

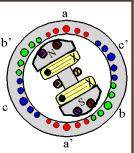
LECTURE 13 SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR



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Measuring parameters of synchronous generator model



The three quantities must be determined in order to describe the generator model:

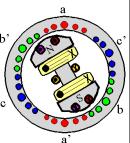
- 1. The relationship between field current and flux (and therefore between the field current I_{F} and the internal generated voltage E_{A} ;
- The synchronous reactance; 2.
- 3. The armature resistance.

OPEN CIRCUIT TEST (OCC)

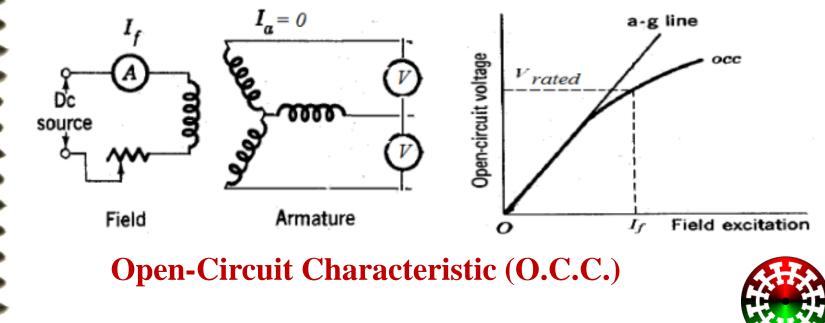
We conduct first the open-circuit test on the synchronous generator: the generator is rotated at the rated speed, all the terminals are disconnected from loads, the field current is set to zero first. Next, the field current is increased in steps and the phase voltage (which is equal to the internal generated voltage E_A since the armature current is zero) is measured.



Open-Circuit Characteristic (OCC)

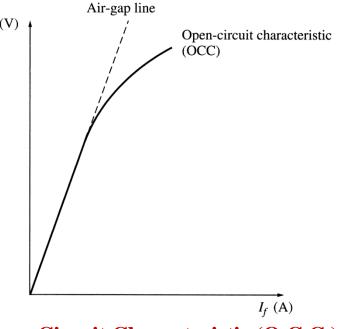


Therefore, it is possible to plot the dependence of the internal generated voltage on the field current – the open-circuit characteristic (OCC) of the generator.



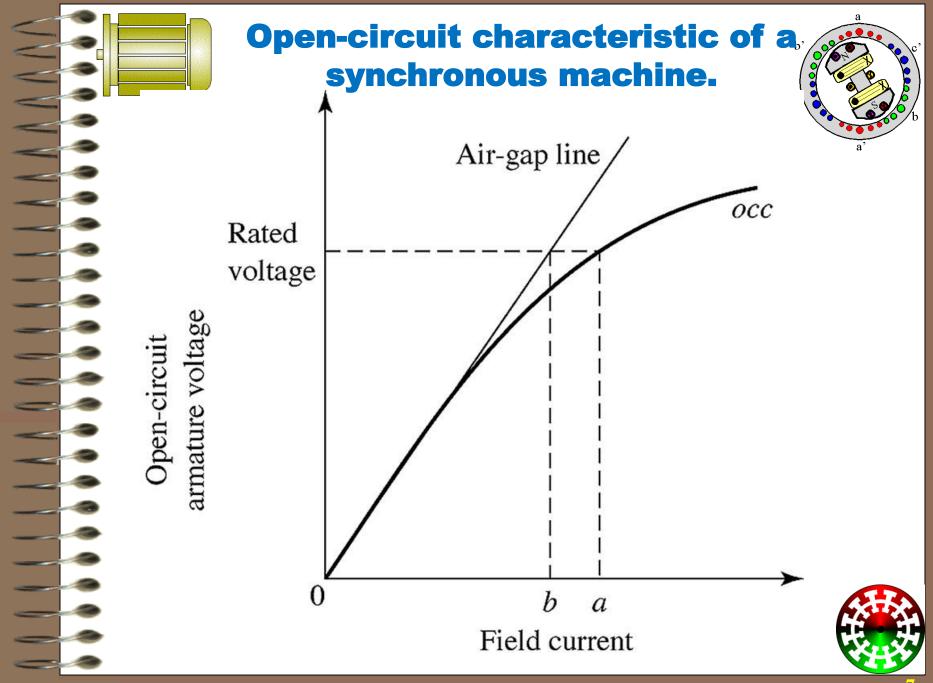
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Since the unsaturated core of $V_{T}(V)$ the machine has a reluctance thousands times lower than the reluctance of the air-gap, the resulting flux increases linearly first. When the saturation is reached, the core reluctance greatly increases causing the flux to increase much slower with the increase of the mmf.



Open-Circuit Characteristic (O.C.C.)

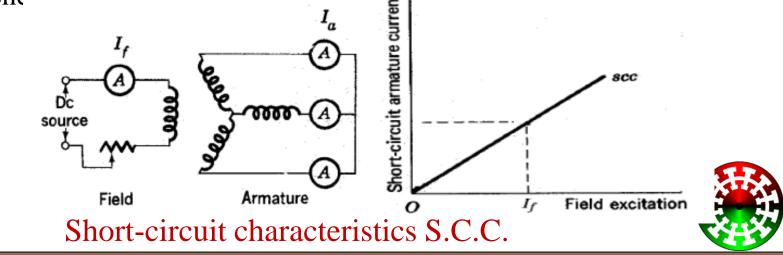


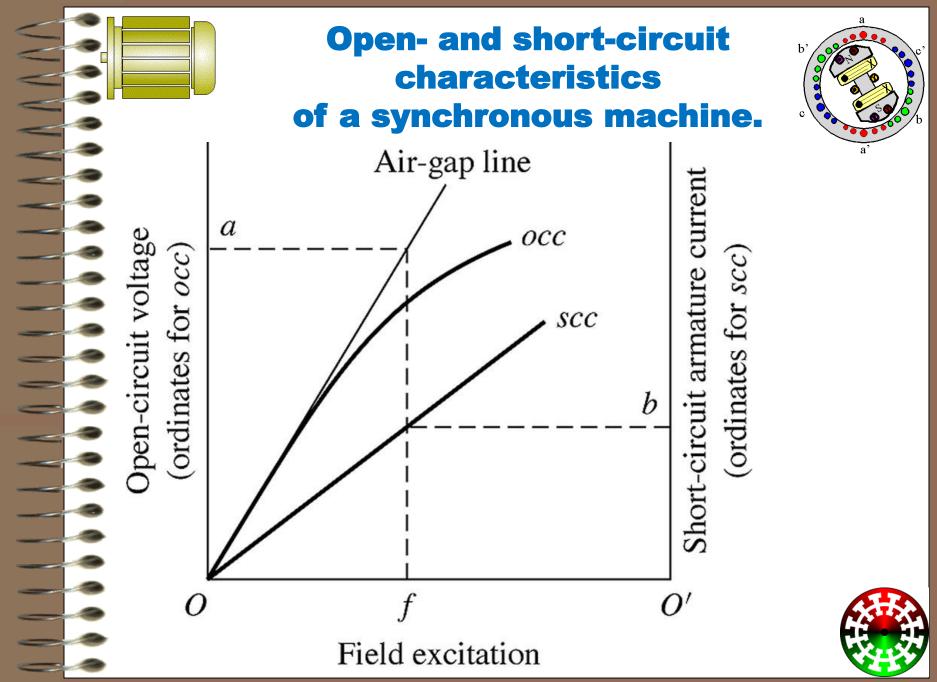


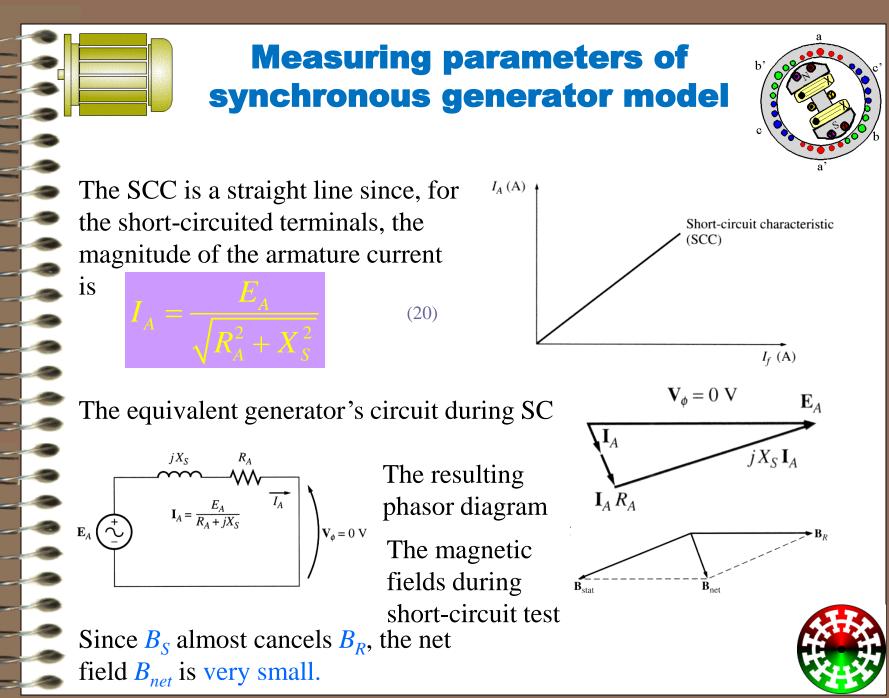
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SHORT CIRCUIT TEST (SCC)

We conduct next the **short-circuit test** on the synchronous generator: the generator is rotated at the rated speed, all the terminals are short-circuited through ammeters, the field current I_F is set to zero first. Next, the field current is increased in steps and the armature current I_A is measured as the field current is increased. The plot of armature current (or line current) vs. the field current is the short-circuit characteristic (SCC) of the gene \mathbb{E}

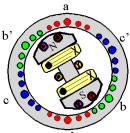






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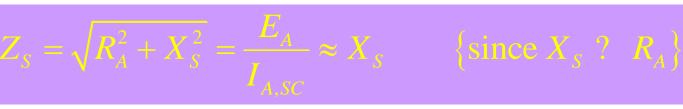


An approximate method to determine the synchronous reactance X_s at a given field current:

- 1. Get the internal generated voltage E_A from the OCC at that field current.
- 2. Get the short-circuit current $I_{A,SC}$ at that field current from the SCC.
- 3. Find $X_{\rm S}$ from

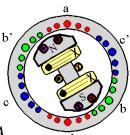


Since the internal machine impedance is





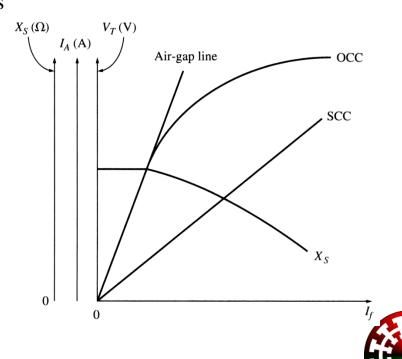
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A drawback of this method is that the internal generated voltage E_A is measured during the OCC, where the machine can be saturated for large field currents, while the armature current is measured in SCC, where the core is unsaturated. Therefore, this approach is accurate

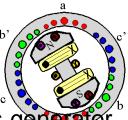
for unsaturated cores only. The approximate value of synchronous reactance varies with the degree of saturation of the OCC. Therefore, the value of the synchronous reactance for a given

problem should be estimated at the approximate load of the machine. The winding's resistance can be approximated by applying a DC voltage to a stationary machine's winding and measuring the current. However, AC resistance is slightly larger than DC resistance (skin effect).



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synchronous generator model: Ex

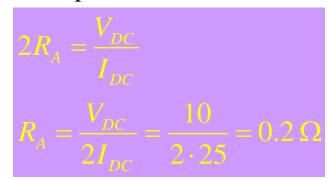


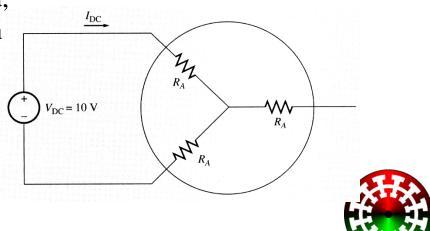
Example : A 200 kVA, 480 V, 50 Hz, Y-connected synchronous generato with a rated field current of 5 A was tested and the following data were obtained:

- 1. $V_{T,OC} = 540$ V at the rated I_F .
- 2. $I_{L,SC} = 300 \text{ A}$ at the rated I_F .
- 3. When a DC voltage of 10 V was applied to two of the terminals, a current of 25 A was measured.

Find the generator's model at the rated conditions (i.e., the armature resistance and the approximate synchronous reactance).

Since the generator is Y-connected, a DC voltage was applied between its *two* phases. Therefore:





Measuring parameters of synchronous generator model: Ex The internal generated voltage at the rated field current is The synchronous reactance at the rated field current is precisely We observe that if X_s was estimated via the approximate formula, the result would be: 0.2Ω $i1.02 \Omega$ $\mathbf{E}_A = 312 \angle \delta$ L_F Which is close to the previous

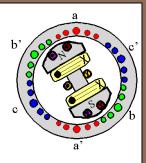
result. The error ignoring R_A is much smaller than the error due

The equivalent circuit

to core saturation.















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