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Hardware Implementation for Three Phase Induction Motor for Automatic Fault Detection and Protection

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Abstract: An induction or asynchronous motor is an AC electric motor in which the electric current in the rotor needed to produce torque is obtained by electromagnetic induction from the magnetic field of the stator winding. Various studies have shown that anywhere from 70%, to as high as 90%, of faults on most overhead lines are transient. Three-phase induction (asynchronous) motors are industrial work-horses, responsible for consumption of 40-50% of generated electrical power. There are different kinds of induction motor faults, broadly classified as rotor and stator faults. The source of such faults could be external and/or internal due to various electrical, environmental, mechanical reasons. A transient fault, such as an insulator flashover, is a fault which is cleared by the immediate tripping of one or more circuit breakers to isolate the fault, and which does not recur when the line is reenergized. Faults tend to be less transient (near the 80% range) at lower, distribution voltages and more transient (near the 90% range) at higher, sub transmission and transmission voltages. In the present paper, automatic fault detective analysis for protection of three phase induction motor has been investigated and experimental set up have been carried out for the required detective analysis by using PIC18F452 microcontroller and has also been shown in C Programming. The normal and abnormal conditions of voltage and current parameters for 3\,\phi\, 415V/HP induction motor have been discussed based upon the performance of present investigation. It has been found that under short circuit and under/over voltage conditions, the current/voltage through the respective phases are differ from the normal operating conditions.

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I. Introduction

In an electric power system, a fault is any abnormal flow of electric current. For example, a short circuit is a fault in which current flow by passes the normal load. In three phase systems, a fault may involve one or more phases and ground, or may occur only between phases. In a "ground fault" or "earth fault", current flows into the earth.

The prospective short circuit current of a fault can be calculated for power systems. In power systems, protective devices detect fault conditions and operate circuit breakers and other devices to limit the loss of service due to a failure. An induction or asynchronous motor is an AC electric motoring which the electric current in the rotor needed to produce torque is obtained by electromagnetic induction from the magnetic field of the stator winding. An induction motor therefore does not require mechanical commutation, separateexcitation or self-excitation for all or part of the energy transferred from stator to rotor, as in universal, DC and large synchronous motors. An induction motor's rotor can be either wound type or squirrel-cage type. Three phase squirrel-cage induction motors are widely used in industrial drives because they are rugged, reliable and economical. Single-phase induction motors are used extensively for smaller loads, such as household appliances like fans. VFDs offer especially important energy savings opportunities for existing and prospective induction motors in variable-torque centrifugal fan, pump and compressor load applications. Squirrel cage induction motors are very widely used in both fixed-speed and VFD applications. Three-phase induction (asynchronous) motors are industrial work-horses, responsible for consumption of 40-50% of generated electrical power. Therefore, the diagnostics of induction motor problems are of prime importance. There are different kinds of induction motor faults, broadly classified as rotor and stator faults. The source of such faults could be external and/or internal due to various electrical, environmental, mechanical reasons. In this paper, we have designed system where the faults are detected and after clearing those faults motor get auto turn on which depends on

temporary or permanent faults. There is one PIC microcontroller is used to detect the faults like short circuit and over/under voltage and turn off motor. Relays are used to operate supply to switch off load in case of short circuit.

II. System Overview

1. Fault Detection Circuitory

The block diagram of fault detection circuit contains various blocks like PIC18F452, R phase voltage sensor, R phase current sensor, LCD etc. as shown in Figure 1. The load current will be measured by the current transformer which is given to the current sensing circuit which will convert the 1A ac current to 5V dc and given to the AN0, AN1 and AN3 channels of ADC of PIC18F452. All the processed values are compared with predetermined standard limits. If the measured value will not be within the limit then it will disconnect the Induction motor.

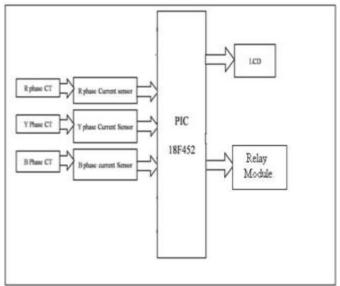


Figure 1. Fault Detection

This is used to control the loads according to the priority of the customer's uses within their time limit. The same three current sensors outputs are given to the ADC of PIC18F452 controller which will sense the load current and it is given to the ADC of the PIC18F452 as shown in Figure1. When the motor is in running condition then there is normal current through the circuit. After the short circuit fault this current becomes higher than normal current. At that time CT sense, the increased current and gives analog output via current sensing circuit. After that ADC of the PIC18F452works and convert this analog output into the digital output and when there is changes in digital value then each relay gets NO, either any value at ADC is change then again relay get NC and motor get started automatically with gradually increasing voltage level, it can be happening if and only if there is temporary fault occurred which having time duration of 0 to 5 seconds. If fault could not be cleared within the time limit then this fault is defined as permanent fault and for permanent fault motor gets disconnected for long time.

2. Control Power Supply Circuit

A three phase rectifier used to convert ac supply to the dc in two different voltage levels of 5V and 12V as shown in Figure 2. A three phase star-delta transformer is used to convert 415V/12V. Capacitor filter is used to remove the ripples from the rectified output of the rectifier. MOVs are used to protect transformer winding from overvoltage. The fixed voltage regulators 7805 and 7812 are used to convert the rectifier output of the rectifier to fixed 5Vdc and 12 Vdc.

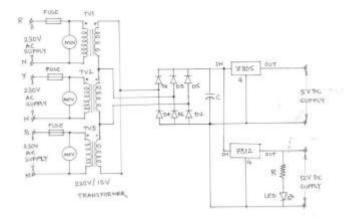


Figure2: Control Power Supply of 5V & 12V

3. Current Sensor

By using this circuit, we can convert the load current into the 0-5Vdc as shown in Figure 3. To step down the current we can use the current transformer which secondary current is 1A. CT secondary is connected to the bridge rectifier across which a 5Ω resistor is connected. When 1A current flows through the circuit a 5V drop will be across the 5Ω resistor. A capacitor is used as a filter. The required voltage is adjusted across the resistor R2 by setting the preset RP.

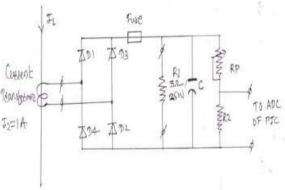


Figure3: Current Sensing

III. Computer Programming

To ensure the validity and accuracy of the calculations, the results are availed from experimental data. Normal operation and abnormal operation of three phase induction motor is compared. The specifications of the model under normal and abnormal conditions are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Test model Specifications and conditions

	Normal Condition	Abnormal Condition
Voltage	415 V	>>415 V or <<415 V
Current	0.5 A	>0.5 A

IV. Results & Discussion

The results for detection and protection of three phase induction motor under normal and abnormal conditions are obtained as shown in Table 1. For normal working condition voltage across the motor is 415V which is required to run motor and during this period current flowing through each phase is 0.5A. Under abnormal condition (when short circuit or overvoltage faults takes place), the voltage across three phase is not equal to 415V that means unbalance in voltage takes place or during short circuit, current flowing through circuit is asymmetric in each phase then motor gets disconnect automatically vice versa. These all operations and results are analyzed in this paper and designed system is shown in Figure 4.

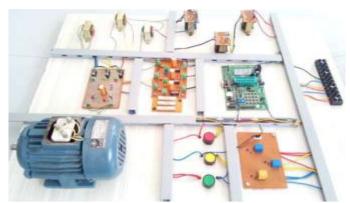


Figure4: Designed System

V. Conclusions

A system has been designed for the detection and protection of induction motor under abnormal conditions. Some concluding observations from the designing are given below.

- Under short circuit conditions, current flowing through each phase is different and more than normal current rating.
- During the under voltage or overvoltage faults voltage across motor get vary.
- As per new designed protection technique motor get disconnect during faulty condition and after clearing these faults motor get starts automatically without any damage.

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