INTEGRATED MULTIMOTOR ELECTRICAL DC DRIVE FOR METALLURGICAL ROLLING TABLE

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Abstract: A drive system of a section of a metallurgical rolling table consisting of six dc motors, 2220 amperes of total current, fed from a single ABB reversible thyristor converter has been described in this paper. Autonomous excitation circuits of the motors are fed from independent thyristor converters working in the so called MULTIFEX system linked with a supervisory high power converter. There are presented schemes of the DSL communication realized by FEX excitation cards of the motors using the SDSC card of the DCS-800-S02 converter and logic control system based on a PLC controller. The parameterization of the DCS-800 converter and the DCF 803 excitation systems was conducted using the DriveWindow software tool. Significant waveforms of voltages, currents and the estimated motor velocity are described and presented for the idle run as well as during transporting sheets discharged from a pusher furnace.

Key words: DC Drive System, Rolling Table, FEX Excitation System, Drivewindow Software

1. INTRODUCTION

Contemporary applications of complex drive systems are usually based on asynchronous squirrel-cage motors. Nevertheless, for technical and/or economical reasons, existing drives with DC motors are modernized by implementing highly specialized thyristor bridges with various control algorithms. Solutions presented in the literature include control systems based on the phase-locked loop synchronization (Abu-Rub et al., 2004; 2005) or on the mechanical vector reconstruction using a state variable observer (Guziński et al., 2009). In the Polish metallurgical and paper-making industry it is very common that after modernization the DC motors installed before remain in use adapted for powering from modern converters employing advanced control techniques, such as MASTER-FOL-LOWER (Gala et al., 2009; Jagiela and Gala, 2008) or MULTIFEX (Multifex motor control for roller tables, 2008). Such solutions apply in principle to drives with electric motors of relatively high power. The reason is minimization of the drive modernization cost including installation of the power electronics supply system. Alternative replacement of a DC drive by an asynchronous drive with a frequency converter often entails mechanical and building modifications.

PUSHER FURNACE

Fig. 1. Discharge rolling table with a separate drive of each roll

The subject of modernization described in this paper is discharge rolling table drive of a pusher furnace. There are many types and designs of components of such an electro-mechanical system, i.e. rolls, the mechanism of the torque transmission, a single motor or group of motors and a power electronics supply system. The two types of drives most often used in discharge rolling table systems are:

- multi-output reduction gear asynchronous drives with controlled angular velocity (Jagieła, 2003);
- separate drives of each roll with DC or AC motors.

A discharge rolling table with separate DC drives for the individual rolls is shown in Fig. 1.

The paper deals with an application of the ABB reversible thyristor converter type DCS800 S02, which feeds several to teens armature circuits of separately excited DC motors from a single DC circuit. The considered system is an original solution of the ABB (Multifex motor control for roller tables, 2008) dedicated for rolling table drives. The control of the multimotor MULTIFEX system is based on a PLC controller. The drive is a part of a complex automation system of heating and conveyance of slabs on a plate rolling line

A similar system, but with different control scheme, has been described in Kolar and Friedli (2013), where a model of a four-motor DC unit that drives two drums of a papermaking machine has been presented.

2. MECHANICAL SYSTEM OF THE DISCHARGE ROLLING TABLE SECTION DRIVE

The drive of the discharge rolling table section is a group drive system fed from a single converter TC (Fig. 1). Electric motors M1 ÷ M6 are coupled by connecting links directly to the rolls conveying slabs or a metal strip (Fig. 2). The direct coupling of the motors to the rolls results from using high-power and slow-speed motors that ensure enough torque to cope with the static load as well

as with the impulse load due to eccentric impacts of the conveyed strip against the table rolls. The characteristics of the roll load torque versus time can be described by equation (1):

$$T_{L_{i}}(t) = T^{\varphi}(t) - T^{\varphi}(t - \Delta \tau) + T_{S}(t - \Delta \tau) - T_{S}(t - t_{1_{i}})$$
(1)

where: $\Delta \tau = \frac{30 \cdot \varphi[rad]}{2\pi \, n} = \frac{\varphi[\circ]}{6 \, n}$ s; $n \in \langle n_{\min}, n_{\max} \rangle$ rpm, $t_{1i} = \frac{v_1}{l_r + 0.5 D_z} \cdot i$, D_z – external diameter of the roll, l_r – distance between the rolls, v_1 – slab/strip speed, i – roll number.

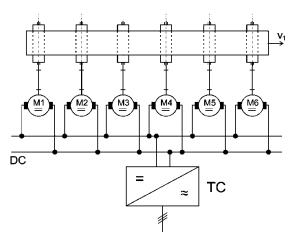


Fig. 2. Electromechanical system of the discharge rolling table drive

The static torque T_S from the mass of the conveyed slabs can be determined using formula (2):

$$T_S = \left[(m_c^* + m_b) \cdot f_t \cdot \frac{D_t}{2} + m_c \cdot f_r \cdot \frac{D_z}{2} \right] \cdot g \qquad (2)$$

where: $m_c^* = \frac{m_c}{N}$ mass of a conveyed slab per single roll, mb – mass of the roll drum, N – number of rolls, other quantities are given in Tab. 2.

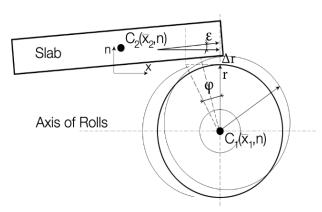


Fig. 3. Mechanism of eccentric movement of the roll (Dobrucki et al., 1991; Jagieła, 2003). Description: C_1 – centre of gravity of the roll, C_2 – centre of gravity of the slab, ε – inclination angle of the slab with respect to the roll axis, φ – angular displacement of the roll, r – roll radius, Δr – lift of the slab due to eccentricity of the roll

The second component of the load torque T_L is connected with geometry and buckling of the conveying rolls. The geometry of the rolls in the considered section of the rolling table depends mainly on two factors: 1) variation of diameters of the individual rolls due of wear off and 2) eccentric movement of the rolls due to deflection

of the frame and the bearings (Dobrucki et al., 1991), termic buckling (Dobrucki et al., 1991) and impacts from the metal strip when its end is turned up (Jagieła, 2003). The mechanism of the eccentric movement of the roll with respect to the conveyed metal strip is illustrated in Fig. 3.

The eccentric movement of the rolls produces impulse load forces Q_1^{φ} , that can be determined using formula (3) (Dobrucki et al., 1991; Jagieła, 2003):

$$Q_1^{\varphi} = S^{\varphi} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m_1}} \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + \frac{1}{M}}}$$
(3)

where the impulse impact S^{φ} can be evaluated as:

$$S^{\varphi} = (1 + R^*) \cdot (v_1 - v_2) \frac{m_c m_1}{m_c + m_1} = (1 + R^*) \cdot k_v \frac{m_c m_1}{m_c + m_1} \cdot v_1$$
(4)

Explanation of quantities occuring in equations (3) and (4) and their values are collected in Tables 1 and 2. The load torque of the rolling table due to the impulse eccentric impact is:

$$T^{\varphi} = Q_1^{\varphi} \cdot \frac{D}{2} = S^{\varphi} \cdot \frac{D}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m_1}} \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + \frac{1}{M}}}$$
 (5)

For the assumed asymmetry k_v of the linear velocities the ratio of the eccentric impact torque T^{φ} to the nominal electric torque of the roll:

$$k^{\varphi} = \frac{T^{\varphi}}{T_M} = 2,13 \tag{6}$$

Tab. 1. Parameters of impact forces acting on the roller drum while conveying the steel strip

write conveying the steel strip		
Parameter	Label and value	Relation ships
Coefficient of elasticity of the drum	$k_1 = 94 \text{ MN/m}$ q = 0.5	$k_1 = 48EJ/qL^3$ $E = 2.1 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ N/m}^2$ $J = \frac{\pi(D_z^4 - D_w^4)}{64} \text{ m}^4$ $q = f_1/f_0$ - ratio of deflections of the
		drum and the bar (Dobrucki et al., 1991)
Drum mass	m_1 = 2.64 T	$m_1 = \beta \cdot m_b$
reduction	β = 0.8	β – coefficient of the drums mass reduction depending on proportion of their dimensions (Dobrucki et al., 1991)
Parameters	A = 9.06 K = 6.5 M = 0.1	$a = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} + 1 K = \frac{k_2}{k_1} M = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$
Coefficient of restitution	R* = 0.15	determined from the graf for steel in function of the slab temperature (Dobrucki et al., 1991).
Linear velocities	<i>V</i> ₁ . <i>V</i> ₂	velocities of the masses in the n-x reference frame (Fig. 2); linear velocity of the strip v_1 ; linear velocity of the second motor roll drum $v_2 = \omega_2 \cdot \frac{D_z}{2}$
Asymmetry of velocities	$k_{\nu} = 0.02$	$k_{v} = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{v_1}$

Tab. 2. Electric and mechanic parameters of the rolling table

Parameter	Designation and value		
Roll parameters			
a) external diameter	D_z = 0.4 m		
b) internal parameters	$D_w = 0.3 \text{ m}$		
c) roll pin diameter	$D_t = 0.2 \text{ m}$		
d) working length of the roll	<i>L</i> = 5.7 m		
e) distance between rolls	$l_r = 0.8 \text{ m}$		
f) roll drum mass	m_b = 3.3 T		
g) moment of inertia of the roll	Θ_r = 103 kgm ²		
Strip parameters			
a) linear velocity of the strip	$v_1 = 1.675 \text{ ms}^{-1}$		
b) strip mass	m_c = 10.7 T		
c) coefficient of strip-roll friction	$f_r = 0.3$		
d) coefficient of friction in the roll	$f_t = 0.06 \div 0.08$		
bearings			
Electro-mechanical system parameters			
a) moment of inertia of the coupling and	Θ_s = 28 kgm ²		
the connectors			
b) moment of inertia of the motor	$\Theta_M = 30 \text{ kgm}^2$		
c) motor torque	$T_M = 1365 \text{ Nm}$		

The ratio of the static torque to the electric torque for the rolls and the strip whose parameters are given in Tab. 2 is:

$$k^M = \frac{T_S}{T_M} = 0.98 (7)$$

Taking into account formula (1) and the components of the load torque defined by formulas (2) and (5), the equation of the roll dynamics for start-up and braking is as follows:

$$\lambda T_M = \lambda [c_M \Phi I_M] = T_L(t) + T_D = T_L(t) + \lambda \left[(\Theta_\Sigma + m_c^* g \frac{D_z^2}{4}) \frac{d\omega}{dt} \right]$$
 (8)

where: c_M – torque constant od the dc motor, Φ – field flux of the dc motor, I_M – armature current of the dc motor, λ = +1 for start-up, λ = -1 for braking, g = 9.81 m/s², Θ_Σ = Θ_T + Θ_S + Θ_M .

The change of the static load T_L due to variable force of the impulse load torque, whose resultant value is $(T_L + \Delta T_L)$, or due to change of the angular velocity $(\omega + \Delta \omega)$, causes response of the MULTIFEX control system resulting in change of the field flux $(\Phi + \Delta \Phi)$ that satisfies equation (8).

3. SUPPLY AND CONTROL SYSTEMS OF DISCHARGE ROLLING TABLES WORKING IN THE MULTIFEX MODE

The drive system of the discharge rolling table section of the conveyance line consists of six DC motors, which are directly engaged with the conveying rolls by short couplers (Fig. 1). The diagram of the power electronics supply system of the DC motors with high power control of the armature circuits and controlled field circuits is shown in Fig. 4. The choice of such a scheme of the supply and control was due to decision to remain the DC motors and necessity to maintain angular speeds of the individual motors that ensure equal linear speeds of all rolls, taking into account their geometric parameters.

The control of the thyristor systems that takes into account optimization of the THD coefficients and improvement of the power factor coefficient PFC (Friedli et al., 2014; Kolar and Friedli, 2013) is an important issue from the consumer power quality point of view. Therefore, the drive supply diagram shown in Fig. 4 includes the UPQ system for continuous monitoring and data acquisition.

The main parameters of the discharge rolling table drive with the separately excited DC motors are presented in Tab. 3.

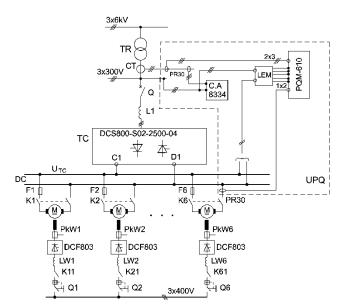


Fig. 4. Diagram of the drive supply system with outlined control system (UPQ) and pointed measurement points

Tab. 3. Main parameters of the discharge rolling table drive

Motor and converter parameters	
Motor type: PXOm-74b/01; quantity: 6	
P = 75/150 kW; U = 220/440 V; I = 370 A;	
$n = 525/1040 \text{ rpm}$; $I_F = 5 \text{ A}$; $T = 1365 \text{ Nm}$	
Control range of angular and linear speed:	
$n_{min} = 80 \text{ rpm} \rightarrow n_{max} = 140 \text{ rpm}$	
$v_{min} = 3.35 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow v_{max} = 5,86 \text{ m/s}$	
Converter type: DCS800-S02-2500-04	
U _{supp} = 3 × (230415) V AC	
I _{DC} = 2500 A; P _{DC} = 1038 kW	

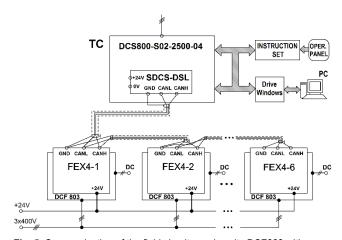


Fig. 5. Communication of the field circuit supply units DCF803 with the main DCS800 converter

The principal aim of the control is to eliminate shearing of the conveyed slabs by minimizing differences of linear speed of the individual rolls. To achieve this aim a drive system including six DC motors with armature circuits connected to a single reverse thyristor converter and making up the MULTIFEX network was applied. The

field circuits of the motors are supplied by separate 3T-3D thyristordiode bridges DCF803 and controlled from the main DCS800 converter via the DSL serial communication link connected to the SDCS-DSL board of the converter – Fig. 5.

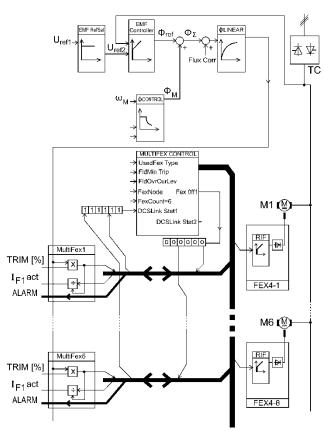


Fig. 6. Diagram of the MULTIFEX control

The control of the motor field circuits in the MULTIFEX system (Fig. 6) is based on H8 microcontrollers that control synchronization of the currents and handle errors. The microcontrollers communicate using the CAN serial interface. The control programs are stored in the FlashPROM memory and include:

- RIF PI control of the field current with the controller parameters,
- error handling and reset,
- synchronization and the PLL control,
- configuration of the current measurement channels.

The master loop in the MULTIFEX control diagram (Fig. 6) is the electromotive force (EMF) control loop. The output of the EMF controller is the reference input Φ_{ref} of the magnetic flux controller. The total flux Φ_{Σ} is the sum of Φ_{ref} and the second component Φ_{M} , which is the output of the flux weakening controller Φ CONTROL. The input of the Φ CONTROL block is the angular speed signal from the tachometer or encoder or, as in the described case, it uses an adaptive algorithm for estimation of the angular speed in the multimotor drive.

The final reference signal of the field current is obtained after linearization Φ LINEAR. In each MultiFex motor control unit it is corrected by multiplier TRIM [%] to achieve the required speed of each motor with minimum error. By applying the static correction TRIM, set separately for each field circuit, it is possible to minimize differences of linear speeds of the individual motors resulting from

geometrical deviations of the roll sizes and deviations of the armature and field circuit resistances due to rewinding during the motors repair.

4. DRIVE COMMISSIONING AND RESULTS OF MEASUREMENTS

The presented multimotor drive system of the discharge rolling table is a part of the plate rolling line. Its task is to convey slabs and adapt the conveyance to the technological regime of the whole rolling line. The system has two modes of operation:

- 1. manual control by the operator;
- automatic control cycle depending on operation of other discharge devices of the plate rolling line with control sequences planned online.

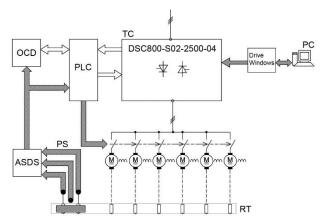


Fig. 7. Diagram of the DSC800 converter external control:

OCD - operator control desk, RT - rolling table,

PS - process signals, ASDS - automatic slab delivery system,

TC - thyristor converter

The discharge rolling table drive is controlled hierarchically taking into account correlations with other devices of the rolling line. The first level of control is realized by the PLC controller (Fig. 7) that receives information from the automatic slab delivery bus. The delivery control works in sequential cycles: it conveys slabs from the pusher furnaces towards the break-down rolling stand. The PLC controller receives signals carrying information about the current run of individual stages of the technological process. The second, master level of control are commands from the operator control desk and the emergency stop signal that are basic safety protections of the staff and devices.

The reverse thyristor converter PT (DCS800) with the assigned field units FEX4-DCF803 should be precisely parameterized at the stage of the drive commissioning or restarting. A helpful tool for these purposes is the DriveWindow tool (Gałą et al., 2009) (Fig. 5, Fig. 7). It is a multifunction application for: setting and adjusting control parameters, starting a drive, monitoring analog and digital quantities (signals) and controlling drives with DC or AC motors supplied respectively from DCS or ACS series converters and equipped with fiber-optic links.

In the considered system the application supervises simultaneous operation of the main DCS800 converter and six field circuit converters DCF803. It collects current values of signals and can present them, e.g. in the same graph for comparison.

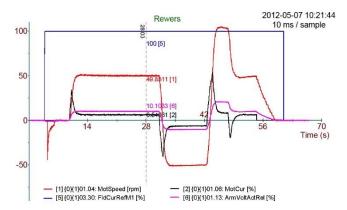


Fig. 8. Waveforms of electromechanical quantities of the discharge rolling table drive

All the monitored data and parameters can be saved in the files for further offline analysis or edition. The files with the drive settings, stored in the archive or edited offline, can be loaded to the converter memory which minimizes the time of starting the drive or restarting it after a failure. An example of the DriveWindow capabilities is presented in Fig. 8. The graph shows waveforms of the voltage and total current of the armature circuits as well as the estimated angular speed and field current of a single motor (they are the same for the other motors) recorded during the startup, reverse, rapid change of the angular velocity (commanded by the external controller) and finally the stop of the drive.

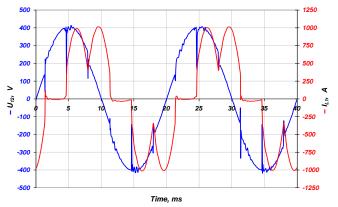


Fig. 9. Waveforms of the DCS800 converter supply voltage and current

Another tool for aiding the process of setting the drive operation parameters is the computer measurement unit PQM-610. It includes voltage and current transducers LEM, current measurement pincers PR-30 (Fig. 4) and the DASYLab software. The metrological parameters of the measurement unit ensure accuracy up to 0.1% as far as the higher-order harmonic content coefficients THD of the voltage and current are concerned. The complement of the PQM-610 unit is the power quality analyzer CA8334 connected to the low voltage network 3 × 300 V and to the secondary circuit of the current measuring transformer CT 4000A/5A (Fig. 4). Those two measurement devices make it possible to analyze the influence of the rolling table drive on the local internal medium and low voltage network, in particular arising of higher-order harmonics of the current. Example waveforms of the converter phase-to-phase supply voltage and the phase current are shown in Fig. 9.

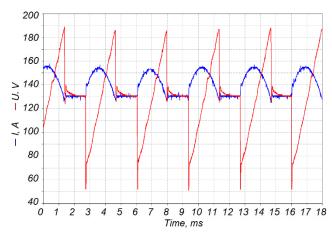


Fig. 10. Waveforms of the DCS800 converter output voltage and current at the idle run

The commissioning of the discharge rolling table drive gave opportunity to conduct series of measurements. One of them shows work of individual thyristors of the 2 × 6T bridge. The graph in Fig. 10 presents waveforms of the voltage (red line) and current (blue line) drawn by the six armature circuits of the separately excited motors. The graph in Fig. 10 shows deep decrease of the motors angular velocity down to 31 rpm, which is equivalent to voltage of 13 V on the converter DC bus. The load voltage and current measurement was carried out at the idle run of the motors with no slabs conveyed.

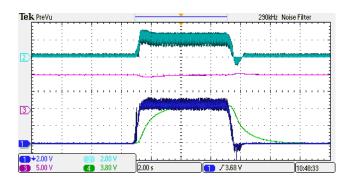


Fig. 11. Current waveform (I_M) , angular speed (n), load torque (I_M) and estimated torque (T_{ES}) in the case of the first load

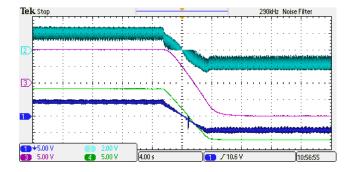


Fig. 12. Current waveform (I_M) , angular speed (n), load torque (I_M) and estimated torque (T_{ES}) in the case of the second load

The measurements of the actual load torque and its corresponding estimated value of electromagnetic torque generated by the converter were conducted during the transport of hot slabs

to the break-down rolling stand. The results of experiment involved two tests:

- 1) pulse roller load during the slab transport (Fig. 11);
- load of a roller in a rolling table at the time of the slab transport direction change (Fig. 12).

In both cases clear differences between the actual torque T_L and the estimated torque T_{ES} are visible. Such differences occur especially in transient states (load torque impact, slowdown and change of the motor rotation direction). In steady states both values are very close and the absolute error does not exceed 2 percent

$$\delta = \frac{|T_L - T_{ES}|}{T_L} \ 100 \ \% \le \ 2\% \tag{9}$$

5. SUMMARY

The drive system described in the paper was implemented in the modernized rolling line. It meets all technical requirements of a modern plate rolling process.



Fig. 13. Interior of the field circuits power supply cubicle with the FEX4 boards

The photo in Fig. 13 shows interior of the cubicle with six FEX4 boards for powering the field circuits of the rolling table drive motors. On the basis of the drive implementation tests it can be stated that it is possible to supply a group of separately excited DC motors from a single reverse thyristor converter connected with several separate controllers of the motors field currents. In the presented case those controllers communicate with the main converter via the DSL link. Such a scheme allows for correction of the field currents of individual motors which results in very good synchronization of the motors and rolls speeds.

The presented discharge rolling table drive has good dynamic properties. The change of the slab conveying direction for the angular speed setting of almost 50% of the full range takes 1 second (see Fig. 8) and the dynamic current peak during that reverse exceeds 5 times the steady state current.

The DriveWindow software (Gala et al., 2003) is a modern and effective tool that aids practical application of the drive and facilitates carrying out various tests necessary during commissioning of the DCS and ACS drive systems.

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