

Reluctance Synchronous Machines – Inner rotor

Motor Factory – Export

General user information

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1 MOTOR FACTORY – EXPORT AREA – HOME PAGE VIEW

The area "EXPORT" of Motor Factory groups two main families of functions:

1.1 "DOCUMENT",

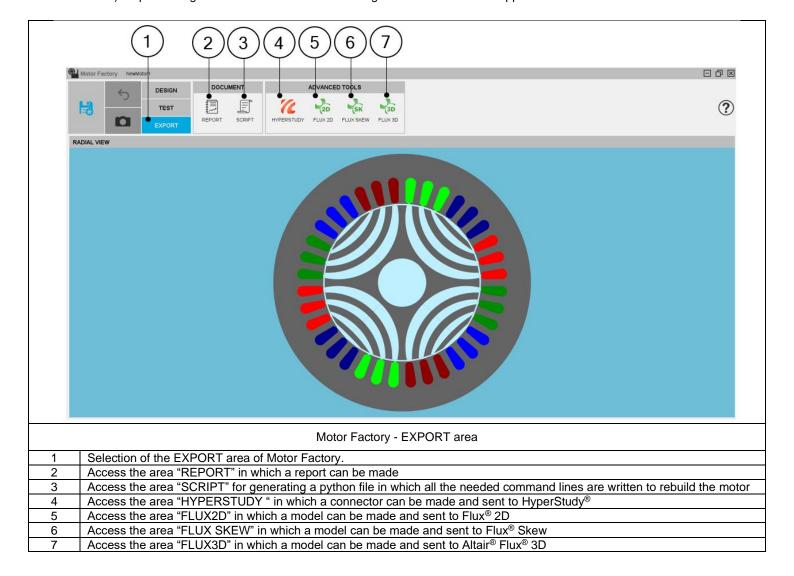
In "DOCUMENT" the function "REPORT" allows building reports automatically to describe all the work achieved for the design as well as for the tests.

Then, the function "SCRIPT" allows to build and export a python script of a current motor in the application Script Factory or in a targeted folder.

1.2 "ADVANCED TOOLS",

In "ADVANCED TOOLS" the function "HYPERSTUDY" allows to build and export a connector in Altair® HyperStudy® for performing studies like optimization or Design of Experiment (DOE).

Then, the functions "FLUX2D", Flux Skew, Flux 3D allow to build and export a model in Altair® Flux® environment (2D, Skew or 3D) for performing advanced studies either with magneto static or transient applications

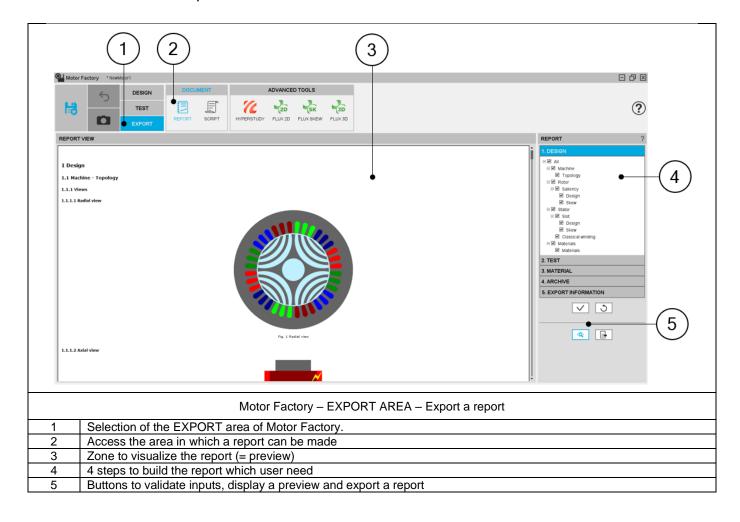


2 MAKE A REPORT

2.1 Overview

The aim of this export is to build and quickly export a report showing all the work achieved to design and test the machine. As a result, the report can be exported in a pdf or html file format. It can also be attached to the motor in the "Motor Catalog" or simply displayed in the report area.

2.2 Area to build the report





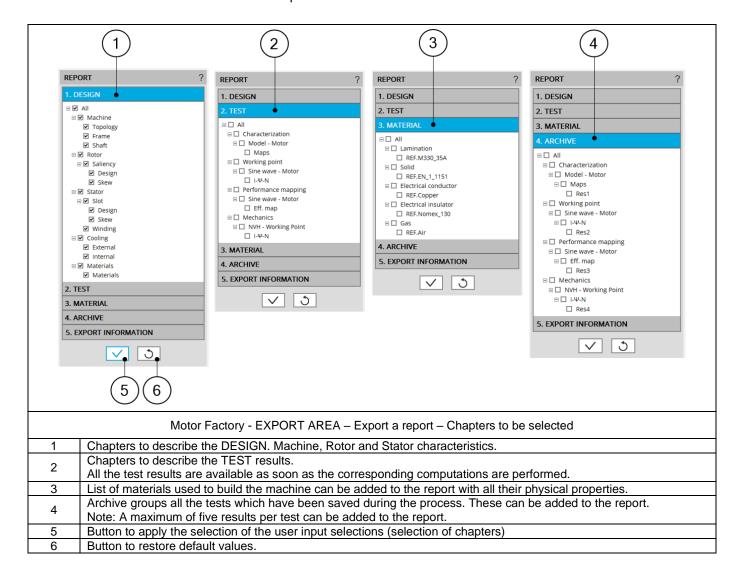
2.3 Steps to build and export a report

Five steps are needed to build and export a report: In EXPORT / DOCUMENT / REPORT area:

- 1) Select the sections to write dealing with the design
- 2) Select the sections to write dealing with the tests
- 3) Select the sections to write dealing with the materials
- 4) Select the "saved test results" you want to add as archive in the report
- 5) Define the export information

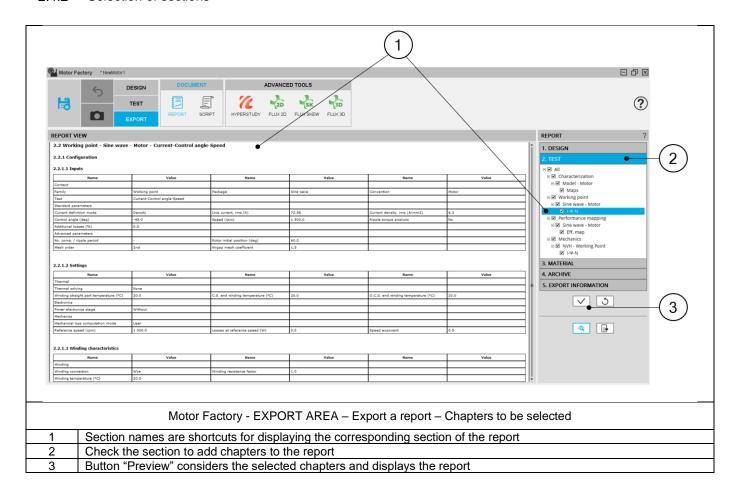
2.4 Section selection

2.4.1 List of sections available to build the report





2.4.2 Selection of sections





2.5 Export information



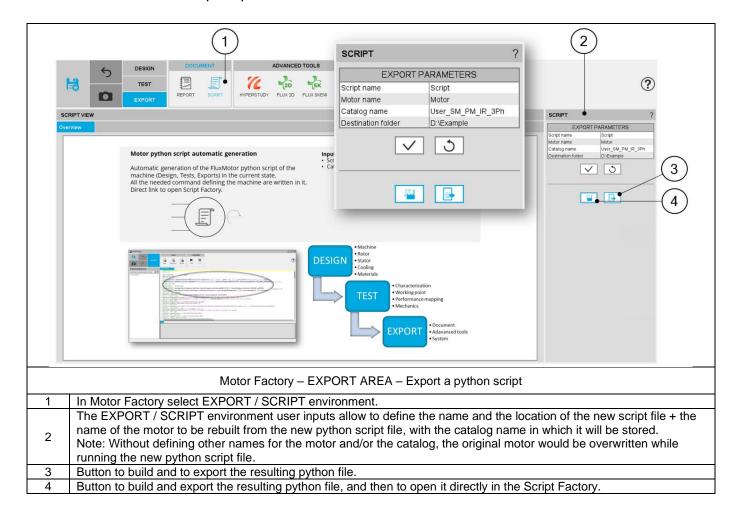
3 EXPORT A SCRIPT

3.1 Overview

Next to the function "Report", the function "Script" gives the capability to build and export a python script file, in which all the needed command lines are written to rebuild the considered motor. The script is generated with all the needed sections and sub-sections in Motor Factory, dedicated to the design, the test, and the exports.

Then Script Factory can be used to automate some study such like running serial tests or serial design configurations.

3.2 Area to build the script export



4 BUILD AND EXPORT A CONNECTOR FOR HYPERSTUDY®

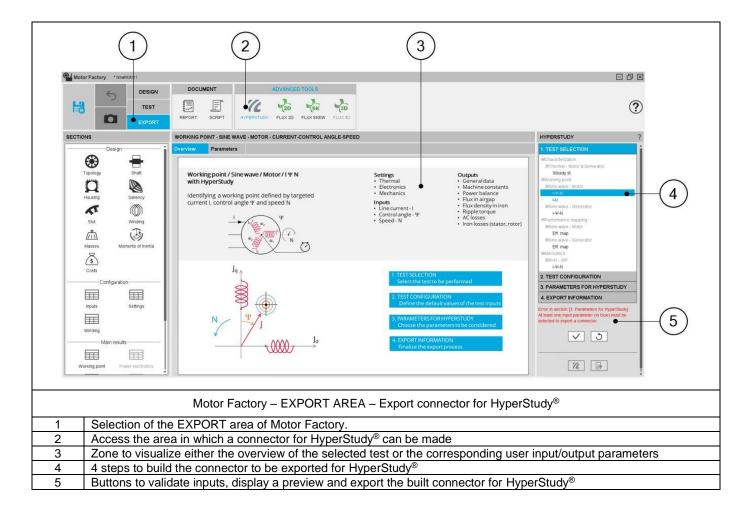
4.1 Overview

The aim of this export is to build a connector, allowing Altair® HyperStudy® to drive Altair® FluxMotor® for performing motor optimizations based on the computation processes embedded into FluxMotor®.

This can be done for an eligible test list by using input/output parameters defined in FluxMotor®.

Then, after having performing studies with HyperStudy® (Optimization or Design Of Experiment -DOE- for instance), the results can be visualized by selecting the resulting machine in the "Motor Catalog".

4.2 Area to build a connector



4.3 Steps to build and export a connector

In EXPORT / ADVANCED TOOLS / HYPERSTUDY area, 4 steps are needed to build and export a report:

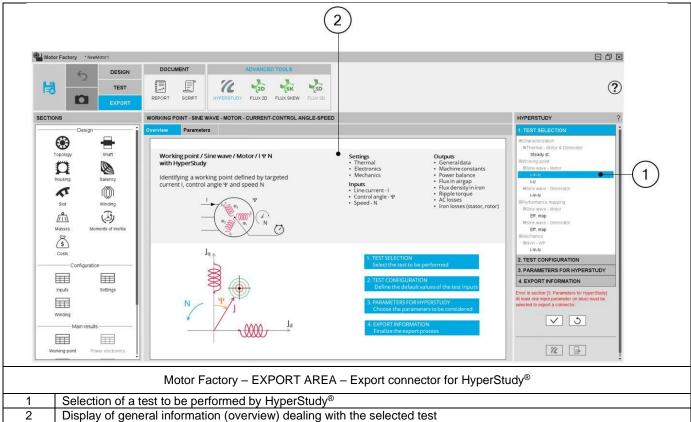
- 1) Select the test which will be performed by HyperStudy®
- Define the test configuration, that means the user inputs/outputs parameters needed to define the test (settings and user inputs of the considered test)
- 3) Select the inputs/outputs parameters for performing studies with HyperStudy®
- 4) Define the export information

4.4 Test selection

In the current version of FluxMotor®, 7 tests can be selected for Reluctance Synchronous Machines:

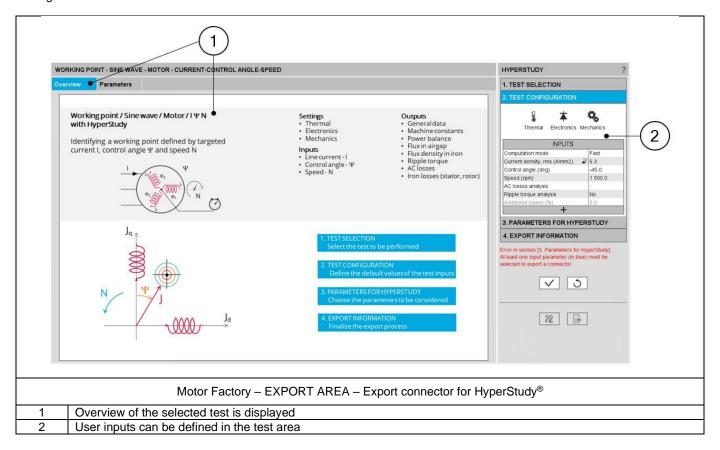
- Characterization / Thermal / Motor & generator / Steady state
- Working point / Sine wave / Motor / $I-\Psi-N$
- Working point / Sine wave / Motor / I-U
- Working point / Sine wave / Generator / I-Ψ-N
- Performance mapping / Sine wave / Motor / Efficiency mapping
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- Mechanics / NVH / Working point / I-Ψ-N

When a test is selected, the corresponding overview is displayed at the center of the screen, showing the main inputs to be considered.



4.5 Test configuration

After selecting a test, the corresponding test inputs (settings and user inputs) must be defined. This allows to define the initial conditions for testing.



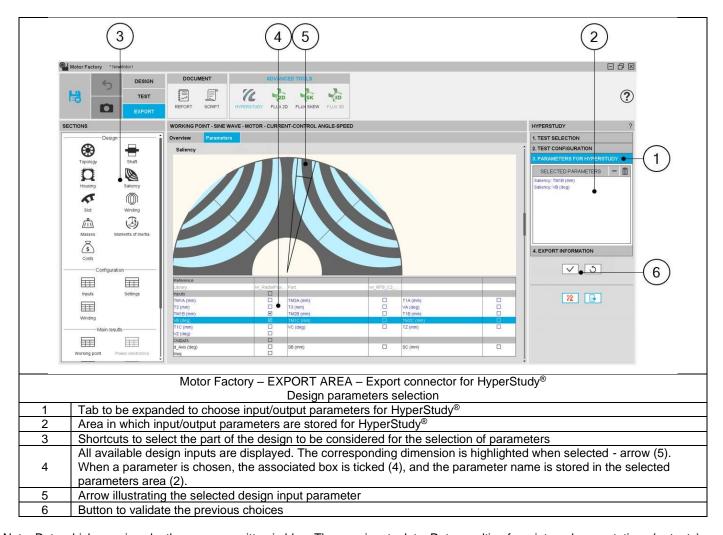
Note: The user help information about the test parameters is defined in the user help guide of the corresponding test. Please refer to the corresponding section.



4.6 Parameters for HyperStudy®

This section allows to select the parameters which must be available for the optimization in HyperStudy[®]. These can be design parameters, parameters to define the test conditions (inputs and/or settings) or test results.

4.6.1 Selection of design parameters

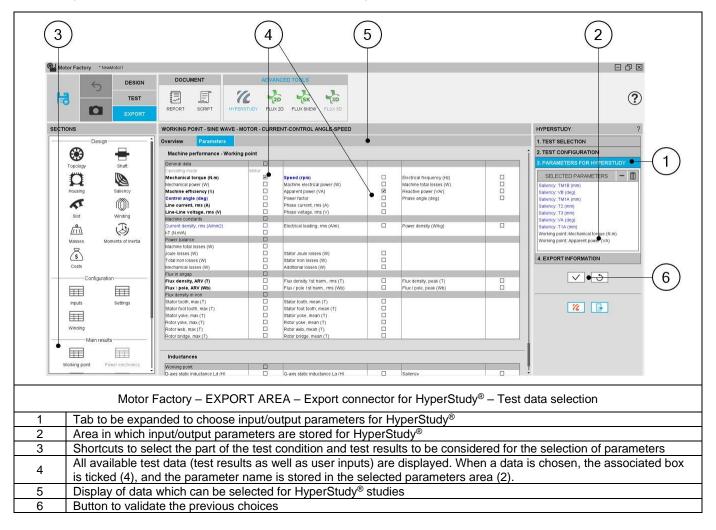


Note: Data which are given by the user are written in blue. They are inputs data. Data resulting from internal computations (outputs) are written in black. This allows the users to quickly differentiate between the input data and output data inside data tables.



4.6.2 Selection of test data

The test data groups test results as well as the user inputs and settings. All these data can be selected for optimization in HyperStudy®.



Note: Data which are given by the user are written in blue. These are inputs data. Data resulting from internal computations (outputs) are written in black. This allows the users to quickly differentiate between the input data and output data inside data tables.

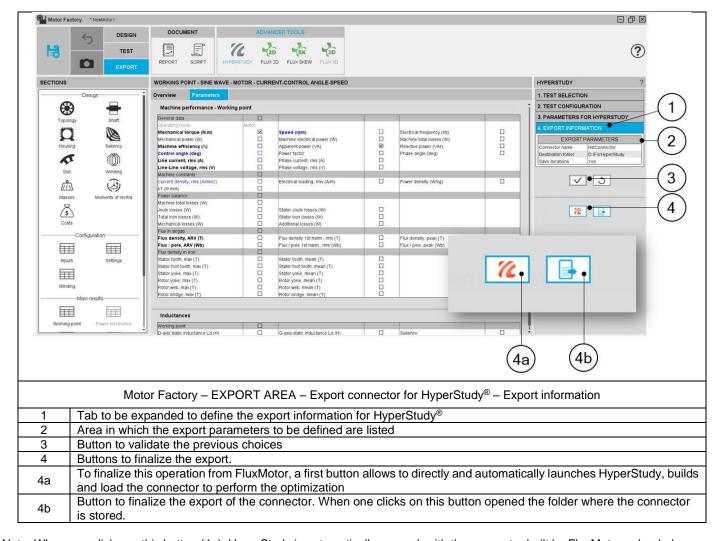


4.7 Export information

The last step for building the connector for HyperStudy® is to define the export information.

There are three data to be defined:

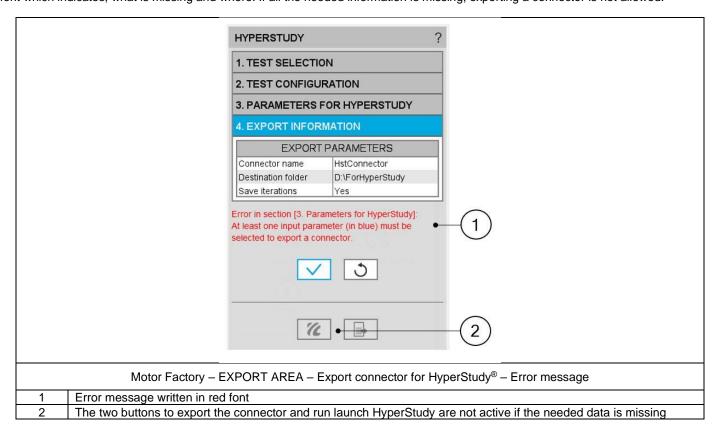
- The name of the connector
- The folder in which the connector must be stored
- The last answer, "Save iteration (Yes/No)" indicates if the results of the HyperStudy® must be stored in a dedicated catalog of Motor Catalog application. When "Yes" is answered all the resulting motors can be visualized in Motor Catalog, and then these can be edited in the Motor Factory very quickly.



Note: When one clicks on this button (4a), HyperStudy is automatically opened, with the connector built by FluxMotor uploaded. The studies can be initialized and run immediately in HyperStudy. The input variables as well as the Output responses that have been selected in FluxMotor are automatically identified and uploaded.

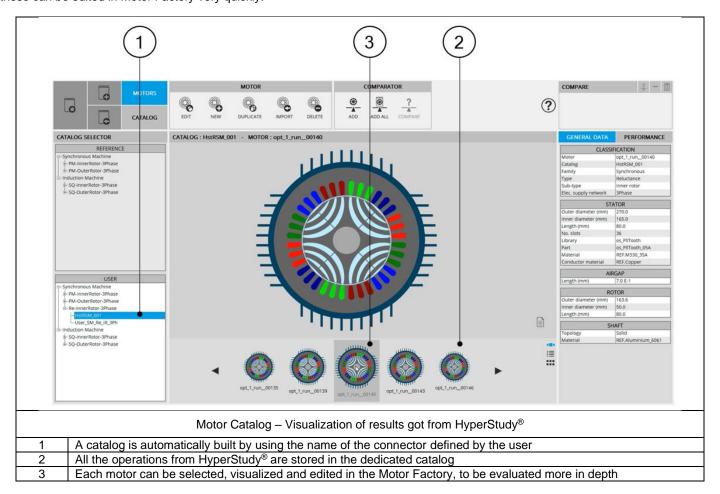


Note: When data is missing in the third table; "Parameters for HyperStudy®" for instance, an error message is displayed in the red color font which indicates, what is missing and where. If all the needed information is missing, exporting a connector is not allowed.



4.8 Get back HyperStudy® results in FluxMotor®

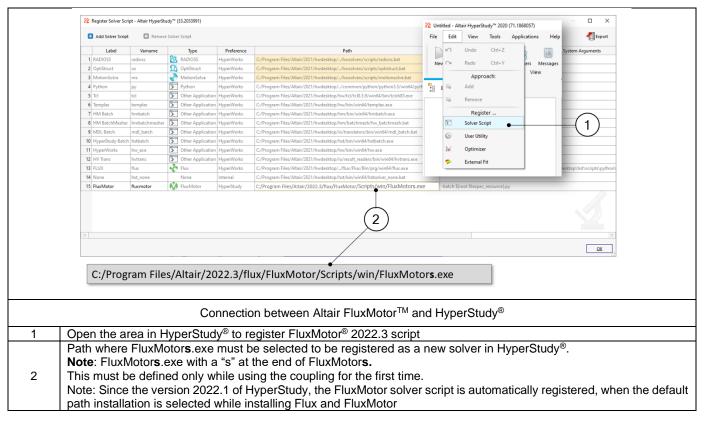
All the motors resulting from the operations performed with HyperStudy® can be used back in Motor Catalog of FluxMotor®, and then these can be edited in Motor Factory very quickly.



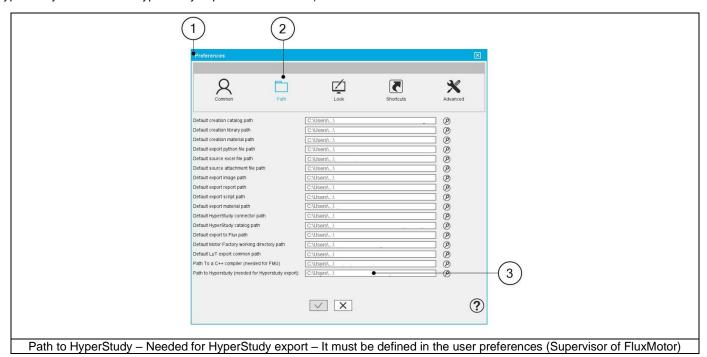
4.9 Connection between FluxMotor® and HyperStudy®

Before starting new studies in HyperStudy® by using connectors exported from Altair FluxMotorTM, Altair FluxMotorTM must be registered as a new solver script in HyperStudy®.

This must be defined only while using the coupling for the first time.



Note: The new auto generating the HyperStudy Study in HyperStudy Application (described above) allows to automatically register FluxMotor® as a new solver script in HyperStudy®. If HyperStudy is not install in the same folder (by default: C:\Program Files\Altair\2022.3\hwdesktop\hst), the path must be defined in the user preferences via the supervisor of FluxMotor (Path to HyperStudy – Needed for HyperStudy export – Ref. 3 below)





5 BUILD AND EXPORT A MODEL IN FLUX® 2D ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Overview

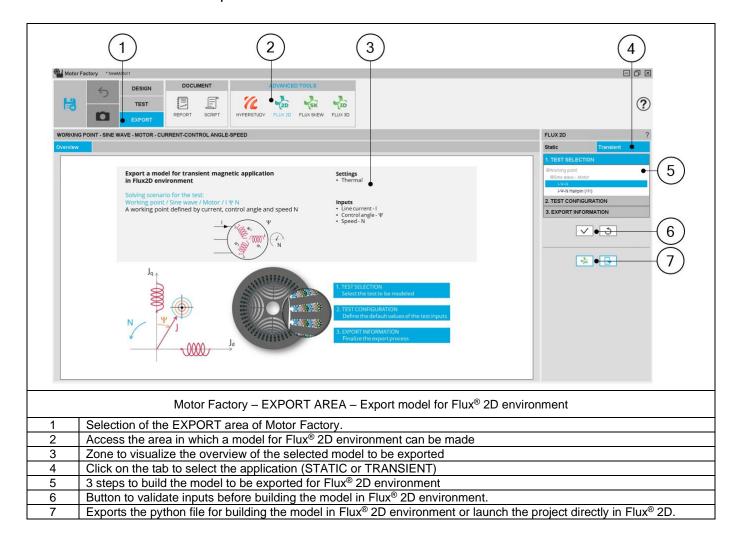
The aim of this export is to provide a python file which allows to get a full parametrized model ready to be used in Flux[®] 2D environment. In the current version, models can be exported for static application or transient application in Flux[®] 2D environment.

Three models can be exported to Flux® 2D environment:

Application	Model family	Package	Convention	Model / Test
STATIC	Without solving scenario	Current source	Motor & Generator	Basic model
TRANSIENT	Working point	Sine wave	Motor	I-Ψ-N
IKANSIENI	Working point	Sine wave	Motor	I-Ψ-N (Hairpin)

Note: These models are considered for inner rotor machines as well as for outer rotor machines.

5.2 Area to build and to export a model to Flux® 2D environment



5.3 Steps to build and export a model to Flux® 2D environment

In EXPORT / ADVANCED TOOLS / FLUX2D area, one must indicate that on which application of Flux® 2D environment, the models must be built: static application or transient application.

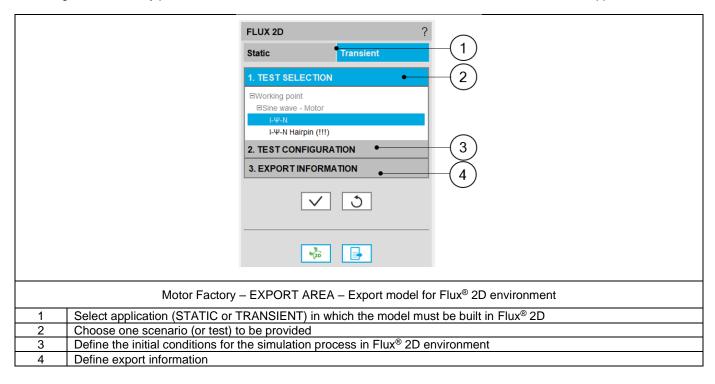
Then, the 3 next steps are:

- Define the type of scenario one wants to get in Flux® 2D environment (Test selection).
 This means the simulation, that one wants to perform in Flux® 2D environment for evaluating the electromagnetic behavior of the considered machine.
- 2) Define the test configuration. This is to give an initial value for the user inputs, which will be set in the scenario of the simulation available in the Flux® 2D model.

Note: For each Flux® 2D model available in the current version, a short description of the user inputs is done in the following sections.

3) Define the export information

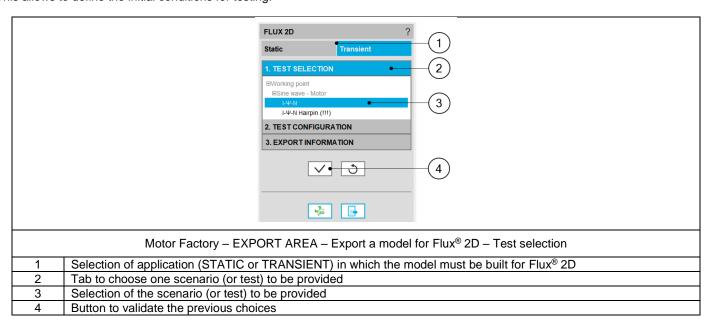
The resulting models are fully parameterized, and these are built in Flux® 2D environment for static or transient applications.





5.4 Test selection

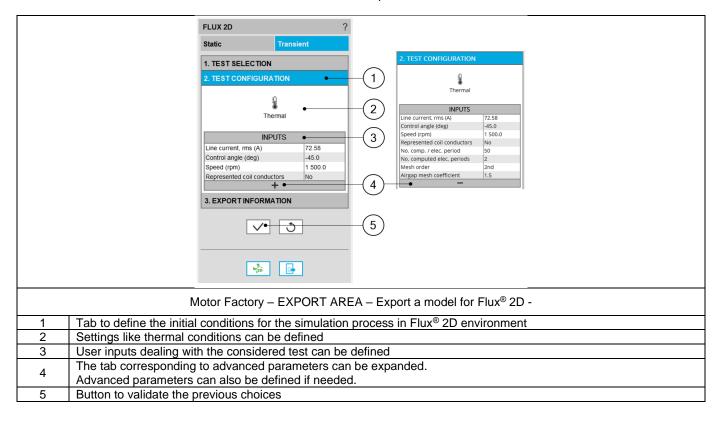
After selecting an application type (STATIC or TRANSIENT), the corresponding test inputs (settings and user inputs) must be defined. This allows to define the initial conditions for testing.



Note: The user help information about the test parameters is defined in the user help guide of the corresponding test. Please refer to the corresponding section.

5.5 Test configuration

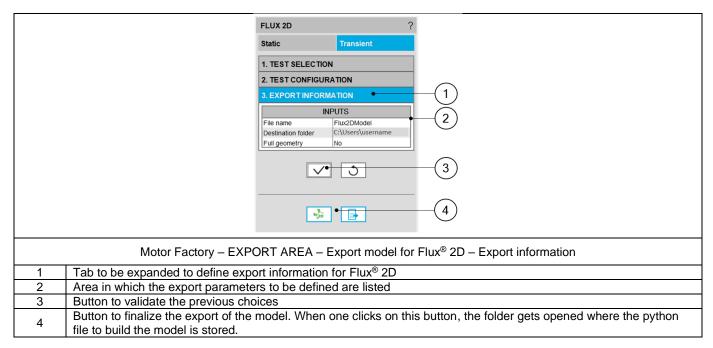
After selecting an application type (STATIC or TRANSIENT), the corresponding scenario (or test) inputs (settings and user inputs) must be defined. This allows to define the initial conditions for the simulation process in Flux® 2D environment.



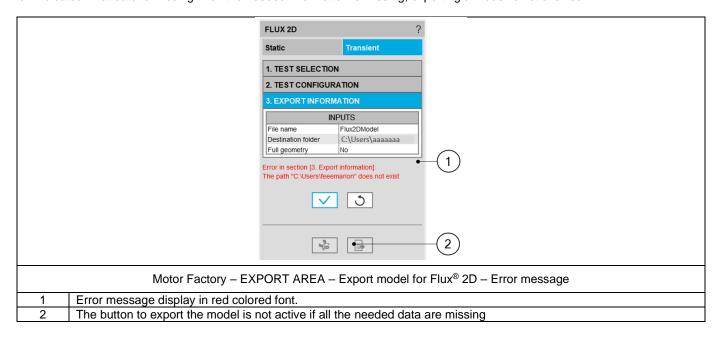
5.6 Export information

The last step for building a model for Flux® 2D is to define the export information. There are three data to be defined:

- The name of the python file which will build the model in Flux® 2D environment.
- The folder in which the provided file must be stored
- The last answer "Full geometry " allows the user to get a full geometry in the provided model, even if it is possible to work with a reduced model considering the number of poles and the number of slots.



Note 1: When data is missing in the third table; "Export information" for instance, an error message is displayed in the red colored font which indicates what data is missing. If all the needed information is missing, exporting a model is not allowed.



Note: Exporting a model to Flux® 2D (i.e. provide the python file to build the model) can take a few seconds. This is since parameters like initial position of the rotor must be computed first by using internal processes, and then the simulation scenario must be considered.



5.7 Available models to be exported and user inputs

5.7.1 Overview

All the models to be exported are first classified by considering the type of application, for which they are built (STATIC or TRANSIENT). Then, for the tests in Motor Factory Test environment, the models are associated with a convention of operating (Motor or Generator) and grouped into packages itself to get classified into model families.

In the current version of FluxMotor® three models can be exported to Flux® 2D environment:

Application	Model family	Package	Convention	Model / Test
STATIC	Without solving scenario	Current source	Motor & Generator	Basic model
TRANSIENT	Working point	Sine wave	Motor	I-Ψ-N
IRANSIENI	Working point	Sine wave	Motor	I-Ψ-N (Hairpin)

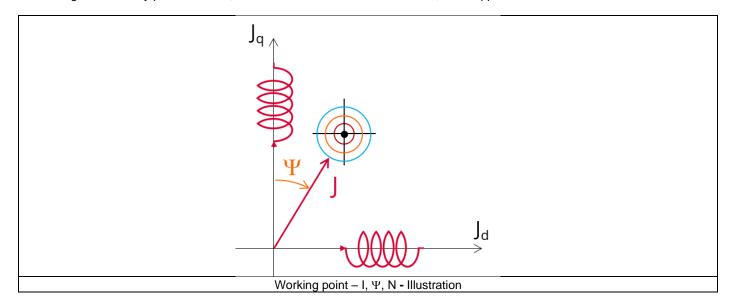
The following section give a short description of all the models available for exportation to Flux® 2D environment.

5.7.2 Without scenario – Current source – Motor and generator – Basic model

5.7.2.1 Positioning and objective

This export allows the users to build a model in Flux® 2D, static application to perform magneto-static and multi-static simulations. User inputs like, line current and control angle are predefined to get quick access into Flux® 2D environment for performing computations.

The resulting model is fully parameterized, and it is built in Flux® 2D environment, static application.



The following section describes all the user inputs to initialize the exported model. All these parameters can be modified in Flux® 2D environment, if needed.

5.7.2.2 Settings

There are no settings to be defined.



5.7.2.3 Standard inputs

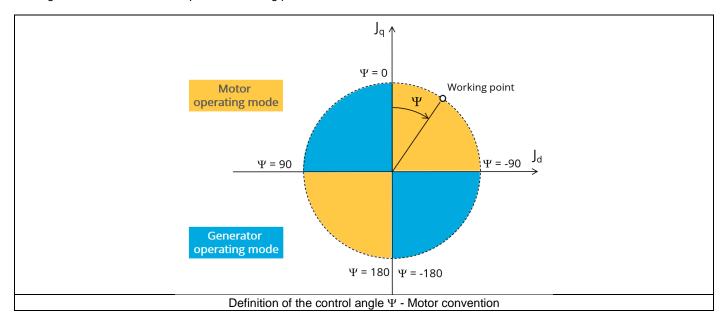
1) Line current, rms

The line current supplied to the machine: "Line current, rms" (Line current, rms value) must be provided.

2) Control angle

Considering the vector diagram shown below, the "Control angle" is the angle between the Q-axis and the electrical current (J) ($\Psi = (J_q, J_q)$).

It is an electrical angle. The default value is 45 degrees. It must be set in a range of -90 to 90 degrees. This range of values covers all the possible working point in motor convention.



5.7.2.4 Advanced inputs

The list of advanced inputs dedicated to this export are listed below. For more details, please refer to the section 5.7.5 - List of generic advanced inputs.

1) Mesh order

The default level is second order mesh.

2) Airgap mesh coefficient

Airgap mesh coefficient is set to 1.5 by default.

3) Rotor d-axis location

The computations are performed by considering a relative angular position between rotor and stator.

For the reluctance synchronous machines, the rotor d-axis location is defined and automatically used to perform computations. This value is characterized by the saliency topology. This is important to keep in mind this information it.

For more details, please refer to the document: MotorFactory_2022.3_SMRSM_IR_3PH_Test_Introduction – section "Rotor and stator relative position".

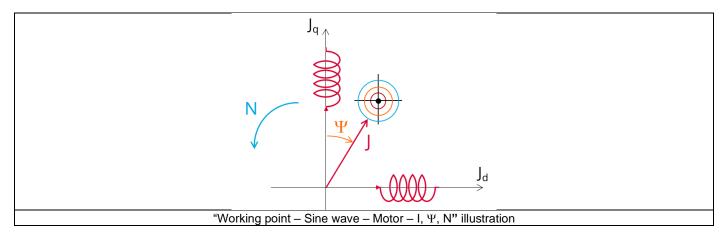


5.7.3 Working point – Sine wave – Motor – I, Ψ , N

5.7.3.1 Positioning and objective

The aim of the test "Working point – Sine wave – Motor – I, Ψ , N" is to characterize the behavior of the machine when operating at the targeted input values I, Ψ , N (Magnitude of current, Control angle, Speed). Hence, these three inputs are enough to impose a precise working point.

The resulting model is fully parameterized, and it is built in Flux® 2D environment, transient application.



The results of this test give an overview of the electromagnetic analysis of the machine considering its topology. It also gives the capability to make comparisons between results obtained from the measurements and those with the FluxMotor®.

The following section describes all the user inputs to initialize the exported model. All these parameters can be modified in Flux® 2D environment, if needed.

5.7.3.2 Settings

One button gives access to the following setting definition:

Winding temperatures



5.7.3.3 Standard inputs

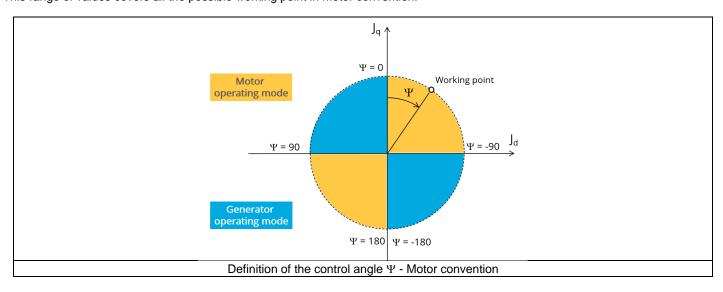
1) Line current, rms

The line current supplied to the machine: "Line current, rms" (Line current, rms value) must be provided.

2) Control angle

Considering the vector diagram shown below, the "Control angle" is the angle between the electromotive force E and the electrical current (J) ($\Psi = (E, J)$).

It is an electrical angle. The default value is 45 degrees. It must be set in a range of -90 to 90 degrees. This range of values covers all the possible working point in motor convention.



3) Speed

The imposed "Speed" (Speed) of the machine must be set.

4) Represented coil conductors

In transient application, it is possible to export a project into Flux® environment, where the elementary wires will be modeled with solid conductors. The geometry, the meshing and the corresponding electric circuit will be defined to well represent these.

Three choices are possible:

- "No": The coils will be represented with face regions. The elementary wires won't be represented in the Finite Element model (Flux®).
- "One phase": The elementary wires will be represented for only one phase. This will allow to compute AC losses for conductors into the first phase. This choice allows to get a good ratio between the quality of results and computation time.
- "All phases": The elementary wires will be represented into all the phases

5.7.3.4 Advanced inputs

The list of advanced inputs dedicated to this export are listed below.

For more details, please refer to the section 5.7.5 - List of generic advanced inputs.

1) Number of computations per electrical period

The default value is equal to 50. The minimum allowed value is 13.

2) Number of computed electrical periods

The default value is equal to 2. The minimum allowed value is 1 and the maximum value is equal to 10.

3) Mesh order

The default level is second order mesh.

4) Airgap mesh coefficient

Airgap mesh coefficient is set to 1.5 by default.



5.7.4 Working point – Sine wave – Motor – I, Ψ, N - Hairpin

5.7.4.1 Positioning and objective

The aim of the test "Working point – Sine wave – Motor – I, Ψ , N – Hairpin" is to characterize the behavior of the machine when operating at the targeted input values I, Ψ , N (Magnitude of current, Control angle, Speed) in case of the machine is built with a hairpin winding technology.

The resulting model is fully parameterized, and it is built in Flux[®] 2D environment, transient application.

Note: The same principle than for the test "Working point – Sine wave – Motor – I, Ψ , N" is applied. Inputs are the same, but in that case only "All phases" option is available for defining the represented coil conductors.

5.7.5 List of generic advanced inputs

1) Number of computations per electrical period

The number of computations per electrical period "No. comp. / elec. period" (Number of computations per electrical period) influences the accuracy of results and the computation time.

The default value is 50. The minimum allowed value is 13. This default value provides a good compromise between the accuracy of results and computation time.

2) Number of computed electrical periods

The default value is 2. The minimum allowed value is 1 and the maximum value is equal to 10.

Mesh order

To get results, Finite Element Modelling computations are performed.

The geometry of the machine is meshed.

Two levels of meshing can be considered: First order and second order.

This parameter influences the accuracy of results and the computation time.

The default level is second order mesh.

4) Airgap mesh coefficient

The advanced user input "Airgap mesh coefficient" is a coefficient which adjusts the size of mesh elements inside the airgap. When one decreases the value of "Airgap mesh coefficient", the size of the mesh elements reduces, thus increasing the mesh density inside the airgap and the accuracy of results.

The imposed Mesh Point (size of mesh elements touching points of the geometry), inside the Flux® software, is described as:

MeshPoint = (airgap) x (airgap mesh coefficient)

Airgap mesh coefficient is set to 1.5 by default.

The variation range of values for this parameter is [0.05; 2].

0.05 gives a very high mesh density, and 2 gives a very coarse mesh density.

Caution:

Be aware, a very high mesh density does not always mean a better result quality. However, this always leads to a huge number of nodes in the corresponding finite element model. So, it means the need of huge numerical memory, and the respective computation time increases considerably.

5) Rotor d-axis location

The computations are performed by considering a relative angular position between rotor and stator.

For the reluctance synchronous machines, the rotor d-axis location is defined and automatically used to perform computations.

This value is characterized by the saliency topology. This is important to keep in mind this information it.

For more details, please refer to the document: MotorFactory_2022.1_SMRSM_IR_3PH_Test_Introduction – section "Rotor and stator relative position".



6 BUILD AND EXPORT A MODEL IN FLUX® SKEW ENVIRONMENT

6.1 Overview

The aim of this export is to provide a python file which allows to get a full parametrized model ready to be used in Flux® SKEW environment.

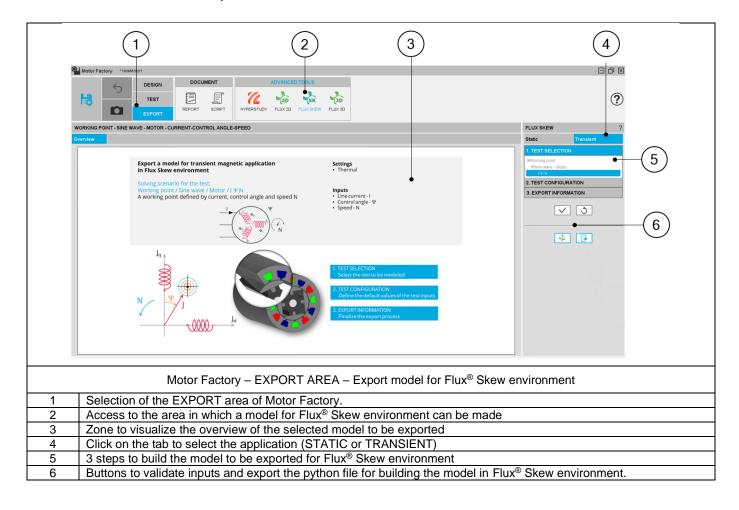
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In the current version of FluxMotor® two models can be exported to Flux® SKEW environment:

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TRANSIENT	Working point	Sine wave	Motor	I-Ψ-N

The following section give a short description of all the models available for exportation to Flux® 2D environment.

6.2 Area to build and to export a model to Flux® SKEW environment

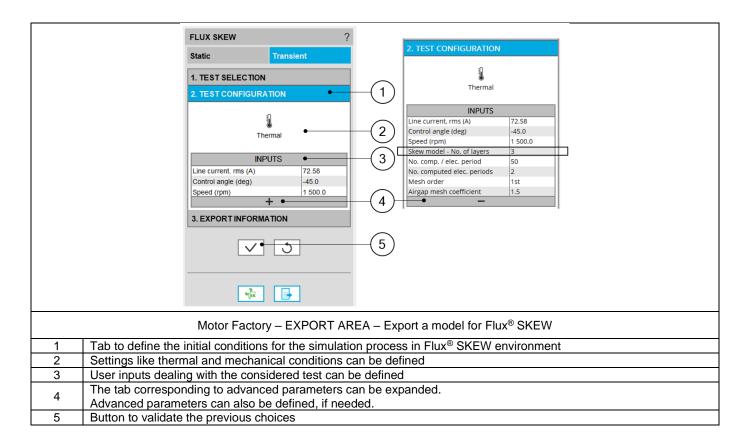


6.3 Particularities in building and to exporting a model to Flux® SKEW environment

A user who wants to build and export a model to Flux® SKEW has to follow the same steps and recommendations as with the function "FLUX 2D".

The main particularity of function "FLUX SKEW" is that the "**Skew number of layers**" is an input, that must be defined. Its default value is 3.

Even if the design of the machine is defined with "continuous skew", the "**Skew number of layers**" is necessary for Flux[®] to define the finite elements model in the FLUX SKEW environment. A high number of layers gives more accurate finite elements computations. However, it needs higher computation time. For that purpose, the value 3 is a good compromise between accuracy and speed.



7 BUILD AND EXPORT A MODEL IN ALTAIR® FLUX® 3D ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Overview

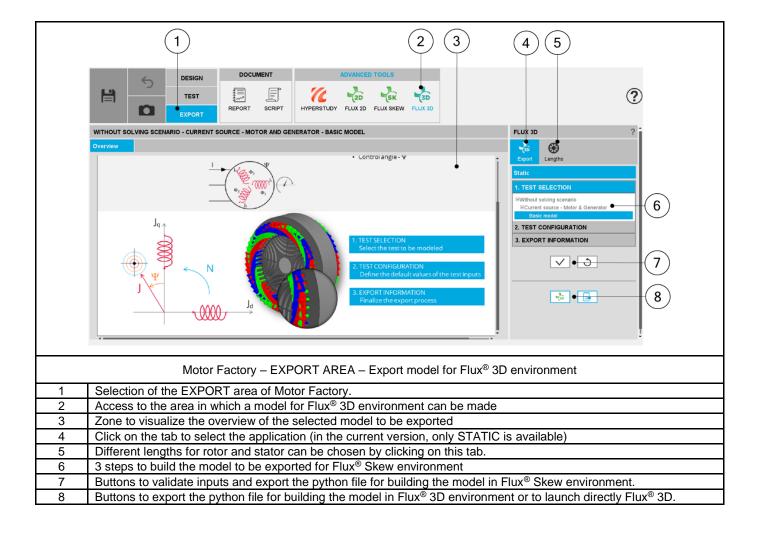
The aim of this export is to provide a python file which allows to get a fully parametrized model ready to be used in Altair® Flux® 3D environment.

In the current version of FluxMotor® the only application type available for Flux® 3D export is STATIC.

Application	Model family	Package	Convention	Model / Test
STATIC	Without solving scenario	Current source	Motor & Generator	Basic model

The following section gives a short description of the process to export the model into Flux® 3D environment.

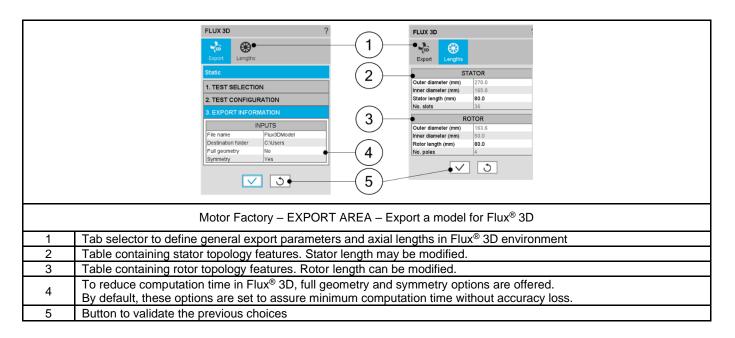
7.2 Area to build and to export a model to Flux® 3D environment



7.3 Particularities in building and exporting a model to Flux® 3D environment

A user who wants to build and export a model to Flux[®] 3D has to follow the same steps and recommendations, as with the function "FLUX 2D".

The main particularity of function "FLUX 3D" is that rotor and stator axial lengths are the inputs, that must be defined. Their default values equals the machine length defined in "Design". These two lengths can be different.



Note 1: Default values for rotor, stator and magnet lengths are equal to the machine design length. However, a change in these values only affects the Flux® 3D export and it **never** changes the design length value.

Note 2: Symmetry allows to represent only half of the topology in the axial direction, saving the simulation time. This option is available only when all the dimensions are equal on both sides of the machine (Connection Side and Opposite Connection Side), especially for the end winding dimensions.

A warning message is provided in the "Design environment" each time an asymmetric topology is defined, to inform the user that the Flux® 3D export input "symmetry" has been set to "No". This also occurs when the asymmetry is due to the end shafts, even if they are not represented in the 3D environment.

Note 3: Export to Flux® 3D is not available for skewed topologies. In this case Flux® SKEW export is recommended.