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Abstract: This paper deals with a homopolar synchronous machine (HSM) applying high-temperature superconducting (HTS) field coils. Superconductors, especially high-temperature superconductors, have high potential as advanced materials for next-generation electrical machines due to their high critical current density and excellent mechanical strength. However, coils made with hightemperature superconductors have a high risk of being damaged in the event of a quench due to the intrinsic low normal zone propagation velocity (NZPV). Therefore, the coil protection issue has been regarded as one of the most important research fields in HTS coil applications. Currently, the most actively studied method for quench protection of the HTS coils is the no-insulation (NI) winding technique. The NI winding technique is a method of winding an HTS coil without inserting an insulating material between turns. This method can automatically bypass the current to the adjacent turn when a local quench occurs inside the HTS coil, greatly improving the operating stability of the HTS coils. Accordingly, many institutions are conducting research to develop advanced electrical machines using NI HTS coils. However, the NI HTS coil has its intrinsic charge/discharge delay problem, which makes it difficult to successfully develop electrical machines using the NI HTS coil. In this study, we investigated how this charging/discharging problem appeared when the NI HTS coil was used in an HTS homopolar synchronous machine (HSM) which is one of the electrical machines with a high possibility of applying the HTS coil in the future because it has a stationary field coil structure. For this, the characteristic resistances of HTS coils were experimentally obtained and applied to the simulation model.

Keywords: field coil; high-temperature superconductor; homopolar synchronous machine; no-insulation

1. Introduction

High-temperature superconducting (HTS) wires have excellent critical current and mechanical properties, making them suitable materials for high magnetic field applications. Thus, many studies are being carried out to apply high magnetic field coils made of HTS wires to electrical machines such as motors and generators as well as analytical equipment such as NMR and MRI [1,2]. Among them, motors and generators to which HTS coils are applied can have high output power density, so they are considered as one of the promising future electrical machines. Accordingly, many studies have been conducted to develop various types of HTS generators and HTS motors for each application field. Several research groups have conducted research on applying HTS field coils to transverse flux type generators, air-core type generators, and flux switching type generators for wind power generation [3–5]. Additionally, other research groups have conducted research on HTS motors for application to electric vehicles such as electric ships [6–8]. In addition, the HTS homopolar machine has been studied for an aircraft application because it is suitable for high-speed operation [9]. In general, HTS coils are used as field windings in HTS motors and generators, and among them, they are being studied as field windings of synchronous machines due to the characteristics of superconductors that cause AC

loss in time-varying currents [10–12]. The most common HTS-synchronous machine is a type in which HTS field coils are installed on a non-magnetic rotor core. This HTSsynchronous machine has a structure in which the HTS field coils rotate to generate an alternating magnetic field in an air-gap. In this HTS-synchronous machine, the structures of the cooling system and the excitation system for HTS field coils become complicated because the superconducting coil is excited with a very high current under cryogenic cooling conditions of several tens of Kelvin or less. In addition, in the HTS-synchronous machines with a rotating field coil structure, the HTS coils require a structure and material to support them from rotational motion, and epoxy impregnation of the HTS coil is one of them [13,14]. Therefore, the conventional HTS-synchronous machines are mainly studied in the application field, requiring high output at a relatively low rotating speed. Such an HTS-synchronous machine requires technology for stably operating HTS coils as in other HTS machines. Therefore, it is difficult to apply the conventional HTS-synchronous machine which has a rotational field winding structure in an application field that must be operated at a high rotation speed. For this reason, studies on novel electrical rotating machines in which the HTS field coils are applied to electrical rotating machines such as flux-switching type, homopolar type, and vernier type is being conducted. Since these HTS electrical rotating machines have a stationary HTS field winding structure [4–8], the structures of the cooling system and the excitation system for the HTS field coil can be greatly simplified compared to the conventional HTS electrical rotating machine. In addition, the stationary HTS field coil structure enables very stable operation at high rotating speeds [15,16]. Additionally, another advantage is that since the HTS field coil is not moved together by the rotation of the rotor core, the mechanical support structure can be simplified, and it can be free from epoxy impregnation of the HTS field coil. This makes it possible to apply the no-insulation winding method, which can dramatically improve the stability of the HTS field coil [17–22]. NI winding is one of the most actively researched methods as a protection technology for HTS coils. The NI winding method is to wind without inserting an insulation material between turns when manufacturing an HTS coil. Even in this way, since the electrical resistance of the superconducting layer is virtually zero, the time-invariant component of the coil current flows only to the superconducting layer in the HTS wire. Therefore, in the steady-state condition in which the HTS coil is totally excited, the normal operation of the machine is possible. However, if a quench occurs in the HTS coil and a hot spot occurs in the local region of the HTS coil, the coil current can bypass the region adjacent to the hot spot. Since this process is performed passively without any detection of quench occurrence, the stability of the HTS coil can be dramatically improved. Although a simple principle, this method has been greatly encouraging to many superconducting magnet engineers because the HTS is very slow for normal zone propagation velocity (NZPV) compared to the low-temperature superconductor (LTS). However, despite these advantages of the NI HTS coil, there are problems to be solved for the practical development of electrical machines applying NI HTS coils. These problems are mainly due to the charging/discharging delay phenomenon, which is caused by partial leakage of the coil current in the direction of the turn-to-turn contact due to the reactance by the coil inductance in the charging/discharging period. Therefore, in order to develop electrical machines using the NI HTS coil, it is necessary to analyze and improve such a charging/discharging delay phenomenon. In this paper, the operating characteristics when the NI HTS field coil is applied to a homopolar synchronous machine (HSM), which is one of the electrical rotating machines with a stationary field winding, are analyzed. The HSM was selected as the prototype model because it is advantageous to apply an NI coil without epoxy impregnation due to its stationary HTS field coil structure. Unlike other HTS rotating machines, since the HTS field coil is fixed, the mechanical stability is high, and the excitation and cooling structure of the HTS coil can be simplified. The mechanical stability of the fixed-operated NI HTS coil has already been confirmed through a long-term operation test of the NI HTS magnet for NMR [2].

Additionally, the effectiveness of the partial-insulation (PI) winding method proposed to improve the charging/discharging delay of the NI HTS coil is analyzed by finite element analysis linked with electrical circuit simulation based on the designed HTS HSM model. In order to make an accurate simulation model, the characteristic resistances according to the winding method are experimentally derived by testing small-scale HTS coils. Additionally, by applying these to the simulation model, the operating characteristics of the HTS HSM according to the winding method of the HTS field coil are analyzed.

2. Characteristic Resistances of the HTS Coils According to the Winding Method

For the modeling of an HTS HSM using NI HTS field coils, charging/discharging tests of HTS coils were performed. The specifications and pictures of the HTS coils used for these tests are shown in Table 1 and Figure 1 [23]. The HTS coils are wound with 2G HTS wire, and are divided into four types of coils according to the insulation method between winding turns. The self-field critical current of the 2G HTS wire at 77 K is about 109 A. Coil I is an HTS coil with a conventional insulation structure in which the insulating tape is inserted between each winding turn. On the other hand, Coil II is a no-insulation coil without an insulating material inserted between all winding turns. Coil III and Coil IV are partial-insulation (PI) coils in which the insulating tape is inserted once per specific intervals of winding turns. The insulating tape is inserted once every eight turns for Coil III and once every four turns for Coil IV. All coils have the same specifications, such as inner diameter, winding turns, and critical current, except for the insulation structure. The picture on the left in Figure 1 shows the experimental setup for the charging/discharging tests. The current of the HTS coil was charged and discharged using a magnet power supply, and a cryogenic hall sensor was installed in the center of the HTS coil to measure the magnetic field generated in the HTS coil. The HTS coil was cooled with liquid nitrogen, and the power supply current and magnetic field signals were recorded in a PC through a DAQ device. Figure 2 shows the simplified equivalent circuit models of the insulation coil, no-insulation coil, and partial-insulation coil. This is a lumped circuit model that can explain the charging/ discharging delay mechanism of no-insulation coils [24,25]. In these models, L_{HTS} represents the inductance of the HTS coil, and R_C and R_{θ} represent the characteristic resistance in the contact direction between turns and the resistance in the winding direction, respectively. R_{θ} is almost zero in the normal state but increases in magnitude when a normal zone occurs in the HTS coil. Under the condition of DC current or current with a very small rate of change with time, almost all current flows only in the winding direction along the HTS layer because the impedance due to the L_{HTS} is almost zero. Therefore, in a state where the current is fully excited, the no-insulation HTS coil generates a magnetic field similar to the insulated HTS coil. On the other hand, in the charging/ discharging sequence, the current is distributed according to the ratio of $R_{\rm C}$ and impedance by L_{HTS} . Additionally, this causes a delay phenomenon between the power supply current and the magnetic field generated by the HTS coil because of the leakage current to $R_{\rm C}$. Therefore, in order to improve the charging/discharging delay problem of the NI HTS coil, R_C should be increased. For this purpose, methods such as coating a metal having a relatively high electrical resistance on the HTS wire or winding a tape made of such a metal together with the HTS wire have been proposed. In this study, in order to increase the R_C , the HTS coil was insulated by inserting Kapton tape at regular intervals of winding turns. This method can be represented as an equivalent circuit as shown in Figure 2c because the winding turns except for the insulation layer are wound without insulation from each other. Therefore, while increasing the overall R_C , it is possible to maintain the self-protection characteristics of the no-insulation coil.

Parameter	Coil I	Coil II	Coil III	Coil IV
Insulating type	Turn-to-turn insulation	No-insulation	Insulation every 8 turns	Insulation every 4 turns
Inductance	~179 µH			
Winding diameter	65 mm			
Winding turns	40 turns			
Critical current	~74 A			
HTS wire	2G HTS wire (width: 4.8 mm, thickness: 0.19 mm)			

Table 1. Specifications of the HTS coils.



Figure 1. Experimental setup and HTS coils for charging/discharging tests: (a) Coil I, (b) Coil II, (c) Coil III, and (d) Coil IV.

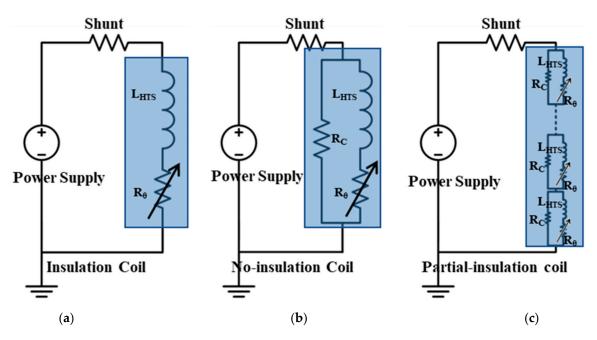


Figure 2. Simplified equivalent circuit diagram of HTS coils: (a) insulation HTS coil, (b) no-insulation HTS coil, (c) partial-insulation coil.

Figure 3 shows the charging/discharging test results for these HTS coils. The HTS coils were charged up to 52 A, which is about 70% of the coil's critical current, and after reaching the target current, the current was maintained for about 1 min and then discharged. In the charging/discharging sequence, the ramping up/down speed of the power supply current

was set to 1 A/s, and the change in the magnetic field was measured using a hall sensor installed in the center of the coil. Figure 3a shows the test result of the insulated HTS coil, where the power supply current and magnetic field match relatively accurately during the charging and discharging. On the other hand, the test results of the no-insulation coil in Figure 3b do not match the graphs of the power supply current and the magnetic field, especially in the discharging sequence. This is due to the leakage current in the contact direction between winding turns, which causes the slope of the magnetic field graph in the charging/discharging sequence to be smaller than that of the insulated HTS coil. Additionally, the effect of partial insulation can be examined through Figure 3c,d. Figure 3c is a test result in an HTS coil with an insulating tape inserted once every eight turns, and it shows that the slope of the graph of the magnetic field in the charging/discharging sequence is increased compared to that in the no-insulation. Figure 3d is the test result for the HTS coil in which the insulating tape is inserted once every four turns, and the charging/discharging delay problem is further improved. These experimental results show that as the number of insulating layers increases, the charging/discharging delay problem is improved. However, although it is not within the scope of this study, this method weakens the self-protection properties, so it is necessary to study to find suitable conditions for the application.

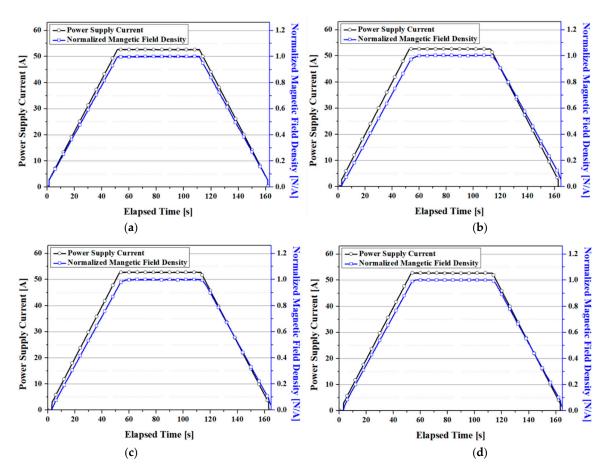


Figure 3. Charging/discharging test results of HTS coils: (a) Coil I, (b) Coil II, (c) Coil III, and (d) Coil IV.

Figure 4 shows the results of the sudden discharging test performed to determine the characteristic resistance in the contact direction between winding turns according to the insulation structure [26,27]. As shown in Figure 4a, in Coil I, the magnetic field drops to zero at the same time as the power supply current is discharged. In the other coils, the power supply current dropped rapidly from 52 A to 0 A, and after the power supply current is completely discharged, the time interval until the magnetic field drops to 36.8% was measured. The time constants of Coil II, Coil III, and Coil IV were 4.184, 3.572,

and 1.504 s, respectively. These results show that the charging/discharging delay time of the no-insulation coil can be improved by about 2.8 times by using the partial-insulation method. In the lumped circuit model of the no-insulation coil, since the coil inductance and the equivalent characteristic resistance are parallel-connected, the time constant can be calculated using $\tau = L_{HTS}/R_{C}$. Therefore, the equivalent characteristic resistance of Coil II, Coil III, and Coil IV can be determined as 42.8, 50.1, 119 $\mu\Omega$. These equivalent characteristic resistances were used as parameters to analyze the HTS HSM.

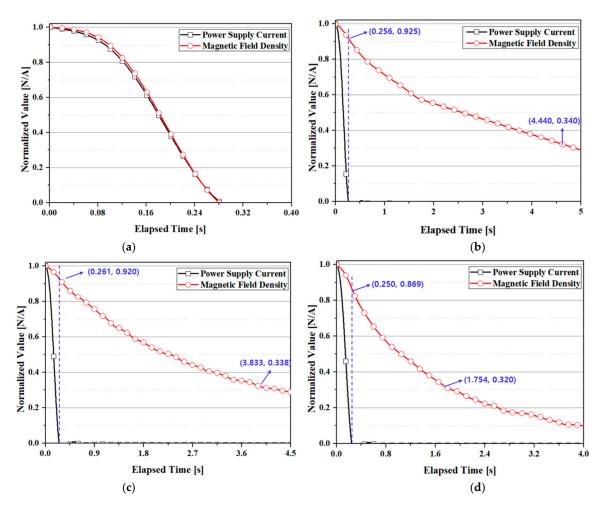


Figure 4. Sudden discharging test results: (a) Coil I, (b) Coil II, (c) Coil III, and (d) Coil IV.

3. HTS Homopolar Synchronous Machine

3.1. Machine Structure and Operating Principle of the HTS HSM

Figure 5 shows the main structure of the HTS HSM. In this machine, the salient poles of the rotor yoke are arranged with an interval equal to the pitch between the phases of the armature winding. However, unlike the heteropolar type synchronous machine, the salient poles in HSM are alternately arranged based on the center in the longitudinal direction of the rotor yoke. Additionally, the HTS field coil is arranged to surround the center of the rotor yoke. Therefore, when the HTS field coil is excited, the polarities of the salient poles cross each other, and when the rotor yoke rotates in this state, an alternating magnetic flux can be applied to the armature winding. Since the HTS field coil is not physically connected to the rotor yoke, it can be separated from the rotating part and remain fixed. Therefore, the structure of the cooling system and the excitation system for the HTS field coil can be greatly simplified due to the stationary field winding structure, and the operation reliability of the machine can be improved. This characteristic of the HTS HSM is a great advantage in high-speed operation.

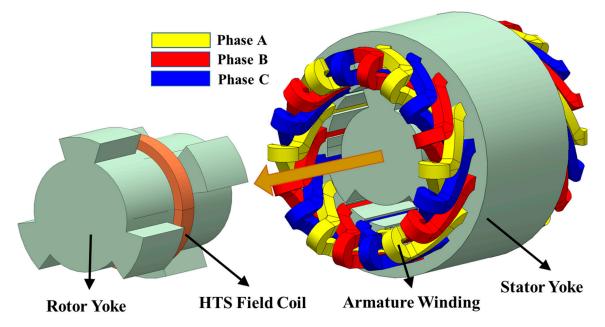


Figure 5. Fundamental structure of HTS homopolar synchronous machine.

3.2. Simulation Model of the HTS HSM Using the NI HTS Field Coil

In this study, an HTS HSM was designed using a design method shown in Figure 6. This design process involves determining the maximum dimensions of the rotor yoke using the constraints such as the output power and rotational speed required by the HTS HSM. In this process, Poisson's ratio and Young's modulus of the material of the rotor yoke are used as parameters. Additionally, the size of the armature conductor and stator slot is determined in consideration of the allowable current density of the armature conductor. In addition, Von Mises stress analysis is performed to determine whether the rotor yoke maintains stability at the maximum rotational speed considering the safety factor. Since HTS HSM is an electrical rotating machine suitable for high rotation speed, this step is included in the overall design process. Then, the tangential stress of the rotor yoke is calculated using the output power of the HTS HSM and the dimensional specifications of the rotor yoke. Additionally, the required value of air-gap field density can be calculated based on this tangential stress. The magnetomotive force (MMF) of the HTS field coil to generate the air-gap field density is calculated using a magnetic equivalent circuit model, and the HTS field coil is designed using the Ic-B- θ data of the 2G HTS wire. This design was carried out under steady-state state conditions, and the design result was modeled using a commercialized finite element analysis program, and transient characteristics were analyzed.

Table 2 shows the design specification of the 110 kW-class HTS HSM. The rated output power was determined in consideration of the possibility of manufacturing a demonstration machine. The phase and rotational speeds of the machine are 3 and 2400 rpm, respectively. Dimensions of rotor yoke and stator yoke were determined by the above-mentioned design process. The overhang structure of the rotor core was applied to enhance the output power and efficiency of the machine. Figure 7 shows the simulation results on output power and machine efficiency according to the overhang length for optimization of the rotor core design. Output power and electrical losses continue to increase as the overhang length increases up to 25 mm, and decreases when greater than 25 mm. On the other hand, except for mechanical loss, the machine efficiency was the highest, at 98.49%, under the 30 mm overhang condition. Taking into account the machine efficiency, the most suitable overhang length for the designed homopolar HTS HSM is 30 mm. In this model, it was shown that an MMF of about 26 kA·turn is required to generate an output power of 110 kW. Accordingly, an HTS field coil with 540 winding turns and an operating current of about 48 A was

designed. In addition, to verify the design, von Mises stress analysis according to the maximum rotational speed of the rotor was performed. Figure 8 shows the analysis results regarding the mechanical stress of the rotor core at the rotation speed of 4800 rpm. It shows that the maximum stress level of the designed rotor core is smaller than the 450 MPa, which is the yield strength of the rotor material.

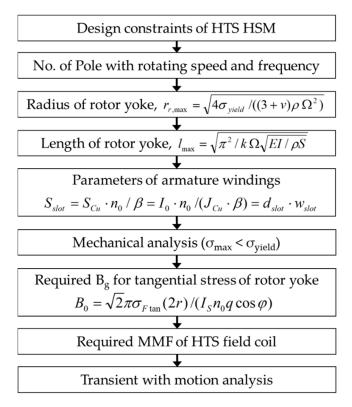


Figure 6. Fundamental design process of the HTS homopolar synchronous machine.

Table 2. Design specifications of the HTS HSM.

Item	Value
Rated output power	110 kW
Phases	3
Rated rotational speed	2400 rpm
No. of poles	6
Outer radius of rotor yoke	190 mm
Length of rotor yoke	170 mm
Overhang of rotor yoke	30 mm
No. of stator yoke slots	18
Depth of stator yoke slot	103 mm
Width of stator yoke slot	40 mm
No. of armature conductor per slot	10
Outer radius of stator yoke	350 mm

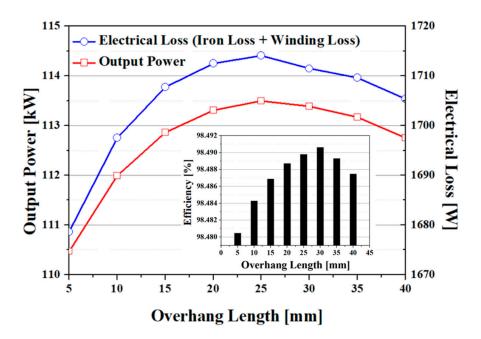


Figure 7. Output power and electrical loss according to overhang length. Inset: efficiency vs. overhang length.

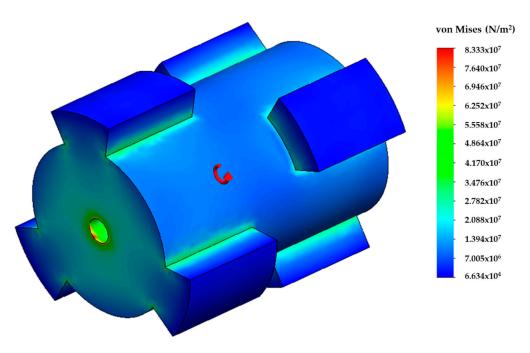




Figure 9 shows the simulation model of the designed 110 kW HTS HSM. For this simulation, MagNet, which is a commercial electromagnetic analysis software, was used. In this model, the maximum element size was set to 15 mm, and non-oriented silicon steel was applied as the ferromagnetic material for the rotor and stator. The magnetic property and iron loss property of the ferromagnetic material were used with data embedded in MagNet software. Figure 10 shows the B–H curve and iron loss curve according to the peak value of the alternating magnetic field. The electrical resistance of the HTS material was set to zero using the user material-setting function, and the characteristic resistance of the NI field coil was obtained from Equation (1) [28] and the experimental results of

test coils in Section 2. From Equation (1), the contact surface resistances of each coil are obtained to be 1.56, 1.83, and 4.34 $\mu\Omega \cdot m^2$, respectively.

$$R_C = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{R_{ct}}{2\pi r_i w_d} \tag{1}$$

where w_d , and r_i are the width of HTS tape, and the radius of the *i*-th turn of a HTS coil, respectively. Therefore, the characteristic resistance of the HTS field coil with the winding method used in Coil II, Coil III, and Coil IV can be determined as 0.78, 0.91, and 2.16 $\mu\Omega$, respectively. These values were applied as R_C values in the lumped circuit of HTS coils in the simulation model. The model was simulated using a transient 3D with a motion solver. In order to reduce the computational time, the time step was set to 100 s, and the rotation speed of the rotor was set to 0 rpm in the section before the HTS field coil was fully excited. Additionally, in the section after the HTS field coil was fully excited, the time step was set to 0.1 ms, and the rotor was set to move at the rated rotation speed of 2400 rpm.

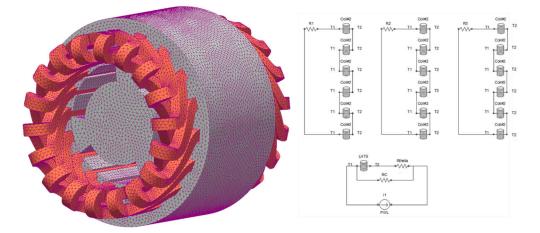


Figure 9. Field-circuit coupled FEA model of the designed NI HTS HSM using a lumped circuit model.

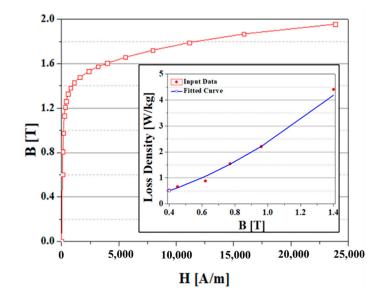


Figure 10. B-H curve of non-oriented silicon steel in the simulation model. Inset: iron loss properties.

The cooling method for the HTS field coil of the designed HTS HSM is considered cooling by liquid nitrogen (LN_2). Therefore, an LN_2 cryostat was designed based on thermal loads. The thermal loads are calculated by the equations below [29].

$$Q_{\rm cl} = \left(\sqrt{\rho_{\rm cl} l_{\rm cl} l^2 / S_{\rm cl}} - \sqrt{k_{\rm cl} A_{\rm cl} (T_{\rm h} - T_{\rm l}) / L_{\rm cl}}\right)^2 + 2I \sqrt{\rho_{\rm cl} k_{\rm cl} (T_{\rm h} - T_{\rm l})}$$
(2)

$$Q_k = N_l A_l k_l (T_h - T_l) / L_l \tag{3}$$

$$Q_{\rm r} = \sigma \left(T_{\rm h}^4 - T_{\rm l}^4 \right) / \left((1 - \varepsilon_{\rm h}) / \varepsilon_{\rm h} S_{\rm h} + (1 / \varepsilon_{\rm l} + 2N / \varepsilon_{\rm N} - N) / S_{\rm l} \right)$$
(4)

where Q_{cl} , and Q_k are the thermal loads by the conduction heat transfer through a pair of current leads and the leading-in tubes, respectively. Q_r is the thermal load by the radiation heat transfer of a vessel. To reduce the radiation heat loss, multi-layer insulation (MLI) in the vacuum space was considered. According to Equation (4), the radiation heat loss in the cryostat was calculated to approximately 1.21 W when five layers of MLI were inserted into the vacuum space. The conduction heat losses through a pair of current leads and the leading-in tubes were estimated to be approximately 2.93 W, 5.07 W, respectively. Figure 11 shows the designed LN2 cryostat.

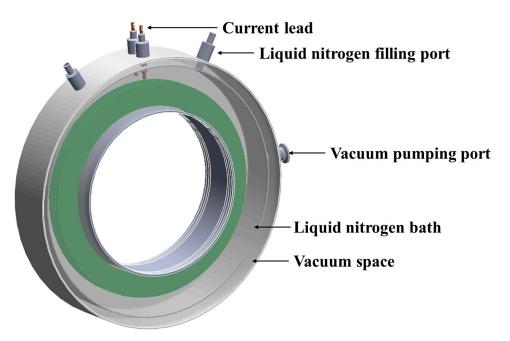


Figure 11. Liquid nitrogen (LN2) cryostat for the HTS field coil.

3.3. Results and Discussion

In this study, a 3D FEA simulation model linked with an electrical circuit analysis model was built based on the designed result, and the operating characteristics of the HTS HSM to which the NI HTS field coil was applied were analyzed. In this model, the NI HTS field coil was modeled based on the lumped circuit model of the NI coil. Figure 12a,b shows the current charging characteristics of the HTS HSM. Figure 12a is the simulation results of the HTS HSM using NI field coil, and Figure 12b is the simulation results of the HTS HSM using PI field coil in which the NI coil is insulated once every four turns. The model to which the fully insulated HTS coil is applied is not shown because there is no charging delay phenomenon. The time constant for the field current of the HTS coil to reach 63.2% of the target value after the power supply current reached the set value was about 536 min in the model to which the NI coil was applied. Additionally, the time constant value was improved to 224 min in the model to which the PI HTS field coil is applied, which is 42% compared to the NI model. Figure 12c shows the flux linkage in the

phase A armature winding of each model. This shows that the speed at which the magnetic flux generated in the HTS field coil by the field current is linked to the armature winding is about 2.4 times faster in the PI model than in the NI model. Despite this improvement effect, it was found that it took more than 7 h to fully excite the HTS field coil, which means that much time is needed for the initial starting of the machine. Additionally, this also shows that it is virtually impossible to control the machine by regulating the field current. Therefore, it is necessary to consider a structure capable of controlling the flux using auxiliary winding [29,30].

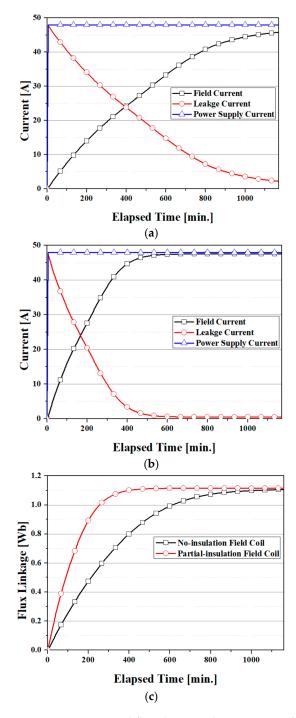


Figure 12. Current and flux charging characteristics of the HTS HSMs: (**a**) current charging characteristics of the HTS HSM using the NI HTS field coil, (**b**) current charging characteristics of the HTS HSM using the PI HTS field coil, and (**c**) flux linkage in phase A.

In this section, the steady-state characteristics of the designed HTS HSM after the HTS field coil is fully excited were analyzed and investigated. Figure 13 shows a simulation result on the magnetic field distribution, and Figure 14 shows the simulation results on the flux linkage, no-load voltage, and phase voltage/line current in a resistive load condition, respectively, performed to examine characteristics in generator mode. In the simulation of phase voltage/line current in a resistive load condition, given that motion of the rotor starts immediately after the current in the HTS coil is fully excited, the output value differs for each phase up to about 15 ms due to the transient response (step response) component. From the simulation results, it is confirmed that the designed HTS HSM generates an output power of 110 kW in an operating condition. Additionally, it can be seen that the HTS HSM to which the NI HTS field coil is applied has the same operating characteristics as the HTS HSM to which the insulated HTS field coil is applied under normal operating conditions after the HTS field coil is fully excited.

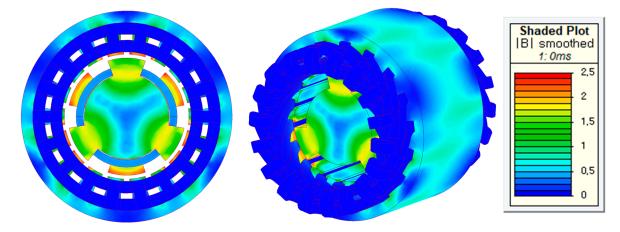


Figure 13. Magnetic field distribution of the HTS homopolar synchronous machine.

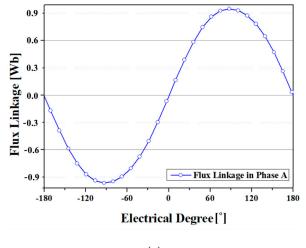




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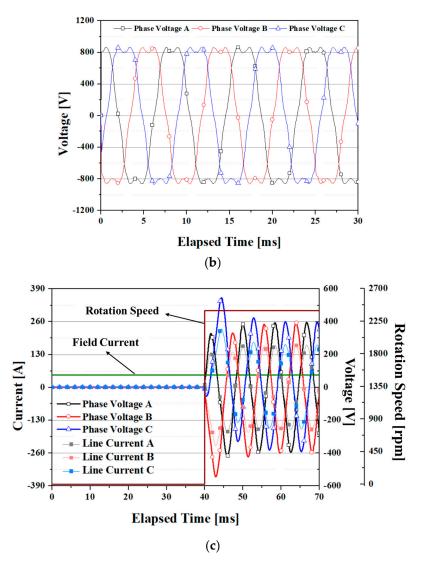


Figure 14. Steady-state operating characteristics of the HTS homopolar synchronous machine: (a) flux linkage, (b) no-load voltage, and (c) phase voltage and line current in resistive-load condition.

4. Conclusions

In this paper, the feasibility of an HTS HSM using NI HTS field coil was investigated. Although the NI HTS coil is expected to make the paradigm shift of the development of many HTS electrical machines due to its strong self-protection characteristics, it is difficult to apply to actual electrical machines due to its inherent charge/discharge delay. Until now, many studies have been made to improve the charging/discharging delay phenomenon of NI HTS coils, but few studies have been completed at the system level. In this study, the feasibility was investigated based on the HSM model, which has the advantage of applying the HTS field coil due to the stationary field coil structure. In order to make a simulation model of HSM using the NI HTS field coil, the small-scale coils were tested. The characteristic resistance of the NI HTS coil and partial-insulation coils were calculated based on the test results of the HTS coils, and these were applied to the simulation model. A 110 kW class HTS HSM was designed, and a finite element analysis combined with an electrical circuit analysis was performed. The analysis results showed that the operating characteristics of the HTS HSM to which the NI HTS field coil is applied could be improved by using the partial-insulation method. However, the improvement effect using the partial-insulation winding method generally has a trade-off relationship with the quench-protection performance of the NI HTS coil. Therefore, additional research on the quench-protection properties for the HTS HSM proposed in this study is required. In addition, despite these improvements, applying the NI HTS field coil in terms of output control of the machine may cause problems because immediate output control is not possible. Therefore, it is necessary to study the application of auxiliary field winding for output control. This study is expected to be a reference for the development of future electrical machines using NI HTS coils.

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Nomenclature

σ_{yield}	Yield	strength
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- v Poisson's ratio
- ρ Density of rotor material
- n_0 The number of armature conductors per slot
- I_0 Total current per slot
- *r* Outer radius of rotor
- *l* Effective length of rotor
- Ω Mechanical angular speed
- *E* Young's modulus
- k Safety factor
- *S*_{*Cu*} Cross-sectional area of armature conductor
- J_{Cu} The allowable current density of armature conductor
- yj Slot height
- w_{slot} Slot width
- β Packing factor
- σ_{Ftan} Tangential stress of rotor
- *I_S* RMS value of phase current
- *q* The number of slots
- $\cos \varphi$ Power factor
- ρ_{cl} Electrical resistivity of the current lead
- l_{cl} Length of the current lead
- *I* Transport current through the current lead
- S_{cl} Cross-sectional area of the current lead
- k_{cl} Thermal conductivity of the current lead
- T_h Temperature at the high-temperature part
- T_l Temperature at the low-temperature part
- σ Stefan–Boltzmann constant (5.67 × 10⁻⁸ W·m⁻²·K⁻⁴)
- ε_h Emissivity of the vessel
- ε_N Emissivity of MLI
- *N* No. of MLI layers
- S_h Surface area of the high-temperature part
- *S*_{*l*} Surface area of the low-temperature part
- *A*_l Cross-sectional area of a signal line or a leading-in tube
- *k*_l Thermal conductivity of a signal line or a leading-in tube
- L_l Length of a signal line or a leading-in tube

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