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Background and objectives

Context

Environmental issues and the growing electrification of the vehicle fleet.

Objectives

Machine current Harmonic
content comparison between

Machine losses calculation

The losses calculation is computed using the magneto-static non-linear FEA for the Iron losses and the magneto-dynamic FEA for the copper losses, and then the efficiency can be easily estimated.

 Research on disruptive electric powertrains.



content comparison between disruptive technologies

- Accurate estimation of losses in the electric machine
- High-order problem resolution for optimization
- Powertrains reduced models

A disruptive technology: the IBIS Battery

Comparison between some powertrains:

Standard structure

(3-phase 400V inverter with IGBT).

IBIS Structure

(*Intelligent Battery Integrated System*), distributed conversion function directly in the battery.

Powertrain modeling and visualization of the electric quantities on one operating point of the machine:



Fig.1. Scheme of an IBIS battery phase



 $2.22e+07 \quad 2.25e+07 \quad 2.25e+07 \quad 2.32e+07 \quad 2.32e+07 \quad 2.35e+07 \quad 2.42e+07 \quad 2.45e+07 \quad 2.45e+07 \quad 2.52e+07 \quad 2.55e+07 \quad A/m^2 \quad 1.91e+07 \quad 2.25e+07 \quad 2.59e+07 \quad 2.93e+07 \quad 3.27e+07 \quad 3.61e+07 \quad 3.94e+07 \quad 4.28e+07 \quad 4.62e+07 \quad 4.96e+07 \quad 5.3e+07 \quad A/m^2 \quad 1.91e+07 \quad 2.25e+07 \quad 2.59e+07 \quad 2.93e+07 \quad 3.27e+07 \quad 3.61e+07 \quad 3.94e+07 \quad 4.28e+07 \quad 4.62e+07 \quad 4.96e+07 \quad 5.3e+07 \quad A/m^2 \quad 1.91e+07 \quad 2.25e+07 \quad 2.59e+07 \quad 2.93e+07 \quad 3.27e+07 \quad 3.61e+07 \quad 3.94e+07 \quad 4.28e+07 \quad 4.62e+07 \quad 4.96e+07 \quad 5.3e+07 \quad A/m^2 \quad 1.91e+07 \quad 2.25e+07 \quad 2.93e+07 \quad 3.94e+07 \quad 3.94e+07 \quad 4.96e+07 \quad 5.3e+07 \quad A/m^2 \quad 1.91e+07 \quad 2.95e+07 \quad 2.93e+07 \quad 3.94e+07 \quad 3.94e+07 \quad 4.96e+07 \quad 5.9e+07 \quad 5$

Fig.5. Current density in a slot for a rotor position with zero boundary conditions and non-zero boundary conditions

1). The **iron loss** estimation is calculated using major and minor loop detection and DC bias correction:

2). The **copper loss** estimation is N_2 calculated with the DC losses and the $p_{Copper} = AC$ losses on a slot:

$$p_{Iron} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} k_{iGSE} \left| \frac{dB}{dt} \right|^{\alpha} (\Delta B)^{\beta - \alpha} dt$$

 $pper = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{nodes}} \rho_i . j(x_i, y_i)^2 . S_i$

Barycenter	Standard 400V		IBIS structure		Gain	
(Nm - rpm)	(W and efficiency)		(W and efficiency)		(% and efficiency)	
(10 - 853)	53,5 W		49,6 W		7,4 %	
(15 - 5216)	748 W		462 W		38 %	
(17 - 9434)	1983 W		1252 W		37 %	
(57 - 4540)	1265 W		872 W		31 %	
(59 - 2080)	533 W		393 W		26 %	
Cycle	274 Wh	91,3	176 Wh	94,4	36 %	3,10

Tab.1. Losses and efficiency comparison for the two different structures





Fig.2. Phase voltage in the machine

Fig.3. Phase current in the machine

The IBIS structure also offers a gain in phase voltage, which allows a different sizing of the powertrain.

Machine modelling



- Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machine (PMSM) with 3 phases and 4 poles.
- Automotive applications (Stellantis).
- Thermal, magneto-static non-linear, magneto-dynamic, and mechanical non-linear Finite Elements Analysis

Modal decomposition of the model

The modal decomposition use is:

 $G.X = \lambda.X$

 $\begin{cases} X : eigenvalues \\ \lambda : eigenvectors \end{cases}$

The testing mesh consists of 6679 nodes and 13169 triangular elements (100 mm depth, 10 mm radius, and 1,5 mm radius conductors).

Size of the problem	Time	Copper losses	Error
Temporal resolution	454 s	1.97 mW	0 %
Frequency resolution	5.03 s	1.97 mW	0 %
10 modes	2.73 s	1.66 mW	15.7 %
30 modes	3.35 s	1.92 mW	2.54 %
75 modes	6.00 s	1.95 mW	1.02 %
125 modes	9.48 s	1.96 mW	0.51 %
250 modes	16.77 s	1.96 mW	0.22 %
500 modes	39.07 s	1.97 mW	< 0.1 %
2000 modes	332.74 s	1.97 mW	< 0.1 %



Formulating the problem in the frequency domain, under the assumption of sinusoidal current in the machine, allows for a reduction in computation time by 90.



(FEA).

Fig.4. Mesh of the used PMSM and of oneMOslot of the PMSMbety

MORTAR interpolation method between the machine and the slot

Finite Elements Analysis with complex formulation is applied. The complex formulation for the magneto-dynamic is:



 $\begin{cases} (S+j\omega(T-DR^{-1}D^t)A = -DR^{-1}I \\ U_c = R^{-1}I - j\omega R^{-1}D^tA \end{cases}$



Fig.6. Flux density for the frequency domain resolution, without and with modal analysis

Conclusion and perspectives

- IBIS Structure has a better effect on the global machine efficiency: at least 25 km more in range on a WLTC (for an e208 vehicle).
- The modal decomposition for the machine with different architectures needs to be verified.
- New powertrain components and new architectures need to be added to the modelization software.

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