

# Harmonics and Design of Filters – case study

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# Power Quality (PQ) Drivers

1. **Penalties** by utilities drive harmonic filter sales
2. Transition to **PC-based controls** in manufacturing plants
3. **IEEE standards** foster the use of harmonic filters
4. **Rising energy costs** promote harmonic filter market
5. **Reduced equipment life** drives harmonic filter market
6. **Losses in production** due to tripping and shutdowns incite sales
7. Shift from **Electric to Electronic** loads spurs market growth
8. **Environmental considerations** instigate harmonic filter market
9. Increase in **Nonlinear Loads** ignites harmonic filter demand

# Nonlinear, Harmonic Causing Loads

1. Electronic equipment such as PC
2. Battery chargers
3. Lighting dimmer controls
4. Fluorescent lights
5. Welders
6. Electronic ballasts
7. Printers
8. Photocopiers
9. Fax machines
10. Variable Frequency Drives (VFD)

All Above PQ damagers are mandatory for today's developed World.

Hence the PQ products are getting popular

# Harmonic Filter Market

|                |              |          |
|----------------|--------------|----------|
| Low Voltage    | :- 449.2mUSD | :- 71.9% |
| Medium Voltage | :- 105.8mUSD | :- 16.9% |
| High Voltage   | :- 69.2mUSD  | :- 11.2% |

|                                       | Active       | Passive      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Overall Harmonic Filter Market</b> | <b>23.8%</b> | <b>76.2%</b> |
| Low Voltage Harmonic Filter           | 31.6%        | 68.4%        |
| Medium Voltage Harmonic Filter        | 04.6%        | 95.4%        |
| High Voltage Harmonic Filter          | Low          | 100%         |

# Passive Vs Active Filter

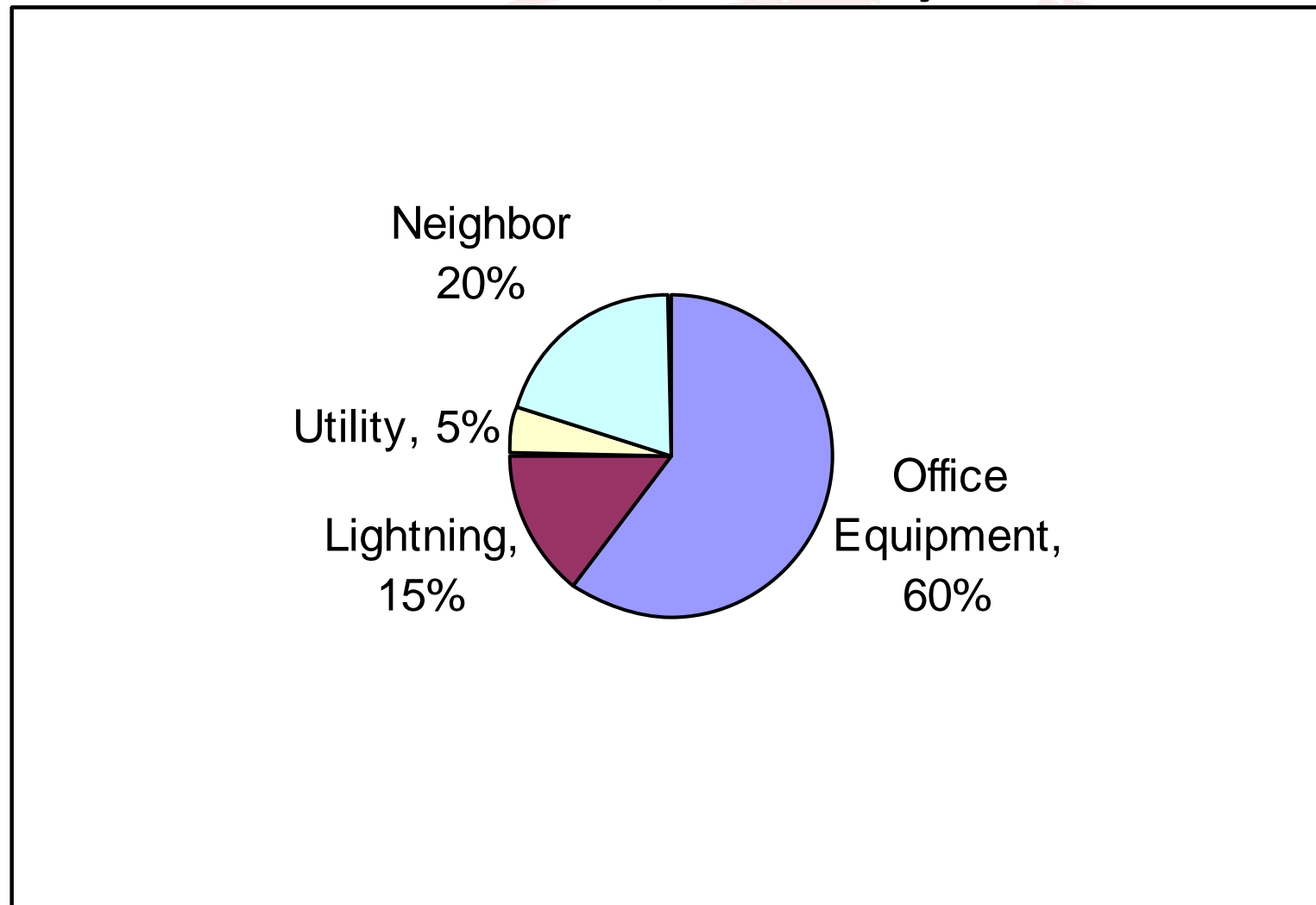
## Passive Filter:--

- Source impedance dependent
- Tuned only for Characteristic harmonics
- Individual passive filters are needed for each harmonic.
- Performance depends on system frequency.

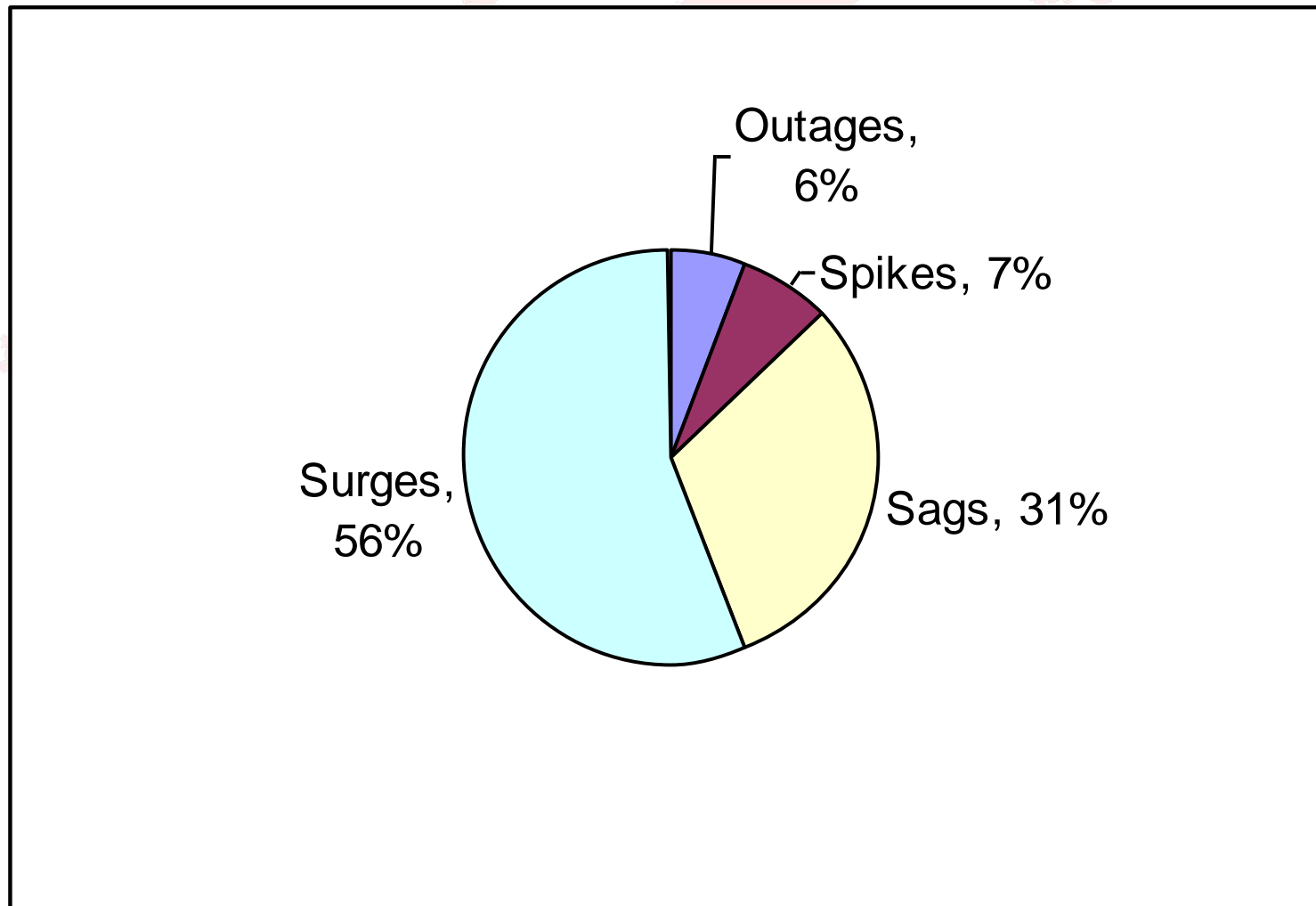
## Active Filter:--

- Independent of source independent
- Can compensate even for Non- characteristic harmonics
- Independent of system frequency.
- One AHF can take care of all the harmonics

# Sources of Power Quality Disturbance



# Types of Power Quality Disturbance

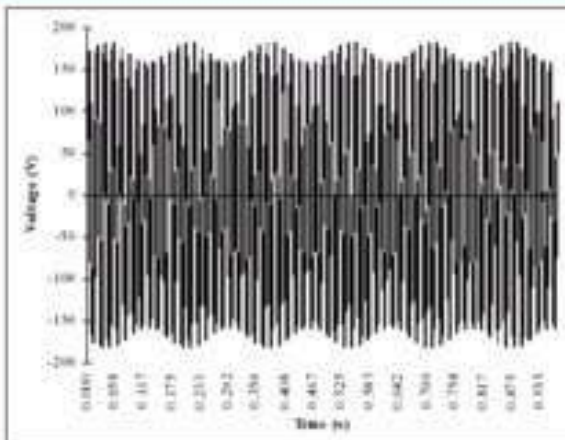
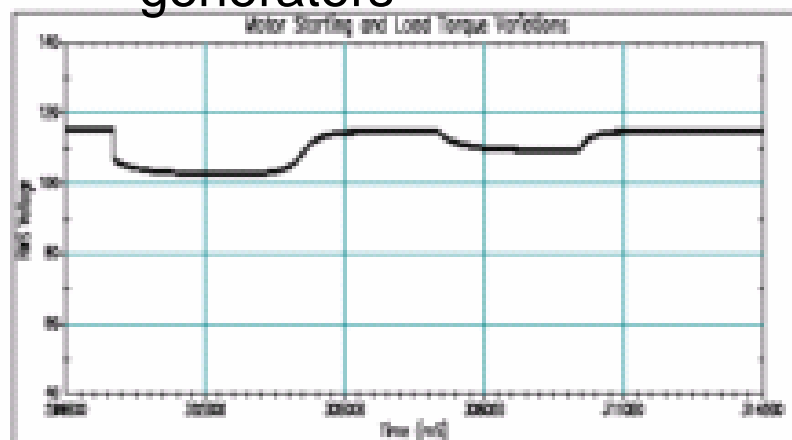


# Different Power Quality Disturbance

1. Flicker
2. Interruption
3. Power Oscillation
4. Sag and Swells
5. Voltage Instability
- 6. Harmonics**
- 7. Unbalance Load**

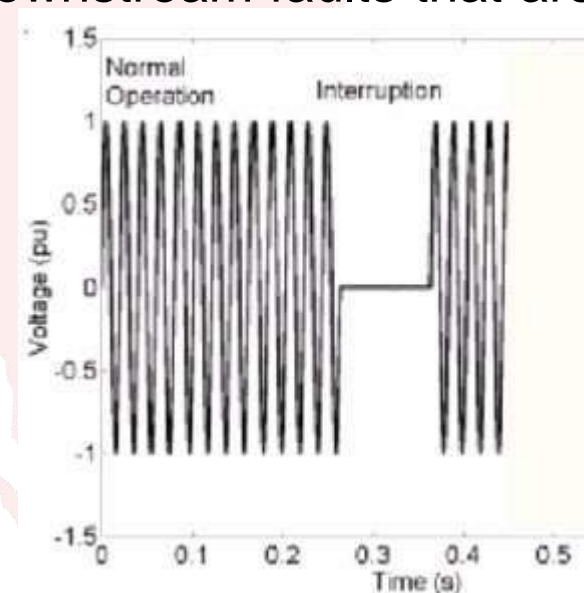
# 1. Flicker

1. A **fluctuation** in system voltage that can lead to noticeable changes in light output.
2. It can either be a **periodic or aperiodic** fluctuation in voltage magnitude
3. Slowly fluctuating periodic flickers, in the **0.5 – 30.0Hz range**, are considered to be **noticeable by humans**.
4. The main **sources** of flicker are electric arc **furnaces, welding machines, large induction motors, and wind power generators**



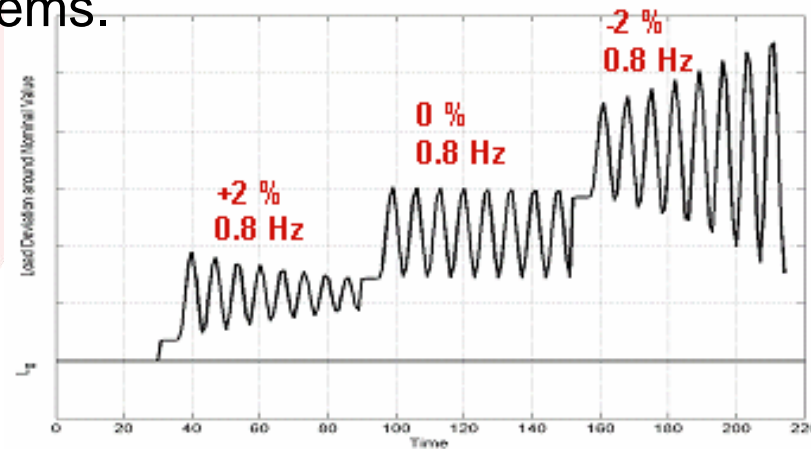
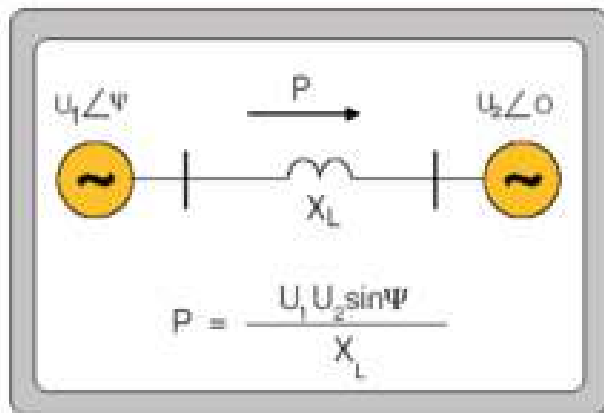
## 2. Interruption

1. Occur when the supply **voltage drops below 10%** of the nominal value
2. The term sag covers voltage drops down to 10% of nominal voltage whereas an interruption occurs at lower than 10%.
3. A Sustained Interruption occurs when this voltage decrease **remains for more than 01 minute.**
4. An interruption is usually caused by downstream faults that are cleared by **breakers or fuses**



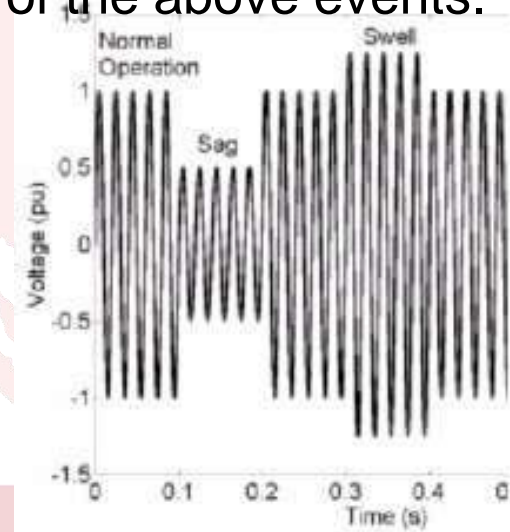
# 3. Power Oscillation

1. Periodic variations in **generator angle or line angle** due to transmission system disturbances
2. The oscillations may **last for 3 -20 seconds** after a severe fault.
3. During angular oscillation period significant cycle **variations in voltages, currents, transmission line flows** will take place.
4. The active power oscillations on a transmission line tend to limit the amount of power that may be transferred, thus may result in stability concerns or utilization restrictions on the corridors between control areas or utility systems.



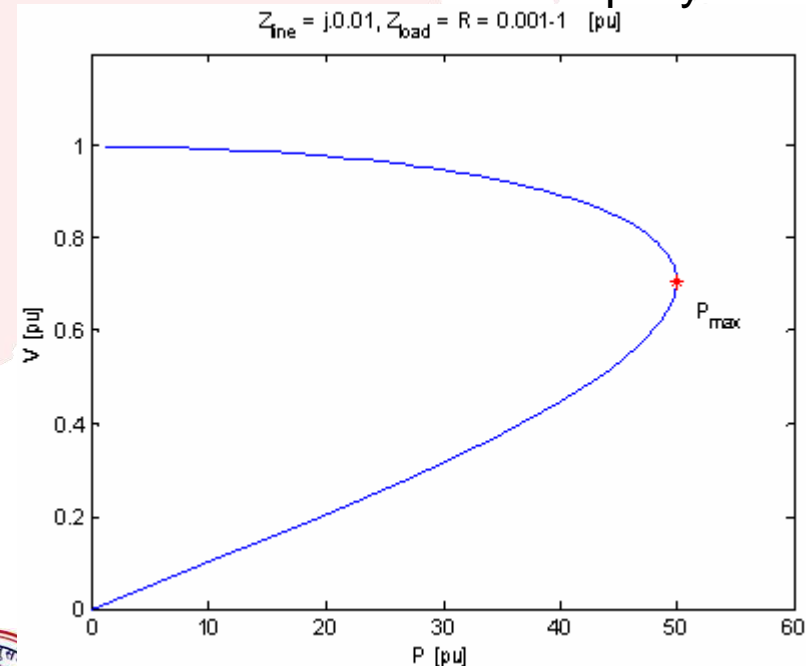
# 4. Sags and Swelles

1. Short duration **decrease/increase** (sag/swell) in **supply voltage**
2. A Voltage **Sag** or Voltage Dip is a **decrease in supply voltage of 10% to 90%** that lasts in duration from **1/2 cycle to 01 minute**.
3. A Voltage **Swell** is an **increase in supply voltage of 10% to 80%** for the same duration.
4. Sags can be created by sudden but brief changes in load such as transformer and motor inrush and short circuit-type faults. Also by a step change in load followed
5. A voltage *swell* may occur by the reverse of the above events.



# 5. Voltage Instability

1. Post-disturbance excursions of voltages at some buses in the power system out of the steady operation region
2. Voltage instability is basically caused by an **unavailability of reactive power support** in an area of the network, where the voltage drops uncontrollably.
3. Beyond peak of “nose curve” no additional power can be transmitted to the load as the voltage becomes uncontrollable and decreases rapidly



# 6. Harmonics

- **Harmonics Order**

$3n-3$  (Zero sequence)

$3n \pm 1$  (Positive & Negative sequence)

- **Effects of Harmonics:-**

1. Heating Effects

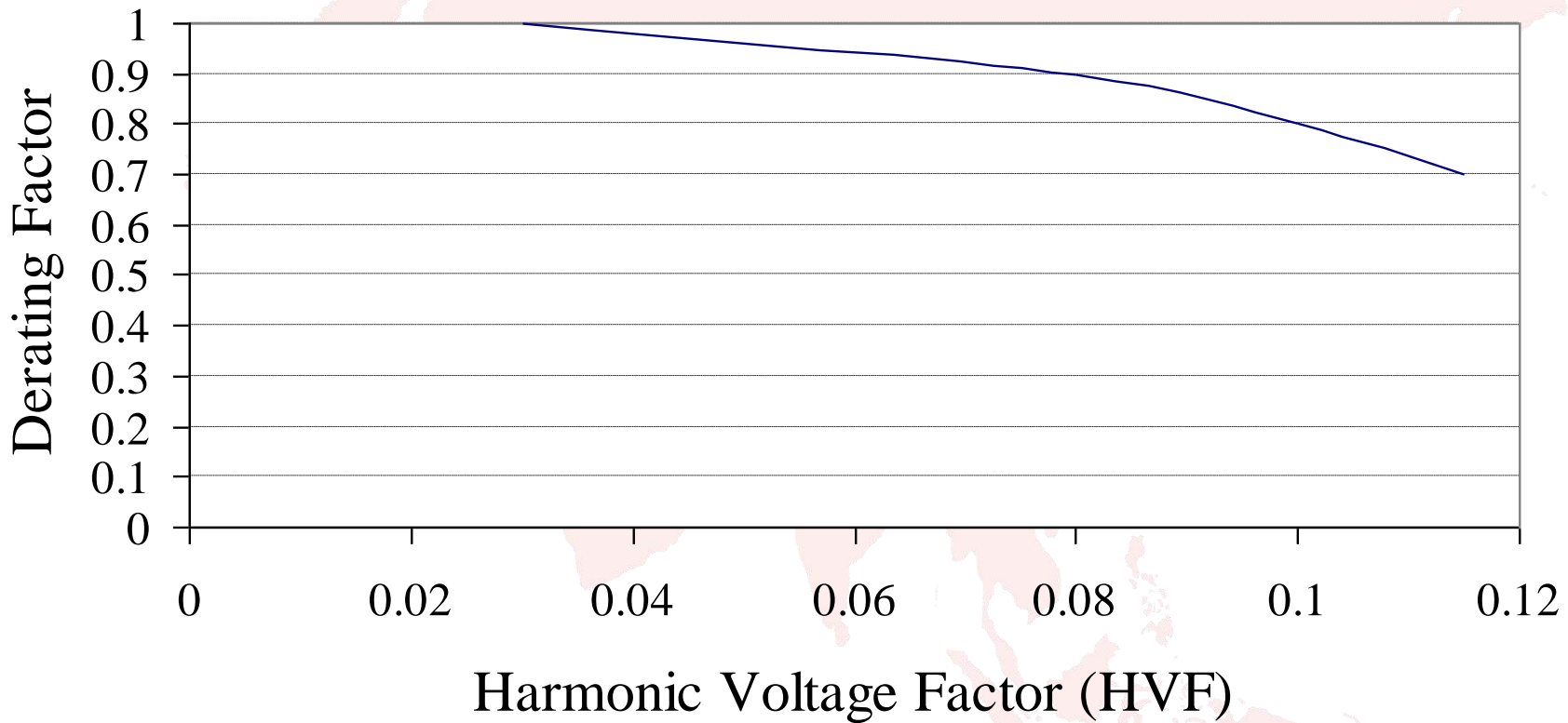
2. Steady Harmonic Torque

(Developed by the interaction of harmonic stator mmf with harmonic rotor mmf/current of the same order)

- 3 Pulsating Harmonic Torque

(Developed by the interaction of harmonic stator mmf with harmonic rotor mmf/current of the different order)

# De-rating due to HVF (NEMA MG1 Part 30, 30.1.2.1)



# 7. Unbalance Load

1. A load which does not draw balanced current from a balanced three-phases supply
2. Typical unbalanced loads are loads which are connected phase-to-neutral and also loads which are connected phase-to-phase.
3. Unbalanced voltage may also arise from impedance imbalances
4. The percent current imbalance drawn by a motor may be 6 to 10 times the voltage imbalance, creating an increase in losses and in turn an increase in motor temperature.

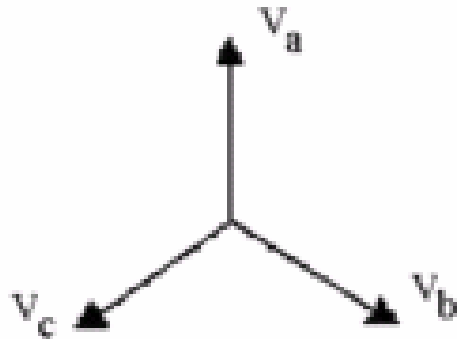


Fig 1 Balanced Voltages

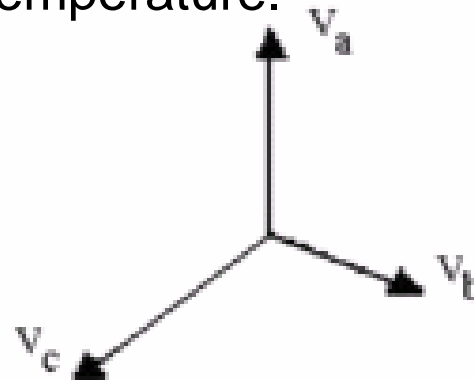
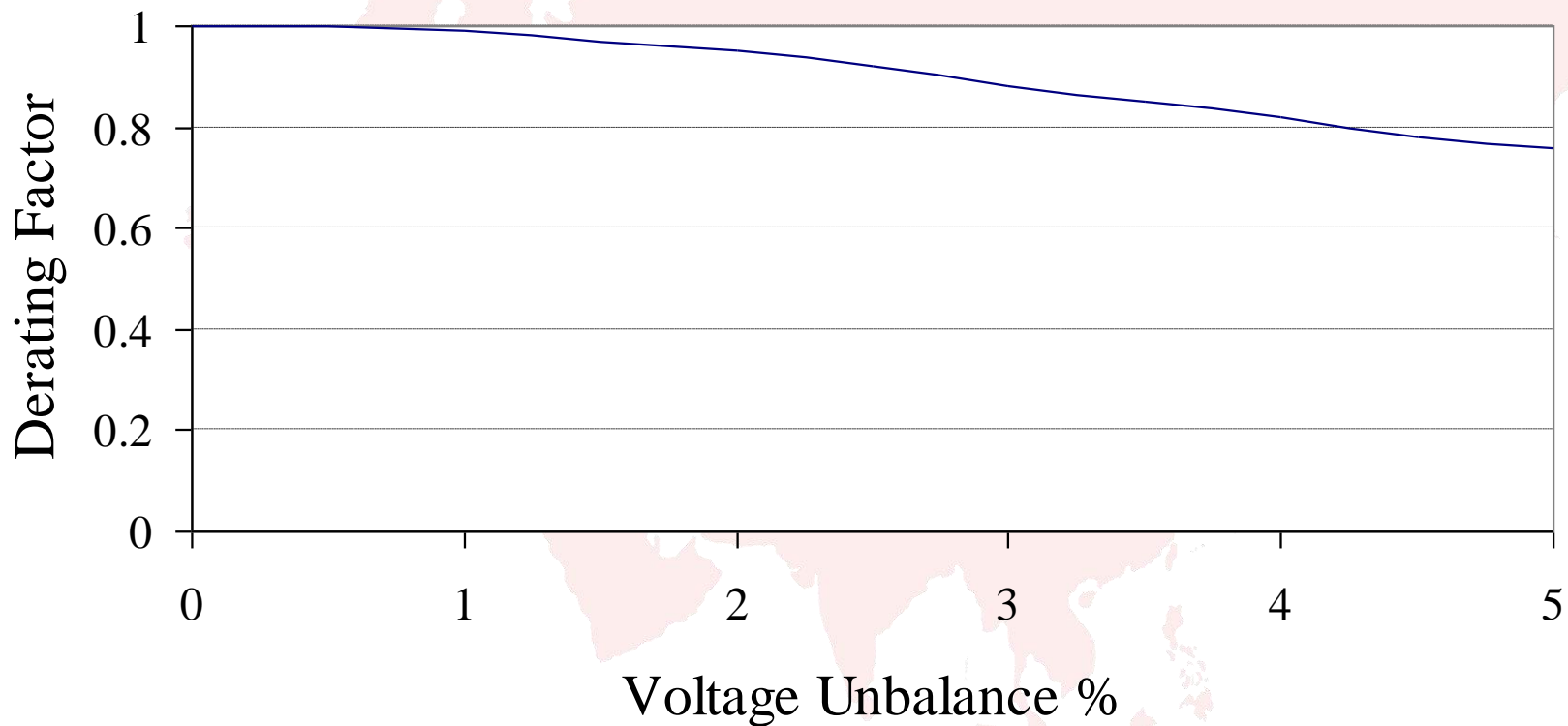


Fig 2 Unbalanced Voltages

# De-rating (NEMA MG1 Part 20, 20.24.2)



# Power Quality (PQ) Application

| PQ Problem             | LV  | MV            | HV            |
|------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Flicker                | <b>Q support &amp; THD</b>                      | Q & THD       |               |
| Interruption           | UPS   |               |               |
| Power Oscillations     | Generator excitation Problem                    |               |               |
| Sag & Swell            | DVR or TSC+TCR <b>or Q Support</b>              |               |               |
| Voltage Instability    | Not a PQ problem. Only reactive support @MV&HV  |               |               |
| Harmonics              | <b>AHF</b> or passive filter                    |               |               |
| Unbalance load         | <b>Negative sequence compensation using VSC</b> |               |               |
| Reactive power support | <b>STATCOM</b>                                  | SVC (TSC+TCR) | SVC (TSC+TCR) |

# Effects of Bad Harmonics

1. Voltage distortions
2. Excessive currents on neutral wires
3. Overheating of motors
4. Microprocessor control problems
5. Unexplained computer crashes
6. Shortened transformer life
7. Unexplained equipment trips or shutdowns
8. Occasional equipment damage or component failure
9. Erratic control of process performance
10. Random lockups and data errors
11. Power system component overheating

# Case Study Sites

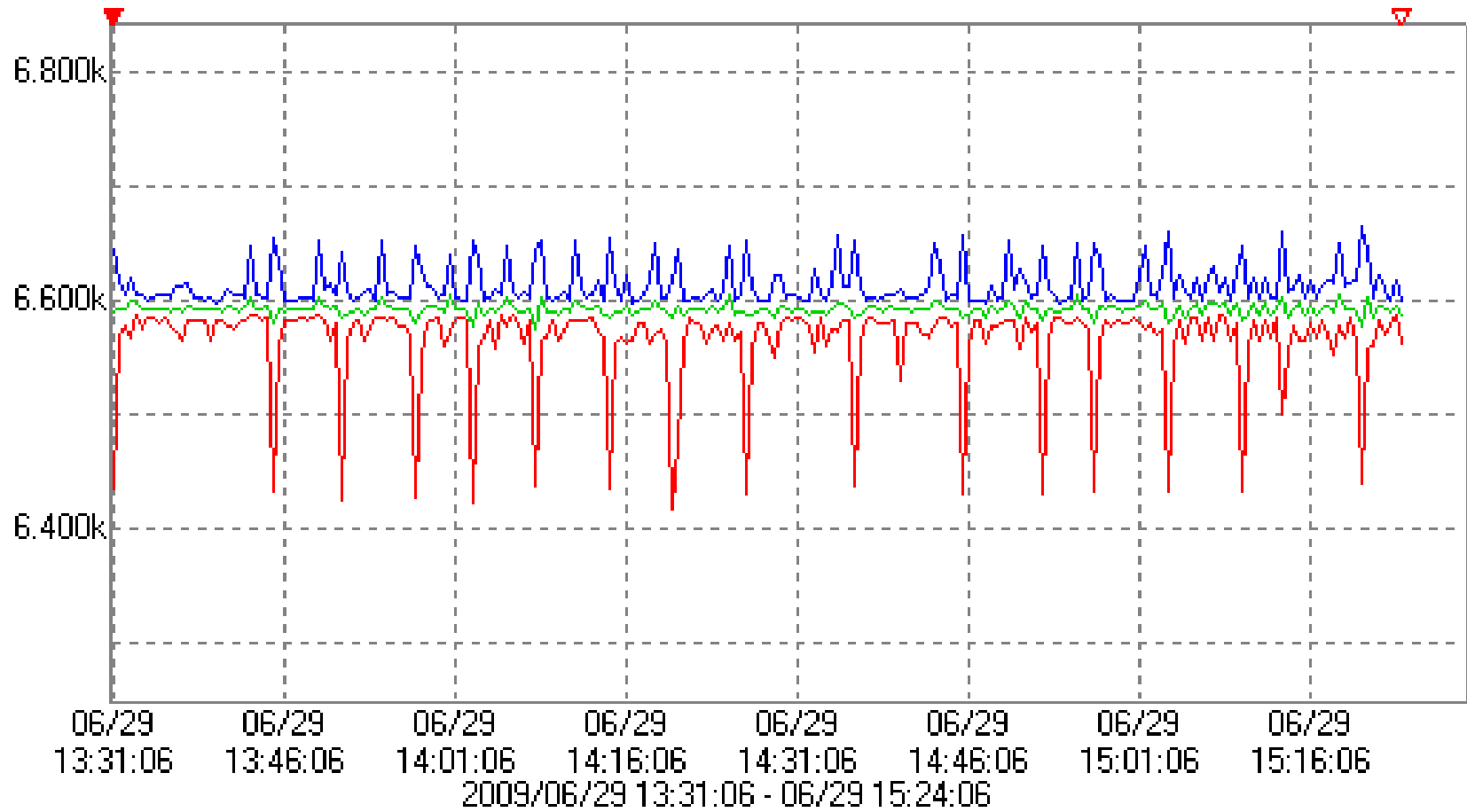
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2. Malanpur Captive Power Ltd, Malanpur
3. Sarda Minerals and Power Ltd, Raipur
4. Ambuja Cements, Raipur
5. Heera Power, Raipur
6. CGL Kanjur Complex, Mumbai
7. CGL Fractional HP Machine Factory, Goa
8. Kalika Steel Plant, Jalna

# Site A

TIME PLOT - RMS U, CH1

0.100kV/div

— MIN — MAX — AVE

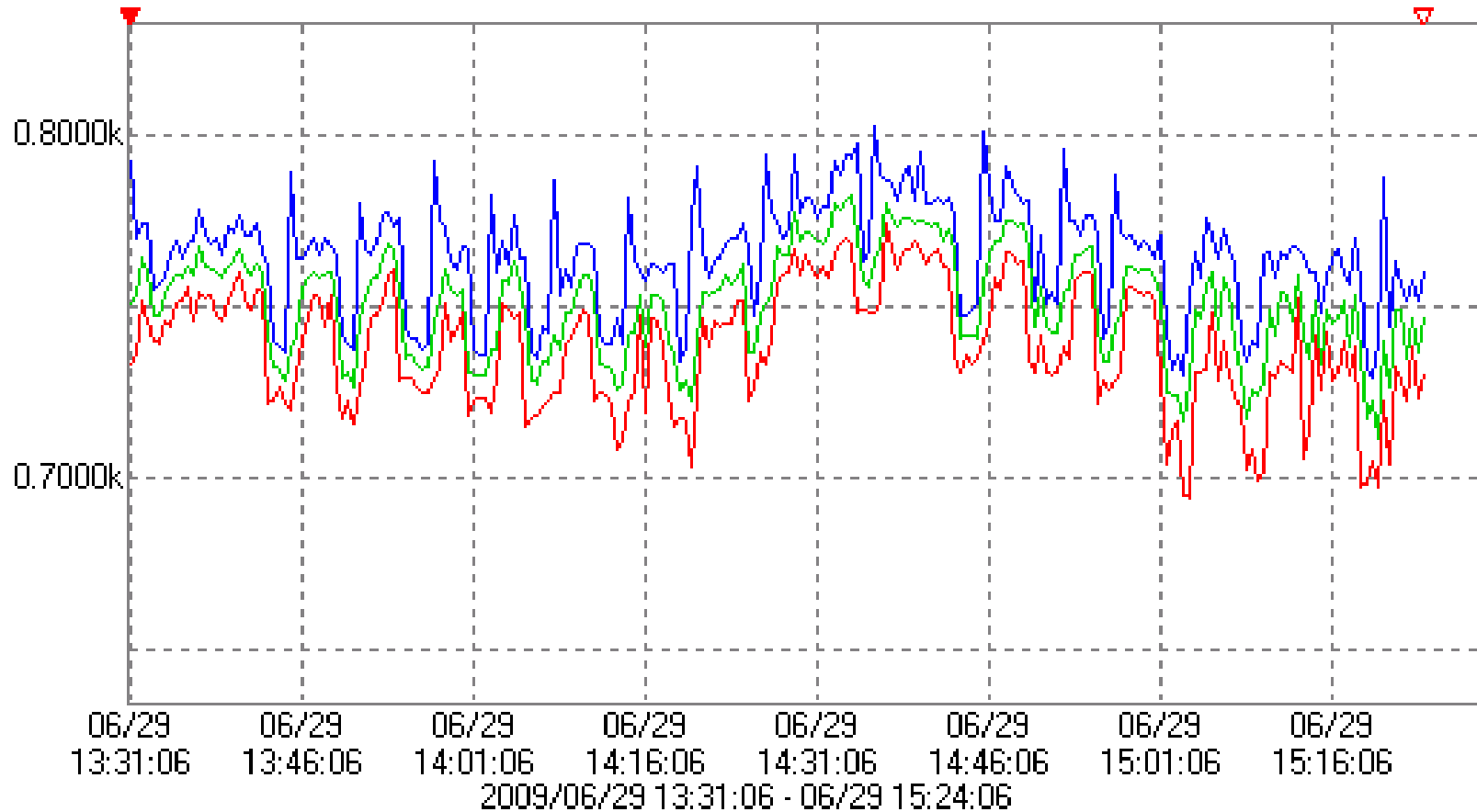


# Site A

TIME PLOT - RMS I, CH1

0.0500kA/div

— MIN — MAX — AVE

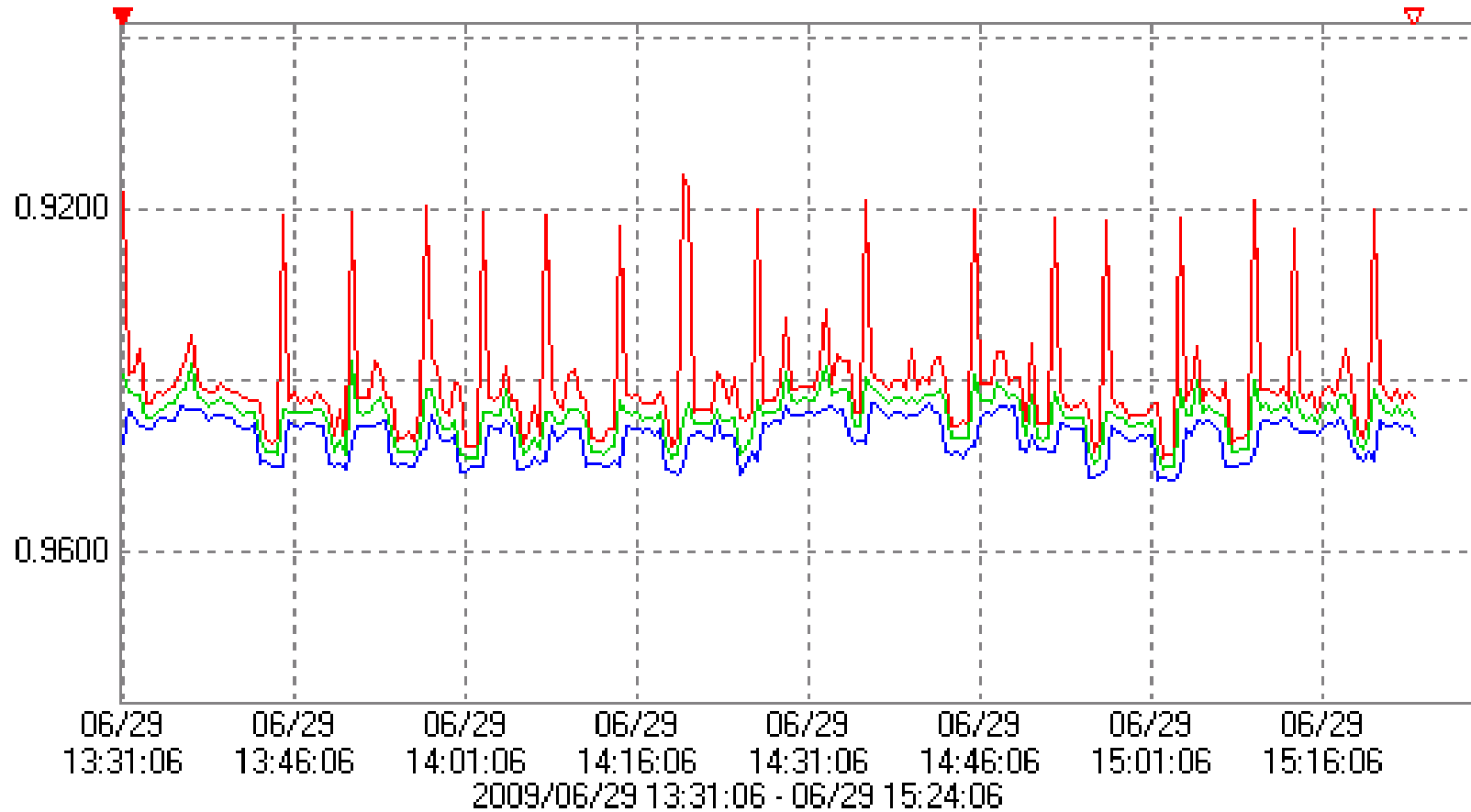


# Site A

TIME PLOT - RMS PF, CH1

0.0200 /div

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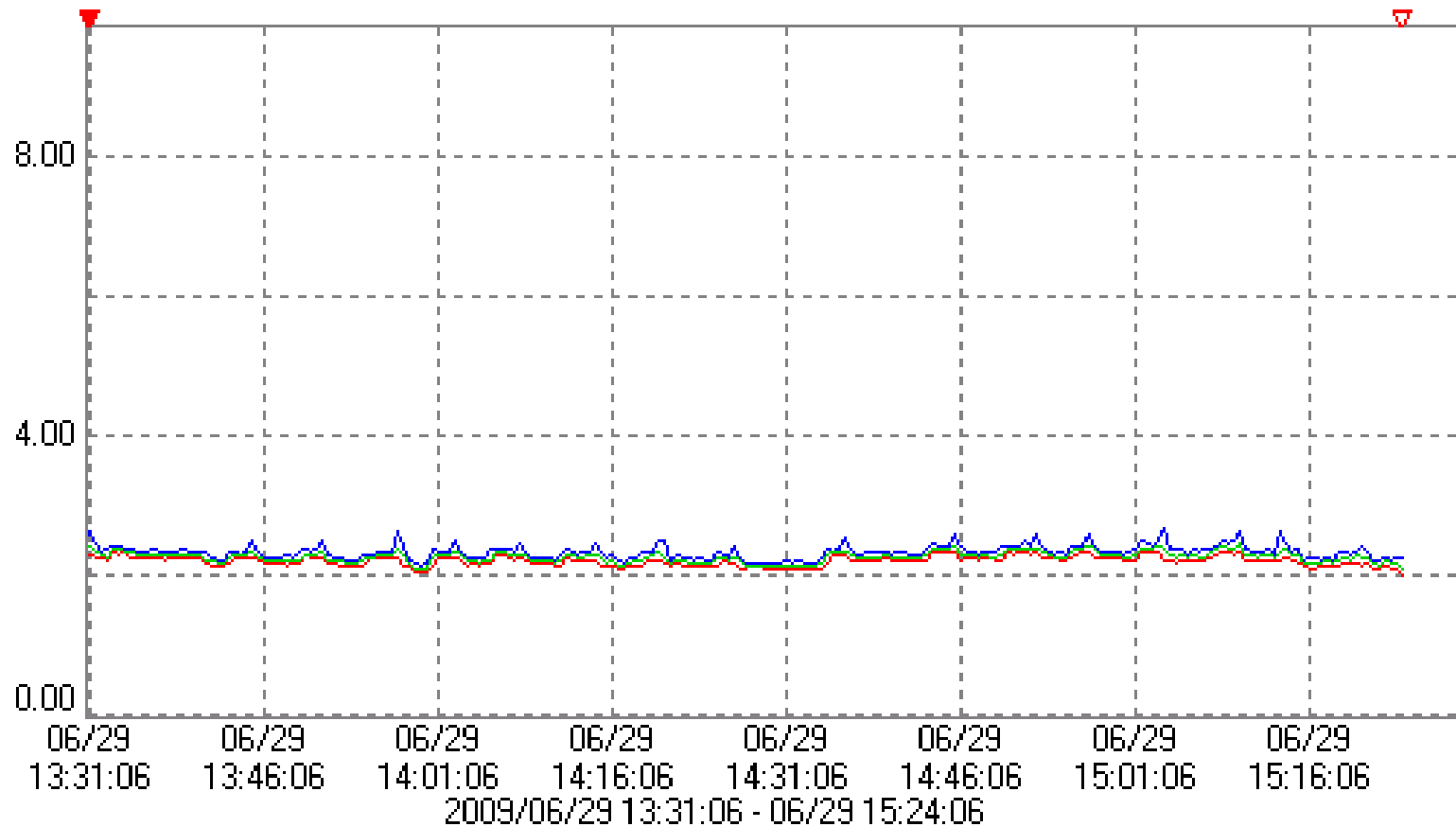


# Site A

TIME PLOT - RMS I-THD, CH1

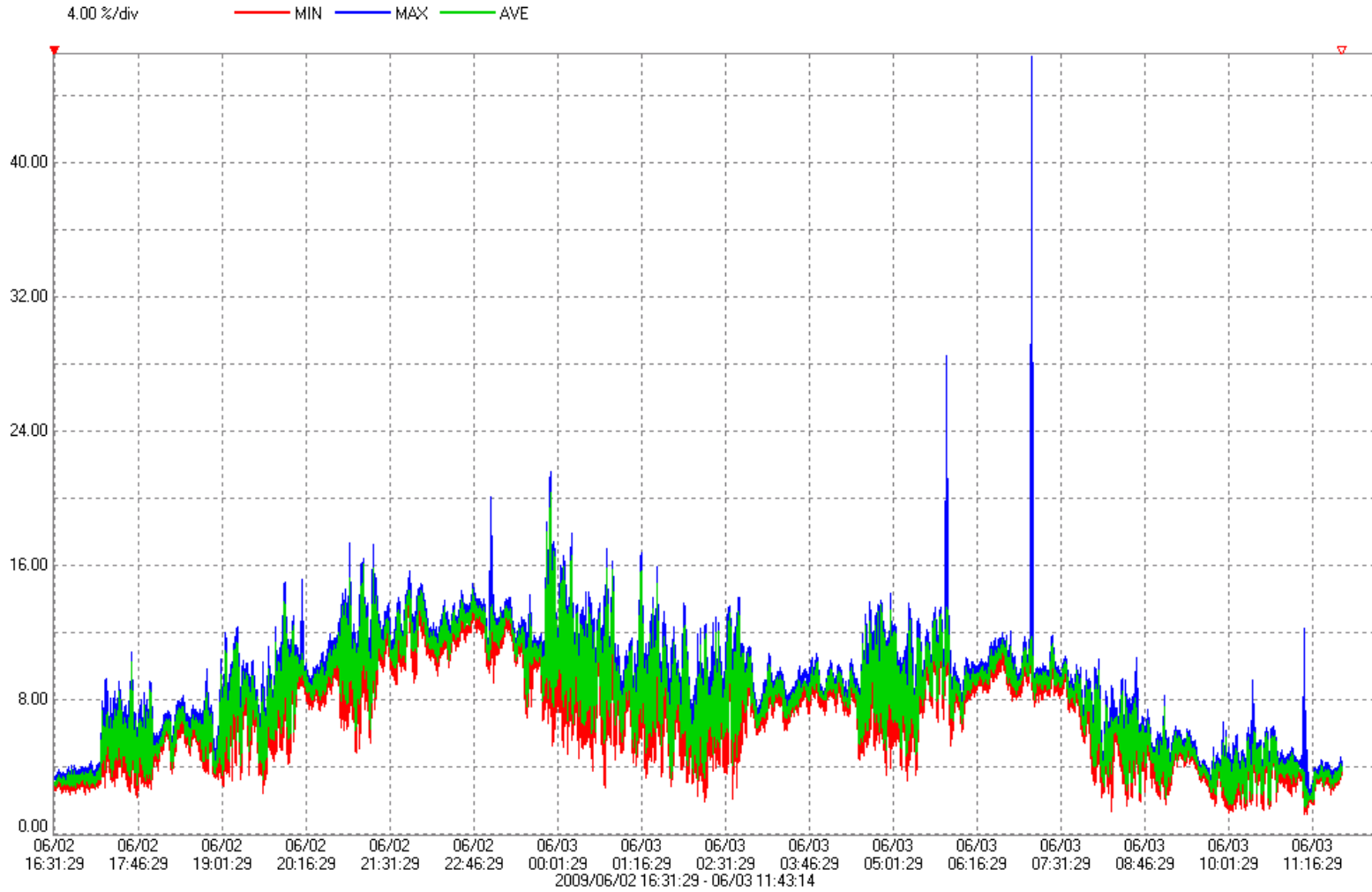
2.00 %/div

— MIN — MAX — AVE



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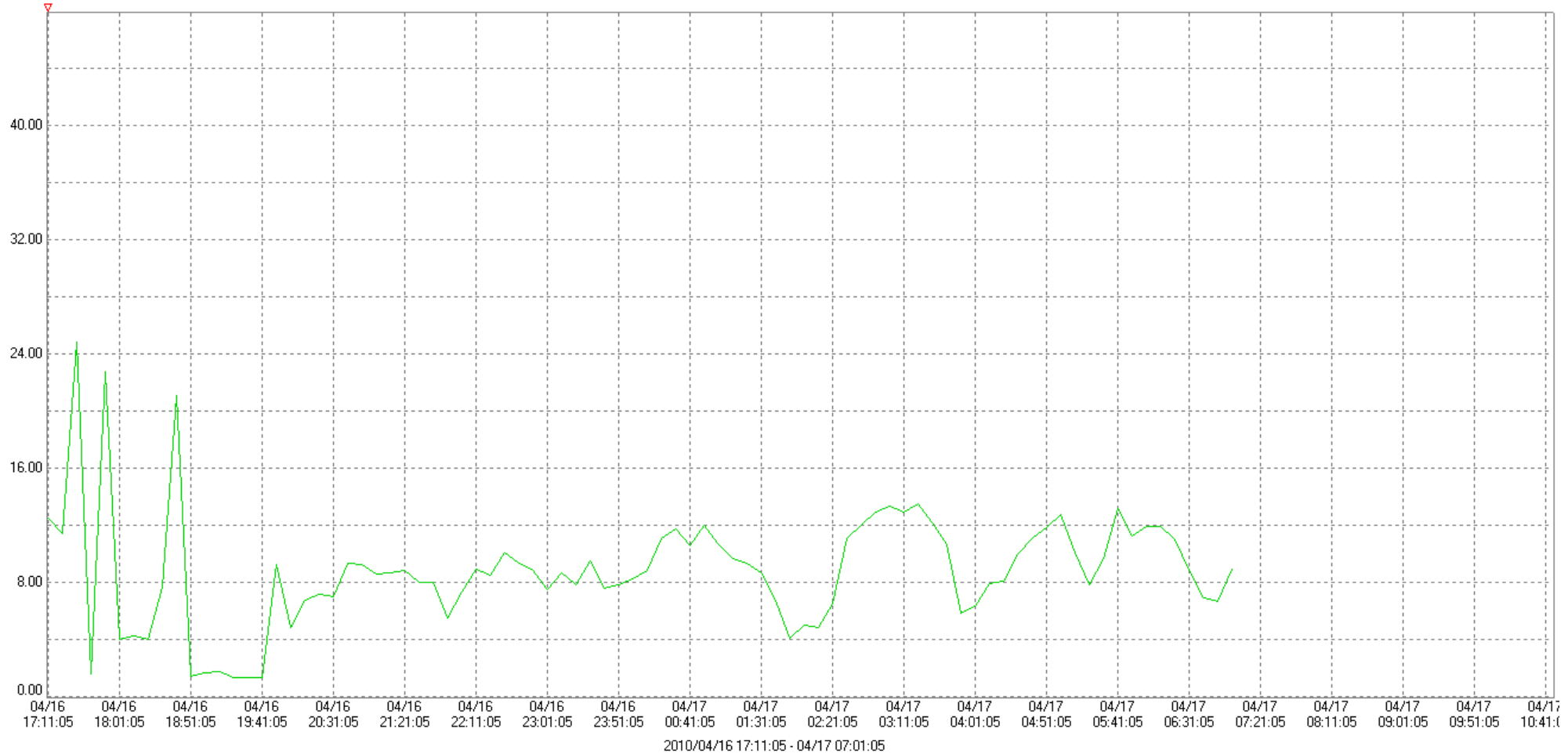
TIME PLOT - RMS I-THD, CH1



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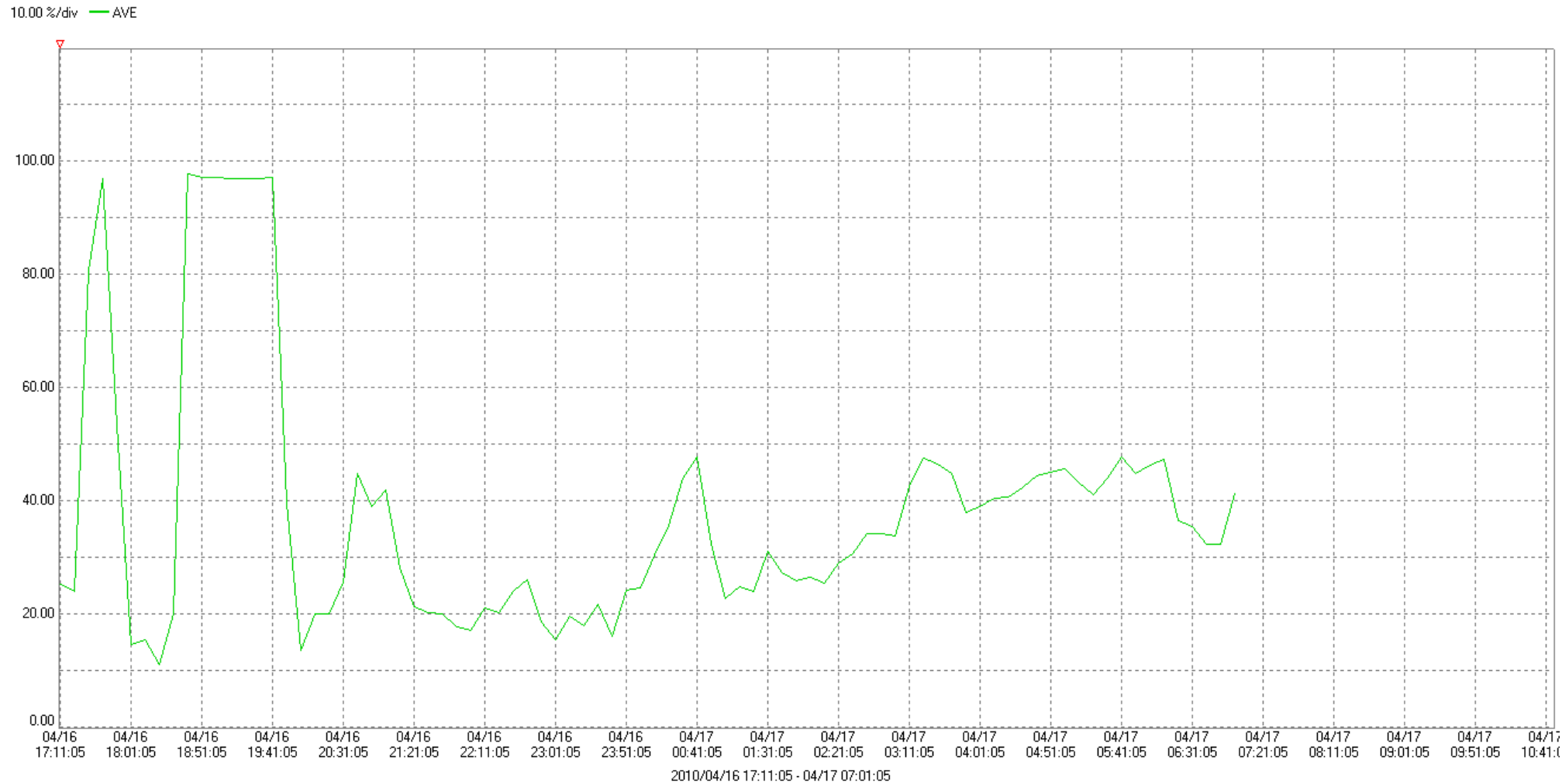
TIME PLOT - RMS U-THD, CH3

4.00 %/div — AVE



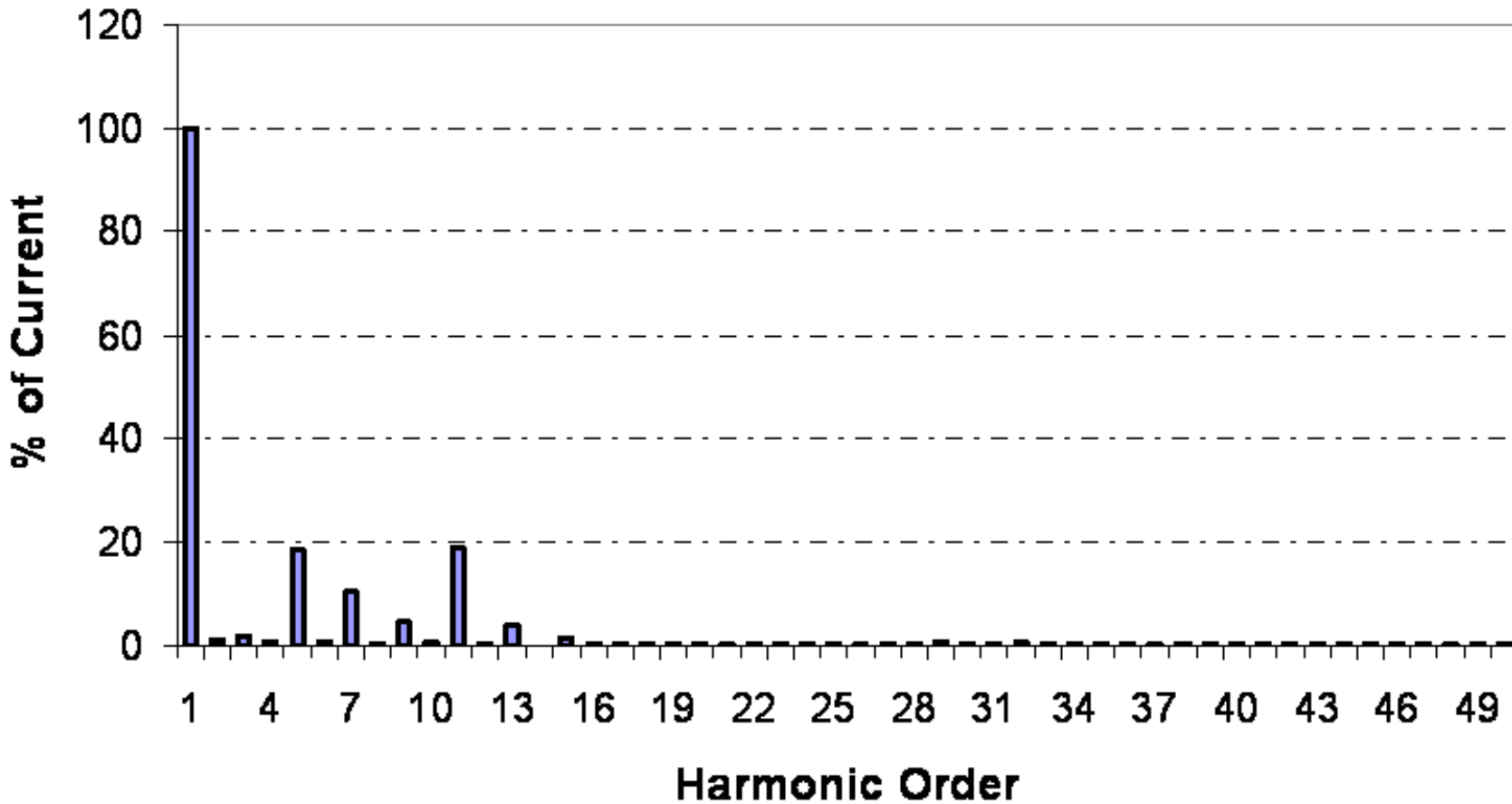
# Site C

TIME PLOT - RMS I-THD, CH1



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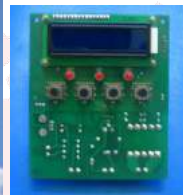
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# Information for SVC/SVG Selection

1. Response time
2. Voltage flickers
3. Reactive power profile
4. Size
5. Cost
6. Losses
7. Reliability
8. Harmonics
9. Resonance
10. Tariff
11. Load profile
12. Load forecast
13. System parameters (SLD, SC limit, type of load-linear load & non linear load, % of voltage regulation, system Reactances)
14. Standard as per application
15. Mandatory requirement
16. Voltage-Current profile
17. Features (interlocks, alarms, distance of the control room, data logger, indicators, communication)

# CGL Power Quality Products



**Automatic Capacitor Switch**  
11kV, 600 kVAr



**Thyristor Switched Capacitor (TSC)**  
440V, 1000 kVAr , 12 Steps



**STATCOM – 3Ph 3Wire**  
440V, 180 kVAr



**STATCOM – Load Balancer / 1Ph Statcom**  
440V, 100kVA

# Issues in Power Quality Business

- **Slow development of awareness towards PQ**
  - Stringent implementations of regulations is missing
- **Customer prefer conventional passive solutions**
  - High end solutions exists in the form of SVC (imported)
  - Customer hesitate to pay more for high end solutions
- **PQ business is driven by capacitor manufacturers**  
(capacitors form more than 40% of material cost)

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# Thank You