



Comparative Study between the Synchronous Motor to Permanent Magnets and Axial Flux (MSAP) and its Equivalent to Coiled Rotor (MSRB)

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Abstract: This work consists in conceiving of a coiled rotor synchronous motor equivalent to a permanent magnet axial-flux motor for electric vehicle by the joint method analytical / finite elements. An analytical model sizing motor is developed by the finite element method. A comparison between a 4 pairs of poles 6 teeth structure of a permanent magnet axial-flux motor and the studied motor is made in the goal to select the most effective structure for the same strength and same electric constant.

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1. Introduction

This paper present a design methodology of a synchronous motor structure to coiled rotor (MSRB) equivalent to the motor with permanent magnets and axial flux (MSAP) studied in [1], [2] and [3], by the finite element method using the software MAXWELL 2D.

The gait followed during the design of this motor is similar to the one established for the MSAP [1], [2] and [3]. Indeed the whole basis calculation makes itself for the MSAP then we study help in the software MAXWELL 2D the rotor parameters already conceived while replacing every magnet by a coil permitting to come closer to the maximum of the results gotten for the MSAP in order to assure the equivalence of two structure.

2. Geometric Parameters of the Motor

2.1. Motor Structure

The geometric parameters of the MSRB are already calculated from those calculated for the MSAP [1], [2] and [3].

The MSAP machine is built with the same radius for the stator and the rotor. The slots directed towards the motor's center. The magnets shape is the same than the main teeth. Three design ratios define the motor's structure.

The first coefficient is the ratio β of the magnet average angular width by the pole pitch ($L=\pi/p$). It adjusts the magnet width in versus the poles number chosen.

The second coefficient (α) is the ratio of the main tooth average angular width by the average angular width of a magnet. It adjusts the main tooth size and has a strong influence on the electromotive force waveform. Here, it is fixed at one.

The last coefficient fixes the inserted tooth size. It's the ratio of the main tooth average width by an inserted tooth average width.

The advantage of these coefficients is to define quickly machine shape. However, they are based on the average radius and it is necessary to compute and check higher and lower angles teeth in order to avoid any intersection.

The MSAP and MSRB equivalents structures are illustrated by figure 1:

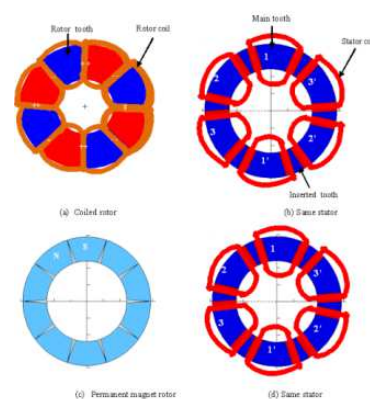


Figure 1. MSAP and MSRB equivalents structures.

2.2. Geometric Parameters of the Stator

The geometric parameters of the MSRB stator remain unaltered since we kept the one of the MSAP.

The figure 2 presents the different geometric parameters of the stator:

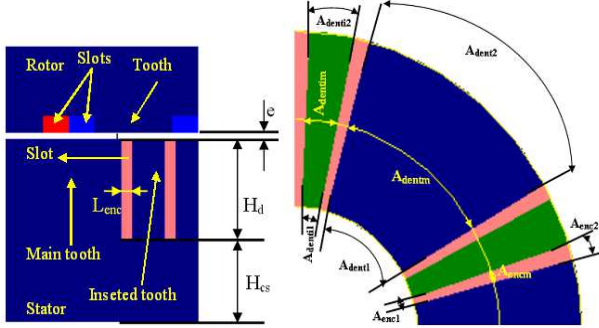


Figure 2. Geometric parameters of the MSRB stator.

2.3. Geometric Parameters of the Rotor

The rotor of the MSRB is gotten while replacing every magnet by a very determined winding so that it is equivalent to the rotor of the MSAP (figure 3).

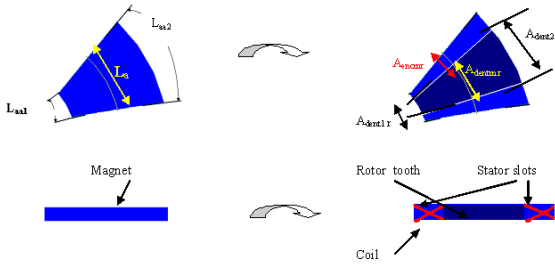


Figure 3. Replacement of the magnets of the MSAP by a winding for the MSRB.

This equivalence is assured by:

- Conservation of the rotor yoke thickness calculated for the MSAP. So H_{cr} doesn't change.
- The middle width of a rotor slot is as:

$$A_{encmr} = \gamma L_a \quad (1)$$

With L_a is the middle width of the magnet and γ is a coefficient adjusted by finite element simulations with the help of the software Maxwell 2D and can be optimized.

- The height of a rotor tooth H_{dr} permitting to reserve the necessary space for the copper:

$$H_{dr} = \frac{n_s I_e}{\delta L_{encr}} \quad (2)$$

Where n_s is the number of spire of the rotor coil, I_e is the current of excitation and δ is the admissible current density in the copper.

The figure 4 presents the different geometric parameters of the rotor.

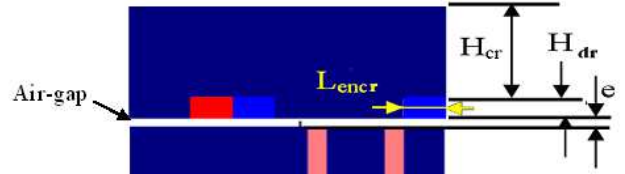


Figure 4. Different geometric parameters of the rotor.

3. Analytical Computation

3.1. Modularity

For applications to elevated current, we collect several floors on the motor axis to reduce the rotor flux and thereafter we remedy to the distortion of the stator flux and consequently back electromotive force.

3.2. Flux and Back Electromotive Force

By analogy with the analytic calculation made for the MSAP [1-3], back electromotive force captured by the winding comes from the derivative of the flux, it's necessary to be therefore capable to express the flux according to the position of the magnets. As the shows in the figure 5, the magnetic induction is supposed perfectly rectangular to the level of the air-gap. The leakages between the air-gap and the stator are disregarded. With these hypotheses, the flux captured by a coil can expressed as follow:

$$\phi_b = \int_{\text{Tooth section}} B_c(\theta) ds \quad (3)$$

The figure 5- (b) represents the distribution of the vector induction to the level of the air-gap for the functioning at no load of the two types of motor. The level of induction is identical for the two cases and reaches the value calculated analytically. For the MSRB, the excitation current is equal to 7A driving to the equivalence of the MSRB and MSAP.

From an initial position illustrated by figure 5-(a), rotor moves with angular velocity ($\Omega = d\theta/dt$). Four distinct intervals appear according to magnets positions and geometrical parameters values defined previously. Table 1 illustrates these different intervals as well as flux variation for each position. In the zone 'a' the flux is constant because magnet and tooth length are different. If α is equal to 1, zone 'a' disappears. In the zone 'b', the flux decreases because a part of the magnet is not in front of the tooth. In the zone 'c', a magnet of an opposite polarity overlaps also the main tooth. Consequently, the flux varies 2 times more quickly. Finally, the zone 'd' is identical to the zone 'b'. These two zones exist only if the coefficient β is less than 1.

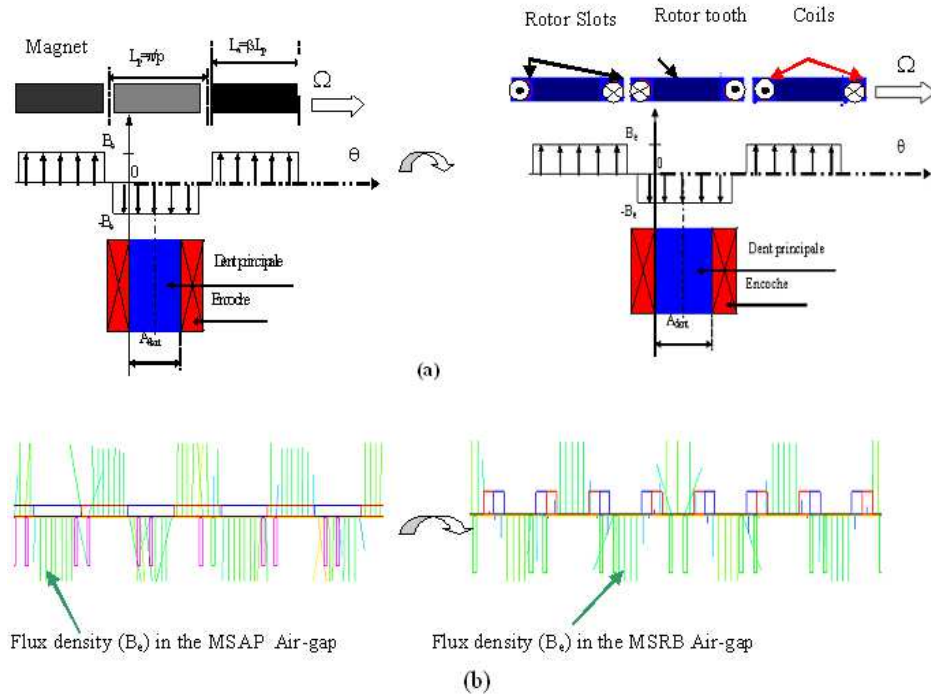


Figure 5. Initial position and induction in the air-gap.

The global phase back electromotive force is well proportional to the angular speed, to the number of spires by phase N_{sph} and to the derivative of the flux in relation to the mechanical angle. It's given by the following equation [4-12]:

$$E = -N_{sph} \frac{d\phi_b}{d\theta} \Omega \quad (4)$$

The figure 6 presents the evolution of the flux and the electromotive force (f.c.e.m.) on one electric period. We note that strongest variation of flux happens in the zone 'c'. In practice the zones 'b' and 'd' are generally weak and are smoothed by the flux leakages.

have a trapezoidal shape or sinusoidal of the f.c.e.m., is it necessary to fix the appropriated values of β and α . For example, for a BDC machine (Brushless DC motor), it is necessary that β and α are near of the unit in order to have the

width of the landing of the f.c.e.m. largest possible [4-12].

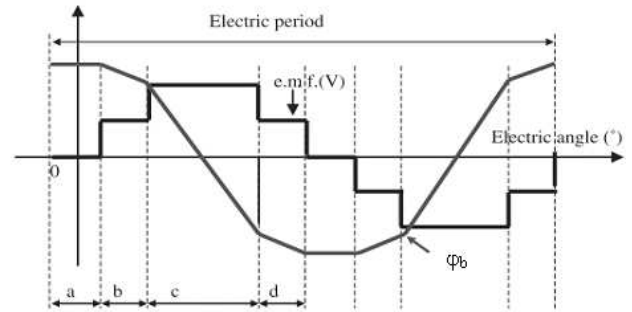


Figure 6. Flux and electromotive force in function of electric angle.

Table 1. Flux and electromotive force in function of motor parameters.

Zone	Position (rad)	Flux ϕ_b (Wb)	Emf (V)
a	$-\frac{\pi\beta}{2p}(1-\alpha) \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi\beta}{2p}(1-\alpha)$	$\frac{(D_{ext}^2 - D_{int}^2)}{8} \beta \frac{\pi}{p} \alpha B_e$	0
b	$\frac{\pi\beta}{2p}(1-\alpha) \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{p} \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{2}(1+\alpha) \right]$	$\frac{(D_{ext}^2 - D_{int}^2)}{8} \left(\frac{\pi\beta}{2p}(1+\alpha) - \theta \right) B_e$	$N_{sph} \Omega_m \frac{(D_{ext}^2 - D_{int}^2)}{8} B_e$
c	$\frac{\pi}{p} \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{2}(1+\alpha) \right] \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi\beta}{2p}(1+\alpha)$	$\frac{(D_{ext}^2 - D_{int}^2)}{8} \left(\frac{\pi}{p} - 2\theta \right) B_e$	$2N_{sph} \Omega_m \frac{(D_{ext}^2 - D_{int}^2)}{8} B_e$
d	$\frac{\pi\beta}{2p}(1+\alpha) \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{p} \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{2}(1-\alpha) \right]$	$\frac{(D_{ext}^2 - D_{int}^2)}{8} \left(\frac{\pi}{p} - \left[\frac{\pi\beta}{2p}(1+\alpha) \right] - \theta \right) B_e$	$N_{sph} \Omega_m \frac{(D_{ext}^2 - D_{int}^2)}{8} B_e$

So all calculation makes for the MSAP remains valid while

replacing B_e by the following expression for the MSRB:

$$B_e = \frac{\mu_0 n I_e}{e} \quad (5)$$

3.3. Electromagnetic Torque

The instantaneous electromagnetic power developed by the motor $P_e(t)$ is expressed by the following equation:

$$P_e(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i(t) i_i(t) \quad (6)$$

Where $e_i(t)$ and $i_i(t)$ are respectively back the electromotive force and the current of the i phase according to the time.

For a powering with rectangular currents in phase with the electromotive force, the instantaneous power is equal to its middle value P_e :

$$P_e = 2EI \quad (7)$$

Where E and I are respectively the maximal value of electromotive force and the maximal value of the current.

The electromagnetic torque developed by the motor is given by the following expression:

$$C_e = 2 \frac{EI}{\Omega} \quad (8)$$

The landing of the f.c.e.m. deducts from the analytic model is given by the following relation:

$$E = 2N_{sph} \Omega \frac{(D_e^2 - D_i^2)}{8e} \mu_0 n I_e \quad (9)$$

Where N_{sph} is the number of spires by phase, D_e and D_i are respectively the external and internal diameter of the motor and I_e is the current of excitation.

From the 9 equations and 10, we deduct the expression of the torque:

$$C_e = N_{sph} \frac{(D_e^2 - D_i^2)}{4e} I \mu_0 n I_e \quad (10)$$

While noting by K_e the electric constant of the motor defined by $(N_{sph} \frac{(D_e^2 - D_i^2)}{2e} \mu_0 n I_e)$, the expression of the torque becomes:

$$C_e = K_e I \quad (11)$$

4. Finite Element Modelling

4.1. Study in Cylindrical Cut Plan of the MSRB

The motor is studied on a cylindrical cut plan. The plan of cut makes itself according to the middle diameter of the motor (Figure 7), When we spreads the cylindrical cut plan, we gets the model 2 D of the motor (Figure 8) [4-12].

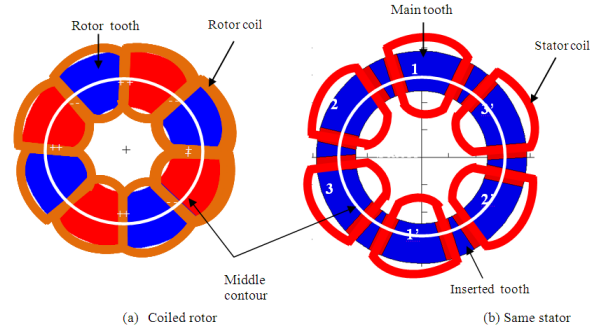


Figure 7. Schema of the motor while specifying the cut plan.

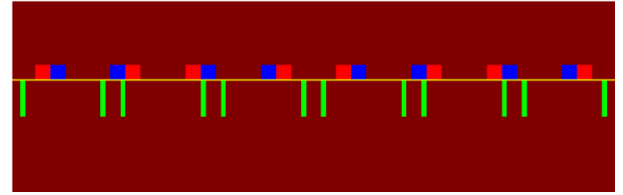


Figure 8. 2D model of the motor.

4.2.2. D Finite Element Modeling

The finite element modeling of the MSRB requires as the MSAP a geometric representation of the motor so long as of the mesh, this last must be thinner in the air-gap because the calculation essentially takes place in this zone and in order to have a good precision of the results and a reduced time of the simulation (Figure 9) [8-12].

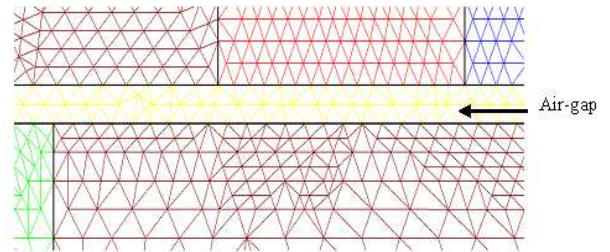


Figure 9. Geometric representation of the motor provided with the mesh.

4.3. Comparison of the Simulation Results

4.3.1. Trapezoidal Case

Figure 10 illustrates the flux at load of MSAP and MSRB.

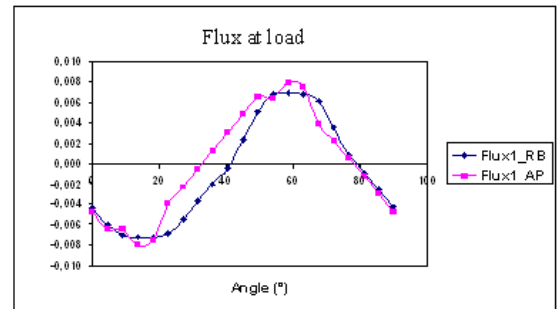


Figure 10. Flux at load of MSAP (AP) and MSRB (RB).

Figure 11 illustrates the Back electromotive force at load of MSAP and MSRB.

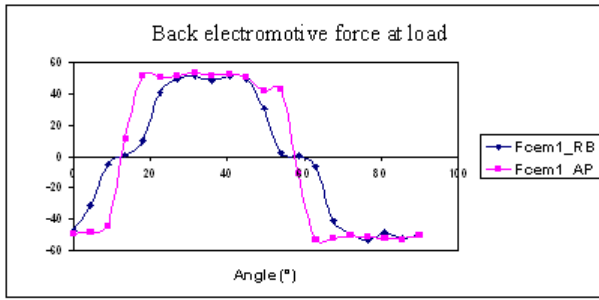


Figure 11. Back electromotive force at load of MSAP (AP) and MSRB (RB).

Figure 12 illustrates the torque at load of MSAP and MSRB.

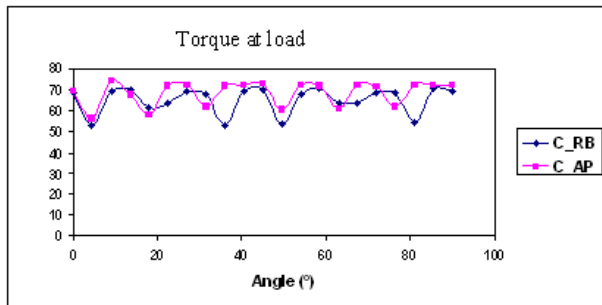


Figure 12. Torque at load of MSAP (AP) and MSRB (RB).

We notes that the curves of the flux, the back electromotive force and the torque gotten in the trapezoidal case at load for the MSRB are near of those gotten for the MSAP.

4.3.2. Sinusoidal Case

Figure 13 illustrates the flux at load of MSAP and MSRB.

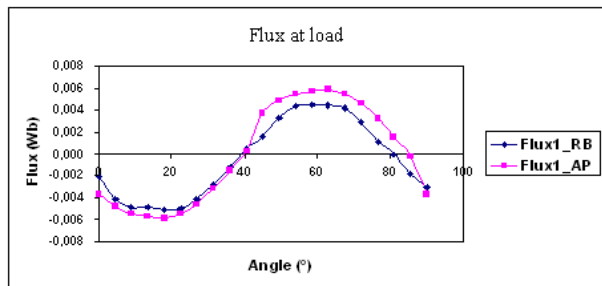


Figure 13. Flux at load of MSAP (AP) and MSRB (RB).

Figure 14 illustrates the Back electromotive force at load of MSAP and MSRB.

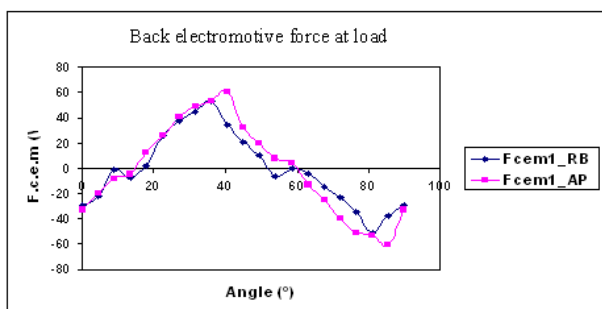


Figure 14. Back electromotive force at load of MSAP (AP) and MSRB (RB).

Figure 15 illustrates the torque at load of MSAP and MSRB.

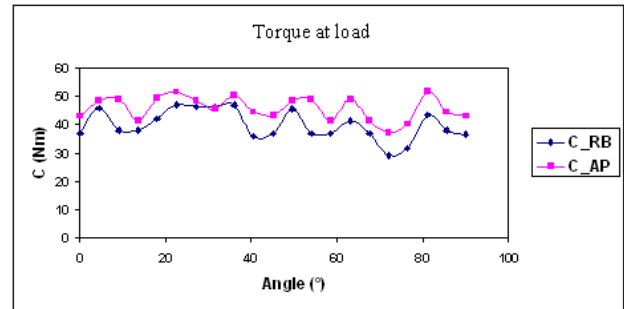


Figure 15. Torque at load of MSAP (AP) and MSRB (RB).

We note in the same that the curves of the flux, the back electromotive force and the torque gotten in the sinusoidal case at load for the MSRB are near of those gotten for the MSAP [8-12].

5. Selection of the Most Effective Structure

The criteria's of selection are: the efficiency, the cost and the power to weight ratio.

The following table presents the different values gotten for the MSAP and the MSRB.

Table 2. The different values gotten for the MSAP and the MSRB.

	MSAP	MSRB
Efficiency_trap	97,793 %	98 %
Power to weight ratio_trap	58,3345 (W/Kg)	55,311 (W/Kg)
Cost_trap	2459 \$	2117 \$
Efficiency_sin	87,970 %	92 %
Power to weight ratio_sin	78,541 (W/Kg)	56,077 (W/Kg)
Cost_sin	1518,3 \$	1279 \$

According to the gotten results, we notes that the MSRB is less expensive than the MSAP, in more it presents efficiency slightly superior to the one gotten for the MSAP. On the other hand the MSRB presents a power to weight ratio lower to the one of the MSAP.

Thus, the MSRB can be the most effective structure if the user is content with its well developed power to weight ratio.

6. Conclusion

The comparison between the two motors allowed us to conclude that the MSRB conceived present thus a weaker cost than the one of the MSAP; We got a reduction encouraging of the price equal to 300 \$. Besides, the MSAP has efficiency and a power to weight ratio elevated.

Thus, with these promising properties, the MSRB conceived can be an attractive solution in the world of the electric vehicles since it's especially to weak cost in relation to it's equivalence to the MSAP.

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