Ch 8. Three-phase systems

- Lecture outcomes (what you are supposed to learn):
 - Generation of three-phase voltages
 - Connection of three-phase circuits
 - Wye-Delta transformation
 - Power of three-phase connected loads

Introduction

- High power equipments are built as three-phase systems.
- Three-phase systems can produce rotating field without special control.
- Three phase generator produce more power than single phase one with the same volume.
- Three-phase systems are more reliable. They can deliver power even if one phase fails.

Schematic structure of Power systems



Generation of three-phase voltages (kolmivaihejärjestelmä)

• Simple three-phase generator

 $e = nBl\omega$



Generation of three-phase voltages

• 3 single-phase circuits at different phase angle!



Generation of three-phase voltages

- The voltage of each phase are called phase voltages
- The phase voltages are written in complex form

$$\overline{V}_{aa'} = \frac{V_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle 0^\circ = V \angle 0^\circ$$

$$\overline{V}_{bb'} = \frac{V_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle -120^{\circ} = V \angle -120^{\circ}$$

$$\overline{V}_{cc'} = \frac{V_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle 120^{\circ} = V \angle 120^{\circ}$$



Connecting the 3-phase voltages

• The potential difference is known but not the potentials !



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Connecting the 3-phase voltages



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Line-to-line voltage = Pääjännitte

Connecting the source and load

• Only 3 wires are needed to connect the source and load





Wye connection (Y- tai tähtikytkentä)

 Three similar terminal of each coil connected to the same point called neutral or N



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Wye connection (Y- tai tähtikytkentä)

For balanced symmetrical three phase system: •



Line-to-line voltages in Wye connection

$$\begin{split} V_{an} &= V_{ph} \angle 0^{\circ} & \overline{V}_{ab} = \overline{V}_{an} - \overline{V}_{bn} \\ \overline{V}_{bn} &= V_{ph} \angle -120^{\circ} & \overline{V}_{ab} = V_{ph} \angle 0^{\circ} - V_{ph} \angle -120^{\circ} \\ \overline{V}_{cn} &= V_{ph} \angle 120^{\circ} & \overline{V}_{ab} = \sqrt{3}V_{ph} \angle 30^{\circ} \end{split}$$

- Magnitude of line-to-line voltage $\,\overline{\!V}_{\!ab}$ is larger than the magnitude of phase voltages $\,\overline{\!V}_{\!an}$ by a factor of $\sqrt{3}$
- Line-to-line voltage \overline{V}_{ab} leads \overline{V}_{an} by 30°



Line-to-line voltages in Wye connection

$$\overline{V}_{bc} = \overline{V}_{bn} - \overline{V}_{cn}$$

$$\overline{V}_{bc} = V_{ph} \angle -120^{\circ} - V_{ph} \angle 120^{\circ}$$

$$= \sqrt{3}V_{ph} \angle -90^{\circ}$$

$$V_{bn}$$

$$V_{ab}$$

$$\overline{V}_{ab} = V_{ph} \angle 120^{\circ} - V_{ph} \angle 150^{\circ}$$

$$\overline{V}_{ab} = \overline{V}_{ab} - \overline{V}_{bn}$$

$$\overline{V}_{ab} = V_{ph} \angle 0^{\circ} - V_{ph} \angle -120^{\circ}$$

$$V_{bn}$$

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$$V_{bn}$$

$$V_{ab}$$

$$\overline{V}_{ab} = V_{ph} \angle 0^{\circ} - V_{ph} \angle -120^{\circ}$$

$$= \sqrt{3}V_{ph} \angle 30^{\circ}$$

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 $\overline{V} = \overline{V} - \overline{V}$

Delta connection (kolmiokytkentä)

The entrance terminal of one coil is connected to the end terminal of the next coil



Delta connection

- Absence of a neural point i.e. floating potentials
- Phase voltages are identical with line-to-line voltages



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Single and three phases loads

- Residential loads are usually single phase loads (230 V)
- Industrial and commercial loads are mostly three phases loads (400 V)
- Clustered residential areas are powered by three phases
- Single houses might be powered by single phase
- Neutral point is grounded to ensure that all loads are powered regardless of fluctuations in current

Wye connected load

• Load impedances connected to a common neutral point from one terminal

$$\overline{Z}_{an} = \overline{Z}_{bn} = \overline{Z}_{cn} = \overline{Z}$$

• The load is powered by a three phases source



Wye connected load

• Phase currents





$$\overline{I}_{b} = \frac{\overline{V}_{bn}}{\overline{Z}} = \frac{V_{ph} \angle (\boldsymbol{\theta} - 120)}{Z \angle \boldsymbol{\varphi}} = \frac{V_{ph}}{Z} \angle \left(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\varphi} - 120\right)$$

$$\overline{I}_{c} = \frac{\overline{V}_{cn}}{\overline{Z}} = \frac{V_{ph} \angle (\boldsymbol{\theta} + 120)}{Z \angle \boldsymbol{\varphi}} = \frac{V_{ph}}{Z} \angle (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\varphi} + 120)$$

• Equal magnitudes, 120 phase shifts

Wye connected load

• Neutral current

$$\begin{split} \overline{I}_n &= \overline{I}_a + \overline{I}_b + \overline{I}_c \\ \overline{I}_n &= \overline{I}_a + \overline{I}_a \angle -120 + \overline{I}_a \angle 120 = \end{split}$$

- If source and loads are balanced the neutral current is zero
- In transmission this means no need for a neutral line



Delta-connected load

- Loads connected between two transmission lines
- Voltage across the single load is the line-to-line voltage



Balanced load and source balanced currents

Delta-connected load

• If we choose \overline{I}_{ab} as reference $\overline{I}_{ab} = I \angle 0^{\circ}$ $\overline{I}_{bc} = I \angle -120^{\circ}$ $\overline{I}_{ca} = I \angle 120^{\circ}$



$$\begin{split} \overline{I}_a &= \sqrt{3}I\angle - 30^\circ = \sqrt{3}\overline{I}_{ab}\angle - 30^\circ \\ \overline{I}_b &= \sqrt{3}I\angle - 150^\circ = \sqrt{3}\overline{I}_{bc}\angle - 30^\circ \\ \overline{I}_c &= I\angle 90^\circ = \sqrt{3}\overline{I}_{ca}\angle - 30^\circ \end{split}$$

Circuits with mixed connections

• In general circuits can be so that the source or the load or both are connected in Y-, Delta-, or any combination



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Circuits with mixed connections

Such circuits requires the load and source to be in the same connection
 Y-Delta transformation



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Y-Delta transformation





Power of three phases system

- The power of a three phase load is the sum of the powers of each load (each phase)
- Phases related quantities are called phase quantities (phase current, phase voltage, phase power)

 $\begin{aligned} P_{ph} &= V_{ph} I_{ph} \cos(\theta) \\ Q_{ph} &= V_{ph} I_{ph} \sin(\theta) \\ P &= 3P_{ph} = 3V_{ph} I_{ph} \cos(\theta) \\ Q &= 3Q_{ph} = 3V_{ph} I_{ph} \sin(\theta) \end{aligned}$

Power of Y-connected three phases load

- Phase current equal to line current
- Phase voltage different

$$P = 3P_{ph} = 3V_{ph}I_{ph}\cos(\theta) \qquad V_{ph} = \frac{V_{ll}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \sqrt{3}V_{ll}I_{l}\cos(\theta) \qquad \stackrel{I_{al}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \stackrel{I_{al}}$$

 $I_{ph} = I_l$

Power of Delta-connected load

- Phase voltage equal to line-to-line voltage
- Phase current different

 $P = 3P_{ph} = 3V_{ph}I_{ph}\cos(\theta)$ $=\sqrt{3}V_{II}I_{I}\cos(\theta)$ $Q = 3Q_{ph} = 3V_{ph}I_{ph}\sin(\theta)$ $=\sqrt{3}V_{ll}I_l\sin(\theta)$



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Summary of the lecture

- Three different coils shifted by 120 deg in space generate balanced three voltages
- The coils can be connected in Y or Delta
- Loads also can be connected in Y or Delta
- Basic equations for single phase system holds also for three phases system (remember the phase shifts)
- In y-connection, line current equals phase current
- In Delta-connection line-to-line voltage equals phase voltage
- Remember to divide by $\sqrt{3}$ for the other quantities.