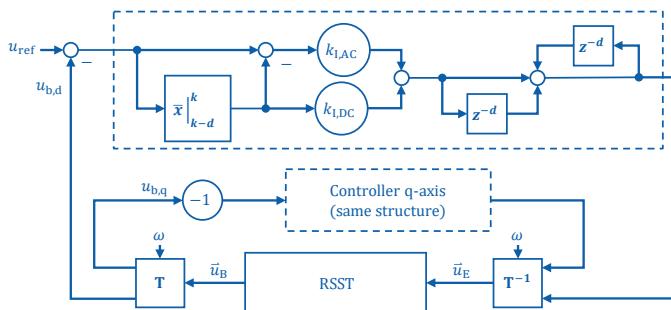
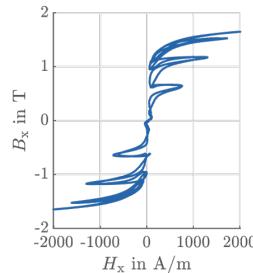
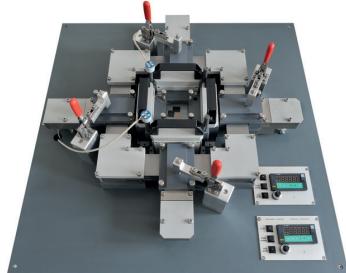


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# **Abstract**

## **Motivation, Goal and Task of the Dissertation**

A better understanding of the magnetic circuit behavior and controlling the magnetic material properties are some of the key prerequisites which have facilitated the continuous development and improvement of modern, highly utilized electrical machines and their applications. Concurrently, increased utilization, manufacturing and changed operating conditions will also have an influence on the magnetic material. Modeling the behavior of soft magnetic materials used in electrical machines relies on suitable measurements which are able to determine magnetic properties under conditions similar to those occurring in electrical machines. One example for such conditions is to generate a rotating magnetization and apply mechanical stress to the sample material during the measurement. The behavior of the magnetic circuit for such measurements is strongly influenced by the nonlinear magnetic properties of the sample and its shape. Simultaneously, a sufficient reduction or control of the flux density harmonics is important to obtain valid measurement results. To overcome these difficulties, a control strategy is developed by applying the principles of field-oriented control known from electrical machines and considering the specific operating conditions of the measurement device.

## **Major Scientific Contributions**

In order to obtain a well-funded knowledge base for the control design process, the dynamic interaction between excitation and measured voltage is analyzed. Special attention is given to the impact of nonlinearities and magnetic circuit geometry on said relations. A transient time domain circuit model capable of simulating the nonlinearities of

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the measurement is implemented.

The basic control problem of generating a circular rotating magnetization inside the sample is formulated in field-oriented equations and compared to common field-oriented control variations used for rotating electrical machines. Then, the influence of the discussed nonlinearities on the control problem is examined. Based on the results of this analysis, a field-oriented control strategy capable of sufficiently suppressing unwanted flux density harmonics over a wide range of the flux density, is derived. The control strategy is analyzed theoretically and numerically by using the developed model.

A modified coordinate transformation between physical and field-oriented quantities is introduced. With this transformation it is possible to use the same control strategy to generate elliptical and uniaxial magnetizations as well. It is shown that the modified transformation principle can map any rotating flux density distribution with periodically changing amplitude to the circular case. Therefore, the control strategy can be used to generate a wide variety of flux density distributions without changing the basic control structure.

The control strategy is applied to a rotational single sheet tester capable of generating two-dimensional mechanical stress inside the sample. The functionality of the developed control is validated. The influence of different mechanical stress combinations for axial, circular and elliptical flux density distributions on the measurement results is shown.

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# List of acronyms

FE	finite-element
FEA	finite-element analysis
FEM	finite-element method
FOC	field-oriented control
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IEM	Institute of Electrical Machines
IM	induction machine
PMSM	permanent magnet synchronous machine
RMS	root mean square
RPT	rotational power loss tester
RSST	rotational single-sheet tester
RWTH	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule
SM	synchronous machine
SST	single-sheet tester



# List of symbols

## Latin letters

<b>J</b>	1/s	coordinate transformation derivative matrix
<b>K</b>		flux linkage coupling matrix
<b>L</b>	H	self inductance matrix
<b>M</b>	H	mutual inductance matrix
<b>T</b> <sub>θ</sub>		static rotation matrix
<b>T</b> <sub>ax</sub>		elliptic stretching matrix
<b>T</b>		generalized transformation matrix
<b>T</b> <sub>dq</sub>		transformation matrix to rotating coordinate system
<b>X</b>	H <sup>-1</sup>	inverse mutual inductance matrix
<b>A</b>	m <sup>2</sup>	coil cross-section
<b>B</b>	T	magnetic flux density, magnetic induction
<b>F</b>		form factor of a signal
<b>F</b>	N	force
<b>F</b> <sub>m</sub>		modified form factor
<b>G</b>		transfer function (Laplace domain)
<b>H</b>	A/m	magnetic field strength
<b>K</b>		flux linkage coupling factor
<b>L</b>	H	self inductance
<b>M</b>	H	mutual inductance
<b>R</b>	Ω	ohmic resistance
<b>T</b>	s	time constant or characteristic time
<b>T</b> <sub>N</sub>	s	reset time (PI controller)
<b>T</b> <sub>n</sub>	s	time between controller cycles
<b>T</b> <sub>p</sub>	s	sample time for one period of data
<b>W</b>		number of turns
<b>X</b>	H <sup>-1</sup>	inverse mutual inductance

## List of symbols

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$e$		error signal or control difference
$f$	Hz	frequency
$i$	A	electric current
$k_c$		controller gain (PI controller)
$n$		controller cycle index
$p$		number of data points per period
$t$	s	time
$u$	V	electric voltage

## Greek letters

$r_{\text{ax}}$	rad	ratio between major and minor axis diameter for elliptical magnetization
$\Psi$	Vs	flux linkage
$\alpha$	rad	space vector angle
$\gamma$	rad	transformation angle
$\epsilon$		relative deviation of a quantity
$\theta$	rad	angle of the major semi axis for elliptical magnetization or magnetization direction in the uniaxial case
$\mu$	Vs/(Am)	magnetic permeability
$\nu$		order of a harmonic
$\pi$		number $\pi = 3.141\,592\,6\dots$
$\omega$	1/s	angular frequency

## Indices and superscripts

ax	axis related
B	flux density measurement coils
d	direct (d) axis
E	excitation coils
H	field strength measurement coils
q	quadrature (q) axis

ref.	reference value
dyn	transient quantity
$\infty$	stationary quantity
x	x magnetization axis
y	y magnetization axis

## Notations

$\vec{x}$	vectorial quantity
$\bar{x}$	dc component of a periodic quantity
$\tilde{x}$	ac component of a periodic quantity
$\{x\}$	array containing one period of data