

ELEC 342

Electromechanical Energy Conversion and Transmission

2025-26 Winter Term 2

Lecture 21

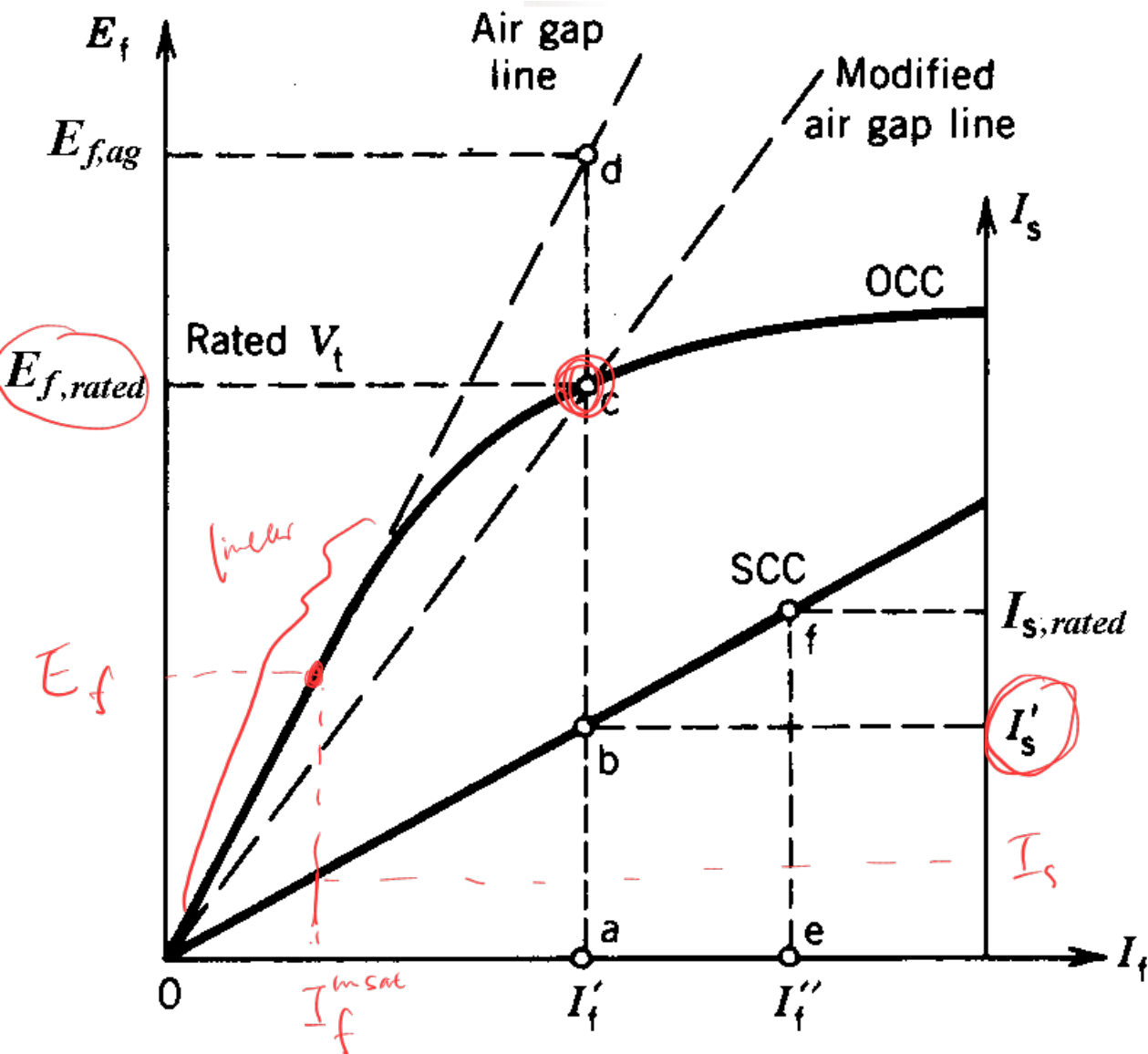
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Course Logistics

- Lab 4 takes place this week
- Lab 5 Monday section moved to Wednesday (Apr. 8) at 10:30 AM
 - Only Monday section is modified, Friday sections are not impacted
- Quiz 4 takes place at the beginning of lecture on Apr. 2
- Assignment 6 is posted

Synchronous Reactance



$$E_f = (R_s + jX_s)I_s = Z_s I_s$$

$$\approx X_s I_s \quad (\text{in terms of magnitude})$$

Unsaturated Syn. Reactance:

$$Z_{s,unsat} = \frac{E_{f,ag}}{I'_s}$$

$$X_{s,unsat} = \sqrt{Z_{s,unsat}^2 - R_s^2}$$

Saturated Syn. Reactance:

$$Z_{s,sat} = \frac{E_{f,rated}}{I'_s}$$

$$X_{s,sat} = \sqrt{Z_{s,sat}^2 - R_s^2}$$

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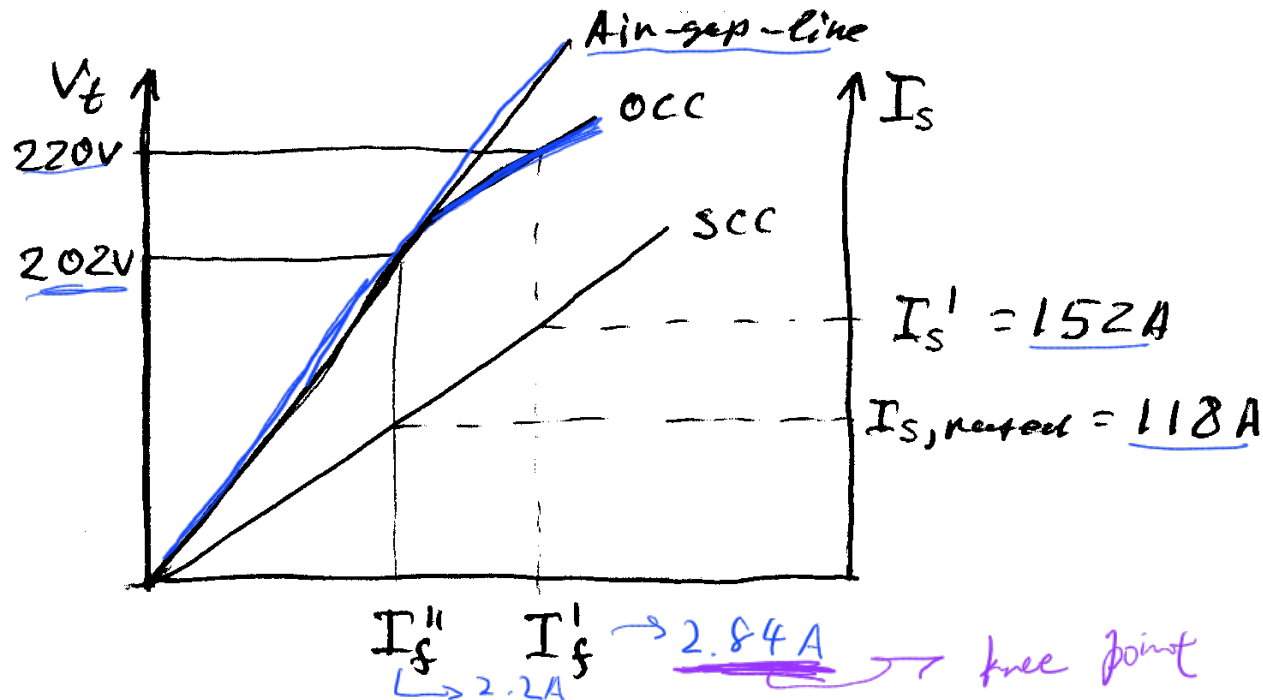
$V = 220\text{V}$ and $I_f = 2.84\text{A}$ (nominal, saturated) ↪ voltage

SC Test

$I_s = 118\text{A}$ and $I_f = 2.2\text{A}$ (rated armature current is reached)

$I_s = 152\text{A}$ and $I_f = 2.84\text{A}$ (field current corresponds to rated OC voltage)

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Assumption: $X \gg R$
↑
neglected

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1) Synchronous Speed

$$n = \frac{120}{p} \cdot f_e = \frac{120}{6} \cdot 60 = 1200\text{rpm}$$

2) I_a Ohms per-phase:

$$V_{s,ag} = \frac{202}{\sqrt{3}} = 116.7\text{V}; \quad V_{s,rated} = \frac{220}{\sqrt{3}} = 127\text{V}$$

$$X_{s,u} = \frac{V_{s,ag}}{I_{s,rated}} = \frac{116.7}{118} = 0.987\Omega$$

$$X_s = \frac{V_{s,rated}}{I_s'} = \frac{127}{152} = 0.836\Omega$$

$$X_s < X_{s,u}$$

$$\text{Short-Circuit-Ratio SCR} = \frac{I_s'}{I_{f,u}} = \frac{2.84}{2.2} = 1.29$$

$X \gg R$

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Compute: **SCR in pu**

3) I_n pu Select base values:

$$V_b = 220\text{V}, I_b = 118\text{A}$$

$$V_{s,ag} = \frac{202}{V_b} = \frac{202}{220} = 0.92\text{pu}$$

$$X_{s,u} = \frac{V_{s,ag}}{I_{s,\text{rated}}} = \frac{0.92\text{pu}}{1\text{pu}} = 0.92\text{pu}$$

$$I_s' = \frac{152\text{A}}{I_b} = \frac{152}{118} = 1.29\text{pu}$$

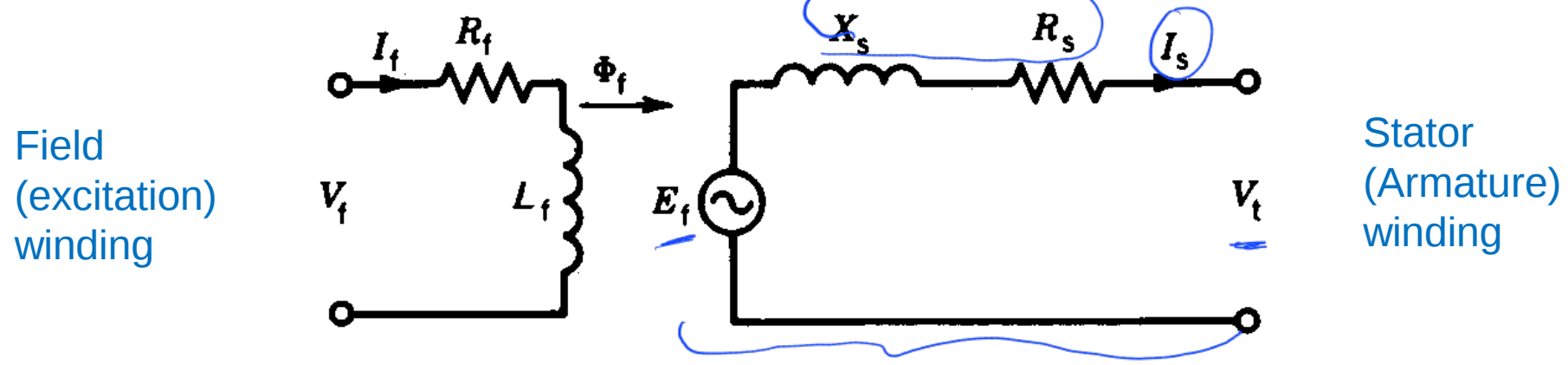
$$X_s = \frac{V_{s,\text{rated}}}{I_s'} = \frac{1\text{pu}}{1.29\text{pu}} = 0.775\text{pu}$$

$$\text{SCR} = \frac{1}{X_s} = \frac{1}{0.775} = 1.29$$

→ saturated impedance

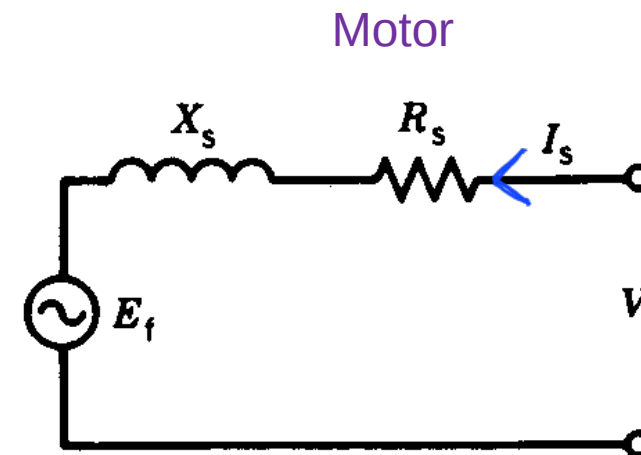
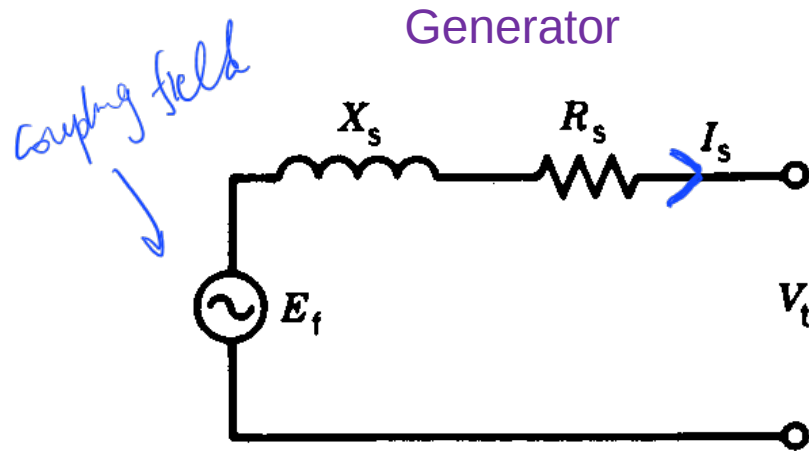
$$\text{SCR} = \frac{1}{X_{\text{pu}}}$$

Equivalent Circuit & Phasor Diagrams

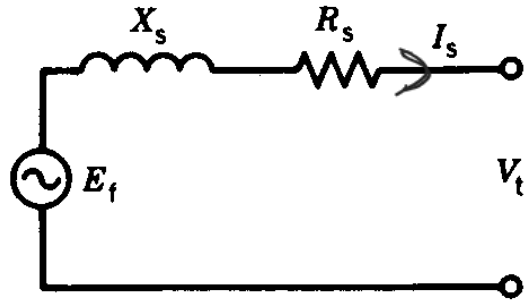


Stator Voltage Equation $V_t = \pm (R_s + jX_s)I_s + E_f$

depends on motor or generator



Basic Phasor Diagram - Generator



$$V_t = E_f - (R_s + jX_s)I_s$$

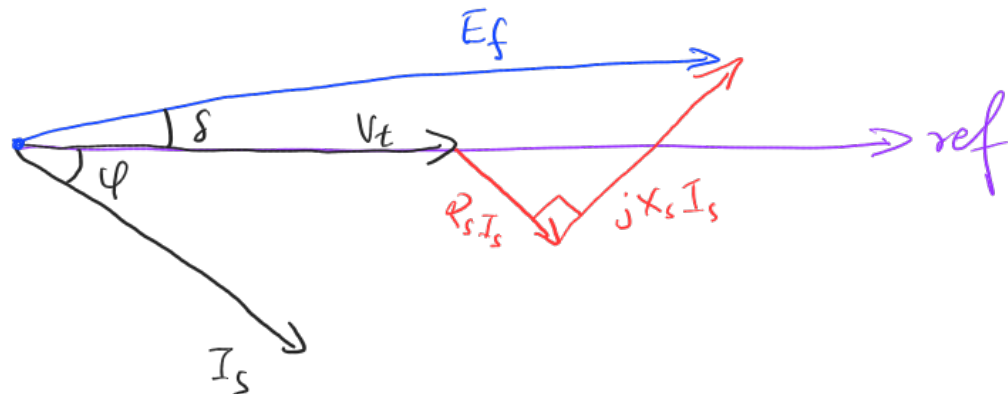
$$E_f = V_t + (R_s + jX_s)I_s$$

not
the
same

- ϕ - Power factor angle, angle between V_t and I_s
- δ - Angle between V_t and E_f

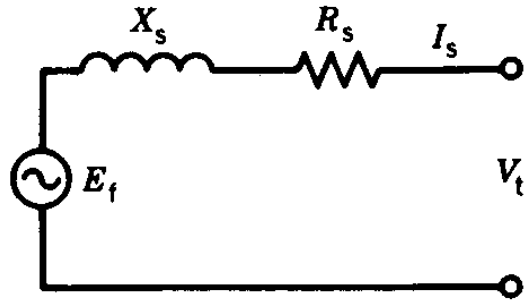
$$\delta = \theta_v - \theta_e$$

Assume **lagging** pf



- ① I_s lags V_t
- ② E_f leads V_t
- ↓ δ ↑ rotor ↓ stator

Basic Phasor Diagram - Generator

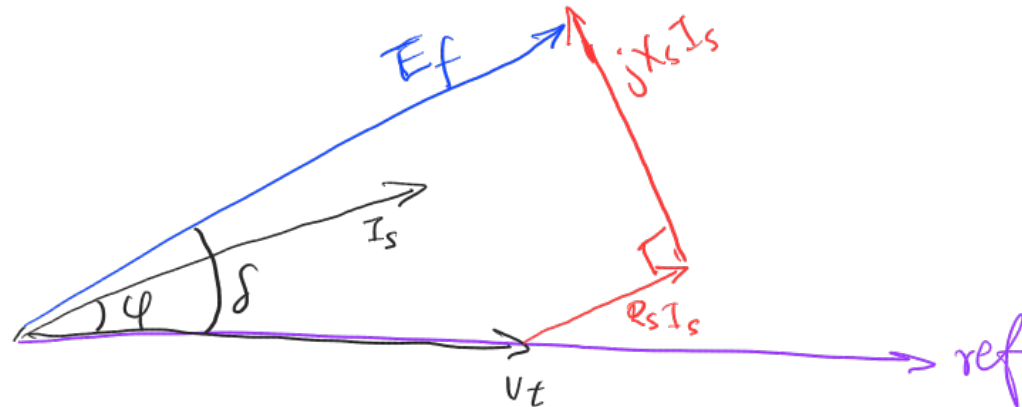


$$V_t = E_f - (R_s + jX_s)I_s$$
$$E_f = V_t + (R_s + jX_s)I_s$$

ϕ - Power factor angle, angle between V_t and I_s

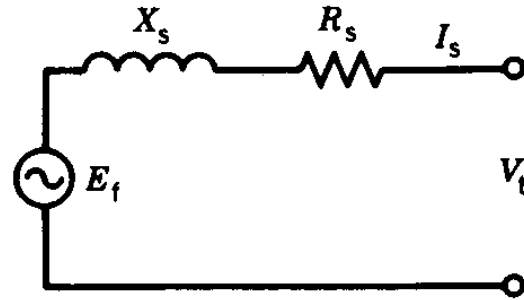
δ - Angle between V_t and E_f

Assume leading pf



Basic Phasor Diagram - Motor

E_f lags V_t

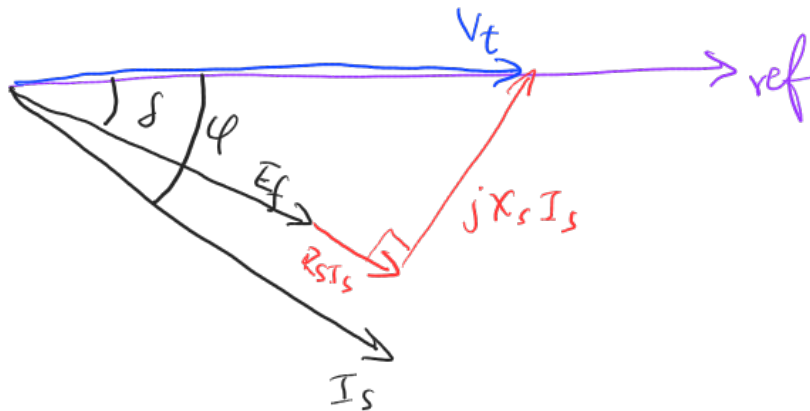


$$\underline{V_t} = (\underline{R_s} + j\underline{X_s})\underline{I_s} + \underline{E_f}$$

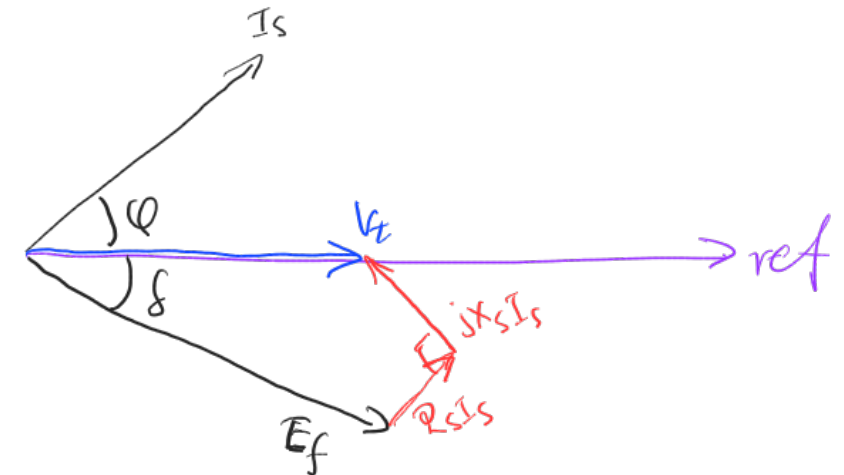
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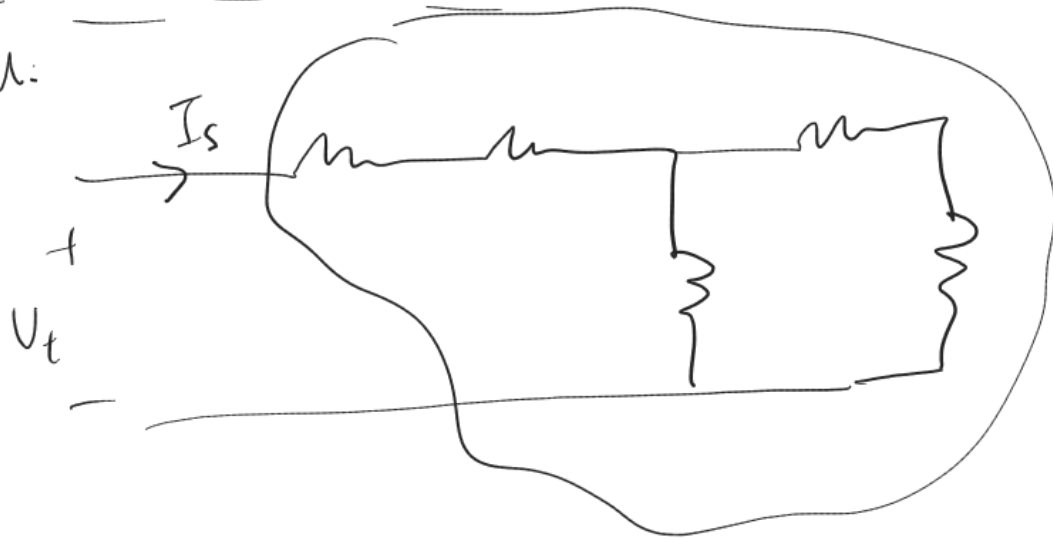


Summary of phasor diagrams

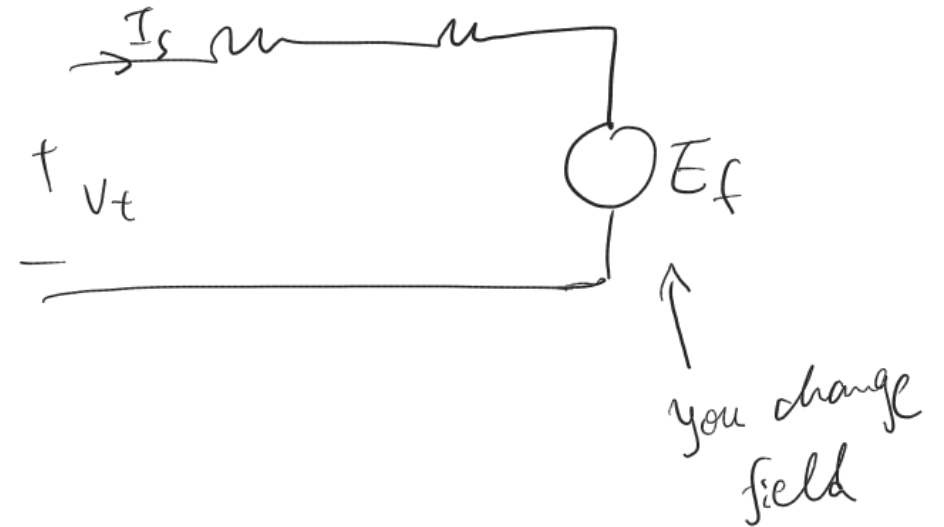
- (1) I_s and V_t : $\varphi \rightarrow$ inductive or capacitive behaviour
- (2) E_f and V_t : δ

Independent control of E_f

IM:



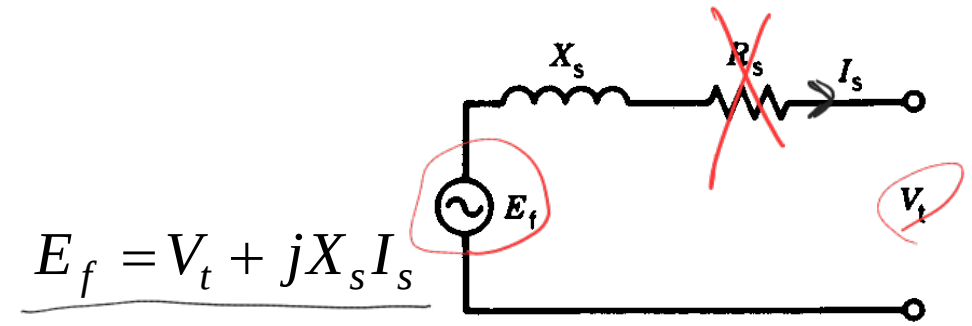
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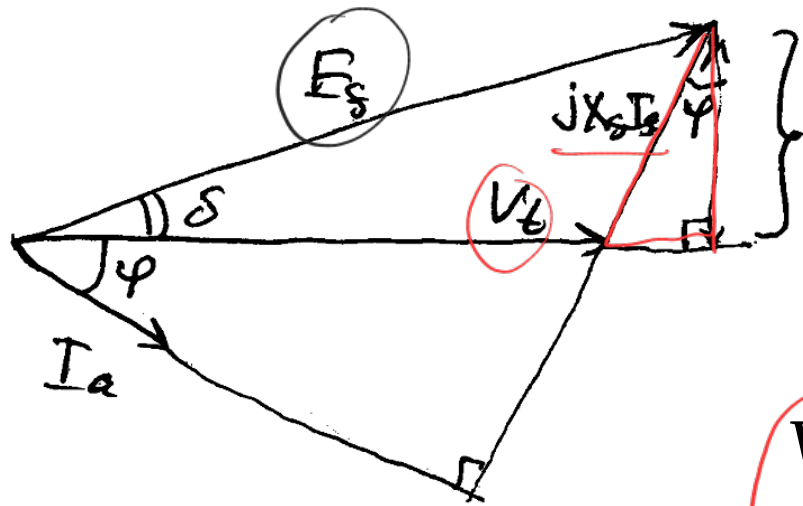
Real Power & Torque

- Assume generator with lagging pf
- Neglect R_s

$$P = VI \cos(\varphi)$$



Consider magnitudes, rms values



$$E_s \cdot \sin \delta = X_s \cdot I_s \cdot \cos \varphi \quad \leftarrow V_t \text{ on both sides}$$

$$V_t E_f \sin(\delta) = V_t X_s I_s \cos(\varphi) \rightarrow P$$

$$\frac{V_t E_f}{X_s} \sin(\delta) = V_t I_s \cos(\varphi) = P_{\text{per-phase}}$$

$\rightarrow$ rotor and stator misalignment

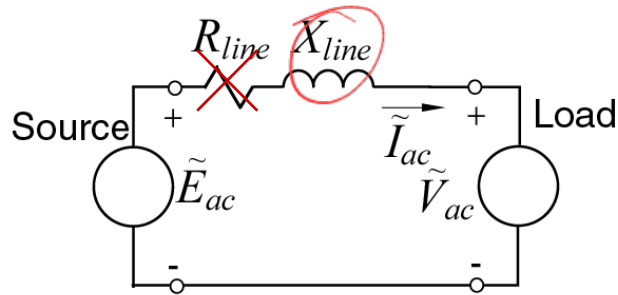
Three-phase power

$$P_{3\phi} = 3 \frac{V_t E_f}{X_s} \sin(\delta)$$

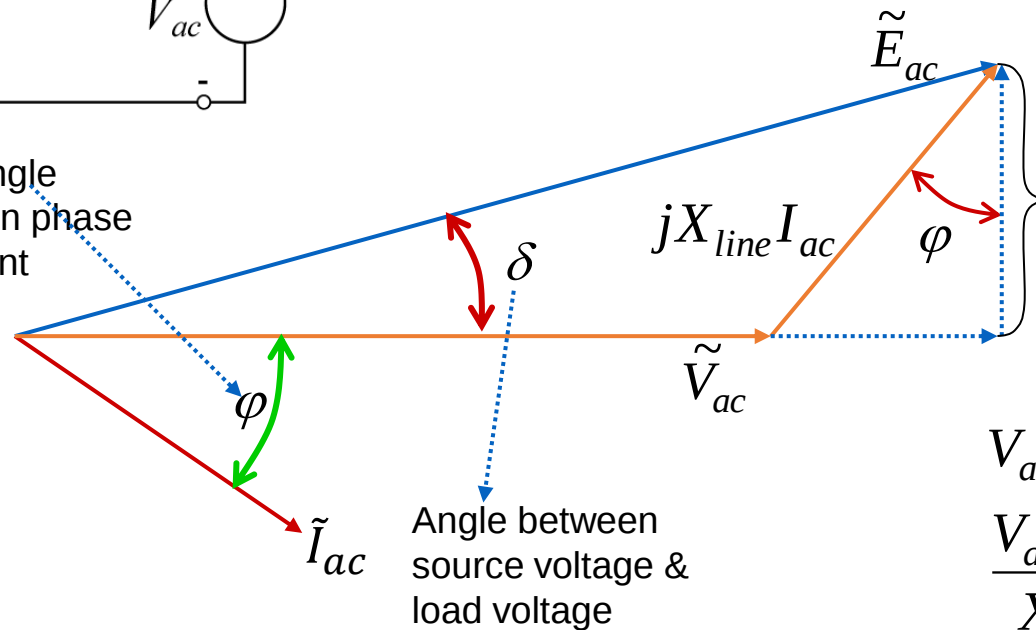
From Lecture 3: How to transmit power

• For AC System

- Lines are mostly inductive $X_{line} \gg R_{line}$
- Assume lagging power factor (inductive load)



Power factor angle
= angle between phase
voltage & current



Angle between
source voltage &
load voltage

Voltage Equation & Phasor Diagram

$$E_{ac} \approx V_{ac} + jX_{line}I_{ac}$$

$$E_{ac} \sin(\delta) = X_{line}I_{ac} \cos(\phi)$$

How do we get an expression
of real power from this?

$$V_{ac}E_{ac} \sin(\delta) = V_{ac}X_{line}I_{ac} \cos(\phi)$$

$$\frac{V_{ac}E_{ac}}{X_{line}} \sin(\delta) = V_{ac}I_{ac} \cos(\phi) = P_{transfer}$$

We can reverse the flow of real
power from “Load” to “Source”
by making the V_{ac} lead E_{ac}

$$P_{transfer} = \frac{V_{ac}E_{ac}}{X_{line}} \sin(\delta)$$

Torque (Power) – Angle Characteristic

- Assume $|V_t| = \text{const}$, $|E_f| = \text{const}$, $\omega_r = \omega_e = \text{const}$
- Neglect losses

$$P_{3\phi} = 3 \frac{V_t E_f}{X_s} \sin(\delta) = \omega_{\text{syn}} T_e$$

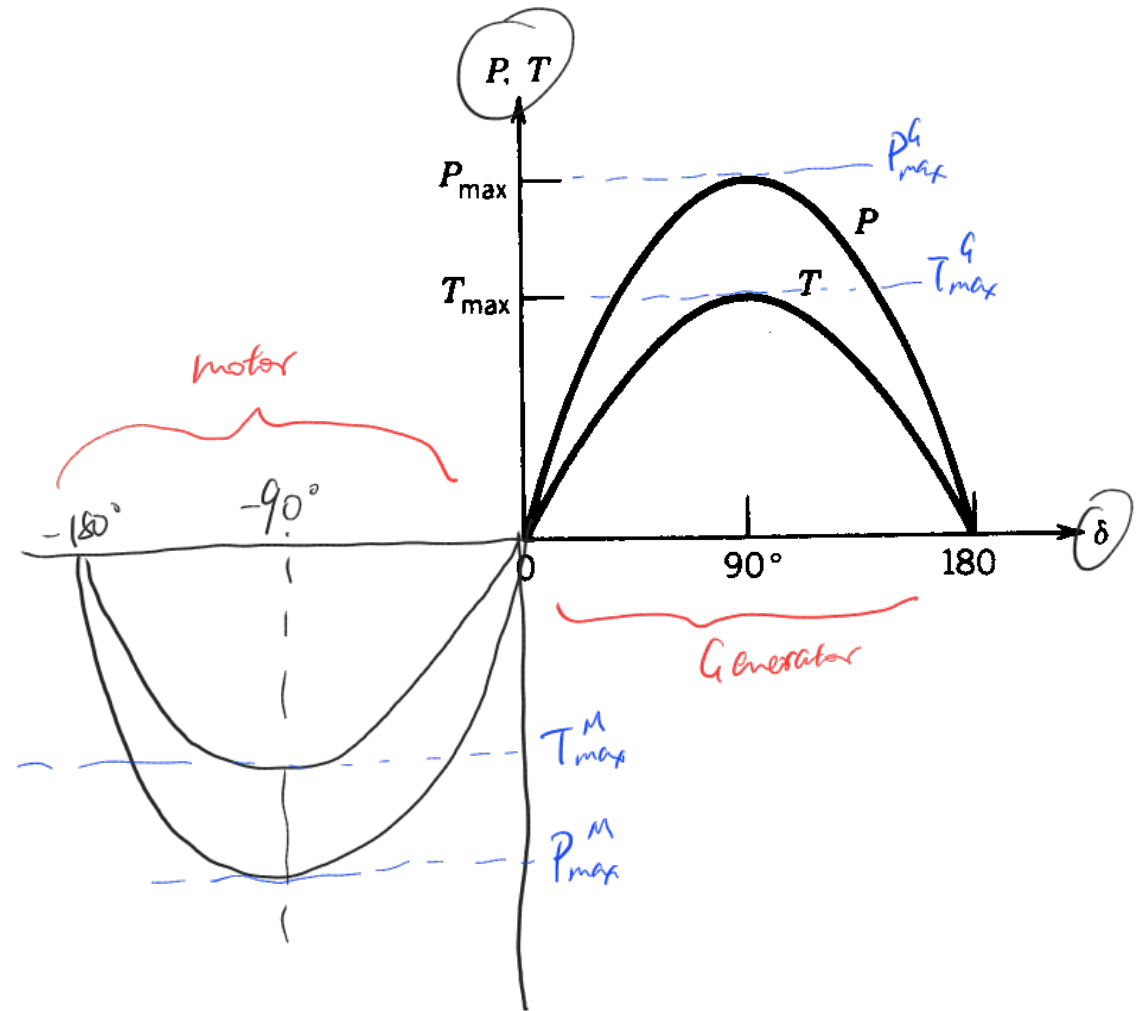
$$T_e = \frac{3}{\omega_{\text{syn}}} \cdot \frac{V_t E_f}{X_s} \sin(\delta)$$

of poles $\rightarrow$

$$= \left(\frac{P}{2} \right) \left(\frac{3}{\omega_e} \right) \cdot \frac{V_t E_f}{X_s} \sin(\delta)$$

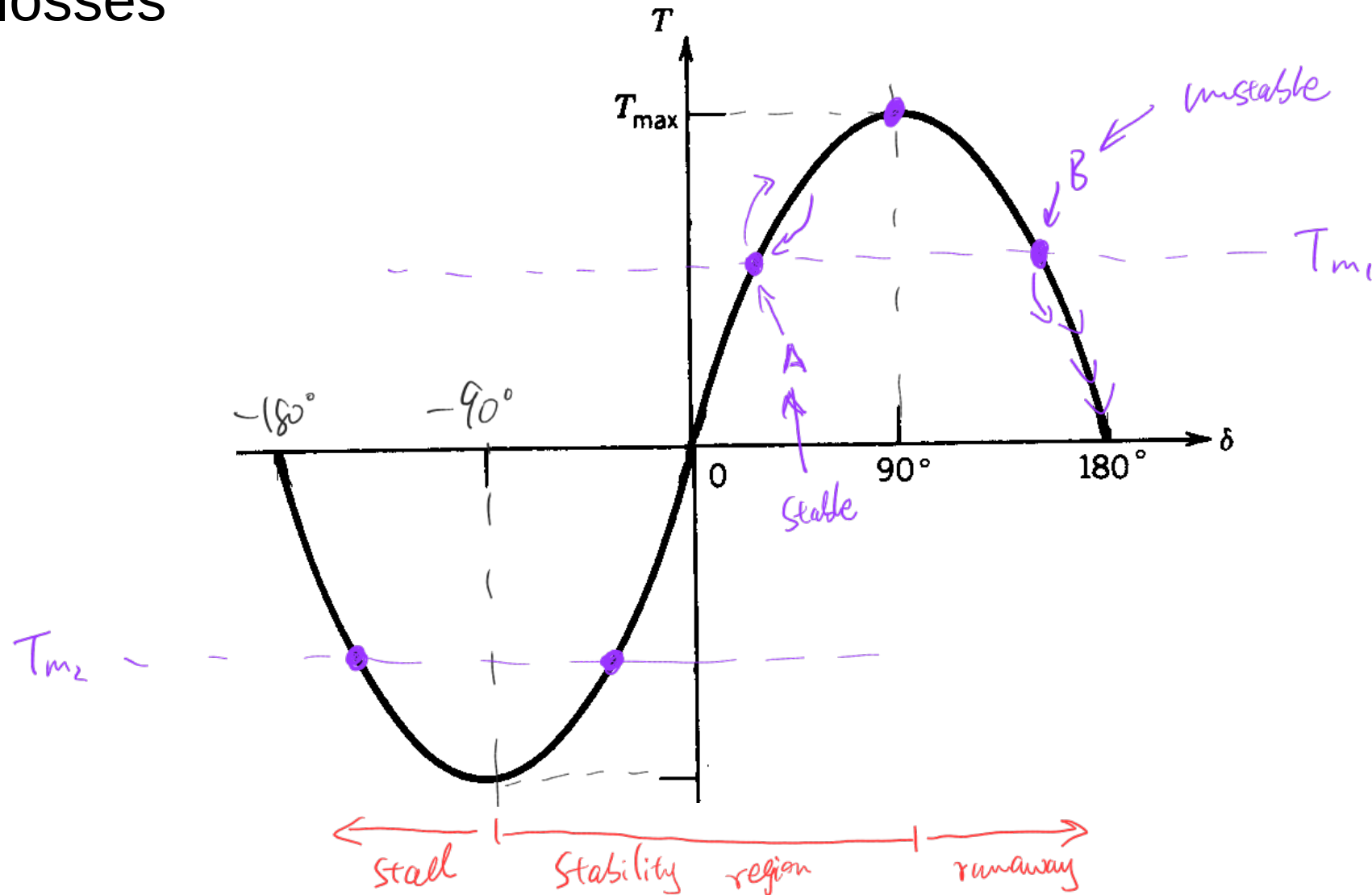
$$\Rightarrow P_{\text{max}} = 3 \frac{V_t E_f}{X_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{\text{max}} = \frac{P_{\text{max}}}{\omega_{\text{syn}}}$$



Torque (Power) – Stability Limits

- Assume $|V_t| = \text{const}$, $|E_f| = \text{const}$, $\omega_r = \omega_e = \text{const}$
- Neglect losses



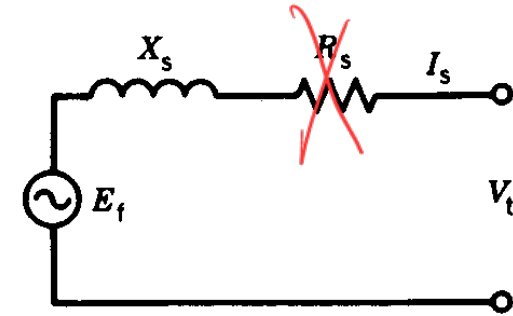
Reactive Power

- Assume generator with lagging pf

- Neglect ~~R_s~~

$$Q = VI \sin(\phi)$$

$$E_f = V_t + jX_s I_s$$



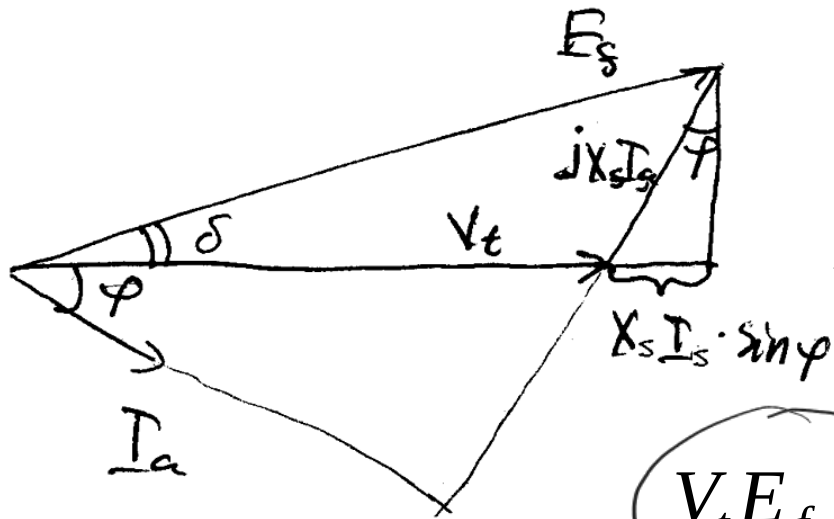
Q is not related to torque

Consider magnitudes, rms values

$$E_s \cos \delta = V_t + X_s I_s \sin \phi$$

$$V_t E_f \cos(\delta) = V_t^2 + V_t X_s I_s \sin(\phi)$$

real power P is dictated by $T_m \omega_{sync}$



$$\frac{V_t E_f \cos(\delta) - V_t^2}{X_s} = V_t I_s \sin(\phi) = Q_{\text{per-phase}}$$

Three-phase reactive power

$$Q_{3\phi} = 3 \frac{V_t E_f \cos(\delta) - V_t^2}{X_s}$$

controlling reactive power

Reactive Power Control

- Assume inductive load, lagging pf:

$$Q_{per-phase} = \frac{V_t E_f \cos(\delta) - V_t^2}{X_s}$$

$$P_{per-phase} = V_t I_s \cos(\varphi) = const$$

Control I_f one can achieve: $Q > 0$

Reactive power was supplied to the grid
(i.e. to inductive load with lagging pf)

$Q < 0$

Reactive power was absorbed from the
grid (i.e. to supply capacitive load with
leading pf)

- Assume $P_{per-phase} = V_t I_s \cos(\varphi) = 0$

=> Synchronous Machine with no mechanical load, idle mode

$$\delta \approx 0 \text{ and } \cos(\delta) \approx 1$$

=> Synchronous Condenser

act. as inductor or capacitor in grid

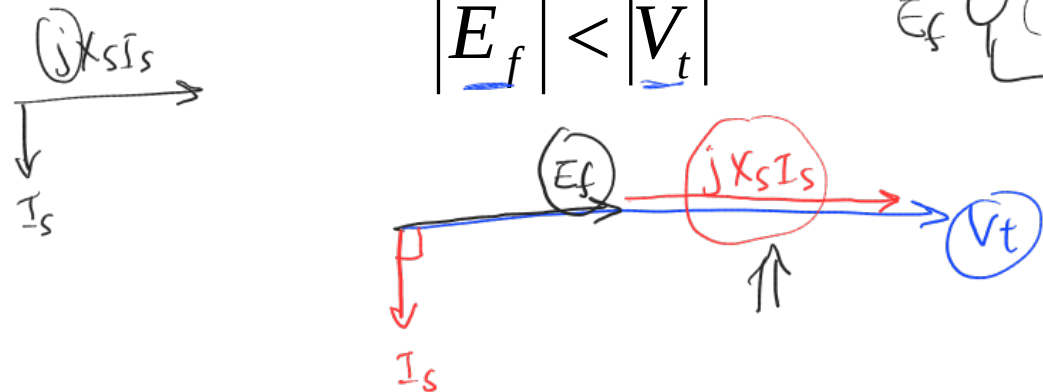
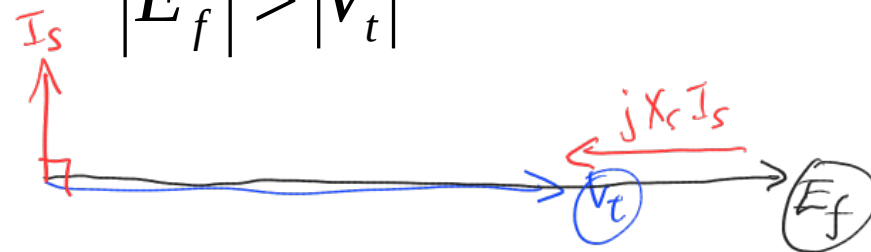
Synchronous Condenser $\delta = \phi \Rightarrow P = 0$

- Assume $V_t = E_f + jX_s I_s$ (stator resistance is neglected)

Under-Excited
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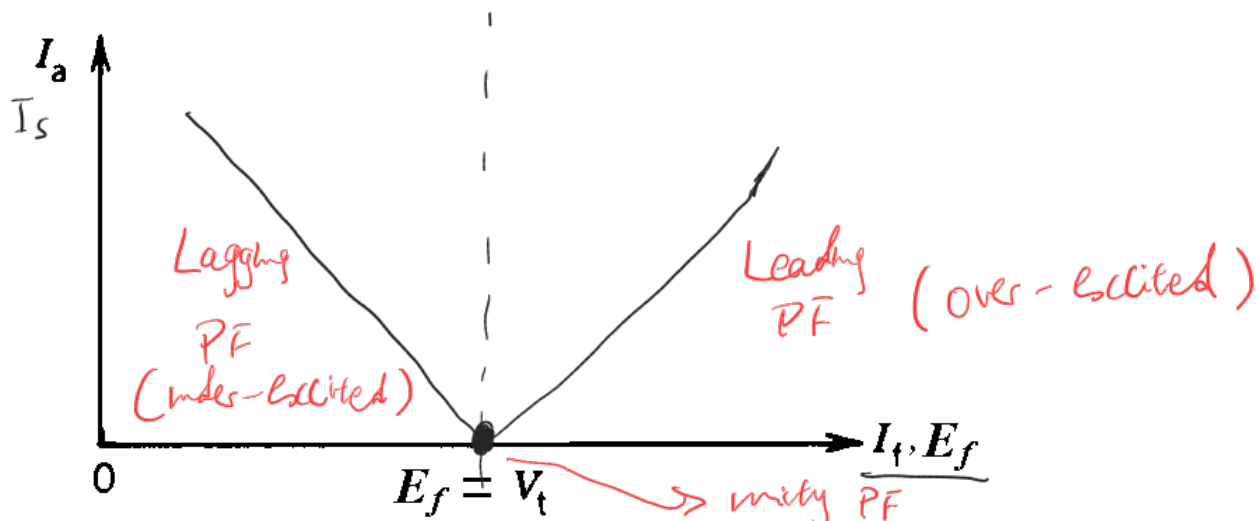


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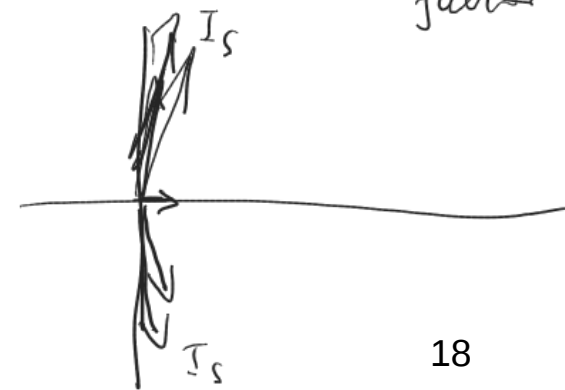


V – Characteristic of the Synchronous Condenser

Shape of the curve



$E_f = V_t$
 $\hookrightarrow$ unity power factor



Synchronous Motor – PF Control

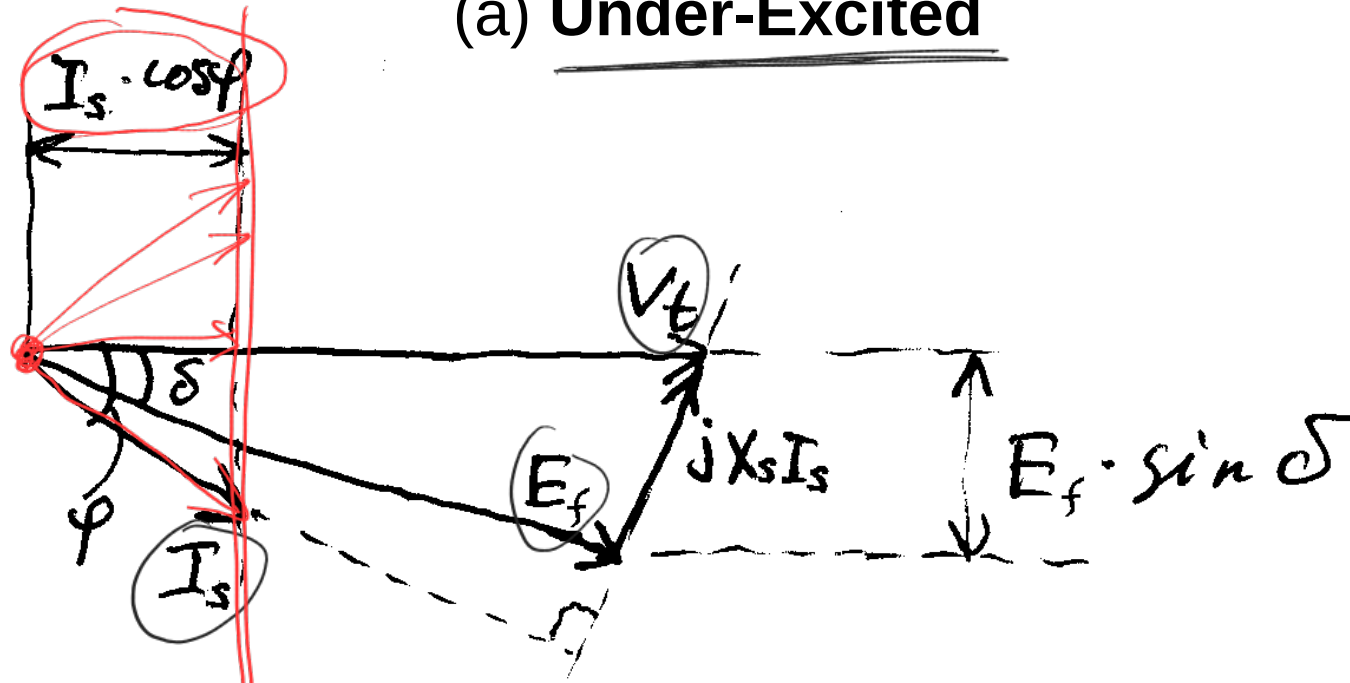
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$$\Rightarrow V_t E_f \sin(\delta) = \text{const}$$

$$V_t I_s \cos(\varphi) = \text{const}$$

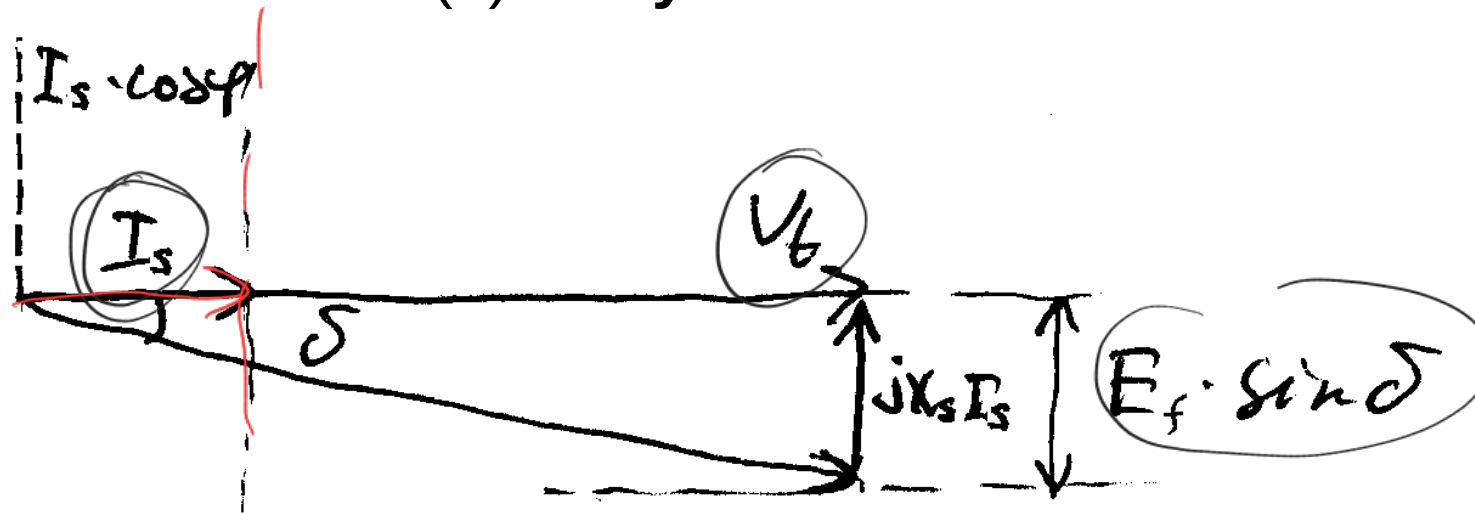
(a) Under-Excited



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 $V_t I_s \cos(\varphi) = \text{const}$

(b) Unity Power Factor



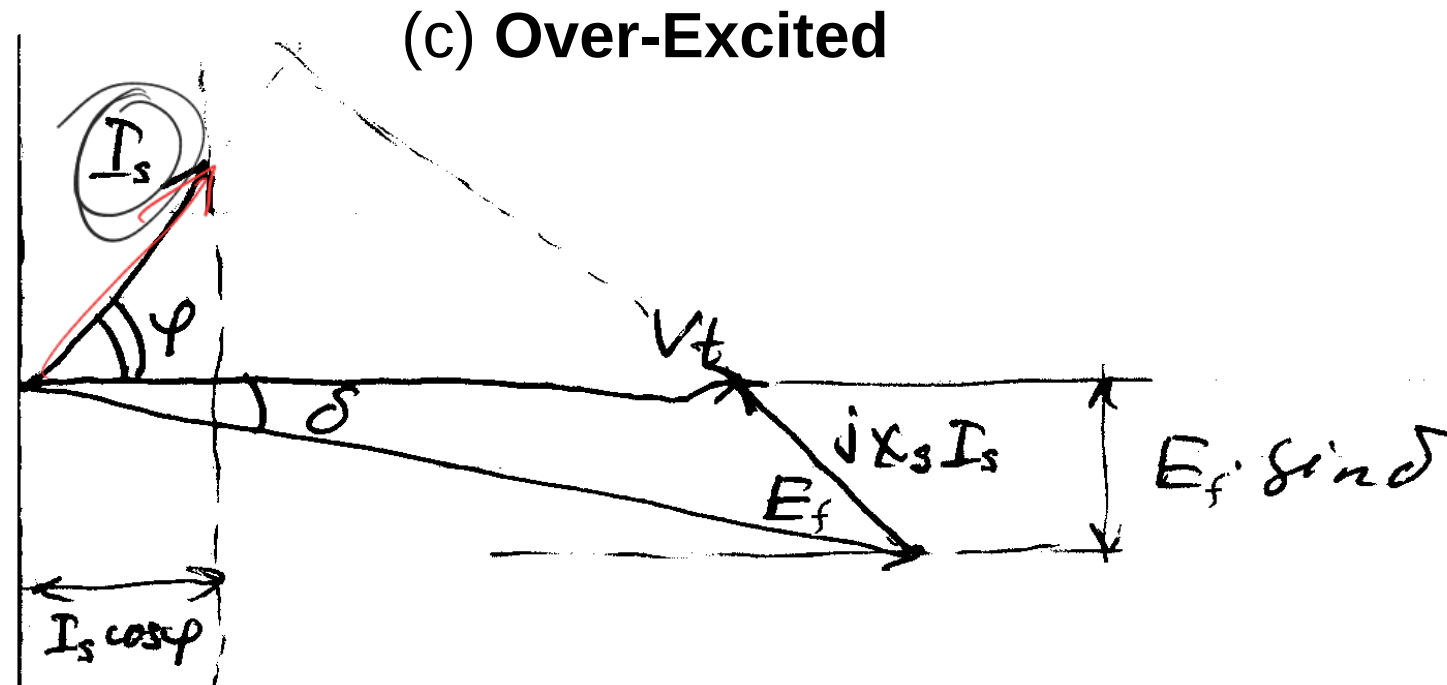
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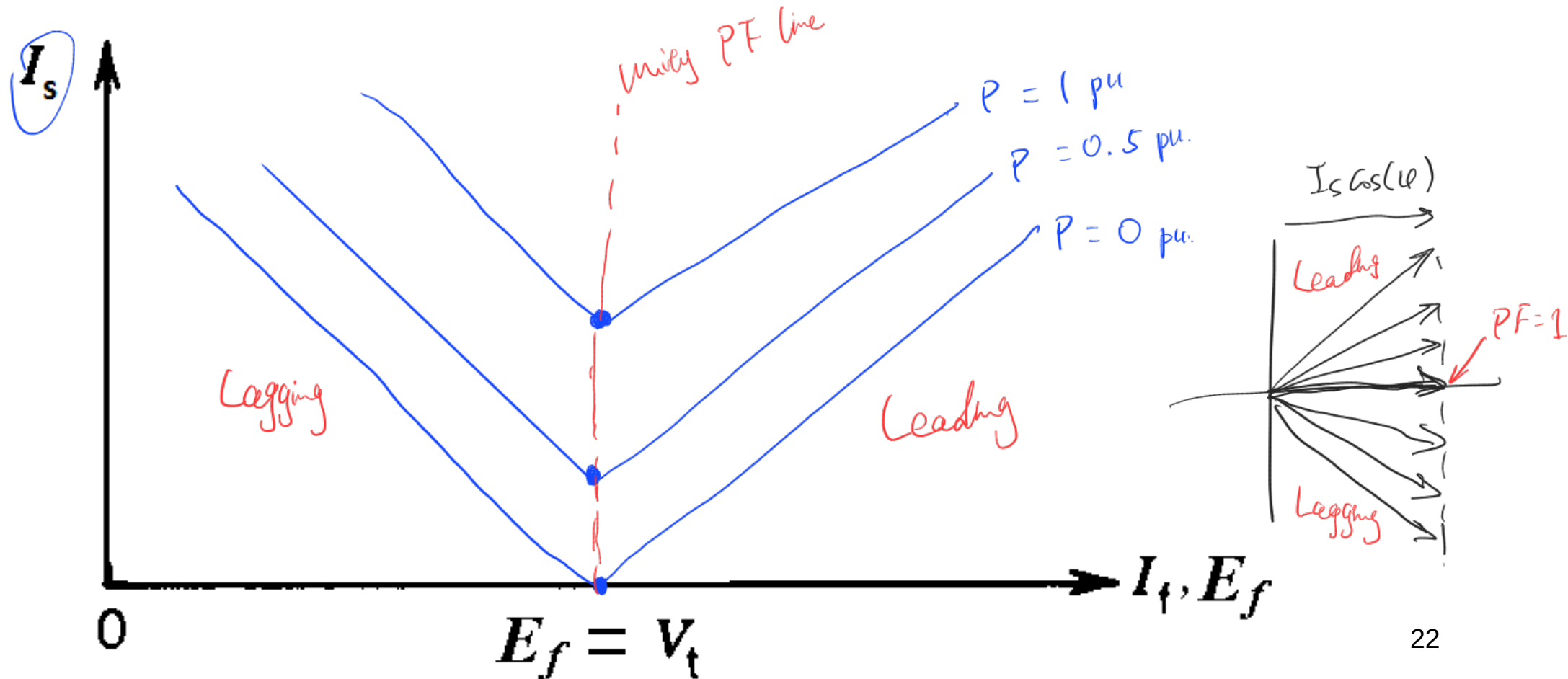
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V – Characteristic

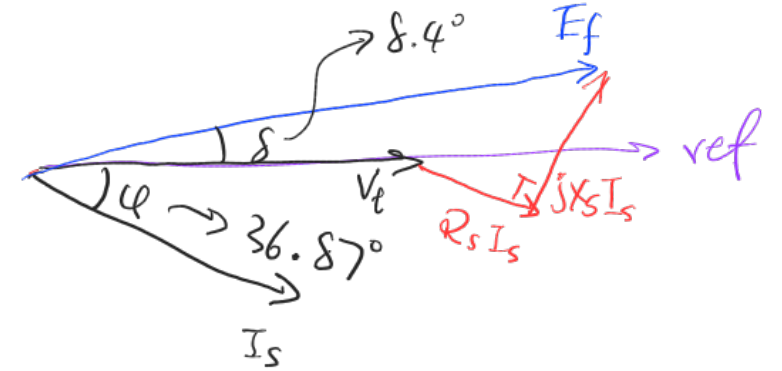


Example 2:

Three-Phase Synchronous Generator: $S = 1250\text{kVA}$, 10-pole, 60Hz, 4.16kV (line-to-line), Y-connected, and $R_s = 0.123\Omega$, $X_s = 3\Omega$ (per-phase)

Find generated voltage E_f at full load and 0.8 lagging pf

Step 1: phasor diagram



Step 2:

$$\underline{I_s} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{3} V_L} = \frac{1250,000}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 4160} = 173.48 \text{ A}$$

$$\cos \varphi = 0.8 = \text{pf} \Rightarrow \varphi = \cos^{-1}(0.8) = 36.87^\circ$$

$$\text{Assume } \underline{V_t} = \frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3}} \angle 0^\circ; \underline{I_s} = 173.48 \angle -36.87^\circ$$

$$\underline{Z_s} = R_s + jX_s = 0.123 + j3 = 3.0026 \angle 87.6^\circ$$

$$\underline{E_f} = \underline{V_t} + \underline{I_s} \cdot \underline{Z_s} = \frac{4160}{\sqrt{3}} + (173.48 \angle -36.87^\circ) \times (3.0026 \angle 87.6^\circ) = 2761.14 \angle 8.4^\circ$$

$$|E_f| = 2761.14 \text{ V (rms)} \quad \delta = 8.4^\circ$$

Looking ahead...

- Continue **Module 6**

