

# Notch Filter Design Based on Two-Frequency Bode Diagram for Elastic Vibration Depression of Magnetically Suspended High-Speed Rotor

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**Abstract** – In control moment gyroscope (CMG) based on magnetically suspended rotor (MSCMG), owing to wide controller bandwidth required by nutation stability at high rotational speed, bending mode between disk and axis of rotor with I-shaped configuration becomes unstable and tends to self-exciting vibration within the range of rotor speed. This elastic vibration can be depressed through adopting notch filter (NF) in original controller of active magnetic bearing (AMB), but NF design is still an issue since high-speed flat rotor features strong gyroscopic effect and coupling radial motions. By introducing complex representation, four DOFs (degrees of freedom) of dynamic model of magnetically suspend rotor considering unstable first-order bending mode is converted into single variable form without changing poles and stability. An illustrative and robust method of two-frequency Bode diagram is proposed to analyze elastic mode stability. Correction angle requirements of bending mode at various rotor speeds are summarized and parameters including NF grade, center frequency and pole damp are designed optimally. Employing the optimized notch filter, elastic vibration amplitude of statically suspended rotor of MSCMG was attenuated by -50.0dB comparing to original and the rotor is robustly stable within the entire speed range up to 20000r/min.

**Index Terms** – Control moment gyroscope, Magnetic bearing, Elastic vibration depression, Two-frequency Bode diagram, Notch filter.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Control moment gyroscope (CMG) is a key actuator of attitude control system of large spacecrafts such as space stations, agile satellites and so on. To eliminate bearing friction and reduce unbalance force, magnetic bearings are implemented for high-speed rotor supporting of CMG, which is named magnetically suspended CMG (MSCMG) and has shown remarkable strengths including high precision and long life<sup>[1]</sup>. However, owing to wide

bandwidth of AMB controller required by nutation stability at high rotor speed<sup>[2]</sup>, and relatively lower frequency of bending mode between disk and axis of rotor resulted from I-shaped configuration to achieve higher ratio of rotary inertia to rotor mass, MSCMG rotor becomes unstable and resonates at first-order bending mode frequency even at zero rotor speed<sup>[3][4]</sup>, and remains vibrating within the range of rotor speed.

To depress elastic vibration, many methods such as notch filter (NF)<sup>[3][4][5][6][7]</sup>, LQ control<sup>[8][9]</sup>, LPV (Linear Parameter Varying) control<sup>[10]</sup>,  $H_\infty$  control<sup>[11]</sup> and so on have been supplied previously. NF is one of the most effective methods, except that NF parameter is still hard to design to satisfy stability requirements within entire rotor speed range. Existing open-loop design method utilizes classic Bode or Nyquist diagram to determine NF for approximately decoupled slender rotor system with weak gyroscopic effect<sup>[4][5][6][7]</sup>, but it is not suitable for MSCMG's high-speed flat rotor system which features strong gyroscopic effect and can't be decoupled. The alternative close-loop design<sup>[3]</sup> or multi-variable status space method are lack of illustrative and robust property, so as to be unpopular for actually utilization.

This paper focuses on elastic vibration depression of MSCMG rotor-AMB system with strong gyroscopic effect. Precise dynamic model of elastic rotor considering first-order bending mode has been obtained according to author's previous work<sup>[3]</sup>. Using this model, a new method based on two-frequency Bode diagram is presented to design NF. The simulation and experimental results demonstrate that the designed NF depresses elastic resonance effectively.

## II. DYNAMIC MODEL CONSIDERING FIRST-ORDER ELSTIC MODE<sup>[3]</sup>

Calculation results according to ANSYS analysis indicate that self-exciting vibration of MSCMG rotor results from first-order elastic mode and is characterized as the relative bending between disk and axis of I-shape rotor in side view (Fig. 1). Only considering this unstable bending mode and ignoring other elastic ones for simplicity, MSCMG rotor can be modeled as a two-body structure consisting of rigid disk and axis connected by two

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orthogonal angular spring-dashpots, which enable disk and axis to swing relatively in 2 DOFs without translation and spin (Fig. 2). If angular stiffness  $k_k$  and angular damp  $k_v$  of spring-dashpots are introduced, the dynamic model considering first-order elastic mode can be written as follows

$$\begin{cases} J_{1y}\ddot{\beta} - H_1\dot{\alpha} + J_{2y}\ddot{\beta}_2 - H_2\dot{\alpha}_2 - 2k_h l_m^2 \beta = -2l_m l_s k_i k_s g_c \beta \\ J_{1x}\ddot{\alpha} + H_1\dot{\beta} + J_{2x}\ddot{\alpha}_2 + H_2\dot{\beta}_2 - 2k_h l_m^2 \alpha = -2l_m l_s k_i k_s g_c \alpha \\ J_{2y}\ddot{\beta}_2 - H_2\dot{\alpha}_2 - k_k(\beta - \beta_2) - k_v(\dot{\beta} - \dot{\beta}_2) = 0 \\ J_{2x}\ddot{\alpha}_2 + H_2\dot{\beta}_2 - k_k(\alpha - \alpha_2) - k_v(\dot{\alpha} - \dot{\alpha}_2) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\beta_2$  are tilt angle of axis and disk relative to AMB stator respectively,  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  angular momentum of axis and disk respectively,  $J_{1x}=J_{1y}$  and  $J_{2x}=J_{2y}$  radial moment of inertia of axis and disk respectively,  $k_s$  sensitivity of AMB displacement sensor,  $k_i$  and  $k_h$  current stiffness and displacement stiffness of AMB electromagnet respectively,  $l_m$  and  $l_s$  distance from electromagnet and displacement sensor to rotor center respectively.  $g_c$  denotes transform operator of AMB controller from input to output in time domain, i.e.  $L[g_c \alpha] = g_c(s)\alpha(s)$ , where  $g_c(s)$  and  $\alpha(s)$  are Laplace transformation of  $g_c$  and  $\alpha$  respectively. Supposing  $g_c$  has been configured to be able to stabilize translation and whirling motion (precession and nutation) of rigid body, stability of first-order elastic mode can be analysis and NF parameters can be design based on above dynamic model.

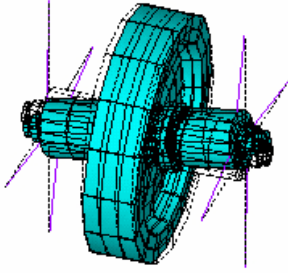


Fig. 1 The first-order elastic modal type of MSCMG rotor

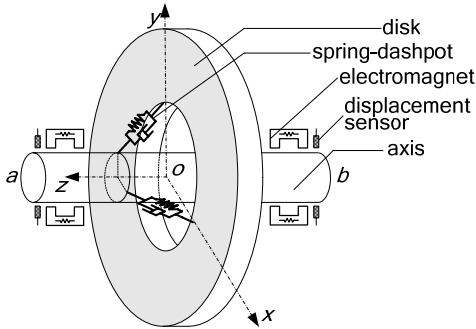


Fig. 2 Mechanic model of MSCMG rotor considering first-order elastic mode

### III. ELASTIC MODE STABILITY ANALYSIS BASED ON TWO-FREQUENCY BODE DIAGRAM

For MSCMG rotor,  $H_2$  is considerable large due to flat

type and high speed, which causes strong gyroscopic effect. It is impossible to decouple radial motions of such a rotor to use classic Bode diagram for NF design directly according to equation(1). However, in order to realize illustrative and robust design, the original system will be converted to a single variable model. Then the extended two-frequency Bode diagram is presented to analyze elastic mode stability, which is the foundation of NF parameters design.

#### A. Single Variable Equivalent Form of Dynamic Model

Define  $J_{1rr}=J_{1x}=J_{1y}$ ,  $J_{2rr}=J_{2x}=J_{2y}$ ,  $\varphi=\alpha+j\beta$  and  $\varphi_2=\alpha_2+j\beta_2$ , where  $j$  is the imaginary unit. According to equation(1), we have

$$\begin{cases} J_{1rr}\ddot{\varphi} - jH_1\dot{\varphi} + J_{2rr}\ddot{\varphi}_2 - jH_2\dot{\varphi}_2 - 2k_h l_m^2 \varphi = -2l_m l_s k_i k_s g_c \varphi \\ J_{2rr}\ddot{\varphi}_2 - jH_2\dot{\varphi}_2 = k_k(\varphi - \varphi_2) + k_v(\dot{\varphi} - \dot{\varphi}_2) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

By eliminating  $\varphi_2(s)$  and  $\varphi_2(s)$  in Laplace transformation result of equation (2), we get

$$J_{1rr}s^2 - jH_1s + \frac{(J_{2rr}s^2 - jH_2s)(k_k + k_v s)}{J_{2rr}s^2 + (k_v - jH_2)s + k_k} - 2k_h l_m^2 = -2l_m l_s k_i k_s g_c(s) \quad (3)$$

So equation (1) can be converted into a feedback control system as Fig. 3. The relevant equivalent controlled object and equivalent controller are:

$$g_{oeff}(s) = \frac{1}{J_{1rr}s^2 - jH_1s + \frac{(J_{2rr}s^2 - jH_2s)(k_k + k_v s)}{J_{2rr}s^2 + (k_v - jH_2)s + k_k} - 2k_h l_m^2} \quad (4)$$

$$g_{ceff}(s) = 2l_m l_s k_i k_s g_c(s) \quad (5)$$

Equivalent open loop transfer function (TF) with complex coefficients is:

$$g_{OL}(s) = g_{oeff}(s)g_{ceff}(s) \quad (6)$$

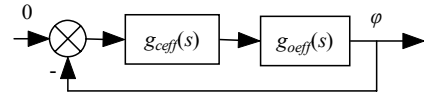


Fig. 3 Block diagram of equivalent feedback control system

By above complex transformation, the gyroscopic couple system with four variables is converted into a single variable system with complex coefficients without changing poles and stability, and can be analyzed using linear control theory only considering complex coefficients additionally.

#### B. Stability Analysis Criterion of Two-Frequency Bode Diagram

Classic control theory describes single variable system frequency characteristics (FC) by Bode diagram including logarithm amplitude frequency characteristics (AFC),  $L(\omega)$ , and logarithm phase frequency characteristics (PFC),  $\phi(\omega)$ . Since FC of TF with real coefficients is symmetric about zero frequency, only FC in positive frequency is concerned. With respect to  $g_{OL}(s)$  with complex coefficients,  $g_{OL}(-j\omega)$  and  $g_{OL}(j\omega)$  are not symmetric about zero frequency, so Bode diagram of  $g_{OL}(s)$  comprises not only  $L(\omega)$  and  $\phi(\omega)$

of  $g_{OL}(j\omega)$ , positive frequency Bode diagram, but also  $L(-\omega)$  and  $\phi(-\omega)$  of  $g_{OL}(-j\omega)$ , negative frequency Bode diagram, which are named as two-frequency Bode diagram in general.

Being identical to Bode diagram stability criterion, two-frequency Bode diagram can be used to determine stability of single-variable linear system with complex coefficients, if negative FC is considered additionally. The criterion is: Define  $Q$  as number of open loop poles with positive real part,  $L_{N+}$  and  $L_{P+}$  as  $\omega$  zone where  $L(-\omega)>0$  and  $L(\omega)>0$  respectively,  $N_{n+}$  and  $N_{n-}$  as forward and backward cross-over times of  $\phi(-\omega)$  through  $(2k+1)\pi$  line within  $L_{N+}$ ,  $N_{p+}$  and  $N_{p-}$  as forward and backward cross-over times of  $\phi(\omega)$  through  $(2k+1)\pi$  line within  $L_{P+}$  ( $k=0,1,2\dots$ ), and  $N=N_{n+}+N_{p+}-N_{n-}-N_{p-}$  as total cross-over times,  $Z$  as number of close loop poles with positive real part, thus  $Z=Q-N\geq 0$ , and close loop stable equals to  $Z=0$ .

### C. Elastic Mode Stability Determination Based on Two-Frequency Bode Diagram

Above all,  $Q$  value must be known. Open-loop poles of  $g_{OL}(s)$  with positive real part comes from  $g_{oeff}(s)$  only, which can be calculated by the equation as follows

$$J_{1rr}s^2 - jH_1s + \frac{(J_{2rr}s^2 - jH_2s)(k_k + k_v s)}{J_{2rr}s^2 + (k_v - jH_2)s + k_k} - 2k_h l_m^2 = 0 \quad (7)$$

According to the parameters of MSCMG prototype, which are shown in table 1, open-loop poles at different rotor speed are calculated and plotted in Fig. 4, where low frequency poles are relevant to rigid modes (precession and nutation), and high frequency poles relevant to backward whirl (BW) and forward whirl (FW) of elastic mode. Evidently,  $Q=1$  if rotational speed  $F_r$  is lower than  $F_{r0}$  and  $Q=0$  if  $F_r$  is higher than  $F_{r0}$ , where  $F_{r0}=115\text{Hz}$  relevant to the MSCMG prototype.

Table 1 MSCMG prototype parameters

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$m$	13.3 kg	$k_i$	404N/A
$J_{rr}$	0.062 kgm <sup>2</sup>	$k_h$	2084600N/m
$J_z$	0.096 kgm <sup>2</sup>	$k_w$	0.165A/V
$l_m$	0.06825m	$k_s$	0.073V/ $\mu\text{m}$
$l_s$	0.10275m		

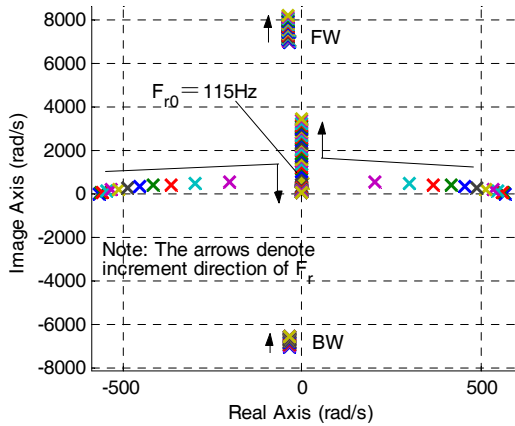


Fig. 4 Open-loop poles of magnetically suspended elastic rotor system at rotor speed from 0 to 400Hz

Two-frequency Bode diagram of magnetically suspended rotor at  $F_r=0\text{Hz}$  and  $400\text{Hz}$  can be seen in Fig. 5a and 5b respectively, where negatively FC is flipped to positive field, and upward and downward arrows in PFC denote half a positive or negative cross-over respectively. Stability determination results of AMB-rotor system are

1) When  $F_r=0\text{Hz}$ ,  $Q=1$ ,  $N=1+1-1.5-1.5=-1$ ,  $Z=1-(-1)=2$ , and the system is unstable (Fig. 5a).

2) When  $F_r=400\text{Hz}$ ,  $Q=0$ ,  $N=1+0-1.5-1.5=-2$ ,  $Z=0-(-2)=2$ , so the system is still unstable (Fig. 5b). It is similar when  $0<F_r<400\text{Hz}$ .

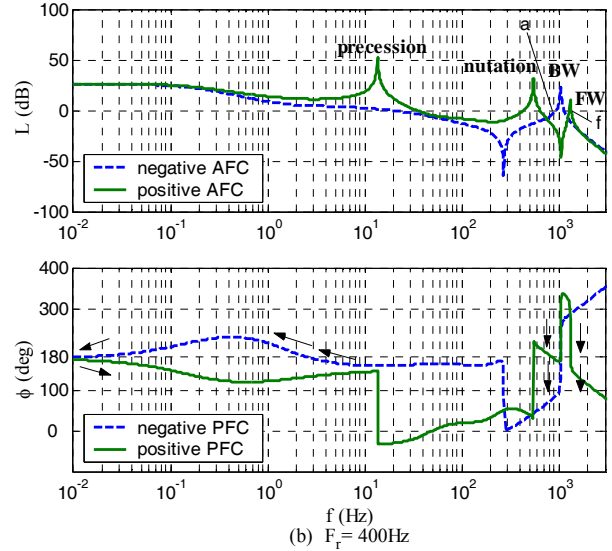
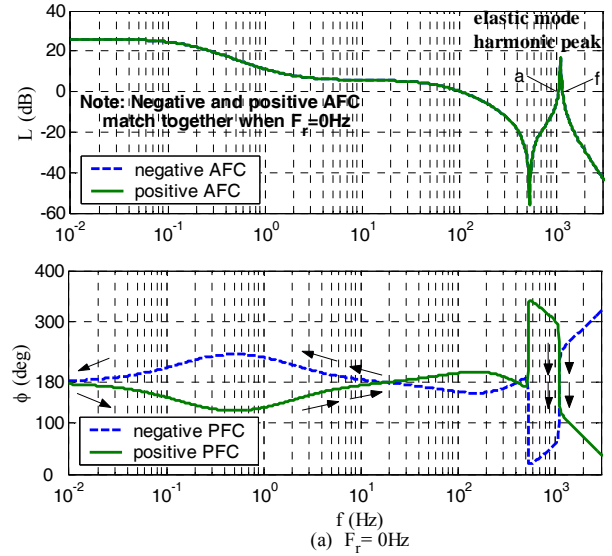


Fig. 5 Two-frequency Bode diagram of magnetically suspended rotor at different rotational speed

Define  $L_{B+}$  and  $L_{F+}$  as  $\omega$  zone where  $L(-\omega)>0$  in BW harmonic peak and  $L(\omega)>0$  in FW harmonic peak respectively in the two-frequency diagram. Since low frequency zone of two-frequency Bode diagram which covers precession and nutation has  $Z=0$ , instability must result from cross-over in  $L_{B+}$  and  $L_{F+}$  due to high

frequency phase lag of AMB control, i.e., precession and nutation are stable, while BW and FW unstable at whole range of rotational speed, which conforms to stability determination results using close-loop locus<sup>[3]</sup>.

#### D. Stability Margin Analysis

Define Left limit of  $L_{B+}$  as point  $a$ , right limit of  $L_{F+}$  as point  $f$ , relevant frequency as  $f_a$  and  $f_f$ , phase margin  $\gamma_B(\gamma_F)$  can be described as minus value of the minimum leading angle required to eliminate BW(FW) cross-over at frequency of  $f_a(f_f)$ , which are written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \gamma_B = \angle g_{OL}(j2\pi f_a) - 180^\circ \\ \gamma_F = \angle g_{OL}(j2\pi f_f) - 180^\circ \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Positive, zero and negative phase margin denote stable, critical stable and unstable respectively, and the larger absolute value, the more stable or unstable.  $\gamma_B(\gamma_F)$  with respect to  $f_a(f_f)$  at different rotational speed is shown in Fig. 6. It can be seen that  $\gamma_B$  and  $\gamma_F$  are negative within the whole rotation speed range, and elastic mode is the most unstable when  $F_r=0$ Hz. It also can be seen that BW is always more unstable than FW since BW frequency decreases and more close to control bandwidth when rotor ramps up.

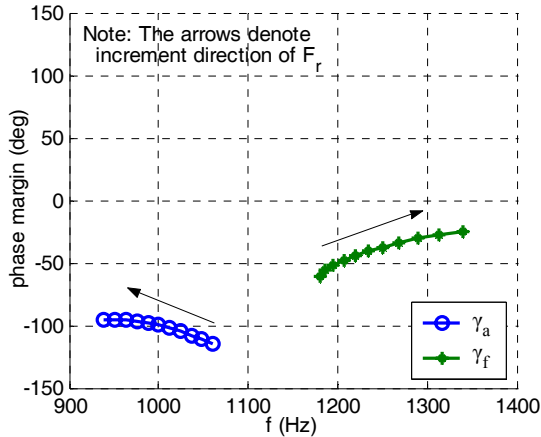


Fig. 6 Phase margin of BW and FW at various rotational speed

#### IV. NOTCH FILTER DESIGN

According to phase margin graph of elastic mode, BW and FW modes will restore to be stable if negative and positive PFC are led  $|\gamma_a|$  in  $f_a$  and  $|\gamma_f|$  in  $f_f$  respectively without changing  $L_{B+}$  and  $L_{F+}$ . Using minimum phase correction, PFC of correction segment is oddly symmetric about zero frequency, and above leading angle requirement will all flip to positive frequency and will be:  $|\gamma_a|$  lag in  $f_a$  and  $|\gamma_f|$  leading in  $f_f$ . Evidently, PFC of NF satisfies this requirement very well, so that NF with solid parameters can depress elastic vibration within given rotational speed range. TF of typical NF is

$$g_{nf}(s) = \frac{s^2 + \omega_z^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta_p \omega_z s + \omega_z^2} \quad (9)$$

where  $\omega_z=2\pi f_z$ ,  $f_z$  and  $\zeta_p$  are center frequency and pole damp of NF respectively. How to design NF grades  $n$ ,  $f_z$

and  $\zeta_p$  will be discuss as follows.

#### A. $n$ Design

NF grades requirement depends on maximum phase leading angle required comparing to  $\theta_{max}$ , maximum leading angle of NF, i.e.

$$n = \text{int}\{[\max(|\gamma_a|, |\gamma_f|) + \gamma] / \theta_{max} + 1\} \quad (10)$$

where “int” means getting round number,  $\gamma$  given design destination of phase margin. Usually  $\theta_{max}=70^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=10^\circ$ . According to Fig. 6, obviously  $n=2$ .

#### B. $f_z$ Design

When  $F_r=0$ Hz, which means the rotor suspended statically without spinning, NF depresses vibration by eliminating harmonic peak through rejection band, so  $f_z$  must be identical with or a little lower than harmonic peak frequency in Fig. 5a, which is shown below

$$f_z = f_{b0} = f_{e0} \quad (11)$$

According to Fig. 5a, we can select  $f_z=f_{b0}=1117$ Hz.

#### C. $\zeta_p$ Design

$\zeta_p$  design is the most important since NF correction angle depends on  $\zeta_p$  value. After divided by the grade  $n=2$ , and reversing the right part, phase margin from Fig. 6 is compared to NF PFC and normalization result is shown in Fig. 7. It can be seen that FW stability or statically suspension stability requires less  $\zeta_p$ , while BW stability at maximum rotational speed (BW<sub>max</sub> stability) require the largest  $\zeta_p$ . Since NF will reduce nutation stability owing to its phase lag at nutation frequency, and the higher  $\zeta_p$  the larger phase lag,  $\zeta_p$  should be minimized to decrease influence to nutation stability while guarantee BW and FW phase margin. This optimization needs only to be done at maximum rotational speed, since BW<sub>max</sub> stability requires the largest phase leading angle.

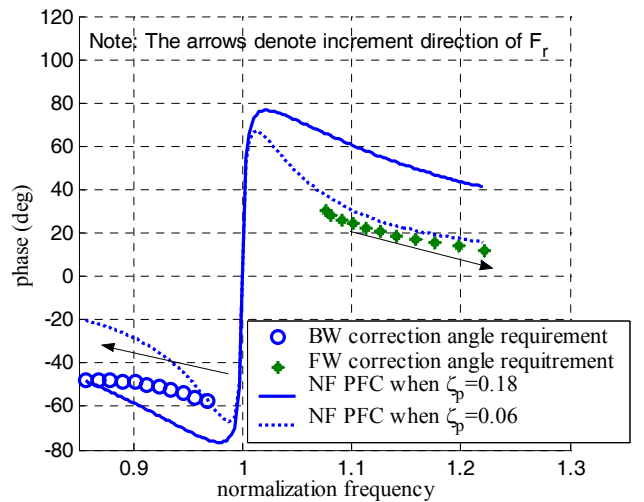


Fig. 7 Normalization of phase requirement and NF frequency characteristics

To minimize  $\zeta_p$  requirement, magnitude decaying characteristics of NF should be considered. If NF is

placed in AMB controller, left limit of  $L_{B+}$  will move right a bit and phase leading requirement decreases, which also decrease  $\zeta_p$  requirement. For arbitrary  $\zeta_p$ , TF with NF at  $F_r = F_{rmax}$  is

$$g_{OL1}(s)|_{F_r=F_{rmax}} = g_{OL}(s) \left( \frac{s^2 + 2\zeta_z \omega_z s + \omega_z^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta_p \omega_z s + \omega_z^2} \right)^n \Big|_{F_r=F_{rmax}} \quad (12)$$

where  $f_z$  and  $n$  have been determined. Supposing  $f_a$  move right to  $f_{a1}$  when  $\zeta_p = \zeta_{p0}$ , and phase margin of  $BW_{max}$  is just right  $\gamma$  required, the new open-loop TF can be expressed as follows

$$g_{OL1}(s)|_{s=-j2\pi f_{a1}, \zeta_p = \zeta_{p0}} = e^{j(\pi+\gamma)} \quad (13)$$

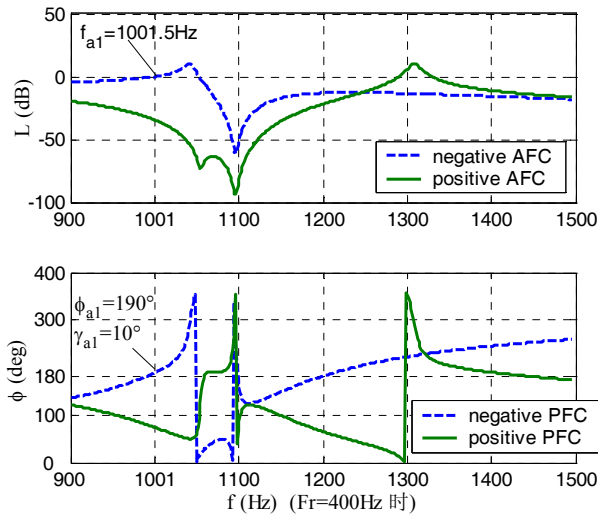


Fig. 8 Two-frequency Bode diagram of magnetically suspended rotor with NF

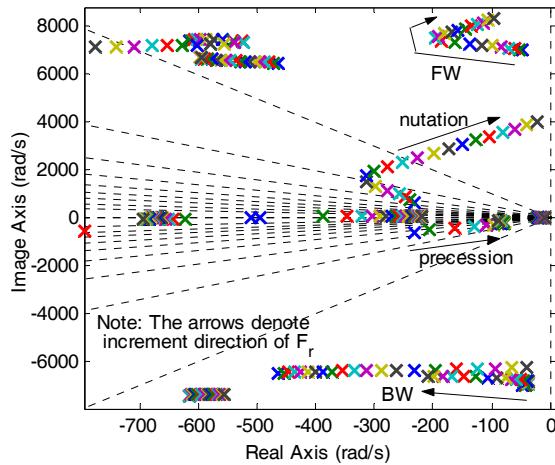


Fig. 9 Close-loop locus of magnetically suspended rotor with NF ( $F_r = 0 \sim 400\text{Hz}$ )

According to equation(13),  $\zeta_{p0}$  and  $f_{a1}$  can be calculated and the results are  $f_{a1} = 1001.5\text{Hz}$  and  $\zeta_{p0} = 0.1061$ . Comparing to  $\zeta_p = 0.18$ , phase lag of two-grade optimal NF at 642Hz (nutation frequency relevant to  $F_r = 400\text{Hz}$ ) decreases from  $35^\circ$  to  $21^\circ$ , which will reduce influence to nutation stability significantly. Two-frequency Bode diagram relevant to  $F_r = 400\text{Hz}$  is

shown in Fig. 8, where phase margin of BW is  $\gamma = 10^\circ$  exactly. The close-loop locus of AMB-rotor system with NF is shown in Fig. 9, and it can be seen that BW and FW are stable within entire rotational speed range.

## V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULT



Fig. 10 MSCMG prototype

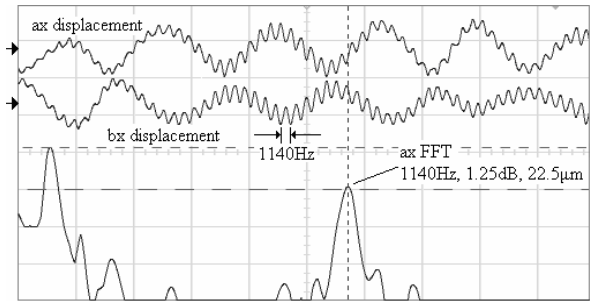


Fig. 11 Displacement signal of statically suspended rotor without NF (vertical axis  $138\mu\text{m}/\text{div}$ , horizontal axis 5ms/div)

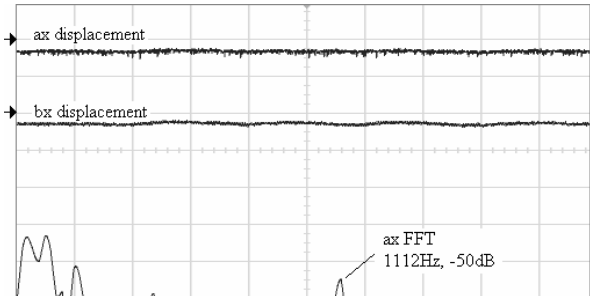


Fig. 12 Displacement signal of statically suspended rotor with NF (vertical axis  $7\mu\text{m}/\text{div}$ , horizontal axis 5ms/div)

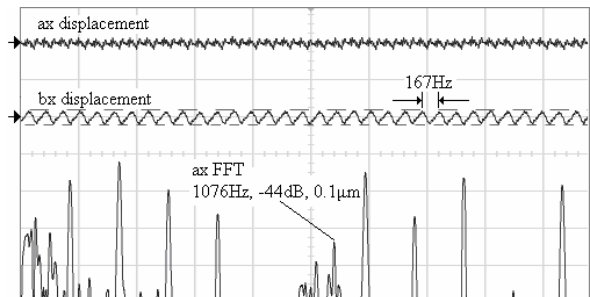


Fig. 13 Displacement signal of suspended rotor with NF at 10000r/min (vertical axis  $28\mu\text{m}/\text{div}$ , horizontal axis 20ms/div)

Notes: Left arrows denote zero of signal. 0dB equals amplitude of  $20\mu\text{m}$

The designed NF is test using MSCMG prototype

developed by Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the parameters of which are shown in table 1. Actual NF parameters are  $n=2$ ,  $f_z=1110\text{Hz}$  and  $\zeta_p=0.084$ , which are very close to the designed NF. Firstly, MSCMG rotor was statically suspended without NF. The rotor vibrated violently,  $ax$  and  $bx$  displacement signals and FFT spectrum shown in Fig. 11. The 1140Hz segment had an amplitude of  $22.5\mu\text{m}$  (1.25dB). After inserting the NF, self-exciting vibration was depressed to -50dB right now and the magnetically suspended rotor restored to be stable (Fig. 12). Then the rotor was ramped up to 10000r/min. The detected vibration is BW segment at 1076Hz, but its displacement was only  $0.1\mu\text{m}$  (-44dB, Fig. 13). The fluctuation of 167Hz in the signal results from not elastic mode but unbalance and was stable.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

By introducing complex coefficients, four DOFs of close-loop rotor dynamical model of MSCMG is converted into equivalent single variable form. Afterward, a novel method based on two-frequency Bode diagram is proposed to analyze flexible rotor stability with strong gyroscopic effect. Correction angle requirements of elastic mode at various rotor speed are summarized and NF parameters including grades, center frequency and pole damp are designed optimally. Employing the designed notch filter, elastic mode amplitude was attenuated by -50.0dB comparing to original and MSCMG rotor is robustly stable within entire speed range up to 20000r/min. It can be concluded that elastic mode loses stability owing to high-frequency lag of AMB controller, and notch filter with fixed parameters can stabilize elastic bending mode because it has phase-frequency characteristics satisfying phase-leading requirements for bending mode stabilization at different rotor speeds, and shown minor influence to other mode due to very narrow action range. The simulation and experimental results demonstrate that the designed NF depresses elastic mode self-exciting vibration effectively, which verifies efficiency of two-frequency Bode diagram and NF design method.

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