# MECHATRONICS SYSTEM WITH FLEXIBLE COUPLING ANALYSIS BY SIMULATION TOOL SIMSCAPE<sup>TM</sup>

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#### Abstract

In this contribution is shown how to utilise simulation software tool Simscape<sup>TM</sup> for analysis of mechatronics system with flexible coupling. There is presented a classical principle of mechatronics system modeling in comparison with using of software modeling. Simulation tool Simscape<sup>TM</sup> is used for analyse of permanent magnet synchronous motor with flexible join with load.

### Key words

mechatronics system, flexible coupling, Matlab $\mathbb{R}$ , Simscape<sup>TM</sup>, Simulink $\mathbb{R}$ , variable compliance

### Introduction

Mechatronics is the synergetic combination of precision mechanical engineering, electronic control and systems thinking in the design of products and processes. Process of mechatronics system analyse based on classical principle is conditioned by physical, mechanical and mathematical dependencies knowledge from this branch. The main advantage of simulation tools using is that mentioned knowledge is unnecessary. [1]

### **Classical method of modeling**

Classical method of mechatronics system analyse consist firstly in mathematical model creation, which is represented by system of algebraic - differential equations in this case. A simulation model in the state space representation is consequently created. It's possible to use simulation software such as Simulink® for design of simulation model in graphic form.

As analysed mechatronics system we choose permanent magnet synchronous motors (PMSM) with flexible coupling. In practical applications, PMSM is usually linked to their loads by transmission mechanisms such as drive shafts, belts, gears, harmonic speed changer and so on. The mechanical stiffness of these mechanisms is limited. If the inertia of the transmission mechanisms is small compared to the motor and load, the flexible coupling

between the motor and load can be treated as a two-mass motor/load system [2, 3], as shown in Fig. 1.



Fig. 1 PMSM with flexible join

PHYSICAL VALUES FOR PMSM WITH FLEXIBLE JOIN Table 1					
Variable	Unit	Description			
Ua	V	supply voltage			
Ia	А	armature current			
R <sub>a</sub> , L <sub>a</sub>	Ω, Η	resistance and inductance of armature winding			
J <sub>M</sub>	kg m <sup>2</sup>	inertia of the motor rotor			
$J_{L}$	kg m <sup>2</sup>	inertia of the load			
T <sub>E</sub>	Nm	electromagnetic torque			
$T_{\rm L}$	Nm	loading torque			
d <sub>12</sub>	Nm	spring constant of the transmission			
b <sub>12</sub>	Nm s	damping of the transmission			
ω <sub>M</sub>	rad/s	motor angular speed			
$\omega_{\rm L}$	rad/s	load angular speed			
cФ	Nm/A	torque constant			
T <sub>12</sub>	Nm	torque passing through the transmission			

The electric subsystem is represented by following equations [4]:

$$U_{a} = R_{a}I_{a} + L_{a}\frac{dI_{a}}{dt} + U_{i}$$
$$U_{i} = (c\Phi) \omega_{M}; T_{E} = (c\Phi) I_{a}$$

The mechanical subsystem is represented by following equations [4]:

$$J_{M} \frac{d\omega_{M}}{dt} + b_{12}(\omega_{M} - \omega_{L}) + T_{12} - T_{E} = 0$$
$$\frac{dT_{12}}{dt} - d_{12}(\omega_{M} - \omega_{L}) = 0$$
$$J_{L} \frac{d\omega_{L}}{dt} - b_{12}(\omega_{M} - \omega_{L}) - T_{12} + T_{L} = 0$$

The model stated in the vector form of the state equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ \omega_M \\ \omega_L \\ T_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R_a}{L_a} & -\frac{c\Phi}{L_a} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{c\Phi}{J_M} & -\frac{b_{12}}{J_M} & \frac{b_{12}}{J_M} & -\frac{1}{J_M} \\ 0 & \frac{b_{12}}{J_L} & -\frac{b_{12}}{J_L} & \frac{1}{J_L} \\ 0 & d_{12} & -d_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ \omega_M \\ \omega_L \\ T_{12} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L_a} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} U_a + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{J_L} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} T_L$$

A graphical form of mathematical model – simulation model (Fig. 2), was designed in software tool Simulink® by transformation of algebraic - differential equations system.



Fig. 2 Simulink® model of PMSM with FJ

We used real motor catalogue parameters for verification of simulation model. These parameters are shown below

CATALOGUE PARAMET	Table 2					
Parameter	Unit	Value				
Motor Maxon EC 60 Ø60 mm, brushless, 400 Watt						
Ua	V	48				
cФ	mNm/A	147				
R <sub>a</sub>	Ω	1.03				
La	mH	0.82				
J <sub>M</sub>	g cm <sup>2</sup>	831				
Flexible coupling						
<b>b</b> <sub>12</sub>	Nm s	0.001				
d <sub>12</sub>	Nm	100				
Load						
$J_L$	$g cm^2$	5*J <sub>M</sub>				
T <sub>L</sub>	Nm	1				
in time	S	0.2				

The result of simulation process was graphical representation of angular velocity, armature current and motor torque dependency on time, shown in Fig. 3.

SIMULINK® MO	Table 3		
Parameter	Unit	Catalogue output value	Simulation output value
$\omega_M$ no load	rpm	3100	3115
starting current	А	46.4	44
stall torque	mNm	6820	6460



**Fig. 3** Simulation results  $a | \omega_M b | \omega_L c | I_a d | T_E$ 

# Simulation method of modeling

Simulation tool Simscape<sup>™</sup> makes it possible to design model of real mechatronics system without using mathematical acknowledgements. The simulation model consists of parts, which represent single electrical or mechanical parts of real system. Individual objects connection is based on block diagram of mechatronics system.



Fig. 4 Simscape<sup>TM</sup> model of PMSM with FJ

Observed parameters were same as parameters in Simulink® model - angular velocity, armature current and motor torque. Simulation results are shown in *Fig. 5*.



Fig. 5 Simscape<sup>TM</sup> model simulation results

## Conclusion

Based on achieved results is obvious that using of simulation tool Simscape<sup>™</sup> is possible to create mechatronics system simulation model. This model corresponds to simulation model that was created by classical method of mathematic-physical analysis.

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