

Virtual Electric Machines Laboratory, Requirements and Practical Realization

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Virtual Laboratory

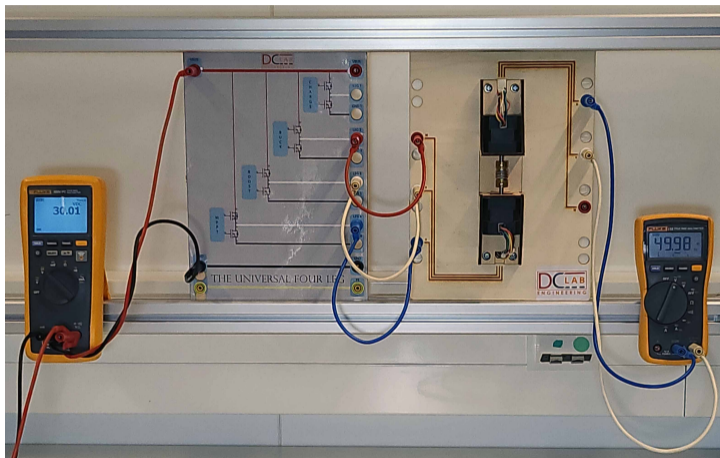
Why do you need this?

- Cheaper
- More students at the same time
- Safe
- You prepare them for the real laboratory

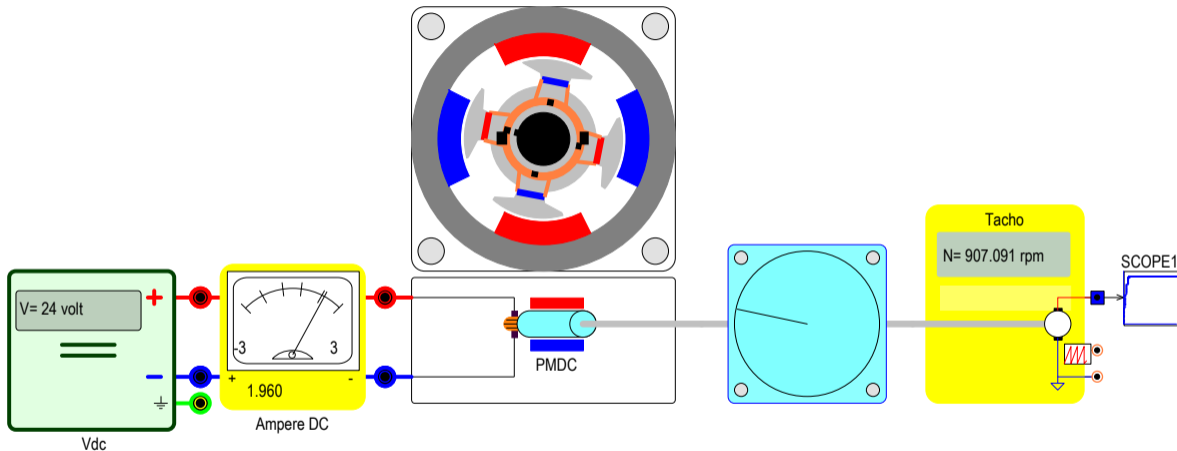
Virtual Laboratory

what is it?

- Motivation
Low entry-level access, freedom
- Challenges/Risks
Cheaper/ will there be a real laboratory?
- Results
Experiments are safe, so you can do much more
- Outcomes
Students get a deeper understanding of the operation of electric machines



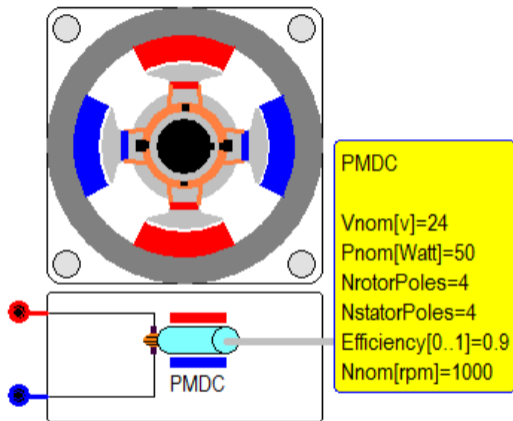
Physical laboratory set-up, of three phase inverter U4L with brushless DC motor and DC motor acting as tachometer.



Permanent Magnet DC motor driving a fan. Current is measured using an analog current meter, while a tachometer measures the speed of the rotor.

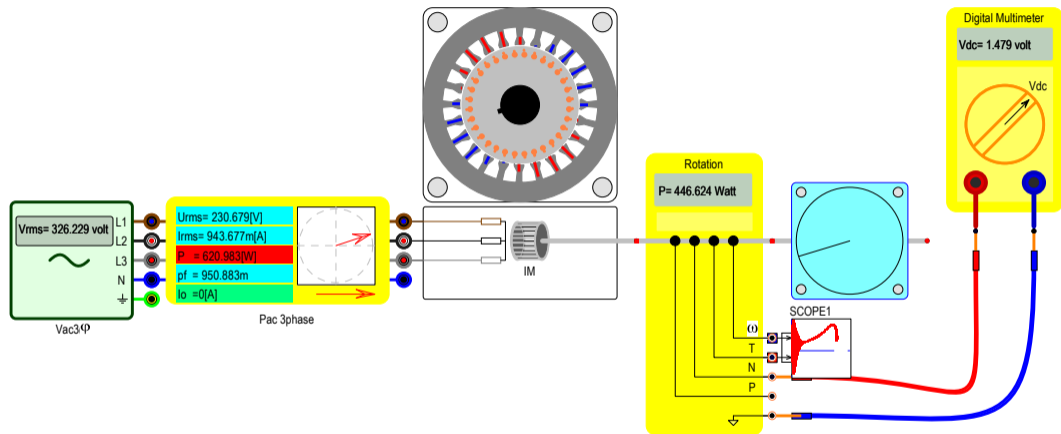
Requirements

- Connecting the components via wires with banana-plugs.
- Set parameters and/or choose the size/power rating of a component.
- Connect measuring devices like analog voltage or current meters, or digital multimeters.
- Start the experiment, instead of turning on the power supply, the simulation/animation has to be started.
- Observation of the results from the measuring devices.
- Change parameters(power/size rating) and observe their influence on the results.
- Validate the observation of the results.

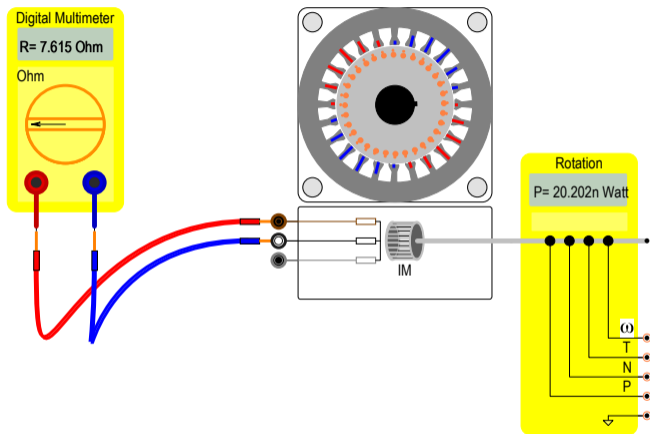


Name plate parameters of the Permanent Magnet DC motor, including the number of rotor and stator poles for the animation of the motor.

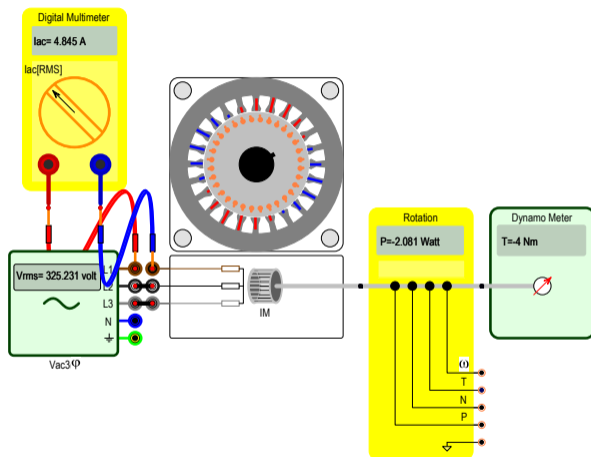
- *Conceive: Theory*
A short introduction on the theory behind the experiment from the textbook. Here the basics of the functioning should be outlined, without going into detail on the operation.
- *Design: Simulation*
Simulation or animation, with simple model to explore working principle using simulation or online tooling. This will reveal the operation as explained in the theory.
- *Implement: Set-up*
Virtual laboratory set-up, with virtual components and animation. Select and place components and interconnect them.
- *Operate: Validation*
Run the experiment. Validation of the virtual laboratory results, with the theoretical and/or simulation results. Comparison with expectations, and explanation of the observed laboratory results.



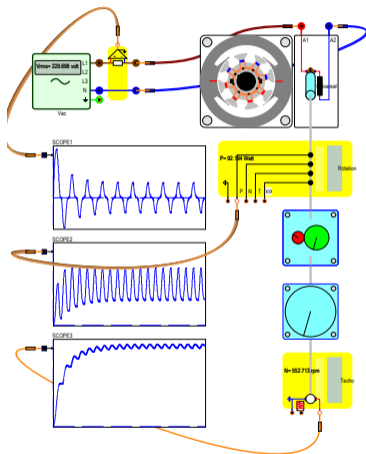
Simulation of the torque-speed characteristic of an induction machine driving a fan.



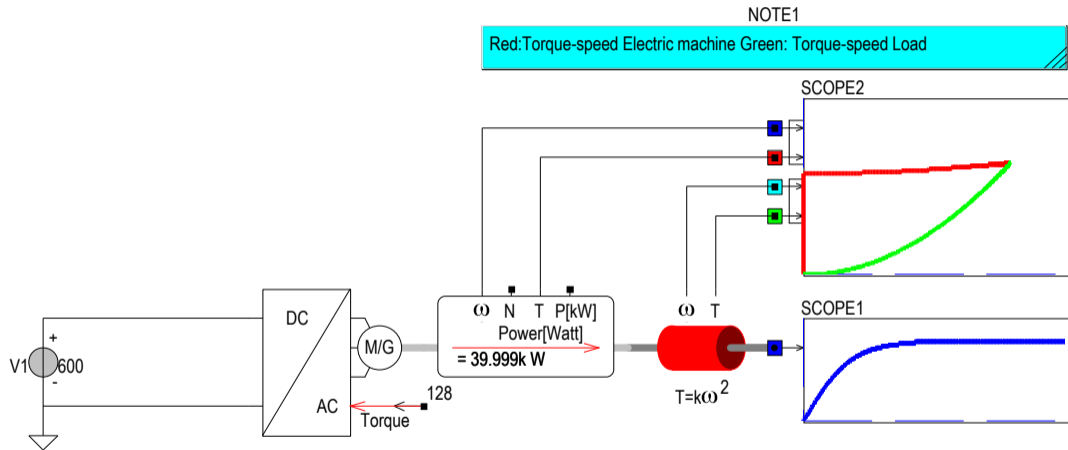
Measuring the winding resistance using a multimeter.



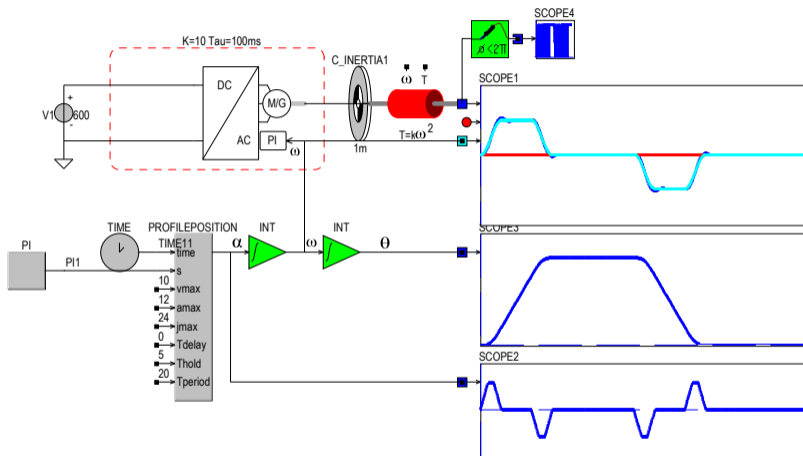
Application of a dynamometer to measure the slip of the induction machine for varying load.



Universal motor driving a fan, showing the typical torque harmonics.



Variable speed drive with quadratic load.



Variable speed drive, where the angular speed of the machine is set by a defined speed profile.

- Same Look and Feel
- Simple set-up, same as in real lab
- Only nameplate parameters
- Animation, so also inside details can be shown

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