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# Rapid Electric Machine Design

Simcenter SPEED v13.06

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Overview: Rapid E-machine Design using Simcenter SPEED



### Why is Rapid E-machine Design Necessary Today?



Shorten design-to-manufacture time	<ul> <li>Fast analysis of many design variants</li> <li>Fewer time-consuming prototypes</li> </ul>
Drive innovation and improve efficiency	<ul> <li>Better insight earlier in development</li> <li>"What if" studies and intelligent design exploration</li> </ul>
Reduce development costs	<ul> <li>Fewer costly prototypes</li> <li>Less reliance on simplified models</li> </ul>

### How Can Rapid E-machine Design Address the Challenges?



- Fast analysis of many designs variants
- Fewer time-consuming prototypes

Better insight earlier in development
"What if" studies and intelligent design exploration

Fewer costly prototypes

Less reliance on simplified models

### Quickly predict and understand real-world Emachine performance:

- Fast and automated process from setup to solution
- Access to templates to easily define geometry, materials and design parameters
- Accurate prediction of full E-machine performance

#### **Engineer Innovation**

### Explore design variants early in development using a wide range of design parameters:

- Maximize overall performance
- Maximize efficiency and with that minimize losses
- Reduce overall cost

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### **Electric Machine Applications**

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### **Key Requirements**



Breadth of capability

#### Quick and easy Setup

Fast and accurate

Flexible material data bases

Intelligent Design Exploration

Scriptable & Workflow Automation

Unrestricted © Siemens AG 2018 Page 7 2018.06.27 Complete solution for E-machines:

- Covering a wide range of different types of E-machines
- Including all the necessary theoretical and physics models



### **Breadth of Capability**



#### • Simcenter SPEED offers six E-machine types:

- Synchronous machines
   PC-BDC
- Induction machines
   PC-IMD
- Switched reluctance machines PC-SRD
- Brushed PM-DC machines PC-DCM
- Wound-field commutator machines PC-WFC and
- Axial flux machines
- General purpose 2D and 3D electromagnetic finite element solver within Simcenter STAR-CCM+ or the dedicated 2D magneto-static PC-FEA program or any other e.g. Magnet.

PC-AXM



### **Key Requirements**





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- Application-specific workflow with dedicated input editors
- Terminology and inputs that are familiar to the E-machine designer
- Automated post-processing tailored for E-machine applications



### **Quick and easy Setup**





### **Key Requirements**





Unrestricted © Siemens AG 2018 Page 11 2018.06.27 Flexible approach combining methods to balance Simcenter SPEED and accuracy:

- Analytical methods for almost instantaneous results
- FE electromagnetic analysis to model the magnetic saturated regions more precisely if needed



### Fast but also accurate

- Achieve fast calculations with simple magnetic equivalent-circuit methods
- Get additional accuracy by accounting for saturation level and complex flux path effects using:
  - An embedded FE solver in Simcenter SPEED
  - An external loop accessing 2D electromagnetic static FE programs in PC-FEA or Simcenter STAR-CCM
    - Uses a fast and automated script (GoFER)
    - Enables quick return of data back to Simcenter SPEED to calibrate settings or compare results



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### **Key Requirements**

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- Quick access to a common database for material property data.
- Easily create and edit records of material property data
- Access to material plots and charts





### Flexible material database

- Material databases available in Simcenter SPEED
  - Includes steels, magnets and brushes
  - Can be edited/created using dedicated database programs
  - New material records are saved in a database and can be accessed and re-used from the interface.
  - Includes various charts such as B/H and V/I curves

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### **Key Requirements**





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### **Intelligent Design Exploration**



- Simcenter SPEED provides an in-built GUI to access HEEDS in two ways:
  - A full HEEDS installation
  - An integrated HEEDS Add-on tool



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### **Key Requirements**





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- Enable scripting to link libraries and make analysis easily available for design exploration studies
- Automated workflow that links geometry and analysis tools and facilitates quick design changes
  - In using scripts to automate the various workflows including detailed multi-physics analyses such as electromagnetics, thermal, mechanical stress and vibro-acoustic.



### **Workflow Automation**



- Pre-defined scripts to augment Simcenter SPEED with Simcenter STAR-CCM+ are available with download of the software:
  - Electromagnetic analysis (GoFER),
  - Thermal analysis (GoTAR) and
  - Mechanical stress analysis (GoSAR).



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### **Summary**



- Quickly and easily analyze the most E-machine problems
- Incorporate design exploration to discover better designs earlier in the development timeline



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# **Deep Dive Overview**

#### **Overview of Simcenter SPEED workflow**





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# **Performance Requirements**

### **Motor Performance Requirements**



Restrictions on the materials

Output shaft power Output shaft torque

provided for the initial design:

DC link/terminal voltage

Ambient temperature

- Limitations due to manufacturing constraints
- Production cost

Rated/peak:

 $230 \times 4.0 = 920 \text{ W MAX}$ 

745.7 W (1 hp)



90%

Inverter

Numerical Analysis Performance Calc. Performance Req. Power Electronics Automation & Geometry Outputs Winding Materials Optimization Inputs

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90% Motor





# **Data Input**

### **Geometry Input – The Outline Editor (i)**



The **Outline Editor** is the main editor for modifying the cross and axial section motor dimensions

Geometry can be selected from various pre-defined standard templates including:

- Inner/outer rotor
- Surface PM, IPM or electric excitation
- Single or double bar/cage
- Square/round slot
- Parallel tooth/slot





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### **Geometry Input – The Outline Editor (ii)**

- All templates are fully parametrized allowing modifications to be made easily
- 1000+ combinations for all six main programs
- Templates can be scaled to suit requirements
- Automatic scaling using initial sizing function



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### Winding Input – The Winding Editor

#### The Winding Editor displays:

- Winding layout with single & all phase representation
- MMF (magneto-motive force)
- Harmonics
- Winding factors
- Görges Diagram
- Developed winding
- Wire distribution
- Standard as well as custom windings are assembled automatically from the parameters in the edit box







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### **General Input – The Template Editor**



- TED is used for entering or editing all the input parameters of a design and may therefore contain over 100 parameters
- Many non-numerical parameters have a dropdown list box from which a selection can be made
- Winding Connex Throw CPP 0.0000 TCCWire Lap PPATHS WdgType PCWire 0.3930 NSH2 8890 0000 NSH NSHA WireDens SFill SFg 2 0000 WireSpec 0.4000 wh InsThick 0.0000 2.0000 wb2 2.0000 InsThk2 0.0000 WireSpec2 None Wire2 WireSpecA None WireA 2.0000 wbA 2.0000 InsThkA 0.0000 0.0000 WireCR2 0.0000 WireCRA WireCR 0.0000 0.0000 XET 1.0000 EndFill 0.5000 CoilFill 1.0000 Ext 1.0000 Rext 0.0000 CoilForm None TopStick false wTstick 0.0000 hTstick 0.0000 Liner 0.4000 TwjWid 2.0000 TwjLeg 3.5000 TwjThk 0.0000 ct\_Liner 0.2000 PhsWid 2.0000 PhsLeg 3.5000 PhsThk 0.0000 nduct 1.0000 XCd 1.0000 XCq 1.0000 0.0000 uGd 0.0000 0.0000 Lext uGa CalcLdiff SPEED XLdiff 1.0000 DiffSat Auto\_dq NHDiff CalcLg LgMeth1 Xspan 1.0000 CalcLdLq Auto SpreadSO true XPCslotM PSSIO S-Closed muPlug 1.0000 XPCslot 1.0000 1.0000 **ETCal** BDC 6.5 XLend 0000 EMECalc FoothFlux eCalc Auto X\_EMF 1.0000 Skew 0.0000 RotSteps 30 MidTooth true RadBtooth 33.0000 XdGap 1.0000 Electrical Magnetic Control Losses Thermal Harmonics

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### **Materials – Selection and Material Databases**

- The Data Base Manager (DBM) allows users to create, load and edit material data bases for steel, magnet and brushes
- Database Editor for
  - Creating/editing DB
  - Creating/editing material
- Steel Comparator for displaying different materials' characteristics
- Database Translator to convert between different data base versions



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### **Performance Calculation**

### **Performance Calculation (i)**

- The analysis is conducted either at a single operating point or over a whole speed/torque range and includes virtually all the electrical and electromagnetic performance of the machine including torque, efficiency, currents, current waveforms, EMF
- In most cases it includes a time-stepping model of the drive, so that current and torque waveforms can be obtained and peak, mean and RMS currents are calculated in the main power transistors and diodes for a range of different drive circuits and control strategies

Input

Material

Winding

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performance Req.

### **Performance Calculation (ii)**

- Electrical parameters such as winding parameters with resistances and inductances are presented in detail in the Design Sheet after the performance calculation
- There are many dimensional and mechanical parameters including weights and inertias, and a comprehensive set of thermal calculations is included as well
- Magnetic flux densities are given in various parts of the machine, together with a detailed breakdown of losses

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# **Numerical Analysis**

### Numerical Analysis (i)

- All Simcenter SPEED programs are closely linked to the finite-element program PC-FEA via the GDF editor or Simcenter STAR-CCM+ through a .xgdf definition file and Java scripts
- Simcenter STAR-CCM+ provides
  - 3D-CAD modeler allowing easily geometry modifications if needed
  - Full transient solver with electric circuit description for e.g. short circuit studies



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### Numerical Analysis (ii)

- The link to the electromagnetic numerical analysis is fast and it has many ways to return data back to the Simcenter SPEED programs
  - The so-called GoFERs ("Go to finite elements and return") set up many FE electromagnetic calculations automatically including geometry, materials and boundary conditions, the appropriate symmetries and excitations
  - In some cases an embedded form of the GoFER is used to provide specialized results with automatic adjustment of the equivalent analytic magnetic circuit

Performance Calc.

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Optimization

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### **Data Output**

#### **Data Output**

Performance calculation results are presented in the following forms:

- The DESIGN SHEET containing complete listings of input and output parameters displayed in different colors and grouped/ arranged in thematic blocks or on tabbed pages
- Graphs and waveforms with additional further analysis options such as harmonic analysis
- 2D/3D plots, e.g. 2D or 3D contour plot of efficiency
- Phasor diagram
- Customized Output Table or Sheet



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# Power Electronics and Control

### **Power Electronics and Control**

In most cases the drive (electronic control) is modelled in some detail, so that current and torque waveforms can be obtained and peak, mean and RMS currents are calculated in the main power transistors and diodes

A range of different drive circuits and control strategies are supported, including:

- AC Volt
- Square-wave
- Sine-wave







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# Scripting, Automation & Optimization

### Scripting, Automation & Optimization (i)

- Scripting enables users to customize functionality as needed. This could include automated design exploration or user defined calculations or outputs
- ActiveX technology used allows Simcenter SPEED to be driven using many scripting languages including Visual Basic, Matlab, Python and more



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### Scripting, Automation & Optimization (ii)

- Simcenter SPEED includes several built-in workflows to enable:
  - Electromagnetic (GoFER)
  - Thermal (GoTAR)\*
  - Mechanical Stress (GoSAR)\*
- The built-in workflows are based on scripts which allow Simcenter SPEED to interact with Simcenter STAR-CCM+ or PC-FEA

\*workflows available in beta form, please contact SPEED support for more information

INPUT

Performance Calc.



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### Scripting, Automation & Optimization (iii)



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### Scripting, Automation & Optimization (iv)

**Optimization Case Study:** Permanent magnet surface synchronous machine

**Parameters:** HEEDS is allowed to vary six design parameters to vary motor geometry

Objective: Minimize cogging torque

**Constraints:** Maintain shaft power above a minimum limit (this ensures that adequate machine performance is maintained)

**Result:** >90% reduction in cogging torque





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