

Design Solutions to Minimize Iron Core Loss in Synchronous Reluctance Motors

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Abstract - This paper deals with an automatic design procedure for the minimization of iron core loss in a synchronous reluctance motor (SynRM). The focus of this paper is the design relative to hysteresis loss on the basis of rotor shape in a SynRM.

A coupled Finite Elements Analysis (FEA) & Preisach model has been used to evaluate the iron core loss with rotor shape. The proposed procedure allows to define the rotor geometric dimensions starting from an existing motor or a preliminary design. The iron loss has been reduced with a rotor design optimisation.

I. INTRODUCTION

Synchronous Reluctance Motor (SynRM) presents many advantages if compared to induction motors that concern the simplified rotor design, no rotor cage and consequently no copper losses and no rotor parameters to be identified.

Issues such as efficiency and torque/ampere are important in evaluating the performance of an electric machine. Such characteristics depend upon the losses and saturation behavior of the machine and therefore require a numerical evaluation.

In high-speed applications, hysteresis loss can become the major cause of power dissipation. Therefore, whereas in other types of machines a rough estimation of hysteresis loss can be accepted, their importance in a SynRM justifies a greater effort in calculating them more precisely [1-3].

This paper presents an automatic procedure for the optimization of the motor design that combined Finite Element Analysis (FEA) with Preisach model and an optimisation routine. The modeling of motor takes into account the saturation and hysteresis phenomena.

II. ANALYSIS MODEL AND DESIGN

The study concerns the SynRM with rotor flux barriers that present, respect to the axially laminated one, a simplicity in the mechanical construction, lower manufacturing cost, and the possibility of skewing.

Starting from a standard motor of Fig. 1, several optimized designs have been found according to design strategies of [2].

And the system matrix of model is described as follows:

$$[K]\{A\} + [F]\{I\} + [M] = 0 \quad (1)$$

Where $[M]$ is magnetization calculated by Preisach model.

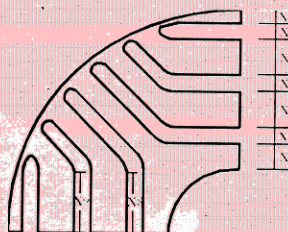


Fig. 1 Analysis model and design independent variables

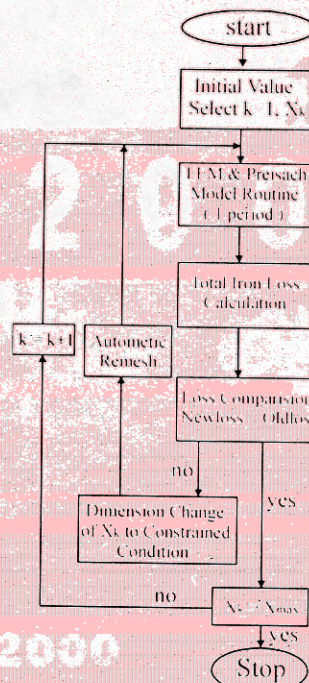


Fig. 2 Design procedure

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