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Abstract—The present paper proposes an effective model for the control of synchronous reluctance machines. This model, called the ReMa Model, takes into account not only residual magnetism within the rotor of a synchronous reluctance machine, but also that within the stator. Electromotive forces generated by the ReMa Model were composed of two frequencies and exhibited similar shapes as those measured in experiments. Resultant equations in a three-phase (a, b, c) frame and in a Park reference frame (d, q) were revealed and divergences from commonly used models could be underlined. Experimental tests were carried out to prove the effectiveness of the ReMa Model which was also compared to a classical counterpart in the case where a synchronous reluctance generator was connected to a three-phase diode rectifier.

Index Terms—Back Electromotive Forces, Dynamical Model, Residual Magnetism, Synchronous Reluctance Machines

I. INTRODUCTION

Electrification is one way to reduce pollution and global warming by using electrical machines as motors or power generators. In 2011 electrical machines were responsible for between 43% and 46% of the total global electricity consumption according to [1] and out of this, medium power motors (0.75 kW to 375 kW) made up 68%. This was mainly because of the use of Induction Machines (IM) which have relatively low efficiency. Among other efficient three-phase electrical motors, permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSM) are nowadays widely used in numerous variable speed applications such as electric traction [2]. However, they have a main drawback: the presence of permanent magnets mostly made up of rare-earth elements [3] raises several ecological and economical issues. These matters force constructors to develop less magnets or even magnet-free motors such as synchronous reluctance (SynREL) motors [4] [5]. SynREL machines constitute a former technology when it comes to electrical actuators [6]. Because of phase switching issues and machine design, SynREL machines only became a serious competitor in the electrical machine market very recently.

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These past decades, technological advances in power electronic and computer science have made SynREL machines more effective and novel designs are continuously developed to improve them [7]. Consequently, they now tend to compete with PMSMs after challenging traditional IMs [8] in different industrial applications [9] [10] [11] thanks to an enhanced efficiency and lower weight [12].

The literature has paid much attention to magnetic saturation [13] [14] and iron losses [15] [16] [17] for SynREL machines. Moreover, residual magnetic flux has been mentioned in self excitation phenomenon studies in generator applications. The latter is well known for IM [18] [19] and has been carried out for SynREL generators [20] [21]. In [22], the authors revealed the particular shape of back electromotive forces (EMF) produced by the residual magnetic flux without giving a clear explanation. Nonetheless, it has been demonstrated that the amplitude of this voltage is a critical criterium to ensure a self-excited start for both Induction [18] and SynREL generators [23] [24]. Yet, to the best of our knowledge, no paper presents a residual magnetic flux model. Such model could be used for system analysis and control law design.

This article aims to provide an effective dynamical model of the residual magnetic flux in SynREL machines. This model is available for control purposes, especially for applications at low voltage and high-speeds, such as generator voltage build-up. In such cases, residual magnetism has a major effect and for this reason, a precise model that includes residual magnetism is required.

The present paper is structured as follows: the problem statement is exposed in section II; section III contains the proposed models, in particular, models that take into account residual magnetism within the rotor and the stator; section IV transposes previous models into the Park reference frame; section V confronts simulations with experimental measurements; and section VI tests the model in simulation and compares the outcome with experimental results in a case study where the SynREL generator is connected to a three-phase diode rectifier. The experimental measurements were performed for the SynREL generator. Finally; section VII presents conclusions and future work.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

In general, three-phase electrical machine equations can be expressed by applying Kirchhoff's voltage law [25] as (1) :

$$\frac{dL(\theta_e)i_{abc}}{dt} = v_{abc} - R_s i_{abc} - e_{abc}, \quad (1)$$

where $i_{abc} = (i_a \ i_b \ i_c)^\top$ is the vector of stator currents, $v_{abc} = (v_a \ v_b \ v_c)^\top$ is the vector of stator voltages, $e_{abc} = (e_a \ e_b \ e_c)^\top$ is the vector of back EMF on each phase of the machine, θ_e is the electrical position of the rotor, R_s is the resistor per phase and $L(\theta_e)$ is the inductance matrix that is defined more precisely in (2) and (3)¹.

$$L(\theta_e) = \begin{pmatrix} L_a & M_{ab} & M_{ca} \\ M_{ab} & L_b & M_{bc} \\ M_{ca} & M_{bc} & L_c \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

with :

$$\begin{cases} L_a &= L_0 + L_2 \cos(2\theta_e), \\ L_b &= L_0 + L_2 \cos(2\theta_e + \frac{2\pi}{3}), \\ L_c &= L_0 + L_2 \cos(2\theta_e - \frac{2\pi}{3}), \\ M_{ab} &= M_0 + M_2 \cos(2\theta_e - \frac{2\pi}{3}), \\ M_{bc} &= M_0 + M_2 \cos(2\theta_e), \\ M_{ca} &= M_0 + M_2 \cos(2\theta_e + \frac{2\pi}{3}), \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Here, L_0 , M_0 and L_2 , M_2 are respectively average values and amplitudes of phase inductances and mutual inductances. Iron losses have been neglected in the following developments. The expression of the produced torque is deduced from a power balance :

$$\begin{aligned} P_{meca} &= P_{elec} - P_{Joule} - P_{storage}, \\ \Gamma_{em} \Omega_m &= v_{abc}^\top i_{abc} - R_s i_{abc}^\top i_{abc} - L(\theta_e) \frac{di_{abc}}{dt}^\top i_{abc}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where P_{meca} is the mechanical power, P_{elec} the electrical power, P_{Joule} the Joule losses, $P_{storage}$ the power stored in the inductances of the machine, Γ_{em} the torque generated by the machine and Ω_m the mechanical speed of the machine.

From (4) and (1), equation (5) gives the expression of the generated torque [27].

$$\Gamma_{em} = n_{pp} \left[\frac{\partial L(\theta_e)}{\partial \theta_e} i_{abc} \right]^\top i_{abc} + n_{pp} \frac{e_{abc}^\top i_{abc}}{\omega_e}, \quad (5)$$

where n_{pp} is the number of pole pairs of the machine. The electrical position and speed are linked to their mechanical counterparts by the number of pole pairs: $\theta_e = n_{pp} \theta_m$ and $\omega_e = n_{pp} \Omega_m$.

Fig. 1 shows a SynREL machine with two pole pairs ($n_{pp} = 2$). The dark areas represent the iron while white parts are made of non-magnetic material such as air. The different annotations are introduced later in this paper.

In such machines, the variations of inductances are mainly responsible for the torque generation. Indeed, back EMF are generally neglected [25] because of the absence of magnets within the rotor, whether $e_{abc} = 0$. However, as for most electrical instruments, SynREL machines are mainly made of ferromagnetic materials. The hysteresis propriety of such materials leads to a small magnetic excitation after being subjected to an intense magnetic field. This results in back EMF not being zero. In this context, the present article deals with the theoretical development of the expression of back EMF and the experiments illustrate these results.

Remark 1. In this work, back EMF denote voltages produced when no current flows through the stator windings. Sometimes

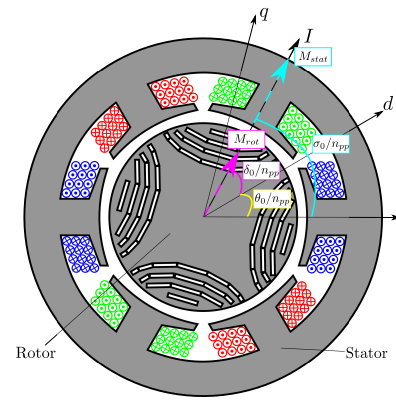


Fig. 1. Schematic cross-section of a SynREL machine with two pole pairs and phase windings (A: blue, B: red, C: green)

this term is employed to denominate the voltages generated by the reluctance variations. Depending on currents in each phase, they are not strictly back EMF from our point of view.

III. PROPOSED REMA MODEL IN AN (a, b, c) REFERENCE FRAME

A. Introduction to residual magnetism of the rotor

To take into account the hysteresis property of a ferromagnetic material, studies have shown that the rotor is likely to be magnetized [22] [23]. Here we consider that it can be magnetized in any direction. This gives rise to a constant magnetization m_{rot} in a direction defined by the angle δ_0 (see Fig. 1) rotating with the rotor. From the perspective of the rotor, the reluctance is almost constant with the rotor position, thus m_{rot} produces a positive constant flux denoted Φ_{rot} . The back EMF produced by residual magnetism within the rotor are for each phase expressed as (6):

$$\begin{cases} e_{a,rot} &= -\Phi_{rot} \omega_e \sin(\theta_e + \delta_0), \\ e_{b,rot} &= -\Phi_{rot} \omega_e \sin(\theta_e + \delta_0 - 2\pi/3), \\ e_{c,rot} &= -\Phi_{rot} \omega_e \sin(\theta_e + \delta_0 + 2\pi/3). \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Fig. 2 represents the normalized back EMF produced by residual magnetism within the rotor of a SynREL machine.

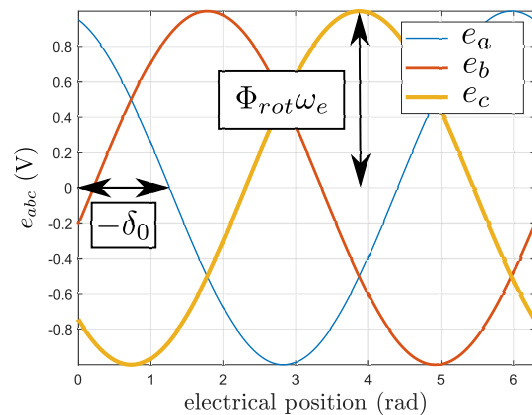


Fig. 2. Normalized back EMF when the rotor is magnetized in the direction δ_0

¹In theory $M_0 = -\frac{1}{2} L_0$ and $L_2 = M_2$ [26]

B. Considering residual magnetism within the stator

It should be mentioned that not only the rotor but also the stator is likely to be magnetized. It is important to notice that even if the stator remains static, due to reluctance variations of the SynREL machine (see eq. (2)), a constant magnetization in the stator will produce a flux variation and thus a back EMF. This magnetization must be considered in the proposed residual magnetism model (ReMa Model) for the SynREL machine. Again, a constant magnetization m_{stat} occurs within the stator in a fixed direction defined by the angle σ_0 (see Fig. 1). Because reluctances are position-dependant in the SynREL motor, the magnetization m_{stat} produces a flux whose amplitude varies with respect to the motor rotation. This magnetization can be modeled as a positive constant current denoted I_{stat} . The projection into the motor phases leads to $I_{a,stat} = I_{stat}\cos(\sigma_0)$, $I_{b,stat} = I_{stat}\cos(\sigma_0 - 2\pi/3)$ and $I_{c,stat} = I_{stat}\cos(\sigma_0 + 2\pi/3)$.

From Lenz's law ($e = \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \frac{dLi}{dt}$) and because I_{stat} is constant, back EMF are produced according to the following:

$$\begin{cases} e_{a,stat} = I_{a,stat} \frac{dL_a}{dt} + I_{b,stat} \frac{dM_{ab}}{dt} + I_{c,stat} \frac{dM_{ca}}{dt}, \\ e_{b,stat} = I_{a,stat} \frac{dM_{ab}}{dt} + I_{b,stat} \frac{dL_b}{dt} + I_{c,stat} \frac{dM_{bc}}{dt}, \\ e_{c,stat} = I_{a,stat} \frac{dM_{ca}}{dt} + I_{b,stat} \frac{dM_{bc}}{dt} + I_{c,stat} \frac{dL_c}{dt}. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

It can be demonstrated that these voltages are composed of only one frequency which is twofold the rotational frequency. Using trigonometric relations and assuming $L_2 = M_2$ we get:

$$\begin{cases} e_{a,stat} = -3I_{stat}\omega_e M_2 \sin(2\theta_e - \sigma_0), \\ e_{b,stat} = -3I_{stat}\omega_e M_2 \sin(2\theta_e - \sigma_0 - 2\pi/3), \\ e_{c,stat} = -3I_{stat}\omega_e M_2 \sin(2\theta_e - \sigma_0 + 2\pi/3). \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Fig. 3 presents the normalized back EMF produced by residual magnetism within the stator of a SynREL.

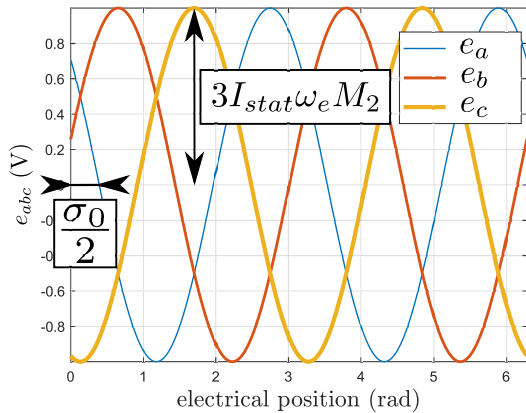


Fig. 3. Normalized back EMF when the stator is magnetized in the direction σ_0

C. Considering residual magnetism within both the rotor and the stator

The total back EMF produced when both the stator and the rotor are magnetized is obtained by the addition of (6) and (8). This new model takes into account the residual magnetism in

both the rotor and stator, and produces two-frequency back EMF.

$$\begin{cases} e_{a,tot} = -\Phi_{rot}\omega_e \sin(\theta_e + \delta_0) \\ \quad -3I_{stat}\omega_e M_2 \sin(2\theta_e - \sigma_0), \\ e_{b,tot} = -\Phi_{rot}\omega_e \sin(\theta_e + \delta_0 - 2\pi/3) \\ \quad -3I_{stat}\omega_e M_2 \sin(2\theta_e - \sigma_0 - 2\pi/3), \\ e_{c,tot} = -\Phi_{rot}\omega_e \sin(\theta_e + \delta_0 + 2\pi/3) \\ \quad -3I_{stat}\omega_e M_2 \sin(2\theta_e - \sigma_0 + 2\pi/3). \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Fig. 4 presents an example of the simulation results. As can be

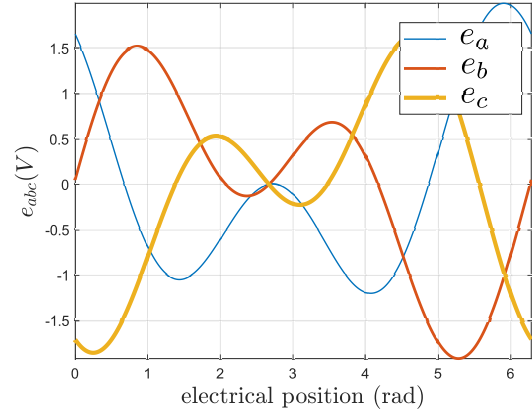


Fig. 4. Simulation of back EMF when both the rotor and stator are magnetized. $\omega_e = 209$ rad/s, $M_2 = 0.058$ H, $\Phi_{rot} = 0.0048$ Wb, $I_{stat} = 0.0275$ A, $\sigma_0 = \pi/4$ rad, $\delta_0 = -2\pi/5$ rad

seen, a naive measurement of the amplitude by a peak-to-peak measurement is irrelevant for the comparison of produced back EMF. This is especially true since peak-to-peak amplitudes are not identical for each phase. Such a measurement leads to a significant overestimation of the residual magnetism flux within the rotor. A better way to compare back EMF magnitudes is with the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) amplitude. Considering only total back EMF in phase A, one can notice that the shape is similar to those presented in [22]. It is important to notice that variations in directions δ_0 and σ_0 produce significant changes in the shape of the back EMF curve.

Although the sum of all phases of back EMF is zero, the quantity $V_a^2 + V_b^2 + V_c^2$ is not constant as shown in Fig. 5. This is a divergent point compared to classical three-phase signals produced by only rotor-magnetized models as in (6).

IV. PROPOSED REMA MODEL IN THE PARK REFERENCE FRAME

In the electrical reference frame, the direction of the rotor that involves the maximum of iron is called direction d whereas the so-called q direction is the one with large air-gap (see Fig. 1). With these definitions, the d and q axes are unique and orthogonal in the electrical reference frame. The reference of the electrical position θ_e is chosen such that $\theta_e = 0$ rad coincides with the alignment between the direction d and the phase A windings.

In the rotor reference frame, the Park transform [28] is known to be a truly helpful tool. Hence, resultant equations

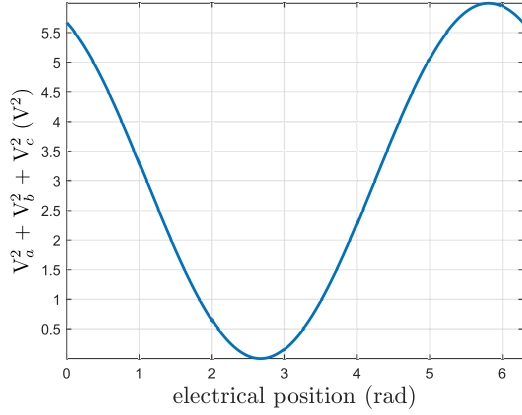


Fig. 5. Simulation of $V_a^2 + V_b^2 + V_c^2$ when both the rotor and stator are magnetized

are often represented in this frame and electrical machines are generally controlled in it. In this section, we develop the previous ReMa model equations in the Park reference frame. The Concordia-Park transform is chosen as presented in (10). This transform preserves powers but not amplitudes.

$$P = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_e) & \cos(\theta_e - \frac{2\pi}{3}) & \cos(\theta_e + \frac{2\pi}{3}) \\ -\sin(\theta_e) & -\sin(\theta_e - \frac{2\pi}{3}) & -\sin(\theta_e + \frac{2\pi}{3}) \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

With this definition, the inverse transform is carried out by $P^{-1} = P^T$.

$$\begin{aligned} X_{dq0} &= PX_{abc}, \\ X_{abc} &= P^{-1}X_{dq0}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where X denotes either currents, voltages or back EMF.

Inductances in the Park reference frame L_d and L_q can be deduced from L_0 , M_0 and L_2 , M_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} L_d &= L_0 - M_0 + M_2 + \frac{1}{2}L_2, \\ L_q &= L_0 - M_0 - M_2 - \frac{1}{2}L_2. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

If inductance saturations and iron losses are overlooked, the SynREL motor can generally be modeled by (13).

$$\begin{cases} L_d \frac{di_d}{dt} = v_d - R_s i_d + \omega_e L_q i_q, \\ L_q \frac{di_q}{dt} = v_q - R_s i_q - \omega_e L_d i_d, \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

where i_d , i_q , v_d and v_q are currents and voltages in the Park rotation frame. Here, just as in section II, no residual magnetism is considered. In this case, the torque produced by the SynREL machines is expressed in (14).

$$\Gamma_{em} = n_{pp}(L_d - L_q)i_d i_q. \quad (14)$$

When a residual magnetism is considered in the machine's rotor as in (6), (15) gives the model of the SynREL machine.

$$\begin{cases} L_d \frac{di_d}{dt} = v_d - R_s i_d + \omega_e (L_q i_q + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \Phi_{rot} \sin(\delta_0)), \\ L_q \frac{di_q}{dt} = v_q - R_s i_q - \omega_e (L_d i_d + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \Phi_{rot} \cos(\delta_0)). \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

If both the residual magnetism within the rotor and the stator are considered (see (9)), the electrical model of the machine becomes:

$$\begin{cases} L_d \frac{di_d}{dt} = v_d - R_s i_d + \omega_e (L_q i_q + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \Phi_{rot} \sin(\delta_0)) \\ \quad + 3\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} I_{stat} \omega_e M_2 \sin(\theta_e - \sigma_0), \\ L_q \frac{di_q}{dt} = v_q - R_s i_q - \omega_e (L_d i_d + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \Phi_{rot} \cos(\delta_0)) \\ \quad - 3\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} I_{stat} \omega_e M_2 \cos(\theta_e - \sigma_0). \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

When the residual magnetism within the rotor is taken into account, we need to add a constant term in both equations in (13). This term depends on the direction δ_0 . Additionally, the residual magnetism within the stator adds position-dependent terms and these terms vary with an angular frequency to the electrical speed. The amplitudes of said terms are identical for both the d and q axis equations.

The model proposed in (16) can be useful for control purposes, especially for applications where residual magnetism has to be considered, such as generator voltage build-up.

V. EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENTS

A. Description of the test bench

For the experimental tests, a BSR90LE154055FB5 SynREL machine from Bonfiglioli was used as a generator. Its main characteristics are listed in Table I. A Leroy-Somer 95UMC300HAAAA PMSM with the same speed and power range was attached to the SynREL generator by the shafts. This PMSM was connected to a three-phase inverter composed of BSM 50 GB 120 DN2 IGBT. To magnetize the SynREL machine, a three-phase inverter composed of IRF540Z MOSFET was used. Position and speed measurements were provided by an incremental encoder with 5000 points per mechanical revolution. All acquisitions were extracted through a dSpace MicroLabBox Rapid Control Prototyping (RCP) System. The experimental setup is presented in Fig. 6.

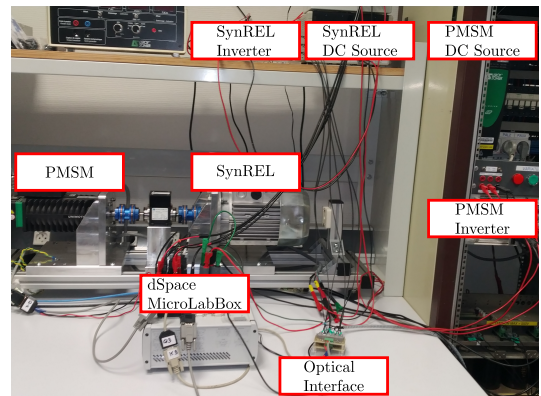


Fig. 6. Experimental setup

B. Magnetization - demagnetization procedure

The proposed strategy requires a known magnetization (Φ_{rot} , I_{stat} and directions δ_0 and σ_0). However, the magnetization depends on previous uses (i.e., the magnetization

TABLE I
MAIN PARAMETERS OF THE SYNCHRONOUS RELUCTANCE MACHINE

Parameters	Value	Units
Base speed (mechanical) Ω_m	1500	<i>rpm</i>
Number of pole pairs n_{pp}	2	—
Rated current I_n	4.5	<i>A</i>
Power P_n	1500	<i>W</i>
Nominal phase voltage V_n	230	<i>V</i>
Resistance per phase R_s	2.9	Ω
Unsaturated inductance amplitude L_2	0.078	<i>H</i>
Unsaturated inductance average value L_0	0.144	<i>H</i>
Unsaturated Mutual amplitude M_2	0.058	<i>H</i>
Unsaturated Mutual average value M_0	-0.048	<i>H</i>
Unsaturated d-axis inductance L_d	0.289	<i>H</i>
Unsaturated q-axis inductance L_q	0.095	<i>H</i>

history). The machine can be demagnetized by generating a decreasing rotating flux in stand-still conditions. From there, it can be magnetized in a chosen direction δ_0 in the rotor reference frame while the rotor position is θ_0 as represented in Fig. 1. The fixed direction σ_0 of magnetization in the stator frame can thus be deduced from the rotor position θ_0 and the magnetization direction δ_0 as (17) during the magnetizing procedure.

$$\sigma_0 = \theta_0 + \delta_0. \quad (17)$$

After the demagnetization procedure, by increasing the current, the magnetization follows the initial magnetization curve. Once the desired current I_0 is reached, we reduce the current down to zero. At this point, the magnetism is non-zero because of the magnetic hysteresis. This process is represented in Fig. 7 for two desired currents I_{01} and I_{02} and this led to two different residual magnetism values m_{01} and m_{02} . These residual magnetisms values depended on the non-linear and hysteretic behavior of the ferromagnetic material.

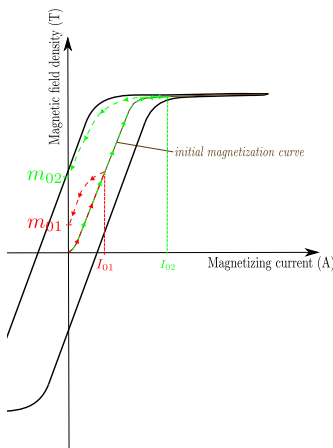


Fig. 7. Schematic of a hysteresis cycle

Fig. 8 shows back EMF measurements achieved on the SynREL machine before (left, magnetizing current $I_0 = 4$ A $\delta_0 = 0$ rad $\theta_0 = 6.05$ rad) and after (right) the demagnetization procedure. The vertical scales were identical in order to confirm the effectiveness of the considered demagnetization method.

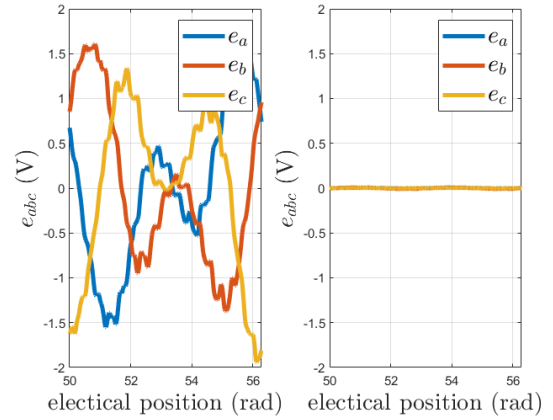


Fig. 8. Back EMF at $\omega_e = 155$ rad/s before (left, magnetizing current $I_0 = 4$ A, $\delta_0 = 0$ rad, $\theta_0 = 6.05$ rad) and after (right) the demagnetization procedure

To validate our model, all measurements were performed according to the following procedure:

- Demagnetization,
- Magnetization in the desired direction and with the desired amplitude,
- Measurement of the quantities of interest.

C. Validation of the proposed ReMa Model by experimental measurements

First, an experimental determination of the EMF's amplitude was performed when the SynREL generator was magnetized under different currents. Only small currents ($\leq 50\%$ nominal value) were considered so as to minimize the impact of inductance saturations. Because of the non-linear phenomena, such as previously mentioned saturations, the back EMF amplitudes were computed from FFT. From these amplitudes, the I_{stat} and Φ_{rot} values could be deduced. A neutral point was available on the tested SynREL machine after which the back EMF values were directly measured between the phases and the neutral point. To simplify data processing and figures, only back EMF in phase A and phase B were measured. A_0 and A_1 were considered to be the mean values of amplitudes, normalized with speed, from FFT as expressed in (18).

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \frac{1}{2\omega_e}(A_{0,a} + A_{0,b}), \\ A_1 &= \frac{1}{2\omega_e}(A_{1,a} + A_{1,b}). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Here, $A_{0,a}$ and $A_{0,b}$ are the amplitudes of the fundamental on phase A and B, respectively, and $A_{1,a}$ and $A_{1,b}$ are the amplitudes of the first harmonic on phase A and B, respectively.

Fig. 9 exhibits the results for magnetizing currents $I_0 \in [-2A; +2A]$ in both d ($\delta_0 = 0$ rad) and q ($\delta_0 = \pi/2$ rad) directions. Because σ_0 has no impact on back EMF amplitudes, it is not specified here. The computed amplitudes A_0 and A_1 are also plotted in Fig. 9.

From this figure it can be seen that for the same amount of magnetizing current, the back EMF that were produced when the d axis was magnetized was greater than that produced when the q axis was magnetized. This result was to be

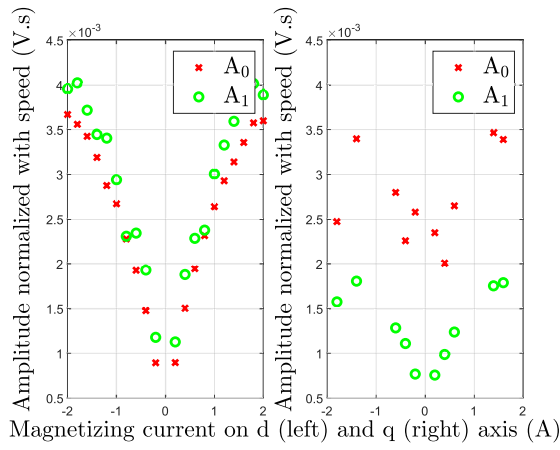


Fig. 9. Magnitude (normalized with speed) of fundamental and first harmonic when d axis (left) and q axis (right) were magnetized

expected since the d axis presents more iron and is hence more likely to be magnetized. A_0 and A_1 depended on the magnetizing current amplitude I_0 and its direction δ_0 .

From Fig. 9 the relationship between the amplitude of back EMF and the magnitude of the magnetizing current seemed to be simpler in the direct direction (d) than in the quadrature (q) one. However, determining such a relationship is beyond the scope of this work.

Remark 2. *FFT in phase A and B provided very close magnitudes. Especially the amplitudes of the first harmonic were identical for both phases. This justifies the previous hypothesis $M_2 = L_2$ (even though our parameter measurements exhibited different values for M_2 and L_2 as listed in Table I).*

From the computed amplitudes A_0 and A_1 , I_{stat} and Φ_{rot} were deduced based on eq. (6) and (8). Their expressions are given as:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{stat} &= \frac{1}{3M_2} A_1, \\ \Phi_{rot} &= A_0. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Additionally, with known δ_0 and θ_0 parameters, the generated back EMF were computed for each phase and were compared to real measurements as shown in Fig. 10. These back EMF values were computed from (9).

The simulated and measured back EMF were very close for a large range of magnetizing currents, even when both i_d and i_q were used to magnetize the system. Fig. 11 shows the error made between the simulated and measured back EMF for all acquisitions. The quadratic error was computed as the difference between the simulated and measured back EMF raised to squared power, and this was calculated for ten periods. Fig. 11 highlights the measurement corresponding to the one plotted in Fig. 10. It can be seen that this measurement corresponded to a middle one in terms of error. These results validated the new model given in eq. (9).

In order to evaluate our model, phase shifts provided by FFT analysis were compared to those measured during the magnetization procedure. These phase shifts corresponded to the parameters δ_0 and θ_0 in the proposed model (9). In Fig. 12,

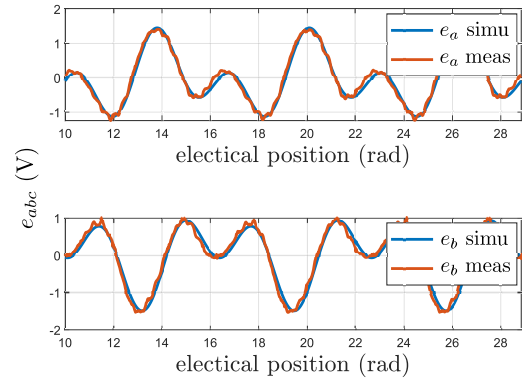


Fig. 10. Comparison between simulated and measured back EMF (magnetization $I_0 = 1.6$ A, $\delta_0 = \pi$ rad, $\theta_0 = 0.75$ rad)

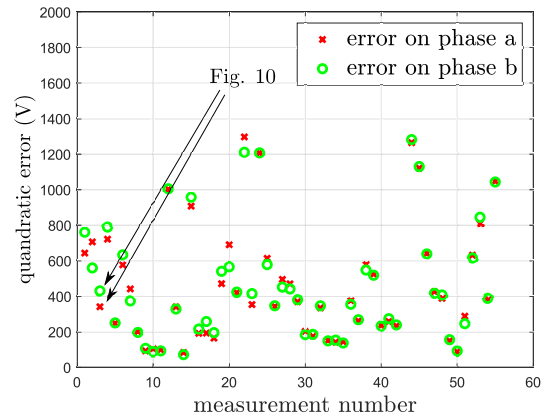


Fig. 11. Error $\sum \sqrt{(e_{meas} - e_{simu})^2}$ of simulated back EMF

the difference between the measured θ_0 and δ_0 and those determined by an FFT analysis is plotted. The plotted results show that magnetizing information such as δ_0 and θ_0 can be deduced from the measurements of back EMF. It validated our new ReMa model given in (9). The last samples (after 44) were obtained from a magnetizing current in both the d and q directions, explaining the slightly larger difference.

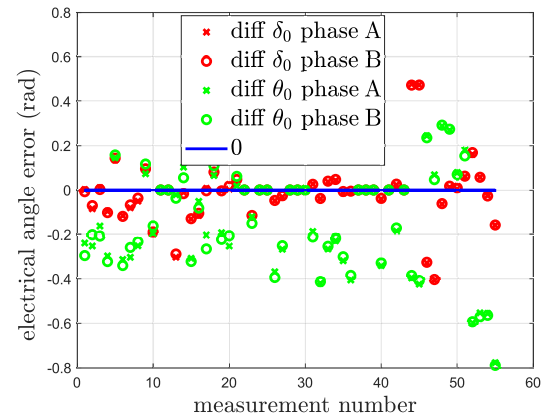


Fig. 12. Difference between phase shifts provided by FFT and the proposed model

VI. SYNREL GENERATOR CONNECTED TO A THREE-PHASE DIODE RECTIFIER

Next, the SynREL machine was connected to a three-phase diode rectifier as presented in Fig. 13. In this figure, i_{dc} and V_{dc} are respectively the current and the voltage on the DC side of the rectifier, i_{cap} denotes the current flowing through the storage capacitor and i_L is the current in the resistive load R_L . The considered system corresponds to a fault operation or a willfully uncontrolled three-phase active rectifier.

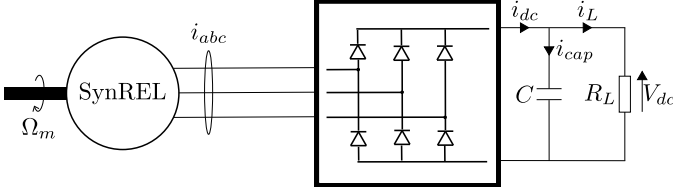


Fig. 13. Diagram of the considered system

Simulations were first performed to compare SynREL and modeled SynREL as PMSM generators connected to a three-phase diode rectifier. The latter provides sinusoidal back EMF equivalent to that produced by an only rotor-magnetized back EMF model of a SynREL generator. Subsequently experimental measurements were carried out on the laboratory's SynREL machine.

A. Simulation results

Since the total power generated by back EMF was not constant (see Fig. 5), the resultant DC voltage differed from the one produced by a sinusoidal back EMF generator connected to the same rectifier. Obviously, the magnitudes were very low. Simulations were performed on a Matlab/Simulink software, and a Simscape library was used. Voltage drops caused by the generator's resistors and inductances were considered using identified machine parameters (see Table I). Because currents were flowing through the rotor windings, there was a risk of demagnetization, as mentioned in [23]. However, considering the extremely small values of generated currents, this threat was not considered in the present work. Fig. 14 exhibits the simulation results that were obtained when the back EMF had the same peak-to-peak amplitudes for both generators.

The only rotor-magnetized generator produced a quasi-constant DC voltage of 0.105 V, while the ReMa-modeled SynREL produced a DC voltage that varied with motor rotational frequency and for which the amplitude was equal to 0.072 V and the average value was 0.067 V. This discordance was caused by the non-sinusoidal back EMF for the SynREL generator. According to the development proposed in section III, an optimal magnetization direction σ_0 can be considered to maximize the DC voltage produced for the same values of Φ_{rot} and I_{stat} . In simulation, the produced DC voltage may be increased by 5% by choosing the optimum direction of magnetization.

B. Experimental results

The electrical diagram in Fig. 13 was carried out experimentally with the SynREL machine whose parameters are

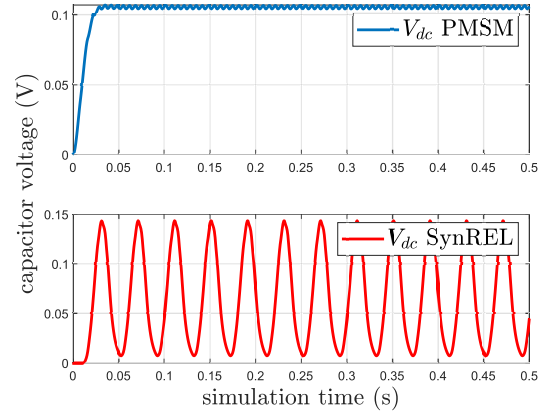


Fig. 14. Comparison between DC voltage produced by only rotor-magnetized (down, red) and ReMa-model (up, blue) SynREL generators connected to a three-phase diode rectifier

given in Table I. All the other parameters for this experiment are listed in Table II. The three-phase diode rectifier was made from uncontrolled MOSFET IRF540Z transistors from Infineon. These components have a forward diode voltage of 0.53 V and a Static Drain-to-Source On-Resistance R_{on} of 7.8 Ω according to the associated datasheet and considering the small currents involved (≤ 0.015 A).

TABLE II
MAIN PARAMETERS OF THE SYNCHRONOUS RELUCTANCE MACHINE

Parameters	Value	Units
Magnetizing current's amplitude I_0	2	A
Magnetizing angle θ_0	2.59	rad
Magnetizing direction δ_0	0	rad
Rotational speed (electric) ω_e	157	rad/s
Storage capacitor C	0.5	mF
Load resistor R_L	10	Ω

The results of this experiment are represented in Fig. 15 plotting a comparison between simulated voltages on phases A and B in the two first graphs. The third graph compares the voltage on the capacitor in simulation and in experiment.

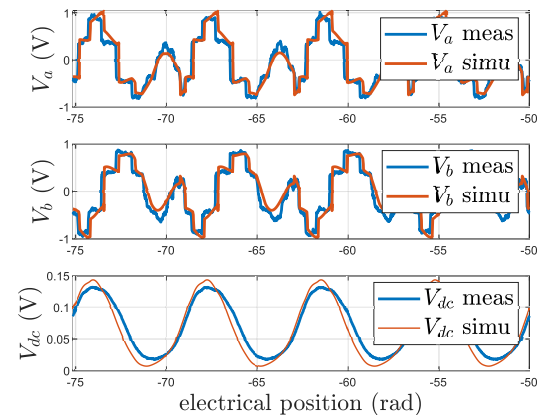


Fig. 15. Comparison between simulations and measurements when the SynREL generator was connected to a three-phase diode rectifier, and the machine was magnetized with $I_0 = 2$ A, $\delta_0 = 0$ rad, $\theta_0 = 2.59$ rad

The simulated voltages were close to the measurements. The divergence in measured DC voltage and its simulated counterpart can be explained by the difference between a real three-phase diode rectifier and a simulated one in Matlab/Simulink. The large ripple on V_{dc} was caused by non-constant power generated by SynREL back-EMF.

VII. CONCLUSIONS AND FURTHER WORK

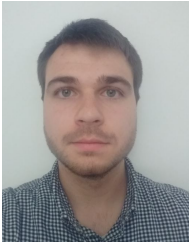
This paper proposes an effective back EMF model (ReMa Model) of a SynREL machine that takes into account residual magnetism in both the rotor and stator. The model requires only few parameters (namely δ_0 , σ_0 , I_{stat} , Φ_{rot}) and produces a two-frequency back EMF in the classical (a, b, c) frame. Comparisons between experimental measurements and simulated back EMF confirmed the accuracy of the proposed model. The advantage of using this ReMa model instead of a classical one involving magnetization in only the rotor was clearly demonstrated in the case study of a generator connected with a rectifier. The proposed ReMa model is also given in the Park reference frame making it usable for control design.

When dealing with SynREL motor applications, back EMF might be considered as perturbations and such perturbations can cause undesirable torque ripples that should be avoided [29] in most of applications. By using the ReMa model, and because back EMF are composed of only two sinusoids, they are likely to be observed in order to be compensated [30]. On the other hand, in case studies of SynREL generators, the ReMa model is helpful when it comes to designing original control laws in order to obtain an effective voltage increase at start-up.

Finally, the method proposed in this paper to obtain a dynamical model including residual magnetism can be extended to other types of electrical machines as IM for example.

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