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# Letters

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**Abstract**—This letter proposes a general single-sensor active damping framework for *LCL*-equipped high-speed permanent magnet synchronous machines. By the proposed method, arbitrary damping assignment and stability for the *LCL* resonance within the Nyquist frequency are achieved with only the inverter-current feedback or motor-current feedback. Moreover, the simplified analytical expression between the physical parameters and the damping performance enables automatic tuning for different drive systems.

**Index Terms**—General single-sensor resonance damping, HSPMSM, *LCL* filter, wide stable region.

### I. INTRODUCTION

HIGH-SPEED surface-mounted permanent magnet synchronous machines (HSPMSMs) are widely used in industrial applications because of their high power density and high efficiency [1]. For HSPMSM drives, an *LC* or *LCL* output filter is often added to eliminate the excessive  $dv/dt$  voltage, additional losses in the motor resulting from current harmonics, and high-frequency electromagnetic noise in the motor cable. However, the *LCL* circuit introduces a resonance peak and it may damage the stability of the current control loop.

Some active damping (AD) strategies are developed effectively to deal with this *LCL* resonance problem. Based on the damping principle, they can be classified into the following categories: filter-based methods, partial-state feedback (PSF) method, full-state feedback control (FSFC) methods, observer-based FSFC (OFSFC), and equivalent FSFC (EFSFC) methods.

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In filter-based methods, the notch filter [2] is commonly used to provide the additional phase lead or phase lag. In PSF methods, the AD effect is induced by the partial state feedback, including the proportional capacitor current feedback [3], the filtered capacitor current feedback [4], the filtered capacitor voltage feedback [5], the high-pass grid-current feedback [6], and the inverter-current feedback [7]. Among filter-based methods and PSF methods, the resonance damping ratio cannot be freely designed and the stability is usually restricted by the location of the *LCL* resonance due to the digital computation delay. To achieve a strong resonance damping, FSFC methods are developed with arbitrary pole placement [8], and, thus the damping ratio is freely selected by users at any resonance frequency, but it requires the measurement of all the states. To reduce the number of sensors, the OFSFC methods [9]–[11] are designed by introducing a high-order model-based state observer (three orders in the stationary coordinate while six orders in the synchronous coordinate). Clearly, it sharply increases the computational complication and relies on the accuracy of the system parameters. To eliminate the state-observer, in [12], the equivalent feedback is proposed based on the filtering of the control action and in that way, the single-sensor EFSFC is achieved with arbitrary pole assignment, but it requires the calculation of the state-feedback gain matrix for an extended high-order drive system (at least 6). Furthermore, the analytical expression of the feedback-gain matrix between the physical system parameters and the damping effect is very complicated, and thus it brings many difficulties for microcontrollers to automatically calculate the gain matrix with respect to different drive systems.

To address these issues, this letter proposes a general single-sensor AD framework for *LCL*-equipped HSPMSMs in the synchronous coordinate, which has the following advantages as:

- 1) effective for the inverter-current feedback (ICF) and motor-current feedback (MCF) drive system;
- 2) single-sensor synchronous AD strategy for motor drives;
- 3) simplified analytical expression between the physical parameters and the damping performance, which enables automatic tuning for different drive systems;
- 4) arbitrary damping assignment and stability for the *LCL* resonance within the Nyquist frequency.

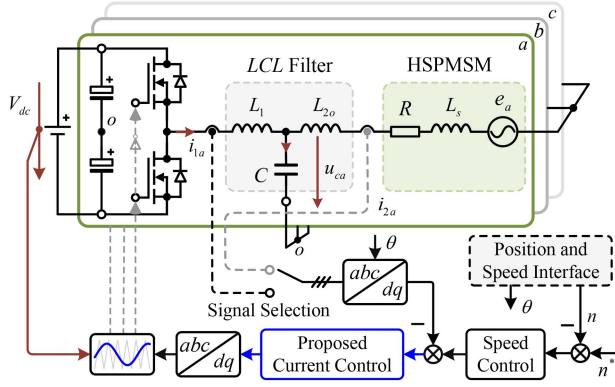


Fig. 1. General control structure of single-sensor HSPMSMs drive system equipped with LCL filter.

## II. GENERAL DISCRETE-TIME MODEL

Fig. 1 shows the general control structure of the LCL-equipped HSPMSM drives. Without loss of generality, the measured state can be the inverter current or the motor current. According to [3], [13], the discrete-time transfer function of the inverter current can be obtained as

$$G_{i_1}(z) = \frac{i_{1s}(z)}{V_s(z)} = \frac{T}{(L_1 + L_2)(z - 1)} + \frac{L_2}{L_1 + L_2} \frac{\sin(\omega_{res}T)}{\omega_{res}L_1} \frac{z - 1}{z^2 - 2z \cos(\omega_{res}T) + 1} \quad (1)$$

and

$$G_{i_2}(z) = \frac{i_{2s}(z)}{V_s(z)} = \frac{T}{(L_1 + L_2)(z - 1)} - \frac{\sin(\omega_{res}T)}{\omega_{res}(L_1 + L_2)} \frac{z - 1}{z^2 - 2z \cos(\omega_{res}T) + 1} \quad (2)$$

where  $\omega_{res} = 2\pi f_{res} = \sqrt{(L_1 + L_2)/(L_1 L_2 C)}$  is the natural resonant frequency,  $L_1$  is the inverter-side inductance,  $L_2 = L_{2o} + L_s$ ,  $L_{2o}$  is the motor-side inductance,  $L_s$  is the motor inductance,  $C$  refers to the filtered capacitor,  $i_{1s} = i_{1\alpha} + j i_{1\beta}$  is the inverter current, and  $i_{2s} = i_{2\alpha} + j i_{2\beta}$  denotes the motor current.  $V_s = V_\alpha + j V_\beta$  denotes the output voltage.  $T$  is the sampling period.

To represent the transfer function in the synchronous coordinate, the general discrete-time model of LCL-equipped HSPMSM drives as

$$G_r(z) = \frac{i_r(z)}{V_r(z)} = \frac{1}{z} \frac{g_1 z^2 e^{2j\omega_e T} + g_2 z e^{j\omega_e T} + g_1}{z^3 e^{3j\omega_e T} - g_3 z^2 e^{2j\omega_e T} + g_3 z e^{j\omega_e T} - 1} \quad (3)$$

where  $i_r = i_{1,2d} + j i_{1,2q}$  is the inverter-current or motor-current complex vector.  $V_r = V_d + j V_q$ .  $\omega_e = 2\pi f_e$  is the fundamental angular frequency. Besides,  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$ ,  $g_3$ , and  $\mu_1$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= (\mu_1 + \mu_2) & g_2 &= -2(\mu_2 + \mu_1 \cos(\omega_{res}T)) \\ g_3 &= (2 \cos(\omega_{res}T) + 1) & \mu_1 &= T/(L_1 + L_2). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

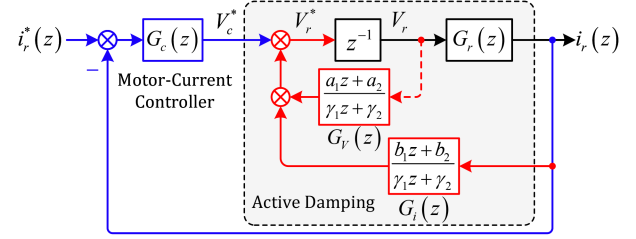


Fig. 2. Structure of the proposed general single-sensor AD method.

For the ICF system,  $\mu_2$  is defined as

$$\mu_2 = \frac{L_2}{L_1 + L_2} \frac{\sin(\omega_{res}T)}{\omega_{res}L_1} \quad (5)$$

and for the MCF system,  $\mu_2$  is defined as

$$\mu_2 = -\frac{1}{L_1 + L_2} \frac{\sin(\omega_{res}T)}{\omega_{res}}. \quad (6)$$

Considering the digital delay, the synchronous discrete-time model of LCL-equipped HSPMSM is derived as [14]

$$G_p(z) = \frac{i_r(z)}{V_r^*(z)} = z^{-1} G_r(z) \quad (7)$$

where  $V_r^*$  represents the complex voltage reference.

## III. PROPOSED GENERAL SINGLE-SENSOR AD METHOD

Fig. 2 demonstrates the overall structure of the proposed general single-sensor AD method. The proposed current control law consists of the current controller and the AD part, which can be expressed as

$$V_r^*(z) = \underbrace{G_c(z)(i_r^* - i_r)}_{\text{current controller}} + \underbrace{G_v(z)V_r + G_i(z)i_r(z)}_{\text{AD}} \quad (8)$$

where  $i_r^*$  is the current reference.  $G_c(z)$ ,  $G_v(z)$ , and  $G_i(z)$  denote the current controller, the output voltage AD controller, and the current AD controller, respectively. More details of the motor-current controller can be found in [14], which is given in (9). This letter will focus on the design and analysis of the AD control method

$$G_c(z) = \frac{V_c^*(z)}{i_r^*(z) - i_r(z)} = \frac{z e^{j\omega_e T} - e^{-\frac{R}{L_2}T}}{z - 1} \frac{az + b}{z - 1} \quad (9)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are control coefficients.

### A. AD Controller Design

The output voltage AD controller and the current AD controller are designed as

$$G_v(z) = \frac{a_1 z + a_2}{\gamma_1 z + \gamma_2} \quad G_i(z) = \frac{b_1 z + b_2}{\gamma_1 z + \gamma_2} \quad (10)$$

where  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$  are AD coefficients.  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are real values while the rest are complex values.

Based on Fig. 2, the transfer function from the output of  $G_c(z)$  to the measured current  $i_r$  can be calculated as

$$G_{damp}(z) = \frac{i_r(z)}{V_c^*(z)} = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = \frac{z^{-1}G_r(z)}{1 - z^{-1}G_V(z) - z^{-1}G_r(z)G_i(z)} \quad (11)$$

where  $G_{damp}(z)$  denotes the internal damped transfer function.

Substituting (3) and (10) into (11), it leads to

$$G_{damp}(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = \frac{(\gamma_1 z + \gamma_2) N(z)}{(z(\gamma_1 z + \gamma_2) - (a_1 z + a_2)) D(z) - (b_1 z + b_2) N(z)} \quad (12)$$

where  $N(z)$  and  $D(z)$  are defined as

$$N(z) = g_1 z^2 e^{2j\omega_e T} + g_2 z e^{j\omega_e T} + g_1 \quad (13)$$

$$D(z) = z^3 e^{3j\omega_e T} - g_3 z^2 e^{2j\omega_e T} + g_3 z e^{j\omega_e T} - 1.$$

Expanding  $Q(z)$ , it can be derived as

$$Q(z) = \alpha_5 z^5 + \alpha_4 z^4 + \alpha_3 z^3 + \alpha_2 z^2 + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_0 \quad (14)$$

where  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_5 &= \gamma_1 e^{3j\omega_e T} \\ \alpha_4 &= (\gamma_2 - a_1) e^{3j\omega_e T} - \gamma_1 g_3 e^{2j\omega_e T} \\ \alpha_3 &= \gamma_1 g_3 e^{j\omega_e T} - (\gamma_2 - a_1) g_3 e^{2j\omega_e T} \\ &\quad - a_2 e^{3j\omega_e T} - b_1 g_1 e^{2j\omega_e T} \\ \alpha_2 &= (\gamma_2 - a_1) g_3 e^{j\omega_e T} - \gamma_1 + a_2 g_3 e^{2j\omega_e T} \\ &\quad - b_1 g_2 e^{j\omega_e T} - b_2 g_1 e^{2j\omega_e T} \\ \alpha_1 &= a_1 - \gamma_2 - a_2 g_3 e^{j\omega_e T} - b_1 g_1 - b_2 g_2 e^{j\omega_e T} \\ \alpha_0 &= a_2 - b_2 g_1. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

To achieve AD,  $Q(z)$  should be well modified to eliminate the resonant poles. Therefore, the desired  $Q(z)$  is introduced as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Q}(z) &= (\gamma_1 z + \gamma_2) z (z e^{j\omega_e T} - 1) \\ &\quad \times (z^2 e^{2j\omega_e T} - 2z e^{j\omega_e T} \cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) + \delta) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $\bar{\omega}_{res} = 2\pi\bar{f}_{res}$  denotes the desired resonance angular frequency.  $\delta$  is positive damping constant. Clearly, when  $\delta < 1$ , the eigenvalues of  $\bar{Q}(z)$  are located within the unit circle. Expanding (16), it can be derived as

$$\bar{Q}(z) = \beta_5 z^5 + \beta_4 z^4 + \beta_3 z^3 + \beta_2 z^2 + \beta_1 z + \beta_0 \quad (17)$$

where these coefficients  $\beta_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_5 &= \gamma_1 e^{3j\omega_e T} \\ \beta_4 &= (\gamma_2 e^{j\omega_e T} - \gamma_1 - 2\gamma_1 \cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T)) e^{2j\omega_e T} \\ \beta_3 &= \gamma_1 \delta e^{j\omega_e T} - 2(\gamma_2 e^{j\omega_e T} - \gamma_1) e^{j\omega_e T} \cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) \\ &\quad - \gamma_2 e^{2j\omega_e T} \end{aligned}$$

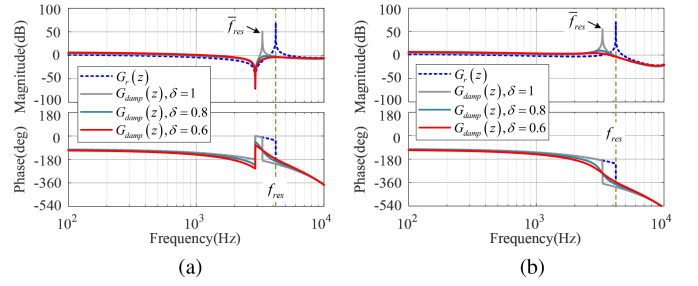


Fig. 3. Bode diagram of the damped model  $G_{damp}(z)$  with  $f_e = 1000$  Hz,  $\bar{f}_{res} = 4500$  Hz,  $f_{res} = 5400$  Hz, and  $\delta = 0.8$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_2 &= (\gamma_2 e^{j\omega_e T} - \gamma_1) \delta + 2\gamma_2 e^{j\omega_e T} \cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) \\ \beta_1 &= -\gamma_2 \delta \\ \beta_0 &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

To make  $Q(z) = \bar{Q}(z)$ ,  $\alpha_i = \beta_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) should be satisfied and it leads to

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 2\gamma_1 (\cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) - \cos(\omega_{res} T)) e^{-j\omega_e T} \\ a_2 &= b_2 g_1 \\ b_1 &= (a_1 - \gamma_2 (1 - \delta) - b_2 (g_1 g_3 + g_2) e^{j\omega_e T}) / g_1 \\ \gamma_2 &= \frac{\Theta_{22} M_1 - \Theta_{12} M_2}{\Theta_{11} \Theta_{22} - \Theta_{12} \Theta_{21}} \quad b_2 = \frac{-\Theta_{21} M_1 + \Theta_{11} M_2}{\Theta_{11} \Theta_{22} - \Theta_{12} \Theta_{21}} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where  $\sigma_3$  and  $\sigma_4$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_{11} &= 2 \cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) - 2 \cos(\omega_{res} T) + 1 - \delta \\ \Theta_{12} &= -(g_1 - g_1 g_3 - g_2) e^{j\omega_e T} \\ \Theta_{21} &= 2 \cos(\omega_{res} T) - 2 \cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) + 1 - \delta \\ &\quad + g_2 (1 - \delta) / g_1 \\ \Theta_{22} &= 2 (g_1 \cos(\omega_{res} T) + g_2 (g_1 g_3 + g_2) / g_1) e^{j\omega_e T} \\ M_1 &= 2\gamma_1 (\cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) - \cos(\omega_{res} T)) e^{-j\omega_e T} \\ &\quad + a_1 - a_1 g_3 + (\delta - 1) e^{-j\omega_e T} \\ M_2 &= \gamma_1 (1 - \delta) e^{-j\omega_e T} + a_1 g_3 + g_2 a_1 / g_1. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Once the coefficient  $\gamma_1$  is selected,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $\gamma_2$ ,  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$  can be calculated based on above equations. After  $Q(z) = \bar{Q}(z)$ , the internal AD transfer function is simplified as

$$G_{damp}(z) = \frac{1}{z (z e^{j\omega_e T} - 1)} \times \frac{g_1 z^2 e^{2j\omega_e T} + g_2 z e^{j\omega_e T} + g_1}{z^2 e^{2j\omega_e T} - 2z e^{j\omega_e T} \cos(\bar{\omega}_{res} T) + \delta}. \quad (21)$$

Fig. 3 shows the bode diagram of  $G_{damp}(z)$  of the ICF and MCF with different damping constant  $\delta$ , respectively.  $\bar{f}_{res} = 4500$  Hz and  $\delta = 0.8$ . Regardless of the current sensor position, the proposed single-sensor AD method effectively decreases the resonance peak with arbitrary damping assignment. Additionally, the AD stability is guaranteed by the pole assignment, which

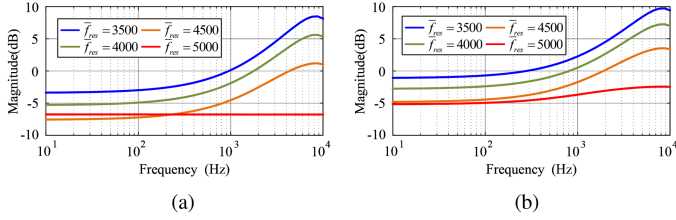


Fig. 4. Bode diagram of the  $G_V(z)$  and  $G_i(z)$  with different  $\bar{f}_{res}$  selections and fixed  $\delta = 0.8$ .  $f_{res} = 5400$  Hz.

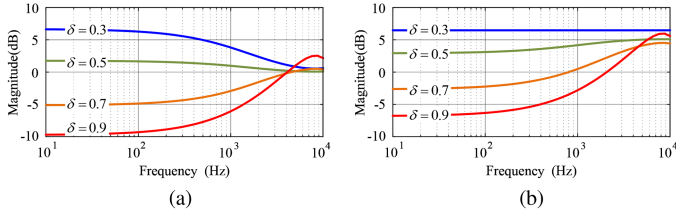


Fig. 5. Bode diagram of the  $G_V(z)$  and  $G_i(z)$  with different  $\delta$  selections and fixed  $\bar{f}_{res} = 4500$  Hz.  $f_{res} = 5400$  Hz.

TABLE I

PARAMETERS OF THE EXPERIMENTAL LCL-EQUIPPED HSPMSM

Symbol	Parameter	Value
$R$	winding resistance	$0.045\Omega$
$L_1$	inductance at the inverter side	$54\mu\text{H}$
$L_{2o}$	inductance at the machine side	$27.5\mu\text{H}$
$L_s$	inductance of the machine	$24\mu\text{H}$
$C_1$	capacitor of LCL filter	$33\mu\text{F}$
$f_{res}$	resonant frequency	$5400\text{Hz}$
$U_{DC}$	DC voltage	$65\text{V}$
$poles$	poles of the machine	$2$
$T$	control period	$50\mu\text{s}$

indicates it is effective for the LCL resonance within the Nyquist frequency.

### B. Digital Implementation

In the digital implementation of the proposal, there are some manners that should be noted as follows:

- 1)  $V_r$  can be obtained by delaying the voltage reference  $V_r^*$ ;
- 2) the coefficient  $\mu_2$  should be selected based on the current measurement as shown in (5) and (6);
- 3) large magnitude of  $G_V(z)$  and  $G_i(z)$  will deteriorate the steady-state performance when taking the system noises into account. Therefore, small magnitude of  $G_V(z)$  and  $G_i(z)$  is recommended; Therefore, based on the bode diagram of  $G_V(z)$  and  $G_i(z)$ , as shown in Fig. 4, it can be found that the desired resonance frequency  $\bar{f}_{res}$  should be slightly less than the real resonance frequency to achieve small  $G_V(z)$  and  $G_i(z)$ . Without loss of generality,  $\bar{f}_{res}$  can be selected as  $(0.8-0.9)f_{res}$ .
- 4) similar to  $\bar{f}_{res}$ , based on the bode diagram of  $G_V(z)$  and  $G_i(z)$ , as shown in Fig. 5, it is recommended that the damping constant  $\delta$  is located from 0.6 to 0.9.

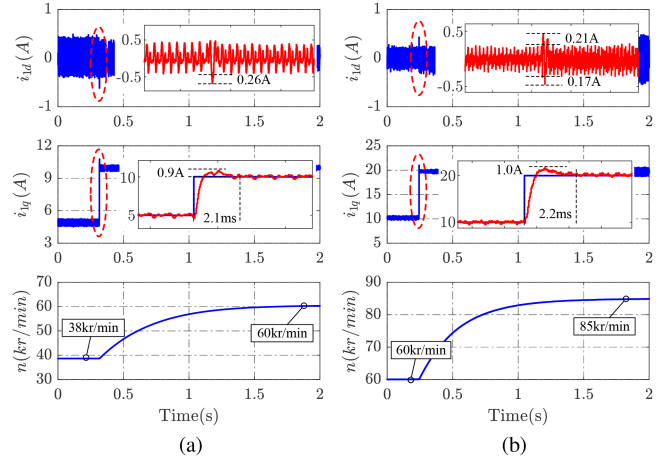


Fig. 6. Experimental results: ICF with proposed AD method when the current reference changes from 10 to 20 A.

## IV. EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATIONS

Some experiments are performed to validate the proposal. The parameters of the experimental LCL-equipped HSPMSM drive system are demonstrated in Table I. A fan is connected to the shaft of the tested motor as a load, and thus the load torque is approximately proportional to the square of the motor speed. Besides, to evaluate the performance of the current controller, there is no speed control loop. Only the proposed current controller works in the experiments.  $\bar{f}_{res} = 4500$  Hz,  $f_{res} = 5400$  Hz,  $\delta = 0.8$ ,  $a = 0.175$ , and  $b = -0.174$ .

Fig. 6 shows the experimental dynamic response of the proposed method with ICF. In Fig. 6(a), at  $t = 0.3$  s,  $i_{1q}^*$  has a stepping change from 5 to 10 A. With the proposed method,  $i_{1q}$  effectively tracks the reference with a rise time of about 2.1 ms and an overshoot of about 0.9 A. Meanwhile, the tested motor accelerates from 38 k/min (633 Hz) to 60 kr/min (1000 Hz). In Fig. 6(b), the current reference  $i_{1q}^*$  changes from 10 to 20 A and the current  $i_{1q}$  reaches the steady state with a rise time of about 2.2 ms and an overshoot of about 1.0 A. Meanwhile, the speed is accelerated to 85 k/min (1417 Hz). Fig. 7 shows the experimental dynamic response of the proposed method with MCF. In Fig. 7(a), at  $t = 0.2$  s, the  $i_{2q}^*$  varies from 5 A to 10 A. By proposal,  $i_{2q}$  effectively tracks the reference with a rise time of about 2.7 ms and an overshoot of about 0.4 A. In Fig. 7(b), the current reference  $i_{2q}^*$  changes from 10 to 20 A and thus the speed is up to 82 k/min (1367 Hz). By the proposed method,  $i_{2q}$  achieves the reference tracking with a rise time of about 1.2 ms and an overshoot of about 0.25 A.

The robustness against the variation of the motor inductance is also validated by experiments with ICF and MCF, as shown in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9, respectively. It can be easily observed that both the stability and the dynamic performance of the proposal are well ensured when the motor inductance varies  $\pm 50\%$  of the real value.

Additionally, to validate theoretical analysis of the proposed AD method, the critical damping constant  $\delta$  is experimentally tested. Based on the ideal damped transfer function in (21), when



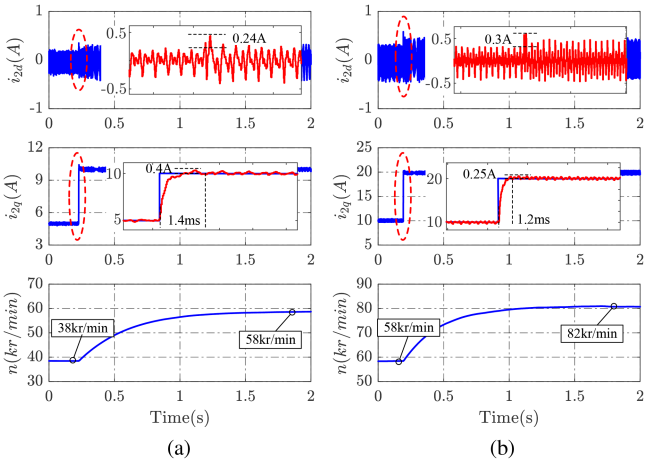


Fig. 7. Experimental results: MCF with proposed AD method. From top to down:  $i_{2d}$ ,  $i_{2q}$ , and speed (kr/min).

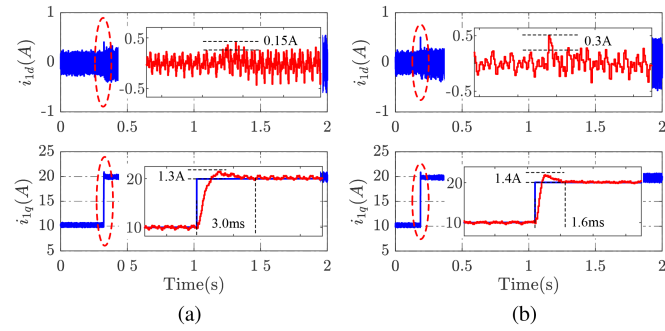


Fig. 8. Experimental results: ICF with the mismatched motor inductance.

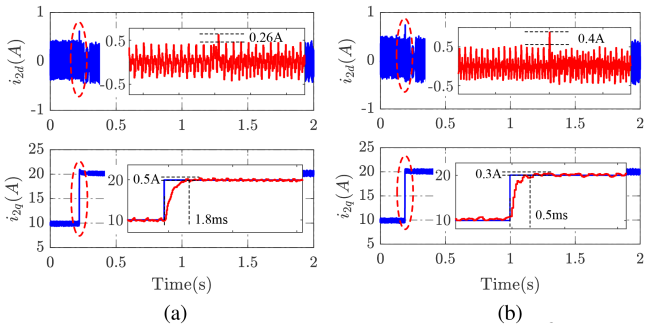


Fig. 9. Experimental results: MCF with the mismatched motor inductance.

$\delta$  is selected as 1, the open-loop drive system has a new resonance pole pair, where the frequency is  $\bar{\omega}_{res} \pm \omega_e$ . Considering the current controller (9) has negligible effects on the resonance poles,  $\delta = 1$  can be regarded as the theoretical critical damping constant. When  $\delta < 1$ , the closed-loop system is stable.  $\delta > 1$  means unstable. Fig. 10 shows the experimental results of the critical damping constant  $\delta$  with ICF and MCF. The initial  $\delta$  is 0.8 and it will increase as a ramp to 1.1. For ICF, as shown in Fig. 10(a), after  $\delta$  reaches about 1.04, the fluctuation of the current  $i_{1q}$  has gradually enlarged as the continuously increasing

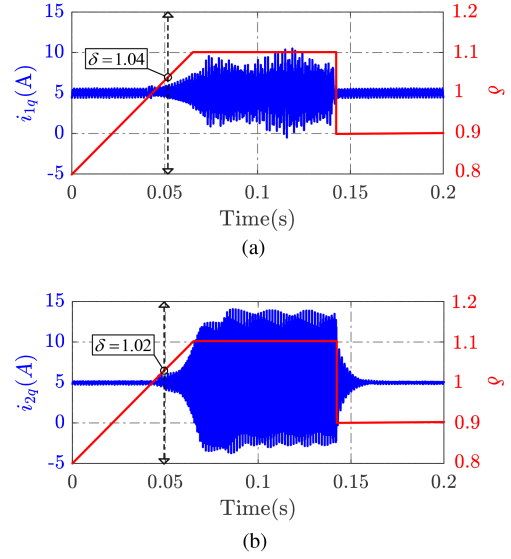


Fig. 10. Experimental results: the critical damping constant  $\delta$  testing.

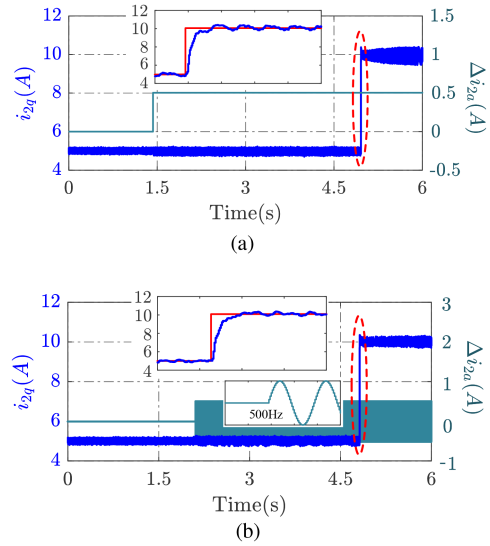


Fig. 11. Experimental results: current control performance with stepping offset disturbance and sinusoidal wave disturbance in  $i_{2a}$ .

$\delta$ . It can be concluded that the critical damping constant  $\delta$  is around 1.04 in the tested drive system. Once  $\delta$  returns to 0.9, the fluctuation of  $i_{1q}$  is greatly reduced, which indicates the AD works again. For MCF, as shown in Fig. 10(b), the tested critical  $\delta$  is about 1.02. Based on the experimental results, the tested critical  $\delta$  is much close to the theoretical value. Therefore, the feasibility of the theoretical analysis in this article is validated.

Fig. 11 shows the experimental results of the proposed current control performance when the stepping offset disturbance and sinusoidal wave disturbance occur in the measurement of  $i_{2a}$ . Without loss of generality, the stepping offset disturbance is selected as  $\Delta i_{2a} = 0.5$  A and the sinusoidal wave disturbance is  $\Delta i_{2a} = 0.5 \sin(1000 \pi t)$  A. It can be observed that the proposal has good robustness against the current measurement error resulting from the sampling disturbance.

## V. CONCLUSION

This letter proposed a general single-sensor AD framework for *LCL*-equipped HSPMSMs in the synchronous coordinate, which was suitable for ICF and MCF drive systems. The simplified analytical expression between the physical parameters and the damping performance was provided, which enables automatic tuning for different drive systems. By the proposal, arbitrary damping assignment and stability for the *LCL* resonance within the Nyquist frequency were achieved. Finally, the experimental results validate the effectiveness and robustness of the developed AD controller.

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