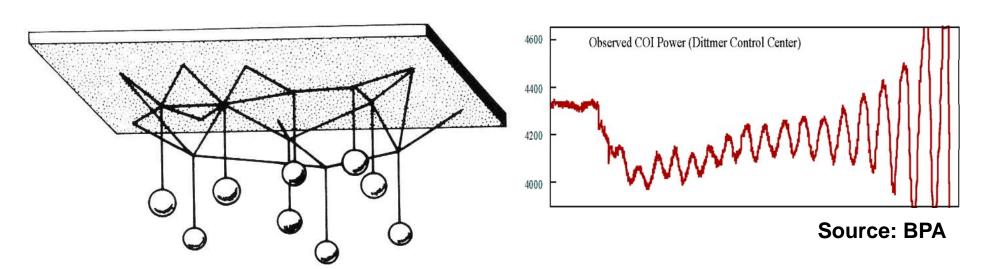


# Synchronous generator dynamics



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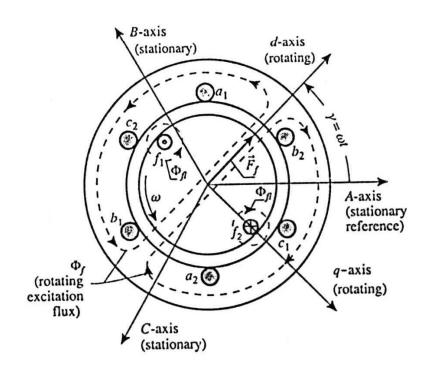


### **Outline**

- Synchronous generator at steady state
- Synchronization
- Swing equation
- Transient angle stability
- The Equal Area Criterion
- Small-signal stability
- Frequency control



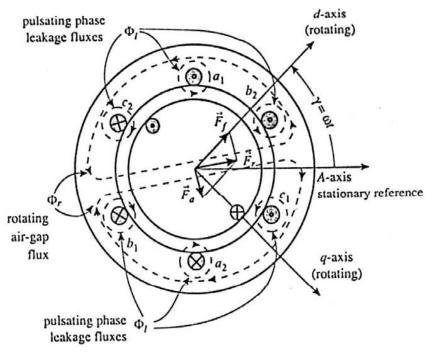
## Synchronous machine



- Rotor
  - One <u>field</u> winding fed with <u>DC</u> current
- Stator
  - Three windings 120° apart in <u>space</u>



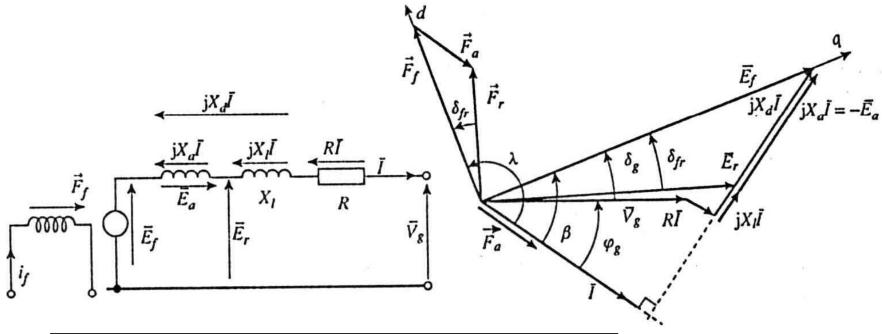
### Loaded synchronous generator



- "Armature reaction" flux from load current in stator
- Adds to field flux to form air gap flux
- Stator flux also includes leakage flux



## **Equivalent circuit 1**



Indices:		g	generator
а	armature	I	leakage
d	d-axis	q	q-axis
f	field	r	resulting



## **Equivalent circuit 2**

E<sub>q</sub>(I<sub>f</sub>) internal voltage (also E<sub>f</sub>)
 I stator current
 V terminal voltage

$$X_d = X_a + X_l \approx X_a$$
  
 $E_q = V + (R_a + jX_d)I$ 

I lags V by angle  $\phi_{(g)}$   $E_q$  leads V by angle  $\delta_{(g)}$ 

Indices:			
a	armature		
d	d-axis		
f	field		
	leakage		
q	q-axis		



## Load angle $\delta$

 $\delta$  is a <u>spatial</u> angle between field and air gap flux

and

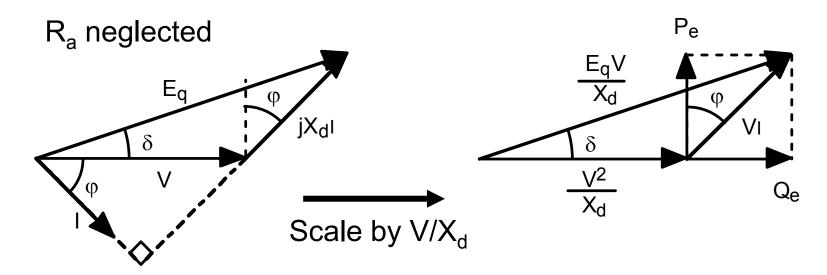
a phase angle between  $E_q$  and  $V+(R_a+jX_l)I$ 

#### **Note**

- 1.  $\delta$  is given relative to rotating reference (rotor)
- 2.  $\delta$  is a spatial coordinate for a mass the rotor



### **Steady state operation**



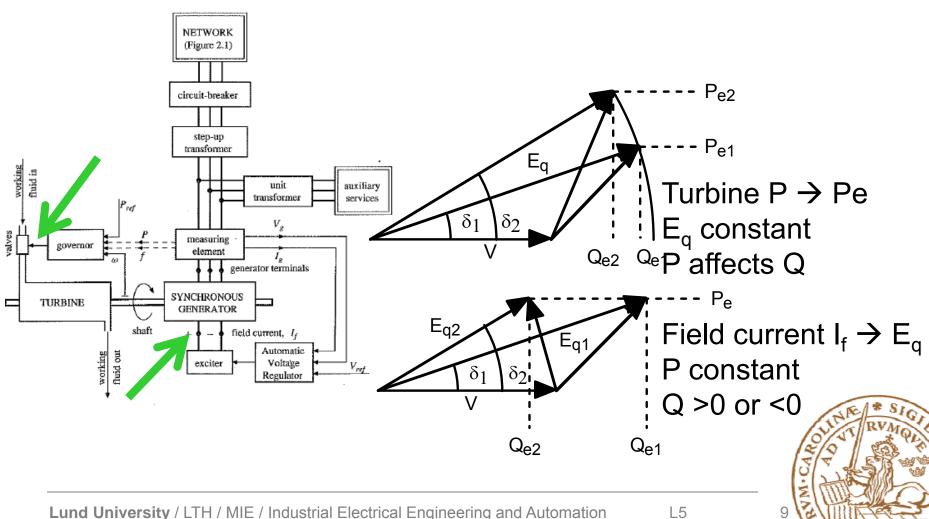
Components of VI:

Vertical  $E_qV/X_d\sin\delta=VI\cos\phi=P_e$ 

Horizontal  $E_qV/X_d\cos\delta-V^2/X_d=VI\sin\phi=Q_e$ 



### Two control inputs



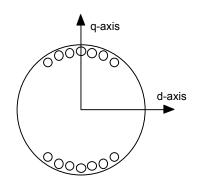
## Synchronous generator rotor types

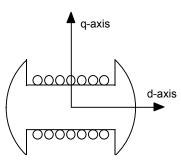
- Round rotor = "Turbo" rotor
  - Two poles
  - High speed 3000 rpm @ 50Hz
  - Used with steam turbines (e.g. nuclear)





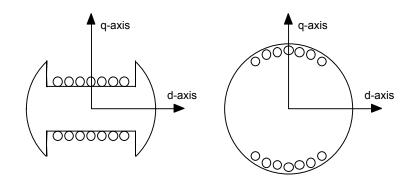
- Lower speed e.g. 150 rpm @ 50 Hz
- Used with hydro turbines
- Gear ratio with more poles:  $\omega_{\text{mechanical}} = \omega_{\text{electrical}} \cdot (2/p)$
- IEA lab generators have four-pole salient pole rotors



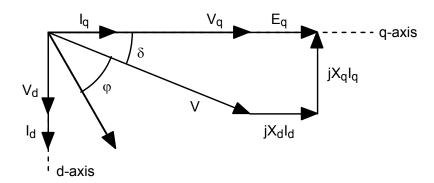


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### Salient pole rotor



- d- and q-axis different
- Geometry
- •Flux
- Inductance
- Currents and voltages



$$E_q = V + jX_dI_d + jX_qI_q$$



### P and Q for salient pole rotor

$$P_e+j Q_e=(V_d+jV_q)(I_d+jI_q)^*$$

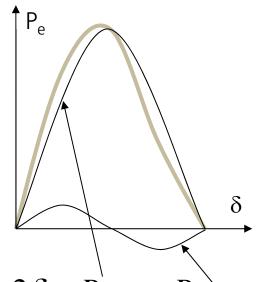
$$V_d+jV_q=V(\sin\delta+j\cos\delta)$$

$$I_d = (E_q - V_q)/X_d$$

$$I_q = V_d / X_q$$

$$P_e = \frac{E_q V}{X_d} \sin \delta + \frac{V^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{X_q} - \frac{1}{X_d} \right) \sin 2\delta = P_{\text{field}} + P_{\text{reluctance}}$$

$$Q_e = \frac{E_q V}{X_d} \cos \delta - V^2 \left( \frac{\sin^2 \delta}{X_q} + \frac{\cos^2 \delta}{X_d} \right)$$
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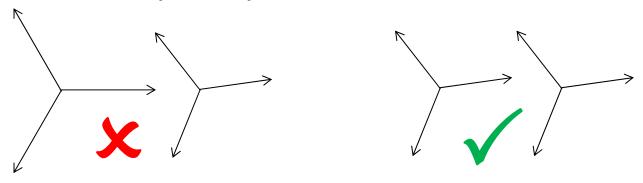
### **Synchronization**

- Connect to an energized network (think Thévenin equiv.)
  - 1. Control prime mover to reach correct speed  $\rightarrow$  right  $\omega_{el}$
  - 2. Magnetize field (and armature) winding
  - 3. Make V close to  $V_{\text{system}}$  (magnitude and angle!)
  - 4. Connect!
- Aim
  - Steady-state no-load situation
- Careless synchronization
  - High currents and high mechanical stress



## Synchronization conditions

- V close to V<sub>system</sub> if the voltages have
  - Same phase order (= wiring correct)
  - Same frequency (= speed correct)
  - Same magnitude (= right magnetization)
  - Same phase (= right timing of connection)
- Think generator Eq and network V as rotating three-phase phasors:



### The swing equation

Torque balance for rotor

$$J\frac{d\omega_m}{dt} = T_m - T_e$$

p magnetic rotor poles

$$\omega_m$$
 (mech. rad/s) =  $\frac{2}{p}\omega_e$  (elec. rad/s)

Multiply torque balance by  $\omega_{\mathsf{m}}$ 

Use ω<sub>e</sub> as state and ω<sub>e</sub>≈ω<sub>s,e</sub>

Divide by S<sub>base</sub> to get p.u.

$$\frac{2H}{\omega_{s,e}} \frac{d\omega_e}{dt} = P_m(p.u.) - P_e(p.u.)$$

### The inertia constant H

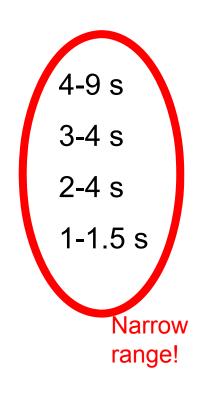
H= 
$$\frac{\text{Kinetic energy of rotating masses}}{\text{Generator MVA rating}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}J\omega_m^2}{S_{base}}$$

Unit: Ws/VA=s

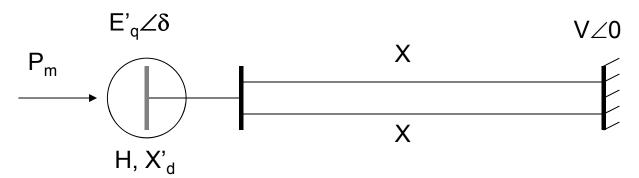


### H on different MVA bases

- Machine base
  - Steam turbines
  - Gas turbines
  - Hydro turbines
  - Synchronous compensator
- Common base
  - H ~ generator size (kW-GW)
  - Infinite bus has infinite H



### **Single Machine Infinite Bus**



"Classical model":

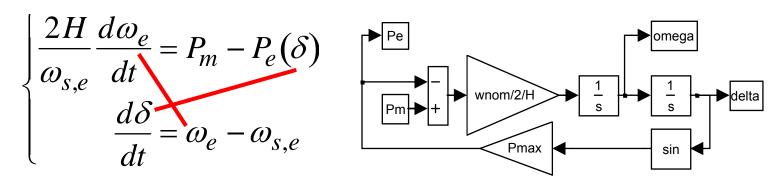
- •Fixed E'<sub>q</sub> behind X'<sub>d</sub>
- •Constant P<sub>m</sub>
- No damping
- No saliency

- Infinite H
- Zero impedance
- Fixed voltage V∠0



### "Classical" dynamic generator model

Synchronous generator connected to infinite bus:



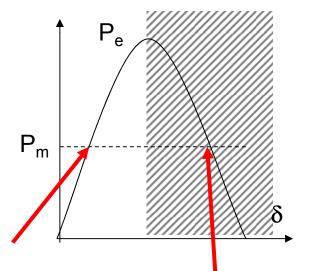
- $\delta$  in rad,  $\omega_e$  in rad/s,  $\omega_{s,e}$ typically  $100\pi$  rad/s
- •E'<sub>q</sub> and X'<sub>d</sub> in P<sub>e</sub> ( $\delta$ ) for slow transients
- Second order system with poor damping
- •Electro-mechanical or "swing" dynamics

### Two equilibrium points

$$P_{m} = P_{e}(\delta) = \frac{E'_{q}V}{X_{eq}}\sin\delta$$

Two solutions for  $\delta$ :

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \delta_0 = \arcsin\left(\frac{P_m X_{eq}}{E'_q V}\right) \\ 180^\circ - \delta_0 \end{cases}$$



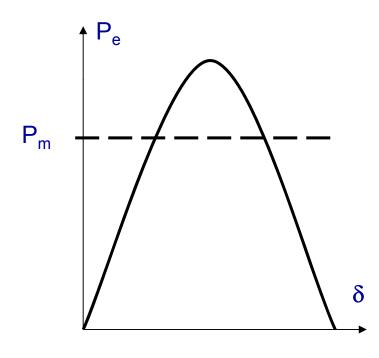
- Synchronizing torque  $dP_e/d\delta$ 
  - •dPe/d $\delta$ >0 for  $\delta$ <90° stable equilibrium
  - •dP<sub>e</sub>/d $\delta$ <0 for  $\delta$ >90° unstable equilibrium

### **Dynamic response**

\* Temporary short-circuit near generator, P<sub>e</sub> zero during fault

### Response?

- 1. Second order system
- 2. No damping
- 3. Oscillator!  $\delta$  and  $\omega$  oscillate (roughly sinusoidally)
- 4.  $\delta(t)$  will lag  $\omega(t)$



Demo sm.mdl tcl=0.05



### Second order response

P<sub>e</sub> zero at short-circuit near gen

Step in P<sub>m</sub>-P<sub>e</sub>

Mechanical states slow

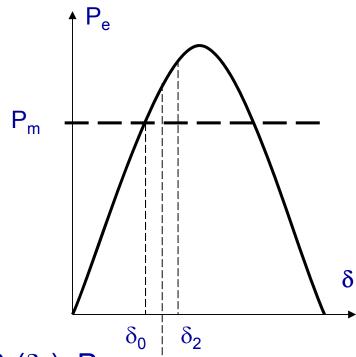
Start at  $\delta_0$  and  $P_e(\delta_0)$ 

Acceleration during fault

Fault removed at  $\delta = \delta_1$ 

Overshoot to  $\delta_2$  and  $P_e(\delta_2)$ 

Oscillate around equilibrium  $\delta_0$  so  $P_e(\delta_0)=P_m$ 



Simulation tcl=0.05, 0.1 PW Example 11.5

 $\delta_1$ 

### **Angle stability**

 $\delta_0$  must be less than steady state limit 90°

 $\delta_2$  also has limit – transient angle stability limit

#### **Questions:**

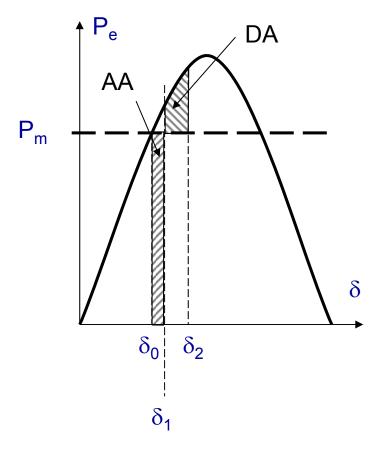
How large can  $\delta_2$  be?

What happens when it becomes too large?

What is the largest disturbance that is OK?

Simulation tcl=0.15, 0.1505, 0.151

### The Equal Area Criterion



Short-circuit: Pe=zero

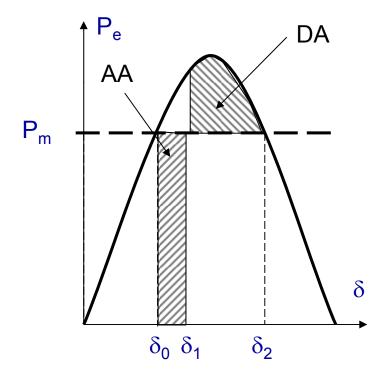
Mark areas between  $P_e(\delta)$  and  $P_m$  in interval  $\delta_0$  to  $\delta_2$ 

Accelerating Area: Below P<sub>m</sub>

Decelerating Area: Above P<sub>m</sub>

For stable system AA=DA

### **Transient stability limit**



More severe disturbance:

**AA larger** 

Greater  $\delta_2$  makes DA larger

Maximum DA at  $\delta_2$ =180°- $\delta_0$ 

For larger  $\delta_2$  only AA grows...



## **Beyond stability limit**

- dω/dt never becomes zero
- Rotor accelerates even more
- Machine <u>transiently unstable</u> = <u>loses synchronism</u>
- Must disconnect and resynchronise



### **Equal Area Criterion**

- Stability check for **known disturbance** Use EAC for  $\delta_2$  and check  $\delta_2 < \delta_{UEP}$
- Max disturbance from stability limit Determine disturbance for  $\delta_2 = \delta_{UEP}$
- Typical disturbances
   Loss of line, generator or load
   Short-circuit



### Stability analysis tools

### Analytical – the **Equal Area Criterion**

- Simple, can be done by hand, but approximate
- Formulated before 1930 by Ivar Herlitz, KTH (First Swedish PhD in engineering)

#### Time simulation

- Computer application since the beginning
- Voltages and currents as phasors or waveforms
- Multi-machine model with Differential Algebraic Equations
  - Set of **Differential** equations for each generator
  - Power flow for Algebraic network equations

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## **Small-signal angle stability**

- Linearize at steady state  $(\delta_0, \omega_0, P_{m0})$
- State space: dx/dt=Ax+Bu
- Compute eigenvalues λ<sub>i</sub> of A
- Compute right eigenvectors  $\Phi_i$  of A
- Applies also to multi-machine models
- Popular application of control theory



### Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Eigenvalue λ<sub>i</sub>:

 $Im(\lambda_i)$ =resonance oscillation frequency (e.g. 0.35 Hz)

 $Re(\lambda_i)$ =resonance oscillation damping

 $\leq 0$  for all  $\lambda_i$  system is small-signal stable

>0 for any  $\lambda_i$  system is small-signal unstable

Right eigenvector Φ<sub>i</sub>:

Which generators participate in mode (resonance) i

E.g. Generators in FI against those in NO and DK



## **Small-signal damping**

- Low >0 for uncontrolled system
- Negative damping from controllers
  - Automatic Voltage Regulators
  - HVDC controllers
- Damping added by dedicated controls
  - Power System Stabilizers (PSS) on generator
  - Power Oscillation Damper (POD) on HVDC or FACTS

FACTS=MW size power electronic devices



## System frequency

One eigenvector shows all generator speeds vary together

The *rigid body* mode – the dynamics of system frequency

All generators synchronize to same  $\omega$ , but which one?

$$\omega_{system} = \frac{\sum_{i} H_{i} \omega_{i}}{\sum_{i} H_{i}}$$

Large generators dominate

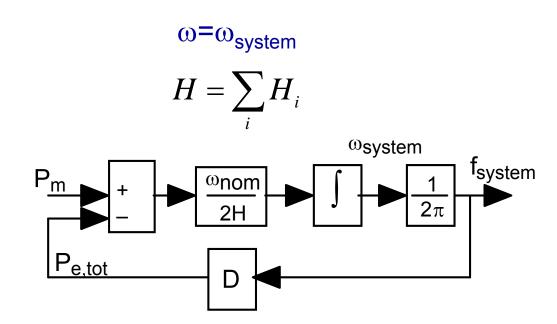
Infinite bus is extreme case

H=
$$\infty$$
 so that  $\omega_{\text{system}}$ = $\omega_{\text{infbus}}$ 

Also center of inertia frequency, like center or gravity!

### System frequency dynamics

All generators modeled as one with:



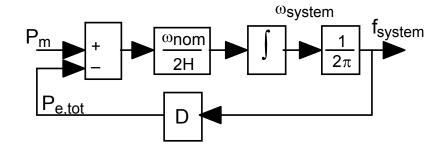
This is single machine, but no infinite bus (to relate  $\delta$  to)

Electrical load is frequency dependent

## Frequency event without control

Generator is suddenly disconnected...

- Step reduction of P<sub>m</sub>
- Unbalance: P<sub>m</sub><P<sub>e</sub>
- ω decreases



- Decrease stops when P<sub>e</sub> is reduced to P<sub>m</sub>
- Error in ω



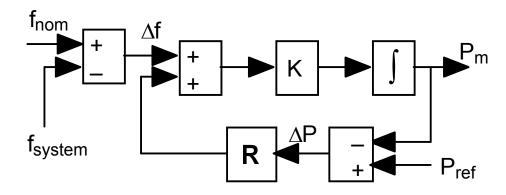
### **Turbine governor**

Proportional frequency control law:

$$P_m = P_{ref} + \Delta f/R$$

$$\Delta f = f_{nom} - f_{system}$$

R is speed droop, Hz/MW or p.u./p.u.



### R on machine base

All generators usually have the <u>same R</u> given in p.u. on <u>machine</u> <u>base</u>

A disturbance gives same ∆f everywhere

All generators do same p.u. contribution

Typical R value is 5%

 $\Delta f=0.05$  p.u. gives  $\Delta P_m=1$  p.u.

#### PW Example 12.4

### R on common base

R for entire system on common base:

$$\frac{1}{R_{total}} = \sum_{i} \frac{1}{R_{i}}$$

More generators give greater 1/R<sub>total</sub>
In Nordel 1/R<sub>total</sub>≈6000 MW/Hz



### Frequency error tolerance

Instantaneous value of  $\Delta f$ :

± 0.01 Hz in US

± 0.1 Hz in Nordel

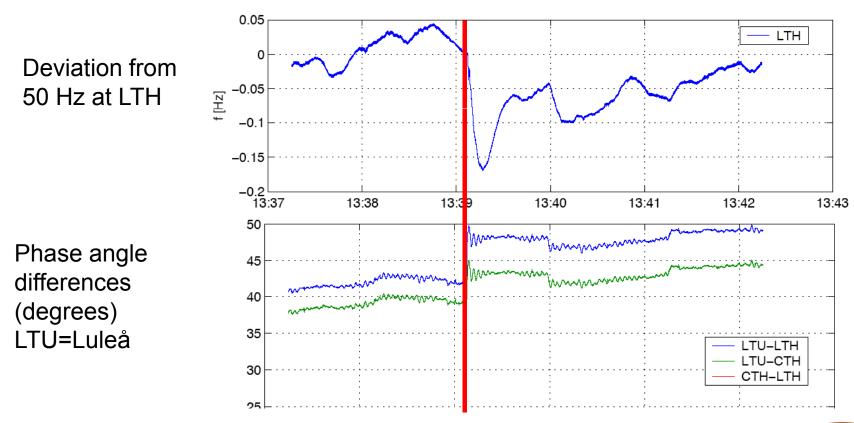
± 0.2 Hz in Ireland

Time integral of:

Time error on clocks <10s in Nordel



## 600 MW step excites f and angle dynamics



13:39 13/11: 600 MW generator in Denmark disconnected

Frequency dip and North-South angle oscillations

### **Conclusions**

- Steady state
  - P and Q for round and salient pole rotor
- Transient angle stability
  - Equal Area Criterion and simulations
- Small-signal stability
  - Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- Frequency dynamics
  - All generators like one
  - Fair sharing: All generators respond equally in p.u. on machine base if same p.u. R