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Remedial Injected-Harmonic-Current Operation of Redundant Flux-Switching Permanent-Magnet Motor Drives

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Abstract—Redundant flux-switching permanent-magnet (R-FSPM) motors are a new class of brushless machines having magnets in the stator, offering high power density, simple and robust rotor structure, and good thermal dissipation conditions. This paper proposes a new control strategy for fault-tolerant operation of the R-FSPM motor drive considering the capability limitation of the power converter. The key is to operate the R-FSPM motor in the remedial mode by injecting harmonic currents, the so-called remedial injected-harmonic-current (RIHC) operation mode. Moreover, the motor losses at the existing and the proposed remedial operations are compared for evaluation. Both cosimulation and experimental results are presented, confirming that the proposed RIHC operation can offer good steady-state and dynamic performances while reducing the motor losses and the capability requirements of the power converter during fault.

Index Terms—Converter capability, fault-tolerant motors, loss, permanent-magnet (PM) motors, torque ripple.

I. INTRODUCTION

WIT THE requirements for reducing emissions and improving fuel economy, electric vehicles (EVs) have attracted more and more attentions [1]. High reliability is an essential requirement for electric propulsion of EVs, where any types of fault would lead to disastrous effects on life safety [2]. Hence, continual operation of motor drives has been a growing demand [3].

In recent years, the development of fault-tolerant motor drives has received great attention, focusing on the switched reluctance (SR) motor and the conventional permanent-magnet (PM) brushless motor. SR motors have simple rotor construction and mechanical robustness, suitable for high-speed and high-reliability applications. Moreover, due to their decoupling characteristic [4]. By employing the redundant winding in the conventional SR machine topology, a new dual-channel SR machine was proposed for high-reliability operation of critical applications [5]. In [6], a new five-phase fault-tolerant SR motor drive with integrated and distributed inverter was developed for railway traction applications. On the other hand, PM brushless motors are emerging as a promising candidate for high-power-density and high-efficiency applications compared with SR motors [2]. A number of PM motors and control strategies with different degrees of fault-tolerant capability have appeared in the literature [3]. By employing an arrangement of alternately wound teeth in the stator, a new class of fractional-slot concentrated-winding fault-tolerant PM machines, termed as rotor-PM machines, was proposed for fault-tolerant operation [7], [8]. To operate the rotor-PM motor at flux weakening mode, a new control strategy was proposed in [9]. In addition, multiphase PM motors have received many attentions for fault-tolerant operation. In [10] and [11], the postfault current control strategies of a five-phase rotor-PM motor were proposed. The proposed control guarantees safe drive operation considering the third-harmonic components of the back electromotive forces (back EMFs).

However, since PMs are located in the rotor, these conventional rotor-PM brushless machines suffer from weak mechanical structure and difficulty in PM cooling. Thus, how to incorporate the merits of both high reliability and high power density has attracted more and more attentions. To retain the advantages of both SR and rotor-PM machines, a new class of brushless motors having magnets in the stator, termed as stator-PM motors, has been introduced [12]. Extensive research work has been performed to analyze this class of machines, showing that stator-PM motors incorporate the merits of high power density, short winding terminals, robust structure, and free from the thermal problem on PMs [13]. Recent work has shown that the doubly salient PM (DSPM) motor can inherently offer fault tolerance [14]. In [15], the remedial brushless ac (BLAC) mode has been proposed for fault-tolerant operation in a DSPM motor drive. However, it has been identified that the flux-switching PM (FSPM) motor has significantly higher power density than the DSPM one [16]–[18]. By introducing
the fault-tolerant concept into the FSPM machine, a new FSPM motor with redundant structure, termed as the redundant FSPM (R-FSPM) motor, has been proposed [19]. Differing from the conventional dual PM machines [20]–[22], the R-FSPM motor cannot be operated as two 3-phase machines because its back EMF contains harmonic components. Also, a compensating strategy, namely, setting $\sqrt{3}$ times the current amplitudes in two of the five remaining healthy coils, has been proposed to supplement the average torque and offset the harmonic torque under the open-circuit fault. However, since the current amplitudes of the remaining healthy coils are highly unequal, the power converter capability imposes the limiting factors to the remedial operation.

The purpose of this paper is to propose a new fault-tolerant operating strategy for the R-FSPM motor drives. The proposed operation differs from the existing one that it can decrease the current amplitude, hence requiring a lower converter capability than the reported solution in [19]. The key is to operate the R-FSPM motor in the remedial mode by injecting harmonic currents, the so-called remedial injected-harmonic-current (RIHC) operation mode. In Section II, the 12/10-pole R-FSPM motor will be briefly described and analyzed. Then, in Section III, in order to minimize the current amplitudes in the stator windings, proper harmonic currents for no-control generated-torque-ripple operation will be discussed, hence deducing the RIHC operation. Moreover, in Section IV, the performance of the proposed R-FSPM motor drive at the normal and the proposed RIHC operations will be assessed by using the cosimulation technique. Also, the motor losses at the existing and the proposed remedial operations will be compared. Furthermore, in Section V, experimental results will be used to verify the proposed RIHC operation of the motor drive. Finally, the conclusions will be drawn in Section VI.

II. TOPOLOGY AND FEATURES

Fig. 1 shows the structure of the 12/10-pole R-FSPM motor, which has 12 salient poles in the stator, 10 salient poles in the rotor, 6 coil windings in the stator, and 10 PMs in the stator. In the proposed 12/10 R-FSPM motor, the two opposing windings on poles form one coil, such as coils A1 and A2. Notice that, in the conventional 12/10 FSPM motor, coils A1 and A2 are in series to build up phase A.

The R-FSPM motor actually incorporates the merits as follows.

1) Similar to the DSPM motors having PMs in the stator, the R-FSPM motor incorporates the merits of the SR motor and the rotor-PM motor, thus offering robust rotor structure, good cooling conditions for magnets, and high power density.

2) Similar to the fault-tolerant motors, the R-FSPM motor possesses the features of redundant winding structure and independent phases in electric and magnetic circuits, thus providing the possibility of fault-tolerant operation.

3) Different from the DSPM motors, the R-FSPM motor has bipolar winding PM flux linkage, thus achieving higher torque density and higher power density.

4) Different from most of the conventional PM brushless motors, the R-FSPM motor solves the problem of the influence of armature reaction field on the working point of PMs under the short-circuit fault because its windings and magnets are magnetically in parallel, as shown in Fig. 2, hence inherently suitable for high-reliability applications.

Fig. 3 shows the predicted coil and phase back EMFs at no load as compared with the measured ones. It should be noted that the measured back EMFs are not very identical with the predicted ones due to the end effect of the stator-PM machines [23]. It can be seen that each coil back EMF has rich harmonic components, whereas the corresponding phase back EMF is close to sinusoidal in shape. This is due to the compensation of harmonic components in the coils. Moreover, harmonic analysis is performed for the coil and the phase back EMFs as listed in Table I, in which the harmonic magnitude is expressed as the percentage of the fundamental amplitude. Obviously, the second harmonic is the main harmonic component, while the
third and the higher harmonics can be neglected. Consequently, by considering only the fundamental and second-harmonic components, the back EMFs of the R-FSPM machine can be expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
E_{a1} &= E_1 \sin(\omega_c t) + E_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \varphi) \\
E_{b1} &= E_1 \sin(\omega_c t + 2\pi/3) + E_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \varphi - 2\pi/3) \\
E_{c1} &= E_1 \sin(\omega_c t - 2\pi/3) + E_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \varphi + 2\pi/3) \\
E_{a2} &= E_1 \sin(\omega_c t) - E_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \varphi) \\
E_{b2} &= E_1 \sin(\omega_c t + 2\pi/3) - E_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \varphi - 2\pi/3) \\
E_{c2} &= E_1 \sin(\omega_c t - 2\pi/3) - E_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \varphi + 2\pi/3)
\end{align*}
\]

where \(\omega_c\) is the frequency of the fundamental component (the rotor electrical speed), \(\varphi\) is the second-harmonic angle relative to the fundamental phase, and \(E_1\) and \(E_2\) are the amplitudes of the fundamental and the second-harmonic back EMFs, respectively.

### III. RIHC Operation

The proposed strategy in this section involves two techniques. First, after the occurrence of an open-circuit fault, the remedial operation can maintain the torque output as the normal operation. Second, at the remedial operation, the current amplitudes of the remaining coils are controlled at the same value in order to reduce the capability requirements of the converter. The fundamental and the second-harmonic current components are used to excite the healthy coils in order to eliminate harmonic torque generated by unbalanced faulted operation. Consequently, the proposed remedial operation calculates the excitation currents for the healthy phases to produce the desired output torque with minimum torque ripple and reduced requirements of the converter capability.

#### A. Normal Condition

Under the normal condition, the R-FSPM motor operates in the BLAC mode, in which all coils are in work. The motor currents are given as

\[
\begin{align*}
i_{a1} &= I_m \sin(\omega_c t) \\
i_{b1} &= I_m \sin(\omega_c t + 2\pi/3) \\
i_{c1} &= I_m \sin(\omega_c t - 2\pi/3) \\
i_{a2} &= I_m \sin(\omega_c t) \\
i_{b2} &= I_m \sin(\omega_c t + 2\pi/3) \\
i_{c2} &= I_m \sin(\omega_c t - 2\pi/3)
\end{align*}
\]

where \(I_m\) is the amplitude of the sinusoidal current.

For the R-FSPM motors, the electromagnetic torque predominantly is resulted from the PM torque component since the reluctance torque component is negligible. Thus, the electromagnetic torque at normal operation can be calculated as

\[
T_{en} = T_1 + T_2 = \frac{1}{\omega_m} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (E_{p1} \cdot i_{p1} + E_{p2} \cdot i_{p2})
\]

\[
= \left[ 3E_1I_m - 0.45E_1I_m \cos(3\omega t + 2\pi/5) \right]/2\omega_m
\]

\[
+ \left[ 3E_1I_m + 0.45E_1I_m \cos(3\omega t + 2\pi/5) \right]/2\omega_m
\]

\[
= 3E_1I_m/\omega_m
\]

where \(\omega_m\) is the rotor mechanical speed and \(T_1\) and \(T_2\) are the electromagnetic torque produced by coils A1, B1, and C1 and the electromagnetic torque produced by coils A2, B2, and C2, respectively. It can be deduced from (3) that, when it operates in the normal BLAC mode, the R-FSPM motor has a constant electromagnetic torque because the harmonic torque counteracts each other.

#### B. Faulty Condition

When the R-FSPM motor drive is under fault, the faulty coil can be shut off, and the healthy coils can continue their operation. Thus, proper fault detectors need to be employed. It should be noted that the fault detection technique for motor drives has been reported in many literatures [24]–[26], and this paper focuses on the development of the remedial control operation.

For the reduced capability requirements and the no-control generated-torque-ripple operation, the RIHC control strategy of the R-FSPM motor is proposed. The key is to operate the R-FSPM motor with the proper injected harmonic currents to compensate for harmonic back-EMF components, thus keeping the same current amplitudes in the healthy coils. In the following analysis, a failure in coil A1 is considered as an example.

In the RIHC operation mode, the remedial currents of the healthy coils are expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
i'_{a1} &= 0 \\
i'_{b1} &= I_1 \sin(\omega_c t + 5\pi/6) + I_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \alpha) \\
i'_{c1} &= I_1 \sin(\omega_c t - 5\pi/6) + I_2 \sin(2\omega_c t + \beta) \\
i'_{a2} &= I_1 \sin(\omega_c t) \\
i'_{b2} &= I_1 \sin(\omega_c t + 2\pi/3) \\
i'_{c2} &= I_1 \sin(\omega_c t - 2\pi/3)
\end{align*}
\]
where \( I_1 \) is the amplitude of the fundamental currents in the remaining phases, \( I_2 \) is the amplitude of the second-harmonic currents, and \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) are the harmonic angles of the second-harmonic currents relative to the fundamental component.

The electromagnetic torque \( T_2 \) can be calculated as

\[
T_2 = \left( \frac{1}{\omega_m} \right) \cdot (e_{a2} \cdot i_{a2} + e_{b2} \cdot i_{b2} + e_{c2} \cdot i_{c2}) = \left( \frac{1}{\omega_m} \right) \cdot \left[ 3E_1 I_1/2 + 3E_2 I_1 \cos(3\omega_m t + \phi)/2 \right].
\]  

(5)

Meanwhile, the electromagnetic torque \( T_1 \) can be calculated as

\[
T_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\omega_m} \right) \cdot \left[ (0 + e_{b1} \cdot i_{b1} + e_{c1} \cdot i_{c1}) \right. \\
\left. = \left( \frac{1}{\omega_m} \right) \cdot \left\{ \sqrt{3} E_1 I_1 - \sqrt{3} E_2 I_1 \cos(3\omega_m t + \phi) \right. \\
\left. + E_1 I_2 \left[ \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} - 2\pi/3\right) \right. \\
\left. \left. - \cos\left(3\omega t + \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \right. \\
\left. \left. \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} + 2\pi/3\right) \right. \\
\left. E_2 I_2 \left[ \cos\left(\varphi - \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \cos\left(-2\pi/3 - \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right) \right. \\
\left. \left. - \cos(4\omega t + \varphi + \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}) \right. \\
\left. \left. \left. \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} - 2\pi/3\right) \right] \right. \right. \right. \}.
\]

(6)

For no-control generated-torque-ripple operation, there are two constraints, as given by

\[
\begin{cases}
\cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} - 2\pi/3\right) = 0 \\
\alpha + \beta = \varphi.
\end{cases}
\]

(7)

This leads to

\[
\begin{cases}
\alpha = \varphi + \pi/6 \\
\beta = \varphi - \pi/6.
\end{cases}
\]

(8)

Thus, by substituting (8) into (6), the electromagnetic torque \( T_1 \) can be calculated as

\[
T_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\omega_m} \right) \cdot \left[ \sqrt{3}/2 \left( E_1 I_1 - E_2 I_2 \right) - \sqrt{3}/2 \left( E_2 I_1 - E_1 I_2 \right) \cos(3\omega_m t + \varphi) \right].
\]

(9)

The same torque before and after the fault can be kept invariant by substituting (5) and (9) into (3), yielding

\[
\begin{cases}
\frac{3}{2} E_2 I_1 = \sqrt{3} (E_1 I_1 - E_1 I_2) \\
\frac{3}{2} E_1 I_1 + \sqrt{3} (E_1 I_1 - E_1 I_2) = 3E_1 I_m.
\end{cases}
\]

(10)

Thus, the amplitudes of remedial currents can be expressed in terms of \( E_1, E_2, \) and \( I_m \)

\[
\begin{cases}
I_1 = \frac{6E_m E_1^2}{(3+\sqrt{3})E_1^2 + (3-\sqrt{3})E_2^2} \\
I_2 = \frac{6(1-\sqrt{3})I_m E_1 E_2}{(3+\sqrt{3})E_1^2 + (3-\sqrt{3})E_2^2}.
\end{cases}
\]

(11)

Also, the harmonic analysis of the back EMFs deduces

\[
\begin{cases}
\varphi = 5\pi/12 \\
E_2 = 0.15 E_1.
\end{cases}
\]

(12)

Thus, by using (4), (11), and (12), the proposed RIHC operation after the loss of coil A1 is achieved, as given by

\[
\begin{cases}
i_{a1}' = 0 \\
i_{b1}' = 1.27 I_m \left[ \sin(\omega t + 5\pi/6) - 0.12 \sin(2\omega t + 7\pi/12) \right] \\
i_{c1}' = 1.27 I_m \left[ \sin(\omega t - 5\pi/6) - 0.12 \sin(2\omega t + \pi/4) \right] \\
i_{a2}' = 1.27 I_m \sin(\omega t) \\
i_{b2}' = 1.27 I_m \sin(\omega t + 2\pi/3) \\
i_{c2}' = 1.27 I_m \sin(\omega t - 2\pi/3).
\end{cases}
\]

(13)

Of course, a similar operation can be applied to the loss of other coils. Meanwhile, it can be confirmed that, by injecting the second-harmonic currents, the R-FSPM motor can operate in the RIHC mode, in which the restructured fault-tolerant torque can effectively reduce the normal torque.

IV. Simulation

This work employs the cosimulation modeling method of the magnetic circuit and the electric circuit to predict the performance of the proposed R-FSPM motor drive, in which the system level simulation is provided [14]. Fig. 4 shows the developed transient cosimulation model of the R-FSPM motor drive. The R-FSPM motor is driven by two independent sets of power electronic circuit and controller.

To assess the torque performance at the normal and the proposed remedial operations, a torque ripple factor is defined as follows:

\[
K_T = \frac{T_{\text{max}} - T_{\text{min}}}{T_{\text{av}}} \times 100\%.
\]

(14)
where $T_{\text{max}}$, $T_{\text{min}}$, and $T_{\text{av}}$ are the maximum value, the minimum value, and the average value of the output torque, respectively.

During normal operation, the R-FSPM motor drive operates in the BLAC mode. By using (2), the motor current and torque waveforms are cosimulated, as shown in Fig. 5. It can be seen that the current waveform is sinusoidal and the corresponding $T_{\text{av}}$ and $K_T$ of the motor drive are 6.6 N·m and 59.3%, respectively. It should be noted that the torque ripple is caused by the cogging torque in the R-FSPM machine [27].

In the event of open-circuit fault, one coil is lost, and the healthy five coils continue their operation. Then, the proposed RIHC operation is activated by using (13). As shown in Fig. 6, both of the coil-B1 and coil-C1 currents are constituted by the fundamental and second-harmonic components, while the current waveforms of coils A2, B2, and C2 are sinusoidal. The corresponding $T_{\text{av}}$ and $K_T$ are 6.2 N·m and 63.3%, respectively. By comparing the values at normal and remedial operations, it can be found that their torque performances are practically the same. The slight discrepancies are due to the neglected third-harmonic and higher harmonic components of back EMFs.

These cosimulated results verify that the proposed RIHC operation can maintain the same torque under the open-circuit fault.

It is well known that the loss results in temperature rise, which is a critical issue for high-reliability operation. Thus, the losses of the existing remedial operation in [19] and the proposed remedial operation in this paper are compared for evaluation. At the existing remedial operation, during the loss of coil A1, the current amplitudes of coils B1 and C1 are regulated to $\sqrt{3}$ times the normal values before fault, and the phase angles of coils B1 and C1 are correspondingly changed. Meanwhile, the currents of coils A2, B2, and C2 are kept invariant.

First, the copper loss can be calculated by a straightforward way, as given by

$$P_C = \sum_{p=A}^{C} (I_{p1}^2 + I_{p2}^2) R_p$$

(15)

where $R_p$ and $I_p$ ($p = A, B, \text{and } C$) are the motor winding resistance and rms current, respectively. So, as compared with the
The proposed remedial operation in (13) reduces nearly 10% copper loss.

Second, a time-stepping finite-element method is employed to predict the core losses in both remedial operations. Since their current amplitudes are different, the torque–iron loss characteristics are investigated, as shown in Fig. 7. It can be seen that the iron loss at the proposed remedial operation is slightly lower than that of the existing remedial operation, even in the presence of injected harmonic currents. This is due to the fact that the existing remedial operation employs higher current amplitudes. The associated armature reaction field is, therefore, stronger and results in a greater iron loss.

Finally, by comprehensively evaluating the total motor losses, including the copper loss and the iron loss, it can be confirmed that the proposed remedial operation has lower losses than the existing one.

In addition, it should be noted that, although the proposed remedial operation has higher efficiency than the existing one, it is still inferior to the healthy operation. This is due to the unbalanced operation under the fault condition. It can be calculated by using (15) that the proposed remedial operation has 33% higher copper loss than the healthy operation. Also, it can be known from Fig. 7 that the proposed remedial operation has higher core loss than the healthy operation.

V. EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION

To further verify the theoretical analysis, a 12/10-pole R-FSPM motor is designed and prototyped, as shown in Fig. 8. Based on the digital signal processing TMS320F2812 controller, an experimental test-rig bed has been built. It is composed of an R-FSPM motor supplied by two independent IPM-based converters, a separately excited dc generator used as the variable load, and a transient torque transducer mounted between the R-FSPM motor and the dc generator to measure the torque of the proposed motor drive. In the experiment, the currents of the machine are sensed by six Hall-effect current sensors, and an optical encoder with an accuracy of 2048 counts per revolution is used to obtain position information.

First, the steady-state performance of the proposed R-FSPM motor drive is assessed. Fig. 9 compares the steady-state torque and current waveforms under the normal and the proposed RIHC operations. As expected, these current waveforms agree with the cosimulated ones shown in Figs. 5 and 6, verifying that the proposed remedial operation can maintain the torque performance. Fig. 10 compares the fault-tolerant current waveforms of coils B1, C1, B2, and C2 during the loss of coil A1, showing that the currents of coils B1 and C1 are slightly distorted. Also, it can be noted that the peak values of these currents are same.

It should be noted that the measured torque waveforms have a significant discrepancy with those cosimulated ones shown in Figs. 5 and 6. This discrepancy is due to the fact that the predicted torque waveforms take into account the cogging
torque ripple only, whereas the measured torque waveforms consist of all torque ripples, such as the operating, practical, and manufacturing torque ripples. Notice that both the practical and manufacturing torque ripples are very difficult to be modeled mathematically. Nevertheless, for the normal and remedial operations, the measured torque performances (average torque and torque ripple) are equivalent, verifying the effectiveness of the proposed remedial operation.

Second, the dynamic performance of the proposed R-FSPM motor drive is evaluated. Fig. 11 shows the responses of torque and current before and after the remedial operation. It can be found that the motor drive can online switch to the fault-tolerant mode.

Third, the self-starting capability at the proposed RIHC operation is particularly assessed, which is essential for EVs desiring frequent start–stop. Fig. 12 shows the start-up current responses at the proposed RIHC operation (the load applied at start-up is 5.7 N·m), confirming that the R-FSPM motor drive can successfully perform self-starting during the loss of one coil.

Finally, the dynamic load test of the developed motor drive at the proposed RIHC operation is performed. Fig. 13 shows the dynamic responses of speed and current under sudden changes.
of load torque when the motor operates in the fault-tolerant mode (from 2.3 to 5.7 N·m and then back to 2.3 N·m). It can be found that the transient changes in speed are quite small, while the speed regulation is very good.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the RIHC control strategy has been newly proposed and implemented for fault-tolerant operation of the R-FSPM motor drive. By injecting second-harmonic currents, the RIHC operation is proposed to reduce the capability requirements of power converter and provide no-control generated-torque-ripple operation. It also reveals that the RIHC operation can offer good steady-state and dynamic performances. The validity of the proposed remedial control strategies has been verified by cosimulation and experimental results, showing that the proposed approach can reduce the capability requirements of the converter, lower the motor losses, maintain the torque performance, retain the self-starting capability, and offer good speed regulation with load changes during the loss of one coil. The proposed remedial operation is particularly important to enable continued operation for many practical applications such as EVs.

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