


**LESSON 19 POWER FACTOR CORRECTION USING SYNCHRONOUS MOTORS**

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After this presentation you will be able to:

- Explain how a synchronous motor can provide reactive power to other electric loads
- Use circuit model and power formulas to find the amount of reactive power a synchronous motor must deliver to produce a given power factor
- Find the motor excitation voltage required to give a desired reactive power

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## POWER FACTOR CORRECTION USING SYNCHRONOUS MOTORS

Overexcited motor supplied mechanical power to load and reactive power to the inductive loads of system



### Synchronous Condenser

Synchronous motor designed for power factor correction. No shaft.



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## SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER EXAMPLE

**Example 19-1:** 3-phase, 460 V 60 Hz system

**Load 1:** 6-pole, 60 Hz, 400 hp induction motor operating at 75% rated output, Efficiency = 90%  $F_p = 82\%$  Lagging

**Load 2:** 75 kW delta connected resistance heater

**Load 3:** 300 hp 60 Hz 4-pole Y-connected cylindrical rotor synchronous motor operating at 50% rated torque angle of  $-16.4$  degrees Efficiency = 95%  $X_s = 0.667$  ohms/phase

- Find:
- system active power load;
  - power factor of the synchronous motor;
  - system power factor;
  - percentage change in synchronous motor excitation to correct system power factor to 1.0;
  - power angle for condition in part d.

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION

Find the input active power of all the loads using the load factor and efficiency.

LOAD 1  $L.F.=0.75$   $\eta=0.90$

$$P_{in1} = \frac{(400 \text{ hp})(746 \text{ W/hp})(0.75)}{0.90}$$

$$P_{in1} = 248,667 \text{ W INDUCTION MOTOR}$$

Load 2  $P_{in2} = 75 \text{ kW}$  Resistive heater

Load 3 Synchronous motor

$$L.F.=0.5 \quad \eta=0.95$$

$$P_{in3} = \frac{(300 \text{ hp})(746 \text{ W/hp})(0.5)}{0.95}$$

$$P_{in3} = 117,790 \text{ W}$$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Find the total input power

$$P_T = P_{in1} + P_{in2} + P_{in3}$$

$$P_T = 248,667 \text{ W} + 75,000 \text{ W} + 117,790 \text{ W}$$

$$P_T = 441,457 \text{ W}$$

**Answer Part a**

Part b.  $F_p$  of synchronous motor

$$X_s = 0.667 \Omega/\text{phase}$$

$$\delta = -16.9^\circ$$

$$P_{in} = \frac{-3|\bar{V}_T||\bar{E}_f|}{X_s} \sin(\delta)$$

$$V_T = \frac{460 \text{ V}}{\sqrt{3}} = 265.6 \text{ V}$$

$$|\bar{E}_f| = \frac{-P_{in} X_s}{3|\bar{V}_T| \sin(\delta)}$$

$$|\bar{E}_f| = \frac{(-117,790 \text{ W})(0.667 \Omega)}{3(265.6 \text{ V}) \sin(-16.9^\circ)}$$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

$$|\bar{E}_f| = \frac{-78,565.93}{3(265.6)(-0.2823)}$$

$$|\bar{E}_f| = 349.3 \text{ V}$$

$$\bar{E}_f = 349.3 \angle -16.9^\circ$$

Remember

$$\bar{E}_f = \bar{V}_T - \bar{I}_a \bar{X}_s$$

SOLVE FOR  $\bar{I}_a$  TO FIND  $F_p$ 

$$\bar{V}_T = 265.6 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}$$

$$\bar{X}_s = 0.667 \angle 90^\circ \ \Omega$$

$$\bar{E}_f - \bar{V}_T = -\bar{I}_a \bar{X}_s \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{V}_T - \bar{E}_f}{\bar{X}_s} = \bar{I}_a$$

Phase of armature current

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Compute the value of armature current

$$\frac{265.6 \angle 0^\circ - 349.3 \angle -16.9^\circ}{0.667 \angle 90^\circ} = \bar{I}_a$$

$$\frac{128.64 \angle 125.2^\circ}{0.667 \angle 90^\circ} = \bar{I}_a$$

$$190.9 \angle 35.16^\circ = \bar{I}_a$$

CURRENT LEADS VOLTAGE  
by  $35.16^\circ$ 

$$F_p = \cos \theta \quad \theta = 35.16^\circ$$

$$F_p = \cos(35.16^\circ) = 0.818 \text{ LEAD } \text{ANS b}$$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Part c. Find system power factor. Construct power triangles for all loads

$$\text{Load 1} \quad F_{p1} = 0.82 \quad S_1 = \frac{P_{in1}}{F_{p1}} = \frac{248,667 \text{ W}}{0.82} = 303,252 \text{ VA}$$

$$Q_1 = \sqrt{S_1^2 - P_{in1}^2} = \sqrt{303,252^2 - 248,667^2}$$

$$Q_1 = 173,571 \text{ VAR S}$$

$$\text{Load 2 only } P_{in2} = 75,000 \text{ W}$$

$$Q = 0$$

Load 3

$F_p = 0.818$   
from previous  
calculation

$$S_3 = \frac{P_{in3}}{F_{p3}} = \frac{117,790 \text{ W}}{0.818} = 142,998 \text{ VA}$$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Find the reactive power produced by the synchronous motor

$$Q_3 = \sqrt{S_3^2 - P_{in3}^2} = \sqrt{(142,998)^2 - (117,790)^2}$$

$$Q_3 = -82,830 \text{ VAR}$$

LEADING  $F_p$   
CAPACITIVE EFFECTS

Sum Real & Reactive Powers

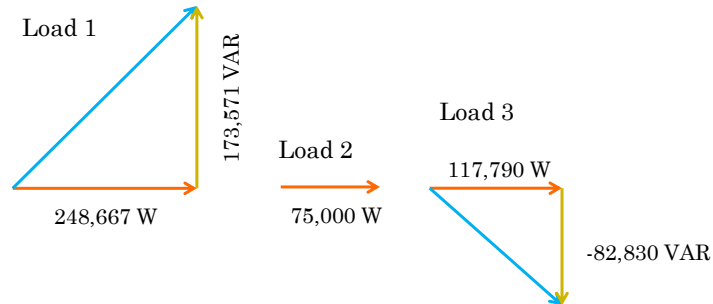
$P_{in1} = 248,667 \text{ W}$	$Q_1 = 173,571 \text{ VAR}$
$P_{in2} = 75,000 \text{ W}$	$Q_2 = 0 \text{ VAR}$
$P_{in3} = 117,790 \text{ W}$	$Q_3 = -82,830 \text{ VAR}$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Construct power triangles



$$P_T = 248,667 \text{ W} + 75,000 \text{ W} + 117,790 \text{ W}$$

$$P_T = 441,457 \text{ W}$$

$$Q_T = 173,571 - 82,830 \text{ VAR}$$

$$Q_T = 90,741 \text{ VAR}$$

$$S_T = 441,457 + j90,741 \text{ VA}$$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Find the apparent power of the total system

$$|S_T| = \sqrt{P_T^2 + Q_T^2} = \sqrt{441,457^2 + 90,741^2}$$

$$|S_T| = 450,686 \text{ VA}$$

$$F_p = \frac{P_T}{|S_T|} = \frac{441,457 \text{ W}}{450,686 \text{ VA}} = \boxed{0.98 \text{ Lag}} \quad \text{ANS C}$$

Part d. Find excitation of synchronous motor for system unity  $F_p$

For unity  $F_p$ , Synchronous motor must supply  $-90,741 \text{ VARs}$  Extra  $82,830$  required for motor operation.

$$S_T = 441,457 + j90,741 \text{ VA}$$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Determine the required motor reactive power

$$S_3' = P_3 - jQ_3 = (82,830 + j90,741) = 117,790 - j73,571 \text{ VA}$$

$$\bar{S}_3' = 209,765 \angle -55.83^\circ \quad \text{Total motor power phasor}$$

Find power/phase

$$\bar{S}_{3p}' = \frac{209,765}{3} \angle -55.8^\circ = 69,922 \angle -55.8^\circ$$

$$\bar{S}_{3p}' = \bar{V}_T \bar{I}_a^* \quad V_T = \text{phase voltage Y-connected}$$

$$V_T = \frac{460\text{V}}{\sqrt{3}} = 265.6\text{V}$$

$$\bar{V}_T = 265.6 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}$$

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## EXAMPLE SOLUTION CONTINUED

Compute the armature current

$$69,922 \angle -55.8^\circ = 265.6 \angle 0^\circ \bar{I}_a^*$$

$$\frac{69,922 \angle -55.8^\circ}{265.6 \angle 0^\circ} = \bar{I}_a^* \rightarrow$$

$$\bar{I}_a^* = 263.3 \angle -55.8^\circ$$

$$\bar{I}_a = 263.3 \angle 55.8^\circ$$

$$\bar{E}_f = \bar{V}_T - \bar{I}_a \bar{X}_s \quad \bar{X}_s = 0.667 \angle 90^\circ$$

$$\bar{E}_f = 265.6 \angle 0^\circ - 263.3 \angle 55.8^\circ (0.667 \angle 90^\circ)$$

$$\bar{E}_f = 422.6 \angle -13.4^\circ$$

$E_{f1}$  = voltage at the original operating point and  $F_p$

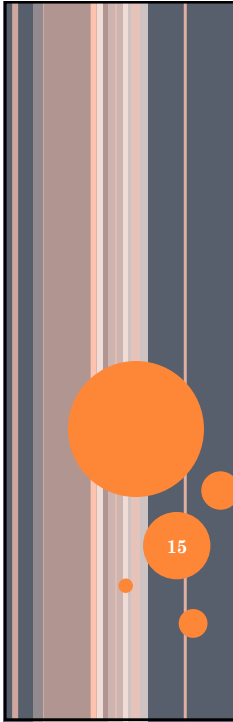
$$\Delta E_f = \frac{|E_f| - |E_{f1}|}{|E_{f1}|} \times 100\%$$

$$\Delta E_f = \frac{422.6 - 349.3}{349.3} \times 100\% = 20.98\%$$

Torque angle  $\delta = -13.4^\circ$

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