

# EE6508 - Power Quality Voltage Disturbances

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# Voltage Variations

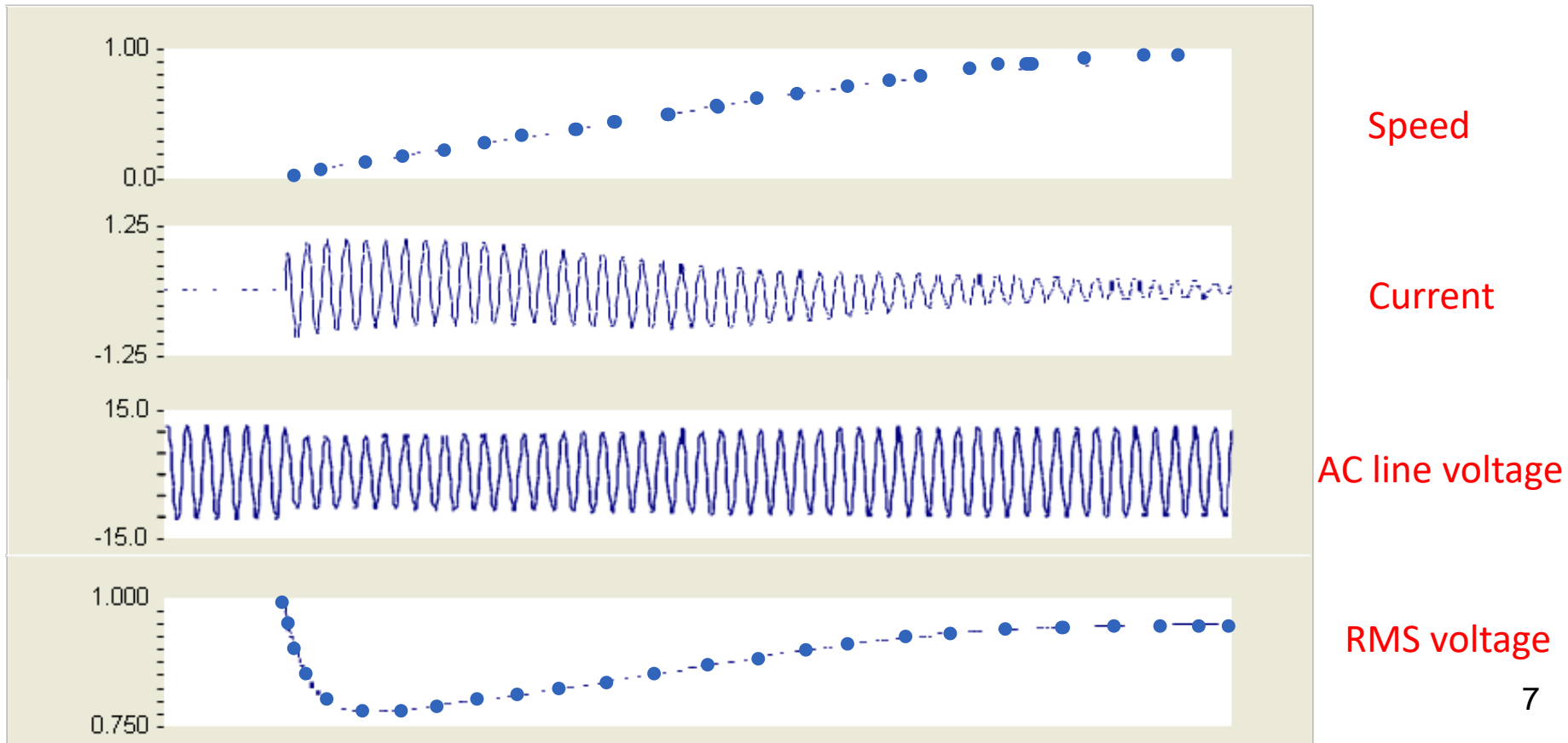
- Deviation of RMS voltage magnitude characterized by
  - ✓ Change in the voltage magnitude
    - Voltage dip/sag: decrease in magnitude
    - Voltage swell: increase in magnitude
    - Voltage interruption: drop to very low (close to zero) magnitude
  - ✓ Duration of the disturbance
  - ✓ Jump in voltage phase angle at beginning and end of disturbance
- Majority of problems lie with voltage sags/dips and interruptions
  - ✓ Insufficient voltage to maintain the continuous supply of energy to the loads, resulting in load tripping-off or malfunction
  - ✓ High current surges when voltage recovers after disturbance, causing equipment with low over-current withstand capability to trip

# Definitions of Voltage Variations

- Short duration variations (< 1 min)
  - ✓ Duration (1 cycle of 50 Hz system is 20 ms)
    - Instantaneous (0.5-30 cycles),
    - Momentary (30 cycles – 3 s),
    - Temporary (3 s – 1 min)
  - ✓ RMS magnitude
    - Interruption (< 0.1 pu),
    - Sag/dip (0.1-0.9 pu),
    - Swell (1.1-1.8 pu)
- Long duration variations (> 1 min)
  - Sustained interruption (0.0 pu),
  - Undervoltages (0.8-0.9 pu typical),
  - Overvoltages (1.1-1.2 pu typical)

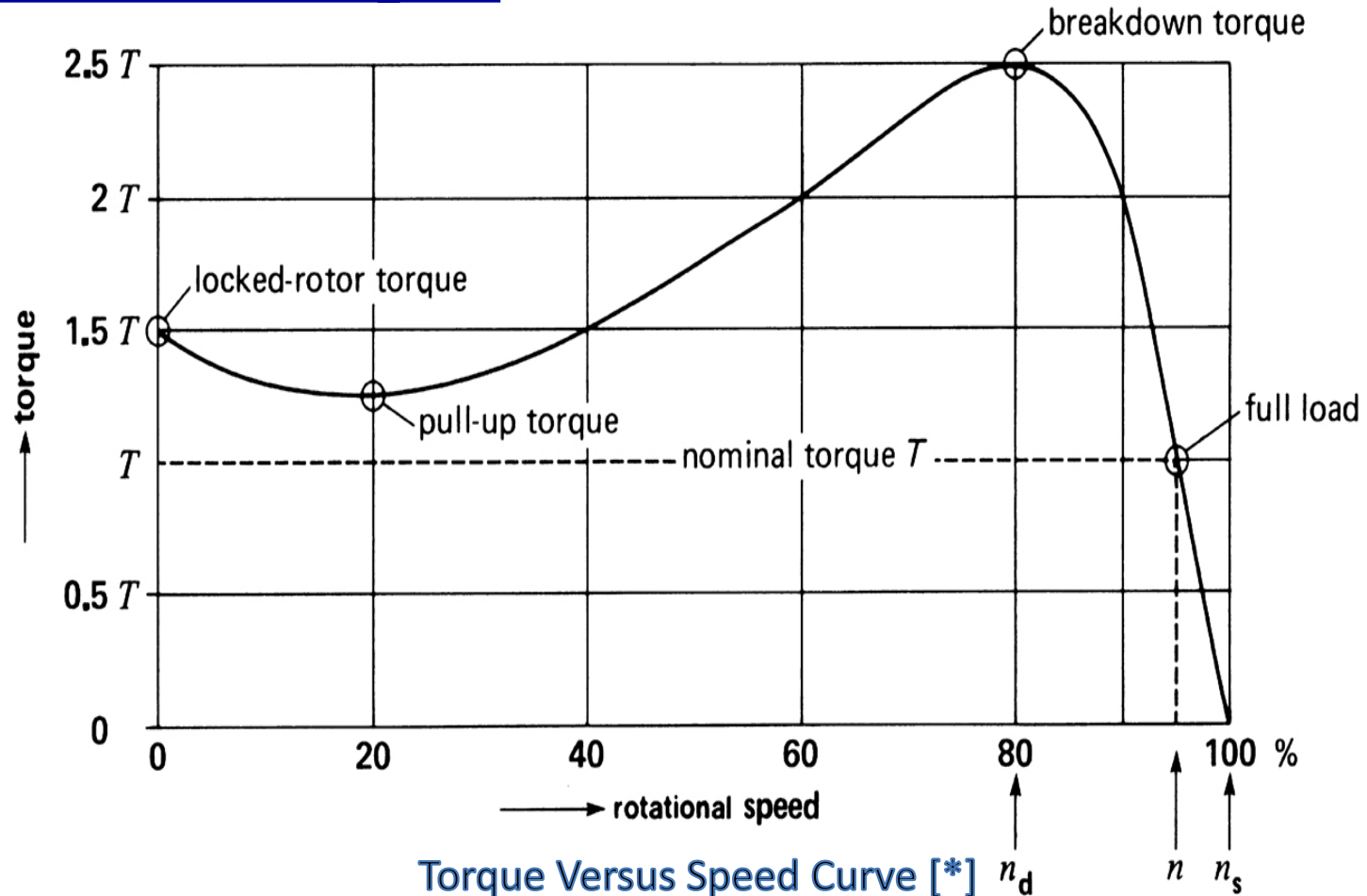
# Sag Caused by Starting of Induction Motor

- Bollen – ss. 4.9 pp. 248-251; Ch. 9 of IEEE Std 399-1997
- During start-up of induction motor,
  - ✓ It takes a larger current than normal, typically 5-6 times larger
  - ✓ Current remains high until motors reaches its nominal speed, typically between several seconds to one minute



# Useful Induction Motor Link

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLat6nFKIgrM702J6fhBX546-d0VA\\_6awb](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLat6nFKIgrM702J6fhBX546-d0VA_6awb)



[\*] <http://electricalacademia.com/induction-motor/torque-speed-characteristics-induction-motor/>

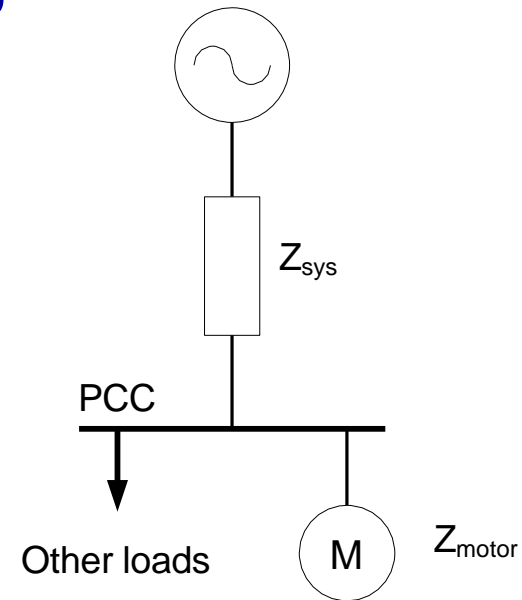


# Sag Caused by Starting of Induction Motor

- Using voltage divider, standing voltage  $V_{sag}$  at the node of motor starting

$$V_{sag} = \frac{Z_{motor}}{Z_{motor} + Z_{sys}}$$

- ✓ Assuming source voltage of 1.0 p.u.,
- ✓ At starting,  $Z_{motor}$  is locked-rotor impedance

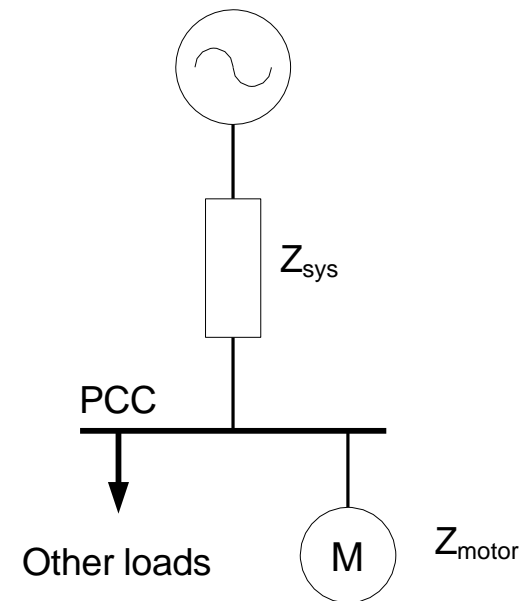


# Sag Caused by Starting of Induction Motor

- When starting a motor from source with a short circuit capacity  $S_{source}$ .

$$Z_{sys} = \frac{V_n^2}{S_{source}} ; Z_{motor} = \frac{V_n^2}{\beta S_{motor}}$$

- ✓  $V_n$  is rated voltage
- ✓  $\beta$  is the ratio between the motor's starting current and the nominal current i.e. ratio of locked-rotor current at rated voltage to rated current
- ✓  $S_{motor}$  is the motor rated apparent power



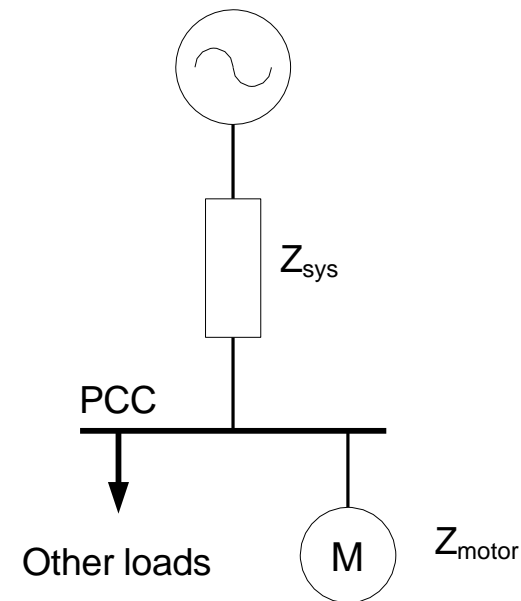
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$$V_{sag} = \frac{\frac{V_n^2}{\beta S_{motor}}}{\frac{V_n^2}{\beta S_{motor}} + \frac{V_n^2}{S_{source}}}$$

$$V_{sag} = \frac{\frac{1}{\beta S_{motor}}}{\frac{S_{source} + \beta S_{motor}}{\beta S_{motor} S_{source}}}$$

$$V_{sag} = \frac{S_{source}}{S_{source} + \beta S_{motor}}$$



- The corresponding per-unit change in voltage or voltage sag,

$$\Delta V = 1 - V_{sag} = 1 - \frac{S_{source}}{S_{source} + \beta S_{motor}} = \frac{\beta S_{motor}}{S_{source} + \beta S_{motor}}$$

$$\approx \frac{\beta S_{motor}}{S_{source}} \quad \text{for } S_{source} \gg \beta S_{motor}$$

# Other Characteristics of Motor-Startup

- Duration of voltage sag depends on motor inertia
  - ✓ Motor torque is proportional to square of voltage
  - ✓ Reduced accelerating torque if voltage sag occurs
  - ✓ Prolong the motor run-up time
  - ✓ Lengthen the duration of voltage sag
- Effect on other motors
  - ✓ As voltage at motor terminal drops, other existing motors will slow down, causing an increase in the motors' load currents
  - ✓ This will pull the voltage down even further, reduce the motor accelerating torque even more
  - ✓ Deeper voltage sag
  - ✓ Prolonging the voltage sag recovery
  - ✓ Long run-up time for the motor

# Motor-Starting Methods

- Dugan ss. 3.6, pp. 78-81
- Full-voltage starting is simple, low-cost and allows rapid acceleration but voltage sag can be excessive
  - ✓ Current (and torque) is proportional to square of voltage
- Reduced starting voltage limits starting current, reducing voltage sag
  - ✓ Must ensure sufficient torque to build up the motor speed
- Autotransformer starter
  - ✓ Transformer tap of 80, 65 or 50% at starting to reduce starting current

# Motor-Starting Methods

- Autotransformer with turn ratio  $\alpha = N_2 / N_1$

$$V_{start} = V_{sec} = N_2 / N_1 V_{pri} = \alpha V_{pri}$$

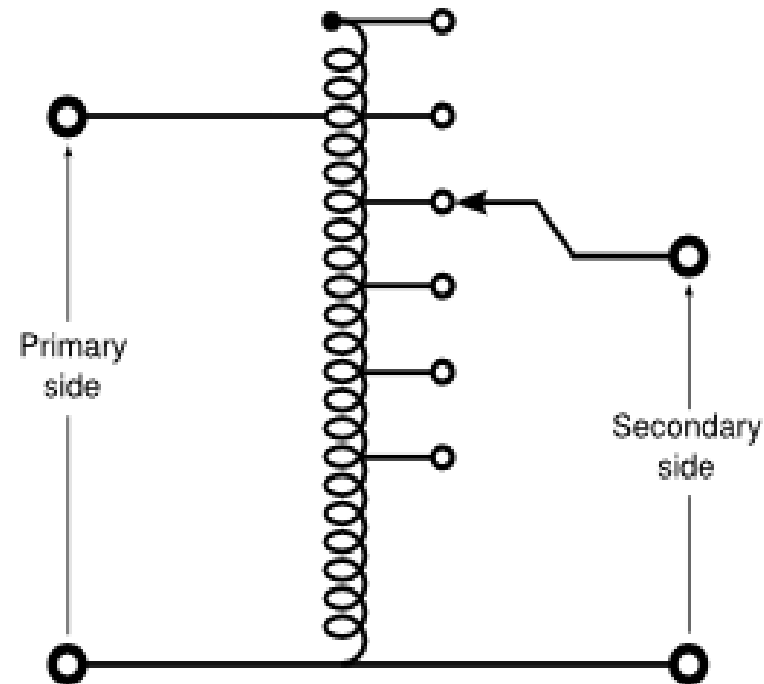
$$\Rightarrow I_{start-sec} = \frac{V_{sec}}{Z_{motor}} = \frac{\alpha V_{pri}}{Z_{motor}}$$

$$I_{start-sec} = \alpha I_{start-original}$$

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$$\therefore I_{start-pri} = \alpha^2 I_{start-original}$$

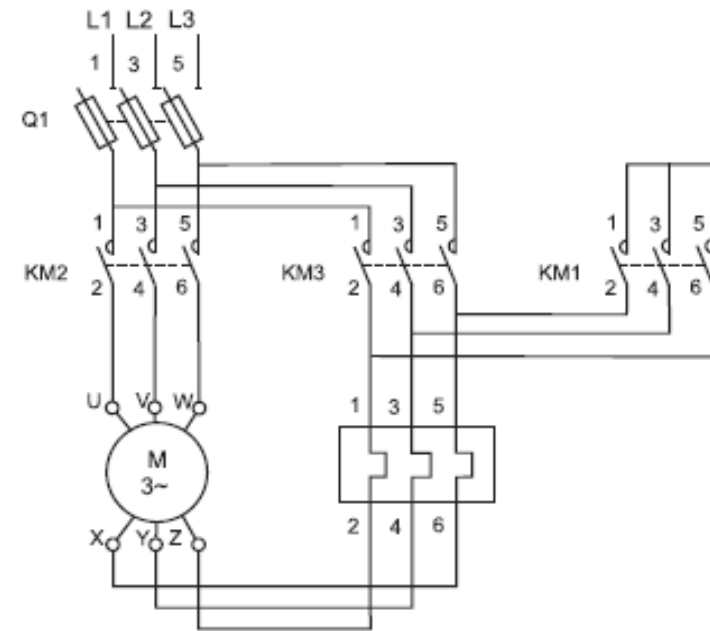
$$\Rightarrow \beta_{autotransformer} = \alpha^2 \times \beta_{original}$$



# Motor-Starting Methods

## ■ Delta-Wye starter

- ✓ Stator windings are connected in wye at starting, reducing starting voltage to 57% of original level, and current (and torque) to 33% of original level
- ✓ At starting, the order of switching is KM1, KM2 and KM3, with the last switch only closed after the motor has sped up to predefined value.



# Motor-Starting Methods

- Without this starter, the motor will be turned on with winding connected in delta

$$I_{start-delta} = I_{line-delta} = \sqrt{3}I_{phase-delta} = \frac{\sqrt{3}V_{line-to-line}}{Z_{motor}}$$

- With delta-wye starter, the motor winding is connected in wye at starting

$$I_{start-wye} = I_{phase-wye} = \frac{V_{phase}}{Z_{motor}} = \frac{V_{line-to-line}/\sqrt{3}}{Z_{motor}}$$

$$I_{start-wye} = \frac{I_{start-delta}}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}} = \frac{I_{start-delta}}{3}$$

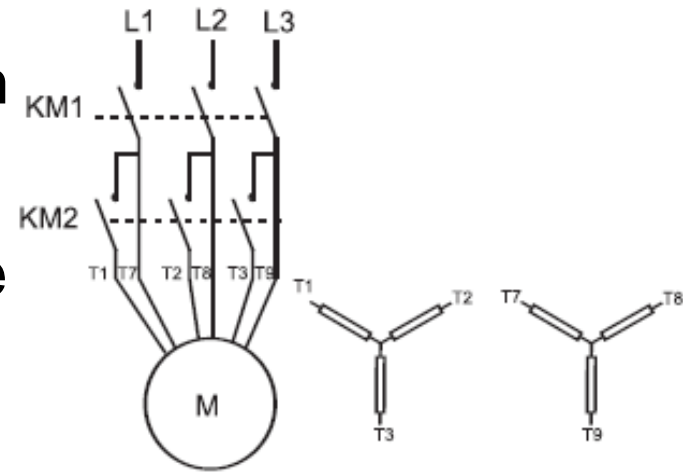
$$\therefore \frac{I_{start-wye}}{I_{start-delta}} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \beta_{start-wye} = \frac{\beta_{start-delta}}{3}$$



# Motor-Starting Methods

## ■ Part-Winding starter

- ✓ Attractive for use with dual-rated motors (220/440 V or 230/460 V) (equivalent to two small motors with each half of motor ratings)
- ✓ Stator has two windings that can be connected in parallel or series
- ✓ Only one winding is connected at starting to limit starting current
- ✓ Second winding is only connected after the motor has sped up and therefore, the inrush current would be small



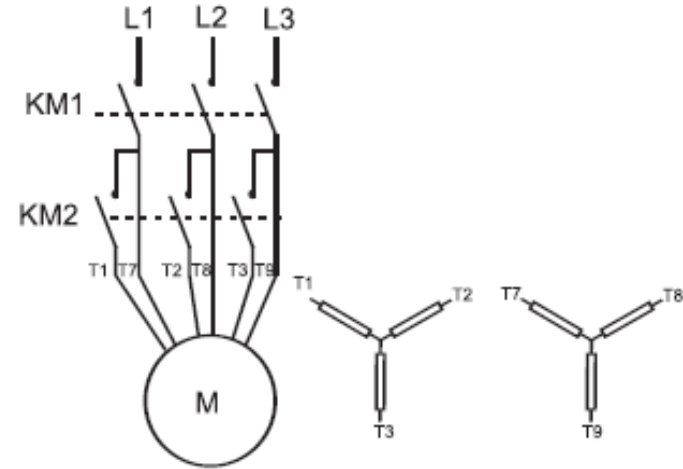
# Motor-Starting Methods

## ■ Part-Winding starter

$$I_{start-full} = \frac{V_{phase}}{Z_{motor}};$$

$$I_{start-half} = \frac{V_{phase}}{2 \times Z_{motor}} = \frac{I_{start-full}}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{I_{start-half}}{I_{start-full}} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \beta_{start-half} = \frac{\beta_{start-full}}{2}$$



## ■ Capacitor starting system

- ✓ Compensate for the predominant inductive starting current

# Motor-Starting Methods

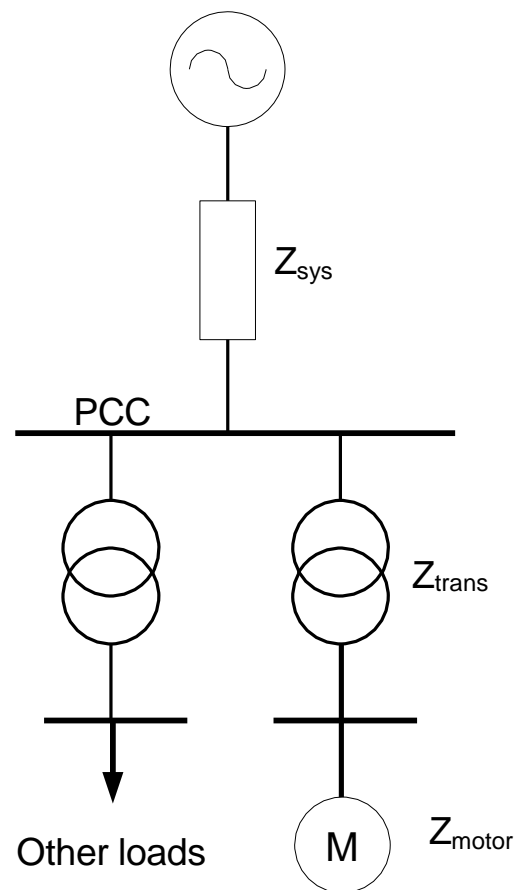
- To reduce the voltage sag at PCC, the motor can be fed through a dedicated transformer, the voltage at PCC at motor starting is

$$V_{sag} = \frac{Z_{motor} + Z_{trans}}{Z_{motor} + Z_{sys} + Z_{trans}}$$

Where,

$$Z_{sys} = \frac{V_n^2}{S_{source}}, \quad Z_{sys} = \frac{V_n^2}{S_{source}}$$

$$Z_{motor} = \frac{V_n^2}{\beta S_{motor}}, \text{ and } Z_{trans} = \varepsilon \frac{V_n^2}{S_{trans}}$$



- ✓ Assuming transformer is of same power rating as induction motor and has an impedance  $\varepsilon$  p.u.

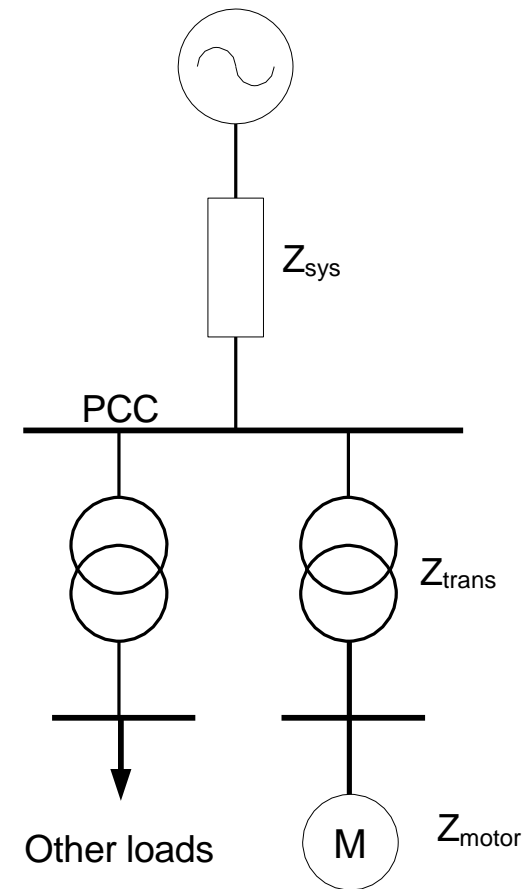
# Motor-Starting Methods

- ✓ Less voltage sag at sensitive load point (PCC) is now electrically separated from the motor terminal by the transformer

$$V_{sag} = \frac{\frac{V_n^2}{\beta S_{motor}} + \varepsilon \frac{V_n^2}{S_{trans}}}{\frac{V_n^2}{\beta S_{motor}} + \varepsilon \frac{V_n^2}{S_{trans}} + \frac{V_n^2}{S_{source}}}$$

$$V_{sag} = \frac{\frac{1+\beta\varepsilon}{\beta S_{motor}}}{\frac{S_{source} + \beta\varepsilon S_{source} + \beta S_{motor}}{\beta S_{motor} S_{source}}}$$

$$V_{sag} = \frac{(1+\beta\varepsilon)S_{source}}{(1+\beta\varepsilon)S_{source} + \beta S_{motor}}$$



# Other Motor-Starting Methods

- Resistance or reactance starter

- ✓ Insert an impedance in series at starting to limit starting current
- ✓ For a starting resistance of  $R$  or inductance of  $L$ ,

$$\varepsilon = \frac{R}{Z_{base}} \text{ or } \frac{2\pi fL}{Z_{base}}, \text{ where } Z_{base} = \frac{V_n^2}{S_{motor}}$$

## Exercise

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$$V_{sag} = \frac{(1 + 6 \times 0.1) \times 1000}{(1 + 6 \times 0.1) \times 1000 + 6 \times 69.44} = 0.793 = 79.3 \%$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \Delta V = 1 - V_{sag} = 20.7\%$$



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$$V_{sag} = \frac{1000}{1000 + (6 / 3) \times 69.44} = 0.878 = 87.8 \%$$

$$\Delta V = 1 - V_{sag} = 12.2\%$$

# Minimum SCC to Maintain Voltage

- Employing specific motor-starting method alone may not be sufficient to solve the problem as the voltage may still remain low.
  - ✓ What is needed is a stronger supply, also termed higher short circuit ratio (see page 31)
  - ✓ To limit the voltage drop at the motor terminal to  $V_{\min}$ , the source strength needs to be (assuming the desirable voltage is 1 pu, set  $V_{\text{sag}} = V_{\min}$  shown on page 9):

$$S_{\text{source}} = \beta S_{\text{motor}} \times \frac{V_{\min}}{1 - V_{\min}}$$

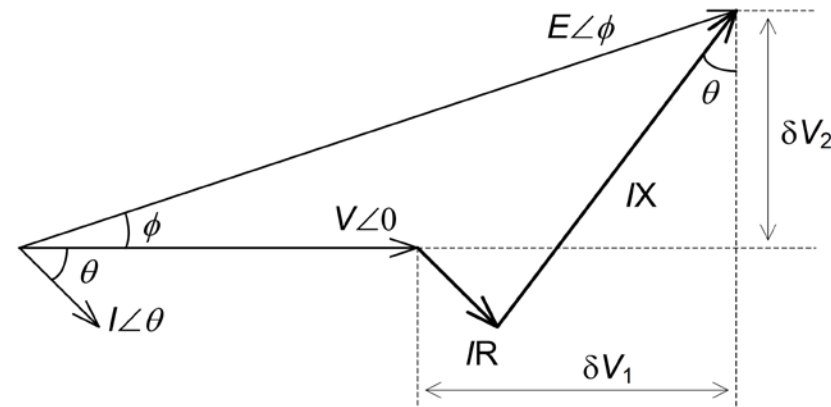
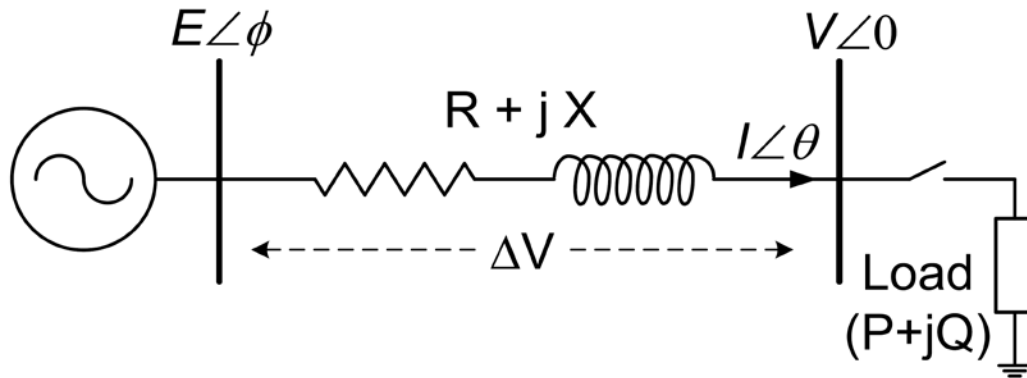
# Minimum SCC to Maintain Voltage

- ✓ With dedicated transformer or starting resistance/inductance (set  $V_{sag} = V_{min}$ , page 20),

$$S_{source} = \frac{\beta S_{motor}}{1 + \beta \varepsilon} \times \frac{V_{min}}{1 - V_{min}}$$

- In the previous example, to keep voltage above a minimum of 90%, it is necessary to use a stronger source of  $SCC = 2.34$  MVA, given  $\beta = 6$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0.1$  pu and  $S_{motor} = 69.44$  kVA.

# System Voltage Response



- Before switch is closed,  $V=E$
- When switch is closed, there is a sudden increase in the flow of power and current to the load
  - ✓ Drop in voltage magnitude and shift in voltage phase angle as load current flows through the system impedance

$$E^2 = (V + \delta V_1)^2 + \delta V_2^2$$

$$E^2 = (V + RI\cos\theta + XI\sin\theta)^2 + (XI\cos\theta - RI\sin\theta)^2$$

$$E^2 = (V + RI\cos\theta + XI\sin\theta)^2$$

$$E = V + RI\cos\theta + XI\sin\theta$$

Last expression is approximate:  
valid for small shift in voltage  
angle  $\delta$

# System Voltage Response

$$E = V + RI\cos\theta + XI\sin\theta$$

$$E = V + \frac{RVI\cos\theta}{V} + \frac{XVI\sin\theta}{V}$$

$$E = V + \frac{RP}{V} + \frac{XQ}{V} \quad \text{note: } \begin{cases} P = VI\cos\theta \\ Q = VI\sin\theta \end{cases}$$

- Energizing the load results in a change in load terminal voltage  $\Delta V$  of

$$\Delta V \approx E - V = \frac{RP}{V} + \frac{XQ}{V} = \frac{RP+XQ}{V} = \frac{XQ}{V} \text{ for } X \gg R$$

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} \approx \frac{XQ}{V^2} = \frac{Q}{V^2/X} = \frac{Q}{S_{SCC}} \text{ as } S_{SCC} = \frac{V^2}{X}$$

- ✓ where  $\Delta V / V$  is the percentage voltage variation at load terminal
- ✓ The amount of change in voltage magnitude can be estimated by comparing the load reactive demand against system short circuit capacity

# System Voltage Response

- Voltage  $E$  is usually regulated at system nominal value,
  - ✓ The magnitude deviation  $\Delta V$  can be taken as
    - Voltage dip when a new load with  $Q$  lagging power, such as large induction motor, is energized
    - Voltage swell when a new capacitor with  $Q$  leading power is turned on
    - Vice versa when the above devices are turned off / de-energized
    - Constant variation or fluctuation of the voltage magnitude when load with dynamic reactive demand is operating e.g. welding machine

# Short Circuit Capacity (SCC)

- Describes voltage support strength of a power network
- Product of three-phase fault current and rated voltage

$$S_{SCC} = \sqrt{3} \times V \times I \text{ MVA}$$

- $I$  – three-phase short circuit fault current in kA
  - $V$  – phase to phase system nominal voltage in kV
- ✓ Or expressed in terms of system impedance or reactance

$$I = \frac{V}{\sqrt{3} \times Z_{sys}} \Rightarrow S_{SCC} = \frac{V^2}{Z_{sys}} \text{ MVA}$$

- ✓ In per unit system,
- $V$  is taken as 1.0 p.u.
  - $I$  is the fault current at the fault location

$$S_{SCC} = \frac{1}{Z_{sys}} \text{ or } \frac{1}{X_{sys}} \text{ p.u.}$$

Note: Last expression assumes negligible system resistance.



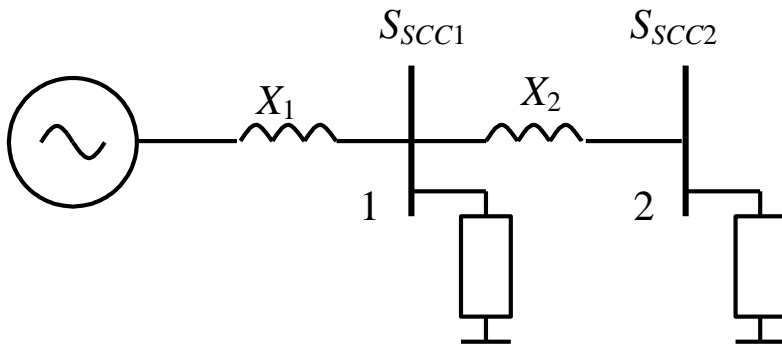
# SCC and Concept of Electrical Distance

- SCC measures the system voltage support strength
  - ✓ A high capacity means network is “strong” or “stiff”
    - System impedance / reactance is low
    - Load terminal is electrically close to the supply source
    - Source tends to be more capable of regulating the load terminal voltage (magnitude, frequency and shape)
  - ✓ A low capacity implies a “weak” network
    - Large system impedance means long electrical distance
    - Poor voltage regulation results

# SCC and Concept of Electrical Distance

- Short circuit ratio and voltage regulation

✓ Comparing size of load against supply strength,  $\Delta V \cong \frac{\Delta Q}{S_{SCC}}$



$$S_{SCC1} = \frac{1}{X_1}$$

$$S_{SCC2} = \frac{1}{X_1 + X_2}$$

$$S_{SCC1} > S_{SCC2} \Rightarrow \Delta V_{1,\%} < \Delta V_{2,\%}$$

Compare voltage regulation for the same amount of reactive power switching

# Switching of reactive compensation

- Power systems is predominantly inductive,
  - ✓ Reactive loading has a bigger effect on voltage magnitude than active power demand (See results on pages 30)
  - ✓ Voltage variation can be estimated by ratio of “Change in reactive power loading/short circuit capacity”

$$\Delta V \cong \frac{\Delta Q}{S_{SCC}}$$

- Capacitor switching
  - ✓ Voltage swell occurs at energization of capacitor
  - ✓ Voltage dip at de - energization of capacitor

# Switching of reactive compensation

- Reactor switching

- ✓ Voltage swell occurs at de - energization of reactor
- ✓ Voltage dip at energization of reactor

$$\Delta V_{\%} \cong \frac{Q_{compensation}}{S_{SCC}}$$

$Q_{compensation}$  is the amount of reactive power switched in/out

## Exercise

- A single-phase 200kW induction motor, rated with full load efficiency of 90% and power factor of 0.85 lagging, has a starting current, which is 6 times its full load value. The voltage dip at the motor terminals during motor starting is 30%.
- In order to enhance the security of supply to the motor, a second incoming source with a source impedance 4 times the source impedance of the original supply is connected.
  - a) Find the short circuit capacity at the motor terminals before and after the supply reinforcement
  - b) After the enforcement, determine the amount of voltage variations at the motor terminals when the motor is switched on and switched off

# Exercise

## Solution (a)

### Before Reinforcement

Induction motor capacity,  $P=200\text{kW}$  (1ph)

Rated full-load efficiency,  $\eta = 90\%$

Rated power factor = 0.85

Since  $S = V_{ph} \times I_{ph}$

Therefore  $I_{ph} = S / (V_{ph})$

Since motor starting current is 6 times of its full load value, therefore

$$I_{ph}(\text{starting}) = 6 \times I_{ph} = (6 \times 200 \times 1000) / (0.85 \times 0.90 \times V_{ph})$$

Where  $S = P / (\text{eff} \times \text{pf})$

Since  $\Delta V = Q / SCC$

Assuming starting current is purely reactive

(i.e.  $S_{\text{starting}} = 0 + jQ_{\text{starting}}$ )

$$\Delta V = V_{ph} \times I_{ph}(\text{starting}) / SCC$$

# Exercise

Given  $\Delta V = 30\%$

$$SCC = V_{ph} \times 6 \times 200 \times 1000 / (0.85 \times 0.90 \times V_{ph} \times 0.3) = 5228.758 \text{ kVA} \\ (1 \text{ Ph})$$

## After Reinforcement

$$X_{old} = 1 / SCC_{old} = 1 / 5228.75 = 0.1913 \mu\Omega$$

$$X_{new} = [4 \times (X_{old})^2] / (5 \times X_{old}) = 4 \times X_{old} / 5$$

$$SCC_{new} = 1 / X_{new} = 5 / (4 \times X_{old}) = 5 / (4 \times 0.1913 \times 10^{-6}) = 6534.24 \text{ kVA} \\ (1 \text{ Ph})$$

## Exercise

b) When the motor is switched on,

$$\Delta V = Q / SCC = [V_{ph} \times 6 \times 200 \times 1000 / (0.85 \times 0.9 \times V_{ph} \times 6534.24 \times 1000)] \times 100$$

$$\Delta V = 24\% \text{ (DIP)}$$

When motor is switched off,

The motor reactive power changes from rated Q to 0, during this time

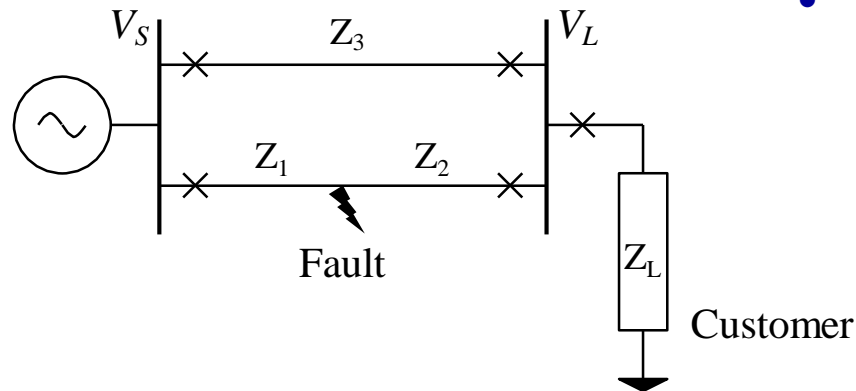
$$Q_{rated} = 200 \times 1000 \times \sin(\cos^{-1}(0.85)) / (0.9 \times 0.85) \approx 137.721 \text{ kVAr}$$

$$\Delta V = Q / SCC = 137.721 \times 1000 \times 100 / (6534.24 \times 1000) \approx 2.1\% \text{ (Swell)}$$



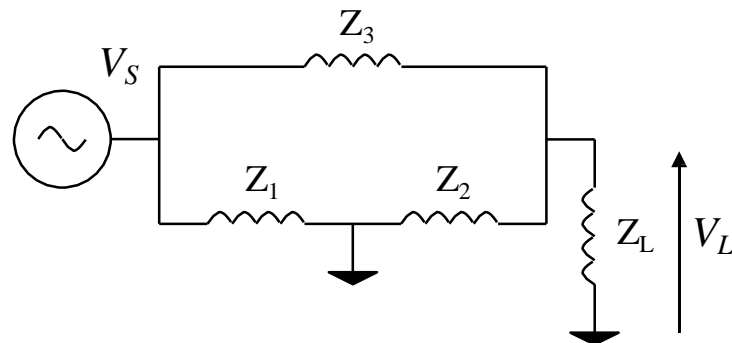
# Voltage sags caused by system faults

System connection



- Fault occurs on the transmission or distribution system such as a cable fault

Equivalent circuit during fault

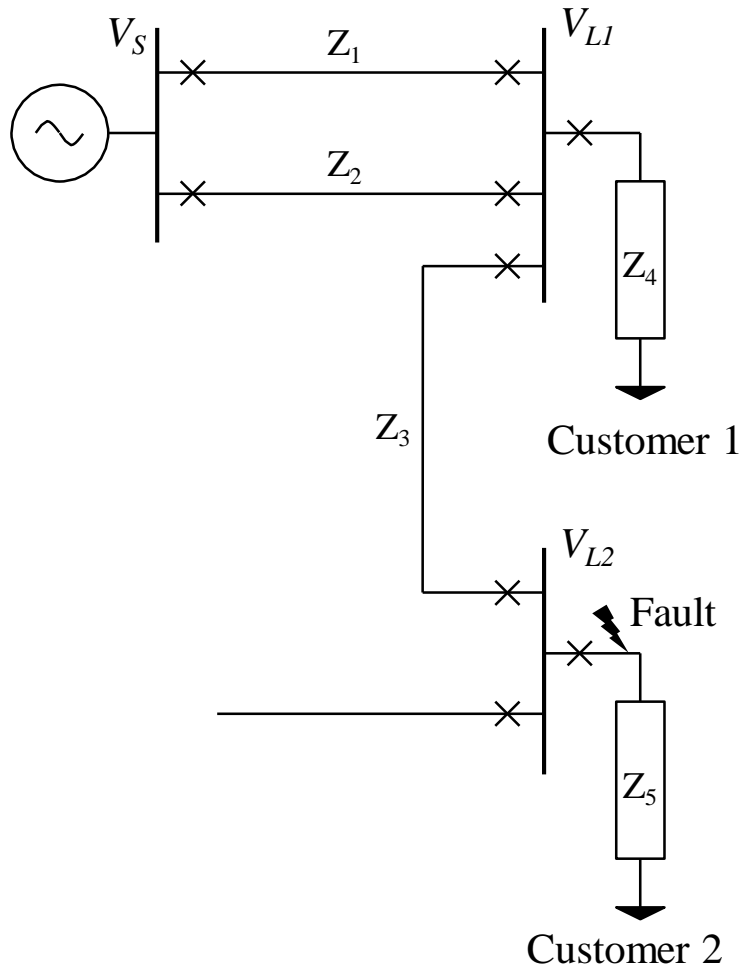


- In general,  $Z_1, Z_2$  and  $Z_3 \ll Z_L$

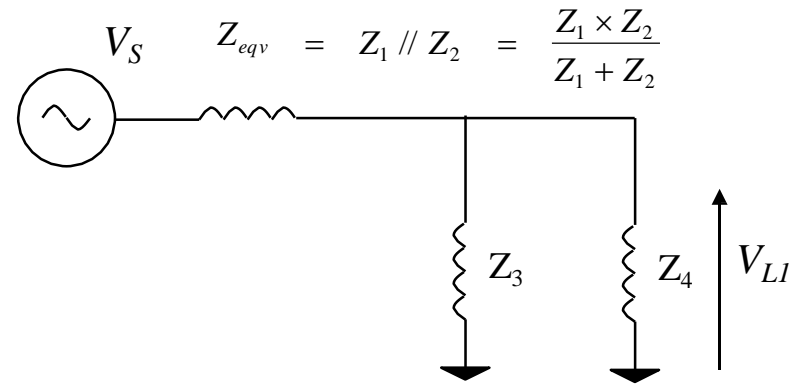
$$V_L = V_S \times \frac{Z_2}{Z_3 + Z_2}$$

# Voltage sags caused by customer faults

System connection



Equivalent circuit during fault

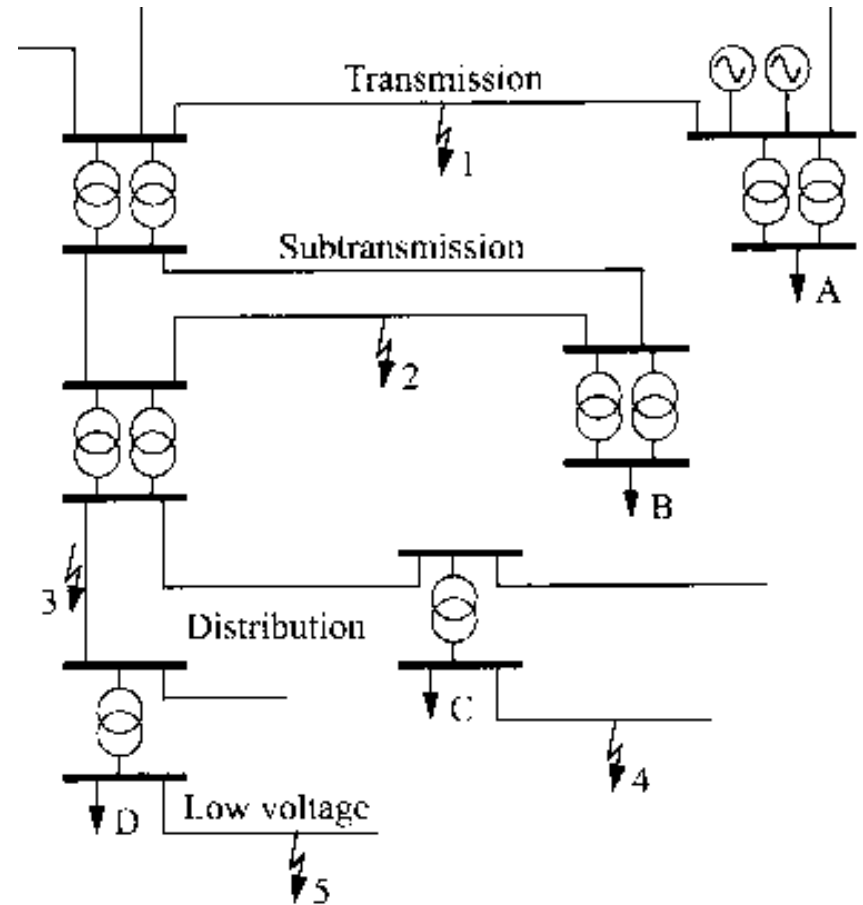


- Fault occurs within the premise of another customer
- In general,  $Z_{eqv}$  and  $Z_3 \ll Z_4$

$$V_{L1} = V_S \times \frac{Z_3}{Z_{eqv} + Z_3}$$

# Characteristics of fault-induced voltage sags

- Characteristics of voltage sags / interruptions depend very much on the location of fault and sensitive point
  - Fault positions 1 to 5 and sensitive points A to D
- Fault position 1
  - Serious sag for both substations
  - Deep sag transferred down to all
- Fault position 2
  - Minor dip at A, severe dips at others
- Fault position 3
  - Very deep sag at D, deep sag at C
  - Recloser may cause multiple sags to occur at C for permanent fault
- Fault position 4
  - Deep sag for C, shallow sag for D
- Fault position 5
  - Deep sag for D, shallow sag for C
  - A and B minimally affected by fault at 4 or 5

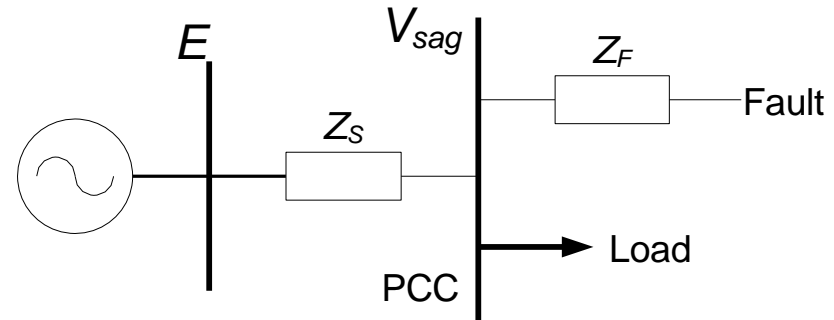


# Voltage sags caused by system faults

- Dugan ss. 3.2.3-3.2.4; Bollen ss. 4.2.2-4.2.5
- Interruptions, dips and swells
  - Dip occurs at the faulted phase
  - Swell may occur at healthy phases, depending on neutral grounding conditions
  - Momentary interruptions when line/busbar/... is isolated to clear fault
- For a radial system, simple voltage divider rule can be used to determine the sag magnitude at PCC (point of common coupling)

$$V_{sag} = \frac{Z_F}{Z_S + Z_F} = \frac{z \cdot L}{Z_S + z \cdot L}$$

- System voltage  $E$  is taken as 1 p.u.
- $z$  is the impedance of feeder per unit length
- $L$  is the distance between the fault and PCC



- Expressed  $V_{sag}$  in terms of fault levels,

$$S_{FLT} = \frac{V_n^2}{Z_S + Z_F} \quad ; \quad S_{PCC} = \frac{V_n^2}{Z_S} \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_{sag} = 1 - \frac{S_{FLT}}{S_{PCC}}$$

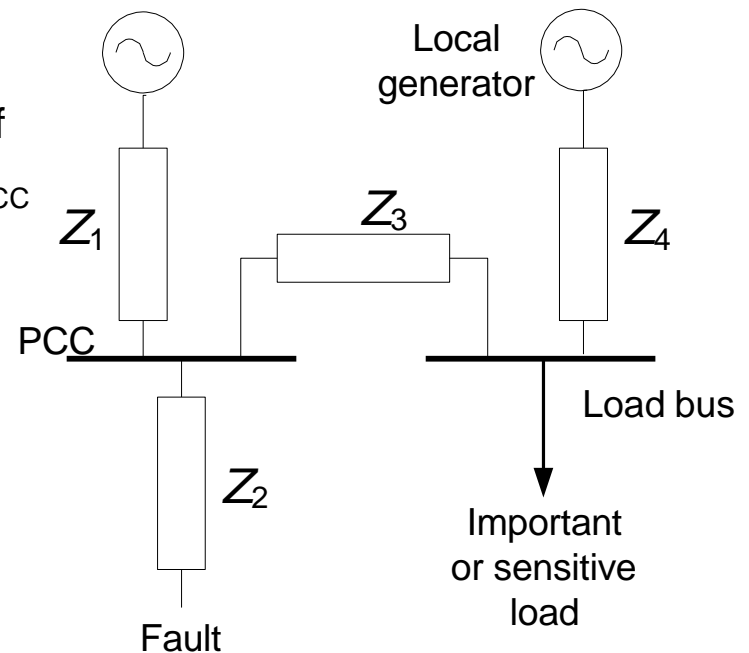
- $S_{FLT}$  and  $S_{PCC}$  are fault levels at the fault point and PCC respectively
- $V_n$  is the nominal voltage level at fault point and PCC
- Extensive impacts if system is highly meshed or interconnected
  - Short electrical distance between fault point and sensitive point (small  $Z_F$ )

# Local generators

- Local generator to distribution network mitigates voltage sags
  - Increase fault level at distribution bus (works well for weak system)
  - Keep up voltage at local bus by feeding into system faults
    - Without local generator, voltage sag at load terminals is same as that at PCC
    - With local generator in, the load terminal becomes local generator bus with the following relationship,

$$(1 - V_{sag}) = \frac{Z_4}{Z_3 + Z_4} (1 - V_{pcc})$$

- Last expression assumes pre-sag voltages of generators are identical at 1 p.u.  $V_{sag}$  and  $V_{PCC}$  are the voltages at the load and PCC buses respectively.
- Lower generator voltage drop  $(1 - V_{sag})$ 
  - Generator impedance  $Z_4$  is small and/or
  - Link to PCC is weak (large  $Z_3$ )
  - When  $Z_3 = Z_4$ ,  $V_{sag} = 70\%$  when  $V_{pcc} = 40\%$
  - Short-circuit fault at PCC, load bus voltage



$$V_{sag, \min} = \frac{Z_3}{Z_3 + Z_4}$$

# Local generator - example

- A system with impedance  $Z_1$  has a short circuit capacity of 1 MVA, and  $Z_2$  is a 200 kVA (10% X) transformer. (Refer to the power system of previous page, without local generation).

- Compute the amount of voltage sag experienced by a sensitive load connected to the PCC when a short circuit fault occurs at the load end of  $Z_2$

Using 200 kVA power base,

$$Z_1 = \frac{1}{1 \text{ MVA} / 200 \text{ kVA}} = 0.2 \text{ p.u.}$$

$$V_{pcc} = 1 \times \frac{Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} = \frac{0.1}{0.2 + 0.1} = 0.33$$

$$\Delta V_{load} = \Delta V_{pcc} = 1 - 0.33 = 67\%$$

- To reduce voltage sag impact, a local generator is used to supply to the sensitive load.

- Generator is rated at 50 kVA, 5% X and interconnecting transformer between generator and PCC is rated at 50 kVA, 10% X.
  - Compute the voltage sag at the sensitive load when the same fault occurs

$$Z_3 = 0.1 \times \frac{200}{50} = 0.4 \text{ p.u.} \quad ; \quad Z_4 = 0.05 \times \frac{200}{50} = 0.2 \text{ p.u.}$$

$$Z_{eq,pcc} = Z_1 // (Z_3 + Z_4) = 0.15 \text{ p.u.}$$

$$V_{pcc} = 1 \times \frac{Z_2}{Z_{eq,pcc} + Z_2} = \frac{0.1}{0.15 + 0.1} = 0.4 \text{ p.u.}$$

$$\Delta V_{load} = 1 - V_{load} = \frac{Z_4}{Z_3 + Z_4} (1 - V_{pcc}) = \frac{0.2}{0.4 + 0.2} (1 - 0.4) = 20\%$$

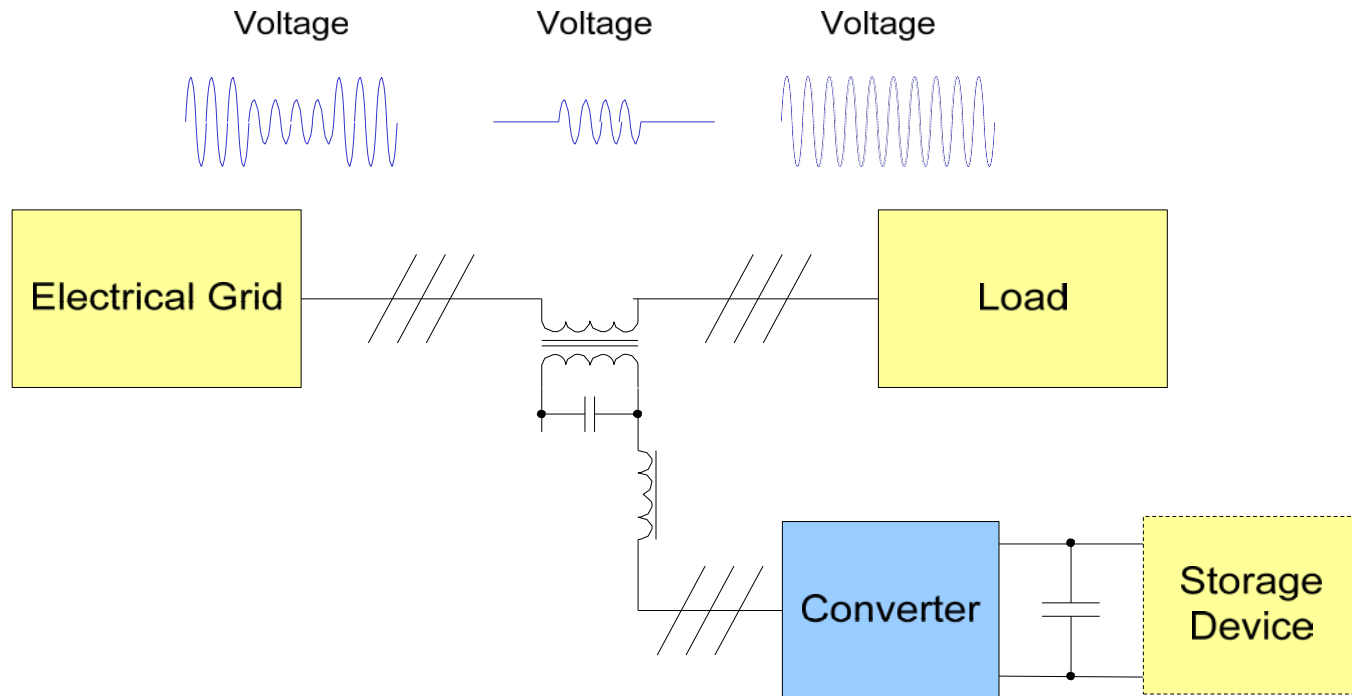
Slight improvement in  $V_{pcc}$  and much improvement in  $V_{load}$  levels

# Methods to avoid or reduce voltage sags

- Reducing the number of faults along overhead lines
  - Replace overhead lines by underground cables: minimize faults caused by adverse weather or other external influences
  - Use covered or insulated wires to reduce fault rate
  - Strict policy of tree trimming to avoid faults due to contacts or felling branches.
  - Install shielded wires to reduce the risk of lightning strokes
  - Raise insulation level to reduce risk of short circuit faults
  - Increase maintenance and inspection
- Reducing the severity of voltage sag
  - Fault current limiter reduces the depth of sag
  - Faster fault clearing time to shorten sag duration
  - Faster backup protection
  - Installation of transformer
- Alter the power systems
  - Install generator near sensitive loads
  - Split busses or substations to limit the number of feeders in exposed area

# Power quality and other grid-connected devices

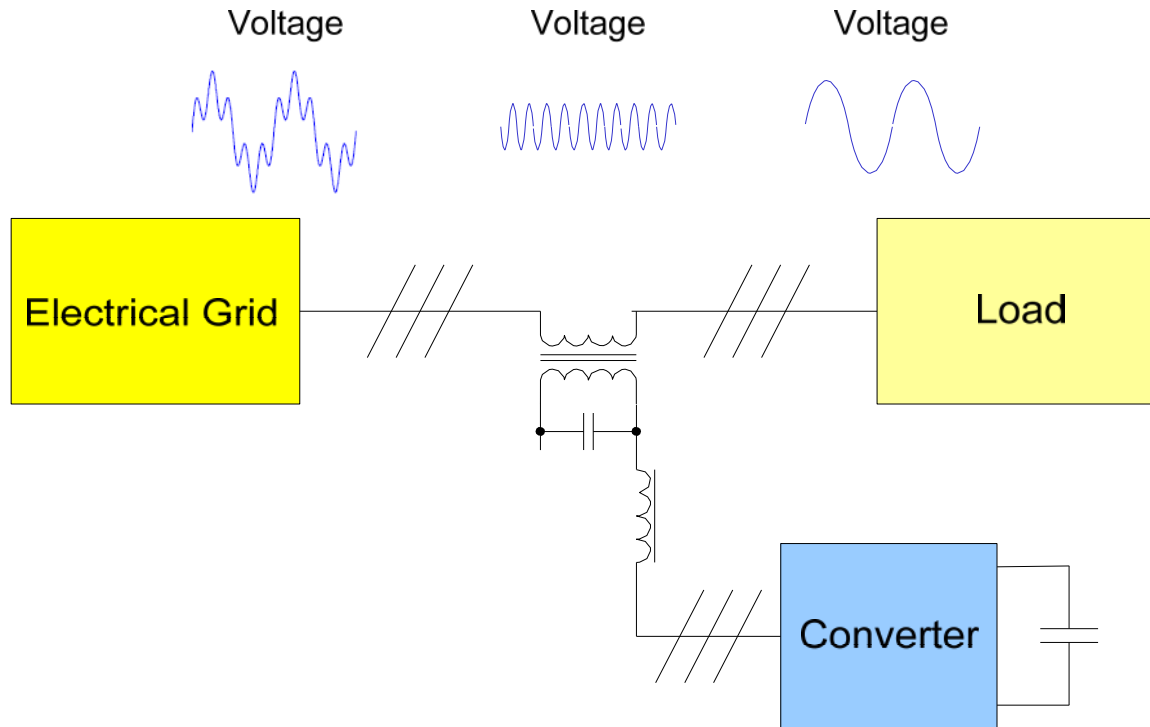
- Dynamic Voltage Restorer (DVR)





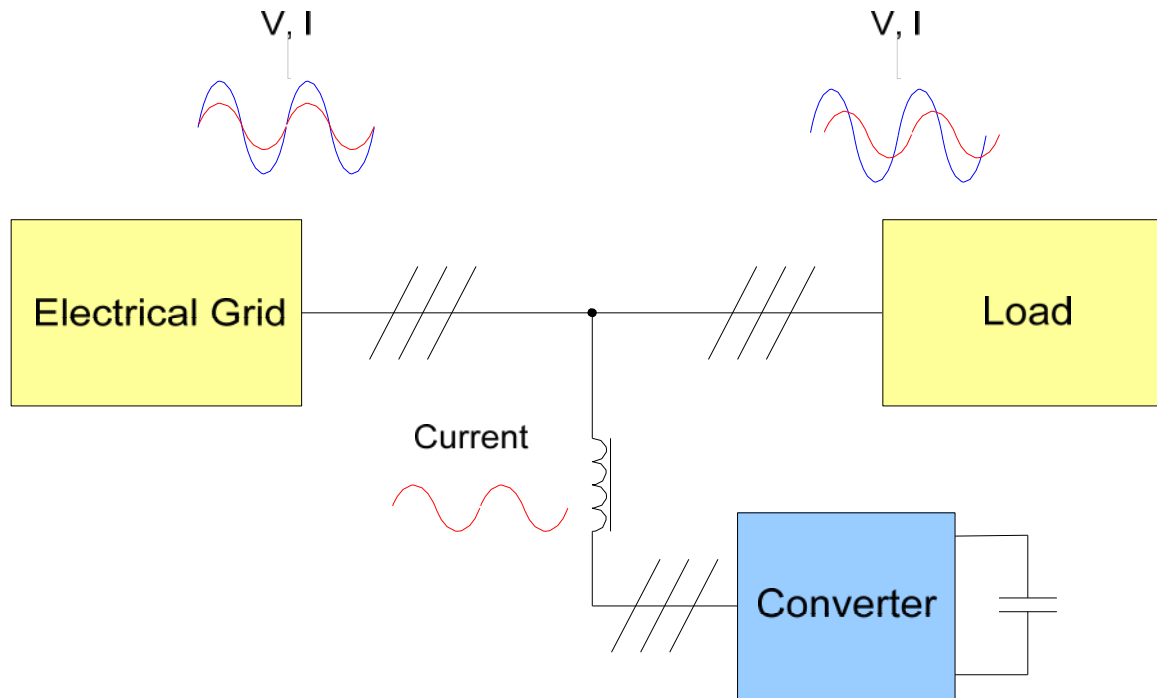
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- Series Active Filter



# Power quality and other grid-connected devices

- Static Compensator (STATCOM)



# Power quality and other grid-connected devices

- Shunt Active Filter

