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Design of Superconducting Synchronous Machines for Low Speed Applications

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Abstract:

Synchronous electric machines with superconducting field windings have been around for a long time but have not gone beyond prototypes and very limited demonstrations. However, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems use superconducting magnets that are made in significant volumes each year and run with high reliability.

This lecture provides a brief review of the technology advances that move superconducting machines toward commercialization and then discusses how one would go about designing a superconducting machine. Review of electric machine fundamentals will be provided to assist those new to the subject.

The notional design of a superconducting synchronous motor rated for 36.5MW of shaft power at 120rpm that would be compatible with a 6kV DC bus is presented as an illustrative example. Such a machine could serve as a propulsion motor for a large ship. The machine is based on low temperature superconducting field coils and an armature with reduced steel. The large magnetic fields produced by the field coils result in an air gap magnetic field greater than 2T.

Mechanical considerations are also discussed, including the electromagnetic forces that are central to understanding the signatures of the machine.

Applications and Multi-Physics Design of High Speed Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor

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Abstract:

In this speech, some typical applications of high speed permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSM) are introduced. Optimal design of high speed large PMSM is then presented, taking a 350kW and 13.5krpm non-salient PMSM as an example.

Firstly, it is critical to determine a proper level of PM-excited flux linkage in the armature windings, so that for a given high speed motor the supply voltage can be fully utilized, the motor armature current can be minimized, and the power factor can be enhanced. Of course all of these are associated with proper control strategies, whilst the motor must have sufficient potential capability to cooperate with the control strategies. In other words, the motor itself and the control method should be systematically designed.

Specific considerations on electromagnetic design will be presented. For example, PM rotor structure needs to be designed to provide sufficient strength against centrifugal force and meanwhile to generate the required level of PM flux, whilst stator winding structure should be designed with appropriate inductance, since high operation frequency could cause high armature impedance. Clearly, high armature impedance may deteriorate the motor power factor, but may also enhance the field modulation capability by armature currents, hence, compromise is essential. On the other hand, during electromagnetic design some special losses such as extra winding ohmic loss and rotor eddy current loss due to high speed operation should be particularly suppressed, as these losses may cause high temperature rise and may even damage the motor.

Rotor stress due to high speed operation needs to be considered critically. Examples of reducing local over-stress in the rotor will be given, whilst such techniques often harm the motor electromagnetic performance. Therefore, compromise is required again.

Also, design of rotor dynamics is important, in that rotor resonance must be avoided. Basically it is preferable to make a short rotor with a thick shaft to increase the critical resonant frequency. But this will usually enlarge the rotor diameter and consequently increase the rotor stress.

On the other hand, high speed machines enjoy the merit of high power density, but also suffer from the problem of high loss density. Hence, thermal design is particularly required. Winding impregnation or encapsulation can be employed, whilst liquid cooling or forced air cooling can be rather effective, hence, single- or even double-phase fluid dynamics computation is required, coupling with thermal analysis. Furthermore, some measures to enhance the fluid dynamics such as introducing extra air channels in the stator core will affect the motor electromagnetic performance.

Clearly, various physical fields are deeply coupled in the high speed large power motors, thus, compromises must be made. Multi-physics analysis and design are not only essential, but also usually need to be iterated, so as to achieve an overall satisfactory performance.