Analysis of Nonlinear Dynamic Characteristics of a Mechanical-Electromagnetic Vibration System with Rubbing

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Abstract: In this study, a rotor-bearing-runner system (RBRS) considering multiple nonlinear factors is established, and the complex nonlinear dynamic behavior of the coupling system is studied. The effects of excitation current, radial stiffness, and friction coefficient on dynamic characteristics are analyzed by numerical simulation. The research results show that the dynamic properties of the coupling system caused by different nonlinear factors are interactional. With the changes of different parameters, the RBRS presents multiple motion states, including periodic-\(n\), quasi-periodic, and chaotic motion. The increase of the excitation current \(I\) has a certain inhibitory effect on the response amplitude of the system and makes the motion state of the system more complex, the chaotic motion wider, and the jump discontinuity enhanced. With the increase of radial stiffness \(k_r\), the motion complexity of the coupling system increases, the chaotic region increases, the response amplitude increases, and the vibration intensity increases. With the increase of the friction coefficient \(\mu\), the chaotic region increases first and decreases, the different motions alternate frequently, and the response amplitude gradually increases. This study can not only help to understand the dynamic characteristics of RBRS, but also help the stable operation of the generator set.

Keywords: RBRS; nonlinear dynamics; mechanical-electromagnetic-rubbing coupling; hydraulic turbine; stability

1. Introduction

A large-scale rotating generator set is a complex system involving many factors, such as mechanical and electromagnetic. The vibration failure during its operation seriously threatens the safe and stable operation of large rotating machinery. The unbalanced magnetic pull force of the rotor–stator and the rubbing of the bearing–shaft system are two important vibration fault sources of the generator set. In order to improve the vibration characteristics of the system, it is very important to establish a precise dynamic model and analyze the dynamic characteristics of the generator set. Researchers conducted a large number of analytical studies on this. Ma et al. [1] and Wen [2] gave a general introduction to the nonlinear vibration system of rotating machinery such as hydraulic turbines. Chu et al. [3] designed a rotor system test bench that can simulate rotor–stator friction and analyzed the harmonic components under different conditions. Patel et al. [4] discussed the torsional and bending vibrations of the rotor system due to friction and cracking. In Cao et al. [5]’s paper, nonlinear dynamics of the fractionally damped rub-impact rotor system are investigated. The rubbing forces consist of a radial elastic force and a tangential Coulomb friction force. The influence of speed, damping coefficient, and eccentricity is discussed. Focusing on the local rubbing problem of the generator rotor, Huang et al. [6] established a dynamic model of rotor misalignment and frictional rubbing coupling, and analyzed the dynamic
response of the system. Ma et al. [7] studied the vibration characteristics of double disc rotor system when a disc and an elastic rod are rubbed, and compared it with experimental results. Considered the rubbing force, Khanlo et al. [8] studied the influence of bending-torsional coupling on the nonlinear dynamic behavior of the shaft-disc system. Jacquet-Richardet et al. [9] reviewed the numerical analysis and experimental analysis of the rotor–stator contact problem; Lu et al. [10] established a rotor dynamics model considering radial rubbing, and analyzed the dynamic characteristics of frictionless, local friction, and full-cycle friction. Ma et al. [11] studied the dynamic characteristics of rotor–stator rubbing based on contact dynamics theory; Xiang et al. [12] established a nonlinear model to study the dynamic behaviors of a rotor-bearing system under the interaction of rubbing, crack, and oil film forces. Ma et al. [13,14] studied the vibration response characteristics of dynamic and static structures rubbing. Mokhtar et al. [15] studied the nonlinear effects of system parameters on the rotor system during friction. Yang et al. [16] considered the failures of rotor imbalance and multi-point positioning friction collision, and established the dynamic model of the double-disc rotor system by using finite element theory, in which the Lankarani–Nikravesh model and the Coulomb model have been used to simulate the impact force and the frictional force. Yang et al. [17] proposed an impact force model to analyze the dynamic characteristics of a rubbing rotor system with a surface coating. Yang et al. [18] considered the unbalanced magnetic pull force of large induction motors due to rotor eccentricity and phase imbalance, and discussed methods for analyzing the instability of large induction motors. In Gustavsson et al. [19]’s paper, the influence of nonlinear magnetic pull was studied for a generator where the generator spider hub does not coincide with the center of the generator rim; Perers et al. [20] studied the mechanism of unbalanced magnetic pull generated by a synchronous generator with static eccentricity, and discussed the influence of iron saturation on the magnitude of magnetic pull. Lundström et al. [21] analyzed the influence of the rotor and stator shape deviation on the dynamic characteristics of the generator, and proved the importance of the unbalanced magnetic pull nonlinear influence; Calleecharan et al. [22] proposed a rotor model considering radial and tangential unbalanced magnetic pull forces; Xu et al. [23] studied the effect of UMP on radial vibration of hydroelectric generators, and compared and analyzed the simulation results and the field experimental data; Zeng et al. [24] established the hydro turbine generating sets dynamics model by using the unbalanced magnetic pull force acting on the generator and the unbalanced force acting on the rotor as the input excitation of the hydro turbine generating sets system; Xu et al. [25] established a hydro-generator dynamics model considering the nonlinear unbalanced magnetic pull force and the linear water unbalance force; Xu et al. [26] studied the response characteristics of unbalanced magnetic pull rotor system considering both static and dynamic eccentricity. Xiang et al. [27] analyzed the influence of unbalanced magnetic pull on the nonlinear dynamic characteristics of permanent magnet synchronous motors rotor system; Li et al. [28] established a two-dimensional hydroelectric generator electromagnetic model, using the finite element method to study the characteristics of the electromagnetic flux and electromagnetic force; Yan et al. [29] analyzed the influence of excitation current on the nonlinear dynamic behaviors of the generator. It should be noted that in all of the above research, most of them only consider one nonlinearity factor. In fact, in the vibration faults of the generator set, the multiple vibration sources are not isolated from each other, but the vibrations caused by different nonlinear factors interact with each other. Therefore, the generator set needs to be studied as a highly nonlinear coupled dynamic system. In this paper, the complex nonlinear dynamic behavior of coupled systems is studied; the influences of the excitation current, radial stiffness, and friction coefficient on the dynamic characteristics was analyzed by numerical simulation, and discussed in detail through Bifurcation diagram, 3-D frequency spectrum, waveform, frequency, axis orbit, and Poincaré map.

This article consists of four parts. In Section 2, the dynamic equation of a rotor-bearing-runner system (RBRS) is developed, meanwhile, the nonlinearity of electromagnetic force of the rotor and the nonlinearity of rubbing force of the combination bearing are considered; in Section 3, the dynamic behavior of RBRS is analyzed, and the influence of different system parameters on nonlinear systems is
discussed through Bifurcation diagram, 3-D frequency spectrum, etc. Finally, some conclusions are drawn in Section 4.

2. The Dynamic Model of the RBRS

In order to study the dynamic behavior of RBRS effectively, the finite element model of double rotor-bearing system of hydraulic turbine is modeled and simplified as four lumped mass points according to the structural characteristics of the system. The rotor and the runner are located at node 1 and node 4, respectively, and the combination bearing and turbine guide bearing are located at node 2 and node 3, respectively. The schematic diagram of RBRS is shown in Figure 1. The rotation center coordinates of the turbine rotor and the runner are $G_1(x_{g1}, y_{g1})$ and $G_4(x_{g4}, y_{g4})$

The dynamic equation of RBRS with 16 degrees of freedom can be deduced as follows:

$$M \ddot{q} + (C + G)q + Kq = F_p + F_v + F_w + F_r$$

where $M$, $C$, $G$, $K$, $q$ are mass matrix, damping matrix, gyroscopic matrix, stiffness matrix, and displacement vector of RBRS, respectively.

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} x_1, \theta_{y1}, x_2, \theta_{y2}, x_3, \theta_{y3}, x_4, \theta_{y4}, y_1, \theta_{x1}, y_2, \theta_{x2}, y_3, \theta_{x3}, y_4, \theta_{x4} \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (2)$$

where $x_i, y_i$ ($i = 1,2,3,4$) and $\theta_{xi}, \theta_{yi}$ ($i = 1,2,3,4$) are the displacements of the rotor, combination bearing, turbine guide bearing, and runner in $x$ and $y$ directions and angles of orientation associated with the $x$ and $y$ axes, respectively.

Suppose that RBRS is composed of an elastic shaft element and the generalized coordinates of the shaft element are the displacements of nodes at both ends. The rotor system in this study only considers bending deformation and torsional deformation in horizontal and vertical directions, ignoring axial deformation.

$$M_{\mu l} = \frac{\mu l}{420} \begin{bmatrix} 156 & 22l & 22l & 54 & -13l & -54 & -22l & 13l & -13l & -22l & 156 & 22l & 54 & -13l \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 156 & 22l & 22l & 54 & -13l & -54 & -22l & 13l & -13l & -22l & 156 & 22l & 54 & -13l \end{bmatrix}$$

(3)
The total damping matrix (Rayleigh damping form is applied to determine the viscous part) can be obtained by the following formula [30]:

$$C = \alpha M + \beta K + \tilde{C}$$

(13)
\[ \alpha = 2 \left( \frac{\xi_2}{\omega_2} - \frac{\xi_1}{\omega_1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\omega_2^2} - \frac{1}{\omega_1^2} \right) \]  
where \( \omega_1 \) and \( \omega_2 \) are the first and second natural frequencies of the system, respectively. \( \xi_1 \) and \( \xi_2 \) are the first and second modal damping ratios, respectively.

\[ \beta = 2 \left( \xi_2 \omega_2 - \xi_1 \omega_1 \right) / \left( \omega_2^2 - \omega_1^2 \right) \]

where \( \omega_1 \) and \( \omega_2 \) denote eccentricity of unbalance mass of the generator rotor and the turbine runner.

\[ F_\rho = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \rho_1 \omega^2 \cos(\omega t) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_4 \rho_4 \omega^2 \cos(\omega t) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \]

where \( m_1 \rho_1 \) and \( m_4 \rho_4 \) are coefficients of the electromagnetic force of the rotor in \( x \) and \( y \) directions. Nonlinear electromagnetic force can be expressed as:

\[ \begin{bmatrix} F_{ex} \\ F_{ey} \end{bmatrix} = a k_n \delta_0 (\varepsilon + \frac{5^3}{4}) \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_r \\ \sin \theta_r \end{bmatrix} \]

where \( k_n, \varepsilon \) and \( \theta_r \) represent electromagnetic stiffness, relative eccentric, and rotation angle of the rotor. \( a \) and \( \delta_0 \) are variation coefficient of the electromagnetic stiffness and average air gap length. The functions \( k_n, \varepsilon, \) and \( \theta_r \) are respectively given in Equations (20)–(22):

\[ k_n = \frac{\pi \mu_0 r L (K_j I_j)^2}{2 \delta_0^3} \]

\[ \varepsilon = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}}{\delta_0} \]

\[ \cos \theta_r = \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}}, \sin \theta_r = \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}} \]

where \( \mu_0, r, L, K_j, \) and \( I_j \) are permeability of vacuum, rotor radius, rotor height, coefficient of air gap fundamental wave magnetomotive force, and excitation current of the generator, respectively.

\[ F_w = \begin{bmatrix} 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, F_{wx}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, F_{wy} \end{bmatrix}^T \]

where \( F_{wx} \) and \( F_{wy} \) are the hydraulic force of the runner in \( x \) and \( y \) directions. Hydraulic force can be expressed as:

\[ \begin{bmatrix} F_{wx} \\ F_{wy} \end{bmatrix} = K_w \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \]

where \( K_w \) is coefficient of the hydraulic force.

\[ F_r = \begin{bmatrix} 0, 0, F_{rx}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, F_{ry} \end{bmatrix}^T \]
where \( F_{rx} \) and \( F_{ry} \) are nonlinear rubbing force of the combination bearing in \( x \) and \( y \) directions. Nonlinear rubbing force can be expressed as:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
F_x \\
F_y
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases}
-\frac{k_r (r-\delta)}{r} \begin{bmatrix}
1 & -f \\
1 & 1
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
x \\
y
\end{bmatrix}, & (r \geq \delta) \\
0 & 0, & (r < \delta)
\end{cases}
\]

where \( r \) represents vibration amplitude of the rotor. \( k_r \), \( \delta \), and \( f \) are radial stiffness of the stator, gap, and friction coefficient of rubbing. Where the functions \( r \) is given in Equation (27):

\[
r = \sqrt{x^2 + (y - \xi)^2}
\]

where \( \xi \) is the relative position of rotor centroid and stator centroid.

3. Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis of the RBRS

In the previous section, the dynamics model of the rotor-bearing-runner system (RBRS) is introduced and the system dynamics equation is obtained. In this section, the influence of different system parameters on nonlinear systems under the coupling of mechanical unbalance force, nonlinear magnetic pull force, hydraulic unbalance force, and nonlinear rubbing force is studied, through Bifurcation diagram, 3-D frequency spectrum, Waveform, Frequency, Axis orbit, and Poincaré map. The parameters for the coupling system are presented in Table 1. In addition, the detailed simulation condition schematic is displayed in Figure 2.

| Parameters                      | Value                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| \( m_1, m_2 \) (kg)             | 5.7 \times 10^4, 5.2225 \times 10^4 |
| \( k_{z2x}, k_{z3x} \) (N/m)    | 1.44 \times 10^8, 0.34 \times 10^8 |
| \( k_{z2y}, k_{z3y} \) (N/m)    | 3.71 \times 10^8, 1.92 \times 10^8 |
| \( c_{z2x}, c_{z3x} \) (N·m/s)  | 6.5 \times 10^3, 3 \times 10^3 |
| \( c_{z2y}, c_{z3y} \) (N·m/s)  | 6.5 \times 10^3, 3 \times 10^3 |
| \( \xi_1, \xi_2 \)             | 0.03, 0.03                |
| \( l\mu_0 \)                    | 4\pi \times 10^{-7}       |
| \( \alpha \)                    | 1.3                      |
| \( K_j \)                       | 5.1                      |
| \( K_w \) (N/cm)                | 1.63 \times 10^4         |
3.1. Model Verification

In order to verify the correctness of the non-linear dynamic model built in this paper, the accuracy of the model was verified by comparing it with the models built in the existing literature. In simulation, the parameters given in Table 1 were used in both models. As shown in Figure 3, the three-dimensional spectrum of the model in the Y direction of the rotor is given. Figure 3a is the three-dimensional spectrum of the model in reference [31]. Figure 3b is the calculation result of the model established in this paper. By comparison, it can be found that when the rotating speed is small, the frequency components of the two models are mainly one times frequency conversion $f_{n1}$, and no rubbing occurs in the shafting. With the increase of rotational speed, the main components of Figure 3a are the frequency multiplication components $f_{n1}, 2f_{n1}, 3f_{n1}$, and the frequency demultiplication component is not obvious. In addition, the amplitude of one times frequency conversion $f_{n1}$ shows a fluctuating growth, while the amplitude of other frequency multiplication components increases first and then decreases. In Figure 3b, besides the frequency conversion and frequency multiplication components,
there are also obvious frequency demultiplication components, such as \(f_{n1}/2, 3f_{n1}/2, 5f_{n1}/2, 7f_{n1}/2\), etc.

The amplitude of each frequency component varies nonlinearly, and at a certain speed, there is an obvious continuous spectrum component in the three-dimensional spectrum. At this time, the system is in a chaotic state, but not in Figure 3a. When the speed reaches 71 rad/s, there are only obvious \(f_{n1}\) and \(2f_{n1}\) components in Figure 3a. Besides frequency multiplication components, Figure 3b has more obvious frequency demultiplication components.

![Figure 3](image-url)

In order to compare the frequency components of the two models more clearly, Table 2 gives the comparison of frequency characteristics in three-dimensional spectrum. By comparing Figure 3 with Table 2, it can be seen that the model established in this paper takes into account the electromagnetic-rubbing coupling, non-linear electromagnetic force, hydraulic unbalance force, and other factors, which can better reflect the non-linear vibration characteristics of multi-physical field coupling.

### Table 2. Comparison of the frequency characteristics.

| Rotating Speed (rad/s) | Reference [31] | This Paper |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|
|                        | Main Frequency Feature | Rubbing | Main Frequency Feature | Rubbing |
| 7 \(\leq\) \(\omega\) \(<\) 23 | \(f_{n1}\) | 0 | \(f_{n1}\) | 0 |
| 23 \(\leq\) \(\omega\) \(\leq\) 59 | \(f_{n1}, 2f_{n1}, 3f_{n1}, 4f_{n1}, 5f_{n1}\), unobvious frequency demultiplication components | 1 | \(f_{n1}, 2f_{n1}, 3f_{n1}, 4f_{n1}, 5f_{n1}, f_{n1}/2, 3f_{n1}/2, 5f_{n1}/2, 7f_{n1}/2\), continuous frequency components | 1 |
| 59 \(\leq\) \(\omega\) \(\leq\) 71 | \(f_{n1}, 2f_{n1}\) | 0 | \(f_{n1}, 2f_{n1}, 3f_{n1}, 4f_{n1}, 5f_{n1}, f_{n1}/2, 3f_{n1}/2, 5f_{n1}/2, 7f_{n1}/2, f_{n1}/4, 3f_{n1}/4, 5f_{n1}/4, 7f_{n1}/4\), continuous frequency components | 1 |

Note: “0” represents no rubbing; “1” represents rubbing.

3.2. Influence of Excitation Current on Dynamic Characteristics of RBRS at Variable Speed

Nonlinear electromagnetic force has an important influence on the inherent characteristics and dynamic response of RBRS, which is one of the important reasons for the nonlinear characteristics of RBRS. In order to study the influence of different excitation currents of the generator \(I_j\) on the dynamic characteristics of RBRS, Figures 4 and 5, respectively, give the bifurcation diagram and 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS with rotational speed \(\omega\) (\(\omega = 7.0–71\) rad/s) as control parameter at \(I_j = 1000\) A.
The vibration responses of the RBRS at \( \omega \) period-doubling bifurcation, inverse period-doubling bifurcation; in the three-dimensional spectrum, frequency demultiplication components (frequency multiplication components) change nonlinearly. With the speed increasing further, when \( \omega \) in the frequency domain, besides the frequency conversion and frequency multiplication components, the continuous and discrete spectral components alternate and the amplitude changes nonlinearly. The vibration responses of the RBRS at \( \omega \) motion. In the range of rotational speed, the system passes through saddle-node bifurcation at \( \omega \). Figure 4 shows the characteristics of periodic motion at \( \omega = 19.4 \text{ rad/s} \), through waveform, frequency, axis orbit, and Poincaré map. With the increase of the rotational speed, the system passes through saddle-node bifurcation at \( \omega = 20 \text{ rad/s} \) and enters chaotic motion. In the range of \( \omega \in [20.0, 59.8] \text{ rad/s} \), the system mainly exhibits chaotic motion, except for a few points where the vibration system presents periodic-n motion at \( \omega = 24.4 \text{ rad/s} \), \( \omega = 24.6 \text{ rad/s} \), \( \omega = 42.6 \text{ rad/s} \), and \( \omega = 42.8 \text{ rad/s} \), and has different bifurcations such as saddle-node bifurcation, period-doubling bifurcation, inverse period-doubling bifurcation; in the three-dimensional spectrum, the continuous and discrete spectral components alternate and the amplitude changes nonlinearly. The vibration responses of the RBRS at \( \omega = 33.6 \text{ rad/s} \) are given in Figure 7. It can be seen from the figure that the amplitude of the system vibration response increases and changes aperiodically; in the frequency domain, besides the frequency conversion and frequency multiplication components, the continuous frequency components also appear, and the axis orbit of the system is disorderedly. On the corresponding Poincaré map, the attractors are irregular discrete points, and the system exhibits chaotic motion. With the speed increasing further, when \( \omega = 59.6 \text{ rad/s} \), the system moves from a short quasi-periodic motion to a stable periodic motion via the Hopf bifurcation; except for the frequency multiplication components \( (f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, \ldots) \) in the 3-D frequency spectrum, there are also frequency demultiplication components \( (f_n/3, 2f_n/3, 4f_n/3, 5f_n/3, \ldots) \), in which \( f_n/3 \) is the main frequency...
component, and the amplitude gradually increases and is significantly larger than other frequency components. The vibration responses of the RBRS at \( \omega = 59.8 \text{ rad/s} \) are displayed in Figure 8. As can be seen from the figure, the coupling system is quasi-periodic motion. The main frequency components are \( f_n, 2f_n, \) and \( 3f_n \). Meanwhile, the attractors form a closed circle in the Poincaré map.

![Figure 6](image1.png)  
**Figure 6.** Periodic-2 motion of RBRS at \( \omega = 19.4 \text{ rad/s} \): (a) Waveform, (b) Frequency, and (c) Axis orbit and Poincaré map.

![Figure 7](image2.png)  
**Figure 7.** Chaotic motion of RBRS at \( \omega = 33.6 \text{ rad/s} \): (a) Waveform, (b) Frequency, and (c) Axis orbit and Poincaré map.

![Figure 8](image3.png)  
**Figure 8.** Quasi-periodic motion of RBRS at \( \omega = 59.8 \text{ rad/s} \): (a) Waveform, (b) Frequency, and (c) Axis orbit and Poincaré map.

In order to further comprehensively study the effects of different excitation current of the generator \( I_j \) on RBRS, Figures 9–12, respectively, give the bifurcation diagram and 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at \( I_j = 700 \text{ A} \) and \( I_j = 1200 \text{ A} \). By comparing the bifurcation diagrams and the 3-D frequency spectrum, it can be seen that the system shows different vibration forms and different bifurcation paths under various excitation currents. When the excitation current of the generator \( I_j \) is small, the dynamic behavior of the system is relatively simple. When \( \omega < 20.2 \text{ rad/s} \), the vibration system behaves as a periodic motion, and the frequency components is not only the frequency conversion \( f_n \), but also the unobvious frequency multiplication component. As the rotational speed increases, the system transits from short-term periodic motion, chaotic motion, and quasi-periodic motion to periodic motion, successively undergoing saddle-node bifurcation, period-doubling bifurcation, inverse period-doubling bifurcation, and Hopf bifurcation. Frequency multiplication is the main frequency component in the 3-D frequency spectrum, and the peak value appears at \( 7f_n \) when \( \omega = 21.0 \text{ rad/s} \).
When the rotational speed increases to $\omega = 54.8$ rad/s, the system enters the chaotic motion and transits to stable periodic motion through the addle-node bifurcation, and the amplitude of response at $\omega = 68.0$ rad/s appears obvious jumping discontinuity. Comparing Figures 4 and 5, Figures 9 and 10, and Figures 11 and 12 shows that the dynamic behavior of the system is more complicated, and the discontinuous jump is obviously increased. As the rotational speed increases, the chaotic region becomes wider. In the range of $\omega \in [20.0, 22.4]$ rad/s, except for the stable period-doubling motion in a small region, the system is of continuous chaotic motion or intermittency chaos motion. When $\omega = 29.0$ rad/s, the system enters the chaotic motion through the saddle-node bifurcation, and in the range of $\omega > 28.8$ rad/s, the vibration system exhibits strong nonlinear characteristics of periodic motion and chaotic motion frequently alternating. With the increase of the rotational speed, different bifurcation paths, such as saddle-node bifurcation, period-doubling bifurcation, and inverse period-doubling bifurcation appear in the system. The corresponding vibration amplitude increases first, then decreases and then increases nonlinearly. In order to specify the main frequency components of the system under different excitation currents of the generator $I_j$, the main frequency components (where $f_n$ is the frequency conversion) in different speed ranges are listed in Table 3.

Figure 9. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at $I_j = 700$ A.

Figure 10. 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at $I_j = 700$ A.
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Figure 11. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at \( I_j = 1200 \, A \).

Figure 12. 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at \( I_j = 1200 \, A \).

Through comparison, it can be seen that the increase of the excitation current has a certain inhibitory effect on the response amplitude of the system, but it has no inhibitory effect on the motion state, which makes the motion state of the system more complex, the chaotic motion widens relatively, and the jump discontinuity is enhanced. At higher rotational speeds, the number of high-order bifurcation increases with the increase of excitation current. Therefore, it is necessary to control the excitation current within a certain range in order to enable the vibration system to operate stably.

| Excitation Current \( I_j \) (A) | Rotating Speed \( \omega \) (rad/s) | Main Frequency Feature (m: Positive Integer) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| \( I_j = 700 \)                |                                 |                                 |
| \( 7.0 \leq \omega \leq 15.6 \) | \( f_n \)                       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \) |
| \( 15.6 < \omega \leq 20 \)    | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \) | continuous frequency components |
| \( 20 < \omega \leq 21.2 \)    | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \) | continuous frequency components |
| \( 21.2 < \omega \leq 54.8 \)  | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \) | continuous frequency components |
| \( 54.8 < \omega \leq 57.6 \)  | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \) | continuous frequency components |
| \( 57.6 < \omega \leq 71 \)    | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \) | continuous frequency components |

Table 3. Frequency feature of RBRS under different excitation current.
3.3. Effect of Radial Stiffness on Dynamic Characteristics of RBRS at Variable Speed

The nonlinear radial stiffness ($k_r$) has an important influence on the stable operation and dynamic characteristics of RBRS. In order to study the dynamic response characteristics of the coupling system with nonlinear rubbing forces at different speeds, Figures 13–18 give the bifurcation diagram and 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS with different radial stiffness ($k_r = 1 \times 10^8$ N/m, $k_r = 2.6 \times 10^8$ N/m, and $k_r = 4 \times 10^8$ N/m). All other parameters are fixed.

Figure 13. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at $k_r = 1 \times 10^8$ N/m.

| Excitation Current $I_j$ (A) | Rotating Speed $\omega$ (rad/s) | Main Frequency Feature ($m$: Positive Integer) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 7.0 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 16.2      | $f_n$                           |                                               |
| 16.2 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 18.6     | $f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots$ |                                               |
| 19.8 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 23.6     | $f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, m f_n/2$ | continuous frequency components |
| 23.6 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 24.6     | $f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, m f_n/2$ | continuous frequency components |
| 24.6 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 42.4     | $f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, m f_n/2$ | continuous frequency components |
| 42.8 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 54.6     | $f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n/2, 2f_n, 5f_n/2, 3f_n, 7f_n/2, 4f_n, \ldots$ | continuous frequency components |
| 54.6 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 59.6     | $f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n$, continuous frequency components |                                               |
| 59.6 ≤ $\omega$ ≤ 71       | $f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, m f_n/2$     |                                               |

$I_j = 1000$

$I_j = 1200$

Table 3. Cont.
the speed increasing, the chaotic motion region is widened, the intermittent chaotic phenomenon intensifies, and the continuum region increases in the three-dimensional spectrum. At the same time, the vibration system has obvious frequency demultiplication components; $m\frac{f_n}{2}$, $m\frac{f_n}{3}$, $m\frac{f_n}{4}$, and $m\frac{f_n}{6}$ (m: positive integer), and the frequency amplitude of $f_n/2$, $f_n/3$, $f_n/4$ is significantly larger than other frequency amplitudes. In the high-speed region, the system finally transits to a stable period 4 motion through the saddle-node bifurcation, and the jumping and discontinuity of amplitude is enhanced. Table 4 shows the intervals in which the frequency components change (where $f_n$ is the frequency conversion).

Figure 14. 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at $k_r = 1 \times 10^8$ N/m.

Figure 15. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at $k_r = 2.6 \times 10^8$ N/m.

Figure 16. 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at $k_r = 2.6 \times 10^8$ N/m.
period-doubling bifurcation, and strong nonlinear phenomena, such as discontinuous amplitude jumps, occur frequently, and obvious frequency demultiplication components appear. The chaotic region of the system is mainly concentrated in the three regions of \( \omega \in [39.6, 52.2] \) rad/s. When the radial stiffness increases to \( k_r = 2.6 \times 10^8 \) N/m, the coupling system exhibits complex nonlinear behavior and more unstable regions; different bifurcation paths, such as saddle-node bifurcation, period-doubling bifurcation, and inverse period-doubling bifurcation, and strong nonlinear phenomena, such as discontinuous amplitude jumps, appear. The chaotic region of the system is mainly concentrated in the three regions of \( \omega \in [18.8, 52.2] \) rad/s, \( \omega \in [25.6, 43.6] \) rad/s, and \( \omega \in [54.6, 67.4] \) rad/s, and with the speed increasing, the chaotic motion region is widened, the intermittent chaotic phenomenon intensifies, and the continuum region increases.
in the three-dimensional spectrum. At the same time, the vibration system has obvious frequency
demultiplication components; \( mf_n/2, \ mf_n/3, \ mf_n/4, \) and \( mf_n/6 \) (\( m \): positive integer), and the frequency
amplitude of \( f_n/2, f_n/3, f_n/4 \) is significantly larger than other frequency amplitudes. In the high-speed
region, the system finally transits to a stable period 4 motion through the saddle-node bifurcation, and
the jumping and discontinuity of amplitude is enhanced. Table 4 shows the intervals in which the
frequency components change (where \( f_n \) is the frequency conversion).

| Excitation Current \( k_r \) (N/m) | Rotating Speed \( \omega \) (rad/s) | Main Frequency Feature (m: Positive Integer) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| \( k_r = 1 \times 10^8 \)       | 7.0 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 15.4       | \( f_n \)                               |
|                                  | 15.4 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 39.6       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, 5f_n, \ldots \) |
|                                  | 39.6 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 52.2       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 2mf_n/3, \) and \( mf_n/4 \) alternate |
|                                  | 52.2 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 59.8       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \)     |
|                                  | 59.8 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 71         | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n; mf_n/2 \) and \( mf_n/4 \) alternate |
| \( k_r = 2.6 \times 10^8 \)     | 7.0 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 15.8       | \( f_n \)                               |
|                                  | 15.8 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 29.6       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \)     |
|                                  | 29.6 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 32.6       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, mf_n/2 \) |
|                                  | 32.6 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 35.8       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \)     |
|                                  | 35.8 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 40.2       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, \) \( mf_n/18, mf_n/23, \) and \( mf_n/27 \) alternate |
|                                  | 40.2 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 47.8       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, mf_n/7 \) |
|                                  | 47.8 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 51.6       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, mf_n/2 \) |
|                                  | 51.6 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 60.4       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \)     |
|                                  | 60.4 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 66.8       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \), first \( mf_n/2 \), then \( mf_n/3 \) |
|                                  | 66.8 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 71         | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, \ldots, mf_n/7 \)   |
| \( k_r = 4 \times 10^8 \)       | 7.0 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 15.4       | \( f_n \)                               |
|                                  | 15.4 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 18.8       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \)     |
|                                  | 18.8 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 22.2       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, mf_n/2, \) continuous frequency components |
|                                  | 22.2 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 25.6       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots \)     |
|                                  | 25.6 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 43.6       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, \) \( mf_n/2, mf_n/4, \) and \( mf_n/6 \) alternate; continuous frequency components |
|                                  | 43.6 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 54.6       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, \) \( mf_n/3, mf_n/6, \) and \( mf_n/12 \) alternate |
|                                  | 54.6 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 67.4       | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, 4f_n, \ldots, \) \( mf_n/4, mf_n/6, \) and \( mf_n/14 \) alternate; continuous frequency components |
|                                  | 67.4 ≤ \( \omega \) ≤ 71         | \( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, \ldots, mf_n/4 \)   |

Comparing the bifurcation diagram and the three-dimensional spectrogram of RBRS, it can be seen
that with the increase of radial stiffness, the motion complexity of the coupling system increases,
the chaotic area increases, the response amplitude increases, and the vibration degree is enhanced.
At the same time, in the high-speed region, the periodic motion region narrows and tends to disappear.

In order to analyze more deeply, the related dynamic responses of the vibration system (\( k_r = 4 \times 10^8 \) N/m) at \( \omega = 19.2 \) rad/s, \( \omega = 40.8 \) rad/s and \( \omega = 69.8 \) rad/s are displayed in Figures 19–21
through waveform, frequency, axis orbit, and Poincaré map. When the rotational speed is small, i.e.,
\( \omega = 19.2 \) rad/s, the vibration amplitude of the system is small, and the corresponding main frequency
domain components are frequency multiplication (\( f_n, 2f_n, 3f_n, \ldots \) ) and \( mf_n/2 \) (\( m \): positive integer) with
small amplitude. The coupling system behaves as periodic-2 motion, and its attractors are two points
on the Poincaré map. When \( \omega = 59 \) rad/s, the amplitude of the system vibration response increases
and presents a non-periodic change; in the frequency domain, the continuous frequency spectrum
components appear, corresponding to the chaotic axis orbit; the attractors on the corresponding
Poincaré map are irregular scattered points, and then the system motion is in chaotic state. When the
rotational speed increases to \( \omega = 69.8 \) rad/s, the rotor returns to the periodic motion again, and the
vibration response has different frequency characteristics; \( f_n/4 \) is the main frequency component and
has obvious peak value. At the same time, four irregular closed curves are shown on the axis orbit
map, and the attractors on the corresponding Poincare map are four isolated points.
with the saddle-node bifurcation, the period-doubling bifurcation, and the inverse period-doubling working conditions when the rotational speed is in the range of 2019. When the rotational speed increases to $\omega = 59$ rad/s, the amplitude of the system vibration response increases and exhibits multiple motion states including periodic-1, periodic-2, periodic-3, and Poincaré map. Comparing the bifurcation diagram and the three-dimensional spectrum diagram. When the rotational speed is small, i.e., $\omega = 19.2$ rad/s, the vibration amplitude of the system is small, and the corresponding main frequency domain components are frequency multiplication ($f_n, \ldots$) and continuous spectrum components; when $\omega = 40.8$ rad/s and $\omega = 69.8$ rad/s are displayed in Figures 19–21 through waveforms, frequency, axis orbit, and Poincaré map.

### 3.4. Influence of Friction Coefficient on Dynamic Characteristics of RBRS under Variable Speed

Friction coefficient $\mu$ has an important influence on the dynamic behavior of RBRS, and its size directly affects the dynamic characteristics of the coupling system. Figures 22–27 show the dynamic response (bifurcation diagram and three-dimensional spectrum diagram) of the system under different working conditions when the rotational speed is in the range of $\omega \in [7.0, 71.0]$ rad/s and the friction coefficient is $\mu = 0.05$, $\mu = 0.3$, and $\mu = 0.78$, respectively. By comparison it can be seen that when the friction coefficient is small, that is, $\mu = 0.05$, the RBRS in the interval of $\omega \in [7.0, 60.2]$ rad/s mainly exhibits the period-1 motion, and the response amplitude is relatively stable (when $\omega = 51.2$ rad/s, the coupling system behaves as chaotic motion; when $\omega = 52.6$ rad/s, the coupling system behaves as a period-3 motion), and there are many obvious discontinuous amplitude jumps. With the increase of the rotational speed, the system transits from periodic motion to chaotic motion through saddle-node bifurcation at $\omega = 60.4$ rad/s, and exhibits multiple motion states including periodic-1, periodic-2, periodic-n, Quasi-periodic, and chaotic motion. The coupling system appears as intermittent chaos, with the saddle-node bifurcation, the period-doubling bifurcation, and the inverse period-doubling bifurcation appearing alternately. In addition to the frequency multiplication component in the three-dimensional spectrum, there are also frequency demultiplication components ($f_n/2, 3f_n/25, f_n/7, \ldots$) and continuous spectrum components; when $\mu = 0.3$, the dynamic characteristics of the
coupling system become more complex and the chaotic movement is strengthened. At lower rotational speeds, the jump of the coupling system is weakened, and the motion state returns to the stable periodic motion at 21.0 \( < \omega < 27.8 \) rad/s again from the periodic motion in the range of \( \omega \in [7.0, 20.0] \) rad/s through the chaotic motion in the narrow interval \( \omega \in [20.2, 21.0] \) rad/s. When \( \omega > 27.8 \) rad/s, the system enters the chaotic region through the saddle-node bifurcation, and the periodic motion, the quasi-periodic motion, and the chaotic motion appear alternately until \( \omega = 61.4 \) rad/s. When \( 61.4 \) rad/s \( < \omega < 63.2 \) rad/s, RBRS is in stable period-4 motion and period-8 motion and is accompanied by the occurrence of inverse period-doubling bifurcation; the three-dimensional spectrum shows distinct frequency demultiplication components of \( f_n/4 \) and \( f_n/8 \), and RBRS re-enters into the chaotic region at \( \omega = 63.2 \) rad/s through the saddle-node bifurcation; when the friction coefficient is increased to \( \mu = 0.78 \), while \( \omega < 28.0 \) rad/s, the vibration system performs chaotic motion and periodic multiple motion alternatively only in the narrow interval \( \omega \in [21.8, 24.8] \) rad/s, and in other cases perform stable periodic motion. With the increase of the rotational speed, the system enters the unsteady region through the saddle-node bifurcation at \( \omega = 28.2 \) rad/s. The system alternates frequently between the period-doubling motion, the counter-periodic motion, and the chaotic motion, and the jumping discontinuity of the response amplitude is intensified. Table 5 shows the intervals in which the frequency components change (where \( f_n \) is the frequency conversion).

![Figure 22. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at \( \mu = 0.05 \).](image)

![Figure 23. 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at \( \mu = 0.05 \).](image)
Figure 22. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at $\mu = 0.05$.

Figure 23. 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at $\mu = 0.05$.

Figure 24. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at $\mu = 0.3$.

Figure 25. 3-D frequency spectrum of RBRS at $\mu = 0.3$.

Figure 26. The bifurcation diagram of RBRS at $\mu = 0.78$.
In order to better display the influence of friction coefficient $\mu$ on the dynamic characteristics of the system, Figures 28–30 show that the time domain map, frequency domain map, axis orbit map, and Poincaré map of the coupling system with $\mu = 0.78$, when $\omega = 29.8$ rad/s, $\omega = 43.2$ rad/s and $\omega = 52.2$ rad/s, respectively. It can be seen from the Figures 28–30 that the vibration response of the three cases are nonlinear; in the frequency domain, $f_n$, $2f_n$, and $3f_n$ are the main frequency components, and there are frequency multiplication and frequency demultiplication components whose amplitude is not obvious. In addition, the axis orbit map changes from chaotic closed curves to multiple non-coincident closed curves, and then to five closed ones; and the attractors on the corresponding Poincaré map
show irregular scatters, isolated multiple points, and isolated five points, respectively. Then the system completes the alternative evolution of chaotic motion, periodic-n motion, and period-5 motion.

**Figure 28.** Chaotic motion of RBRS at $\omega = 29.8$ rad/s: (a) Waveform, (b) Frequency, and (c) Axis orbit and Poincaré map.

**Figure 29.** Periodic-n motion of RBRS at $\omega = 43.2$ rad/s: (a) Waveform, (b) Frequency, and (c) Axis orbit and Poincaré map.

**Figure 30.** Periodic-5 motion of RBRS at $\omega = 52.2$ rad/s: (a) Waveform, (b) Frequency, and (c) Axis orbit and Poincaré map.

Based on the above numerical simulation, it can be seen that the friction coefficient $\mu$ is an important parameter affecting the dynamic characteristics of the coupling system (RBRS). With the increase of the friction coefficient, the motion state of the system becomes more complex, the chaotic region increases first and then decreases, the complex motion and periodic motion alternate frequently, and the response amplitude increases gradually.

4. Conclusions

In this paper, a model considering multiple nonlinear factors is proposed. The complex nonlinear dynamic behavior of the coupling system is studied. The influence of the excitation current, radial stiffness, and friction coefficient on the dynamic characteristics of RBRS is analyzed. The following conclusions can be drawn from the study.

1. For the RBRS coupling system, with the change of parameters, there are many kinds of motion states, including periodic-n, quasi-periodic, and chaotic motion. At the same time, the coupling
system has intermittent chaos many times, and Hopf, saddle-node, period-doubling, and inverse period-doubling bifurcation appear alternately. The dynamic properties of the coupling system caused by different nonlinear factors are interactional.

(2) When the excitation current of the generator \( I_j \) is small, the dynamic behavior of the system is relatively simple. As the rotational speed increases, the system transits from short-term periodic motion, chaotic motion, and quasi-periodic motion to periodic motion, successively undergoing saddle-node bifurcation, period-doubling bifurcation, inverse period-doubling bifurcation, and Hopf bifurcation. The increase of the excitation current \( I_j \) can inhibit the response amplitude of the system to some extent, but it cannot inhibit the motion state of the system, which makes the motion state of the system more complex, the chaotic motion wider, and the jump discontinuity enhanced. At higher speeds, the number of high-order bifurcation increases as the excitation current \( I_j \) increases.

(3) Due to the influence of the radial stiffness \( k_r \) and the friction coefficient, the coupled system shows more complex nonlinear behavior. With the increase of radial stiffness \( k_r \), the motion complexity of the coupling system increases, the chaotic region increases, the response amplitude increases, and the vibration intensity increases. At the same time, in the high-speed region, the periodic motion region becomes narrow and tends to disappear. With the increase of the friction coefficient, the chaotic region increases first and then decreases, the complex motion and periodic motion alternate frequently, and the response amplitude increases gradually.

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