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IoT-based Real-Time Monitoring System to Optimize Capacitor Bank Performance on Waste Chopping Machines in Cikawao Village, Bandung

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Abstract: The use of waste chopping machines in Cikawao Village, Bandung depends on the electricity that supplies the machine. To supply electrical energy to the chopping machine, bank capacitors are needed which function to stabilize electrical power. A capacitor bank is a set of capacitors installed in parallel. Specifically, the function of the capacitor bank is to improve the power factor, reduce useless reactive power, reduce power losses on the network, increase the available power capacity, and also stabilize the system voltage. In this article review, the hope is that the voltage can be monitored in real-time using the Internet of Things (IoT) and focus on voltage sensors and current sensors and controllers that work like relays when the voltage is over, it will automatically turn off. And voltage (V) and current (I) can be monitored in real-time on the available monitors. In the process of building this IoT, a protocol is needed, to control and monitor voltage and electric current can use a microcontroller that can connect to the internet, which means using a WiFi module and connecting it to the Internet server using the MQTT Protocol.

Keywords: real-time monitoring, Voltage, Current, Internet of Things, waste chopping machines, Capacitor banks



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1. Introduction

Currently, the real-time monitoring system has become an important requirement for any business field. In this research case is the electrical stability factor of the garbage chopper machine in Cikawao village, Bandung. The problem is the need for unstable electrical power, so the most important thing is to ensure that the voltage and electric current are stable according to the needs of this waste shredder. The important component is the capacitor bank. Capacitor banks are installed in parallel and are used to improve the power factor in the function of the electrical system [1]. The function of the capacitor bank is to improve the power factor, reduce useless reactive power, reduce power losses on the network, increase the available power capacity, and stabilize the voltage on the system, in this case, the power needed for the waste chopper machine.

How capacitor banks work is When an inductive load (electric motor) operates, it requires a reactive power that causes a low power factor, and this capacitor bank supplies the reactive power needed by the inductive load, this can reduce the current that must be supplied from the main power source, as a result, power losses are reduced and system voltage improves. The chopping machine used uses an electric motor with a large power, during start-up, the motor requires a high starting current, and the capacitor bank helps to reduce the impact of this high starting current, as a result, voltage drop during start-

up can be minimized. Moreover, the outline of the Capacitor Bank can be seen in Figure 1, and specifically the Capacitor Bank Chart can be seen in Figure 2.



Figure 1. Capacitor Bank (sources: galleoncy)

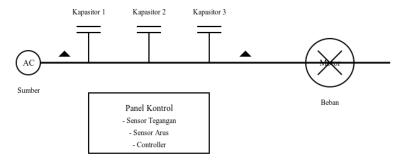


Figure 2. Capacitor Bank Chart

2. Literature Review

2.1 Node MCU ESP 8266 & ESP WROOM 32

NodeMCU is an open-source IoT platform, we can build IoT applications for example using MQTT Protocol to be able to display messages in the form of strings or characters from sensor data [13,14,15,16]. NodeMCU is made with the ESP8266 microcontroller whose main feature is built-in WiFi. Like the Arduino Microcontroller or ATMega 328p, NodeMCU also uses the Arduino IDE with the C++ programming language, making it very easy for users to carry out the calibration process and also read sensors by adding several libraries needed for voltage, current sensors, and also to run controllers such as relays.

2.2 MQTT Protocol

MQTT Protocol stands for Message Queuing Telemetry Transport is one of the protocol models that works with TCP/IP with the Publish-Subscribe model [2,3,4,5,6]. Designed for low bandwidth, high latency networks, and for IoT devices with limited resources. MQTT security uses SSL/TLS for encryption. The uses of MQTT include Home Automation, telemetry, and various IoT applications such as Smart Home, Smart Farming, industrial, education, etc. [7,8,9,10,11,12]. MQTT broker for example is Mosquitto and also various libraries that support it. For example, if we use Python, we need a library to be able to connect to MQTT, namely by using Paho-MQTT [17,18,19,20,21].

2.3 Calculations on the electrical system of the Shredder Capacitor Bank: An Approach

In this section, we will perform calculations of the system built by the chopping machine and also the electrical system built from the capacitor bank provided for the running process of this machine. The first is the calculation of the required Reactive Power (Qc). with formulas such as Equation 1. Formula 1 involves P, PF₁, and PF₂.

Where P is the active power in the chopper motor in kW. While PF_1 is the initial power factor, for example, 0.6-0.8 for an uncorrected induction motor. While PF_2 is the target Power Factor usually 0.95.

$$Q_c = P\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{PF_1^2}} - 1 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{PF_2^2}} - 1\right) \tag{1}$$

Moreover, the active motor power (P) is written as in equation 2. Where v is the source voltage (volts), I is the amperage (Amperes), and Cos ϕ is the motor starting power factor.

$$P = VxIx\cos\phi\tag{2}$$

To increase the power factor from Cos $\phi 1$ to Cos $\phi 2$, it is necessary to have the required reactive power Qc (VAR), as shown in equation 3. Where $\phi 1$ is the initial power factor angle, and $\phi 2$ is the target power factor angle.

$$Qc = P x (\tan \phi_1 - \phi_2)$$
 (3)

Moreover, capacitor capacitance (C) is reactive power Qc (VAR) divided by 2phi x f x V 2 . Where f is the Source Frequency (Hz) as shown in equation 4.

$$C = \frac{Q_c}{2\pi f V^2} \tag{4}$$

The motor starting capacitor can be estimated with equation 5. The starting capacitor value is generally 70-100 μ F per horsepower (HP).

$$C_{start} \approx \frac{1000 \, x \, P}{2\pi f V^2 x (1 - \cos \phi_{start})} \tag{5}$$

The energy stored in the capacitor bank is according to equation 6. Where the Energy value is (Joules) and Ctotal is the total bank capacitance (Farads).

$$E = \frac{1}{2}C_{total}V^2 \tag{6}$$

The Parallel configuration of the Capacitor Bank can be written according to equation 7. If the capacitors are installed in parallel, the total capacitance increases. Conversely, if the capacitors are installed in a series configuration, the total capacitance decreases, as shown in Equation 8.

$$C_{total} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{1}{c_{total}} = \frac{1}{c_1} + \frac{1}{c_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{c_n}$$
 (8)

3. Method

3.1 Methodology Flowchart

The method of this research is shown in Figure 3, where the development of the IoT system starts from the selection of sensors & hardware, firmware development, and cloud/server integration system. After the IoT system development process, optimization and development of the algorithm system are carried out. Which consists of Power Quality analysis, Automatic Control, and Failure Prediction. Furthermore, three things need to be considered, in the method built, the things that are done are ensuring that the IoT-based Real-time monitoring system works well, optimizing the performance of the capacitor bank, and managing the waste shredding machine application. The method developed is Research and Development (R&D) with an experimental approach. So there is a trial and error process, requiring system testing and validation, real-time measurement and testing, there are performance parameters that must be optimized which involves the implementation of technology on existing systems.

The stages required are needs analysis including the process of identifying capacitor bank parameters that need to be monitored, specifications of waste chopping machines, the needs of the Internet of Things system, system design including IoT architecture design, sensor selection and components, monitoring system design, and interface design. The implementation is the creation of prototypes, integration of sensors with capacitor banks, development of monitoring software, and system calibration. The testing and optimization process consists of testing monitoring accuracy, real-time data validation, optimization of capacitor bank performance, and efficiency analysis. The evaluation process consists of analyzing system performance, measuring the success rate, and documenting the test results.

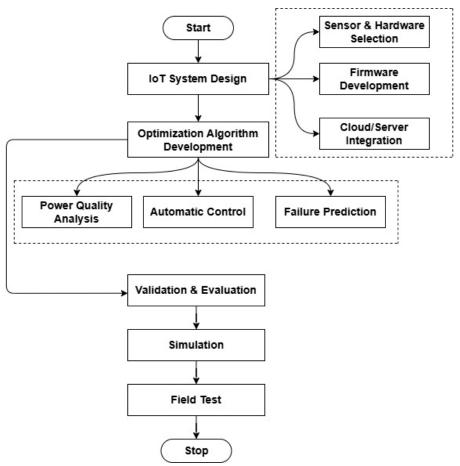


Figure 3. Methodology Flowchart

4. Result and Analyzes

4.1 Monitoring the Voltage (V) and Current (A) of the Waste Shredding Machine on Capacitor Banks

In the results and analysis section, an analysis will be made to see the surge and also the conditions at the time of starting the waste chopper machine indicated by the induction motor, so that it can be seen how the capacitor bank works in handling over voltages and also see in detail the condition of the electric current. Moreover, from the simulation, the parameters will be determined first, this is important to show the output of voltage and current on the waste shredder using and without a capacitor bank. We will set the frequency at 50 Hz and the voltage source is 220 Volts AC.

After initializing the Voltage and Frequency, proceed with initializing the Motor, namely Motor Inductance of 0.5 Henry, and Motor Resistance of 10 ohms, while the power Factor without a capacitor is 0.7. then continued with the calculation of impedance, calculation of required capacitors, calculation of Voltage and Current,

calculation using capacitor banks, Starting Current Simulation, and accompanied by an output display in the form of voltage and current graphs. The complete pseudocode can be seen as follows:

BEGIN PROGRAM BankCapacitorSimulation // Simulation Parameter Initialization SET timeArray = CREATE LINEAR ARRAY(start=0, end=0.1, points=1000) SET frequency = 50 HzSET sourceVoltage = 220 V // Motor parameter SET motorInductance = 0.5 H SET motorResistance = 10Ω SET powerFactorWithoutCapacitor = 0.7 // Motor Impedance Calculation SET motorImpedance = SQRT(motorResistance^2 + ($2\pi \times frequency \times$ motorInductance)^2) SET motorPhaseAngle = ARCCOS(powerFactorWithoutCapacitor) // Calculation of Required Capacitors SET motorReactivePower = (sourceVoltage^2 × SIN(motorPhaseAngle)) / motorImpedance SET requiredCapacitance = motorReactivePower / $(2\pi \times frequency \times$ sourceVoltage^2) // Voltage and Current Calculations FOR each time IN timeArray DO // Tanpa Bank Kapasitor SET voltage[time] = sourceVoltage \times SIN($2\pi \times$ frequency \times time) SET motorCurrent[time] = (sourceVoltage/motorImpedance) × $SIN(2\pi \times frequency \times time - motorPhaseAngle)$ // With Capacitor Banks SET capacitorCurrent[time] = $2\pi \times \text{frequency} \times \text{requiredCapacitance} \times$ sourceVoltage × $SIN(2\pi \times frequency \times time + \pi/2)$ SET totalCurrent[time] = motorCurrent[time] + capacitorCurrent[time] END FOR // Starting Current Simulation SET startupDuration = 20% of timeArray length SET startingMultiplier = 6FOR time = 0 TO startupDuration DO SET motorCurrent[time] = motorCurrent[time] × startingMultiplier SET totalCurrent[time] = motorCurrent[time] + capacitorCurrent[time] END FOR // Data Visualization CREATE Figure with 2 subplots // Plot 1: Voltage PLOT timeArray vs voltage SET title = "System Voltage and Currents with/without Capacitor Bank" SET ylabel = "Voltage (V)"

ADD grid

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// Plot 2: Current
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PLOT timeArray vs motorCurrent
PLOT timeArray vs totalCurrent
SET xlabel = "Time (ms)"
SET ylabel = "Current (A)"
ADD grid
ADD legend
```

// Calculate and Display Power Factor

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SET powerFactorWithCapacitor = CALCULATE_POWER_FACTOR(totalCurrent, voltage)
DISPLAY "Power Factor without Capacitor: " + powerFactorWithoutCapacitor
DISPLAY "Power Factor with Capacitor: " + powerFactorWithCapacitor
```

// Show System Parameters

```
DISPLAY "System Parameters:"
DISPLAY "Source Voltage: " + sourceVoltage + " V"
DISPLAY "Motor Inductance: " + motorInductance + " H"
DISPLAY "Motor Resistance: " + motorResistance + " \Omega"
DISPLAY "Calculated Capacitance: " + requiredCapacitance + " \uppi"
SHOW plots
```

END PROGRAM

Moreover, The output of the simulation can be seen in Figure 4, Voltage (V) can be seen oscillating as in Figure 4, given the value of Power Factor without a capacitor is 0.7, while with a capacitor is 1. while the picture below is a comparison between Current without Capasitor Bank with red line, and with Capasitor Bank with a green line. The surge is higher without using a capacitor bank, but by using a capacitor bank, the surge voltage is lower.

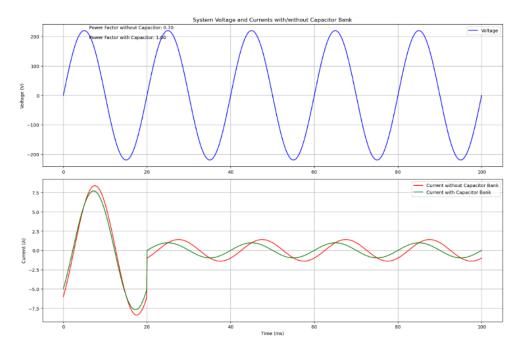


Figure 4. System Voltage and Currents with/without Capacitor Bank

4.2 Real measurement results of electric motors

Moreover, In this research, the specifications of the waste shredder used are shown in Figure 5. While the type of capacitor is shown in Figure 6. Next, we input all the parameters of the electric motor and run it in Python Code.



Figure 5. Specifications of waste shredding machine



Figure 6. Type of capacitor used

Moreover, from Figure 5, it is obtained that the motor specifications are Bologna Electric Motors with complete specifications as follows:

• Type: BLY-112

• Power: 1.5 KW / 2 HP

• Voltage: 220V

• Current: 9.44A

• RPM: 2800

• Frequency: 50 Hz

• Poles: 2

• Power Factor ($\cos \varphi$): 0.85 (typical for this type)

Moreover, Figures 7 and 8 outline the characteristics of the Start-up current, speed, Torque Characteristics, and Efficiency vs load of the BLY-112 electric motor. From the measurement results or Motor Analysis results, the following parameter values are obtained:

- Apparent Power (S) = 2076.80 VA
- Active Power(P) = 1500.00 W
- Reactive Power(Q) = 1094.02 VAR
- Nominal Torque= 5.12 N.m

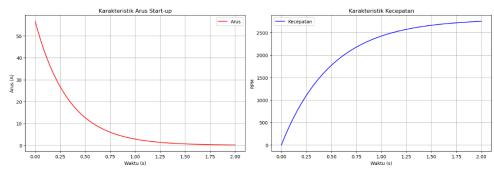


Figure 7. Characteristics of Start-up Current (A) and speed (RPM)

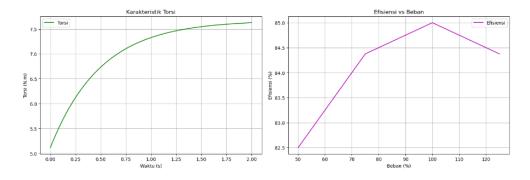


Figure 8. Torque Characteristics (N.m) and Efficiency vs. Load Comparison (%)

Moreover, to simulate the Internet of Things (IoT), a component called paho-mqtt is required. As shown in Figure 9. Several compatible Python components or libraries for the process of converting field data into real-time data are needed to increase the effectiveness, speed, and accuracy of obtaining data in real-time.

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.26100.2894]
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C:\Users\BRIN>pip install paho-mqtt
Defaulting to user installation because normal site-packages is not writeable
Collecting paho-mqtt
Downloading paho_mqtt-2.1.0-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (23 kB)
Downloading paho_mqtt-2.1.0-py3-none-any.whl (67 kB)
Installing collected packages: paho-mqtt
Successfully installed paho-mqtt-2.1.0

C:\Users\BRIN>
```

Figure 9. paho-mqtt installation

Then it needs initial configuration as following this Pseudocode:

1. Initial Configuration

MQTT_BROKER ← "broker.hivemq.com" // Broker MQTT publik
MQTT_TOPIC ← "mesin_pencacah/bank_kapasitor" // Topik MQTT
MQTT_PORT ← 1883 // Port MQTT standar

2. Function to Calculate Stored Energy

FUNGSI calculate_energy(capacitance, voltage) energy ← 0.5 * capacitance * (voltage ^ 2) KEMBALIKAN energy AKHIR FUNGSI

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3. Data Publication Function to MQTT
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```
FUNGSI publish_data(client, voltage, current, energy, status)
    payload ← {
        "tegangan": voltage,
        "arus": current,
        "energi_tersimpan": energy,
        "status_mesin": status
    client.publish(MQTT_TOPIC, payload) // Kirim data ke broker MQTT
    CETAK("Data terkirim:", payload)
AKHIR FUNGSI
Main Functions of Simulation
FUNGSI simulate_bank_capacitor()
    // Inisialisasi MQTT Client
    client \leftarrow mqtt.Client()
    client.connect(MQTT_BROKER, MQTT_PORT, 60)
    CETAK("Terhubung ke broker MQTT:", MQTT_BROKER)
    // Parameter Awal
    capacitance ← 0.413 // Kapasitansi dalam Farad
    voltage ← 220
                        // Tegangan awal dalam Volt
    current \leftarrow 0
                        // Arus awal dalam Ampere
    status \leftarrow "OFF"
                         // Status mesin awal
    COBA:
       SELAMA BENAR:
           // Simulasi Perubahan Data
           voltage ← voltage + RANDOM(-5, 5) // Fluktuasi tegangan
            voltage ← BATAS(voltage, 0, 240) // Batasi antara 0-240V
            current \leftarrow RANDOM(0, 10)
                                                 // Simulasi arus
            energy ← calculate_energy(capacitance, voltage) // Hitung energi
           // Simulasi Status Mesin
           JIKA energy > 5000 MAKA
               status \leftarrow "ON"
            LAINNYA
               status \leftarrow "OFF"
            AKHIR JIKA
           // Publikasikan Data ke MQTT
           publish_data(client, ROUND(voltage, 2), ROUND(current, 2), ROUND(energy,
2), status)
           // Delay untuk simulasi
           TUNGGU(5 detik)
    TANGKAP KeyboardInterrupt:
        CETAK("Simulasi dihentikan.")
       client.disconnect()
AKHIR FUNGSI
```

5. Run Simulation

```
JIKA PROGRAM UTAMA MAKA simulate_bank_capacitor()
AKHIR JIKA
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```
client = mqtt.Client()
Terhubung ke broker MOTT: broker.hivema.com
Data terkirim: {'tegangan': 216.14, 'arus': 7.55, 'energi_tersimpan': 9646.55, 'status_mesin':
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                                             'arus': 0.82,
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Data terkirim: {'tegangan': 222.16,
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Figure 10. Data output in MQTT Broker

5. Conclusions

The process of monitoring the waste chopper in Cikawao Village, Bandung is expected to be able to provide feedback in dealing with problems that occur, namely unstable voltage and current and the use of capacitor banks and monitoring effectively to produce a valid and close loop real-time monitoring system that provides feedback in the form of a control system that can stop the engine and turn it back on based on the conditions it receives. The process of monitoring the waste shredding machine needs to be changed towards the Internet of Things (IoT) to make real-time data that can be received by users or checkers quickly. Even overshoot or excess voltage or current and vice versa can be resolved quickly. In this article, simulation and theoretical calculations are carried out so that the data collection process and running tools can be carried out with comprehensive approaches in terms of equations, simulations, and also practical approaches towards MQTT Brokers to be able to build real IoT applications.

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