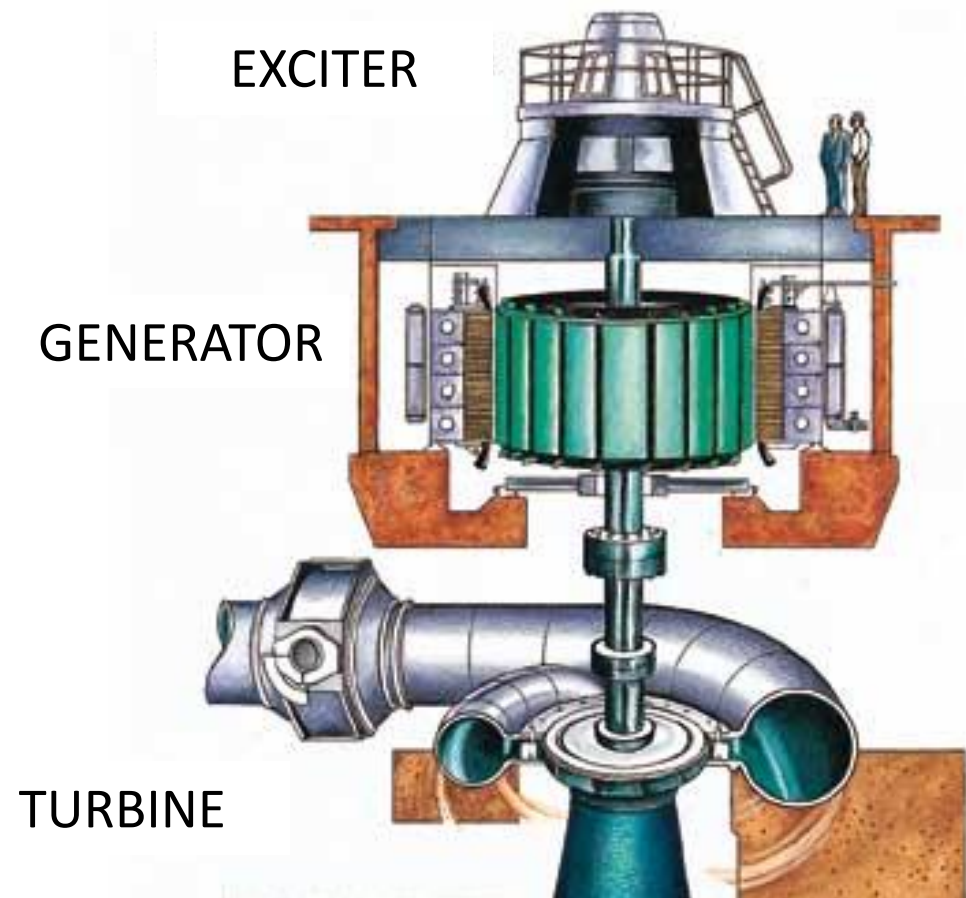


Synchronous Generators

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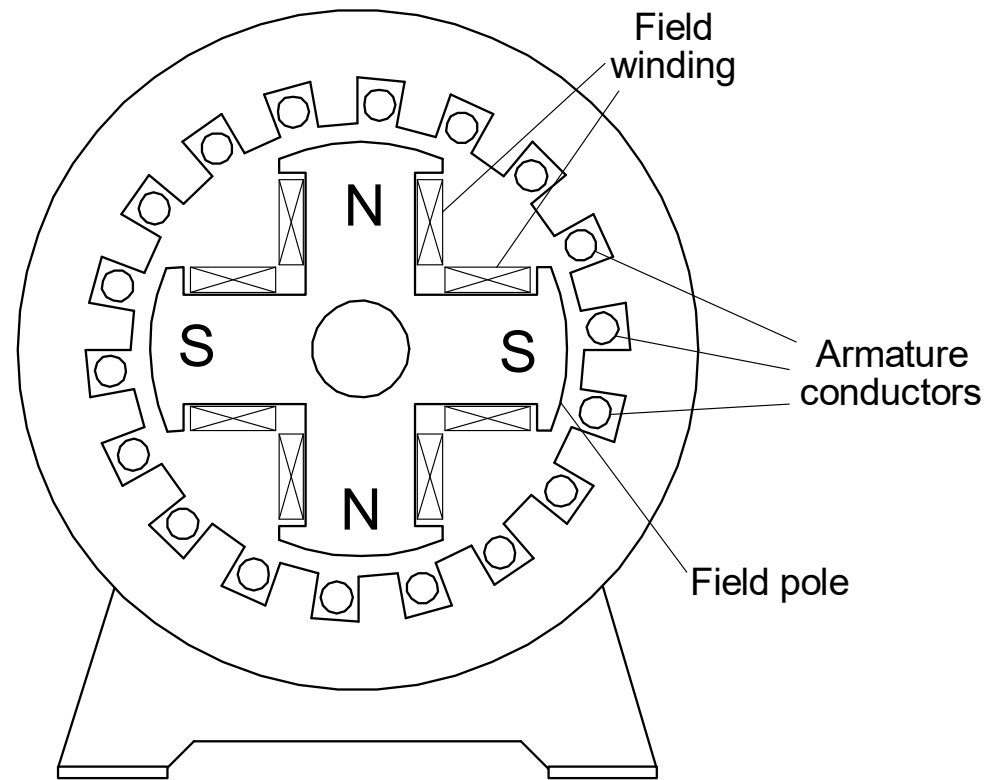
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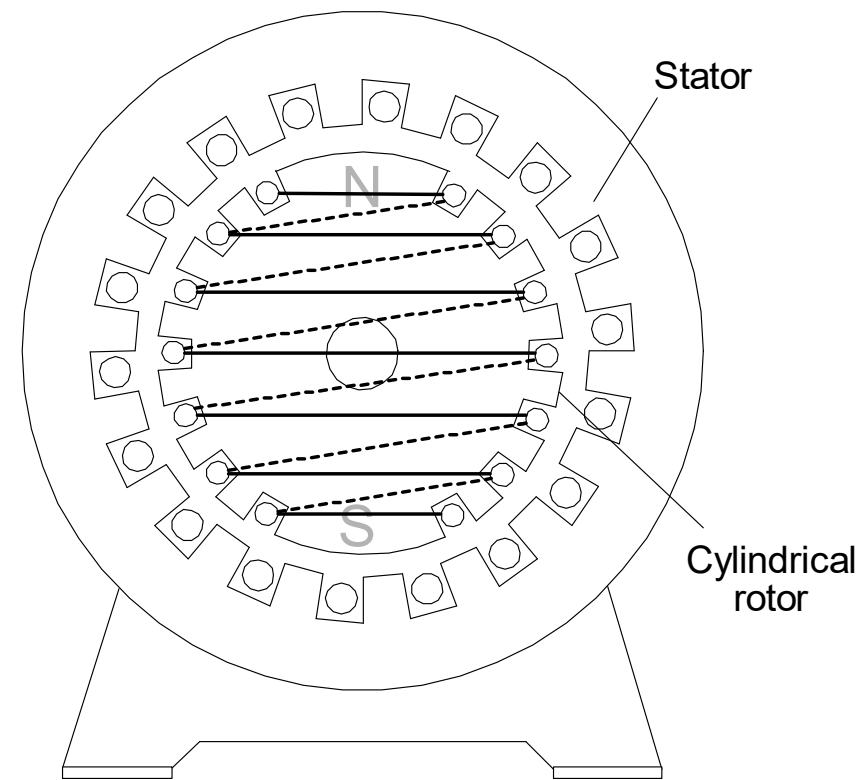
- ❑ Synchronous generator is the common type used in generating stations
- ❑ It runs at constant speed and generates constant frequency output
- ❑ The filed poles are on the rotor side and the armature is on stator side
- ❑ The armature winding is placed in the slots on stator core
- ❑ Field poles are excited with a dc supply
- ❑ DC supply to the filed poles are given through a pair of slip rings

Types of Construction

Salient Pole type

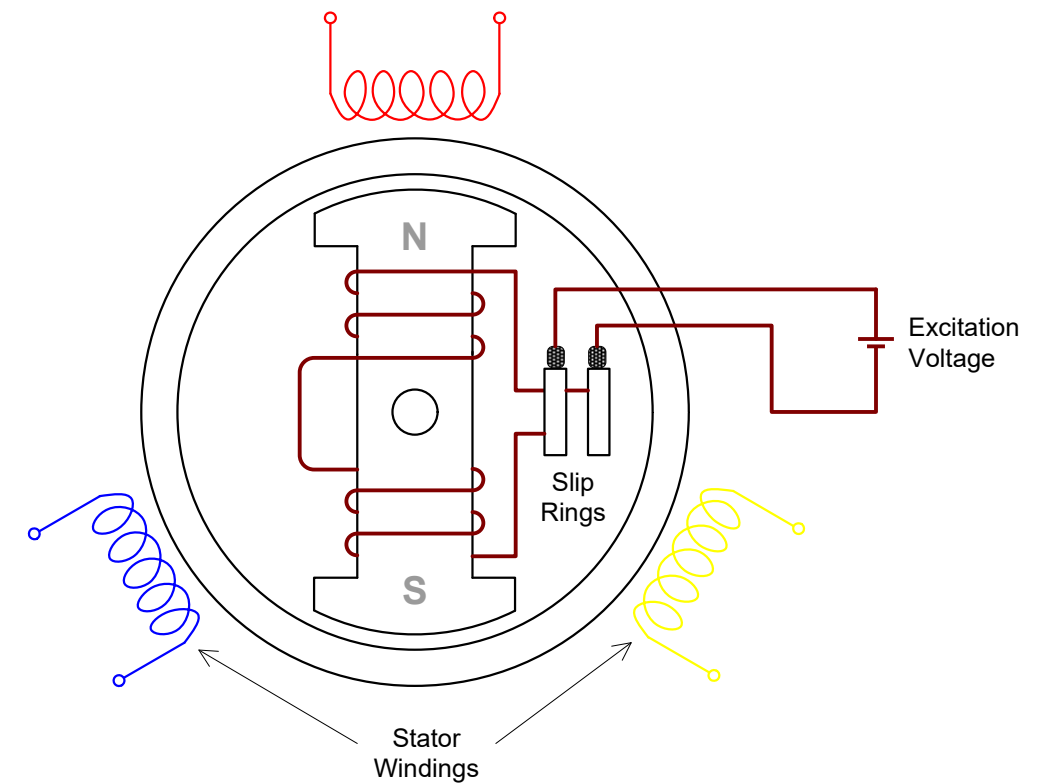


Cylindrical Rotor type



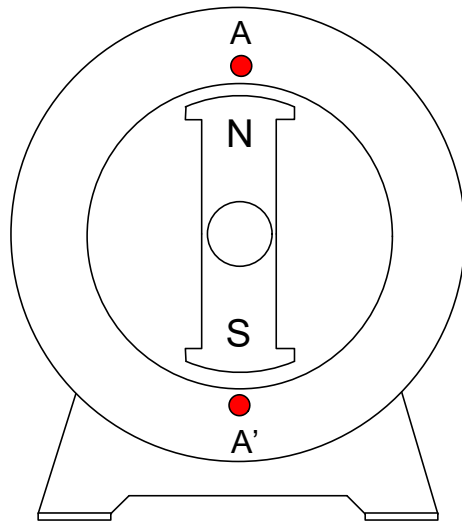
Why Armature on Stator?

- ❑ Power in the field system is much less compared to the generated power, which is easily handled by the slip rings.
- ❑ When the armature is on the stator side, generated power is directly taken out without the help of slip rings.



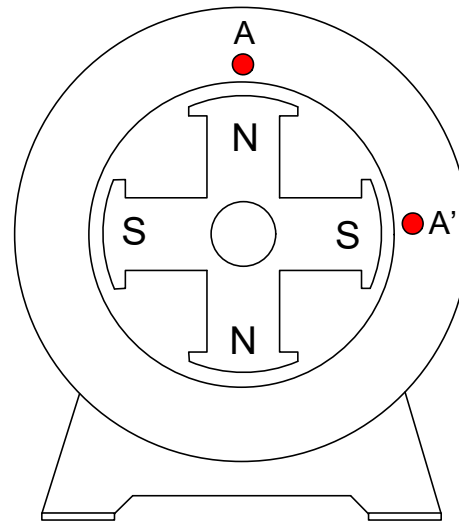
Relation between Speed and Frequency

2 Pole



1 revolution per second (*RPS*)
makes 1 Hertz

4 Pole



1 revolution per second (*RPS*)
makes 2 Hertz

General case

$$RPS = \frac{2f}{P}$$

where f is the frequency
and P is the number of poles

$$RPM, N = \frac{120f}{P}$$

Synchronous Speed

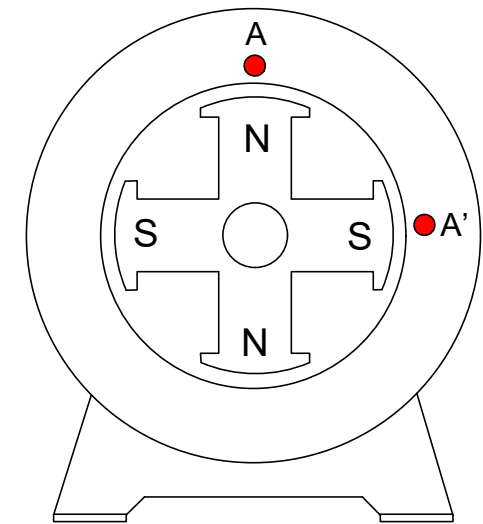
- Synchronous speed is the speed at which the generator should run to produce a constant frequency

$$\text{Number of cycles per revolution} = \frac{P}{2}$$

$$\text{Revolution per second} = \frac{N}{60}$$

$$\text{Cycles per second} = \frac{P \times N}{2 \times 60} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f = \frac{P \times N}{2 \times 60}$$

$$\text{RPM, } N = \frac{120f}{P}$$

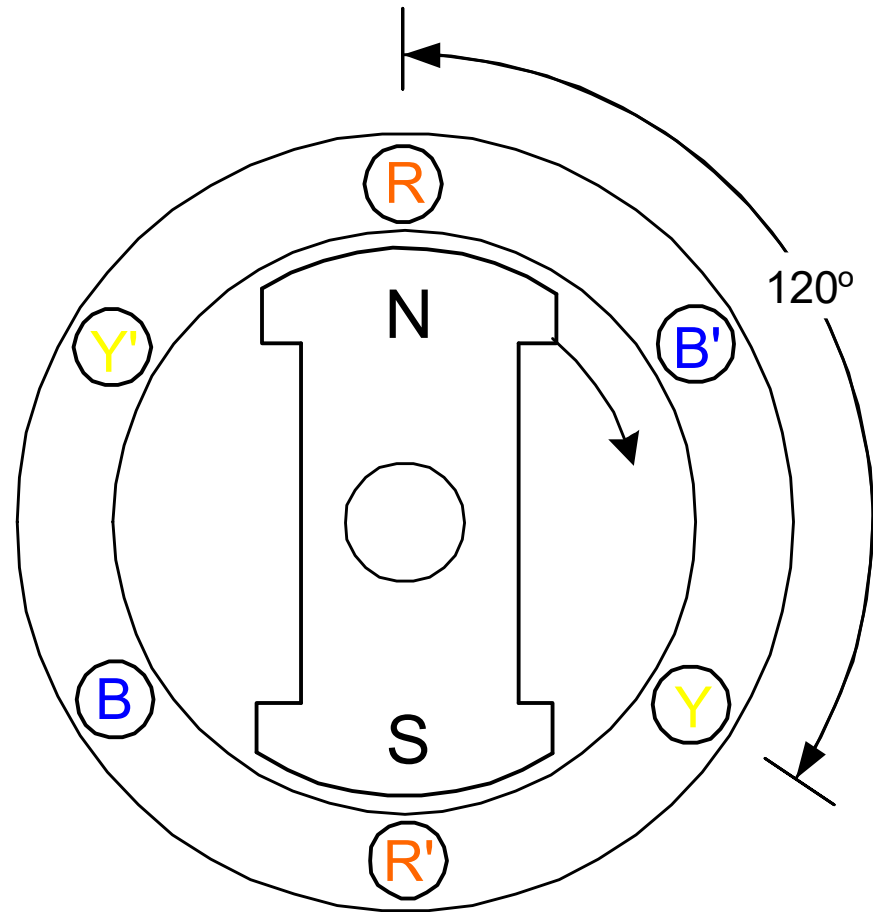


f - frequency

P - number of poles

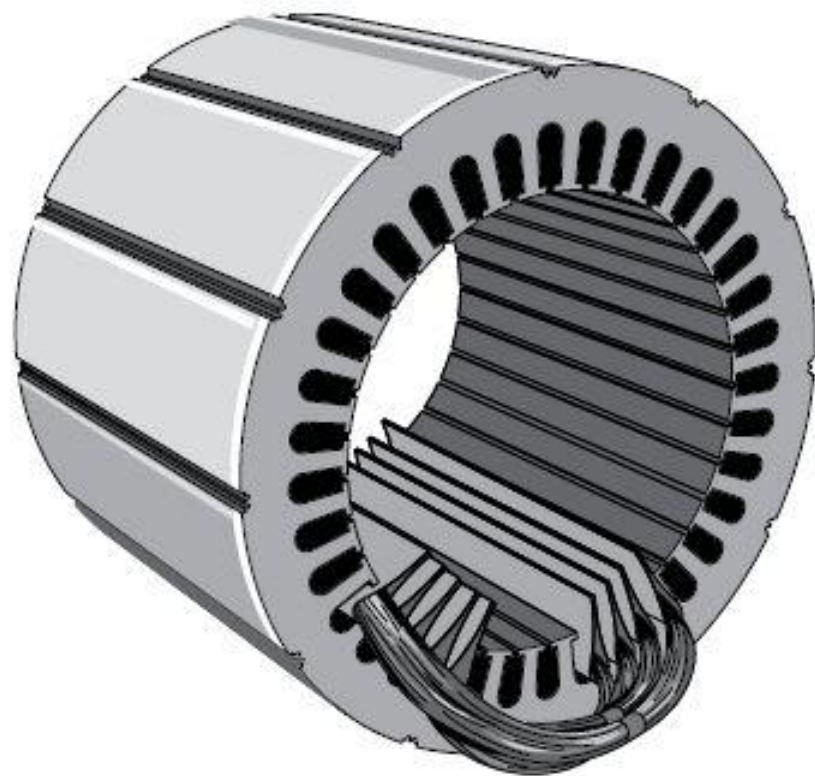
N - speed in RPM

Three Phase Generator

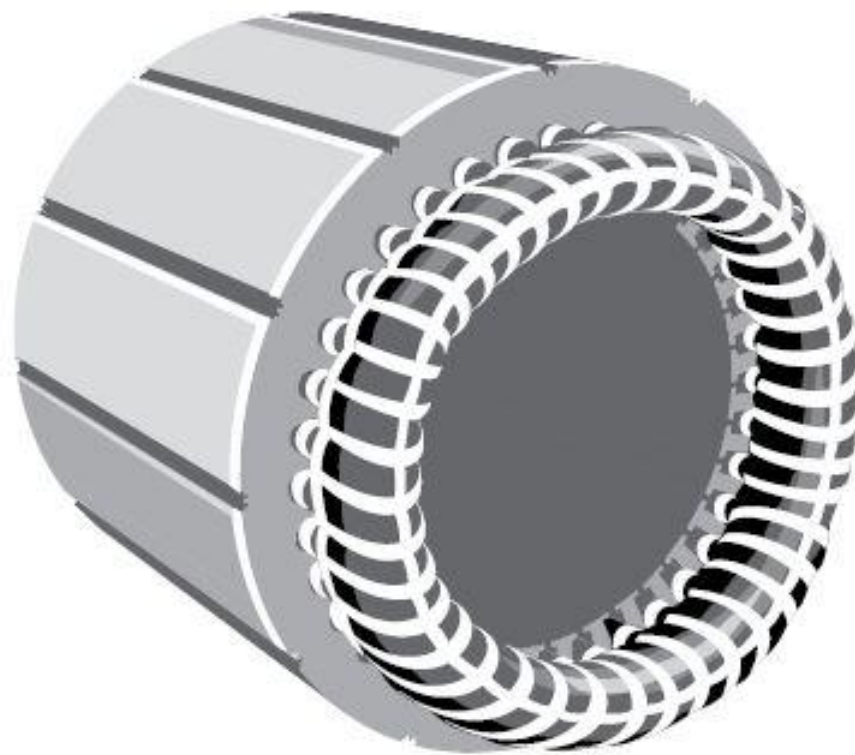


- ❑ There will be three sets of similar windings
- ❑ Windings are placed 120 degrees apart
- ❑ Practically each phase winding will be distributed across several slots

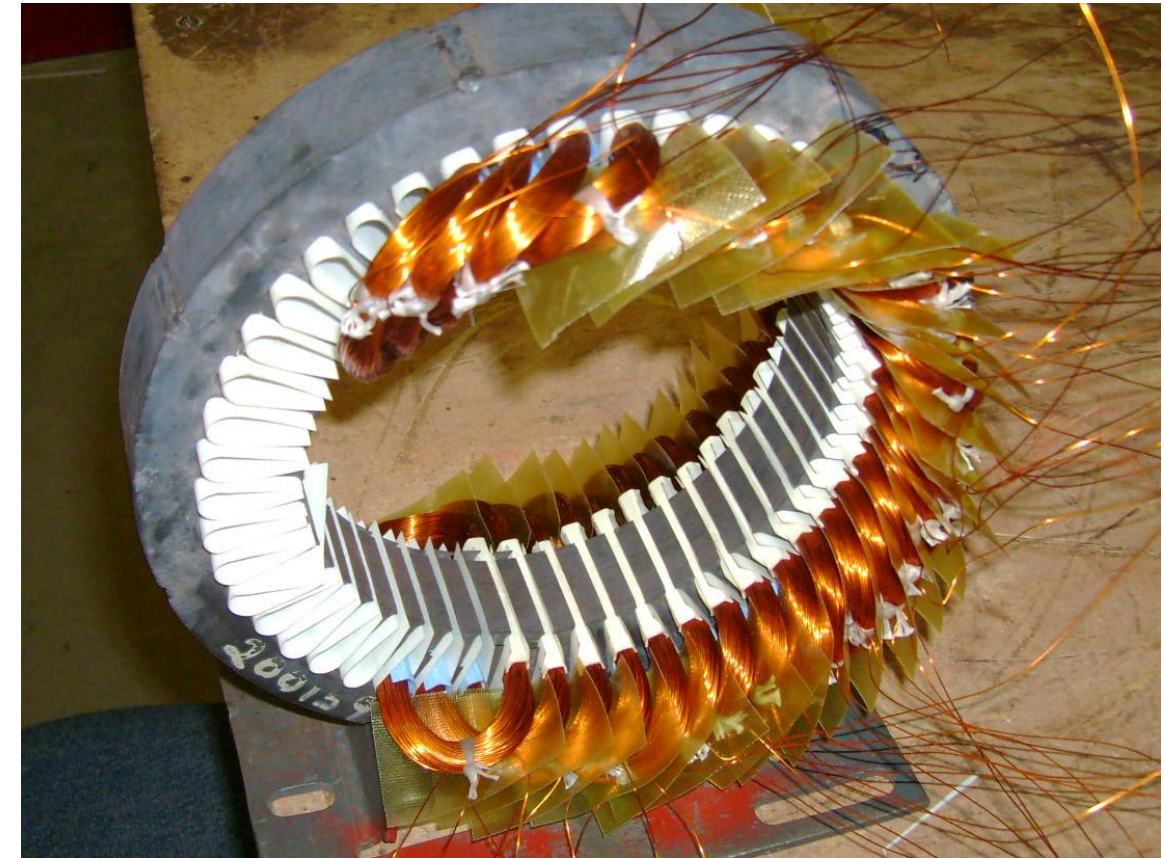
Practical Winding



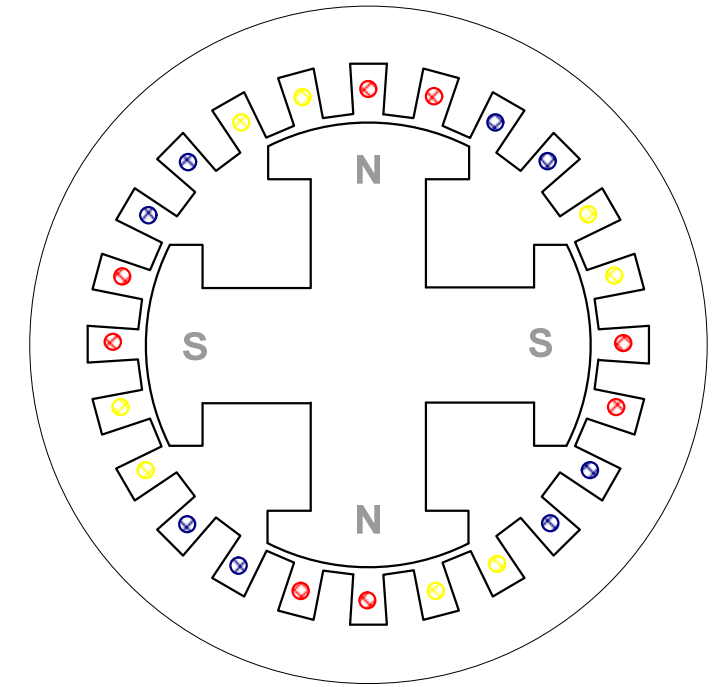
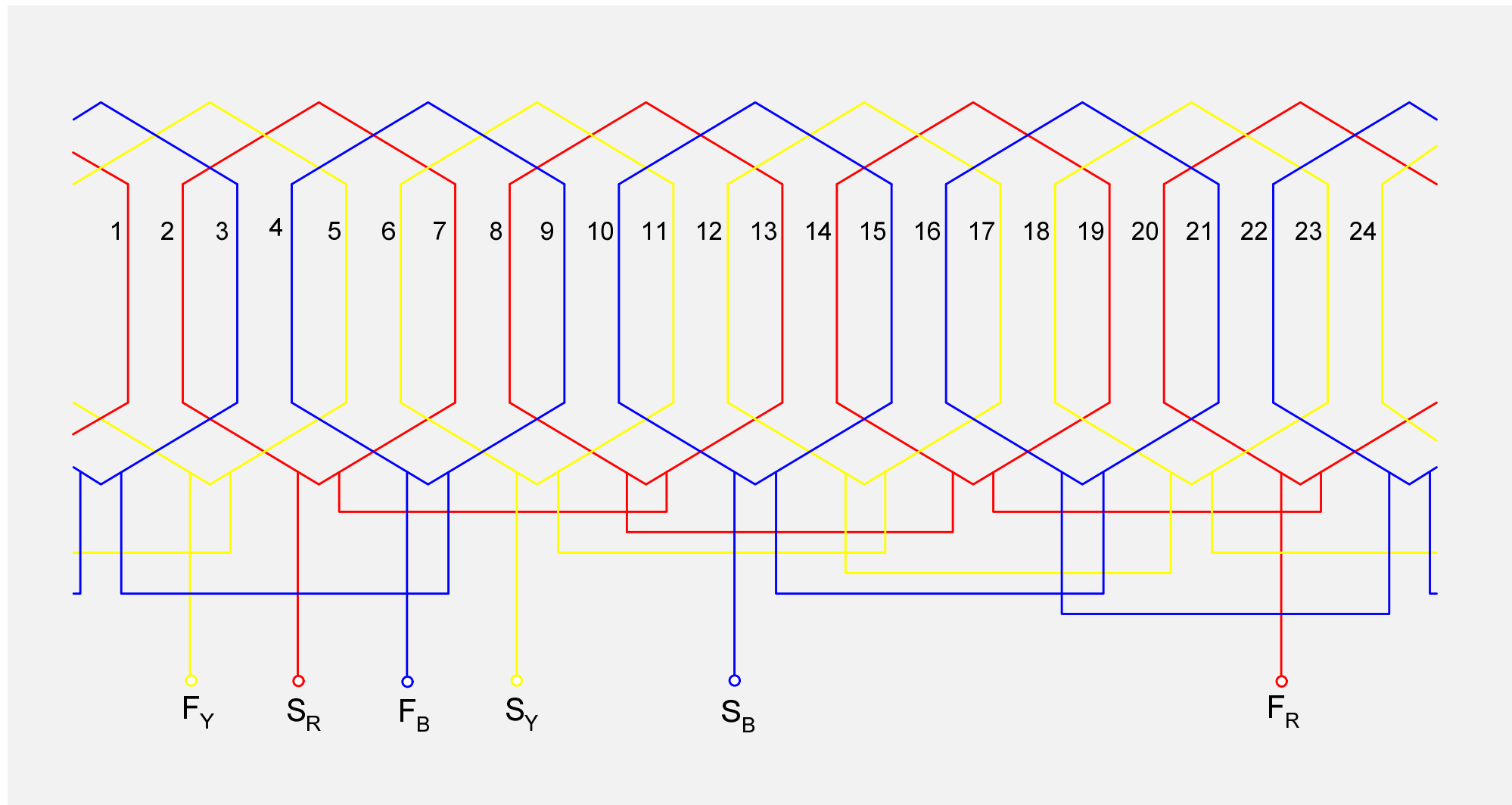
Stator Windings Partially Completed



Stator Windings Completed

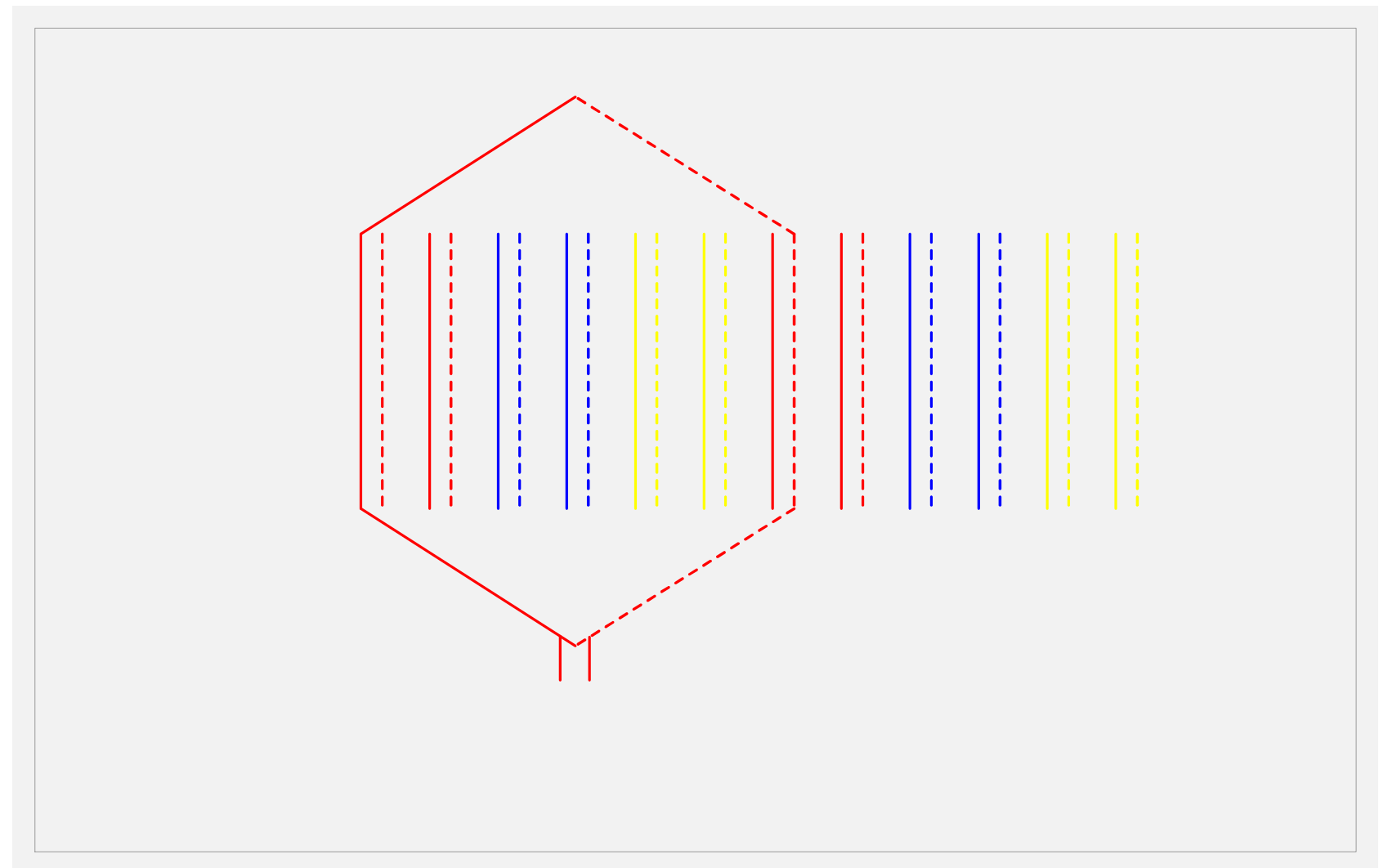
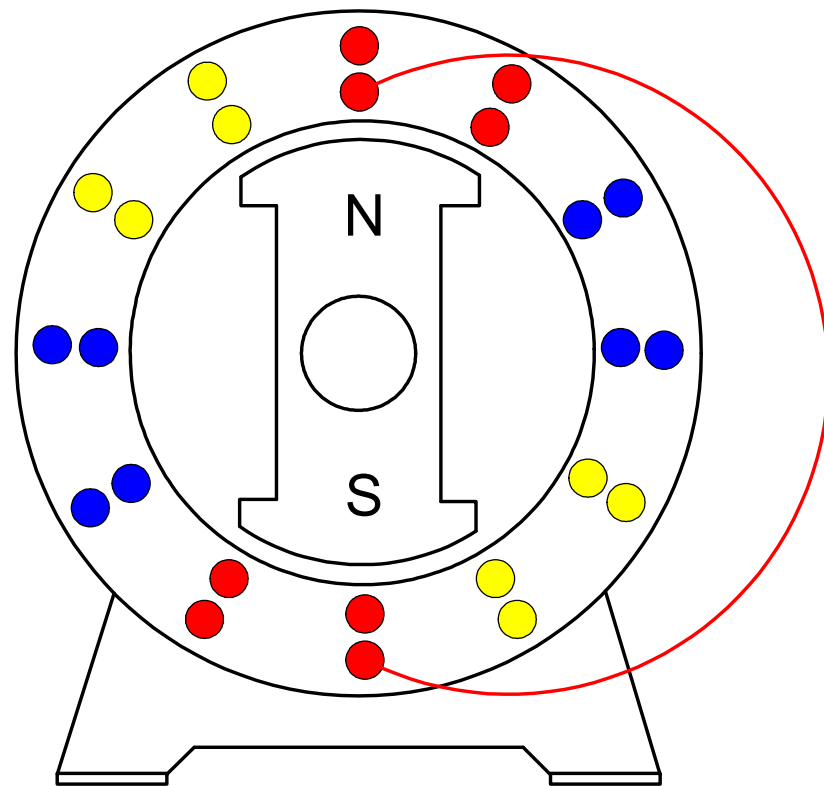


Single Layer Winding



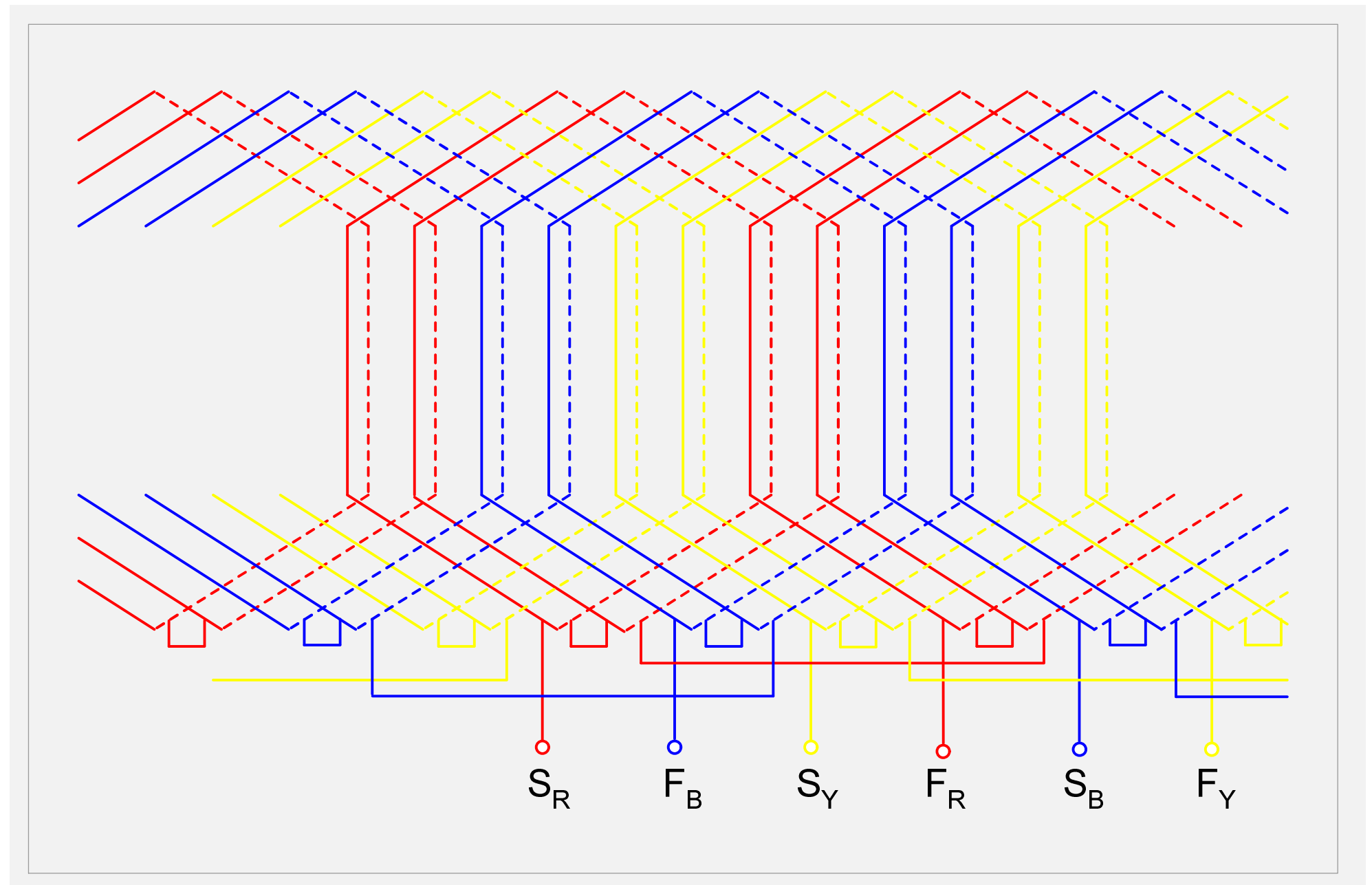
Winding example (Full pitch)

No of poles: 2, No of slots: 12, Double layer \rightarrow Slots/pole/phase = $12/(2 \times 3) = 2$



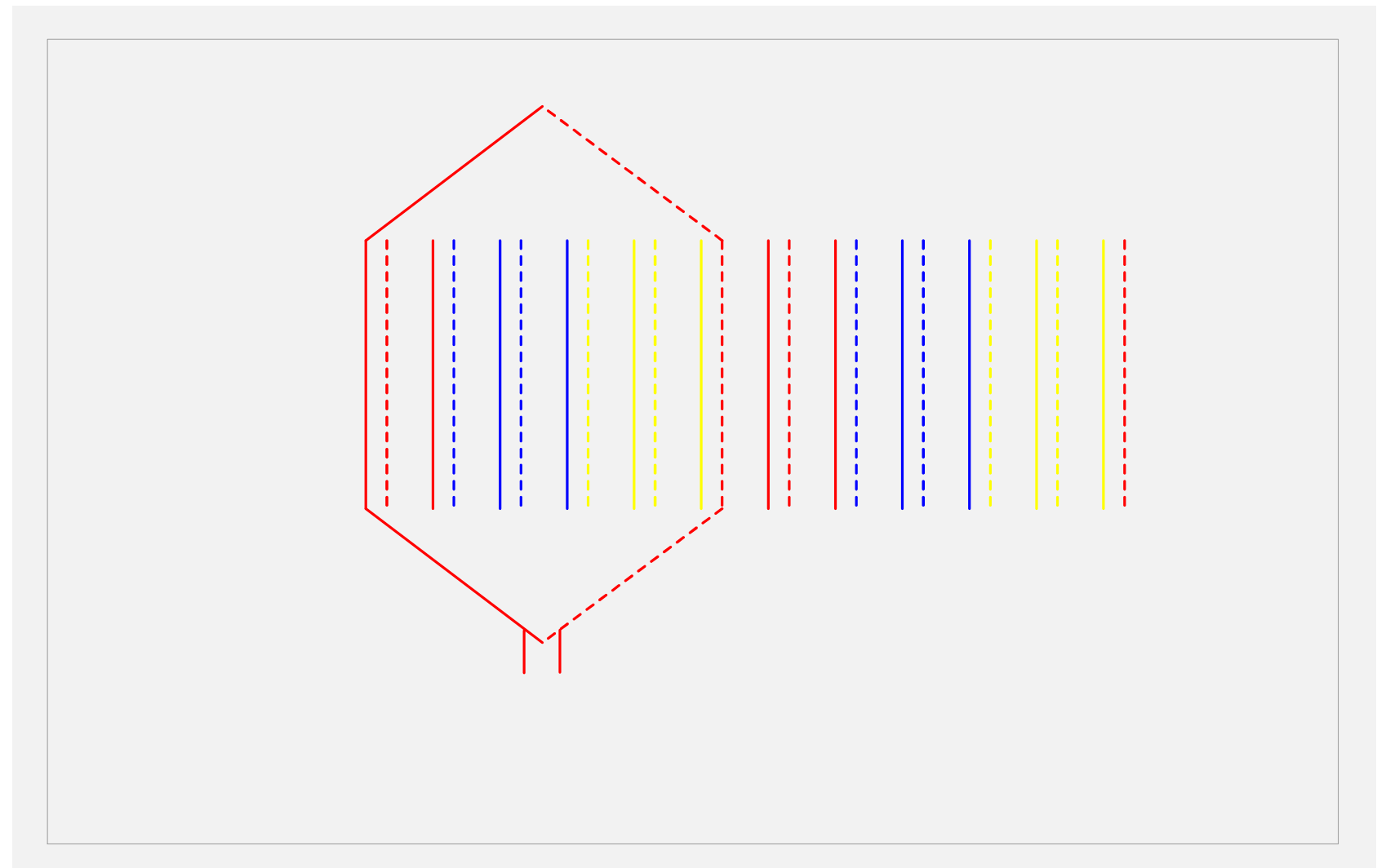
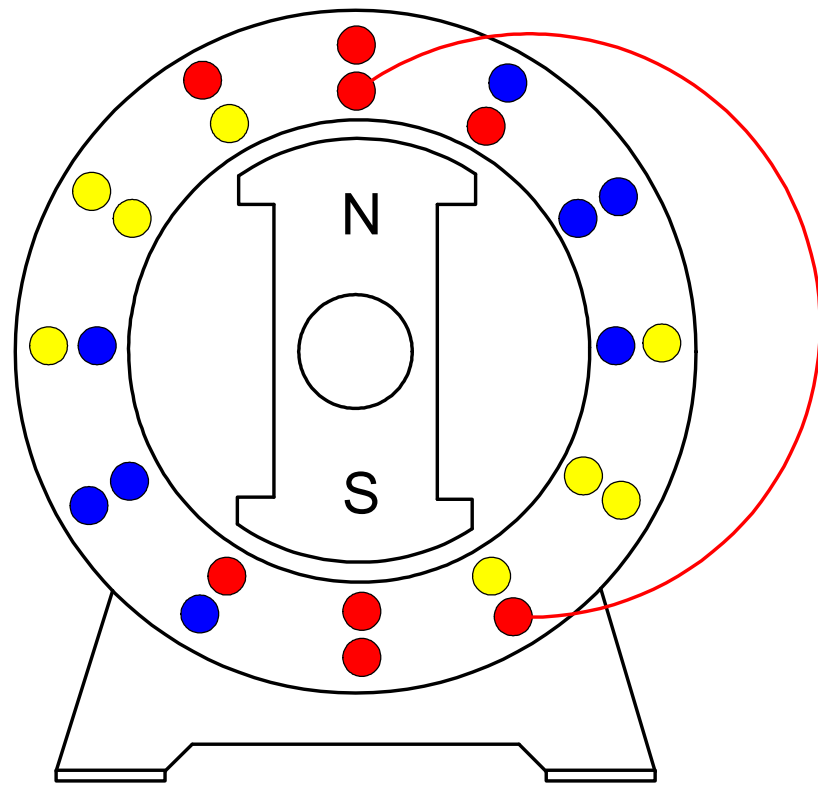
Winding example (Full pitch)

3 phase
2 pole
12 slot
Double layer winding



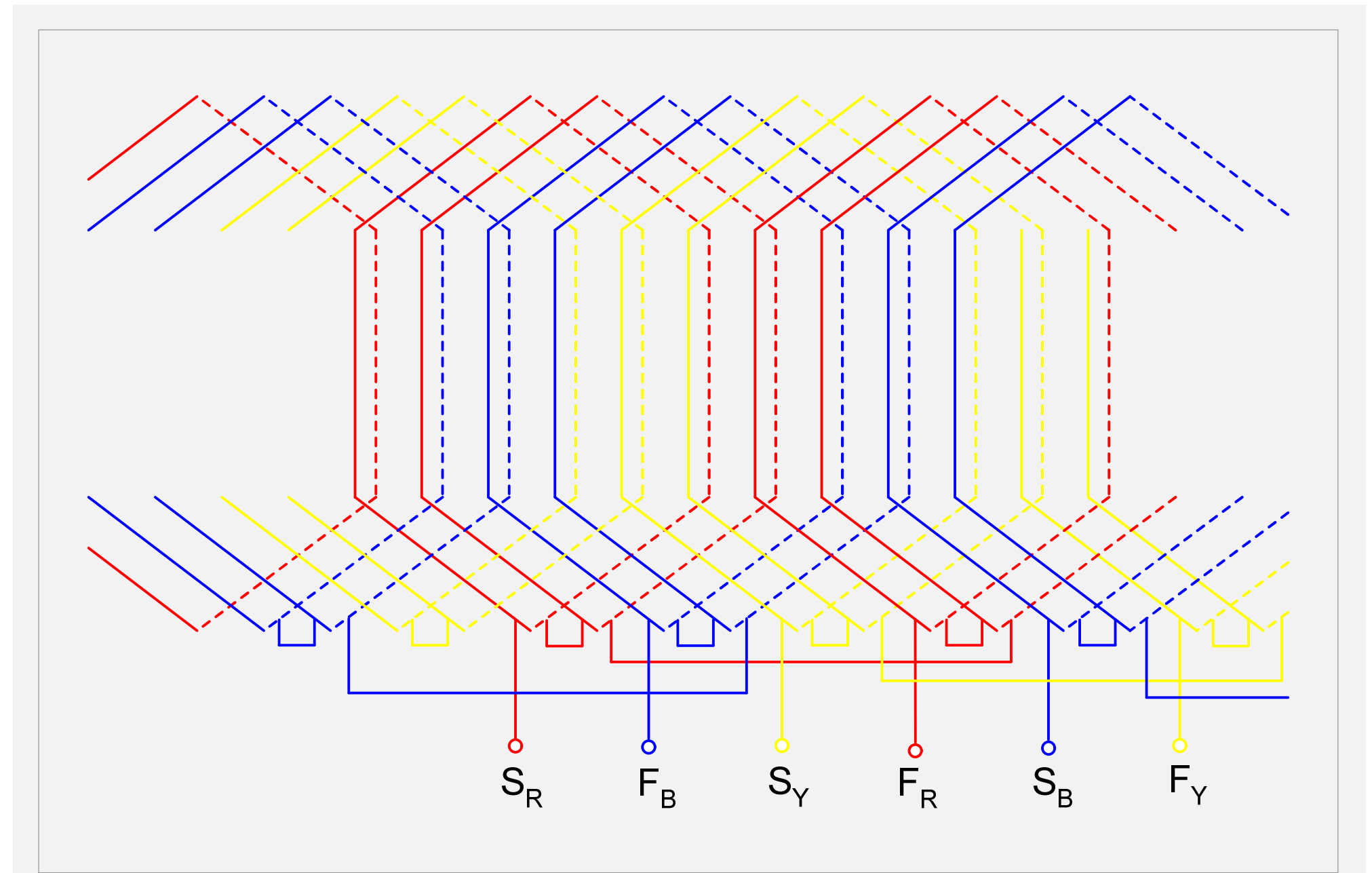
Winding example (Short Chorded)

No of poles: 2, No of slots: 12, Double layer \rightarrow Slots/pole/phase = $12/(2 \times 3) = 2$



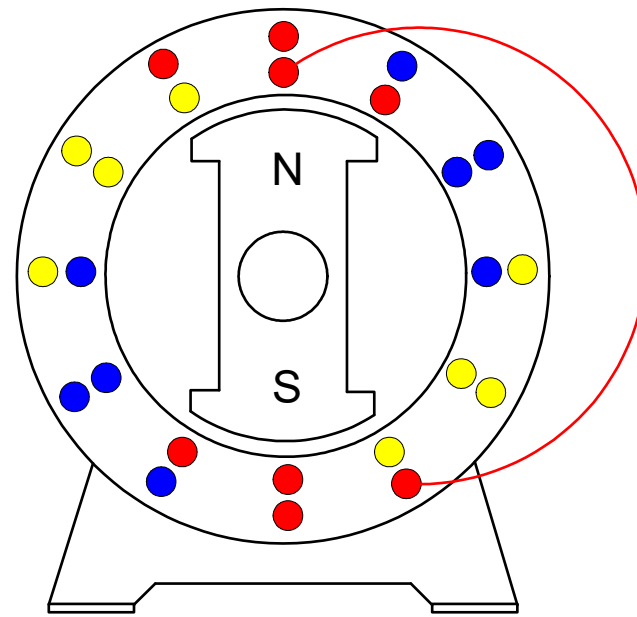
Winding example (Short Chorded)

3 phase
2 pole
12 slot
Double layer winding



Features of Short Chording

- ❑ Saves copper in end connections
- ❑ Improve wave shape (reduce harmonics)
- ❑ Reduce losses – both copper loss and core loss
- ❑ Reduced voltage compared to full pitch

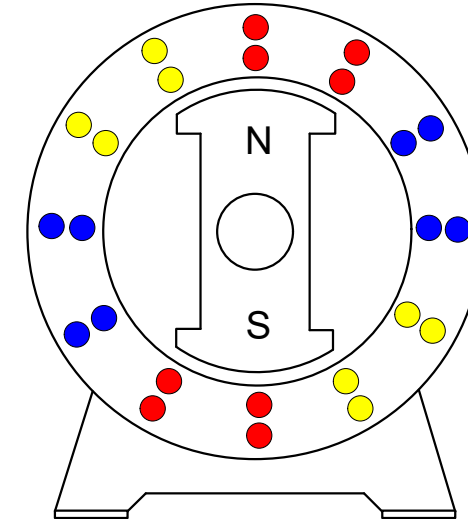


Slot Angle

$$\text{Slot angle} = \frac{180}{\text{Slots/pole}}$$

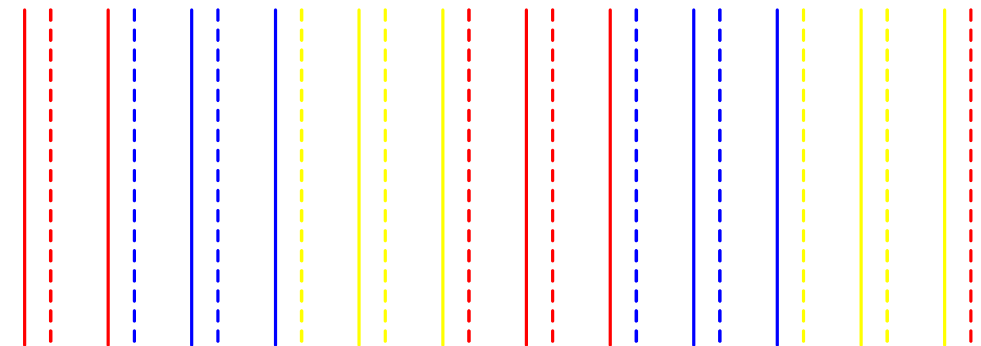
In this case (2 pole, 12 slot):

$$\text{Slot angle} = \frac{180}{6} = 30^\circ$$



For a 4 pole 36 slot machine:

$$\text{Slot angle} = \frac{180}{9} = 20^\circ$$



Pitch Factor

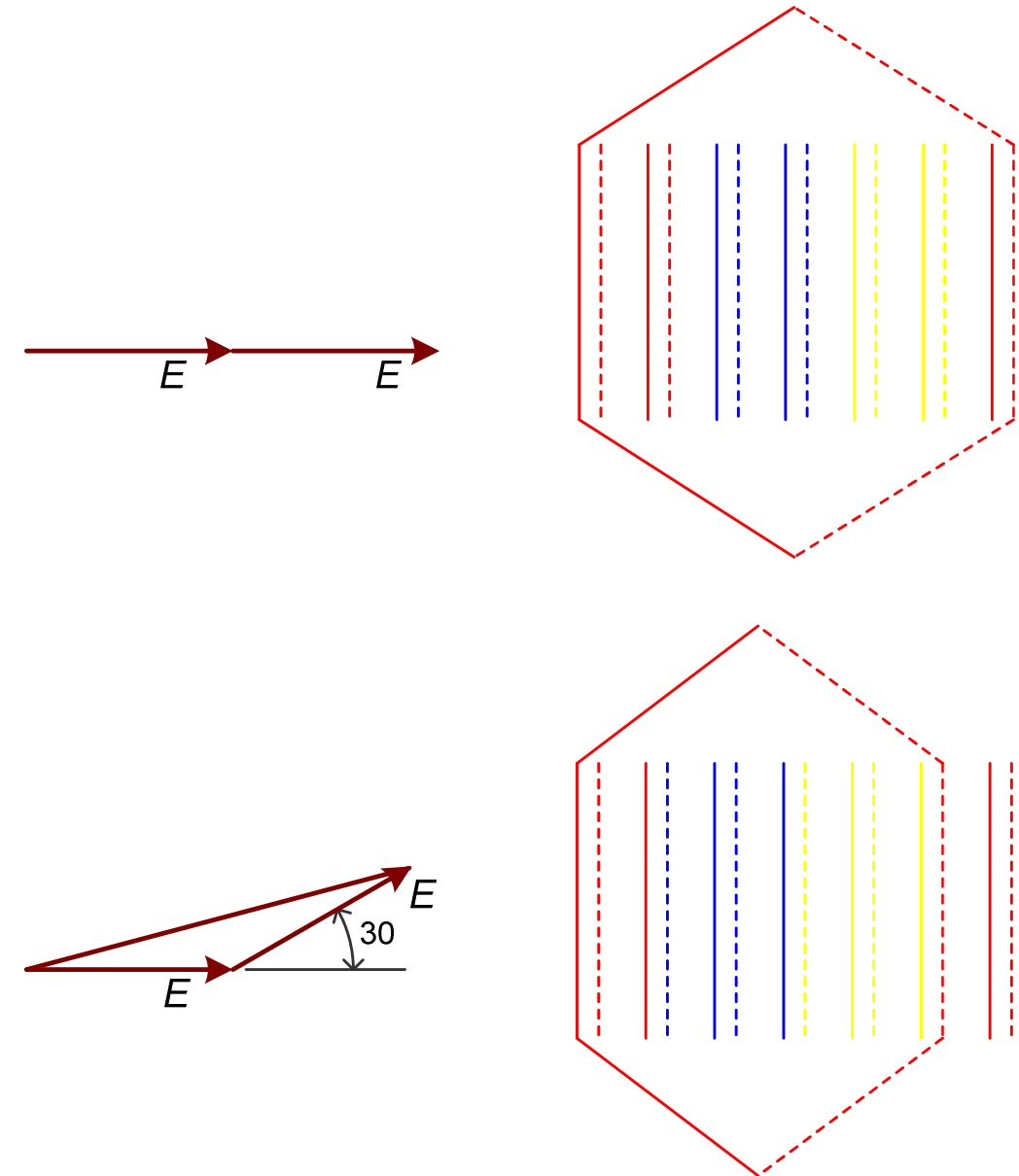
Let the voltage induced in a conductor is E

If the coil is full pitched,

Total induced voltage in a coil = $2E$

If the coil is short pitched by an angle α

Total induced voltage = $2 E \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$



Pitch Factor

Also known as **coil span factor**

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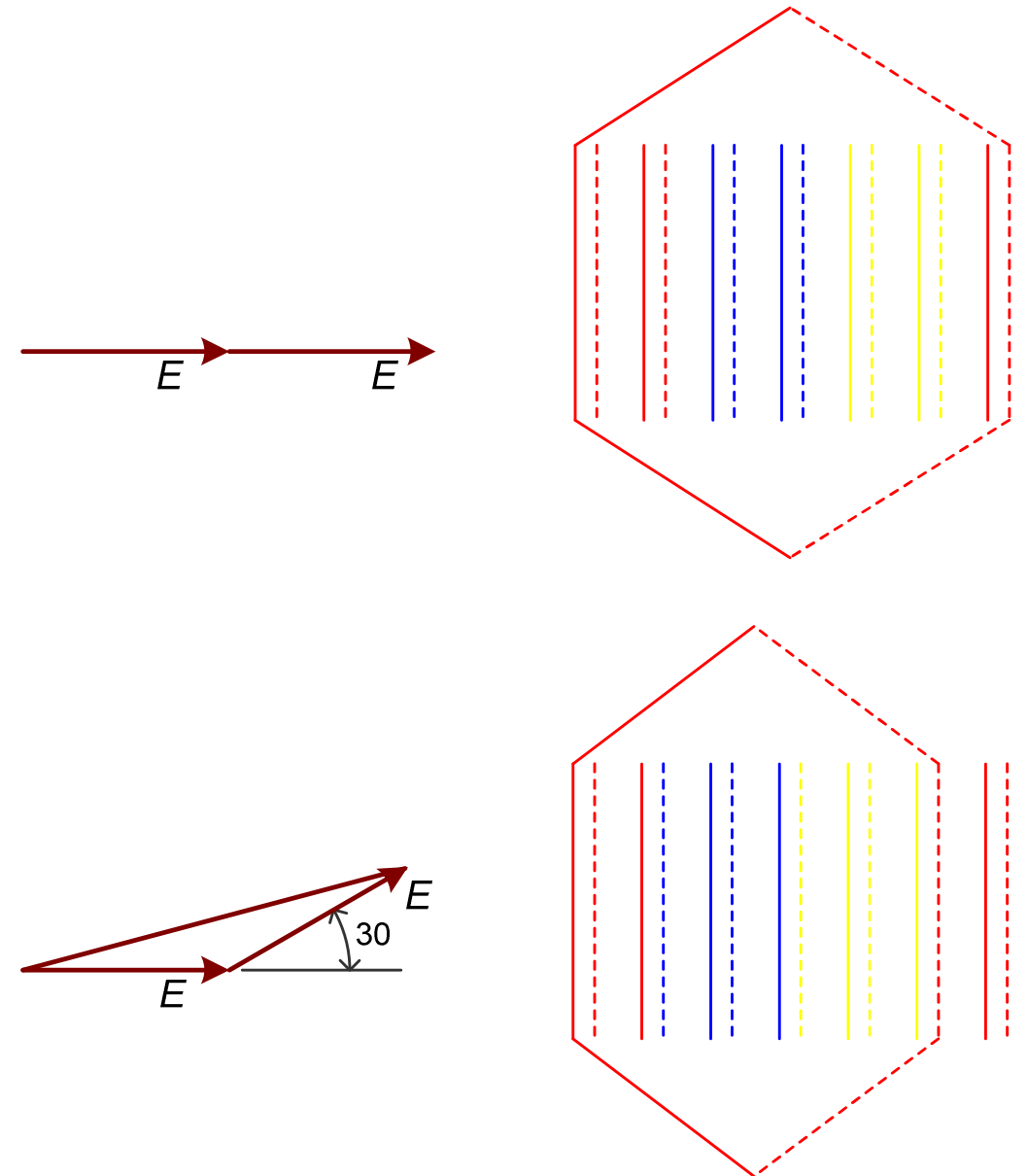
Total induced voltage in a coil = $2E$

If the coil is short pitched by an angle α

Total induced voltage = $2 E \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$

Pitch factor, $K_c = \frac{\text{Resultant emf of chorded coil}}{\text{Resultant emf of full pitched coil}}$

$$= \frac{2E \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}{2E} = \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$$



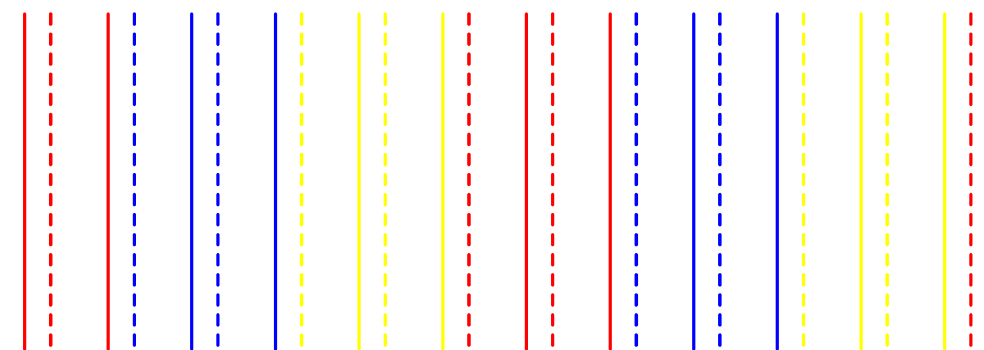
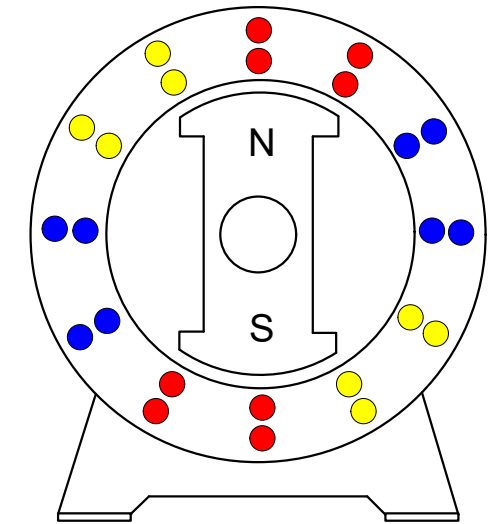
Distribution factor

$$\text{Distribution factor, } K_d = \frac{\text{emf with distributed winding}}{\text{emf with concentrated winding}}$$

$$\text{Slot angle, } \beta = \frac{180}{\text{Slots/pole}}$$

$$m = \text{Slots/pole/phase}$$

$$m\beta = \text{phase spread angle}$$



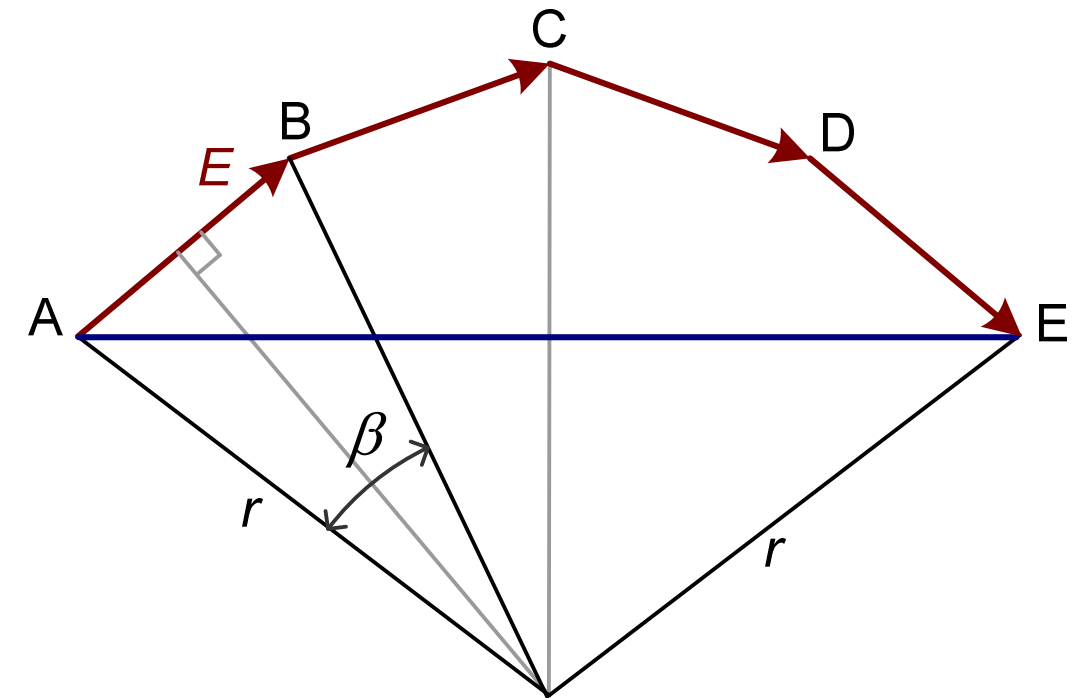
Distribution factor

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$$\text{Arithmetic sum} = m 2r \sin \frac{\beta}{2}$$

$$AB = 2r \sin \frac{\beta}{2}$$

$$\text{Vector sum} = 2r \sin \frac{m\beta}{2}$$



$$K_d = \frac{2r \sin \frac{m\beta}{2}}{m 2r \sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{m\beta}{2}}{m \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

Example

For a 3 phase 36 slot 4 pole winding find the distribution factor

$$\text{Slot angle, } \beta = \frac{180}{\text{Slots per pole}} = \frac{180}{9} = 20^\circ$$

$$\text{Slots/pole/phase, } m = \frac{36}{4 \times 3} = 3$$

$$\text{Distribution factor, } K_d = \frac{\sin \frac{m\beta}{2}}{m \sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{3 \times 20}{2}}{3 \sin \frac{20}{2}} = 0.956$$

EMF Equation

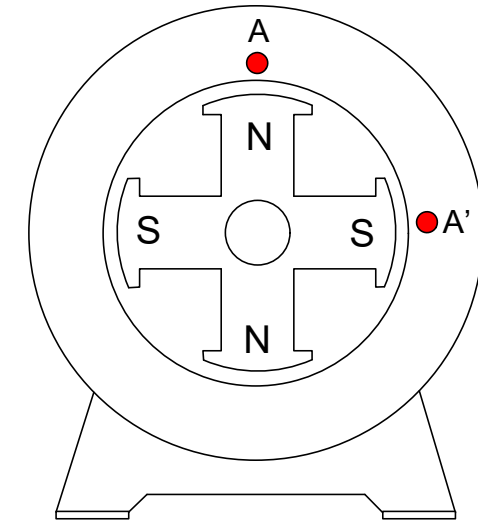
Z = Number of coil sides in series per phase

P = Number of poles

f = Frequency

N = Speed in RPM

Φ = Flux per pole



In one revolution each conductor is cut by ΦP webers

$$d\Phi = \Phi P \quad dt = \frac{60}{N}$$

$$\text{Average emf induced} = \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \frac{\Phi P}{\frac{60}{N}} = \frac{\Phi NP}{60} \text{ volts}$$

Substituting for N



$$\text{Average emf induced} = \frac{\Phi P}{60} \times \frac{120f}{P} = 2f\Phi \text{ volts}$$

EMF Equation

For the total winding, average emf $= 2 f \Phi Z$
 $= 4 f \Phi T$

RMS value $= 4.44 f \Phi T$

Considering pitch factor and distribution factor,

RMS value of per phase voltage, $E = 4.44 K_c K_d \Phi f T$ volts

$$K_c = \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$K_d = \frac{\sin \frac{m\beta}{2}}{m \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

Example

A 4 pole 3 phase star connected alternator having 60 slots with 4 conductor per slot runs at 1500 rpm. Coils are short pitched by 3 slots. If the phase spread is 60 degrees, find the line voltage induced for a flux per pole of 0.75 Wb distributed sinusoidally in space. All turns per phase are in series.

$$\text{Slots/pole/phase, } m = \frac{60}{4 \times 3} = 5$$

$$\text{Slot angle, } \beta = \frac{180}{\text{Slots/pole}} = \frac{180}{15} = 12^\circ$$

$$\text{Coil pitch} = (15 - 3) \times 12 = 144^\circ$$

$$\text{Short chording angle, } \alpha = (180 - 144) = 36^\circ$$

$$\text{Number of turns, } T = \frac{60 \times 4}{2 \times 3} = 40$$

$$K_c = \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \cos \frac{36}{2} = 0.951$$

$$K_d = \frac{\sin \frac{m\beta}{2}}{m \sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{5 \times 12}{2}}{5 \times \sin \frac{12}{2}} = 0.957$$

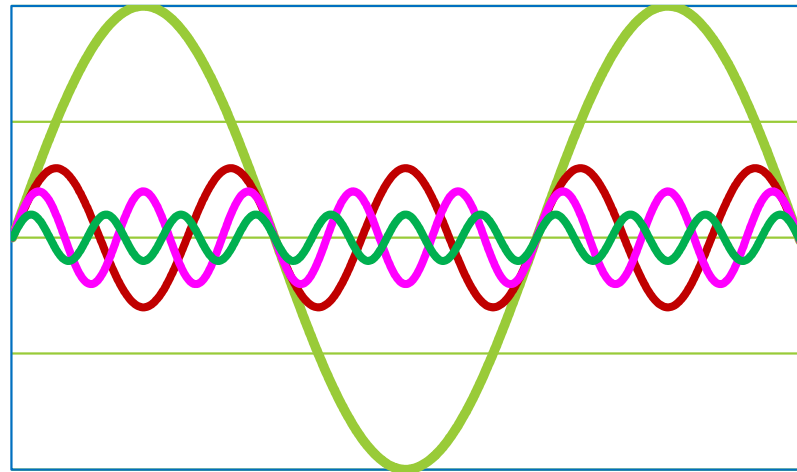
$$\text{Per phase voltage} = 4.44 K_c K_d \Phi f T$$

$$= 4.44 \times 0.951 \times 0.957 \times 0.75 \times 50 \times 40 = 6061.3 \text{ volts}$$

$$\text{Line voltage} = \sqrt{3} \times V_{\text{ph}}$$

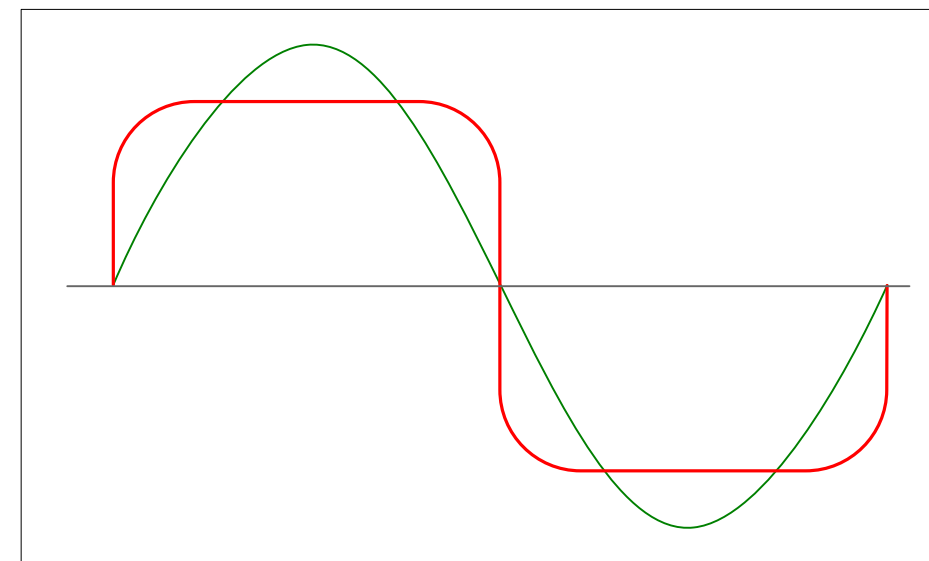
$$= \sqrt{3} \times 6061.3 = 10498.5 \text{ volts}$$

Harmonics



- Defined as sinusoidal voltages and currents at frequencies other than the fundamental frequency.
- Harmonic frequencies are **integer multiples** of the fundamental frequency

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)]$$



K_c and K_d for Harmonic Frequencies

$$K_{cn} = \cos \frac{n\alpha}{2}$$

$$K_{dn} = \frac{\sin \frac{mn\beta}{2}}{m \sin \frac{n\beta}{2}}$$

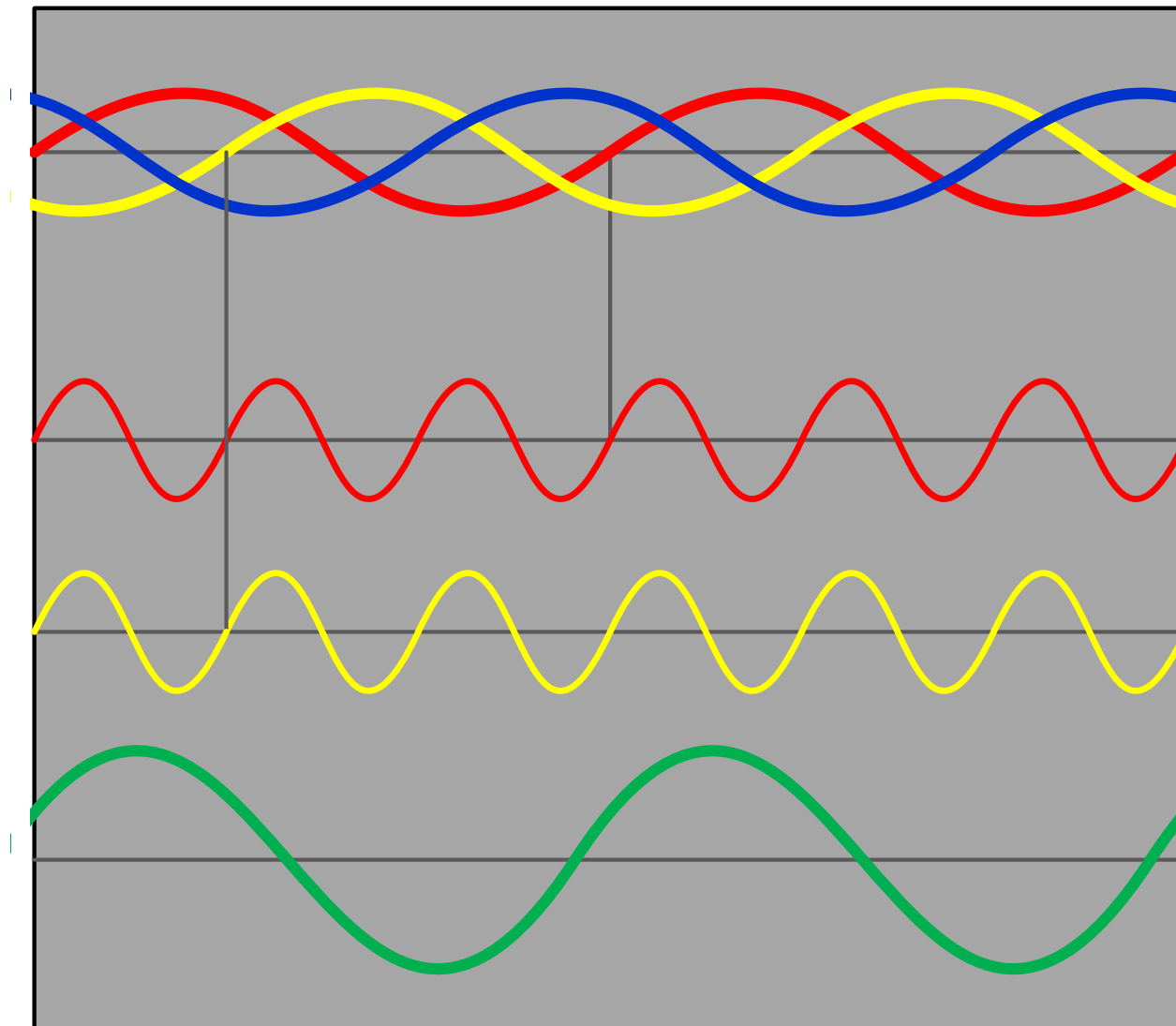
where n is the harmonic order

if $n = 5$ and $\alpha = 36^\circ$

$$K_{c5} = \cos \frac{5 \times 36}{2} = 0$$

Short chording can help to eliminate harmonics

Line voltage with harmonics in generated emf



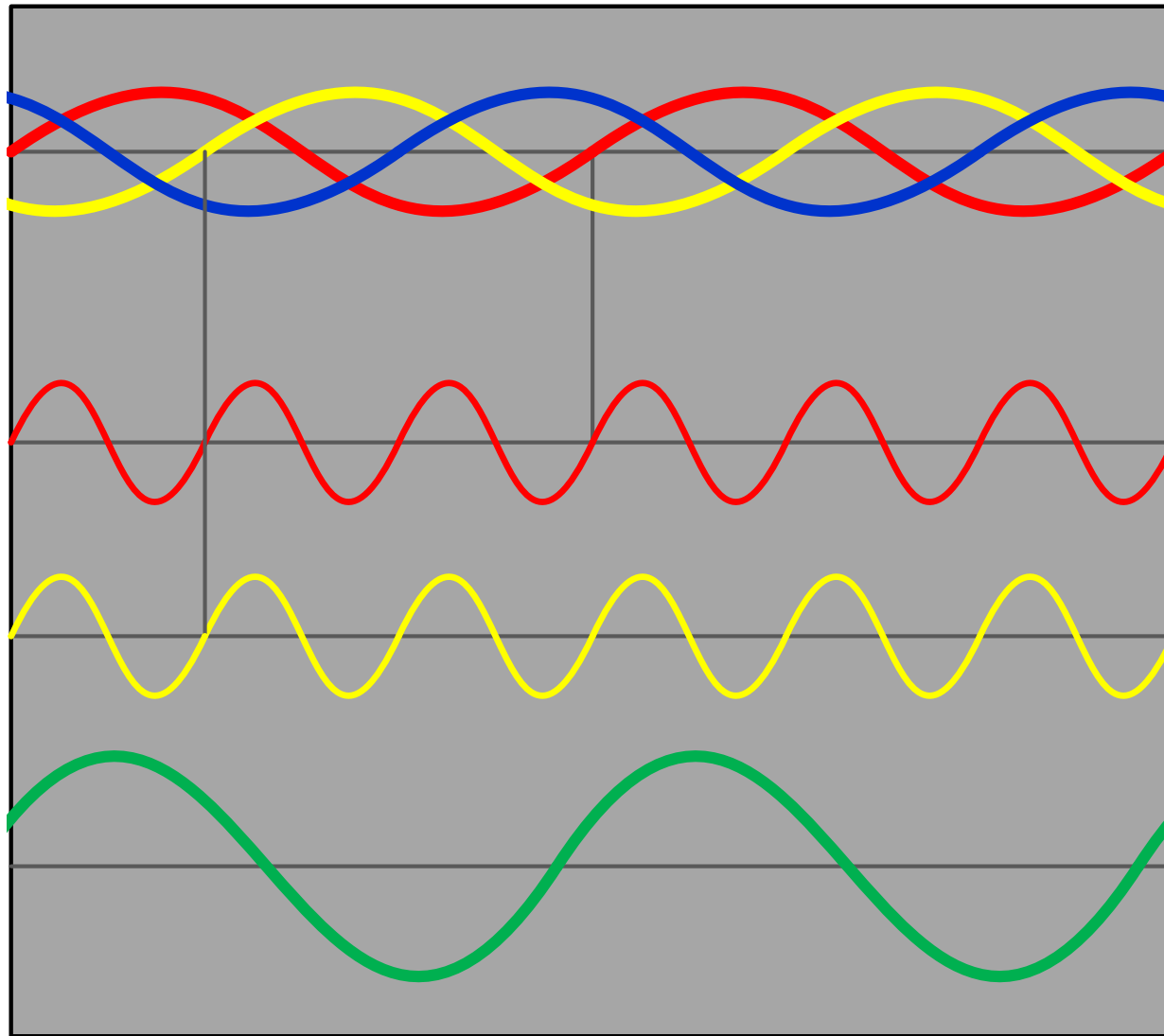
Phase voltage

$$V_{RY} = V_R - V_Y$$

Third Harmonic voltages

Line voltage

Line voltage with harmonics in generated emf



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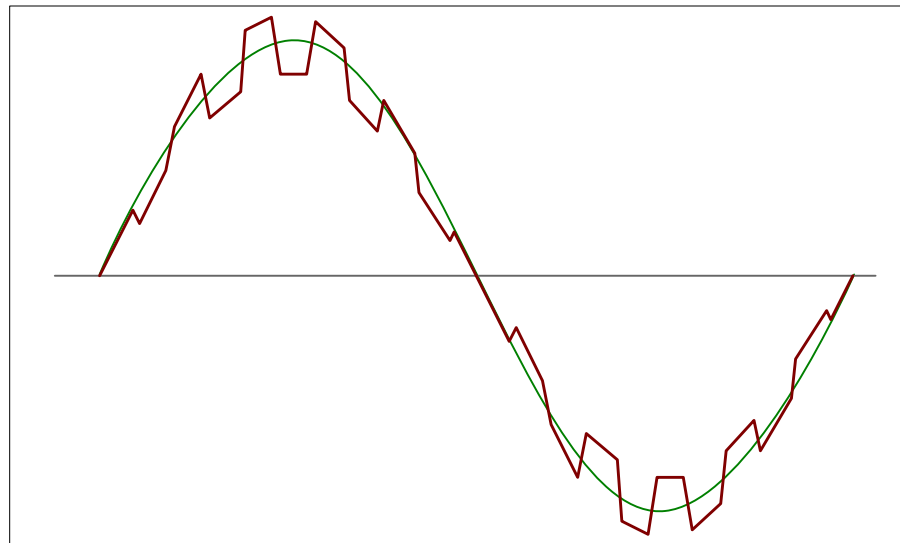
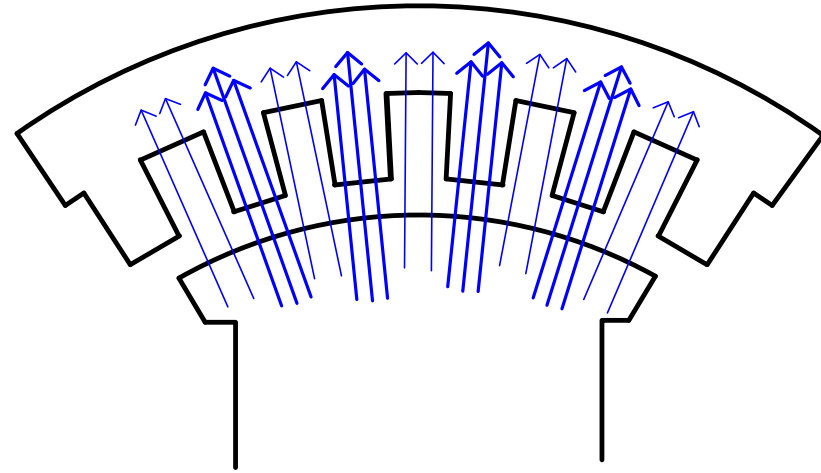
$$V_{RY} = V_R - V_Y$$

Third Harmonic voltages

Line voltage

Third harmonics cancel in line voltage

Slot Harmonics

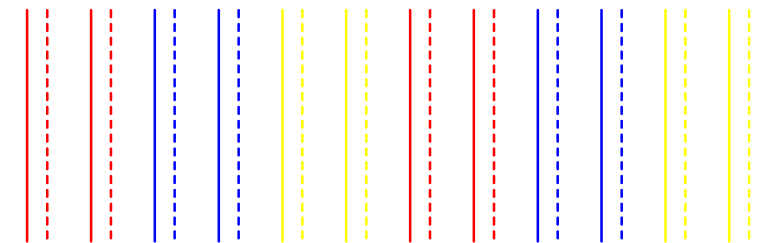
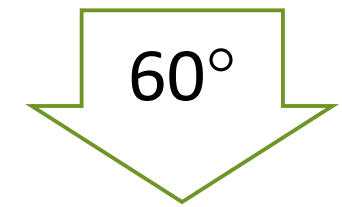
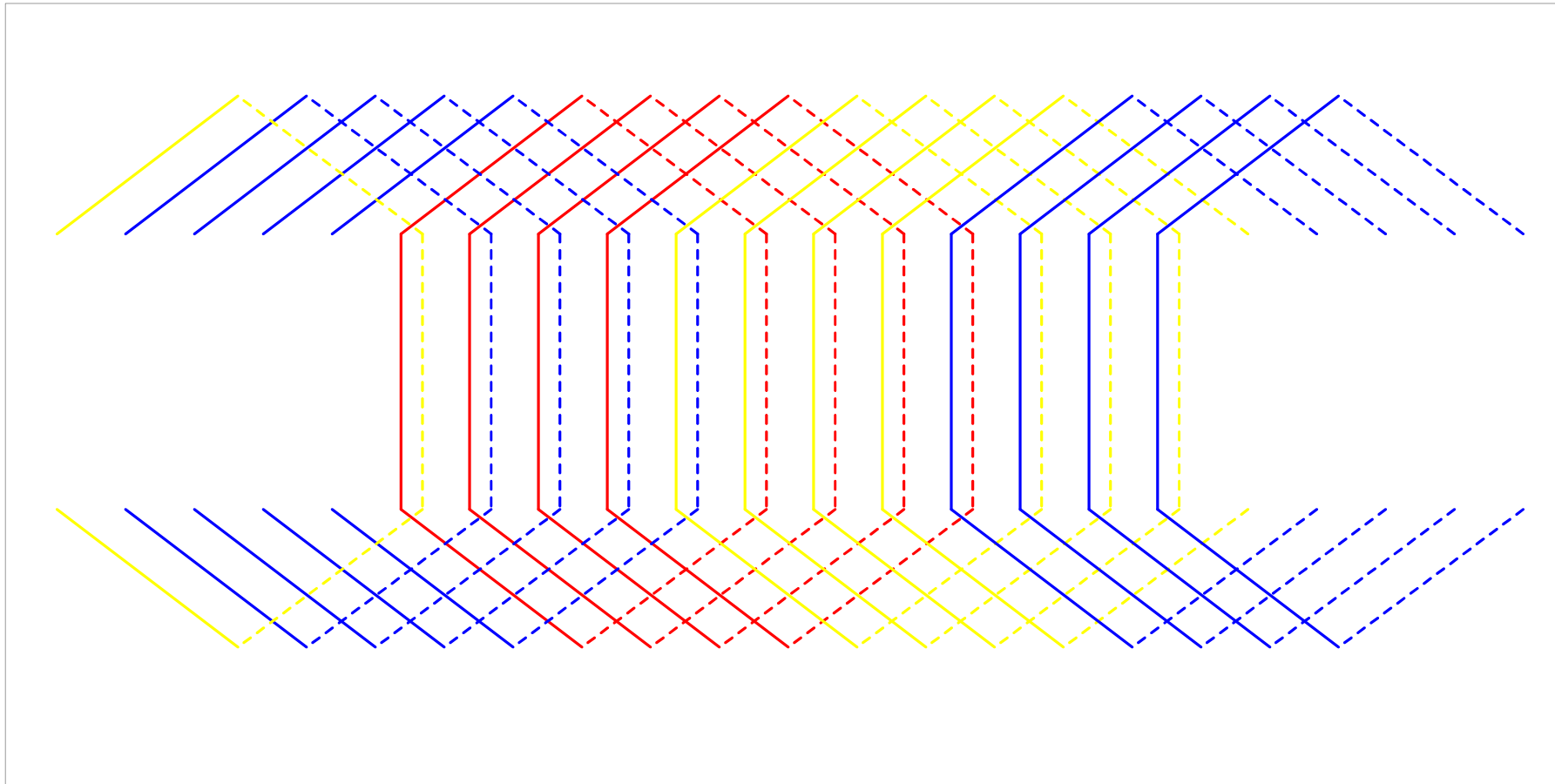


- ❑ Distortion of flux occur due to variation of reluctance between the slot area and tooth area
- ❑ Distortion of flux produce distortion in voltage waveform which is known as slot harmonics
- ❑ Slot harmonics is reduced either by skewing of field poles or by incorporating fractional slot winding

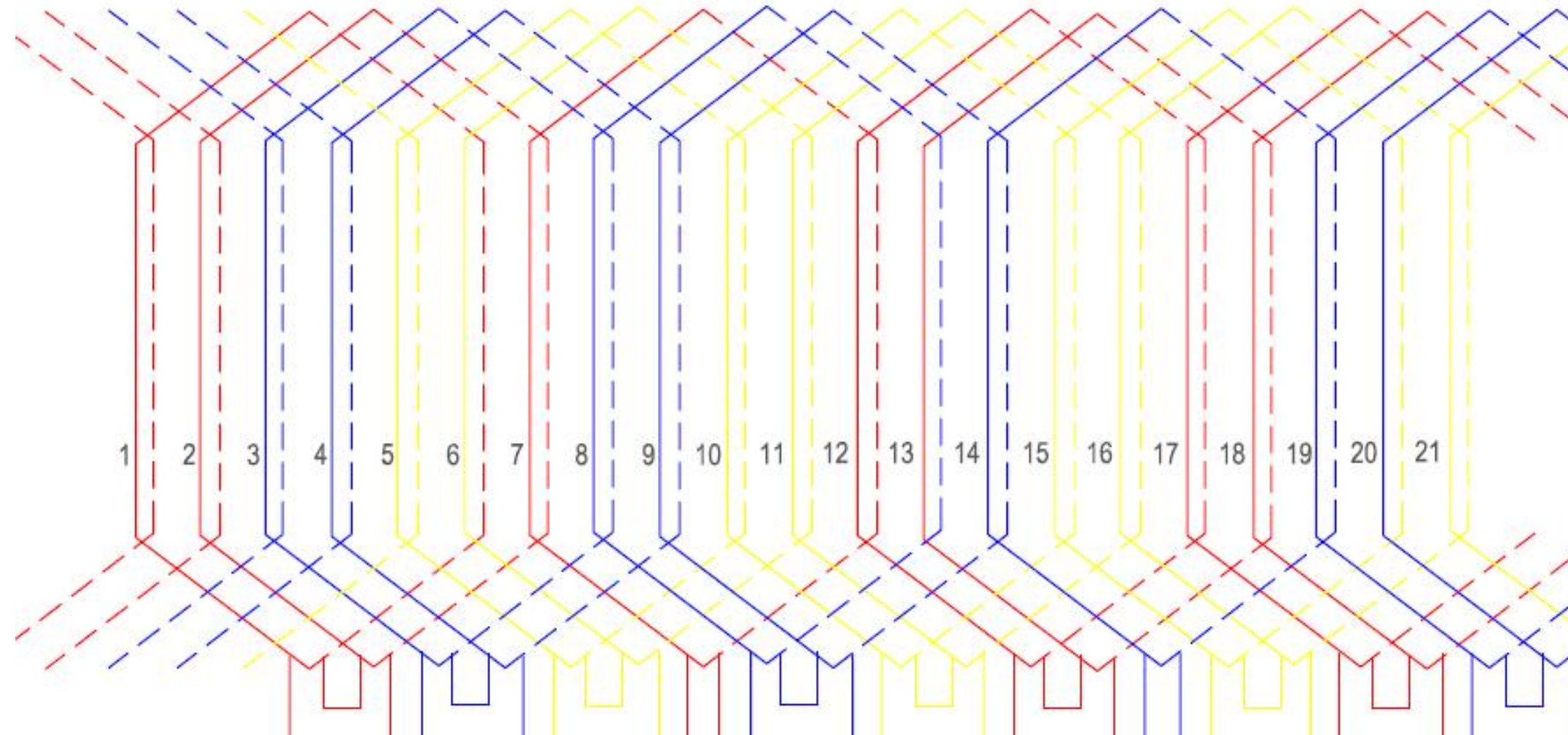
Methods for Elimination of Harmonics

- ❑ 120 Degrees phase spread
 - Eliminates 3rd order harmonics
- ❑ Short Chording
 - Eliminates 5th and 7th order harmonics
- ❑ Fractional slot winding
 - Eliminates slot harmonics
- ❑ Skewing of field poles
 - Eliminates slot harmonics
- ❑ Star connection
 - Eliminates triplen (order 3, 9, 15 etc) harmonics

120 Degree Phase Spread Winding



Fractional Slot Winding



Example

Calculate the rms value of induced voltage per phase of a 3 phase, 10 pole, 50 Hz, alternator with 2 slots per pole per phase and 4 conductor per slot in 2 layers. The coil span is 150 degrees. Flux per pole has a fundamental component of 0.12 Wb and a 20 % third harmonic component. Also find the line voltage.

$$\text{Slots/pole/phase, } m = 2$$

$$\text{Slots/pole} = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$\text{Slot angle, } \beta = \frac{180}{\text{Slots/pole}} = \frac{180}{6} = 30^\circ$$

$$\text{Short chording angle, } \alpha = (180 - 150) = 30^\circ$$

$$\text{Number of turns, } T = \frac{10 \times 2 \times 4}{2} = 40$$

$$K_c = \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} = \cos \frac{30}{2} = 0.966$$

$$K_d = \frac{\sin \frac{m\beta}{2}}{m \sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{2 \times 30}{2}}{2 \times \sin \frac{30}{2}} = 0.966$$

Per phase fundamental voltage = $4.44 K_c K_d \Phi f T$

$$= 4.44 \times 0.966 \times 0.966 \times 0.12 \times 50 \times 40 = 995 \text{ volts}$$

$$K_{c3} = \cos \frac{3\alpha}{2} = \cos \frac{3 \times 30}{2} = 0.707$$

$$K_{d3} = \frac{\sin \frac{mn\beta}{2}}{m \sin \frac{n\beta}{2}} = \frac{\sin \frac{2 \times 3 \times 30}{2}}{2 \times \sin \frac{3 \times 30}{2}} = 0.707$$

$$\Phi_3 = \frac{0.2 \times 0.12}{3} = 0.008 \text{ Wb}$$

$$f_3 = 150 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Per phase third harmonic voltage} &= 4.44 K_{c3} K_{d3} \Phi_3 f_3 T \\ &= 4.44 \times 0.707 \times 0.707 \times 0.008 \times 150 \times 40 = 106 \text{ volts} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Per phase voltage} &= \sqrt{E_1^2 + E_3^2} \\ &= \sqrt{995^2 + 106^2} = 1000 \text{ volts} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Line voltage} = \sqrt{3} \times 995 = 1723.4 \text{ volts}$$

Thank You