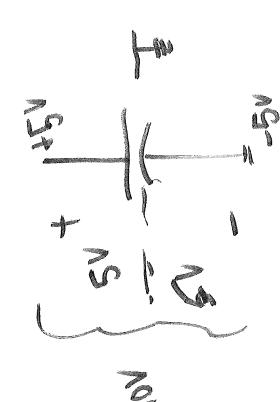
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### Getting ATP:

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### **Installing ATP:**

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- Minimum to Download
  - » Mingw version of ATP
  - » ATPDraw -- latest version or latest patch -- Presently Atpdraw57.zip
  - » PlotXY
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### **Installing ATPDraw**

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- Installation is fairly easy
- Default installation path "Program Files" → avoid this
- The space in the file name can create problems running ATP from ATPDraw
  - » Install it somewhere else. I normally install in "C:\tools\prog\ATPDraw"
- Install program may create shortcut in the start menu, but not very cleanly

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# Running ATP from ATPDraw

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- Still need a copy of ATP
- Licensed users can get other versions
- Follow installation directions for yours
- ATPDraw calls ATP from a DOS Batch file (extension \*.bat)
  - » For example, I call it "RUNATP.BAT"
- Passes full path to file when calls ATP

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### Sample Batch File

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The following batch file is for Ming32 ATP

SET GNUDIR=C:\tools\prog\atp\
SET PATH=C:\tools\prog\atp;"%PATH%"
tpbig both %1 s -r

#### The first line defines variable GNUDIR

- » Different ATP versions use different name
- » Sets program working environment
- » The final "\" is important

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### Sample Batch File (cont.)

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- Second line adds executable to your search path (not needed if set this at boot time)
- The next line calls ATP itself
  - » tpbig both %1 s −R
    - "both" tells program to write error messages to screen and to file (useful for debugging)
    - Could also set "disk" to only do disk file or leave blank for no message
    - First "%1" is input data file from ATPDraw

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### Sample Batch File (cont.)

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- The "s" is to create appropriate output file.
- "-R" tells ATP overwrite existing output file if one exists
- This bat file will let you run ATP, and all of the support program (line constants etc)

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### Editing "startup"

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- ATP reads a file called "startup"
  - » Resides in same directory as tpbig
  - » Sets variables for the program
- A few suggested changes from default
  - » Change PL4 file format to work with PlotXY
    - NOBLAN set to 0 {ignore blank lines}
    - NEWPL4 set to 2 {won't work with Analyzer}

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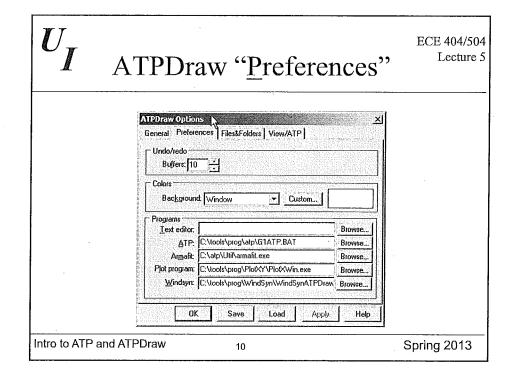
### Setting Up ATPDraw

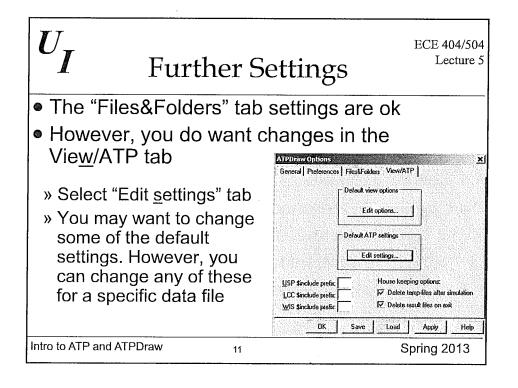
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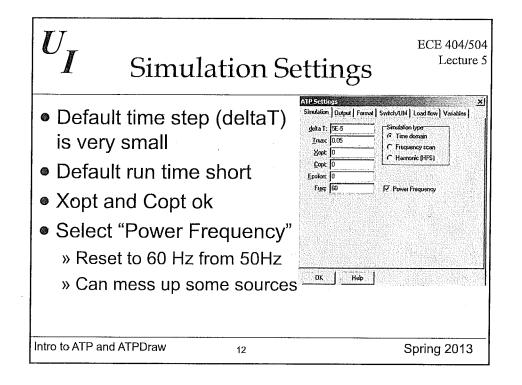
- Open up ATPDraw
- Select: "Tools" pull down menu
- Select: "Options..."
- Choose "Preferences" tab
  - » You select a text editor, or use Notepad (default)
  - » "ATP" is where you set path to your batch file
- Armafit: which we won't cover in this course

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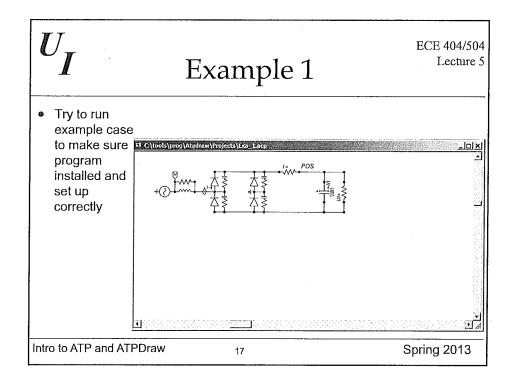
### Saving New Settings

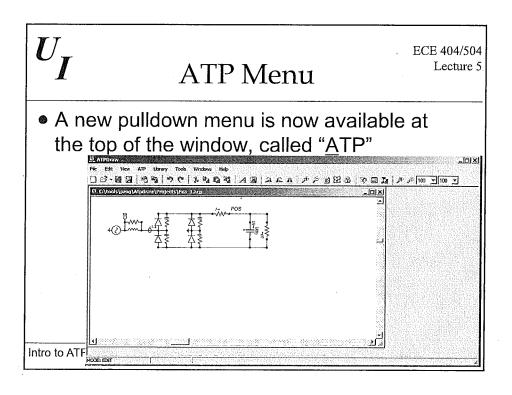
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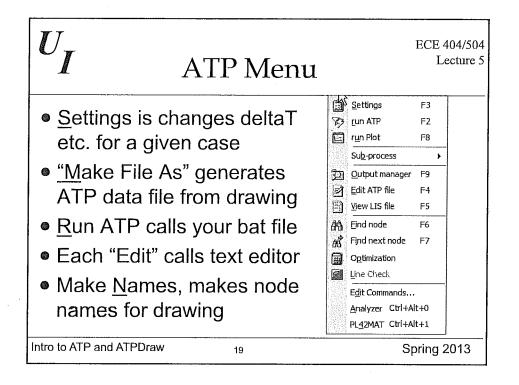
- The "Save" or "Apply" buttons aren't sufficient to permanently save change
- Also choose: Tools --> Save Options
- These are all saved into a file called ATPDraw.ini
  - » Typically saved in user's settings
  - » Could put copy in the directory with ATPDraw.exe

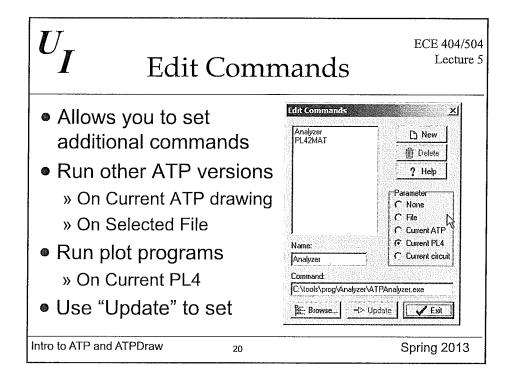
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# Saving New Settings The "Update" buttons isn't sufficient to save for next time All choose: Tools ---> Save Options

### Running an ATP File

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- Now we run the example case opened earlier
- Always a multi-step process
  - » 1) Make file to create ATP data file from drawing.
    - Must do this every time you change drawing
    - Default is to place this in "ATP" subdirectory under ATPDraw home directory (with extension \*.ATP)
    - Can edit this file with "<u>E</u>dit ATP-File" option (not saved to drawing file)
  - » 2) Run your case
  - » 3) Call plotting program

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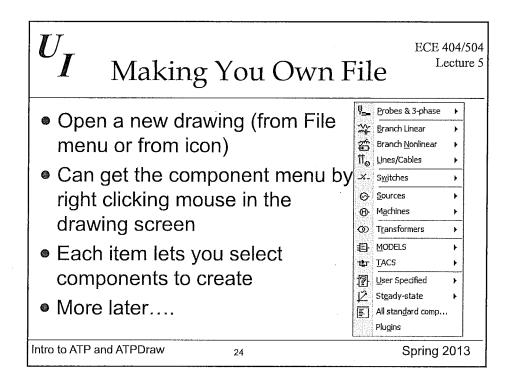
### Running an ATP File

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- The drawing file saved separately (save often)
- Remember to save your changes often
- Default is to save this in the "Project" subdirectory under ATPDraw
- Note that if want to save elsewhere, need to select a new home for both ADP and ATP files
  - » PL4 and \*.lis (or \*.out depending on version) are written to same directory at \*.ATP file
  - » Need to cleanup directories periodically

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# Transient Analysis of Control Systems (TACS)

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- Introduced in EMTP in 1976
- Developed to model controls for HVdc converters (Pacific Intertie)
- Model interactions between system transients and control systems
- Each variant of EMTP has it own variant
- ATP has two: TACS and Models

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### What TACS can do

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- Model control systems
  - » Generator excitation and governor control
  - » Control loops for power electronic converters
  - » Firing circuit for power electronics
  - » Relay algorithms

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### What TACS can do

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- Monitor and post-process network variables
  - » Analog and digital filters
  - » RMS voltages and currents
  - » Calculate P and Q
  - » Compute motor/generator torque or flux
  - » Reference frame transformations

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### What TACS can do

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- Simulate mechanical/electromechanical
- Non-linear reponses
- Create models for devices without built-in models – for example, arc resistances
- Create harmonic sources
- Variable frequency sources

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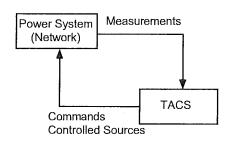
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### TACS Relationship to Network Solution

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- Control system models solved separate from network
  - » Different equation formats
  - » First network then TACS in each time step
  - » Leads to on step time delay



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### General Format

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- TACS design from point of view of reproducing Laplace domain block diagram
  - » Converted to difference equations
  - » Arbitrary connections of blocks
- Signal and variable names limited to 6 characters
- Can implement digital controls
- Some limited FORTRAN expressions

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### TACS and ATPDraw

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- ATPDraw Interface for TACS
  - » Not as nice as circuit interface, but much improved
- Not essentially to always draw connecting lines
  - » Use the same variable names instead
  - » Will generate a warning message about duplicate names when first run ATP file
- Several of the example cases shipped with ATPDraw have TACS modelling

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