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CONDITION FOR MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY ; NUMERICAL EXAMPLES ON TRANSFORMERS

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Condition for Maximum Efficiency

- i) Considering load power factor to be constant, let us find the fraction 'x' of the load at which maximum efficiency occurs:

$$\text{Efficiency , } \eta = \frac{x*VI*\cos\Phi}{x*VI*\cos\Phi + P_i + x^2*P_{cu(FL)}}$$

Dividing both numerator and denominator by 'x' ,

$$= \frac{VI*\cos\Phi}{VI*\cos\Phi + \frac{P_i}{x} + x*P_{cu(FL)}}$$

For efficiency to be maximum, denominator in the above equation must be minimum.

Condition for Maximum Efficiency (contd..)

Hence, differentiate denominator w.r.t 'x' and equate it to zero

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{d}{dx} \left(VI * \cos\Phi + \frac{P_i}{x} + x * P_{cu(FL)} \right) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{P_i}{x^2} + P_{cu(FL)} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 * P_{cu(FL)} = P_i$$

i.e., maximum efficiency occurs when copper loss = iron loss

$$\text{Fraction of load, } x \text{ for maximum efficiency} = \sqrt{\frac{P_i}{P_{cu(FL)}}}$$

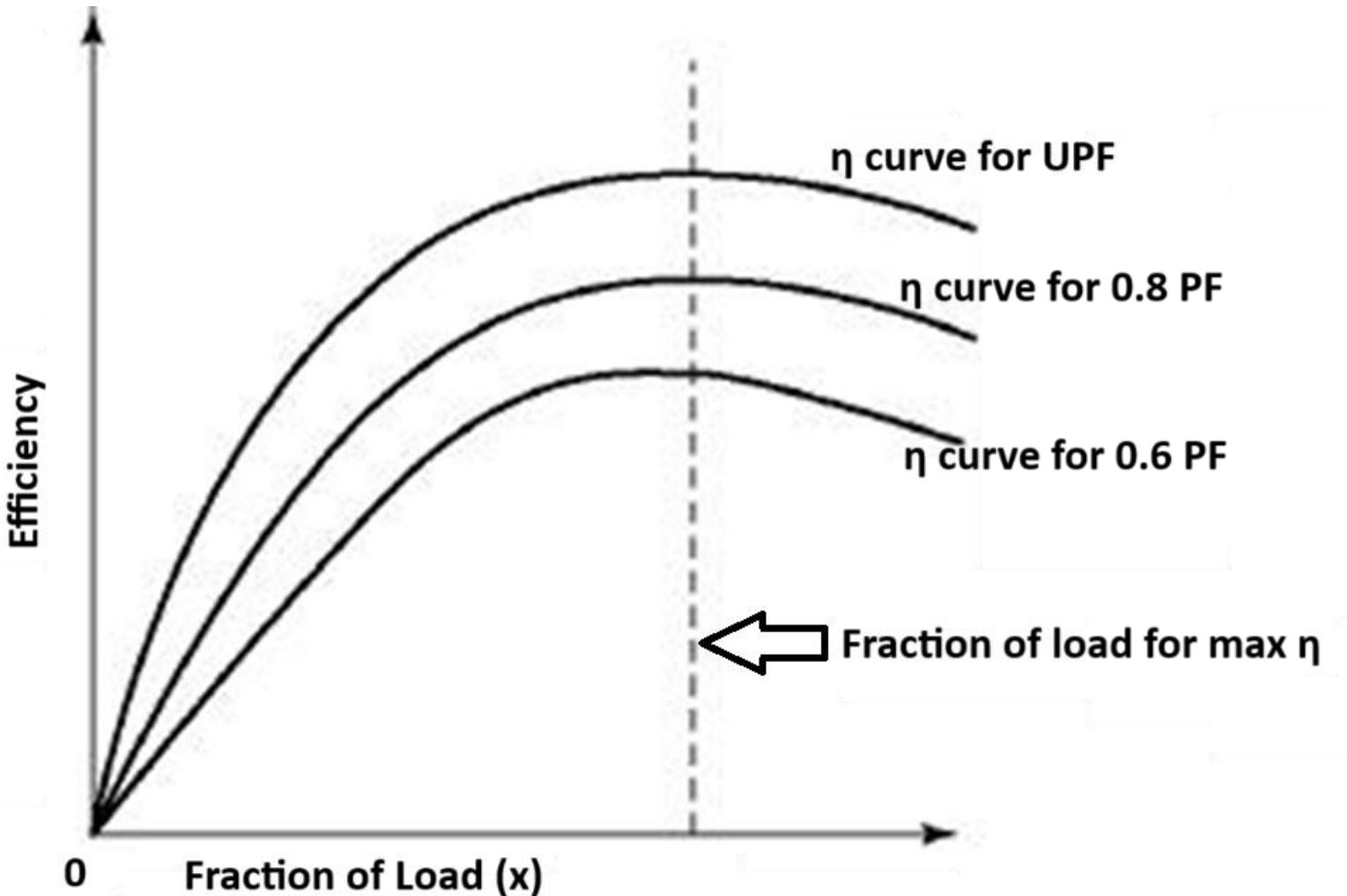
Condition for Maximum Efficiency (contd..)

Thus maximum efficiency at a given power factor occurs at 'x' fraction of load, where

$$x \text{ for maximum efficiency} = \sqrt{\frac{P_i}{P_{cu(FL)}}}$$

ii) Overall Maximum efficiency of the transformer occurs at 'x' fraction of the load (where $x = \sqrt{\frac{P_i}{P_{cu(FL)}}}$) and at UPF.

Efficiency curves



Question:

The following is the test data for a 4kVA, 200V/400V, 50 Hz single phase transformer:

OC Test on LV side : 200V, 0.8A, 70W

SC Test on HV side: 20V, 10A, 60W

Determine

- i) Full-load efficiency at 0.8 lagging power factor
- ii) Efficiency under Half-load condition at 0.6 Lagging power factor
- iii) Efficiency under 30% loading condition at UPF

Solution:

i) Full-load means $x = 1$

$$\text{Efficiency , } \eta = \frac{1*4000*0.8}{1*4000*0.8 + 70 + 1*60} = 96.09\%$$

ii) Half-load means $x = 0.5$

$$\text{Efficiency , } \eta = \frac{0.5*4000*0.6}{0.5*4000*0.6 + 70 + (0.5*0.5)*60} = 93.39\%$$

iii) 30% loading means $x = 0.3$

$$\text{Efficiency , } \eta = \frac{0.3*4000*1}{0.3*4000*1 + 70 + (0.3*0.3)*60} = 94.09\%$$

Question:

The power readings obtained during OC & SC Tests on a 10kVA, 1000V/100V, 50 Hz single phase transformer are 80W & 160W respectively. Determine

- i) Fraction of the load at which maximum efficiency occurs
- ii) Maximum efficiency of the transformer at 0.8 Lagging power factor
- iii) Overall maximum efficiency of the transformer

Numerical Example on Maximum Efficiency

Solution:

Given, $P_i = 80W$ & $P_{cu(FL)} = 160W$

i) 'x' for maximum $\eta = \sqrt{\frac{P_i}{P_{cu(FL)}}} = 0.707$ i.e., 70.7% loading condition

ii) Maximum efficiency at 0.8 Lag power factor

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x*VI*\cos\Phi}{x*VI*\cos\Phi + P_i + x^2*P_{cu(FL)}} = \frac{0.707*10000*0.8}{0.707*10000*0.8 + 80 + (0.707*0.707)*160} \\ &= 97.25\% \end{aligned}$$

Solution (contd..)

iii) Overall maximum efficiency of the transformer occurs at $x = 0.707$ and at UPF

$$\text{Overall maximum efficiency} = \frac{0.707*10000*1}{0.707*10000*1 + 80 + (0.707*0.707)*160}$$
$$= 97.78\%$$



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