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## Improved High Performance Flywheels

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# Topics

- Flywheel Power System Overview
- Objectives of the DOE/Sandia project
- Status of the project

# M3 FPS (Flywheel Power System)

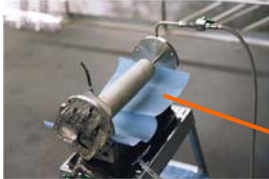


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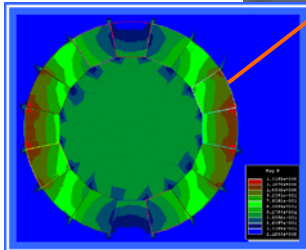
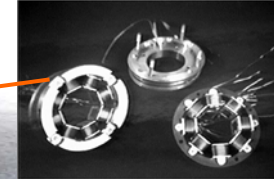
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# Flywheel Motor-Generator

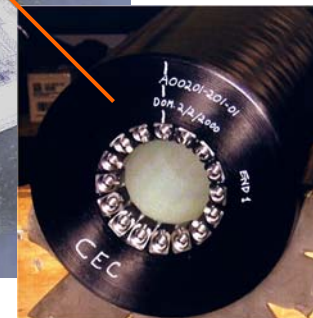
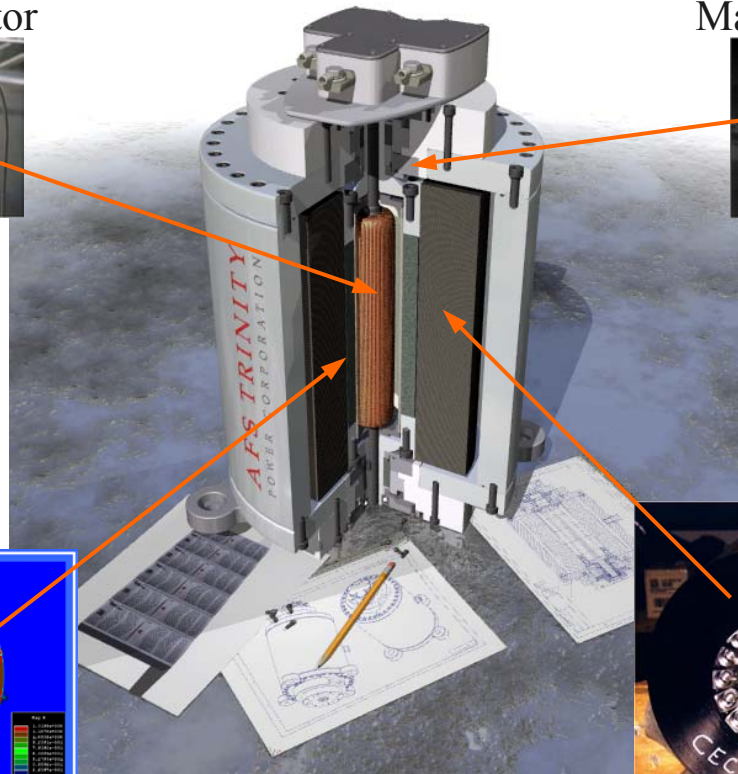
Litz Wire Stator



Magnetic Bearings



Dipole Halbach Array



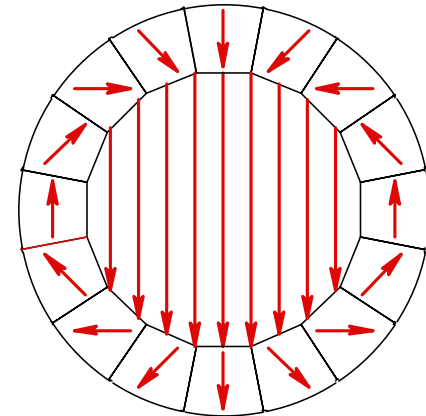
Carbon Fiber Rotor

# AFST Core FPS Architecture

- Carbon fiber rotor - more energy, less expensive than steel.
- Halbach Array motor-generator - no hysteresis, high power density.
- Mechanical or magnetic bearings depending on application.
- Power electronics and control are key to integration.
- Initial design point advocated by numerous interested end users.
  - Diverse applications: ridethrough, trackside, hybrids, military
  - Segregated application space on the basis of discharge time

## Halbach Array

- Internal magnetic field uniform to 1% within bore.
- External field cancellation.
- Permanent magnet segments built into bore of rotor.
- No iron - eliminates hysteresis.
- No saturation limit.
- Very high fields (>4 kilogauss).
- Very high power density.



# Demonstrated Performance Attributes

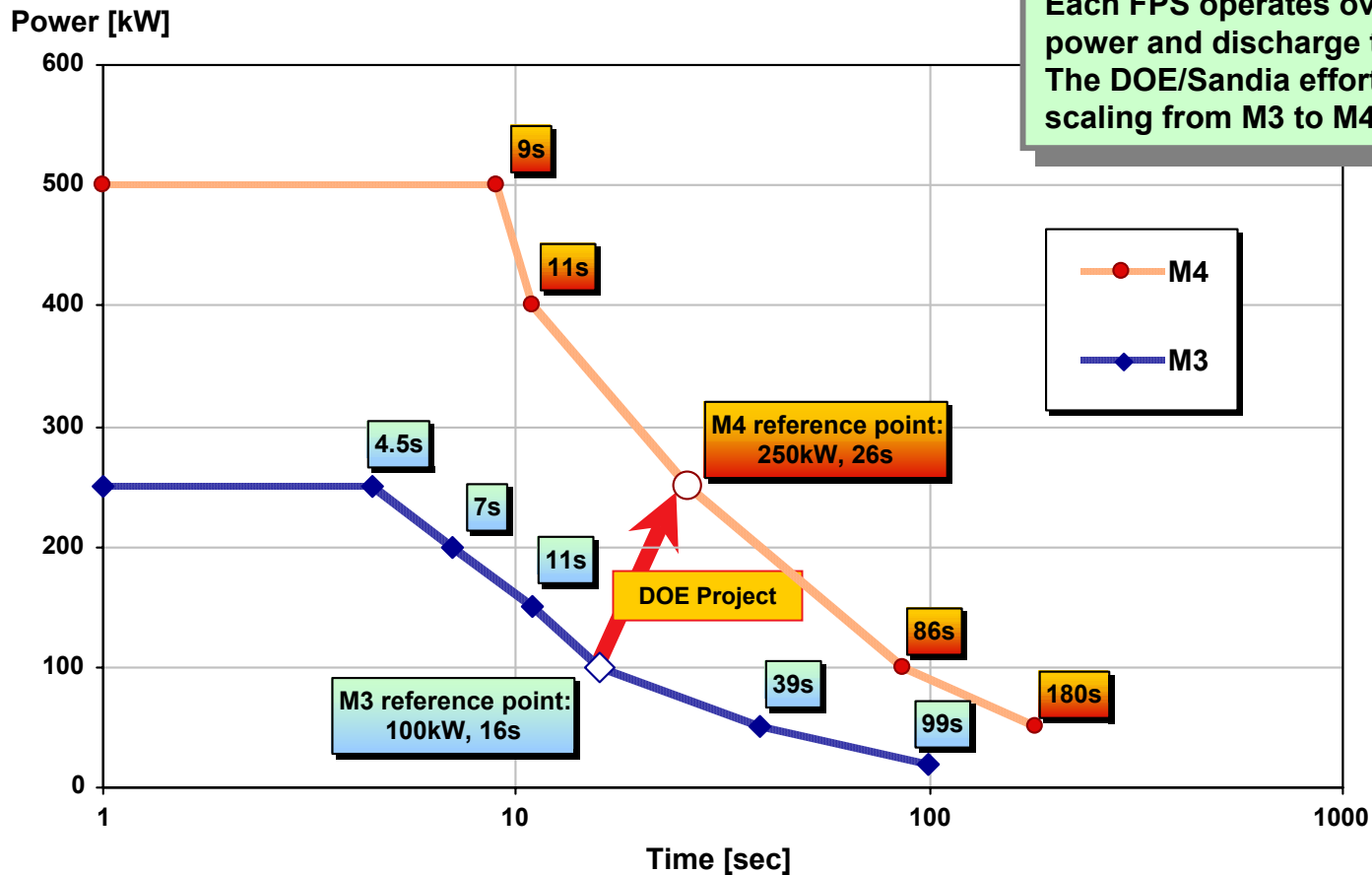
- Power symmetry Charge rate = discharge rate
- Duty factor 50% at full power, 4 x 15s cycle:  
dwell-charge-dwell-discharge
- Efficiency 1-way efficiency is 95% at 110kW  
Round trip efficiency is  $\approx 90\%$
- Losses Very low on-rotor loss ( $<25\text{W}$ )  
Balance of system losses  $\approx 500\text{W}$
- Cycle performance Demonstrated  $>40,000$  w/o degradation  
Design  $\gg 10^6$   
Cycle-to-cycle repeatability is perfect

# Objectives of the DOE/Sandia Project

- The DOE/Sandia project is part of a larger program to scale the existing system to larger size
  - Present size: 100kW, 15 seconds
  - Objective: 250kW, 25 seconds
- The DOE/Sandia effort is conducted in partnership with the California Energy Commission (CEC).
  - CEC participation: System development and integration, Scale-up to 2 kWh
  - Sandia/DOE participation: Rotor scale-up cost share to CEC and internal funds
- DOE/Sandia program goals: develop and prove composite rotor innovations that will permit scaling of the rotor from M3 size to M4 size
  - Modify design, materials, manufacturing process
  - Build test pieces at present M3 scale - test pieces are flywheel rotors
  - Prove innovations through burst testing flywheel rotors

# FPS Operating Range and the DOE/Sandia Project

## M3 & M4 SYSTEM PERFORMANCE





# Proving New Rotor Design and Process Improvements



**Dimensional inspection**



**Burst Testing**



**Coupon Testing**



Retention Ledge  
Lead Bricks

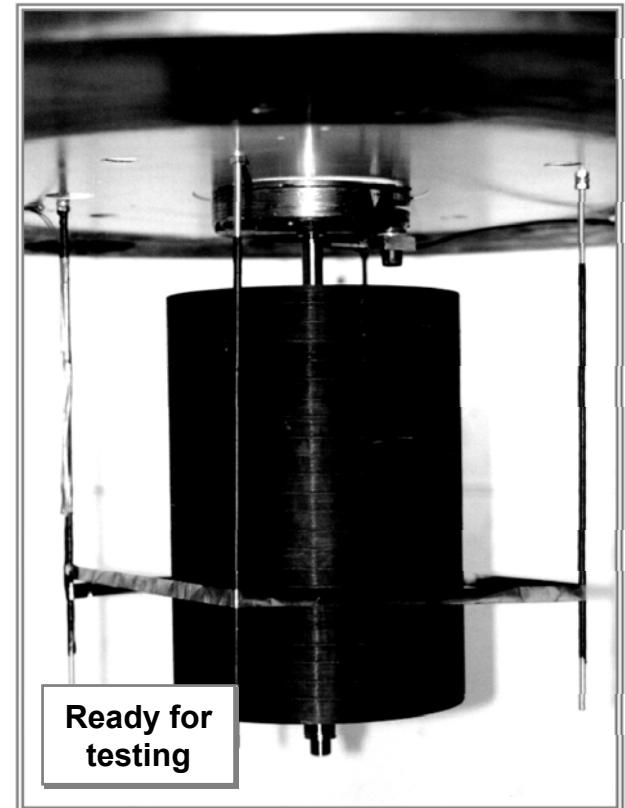
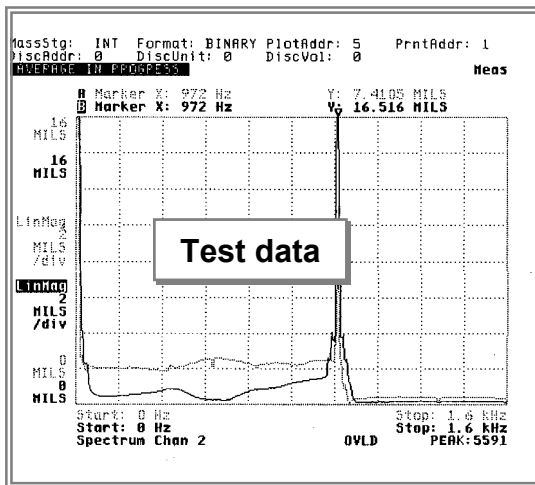
MSAM Rotor S/N A10301-201-04 - Rotor built for PS												
Group #	Comments	Rst to Machine	Report at min speed			Report maximum			Lead End X-Bar		Torque End X-Bar	
			PSM	SLC	A%	RPM	SLC	RPS	A%	Balance (g-m)	Angle	Balance (g-m)
1	1/10/02 - initial balance check	Lead							28.700	209	33.625	204
2	10/10/02 - final balance check built as PSB1	Lead							0.165	39	0.15	324
3	10/10/02 - final balance check PSB1 turned end to end	Torque							0.422	322	0.172	79
FRACAS 22	High vib. Whip in O-ring groove											
PSB1	Impacted Rotor (100Psi/2.4mil)	0.0024				0.0002	0.0008					
ASB-RD	Start of first run, accelerating	9900	7%	45%	238*	22%	184*	33%				
ASB-RD	End of first run, decelerating	6100	8%	17%								
ASB-RD	Last data for burst	2940	14%	37%	32*	20%	29*	56%				
ASB-RD	Impacted rotor (X-gm=40%)	4.00										
FRACAS 24	DC case failed											
4	7/24/02 - initial balance for PSB2	Lead							10.55	235	12.50	242
5	7/24/02 - final balance for PSB2	Lead							0.162	231	0.222	332
6	7/24/02 - final balance for PSB2 rotor turned end to end	Torque								79	0.281	96
PSB2	Impacted Rotor (100Psi/2.4mil)	0.0024										
ASB-RD	Start of first run, accelerating	6000										
ASB-RD	End of first run, decelerating	3000										
ASB-RD	Last data for burst											
FRACAS 26	Humint display questionable	19-Aug										
FRACAS 20	Stator shorted and failed	26-Aug										
7	8/28/02 - initial balance for PSB3	Lead								234	7.22	182
8	8/28/02 - final balance for PSB3	Lead							0.433	136	0.387	148
9	8/28/02 - final balance for PSB3 rotor turned end to end	Torque							0.461	222	0.195	225
PSB3	Impacted Rotor (100Psi/2.4mil)	0.0024				0.0002	0.0008					
ASB-RD	Start of first run, accelerating	3000	9%	24%								
ASB-RD	End of first run, decelerating	3000	4%	28%	28*	21%	25*	42%				
ASB-RD	Last data for burst (100Psi/2.4mil)	3000	32%	69%	25*	37%	25*	61%				

**Process Control**

**Successful burst test results are an essential aspect of rotor development.**

# Safety is Fundamental Requirement

- Safety is the paramount design requirement
- AFST has extensive experience proving rotor design margin through testing
  - Control design and manufacturing process
  - Repeatable performance varying lots and vendors
  - Burst tests, life tests
- All design or process innovations must meet same high standard
  - Prove design through statistically significant number of tests



**The goal of the program is to prove the new design in a series of burst tests.**

# Status

- Project history
  - Timeline: underway for 5 months
  - Initial activity: design modifications involving material and process changes
  - First articles of new design were found unsatisfactory during post-manufacturing inspection
  - Further investigation identified root cause as process related
- Present state
  - An experiment to isolate process variable is underway (multiple test pieces)
  - Ongoing activity stretches project timeline
  - Present process development conducted at company and vendor expense
- Projections
  - Pending results of process experiments, will resume production of test articles in 1/03
  - Followed by spin testing of 3 rotors over 10 week period

**We anticipate that the project will attain its original goals**

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