

# PM motors for railway applications

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# Bombardier\* MITRAC\* Permanent Magnet(PM) motor

## Technology realizing the ambitions of Gröna Tåget

Compact and compatible →  
improved overall vehicle optimization

Improved energy efficiency

- Directly by high motor efficiency
- Indirectly by high performance density



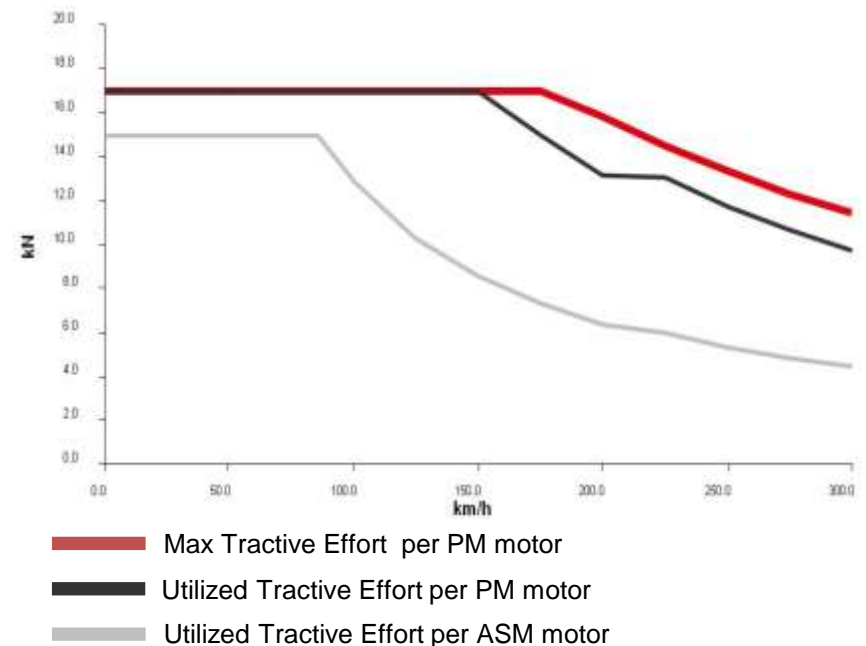
”A train that

- significantly boosts the competitiveness of rail,
- is fit for the rigorous Nordic conditions,
- with improved environmental performance,
- and an interior design to win the battle for future passengers”

# Train competitiveness: performance density

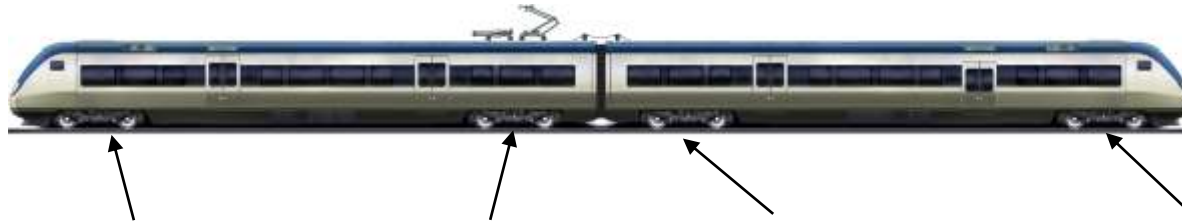
- PM motor
  - General: low rotor losses
    - Number of poles → active volume → max torque
    - Cooling
      - Thermal performance
      - Cooling channel, external fan
  - At high speed
    - IPM = buried magnets → reluctance torque contribution
- Propulsion system
  - IPM → can be optimized for high converter utilization

Performance at speed record 2008



# Train competitiveness: high speed tests

Two *MITRAC* PM motors replaced four induction motors at the Nordic speed record 303 km/h 14th September 2008



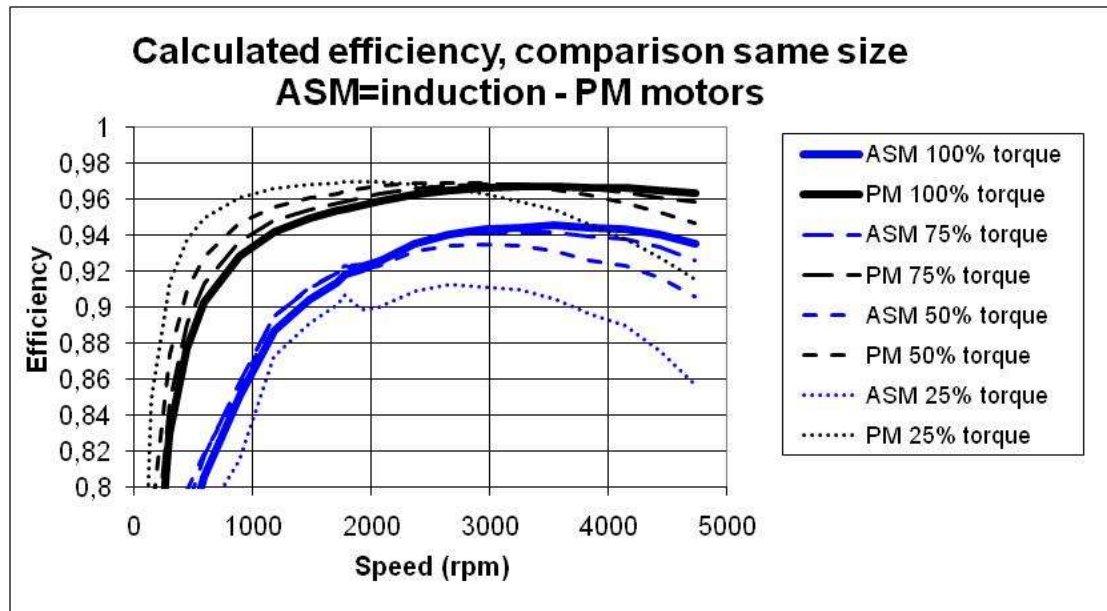
Year, tests	Bogie 1	Bogie 2	Bogie 3	Bogie 4
2008-2011	Induction motors	Induction motors	PM motors	Non-driven
2006-2007	Induction motors	Induction motors	Induction motors	Induction motors

Gröna Tåget PM motor: Self ventilated, efficiency 97%

Compared to Regina conventional motor:

- Same weight, appr same outer dimensions, mechanically interchangeable
- Max tractive effort from one PM-motor 2.6 times higher than ASM at 300 kph

# Environmental performance: motor efficiency



- High efficiency, especially in vehicle operation
  - Maintained at low torque
  - Maintained in a large speed range
- High torque at high speed → increased possibility for regeneration of braking energy

# Fit for the rigorous Nordic conditions

- Robust motor
  - PM technology introduced with a focus on robustness
  - Second generation of proven three phase motor design
- Electrically and mechanically compatible with proven systems
- Gröna Tåget offered unique testing opportunities
  - > 505 000 kms including challenging winter conditions



# The Gröna Tåget research programme: a valuable opportunity

- Cooperation
  - KTH Electrical Energy Conversion, Juliette Soulard
  - Cross discipline contacts
- Testing opportunities
- Adding to our knowledge, indicating large future opportunities



# Backups



# MITRAC Permanent Magnet (PM) motor

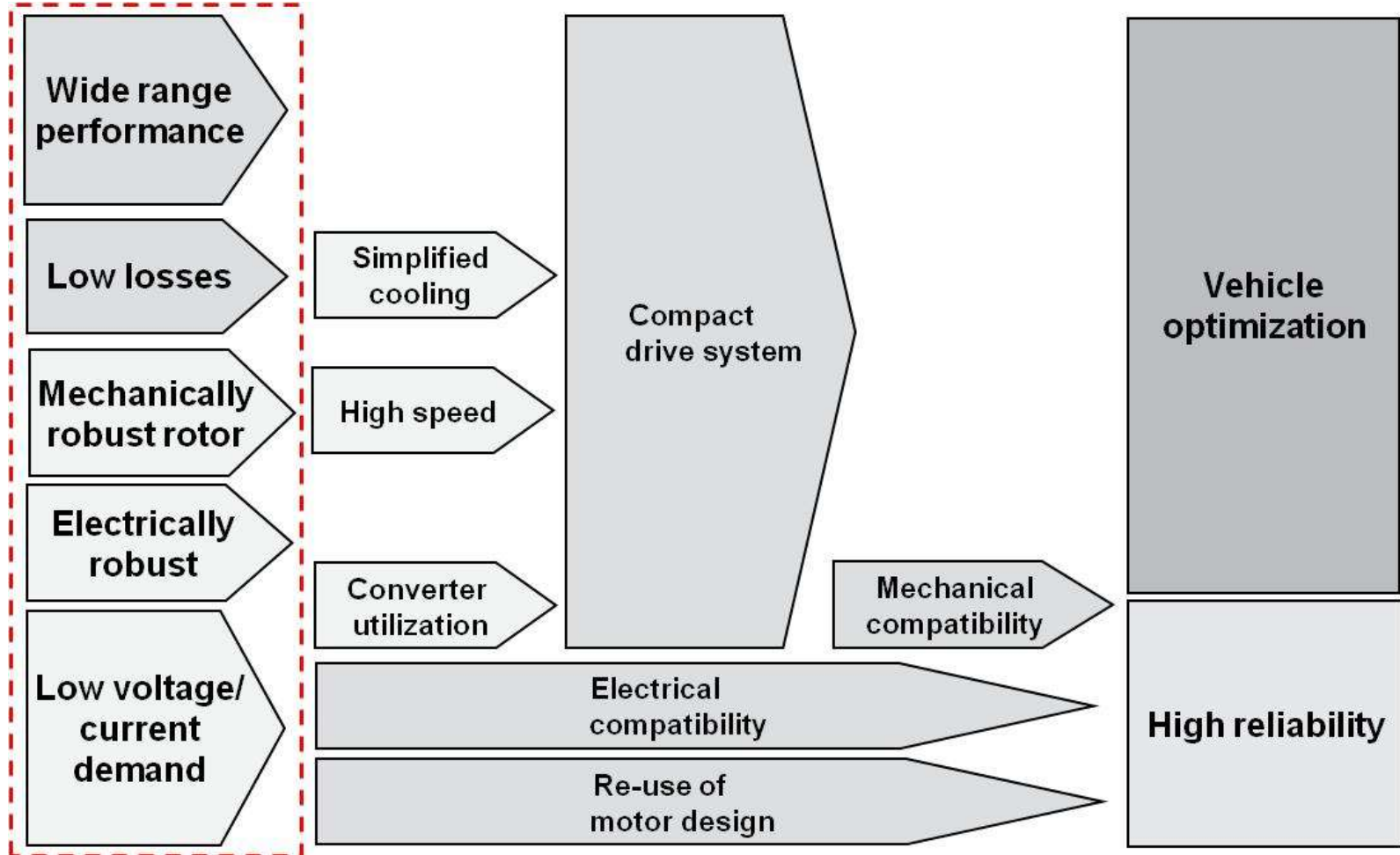
## Ongoing delivery projects

- *BOMBARDIER OMNÉO*  
Régio2N for SNCF (France)
  - Contract signed February 2010
  - Up to 860 doubledecker trains
  - Presently 129 trains sold to 6 regions
  - 140 km/h – 200 km/h
  - Self-ventilated air cooled *MITRAC* PM motors
- *BOMBARDIER TWINDEXX*  
Doubledeckers for SBB (Switzerland)
  - Contract signed June 2010
  - 59 trains with option for 112 in addition
  - 160 km/h
  - Water-cooled *MITRAC* PM motors



# MITRAC Permanent Magnet motor

## Summary main advantages of the MITRAC PM motor concept



# Permanent Magnet Motors - part of *eco*<sup>4</sup>

## Main challenges:

- Global Warming
- Energy Cost Increase
- Urbanization
- Demographic Change



## *eco*<sup>4</sup>, a new formula for economic sustainability:

- Energy
- Efficiency
- Ecology
- Economy

## The Permanent Magnet Motor drive system is one of the solutions in the *eco*<sup>4</sup> portfolio

*BOMBARDIER*\* *MITRAC*\* Permanent Magnet Motor:  
Second Motor Generation For Selected Applications

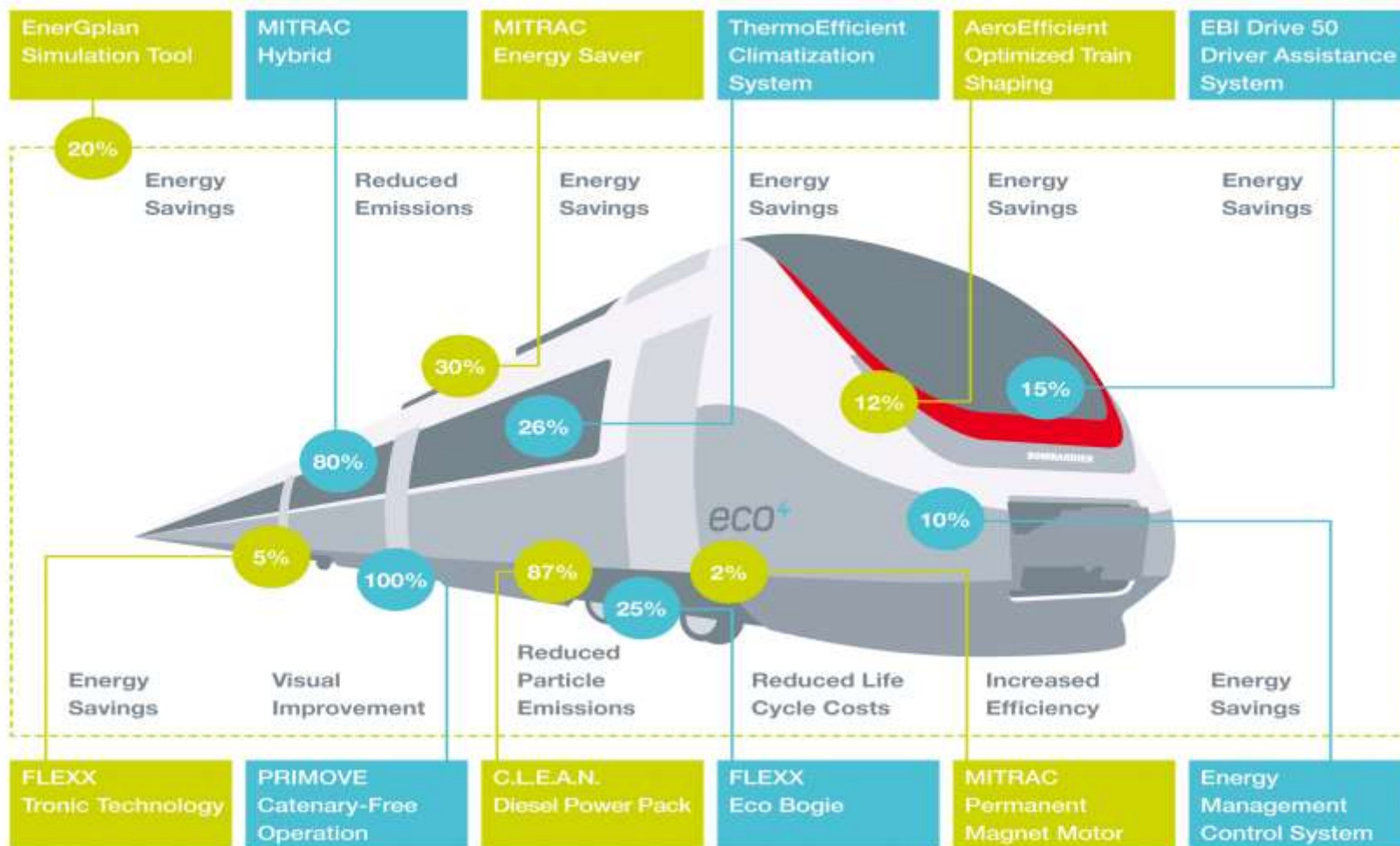
- Improved overall vehicle optimization
- Optimized energy efficiency
- Reduced volume and weight



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# eco<sup>4</sup> Energy – Efficiency – Ecology - Economy



# Modelling and investigation of turn-to-turn winding failure in PM traction motors

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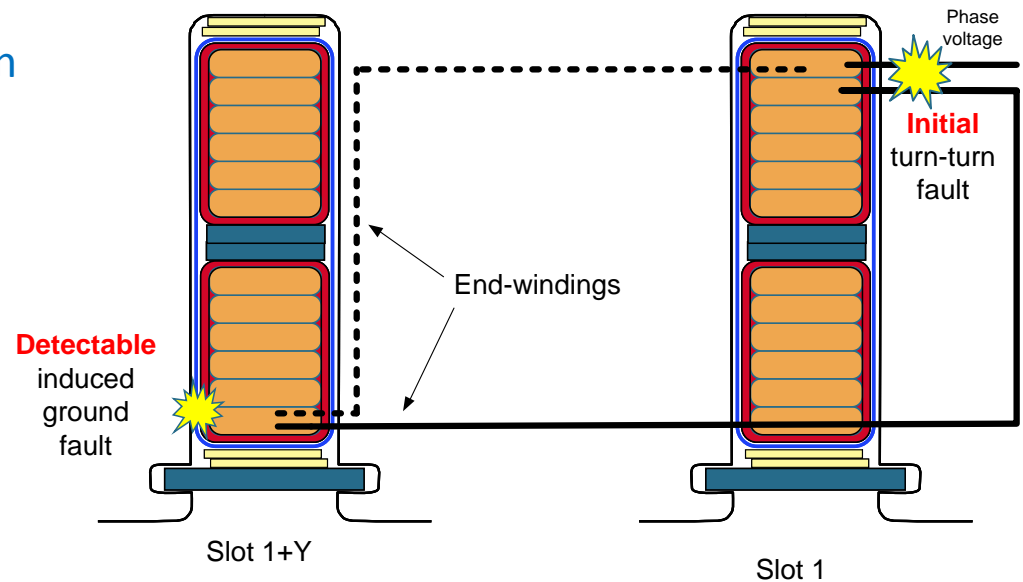
part-time at Bombardier 20% Jan-April 2008 + supervision of

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final degree project 30 ECTS, Sept-Dec 2007

Johan Smeets, University of Eindhoven

internship 13 ECTS, Sept-Dec 2008



## KTH Results:

Original models (FEM + analytical) describing the development of the winding failure from initial local short-circuit to detection of failure by existing protection system in the inverter

*2 reports + one conference article (ICEM 2010)*