

# Multiparameter Estimation of PMSM Combining Mechanical and Electrical Models with Nonlinear Saturated Inductance and Voltage Fitting

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**Abstract**—In this paper, a precise and computationally efficient method for estimating multiparameter of permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSMs) is proposed. This method can realize decoupling estimation with a small amount of data at a single speed, and considers the inductance correlation to improve the estimation accuracy. The saturation in the stator frame is first modeled, and then the related inductance model in the rotating frame is derived. The estimation model is established based on the related inductance model, which is modeled by polynomials of d-axis current ( $I_d$ ) for a given q-axis current ( $I_q$ ). Then, the influence of permanent magnet (PM) flux linkage on inductance estimation can be eliminated by using the partial derivative of the correlated inductance model. The estimation model fully explores the inductance correlation and can realize the decoupling of PM flux linkage ( $\lambda_0$ ) and inductance, which greatly improves the inductance estimation accuracy, especially when  $I_d$  is small. Moreover, this paper realizes the estimation of distortion voltage, PM flux linkage, and stator resistance based on the derived electrical model and mechanical model. Compared with the existing method, this method can use a small amount of data at a single speed to model voltage, which can effectively reduce the influence of measurement noise and improve the calculation efficiency. Experimental verification on a laboratory PMSM prototype shows that the method's performance of the proposed method is better than existing methods under various working conditions..

**Index Terms**—Permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSMs), Decoupling estimation, Correlated inductance, Partial derivative, Mechanical and electrical model.

## I. INTRODUCTION

PERMANENT magnet synchronous motors (PMSMs) have gained substantial traction across industries such as new energy vehicles, aerospace engineering, and high-end equipment propulsion systems, owing to their exceptional

power density, enhanced fault tolerance, and minimized torque ripple characteristics [1]-[4]. The identification of motor steady-state parameters holds irreplaceable importance in practical engineering applications. On one hand, accurate steady-state parameters form the foundation for implementing advanced control strategies such as field-oriented control (FOC) [5] and flux-weakening control [6]. On the other hand, phenomena like temperature rise [7]-[8] and magnetic saturation [9] occur during actual motor operation, causing parameters to change nonlinearly with operating conditions. This makes theoretical design values, nameplate parameters, and traditional offline parameter identification methods inadequate for meeting real-time control requirements. Given that parameter identification under steady-state conditions is widely adopted due to its relatively simple process and strong experimental feasibility [10]-[11], this paper primarily focuses on the challenges faced during motor steady-state parameter identification.

Although existing steady-state parameter identification methods have made progress in addressing localized issues, they have consistently failed to overcome the collaborative modeling challenge of “multiparameter coupling-strong magnetic saturation-cross-influence”. This has resulted in an inability to simultaneously meet the core engineering requirements of “multiparameter identification accuracy”, “nonlinear modeling completeness”, and “rapidity”. The specific bottlenecks are as follows:

In steady-state parameter identification, multiparameter coupling is an issue that cannot be overlooked [12]. Electrical parameters and mechanical parameters exhibit mutual dependency under steady-state conditions [13]. For instance, the current measured in steady state is not only related to stator resistance and inductance but also influenced by the steady-state equilibrium conditions associated with load torque. Therefore, to address the issue of multiparameter coupling, current research employs methods such as locked-rotor tests [14], distributed experiments [15], and high-frequency injection [16] to decouple the mutual influence among parameters as much as possible.

Magnetic saturation, a critical nonlinear factor in steady-state parameter identification [17], causes issues like current control deviation and torque output discrepancy when current-measured inductance is used directly under high load or current. To address this, research has proposed methods such

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as the multi-operating-point approach, which acquires parameters at different current amplitudes, fits saturation curves, and provides segmented/continuous control corrections [18]; and finite element analysis (FEA) to construct magnetic saturation characteristic tables, embedded into parameter calculations or control algorithms for dynamic use.

The correlation between dq-axis inductances, though crucial, is often oversimplified. Most literature or control algorithms assume their independence, while in reality, magnetic coupling, stator winding distribution, and saturation effects lead dq-axis currents to mutually influence each other's flux linkage via cross-saturation [19]. To tackle this, solutions include 1) replacing single inductance values with a coupled inductance matrix, identified through least squares methods or observers; 2) establishing look-up tables via FEA [20] or experiments for offline measurement and controller compensation.

The coupling relationship between inductance and PM flux linkage is often oversimplified. These two parameters interact during actual motor operation and coexist in the steady-state voltage balance equation [21]-[22]. Neglecting their interdependence during parameter identification may lead to erroneously attributing part of the nonlinear characteristics of inductance to the PM flux linkage, thereby introducing systematic errors [23]. To remediate this coupling effect, existing methods typically employ piecewise identification or look-up tables to model the nonlinear relationship.

Recent advancements in advanced methods such as M1-M3 [24]-[26] have improved accuracy in specific scenarios. However, they still face critical limitations: M1 neglects cross-coupling between the dq-axis inductance ( $L_d$  and  $L_q$ ), leading to significant error amplification during strong saturation; M2 relies on prior knowledge of  $\lambda_0$ 's (where  $\lambda_0$  is PM flux linkage) precision without decoupling its coupling with inductance, resulting in inability to estimate  $L_d$  when d-axis current ( $I_d$ ) is 0 A and substantial torque deviations under extreme conditions; M3 fails to decouple  $\lambda_0$  from inductance, mistakenly attributing inductance nonlinearity to  $\lambda_0$  at low  $I_d$ , thereby introducing systematic errors. These limitations highlight the gaps in "multiparameter coupling-strong saturation-cross influence" collaborative modeling, which is precisely the breakthrough direction of this method.

The aforementioned bottlenecks directly lead to insufficient control accuracy and poor robustness in existing methods for practical applications, making it difficult to meet the high-performance control requirements of advanced equipment. To address this, this paper proposes a multiparameter identification method for PMSM that balances accuracy and completeness. Through the innovative approach of "correlation modeling-partial derivative decoupling-polynomial fitting", it resolves the core pain points of existing methods.

The proposed method is based on the correlation between voltage equations and dq-axis inductances, with core design focusing on decoupling, saturation suppression, and efficiency enhancement: A partial derivative model incorporating  $I_d$  is established to achieve precise decoupling between inductance and  $\lambda_0$ , significantly improving the estimation accuracy of

inductance; Magnetic saturation is suppressed through polynomial fitting of  $I_d$  at fixed q-axis current ( $I_q$ ), balancing accuracy and computational efficiency; Leveraging an electromechanical fusion model, only single-speed data is required to accurately estimate winding resistance ( $R$ ) and inverter distorted voltage ( $V_{\text{dead}}$ ), eliminating related errors, while the model exhibits excellent noise suppression capability and low-speed adaptability. This method fully considers the coupling characteristics of dq-axis inductances, preserving their correlation while mitigating inter-parameter coupling effects. Verified through PMSM drive simulations and experiments, the parameter estimation performance significantly outperforms existing methods.

The core contributions of the proposed method in this paper are as follows: 1) Established a partial derivative model considering inductance correlation, achieving decoupling between inductance and  $\lambda_0$ , significantly improving inductance estimation accuracy, especially under small  $I_d$  conditions; 2) Polynomial fitting of  $I_d$  under given  $I_q$  suppresses the influence of magnetic saturation, balancing estimation accuracy and computational efficiency; 3) Based on the electromechanical model, only a small amount of data at a single speed is required to accurately estimate winding resistance and inverter distorted voltage, reducing data requirements and the impact of measurement noise. Experimental verification shows that this method outperforms existing approaches in voltage prediction, torque estimation, and maximum torque per ampere (MTPA) angle optimization, demonstrating superior comprehensive performance.

## II. PMSM MODELING AND PARAMETER ESTIMATION CONSIDERING INVERTER NONLINEARITY AND INDUCTANCE CORRELATION

Stator core saturation, a critical nonlinear factor in steady-state parameter identification for PMSMs, has three primary effects: 1) The dq-axis current directly determines magnetic circuit saturation; 2) Magnetic coupling and stator winding distribution exacerbate nonlinear characteristics through cross-saturation; 3) PM flux-linkage indirectly interferes with magnetic circuit operation due to inherent inductance coupling. This section will therefore develop a nonlinear saturation model that balances accuracy and efficiency, considering these key factors to support precise estimation of inductance and other core parameters.

The steady-state model of PMSM considering voltage-source inverter (VSI) nonlinearity can be written as:

$$\begin{cases} u_d = R i_d - \omega_e L_q i_q + D_d V_{\text{dead}} \\ u_q = R i_q + \omega_e L_d i_d + \omega_e \lambda_0 + D_q V_{\text{dead}} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $u_d$ ,  $u_q$ ,  $i_d$ ,  $i_q$ ,  $L_d$ ,  $L_q$ ,  $D_d$ , and  $D_q$  denote the voltages, currents, inductances, and nonlinear distortion coefficients.  $\omega_e$  is the motor electrical angular speed;  $\lambda_0$  is the PM flux linkage;  $V_{\text{dead}}$  is the inverter distorted voltage caused by the dead-time effect;  $R$  denotes the winding resistance.

During parameter estimation, average values will be utilized to mitigate the effects of measurement noise. Without

loss of generality, capital letters are used to represent these average values; for example,  $V_{d/q}$  and  $I_{d/q}$  denote the average values of  $u_{d/q}$  and  $i_{d/q}$ , respectively. Thus (2) can be derived from (1):

$$\begin{cases} V_d I_d + V_q I_q = R(I_d^2 + I_q^2) + \omega_e (L_d - L_q) I_d I_q \\ \quad + \omega_e \lambda_0 I_q + (\bar{D}_q I_q + \bar{D}_d I_d) V_{\text{dead}} \\ V_q I_q - V_d I_d = R(I_q^2 - I_d^2) + \omega_e (L_d + L_q) I_d I_q \\ \quad + \omega_e \lambda_0 I_q + (\bar{D}_q I_q - \bar{D}_d I_d) V_{\text{dead}} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\bar{D}_d$  and  $\bar{D}_q$  denote the average values of nonlinear coefficients in dq-axis.

### A. Inductance Estimation using Correlated Model

Traditional methods estimate  $L_q$  based on  $V_d$  and estimate  $L_d$  based on  $V_q$ , without accounting for the correlation between these variables. It is indeed possible to utilize both  $V_d$  and  $V_q$  to simultaneously estimate  $L_d$  and  $L_q$ .

In alternating current (AC) systems, the stator inductance possesses inherent physical significance, whereas the dq-axis inductance is mathematically derived from the stator inductance within the AC framework. This section will initially elucidate the relationship between  $L_d$  and  $L_q$ , which can facilitate precise estimations of inductance. According to [26],  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  are derived from the stator three-phase ABC frame based on the Park transformation, which can be derived as:

$$\begin{cases} L_\alpha = (L_d + L_q) / 2 \\ L_\beta = -(L_d - L_q) / 2 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} L_\alpha \triangleq L_{ls} + \frac{3}{2} L_0 \\ L_\beta \triangleq \frac{3}{2} L_2 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

In (4),  $L_{ls}$  is the leakage inductance,  $L_0$  and  $L_2$  denote direct current (DC) and 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic components, respectively. The proposed approach is based on the steady-state machine model. Considering correlated inductance, we can obtain a parameter estimation model by substituting (3) into (2), which can be expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} V_E = -2L_\beta I_d I_q + \lambda_0 I_q \\ V_F = 2L_\alpha I_d I_q + \lambda_0 I_q \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} V_E = (V_q I_q + V_d I_d - R(I_q^2 + I_d^2) - \tau_1 V_{\text{dead}}) / \omega_e \\ V_F = (V_q I_q - V_d I_d - R(I_q^2 - I_d^2) - \tau_2 V_{\text{dead}}) / \omega_e \\ \tau_1 = \bar{D}_d I_d + \bar{D}_q I_q \\ \tau_2 = \bar{D}_q I_q - \bar{D}_d I_d \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

The right side of (5) contains inductance and  $\lambda_0$ , and the existence of  $\lambda_0$  will affect the estimation accuracy of inductance, especially for the condition with a small  $I_d$ . The result can be easily affected by noise, and the estimation

performance cannot be guaranteed. To solve this problem, this paper proposes to differentiate the  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  in (5) with respect to  $I_d$ . Since data is collected in a short period of time, temperature is almost constant, thus  $\lambda_0 I_q$  can be regarded as a constant with a given  $I_q$ , which can be eliminated after differentiation. Considering magnetic saturation, a polynomial is used for nonlinear fitting to further improve the estimation accuracy.

### B. Proposed Inductance Saturation Model with PM Flux Linkage Decoupled

Firstly, polynomial fitting can be performed on  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  under different  $I_d$  for a given  $I_q$  and motor speed  $\omega_e$ . Supposing that  $\omega_e = \omega_0$ , the high-order polynomials in (7) are employed to model the variation of  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  with respect to  $I_d$ :

$$\begin{cases} V_E = \sum_{m=0}^M a_m I_d^m = -2L_\beta I_d I_q + \lambda_0 I_q \\ V_F = \sum_{m=0}^M b_m I_d^m = 2L_\alpha I_d I_q + \lambda_0 I_q \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where  $m$  denotes the degree of the polynomials, while  $a_m$  and  $b_m$  are the coefficients. These coefficients  $\{a_0, \dots, a_m\}$  and  $\{b_0, \dots, b_m\}$  can be estimated from available measurements. To estimate  $\{a_0, \dots, a_m\}$  and  $\{b_0, \dots, b_m\}$ , operating conditions can be given as  $i_q = I_q$  and  $\omega_e = \omega_0$ . Thus, these coefficients can be estimated by the least squares method using (8) and (9) with  $\Phi_1$  in (10):

$$[a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m]^T = (\Phi_1^T \Phi_1)^{-1} \Phi_1^T [V_{E,0}, \dots, V_{E,J}]^T \quad (8)$$

$$[b_0, b_1, \dots, b_m]^T = (\Phi_1^T \Phi_1)^{-1} \Phi_1^T [V_{F,0}, \dots, V_{F,J}]^T \quad (9)$$

where

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & I_{d,1} & \dots & I_{d,1}^m \\ & & \vdots & \\ 1 & I_{d,J} & \dots & I_{d,J}^m \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

where  $V_{E,j}$  and  $V_{F,j}$  denote the values of  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  collected at  $I_d = I_{d,j}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, J$ , respectively.

To reduce the effect of  $\lambda_0$  on the parameter estimation and improve estimation accuracy, we proposed to evaluate the derivatives of (7) with respect to  $I_d$ , which can be expressed as (11):

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial V_E}{\partial I_d} = \sum_{m=0}^M m a_m I_d^{m-1} = -2 \left( L_\beta + I_d \cdot \frac{\partial L_\beta}{\partial I_d} \right) I_q \\ \frac{\partial V_F}{\partial I_d} = \sum_{m=0}^M m b_m I_d^{m-1} = 2 \left( L_\alpha + I_d \cdot \frac{\partial L_\alpha}{\partial I_d} \right) I_q \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Indeed,  $L_d$  is very sensitive to the changes in  $I_d$  due to  $\lambda_0$ , and then the sensitivity will be delivered to  $L_\alpha$  and  $L_\beta$  since both  $L_\alpha$  and  $L_\beta$  contain  $L_d$ . It can be found that the influence of  $\lambda_0$  can be eliminated by considering the partial derivative of  $I_d$  in (11), which can improve the estimation accuracy of inductance. Besides, the inductance still varies nonlinearly under different  $I_d$  due to magnetic saturation. Hence,  $L_\alpha$  and  $L_\beta$  can be modeled as polynomials to improve the estimation accuracy under different  $I_d$  with a given  $I_q$ .

$$\begin{cases} L_\alpha = \sum_{m=0}^M c_m I_d^m \\ L_\beta = \sum_{m=0}^M d_m I_d^m \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

To estimate  $L_\alpha$  and  $L_\beta$ , substituting (12) into (11) yields:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial V_E}{\partial I_d} = \sum_{m=0}^M m a_m I_d^{m-1} = -2I_q \sum_{m=0}^M (m+1) d_m I_d^m \\ \frac{\partial V_F}{\partial I_d} = \sum_{m=0}^M m b_m I_d^{m-1} = 2I_q \sum_{m=0}^M (m+1) c_m I_d^m \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

As coefficients  $a_m$  and  $b_m$  can be estimated from (7), the coefficients of the  $L_\alpha$  model  $\{c_0, \dots, c_m\}$  and the  $L_\beta$  model  $\{d_0, \dots, d_m\}$  can be estimated from (13) by the least squares method.

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0, \dots, (m+1)c_m \end{bmatrix}^T = (\Phi_2^T \Phi_2)^{-1} \Phi_2^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial V_{F,0}}{\partial I_d}, \dots, \frac{\partial V_{F,J}}{\partial I_d} \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_0, \dots, (m+1)d_m \end{bmatrix}^T = (\Phi_3^T \Phi_3)^{-1} \Phi_3^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial V_{E,0}}{\partial I_d}, \dots, \frac{\partial V_{E,J}}{\partial I_d} \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (15)$$

where

$$\Phi_2 = -\frac{1}{2I_q} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & I_{d,1} & \dots & I_{d,1}^m \\ & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & I_{d,J} & \dots & I_{d,J}^m \end{bmatrix}, \Phi_3 = -\Phi_2 \quad (16)$$

After  $c_m$  and  $d_m$  are estimated based on (14) and (15),  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  can be calculated according to (3), which can be expressed as (17):

$$\begin{cases} L_d = \sum_{m=0}^M c_m I_d^m - \sum_{m=0}^M d_m I_d^m \\ L_q = \sum_{m=0}^M c_m I_d^m + \sum_{m=0}^M d_m I_d^m \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

The estimated inductance can be utilized to build the inductance look-up tables.

Core steps for modeling stator core nonlinearity and saturation: First, establish a PMSM steady-state model incorporating inverter nonlinearity, where noise is reduced by averaging voltage and current. Then, derive the dq-axis inductance model using the Park transformation. With fixed  $I_q$  and rotational speed, perform cubic polynomial fitting of  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  under varying  $I_d$ . Eliminate  $\lambda_0$  interference by calculating the partial derivative of  $I_d$  in the polynomial. Model  $L_\alpha$  and  $L_\beta$  as polynomial functions of  $I_d$ , estimate coefficients via least squares, and compute  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  considering saturation effects.

### C. Resistance and Inverter Voltage Estimation

In (6),  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  still involve unknown  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$ . Since accurate resistance and inverter distortion voltage are crucial to motor operation stability, yet their actual values often deviate from rated ones, the estimation of these values is necessary. This subsection proposes a simple and accurate estimation method for  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$ , which enables decoupled estimation using only single-speed data, reducing computational load while ensuring accuracy. Torque can be

expressed in two ways in (18) and (19):

$$T_{e1} = \frac{3}{2} P \left[ (L_d - L_q) I_d I_q + \lambda_0 I_q \right] \quad (18)$$

where  $P$  is the number of pole pairs

$$T_{e2} = T_m + B\omega_t, \quad \omega_e = 2\pi\omega_t P / 60 \quad (19)$$

where  $B$  denotes the damping coefficient;  $T_m$  denotes measured torque;  $T_{e1}$  and  $T_{e2}$  denote electromagnetic torque;  $\omega_t$  denotes rotational speed. Since  $T_{e1} = T_{e2}$ , we get:

$$T_m + B\omega_t = \frac{3}{2} P \left[ (L_d - L_q) I_d I_q + \lambda_0 I_q \right] \quad (20)$$

Substituting (20) into (2), (2) is rewritten as:

$$V_d I_d + V_q I_q - \frac{2\omega_e (T_L + B\omega_t)}{3P} = R I_s^2 + \tau_1 V_{\text{dead}} \quad (21)$$

$B$  can be estimated according to [27]. According to (21), it can be found that the right side contains  $I_s$ . To decouple and estimate  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$ , (21) can be transformed into:

$$V_G = R I_s + k V_{\text{dead}} \quad (22)$$

where

$$V_G = \left[ V_d I_d + V_q I_q - \frac{2\omega_e (T_L + B\omega_t)}{3P} \right] / I_s, \quad k = \frac{\tau_1}{I_s} \quad (23)$$

Fig. 1 shows the dependence of coefficient  $k$  on  $I_d$  and  $I_q$  obtained from measurements in the experimental motor, revealing that  $k$  is independent of current. This value is obtained by dynamically adjusting the inverter dead time and PWM modulation, and similar look-up tables can be acquired in different inverters. Both  $V_G$  and  $R I_s$  are stator current-dependent. Therefore,  $V_{\text{dead}}$  can be evaluated by employing two current operating conditions, i.e., setting two current conditions  $\{I_{s,j}\}_{j \in \{0,1\}}$ . (22) can then be rewritten as:

$$V_{G,j} = R I_{s,j} + k V_{\text{dead}} \quad (24)$$

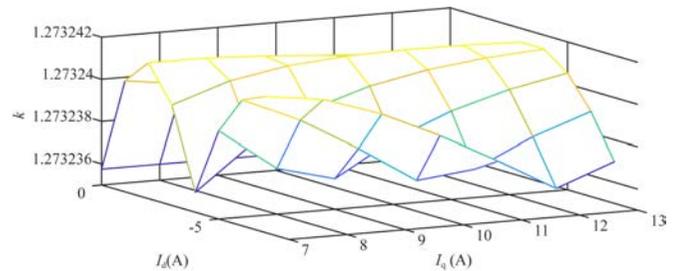


Fig. 1. Variation of inverter coefficient.

By utilizing two currents,  $R$  can be independently estimated, namely:

$$R = \frac{V_{G,1} - V_{G,0}}{I_{s,1} - I_{s,0}} \quad (25)$$

After obtaining  $R$ ,  $V_{\text{dead}}$  can be determined according to (26), which can be expressed as:

$$V_{\text{dead}} = \frac{V_G - R I_s}{k} \quad (26)$$

In traditional offline parameter identification methods,  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$  are often estimated together. For instance, M2 utilizes the least squares method to simultaneously identify  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$ , which undoubtedly increases the coupling between these two parameters and reduces the estimation accuracy. In

[28], although  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$  can be estimated separately, data from at least two rotational speeds are required. However, the proposed method only needs a single rotational speed to accurately determine  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$ , thereby reducing the demand for motor data and making the estimation simpler and more precise.

According to the above steps,  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$  can be estimated with (25) and (26). Then they can be directly used to calculate  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  in (6), reducing the parameter coupling of subsequent inductance estimation.  $\lambda_0$  can be obtained separately when  $I_d = 0$  A with (7). The inductance estimation procedure is presented in Fig. 2. First,  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$  are estimated by (25) and (26), respectively. Then  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  are calculated at different speeds through (6), and then polynomial fitting is performed on them with (8) and (9). Next, the partial derivative of  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  with respect to  $I_d$  is considered under the given  $I_q$  to eliminate the influence of  $\lambda_0$ . Then the polynomial coefficients of inductance  $L_\alpha$  and  $L_\beta$  are obtained by (14) and (15), and finally  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  are obtained according to the inductance correlation (17).

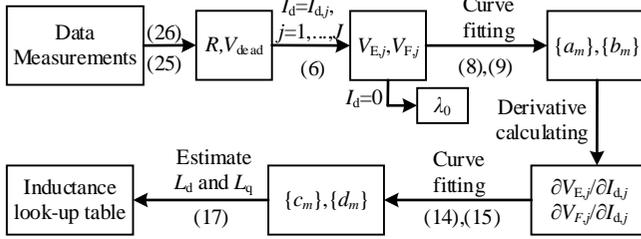


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the proposed parameter estimation approach.

### III. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

#### A. Experimental Setup and Model Parameter Selection

The proposed method for parameter estimation is utilized to determine the parameters of a laboratory interior PMSM, which includes the winding resistance, dq-axis inductance, and the PM flux linkage. The experimental setup is illustrated in Fig. 3, where the specifications and design parameters of the test motor are detailed in Table I. In this configuration, the test motor is powered by a multiphase insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT)-based inverter and is regulated by a real-time control system that employs a field-programmable gate array.

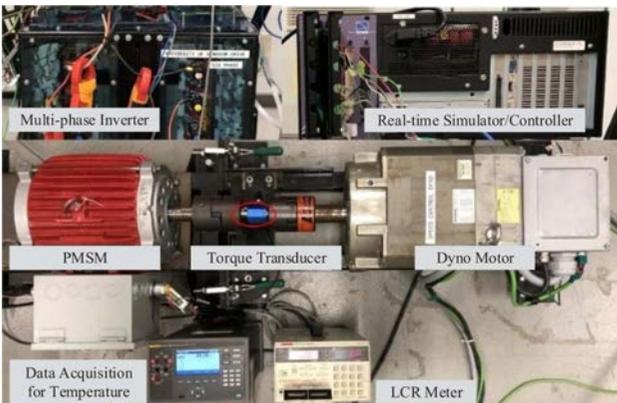


Fig. 3. Experimental test setups.

TABLE I  
RATINGS OF THE PMSM

Parameters	Value	Parameters	Value
Rated current/A	15	Rated voltage/V	140
Rated torque/(N·m)	75	No. of poles/slots	8/48
Rated speed/(r·min <sup>-1</sup> )	575	PM flux linkage/(Wb)	0.339
Stator resistance/Ω	0.794	DC link voltage/V	300
d-axis inductance/mH	14.1	q-axis inductance/mH	39.7

In this study, the winding resistance is assessed utilizing an LCR meter, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The PM flux linkage is determined through a back electromotive force (EMF) test conducted under no-load conditions. The measured per-phase resistance, which includes both the winding resistance and the resistance of the interconnecting wire between the motor and the inverter, is found to be 0.794 Ω. The PM flux linkage under no-load conditions, calculated by FEA, equals 0.339 Wb.

For parameter estimation, measurements are taken at 100, 200, 300, and 400 r/min—below the rated speed to minimize iron loss. Reference currents are set from 0 to  $-7$  A for  $I_d$  and 7 to 13 A for  $I_q$ . Fig. 4 shows the voltage data collected when  $n = 100$  r/min ( $n$  represents rotational speed). The acquired data will be subsequently used to estimate the motor parameters. Fig. 5 displays the torque and voltage waveform of the motor at 100 r/min, with current values  $i_d$  and  $i_q$  at 0 A and 7 A, respectively. The torque waveform remains stable around 13 N·m, exhibiting fluctuations of approximately 1 N·m, indicating smooth motor operation that provides reliable experimental data for subsequent verification. The

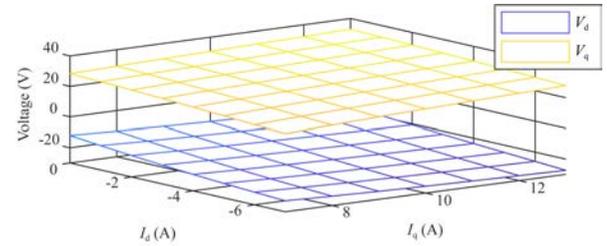


Fig. 4. dq-axis voltages under different load conditions at 100 r/min.

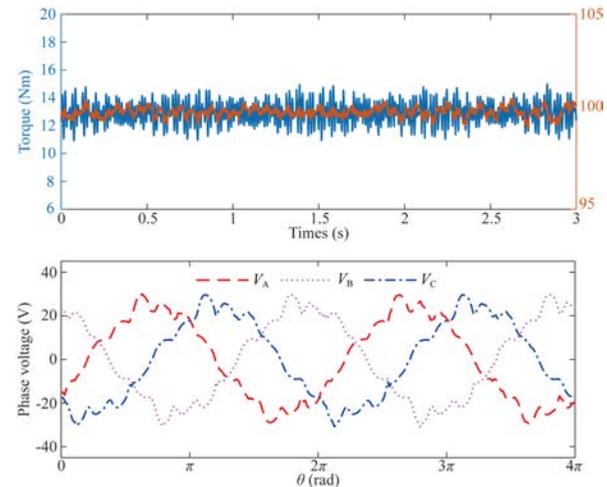


Fig. 5. Torque waveform and voltage of experimental motor at 100 r/min.

curve, featuring symmetrical amplitudes and a consistent  $120^\circ$  three-phase voltage waveform, closely follows a standard sine phase difference, demonstrating consistent voltage output during continuous operation. This figure validates the reliability and robustness of the collected data, offering essential support for future experiments.

Fig. 6 illustrates the  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  waveforms under different current conditions when the motor speed is 100 r/min. A polynomial degree that is too low may compromise fitting accuracy, while an excessively high degree could increase computational load or even lead to overfitting. Thus, in this study, a polynomial is employed to precisely fit the data for  $I_d$  at a fixed  $I_q$ . For the test motor configuration, parameters  $M = N = 3$  are selected in (7) and (12).

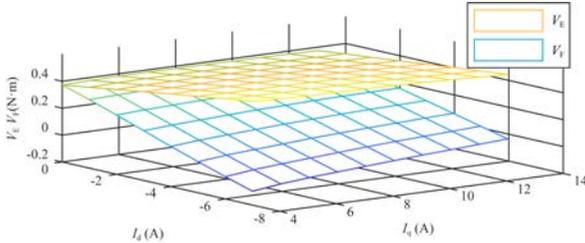


Fig. 6.  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  under different load conditions at 100 r/min.

### B. Experimental Results of Proposed Method

Data collection can be accomplished in a brief period, resulting in negligible motor heating. The voltage drop caused by resistance is  $RI_d$  and  $RI_q$ . Under low-speed operating conditions, the absolute values of  $RI_d/V_d$  and  $RI_q/V_q$  are greater than those under high-speed operating conditions. Therefore, this paper adopts the measurement data at low-speed operating conditions ( $n = 100$  r/min) to accurately estimate  $R$  and  $V_{dead}$  on the basis of the effective signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). Under these conditions, the motor resistance remains relatively constant, akin to its resistance value at ambient temperature, which is measured at  $0.752 \Omega$  at  $30^\circ\text{C}$ .  $V_{dead}$  can be approximated at  $0.7083$  V, while the damping coefficient  $B$  is estimated to be  $0.0012$  N·m·s, respectively. All aforementioned parameters are presented in Table II.

TABLE II  
ESTIMATED PARAMETER IN THE PROPOSED METHOD

Parameters	Value
Resistance/ $\Omega$ [25]	0.752
Dead voltage/V [26]	0.7083
Damping coefficient/(N·m·s) [24]	0.0012

The PM flux linkage estimation results at different rotational speeds are shown in Table III. The values of  $\lambda_0$  estimated at various speeds are 0.3323, 0.3292, 0.3261, and 0.3243 Wb, which indicates a gradual decline in value as the rotational speed between the estimated value and rated value decreases. At the speed of 100 r/min, the observed difference is 0.0067 Wb. In contrast, at the speed of 400 r/min, the observed difference increases to 0.0147 Wb. The discrepancy between the estimated and rated flux linkage is 3.24%, which has a negligible effect on the subsequent parameter estimation.

TABLE III  
PM FLUX LINKAGE AT DIFFERENT SPEEDS

Speed/(r·min <sup>-1</sup> )	100	200	300	400
$\lambda_0$ (Wb)	0.3323	0.3292	0.3261	0.3243

Fig. 7 presents the direct inductance estimation results of  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  at two specific speeds (100 and 400 r/min) without additional averaging or fitting. It aims to reflect the influence of rotational speed on inductance characteristics. As noted,  $L_d$  values show greater fluctuations at 400 r/min, especially near  $I_d = 0$  A, which is attributed to increased motor vibration and iron loss at higher speeds. This presentation retains the raw variation characteristics of inductance under different speeds, intuitively demonstrating how speed affects the stability of inductance estimation.

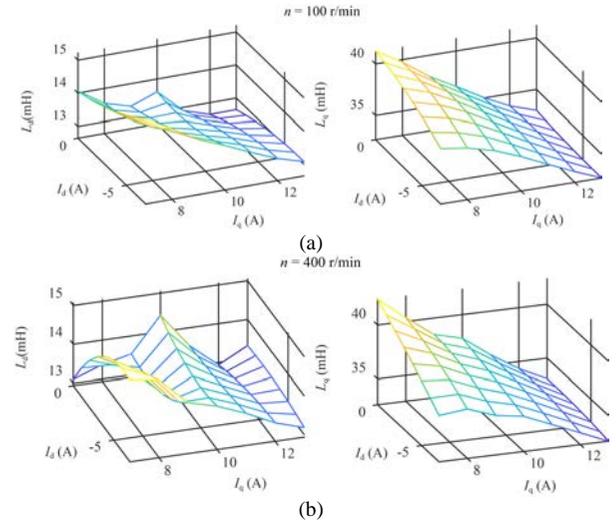


Fig. 7. The estimated inductance of  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  under different speeds. (a) 100 r/min. (b) 400 r/min.

### C. Comparison of Inductance with Existing Methods

Starting from the inductance measured at four speeds of 100, 200, 300, and 400 r/min, the average inductance is calculated, which is then used for subsequent voltage prediction and torque error analysis. Fig. 8 demonstrates the estimated inductance between the proposed method and different approaches, where the estimation performance among various methods exhibits significant differences, particularly for  $L_d$ . For example, the  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  estimated by the proposed approach are 14.37 and 41.29 mH at  $I_d = -1$  A and  $I_q = 7$  A, respectively, while the compared ones estimated by M1, M2, and M3 are 17.32 and 41.20, 18.61 and 50.50, 14.28 and 41.24 mH, respectively.

The proposed method, M1, and M3 show  $L_d$  decreasing with increasing  $I_q$ , consistent with magnetic saturation (due to enhanced q-axis magnetomotive force reducing d-axis permeability). In contrast, M2 yields nearly constant  $L_d$ , as its torque model neglects  $\lambda_0$ -inductance coupling, misattributing  $L_d$  saturation nonlinearity to  $\lambda_0$  variations. For  $L_q$ , trends are similar across methods, but M2 overestimates  $L_q$ , likely due to unaccounted cross-saturation. These inductance discrepancies affect subsequent voltage and torque calculations, so the following voltage and torque error analysis will further validate inductance estimation accuracy.

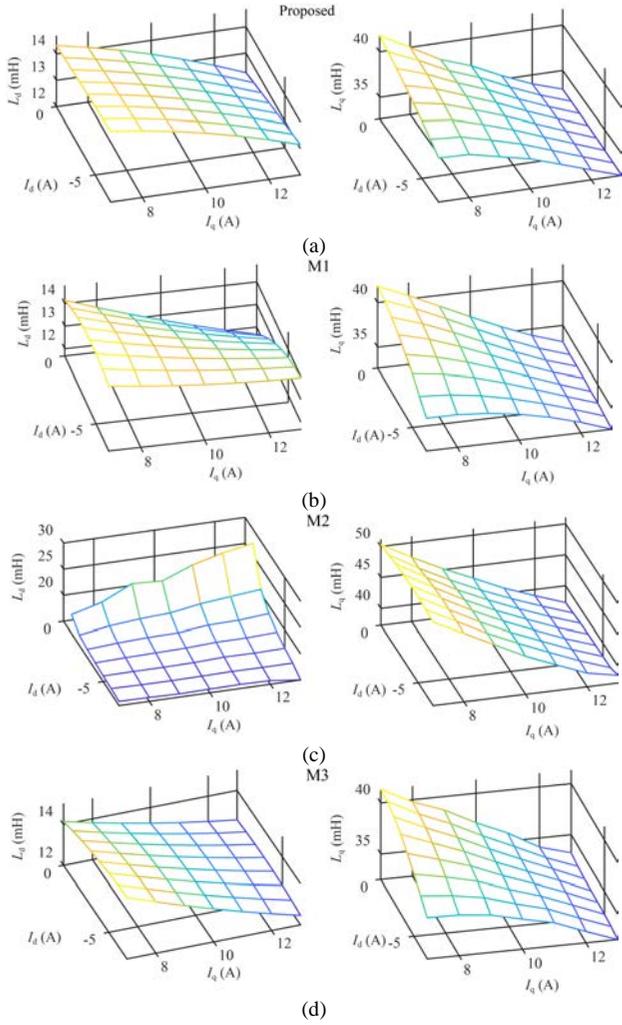


Fig. 8. The estimated inductance of  $L_d$  and  $L_q$  in (a) proposed method, (b) M1, (c) M2, and (d) M3.

**D. Comparison of Voltage Prediction**

To ensure the reliability of the experimental results, the present study adopts the following validation approach: Firstly, the voltage is predicted based on the average inductance values obtained from three different speed conditions. Then, this predicted voltage is compared with the measured voltage to verify the effectiveness of the prediction model. Considering that the measured voltage varies with speed, the intermediate speed of 300 r/min is selected as the evaluation condition, and the prediction accuracy of each method is quantified by the error between the measured and calculated voltages at this speed.

Fig. 9 shows the error between the measured voltage and the calculated voltage by different methods. The measured voltage is obtained at 300 r/min, and the calculated voltage in the proposed method is obtained by the average inductance calculation at 100, 200, and 400 r/min.

Table IV reports the maximum and average error, and it shows that the proposed method consistently outperforms M1-M3 in both  $\Delta V_d$  and  $\Delta V_q$  error metrics: The error of the proposed method is always lower (and sometimes much lower) than that of other methods.

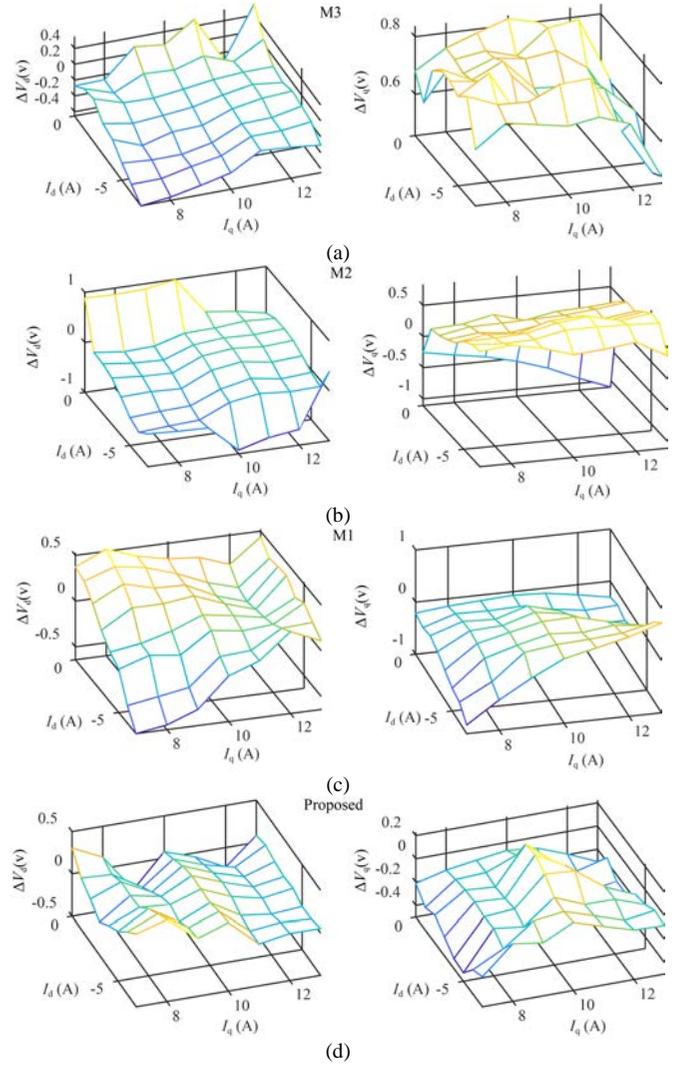


Fig. 9.  $\Delta V_d$  and  $\Delta V_q$  in (a) proposed method, (b) M1, (c) M2, and (d) M3. With  $n = 300$  r/min.  $\Delta V_d = V_{\text{meas } d_{300}} - V_{\text{cal } d_{300}}$ ,  $\Delta V_q = V_{\text{meas } q_{300}} - V_{\text{cal } q_{300}}$ .

Method	Max $\Delta V_d$	Average $\Delta V_d$	Max $\Delta V_q$	Average $\Delta V_q$
Proposed	0.964%	0.266%	0.966%	0.280%
M1	1.450%	0.481%	2.110%	0.497%
M2	3.020%	0.301%	6.011%	1.360%
M3	1.009%	0.297%	1.915%	1.399%

From the perspective of error distribution, the voltage error data of the proposed method is significantly less discrete and more stable under different working conditions, while M1, M2, and M3 have large error fluctuations in some test scenarios, which further shows that the proposed method has significant advantages in voltage measurement accuracy and stability. Besides, compared with M3, which only considers inductive correlation, the derivative method additionally considered by this method can obtain a smaller error.

To further verify the accuracy of the estimated inductance, it can be seen from (1) that in the voltage equation, parameters such as  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$ , in addition to inductance, will affect the

prediction accuracy. Therefore, based on (1), quantities  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$  defined in (27) are used for inductance verification:

$$\begin{cases} X_1 = (V_{d1} - V_{d0}) - (\omega_0 - \omega_1)L_{q\_est}I_q \\ Y_1 = (V_{q1} - V_{q0}) - (\omega_1 - \omega_0)(L_{d\_est}I_d + \lambda_0) \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

where  $V_{dk}$ ,  $V_{qk}$ , and  $\omega_k$  denote the voltage and motor electrical angular speed at different rotational speeds, respectively.  $L_{d\_est}$  and  $L_{q\_est}$  are the inductances calculated by different methods. In the proposed method,  $L_{d\_est}$  and  $L_{q\_est}$  represent the average inductance under four rotational speeds. By utilizing the speed difference in (27), the influence of  $R$  and  $V_{dead}$  on voltage prediction can be eliminated, thereby further improving prediction accuracy.

In this experiment,  $\omega_1$  is set to 100 and 300 r/min, with the  $I_d$  range from 0 to  $-7$  A and  $I_q$  values from 7 to 14 A (step size of 1 A). First, under fixed current conditions, differential operations were performed on the collected voltage data to obtain voltage differences at different rotational speeds. Subsequently, these voltage differences were compared with corresponding values calculated based on estimated inductance through differential operations, yielding datasets  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$ . On this basis, the average errors of  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$  were calculated for each fixed  $I_q$  condition, ultimately resulting in the voltage prediction error distribution plot shown in Fig. 9.

Fig. 10 shows that the proposed method maintains consistently lower and less fluctuating  $X_1$  prediction errors across the entire q-axis current range, significantly outperforming M1, M2, and M3. Among them, M1 exhibits the largest error near  $I_q = 8$  A, M3 still shows fluctuations in the high q-axis current region, and M2 exhibits a very high error, about 20 times the proposed method error. For  $Y_1$ , the proposed method also achieves the lowest error. While M1 and M3 exhibit slightly increasing errors with rising  $I_q$ , M2 shows the highest error with a continuous upward trend, verifying the advantages of the proposed method in terms of prediction accuracy and stability.

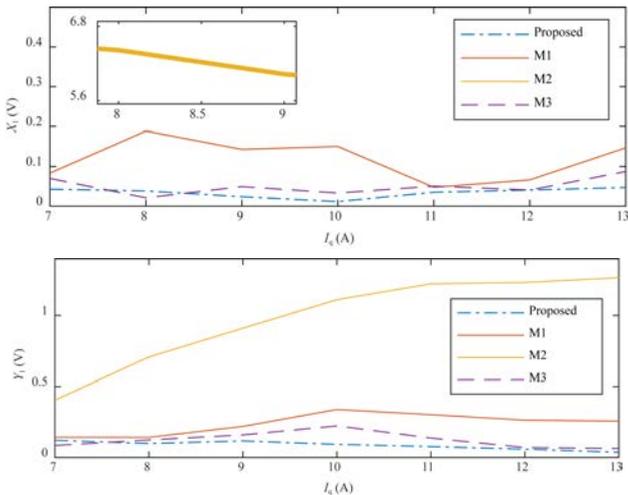


Fig. 10. Comparison of voltage prediction errors under various  $I_q$  conditions using different methods.

### E. Comparison of torque prediction

After comparing the voltage error, the torque error also

needs to be compared to further verify the accuracy of the proposed method. This methodology incorporates the impact of mechanical parameters, necessitating the inclusion of the damping coefficient and torque offset in the torque error calculations. The torque error computation is detailed in (28):

$$\Delta T = T_e - T_m - B\omega_l \quad (28)$$

The steady-state torque error model is given in (24), where  $B$  denotes the damping coefficient;  $T_e$  denotes electromagnetic torque;  $T_m$  denotes measured torque. As shown in Fig. 11, when  $I_d = 0$  A, the electromagnetic torque is generated by  $\lambda_0$ , and the error between  $T_e$  and  $T_m$  originates from mechanical parameters. Based on the estimated  $B$ ,  $\Delta T_0$  is calculated as  $-0.0389$  N·m, indicating that the  $\lambda_0$  estimated by the proposed method is highly consistent with the actual value. When  $I_d \neq 0$  A, the torque error is mainly caused by inductance errors; for example, at  $I_d = -7$  A and  $I_q = 9$  A,  $\Delta T_0 = 0.7427$  N·m. Fig. 12 shows that the maximum torque percentage error of the proposed method is 2.703%, while the minimum error occurs at  $I_d = 0$  A. Therefore, to further evaluate inductance accuracy, it is necessary to compare the error between the electromagnetic torque calculated from the inductance and the measured torque for different methods.

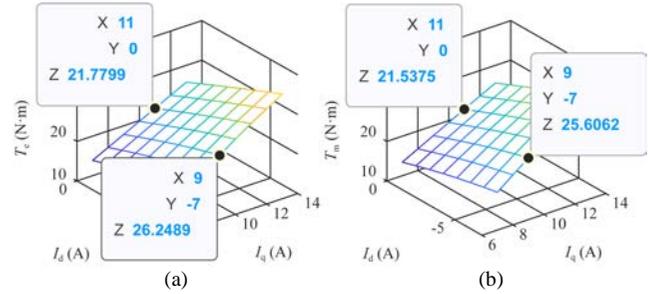


Fig. 11. Measured and calculated torques under the speed of 300 r/min. (a)  $T_e$ . (b)  $T_m$ .

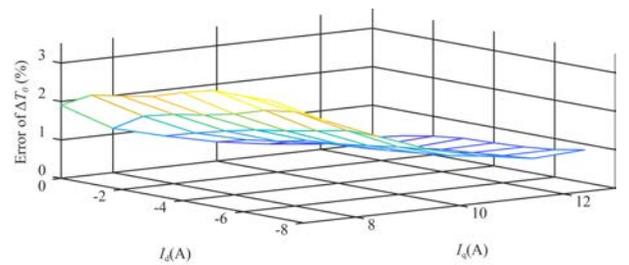


Fig. 12. Percentage error of torque in proposed method under 300 r/min.

Fig. 13 compares the torque errors of different methods at  $n = 300$  r/min, where  $\Delta T_0$ ,  $\Delta T_1$ ,  $\Delta T_2$ , and  $\Delta T_3$  correspond to the proposed method, M1, M2, and M3, respectively. The proposed method achieves the lowest maximum error (1.06 N·m), compared with 1.23 N·m for M1, 6.11 N·m for M2, and 1.21 N·m for M3. In M2, errors are small for  $I_d$  from  $-1$  to  $-6$  A but increase sharply at low and high  $I_d$  values, indicating poor robustness.

Table V reports the maximum and average torque error, and the same as voltage error occurs: the error of the proposed method is always lower than that of other methods. Therefore, the torque comparison revealed that the inductance coupling

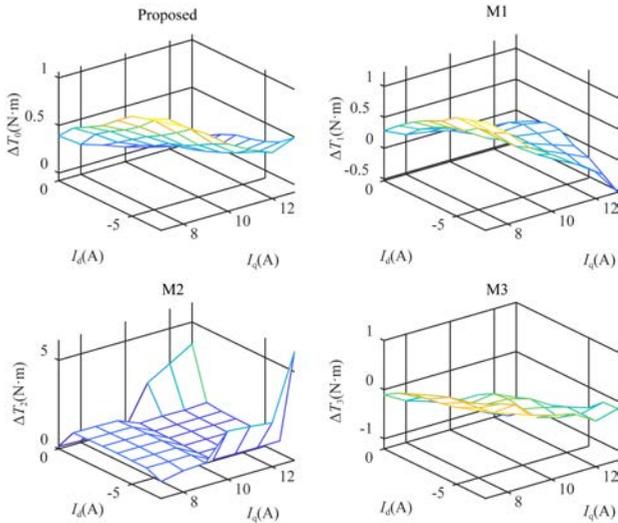


Fig. 13. Torque error in different methods under 300 r/min.

between the dq-axis is significant and cannot be ignored. The calculation method is shown in (29):

$$\begin{cases} \Delta T_{\max} = \max \left\{ \frac{|T_{e,1} - T_{m,1}|}{T_{m,1}}, \dots, \frac{|T_{e,z} - T_{m,z}|}{T_{m,z}} \right\} \times 100\% \\ \Delta T_{\text{avg}} = \left( \frac{|T_{e,1} - T_{m,1}|}{T_{m,1}} + \dots + \frac{|T_{e,z} - T_{m,z}|}{T_{m,z}} \right) / z \times 100\% \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

where  $z$  is the operating condition variable,  $z = \{1, 2, \dots, Z\}$ . In this experiment, there are a total of 56 operating conditions under a single rotational speed, i.e.,  $z = 56$ .

M1 failed to account for this, resulting in a larger torque error. Meanwhile, M2 experienced significant torque errors when the d-axis current is either close to zero or very high, and M3 did not consider the decoupling of inductance from the PM flux linkage, leading to a larger overall error compared to the proposed method. Therefore, it can be concluded that this method yields more accurate inductance parameters compared to other methods.

This method is equally applicable to parameter identification involving fixed current magnitude  $I_s$  and current angle data, which can be expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} I_d = -I_s \sin \gamma \\ I_q = I_s \cos \gamma \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

where  $I_s$  and  $\gamma$  denote stator current phase shift. Substituting (30) into (1) yields the corresponding estimation model. By differentiating  $\gamma$  at fixed  $I_s$ , parameters such as inductance can be determined. To further assess accuracy, experimental motor data from [24] were used to calculate the standard MTPA following [1], and the maximum torque point (MTP) predictions following [30]-[31].

 TABLE V  
 PERCENTAGE COMPARISON OF  $\Delta T$  ERROR ( $N = 300$  R/MIN)

Method	$\Delta T_{\max}$	$\Delta T_{\text{avg}}$
Proposed	2.703%	0.983%
M1	3.157%	1.057%
M2	8.343%	2.333%
M3	2.757%	1.345%

Fig. 14 compares MTPA angular errors under varying  $I_s$ . M1 shows large errors across the full range, especially for  $I_s > 8$  A, where errors approach  $0.5^\circ$ . M2 improves on M1 but still fluctuates between  $0.2^\circ$  and  $0.6^\circ$ , indicating systematic bias. M3 is more stable, maintaining errors between  $0.7^\circ$  and  $1.2^\circ$ , though with a larger offset. In contrast, the proposed method achieves the smallest error amplitude, keeping errors within  $0.2^\circ$  across all current ranges, with minimal fluctuation and strong robustness even in high-current regions. These results confirm that the proposed method effectively reduces model-induced angular deviations while maintaining high precision and stability, demonstrating clear advantages over existing methods for PMSM control optimization.

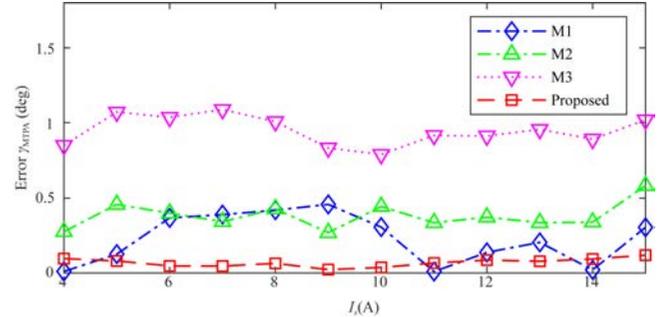
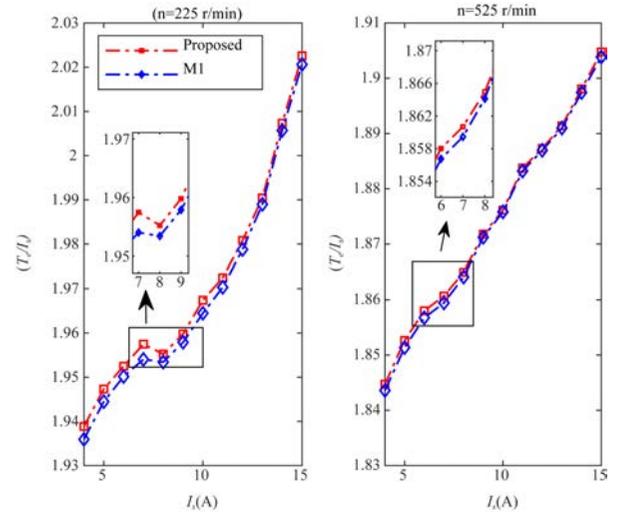


Fig. 14. Error angle between measured and calculated MTPA by different methods.

Fig. 15 compares the normalized maximum torque point (MTP) results of the proposed method and M1 at  $n = 225$  and  $525$  r/min. This metric reflects the convergence accuracy of both methods toward the MTP under varying stator currents, thereby validating the MTPA angle estimation. At  $n = 225$  r/min, both methods show an increasing trend with  $I_s$ , but the proposed method consistently delivers higher torque output.


 Fig. 15. Normalized maximum torque point with  $n = 225$  and  $525$  r/min.

At  $n = 525$  r/min, the performance gap remains, with the proposed method achieving a higher torque-to-current ratio, indicating strong optimization capability and robustness under high-speed conditions. As mentioned in [24], M1 outperforms M2 and M3 in MTP; however, the proposed method surpasses M1 across multiple current-speed points, further confirming its superiority in torque optimization. Combined with its

higher MTPA angle estimation accuracy (Fig. 14), the method delivers notable gains in torque output efficiency, demonstrating strong engineering applicability

#### F. Robustness Analysis and Application Scope

To further verify the robustness of the method, SNR experiments need to be conducted on different approaches. Since noise is simultaneously influenced by the motor and working environment, making it impossible to accurately measure the actual value, this paper selects the noise level according to the following:

$$\text{SNR} = 10 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{\sum (V_{dq}^{\text{ref}})^2}{\sum (V_{dq} - V_{dq}^{\text{ref}})^2} \right] \quad (31)$$

where  $V_{dq}^{\text{ref}}$  are the dq-axis voltage data after polynomial fitting. Based on the measured data of the experimental motor shown in Fig. 3, data fitting was conducted. The experimental results indicate that the measured SNR values of the dq-axis voltage signals before and after data fitting were 58.23 and 63.52 dB, respectively. Considering the noise distribution characteristics of motor electrical signals under actual operating conditions, to simulate real signal interference scenarios, this study adds Gaussian noise in the 50–70 dB range to the experimental data.

For the fitting error of inductance parameters after adding noise, the root mean square error (RMSE) is adopted as the quantitative evaluation index, shown as follows:

$$L_{d/q,\text{error}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{z} \sum_{i=1}^z (L_{d/q,i} - \hat{L}_{d/q,i})^2} \quad (32)$$

where  $L_{d/q,i}$  is the estimated inductance without added noise, and  $\hat{L}_{d/q,i}$  is the estimated inductance with added noise, and  $z$  is the data volume, which equals 56 in this paper.

Fig. 16 illustrates the variation relationship between the dq-axis inductance estimation error and the SNR under noise interference scenarios for different methods. It can be observed that as the SNR increases, the inductance estimation errors of all methods exhibit a gradually decreasing trend. The dq-axis inductance error curve corresponding to the proposed method consistently remains below the error curves of the other comparative methods, with its error amplitude

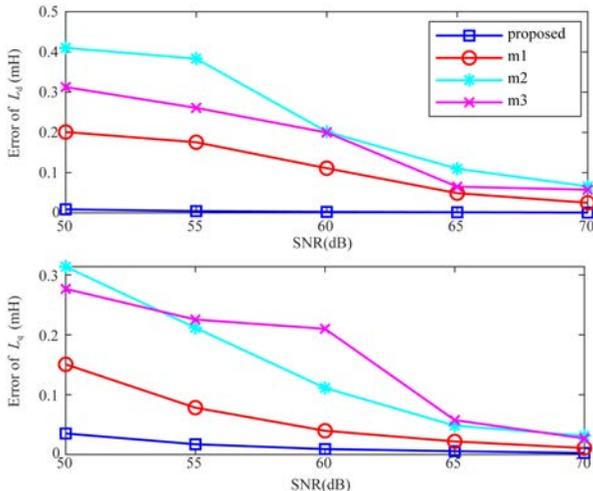


Fig. 16. Error of inductance SNR by different methods.

significantly smaller than the estimation results of all comparison methods. Especially in scenarios with strong noise and low SNR, the error advantage of the proposed method becomes even more pronounced. This result fully demonstrates that the proposed method possesses stronger anti-noise interference capability and can achieve more accurate estimation of the dq-axis inductance parameters under varying noise intensities.

To verify the robustness of the proposed method in terms of model order selection, Table VII presents the average voltage error and average torque error under different polynomial fitting orders. From the data in the table, it can be observed that under  $m = 3$ , all error metrics are significantly reduced, demonstrating superior fitting accuracy. This phenomenon corresponds to the model's overfitting issue, where  $m = 4$  excessively adapts to the training data, resulting in a decline in generalization performance.

Moreover, this method exhibits excellent engineering robustness: Under conditions of sub-rated rotational speeds (100–400 r/min), conventional current ranges ( $I_d = 0$  to  $-7$  A,  $I_q = 7$ –13 A), and moderate measurement accuracy (50–70 dB), the parameter estimation error is significantly superior to existing methods. Its application scope focuses on the steady-state parameter identification of interior PMSMs, particularly suited for engineering scenarios that require precision stability and data acquisition efficiency. In the future, it will be expanded to high-speed and extreme-current robustness applications by incorporating iron loss models and dynamic temperature corrections.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes a partial derivative estimation method for PMSM multiparameter estimation considering inductance correlation, as summarized in Table VI, its core contributions contain: 1) Decoupling inductance and PM flux linkage via a correlated inductance model with partial derivatives, improving inductance estimation accuracy especially under small  $I_d$ ; 2) Using polynomial fitting of  $I_d$  under given  $I_q$  to balance saturation modeling precision and efficiency; 3) Enabling accurate estimation of  $R$  and  $V_{\text{dead}}$  with single-speed data, reducing data demand. Experiments show the proposed method outperforms M1-M2-M3 in voltage prediction, torque estimation, and MTPA angle optimization, with lower errors and better stability. Limitations include unconsidered high-speed ( $n > 575$  r/min) iron loss, sensitivity to rapid temperature changes, and lack of extreme current verification ( $I_s > 15$  A). Future work will add iron loss models, dynamic temperature correction, and expand the current range validation.

TABLE VII  
VOLTAGE AND TORQUE ERRORS CORRESPONDING TO  
DIFFERENT FITTING ORDERS

Order	2	3	4
Average error of $V_d/V$	0.2864	0.1448	0.1557
Average error of $V_q/V$	0.4648	0.4574	0.4672
Average error of $\Delta T/(N \cdot m)$	0.1335	0.1263	0.1384

TABLE VI  
 COMPARISON WITH DIFFERENT METHODS

Methods	Magnetic saturation	VSI nonlinearity	PM flux linkage decoupling	Speed independent	Inductance correlation	Remarks
Data driven [29]	√	√	×	×	×	Redundant data increases computational complexity.
M1	√	√	√	×	×	Ignore inductance correlation.
M2	√	√	×	√	×	Limitation Highly dependent on the accuracy of $\lambda_0$ and $L_d$ . Cannot be estimated when $I_d = 0$ A.
M3	√	√	×	×	√	Cannot decouple $\lambda_0$ and inductance.
Proposed	√	√	√	√	√	Advantage 1. Use less data to reduce computational complexity. 2. Accurately estimate $R$ and $V_{dead}$ . 3. Consider inductance correlation while decoupling $\lambda_0$ and inductance, improve the accuracy of inductance estimation

Notification: “√” means the method considers the factor. “×” means the method does not consider the factor. “Speed independent” means whether it requires two or more rotational speed data.

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