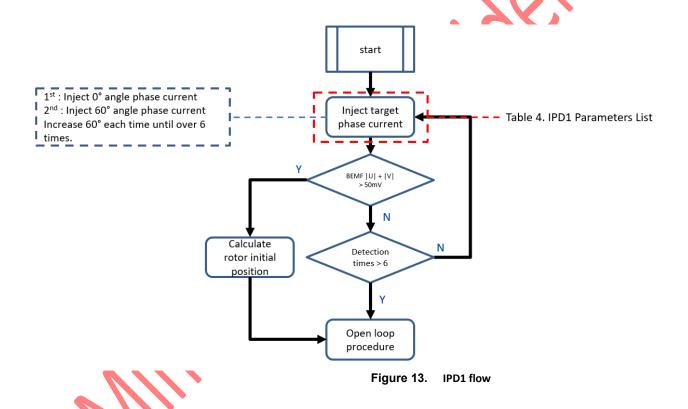




Figure 14 is the waveform that IPD1 found the rotor position detected successfully within six times. The Target current and Swing time stands for phase current injection scale and duration. Detection time shows both duration and times. User can capture the rotor position with the BEMF value by configuring the inject current and times. It is recommended to adjust the fan position to verify if we can find the rotor position by every different angle.

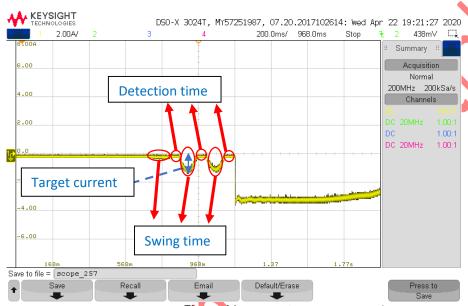


Figure 14. IPD1 phase current waveform

The phase current inject time related to the different type setting methods for different kinds ceiling fan which is shown in following figure 15. Bell type ceiling have solid structure for installation, so phase current injection time will be longer to make sure the fan shaking cause enough BEMF value for rotor detection in IPD1. Hook type just needs less time for current injection than Bell type.





Figure 15. Ceiling fan fix method



Figure 16 tells the IPD1 detection failed waveform. Motor startup by open loop procedure if IPD1 failed the rotor detection after six times which causes rotation not smooth. In this case, user might increase the phase current and injection duration as recommended, to make more shaking to raise the BEMF value. If fan shakes too much, then user can deduct the phase current and injection duration to make motor start smoothly once IPD1 captured the rotor position.

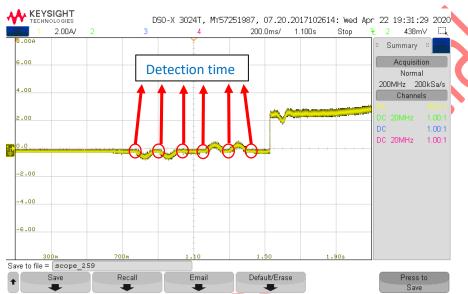


Figure 16. IPD1 failed phase current waveform

Table 4. IPD1 Parameters List

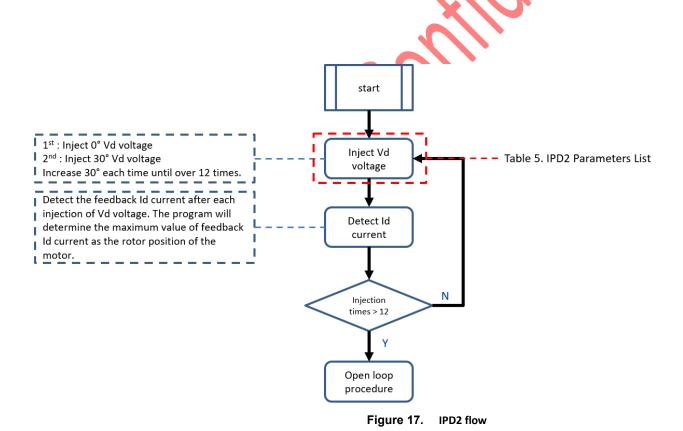
Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
ENABLE_ROTOR_	Enable: enable IPD1 function	Enable
IPD1_FUNCTION	Disable: disable IPD1 function	
	Configure the inject phase current pulse in IPD1.	15
ROTOR_IPD1_	To generate enough BEMF value to calculate rotor position.	
TARGET_CURRENT	The maximum must less than 2A	
	Setting range: 10 ~ 20 (Unit: 0.1A)	
	Phase current injection duration setting.	100
ROTOR_SMALL_	For hook type ceiling fan, inject duration around 100ms; bell type need increase to 400ms.	
SWING_TIME	More solid installation structure needs longer injection time to generate enough BEMF value.	
	Setting range: $60 \sim 500$ (Unit: 1 ms)	
DOTOR INDA	Detection duration after phase current injected.	60
ROTOR_IPD1_	User can keep the default without modification.	
DETECT_TIME	Setting range: $40 \sim 100$ (Unit: 1 ms)	



(2) IPD2 procedure

Here we are going to introduce IPD2 detection for the IPM motor and procedure flow as Figure 17. IPD2 use Inductance Saturation Methodology to capture the rotor position by inputting twelve angles d-axis voltage to measure the feedback current which has fastest rising time and most close to saturation. The feature of IPD2 is the motor won't reverse in startup if rotor position found correct.

User charge the inductance by input Vd voltage and duration then stop it when you receive the feedback current to discharge the inductance. User can adjust the value of feedback current by the Vd voltage input duration and duty cycle. To avoid the angle detection failed, we can set the value of feedback current as 70% open loop target current value.



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In the right side of Figure 18, the waveform shows IPD2 successfully capture the rotor position. The Vd voltage input duration and duty cycle have to match well to make sure the rotor position can be found precisely, otherwise user cannot find the rotor position when Vd voltage input time is too long or duty cycle is too big. We can pick shorter input time and duty cycle to approach the 70% open loop target current by increasing IPD2 current step by step.

The zoomed figure (left-hand side) shows inductance recharge from rising current and discharge when current drop. User can set the 1:4 arrangement for recharge and discharge duration first, then adjust that base on exact duration shown on oscilloscope.

Table 5 will introduce the parameters in IPD2 function. The Fan won't occur reverse rotation in any angles when IPD2 capture correct position.

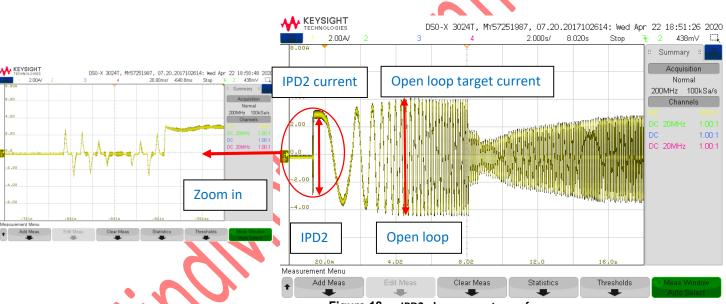


Figure 18. IPD2 phase current waveform



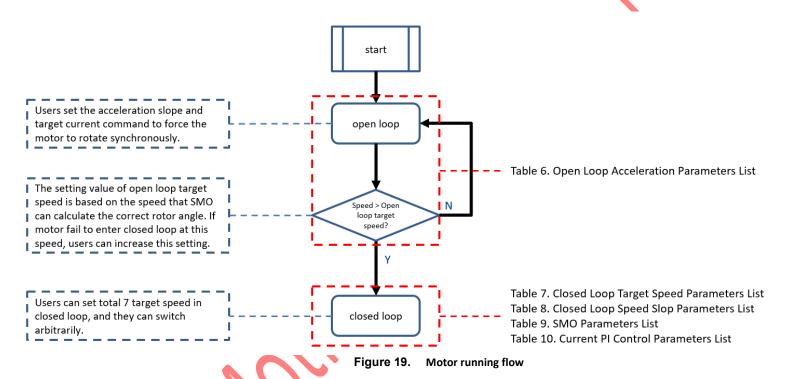
Table 5. IPD2 Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
ENABLE_ROTOR_	Enable: enable IPD2 function	Enable
IPD2_FUNCTION	Disable: disable IPD2 function	
	Numbers of Vd voltage injection PWM cycles, higher value stands for longer injection duration.	24
PWM_NUM_FOR_	Setting minimum value and increase step by step to make the feedback approaching to saturation.	3
INJECT_VOLT	The injection time =	
INSECT_VOET	PWM_NUM_FOR_INJECT_VOLT * PWM period	•
	(24 * 62.5us = 1.5ms)	
	Setting range: 8 ~ 30 (Unit: PWM number)	
	Numbers of Vd voltage Non-injection PWM cycles, to discharge inductance.	96
	User can set the value as four times of PWM_NUM_FOR_INJECT_VOLT then adjust that base on exactly duration shown on oscilloscope.	
PWM_NUM_FOR_	The non-injection time =	
NON_INJECT_VOLT	PWM_NUM_FOR_NON_INJECT_VOLT * PWM period	
	(96 * 62.5us = 6ms)	
	Setting range: 8 ~ 120 (Unit: PWM number)	
	Vd voltage injection duty cycle value. Might cause over current if this value is too large.	20
INJECT_VOLT_		
PULSE_AMPLITUDE	Recommend the default value as 10, then adjust it to fulfill the feedback current achieve the 70% open loop target current.	
	Setting range: 1 ~ 99 (Unit: %)	
10.0	Phase lead angle parameter.	85
PHASE_LEAD_	360 degree scale to 1024 steps, so 85 = 30 degree, phase lead angle setup.	
ANGLE_FOR_IPD2	User can just follow the default value.	
14.	Setting range: 0 ~ 1024	



5.3.2. Motor running procedure

Motor running procedure have two major status, open loop and close loop that is shown as in Figure 19. In the open loop status motor is forced to spin based on assigned acceleration slope and current command by user. Then enter the close loop when rotatation speed reaches the rotor position and can be found by SMO. Table 6 provides the relative parameter in open loop and close loop as shown in Table 7 to 10.



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(1) Open loop procedure

User have to setup the acceleration slope and current command in open loop mode. Motor rotation speed might not catchup the assigned speed if acceleration slope setting is too high which might cause vibration and noise, even failed to enter close loop. Following figure 20 introduces the phase current waveform occur the vibration noise.

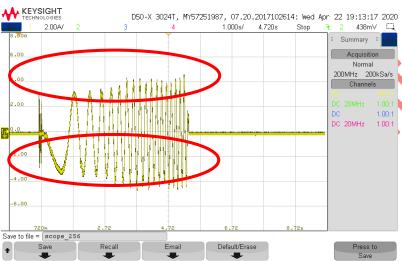


Figure 20. Original open loop phase current waveform

We can drop the acceleration slope or increase the command current to avoid this vibration situation. Found in Following figure 21 that improved phase current is more flat and no noise appear.

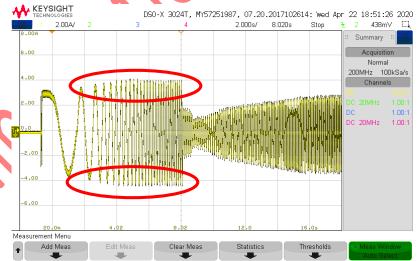
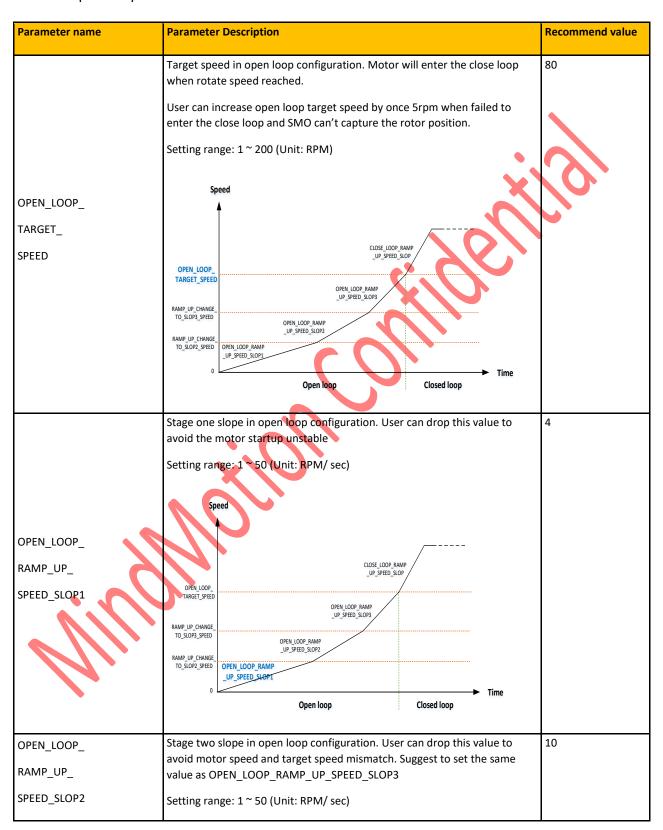


Figure 21. Improved open loop phase current waveform



Table 6. Open Loop Acceleration Parameters List





OPEN_LOOP_	Stage three slope in open loop configuration. Drop this value can avoid motor speed behind target speed and cause mismatch.	10
RAMP_UP_	Iniotor speed benind target speed and cause mismatch.	
SPEED_SLOP3	Setting range: 1 ~ 50 (Unit: RPM/ sec)	
	The switching slope one and two target speed. Recommended set three times slope one value. Means motor will enter slope two stage after three seconds accelerate. Setting range: $1 \sim 200$ (Unit: RPM)	12
RAMP_UP_CHANGE_ TO_SLOP2_SPEED	CLOSE_LOOP_RAMPUP_SPEED_SLOP RAMP_UP_CHANGETO_SLOP3_SPEED OPEN_LOOP_RAMPUP_SPEED_SLOP3 OPEN_LOOP_RAMPUP_SPEED_SLOP3 OPEN_LOOP_RAMPUP_SPEED_SLOP3 TO_SLOP2_SPEED OPEN_LOOP_RAMPUP_SPEED_SLOP3 OPEN_LOOP_RAMPUP_SPEED_SLOP3 Time Open loop Closed loop	
RAMP_UP_CHANGE_ TO_SLOP3_SPEED	he switching slope two and three target speed. User don't need to adjust this parameter if slope two as same as slope three. Setting range: $1 \sim 200$ (Unit: RPM)	30
OPEN_LOOP_	Target current configuration in open loop. Higher value can provide more	40
TARGET	driving power. User must to configure it carefully and do not over 4A which might cause motor speed can't catchup the assigned acceleration slope.	
CURRENT	Setting range: 10 ~ 40 (Unit: 0.1A)	
OPEN_LOOP_	Target current default setting, user do not need to adjust it.	20
INITIAL_	Setting range: 10 ~ 40 (Unit: 0.1A)	
CURRENT		



(2) Closed loop

MindMotion offers seven stage target speed for user configuration which shown in table 7, but the maximum speed should not higher than this control board driving capability which specified for maximum input power at 35W. User can raise or fall the slope to avoid motor lossing control, and refer to table 8 for detial parameters.

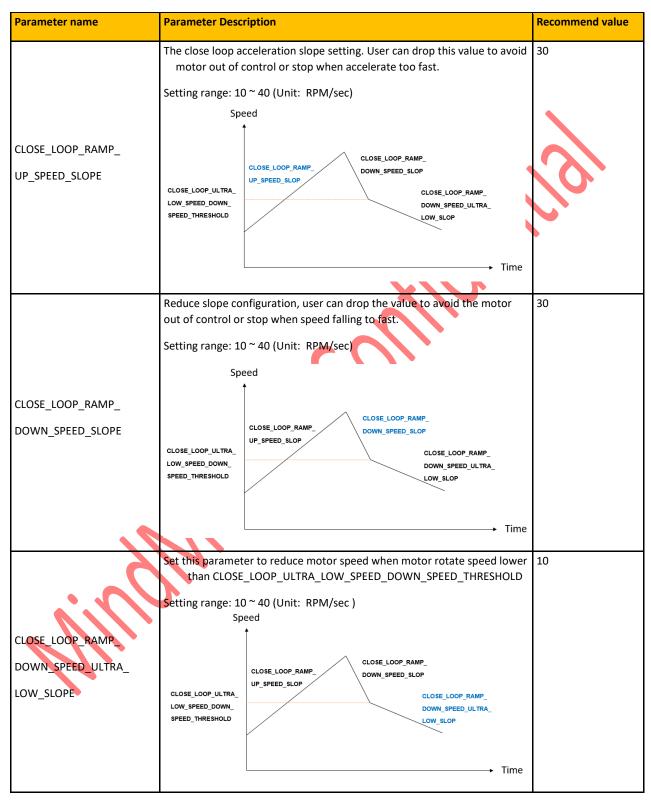
SMO and current PI control portion are not recommand to modify it, so we don't introduce it but just list the parameters for reference.

Table 7. Closed Loop Target Speed Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
TARGET_	Unit: RPM. The first target speed	120
SPEED_1	Setting range: 60 ~ 400 (Unit: RPM)	
TARGET_	Unit: RPM. The second target speed	150
SPEED_2	Setting range: 60 ~ 400 (Unit: RPM)	
TARGET_	Unit: RPM. The third target speed	180
SPEED_3	Setting range: 60 ~ 400 (Unit: RPM)	
TARGET_	Unit: RPM. The 4th target speed	210
SPEED_4	Setting range: 60 ~ 400 (Unit: RPM)	
TARGET_	Unit: RPM. The 5th target speed	240
SPEED_5	Setting range: 60 ~ 400 (Unit: RPM)	
TARGET_	Unit: RPM. The 6th target speed	270
SPEED_6	Setting range: 60 ~ 400 (Unit: RPM)	
TARGET_	Unit: RPM. The 7th target speed	300
SPEED_7	Setting range suggestion: 60 ~ 400 (Unit: RPM)	



Table 8. Closed Loop Speed Slope Parameters List





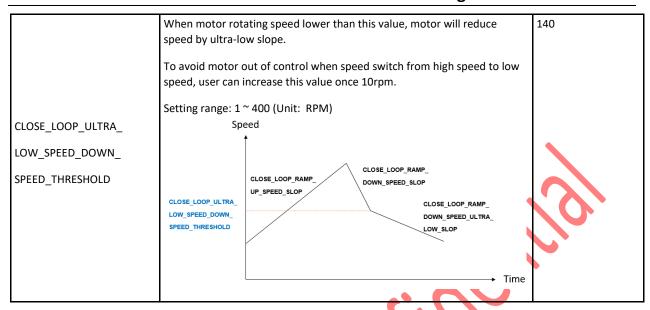


Table 9. SMO Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
SMO_Kslf_MAX_VALUE	SMO filter maximum value. Do not modify Setting range: 100 ~ 3000	800
CAMO IV-IF AMINI VALLIF	SMO filter minimum value. Do not modify Setting range: 100 ~ 1500	200
SMO_Kslf_MIN_VALUE		



Table 10. Current PI Control Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
PI_CURRENT_Kp_ VALUE	PI current controller Kp parameter. Do not modify	24000
PI_CURRENT_Ki_MAX_ VALUE	PI current controller Ki maximum parameter. Do not modify Setting range: 2800 ~ 10000	2800
PI_CURRENT_KI_MIN_ VALUE	PI current controller Ki minimum parameter. Do not modify Setting range: 100 ~ 1000	280



5.4. Downwind startup procedure

Figure 22 highlight the startup procedure in downwind status. When motor startup speed reach the target speed, then enter close loop directly, otherswise, startup in open loop. Usually, user can ignore the adjustment in this case but still need modify it when accelerating not smoothly in open loop or failed to enter close loop. The modification methods can refer to Table 11.

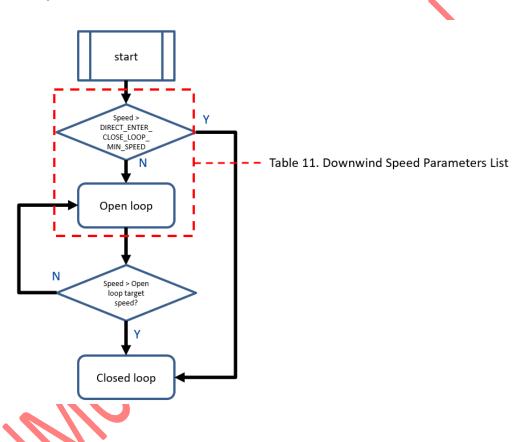


Figure 22. Downwind startup flow



Table 11. Downwind Speed Parameters List

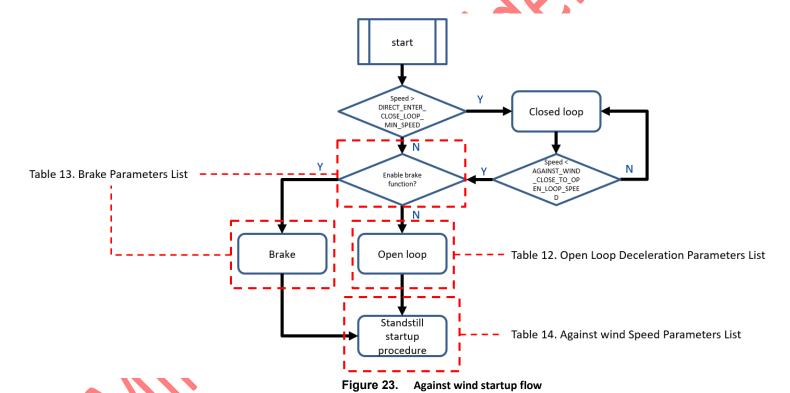
Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
DIRECT_ENTER_ CLOSE_LOOP_MIN_ SPEED	Configure the speed that motor can enter close loop directly. Suggest to set the value as same as OPEN_LOOP_TARGET_SPEED Speed CLOSE_LOOP_RAMP	80
DOWN_WIND_	Open loop acceleration slope control in open loop. User don't need to modify.	2
RESTART_RAMP_UP_ SLOP_DIVIDE_PARA	Eg. Setting 2 stand for acceleration slope become to one half times to original slope in open loop. Setting range: 1~3	



5.5. Against wind startup procedure

Following figure shows against wind startup procedure. If reverse rotation speed higher than close loop target speed, then motor will reduce the speed in close loop, otherwise motor reduce the speed until standstill then start in the direction.

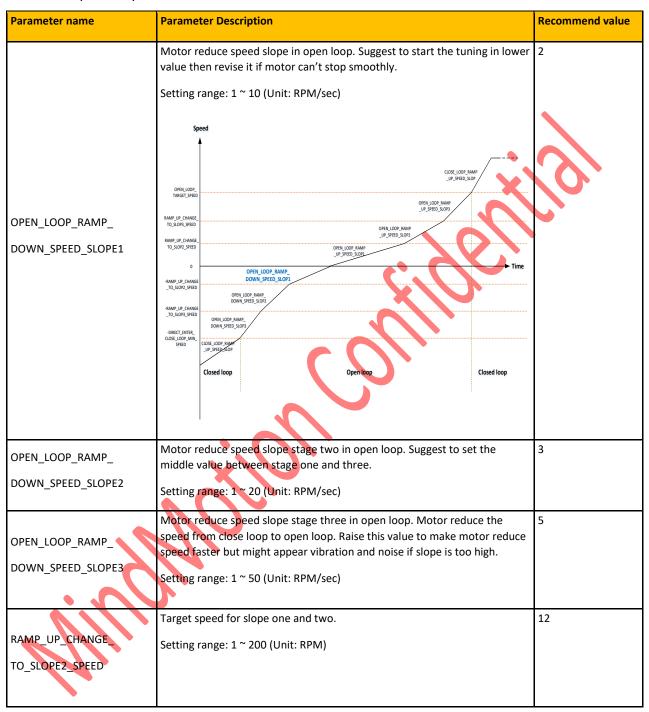
In open loop reducing speed mode, motor might have vibration and noise if user cannot adjust the speed slope and current command well. The modification methods can be checked from Table 12. User can use brake function to replace the open loop reduce speed function if motor can't stop smoothly. The table 13 will guide user how to adjust it when motor restart but still can not rotate smoothly or failed to enter close loop which is caused by environment. Modification shown in table 14.



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Table 12. Open Loop Deceleration Parameters List





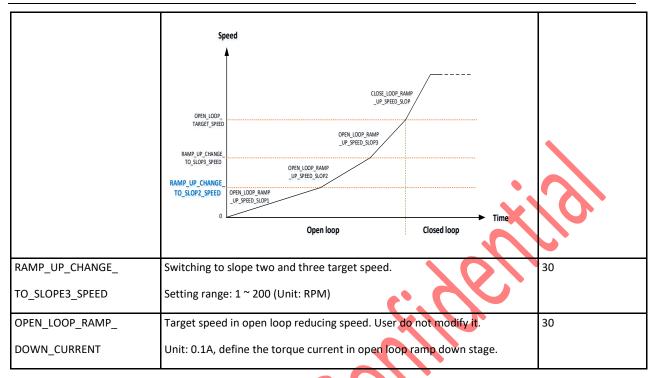
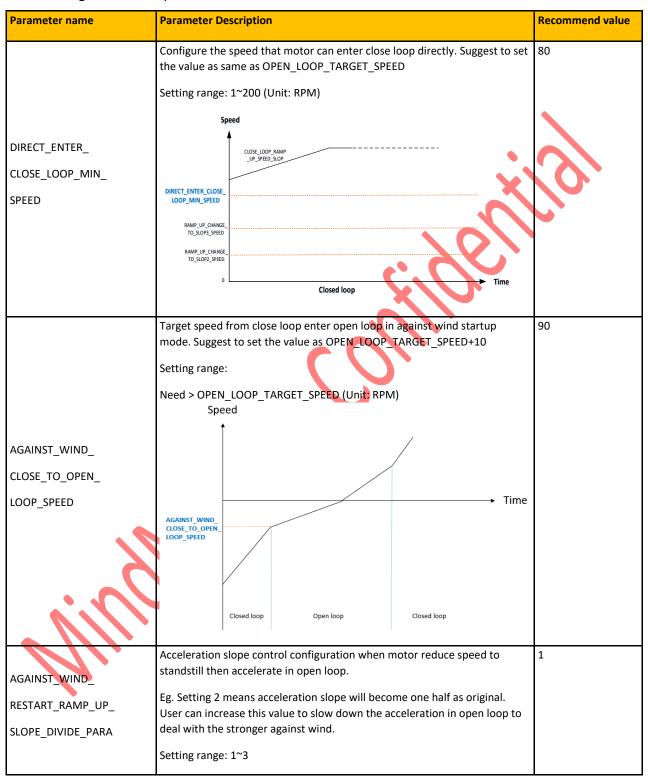


Table 13. Brake Parameters List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Recommend value
ENABLE_LOWER_3_	Enable: open loop reduce speed function replace by break function.	
ARM_UL_VL_WL_ON_		
BRAKE_AGAINST_	XIO	
WIND		
K_PARAMETER_OF_UL	Brake time = 10ms * (LOWER_3_ARM_BRAKE_MIN_TIME + (BEMF_SPEED * K_PARAMETER_OF_UL_VL_WL_BRAKE))	20
VL_WL_BRAKE_		
AGAINST_WIND		
LOWER_3_ARM_	Shortest break duration. This values must higher than motor stop time,	500
	otherwise, motor will fail to startup.	
BRAKE_MIN_TIME_	Setting range: 1~5000 (Unit: 10 ms)	
AGAINST_WIND		



Table 14. Against wind Speed Parameters List





6. Troubleshooting

6.1. Error code

Table 15 is the error code description, motor will stop to protect the system when following error code detected. LED lighting will appear different blinking methods to tell user which error occurred:

Table 15. Error Code List

Parameter name	Parameter Description	Default value
MAX_ERROR_ ACCUMULATIVE_TOTAL	Maximum error accumulative times. When error times over ten, then motor won't reboot.	10
ERROR_RESTART_WAIT_TIME	Motor rebooting duration after error appeared. Unit: 100ms	5
MOTOR_SPEED_ERROR	LED blinking one time to identify the motor speed offset is too high or too low and cause motor stop.	1
MOTOR_PHASE_ CURRENT_ERROR	LED blinking twice if program detected the phase current over 5A.	2
MOTOR_OVER_CURRENT	LED blinking three times if phase current over 5A and motor have been stop.	3
MOTOR_ROTATION_ INVERSE_ERROR	LED blinking four times if reverse rotating in close loop.	4
MOTOR_OVER_UNDER_ VOLTAGE_ERROR	LED blinking five times if supply power abnormal. (over 30V or less than 12V).	5
NEW_STARTUP_MODE_OVER_TIME_ERROR	LED blinking six times if motor startup failed in zero speed mode.	6
MOTOR_DCBUS_OVER_ CURRENT_ERROR	LED blinking seven times when DC bus appear over current error.	7
MOTOR_LACK_PHASE_ ERROR	LED blinking eight times when U/V/W phase lost and cause motor stop.	8



7. Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description
1.00	2020/4/13	Initial Release
1.01	2020/6/10	Revised P.10 error.
1.02	2020/6/25	Translate to English version