9. Electrically Excited and Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machines



Source: Siemens AG







High-speed excitation and de-excitation



- High speed excitation: Quick rotor field build-up: Applying of "ceiling voltage" U_{fmax} : Field current rises in minimum time t_{12} from starting value I_{f1} to set-point value I_{f2} . At stator no-load condition rotor electrical time constant T is Rotor open-circuit time constant $T_f = L_f R_f$.
- Quick de-excitation: Quick de-magnetization of rotor field: Applying an external field resistor R_v (switch is in position 2) to reduce rotor winding time constant T_f.

$$T_f^* = L_f / (R_f + R_v) = T_f / (1 + \frac{R_v}{R_f})$$

<u>Example</u>: At $R_v = 9R_f$ time-constant T is reduced to $T_f^* = T_f/10$, e. g. from 3 s to 0.3 s. After about 3 $T_f^* = 1$ s rotor field has decayed to zero.



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Excitation systems



- Converter excitation: Controlled six-pulse rectifier bridge (B6C) generates from AC grid voltage a variable DC field voltage $U_{\rm f}$, depending on thyristor ignition angle $\alpha \Rightarrow$ via 2 slip rings DC current flows to the rotor winding.
- Brushless excitation: Exciter generator is coupled to main synchronous machine rotor, being itself an outer rotor synchronous machine: Stator = "DC excited" magnetic field. Rotor: Three-phase AC winding, in which voltage *U* is induced. Rotating six-pulse B6-diode bridge rectifies *U* to DC field voltage *U*_f, being applied to rotor without any brushes or slip rings. By variable stator DC field current the rotor field voltage is varied.







Measurement of equivalent circuit parameters (n = const.)



• **Open-circuit (= no-load) characteristic:** Generator operation, stator winding open circuit ($I_s = 0$): Measured stator voltage is "back EMF": $U_{s0}(I_f)$ or $U_{s0}(I_f)$. $U_{s0} = U_p = U_h$ and $I_f = I_m$. At high current I_f (high rotor flux): iron part saturate: $U_{s0}(I_f)$ curbed characteristic.

Short-circuit characteristic: Generator operation, short circuited stator winding: Stator current = short-circuit current I_{sk}. Acc. to a): I_m = I'_f - I_{sk} small (U_h small: magnetic point of operation A) ⇒ iron does not saturate. Characteristic I_{sk}(I_f) or I_{sk}(I'_f) is LINEAR.



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Measurement of synchronous reactance



• Due to $I_{sk} = U_p / X_d$ (at $R_s = 0$) we get: At "**no-load field current**" I_{f0} the induced no-load voltage is rated phase voltage: $U_{s0} = U_{sN}$.

At this field current in case of shortcircuited stator winding the stator current is **short-circuit current** I_{sk0} :

$$I_{sk0} = \frac{U_p(I_{f0})}{X_d} = \frac{U_{s0}}{X_d} = \frac{U_{sN}}{X_d}$$

• Synchronous reactance:

$$X_d = \frac{U_{sN}}{I_{sk0}}$$

• Synchronous reactance x_d per unit of rated impedance $Z_N = U_{sN} / I_{sN}$:

$$x_{d} = \frac{X_{d}}{Z_{N}} = \frac{U_{sN}}{I_{sk0}} \cdot \frac{I_{sN}}{U_{sN}} = \frac{I_{sN}}{I_{sk0}} = \frac{I_{fk}}{I_{f0}}$$





No-load / short-circuit ratio k_K

• The per unit synchronous reactance x_d is the ratio of short-circuit field current versus noload field current. Its inverse is the "no-load / short-circuit ratio" $k_{\kappa} = 1/x_d$.

$$k_{K} = \frac{I_{f0}}{I_{fk}} = \frac{I_{f}(U_{s} = U_{sN}, I_{s} = 0)}{I_{f}(U_{s} = 0, I_{s} = I_{sN})} = \frac{1}{x_{d}}$$

 At iron saturation no-load field current I_{f0} is higher than in non-saturated case. Hence saturated no-load / short-circuit ratio is bigger than nun-saturated one. So, saturated synchronous reactance is smaller than non-saturated value:

$$x_{d,sat} < x_{d,unsat}$$

• Synchronous reactance $X_d \sim Magnetizing$ inductance $L_h \sim N_s^2 \tau_p / \delta$.

Pole count 2*p* Synchronous reactance $x_d/p.u$.

Turbo generators (round rotor)	2	2.0
Salient pole machines	≥4	0.8 1.2
PM-Machines with Surface magnet rotors	≥4	0.3 1.0

Example:

From no-load/short-circuit curve (previous slide) we get: $k_{\rm K} = 0.43$, $x_{\rm d} = 1/0.43 = 2.32$ p.u.





Permanent magnet materials



- $B_{\rm R}$: Remanence flux density $_{B}H_{C}$: Coercive field strength of B(H)loop
- Material data *B(H)*: static "hysteresis"loop (here: at 20°C)
- Soft magnetic materials (1): Iron, nickel, cobalt: B_R and _BH_C are small: Application in magnetic AC fields
- Hard magnetic materials (2): = Permanent magnet materials: B_R and $_BH_C$ big: Application for generation of magneto-static fields
- 1. Aluminium-Nickel-Cobalt-Magnets (Al-Ni-Co) high B_R , low $_BH_C$, cheap
- 2. Ferrite (e.g., Barium-Ferrite) rather low B_R , but increased $_BH_C$
- 3. Rare-Earth Magnets Samarium-Cobalt: high $B_R \& {}_BH_c$, small influence of temperature
- 4. **Rare-Earth Magnets** Neodymium-Iron-Boron: very high $B_R \& {}_BH_C$, decreasing with increasing temperature
 - Magnetic point of operation of PM: in 2. quadrant of B(H)-loop



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Rare-earth magnets: Linear B(H)-Curve in 2. quadrant



• Self-field of permanent magnets is called magnetic polarization $J_{\rm M}$, which adds to the external field $H_{\rm M}$, yielding the resulting flux density $B_{\rm M}$:

$$\vec{B}_M = \mu_0 \vec{H}_M + \vec{J}_M$$

- Rare-earth magnets are developed for high saturation polarization J_s .
- After turn-off of external field the remanence flux density $B_R = J_M(H_M = 0) = J_R$ remains.
 - Two **coercive field strengths** H_C defined: a) At $-H_{CB}$ the resulting magnetic flux density B_M is zero.

b) At $-H_{CJ}$ the magnetic polarization J_M within the magnet is zero.

 $B_M(H_M)$ -loop results from adding the $J_M(H_M)$ -loop and the straight line $B_M = \mu_0 H_M$. Hence it is nearly linear in the 2nd quadrant :

$$B_M = B_R + \mu_M H_M, \quad \mu_M = ca.1.05\mu$$





PM synchronous machines: Air gap flux density B_p



PM rotor with surface mounted magnets

Air-gap flux density distribution at no-load ($I_s = 0$)

- No-load air gap flux-density B_{p} : Approximation $\mu_{M} = \mu_{0}$, $B_{M} \cong B_{R} + \mu_{0}H_{M}$ and $\mu_{Fe} \rightarrow \infty$.
- AMPERE's law gives: No-load ($I_s = 0$) = electrical Ampere turns Θ are zero;

$$2(H_{\delta}\delta + H_{M}h_{M}) = \Theta = 0$$

- Constancy of flux between field lines $\Phi = B_M A_M = B_{\delta} A_{\delta}$
- Identical cross section areas $A_M = A_{\delta}$ in magnets and in air-gap give: $B_M = B_{\delta}$

$$B_p = B_{\delta} = \mu_0 H_{\delta} = -\mu_0 \frac{h_M}{\delta} H_M = B_M$$

magnetic operational line $B_{M}(H_{M})$



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PM synchronous machine: Magnetic point of operation P



- Determination of magnetic point of operation *P*: Intersection of magnetic line of operation and of $B_M(H_M)$ -loop of PM material: Intersection point is *P* !
- **Temperature influence T:** $B_M(H_M)$ - loop of material depends on T. With increasing temperature the magnetic flux decreases: Temperatures $T_1 < T_2 < T_3 < T_4$.
- At rotors with surface mounted permanent magnets the air gap flux density B_p is always LOWER than the remanence flux density B_R (the lower, the bigger the ratio "Air gap width / magnet height" is).
- Due to $\mu_{M} \cong \mu_{0}$ the stator magnetizing reactance for *d* and *q*-axis is the same, if iron saturation is neglected: $X_{d} = X_{q}$. So, PM-machine with surface mounted magnets may be regarded as round-rotor machine.





Inverter operation - rotor position control



$$M_e = \frac{m_s}{\Omega_{syn}} \cdot \left(U_p \cdot I_{sq} + (X_d - X_q) \cdot I_{sd} \cdot I_{sq} \right)$$

Depending on rotor position, the stator winding is fed with three-phase current system so, that stator field has always a fixed relative position to rotor field. Measurement of rotor position with e. g. incremental encoder or resolver. Rotor cannot be pulled out of synchronism, as stator field is always adjusted to rotor position.

• Often used control method with PM-drives: Stator current is fed as pure *q*-current:

$$I_s = I_{sq}, I_{sd} = 0$$

<u>**Result:</u>** Stator field axis B_s is perpendicular to rotor field axis B_p .</u>

Torque for a given stator current I_s is maximum, because at $L_d = L_q$ only I_{sq} will produce torque with rotor field.

$$e = m_s \cdot U_p \cdot I_{sq} / \Omega_{syn}$$
 or with $U_p = \omega_s \Psi_p / \sqrt{2}$: $M_e = p \cdot m_s \cdot \Psi_p \cdot I_{sq} / \sqrt{2}$



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PM synchronous machine as "Brushless-DC"-drive



- At <u>I_{sq}-operation <u>I_s</u> and <u>U_p</u> are in phase. All current-carrying conductors of same current flow direction are positioned in rotor field of the same polarity. So the LORENTZ-forces on all conductors coincide in tangential direction like in DC machines.
 </u>
- For $R_s \cong 0$ we get from phasor diagram : $U_s = \omega_s \sqrt{L_q^2 I_{sq}^2 + (\Psi_p / \sqrt{2})^2}$ Control law for inverter (like in induction machines): $U_s \sim \omega_s$
- Torque: $M_e \sim \Phi_p \cdot I_s$ in DC machines similar: $M_e \sim \Phi \cdot I_a$ <u>DC machine:</u> commutator + brushes rotor armature winding stator main poles <u>"brushless DC"-drive:</u> inverter + encoder stator winding rotor poles



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Example: "Brushless-DC" robot drive





One-Arm-Robot with PM-Synchronous machines Cut view of 6-pole synchronous PM machine Source: Kuka, Germany Source: Siemens AG, Germany

- Each robot axis is moved by an inverter-fed synchronous PM-Motor. The rotor encoder is used also for position measurement of robot axis. So, position control of robot axes is achieved rather simple.
- No excitation losses due to PM: Motors operate without ANY cooling, yielding a very simple and robust drive system.
- For motor speed and torque control the stator current (*q*-axis current) is used, as it is directly proportional to torque, yielding a very simple motor control





Single-arm-robot with "brushless DC" PM synchronous motors



Source: ABB Sweden



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Example: Cylindrical rotor synchronous machine as variable speed rolling-mill drive

- Synchronous cylindrical rotor machine
- 12 poles, electrically excited
- Rated torque: 1.78 MNm, 0 ... 58.5/min
- Rated power: 10.9 MW, 58.5 ... 112.5/min
- Operated at $\cos \varphi = 1$
- 2.5-times short time overload:

Max. torque:	4.3 MNm
Max. power:	26.5 MW

- 5.5m-heavy plate rolling-mill drive
- Dillinger Hüttenwerke AG

Source: Siemens AG, Germany







Damper cage in synchronous machines



Damper cage of a 2-pole synchronous machine



Asynchronous torque of damper cage (KLOSS)

- Synchronous machines oscillate at each load step, when operating at "rigid" grid. The damper cage (= squirrel cage in rotor pole shoes) is damping these oscillations of load angle (and of speed) quickly.
- Function of damper cage: Speed oscillation leads to rotor slip s. ⇒ So stator field induces damper cage. Cage current and stator field give asynchronous torque M_{Dä}, which tries to accelerate / decelerate rotor to slip zero = it damps the oscillatory movement. The kinetic energy of oscillation is dissipated as heat in the damper cage.
- For asynchronous starting, a **BIGGER** starting cage is needed due to big cage losses.





Damping of load angle oscillations





• Without damper cage: undamped oscillations at operation point: A (- M_e , \mathcal{G}_0):

$$f_e = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{p \cdot |c_g|}{J}}$$

• Damping asynchronous torque (*KLOSS*): (linearized) $M_{D\ddot{a}}(s) \approx \frac{2M_b}{s} = D \cdot s$





