

# Synchronous Generators

Synchronous generator = Alternator

To obtain electrical power:-

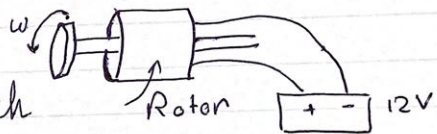
1. loop rotating - B fixed
- or 2. loop fixed - B rotating

► Alternator is composed from:-  
Rotor and Stator

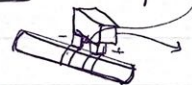
► Bearings are used to split Rotor from Stator

► Prime mover gives a mechanical Rotational energy  
It takes it from a turbine

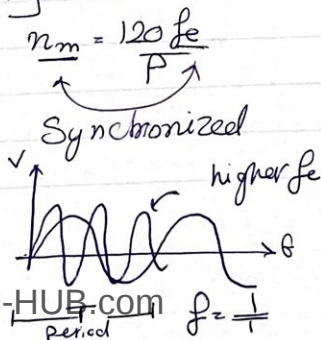
► Electrical magnet is used and It is given a power source (Battery)  
Given 12 volt  
Resulting Voltages is much higher



► The Battery wires are connected by slip rings and brushes (مقاومة كهربائية)



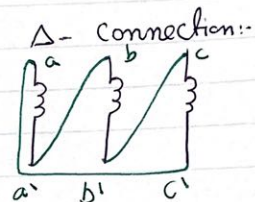
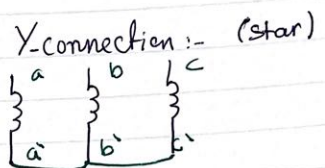
Why is it called synchronous?



There is Synchronization between mechanical energy ( $\omega$ ) and electrical frequency ( $f_e$ )

► For 3-phase generator

- large  $\omega$  will produce centrifugal force that will cause failure
- we increase number of Poles ( $F_e \downarrow$ ) and so  $\omega$  will decrease



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**Synchronous generator** : synchronous machines that are used to convert mechanical power to electrical power

Dc current  $\rightarrow$  rotor winding  $\rightarrow$  rotor magnetic field (stationary)

Then rotor is turned (Prime mover) producing rotating magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  3 phase induced voltage

$b \rightarrow a \rightarrow c$

$\downarrow$

Winding on a machine

1. Field windings : rotor windings that produces main magnetic field
2. Armature windings : Stator windings that produces induced magnetic field

### Rotor

- large electro magnet or natural magnet
  - Poles are
    1. non salient
    2. Salient
- } steel laminations are used for Both

To Supply Dc source:-

1. External (Slip Rings) and Brushes

Block of graphite like carbon compound that conducts electricity freely but has low friction to prevent wear on rings.

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Electromechanical device that allows the transmission of power and Electrical signals from a stationary to a rotating structure

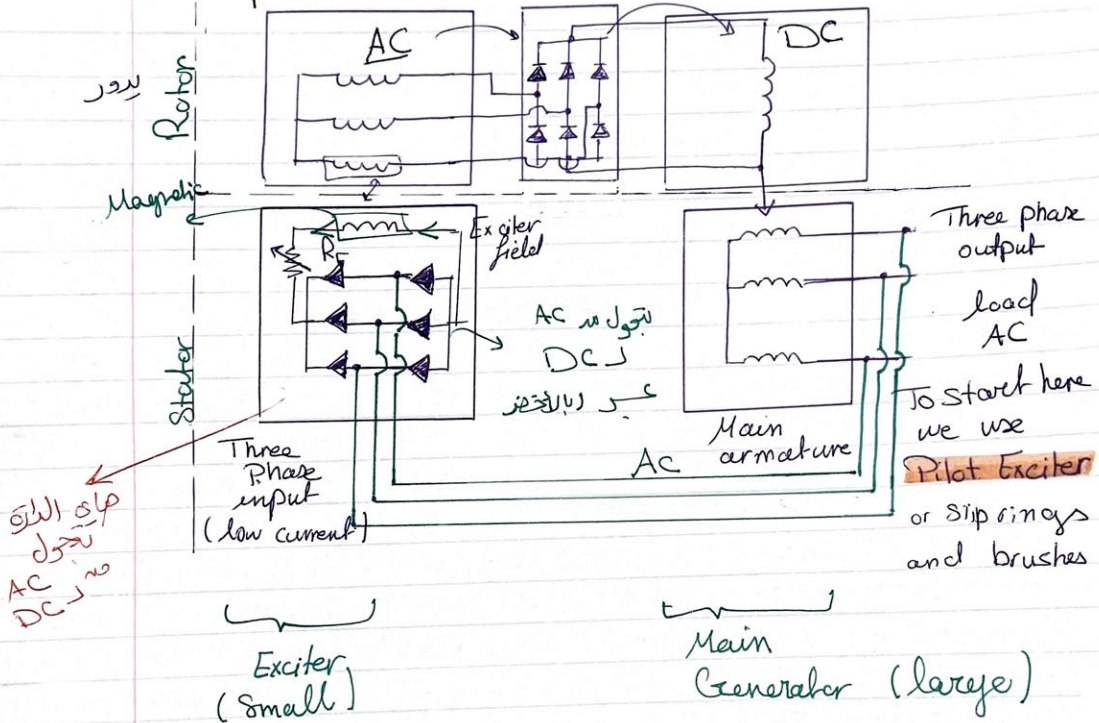
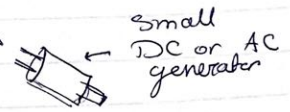
- Problems :-
1. maintenance (Brushes wear)
  2. Brush voltage drop can cause significant power losses on machines with larger field currents

So Used on small Synchronous generators

## 2. Special DC source mounted on the shaft (for larger machines)

### Brushless exciters

- requires much less maintenance



**Pilot Exciter:** No External power source

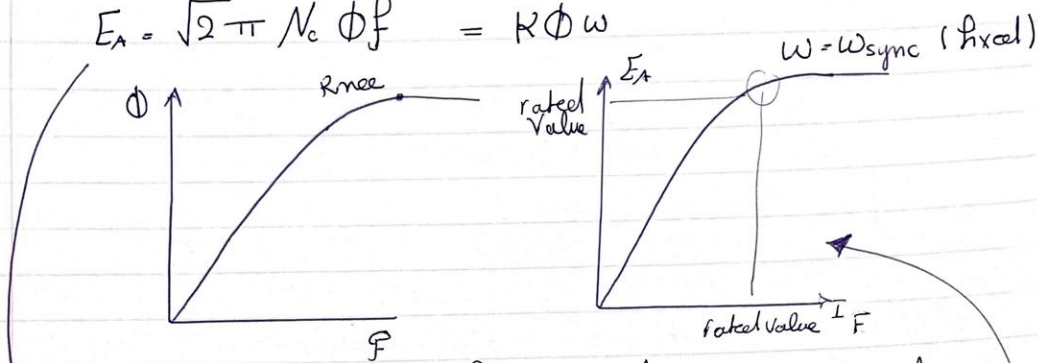
A small AC generator with permanent magnets mounted on the rotor shaft

These produce power for the field circuit of the exciter and so produces the field current of the main machine

- We use slip rings & brushes as a back up DC sources in generators

# Induced voltage of the Generator

$$E_A = \sqrt{2} \pi N_c \Phi f = K \Phi \omega$$



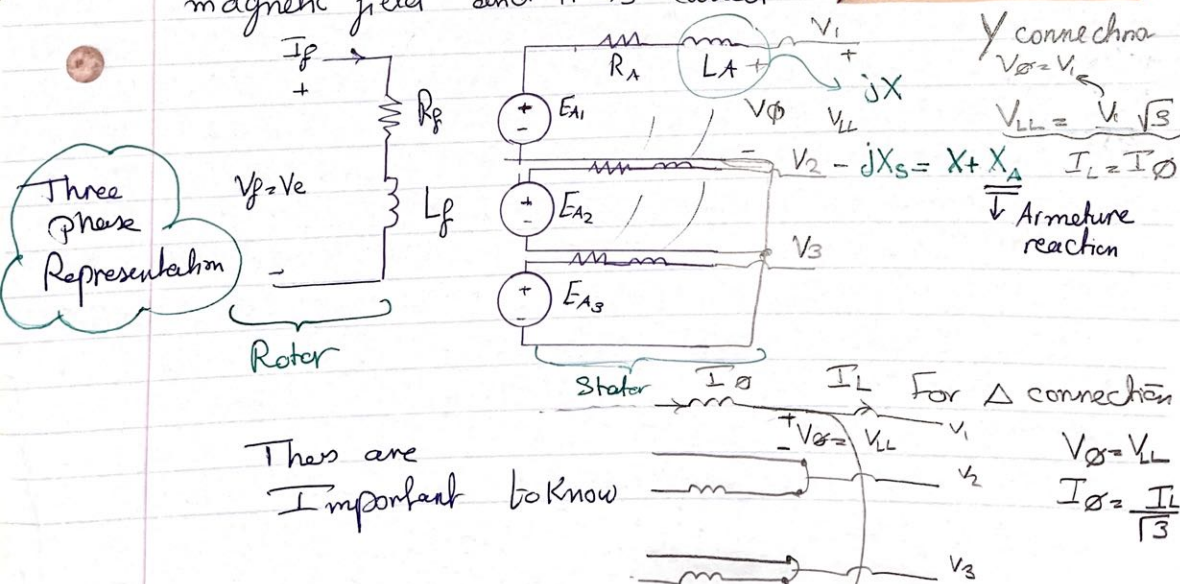
Magnetization curve for synchronous generator

If  $\omega$  is constant:  $E_A = \text{Constant } \Phi$  so  $E_A \propto \Phi$

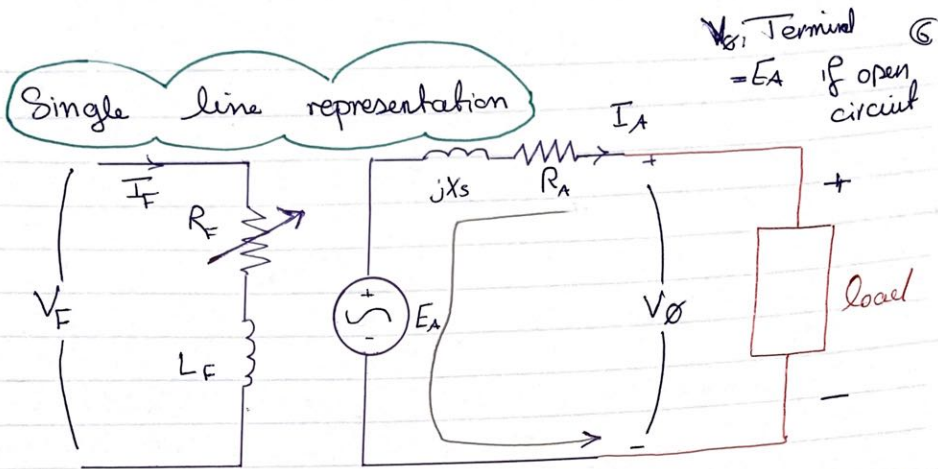
$$E_A \propto \frac{N i}{\text{constant}}$$

$$E_A \propto I_F \quad \text{field current}$$

- Notice:** That there will be a current passing in the stator  $\rightarrow$  magnetic field. This is considered to be a noise for main magnetic field and it is called **Armature reaction**.



These are important to know



KVL

$$-V_{\phi} - I_A (R_A + jX_s) + E_A = 0$$

$$E_A = V_{\phi} + \vec{I}_A (R_A + jX_s)$$

► If a load is inserted  $I_A$  changes

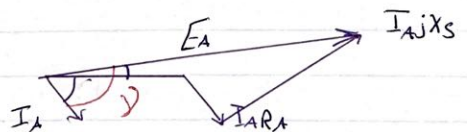
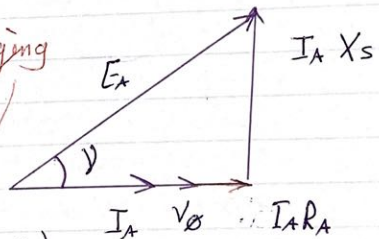
Load can be:-

1. Resistive :  $R_L$

$$\vec{E}_A = \vec{V}_{\phi} + \vec{I}_A (R_A + jX_s)$$

2. Inductive  $R_L, jX_L$  (اكثرية)

$$\vec{E}_A = \vec{V}_{\phi} + \vec{I}_A (R_A + jX_s)$$



• افتقاره لتغيره الجهد  
للتحكم  $I_F$  لأنه  
ثابت

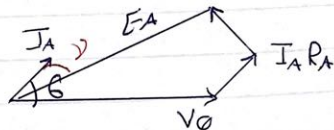
• إذا زاد  $V_{\phi}$  يقل  $I_F$

• إذا زاد  $I_F$  يقل  $V_{\phi}$

• Reactive Power  
= Magnetization current  
ولا يمكن توليد في source

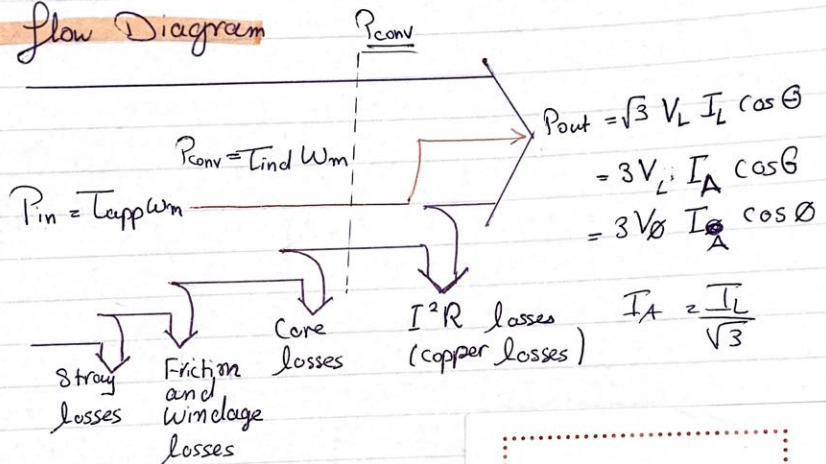
3. Capacitive load  $R_L, jX_L$  leading

$$\vec{E}_A = \vec{V}_\theta + \vec{I}_A (R_A + jX_s)$$



• IF  $V_{\text{Load}} > V_{\text{generator}}$   
Power flow will be reversed

### Power flow Diagram

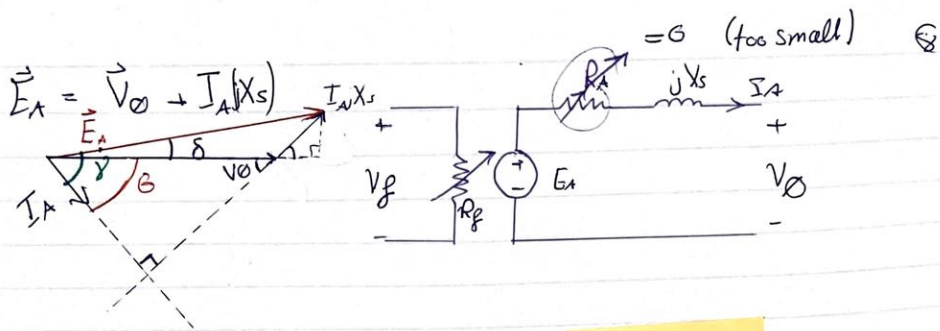


Since Three phase :-

- Copper losses  $= 3 R_A (I_A)^2$
- Core losses = Hysteresis + Eddy
- Windage losses & Friction: stator, rotor
- Stray losses = الحسرة التي ليس لها تفسير

$$P_{\text{conv}} = 3 E_A I_A \cos \delta$$

see three shapes



$$V_L = V_T$$

$$V_\phi = V_{LN}$$

$$E_A \sin \delta \text{ on } y\text{-axis}$$

$$E_A \cos \delta \text{ on } x\text{-axis}$$

$$E_A \sin \delta = X_s I_A \cos \theta$$

$$I_A \cos \theta = \frac{E_A \sin \delta}{X_s}$$

$$\text{So } P = 3 V_\phi I_A \cos \theta$$

$$P = 3 V_\phi \frac{E_A \sin \delta}{X_s} \leftarrow \text{Another formula considering } P_A = 0$$

In this case

$$P_{\text{conv}} = P_{\text{out}}$$

$$T_{\text{ind}} \omega_m = \frac{3 V_\phi E_A \sin \delta}{X_s}$$

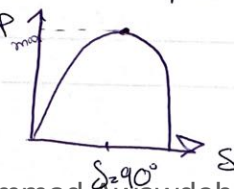
$$T_{\text{ind}} = \frac{3 V_\phi E_A}{X_s \omega_m} \sin \delta$$

$$T_{\text{max}} = \frac{3 V_\phi E_A}{X_s \omega_m}$$

(1)

when  $\delta = 90^\circ$ ,  $T$  is Max  
and Power is Maximized

$\delta$  is called Torque Angle



- If load is increased on a generator alone

$$\vec{E}_A = \underbrace{V_T}_{\substack{\text{constant} \\ \omega \text{ constant } R_{\text{constant}}}} + \underbrace{\vec{I}_A}_{\uparrow} (jX_s)$$

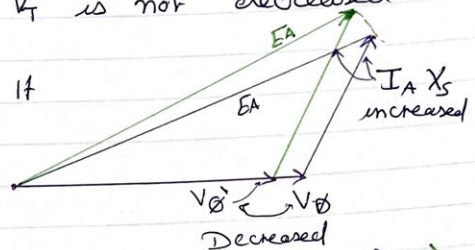
Load  $\uparrow$   $\therefore$  real and reactive power  $\uparrow$  and  $I_A$  will  $\uparrow$

► Goal: make sure that  $V_T$  is not decreased

But first, Analyze how it decreases

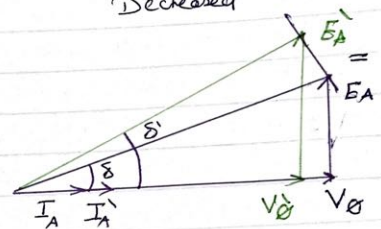
lagging power factor load

PF lagging ( $\delta$  negative)  
 $I_A \uparrow$ ,  $V_\phi \downarrow$



Unity power factor load

PF = 1  
 $I_A \uparrow$  and  $V_\phi \downarrow$



leading power factor load

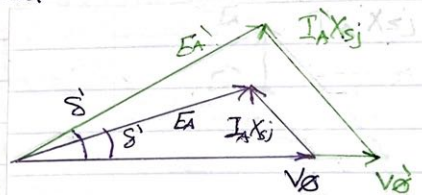
In this case:

$I_A$  will  $\uparrow$

$V_\phi$  will  $\uparrow$  why?

(Storage)

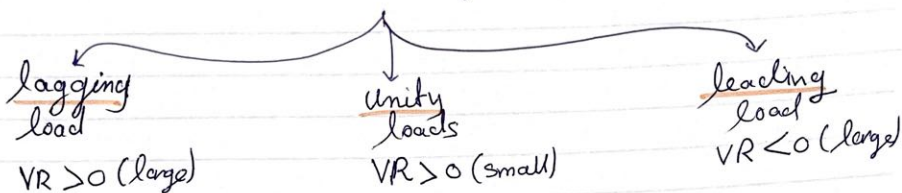
capacitor: Charging element  
so it will increase the voltage of load



• If  $V_T$  is increasing and  $> E_A$ ,  $I_A$  will be reversed  
this occurs at No load or light load (just less than)  
So company needs to be careful for that not to happen

## Voltage Regulation

$$V_R = \frac{V_{nl} - V_{fl}}{V_{fl}} \times 100\%$$



- It is preferred to keep  $V_T$  constant so  $E_A$  must be controlled by controlling  $I_F$  which controls flux
- $I_F$  can be controlled by controlling  $R_F$

$$\downarrow R_F \rightarrow \uparrow I_F \rightarrow \uparrow \phi \rightarrow \uparrow E_A \rightarrow \uparrow V_\phi$$

$$\uparrow R_F \rightarrow \downarrow I_F \rightarrow \downarrow \phi \rightarrow \downarrow E_A \rightarrow \downarrow V_\phi$$

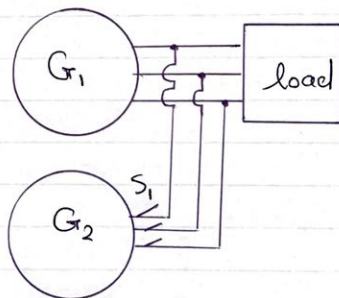
## Parallel operation of Generators.

Why Parallel?

- Handling large loads
- Maintenance without power disruption
- Increasing Power System reliability
- Increasing efficiency

$G_1$  : main Generator

$G_2$  : incoming Generator



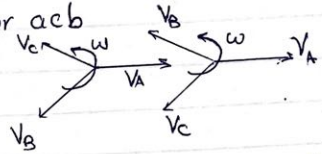
- Conditions needed to be checked to close  $S_1$

1. RMs equal (for line voltages)

2. Same phase sequences abc or acb

3. Same phase Angle

4.  $f_2$  a little bit higher



For  $G_1$   
to know  
that  $G_2$  is  
helping

- If Different sequences were used : High currents will flow in b,c and machine is damaged
- Any unchecked condition will damage the device