

Coupled Electromagnetic-Thermal Analysis of YBCO Bulk Magnets for the Excitation System of Low-Speed Electric Generators

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Abstract— This paper examines the use of YBCO HTS bulk magnets when operating in the magnetic environment of low-speed synchronous generators. A coupled electrothermal Comsol model of bulk YBCOs is first developed, tested and experimentally verified. Joule losses in the HTS magnet are then studied when under AC magnetic fields with frequency and amplitude ranges usually found in those generators. The YBCO capability in maintaining its magnetization level when subjected to those conditions was also analyzed since the objective is to replace the permanent magnets currently used.

The conditions for which superconductivity is lost are studied considering now the magnet submerged in liquid nitrogen. Using the model developed, it was possible to observe temperature rise effects in the superconductor and how temperature influences all its parameters.

Index Terms— Superconducting generators, high temperature superconductors, YBCO, HTS modelling,

I. INTRODUCTION

SUPERCONDUCTING power converters have been researched since the 1950s for applications where a high efficiency and power density is required. The first approach was replacing copper coils by superconducting ones because they were able to carry large electric current densities without significant Joule losses. Initially, low critical temperature coils were used to generate the excitation field of synchronous machines, but it did not support large variations of external magnetic fields. The appearing of AC superconducting wires however allowed fully superconducting synchronous machines [1]. Another approach has been using conventional iron-core machines with the insertion of high temperature superconductors (HTSs). In reluctance synchronous machines, for example, the rotor moves towards a position favoring a value of maximum magnetic flux. Electromagnetic torque produced by these machines is proportional to the difference of d and q axis inductances. It is possible to augment this difference by placing a ferromagnetic material in one axis and a bulk HTS operating as a magnetic shield in the other axis, therefore increasing the torque as proposed in [2-3].

Recently, many innovative structures using HTSs have been presented for their property of large current density transport

and/or quantum levitation. An example which exploits the magnetic behavior of bulk HTSs is the hysteresis machine, which develops its electromagnetic torque using their hysteresis characteristic [4]. Another usual approach consists in using HTS coils that have the main advantage of larger current densities, ranging from 10 to 1000 times that of copper. They also allow obtaining larger air-gap magnetic fields without any active iron, tolerating higher armature loading and, when replacing all or even part of copper coils, they generally increases machine efficiency.

Electromechanical power converters using HTS bulks have gained significant attention recently [5-6]. By exploiting their flux trapping and/or flux shielding capabilities, different electrical machines design can be achieved. Trapping large fields in HTS bulks using the novel pulsed-field magnetization technique [4] [7-10] has opened the appearing of HTS bulk magnets that can trap nearly 2T at 77K. This allows surpassing neodymium permanent magnets (NdFeB) field in about 40% and the use of HTS bulk magnets as the excitation system of electrical machines. However, the liquid nitrogen cooling system (including the cryostat) can minimize the advantages of using this type of HTS electrical machine. Problems such as transporting the cryogenic coolant to the superconductors, determining the cryostat location (either in the rotor and/or in a fixed stator, or even surrounding the whole machine), and determining the core material (air-core vs iron-core machines or hybrid topologies) are all open topics that show it is not yet evident which design is more acceptable.

HTS machines are still in development. Recently, a 1 MW HTS synchronous motor has been developed in China [5]. Also, projects for synchronous generators for wind power generation have been conducted such as a 12 MW LTS generator [11] and a 10 MW salient-pole HTS generator [1]. Superconducting linear generators were also constructed in the last few years using not only HTS coils but also HTS bulks [2-3].

This paper includes the study, modeling and analysis of the process of magnetization in bulk HTSs, verification of the YBCO capability in maintaining its magnetization level when subjected to time-variant magnetic fields, including also an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of using YBCO magnets in low-speed synchronous generators. Expected accomplishments include a coupled electrothermal Comsol model for simulation of bulk superconductors when submerged in liquid nitrogen, the determination of a set of

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parameters and their characteristics to describe the behavior of YBCO bulk superconductors in a magnetic field confinement (in our case a synchronous generator),.

II. ELECTROMAGNETIC AND THERMAL HTS MODELING

A. Electromagnetic modelling

It was based in the 2D H-formulation model presented in [2]. The magnetic field is applied along the x - y plane, so the current density and electric field will only have a component in z -direction. By applying Ampère's Law, and assuming that Maxwell's addition (the electric field derivative) is in this case negligible (quasi-static regime), the current density and the electric field in the superconductor in z -direction can be obtained by (1) and (2), respectively.

$$J_{sc,z} = \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \vec{e}_z \quad (1)$$

$$E_{sc,z} = E_0 \left(\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \right)^n \vec{e}_z \quad (2)$$

Substituting (1-2) in Faraday's Law gives (3) where μ_r is considered to be equal to 1.

$$\begin{cases} \partial(E_{sc,z})/\partial y = -\mu_0\mu_r \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} \\ -\partial(E_{sc,z})/\partial x = -\mu_0\mu_r \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The objective is to study the effects on YBCO bulk material when subjected to time-variable magnetic fields. At first, the example shown in [12] is used to review some concepts. The YBCO superconductor is a 12x4cm rod inserted in an air domain as outlined in Fig. 1. Two simulations are made: Zero Field Cooling (in which a sinusoidal magnetic field is applied to the ZFC bulk) and Field Cooling (in which an initial magnetic field is applied to the FC bulk, decreasing linearly with time).

For the air domain, the relation between \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{J} is linear, $\mathbf{E} = \rho\mathbf{J}$, where ρ is the resistivity of air ($\rho = 1 \times 10^6 \Omega \cdot m$) [12]. Using this equation to define the electric field in (3) and using (1), yields the coupled equations (4), for which was also used $\mu_r = 1$.

$$\begin{cases} \partial(\rho J_{sc,z})/\partial y = -\mu_0\mu_r \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} \\ -\partial(\rho J_{sc,z})/\partial x = -\mu_0\mu_r \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

On the outer boundary of the air domain a Dirichlet boundary condition is set in time as shown in (5).

$$\begin{cases} H_x = f_x(t) \\ H_y = f_y(t) \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

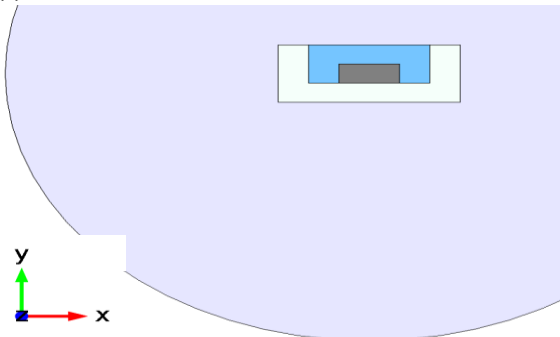


Fig. 1. Schematic of the model used in the electromagnetic simulations
 The magnetization of a certain material can be defined as (6),

where N is the number of magnetic moments in the sample, V is the total volume of the material, n_m is the density number of magnetic moments, and \mathbf{m}_0 is the vector that defines the magnetic moment.

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{N}{V} \mathbf{m}_0 = n_m \mathbf{m}_0 \text{ [A/m]} \quad (6)$$

The magnetic moment vector is given by (7) where \mathbf{r} is the position vector pointing from the origin to the location of the volume element ($\mathbf{r} = (x, y, z)$), \mathbf{J} is the current density vector.

$$\mathbf{m}_0 = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{J} \quad (7)$$

The magnetization is then given by (8).

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{V} \int_V (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{J}) dV \quad (8)$$

Because it is a 2D simulation, and the magnetic field is applied only in the y -direction, it is needed to consider the magnetization in that direction, thus $\mathbf{J} = (0, 0, J_{sc,z})$. The magnetization is given by (9), where S is the cross section of the superconductor domain.

$$\mathbf{M} = \left(\frac{\int_S (-x J_{sc,z}) dS}{S} \right) \vec{e}_y \quad (9)$$

It is then possible to compute the YBCO hysteresis energy density losses when subjected to a time-variant magnetic field, which are given by the area defined by its magnetization curve and computed using (10).

$$W_H = \oint B dM \text{ [J/m}^3\text{/cycle]} \quad (10)$$

Figure 2 shows the magnetization curve for a sinusoidal magnetic field applied to the superconductor after ZFC. Magnetization begins at zero and, as the magnetic field is increasing in the y -direction, it acquires negative values in that same direction in order to counter the applied magnetic field (region 1). After a certain value of magnetic field applied, the superconductor enters in a mixed state (regions 2 and 3).

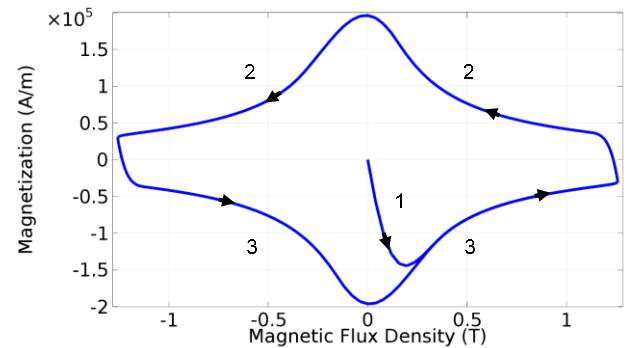


Fig. 2. Example of a magnetization curve

Because multiple magnetic field frequencies will be used, it helps to express the results in density power unit calculated using (11).

$$P_H = f \oint B dM \text{ [W/m}^3\text{]} \quad (11)$$

It is also possible to calculate the power loss density as (12), by multiplying the internal current density with respective electric field.

$$Q = E_{sc,z} J_{sc,z} \text{ [W/m}^3\text{]} \quad (12)$$

The average power loss density can be computed averaging (12) in the superconductor cross section, and averaging in the time period related with the frequency of applied magnetic field.

$$P_Q = \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} \frac{\int_S Q dS}{S} \text{ [W/m}^3\text{]} \quad (13)$$

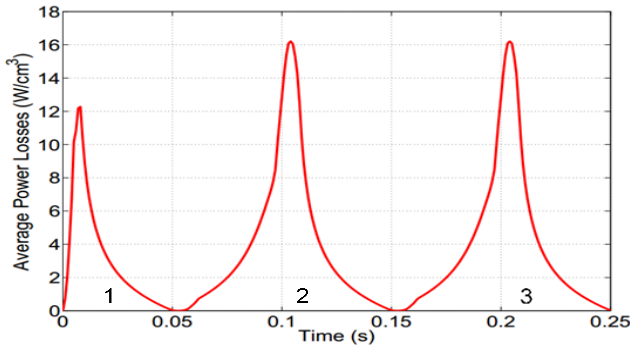


Fig. 3. Example of evolution in time of the average power losses in a YBCO bulk superconductor subjected to a 5Hz magnetic field

In order to obtain a steady state result, the time average needs to be done for a full period of the mixed state (regions 2 and 3), after the initial fully superconducting state (region 1). In Fig. 3, the frequency of the applied magnetic field was 5 Hz, so the period was 0.2 seconds. An average in time was calculated from 0.05 to 0.25 seconds to account for a full period, while ignoring the initial fully superconducting state. The yielded value of power density losses was $P_Q = 4.2118 \text{ W/cm}^3$, equal when also using eq. (11).

Eddy current losses exist when there is flux pinning in the non-superconducting parts of the material. For frequencies usually used in power applications (below 200 Hz), these losses are considered to be negligible in comparison to hysteresis losses [13].

B. Thermal modelling

The critical current density J_c changes with temperature (14), as stated in (14). Knowing temperature distribution in the HTS bulk material allows estimating with more accuracy the local electromagnetic variables. The thermal phenomena, which appears as soon as an electric current or a magnetic field is applied to the superconductor, is characterized by the heat diffusion equation **Error! Reference source not found.**

$$J_c(B, T) = J_{c0}(T, T_c) \left[\frac{B_0}{B_0 + B} \right] = \alpha \left(1 - \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2} \left[\frac{B_0}{B_0 + B} \right] \quad (14)$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\lambda(T) \nabla T) - \rho_m(T) C_p(T) \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + Q = 0 \quad (15)$$

In (15), λ is the thermal conductivity ($\text{W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{K})$), ρ_m is the mass density (Kg/m^3), C_p is the specific heat capacity ($\text{J}/(\text{Kg} \cdot \text{K})$). Q is a power loss density representing the heat source defined in all superconductor domain. In all other domains it is defined as zero, as they are not heat sources.

For (14), parameter α was calculated to be $\alpha = 1.134 \times 10^8 \text{ A/m}^2$ to fit with the assumption of a maximum critical current density J_{c0} defined to be $2 \times 10^7 \text{ A/m}^2$ at 77 K (14). Table I lists the thermal parameters used for each material considered in our study: YBCO, liquid nitrogen, styrofoam and air.

TABLE I- YBCO PARAMETERS USED IN SIMULATIONS

Parameters	Materials			
	YBCO	LN ₂	Styrofoam	Air
Mass density Kg/m^3	5.9×10^3 [14]	Temperature dependent ¹	200	$\frac{0.028971}{p} \frac{1}{8.314 \text{ T}}$

Thermal conductivity $\text{W}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{K})$	$6.91846 + (0.35147)T + (3.31 \times 10^{-3})T^2 - (1.67834 \times 10^{-4})T^3 + (1.04056 \times 10^{-6})T^4$ [24]	Temperature dependent ¹	0.05	~ 0.0225
Specific heat capacity $\text{J}/(\text{Kg} \cdot \text{K})$	$38.762 + (1.4428)T$ [15]	2.042×10^3 [16]	1300	~ 1000
Ratio of specific heats C_p/C_v	Not applicable	1.4013 [17]	Not applicable	14

III. ELECTROMAGNETIC ANALYSIS

The replacement of permanent magnets by YBCO bulk superconductors in low-speed synchronous generators requires prior testing of their behavior for some conditions appearing during the generator operation as, for example, when subjected to time-variant magnetic fields. This section aims to answer some questions such as what are the losses dependency of the magnitude and frequency of the perturbing magnetic field, and if ZFC and FC superconductors show similar results.

The YBCO parameters used were taken by [12]. For equation (2), the parameters are $E_0 = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V/m}$ and $n = 21$, and for equation (14), the parameters used are $J_{c0} = 2 \times 10^7 \text{ A/m}^2$ and $B_0 = 0.1 \text{ T}$, which was calculated to best fit with the results in [12].

A. Sinusoidal Magnetic Field Analysis

In (16) and (17) are shown the x - and y - magnetic field components for ZFC and FC, respectively. The amplitude of the sinusoidal field H_m is defined by B_m/μ_0 , and the trapped field H_M is defined by B_M/μ_0 . The default frequency was defined to be $f = 5 \text{ Hz}$, with $\omega = 2\pi f$, and default magnetic flux densities were set to be $B_m = B_M = 1.26 \text{ T}$.

$$\text{ZFC: } \begin{cases} H_x = 0 \\ H_y = H_m \sin(\omega t) \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

$$\text{FC: } \begin{cases} H_x = 0 \\ H_y = H_M + H_m \sin(\omega t) \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

1) Magnetic field amplitude analysis

The magnetic field applied to the YBCO affects its internal current density distribution and, consequently, its magnetization. The field values evaluated range from 0.01T to 1.26T, this last value corresponding to the knee point regarding the saturation of silicon steel used in electrical machines. Figure 4 shows the hysteresis cycle for various values of magnetic flux density B_m . The dashed curves correspond to the ZFC simulations, while the solid curves correspond to the FC simulations, which were done using $B_M = 1.26 \text{ T}$. The other parameters used were $f = 5 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{c0} = 2 \times 10^7 \text{ A/m}^2$ and $B_0 = 0.1 \text{ T}$.

It is shown that ZFC yields a symmetric hysteresis cycle, which fits with the symmetric applied magnetic field. For FC, this does not happen due to the asymmetry of the applied field. The figure also clearly shows that the sign of the magnetization depends on the derivative of the applied magnetic field: positive derivatives yield negative magnetizations, and vice versa, which fits with the tendency of the superconductor to

counteract any changes in its internal field. Due to the characteristic shape of the hysteresis cycle, higher losses are associated with ZFC or low values of B_M and high magnetic field amplitudes (B_m), and lower losses are associated with FC with higher values of B_M and lower magnetic field amplitudes.

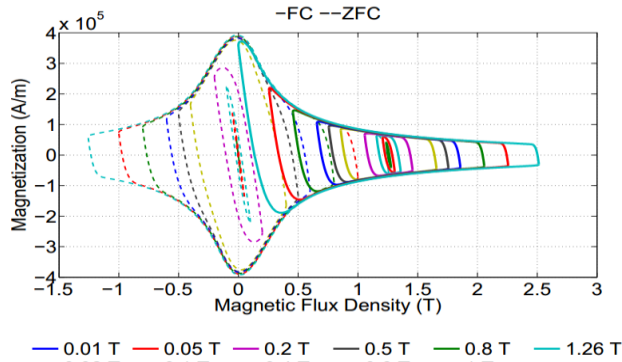


Fig. 4. Hysteresis cycle dependency of magnetic flux density B_m

Figure 5 plots the instantaneous power density losses for the same values of magnetic flux density B_m as in Fig. 4. Follow, Fig. 6 shows now the respective average power density losses for different values of B_m . It is clear that losses have strong dependence with B_m amplitude. This also occurs in the ZFC case, particularly until 0.4T, and in a less strong way after that. The field values studied fall within practical values occurring in electric machines. Therefore, it is important to take the results achieved into account regarding the use of superconducting bulk elements in electric machines.

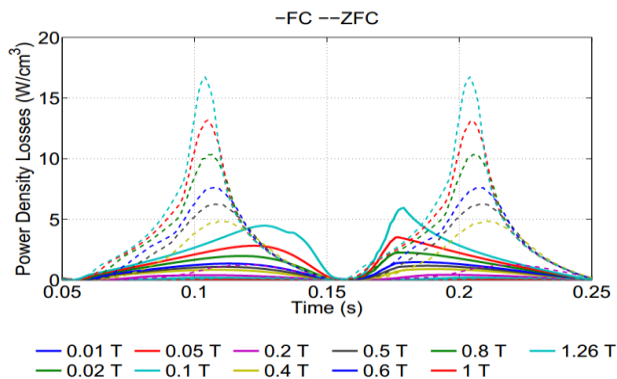


Fig. 5. Instantaneous power density losses dependency of magnetic flux density B_m

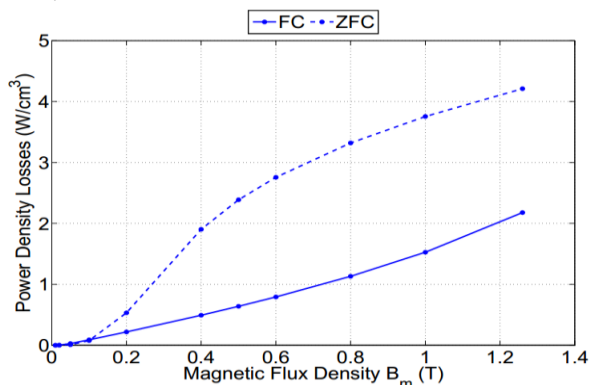


Fig. 6. Power density losses dependency of magnetic flux density B_m

2) Frequency analysis

Considering the use of HTS bulks in low-speed synchronous generators, the presence of electric currents circulating in the stator windings create magnetic fields which will disturb the superconductors. In this context, it is important not only to study how these perturbations affect their operation characteristics, but also their power losses. The ZFC and FC cases were again considered. For this analysis, the magnitude of field B_m was kept constant ($B_m = 1.26 T$), while YBCO parameters remained the same. The frequencies of field B_m ranged now from 0.25 to 100 Hz.

Figure 7 shows the hysteresis cycle and its evolution for the various frequencies. It can be seen that a change in frequency does not alter the hysteresis curve significantly. However, notice that these curves do not correspond to the same time period, and it is convenient to look at the losses expressed in power units. Using eq. (12) and taking in consideration the slight increase in the area of the hysteresis cycle for an increase in frequency, it is expected that the average power density losses dependency with frequency be not linear.

The results in Fig. 8 confirm the linear dependency of power density losses with frequency. The right figure shows this to a low frequencies range (0.01Hz to 10Hz). Left figure shows the same linear behavior but now for a high frequencies range (0.01Hz to 100Hz). This stays field frequency then a very important parameter to take into account when using HTS bulks in electric machines. As can be seen by Fig. 8, these materials have very low density losses for machines that work at low speeds, meaning low frequency values of the magnetic field.

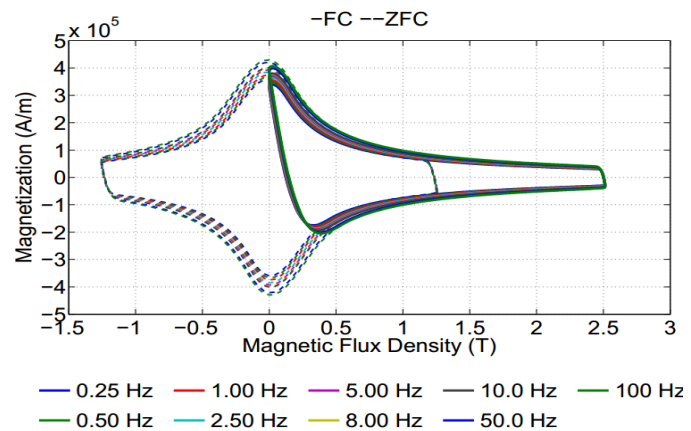


Fig. 7. Hysteresis cycle dependency of applied frequency

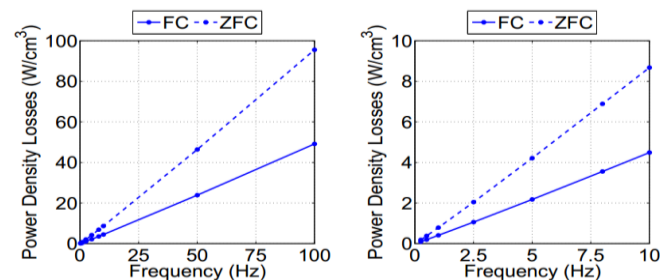


Fig. 8. Power density losses dependency of applied high and low frequency values.

B. Field Cooling Transient Analysis for Trapped Field

This section studies some transient tests with the objective of magnetizing the superconductor by looking at the value of the magnetic flux density trapped, and examining which parameters will be more important to increase its value.

An external field is applied, decreasing linearly from an initial value H_{M0} , defined by B_{M0}/μ_0 , to zero during a specified time interval P . The Dirichlet boundary condition is set up as (18).

$$\begin{cases} H_x = 0 \\ H_y = H_{M0} - \frac{H_M}{P}t, (0 \leq t \leq P) \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

Some cases were studied: the initial applied magnetic flux density B_{M0} , the slope of applied field (by varying P), the maximum critical current density J_{C0} , parameter B_0 , the geometric dimensions of the superconductor (specifically its width), and a long term analysis was also simulated where it is verified the influence of a small amplitude sinusoidal field applied after removing the initial field (like a small field perturbation). However, due to space restrictions, only the most significant one are presented. Simulation parameters used were $B_{M0} = 0.05 T$, $P = 0.05 s$, $J_{C0} = 2 \times 10^7 A/m^2$ and $B_0 = 0.1 T$.

1) The initial applied field B_{M0} analysis

The evolution of the trapped magnetic flux density is plotted in Fig. 9. It shows the maximum B value in the upper boundary of the superconductor. Results indicate that the B_{M0} value does not significantly affect the maximum trapped field for B_{M0} values higher than 0.25 T. For lower values, the trapped field stayed approximately constant and equal to applied field B_{M0} .

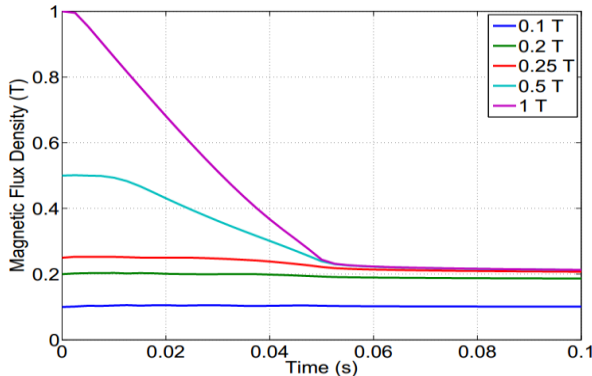


Fig. 9. Evolution of the maximum trapped magnetic flux density for different initial magnetic flux densities B_{M0} .

2) Different applied field slot analysis

The goal is to attest if the trapped field value could be influenced by the derivative of the magnetic field (different values of time interval P , different slopes) when removing it from the superconductor vicinity. In simulations, B_{M0} was constant and equal to 0.5 T. The other parameters used were $J_{C0} = 2 \times 10^7 A/m^2$ and $B_0 = 0.1 T$.

According to the results obtained and shown in Fig. 10, the derivative of the applied field also does not affect the maximum trapped field in steady state. For lower derivatives, the trapped field is slightly lower at the moment when the external field is completely removed, although the differences are not significant in the long term.

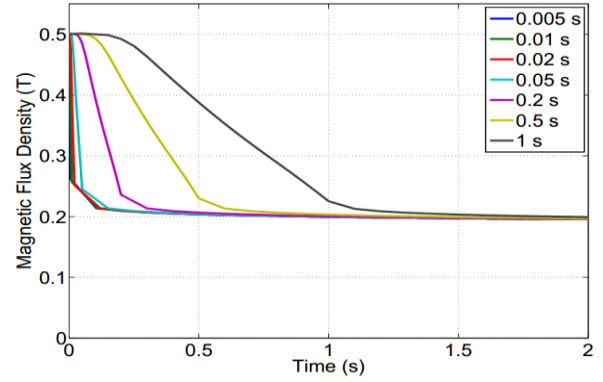


Fig. 10. Evolution of the maximum trapped magnetic flux density for different field slopes applied (by varying P).

3) J_{C0} analysis

As shown before, higher current densities yield higher magnetic fields. Therefore, the goal is now to evaluate how J_{C0} affects the final value of the trapped field. Here, simulation parameters used were: $B_{M0} = 0.5 T$, $P = 0.05 s$, and $B_0 = 0.1 T$. Given the results achieved and shown in Fig. 11, it is evident that for higher maximum current densities, higher magnetic fields can be trapped. Conclusion: not any superconductor can be selected to be the field excitation of low-speed synchronous generators.

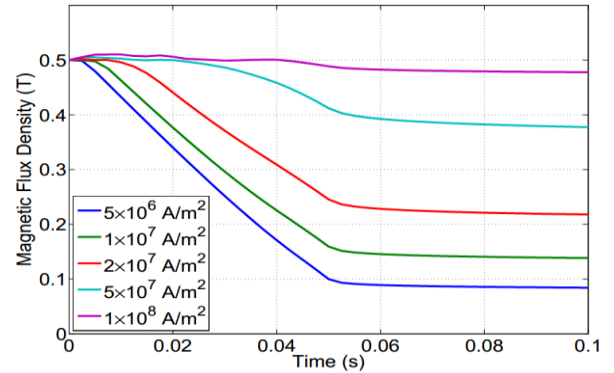


Fig. 11. Evolution of the maximum trapped field for different J_{C0} values.

4) The effect of trapped field perturbations

Another study was done to see the influence of a sinusoidal field perturbation applied on the superconductor after its initial magnetization. Using $B_{M0} = 0.5 T$ and $P = 1 s$, a sinusoidal field with frequency $f = 0.25 Hz$ and two amplitudes $B_m = 0.05 T$, $0.1 T$ was applied, as shown in Fig. 12. The dashed lines follow the case where no field was applied minus the RMS value of the amplitude of applied field. The results obtained indicate that the demagnetization degree depends on the amplitude of the applied field and that the maximum trapped field tends to be reduced by the RMS value of the applied field.

C. Experimental Results

Figure 13 shows a schematic of the experimental setup used to verify how much time a superconductor magnetized using FC takes to lost its superconducting state, when a periodic external magnetic field is applied perturbing the HTS magnet. This was done by applying a sinusoidal magnetic field with different amplitudes.

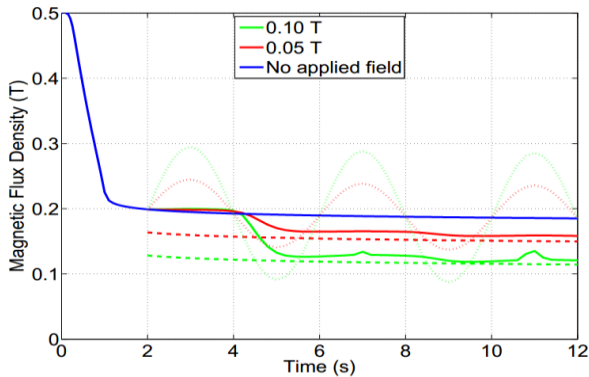
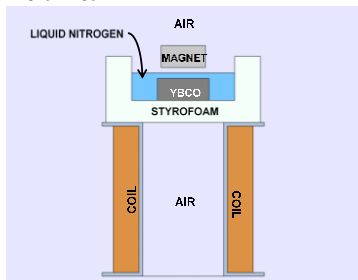


Fig. 12. Maximum magnetic flux density for different amplitudes of a sinusoidal field applied after superconductor magnetization.

A coil of 1mm diameter wire was used with 1000 turns. A magnet was used in order to see the moment of loss of superconductivity (as the magnetic properties are lost, the magnet falls). The frequency applied was 50Hz. The magnetic flux density was produced using currents of 1, 2, 3 and 4 A. With the resources available, a current of 5 A was impossible to reach. The magnetic field was measured by placing a secondary coil, with 6 turns and 6 cm of diameter, in the position of the superconductor and calculated through the induced voltage. The values of magnetic flux density obtained were 46.9, 93.8, 140.1, 187.6 mT, respectively.

It was verified that, while submerged in liquid nitrogen, the superconductor never lost its superconducting state. As such, a many experiments were made but now removing the liquid nitrogen after cooling the superconductor. The results are plotted in Fig. 14. The average times were 2:14, 2:04, 1:51, 1:37, and 1:29, by order of magnetic field amplitude in an almost linear way. The decrease in superconducting time was associated with higher power losses for higher magnetic fields, which heats the HTS that loses superconductivity in all its volume at some time.



IV. COUPLED ELECTROMAGNETIC-THERMAL ANALYSIS

The superconductor can present significant power losses causing thermal effects that can degrade its performance, leading to an eventual loss of superconductivity in certain parts or even in the entire superconductor. Hence, it is important to derive a model describing the coupled electromagnetic and thermal phenomena in the superconductor. Figure 15 illustrates the setup considered for these simulations where only the liquid nitrogen and the YBCO bulk were considered. The geometrical, electromagnetic and thermal parameters used are the same as used in the previous simulations. Note that these simulations do not yet take into account any phase change from liquid nitrogen to nitrogen gas.

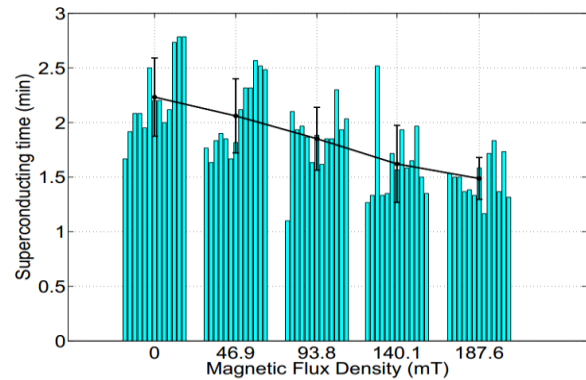


Fig. 14. Experimental results for time it takes YBCO lose superconductivity.

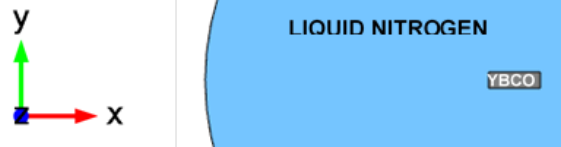


Fig. 15. Setup of the electromagnetic and thermal simulations

1) Heating analysis

Figure 16 shows the evolution of the superconductor maximum and average temperatures when subjected to an external sinusoidal field after ZFC. The applied field had a maximum magnetic flux density $B_m = 1.26 T$ and a frequency $f = 0.25 Hz$. Results show that temperature evolution is characterized by two distinct thermal time constants: a shorter one of about 10 seconds, and a longer one in the order of minutes.

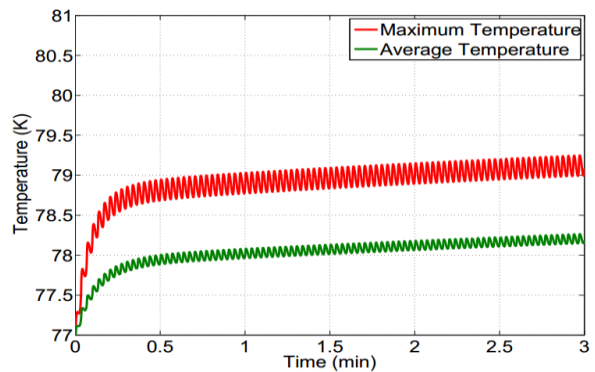


Fig. 16. Evolution of the superconductor maximum and average temperatures

The final YBCO temperature of the previous simulation is shown in Fig. 17. The internal currents originate from the edges, and have a higher value in these areas due to the trapped field in the middle. As such, the superconductor will tend to be hotter around these parts, but as they are also in contact in the liquid nitrogen, they are also the parts that are better cooled, making the hottest parts being concentrated between the middle and the edges of the bulk.

A comparison between different values of magnetic field amplitude density was done and shown in Fig. 18. As can be seen, the results achieved were expected taking into account the losses calculated in the anterior simulations. However, the relation between the temperature evolution between the 1.26 T and the 0.6 T field is lower than what the electromagnetic study suggests. This might be due to the lower critical current densities at higher temperatures in the case of the 1.26 T field, which would imply lower losses.

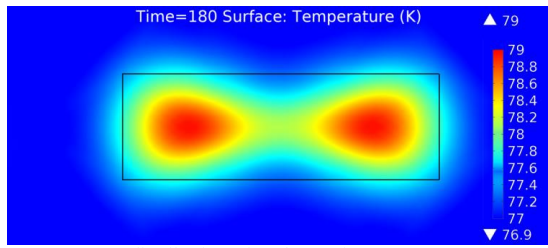


Fig. 17. Temperature distribution after the 3 minutes.

A comparison between different values of magnetic field amplitude density was done. As shown in Fig. 18, results obtained were expected taking into account the losses calculated in previous simulations. However, the relation between the temperature evolution between 1.26 T and 0.6 T field is lower than what the electromagnetic study suggested. This might be due to the lower critical current densities at higher temperatures in the case of the 1.26 T field, which would imply lower losses.

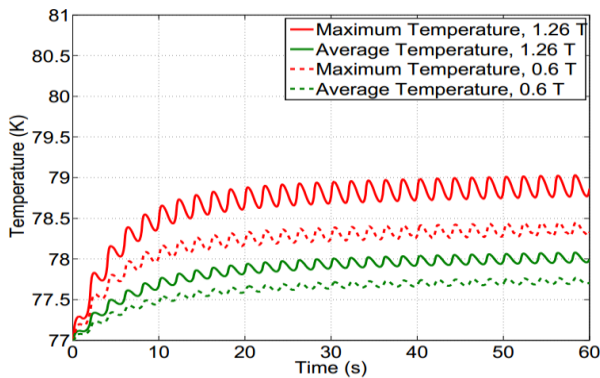


Fig. 18. Comparison between different two magnetic field amplitudes

V. CONCLUSION

The electromagnetic analysis allowed for an extensive study regarding the behavior of high temperature superconductors subjected to magnetic fields. The magnetization and hysteresis cycle of HTS was studied, and the dependency with the applied magnetic field and internal characteristics was characterized. In the intrinsic parameters study, the results show that these parameters can be a determining factor regarding the expected capabilities and losses of a bulk superconductor. The behavior of HTS regarding trapped fields was also studied, and its dependency with the applied field and various parameters was studied. Experimental results showed that superconductivity is lost more rapidly for higher applied sinusoidal magnetic fields, as expected by the model. The electrothermal analysis was useful to better understand the dynamics of HTS in a more practical environment. It was possible to observe the effect of the temperature rise on the superconductor and how it influences all the variables in the superconductor. However, the thermal model is not realistic, especially the liquid nitrogen part, but serves the purpose regarding the thermal effects in the superconductor material.

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