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2D- and 3D-FEM-Analysis of Axial Field Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors
– a Comparison (FEMAG-2D vs. FLUX-3D)

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Target

- Short overview of the axial field PM synchronous machine technology highlighting the relevant aspects for modeling and analysis
  - diversity of configurations

- Comparison of modeling and analysis using a 2D- and a 3D-FEM approach
Introduction

Main features

- D/L-ratio (short machines with large diameter, ideal for some applications)
- High inertia (flywheel)
- Modularity due to multi-stacking
- For larger diameter the number of poles can be easily implemented

Drawbacks

- strong axial magnetic stator-rotor attraction force
- mechanical design and manufacturing technology difficulties
  - bearing and imbalance
  - stator stack stamping and assembling
- power limitation of AxF-PMSM
  - for higher torque (i.e. larger outer diameter) the mechanical stress of the rotor-shaft interface becomes prohibitive

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Introduction / AxF- vs. RF-PMSM

Figure 1.11. Performance comparison of RFPM and AFPM machines [214].

Sipati, IEEE
Introduction / Applications

- Power generation
- Automotive
  - Traction for EV and HEV
  - Auxiliary drives (pumps, actuators, ...)
- Ship and submarine propulsion
- Electromagnetic aircraft launch systems
- Drill rigs, elevators
- Penny-motor
- Rotary actuators
- Vibration motors
- Hard disc drives
- Pumps in medical devices
- ...

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## Introduction / Types of AxF-PMSM

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<th>Structure</th>
<th>Single Stator Single Rotor (Single sided)</th>
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3-D view of a four-pole-pair/12-slot SSSR AFPM machine

3-D view of a four-pole-pair/12-slot DSSR AFPM machine

Fig. 4. Flux paths in 2-D plane for DSSR structure of the AFPM machine. (a) Surface-mounted PM structure. (b) Buried PM structure. (c) Interior PM structure without steel disc.
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3-D view of a four-pole-pair/12-slot SSDR AFPM machine

![Diagram of SSDR AFPM machine](image)

Fig. 6. Flux paths in 2-D plane for SSDR AFPM machine. (a) NN PM structure. (b) NS PM structure.
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Fig. 8. 3-D view of a four-pole-pair/12-slot multistage AFPM machine ($N = 2$ stator; $N + 1 = 3$ rotors).

AFPM topologies: (a) Torus slotted NN and (b) Torus slotted NS.

AFPM topologies: Torus slotted NS multi-stack [1].
Introduction / Windings for AxF-PMSM

**Figure 2.8.** Single-layer winding of an AFPM machine with $m_1 = 3$, $2p = 6$, $s_1 = 36$, $y_1 = Q_1 = 6$ and $q_1 = 2$.

**Figure 2.** AFPM winding types: (a) drum (tooth-wound) and (b) ring (core-wound) [46].

**Fig. 1.** Axial flux micro-motor: schematic (above) and stator picture.
Introduction / Materials used for the core of AxF-PMSM

3D-Design

Figure 3.4. Powder salient pole stators for small single-sided AFPM motors. Technologies, LLC, West Lebanon, NH, U.S.A.

Figure 3.5. SMC powder salient pole for small single-sided AFPM motors: (a) single SMC pole; (b) double-sided AFPM motor. Courtesy of Höganas, Höganas, Sweden.
Analysis approaches for AxF-PMSM

- Analytical (mainly for slotless configurations)
- NMEC (non-linear magnetic equivalent circuits, see literature)
- 2D-FE
- 3D-FE
- their multiple combinations (see literature)
Topological transformation of the AxF-PMSM

- Use of homeomorphic (equivalent) topological transformation (without a change of the structure)

- **AxF-PMSM > Linear-PMSM** (one or more slices)

- **AxF-PMSM > Inner-/Outer-Rotor-PMSM** (one or more slices)
MATLAB-scripted Pre- and Postprocessor for FEMAG and FLUX

MATLAB®

Pre- and Post Processor

FEMAG®

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Case studies

- AxF-PMSM **without radial overhang** in stator and/or rotor
  - Case study #1: AxF-PMSM / teeth **without tooth-tip**
    - M400-50A stator and sintered NdFeB-PM
  - Case study #2: AxF-PMSM / teeth **with tooth-tip**
    - M400-50A stator and sintered NdFeB-PM

- AxF-PMSM **with radial overhang** in stator and/or rotor
  - Case study #3: AxF-PMSM
    - SMC-stator and rotor flux concentration using hard ferrite PM
Case study **#1: AxF-PMSM / teeth without tooth-tip**

- **ns** = 6
- **np** = 4
- **Dso** = 50 mm
- **Dsi** = 25 mm
- **hyr** = 3 mm
- **hPM** = 1.5 mm
- **hts** = 7 mm
- **hys** = 3 mm
- **gap** = 1 mm

**S/R:** M400-50A  
**PM:** Br20 = 1.2 T  
**ntc** = 10  
**Sfill** = 40 %  
**n** = 3000  
**I_ph_rms** = 7.0711 (sinusoidal current controlled)
Case study #2: AxF-PMSM / teeth with tooth-tip

ns = 6
np = 4

Dso = 50 mm
Dsi = 25 mm

hyr = 3 mm
hPM = 1.5 mm
hts = 6 mm
htt = 1 mm
hys = 3 mm
gap = 1 mm

S/R: M400-50A
PM: Br20= 1.2 T

ntc = 10
Sfill = 40 %
n = 3000
I_ph_rms = 7.0711 (sinusoidal current controlled)
Case study #3: AxF-PMSM with radial overhang in stator

ns = 6
np = 4

Dso = 50 mm
Dsi = 25 mm

hyr = 3 mm
hPM = 3.0 mm
hts = 6 mm
htt = 1 mm
hys = 3 mm
gap = 1 mm

S/R: SMC-Somaloy 500
PM: Br20= 0.4 T

ntc = 10
Sfill = 40 %

n = 3000
I_ph_rms = 7.0711 (sinusoidal current controlled)
Case study #1: 2D-FE linear machine approach

Modeling and analysis

CS1  1-slice  \( (L_{\text{slice}} = 12.5 \text{ mm}) \)

\[ L = 117.8 \text{ mm} \]

load

\[ \text{bemf ph} \]

\[ \text{bemf II} \]

\[ \text{cogging} \]

\[ \text{load} \]

\( \text{sinusoidal shape 10x maxwell} \)
Case study #1: 2D-FE linear machine approach

Modeling and analysis

CS1 3-slices (L_{slice} = 4.167 mm)

L = 91.6 mm

L = 117.8 mm

L = 144.0 mm

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Case study #1: 2D-FE linear machine approach

Modeling and analysis

CS1: 5-slices (L_slice = 2.5 mm)

L = 86.5 mm

L = 102.1 mm

L = 117.8 mm

L = 133.3 mm

Benf pI

Benf II

Cogging

Load
Case study #1: 2D-FE IR (1 slice) approach

Modeling and analysis

Dso = 57.5 mm
Dsi = 37.5 mm
Lstk = 12.5 mm
hyr = 3 mm
hPM = 1.5 mm
hts = 7 mm
hys = 3 mm
gap = 1 mm
Case study **#1**: 3D-FE approach

**Modeling and analysis**

Mesh: 181059 volume elements
Computation time: about 100 min.
Case study #2: 2D-FE linear machine approach

Modeling and analysis – similar approach

CS2 1-slice (L_slice = 12.5 mm)
L = 117.8 mm

CS2 5-slices (L_slice = 2.5 mm)
L = 86.5 mm

CS2 3-slices (L_slice = 4.167 mm)
L = 91.6 mm

CS2 5-slices (L_slice = 2.5 mm)
L = 102.1 mm

CS2 3-slices (L_slice = 4.167 mm)
L = 117.8 mm

CS2 5-slices (L_slice = 2.5 mm)
L = 131.5 mm

CS2 3-slices (L_slice = 4.167 mm)
L = 149.2 mm

CS2 5-slices (L_slice = 2.5 mm)
L = 144.0 mm
Case study #2: 2D-FE IR (1 slice) and 3D-FE approach

Modeling and analysis – similar approach

Mesh: 181059 volume elements (same FEM-Model used)
Computation time: about 100 min.
Case study #3: SMC stator core and hard ferrite PM

3D-FE-approach – mandatory

Mesh: 193808 volume elements
Computation time: about 100 min.
## Case study #1: Overview of the computational results

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* - relative deviation, 3D-FE = 100 %
Case study #2: Overview of the computational results

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Conclusion and further work

- AxF-PMSM without radial overhang in stator and/or rotor
  - 2D-FE linear machine approach
    - accuracy:
      - 3-slices: good
      - 5-slices: very good
  - 2D-FE-IR approach
    - Accuracy:
      - coarse fast estimation (no special tools requirement)
  - 3D-FE approach is necessary for a higher accuracy

- AxF-PMSM with radial overhang in stator and/or rotor
  - 3D-FE approach is mandatory
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