

# Improvement of Electric Motor Efficiency (Induction Motor) by using Nanocrystalline soft Magnetic alloy as core Material

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**Abstract**— Nanocrystalline soft magnetic Fe-Si-B-P-Cu alloys with high iron-content of 93~94 wt.% “NANOMET®” exhibit high saturation magnetic flux density ( $B_s > 1.8$  T), low coercivity ( $H_c < 10$  A/m) and low core loss ( $W_{1.7/50} \sim 0.4$  W/kg) even in a ribbon form with a thickness of up to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ . NANOMET® provides expected applications that are demanded in the field using strong magnetic fields because of its low core loss and high.

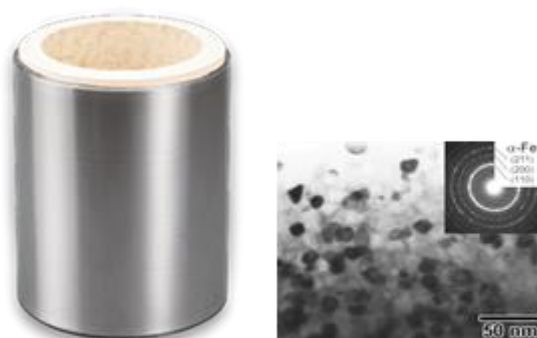
In particular, it is found that brushless Permanent magnet synchronous motor using NANOMET® core exhibited remarkable improvement in energy Consumption. The 50KW, 1500 RPM PMSM with lamination of thickness of 50 mm V/S laminated Nano-crystallized NANOMET® ribbons was designed, simulated and analyzed in JMag software. Core-loss for the designed motor was improved from 204W to 13.31W and there is about 14% reduction in mass (kg) only by replacing the non-oriented Si-steel core with NANOMET® one. The overall motor efficiency is evaluated to be 2% improvement. In this work, output Characteristics of motor will also be presented.

**Keywords**—Soft Magnetic Materials, Nanomet, IPM, Torque, Core losses. Efficiency.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Due to energy saving, all the appliances or industrial power sources are strongly required to having high efficiency and low energy consumption. One of the solutions is reducing the loss in energy conversion between magnetic and electrical

In late 60's, ferromagnetic amorphous alloys [1] have been developed to meet such requirements. Due to their low core-loss properties, the Fe-based amorphous alloys with a typical system of Fe-Si-B have attracted a lot of industrial interests for practical use [2], While the relatively low  $B_s$  of up to 1.6 T as compared to the Si-steel, amorphous alloys are applied to axial-gap motors [3] as core materials and the motors have successfully been commercialized [4]. By making efforts for properties improvements of soft-magnetic alloys, a number of ferromagnetic nanocrystalline alloys, namely, Fe-Si-B-Nb-Cu (FINEMET®) [5] and Fe-(Zr, Nb)-B (NANOPERM®) [6] have been developed. In general, these nanocrystalline alloys exhibited insufficient  $B_s$  in spite of their extra-low core loss properties. Consequently, innovative soft magnetic alloys having high  $B_s$  as comparable to Si-steel and low  $W$  as well matched for amorphous or nano crystalline alloys are required. More recently a series of new nanocrystalline alloys, NANOMET® [7-9], have been developed. These nanocrystalline alloys exhibited high  $B_s$  of exceeding 1.8 T. Figure 1(a) and Figure 1 (b). Compositional optimization of metalloid elements contributes marginal amorphous formation by melt-spinning technique even its unusual high Fe content. In addition, the alloys also exhibit outstandingly low  $W$  properties By utilizing these excellent magnetic properties, the performance of prototype transformer using wound core of NANOMET® ribbons have already reported [10].



Saturation magnetic flux density ( $B_s$ ) > 1.8T  
 $H_c$  (coercivity) < 10A/m

Figure 1 (a)

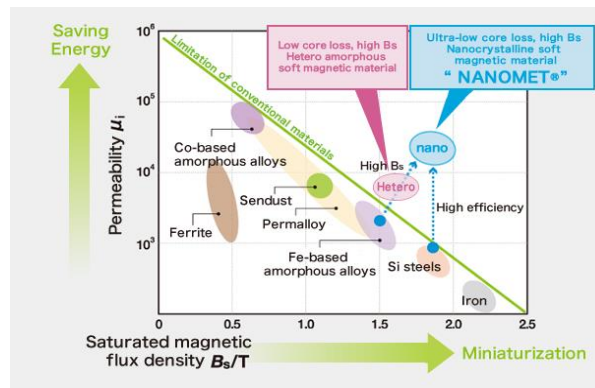


Figure 1 (b)

In this paper, it is intend to present the core loss analysis of permanent magnet motor (IPM) of rating of 50KW, 1500 rpm designed as radial-gap type motor with lamination of 50 mm and using NANOMET® ribbon [11].

## II. RESEARCH METHOD

For simulation JMAG-Express software were used with Quick mode option. Feature of software is to evaluate basic motor properties by simply entering geometry template, materials, winding, and drive conditions parameters, also evaluate torque, efficiency, loss, and inductance properties with a graph or numerically. Analysis was done for two different motors of 50 KW, 1500 rpm, IPM with interior permanent magnet rotor and distributed stator winding, designed with laminated core of thickness of 50 mm and Nanocrystalline soft magnetic Fe-Si-B-P-Cu alloys with high iron-content of 93~94 wt.%“NANOMET®”.

## III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The output characteristics of JMag software for efficiency of above designed motor with silicon steel core is shown in figure2(a) and with NANOMET® in figure 2(b) , same for iron losses is shown in figure 3(a) and 3 (b) respectively

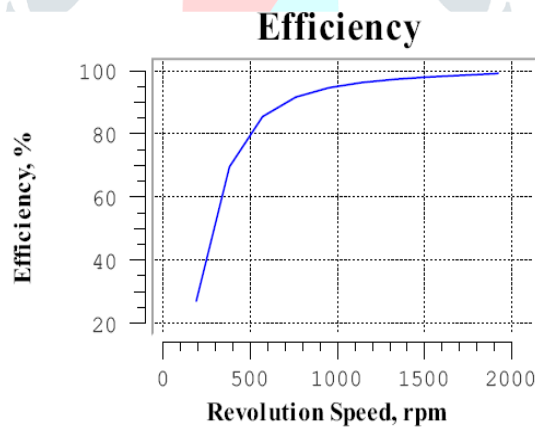


Figure 2 .a

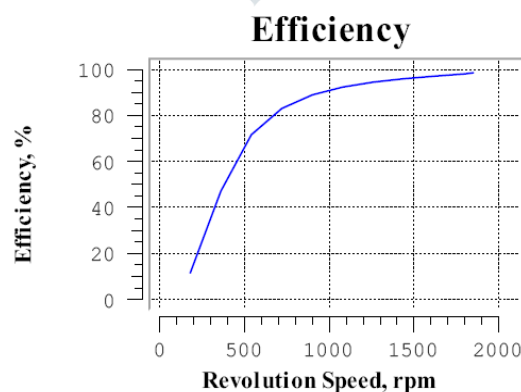


Figure 2.b

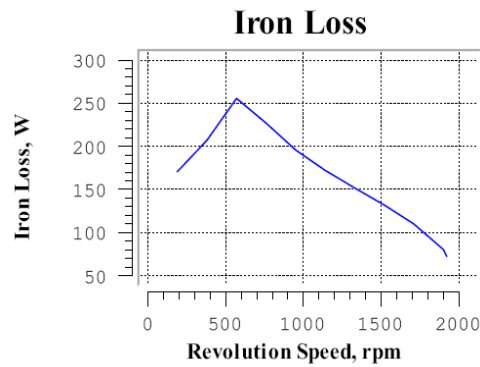


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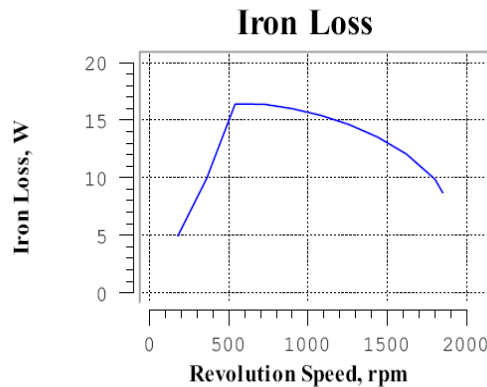


Figure 3.b

TABLE I. COMPARISON FOR COPPER LOSSES, IRON LOSSES, MASS IN KG AND EFFICIENCY FOR IPM MOTOR WITH DIFFERENT CORE MATERIALS

Core Materials	Silicon Steel with 50 mm thickness	NANOMET®
Copper Loss, W	4129	2616
Iron Loss, W	204	13.31
Mass Kg	51.94	44.99
Efficiency, %	93.81	96.09

Table I summarizes as with use of Nanomet as core material there is Lot of Reduction in iron loss and appreciable reduction of overall mass of motor. Taking the fact that there is more than 2% improvement of overall efficiency for the motor, the remarkable improvement in overall efficiency of the motor suggests that the NANOMET® core is promising material for future motors having low energy consumption property. The maximum potential of the Innovative motor using the NANOMET® core will be fabricated in the near future.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

To clarify the performance of Fe-based nanocrystalline alloy “NANOMET®” for motor applications, 50 KW brushless IPM motor was Design using laminated NANOMET® core. The obtained results are summarized as follows

- (1) Using laminated NANOMET® core, brushless IPM motor with a core outer diameter of 200 mm and a thickness of 98 mm was designed.
- (2) Core-loss for the designed motor was improved from 204 W to 13.3 1W only by core material replacing the non-oriented Si-steel with NANOMET®.
- (3) Under the rated condition of an applied load torque and revolutions of 1500 rpm, the design motor exhibited remarkably overall efficiency of 2.28% improvement.

These results suggests that the NANOMET® is a promising core material to realize innovative motors with outstandingly high-energy efficiency

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