Abstract

The open-winding driving system can improve power density and torque output capacity of the motor. However, the open-winding topology with a common direct current (DC) power supply provides a path for the zero-sequence current, which contributes to the power loss but not the torque output. The zero-sequence current is produced by the common-mode voltage and zero-sequence components of the back electromotive force (EMF). For the purpose of eliminating the common-mode voltage as well as improving the utilization of DC supply voltage, a 120° decoupling space vector pulse width modulation strategy is adopted. Meanwhile, a proportional unit combined with second order generalized integrator (SOGI) is proposed to suppress the zero-sequence current caused by the zero-sequence components of the back EMF. A test bench is built for the experiment. The effectiveness of the proposed suppression strategy is verified by the experimental results.

Index Terms

Electric machines, permanent magnet machines, open-winding motor, zero-sequence current suppression.

I. INTRODUCTION

Permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) has been widely used in the field of electric vehicle driving and industrial applications due to its advantageous features, such as small size, low cost, high power density, and high efficiency [1]–[5]. In recent years, the price of rare-earth magnet material used in the permanent magnet (PM) motors has experienced huge fluctuations due to market monopoly and the unstable supply. Therefore, a new class of non-rare-earth PM motors that do not employ rare-earth PM material have been paid much attention. For example, the non-rare-earth and hybrid PM material brushless motors have been highlighted and reported in [6]–[10]. Because of the complex characteristics of the non-rare-earth PM material in this kind of machine, how to improve the performance of the non-rare-earth motors and hybrid permanent magnet material motors including wide speed operation, high power density, and high reliability, has become to be the cutting edge in the field of motor control.

Compared with the conventional star-connected three-phase winding, the open-winding configuration is more suitable for the non-rare-earth and hybrid magnet material PM motors due to the merits of higher efficiency, smaller capacity of the single converter and better fault-tolerant capability [11]–[14]. Generally, the open-winding motor driving system provides two kinds of power supply topology, namely, single direct current (DC) power supply and dual isolated DC power supply. Compared with the dual isolated DC power supply system, the single DC power supply based
open-winding driving system is more widely used due to the advantages of simple driving system structure and relatively low cost [15]. However, the single DC power supply topology provides a path for zero-sequence current, which contributes to the additional energy loss and reduces the efficiency of driving system [16], [17]. Therefore, the suppression of zero-sequence current is very necessary.

Numerous results have been published by scholars in related fields all over the world [18]–[22]. Reference [23] proposed a method of using a series reactor to increase zero-sequence impedance, while the zero-sequence current cannot be completely suppressed by series reactor and the volume and cost of the system will be increased. Additionally, the loss will be brought to the system in practical application. In [24], the zero-sequence current is suppressed by changing the neutral point with auxiliary switches, which complicates the system structure. In [25], the space voltage vectors without common-mode voltage are selected for driving the induction motors. For PMSM with zero-sequence harmonic in the motor back electromotive force (EMF), the zero-sequence current cannot be effectively suppressed just by selecting the space voltage vectors without common-mode voltage. In [26], the proportional resonance controller in a closed loop control strategy is designed to suppress zero-sequence current of motor winding. The common-mode voltage generated by the inverter and the zero-sequence current component caused by back EMF harmonics of PMSM can be effectively suppressed. However, the structure of proportional resonance controller is complex, and the parameters are difficult to tune. In [27], a full-order adaptive zero-sequence observer is proposed to predict zero-sequence voltage and zero-sequence current. And then a novel deadbeat predictive control method is proposed to suppress the zero-sequence current. The effectiveness of the proposed scheme is verified. However, there exists problem of large computation. Therefore, it is still a great challenge to design a method that is suitable for eliminating the zero-sequence current effectively.

Previous studies have shown that the proportional and second order generalized integrator (SOGI) controller has a large gain in a small range near the resonant frequency point, and it also has a good frequency adaptive characteristic [28]. Therefore, the proportional and SOGI regulator is more suitable for controlling specific order harmonic current. Because of the good performance, SOGI has been widely applied in many fields. In [29], [30], SOGI is adopted to suppress harmonic current in power system. In [31], SOGI is employed to suppress specific harmonics for the high speed sensorless controlled motor. In [32], SOGI is used to improve the performance of high frequency current control for low speed sensorless control motor. Consequently, SOGI is a good candidate for closed loop control of the zero-sequence current. The main purpose of this paper is to propose an effective zero-sequence current suppression strategy for the open-winding motor. Firstly, the structure of open-winding motor is presented. Secondly, the mathematical model of the open-winding motor including the 0-axis equation is introduced. Particularly, a decoupling space vector pulse width modulation (SVPWM) is adopted to eliminate the common-mode voltage. Then, the proportional and SOGI regulator is used to suppress the zero-sequence current for the open-winding motor. Finally, experimental platform is built to validate the effectiveness of the proposed control strategy.

II. TOPOLOGY OF THE OPEN-WINDING MOTOR

According to the DC power supply mode of the two inverters, the driving system of open-winding motor is divided into two categories: single DC power supply mode, i.e. common DC bus power supply mode; dual DC power supply mode, that is, isolated DC bus power supply mode.

The topology of open-winding motor driving system with single DC power supply mode is shown in Fig. 1. It can be seen from the figure that two inverters share a common DC power supply. Compared with the structure of dual DC power supply mode, single DC power supply mode saves system cost and space.

The back EMF waveforms and spectrum analysis of the open-winding motor at 1200 r/min are shown in Fig. 2 [33]. From the Fig. 2 (a), it can be seen that the waveform is symmetrical, but the back EMF exhibits non-sinusoidal. The spectrum analysis of the back EMF waveform is shown in Fig. 2 (b). From the analysis results, it can be seen that the waveform mainly contains third and ninth harmonics and it takes up 2.62% and 5.99%, respectively. And the other orders harmonics can be neglected. That is, it is very necessary to suppress the third and ninth harmonics.

III. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF THE OPEN-WINDING MOTOR

The topology of open-winding motor driving system with common DC bus is shown in Fig.1, namely, the neutral point of the traditional star-connected windings is opened. The opening three-phase stator windings can be supplied by the common DC bus. The two DC sides of the converter are connected to the single DC power supply.

The mathematical model of the open-winding motor can be expressed as follows:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
    u_a \\
    u_b \\
    u_c \\
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
    R & 0 & 0 \\
    0 & R & 0 \\
    0 & 0 & R \\
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
    i_a \\
    i_b \\
    i_c \\
\end{bmatrix}
+ \begin{bmatrix}
    L & 0 & 0 \\
    0 & L & 0 \\
    0 & 0 & L \\
\end{bmatrix}
\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix}
    i_a \\
    i_b \\
    i_c \\
\end{bmatrix}
- \begin{bmatrix}
    e_a \\
    e_b \\
    e_c \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(1)

where, \(u_a\), \(u_b\) and \(u_c\) represent the phase voltage; \(i_a\), \(i_b\) and \(i_c\) represent the phase current; \(e_a\), \(e_b\) and \(e_c\) represent the
phase back EMF; R is the phase resistance; L is the phase inductance.

In order to analysis the zero-sequence current, (1) can be transformed to the synchronous rotating coordinate system. Therefore, the mathematical model of motor can be rewritten as:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
 u_d \\
 u_q \\
 u_0
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
 R & -\omega L_q & 0 \\
 \omega L_d & R & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & R
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
 i_d \\
 i_q \\
 i_0
\end{bmatrix} +
\begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
 i_d \\
 i_q \\
 i_0
\end{bmatrix} +
\begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 e_0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(2)

where, \( u_d, u_q \) and \( u_0 \) represent the phase voltage in d, q, 0 coordinate frame, respectively; \( i_d, i_q \) and \( i_0 \) represent the phase current; \( \omega \) represents the electric angular frequency; \( e_0 \) is zero-sequence component of the back EMF, and \( \psi_f \) is fundamental component of the rotor flux linkage.

It can be seen from (2) that there is zero-sequence current in the motor winding, if the system contains the common-mode voltage or zero-sequence component of back EMF. Therefore, the system zero-sequence current can be suppressed by the strategy of eliminating common mode voltage and compensating zero-sequence component of back EMF.

### IV. COMMON MODE VOLTAGE SUPPRESSION BY 120 DEGREE DECOUPLING MODULATION

There are 64 switching states of dual-inverter in the open-winding motor driving system, and 19 effective space voltage vectors are output by 64 switching states. The open-winding motor driven by dual-inverter generates common-mode voltage, which is defined as follows:

\[
u_0 = \frac{u_{a1a2} + u_{b1b2} + u_{c1c2}}{3} = \frac{u_{a1o} - u_{a2o} + u_{b1o} - u_{b2o} + u_{c1o} - u_{c2o}}{3}
\]

(3)

It can be seen from (3) that the common-mode voltage of the dual-inverter driving system is caused by the difference of the common-mode voltage produced by each inverter. By taken the synthesized space voltage vector \( 12'(100110) \) as an example, the common-mode voltage output from inverter 1 can be expressed as follows:

\[
u_{01} = \frac{u_{a1o} + u_{b1o} + u_{c1o}}{3} = \frac{U_{dc} + 0 + 0}{3} = \frac{U_{dc}}{3}
\]

(4)

Meanwhile, the common-mode voltage output from inverter 2 can be expressed as:

\[
u_{02} = \frac{u_{a2o} + u_{b2o} + u_{c2o}}{3} = \frac{U_{dc} + U_{dc} + 0}{3} = \frac{2U_{dc}}{3}
\]

(5)

The total output common-mode voltage of the dual-inverter driving system can be obtained by substituting (4) and (5) into (3).

\[
u_0 = \nu_{01} - \nu_{02} = -\frac{U_{dc}}{3}
\]

(6)

It can be seen from (6) that the output common-mode voltage of the dual-inverter is \(-U_{dc}/3\), if the space voltage vector \( 12' \) is selected. Similarly, for other effective space voltage vectors, the common-mode voltage of the dual-inverter driving system is not zero, when the difference between the common-mode voltage of the inverter 1 and inverter 2 is not zero.

According to the idea of traditional decoupling space voltage vector, decoupling modulation strategy can modulate two inverters separately. A voltage vector \( \nu_{ref} \) is decomposed into two space voltage vectors \( \nu_{ref1} \) and \( \nu_{ref2} \) with equal amplitude and opposite phase. The two voltage vectors are modulated by inverter 1 and inverter 2 respectively. Then the corresponding relationship of the space voltage vector can be expressed as follows:

\[
u_{ref} = \nu_{ref1} - \nu_{ref2}
\]

(7)

The voltage vector synthesis of arbitrary angle decoupling modulation is shown in Fig. 3. \( \theta \) is the angle between the voltage vector \( \nu_{ref} \) and the \( \alpha \) axis. The angle between the voltage vector \( \nu_{ref1} \) and \( \nu_{ref2} \) is defined as the decoupling angle \( \gamma \). \( \delta \) is the angle between the voltage vector \( \nu_{ref} \) and \( \nu_{ref1} \), and \( \delta = (180^\circ - \gamma)/2 \). The system voltage vector \( \nu_{ref} \) can be decomposed into \( \nu_{ref1}(\nu_{ref1} \angle (\theta - \delta)) \) and \( \nu_{ref2}(\nu_{ref2} \angle (\theta + \delta - \pi)) \). The relationship between the magnitude of \( \nu_{ref1}, \nu_{ref2}, \nu_{ref} \) and the angle \( \delta \) can be expressed as

\[
|\nu_{ref1}| = |\nu_{ref2}| = \frac{|\nu_{ref}|}{2 \cos \delta}
\]

(8)
For decoupling modulation strategy, different modulation waves will be obtained when different values of decoupling angle are taken, and each waveform will be distorted to varying degrees. By comparing and analyzing the modulation waves with different decoupling angles, it can be seen that the phase voltage modulation wave is a standard sinusoidal wave when the decoupling angle is 120-degree, that is, the modulation wave as shown in Fig. 4 does not contain harmonics. Therefore, the zero-sequence voltage can be eliminated by using 120-degree decoupling modulation.

If the 120-degree decoupling modulation is adopted, the voltage vector $u_{\text{ref}}$ of the system can be decomposed into two voltage vectors with equal magnitude and 120-degree phase difference. The voltage vectors can be expressed as $u_{\text{ref}1}$ and $u_{\text{ref}2}$.

According to (8), the magnitude relationship between voltage vector $u_{\text{ref}1}$, $u_{\text{ref}2}$ and $u_{\text{ref}}$ can be expressed as follows

$$|u_{\text{ref}1}| = |u_{\text{ref}2}| = \frac{|u_{\text{ref}}|}{\sqrt{3}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

### V. ZERO-SEQUENCE CURRENT SUPPRESSION STRATEGY OF THE OPEN-WINDING MOTOR

#### A. PROPORTIONAL AND SOGI REGULATOR

Since the third and ninth harmonics exist in the stator windings, the corresponding regulator is designed to control the zero-sequence current. The traditional proportional and integral regulator can achieve good control performance of regulating the DC component, but it cannot regulate the AC component effectively. To suppress the third and ninth harmonics, the proportional and SOGI regulator are consequently adopted to control the zero-sequence current.

The structure of SOGI is shown as Fig.5 (a). Obviously, the SOGI consists of a proportional unit and two integral units. The input signal $\omega_0$ is the basic frequency of the selective signal to be adjusted. The frequency can be multiplied by appropriate coefficient as required, such as 3 and 9. The output signal of SOGI is the component of the input signal $x(t)$ at $k$ times of basic frequency. The SOGI can work as a band-pass filter when setting $x(t)$ as the output signal. If the signal $e$ is set as the output, the SOGI is a band-stop filter. The performance of SOGI depends on the setting of the coefficients. In the proposed proportional and SOGI regulator, the SOGI is set as a band-pass filter [27]. The transfer
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H(s) = \frac{k_0 \omega_0 s}{s^2 + k_0 \omega_0 s + \omega_0^2} \quad (11)

Considering the third and ninth harmonics, the regulator is designed according to the harmonic orders. The detailed structure of the regulator is shown as Fig. 5 (a), and the function can be expressed as:

H(s) = k_p + \frac{k(3\omega_0) s}{s^2 + k(3\omega_0) s + (3\omega_0)^2} + \frac{k(9\omega_0) s}{s^2 + k(9\omega_0) s + (9\omega_0)^2} \quad (12)

where, \(k_p\) is the proportional coefficient, \(k\) is the internal gain of SOGI. In the following simulation and experiment, the value of \(k_p\) is 5 and \(k\) is 2. \(\omega_0\) is the basic frequency which is changed with speed.

The frequency response of proportional and SOGI regulator is shown as Fig. 5 (b). It can be seen from the figure that the proposed regulator can achieve multiple-point resonant. It is obvious that the gain is large at the frequencies \(3\omega_0\) and \(9\omega_0\). The regulator can control the AC component.

B. ZERO-SEQUENCE CURRENT SUPPRESSION STRATEGY BASED ON PROPORTIONAL AND SOGI REGULATOR

Considering the third and ninth harmonics of the back EMF, the 0-axis equation in zero-sequence circuit can be expressed as:

\[ u_0 = R_i i_0 + L_i \frac{di_0}{dt} - 3\omega_0 \psi_3 \sin 3\theta - 9\omega_0 \psi_9 \sin 9\theta \quad (13) \]

Based on the above formula, it can be achieved that the zero-sequence current is generated by two major factors: the common-mode voltage resulted from the modulation mode and the zero-sequence back EMF of the motor. In order to suppress the zero-sequence current efficiently, as shown in Fig. 6, a zero-sequence compensation voltage is inserted into the zero-sequence circuit. As a result, the sum of the voltage sources in the circuit is zero.

The \(u_{0-INV1}\) and the \(u_{0-INV2}\) are generated by inverter-1 and inverter-2, respectively; the \(3\omega_0 \psi_3 \sin 3\theta\) and the \(9\omega_0 \psi_9 \sin 9\theta\) are generated by the zero-sequence back EMF; the \(u_{rc}\) is the zero-sequence compensation voltage.

Based on the above analysis, the modulation strategy and closed loop compensation strategy can be used together to suppress zero-sequence current.

As shown in Fig. 7, the vector control system of open-winding motor with zero-sequence current suppression strategy is designed. The 120-degree decoupling modulation is used to eliminate common-mode voltage. In the zero-sequence current circuit, the given value of current is zero, and the zero-sequence current is suppressed by proportional and SOGI regulator.

VI. EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION

In order to further verify the effectiveness of the 120-degree decoupling modulation strategy and the
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FIGURE 8. Experimental platform of open-winding motor drive system.

TABLE 1. The motor parameters.

| Parameter/Unit   | Value |
|------------------|-------|
| Rated power /kW  | 2.5   |
| Pole pairs       | 5     |
| Ld /mH           | 3.707 |
| Lq /mH           | 5.308 |
| PM flux/Wb       | 0.129 |
| Phase resistance/Ω | 0.239 |

zero-sequence current suppression strategy based on proportional and SOGI regulator, an experimental platform for the open-winding motor is established and shown in Fig. 8. Here, DS1007 dSPACE is used as the main controller of the experimental platform. The controller can execute the control algorithm, and generate 12 PWM driving signals to drive the dual-inverter. Two independent inverters are applied in the main circuit. And the inverters are powered by a single DC power supply. The magnetic powder brake is used for loading and unloading. The speed and rotor position of the motor are detected by a resolver installed on motor shaft. The switching frequency is 10 kHz. The motor parameters are shown in table 1.

All the experimental results are taken when the inverters are switched with the modulation scheme for common-mode voltage suppression. The zero-sequence current suppression performance of the proposed regulator is compared with that of the traditional regulator. The experimental results show the steady-state performance of the motor at constant speed, the speed tracking performance with speed variations and the disturbance rejection ability under load variation, respectively. Furthermore, the performance of zero-sequence current suppression of the 120-degree decoupling modulation strategy and the proposed proportional and SOGI regulator are verified.

A. ANALYSIS OF STEADY-STATE EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Firstly, the performance of zero-sequence current suppression based on proportional and SOGI regulator is analyzed experimentally in steady state. The three-phase current, zero-sequence current waveform and phase current spectrum analysis results of open-winding motor without and with the proposed regulator are shown in Fig. 9.

Fig. 9(a) shows the comparison waveforms of current, and which are conducted without and with the proposed regulator under the rated load at 100r/min. From the results, it can be seen that the three-phase current distortion is serious and the zero-sequence current reaches 2.5A without the zero-sequence current suppression strategy. It is obviously that the three-phase current waveform becomes more sinusoidal with the contribution of the proposed proportional and SOGI regulator. Simultaneously, the zero-sequence current is reduced from 2.5A to 0.5A.

Fig. 9 (b) shows the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) analysis results of the phase-a current. It can be seen that the third and ninth harmonics account for 25.50% and 3.68% without the proposed regulator. Nevertheless, in the case of regulator, the third and ninth harmonic contents are only 2.68% and 1.89%. The total harmonic distortion rate of the phase current is reduced from 26.56% to 6.42%.

From the comparison and analysis of the experimental results, it can be achieved that the proposed control method
based on the proposed regulator can effectively suppress the zero-sequence current in steady-state.

B. ANALYSIS OF DYNAMIC-STATE EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In order to verify the performance of zero-sequence current suppression based on proportional and SOGI regulator in dynamic state, the waveforms of the driving system without and with the proposed regulator are given in Fig. 10 and Fig. 11.

The speed tracking ability with proportional and SOGI controller is demonstrated in Fig. 10. The results show that dynamic response time is 200ms from 100r/min to 400r/min. From top to bottom, the waveforms are motor speed, phase-a current and zero-sequence current, respectively.

Fig. 10(a) shows the speed and current waveforms without proportional and SOGI regulator, and Fig. 10(b) is the experimental results with proportional and SOGI regulator. Based on the two methods, it can be seen from the curves that the proposed zero-sequence current suppression strategy can effectively suppress the zero-sequence current in the process of speed varied from 100 r/min to 400 r/min, and the constant speed.

In order to further verify the effectiveness of the proportional and SOGI regulator in dynamic state, the experimental results of open-winding motor driving system under load disturbance are given in Fig. 11. Here, the load is suddenly increased from 0Nm to 6Nm, and then reduced to 0Nm at 300r/min. The experimental waveforms of two methods are shown in Fig. 11(a) and (b). From top to bottom, the curves are motor speed, phase-a current, zero-sequence current waveforms, motor torque and the d-axis current, respectively.

From the experimental results of Fig. 11(a), it can be seen that the phase-a current and zero-sequence current increase obviously when the load changes from 0Nm to 6Nm, in the case that without zero-sequence current suppression strategy. When the proportional and SOGI regulator is enabled, the zero-sequence current kept a very small value as shown in Fig. 11(b). From the comparison of Fig. 11 (a) and Fig. 11(b), the same conclusion can be drawn that the proposed control strategy exhibits good ability of zero-sequence current suppression when the load changes abruptly. In the process of load variations, the zero-sequence current can be
kept in the range of $+0.2A$ and $-0.2A$. Therefore, the disturbance rejection ability of the proposed method is verified.

The above current waveforms without and with the proposed regulator are compared and analyzed under different conditions: steady-state, speed variations and load variations. The experimental results show that the driving system with proportional and SOGI regulator not only has zero-sequence current suppression ability in steady state, but also has good performance of speed tracking and disturbance rejection. Therefore, the proposed method has good steady and dynamic performance. And the system with proportional and SOGI regulator has good performance of the zero-sequence current suppression.

VII. CONCLUSION

To suppress the zero-sequence current in the open-winding motor driving system with a common DC bus, the 120-degree decoupling modulation technique is utilized, and the proportional and SOGI regulator is proposed in this paper.

Firstly, the open-winding motor driving system with single DC power supply and the mathematical model are introduced. The space voltage vector synthesis of dual-inverter is given. Then the common-mode voltage of decoupling modulation is studied, and a 120-degree decoupling modulation strategy is adopted to suppress the common-mode voltage. Based on the analysis of the regulator performance, a control strategy of using the proportional and SOGI regulator for zero-sequence current suppression is proposed. Finally, an experimental platform based on the DS1007 dSPACE controller is built. The experimental results in both steady and dynamic states are presented. The comparison results indicate that the proposed proportional and SOGI regulator has an excellent performance of zero-sequence current suppression.

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