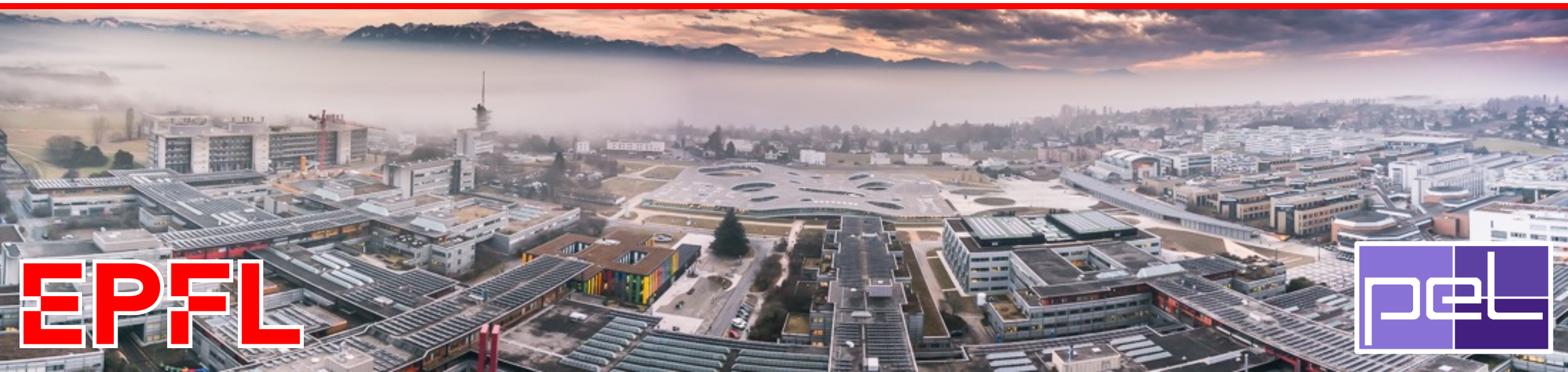


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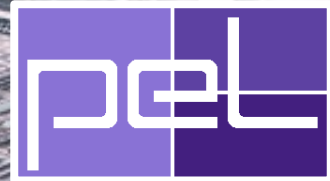
## DC MACHINE MODELING

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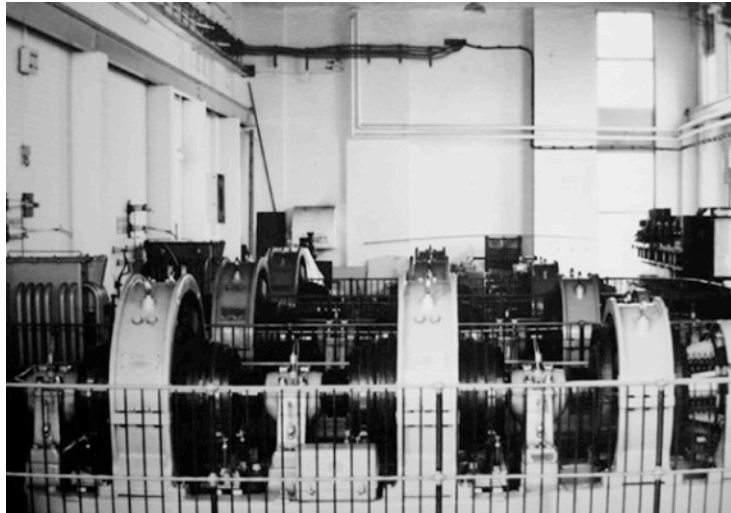
# DC MACHINE FUNDAMENTALS

Operating principles, constructions details

# HISTORY

In the early days of electrification, DC electrical machines were developed first

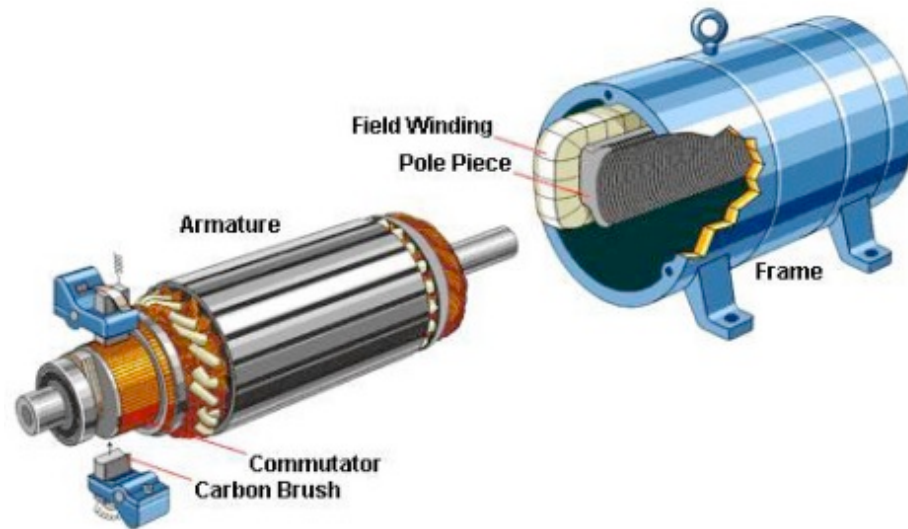
- ▶ production, transmission and application of electrical energy were based on DC voltages and currents
- ▶ output voltage of DC generators was limited to several hundreds of volts
- ▶ high power transmission was characterized with high currents and thus high transmission losses
- ▶ today's power system is based on AC voltages and currents, and thus AC machines are much more popular
- ▶ nevertheless, DC machines were the first machines widely used



# DC MACHINES

A DC machine consist of:

- ▶ stator magnetic circuit
- ▶ rotor magnetic circuit
- ▶ stator may have stator winding (**excitation winding**) or permanent magnets
- ▶ rotor has rotor winding, called also **armature winding**
- ▶ both stator and rotor electrical access terminals are supplied by DC current
- ▶ stator and rotor fluxes are created due to respective currents flowing in winding



# DC MACHINE TYPES

Different connections can be used for Armature and Excitation windings:

## ► Separately Excited DC Machines

- The two windings are supplied independently from one another
- The excitation does not change with the rotor (armature) current
- Is the **mostly used for variable speed operation**

## ► Series Connected DC Machines

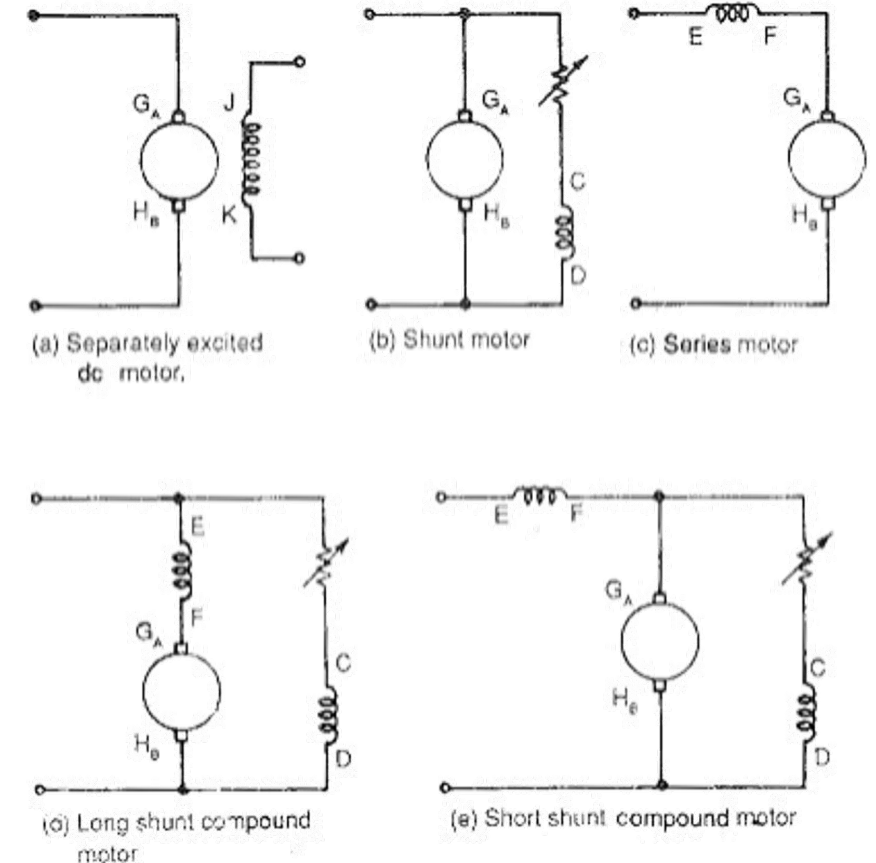
- The two windings are connected in series
- The excitation is proportional to the rotor (armature) current
- Allows also use with AC supply (**Universal Motors**)

## ► Parallel Connected DC Machines

- The two windings are connected in parallel
- The excitation depends on the supplying voltage

## ► Compound DC Machines

- The two windings are connected partially in series and partially in parallel
- The series and parallel field windings can be connected differently

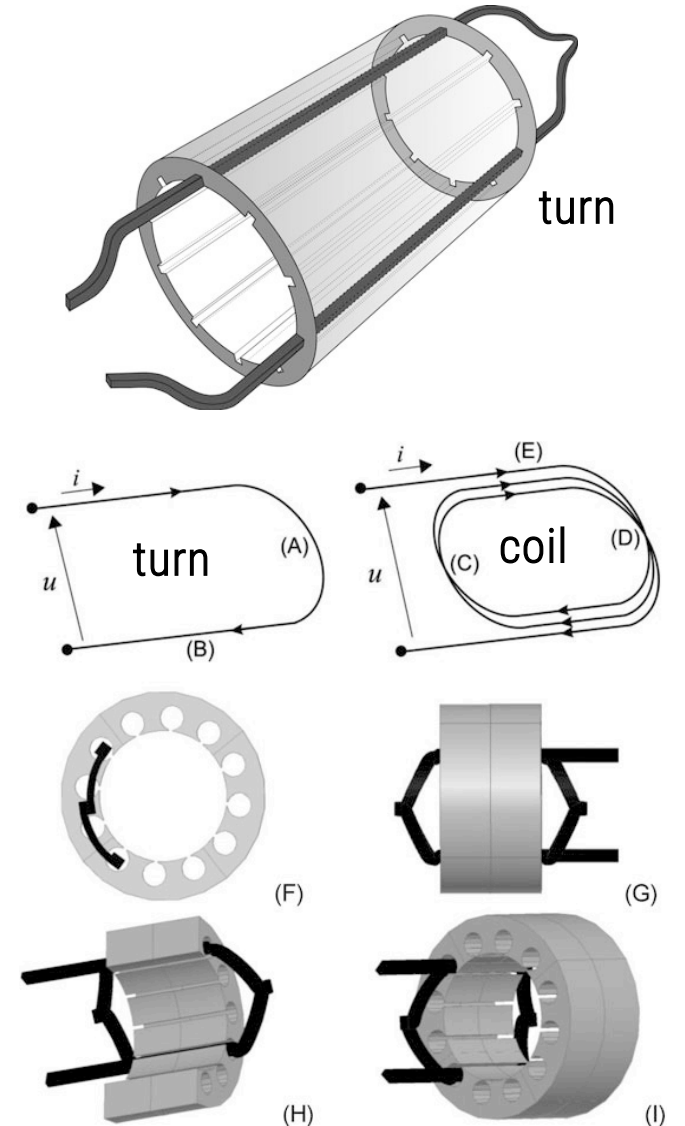
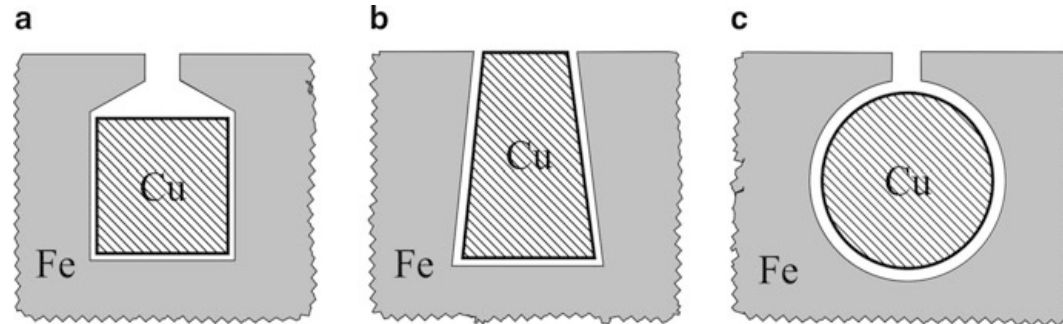




# SLOTS IN MAGNETIC CIRCUITS

Magnetic circuits of the stator and rotor are made of iron sheets

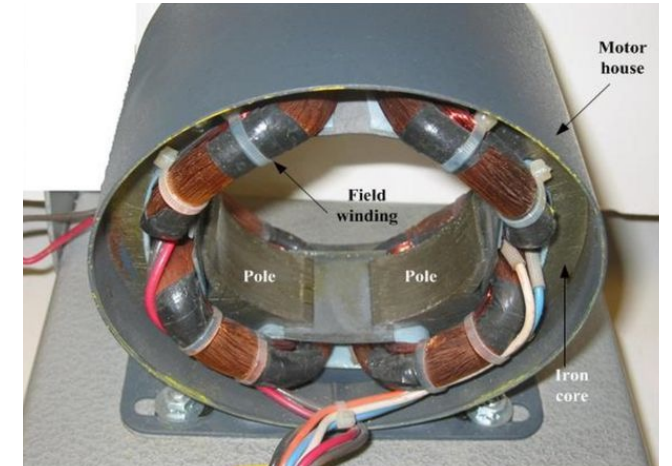
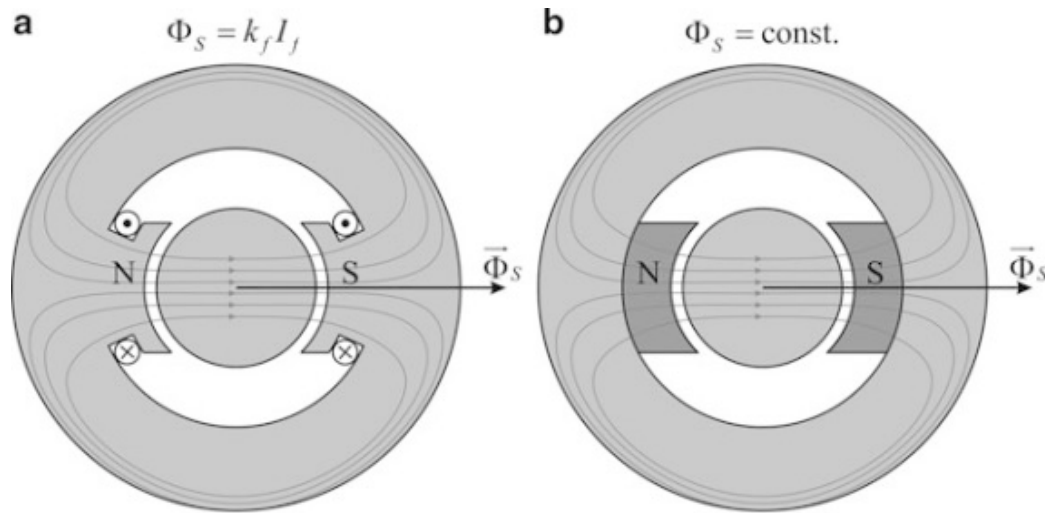
- ▶ iron sheets (SiFe) are insulated from each other and have **slots** to host windings
- ▶ windings are also insulated from each other
- ▶ the slots can be of different cross section, depending on the design needs
- ▶ the slots usually host more than one conductor (not necessarily of the same winding)
- ▶ **Tooth** is the part of the magnetic circuit between neighboring slots
- ▶ one **turn** is obtained by a series connection of conductors placed in different slots
- ▶ several turns may reside in the same pair of slots, creating a **coil**
- ▶ flux of one turn  $\Phi$  is equal to the flux through the contour defined by its conductors
- ▶ flux of a coil having  $N$  turns is equal to:  $N\Phi$



# STATOR

The excitation flux on the stator can be generated by:

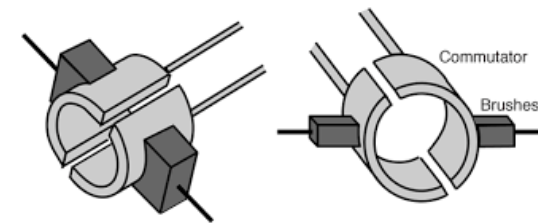
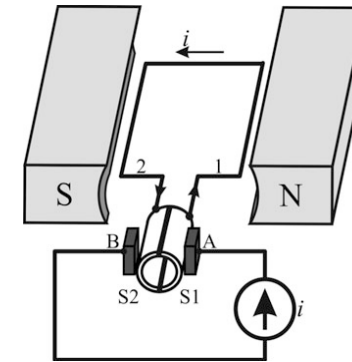
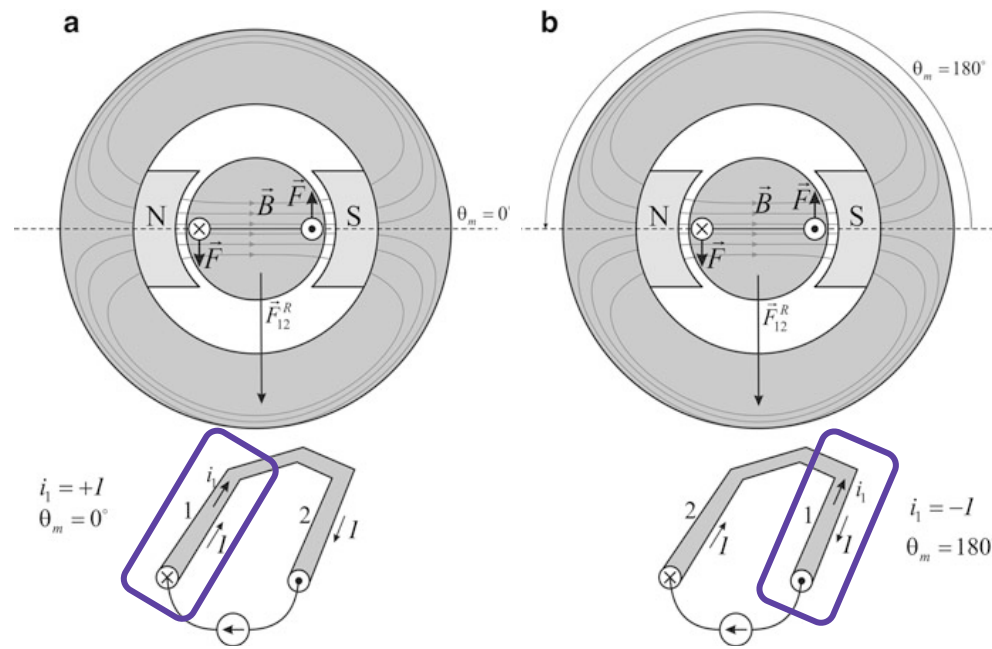
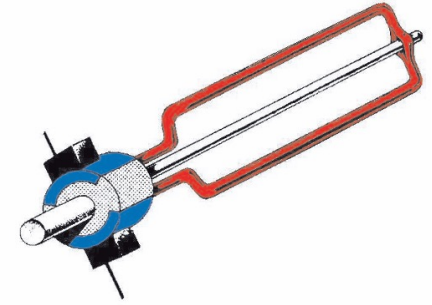
- ▶ DC currents in a **Stator Winding (Field or Excitation Winding)**
  - ▶ Can be controlled
- ▶ **Permanent Magnets** built in the stator magnetic circuit
  - ▶ Cannot be controlled



# CURRENTS IN THE ROTOR CONDUCTORS

Rotor conductors are axially mounted inside the stator magnetic circuits:

- ▶ rotor conductors with currents interact with magnetic induction of the stator excitation field
- ▶ a couple of **Forces** create mechanical **Torque** that sets rotor in motion
- ▶ to maintain torque generation, rotor current direction should not change under the stator pole
- ▶ **rotor current direction inside the contour must periodically change** – function of the rotor position
- ▶ rotor winding currents are therefore AC - achieved through **mechanical commutator**

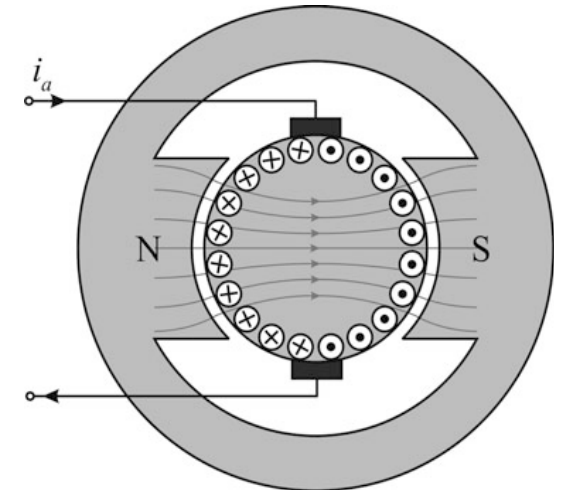
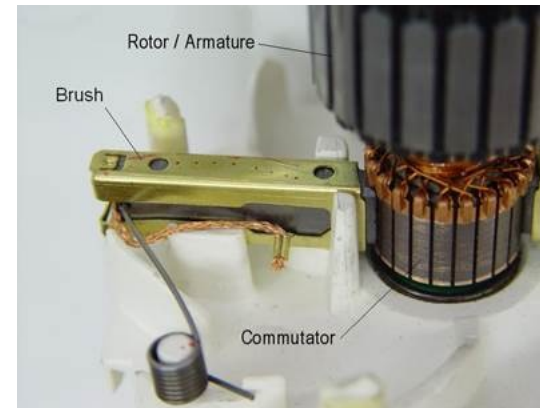
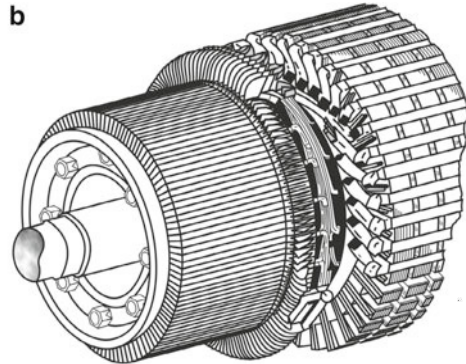
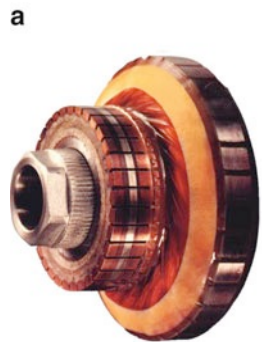




# MECHANICAL COMMUTATOR

A **mechanical commutator** is located **between rotor electrical access and rotor conductors**

- ▶ **Collector** – rotating part made of collector segments where rotor conductors are terminated
- ▶ **Brushes** – fixed and bring external electrical currents to the collector ring
- ▶ The mechanical commutator converts DC currents from the power supply to periodic AC currents inside the rotor
- ▶ The frequency of rotor currents is determined by the speed of rotation
- ▶ There are issues associated with commutator are related to mechanical wear, particles, dust, sparks



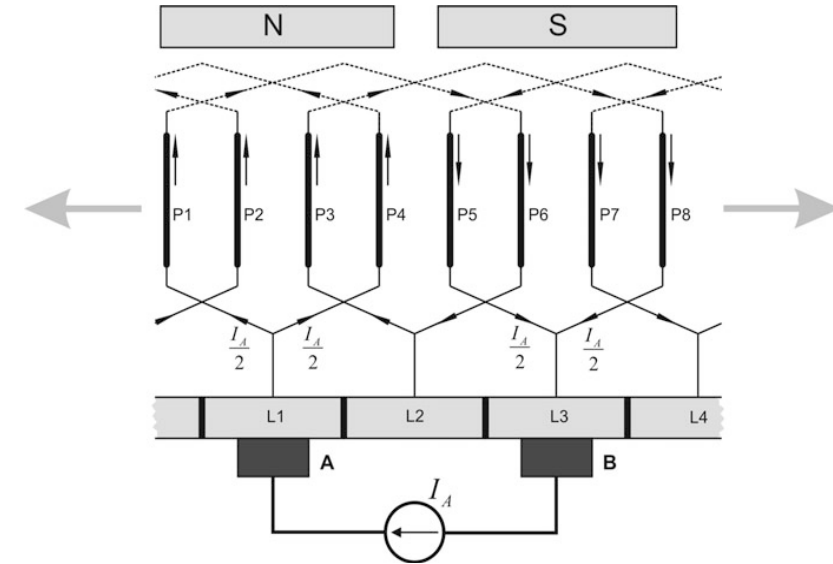
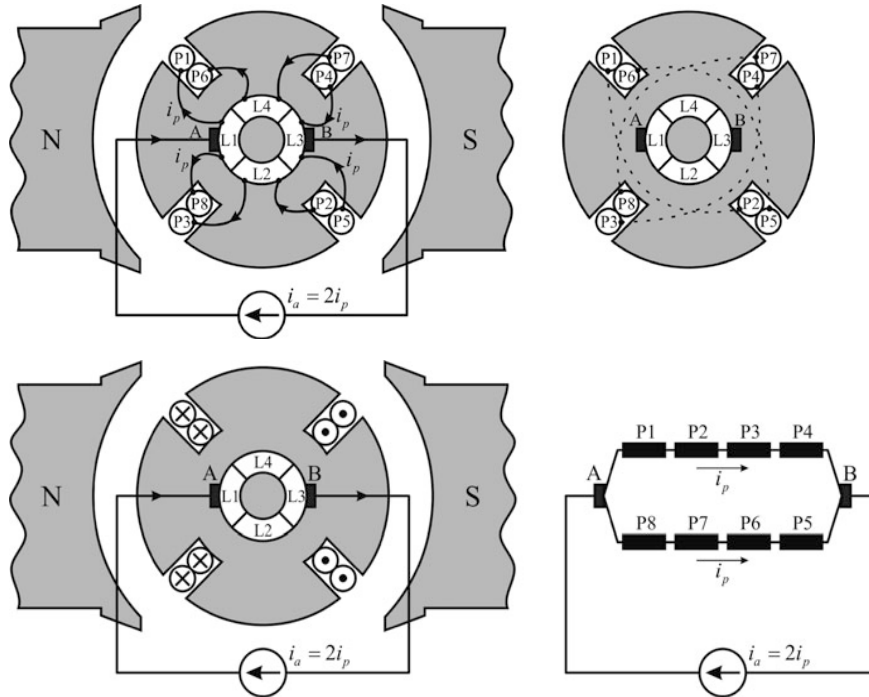
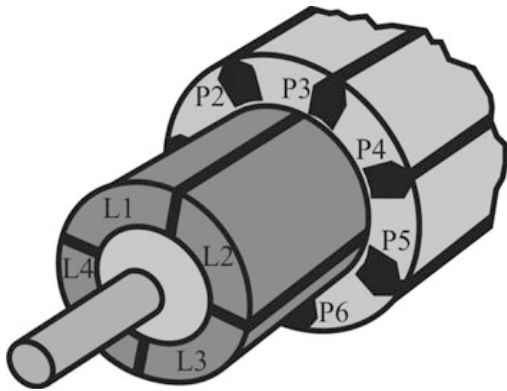
# ROTOR WINDING AND COMMUTATOR

Usually, there is a large number of rotor conductors and collector segments

## Example (illustration only)

- ▶ 4 rotor slots, 4 collector segments, 8 conductors
- ▶ 2 conductors per slot
- ▶ 4 turns: (P1-P2), (P3-P4), (P5-P6), (P7-P8)
- ▶ Brush A in contact with L1
- ▶ Brush B in contact with L3

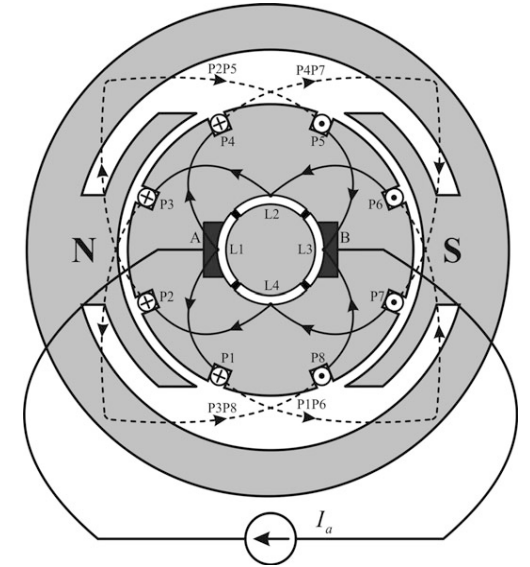
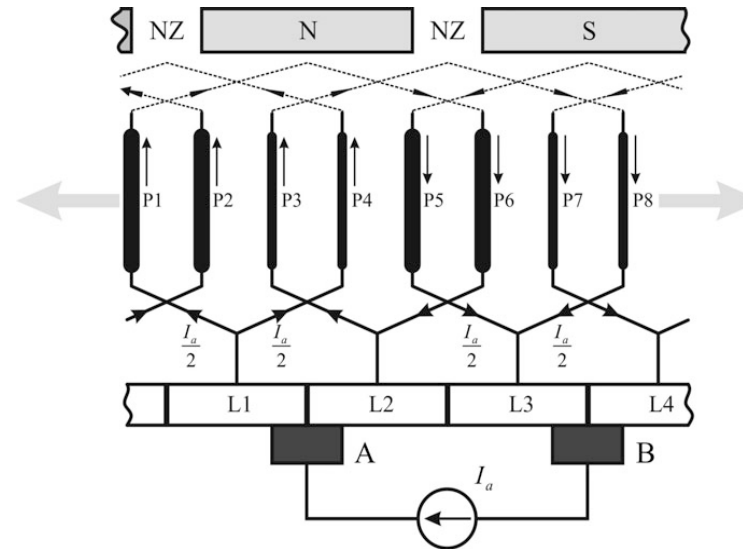
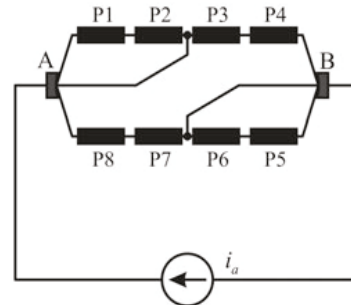
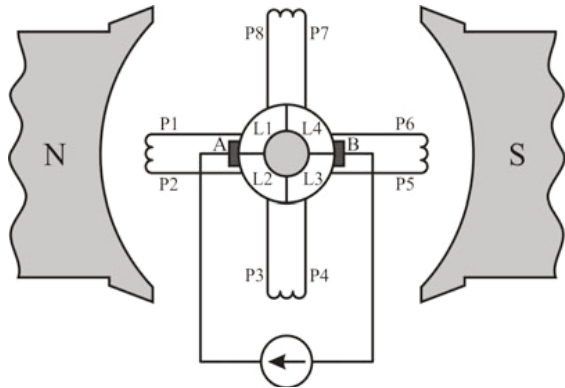
- ▶ The source current is split in two parallel paths
- ▶ The direction of the currents under the poles stays the same



# PROBLEMS WITH COMMUTATION

During the commutation, commutator segments are short circuited

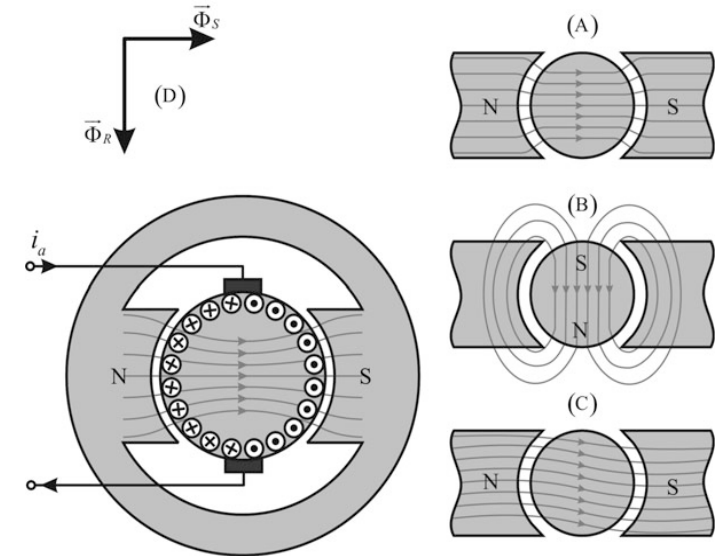
- **Change of current direction** happens in those **conductors that are short-circuited**
- Short circuit current is limited **only by the impedance of the turn**
- **Excessive overheating** of the brushes can result in an electric arc, increasing the wear
- Due to rotation, **sparking**, arcing ionized particles may cause circulating arcing
- During commutation, it is important to keep induced emf in short-circuited turns close to zero
- **The neutral zone (NZ) should be sufficiently wide**



# ROTOR MAGNETIC FIELD

Rotor currents create rotor flux that has poles in the neutral zone

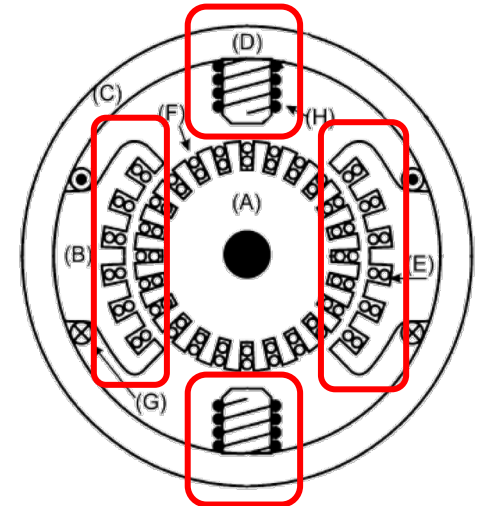
- ▶ the MMF force and flux created by the rotor currents are called **armature reaction** (to the stator excitation)
- ▶ rotor flux lines pass through regions of very low permeability and very high magnetic resistance
- ▶ magnetic induction in the neutral zone (NZ) is rather low, but still **it can affect commutation**



To reduce magnetic induction in the neutral zone, DC machines may have

- ▶ **Compensation windings**
- ▶ **Auxiliary Poles windings**

Note: the compensation windings and auxiliary poles windings are physically located on the stator, but are supplied by the same current of the armature (rotor)

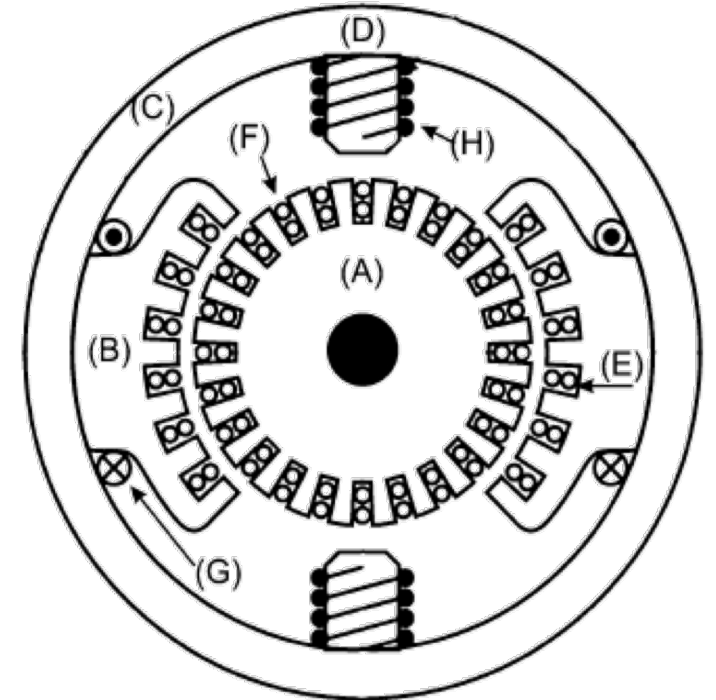




# CURRENT AND MAGNETIC CIRCUITS

In summary, a DC machine has:

- ▶ **Rotor magnetic circuit – A**  
subject to variable magnetic field, that produces hysteresis and eddy current losses  
made of iron laminated sheets
- ▶ **Main poles – B**  
Main part of the stator magnetic circuit, with low air-gap
- ▶ **Yoke – C**  
magnetic circuit subject to constant flux and magnetic induction  
it does not have to be laminated and can be made of solid iron
- ▶ **Auxiliary poles – D**  
have larger air gap than main poles, to increase magnetic resistance
- ▶ **Compensation winding – E**  
supplied by the rotor (armature) current of the opposite direction  
cancel the MMF of all rotor inductors located under the main stator poles
- ▶ **Rotor current circuit – F**  
connected to the commutator
- ▶ **Stator current circuit – G**  
excitation winding
- ▶ **Auxiliary poles winding – H**  
supplied by the rotor (armature) current, and is made such to compensate rotor MMF not compensated by compensation winding



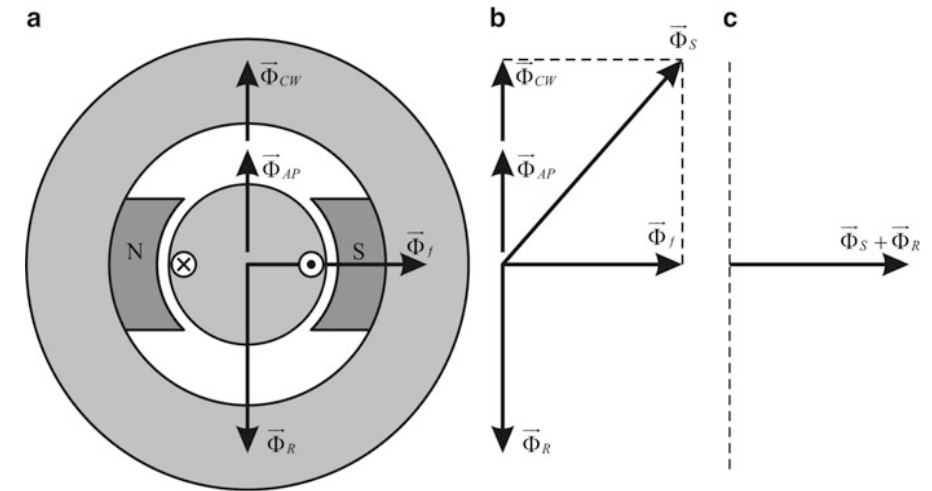
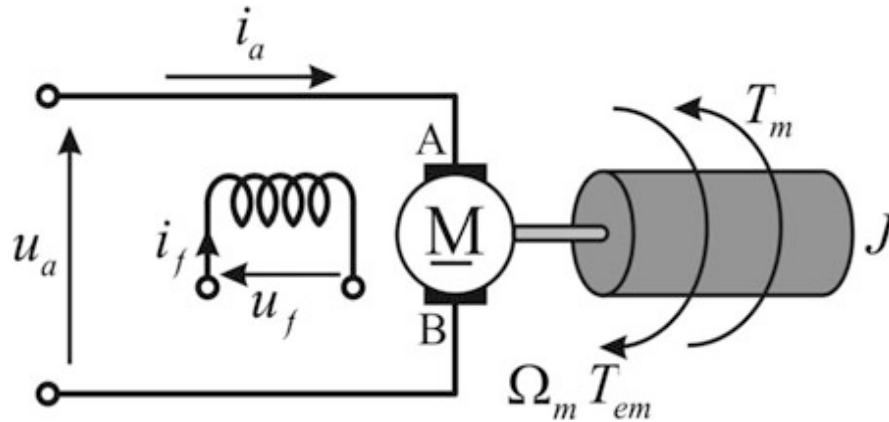
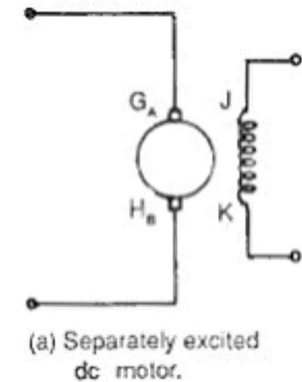
# DC MACHINE MODELING

**Mathematical model of the machine**

# DIRECT AND QUADRATURE AXIS

Magnetic axes of rotor and stator are perpendicular by machine design

- **Direct axis** (horizontal)
  - corresponds to the excitation flux and is determined by the position of main poles
- **Quadrature axis** (vertical)
  - corresponds to the armature reaction
- the stator auxiliary poles and compensating winding act along the quadrature axis
- the stator has three fluxes  $\Phi_f$ ,  $\Phi_{CW}$ ,  $\Phi_{AP}$  creating resulting stator flux  $\Phi_S$
- the rotor has one flux  $\Phi_R$
- for a full compensation, the fluxes  $\Phi_{CW}$  and  $\Phi_{AP}$  cancel the flux  $\Phi_R$ , and the resulting flux in quadrature axis is zero
- resultant flux along the direct axis is equal to the excitation flux  $\Phi_f$



# EXCITATION WINDING MODEL

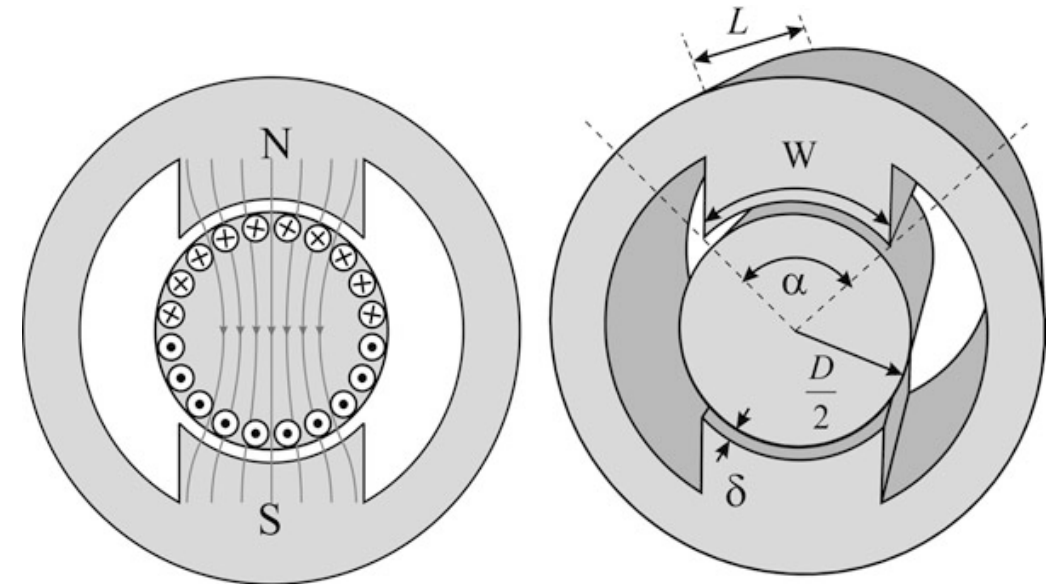
The EMF can be expressed in terms of rotor speed and excitation flux:

- The magnetic induction due to excitation winding, inside the air gap under main poles is:

$$B_f = \underbrace{\mu_0}_{\text{Magnetic Permeability}} \underbrace{H_f}_{\text{Magnetic field in the air-gap}} = \mu_0 \frac{\underbrace{N_f}_{\text{Turns in the excitation winding}} \underbrace{I_f}_{\text{Current in the excitation winding}}}{\underbrace{2\delta}_{\text{Air-gap length}}}$$

- The excitation flux is equal to the product of the magnetic induction and surface area:

$$\Phi_f = \underbrace{S}_{\text{Surface Area}} \cdot B_f = \mu_0 \frac{\underbrace{L}_{\text{Axial length}} \underbrace{W}_{\text{Width}} N_f I_f}{2\delta}$$





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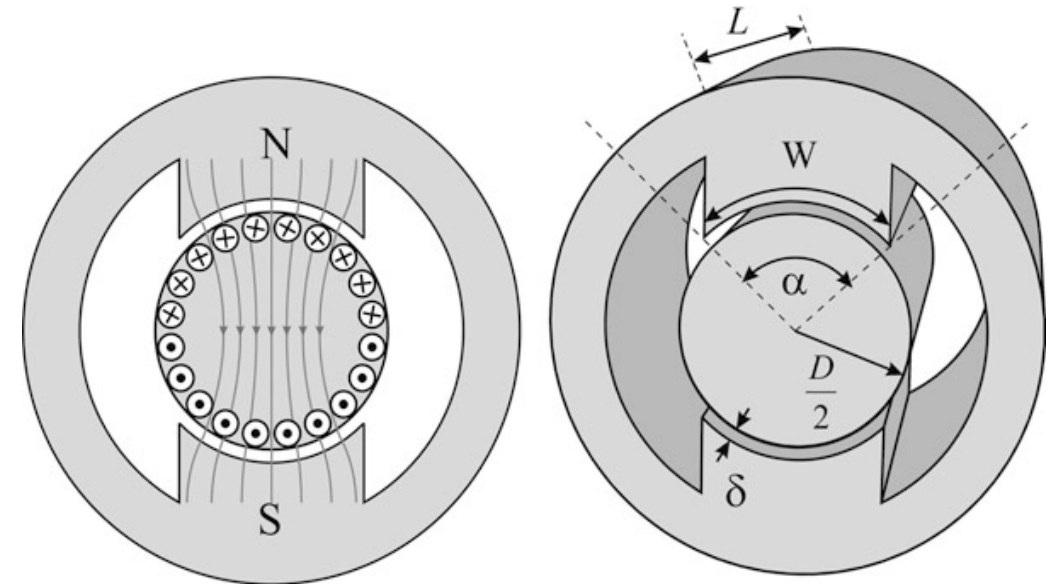
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- The magnetic resistance along the excitation path is

$$R_\mu = \frac{F_f}{\Phi_f} = \frac{2\delta}{\mu_0 L W}$$

- The inductance of the excitation winding is:

$$L_f = \frac{\Psi_f}{I_f} = \frac{N_f \Phi_f}{I_f} = \mu_0 \frac{L W N_f^2}{2\delta} = \frac{N_f^2}{R_\mu}$$

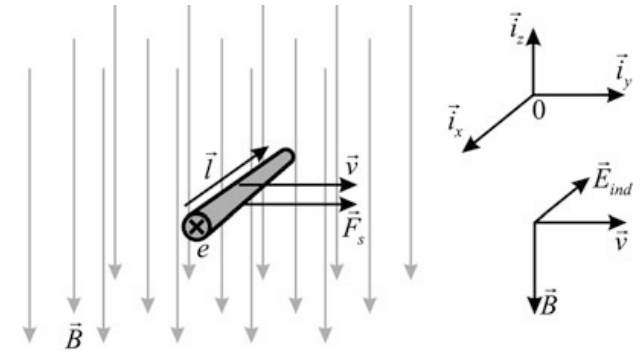


# ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE CALCULATION

The EMF in a moving conductor can be found from its speed and the magnetic field:

$$\underbrace{\vec{E}_{ind}}_{\text{Electric Field in moving conductors}} = \underbrace{\vec{v}}_{\text{Conductor Speed}} \times \underbrace{\vec{B}}_{\text{Applied Magnetic Flux Density field}}$$

$$\underbrace{E}_{\text{Electromotive Force}} = \underbrace{\vec{l}}_{\text{Directed conductor length}} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{E}_{ind}}_{\text{Electric Field}} = \vec{l} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

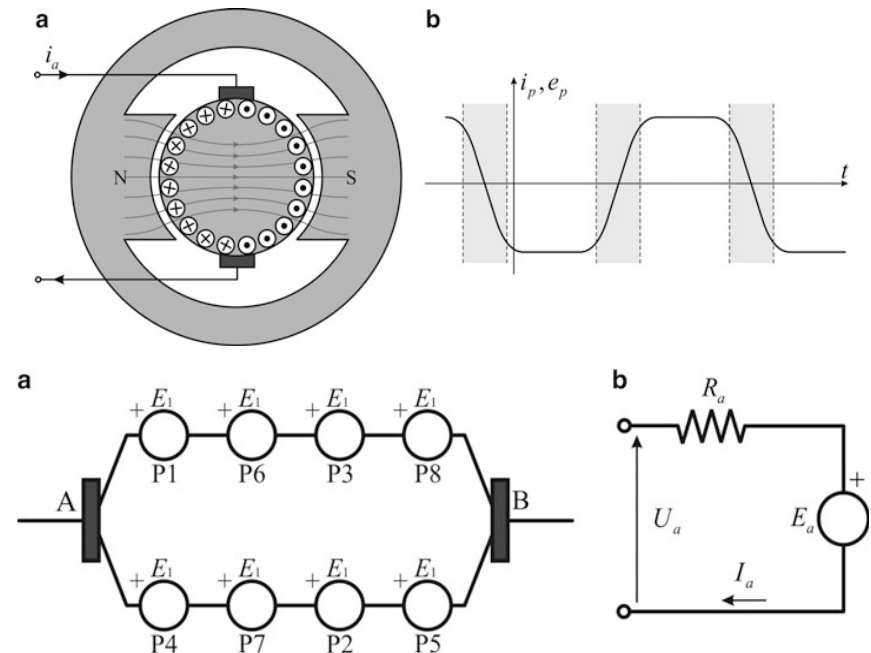


The EMF can be expressed in terms of rotor speed and excitation flux:

- In each of the rotor conductors passing under the main poles of the stator, there is induced EMF as:

$$E_k = \pm \underbrace{r}_{\text{Rotor radius}} \cdot \underbrace{\omega_m}_{\text{Rotor speed}} \cdot \underbrace{B_f}_{\text{Excitation field}} \cdot \underbrace{l}_{\text{Axial length}}$$

(Note: the induced emf in each conductor is AC by nature)



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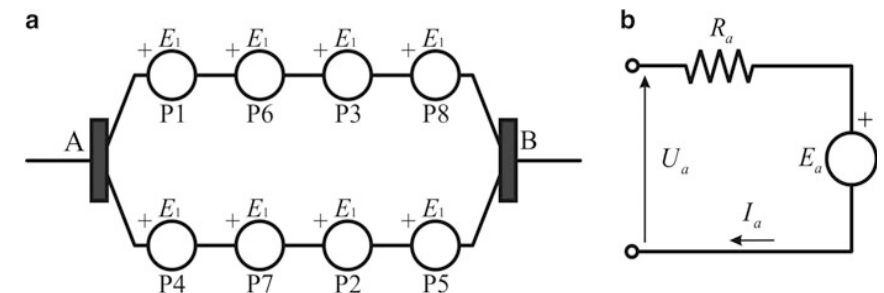
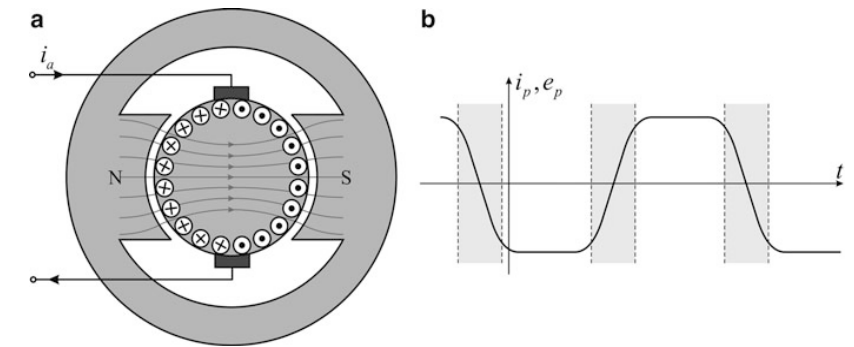
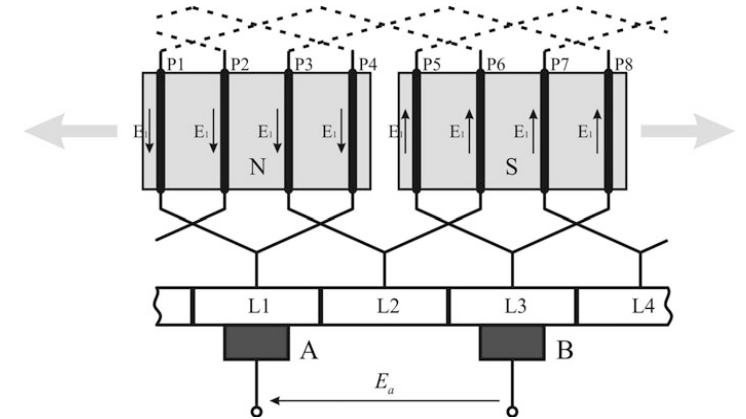
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- The total induced emf in the armature (rotor) winding is the composition of the contribution of different conductors:

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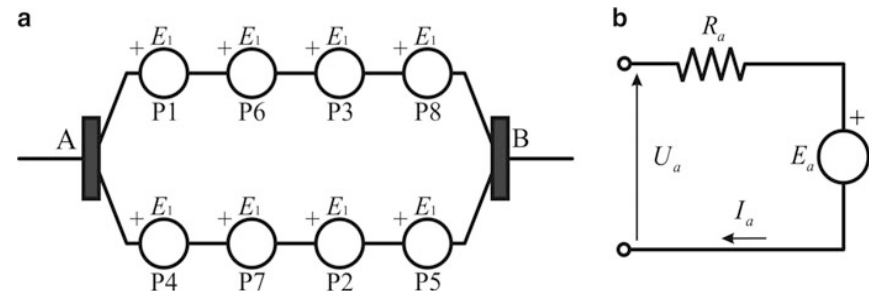
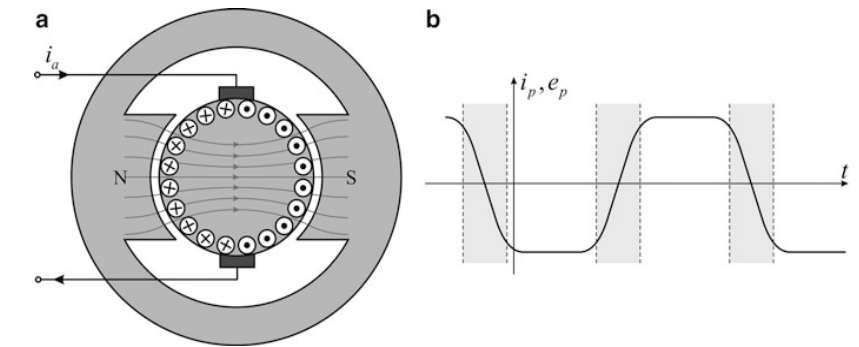
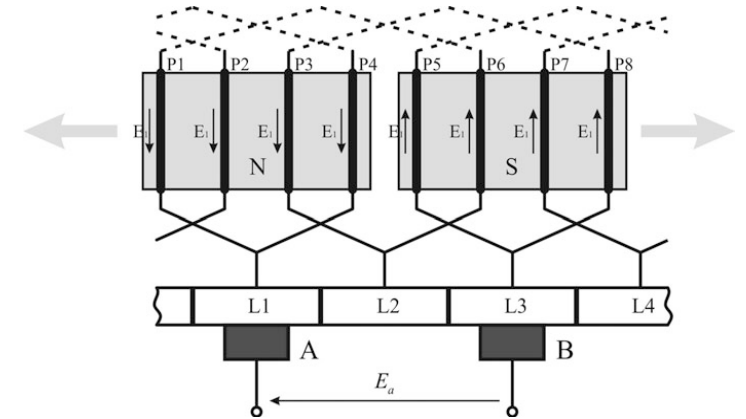
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# TORQUE GENERATION

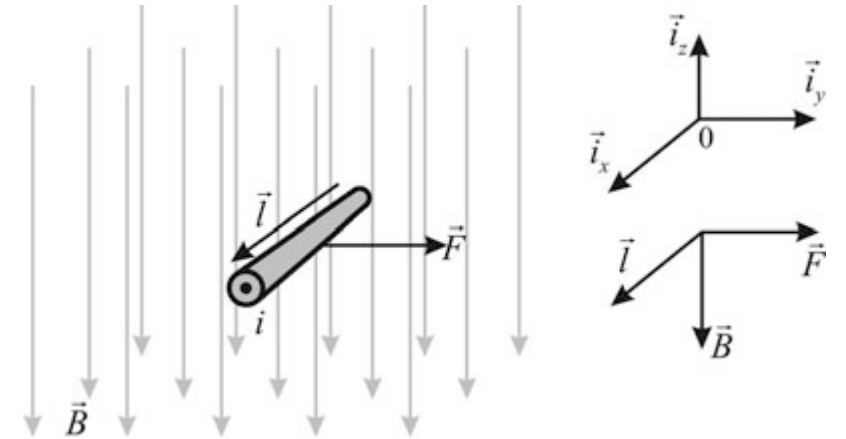
Electromagnetic torque is related to the excitation flux and armature current

- in the zones below the poles, the vector product of radial component of magnetic induction and coaxially directed current gives tangential forces  $F$

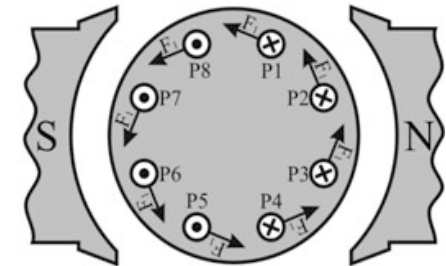
$$\underbrace{\vec{F}_k}_{\text{Force}} = \underbrace{i_k}_{\text{Conductor Current}} \cdot \underbrace{(\vec{l} \times \vec{B}_f)}_{\text{Current oriented direction} \times \text{Air-gap Field}} \quad (\text{Lorentz force})$$

- Each individual force contributes to the electromagnetic torque

$$\underbrace{T_{em,k}}_{\text{Torque of one conductor}} = \underbrace{|\vec{r}_k \times \vec{F}_k|}_{\text{Arm for torque calculation}} = \underbrace{\frac{i_a}{2}}_{\text{Only half of the armature current flows in one conductor}} \cdot \underbrace{l}_{\text{Axial length}} \cdot \underbrace{B_f}_{\text{Air-gap Field}} \cdot \underbrace{r}_{\text{Rotor radius}}$$



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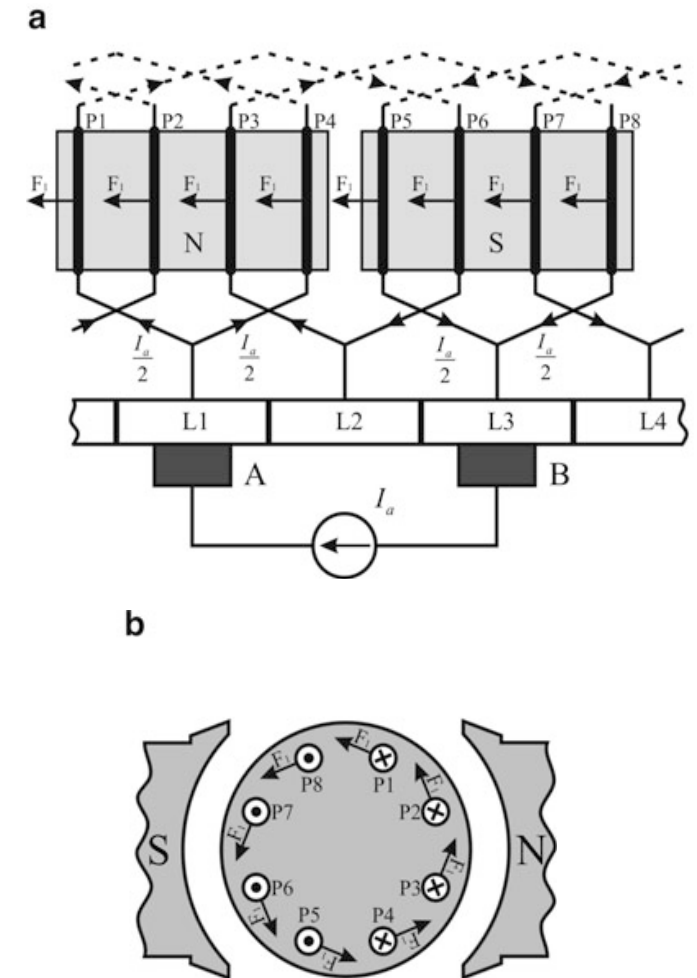
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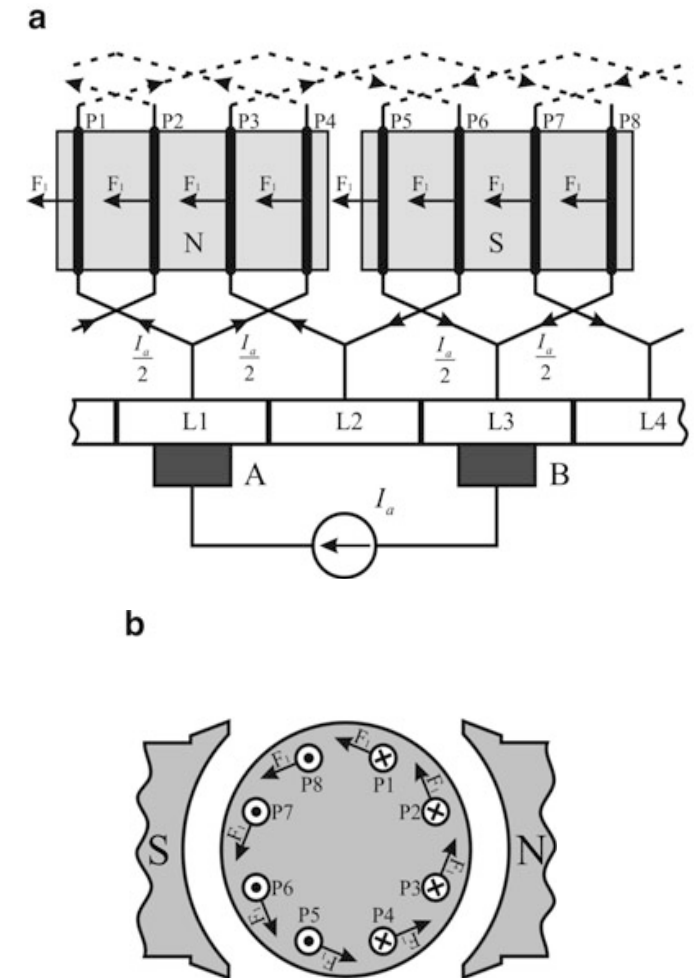
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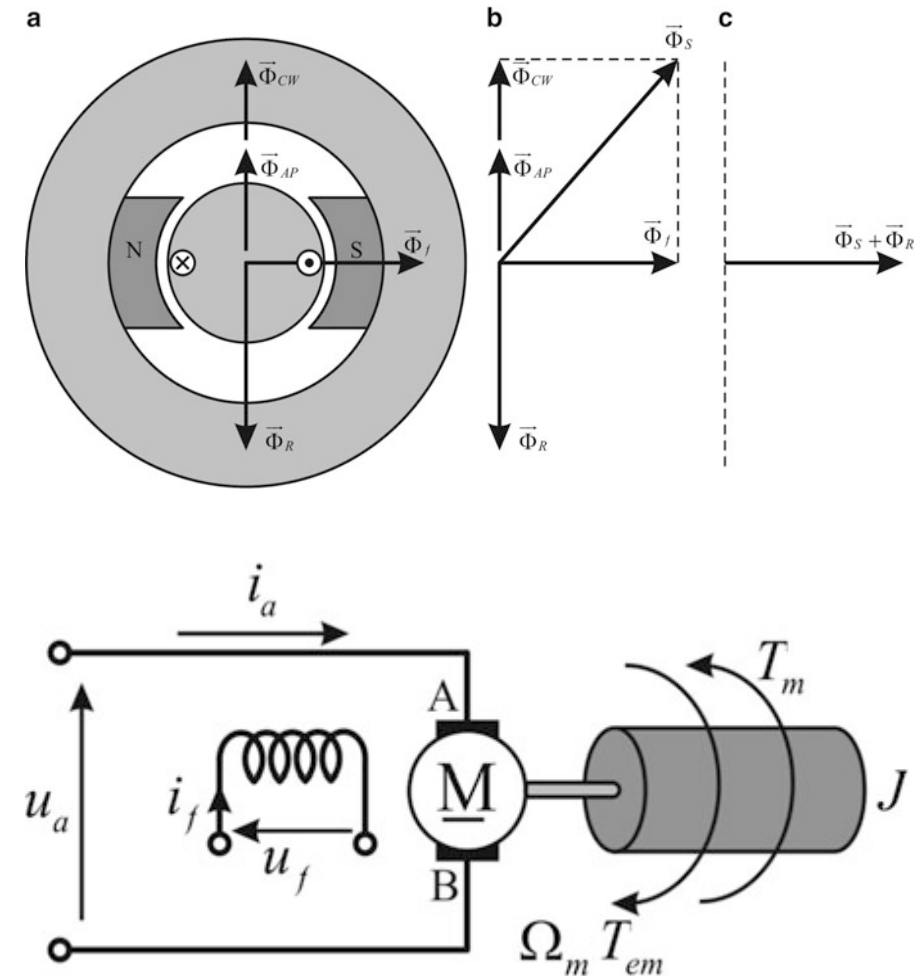
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# DC MACHINE MODEL

Based on the theory presented so far, the mathematical model can be developed:

- ▶ The **excitation flux** is established along the **direct axis** either by excitation winding or permanent magnets
- ▶ The **armature (rotor) flux** is established along the **quadrature axis**
- ▶ the two axes are orthogonal and **the mutual inductance between them is zero** (assuming linear magnetic circuit)
- ▶ due to absence of interaction, transient phenomena of two axes are decoupled
- ▶ this makes the model of DC machine rather simple
- ▶ decoupled flux and torque are something very important for the high performance variable speed drives
- ▶ DC machines provide this by virtue of their construction





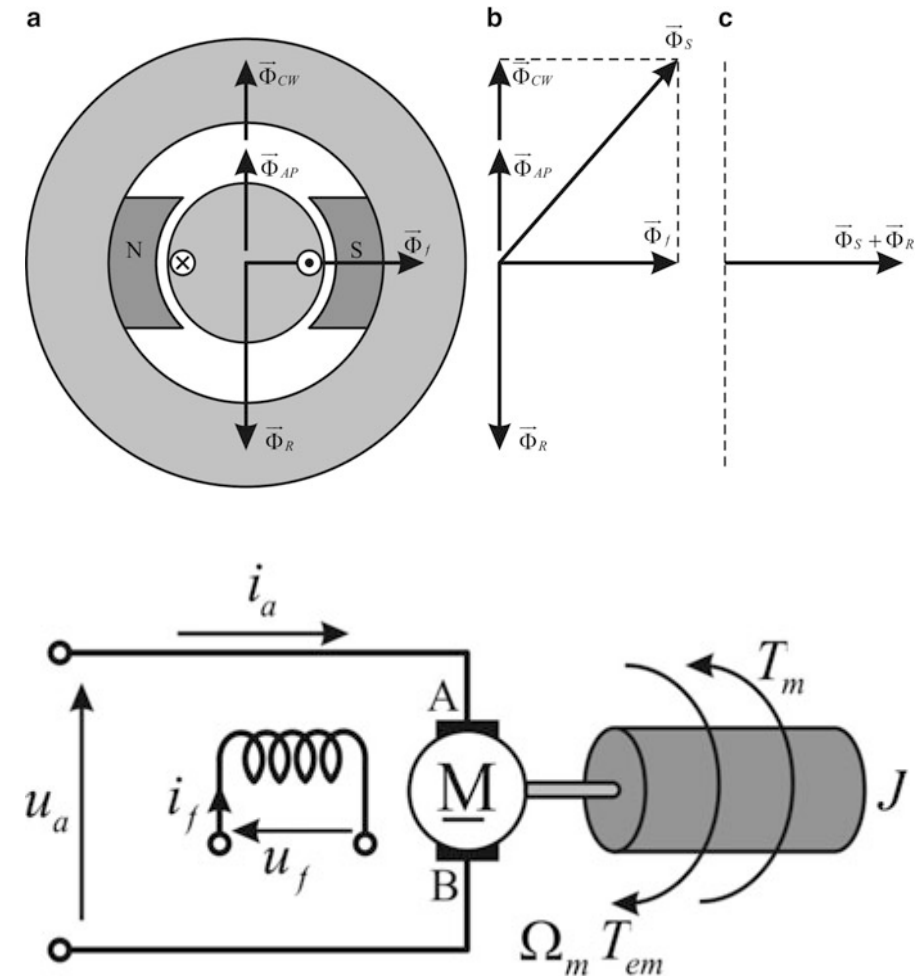
# DC MACHINE MODEL

A separately excited DC machine is supplied from the two sources

- ▶ The stator (field) winding is supplied from the separate source  $u_f$
- ▶ The rotor (armature) winding is supplied from the source  $u_a$

The mathematical model includes:

- ▶ Two differential equations of voltage balance on the windings
- ▶ A differential equation describing the changes of angular speed (**Newton equation**)
- ▶ Algebraic relations between fluxes and currents (**inductance matrix**)
- ▶ An expression for the **electromagnetic torque**



# VOLTAGE BALANCE EQUATION FOR THE EXCITATION

The MMF along the quadrature axis has no influence on the excitation flux

- The instantaneous value of the flux in the excitation winding is:

$$\Psi_f = N_f \cdot \Phi_f = L_f \cdot i_f$$

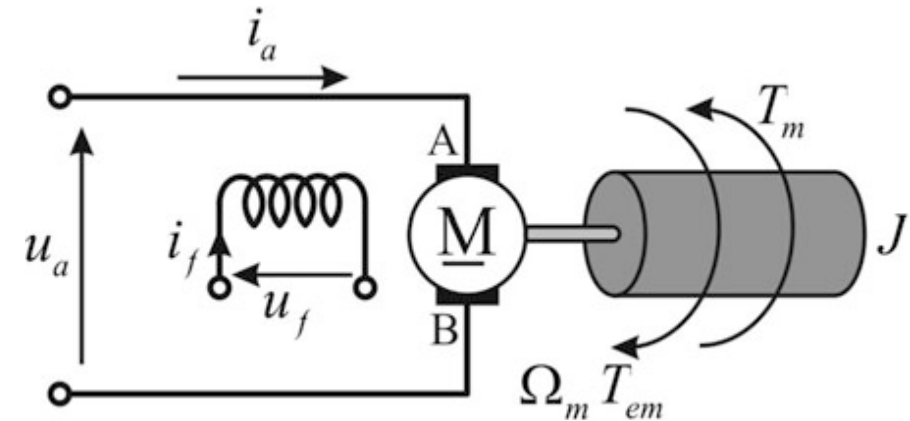
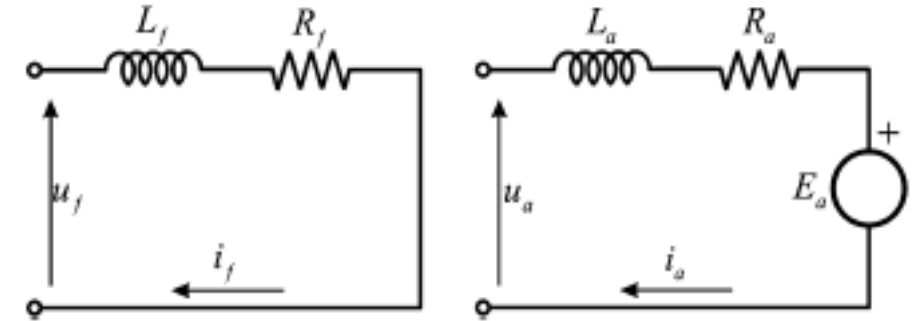
- The voltage balance equation for the excitation winding is:

$$u_f = R_f i_f + \frac{d\Psi_f}{dt} = R_f i_f + L_f \frac{di_f}{dt}$$

- The excitation winding can be simply represented as an **RL circuit** (first order system)

- The excitation flux is proportional to the excitation current

$$\Phi_f = \frac{\Psi_f}{N_f} = \frac{L_f}{N_f} \cdot i_f = L'_f i_f$$



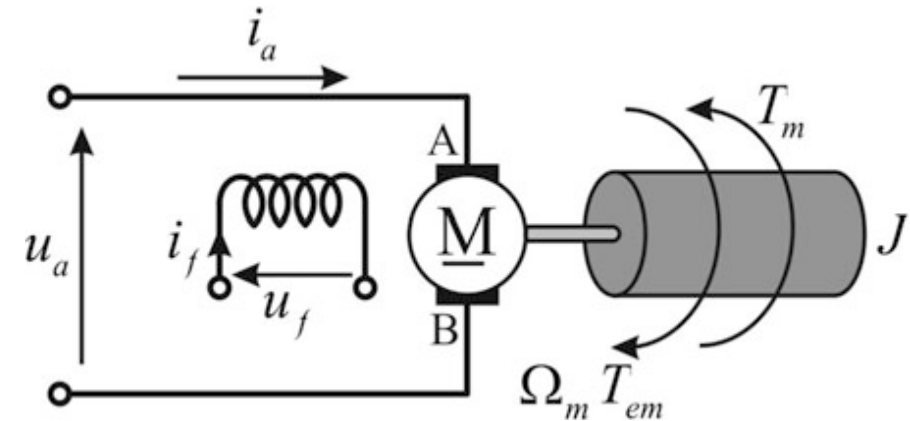
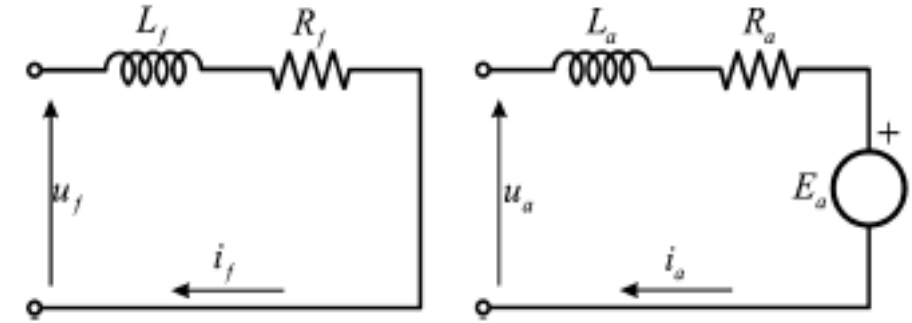
# VOLTAGE BALANCE EQUATION FOR THE ARMATURE

The MMF along the quadrature axis has no influence on the excitation flux

- ▶ Rotor winding is also characterized by internal resistance and inductance
  - ▶ The magnetic resistance along the rotor path is relatively high due to the large air gap
  - ▶ The armature inductance is therefore two to three orders of magnitude lower than the excitation inductance
- ▶ In addition to resistance and inductance, rotor circuit has induced electromotive force.

$$\begin{aligned} u_a &= R_a i_a + \frac{d\Psi_a}{dt} = R_a i_a + L_a \frac{di_a}{dt} + E_a \\ &= R_a i_a + L_a \frac{di_a}{dt} + k_e \Phi_f \omega_m \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The armature winding can be simply represented as an **RL circuit** (first order system) **with a series voltage source** (proportional to the rotor speed)



# MECHANICAL EQUATIONS

The mechanical subsystem can be modeled by Newton's equation

$$J \cdot \frac{d\omega}{dt} = T_{em} - T_m - k_F \cdot \omega$$

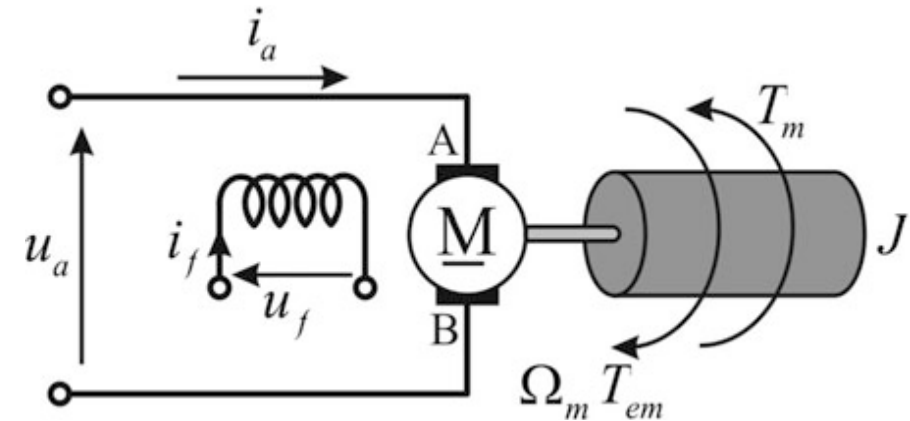
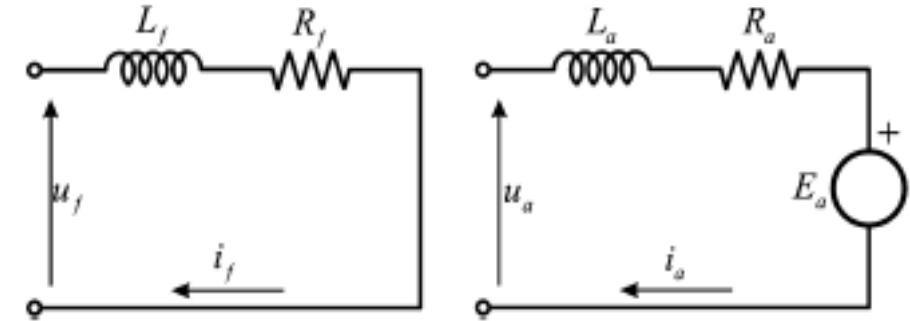
- The electromagnetic torque depends on the product of the excitation flux and the armature current

$$T_{em} = k_m \Phi_f i_a$$

- Note: the EMF constant and the Torque constant are the same (conservation of energy)

$$k_m = k_e$$

- The angle equation is not relevant for the machine model (the equivalent inductances are not depending on the position)



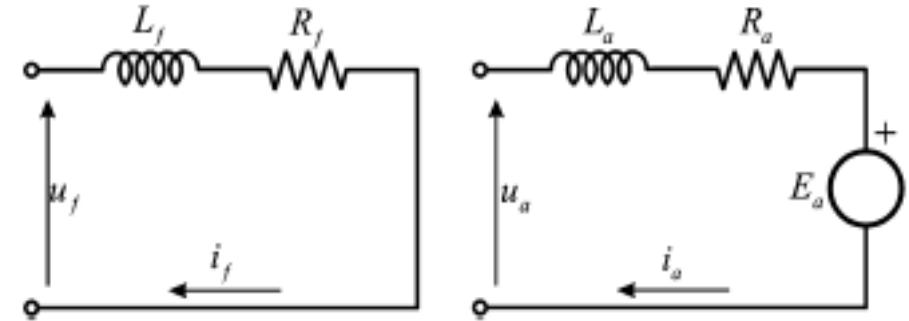
# SUMMARY

**Mathematical model of the DC machine**

# GENERAL DYNAMICAL MODEL OF A DC MACHINE

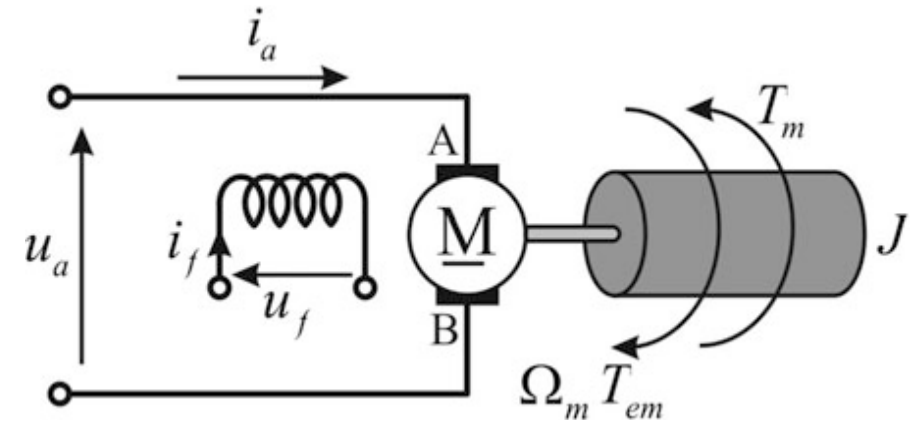
## Electrical Equations

$$\begin{cases} u_a = R_a i_a + L_a \frac{di_a}{dt} + E_a \\ u_f = R_f i_f + L_f \frac{di_f}{dt} \\ E_a = k_e \Phi_f \omega_m \\ \Phi_f = L'_f i_f \end{cases}$$



## Mechanical Equations

$$\begin{cases} J \cdot \frac{d\omega_m}{dt} = T_{em} - T_m - k_F \cdot \omega_m \\ T_{em} = k_m \Phi_f i_a \end{cases}$$

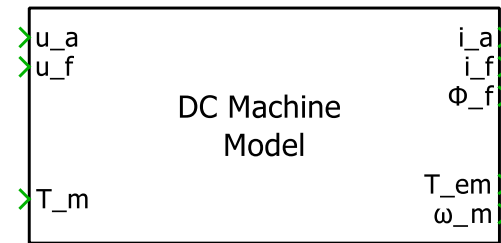




# BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE MODEL

With the help of Laplace transform block diagram of model is obtained

- ▶ The inputs into model are: excitation and armature voltage
- ▶ The state variables are: armature current, excitation current and rotor speed
- ▶ The outputs are: armature current, excitation flux, electromagnetic torque and the rotor speed



(To do in the Exercise Session)