

EE-362 ELECTROMECHANICAL ENERGY CONVERSION-II

Torque in Induction Motors

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Mechanical Power

Linear Motion

$$\text{Power (W)} = \text{Force (N)} \times \text{Speed (m/s)}$$

Rotational Motion

$$\text{Power (W)} = \text{Torque (Nm)} \times \text{Rotational Speed (rad/s)}$$

$$P = T\omega \quad \rightarrow \quad T = \frac{P}{\omega}$$

Can you guess a few applications that require high start-up torque?

Electric Cars: [BMW i3](#).



Start-up Torque

Electric motor

Motor technology

BMW eDrive technology:
hybrid synchronous electric motor with inte-
electronics, charging unit and generator func-
recuperation

Max output	kW (hp)	125 (170)
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Rated output / at	kW (hp) / rpm	75 (102) / 4800
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Torque / at	Nm / rpm	250 / 0
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Recuperation output	kW	up to 50
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High-voltage battery

Voltage	V	353
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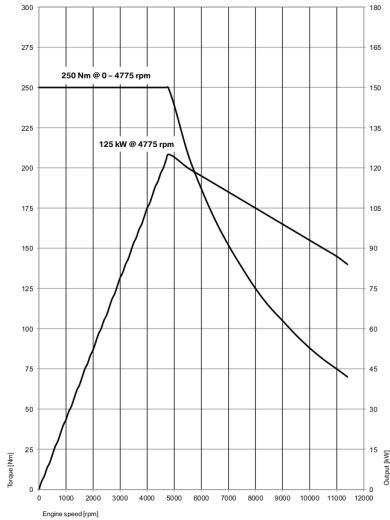
Battery capacity	Ah	94
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Power output (gross / net)	kWh	33.2 / 27.2
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Storage technology		Lithium-ion
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For curious students: [BMW i3 Specs](#),

Importance of Start-up Torque: BMW i3 vs WV Golf GTI



For curious students: [Tesla Induction Motor Info](#), [Reverse engineering a Tesla drivetrain](#), [BMW i3 Specs](#),

Torque-Power Relation

$$P_{mech} = 3I_2'^2 \frac{(1-s)}{s} r_2'$$

$$T = \frac{P}{\omega}$$

What is ω of the rotor?

$$\omega_r = (1-s)\omega_s$$

Torque-Power Relation

$$P_{mech} = T(1 - s)\omega_s = 3I_2'^2 \frac{(1 - s)}{s} r_2'$$

$$T\omega_s = 3I_2'^2 \frac{r_2'}{s} \left. \vphantom{3I_2'^2 \frac{r_2'}{s}} \right\} \text{Airgap power}$$

Generated Torque

$$T = 3I_2'^2 \frac{r_2'}{s} \frac{1}{\omega_s}, \text{ which is equal to:}$$

$$T = \frac{P_{ag}}{\omega_s} \quad \text{or} \quad T = \frac{P_{mech}}{\omega_r}$$

ω_s is the mechanical synchronous speed!

$$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi f_e}{(p/2)}$$

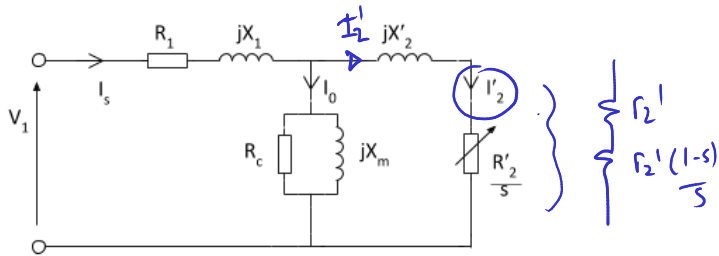
Generated Torque

$$T = 3 \underbrace{I_2'^2}_{\text{We know:}} \frac{r_2'}{s} \frac{1}{\omega_s}$$

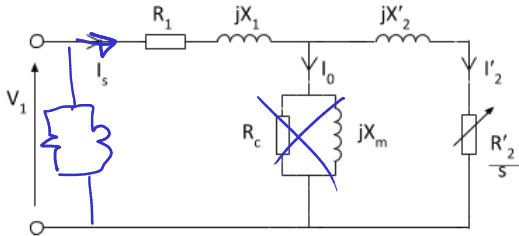
- ω_s , if we know f_e and number of poles
- s : if we know rotor speed
- r_2' from locked-rotor test

How can we calculate I_2' ?

How can we calculate I'_2 ?

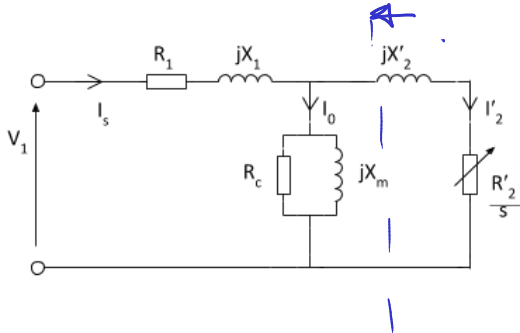


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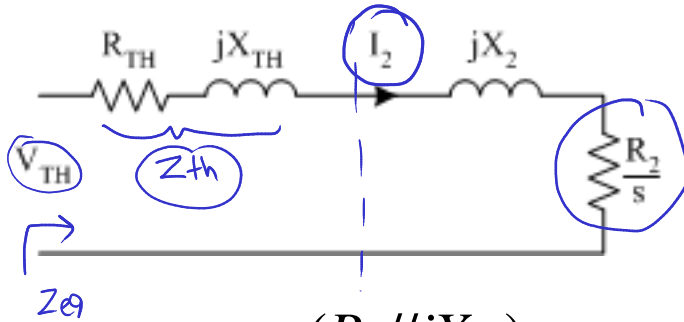
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- Inaccurate but easy: Move parallel branch to source side
- More accurate: Calculate Thevenin equivalent as seen from the rotor side

Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



$$V_{th} = \frac{(R_c // jX_m)}{R_1 + jX_1 + (R_c // jX_m)} V_1$$

$$Z_{th} = (R_1 + jX_1) // (R_c // jX_m)$$

$$I_2' = \frac{V_{th}}{Z_{eq}} = \frac{V_{th}}{\sqrt{(R_{th} + \frac{R_2'}{s})^2 + (X_{th} + X_2')^2}}$$

Torque

$$T_e = \frac{3V_{th}^2 \frac{r'_2}{s}}{(R_{th} + \frac{r'_2}{s})^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2} s\omega_s$$

The equation is annotated with handwritten notes: a blue bracket above the numerator is labeled $I_2'^2$, and a red arrow points to the denominator from the label P_{2g} .

Torque

$$T_e = \frac{3V_{th}^2}{(R_{th} + \frac{r'_2}{s})^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2} \frac{r'_2}{s\omega_s}$$

If you're in a hurry, move the parallel branch to motor terminals and replace:

$$V_{th} \rightarrow \underline{V_1} \quad R_{th} \rightarrow \underline{R_1} \quad X_{th} \rightarrow \underline{X_1}$$

Torque

$$T_e = \frac{3V_1^2}{(R_1 + \frac{r'_2}{s})^2 + (X_1 + X'_2)^2} \frac{r'_2}{s\omega_s}$$

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Torque Characteristics

Can you guess the waveform wrt rotor speed?

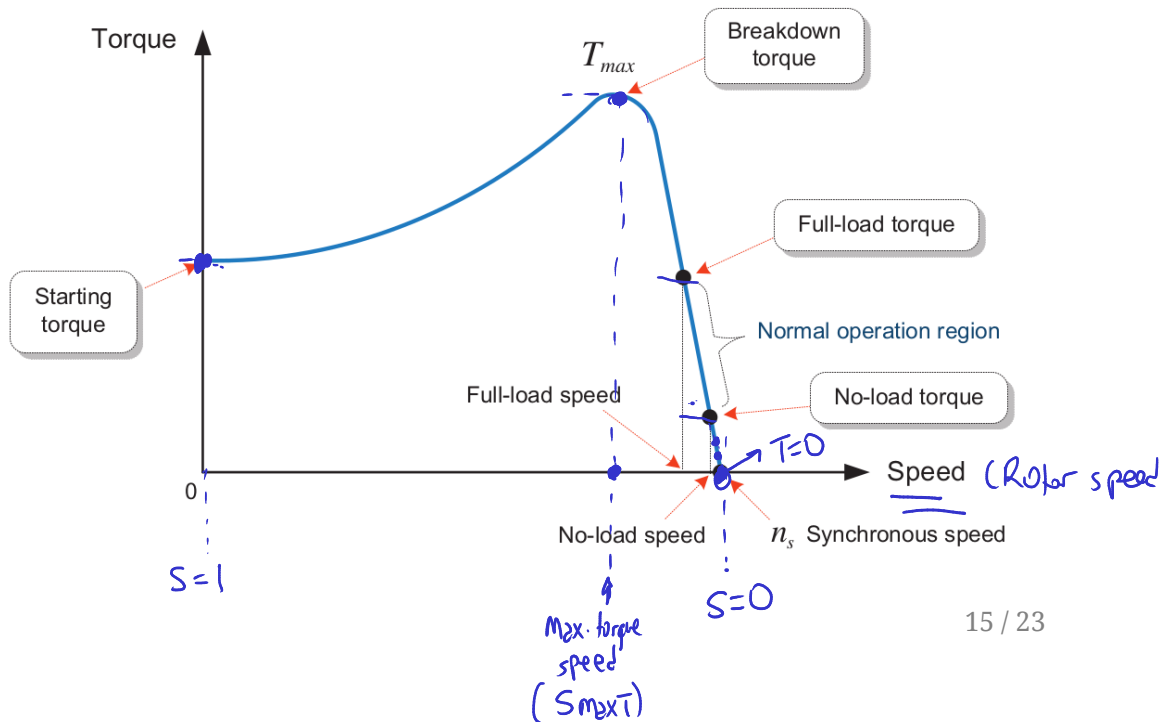
$$T_e = \frac{3V_{th}^2}{(R_{th} + \frac{r'_2}{s})^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2} \frac{r'_2}{s\omega_s}$$

Torque Graphs

$$s = 1 \Rightarrow T_e > 0$$

$$s = 0 \quad T_e = 0$$

Typical Torque Curve of an Induction Motor



Torque characteristics

For small values of slip: Torque is proportional to slip

For large values of slip: Torque is inversely proportional to slip

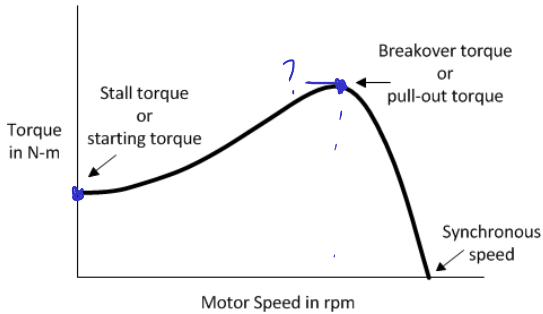
Rated slip is usually smaller than 0.05

Start-up Torque

Substitute $s=1$ in the torque equation

$$T_{start} = \frac{3V_{th}^2}{(R_{th} + r'_2)^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2} \frac{r'_2}{\omega_s}$$

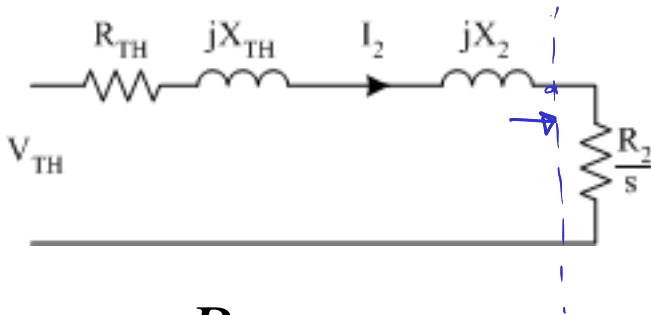
Maximum Torque Point



Speed-Torque Curve for a Three-Phase Induction Motor

$$T_e = \frac{3V_{th}^2}{(R_{th} + \frac{r'_2}{s})^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2} \frac{r'_2}{s\omega_s}$$

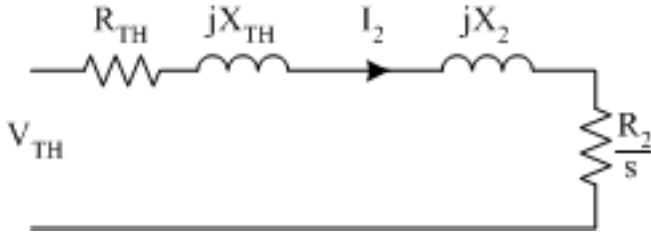
Maximum Torque Point



$$T_e = \frac{P_{ag}}{\omega_s}$$

Maximum torque point = Maximum airgap power point

Maximum Torque Point



What is the condition for maximum airgap Power?

Maximum Power Transfer Theorem:

$$\frac{r'_2}{s} = \sqrt{R_{th}^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2}$$

Slip for maximum torque

$$s_{\max T} = \frac{r'_2}{\sqrt{R_{th}^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2}}$$

Maximum Torque (substitute s)

$$T_{\max} = 3 \frac{0.5 V_{th}^2}{\omega_s} \frac{1}{(R_{th} + \sqrt{R_{th}^2 + (X_{th} + X'_2)^2})^2}$$

Notice that $s_{\max T}$ depends on r'_2 but T_{\max} doesn't.