

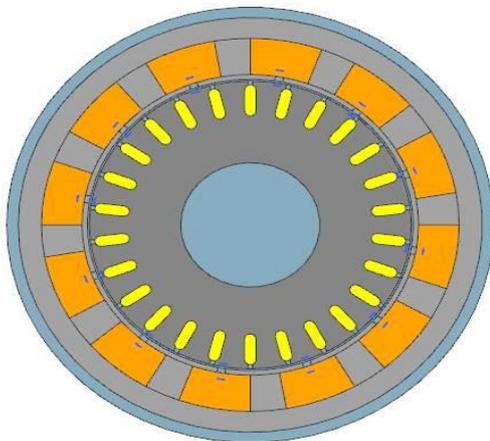
Application: Induction Motor Parameter Identification and Analysis

Initial Situation

Induction Machine

We want to use the Magnetics program to determine the performance of a test induction machine at speed and under load. For this, we want to determine the following characteristic graphs of the engine:

- Torque over Revolution Speed,
- Efficiency over Revolution Speed,
- Current over Revolution Speed.



Some of the characteristics of this motor are:

- Stator number of Slots: 12
- Stator outside diameter: 400 mm
- Rotor number of conductors: 26
- Thickness: 162 mm
- Number of poles: 2

The methods shown here base on the following literatures:

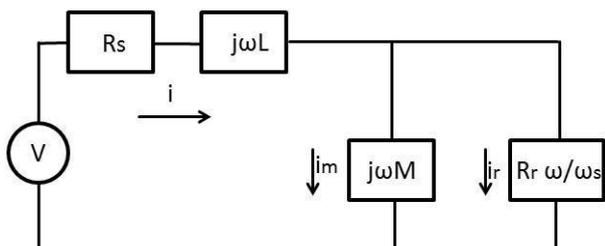
- Calculation of two-axis Induction Motor Model Parameters using Finite Elements
- and David Meekers "Induction Motor Example".

Appropriate Method

Combined Analytical / FEM

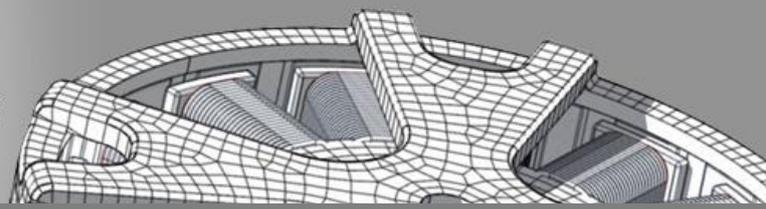
Rather than modeling the machine's behavior directly (we could do this through transient analysis), we will infer the performance at speed and load through a series of simulations of static configurations. From these simulations we will derive the equivalent circuit parameters of the machine that we will further use in an analytic electric circuit model. The advantage of an analytic circuit mode is that it allows very fast analysis of different parameters.

A circuit model of one phase for an asynchronous motor is displayed in the following picture.



Picture: Steady State Induction Motor Model.

- L: Inductance of all leakage on the stator side
- M: Inductance of the magnetic circuit linking the rotor and stator
- R_r: Rotor ohm resistance
- R_s: Stator ohm resistance
- V: Phase voltage, RMS voltage applied across each phase
- i: Phase current, RMS current through each phase of the machine
- ω: Electrical frequency
- ω_s: difference between the rotor's mechanical frequency and its electrical frequency.



Through finite element analysis it is possible to compute coil inductances with a high accuracy. This is a very helpful feature because it allows to use them in analytical formulas that describe the circuit. In our case we derive the needed inductance values in the following way: We perform a frequency sweep analysis over 12 low frequencies.

As result we get real and imaginary parts for 12 inductances. We run these values through an implemented parameter fitting algorithm and get as result the fitted values for L1, M, Rr :

L = 34,6 mH Stator leakage inductance
 M = 139,5 mH Mutual inductance between rotor and stator
 Rr = 0,31 Ohm Room temperature rotor resistance

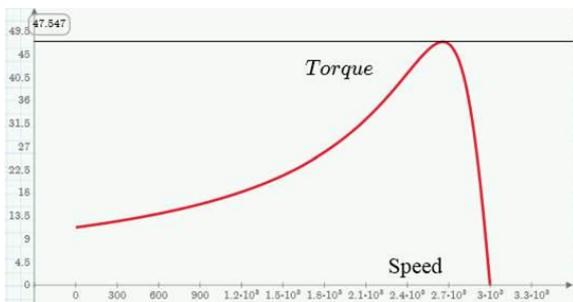
Next we adapt the rotor resistance values to 60°C temperature increase and we also compute the stator ohm resistance to Rr = 1 Ohm.

Result

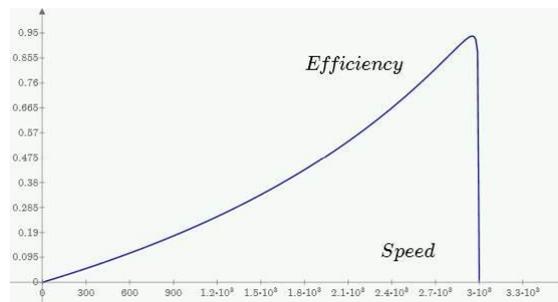
Torque, Efficiency, Current

All these data, resulting from the FE and analytics, we store in a clearly arranged Mathcad document. This allows the user in a convenient manner to understand the formulas used and manipulate them.

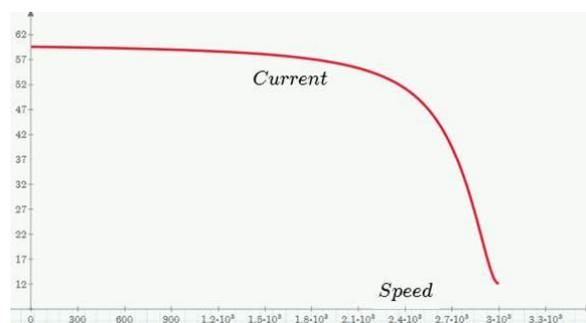
In the document, the formulas are evaluated, resulting from the circuit model. The result is the characteristic graphs that describe the motor. Now the engine can be evaluated.



Picture: The torque curve shows the characteristic behaviour of an asynchronous motor.



Picture: The curve showing efficiency



Picture: The current of the motor.

Another advantage is the automatic updating of the graph when you change the input parameters. Thus, if the motor parameters are changed, it can immediately be identified whose impact on the graph. In this way it is easy to suitably adjust the motor and adapt it to requirements.