

Multiple Degree of Freedom Model of Giant Magnetostrictive Actuator

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A specific giant magnetostrictive actuator (GMA) is developed for injectors in high-pressure-common-rail system. The magnetic strength, with its axial distribution unevenness considered, is determined by the driving current and axial dimension. Multiple degrees of freedom model of the specific GMA is established based on Jiles-Atherton (J-A) model and vibration theory. The number of degrees of freedom is optimized, and step response is calculated and its state-space model is provided and computed using MATLAB. Steady-state response and frequency response in moderate driving level is achieved and verified by the test results, and load contributed by fluid is regarded as elastic-damping load and the specific response of GMA in this case could be forecast. From the measured result, the proposed multiple degrees of freedom model are amenable to describe the stable response of the specific GMA under low frequency harmonic driving.

Keywords: giant magnetostrictive actuator, multiple degrees of freedom model, stable response, harmonic response, oil load.

1. INTRODUCTION

Giant magnetostrictive material (GMM) enjoys plenty of merits stretches from fast response, bulky output force to high energy transfer efficiency, the development and application of GMM is therefore becomes a thriving scope for researchers. Engineering application is an important aspect for the giant magnetostrictive material and there are multiple structures in Giant magnetostrictive actuator (GMA) design. E. Quandt [1] developed a cantilever actuator based on GMM films to provide precise fluid control under low driving level. F. Claeysen [2] weighed the characteristics of different actuators, transducers and motors based on GMM and provided a roadmap to select an appropriate structure in GMA design. Young-Woo Park [3] developed a micro GMA structure which could provide a precise displacement control. Jiaju Zheng [4] developed a magnetostrictive force controller which is free from coil and therefore avoids the Joule heat. Yuesong Li [5] employed DC bias field and heat compensator into GMA structure and the field unevenness was studied. Bintang Yang [6] combined the GMA with and without permanent magnets, and with the help of a mechanical amplifier, the stroke of GMA reached 0.71 mm.

In this paper, a specific GMA is developed to drive the globe valve within an injector serving in high-pressure-common-rail system. The objective of this work concerns developing a GMA based injector, which can operate properly [7] as well as maintain a swift response under a driving voltage of 24 V, which is the ceil provided by vehicle batteries [8]. With respect to the GMA serving in the electric injectors, a Sweden company [9] developed a GMM injector without mechanical connection to realize a

non-resolution control of fuel injection; Tanaka [10] designed a Z-type GMM driver serving in oil injector to achieve a 40 μm stroke output; Fuzai Lv [11] developed a GMM switching valve which could provide both considerable stroke and output force. All the above structures show remarkable merits but fail to fit directly into the injector case, since their working principle are based on the elongation of GMM rod while the normally closed injector requires the actuator to shrink after excitement. This issue is resolved in this work by a series of structure design and modification.

A single degree of freedom (DOF) model for GMA regard the GMM rod as a single stiffness-mass-damping device, or computing the displacement by multiplying magnetostriction directly with rod length. These methods are proposed based on the assumption that the axial distribution of magnetic strength is uniform and the strain distribution is even. However, when the axial dimension is limited, the uniform of magnetic field cannot be ensured and correctness of this single DOF model is questionable [12]. As a type of engineering applied material, a precise model for the giant magnetostrictive actuator is quite urgent.

2. OPERATING PRINCIPLE

The proposed GMA structure is detailed as Fig. 1, the adjustment bolt is connected by screw with one end of displacement output rod, and the alternative end is connected with a test rod. Therefore, the screw cap, output rod and test rod could be regarded as a single part in dynamic analysis.

With respect to the thick end of output shaft, a rectangular groove is manufactured to facilitate the relative displacement of slider and output shaft. Since there is no bias field exerted, when excited, the slider will fix the

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lower end of GMM bar and force the alternative end to move ahead against the spring force. In this way, a corresponding force and displacement is generated.

According to the local zoom in Fig. 1, there is a gap between the output rod and slider, the length of this gap should be kept larger than the maximum elongation of GMM bar. Another gap should be provided between output shaft and shell of GMA to protect the shaft from colliding to shell when the power is off.

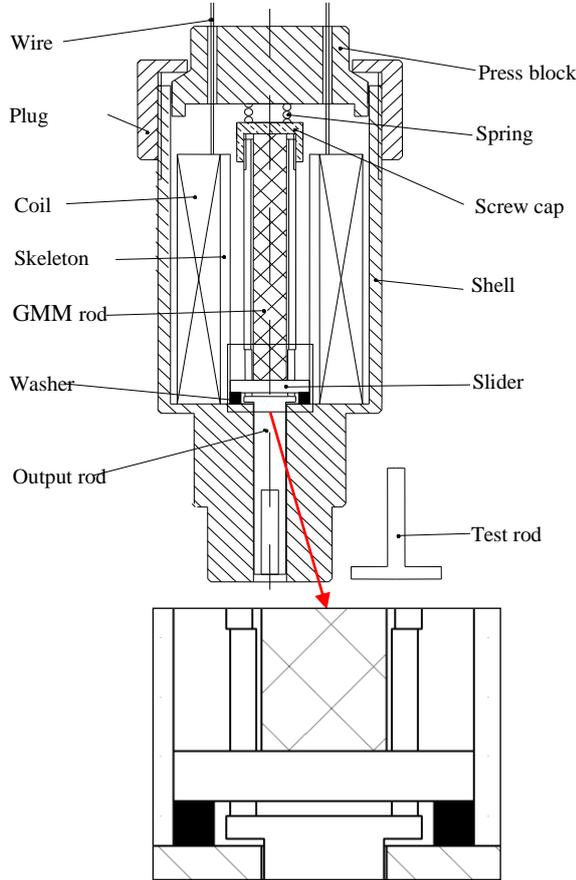


Fig. 1. Structure and local zoom of GMA for oil injector

3. MODEL OF GMA AND RESPONSE SOLUTION

According to previous analysis, a multi-coupled model of the specific GMA is established including fields of current, magnetic field and mechanics [13].

3.1. Magnetostriction model

In GMA structure, a multilayer coil is employed, its profile is exhibited as Fig. 2. Since the aspect ratio of coil section is not large enough and the GMM rod is not located solely within the strong field domain of driving coil, the axial field distribution is uneven. According to Fig. 1, the magnetic circuit of GMA is not closed. In this case, the classical magnetic circuit method cannot be applied directly. According to Ampere's Law, the magnetic field of a solenoid with unlimited length is integrated. The coil is simplified as Fig. 2. Under DC or low frequency driving

current I , a single layer coil with thickness dr will generate a axial magnetic field in point $(z, 0)$.

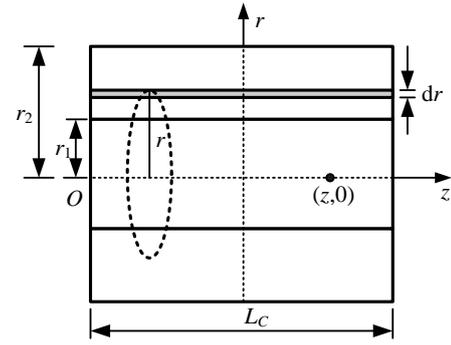


Fig. 2. Profile of a multilayer coil

The magnetic field intensity could be calculated via:

$$dH = \frac{NI dr}{2L_c(r_2 - r_1)} \left(\frac{\frac{L_c}{2} - z}{\sqrt{(\frac{L_c}{2} - z)^2 + r^2}} + \frac{\frac{L_c}{2} + z}{\sqrt{(\frac{L_c}{2} + z)^2 + r^2}} \right) \quad (1)$$

where N denotes the turns of the coil, L_c , r_1 and r_2 denote respectively the length, inner and outer radii of coil, $NI/[L_c*(r_2-r_1)]$ denotes the surface current density of coil. The total field intensity along the axis can be calculated as the integration of Eq. (1) within the region of $[r_1, r_2]$.

$$H(I, z) = \frac{NI}{2L_c(r_2 - r_1)} \left[\frac{L_c}{2} - z \right] \ln \frac{r_2 + \sqrt{(\frac{L_c}{2} - z)^2 + r_2^2}}{r_1 + \sqrt{(\frac{L_c}{2} - z)^2 + r_1^2}} + z \ln \frac{r_2 + \sqrt{(\frac{L_c}{2} + z)^2 + r_2^2}}{r_1 + \sqrt{(\frac{L_c}{2} + z)^2 + r_1^2}} \quad (2)$$

Jiles-Atherton (J-A) model is commonly used to describe the hysteresis behavior of GMM devices, which is based on domain wall theory [14–16]. There are five constituting equations in J-A model which reveals the relationship between exciting field intensity H , effective field intensity H_e , anhysteresis magnetization M_{an} , irreversible magnetization M_{irr} , reversible magnetization M_{rev} as well as the total magnetization M .

$$\begin{cases} H_e = H + \tilde{\alpha}M \\ M_{an} = M_s [\coth(H_e / a) - a / H_e] \\ \frac{dM_{irr}}{dH} = \frac{M_{an} - M_{irr}}{\delta k - \tilde{\alpha}(M_{an} - M_{irr})} \\ M_{rev} = c(M_{an} - M_{irr}) \\ M = M_{irr} + M_{rev} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Above equation could be deduced as Eq. 4

Exhibited as Fig. 3, f_i is regarded as the average of total work within a certain element, take L_0 as the original length of GMM bar, then

$$f_i = \frac{n}{L} \int_{L_0 + \frac{i-1}{n}L}^{L_0 + \frac{i}{n}L} AE^H \lambda(I, x) dx . \quad (10)$$

The driving force of each element is

$$q_i = f_i - f_{i+1} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1) \quad \text{and} \quad q_n = f_n . \quad (11)$$

The assumption could be verified by a simplified case. If the GMM bar is located in a unified field environment, the driving force in both ends of GMM bar is equal (only the upper end is loaded), since the assumed stiffness is constant, the GMM bar will elongate evenly, on the other hand, if the force is loaded directly on each element, the quantity of force will increase when the mesh is finer and the elongation will varies in elements, leading to a uneven deformation.

3.3. Calculation of response

Under a step excitement, the magnetic strength, magnetization, magnetostriction, force and displacement reach some constants. The stable performance will not be interfered by mass and damping, therefore the differential items equals zero. Remark T_0 as the stable vector, the stable displacement vector x_{10} , stable displacement of GMA x_0 and stable output force F_{A0} could be calculated as

$$x_0 = (0, 0, \dots, 1)_{1 \times n} x_{10}, F_{A0} = k_2 x_0 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{where} \quad x_{10} = K^{-1} T_0 .$$

In classical analysis, the transient response is usually obtained by modal superposition. However, due to the damping of GMM rod is large and the non-diagonal elements in matrix C are always too large to overlook. Under this condition, matrix in (9) are not so readily to be decoupled, which is elaborate to get a effective analytical solution via modal analysis. In this paper, the numerical method, based on MATLAB, is employed to calculate the transient response. The system is transformed in a state space form

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = m^{-1}(T - kx_1 - cx_2) \end{cases} . \quad (13)$$

Take $x = (x_1 \ x_2)^T$, and the GMA system could be expressed as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ -m^{-1}k & -m^{-1}c \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ T \end{pmatrix}, \\ x_i = (0, 0, \dots, 1)_{1 \times n} (E \ 0)_{n \times 2n} x \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

where E denotes identity matrix. In zero initial condition, the output displacement of GMA is expressed as a vector. For the overall system, the response time denotes the period it takes when the last element reaches the stable status.

3.4. Calculation of DOF

Calculated results of steady-state displacement and responding time are shown in Fig. 4. From Fig. 4, computed results become stable with n increasing, and if n is selected too small, the computing error will be quite high. When $n = 1$, a tremendous error of computed displacement reaches $1.8 \mu\text{m}$ compared to the steady-state value, and the error of response time is about $6 \mu\text{s}$. On the other hand, there is no obvious variation is observed in computing precision after $n = 30$. As a result, n is selected as 30 to balance the computing precision and velocity.

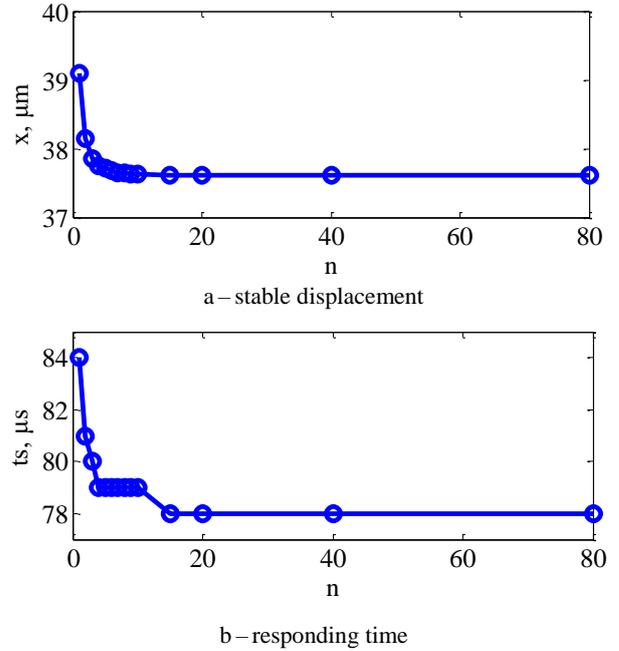


Fig. 4. Responses under different DOFs

4. MODEL VALIDATION

4.1. Experimental setup

Parameters of GMA are layout as Table. 1. The input signal is generated by signal generator PS2000 and enlarged by a particular power amplifier GF800. Then the displacement signal of GMA is acquired by displacement sensor HN808 and feedbacked to master computer.

Table 1. Parameters of the GMA

Parameters	Value
Length, mm	39.5
Diameter, mm	5
Elastic modulus, N/m ²	3×10^{10}
Non-hysteresis coefficient, A/m	7050
Magnetization parameter	- 0.01
Saturation magnetization, A/m	8.0×10^5
Saturation strain	0.8×10^{-3}
Reversible coefficient	0.18
Inside diameter, mm	15
Outside diameter, mm	28
Coil turns	1033
Stiffness, N/m	1.7×10^4
Length of the windings, mm	40
Irreversible coefficient, A/m	3208

4.2. Discussion

Model described in Eq.1 and Eq.3 are more appreciated in DC driving or low frequency cases, therefore, a DC current and 5 Hz sine wave is selected as driving signal. Under different DC driving levels, namely, 0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 A, the calculated and test results are compared as Fig. 5. As the single degree of freedom model is widely used in other references, the calculated result of single DOF model is also shown.

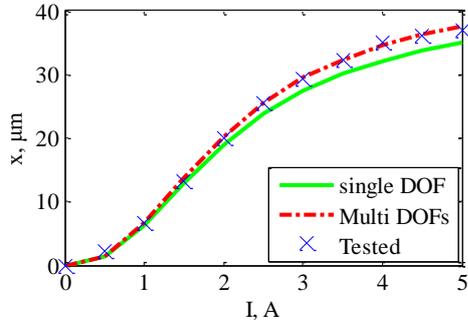


Fig.5. Stable-state response with DC input

According to Fig. 5, the calculated results of multiple DOFs model matches with the test curves adequately, with the largest error beneath $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ under $I = 2.5 \text{ A}$ and the relative error less than 4% approximately. Then proposed displacement model is verified. It can also be drawn that the multiple DOFs model is better than the traditional single DOF model in describing the actuator response.

Under 10 Hz and 5 Hz sine signals with different driving level, the calculated and test results are exhibited as Fig. 6. According to the test result, there is no obvious bias in ‘double frequency’ effect, amplitude, shape and saturation between test and calculated results. The comparison indicates there is no tremendous error accumulation in calculation process and the precision is satisfactory. Moreover, abutting $I = 2.5 \text{ A}$, the calculated result via proposed multi-DOF model and the classical single DOF model are $26.1 \mu\text{m}$ and $27.9 \mu\text{m}$ respectively. Test result under this condition is $25.2 \mu\text{m}$, which means that in our particular case, the proposed algorithm reaches a higher precision in displacement computing.

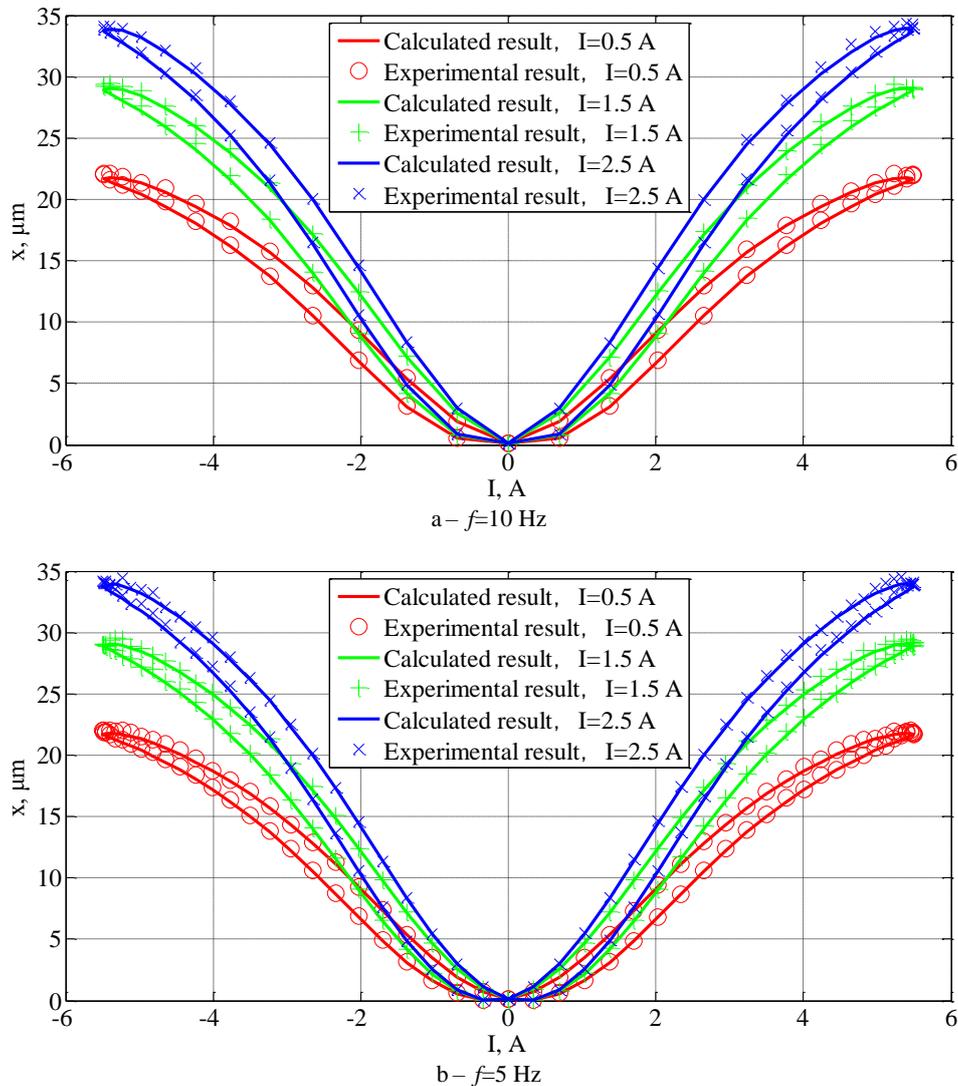


Fig. 6. Sinusoidal responses under different frequencies

5. CONCLUSIONS

1. A specific GMA structure is developed to embed into a novel oil injector. The elongation of GMM rod is transformed as displacement of output shafted, and accompanied with the disk spring, the oil injection is controlled more precisely and swiftly.
2. A specific model is proposed with multi-DOFs to account for the uneven distribution of magnetic field along axial dimension. The quantity of DOFs is determined by analysis its interference on computing precision.
3. According to the comparison between calculated and test results, proposed multi-DOF model are more amendable to describe to output characteristics of GMA. The largest error is about 1.0 μm , and the relative error is beneath 4%. Under low frequency drive, calculated result matches more satisfactorily with the test curve compared with the single DOF model.

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