

SYNCHRONOUS MOTORS

A generator can run as a motor. Similarly, if a three-phase supply is given to the stator of a 3-phase motor, it works as a motor. The motor or device which converts electrical energy into mechanical energy is called a **Synchronous Motor**.

Synchronous motors work on at synchronous speed and cannot work other than synchronous speed and are also constant irrespective of load. The synchronous motor runs at synchronous speed, which is given by

$$N_s = \frac{120f}{P} \quad (3.101)$$

where N_s is the speed in rpm, f is the frequency of the source, and P is the number of poles. If the frequency is fixed and the motor runs at constant speed irrespective of load or three-phase supply voltage.

Synchronous motors are not used so much because the above motor runs at constant speed. The characteristics features are as follows:

They run at synchronous speed. The speed can be changed by changing the frequency.

$$N_s = \frac{120f}{P} \quad (3.102)$$

It is not inherently self-starting.

It can be operated at a wide range of power factor, leading and lagging.

Applications of synchronous motor:

The power house or power station has a connection to improve the power factor. The constant speed equipment applications such as fans, blowers, centrifugal pump, air compressors, motor generator set, etc.

It is used in the mill industries such as textile mills, rubber mills, cement factory.

Construction of Three phase Synchronous Motor

In a machine, there is no constructional difference between the generator and motor. Similarly, there is no constructional difference between synchronous motor and alternator. Both are considered as synchronous.

A synchronous motor is a machine which operates at synchronous speed and converts electrical energy into mechanical energy. The schematic diagram for a three-phase synchronous motor is shown in Fig 3.74. The motor has the following two parts: stator and rotor.

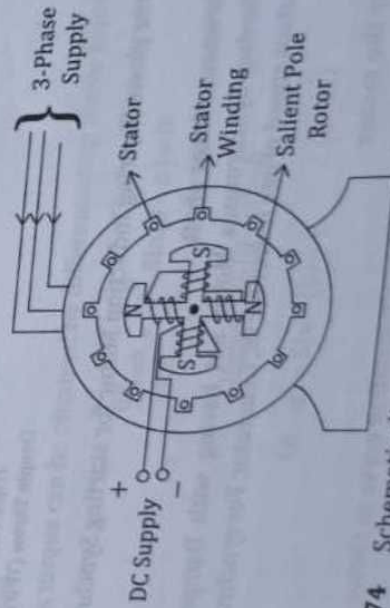


Fig 3.74 Schematic diagram of Three phase Synchronous Motor

3.9.2 Method of Starting

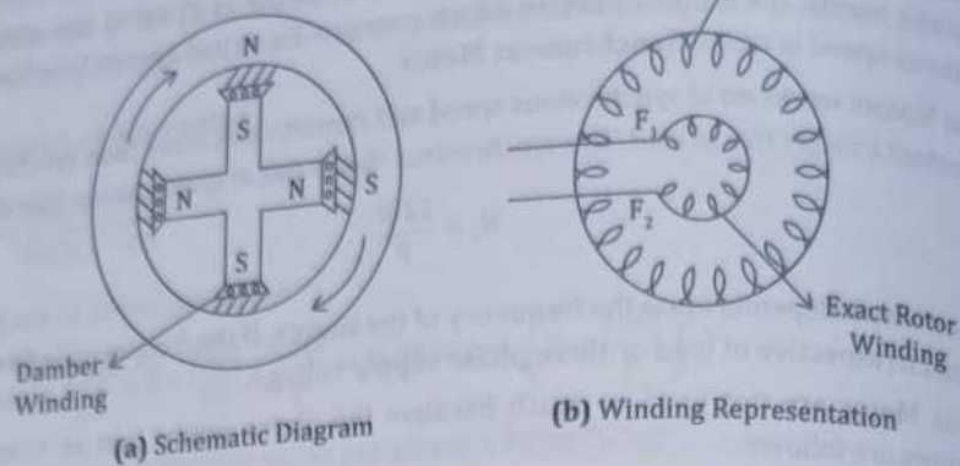


Fig 3.76 Damper winding provided for Starting Synchronous Motor

winding of an Induction Motor. The Schematic diagram of Damper winding with Synchronous Motor as shown in Fig.3.76

By using Slip ring Induction Motor

The Slip ring Induction Motor starting method as shown in Fig.3.77. The Main elements are: 3-Three phase Star or Delta winding provided for stator and rotor, slip ring and brushed DC Supply through Triple Pole Double Throw (TPDPT) switch with starting resistance.

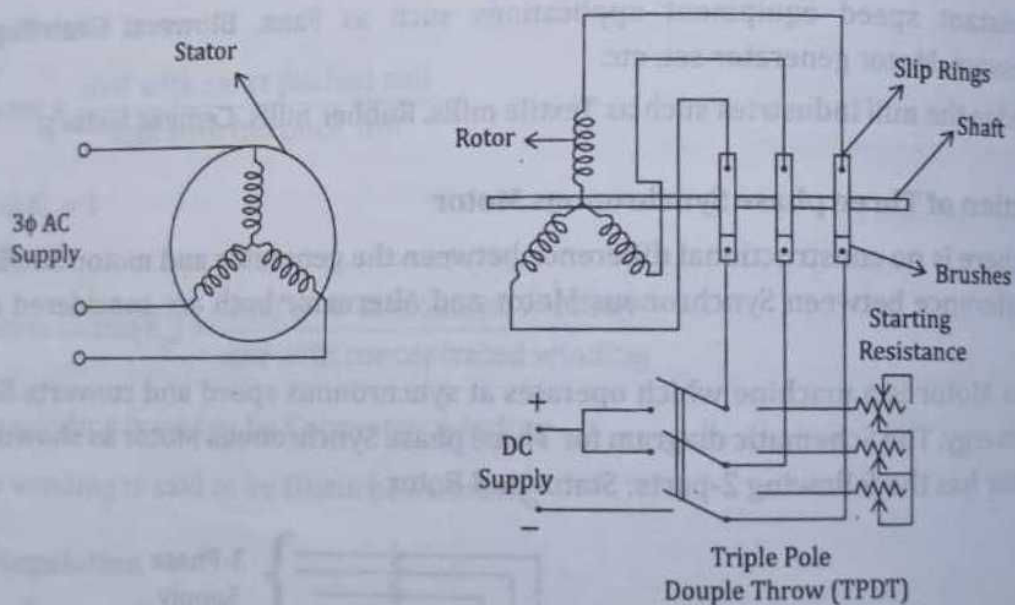


Fig 3.77 Three phase Slip ring Induction Motor for starting Synchronous Motor

DC Motor coupled to Synchronous Motor shaft

In some times laboratory having Synchronous Motor not having with Damper winding. Generally, the Synchronous motor with constant speed prime mover for DC Generator. For synchronisation, the DC Generator is operated as motor.

3.9.3 Torque developed by the motor

The Torque developed by the motor and the Angle representation curve as shown in Fig.3.78.

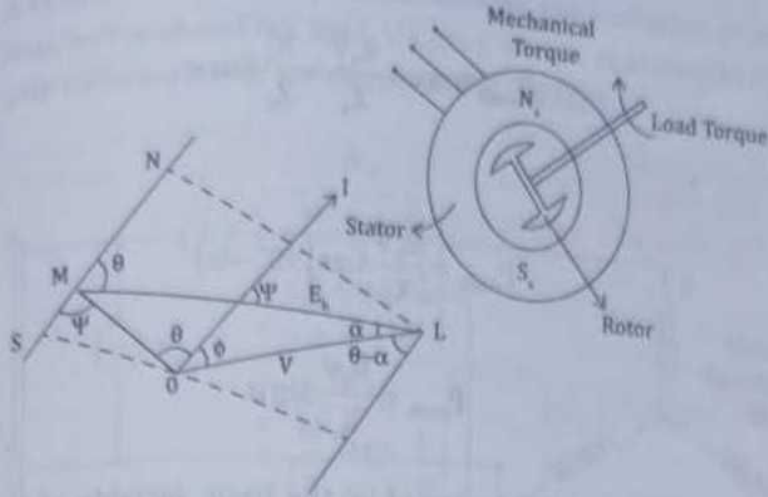


Fig 3.78 Torque developed by motor and the angle changes

V = Supply voltage per phase

I = Armature current

E_b = Back emf at load angle α

V = Resultant voltage

Internal angle between I lags and lead V by angle ϕ and lags behind E_b

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{X_s}{R_a} \right) \quad (3.104)$$

Mechanical power developed per phase

$$P_{\text{mech}} = E_b I \cos \Psi$$

$$P_{\text{mech/phase}} = E_b \left[\frac{V}{Z_s} \cos(\theta - \alpha) - \frac{E_b}{Z_s} \cos \theta \right] \quad (3.105)$$

$$P_{\text{mech/phase}} = \frac{E_b V}{Z_s} \cos(\theta - \alpha) - \frac{E_b^2}{Z_s} \cos \theta$$

expression for Mechanical power developed in terms of Load angle (α) and Internal angle (θ) of motor depends on constant voltage (V) and back emf (E_b).

Maximum Power Developed

Condition for Maximum torque can be obtained by differentiating above express.

$$\frac{dP_{\text{mech}}}{d\alpha} = \frac{E_b V}{Z_s} \sin(\theta - \alpha) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \sin(\theta - \alpha) = 0$$

$$(\theta - \alpha) = \sin^{-1}(0) = 0 \quad \therefore (\theta - \alpha)$$

Value of maximum power

$$P_{\text{mech max}} = \frac{E_b V}{Z_s} - \frac{E_b^2}{Z_s} \cos \alpha$$

When $\cos \theta = 0$

$$P_{\text{mech}} = \frac{E_b V}{X_s} \cos(90^\circ - \alpha)$$

$$P_{\text{mech}} = \frac{E_b V}{X_s} \sin \alpha$$

The value of mechanical power developed in terms of ' α ' the basic variable of synchronous machine. The torque versus coupling angle characteristics curve as shown in Fig 3.79.

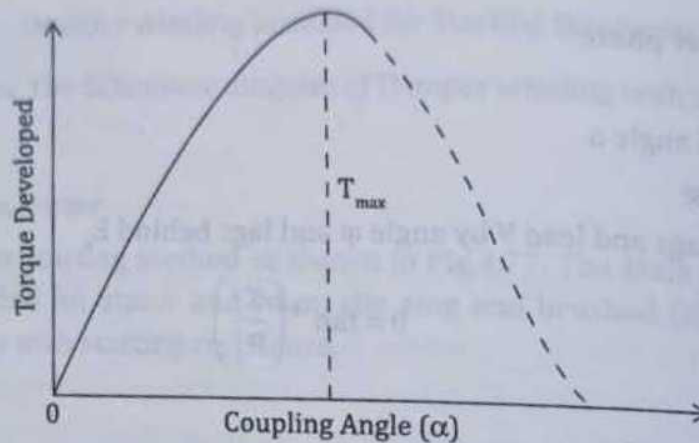


Fig 3.79 Torque versus Coupling angle Characteristic curve

3.9.4 V-curves for Synchronous Motor

The Synchronous Motor in which the Mechanical load is constant and the Output power is constant in case the losses are neglected.

Case 1 : For 100% Excitation

In 100% excitation the back emf is equal to applied voltage ($E_b = V$) and current (i) lags behind the voltage by the small angle of ϕ and

$$\tan \theta = \frac{X_s}{R_a} \quad (3.107)$$

Case 2 : For excitation less than 100%

For under excitation condition the value of $E_b < V$ in which the magnitude increases and the phase angle reduces.

Case 3 : For Excitation more than 100%

For excitation greater than 100%, $E_b > V$ the motor is otherwise said to be over excitation.

Case 4 : The current drawn by the motor would be minimum

The Experimental set up for obtaining V-curve and Inverted V-Curve is shown in Fig 3.80. The stator is connected with 3-phase supply through Wattmeter, Ammeter and Wattmeter. A rheostat potential divider arrangement is used for field excitation. By controlling the voltage by rheostat the field is changed.

The power factor of a synchronous motor is controlled by the variation of armature current (I_a) versus field current (I_f) for no load, half load and full load. V-Curve format is shown in Fig.3.81(a). The Power factor curves versus field current (I_f) with different loads are shown in Fig 3.81(b).

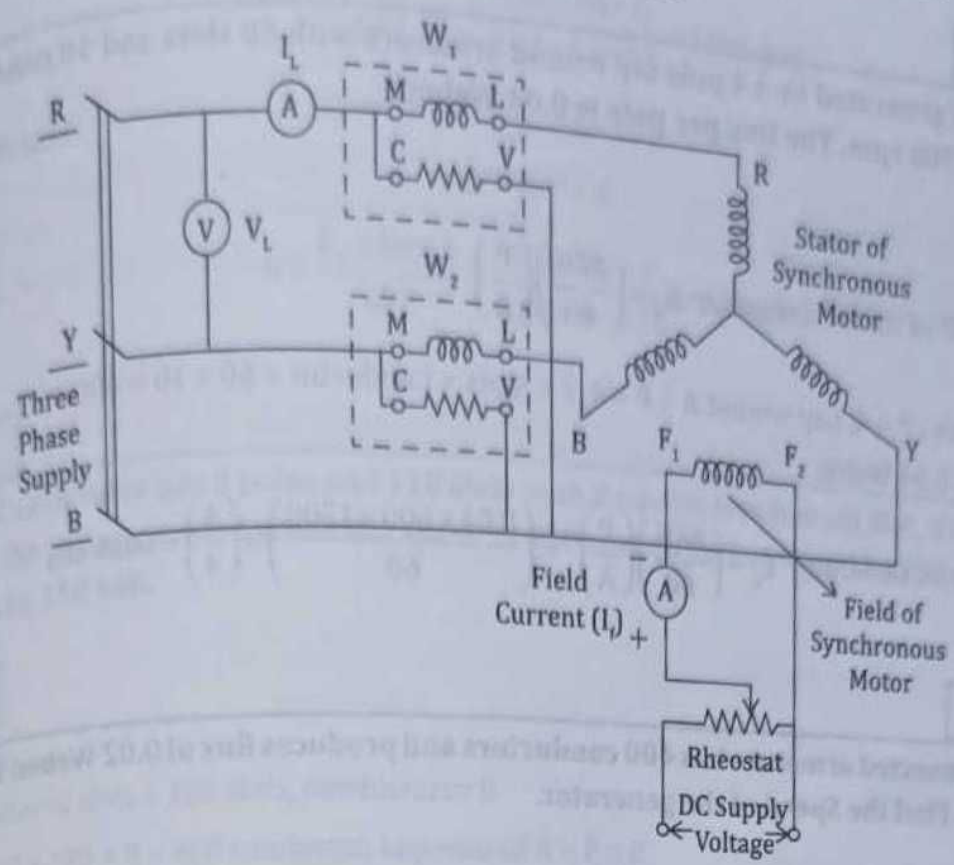


Fig 3.80 Circuit diagram for the Experimental setup of V-curves

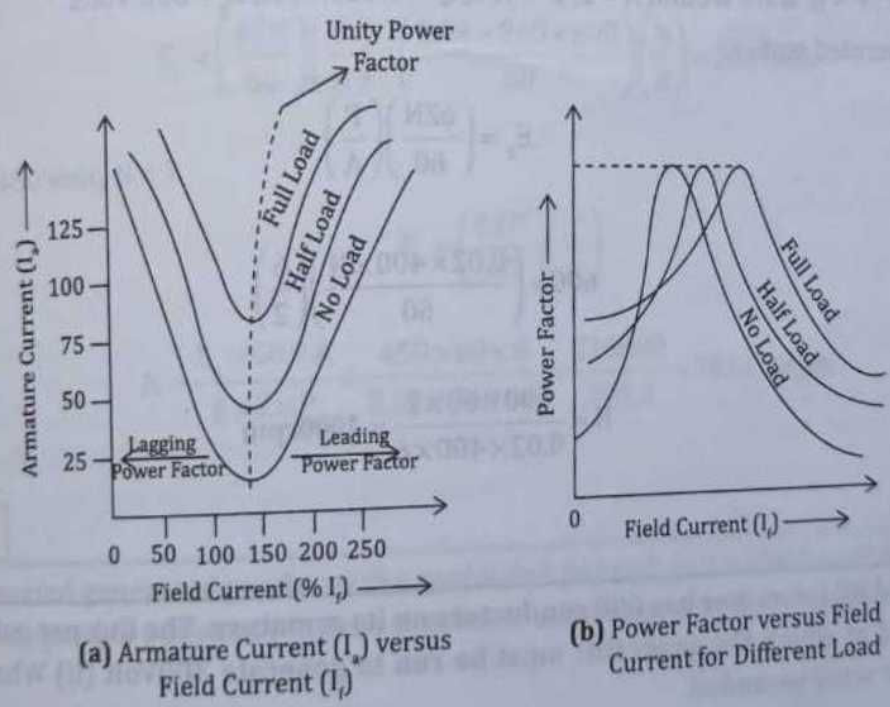


Fig 3.81 Curve and Inverted V-current the Synchronous Motor

Various applications of Synchronous Motor

1. It is used for Constant speed equipment such as Fan, Blower and Centrifugal pumps.
2. It is also used in Textile mill, Rubber mill, Kiln dryers, Sugar mills, Machine tools with constant speed applications.