

# Traction Motors, what is the difference?

Induction, Interior Permanent Magnet and Synchronous Reluctance Machines  
Technologies, Constraints, Possibilities & Outlook

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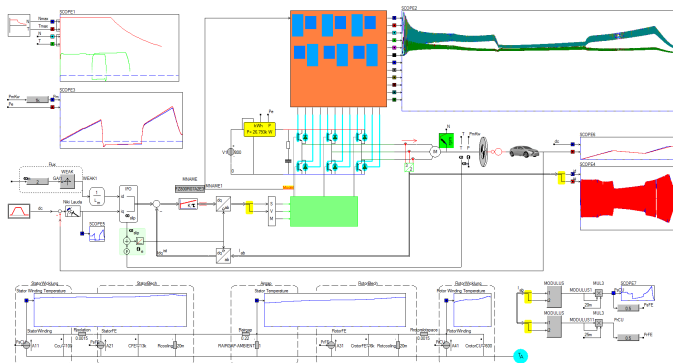
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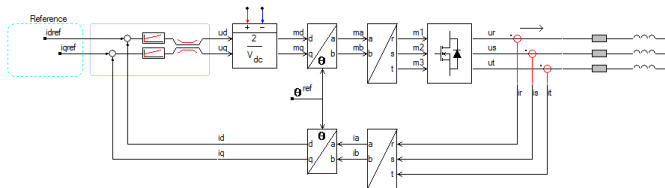
# Control and motor physics

- AC motor dynamics
- AC motor thermal
- Power Electronics
- IGBT thermal
- Control



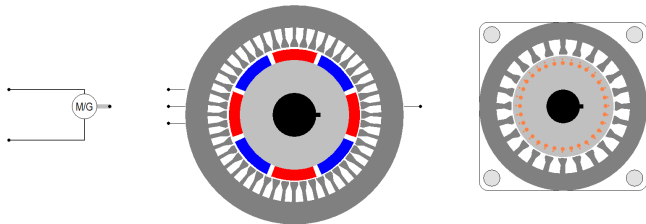
# Start with a generic drive

- Motor dynamics
- Control dynamics



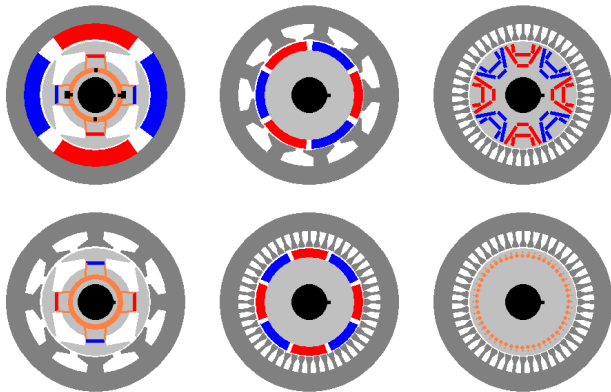
# Type of motors, but what is a motor?

- DC motor
- Synchronous motor
- Induction motor



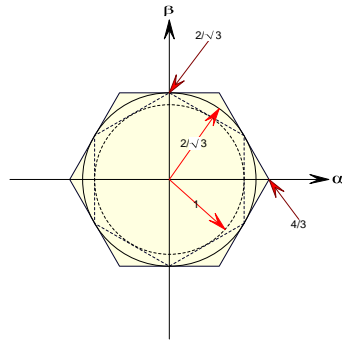
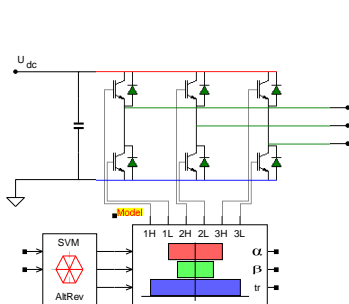
# Relation between motor types

- DC
- Synchronous
- Brushless
- PMSM
- IPM
- IM



# Most electrical machines have a three phase winding!

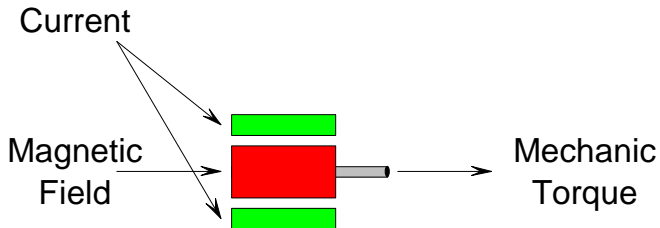
- Constant Torque
- Driving & Braking
- two-level inverter



A Two-Level Inverter is mostly enough for controlling the current inside the electric machine

# Where is the torque coming from?

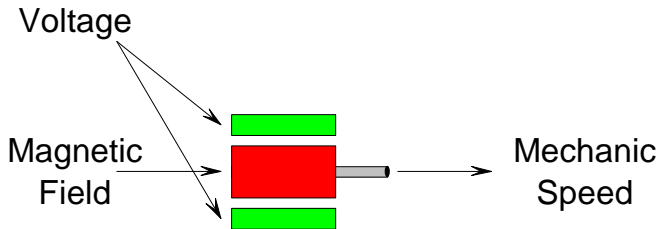
- Current  $I$
- Flux  $\Phi$
- $T = I \cdot \Phi$





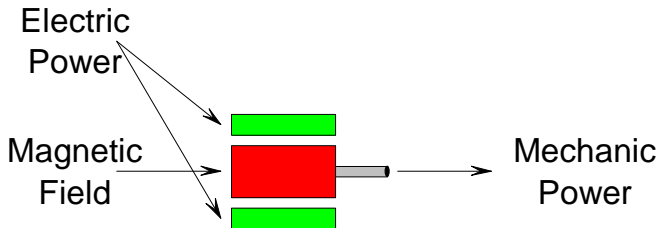
# Where is the speed coming from?

- Voltage  $U$
- Flux  $\Phi$
- $U = \omega \cdot \Phi$



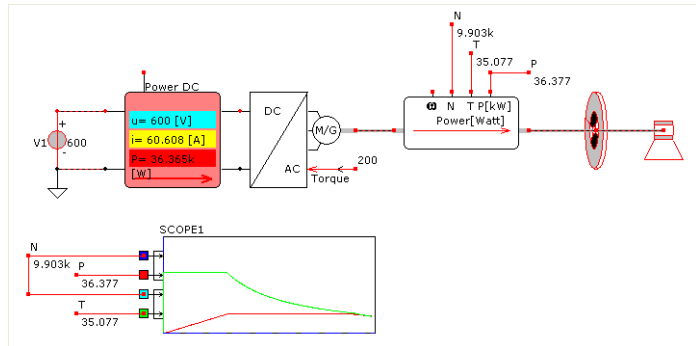
# Where is the power coming from?

- $U = \omega \cdot \Phi$
- $T = I \cdot \Phi$
- $P = \omega \cdot T = U \cdot I$



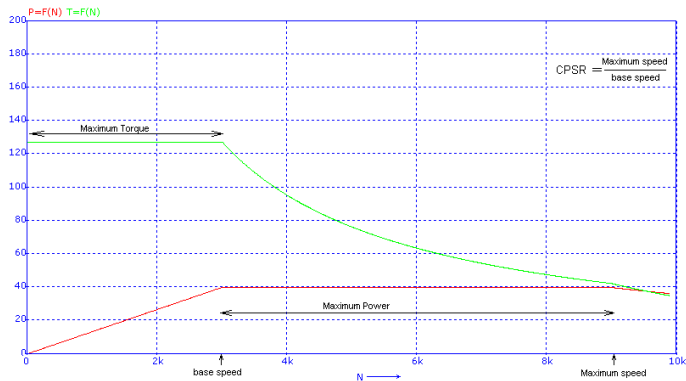
# Maximum Voltage, Maximum Current?

- $U = \omega \cdot \Phi$
- $T = I \cdot \Phi$
- $P = \omega \cdot T = U \cdot I$



# Maximum Torque, Maximum Power?

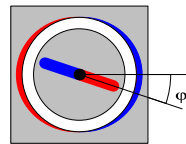
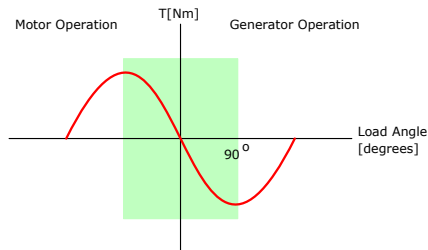
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- $P = \omega \cdot T = U \cdot I$



CPSR: Constant Power Speed Range

# Motor versus Generator operation

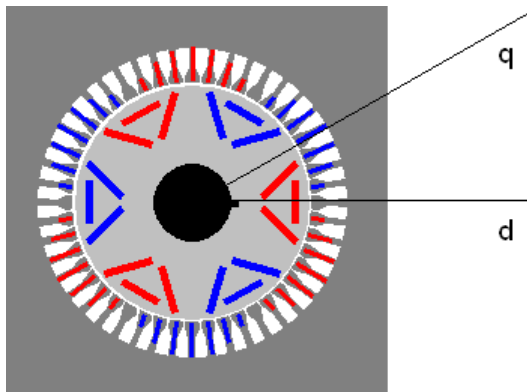
- Load angle
- Motor
- Generator



Maximum power when angular displacement =  $\phi = 90$  degrees  
Is it a motor or is it a generator?

# IPM: Direct-Quadrature Axis, Direkte-Quer Achse

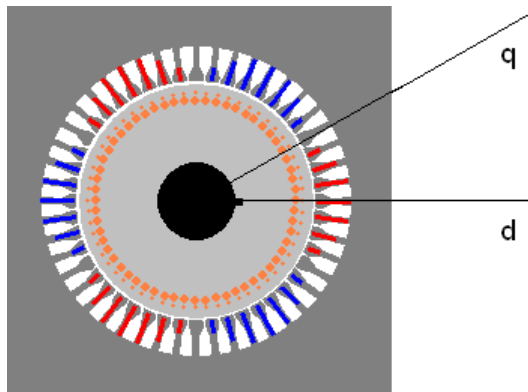
- $d$  Direct Axis - Field
- $q$  Quadrature Axis - Torque
- $T = \Phi_d \cdot I_q$



Maximum power:  
angular displacement=  $\Phi = 90^\circ$

# IM: Direct-Quadrature Axis, Direkte-Quer Achse

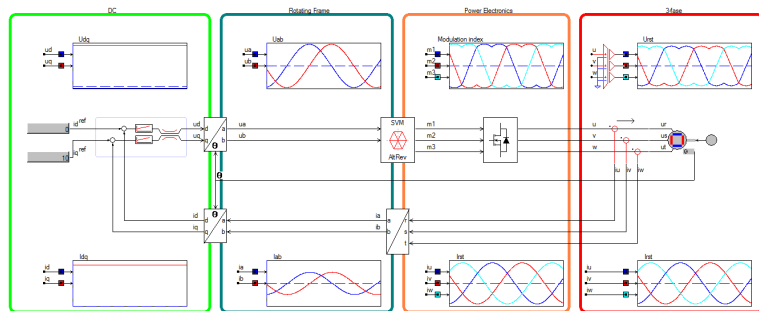
- $d$  Direct Axis - Field
- $q$  Quadrature Axis - Torque
- $T = \Phi_d \cdot I_q$



Maximum power:  
angular displacement=  $\Phi = 90^\circ$

## Encoder for the position

- Encoder for position
- Sensorless

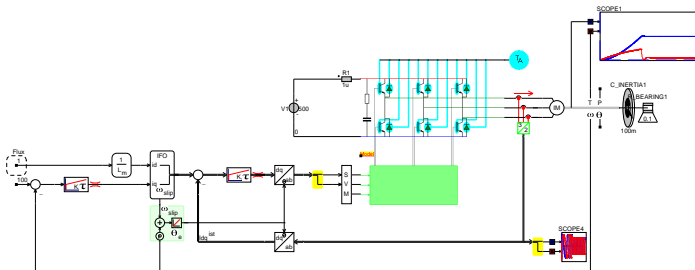


Easy implementation, but requires expensive encoder or Sensorless: Instaspin



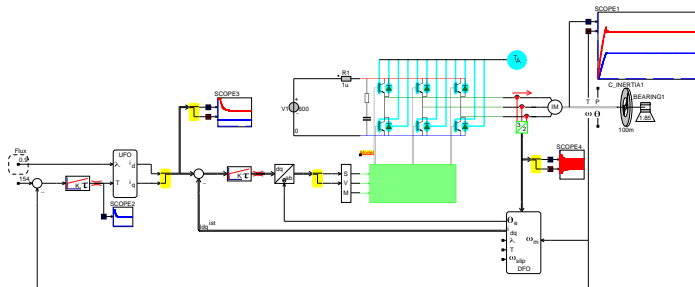
## Easy implementation

- Encoder for angular speed
- Calculation of Slip



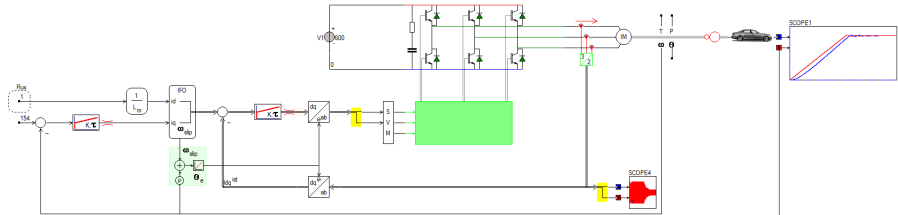
## Calculation done by observer

- Encoder for angular speed
- Direct Field Observer
- No need for Field sensors

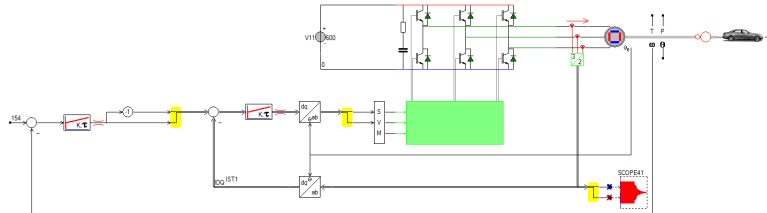


## Difference in Control

- IM
- Calculation

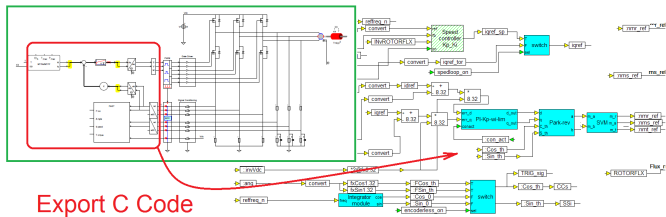


- IPM
- Encoder



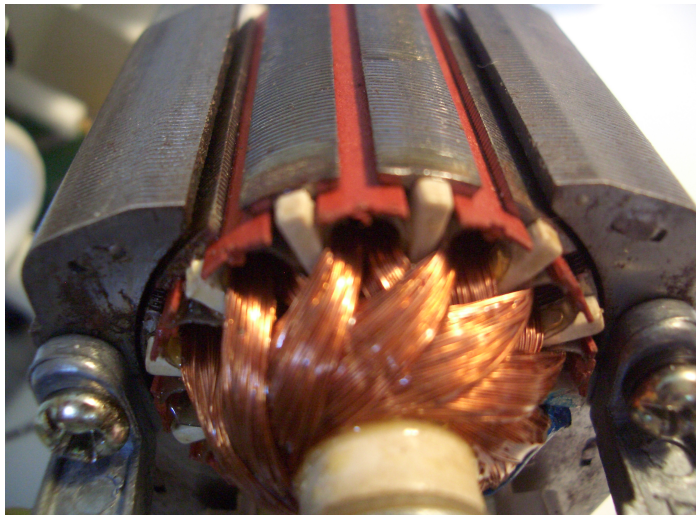
# Digital or analog control

- Digital control
- Floating Point
- Fixed Point
- Export of C-code



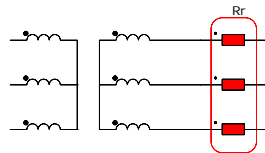
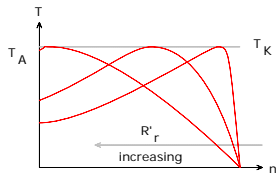
# Winding loss, Iron Loss

- Winding loss
- $R_s \cdot I^2$
- Core loss
- $c \cdot B^x H^y$
- Stray loss
- Mechanical loss



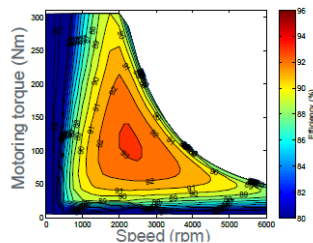
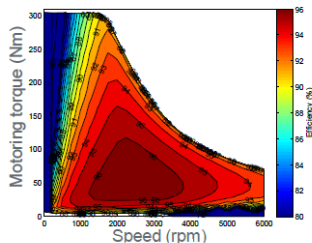
# Stator and Rotor Loss

- Winding loss
- Rotor winding



# Efficiency Map

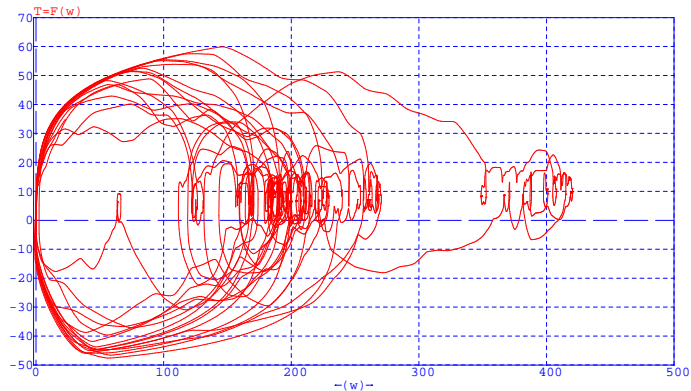
- Rotor winding loss
- Same stator winding loss
- 4% more loss for the IM



From: Performance/cost comparison of induction-motor & permanent-magnet-motor in a hybrid electric car, Malcolm Burwell International Copper Association

# Efficiency reduction

- Drive cycle
- UDDS
- Urban road
- Many stops

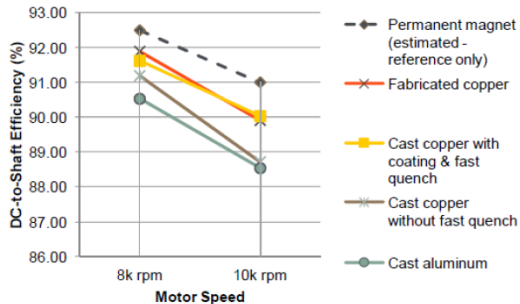


The motor is never operated at maximum efficiency!



# Efficiency reduction

- Rotor copper winding loss
- Rotor copper cast loss
- Rotor alu cast loss



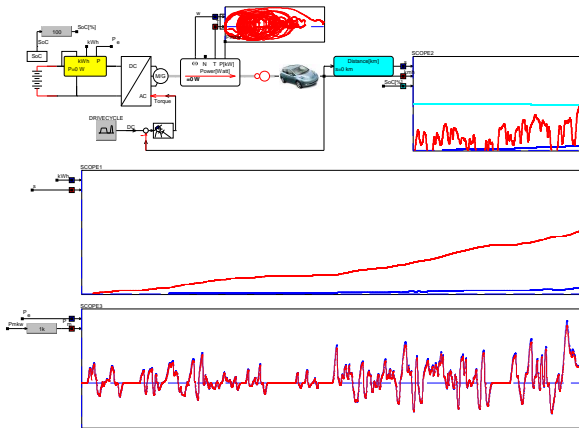
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## How bad is this?

On average :  $1kWh = 5km$

But depends on the Drive Cycle

- Nissan Leaf:  $15kWh = 100km$
- Tesla X:  $27kWh = 100km$
- Audi Etron:  $28kWh = 100km$
- I-Pace:  $30kWh = 100km$
- eBike:  $1kWh = 120km$



# Price difference?

IPM: Price for the magnets

IM: Price for the extra fuel

- Average life time of a car:  $200.000km$
- Required energy:  $200.000km \cdot \frac{1kWh}{5km} = 40.000kWh$
- Lost Energy(4%):  $0.04 \cdot 40.000kWh = 1600kWh$
- Lost money:  $1600kWh \cdot \frac{Euro0.20}{1kWh} = Euro320$

Suggestion: Solar power to charge your car?

# Outlook for the Next Generation?

- Costs? Magnets?
- Manufacturing costs
- Optimization geometry to reduce ripple torque
- Optimize thermal design, not over-design
- Modeling and simulation, but know what to optimize
- Materials 6.5% Silicon steel

# Traction Motor: IPM or IM?

- Field Oriented Control of IPM or IM, No difference!
- IPM: Pay for the magnets, definitely!
- IPM: Pay for the encoder, definitely!
- IPM: Encoder wiring breakdown, possible!
- IM: Pay for the fuel, Solar power?

Thank you!

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