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Optimization methodology of race-track HTS magnets for transportations

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1. Self introduction

Education

- Southwest Jiaotong University, Chengdu, China 2018-now Electrical Engineering, School of Electrical Engineering; Degree: PhD student
- Southwest Jiaotong University, Chengdu, China 2015-2018
 Electrical Engineering, School of Electrical Engineering;
 Degree: Master
- China Three Gorges University, Yichang, China 2011-2015
 Electrical Engineering, School of Electrical Engineering;
 Degree: Bachelor

Participation in projects

- Study on the vibration properties of superconducting bulk suspension based on three-dimension multiphysics field coupling model, China.
- Key technique research on the persistent-mode high-temperature superconducting magnets towards the application on the rail transit system, China.

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HTS Magnets

- Strong magnetic field and good mechanical properties
- Self-protecting characteristic of no-insulation HTS Magnet
- Decreasing the weight and volume of HTS motor
- Cost reduction and improved reliability of HTS Maglev







All-HTS magnets

HTS linear motor

HTS magnet for Maglev

2. Research background

HTS Magnets

The design optimization of HTS magnets is essential:

- Expensive superconducting materials
- Susceptible to the operational environment





Design optimization for the racetrack HTS magnet construction

Design optimization for the HTS magnet of an HTS generator

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Analytical model of magnetic field

The geometry of the race-track magnet is devided into two parts: **rectangular and elliptical coils**, and the magnet current were assumed as **volume**, **surface and line currents**.



Mathematical principles

- Line current
- $\mathbf{B}_L = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_L \frac{\mathbf{I} dl \times \mathbf{e}_R}{R^2}$

 $\mathbf{B}_{S} = \frac{\mu_{0}}{4\pi} \iint_{S} \frac{\mathbf{K} dS \times \mathbf{e}_{R}}{R^{2}}$

$$B_{z} = \frac{\mu_{0}I_{0}}{4\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{R^{2} - b(x - x_{0})\cos(\theta) - a(y - y_{0})\sin(\theta)}{r(x, y, z, \theta)^{3}} d\theta$$



Surface current

Model of calculating magnetic field

$$B_{z} = \frac{\mu_{0}K}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{(M^{2}\sin(\theta)y + N^{2}\cos(\theta)x - r(\theta)(M^{2}\sin(\theta)^{2} + N^{2}\cos(\theta)^{2})(z_{0} - z)\sqrt{r(\theta)^{2} + r'(\theta)^{2}}}{\sqrt{M^{4}\sin(\theta)^{2} + N^{4}\cos(\theta)^{2}}(x^{2} + y^{2} + r(\theta)^{2} - 2r(\theta)(x\cos(\theta) + y\sin(\theta)))R(\theta, z_{0})} d\theta$$

Volume current^[1]

$$\mathbf{B}_{V} = \frac{\mu_{0}}{4\pi} \iiint_{V} \frac{\mathbf{J}dV \times \mathbf{e}_{R}}{R^{2}}$$

$$B_{x} = \frac{\mu_{0}J}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{N^{2}\cos(\theta)}{\sqrt{M^{4}\sin(\theta)^{2} + N^{4}\cos(\theta)^{2}}} (R_{u}(\theta, a) - R_{u}(\theta, -a) - R_{l}(\theta, a) + R_{l}(\theta, -a) + U\ln\frac{r_{u}(\theta) - U + R_{u}(\theta, a)}{r_{l}(\theta) - U + R_{l}(\theta, a)} - U\ln\frac{r_{u}(\theta) - U + R_{u}(\theta, -a)}{r_{l}(\theta) - U + R_{l}(\theta, -a)}) d\theta$$

[1] S. Crozier. A novel, open access, elliptical cross-section magnet for paediatric MRI. Measurement Science and Technology. 9 (1998) 113–119.





Distribution of magnetic field generated by a race-track magnet, (a) Simulation, (b) Line current, (c) Surface current, (d) Volume current

Calculated times t [s] (error)	Surface Current (Simulation)	Line Current (Analysis)	Surface Current (Analysis)	Volume Current (Analysis)	
Bx	0	2.8(-2.8%)	8.8(2.1%)	25.5(-4.4%)	
By	0	2.9(-2.1%)	8.5(2.0%)	25.5(-2.9%)	
Bz	0	3.7(-2.5%)	13.3(-2.0%)	46.7(-5.9%)	
Bm	0	8.7(-3.1%)	31(-1.5%)	97(-5.9%)	

3. Optimization of race-track HTS magnet ¹⁰

Optimization of the race-track magnet

Target: Maximize the ratio of central magnetic field Boz to the needed tape length of the race-track HTS magnet.

Method: Monte Carlo Optimization Algorithm of MATLAB program



Critical current $I_c(B,\theta)$ of HTS tape

Objective Function:

$$\max : \frac{B_{oz}}{L}, B_{oz} \approx 2 [T]$$

$$L = 4nl + n(2\pi(N + \frac{b}{n} - b) + 4(M - N)) + 2\pi b(n - 1)))$$
Constraint Conditions:

$$\frac{N-b > 20, M-b > 50}{\frac{(N-b)^2}{M-b} > 50, I_0 - I_c(B,\theta) < 0}$$

Optimization results



Planform of race-track magnet



Magnetic flux density

Optimization parameters	a [mm]	c [mm]	M [mm]	N [mm]	lo [A/mm]	n (turns)
Upper limit	6	37.5	100	0.1M	10	250
Down limit	25	150	131	М	100	405
Optimization results	20	79	131	131	34	401

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3.1 Optimization of air-core linear motor





The travelling magnetic field generated by a flat air-core stator, including the horizontal component B_x and vertical component B_z



3.1 Optimization of air-core linear motor ¹⁴

Optimization of the air-core stator

Target: maximize the ratio of thrust to length of the stator windings. Method: The Coordinate Search Optimization Algorithm of MATLAB program which seeks the minimum of a scalar function

Objective Function:

$$\max : \frac{F_x}{L_{cu}},$$
$$L_{cu} = 2N\sqrt{\left(\frac{5\tau}{6}\right)^2 + (v_c + v_g)^2} + 4b$$

Optimization Parameter: The width of air-core stator: 2b, with constraint: $0.1b_{sc} < b < 2b_{sc}$



Geometric structure of air-core linear motor

3.1 Optimization of air-core linear motor

Optimization of the air-core stator



$$\min: \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| F_x^{i} - \overline{F_x^{i}} \right|,$$
$$\overline{F_x^{i}} = -\frac{F_x^{1} + F_x^{n}}{2} \sin(\frac{\pi}{\tau}x)$$

Optimization Parameter:

The vertical gap of windings: v_g , with constraint: $v_c < v_g < \tau$



The thrust F_x of air-core linear motor



The geometric structure of air-core stator with double-layer copper windings

3.1 Optimization of air-core linear motor

Optimization results



The thrust curve using optimized parameter

The thrust harmonic is the smallest when the vertical gap v_g reaches 450 mm.



Magnetic forces versus width of stator

To decrease the volume of stator, the width of stator was set as $2b = 3b_{sc}$.

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3.2 Calculation of EDS system

Simulation of EDS train



Tsc [M]	<i>TIc</i> [m]	Vic [m]	<i>h</i> /c [m]	Vig [m]	Lsc [H]	Lıc [mH]	<i>R</i> _{lc} [Ω]	Hs [mm]
0.5	0.25	0.38	0.166	0.129	0.515	32.384	5.7684	20

3.2 Calculation of EDS system

Dynamic circuit of EDS train

 I_l

Calculation of induced current in levitation coils: RL circuit

Calculation of electromagnetic forces: Virtual displacement method

$$E = I_0 \frac{\partial M}{\partial t} \qquad E = L \frac{dI_l}{dt} + R_l I_l$$

$$F_x = I_0 I_l \frac{\partial M}{\partial x}$$
 $F_z = I_0 I_l \frac{\partial M}{\partial z}$ $F_y = I_0 I_l \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$



The equivalent dynamic circuit

The direction of current in levitation coil

3.2 Calculation of EDS system

Obtained results



The induce current in levitation coils

This induced currents generated only while the superconducting magnets and levitation coils are face to face.



The instantaneous electromagnetic forces

The levitation force and guidance force hold same phase, while the drag force has a 90-degree lag than the others.

Obtained results



Maximum electromagnetic forces versus v

When the speed reaches 600 km/h, the maximum drag force is close to zero.

When the levitation height reaches 60 mm, the levitation force begins to decrease.

Maximum electromagnetic forces versus Hs



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4. Conclusions

- Based on the Biot-Savart law, the magnetic field of the race-track magnet was calculated when considering the magnet current as volume current, surface current and line current. It was found that the line current model for the race-track shape coils has faster computation speed and high calculation accuracy;
- 2. The geometric parameters of the race-track HTS magnet were optimized using Monte Carlo Optimization Algorithm of MATLAB program and the geometric parameters of air-core stator were also optimized using the Coordinate Search Optimization Algorithm of MATLAB program;
- 3. The electromagnetic properties of an electrodynamic suspension system were calculated by simulation model and dynamic circuit model, the electromagnetic forces and induced currents are in good agreement between the two models.

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