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After this part of the lecture and additional reading, you should be able to ...

- **<sup>1</sup>** . . . explain the role of power transformers in power systems;
- **<sup>2</sup>** . . . explain the fundamental principles of single-phase and three-phase power transformers;
- **<sup>3</sup>** . . . derive idealised and practical models for power transformers;
- **<sup>4</sup>** . . . determine stationary operating conditions of power transformers via circuit calculations.

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# <span id="page-3-0"></span>**<sup>1</sup> [Why do we need power transformers?](#page-3-0)**

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- Power transformers are essential pieces of equipment in power systems
- They are used to
	- Step-up voltage, e.g. at terminals of generators (step-up transformer)
	- Step-down voltage, e.g. to distribute power at low voltage to end-user (step-down transformer)
	- Control voltages at some busbars (in sub-transmission and distribution networks)
	- Control power flows in some parts of meshed networks





- **1)** Total transmitted apparent power:  $S = VI^*$ Active power losses due to line resistance: *P*loss = *I* <sup>2</sup>*R*<sup>ℓ</sup>
	- $\Rightarrow$  Lower current to transmit same power at higher voltage
		- Less transmission losses
		- Fewer conductors and paralleled systems needed
		- But: higher costs for insulators and power poles
	- $\Rightarrow$  Economic optimum  $V_{\rm economic} \sim \sqrt{|\mathcal{S}|}$  ( $\mathcal S$  is apparent power )

Voltage magnitude (in kV) should increase approximately with square root of magnitude of transmitted apparent power *S* (in MVA)

# **1 Why do we need high voltage levels? (2)**

- **2)** Surge impedance loading (SIL) or natural loading (*details in the last chapter of this course!*)
	- SIL: loading of a line at which reactive power is neither produced nor absorbed 22.00

$$
SIL = \frac{V^2}{Z_W}
$$

- Characteristic impedance of transmission line  $Z_W \approx \sqrt{\frac{L'}{C'}}$
- L' is line inductance per unit length, C' is line capacitance per unit length
- Loaded below SIL: line "supplies" reactive power to system; consequence: voltage raises (Ferranti effect)
- Loaded above SIL: line "consumes" reactive power; consequence: voltage reduces
- For typical transmission line *Z<sup>W</sup>* ≈ 250 . . . 380 Ω

$$
\Rightarrow V = \sqrt{SIL \cdot Z_W}
$$

$$
V \approx 16 \dots 19 \sqrt{S/L}
$$

Note: this is a similar relation to 1)



# **1 Why do we need high voltage levels? (3)**



- **3)** Provision of short circuit current (*details in EEN442!*)
	- Usual overcurrent protection devices require certain min. short circuit current to trigger
	- Short circuit current

 $I_{\textrm{SC}} \approx \frac{V}{\sqrt{3}X}$  (1/ $\sqrt{3}$  since we need to express *V* in line-ground),

where *X* is short circuit reactance of considered circuit

- Seems to indicate  $I_{\text{SC}} \uparrow$  if  $V \uparrow$
- But: for synchronous machines and transformers, usually *relative* reactance *x* instead of absolute reactance *X* given
- Relation between *x* and *X* defined via nominal impedance

$$
Z_N = \frac{V_N}{\sqrt{3}I_N}
$$

of machine/transformer, i.e.,

$$
X = xZ_N = x\frac{V_N}{\sqrt{3}I_N} = x\frac{V_N^2}{S_N}
$$



- **3)** Provision of short circuit current (ctd.)
	- $\bullet$  Hence, short circuit current (with  $V = V_N$ )

$$
I_{\text{SC}} = \frac{V_N}{\sqrt{3}X} = \frac{V_N}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{S_N}{xV_N^2} = \frac{S_N}{x\sqrt{3}V_N} \approx \frac{1}{V_N}
$$

- $\Rightarrow$  Actually, for given nominal (rated) power  $S_N$ ,  $I_{SC} \downarrow$  if  $V_N \uparrow$ 
	- Likewise, to keep  $I_{SC}$  fixed, one needs that  $V_N \uparrow$  if  $S_N \uparrow$
	- Note: these considerations are only valid for one single machine/transformer
	- Transmission line impedances are not severely modified by voltage level
	- But: higher voltage level ⇒ longer lines ⇒ higher absolute lumped line impedance  $\Rightarrow$  lower  $I_{SC}$  for fixed V
- **4)** Interconnection of several grids



# <span id="page-9-0"></span>**<sup>1</sup> [Why do we need power transformers?](#page-3-0)**

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### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**2.1 Electromagnetic Concepts - (Very) Brief review of Ampere's law `**

- From electromagnetism<sup>1</sup>, we know that Maxwell's equations connect the magnetic field quantities with the electric field and the electric current intensity.
- $\bullet$  More specifically, Ampère's law states that:

$$
\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial (\epsilon \mathbf{E})}{\partial t}
$$

where:

- *H* is the magnetic field intensity vector (ένταση μαγνητικού πεδίου) and is measured in Ampere per meter (A/m)
- *J* is the electric current density (πυκνότητα ηλεκτρικού ρεύματος) and is measured in ampere per square meter (A/*m*<sup>2</sup> )
- *E* is the electric field density (ένταση ηλεκτρικού πεδίου)
- $\bullet$   $\epsilon$  is the dielectric constant of the material (διηλεκτρική σταθερά υλικού)

<sup>1</sup> Check Physics III and Electromagnetism course

### **2.1 Electromagnetic Concepts - (Very) Brief review of Ampere's law `**



Under the assumption that our system size is much smaller than the electromagnetic wavelength  $\frac{c}{f} = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega}$ , or equivalently, when:

$$
\frac{\omega\ell}{c}<<1
$$

where *c* is the speed of light, *f* the frequency,  $\omega = 2\pi f$  is the angular frequency, and  $\ell$  is the largest distance in our system.

Then, the electromagnetic waves propagate instantaneously and the electric and magnetic fields are decoupled. Thus, we can analyse the permanent magnetic field (μόνιμο μαγνητικό πεδίο) which simplifies to:

$$
\nabla \times \bm{H} = \bm{J}
$$

### **2.1 Electromagnetic Concepts - (Very) Brief review of Ampere's law `**



 $\bullet$  Note that the magnetic flux density (μαγνητική επαγωγή) is given by:

$$
\bm{B}=\mu\bm{H}
$$

- $\bullet$   $\mu$  is the magnetic permeability of the material (μαγνητική διαπερατότητα υλιχού), which can be defined also as  $\mu=\mu_r\mu_0$  with  $\mu_0=4\pi\cdot 10^{-7}$  the vacuum permeability and  $\mu_r$  the relative permeability. The SI unit is Henry per meter (H/m).
- *B* is measured in Tesla (T) which is equal to Weber per meter squared (Wb/*m*<sup>2</sup> ).
- Using Stokes theorem, we can get the integral form of Ampère's law:

$$
\oint_C \mathbf{H}_{tan} dl = I_{enclosed}
$$

showing that the tangential component of the magnetic field intensity vector (*Htan*) integrated along a closed path (*C*) equals the net current enclosed by that path (*Ienclosed* ).



- <span id="page-13-0"></span>Faraday's law: A changing magnetic field (example: magnet moving through a conducting coil) generates an electric field and vice-versa
- Fundamental principle for many electrical appliances, such as motors, generators or *transformers*
- Mathematically:

$$
\mathcal{E}(t)=\frac{d\Phi}{dt}
$$

- $\epsilon(t)$  is electromotive (ηλεκτρεγερτική) force (EMF) = voltage induced
- Φ = *ABtan* is the magnetic flux (πεπλεγμένη ροή) = cross-sectional area exposed to magnetic field  $\times$  component of magnetic field vector normal to that area. Φ is measured in Webers (Wb).

## **2.1 Magnetic circuits**





Using Ampère's law, we get:

For  $r > b \rightarrow \oint_C \boldsymbol{H}_{tan}$ dl =  $Nl - Nl = 0$ 

• For 
$$
r < a \rightarrow \oint_C H_{tan} dl = 0
$$

For  $a < r < b \rightarrow \oint_C H_{tan} dl = 2\pi rH = NI = F$ where  $\mathcal F$  is called magnetomotive force (mmf) (μαγνητεγερτική δύναμη) and the SI units are *ampere-turn* (αμπερελίγματα).

### **2.1 Magnetic circuits**

Due to symmetry, we get:

$$
H=\frac{\mathcal{F}}{2\pi r}
$$

Which leads to:

$$
B=\frac{\mu\mathcal{F}}{2\pi r}
$$

• If the cross-section is small, we can assume uniform magnetic field equal to:

$$
B_\mu = \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}}{2\pi r_\mu}
$$

where  $r_u = (a + b)/2$ 

Leading to magnetic flux of:

$$
\Phi = B_{\mu} A = \mathcal{F} \frac{\mu A}{\ell_{\mu}} = \frac{\mathcal{F}}{\mathcal{R}_{m}} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathcal{F} = \Phi \mathcal{R}_{m}
$$

where  $\ell_\mu=2\pi r_\mu$  is the mean length of the magnetic circuit and  ${\cal R}_m=\frac{\ell_\mu}{\mu A}$ the reluctance of the magnetic circuit.



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This way, we can transform the problem into an equivalent electric circuit:



Chapman, S.J. (2012). Electric machinery fundamentals (5e). McGraw-Hill.

### **2.1 Magnetic circuits - Example**





**Task.** In the above magnetic circuit, compute the current *I* at the coil with  $N = 500$  so that the magnetic field is  $B = 1$  T. It is given that the outer dimensions of the magnetic core are 20cmx20cm and the cross-section area is 4cmx4cm. The relative magnetic permeability is  $\mu_r = 3980$  and can be considered constant.



#### **Solution.**

$$
\ell_{\mu} = 4 \cdot 16 = 64 \text{cm} = 0.64 \text{m}
$$
\n
$$
A = 4 \cdot 4 = 16 \text{cm}^2 = 16 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{m}^2
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{F} = \Phi \frac{\ell_{\mu}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A} = BA \frac{\ell_{\mu}}{\mu_0 \mu_r A} = B \frac{\ell_{\mu}}{\mu_0 \mu_r} = 127.95 \text{ ampere-turns}
$$
\n
$$
I = \frac{\mathcal{F}}{N} = 0.256 \text{A}
$$





- Alternating current in coil produces alternating magnetic field (Faraday's law)
- Two coils located in a common magnetic field influence each other
- $\rightarrow$  Magnetic coupling: any variation of current in one coil causes variation of the flux linked with adjacent coil

### **2.1 Principle of a transformer - Coupled coils (2)**





 $\bullet$  Two coils mounted on common magnetic core (usually iron)  $\rightarrow$  magnetic flux in both coils almost identical (strong magnetic coupling)

## <span id="page-21-0"></span>**2.1 Principle of a transformer - Coupled coils (3)**





- AC voltage  $v_1$  at terminals of coil 1  $\rightarrow$  AC current  $i_1$  in coil 1  $\rightarrow$ alternating magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  voltage induced in coil 2  $\rightarrow$  current  $i_2^\prime$  in coil  $2 \rightarrow$  magnetic field superposed to field caused by  $i_1$
- $\Phi$ <sub>c</sub> mutual flux in magnetic core flowing through both coils;  $\Phi$ <sub>σ1</sub> and  $\Phi$ <sub>σ2</sub> are leakage fluxes; note: above drawing assumes  $|i_1|>|i_2'|$



- <span id="page-22-0"></span>Mutual flux (ροή μαγνητίσεως) Φ*<sup>c</sup>* : flux crossing both coils and causes magnetic coupling
- **In each coil a** *leakage flux* (ροή σχέδασης)  $\Phi_{\sigma1}$  and  $\Phi_{\sigma2}$  is developed in addition to mutual flux Φ*<sup>c</sup>* .
- Leakage flux: components of magnetic field crossing coil 1 or 2 but not passing through magnetic core.
- Usually: Φ<sup>σ</sup><sup>1</sup> ≪ Φ*<sup>c</sup>* , Φ<sup>σ</sup><sup>2</sup> ≪ Φ*<sup>c</sup>*
- Flux linkages (συνολική ροή)  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  in coils given by

$$
\psi_1 = N_1 \Phi_c + \psi_{\sigma 1}
$$

$$
\psi_2 = N_2 \Phi_c + \psi_{\sigma 2}
$$



<span id="page-23-0"></span> $\bullet$  If we apply Ampère's law on the figure of slide [22,](#page-21-0) we get:

$$
N_1 \dot{\imath}_1 - N_2 \dot{\imath}_2' = H_c \ell_c = \frac{\ell_c B_c}{\mu_c} = \left( \frac{\ell_c}{\mu_c A_c} \right) \Phi_c = \mathcal{R}_m \Phi_c
$$

- $\circ$   $\ell_c$ : the length of the path in the core
- *A<sup>c</sup>* : the cross-section area of the magnetic core
- $\bullet$   $\mu_c$ : the magnetic permeability of the magnetic core
- R*m*: core reluctance (μαγνητική αντίσταση) of magnetic circuit
- Direction of magnetic fluxes dependent on sense of winding of coils (here is a minus)



Ideal transformer model is based on following assumptions

- $\bullet$  A1: There are no leakage fluxes  $\rightarrow$  ideal coupling between coils
- A2: There are no losses in the transformer (neither in core nor in windings)
- $\bullet$  A3: The permeability of the core material is infinite (= core has ideal magnetic conductivity)

### **2.2 Ideal transformer model - Relation between primary and secondary voltages**

- A1: No leakage fluxes, i.e.  $\psi_{\sigma 1} = \psi_{\sigma 2} = 0$
- $\rightarrow$  Faraday's law of induction (Slide [14\)](#page-13-0) implies that

$$
v_1 = \frac{d\psi_1}{dt} = N_1 \frac{d\Phi_c}{dt}
$$

$$
v_2 = \frac{d\psi_2}{dt} = N_2 \frac{d\Phi_c}{dt}
$$

• Rearranging terms

$$
\frac{v_1}{N_1}=\frac{d\Phi_c}{dt}=\frac{v_2}{N_2}
$$

 $\rightarrow$  Turns ratio between primary and secondary voltage

$$
\frac{v_1}{v_2}=\frac{N_1}{N_2}=c\in\mathbb{R}
$$

(Note: in three-phase transformers *c* can also be a complex number)

## **2.2 Basic single-phase transformer - Relation between primary and secondary voltages**





- Number of turns can be different on primary and secondary windings
- Step-up transformer: secondary voltage  $v_2 > p$ rimary voltage  $v_1$
- Step-down transformer: secondary voltage  $v_2$  < primary voltage  $v_1$
- A2: No losses (the coils have no resistance)
- A3: ideally conducting magnetic core (the permeability of the core material is infinite)  $\mu_c \to \infty \to \mathcal{R}_m = 0$
- $\rightarrow$  We obtain from Slide [24](#page-23-0)

$$
N_1\dot{\imath}_1-N_2\dot{\imath}_2'=0
$$

Define  $i_2 = -i'_2$  to obtain

$$
\left|\frac{i_2}{i_1}=\frac{N_1}{N_2}=c\in\mathbb{R}\right|
$$





$$
\frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = c, \quad \frac{i_2}{i_1} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = c
$$

- Single-phase two-winding transformer
- *c* is the turns ratio
- "•" indicate sense of winding of coils:
	- $\bullet$ " opposite of each other  $\rightarrow$  identical direction







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● Apply KVL  $V_1 = E_1^a = cE_2^a = c(\underline{V}_2 + \underline{I}_2 \underline{Z}_2)$  $\underline{V}_2 = \underline{E}_2^b = \frac{1}{c}$  $\frac{1}{c}E_1^b = \frac{1}{c}$  $\frac{1}{c}(\underline{V}_1 - \underline{I}_1 \underline{Z}_1)$  $\circ$  Solve equations for  $V_2$ 

$$
c\underline{V}_2 = \underline{V}_1 - c\underline{I}_2 \underline{Z}_2
$$

$$
c\underline{V}_2 = \underline{V}_1 - \underline{I}_1 \underline{Z}_1
$$

Subtract equations from each other

$$
0 = -cI_2Z_2 + I_1Z_1
$$

$$
\frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = c\frac{I_2}{I_1} = c^2
$$



• Relation of primary and secondary voltages  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ 

• Relation of primary and secondary currents *I*<sub>1</sub> and *I*<sub>2</sub>

• Relation of primary and secondary impedances  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ 

There are no losses in an idealised transformer!

$$
\frac{\underline{l}_1}{\underline{l}_2} = \frac{1}{c}
$$

*E*1  $\frac{E_1}{E_2} = c$ 

$$
\frac{\underline{Z_1}}{\underline{Z_2}} = c^2
$$







**Task.** A single-phase transformer has 2500 turns on the primary winding and 500 turns on the secondary winding. The resistive load on the secondary side is  $Z_L = R_l = 12 \Omega$ . The voltage magnitude (RMS) at the terminals of the primary winding is  $V_1 = 6$  kV. Determine the voltage magnitude (RMS) at the secondary side and the load current.

#### **Solution.**

$$
c = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{2500}{500} = 5
$$

$$
V_2 = \frac{V_1}{c} = 1.2 \text{ kV}
$$

$$
I_2 = \frac{V_2}{R_L} = 0.1 \text{ kA}
$$



- <span id="page-33-0"></span>Thus far: Discussion and derivation of idealised transformer model under *idealised* conditions and assumptions
- In the following, we will drop some of these assumptions to obtain a more realistic transformer model with
	- Non-zero leakage fluxes
	- Winding losses
	- $\circ$  Finite core permeability  $\mu_c$



- **Each linkage flux**  $\psi_{\sigma1}$  and  $\psi_{\sigma2}$  only interacts with one coil
- $\rightarrow$  Can consider them independently of each other and as being caused by additional separate *leakage inductors* with inductances  $L_{\sigma1}$  and  $L_{\sigma2}$  in primary, respectively secondary, circuit
	- Flux linkage between leakage inductors and leakage fields happens over air
- $\rightarrow$  Linear relationship

$$
\psi_{\sigma 1} = L_{\sigma 1} i_1
$$

$$
\psi_{\sigma 2} = L_{\sigma 2} i_2'
$$

- Leakage fluxes diminish coupling between coils 1 and 2
- They represent a *non-ideal* property of a transformer

KVL for primary circuit

$$
v_1 = R_1 i_1 + \frac{d\psi_1}{dt} = R_1 i_1 + \frac{d}{dt} (\psi_{\sigma 1} + N_1 \Phi_c)
$$
  
=  $R_1 i_1 + L_{\sigma 1} \frac{di_1}{dt} + N_1 \frac{d\Phi_c}{dt}$ 

KVL for secondary circuit

$$
v_2 = R_2 i'_2 + \frac{d\psi_2}{dt} = R_2 i'_2 + \frac{d}{dt} (\psi_{\sigma 2} + N_2 \Phi_c)
$$
  
=  $R_2 i'_2 + L_{\sigma 2} \frac{di'_2}{dt} + N_2 \frac{d\Phi_c}{dt}$   
=  $-R_2 i_2 - L_{\sigma 2} \frac{di_2}{dt} + N_2 \frac{d\Phi_c}{dt}$ 

● Real windings possess ohmic (resistive) component




 $\bullet$  Ohmic law of magnetic circuit from Slide [24](#page-23-0) with  $\mathcal{R}_m \neq 0$ 

$$
\mathcal{R}_m \Phi_c = N_1 i_1 - N_2 i_2'
$$

- Calculation of no load losses  $\rightarrow$  open-circuit the secondary  $\rightarrow$  set  $i_2^{\prime} = 0$
- $\rightarrow$  Magnetising current

$$
i_1\big|_{i_2'=0}=i_m=\frac{\mathcal{R}_m\Phi_c}{N_1}
$$

- Magnetising current *i<sub>m</sub>* can be considered in transformer model via magnetising inductance *L<sup>h</sup>*
- Value of *L<sup>h</sup>* can be derived from equation for induced voltage

$$
N_1\frac{d\Phi_c}{dt}=L_h\frac{di_m}{dt}
$$

# **2.3 Real transformer model with leakage inductors and winding resistors**





- Real windings possess ohmic (resistive) component
- $\bullet$   $R_1$  resistance of coil 1;  $R_2$  resistance of coil 2
- Real windings possess a component of leakage flux that only interacts with one coil, but does not link to the other coil
- $\rightarrow$  Can consider this by additional separate *leakage inductors* with inductances  $L_{\sigma1}$  and  $L_{\sigma2}$  in primary, respectively secondary, circuit
	- **•**  $L_{\sigma1}$  leakage inductance coil 1;  $L_{\sigma2}$  leakage inductance coil 2

**2.3 Real transformer model with leakage inductors and winding resistors transformed to primary side**





Transform resistances and inductances to primary side

$$
R_t = R_1 + c^2 R_2
$$
  

$$
L_t = L_{\sigma 1} + c^2 L_{\sigma 2}
$$

 $\rightarrow$  Practical transformer model with flux leakages and ohmic losses in windings



- In reality, magnetic core has voltage- and frequency-dependent losses
- $\rightarrow$  Magnetic conductivity of core also not ideal
	- Power delivered on secondary side is lower than power injected on primary side!
- $\rightarrow$  Transformer also consumes power if there is no current flowing on the secondary side  $(i_2 = 0)$  to compensate for losses in magnetic core
	- These losses are called *no load losses*
	- $\bullet$  No load losses = losses on primary coil + losses in magnetic core
	- Reactive component of losses can be modelled by *magnetising inductance*
	- Magnetising inductance then absorbs *magnetising current*





- In addition to reactive power losses there are also active power losses in core
- Active power losses represented by resistance *R<sup>h</sup>* in parallel to *L<sup>h</sup>*
- Primary current under load (i.e.  $i_2 \neq 0$ )

$$
i_1=i_m+i_r+\frac{i_2}{c}
$$

 $\circ$  In practice,  $i_m + i_r < 0.01i_{2,\text{rated}}$ 





- Complete transformer model with
	- Leakage losses (represented by *Lt*)
	- Coil losses (represented by *Rt*)
	- Core losses (represented by *L<sup>h</sup>* (inductive) and *R<sup>h</sup>* (ohmic))
- Further phenomena to improve model
	- $\circ$  Core saturation  $\rightarrow$  non-linear behaviour
	- Inrush current (energising current: non-sinusoidal and large DC component)
	- Non-sinusoidal exciting current

#### **2.3 Real transformer model - Simplified model often used in power system analysis**

Usual relation between leakage inductance *L<sup>t</sup>* and magnetising inductance *L<sup>h</sup>*

 $L_h \gg L_f$ 

Usual relation between coil resistance *R<sup>t</sup>* and core resistance *R<sup>h</sup>*

$$
R_h \gg R_t
$$

- $\rightarrow$  Neglect  $R_h$  and  $L_h$  in model
	- Be careful: this simplification is only valid under load!







**Task.** A single-phase transformer has 2000 turns on the primary winding and 500 turns on the secondary winding. The winding resistances are  $R_1 = 2.0 \Omega$ and  $R_2 = 0.125 \Omega$ . The leakage reactances are  $X_1 = \omega L_{\sigma_1} = 8.0 \Omega$  and  $X_2 = \omega L_{\sigma_2} = 0.5 \Omega$ . The resistive load on the secondary side is  $Z<sub>L</sub> = R<sub>L</sub> = 12 Ω$ . The voltage magnitude (RMS) at the terminals of the primary winding is  $V_1 = 6$  kV. Determine the voltage at the load and the load current.



#### **Solution.**

Equivalent circuit with all quantities referred to secondary side

$$
\underline{V}_1 \qquad \qquad \underline{L}_1 \qquad \qquad \underline{L}_2 \qquad \qquad \underline{V}_2 \qquad \qquad \underline{V}_1
$$

Express all quantities with respect to secondary side

$$
c = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{2000}{500} = 4 \qquad Z_2 = R_2 + jX_2 + \frac{R_1 + jX_1}{c^2} = 0.25 + j1.0 \text{ }\Omega
$$
  
\n
$$
E_1 = \underline{V}_1 = 6\underline{/0}^\circ \text{ kV} \qquad E_2 = \frac{E_1}{c} = \frac{\underline{V}_1}{c} = 1.25 \text{ kV}
$$
  
\n
$$
I_2 = \frac{E_2}{Z_2 + R_L} = 0.1022 - j0.0084 = 0.1\underline{/-4.7}^\circ \text{ kA}
$$
  
\n
$$
\underline{V}_2 = R_L \underline{I}_2 = 1.2\underline{/-4.7}^\circ \text{ kV}
$$

# **2.3 Transformer short-circuit and open-circuit tests - Example**



A single-phase two-winding transformer is rated 20 kVA, 480/120 V, 60 Hz.

- During a short-circuit test, where rated current at rated frequency is applied to the 480-volt winding (denoted winding 1), with the 120-volt winding (winding 2) shorted, the following readings are obtained:  $V_1 = 35$  V,  $P_1 = 300$  W.
- During an open-circuit test, where rated voltage is applied to winding 2, with winding 1 open, the following readings are obtained:  *A,*  $P_2 = 200$  W.

#### **Task.**

- **<sup>1</sup>** From the short-circuit test, determine the equivalent series impedance  $Z_t = R_t + jX_t$  referred to winding 1. Neglect the shunt admittance.
- **<sup>2</sup>** From the open-circuit test, determine the shunt admittance  $Y_m = G_c + jB_m = \frac{1}{Z_h} = \frac{1}{R_h |jX_h|}$  referred to winding 1. Neglect the series impedance.

Source: J. D. Glover, M. S. Sarma and T. Overbye, "Power System Analysis & Design", 6th edition, Cengage Learning, 2017

# **2.3 Transformer short-circuit and open-circuit tests - Example**



**Solution.** 1) Short-circuit neglecting admittance

$$
v_1 = 35\underline{/0}^{\circ} V
$$
  $\underbrace{\qquad \qquad i_1 = I_{1 \text{ rated}}} \underbrace{P_t}{P_t} \underbrace{jX_t}_{480 \, : \, 120} \underbrace{\qquad \qquad i_2}_{480 \, : \, 120}$ 

$$
I_{1\text{rated}} = \frac{S_{\text{rated}}}{V_{1\text{rated}}} = \frac{20 \cdot 10^3}{480} = 41.667 \text{ A}
$$
\n
$$
R_t = \frac{P_1}{P_{1\text{rated}}^2} = \frac{300}{41.667^2} = 0.1728 \Omega
$$
\n
$$
|Z_t| = \frac{V_1}{I_{1\text{rated}}} = \frac{35}{41.667} = 0.84 \Omega
$$
\n
$$
X_t = \sqrt{Z_t^2 - R_t^2} = 0.822 \Omega
$$
\n
$$
Z_t = R_t + jX_t = 0.1728 + j0.822 = 0.84 / 78.13° \Omega
$$

# **2.3 Transformer short-circuit and open-circuit tests - Example**



**Solution.** 2) Open-circuit neglecting impedance



$$
V_1 = \frac{N1}{N2} V_2 = \frac{480}{120} 120 = 480 V
$$

$$
G_c = \frac{P_2}{V_1^2} = \frac{200}{480^2} = 0.000868 S
$$

$$
|Y_m| = \frac{i_1}{v_1} = \frac{i_2 \frac{N_2}{N_1}}{v_1} = \frac{12 \frac{120}{480}}{480} = 0.00625 S
$$

$$
B_m = \sqrt{Y_m^2 - G_c^2} = 0.00619 S
$$

$$
Y_m = 0.000868 - j0.00619 = 0.00625/-82.02° S
$$

Why is *Bm* negative?



# <span id="page-48-0"></span>**<sup>1</sup> [Why do we need power transformers?](#page-3-0)**

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# **3 Basic single-phase transformer**





Single-phase transformer ©Zátonyi Sándor

#### <span id="page-50-0"></span>Cyprus<br>University of<br>Technology **3.1 Schematic representation of a three-phase transformer**



- HV and LV bushings make electrical connections from external transmission or distribution circuits into transformer tank
- Primary and secondary coils are normally made of copper, with paper insulation and are mounted on the outside of magnetic steel core
- Magnetic core is formed from laminated sheets of steel to minimise electrical losses, which would occur if a solid steel core was used
- Core and windings are mounted within a steel tank, which is sealed against atmospheric pollution, particularly moisture
- Tank is oil-filled, with oil acting as both high voltage insulation material and cooling medium
- Conservator tank provides a "head" of oil to ensure that tank is full, even under expansion and contraction of oil when thermally cycled during service
- External radiators are connected to tank to cool oil



# **3.1 Example of a three-phase transformer (1)**





Large generator or transmission transformer can have mass of 300 – 500 tonnes  $\rightarrow$  can represent significant logistical challenge in transporting unit from factory, via road, rail or ship, to its final destination at (potentially remote) substation

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# **3.1 Example of a three-phase transformer (2)**





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#### <span id="page-54-0"></span>**3.2 Three-phase transformer - First type**





- Use three single-phase transformers
- If one transformer fails, only that one needs to be replaced
- Easier to carry
- Usually used for transformers of very large nominal power
- Phases are not coupled magnetically



# **Core-type construction (3 legs/limbs)**



Secondary winding Primary winding phase a phase a

## **Shell-type construction (5 legs/limbs)**



- Three phases mounted on single magnetic (iron) core
- Lighther and more compact than first type; less material and space needed
- Phases are magnetically coupled
- o In balanced operation: fluxes in legs sum up to zero

 $\Phi$ <sub>a</sub> +  $\Phi$ <sub>b</sub> +  $\Phi$ <sub>c</sub> = 0

Core configuration or shell configuration

## **3.2 Cross-sectional scheme of three-phase transformer**





HV "disc-type" coils connected in series and with oil-filled spacing of approx. 0.5cm height

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# **3.2 Example of a core-type three-phase transformer**





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## **3.2 Example of a three-phase transformer**





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#### **3.2 Example of a three-phase transformer**





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## **3.2 Example of a three-phase transformer**





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# <span id="page-61-0"></span>**3.3 Three-phase transformer - Configuration of primary and secondary side**

Four main different configuration possibilities: Y-Y, Y-Delta, Delta-Y, Delta-Delta

**1. Y-Y-configuration**



- Preferred at very high voltage level since voltage across each coil is  $\sqrt{3}$ lower
- Possibility to connect neutral to ground (safety protection)



# **3.3 Configuration of three-phase transformers (2)**

#### **2. Delta-Delta-configuration**



- Preferred for high currents, as currents in phases  $\sqrt{3}$  lower
- Also used to eliminate harmonics



# **3.3 Configuration of three-phase transformers (3)**

#### **3. Y-Delta-configuration**



- Frequent transformer configuration connecting generator to grid
- On high-voltage side, neutral point is grounded (for protection)  $\bullet$

- Standardized abbreviation of I.E.C. (International Electrotechnical Commission)
- Classification of transformer configuration consists of 2 letters and 1 integer
- First letter: Configuration of high-voltage side; upper-case letter used (**Y** or **D**)
- Second letter: Configuration of low-voltage side; lower-case letter used (**y** or **d**)
- Integer: Phase shift between voltages at primary and secondary winding of the same phase as multiple of 30 $^{\circ}$  ( $\pi/6$ ) assuming the transformer is ideal
- Additionally in Y-connection: **n** after **Y** or **y** to indicate that neutral is grounded



#### Example 1: Yd5

- High-voltage side in Y-connection; neutral not grounded
- Low-voltage side in Delta-connection
- Phase-shift between high- and low-voltage:  $5 \cdot 30^\circ = 150^\circ$
- Example 2: Yny0
	- High-voltage side in Y-connection; neutral grounded
	- Low-voltage side in y-connection
	- Phase-shift between high- and low-voltage:  $0^\circ$
	- $\rightarrow$  If same configuration on high- and low-voltage side, then no phase displacement between voltages or displacement of 180◦ (depending on sense of winding coils)



- <span id="page-66-0"></span>● In balanced operation, in principle can use single-phase equivalent circuit for analysis
- But if analysing Yd or Dy connections, need to consider
	- **<sup>1</sup>** Not same voltages on primary and secondary side: one has phase voltages the other line voltages
	- $\rightarrow$  Transformation ratio also affected!
	- **<sup>2</sup>** Phase and line voltages also differ in phase
	- $\rightarrow$  Additional phase displacement Phase displacement is integer multiple of  $\pi/6 = 30^{\circ}$
- Impact on amplitude considered by introducing additional scalar *k*  $\bullet$  Yy or Dd:  $k = 1$ 
	- Yd-configuration:  $k = \sqrt{3}$
	- Dy-configuration:  $k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- Impact on phase displacement considered by introducing additional phase shift element

where  $p = \{0, 1, \ldots, 11\}$  is an integer

 $\rightarrow$  Complex transformation ratio

• Note: 
$$
|e^{j\frac{\beta\pi}{6}}| \to \text{amplitude of transformation not influenced by } p
$$



$$
e^{j\frac{p\pi}{6}}
$$

 $c = k \frac{N_1}{N}$ 

*p*π

 $\frac{N_1}{N_2}e^{j\frac{p\pi}{6}}$ 

### **3.4 Three-phase transformer - Equivalent single-phase circuit**





Combine single-phase transformer model with complex transformation ratio

Then

$$
\underline{E}_1 = \underline{c} \underline{V}_2
$$

$$
\underline{I}_2 = \underline{c}^* \underline{I}_1
$$

## **3.4 Three-phase transformer - Caution with phase displacements**





- Many transformers present in electrical network
- If they work in parallel (i.e. in one same loop), they have to have the same phase displacement *p*
- $\bullet$  If this is not taken into account, there might be very large power flows between transformers

# **3.4 Three-phase transformer - Simplification of computations**





Two transformers in parallel with same phase displacement

 $\varphi = \varphi_A = \varphi_B$ 

- Then, phase displacement elements can be removed without changing
	- Magnitude of branch currents and bus voltages
	- Complex power flows in branches (as  $\underline{V}$   $\underline{I}^* = \underline{V}e^{\underline{j}\varphi}\underline{I}^*e^{-\underline{j}\varphi}$
- $\rightarrow$  Usually, phase displacement elements ignored in analysis and computations under balanced steady-state conditions



- Power systems work at different voltage levels
- Transformers needed to connect different voltage levels
- Models for single- and three-phase transformer
- Idealised and practical (more complicated) model
- In practice, core losses (shunt impedances) can often be neglected (under load!)
- Three-phase transformers have in general a complex transformation ratio
- Voltage ratio of transformer can be modified whilst it is in service by adding device known as an On-line Tap-changer (OLTC); this allows different numbers of turns to be connected on one of the coils (on each phase) of the transformer; typical adjustment in range  $\pm 10\%$