



Electromagnetic Torque Improvement of Doubly Salient Permanent Magnet Machine Using Pole Ratio Adjustment Technique

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Sriwannarat W, Seangwong P, Siritaratiwat A, Fernando N, Dechgummarn Y and Khunkitti P (2021) Electromagnetic Torque Improvement of Doubly Salient Permanent Magnet Machine Using Pole Ratio Adjustment Technique. Front. Energy Res. 9:726164. doi: 10.3389/fenrg.2021.726164 This paper introduces the pole ratio adjustment technique to improve the torque characteristics of the doubly salient permanent magnetic machine (DSPM). The electrical characteristics of the machine, namely the magnetic field distribution, flux linkage, back-electromotive force (EMF), and cogging torque, were obtained under open-circuit conditions. The electromagnetic torque and ripple torque were examined under the loaded condition. The simulations, based on the 2D-finite element method, show that the optimal pole ratio for the DSPM structure is with 18 stator teeth and 15 rotor poles. This optimal structure achieves a larger phase back-EMF than the conventional structure, as well as had a better magnetic flux path with a reasonable cogging torque. The on-load test also confirmes that the proposed optimal structure can produce a significantly higher electromagnetic torque than the conventional machine while maintaining a satisfactory torque ripple. Furthermore, an experimental prototype of the DSPM structure having 18/15 stator/rotor poles was fabricated and tested to verify the simulations. The experimental results were in good agreement with the simulations. The design technique and the fabricated prototype demonstrate the DSPM utilization for low-speed/high torque applications.

Keywords: rotating machine, synchronous machine, permanent magnet machine, doubly salient permanent magnet machine, electromagnetic torque

INTRODUCTION

Permanent magnet (PM) machines have been extensively researched due mainly to their outstanding merits, such as no excitation loss, low copper loss, high reliability, high electromotive force (EMF) and torque density (Chau et al., 2008; Ibrahim et al., 2015; Okedu et al., 2021). Stator-PM machine is one of the popular type of PM machines, it contains the installed PMs in the stator part (Cheng et al., 2011). The stator-PM machine can be categorized into three main types, i.e., the flux reversal PM machine, the flux switched PM machine, and the doubly salient PM machine (DSPM) (Wang et al., 2001; Zhu, 2011). From literature, it is obviously shown that the DSPM receives much research attention and is suitable for several low-speed applications. The structure of DSPM was inspired by using the PMs attached in the reluctance motor structure (Liao et al., 1995). The DSPM structure contains the PMs mounted in the stator yoke, windings installed on the salient stator poles, while its



rotor is a salient pole with no windings or brushes. Based on the configuration of DSPM, this machine indicates low inertia and light rotor weight; therefore it is suitable for low-speed operation (Cheng et al., 2001a; Cheng et al., 2001b). Many previous studies have attempted to develop the DSPM aiming to be used for electric vehicle applications as well as electrical generation from renewable energy which is a clean energy source (Fan et al., 2006; Boonluk et al., 2020; Srithapon et al., 2020; Boonluk et al., 2021; Okedu and Barghash, 2021; Srithapon et al., 2021).

From the literature survey, several design techniques have been proposed to improve the machine performance of the DSPM, i.e., stator doubly-fed technique, stator yoke adjustment, partitioned-stator technique, square envelope structure, and asymmetrical-pole structure. In 2003, the stator doubly-fed technique was reported by Chau et al., (2003) aiming to improve the performance of DSPM through an extra magnetic flux path. In 2015, the partitioned-stator technique was proposed and applied to the DSPM to reduce PM deterioration (Wu et al., 2015). The results revealed that this technique highly improves the structure's torque density. After that, the PM arrangement technique was applied to the DSPM to enhance the back-EMF (Zhu et al., 2015). Next, the square envelope and asymmetrical-pole techniques were introduced for achieving larger slot area and lower torque ripple of DSPM (Zhang et al., 2019; Xu et al., 2020). Recently, several structural design techniques have been performed to improve the performance of DSPM, i.e., stator pole configuration design (Sriwannarat et al., 2018; Lounthavong et al., 2019;

Lounthavong et al., 2020), partitioned-stator with asymmetrical pole (Sriwannarat et al., 2020a), optimizing the number of poles Sriwannarat et al. (2019) and pole configuration adjustment technique (Sriwannarat et al., 2020b).

Based on the literature review, it is obviously demonstrated that the configuration of the machine pole, such as the number of poles, pole shape, pole's potision and installed magnets, are influential parameters that relate to the machine's performance. Therefore, this paper aims to improve the performance of DSPM focusing on the torque characteristics, using the pole ratio adjustment technique. The 2-D finite element method (FEM) simulations were performed in the design phase. The electrical characteristics of the machine, consisting of the magnetic field distribution, flux linkage, back-EMF, and cogging torque, were investigated under no-load condition. The electromagnetic torque and its ripple were examined under on-load condition. The optimal structure designed in this work was selected for prototype fabrication. The experimental measurement was performed to validate the simulations.

MACHINE DESIGN AND FABRICATION

In this study, we proposedly improve the performance of DSPM by using the pole ratio adjustment technique. The conventional structure focused in this work was adopted by Wu et al. (2015), as shown in **Figure 1B**. It is the DSPM that has 12 stator poles and



10 rotor poles, which can be written as 12/10 poles. The stator yoke of this structure contains the mounted PMs for magnetic field excitation. Salient stator teeth are wound by the copper winding coil. The number of PM is set to be equal to the stator teeth. This conventional structure was claimed as an efficient DSPM structure.

TABLE 1	The structural	design	parameters	of all	proposed	DSPM.

Structural parameters	Values						
	Proposed 6/5-poles structure	Conventional 12/10-poles structure Wu et al. (2015)	Proposed 18/15-poles structure	Proposed 24/20-poles structure			
Stator teeth number, N_s	6	12	18	24			
Rotor pole number, N_r	5	10	15	20			
Stack length (mm)	30	30	30	30			
Outer radius of stator (mm)	151.7	151.7	151.7	151.7			
Inner radius of stator (mm)	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7			
Yoke radius of stator (mm)	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7			
Air gab length (mm)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7			
Outer radius of rotor (mm)	97	97	97	97			
Inner radius of rotor (mm)	34.7	34.7	34.7	34.7			
Yoke radius of rotor (mm)	53	53	53	53			
Stator teeth arc (degree)	13	12	11	9.5			
Stator slot opening arc (degree)	47	18	9	5.5			
Rotor pole arc (degree)	13	12	11	9.5			
Rotor slot opening arc (degree)	59	24	13	8.5			
Number of PM, Npm (pieces)	6	12	18	24			
Thickness of PM, tpm (mm)	30	16.6667	10	8			
PM type	Nd-Fe-B	Nd-Fe-B	Nd-Fe-B	Nd-Fe-B			
Magnetic flux remanent (T)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2			
Number of winding per pole (turns)	100	100	100	100			
Radius of winding coil (mm)	0.455	0.455	0.455	0.455			
Flux rip (mm)	3	3	3	3			
Rotating speed (rpm)	400	400	400	400			

To improve the performance of the DSPM, the design process starts from the formulas to initialize the stator and rotor pole number of the traditional DSPM which is introduced by Fan et al. (2006), as given in (1).

$$N_s = 2mk$$

$$N_r = N_s \pm 2k$$
(1)

Where N_s is number of stator teeth, N_r is number of rotor poles, *m* is the phase number, and k is a positive integer. The advantages of this ratio are the small solid loss of structure due to the higher number of stator teeth than the rotor poles. After that, Wu et al. (2015) performed these formulas to their proposed DSPM machines, they found that the conventional formulas could cause back-EMF asymmetrical and non-sinusoidal waveform. Accordingly, they have proposed that the suitable stator/rotor pole numbers of DSPM should be 12/10 instead of 12/8 obtained by the traditional formulas. Their proposed DSPM having 12/10 stator/rotor poles demonstrated a better electromagnetic performance, and therefore was selected as the conventional in this work. To further develop the performance of this conventional structure, we firstly normalized the number of stator/rotor poles of the conventional structure to a ratio of 6 n/ 5 n where *n* is an integer. Then, this normalized ratio varied with increasing n from 1 to 4. This resulted in DSPM designs having 6/5 (n = 1) poles, 18/15 (n = 3) poles, and 24/20 (n = 4) poles, while the conventional structure was 12/10 (n = 2) poles, as shown in Figure 1. The configuration of each proposed machine was constructed based on the linear order relation of the conventional machine. It is noted that the DSPM structures having an integer n higher than four demonstrated a significantly worse performance and were not considered in our evaluation. The overall design process is

detailly summarized in the flowchart shown in **Figure 2**. Design parameters of all proposed structures are shown in **Table 1**. The total PMs volume of all structures were set to be equal for a fair comparison, taking into account the magnet dimensions that are available as a product. Also, the 3 mm flux rip was made at the stator yoke of all proposed machines for their experimental potentiality.

The performance of all DSPM structures was evaluated through their machine characteristics including magnetic field distribution, magnetic flux-linkage, back-EMF, and cogging toque in an opencircuit test. And then, the electromagnetic torque and ripple torque profiles were examined under on-load condition. The rated speed of machine was fixed to be 400 rpm. The DSPM indicating the best performance was selected for prototype fabrication. Then, the output profiles of the prototype were experimentally measured for to verify the simulation results.

THEORY OF MACHINE ANALYSIS

In this section, all related theories used for analysis of machine characteristics are given. The machine characteristics focused in this work include the magnetic field distribution, magnetic fluxlinkage, back-EMF, and cogging toque for open-circuit test. Meanwhile, the electromagnetic torque and ripple torque profiles were examined under on-load condition.

Magnetic Field Distribution, Magnetic Flux-Linkage, and Back-EMF

Magnetic flux distribution was firstly examined to monitor the magnetic field flowing through the structure of PM machines.

The magnetic field intensity of each magnetic flux path can also be investigated by this parameter. The magnetic vector potential is initiated by the Poisson's nonlinear partial differential equation, as given in (2);

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(v \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(v \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} \right) = - \left(J_z + J_{pm} \right)$$
(2)

where A_z and J_z are the magnetic vector potential and current density in z component, respectively. J_{pm} is the PM surface current density, v is reluctivity.

The magnetic flux obtained from the magnetic flux path at each stator tooth, ψ , is calculated by an integration of magnetic potential in the z-component at the same area, as shown in (3). Then, the phase magnetic flux linkage is calculated by a summation of magnetic flux of each stator tooth related to it.

$$\psi = N \times \frac{l}{S} \int A_z dS \tag{3}$$

Where *N* is the number of turns, *l* is stack length, and *S* is surface of the winding coil. The back-EMF, *e*, is voltage produced by machines while operating under no-load condition. It can be obtained from the time derivative of magnetic flux in each phase, as written in (4).

$$\boldsymbol{e} = -N\frac{d\psi}{dt} \tag{4}$$

Cogging Toque

Cogging torque normally indicates the magnetic force locking the rotor rotation at no-load initial state. It occurs by an interaction between the PMs of stator teeth and rotor segment. The magnitude of cogging torque, T_{cog} , as a function of machnical rotor position, θ_m , can be calculated by a derivative of the energy stored in the air gap, W, written as (5);

$$T_{cog}\left(\theta\right) = \frac{dW}{d\theta_m} \tag{5}$$

Electromagnetic Torque and Ripple

The on-load electromagnetic torque is typically obtained from the interaction between magnetic field in the air gap and surface element of the rotor segment. The expression for electromagnetic torque calculation is shown in (6);

$$T_e = \frac{e_A i_A + e_B i_B + e_C i_C}{\omega_r} \tag{6}$$

where T_e is electromagnetic torque, e_A , e_B , and e_C are the rms back-EMF of each phase, i_A , i_B , and i_C are the rms phase current for each phase, and ω_r is the mechanical rotor angular speed. Then, the torque ripple is calculated regarding to the torque waveform, as expressed in (7);

$$T_{ripple} (\%) = \frac{T_{maximum} - T_{minimum}}{T_{average}} \times 100$$
(7)

where T_{ripple} is torque ripple amplitude, $T_{maximum}$ and $T_{minimum}$ are maximum and minimum value of electromagnetic torque, respectively, and $T_{average}$ is average electromagnetic torque.

SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Open-Circuit Magnetic Field Distribution

The open-circuit magnetic field distribution of the DSPM with 6/5, 12/ 10, 18/15, and 24/20 poles was firstly evaluated, as illustrated in **Figures 3A-D**, respectively. The magnetic field density of each structure was also illustrated by color scaling in this figure. It is shown that the magnetic field distribution of all structures is well symmetric. The results also indicate that the number of poles directly impacts the distribution and density of the magnetic field. The machines having larger pole numbers seems to have a higher intensity of the magnetic field due to their narrower pole teeth. A greater number of poles also causes a larger flux leakage in the structure.

Open-Circuit Phase Flux Linkage and Back-EMF

The flux linkage and back-EMF profiles are generally the important parameters indicating the machine performance. Figures 4A,B show the waveforms of the open circuit phase flux linkage and back-EMF for all machine structures. The conventional 12/10 poles DSPM structure can provide the highest phase flux linkage followed by the 18/15, 6/5, and 24/16-poles structures, respectively. The lowest flux linkage of the 24/16 poles structure was due to its highest flux leakage, as explained in the previous sub-section. The phase back-EMF profile clearly demonstrates that the 18/15 poles DSPM can produce the highest back-EMF, following by the 24/20, 12/10, and 6/5 poles structures. Although the back-EMF waveforms of the 18/15 and 6/5 poles structures slightly contain a harmonic, the harmonic scale is acceptable. The DSPM with 18/15 poles indicates the overall EMF profile in which its magnitude is 9.82% improved from the conventional structure, showing that this structure has a more suitable magnetic flux path than the others.

Cogging Torque

The cogging torque waveform of all proposed machines is illustrated in **Figure 5**. All cogging torque waveforms are well symmetric. The 24/20 poles DSPM structure has the worst cogging torque profile due to the largest number of permanent magnets, meanwhile the cogging torque of other structures is on the same scale. The cogging torque of the 18/15 poles DSPM was slightly worse than the convention structure. Therefore, the opencircuit analysis clearly demonstrates that the DSPM with 18/15 poles not only provides the highest back-EMF magnitude, but the reasonable cogging torque value is also maintained.

Electromagnetic Torque Profile

The electromagnetic torque profiles of each the proposed structures was investigated under load conditions at various phase currents, as shown in **Figure 6**. The rotating speed was assumed to be 400 rpm in this evaluation. It shows that the average torque of all structures is linearly increased with





increasing a phase current. Torque of the 18/15 poles structure is enhanced most when the current grows. In particular, we observed that the DSPM having 18/15 poles could produce the highest average torque, followed by the 12/10, 24/20, and 6/5 poles structures, respectively, for all load currents. As displayed in **Figure 7** and **Table 2**, the waveforms of electromagnetic torque were collected at the rated condition of 2 A load current and 400 rpm rotating speed. It was found that the electromagnetic torque of the 18/15 and 6/5 poles structures could slightly suffer from a non-sinusoidal waveform, which is consistent with their EMF profiles. **Figure 7B** exhibits that although the torque ripple of the 18/15 poles structure was slightly higher than the



structures.



load currents (400 rpm rotating speed).

conventional 12/10 poles DSPM, its reasonable scale was maintained. The average torque against speed curves are depicted in **Figure 8** to demonstrate the system variants. As expected, the constant torque value is well observed at all rotating speed for all DSPM machines. Therefore, overall evaluation apparently indicates that the DSPM with 18/15 poles has the best performance and will be chosen for prototype fabrication. By comparing the performance of the proposed 18/15 poles structure





to the other existing DSPM machines, it is revealed that the torque density produced by our optimized structure is on a high-range scale.

EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION

To verify the simulation results, the prototype of the 18/15 poles DSPM was built, as shown in **Figures 9A,B**. The prototype was set to be operated at 400 rpm and was tested under open-circuit



and on-load conditions. The open-circuit back-EMF waveform of the fabricated machine is shown in **Figure 10**. It is demonstrated that the machine prototype's measurement back-EMF waveform is well consistent with the finite element prediction. The slight difference between the two waveforms was due to manufacturing tolerances of fabrication mainly with the inner rotor diameter and other effects due to assembly. However, a good agreement between the two waveforms was verified.

Figure 11 presents the on-load experimental setup of the 18/15 poles DSPM prototype. The load current of 2 A was assigned through the resistive loads. The operating speed of 400 rpm was set. As shown in Figure 12A, the measured electromagnetic torque waveform of the machine prototype is compared with the FEM simulation. It indicates that the shape of the measured torque is in good agreement with the result. However, the magnitude simulated of the measurement waveform is slightly smaller than the simulated waveform due to the mechanical and shape tolerances. In addition, Figure 12B demonstrates that the ripple of measured torque waveform is slightly higher than that obtained from the simulation result due to the same reasons. Therefore, the machine characteristics under on-load condition are validated with good agreement.

Parameters	Values					
	6/5 poles structure	Conventional 12/10 poles structure	18/15 poles structure	24/20 poles structure		
Cogging torque (Nm _{p-p})	3.6	1.3	1.7	1.8		
Load current (A)	2	2	2	2		
Maximum electromagnetic torque (Nm)	4.0	4.9	6.2	4.0		
Minimum electromagnetic torque (Nm)	0.4	3.7	4.3	2.2		
Average electromagnetic torque (Nm)	2.0	4.3	5.1	3.2		
Torque ripple (%)	176.7	30.0	36.8	57.8		









FIGURE 12 | The FEM and measurement result of **(A)** electromagnetic torque and **(B)** ripple torque at the load current of 2 A of the proposed 18/15-poles DSPM (400 rpm rotating speed).

CONCLUSION

In this paper, the pole ratio adjustment technique to was introduced to improve he performance of the DSPM. The electrical characteristics of the machine under open circuit and on-load conditions were examined and analyzed through the finite element method. The simulation results showed that the DSPM structure having 18 stator poles and 15 rotor poles was the optimal structure that indicated the best performance for both open circuit and on-load conditions. The optimal structure could produce a 9.82% higher back-EMF and a 17.94% larger electromagnetic torque than the conventional structure, while a reasonable scale of cogging torque and ripple is maintained. Furthermore, an experimental prototype of the DSPM structure having 18/15 stator/rotor poles was built and tested to verify the simulations. The measurement of machine characteristics was in good agreement with the simulations. The design technique and the fabricated prototype can be utilized for low-speed applications of electrical machines.

DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/Supplementary Material, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

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