





Losses in electrical machines



Electric Drives Control

Loss spectrum



- *P_{dc}* losses independent of the frequency
 - dc winding loss, dependent on temperature and load
- P_{ac} losses that depend on frequency
 - like resistive losses in skin depth
- *P*_{hyst} losses proportional to the frequency
 - hysteresis loss, dependent on magnetization magnitude
- *P*_{eddy} losses proportional to the square of frequency
 - eddy current losses
- *P_{frict}* losses proportional to the cube of frequency
 - mechanic + air friction loss



Heavy Duty Trucks

- Daily travel distance > 800 km
- 30..90 tons
- Full Electric now possible
 - On batteries, with "Mega" Charging
 - On Electric Roads



Full Electric Heavy Duty Trucks

Modulus of Traction Power [kW] 1000 500 • High power levels, during extended periods [°C]150 Tip Significant cooling requirements Mid 140 0 Back 0 14 Shaft HDT in tough Long Haul cycle: 130 YokeR Magnet ANNANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANA 1000 120 - 44 ton 500/750 kW traction power (cont/peak) 110 800 13 h operation roundtrip 100 600 – Max 60 [s] average Power = 651 [kW] 90 400 – Max 600 [s] average Power = 325 [kW] 0 14 80 Max 1800 [s] average Power = 280 [kW] 70 10 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 - Full trip average Power = 163 [kW] Time [s] Is that reasonable? -10 2 6 8 10 12 0 14 4

Time [h]

Less power?

- Try 100...500 kW CONTINUOUS
- ... with 150...750 kW PEAK
 - Assume thermal time constant 10...30 minutes
 - Assume >300 kW for performance
 - < 200 kW underperforms</p>
 - 200...300 kW enough, but overheating may occur ...
 - >> 300 kW overperforms?
- Lower power with Increased Cooling may be interesting
 - 5...10 % less energy consumption



Increased Cooling ...?

- Air cooling outside
- Water sleeve cooling
- Oil cooling, also on end winding and maybe inside rotor
- Oil cooling directly on the windings
- Peak Power determined by Direct winding cooling capability

Peak Power determined by thermal capacitance





No stator yoke







windings
Cooling inside the stator conductors

Cooling inside the stator

Winding losses

 Resistive loss – energy wasted due to a material's opposition to the flow of electric current

$$P = \int \rho_{\mathcal{G}} J^{2} dV \qquad \rho_{\mathcal{G}} = \rho_{0} \cdot (1 + \alpha (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{G}_{0}))$$

- A current displacement effect due to the opposing induced currents
 - Proximity effect
- $\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times A)$ $J = \frac{E}{\rho_{g}} \frac{1}{\rho_{g}} \frac{\partial A}{\partial t}$
- Skin effect

Static conductor loss – energy dissipated by resistance

Time independent current flow has uniform distribution, and the apparent conductor cross-section equals the actual one

- resistivity ρ(ϑ) [Ωm] at J
- temperature coefficient α [1/K]
- temperature & [K]
- current density J [A/m²]
- total cross-section area of N conductors A_{cu} [m²]
- average length of N conductor turns L_{cu} [m]
- radius of the conductor r_c [m]
- filling factor k_{fill} [-]

$$P_{cu} = \rho_0 \left(1 + \alpha (\vartheta - \vartheta_0) \right) \cdot J^2 \cdot \frac{\bar{L}_{cu}}{A_{cu}}$$

$$A_{cu} = N \cdot \pi \cdot r_c^2 = A_{slot} \cdot k_{fill}$$



Skin effect – due to the current in the conductor itself

Induced currents oppose the applied current in the interior of the conductor and confine the current to flow on the surface layer of conductor



$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2\rho_{g}}{\omega\mu}}$$

- skin penetration depth for a single conductor $\delta(J)$ [m] at J
- frequency ω [rad/s]
- magnetic permeability μ [Vs/Am]
- resistivity of electric conductor
- *ρ(J)* [Ωm] at *J*



Proximity effect – due to the external field variation

As a result of external field, the induced currents cause non-uniform current flow in the conductor

$$p_{ec}(t) = \frac{E^2}{\rho_g} \quad E_z(x) = -x \frac{dB_y}{dt} \quad P_{ec}(t) = \frac{r_c^2}{4\rho_g} \int_{V_{cu}} \left(\frac{dB}{dt}\right)^2 dV$$



- electric field intensity E [V/m]
- magnetic induction B [Vs/m²]
- resistivity of electric conductor $\rho(J)\left[\Omega m\right]$ at J

Reducing eddy current losses in the Core









Hysteresis – magnetic friction

- Major loop
- Minor loops
- Irreversible magnetizations (with loss)
- Reversible magnetizations (no loss)
- Dynamic effects
- Dependence on shape and temperature



Material properties - losses

- Conductor losses due to resistivity
 - Copper
 0.017.09 Wmm²/m
 - Aluminum
 0.027.89 Wmm²/m
 = + 63% vs Cu
- Iron losses, due to eddy currents and hysteresis
- Increase non-linear with both flux density and frequency



Permanent magnet losses

- Due to variation of the magnetic flux through the magnets.
- Just like other eddy current losses.
- Can be reduced by splitting the magnets in smaller parts, isolated from each other.



Thermally induced degradation

- Degradation of the Electric Insulation System
 - Degradation and failure of electrical machine
 - Degradation and failure of electrified vehicle
- TEAM stresses
 - Thermal
 - Electrical
 - Ambient
 - Mechanical



Dynamic temperatures

2000

4000

6000

Time (s)

8000

10000

12000

	Grid Fed Industrial Electrical Machine (EM)	Industrial EM on variable speed control	Traction electrical machine	
Loading profile Steady		Moderately variable	Variable from idle to peak power	
Temperatures Steady temperature		Steady temperature	Sudden changes in temperature	
Life expectancy	~20,000 hrs	~20,000 hrs	~8,000 hrs (passenger vehicles) ~60,000 hrs (commercial vehicles)	
95 90 85 80 75		EndWi AcrWi Teeth PM RoYe StYs Bt Fr		

EMMA ARFA GRUNDITZ, "Design and Assessment of Battery Electric Vehicle Powertrain, with Respect to Performance, Energy Consumption and Electric Motor Thermal Capability", PhD Thesis, Chalmers University of technology, ISSN 0346-718X, Sweden, 2016

Application example – Wheel Loader

- Four wheel driven by electrical machines
 Short loading cycle (SLC)

 Filling bucket
 - Leaving pile
 - Towards truck
 - Emptying bucket
 - Leaving truck
 - Toward pile





Traction Electrical machines temperatures after 200 Short Loading cycle (SLC)



Traction Electrical machines thermal-mechanical stress after 200 Short Loading cycle (SLC) Thermal-mechanical stress [MPa] in winding coating



Other examples – thermal cycling

 Voitto Kokko, Fortum, 'Aging Due to Thermal Cycling by Power Regulation Cycles in Lifetime Estimation of Hydroelectric Generator Stator Windings'



Root cause	Distribution	
Ageing by number of operation hours	15%	
Ageing by thermal cycling	38%	
Internal PD & defective corona	27%	
protection		
Mechanical condition	8%	
Vibration	8%	
Contamination	4%	

 C. Sciascera, University of Nottingham, 'Lifetime Consumption and Degradation Analysis of the Winding Insulation of Electrical Machines'



Expected lifetime: 713 hours, Actual lifetime: 90 hours.

Thermal cycles – tested

• Table shows three tested cycles with 20°C depth

•	Plot of	measured	hot spot	temperatures	(cycle #1
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Cycle No.	θ_{min}	θ_{max}	τ
#1	210	230	150
#2	190	210	250

200

250

180

#3

Losses in power electronic converters



Electric Drives Control

Power Semiconductor Layout 1



Power Semiconductor Layout 2



direct-bondcopper (DBC) structure



Thermal material properties

Material	Thermal conductivi ty [W/(m·°C)]	Heat capacity [J/(kg·°C)]	CTE [ppm/°C]	Standard thickness [µm]	Dielectric strength [kV/mm]
Si	150	712	2,6	70-250	-
SiC	340	830	2,8	400	-
Cu	498	385	17,8	300/400	-
AI	238	897	23,5	5000	-
Al ₂ SO ₃	24	765	6,0	381	12
AIN	170	745	4,6	635	15
Si ₃ N ₄	70	691	3,0	635	10
AISiC	170-200	700-800	6,5-13,8	300/400	

Loss estimation I



Figure 6.1: Step down converter used to illustrate loss estimation.



Figure 6.2: Approximate switching waveforms for the switch *S*.

 $p_s(t) = v_s(t) \cdot i_s(t)$

Loss estimation II

Energy losses: $E_S(T_{sw}) = \int_{T_{cw}} p_S(\tau) d\tau = E_{S,on}(T_{sw}) + E_{S,cond}(T_{sw}) + E_{S,off}(T_{sw})$ $E_{S,on}(T_{sw}) = \int p_S(\tau) d\tau = V_{DC} \cdot I_0 \cdot \frac{t_{on}}{2}$ $E_{S,cond}(T_{sw}) = \int p_S(\tau) d\tau = V_{S(on)} \cdot I_0 \cdot t_{cond} \qquad \text{Note} \qquad V_{S(on)} = V_{S0} + R_S \cdot I_0$ $E_{S,off}(T_{sw}) = \int p_S(\tau) d\tau = V_{DC} \cdot I_0 \cdot \frac{I_{off}}{2}$ **Power losses:** $P_S(T_{sw}) = \frac{E_S(T_{sw})}{T_{sw}} = P_{S,on}(T_{sw}) + P_{S,cond}(T_{sw}) + P_{S,off}(T_{sw})$ $P_{S,on}(T_{sw}) = \frac{E_{S,on}(T_{sw})}{T} = E_{S,on}(T_{sw}) \cdot f_{sw} = \frac{V_{DC} \cdot I_0 \cdot t_{on}}{2} \cdot f_{sw}$ $P_{S,cond}(T_{sw}) = \frac{E_{S,cond}(T_{sw})}{T_{cw}} = V_{S(on)} \cdot I_0 \cdot \frac{t_{cond}}{T_{cw}} = V_{S(on)} \cdot I_0 \cdot D_S$ $P_{S,off}(T_{sw}) = \frac{E_{S,off}(T_{sw})}{T_{sw}} = E_{S,off}(T_{sw}) \cdot f_{sw} = \frac{V_{DC} \cdot I_0 \cdot t_{off}}{2} \cdot f_{sw}$ $P_{S,sw}(T_{sw}) = P_{S,on}(T_{sw}) + P_{S,off}(T_{sw})$

Loss estimation III

If specified, use:

$$E_{S,on}(T_{sw}) = \frac{E_{on,n}}{V_{DC,n} \cdot I_{0,n}} \cdot V_{DC} \cdot I_0$$
$$E_{S,off}(T_{sw}) = \frac{E_{off,n}}{V_{DC,n} \cdot I_{0,n}} \cdot V_{DC} \cdot I_0$$

For the freewheeling diode:

$$P_{D,cond}(T_{sw}) = V_{D(on)} \cdot I_0 \cdot D_D \qquad V_{D(on)} = V_{D0} + R_D \cdot I_0$$
$$D_D \approx 1 - D_S$$



 $P_{D,rr} = V_{DC} \cdot Q_f \cdot f_{sw}$ $Q_f \approx \frac{1}{S+1} \cdot Q_{rr}$ where $S = \frac{t_{rr1}}{t_{rr2}}$

Figure 6.3: Diode turn-off.

If specified, use:

$$P_{D,off} = E_{D,off}(T_{sw}) \cdot f_{sw} , E_{D,off}(T_{sw}) = \frac{E_{off,n}}{V_{DC,n} \cdot I_{0,n}} \cdot V_{DC} \cdot I_0 \qquad \qquad Q_f = \frac{Q_{f,n}}{I_{0,n}} \cdot I_0$$

Loss estimation IV



Figure 6.4: One half-bridge of a threephase voltage source converter.



Figure 6.5: Converter output voltage and current. The current is displaced by an angle φ relative to the voltage.

Loss estimation V

- For One Phase Leg of a Three Phase Converter

Switching losses:

$$\overline{P}_{Ti,sw} = \frac{1}{T_n T_n} \int (P_{on} + P_{off}) dt = \frac{f_{sw}}{T_n} \int (E_{on} + E_{off}) dt = \frac{E_{on,n} + E_{off,n}}{V_{dc,n} \cdot I_n} \frac{V_{dc} f_{sw}}{T_n} \int \hat{I}_n \hat$$

Conduction losses:

$$\overline{P}_{Ti,cond} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \cdot V_{T0}I_i + \frac{1}{2} \cdot R_{T(on)}I_i^2\right) + \left(V_{T0}I_i + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3\pi} \cdot R_{T(on)}I_i^2\right) \cdot \frac{U_i \cos(\varphi)}{V_{dc}}$$
$$\overline{P}_{Di,cond} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \cdot V_{D0}I_i + \frac{1}{2} \cdot R_{D(on)}I_i^2\right) - \left(V_{D0}I_i + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3\pi} \cdot R_{D(on)}I_i^2\right) \cdot \frac{U_i \cos(\varphi)}{V_{dc}}$$

Example :

V_to = 0.95; % [V] V_do = 1.65; % [V] R_t_on = 0.5/300; % [Ohm] R_d_on = 0; % [Ohm] E_d_rr = 0.0485; % [J] E_on = 26e-3; % [J] E_off = 55.5e-3; % [J]

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V_dc_n = 600; % [V]
I_n = 450; % [A]
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Udc = 600; % [V]
P_max = 200000; % [W]
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Converter Efficiency for different f_{sw} & $cos(\varphi)$

Thermal Cycling





- $N_{f} = K \cdot \Delta T_{j}^{\beta_{1}} \cdot e^{\frac{\beta_{2}}{T_{low}}} \cdot t_{on}^{\beta_{3}} \cdot I^{\beta_{4}} \cdot V^{\beta_{5}} \cdot D^{\beta_{6}}$
 - K and $\beta_1 \beta_6$ are fitting parameters., t_{on}, the heat-up time I, the current per bond stitch V, the voltage range of the device D. the bond wire diameter