

# Electromagnetic and Mechanical Analysis of an Interior Permanent Magnet Motor

# Introduction

The magnets in an Interior Permanent Magnet (IPM) motor are embedded in the rotor core, where they form narrow regions known as bridges. The thickness of the magnetic bridge is an important parameter to consider in design, both from the electromagnetic and the mechanical perspectives. As the magnetic saturation in bridge areas affects the electromagnetic characteristics of an IPM, the thickness of the bridge should be kept minimum to reduce losses. However, during high-speed rotation, these narrow bridges also experience high stress, caused by centrifugal forces. These two conflicting aspects makes the design and analysis of an IPM motor challenging.

As designers are often interested in the distribution of stresses and deformation in the stator and rotor, caused by the air gap forces, the interaction between electromagnetic and structural domains is an important aspect to consider. In this example, the coupling between the Solid Mechanics and Rotating Machinery, Magnetic interfaces for performing and mechanical and electromagnetic analysis of an IPM motor is demonstrated. The results give insight into magnetic flux density and stress distribution in the system.

**Note:** This model requires the AC/DC Module and the Structural Mechanics Module.

# Model Definition

An IPM motor with 10 rotor poles and 12 stator slots is modeled in 2D. The diameter of the rotor and the stator are 60 mm and 100 mm respectively. The axial length of the motor is 40 mm. As shown in Figure 1, the magnets are embedded in a V-shaped configuration with an angle of 30°. The thickness of the permanent magnet is 2.5 mm. To reduce the weight and minimize material usage, rotor has some air cavities.

In this example, the size of the critical bridges is kept as 0.3 mm.

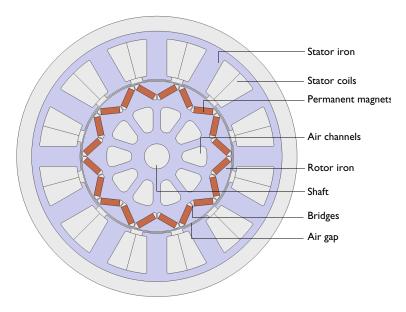


Figure 1: Geometry of the motor.

#### MAGNETIC-STRUCTURE INTERACTION

The interaction between electromagnetic and structural domains is modeled using a Magnetic-Elastic Interaction in Rotating Machinery interface. This interface consists of a Rotating Machinery, Magnetic interface, a Solid Mechanics interface, and a Moving Mesh node with a Deforming Domain and a Rotating Boundary subnodes. In addition, a Multiphysics Couplings node is added. It contains the multiphysics coupling Magnetic Forces, Rotating Machinery. Using this functionality, the electromagnetic forces generated during the rotation of the motor is transferred to the structural domains.

Additional details about the interface can be found in the documentation for Multiphysics Couplings in the Structural Mechanics Module User's Guide.

#### ROTATING MACHINERY, MAGNETIC

The Rotating Machinery, Magnetic interface is used to solve the electromagnetic field equations in a transverse section of the PM motor. The stator and rotor iron are made of soft iron with zero conductivity. The permanent magnets are made of Sintered NdFeB, creating a strong magnetic field. The rotational speed is taken as 20,000 rpm. The stator coil is excited with a peak current of 5 A, with an initial current angle for peak torque set as 200°.

#### SOLID MECHANICS

The Solid Mechanics interface is used for modeling the stator iron, rotor, and the embedded permanent magnets. For mechanical analysis, these parts are considered as elastic with properties as shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1: MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF STATOR, ROTOR IRON AND MAGNETS.

Property	Symbol	Unit	Soft iron	Sintered NdFeB
Young's modulus	E	GPa	185	160
Poisson's ratio	ν	1	0.3	0.24
Mass density	ρ	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	7500	7500

The effect of centrifugal force generated by the rotation of the rotor is modeled using a **Rotating Frame** node.

During high speed rotations, there are chances that the embedded permanent magnets in the rotor may get dislocated due to centrifugal force. As the connection between the magnets and the rotor influences the stress distribution, it is an important aspect to consider in modeling. Using a **Thin Layer** feature, the connection between the permanent magnets and rotor iron is modeled as a spring condition. These springs have high compressive and low tensile stiffness, effectively approximating a contact condition. The stiffness values of these springs are chosen in such a way that they are two orders of magnitude softer than the outside rotor material. The stiffness of the springs in tangential direction is large enough to prevent sliding of the magnets in the slots. The thickness of the layer is taken as 0.025 mm.

# MOVING MESH

A deforming domain condition is assigned to the rotor air gap and other rotor air channels, which experience significant deformation due to the rotation of adjacent structural domains. For these domains, the shape is controlled by the moving boundaries and a smoothing equation in the interior. On the external boundaries of the rotor air gap, a **Rotating Boundary** boundary condition is used to enable the sliding of the mesh.

#### STUDY

A time-dependent problem is solved for three electrical periods.

# Results and Discussion

Figure 2 shows the von Mises stress in stator iron, rotor, and permanent magnets. Because of the cavities, high stresses are concentrated in the rotor near the bottom side of the air

channels. Also, the inner bridges (those close to the rotor center) experience high stress levels. This is because the inner bridges support more rotor mass than the outer bridges.

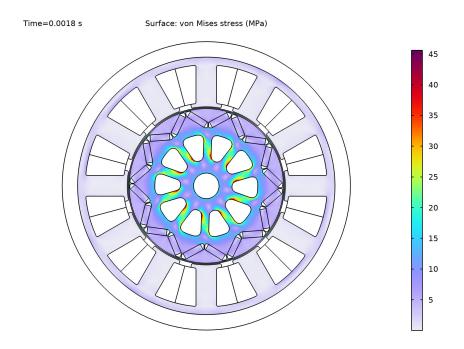


Figure 2: von Mises stress distribution in rotor and stator at t = 0.0018 s.

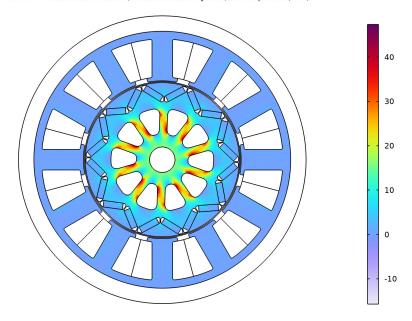


Figure 3: Stress distribution in radial direction at t = 0.0018 s.

Figure 3 shows the stress distribution in the radial direction in order to give insights about the tensile and compressive regions in the system. As seen from the figure, tensile stresses are mainly concentrated near the rotor air cavities and the bridges. As the magnets are prevented from lateral sliding, these areas are under compression.

The total displacement of stator iron, rotor, and permanent magnets is plotted in Figure 4. In Figure 5, the variation of the displacement of a sample point on the rotor as a function of time is plotted.

In Figure 6, the norm of the magnetic flux density and field lines are shown. Figure 7 plots the rotor torque ripple as a function of time for three electrical periods.

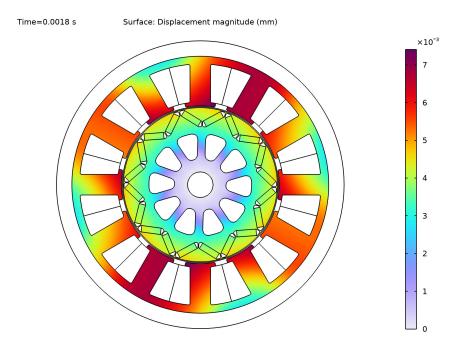


Figure 4: Displacement of the system at t = 0.0018 s.

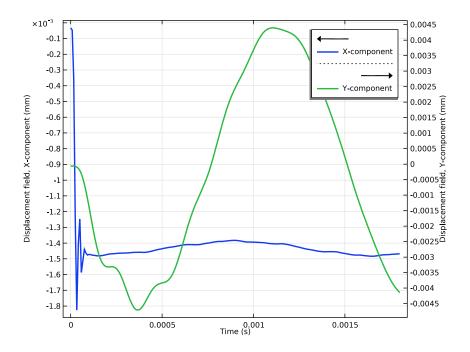


Figure 5: Displacement of a sample point on rotor as a function of time.

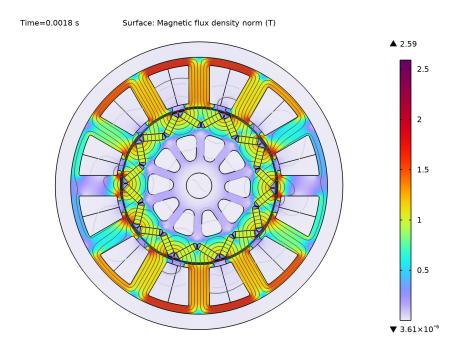


Figure 6: The norm and field lines of magnetic flux density at t = 0.0018 s.

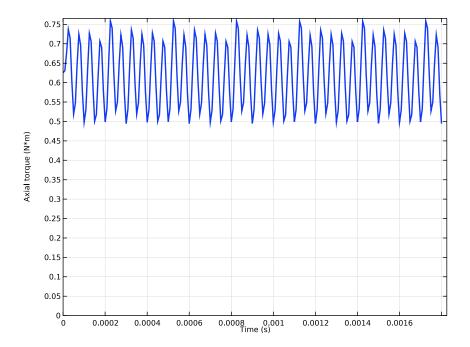


Figure 7: Rotor torque plotted as a function of time for three electrical periods.

# Notes About the COMSOL Implementation

In order to get appropriate initial conditions for the time-dependent analysis, a stationary solution is run first. This will establish a state of initial deformations and strains, caused by the magnetic field and centrifugal forces.

Application Library path: Structural Mechanics Module/Magnetomechanics/ interior\_pm\_motor\_stress\_analysis

# Modeling Instructions

From the File menu, choose New.

# NEW

In the New window, click Model Wizard.

#### MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click 20.
- 2 In the Select Physics tree, select Structural Mechanics>Electromagnetics-Structure Interaction>Magnetomechanics>Rotating Machinery, Magnetic-Structure Interaction>Magnetic-Elastic Interaction in Rotating Machinery.
- 3 Click Add.
- 4 Click 🔁 Study.
- 5 In the Select Study tree, select General Studies>Stationary.
- 6 Click **Done**.

#### GEOMETRY I

Change the units to mm.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, locate the Units section.
- **3** From the **Length unit** list, choose **mm**.

Begin by specifying a number of general parameters that will be used in the model.

### GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

#### Parameters 1

- I In the Model Builder window, under Global Definitions click Parameters I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, locate the Parameters section.
- 3 Click **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file interior\_pm\_motor\_stress\_analysis\_parameters.txt.

Next, build the motor using rotor and stator parts from the geometry part library. Initialize the parts, and tick the selections that are predefined to make it convenient to assign material properties and magnetization direction.

#### PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Home toolbar, click Windows and choose Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 3 In the Part Libraries window, select AC/DC Module>Rotating Machinery 2D>Rotors> Internal>embedded\_magnet\_v\_shape\_internal\_rotor\_2d in the tree.
- 4 Click Add to Geometry.

#### GEOMETRY I

Internal Rotor - V-shaped Embedded Magnets I (pil)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Geometry I click Internal Rotor - V-shaped Embedded Magnets I (pil).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Input Parameters section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
number_of_poles	Np	10	Number of magnetic poles in rotor
number_of_modeled_pol es	Np	10	Number of magnetic poles included in the geometry
shaft_diam	d_s	10 mm	Diameter of the shaft
rotor_diam	d_r	60 mm	Diameter of the rotor
cont_diam	d_cont	60.7 mm	Diameter of the stator-rotor continuity interface
magnet_h	mag_h	2.5 mm	Height of the magnets
rotor_bridge_size	0.3[mm]	0.3 mm	Size of the bridge between magnets and outer surface of rotor
poles_bridge_size	0.3[mm]	0.3 mm	Size of the bridge between poles
v_distance	0.3[mm]	0.3 mm	Distance between magnets at the V-corner
flux_barrier_indent_fracti on	0	0	Indent fraction of the flux barrier (set to I to not draw flux barrier)

- 4 Click to expand the **Domain Selections** section. In the table, select the **Keep** check boxes for Shaft, Rotor air gap, Rotor\_magnets, Rotor iron, Flux barriers, Rotor air, Rotor solid domains, and All domains.
- 5 Click **Build Selected**.

Split I (spl1)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Conversions and choose Split.
- **2** Select the object **pil** only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Split, click Pauld Selected.

# Circle I (c1)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Circle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Circle, locate the Size and Shape section.
- 3 In the Radius text field, type 20.
- 4 Click | Build Selected.
- 5 Right-click Circle I (cl) and choose Duplicate.

# Circle 2 (c2)

- I In the Model Builder window, click Circle 2 (c2).
- 2 In the Settings window for Circle, locate the Size and Shape section.
- 3 In the Radius text field, type 10.
- 4 Click **Build Selected**.

# Difference I (dif1)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Booleans and Partitions and choose Difference.
- 2 Select the object cl only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Difference section.
- 4 Click to select the **Activate Selection** toggle button for **Objects to subtract**.
- **5** Select the object **c2** only.
- 6 Click | Build Selected.

#### Rectangle I (rI)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Rectangle.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rectangle, locate the Size and Shape section.
- 3 In the Width text field, type 30.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type 3.
- 5 Locate the Position section. From the Base list, choose Center.
- 6 In the x text field, type 15.
- 7 Click | Build Selected.

## Rotate I (rot1)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Transforms and choose Rotate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rotate, locate the Rotation section.
- 3 In the Angle text field, type range ((360/Np)/2,360/Np,360-360/Np/2).
- 4 Select the object **rI** only.

5 Click Pauld Selected.

# Difference 2 (dif2)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Booleans and Partitions and choose Difference.
- **2** Select the object **difl** only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Difference section.
- 4 Click to select the Activate Selection toggle button for Objects to subtract.
- 5 Select the objects rot1(1), rot1(10), rot1(2), rot1(3), rot1(4), rot1(5), rot1(6), rot1(7), rotl(8), and rotl(9) only.
- 6 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Select the Resulting objects selection check box.
- 7 Click | Build Selected.

# Difference 3 (dif3)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Booleans and Partitions and choose Difference.
- 2 Select the object spl1(2) only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Difference section.
- 4 Click to select the Activate Selection toggle button for Objects to subtract.
- 5 From the Objects to subtract list, choose Difference 2.
- 6 Select the **Keep objects to subtract** check box.
- 7 Click | Build Selected.

#### Union: Rotor

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Booleans and Partitions and choose Union.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Union: Rotor in the Label text field.
- 3 Click the Select All button in the Graphics toolbar.
- 4 Locate the Selections of Resulting Entities section. Select the Resulting objects selection check box.
- 5 Click | Build Selected.

# Rotor Air Pocket Points

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click \( \frac{1}{2} \) Selections and choose Adjacent Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Adjacent Selection, type Rotor Air Pocket Points in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. Click + Add.

- 4 In the Add dialog box, select Flux barriers (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Input selections list.
- 5 Click OK.
- 6 In the Settings window for Adjacent Selection, locate the Output Entities section.
- 7 From the Geometric entity level list, choose Adjacent points.
- 8 Click | Build Selected.

#### Rotor Air Channel Points

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Selections and choose Adjacent Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Adjacent Selection, type Rotor Air Channel Points in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. Click + Add.
- 4 In the Add dialog box, select Difference 2 in the Input selections list.
- 5 Click OK.
- 6 In the Settings window for Adjacent Selection, locate the Output Entities section.
- 7 From the Geometric entity level list, choose Adjacent points.
- 8 Click **Parity** Build Selected.
- 9 In the Model Builder window, right-click Rotor Air Channel Points (adjsel2) and choose Duplicate.

#### Rotor Magnet Points

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Geometry I click Rotor Air Channel Points I (adjsel3).
- 2 In the Settings window for Adjacent Selection, type Rotor Magnet Points in the Label text field.
- 3 Click **Pauld Selected**.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. In the Input selections list, select Difference 2.
- 5 Click Delete.
- 6 Click + Add.
- 7 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor\_magnets (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Input selections list.
- 8 Click OK.

#### Rotor Air Pocket Fillet Points

I In the Geometry toolbar, click \( \frac{1}{2} \) Selections and choose Difference Selection.

- 2 In the Settings window for Difference Selection, type Rotor Air Pocket Fillet Points in the Label text field.
- 3 Click Pauld Selected.
- 4 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Point.
- **5** Locate the **Input Entities** section. Click the **Add** button for **Selections to add**.
- 6 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor Air Pocket Points in the Selections to add list.
- 7 Click OK.
- 8 In the Settings window for Difference Selection, locate the Input Entities section.
- 9 Click the + Add button for Selections to subtract.
- 10 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor Magnet Points in the Selections to subtract list.
- II Click **OK**.

Fillet I (fill)

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click / Fillet.
- 2 In the Settings window for Fillet, locate the Points section.
- 3 From the Vertices to fillet list, choose Rotor Air Pocket Fillet Points.
- 4 Locate the Radius section. In the Radius text field, type 0.5[mm].
- 5 Click **Build Selected**.

Fillet 2 (fil2)

- I In the **Geometry** toolbar, click **Fillet**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Fillet, locate the Points section.
- 3 From the Vertices to fillet list, choose Rotor Air Channel Points.
- **4** On the object **fil1**, select Points 88–91, 116, 117, 132, 133, 135, 136, 145, 146, 167, 168, 172, 173, 182–185, 210–213, 222, 223, 227, 228, 249, 250, 259, 260, 262, 263, 278, 279, and 304–307 only.
- 5 Locate the Radius section. In the Radius text field, type 2[mm].
- 6 Click | Build Selected.

Circle I (c1), Circle 2 (c2), Difference I (dif1), Difference 2 (dif2), Difference 3 (dif3), Fillet I (fil1), Fillet 2 (fil2), Internal Rotor — V-shaped Embedded Magnets I (pil), Rectangle I (r1), Rotate I (rot1), Rotor Air Channel Points (adjsel2), Rotor Air Pocket Fillet Points (difsel1), Rotor Air Pocket Points (adjsel1), Rotor Magnet Points (adjsel3), Split I (spl1), Union: Rotor (uni1)

I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Geometry I, Ctrl-click to select Internal Rotor – V-shaped Embedded Magnets I (pil), Split I (spll), Circle I (cl),

Circle 2 (c2), Difference I (dif1), Rectangle I (r1), Rotate I (rot1), Difference 2 (dif2), Difference 3 (dif3), Union: Rotor (unil), Rotor Air Pocket Points (adjsell), Rotor Air Channel Points (adjsel2), Rotor Magnet Points (adjsel3), Rotor Air Pocket Fillet Points (difsell), Fillet I (fill), and Fillet 2 (fil2).

2 Right-click and choose **Group**.

#### Rotor

In the **Settings** window for **Group**, type Rotor in the **Label** text field.

#### PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Geometry toolbar, click Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, click Geometry 1.
- 3 In the Part Libraries window, select AC/DC Module>Rotating Machinery 2D>Stators> External>slotted\_external\_stator\_2d in the tree.
- 4 Click Add to Geometry.

#### GEOMETRY I

External Stator - Slotted 1 (pi2)

Specify number of slots and select a radial partition for the slot winding type.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Geometry I click External Stator - Slotted I (pi2).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Input Parameters section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
number_of_slots	Ns	12	Number of slots in stator
number_of_modeled_sl ots	Ns	12	Number of slots included in the geometry
backiron_th	3[mm]	3 mm	Thickness of back-iron
stator_diam	d_st	100 mm	Diameter of the stator
external_air_size	6[mm]	6 mm	Size of air external to stator
cont_diam	d_cont	60.7 mm	Diameter of the stator- rotor continuity interface
shoe_w	12[mm]	I2 mm	Width of the shoe
tooth_h	17[mm]-airgap	16.3 mm	Height of the tooth

Name	Expression	Value	Description
tooth_w	8 [ mm ]	8 mm	Width of the tooth
slot_outer_fillet_size	0.5[mm]	0.5 mm	Radius of the outer slot fillet
slot_inner_fillet_size	0.5[mm]	0.5 mm	Radius of the inner slot fillet
slot_winding_type	2	2	Slot winding type: I-No partition, 2-Radial partition, 3-Azimuthal partition, 4-Radial and azimuthal partition.
Arkkio_toggle	2	2	Toggle Arkkio air gap - (1/ 0) (on/off)

- **4** Locate the **Domain Selections** section. In the table, select the **Keep** check boxes for Stator iron, Stator slots, and All domains.
- 5 Click | Build Selected.

Create an assembly from the two geometry objects, connected by a pair boundary.

Form Union (fin)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Geometry I click Form Union (fin).
- 2 In the Settings window for Form Union/Assembly, locate the Form Union/Assembly section.
- 3 From the Action list, choose Form an assembly.
- 4 In the Geometry toolbar, click **Build All**.
- **5** Click the **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

#### DEFINITIONS

Ramb I (rm I)

- I In the Home toolbar, click f(x) Functions and choose Local>Ramp.
- 2 In the Settings window for Ramp, locate the Parameters section.
- 3 In the Location text field, type t\_ramp/2.
- 4 Click to expand the **Smoothing** section.
- 5 Select the Size of transition zone at start check box. In the associated text field, type t\_ramp.

Next, add selections to assign materials and physics features.

# Rotor Structural Domains

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Union**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Rotor Structural Domains in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 4 In the Add dialog box, in the Selections to add list, choose Rotor\_magnets (Internal Rotor - V-shaped Embedded Magnets I) and Rotor iron (Internal Rotor - V-shaped Embedded Magnets I).
- 5 Click OK.
- 6 Right-click Rotor Structural Domains and choose Duplicate.

#### Structural Domains

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Definitions>Selections click Rotor Structural Domains 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Structural Domains in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 4 In the Add dialog box, select Stator iron (External Stator Slotted I) in the Selections to add list.
- 5 Click OK.

# **Deforming Domains**

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **I Union**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Union, type Deforming Domains in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 4 In the Add dialog box, select Difference 2 in the Selections to add list.
- 5 Click OK.
- 6 In the Settings window for Union, locate the Input Entities section.
- 7 Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 8 In the Add dialog box, select Flux barriers (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Selections to add list.
- 9 Click OK.
- 10 In the Settings window for Union, locate the Input Entities section.
- II Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 12 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor air gap (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Selections to add list.

#### I3 Click OK.

# Shaft Boundaries

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Adjacent**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Adjacent, type Shaft Boundaries in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Input selections, click + Add.
- 4 In the Add dialog box, select Shaft (Internal Rotor V-shaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Input selections list.
- 5 Click OK.
- 6 Right-click Shaft Boundaries and choose Duplicate.

# Rotor Magnet Boundaries

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Definitions>Selections click Shaft Boundaries I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Adjacent, type Rotor Magnet Boundaries in the Label text
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. In the Input selections list, select Shaft (Internal Rotor V-shaped Embedded Magnets 1).
- 4 Under Input selections, click Delete.
- 5 Under Input selections, click + Add.
- 6 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor\_magnets (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Input selections list.
- 7 Click OK.
- 8 Right-click Rotor Magnet Boundaries and choose Duplicate.

#### Rotor Air Pocket Boundaries

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Definitions>Selections click Rotor Magnet Boundaries 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Adjacent, type Rotor Air Pocket Boundaries in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. In the Input selections list, select Rotor\_magnets (Internal Rotor - V-shaped Embedded Magnets I).
- 4 Under Input selections, click Delete.
- 5 Under Input selections, click Add.
- 6 In the Add dialog box, select Flux barriers (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Input selections list.

#### 7 Click OK.

Magnet-Rotor Iron Contact Boundaries

- I In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Difference**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Difference, type Magnet-Rotor Iron Contact Boundaries in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the Input Entities section. Under Selections to add, click + Add.
- 5 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor Magnet Boundaries in the Selections to add list.
- 6 Click OK.
- 7 In the Settings window for Difference, locate the Input Entities section.
- 8 Under Selections to subtract, click + Add.
- 9 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor Air Pocket Boundaries in the Selections to subtract list.
- 10 Click OK.

## Rotor Magnet Boundaries

In the Model Builder window, right-click Rotor Magnet Boundaries and choose Duplicate.

## Rotor Air Gab Boundaries

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Definitions>Selections click Rotor Magnet Boundaries I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Adjacent, type Rotor Air Gap Boundaries in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Entities section. In the Input selections list, select Rotor\_magnets (Internal Rotor - V-shaped Embedded Magnets I).
- 4 Under Input selections, click Delete.
- 5 Under Input selections, click + Add.
- 6 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor air gap (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets I) in the Input selections list.
- 7 Click OK.

#### Rotating Boundaries

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Selections and choose Disk.
- 2 In the Settings window for Disk, type Rotating Boundaries in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Geometric Entity Level section. From the Level list, choose Boundary.
- 4 Locate the **Input Entities** section. From the **Entities** list, choose **From selections**.

- 5 Under Selections, click + Add.
- 6 In the Add dialog box, select Rotor Air Gap Boundaries in the Selections list.
- 7 Click OK.
- 8 In the Settings window for Disk, locate the Size and Shape section.
- 9 In the Outer radius text field, type d cont/2+airgap/4.
- 10 In the Inner radius text field, type d\_cont/2-airgap/4.
- II In the Model Builder window, right-click Rotating Boundaries and choose Duplicate.

# **Boundary Layer Boundaries**

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Definitions>Selections click Rotating Boundaries I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Disk, type Boundary Layer Boundaries in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the **Input Entities** section. From the **Entities** list, choose **All**.
- 4 Locate the Size and Shape section. In the Outer radius text field, type d cont/2+ airgap/3\*4.
- 5 In the Inner radius text field, type d\_cont/2-airgap/4\*3.
- 6 In the Inner radius text field, type d cont/2-airgap/4\*3.

#### Variables 1

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Definitions and choose Variables.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, locate the Variables section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Unit	Description
alpha	w_rot*2*pi*rm1(t)[s]		Rotation angle

Next, add materials and assign them to their appropriate domain selections.

#### ADD MATERIAL FROM LIBRARY

In the Home toolbar, click Windows and choose Add Material from Library.

#### ADD MATERIAL

- I Go to the Add Material window.
- 2 In the tree, select Built-in>Air.
- **3** Click **Add to Component** in the window toolbar.

- 4 In the tree, select AC/DC>Soft Iron (Without Losses).
- 5 Click Add to Component in the window toolbar.
- 6 In the tree, select AC/DC>Hard Magnetic Materials> Sintered NdFeB Grades (Chinese Standard)>N42 (Sintered NdFeB).
- 7 Click Add to Component in the window toolbar.
- 8 In the Home toolbar, click 4 Add Material to close the Add Material window.

#### MATERIALS

Soft Iron (Without Losses) (mat2)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Materials click Soft Iron (Without Losses) (mat2).
- 2 Select Domains 2 and 29 only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Material, locate the Material Contents section.
- **4** In the table, enter the following settings:

Property	Variable	Value	Unit	Property group
Young's modulus	E	185[GPa]	Pa	Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio
Poisson's ratio	nu	0.3	I	Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio
Density	rho	7500	kg/m³	Basic

N42 (Sintered NdFeB) (mat3)

- I In the Model Builder window, click N42 (Sintered NdFeB) (mat3).
- 2 In the Settings window for Material, locate the Geometric Entity Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Rotor\_magnets (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets 1).
- 4 Locate the Material Contents section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Property	Variable	Value	Unit	Property group
Young's modulus	E	160[GPa]	Pa	Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio
Poisson's ratio	nu	0.24	1	Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio
Density	rho	7500	kg/m³	Basic

#### SOLID MECHANICS (SOLID)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Solid Mechanics (solid).
- 2 In the Settings window for Solid Mechanics, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Structural Domains.
- **4** Locate the **Thickness** section. In the d text field, type L.

#### DEFINITIONS

Cylindrical System 2 (sys2)

- I In the Definitions toolbar, click  $\sqrt[2]{x}$  Coordinate Systems and choose Cylindrical System.
- 2 In the Settings window for Cylindrical System, locate the Coordinate Names section.
- 3 From the Frame list, choose Material (X, Y, Z).

# SOLID MECHANICS (SOLID)

Linear Elastic Material I

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Solid Mechanics (solid) click Linear Elastic Material I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Linear Elastic Material, locate the Coordinate System Selection section.
- 3 From the Coordinate system list, choose Cylindrical System 2 (sys2).

Rotating Frame 1

- I In the Model Builder window, click Rotating Frame I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rotating Frame, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Rotor Structural Domains.
- 4 Locate the Rotating Frame section. From the Rotation speed list, choose User defined. In the  $\alpha$  text field, type alpha.

Rigid Motion Suppression I

- In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose Rigid Motion Suppression.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rigid Motion Suppression, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Stator iron (External Stator Slotted I).

Fixed Constraint I

- I In the Physics toolbar, click Boundaries and choose Fixed Constraint.
- 2 In the Settings window for Fixed Constraint, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Shaft Boundaries.

# Thin Layer I

- I In the Physics toolbar, click Boundaries and choose Thin Layer.
- 2 In the Settings window for Thin Layer, locate the Boundary Properties section.
- **3** In the  $L_{\rm th}$  text field, type t1.
- 4 Locate the Thin Layer section. From the Approximation list, choose Spring.
- 5 Locate the Boundary Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Magnet-**Rotor Iron Contact Boundaries.**

# Spring Material I

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Attributes** and choose Spring Material.
- 2 In the Settings window for Spring Material, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Magnet-Rotor Iron Contact Boundaries.
- 4 Locate the Spring section. From the Spring type list, choose Total force as function of extension.
- **5** Specify the  $F_{tot}(u_e)$  vector as

kt1*solid.tl1.uelt1	tl
kn*solid.tl1.ueln	n

# DEFINITIONS

# Variables I

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Definitions click Variables I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Variables, locate the Variables section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Unit	Description
kt	5e11[N/m]	N/m	Spring stiffness in tension
kc	5e13[N/m]	N/m	Spring stiffness in compression
kn	<pre>kt*(solid.tl1.ueln&gt;=0)+ kc*(solid.tl1.ueln&lt;0)</pre>	N/m	Stiffness of thin elastic layer in normal direction
kt1	1e15[N/m]	N/m	Stiffness of thin elastic layer in tangential direction

#### ROTATING MACHINERY, MAGNETIC (RMM)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Rotating Machinery, Magnetic (rmm).
- 2 In the Settings window for Rotating Machinery, Magnetic, locate the Thickness section.
- **3** In the d text field, type L.
- 4 Click to expand the Discretization section. From the Magnetic vector potential list, choose Linear.

# Ampère's Law 2

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose Ampère's Law.
- 2 Select Domains 2 and 29 only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Ampère's Law, locate the Constitutive Relation B-H section.
- 4 From the Magnetization model list, choose B-H curve.

# Conducting Magnet 1

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose **Conducting Magnet**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Conducting Magnet, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Rotor\_magnets (Internal Rotor Vshaped Embedded Magnets 1).
- 4 Locate the Magnet section. From the Pattern type list, choose Circular pattern.
- 5 From the Type of periodicity list, choose Alternating.

#### North I

- I In the Model Builder window, click North I.
- 2 In the Settings window for North, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 Click Clear Selection.
- 4 Select Boundaries 394 and 414 only.

#### South 1

- I In the Model Builder window, click South I.
- 2 Select Boundaries 390 and 422 only.

The **Multiphase Winding** feature simplifies excitation of stator coils of electrical machines. For three-phase systems an automatic ordering of coil domains into a balanced stator winding is supported, provided that the electrical machine topology in terms of number of poles and slots can accommodate it. In the following steps, use a Multiphase Winding

feature to automatically populate the selections of three subnodes with coil domains representing each phase.

# Multiphase Winding I

- I In the Physics toolbar, click **Domains** and choose Multiphase Winding.
- 2 In the Settings window for Multiphase Winding, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Stator slots (External Stator Slotted 1).
- **4** Locate the **Multiphase Winding** section. In the  $I_{\rm pk}$  text field, type Ipk.
- **5** In the  $\alpha_i$  text field, type init\_ang+2\*pi\*f\_el\*rm1(t)[s].
- 6 From the Winding layout configuration list, choose Automatic three phase.
- **7** In the  $n_{\text{poles}}$  text field, type Np.
- **8** In the  $n_{\rm slots}$  text field, type Ns.
- **9** In the **Number of coils per slot** text field, type 2.
- 10 Locate the Homogenized Multiturn Conductor section. From the Coil wire crosssection area list, choose Filling factor.
- II Locate the Multiphase Winding section. Click Add Phases.

# Arkkio Torque Calculation I

- In the Physics toolbar, click Domains and choose Arkkio Torque Calculation.
- 2 Click the **Zoom Box** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.
- 3 Select Domains 1–29 and 31–46 only.

#### MOVING MESH

#### Deforming Domain 1

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Moving Mesh click Deforming Domain I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Deforming Domain, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Deforming Domains.

#### Rotating Boundary I

- I In the Model Builder window, click Rotating Boundary I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Rotating Boundary, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Rotating Boundaries.
- **4** Locate the **Rotation** section. In the  $\alpha$  text field, type alpha.

Adjust the default mesh to ensure sufficient resolution.

#### MESH I

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Mesh I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mesh, locate the Sequence Type section.
- **3** From the list, choose **User-controlled mesh**.

#### Size

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Mesh I click Size.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size, locate the Element Size section.
- **3** Click the **Custom** button.
- 4 Locate the Element Size Parameters section. In the Curvature factor text field, type 0.9.

#### Size 1

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Mesh I and choose Size.
- 2 In the Settings window for Size, locate the Geometric Entity Selection section.
- 3 From the Geometric entity level list, choose Domain.
- 4 From the Selection list, choose Stator iron (External Stator Slotted I).
- **5** Locate the **Element Size** section. Click the **Custom** button.
- 6 Locate the Element Size Parameters section.
- 7 Select the Maximum element size check box. In the associated text field, type 1.5.
- 8 Right-click Size I and choose Move Up.

#### Free Triangular I

In the Model Builder window, right-click Free Triangular I and choose Build Selected.

# Boundary Layers 1

- I In the Mesh toolbar, click Boundary Layers.
- 2 In the Settings window for Boundary Layers, locate the Domain Selection section.
- 3 From the Geometric entity level list, choose Domain.
- **4** Select Domains 10 and 99 only.

# Boundary Layer Properties

- I In the Model Builder window, click Boundary Layer Properties.
- 2 In the Settings window for Boundary Layer Properties, locate the Boundary Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Boundary Layer Boundaries.
- 4 Locate the Layers section. In the Number of layers text field, type 1.

5 In the Thickness adjustment factor text field, type 5.

#### STUDY I

Step 2: Time Dependent

- Time Dependent.
- 2 In the Settings window for Time Dependent, locate the Study Settings section.
- 3 In the Output times text field, type range (0, t step, t end).

Solution I (soll)

- 2 In the Model Builder window, expand the Solution I (soll) node, then click Time-Dependent Solver I.
- 3 In the Settings window for Time-Dependent Solver, click to expand the Time Stepping section.
- 4 Find the Algebraic variable settings subsection. In the Fraction of initial step for Backward Euler text field, type 0.1.
- 5 In the Model Builder window, expand the Study I>Solver Configurations> Solution I (soll)>Time-Dependent Solver I>Segregated I node, then click Magnetic Potential.
- 6 In the Settings window for Segregated Step, click to expand the Method and Termination section.
- 7 From the Nonlinear method list, choose Automatic (Newton).
- 8 In the Study toolbar, click **Compute**.

#### RESULTS

- I Click the Show Grid button in the Graphics toolbar.
- 2 Click the **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

Follow the instructions below to plot the von Mises stress as shown in Figure 2.

von Mises Stress (solid)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results click Stress (solid).
- 2 In the Settings window for 2D Plot Group, type von Mises Stress (solid) in the Label text field.

Surface I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the von Mises Stress (solid) node, then click Surface 1.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Expression section.
- 3 From the Unit list, choose MPa.

Follow the instructions below to plot the radial stress as shown in Figure 3.

von Mises Stress (solid)

In the Model Builder window, right-click von Mises Stress (solid) and choose Duplicate.

Radial Stress (solid)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results click von Mises Stress (solid) I.
- 2 In the Settings window for 2D Plot Group, type Radial Stress (solid) in the Label text field.

Surface I

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Radial Stress (solid) node, then click Surface I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, click Replace Expression in the upper-right corner of the Expression section. From the menu, choose Component I (compl)>Solid Mechanics> Stress>Stress tensor, local coordinate system - N/m2>solid.sIGp11 - Stress tensor, local coordinate system, I I-component.

Follow the instructions below to plot system displacement as shown in Figure 4.

von Mises Stress (solid)

In the Model Builder window, under Results right-click von Mises Stress (solid) and choose Duplicate.

Displacement (solid)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results click von Mises Stress (solid) I.
- 2 In the Settings window for 2D Plot Group, type Displacement (solid) in the Label text field.

Surface 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Displacement (solid) node, then click Surface I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Expression section.
- **3** In the **Expression** text field, type solid.disp.

Follow the instructions below to plot the displacement of a sample point on rotor as shown in Figure 5.

# Graph Plot Style 1

- I In the Results toolbar, click ( Configurations and choose Graph Plot Style.
- 2 In the Settings window for Graph Plot Style, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- **3** Find the **Line style** subsection. From the **Color** list, choose **Cycle**.
- 4 Locate the Legends section. Find the Include in automatic mode subsection. Select the **Description** check box.
- **5** Clear the **Solution** check box.
- 6 Locate the Coloring and Style section. Find the Line style subsection. From the Width list, choose 2.

#### Displacement

- I In the Results toolbar, click  $\sim$  ID Plot Group.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, type Displacement in the Label text field.
- **3** Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **None**.
- 4 Click to expand the **Style Configuration** section. From the **Configuration** list, choose Graph Plot Style 1.

# Point Graph 1

- I Right-click Displacement and choose Point Graph.
- **2** Select Point 264 only.
- 3 In the Settings window for Point Graph, locate the y-Axis Data section.
- 4 In the Expression text field, type u.
- **5** Click to expand the **Legends** section. Select the **Show legends** check box.
- 6 From the Legends list, choose Manual.
- **7** In the table, enter the following settings:

#### Legends

X-component

8 Right-click Point Graph I and choose Duplicate.

# Point Graph 2

- I In the Model Builder window, click Point Graph 2.
- 2 In the Settings window for Point Graph, locate the y-Axis Data section.
- **3** In the **Expression** text field, type v.

**4** Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Legends	
Y-component	

## Displacement

- I In the Model Builder window, click Displacement.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, locate the Plot Settings section.
- **3** Select the **Two y-axes** check box.
- 4 In the table, select the Plot on secondary y-axis check box for Point Graph 2.
- **5** Select the **x-axis label** check box.
- 6 Select the y-axis label check box.
- 7 Select the Secondary y-axis label check box.

Follow the instructions below to plot the axial torque as shown in Figure 7.

#### Toraue

- I In the Results toolbar, click  $\sim$  ID Plot Group.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, type Torque in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **None**.
- 4 Locate the Style Configuration section. From the Configuration list, choose Graph Plot Style 1.
- **5** Locate the **Legend** section. Clear the **Show legends** check box.

#### Global I

- I Right-click **Torque** and choose **Global**.
- 2 In the Settings window for Global, locate the y-Axis Data section.
- **3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
rmm.Tark_1	N*m	Axial torque

4 In the Torque toolbar, click **Plot**.

# Torque

- I In the Model Builder window, click Torque.
- 2 In the Settings window for ID Plot Group, locate the Axis section.
- 3 Select the Manual axis limits check box.

- 4 In the x minimum text field, type 0.
- **5** In the **y minimum** text field, type **0**.
- 6 In the Torque toolbar, click **Plot**.

Magnetic Flux Density Norm (rmm), Torque

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results, Ctrl-click to select Magnetic Flux Density Norm (rmm) and Torque.
- 2 Right-click and choose Group.

Electromagnetic Plots

In the **Settings** window for **Group**, type Electromagnetic Plots in the **Label** text field.

Displacement, Displacement (solid), Radial Stress (solid), Stress, Thin Layer (solid), von Mises Stress (solid)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results, Ctrl-click to select von Mises Stress (solid), Stress, Thin Layer (solid), Radial Stress (solid), Displacement (solid), and Displacement.
- 2 Right-click and choose **Group**.

Structural Plots

In the **Settings** window for **Group**, type Structural Plots in the **Label** text field.

Radial Stress (solid)

In the Model Builder window, right-click Radial Stress (solid) and choose Move Up.

von Mises Stress (solid)

- I In the Results toolbar, click Animation and choose Player.
- 2 In the Settings window for Animation, type von Mises Stress (solid) in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Frames section. In the Number of frames text field, type 50.
- 4 Right-click von Mises Stress (solid) and choose Duplicate.

Magnetic Flux Density Norm (rmm)

- I In the Model Builder window, under Results>Export click von Mises Stress (solid) I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Animation, type Magnetic Flux Density Norm (rmm) in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Scene section. From the Subject list, choose Magnetic Flux Density Norm (rmm).