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Comprehensive Parameters Identification and Dynamic Model Validation of Interior-Mount Line-Start Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors

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Abstract: The application of line-start permanent magnet synchronous motors (LSPMSMs) is rapidly spreading due to their advantages of high efficiency, high operational power factor, being self-starting, rendering them as highly needed in many applications in recent years. Although there have been standard methods for the identification of parameters of synchronous and induction machines, most of them do not apply to LSPMSMs. This paper presents a study and analysis of different parameter identification methods for interior mount LSPMSM. Experimental tests have been performed in the laboratory on a 1-hp interior mount LSPMSM. The measurements have been validated by investigating the performance of the machine under different operating conditions using a developed qd0 mathematical model and an experimental setup. The dynamic and steady-state performance analyses have been performed using the determined parameters. It is found that the experimental results are close to the mathematical model results, confirming the accuracy of the studied test methods. Therefore, the output of this study will help in selecting the proper test method for LSPMSM.

Keywords: electric motors; parameter measurement; mathematical modeling

1. Introduction

In industrial applications, especially in oil and gas plants, induction motors are being gradually replaced by high-efficiency permanent magnet motors, called line-start permanent magnet synchronous motors (LSPMSMs). LSPMSM is one of the most efficient synchronous motors [1–4]. LSPMSM is equipped with a squirrel cage to rotate the rotor from standstill, with the magnets to help the motor to maintain the synchronous speed. Compared to the traditional three-phase induction motors, LSPMSM has advantages like higher efficiency and power factor within a wide load range. This kind of motor can efficiently replace the induction motors for general use [5–8].

Although the information about the parameters of electric machines is very important for implementing different types of controllers, manufacturers of such available machines usually provide insufficient information about the electric parameters. Therefore, implementation of high-performance

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control schemes requires the accurate estimation of these parameters. In addition, it is invaluable that the electric machine manufacturers and designers perform various simulations and analysis before the prototypes are made. Several researchers have carried out several simulation and experimental works on parameter estimation [9–15].

There are a lot of models that describe motor behavior, like the finite element method (FEM) [7,10,16–19], d-q reference frame [8–12,20–22] and magnetic equation [23,24]. Among these models, the d-q reference frame model provides the optimum combination of analysis time and parameter requirements along with acceptable results from the analysis. Utilizing the d-q reference frame in the development process and in optimizing the LSPMSM design gives the required results in case adequate parameter measurements are obtained. As per the well-known d-q model [20], the parameters required to be determined include the stator phase resistance, the leakage stator inductance, d- and q-axis rotor resistance, leakage rotor inductance, rotor leakage inductances, the mutual inductances in the d- and q-axis and the flux of the permanent magnet referred to stator side. In this work, the comprehensive testing methods for determining the above-mentioned parameters is presented. Throughout the process of determining the required parameters, the tests conducted comprise DC test, Single Phase AC test, Block Rotor test, DC Step test, and Open-circuit test. Afterward, the parameters were validated using the developed MATLAB® Simulink model. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the mathematical model of the LSPMSM. Section 3 shows the experimental tests used for parameter identification. Section 4 shows the results of the conducted tests. While in Section 5, validation of the measured parameters and the developed mathematical model have been done.

2. Mathematical Model of LSPMSM

The healthy model of LSPMSM in the qd0 reference frame is a well-known model [25–32]. Equations (1)–(10) represent the transient model for the LSPMSM. The stator and rotor voltages are represented by Equations (1)–(4) while the flux–current relationship is demonstrated by (5)–(8). Equations (9) and (10) represent the electromechanical system.

$$V_q^s = r_s i_q^s + \omega_r \lambda_d^s + \frac{d\lambda_q^s}{dt} \tag{1}$$

$$V_d^s = r_s i_d^s - \omega_r \lambda_q^s + \frac{d\lambda_d^s}{dt}$$
 (2)

$$V_q^{r\prime} = 0 = r_{rq}^{\prime} i_q^{r\prime} + \frac{d\lambda_q^{r\prime}}{dt} \tag{3}$$

$$V_d^{r\prime} = 0 = r_{rd}^{\prime} i_d^{r\prime} + \frac{d\lambda_d^{r\prime}}{dt} \tag{4}$$

$$\lambda_q^s = (L_{ls} + L_{mq})i_q^s + L_{mq}i_q^{r\prime} \tag{5}$$

$$\lambda_d^s = (L_{ls} + L_{md})i_d^s + L_{md}i_d^{r'} + \lambda_m' \tag{6}$$

$$\lambda_q^{r'} = (L'_{lrq} + L_{mq})i_q^{r'} + L_{mq}i_q^s \tag{7}$$

$$\lambda_d^{r\prime} = (L'_{lrd} + L_{md})i_d^r + L_{md}i_d^s + \lambda_m^{\prime}$$
(8)

where r_s is stator resistance per phase. r'_{rq} is the rotor resistance in q-axis. r'_{rd} is the rotor resistance in d-axis. v^s_q and v^s_d are stator voltages in q-axis and d-axis, respectively. v^r_q and v^r_d are rotor voltages in q-axis and d-axis referred to stator side, respectively. i^s_q and i^s_d are stator currents in q-axis and d-axis, respectively. i^r_q and i^r_d are rotor currents in q-axis and d-axis referred to stator side, respectively. ω_r is the rotor speed while λ^s_q and λ^s_d are stator linkage fluxes in q-axis and d-axis, respectively. λ^r_q and λ^r_d are rotor linkage fluxes in q-axis and d-axis referred to stator side, respectively. λ^r_m is the flux of the permanent magnet refer to stator side whereas L'_{lrq} and L'_{lrd} are rotor leakage inductances in

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q- and d-axis refer to the stator side, respectively. L_{ls} is the leakage stator inductance. L_{md} and L_{mq} are the mutual inductances in the d- and q-axis, respectively. The electromagnetic torque of LSPMSM is expressed as:

$$T_{em} = \frac{3P}{4} (i_q^s \lambda_d^s - i_d^s \lambda_q^s) \tag{9}$$

The mechanical equation is also expressed as in (10):

$$\omega_r(t) = \frac{P}{2J} \int \left(T_{em} + T_L - T_{damp} \right) dt \tag{10}$$

where T_{em} is the Electromagnetic torque, T_L is the load torque, T_{damp} is the damping torque, J is the Motor inertial, ω_r is the rotor speed and P is the pole's number. It is worth mentioning that, Equation (10) is derived using Newton's second law for rotation on the rotor. Experimentally, the damping torque in the equation could be the mechanical damping torque in the bearing and of the load. In simulation we consider the damping torque to be zero. The dynamic equivalent circuits of the LSPMSM are shown in Figure 1.

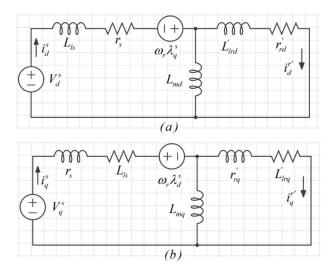


Figure 1. LSPMSM dynamic equivalent circuits (a) d-axis circuit (b) q-axis circuit.

3. LSPMSM Parameters Measurement Using Different Experimental Tests

To investigate, analyze, and predict the performance of LSPMSM using its mathematical model, an accurate equivalent circuit parameter measurement of the motor is needed. Measuring the parameters of interior-mount LSPMSM is a challenging task because the rotor configuration of the motor is very complicated since it consists of a squirrel cage and the interior mount permanent magnets. Accordingly, a brief description of the experimental tests conducted in the machine laboratory at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) on a 1-hp Interior-mount LSPMSM to measure the electric circuit parameters are given. These tests include; DC test to measure the stator DC resistance, AC single phase (rotor not included) test to measure stator AC resistance and leakage inductance, block rotor test to measure the rotor resistance and leakage inductance in both d- and q-axis, DC step test to measure the magnetizing inductance in d- and q-axis, and lastly the open-circuit test to measure the flux linkage from the permeant magnets [33–36]. Table 1 shows the parameter of the tested machine.

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Parameter	Value
Mean air gap radius	37.35 mm
Number of poles	4
Air gap width	0.3 mm
Permanent magnet thickness	3 mm
Stack length	80 mm
Number of turns per stator phase	86 imes 4
Rotor bar resistivity	$2.655 \times 10^{-8} \ \Omega \cdot m$
Rotor end ring resistance	$1 imes 10^{-5}~\Omega$
Angle between two adjacent rotor bars	18 degrees
Number of bars	20
Permanent magnet flux density	1.25 T
Machine rated power	1 hp
Moment of inertia	$0.001586 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$
Rated voltage	400 Vrms
Rated frequency	60 Hz
Rated speed	1800 rpm
Bar length	80 mm
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Table 1. The parameters of the tested motor.

3.1. DC Test

The dc resistance (R_s) per phase of the stator winding is measured using the DC test [37,38]. In the case of star-connected stator winding R_s is defined as the resistance between a phase terminal and the neutral point of the stator windings. To perform this test, two digital multimeters are needed, in addition to a variable DC power supply as shown in Figure 2.

Bar cross-sectional area

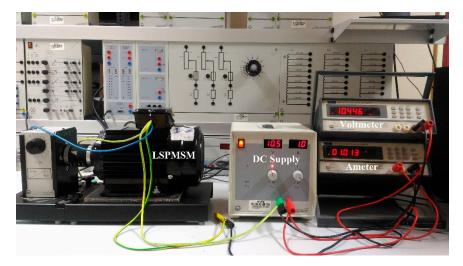


Figure 2. DC test setup.

In the DC test, a variable DC voltage is applied between the terminals of two phases, while the voltage and the corresponding current are recorded as shown in Figure 3. In this case, the effect of the inductance in the winding is neglected since the applied voltage is DC (zero frequency). Based on Kirchhoff voltage law, the formula for calculating the stator resistance is given as;

$$R_s = \frac{V_{DC}}{2I_{DC}} \tag{11}$$

 27 mm^2

where V_{DC} and I_{DC} denote the measured DC voltage and current, respectively.

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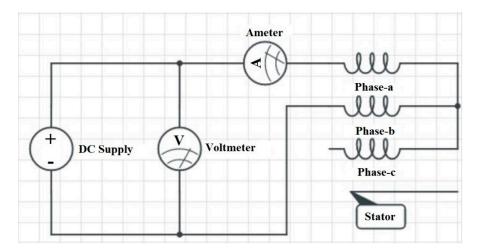


Figure 3. DC test circuit diagram.

The measured dc resistance obtained using DC test has to be verified using a CPC 100 measurement device as shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4. CPC 100 Measurement Device.

3.2. Single Phase AC Test (Rotor Not Included)

In the single phase AC test (rotor not included) both the AC resistance (r_s) and leakage inductance (L_{ls}) per phase are measured [39]. During this test, the rotor of the machine is pulled out while a single phase of the stator is connected to a variable AC voltage source as shown in Figure 5. Figure 6 shows the circuit diagram of the test. Based on the circuit analysis, the resistance r_s and the leakage inductance L_{ls} can be calculated by using Equations (12) and (13), respectively, as follows:

$$r_{s} = \frac{V_{\phi}}{I_{\phi}} \cos \theta \tag{12}$$

$$L_{ls} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi f}\right) \times \left(\frac{V_{\phi}}{I_{\phi}}\sin\theta\right) \tag{13}$$

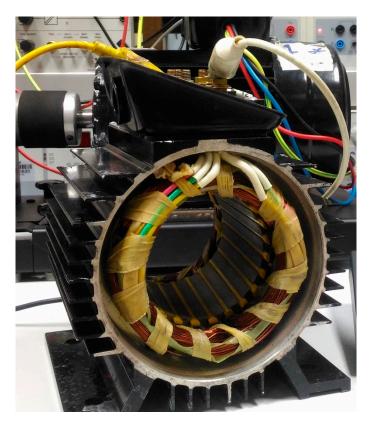


Figure 5. LSPMSM motor without rotor.

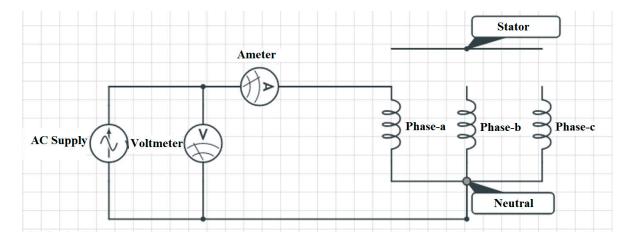


Figure 6. The circuit diagram of single-phase AC without rotor test.

Using Equations (2) and (3), the applied phase voltage (V_{ϕ}) , the corresponding current (I_{ϕ}) and the phase shift (θ) between them are required to calculate the stator resistance and the leakage inductance. Therefore, an AC power supply, ammeter, voltmeter, CASSY unit, and a computer were used to perform the test as shown in Figure 7.

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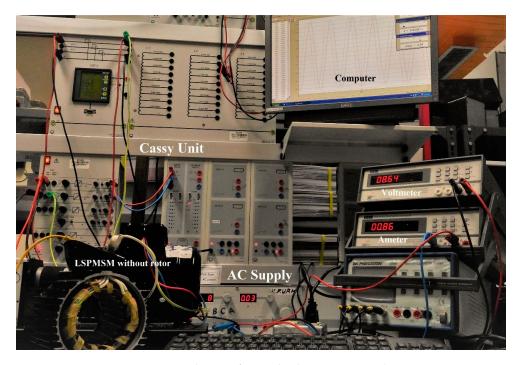


Figure 7. Experiential set-up for single phase AC test without rotor.

3.3. Locked Rotor Test

Rotor resistance and leakage inductance are measured using the locked rotor test [40,41]. During the test, the rotor is locked while the stator phases are connected to a low three phase voltages as shown in Figure 8. Under these conditions L_{mq} and L_{md} are considered to be open-circuit. Also, all dependent sources in the equivalent circuits of the motor in d- and q-axis are shorted. Figure 9a,b show the final q- and d-axis equivalent circuits during the locked rotor test, respectively. Where r'_{rq} is the rotor resistance in q-axis, L'_{lrq} is the rotor leakage reactance in q-axis, r'_{rd} is the rotor resistance in d-axis and L'_{lrd} is the rotor leakage reactance in d-axis.

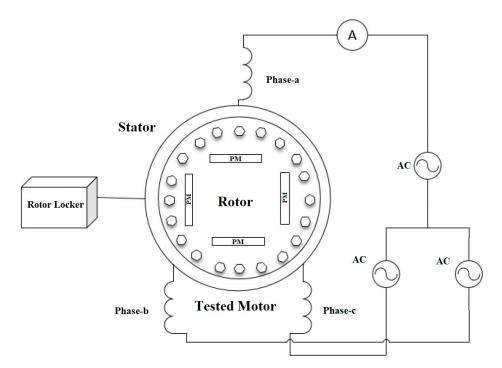


Figure 8. The schematic diagram of locked rotor test.

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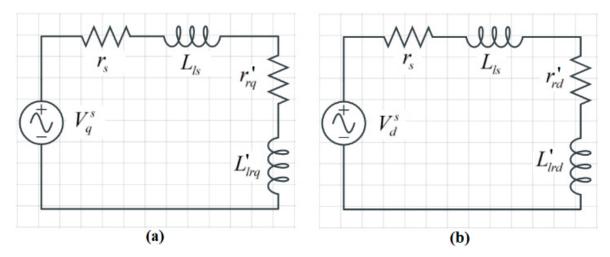


Figure 9. LSPMSM circuit under locked rotor conditions (a) q-circuit (b) d-circuit.

To measure the rotor parameters in d- and q-axis, the rotor is locked in two different positions by using a DC voltage source. In the first position, the rotor d-axis is aligned with phase-a of the stator. To do that, the stator phase-a is connected to the positive terminal of the DC voltage source while the b- and c- phases are connected to the negative terminal of the same source. In this position, both the rotor resistance and leakage inductance in d-axis can be measured. In the second position, the rotor q-axis is aligned with phase-a of the stator. To do that, the stator phase-a is kept floating, phase-b is connected to the positive terminal of the DC voltage source whereas phase-c is connected to the negative terminal of the same source. In this position, both the rotor resistance and leakage inductance in q-axis are measured.

To measure the rotor d-axis parameters (r'_{rd} and L'_{lrd}), the rotor is locked in the first position, and three-phase low voltages are subsequently applied at the stator phases as shown in the experimental set-up in Figure 10. The applied voltage per phase V_{ϕ} , the current I_{ϕ} and the angle θ between them are recorded. By using these results from the locked rotor test, the input resistance (R_{id}) and the input reactance (X_{id}) of the stator side for the equivalent d-axis circuit can be calculated using Equations (14) and (15). Finally, the rotor resistance and the leakage inductance are calculated.

$$R_{id} = \frac{V_{\phi}}{I_{\phi}} \cos \theta = r_s + r'_{rd} \tag{14}$$

$$X_{id} = \frac{V_{\phi}}{I_{\phi}} \sin \theta = X_{ls} + X'_{lrd} \tag{15}$$

To measure the rotor q-axis parameters (r'_{rq} and L'_{lrq}), the rotor is locked in the second position, and three-phase low voltages are applied at the stator phases. The same process done in the first position is then repeated while the input voltage and current waveforms for the locked rotor test are recorded. It is worth mentioning that during the locked rotor test the measured current should not exceed the rated current of the machine in order to prevent the stator winding from damage. In this case, the applied voltage will be of small values compare to rated values.

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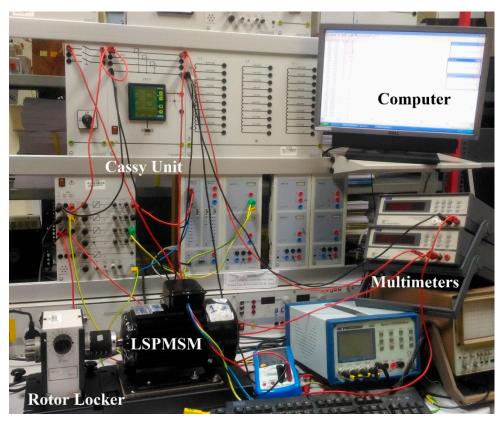


Figure 10. Locked rotor test experimental set-up.

3.4. DC Step Test

The purpose of the DC step response test is to measure the d- and q-axis synchronous inductances (L_d and L_q) [42,43]. During this test, the rotor of the motor is locked in the two positions as in the case of the locked rotor test. In the first position, the synchronous inductance in d-axis is measured while in the second position, the synchronous inductance in q-axis is measured. Figure 11 shows the schematic diagram of the DC test conducted in this study. It is worth mentioning that the most used test for measuring the synchronous reactance for synchronous motor in d- and q-axis is the slip test. in the slip test, the field winding is open-circuit (the excitation is removed) and the rotor is derived by a prime mover. However, the slip test is not applicable to LSPMSM since we cannot remove the excitation. Therefore, this is why we used the DC test where the rotor is locked (rotor stationery) no flux variation from the PMs on the rotor bars and stator windings.

Based on circuit theory, the equivalent circuit of the tested motor during the test is a resistance-inductance circuit, as shown in Figure 12. Therefore, the current in the circuit can be described by Equation (16) as follows:

$$i(t) = \frac{V}{R} (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}) t \ge 0$$

$$\tau = \frac{L_t}{R}$$
(16)

where V is the DC source voltage, τ is the time constant, R is the equivalent resistance seen by the source which is equal to $1.5R_s$, L_t is the equivalent inductance seen by the source which is equal to 1.5L, R_s is the DC resistance measured in the DC test presented above. L is the inductance of the motor which is a function of the rotor position. L can be replaced by L_d if the rotor d-axis is aligned with phase-a or replaced by L_q if the rotor d-axis is aligned with phase-a. Accordingly, by using the step response plot, the time constant can be measured, which is then used to calculate L_d and L_q using Equation (16).

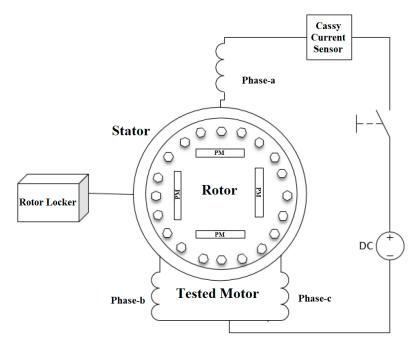


Figure 11. Schematic diagram of step DC test.

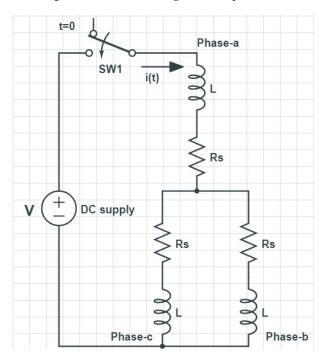


Figure 12. Equivalent circuit of tested machine under step DC test.

The magnetizing inductance (L_{md} and L_{mq}) can be calculated using Equations (17) and (18) as follows:

$$L_{md} = L_d - L_{ls} (17)$$

$$L_{mq} = L_q - L_{ls} (18)$$

3.5. Open-Circuit Test

In the open-circuit test, the linkage flux of the rotor permanent magnets (λ'_m) on the stator side is measured [44,45]. During the open-circuit test, the tested machine is treated as a prime mover (DC Machine), whereby no AC supply is connected to the motor stator phases as shown in Figure 13.

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Therefore, an induced voltage which is related to the speed of the rotor and the flux of the permanent magnet on the stator side is created in the stator winding.

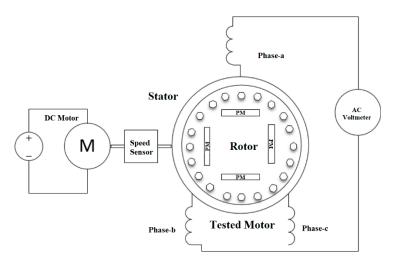


Figure 13. Open-circuit test diagram.

Since the stator is kept open, there is no current through the stator windings. Besides, an induced voltage with electrical frequency equal to rotor electric velocity is generated in the stator of the tested machine. Therefore, there is no induced current through the rotor bars. Accordingly, under these conditions the d- and q-axis stator voltages and flux-current are represented in Equations (19) and (20):

$$\lambda_{q}^{s} = (L_{ls} + L_{mq})i_{q}^{s} + L_{mq}i_{q}^{r} \rightarrow \lambda_{q}^{s} = (L_{ls} + L_{mq})0 + L_{mq}0$$

$$\lambda_{d}^{s} = (L_{ls} + L_{md})i_{d}^{s} + L_{md}i_{d}^{r} + \lambda_{m}^{\prime} \rightarrow \lambda_{d}^{s} = (L_{ls} + L_{md})0 + L_{md}0 + \lambda_{m}^{\prime}$$
(19)

$$v_{q}^{s} = \frac{d}{dt}\lambda_{q}^{s} + r_{s}i_{q}^{s} + \omega_{r}\lambda_{d}^{s} \to v_{q}^{s} = 0 + r_{s}0 + \omega_{r}\lambda_{m}'$$

$$v_{d}^{s} = \frac{d}{dt}\lambda_{d}^{s} + r_{s}i_{d}^{s} - \omega_{r}\lambda_{q}^{s} \to v_{d}^{s} = 0 + r_{s}0 - \omega_{r}0 = 0$$
(20)

Therefore:

$$\lambda_m' = \frac{v_q^s}{\omega_r} = \frac{\sqrt{2}V_{ab}}{\sqrt{3}\omega_r} = \frac{\sqrt{2}V_{ab}}{\sqrt{3}\omega_m \frac{P}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}V_{ab}}{\sqrt{3}\frac{P}{2}(\frac{2\pi n_m}{60})} = \frac{60\sqrt{2}V_{ab}}{\sqrt{3}P \pi n_m}$$
(21)

Figure 14 shows the experimental set-up of the open-circuit test.

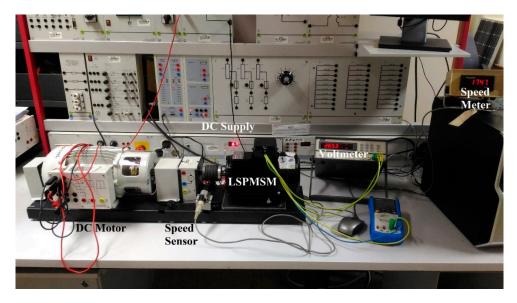


Figure 14. Experimental set-up of the open-circuit test.

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4. Results and Discussion

4.1. DC Test Results

Table 2 shows the DC test results for the tested motor. Ten sets of test results are presented, which were used to find the average value of DC stator resistance. The measured dc resistance obtained using DC test has also been verified using a CPC 100 measurement device (R_s by CPC 100 equal 5.326275 Ω).

V_{DC} (V)	I_{DC} (A)	$R_s(\Omega)$
5.3	0.495	5.35353
6.61	0.62	5.33064
7.56	0.71	5.32394
8.443	0.8	5.27687
9.53	0.89	5.35393
5.3	0.495	5.35353
10.96	1.03	5.3203
11.94	1.14	5.2368
12.72	1.19	5.3445
13.91	1.293	5.3789
14.93	1.394	5.3550
10.96	1.03	5.3203
Average Value	5.3274	

Table 2. DC test results.

It should be noted that the value of the stator resistance in the DC test is not the same as the one used in AC simulation. Hence in DC test, the skin effect that occurs when an AC voltage is applied to the windings is neglected [38,46].

4.2. Single Phase AC Test (Rotor Not Included) Results

Figure 15 shows a sample of the voltage and current waveforms acquired with CASSY and from which the angle between the voltage and current is measured.

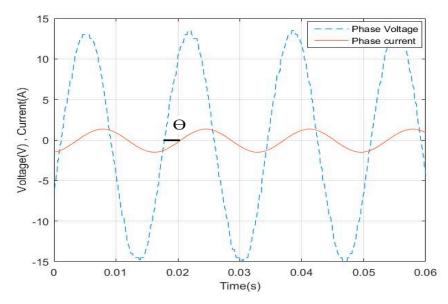


Figure 15. Voltage and current waveforms using CASSY unit.

The results of the test are displayed in Table 3. The values of AC stator resistance and leakage inductance are 5.5527 Ω and 22.268 mH, respectively. It is clear that these values are also close to the values measured by the CPC 100 device when the rotor is pulled out ($r_s = 5.456 \Omega$ and $L_{ls} = 22.55$ mH).

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V_{ϕ} (V)	I_{ϕ} (A)	θ (Deg)	$r_s(\Omega)$	L_{ls} (H)
15.31	1.529	56.6329	5.5071	0.0221
17.71	1.7687	56.6329	5.5071	0.0221
21.154	2.108	56.6329	5.5193	0.0222
23.811	2.363	56.6329	5.5421	0.0223
26.98	2.671	56.6329	5.5555	0.0223
29.44	2.9	55.9442	5.6849	0.0223
15.31	1.529	56.6329	5.5071	0.0221
Average Value			5.5527	0.0222

Table 3. Single phase AC without rotor test Results.

4.3. Block Rotor Test Results

The results of the test are displayed in Table 4. By using these results from this test, the input resistance (R_{id}) and the input reactance (X_{id}) from the stator side for the equivalent d-axis circuit were calculated using Equation (14) and (15). Subsequently, the rotor resistance and the leakage inductance were calculated, and the results are also recorded in Table 4.

Table 4. The locked rotor test result (rotor d-axis aligned with phase-a).
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I_{ϕ} (A)	V_{ϕ} (V)	θ (deg)	$R_{id}\left(\Omega\right)$	$X_{id}(\Omega)$	$r_{rd}^{'}\left(\Omega\right)$	L' _{lrd} (H)
0.722	13.59	50.20	12.048	14.465	6.4955	0.0161
1.036	20.19	50.20	12.462	14.962	6.9102	0.0174
1.493	29.16	50.20	12.502	15.010	6.9502	0.0175
1.79	36.18	50.20	12.916	15.506	7.3632	0.0188
2.55	48.997	50.20	12.273	14.735	6.7204	0.0168
Average Value					6.8879	0.0173

For the locked rotor test result, with rotor q-axis aligned with phase-a, the results of this test are given in Table 5. Based on the modified Equations (14) and (15) by replacing subscript "d" with "q", the calculated input resistance (R_{iq}) and input reactance (X_{iq}) from stator side for the equivalent q-axis circuit are also indicated in Table 5. It is clear from these results that the q and d rotor leakage inductances are very close to each other. It is worth mentioning that the results obtained from the block rotor test are close to the those measured by CPC 100 ($r'_{rd} = 7.12123~\Omega$, $L'_{lrd} = 16.7134~\text{mH}$, $r'_{rq} = 8.9213~\Omega$ and $L'_{lrq} = 18.1225~\text{mH}$). The input voltage and current waveforms for the locked rotor test are plotted as indicated in Figure 16.

Table 5. The locked rotor test result (rotor q-axis aligned with phase-a).

I_{ϕ} (A)	V_{ϕ} (V)	θ (deg)	$R_{iq}\left(\Omega\right)$	$X_{iq}(\Omega)$	$r_{rq}^{'}\left(\Omega \right)$	$L_{lrq}^{'}$ (H)
0.74	15.97	45.412	14.993	15.210	9.4407	0.0180
1.05	22.52	45.412	14.984	15.202	9.4321	0.0180
1.5	33.38	45.412	15.621	15.848	10.069	0.0197
2.11	41.85	45.412	13.925	14.127	8.3731	0.0152
2.51	50.69	45.412	14.177	14.3825	8.6243	0.0158
Average Value					9.187	0.0173

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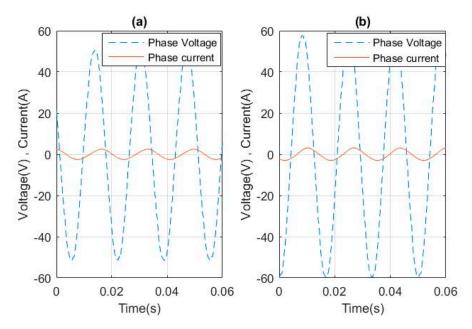


Figure 16. Current and voltage wave form with phase a aligned with (a) d-axis (b) q-axis.

4.4. DC Step Test Results

Figure 15 shows the step response of the tested machine for the two locked rotor positions. The test is repeated for a set of DC source voltages, whereby the time constant is recorded from the plots as shown in Figure 17. The calculated values of L_d and L_q are listed in Tables 6 and 7.

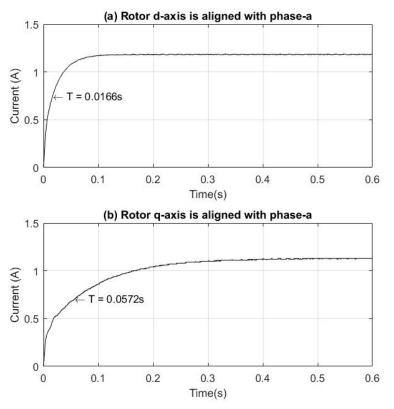


Figure 17. Step response of the tested motor.

In this test, the rotor is locked (q-axis of the rotor is aligned with phase-a of the stator). Therefore, the measured inductance will be of the same value which is maximum at this location. When the

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rotor rotates, the inductance between the rotor and stator will vary based on the position of the rotor. The magnetizing inductances values L_{md} and L_{mq} were calculated using Equation (17) as 71.496 mH and 260.355 mH, respectively.

Table 6. Step DC test result rotor d-axis aligned with phase-a.

V (v)	τ (s)	$R(\Omega)$	L_d (H)
1.4	0.0163	7.991	0.0868
3.2	0.0171	7.991	0.0910
5.07	0.0188	7.991	0.1001
7.15	0.0172	7.991	0.0916
9.43	0.0166	7.991	0.0884
10	0.0178	7.9912	0.0948
10.5	0.01811	7.991	0.0964
11	0.01889	7.991	0.1006
Average Value			0.09376

Table 7. Step DC test result- rotor q-axis aligned with phase-a.

V (v)	τ (s)	R (Ω)	L_q (H)
1.76	0.0524	7.991	0.2791
3.44	0.0515	7.991	0.2743
5.6	0.0513	7.991	0.2732
7.2	0.0529	7.991	0.2818
9.02	0.0572	7.991	0.3047
9.7	0.056	7.991	0.2983
10.3	0.0501	7.991	0.2669
10.8	0.053	7.991	0.2823
Average Value			0.2826

4.5. Open-Circuit Test Results

The test is done for a set of different rotor speeds (n_m) , from which the line voltage V_{ab} is measured and the results are listed in Table 8. By using the measured data in addition to Equation (21), the flux linkage (λ'_m) was calculated. Figure 18a shows the induced voltage waveform in the stator winding at 1060 rpm rotor speed, while Figure 18b shows the relationship between the rotor speed and the induced voltage in the stator during open-circuit. In the tested motor, the stator winding is not sinusoidally distributed. Therefore, the waveform is not pure sinusoidal; however, in the derivation of the mathematical model, we assume that the flux is sinusoidally distributed.

Table 8. Open-circuit test results.

n_m (rpm)	V_{ab} (V)	λ'_m (Wb)
418	63.1	0.58850
494	74.5	0.58792
536	81.2	0.59059
630	95.7	0.59219
697	106	0.59288
1308	199	0.59311
1404	213.4	0.59254
1506	228.8	0.59227
1601	243.4	0.59268
1701	258.3	0.59199
1800	272.8	0.59083
1847	280.9	0.59289
Average Value		0.59153

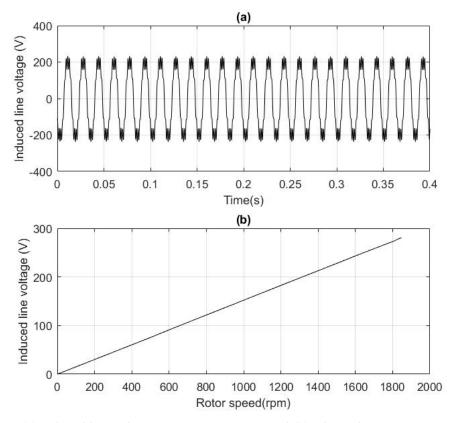


Figure 18. (a) Induced line voltage at 1060 rpm rotor speed (b) relation between rotor speed and induced line voltage.

4.6. Summary of Parameter Measurement Results

Using the above-described experimental tests, the measured values are listed in Table 9. However, the listed parameters are approximate values due to human errors, instrumentation errors, and environmental condition.

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$r_s(\Omega)$	5.5525	L'_{lrq} (H)	0.0173
L_{ls} (H)	0.0222	L_{md} (mH)	71.496
$r'_{rd}(\Omega)$	6.8879	L_{mq} (mH)	260.355
$L_{lrd}^{\prime a}$ (H)	0.01735	λ_m' (Wb)	0.591538
$r_{rq}^{\prime\prime}(\Omega)$	9.1879		

Table 9. Tested motor measured parameters.

5. Parameters/Dynamic Model Testing and Validation

To test the principle of operation of the LSPMSM and measured parameters, the mathematical model has been implemented and simulated using MATLAB under different loading conditions. The stator current and the motor speed obtained from the MATLAB model and the experimental setup, under no-load, 2 N·m load and full-load conditions are shown in Figures 19–21, respectively. The Figures demonstrate that both the simulation results of the developed mathematical model and the experimental results are in good agreement. The torque response of the motor has been investigated experimentally and simulated using MATLAB for no-load and full-load conditions as shown in Figure 22. It is clear from the figure that the torque response during steady-state is almost the same for simulation and experiment. The oscillatory nature of the torque response at steady-state is due to the interaction between the rotor magnets and the stator supply current as well as the cogging torque [30].

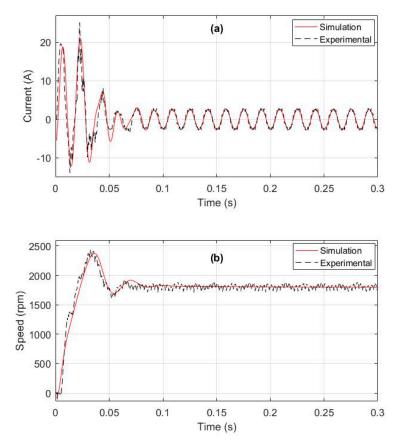


Figure 19. LSPMSM under no-load (a) Stator phase A Current (b) speed.

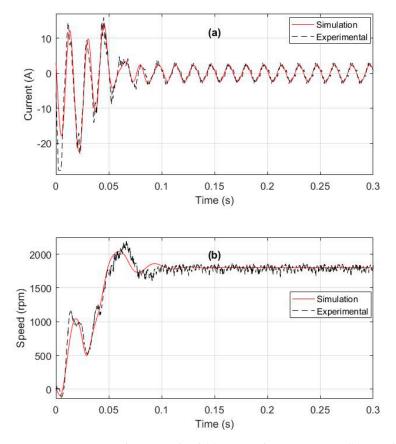


Figure 20. LSPMSM under 2 $N \cdot m$ load (a) Stator phase A Current (b) speed.

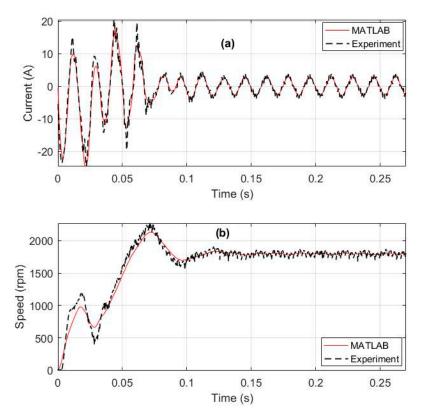


Figure 21. LSPMSM under 4 N·m load (a) Stator phase A Current (b) speed.

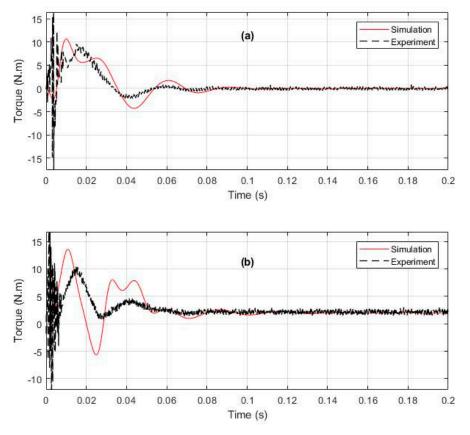


Figure 22. Torque response (a) no-load (b) full-load.

Additionally, it is clear that at steady-state, the motor runs at a synchronous speed (1800 rpm). Therefore, there is no relative speed between the rotational magnetic field of the stator and the rotor. Hence, there is no induction torque during this state. Both the excitation torque and reluctance torque (in salient pole machine) are driving the motor shaft at steady-state. At starting, the main torque component which forces the motor to rotate is the induction torque whereas the excitation torque is considered as a braking torque. Although the excitation torque (braking torque) is out of phase of the induction torque during starting, the induction torque is larger, and hence the machine is self-starting. Figure 23 shows the electromechanical torque of the motor and its components at full-load for MATLAB simulation.

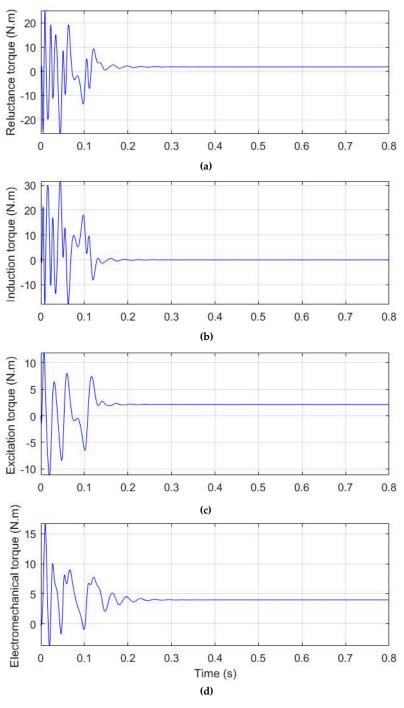


Figure 23. Motor torque components at full-load (a) reluctance torque (b) induction torque (c) excitation torque (d) electromechanical torque.

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Moreover, the results show that the inrush current (transient current) of the motor at the start is about 7–9 times the rated current during steady-state. It should be noted that during the starting of the motor, the current is the sum of both the stator and rotor winding currents while at steady-state it is only the current in the stator winding. Hence, no current is induced in the rotor bars. Therefore, the starting current of the LSPMSM is similar to that of an induction motor. Alternatively, the steady-state current of the LSPMSM is similar to that of a permanent magnet synchronous motor.

6. Conclusions

In this paper, the electrical parameters of a 1-hp interior mount-LSPMSM have been measured experimentally using several tests in the machine laboratory at King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals. The tests include the dc test, single phase ac test without rotor, locked rotor test, dc step test, and open-circuit test. The measured parameters have been used in the developed dq-mathematical model to validate the experimental results. The developed model has been implemented using MATLAB software and simulated under different loading conditions. The results from the simulation of the model include the speed and stator current of the machine. The simulation results were compared with the experimental test results under the same loading conditions. It has been observed that the simulation results from the model are in good agreement with the results obtained from experimental tests; hence, proving the accuracy of the calculated parameters. Therefore, the results of this study will help in selecting the appropriate test method for interior-mount LSPMSMs.

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