

Towards Economic Single-Phase Motor

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ABSTRACT

Studying of operation balance in single-phase induction motors is an issue of interest due to the need for reducing the power consumption and increasing the motors' life. The paper focuses on improving the motor performance by balancing the stator phase operation for the most common-used connection diagrams of single-phase capacitor-run induction motors (SPCRIMs) and three-phase induction motors (TPIMs) operating from single-phase supply (SPS). Therefore, a mathematical model is used to balance the motor operation by varying the frequency supply voltage. Characteristics of balancing parameters are investigated, various methods of motor balancing are presented and comparisons were done among these balancing methods.

Keywords: Performance of Capacitor-Run Motor; Main Phase; Balanced Operation; Symmetry; Connection Circuit Diagrams; Control of Balancing Parameters; Reactive Elements; Power Factor; Efficiency

1. Introduction

Economic single phase motors are required nowadays since a huge amount of power is consumed due to the wide using of these motors in the life fields such as: domestic, agricultural, industrial fields and so on [1-3].

By improving the performance of single-phase motors, farms, petroleum wells, homes and faraway workshops having only a single-phase line do not need to install expensive three-phase lines or resort to expensive inverters or diesel pumps. Also, in many applications, it may be necessary to use a three-phase induction motor on a single-phase supply system. For example, technical and economic advantages have been found to initially install a single wire earth Return (SWER) system for rural electrification in remote and hilly regions [4].

For single-phase capacitor-run induction motor (SPCRIM) and three-phase induction motor (TPIM) operating from single-phase supply (SPS), full-load current may have almost unity power factor which reduces the power company transformers and distribution losses. At balanced motor operation, the efficiency of single-phase motors may exceed 90 percent. Thus, single-phase motor performance can be improved and become competitive to that of three-phase motor on a three-phase line. Using the SPCRIMs is the best choice to compete the three-phase motors; whereas the run capacitor can improve the motor efficiency, the starting torque and the power factor. Also,

using of additional reactive elements leads to robust motor balancing to ensure the excellent performance of the motor [5].

As a matter of fact, SPCRIM and TPIM fed from SPS suffer from heating due to the elliptical field caused by asymmetry of phase loads [6]. The non-uniform operation of stator phases of these motors is negatively reflected on the winding temperature, the power factor and the efficiency of the motor [7,8]. Therefore, the elimination of the asymmetric action is of a great theoretical and practical significance.

The conventional connection diagrams of SPCRIMs and TPIMs operating from SPS [9,10] using a constant capacitance value in a stator circuit supplied by constant frequency voltage, are not capable to provide balanced operation of stator phase in the whole range of motor slip [11]. This is due to the ellipticity of a rotating field, which takes a circular form only under certain conditions. In this case, balancing is possible only at a certain value of slip and load fluctuations will cause the unbalancing of the motor and produce heating in the motor windings [12]. Eliminating the asymmetry of phase loads is possible by using the following methods:

- 1) Using one value phase-shifting capacitor and regulating the frequency of the power supply.
- 2) Inserting of external reactive impedance into the circuit of the SPCRIM or TPIM fed from SPS. This is

the most suitable method to provide the required values of phase currents and appropriate angles between them (rigorous symmetry).

3) Switching a number of stator winding turns and regulating the value of phase-shifting capacitance [13,14], which is regarded as the most economical method from the point of view of electrical energy utilization and motor heating. This paper develops a mathematical model to balance the motor operation by varying the frequency of supply voltage and investigating the characteristics of the balancing parameters. Also, the paper presents advanced review for the used methods of balancing, comparison among them through behavior investigation and limitations of each method for the most used connection diagrams of induction motors fed from single-phase supply in practical applications.

2. Balancing of the Motor Operation by Controlling the Supply Frequency

The produced field in the SPCRM and TPIM operating from SPS can have a rectilinear, an elliptical or a circular form, depending on the reactance of the phase-shifting capacitor. Of course, the machine will have the best efficiency and power factor when the field has a circular form. Thus, phase currents are equal in magnitude and the phase angle between them is 90 electrical degrees at SPCRMs or 120 electrical degrees at TPIM operating from SPS. The reactance can be controlled by varying the frequency of the supply voltage and under certain conditions at which negative sequence current (\dot{I}_2) becomes zero the motor operation is balanced [15]. The capacitor reactance value that satisfies the first balancing condition can be calculated from the following relation:

$$X_K = BX_1 \tag{1}$$

the second balancing condition is:

$$R_1 = AX_1 \tag{2}$$

where A and B are the balancing coefficients

2.1. Balancing Conditions of SPCRMs with Two Windings Connected in Parallel

Circuit diagram of SPCRM with two windings connected in parallel is shown in **Figure 1**. Utilizing the symmetrical components methods, the unbalanced motor variables can be decomposed into positive (forward) sequence and negative (backward) sequence components [16,17]. **Figure 2** shows the equivalent circuit of these components [18].

According to the symmetrical components method, the phase currents can be written as [16,19]

$$\dot{I}_A = \dot{I}_1 + \dot{I}_2 \tag{3}$$

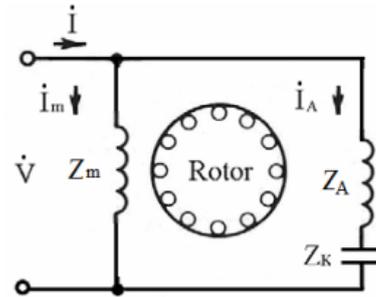


Figure 1. Circuit diagram of SPCRM with two windings connected in parallel.

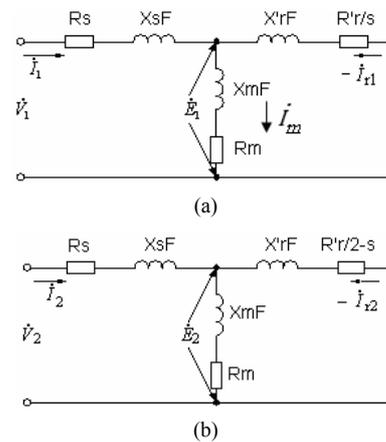


Figure 2. Per-phase equivalent circuit; (a) Positive sequence, (b) Negative sequence.

$$\dot{I}_m = -jK\dot{I}_1 + jK\dot{I}_2 \tag{4}$$

From Kirchoff's Law, the voltages that model the SPCRM are

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \dot{V}_m = \dot{I}_m Z_m = \dot{I}_{m1} Z_{m1} + \dot{I}_{m2} Z_{m2} \\ &= -jk\dot{I}_1 \frac{Z_1}{k^2} + jk\dot{I}_2 \frac{Z_2}{k^2} = -j\dot{I}_1 \frac{Z_1}{k} + j\dot{I}_2 \frac{Z_2}{k} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \dot{V}_A + \dot{I}_A Z_K = \dot{I}_A Z_A + \dot{I}_A Z_K \\ &= \dot{I}_1 Z_1 + \dot{I}_2 Z_2 + (\dot{I}_1 + \dot{I}_2) Z_K \\ &= \dot{I}_1 (Z_1 + Z_K) + \dot{I}_2 (Z_2 + Z_K) \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Z_A &= Z_1 + Z_2 \\ Z_m &= \frac{Z_1}{k^2} + \frac{Z_2}{k^2} \end{aligned}$$

From Equations (5) and (6), the balance equation (at which \dot{I}_2 becomes zero) is

$$-j \frac{Z_1}{k} - (Z_1 + Z_K) = 0 \tag{7}$$

Substituting real and imaginary parts of the imped-

ances then gives

$$-j \frac{R_1 + jX_1}{k} - (R_1 + jX - jX_k) = 0 \quad (8)$$

Solving this equation yields

$$-R_1 + \frac{1}{K} X_1 = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{-R_1}{k} - X_1 + X_k = 0 \quad (10)$$

From Equations (9) and (10), we get

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{K} X_1$$

and

$$X_k = \frac{X_1}{k^2} + X_1 = \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) X_1$$

Thus, the balance coefficients are

$$A = \frac{1}{K}$$

and

$$B = \frac{1}{K^2} + 1$$

2.2. Balancing Conditions of Three-Phase Induction Motor Fed From Single-Phase Supply

The circuit diagram of TPIM connected in delta and operating from SPS is shown in **Figure 3**.

From Kirchhoff's Laws, the voltages and currents are

$$\dot{V} = -\dot{V}_A \quad (11)$$

$$\dot{V} = \dot{V}_K + \dot{V}_C \quad (12)$$

$$\dot{I}_K = \dot{I}_C - \dot{I}_B \quad (13)$$

Substituting the symmetrical components for voltages and currents into Equations (11) and (12) gives [20]:

$$\dot{V} = -(\dot{V}_1 + \dot{V}_2) = -\dot{I}_1 Z_1 - \dot{I}_2 Z_2 \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \dot{I}_K Z_K + \dot{V}_C = (\dot{I}_C - \dot{I}_B) Z_K + \dot{V}_C \\ &= \left[(a \dot{I}_1 + a^2 \dot{I}_2) - (a^2 \dot{I}_1 + a \dot{I}_2) \right] Z_k \\ &\quad + a \dot{I}_1 Z_1 + a^2 \dot{I}_2 Z_2 = \dot{I}_1 \left[(a - a^2) Z_k + a Z_1 \right] \\ &\quad + \dot{I}_2 \left[(a^2 - a) Z_k + a^2 Z_2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

with a balanced condition

$$\left[-Z_1 - (a - a^2) Z_k + a Z_1 \right] = 0 \quad (16)$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &(1+a)Z_1 + (a-a^2)Z_k \\ &= \left[1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right] Z_1 \\ &\quad + \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right] Z_k \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) Z_1 + j\sqrt{3}Z_k \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) (R_1 + jX_1) + \sqrt{3}X_k = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

this implies

$$\frac{1}{2} R_1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} X_1 + \sqrt{3} X_k = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} R_1 + \frac{1}{2} X_1 = 0 \quad (19)$$

By solving Equations (18) and (19), we get

$$R_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} X_1$$

$$X_k = \frac{2}{3} X_1$$

As a result, the balancing coefficients are

$$A = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{2}{3}$$

Using the same procedures of analysis, balancing coefficients for the least circuit diagrams of SPCRM and TPIM fed from SPS can be derived. Balancing coefficients are found to be as in **Table 1**.

Further, when the frequency is kept constant, Equation (2) is satisfied at certain value of slip. Varying of the slip (S) leads to variation of the stator currents while for certain values of the slip specifically $S = S_{sym}$, the stator currents will equal each other [21]. The phase-angle between the phase currents that required establishing the balance can be obtained by using shifting capacitor. In other words, for any slip (S) there is a certain frequency (f_{sym}) at which motor will be balanced. In order to find

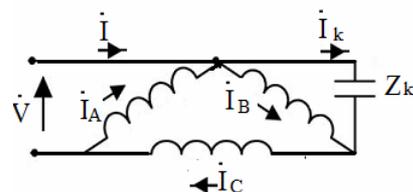
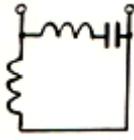
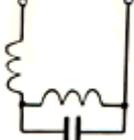
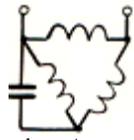
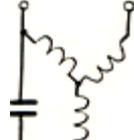


Figure 3. Circuit diagram of three-phase Δ -connected motor fed from single-phase supply.

Table 1. Balancing coefficients for the common used connection circuits.

Circuit/Balancing Coefficient				
A	$\frac{1}{K}$	$\frac{1}{k}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
B	$1 + \frac{1}{K^2}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	2

the frequency at which a balanced operation of the motor is achieved for different values of slip, the values of R_1 and X_1 must be found from the equivalent circuit of single phase motor in **Figure 2(a)** as

$$R_1 = R_s + \frac{\left(R_m + \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)\left(R_m \frac{R'_r}{s} - X_m X'_r F^2\right)}{\left(R_m + \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)^2 + (X_m F + X'_r F)^2} + \frac{(X_m F + X'_r F)\left(R_m X'_r F + X_m F \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)}{\left(R_m + \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)^2 + (X_m F + X'_r F)^2} \tag{20}$$

$$X_1 = X_s F + \frac{\left(R_m + \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)\left(R_m X'_r F + X_m F \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)}{\left(R_m + \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)^2 + (X_m F + X'_r F)^2} - \frac{(X_m F + X'_r F)\left(R_m \frac{R'_r}{s} - X_m X'_r F^2\right)}{\left(R_m + \frac{R'_r}{s}\right)^2 + (X_m F + X'_r F)^2} \tag{21}$$

Substituting R_1 and X_1 from Equation (20) and Equation (21) into Equation (2) and rearranging the obtained equation with neglecting of stator active resistance, the per-unit balancing frequency $\left(F = \frac{f_{sym}}{f_n}\right)$ can be found as:

$$F = \frac{R'_r}{s} \times \frac{X_m^2}{2A(X_m + X'_r)[X_s(X'_r + X_m) - X'_r X_m]} - \frac{R'_r \sqrt{X_m^4 - 4A(X_s + X_m)(X'_r + X_m)[X_s(X'_r + X_m) - X'_r X_m]}}{2As(X_m + X'_r)[X_s(X'_r + X_m) - X'_r X_m]} \tag{22}$$

For low and medium power motors, one may consider $X'_r \approx X_s$, and then the per-unit balancing frequency can be calculated as:

$$F = \frac{R'_r}{s} \times \frac{X_m^2 - \sqrt{X_m^4 - 4A(X'_r + X_m)^2(X'_r)^2}}{2A(X_m + X'_r)(X'_r)^2} \tag{23}$$

when the frequency value is given, the slip at which the motor operation is balanced can be derived as:

$$S_{sym} = \frac{R'_r}{F} \times \frac{X_m^2 - \sqrt{X_m^4 - 4A(X_s + X_m)(X'_r + X_m)[X_s(X'_r + X_m) - X'_r X_m]}}{2A(X_m + X'_r)[X_s(X'_r + X_m) - X'_r X_m]} \tag{24}$$

The critical slip (slip at maximum torque) is a function of frequency and can be calculated from the expression [22]

$$S_{cr} = \frac{R'_r}{\sqrt{R_s^2 + (FX_s + FX'_r)^2}} \tag{25}$$

3. Balancing the SPCRIM by Inserting an Inductive Reactance into the Stator Circuit

The values of the balancing impedance (inductive and capacitive) for the most common connection diagrams of SPCRIMs and TPIMs fed from SPS can be determined

by the following group of equations [5]:

$$X_K = \frac{a_1 |Z_1|^2}{b_1 R_1 + d_1 X_1}; X_L = \frac{a_2 |Z_1|^2}{\pm b_2 R_1 \mp d_2 X_1} \quad (26)$$

$$X_K = a_3 R_1 + b_3 X_1; X_L = \pm a_4 R_1 \mp b_4 X_1 \quad (27)$$

where, the coefficients of Equations (26) and (27) can be obtained from **Table 2**.

4. Balancing the Motor Operation by Controlling the Capacitance Value

In this method, the frequency is constant and frequently is equal to the nominal frequency whereas the capacitance is varying to satisfy the balance operation when the load is changing. The balancing capacitor value can be controlled electronically [4,23].

Balancing of SPCRM with Two Windings Connected in Parallel

For the SPCRM with two windings connected in parallel where the capacitor value is varying in respect with the load as in **Figure 4**, the balancing capacitance value can be calculated from the Equations (5) and (6) by equating the absolute values of $|I_A|$ and $|I_B|$ as [10,24].

$$C = \frac{2a \times 10^6}{100\pi(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ad})}, \quad \mu F \quad (28)$$

where

$$a = 4H^2 \quad b = 4H^3(R_2 - R_1) - 4H^2(X_1 + X_2)$$

$$d = H^4[(R_2 - R_1)^2 + (X_2 - X_1)^2] + 4H^3(-R_2 X_1 + R_1 X_2)$$

$$+ 4H(R_1 X_2 - R_2 X_1) - [(R_1 - R_2)^2 + (X_1 + X_2)^2]$$

$$H = \frac{1}{K} = \frac{N_A}{N_m}$$

5. Simulation and Results

Curves of balancing parameters X_K , S_{sym} and S_{cr} versus frequency, depending on the Equations (1), (24) and (25), were investigated by using labVIEW software for the SPCRM and TIM operating from SPS with the following data:

$$P_n = 2.8kw, V_n = 156V, f_n = 50Hz,$$

$$S_n = 0.04, N_n = 950rpm, R_{st} = 0.92 \Omega,$$

$$R'_r = 0.58\Omega, R_m = 1.1\Omega, X_{st} = 2.12\Omega,$$

$$X'_r = 2.12\Omega, X_m = 21\Omega.$$

$$P_n = 1kw, V_n = 220/380V, f_n = 50Hz,$$

$$S_n = 0.05, N_n = 2850rpm, R_{st} = 7.5 \Omega,$$

$$R'_r = 7\Omega, R_m = 29.5\Omega, X_{st} = 10.5\Omega,$$

$$X'_r = 10.5\Omega, X_m = 196.5\Omega.$$

Figures 5-8 show the obtained curves for the most used connection diagrams.

It can be seen from these figures that S_{sym} is inversely proportional to the frequency, where its value at low frequencies approaches 1. This means that the motor can be started with a balanced status and this is considered a very important aspect in the intermittent periodically duty motors. However, at steady-state operation, the low frequency could cause a great loss in energy because of the high value of balancing slip, and this should be avoided. The dotted curves give the variations of critical slip versus frequency. It should be noted that as long as $S_{cr} > S_{sym}$, the motor will be stable and the stability will depend on the difference between S_{cr} and S_{sym} where the greater the difference the more stable the motor. Therefore, the steady-state region is defined when $f > 0.2 f_n$.

The impedance characteristics of the balancing elements are also built by using a labVIEW software.

Figure 9 shows the relation between the balancing impedance and the slip at different frequencies for the above described motors with the attached connection diagrams:

The values of reactance are calculated by using Equations (26) and (27) for **Figures 9(a) and (b)**, respectively. **Figure 9(a)** shows that the inductive reactance X_L is high at no-load condition, and decreases by increasing the load till it reaches a minimum value without crossing the X-axis (only inductive behavior. This is clear for high

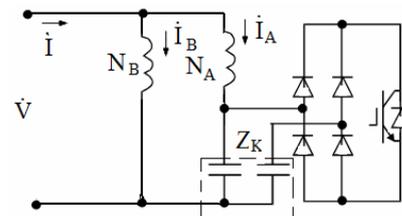


Figure 4. Single-phase induction motor with two windings connected in parallel and electronically controlled capacitor.

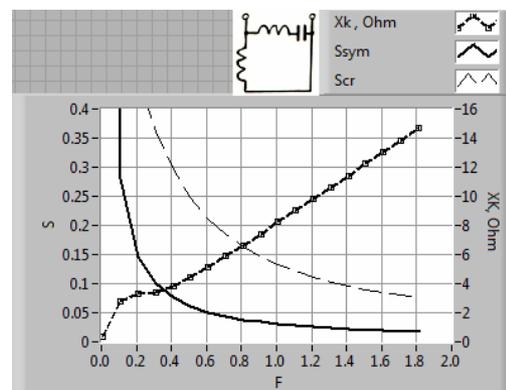


Figure 5. Balance of SPCRM with two windings connected in parallel.

Table 2. Coefficients of balancing equations for common types of circuit diagrams.

Coefficients								
a_1	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-
a_2	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-
a_3	-	$1/k$	-	$1/k$	-	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	-	$-\sqrt{3}$
a_4	-	$1/k$	-	$1/k$	-	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	-	$-\sqrt{3}$
b_1	k	-	k	-	$\sqrt{3}$	-	$\sqrt{3}$	-
b_2	k	-	k	-	$\sqrt{3}$	-	$\sqrt{3}$	-
b_3	-	1	-	0	-	$\frac{1}{3}$	-	1
b_4	-	$1/k^2$	-	1	-	$\frac{1}{3}$	-	1
d_1	0	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
d_2	1	-	k^2	-	1	-	1	-

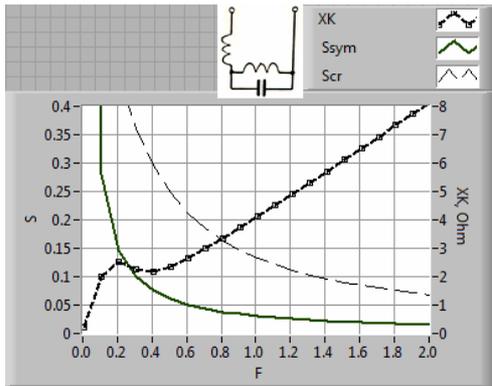


Figure 6. Balance of SPCRIM with two windings connected in series.

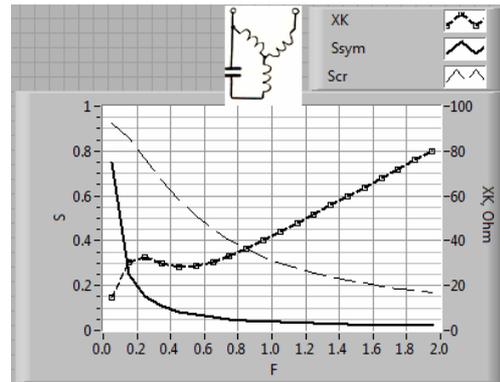


Figure 8. Balance of Y-connected TPIM three-phase induction motor fed from single-phase supply.

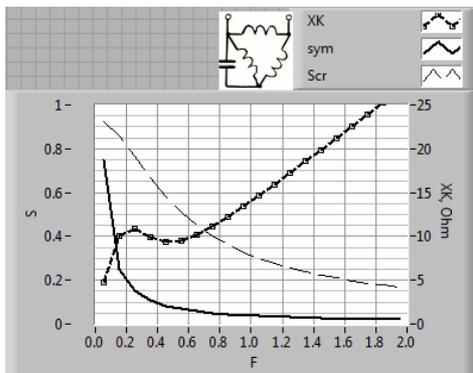
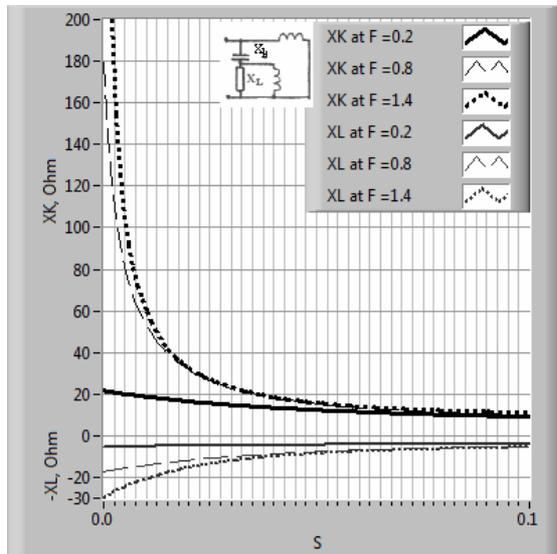


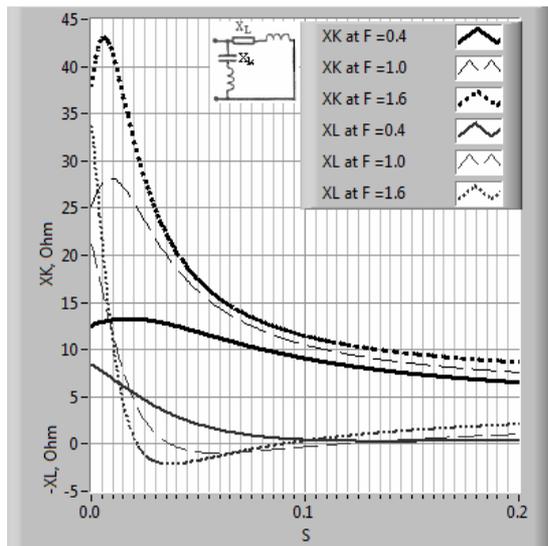
Figure 7. Balance of Δ-connected three-phase induction motor fed from single-phase supply.

frequencies of the supply voltages. The balancing capacitive reactance X_K is high at no-load condition and decreases with increasing the load in the same way for all the frequencies of the supply voltages.

Figure 9(b) shows that both the balancing reactance X_L and reactance X_K have the same behavior. At first, they increase by increasing the load until they reach maximum values, then they begin to decrease again. Balancing inductive reactance X_L will cross the X-axis (capacitive behavior) at the frequency $f = 40$ Hz ($F = 0.8$) and a high slip value. By increasing the supply voltage frequency, the crossing point of the X_L with the X-axis will occur at lower values of the slip. It is clear that at high frequencies, the balanced operation will be achieved



(a)



(b)

Figure 9. Impedance characteristics; (a) auxiliary winding is shunting by inductive element, (b) Inductive element is inserted in series with the main winding.

by regulating the capacitance value only, in other words, both balancing elements should be capacitors.

The same inductive and capacitive behaviors are occurred for the least of connection diagrams, listed in the **Table 2**, based on the group of Equations (26) and (27).

The balancing capacitance characteristic was built using Equation (28) also for the motor of power $P_n = 2.8$ kw as shown in **Figure 10**.

This figure shows that for constant frequency $f = f_n$, the balancing capacitance value is proportional to the slip until specified value then the relation becomes nonlinear and the balancing capacitance almost hasn't considerable change as slip increases over the critical slip. The bal-

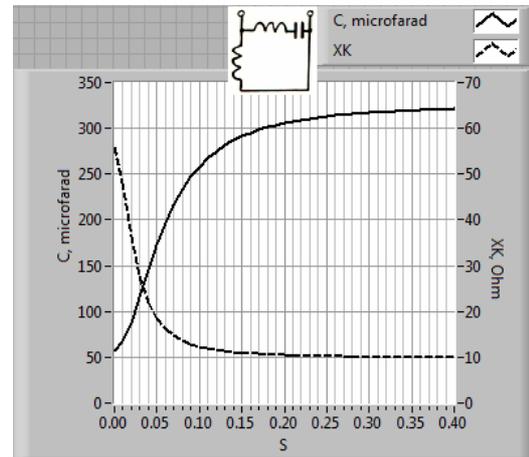


Figure 10. Balancing capacitance of single-phase capacitor-induction motor versus slip.

ancing capacitance for the start condition is much larger than for the run condition. Although increasing the capacitance over the nominal value helps in balancing but it is accompanied by increasing the currents especially in the auxiliary winding. Therefore, this method is promising for the variations of load around the nominal value if the motor duty is continuous.

6. Conclusions

The study discusses the various methods to improve the performance of SPCRIMs and TPIMs operating from SPS. Single-phase induction motor is widely used in engineering practice and spends a lot of electricity each year. The promotion of induction motor's efficiency has great significance for energy consumption, so the optimization design of single-phase induction motor is necessary. The mathematical model seems to be well.

The mathematical model is used to balance the motor operation by varying the frequency of supply voltage and investigating the characteristics of the balancing parameters. The proper selection of reactive element will improve the single-phase induction motor performance to compete the three-phase motor.

The advantages of the balancing method by changing the frequency are:

- 1) Wide range of speed control.
- 2) Soft speed control and improvement of starting characteristics.
- 3) This method can be used for various power rating motors with any stator circuit connection.

The disadvantages of this method are:

- 4) Steady state motor operation at low frequencies ($F < 0.2$) is forbidden due to the small maximum to the nominal torque ratio.
- 5) Expressions of balancing frequency, slip and capacitive reactance are awkward and have high orders.

Balancing by varying capacitance value of the condenser at constant frequency is the most economic especially if it is realized by electronic way but this method is not fair as the slip goes far from the nominal value.

For having robust balancing, in addition to the shifting phase capacitor, reactive element should be inserted into the stator circuit. This method will reduce the heat generated in the motor during the steady state operation mode for the full range of speed control. Thus, the benefits of this method include improved power factor, energy saving and elimination of the need for additional winding taps for speed variation.

According to the generalized calculation equations for balancing element impedance, the connection balancing diagrams could be grouped into two groups. For the first group of connection diagrams, the behavior of the balancing element is inductive over the whole slip regardless of the value of the voltage frequency. While for the second group of connection diagrams, the behavior of the balancing impedance X_L will become capacitive depending on the load and the voltage frequency.

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Nomenclature

\dot{v} : supply voltage.
 R_s, X_s : resistance and leakage reactance of the stator winding.
 R_r', X_r' : resistance and leakage reactance of the rotor referred to the stator.
 R_m, X_m : magnetizing resistance and magnetizing reactance.
 X_K : reactance of the capacitive element.
 N_m, N_A : turns numbers of the main and the auxiliary windings.

$$K = \frac{N_m}{N_A} \leq 1 : \text{turns ratio}$$

\dot{I}_1, \dot{I}_2 : forward, backward sequence currents.

R_1, X_1 : resistance and reactance of the forward sequence.

R_2, X_2 : resistance and reactance of the backward sequence.

S : the slip of the motor.

F, f : per-unit and stator frequency of the motor.

\dot{V}_1, \dot{V}_2 : forward, backward sequence voltage.