ANALYSIS OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION OF INDUCTION MOTORS OF IE1 AND IE2 EFFICIENCY CLASSES IN A 11 kW PUMP INSTALLATION

Purpose. Comparative analysis of energy consumption indicators of electric motors of different energy efficiency classes in an electric drive of a centrifugal pump with power of 11 kW of a water supply system with throttle regulation. Methodology. In this paper a comparison of energy consumption of 11 kW pump units with induction motors of energy efficiency classes IE1 and IE2 is presented. The induction motors are powered directly from the mains. Both considered pump configurations have the same fluid flow rate characteristic of open pump systems. The amount of water consumed by the pump is adjusted by throttling. Results. The results on the daily and annual energy consumption of the two considered pump system configurations are obtained. It is shown that the pump unit using the IE2 class motor provides the annual energy savings of 9.65 thousand rubles and the life cycle energy savings of 158 thousand rubles compared to the IE1 class motor. The payback period of the IE2 class motor is calculated, which is 5 months if a new installation is commissioned and 2 years if the motor is replaced in an operating installation. Practical value. Nowadays the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union mainly use electric motors of the lowest energy efficiency class IE1, according to the IEC 60034-30 Standard (GOST IEC 60034-30-1-2016). However, according to the decision of the Commission of the Eurasian Economic Union, since the 1st of September, 2021 all general-purpose motors shall not be less efficient than the IE2 efficiency level. Therefore, the analysis of the economic effect of replacing IE1 class motors with IE2 class motors becomes relevant for the countries of the Eurasian Union. Pump drives are one of the most important consumers of electricity. Most of the pump drives are powered directly from the mains.

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Introduction. The high energy intensity of modern industry determines the high urgency of increasing the energy efficiency of production. Electric motors consume about 70% of the electricity in industrial applications. Therefore, in many countries around the world, a ban is gradually being introduced on the use of motors with low energy efficiency classes. However, in Russia today, mainly electric motors of low energy efficiency class IE1, in accordance with the IEC 60034-30 Standard, are used. Motors of IE2 class of domestic production are also presented on the Russian market [1]. However, the demand for energy efficient motors in Russia is small due to the low cost of electricity compared to the countries of the European Union. For comparison, the price of electricity for industrial consumers in Germany is about 0.057 EUR/kW·h [2, 3]. In the European Union, since 2017, in general industrial applications, it is permissible to use motors of classes not lower than IE3, for power of 0.75-375 kW. Moreover, since the 1st of July, 2023 in the European Union, motors with power of more than 75 kW must comply with the IE4 class [4]. In the future, there are plans to expand the mandatory class IE4 for lower power motors and move to the mandatory class IE5 for powerful motors [5]. It should be noted that even in modern conditions, the use of IE4 and IE5 class motors can be justified due to high, constantly increasing prices for energy carriers and the need to reduce the impact on the environment [6].

The massive use of motors of higher energy efficiency classes will significantly reduce energy consumption, reduce the energy intensity of the gross domestic product, and will also contribute to improving the environmental situation by reducing the emission of harmful substances during electricity generation. The use of energy-efficient motors is consistent with the achievement of the goals stated in the energy and environmental strategies of various countries: the European Union (European Green Deal [6]), the USA (State Energy Program), Switzerland (supports the Paris Agreement), China (supports the Paris Agreement), Japan (Net Zero Energy Building), South Korea (supports the Paris Agreement), as well as the Russian Federation [7], etc.

Therefore, according to the decision of the Commission of the Eurasian Economic Union on the requirements for the energy efficiency of energy-consuming devices [8], since the 1st of September, 2021 the efficiency value for motors with power of 0.75-375 kW should not be less than the values established for the IE2 energy efficiency class. And from the 1st of September, 2023 the efficiency of motors with power of 7.5-375 kW should already correspond to the IE3 class. The IE3 class requirement since the 1st September 1, 2025 will also be extended to 0.75-7.5 kW motors [8].

The obligatory transition to IE2 class motors in Russia and the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union makes it possible to hope that in the future, albeit with a certain time delay due to objective economic reasons, the requirements for the energy efficiency of motors will approach the modern requirements of the European Union.

Pump systems consume about 22% of the world's electricity [9]. A large number of works [10-16] are devoted to the issues of comparing the energy consumption of pump systems using different motors with different IE classes. However, all of these papers deal with pump systems with motor speed control using a frequency converter. Despite the high efficiency, as well as the best static and dynamic control characteristics of the AC drive with a frequency converter, due to the high cost of the converter, most of the pump drives are still powered directly from the mains [9]. For example, the share of variable speed drives in the German market is about 30%, and in the Swiss market – 20% [17]. In Russia and other CIS countries, the share of variable frequency drives is traditionally lower than in the European Union.

For pumps powered directly from the mains, the comparison of energy consumption when using motors with different IE classes is considered much less often. Or example, in [9] a comparative analysis of the energy consumption of synchronous and induction motors of IE3 and IE4 classes with direct power supply from the network in the electric drive of a centrifugal pump with throttle control is considered. It is also shown in [9] that when choosing a motor, it is necessary to take into account not only the energy efficiency class, but also the load cycle in which the motor operates, and, accordingly, the efficiency of the motor at reduced loads. However, the use of motors of classes IE3 and IE4 is currently not legally supported in all countries.

Based on the above literature review, it can be concluded that the issues of comparing motors of different energy efficiency classes in pump units with an uncontrolled speed remain insufficient highlighted.
The goal of this work is a comparative analysis of the energy consumption of 11 kW direct-on-line induction motors with energy efficiency classes IE1 and IE2 in an electric drive of a throttle-controlled centrifugal pump.

The urgency of this work is due to the need to assess the economic effect of replacing IE1 class motors with IE2 class motors for such a common class of mechanisms as centrifugal pumps, in view of the imminent introduction of the mandatory use of IE2 class motors in the countries of the Eurasian Union. For comparison, the energy consumption indicators and the costs of motors of the IE1 and IE2 classes over the life cycle are compared, the payback period of the IE2 class motor is analyzed. In [18], such an analysis was carried out for the particular case of a 15 kW pump unit. This work expands on this analysis.

Pump characteristics. For the calculation, a Calpeda NM 50/20A/B pump with power of 11 kW was selected [19]. The rated speed of the pump is 2900 rpm.

The maximum performance of the pump system corresponds to the point at which the water flow rate is 10 % higher than at the point with the best efficiency point (BEP) \( Q_{110\%} = 1.1 \cdot Q_{\text{bep}} = 66 \text{ m}^3/\text{h} \).

Figure 1, a shows the catalog \( Q-H \) characteristic of the pump [19], and Fig. 1, b presents the dependence of the mechanical power of the pump drive motor depending on the water supply at the rated speed [19].

Characteristics of induction motors. For the calculation the asynchronous motors of Russian production: 7AVEC160M2ie1 (class IE1) and 7AVEC160M2ie2 (class IE2) of the 7AVE series [1] with power of 11 kW were selected. The efficiency values of these motors in the nominal mode are equal to 88.2 % and 90 %, respectively.

Table 1 shows data on the efficiency of the selected motors in 5 different load modes. \( P_{\text{mech}} \) is the mechanical power of the motor; \( P_n \) is the rated mechanical power of the motor. These data are also shown in Fig. 2.

Pump working points. An open-loop pumping system is considered, the water flow rate of which varies in the range from 75 % to 110 % of the flow rate \( Q_{\text{bep}} \) which corresponds to the working point of the pump with the highest efficiency (the best efficiency point, BEP). 25 % of the time the pump operates at a point with a flow rate of 0.75 \( Q_{\text{bep}} \), 50 % of the time – with a flow rate \( Q_{\text{bep}} \), and another 25 % of the time – with a flow rate of 1.1 \( Q_{\text{bep}} \). This dependence is diagrammatically shown in Fig. 3. This load curve is recommended by the Europump manufacturer association for estimating the energy consumption of pumps with fixed drive [20].

At the maximum water flow rate (\( Q = 1.1 \cdot Q_{\text{bep}} \)), the valve is fully opened, and to ensure flow rates equal to \( Q_{\text{bep}} \) and 0.75 \( Q_{\text{bep}} \), the valve is partially closed so that the system characteristic changes, and the point of its intersection with the pump characteristic moves to the left. Figure 4 shows the \( Q-H \) characteristic of the pump and the characteristics of the hydraulic system at various working points.
To assess energy consumption, the mechanical power of the drive motor is first calculated, in three modes shown in Fig. 3. When regulating the water flow by throttling, the working points of the pump system move along the Q-H pump characteristic by measuring the characteristic of the hydraulic system. The characteristic of the hydraulic system is described by the following equation [9]:

\[ H = H_{st} + kQ^2, \]  

where \( Q \) and \( H \) are the required values of water supply and pressure of the hydraulic system (hydraulic load); \( H_{st} \) is the static pressure of the hydraulic system \( H_{st} = H_{bep} / 2 = 22.5 \) m; \( k \) is the coefficient of friction of the hydraulic system, the value of which depends on the value of the valve opening.

Table 2 shows the results of calculating the mechanical power \( P_{mech} \) and other characteristics of the pump at three different water flow rates corresponding to Fig. 3.

The coefficient of friction for different \( Q \) is calculated based on (1) as \( k = (H - H_{st}) / Q^2 \).

Using the data from Table 3, it is possible to find the values of the consumed electrical power at the considered working points, according to the formula:

\[ P_i = \frac{P_{mech}}{\eta_{motor}}, \]  

where \( \eta_{motor} \) is the motor efficiency.

The results of this calculation are shown in Table 4, in which \( i = 1..3 \) is the number of the considered load point.

Using the results obtained (see Table 4), we calculate the daily electricity consumed \( (E_{day}) \), the annual electricity consumed \( (E_{year}) \), the sum of the annual energy costs \( (C_{year}) \) and the annual savings \( (S_{year}) \) for a pump system with an IE2 motor, compared to pump system with an IE1 class motor [9]:
The entire life cycle of the pump system is determined by the 20 years [21]. Estimation of the cost of energy during the entire life cycle of the pump system, which is usually motor) pump systems configuration.

We also estimate the energy consumption over the entire life cycle of the pump system, which is usually 20 years [21]. Estimation of the cost of energy during the entire life cycle of the pump system is determined by the following formula [21]:

\[ C_{\text{IE}1} = \sum_{m=1}^{n} \left( C_{\text{year} m} \left(1 + \left[1 - p\right]^m\right) \right), \]  

(7)

where \( C_{\text{year} m} \) is the sum of electricity costs of the \( m \)-th year; \( y \) is the interest rate of the Central Bank (\( y = 0.06 \)); \( p \) is the expected annual inflation (\( p = 0.04 \)); \( n \) is the service life of the system (\( n = 20 \) years).

The calculation results by (3) – (7) are shown in Table 5.

| Parameters | \( E_{\text{day}} \), kW·h | \( E_{\text{year}} \), kW·h | \( C_{\text{year}} \), EUR | \( S_{\text{year}} \), EUR/\( h \) | \( C_{\text{IE}1} \), thousand EUR |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| IE1 IM     | 279.2                       | 101921                      | 5 809                     | –                             | 95.0                          |
| IE2 IM     | 273.5                       | 99827                       | 5 690                     | 118.6                         | 93.0                          |

As it can be seen from the Table 5, annual savings \( S_{\text{year}} \) are EUR 118.6 with the IE2 motor compared to the IE1 motor. The savings over 20 years (difference in \( C_{\text{IE}1} \) of the two engines) are 2,000 EUR taking into account interest rates and inflation.

The payback period when using a more expensive IE2 class motor compared to an IE1 class motor saves EUR 118.6 per year and EUR 2,000 (including the interest rate and inflation) per life cycle, compared to a system using an IE1 class induction motor.

The payback periods, calculated according to (8), are 0.41 years (approximately 5 months) when a new pump unit with IM IE2 is put into operation and 2.03 years when the IM of the IE1 class is replaced by the IM of the IE2 class in the existing unit.

Conclusions.

This paper compares the energy efficiency indicators of a pump unit with power of 11 kW when using induction motors of IE1 and IE2 classes. In both cases, the same flow rate graph is considered, typical for open-loop pump systems. The flow rate is regulated by throttling the pipeline.

It is shown that a system using an IE2 class induction motor saves EUR 118.6 per year and EUR 2,000 (including the interest rate and inflation) per life cycle, compared to a system using an IE1 class induction motor.

The short payback period for the first case allows to conclude that the use of IE2 motors in new installations is very profitable at current prices for motors and electricity.

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