

Electrical Network Model for ReBCO Cables and Coils

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Introduction and Motivation

- Feather-M0/2 EuCARD-2 Magnets (presented at ASC 2014)
- Two of the present concerns with ReBCO HTS accelerator magnets
	- 1. Magnetization and Field Quality
	- 2. Quench Detection and Protection
- This lead to the development of an Electrical Network model of ReBCO cables (and coils)
- The model follows the JackPot-AC model for Cable in Conduit Conductors from the University of Twente

JackPot-AC

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- Calculation of current distribution in Cable in Conduit Conductors (CiCC)
- Accurate prediction of coupling losses of such cables and joints
- Allows for large number of elements
- Idea is to start from same solver setup because it is fast and solid
- Many new features needed implementation

Figure 10. Measured and simulated AC loss of the joint versus frequency, under different angles of the applied AC field.

Network Geometry

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- To be able to model the hysteresis the superconducting tapes are modeled as ribbon shaped meshes of elements (PEEC)
- At this moment there are three cable geometries implemented.

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5 **Roebel Cable**

- Baseline cable geometry for EuCARD2 Feather-M2 magnet
	- 15 tapes
	- 226 mm twist pitch
- The positions of some nodes along the length of the cable are fixed
- Trajectories of tapes are calculated from unit cell

Unit Cell

6 **Contact Elements**

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System of Equations

Solving the system

- The system is solved using the **Sundials IDA** solver from LLNL [1]
- Jacobian Function
	- Most derivatives are approximated using finite difference
	- The system
- **Preconditioner**
	- Using stabilized bi-conjugent gradient method (BICGSTAB) or generalised minimal residual method (GMRES) preconditioned by LU-matrices
	- The LU-decomposition of the system matrix is performed only when requested by IDA
	- Only for the LU the mutual inductances from the MLFMM can not included in the system

Non-Linear Current Sharing Model

- Current sharing refers to the current distribution between the matrix material and the superconductor provides Vnl(I)
- In the model three options are available:
	- 1. Pure power law (not useable for quench analysis because only valid below or just above Tcs)
	- 2. Linear transition between Tcs and Tc

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Figure 4.1: Schematic representation of current sharing in a practical superconductor (adapted from Bellis [35]).

3. Superconducting power law element in parallel with resistive (matrix) element (implicit equation)

- Multi-Level Fast Multipole Method (MLFMM) developed by Greengard and Leslie (one of the top 10 algorithms of the previous century)
- Instead of using a dense matrix the the induced voltages can be calculated at each element every time step using MLFMM
- Uses spherical harmonics (multipoles) as a "middle man" to reduce the computational complexity from O(NxM) to O(N+M)
- An octtree-grid ensures that all the interactions are included

Information moves from red to blue

S₂M

Source to Multipole

Source

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 $M2M$

Multipole to Multipole

• Implemented using highly parallelized code using NVIDIA CUDA GPU programming language

Multi-Level Fast Multipole Method

L. Greengard, "The rapid evaluation of potential fields in particle systems," tech. rep., Cambridge, 1988. J. Kurzak and B. M. Pettitt, "Fast multipole methods for particle dynamics," Molecular Simulation, vol. 32, no. 10-11, pp. 775–790, 2006.

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S₂T Source to Target

Validation of Magnetisation Model

 Y [mm]

 Z [mm]

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750 700 650

• Comparison University of Geneva Data taken with VSM

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- sample size 4.4 mm x 5.1 mm x 0.16 mm but edges near cut suspected to be damaged during sample preparation
- For the calculation critical current scaled to 50 A/mm in 4.2K, 19 T perpendicular field
- Considering scaling relation used. Reasonable agreement is found between measurement and experiment.

Special thanks to Carmine Senatore and the university of Geneva for sharing their measurement data!

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- The calculated magnetisation of a Roebel cable in -2 to 2 T sinusoidal applied field in the perpendicular direction
- Only hysteresis, almost no coupling currents observed
- Hysteresis curve as function of number of elements along width of tapes
- Studied the influence of the number of elements across the width of the tape (decided to use 14 or more)
- Measurement of hysteresis and AC-losses is on-going at the University of Twente

 $Nw = 04$ $Nw = 06$ $Nw = 08$ $Nw = 10$ $Nw = 12$ $Nw = 14$ $Nw = 16$ $Nw = 18$

 1.5

 0.5

4000

3500

3000

2500

- The calculated shielding currents of a CoRC cable in -2 to 2 T sinusoidal applied field in the perpendicular direction
- Almost only hysteresis observed
- CoRC strands are twisted therefore less magnetisation than Roebel in perpendicular field direction
- Similar behaviour with number of elements observed as for Roebel

Feather–M2 Harmonics

- Due to limitations of the BemFem no Iron pole (yet)
- Simultaneous ramp of Fresca2 and insert over 20 minutes (1200 s)
- Top deck generates more shielding currents due to field angle
- Harmonics at 2/3 aperture less than 10 units
- Keeping alignment during ramping could reduce the field error by a great deal

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Validation of Thermal Model

- Comparison University of Twente normal zone propagation measurement data (master assignment JvN).
- As an example a quench at 35 K, 10 T parallel, 300 A in a 4 mm wide tape
- Quench was purposely initiated at edge of tape to show redistribution of current
- Propagation is, due to the redistribution of the current, much faster in width direction than longitudinal direction!

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Normal Zone Propagation inside Roebel cable

Mag

• 0.4 watt heating on point after 10.5 s

 $t = 10.50$ s, $l = 4593.80$ A, $Bx = 10.00$ T, $By = 0.00$ T, $Bz = 0.00$ T

Requested Experimental Input

• Additional validation of the model

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- Magnetisation and AC-losses of different cable structures, pressures and orientations
- Quench propagation and corresponding current redistribution of different cable structures
- Electrical contact resistances
- Thermal contact resistances

- An electrical network model representing the tapes in ReBCO cables has been introduced
- In the model the following physics are available
	- Electrical voltages and currents
	- Heat generation and conduction
- Initial validation seems promising but waiting for more measurement data (from the University of Twente)
- Some examples were calculated for this conference but real data mining is yet to start (need validation first)
- Intend to get
	- Further analysis of the magnetisation currents and their effect on the coil harmonics.
	- Possible ramp scenarios for Feather-M2 magnet
	- Quench analysis and comparison between the different cable types

20 **Thank you for your attention**

