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that of Fig. 2, but, for this case,
\[ C_0 = \frac{w t e_{33}^2 (1 - k_{33}^2)}{l} \]
\[ v = v_{b}^{\phi} = \left( \frac{1}{p s_{33}^2} \right) \phi \]
\[ Z_0 = \frac{p w t v_{b}^{\phi}}{2} \]
\[ \phi = \left( \frac{1}{2M} \right) \cosec (l/2o_{2e}^o) \]
\[ X_1 = Z_0 M^2 \sin \left( l/o_{2e}^o \right) \]
where
\[ M = g_{33}^o \left( l/o_{2e}^o \right) \]
and \( l, w \), and \( t \) are defined in Fig. 2.

**Side-electroded length-expander bar:** The new equivalent circuit for the side-electroded length-expander bar is shown in Fig. 3. Here
\[ C_0 = \frac{w t e_{33}^2 (1 - k_{33}^2)}{l} \]
\[ v = v_{b}^{\phi} = \left( \frac{1}{p s_{33}^2} \right) \phi \]
\[ Z_0 = \frac{p w t v_{b}^{\phi}}{2} \]
\[ B_1 = \frac{(1/Z_0)}{2} \sin \left( l/o_{2e}^o \right) \]
\[ J = |B_2| \]
where
\[ B_2 = - \left( \frac{2}{Z_0} \right) M \sin \left( l/o_{2e}^o \right) \]
\[ M = w d_{33} S_{1} \]
and \( l, w \), and \( t \) are defined in Fig. 3.

The circuit of Fig. 3 contains an ideal 'admittance inverter', with an inverter parameter \( J = |B_2| \). This is a 2-port network with the property that, when an admittance \( Y \) is connected to one port, the input admittance at the other port is \( JY \). The inverter in Fig. 3 is defined by its general-circuit-parameter matrix:
\[ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & jB_2 \\ jB_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \]
(Note that this inverter behaves like a section of transmission line of characteristic admittance \( J \) with a phase shift of +90° if \( B_2 \) is negative and -90° if \( B_2 \) is positive.)

By checking the open-circuit impedance parameters for the new thickness-expander plate circuit (Fig. 2) against those for the circuit of Fig. 1, an exact equivalence may be demonstrated between these two circuits. Similar analyses show that the new circuits for the other two transducer types also correspond exactly to their counterparts in Reference 1.

In each of the new circuits, it is easy to see the effect on the acoustic transmission line of an arbitrary impedance connected to the electrical port. This is not the case in the corresponding circuits of References 1 and 2.

Circuits similar to those presented here may be derived for transducers excited by nonuniform field distributions or with nonuniform piezoelectric properties. In particular, for certain electrical interconnections, a single simple circuit resembling those in Figs. 2 and 3 may be drawn to represent an array of transducers of alternating polarities. Such circuits will be discussed in an article currently in preparation.

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**ELECTRONIC MODE OF CONTROL TO OBTAIN INCREASED TORQUE AND IMPROVED POWER FACTOR FROM AN ASYNCHRONOUS MACHINE**

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It is indicated that, by changing the electronic switching mode of the rotor current of an induction machine, it is possible to operate the machine at improved (capacitive) power factors and increased torque, or conversely at lower effective current and capacitive power factors at rated torque.

**Introduction:** The control of wound-rotor slip-ring induction machines by insertion of an external impedance in the rotor circuit has been applied in the past. To a certain extent these methods have had electronic or static counterparts for a long time. The advent of compact and reliable semiconductor switching elements has stimulated the interest in all types of electronic control schemes anew. Electronic control of the rotor current of induction machines by employing thyatrons or thyristors to switch in a delayed ignition angle mode has been proposed and investigated, for instance, by Erllicki et al. and Shepherd et al. These methods employ an anti-parallel arrangement of controlled rectifiers utilising natural commutation as had been proposed long ago by Lenz. The purpose of this letter is to suggest a new mode of control without the drawbacks of the above-mentioned schemes, and to present some experimental results.

**Theoretical considerations:** Consider a multiphase induction machine to be controlled in its rotor. When the angle of ignition of a pair of antiparallel controlled rectifiers is delayed, it is found that the power factor of the circuit decreases with the decrease in current. This is brought about by the natural commutation employed by this method. To compare the conventional method of electronic control and the method to be proposed, an extremely simplified model for the controlled induction machine will be assumed. This should serve only to illustrate the essentials.

Assume that the stator resistance and leakage reactance of the considered machine to be so low that air-gap flux of essentially constant magnitude, rotating with uniform velocity, is established in the machine. This results in a sinusoidally...
induced e.m.f. $e_r^*$, as shown in Fig. 1. Consider the xth phase:

$$e_r^* = \sqrt{2} E_r \sin \omega_r t = sE_r \sin \omega_r t$$

where $\omega_r$ is the rotor angular frequency, and $s$ is the electromagnetic slip. (Refer to Fig. 1a.) Conventionally the conduction is delayed over an angle $\alpha$, where $\alpha$ is subject to the constraint

$$\alpha > \psi_r$$

for symmetrical operation, and $\psi_r$ is the steady-state uncontrolled phase angle between induced voltage $e_r^*$ and rotor phase current $i_r^*$. The extinction angle $\gamma_r$ is subject to

$$\gamma_r < \pi + \psi_r$$

resulting in the current flow indicated in Fig. 1a.

Now power-factor improvements for passive inductive circuits have been suggested recently by Emanuel-Eigeles et al., and will now be applied to the present instance of a rotating machine. It is proposed that the current be started at the condition of zero induced rotor voltage, and extinguished by forced commutation at angle $\beta$, where periodicity results in the constraint

$$\beta < \pi$$

(see Fig. 1b)

An approximate expression for the electromagnetic torque of the machine may now be taken to be

$$T_e = \frac{mp}{2\omega_o} E_r \hat{l}_1 \cos \psi_1$$

with the rotor current expressed as the series

$$i_r^*(t) = \hat{l}_r \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\sqrt{(a_n^2 + b_n^2)}(\sin(n\omega_0 t + \psi_0))]$$

and $R$, and $L_r$ are the equivalent rotor resistance and leakage inductance, respectively, where the m-phase, 2p-pole machine has a peak value of induced rotor voltage $E_r$ at standstill, and $\psi_r$ is the phase angle between the fundamental current component and the induced voltage. The usual Fourier coefficients of nth order are given by $a_n$ and $b_n$. Evaluation of the coefficients results in the torque for the two cases being

$$T_{ex} = \frac{m p E_r^2}{2 \pi \omega_o (\alpha_0 + \omega_0^2 L_{re})^2} \times \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sin(2\gamma_r - \psi_r) - \sin(2\alpha_r - \psi_r)} \right)^2 \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{2 \sin (\alpha_r - \psi_r)}{\csc \gamma_r} \left( \cot \psi_r \sin \gamma_r + \cos \gamma_r \right) \exp \left( - (\gamma_r - \alpha_r) \cot \psi_r - (\cot \psi_r \sin \alpha_r - \cos \alpha_r) \right) \right]$$

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Calculation of the torque/speed characteristics from eqns. 2-6, with the control angles $\alpha$, $\beta$, as parameters for a 2-pole 2-phase machine represented by the basic parameters $E_r = 39 V$, $R_r = 0.995 \Omega$/phase and $L_{re} = 14.4 \text{mH/phase}$, results in the relations shown in Figs. 2a and 2b for the two cases, respectively. These Figures indicate the interesting fact that without changing the machine parameters, but merely the switching mode, it becomes possible to obtain torques much in excess of the normal maximum torque attainable with the machine. On the other hand, the same torque should be obtainable at a much lower machine current, since the power factor has been increased.

Regarding the calculations for the current extinction or $\beta$ control, it must be remarked that Fig. 2b reflects pessimistic values for the basic system parameters cited above. In order to approach the true experimental arrangement more closely, the basic values were adapted in order to take into account resistive and reactive effects of the forced commutation switch inserted into the rotor of the experimental machines. The values were $E_r = 39 V$, $R_r = 2.04 \Omega$/phase and $L_{re} = 17.5 \text{mH/phase}$.

Experimental verification: Although it is not to be expected that the simple model used would adequately describe the asynchronous machine with a periodically operated electronic switch in the rotor, preliminary experiments have indicated that the same type of effect may be observed on a practical machine. A pair of antiparallel thyristors for $\alpha$ control and
a forced commutation switch for $\beta$, control for each rotor phase of a 2-phase Westinghouse generalised machine operated as an induction motor with a wound rotor were used. The effects resulting in a difference between the experimental system and the simplified model presented are:

(i) iron losses and magnetising current
(ii) nonzero stator resistance and leakage reactance
(iii) tooth and winding harmonics
(iv) finite voltage drop across the naturally or forced commutation switch in the rotor
(v) impossibility to reduce the rotor current instantaneously to zero.

The experimental ratio

\[ \frac{T_{exp}}{T_{max}} = 2.2 \quad \ldots \quad (7) \]

while theoretically

\[ \frac{T_{theor}}{T_{max}} = 1.7 \quad \ldots \quad (8) \]

The improvement in power factor is clearly indicated by the experimental results in Tables 1 and 2, while the reduction in $\beta$, control enables the operation of an induction machine at a capacitive power factor.

Fig. 3 gives an indication of the rotor current. The top trace records the input voltage to the rotor-power electronic switch, which has not been discussed in this letter. This trace gives an indication of the rotor zero-voltage condition as shown. It may be seen that, owing to electronic-control considerations, the rotor current was not started at $\theta = 0$, but some time later. The time necessary to commutate the rotor current to zero is also evident from Fig. 3.

Conclusion: It has been indicated theoretically and experimentally that, by employing electronic current-extinction control in the rotor circuit of an induction machine, it is possible to achieve much lower currents at rated torques, or conversely much higher torques at rated currents. This method of control results in capacitive power factors for the induction-machine electronic-control system.

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EXCESS LEAKAGE-CURRENT NOISE IN JUNCTION FIELD-EFFECT TRANSISTORS

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Measurements are reported of the excess gate leakage current $I_G$ in several $n$ channel f.e.t.s, showing that $I_G$ varies exponentially with the inverse square root of the bias voltage between drain and gate. $I_G$ shows full shot noise, together with a component of the form $I_G^2 \propto I_D^{\alpha/2}$, where values of $\alpha = 1$ and $\alpha = 0.6$ have been found for $\alpha$ and $\beta$, respectively.

Fowler has given measurements of the gate leakage current of junction field-effect transistors, showing that the leakage current under certain operating conditions can be considerably larger than that measured with zero drain current. The excess leakage current was found to be proportional to drain current $I_D$, and increased very rapidly...