

ELEC 3724  
Experiment Report

Experiment #2

DC Motors

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## Objectives:

The objectives for this lab were to examine and verify starting control and speed regulation while utilizing tools to observe these behaviors within a DC shunt motor.

## Part A: Preparation, Induction Motor Setup

Per the lab manual, we were not required to record any values for this part (Part A).

## Part B: Speed Control by Adjusting Field Current

|                   |         |        |        |        |       |        |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Field Current [A] | 150mA   | 200mA  | 250mA  | 300mA  | 350mA | 400mA  |
| Speed [rpm]       | -1226.1 | -941.4 | -782.4 | -685.5 | -623  | -583.3 |

Table 46. Speed control by field current.

## Part C: Speed Control by Adjusting Terminal Voltage

|                                |      |      |         |         |
|--------------------------------|------|------|---------|---------|
| Armature Voltage $V_t$ [V]     | 10V  | 25V  | 50V     | 75V     |
| Armature Current $I_{out}$ [A] | .61  | .77  | .92     | 1.03    |
| Speed [rpm]                    | -213 | -561 | -1138.6 | -1740.8 |

Table 47. Speed control by terminal voltage.

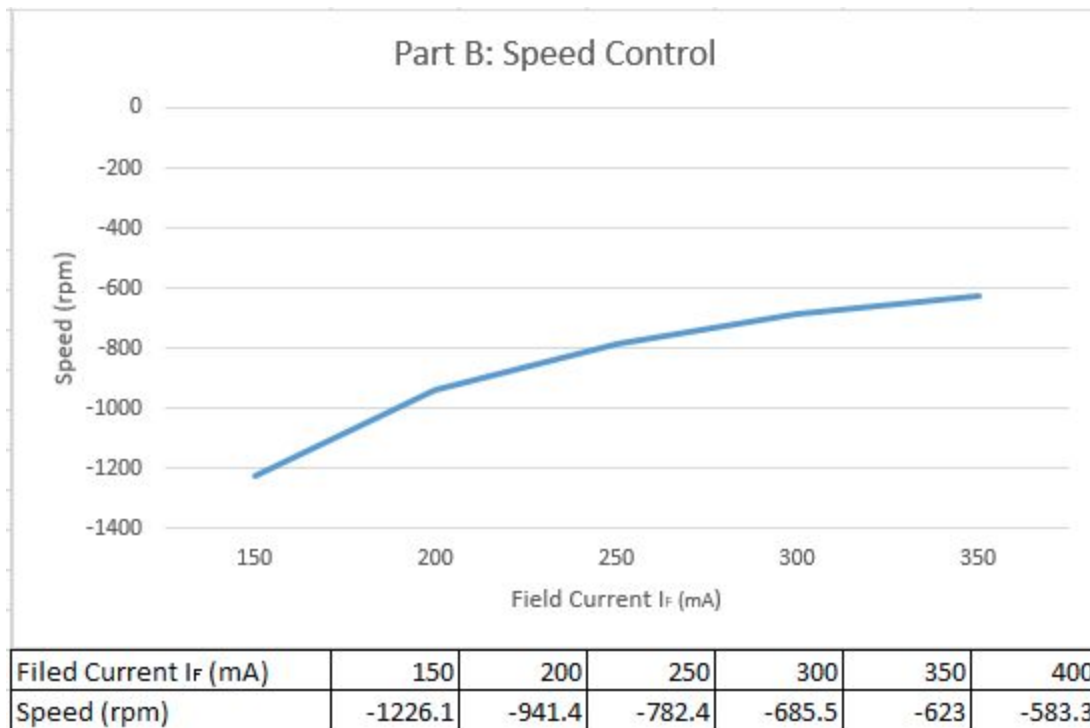
## Part D: Speed-Load Characteristic of Self-Excited Shunt DC Motor

|                       |       |       |         |         |         |         |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AC Output Current [A] | 0A    | 1A    | 1.5A    | 2A      | 2.5A    | 3A      |
| Armature Voltage [V]  | 25V   | 25V   | 25V     | 25V     | 25V     | 25V     |
| DC Output Current [A] | -1.8  | -2A   | -2.33   | -2.72   | -3.12   | -3.99   |
| Speed [rpm]           | -1252 | -1250 | -1235.7 | -1220.3 | -1206.9 | -1177.5 |

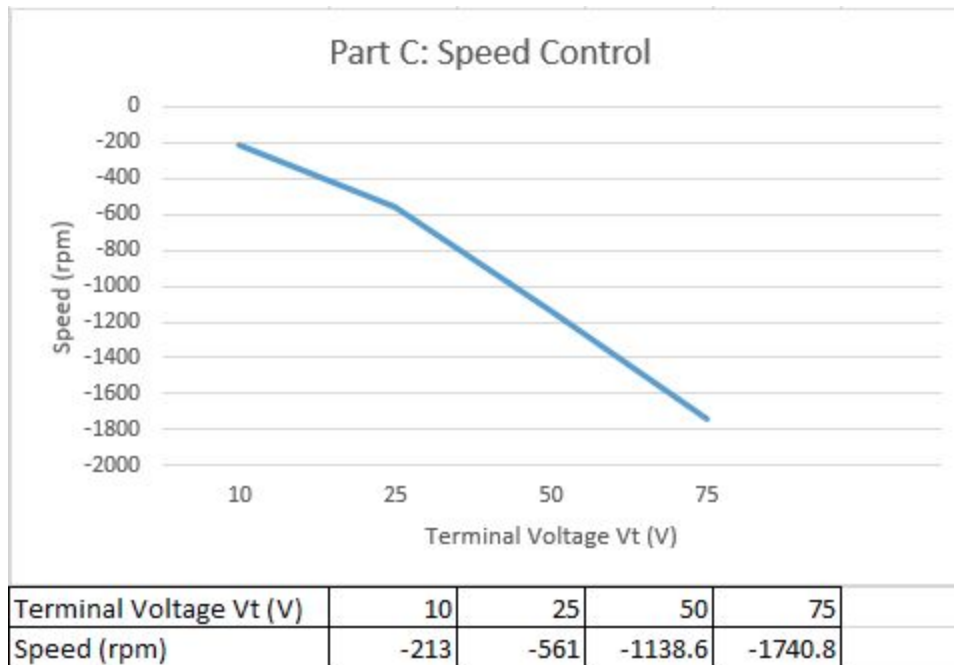
Table 48. Load-speed characteristics of shunt DC motor.

## Report Questions:

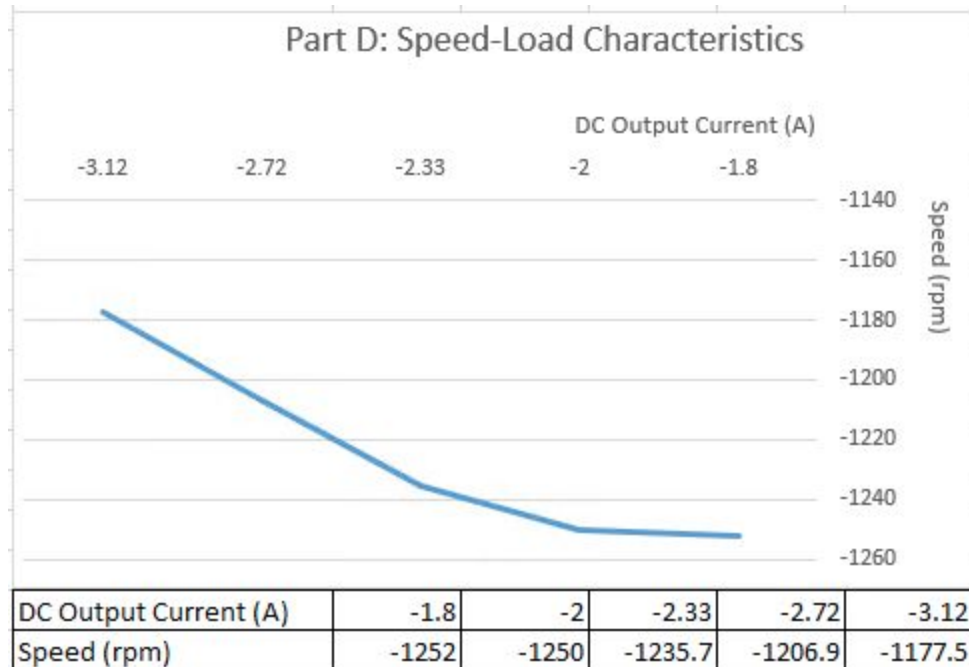
1. Plot the speed control in part B. Use field current ( $I_F$ ) as the X-axis and speed (rpm) as the Y-axis.



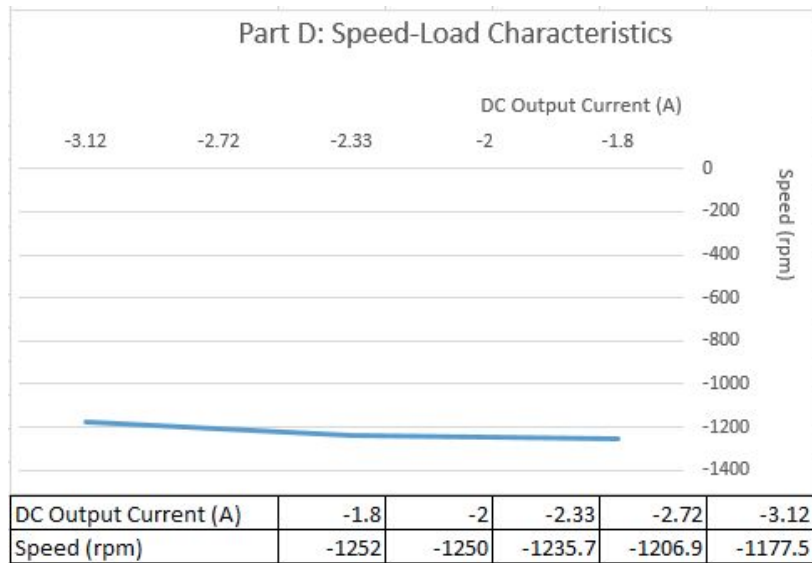
2. Plot the speed control in part C. Use terminal voltage ( $V_t$ ) as the X-axis and speed (rpm) as the Y-axis.



3. Plot the speed-load characteristic of part D. Use DC output current as the X-axis and speed (rpm) as the Y-axis.



Below is the same graph for Report question (3.) Part D, but zoomed out for clarity:



4. Calculate the motor speed regulation for part D.

$$\% \text{ speed regulation} = \frac{S_{no\_load} - S_{full\_load}}{S_{full\_load}} \times 100 \text{ [\%]}$$

where,  $S_{no\_load}$  = speed at no load

$S_{full\_load}$  = speed at full load

$$\% \text{ speed regulation} = \frac{(-1252 - (-1177.5))}{-1177.5} (100) = \frac{-1252 + 1177.5}{-1177.5} (100) = 6.327 \text{ \%}$$

$$\% \text{ speed regulation} = 6.33\%$$

### Conclusion:

In this lab, I examined a DC shunt motor and its behavior with regards to speed control, as well as speed regulation. Regarding the behavior for the speed (rpm) in the circuit where we adjusted field current, I noticed that speed became less negative as field current increased. During “part C,” of the lab, I noticed speed became greater in magnitude as the armature voltage at the voltage terminal increased. In this instance, the speed (rpm) became more negative, which, again, meant a greater **magnitude** overall. Next, in “part D,” in examining the speed-load characteristics, as the DC output current became less negative, speed (in rpm) became more negative, which meant it

increased in **magnitude**. Finally, from the data found in “part D,” the speed regulation percentage was found to be 6.33%.

From this lab we were able to observe the relationship between concepts such as field current, DC output current, and armature terminal voltage in their relationship to speed rpm. The objective to better understand speed control and speed regulation was ,thus, satisfied.