

# Modelling of Machines

## Section 9

# 3-phase induction machines

- Dominant machine type for industrial applications between 1kW and 20MW
- Widely used directly from 3-phase mains for essentially constant speed drives
- Increasing use with power electronic converters for variable speed operation

Typical construction of a small to medium (2-100kW) industrial induction motor



Large 20MW induction machine for Type45 naval propulsion



# 3-phase induction machines

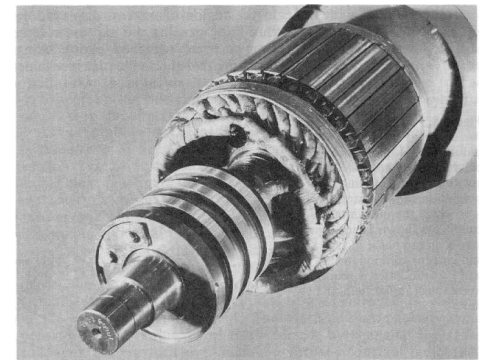
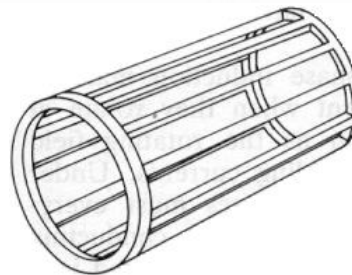
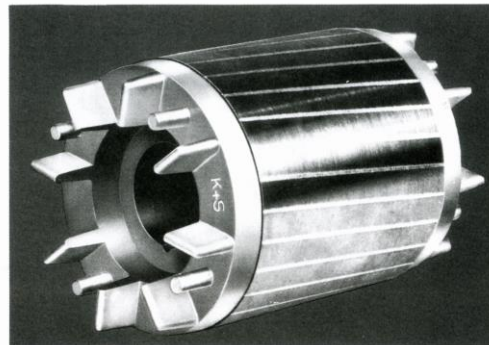
## Stator:

Laminated stator core carries 3-phase winding – when supplied from a constant-voltage constant-frequency 3-phase supply it produces a synchronously rotating, sinusoidally distributed magnetic field in the airgap

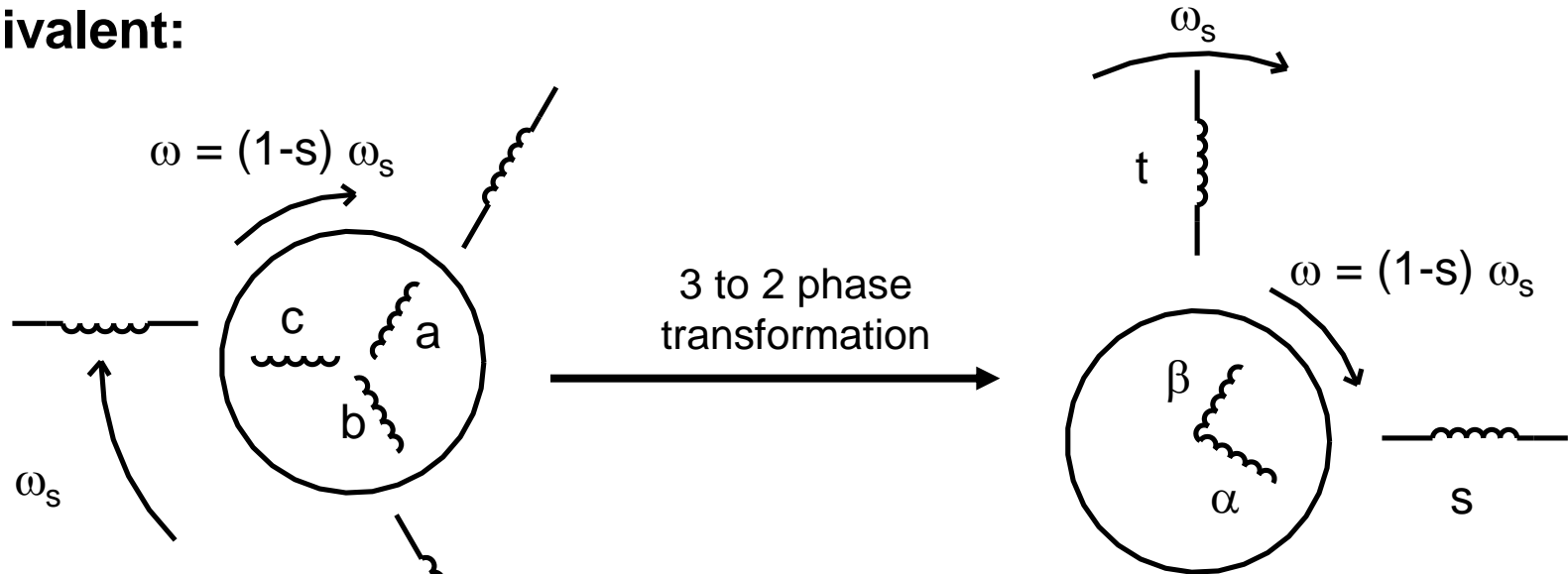


## Rotor:

Essentially a short-circuited winding in most cases – can be cast 'squirrel cage' or wound rotor field in the airgap



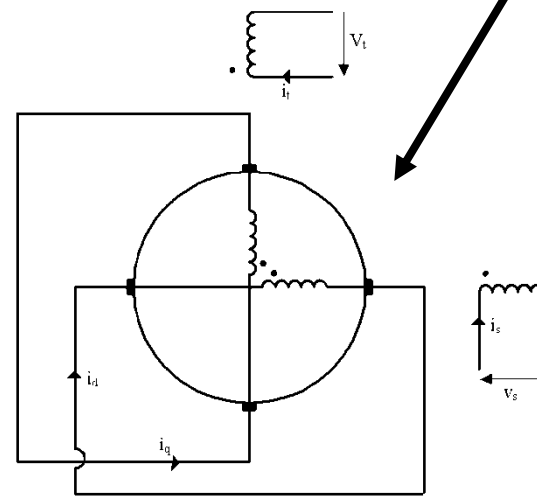
# Process for transforming an induction machine to its Kron primitive equivalent:



**Phase Transformation** – converts the two 3 phase systems of coils to 2 phase equivalents

**Commutator**

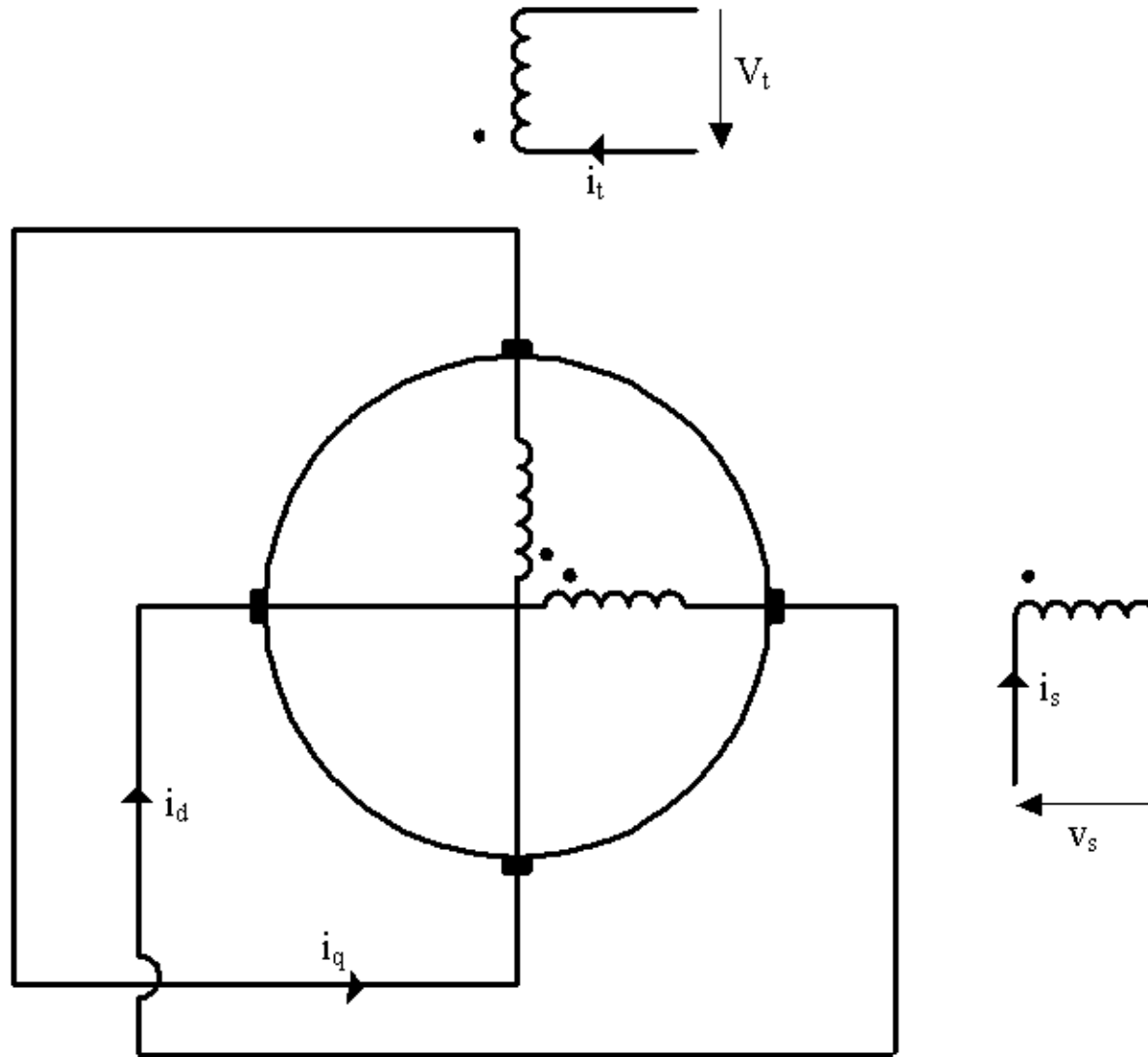
transformation – converts a 2 phase system of coils into a pseudo-stationary winding



**Commutator transformation**

Involves several transformation matrices and intermediate calculation steps

# Kron primitive equivalent



Adopting subscripts of '1' for the stator and '2' for the rotor, then the general form of the voltage matrix equations is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_s \\ v_t \\ v_d \\ v_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 + L_1 p & 0 & M_{sd} p & 0 \\ 0 & R_1 + L_1 p & 0 & M_{td} p \\ M_{ds} p & -M_{dt} \omega_r & R_2 + L_2 p & -L_2 \omega_r \\ M_{qs} \omega_r & M_{qt} p & L_2 \omega_r & R_2 + L_2 p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_t \\ i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix}$$

For steady-state operation for a sinusoidal AC supply:

$$p = j\omega_s \text{ and } \omega_r = (1-s) \omega_s$$

In addition, the same magnitude of applied to the two stator coils and the two rotor coils, but with a 90° phase difference

$$\begin{vmatrix} V_s \\ V_t \\ V_d \\ V_q \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} V_1 \\ jV_1 \\ V_2 \\ jV_2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{vmatrix} i_s \\ i_t \\ i_d \\ i_q \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} I_1 \\ j I_1 \\ I_2 \\ j I_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

The governing voltage equation is therefore:

$$\begin{vmatrix} V_1 \\ jV_1 \\ V_2 \\ jV_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} R_1+jX_1 & 0 & jX_m & 0 \\ 0 & R_1+jX_1 & 0 & jX_m \\ jX_m & -(1-s)X_m & R_2+jX_2 & -(1-s)X_2 \\ (1-s)X_m & jX_m & (1-s)X_2 & R_2+jX_2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} I_1 \\ jI_1 \\ I_2 \\ jI_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

But row 2 is simply row 1  $\times j$  and row 4 is simply row 3  $\times j$ . Hence the system can be reduced to two matrix equations:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Stator} \\ \text{Rotor} \end{array} \begin{vmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} R_1 + jX_1 & jX_m \\ jX_m - j(1-s)X_m & R_2 + jX_2 - j(1-s)X_2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Since the rotor is short circuited,  $V_2 = 0$

Substituting for  $V_2$  and dividing the rotor equations by  $s$  gives:

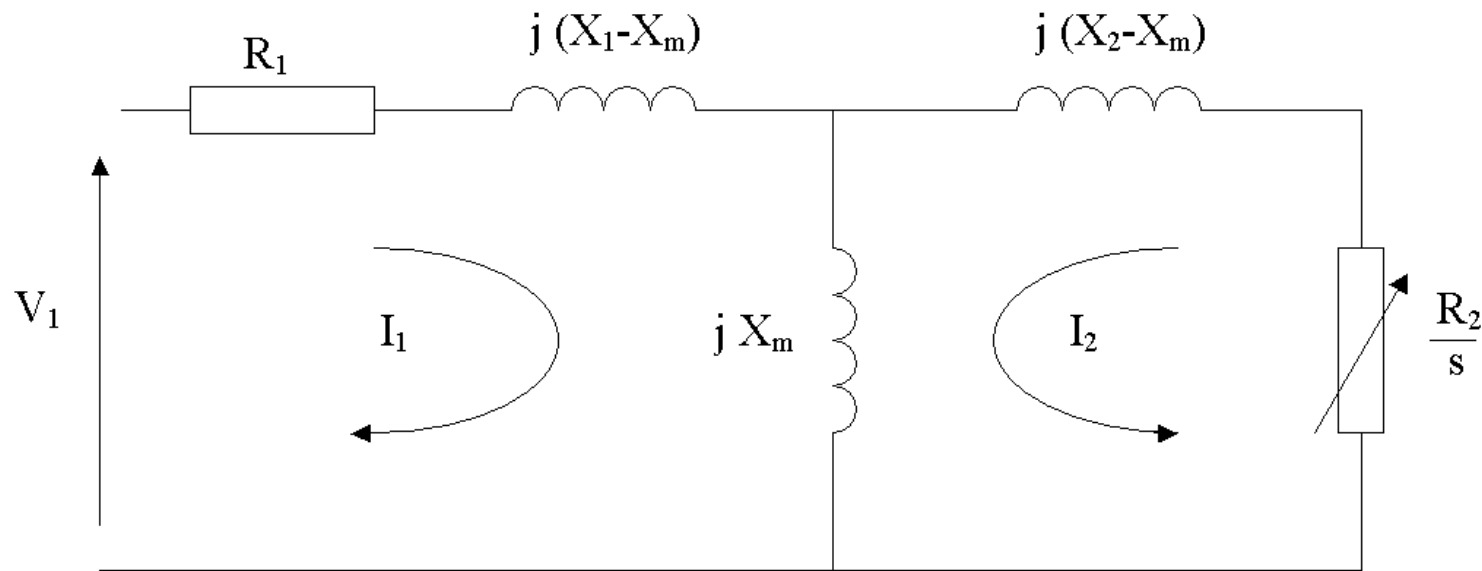
$$\begin{vmatrix} V_1 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} R_1 + jX_1 & jX_m \\ jX_m & R_2/s + jX_2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2/s \end{vmatrix}$$

If  $I_2'$  (transformed value) =  $I_2/s$  then:

$$\begin{vmatrix} V_1 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} R_1 + jX_1 & jX_m \\ jX_m & R_2/s + jX_2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2' \end{vmatrix}$$



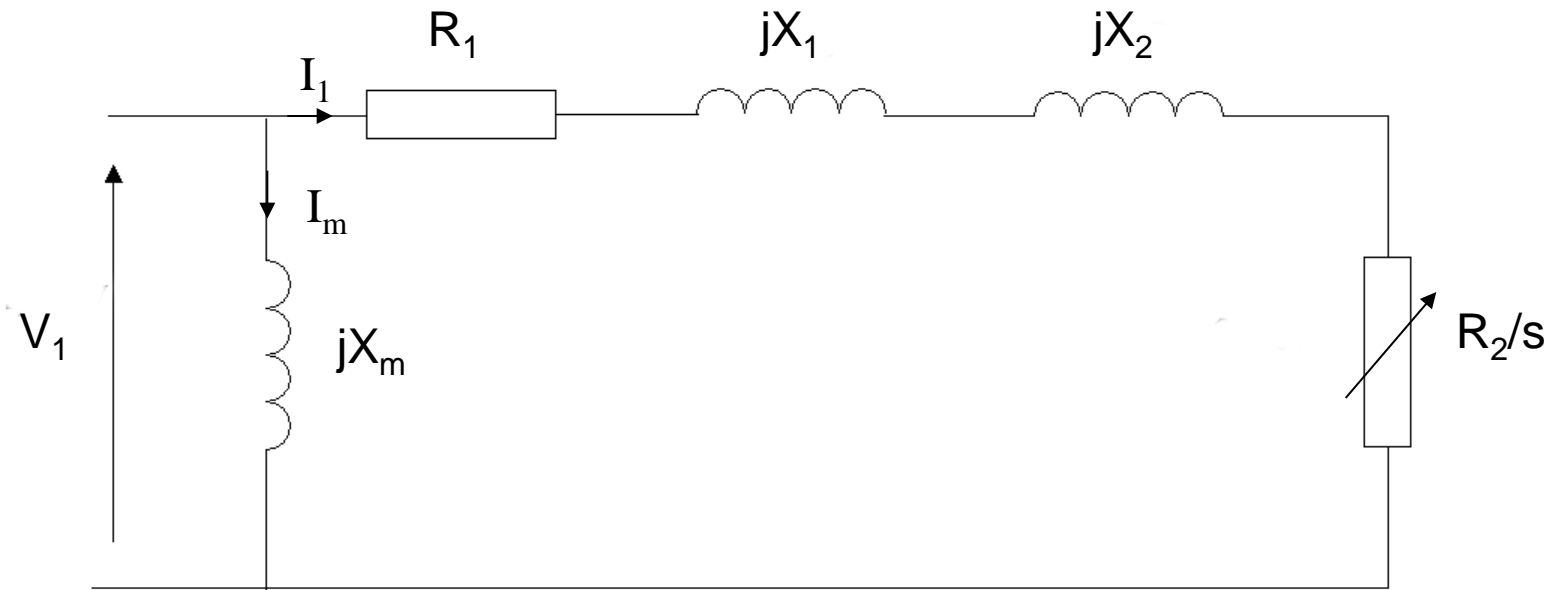
An equivalent circuit that satisfies these voltage equations is:



(which is the well known per-phase equivalent circuit for three-phase induction machines)

This equivalent can be used to predict machine performance. However, in many cases, the equivalent circuit can be simplified by moving the magnetising branch (represented by  $X_m$ ) to the terminals. This simplification is reliant on  $X_m$  being  $\gg X_1$  and  $X_2$ .

[In an exam, you need to justify this rather than just starting with the simplified equivalent circuit]



This is the per phase equivalent circuit – hence  $V_1$  is a phase voltage

This equivalent circuit can be used to predict several aspects of performance

Copper loss is given by:  $P_{cu} = 3|I_1|^2 (R_1 + R_2)$

Electromagnetic output power is given by:  $P_{out} = 3 |I_1|^2 \frac{(1-s)R_2'}{s}$

Input power =  $P_{cu} + P_{out}$

Input current =  $I_1 + I_m$

Several good examples in past paper solutions, e.g. Q2 in 2006

# Iron loss in induction machines

- One of the underlying assumptions in Universal machine theory is that iron losses are not included in the analysis
- An approximation to account iron loss can be added into the equivalent circuit
- Use the same approach as that which is widely used for transformers, i.e. add in an additional resistance across the terminals which dissipates a power equivalent to the core loss

Value of  $R_m$  is given by:

$$R_m = \frac{(\text{Rms phase voltage})^2}{\text{Core loss per phase}}$$

