

STARTING OF INDUCTION MOTORS

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- It is possible to start the motor by directly applying voltage. This may result in high current drawn from supply for a short period of time.
- By applying reduced voltage, ~~there~~ we can control high inrush current. But, the starting torque is reduced ($T_e \propto V^2$)

Starting techniques:

Squirrel cage:

Direct online starting

Stator resistor (or reactor) starting

Auto transformer starting

Star-delta starting.

Slip ring :

Rotor resistance.

Direct online Starting:

- Low power factor
- Starting current is 5 to 7 times full load current
- Lead to voltage drop in power supply lines feeding the induction motor.

Relation between $T_{e,sc}$ & $T_{e,fl}$.

$$T_e = \frac{3}{\omega_s} \cdot \frac{I_2^2 r_2}{s}$$

$$\frac{T_{e,sc}}{T_{e,fl}} = \left[\frac{I_{2,sc}}{I_{2,fl}} \right]^2 \cdot \frac{s_{fl}}{s_{sc}}$$

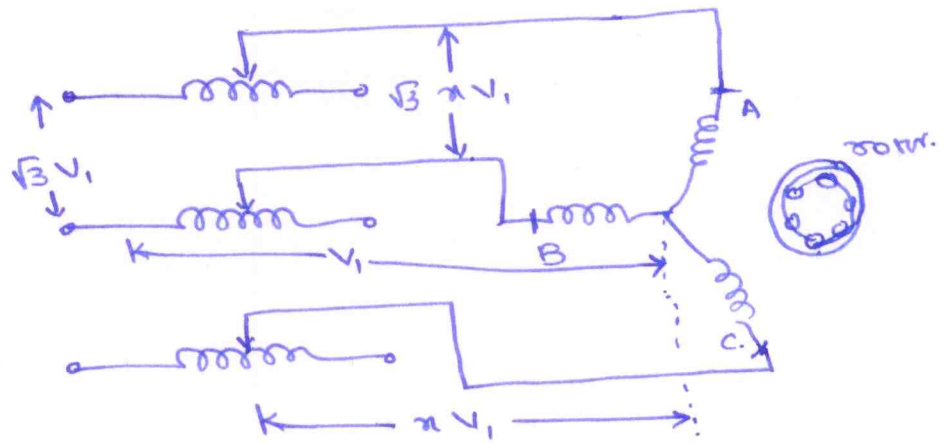
if no load current is neglected

$$\frac{T_{e,sc}}{T_{e,fl}} = \left[\frac{I_{sc}}{I_{fl}} \right]^2 \cdot \frac{s_{fl}}{s_{sc}}$$

for direct switching $I_{sc} = I_{sc}$

Stator resistor (or reactor) starting:

- Only fraction (α) of supply voltage appears across the stator terminals



- The starting current is reduced.
- Reactor/resistor can be cut as motor picks up speed.

$$I_{st} = \frac{\alpha \cdot V_1}{Z_1} = \alpha \cdot I_{sc}$$

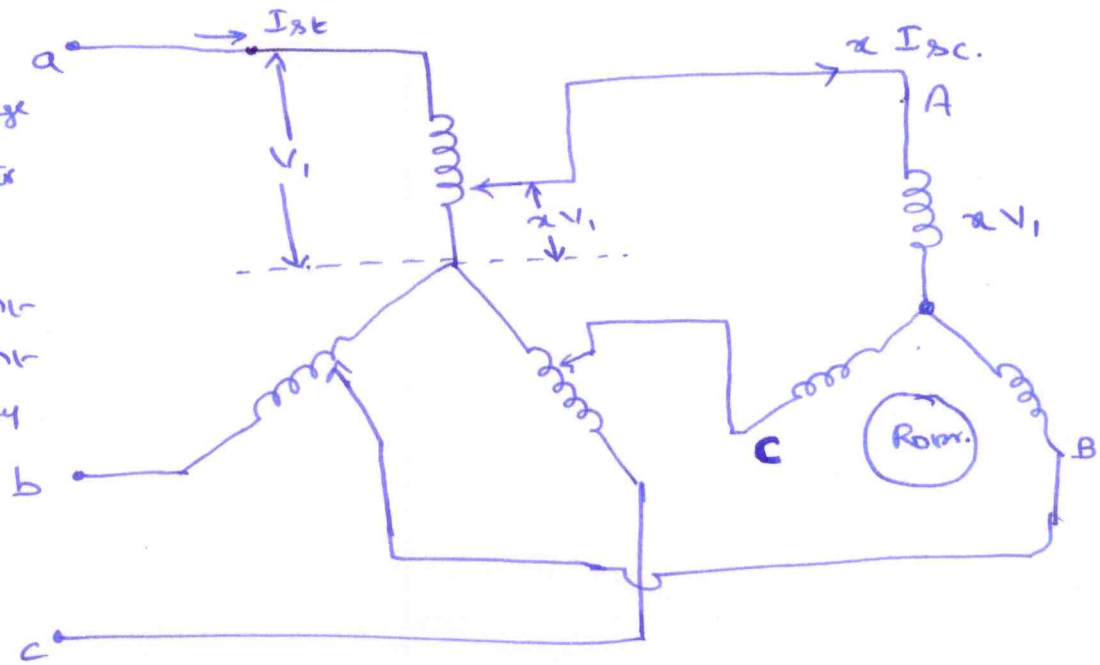
$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{T_{e, st}}{T_{e, fl}} \right) &= \left[\frac{I_{st}}{I_{fl}} \right]^2 \cdot s_{fl} \\ &= \alpha^2 \cdot \left[\frac{I_{sc}}{I_{fl}} \right]^2 \cdot s_{fl} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\text{Starting torque with reactor starting}}{\text{starting torque with dol starting}} = \alpha^2$$

- series reactor is more costly when compared to resistor. Low energy loss.

AutoTransformer Starting:

- A fraction of voltage is applied to stator (αV_1)
- The motor current and hence current drawn from supply is reduced.
- $\alpha < 1$



Per phase starting current in the motor winding $\left\} = \frac{\alpha \cdot V_1}{Z_1} = \alpha \cdot I_{sc}.$

neglecting no load current of auto transformer

per phase output VA = per phase input VA.

$$I_{st} \cdot V_1 = \alpha I_{sc} \cdot \alpha V_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I_{sc} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \cdot I_{st}}$$

with respect to motor terminals

$$\frac{T_{e,st}}{T_{e,fl}} = \left[\frac{\text{per phase starting current in motor winding}}{\text{per phase full load current}} \right]^2 \cdot S_{fl}$$

$$= \left[\frac{\alpha \cdot I_{sc}}{I_{fl}} \right]^2 \cdot S_{fl}$$

$$= \alpha^2 \cdot \left[\frac{I_{sc}}{I_{fl}} \right]^2 \cdot S_{fl}$$

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with respect to supply mains.

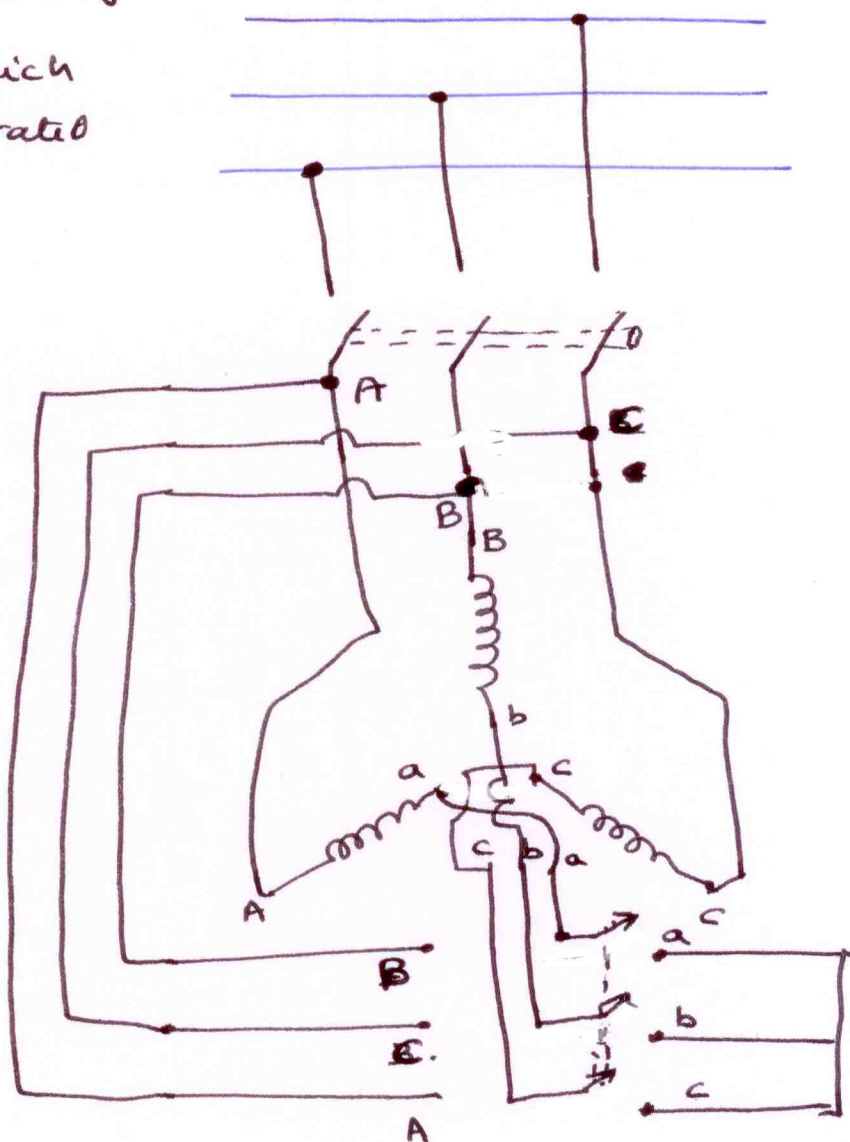
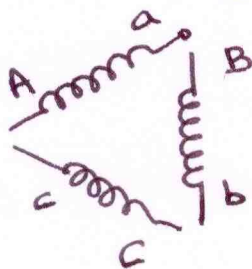
$$\frac{T_{e,st}}{T_{e,fl}} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \cdot \left[\frac{I_{st}}{I_{fl}} \right]^2 \cdot s_{fl}$$

$$[\because I_{st} = \alpha^2 \cdot I_{sc}]$$

$$\frac{T_{e,st} \text{ with auto transformer}}{T_{e,st} \text{ with DOL}} = \left[\frac{\alpha V_1}{V_1} \right]^2 = \alpha^2$$

Star-delta Starting:

- Used formachine which are normally operated in Delta.
- Six terminals are available
- Triple pole double throw (TPDT) switch
- First connected in Star and then in Delta.



If V_L is the line voltage, per phase motor starting current ($I_{st,Y}$) is given by

$$I_{st,Y} = \frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3} Z_1}$$



If the motor winding is delta connected, by using direct switching. (4)

$$I_{sc,d} = \frac{V_L}{Z_1} = I_{sc,d}.$$

$$\text{Line current} = \sqrt{3} \frac{V_L}{Z_1} = \sqrt{3} I_{sc,d} = \sqrt{3} I_{sc,d}.$$

Note that

$$I_{st,y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} I_{st,d}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Starting line current with } Y-\Delta \text{ starter}}{\text{Starting line current with DOL}} &= \frac{I_{st,y}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot I_{st,d}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{V_L}{Z_1}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{V_L}{Z_1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\text{Starting torque with } Y-\Delta \text{ starter}}{\text{Starting torque with DOL}} = \frac{\left(\frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2}{V_L^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

• In auto x^2 , if ratio of output voltage to supply voltage is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, then both starting line current and torque are reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$ when compared to DOL.

$$Y-\Delta \approx \text{auto } x^2 \text{ with } x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = 0.578.$$

$$\frac{T_{e,st}(Y\Delta)}{T_{e,st,d}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\omega_s} \cdot (I_{st,y})^2 \cdot \frac{r_2}{s_1}}{\frac{1}{\omega_s} \cdot (I_{st,d})^2 \cdot \frac{r_2}{s_1}}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot I_{sc,d}\right)^2}{(I_{fl,d})^2} \cdot S_{fl}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left[\frac{I_{sc,d}}{I_{fl,d}} \right]^2 \cdot S_{fl}$$

- Star delta starter is cheap compared to auto x² and hence widely used.
- Used for voltage $\leq 3.3 \text{ kV}$.
At higher voltage, ~~for~~ delta connection requires large turns making motor expensive.