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- b) addition of design NE according to IEC 60034-12 in Clause 4.

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INTRODUCTION

When the line voltages applied to a three-phase cage induction motor are not a balanced, symmetric three-phase system, the currents in the phases of the stator winding will also be unequal. A small percentage voltage unbalance will result in a much larger percentage current unbalance.

The application of unbalanced voltages to a three-phase induction motor introduces a negative sequence voltage, and this produces a flux in the air-gap rotating against the rotation of the rotor, thus having a slip of almost 200 %. For high values of the slip, the motor impedance is low, thus tending to produce a high negative sequence current in the stator winding and high currents in the rotor cage. A small negative sequence voltage can produce currents in the winding phases considerably in excess of those present under balanced voltage conditions. Consequently, the temperature rise of the motor operating at a particular load and a particular percentage of voltage unbalance will be higher than for the motor operating under the same conditions with balanced voltages.

The analytical and graphical methods used to calculate the symmetrical components from the voltage readings of the three phases are well-known and can be taken from textbooks. Thus, these calculation schemes are not incorporated in this document but shown in the informative Annex A. Besides, the evaluation of the symmetrical components can be done automatically by modern instrumentation.

An approximate evaluation of imbalance is given in the informative Annex B.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60034 describes the effects of unbalanced voltages on the performance of three-phase cage induction motors.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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4 Effects of unbalanced voltages on performance

4.1 General

The effects of unbalanced voltages on motor performance are as described in 4.2 to 4.6.

4.2 Currents

The negative sequence component of the voltage produces a flux in the air-gap rotating against the rotation of the rotor. A small negative-sequence component of the voltage can produce currents in the winding phases considerably in excess of those present under balanced voltage conditions. The frequency of the current in the cage is almost twice the rated frequency. Thus, in the case of cages with current displacement, the increase of the rotor winding losses is substantially higher than the increase of the stator winding losses.

The currents at normal operating speed will be greatly unbalanced in the order of approximately 6 to 10 times the voltage unbalance.

The locked-rotor current will be unbalanced to the same degree that the voltages are unbalanced, but the locked-rotor apparent power will increase only slightly.

4.3 Heating

The temperature rise of the stator winding is always higher than in operation at balanced supply voltages due to the increase of the losses produced by the negative-sequence components of the currents and voltages.

The increase of the rotor losses is amplified by the current displacement (see 4.2).

In addition, unbalance of the voltages often is associated with a reduction of the positive-sequence component of the voltage, which causes, for a given load, an increase of the positive-sequence components of the currents in stator and rotor.

4.4 Torque

The locked-rotor, pull-up and breakdown torques are decreased when the voltages are unbalanced. Should the voltage unbalance be extremely severe, the torques will perhaps not be sufficient for the application.

Voltage unbalance is associated with the generation of an oscillating torque of twice the line frequency. Its amplitude increases linearly with the product of the negative and the positive sequence component of the voltages; at an unbalance factor of $f_u = 0,05$ (see Clause 5), its peak value is in the range of 25 % of the rated torque. Impermissible torsional vibrations of the complete shaft system can be excited, when its critical torsional speed is close to twice the line frequency.