

Flux Concentrator Opera Model

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Background

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Background

- Tapered 12-turns solenoid made of Copper
- Axial field sharp rise (~6T) at device entrance followed by a rapid decay to 0 T



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Goals of the simulation

- To understand the working principle of an Adiabatic Matching Device Flux Concentrator (AMD FC) by the mean of electromagnetic models using Opera® software
- To give the phenomenology of the axial field boost from 2 to 6 T
- To reproduce the design and result of the SLAC AMD FC
- To run parametric study in order to optimize future AMD FC design



Description of the Opera models

- 2D model
- Axi-symmetric system
- Geometry of solenoid:
- Material properties:
- Boundary conditions:
- Powering circuit:
- Regular mesh and mesh refinement:
- Static and dynamic simulation:
- Cases of study:

Straight and tapered, SLAC design Constant conductivity of Copper Tangential field for symmetry and far field AC or DC current supply and winding quadrilateral FE and Bias method Eddy Current and Skin effect decoupling the various effects



Description of the Opera models

Simple geometries to decouple the effects





Description of the Opera models

Powering circuit

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Opera links the FE model to circuit elements (current supply external resistor and winding elements)



The built-in circuit allows to reproduce experimental powering ramp.







Axial field profile for different cases of study

Comparison between Static and transient simulations



Field boost occurs only in tapered solenoid

Field above 5 T obtained for tapered thick solenoid (2D model is enough)



Current density distribution and field boost origin

Comparison between Static and transient simulations



In static simulation, the current preferably flows from the inner side to the periphery of the turns



Current density distribution and field boost origin

Comparison between Static and transient simulations



In **transient** simulation, the **current flows** at the **skin** of the turns For the tapered case, **opposite flows of current** circulate within each turn



Current density distribution and field boost origin





Comparison with experimental result

- SLAC design is modelled. It includes:
 - 200 microns gap between the turns
 - Round conductor tip (for numerical singularity removal)
 - Excellent agreement between numerical and experimental curves





• Sensitivity analysis of the model to the design parameters is carried out on:

- Current's Amplitude and Frequency
- Material conductivity
- Coil geometry:
 - gap size, solenoid outer radius, number of turns



Current & Frequency variations

 The peak field linearly scale with the current (slope =1)

Lowering *f* from 100 kHz to 25 kHz results in 20% lower peak field







Material conductivity

- The field is rather slightly impacted by the value of the conductivity. It scales with a quadratic function of σ .
- In that sense, the coil material could be change from copper (σ = 5.67 10⁷ S/m) to Aluminum (σ = 3.77 10⁷ S/m) with only 3% variation on the peak field.
- An FC made Titanium ($\sigma = 2.38 \times 10^6$) would also perform with a field variation of 6 %.





Gap size between the turns

- Half a Tesla lost every 200 microns gap.
- The gap could be optimize so that to improve the electrical insulation between the turns.
- Insulating material could be inserted between the turn.
- Doubling the gap of SLAC design reduced the field by 12%





Solenoid's outer radius

- Increasing the outer radius enhances the field.
- A solenoid of 60 mm radius (instead of 40 mm) would increase the field by 7 %.
- Thicker magnet could be more robust or thermally easier to cool down





Solenoid's number of turns

- The peak field linearly scale with the number of turns.
- Two extra turns lead to 8% enhancement of the field.







Solenoid's tapered parameters

- The peak field linearly scale with the tapered angle.
- 50% larger angle implies 25% increase of the field.







Summary of the sensitivity analysis

- Most impacting: current level
- Middle impact: number of turns & tapered angle
- Less impacting: frequency & conductivity

The model offers a **tool to optimise** the design of flux concentrator in terms of magnetic behaviour.





Conclusion

- Development of a **parametric numerical model** of Flux Concentrator using Opera software.
- Understanding of the field boost as the creation of Eddy current loops circulating in
 opposite directions in each turn. Phenomenon that only occurs in the case of tapered
 solenoid in transient mode. The current flows only within the skin depth of the conductor.
- Validation of the model and measurement by direct comparison of the field profile.
- Possible optimisation of the design thanks to **sensitivity analysis** for future FC.



Thank you for your attention!







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