

# EE-362 ELECTROMECHANICAL ENERGY CONVERSION-II

## Introduction to Synchronous Machines

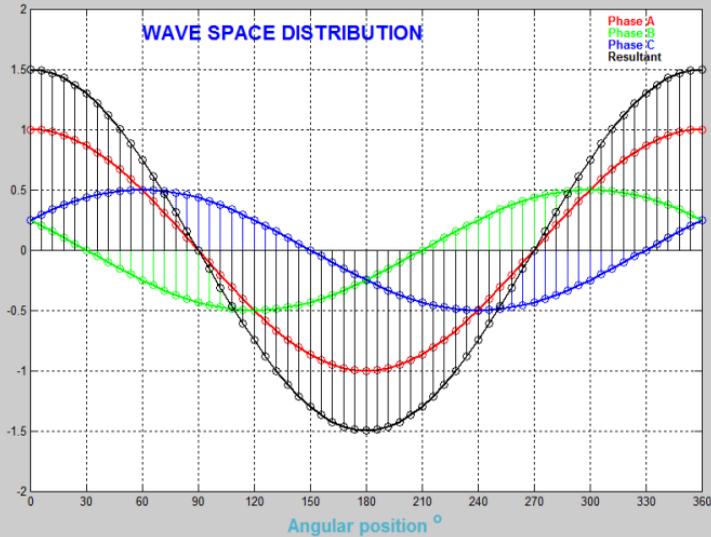
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# Review

## Rotating MMF generated by 3-phase winding



# Fundamental Idea of all AC Machines

Rotor tries to catch the rotating MMF

(in order to reach minimum magnetic energy point).



# Synchronous Machines

Generates 90% of the world's electricity

PMSM are used by many electric car brands



Suggested Video: [Matrix Reloaded](#)

# Synchronous Machines

## Armature:

- 3-phase cylindrical stator.
- Generates rotating MMF (ie moves the carrot)

## Rotor (Field Windings):

- Either Salient Pole or Cylindrical Rotor
- Excited with DC!
- or can also have permanent magnets for excitation

# Synchronous Machines: Rotor

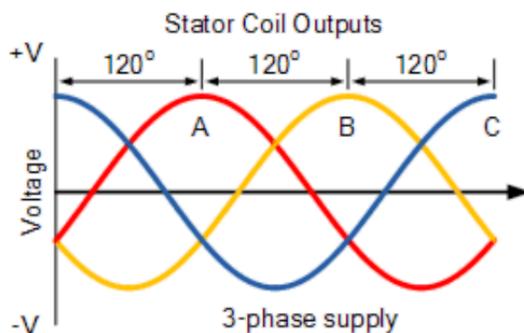
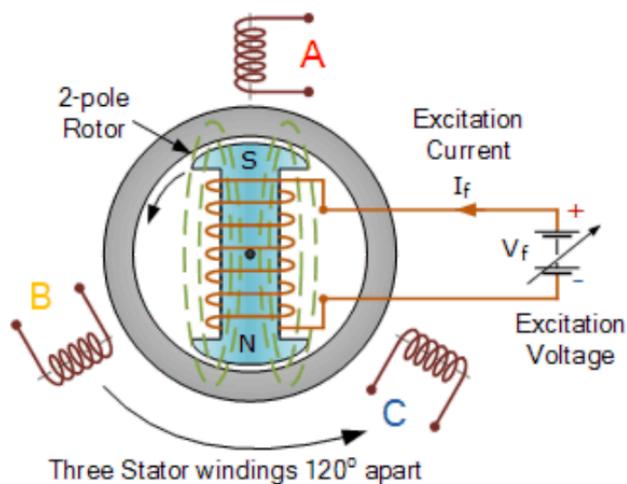
Rotor is excited with DC, becomes an electromagnet

Needs two slip rings to carry to current to rotor



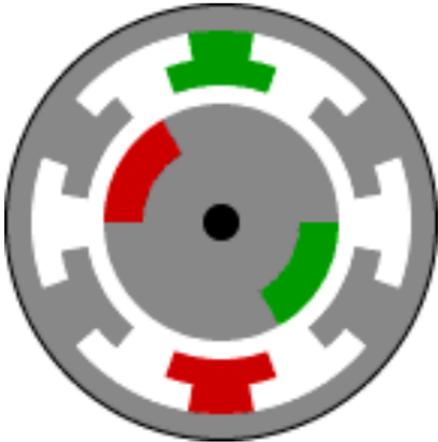
# Theory of Operation:

Stator winding create rotating MMF



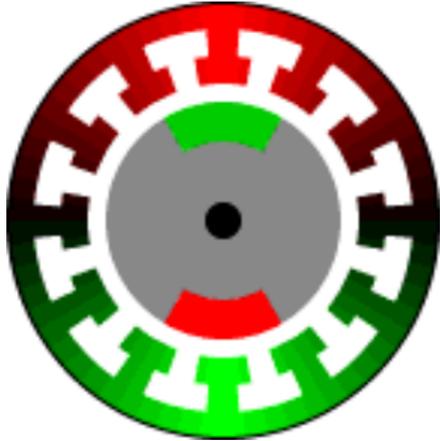
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Rotor MMF (DC) locks with stator MMF, and rotates at the synchronous speed



A BLDC motor with concentrated stator windings

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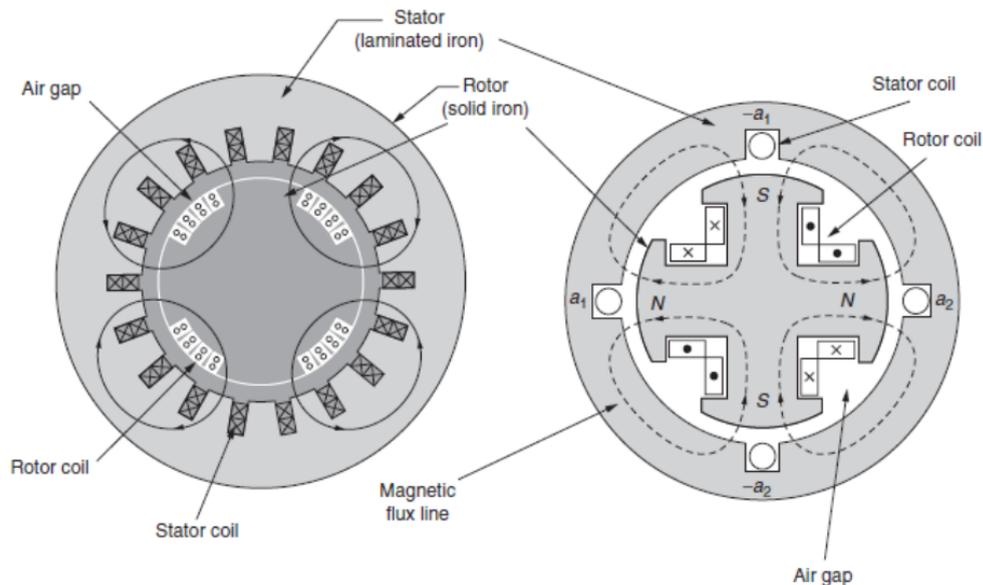


A smoother MMF distribution with distributed winding and AC excitation

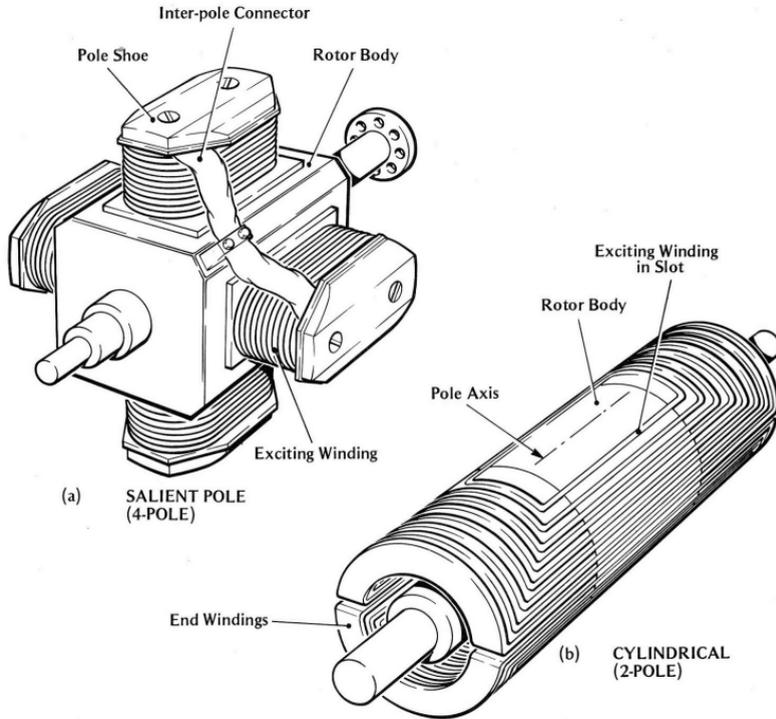
[Operation animation](#)

# Synchronous Machines: Rotor

## Cylindrical vs Salient Pole



# Cylindrical vs Salient Pole



# Cylindrical Rotor Synchronous Machines



**Fig: Cylindrical rotor with slotted rotor surface along axial length to house field windings**

Airgap (and hence inductance) is more or less constant

No reluctance torque ( $\frac{dL(\theta)}{d\theta} = 0$ ) but there is still synchronous torque ( $\frac{dM(\theta)}{d\theta}$ )

# Cylindrical Rotor Synchronous Machines

Used in high speed turbo-generators (2 or 4 poles)



[How a Gas Turbine Works](#)

# Salient Pole Rotor Synchronous Machines



Airgap is not uniform.

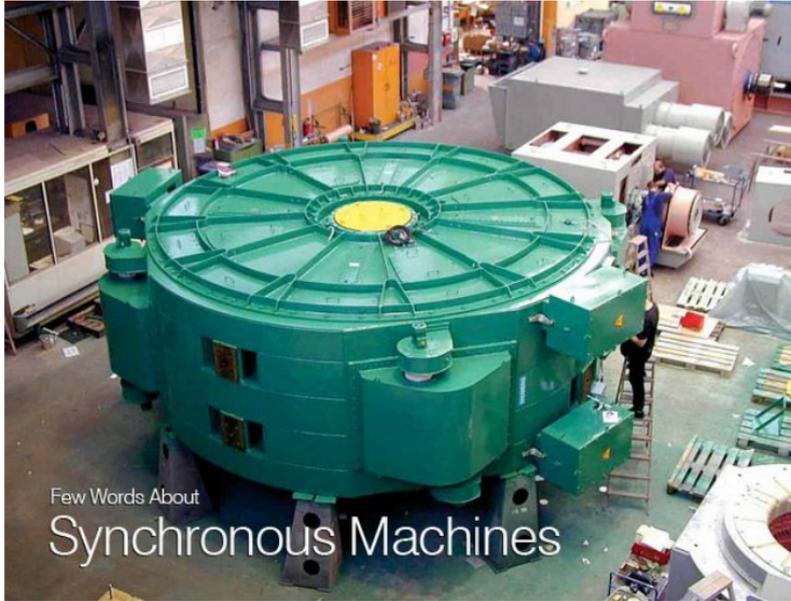
There are both reluctance and synchronous torque components

# Salient Pole Rotor Synchronous Machines



Used in large-pole low-speed generators (e.g. hydroelectric plants)

# Synchronous Machines are usually big machines



**Direct-Drive Permanent-Magnet Synchronous Generator for Wind Turbines (Siemens)**

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## 2-pole 3000rpm Synchronous Generator (For Steam Turbines)

# Very Big



Wind Turbine Synchronous Generator (12 rpm)

# Very Very Big

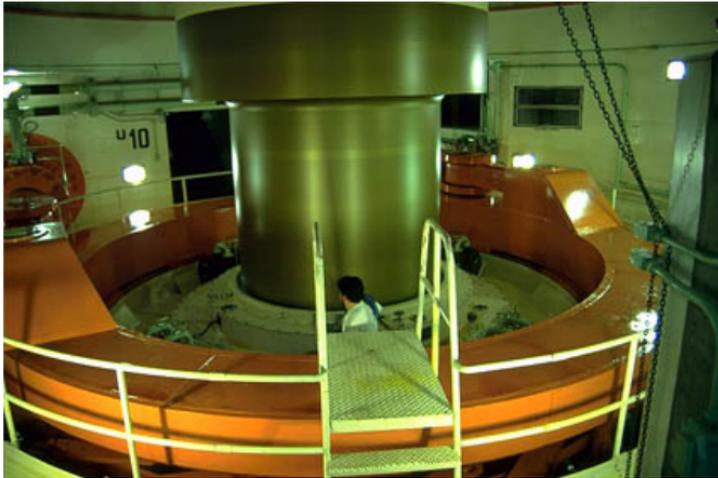
[Itaipu Hydro](#) Plant, Brazil



20 Turbines, 700 MW each

# Very Very Big

Itaipu Hydro Plant, Brazil



Shaft of The Generator

# Very Very Big: 700 MW Synchronous Generator



16 m diameter, 91 rpm, Rotor Mass: 2650 t

# Even Bigger: Three Gorges Dam, China



**Total Power Capacity: 22.5 GW (1/3 of Turkey's Consumption)**

**Slowed down the rotation of earth by 0.06 microseconds**

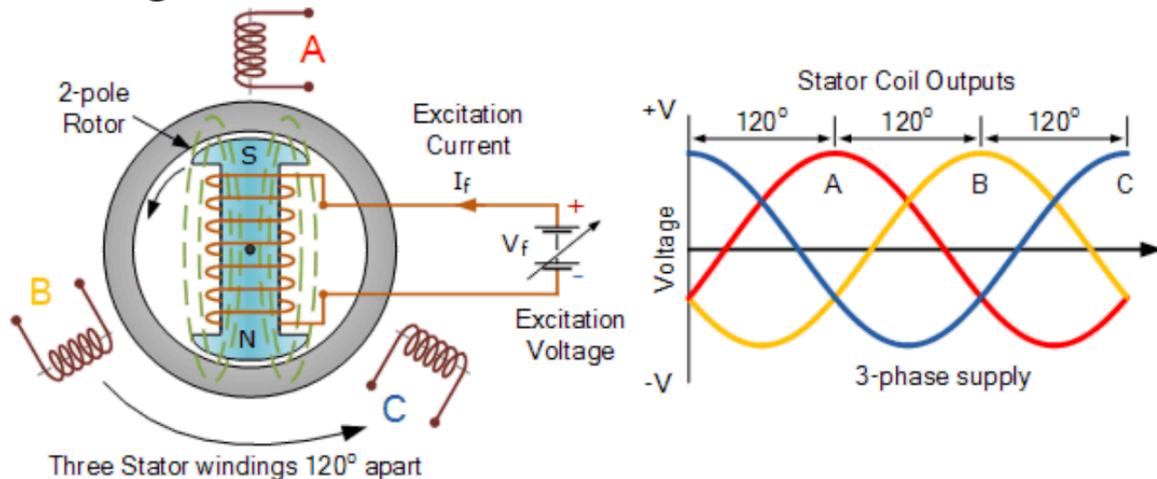
[Video1](#), [Video2](#), [Richard Feynman on Generators and Our Civilization](#)

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What is the shape of the induced voltage in the stator windings?

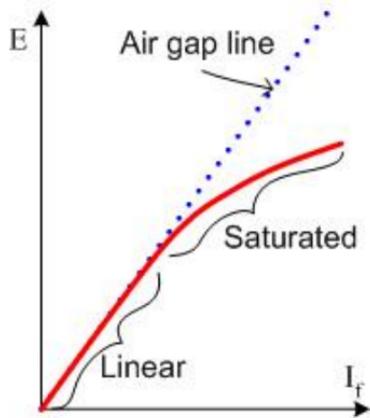
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# Induced Voltage Proportional to?

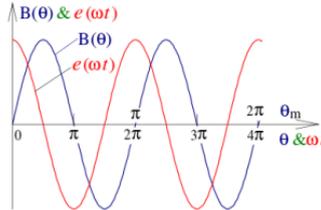
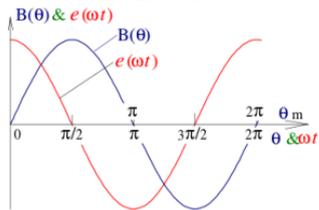
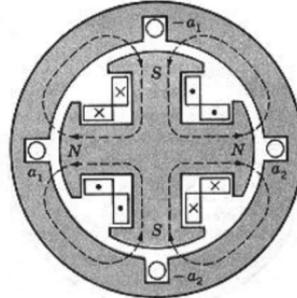
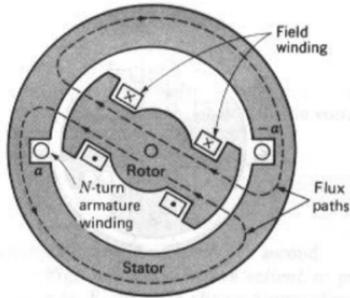
Induced voltage  $\propto$  Field Current  $\times$  Frequency



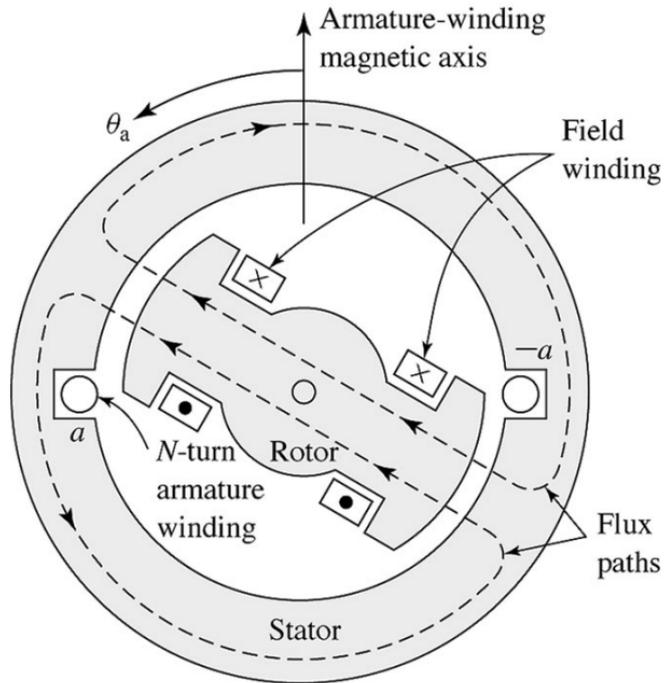
We would like to operate in the linear region, but beware of saturation & residual magnetism)

# Mechanical Rotation Frequency vs. Electrical Frequency

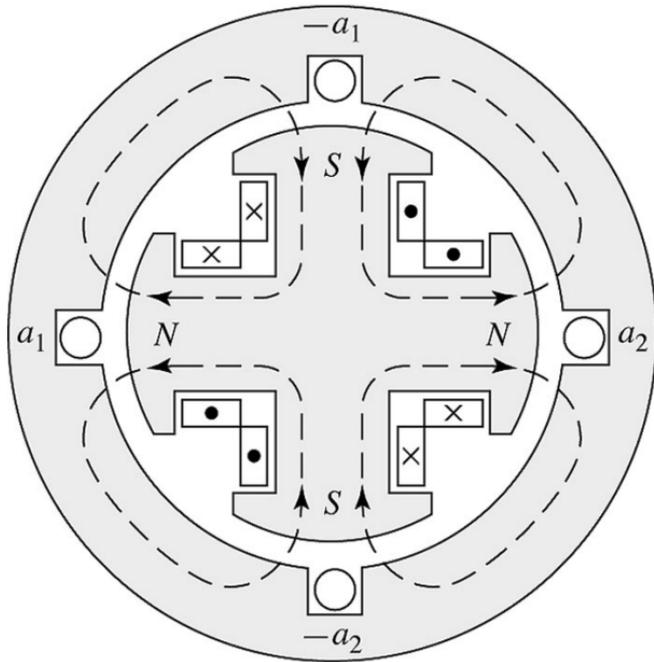
The machine on the right induces a voltage twice the frequency of mechanical rotation frequency.



# Number of Poles: 2-pole machine



# Number of Poles: 4-pole machine



# How many poles does this machine has?



## What should be the rotational speed in RPM to induce 50 Hz voltage?

# Electrical Speed is not equal to Mechanical Speed!

$$\omega_{elec} = \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)\omega_{mech}$$

$p$  : Number of poles (always an even number)

$\frac{p}{2}$  : Number of pole pairs

$$\theta_{elec} = \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)\theta_{mech}$$

# Synchronous Machines

Rotate only at synchronous speed!

Synchronous Speed in RPM (revolutions per minute):

$$n_s = \frac{60f_{elec}}{(p/2)} = \frac{120f_{elec}}{p}$$

They are constant speed machines (under constant stator voltage frequency)

# A few videos to watch

[Renault Zoe Synchronous Motor Manufacturing](#)

[Audi e-tron motor](#)

[Enercon Wind Turbine Generator](#)

[ABB Azipod Ship Propulsion Motor](#)

[Siemens Turbo Generator](#)

[Hydro Generator Manufacturing](#)

# Induced Voltage

Cause  $\rightarrow$  Effect

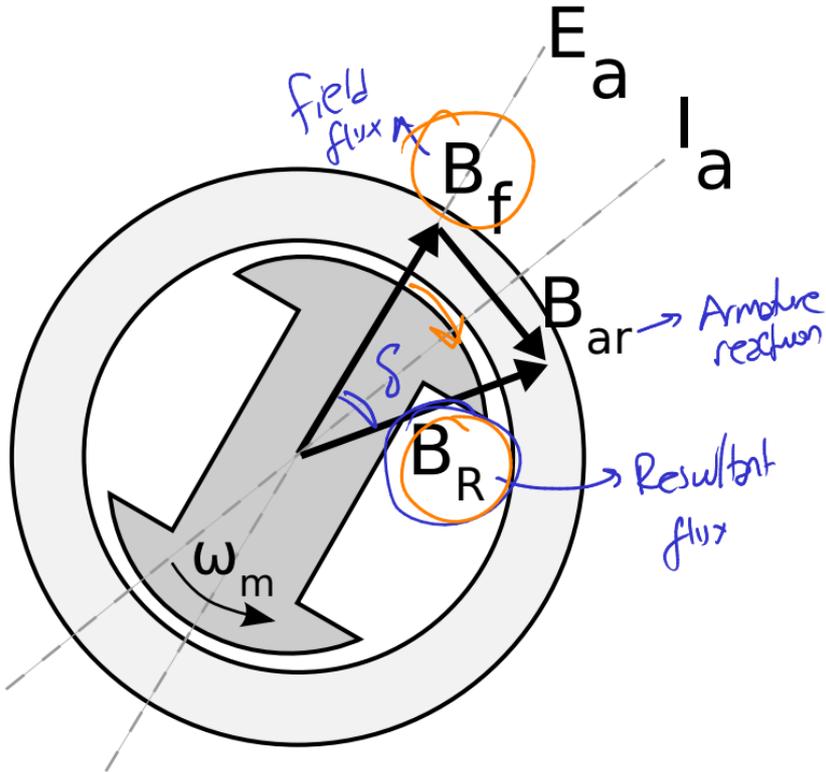
$$I_{field(DC)} \rightarrow MMF_{field} \rightarrow \Phi_f \rightarrow$$

$$e_a, e_b, e_c \rightarrow I_a, I_b, I_c \rightarrow MMF_{armature} \\ \rightarrow \Phi_{ar}$$

Resultant MMF:

$$\Phi_R = \Phi_f + \Phi_{ar}$$

$B_R$ : Resultant flux density



# Torque in Synchronous Machines

$$T = K \Phi_f \Phi_R \sin(\delta)$$

$K$ : Constant (we'll see what it is in the following lectures)

$\Phi_f$ : Field generated flux (rotor-side)

$\Phi_R$ : Resultant (or Air-gap) flux ( $\Phi_R = \Phi_f + \Phi_{ar}$ )

$\delta$ : Load-angle (very important!)

# Torque vs Load Angle

$\delta > 0$ : Generating Action

$\delta < 0$ : Motoring Action

$\delta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ : Maximum torque point

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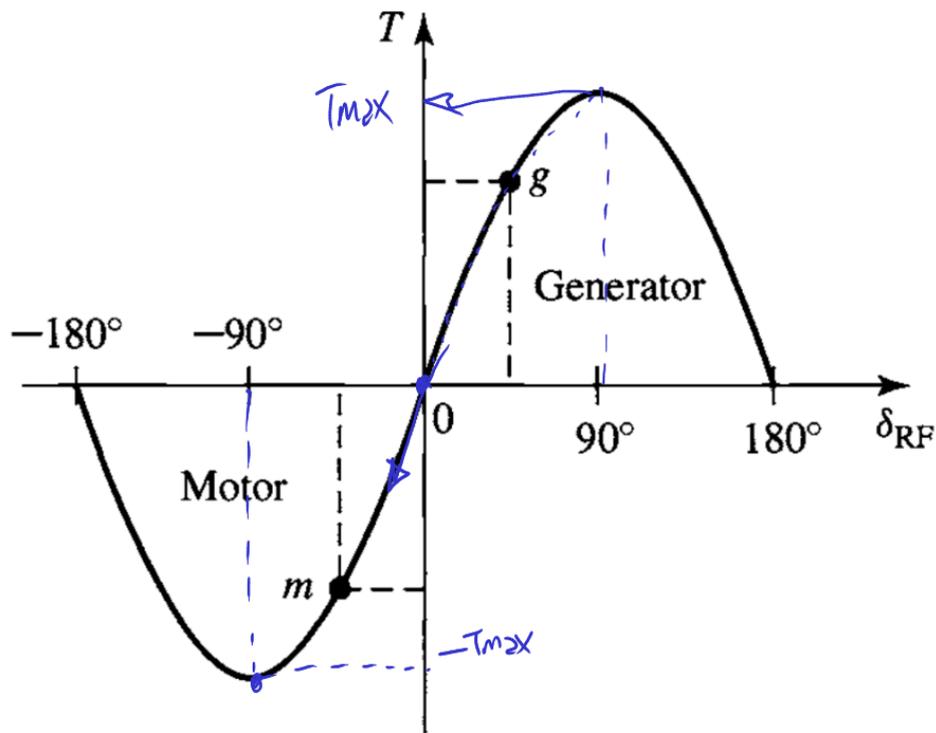
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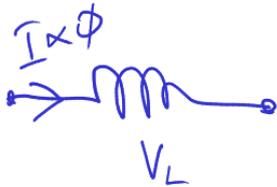
$\delta = 0$ : Zero Torque (Donkey eats the carrot)

# Torque vs Load Angle



# Phasor Diagram

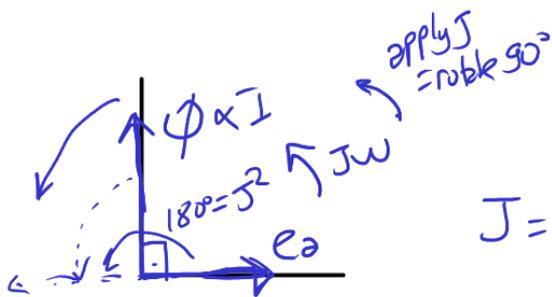
$\vec{E}_{ar}$  lags  $\vec{\Phi}_{ar} \propto I_{ar}$  90 degrees



$$e_a(t) = -N \cdot \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

→ taking derivative  
↳ multiplying by  $J\omega$

$\Phi$  is in the form of  $\sin \dots$   
 $e_a \Rightarrow$  in the form of  $-\cos \dots$



$$J = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$\underline{J \times J = -1}$$

# Phasor Diagram

$$\vec{E}_{ar} \text{ lags } \vec{\Phi}_{ar} \text{ 90 degrees}$$

Armature reaction can be represented as a voltage drop in an inductance

$$\vec{E}_{ar} = -jX_Q \vec{I}_a$$

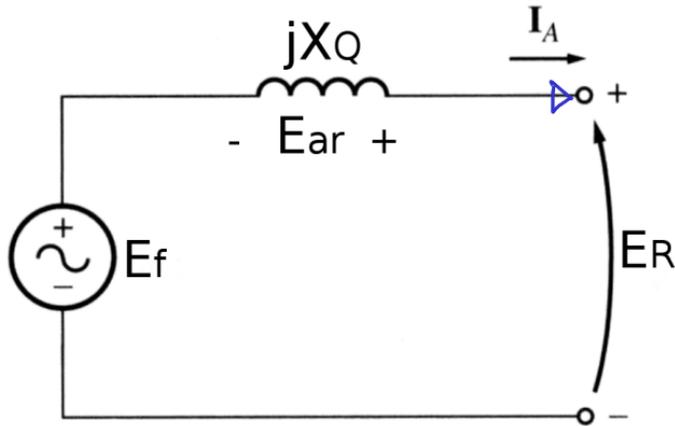
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However, there is also the leakage flux:  $jX_l$

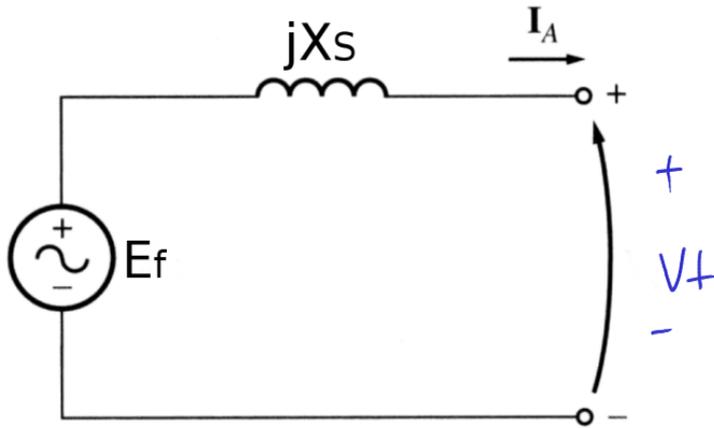
Define stator total reactance as:

$$jX_s = jX_Q + jX_l$$

Thus, the equivalent circuit becomes:

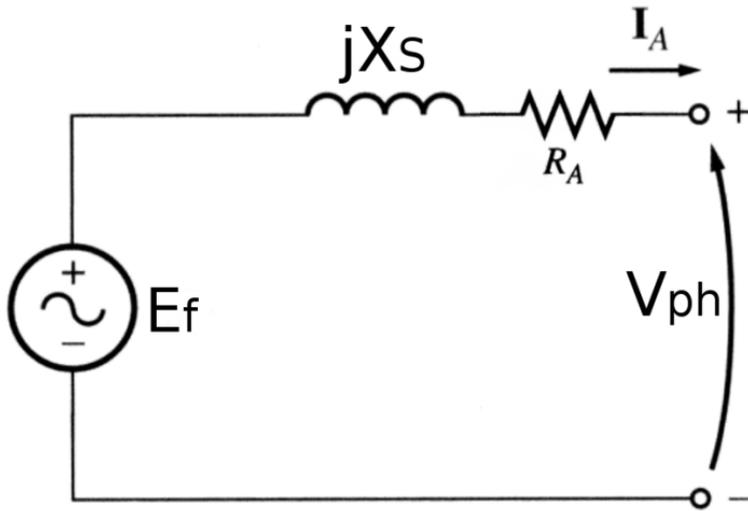
→ stator total reactance

# Simple Equivalent Circuit



$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_f - jX_s \vec{I}_a$$

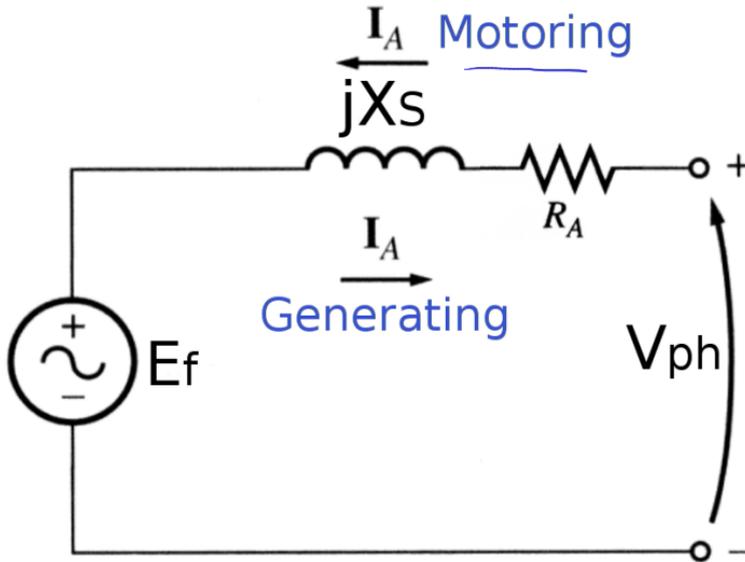
What about the resistance of the phase windings?



$$\vec{V}_{ph} = \vec{E}_f - (jX_s + R_a)\vec{I}_a$$

# Motoring and Generating Convention

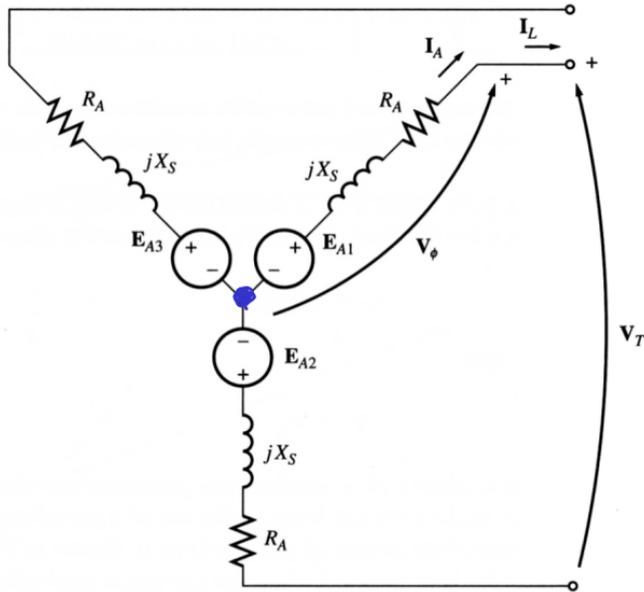
Remember synchronous machines are mostly used as generators.



*per-phase equivalent circuit.*

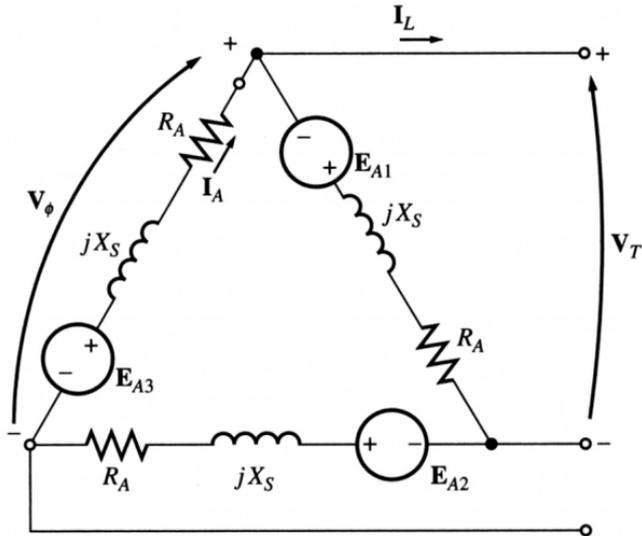
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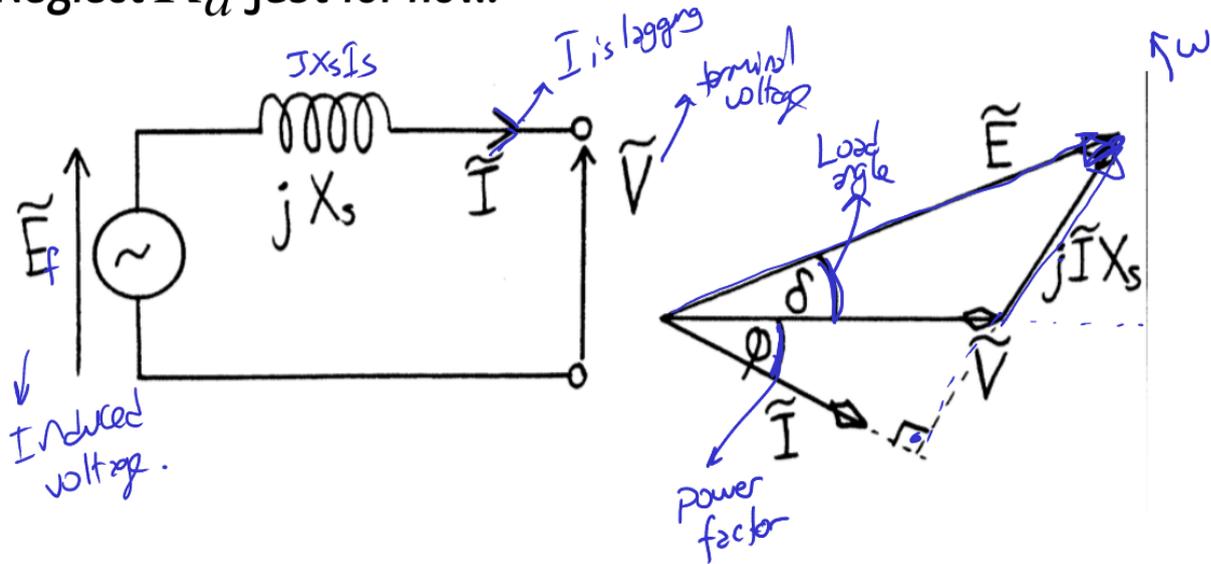


# Most important definitions

- Load Angle ( $\delta$ ): Angle between phase voltage and field voltage
- Power Factor Angle ( $\theta$ ): Angle between phase voltage and current.

# Load Angle and Power Factor

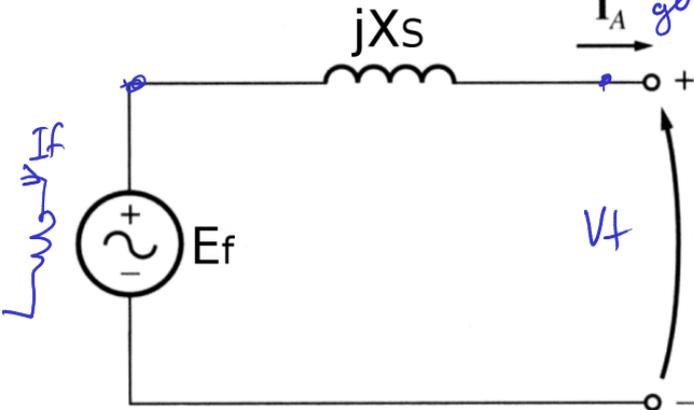
Neglect  $R_a$  just for now.



# A few exercises with the simple equivalent circuit

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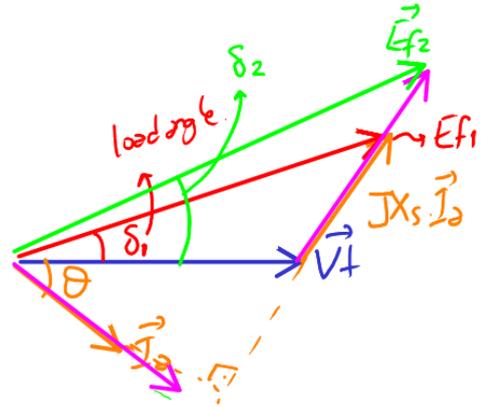
Increasing current with same pf.



$$\vec{E}_f = \vec{V}_t + jX_s \cdot \vec{I}_A$$

$$P_{out} = 3 \cdot V_t \cdot I_A \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$\vec{I}_A$  is lagging  
generating mode



$\cos(\theta) \Rightarrow$  power factor

What happens if current is increased with the same pf.

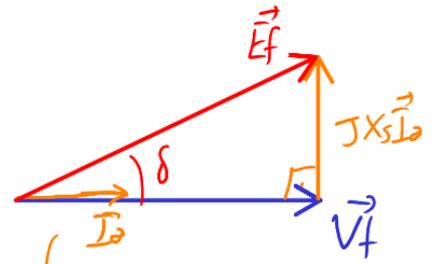
$\delta_2 > \delta_1 \Rightarrow$  Load angle is increased

$\hookrightarrow$  Torque is increased

$|\vec{E}_f2| > |\vec{E}_f1| \hookrightarrow$  field current should be increased

# A few exercises with the simple equivalent circuit (Generator mode)

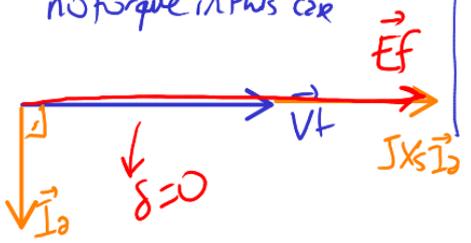
Unity pf. (generating mode)



$Q=0$   
Unity pf.

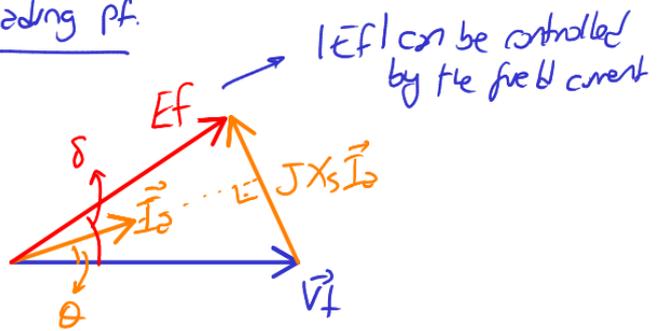
90° lagging pf

no torque in this case



$\delta=0$

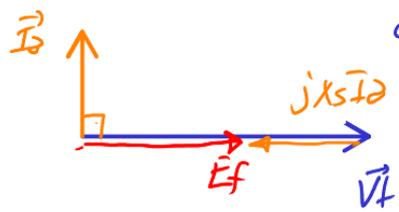
leading pf.



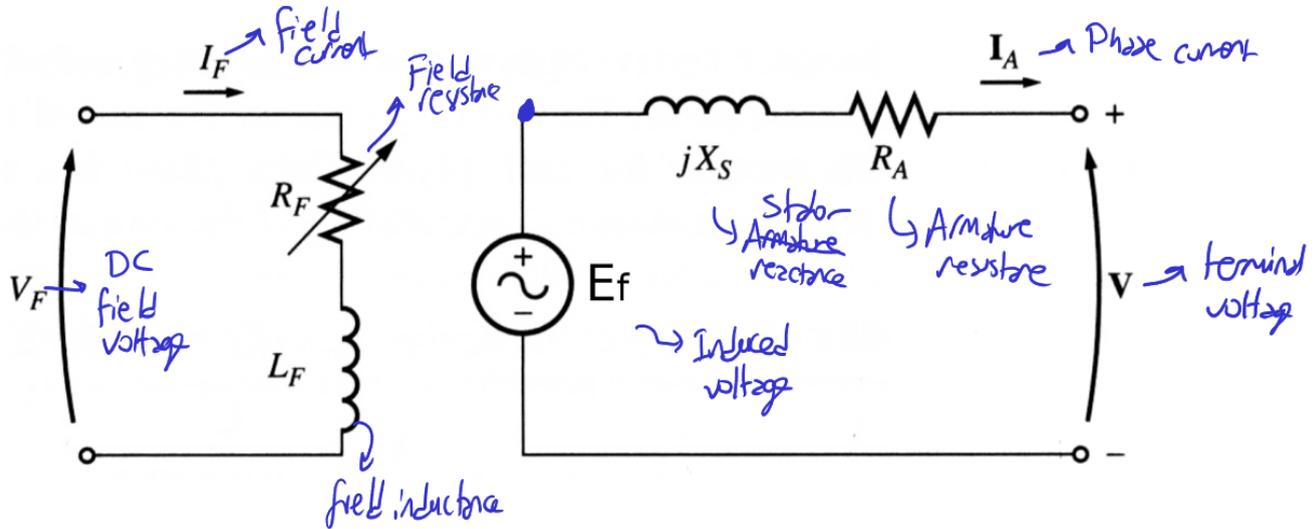
90° leading pf.

If  $\theta=90^\circ$  leading

$\delta \Rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{Torque} = 0$



# Full Equivalent Circuit with Field Circuit



$L_f$  can be neglected at steady state (DC) conditions

$$I_f \propto |E_f|$$

Remember  $I_f$  can be controlled to adjust  $E_f$