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# Electrical Machine with HTS winding: Analytical Design and Optimization

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### **Motivation**

#### Objective:

Increase power and torque density of direct drive electrical machines using HTS

#### Application area

- Marine propulsion, wind turbine generators
- Automotive, Aerospace, Gas & oil...



Only the increase of B due to the field winding is considered in this work because HTS is much mature for dc applications in which losses are reduced compared to the ac case.



J (A/m<sup>2</sup>)

J<sub>c</sub>

Power lawe'< n: index of the power law E (V/m) J<sub>c</sub> : critical current density  $E_c$  : critical electric field  $E_c = 10^{-4} V/m$ E,

Both J<sub>c</sub> and n depend on the applied magnetic field

### **Constitutive law of superconductors**

#### Jc(B) curves comparison

1G tape : Di-BSCCO from SUMITOMO 2G tape : YBCO from FUJIWARA

The 2G HTS tape exhibits a much higher current density compared to the 1G tape (5T and 20K):

# 1G: **330** A/mm<sup>2</sup> vs 2G: **1640** A/mm<sup>2</sup> (5 times higher)





### **Constitutive law of superconductors**



#### Kim's model

- For modeling purposes, it is more convenient to approximate the Jc(B) curve by an analytical function.
- Interpolation of the measured data  $\rightarrow J_{c0}, \beta, B_0$

#### The measured data are freely available:

S. C. Wimbush and N. M. Strickland, "A Public Database of High-Temperature Superconductor Critical Current Data," *IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity*, vol. 27, no. 4, pp. 1-5, June 2017, no. 8000105, doi: 10.1109/TASC.2016.2628700.

 $J_c \left( B_{\perp} \right) = \frac{J_{c0}}{\left( 1 + \left| \frac{B_{\perp}}{B_{\perp}} \right| \right)^{\beta}}$ 

### **Operating current of an HTS coil**

### Definition of $I_M$ (theoritical)

- Maximal allowable current avoiding thermal limits.
- Several criteria can be used (B<sub>max</sub>, E<sub>max</sub>, p<sub>max</sub>)
- The computation of I<sub>M</sub> must be done while sizing the HTS device

#### Load line (or curve) method

- Easy to implement but does not consider n
- B<sub>max</sub> criteria (magnetic field calculation needed)
- Take the worst case between  $B_{\perp}$  and  $B_{//}$



### **Radial field synchronous machine with HTS rotor**

#### Radial flux machine

- Slotless HTS rotor (2G YBCO)
- Slotless 3-phase armature winding (copper)
- Back-iron made from FeCo magnetic material

#### Cooling technology

- Cryocoolers @ 30K.
- The rotor is placed in a cryostat so the "magnetic" airgap (cryostat wall+mechanical clearance) is equal to 8 mm



2D cross section view of HTS machine (p=2, Ne=12 slots)

### **2D analytical model**

#### Hypotheses

- Infinite iron permeability
- Only low permeability domains are considered to establish the 2D model (winding and airgap)
- The machine is decomposed into annular domains in which the solution is periodic owing the periodicity of the current density distribution in the winding

#### Solution

- Single source
- Vector potential formulation
- Separation of variables
- Polar coordinates
- Superposition of elementary solutions
  - $\rightarrow$  Fully analytical solution



Decomposition into sub-problems in 2D

### Analytical solution due to the rotor source

#### PDEs to solve (in polar coordinates)

- In subdomain 1 (HTS winding):  $\Delta A_{r1} + \mu_0 j_r = 0$
- In subdomain 2 (air):  $\Delta A_{r2} = 0$

#### Boundary and continuity conditions

$$\frac{\partial A_{r1}}{\partial r}|_{r=R_{br}} = \frac{\partial A_{r2}}{\partial r}|_{r=R_{bs}} = 0$$
$$A_{r1}(r=R_r) = A_{r2}(r=R_r)$$
$$\frac{\partial A_{r1}}{\partial r}|_{r=R_r} = \frac{\partial A_{r2}}{\partial r}|_{r=R_r} = 0$$

Current density distribution in the HTS winding (subdomain 1)

$$j_r(\theta) = \sum_{\substack{n=1\\odd}}^{\infty} J_{nr} \cos(np \ \theta)$$

Where:

$$J_{nr} = \sum_{\substack{n=1\\odd}}^{\infty} \frac{4.J_r}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{np\beta_r}{2}\right), \quad 0 < \beta_r < 1$$



### Analytical solution due to the rotor source

#### Vector potential expressions

$$A_{r1}(r,\theta) = \sum_{\substack{n=1\\odd}}^{\infty} (U_{nr} \ (r/R_{br})^{np} + V_{nr} \ (r/R_{br})^{-np} + f_{nr}(r))\cos(np\theta)$$
$$A_{r2}(r,\theta) = \sum_{\substack{n=1\\odd}}^{\infty} W_{nr}(\ (r/R_{bs})^{np} + (r/R_{bs})^{-np})\cos(np\theta)$$

Where:

$$f_{nr}(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_0 \ J_{nr} r^2}{(np)^2 - 4} & np \neq 2\\ \frac{\mu_0 \ J_{nr} r^2 (1 - 4 \ln(r))}{16} & np = 2 \end{cases}$$

The integration constant for the air subdomain is:

$$W_{nr} = \frac{R_r f'_n(R_r) P_{np}(R_{br}, R_r) + n f_n(R_r) Q_{np}(R_{br}, R_r) - 2R_{br} f'_n(R_{br})}{2n Q_{np}(R_{br}, R_{bs})}$$

Where:  $P_k(a,b) = (a/b)^k + (a/b)^{-k}$ ,  $Q_k(a,b) = (a/b)^k - (a/b)^{-k}$ 

Similar expressions can be derived for  $U_{nr}$  and  $V_{nr}$ 

### Analytical solution due to the stator source

The results for the stator source problem are the same as for the rotor source problem. We only need to replace the subscript r by s in the solution of the rotor problem. It also necessary to adapt the current density distribution to the stator armature winding.

The vector potential in the air region is:

$$A_{s2}(r,\theta) = \sum_{\substack{n=1\\odd}}^{\infty} W_{ns}((r/R_{br})^{np} + (r/R_{br})^{-np})\cos(np\theta)$$

Where  $W_{ns}$  is obtained by changing the subscript r by s in  $W_{nr}$  expression given .

#### Torque expression:

Integration of the Maxwell stress tensor in the middle of the airgap:  $R_e = \frac{R_r + R_s}{2}$ . The expression of the torque due to the 1st space harmonic n=p pole pairs is:

 $T_{em} = (\pi p^2 L_u / \mu_0) W_{pr} W_{ps} (P_p(R_e, R_{br}) Q_p(R_e, R_{bs}) - P_p(R_e, R_{bs}) Q_p(R_e, R_{br}))$ 

Where:  $P_k(a,b) = (a/b)^k + (a/b)^{-k}$ ,  $Q_k(a,b) = (a/b)^k - (a/b)^{-k}$ 

### Sizing a 2 MW - 5000 rpm HTS machine

#### Optimization tool - Office Calc interface with solver

- Single objective constrained optimization using GA-PSO under Libreoffice calc spreadsheet
- Objective is to maximize volumetric torque density

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### Sizing a 2 MW - 5000 rpm machine

#### Results for 2G HTS tapes @ 30K

- The analytical model allows fast computations: the cpu time is around 5 minutes ; the convergence of the algorithm is obtained after 1000-1500 iterations.
- For the sizing, the torque value has been increased by 20% to allow for stability during transients and to consider saturation not taken into account by the analytical model.
- The rotor current density Jr cannot exceed 90% of the operating current determined by the load line method
- The optimum is obtained for 14 pole-pairs which results in operating frequency of **1,166 kHz** (Litz wires may be necessary for the armature winding).
- An active power density of about 26 kW/kg is achieved which is 30% higher than state of the art oil-cooled radial field PMSM.

Name	Value
Number of pole pairs	14
External diameter	59 cm
Active length	58 mm
Airgap (including cryostat)	8 mm
Stator winding (Copper)	10 mm
thickness	
Rotor HTS (YBCO) winding	4 mm
thickness	
Stator back-iron (FeCo)	38 mm
thickness	
Rotor back-iron (FeCo)	68 mm
thickness	
Stator slot width / tooth pitch	0.8
ratio	
Rotor slot width / pole pitch ratio	0.5
Stator slot rms current density	15
	A/mm <sup>2</sup>
Rotor HTS winding dc current	793
density	A/mm <sup>2</sup>
Maximal perpendicular flux	3 T
density on HTS winding	
Active mass	76.5 kg
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### Sizing a 2 MW - 5000 rpm HTS machine

#### Finite element validation

- Cobalt iron laminations are used which allows high saturation level (in excess of 2,4 T)
- The analytical model doesn't consider saturation so the max flux density in the HTS winding is limited to 3 T
- The analytical and FE results are in good accordance
- The torque difference doesn't exceed 10%





- HTS synchronous machine is sized via a combination of analytical model and optimization algorithm
- The computation tool is a free spreadsheet software which can easily
- 2D analytical models, validated by finite elements, for sizing and optimizing HTS machines taken into account the operating current of HTS coils
- Investigation of iron free machines are currently considered to reduce weight owing the high performances of the 2G tapes, in particular at higher flux densities.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

# Any question? Contact:

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