

# THE STUDY, DESIGN AND TESTING OF A LINEAR OSCILLATING GENERATOR WITH MOVING PERMANENT MAGNETS

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**Abstract:** *This paper presents a study, design and testing of a Linear Oscillating Generator. There are presented the main steps of the magnetic and electric calculations for a permanent magnet linear alternator of fixed coil and moving magnets type. Finally it has been shown the comparative analysis between the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets in no load operation and load operation.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A comprehensive presentation of the history, types and applications of linear electric actuators and generators was made by John Boldea in [1]. A new type of tubular linear permanent magnet generator for applications in convertorele wave energy was presented by Szabo et al. in. Note that applications of linear electric generators wave energy converters is circuit at these frequencies.

Many more applications of permanent magnet generators are converters energy Stirling engines Piston free [2,3,4,5,6] .

Applications fixed frequency oscillating linear movement such as: compressors, pumps, vibrating or oscillating speakers using linear motors with permanent magnets, while Stirling engines or generators using thermal engines with linear oscillating piston. Linear oscillating electrical generators in combination with the free-piston Stirling engines have the following advantages over rotary generators:

- eliminates conversion of linear motion into rotary motion Stirling engine (crank system);
- structure is simpler;
- higher efficiency, especially in the operation of the resonance spring system;
- simplicity conditioning system of electricity generated by single-phase operation.

Oscillating linear generators can be classified into three main categories:

- linear oscillating generator with moving coil;
- linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets;
- linear oscillating generator with moving iron.

It will continue to study, design and test only of the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets.

## 2. THE LINEAR OSCILLATING GENERATOR WITH MOVING PERMANENT MAGNETS

### 2.1. The design magnetic circuit of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets

This alternator is of the synchronous type with excitation from the permanent magnets. From the figure 3 it can be seen that field line passes the air gap for two times, so the necessary magnetomotive force is:

$$F_{mm} = \frac{B_g}{\mu_0} \cdot 2 \cdot \delta = \frac{0,6}{4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}} \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 10^{-3} = 955 A, \quad (1)$$

where:

$B_g$  – magnetic flux density ( $B_g=0,6$  T);

$\delta$  – the air gap length ( $\delta=1$  mm);

$\mu_0$  – magnetic permeability of the air [ $H \cdot m^{-1}$ ,  $N \cdot A^{-2}$ ];

For the magnetization it was chosen two ring permanent magnets of the type EURONEOS 40x20x13.3, which have the properties presented in the table 1.

Table 1. The permanent magnets properties of the type EURONEO 3 40X20X13.3

<i>Material</i>	<i>B<sub>r</sub></i> [T]	<i>H<sub>c</sub></i> [kA/m]	<i>BH<sub>max</sub></i> [kJ/m <sup>3</sup> ]	<i>D</i> [mm]	<i>d</i> [mm]	<i>h</i> [mm]
N35	1.2	868	280	40	20	13.3

The magnetomotive force of the one magnet is:

$$F_{mm} = H_m \cdot h = H_C \cdot h = 868 \cdot 0,0133 = 11,54 kA. \quad (2)$$

Can be seen that  $11,54 \text{ kA} = 11540 \text{ A} > 955 \text{ A}$ , therefore, the magnets were chosen correctly.

## 2.2. The coil design of linear oscillating generator

The induced coil design will be made according to the voltage that is aimed to be induced in the coil. We considered an induced voltage at 10 Hz frequency of  $U = 18 \text{ V}_{\text{ef}}$  voltage. The magnetic flux by this coil varies between  $+\Phi_{\text{max}}$  and  $-\Phi_{\text{max}}$  so that the magnetic flux variations:

$$\Delta\Phi = \Phi_{\text{max}} - (-\Phi_{\text{max}}) = 2\Phi_{\text{max}} = 2B_m A_m. \quad (3)$$

The permanent magnet area is:

$$A_m = \frac{\pi(D^2 - d^2)}{4} = \frac{\pi(40^2 - 20^2)}{4} \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 = 942 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2. \quad (4)$$

Now, the magnetic flux variation is:

$$\Delta\Phi = 2B_m \cdot A_m = 2 \cdot \frac{B_r}{2} \cdot A_m = B_r \cdot A_m = 1,2 \text{ T} \cdot 942 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 = 1130 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Wb}. \quad (5)$$

The turn voltage is:

$$e = \frac{\Delta\Phi}{T} = f \cdot \Delta\Phi = 50 \text{ Hz} \cdot 1,13 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Wb} = 56,5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ V / spiră}, \quad (6)$$

considering  $f = 50 \text{ Hz}$  from mechanical design stage.

For a voltage of  $U = 24 \text{ V}_{\text{ef}}$  we will need:

$$N = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot U}{e} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot 24}{56,5 \cdot 10^{-3}} = 600 \text{ spire}. \quad (7)$$

The magnetic circuit window where the coil is placed has the area:

$$A_f = a \cdot b = 20 \cdot 29 = 580 \text{ mm}^2. \quad (8)$$

The coil conductor cross-section area is:

$$s_c = \frac{A_f \cdot k_1}{N} = \frac{580 \cdot 0,4}{600} = 0,36 \text{ mm}^2, \quad (9)$$

where:  $k_1$  – is the winding ( $k_1 = 0,4$ ).

Now we can calculate the fixed coil conductor diameter:

$$d_c = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot s_c}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot 0,36}{\pi}} = 0,6 \text{ mm}. \quad (10)$$

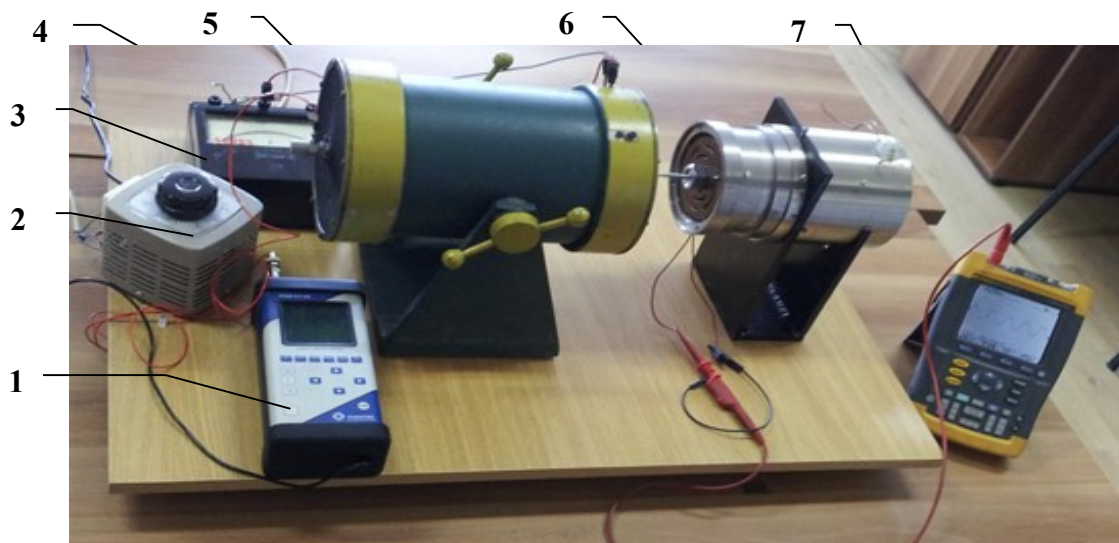
Figure 2 shows the fixed coil of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets designed and developed.



*Fig. 2 The fixed coil of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets*

### 3. TESTING OF LINEAR OSCILLATING GENERATOR WITH MOVING PERMANENT MAGNETS

Figure 3 shows the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets, development and fixed on test bench.



*Fig. 3 Test bench of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets:*

1 – vibrometer, 2- autotransformer, 3 – ampermeter, 4 – vibration sensor, 5 – vibrator VEDP-10, 6 – linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets, 7 - oscilloscope Fluke 196.

#### 3.1. The resonance oscillating frequency checking

It hit with a hammer the moving equipment of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets and it has been in free vibrations which induced in the fixed coil

a signal damped voltage (see figure 4). This signal was viewed with Fluke 196 digital oscilloscope.

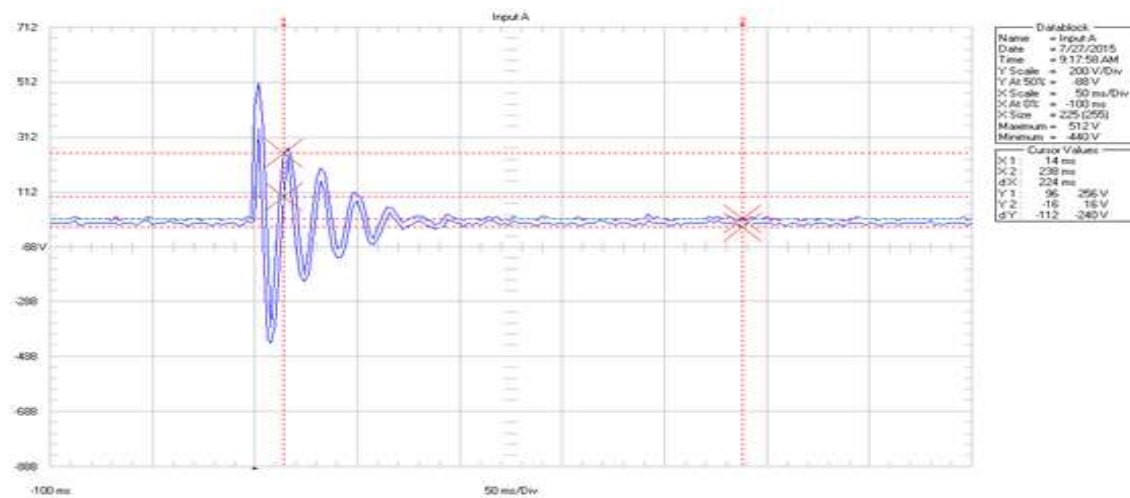


Fig. 4 Free oscillations of linear generator with moving permanent magnets

In this figure can see that the distance in time between two peaks of oscillation is 18 ms, which corresponds to the frequency of 55,5 Hz, similar to taken as a given design (50 Hz).

### 3.2. The testing of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets driven by vibrator VEDP-10

Figure 5 shows the answer of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets driven by vibrator VEDP-10 in load operation with a frequency 50 Hz and vibration amplitude  $A=3$  mm. This answer has been counted by the Fluke 196 oscilloscope.

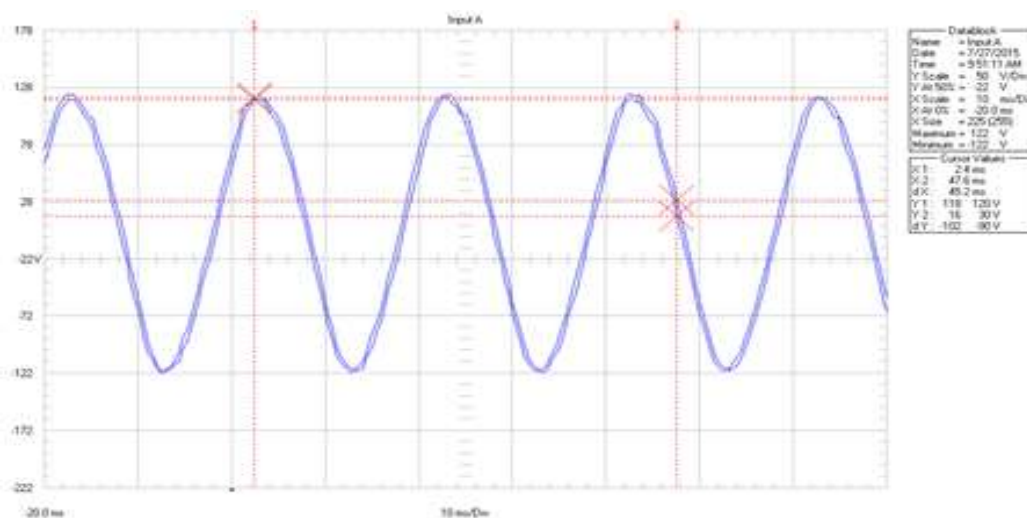


Fig. 5 Sinusoidal oscillations of linear generator with moving permanent magnets

So, we can see that generated alternating voltage amplitude is 122 V respectively  $86 V_{ef}$ . This high value, is much higher than the amount considered design ( $24 V_{ef}$ ). This thing is due to the large number of turns of the coil fixed and because the two permanent magnets of moving equipment, which it was of very good quality and functioning almost resonance oscillating system.

Also, with Fluke 196 digital oscilloscope an analysis was made sinusoidal harmonic voltage generated by the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets and the results is shown in figure 6.

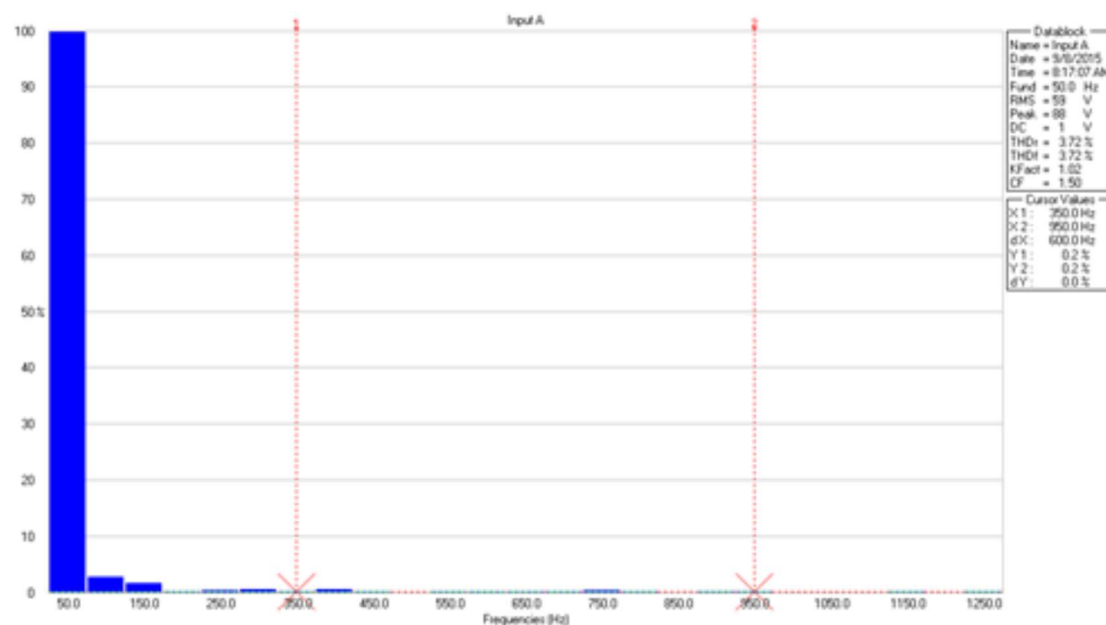


Fig. 6 Harmonic analysis of voltage generated by linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets

We can see that the voltage generated has a important harmonic of second and third order, and the THD is 3,72%, which confirms the finding visual on voltage generated.

### 3.3. The testing of linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets driven by vibrator VEDP-10 in load operation

Figure 7 shows the test bench of linear oscillating generator in load operation with moving permanent magnets.

Figure 8 shows the answer of the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets in load operation. This answer has been counted by the Fluke 196 oscilloscope.

We can see that this value of  $7,2 V_{ef}$  is less than  $24 V_{ef}$  was taken as the design. This is explained by the fact that the vibration of amplitude (2 mm) was less than the nominal amplitude of 5 mm. Also, we can see that the voltage generated has decreased a lot in load operation.



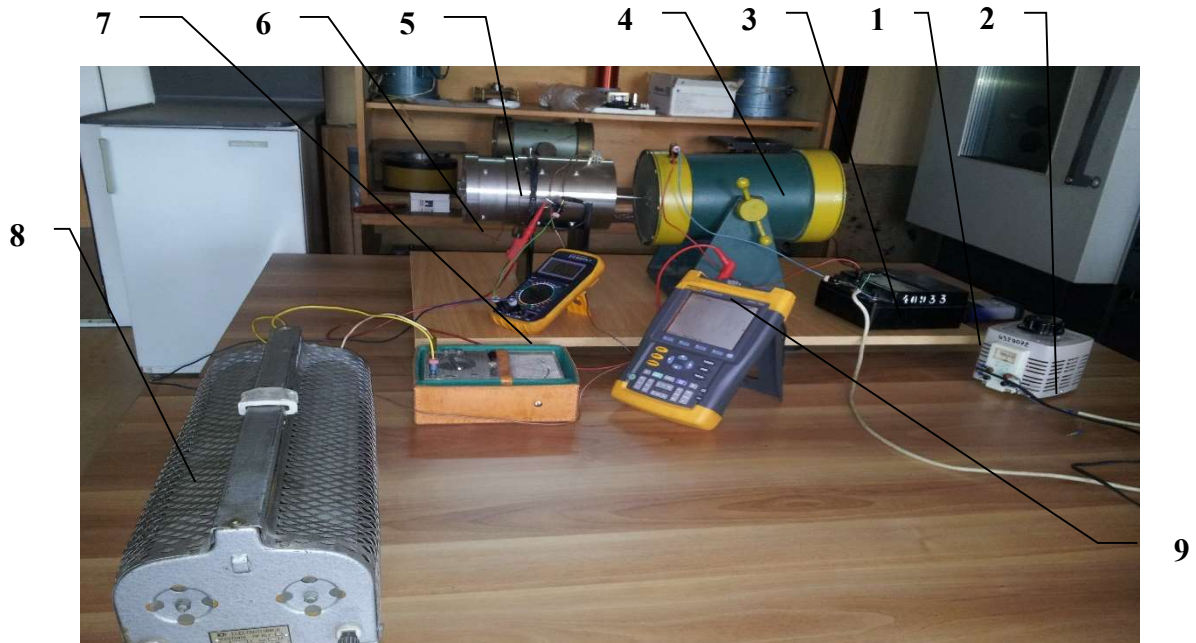


Fig. 7 Test bench of linear oscillating generator in load operation:

- 1 – vibrometer, 2- autotransformer, 3 – ampermeter, 4 – vibrator VEDP-10, 5 – linear oscillating generator with permanent magnets; 6 –ampermeter of load, 7 –voltmeter of load, 8 – load  $R_s=50 \Omega$ ;
- 9 - oscilloscope Fluke 196.

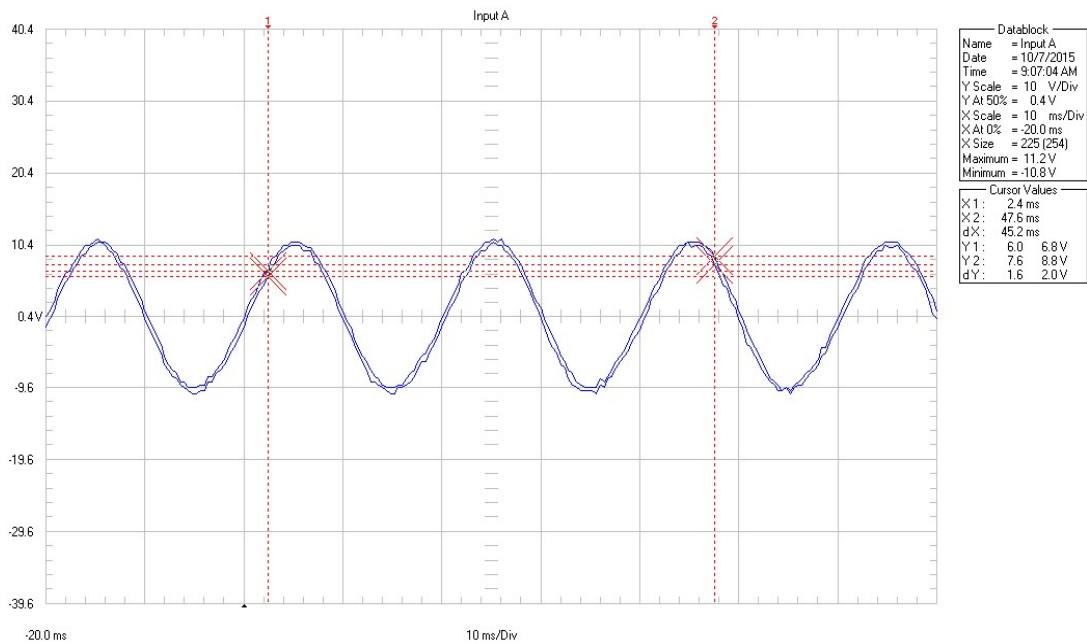


Fig. 8 The test of linear oscillating generator with on a load resistance  $R_s=50 \Omega$

Figure 9 shows the spectral analysis of voltage generated by the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets in load operation.

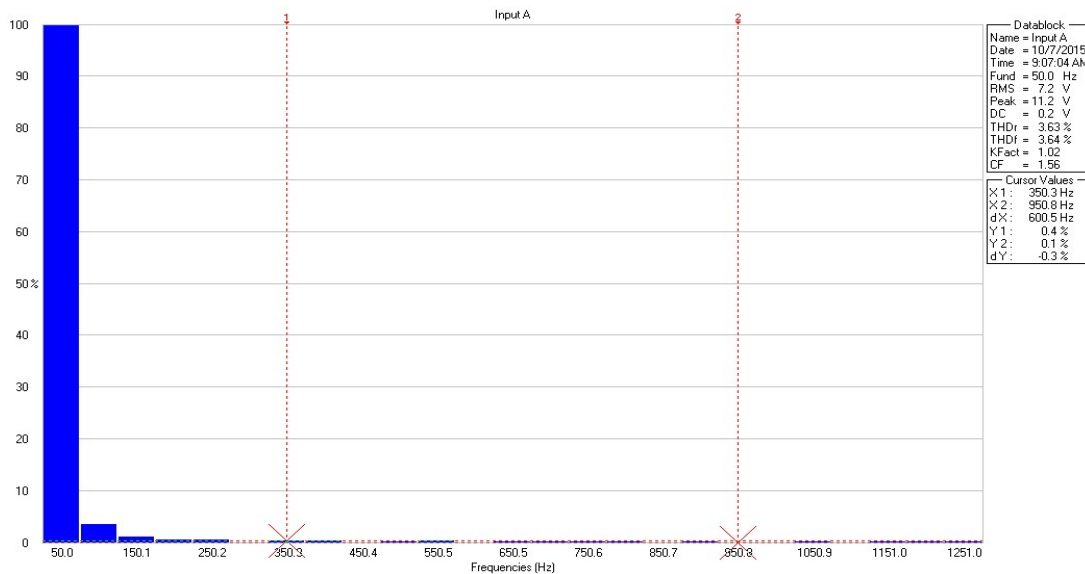


Fig. 9 Spectral analysis of voltage generated by the linear oscillating generator in load

Se observă că sarcina funcționează ca un filtru de armonici, deoarece coeficientul de distorsiune THD s-a redus de la 3,72% în gol la 3,63% în sarcină.

### 3.4 Measuring magnetic induction in the air gap of the linear oscillating generator

It was used for measuring a teslametru with Hall probe, which probe has been inserted into the gap through the recesses of the membrane spring in a position pressed by 5 mm of the mobile equipment. The measured value was 0,57 T very close value of the design data 0,6 T and the magnetic field calculated by method analytical of reluctance (0,57,T) and the finite element method.

## 4. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF A LINEAR OSCILLATING GENERATOR WITH MOVING PERMANENT MAGNETS IN NO LOAD AND IN LOAD OPERATION

Based on results of these tests can be compared between the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets in no load and in load operation. This was the main objective of this paper. In the table 1 we can see the comparative analysis of linear oscillating generator in no load and in load operation.

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in no load operation	in load operation
➤ The voltage generated in no load operation is 86 $V_{ef}$ is higher than 24 $V_{ef}$ taken as a design data;	➤ The voltage generated in load operation 7.2 Vef is less than 24 Vef taken as a given design, which is



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The cogging force present, which on the vibration amplitude small (2 mm) much smaller than the polar pitch (14 mm) increases the strength of the excitation vibrators;</li> <li>➤ Wave voltage has not a sinusoidal waveform THD=3.72% pure,</li> <li>➤ In terms of technology requires permanent magnets easier and cheaper;</li> </ul>	<p>explained by the fact that the amplitude of vibration (2 mm) was less than 5 mm nominal amplitude;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In load operation load coefficient = 3.63% THD distortion is less than 3.72% THD = empty, because the task acts as a harmonic filter;</li> </ul>
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## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper was designed and testes a linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets. The ring-shaped iron rotor with the rare earth axially magnetized permanent magnets is used as magnetic pole of the mover, because in the case of symmetric structure the leakage magnetic flux is smaller than that of the flat type one. Also, the mass of the copper coil is less than that in the case of flat-type generator because there is no end coil.

It tested the resonance frequency of the oscillating linear generator system of mobile permanent magnet mobile and obtained a value close to the value of 55.5 Hz 50 Hz proposed as the date design.

It has been tested under load oscillating magnet linear generator mobile driven by electrodynamic shaker VEDP-10, excited by sinusoidal vibration amplitude 2 mm. The voltage generated was 7.2 Vef slightly less than 24 Vef was taken as design time, although the amplitude of vibration of the drive was only 2 mm less than the nominal 5 mm. This was found for the following reasons: the effect of a positive reaction force for the teeth of the vibration amplitudes below 5 mm. This was proven by calculating the force profile teeth finite element giving a maximum of 30 N at  $z = 5$  mm, similar motive value.

Finally it was made a comparison between the linear oscillating generator with moving permanent magnets in no load and in load operation.

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