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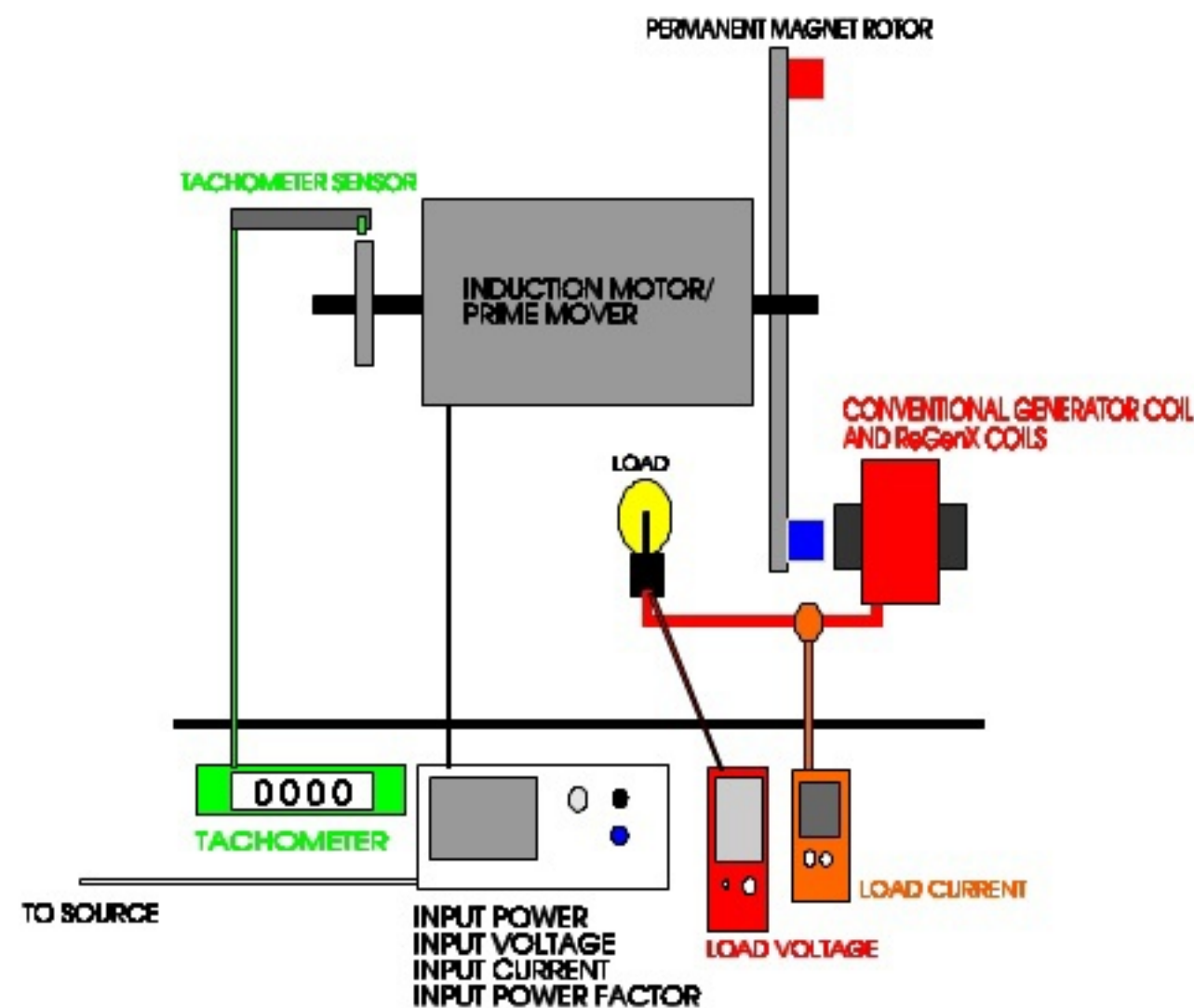
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The present invention relates to electrical generators and, in particular, to improvements to efficiency in electromechanical energy conversion in electrical generators and electric motors.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Faraday's Law governs induction in the motion of a closed current bearing conducting loop through a magnetic field. This law is formulated, in simple terms, in regard to the motion of such a loop across the field lines of a uniform magnetic field, which is not the case when multiple loops are in close proximity to one another and are rotating through a field inside a generator.

Many applications of known motor control theory have developed to adjust or compensate for this negative unwanted (armature reaction) departure from the simple case.

Lenz's Law is a law of physics which governs the conventional coil's resistive and decelerative armature reaction and is an extension of Newton's Third Law which states that, "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." Where electric generators are concerned this applies when a conducting loop is moved through a magnetic field and said loop is connected to a load such that electric current flows in the closed loop circuit. This electric current flow produces a magnetic field around the loop which creates a counter-electromotive torque which impedes the loop's progress through the magnetic field. Additional external torque must therefore be applied to the rotation of the loop to keep it moving through the magnetic field or rotation will cease and power delivered to the load will also cease. The magnitude of the generator's induced resistive magnetic field around the loop is directly proportional to the magnitude of current flowing in the loop and to the load.

The load resistance that is connected to the loop plays an important role in dictating how much current can flow through the loop. No current flows with an infinite resistance, no-load condition and maximum current flows with an infinite load, short circuit condition. Variations of load magnitude vary the current flow through the loop and dictate what magnitude of external torque increase must be applied to overcome the loop's armature reaction (internally-induced electromagnetic resistance).

When a generator is operating in a no-load condition and rotating at a specified speed, a voltage is being induced in the generator's coils but there is an open circuit, infinite resistance connected to the loop and the loop rotates freely through the magnetic field because no current can flow through it and no armature reaction is created and minimum external torque must be applied to the loop to keep it rotating.

When an on-load resistive load is connected to the loop, current begins to flow in the loop and a decelerative armature reaction results in which a self-induced resistive electromagnetic counter-electromotive torque is produced. This requires additional torque to be supplied to the loop to sustain power to the load and to overcome the counter-electromotive torque created by the loop's induced magnetic field which opposes the loop's rotation inside the magnetic field.

Multiple loads connected to generators are connected in parallel with the cumulative total approaching an infinite load/short circuit/maximum current flow/maximum armature reaction condition as described by Ohm's Law where:

$$R_{\text{total}} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3 + \dots 1/R_n$$

Loads vary with regard to the phase angle differential (power factor) that they create between the voltage and current sine waves where the maximum load power factor is created by a worst case scenario of a purely resistive load and a power factor of 1 or voltage and current in phase with one another. All load applications implied herein pertain to the worst case scenario and are of a purely resistive nature transferring maximum power from the generator to the load.

Faraday's Law and Lenz's Law apply equally to a cage wound rotor (loop) rotating through a uniform stationary magnetic field (or vice versa) and a salient pole round stator coil with an externally rotating magnetic field (or vice versa). This invention applies to both cases.

The Regenerative Acceleration Generator (ReGen-X) coil according to the present invention, takes advantage of the structure of a high impedance multiple-loop salient pole winding or low impedance bi-filar windings to create a positive armature (accelerative) reaction rather than a negative (decelerative) one as per all typical generators which only have low impedance multiple loops of wire making up their rotor armature.

All conventional generators operate as inductors and electromagnets when supplying power to a load. As inductors they store energy in the external electromagnetic field around the coil, and as electromagnets they simultaneously create a counter-electromagnetic-torque (armature reaction) which always opposes the generators rotating magnetic field direction. As electromagnets, the conventional generator coil produces a magnetic field with the same polarity as the approaching magnetic field which resists the rotor's approaching magnetic field and resists its departure equally vigorously when the current in the coil changes direction and the coil's magnetic field polarity is reversed. For all intents and purposes, the duty cycle of current flow in a conventional generator coil is 360 degrees, meaning it is always flowing [except very briefly at top dead centre (TDC) when it changes direction] and producing resistive internal forces. For example when the rotor's North magnetic pole approaches the conventional generator coil the voltage induced in the coil increases which in turn increases the current flowing through the load which in turn increases the coil's induced repelling North pole magnetic field/armature reaction. See FIGURES 5 a,b,c,d.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The Regenerative Acceleration (ReGen-X) Generator coil takes advantage of the structure of the multiple-coil salient pole winding by utilizing specially wound wire coil configurations to store potential energy internally and electrostatically inside the coil as voltage rather than externally in the electromagnetic field. It is the conventional coil's induced resistive electromagnetic field that manifests itself between the generator coil and the approaching rotor magnet which is responsible for the negative deceleration effects created by all typical generators when supplying power to a load. Reducing or even eliminating this negative effect would have an overall benefit of increasing the generator's efficiency by mitigating the internally created electromagnetic resistance and reducing the additional external torque (and energy) required to overcome it.

In comparison to the conventional coil design which employs large gauge windings with the aim of minimizing losses within the coil (q.v.) the ReGen-X coil can use relatively small gauge wire, which leads to many more turns being used in a ReGen-X coil than in a conventional coil. A bi-filar wound coil may also be employed which reduces the turns ratio to that closely resembling a conventional coil. One consequence of both of these coil winding techniques/design characteristics is to raise the self-induced capacitance of the coil while modifying its higher excitation-frequency behavior (as described in further detail below) to create a delayed and accelerative armature reaction.

At TDC an approaching magnetic field is as close as it is going to get to a generator coil's core and it is at this position that the maximum voltage or electro-motive-force (EMF) is induced in the coil. When the coil is connected to a load in an on-load condition, the result is maximum current flow and maximum electromagnetic field energy stored externally around the coil, with maximum electromagnetic resistance being produced. This necessitates a maximum additional torque and work to be supplied externally by the prime mover if system deceleration avoidance is desired.

Also at TDC, the induced current in the coil is changing direction and the repelling magnetic field changes polarity to a maximum magnitude attractive magnetic field which opposes the rotor magnet's departure, again necessitating additional externally applied torque and power.

If the current flow in the conventional generator coil can be delayed until TDC, Lenz's Law, Newton's Third Law and the Law of Conservation of Energy no longer apply, in the simple manner as expected, to the operation of the conventional coil because their foundations are based on unrestricted continuous current flow. If current flow can be delayed until TDC, Lenz's Law can even provide a reversed effect. (For the purposes of this discussion typical time delays regarding core hysteresis do not apply).

If current flow in the generator coil can be delayed until TDC, the rotor's magnetic field can approach the coil unimpeded and without the effects normally prescribed to it by the usual application of Lenz's Law (i.e. an equal and opposite resistive reaction) to generator behavior because this simple interpretation of Lenz's Law's operation is dependent on continuous current flow in a generator coil. The premise behind the operation of the Regenerative Acceleration Generator (ReGen-X) coil is that the generator coil's delayed current flow and subsequent delayed electromagnetic field can assist (rather than resist) the generator rotor's rotating magnetic field's approach to the generator coil and departure away from the generator coil by delaying current flow in the coil until TDC.

The ReGen-X coil operation is similar to that of a capacitor where energy is stored internally in the electrostatic field inside the coil between the wires rather than in the external magnetic field as per a conventional generator coil which operates as an inductor. This internally-stored, delayed and then instantaneously released magnetic field is responsible for the ReGen-X generator coil's accelerating and assistive force and Lenz's Law reversal when supplying power to a load.

Embodiments of the present invention are based on this observation and many further refinements will become apparent as described in detail below.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The moment when the equivalent rotating magnet representing the coil is neither approaching nor receding is referred to as 'top dead center' or TDC (Fig 0B). At TDC the maximum potential energy (EMF/voltage) is induced in the generator coil. At TDC, the generator's rotating magnetic field is neither approaching nor receding from the coil and as far as the generator coil's inductive reactance is concerned (AC resistance to current flow) it is zero. However, the instant just prior to TDC, maximum current is flowing in the coil and maximum electromagnetic resistance is being produced.

As the generator's rotor transitions through TDC, it moves through a region of maximum coil-induced, repelling electromagnetic resistance (rotor magnet approaching TDC) to zero induced electromagnetic resistance (TDC) to maximum induced attractive electromagnetic resistive field as the rotor magnet attempts to move away from TDC.

This is depicted in figures 5 a,b,c,d at the apex of the sine wave at the TDC position (AC current sine wave apex). The current flow in the coil must cease at TDC just prior to moving in the other direction, not unlike the action of a pendulum. When the current flow ceases, the resistive forces produced by the coil and the effects usually expected as a consequence of Lenz's Law also must cease because they rely on current flow to exist and manifest themselves.

In a generator coil at TDC, the normal consequences of Lenz's Law are suspended and therefore many limitations to the present system normally expected from Newton's Third Law are suspended because current flow in the coil stops just prior to changing direction post-TDC where all the expected rules of generator dynamics resume functioning. While current flow in the conventional coil ceases at TDC the effects are not manifested due to the conventional coils' time constant.

In the conventional generator coil, current flow ceases at TDC but in the ReGen-X coil maximum current flow exists because at TDC, the AC impedance of the coil is at its minimum, and the induced voltage in the coil is at its maximum.

At TDC, the maximum induced voltage in the ReGen-X coil can be dissipated through the coil via current flow which creates a maximum delayed magnetic field of maximum magnitude having the same repelling polarity as the now receding rotor magnetic field and an attracting polarity to the opposite approaching magnetic pole on the rotor.

The inventor of the present generator has observed that all prior art generators exhibit the behavior (see Fig 4b) in that the rotating loop, in the close (in the angular sense) neighbourhood parallel to the field lines of the external, or stator, field, exhibit no inductive behavior whatsoever because no magnetic field

lines are being cut. In such a neighbourhood, hereinafter referred to as 'top dead center' or TDC, the flow of current in the loop ceases with respect to the conventional coil, just prior to changing direction and thus the Lenz effects have no consequence. The coil's impedance to current flow is only governed by the DC resistive behavior of the loop of wire and the resistance of the load connected to the loop. Where the ReGen-X coil is concerned, however, maximum current flows because the otherwise highly restrictive impedance to current flow is minimized.

At TDC the rotating magnetic field is neither approaching nor receding and at this moment the total coil inductive reactance drops to zero and the total impedance of the coil drops to the low DC resistance of the coil because the total coil impedance is determined by frequency of operation as shown below.

TOTAL INDUCTIVE REACTANCE (X_L) OF A GENERATOR COIL:

$$X_L = 2 \pi F L$$

where: X_L is the total inductive reactance

F is the operating frequency of the coil

L is the inductance of the coil

As can be deduced from the above equation, as the operating frequency of the coil is increased, the coil's inductive reactance must also increase.

TOTAL IMPEDANCE (Z_T) OF A GENERATOR COIL:

$$Z_T = X_L + R_{DC} + X_C$$

where: X_L is the total inductive reactance of the coil

R_{DC} is the DC resistance of the coil windings

X_C is the capacitive reactance of the coil

As can be deduced from the above equation, as the inductive reactance of the coil is increased, the total impedance of the coil must also increase.

If we employ Ohm's Law which states that:

$$I = V / Z_T$$

We can deduce that, as the coil impedance increases, the current flow decreases accordingly.

At TDC with regards to the ReGen-X COIL, $V_{induced}$ is maximum, Z_T is minimum, I is maximum and the coil's induced magnetic field is also maximum.

With regards to a conventional generator coil, current I is zero at TDC because at that exact moment it is changing direction, but maximum just prior and just post TDC.

At TDC the induced voltage in any generator coil is maximum. Consequently, maximum voltage and lowest coil impedance coexist simultaneously at certain points during the AC cycle of the present invention. Generators of the prior art all do this but the behavior is not noticeable because coil impedance is designed to be minimized.

At TDC, the ReGen-X coil's delayed maximum magnitude magnetic field pushes away on the now already receding rotor magnet, while attracting the next approaching opposite pole magnet on the rotor.

1. The present invention is a generator coil with sufficient inductance, impedance and self-induced capacitance when operated at a sufficient frequency which will, in the regions prior to TDC, disallow current to flow in the coil or to store energy externally around the coil in the electromagnetic field as an

inductor, but will force the coil to store useful energy internally in the electrostatic field capacitively.

At the moment of TDC, this maximum internally-stored energy is released as a magnetic field of identical polarity to the receding rotor magnetic field with its full instantaneous force being exerted upon the magnet pole.

Five known benefits result:

- i. The receding magnetic field is accelerated away from the coil faster than it otherwise would be.
- ii. The next opposite magnetic pole on the rotor is attracted to the coil by the additional force.
- iii. Electric current delivers power to the load.
- iv. The energy required to be delivered by the prime mover decreases accordingly.
- v. More power can be delivered by the ReGen-X coil over a conventional coil without overheating danger because the ReGen-X coil's duty cycle has been significantly reduced and the coil has time to dissipate heat between the AC current pulses.

The ReGen-X coil has more than six different modes of operation which can be employed at any time and in any combination with a plurality of coils via electronic or manual switching of the coil configurations such as:

- i. Parallel wound, parallel connected bi-filar wound motor coil.
- ii. Parallel wound, series connected bi-filar wound motor coil.
- iii. Parallel wound, parallel connected bi-filar wound conventional (system decelerating) coil.
- iv. Parallel wound, series connected bi-filar wound ReGen-X (system accelerating) coil.
- v. High Impedance ReGen-X coil.
- vi. Any of the above employed in concert with a step up or step down transformer.

2. In a further embodiment, when operated as a plurality of salient or independent coils, subject to particular positioning of the coils, (as described in greater detail below) the discharging flux from the ReGen-X coil can be collected into the adjacent coils operating as ReGen-X coils or conventional coils and the net flux in the coils is additive, including the rotor flux plus the induced flux from other coils, comprising a mode hereinafter referred to as flux harvesting.

3. In yet another embodiment of the present invention, flux harvesting as described above also applies in a ReGen-X coil adjacent to a motor coil such that the discharging magnetic field from the motor coil can be collected in the ReGen-X coil and the net power consumption by the motor coil reduced significantly.

Why does an inductor behave as a capacitor at certain frequencies?

<http://electronics.stackexchange.com/questions/25683/why-does-an-inductor-behave-as-a-capacitor-at-high-frequencies>

An ideal inductor would not behave like a capacitor, but in the real world there are no ideal components.

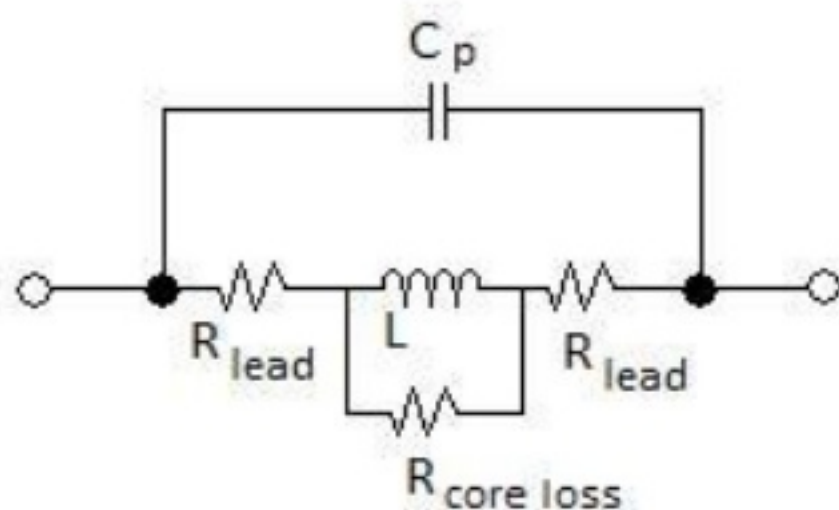
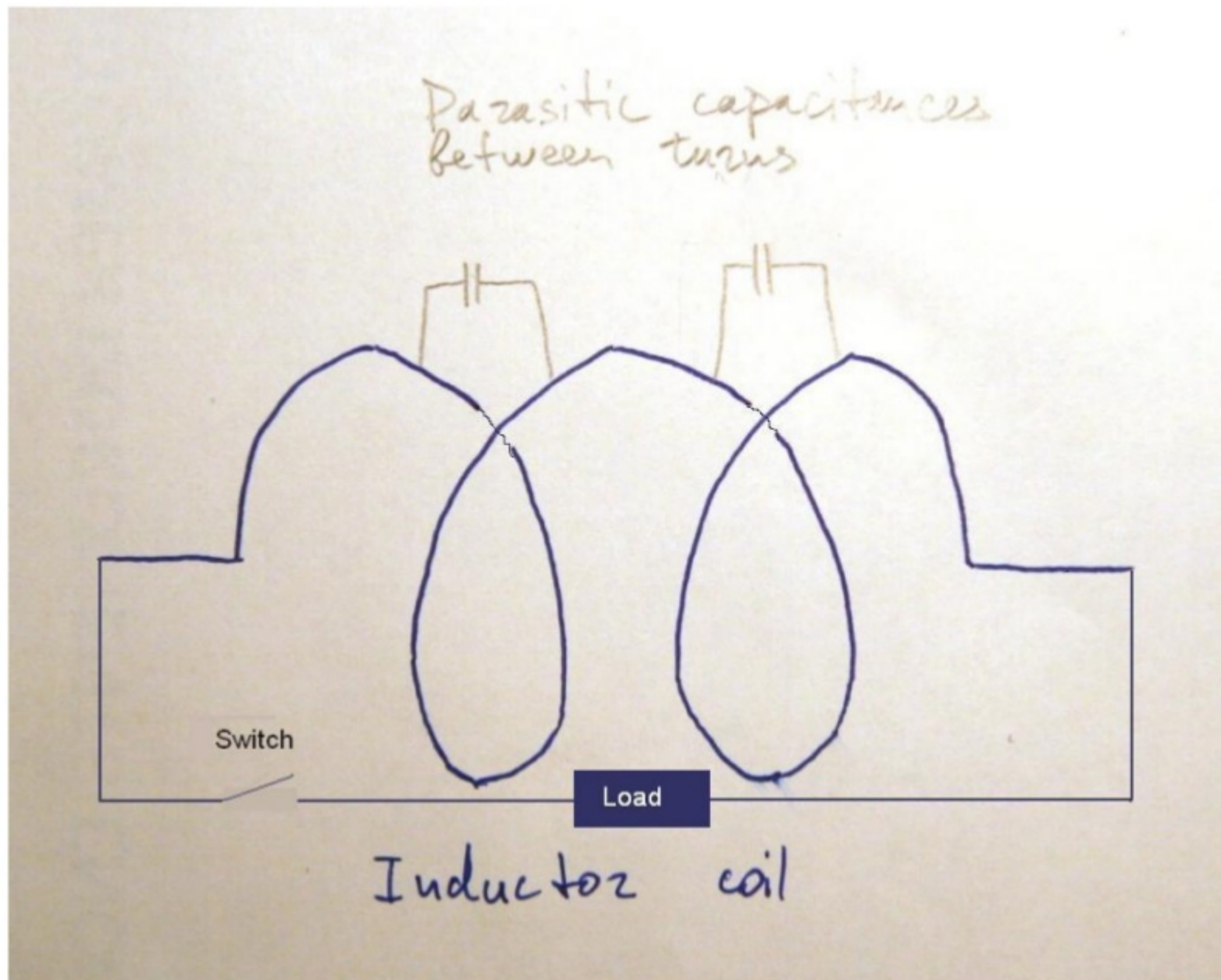
Basically, any real inductor can be thought of an ideal inductor that has a resistor in series with it (wire resistance) and a capacitor in parallel with it (parasitic capacitance).

Now, where does the parasitic capacitance come from? an inductor is made out of a coil of insulated wire, so there are tiny capacitors between the windings (since there are two sections of wire separated by an insulator). Each section of windings is at a slightly different potential (because of wire inductance and resistance).

As the frequency increases, the impedance of the inductor increases while the impedance of the parasitic capacitor decreases, so at some high frequency the impedance of the capacitor is much lower than the impedance of the inductor, **which means that your inductor behaves like a capacitor**. The inductor also has its own resonance frequency.

This is why some high frequency inductors have their windings far apart - to reduce the capacitance.

Capacitors have two conductive plates separate by an insulator. The turns of wire in a coil can also create a capacitor because between each turn of wire there are two conductors separated by an insulator, which can be air, enamel, ceramic, etc. When the right frequency is applied to the inductor, the inter-turn capacitance can create a resonant circuit. **This inter-turn capacitance only happens with AC and not DC because inductors are a short with DC.**



The Non-Ideal Inductor

In general, inductors are more problematic than capacitors.

The parasitic elements are:

- 1) resistance within the leads and the wire of the inductor,
- 2) capacitance between the leads and between the loops of wire, and
- 3) the equivalent resistance corresponding to core losses (if the inductor uses a ferromagnetic core).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

As stated above, Faraday's Law governs induction in the motion of a closed current-bearing conducting loop through a magnetic field. This law only applies simply (without geometrical modification) with regard to the motion of such a loop across the field lines of a uniform magnetic field.

In a typical generator or motor, multiple loops are in close proximity to one another and are rotating through the stator magnetic field or are placed on salient generator coils. The net induced magnetic fields produced around each current-bearing wire produces a negative effect according to Lenz's law which states that "when an EMF (voltage) is generated by a change in magnetic flux according to Faraday's Law, the polarity of the induced EMF is such that it produces a current (when the coil is connected to a load) whose induced magnetic field polarity opposes the change which produces it." The induced magnetic field inside any loop of wire always acts to try to keep the magnetic flux through the loop constant.<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electric/farlaw.html>).

CONVENTIONAL COIL OPERATION WITH AN APPROACHING MAGNETIC NORTH POLE

As a magnetic North pole approaches a coil, its magnetic field intersecting with the coil increases and causes an electromotive force ('EMF' or voltage) to be induced across the coil, in accordance with Faraday's Law and Lenz's Law, as given by Equation (1.1), where we take advantage of the fact that

since flux Φ_B for a coil is given by $\Phi_B = NAB_{\perp}$ where $B_{\perp}$ represents magnetic field perpendicular to the coil and the number of turns of the coil N and perpendicular area A remain constant, to obtain the second form given

$$\varepsilon = -d\Phi_B/dt = -NAd/B_{\perp}dt \quad (1.1)$$

This EMF in turn causes an electric current to flow through any load connected across the coil as well as through the coil windings, as shown in Figure 6. A ferrous core placed coaxially in the coil acts to concentrate, magnify, resist (core hysteresis, reluctance) and guide the flux through the centre of the coil.

In accordance with Lenz's Law, the induced EMF acts to resist the change in magnetic field in the Coil, and hence the current flowing in the coil acts so as to attempt to make the end of the coil nearest to the approaching magnet a magnetic North pole [as is indicated by the '-' sign in Equation (1.1) and illustrated in Figure 6].

This induced EMF continues to be generated (along with its associated current) until the magnet is at its minimum distance from the centre of the core (TDC).

It is worth noting at this point that the present convention for the design of coils for use in generators is that their internal DC resistance is minimized (through using wire of a relatively large diameter) with the aim of minimizing Joule-heating losses in them.

Joule-heating is a function of current flow duty cycle and the duty cycle of a conventional coil is 100%, or a full 360 degrees of the sine wave with the slightest exception at TDC when the current stops briefly only to resume flowing in the opposite direction.

The ReGen-X coil avoids Joule-heating problems because, when operated above the critical minimum frequency, the ReGen-X coil current flow duty cycle is restricted only to the small moment at TDC and the coil has time to cool over the remainder of the duty cycle.

CONVENTIONAL COIL OPERATION WITH A RECEDING MAGNETIC NORTH POLE

As the magnetic North pole passes its minimum distance from the centre of the core and starts to recede from the coil, its magnetic field intersecting with the coil decreases and again causes an electromotive force ('EMF') to be induced across the coil, in accordance with Faraday's Law and Lenz's Law, as given by Equation (1.1). This EMF in turn causes an electric current to flow through any load connected across the coil as shown in Figure 7.

In accordance with Lenz's Law, the induced EMF once more acts to resist the change in magnetic field in the coil, and hence the current flowing in the coil acts so as to attempt to make the end of the coil nearest to the approaching magnet a magnetic South pole [as is indicated by the '-' sign in Equation (1.1) and illustrated in Figure 7]. This means that the current flows through the coil in the opposite direction to that shown in Figure 6.

This process continues while the next pole on the rotor (a magnetic South pole) approaches (the coil's core and is resisted in its attempt to do so) its minimum distance from the centre of the core, and then the current reverses once more until a North pole is at the minimum distance position.

This process is continually repeated in the conventional coil whereby the conventional coil's direction of current flow is always producing an externally-induced magnetic field around the coil which resists the rotor magnet's departure from the coil while simultaneously resisting the opposite pole's approach with an infinitesimally small respite at TDC when the current direction changes.

ReGen-X COIL CONSTRUCTION

In comparison to the conventional coil design which employs large gauge windings with the aim of minimizing resistive losses within the coil (q.v.) the ReGen-X coil can use relatively small gauge wire, and this leads to many more turns being used in a ReGen-X coil than in a conventional coil. A consequence of this design characteristic is to raise the inductance of the coil so that above a certain frequency the current flow is delayed until TDC while the self-induced capacitance is increased. The high inductance, high impedance, high DC resistance variant of the ReGen-X coil produces a large repelling magnetic field and useful increases of kinetic energy and motive force into the system but they do not deliver much useable electrical energy because it is primarily consumed by the high DC resistance of the coil itself.

The same "*acceleration under load*" effects can be achieved equally well by employing the bi-filar coils as previously described without requiring small gauge wire, or a large turns ratio. This IP variation provides large additions of positive motive force/kinetic energy into the system with useable electrical power being delivered to a load.

At a certain critical excitation *frequency* ω_c the reactance of the coil due to its:

1. Inductance X_L becomes relatively large in magnitude; and,
2. Mutual capacitance between turns, X_c , becomes relatively small in magnitude.

The capacitance between individual wire turns of the coil, called parasitic capacitance, does not cause energy losses but can change the behavior of the coil. Each turn of the coil is at a slightly different potential, so the electric field between neighbouring turns stores charge on the wire, so the coil acts as if it has a capacitor in parallel with it. At a high enough frequency this capacitance can resonate with the inductance of the coil forming a tuned circuit, causing the coil to become self-resonant.

For example, an inductor often acts as though it includes a parallel capacitor, because of its closely spaced windings. When a potential difference exists across the coil, wires lying adjacent to each other at different potentials are affected by each other's electric field. They act like the plates of a capacitor, and store charge. Any change in the voltage across the coil requires extra current to charge and discharge these small 'capacitors'. When the voltage changes only slowly, as in low-frequency circuits, the extra current is usually negligible, but when the voltage changes quickly the extra current is larger and can be significant.

The inventor's proposition is that this means (for all practical purposes) that once being excited at a frequency of above ω_c the coil ceases to function as an inductor and begins to function as a capacitor.

The excitation frequency of the coil ω_e is a function of the number of pole pairs n_p and the angular velocity of the rotor ω_r as shown in Equation (2.1).

$$\omega_e = n_p \omega_r \quad (2.1)$$

While ω_e is of the same order as ω_c or less, the ReGen-X coil operates in substantially the same manner as a conventional coil. Above ω_c however, carefully considering the rate of change of magnetic flux in the core is the key to understanding the operation of the coil.

The coil of the present invention operates at a higher frequency than conventional coils, with coils of higher inductance and, in some embodiments, employs parallel wound series connected bi-filar windings which increase coil impedance and self-induced capacitance by 200% or more. Above a certain critical minimum frequency the ReGen-X coil does not allow current to flow through the coil or the load until TDC. In doing so, the ReGen-X coil delays the repelling magnetic field normally produced by the coil until the rotor magnetic field is already moving away from TDC.

A good mechanical analogy would be an air compressor blowing air into a balloon. Like a magnetic or electric field, pressure, being a per-unit area force, does not represent energy until it is exerted over a distance and otherwise may be regarded as potential energy. As long as the inflow pressure exceeds the air pressure being built up inside the balloon, the balloon will continue to inflate.

At TDC, or any transition points 90, 180, 270 and 360 degrees,(see figures 5) the inflow pressure is instantly reversed and the balloon's stored air pressure is released in the same direction as the air compressor's forced air direction and the net air force equals the balloon's stored potential + the potential delivered by the compressor.

The "air pressure" being stored inside the balloon corresponds to voltage potential stored inside the generator coil. The "compressor" corresponds to the prime mover causing the rotor magnet to move toward the coil thus inducing an electromotive pressure in the coil. If, however, the pump's inflow pressure ceases the air pressure inside the balloon will begin to deflate the balloon. The only difference between the conventional coil and the ReGen-X coil is that the ReGen-X coil balloon scenario is actually a vacuum which sucks the air out of the air compressor into the balloon without any back pressure and less work being required by the compressor to deliver air into the balloon and then releases it, and then sucking it in again.

The conventional coil (balloon) is always fighting the compressor - and as the pressure (voltage) builds inside the balloon (coil) more and more work is required to be delivered by the compressor.

It is worth noting again that at TDC in a conventional coil there is no relative motion between the generator's rotor magnets and the coil, and there is no induced voltage in the coil or current flow at the instant the current is changing direction, but due to the rise and decay time constants of the inductor coil it is not noticeable because the coil's time constant prevents the current from instantly decaying down to zero.

Current in an Inductor

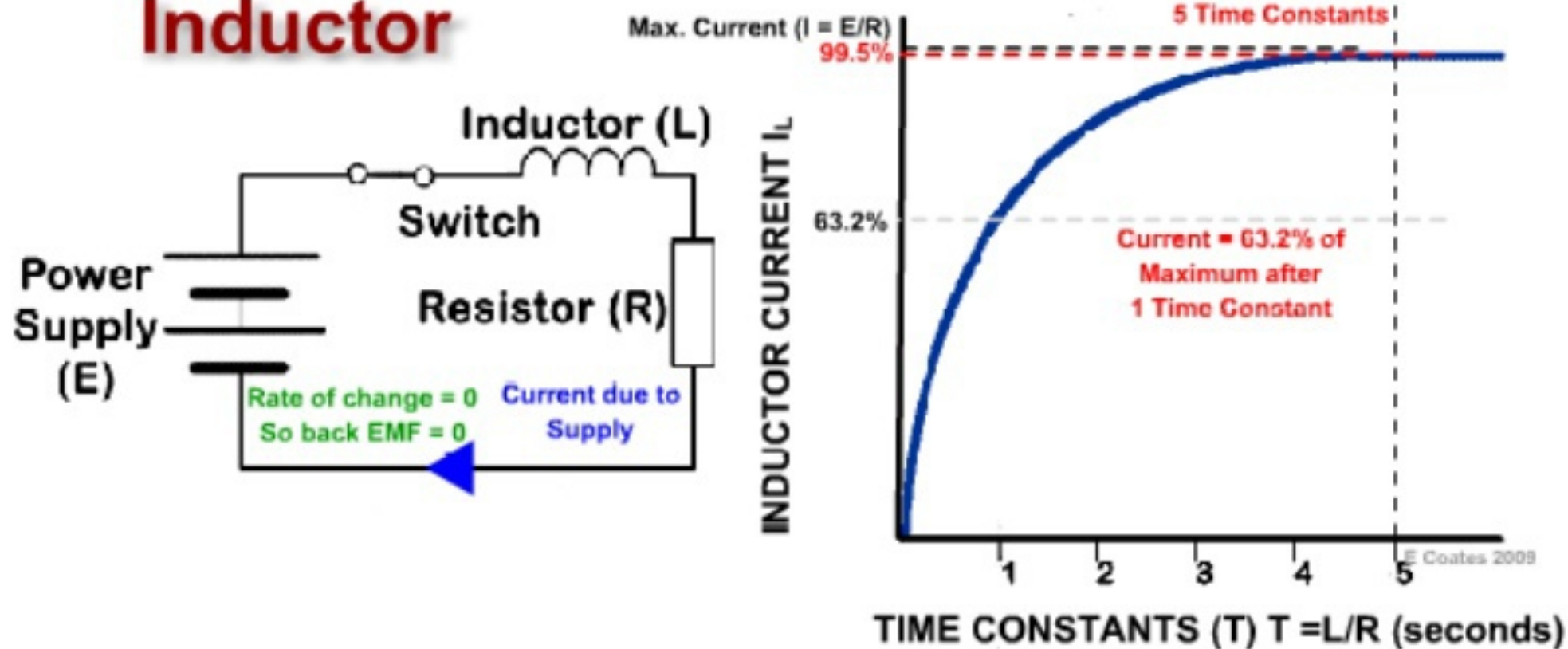


Figure 4C Series RC Circuit

Figure 4D Rise Time of an Inductor

An **inductor** (also **choke**, **coil** or **reactor**) is a passive two-terminal electrical component that stores energy in its magnetic field. For comparison, a capacitor stores energy in an electric field, and a resistor does not store energy but rather dissipates energy as heat.

Any conductor has inductance. An inductor is typically made of a wire or other conductor wound into a coil, to increase the magnetic field.

When the current flowing through an inductor changes it creates a time-varying magnetic field inside the coil, a voltage is induced, according to Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction, which by Lenz's law opposes the change in current that created it. Inductors are one of the basic components used in electronics where current and voltage change with time, due to the ability of inductors to delay and reshape alternating currents.

Inductance (L) results from the magnetic field forming around a current-carrying conductor. Electric current through the conductor creates a magnetic flux proportional to the current. A change in this current creates a corresponding change in magnetic flux which, in turn, by Faraday's law generates an electromotive force (EMF) in the conductor that opposes this change in current. Thus inductors oppose changes in current through them and the higher the inductance value the longer the coil takes to allow current to flow in the circuit. Conventional generator coils employ coils of low inductance whereas the ReGen-X coil has inductance values and time constants that can be five times greater. This has an important role to play in the coils ability to allow current to flow through the coil.

The effect of an inductor in a circuit is to oppose changes in current through it by developing a voltage across it proportional to the rate of change of the current. The relationship between the time-varying voltage $v(t)$ across an inductor with inductance L and the time-varying current $i(t)$ passing through it is described by the differential equation:

$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

When there is a sinusoidal alternating current (AC) through an inductor, a sinusoidal voltage is induced. The amplitude of the voltage is proportional to the product of the amplitude (I_p) of the current and the frequency (f) of the current.

$$\begin{aligned}
i(t) &= I_P \sin(2\pi ft) \\
\frac{di(t)}{dt} &= 2\pi f I_P \cos(2\pi ft) \\
v(t) &= 2\pi f L I_P \cos(2\pi ft)
\end{aligned}$$

In this situation, the phase of the current lags that of the voltage by $\pi/2$.

If an inductor is connected to a direct current source with value I via a resistance R , (see Figure 4C) and then the current source is short-circuited, the differential relationship above shows that the current through the inductor will discharge with an exponential decay:

$$i(t) = I e^{-(R/L)t}$$

The delay in the rise/fall time (Figure 4D) of the circuit is in this case caused by the back-EMF from the inductor which, as the current flowing through it tries to change, prevents the current (and hence the voltage across the resistor) from rising or falling much faster than the time-constant of the circuit. Since all wires have some self-inductance and resistance, all circuits have a time constant. As a result, when the power supply is switched on, the current does not instantaneously reach its steady-state value, $\frac{V}{R}$. The rise instead takes several time-constants to complete.

At TDC the coil is neither approaching nor receding from the stationary coil, therefore $f = 0$ and coil total impedance $Z_t = \text{coil DC resistance } R_{DC}$ (only).

No X_L (inductive reactance) component exists because it is frequency dependent. See equivalent circuit FIGURE 4.

ReGen-X COIL OPERATION ABOVE CRITICAL FREQUENCY WITH AN APPROACHING MAGNETIC NORTH POLE

The situation as a magnetic North pole approaches the Regen-X coil with a speed that means

$$\omega_e \gg \omega_c \text{ is illustrated in Figure 8.}$$

In this situation the magnetic flux in the core has a relatively high, positive rate of change and this means that because the inductance of the ReGen-X coil is relatively high the reactance of the coil is also

high ($X_L = \omega L = 2\pi f L$) leading to a high overall impedance ($Z_{\text{coil}} = X_L + R_{DC} + X_C$) and so there is a relatively low current flow in the coil and load. Instead, the majority of the energy contained in the magnetic field in the core/coil combination ($W = LI^2/2$) remains in the core. (Where the usual circuit variable names are used; f :frequency, L :inductance, I :current, R :resistance, subscripting i.e. 'DC' means zero-frequency etc.,)

COIL OPERATION ABOVE CRITICAL FREQUENCY WITH A COAXIAL MAGNETIC NORTH POLE

At the instant the magnet is coaxial with the coil the situation is as illustrated in Figure 9.

Because the rate of change of the magnetic flux is instantaneously zero, the impedance of the coil drops rapidly and magnetic field in the core is 'discharged' back towards the rotor, repelling the passing North magnetic pole and attracting the next South magnetic pole in the series.

It is postulated by the inventor that in this situation Lenz's law applies in the opposite sense and so the EMF generated by the coil is defined by Equation (2.2).

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{Regen-X}} = +d\Phi_B/dt = + NAdB_{\perp}/dt \quad (2.2)$$

At TDC there is no horizontal motion and no vertical motion as far as the coil is concerned. At TDC there is no relative motion thus no changing flux inside the coil core because it is already maximum.

At TDC just prior to the rotor magnet beginning to move away from the stationary coil the maximum coil-induced voltage can then be dissipated through the low DC resistance of the coil, producing a maximum repelling magnetic field which accelerates the rotor magnet's departure while simultaneously attracting the opposite pole rotor magnetic field now moving into position.

At TDC + T_1 (location of rotating "N" in Fig 3) f , or the reactive oscillation in the coil, exists again.

Flux change is uniform if RPM is uniform - there is no maximum change in flux. However flux magnitude increases as the rotor magnet approaches the stationary core and it peaks at TDC.

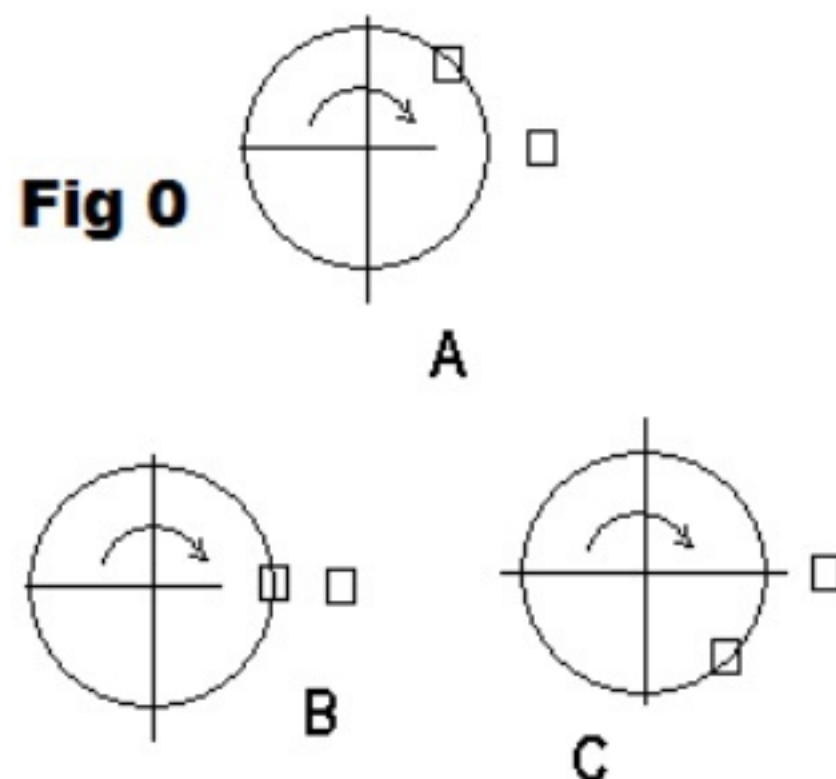
At TDC flux magnitude is maximum inside the coil core. Coil-induced voltage is also maximum.

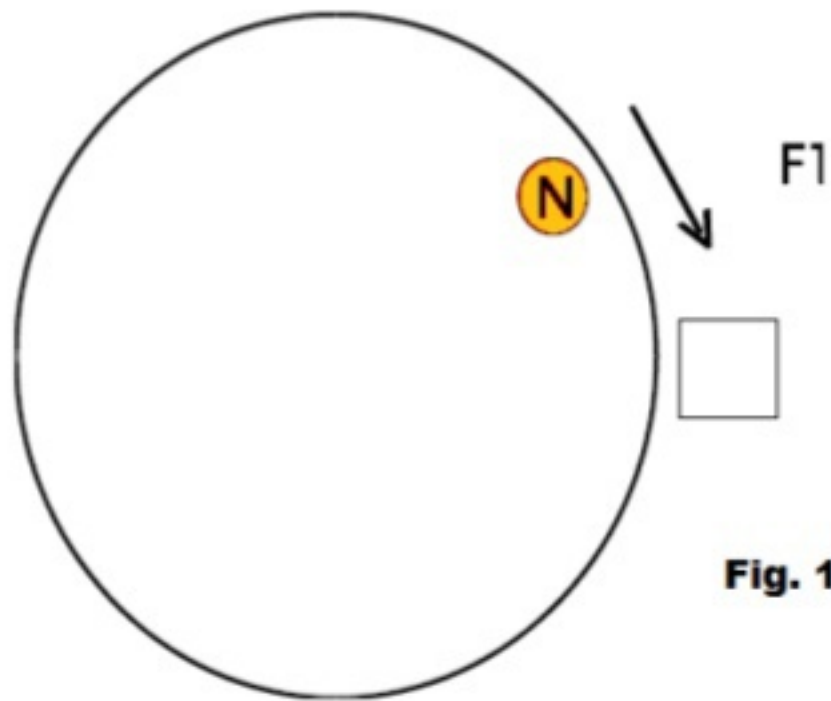
The drawings (SEE FIGURE 4) show that the induced flux predominates below the critical minimum

frequency ω_c resulting in a single sinusoidal wave in the equivalent circuit. Above ω_c , the coil produces an AC pulse at TDC (See Figure 4b) which is very narrow but still a sine wave. On the rotor of the present invention, the alternating magnet poles are virtually touching each other for maximum frequency and the frequency at TDC, i.e. neither approaching nor receding. There is no relative movement so the frequency must be zero if no movement exists.

In order to reduce the amount of energy required to rotate the rotor and, therefore, reduce the amount of energy required to generate electric power, the distortion of the magnetic flux across the pole faces must be eliminated or at least reduced.

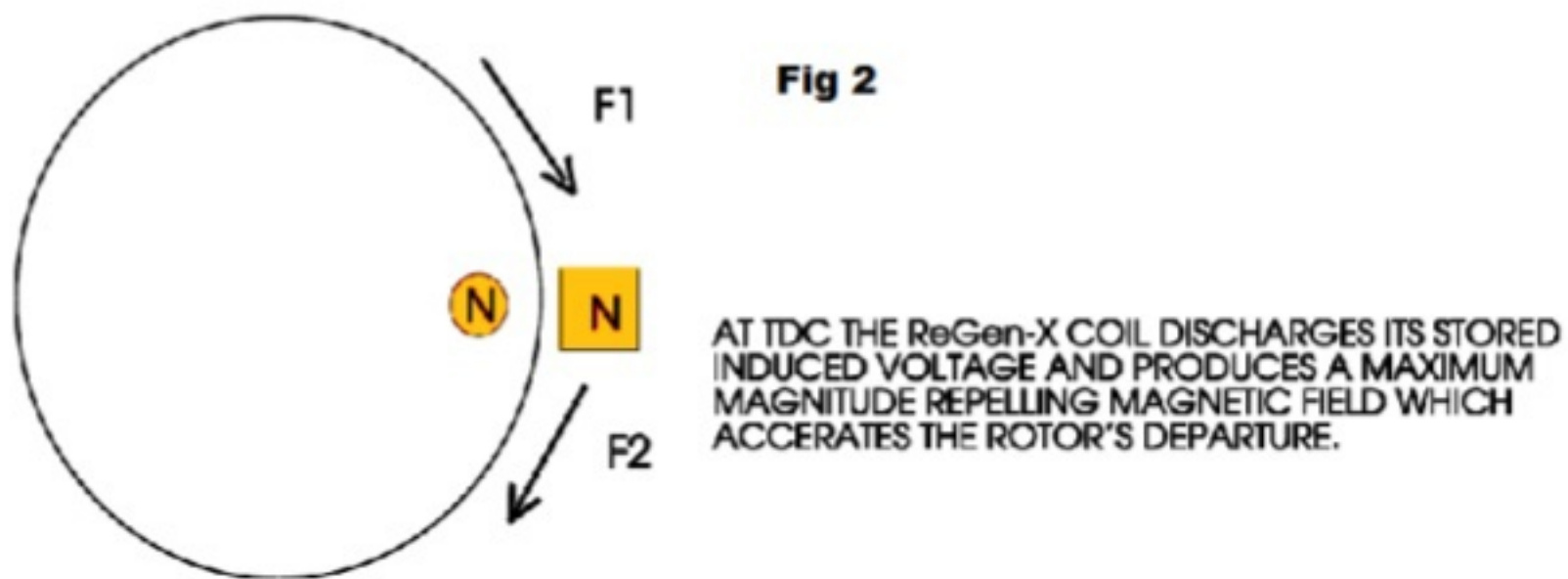
In fact the present invention does not directly reduce or eliminate it, but instead reverses it by delaying it by 180 degrees.



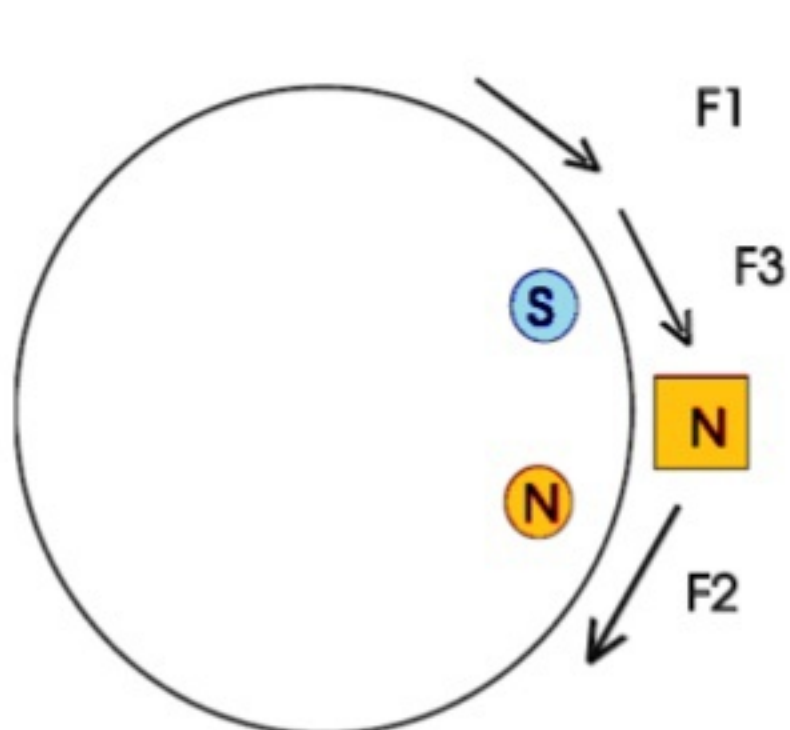


INITIALLY WHEN THE FIRST ROTOR MAGNET APPROACHED THE ReGen-X COIL WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE LOAD, NO CURRENT FLOWS IN THE COIL BECAUSE THE HIGH COIL IMPEDANCE PREVENTS IT. THE GENERATOR COIL IS NEUTRAL AND DOES NOT PRODUCE EITHER A REPELLING MAGNETIC FIELD OR AN ATTRACTING ONE.

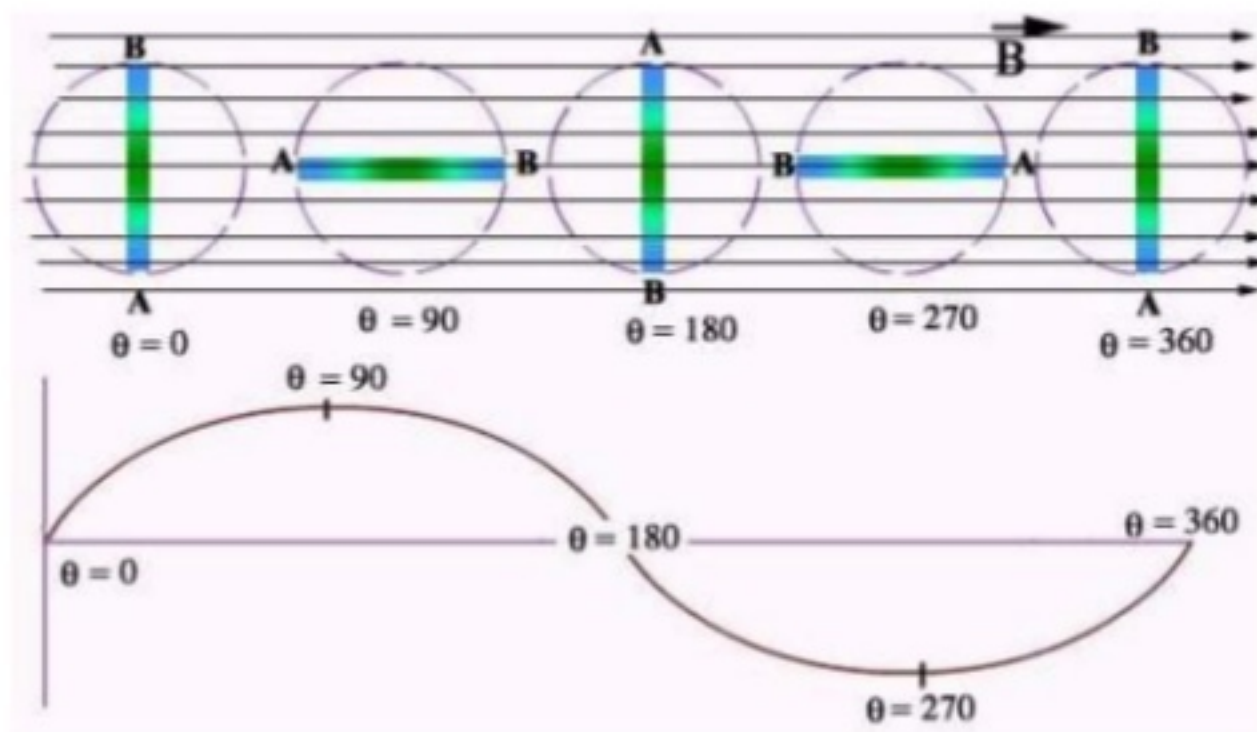
ROTOR MAGNET MOVING TOWARD ReGen-X COIL AT $T=1$



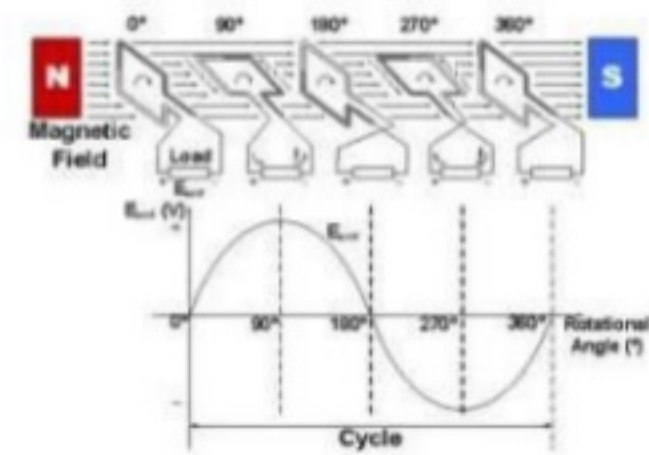
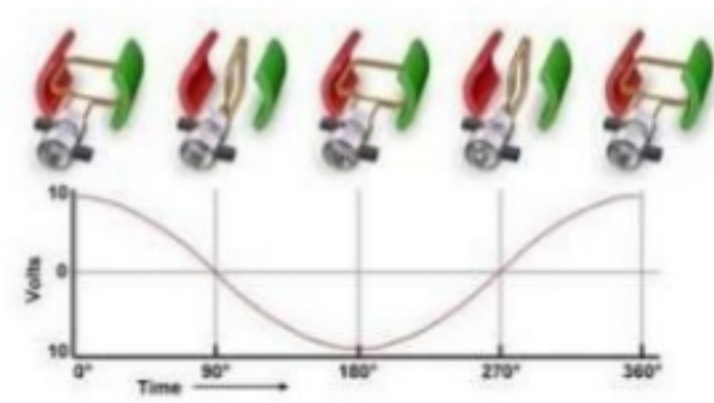
F1 IS THE EXTERNALLY APPLIED FORCE REQUIRED TO MOVE THE ROTOR MAGNET TOWARD THE ReGen-X COIL.
F2 IS THE REPELLING FORCE CREATED BY THE CURRENT FLOWING IN THE ReGen-X COIL TO THE LOAD



THE ReGenX GENERATOR COIL ATTRACTS THE APPROACHING SOUTH POLE ROTOR MAGNETIC FIELD WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY REPELLING THE NORTH POLE MAGNETIC FIELD AS IT MOVES AWAY FROM TDC.



Figs 5a,b,c,d



FIGS 5a, b, c, d. . EXAMPLES OF ROTATING COIL LOOP IN A UNIFORM MAGNETIC FIELD

As can be seen from the various diagrams above, TDC can occur at 0, 90,180 or 270 degrees depending on where the sine wave is triggered on the oscilloscope. In every case, at TDC the rotating loop is parallel to the generator stator's magnetic lines of force.

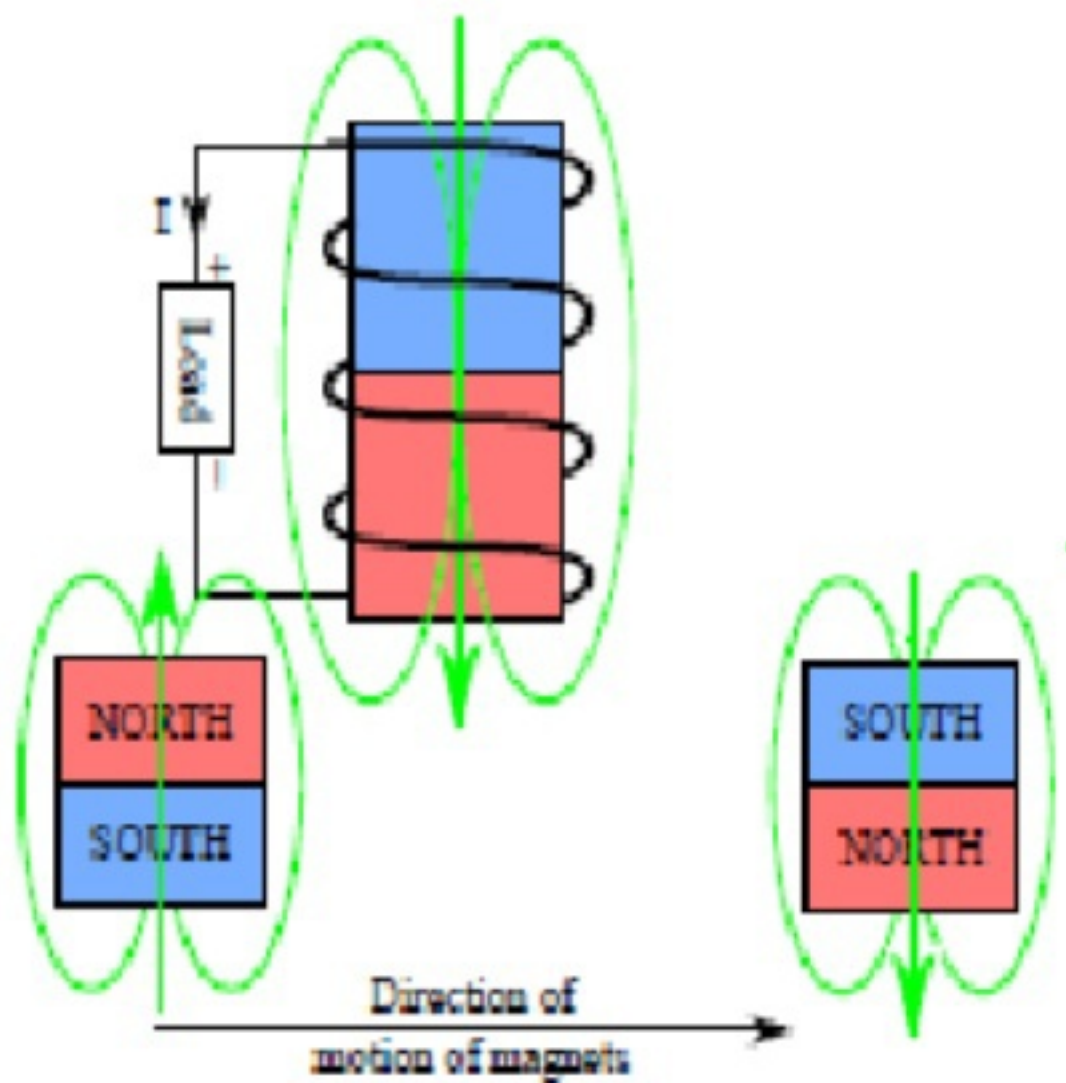


FIG 6: STAGE 1 CONVENTIONAL COIL
North pole magnet approaching coil

Conventional Coil Operation

Stage 1 & Stage 2

When the rotor magnet approaches the conventional coil which is connected to a load, current flows to the load and the coil produces both a repelling electromagnetic field as seen by the approaching rotor magnet as well as an attractive electromagnetic field as seen by the receding magnetic field.

The net effect is more force must always be applied to the rotor magnets to keep them approaching the coil or they will decelerate and eventually stop.

The higher the current magnitude flowing in the coil the stronger the coil's induced magnetic field and the more force must be applied to the rotor.

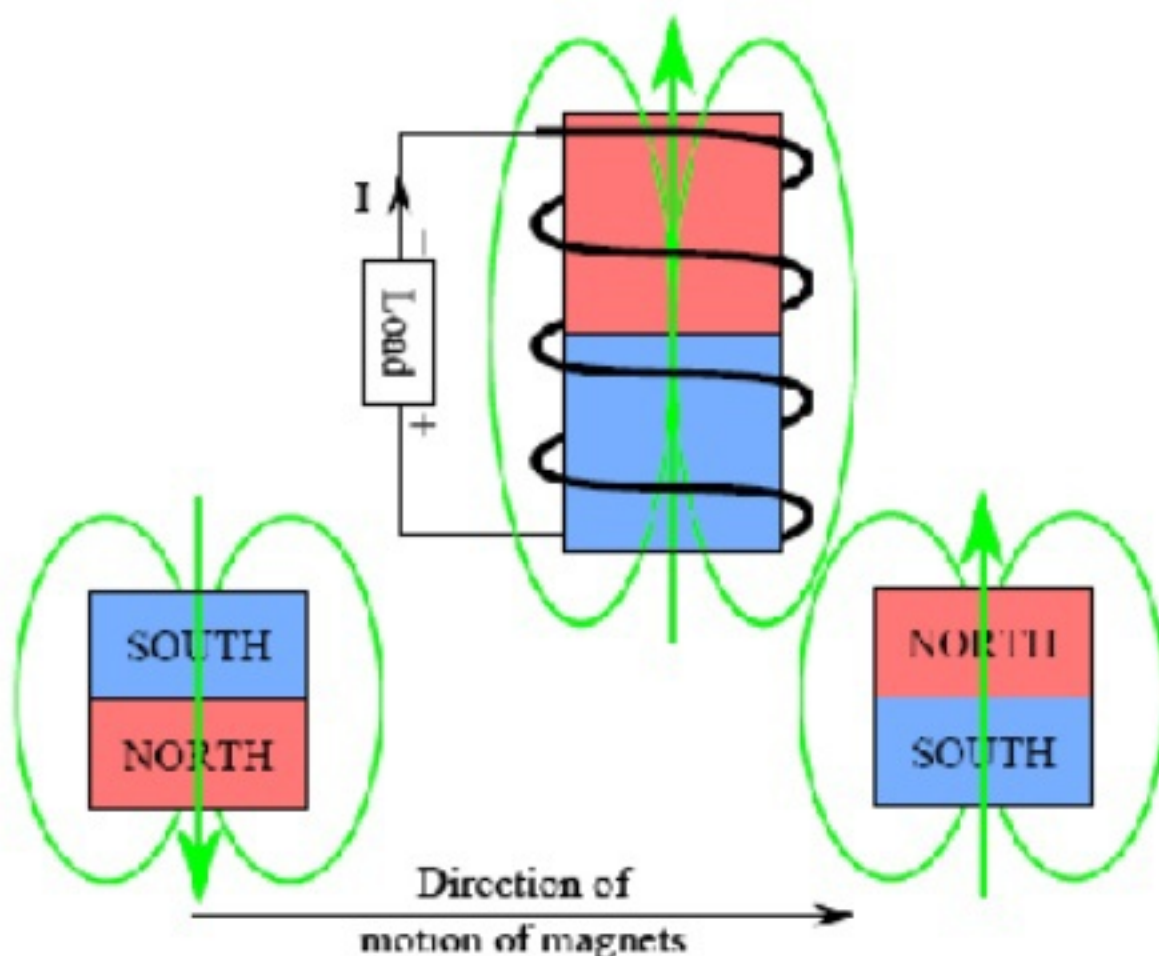


FIG 7: STAGE 2 CONVENTIONAL COIL
North pole magnet receding from coil

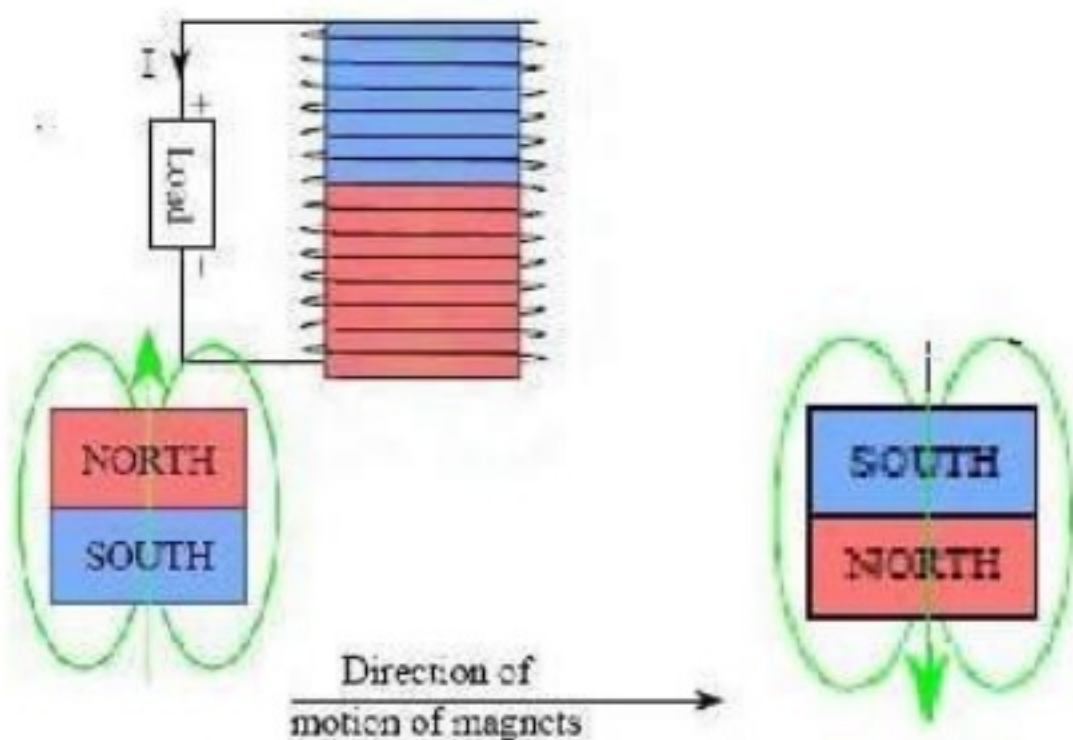


FIG 8 STAGE 1

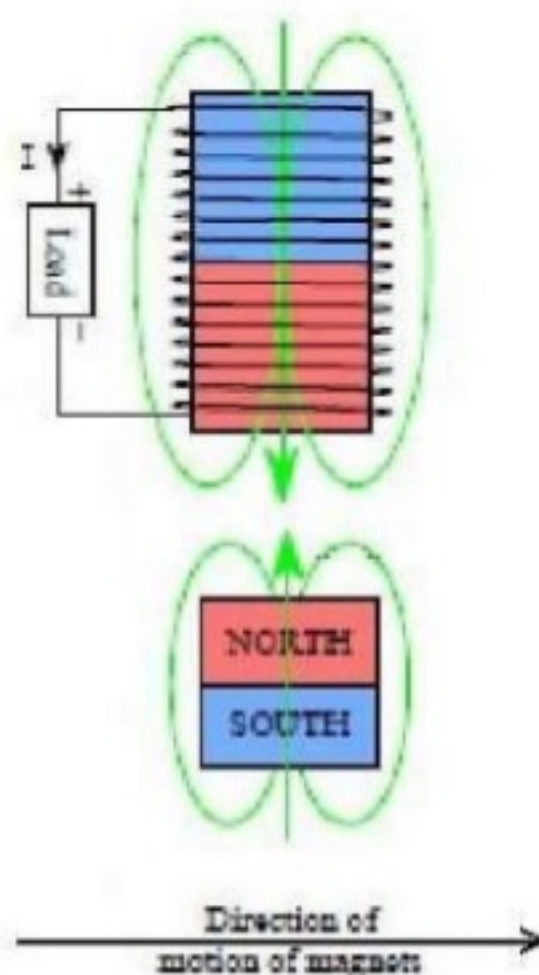
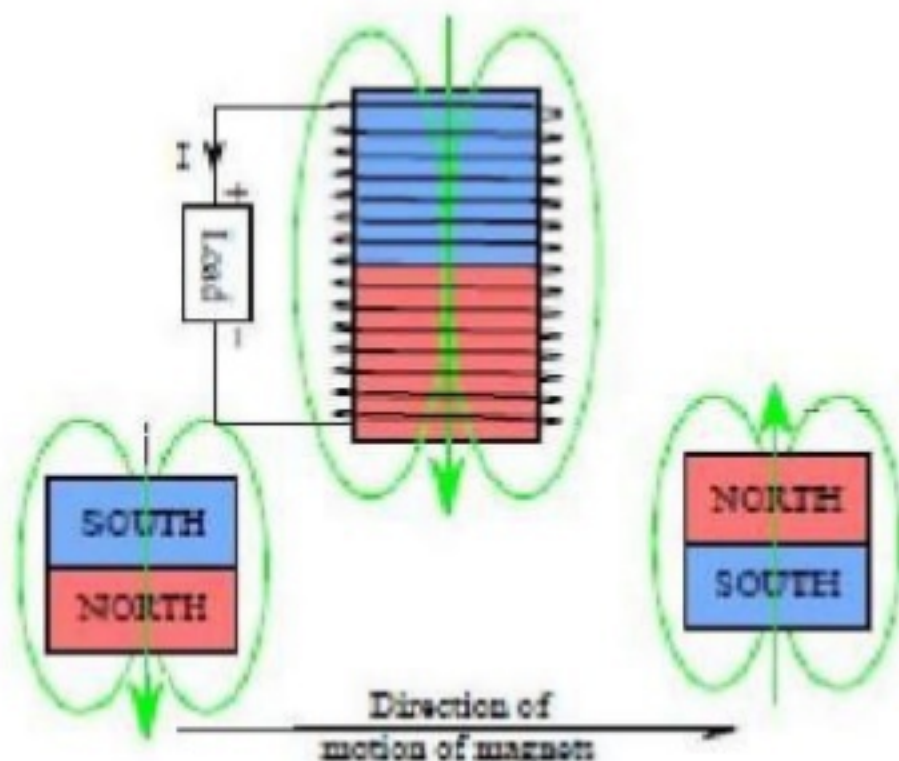


FIG 9: STAGE 2



ReGen-X Coil Operation

Stage 1

When the magnet approaches the ReGen-X coil above a certain critical minimum frequency the coil impedance prohibits current flow in the coil until TDC.

TDC is the point in time when the rotor magnet is neither approaching nor receding the coil and is essentially stationary.

Stage 2

At TDC the impedance of the coil drops to the low DC resistance of the coil while the induced voltage in the coil is at a maximum.

The maximum induced voltage can now be dissipated through the coil's low DC resistance which produces maximum current flow through the coil and to the load.

This instantaneous maximum current flow and corresponding maximum magnetic field produced around the coil repels the magnet in the same direction as its original trajectory and accelerates its departure away from the coil at a faster rate than it otherwise would be.

Stage 3

When the ReGen-X coil discharges its delayed magnetic field which is the same polarity as the receding rotor magnet it accelerates the magnet's departure at a faster rate while simultaneously attracting the opposite pole on the rotor which is now moving into position and the process repeats itself.

The net effect is less force can be applied to the rotor magnets to keep them approaching the coil.

The higher the current magnitude flowing in the ReGen-X coil the stronger the coil's induced magnetic field and the less force is required to keep the rotor rotating.

FIG 10: STAGE 3

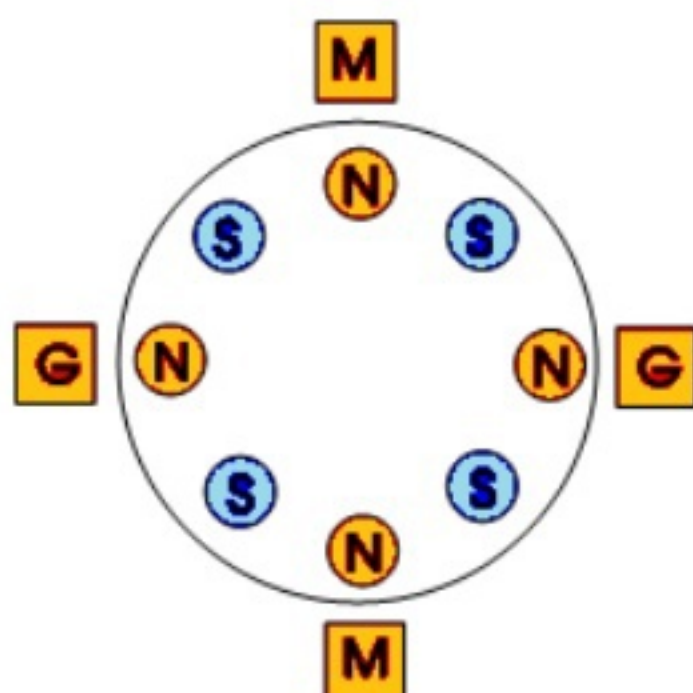


FIG 10. COIL POSITIONING WITH REGARDS TO FLUX HARVESTING WITH A PLURALITY OF SALIENT MOTOR COILS AND SALIENT ReGen-X COILS.

When the motor coils (M) in Figure 10 receive electric current in the correct direction, the current creates a magnetic field around the motor coil with a North pole polarity which causes the North Pole rotor magnets to accelerate away from the motor coils.

When the ReGen-X coils discharge their stored electro-magnetic-energy into the load which is physically connected to them, they also create a magnetic field around the coil which has the same polarity as the already receding North pole rotor magnet.

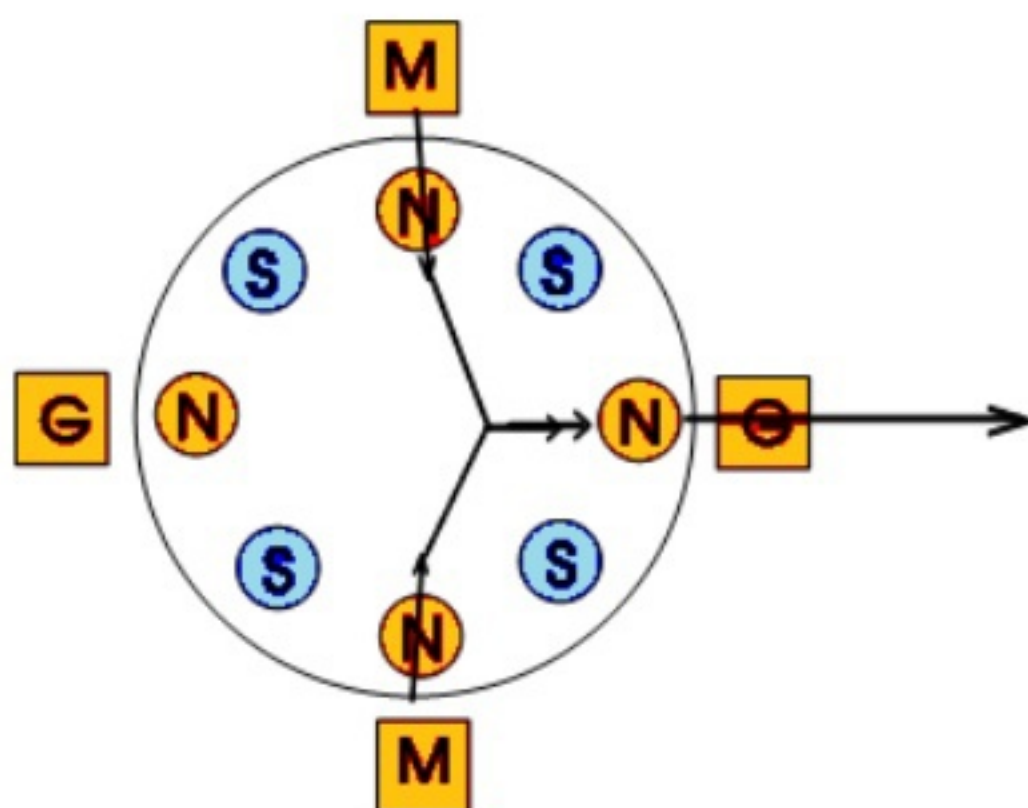


FIG 11. FLUX HARVESTING EXAMPLE OF FLUX DIRECTIONS WITH REGARD TO DISCHARGING MOTOR FLUX AND ROTOR FLUX GENERATOR DIRECTION AND ReGen-X CORE PENETRATION DIRECTION WITH SALIENT COILS

The discharging flux from the motor coils (M) enters the ReGen-X generator coil in the same direction as the North pole rotor flux, and the two flux magnitudes are additive. The ReGen-X coil's electrical power output to the load is increased by the magnitude of the motor flux which is collected in the ReGen-X coil's core.

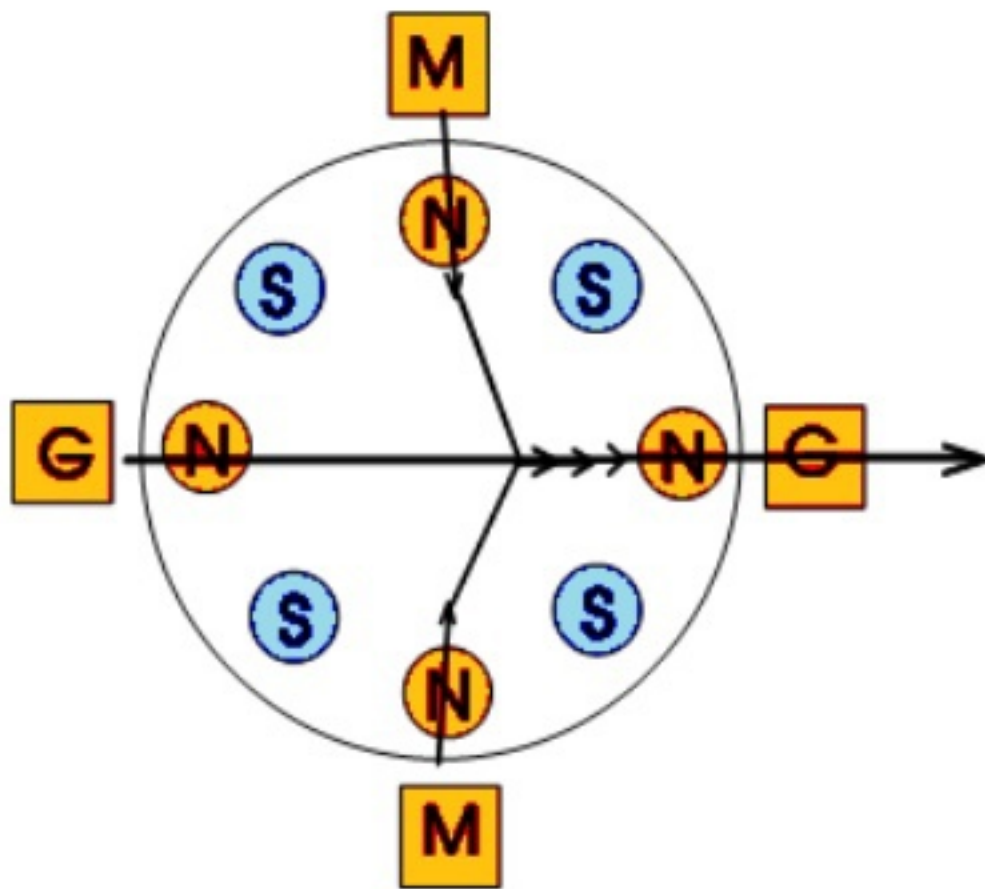


FIG 12. FLUX HARVESTING EXAMPLE OF FLUX DIRECTIONS WITH REGARD TO DISCHARGING MOTOR FLUX AND ROTOR FLUX GENERATOR DIRECTION AND ReGen-X COIL DISCHARGING FLUX PENETRATION DIRECTION WITH SALIENT COILS

The adjacent ReGen-X coil's discharging flux is also collected in all the available ReGen-X coils and vice versa. The discharging flux from all the motor coils (M) enters all the ReGen-X generator coils in the same direction as the North Pole rotor flux, and all the flux magnitudes are additive. The ReGen-X coil's electrical power output to the load is increased by the magnitude of the total sum of motor flux and ReGen-X coil flux which is collected in the ReGen-X coil's core.

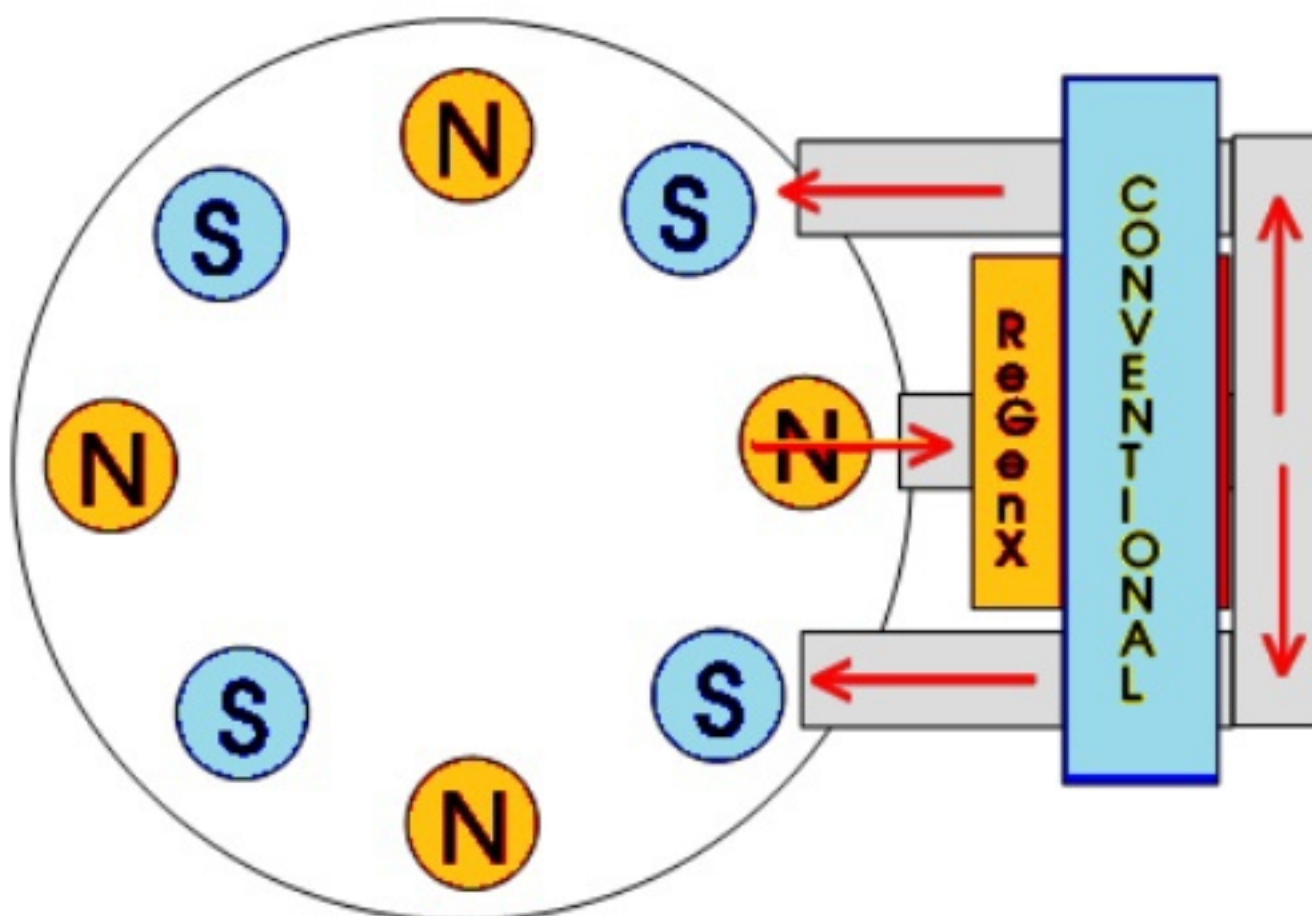


FIG 13. FLUX HARVESTING EMPLOYING A CONCENTRIC E CORE

Figure 13 shows a Concentric E core with a ReGen-X salient coil mounted on the middle finger of an E core, with a conventional coil wrapped around the ReGen-X coil on the outer E core fingers. The conventional coil in this embodiment is used to supply power to a load while creating conventional armature reaction. Rotor flux enters the E core via the North pole rotor magnet on the middle E core finger and returns to the rotors' South poles via the outer E core fingers. The flux directions are reversed when the South pole rotor magnet is facing the E core's middle finger.

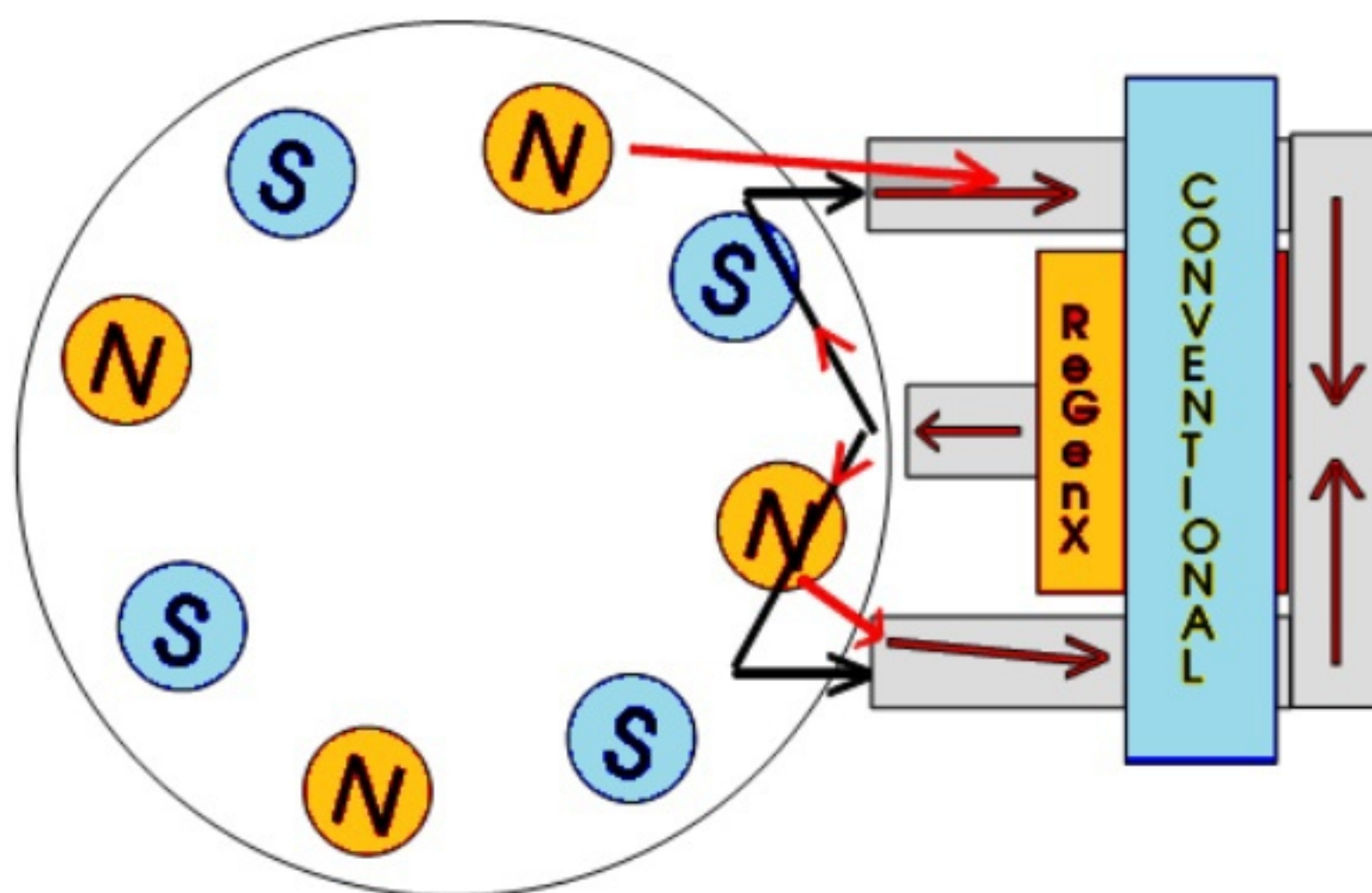


FIG 14. FLUX HARVESTING EMPLOYING A CONCENTRIC E CORE

Figure 14 shows a Concentric E core with a ReGen-X salient coil mounted on the middle finger of the E core, with a conventional coil wrapped around the ReGen-X coil on the outer E core fingers. When the ReGen-X coil discharges its stored flux, it accelerates the North pole magnet's departure while attracting the approaching South pole magnet on the rotor, and the rotor is accelerated.

A receding South pole rotor magnet produces the same flux direction in the core as an approaching North pole rotor magnet. The discharging North pole flux from the ReGen-X coil enters the external coil fingers of the E coil in the same direction as the approaching rotor magnet flux, and all the fluxes are additive. The output power delivered by the conventional coil to the load is increased by the net magnitude of flux produced by the ReGen-X coil and that collected by the conventional coil.

The conventional coil in Figure 14 can be substituted for a motor coil or vice versa while retaining the flux harvesting features described in Figures 11 and 12.

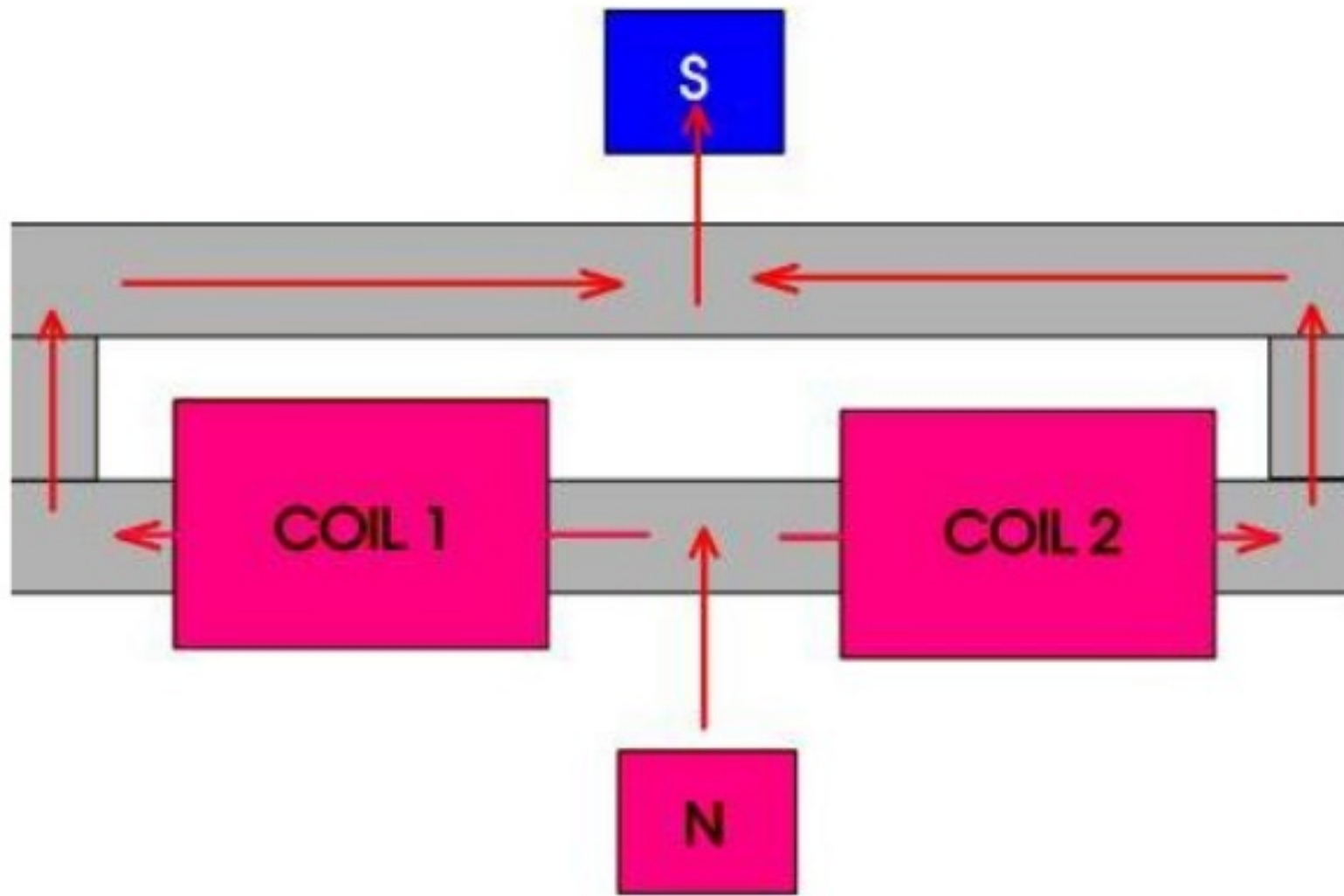


FIG 15. FLUX HARVESTING EMPLOYING A BI-COIL TORIOD CORE

Figure 15 shows the rotor flux paths for a ReGen-X Toroid Core application.

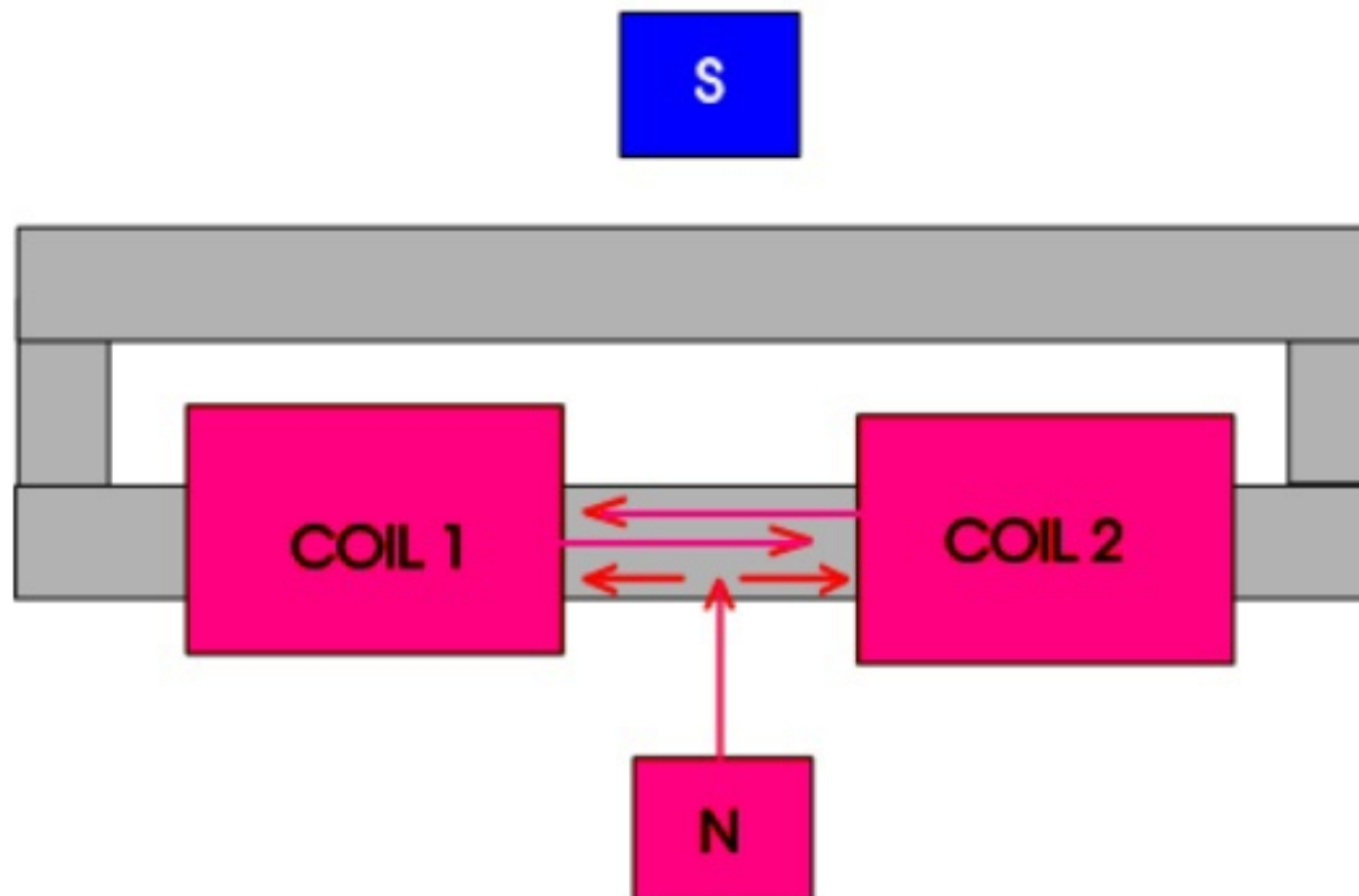
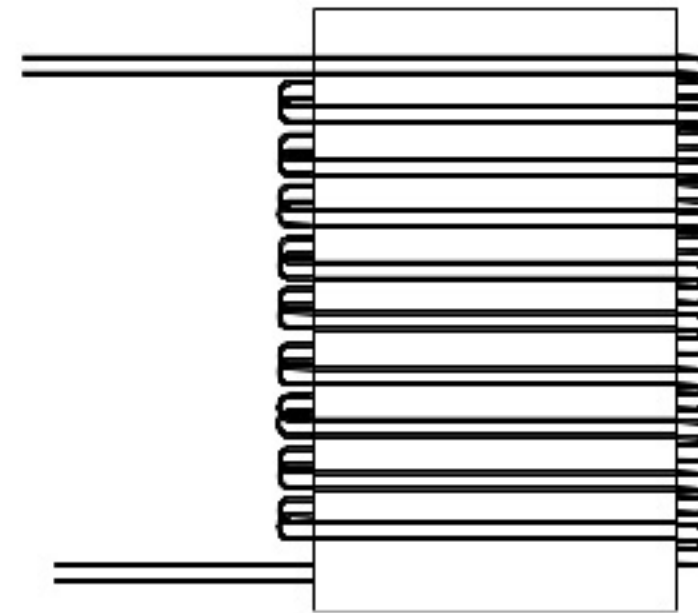


FIG 16. FLUX HARVESTING EMPLOYING A BI-COIL TORIOD CORE

Figure 16 shows the ReGen-X coil induced flux paths for a ReGen-X Bi-coil Toriod Core application. The discharging flux from coil 1 enters coil 2 in the same direction as the rotor flux path direction and vice versa. Because the induced fluxes are entering the coils in the same direction as the rotor flux, all the fluxes are cumulative and the output power to the load is increased accordingly. The complete rotor flux path (not show) enters the South pole rotor magnet as shown in Figure 15.

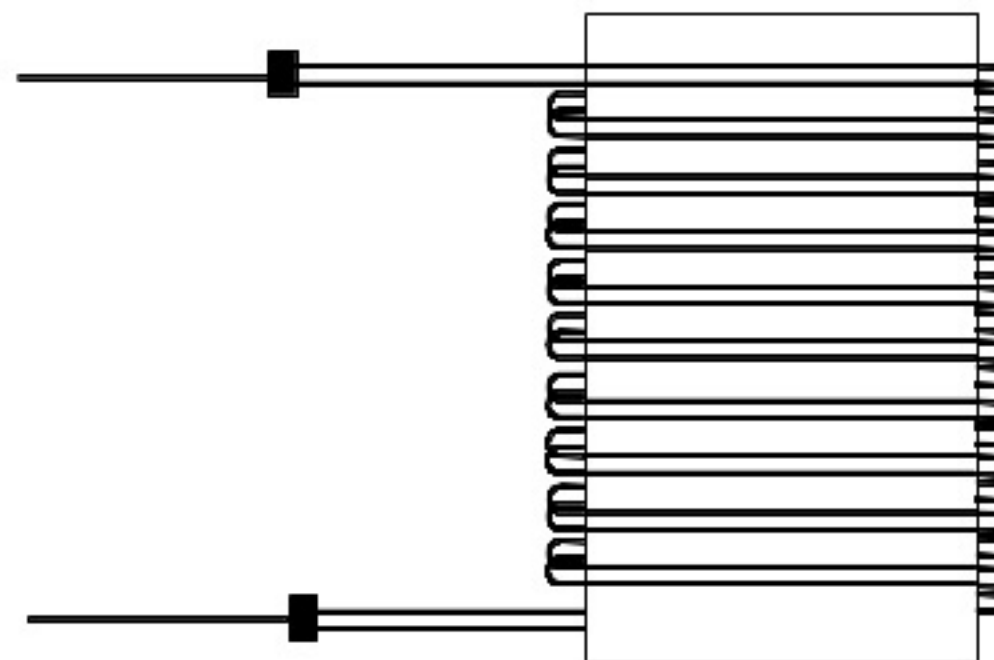
FIG 17. BI-FILAR WOUND COIL

Bi-Filar wound coil is created by winding two wires around the core simultaneously.

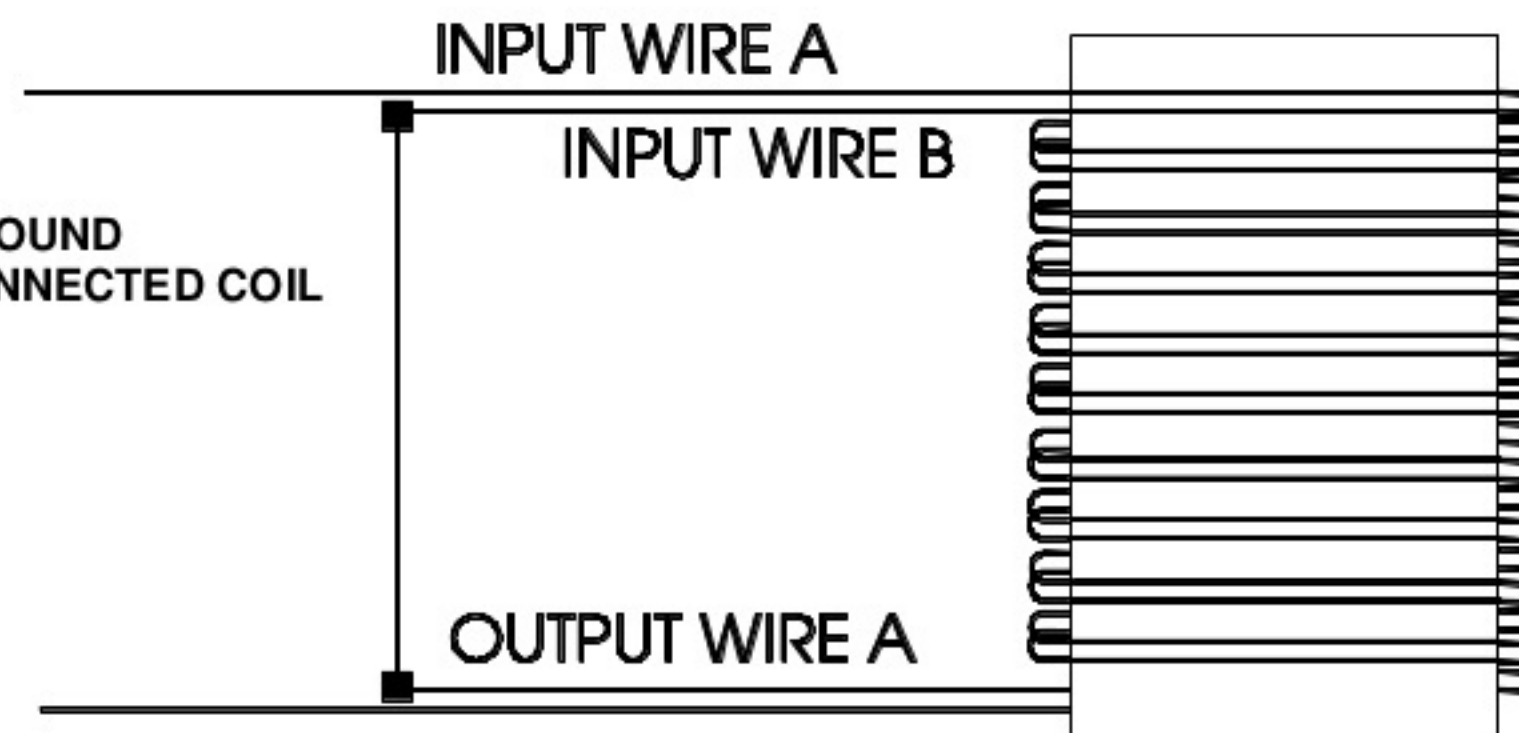


**FIG 18. BI-FILAR WOUND
PARALLEL CONNECTED COIL**

The parallel connected bi-filar winding is employed when the ReGen-X coil is to be used as a motor coil or a conventional generator coil because the inductive properties of this coil are identical to that of a conventionally wound coil.



**FIG 19. BI-FILAR WOUND
SERIES CONNECTED COIL**



Connecting the bi-filar coil into a series wound coil increases the coil's self induced capacitance and changes the on-load characteristics (when operated above the minimum critical frequency) from a counter-electromotive-torque producing coil to a complementary-electromotive-torque producing coil which accelerates the system rather than decelerating it.

The Regenerative Acceleration (ReGenX) Generator Innovation

accelerates itself under load and

- accelerates the EV while recharging the EV's batteries...

because the ReGenX coil's current is delayed by 45 degrees when compared to any conventional EV generator coil which *decelerates itself* under load.

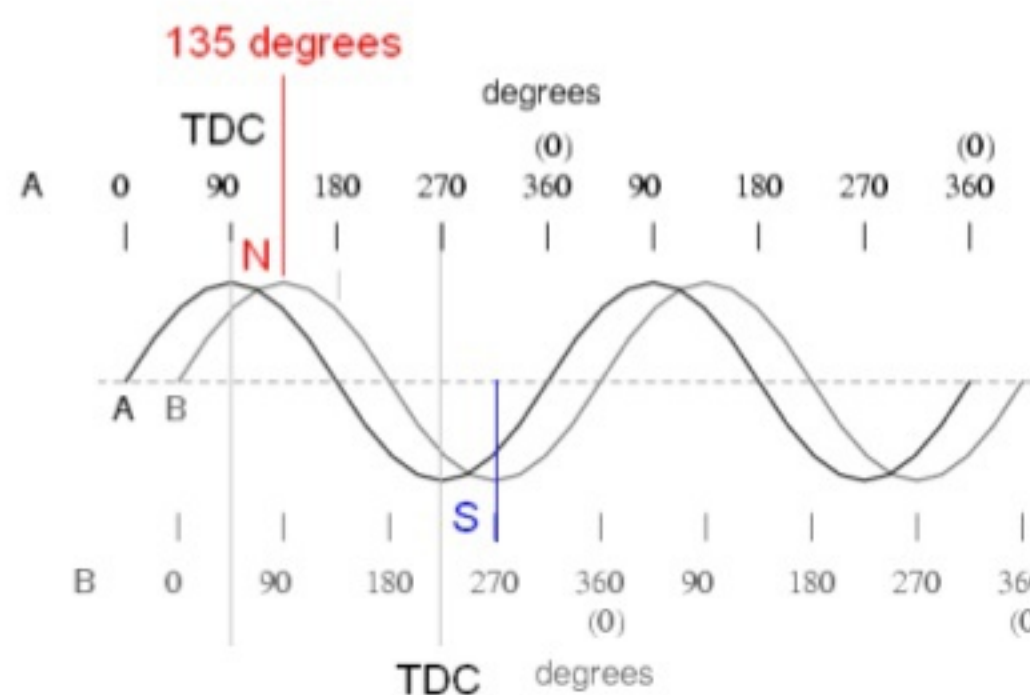
This 45 degree current delay in the ReGenX generator produces an induced BEMF electromagnetic field which assists the rotor's rotation rather than resisting it as per and conventional regenerative *braking* generator.

As a result the ReGenX generator can be employed during EV acceleration, coasting and braking with or without the regenerative braking component and even with regenerative neutral battery recharge performance.



45 Degree Current delay in ReGenX Generator

At the 90 degree mark the North Pole rotor begins to move away from the coil's core... but the ReGenX coil's delayed current continues to produce a BEMF induced North Pole which results in rotor acceleration under load.



Conventional Generator Coil (A) and ReGenX Coil (B) Current Sine Waves

At the 270 degree mark the South Pole rotor magnet begins to move away from the coil's core... but the ReGenX coil's delayed current continues to produce a BEMF induced South Pole which results in rotor acceleration under load.

- 1) 0 - 90 Degree: The **North Pole** rotor magnet approaches the generator coils cores.
- 2) Both the conventional coil and the ReGenX generator coils' currents both induce **North Pole** electromagnetic fields which both resist the rotor magnets approach.
- 3) 90 - 180 Degrees: The rotors **North Pole** magnet is now moving away from the coils core. (Post TDC)
- 4) The conventional generator coil's current has changed direction and the induced electromagnetic field is now a **South Pole** polarity and it resists the rotors **North Pole** magnet's departure.
- 5) The ReGenX coil's current is delayed by 45 degrees as is its BEMF induced electromagnetic field which is still a North Pole polarity from 90 degrees (TDC) to 135 degrees.
- 6) From 90 - 135 degrees we have a North Pole rotor magnet which is moving away from the coil's core and a ReGenX coil which is inducing an electromagnetic North Pole which accelerates the rotors departure and peaks at 135 degrees.

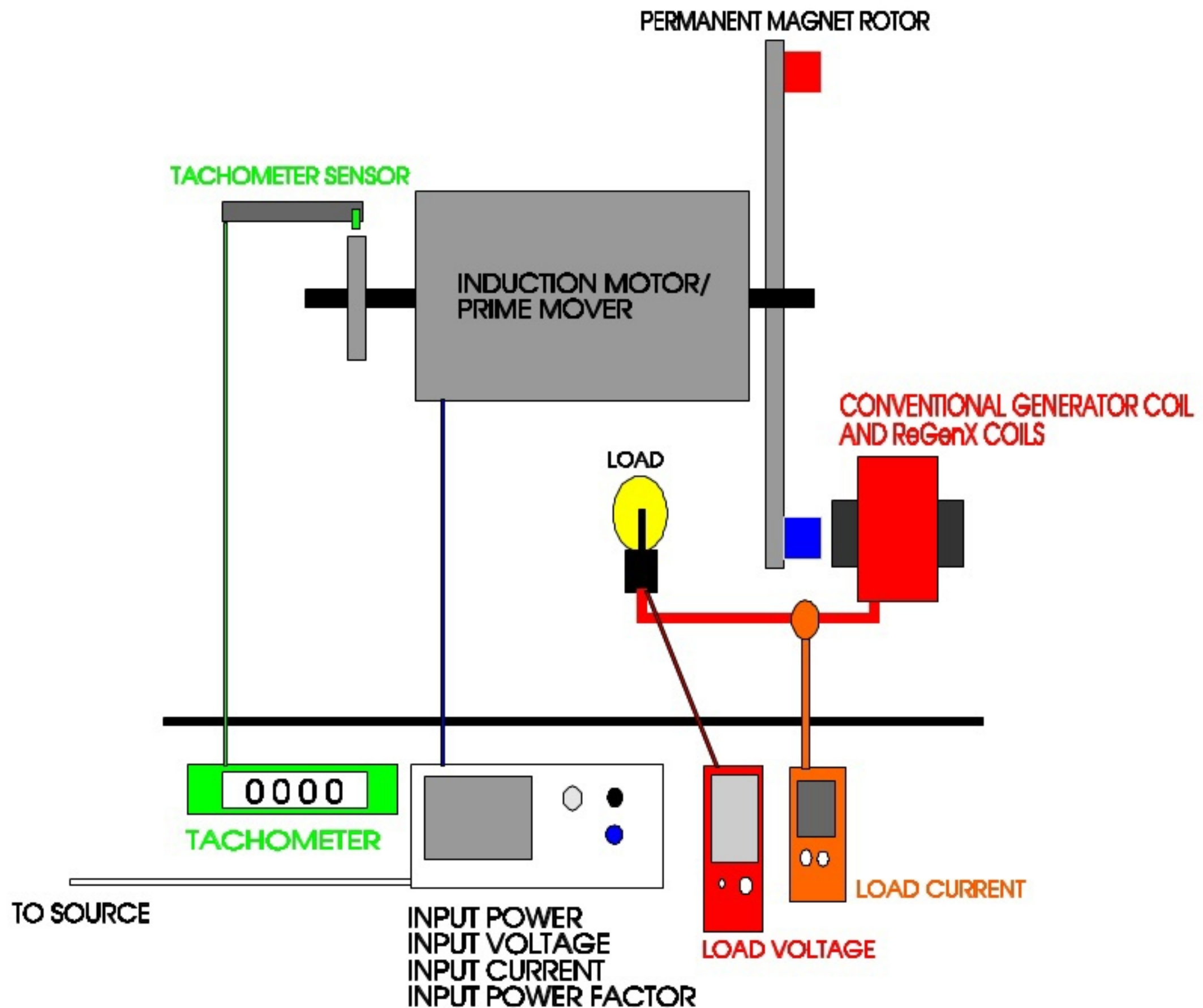


Diagram 1.0 ReGenX Generator Coil and Conventional Generator Coil Set-Up

2009 Test Data from NRC Scientist Doug Hartwich:

<https://www.box.net/s/kqo8knpgk7femc0jldnz>

2009 Test Video – Conventional Generator Armature Reaction vs ReGenX Generator Armature Reaction:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IgHFhNMkDiw&list=PLkH1zLdXy1SypPD7inxAYi8MjkQk91syC&index=1>

Test Goals and Methodology 2009 Conventional Generator vs ReGenX Generator:

The Doug Hartwich ReGenX test goals were focused on recording the conventional generator's armature reaction and the ReGenX generator's armature reaction at identical no-load input motor speeds to ensure that;

1. The drive shaft torque was identical in both cases and,
2. The motor efficiency was identical in both cases.

2009 Test Observations

Line 4:

The no-load speed was set at roughly 2100 RPM and the input and output values recorded.

Line 5:

When the conventional generator coil was loaded through a 10 ohm load delivering 1.26 Watts to the load – the system decelerated as expected and the prime mover input power had to be increased by 12.3% (row H) to maintain the system speed of 2100 RPM and steady state continuous power through the load.

Line 7:

When the Regenerative Acceleration Generator (ReGenX) Coils were engaged the system accelerated as expected and the prime mover input power had to be reduced by 40.2% to maintain the same steady state speed of roughly 2100 RPM.

It was observed and recorded that the ReGenX generator delivered 223.8% more power to the same 10 ohm load at the same 2100 RPM steady state speed (row H) but with a 40.2% reduction in input power required to do so.

Line 9:

When the ReGenX coils were removed and the system was allowed to operate in conventional generator mode with the same 40.2% input reduction as in Line 7, the result was that the conventional generator coil decelerated the system down to a dead stop while the input to the prime mover increased by 35% in a failed attempt to prevent system deceleration.

The ReGenX generator delivered a continuous 4.08 Watts to the load with a 40% reduction in prime mover input power (from Line 5) at a steady state speed of 2100 RPM – while the conventional generator delivered a continuous 0.0 Watts to the same load with a 35% increase in prime mover input at a steady state speed of 0 RPM.

Line 11

When the ReGenX generator was allowed to accelerate itself without reducing the input (by 40.2%) to maintain identical steady state speeds as per Line 7 the system accelerated to the full speed of the prime mover/motor and the generator output increased to 16.1 Watts while the input power dropped by 62% from the initial no-load setting.

When the ReGenX coil was then removed the system decelerated down to a virtual dead stop with the generator output equaling 0.001 Watts.

2009 Test Conclusions

The conventional generator coil creates an electromagnetically induced **counter-torque**/ armature reaction which decelerates the system when placed on-load and

additional power must be returned to the input to maintain steady state power to the load.

The more power delivered to the load in the conventional generator paradigm - the more power must be returned to keep the system running. The amount of power returned always exceeds the amount of power delivered due to losses in the system.

The Regenerative Acceleration Generator coil on the other hand creates an electromagnetically induced **complimentary-torque**/ armature reaction which accelerates the system when placed on-load and a reduction in power must be delivered to the input if a fixed steady state power and speed are desired.

The more power delivered to the load in the ReGenX generator paradigm - the less power must be returned to keep the system running. The discharging magnetic flux from the ReGenX coils also does two beneficial things simultaneously 1) It accelerates the rotor and negates the conventional coil armature reaction 2) It adds to the permanent magnet rotor flux being delivered to the conventional coil's core and supplements the conventional coil's power by an additional 15%.

Overall ReGenX Generator Innovation Performance Advantage over Conventional Generators

At any steady state speed with a fixed prime mover input the conventional generator will always decelerate the system down to a dead stop if the load is great enough – whereas the ReGenX generator will never decelerate the system.