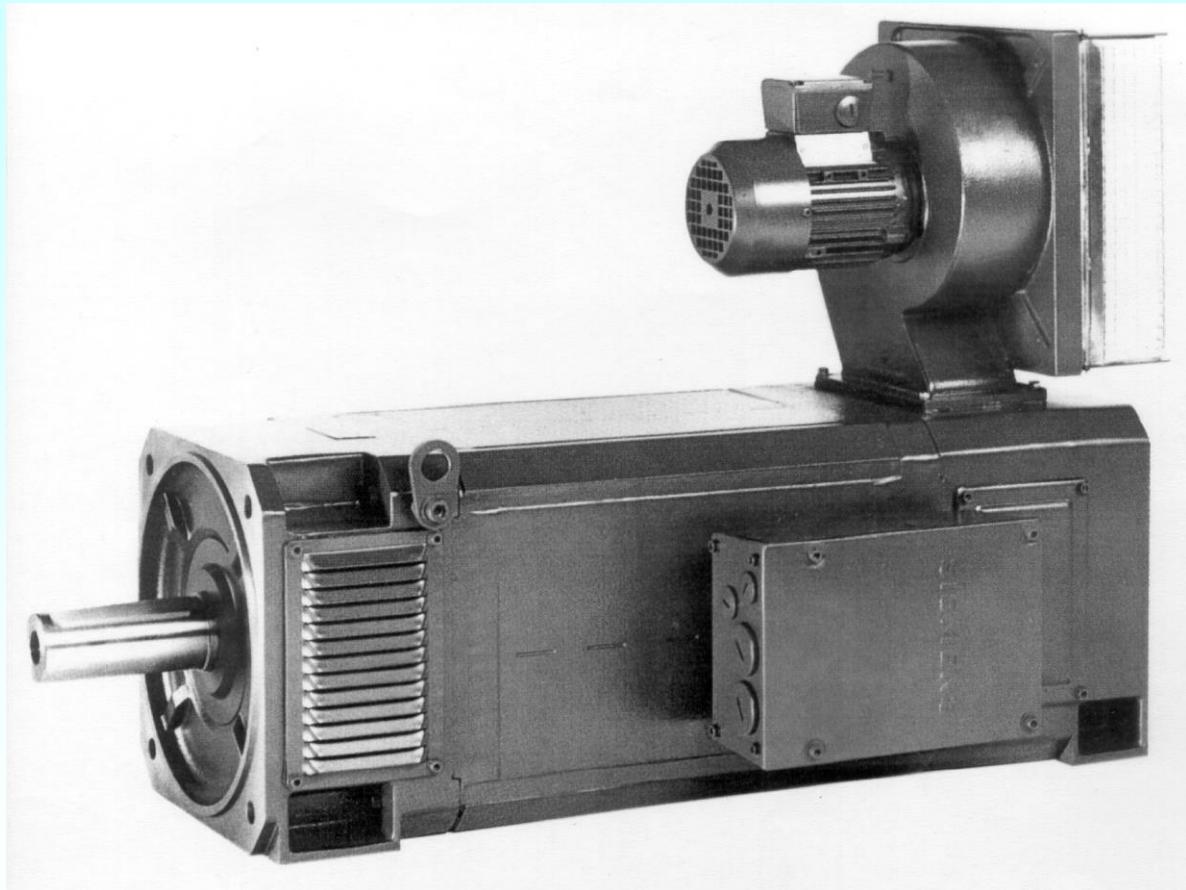


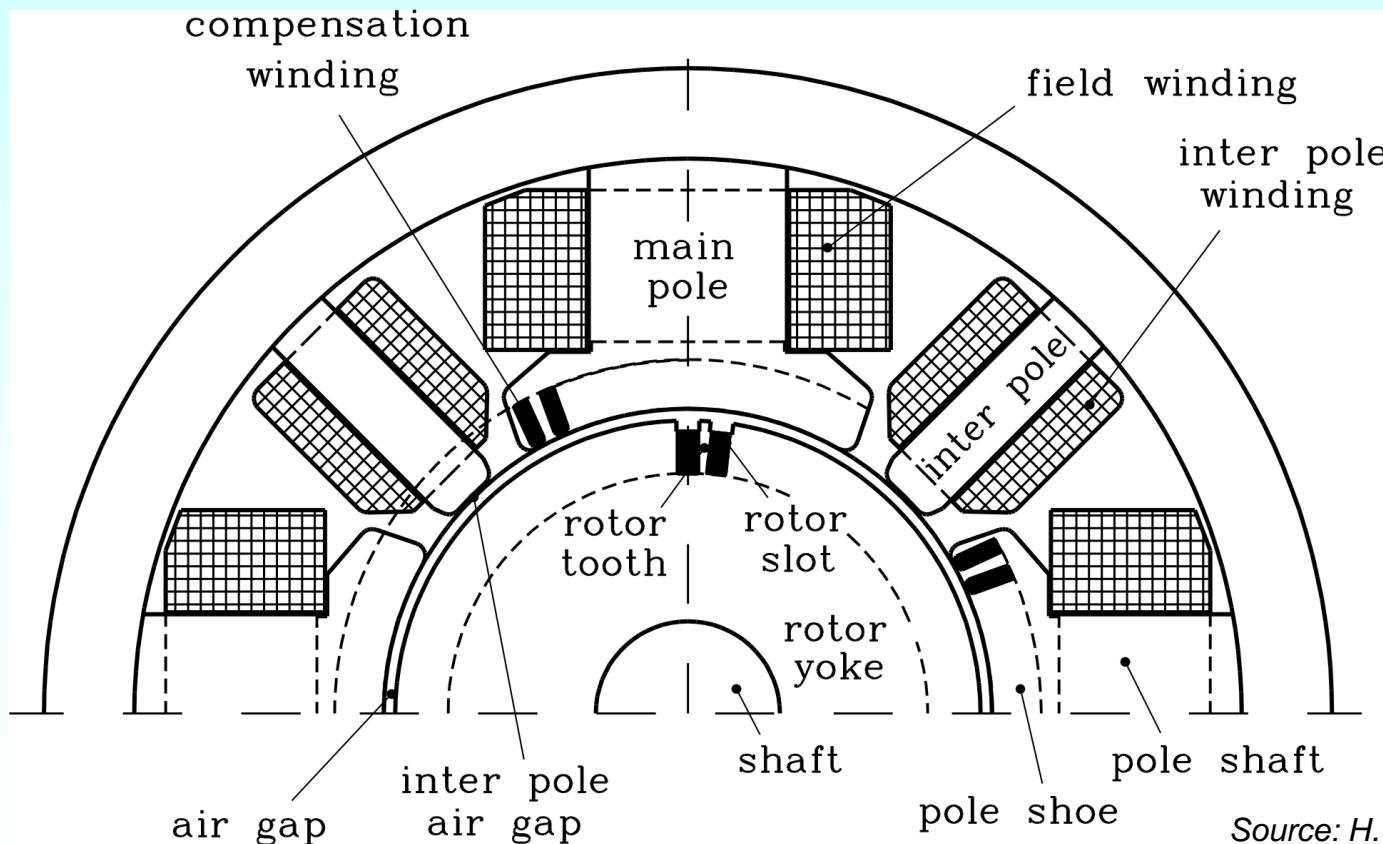
# 10. DC Drives



Source: Siemens AG



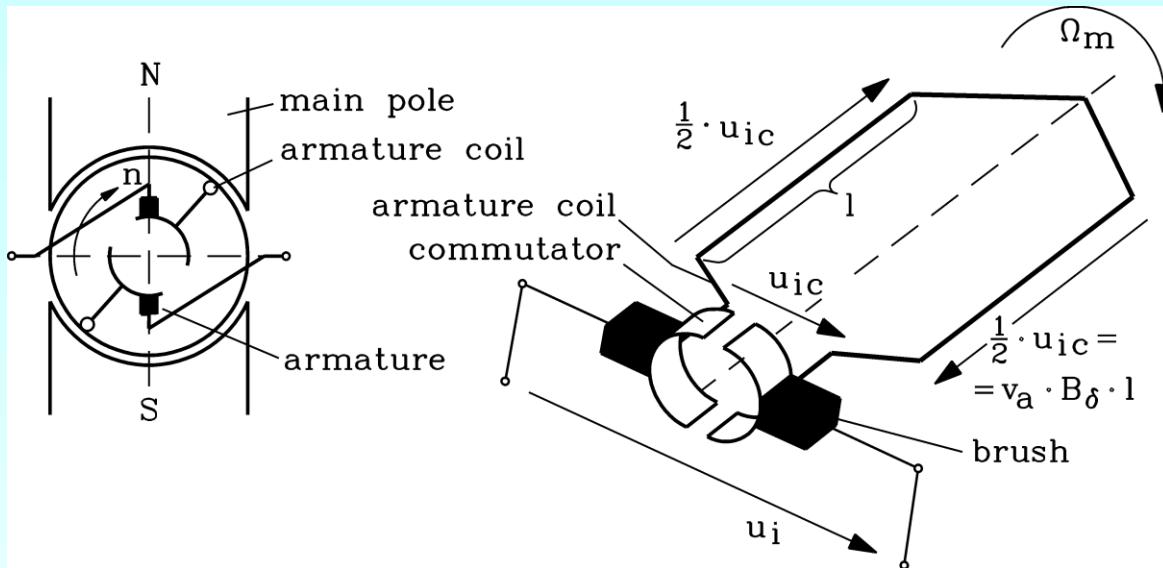
# 10.1 Principles of Operation of DC Machines



Source: H. Kleinrath, Studientext



# Basic function of DC machine

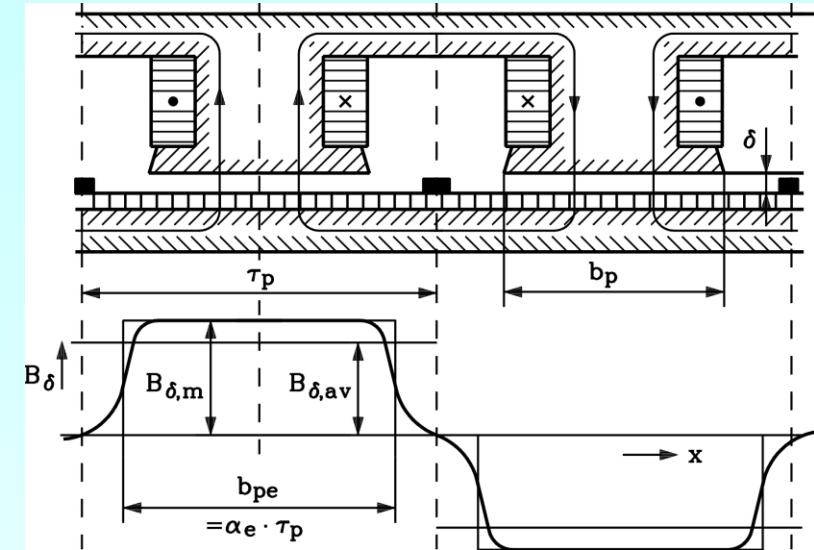


*Rotor coil rotates in stator DC magnetic field; voltage is induced and rectified by commutator and brushes*

- In each moving coil side (turns per coil  $N_c$ , stack length  $l$ , speed  $n$ ) an **AC voltage**  $u_{i,c}$  is induced via induction due to movement: Amplitude
- Rectification (via commutator & brushes):  $u_{i,c} \rightarrow u_i$ ; **average DC voltage:**  $u_{i,av} = \alpha_e u_{i,m}$
- Rotor diameter  $d_r$ :  $v_a = d_r \pi n = 2p \tau_p \cdot n$ , average air gap flux density:  $B_{\delta,av} = \alpha_e B_{\delta,m}$

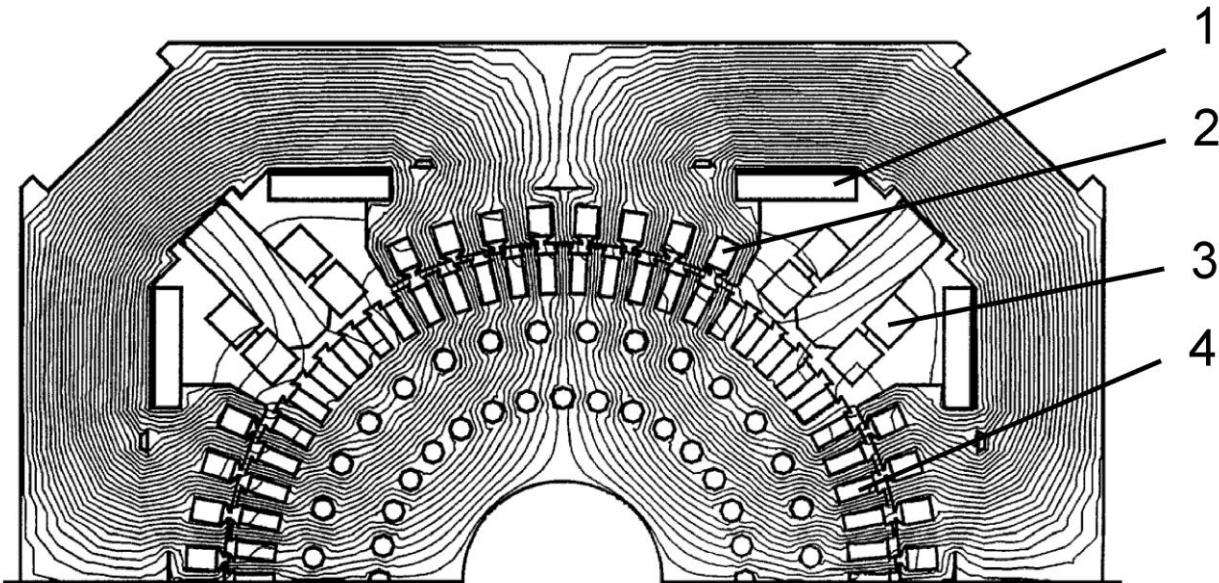
$$\text{Flux/pole: } \underline{\Phi} = l \int_0^{\tau_p} B_\delta(x) dx = \underline{\alpha_e \tau_p l B_{\delta,m}}$$

$$\text{Number of rotor conductors } z = 2N_c: \underline{u_{i,av} = 2z \cdot n \cdot \Phi}$$

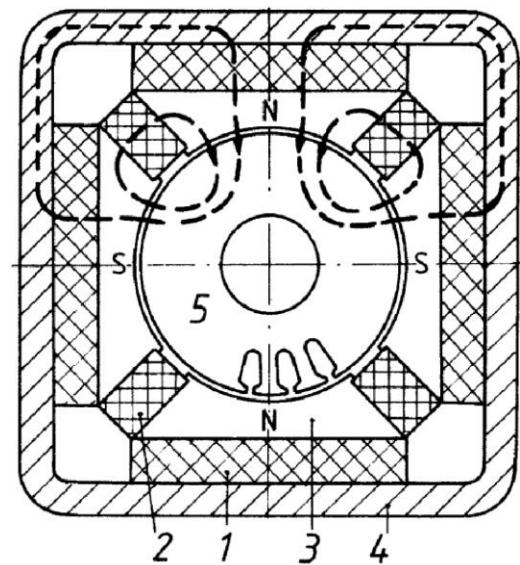


*Stator air gap magnetic field distribution, electrically excited*

# DC machine – excitation of stator field



Source: ABB Sweden



Source: Siemens AG, Germany

## Electrical excitation

### Example: Four-pole machine:

- 1: Field coil, 2: Compensation winding
- 3: Inter-pole winding, 4: Armature winding

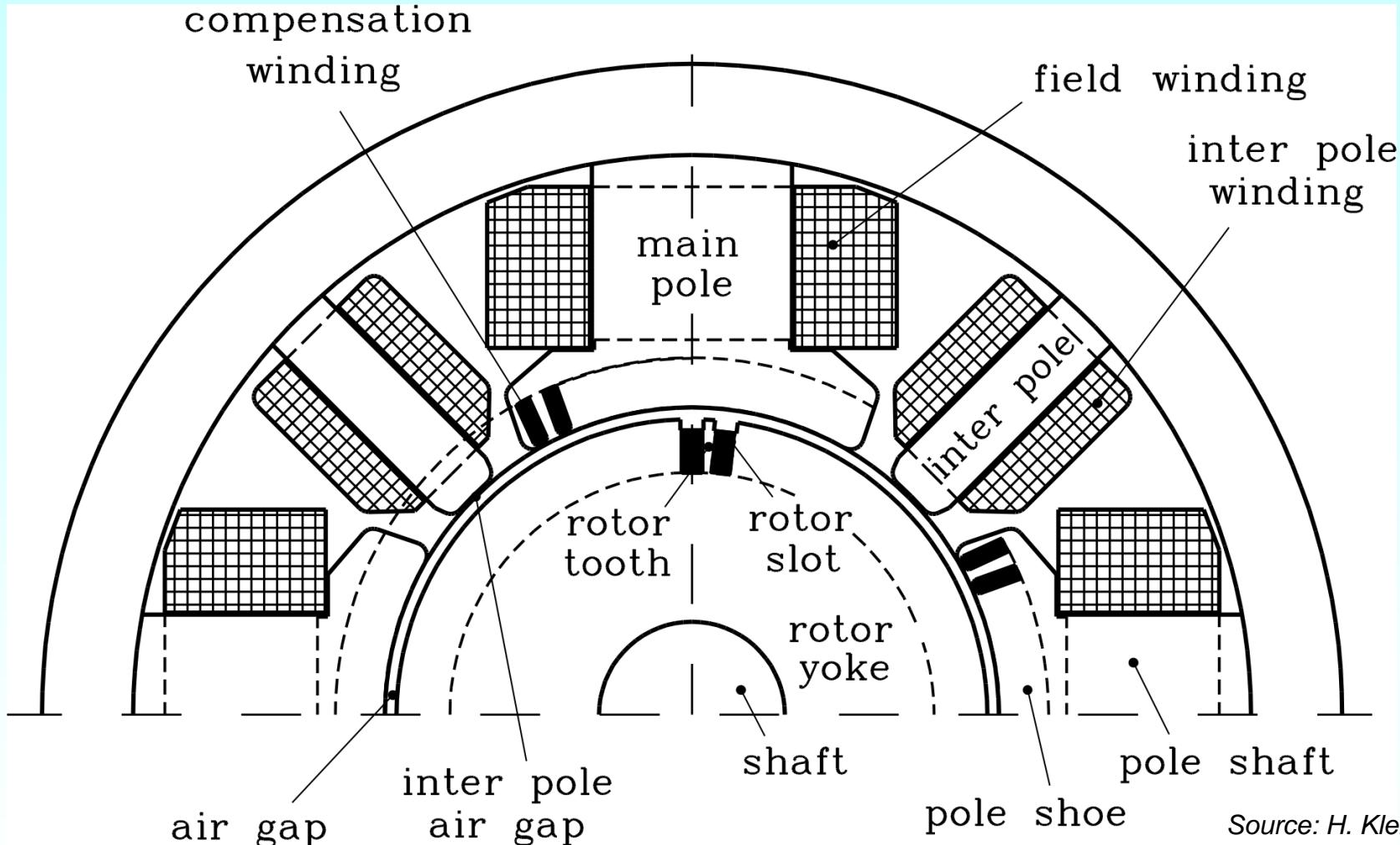
## Permanent magnet excitation

### Example: Four-pole machine:

- 1, 2: Field magnets, 3: Pole shoe iron,
- 4: Housing as iron back



# DC machine - components (1)

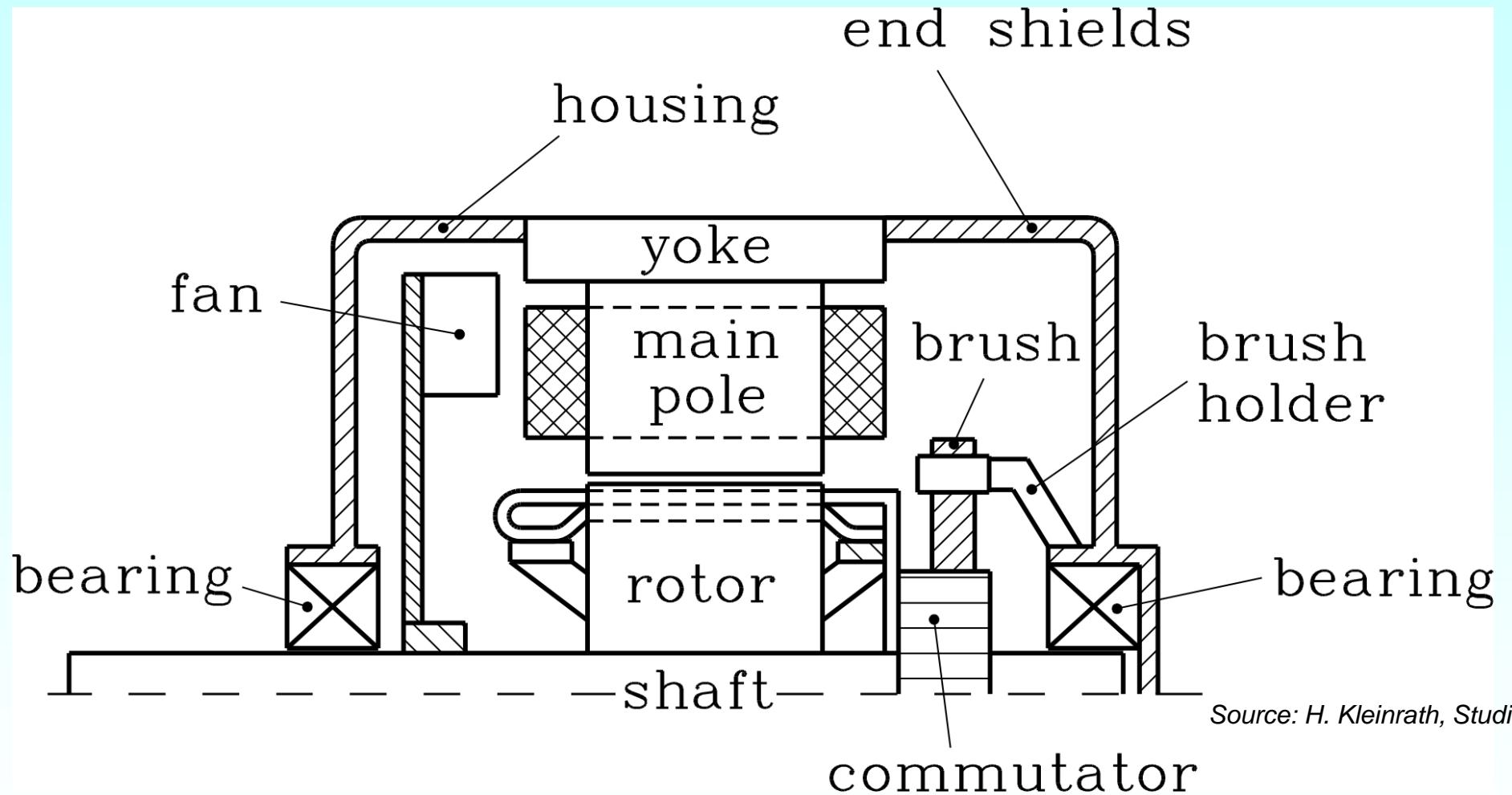


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**Electrical field excitation / Example: Four-pole machine**



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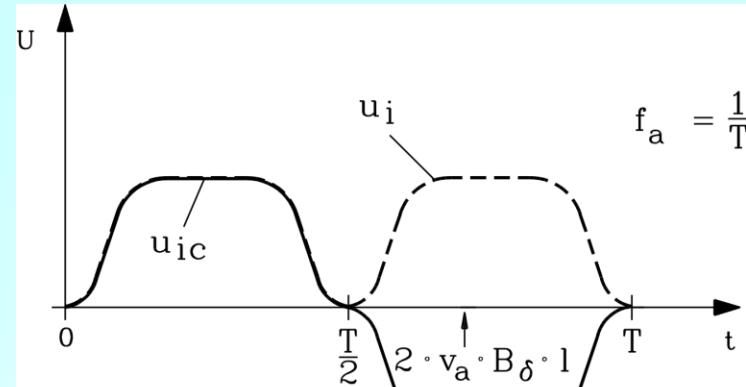


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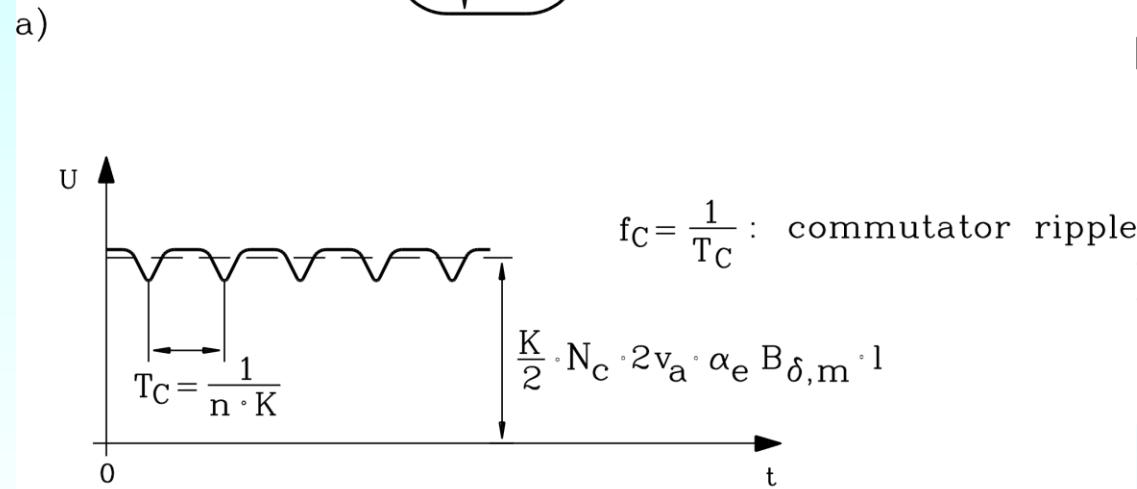
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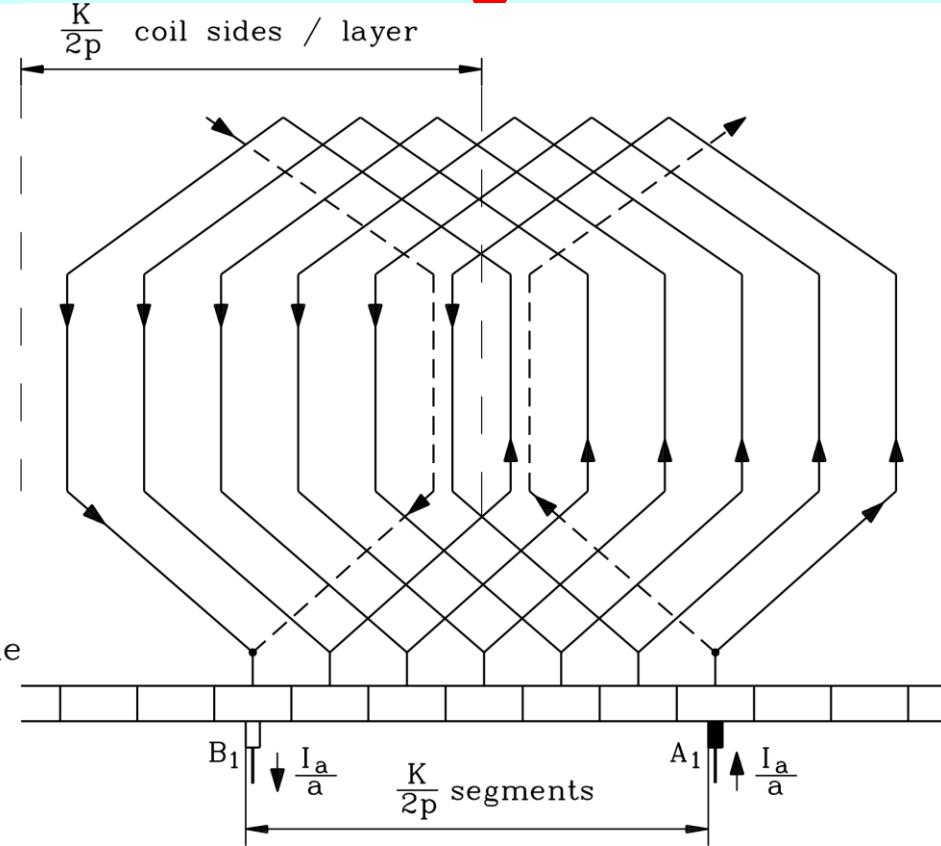
# Smoothed induced rotor DC voltage



$$f_a = \frac{1}{T} = n \cdot p : \text{armature frequency}$$



$$f_C = \frac{1}{T_C} : \text{commutator ripple}$$



- b)
  - a) AC voltage of one coil  $u_{ic}$  is rectified as DC voltage  $u_i$  with deep sags (here:  $2p = 2$ )
  - b) Increased number of series connected rotor coils - displaced by a slot pitch each - , arranged in  $Q_r$  rotor slots, lead to a sum of rectified coil voltages as a **smoothed total DC voltage**



# Induced voltage (Back EMF)

Max. voltage per coil:

$$u_{i,c,m} = 2v_a B_{\delta,m} N_c l$$

Flux per pole:

$$\Phi = \alpha_e \tau_p l B_{\delta,m}$$

Rotor circumference  
velocity:

$$v_a = 2p \tau_p \cdot n$$

Total number of rotor  
conductors:

$$z = 2 \cdot K \cdot N_c$$

2p poles, 2a parallel branches:

Average voltage per coil:

$$u_{i,c,av} = 2v_a \cdot \alpha_e B_{\delta,m} \cdot N_c l$$

$$u_{i,c,av} = 2 \cdot 2p \cdot N_c \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$

Average voltage at  $K(2p)$  coils:

$$u_{i,av} = \frac{K}{2p} \cdot 2 \cdot 2p \cdot N_c \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$

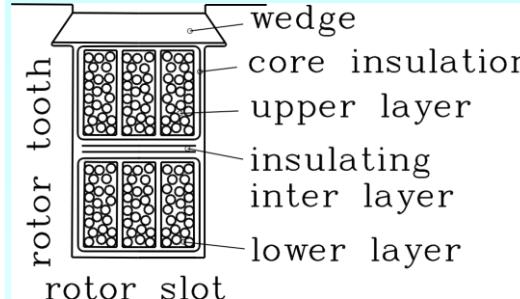
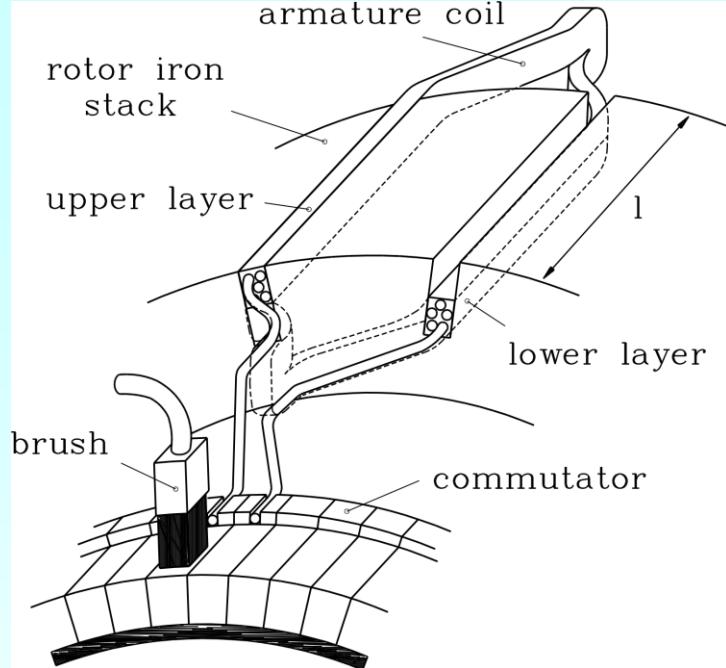
$$u_{i,av} = (2 \cdot K \cdot N_c) \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$

$$u_{i,av} = U_i = z \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$

$$U_i = z \cdot \frac{p}{a} \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$



# Rotor coils, commutator, brushes, slot design



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Source: Fa. Brenner, Bürrstadt

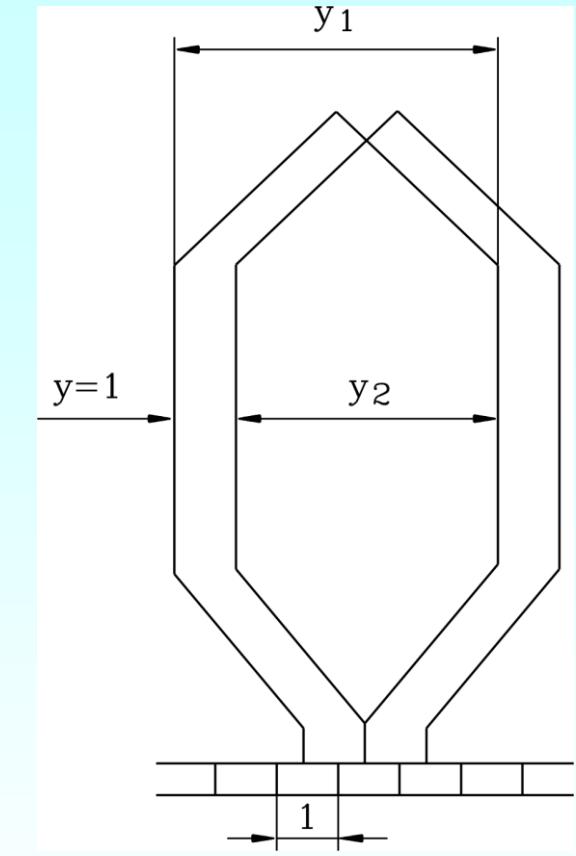
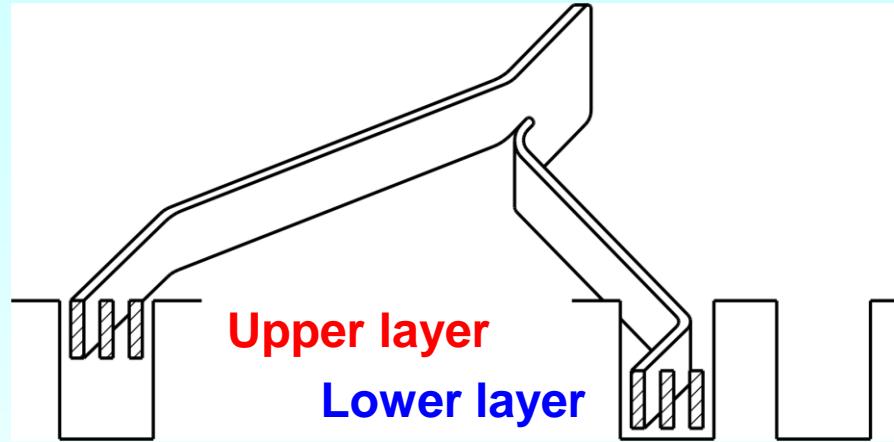
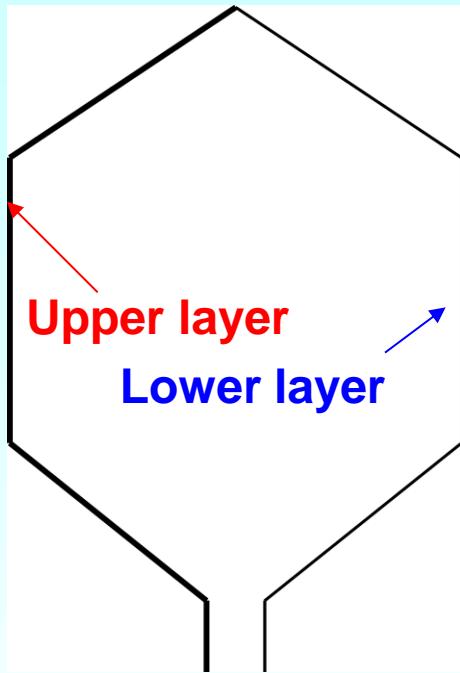
- Two layers per slot (Upper & lower layer) = increases number of coils by 2
- Several (= u) coil sides side by side in slot layer = reduction of lot number possible
- Two parallel rotor armature branches per pole pair. In both voltage  $u_{i,av}$  is induced.
- By adding  $p-1$  pole pairs we get further parallel armature branches with induced voltage  $u_{i,av}$ .  
**This results in  $2a = 2p$  parallel armature branches in a  $2p$  pole machine.**

**Facit:** With  $p$  pole pairs the **induced voltage (back EMF)**  $U_i = u_{i,av}$  occurs between each plus- and minus brush ( $A = \text{Plus}$ ,  $B = \text{Minus}$ ).

$$\text{The total number of rotor conductors is: } z = 2 \cdot u \cdot N_c \cdot Q_r$$



# Elements of lap-wound armature winding



An armature coil as basic element of the winding

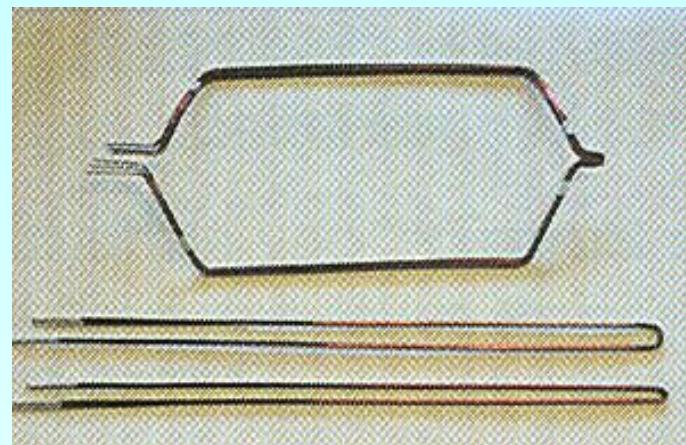
$y_1$ : Width of a coil = about one pole pitch !

$y = y_1 - y_2 = 1$ : Coil “step” at commutator

Connection to adjacent armature coil at the commutator

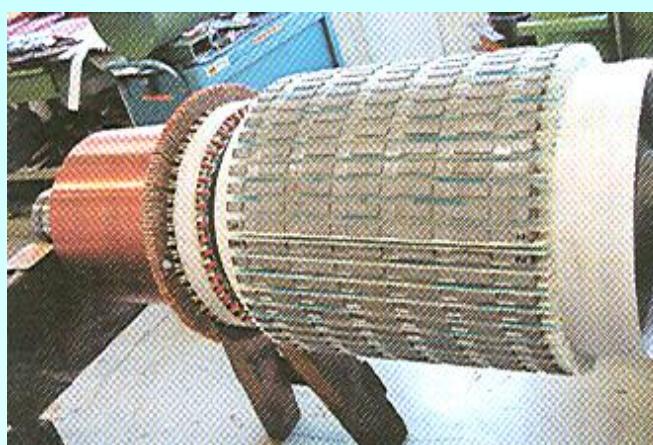


# Manufacturing of armature coils and rotor with commutator



Armature coil:

Below: first step - unformed  
Above: formed



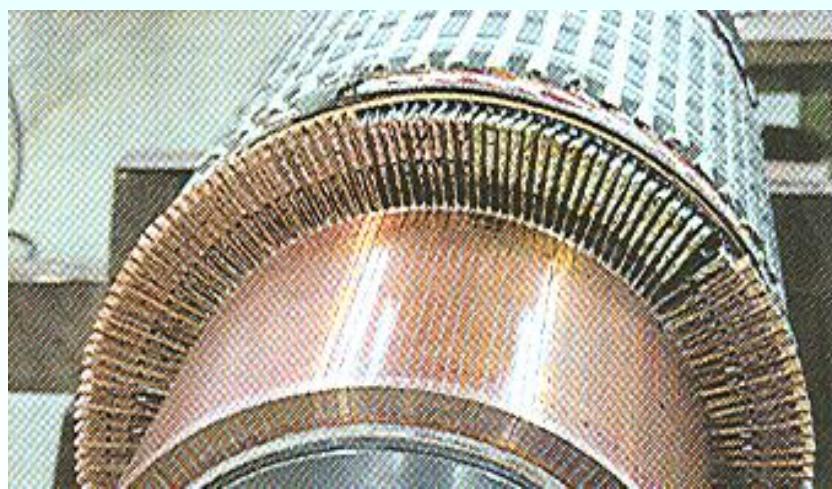
Rotor iron stack:

Insulation in slots  
left: commutator



Inserting armature coils:

Two-layer winding  
Upper and lower layer



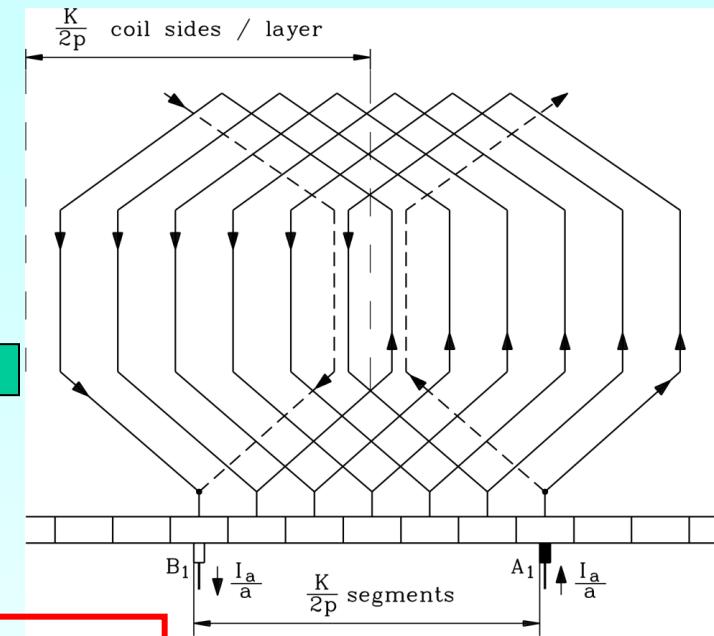
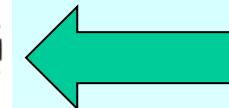
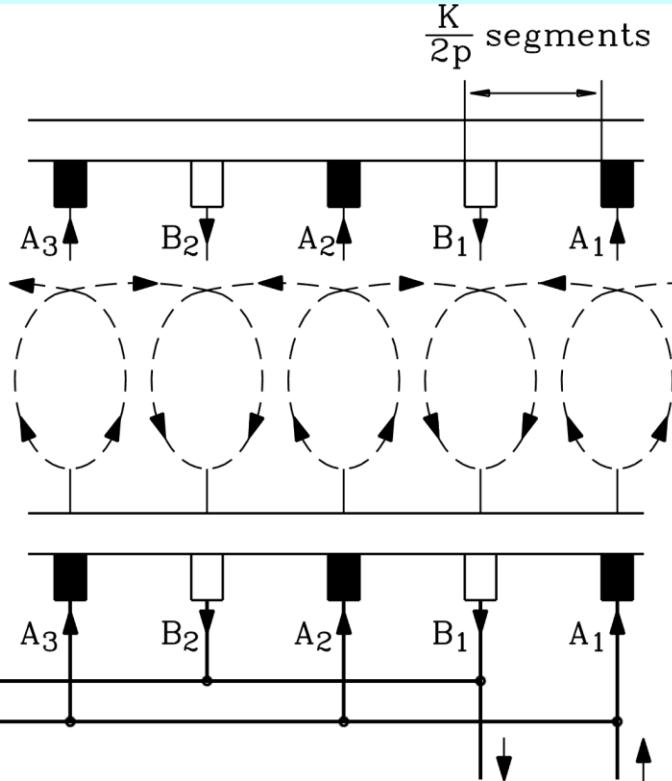
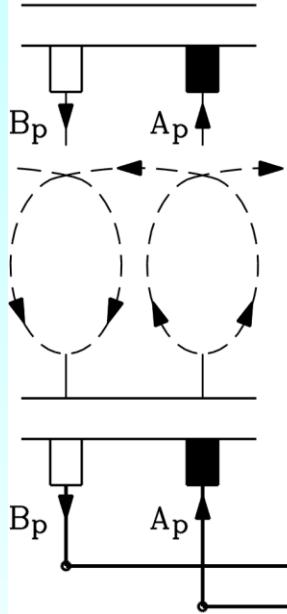
Soldering of the armature coil ends to the commutator segments:

Upper and lower layer coil ends are soldered into the slits of the commutator segments

Source: Fa. Brenner/Bürstadt, Germany



# Induced rotor armature voltage = back EMF



$$2a = 2p$$

A 6-pole (in general: a  $2p$  pole machine) machine is derived from a 2-pole arrangement by continuation of the armature coil sequence and corresponding commutator segments with brushes (**"LAP WINDING"**).

– **Induced voltage:**

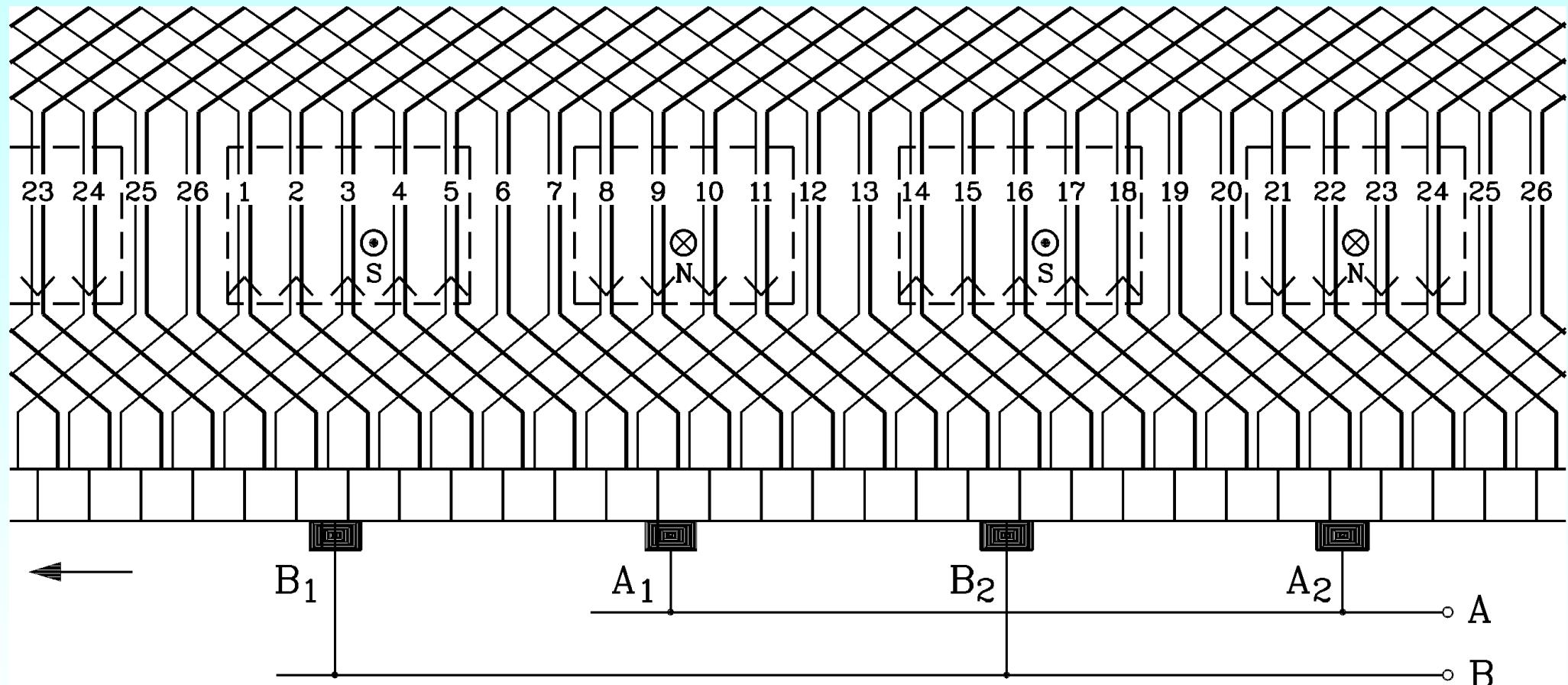
$$U_i = z \cdot \frac{p}{a} \cdot n \cdot \Phi = k_1 \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$

$$U_i = k_2 \cdot Q_m \cdot \Phi \quad k_2 = \frac{k_1}{2\pi}$$

– Each coil starts / ends at adjacent commutator segments with total number:  $K = u \cdot Q_r$



# Complete four-pole DC lap winding



Source: Dr. Holzer, TU Wien

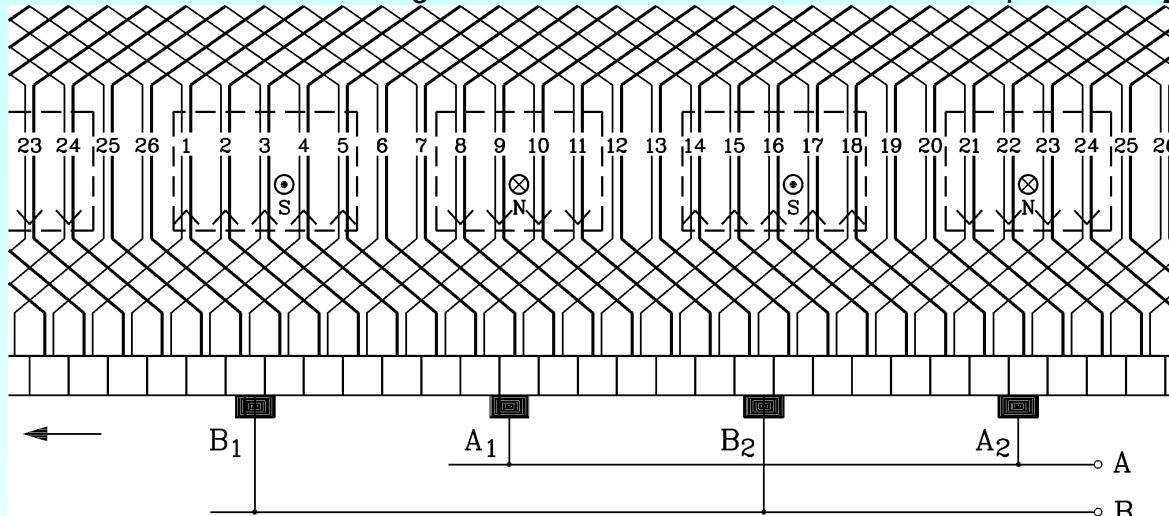
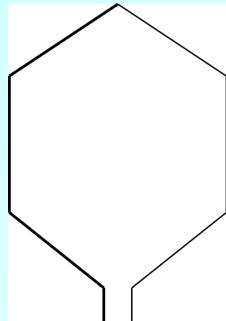
**Simplex** lap winding:

Data:  $Q_r = 26$ ,  $2p = 4$ ,  $u = 1$ ,  $N_c = 1$ ,  $a = p = 2$ ,  $K = 26$ ,  $y_1 = 6$ ,  $y_2 = 5$ ,  $y = 1$



# Simplex lap winding: $2a = 2p$

Example:  $Q_r = 26, 2p = 4, u = 1, N_c = 1, a = p = 2, K = 26, y_1 = 6, y_2 = 5, y = 1$

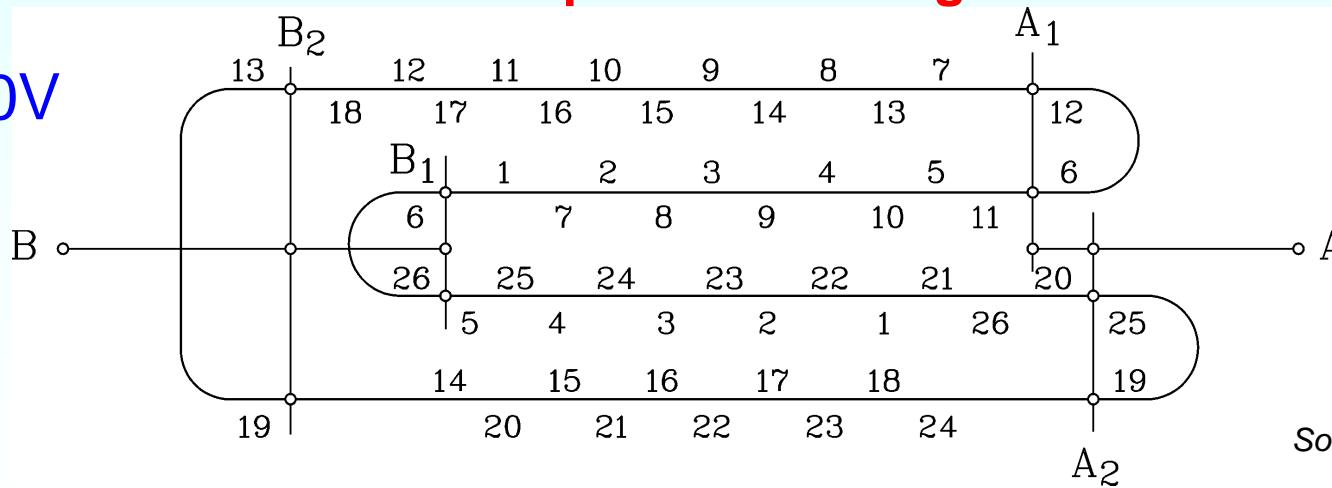


Pole count = Number of parallel winding branches:  $2a = 2p = 4$

$$U_a = 440V$$

$$-220V$$

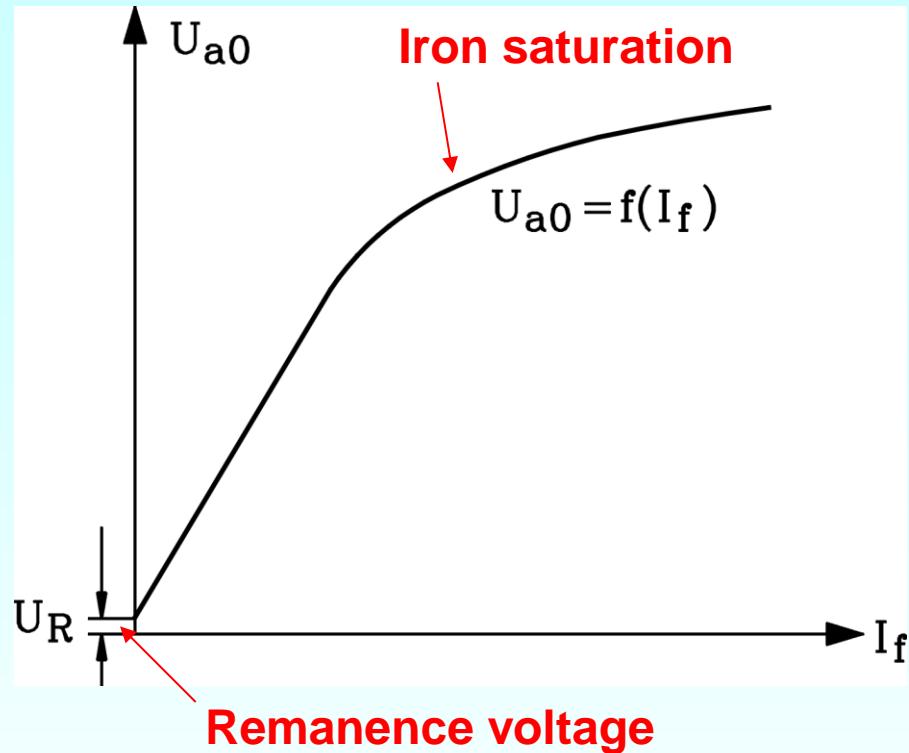
$$+220V$$



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# Induced voltage = back EMF = No-load voltage (Generator)



## No-load characteristic:

- Armature voltage measured at open circuit and constant speed  $n$ :  $U_{a0} = U_i$  = back EMF (generator no-load)
- Back EMF increases **LINEAR** with flux  $\Phi$ . Flux variation by field current. Due to iron saturation flux increases **non-linear** with field current  $I_f$  and so does back EMF.

$$U_{a0} = U_i = z \cdot \frac{p}{a} \cdot n \cdot \Phi(I_f) = k_1 \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$



# Example: Rotor armature winding of 200 kW-DC machine

**Data:** Rotor rated DC voltage 430 V, rated speed  $n = 1470/\text{min}$ , rotor diameter  $d_r = 400 \text{ mm}$ ,

Pole count  $2p = 4$ , rotor iron stack length  $l = 190 \text{ mm}$ , slot number  $Q_r = 58$ , coil sides per slot and layer  $u = 4$ , number of turns per coil  $N_c = 1$ , equivalent pole coverage ratio  $\alpha_e = 0.7$ , maximum air gap flux density:  $B_{\delta,m} = 0.86 \text{ T}$

We calculate from that:

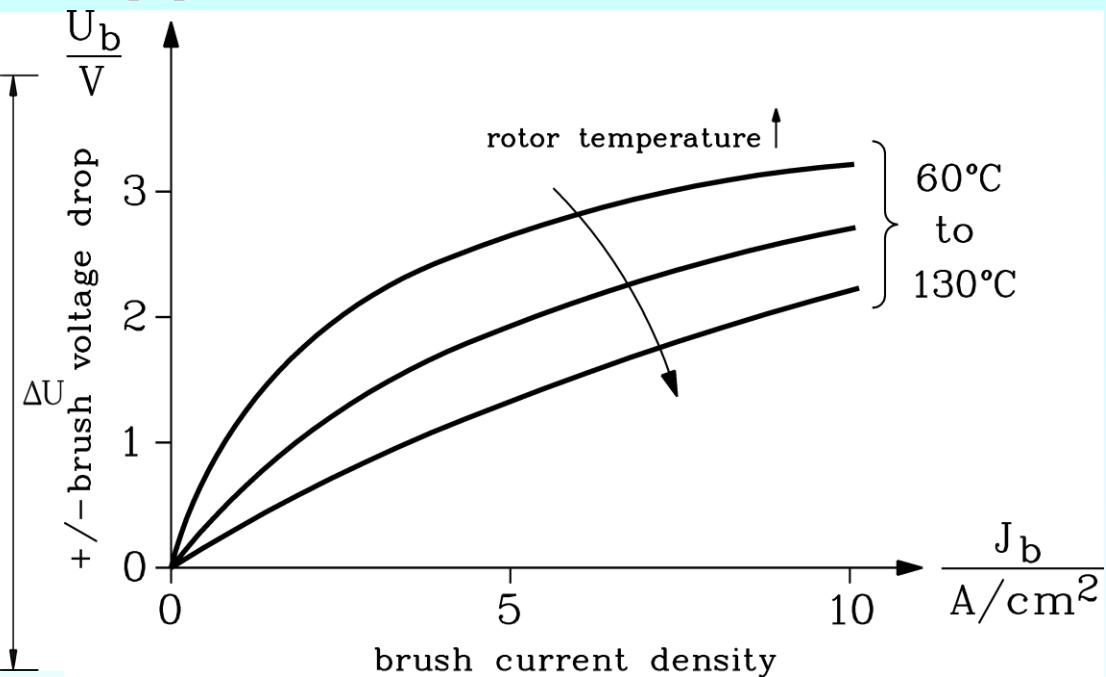
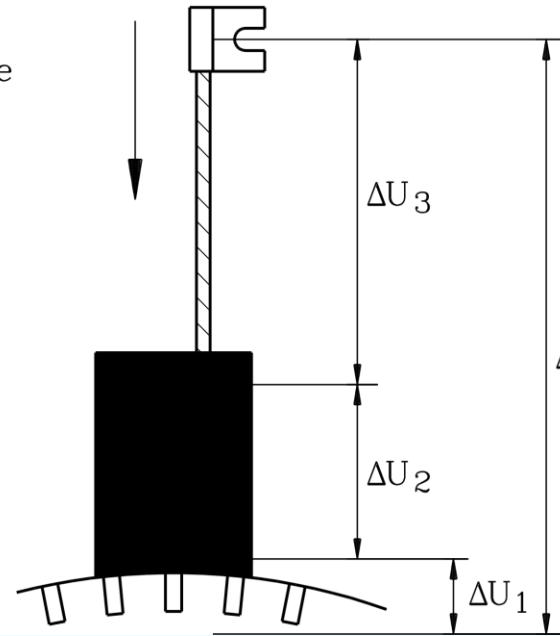
- Number of commutator segments:  $K = Q_r \cdot u = 58 \cdot 4 = \underline{232}$
- Total number of rotor conductors  $z = 2 \cdot K \cdot N_c = 2 \cdot 232 \cdot 1 = \underline{464}$
- Pole pitch  $\tau_p = d_r \pi / 4 = 400 \pi / 4 = \underline{314.2 \text{ mm}}$
- Flux per pole  $\Phi = \alpha_e \cdot \tau_p \cdot l \cdot B_\delta = 0.7 \cdot 0.3142 \cdot 0.19 \cdot 0.86 = \underline{35.9 \text{ mWb}}$
- **Induced rotor voltage ( $U_i = z \cdot (p/a) \cdot n \cdot \Phi = 464 \cdot (2/2) \cdot (1470/60) \cdot 0.0359 = \underline{408.5 \text{ V}}$ )**
- Average value of DC voltage between 2 commutator segment must not exceed  $408.5/(232/4) = 7 \text{ V} < 18...20 \text{ V}$  (**otherwise flash-over between 2 segments !**)
- **Between adjacent segments at 0.3 mm mica is placed as insulation, but has in parallel air (with carbon dust !)**



# The brush-copper contact

$\Delta U$  = total brush voltage drop  
 $\Delta U_1$  = contact voltage drop  
 $\Delta U_2$  = internal brush voltage drop  
 $\Delta U_3$  = voltage drop in conductor

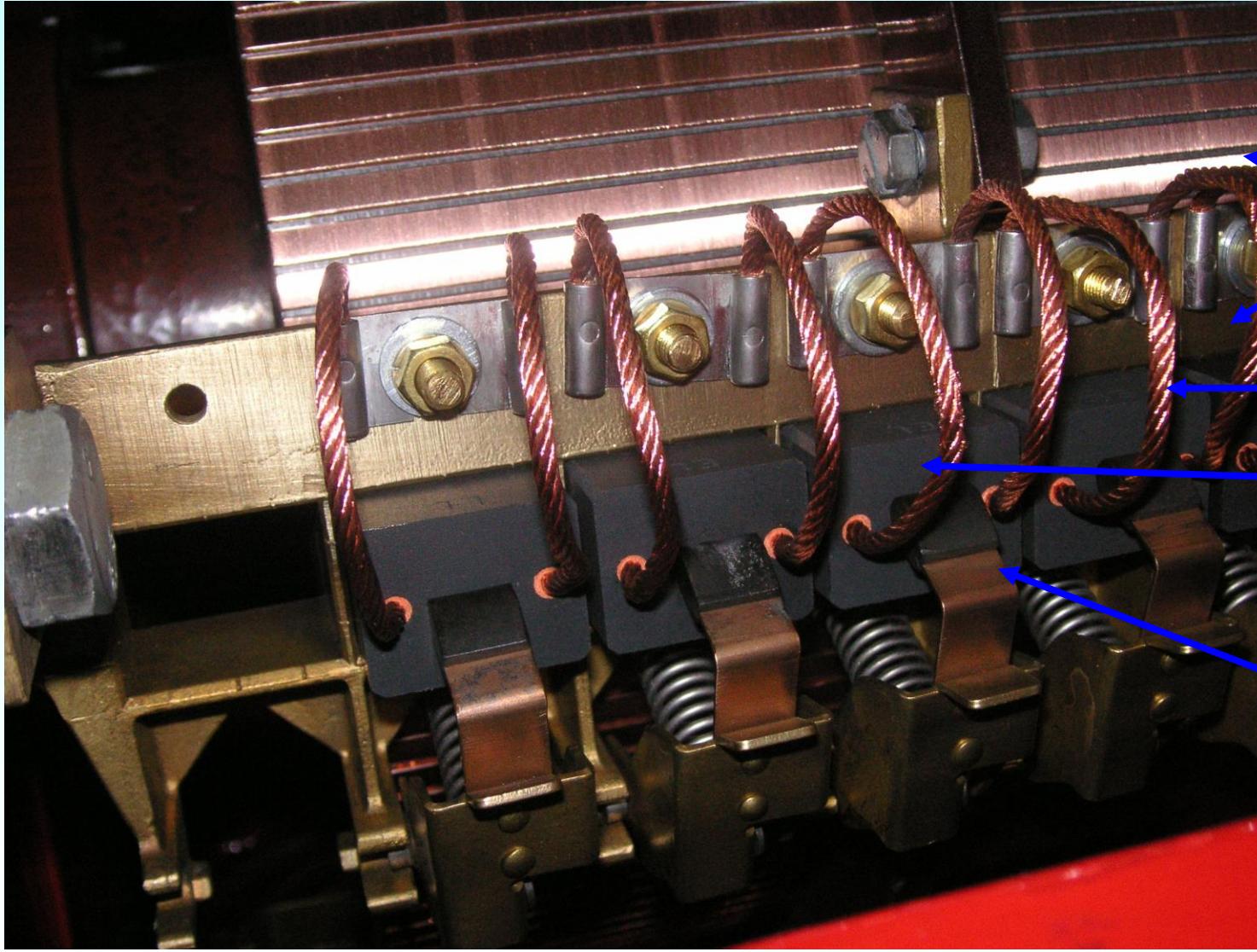
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- a) The brush-copper contact resistance is the main part of voltage drop at the brushes:  $\Delta U_1$  is about 80% of total voltage drop  $\Delta U$ . Resulting brush voltage drop  $U_b = \Delta U_A + \Delta U_B = \text{ca. } 2 \text{ V}$ .
- b) Brush voltage drop  $U_b$  rises non-linear with brush current density  $J_b$ ; and decreases with increasing temperature. Brush current density  $J_b$ : 1/100 of coil current density ( $< 10 \text{ A/cm}^2$ ).
- c) Brushes are short-circuiting rotor coils at that moment, when coil sides are located in “neutral zone” (= inter-pole gap), where air gap flux density is zero ( $B_\delta = 0$ ), so induced voltage is zero.



# Commutator und graphite brushes



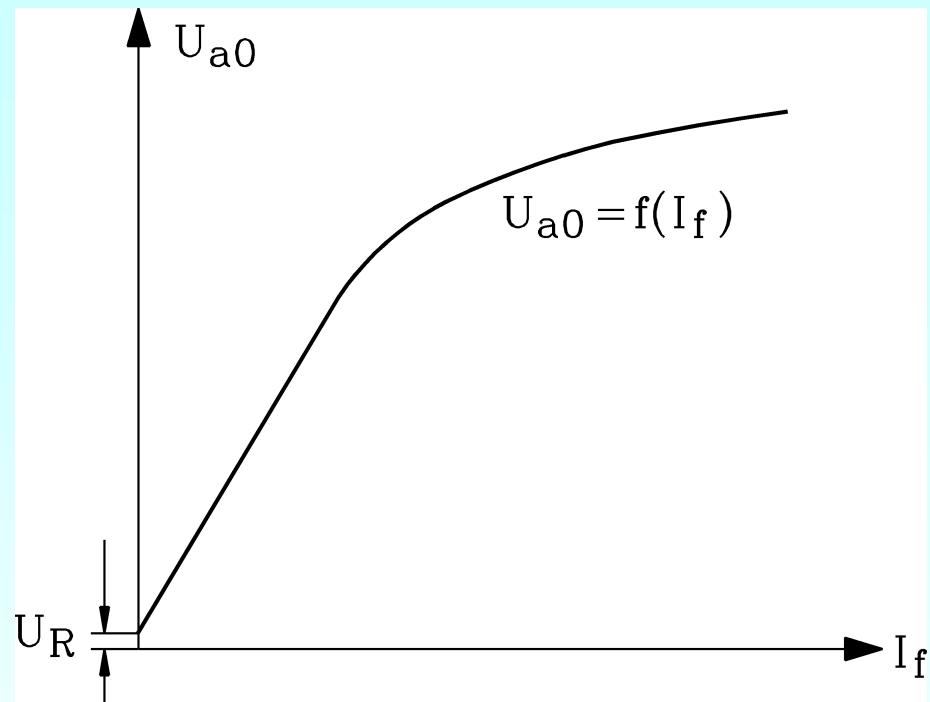
- Commutator-segments
- Insulation
- Brush holder (bronze)
- copper litz wire
- 5 graphite brushes in parallel per holder
- spring force

Source:

Brenner, Bürstadt



# Variation of back EMF



$$U_i = z \cdot \frac{p}{a} \cdot n \cdot \Phi = k_1 \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$

- At turned off field current **remanence flux density  $B_R$**  of stator iron poles remains, which induces **a small back EMF  $U_R$** .
- Back EMF rises **LINEAR** with speed  $n$ .

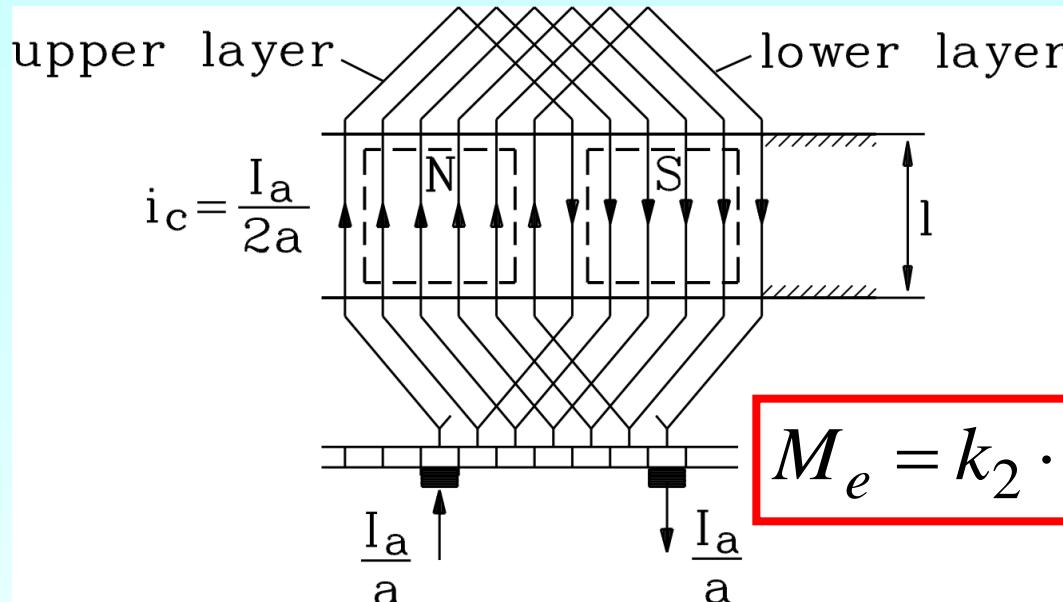
- In case of MOTOR operation, applied armature voltage between the brushes  $U$  must be bigger than back EMF  $U_i$  to drive DC current (**Armature current**)  $I_a$  in rotor winding:

$$U = U_i + I_a R_a + U_b$$

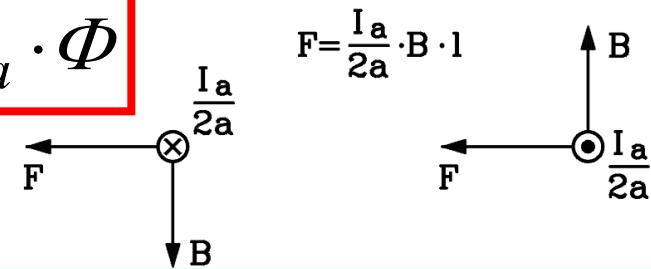
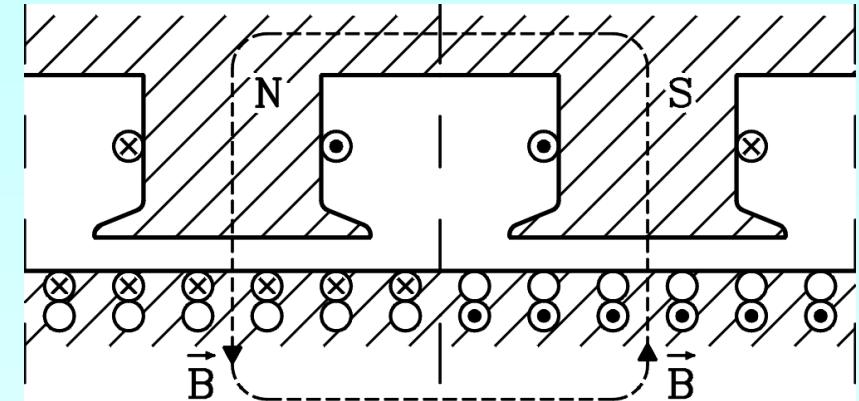
- Armature resistance  $R_a$  is small; brush voltage drop  $U_b = \text{ca. } 2V$ .



# Electromagnetic torque



$$M_e = k_2 \cdot I_a \cdot \Phi$$

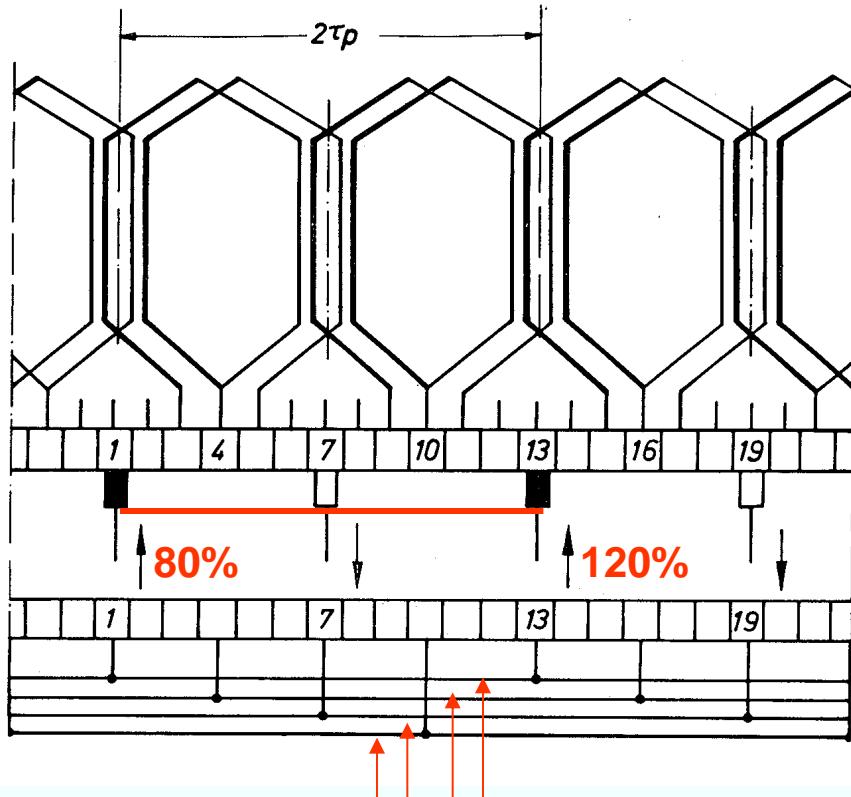


a) Per pole only **one** polarity of rotor current exists. Armature current is flowing in 2a parallel winding branches:  $I_c = I_a / (2a)$ . In rotor winding it is an AC current  $i_c$  in each coil, at the brushes it is a DC current  $I_a$ .

b) Electromagnetic forces on each rotor conductor due to air gap field  $B_\delta$ :  $F_c = I_c B_\delta$ . Average force per conductor:  $F_{c,av} = I_c \alpha_e B_{\delta,m} l$ . **Torque** (lever  $d_r / 2 = p \tau_p / \pi$ ) for all z conductors:

$$M_e = z \cdot \frac{p \tau_p}{\pi} \cdot \frac{I_a}{2a} \cdot \alpha_e B_{\delta,m} l = \frac{z \cdot (p/a)}{2\pi} \cdot I_a \cdot \alpha_e \tau_p l B_{\delta,m}$$

# Lap winding needs potential equalizers (of 1<sup>st</sup> kind)



**Example:** Data:

$2p = 4, 2a = 4, u = 2, Q_r = 12, K = 12 \cdot 2 = 24,$   
 $y_V = K/p = 24/2 = 12$ : e. g. commutator segments 1 and 13 have to be connected by equalizer.

**Reason:** In reality no machine is ideally symmetric.

So electric potential (induced back EMF) between parallel connected positive or negative brushes is not exactly identical.

Already small voltage differences will lead due to small  $R_a$  to rather big **asymmetric current sharing in parallel brushes  $I_a/a$** .

**Example:**  $2p = 4: 2a = 4$ : Brush A<sub>1</sub> shares 120%, brush A<sub>2</sub> only 80 % of rated brush current.

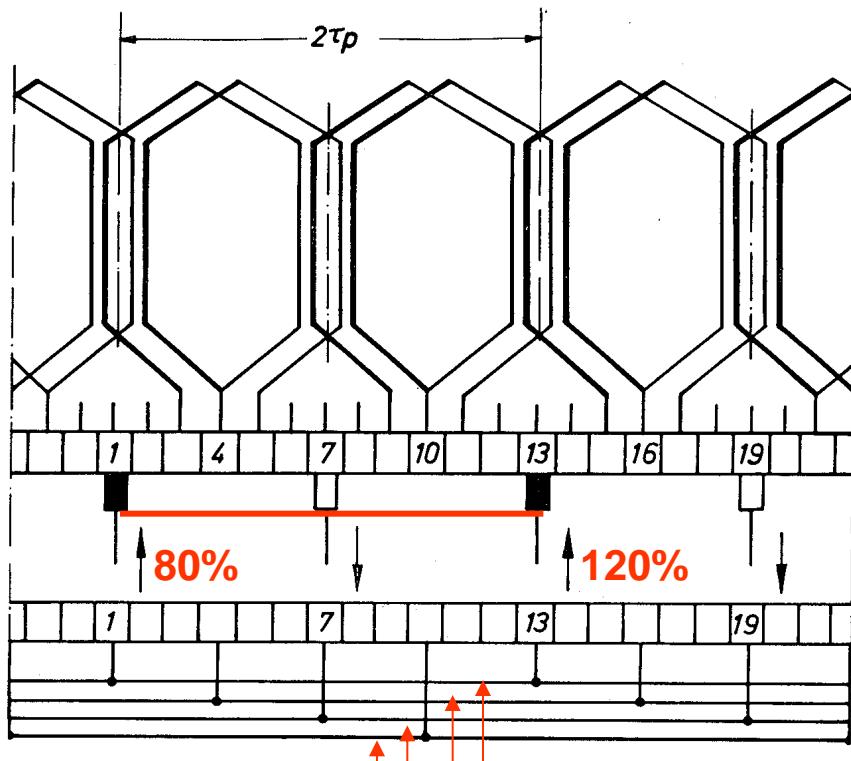
**Result:**  $\Rightarrow$  Brush A<sub>1</sub> is overloaded, **wears out very quickly**.

-Counter-measure: **Potential equalizers of 1<sup>st</sup> kind Art** = Copper wires, connecting commutator segments, which (theoretically) have identical electric potential.

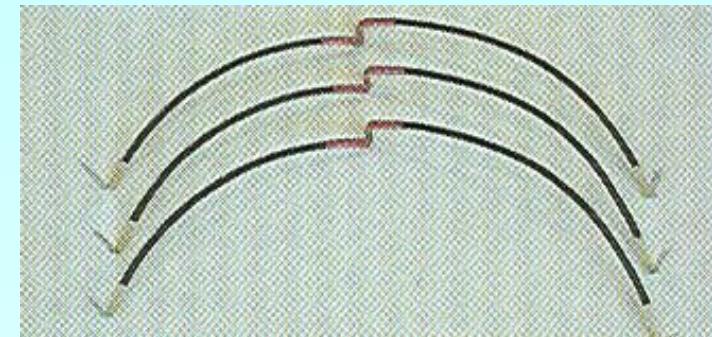
-Example: Current flow in equalizer is 20 % of rated brush current, whereas both brushes A<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>2</sub> carry only 100% current. So brushes are not overloaded.



# Mounting of potential equalizers (1<sup>st</sup> kind)

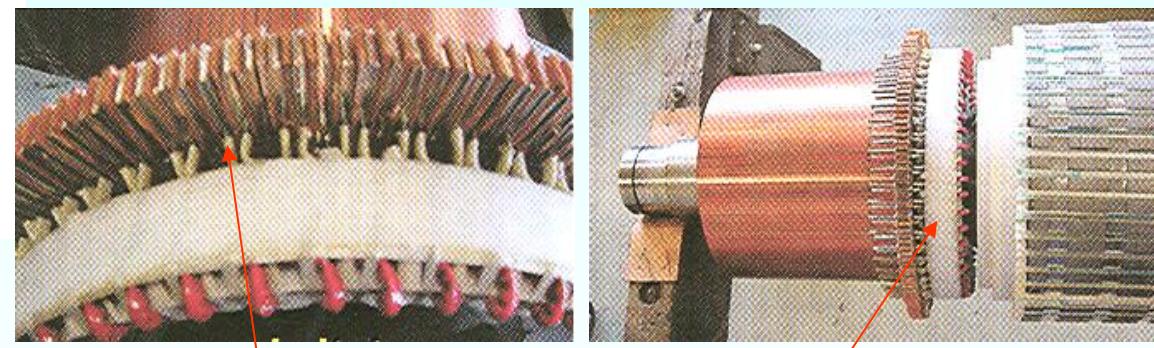


Potential equalizers of 1<sup>st</sup> kind



Potential equalizers of 1<sup>st</sup> kind for four-pole winding: Equalizer “step” = 2 pole pitches = half circumference

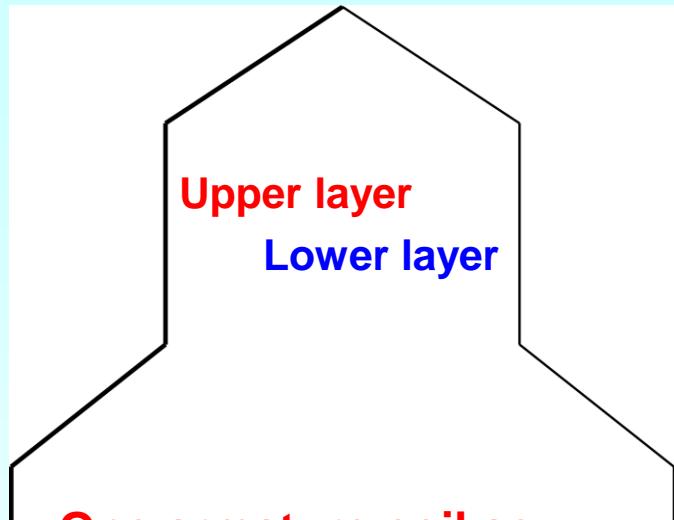
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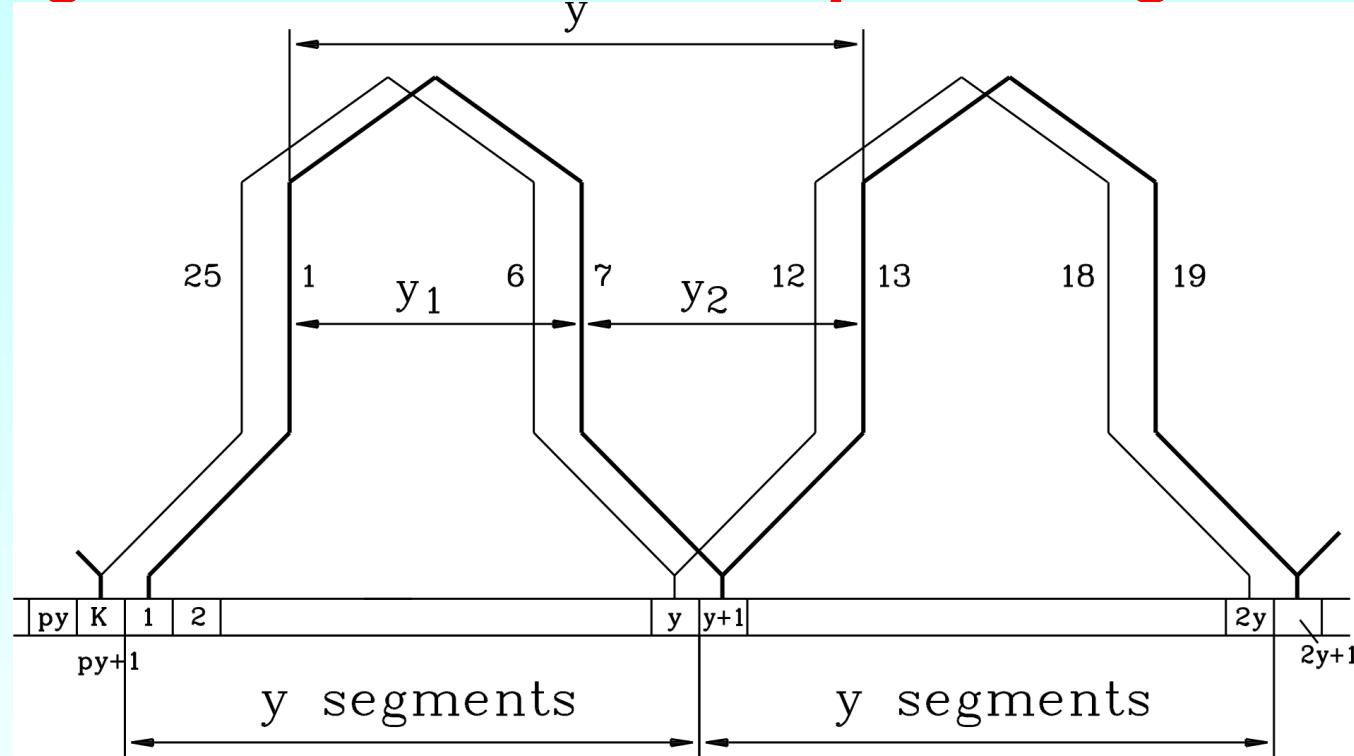
Potential equalizers (1<sup>st</sup> kind) beneath the bandage



# The wave winding – an alternative to lap winding



One armature coil as basic element



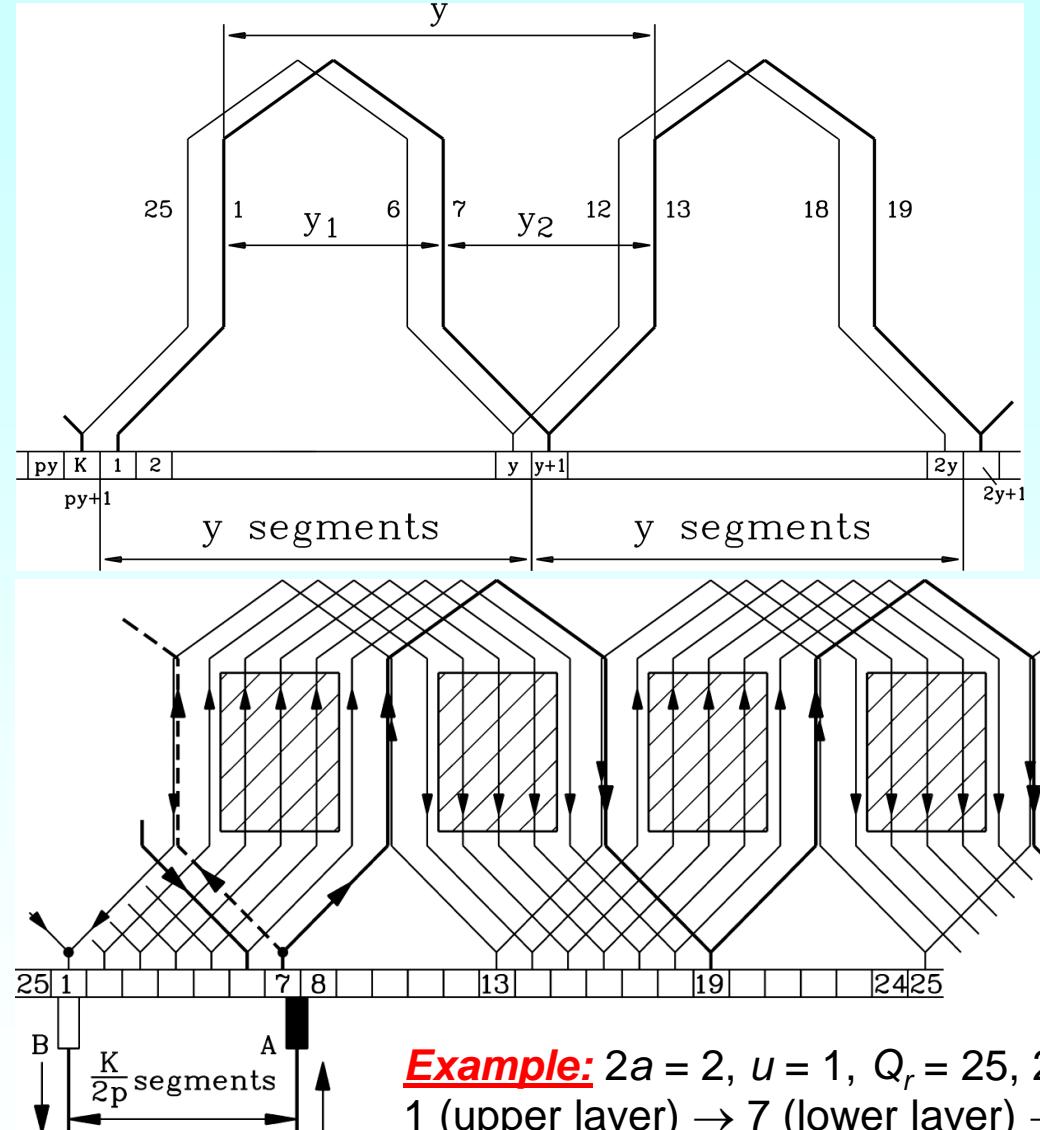
Example:  $2a = 2$ ,  $u = 1$ ,  $Q_r = 25$ ,  $2p = 4$ ,

$K = 25$ , “step” for one coil at commutator  $y = (K-1)/p = 12$ :

1 (Upper layer)  $\rightarrow$  7 (Lower layer)  $\rightarrow$  13 (UL)  $\rightarrow$  19 (LL)  $\rightarrow$  25 (UL)  $\rightarrow$  6 (LL)..., and so on



# Armature wave winding

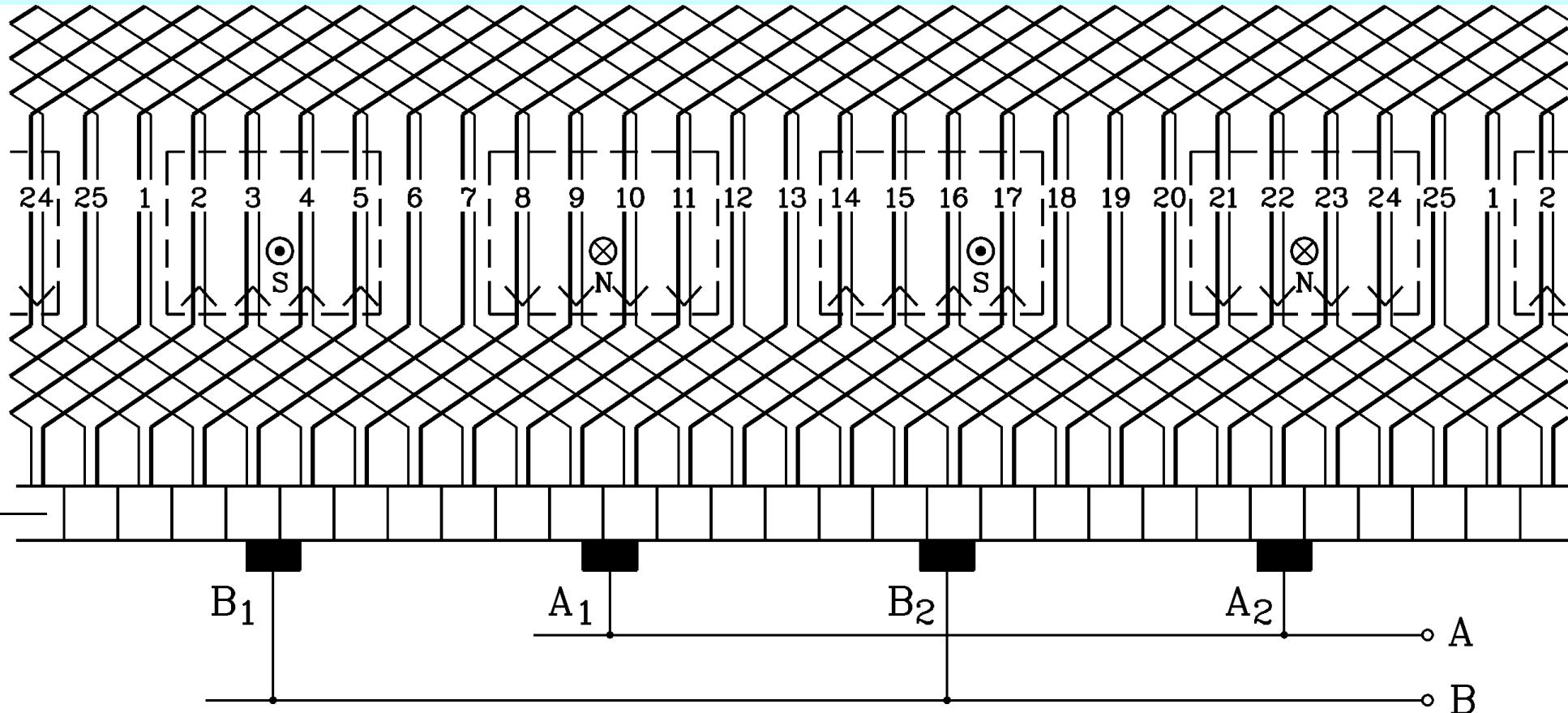


- Series connected “wave-shaped” armature coils: Beginning and end of complete “wave line” are distanced by one segment pitch (segment 1 to segment  $K = 25$ ).
  - Next series-connected wave-line start at  $K$ , ends at  $K-1$ ; it is shifted by one segment pitch.
  - One winding branch covers all upper layer positions from 1 ... 7, 13 ... 19 (N-poles), and lower layer positions in between (S-poles).
  - Second winding branch does the same to the left (start at 7, ends at 13):
- Simplex wave winding has always two parallel branches:  $a = 1, 2a = 2$ .*

**Example:**  $2a = 2, u = 1, Q_r = 25, 2p = 4, K = 25$ , Span at commutator  $y = (K-1)/p = 12$ :  
1 (upper layer)  $\rightarrow$  7 (lower layer)  $\rightarrow$  13 (UL)  $\rightarrow$  19 (LL)  $\rightarrow$  25 (UL)  $\rightarrow$  6 (LL)..., etc.



# Complete simplex wave winding



Simplex wave winding: Example:

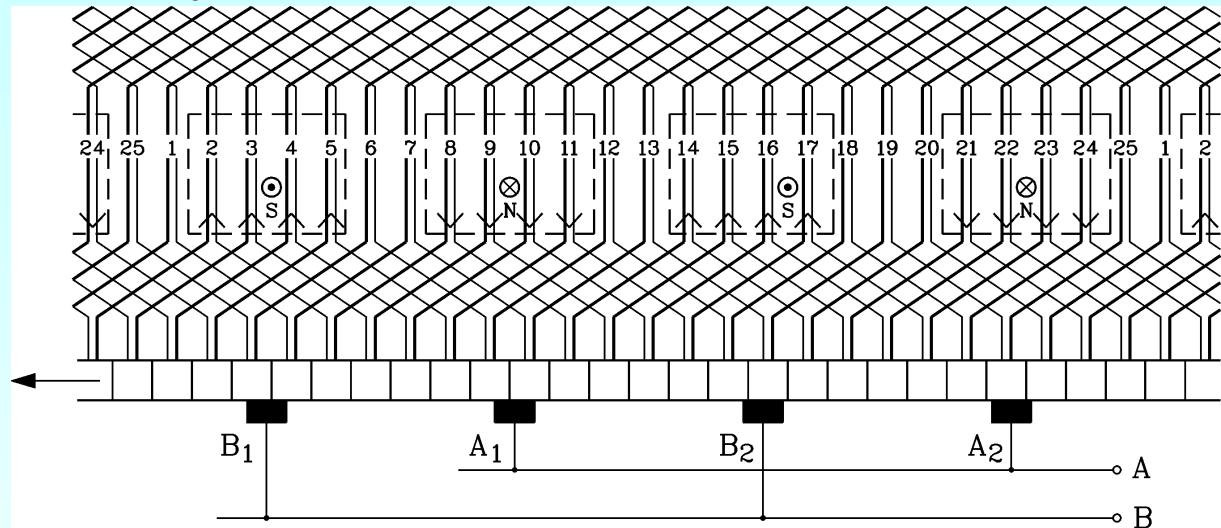
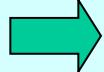
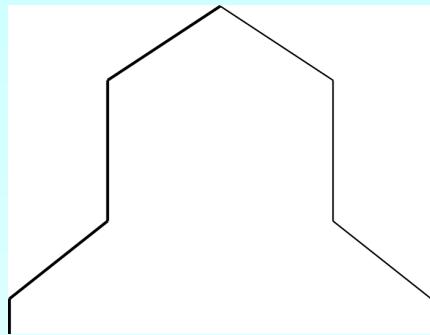
Source: Dr. Holzer, TU Wien

$$Q_r = 25, 2p = 4, u = 1, N_c = 1, a = 1, K = 25, y_1 = 6, y_2 = 6, y = 12$$



# Simplex wave winding: $2a = 2$

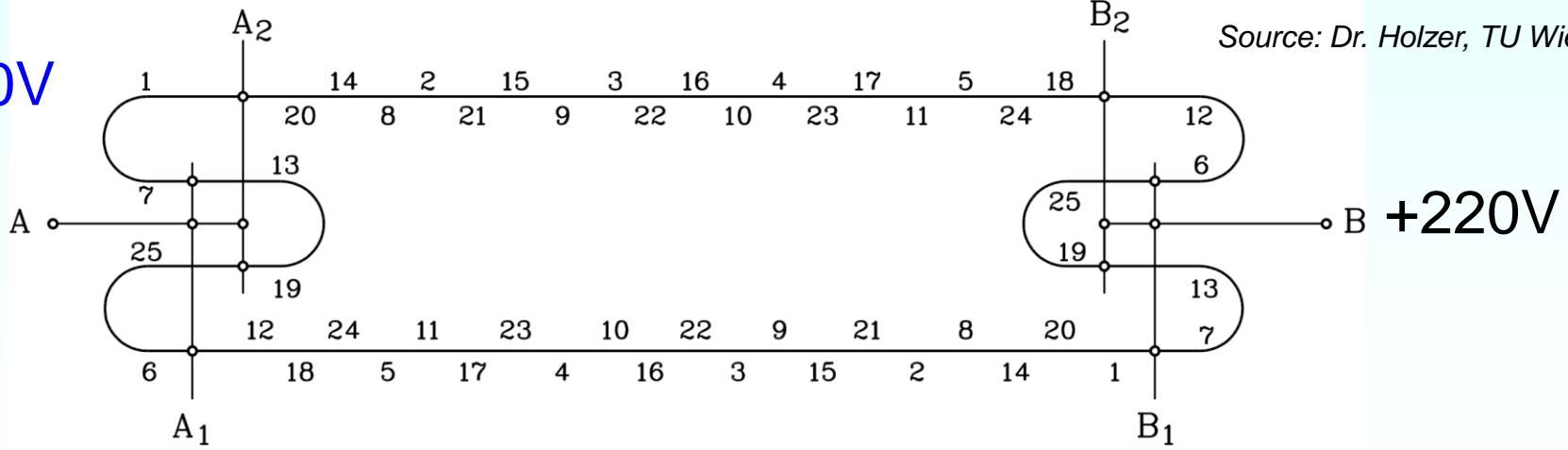
Example:  $Q_r = 25, 2p = 4, u = 1, N_c = 1, a = 1, p = 2, K = 25, y_1 = 6, y_2 = 6, y = 12$



**Number of parallel winding branches ALWAYS 2:  $2a = 2$**

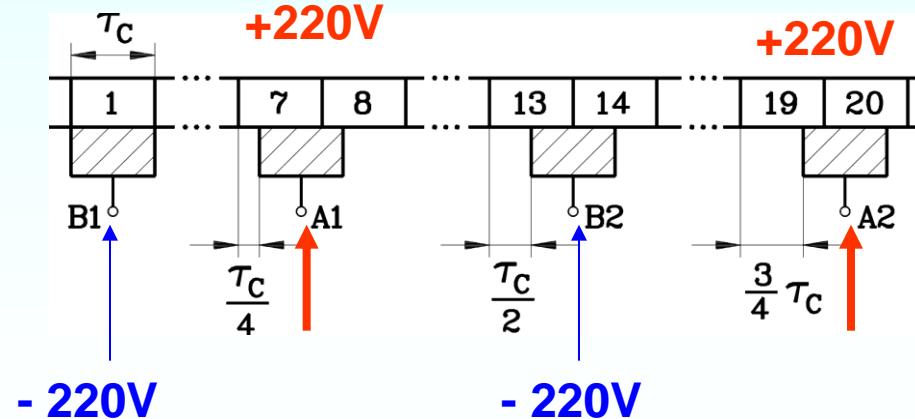
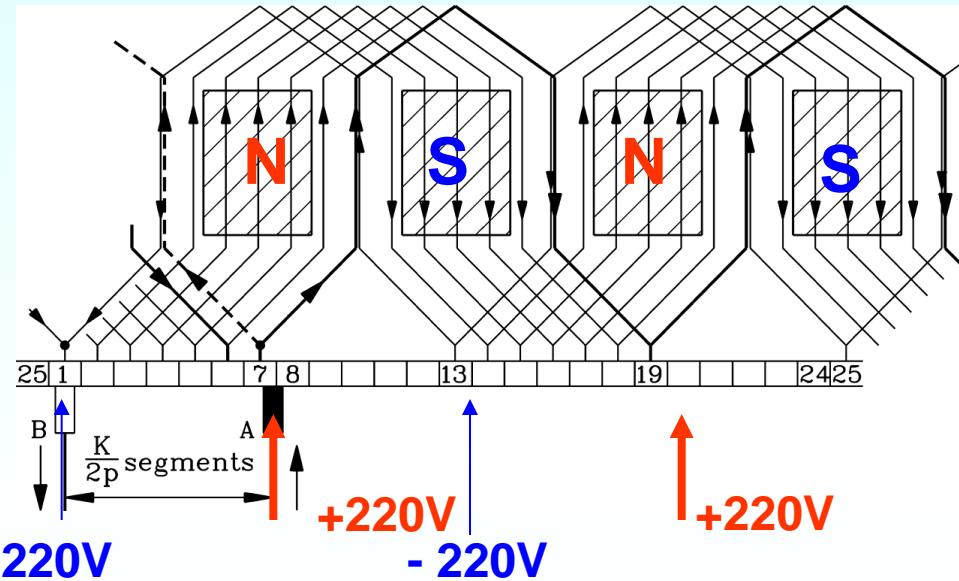
$$U_a = 440V$$

$$-220V$$



# Wave winding – 2 brushes are sufficient, BUT ...

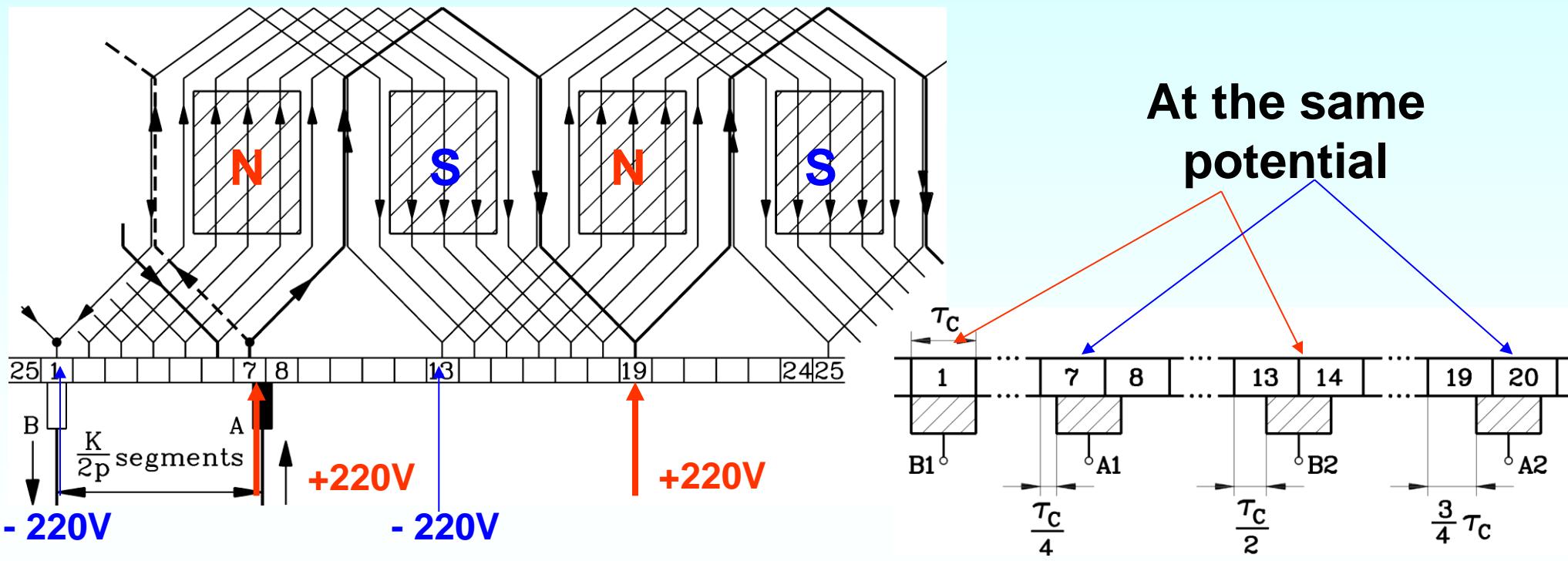
- Only one Plus- and Minus-brush sufficient, as only 2 parallel branches. **BUT: Big brush cross section** necessary (should be avoided !)
- Brush-contacted coils are positioned in neutral zone (= zero field), so **no voltage** induced there
- **Hence:** Additional A-Brushes may be placed, distanced by double pole pitch, and connected in parallel: e.g.: at commutator segments 7 & 19 or 8 & 20 ...): **THUS:**
- **$p$  Plus- and  $p$  Minus-brushes with reduced cross section  $1/p$  are used.**



# Wave winding – NO potential equalizers necessary

- The coils in neutral zone (no voltage) act as potential equalizers **1<sup>st</sup> kind** (= they connect equal potentials A1 and A2 at  $2p = 4$ , B1 and B2).

**Fact:** The wave winding is **self-equalizing**.



# Comparison: Lap and wave armature winding

$$U_i = \frac{z \cdot p}{a} \cdot n \cdot \Phi$$

Lap winding	Wave winding
Number of parallel winding branches = pole count $2a = 2p$	Number of parallel winding branches always 2 $2a = 2$
Equalizers of 1 <sup>st</sup> kind necessary	No equalizers necessary
High currents possible due to many parallel branches	Current limited to ca. 500 A, as maximum ca. 250 A / parallel branch
Voltage increases in proportion to z.	High voltage, because it increases in proportion to $zp$ .
<b>High rated power possible (typically up to 12 MW)</b>	<b>Limited power (ca. 300 kW)</b>

Result: - DC machines for **big power** are designed with lap winding.

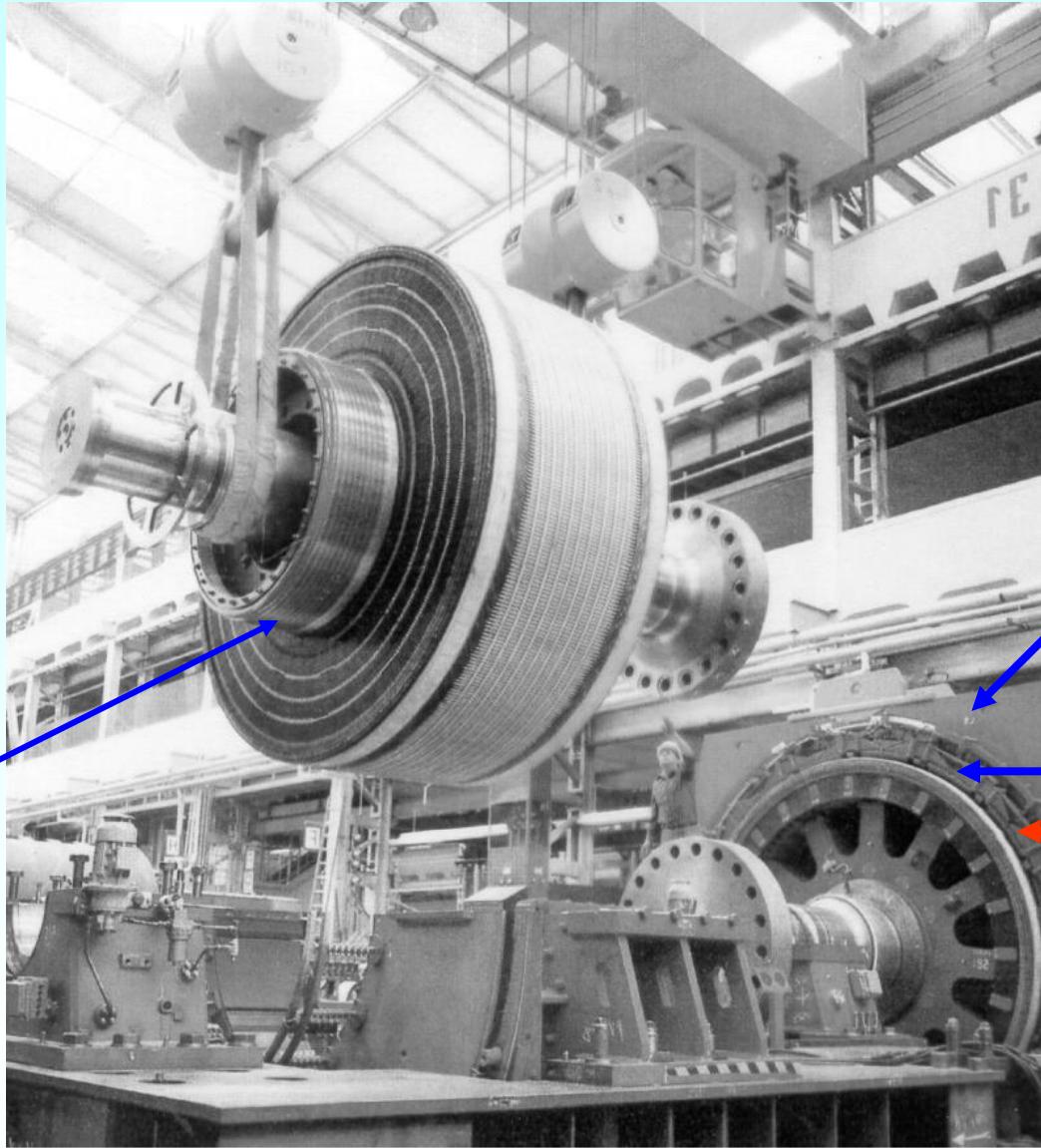
Example: 6 MW-cold strip mill drive. Machine with 18 poles, so with 18 parallel winding branches.

- DC machines with **smaller power** are designed with wave winding (cheaper); sufficient high voltage also at small flux per pole  $\Phi$ .



# Big DC machine

- 1<sup>st</sup> stage of mill strip motor  
12 MW



Commutator

Lap winding

Second DC machine

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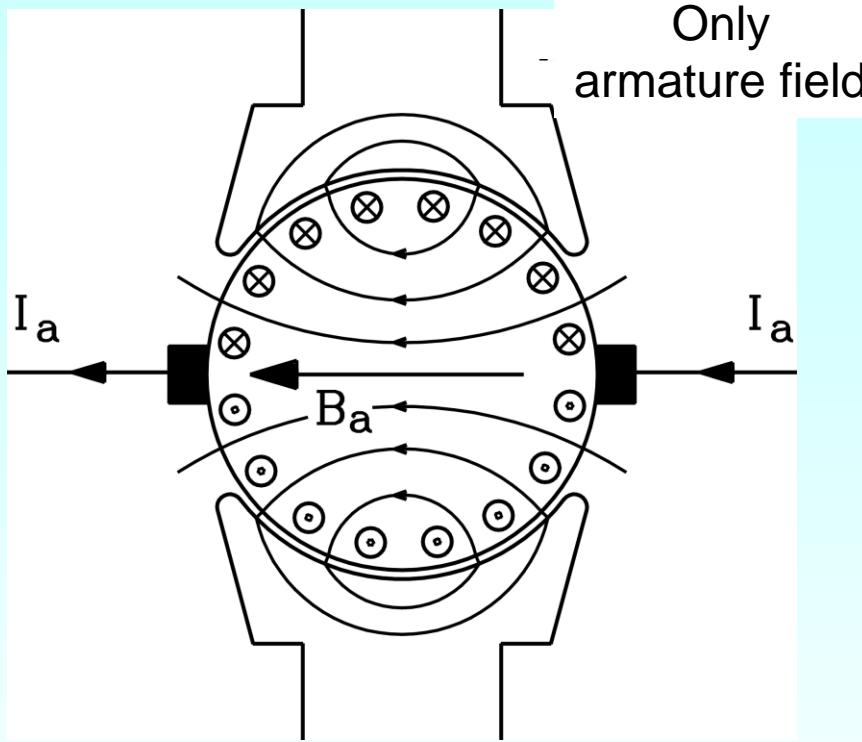
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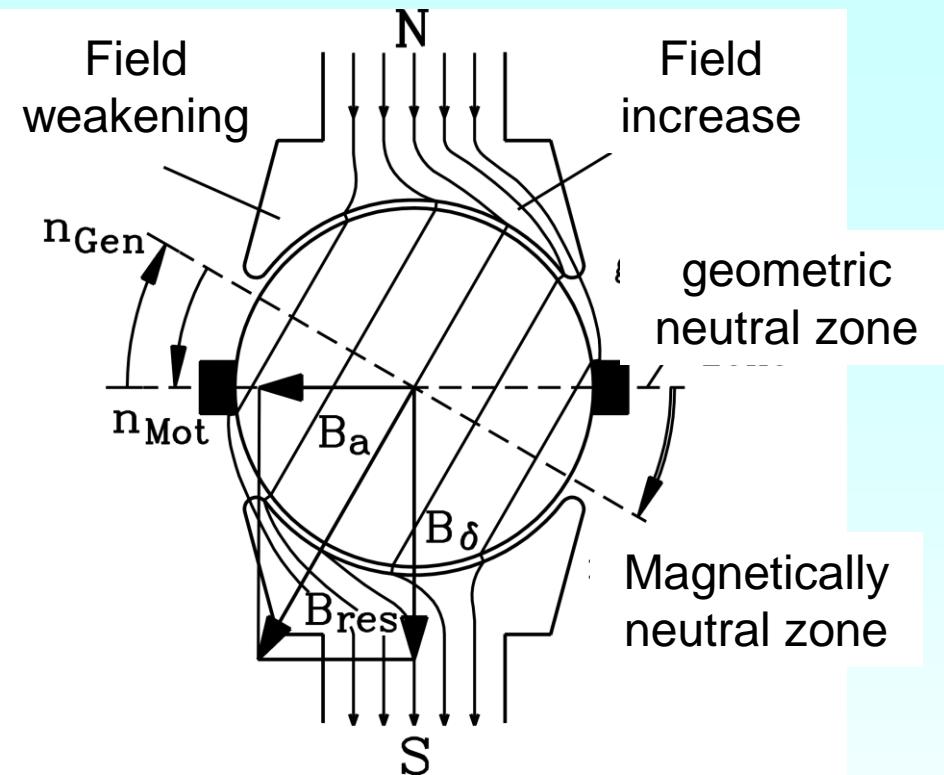
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# Lines of force are the flux lines



Only  
armature field



Field  
weakening

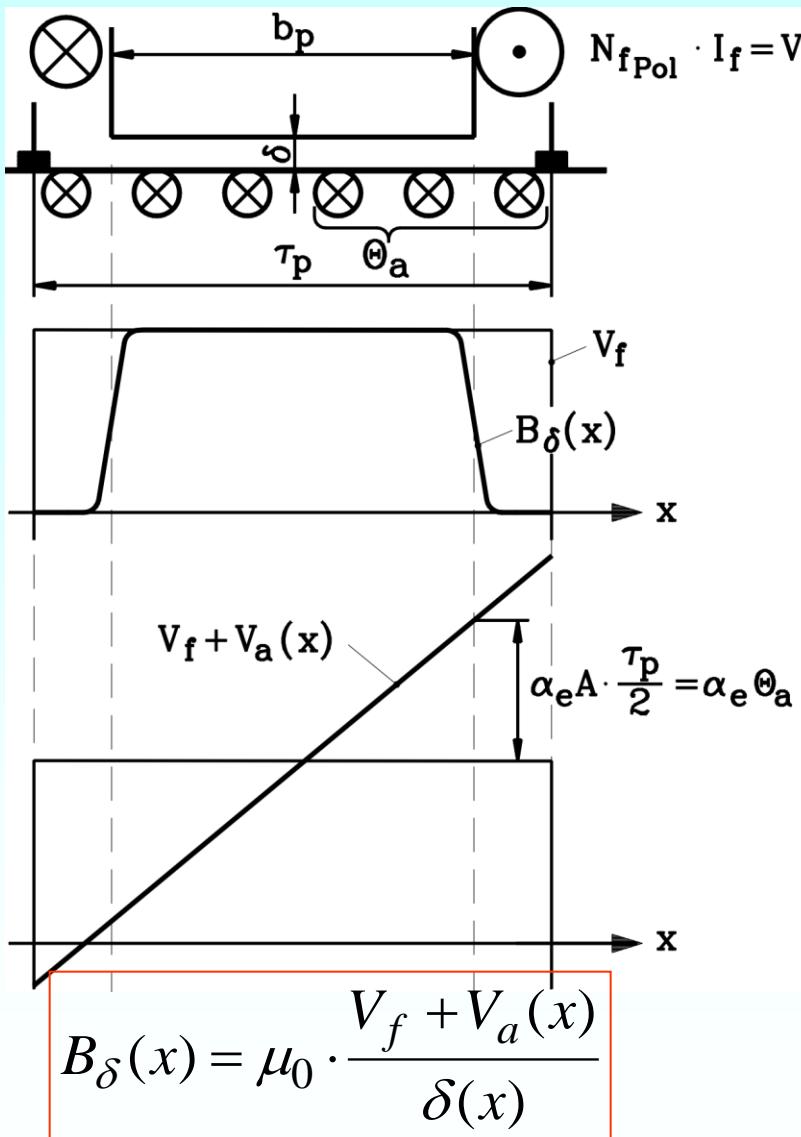
Field  
increase

geometric  
neutral zone

Magnetically  
neutral zone

- Superposition of armature field with main field of stator poles gives resulting magnetic field.
- Flux lines act like “rubber strings” (MAXWELL’s magnetic pull) and move the rotor anti-clockwise (MOTOR operation).

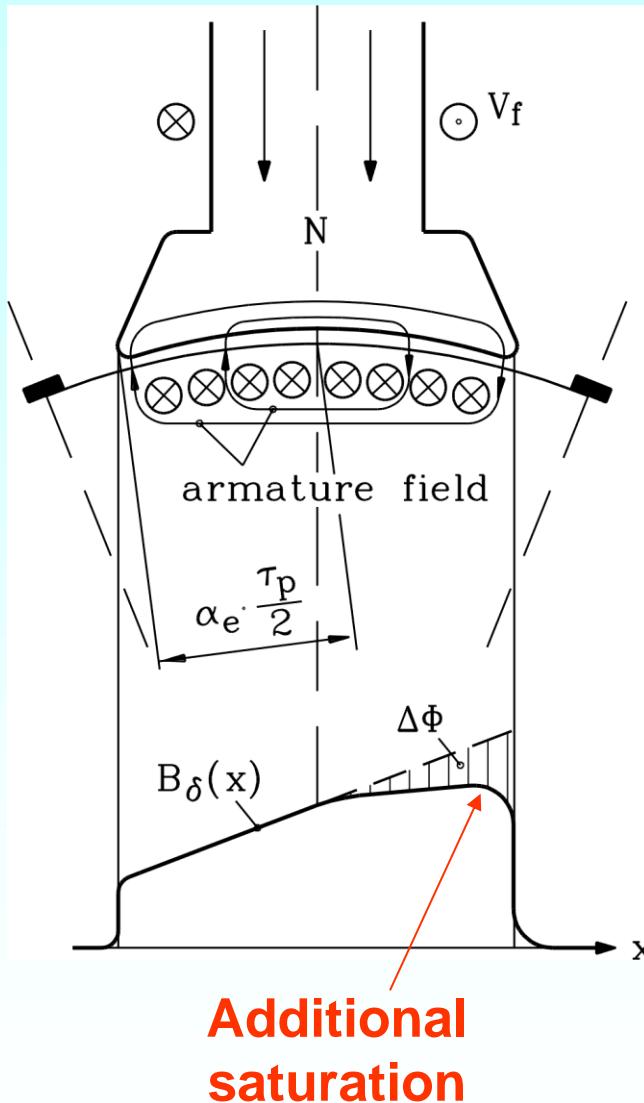
# Field distortion due to armature field



- $I_a = 0$  : Air gap field  $B_{\delta 0}$  at **no-load** (armature current = 0) beneath poles nearly constant, because of constant air gap  $\delta$ .
- $I_a > 0$  : At **load** (armature current flows) the **armature field**  $B_a$  is excited. It is super-imposed on the main field and results in field distortion (**Armature reaction**).
  - Left half of pole:  $B_\delta = B_{\delta 0} - B_a$
  - Right half of pole:  $B_\delta = B_{\delta 0} + B_a$



# Flux reduction due to armature field reaction



- Increase of flux density at right pole side leads to iron **saturation**. So resulting field is NOT

$$B_\delta = B_{\delta 0} + B_a, \quad \text{but} \quad B_\delta < B_{\delta 0} + B_a.$$

- Thus field increase on right pole side is smaller than field decrease on left pole side. Hence per pole a **decrease of flux  $\Delta\Phi$**  occurs.

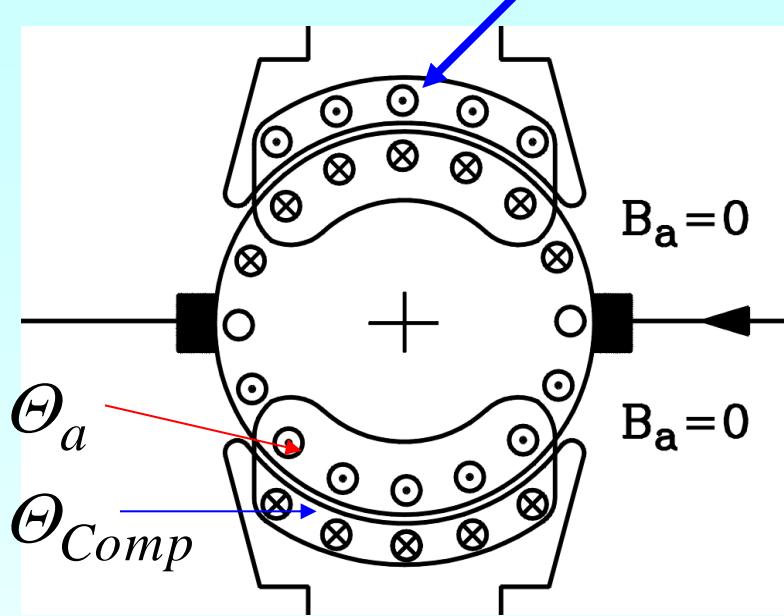
## Result:

With increasing armature current  $I_a$  the magnetic flux per pole  $\Phi$  is decreasing at constant field current  $I_f$ .

**Counter-measure:** *Compensation winding* in the stator pole shoes. This winding has to be excited by the armature current.

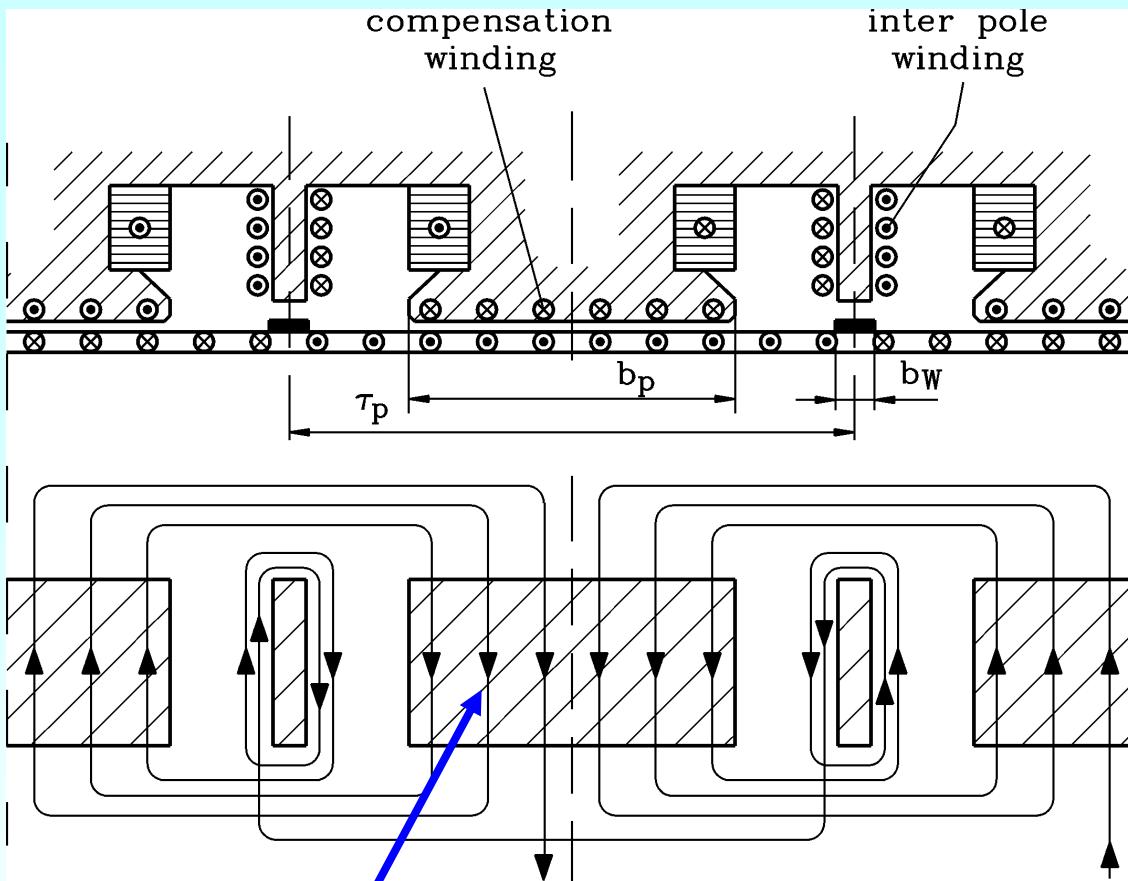


# Compensation winding



$$\oint_C \vec{H}_a \cdot d\vec{s} = \Theta_a - \Theta_{Comp} = 0$$

Armature field  $B_a$  is cancelled !

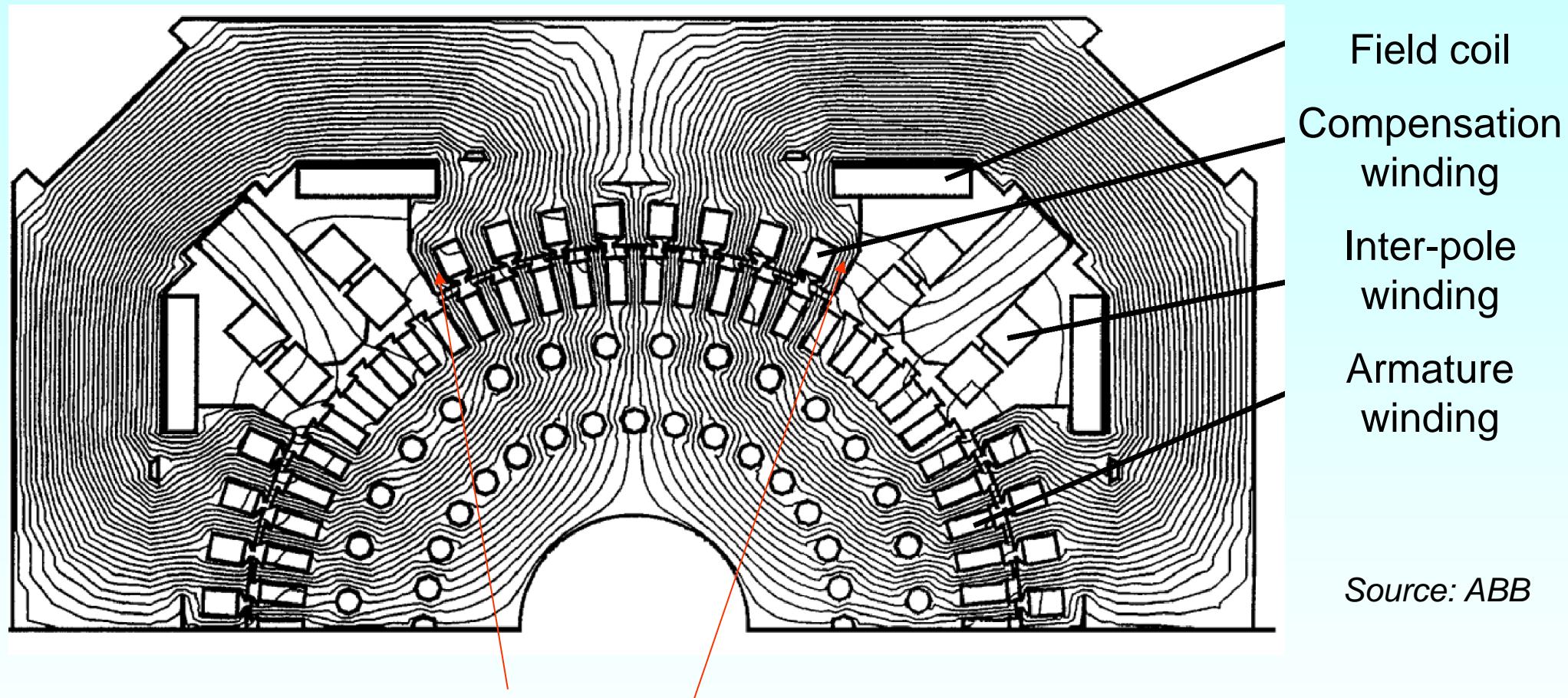


Compensation winding & inter-pole winding  
in series with armature winding

- Armature current  $I_a$  feeds compensation winding in the stator pole shoes; direction of current flow opposite to current flow direction in rotor winding: Ampere-turns of rotor armature and of compensation winding **cancel**:  $B_a = 0$ .



# Compensated four-pole DC machine



Field coil

Compensation winding

Inter-pole winding

Armature winding

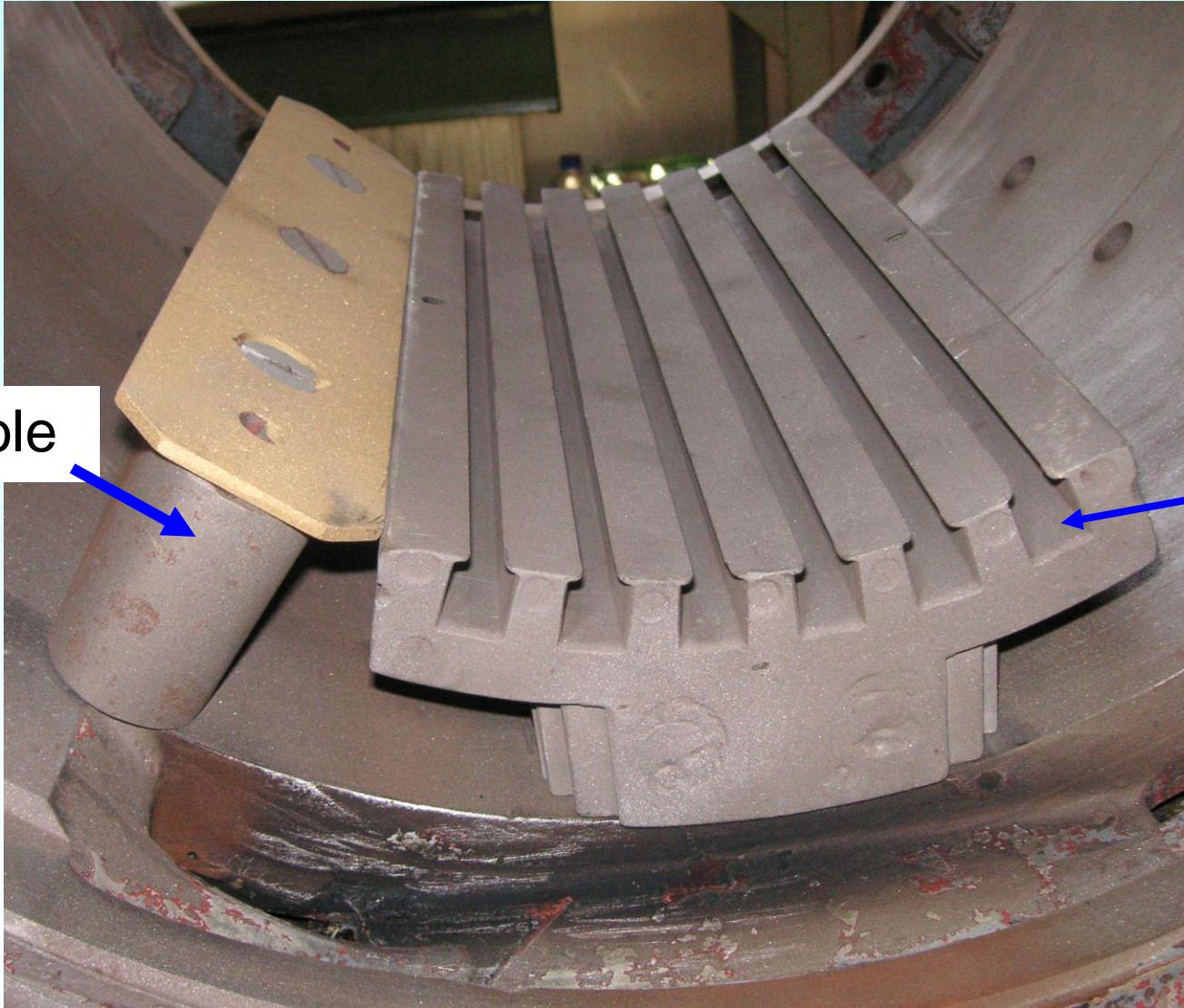
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Density of flux lines at left and right pole edge IDENTICAL = NO field distortion !

Compensation winding necessary above 200 ... 300 kW !



# DC-machine – stator poles without winding



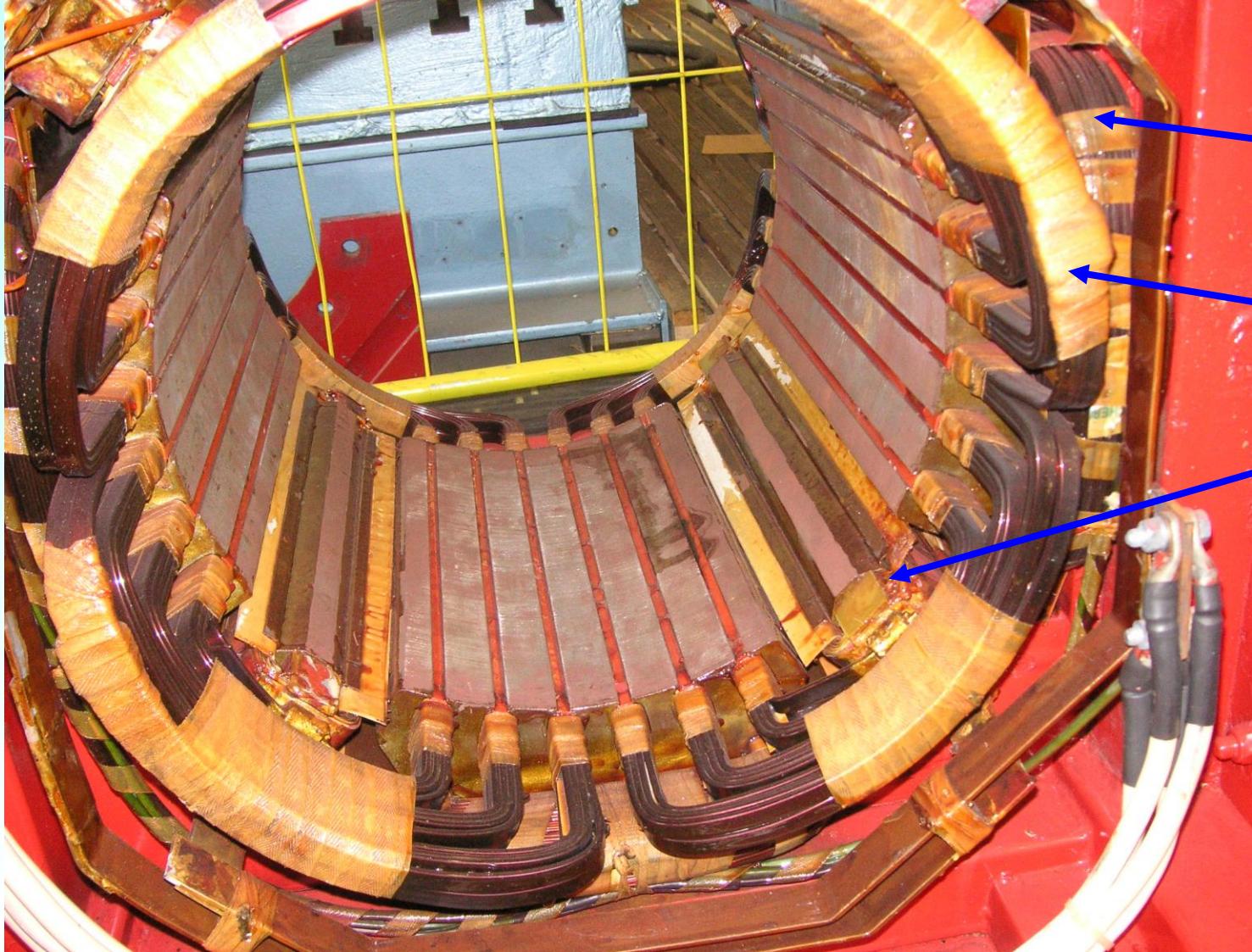
Main pole with  
slots for  
compensation  
winding

Source:

Brenner, Bürstadt



# Four-pole stator – with stator windings



- Field winding
- Compensation winding
- Interpole with winding

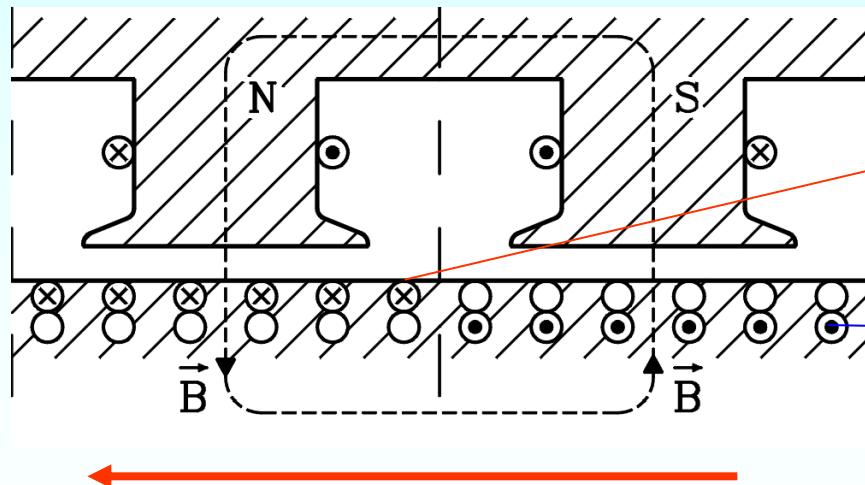
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# Commutation (current reversal) of armature current

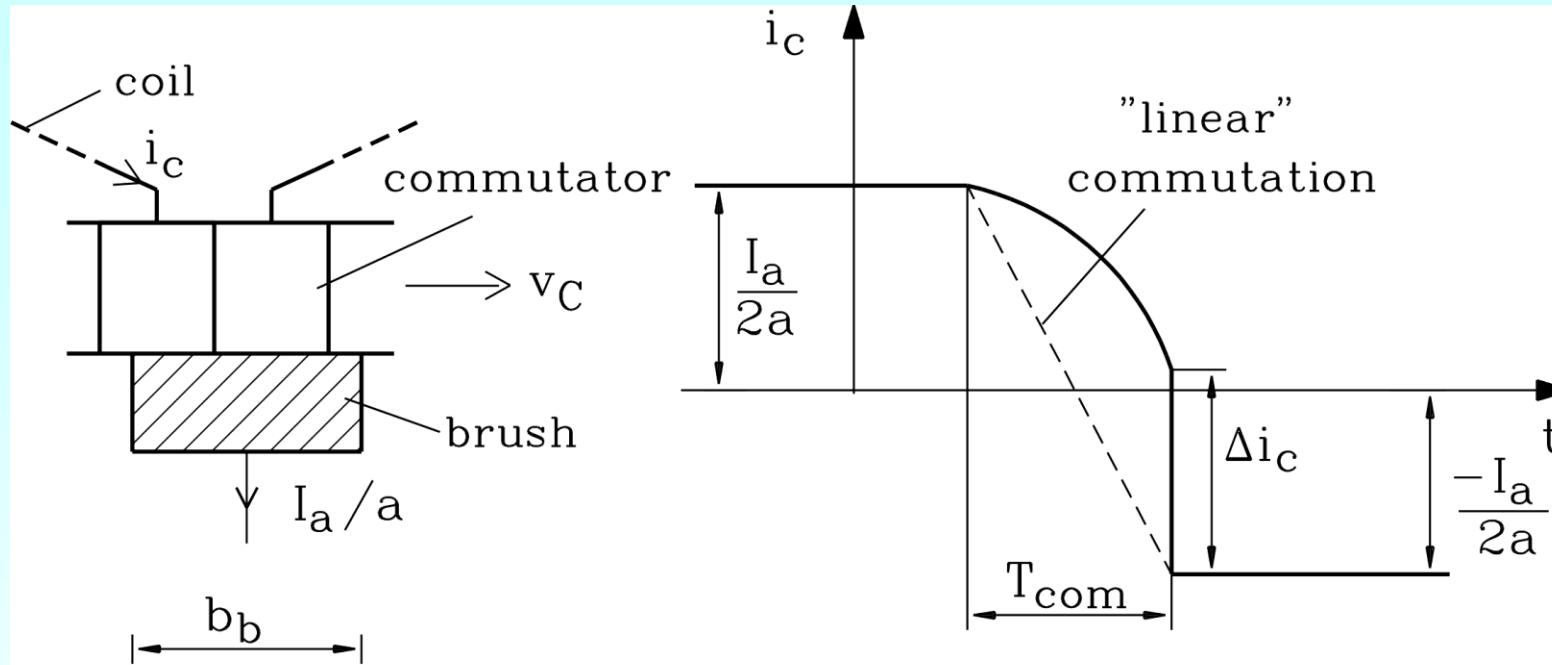
- The armature coil current  $i_c$  is an **ac current**.
- It changes from its positive value  $I_a/(2a)$  to its negative value  $-I_a/(2a)$  and vice versa, when the brush **short-circuits** the two coil ends (= neighbouring commutator segments).
- At this time, both coil sides are located in the neutral zone ( $B_\delta = 0$ ). **No voltage** is induced by motion induction.



Moving direction of rotor



# Commutation (current reversal) of armature current



- An armature coil has the inductance  $L_c$  (slot and winding overhang leakage field).
- A current change causes a self-induced voltage ("reactance voltage of commutation")  $u_R$ .
- With approximation of "linear commutation":

$$u_R = L_c \frac{di_c}{dt} \approx L_c \frac{I_a}{aT_{com}} = k_R n I_a$$

$$T_{com} = b_b / v_C \sim 1/n \Rightarrow$$

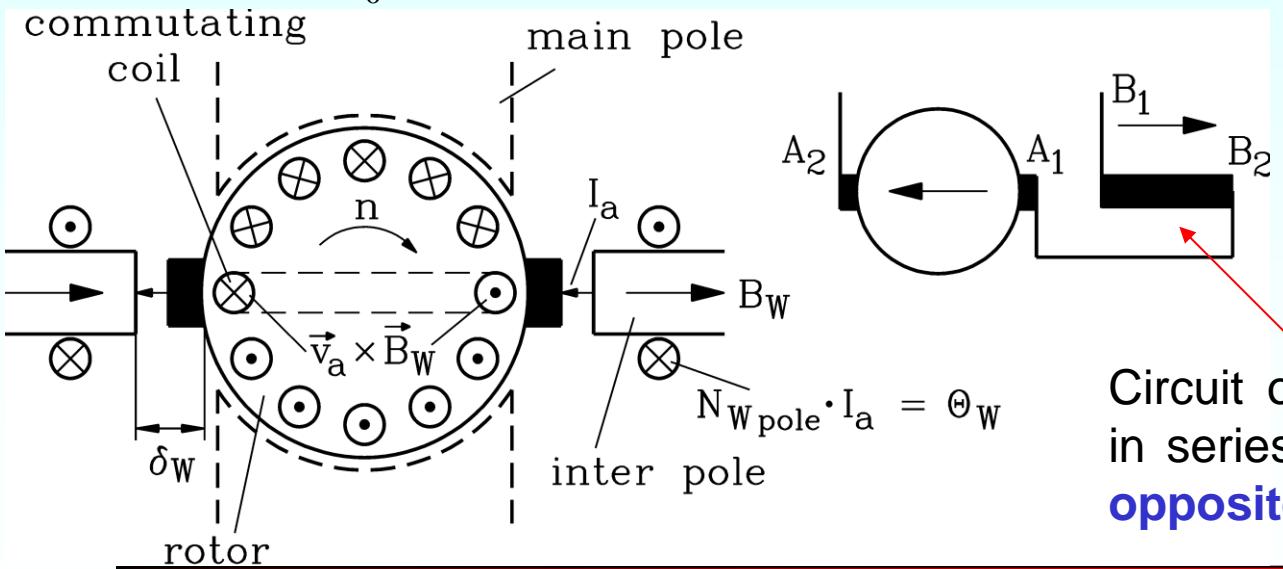
$$u_R = k_R \cdot n \cdot I_a$$



# Inter-poles reduce reactance voltage of commutation $u_R$

- $u_R$  increases with a) increasing load ( $M$  resp.  $I_a$ ), b) with speed  $n$ .
- $u_R$  "ignites" **sparks** between brush and commutator  $\Rightarrow$  rapid brush erosion.
- **Remedy:** **Inter-poles**, excited by armature current (commutation winding, number of turns  $N_{W,Pole}$ ).
- **Commutating field**  $B_{\delta W}$  induces via motion induction a **compole voltage**  $u_W$  opposite to the reactance voltage **and cancels the effect of  $u_R$** .

$$u_W = 2N_c \int_0^l (\vec{v}_a \times \vec{B}_{\delta W}) \cdot d\vec{s} = 2N_c \cdot v_a \cdot l \cdot B_{\delta W} \quad \rightarrow \quad v_a \sim n, \quad B_{\delta W} \sim I_a$$



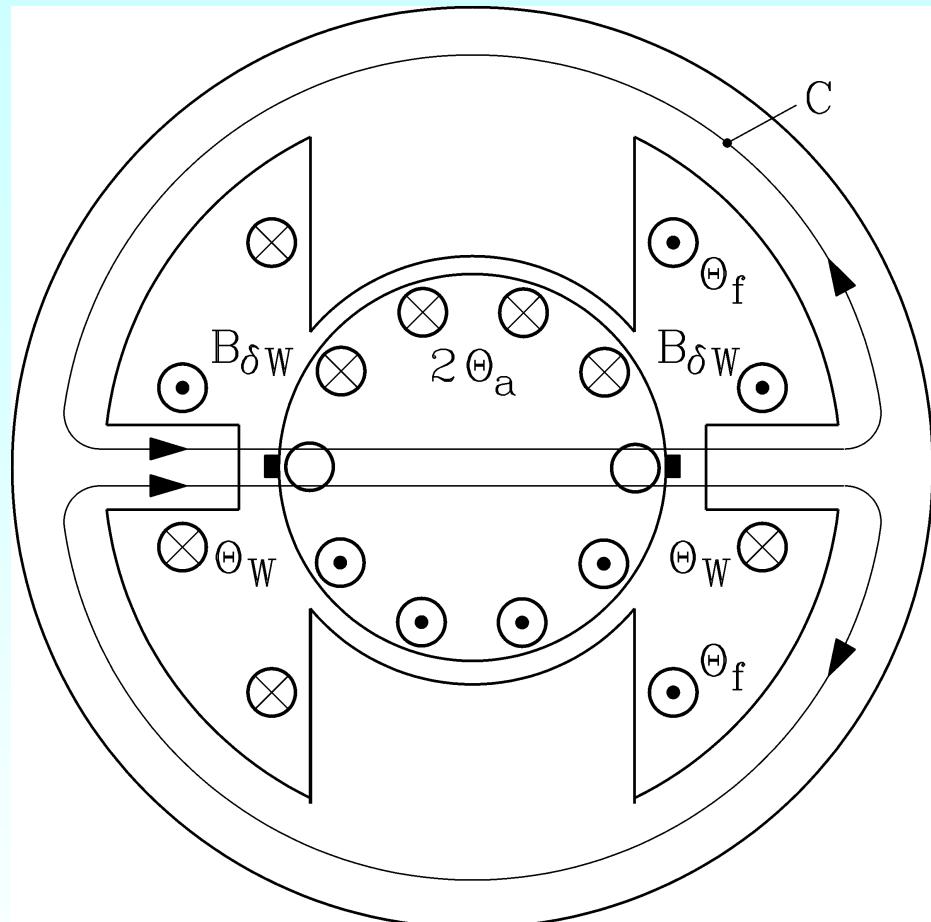
$$u_W = k_W \cdot n \cdot I_a$$

Demand:  $u_R - u_W = 0$

Circuit of the inter-pole winding B1-B2 in series with the armature A1-A2 with **opposite winding direction**.



# Dimensioning of the commutation winding



- $u_R$  and  $u_W$  depend on  $n$  and  $I_a$ : at **EACH** operation point  $(n, I_a)$  valid:  $k_W = k_R$ .

$$u_R - u_W = (k_R - k_W) \cdot n \cdot I_a = 0$$

- **Inter-pole Ampere-turns  $\Theta_W$ :**

Demand: Inter-pole magnetic circuit is unsaturated

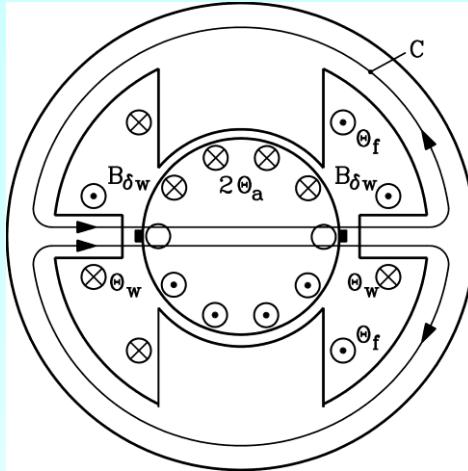
$$\int_C \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{s} = 2H_{\delta,W}\delta_W = 2\Theta_W - 2\Theta_a + \Theta_f - \Theta_f = 2(\Theta_W - \Theta_a)$$

$$B_{\delta W} = \mu_0 \frac{\Theta_W - \Theta_a}{\delta_W} = \mu_0 \frac{N_{W,Pol}I_a - N_{a,Pol}I_a}{\delta_W} \sim I_a$$

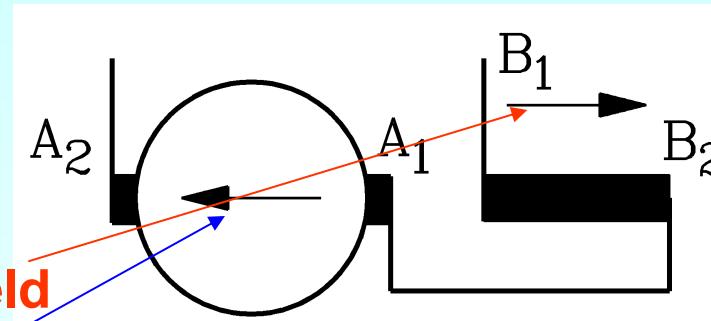
- **Inter-pole Ampere turns  $N_{W,Pol}I_a$  must be chosen bigger than armature Ampere-turns  $N_{a,Pol}I_a = z/(8ap) \cdot I_a$  to get in the inter-pole air gap  $\delta_W$  a positive commuting field  $B_{\delta W}$ : (ca. 10% ... 12% bigger).**



# Connection of commutating winding



- Commutating field must be **opposite** to armature field
- Hence: **Opposite sense of winding direction**

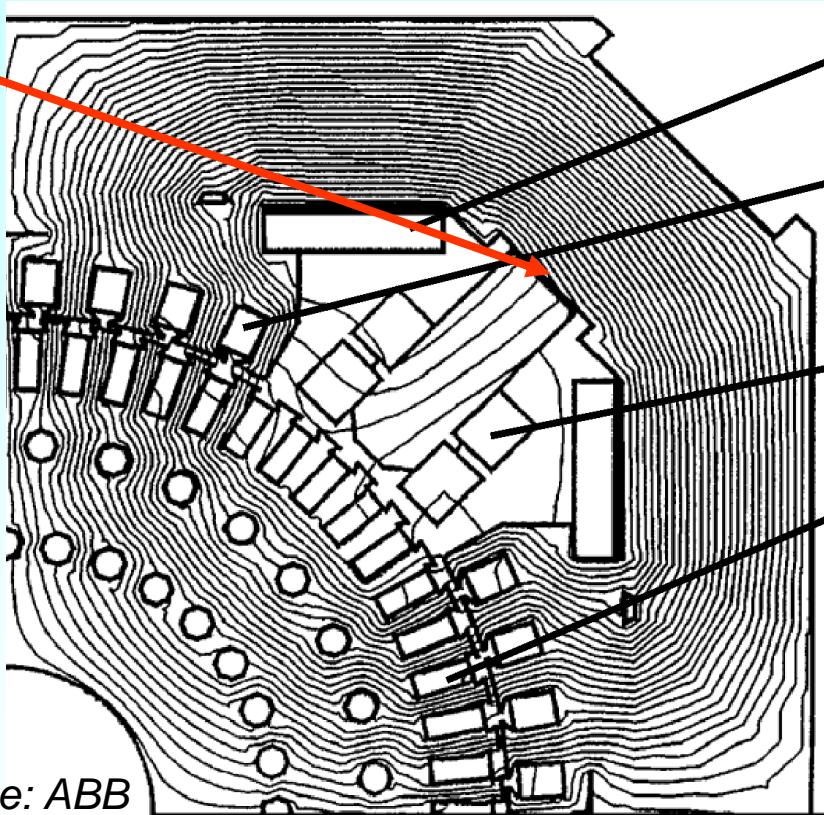


Commutating field  
Armature field  
Resulting commutating field

- For  $k_w = k_R$  inter-pole air gap  $\delta_w$  and  $N_{w,Pol}/N_{a,Pol}$  must be chosen properly.
- **Optical check**, if brushes are “sparking”. If so, then commutating field is either too strong or too weak (**“Over-/Under-Commutation”**)!
- Removing/Placing of additional small iron sheets at the inter-poles increases/decreases inter-pole air gap  $\delta_w$  and decreases/increases commutating field.

# Inter-poles of a four pole DC machine

Placing of small iron sheets

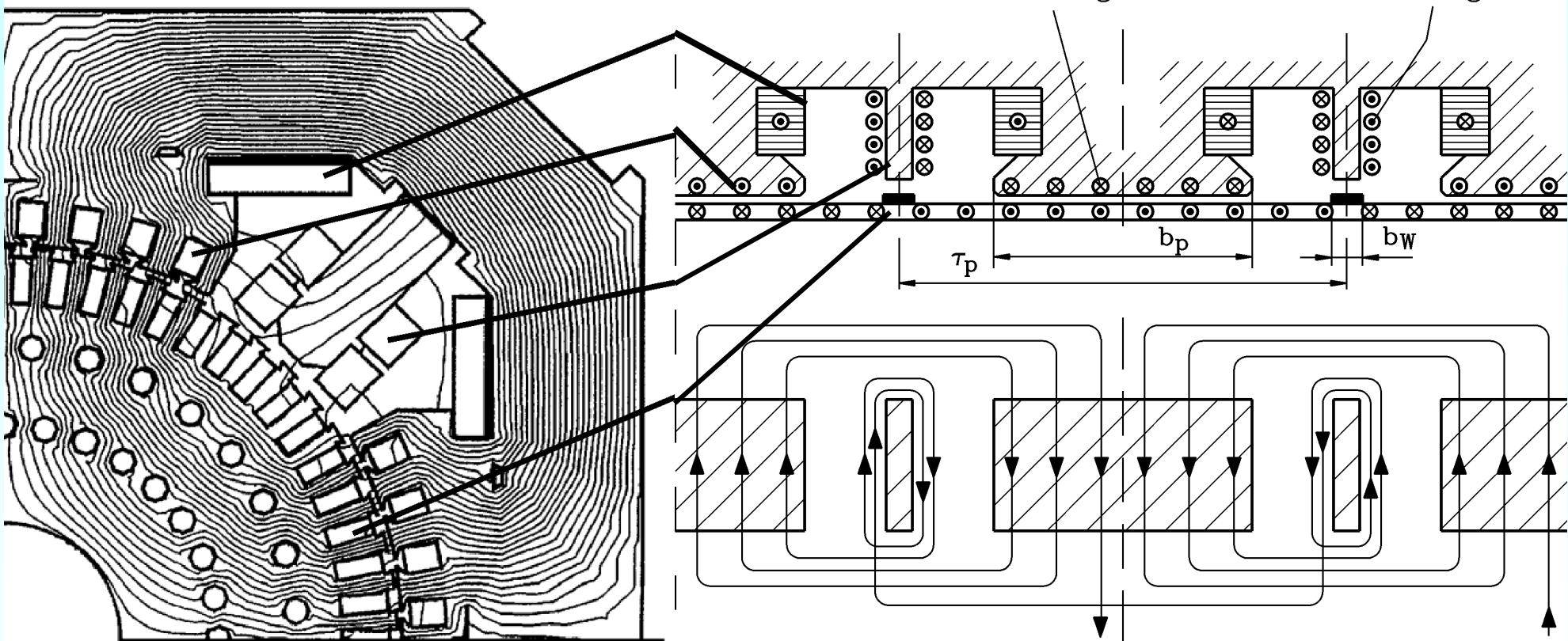


Field coil  
Compensation winding  
**Inter-pole winding**  
Armature winding

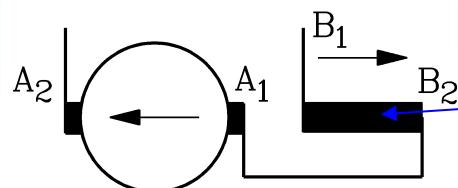
Inter-poles necessary above ca. 1 kW !



# Inter-poles of a four pole DC machine



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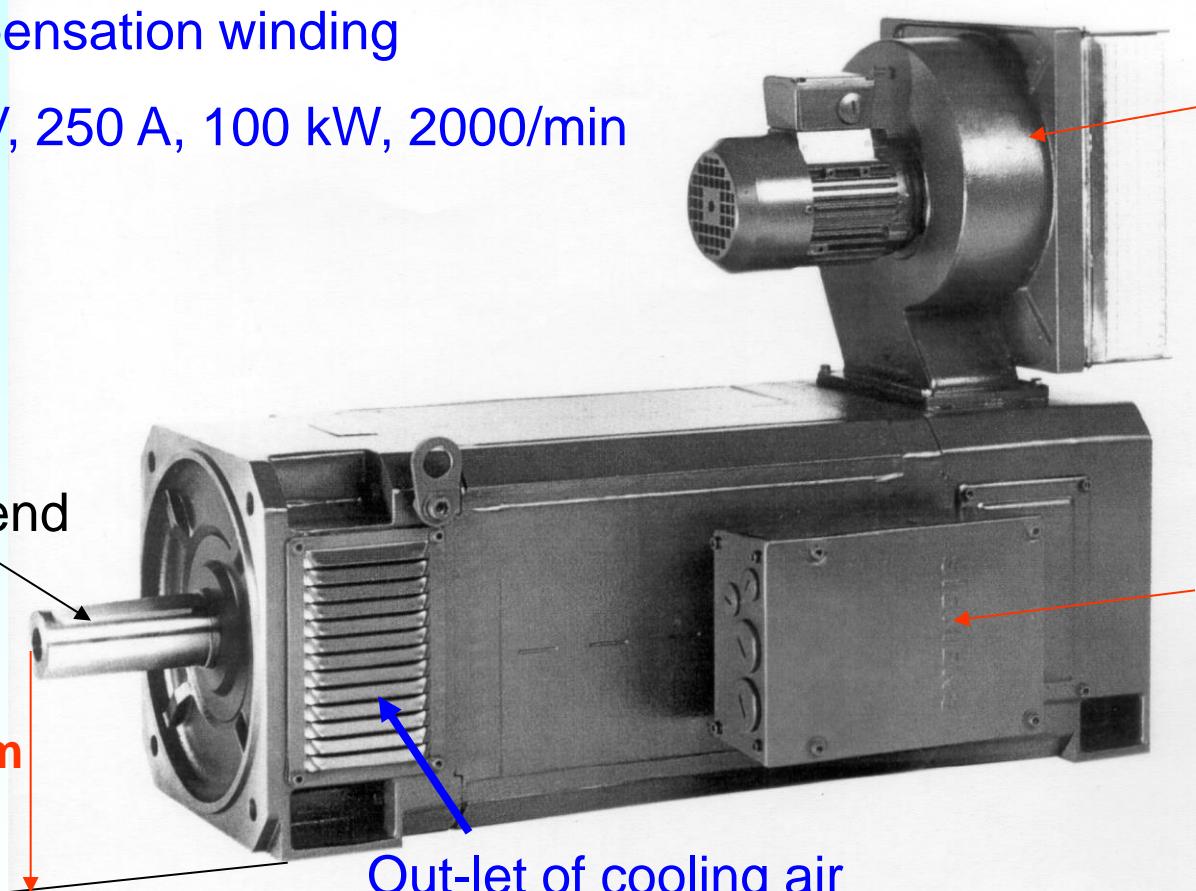
Compensation winding & **inter-pole winding**  
in series with armature winding



# Separately excited DC machine

Four-pole DC machine with inter-poles, but NO compensation winding

400 V, 250 A, 100 kW, 2000/min



External fan, driven by  
2-pole, grid-fed  
induction motor  
(2950/min)

Shaft end

160 mm

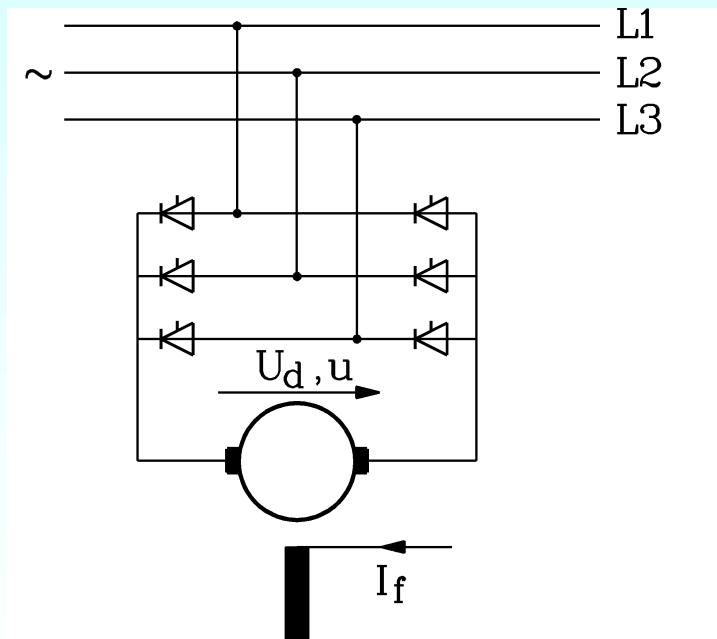
Out-let of cooling air  
flow

Terminal box

Source: Siemens AG, Bad Neustadt/Saale, Germany

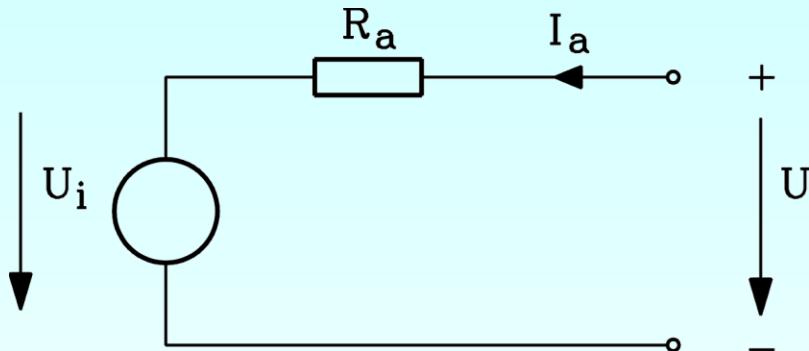


## 10.2 Drive technology with DC machines



# Equivalent circuit of the separately excited dc machine

- Armature conductors, commutation- and compensating winding = total armature resistance  $R_a$ .
- **Separate excitation:** field current  $I_f$  adjustable independent of  $I_a$ .



$$U = R_a I_a + U_b + U_i, \quad U_i = k_2 \Omega_m \Phi(I_f)$$

- $U_b$ : brush voltage drop ca. 2 V

• **Braking rotor losses:** Iron losses, friction losses, additional losses (AC skin effect in conductors) will be neglected here !

• **Internal power  $P_\delta$ :** Air gap power  $P_\delta$  is converted via the LORENTZ-forces into mechanical power  $P_m$  (via the electromagnetic torque  $M_e$ ).

$$P_\delta = U_i I_a = \Omega_m M_e = P_m \Rightarrow M_e = U_i I_a / \Omega_m = (k_2 \cdot \Omega_m \cdot \Phi / \Omega_m) \cdot I_a = k_2 \cdot I_a \cdot \Phi$$



# Example: Power flow in a DC motor

## Example :

200 kW motor,  $U = 430 \text{ V}$ ,  $n = 1470/\text{min}$ ,  $\eta = 92\%$ ,  $U_i = 408.5 \text{ V}$

- electrical input power

$$P_{e,in} = P_{m,out} / \eta = 200 / 0.92 = 217.4 \text{ kW} = U \cdot I_a$$

- armature current

$$I_a = P_e / U_a = 217400 / 430 = \underline{\underline{506 \text{ A}}}$$

- internal power

$$P_\delta = U_i I_a = 408.5 \cdot 506 = \underline{\underline{206.7 \text{ kW}}} > P_m !$$

- **braking rotor losses** cause:  $P_\delta > P_m$

- Electromagnetic torque:

$$M_e = 206.7 / (2\pi \cdot 1470 / 60) = \underline{\underline{1.343 \text{ kNm}}}$$

- Torque at the shaft:

$$M = P_{m,out} / \Omega_m = 200 / (2\pi \cdot 1470 / 60) = \underline{\underline{1.299 \text{ kNm}}}$$



# Balance of losses of the dc machine

Example: 200 kW dc motor, separately excited,  $I_a = 506 \text{ A}$ ,

- Total losses: = 17.4 kW converted into **heat** 17.4 kW

1. Hereof in the **armature circuit**  $217.4 - 206.7 = 10.7 \text{ kW}$  10.7 kW

2. In the **brushes**:  $2V \cdot 506A = 1.0 \text{ kW}$  1.0 kW

3. In the armature resistance:  $P_{Cu,a} = P_{d,a} - P_b = 10.7 - 1.0 = 9.7 \text{ kW}$  9.7 kW

4. Mechanical braking torque  $M_d$  of the rotor as difference between electromagnetic and shaft torque:

$$M_d = M_e - M = 1.343 - 1.299 = 0.044 \text{ kNm},$$

5. This corresponds to the **rotor losses**  $P_{Fe} + P_R + P_z = 2\pi n M_d = P_\delta - P_{m,out} = 206.7 - 200 = 6.7 \text{ kW}$  6.7 kW

6. **Iron losses  $P_{Fe}$** : Eddy-current and hysteresis losses in the rotor iron sheets

7. **Additional losses  $P_z$** : Eddy-currents in the slot conductors due to current displacement, as the conductors carry an AC current

8. **Friction and windage losses  $P_R$**  in the bearings and brushes and caused by the cooling air flow.

- Additionally: **Excitation losses  $P_f$**  = 1.5 kW 1.5 kW

# Stationary basic equations of separately excited DC machine

- Stationary basic equations (consumer reference system):

$$U_a = I_a R_a + U_i (+U_b)$$

$$U_i = k_2 \Omega_m \Phi(I_f)$$

$$U_f = R_f I_f$$

$$M_e = k_2 I_a \Phi(I_f)$$

$$M_e \approx M_s$$

- Neglecting friction losses, iron losses, additional rotor losses:  
Shaft torque  $M_s \approx$  internal (electromagnetic) torque  $M_e$



# Dynamic equations of separately excited DC machine

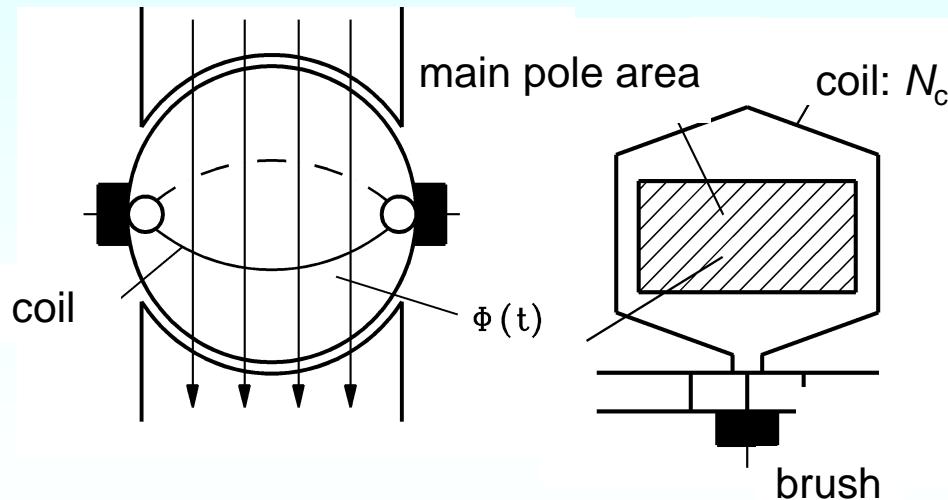
- **Dynamic basic equations:**

Speed, armature current, armature voltage, field excitation current & voltage and main flux are subject to change.

- Armature field: **Armature self-inductance  $L_a$**

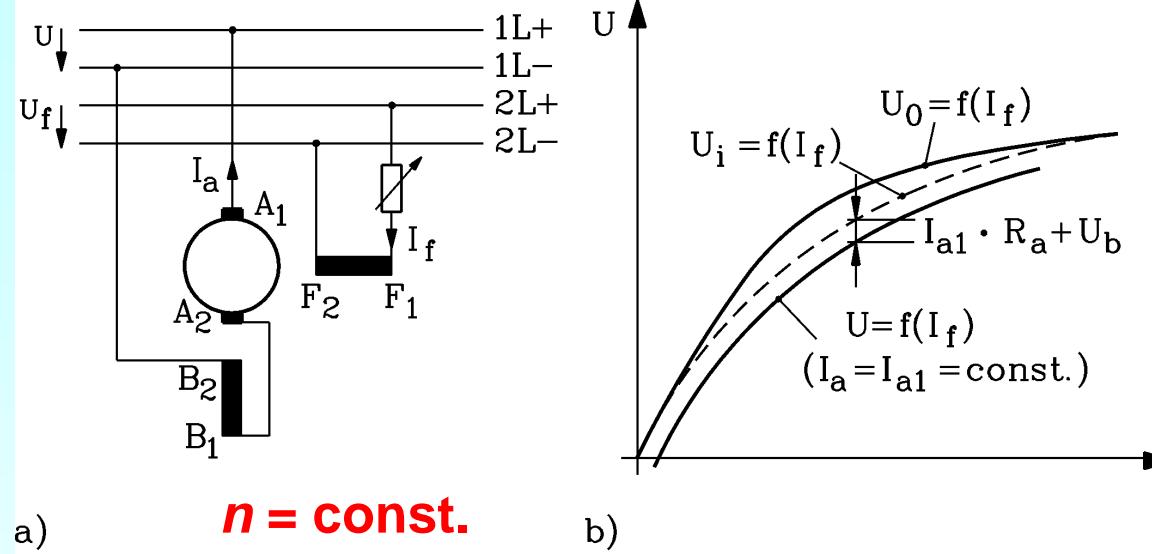
Main field: **Field self-inductance  $L_f$** .

**Mutual inductance  $M_{af}$**  only between a) commutating armature coils (= short-circuited by brushes) and b) field coil, otherwise **zero**.

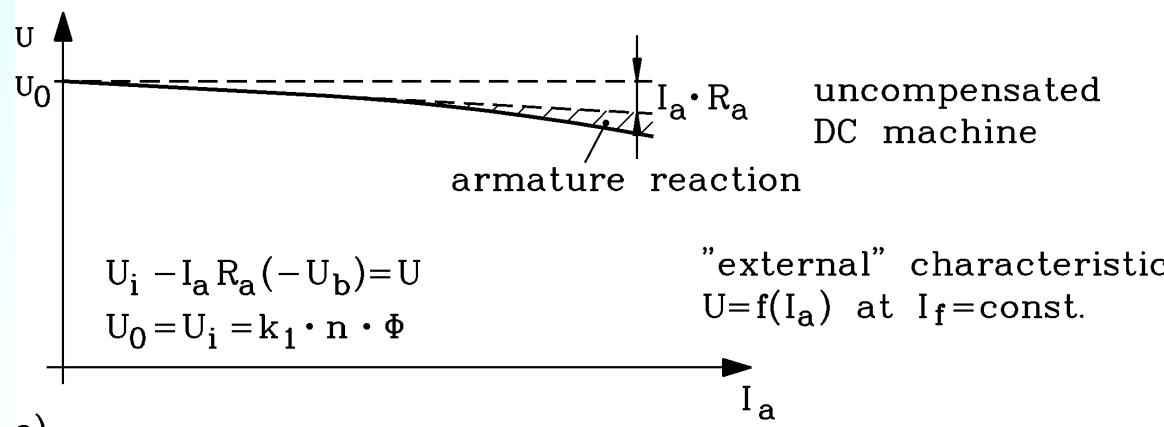


$$u(t) = i_a(t) \cdot R_a + L_a \cdot di_a(t) / dt + u_i(t)$$
$$u_i(t) = k_2 \Omega_m(t) \Phi(t), \quad \Phi(t) = \Phi(i_f(t))$$
$$u_f(t) = i_f(t) \cdot R_f + L_f \cdot di_f(t) / dt$$
$$M_e(t) = k_2 \Phi(t) i_a(t)$$
$$J \cdot d\Omega_m(t) / dt = M_e(t) - M_s(t)$$

# Separately excited dc generator



**n = const.**



c)

a) Machine operated with  $n = \text{const.}$ , field winding F<sub>1</sub>-F<sub>2</sub> supplied by a **separate** dc voltage source  $U_f$ .

b1) **Open-circuit characteristic:** no-load voltage  $U_0$  (= induced voltage) measured at varied field current  $I_f$  ( $I_f$  changed by a **field regulating resistor**):

$$U_0 = k_1 \cdot n \cdot \Phi(I_f)$$

b2) **Internal characteristic:** in case of uncompensated machine the flux is **reduced due to saturation** by the value  $\Delta\Phi$  caused by increasing armature current :

$$U_i = k_1 \cdot n \cdot \Phi(I_f, I_a) < U_0$$

b3) **Load characteristic:** armature voltage

$$U(I_a) = U_i - I_a R_a - U_b$$

depending on  $I_f$  at  $I_a = \text{const.}$

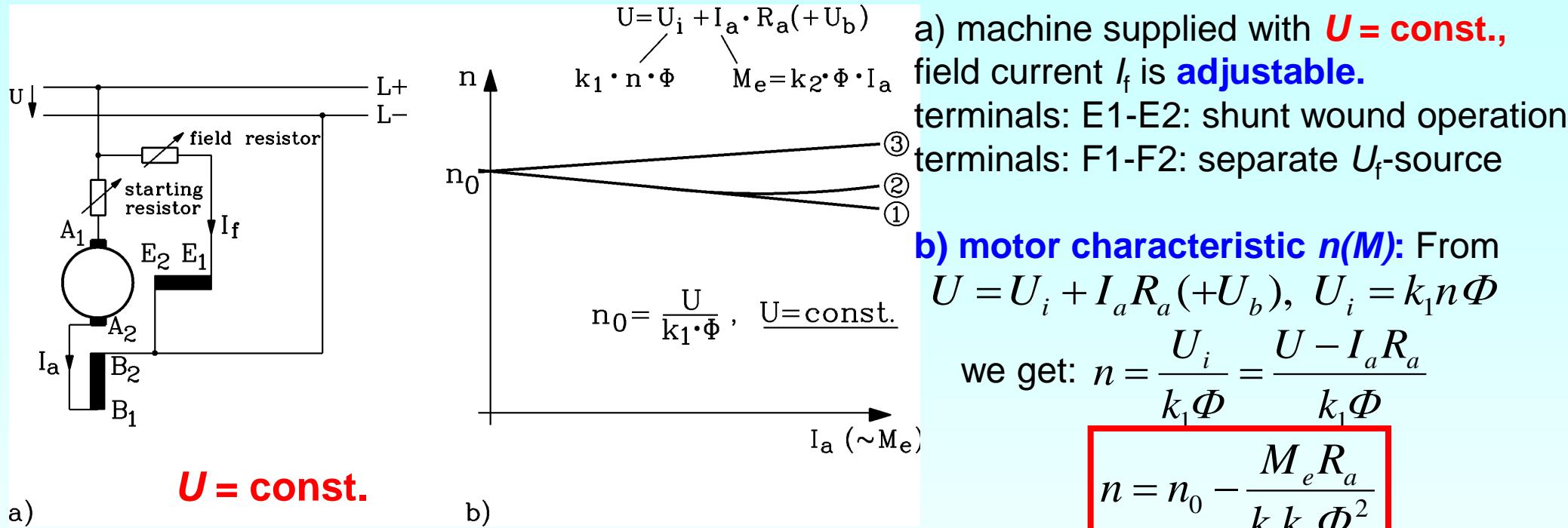
c) **External characteristic:** armature voltage

$$U(I_f) = U_i(I_f) - I_a R_a - U_b$$

depending on  $I_a$  at  $I_f = \text{const.}$



# Shunt wound-/separately excited dc motor



a) machine supplied with  $U = \text{const.}$ , field current  $I_f$  is **adjustable**.

terminals: E1-E2: shunt wound operation

terminals: F1-F2: separate  $U_f$ -source

**b) motor characteristic  $n(M)$ :** From

$$U = U_i + I_a R_a (+ U_b), \quad U_i = k_1 n \Phi$$

$$\text{we get: } n = \frac{U_i}{k_1 \Phi} = \frac{U - I_a R_a}{k_1 \Phi}$$

$$n = n_0 - \frac{M_e R_a}{k_1 k_2 \Phi^2}$$

- **no load:** motor is only loaded by its small loss torque  $M_d$  (friction, iron losses):

$$M_e = M_d \approx 0. \quad \text{No load speed } n_0: \boxed{n_0 = U / (k_1 \Phi (I_f))}$$

**Result:** Separately excited and shunt-wound motors have a decreasing speed-torque-characteristic with a small slope, as the armature voltage drop is small compared to the armature terminal voltage.

(Fig b) curve 1: compensated machine).



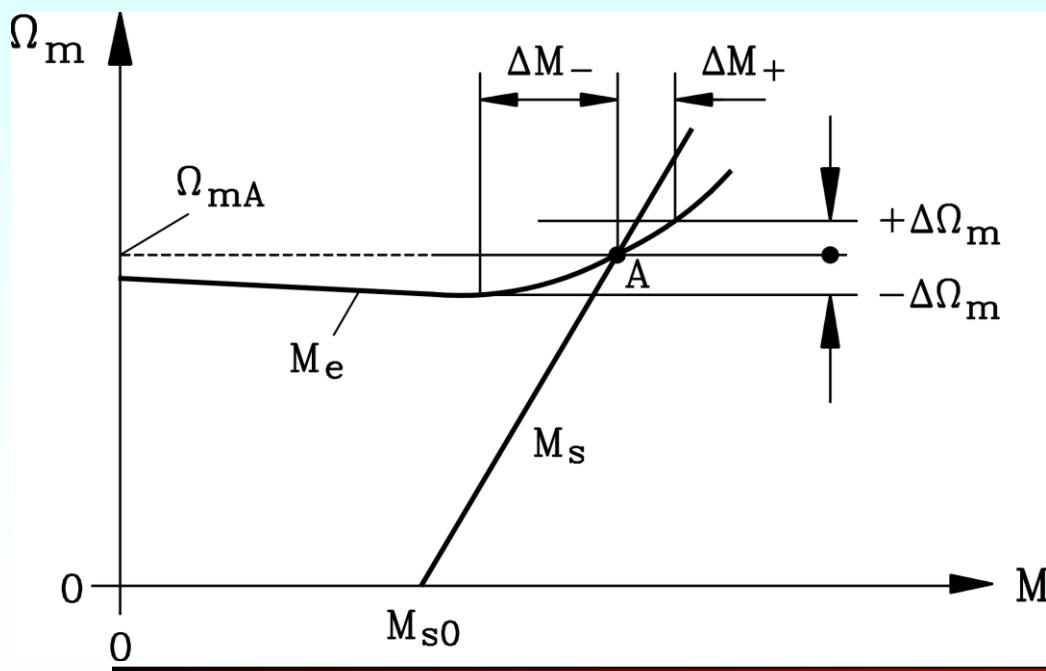
# Instability of shunt-wound/separately excited dc motors

- In **uncompensated** machines, operated with currents above roughly rated current, the main flux  $\Phi$  drops to  $\Phi' = \Phi - \Delta\Phi$  with increasing armature current due to additional saturation caused by armature reaction.
- With **big currents  $I_a$**  (**= big flux loss  $\Delta\Phi$** ) speed increases again, because the first addend in the speed equation increases faster than the second one decreases.

$$\Omega_m = \frac{U}{k_2 \cdot (\Phi - \Delta\Phi(I_a))} - \frac{R_a \cdot M}{k_2^2 \cdot (\Phi - \Delta\Phi(I_a))^2}$$

- **Stability criterion** (derivation see IM):

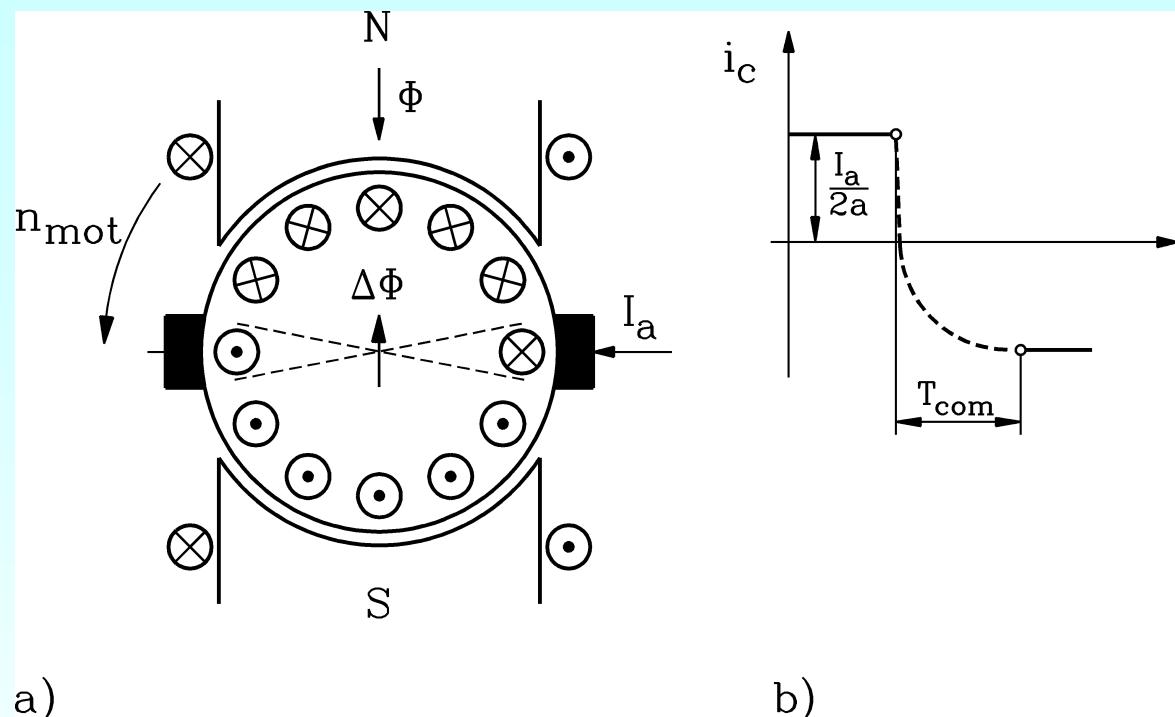
$$\frac{dM_e}{d\Omega_m} - \frac{dM_s}{d\Omega_m} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{stable}$$



**Example:** UNSTABLE: Increase of speed with increasing load:  
machine “overspeeds”, without any braking it accelerates to very high speed up to self-destruction.  
**Counter-measure:** compensation winding or speed control !



# Instability of over-commutated motors



**a) Over-commutation:** Commutating coil has already reversed ampere-turns. It excites a coil flux  $\Delta\Phi$  which **reduces** the main flux  $\Phi$ .

**b) Over-commutation:** Current reversal too quick, caused by a too strong commutation field !

- **Over-commutating causes a coil flux  $\Delta\Phi \sim I_a$ , which opposes and thus **reduces** the main flux  $\Phi$ .**

- $\Delta\Phi \sim I_a$  occurs **already at small currents !**
- Speed characteristic has a positive inclination already at no-load speed. This may lead to **instability !**

$$\Omega_m = \frac{U}{k_2 \cdot (\Phi - \Delta\Phi(I_a))} - \frac{R_a \cdot M}{k_2^2 \cdot (\Phi - \Delta\Phi(I_a))^2}$$

**Counter-measure:** Reduction of the commutation field by adjusting the inter-poles !



# Starting resistor in armature circuit to start a dc machine

- Motor at standstill:  $n = 0$ : induced voltage is zero:

$$U = U_i + I_a R_a = 0 + I_a R_a \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{I_a = U / R_a}}$$

Armature resistance is very small (except for small motors) : armature current at stand still **VERY BIG**: motor winding would **burn** !

- Counter-measures: **Current limiting starting resistor** in the armature circuit: offers the opportunity to start the motor with rated current.

$$(R_{\text{starter}} + R_a) \cdot I_N = U \Rightarrow R_{\text{starter}} = \frac{U}{I_N} - R_a$$

After the start-up the induced voltage limits the current; the starting resistor is then short-circuited to avoid unnecessary resistive losses.

- **Example:** DC motor:  $U_N = 430 \text{ V}$ ,  $P_N = 200 \text{ kW}$ ,  $\eta = 92\%$  (without excitation losses),  $R_a = 37.9 \text{ m}\Omega$

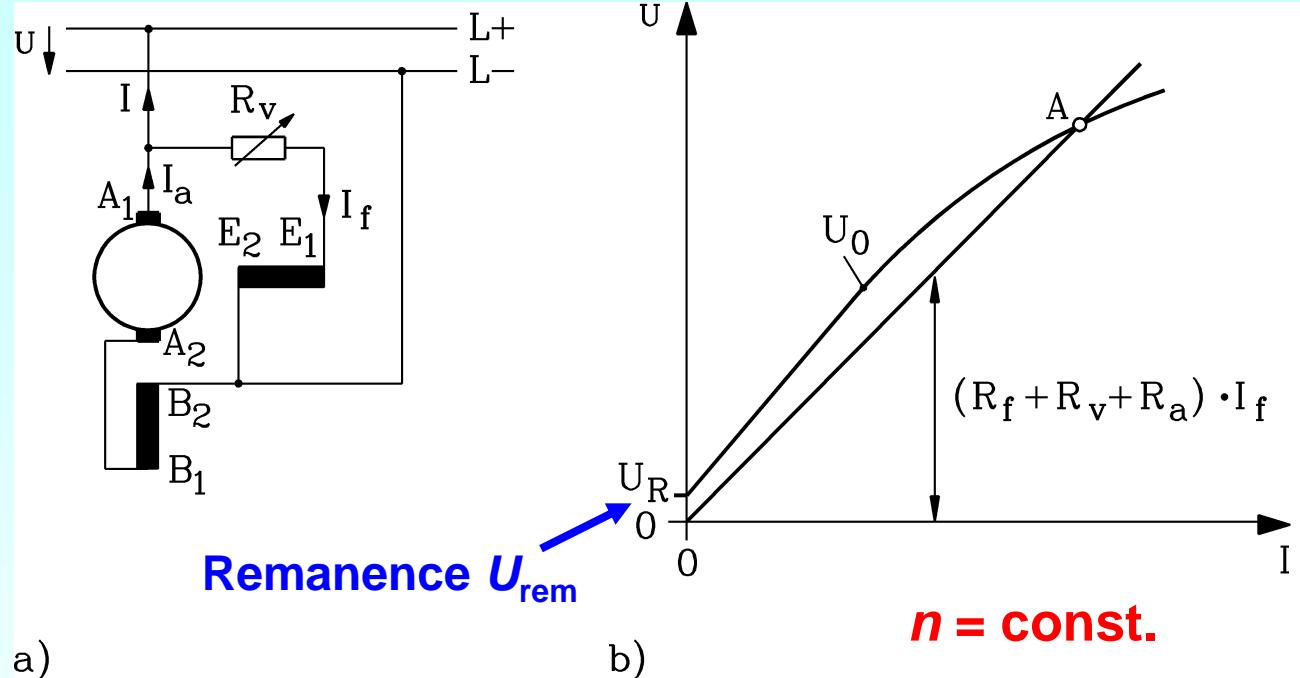
rated current:  $I_N = P_N / (\eta \cdot U_N) = \underline{\underline{506}} \text{ A}$

Starting without starting resistor:  $I_a = U_N / R_a = 430 / 0.0379 = \underline{\underline{11350}} \text{ A} = \underline{\underline{22.4}} \cdot I_N$

Required starting resistor:  $R_{\text{starter}} = U_N / I_N - R_a = 430 / 506 - 0.0379 = \underline{\underline{0.8}} \Omega$



# Shunt-wound generator (self-excitation)



a) Excitation in parallel (= **shunt-circuit**) to the armature.

b) Driven generator can generate voltage without any auxiliary voltage source.

**Self-excitation:** Remanence flux of the stator poles  $\Phi_R$  induces a small “**remanence voltage**” into the rotating armature coil.

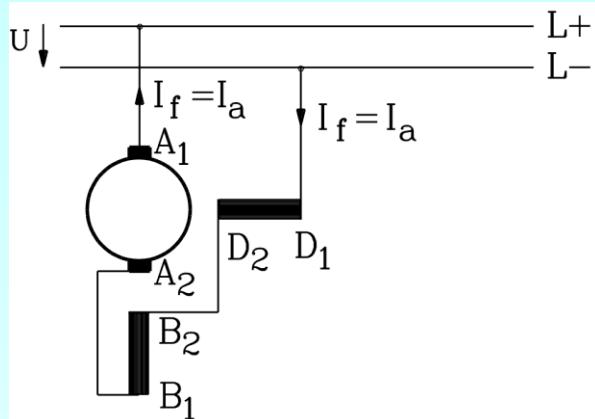
$$U_{rem} = k_1 \cdot n \cdot \Phi_R$$

- a)
- $U_{rem}$  causes a field current  $I_f = U_{rem}/(R_a + R_f + R_v)$ . The corresponding main flux  $\Phi(I_f)$  increases remanence flux. This increases the induced voltage, so field current, which again increases the field ... and so on = **SELF EXCITATION !** Process stops in operating point A (voltage equilibrium). First published 1866 by **Werner von SIEMENS** as **dynamoelectric principle**.

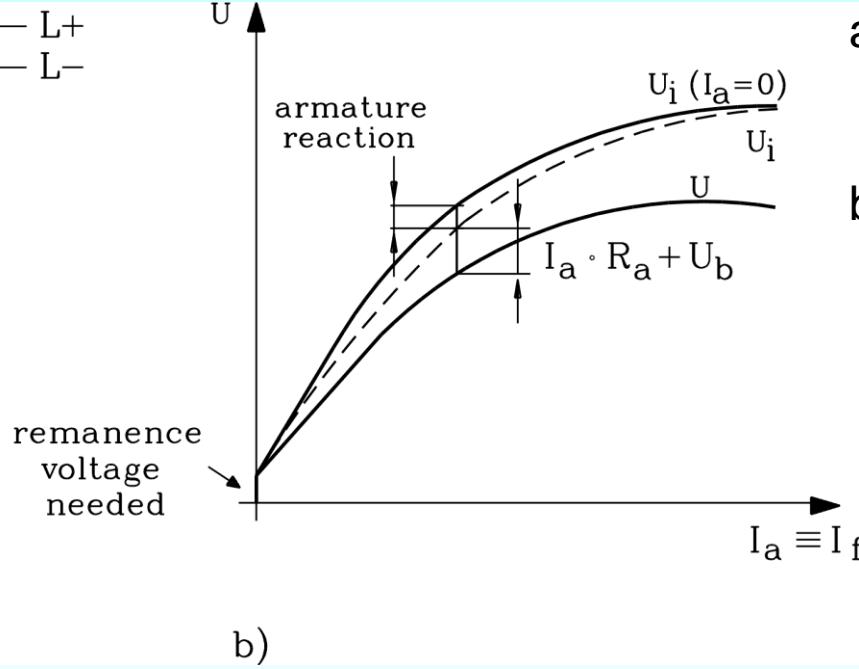
**Suicide Control:** With exchanged terminals E1, E2 the field current causes a flux that **opposes** the remanence flux instead of supporting it: **NO self-excitation !**



# Series-wound generator



**$n = \text{const.}$**



- Remanence voltage  $U_{\text{rem}}$  is the „initial voltage“. The voltage  $U$  increases only with increasing load (= armature current  $I_a$ ), as the load current is the field current also.
- Increasing  $I_a$ : Linear rise of armature voltage drop  $I_a R_a$ , due to iron saturation the induced voltage  $U_i$  rises less than linear: Terminal voltage  $U$  **drops again after a maximum**.
- **Application:** Regenerative braking of series-wound machines (e.g. electric trains, electric cars).

a) **Series-connection** of armature and field:  $I_a = I_f$

b) **no-load voltage:**  $U_i(I_a = 0)$   
measurable in case of separate excitation.

**Internal characteristic:**

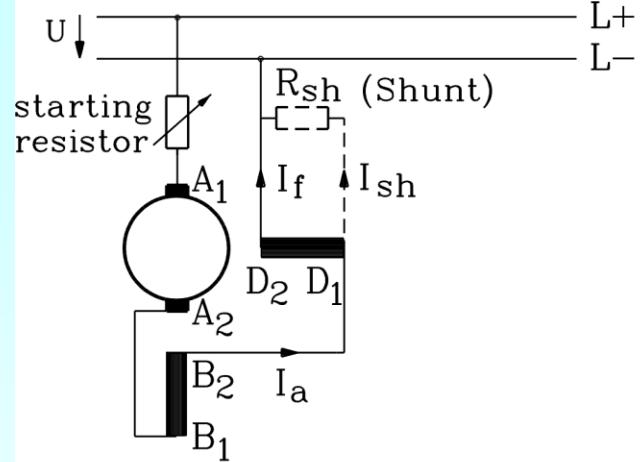
$$U_i(I_a > 0)$$

**Load characteristic:**

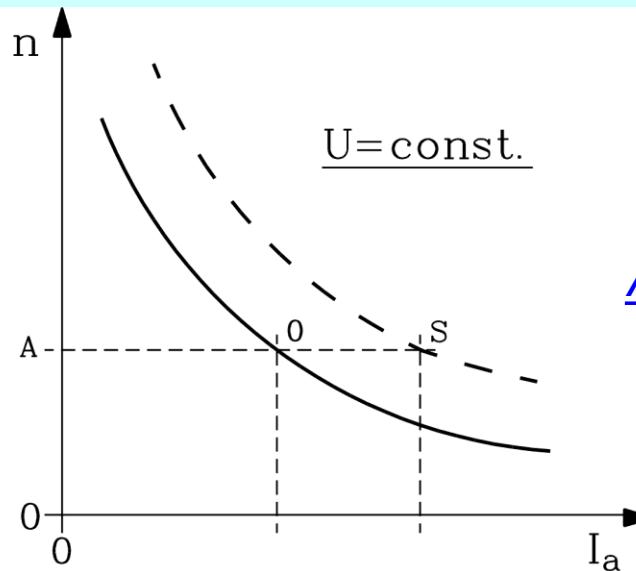
$$U = U_i - I_a R_a - U_b$$



# Series-wound motor



**$U = \text{const.}$**



Field current = armature current

$$\textbf{Torque: } M_e = k_2 \Phi(I_a) I_a$$

Approximation: saturation = constant:

$$\Phi = L' \cdot I_a, L' = \text{const.},$$

Torque rises with the **square** of the armature current:

$$M_e = k_2 \cdot L' I_a^2$$

a)

b)

With small armature currents and thus small flux this is valid exactly, because iron saturation occurs at stronger flux only.

- **$n(M)$ -characteristic:** 
$$n = \frac{U - I_a R_a}{2\pi k_2 \Phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi k_2 L'} \left( \frac{U}{I_a} - R_a \right) = \frac{U}{2\pi \sqrt{k_2 L'}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_e}} - \frac{R_a}{2\pi k_2 L'}$$

**The speed of a series-wound motor decreases at constant saturation hyperbolically with the load  $M_e$  to the value zero during starting.**



# Importance of the series-wound motor

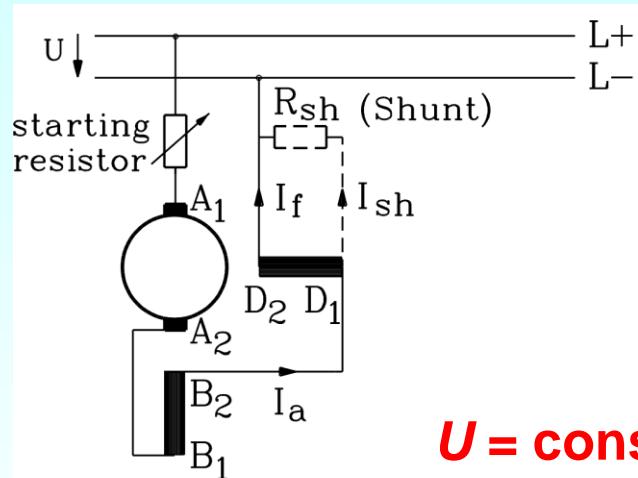
- Series-wound motors **must not be operated at no-load**, as at  $M_s = 0$  the motor would accelerate to theoretically infinite speed („**overspeeding**“) and would be destroyed.
- The strong decrease of speed with increasing load is called “**soft characteristic**” (“**series characteristic**”).
- Application: DC traction (railway: e.g. Italy 3 kV, DC-grid), electric car (DC battery grid)
  - a) *low speed (“starting”)*: high torque = good acceleration
  - b) wheel-rail contact (rolling resistance) and aerodynamic resistance **always load the machine**, preventing the machine from over-speeding under normal operating conditions.
- In case of slipping wheels (e.g. wet rails) an **over-speed protection** has to protect the motor.



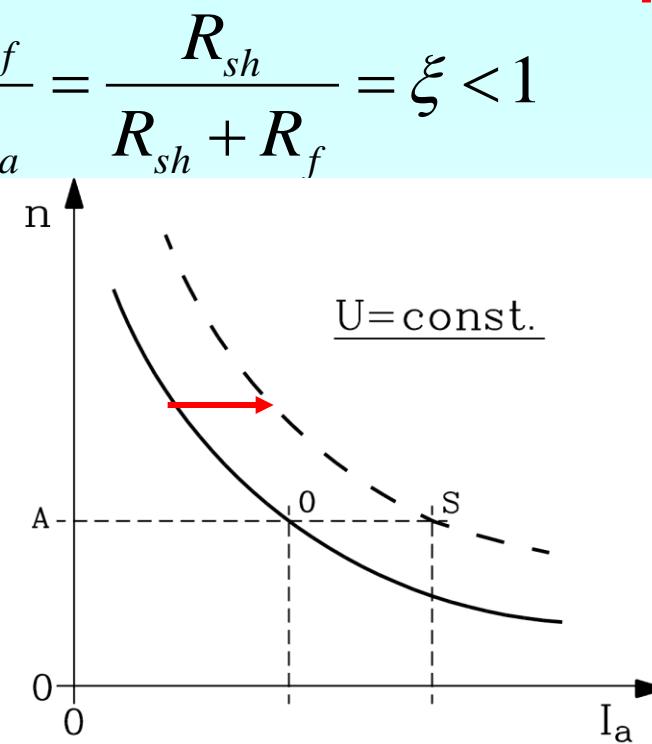
# Speed variation of series-wound DC motor

- Resistor  $R_{sh}$  in parallel to the field winding (**shunt resistor**)
- Reduction of field current = **reduction of flux = increase of speed.**

$$I_f R_f = I_{sh} R_{sh} = (I_a - I_f) R_{sh} \Rightarrow \frac{I_f}{I_a} = \frac{R_{sh}}{R_{sh} + R_f} = \xi < 1$$



**$U = \text{const.}$**

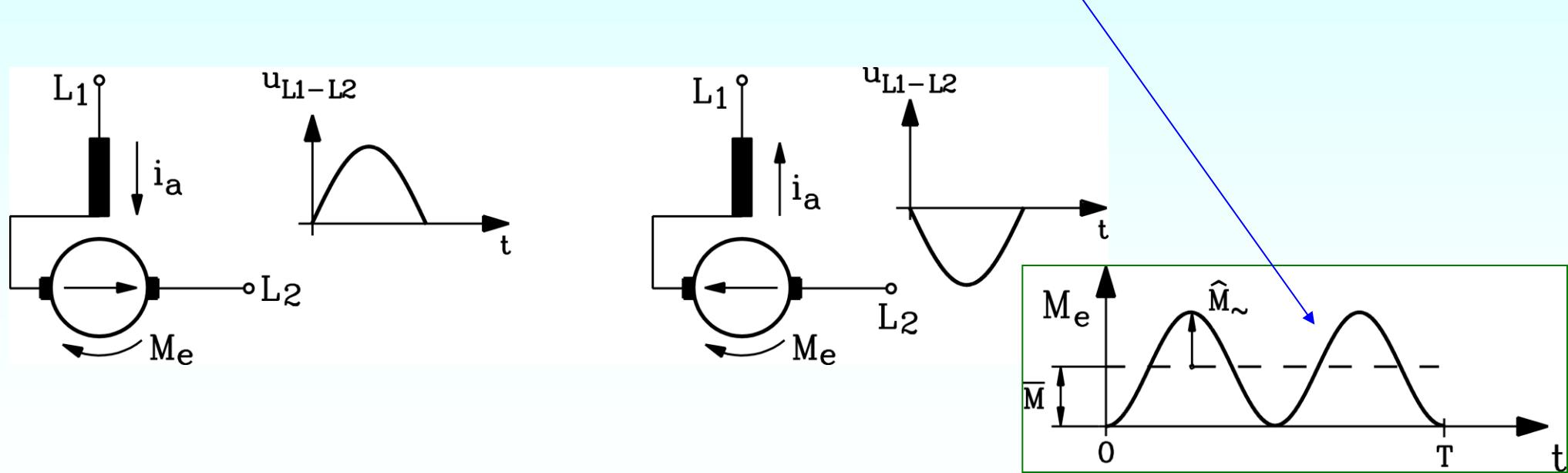


- Operation with single phase ac current:

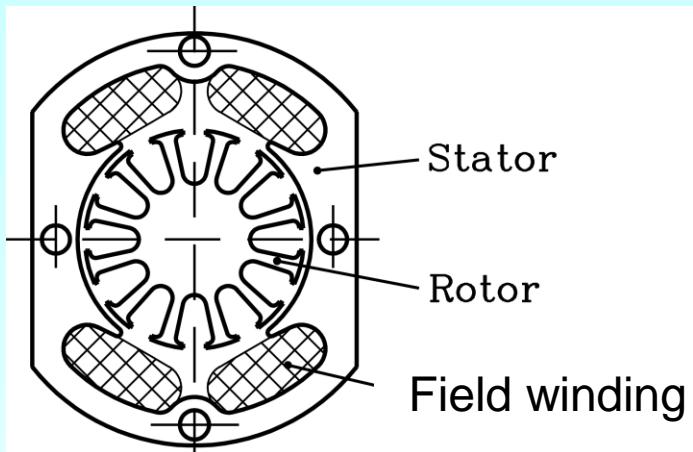
- Traction (e.g. Deutsche Bahn, 16.7 Hz)
- domestic appliances: ***universal motor***: vacuum cleaner,  $n_{\max} = \text{c.a. } 40000/\text{min}$ , hair dryer, drilling machine, ...

# Single phase AC commutator machine

- Excitation and armature winding are SERIES connected, being operated at single phase AC grid (Single phase series-wound motor).
- Field current = armature current  $i_a$  = AC current (frequency  $f$ ). Armature current excites main flux  $\Phi$ , which pulsates in phase with  $i_a$ :  $\Phi$  and  $i_a$  reverse polarity at the same time.  
$$M_e \sim \Phi \cdot i_a = (-\Phi) \cdot (-i_a)$$
- Torque has **always same polarity**, but pulsates with **double frequency**  $2f$ .



# Universal motor



Source: R. Fischer, hanser-Verlag

- Small two-pole motors for high speed (up to ca. 30 000 /min), **low cost** for mass production, no inter-poles (low number of operating hours, consumer drives).
- Operation at e.g. 230 V/ 50 Hz: armature current is AC current !

$$i_a(t) = \hat{I}_a \sin(2\pi \cdot f \cdot t)$$

- AC flux and armature current  $\Phi \sim i_a$  give pulsating torque at 50 Hz-grid with **double frequency  $2f = 2 \times 50 = 100$  Hz !**

$$M_e(t) = k_2 \Phi(t) i_a(t) = k_2 \hat{\Phi} \sin(2\pi ft) \cdot \hat{I}_a \sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$M_e(t) = k_2 \frac{\hat{\Phi}}{\sqrt{2}} I_{a,rms} \cdot (1 - \cos(2\pi \cdot 2f \cdot t))$$

$$\bar{M}_e = k_2 \hat{\Phi} I_{a,rms} / \sqrt{2}$$

- **Average torque value** may only be used for driving.
- Thermal AC power **IS ONLY 70% of DC operation !**



# Variable speed DC drive (1)

$$n = \frac{U - I_a R_a}{k_1 \Phi(I_f)} = \frac{U}{k_1 \Phi} - \frac{I_a R_a}{k_1 \Phi} = n_0 - \frac{R_a}{k_1 \Phi} \cdot I_a$$

- Separately excited dc motor: speed variation by

a) Variation of armature voltage  $U$ : no-load speed  $n_0$  changes,  $n(I_a)$ -characteristic parallelly shifted, "base speed range":  $0 < n < n_N$  corresponds to  $0 < U < U_{\max} = U_N$  at  $\Phi = \Phi_{\max} = \text{const.}$

b) Flux weakening  $\Phi$ : no-load speed  $n_0$  increases, slope of  $n(I_a)$  increases, "field weakening range":  $n_N < n < n_{\max}$  corresponds to  $\Phi_{\max} > \Phi > \Phi_{\min}$  at  $U = U_{\max} = U_N = \text{const.}$

c) Increase of resistance  $R+R_a$ : no-load speed  $n_0$  constant, slope of  $n(I_a)$  increases, e.g. starting with "starting resistor" (otherwise not used, due to additional losses in  $R$ )



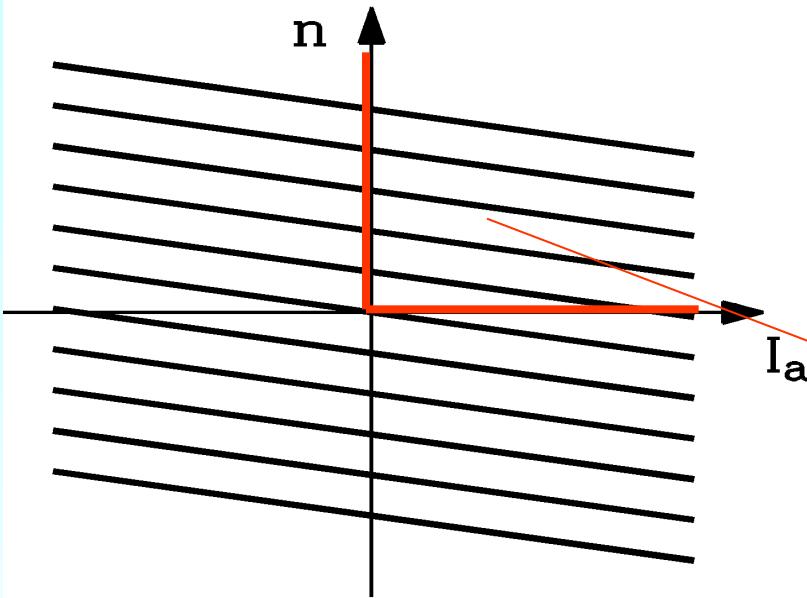
# Variable speed DC drive (2)

- **speed reversal** by
  - (A) polarity reversal of the armature voltage from  $+U$  to  $-U$  or
  - (B) polarity reversal of the flux  $\Phi$  to  $-\Phi$ . (A) is quicker than (B), as the armature time constant  $T_a = L_a/R_a$  is considerably smaller than the field time constant  $T_f = L_f/R_f$ .
- **Operational limits** caused by maximum speed  $n_{\max}$  and maximum armature current  $I_{a,\max}$  !
- **Four-quadrant operation:**

2. quadrant: $n > 0, M < 0: U > 0, I_a < 0$ GEN.	1. quadrant: $n > 0, M > 0: U > 0, I_a > 0$ MOT.
3. quadrant: $n < 0, M < 0: U < 0, I_a < 0$ MOT.	4. quadrant: $n < 0, M > 0: U < 0, I_a > 0$ GEN.



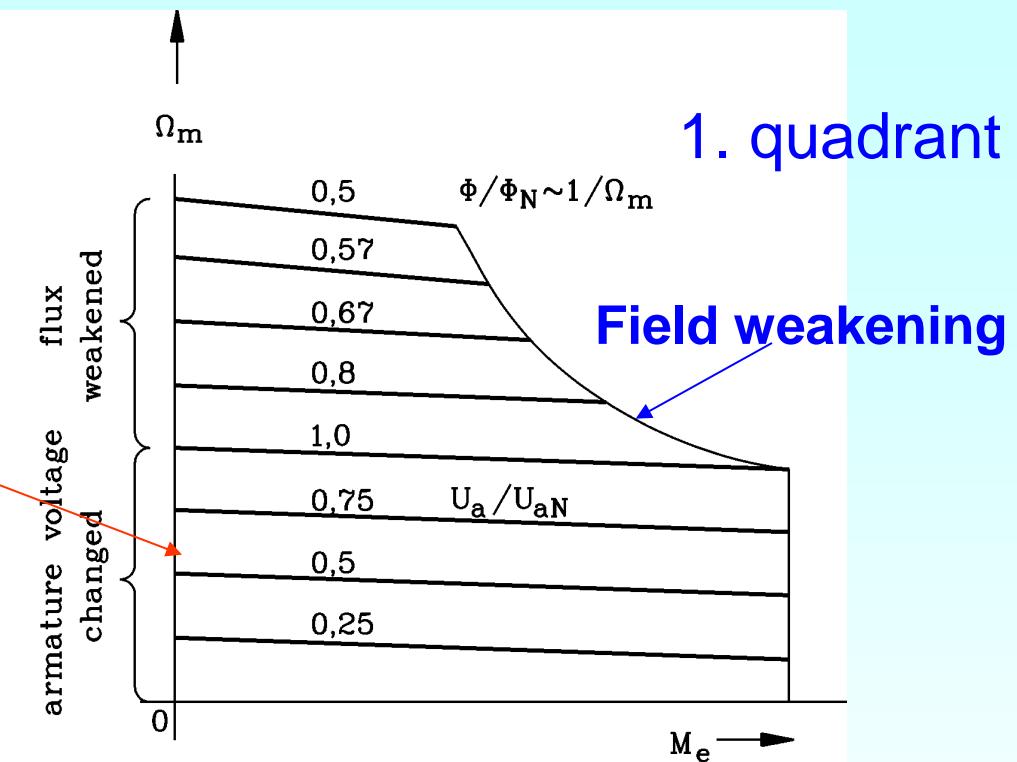
# Variable speed DC drive (3)



Four quadrants

## Changing of armature voltage

$U_a$  :  $n(M)$ -characteristics are shifted in parallel = speed variation (constant flux)

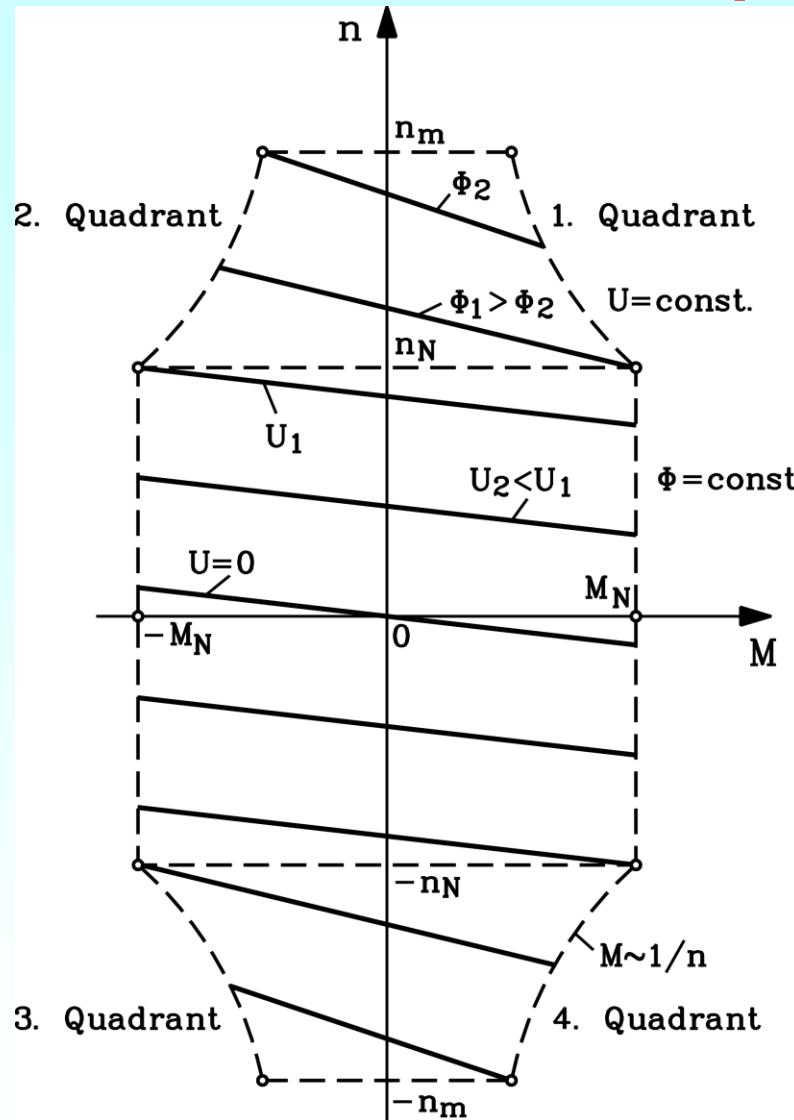


If the armature voltage cannot be increased any further, speed can be increased using **field weakening**.

At constant armature current the torque decreases (**field weakening operation**).



# Four quadrant operation

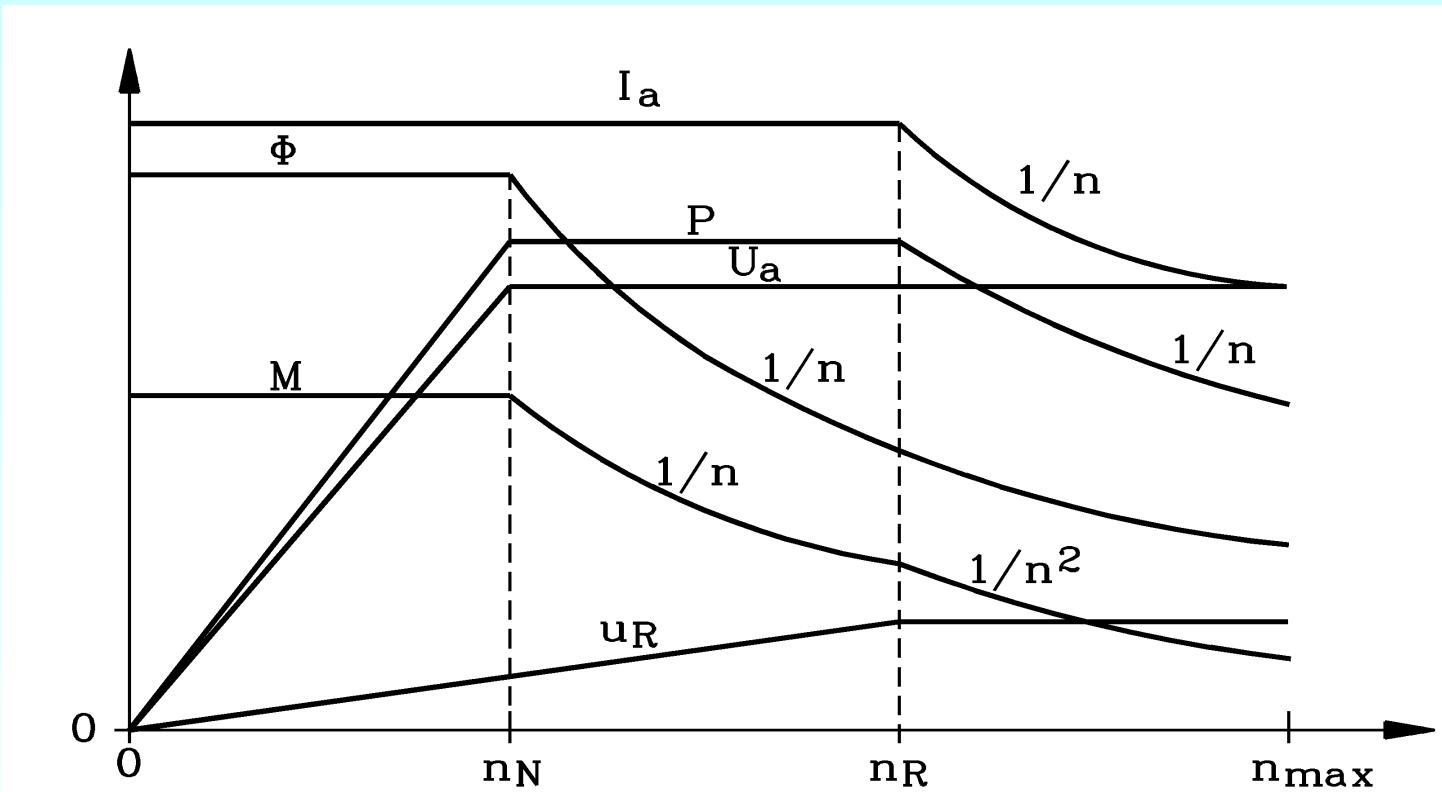


- **$n(M)$ -characteristic:**

$$n = \frac{U}{2\pi k_2 \Phi} - \frac{M_e R_a}{2\pi \cdot (k_2 \Phi)^2}$$

- Via converter  $U = U_d$  is variable: **Speed  $n$  is changed** between  $+U_{d,\max}$  and  $-U_{d,\max}$ . At  $-U_d$  (change of polarity) speed is reversed (**speed reversal**).
- Maximum speed  $n_0 = U_{d,\max}/(2\pi k_2 \Phi)$  can be raised, if flux  $\Phi$  is reduced (**flux weakening**). Hence torque  $M_e$  is decreasing.

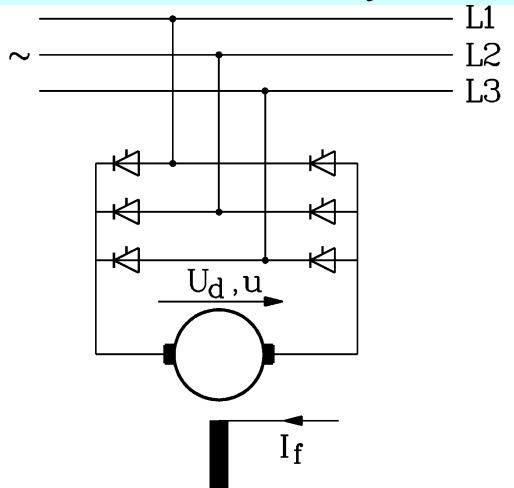
# Limiting curves of separately excited DC machine



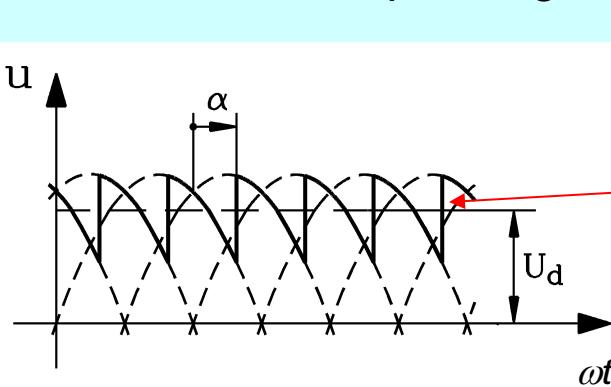
- **Limiting curves** = maximum values of the operating parameters = envelope curves !
- Up to rated speed  $n_N$  the armature voltage  $U_a$  can be increased.
- For higher speed the flux needs to be **weakened**.
- Above  $n_R$  the maximum armature current must be reduced to limit „**sparking**“ . The reactance voltage of commutation is limited.

# Thyristor-converter supplied dc machine

- **Generation of a variable armature voltage:** A dc voltage  $U_d$  for the dc drive is obtained by rectification of the three-phase grid L1, L2, L3.



Bridge for one current direction !



## Controlled three-phase bridge rectifier B6C:

- **Armature voltage** depends on  $\alpha$ . If current reversal is desired, a second anti-parallel converter is necessary.
- **Thyristors** conduct current, if there is a positive voltage between anode A and cathode K **AND** a firing impulse is supplied at  $\alpha$  to Gate G.

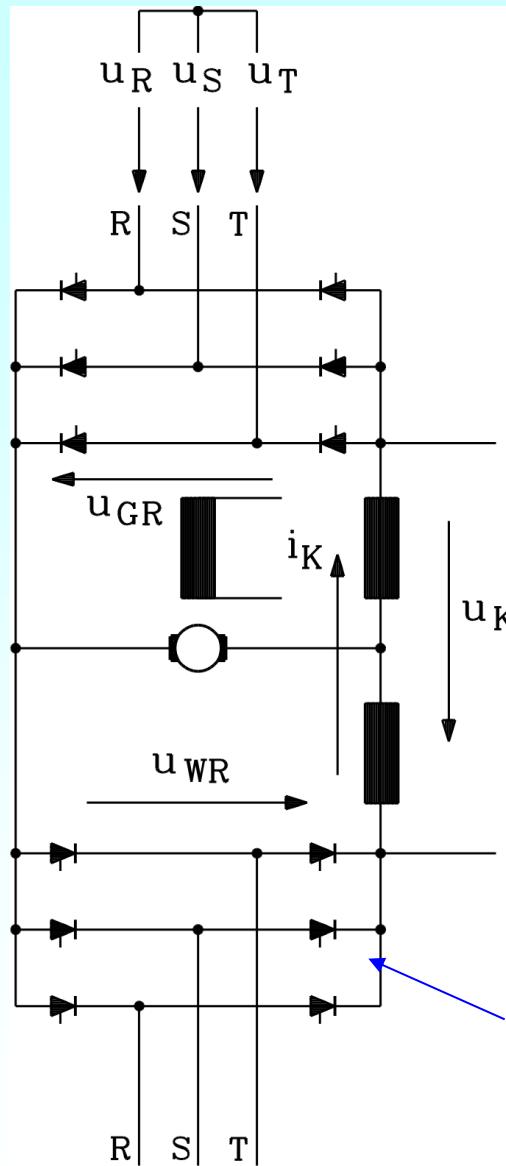
If this firing impulse is delayed with respect to the first moment of positive voltage between A and K by the time  $\Delta t \sim \alpha$ , the rectified voltage decreases = **variation of armature voltage**.

"firing angle"  $\alpha = \omega \cdot \Delta t, \quad \omega = 2\pi f_{grid} \quad U_d = U_{d,\max} \cos \alpha, \quad U_{d,\max} = \sqrt{2} U_{grid} \cdot (3/\pi)$

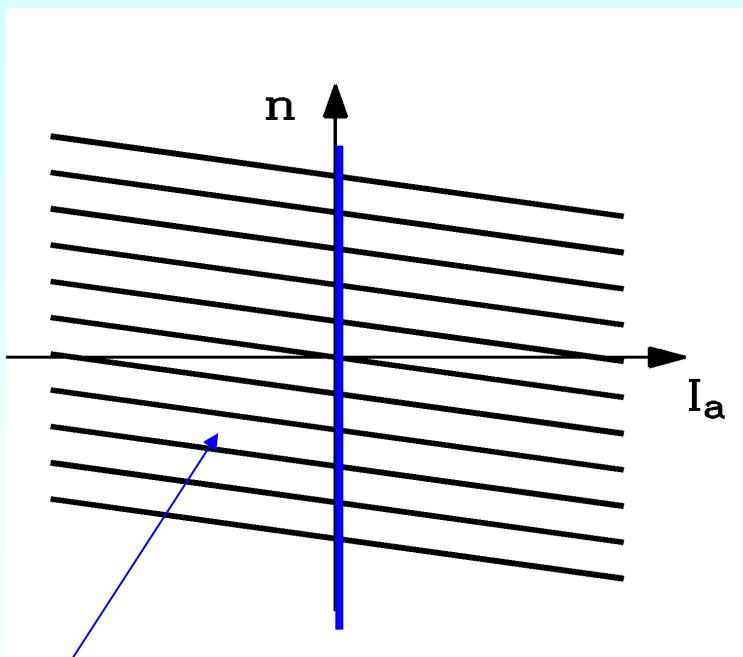
$\alpha = 0$ : max. voltage,     $\alpha = 90^\circ$ : voltage is zero,     $\alpha = 180^\circ$ : max. negative voltage



# (B6C)A(B6C)- Two anti-parallel thyristor bridges

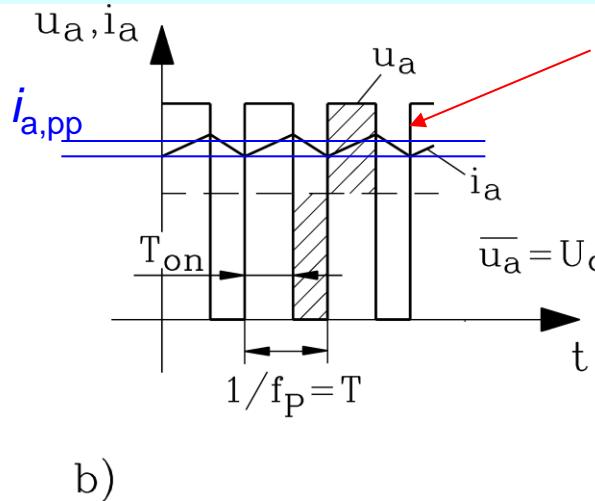
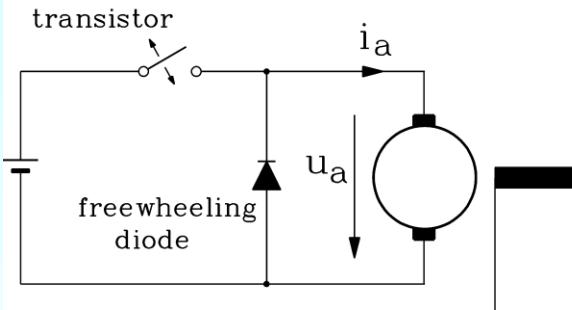


For current reversal a **second**,  
anti-parallel converter is necessary !



# Transistor-chopper supplied dc drive

- **Disadvantage of the thyristor-converter B6C:** dc voltage and current show a ripple with 6 times grid frequency: e.g.: at 50 Hz:  $6 \cdot 50 = 300$  Hz
- Alternative to B6C-bridge: **DC chopper converter:** From a constant dc voltage (battery, diode rectifier  $u_a = U_{batt}$ ) a variable average dc voltage is generated using **pulse width modulation (PWM)**.



## DC chopper:

**Chopped armature voltage**, average voltage and the armature current with ripple

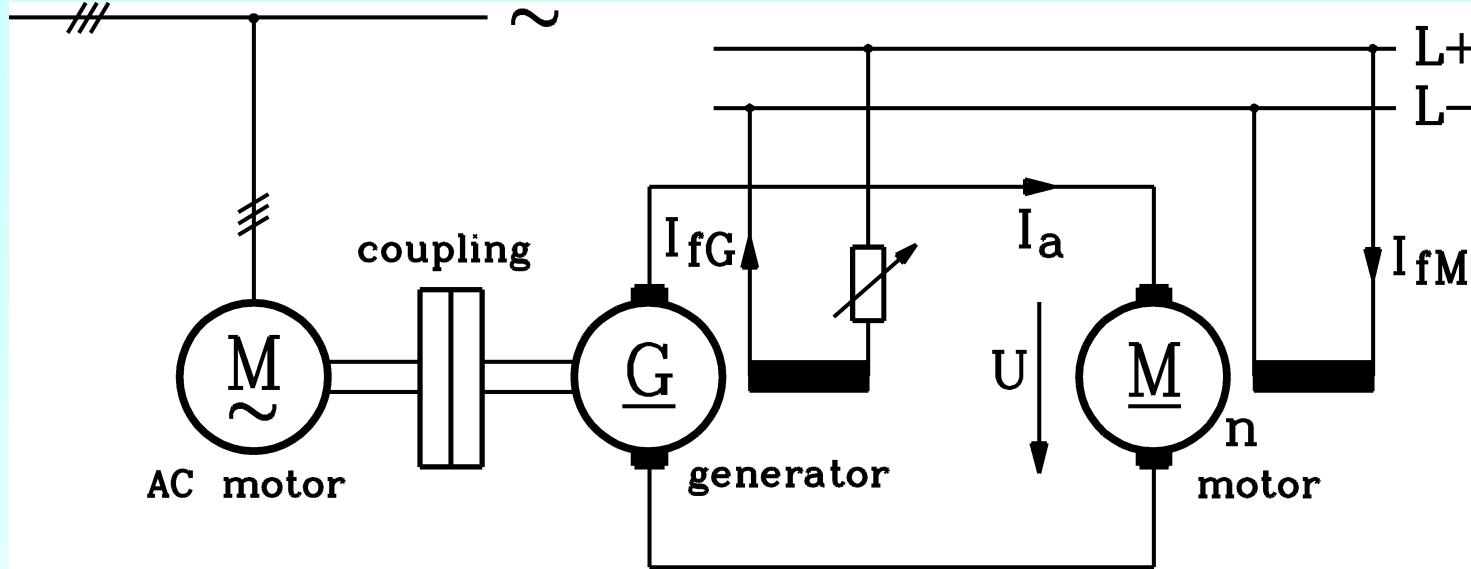
- **Free-wheeling diode** required, because a current path needs to be provided for the inductive current that cannot be switched off immediately due to the time constant  $T_a$ .

- **Current ripple  $i_{a,pp}$ :** Due to the high switching frequency of the transistors (e.g.  $f_P = 2$  kHz) the current ripple is small:

$$i_{a,pp} = U_{batt} \cdot (1 - k) \cdot k / (f_P L), \quad k = U_d / U_{batt} = T_{on} / T$$



# WARD-LEONARD-converter



- Voltage variation for an „ideal“ dc voltage (e.g. test bay) is done with rotating machines: **WARD-LEONARD-converter** ! A three-phase induction motor, supplied by the grid, drives a separately excited dc generator („**control generator**“) at almost constant speed  $n_M$ . The field current is supplied by an additional rotating converter or by a battery. This generator supplies **a variable dc voltage  $U$**  to the dc motor, **which can be changed via  $I_{fG}$** .
- **Disadvantages** of the WARD-LEONARD-converter:
  - three times** rated machine power needs to be installed (expensive!)
  - three times** the losses (e.g. efficiency per machine 90 %: total  $0.9^3 = 0.73 = 73\%$ )
  - poor dynamic:**  $U$ -change is slow, as the time constant  $T_f = L_f / R_f$  of control generator is big.



# Small motors

European market:

1999 →

2006

4,4 Mrd US \$ → 5,4 Mrd US \$ +3% p.a.

## Applications:

Automotive

35,1%

Home appliance

12,3%

Industry

11,5%

Pumps

9,8%

Heating/ventilation

9,7%

Bureau

5,9%

Portable tools

5,1%

Medical care

5,1%

Else

5,5%



Source:  
Frost & Sullivan

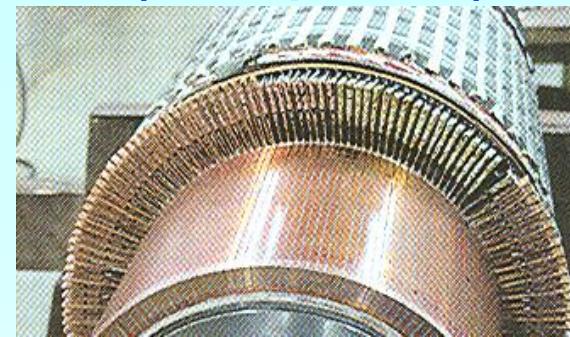
Source: Faulhaber



# Operational limits of the dc machine

- Frame size resp. viable power per machine set (“unit power”) is limited by the commutator.

Source: Fa. Brenner, Bürstadt



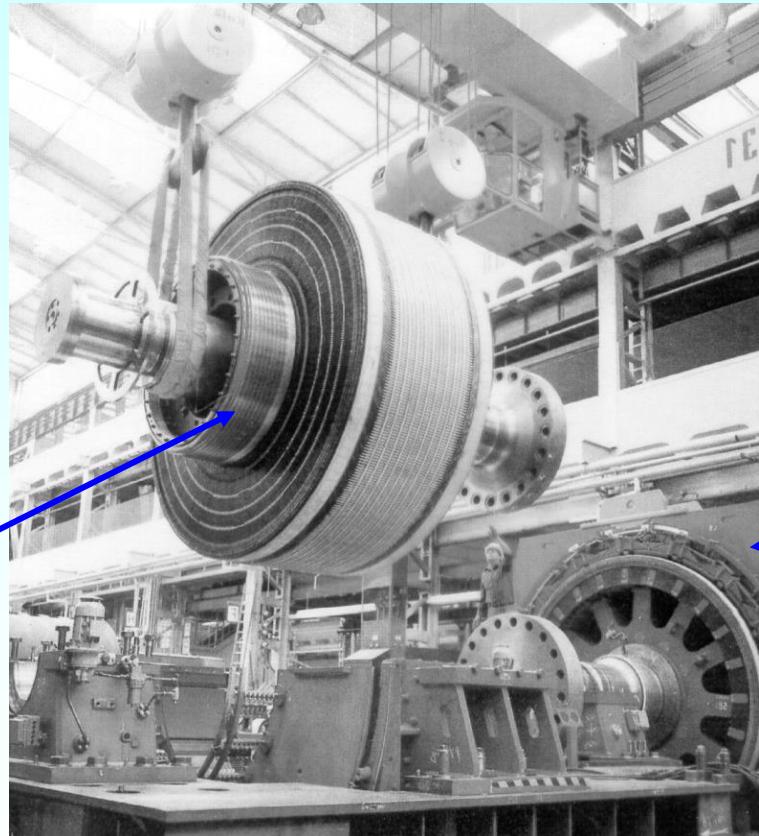
- **centrifugal force limit:** prevent commutator deformation, brushes “bounce” !
- **commutation:** reactance voltage  $u_R < 10 \text{ V}$  in steady-state,  $< 20 \text{ V}$  transient, otherwise strong sparking !
- **brush current density:** steady-state  $J_b < 12 \text{ A/cm}^2$ ,  $< 20 \text{ A/cm}^2$  transient, otherwise brush damage
- **segment voltage limit:** average segment voltage  $U_{s,av} < 20 \text{ V}$ , local segment voltage  $< 35 \text{ V}$ , otherwise flashover.
- Uncontrolled operation: Stability limit needs to be considered, as the separately excited motor usually may only be operated in the range of negative slope of the  $n(M)$ -characteristic.



# Large DC machines

- **Biggest DC machines** for strip mills as 1<sup>st</sup> stage drive units with typically 6 MW ... 12 MW at speed range ca. 100/min. To increase power, two machines are coupled in tandem (“**Tandem**”-operation).

Mounting of a DC  
rotor of a big DC  
machine 12 MW



Second DC machine  
for tandem operation

Commutator

Source: Siemens AG

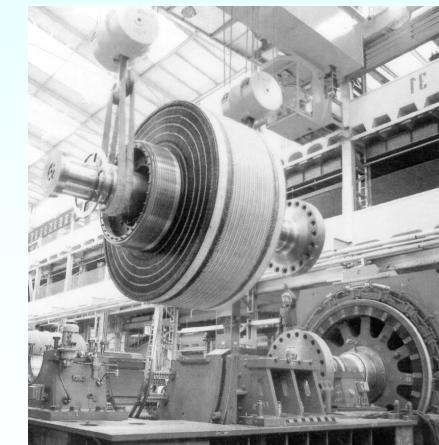


# DC machines - perspectives

- Large DC machines are replaced – due to power limits - by
  - a) converter-fed synchronous machines (up to ca. 100 MW !) and
  - b) inverter-fed induction machines (up to ca. 40 MW).
- Also in lower power range the converter-fed DC machine is replaced by the inverter-fed, robust **cage induction machine** with field-oriented control (due to brush maintenance !).

- **Small DC motors:**

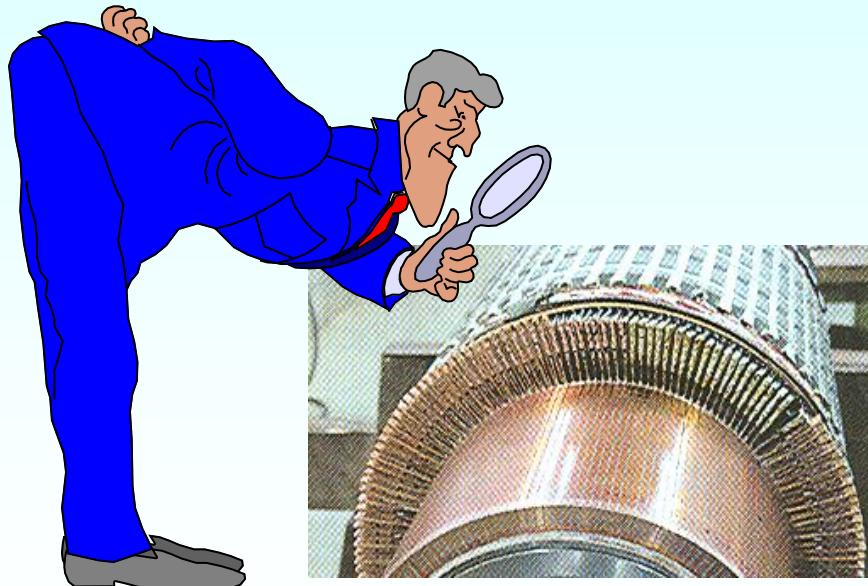
In automotive application and household appliance  
still steadily increasing numbers (cars: 12 V / 24 V.)



Source: Siemens AG



# That's all, folks !



Source: Fa. Brenner, Bürstadt

