Optimization of Frequency-Controlled Asynchronous Electric Drive for Ventilatory Loading

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Abstract: The analysis of losses of power in the adjustable asynchronous electric drive and optimization of the frequency and adjustable asynchronous electric drive with ventilator loading is carried out, and also it is developed management system of the energy saving electric drive with ventilator loading. The system of the electric drive minimizing losses of engine capacity is experimentally probed.

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1. Introduction

For Supporting of high technical and economic rates of electric drives in the "frequency converter-the asynchronous engine" system (FC-AD) requires the decision of the task of extremal control and first of all, optimum use of the engine in a broad range of regulation of rotational speed and change of the moment of loading on an engine shaft. It is known that the operation mode of the asynchronous engine is near optimal concerning losses in it, and also electricity consumption practically in one case – operation with load rating and rated voltage on the stator [4, 6, 11].

However the modern technological processes and mechanisms quite often require regulation of rotational speed of the engine in case of the considerable changes of the moment of a static load. Therefore the problem of optimization shall be solved not for one operation point, and for the whole area of change of output coordinates of the electric drive. At the same time, in many cases design of special energy saving electric drives is economically unprofitable. It is more expedient to use the frequency converters which for this purpose both are already exploited, and produced now in lots added by the simple and cheap unit of extremal regulation.

Thus, there is an opportunity to give energy saving properties to already operating installations equipped with frequency and adjustable drives if on the nature of the operation they have the modes of incomplete loading of the engine. In particular, it refers to the transferring machines of chemical productions with the ventilator characteristic.

Today criteria of optimization of the set modes of asynchronous engines are rather well studied, their comparative assessment is carried out [3, 10]. Nevertheless, an essential factor is the level of complexity of practical implementation and reliability of different laws of control. In this sense one of important criteria of quality for energetic reasons and reliability are losses of power to the FC-AD [7] system. Requirements of an optimality for losses of power can be considered in relation to the engine, the frequency converter and in general to the electric drive.

Identification of optimum control mode on a minimum of losses of engine capacity matters in the following cases: at providing a minimum of losses for restriction of heating of the engine and expansion of area of the loading moments, admissible on heating; for the analysis of efficiency of laws frequency management by criterion of losses when using as a standard of the law of management on a minimum of losses in the engine.

In these cases a main objective is ensuring reliable operation of the engine as even the insignificant repeating excess of temperature of a winding of the stator.

From a position of ensuring economic and reliable work of FC problem definition of optimization of his modes of operation by criterion of minimization of losses of power of
the converter is expedient.

Optimization of the modes of the electric drives on a minimum of losses of power in the FC-AD system makes a practical sense when reviewing the electric drive as customer of the electric power. At the same time it is important to know in what ratio to a condition of a minimum of losses in system there are losses in the asynchronous engine and the frequency converter. We will consider one of possible problem definitions of optimization of the frequency and adjustable electric drive on losses of power to HELL for which the operation mode with the constant or slow changing moment of loading on a shaft is the main [7].

The analysis of losses of power in the adjustable asynchronous electric drive. Potential opportunities for reduction of losses in electrical machines are defined in the analysis of component losses depending on an operation mode of the electric drive [6].

Generally, conveniently represents losses of power in engines the amount of losses $\Delta P_c$, not depending on loading (continuous losses), and losses $\Delta P_o$, the engines (variable losses) determined by loading:

$$\Delta P_o = \Delta P_c + \Delta P_v.$$  \hfill (1)

Continuous losses of power includes losses in steel $\Delta P_o$, mechanical $\Delta P_m$, and from a magnetization current $\Delta P_w$.

Loses in steel depend on amplitude and the frequency of change of a magnetic flux:

$$\Delta P_o = \Delta P_{o,sl} (\beta / f_1) (\Phi / \Phi_0)^2,$$  \hfill (2)

where $\beta = ... 1,5$ indicator depending on brand electrotechnical became 1,2.

Mechanical losses depend on the angular speed of rotation of engines

$$\Delta P_m = \Delta P_{m,se} (\omega / \omega_n)^8,$$  \hfill (3)

In figure 1, the equivalent circuit AD is shown in case of the frequency control. In asynchronous engines there is no special drive winding intended for creation of a magnetic flux. The magnetic flux AD is created by the reactive component I0 of current of the stator (figure 1) called by a magnetization current. Therefore for AD of loss from a magnetization current

$$\Delta P_0 = I_0^2 r_1,$$  \hfill (4)

where $r_1$– the pure resistance of a winding of the stator.

Variable losses $\Delta P_o$ are defined by losses in copper which are proportional to a square of current of loading and the pure resistance of windings. For asynchronous engines variable losses consist of losses in windings of the stator and a rotor minus losses from a magnetization current. By operation in a zone of small slidings follows that

$$I_1^2 = I_2^2 + I_0^2,$$

where $I_1$ – stator current AD; $I_2$ – the rotor current brought to the stator AD.

Therefore for asynchronous engines

$$\Delta P_o = 3 I_2^2 (r_1 + r_2),$$  \hfill (6)

where $r_2$ – brought to the rotor phase resistance stator.

For the further analysis it is convenient to pass to the relative units – to the attitude of the current variable value towards its rated value. We will designate the variables expressed in the relative units in further the additional character "*", for example $\omega = \omega / \omega_n$; $I_2 = I_2 / I_{2n}$; $P_o = P_o / P_{on}$. We will designate the relative value of component losses for a rated operation mode of electro motors as follows:

$$k_{\omega} = \Delta P_{\omega,1} / \Delta P_{\omega,2}; k_{\omega} = \Delta P_{c,1} / \Delta P_{c,2}; k_{\omega} = \Delta P_{m,1} / \Delta P_{m,2};$$

$$k_{\omega} = \Delta P_{w,1} / \Delta P_{w,2}; k_{\omega} = \Delta P_{w,1} / \Delta P_{w,2}.$$  \hfill (8)

Connection between current of loading on a shaft of the engine has the form:

$$M = c \Phi_2 I_2 \sin \varphi_2,$$  \hfill (9)

where $\varphi_2$ – a corner between vectors of current of 1 2 and a magnetic flux F (current of magnetization of I0). For small sliding motion according to the vector chart it is possible it is accepted that $\varphi_2 \approx \pi / 2$. Therefore in relative units the interrelation between the moment on a shaft, current of loading and a magnetic flux in an air gap has an appearance:

$$M^* = I_2^* \Phi^*.$$  \hfill (10)

For asynchronous machines angular speed of a rotor it is proportional to stator current frequency:

$$\omega = f(1 - s),$$  \hfill (11)

where $s$– sliding of a rotor concerning the field of the stator.

Taking into account (11) ratios (7) and (8) for losses it is possible to write down as follows:

$$\Delta P_{\omega} = k_{\omega} I_2^2 \Phi^2;$$  \hfill (12)

$$\Delta P_{\omega} = k_{\omega} I_2^2 + k_{\omega} I_2 \omega \Phi^2 + k_{\omega} \omega^2 *.$$  \hfill (13)

By operation of the electric drive coordinates of mechanical movement of M and $\omega$ therefore the varied variables allowing to change losses in case of the preset values of M and $\omega$ are only the magnetization current of I0

![Figure 1. The circuit of asynchronous engine substitution in case of the frequency control.](image-url)
and a magnetic flux $F$ are usually known. Connection between these values, is defined by a magnetization curve [5, 8]. If the engine works at the line section of a magnetization curve ($I_0 = F$), then the flow in case of which losses are minimum, is defined from a condition

$$dA P_{\Sigma} / d\Phi_* = 0,$$

$$dP_{\omega*} / d\Phi_* = -dP_{\omega} / d\Phi_*.$$  

From (12) – (15) we receive that

$$dP_{\omega*} / d\Phi_* = -2k_v M^2 \Delta \Phi_*;$$

$$dP_{\omega} / d\Phi_* = 2\Phi_0 (k_v + k_\omega \omega_*).$$  

At the joint decision (15) – (17) we receive value of a stream at which losses in the engine are minimum for preset values of $M*$ and $\omega*$:

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma} = M_0 k_\omega \omega_* + M_0 k_{\omega*} \omega_*= k_m \omega_*= 0.$$  

We will receive full losses for an optimum stream from (12) and (13) when performing a condition (18)

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma*} = 2M_0 \sqrt{k_v} (k_0 + k_{\omega*} \omega_* + k_{m*} \omega_*).$$  

Losses in engines at a nominal stream are defined from (12) and (13) for $\Phi_* = 1$

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma*} = M_0 k_\omega + k_{\omega*} + k_{\omega*} \omega_* + k_{m*} \omega_*.$$  

With use of expressions (19) and (20) we will analyze change of losses in the engine in various operating conditions of the electric drive.

1. The engine works at rated speed ($\omega_* = 1$) with various moments on a shaft ($M_* = \text{var}$).

For $M_* = M_0$ ($M_* = 1$)

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma*} = k_\omega + k_{\omega*} + k_{\omega*} \omega_* + k_{m*} \omega_*.$$  

These losses differ slightly as (21) characterizes nominal power setting which with power the point of view is near optimal with losses (22).

During the work in the idling mode ($M_* \approx 0$)

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma*} = k_\omega + k_{\omega*} + k_{\omega*} \omega_*;$$

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma*\min} \approx k_{\omega*}.$$  

Thus, regulation of a flow in case of an alternating load and constant speed of the electric drive allows to reduce losses by value no more ($k_{\omega*} \approx k_{1*}$) time that makes $20 \ldots 50\%$ of complete losses in the rated mode.

2. The electric drive provides regulation of speed of the engine ($\omega_* = \text{var}$) in case of the rated moment on a shaft ($M_* = 1$).

For rated speed ($\omega_* = 1$) ratios (21) and (22) are fair. For small speed ($\omega_* = 0$) these ratios have an appearance:

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma*\min} \approx k_{\omega*} + k_{\omega*};$$  

$$\Delta P_{\Sigma*\min*} \approx 2k_{\omega*} k_{0*}.$$  

It will easily be convinced that in case of $k_{\omega*} = k_{0*}$ values $\Delta P_{\Sigma*} = \Sigma P_{\Sigma\min*}$ i.e. if rated values of variable losses $k_{\omega*}$ and losses from $k_0$ magnetization current $* \omega_*$ are identical, then opportunities for lowering of summary losses are absent here.

Optimization of the frequency and adjustable asynchronous electric drive with ventilator loading. In the frequency and adjustable asynchronous electric drive implementation of methods of minimization of losses is more complex challenge as formation of a flow in the asynchronous machine requires use of special sensors or difficult control algorithms [9, 12].

If saturation of a magnetic conductor isn't considered, then:

$$\Phi_* = E_*/f_*,$$  

i.e. regulation of a stream assumes need of maintenance of the required $E_*/f_*$ ratio.

According to (18) magnetic flux of $\Phi_{opt*}$ is defined by the $M$ moment * on an engine shaft

$$M_* = \Phi_{opt*} I'_2 \sin \phi_2,$$  

where $\phi_2$ – a corner between $\Phi_*$ and $I'_2 *$ which at small values of sliding of $s$ is equal approximately $\pi / 2$, i.e.

$$M_* \approx \Phi_{opt*} I'_2$$

$$\Phi_{opt*} \approx I'_2 \sqrt{k_v + k_{\omega*} \omega_*}.$$  

$U_{opt*}$ tension size this stream, necessary for creation, pays off as follows:

$$U_{opt*} = E_*/I'_2 z_{1*} \approx \Phi_{opt*} f_*/ I'_2 z_{1*},$$  

where $z_{1*} = \sqrt{r_{1*}^2 + (f_*/x_{1*})^2};$  

$$r_{1*} = r_1 / z_{1n};$$  

$x_{1*} = x_1 / z_{1n};$  

$z_{1n} = U_n / I_{1n}.$

In the asynchronous electric drive with ventilator loading, the moment on a shaft HELL is a single-valued function of rotational speed of the engine. In this case a magnetic flux of $\Phi_{opt*}$ and $U_{opt*}$ respectively tension * are defined only by angular speed $\omega_*$ and * frequency.

If we take into account that $\omega_* \approx f_*$, then, for the mechanism with the ventilator moment of resistance ($M_* \approx \omega_*^2$)
\[
\Phi_{\text{opt}}^{*} = f_{e} \left( \frac{k_{v}^{*}}{k_{v}^{*} + k_{cm}^{*} f_{e}^{*}} \right)^{4/3}.
\]

The approximate type of dependences of \( \Phi_{\text{opt}}^{*} (f^{*}) \) and \( U_{\text{opt}}^{*} (f^{*}) \) for \( M^{*} = \omega_{2}^{*} \) is shown to \( f \) in figure 2.

Figure 2. Diagrams of dependence of the relative values of a magnetic flux and tension from the frequency of \( \Phi_{\text{opt}}^{*} (f^{*}) \) and \( U_{\text{opt}}^{*} (f^{*}) \) for mechanisms with the ventilator moment.

Development of the system of management of the energy saving electric drive with ventilator loading. Dependence of current of the stator of the engine on his tension to have extreme character at the constant moment of loading that allows at reduction of loading on an engine shaft below nominal at the constant moment of static resistance, to reduce consumed current and to increase power factor of the engine having reduced supply voltage [1].

This circumstance has essential value for mechanisms which for the technological reasons have to work certain time with incomplete loading of the engine. In particular, it treat mechanisms with the ventilator static characteristic at which is in the range of regulation of angular speed, for example, 4:1 powers removed from an engine shaft decrease approximately by 20 times [3].

The systems of the electric drive allowing to carry out frequency regulation of speed of the engine at any static moment of loading (in particular at casual loading) have excess complexity for electric drives of mechanisms at which the moment is unambiguously connected with angular speed. Therefore for electric drives with ventilator loading it is expedient to use other system of regulation that will allow to achieve a certain simplification and reduction in cost of system of the electric drive.

In figure 3, the functional diagram of the offered system of the energy saving asynchronous electric drive with control on the stator current module on the basis of the EPS-OA [9, 10] electric drive is provided.

The energy saving electric drive with ventilator loading turns on the frequency converter 1 consisting of the transistor pulse-width regulator 2 with two force transistors keys 3 and 4, the thyristor inverter 5 with the reverse diodes 6, two current sensors 9 and 10, two constant resistors 11 and 12, and the unit 7 of control of operation of the frequency converter 1 is executed in the form of the relay circuit of comparing 13, the generator of an algorithm of switching of 14 thyristors 8 of the inverter 5, the pulse width modulator 15 and the generator of an algorithm of switching of 16 transistors of force transistor keys 3 and 4, the voltage sensor 18, the voltage controller 19 and the function generator 20.

The device for control of the electric drive works as follows. The diagram of the device with control on the module of current of the stator [2] allows to set \( U_{e} / f_{e} \) ratio parametric, i.e. \( f_{e} \) frequency on an output of the thyristor inverter (engine stator tension frequency) is set automatically depending on loading on a shaft of the asynchronous engine and a signal of installation on the engine stator \( I_{e} \) current module.

At the same time time of frequency control of \( f_{e} \) in case of change of the controlling influences makes value \( 1/f_{e} \), where \( f_{e} \) – switching frequency of thyristors of the inverter. Output frequency of the thyristor inverter at the same time is equal to...
f_{ex} = \text{f0}/6. During this time even on rather low frequencies
the electromagnetic flow of a rotor of the asynchronous
engine owing to the considerable constant of time doesn’t
manage to change significantly, than the range extension
of regulation of speed is provided.

The parametric job of frequency excludes also need of any
limit of current as restriction of current happens
automatically. Feature of this electric drive is also existence
of the moment on a shaft of the fixed engine. The function
generator in the diagram sets the required correlation
between U_{opt} and f_{ex} in compliance with expressions (31) and
(32). The type of the relative dependences of F_{opt} * (*) and
U_{opt} * (f_{ex} *) for mechanisms with the ventilatory moment of
resistance is shown to f_{ex} in figure 2. The voltage controller,
comparing optimum U_{opt}(y) and leaking values of tension
of the stator of the engine from the voltage sensor, influences
the frequency converter so that to provide their equality and
to receive \Phi_{opt} required value of an optimum flow for
minimization of losses in the drive.

Dependences of U_{opt} * (f_{ex} *) the illustrating curves realized
by the FP functional converter and calculated by the offered
technique for various engines at ventilatory loading are given
in figure 4. Figure 1 has designated two almost coinciding
curves for a case of use of engines of a series 4A (4A250M4
and 4A100M6) with a power respectively 2.2 and 90.0 kW
and 2r = 4. Apparently, the received curves are extremely
simple for practical realization. By figure 2 it is designated
for the special frequency and adjustable MAP-642-4 electric
motor with a power of 90.0 kW. In this case absolute values
change a little, but the configuration of a curve remains
former that leads only to adjustment of the FP parameters.
The curve 3 corresponds to the engine 4A250M4 at the real
ventilator mechanical characteristic

\[ M_\Phi = M_\Phi - (1-M_\Phi)f_\text{inc}^2, \quad (33) \]

where \( M_\Phi \) = 0.08. The form of a curve 3 is identical to
previous. In figure 5 the simplest diagram for practical
implementation of the functional dependences of figure 4 is
figured. At the same time the initial curve is approximated by
the broken line consisting of three segments. Apparently, it
rather precisely can reproduce the required curves and their
adjustment by voltage variation of actuating of voltage
reference diodes of VD1 and VD2.

The pilot studies of the system of the electric drive
minimizing losses of engine capacity. This system
of extremal control is realized on the basis of the frequency
converter with the transistor voltage controller and the
thyristor independent inverter of tension. The control range
of angular speed in case of the ventilatory moment of loading
makes 12:1 in case of rigidness of mechanical characteristics
above, than rigidness of natural mechanical characteristics in
all control range.

The pilot study of the asynchronous electric drive of the
centrifugal META-11-JS-65s pump by the offered control
unit and with the A42-6 engine is conducted. Power of the
drive engine of Rn = 1.7 kW, rotational speed of \( \eta n = 980
\text{RPM}. \)

![Figure 4](image4.png)

Figure 4. Calculated dependences of optimal tension of U_{opt} * from the
output frequency of the -inverter of a row of types of asynchronous engines:
1 – asynchronous engines of a series 4A (4A250M4 and 4A100M6), 2 –
special frequency and adjustable electromotor MAP-642-4, 3 – the engine
4A250M4 in case of the real ventilator mechanical characteristic

![Figure 5](image5.png)

Figure 5. Scheme of the functional converter for realization of dependence
of U_{opt} * (f_{ex} *).

The experimental energetic characteristics AD on
summary losses \( \Delta P_{\text{dv}} *(M \text{ *) for adjustable and energy saving
electric drives are provided on figure 6. Experiments showed
that, efficiency of extremal regulation is especially strongly
shown in case of small loadings (M *<;0.5), in the idling
mode in case of control with energy saving of loss of power
in the engine more than 20% decrease. Similar results are
received as well in case of values of frequencies of power
voltage below rated.

![Figure 6](image6.png)

Figure 6. Energetic characteristics of the asynchronous engine on summary
losses \( \Delta P_{\text{dv}} * (M \text{ *) and – the adjustable EPS-OA electric drive: “ ______” –
the energy saving electric drive with control to the stator current module: “ __
__ __” .

In figure 7, some experimental direct current
characteristics in case of rated frequency of power voltage
are given \((f^* = 1)\). These dependences of the relative values of current of the stator \((I^*)\), engine electrical power factor \((\cos \phi^\text{dw} \) \) and complete losses of the engine \((\Delta P^*)\) as the relative power on its shaft \(R_{dv}^*\) (solid lines) and the mode of regulation on the law \(U/f = \text{const}\) (dotted lines). Apparently, efficiency of extremal regulation practically comes to light only in case of \(M^* < 0.5\), but in case of regulation on a minimum of losses of power the electrical power factor of the engine increases in the mode of idling of the engine almost three times, current of the stator and loss decrease more than twice, similar results are received as well in case of values of frequencies of power voltage below rated.

In the figure 7, the experimental dependences of the relative values of current of the stator \((I^*)\) and engine electrical power factor \((\cos \phi^\text{dw} \) \) functions of the relative moment of the engine are given \((M^*)\) with a frequency of power voltage of \(10\, \text{Hz} \) \((f^* = 0.2\) continuous curves). Here, also as well as in the previous case comparative dependences of the mode of regulation on the law \(U/f = \text{const}\) (dotted curves) in a zone of low loading of the engine are this, i.e. in regime of the close to idling the electrical power factor of the engine raises twice, and current of the stator decreases also almost twice.

The oscillograms are provided on figure 8 and illustrate some dynamic properties of system. In figure 8 process of aemission of load rating on the idling engine in case of rated frequency of power voltage and change is figured at the same time of current of the \(I_n\) engine and rotational speed of \(n\). Apparently, the enclosed perturbation is fulfilled for 0.3 with in case of "fit" of rotating speed to 28%.

Oscillograms of figure 8, illustrates the process of reset of load rating. On rotational speed establishment transient phenomenon comes to an end for 0.07s, however tension is set approximately for 1s.

Regulations in sizes of currents and tension are practically absent, and the system passes into economy mode of work with the lowered magnetic flux of the engine.

Estimating the received results, one may say, that the system of the frequency and adjustable extreme electric drive minimizing losses of engine capacity has good energy saving, and also satisfactory dynamic properties. And efficiency of use of this system of the electric drive of subjects is more, than the periods of idling of the engine are more long.

Use of the offered system will allow to increase use of the engine and productivity of the mechanism, and also to improve power of the electric drive due to economy of the electric power. In general this system of the electric drive can be recommended for application with the mechanisms which
aren't imposing increased requirements to dynamics of the drive and in too time for some the operating mode with incomplete loading of the engine is characteristic.

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