## FLYWHEEL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM MECHANICAL STATOR DESIGN

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# **UI FLYWHEEL**

- Utilizes field regulated reluctance machine to accelerate and decelerate the rotor. No windings on rotor
- Friction losses are minimized by using magnetic levitation and containment in vacuum chamber





# **UI FLYWHEEL BACKGROUND**

NASA Steckler Space Grant funded research project to develop a flywheel energy storage system for lunar and terrestrial use.

- Phase I proof of concept
- Phase II manufacturing of low speed system (1000 rpm)
- Phase III design and manufacturing of high speed system (25000 30000 rpm)





## PHASE III

• M.E. and E.E. Team – High Speed

- Develop a modular analytical model for the high speed field reluctance machine stator

• C.S. Team – Low Speed

- Design and test a control system for the safe acceleration and stabilization of the flywheel



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# PROJECT

- Develop analytical modular model for the high speed flywheel stator
- Inputs Torque and Heat
- Outputs Geometry and Temperature Distribution

Project Assigned		Client Interview		Preliminary Design Review		Progress Report		Detailed Design Review		EXPO
	Project Learning		Brainstorming		Design Exploration		Detailed Design		Final Proc	Juct
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# **MODEL OUTLINE**



## STRESS & FATIGUE ANALYSIS



## FATIGUE ANALYSIS

Stator had the following important aspects

- Stepped Shaft
- Through-bore for coolant
- Keyway for windings
- Stainless steel shaft
- Iron laminations
- Torque loading









# **KEYWAY ANALYSIS**

- Decided to use a keyway for attaching the iron stator laminations to the shaft
  - Easier assembly/disassembly than a press fit
  - Won't slip under high load
  - Could design key to be the point of failure to protect stator shaft and laminations







# VERIFICATION





- Solidworks Simulations (FEA)
  - Max stresses appear at stress concentration in keyway
  - Below calculated fatigue limit except in extreme cases

## HEAT TRANSFER



#### EARLY DESIGNS



### THERMAL CIRCUIT







## OUTPUTS

- Predicts the temperature distribution across the coolant, stator shaft, iron hub, and iron teeth
- Max temperature must be below 200°C (390°F) to ensure integrity of coil wire insulation
- Used independent Finite Element Analyses to verify thermal model





### THERMAL VERIFICATION



## FINAL DELIVERABLES

- Modular analytical model
  - Fatigue calculations for geometry to ensure long life

(~2 million cycles)

- Thermal performance of cooling system to minimize temperature distribution (Must operate below 200°C)
- Thermal fatigue stress
- Keyway dimensions
- Base bolt pattern
- Detailed procedure for using model and verifying calculations.
- Machining suggestions for future teams



## **MOVING FORWARD**

- Once rotor and field regulated reluctance machine parameters are determined, the analytical model will be used to determine stator geometry
- Develop manufacturing plan
- High speed system can then be built











## THERMAL FATIGUE

Thermal Strain

 $\varepsilon = \alpha \Delta T$ 

"Seen" Strain

$$\varepsilon_{seen} = \varepsilon_{steel} - \varepsilon_{iron}$$

"Seen" Strain to radial stress

$$\varepsilon_{seen} = \frac{\sigma_r}{E_{material}}$$

Hoop stress outside Steel Surface

$$\sigma_h = \frac{2(r_0^2)\sigma_r}{(r_0 - r_i)^2}$$

Hoop stress inside iron surface

$$\sigma_h = \frac{\sigma_r (r_o + r_i)^2}{(r_o - r_i)^2}$$

# THERMAL FATIGUE RESULTS

- Increase in temperature => Increase in stress
- Increase in diameter => Decrease in hoop stress
- Tolerances affect calculations
  - Thermal expansion on order of 1/1000ths of inches



Stresses present in Iron vs. Temp Change

# **KEYWAY ANALYSIS**





Minimum key length - shear

$$L_s = \frac{4TF_s}{S_y DW}$$

Minimum key length - bearing

$$L_s = \frac{4TF_s}{KS_y DH}$$
  
Where

1.0 < K < 1.5

#### Shear Stress in Key

$$\tau_{avg} = \frac{2T}{DWL} = \frac{0.5S_y}{F_s}$$

For shaft calculations, assume stress concentration factors:

Bending  $K_t = 2.2$  Torsion

$$K_{ts} = 2.6$$

#### **VERIFICATION SIMULATIONS**





Inputs

Forque (Nm)	Torque (lbf*in)	cycles	Fatigue Limit (MPa)	Max Stress in Shaft (MPa)
11.29848293	100	2*10^6	53.05	16.88
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56.49241467	500	2*10^6	53.05	32.77
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34.738622	750	2*10^6	53.05	40.31
34.738622	750	2*10^6	53.05	41.33
225.9696587	2000	2*10^6	53.05	57.4
225.9696587	2000	2*10^6	53.05	49.83