



#### **INSET PMSM MAGNETO-THERMAL MODELING AND ANALYSIS**

Flux 2D : Multiphysics Application Example

### **OUTLINE**

Part 1: Introduction

Part 2: Magnetic Analysis

Part 3: Thermal Analysis

Part 4: Comparison with Measurements



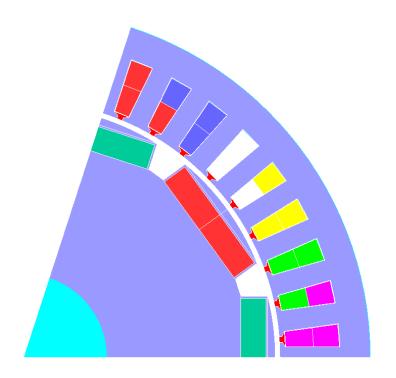


# 1. INTRODUCTION



#### **Modeling objectives**

- Performance study of an inset magnet PMSM
  - Transient magnetic analysis
  - Steady-state thermal analysis
- Comparison with measurement results
  - Temperatures in critical points
  - Phase voltages and currents
  - Magnetic torque
  - Power balance and losses





#### About the machine: IKERMAQ

- Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machine
- Sensor positioning in prototype
  - Thermocouples in coil, magnets, and housing
  - Test coils to evaluate magnetic flux in teeth and yoke
- Inset geometry
  - Magnets are embedded in rotor but very close to the air gap

Parameter	IkerMAQ
Power	75 kW
Speed	1080 rpm
Torque	700 Nm
EMF (phase)	$293 \ V_{rms}$
Current (phase)	87 A <sub>rms</sub>
External stator radius	0.188 m
Effective length	0.31 m
Pole pairs number	5
Slots number	45
Internal stator radius	0.139 m
Airgap	2.5 mm



#### **Operating point of the machine**

- Operating point selected according to the test-bench
- Operating in generator mode
- Mechanical input: external driven machine
- Electric output: passive RL load



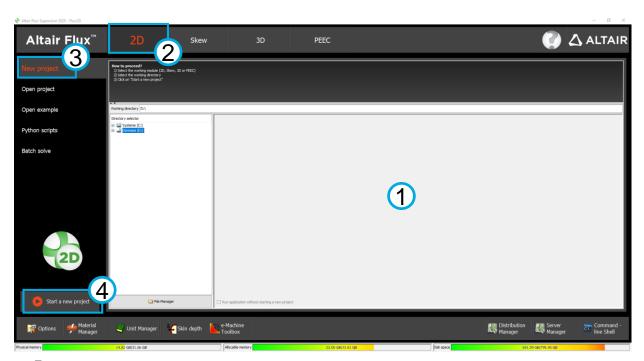
Parameter	Value	Units
Speed	1080	rpm
Torque	452	Nm
R load	2.28	Ω
L load	3.165	mH



External driven machine



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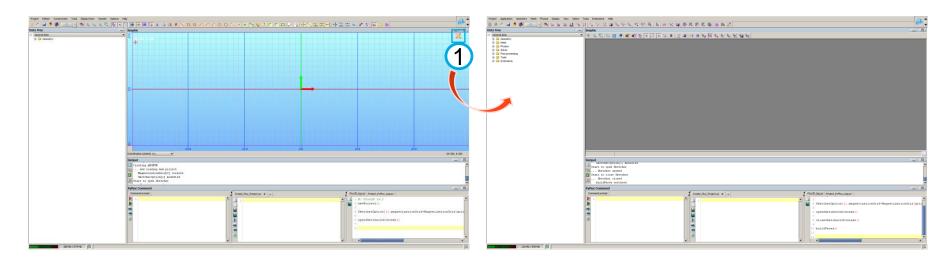


Step	Action
1	Open Flux supervisor
2	Select the [2D] simulation context
3	Click on [New project]
4	Click on [Start a new project]



Start a new project in Flux 2D

Step	Action
1	Click on the icon  to close the Flux Sketch context





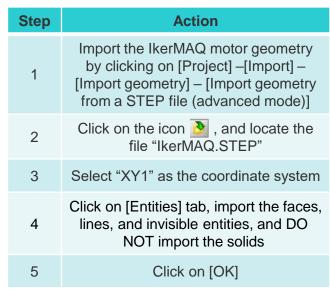
# 2. MAGNETIC ANALYSIS

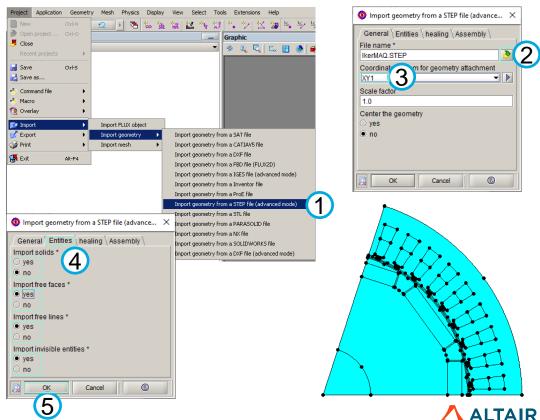


### 2.1 GEOMETRY AND MESHING



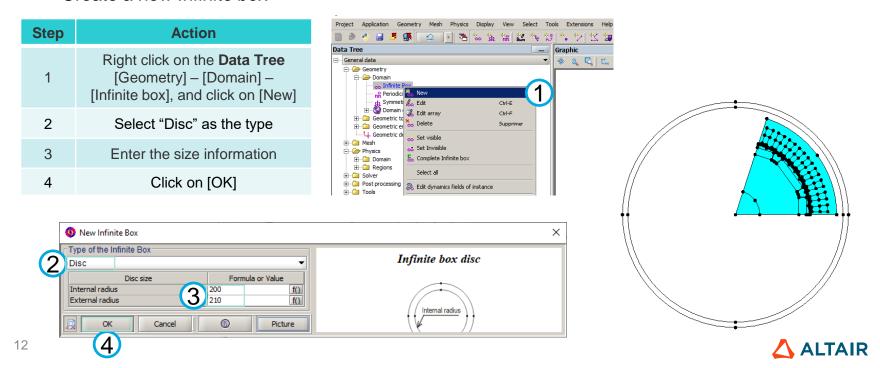
#### 2.1.1 Import the geometry





#### 2.1.2 Create the infinite box

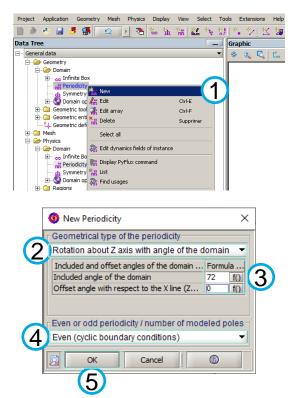
Create a new Infinite box

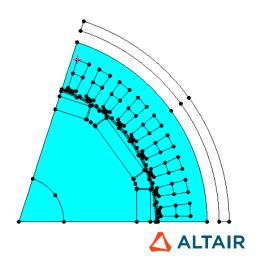


#### 2.1.2 Create the infinite box

Define the Periodicity

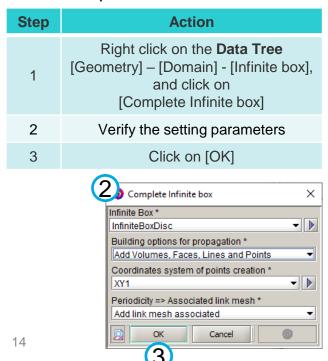
Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Geometry] – [Domain] – [Periodicity], and click on [New]
2	Select "Rotation about Z axis with angle of the domain"
3	Enter the periodicity parameters
4	Select "Even (cyclic boundary conditions)"
5	Click on [OK]

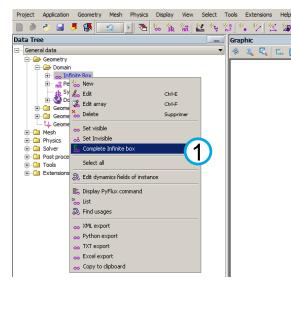


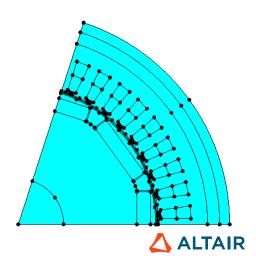


#### 2.1.2 Create the infinite box

Complete the Infinite box







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# 2.1 Magnetic Analysis: Geometry and meshing

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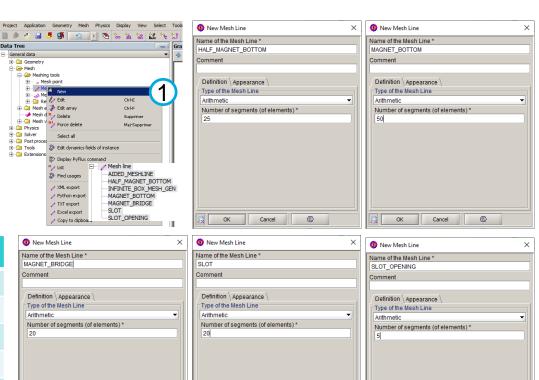
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#### 2.1.3 Mesh generation process

Create Mesh lines

Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Mesh] – [Meshing tools] - [Mesh line], and click on [New]
2	Create the following five Mesh lines

Name	Туре	Number of segments
HALF_MAGNET_BOTTOM	Arithmetic	25
MAGNET_BOTTOM	Arithmetic	50
MAGNET_BRIDGE	Arithmetic	20
SLOT	Arithmetic	20
SLOT_OPENING	Arithmetic	5

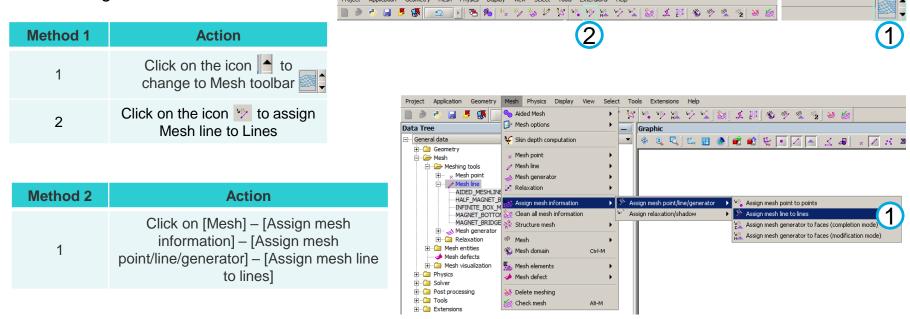


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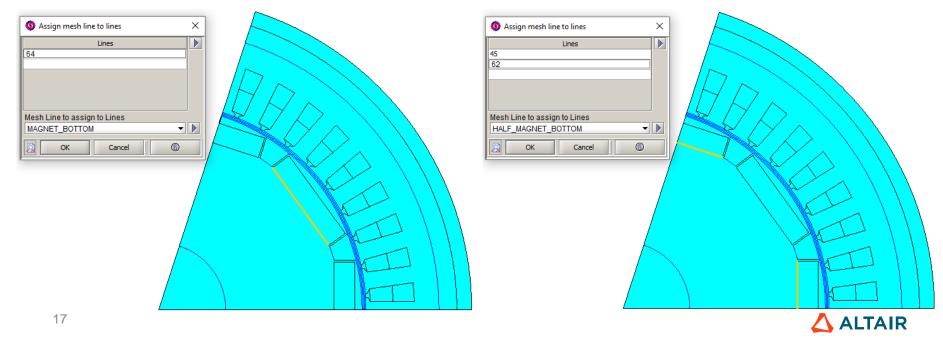
Assign Mesh lines to Lines





#### 2.1.3 Mesh generation process

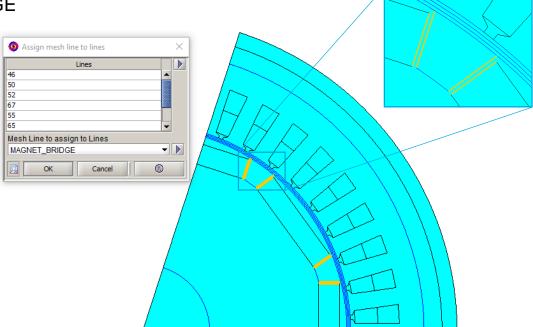
- Assign Mesh lines to Lines
- MAGNET\_BOTTOM and HALF\_MAGNET\_BOTTOM



#### 2.1.3 Mesh generation process

Assign Mesh lines to Lines

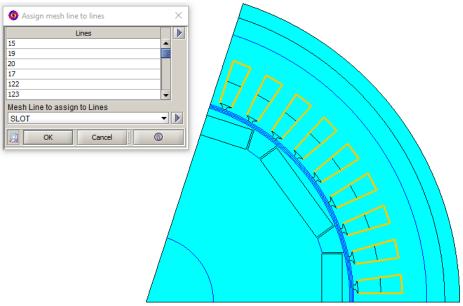
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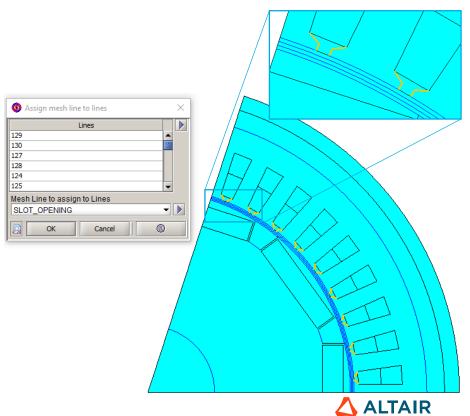




#### 2.1.3 Mesh generation process

- Assign Mesh lines to Lines
- SLOT and SOLT\_OPENING

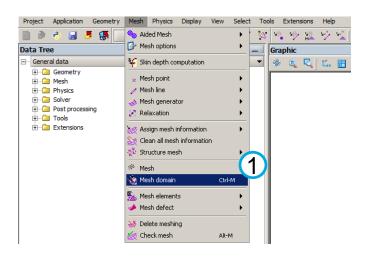


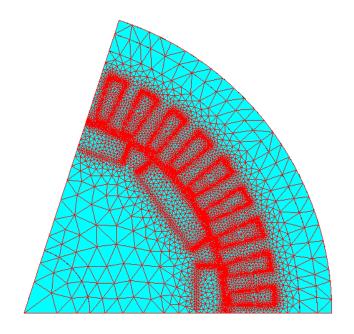


#### 2.1.3 Mesh generation process

Mesh domain

Step	Action
1	Click on [Mesh] - [Mesh domain]

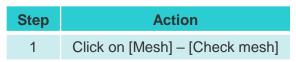


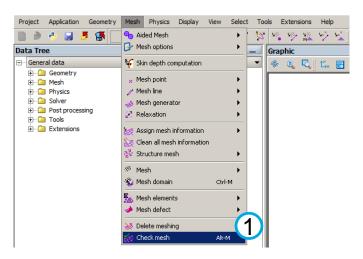




#### 2.1.3 Mesh generation process

Check the mesh





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Surface elements:

Number of elements not evaluated : 0 %
Number of excellent quality elements : 98.97 %
Number of good quality elements : 0.95 %
Number of average quality elements : 0.08 %
Number of poor quality elements : 0 %

Number of nodes : 30579
Number of line elements : 2514
Number of surface elements : 15238
Mesh order : 2nd order

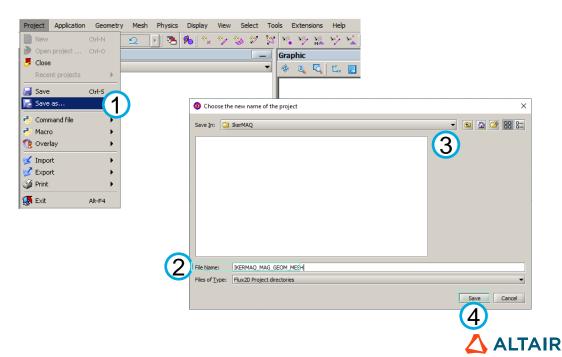
Tips: exact number of elements may depend on Flux version
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#### 2.1.4 Save the project

Project name: IKERMAQ\_MAG\_GEOM\_MESH.FLU

Step	Action
1	Click on [Project] – [Save as]
2	Define the project name as "IKERMAQ_GEOM_MESH.FLU"
3	Verify the location
4	Click on [OK]

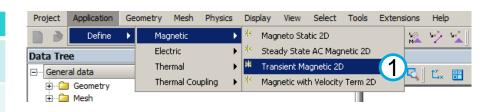


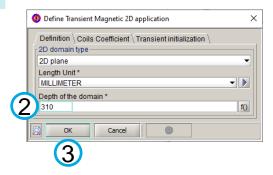
### 2.2 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION PROCESS



#### 2.2.1 Define the simulation application

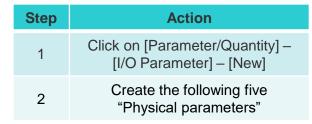
Step	Action
1	Click on [Application] – [Define] – [Magnetic] – [Transient Magnetic 2D]
2	In the [Definition] tab, define "310" as the depth of the domain
3	Click on [OK]



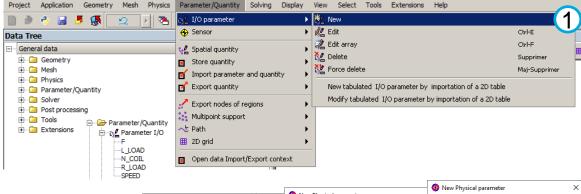




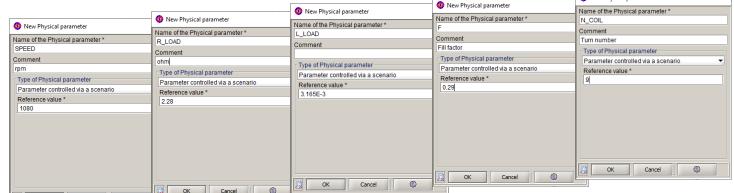
#### 2.2.2 Create I/O parameters



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Name	Reference value
SPEED	1080
R_LOAD	2.28
L_LOAD	3.165E-3
F	0.29
N_COIL	9

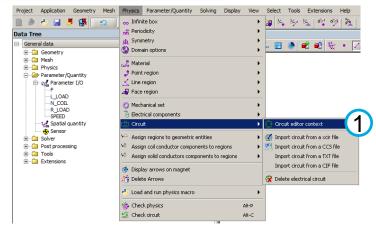


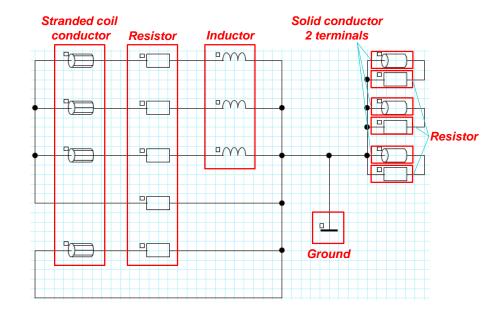


#### 2.2.3 Define the coupling circuit

Create the coupling circuit

Step	Action
1	Click on [Physics] – [Circuit] – [New]
2	Create the following coupling circuit

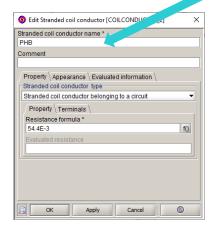


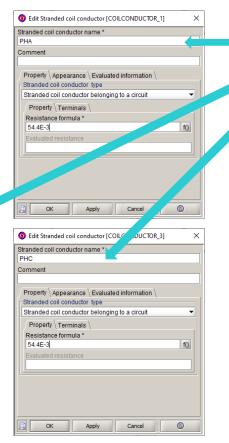


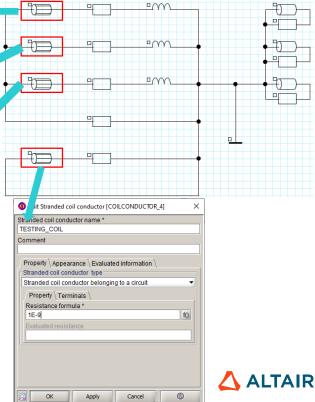


#### 2.2.3 Define the coupling circuit

Step	Action
1	Double click respectively on the four Stranded coil conductors
2	Enter the name and the resistance value for each Stranded coil conductor

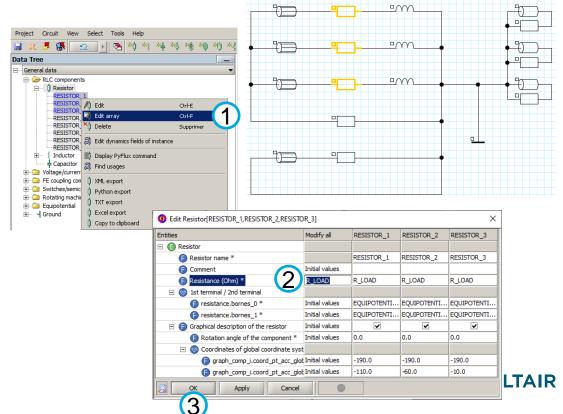






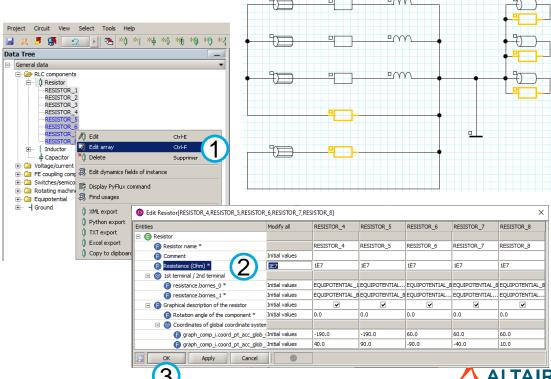
#### 2.2.3 Define the coupling circuit

Step	Action
1	Select the three load resistors from the <b>Data Tree</b> [RLC components] – [Resistor], right click and click [Edit array]
2	Modify all the Resistance value by the parameter "R_LOAD"
3	Click on [OK]



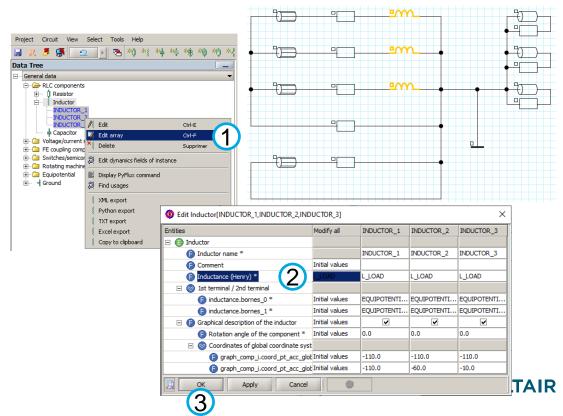
#### 2.2.3 Define the coupling circuit

Step	Action
1	Select the other resistors from the <b>Data Tree</b> [RLC components] –  [Resistor], right click and click  [Edit array]
2	Modify all the Resistance value by "1E7"
3	Click on [OK]



#### 2.2.3 Define the coupling circuit

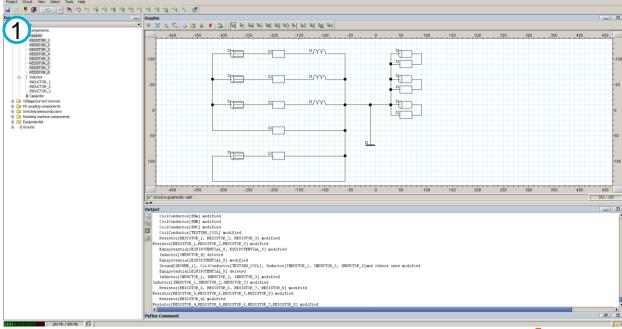
Step	Action
1	Select the three load inductors from the <b>Data Tree</b> [RLC components] – [Inductor], right click and click [Edit array]
2	Modify all the Inductance value by parameter "L_LOAD"
3	Click on [OK]



#### 2.2.3 Define the coupling circuit

Close the Circuit editor context

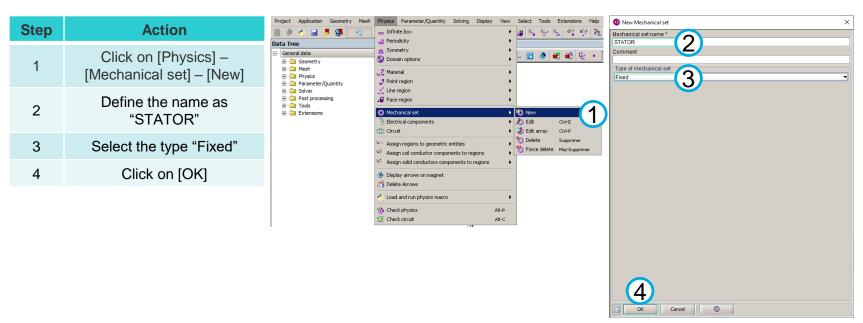
Step	Action
1	Click on the icon to close the Circuit editor context





#### 2.2.4 Create mechanical sets

Fixed Mechanical set: STATOR

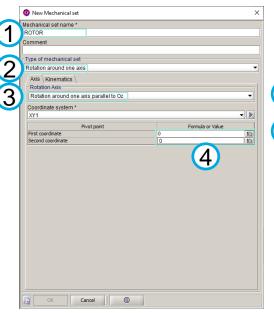


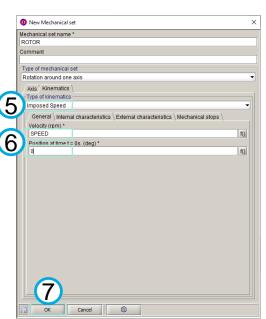


#### 2.2.4 Create mechanical sets

Rotation Mechanical set: ROTOR

Step	Action	١,
1	Create the second mechanical set, define the name as "ROTOR"	
2	Select the type as "Rotation around one axis"	
3	Select the axis as "Rotation around one axis parallel to Oz"	
4	Define the pivot point as (0, 0)	
5	In [Kinematics] tab, select the type as "Imposed Speed"	
6	Define the parameter "SPEED" as the velocity, initial position as 0.	
7	Click on [OK]	



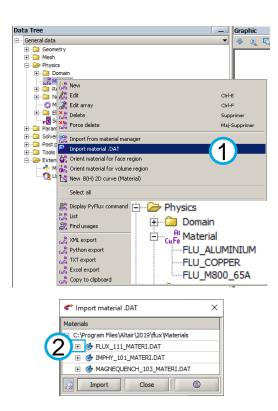




#### 2.2.5 Define materials for the motor

Import material (.DAT file)

Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Physics] – [Material], click on [Import material .DAT]
2	Click on the [+] to release the material list "FLUX_111_MATERI.DAT"
3	Press on [Ctrl], multi-select  "FLU_ALUMINIUM",  "FLU_COPPER", and  "FLU_M800_65A", click on  [Import]

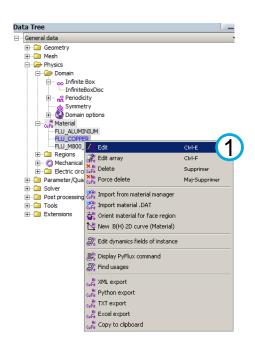


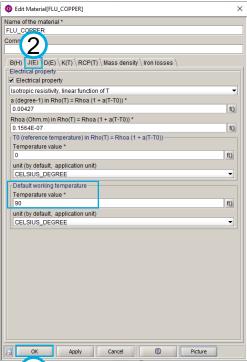


#### 2.2.5 Define materials for the motor

Modify material properties

Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Physics] – [Material] – [FLU_COPPER], and click on [Edit]
2	Modify the Default working temperature value in the [J(E)] tab
3	Click on [OK]



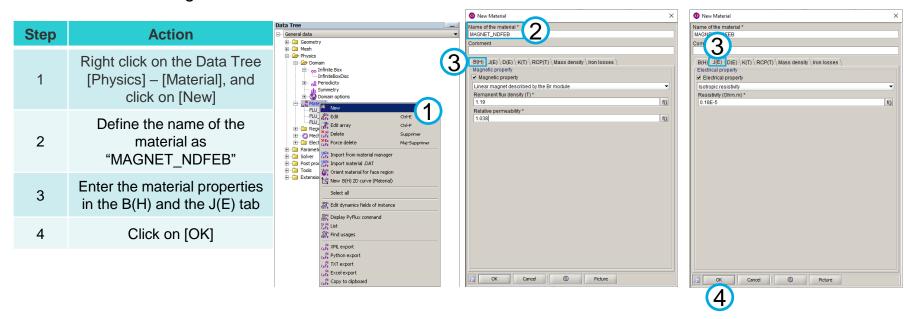






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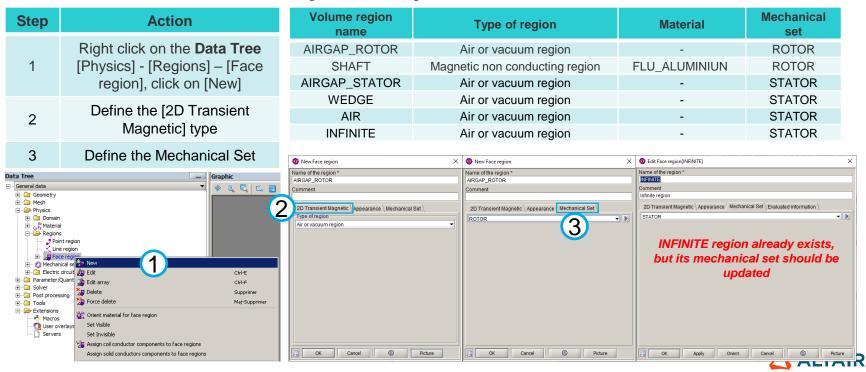
· Create the magnet material





### 2.2.6 Create face regions

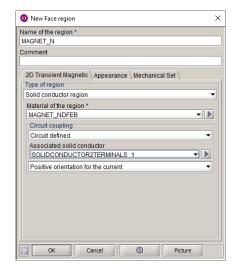
Define non laminated, non magnet Face regions

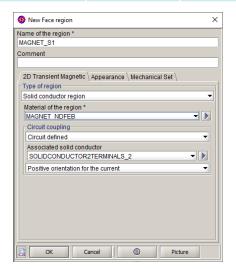


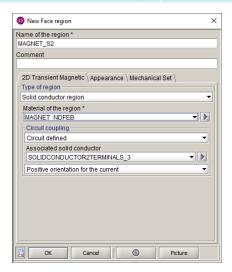
### 2.2.6 Create face regions

Define magnet Face regions

Volume region name	Type of region	Material	Circuit coupling	Associated solid conductor	Orientation	Mechanical set
MAGNET_N	Solid conductor region	MAGNET_NDFEB	Circuit defined	SOLIDCONDUCTOR2TERMINALS_1	Positive	ROTOR
MAGNET_S1	Solid conductor region	MAGNET_NDFEB	Circuit defined	SOLIDCONDUCTOR2TERMINALS_2	Positive	ROTOR
MAGNET_S2	Solid conductor region	MAGNET_NDFEB	Circuit defined	SOLIDCONDUCTOR2TERMINALS_3	Positive	ROTOR





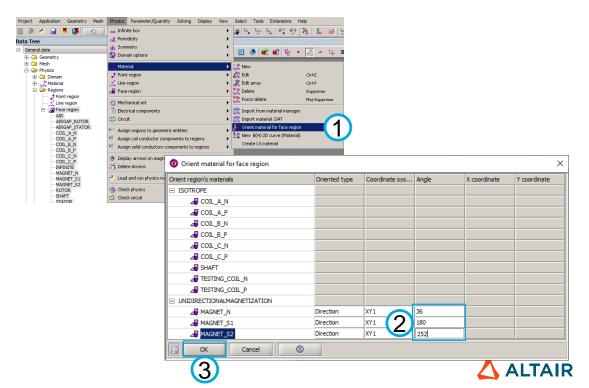




#### 2.2.6 Create face regions

Define magnet Face regions

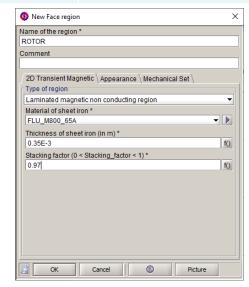
Step	Action
1	Click on the [Physics] - [Material] – [Orient material for face region]
2	Define the oriented angle for the three magnet regions
3	Click on [OK]

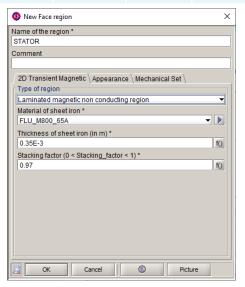


#### 2.2.6 Create face regions

Define laminated Face regions

Volume region name	Type of region	Material	Thickness	Stacking factor	Mechanical set
ROTOR	Laminated magnetic non conducting region	FLU_M800_65A	0.35E-3	0.97	ROTOR
STATOR	Laminated magnetic non conducting region	FLU_M800_65A	0.35E-3	0.97	STATOR







### 2.2.6 Create face regions

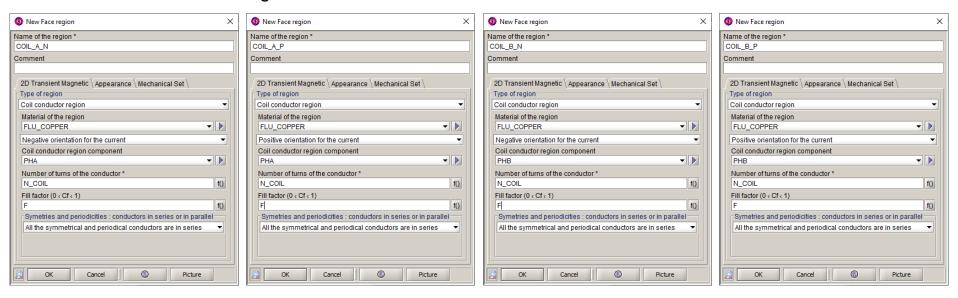
Define coil Face regions

Volume region name	Type of region	Material	Orientation	Coil conductor	Number of turns	Fill factor	Symmetry	Mechanical set
COIL_A_N	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Negative	PHA	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR
COIL_A_P	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Positive	PHA	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR
COIL_B_N	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Negative	PHB	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR
COIL_B_P	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Positive	PHB	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR
COIL_C_N	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Negative	PHC	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR
COIL_C_P	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Positive	PHC	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR
TESTING_COIL_N	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Negative	TESTING_COIL	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR
TESTING_COIL_P	Coil conductor region	FLU_COPPER	Positive	TESTING_COIL	N_COIL	F	in series	STATOR



#### 2.2.6 Create face regions

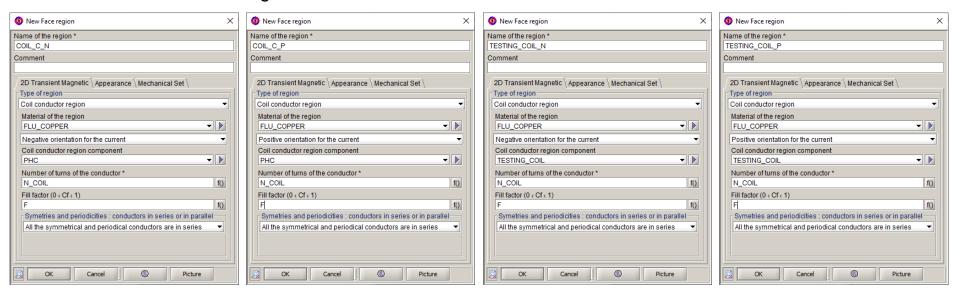
Define coil Face regions





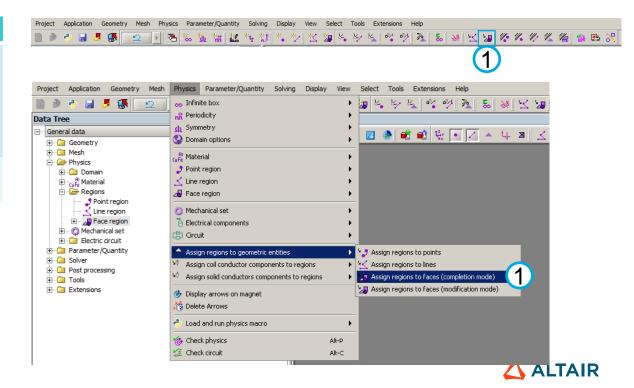
#### 2.2.6 Create face regions

Define coil Face regions

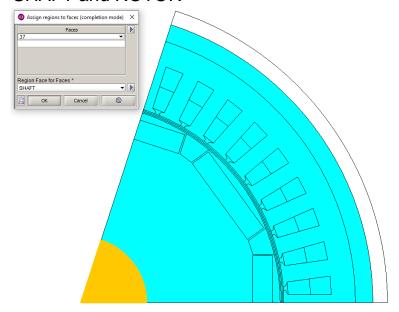


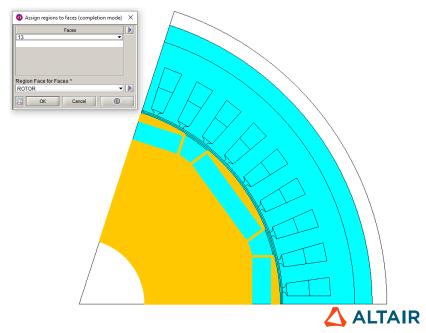


Step	Action
1	Click on the icon by to assign regions to volumes.  Or click on the [Physics] - [Assign regions to geometric entities] – [Assign regions to faces (completion mode)]
2	Assign the created Volume regions to the Volumes

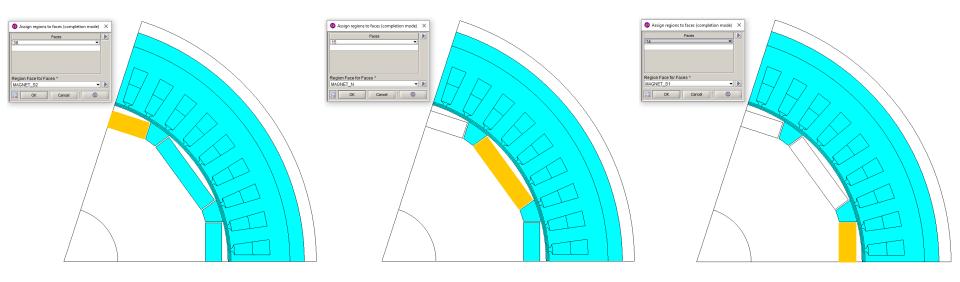


- Assign regions in ROTOR mechanical set
- SHAFT and ROTOR



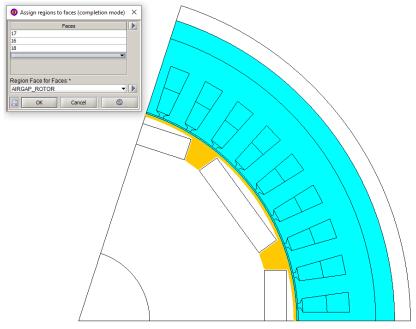


- Assign regions in ROTOR mechanical set
- MAGNETs





- Assign regions in ROTOR mechanical set
- AIRGAP\_ROTOR

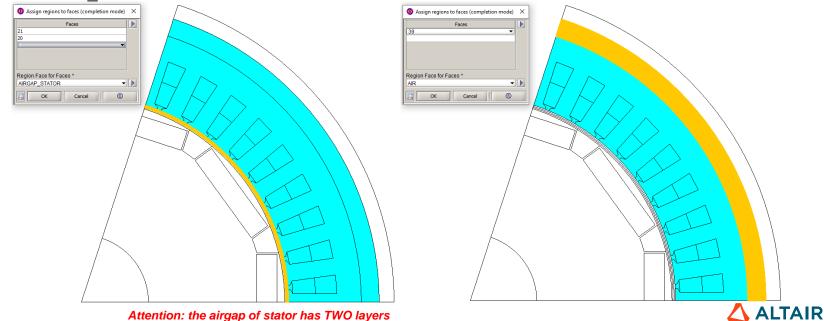




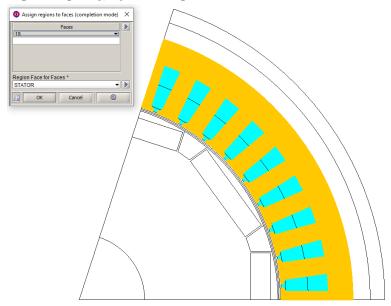
#### 2.2.7 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

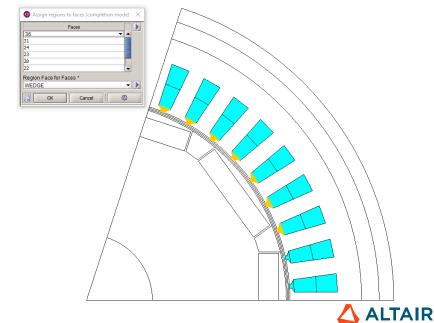
Assign regions in STATOR mechanical set

AIRGAP\_STATOR and AIR



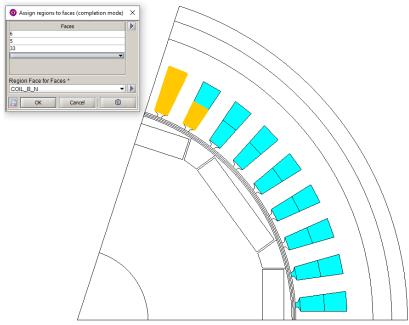
- Assign regions in STATOR mechanical set
- STATOR and WEDGE

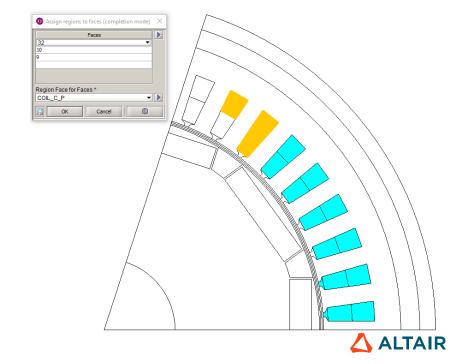




#### 2.2.7 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

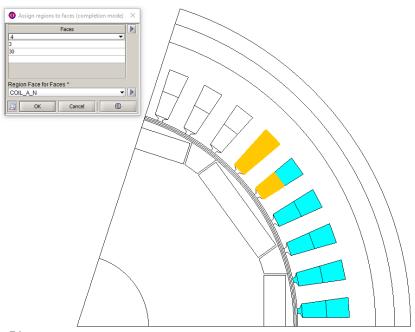
Assign regions in STATOR mechanical set

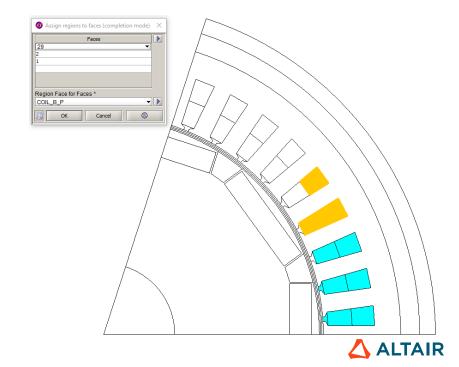




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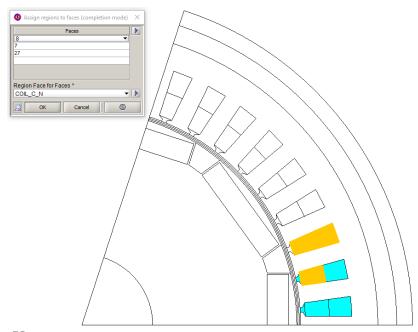
Assign regions in STATOR mechanical set

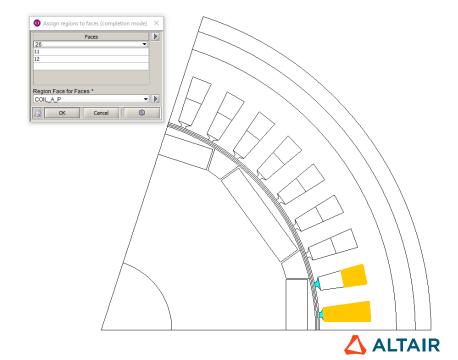




#### 2.2.7 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

Assign regions in STATOR mechanical set





#### 2.2.7 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

Assign regions in STATOR mechanical set

COILs

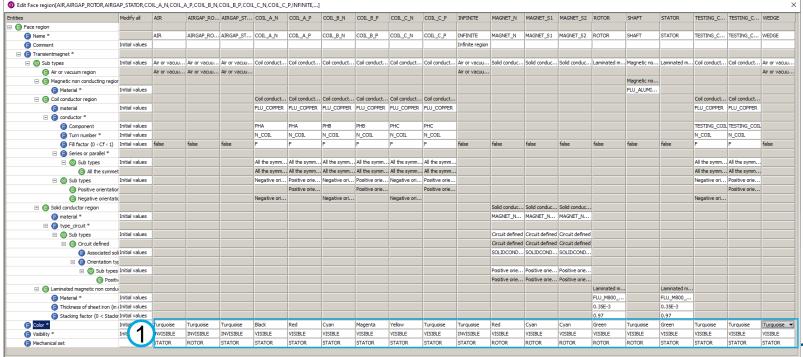


### 2.2.7 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

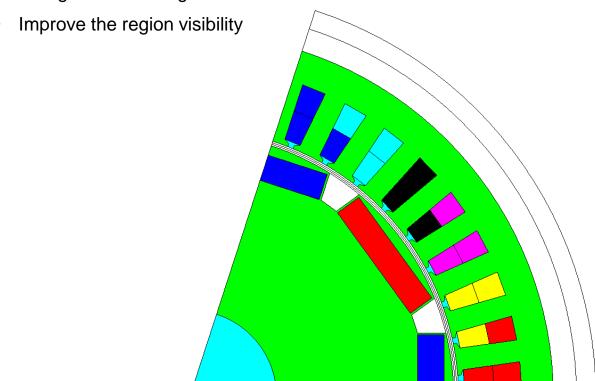
Improve the region visibility

Cancel

Step	Action
1	Select all the Face regions from the Data tree, right click and click on [Edit array]
2	Change the color and the visibility for all regions





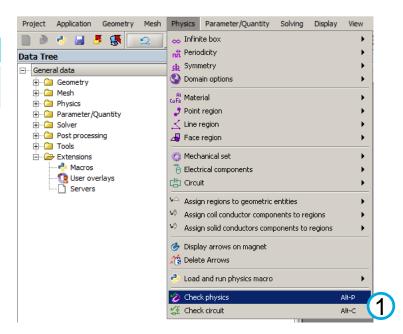




### 2.2.8 Finish the physical description

Check physics

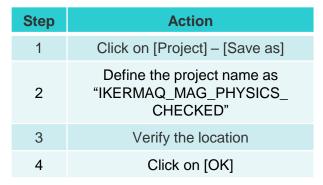
Step	Action		
1	Click on [Physics] – [Check physics]		

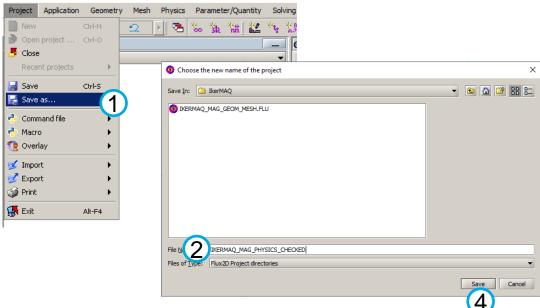




#### 2.2.8 Finish the physical description

Save the project as: IKERMAQ\_MAG\_PHYSICS\_CHECKED.FLU





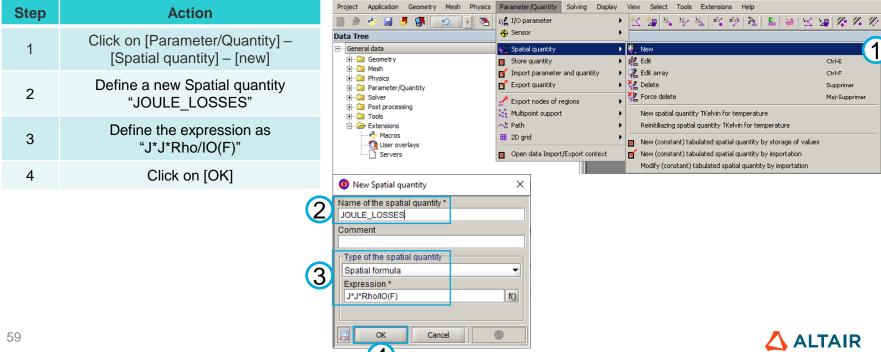


### 2.3 SOLVING AND POSTPROCESSING



#### 2.3.1 Create a spatial quantity

Spatial quantity: JOULE\_LOSSES

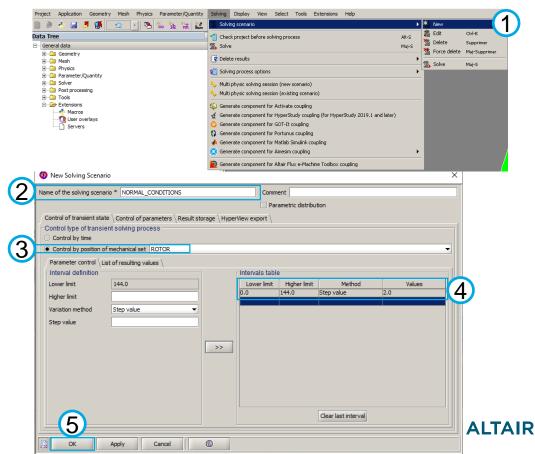




### 2.3.2 Solving process

Create a new Solving scenario

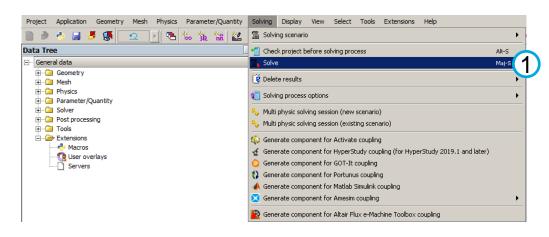
Step	Action
1	Create a new Solving scenario by clicking on [Solving] – [Solving scenario] – [New]
2	Define the scenario name as "NORMAL_CONDITIONS"
3	Click [Control by position of mechanical set] – [ROTOR]
4	Define the interval as [0.0, 144.0], with a step value as 2.0
5	Click on [OK]

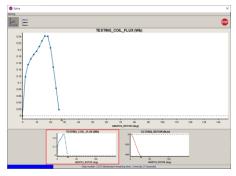


#### 2.3.2 Solving process

Solve the scenario

Step	Action			
1	Solve the Scenario by clicking on [Solving] – [Solve]			
2	Select the solving scenario "NORMAL_CONDITIONS"			
3	Save as a New project "IKERMAQ_MAG_PHYSICS _SOLVED"			
4	Click on [OK]			
Solve  Solving Scenario * NORMAL_CONDITIONS Save solved project as * Current project  New project IKERMAQ_MAG_PHYSICS_SOLVED				
61 Cancel				



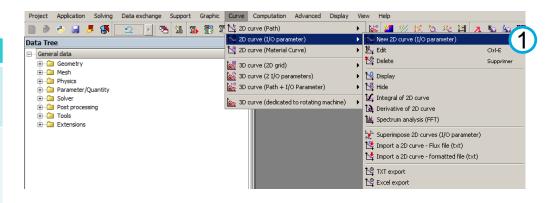




#### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Plot 2D curves (I/O parameter)

Step	Action
1	Create a new 2D curve by clicking on [Curve] – [2D curve (I/O parameter)] – [New 2D curve (I/O parameter)]
2	Plot the following curves:  - TORQUE  - LOAD_PHASE_CURRENTS  - LOAD_PHASE_VOLTAGES  - MECHANICAL_ELECTRIC_POWER  - TESTING_COIL_MAG_FLUX  - COPPER_LOSSES

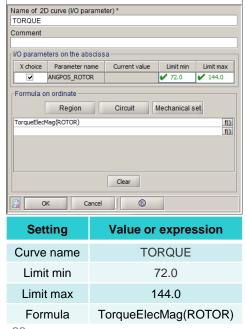


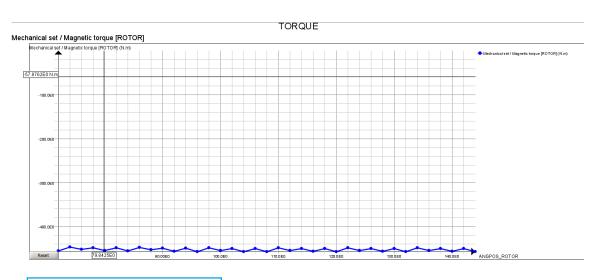


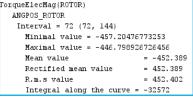
#### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

New 2D curve (I/O parameter)

Plot the magnetic torque





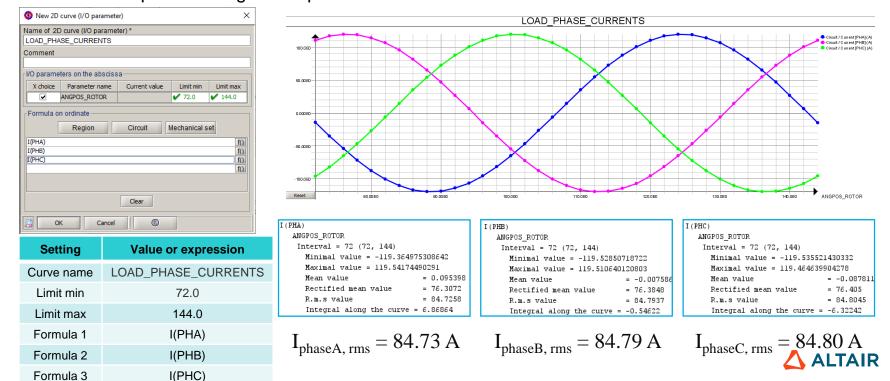


$$Torque_{rms} = 452.40 \text{ N.m}$$



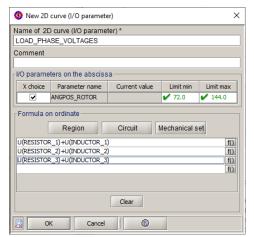
#### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Plot the phase voltages and phase currents in the load

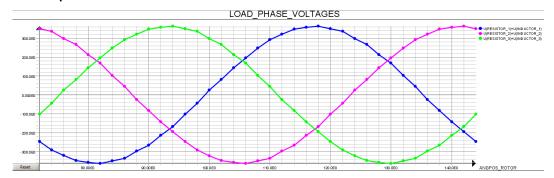


### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Plot the voltages and currents of each phases in the load



Setting	Value or expression
Curve name	LOAD_PHASE_VOLTAGES
Limit min	72.0
Limit max	144.0
Formula 1	U(RESISTOR_1)+U(INDUCTOR_1)
Formula 2	U(RESISTOR_2)+U(INDUCTOR_2)
Formula 3	U(RESISTOR_3)+U(INDUCTOR_3)



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U(RESISTOR 1)+U(INDUCTOR 1)
                                             U(RESISTOR 2)+U(INDUCTOR 2)
  ANGPOS ROTOR
                                                 ANGPOS ROTOR
   Interval = 72 (72, 144)
                                                  Interval = 72 (72, 144)
     Minimal value = -362.9812088842
                                                   Minimal value = -363.151810667877
     Maximal value = 363.132177522017
                                                   Maximal value = 363.160250714062
     Mean value
                                = 0.060476
                                                   Mean value
                                                                               = -0.01329
     Rectified mean value
                                = 230.717
                                                   Rectified mean value
                                                                               = 230.753
     R.m.s value
                                = 255.821
                                                                               = 255.867
                                                   R.m.s value
     Integral along the curve = 4.35428
                                                   Integral along the curve = -0.956912
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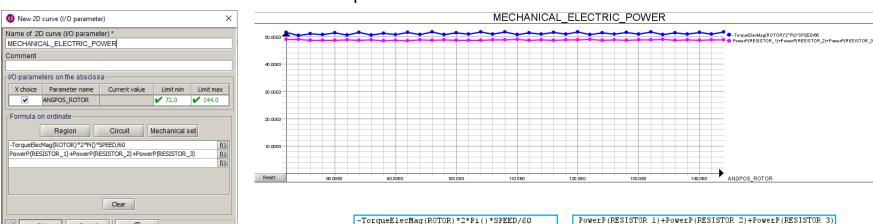
U(RESISTOR 3)+U(INDUCTOR 3)
ANGPOS\_ROTOR
Interval = 72 (72, 144)
Minimal value = -363.151883046122
Maximal value = 363.060261140822
Mean value = -0.047186
Rectified mean value = 230.739
R.m.s value = 255.849
Integral along the curve = -3.39736

$$U_{phaseA, rms} = 255.82 \text{ V}$$
  $U_{phaseB, rms} = 255.87 \text{ V}$   $U_{phaseC, rms} = 255.85 \text{ V}$ 



### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Plot the mechanical and the electric power



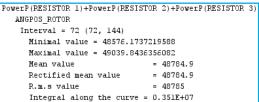
Setting	Value or expression
Curve name	MECHANICAL_ELECTRIC_POWER
Limit min	72.0
Limit max	144.0
Formula 1	-TorqueElecMag(ROTOR)*2*Pi()*SPEED/60
Formula 2	PowerP(RESISTOR_1)+PowerP(RESISTOR _2)+PowerP(RESISTOR_3)

**(B)** 

Cancel

ANGPOS\_ROTOR
Interval = 72 (72, 144)
Minimal value = 50531.7681300829
Maximal value = 51708.6410218108
Mean value = 51164
Rectified mean value = 51164
R.m.s value = 51165.4
Integral along the curve = 0.368E+07

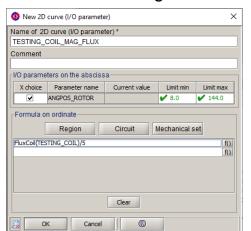
$$P_{\text{meca, mean}} = 51.17 \text{ kW}$$

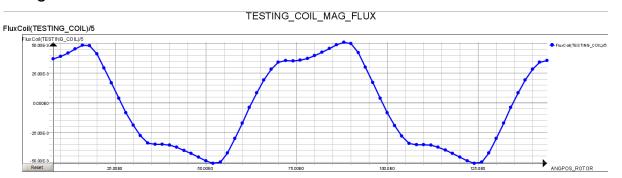


$$P_{\text{elec, mean}} = 48.79 \text{ kW}$$

### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Plot the magnetic flux flowing in the test coil





Value or expression
TESTING_COIL_MAG_FLUX
8.0
144.0
FluxCoil(TESTING_COIL)/5

FluxCoil(TESTING COIL)/5

ANGPOS\_ROTOR

Interval = 136 (8, 144)

Minimal value = -0.051131007848197

Maximal value = 0.050970489118695

Mean value = -0.002426

Rectified mean value = 0.033218

R.m.s value = 0.035874

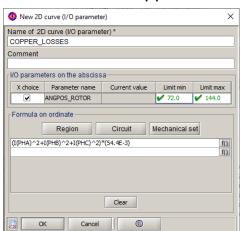
Integral along the curve = -0.328868

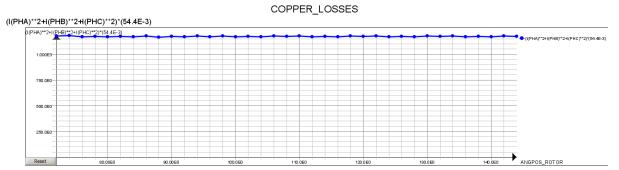
Warning: only ONE testing coil is installed in the test-bench. However, due to the periodicity in the modeling, the model is considered to have FIVE testing coils. So the flux value should be divided by 5 to compare with the measurement.



### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Plot the copper losses





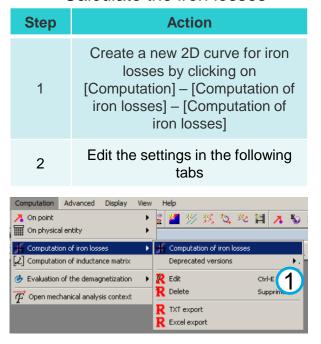
Setting	Value or expression
Curve name	COPPER_LOSSES
Limit min	72.0
Limit max	144.0
Formula 1	(I(PHA)^2+I(PHB)^2+I(PHC)^2)*(54.4E-3)

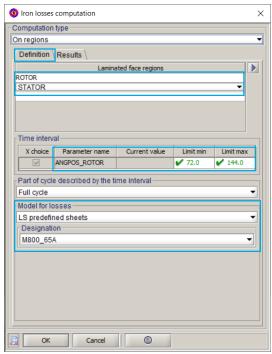
$$P_{\text{copper losses, mean}} = 1.17 \text{ kW}$$

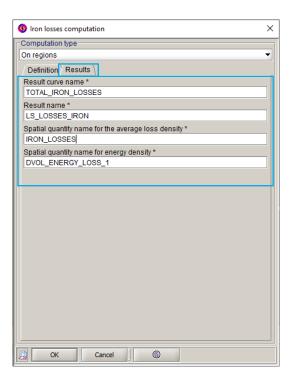


#### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Calculate the iron losses



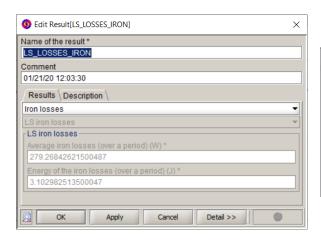


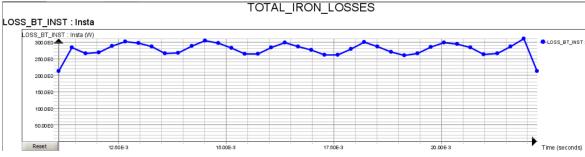




#### 2.3.3 Postprocessing

Calculate the iron losses





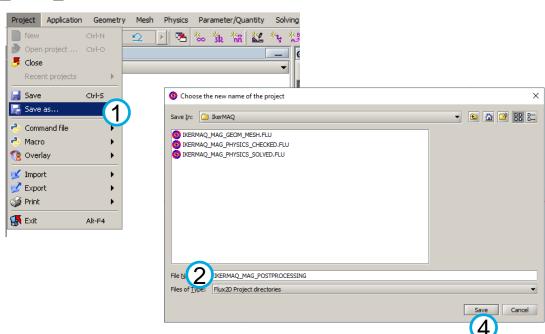
$$P_{iron\_losses, mean} = 0.28 \text{ kW} * 5 = 1.40 \text{ kW}$$



#### 2.3.4 Finish the postprocessing

Save the project as: IKERMAQ\_MAG\_POSTPROCESSING.FLU

Step	Action
1	Click on [Project] – [Save as]
2	Define the project name as "IKERMAQ_MAG_ POSTPROCESSING.FLU"
3	Verify the location
4	Click on [OK]



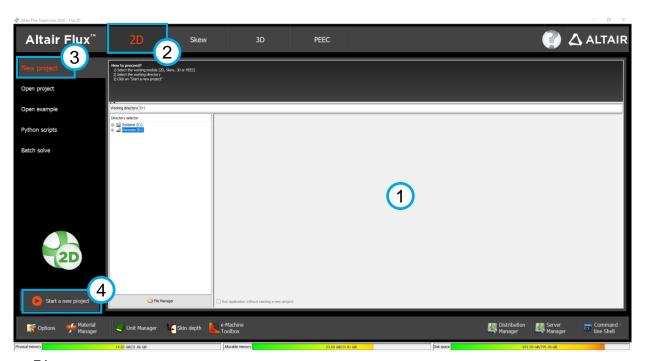


# 3. THERMAL ANALYSIS

## 3.1 GEOMETRY AND MESHING



## 3.1.1 Create a new 2D project

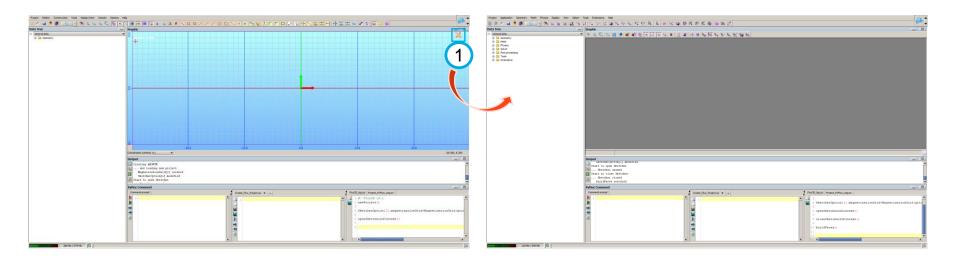


Step	Action
1	Go to Flux supervisor
2	Select the [2D] simulation context
3	Click on [New project]
4	Click on [Start a new project]



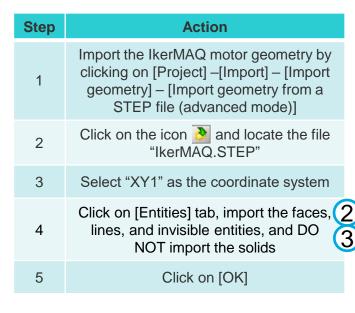
#### 3.1.2 Close the sketch context

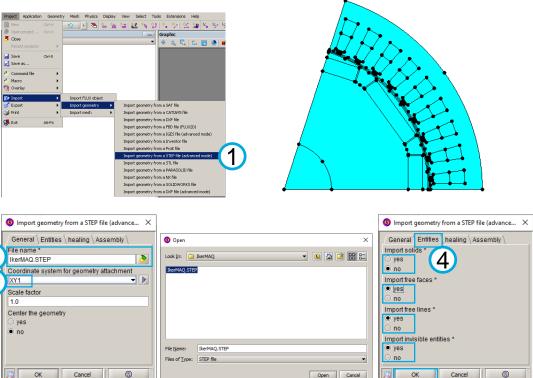
Step	Action
1	Click on the icon K to close the Flux Sketch context



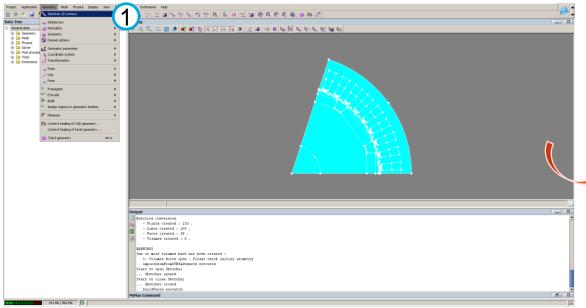


## 3.1.3 Import the geometry

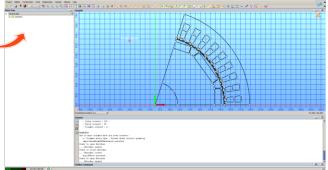




- 3.1.4 Adapt the geometry to thermal analysis
  - Open the Sketcher 2D Context



Step	Action
1	Click on [Geometry] – [Sketcher 2D Context] to open the Flux 2D Sketcher

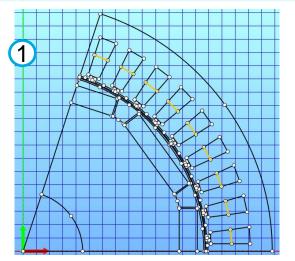


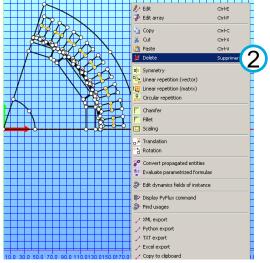


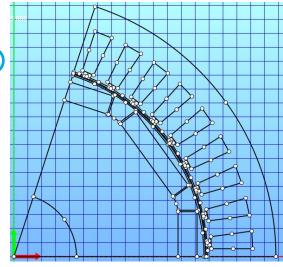
### 3.1.4 Adapt the geometry to thermal analysis

Delete Lines

Step	Action
1	Press [Ctrl] to multi-select all the middle lines in the stator slots
2	Right click and click on [Delete]





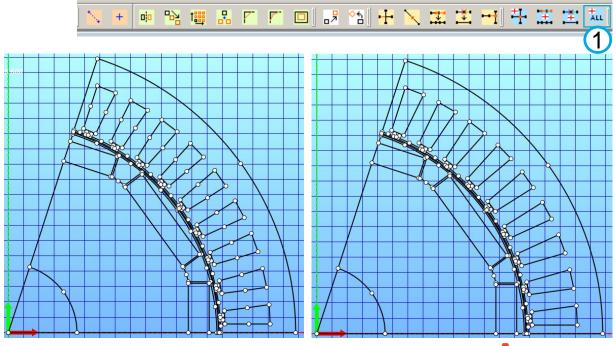




## 3.1.4 Adapt the geometry to thermal analysis

Simplify the geometry

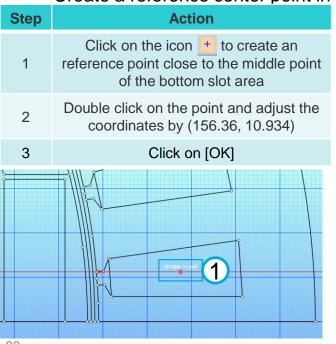
Step	Action
1	Click on the icon to automatically simplify the motor geometry

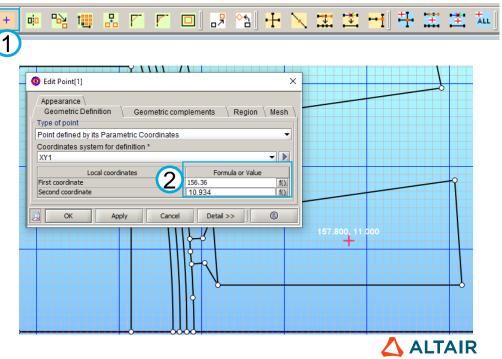




### 3.1.5 Create coil regions

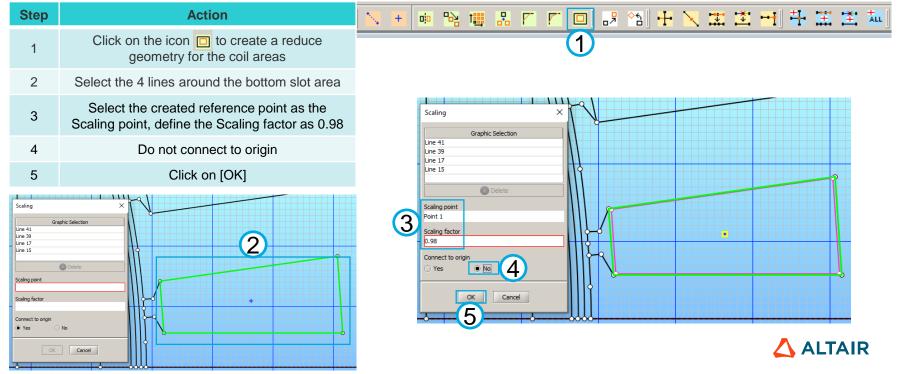
Create a reference center point in the bottom slot





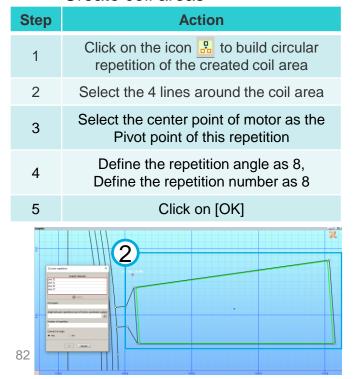
## 3.1.5 Create coil regions

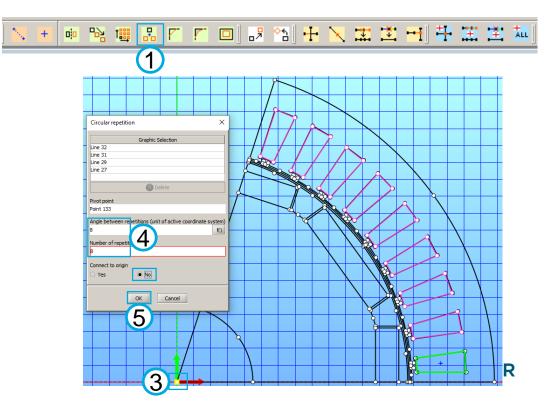
Create a coil area in the bottom slot



### 3.1.5 Create coil regions

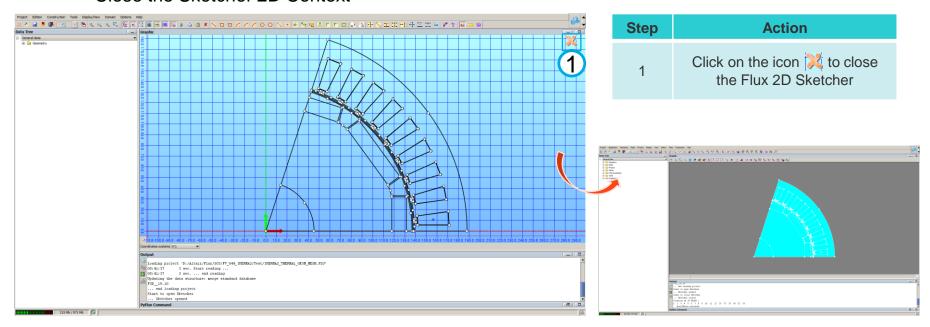
Create coil areas





### 3.1.5 Create coil regions

Close the Sketcher 2D Context

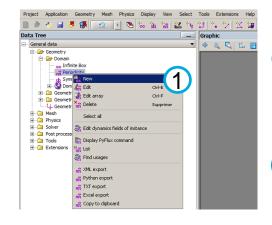


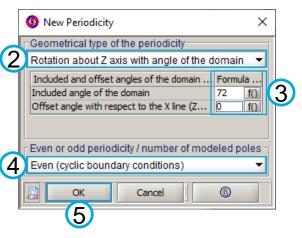


### 3.1.6 Define the periodicity of the domain

Define the Periodicity

Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Geometry] – [Domain] - [Periodicity], and click on [New]
2	Select "Rotation about Z axis with angle of the domain"
3	Enter the periodicity parameters
4	Select "Even" periodicity
5	Click on [OK]



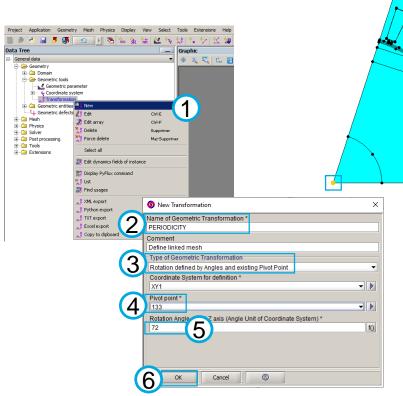




3.1.6 Define the periodicity of the domain

Define the Transformation

Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Geometry] – [Geometric tools] - [Transformation], and click on [New]
2	Define the name as "PERIODICITY"
3	Select "Rotation define by Angles and existing Pivot Point"
4	Select the center point of the motor as the Pivot point
5	Define the Rotation angle as 72
6	Click on [OK]

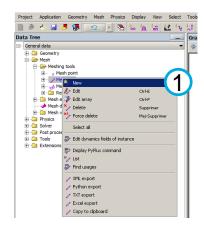


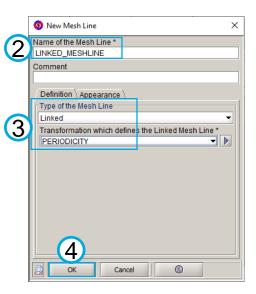


### 3.1.7 Mesh generation process

Create a new Mesh line

Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Mesh] – [Meshing tools] - [Mesh line], and click on [New]
2	Define the name as "LINKED_MESHLINE"
3	Define the type as "Linked", select the PERIOCITY transformation
4	Click on [OK]



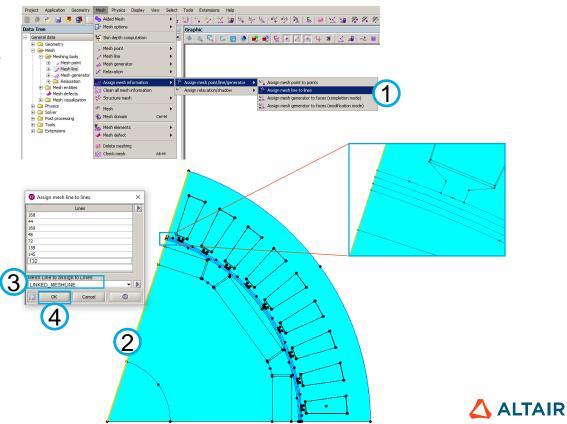




## 3.1.7 Mesh generation process

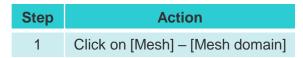
Assign the Mesh line to Lines

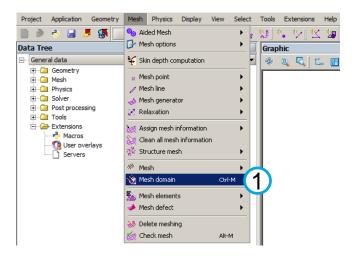
Step	Action
1	Click on [Mesh] – [Assign mesh information] – [Assign mesh point/line/generator] – [Assign mesh line to lines]
2	Select all the lines in the in the left border of the domain
3	Select "LINKED_MESHLINE"
4	Click on [OK]

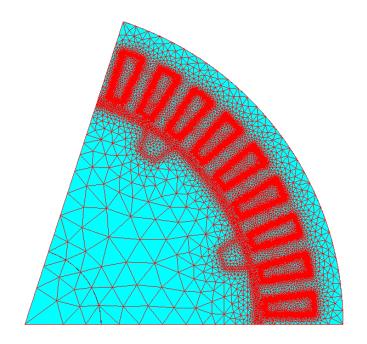


### 3.1.7 Mesh generation process

Mesh domain



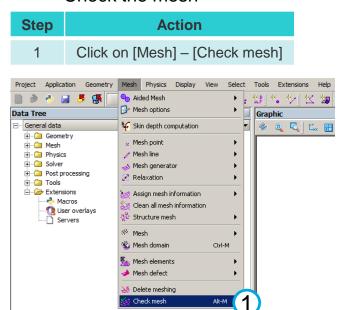






### 3.1.7 Mesh generation process

Check the mesh



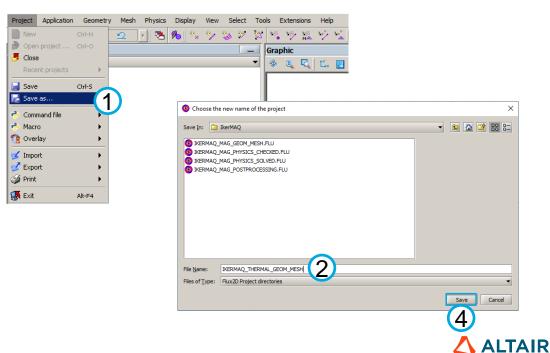
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Surface elements :
  Number of elements not evaluated
                                          0
  Number of excellent quality elements:
                                          99.39
  Number of good quality elements
                                        : 0.48 %
  Number of average quality elements
                                        : 0.09 %
  Number of poor quality elements
                                        : 0.04 %
Number of nodes: 184931
Number of line elements: 12937
Number of surface elements: 82414
Mesh order : 2nd order
 Tips: exact number of elements may depend on Flux version
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## 3.1.8 Save the project

Project name: IKERMAQ\_THERMAL\_GEOM\_MESH.FLU

Step	Action
1	Click on [Project] – [Save as]
2	Define the project name as "IKERMAQ_THERMAL_GEOM _MESH.FLU"
3	Verify the location
4	Click on [Save]

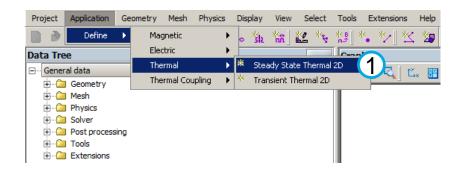


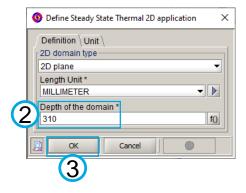
## 3.2 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION PROCESS



## 3.2.1 Define the simulation application

Step	Action
1	Click on [Application] – [Define] – [Magnetic] – [Transient Magnetic 2D]
2	In the [Definition] tab, define "310" as the 2D plane domain depth
3	Click on [OK]



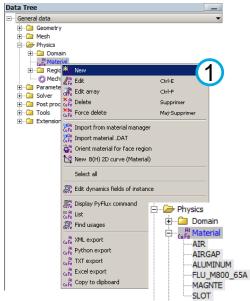


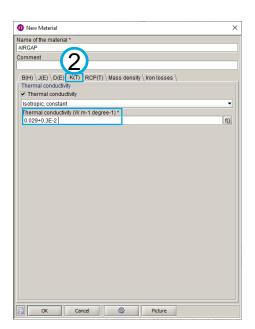


#### 3.2.2 Define materials

Step	Action
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Physics] – [Material], and click on [New]
2	Create the following materials, modify the properties in the K(T) tab

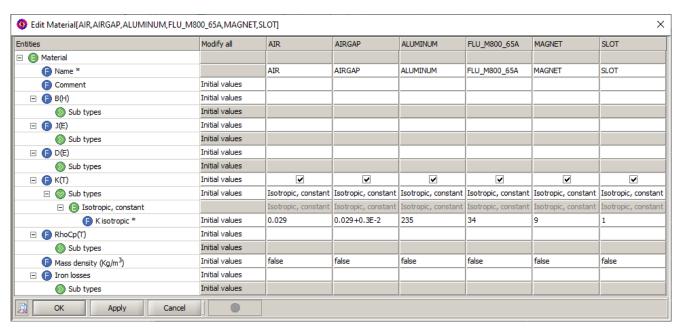
Name	Type of thermal conductivity	Thermal conductivity
AIR	Isotropic, constant	0.029
AIRGAP	Isotropic, constant	0.029+0.3E-2
ALUMINUM	Isotropic, constant	235
MAGNET	Isotropic, constant	9
FLU_M800_65A	Isotropic, constant	34
SLOT	Isotropic, constant	1







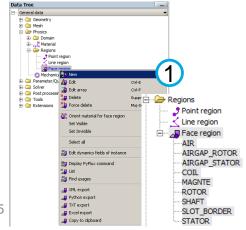
#### 3.2.2 Define materials





## 3.2.3 Define face regions

Step	Action	
1	Right click on the <b>Data Tree</b> [Physics] – [Region] – [Face region], and click on [New]	
2	Create the following Face regions	



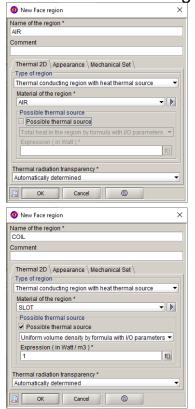
Name	Type of region	Material	Thermal source	Expression <sup>2</sup>
AIR	Thermal conducing region	AIR	-	-
AIRGAP_ROTOR	Thermal conducing region	AIR <sup>1</sup>	-	-
AIRGAP_STATOR	Thermal conducing region	AIRGAP	-	-
COIL	Thermal conducing region	SLOT	Uniform volume density	1
MAGNET	Thermal conducing region	MAGNET	Uniform volume density	1
ROTOR	Thermal conducing region	FLU_M800_65A	Uniform volume density	1
SHAFT	Thermal conducing region	ALUMINUM	-	-
SLOT_BORDER	Thermal conducing region	AIR	-	-
STATOR	Thermal conducing region	FLU_M800_65A	Uniform volume density	1

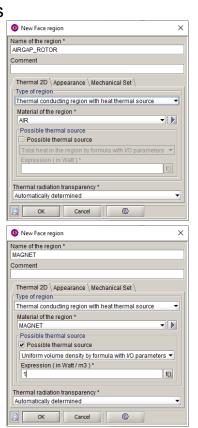
#### Keep in mind:

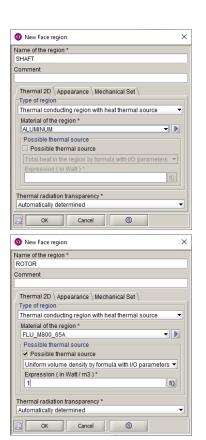
- 1. The material of region AIRGAP\_ROTOR is AIR
- 2. The thermal source expression will be modified in the later section

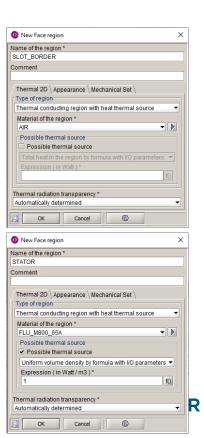


3.2.3 Define face regions

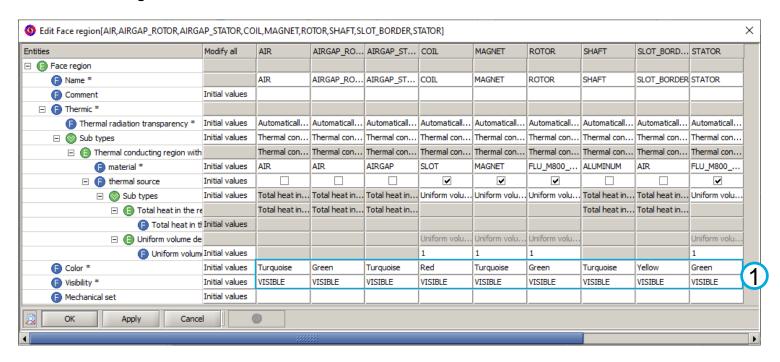








## 3.2.3 Define face regions

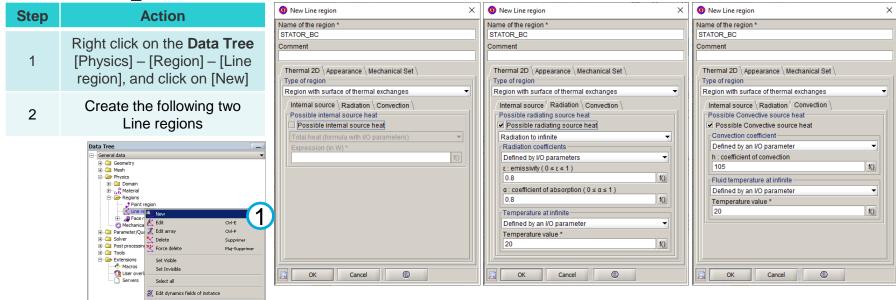




### 3.2.4 Define line regions for thermal boundary conditions

STATOR\_BC

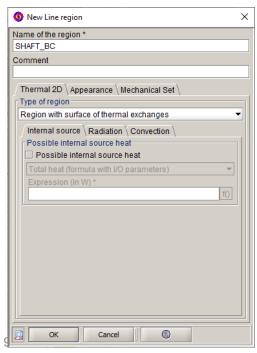
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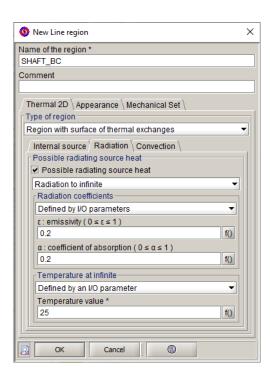


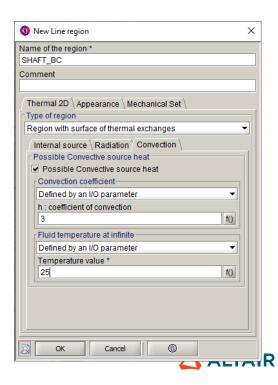


### 3.2.4 Define line regions for thermal boundary conditions

SHAFT\_BC

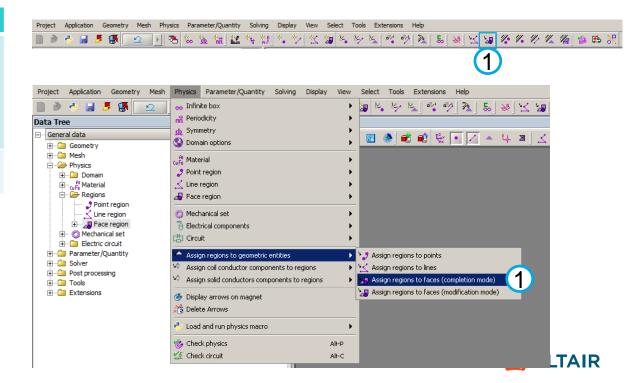






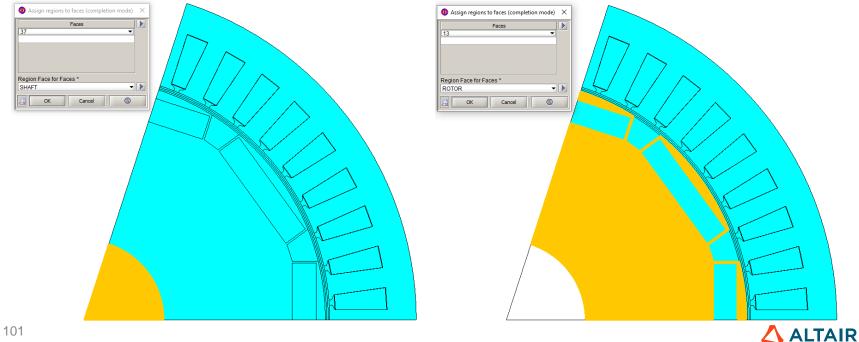
## 3.2.5 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

Step	Action	
1	Click on the icon to assign regions to volumes.  Or click on the [Physics] - [Assign regions to geometric entities] – [Assign regions to faces (completion mode)]	
2	Assign the created Volume regions to the Volumes	



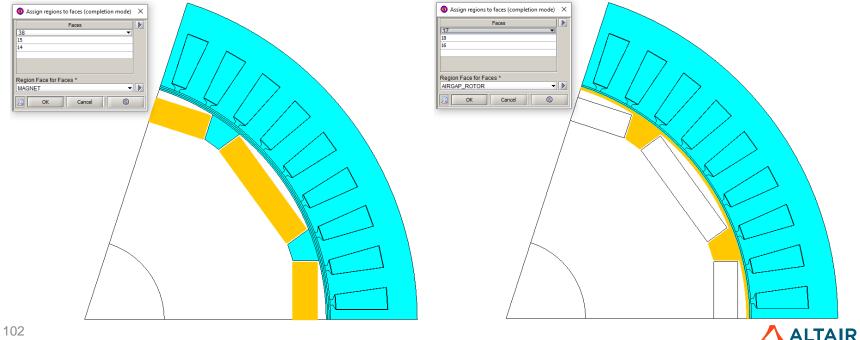
## 3.2.5 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

SHAFT and ROTOR



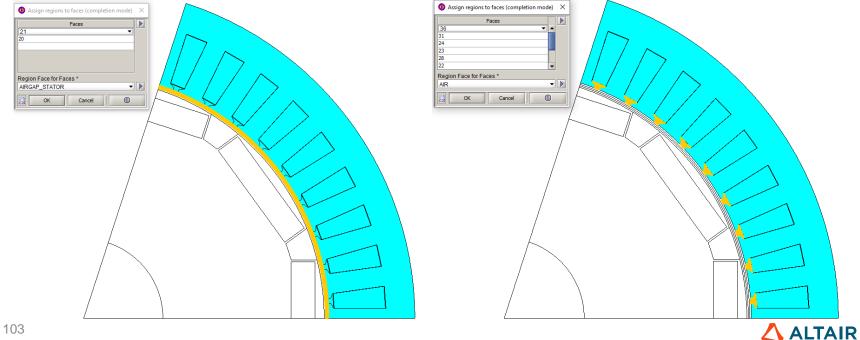
## 3.2.5 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

MAGNET and AIRGAP\_ROTOR



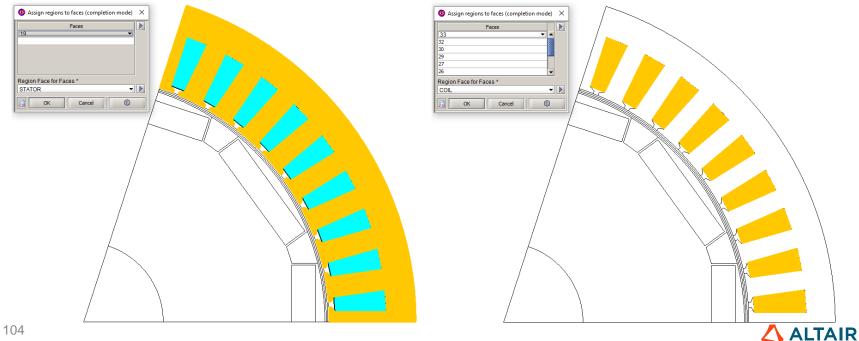
## 3.2.5 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

AIRGAP\_STATOR and AIR



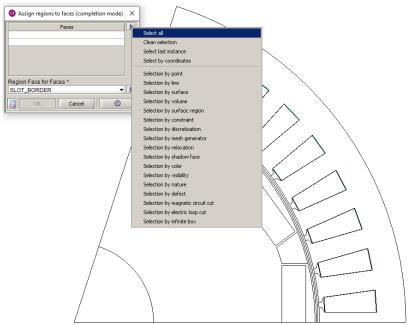
## 3.2.5 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

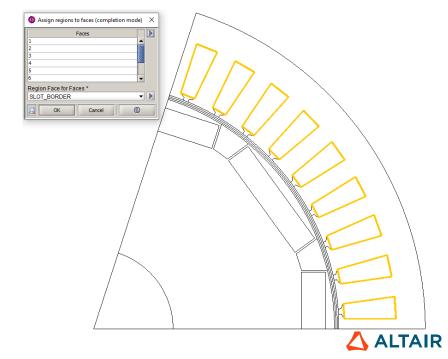
STATOR and COIL



### 3.2.5 Assign the Face regions to the Faces

SLOT\_BORDER

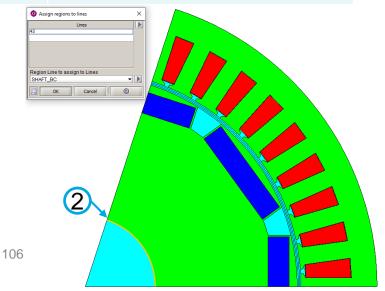




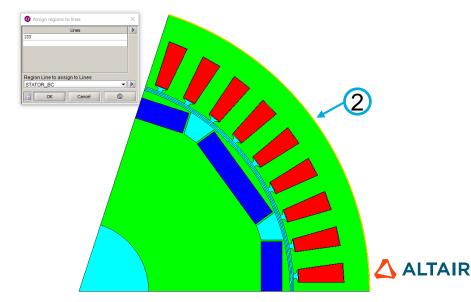
### 3.2.6 Assign Line regions to line

SHAFT BC

Step	Action
1	Click on the [Physics] - [Assign regions to geometric entities] – [Assign regions to lines]
2	Assign the created Line regions to the Lines







Cancel

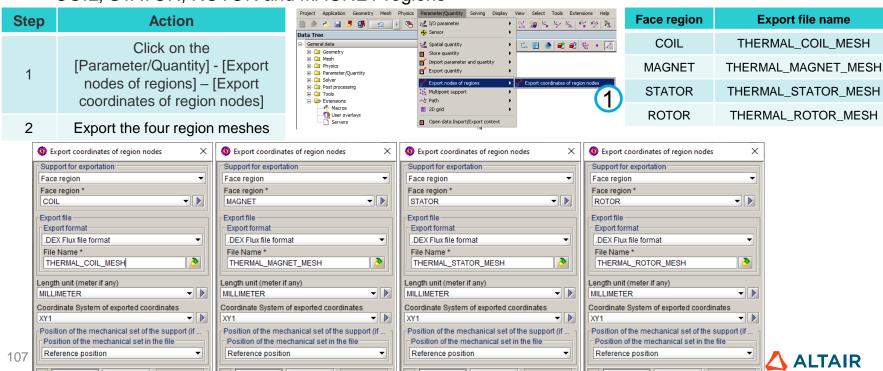
# 3.2 Thermal Analysis: Physical description process

Cancel

## 3.2.7 Export mesh files

Cancel

COIL, STATOR, ROTOR and MAGNET regions

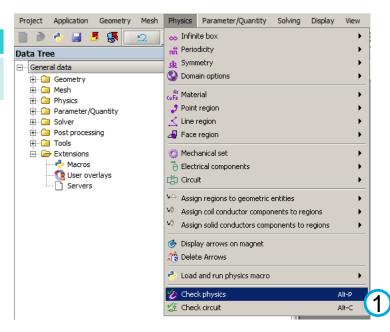


Cancel

### 3.2.8 Finish the physical description

Check physics

Step	Action	
1	Click on [Physics] – [Check physics]	



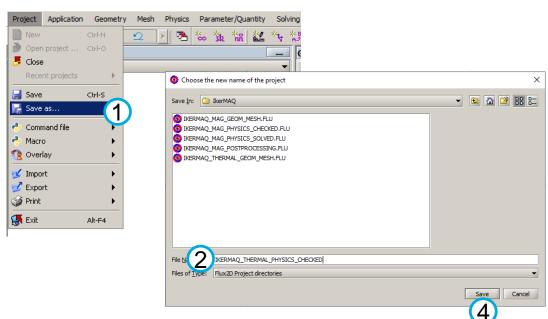


## 3.2 Thermal Analysis: Physical description process

#### 3.2.8 Finish the physical description

Save the project as: IKERMAQ\_THERMAL\_PHYSICS\_CHECKED.FLU

Step	Action		
1	Click on [Project] – [Save as]		
2	Define the project name as "IKERMAQ_MAG_PHYSICS_ CHECKED"		
3	Verify the location		
4	Click on [OK]		
5	Click on [project] – [Exit] to close the project		





### 3.3 SOLVING AND POSTPROCESSING



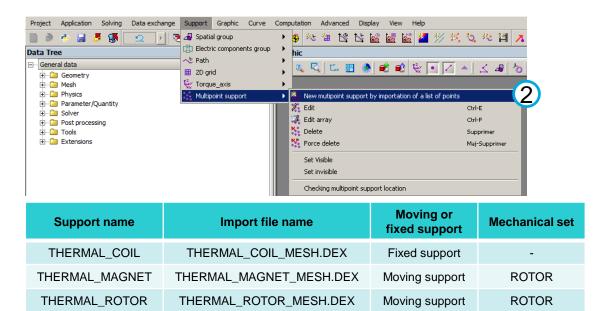
Fixed support

## 3.3 Thermal Analysis: Solving and postprocessing

THERMAL\_STATOR

#### 3.3.1 Create supports for thermal analysis

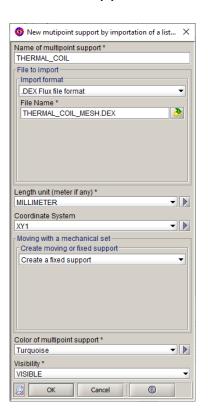
Step	Action		
1	Open project  "IKERMAQ_MAG_POSTPROCES SING.FLU" from the Flux supervisor		
2	Click on [Support] – [Multiple support] – [New multiple support by importation of a list of points]		
3	Create the four supports  - THERMAL_COIL  - THERMAL_MAGNET  - THERMAL_ROTOR  - THERMAL_STATOR		

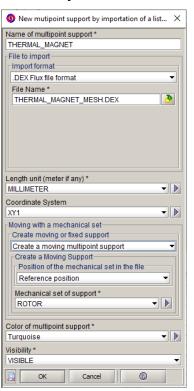


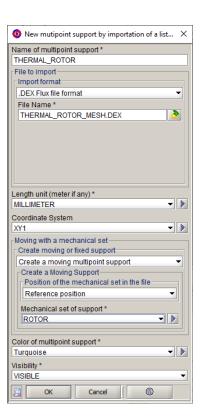
THERMAL\_STATOR\_MESH.DEX

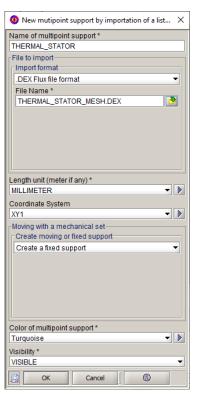


#### 3.3.1 Create supports for thermal analysis







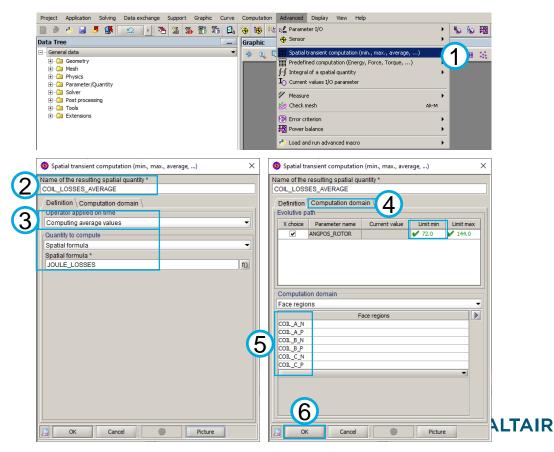




#### 3.3.2 Create new Spatial quantities

COIL\_LOSSES\_AVERAGE

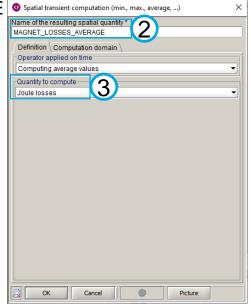
Step	Action
1	Click on [Advanced] – [Spatial transient computation]
2	Define a new quantity "COIL_LOSSES_AVERAGE"
3	Select "Computing average values", "Spatial formula", and enter "JOULE_LOSSES"
4	In the [Computation domain] page, select the [Limit min] as 72
5	Select the related [Face regions] in the list
6	Click on [OK]

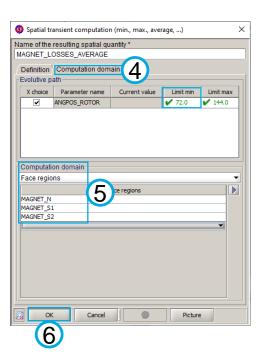


#### 3.3.2 Create new Spatial quantities

MAGNET\_LOSSES\_AVERAGE

Step	Action			
1	Click on [Advanced] – [Spatial transient computation]			
2	Define a new quantity "MAGNET_LOSSES_AVERAGE"			
3	Select "Joule losses"			
4	In the [Computation domain] page, select the [Limit min] as 72			
5	Select the related [Face regions] in the list			
6	Click on [OK]			



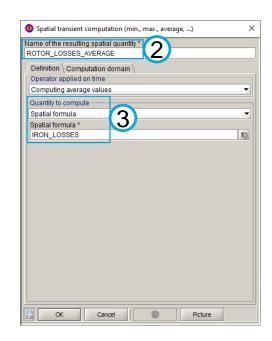


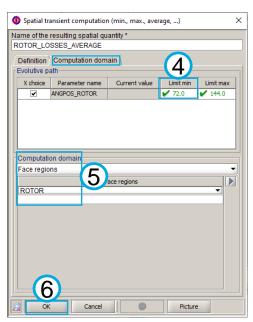


#### 3.3.2 Create new Spatial quantities

ROTOR\_LOSSES\_AVERAGE

Step	Action			
1	Click on [Advanced] – [Spatial transient computation]			
2	Define a new quantity "ROTOR_LOSSES_AVERAGE"			
3	Select "Spatial formula", and enter "IRON_LOSSES"			
4	In the [Computation domain] page, select the [Limit min] as 72			
5	Select the related [Face regions] in the list			
6	Click on [OK]			



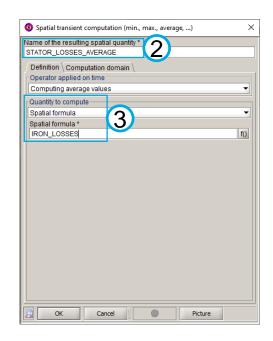


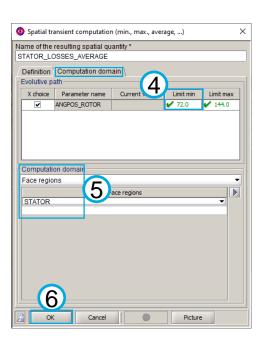


#### 3.3.2 Create new Spatial quantities

STATOR LOSSES AVERAGE

Step	Action		
1	Click on [Advanced] – [Spatial transient computation]		
2	Define a new quantity "STATOR_LOSSES_AVERAGE"		
3	Select "Spatial formula", and enter "IRON_LOSSES"		
4	In the [Computation domain] page, select the [Limit min] as 72		
5	Select the related [Face regions] in the list		
6	Click on [OK]		

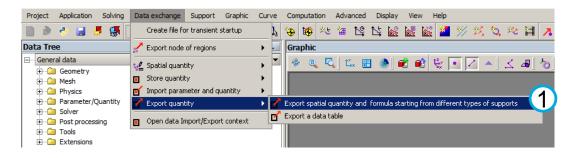






#### 3.3.3 Export average losses in each domain

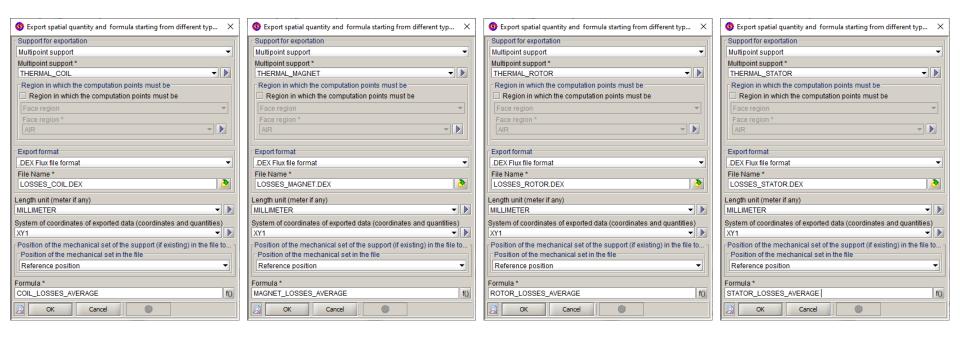
Step	Action		
1	Click on [Data exchange] – [Export quantity] – [Export spatial quantity and formula starting from different types of support]		
2	Export the average losses for the following four supports		



Support for exportation	Support name	Export file	Position	Formula
Multipoint support	THERMAL_COIL	LOSSES_COIL.DEX	Reference position	COIL_LOSSES_AVERAGE
Multipoint support	THERMAL_MAGNET	LOSSES_MAGNET.DEX	Reference position	MAGNET_LOSSES_AVERAGE
Multipoint support	THERMAL_STATOR	LOSSES_STATOR.DEX	Reference position	ROTOR_LOSSES_AVERAGE
Multipoint support	THERMAL_ROTOR	LOSSES_ROTOR.DEX	Reference position	STATOR_LOSSES_AVERAGE



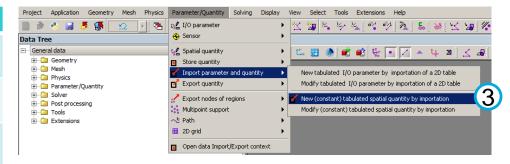
#### 3.3.3 Export average losses in each domain





#### 3.3.4 Import spatial quantities from magnetic project

Step	Action			
1	Save and close the project "IKERMAQ_MAG_POSTPROCESSING.FLU"			
2	Open the project "IKERMAQ_THERMAL_PHYSICS_CHECKED"			
3	Click on [Parameter/Quantity] –[Import parameter and quantity] –[New (constant) tabulated spatial quantity by importation]			
4	Export the average losses for the following four supports			

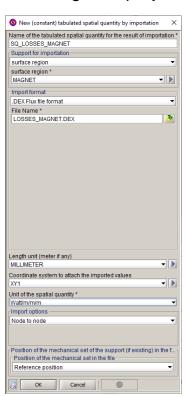


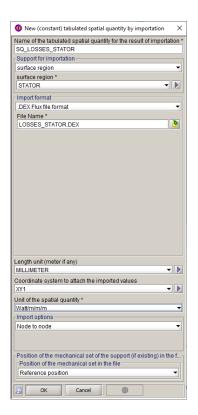
Spatial quantity name	Surface region	Import file	Unit	Import option	Position
SQ_LOSSES_COIL	COIL	LOSSES_COIL.DEX	Watt/m/m/m	Node to node	Reference position
SQ_LOSSES_MAGNET	MAGNET	LOSSES_MAGNET.DEX	Watt/m/m/m	Node to node	Reference position
SQ_LOSSES_STATOR	STATOR	LOSSES_STATOR.DEX	Watt/m/m/m	Node to node	Reference position
SQ_LOSSES_ROTOR	ROTOR	LOSSES_ROTOR.DEX	Watt/m/m/m	Node to node	Reference position

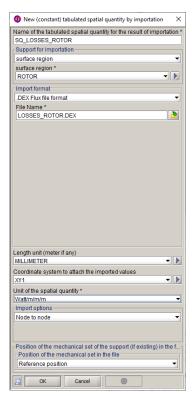


#### 3.3.4 Import spatial quantities from magnetic project







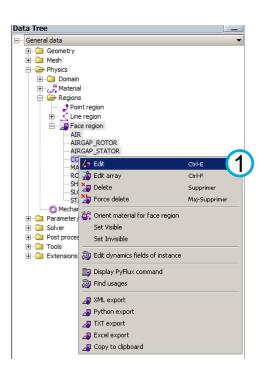




#### 3.3.5 Assign imported spatial quantity to regions

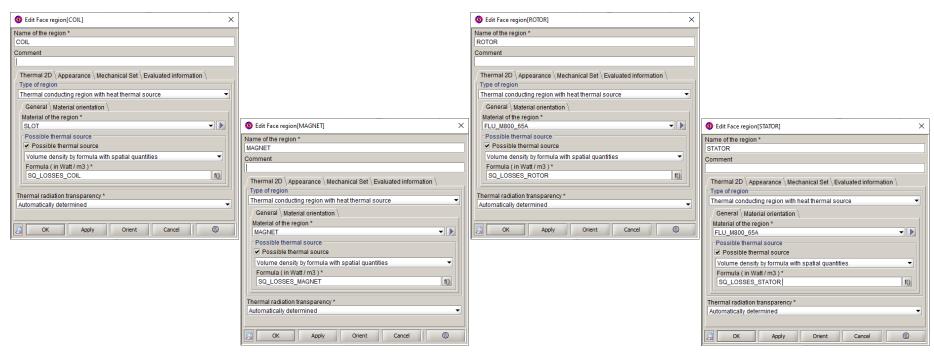
Step	Action					
1	Right click on the four following regions in <b>Data Tree</b> [Physics] – [Regions] – [Face region]:  - COIL  - MAGNET  - STATOR  - ROTOR					
2	Update the thermal source setting					

Region name	Thermal source type	Formula
COIL	Volume density by formula with spatial quantities	SQ_LOSSES_COIL
MAGNET	Volume density by formula with spatial quantities	SQ_LOSSES_MAGNET
ROTOR	Volume density by formula with spatial quantities	SQ_LOSSES_ROTOR
STATOR	Volume density by formula with spatial quantities	SQ_LOSSES_STATOR





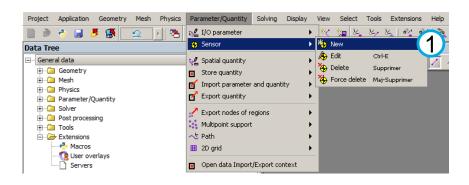
#### 3.3.5 Assign imported spatial quantity to regions





#### 3.3.6 Create temperature sensors in regions

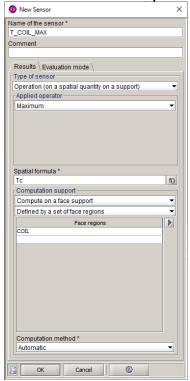
Step	Action
1	Click on [Parameter/Quantity] – [Sensor] – [New] to create the following four sensors
2	Edit the thermal source setting

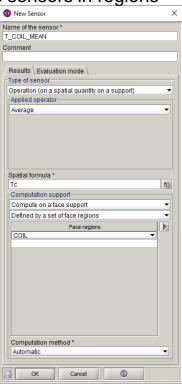


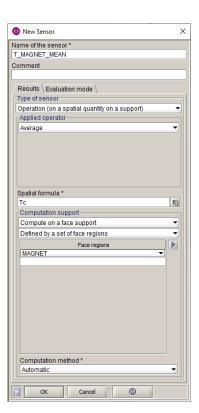
Sensor name	Sensor type	Spatial formula	Computation support	Face regions	Method
T_COIL_MAX	Operation (on a spatial quantity):  Maximum	Тс	Face support – face regions	COIL	Automatic
T_COIL_MEAN	Operation (on a spatial quantity): Average	Тс	Face support – face regions	COIL	Automatic
T_MAGNET_MEAN	Operation (on a spatial quantity): Average	Тс	Face support – face regions	MAGNET	Automatic
T_STATOR_MEAN	Operation (on a spatial quantity): Average	Тс	Face support – face regions	STATOR	Automatic

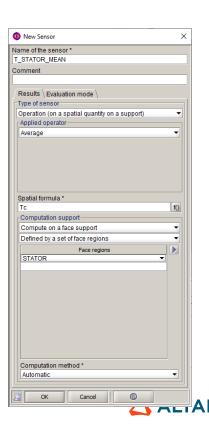


3.3.6 Create temperature sensors in regions





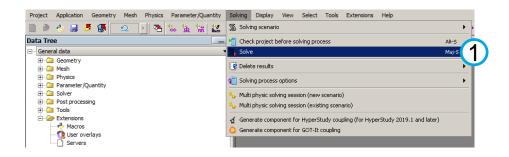


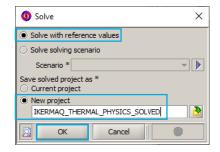


#### 3.3.7 Solving process

Solve the scenario

Step	Action
1	Solve the Scenario by clicking on [Solving] – [Solve]
2	Select the "Solve with reference values"
3	Save as a New project "IKERMAQ_THERMAL_PHY SICS_SOLVED"
4	Click on [OK]



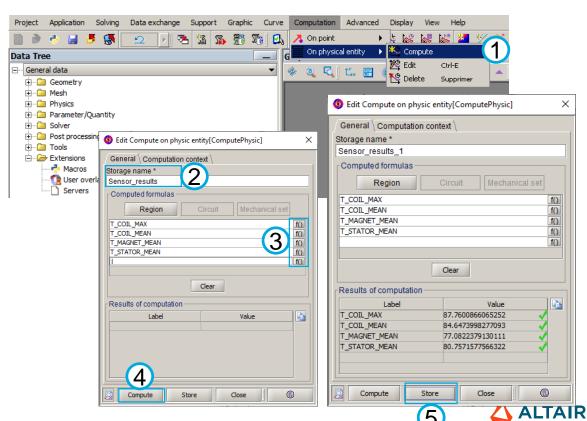




#### 3.3.8 Postprocessing

Compute all the sensor

Step	Action
1	Click on [Computation] – [On physical entity] – [Compute]
2	Define name as "Sensor_results"
3	Click on [f()] to select the four sensors
4	Click on [Compute]
5	Click on [Store]



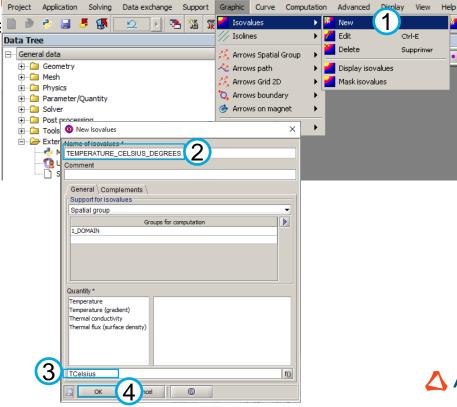
ALTAIR

## 3.3 Thermal Analysis: Solving and postprocessing

#### 3.3.8 Postprocessing

Show machine temperature in Cels

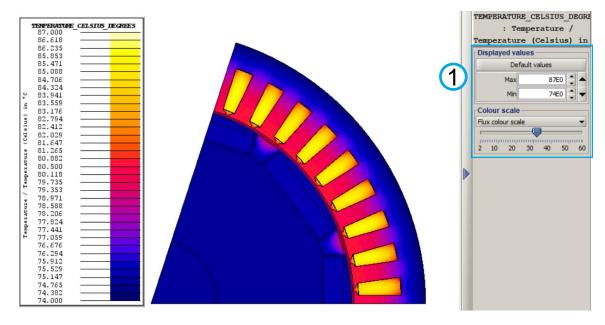
Step	Action
1	Click on [Graphic] – [Isovalues] – [New]
2	Define name as "TEMPERATURE_CELSIUSDEGREES"
3	Enter "TCelsius"
4	Click on [OK]



#### 3.3.8 Postprocessing

Show machine temperature in Celsius

Step	Action
1	Use the sliding bar and the max/min values to adapt the scale

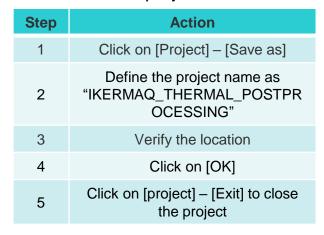


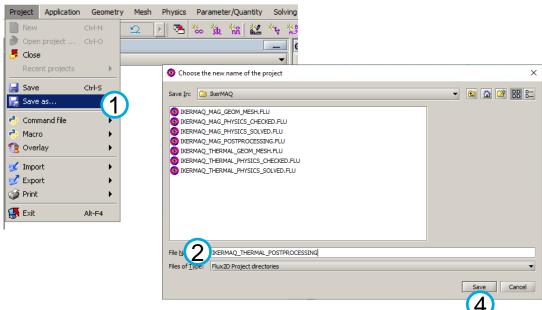


## 3.2 Thermal Analysis: Physical description process

#### 3.3.9 Finish the project

Save the project as: IKERMAQ\_THERMAL\_POSTPROCESSING.FLU







# 4. COMPARISON WITH MEASUREMENTS

## 4. Comparison with Measurements

#### 4.1 Electric circuit comparison

- Simulation values have been obtained from explained postprocessing
- Test measurements:
  - Mechanical variables (torque and speed) have been measured by the control system of the driven machine
  - Electric variables (voltage, current, and electrical power) have been measured by oscilloscope and multimeter applied to the passive load

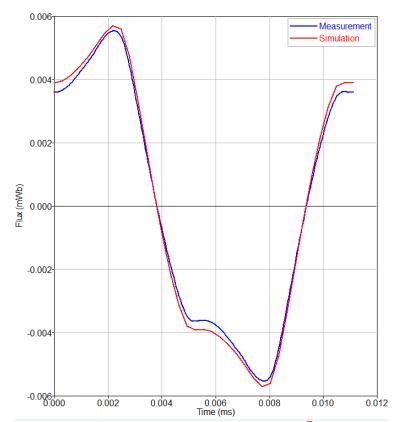
	Simulated	Measured	Error (%)
Mechanical power (kW)	51.10	51.11	0.02
Electrical power (kW)	49.09	48.17	1.91
Phase voltage (V <sub>rms</sub> )	255.65	255.00	0.25
Phase current (A <sub>rms</sub> )	84.72	87.97	3.69
Iron losses (kW)	1.40	1.59	8.81
Copper losses (kW)	1.17	1.36	13.97



## 4. Comparison with Measurements

#### 4.2 Magnetic flux comparison

- A coil embracing one tooth has been added to the prototype to know the magnetic flux flowing through it as a representative variable of machine behavior
- Same test coil has been added in simulation
- Very good correlation between simulated and measured flux
- Measurements versus simulation plot are accessible through Altair Compose script IkerMAQ\_Mes\_Simul\_Comparison.oml
- Measured values are available in mat file Tooth\_Flux\_Results





## 4. Comparison with Measurements

#### 4.3 Thermal comparison

- Measurements: Thermocouples have been used to obtain temperature in key points: Magnets, slot, end-winding, and several points in the housing.
- From these measured temperatures in other points, such as stator, can be deduced

	Simulated	Measured	Error
Slot (mean)	83.05 °C	85.60 °C	2.55 °C
Slot (max)	86.13 °C	86.30 °C	0.17 °C
Stator (mean)	79.15 °C	79.50 °C	0.35 °C
Magnet (mean)	75.13 °C	76.00 °C	0.87 °C



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More information about IkerMAQ measurement procedure and measures values available in the Ph.D. dissertation:

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