

Analytical Studies of the Excitation System of Synchronous Generator in Steam Power Plant Unit 3 and 4 at PJB UP Gresik

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Abstract – Generator or alternator is a device that has a function to convert or transform mechanic energy to electricity. Electricity conversion need process with giving strengthening with excitation current to coil magnetic field that placed on sync generator. Excitation current that flows on magnetic field coil will cause magnetic flux. Generator sync on PLTU unit 3 and 4 PJB UP Gresik use excitation system with excitation static type, this type of excitation it uses carbon brush as a media to conduct excitation current, this excitation system use the output of sync generator. In reality this excitation current which exist on PLTU unit 3 and 4 have to should always be taken care so the system can operate normally and commonly the fault that happened is under excitation and over excitation so it can be prevent. Step taken to avoid damaging the generator sync that caused by excitation current, steps that have to be taken are understanding the characteristic of system excitation setting, anchor current, voltage generator, and loading. The value of loading is very affecting the value of excitation current that injected to generator, the purpose of this process of excitation current injection is to maintain the stability from sync generator voltage so that the condition is staying on its normal condition. **Copyright** © 2017 Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta- All rights reserved.

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I. Introduction

Generator or also called an alternator is an electric machine that serves as a tool to generate electrical energy by converting mechanical energy into electrical energy. The magnetic field coil on the synchronous generator rotor is given an excitation current (excitation) to generate GGL induction. Excitation of the synchronous generator is a direct current in the field windings that exist on the rotor, with the existing of the current it will generate magnetic flux.

Disturbances that often occur in the generator include disturbances in the stator, disruption in the rotor (excitation system), and back up the existing installation outside the generator. One of the most common disturbances of generators is the disturbance of the amplifier system or excitation system, which can be fatal to the

generator causing the generator to trip and disrupting the supply of electricity to the consumer. Based on the problems mentioned above, the authors are interested to examine the excitation system and synchronous generator characteristics that exist in PLTU units 3 and 4 in PT PJB UP Gresik. By knowing the excitation system and its characteristics, it is possible to avoid damage to the generator resulting from excessive excitation or deficiency.

II. Basic Theory

2.1 Definition Of Generator

The alternating current generator has another name commonly referred to as an alternator or a synchronous generator, which has an important role in the process of converting energy into a

useful form of energy. Synchronous generator is an electric machine that has a function to generate electrical energy by converting mechanical energy into electrical energy (Armansyah, 2016). The generator works by faraday law which in large measure states the magnitude of the induced electrical force will be directly proportional to the rate of change of the sum of the line of force through the coil.

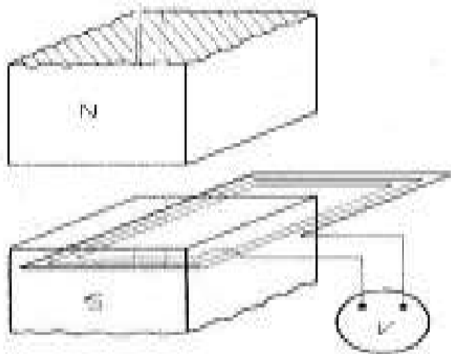


Fig. 1. GGL induced per coil winding

The rotation speed of the rotor with the rotating magnetic poles has the same speed as the stator rotary field, it becomes the source of the sync speed at the generator itself. The generator rotor consists of the field winding supplied by direct current and will produce a magnetic field having the same rotational speed and direction as the rotation of the rotor. The relation between the machine magnetic field and the generator's electric frequency can be explained in the equation as follows :

$$f = \frac{n \cdot p}{120} \dots \dots \dots (2.1)$$

Explanation : f = Electrical frequency (Hz)
 n = Rotary speed or rotation of magnetic field (rpm)
 p = Number Of Poles

2.2 Excitation on Synchronorus Generator System

Excitation system is a amplifying system contained in the generator, by providing a current amplifier at the generator field coil that arise because of the magnetic field caused by a direct current.

Excitation current is a current which is given to the magnetic poles, with a large set smaller than the value of the excitation current, it can obtain the value of the desired generator output voltage and reactive power (Basofi, 2014).

Excitation system itself is divided into two types of excitation systems with *brush* and without *brushes (brushless excitation)*.

1. Excitation system with *brush*

Excitation system with *brush* This itself is divided into 2 types of excitation system dynamic and static excitation systems.

a. Dynamic excitation system

Dynamic excitation system is a excitation current which this excitation system supplied by the exciter machine (engine driver). In this excitation system can use a DC generator or an AC generator but first rectified by *rectifier* because the current used in the excitation system is a direct current. The flow will be channeled to the slipping then channeled to the second generator amplifier field.

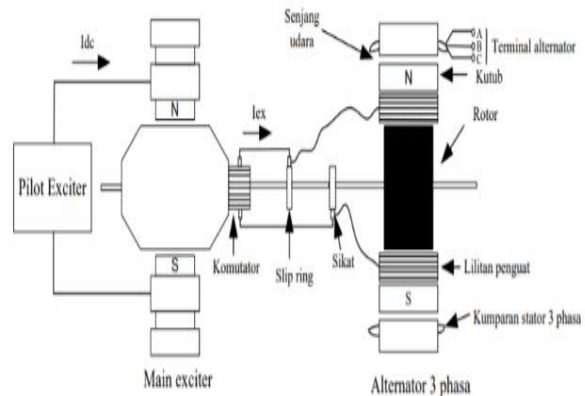


Fig. 2. Excitation System Dynamic

b. Static excitation system

The static excitation system also is described as a *self-excitation* because this excitation system is supplied from the synchronous generator itself but needs to be rectified by the *rectifier* first. On the rotor there is little left and the magnetic field will induce a voltage in the stator. the voltage will then be put back into the rotor which previously had been rectified by the *rectifier*, consequently the resulting magnetic field is getting bigger and make the existing terminal voltage go up.

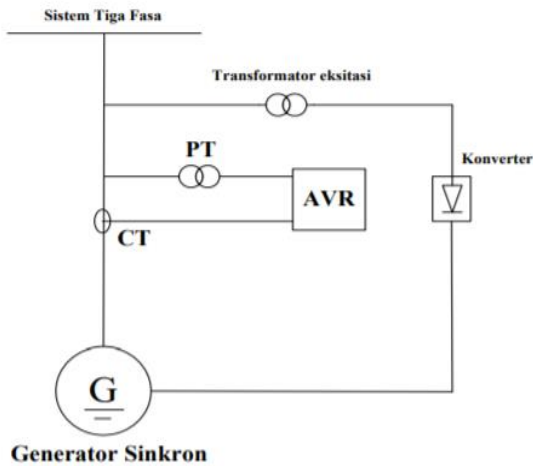


Fig. 3. Static Excitation System

2. Excitation system without brush

This excitation system prioritizes the performance of *pilot exciter* and a system that will deliver on the main generator excitation current. *pilot exciter* consists of an alternating current generator that has a three-phase stator coil and a magnetic field that is attached to the rotor shaft. The following diagram on the working principle of the excitation system without brush:

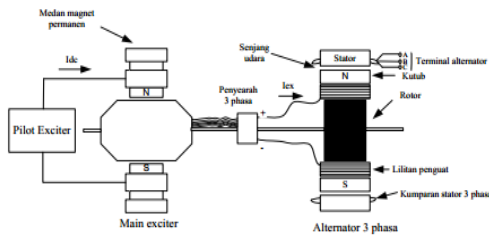


Fig 4. Excitation system without brush

2.3 Effect of Excitation Setting on Generator

Excitation Settings Sync The excitation system be changed it will affect the value of the magnetic flux (ϕ) along with the rise in the value of the excitation current. This is made clear in the following equation:

$$E = Cn\phi$$

Regulated excitation current in the generator working in parallel where the condition of rotation (n) fixed the value of the magnetic flux will go up as well as reactive power needed will also increase, but the value of active power will

not be changed so as to affect the value of the power factor.

Generators that work in parallel (G1 and G2) will supply each half load of reactive power, so each generator will supply a current of value I so current that must be supplied to the generator system to work in parallel yang is worth $2I$.

In the generator working in parallel and a strengthening of the generator is increased (eg G1), there will be a rise in the value of the induced voltage generator 1 (E_1) which makes $E_1 > E_2$ this will result in the circulation currents (I_s).

III. Research Methodology

In this research there are several steps work done to achieve the desired end result according to the flow diagram as can be seen in Fig. 3.1.

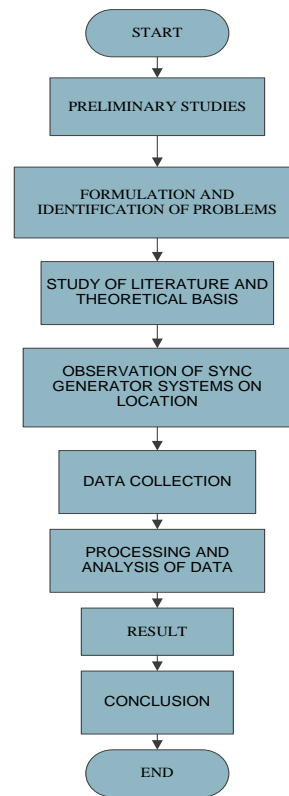


Fig. 5. Flow diagram of the research

3.1 Preliminary studies

This preliminary study is an initial stage in the methodology thesis. In this section the observation directly about the conditions of research and retrieval of data in this case is PT PJB UP Gresik.

3.2 Formulation and Identification of Problems.

After conducting the preliminary studies carried out identifying the existing problems on location research. Then cause from the problem can be followed by observation directly or with stages Interview. In this research raised issues regarding the existing excitation system in the power plant units 3 and 4 at PT PJB UP Gresik.

3.3 Basic Theory of Library Studies.

The next step is doing library research and the basic theory is to find the reference (information) that can be used as a base or as a parameter in resolving the issues raised in the thesis. This literature study can be sourced from journals, books, and other sources.

3.4 Evaluation Observations Sync Generator Systems in Work location.

This observation aims to determine the parameters of what will be used in resolving the issues raised in the final work. This observation is also to understand the system and the process of excitation of the power plant units 3 and 4 at PT PJB UP Gresik.

3.5 Data collection.

The data that need required to support the completion of this thesis. The data collection can be done by direct observation data needed in the power plant units 3 and 4 at PT PJB UP Gresik. Data collection can also be done by means of interviews with the various parties concerned with the topics raised in this thesis

3.6 Data processing.

Data processing is performed after all the data needed for the study was complete. case that do is grouping the data, in this research data are grouped in the form of excitation current, excitation voltage, power factor, and loading the synchronous generator in the power plant units 3 and 4.

3.7 Analysis.

Once the data has been processed then do follow-up may be charting the relationship existing parameters with the conditions of a synchronous generator in the power plant units 3 and 4. From the graph of these parameters it can be concluded and the anticipation that may be taken if there is a

problem related to this thesis that occurred in the power plant generation systems unit 3 and 4 at PT PJB UP Gresik.

3.8 Result and Conclusions.

After analyzing the existing data or graph then conclude the thesis. After finished the thesis we expected this thesis can become a reference in the event of disruption or problems in the field related to the topic of discussion.

IV. Results and Discussion

4.1 Working Principle Excitation System Power Plant Units 3 and 4 PJB UP Gresik.

Excitation systems at power plant units 3 and 4 do not require the generator additional source excitation synchronous generator, but take advantage of it's own generator output as the excitation source but first needs to be rectified using the *thyristor*. Excitation system is also called as *self-excitation* or more commonly known as a static excitation system

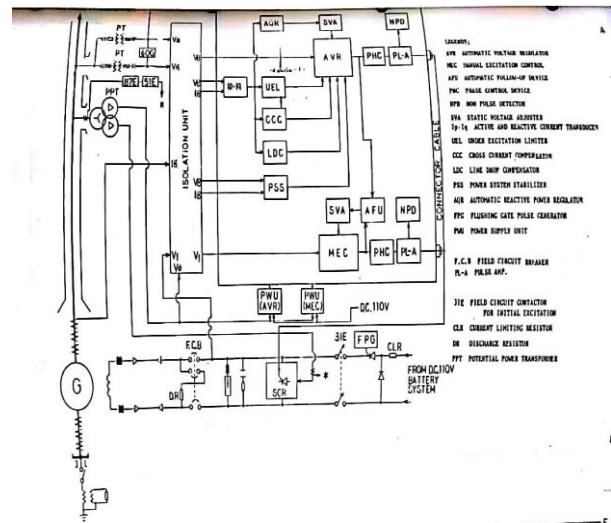


Fig. 6. Excitation System Sync Generator PLTU Unit 3 and 4 di PT PJB UP Gresik

At baseline or *starting* synchronous generator on the system early power plant units 3 and 4 are still not able to generate the output voltage, the energy required for the excitation system stem from a battery located in the battery compartment in the power plant units 3 and 4. Process *field flashing* will inject excitation current

sourced from the battery to the rotor by activating the FCB (*field circuit breaker*) which exists. With current injection that comes from the battery, the generator sync will begin generates a voltage terminal. This process will continue until the value of the synchronous generator voltage reaches 15% of the nominal voltage of the synchronous generator. When this condition is reached, the *thyristor* will be active and raise the value of the synchronous generator terminal voltage up to 15 KV.

When the condition of excitation current has reached a value of 40% of the excitation current at no load, the contactor 31e which becomes a liaison between the generator rotor with the battery will open, on the condition excitation system will begin to be supplied by the output of the synchronous generator sendiri, but first output of the synchronous generator will be rectified and lowered in advance by the *thyristor rectifier*.

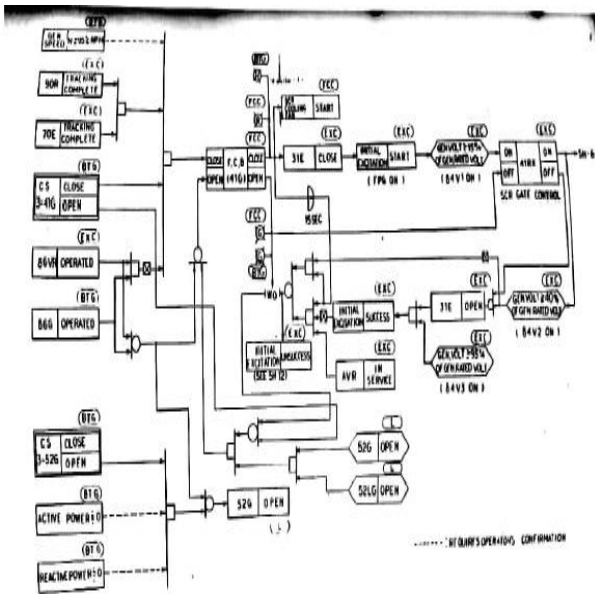


Fig 7. Excitation System Process In PLTU Units 3 and 4 in PT PJB UP Gresik

The value which is the terminal voltage generator output power plant units 3 and 4 are at 15 KV 3 phase voltage output terminal of the synchronous generator is first necessary impaired to use transformers *step-down* to obtain the

excitation voltage of 790 VAC 3 phase.

The output voltage of the transformer *step-down* This excitation with a value of 790 VAC 3 phase will then be rectified and lowered again its value to produce a DC voltage with a value of 110 VDC.

4.2 Analysis of Characteristic of Synchronous Generation Excitation System at PLTU Units 3 and 4 in PT PJB UP Gresik

At Table I, the value of V_{out} generator, frequency, active power, reactive power, current anchors, excitation current, excitation voltage and power factor is the average value per hour in one day.

Table I. Characteristic of Synchronous Generation Excitation System

Research time Day	Vout Generator (KV)	Frequency (Hz)	Reactive Power (MVAR)	Active Power (MW)	Anchor Current (A)	Excitation Current (A)	Excitation Voltage (V)	Power Factor
1	15.02	49.99	7.17	112.72	4480.43	1000	166.4	0.99
2	15.15	49.99	7.04	112.83	4216.09	1019.13	170.87	0.99
3	15.16	51.95	7.72	106.43	4119.57	978.61	163.61	0.99
4	15.16	49.98	20.68	99.78	3963.04	1027.83	172.09	0.97
5	15.08	50.02	23	115.65	4534.78	1069.57	180.87	0.98
6	15.06	50.01	25.21	111.96	4417.39	1077.83	181	0.97
7	15.12	50.03	26.36	100	3956.52	1050.87	176.65	0.96
8	15.14	50.01	24.77	100	3980.43	1038.70	173.52	0.96
9	15.15	50.02	15.68	102.61	4002.17	1012.61	168.91	0.98
10	15.09	50.01	6.08	100	3900	956.09	153.26	0.99
11	15.01	50.01	16.08	151.43	5852.17	1170	199.65	0.99
12	15.05	50.02	23.73	128.69	4995.65	1129.57	190.56	0.98
13	15.11	50.03	27.60	100	4000	1053.48	177.39	0.96
14	14.98	49.98	28.26	110.67	4413.33	1083.33	183	0.96
15	15.01	49.98	40.22	146.61	5813.04	1250	213.47	0.96
16	15.08	50.03	37.75	116.18	4550	1084.09	182.36	0.97
17	15.11	50.03	37.30	100	4000	1053.48	177.39	0.96
18	15.16	49.98	37.50	99.78	3963.04	1027.83	172.09	0.97
19	15.10	50.02	28.36	143.63	5604.55	1197.27	203.59	0.98
20	15.03	49.99	28.59	148.18	5795.45	1207.73	204.45	0.98
21	15.08	50.03	23.54	116.18	4550	1084.09	182.36	0.97
22	15.09	50.01	38.86	151.13	5940.91	1269.09	215.91	0.96
23	15.11	49.99	41.86	171	6660.87	1352.61	230.65	0.97
24	15.14	49.99	20.81	103.75	4040.63	1035.63	173.12	0.98
25	14.99	50.01	19.18	110.25	4337.5	1038.75	176.81	0.98
26	15.04	50.03	29.64	125.71	4957.14	1133.57	191.78	0.97
27	15.07	50.01	37.5	134.54	5286.36	1207.27	203.68	0.96
28	15.02	49.95	39.81	126.59	5081.82	1178.64	200.64	0.95
29	15.05	50.01	38.91	127.83	5108.70	1188.26	201.17	0.96
30	15.03	50.03	47.66	164	6540	1341.33	229.73	0.96

4.3 Analysis of the Relation of Current Excitation Against the Current of anchors

Fig. 7 shows the relation between the excitation current to the current anchor that of the power plant units 3 and 4, on the graph shows that the value of the excitation current (If) is proportional to the value of the current anchor (Ia) which is in a synchronous generator, in other words that the greater the value of the excitation current is injected it will make the value of the current anchor on a synchronous generator will be the anchor. Great current change according to the large value of the excitation current is injected to the rotor coil contained in the synchronous generator power plant units 3 and 4.

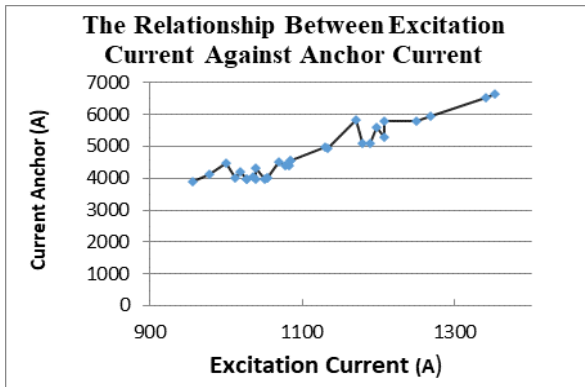


Fig. 7. Graph of Excitation Current Relation with Anchor Current in Synchronous Generator PLTU Units 3 and 4

4.4. Analysis of Effect of Voltage Fluctuation on Sync Generation

Synchronous generator Based on the specifications of the generator as well as the daily operations of data power plant units 3 and 4 in the table daily operations, the value of Ea to the synchronous generator can be known. Here is the data specifications:

$X_s = 1.5 \text{ pu}$
 $V = 15 \text{ KV} = 15000 \text{ V}$
 $I = 9623 \text{ A}$

The above data can be used in determining the value Zbase (impedance) using the following

equation:

$$Z_{base} = \frac{V_{base}^2}{I_{base}} \dots\dots\dots(4.1)$$

$$= \frac{15000^2}{9623} = 0.9$$

$$X_s \text{ (dalam Ohm)} = 1.5 \times 0.9$$

$$= 1.35 \Omega$$

From the data and calculations above, the value of Ea as follows:

Data Day 1 : $V_t = 15.02 \text{ KV}$
 $= 15020 \text{ V}$
 $I_a = 4480.43 \text{ A}$

The Obtained Value :

$$E_a = 15020 + (jI_a X_s)$$

$$= 15020 + (j4480.43 \times 1.35 \Omega)$$

$$= 16192,15 \angle 21,93^\circ$$

$$= 16.19 \text{ KV}$$

Table II. Effect of Voltage Fluctuation on Sync Generation

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1	15.02	4480.43	1000	16.19	166.4
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6	15.06	4417.39	1077.83	16.19	181
7	15.12	3956.52	1050.87	16.03	176.65
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11	15.01	5852.17	1170	16.96	199.65
12	15.05	4995.65	1129.57	16.49	190.56
13	15.11	4000	1053.48	16.04	177.39
14	14.98	4413.33	1083.33	16.12	183
15	15.01	5813.04	1250	16.93	213.47
16	15.08	4550	1084.09	16.28	182.36
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25	14.99	4337.5	1038.75	16.09	176.81
26	15.04	4957.14	1133.57	16.46	191.78
27	15.07	5286.36	1207.27	16.67	203.68
28	15.02	5081.82	1178.64	16.51	200.64
29	15.05	5108.70	1188.26	16.55	201.17
30	15.03	6540	1341.33	17.43	229.73

For the calculation of the value of induced emf (Ea) on day 2 and so on by using the same

formula can be seen from the following table:

Table II shows the Value of Calculation Results GGL Induction on Synchronous Generator Power Plant Units 3 and 4 PJB UP Gresik

From the table on the above calculation can be made a graph showing the relationship between the excitation current is injected to the terminal and the EMF induced voltage (Ea). The following chart:

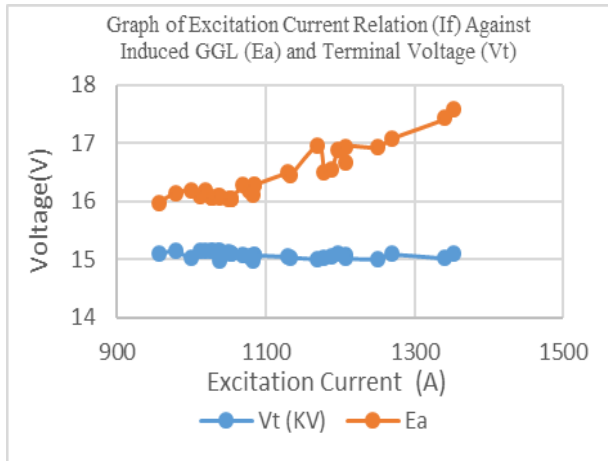


Fig. 8. Graph of Relation between Excitation Current (If) with Induced GGL (Ea) and Terminal Voltage (Vt) in Synchronous Generator PLTU Units 3 and 4

Regarding the effect of the excitation current (If) of the induction GGL (Ea) and the terminal voltage (Vt) to the synchronous generator power plant unit 3 and 4 in PJB UP Gresik. The graph shows that the greater the value of the excitation current injected into the synchronous generator will make the value of EMF induction that there are likely to increase. It was determined that the increase of the terminal voltage (Vt) to the synchronous generator caused by the increasing value of the excitation current (If) which is injected, it aims to maintain the stability of terminal voltage (Vt) generator synchronous, so the terminal voltage that is initially low due to a change or an increase in the load, then it can be stabilized again by increasing the excitation current is injected to strengthen the current strengthening of the existing terrain at a synchronous generator.

4.5 Relation of Load and Excitation Current

Figure 9 shows that the greater the value of the load that is in the power plant units 3 and 4 PJB UP Gresik then the value of the excitation current (If) were injected at a synchronous generator that is also increased, it aims to maintain the stability of the terminal voltage of the generator synchronous power plant units 3 and 4 of the. The principle is that when the value of loading up it will result in the value of the network voltage decreases, it makes the value of the terminal voltage will also decrease. So to overcome this, the need to increase the value of the excitation current injected into the synchronous generator.

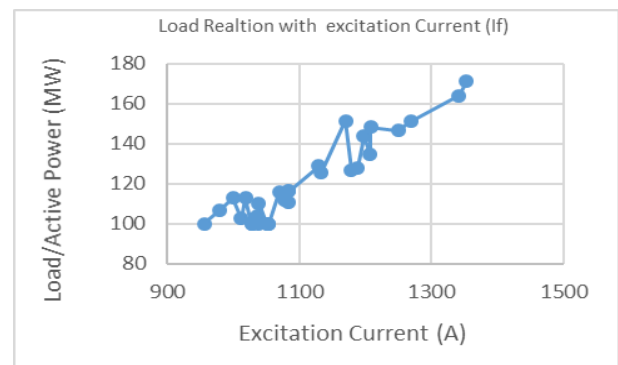


Fig. 9. Graph of Load Relation with Excitation Current on Synchronous Generator PLTU Units 3 and 4

Power plant units 3 and 4 at PJB UP Gresik also preserve the value of the frequency synchronous generator that remains constant is in the range of 50 Hz. It can be seen from the graph as follows:

Fig. 10 shows the fluctuations to the value of 52 Hz, this can occur due to changes in the value of the existing load on the network system, charging down dramatically when it will make the frequency of the generator rose immediately. Condition 52 Hz only lasted momentarily (3 seconds), because if exceeding setting time there then AKN cause the system to become trip.

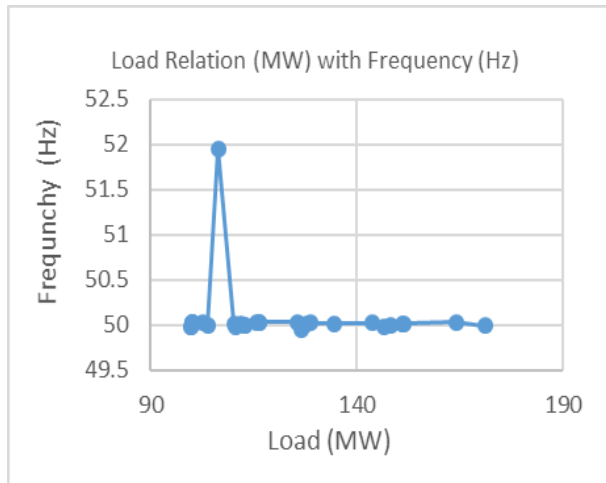


Fig. 10. Graph of Relation to Excitation Flow on PLTU Units 3 and 4 PJB UP Gresik

In the graphs above show the fluctuation condition, it could be due when the system has been synchronized with the network's existing system will serve the needs of loading.

By knowing the characteristics of this synchronous generator excitation system, damage to the generator, which is caused by *under excitation* or *over-excitation* can be avoided.

V. Conclusion

Excitation system used in the power plant units 3 and 4 in PJB UP Gresik is a static excitation systems. System of static excitation is an excitation system that utilizes the output voltage of the synchronous generator itself to get excitation current. Excitation current (I_f) affect the value of the current anchor (I_a) which is in a synchronous generator in the power plant units 3 and 4. The effect in question is the value of the excitation currents (I_f) is proportional to the current value of the anchor (I_a). Analysis performed explains that value excitation current (I_f) affect the value of the output voltage fluctuation in the synchronous generator in the power plant units 3 and 4, that the value of the excitation current (I_f) is proportional to the induced emf (E_a) and the generator output voltage (V_t).

Imposition of that of the power plant units 3 and 4 in PJB UP Gresik changing, it is tailored to the needs of the network and consumers. Changes in the terminal voltage (V_t) generator sync in the power plant units 3 and 4 at PJB UP Gresik is constant, which is in the range of 14.98 to 15:16

KV of the existing nominal voltage of 15 kV. The condition of the excitation system in the power plant units 3 and 4 PJB UP Gresik can be said to be in good shape. This is because the existing excitation system managed to maintain the stability of the terminal voltage synchronous generator that is stable in the range of 15 KV.

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