



#### FLUX: MAGNETIC ANALYSIS FOR ELECTRIC MOTORS

ALTAIR MULTIDISCIPLINARY DESIGN OPTIMIZATION PLATFORM FOR ELECTRIC MOTORS

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

# Creating Flux magnetic analysis projects

- Base speed point simulation
- Specific speed point simulation

# Motor performance analysis at base speed point

- Analyzing the motor performance (iron losses, magnet looses, efficiency, etc.)
- Creating HyperStudy connector for the MDO application

# Motor performance analysis at specific speed point

- Analyzing the motor performance (iron losses, magnet looses, efficiency, etc.)
- Creating HyperStudy connector for the MDO application



#### **OUTLINE**

Creation of magnetic simulation scenarios

Magnetic analysis: base speed point

Magnetic analysis: specific operating point

#### Input file

• Python script for model generation in Flux EMOTOR Flux Model Generation.py

#### Software

Altair Flux 2021.2.1 (or later versions)

#### Output files

- Flux 2D projects
- EMOTOR\_MAG\_BASE\_POINT.FLU
- EMOTOR\_MAG\_SPECIFIC\_POINT.FLU
- Flux / HyperStudy connectors
- Connector\_Fx\_Hst\_BasePoint.F2HST
- Connector\_Fx\_Hst\_OperatingPoint.F2HST

#### Automation script file

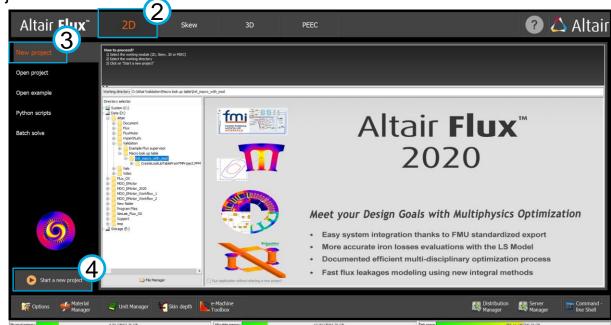
EMOTOR Magnetic Analysis Project.py

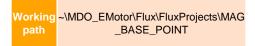


Flux 2D project initiation

Start a new Flux 2D project

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

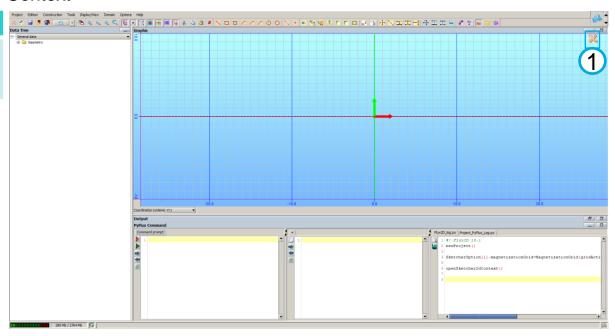






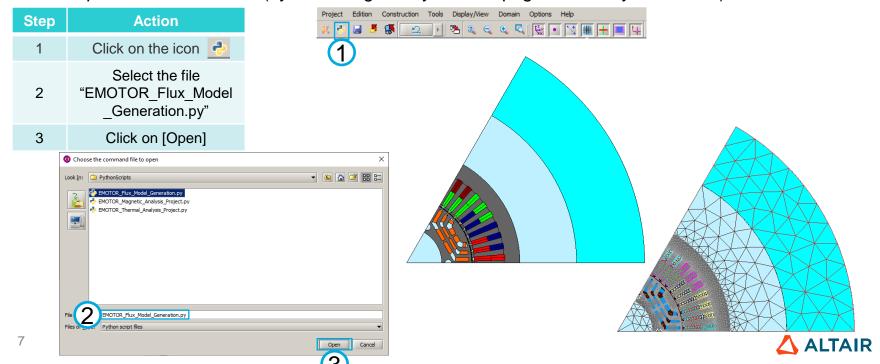
- Flux 2D project initiation
  - Close Flux Sketcher 2D Context

Step	Action
1	Click on the icon to close Flux Skecher 2D Context



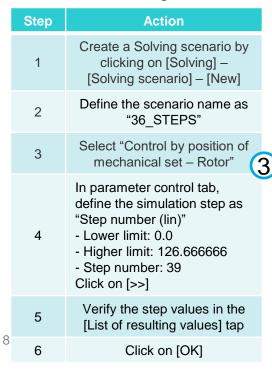


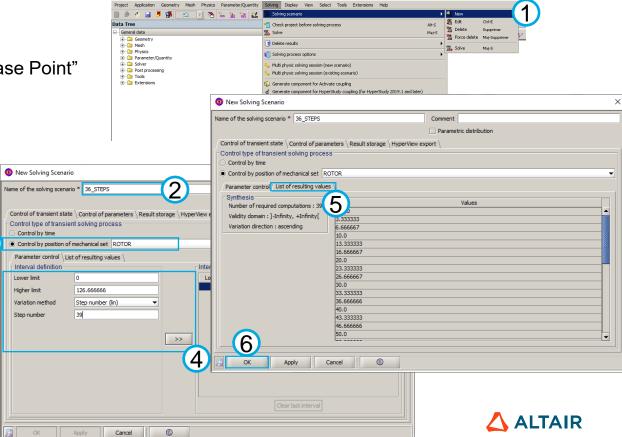
- Flux 2D project initiation
  - Import the motor model (by executing the Python script generated by FluxMotor)





Create solving scenario "Base Point"

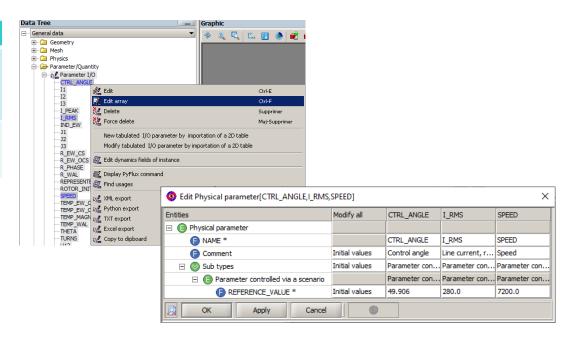




- Flux 2D project specification for "Base Speed Point" application
  - Update I/O parameter values

Step	Action
1	Select the parameters  "CTRL_ANGLE", "I_RMS" and  "SPEED" from the Data Tree  [Parameter/Quantity] – [Parameter I/O]
2	Right click, and click on [Edit array] to modify the values as shown in the following table, click on [OK]

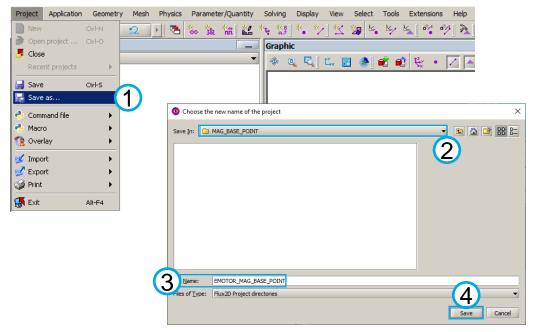
Parameter	Value	Unit
CTRL_ANGLE	49.906	degree
I_RMS	280.0	Α
SPEED	7200.0	RPM

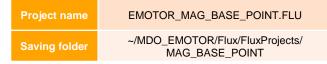




- Flux 2D project specification for "Base Speed Point" application
  - Save the Flux 2D project

Step	Action
1	Click on [Project] – [Save as]
2	Select the saving folder
3	Define the project name
4	Click on [Save]



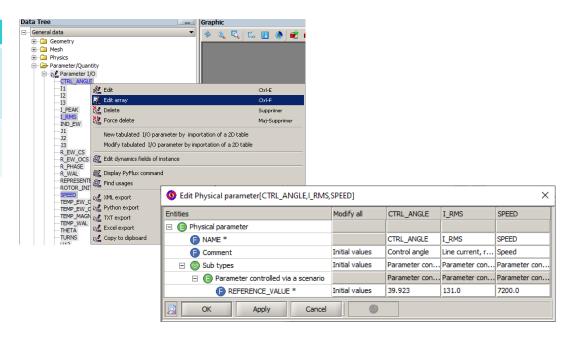




- Flux 2D project specification for "Specific Operating Point" application
  - Update I/O parameter values

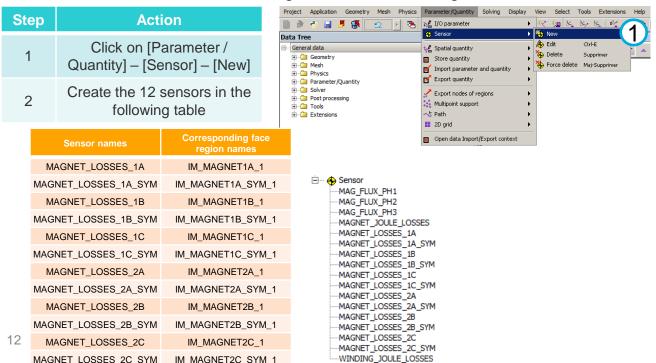
Step	Action
1	Select the parameters  "CTRL_ANGLE", "I_RMS" and  "SPEED" from the Data Tree  [Parameter/Quantity] – [Parameter I/O]
2	Right click, and click on [Edit array] to modify the values as shown in the following table, click on [OK]

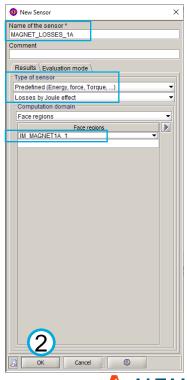
Parameter	Value	Unit
CTRL_ANGLE	39.923	degree
I_RMS	131.0	Α
SPEED	7200.0	RPM





- Flux 2D project specification for "Specific Operating Point" application
  - Create sensors for each magnet to measure magnet losses

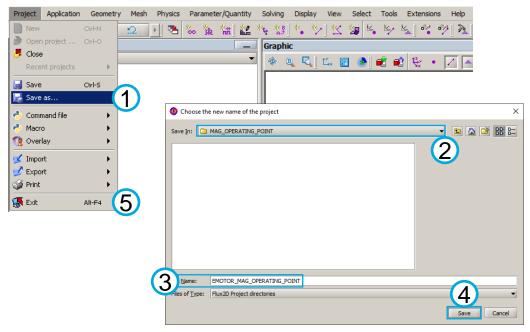


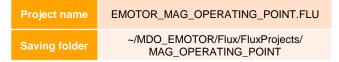




- Flux 2D project specification for "Specific Operating Point" application
  - Save the Flux 2D project

Step	Action
1	Click on [Project] – [Save as]
2	Define the project name
3	Select the saving folder
4	Click on [Save]
5	Click on [Project] – [Exit]







# MAGNETIC ANALYSIS: BASE SPEED POINT

#### OUTLINE

Solving and postprocessing: base speed point

Generating
HyperStudy connector:
base speed point

#### Input file

- Flux 2D project
- EMOTÖR\_MAG\_BASE\_POINT.FLU

#### Software

Altair Flux 2019.1 (or later versions)

#### Output files

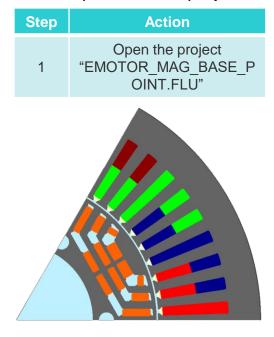
- •Flux / HyperStudy connector Connector Fx Hst BasePoint.F2HST
- •Flux project associated with the connector Connector\_Fx\_Hst\_BasePoint.F2HST.FLU
- Python script for the postprocessing in HyperStudy
   Connector Fx Hst BasePoint.py

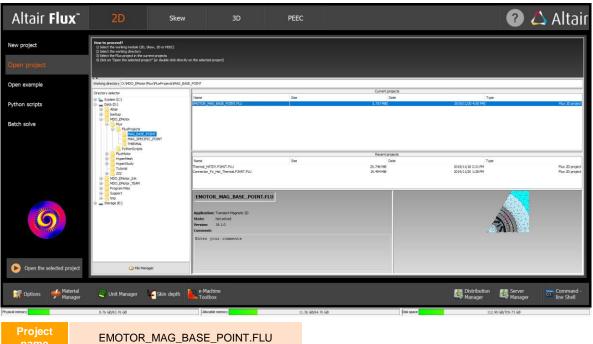


**Project** 

Solving the magnetic problem at base speed point

Open Flux 2D project



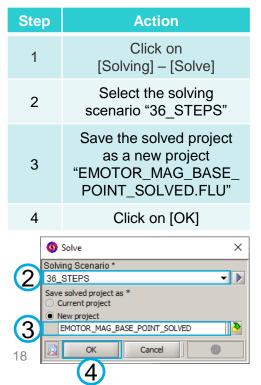


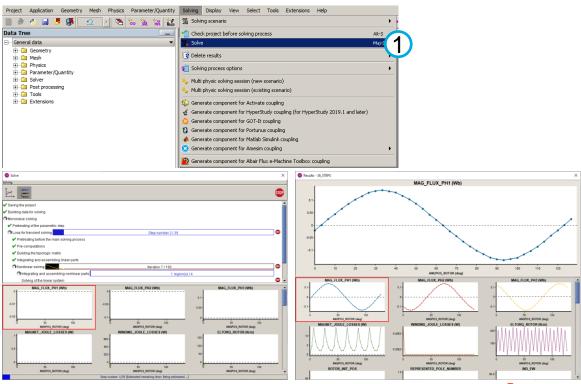
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#### Solving the magnetic problem at base speed point

Solve the project



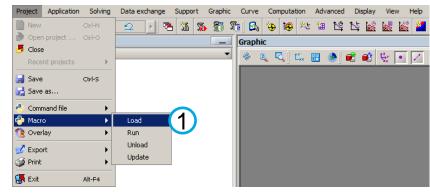


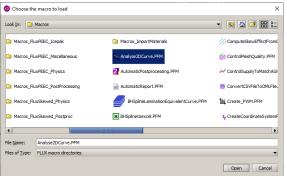


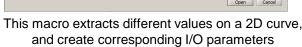
#### Magnetic analysis: postprocessing initialization

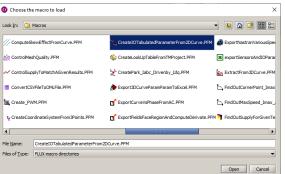
Load Flux macros

Step	Action
1	Click on [Project] – [Macro] – [Load]
2	Load the following two macros: - Analyse2DCurve - CreateIOTabulated ParameterFrom2DCurve









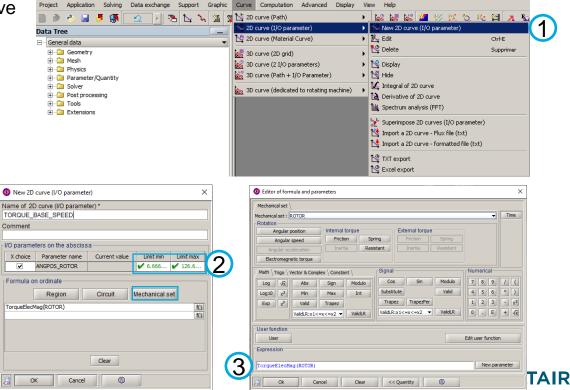
This macro intends to create a new tabulated I/O parameter from a 2D curve.



Magnetic analysis: magnetic torque at base speed point

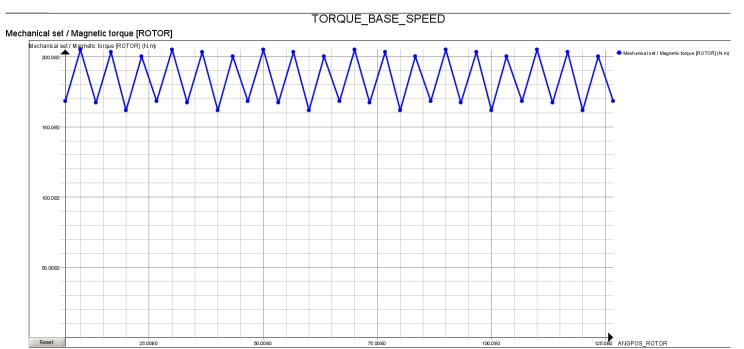
Plot the magnetic torque curve

Step	Action	
1	Click on [Curve] – [2D curve (I/O parameter)] – [New 2D curve (I/O parameter)]	
2	Create a new 2D curve TORQUE_BASE_SPEED Limit min: 6.666666 Limit max: 126.666666	
3	Click on [Mechanical set], select "Rotor", and click on [Electromagnetic torque], click on [OK]	
4	Click on [OK]	
Curve na	me TORQUE_BASE_SPEED	
Formu	TorqueElecMag(ROTOR)	



Magnetic analysis: magnetic torque at base speed point

Plot the magnetic torque curve

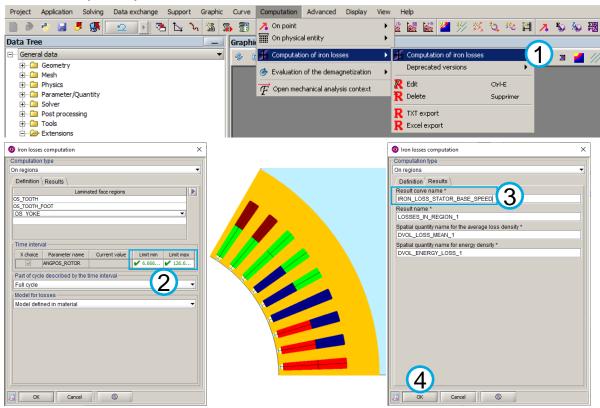




Magnetic analysis: stator iron losses at base speed point

Plot the stator iron loss curve

Step	Action
1	Click on [Computation] – [Computation of iron losses] – [Computation of iron losses]
2	Define the computation configuration in tab [Definition]: Face region: - OS_TOOTH - OS_TOOTH_FOOT - OS_YOKE Interval: [6.6666, 126.6666]
3	Define the computation configuration in tab [Results]: Result curve name: IRON_LOSS_STATOR_BASE_SPEED
4	Click on [OK]



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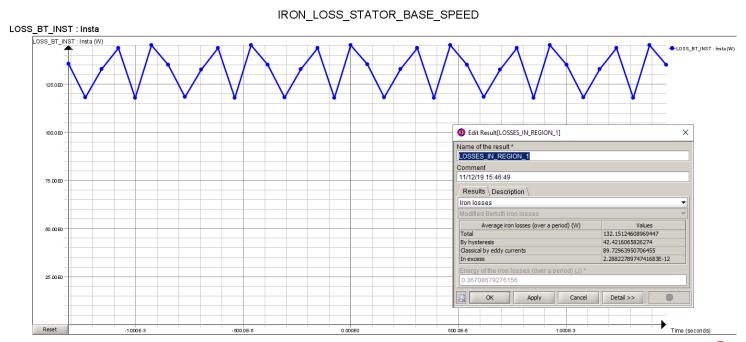
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Magnetic analysis: stator iron losses at base speed point

Plot the stator iron loss curve

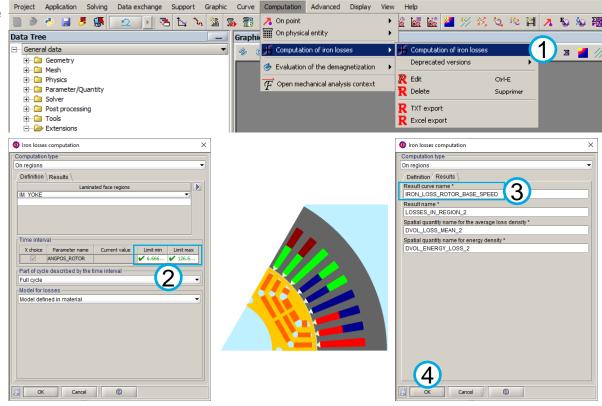




Magnetic analysis: rotor iron losses at base speed point

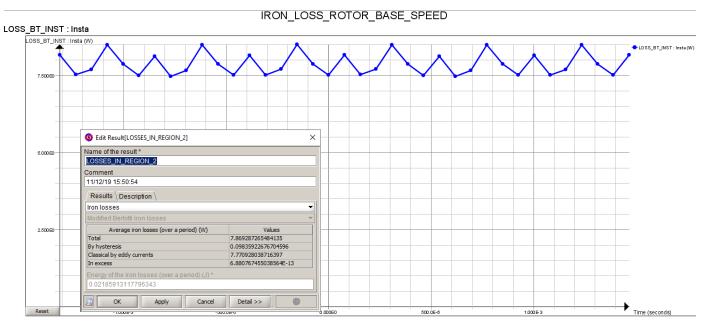
Plot the rotor iron loss curve

Step	Action
1	Click on [Computation] – [Computation of iron losses] – [Computation of iron losses]
2	Define the computation configuration in tab [Definition]: Face region: - IM_YOKE Interval: [6.6666, 126.6666]
3	Define the computation configuration in tab [Results]: Result curve name: IRON_LOSS_ROTOR_BASE_SPEED
4	Click on [OK]



Magnetic analysis: rotor iron losses at base speed point

Plot the rotor iron loss curve









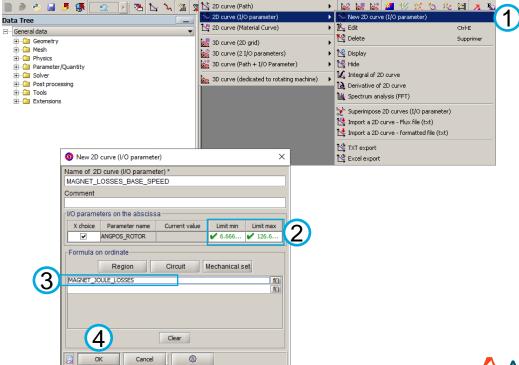
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# **SOLVING AND POSTPROCESSING: BASE SPEED POINT**

Magnetic analysis: magnet losses at base speed point

Plot the magnet loss curve

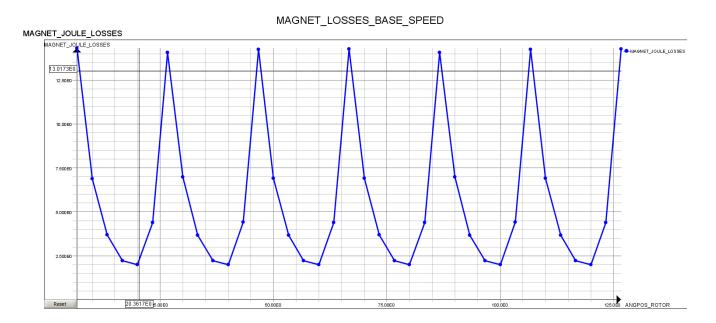
Step	Action				
1	Click on [Curve] – [2D curve (I/O parameter)] – [New 2D curve (I/O parameter)]				
2	Create a new 2D curve MAGNET_LOSSES_BASE_SPEED Limit min: 6.666666 Limit max: 126.666666				
3	Define the formula as the predefined sensor MAGNET_JOULE_LOSSES				
4	Click on [OK]				
Curve na	me MAGNET_LOSSES_BASE_SPEED				
Formu	MAGNET_JOULE_LOSSES				





Magnetic analysis: magnet losses at base speed point

Plot the magnet loss curve





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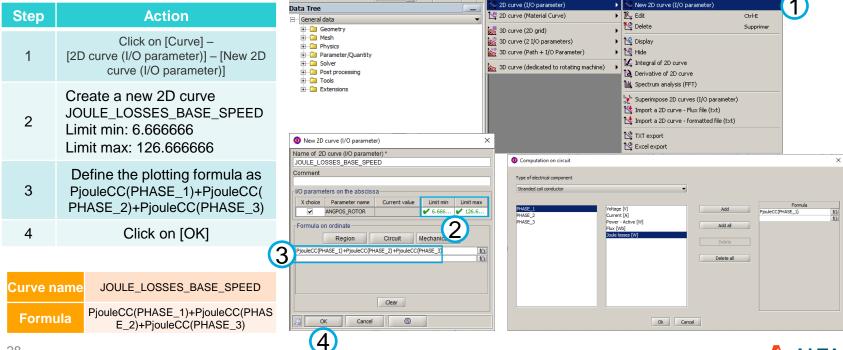
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# **SOLVING AND POSTPROCESSING: BASE SPEED POINT**

Magnetic analysis: Joule losses at base speed point

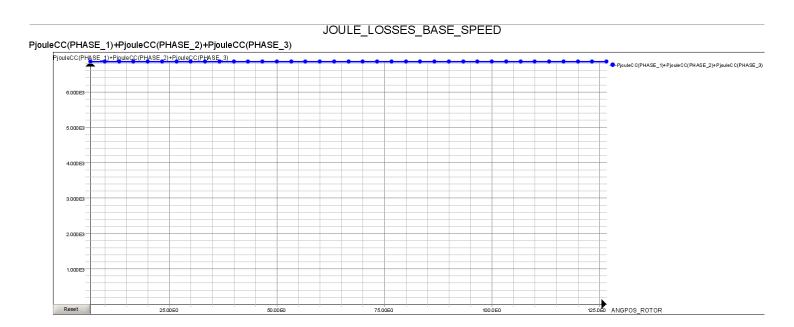
Plot the Joule loss curve





Magnetic analysis: Joule losses at base speed point

Plot the Joule loss curve



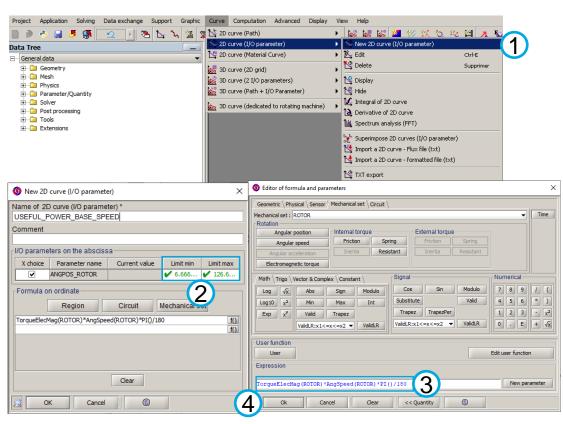


Magnetic analysis: useful power at base speed point

Plot the useful power curve

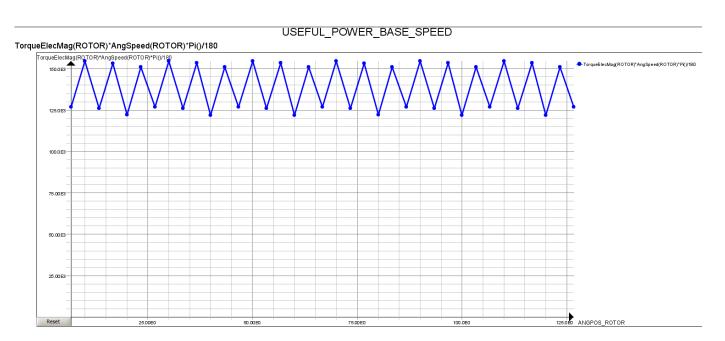
Step	Action			
1	Click on [Curve] – [2D curve (I/O parameter)] – [New 2D curve (I/O parameter)]			
2	Create a new 2D curve USEFUL_POWER_BASE_SPEED Limit min: 6.666666 Limit max: 126.666666			
3	Define the plotting formula as TorqueElecMag(ROTOR)*Ang Speed(ROTOR)*PI()/180			
4	Click on [OK]			
Curve na	useful_power_base_speed			
Formu	TorqueElecMag(ROTOR)*AngSpeed(R OTOR)*PI()/180			





Magnetic analysis: useful power at base speed point

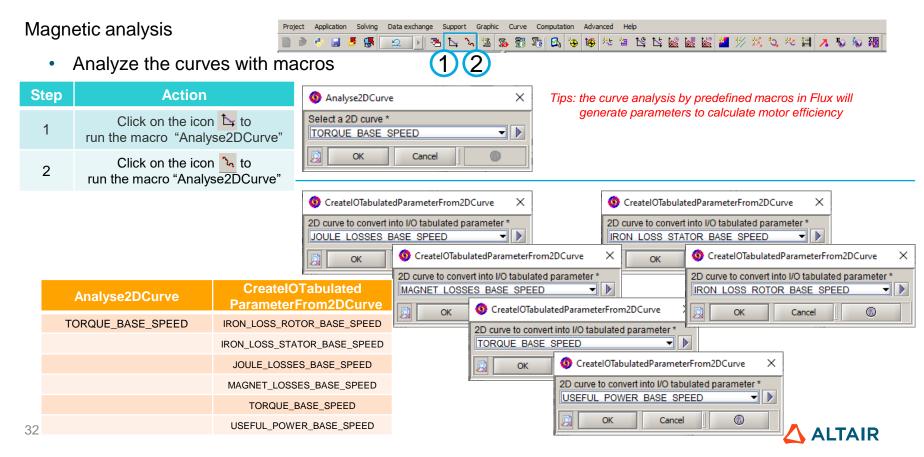
Plot the useful power curve











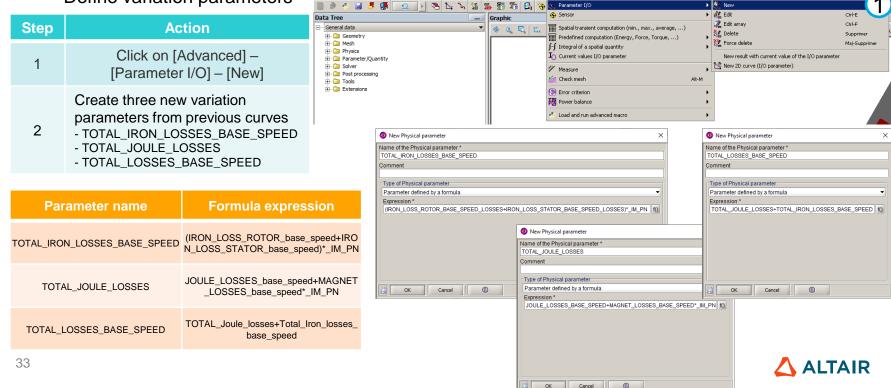


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# **SOLVING AND POSTPROCESSING: BASE SPEED POINT**

Magnetic analysis: motor efficiency at base speed point

Define variation parameters



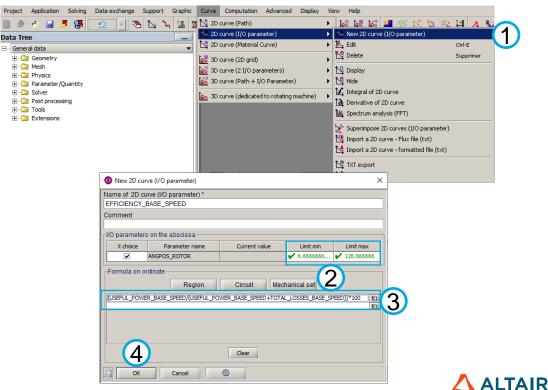




Magnetic analysis: motor efficiency at base speed point

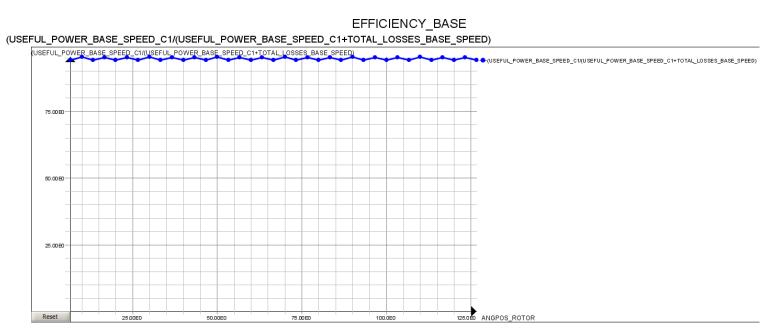
Plot the motor efficiency curve

Ste	р	Action		
1		Click on [Curve] – [2D curve (I/O parameter)] – [New 2D curve (I/O parameter)]		
2		Create a new 2D curve EFFICIENCY_BASE_SPEED Limit min: 6.666666 Limit max: 126.666666		
3		Define the plotting formula as (USEFUL_POWER_BASE_SPE ED/(USEFUL_POWER_BASE_S PEED+TOTAL_LOSSES_BASE_SPEED))*100		
4		Click on [OK]		
Curve name EFFICIENCY_BASE_SPEED				
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Magnetic analysis: motor efficiency at base speed point

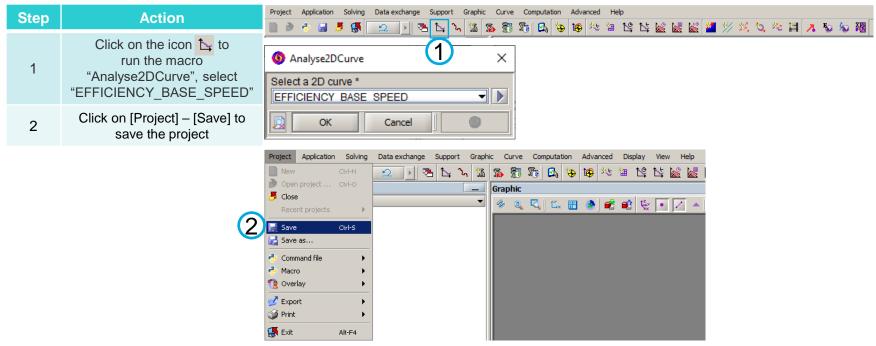
Plot the motor efficiency curve





Magnetic analysis: motor efficiency at base speed point

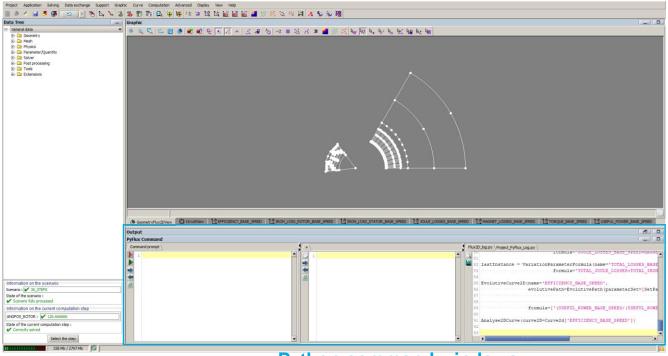
Analyze the efficiency curve with macros







Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

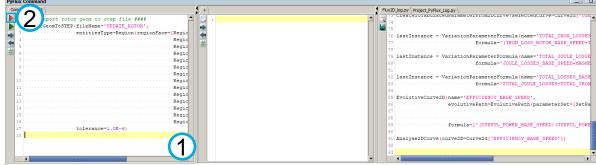




#### Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

Run scripts to export the rotor geometry file

Step	Action
1	Copy the following scripts and paste in the [Command prompt] windows
2	Click on the icon to execute the scripts



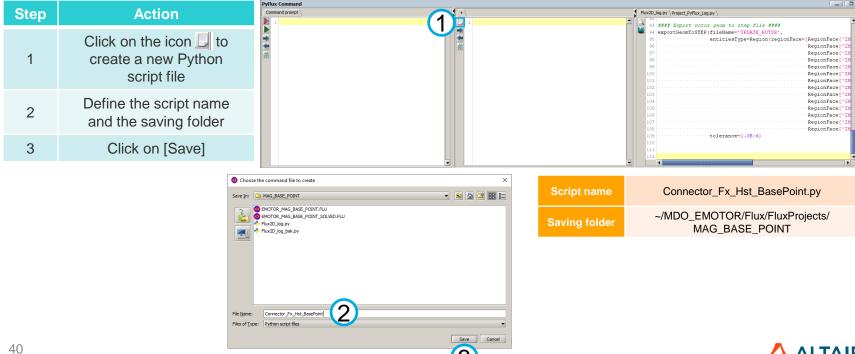
selectCurrentStep(activeScenario=Scenario['36 STEPS'], parameterValue=['ANGPOS ROTOR=59.9999996842105'])

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#### Export rotor geom to step file ####
exportGeomToSTEP(fileName='UPDATE ROTOR',
         entitiesType=Region(regionFace=[RegionFace['IM YOKE'],
                           RegionFace['IM EDGE'],
                           RegionFace['IM MAGNET2A 1'].
                           RegionFace['IM_MAGNET2B_1'],
                           RegionFace['IM MAGNET2C 1'],
                           RegionFace['IM MAGNET1A 1'],
                           RegionFace['IM MAGNET1B 1'],
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                           RegionFace['IM MAGNET2C SYM 1'],
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                           RegionFace['IM_MAGNET2A_SYM_1']]),
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Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

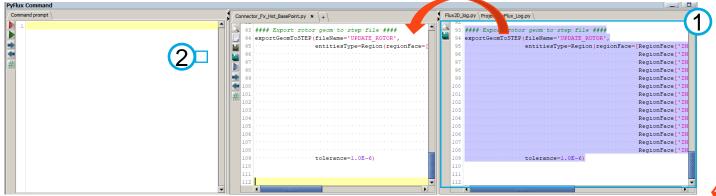
Create a new Python script



Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

Create backup of the log script

Step	Action
1	Copy all the script from the Flux2D_log.py file into the created Python script
2	Click on the icon uto
3	Click on [Project] – [Exit]





#### Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

Replace Flux macro import commands

Step	Action
1	Open the Python script by Notepad editor
2	Delete the scripts before post-processing
3	Insert the following scripts before post-processing

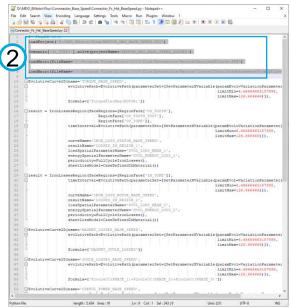
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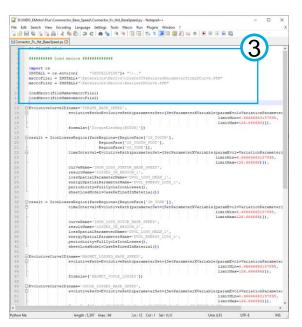
loadMacro(fileName=macroFile2)

import os
INSTALL = os.environ[ "INSTALLFLUX"]+ "\\.."
macroFile1 =
INSTALL+"\Extensions\Macros\CreatelOTabulatedParameterFrom2D
Curve.PFM"
macroFile2 = INSTALL+"\Extensions\Macros\Analyse2DCurve.PFM"

Attention: 1) the project will be solved automatically by HyperStudy;

2) the Flux macro location is depended on the Flux installation path. Therefore, these scripts should be replaced by a generic way to adapted to all the user.



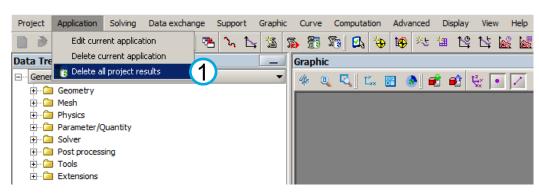


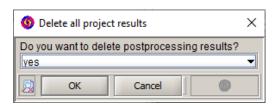


#### Generating HyperStudy connector

Delete all project results

Step	Action
1	Click on [Application] – [Delete all project results]
2	Select [Yes], and click on [OK]

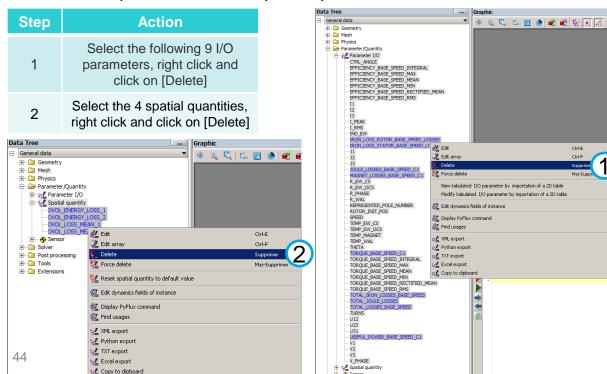






#### Generating HyperStudy connector

Delete parameters and spatial quantities not needed in connector







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Solving Display View Select Tools Extensions Help

Solving scenario

Gra Check project before solving process

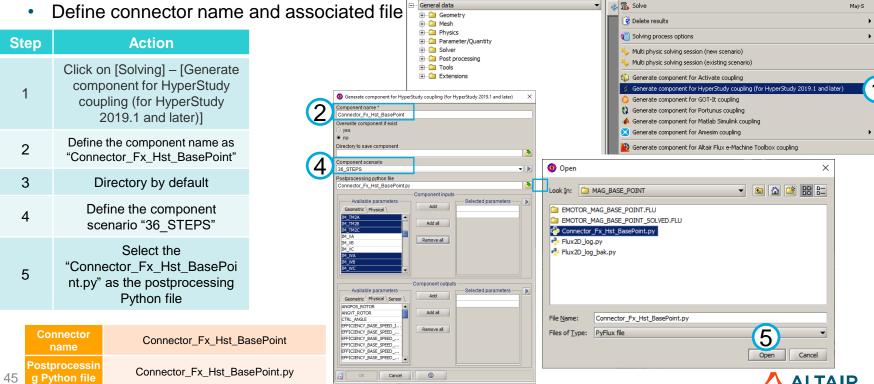
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#### GENERATING HYPERSTUDY CONNECTOR: BASE SPEED POINT

Data Tree

Generating HyperStudy connector

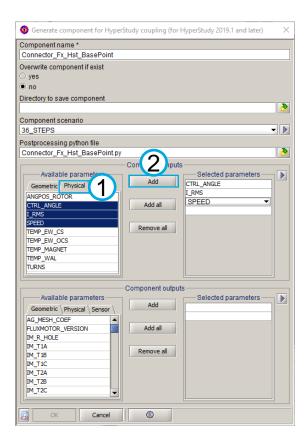
Define connector name and associated file



#### Generating HyperStudy connector

Define component inputs (physical)

Step	Action
1	Click on [Physical] tab, select the following three parameters: - CTRL_ANGLE - I_RMS - SPEED
2	Click on [Add]



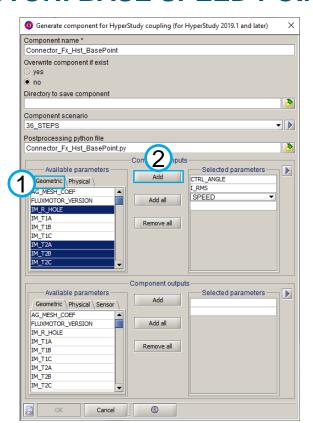


#### Generating HyperStudy connector

Define component inputs (geometric)

Step	Action
1	Click on [Geometric] tab, select the following 22 parameters in the table
2	Click on [Add]

Imput geometric variables	
IM_R_HOLE	IM_TM2B
IM_T2A	IM_TM2C
IM_T2B	IM_WA
IM_T2C	IM_WB
IM_T3A	IM_WC
IM_T3B	IM_WM1A
IM_T3C	IM_WM1B
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IM_TM2A	IM_WM2C

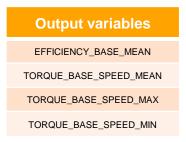


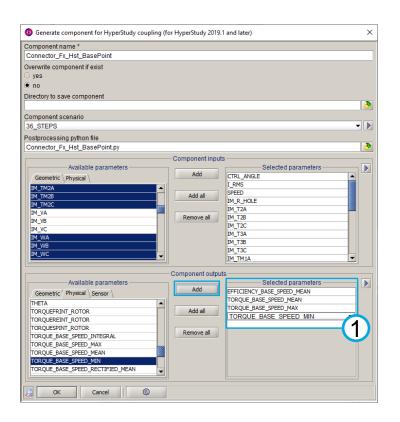


#### Generating HyperStudy connector

Define component outputs

Step	Action
1	Click on [Physical] tab in the output option
2	Select the following parameters and click on [Add]

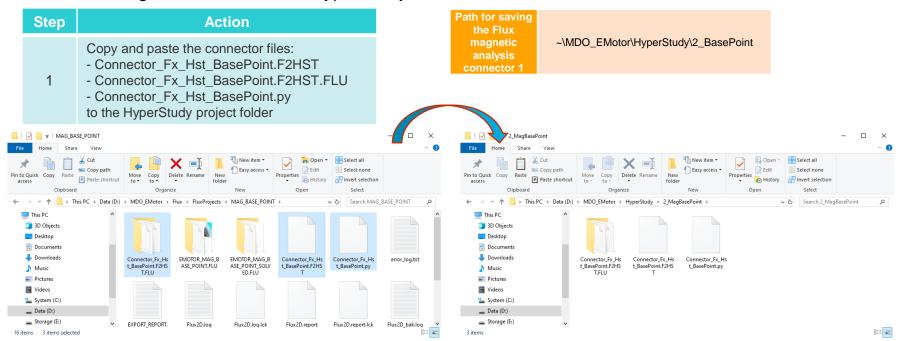






#### Generating HyperStudy connector

Exchange files for the Flux / HyperStudy connector





### MAGNETIC ANALYSIS: SPECIFIC OPERATING POINT

#### OUTLINE

Solving and postprocessing: specific operating point

Generating
HyperStudy connector:
specific operating point

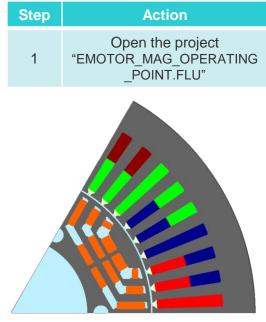
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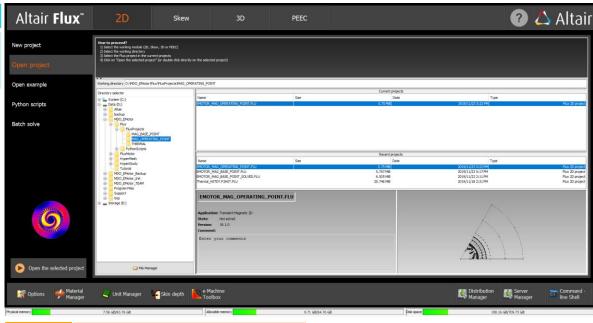




Solving the magnetic problem at specific operating point

Open Flux 2D project





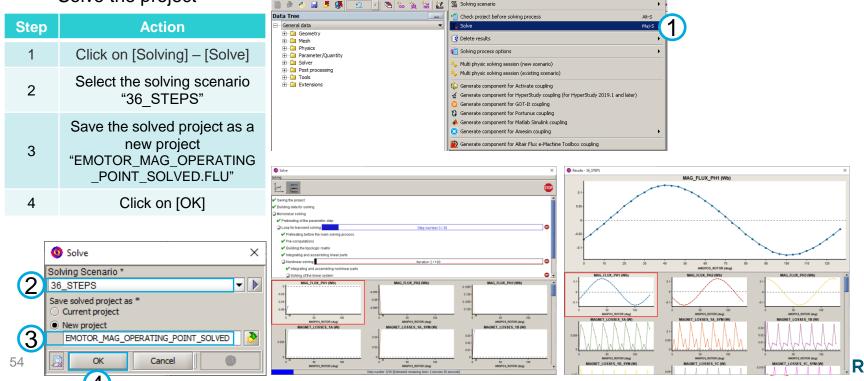


Solving Display View Select Tools Extensions Help

Geometry Mesh Physics Parameter/Quantity

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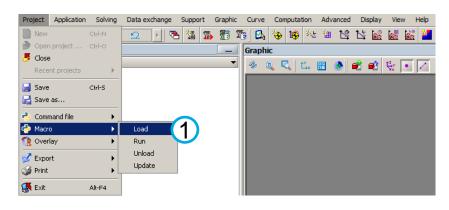
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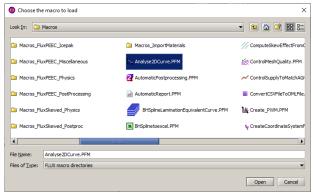


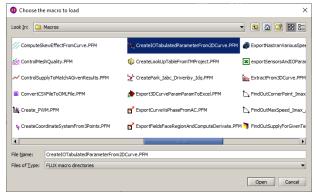
#### Magnetic analysis: postprocessing initialization

Load Flux macros

Step	Action
1	Click on [Project] – [Macro] – [Load]
2	Load the following two macros: - Analyse2DCurve - CreateIOTabulated ParameterFrom2DCurve







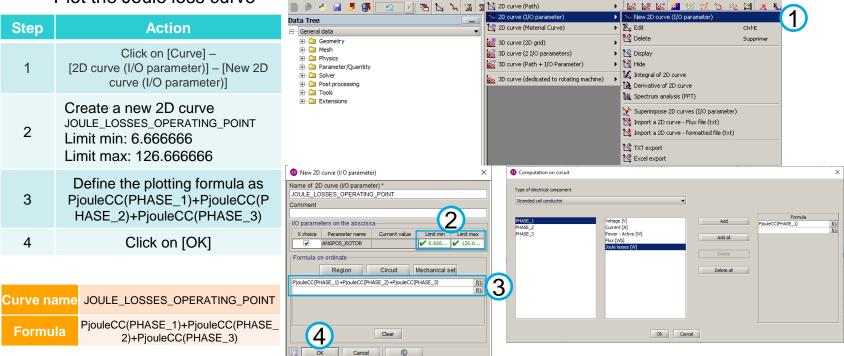


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Magnetic analysis: Joule losses at the specific operating point

Joule losses Stator iron Rotor iron Magnet losses

Plot the Joule loss curve

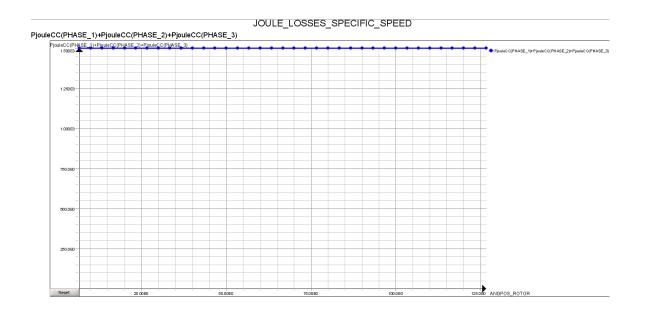




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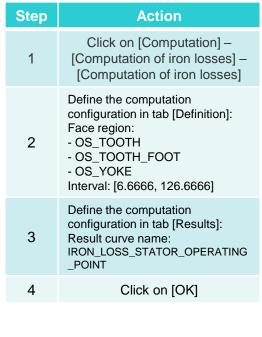
Magnetic analysis: stator iron losses at the specific operating point

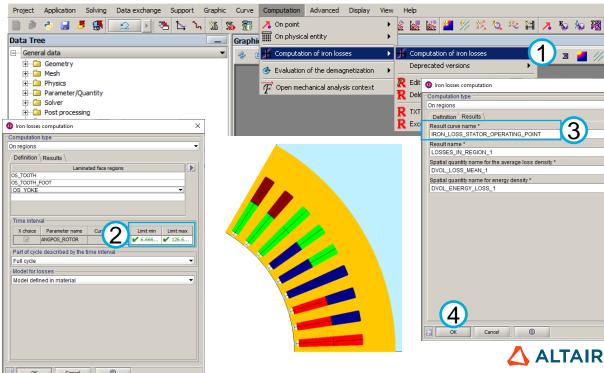
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Rotor iron losses

Magnet losses

Plot the stator iron loss curve





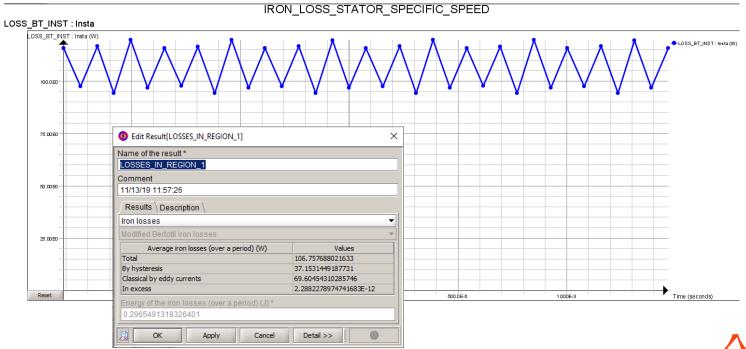
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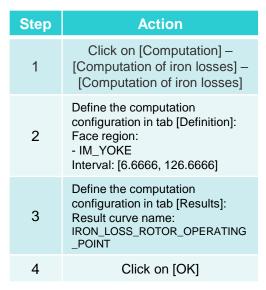


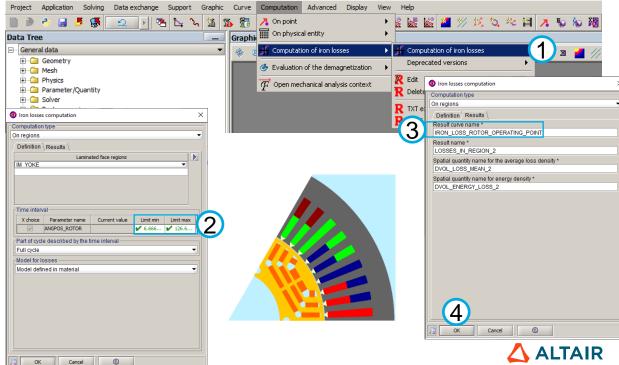


Magnetic analysis: rotor iron losses at the specific operating point

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Plot the rotor iron loss curve

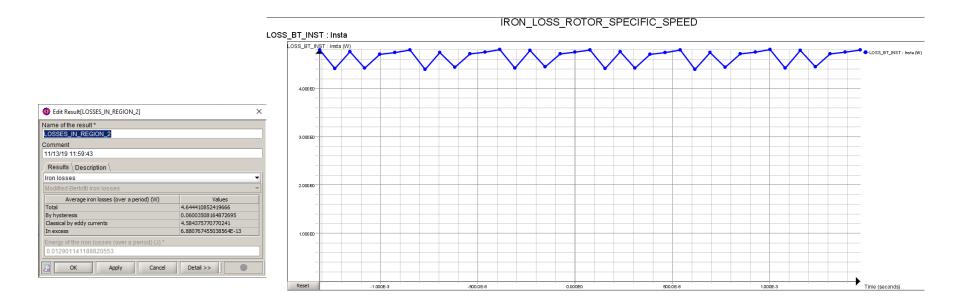




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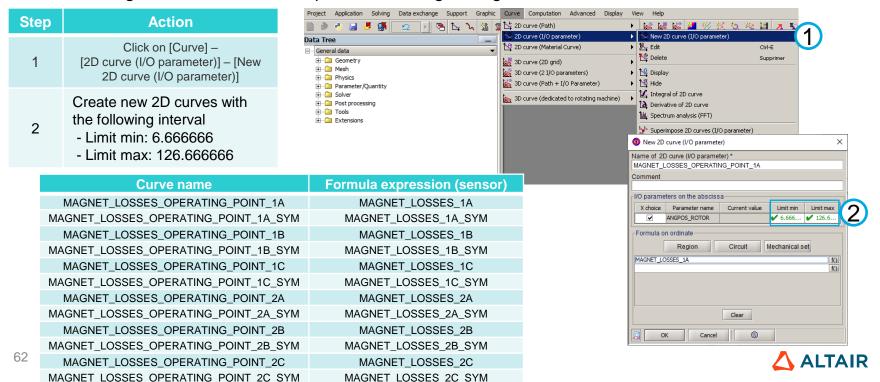




Magnetic analysis: magnet losses at the specific operating point

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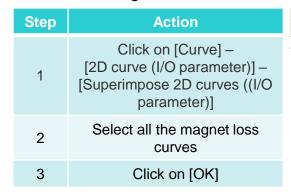
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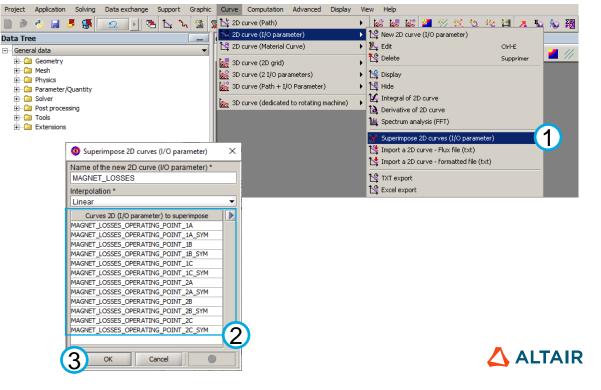


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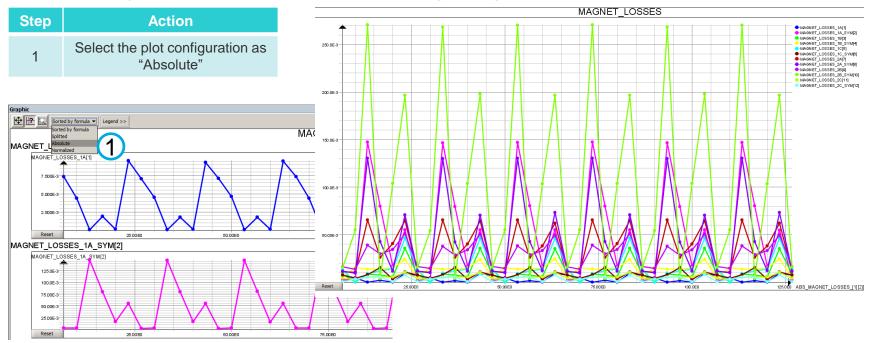




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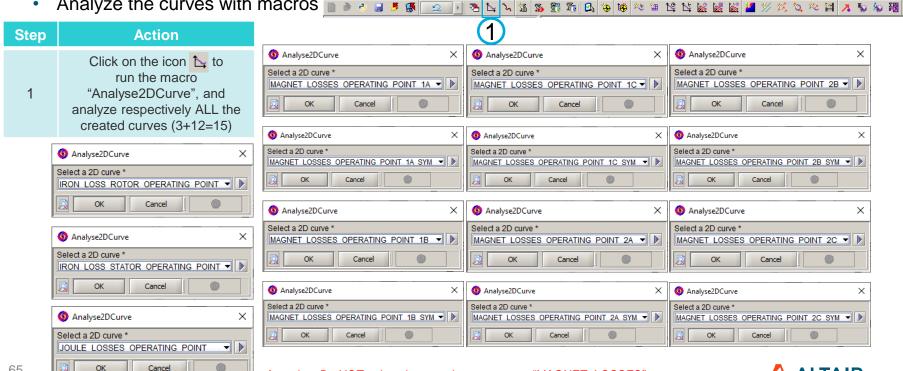
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#### Magnetic analysis

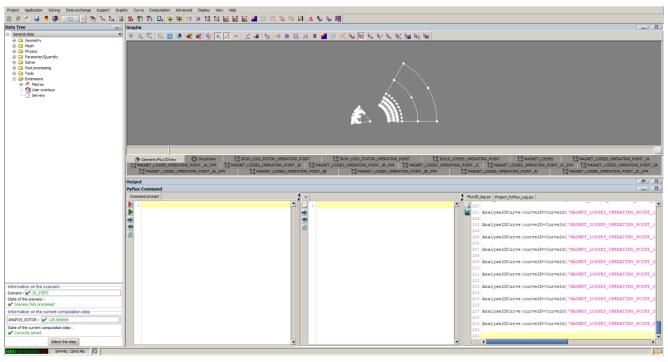
Analyze the curves with macros



Attention: Do NOT select the superimpose curves "MAGNET LOSSES"



Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

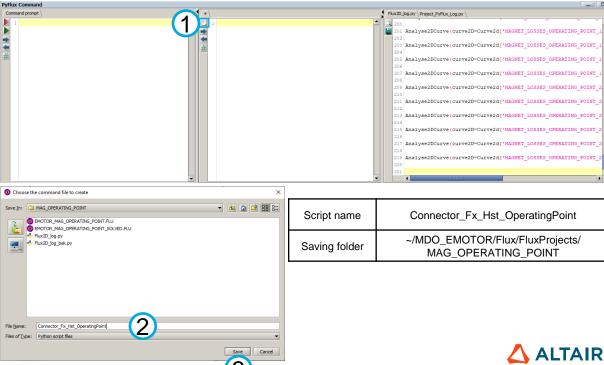




Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

Create a new Python script

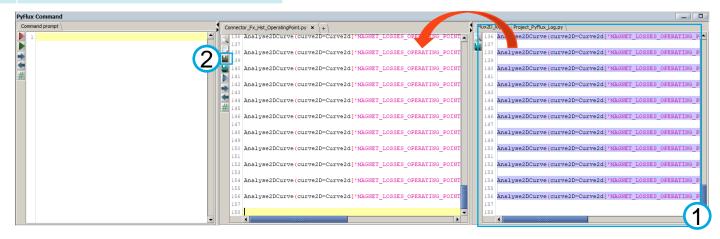




Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

Create backup of the log script

Step	Action
1	Copy all commandes from the Flux2D_log.py file into the created Python script
2	Click on the icon u to save the script
3	Click on [Project] – [Exit]





Preparing post-processing Python script for HyperStudy connector

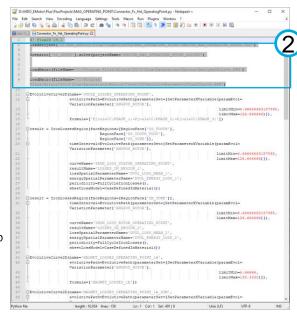
Replace Flux macro import commands

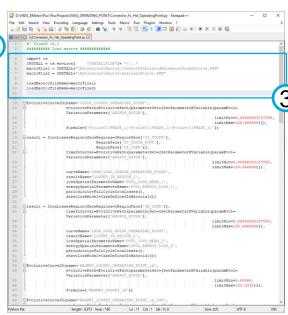
Step	Action
1	Open the Python script by Notepad editor
2	Delete the scripts before post-processing
3	Insert the following scripts before post-processing

######## Load macros ###########

loadMacro(fileName=macroFile2)

import os
INSTALL = os.environ[ "INSTALLFLUX"]+ "\\.."
macroFile1 =
INSTALL+"\Extensions\Macros\CreatelOTabulatedParameterFrom2D
Curve.PFM"
macroFile2 = INSTALL+"\Extensions\Macros\Analyse2DCurve.PFM"
loadMacro(fileName=macroFile1)





Attention: 1) the project will be solved automatically by HyperStudy;

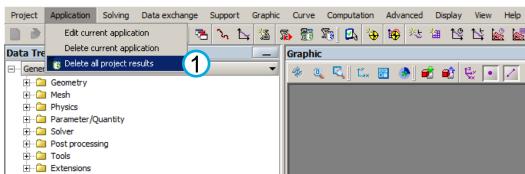
2) the Flux macro location is depended on the Flux installation path. Therefore, these scripts should be replaced by a generic way to adapted to all the user.

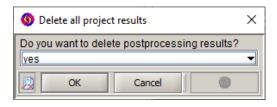


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Delete all project results





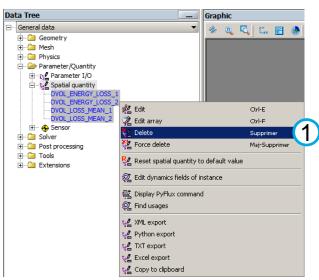




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Delete spatial quantities not needed in connector

Step	Action
1	Select the 4 spatial quantities, right click and click on [Delete]





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Solving Display View Select Tools Extensions Help

Solving scenario

Solve Solve

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Physics Parameter/Quantity

GENERATING HYPERSTUDY CONNECTOR: SPECIFIC OPERATING POINT

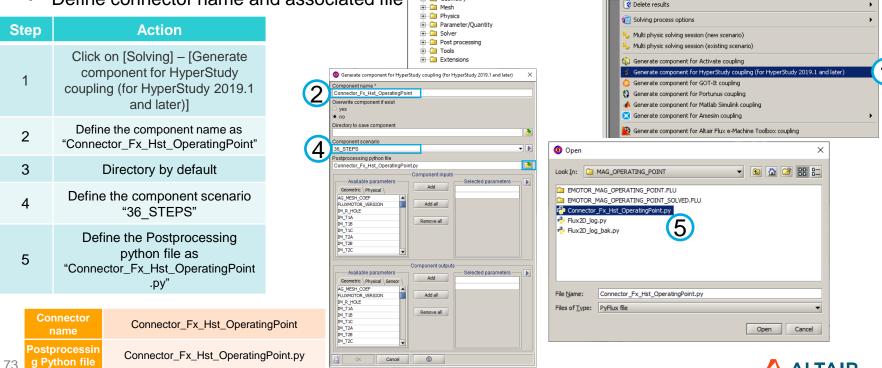
Data Tree

General data

⊕ @ Geometry

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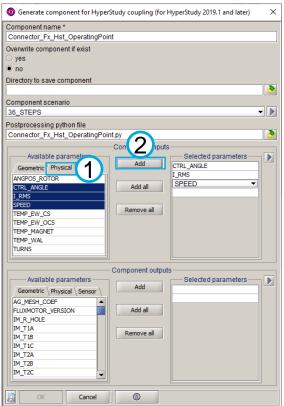
Define connector name and associated file



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Define component inputs (physical)

Step	Action
1	Click on [Physical] tab, select the following three parameters: - CTRL_ANGLE - I_RMS - SPEED
2	Click on [Add]



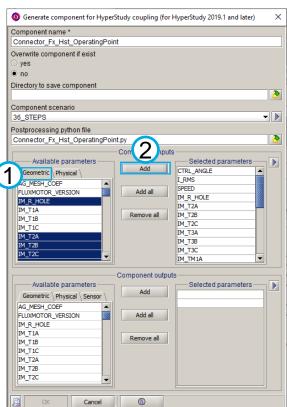


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Define component inputs (geometric)

Step	Action
1	Click on [Geometric] tab, select the following 22 parameters in the table
2	Click on [Add]

Input geometric variables		
IM_R_HOLE	IM_TM2B	
IM_T2A	IM_TM2C	
IM_T2B	IM_WA	
IM_T2C	IM_WB	
IM_T3A	IM_WC	
IM_T3B	IM_WM1A	
IM_T3C	IM_WM1B	
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IM_TM1C	IM_WM2B	
IM_TM2A	IM_WM2C	





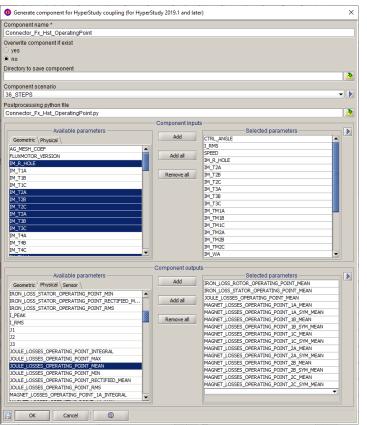
**POINT** 

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Define component outputs

Step	Action
1	Select "Component outputs" 15 output variables: - 02 Iron losses - 01 Joule losses - 12 Magnet losses

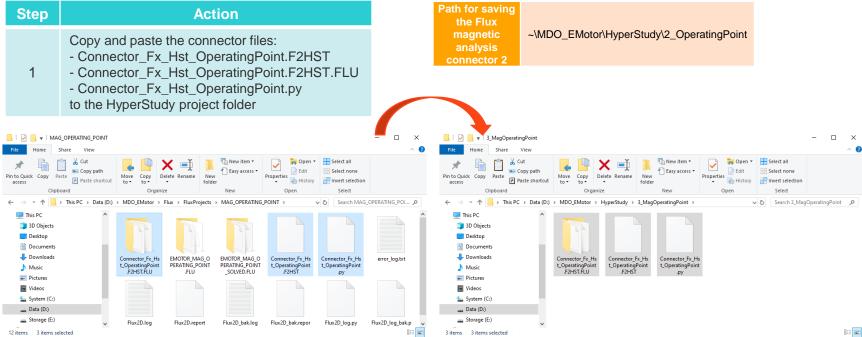
Output variables			
IRON_LOSSES_ROTOR_SPECIFIC_SPEED_MEAN	MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_1C_SYM		
IRON_LOSSES_STATOR_SPECIFIC_SPEED_MEAN	MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_2A		
JOULE_LOSSES_SPECIFIC_SPEED_MEAN	MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_2A_SYM		
MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_1A	MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_2B		
MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_1A_SYM	MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_2B_SYM		
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MAGNET_LOSSES_OPERATING_POINT_1C			





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Exchange files for the Flux / HyperStudy connector





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