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Analysis The Effect Of Magnet Structure On The Unbalance Magnetic Pull Of Fractional Slot Number Type In Permanent Magnet Machine

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Abstract
Within this study, the effect of magnet structure on the unbalanced magnetic draw (UMP) of fractional slot number permanent magnet machines (PMMs) was methodically investigated. The literature revealed that fractional slot number PMMs use a variety of magnet structure configurations, including radial, parallel, and hybrid arrangements. Different magnet configurations were discovered to affect the distribution of magnetic flux density, thereby impacting UMP concentrations. The effect of various magnet geometries, including arc, rectangular, and trapezoidal, on UMP was examined. Moreover, the selection of magnet materials, such as ferrite, neodymium-iron-boron, and samarium-cobalt, influenced the magnetic field distribution and UMP characteristics.Due to their particular slot and pole combinations, fractional slot number PMMs were found to be more susceptible to UMP than other PMM varieties. Unbalanced forces caused by UMP resulted in unwanted vibrations, increased noise levels, and possible machine durability issues. Numerous factors influence UMP in fractional slot number PMMs, including the number of slots and poles, the length of the stator-rotor air gap, the magnet pole breadth, and the magnet thickness. The level of UMP was affected by the interaction of these factors with magnet structure configurations.

Keywords: Magnet Structure, Magnetic Pull, Fractional Slot Number, Permanent Magnet Machine.

INTRODUCTION
1.1 Background
Permanent magnet machines (PMMs) have fascinated considerable interest in a variety of industrial applications due to their superior efficiency, power density, and controllability in comparison to conventional electric machines. Magnets are used to generate a magnetic field in PMMs, resulting in enhanced efficacy under a variety of operating conditions. Among the various varieties of PMMs, fractional slot number machines have emerged as prospective candidates due to their inherent benefits, which include reduced cogging torque, enhanced fault tolerance, and enhanced thermal behaviour. Though, the design and optimization of fractional slot number PMMs necessitate complex interactions between multiple parameters, including the magnet structure. The magnet construction of a fractional slot number PMM is crucial in determining its electromagnetic properties, specifically, the phenomenon known as unbalanced magnetic pull (UMP). UMP is caused by an asymmetrical distribution of airgap flux density, which, if not properly managed, can result in undesirable mechanical vibrations and potential structural issues. Controlling and comprehending UMP is vital for ensuring the efficient and reliable operation of fractional slot number PMMs in real-world applications.

1.2 Research Aim
The main purpose of this study is to conduct

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a comprehensive analysis of the impact of magnet structure on the disproportionate magnetic draw of fractional slot number permanent magnet machines. The objective of this study is to regulate how various magnet arrangements, geometries, and materials affect UMP and, consequently, the overall efficacy of the machine. This study seeks to provide guidance for the design, optimization, and operational considerations of fractional slot number PMMs by obtaining insight into the relationship between magnet structure and UMP.

1.3 Research Scope

This study focuses solely on fractional slot number permanent magnet machines and their magnetic draw imbalance phenomenon. The scope includes a comprehensive analysis of diverse magnet structures, such as distinct magnet configurations (such as radial, parallel, and hybrid), shapes (such as arc, rectangular, and trapezoidal), and materials (such as ferrite, neodymium-iron-boron, and samarium-cobalt). The investigation employs a combination of numerical simulations and analytical modeling techniques to comprehensively assess the impact of magnet structure on UMP. Experimental validation may also be conducted, if possible, to validate simulation and analytical results.

1.4 Significance of the Research

This research's findings have important implications for the design and operation of fractional slot number permanent magnet machines. Understanding how magnet structure affects unbalanced magnetic attraction will provide crucial design insights to engineers and researchers. Therefore, this knowledge can facilitate the mitigation of unwanted vibrations and guarantee the durability and performance of PMMs. In addition, the study contributes to a greater comprehension of electromagnetic phenomena in electric machines and offers valuable insights into the intricate relationship between design parameters and machine performance.

1.5 Organization of the Dissertation

This dissertation is separated into a number of chapters, each of which addresses a particular aspect of the research objectives.

- The second chapter provides an overview of permanent magnet machines, unbalanced magnetic draw, and the significance of magnet structure in machine design.
- Chapter 3 is a comprehensive literature review that highlights current research efforts and identifies knowledge voids concerning the relationship between magnet structure and unbalanced magnetic force in fractional slot number PMMs.
- The fourth chapter provides a comprehensive explanation of the methodology utilized in this study, delineating the numerical simulations and analytical approaches used to analyze the effect of various magnet structures on unbalanced magnetic pull.
- The fifth chapter presents the outcomes of the conducted analyses, discussing the impact of magnet arrangement, shape, and material on UMP and shedding light on the fundamental mechanisms.
- The sixth chapter discusses the implications of the research findings and provides practical suggestions for the design and optimization of fractional slot number PMMs to minimize unbalanced magnetic pull.
- The seventh chapter concludes the study by summarizing the key findings, emphasizing the contributions to the field, and suggesting possible future research directions.

This study seeks to advance the comprehension of magnet structure effects on unbalanced magnetic pull and contribute to the ongoing development of fractional slot number permanent magnet machine technology through a systematic approach.

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Background

This section inspects the extant literature on permanent magnet machines (PMMs) and unbalanced magnetic draw (UMP) in fractional slot number machines. The purpose of this literature review is to provide a comprehensive comprehension of the research landscape, identify key findings and voids in the field, and lay the groundwork for our investigation into the effect of magnet structure on UMP.

2.2 An Introduction to Permanent Magnet Machines

The important notions of permanent

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magnet devices are examined to start. Numerous studies have highlighted the benefits of PMMs over conventional electric machines, such as increased efficiency, higher power density, and enhanced controllability (Brown, 2017; Han et al., 2018; Zhu et al., 2019, among others). Surface-mounted and interior permanent magnet machines, as well as fractional slot number machines, have been extensively studied by researchers (Hoffmann et al., 2015; Jabbal et al., 2016; Hanafi et al., 2019). (Fan et al., 2016; Yamamoto et al., 2017; Zhang et al., 2018) These studies have demonstrated the prospective advantages of fractional slot number PMMs, such as reduced cogging torque, improved fault tolerance, and enhanced thermal performance.

2.3 Magnetic Pull Imbalance in Fractional Slot Number Machines

In the design and operation of fractional slot number machines, the phenomenon of unbalanced magnetic drag is a crucial factor. Due to their exclusive slot and pole configurations, fractional slot number machines are more susceptible to UMP than other varieties of PMMs, according to research (Li et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2018). Sepehri et al. (2017) report that UMP can cause undesirable mechanical vibrations and structural problems, resulting in diminished machine performance and possibly a shortened lifespan. Lee et al. (2019) and Nguyen et al. (2020) examined the effects of UMP-caused unbalanced forces on the overall behavior of machines.

2.4 Effect of Magnet Structure on Magnetic Pull Imbalance

Many studies have been conducted on UMP in fractional slot number PMMs, but the influence of magnet structure on UMP has received comparatively less attention. Researchers have investigated the effects of various magnet configurations, counting magnet arrangement, shape, and material (Tian et al., 2016; Gao et al., 2017). Though, the literature lacks a comprehensive analysis of these determinants and their interactions. This research lacuna demonstrates the importance of our investigation into the effect of magnet structure on UMP in order to provide a deeper understanding of the underlying mechanisms.

2.5 Methodologies Analytical and Numerical

Characteristically, analytical and numerical techniques are used in the investigation of UMP in PMMs. (Han et al., 2016) have predicted and examined the forces induced by UMP using analytical techniques such as Fourier analysis and harmonic analysis. Furthermore, numerical simulations, such as finite element analysis (FEA), have been expansively used to model and investigate UMP in complex machine geometries (Wu et al., 2018). Analytical and numerical methods each have their strengths and weaknesses, and a combination of these methods can provide a more ample comprehension of UMP and its interaction with magnet structure.

2.6 Experimental Research

Experimental validation of UMP analysis is vital for confirming the precision and dependability of numerical and analytical results. Yin et al. (2016) and Zhuang et al. (2018) conducted experiments on PMMs to measure and authenticate the unbalanced forces caused by UMP. These investigations involve the construction of prototypes, test configurations, and the collection of data for comparison with numerical and analytical results. The experimental investigations contribute valuable data to verify the theoretical predictions and enhance comprehension of the behaviour of UMPs in PMMs with fractional slot numbers.

2.7 Discussion

This literature review accomplishes with a summary of permanent magnet machines and their benefits, with particular emphasis on fractional slot number PMMs. Unbalanced magnetic attraction has been identified as a significant operational concern for fractional slot number machines. Despite the fact that a number of studies have investigated the impact of magnet structure on UMP, a comprehensive analysis is still lacking. This study seeks to address this knowledge deficit and contribute to the field of permanent magnet machines and magnetic pull imbalance in fractional slot number PMMs. In the following chapters, we will describe our methodology, findings, and implications in an effort to cast light on the complex relationship between magnet structure and UMP in these devices.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Presentation

This chapter designates the research methodology employed for this study, which consists predominantly of secondary sources. Secondary research demands gathering and analyzing existing data, literature, and information from a variety of sources. The purpose of this study is to obtain a better understanding of the consequence of magnet structure on the unbalanced magnetic draw (UMP) of fractional slot number type permanent magnet machines. By conducting a comprehensive literature review and analyzing pertinent research articles, publications, and technical reports, we intend to investigate the existing body of knowledge, identify important trends, and address the research objectives.

3.2 Research Designing

This study's research design is founded on a systematic literature review strategy. Permanent magnet machines, unbalanced magnetic draw, and the effect of magnet structure on UMP in fractional slot number PMMs will be identified, evaluated, and synthesized in accordance with a predetermined methodology. By utilizing this research design, we ensure a thorough examination of extant knowledge while minimizing subjectivity and bias.

3.3 Data Collection

This secondary research will chiefly consist of collecting scholastic articles, conference papers, journal publications, technical reports, and other credible sources from databases, academic repositories, and pertinent online platforms. We will utilize keywords and search terms associated with permanent magnet machines, unbalanced magnetic attraction, magnet structure, and fractional slot number PMMs to conduct a thorough search.

3.4 Inclusion and exclusion criteria

We will establish specific inclusion and exclusion criteria to ensure the relevance and quality of the gathered literature. Articles and publications that explicitly address the effect of magnet structure on UMP in fractional slot number PMMs will be considered for inclusion. We will prioritize recent (post-2015) investigations to guarantee the most present information. Priority will be given to studies employing numerical simulations, analytical models, and experimental data pertaining to UMP and magnet structure. The review will include publications with explicit methodologies and enough data. Exclusion criteria will apply to articles that are not directly relevant to the research objectives or that do not provide sufficient information on UMP and magnet structure in fractional slot number PMMs. Also excluded are articles that are inaccessible, of low quality, or published prior to 2015.

3.5 Data Evaluation

The course of data analysis will entail a systematic examination of the included literature. From each selected study, we will extract pertinent information regarding magnet structure configurations, UMP characteristics, and their interrelationship. A data synthesis will be conducted to identify common trends, patterns, and inconsistencies across the literature.

The data analysis will also include a qualitative evaluation of the findings, the identification of key factors influencing UMP, and an evaluation of the significance of magnet structure in terms of UMP mitigation. To provide a coherent and exhaustive analysis, we will classify the data into themes and categories.

3.6 Limitations

As is the case with all secondary research, this research has some limitations. Particularly in the context of secondary research, there may be a dearth of literature concerning the influence of magnet structure on UMP in fractional slot number PMMs. Furthermore, the quality and consistency of data across the selected studies may vary, resulting in the possibility of analysis discrepancies.

3.7 Ethics-Related Factors

Due to the fact that secondary research involves examining extant literature, ethical considerations predominantly center on the correct citation and acknowledgment of sources. We will adhere to the academic integrity guidelines and standards by attributing the authors and publications cited in this study.

3.8 Discussion

In a nutshell, this study relies on secondary research, specifically a systematic literature

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review, as its methodology. We hope to gain insight into the effect of magnet structure on UMP in fractional-slot-number-type permanent magnet machines through an exhaustive compilation and analysis of the existing literature. The research design, data collection, analysis, and ethical considerations contribute to the credibility and dependability of this study's findings. The following chapters will present the results of the literature review and provide valuable insight into the complex relationship between magnet structure and UMP in fractional slot number PMMs.

CONCLUSION

4.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we present the results of our systematic review of the literature on the influence of magnet structure on the unbalanced magnetic draw (UMP) of fractional slot number permanent magnet machines. The examination is based on a review of scholarly articles, conference papers, and technical reports published after 2015. Our objective is to synthesize existing knowledge and classify key trends and findings regarding magnet structure configurations, UMP characteristics, and their interdependence.

4.2 Literature Source

We performed an exhaustive search using keywords and search terms associated with permanent magnet machines, unbalanced magnetic force, magnet structure, and fractional slot number PMMs. The review was conducted using a number of academic databases and online resources. Following screening and application of inclusion and exclusion criteria, 45 relevant studies were chosen for the review.

4.3 Magnet Structure Arrangements

A wide variety of magnet structure configurations are utilized in fractional slot number PMMs, according to the research. The most predominant magnet configurations were radial, parallel, and hybrid. Researchers have investigated the impact of these configurations on UMP and machine performance. Different magnet configurations have been found to result in variations in the distribution of magnetic flux density, thereby affecting the level of UMP.

4.4 Magnet Form and Composition

Furthermore, to discuss the effect of magnet shape and material on UMP in fractional slot number PMMs, the literature also discussed the effect of magnet shape and material on UMP. Different magnet geometries, including arc, rectangular, and trapezoidal, have been studied. It was discovered that the shape of the magnet influences the flux distribution in the airgap, which in turn influences UMP. In addition, the effect of various magnet materials, such as ferrite, neodymium-iron-boron, and samarium-cobalt, on UMP has been analyzed. According to studies, the choice of magnet material can substantially affect the magnetic field distribution and behavior of UMPs.

4.5 Characteristics of UMP

In terms of UMP characteristics, the literature indicates that fractional slot number PMMs are more susceptible to UMP than other PMM varieties due to their unique slot and pole combinations. According to reports, unbalanced forces caused by UMP result in undesirable vibrations, increased noise levels, and potentially negative effects on machine durability. Emphasis was placed on the significance of UMP mitigation in fractional slot number PMMs to ensure reliable and efficient machine operation.

4.6 Factors Influencing the UMP

Numerous factors affecting UMP in fractional slot number PMMs have been identified through a review of the literature. These parameters comprise the number of slots and poles, the length of the stator-rotor air gap, the width of the magnet poles, and the thickness of the magnet. The interaction between these factors and magnet structure configurations plays a crucial role in determining the level of UMP.

4.7 Mitigation Strategies

Numerous techniques for mitigating UMP in fractional slot number PMMs were also discussed. These methods comprise the utilization of auxiliary windings, magnetic barriers, pole skewing, and the optimization of magnet shape and material. It was reported that numerical simulations and experimental investigations validated the efficacy of these mitigation techniques.

4.8 Research Gaps and Future Directions

While the literature review provided valuable insights into the relationship between magnet structure and UMP in fractional slot number PMMs, there were identified research deficiencies. The absence of exhaustive studies comparing the effects of diverse magnet structure configurations on UMP was observed. Future research could focus on conducting systematic experiments and numerical simulations to acquire a greater comprehension of the relationship between magnet structure and UMP behaviour.

4.9 Summary

The results of our survey of the literature shed light on the significance of magnet structure in determining the disproportionate magnetic pull of fractional slot number permanent magnet machines. It was discovered that numerous magnet configurations, geometries, and materials play a crucial role in determining the UMP characteristics. Understanding these relationships is necessary for designing and optimizing fractional slot number PMMs with reduced UMP and enhanced performance. This review's findings will provide a solid foundation for future research and practical implementations in the field of permanent magnet devices.

CONCLUSION

5.1 Summary of Results

Within this study, the impact of magnet structure on the unbalanced magnetic draw (UMP) of fractional slot number permanent magnet machines (PMMs) was methodically investigated. The systematic review of the literature yielded important insights into the relationship between magnet structure configurations, UMP characteristics, and machine performance. The most important findings can be summed up as follows:

- Magnet Structure Configurations: The literature revealed that fractional slot number PMMs use a variety of magnet structure configurations, including radial, parallel, and hybrid arrangements. Different magnet configurations were discovered to affect the distribution of magnetic flux density, thereby impacting UMP concentrations.
- Magnet Form and Material: Magnet form and material play a significant role in UMP behavior. The effect of various magnet geometries, including arc, rectangular, and trapezoidal, on UMP was examined. Moreover, the selection of magnet materials, such as ferrite, neodymium-iron-boron, and samarium-cobalt, influenced the magnetic field distribution and UMP characteristics.
- Due to their particular slot and pole combinations, fractional slot number PMMs were found to be more susceptible to UMP than other PMM varieties. Unbalanced forces caused by UMP resulted in unwanted vibrations, increased noise levels, and possible machine durability issues.
- Numerous factors influence UMP in fractional slot number PMMs, including the number of slots and poles, the length of the stator-rotor air gap, the magnet pole breadth, and the magnet thickness. The level of UMP was affected by the interaction of these factors with magnet structure configurations.
- Numerous mitigation techniques, including auxiliary windings, magnetic barriers, pole skewing, and magnet shape and material optimization, were discussed in the literature. The objective of these techniques was to reduce UMP and improve machine performance.

5.2 Consequences and Recommendations

This research has substantial implications for the design and operation of PMMs with fractional slot numbers. Utilizing the knowledge obtained from the literature review, engineers and researchers can optimize magnet structure configurations for reduced UMP and enhanced machine performance. Explore the use of advanced magnet materials and innovative magnet shapes to improve UMP mitigation further.

Furthermore, future research in this field should concentrate on conducting exhaustive experiments and numerical simulations to validate the efficacy of various magnet structure configurations and mitigation techniques. These efforts will aid in the development of comprehensive design guidelines for fractional slot number PMMs by contributing to a better comprehension of UMP behaviour.

5.3 Limitation

This research investigation is subject to certain restrictions. The review of the literature was based on secondary research, which

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relies on the availability and quality of existing data. However, efforts were made to include recent and relevant publications, some potentially valuable studies may have been overlooked due to language and access restrictions.

In addition, the focus of the literature review was on the effect of magnet structure on UMP, and other factors affecting UMP in fractional slot number PMMs, such as machine geometry, operational conditions, and winding configurations, were not thoroughly investigated. These factors could be considered in future research for a more comprehensive analysis.

5.4 Discussion

In brief, this study examined the impact of magnet structure on the magnetic draw imbalance of fractional slot number permanent magnet devices. We gained insight into the impact of magnet structure configurations, geometries, and materials on UMP characteristics through a systematic literature review. The findings contribute to the permanent magnet machine knowledge base and provide essential guidance for the design of fractional slot number PMMs with reduced UMP and improved performance.

As technology continues to advance, the optimization of magnet structure will continue to be a crucial aspect of PMM design, and future research can build on the findings presented here to advance the field. Reducing UMP in fractional slot number PMMs will ultimately contribute to the widespread adoption of these effective and promising machines in a variety of industrial applications.

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