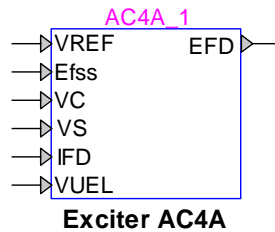


# Exciters and Governors: Exciter AC4A



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## 1 Description

This device is an implementation of the IEEE type AC4A excitation system model. This device is implemented as described in [1]. Implementation details can be viewed by inspecting the subcircuit of this device.

### 1.1 Pins

This device has 7 pins:

| Pin name | Type   | Description  | Units |
|----------|--------|--|-------|
| VREF     | Input  | Reference voltage of the stator terminal voltage           | pu    |
| Efss     | Input  | Steady-state field voltage at $t = 0$ , for initialization | pu    |
| VC       | Input  | Terminal voltage of synchronous machine, transducer output | pu    |
| VS       | Input  | Power System Stabilizer signal                             | pu    |
| IFD      | input  | Field current  | pu    |
| VUEL     | Input  | Under Excitation Limiter signal                            | pu    |
| EFD      | Output | The field voltage signal                                   | pu    |

### 1.2 Parameters

The default set of parameters can be found in [1].

#### 1.2.1 Data tab

The parameters on the Data tab are:

1. **Time constant  $T_B$** : time constant of the lead-lag compensator
2. **Time constant  $T_C$** : time constant of the lead-lag compensator
3. Under Excitation Limiter option: see explanations below.

There are two possible selections for the Under Excitation Limiter option:

1. VUEL not available
2. VUEL connected to the high value gate (HV gate)

### 1.2.2 Exciter tab

The exciter tab allows to input:

1. **Gain  $K_A$** : voltage regulator gain
2. **Time constant  $T_A$** : voltage regulator time constant
3. **Rectifier loading factor  $K_C$** : rectifier loading factor
4. **Maximum regulator input  $V_{IMAX}$** : maximum regulator voltage input
5. **Minimum regulator input  $V_{IMIN}$** : minimum regulator voltage input
6. **Maximum regulator output  $V_{RMAX}$** : maximum regulator voltage output
7. **Minimum regulator output  $V_{RMIN}$** : minimum regulator voltage output

## 2 Initial conditions

The reference voltage  $V_{REF}$  can be manually or automatically set by connecting or not connecting the input signal  $V_{REF}$ , respectively. When  $V_{REF}$  is not connected (the signal is zero), the reference voltage is internally found from the steady-state solution. When  $V_{REF}$  is connected, its initial value must match the per unit steady-state voltage of the stator terminal voltage, since otherwise the generator voltage will not start at the actual steady-state.

## 3 References

- [1] "IEEE Recommended Practice for Excitation System Models for Power System Models for Power System Stability Studies," IEEE Standard 421.5-2005.