

The structure design of a 300-kvar class HTS synchronous condenser prototype

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Introduction

- ✓ In China Southern Power Grid, the Ultra High Voltage Direct Current (UHVDC) transmission grid is being established gradually.
- ✓ Large amount of reactive power is required and consumed by rectifiers and inverters to stabilize the grid voltage.

The merits of synchronous dynamic condensers (DSC):

(compared with STATCOM and SVC)

- Quicker response, better performance
- Hardly influenced by voltage sags
- Fully capable of either leading or lagging mode

Applying HTS material

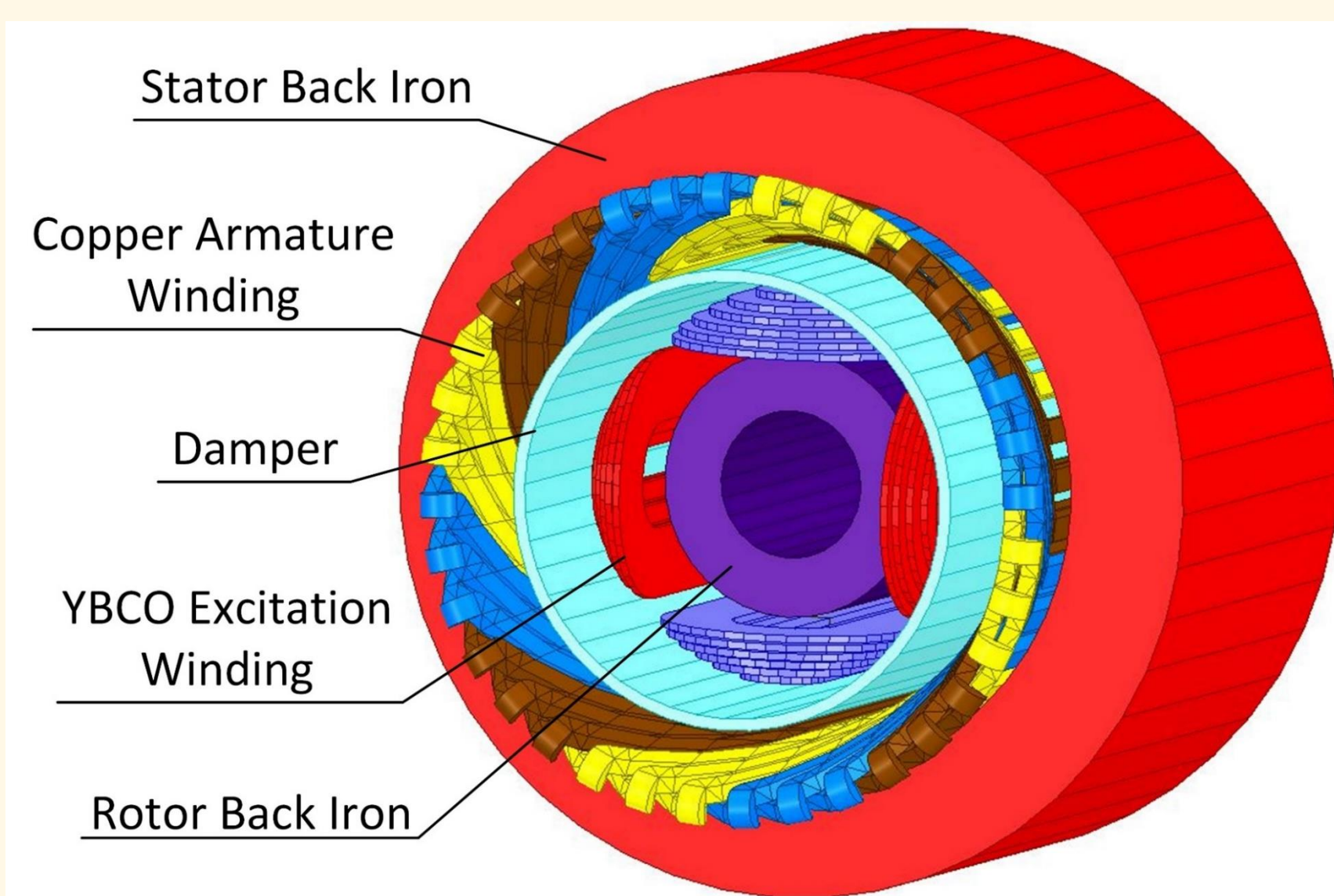
More advantages of HTS DSC:

- Smaller size, lighter weight
- Lower loss, higher efficiency
- Smaller synchronous reactance
- Less excitation current change rate

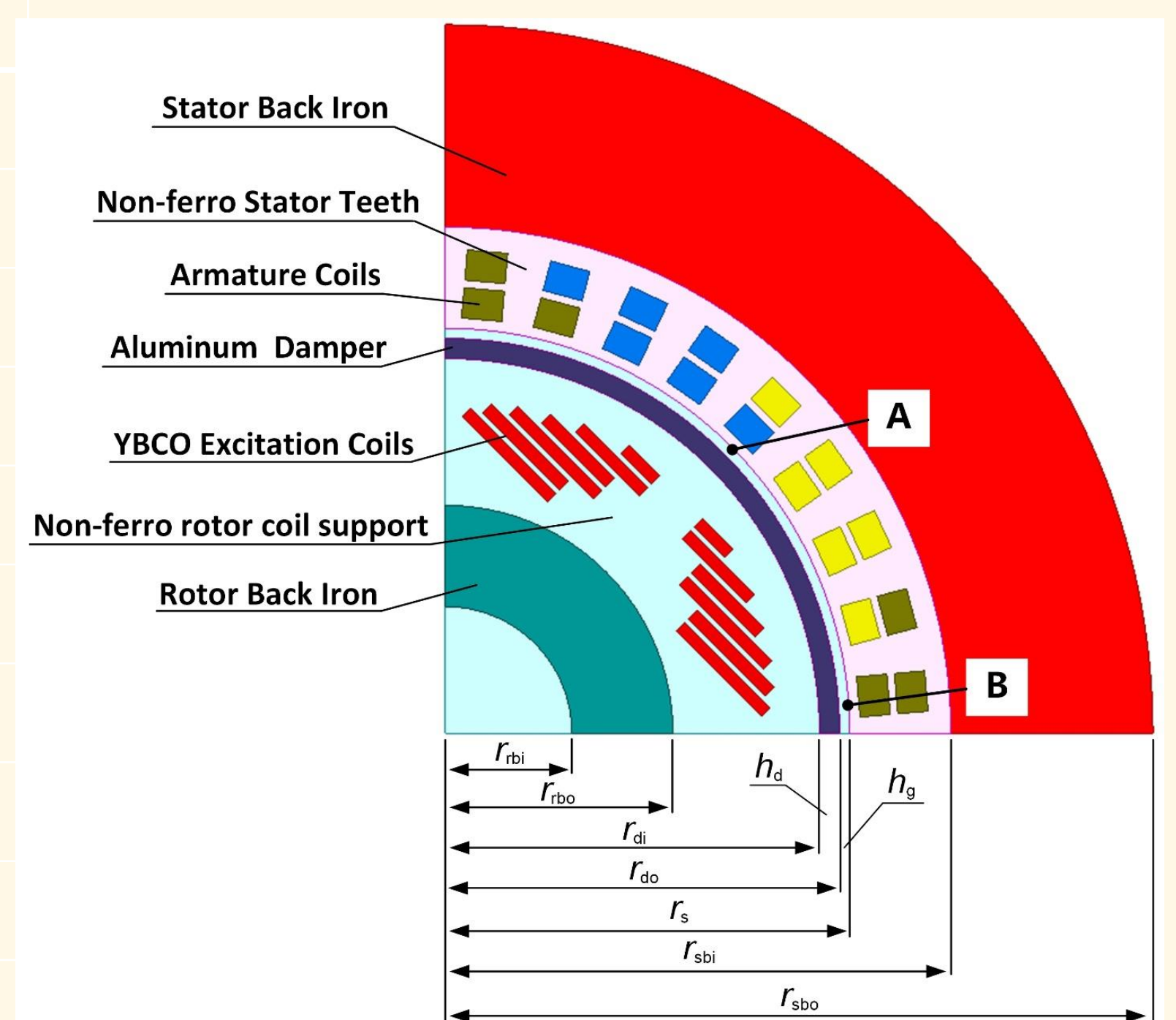
Recently, China Southern Power Grid has setup a R&D program to further study the feasibility of reactive compensation in UHVDC system.

General Design Parameter

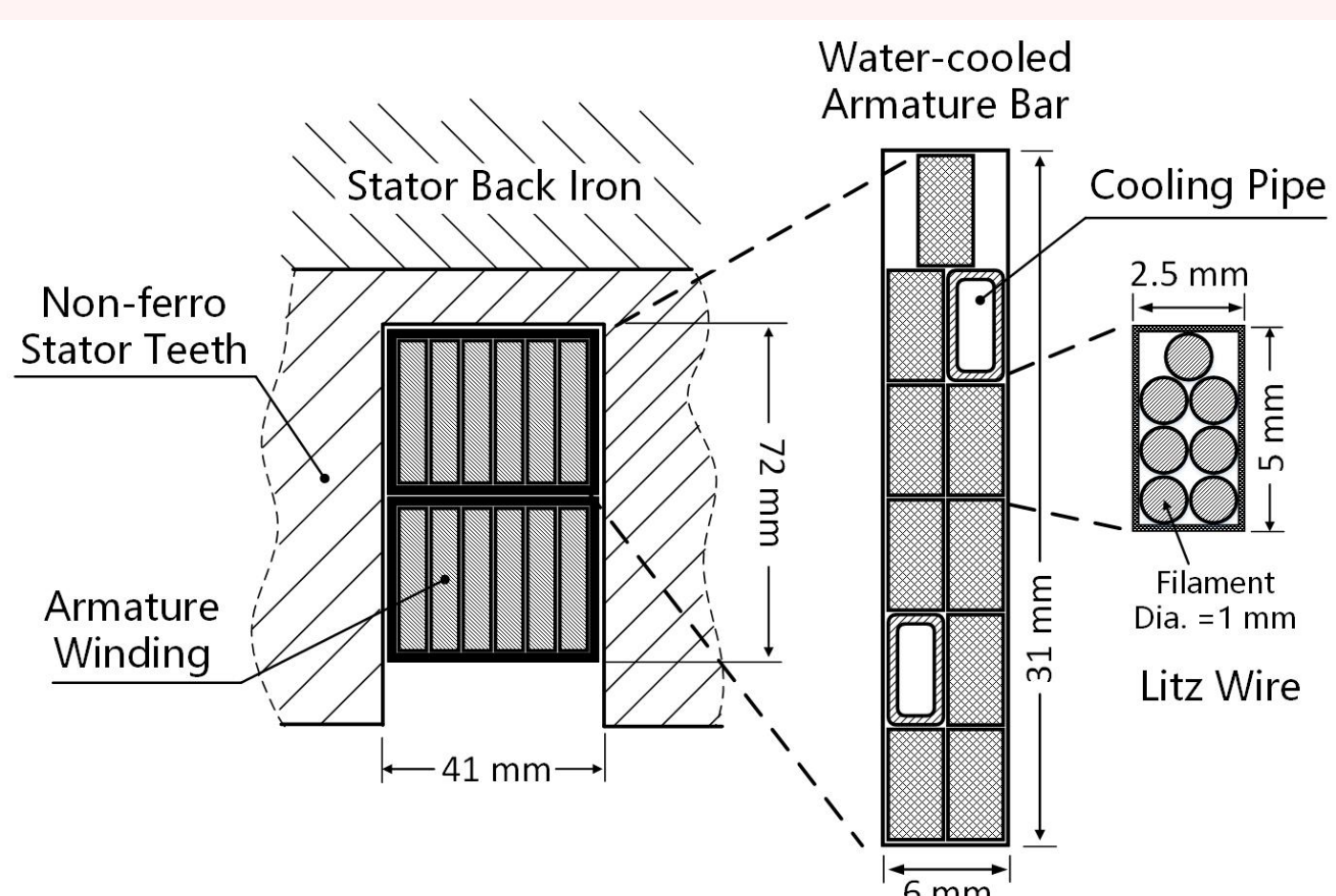
Electromagnetic	Value
rated power P_n	10 Mvar
rated voltage U_n	11 kV
Rated current I_n	525 A
poles/ slots	4 / 36
Revolution speed n_0	1500 RPM
Frequency f	50 Hz
No-load $I_{f,0}$	375 A
Full-load $I_{f,n}$	428 A
Gap field B_0	~ 1.4 T
Armature load A_0	~900 A/cm



Dimension	Value
inner radius of rotor iron r_{rbi}	125 mm
outer radius of rotor iron r_{rbo}	225 mm
inner radius of damper r_{di}	370 mm
outer radius of damper r_{do}	390 mm
thickness of damper h_d	20 mm
length of physical air gap h_g	10 mm
radius of stator inner surface r_s	400 mm
inner radius of stator iron r_{sbi}	500 mm
outer radius of stator iron r_{sbo}	700 mm
length of coils straight part l_{eff}	800 mm



The Stator and YBCO Rotor Winding



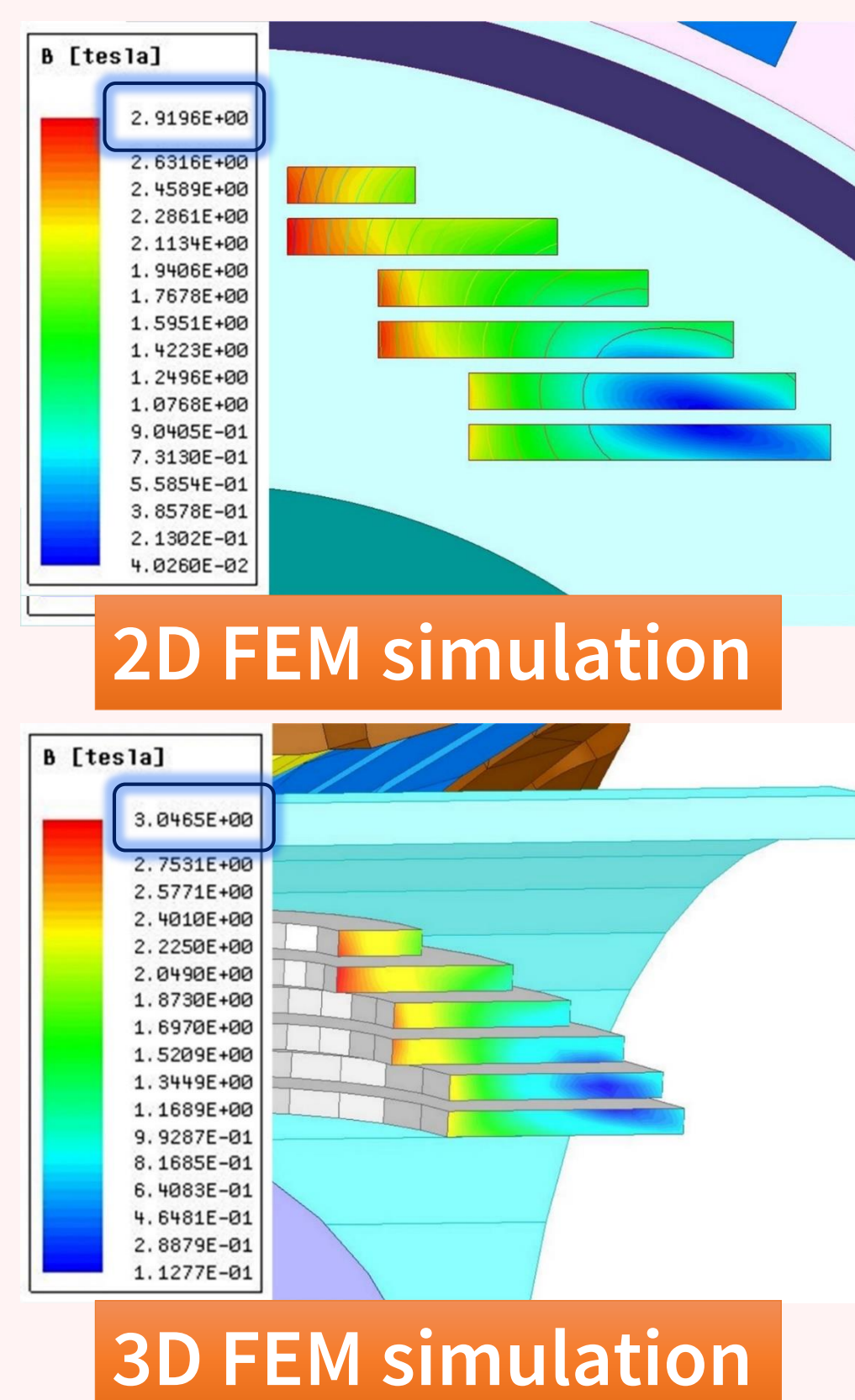
Configuration:

1. Thin filaments to reduce eddy loss.
2. Water cooling to improve A_0 .
3. Air cored to avoid over saturation.
4. Litz wires twisted to form bars.
5. $J_a = 10.55 \text{ A/mm}^2$ @ rated power.

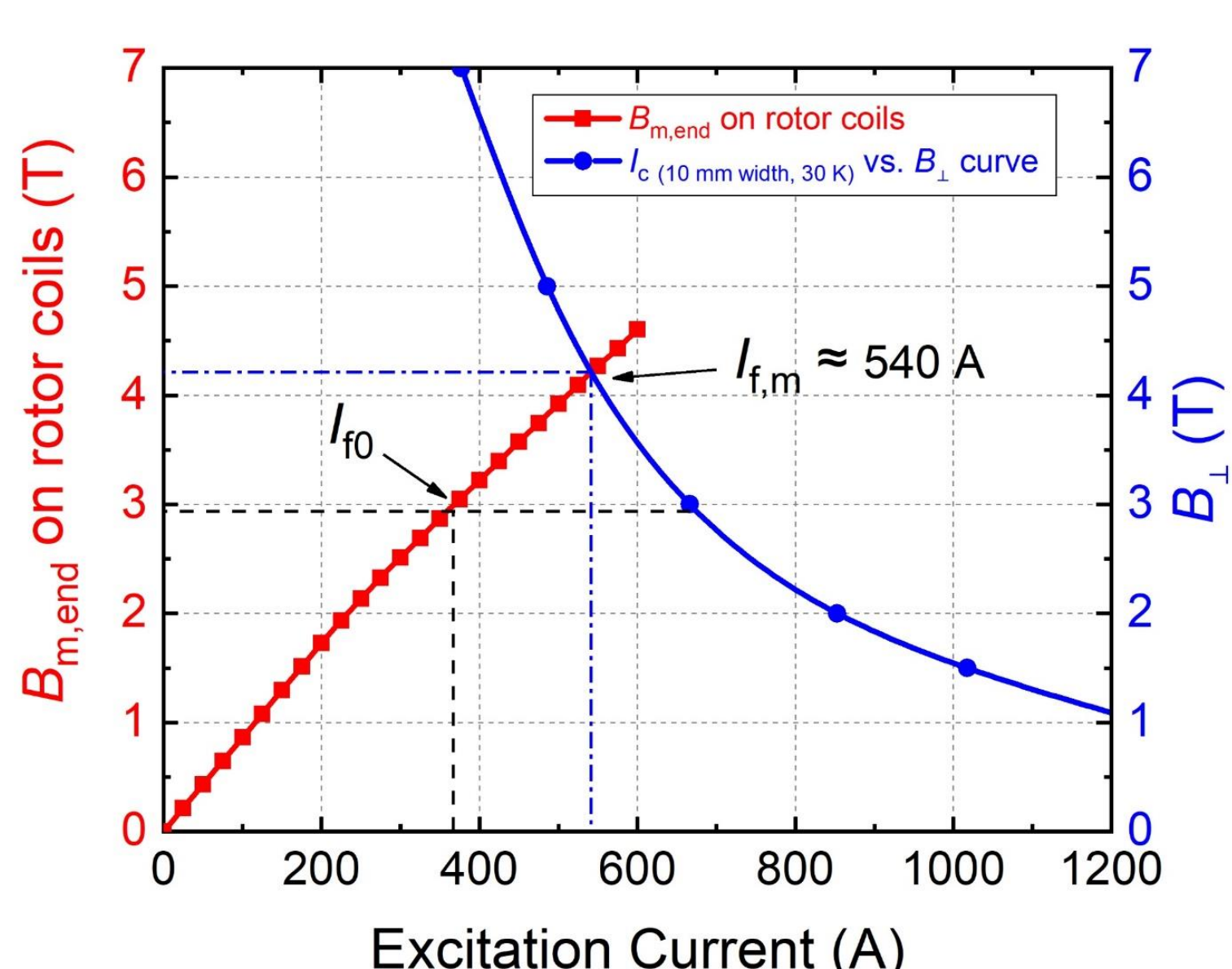
The water-cooled armature winding

HTS Rotor Winding:

- ✓ 10 mm-wide YBCO coated conductors with copper laminated.
- ✓ 6 single-pancake coils with different sizes on each rotor pole.
- ✓ Cooled by 20 ~30 K gaseous helium through conduction.



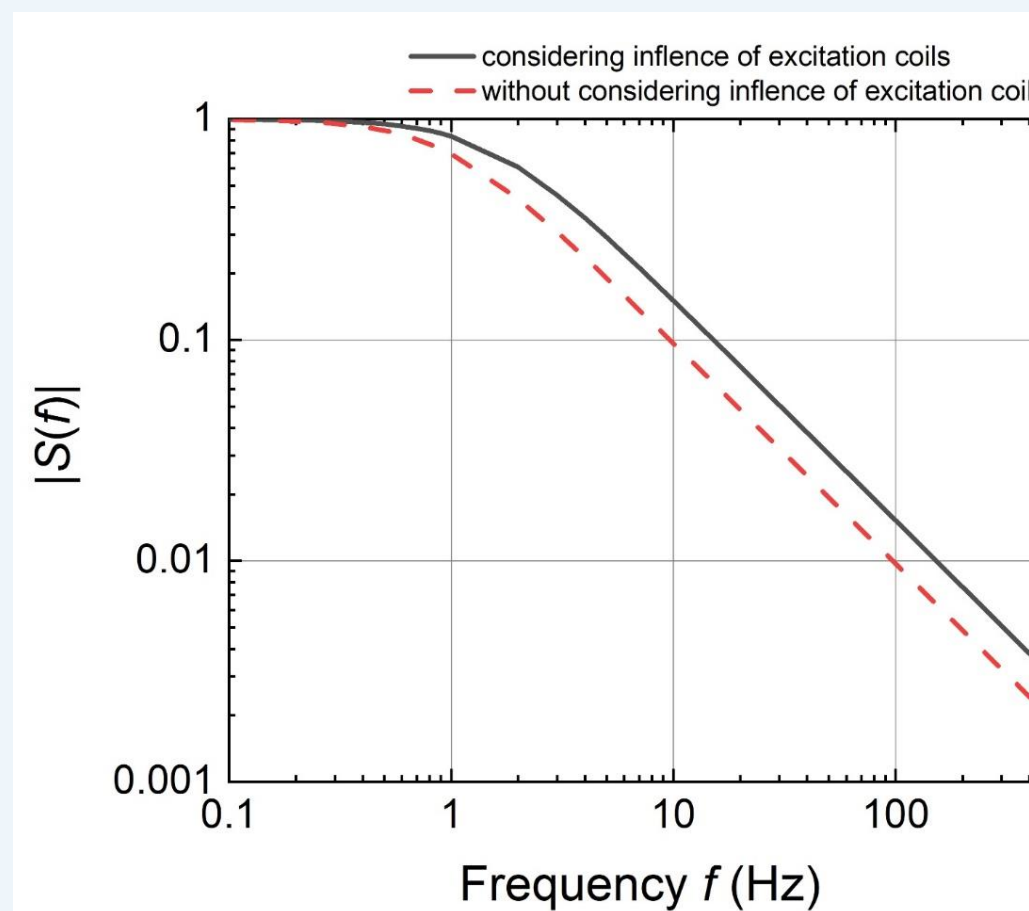
B_{max} appears on arc segments of windings



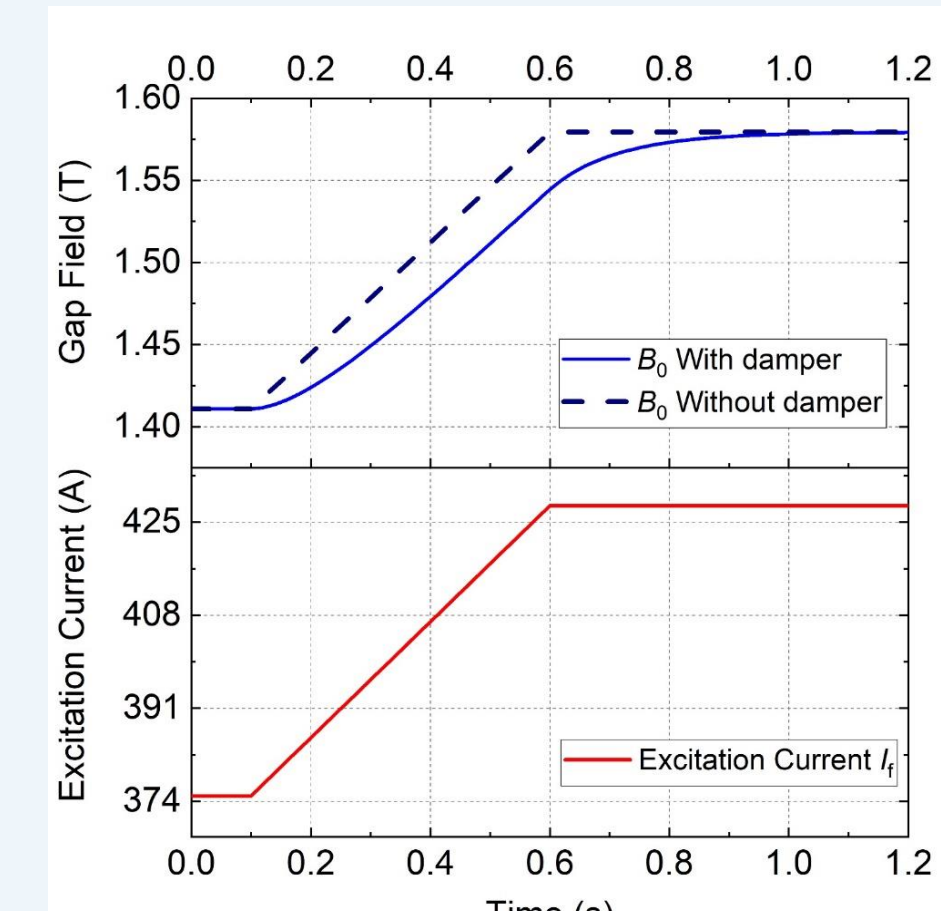
B_{max} on YBCO coils vs I_c - B^* properties

* I_c - B properties from Robinsons Research Institute, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

The damper (screening and damping layer)



The screening effect to higher-order harmonics

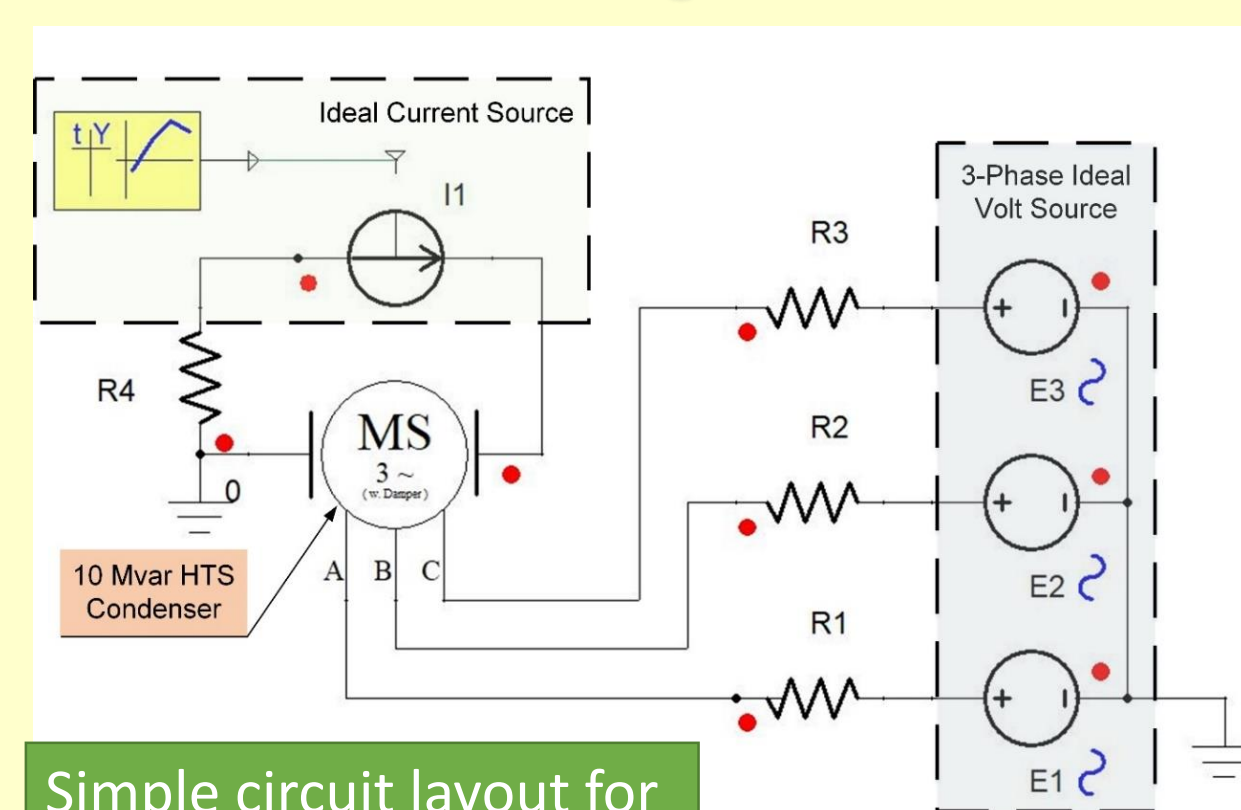


The damping effect to fast forced excitation

Conflict of damper usage:

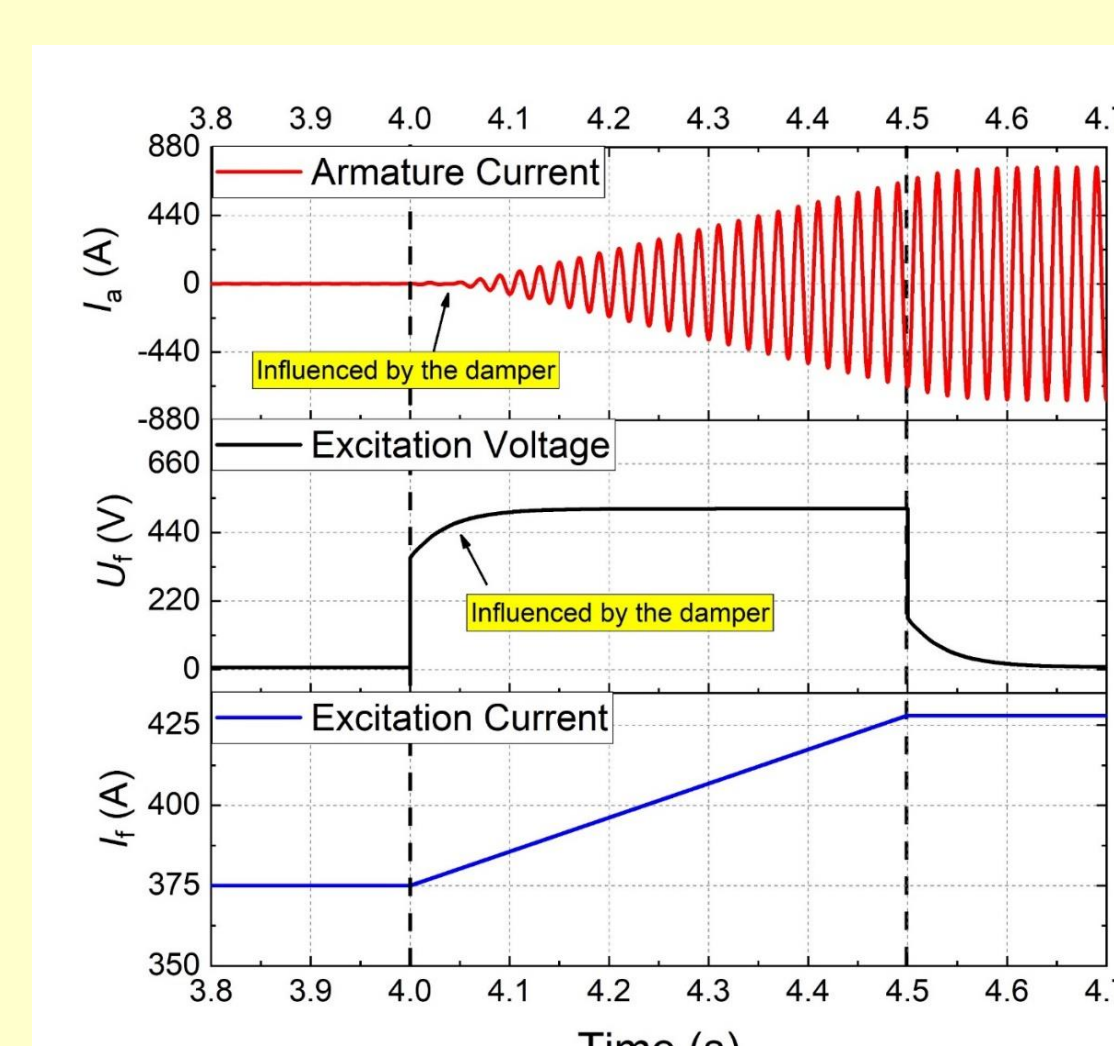
- Positive:** Screening higher-order stator harmonics.
 - Negative:** Damping the forced excitation ramp rate.
- Using analytic formula and FEM software to study the screening and damping effect.

The Simple Circuit Simulation

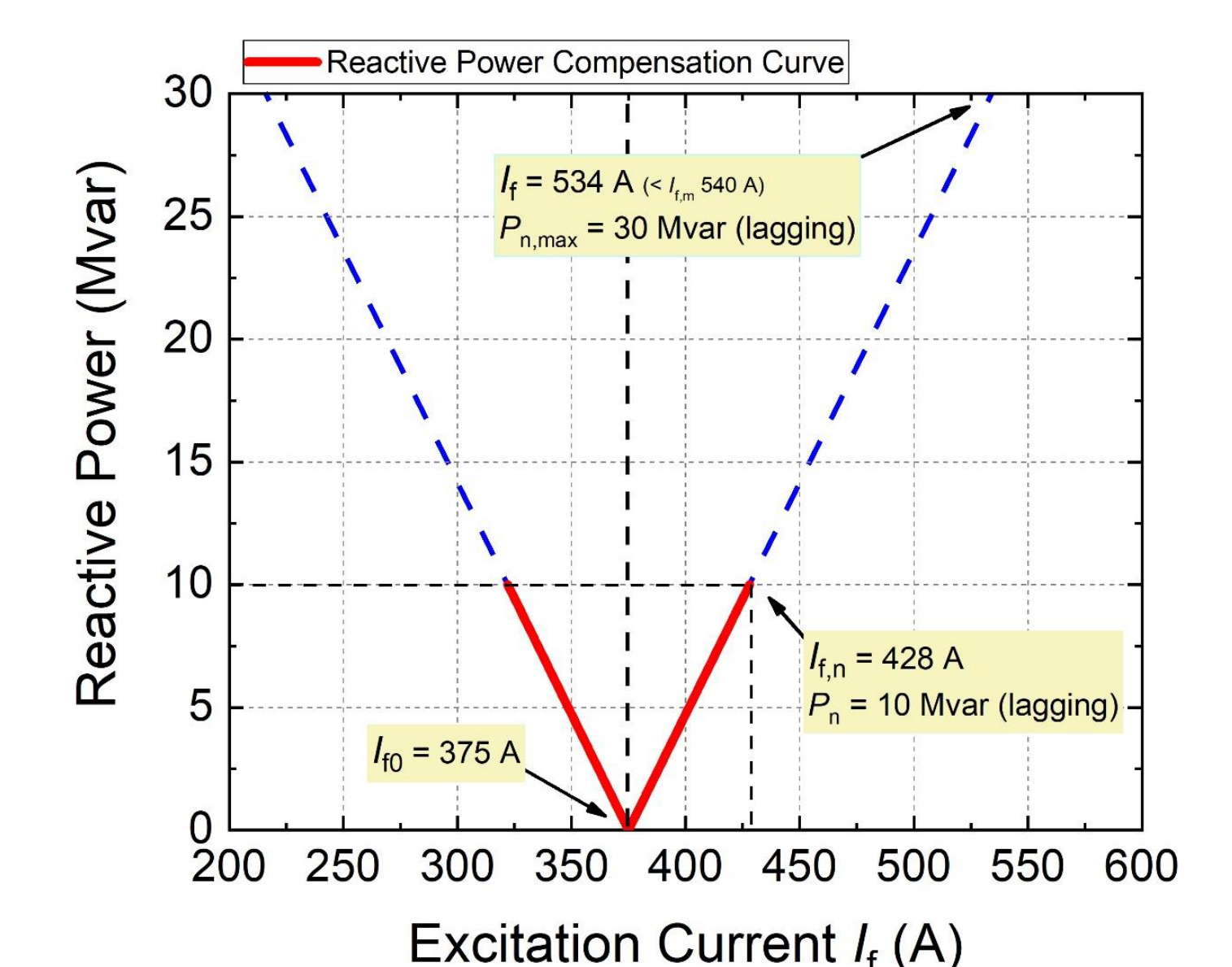


Simple circuit layout for reactive compensation

- Using ANSYS Simpler, the V-shape reactive compensation curve was simulated.
- The HTS DSC was treated as a synchronous motor model with damper.
- Volt Source and Excitation Source are ideal.



Simulation results



The V-shape reactive compensation curve