Flux-Regulation Performance for Radial Suspension forces of Bearingless Flux-Switching Motor

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Background

In recent years, several structures of the BFSPM motor have been proposed. In order to improve the fault tolerance, a 12/14-type E-core BFSPM motor with the single winding was proposed and a 6/10-type E-core BFSPM motor with the single winding was presented. However, in order to realize stable suspension control, it is necessary to establish an accurate mathematical model of radial suspension forces which has not been derived systematically. In recent years, several structures of the BFSPM motor have been proposed. In order to improve the fault tolerance, a 12/14-type E-core BFSPM motor with the single winding was proposed and a 6/10-type E-core BFSPM motor with the single winding was presented. However, in order to realize stable suspension control, it is necessary to establish an accurate mathematical model of radial suspension force which has not been derived systematically.

Motor configuration

As shown in Figure as below, the configuration of the proposed motor is very similar with that of the traditional FSPM motor, which adopts a three-phase 12/10-pole (12-stator-poles and 10-rotor-poles) configuration. As well as traditional FSPM motor, 12 concentrated armature winding coils and 12 pieces of magnets are all accommodated in stator, and a simple and robust rotor is employed, the stator and rotor laminations are the same, directly inherited from the FSPM machine.

Operation principle

The figure shows the operation principle of generating the radial suspension force. The PM magnetic flux is generated by the PMs sandwiched in the stator. The suspension magnetic flux is generated when Y-axis suspension force winding current is excited. Oppositely, the flux density in the bottom air gap is decreased since the direction of PM flux is opposite to that of the suspension magnetic flux. Naturally, this superimposed magnetic field results in the radial suspension force Fy acting on the rotor toward the positive direction in the Y-axis.

Mathematical model

For the proposed BFSPM motor, radial suspension force is generated by the flux density in the air-gap as well as torque, so the air-gap flux density should be calculated. It is noted that the air-gap MMF should be composed of three components: the MMF of torque windings PT, the MMF of PMs Pm and the MMF of suspension force windings Fp.

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B_{\text{PT}} = (F_1 + F_{\text{mavg}} + F_i)A_{\text{avg}}, \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, 4)
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F_{\text{mavg}}(\theta) = A_{\text{avg}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [M_{\text{avg}} \sin [(2n-1)p_{\theta}]]
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A_{\text{avg}} = \frac{4F_{\text{avg}}}{\pi}
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M_{\text{avg}} = \cos [(2n-1)p_{\theta}] - \cos [(2n-1)p_{\theta}]
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F_i = N \sum_{j=1}^{6} I_j
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\frac{dF_{\text{PT}}}{d\theta} = \frac{B_{\text{PT}}(\theta,t)l_r}{2\mu_0} d\theta
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\frac{dF_{\text{mavg}}}{d\theta} = \frac{B_{\text{mavg}}(\theta,t)l_r}{2\mu_0} d\theta
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F_r = 6\sum_{k=1}^{6} \frac{B_{\text{r}}(\theta,t)l_r}{2\mu_0} d\theta
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Conclusion

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Simulation Results

The suspension force variation waveform with respect to the suspension force winding current is shown in Fig. 6 when the suspension force winding current is equal to be 6A, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A, respectively. Meanwhile, torque winding current keeps 5A, the magnitude of the radial suspension force is proportional to the suspension force winding current. It can be seen that the average suspension force is monotone increasing trend with the suspension current increase, and the model-based results agree well with the FEA-based results.

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