

## 28-Principles of AC Machines

Text 3.5

ECEGR 450  
Electromechanical Energy Conversion

### Overview

- Introduction
- Rotating Magnetic Field
- Magnetic Field Rotational Speed
- Synchronous Speed

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### Introduction

- AC machines rely on a rotating magnetic field
- Stator houses current-carrying conductors
  - Stator is the armature

AC motor

revolving magnetic field provided by stator

AC generator

revolving magnetic field provided by rotor

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

- Three-phase motors are very common
- Requires a three phase source
- Under linear conditions, flux and current will have similar waveforms

$$I_a = i_{max} \sin(\omega t)$$

$$I_b = i_{max} \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$$

$$I_c = i_{max} \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ)$$

$$\Phi_a = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\Phi_b = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$$

$$\Phi_c = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ)$$

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### Conceptual Illustration $\theta_e = 0^\circ$

a: 1p.u.  
b: -0.5p.u.  
c: -0.5p.u.

direction of flux through rotor

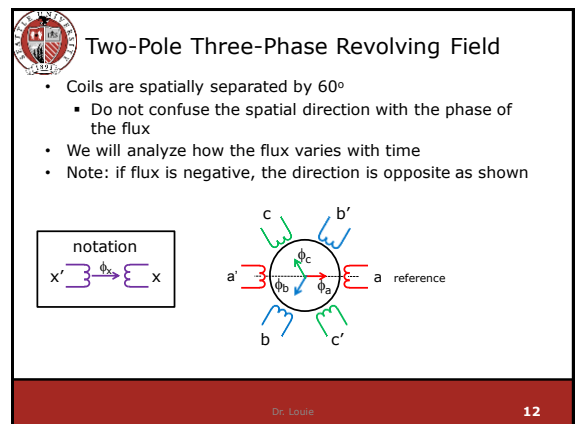
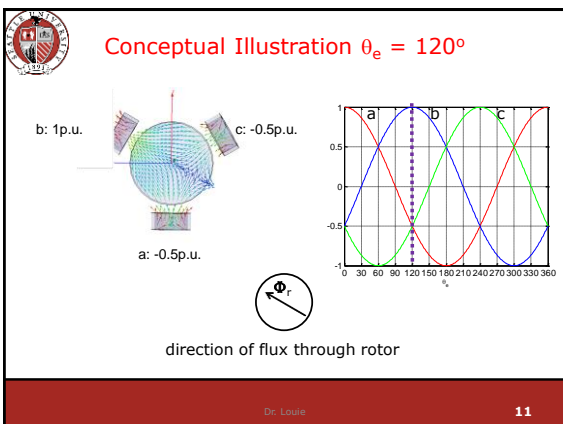
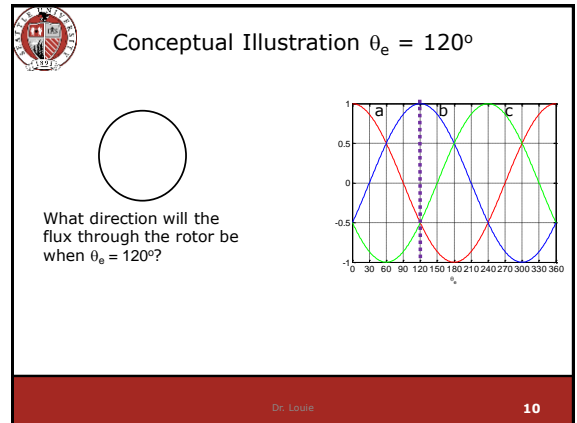
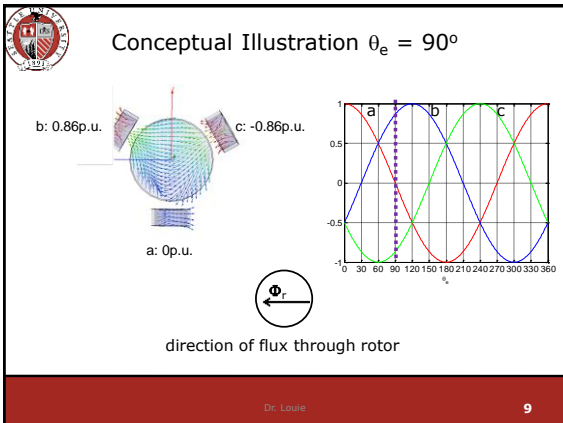
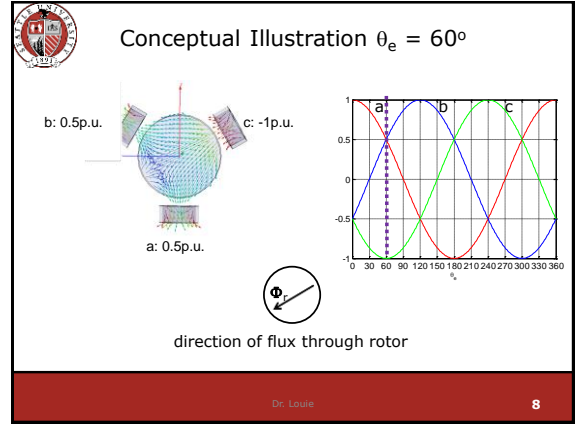
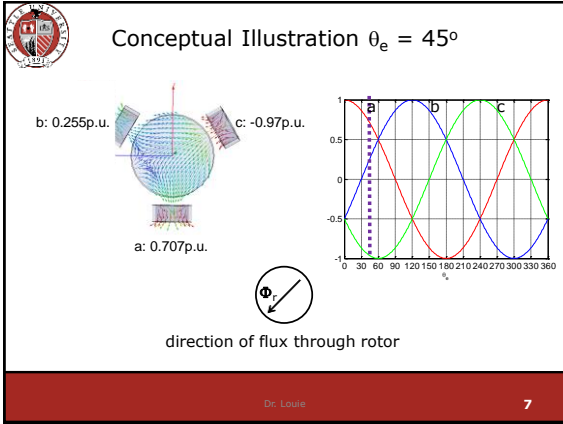
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### Conceptual Illustration $\theta_e = 30^\circ$

a: 0.86p.u.  
b: 0p.u.  
c: -0.86p.u.

direction of flux through rotor

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### Three-Phase AC Motor

Note: salient windings are shown. Large motors use cylindrical windings.

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

- Want to analyze the net flux as seen by the rotor
- General approach:
  - Consider the flux at 0, 60 and 120 degrees in time
  - Compute the a, b, c phase flux magnitudes
  - Determine resulting flux by adding a, b, c phase flux
  - Generalize results

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

- Maximum flux occurs in the following sequence
  - a, c', b, a', c, b' and so on
  - same relative ordering of coils around stator

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

Let  $\omega t = 0$ . The magnitudes are:

$$|\Phi_a| = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t) = 0$$

$$|\Phi_b| = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t - 120) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{max}$$

$$|\Phi_c| = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t + 120) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{max}$$

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

- At  $\omega t = 0$  the flux is as shown
- The resulting flux,  $\Phi_r$ , is found through vector addition
 
$$\Phi_r = \Phi_a + \Phi_b + \Phi_c$$

$$= 0 + \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{max} \angle 240^\circ + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{max} \angle 120^\circ = 1.5 \phi_{max} \angle 90^\circ$$

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

At  $\omega t = 60^\circ$ :

$$|\Phi_a| = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{max}$$

$$|\Phi_b| = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t - 120) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{max}$$

$$|\Phi_c| = \phi_{max} \sin(\omega t + 120) = 0$$

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

$\Phi = \Phi_a + \Phi_b + \Phi_c$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_m \angle 0^\circ + \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_m \angle 240^\circ + 0 = 1.5 \Phi_m \angle 30^\circ$

$\Phi_a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_{max} \angle 0^\circ$   
 $\Phi_b = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_{max} \angle 240^\circ$   
 $\Phi_c = 0 \angle 120^\circ$

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

- Let  $\omega t = 120^\circ$ 
  - $|\Phi_a| = \Phi_{max} \sin(\omega t) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_{max}$
  - $|\Phi_b| = \Phi_{max} \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ) = 0$
  - $|\Phi_c| = \Phi_{max} \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_{max}$

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

- At  $\omega t = 60^\circ$  the flux is as shown
- The resulting flux is found through vector addition

$\Phi = \Phi_a + \Phi_b + \Phi_c$   
 $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_m \angle 0^\circ + 0 + \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_m \angle 120^\circ = 1.5 \Phi_m \angle -30^\circ$

$\Phi_a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_{max} \angle 0^\circ$   
 $\Phi_b = 0 \angle 240^\circ$   
 $\Phi_c = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \Phi_{max} \angle 120^\circ$

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

$\omega t = 0^\circ$        $\omega t = 60^\circ$        $\omega t = 120^\circ$

resulting flux vector rotates CW in time

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

Observations:

- Resulting flux magnitude is constant
- Direction of the resulting flux rotates with time
- 120° phase shift in the time domain has shifted the spatial orientation of the flux 120°
- To make the field rotate in the opposite direction (counter clockwise) switch any two phases (e.g. b and c phases)

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### Rotating Magnetic Field

Conceptually like rotating magnets around the periphery

$\omega t = 0^\circ$        $\omega t = 60^\circ$        $\omega t = 120^\circ$

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**Magnetic Field Rotational Speed**

- For a two pole motor one full rotation of the magnetic field occurs after one complete electrical cycle
- How does a 4-pole motor affect the rotational speed of the magnetic field?

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**Magnetic Field Rotational Speed**

- Coils separated by 30 degrees
  - a, c', b, a', c, b' ordering is preserved
- Four poles, examine one pole-pair

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**Magnetic Field Rotational Speed**

60 degrees time shift resulted in spatial rotation of 30 degrees

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**Magnetic Field Rotational Speed**

- For a 4 pole-motor one full rotation of the magnetic field requires two complete electrical cycles
- To generalize:  $T_s = \frac{P}{2} T$ 
  - $T_s$ : period of the flux rotation (s)
  - $T$ : period of the AC waveform (s)
  - $P$ : number of poles

Note: do not confuse "T" for period, with "T" for torque.

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**Magnetic Field Rotational Speed**

- Also  $n_s = \frac{1}{T_s} = \frac{2f}{P}$ 
  - $n_s$ : speed of the revolving field (revolutions/s)
  - $f$ : frequency of the AC waveform (Hz)
- $n_s$  is known as the synchronous speed

Note: this and previous equations relate frequency of applied source with rotation of magnetic field, not the actual rotation of the rotor.

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**Example**

Write  $N_s$ , the synchronous speed in revolutions per minute (RPM) and radians per second ( $\omega_s$ ) as a function of the number of poles and frequency  $f$

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### Example

An 6-pole AC motor is connected to 50 Hz source. What is the synchronous speed of the motor in rpm?

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### Summary

- Magnetic field rotates with constant magnitude
- The resulting flux is  $0.5n$  times the single phase flux, where  $n$  is the number of phases
- The synchronous speed is inversely proportional to the number of poles and proportional to the frequency of the applied source

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