#### **REVIEW**



# **Analysis of Radial Electromagnetic Force and Vibration Characteristics of Permanent‑Magnet‑Based Synchronous Motor for Vibration Management**

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose** This paper comprehensively analyses the radial electromagnetic (EM) force by unit area and vibration characteristics in a permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM). This provides the possibility to verify the action law, causes, and infuencing factors of vibration deformation and provides new ideas for vibration management.

**Methods** Analytical and fnite-element (FE) methods are utilized to deduce the spatial–temporal distribution of radial electromagnetic force and determine the force wave order with signifcant infuence. Accordingly, the air-gap permeance is simplifed as the superposition of constant and frst-order variable permeance, and the air-gap fux density is regarded as spatial discretization and time continuity. After double equivalence, a theoretical analysis model is established, which is suitable for PMSM with the cogged stator, smooth rotor surface (CSSR) and smooth stator surface, and cogged rotor (SSCR). This model is utilized to analyze the vibration characteristics of the motor, including the deformation law.

**Results** The deformation law is in good agreement with FE analysis and experimental data, demonstrating the rationality of the hypothesis and the correctness of the theoretical analysis model.

**Conclusions** The theoretical analysis model shows that the motor deformation is mainly attributed to the total concentrated force and additional bending moment and is related to slot/pole combinations and pole-arc coefficient, which lays the foundation for vibration reduction.

**Keywords** Permanent magnet synchronous motor · Vibration characteristics · Deformation · Radial electromagnetic force · Bending moment · Theoretical analysis

# **Introduction**

Due to its substantial benefts, such as simple structure, lightweight, high-power factor and high efficiency, permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) has broad application prospects in various felds. However, this also puts higher requirements for motor operation  $[1-3]$  $[1-3]$  $[1-3]$ . As one of the critical performance indices, vibration and noise issues have gradually become a research hotspot and have aroused extensive attention [[4\]](#page-10-2). In the preliminary stage of motor design, parameters and excitation source design are closely related to vibration and noise level. An unreasonable design

 $\boxtimes$  Ying Xie xieying\_1975@163.com scheme is responsible for severe vibration and noise problems, degrading the motor's efficiency. Therefore, it is crucial to discuss the noise excitation source of PMSM and related issues to improve motor performance [[5](#page-10-3)[–7](#page-10-4)].

Motor vibration mainly includes mechanical, aerodynamic and electromagnetic (EM) vibration. Since the radial EM force in the air-gap periodically deforms the stator core, this paper only concentrates on EM vibration caused by the interaction of radial EM force in the air-gap [\[8](#page-11-0), [9\]](#page-11-1). Consequently, research on radial EM force and stator core deformation is the premise of motor vibration further analysis, revealing the inherent law of motor vibration and fundamentally realizing vibration and noise reduction.

Radial EM force is the dominating source of vibration. The analytical method was adopted in [\[10](#page-11-2)] to calculate the no-load magnetic feld, armature reaction magnetic feld, stator slotting magnetic feld, and load magnetic feld of surface-mounted PMSM, laying the foundation for radial EM



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force calculation. Then, the fast Fourier analysis method was employed to establish the relationship between frequency and order of radial EM force and illustrate the critical role of the spatial–temporal distribution [\[11\]](#page-11-3). The existing force analysis usually ignores the infuence of tangential force, and the nonuniformly distributed radial EM force is equivalent to a concentrated force acting on the tooth center for calculation [\[12,](#page-11-4) [13\]](#page-11-5). This method does not consider additional bending moment contributed by the nonuniformly distributed force, inducing extra error. Meanwhile, in the spatial–temporal distribution of the radial EM force, the infuence of the specifc order force on vibration has been extensively studied [[14–](#page-11-6)[17](#page-11-7)]. Lin et al*.* [\[18\]](#page-11-8) deduced the lowest spatial order force by an analytical model considering current harmonics and explained its infuence on motor vibration and noise peak. Yang et al*.* [\[19](#page-11-9)] demonstrated that the force harmonics with low modal order could generate signifcant mechanical vibration. In [\[20\]](#page-11-10), the relationship between the zero-order mode and lowest non-zero-order mode and the vibration was revealed based on the time variation of the spatial force distribution mean. However, there is a lack of research on the impact of specifc order radial force on the total concentrated force and total additional bending moment.

These is a specifc deformation law under the action of time-varying radial EM force called the vibration mode. Depending on the fxed support beam displacement equation, vibration mode directly determines the vibration amplitude, afecting the sound pressure level (SPL). Thus, in-depth research should be performed on the vibration mode to analyze the vibration and noise [[21\]](#page-11-11). In [\[22](#page-11-12)], the vibration modes and excitation frequencies with diferent slot/pole combinations were converted into SPL for noise comparison. In [\[23](#page-11-13)[–25](#page-11-14)], the motor vibration law was extensively studied under diferent conditions. In the existing stator vibration mode analysis, although more emphasis has been placed on noise prediction or infuence, there is little research on the causes. Wang et al*.* [[26](#page-11-15)] illustrated the causes of vibration mode through PMSM with a smooth stator surface and cogged rotor (SSCR) under the no-load condition. However, the analysis method could not be applied to PMSM with the cogged stator and smooth rotor surface (CSSR).

This paper presents a detailed analysis of the radial EM force by unit area and determines the low spatial order force wave that signifcantly infuences the motor. The above conclusion is employed to establish a double equivalent model of air-gap permeance and air-gap fux density. It mainly comprises total concentrated force and additional bending moment applicable to PMSM with SSCR or CSSR. Besides, it can be utilized to analyze the action law, causes, and infuencing factors of stator vibration mode. Taking an interior PMSM with a rated power of 3 kW with CSSR as the research object, the fnite-element (FE) and experimental <span id="page-1-0"></span>**Table 1** Basic parameters





<span id="page-1-1"></span>**Fig. 1** Two-dimensional FE model

methods are employed to verify the radial EM force wave distribution and deformation law.

# **Study on Radial EM Force Wave with Signifcant Infuence on Motor**

The radial EM force wave comprises components with diferent frequencies and amplitudes. The components with low-order and high-amplitude characteristics are more likely to contribute signifcantly to vibration and noise levels. Besides, resonance will occur when the radial EM force wave frequencies are close to the modal frequencies. In this section, the radial EM force wave with signifcant infuence can be acquired through spatial order, amplitude, and modal frequencies.

#### **Basic Parameters and the FE Model**

Taking an I-shaped interior PMSM with a rated power of 3 kW with CSSR as the research object, the basic parameters are shown in Table [1](#page-1-0), and the two-dimensional FE model is shown in Fig. [1](#page-1-1).

# **Analytical and FE Analysis of Radial EM Force Wave with Low Spatial Order**

Since the core permeability is much larger than the air gap, the tangential component of the EM force wave is much smaller than the radial one and can be neglected [\[27](#page-11-16)]. Thus, the EM force wave can be expressed as:

$$
p_{\rm r}(\theta, t) \approx \frac{b_{\rm r}^2(\theta, t)}{2\mu_0} = \frac{[f(\theta, t)\lambda(\theta, t)]^2}{2\mu_0},\tag{1}
$$

where  $b_r(\theta, t)$  is radial air-gap flux density,  $\mu_0$  is the vacuum permeability,  $f(\theta,t)$  is the air-gap magnetic motive force (MMF),  $\lambda(\theta, t)$  is air-gap permeance,  $\theta$  is the mechanical angle, and *t* is time.

When the motor is in no-load condition, the permanent magnet (PM) provides the following air-gap MMF:

$$
f_1(\theta, t) = \sum_{\mu} F_{\mu} \cos\left(\frac{\mu \omega_1}{p} t - \mu \theta\right),\tag{2}
$$

where  $p$  is the number of pole-pairs,  $\mu$  is the order of rotor harmonics,  $\mu = (2r+1)p$ ,  $r = 0,1,2...$ ,  $F_\mu$  is the amplitude of MMF, which is related to the air-gap fux density amplitude *B<sub>u</sub>* and the air-gap length *δ*, and can be expressed as  $F_{\mu} = B_{\mu} \delta / \mu_0$ , and  $\omega_1$  is the fundamental angular frequency.

When the motor is in rated-load condition, the following air-gap MMF is mainly provided by the PM and armature winding:

$$
f_2(\theta, t) = f_1(\theta, t) + \sum_{v} F_v \cos(\omega_1 t - v\theta + \varphi_v),
$$
 (3)

where  $\nu$  is the order of stator harmonics, which are related to number of slots per pole and per phase *q*, when *q* is an integer,  $\nu = (6 \; k+1)p$ ,  $k=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3...$ , and  $\varphi_{\nu}$  is the initial phase angle of the air-gap MMF.

Assuming that the rotor has no eccentricity and a smooth surface, the air-gap permeance is expressed as:

$$
\lambda(\theta, t) = \Lambda_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_k \cos(kZ_1 \theta),\tag{4}
$$

where  $\Lambda_0$  is the constant component of air-gap permeance,  $\Lambda_k$  is the amplitude of the *k*th harmonic permeance, and  $Z_1$ is the stator slots number.

According to [\[27](#page-11-16)], taking  $\mu_0/\delta$  as the base value, the airgap permeance can be further expressed as:

$$
\lambda'(\theta, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta} \Lambda_0^* + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{\mu_0}{\delta} \Lambda_k^* \cos(kZ_1 \theta). \tag{5}
$$

After sorting out Eqs.  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$ , the spatial–temporal distribution of radial EM force wave in no-load condition can be obtained, as shown in Table [2](#page-2-5) as A–E, and the one in the rated-load condition is shown as A–I. Since the low spatial order in the spatial–temporal distribution signifcantly infuences the motor, this part focuses on the analysis. When the motor is in no-load condition, the radial EM force wave can be classifed into two types according to origin: one

<span id="page-2-5"></span>**Table 2** Spatial–temporal distribution of radial EM force wave

<span id="page-2-0"></span>

Symbol	Spatial order	Temporal order	
A	$2\mu$	$2\mu/p$	
B	$\mu_2 \pm \mu_1$	$(\mu_2 \pm \mu_1)/p$	
C	$2(\mu \pm kZ_1)$	$2\mu/p$	
D	$(\mu_2 \pm \mu_1) \pm (k_2 \pm k_1)Z_1$	$(\mu_2 \pm \mu_1)/p$	
Е	$\mu_2 \pm \mu_1 \pm kZ_1$	$(\mu_2 \pm \mu_1)/p$	
F	$\mu \pm \nu$	$(\mu \pm p)/p$	
G	$\mu \pm \nu \pm kZ_1$	$(\mu \pm p)/p$	
H	$2\nu$	$\mathfrak{2}$	
T	$\nu_1 + \nu_2$	$\mathfrak{D}$	

<span id="page-2-1"></span>contributed by the main pole magnetic feld and the other modulated by the tooth harmonic magnetic feld, which are A, B and C, D, E, respectively. The spatial–temporal distribution of A and B are  $(2\mu, 2\mu/p)$ ,  $[\mu_2 \pm \mu_1, (\mu_2 \pm \mu_1)/p]$ , respectively, and can be further expressed as  $[2(2r+1)p,$  $2(2r+1)$ ] and  $[(2r_2+1)p \pm (2r_1+1)p$ , $(2r_2+1) \pm (2r_1+1)$ ]. When  $r=0$ ,  $r_2-r_1=1$ , the (2*p*,2) with low spatial order emerges. The low spatial orders of C, D, and E are generated by the interaction between the rotor main pole magnetic feld  $(\mu = p)$  and the tooth harmonic magnetic field  $(k = 1)$ , which are expressed as  $r = \mu \pm (p \pm Z_1) = (2r+1)p \pm (p \pm Z_1)$ . When the two " $\pm$ " take different signs, the *r* expression reaches the minimum recorded as  $r_3$  and  $r_4$ , and the corresponding frequencies are  $f_{r3}$  and  $f_{r4}$ , respectively:

<span id="page-2-2"></span>
$$
r_3 = \mu - (p + Z_1) = 2rp - Z_1, f_{r3} = 2rf,
$$
\n<sup>(6)</sup>

$$
r_4 = \mu + (p - Z_1) = 2(r + 1)p - Z_1, f_{r4} = 2(r + 1)f. \tag{7}
$$

<span id="page-2-3"></span>When the motor is in rated-load condition, the spatial orders  $\mu$  include all spatial orders  $|\nu|$ , so the spatial orders  $\mu \pm \nu$ ,  $2\nu$ ,  $\nu_1 + \nu_2$  are all within the range of  $2\mu$ , and orders  $\mu \pm \nu \pm kZ_1$  are all within the range of  $\mu_2 \pm \mu_1 \pm kZ_1$ . Accordingly, the low spatial orders of radial EM force wave are precisely the same under no-load and ratedload conditions, and the corresponding spatial–temporal distribution is  $(2p, 2)$ ,  $(2rp−Z_1, 2r)$ , and  $[2(r+1)p−Z_1$ ,  $2(r+1)$ ]. Thus, the spatial–temporal distribution with low spatial orders of the 36-slot/6-pole combination can be arranged as  $(6, 2)$  and  $(0, 12)$ , where  $k = 1$ ,  $r = 5$  or  $r = 6$ .

<span id="page-2-4"></span>FE analysis is performed on the no-load and rated-load conditions to further verify the rationality of analytical derivation. When the motor runs at a steady state, each position's radial air-gap fux density at every moment is substituted into Eq. [\(1\)](#page-2-0). Figure [2](#page-3-0) shows the radial EM force wave curves, and Fig. [3](#page-3-1) shows the spatial–temporal characteristics obtained by the Fourier decomposition.

As shown in Fig. [3](#page-3-1), the spatial–temporal characteristics show the parallel diagonal distribution, in which the





<span id="page-3-0"></span>**Fig. 2** Radial EM force wave curves under **a** no-load condition and **b** rated-load condition



<span id="page-3-1"></span>**Fig. 3** The spatial–temporal characteristics of radial EM force wave under **a** no-load condition and **b** rated-load condition

corresponding orders of the main pole magnetic feld and the tooth harmonic magnetic field are  $(6, 2)$ ,  $(12, 4)$ ,  $(18, 6)$ , (24, 8), (30, 10), (36, 12) and (0, 12), (6, 14), (12, 16), which is consistent with Table [4](#page-7-0). Furthermore, the force amplitude of  $(6, 2)$  and  $(0, 12)$  is more prominent.  $(0, 12)$  is mainly generated by the interaction between the main pole magnetic feld and the frst-order tooth harmonic. The amplitude is more signifcant than other tooth harmonics and is dominant in tooth harmonics.

# **Modal Analysis**

As the rotor and shaft have little infuence on modal results, the established three-dimensional prototype model only includes the enclosure, end covers, stator core and winding. Nevertheless, the meshing quality of winding is poor in the FE analysis, leading to a considerable error. Therefore, appropriate simplifcations are necessary for the modal analysis; that is, the winding of the loose wire and its end is equivalent to a bar and an end ring, respectively. Figure [4](#page-3-2) shows the prototype model of 36-slot/6-pole and each component.

Assuming that the equivalent winding mass is equal to the actual mass, and the equivalent density is the ratio of mass



<span id="page-3-2"></span>**Fig. 4** Prototype model of 36-slot/6-pole and each component

to equivalent volume, the elastic modulus can be calculated by slot fll factor and insulating material. Partial material parameters are presented in Table [3](#page-4-0).

Material parameters in Table [3](#page-4-0) are added to the prototype, and the modal results are shown in Fig. [5.](#page-4-1) The secondorder and third-order modal frequencies are 1015.1 Hz and 2267.1 Hz, respectively, which are far away from the force wave frequencies with signifcant infuence on the motor so that no resonance will occur. Consider that the force wave frequencies with signifcant infuence can be obtained from the temporal orders of  $(6,2)$  and  $(0,12)$ , which are  $2f=75$  Hz and 12*f*=450 Hz, respectively.

# **Noise Calculation**

The prototype under no-load and rated-load conditions is applied to attain multi-speed efective radiation power level curves, as shown in Fig. [6a](#page-4-2) and b.

Figure [6](#page-4-2) shows an apparent bright line in the 36th order, indicating its most contribution to the total SPL. The noise order is equal to the ratio of frequency to rotation frequency, and the rotation frequency is revolutions per second. At 750 rpm, the rotation frequency is 12.5 Hz, so the frequency corresponding to the 36th order is 450 Hz, which corresponds to 12*f* of the radial EM force wave. Therefore, the spatial–temporal distribution (0, 12) can lead to more severe vibration and noise, and at this time,  $k = 1$ .

#### **Analysis of Stator Vibration Mode**

#### **Theoretical Analysis of the Vibration Mode**

The vibration mode analysis is based on Fig. [1,](#page-1-1) where the stator inner radius is *R*, and the calculated polar distance is  $\tau \alpha$ , where  $\tau$  is the polar distance,  $\alpha$  is the polar arc coefficient, and  $\beta$  is a central angle expressed as follows:

<span id="page-4-0"></span>



<span id="page-4-1"></span>**Fig. 5** The second-order and third-order modal frequencies and modal shapes



<span id="page-4-2"></span>**Fig. 6** Efective radiation power level curves under **a** no-load condition and **b** rated-load condition



<span id="page-4-3"></span>**Fig. 7** The **a** nonuniform acting force and **b** equivalent concentrated force and bending moment

<span id="page-4-4"></span>
$$
\beta = \frac{\frac{\pi \alpha}{2}}{R} = \frac{\frac{\pi D \alpha}{2p \times 2}}{R} = \frac{\alpha \pi}{2p} \,. \tag{8}
$$

As shown in Fig. [7a](#page-4-3), the radial EM force on each stator tooth has a nonuniform amplitude. For calculation convenience, the force on each tooth is equivalent to a concentrated force and an additional bending moment, as shown in Fig. [7](#page-4-3)b. The tooth corresponding to one pole is equivalent to a total concentrated force  $F_r$  and a total additional bending moment  $M_r$  by ignoring the slotted effect. This will be introduced in depth later.

Double equivalence is required before discussing the stator vibration mode:

(1) As described in the previous section, when  $k = 1$ , the radial EM force significantly influences the vibration. Thus, Eq. [\(4](#page-2-3)) can only be considered as the superposition of constant and frst-order tooth harmonic permeances, and the expression is:

$$
\lambda'(\theta, t) = \Lambda_0 + \Lambda_1 \cos(Z_1 \theta),\tag{9}
$$

where  $\Lambda_1$  is the first-order tooth harmonic permeance.

(B) The air-gap fux density is a function of time and space. It is discretized in space and continuous in time to simplify the calculation. Also, it is equivalent to a square wave after ignoring the slotted efect in space, whose height is  $B_\delta$  and width is  $\tau \alpha$ , as shown in Fig. [8](#page-5-0). After determining the spatial impact, the relationship between the air-gap fux density and time can be approximated with a cosine function. The polar coordinate system is established with the vertical *y* direction of Fig. [1](#page-1-1) as the 0-degree reference direction.

<span id="page-4-5"></span>



<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Fig. 8** The spatial impact on air-gap fux density

According to Fig. [1](#page-1-1) and Fig. [8](#page-5-0), the cosine relationship can be expressed as follows:

$$
B = \begin{cases} B_{\delta} \cos \omega t \left[ -\beta + i\frac{2\pi}{2p}, \quad \beta + i\frac{2\pi}{2p} \right] i = 2m \\ 0 \left[ \beta + i\frac{2\pi}{2p}, \quad -\beta + (i+1)\frac{2\pi}{2p} \right] i = n \\ -B_{\delta} \cos \omega t \left[ -\beta + i\frac{2\pi}{2p}, \quad \beta + i\frac{2\pi}{2p} \right] i = 2m + 1 \end{cases}
$$

$$
m = 0, 1, 2 \qquad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \tag{10}
$$

where  $B$  is the equivalent air-gap flux density under the action of time and space, and *ω* is the angular frequency.

In the above equivalence, the calculation of air-gap permeance only considers the dominant harmonic. The air-gap flux density calculation ignores the slotted effect to realize waveform idealization. The two-point equivalent methods have little effect on the vibration amplitude and do not affect the vibration mode.

According to Eqs.  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  $(1, 2, 3, 5)$  and  $(8, 9, 10)$  $(8, 9, 10)$  $(8, 9, 10)$  $(8, 9, 10)$  $(8, 9, 10)$  $(8, 9, 10)$ , the actual air-gap fux density can be expressed as:

$$
b'_{r}(\theta, t) = F_{\delta} \cos \omega t \times (\Lambda_0 + \Lambda_1 \cos Z_1 \theta)
$$
  
=  $B_{\delta} \Lambda_0^* \cos \omega t + \frac{1}{2} B_{\delta} \Lambda_1^* \cos(Z_1 \theta \pm \omega t),$  (11)

where  $F_{\delta}$  is the amplitude of MMF corresponding to the equivalent air-gap fux density.

By substituting Eq.  $(11)$  $(11)$  into Eq.  $(1)$  $(1)$ , the actual radial EM force wave is:



<span id="page-5-4"></span>**Fig. 9** Equivalent integral diagram



<span id="page-5-6"></span>**Fig. 10** The action mode of the force arm

The first two terms in Eq.  $(12)$  $(12)$  are small and can be ignored. Considering only the infuence of the third term, Eq. [\(12\)](#page-5-3) can be expressed as:

<span id="page-5-1"></span>
$$
p'_{r1}(\theta, t) = \frac{B_{\delta}^2 \Lambda_0^* \Lambda_1^*}{2\mu_0} \cos(Z_1 \theta \pm \omega t) \,. \tag{13}
$$

Regardless of the stator slotted efect, considering the teeth corresponding to one pole, the  $F_r$  of this part can be calculated by integrating the radial EM force wave at a certain point. The equivalent integral diagram is shown in Fig.  $9$  (d $\theta$  is the unit angle), and the calculation formula is:

<span id="page-5-5"></span>
$$
F_{\rm r} = l_{\rm p} \int_{\frac{-\alpha\pi}{2p} + i\frac{2\pi}{2p}}^{\frac{\alpha\pi}{2p} + i\frac{2\pi}{2p}} p'_{\rm r1}(\theta, t) R d\theta
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{l_{\rm p} B_{\delta}^2 \Lambda_0^* \Lambda_1^* R}{\mu_0 Z_1} \sin \alpha_1 \pi \cos(i2\pi Z_{\rm p} \pm 2\omega t) ,
$$
 (14)

<span id="page-5-2"></span>where  $l_p$  is the magnetic pole length,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha Z_1/2p$ , and  $Z_p = Z_1/2p$ .

<span id="page-5-3"></span>The  $M_r$  also plays an essential role in the vibration mode, which can be acquired by multiplying the force by the force arm. The force expression is shown in Eq. ([14](#page-5-5)).

$$
p'_r(\theta, t) = \left[ \frac{\Lambda_0^{*2} \cos^2 \omega t}{2\mu_0} + \frac{\Lambda_1^{*2} \cos^2(Z_1 \theta \pm \omega t)}{8\mu_0} + \frac{\Lambda_0^* \Lambda_1^* \cos(Z_1 \theta \pm \omega t)}{2\mu_0} \right] \times B_\delta^2.
$$
 (12)

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$$
x = R\sin\theta \, \left(\text{or}\, x' = R'\sin\theta'\right). \tag{15}
$$

By sorting out Eqs.  $(14)$  $(14)$  $(14)$  and  $(15)$  $(15)$ ,  $M_r$  can be expressed as follows:

$$
M_{\rm r} = l_{\rm p} \int_{\frac{-\alpha\pi}{2p} + i\frac{2\pi}{2p}}^{\frac{\alpha\pi}{2p} + i\frac{2\pi}{2p}} P'_{\rm rl}(\theta, t) x \mathrm{d}x
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{l_{\rm p} B_{\delta}^2 \Lambda_0^* \Lambda_1^* R^2}{2\mu_0 Z_1} \sin \frac{\alpha\pi}{2p} \cos \alpha_1 \pi \sin(i2\pi Z_{\rm p} \pm \omega t) .
$$
 (16)

Equations ([14\)](#page-5-5) and [\(16](#page-6-1)) show that the amplitude of  $F_r$  is twice that of  $M_r$ , both of which are sine and cosine functions and are all affected by  $l_p$ ,  $B_\delta$ ,  $\Lambda^*$ <sub>0</sub>,  $\Lambda^*$ <sub>1</sub>,  $R$ ,  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_p$ , etc. Among them, the sine relation sin $\alpha_1\pi$  and the cosine relation  $\cos\alpha_1\pi$ significantly influence  $F_r$  and  $M_r$ , respectively, and so does  $Z_p$ . Based on the sine and cosine characteristics,  $\alpha_1$  can be divided into integer and (integer + 0.5).  $Z_p$  represents the stator teeth number under each magnetic pole. When integer teeth are included, the force arms on both sides are equal because the distance between each tooth under the left and right polar arcs and centerline is equal. The bending moment phases on the teeth corresponding to adjacent magnetic poles are also consistent. When (integer  $+0.5$ ) teeth are included, the phases are opposite. When  $\alpha_1$  is an integer or (integer + 0.5) and  $Z_p$  is an integer or (integer + 0.5), the action law of  $F_r$  and  $M_r$  can be expressed as follows:

- (1) When  $Z_p$  and  $\alpha_1$  are both integers, the bending moments on the teeth corresponding to adjacent magnetic poles are in phase, the  $F_r$  is the smallest, and the  $M_r$  is the largest. The vibration mode is 2*p*, as shown in Fig. [11](#page-6-2)a.
- (2) When  $Z_p$  is an integer, and  $\alpha_1$  is (integer + 0.5), the bending moments on the teeth corresponding to adjacent magnetic poles are in phase, the  $M_r$  is the smallest, and the  $F_r$  is the largest. The vibration mode is 0, as shown in Fig. [11b](#page-6-2).
- (3) When  $Z_p$  is (integer + 0.5), and  $\alpha_1$  is an integer, the bending moments on the teeth corresponding to adjacent magnetic poles have opposite phases, the *F*<sup>r</sup> is the smallest, and the  $M_r$  is the largest. The vibration mode is  $p$ , as shown in Fig. [11c](#page-6-2).
- (4) When  $Z_p$  and  $\alpha_1$  are both (integer + 0.5), the bending moments on the teeth corresponding to adjacent magnetic poles have opposite phases, the  $M_r$  is the smallest, and the  $F_r$  is the largest. The vibration mode is  $p$ , as shown in Fig. [11d](#page-6-2).

<span id="page-6-1"></span><span id="page-6-0"></span>

<span id="page-6-2"></span>**Fig. 11** The stator vibration modes under four cases: **a**  $Z_p$ =integer,  $\alpha_1$ =integer, **b**  $Z_p$ =integer,  $\alpha_1$ =integer+0.5, **c**  $Z_p$ =integer+0.5,  $\alpha_1$ =integer, and **d**  $Z_p$ =integer+0.5,  $\alpha_1$ =integer+0.5

The vibration mode law in four cases can be summarized in Table [4](#page-7-0). Table [4](#page-7-0) shows that the vibration mode is determined by the cooperation of bending moment phase direction and excitation source attribute, determined by  $Z_p$  and  $\alpha_1$ , respectively. Since  $Z_p = Z_1/2p$  and  $\alpha_1 = \alpha Z_1/2p$ , the two are mainly afected by slot/pole combination, which is critical to stator vibration mode.



<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Table 4** The vibration mode law of stator core

$Z_{\rm p}$	Bending moment phase direction	$\alpha_1$	Excitation source attribute	Vibra- tion mode
Integer	Same	Integer	$M_{r}$	2p
		Integer + $0.5$ $F_r$		$\left( \right)$
Integer $+0.5$ Opposite		Integer	$M_{\star}$	р
		Integer + $0.5$ $F_r$		p



<span id="page-7-3"></span>**Fig. 12** FE model of **a** stator core and **b** prototype



<span id="page-7-4"></span>**Fig. 13** Stator vibration modes under **a** no-load condition and **b** rated-load condition



<span id="page-7-5"></span>**Fig. 14** Simulated curve of radial vibration displacement at point *a* under the no-load condition

The above scheme employs the double equivalent method to analyze the causes and infuencing factors of the vibration mode of PMSM with CSSR. This method can simplify the calculation and clarify the relationship between slot/pole combination and vibration mode. For PMSM with SSCR, the air-gap permeance is presented in Eq. ([17\)](#page-7-1). After applying the double equivalent method, the expression of  $F'_{r}$  is shown in Eq. ([18](#page-7-2)). This has only a phase change compared to the original  $F_r$ , while  $M_r$  is the same as the change. The phenomenon shows that the stator vibration mode law in Table [4](#page-7-0) is satisfed. Thus, this scheme applies to PMSM with CSSR and PMSM with SSCR.

$$
\lambda''(\theta, t) = \Lambda_0 + \Lambda_1 \cos(Z_2 \theta - Z_2 \Omega_2 t),\tag{17}
$$

where  $Z_2$  is the rotor slots number, and  $\Omega_2$  is the rotor mechanical angular velocity.

$$
F'_{\rm r} = \frac{l_{\rm p} B_{\delta}^2 \Lambda_{0}^{*} \Lambda_{1}^{*} R}{\mu_{0} Z_{1}} \sin \alpha_{1} \pi \cos(i2\pi Z_{\rm p} \pm 2\omega t - Z_{2} \Omega_{2} t). \tag{18}
$$

#### **FE Simulation of the Vibration Mode**

The radial EM force gained by two-dimensional FE analysis under no-load and rated-load conditions is circularly loaded on the stator core and the prototype, as shown in Fig. [12](#page-7-3). In the model of Fig. [12](#page-7-3)a, 120° symmetrical bolt holes on the stator yoke are set, and cylindrical constraints



are added. In the model of Fig. [12b](#page-7-3), fxed constraints at the bottom corner of the prototype are added. The model in Fig. [12](#page-7-3)a is simulated to obtain stator vibration modes under no-load and rated-load conditions, as shown in Fig. [13.](#page-7-4) The model in Fig. [12b](#page-7-3) is established to capture the vibration curves at point *a* under two working conditions. Only the no-load working condition curve is shown in Fig. [14](#page-7-5) due to the article length limitation.

<span id="page-7-1"></span>Figure [13](#page-7-4) shows that  $F_r$  and  $M_r$  make the stator core fuctuate six times based on the original model for both no-load and rated-load conditions, which means that the stator vibration mode is 6. The result is consistent with theoretical analysis result. In theoretical analysis,  $Z_p = 6$ ,  $\alpha_1$  = 4 for the 36-slot/6-pole combination. It is judged that the bending moments are in phase, and  $M_r$  is the main excitation source, so the vibration mode is  $2p = 6$ . To further explore the vibration mode law in Fig. [11](#page-6-2)b, c, and d, three motors with diferent slot/pole combinations are selected, i.e., 36/6, 12/8, and 36/8. The FE simulation results are shown in Table [5,](#page-8-0) which are compatible with the theoretical derivation in Table [4](#page-7-0). The above analysis further illustrates the rationality of the equivalence, the correctness of the theoretical analysis model, and the applicability to both no-load and rated-load conditions.

<span id="page-7-2"></span>Under the constant consumption of PM and polar arc coefficient, the V-shaped PM arrangement motor replaces the I-shaped one. The two-dimensional model

<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Table 5** Vibration mode law of three motors with diferent slot/pole combinations

Slots number Poles	number	$Z_{\rm p}$	$\alpha_1$	Vibration mode	
				analysis	Theoretical Simulation analysis
36	6	6	$4.5\quad 0$		
12	8		$1.5 \quad 1 \quad 4$		
36	8		4.5 3.5 4		



<span id="page-8-3"></span>**Fig. 17** The **a** experimental platform and equipment and **b** experimental schematic diagram for setup and connection

Total deformation in 10<sup>-10</sup>mm 42.809 38.052 33.296 28.539 23.783 19.026 5882 14.270 9.5130 4 7565 <sup>|</sup>ი იიიი

<span id="page-8-1"></span>**Fig. 15** Stator vibration mode of the V-shaped PM arrangement motor



<span id="page-8-2"></span>**Fig. 16** Stator vibration mode of surface-mounted PMSM

and simulation results are shown in Fig. [15.](#page-8-1) As shown in Fig. [15,](#page-8-1) the stator vibration mode of the V-shaped PM arrangement motor is 6, which is compatible with that of the I-shaped one, indicating the applicability of the theoretical analysis model.

PMSM can be divided into interior and surfacemounted types. The section takes an 18/4 surfacemounted motor  $(Z_p = 4.5, \alpha_1 = 4.5)$  as the research object

to study the vibration mode law. The simulation result is presented in Fig. [16](#page-8-2). It is identical to theoretical analysis, demonstrating the applicability of this scheme to a surface-mounted PMSM.

#### **Experimental Verifcation of the Vibration Mode**

This section deals with the experimental validation of stator vibration mode through vibration displacement amplitude. The experimental platform is described in Fig. [17a](#page-8-3), and the equipment parameters are shown in Table [6](#page-9-0). After poweron, the frequency converter controls the motor to start until running stably, and the vibration response is captured by ICP unidirectional acceleration sensor and imported into AVANT MI-7008 dynamic data acquisition analyzer for further analysis. Figure [17](#page-8-3)b shows the experimental setup and connection schematic diagram.

Since the prototype is three-phase symmetrical, all pairs of points between *a*, *b*, and *c* have the same stator vibration mode. This section only studies points *a*, *b*, and the central areas. The test indicates that 12 points can be continuously selected as measuring points on the central axis, as shown in Fig. [18.](#page-9-1)

The unidirectional acceleration sensor should be radially placed on the radiating fn during vibration measurement. After the stable operation, the acceleration sensor collects the vibration displacement of each measuring point. To save space, this paper only lists the vibration displacement curve at point *a* under no-load condition, as shown in Fig. [19.](#page-9-2)

Figures [14](#page-7-5) and [19](#page-9-2) show that the radial vibration displacement amplitude of the simulated curve is smaller than that of the experimental one due to the ideal simulation environment. However, the experimental environment should consider the EM and mechanical vibrations, equipment



**Table 6** Main equipment

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Table 6 Main equipment parameters	Equipment	Parameter	Value
	I-shaped interior PMSM	Rated power	3 kW
	Frequency converter	Maximum output frequency	400 Hz
	Dynamic data acquisition analyzer	Maximum sampling frequency	192 kHz
	ICP type acceleration sensor	Sensitivity	$100 \text{ mV/g}$
	Computer		



**Fig. 18** Distribution of 12 continuous vibration measuring points along the central axis between points *a* and *b*

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<span id="page-9-2"></span>**Fig. 19** Experimental curve of radial vibration displacement at point *a* under no-load condition

installation and fxation and other factors. Thus, the experimental displacement result is larger than the simulated one.

To further investigate the radial vibration displacement of 12 measuring points, the Fourier decomposition method performs frequency spectrum analysis on each point. Figure [20](#page-9-3) compares the simulated and experimental frequency spectrum analysis at point *a* under the no-load condition. As shown in Fig. [20,](#page-9-3) simulated and experimental curves have the same trend. Besides, the radial vibration amplitude corresponding to 75 Hz is the largest, which can be an ideal reference point. The simulated and experimental displacement amplitude of 12 reference points between *a* and *b* is collected, as shown in Fig. [21.](#page-9-4)

As shown in Fig. [21](#page-9-4), the overall trend of the simulated and experimental radial vibration displacement amplitude of 12 reference points is consistent. Moreover, Fig. [21](#page-9-4) shows two stator core fuctuations between points *a* and *b*, leading





<span id="page-9-3"></span>**Fig. 20** Comparison of simulated and experimental frequency spectrum analysis at point *a* under no-load condition



<span id="page-9-4"></span>**Fig. 21** The fuctuation curves of simulated and experimental radial vibration displacement amplitude of 12 reference points

two fuctuations between *b* and *c*, and *c* and *a*. Thus, the motor stator fuctuates six times. According to Fig. [21,](#page-9-4) the displacement amplitude of each reference point on the central axis of the motor is drawn in Fig. [22](#page-10-5) to more intuitively analyze the vibration mode, where the experimental curve is the average value of fve data groups. In Fig. [22,](#page-10-5) convex points of the simulated and experimental curves are connected for the convenience of analysis. The two connecting



<span id="page-10-5"></span>**Fig. 22** The simulated and experimental radial vibration displacement amplitude distribution and vibration mode of the motor

lines have a hexagon shape; that is, their vibration modes are 6. Besides, the shape of the simulated connecting line is relatively symmetrical due to the ideal environment, while there are some errors in the experiment. Through curve ftting and comparison, the maximum error of simulation and experiment is calculated as 7.41%. This is mainly due to the gravity component of the acceleration sensor and radial installation error caused by radiating fns in the experiment, while this does not affect the vibration mode results. Therefore, in the above analysis process, simulated and experimental results can further demonstrate the correctness of the theoretical analysis model.

# **Conclusion**

This paper analyzes radial EM force waves and determines the low spatial order. The double equivalence of air-gap permeance and air-gap fux density is realized using the above conclusion. A theoretical analysis model mainly comprises the total concentrated force and additional bending moment. This model is applied to PMSM with CSSR and PMSM with SSCR to explore the vibration mode law validated by FE and experimental methods. The conclusions are as follows:

- (1) Low spatial order force waves such as (6, 2) and (0, 12) can cause considerable vibration and noise. Among them, (0, 12) is mainly generated by the interaction between the rotor magnetic feld and the frst-order tooth harmonic magnetic feld. Compared with other tooth harmonics, the one is dominant.
- (2) The vibration mode is determined by the  $F_r$  and  $M_r$ , which are affected by  $Z_p$  and  $\alpha_1$ .  $Z_p$  determines whether bending moment phases on the teeth corresponding to

adjacent magnetic poles are in phase, and  $\alpha_1$  determines the excitation source attribute. When  $Z_p$  is an integer, the bending moment phases are the same; When  $Z_p$  is  $(integer + 0.5)$ , the bending moment phases are opposite; When  $\alpha_1$  is an integer, the excitation source is  $M_r$ ; When  $\alpha_1$  is (integer + 0.5), the excitation source is  $F_r$ .

- (3)  $Z_p$  and  $\alpha_1$  are mainly affected by slot/pole combination, so the slot/pole combination indirectly affects the  $F_r$ and  $M_r$ , and its ratio plays an essential role in the vibration mode.
- (4) This paper proposes a theoretical analysis model suitable for both PMSM with CSSR and PMSM with SSCR to study the action law, causes, and infuencing factors of stator vibration mode. It lays the foundation for the prediction and reduction of motor vibration.

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