



Cryogenic challenges for different superconductive motor topologies

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10 kW ... 3 MW



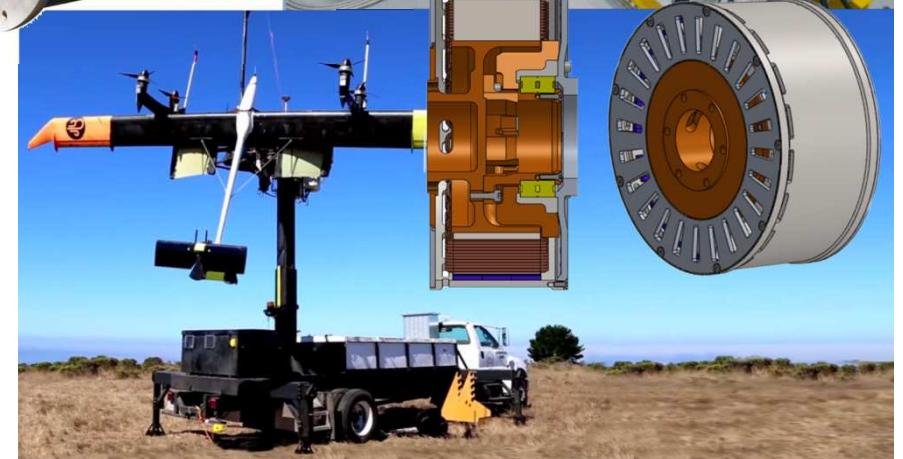
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... 300.000 Nm



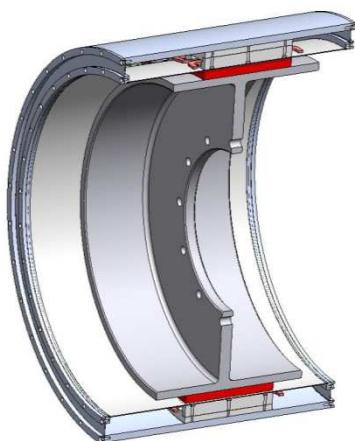
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outline



principle properties of motors.

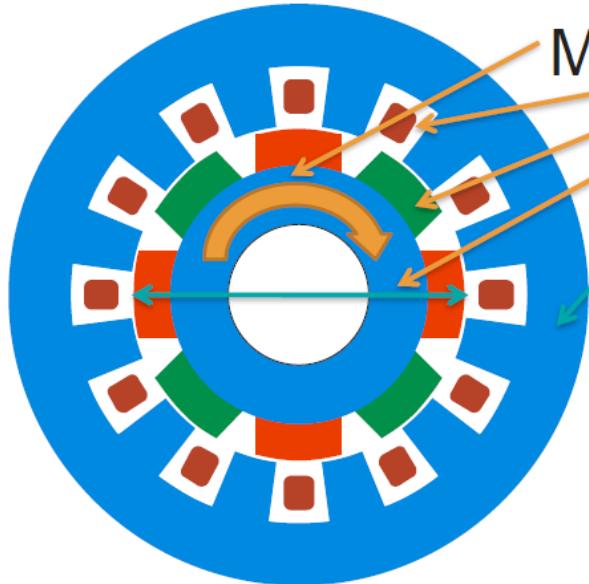
where can SC be used in a motor?

topologies and examples

how are cryogenics integrated in motors?

solutions for rotor and stator

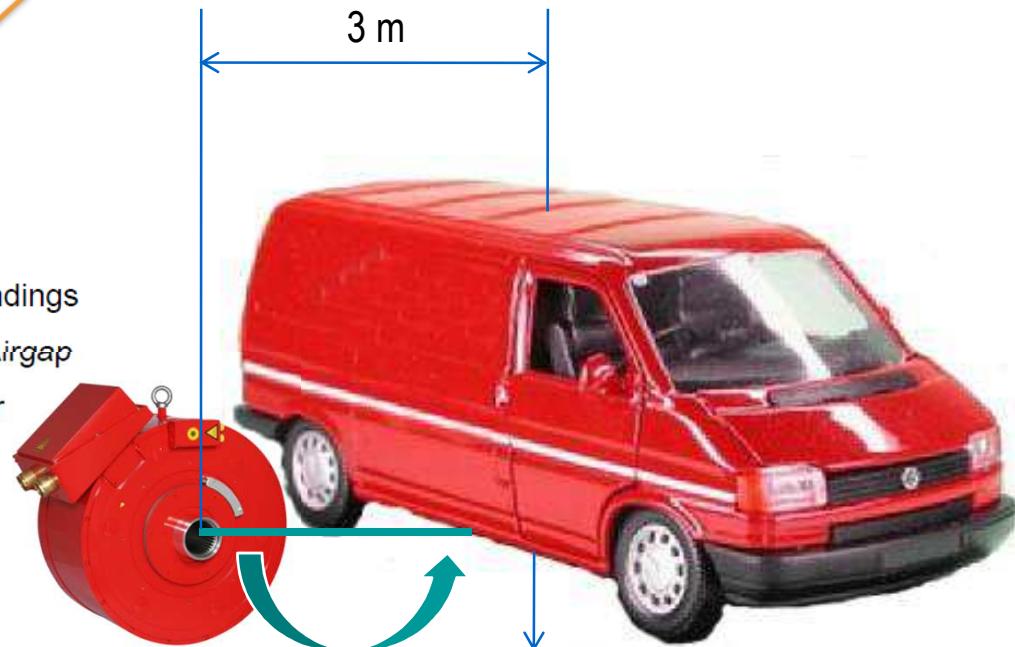
motor / generator



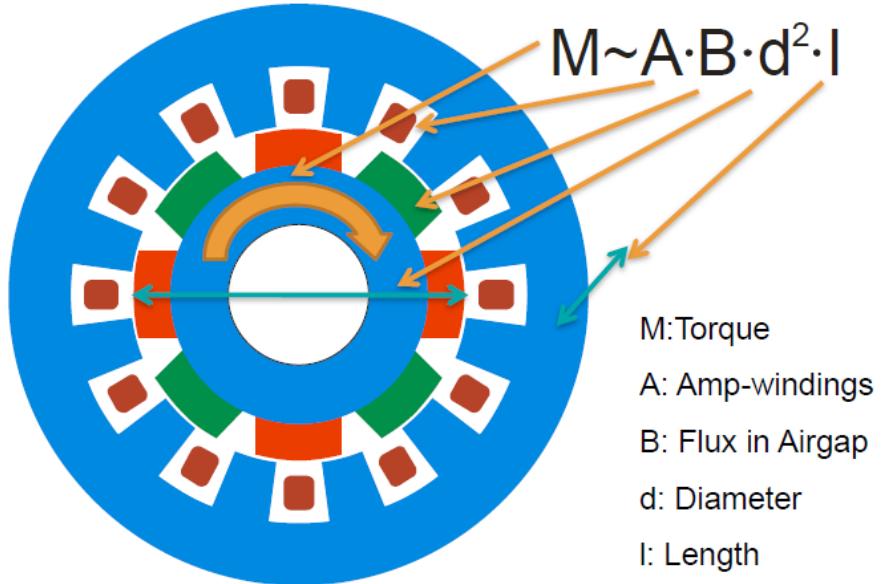
$$P \sim M \cdot f/p$$

P: Power
f: Frequency
p: number of pole pairs

Only few parameters specify motor

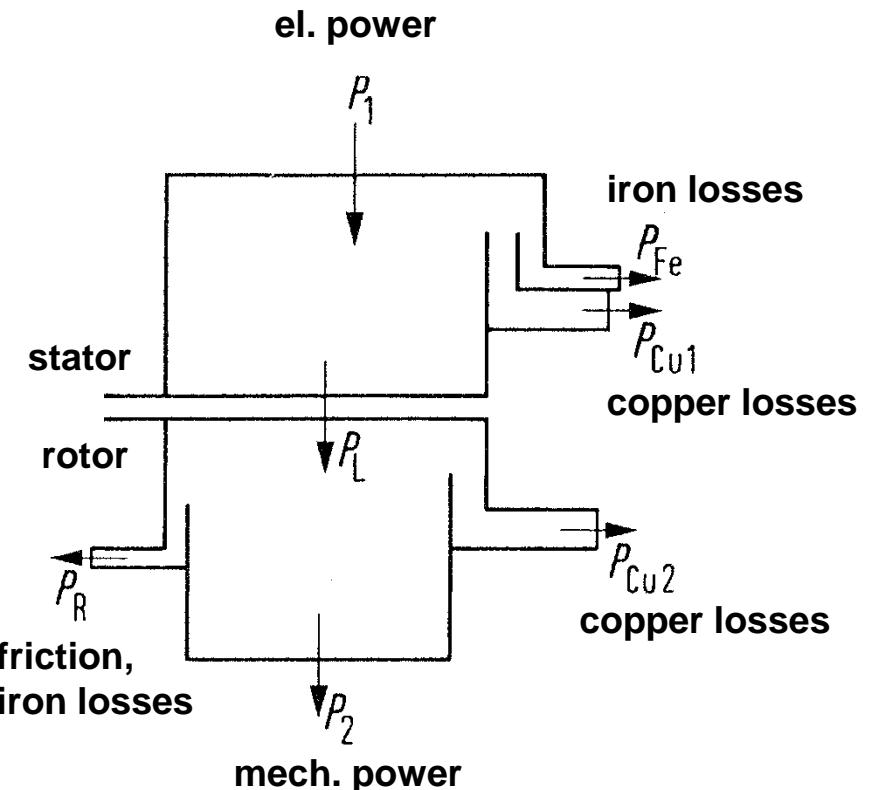


SC in motors



A: sc AC-winding, ...

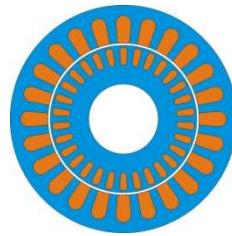
B: sc DC-winding, bulk, stack, ...



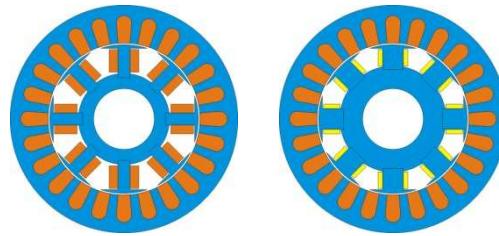
motor topologies

blue: iron
orange: nc winding
yellow: sc winding
red/green: Magnets

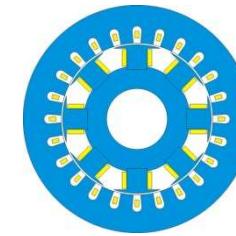
AC – nc asynchronous rotor



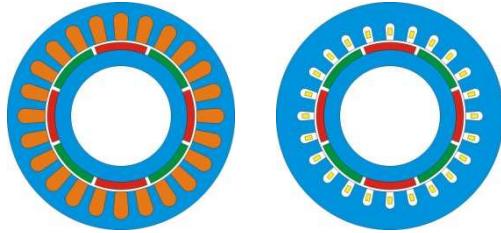
nc – rotor sep. excited– sc



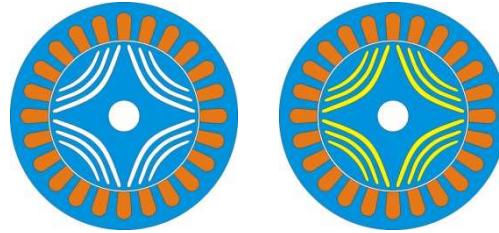
all sc motor



nc – PM-Rotor – sc



nc – reluctance rotor – sc



... and some more:

homopolar

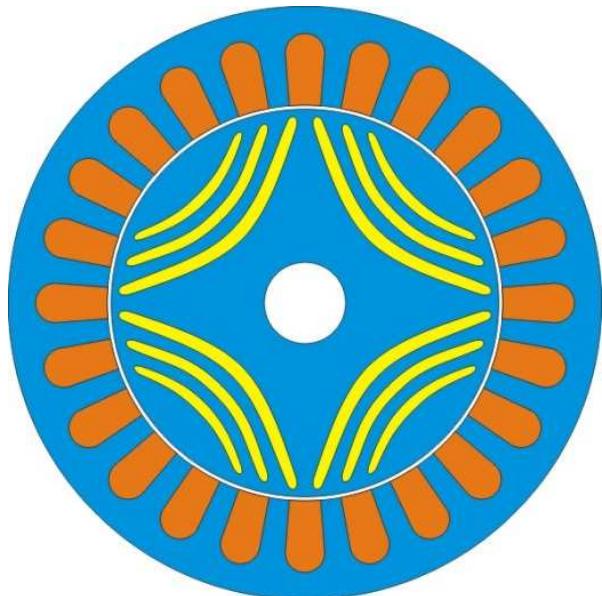
axial flux

transversal flux

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reference: 100% power density



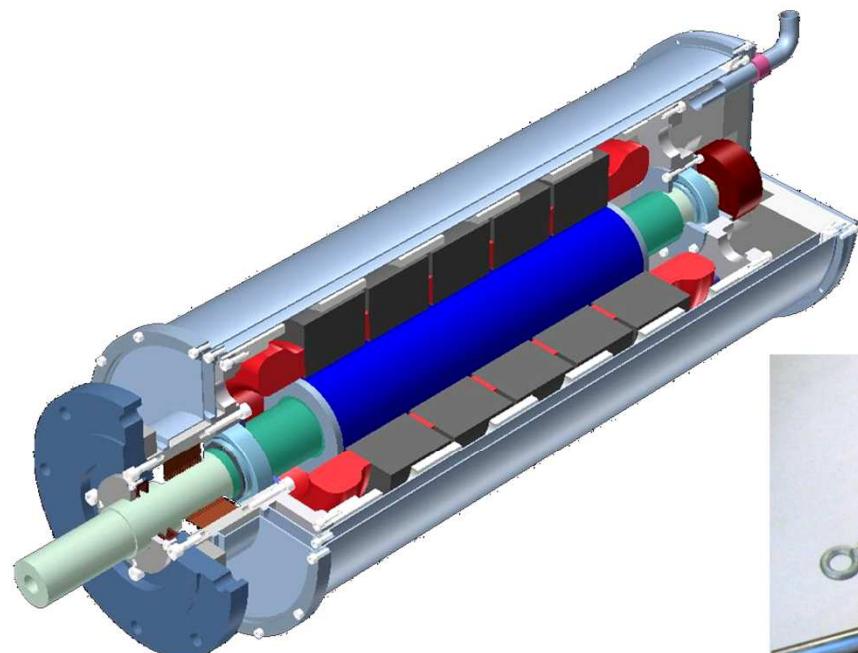
reluctance motor

- Diamagnetic rotor
- Passive rotor – no power transmission
- Cold rotor
- Iron in rotor obligational and close to SC
- Relative low force density
- No limitations in operation
- Complex rotor structure – speed limitations

Force density:

130% compared to nc PM-Motor

**reluctance motor
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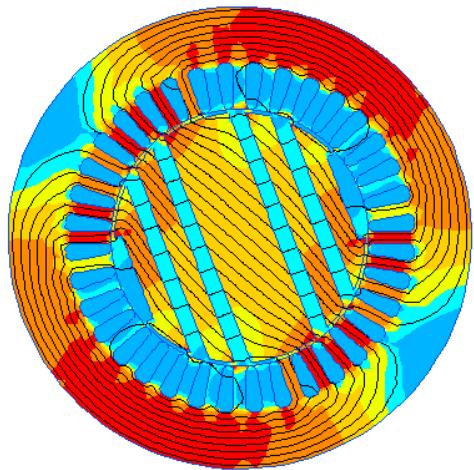
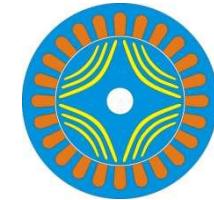


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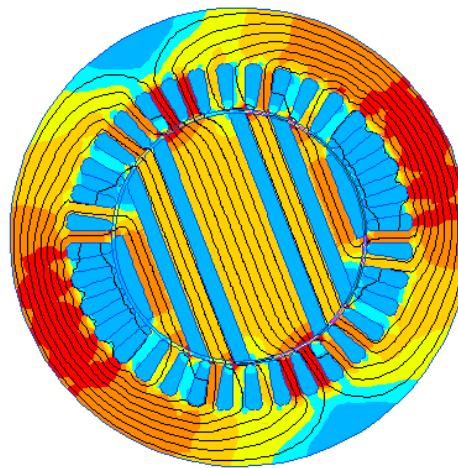
**400 kW
77 K, IN₂
reluctance type motor
power density 130%
compared to nc PM-motor**



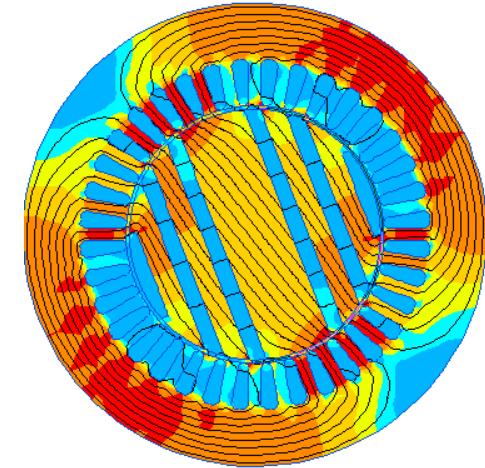
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Plastic:
 $P_o = 229 \text{ kW}$
 $P_a = 470 \text{ kVA}$
power factor: 0,5



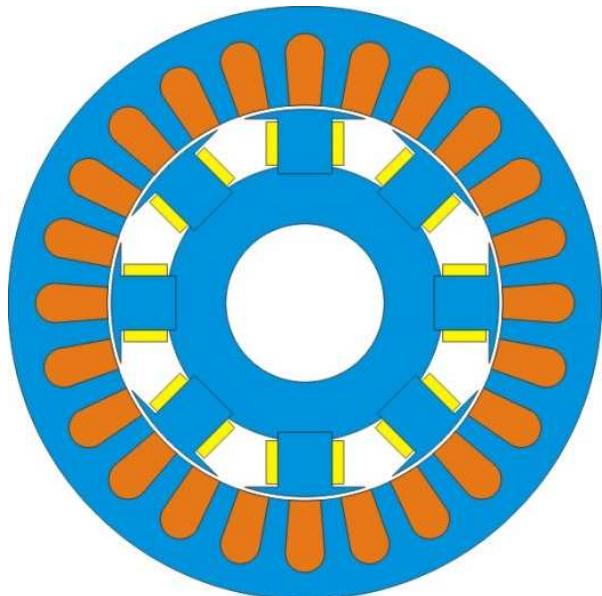
Ideal SC:
 $P_o = 345 \text{ kW}$
 $P_a = 400 \text{ kVA}$
power factor: 0,86



Real YBCO:
 $P_o = 256 \text{ kW}$
 $P_a = 420 \text{ kVA}$
power factor: 0,61

still very low power factor

excited synchronous Motor

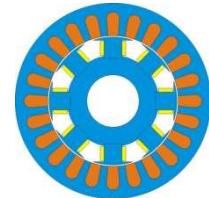


- Active SC coils in rotor (DC application)
- power transmission (many kA!)
- Cold rotor
- Iron in rotor (partially) useless (>2T?)
- Active influence on excitation
- Complex rotor structure – speed limitations and minimum sizing (-> MW)

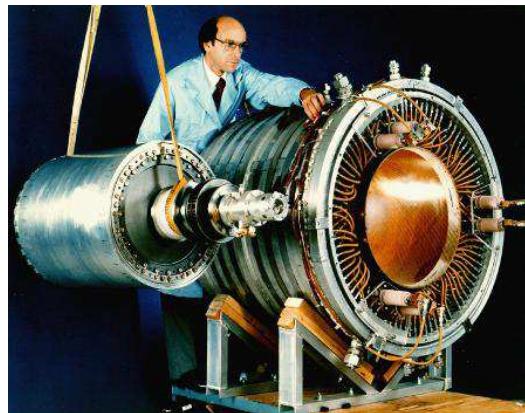
Force density:

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excited synchronous Motor General Electric



1970's - Westinghouse
5 MW, 4.5 K
NbTi Superconductor



1980's - General Electric
20 MW, 4.5/8 K
NbTi/Nb3Sn Superconductor



1990's – Westinghouse STC
1 MW, 20 K
BSCCO Superconductor



HTS I:

1999 - 2002
400 kW
1500 rpm

**technology
demonstrator**

excited synchronous Motor Siemens



HTS II:

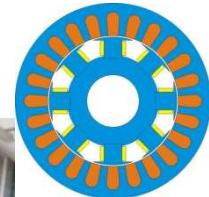
2002 - 2007
4 MVA
3600 rpm

**high speed
longterm operation
since 2009**



HTS III:

2006 - 2010
4 MW
120 rpm
high torque: 300 kNm

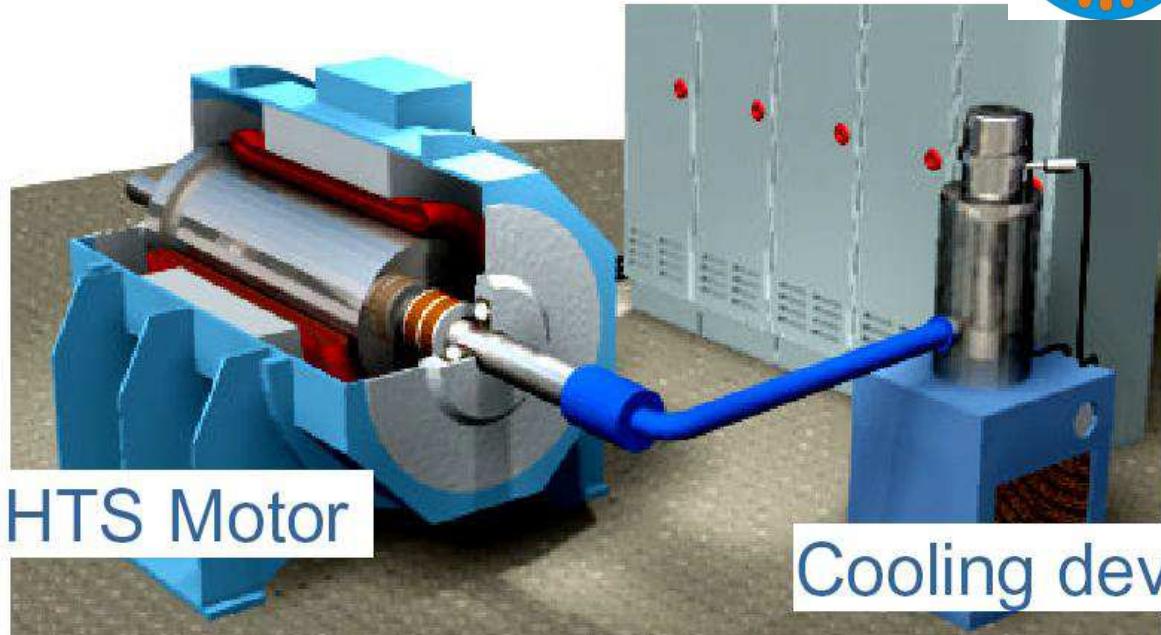
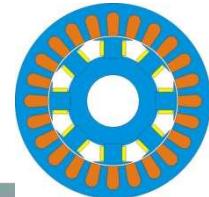




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Synchronous motor
Bi2223/AG tape
Air gap copper stator

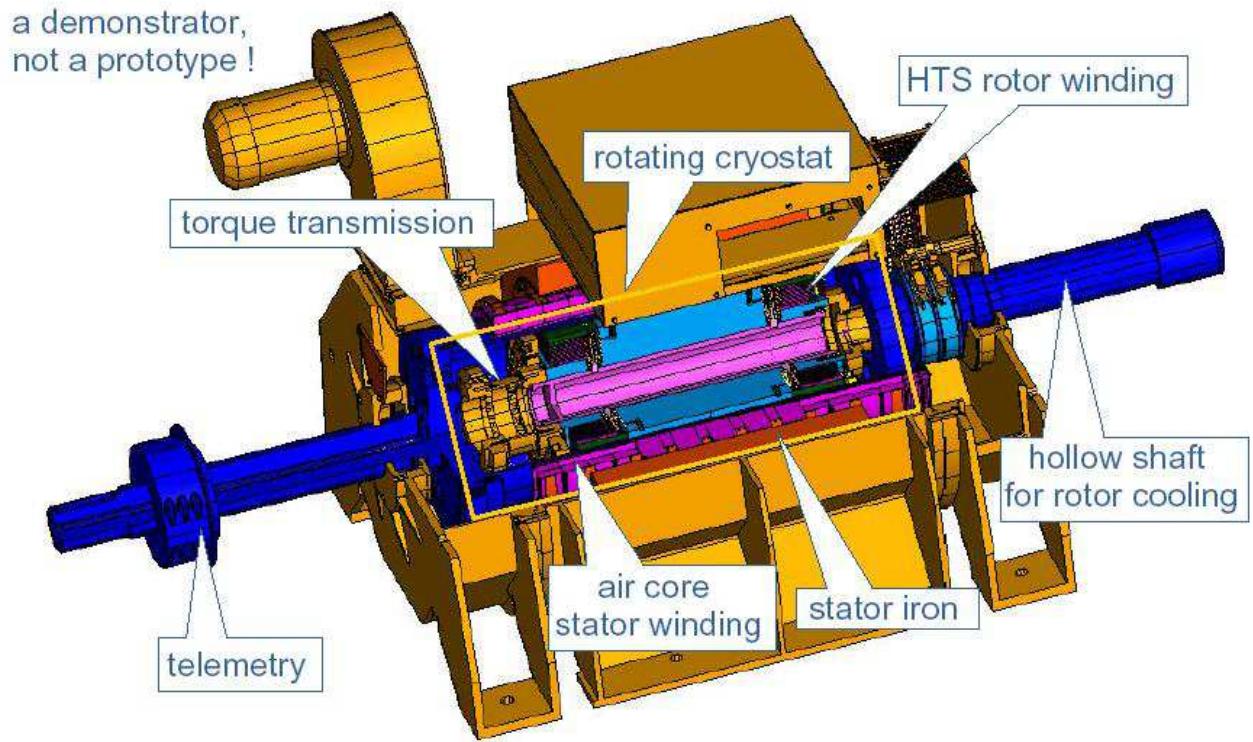
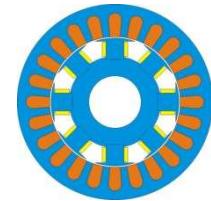
Operating temperature 27K
„plug and play“
Ne cooling system



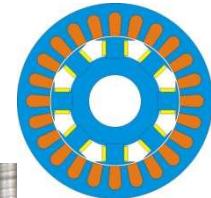
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Siemens 4MW HTS II 2007 at test rig:

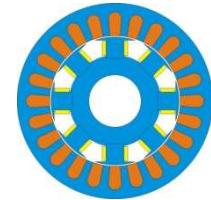
- **rotor at 25K (liq. Ne)**
- **motor weight -30%**
- **coils made of Bi-2223**



Quelle: Siemens

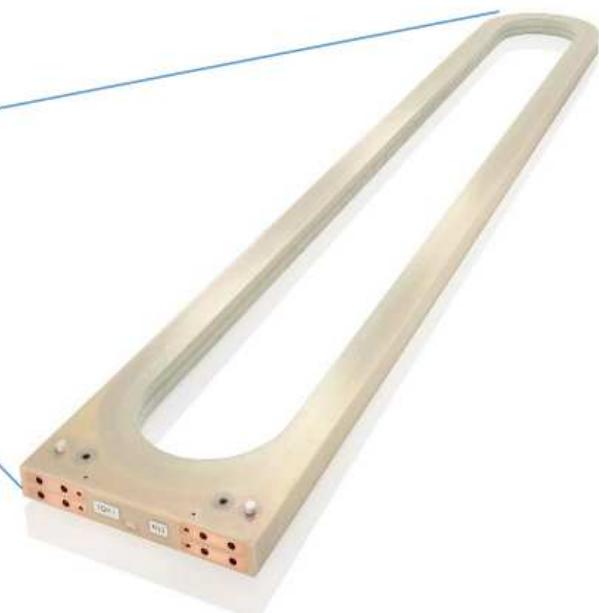
- **first grid synchronization 2009**
- **efficiency +2%**
- **losses -50%**
- **> 5000 hours of operation without degradation of SC**

excited synchronous Motor ecoswing project



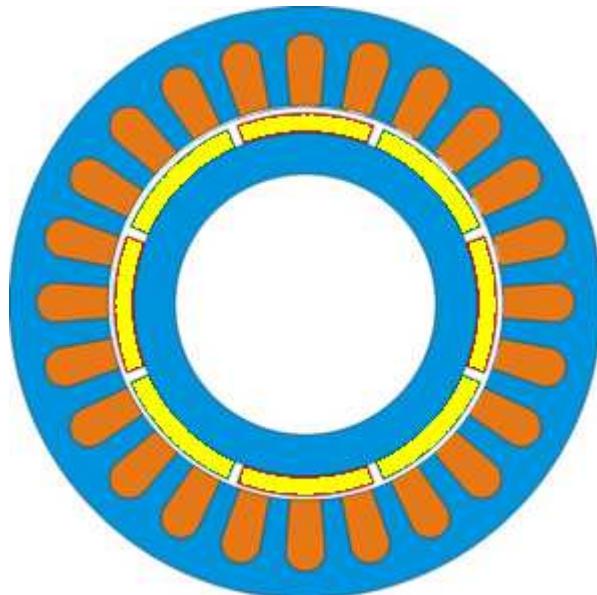
2015 - 2019
Retrofit for 3MW class
rotor coils with GdBaCuO tapes

active cooling (coldhead) of rotor DC-coils
rotating He (gas, high pressure) feedthrough

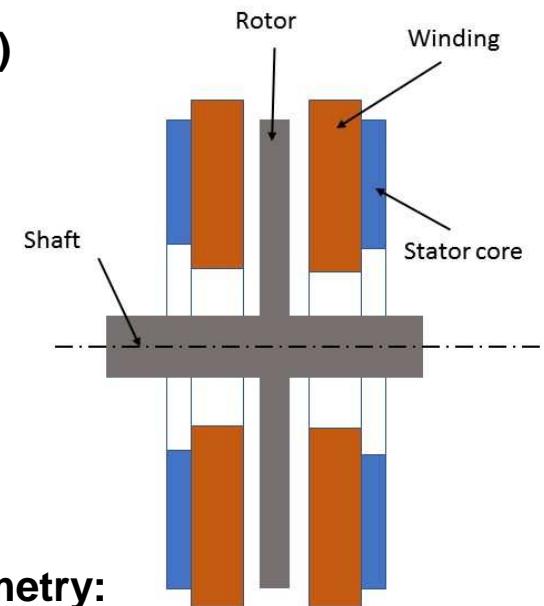


PM(sc) synchronous motor

- SC bulk or stack in rotor (DC application)
- magnetizing system needed
- Cold rotor
- Iron in rotor (partially)
useless (>2T?)



Force density:
> 200% compared to
nc PM-Motor

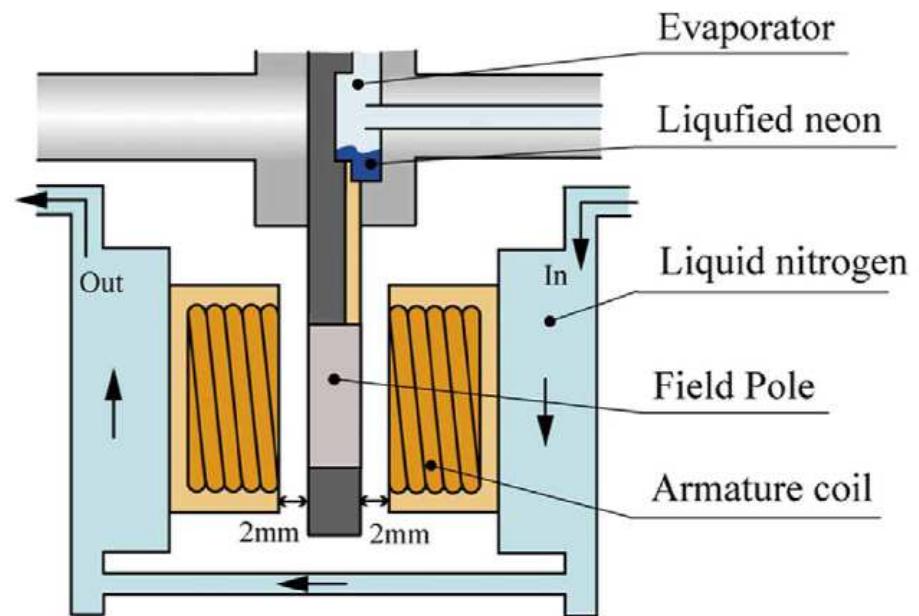
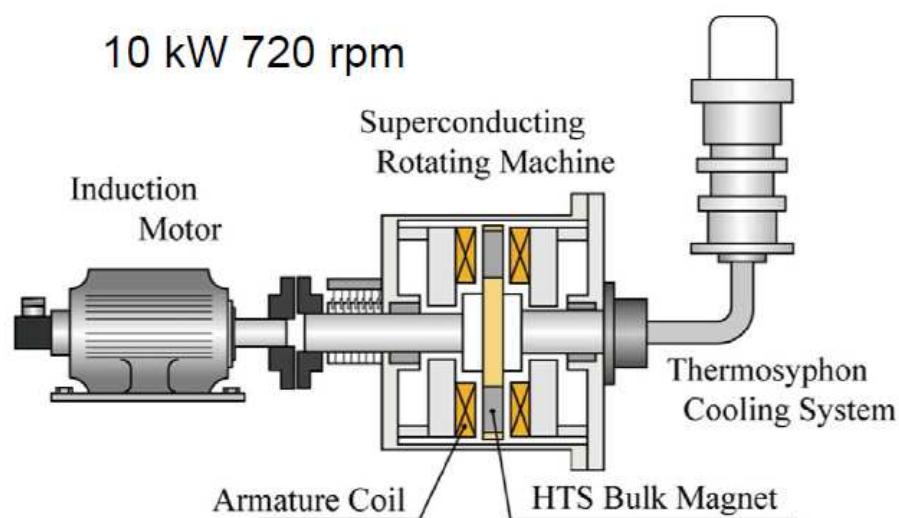
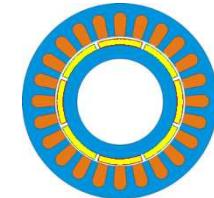


special geometry:
axial flux motor

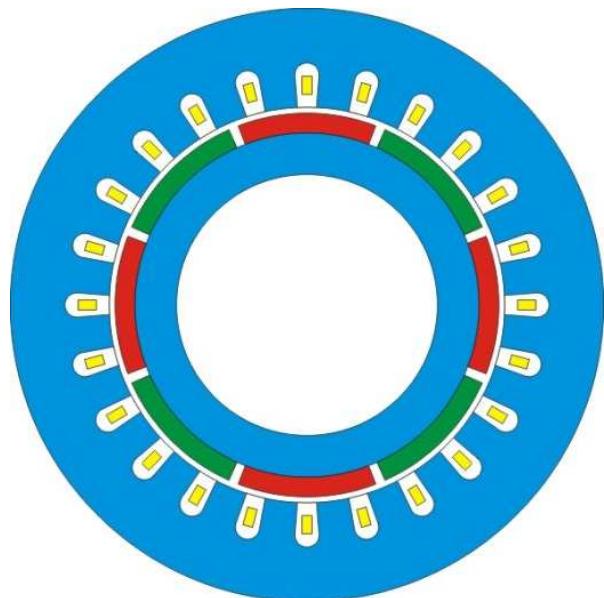
Axial - Flux

Quelle: phi-power.com

PM(sc) synchronous motor Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology



Quelle: IEEE Trans Appl. Supercond. 23 6397585 (2013)



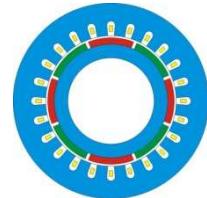
PM synchronous motor

- Active SC coils in stator (AC application)
- Passive rotor system
- Cold stator
- Iron in stator (partially) useless (>2T?)
- Flux control for high speed
- Cryostat for rotating fields

Force density:

> 250% compared to nc PM-Motor

PM synchronous motor Oswald

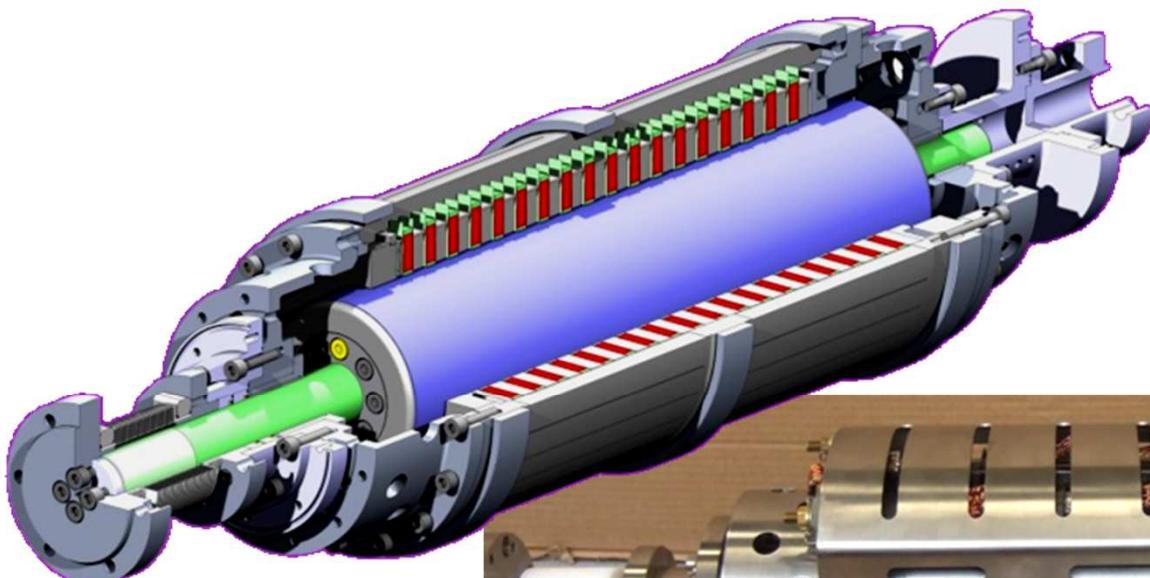


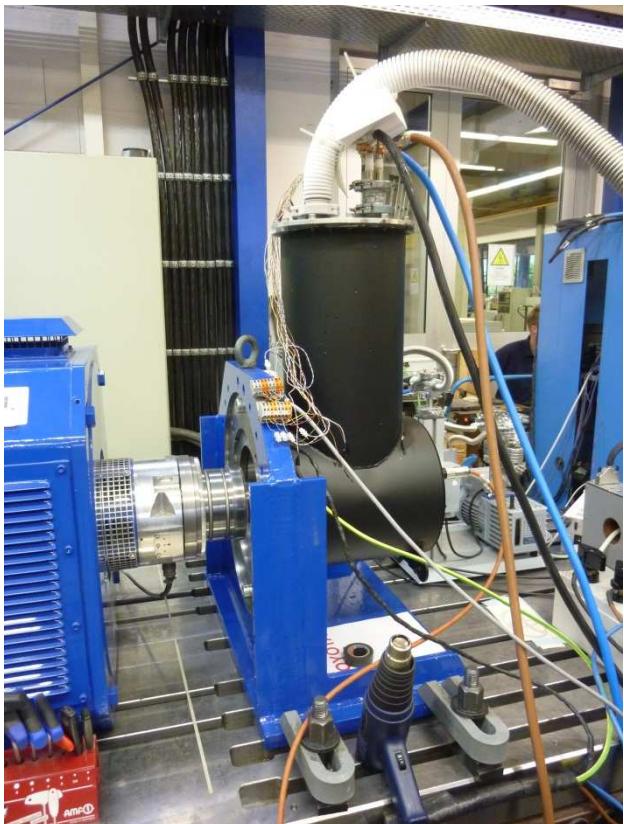
SLIN:

45 kN

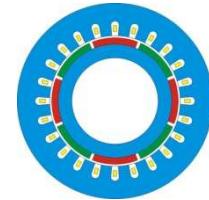
77 K, IN₂

**stator coils BSCCO
power density and
acceleration: 200%**





PM synchronous motor Oswald



SMFS:

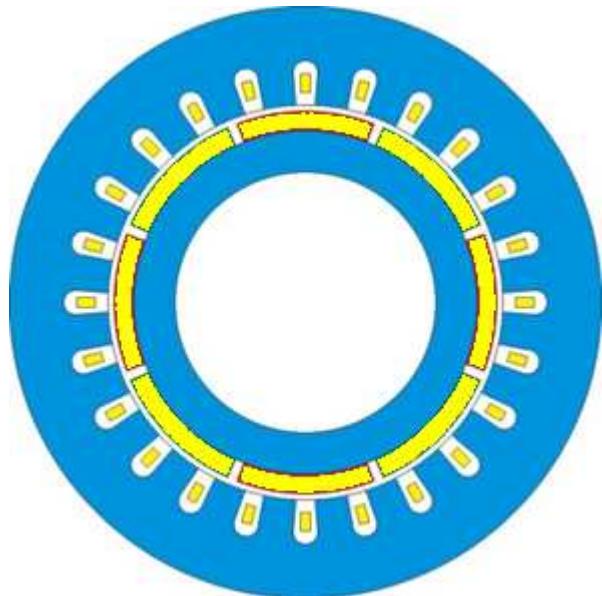
40 kW, 665 rpm, 575 Nm

77 K, IN₂

**PM-motor with SC stator winding (YBCO)
power density 250%
compared to nc PM-motor**



fully SC motor (bulk rotor)



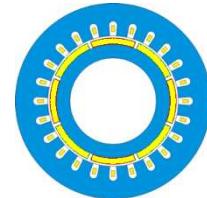
- Active SC coils in stator (AC application)
- Bulk SC in rotor (DC application)
- Cold stator and rotor
- Iron in stator and rotor (partially) useless
- Passive rotor
- Magnetizing device needed
- Flux control for high speed or dynamic adaption of magnetization

Force density:

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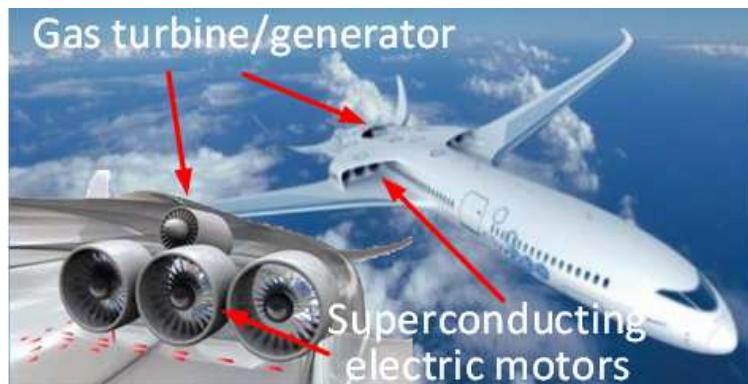


fully SC motor (bulk rotor) ASuMED

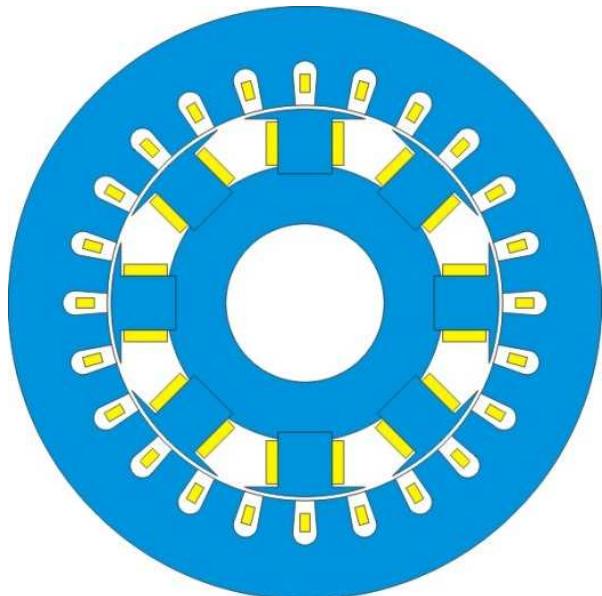


EU funded project (2017-2020)

- SC stator winding
- SC rotor stack
- 1MW at 6000rpm
- light weight for airborne application



fully SC motor (exc. rotor)



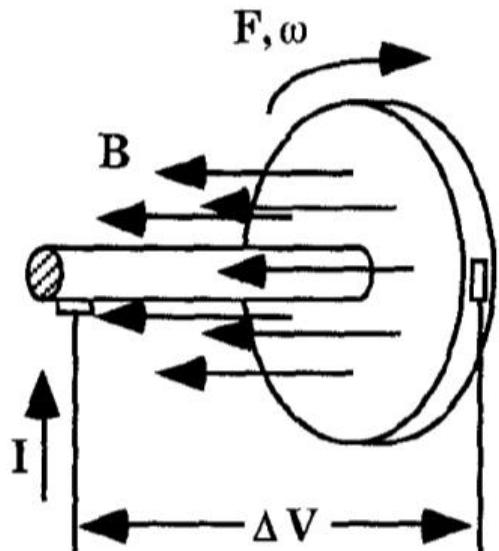
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- Complex rotor structure – speed limitations and minimum sizing (-> MW)

Force density:

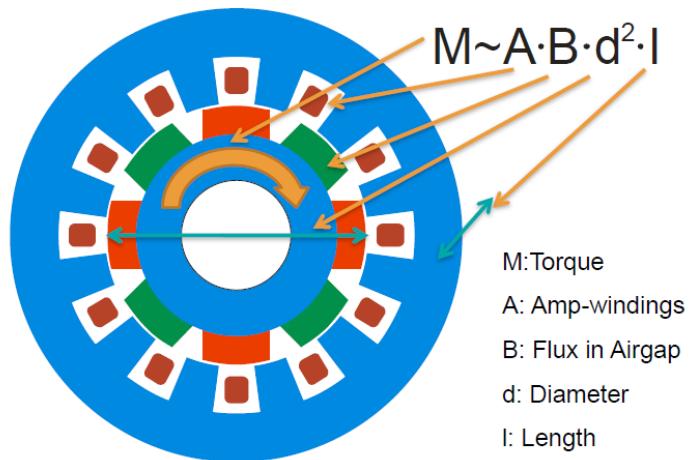
> 300% compared to nc PM-Motor

Homopolar motor

- Active SC coils in stator (DC application)
- Rotor made of conductive material
- Cold stator
- Iron in stator and rotor (partially) useless
- Power transmission (many kA!)
at least one at large diameter !!!
- Easy speed control



Force density:
> 200% compared to nc PM-Motor



cryogenic aspects

increase of „A“:

cryogenic cooling of SC stator winding

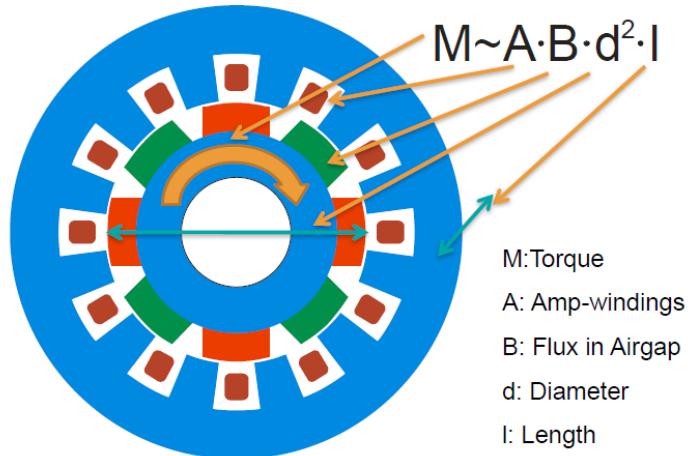
pro's:

- static cryostat
- static supply

con's:

- AC losses in SC are remarkable (up to 1% of system power)
-> cooling capacity
- if cryostat is between stator and rotor:
wall fully penetrated by moving magnetic flux
-> eddy currents

- only few systems were tested
- often stator is immersed in liquid cryogen
- closed system in presentation OR8-2 on Friday



cryogenic aspects

increase of „B“:

cryogenic cooling of SC rotor components

pro's:

- low thermal losses
(SC in DC application)

con's:

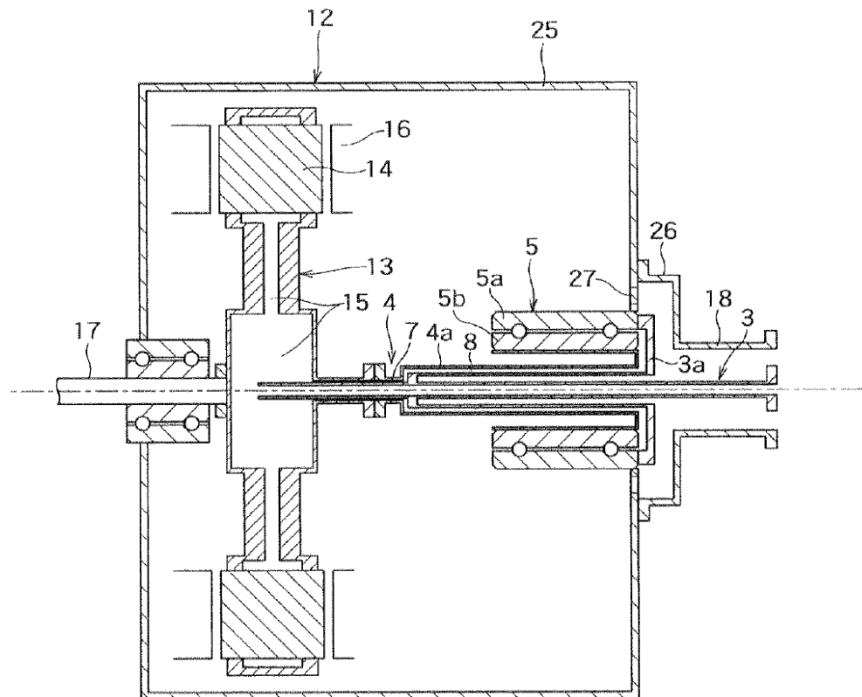
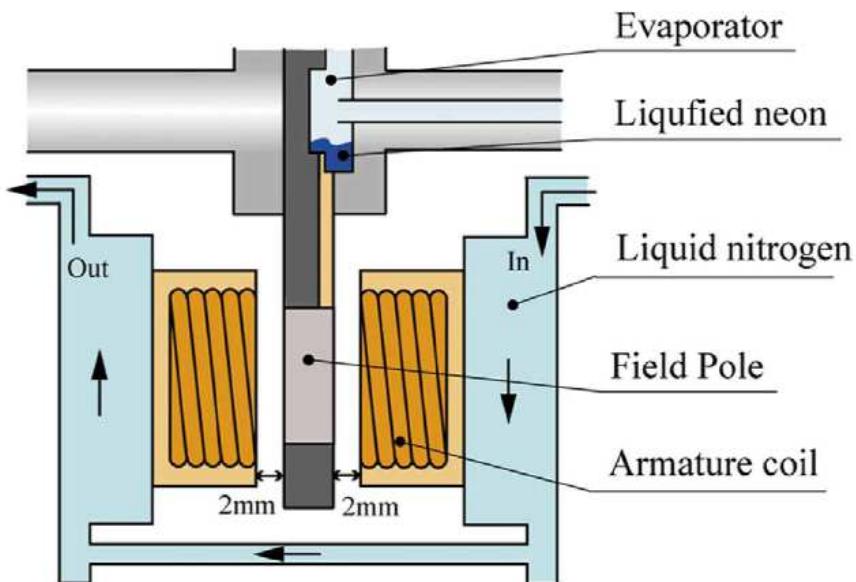
- coolant feed through to rotating system
- (parts) of cryostat are rotating
- combination of cryogen, sealing and bearing...

- most sc motors/generators have cold rotor
 - many cryostat topologies were tested
- > two promising solutions...

cryogenic aspects

Thermosyphon ... in axial flux motor with sc bulk material in rotor

- major tasks are solved (sealing, bearing, ...)
 - applicable for all motor topologies with SC in rotor
 - numerous publications and patents...



Quelle: Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, Patent US8616587B2

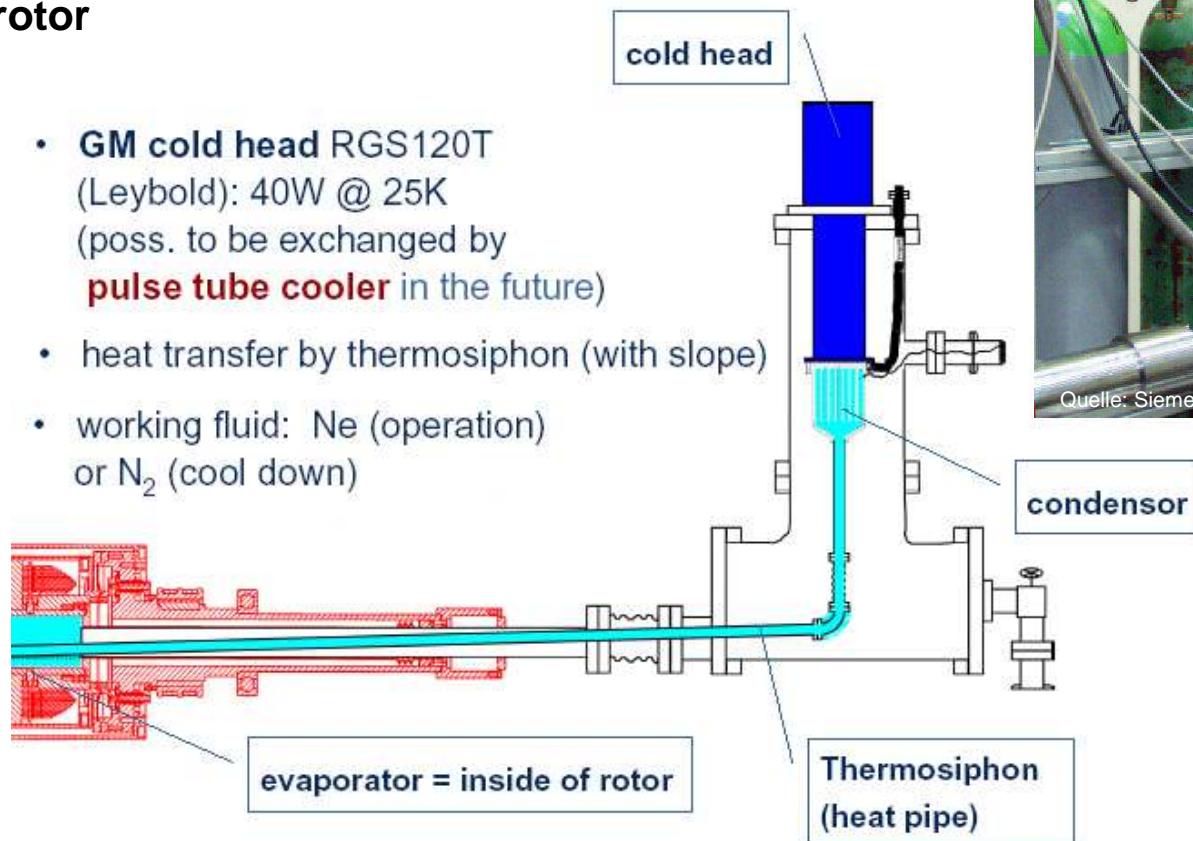
cryogenic aspects Thermosyphon

... in synchronous excited motor with
sc coil in rotor

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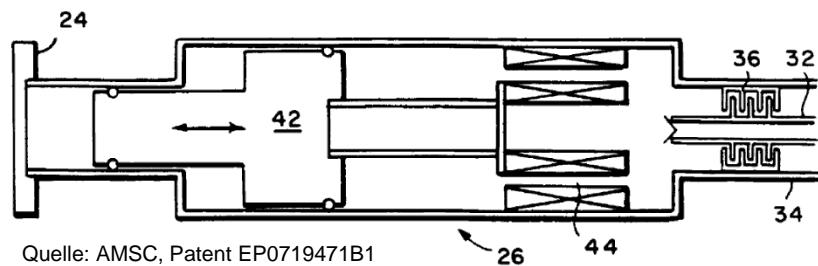
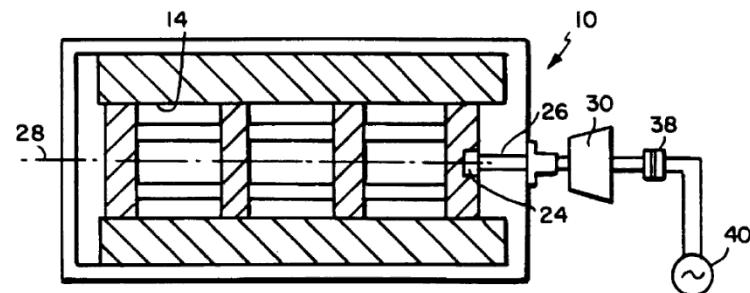
**technology
demonstrator**

- GM cold head RGS120T (Leybold): 40W @ 25K (poss. to be exchanged by **pulse tube cooler** in the future)
- heat transfer by thermosiphon (with slope)
- working fluid: Ne (operation) or N₂ (cool down)



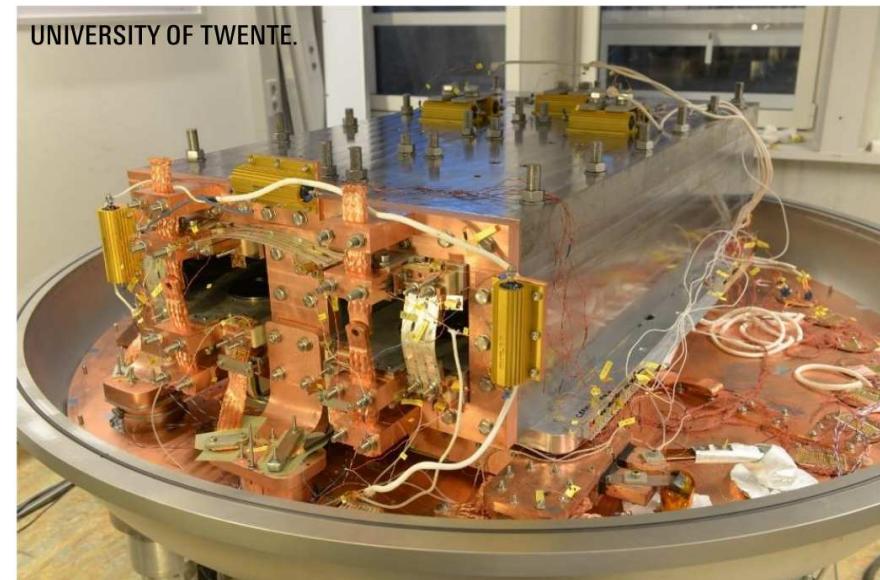
cryogenic aspects active cooling with coldhead

- coldhead integrated in rotor
- compressor is usually not moving
- solution for working gas feed through available since 90's



Quelle: AMSC, Patent EP0719471B1

will be integrated in ecoswing project:
coils are tested at University of twente
with Cu coldbus and similar forces





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