

# Load Regime of a Ferromagnetic Current Stabilizer

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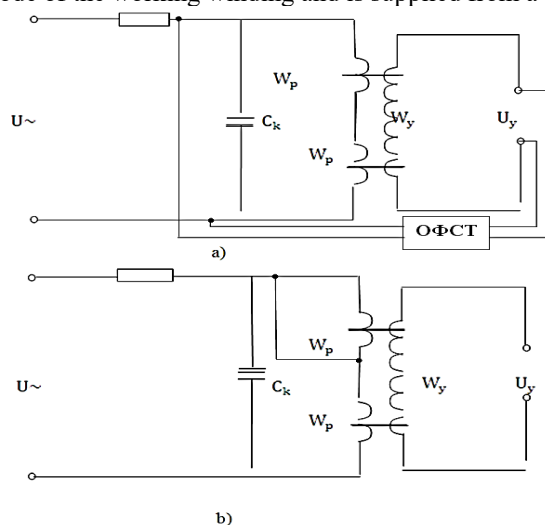
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**Abstract.** This article investigates the operating modes of a ferromagnetic current stabilizer (FCS) used in the control circuits of magnetic amplifiers under various load conditions. The study analyzes stable operating regimes for resistive, resistive-inductive, and resistive-capacitive loads based on mathematical modeling. The magnetization characteristic of the ferromagnetic element is approximated using a power-law function, enabling an analytical expression of the stabilization process to be derived.

## INTRODUCTION

The application of ferroresonant circuits in the control circuits of magnetic amplifiers as signal generators for establishing a stabilization mode of the main operating circuit leads to a significant increase in output power without a substantial growth in the mass-dimensional characteristics of the stabilizer. According to [1,5], the total installed capacity of the reactive elements of a ferromagnetic current stabilizer (FCS) exceeds the load power by more than four times, which limits their application in high-power systems. It is therefore proposed to employ such circuits in the control schemes of magnetic amplifiers where only low power levels are required. In this way, the electromagnetic stabilizing device under investigation combines the advantages of a ferroresonant circuit and a magnetic amplifier. This device represents two interconnected nonlinear circuits, one of which performs the function of the executive element, while the other acts as a sensitive control element [6-9]. The simplest controllable ferromagnetic element consists of a working winding and a bias (control) winding wound on a closed ferromagnetic core. The bias winding is used to control the operating mode of the working winding and is supplied from a direct-current source [10-14].



**FIGURE 1.** Circuit configurations of a ferromagnetic current stabilizer

## EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH

In order to determine the influence of various load parameters on the operation of a ferromagnetic current stabilizer and to evaluate its energy and operational characteristics, the load operating regime of the device is considered (Figure 1). Adopting the previously stated assumptions and neglecting losses in the magnetic amplifier, a steady-state analysis is performed for resistive, resistive–inductive, and resistive–capacitive loads.

$$u_c = R_H(i_c + i_{\phi 3}) + 2W_p \frac{d\phi}{dt}, \quad (1)$$

where  $u_c$  is the supply voltage, and  $i_c$  is the current flowing through the capacitor  $C_k$

$$y = \delta \left( \frac{1}{m} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + i_{\phi 3} \right) + 2W_p \frac{d\phi}{dt} \quad (2)$$

Here,

$$\delta = \frac{R_H i_\delta}{2\omega W \Phi_\delta}; m = \frac{i_\delta}{2\omega^2 W C_k \Phi_\delta}; X = \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_\delta};$$

$$y = \frac{Uc}{U_\delta}; z = \frac{i}{i_\delta}; U_\delta = 2\omega W \Phi_\delta$$

Assuming that

$$y_m^2 = X_m^2 + \delta^2 (Z_m - \frac{X_m}{m})^2 \quad (3)$$

$$tg \varphi = \frac{\delta (\frac{X_m}{m} - Z_m)}{X_m} \quad (4)$$

For further mathematical analysis, it is necessary to obtain an analytical expression for the characteristic  $X_m = f(Z_m)$ . In this case, it is convenient to adopt an approximating function of the following form:

$$X_m = aZ_m^4 \quad (5)$$

Such a dependence qualitatively describes the characteristic of simultaneous magnetization in the operating region of the magnetic amplifier under stabilization conditions and provides sufficiently simple results for analyzing the load operating regime of the device [15-17]. The value of the coefficient depends on the magnitude of the bias current and can be determined using the method of selected points or the least squares method.

Substituting equation (5) into equation (3), we obtain:

$$y_m^2 = a^2 Z_m^8 + \delta^2 \left( Z_m - \frac{1}{m} a Z_m^4 \right)^2 \quad (6)$$

Based on this expression, the control (regulation) characteristic of the current stabilizer can be constructed for various load resistances. The latter is characterized by the parameter  $\delta$ , whose maximum admissible value is determined from the voltage–ampere characteristic (V–I curve) of the ferromagnetic current stabilizer circuit [18-22].

From the characteristic of the ferromagnetic current stabilizer circuit it can be seen that stabilization begins at ( $X_m=0,4$ ) and continues up to ( $X_m=1,2$ ). Thus, if we assume ( $Y_m=1,2$ ), the maximum voltage drop across the load should be determined by the following formula:

$$Y_{nm} = \sqrt{Y_m^2 + X_m^2}$$

Knowing the value of the stabilization current, we determine:

$$\delta = \frac{Y_{nm}}{Z_m} = 0,44; \quad Z_m = 2,5$$

Thus, in the stabilization mode, variation of the parameter  $\delta$  is allowed within the range from zero to 0.44. In this case, the input voltage must be equal to  $U=1.2$ . Figure 2 presents the regulation characteristics of the device for various values of active load resistance, constructed on the basis of equation (6).

For this case, the ratio of the installed capacity of the elements of the ferromagnetic current stabilizer to the load power is determined as follows:

$$q = \frac{\Sigma|Q|}{P_n} = \frac{|Q_{my}| + |Q_k|}{P_n} \quad (7)$$

Here, the maximum power of the magnetic amplifier, and the power of the compensating capacitor.

$$Q_{my} = Z_{my} * Y_m; \quad Z_{my} = 3,75; \quad Y_m = 1,2; \quad Q_k = Z_{mk} * Y_{mk}; \quad Z_m = 1,2$$

From equation (7), we obtain that  $q \approx 2$ .

Thus, the installed capacity of the elements of the current stabilizer exceeds the load power by more than two times. This value is more than twice lower than that of the previously considered ferromagnetic current stabilizers (FCS).

For the case of a resistive–inductive load, the analysis is based on the following circuit equation:

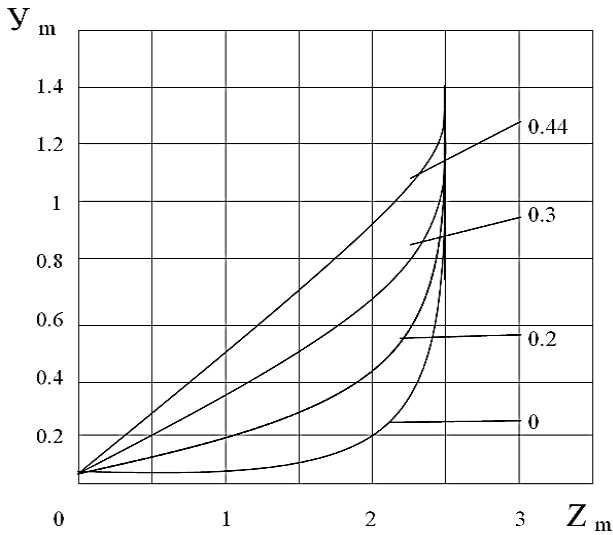
$$u = R_n(i_c + i_{\phi}) + L \frac{d}{dt}(i_c + i_{\phi}) + 2W \frac{d\phi}{dt} \quad (8)$$

After performing simple transformations and introducing normalized variables, we obtain:

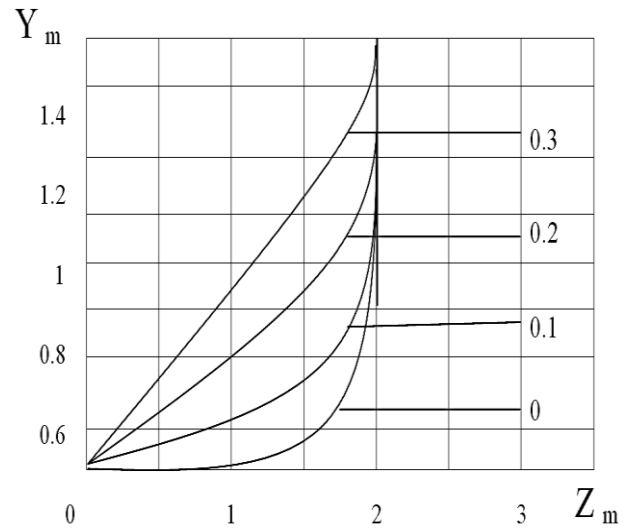
$$y = \delta(Z_c + Z_{\phi}) + \gamma_H \frac{d}{d\tau}(Z_c + Z_{\phi}) + \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \quad (9)$$

Here,

$$\delta = \frac{R_H i_{\delta}}{2\omega W \phi_{\delta}}; \quad \gamma_H = \frac{L_H i_{\delta}}{2W \phi_{\delta}}; \quad Z_c = \frac{i_c}{i_{\delta}}; \quad Z_{\phi} = \frac{i_{\phi}}{i_{\delta}}; \quad y = \frac{U}{U_{\delta}}; \quad U_{\delta} = 2\omega W \Phi_{\delta}$$



**FIGURE 2.** Regulation characteristics for a resistive (active) load



**FIGURE 3.** Regulation characteristics for a resistive–inductive load

$$Z_c = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \frac{d^2 \cdot x'}{d\tau^2}$$

$$y = Y_m \cos(\tau + \varphi) \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= X_m \sin \tau \\ z_{\phi\partial} &= Z_{m\phi\partial} \sin \tau \end{aligned}$$

If we adopt the approximating function of the simultaneous magnetization curve of the ferromagnetic element in the form given by equation (5), then after several transformations we obtain:

$$Y_m^2 = \delta^2 \left( Z_{m\phi\partial} - \frac{aZ_{m\phi\partial}^4}{m} \right)^2 + \left[ \gamma_H \left( Z_{m\phi\partial} - \frac{aZ_{m\phi\partial}^4}{m} \right) + aZ_{m\phi\partial}^4 \right]^2 \quad (11)$$

Based on the latter dependence, taking into account that:

$$Z_{mcT} = Z_{m\phi\partial} - \frac{Z_{m\phi\partial}^4}{m},$$

Using this dependence, regulation characteristics of the current stabilizer can be constructed for various values of a resistive–inductive load (Fig. 3).

For a resistive–capacitive load, the circuit equation takes the following form:

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = R_H \frac{d}{dt} (i_c + i_{\phi\partial}) + \frac{i_c + i_{\phi\partial}}{C_k} + W \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2}$$

After a series of transformations, we obtain:

$$Y_m^2 = \delta^2 \left( Z_{m\phi\partial} - \frac{aZ_{m\phi\partial}^4}{m} \right)^2 + \left[ aZ_{m\phi\partial}^2 - \gamma \left( Z_{m\phi\partial} - \frac{aZ_{m\phi\partial}^4}{m} \right) \right]^2 \quad (12)$$

## CONCLUSION

The article presents a comprehensive analysis of the load operating modes of a ferromagnetic current stabilizer, with an in-depth study of its energy and operational characteristics. The research results show that a ferromagnetic current stabilizer applied in the control circuit of a magnetic amplifier has higher energy efficiency compared to conventional ferroresonant schemes. A comparative analysis of the regulation characteristics obtained for resistive, resistive–inductive, and resistive–capacitive loads revealed that the resistive–capacitive load is the most optimal option for current stabilization, since it provides a wider stabilization range. The results of the harmonic analysis indicate that the waveform of the stabilized current exhibits significant nonlinearity; therefore, the use of this stabilizer is most appropriate in control systems where strict requirements on current waveform are not imposed. Overall, the developed mathematical model and the graphical–analytical method are effective tools for the design and analysis of ferromagnetic current stabilizers and have important scientific and practical significance for applied power engineering devices.

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