

## LA MOTORISATON ELECTRIQUE

Description, principes de fonctionnement et exemples

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#### Contexte :

- Le marché de la mobilité électrifiée bénéficie d'un cadre mondial propice à la croissance
- L'automobile électrifiée est tirée par les objectifs d'électrification de masse du parc automobile





Les chaînes de traction hybrides devraient avoir une part importante du marché sur 10 ans
La prise des parts du marché du véhicule 100% électrique s'accélère fortement à l'horizon 2030





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## INTRODUCTION

# A global increase of electric systems sold all over the world





#### Introduction Electric system

#### Advantages of electro-mechanical conversion

- Capability to obtain a rotational mechanical movement
- Simple and reliable
- The energy conversion is often reversible
- The global efficiency of the conversion chain is excellent

### Efficiency

- Theoretical efficiency limits are very close to real efficiency
- Alstom Turbogenerator of 1150 MW: 98,88 % efficiency
  - → still more than 1 MW of heat losses to dissipate
  - Maximum thermal engine efficiency : 50% (heavy duty engines)



3-phase electric motor for électric vehicle (with power electronics)



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#### Introduction Electric system

# Composition of an electric drive :

#### Electric Motor / Generator

- Stator
- Rotor
- Power electronics
- Control Laws
- Reducer / mechanical transmission





#### Introduction Electric system vs. thermal engine

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#### Electric motor parts and components

Thermal engine parts and components

# Compared to electric motor manufacturing, thermal engine industrial manufacturing is much more complex





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### Introduction Mechanical parts

### Mechanical parts

- Bearings
- Flanges
- Casing
- ...

### • Specific parts

- Magnets
- Sensors
- Squirrel cage
- Wounded rotor,...



Example of an industrial asynchronous machine



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#### Introduction Magnetism

#### Forces generated by a magnet

- Magnets attract parts composed of iron and steel
- Generally, magnets attract iron, cobalt, nickel and their alloys
- Identical poles of two magnets repel each other; opposite poles attract each other

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# An electric current flowing through a conductor will create a magnetic field

• This is linked to the movement of electrons through the conductor







#### Introduction Magnetism

### Thus, to create a magnetic field, it is possible to use:

- A magnet
- A winding

### Magnet and electro-magnet are equivalent

- To create a constant magnetic field in an electric machine, we find a number of technological options to choose from:
  - Either the magnetic field is created by a winding
  - Or the magnetic field is created by a magnet









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3 coils encased in 6 slots → Coils A, B and C
The coils have a phase angle shift of 120 °



• Each coil is fed by a sinusoidal current form  $I = I_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ 



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# 3 phase stator winding *Rotating field*

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#### • Field for different angles = $0^\circ$ , $\mathbb{P} = 30^\circ$ , $\mathbb{P} = 60$ , $\mathbb{P} = 90^\circ$



## Structure of electric motors

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#### Stator

• Fixed part of the motor

#### Rotor

- Rotating part
- By extension, moving part in the case of a linear motor

#### Inductor

- Magnet and or winding generating the magnetic flux in the machine
- It is part of the excitation circuit

#### Armature

Electrical windings in which the inductor flux generates an electromotive force

#### Many different machines exist

- The rotor can be internal or external
- The armature can be in the rotor or stator, likewise for the inductor
- It is not necessary that all motors have a separate inductor and a separate armature





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### Structure of the stator Example







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# Asynchronous (induction) motors *Principle*

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# Three windings phased by 120° in the stator and individually powered generate a rotating field

 By modulating the intensity in each winding, we can generate a magnetic field with a constant amplitude but with a continuously varying angle

# The rotating stator filed induces current in short circuit rotor winding

Rotor field and stator field interaction will produce torque





#### Asynchronous (induction) motors Rotor structure

### • Wounded rotor structure

- Squirrel cage structure
  - Made with aluminum or copper

#### Asynchronous motor

- Simple to product, limited cost
- ➔ One of the most widespread motor in the world





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# Synchronous motors *Principle*

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# Three windings phased by 120° in the stator and individually powered generate a rotating field

 By modulating the intensity in each winding, we can generate a magnetic field with a constant amplitude but with a continuously varying angle

### In the rotor's frame of reference, it has a constant magnetic torque

- The rotor aligns itself with the stator magnetic field
- This results in a mechanical rotation of the rotor





# 3 phase windings and pole numbers *Principle*





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# Synchronous motor *Excitation*





### Excitation by permanent magnet

Electric machine with double excitation: permanent magnets and rotor windings



### Excitation by a winding flowing with a continuous current (classic automotive alternator)

Advantages: less magnets & flux control using the inductor

Disadvantages: the rotor needs to be powered (Brushes and clamping rings that here the state of the state of



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# Synchronous motor Rotor topologies (examples)

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### Synchronous motor Structure of permanent magnet machines

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### Rotor of a permanent magnet machine



### Corresponding stator (hand winding ongoing)



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### Synchronous motor Structure of wonded rotor machines

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Machine with salient poles





Machine with non-salient poles



Remark: the stator has the same look and feel as that of permanent magnet machines



Some motors with salient poles are twisted to smoothen out the torque

# Synchronous motor *Examples*

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### • 1<sup>st</sup> generation of Toyota Prius



**Inverter in Toyota Prius** 



**Powertrain of Toyota Prius** 

# Reluctance motor *Examples*

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- Switched reluctance motor for a commercial vacuum cleaner
  - 100 000 rpm
  - 400 W
  - Machine weight of 1kg

The manufacturing simplicity of the rotor of a reluctance machine makes it a great fit for high speed applications





- The concept of the reluctance machine is based on the fact that the machine rotor has a tendency to choose a stable equilibrium position that minimizes the passage of field lines in the air
- We distinguish two families
  - Switched reluctance : in this case, we sequentially power three coils with a current (whose direction has no effect)
  - Synchronous reluctance : in this case, we create a rotating field using a classical three phase winding







Synchronous reluctance

## Conclusion Electric motors comparison

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	Advantages	Disadvantages
Direct current machine	Can be used without power electronics Simple to control Low cost (if power electronics are not used)	Design (commutator and rotor losses to be evacuated Mediocre durability Limited efficiency (wounded rotor) Reduced maximum speed (commutator)
Wounded rotor synchronous machine	No magnets Limited losses at high speed Higher degree of freedom for control	Design (sliprings, brushes and rotor losses to be evacuated) Sliprings and brushes = maintenance Temperature sensitivity (rotor conductors)
Permanent magnet synchronous machine	Compactness Low speed efficiency	Cost (magnets) High speed losses Complex to control Difficult handling of failure modes Temperature sensitivity (magnets)
Asynchronous machine	Cost Losses at zero torque and high speed No magnets Robust design and well-established process for aluminum cage	Design Losses in normal operating range (rotor leaking current) Limited ratio of base to maximum speed Reduced air-gap
Variable reluctance machine	Cost (no magnets, rotor in sheets only) Low rotor sensitivity to temperature No mechanical sensitivity (heavy rotor)	Nose Design Low industrial maturity Complex electronics (for switched reluctance)





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