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**Abstract**—SRMs have high torque ripples. Modifying the stator and rotor shape of SRMs is one of their methods to remove torque ripples. In this study, new rotor and stator geometries have been proposed for SRM. Performance characteristics are obtained and dynamic analyses are carried out for both novel and classical 6/4 SRMs. FFT analyses of the torque characteristics are also performed for the both SRMs. The changes in performance and the FFT results of torque characteristics are determined for both the current-controlled and uncontrolled operations in both SRMs. 23.60% and 15.20% improvements in torque ripples are achieved for the uncontrolled and current-controlled operations in SRMs respectively. When the FFT analyses are applied to the torque characteristics, the THD values are obtained as 21.19% and 8.31% in the uncontrolled and controlled motor current operations respectively. A 122 W three-phase 6/4 SRM simulation based on the MATLAB–SIMULINK environment is performed to validate the improvement of the torque ripple of the proposed model.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Switched reluctance motor (SRM) is commonly used in industry, primarily in variable speed applications. It has a high torque/mass ratio, but a high torque ripple. Various studies are available in the literature to reduce the torque ripple; some of them suggest changes in the driver circuits [1–4], some others in the magnetic design of the motor [5–9], torque distribution, and sharing function (TSF) method function [10–13] and adaptive intelligent methods [14–21].

The new types of SRM with modified shape poles have been suggested as a result of static field analyses employing the finite elements method (FEM) [7,8]. It is realized that these new types covering only the modified design are to be improved further to incorporate the required changes

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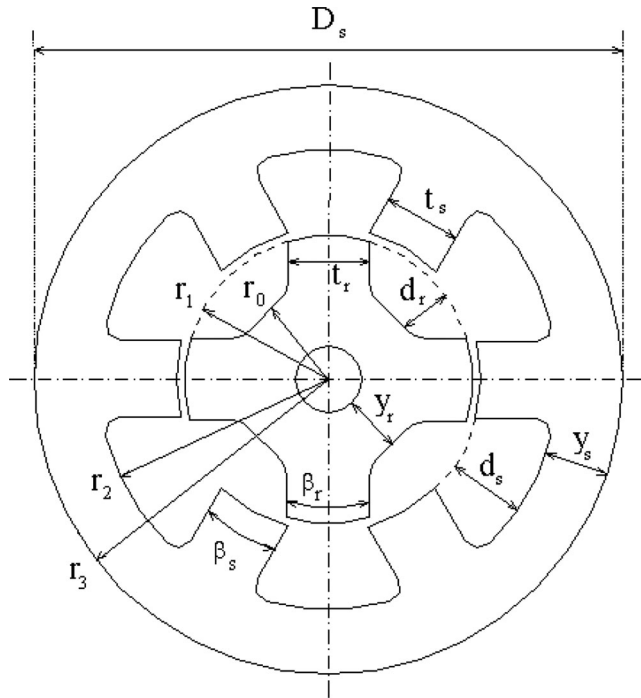


FIGURE 1. Stator and rotor dimensions of 6/4 classical SRM.

in the driver circuits of SRM and the control methods to be applied. This study aims to fill this gap.

In this study, several dynamic models including driver circuits are developed and the performance values of both classical and a new design of SRM obtained from their dynamic analyses are compared with each other, and also with the values previously obtained from the static analyses of both designs. It is concluded that the results of dynamic analyses which take both the magnetic design and the driver circuits into consideration support the results of static analyses which consider the magnetic design only, as much as the improvement in torque ripple is concerned.

## 2. DESIGN AND PARAMETER OF THE SRM

SRM used in this study has 3-phase and 6/4 pole construction. Geometric parameters for a 6/4 SRM with classical pole shapes are given in Figure 1 and their values are given in Table 1.

In a previous study, a novel SRM that has different pole shape geometry in both stator and rotor from that of a classical type is developed [5]. The parameters in this work are provided from the mentioned study for which the finite elements method (FEM) is applied for the static analysis to minimize the torque ripple. The SRM with classical pole shape will be referred to as SRM-I and the SRM with the

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$r_0$	1.734-cm	$d_r$	0.6147-cm
$r_1$	2.349-cm	$y_s$	0.8179-cm
$r_2$	3.881-cm	$y_r$	0.8636-cm
$r_3$	4.699-cm	$G$	0.2286-cm
$T_s$	1.226-cm	$\beta_s$	30°
$T_r$	1.295-cm	$\beta_r$	32°
$D_s$	1.508-cm		

TABLE 1. Parameters and values of the classical SRM.

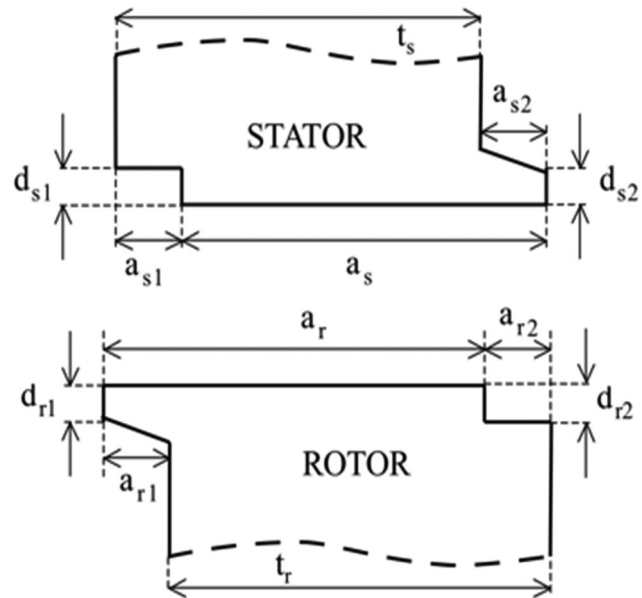


FIGURE 2. Stator and rotor pole shape of 6/4 modified SRM-II [5].

modified shaped poles as SRM-II. The pole parameters of the SRM-II are given in Figure 2, and the pole head parameter values of SRM-II are given in Table 2 [5]. In this study, it will not be discussed on which approaches the improvement in the torque is based on with the proposed model. Apart from this, it has been shown that the ripple is reduced by the results of the torque FFT analysis of the SRM-II by examining the mentioned motors under dynamic operating conditions.

## 3. DYNAMIC MODEL OF SRM

The dynamic characteristics of SRM consist of its electromagnetic, torque, and mechanical equations [1]. If the mutual effect of the phases is neglected, the voltage applied to one phase of SRM can be expressed as follows.

$$v_j = R_j \cdot i_j + \frac{d\lambda_j(\theta, i)}{dt} j = 1 \dots m \quad (1.1)$$

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$d_{s1}$	$\%6d_s$	$a_s$	$31^\circ$
$d_{r1}$	$\%15d_r$	$a_r$	$33^\circ$
$d_{s2}$	$2g$	$a_{s1}$	$5^\circ$
$d_{r2}$	$2g$	$a_{r2}$	$5^\circ$
		$a_{s2}$	$4^\circ$
		$a_{r2}$	$4^\circ$

**TABLE 2.** Pole head parameter values of SRM-II [5].

where  $v_j$  indicates the voltage applied on the phase windings,  $i_j$  represents the phase current,  $R_j$  shows the phase resistance and  $\lambda_j$  is the phase current and  $m$  is the motor phase number. In the SRM, flux is a function of both the current and the rotor position. Accordingly, Eq. (1.1) can be reorganized as:

$$v_j = R_j \cdot i_j + \frac{\partial \lambda_j(\theta, i)}{\partial i_j} \cdot \frac{di_j(\theta, i)}{dt} + \frac{\partial \lambda_j(\theta, i)}{\partial \theta_j} \cdot \frac{d\theta_j}{dt} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\theta_j$  is the rotor position. When Eq. (1.2) is rearranged, the phase current can be expressed as follows:

$$\frac{di_j(\theta, i)}{dt} = \left( \frac{\partial \lambda_j(\theta, i)}{\partial i_j} \right)^{-1} \cdot \left( v_j - R_j \cdot i_j \cdot \frac{di_j(\theta, i)}{dt} + \frac{\partial \lambda_j(\theta, i)}{\partial \theta_j} \cdot \frac{d\theta_j}{dt} \right) \quad (1.3)$$

$$i_j = \frac{\lambda_n(\theta, i)}{L_n(\theta, i)} \quad (1.4)$$

If each phase of the SRM is excited, it produces an instantaneous torque. When the instantaneous torques produced by the phases are added, the total torque induced in the motor is obtained. The instantaneous torque produced by one phase of the motor is as follows:

$$T_{ej} = \left( \frac{\partial W_j(\theta_j, i_j)}{\partial \theta_j} \right) i_j = \text{constant} \quad (1.5)$$

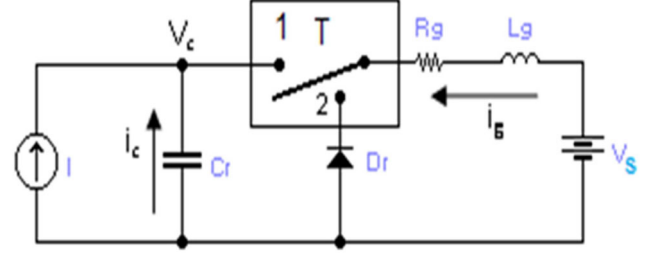
where  $W_j$  is the co-energy.

The instantaneous torque of one phase can be rewritten as below.

$$T_{ej} = \int_0^{i_j} \frac{\partial \lambda_j(\theta_j, i_j)}{\partial \theta_j} \cdot di_j \quad (1.6)$$

The total torque of the motor can be found by adding the instantaneous torques of the phases. The total torque  $T_e$  of the motor can be written as:

$$T_e = \frac{1}{2} \frac{dL(\theta_j)}{d\theta} \cdot i_j^2 T_e = \sum_{j=1} T_j(\theta_j, i_j) \quad (1.7)$$



**FIGURE 3.** C-dump driver circuit [13].

Mechanical equations can be expressed as below:

$$T_e = J \cdot \frac{d\omega_r}{dt} + B \cdot \omega_r + T_l \quad (1.8)$$

here  $T_l$  is the load torque,  $\omega_r$  is the rotor speed,  $J$  and  $B$  are the moment of inertia and the coefficient of friction respectively. When Eq. (1.8) is rearranged to write the speed expression will be achieved.

$$\frac{d\omega_r}{dt} = \frac{1}{J} (T_e - T_l + B \cdot \omega_r) \quad (1.9)$$

Position of motor shaft:

$$\theta = \iint \frac{d\omega_r}{dt} \quad (1.10)$$

The current is obtained from Eq. (1.4) and the position of the motor shaft is obtained from Eq. (1.10). The dynamic motor model has been obtained by using Moment values obtained by FEM analysis based on position and current values. For the dynamic model of the SRM, it is also necessary to design the driver circuit. For this purpose, a C-dump driver circuit is used [22]. In the related study, a detailed analysis of the C-dump circuit is given.

### 3.1. Driver Circuit of SRM

A C-dump driver circuit is used to drive SRM. The simplified equivalent circuit of the single-phase C-dump driver is given in Figure 3, where  $I$  is the total current;  $L_g$  and  $R_g$  are the inductance and internal resistance of the inductor respectively.  $I_g$  is the winding current in the C-dump circuit.  $V_c$  denotes the voltage across the C-dump capacitor,  $C_r$  dumping capacitor.  $V_s$  represents supply voltage;  $T$  represents feedback switch and  $D_r$  represents feedback diode. The voltage of the  $C_r$  capacitor is usually kept at  $2V_s$ . The period of the switch is  $T$ .  $D$  defines the position of the  $T$  switch.  $U_g = 1$  represents position 1 and  $U_g = 0$  position 2. Parameters used in the dynamic model and the driver circuit of SRM are given in Table 3 together with their

Symbol	Value	Unit
$J$	0.000189	kg m <sup>2</sup>
$B$	0.0001	Nm s/R
$K$	0.005	Nm s/R
$R$	0.111	$\Omega$
$V_s$	24	V
$R_r$	2.67	$\Omega$
$L_r$	19.3	mH
$C_r$	370	$\mu$ F
$f_s$	10 <sup>4</sup>	Hz
$D$	0.5	–
$t_d$	2.5°	degree
$t_{on}$	32.5°	degree

TABLE 3. SRM's and C-dump driver dynamic parameter.

values. Where  $j$  is the inertial torque;  $B$  is the viscous friction coefficient;  $K$  is the load torque coefficient;  $R$  is the phase resistance:

$f_s$  is the switching frequency and  $D$  is duty cycle of the electronic switch discharging C-dump capacitor respectively;  $t_d$  and  $t_{on}$  represent the delay and the turn-on angle, respectively.

The state equations are written as follows:

$$\frac{dv_c}{dt} = \frac{(I - u_g \cdot i_g)}{C_r} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{di_g}{dt} = \frac{(u_g \cdot V_c - V_k - R_g \cdot i_g)}{L_g} \quad (2.2)$$

$n$ th phase voltage is defined as;

$$V_n = V_k - V_k(1 - D) - (V_k - V_c) \cdot (1 - D) \cdot (1 - Z_n) \quad (2.3)$$

Where

$$Z_n = 0.5 \cdot (1 + \text{sign}(i_n)) \quad (2.4)$$

$Z_n$  defines the effect of freewheel diodes in the C-dump circuit. While  $n$ th phase current is in  $>1$ ,  $Z_n = 1$  and  $Z_n = 0$  for all others.

### 3.2. The MATLAB–SIMULINK Model of SRM

Inductance, flux, and torque data obtained from static field analyses by FEM are generally used either in the form of equations (curve fitting method) or look-up tables. To generate dynamic models of the SRM-I and SRM-II, the latter method has been preferred in this study. The dynamic model of SRM obtained from MATLAB–SIMULINK is given in Figure 4. It consists of a power supply, C-dump driver, sensor, mechanical equivalent, current and speed control circuits. The dynamic analyses are carried out both

in the uncontrolled mode (UnCM) and the current-controlled mode (CCM). Additionally, the torque ripple FFT analyses of the motors are performed.

Figure 4 shows the MATLAB–SIMULINK SRM model. The modeling has been obtained in such a way that a comparison of the dynamic behaviors of the two different types (SRM-I and SRM-II) is done simultaneously. The voltage is applied to both motor types, with a delay angle  $td = 2.5^\circ$ , and turn-on angle  $t_{on} = 32.5^\circ$ .

The dynamic model of the SRM, whose block diagram is given in Figure 5, is obtained based on Eqs. (1.1) and (1.4) and the inductance profile obtained from FEM.

$T_e(\theta, i)$  produced by a phase of SRM taking phase current and rotor angle into account is taken from a look-up table. The total electromagnetic torque of the three phases is obtained using Eq. (1.7). The torque circuit of SRM is given in Figure 6.

## 4. RESULTS OF DYNAMIC ANALYSIS OF SRM

Dynamic analyses are realized for both the SRM-I and SRM-II types under the uncontrolled (UnCM) and the current-controlled mode with 9 A (CCM) operation modes. These modes are examined both in time and frequency domains using FFT analysis.

### 4.1. Dynamic Analysis in Time Domain Schemes for UnCM

Dynamic analyses of the SRM-I (classical shape pole) and the SRM-II (modified-shaped pole) have been provided under the same conditions. As mentioned before, classical and modified pole shape SRMs are referred to as SRM-I and SRM-II, therefore 1 and 2 subscripts also represent the parameters used for the SRM-I and SRM-II respectively. Both current and inductance waveforms for one phase of the SRM-I and SRM-II are given together in Figure 7 which shows that the inductance of  $L_2$  starts rising before that of  $L_1$ .

To maintain a high torque from the motor, the phase is turned on at the lowest value of inductance so that as much current as possible flows in the winding during the rising portion of the inductance waveform. When the voltage is applied to SRM-I, the phase current rises sharply and reaches its highest value at 14.5 A. It reduces to 8 A at the end of the dwell angle and then to zero. Crossover current value during phase commutation is read as 8 A. On the other hand, when the voltage is applied to SRM-II, the current rising sharply reaches its highest value at 10.5 A. It reduces to 7.6 A at the end of the dwell duration and then to zero.

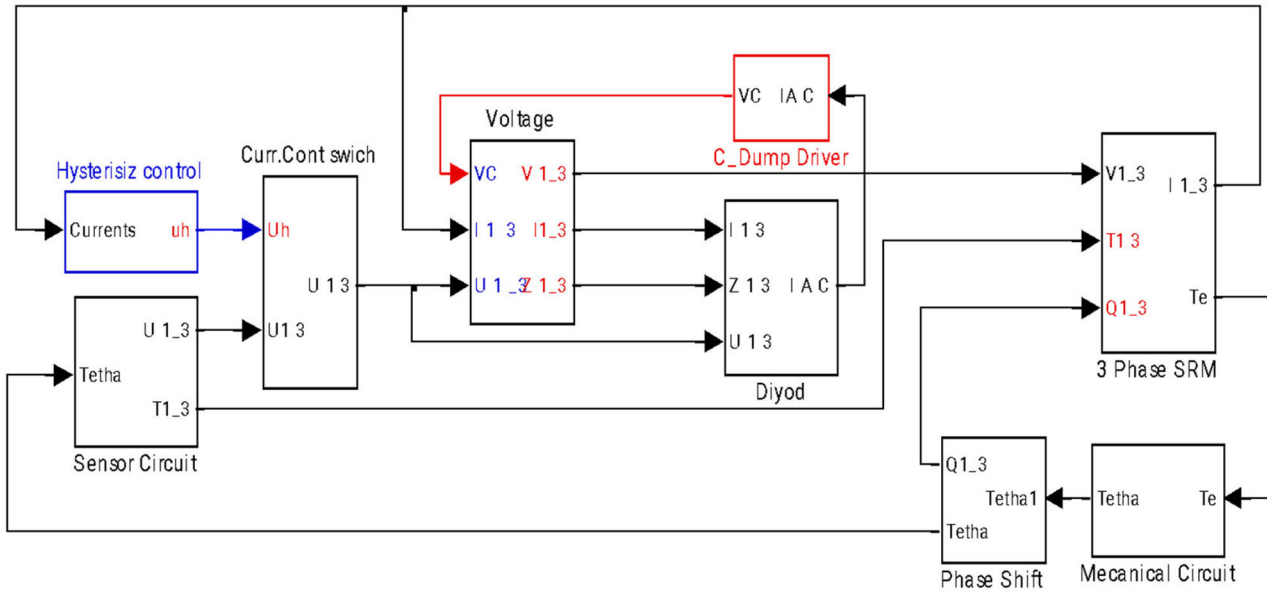


FIGURE 4. MATLAB-SIMULINK-based dynamic model of SRM.

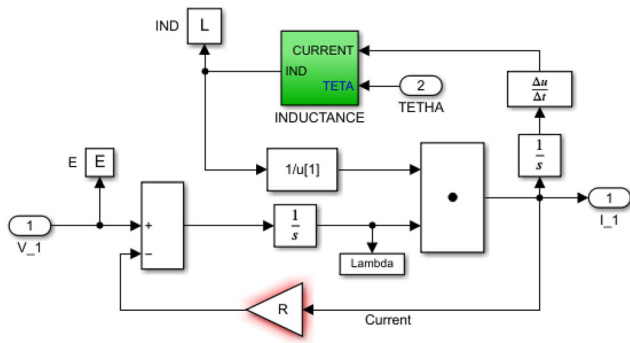


FIGURE 5. One-phase equivalent circuit of SRM.

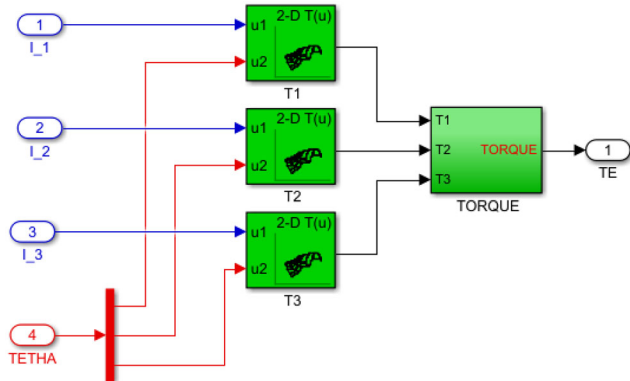


FIGURE 6. Torque circuit of SRM.

In Figure 8, 3-phase torques produced by the SRM-I and SRM-II are given as  $Te_1$  and  $Te_2$  respectively. Important parameters read from Figure 6 are given in detail in Table 4. Max and min torque values for SRM-I are

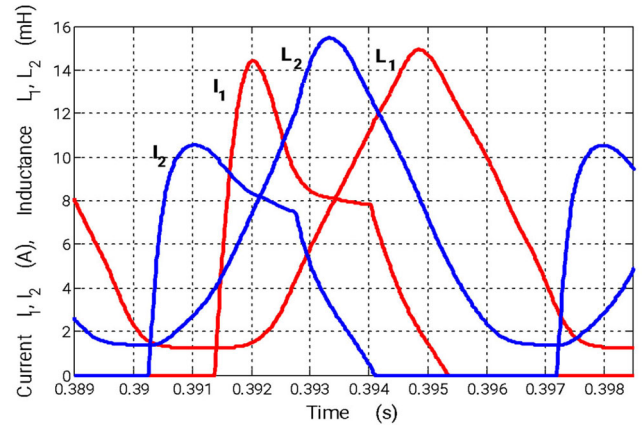


FIGURE 7. Current and inductance waveforms of SRM-I and SRM-II (UnCM).

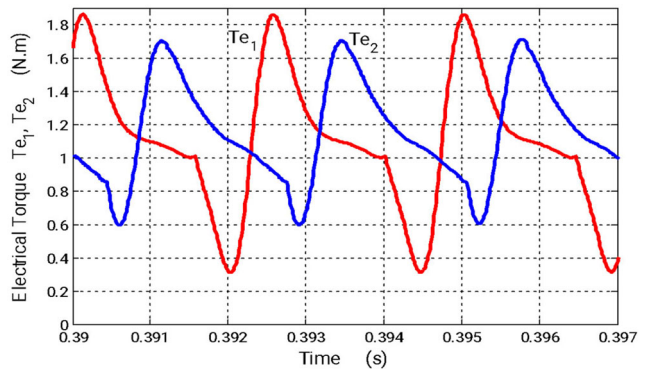
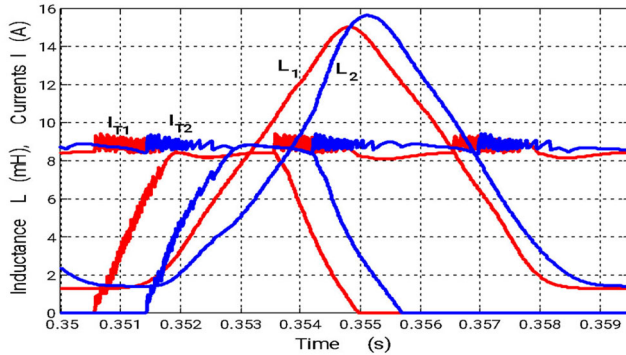


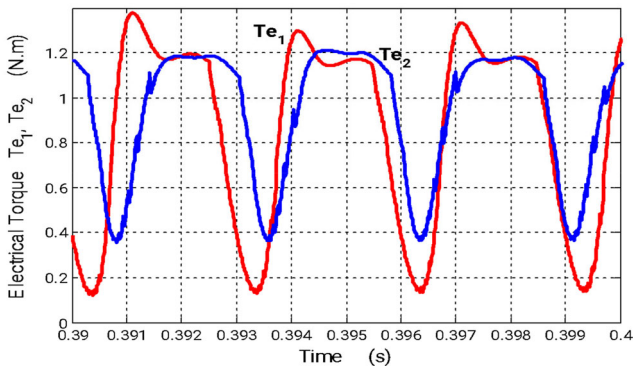
FIGURE 8. Torque waveforms of SRM-I and SRM-II (UnCM).

Symbol	SRM-I	SRM-II
$T_{max}$	1.86 Nm	1.70 Nm
$T_{min}$	0.31 Nm	0.60 Nm
$T_{avg}$	1.07 Nm	1.00 Nm
$\%T_r$	71.40 %	47.80 %
$\Delta T_r$		

**TABLE 4.** Comparison of static and dynamic torques for SRM-I and SRM-II (UnCM).



**FIGURE 9.** Current and inductance waveforms of SRM-I and SRM-II (CCM).



**FIGURE 10.** Torque waveforms of SRM-I and SRM-II (CCM).

1.86 Nm and 0.31 Nm whereas these torques are 1.7 Nm and 0.6 Nm for SRM-II respectively, as indicated in Table 4.

In Table 4,  $\%T_r$  is defined as the dynamic torque ripple percentage, and  $\Delta T_r$  is the improvement in the torque ripples. Dynamic analyses obtained in the UnCM operation give torque ripples of 71.4% and 47.8% for SRM-I and SRM-II respectively, which means an improvement of 23.6%. The fact that the static torque ripple of SRM-II is 24.1% better than that of SRM-I has been shown in a previous study [4].

Symbol	SRM-I	SRM-II
$T_{max}$	1.40 Nm	1.20 Nm
$T_{min}$	0.18 Nm	0.39 Nm
$T_{avg}$	0.79 Nm	0.79 Nm
$\%T_r$	77.20 %	62.50 %
$\Delta T_r$		15.20%

**TABLE 5.** Comparison of the electrical torques for SRM I and SRM II (CCM).

Therefore, the improvements obtained from the static and dynamic analyses are almost the same (24.1% vs 23.6%); in other words, the results of both analyses subsequently support each other.

#### 4.2. Dynamic Analysis in Time Domain for CCM

Total phase current and inductance waveforms in the time domain for the SRM-I and SRM-II are IT1, L1, and IT2, L2 in Figure 9, respectively. It can be seen that IT1 is increasing faster than IT2, as the slope of L2 inductance is less than that of L1 at the time of phase turn-on of SRM-I and SRM-II.

In this case, the total current exceeds 9 A because some amount of current flows through the other phases. While only one phase current is existing, IT2 current is also at 9 A approximately. It is noticed that IT1 rapidly drops to 8 A and almost stays constant.

Electrical torque waveforms for the SRM-I and SRM-II are shown in Figure 10. In the waveforms,  $T_{e1}$  for SRM-I reaches its maximum value at 1.4 Nm then reduces to 1.2 Nm, and afterward comes to its minimum value at 0.18 Nm.  $T_{e2}$  for SRM-II reaches its maximum value at 1.2 Nm and continues at this value during the conduction. At the end of conduction time, the torque begins to reduce and comes to a value of 0.39 Nm.

A comparison of the SRM-I and SRM-II torque values is given in Table 5. Dynamic analyses obtained in the CCM mode result torque ripples of 77.2% and 62.5% for the SRM-I and SRM-II, respectively, an improvement of 15.2%.

A 23.6% improvement is obtained in torque ripples for the UnCM and 15.2% for the CCM according to the static analyses. This difference in torque ripples of the SRM-II for UnCM operation is due to CCM operation.

#### 4.3. Dynamic Analysis in Frequency Domain for UnCM

FFT results of the torques normalized to the fundamental frequency for SRM-I and SRM-II are shown in Figure 11

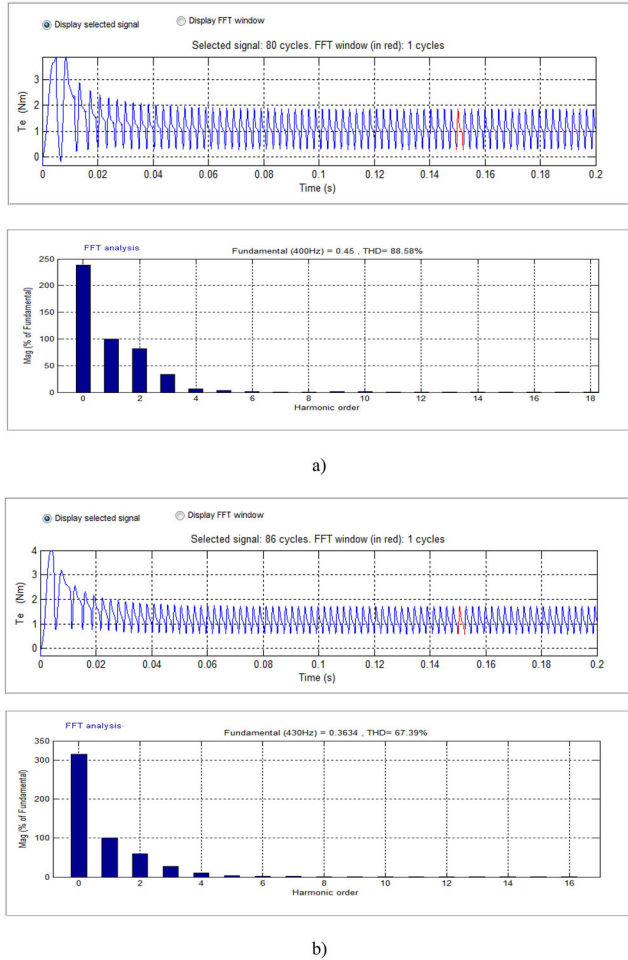


FIGURE 11. Results of FFT analysis for torque waveform (UnCM). (a) SRM-I, (b) SRM-II

in the case of the UnCM. Comparative and detailed values of the normalized torque harmonics are given in Table 6. The fundamental frequency for the SRM-I is 400 Hz. In the electrical torque waveform of SRM-I, the DC component is 1.071. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th harmonics are 81.64%, 33.34%, and 6.86% respectively. The THD value of SRM-I is 88.58%. Also, regarding the SRM-II, the fundamental frequency is 430 Hz.

DC component is 1.149. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th harmonics are 60.41%, 27.11%, and 3.95% respectively. THD values of 88.58% and 67.39% for the SRM-I and SRM-II respectively, 21.19% improvement in THD is also achieved. As can be seen from Table 6, low harmonic components that produce dominant torque ripples are reduced in the SRM-II. Although the torque ripple amplitudes in SRM-I are lower particularly at higher harmonics than that of the SRM-II, the effect of these harmonic components on torque

Sampling time = 1e-005 s		
SRM1	SRM2	
DC component = 1.071	1.149	
Fundamental = 0.3182	0.2569 (rms)	
THD	88.58%	67.39%
DC component	238.10%	316.12%
Fundamental	100.00%	100.00%
h(2)	81.64%	60.41%
h(3)	33.34%	27.11%
h(4)	6.86%	11.19%
h(5)	3.49%	3.95%
h(6)	1.82%	2.17%
h(7)	0.84%	2.17%
h(8)	0.30%	1.26%
h(9)	1.46%	1.02%
h(10)	1.23%	1.03%
h(11)	0.54%	0.70%
h(12)	0.47%	0.87%
h(13)	0.25%	0.75%
h(14)	0.36%	0.52%
h(15)	0.55%	0.55%
h(16)	0.40%	0.52%

TABLE 6. Values of FFT analysis for torque (UnCM) SRM-I and SRM-II.

ripple is not supposed to be so considerable due to inherently suppressing in the motor.

#### 4.4. Dynamic Analysis in Frequency Domain for CCM

The normalized FFT torque results for SRM-I and SRM-II in the case of controlled current operation are given in Figure 12. The fundamental frequency is 340 Hz. for SRM-I and 360 Hz. for SRM-II. Comparative and detailed FFT of the normalized torque harmonics are given in Table 7. As shown in Table 7 for the CCM operation, the DC component is 0.846. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th harmonics are 56.40%, 11.97%, and 7.65% respectively.

The THD value of SRM-I is 58.33%. Regarding the SRM-II, the DC component is 0.96, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th harmonics are 47.43%, 13.73%, and 5.65% respectively. THD values of 58.33% and 50.02% for the SRM-I and SRM-II respectively, 8.31% improvement in THD is also achieved. Table 7 shows that low harmonic components determining the torque ripple are decreased on SRM-II.

Similarly, higher harmonic components seem to have relatively lower amplitudes in SRM-I but their influence is much less. The improvements both in torque ripple and THD according to the FFT analyses are given for SRM-I and SRM-II under the UnCM and the CCM operation conditions in Table 8.

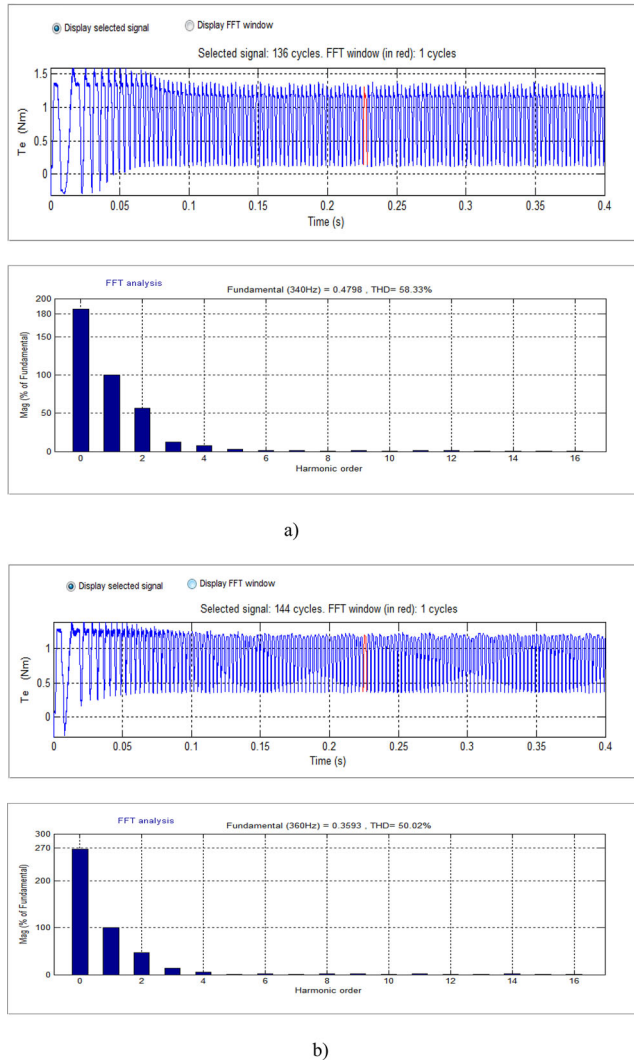


FIGURE 12. Results of FFT analysis for torque waveform (CCM). (a) SRM-I, (b) SRM-II.

## 5. CONCLUSION AND EVALUATION

In this study, dynamic analyses of the SRMs with a classical (SRM-I) and a new pole shape (SRM-II) with C-dump driver circuits have been performed for both the UnCM and the CCM operations and 23.6% and 15.2% torque ripple improvements in the SRM-II compared with the SRM-I have been achieved for the mentioned current operations respectively. It is concluded that the SRM-II with a modified pole shape has lower *THD* values in the *FFT* analyses than the SRM-I. When considering the SRM-I, the *THD* reductions in the SRM-II are 21.19% and 8.31% for the UnCM and the CCM operations respectively. Consequently, torque ripple due to the harmonic components on the proposed SRM-II is significantly reduced particularly for lower components.

Sampling time =  $1e-005$  s

SRM1 SRM2		
DC component	= 0.8946 0.96	
Fundamental	= 0.3393 0.2541 (rms)	
THD	58.33%	50.02%
DC component	186.43%	267.17%
Fundamental	100.00%	100.00%
h(2)	56.49%	47.43%
h(3)	11.97%	13.43%
h(4)	7.65%	5.65%
h(5)	2.96%	1.18%
h(6)	1.35%	1.36%
h(7)	1.16%	0.45%
h(8)	0.75%	1.71%
h(9)	1.25%	1.27%
h(10)	0.45%	0.76%
h(11)	0.84%	1.76%
h(12)	1.04%	0.70%
h(13)	1.17%	1.09%
h(14)	0.72%	1.68%
h(15)	0.61%	0.82%
h(16)	0.15%	1.02%

TABLE 7. Values of FFT analysis for torque (CCM) SRM-I and SRM-II.

Type	Name	SRM-I	SRM-II
UnCM	$\%T_r$	71.4%	47.80%
	$\Delta T_r$	23.60%	
	THD	88.58%	67.30%
	$\Delta THD$	21.19%	
CCM	$\%T_r$	77.20%	62.50%
	$\Delta T_r$	15.20%	
	THD	58.33%	50.02%
	$\Delta THD$	8.31%	

TABLE 8. Torques under the UnCM and the CCM for SRM-I and SRM II.

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