

# Harmonic Issues in industry : Energy loss calculation:

## PRACTICAL WAYS FOR SOLUTIONS

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# **POWER QUALITY**

## **EXPECTATIONS AND PROBLEMS**

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# EXPECTED CONDITION OF POWER

- Good regulation and quality
- Sinusoidal waveform at 50 Hz
- Frequency variation within limits
- Minimum disturbance like
  - \* Transient
  - \* Sag and Swell
  - \* Over and Under voltage
  - \* Minimum interruptions
  - \* Minimum waveform distortion – less EMI and RFI

# VOLTAGE AND FREQUENCY VARIATION

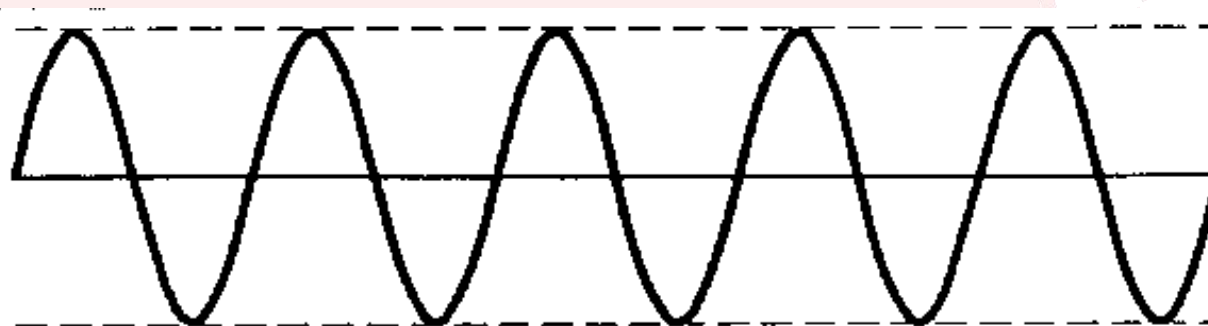
- Nominal voltages as per standards
  - Limitations as for as technically feasible
  - should be kept within limits I.e. +/- 10% of the adopted voltages
- Frequency: Adopted 50 Hz – variation within limits
- Harmonics – sinusoidal components of 50Hz - fundamental wave with frequencies, integral multiple of the fundamental –
  - should be within limits specified in IEE standards 519

# Specified normal conditions for operation:

	Normal	Industrial
• Mean Voltage	415 Volts	
• Variation	$\pm 6\%$	$\pm 10\%$
• Frequency	50 HZ	
• Variation	$\pm 3\%$	$\pm 5\%$
• Combined	$\pm 6\%$	$\pm 10\%$
• Ambient Temp	40°C	
• Altitude	1000M	

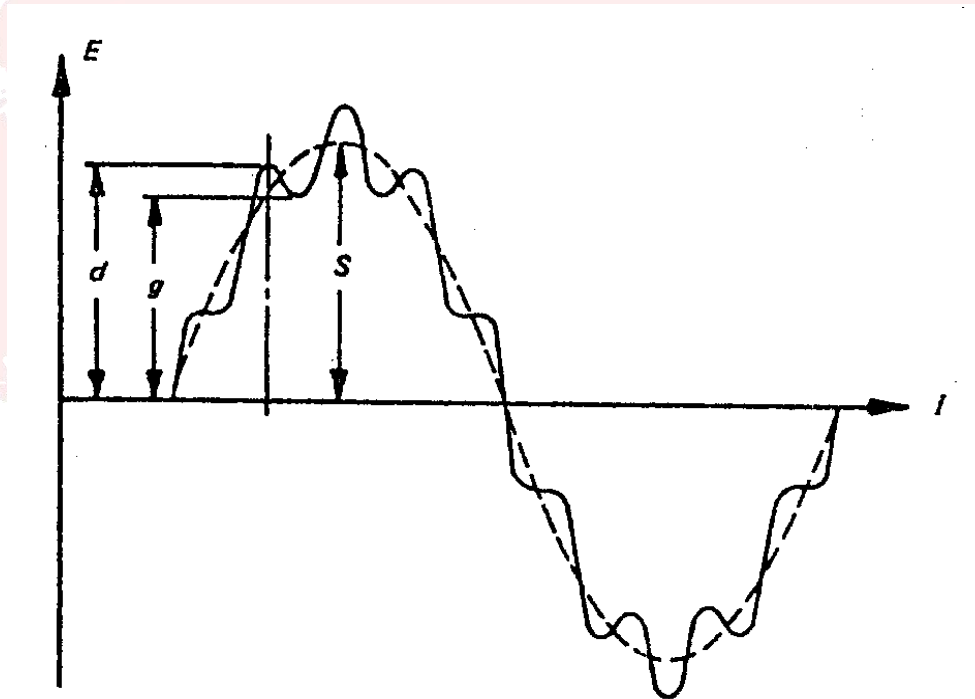
# IDEAL VOLTAGE WAVE FORM AS EXPECTED

## SINE WAVE FORM



**A. Normal power supply.**

# ACTUAL VOLTAGE WAVE FORM AS GENERATED

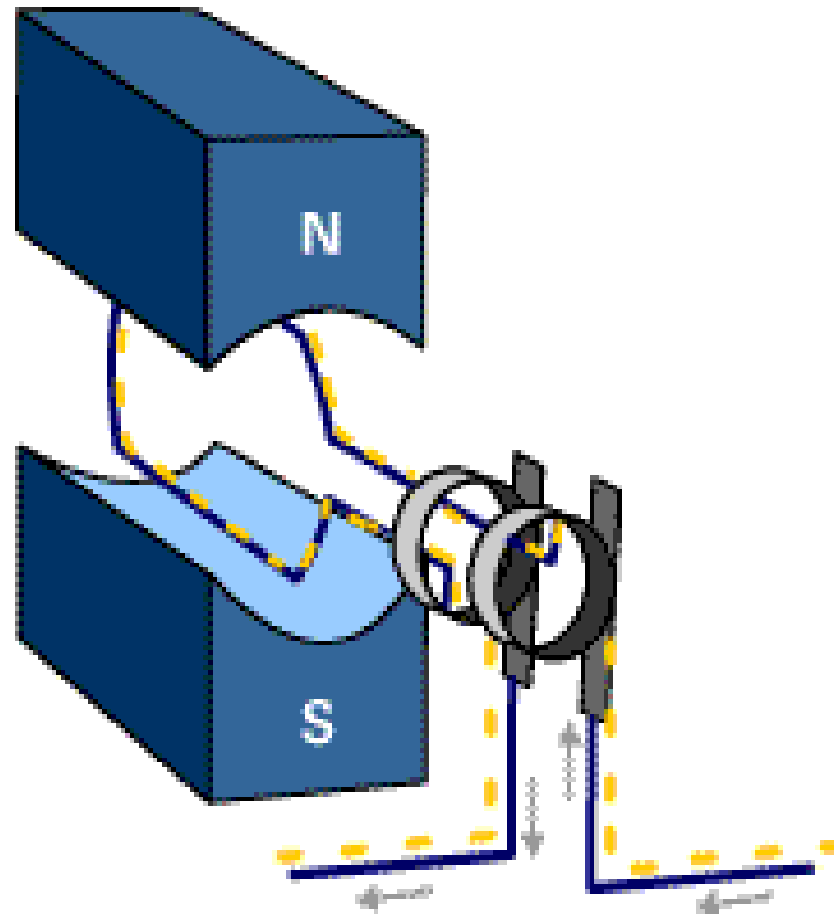


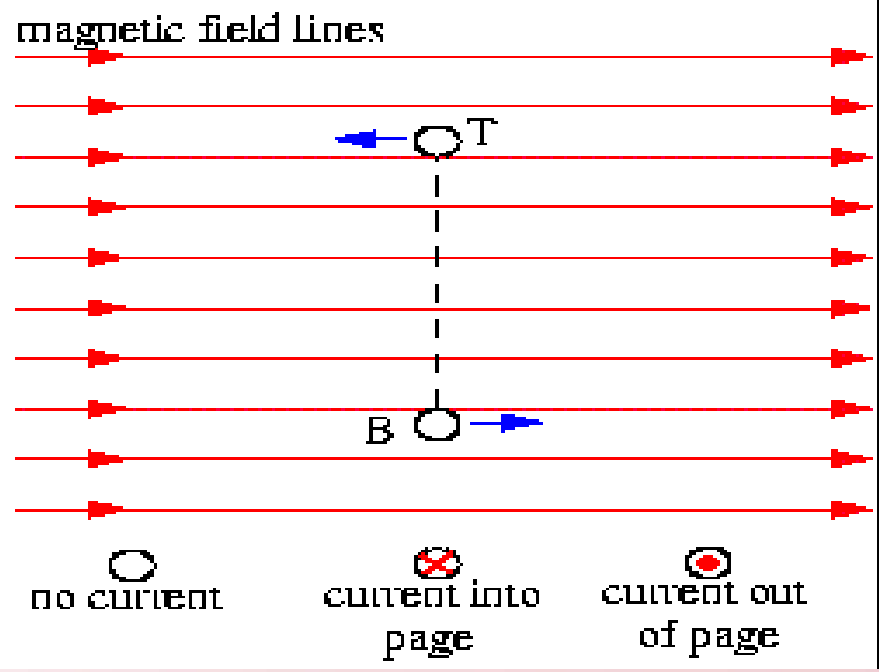
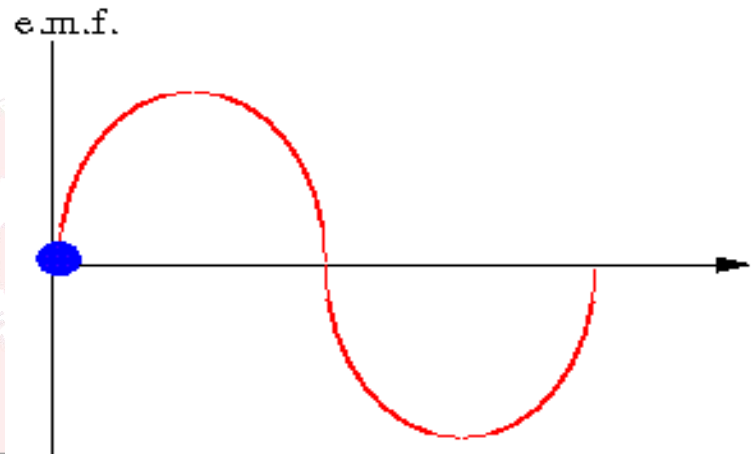
# Generated voltage

- Voltage as generated by rotating machines is expected to be successive near sinusoidal waves
- A pure sinusoidal voltage is only conceptual quantity produced by an ideal AC generator
- Built with finely distributed stator and field windings that operates in uniform magnetic field



# Production of Alternating Current





# Generated voltage

- In the practical AC generators neither of them are achieved
- Some deviations present causing harmonics
- For large generators, instantaneous deviation factor not to exceed 5% of the peak value, measured along the ordinates.
- Cycling up and down 50 times a second I.e. 50 Hz

# DISTORTED WAVE FORMS

- Distorted voltage waveform can be caused
  - \* by the consumer
  - \* by utility

Findings by the Electric Power Research Institute:

- \* 80% originate from consumers industries / buildings
- \* 20% originated in the utility

# TRANSIENTS

**Surges or spikes** caused by

- lightning
- Circuit breaker operations - switching OFF and ON of large loads

Transmission line faults like

- Earth faults and phase to phase faults

These upset computers, corrupt data, cause failures of electronic equipments

# TRANSIENTS

## Sags - Brief drop in voltage

- Caused by big motors starting etc
  - Cause starters, ASDs etc to drop out
  - Computers will lock up or lose memory

# TRANSIENTS

**Swell:** A brief increase in normal voltage –

- caused by stopping of a large motor or dropping of heavy loads
  - \* May cause failure of electronic equipments like TV sets etc.

**Over and Under voltage:** Long term increases or decreases of normal voltage

- By overloaded transformers, feeders
- Inappropriate tap adjustment of transformers
- High source impedance

# ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCES

**Harmonics:** regular distortion of the voltage waveform caused by,

- \* Non linear loads like power supplies of electronic equipments
- \* Discharge lamps control
- \* Thyristor drives
- \* Converts
- \* Induction furnaces and arc welders

May cause over heating of transformers, motors, cables etc.



# ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE

## **Interruption:** Momentary power outage

- \* Caused by transmission equipment and line breakdowns, faults, cable punctures etc. causing feeder breaker to trip or fuse to blow
- \* May cause costly break downs of sensitive equipments, expensive interruptions of process especially chemicals, pharmaceuticals, fiber, glass and paper industries

# ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE

- **Noise - Electro Magnetic Interference (EMI)**
  - \* Caused by electric and magnetic fields emanated by transformers, ballast, and some electronic equipments.
  - \* Cause disturbance in TV screens, computer screens, etc.

# ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE

## Noise: Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)

- \* High frequency electrical energy radiated by TV, radio transmitters, cell phones, electronic ballast, arcing sources, VSDs and power supplies
- \* Cause interference to control circuits

# ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE

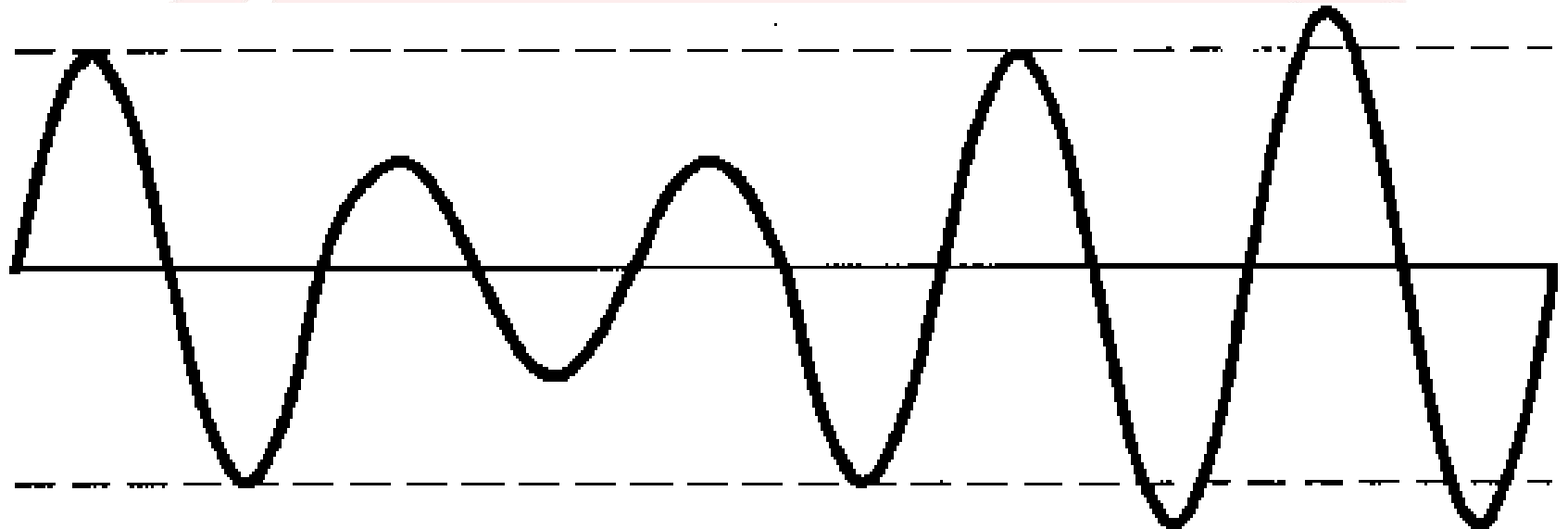
## By utilities

- Distortion from utility due to
  - \* Switching surges
  - \* Lightning surges
  - \* Transmission line faults
  - \* Cable faults
  - \* Transmitted from neighboring consumers

# ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE By Consumers

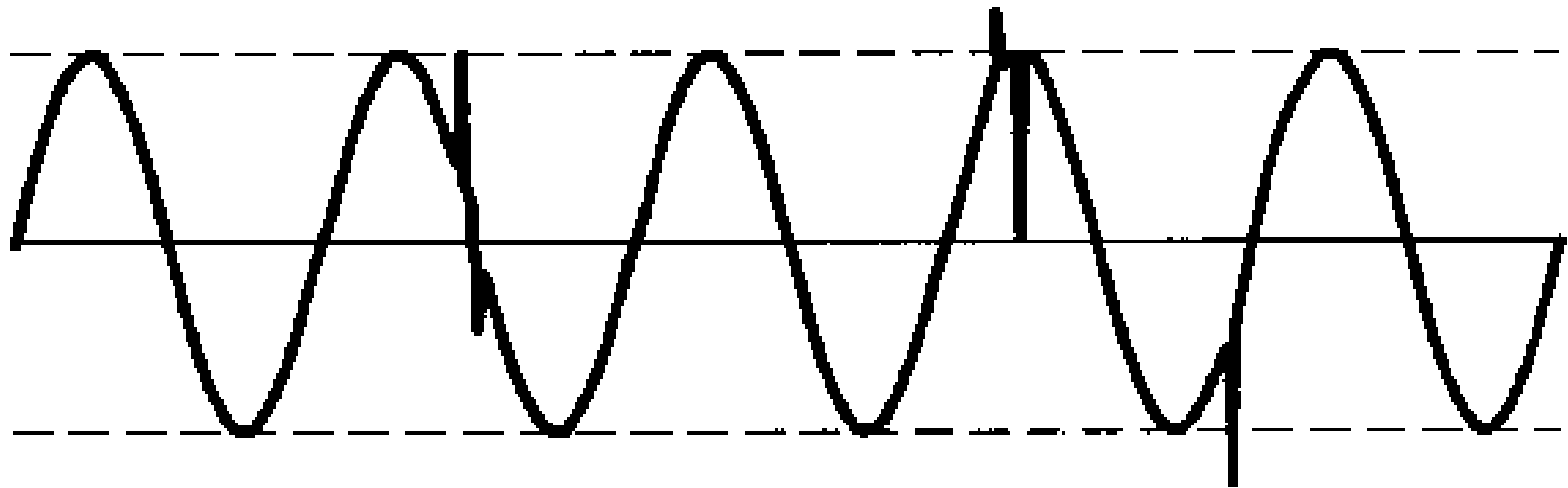
- Distortion caused by consumers:
  - \* Non linear loads like VSDs, Computers, Furnaces, Discharge lamps
  - \* Starting of heavy loads like large motors etc
  - \* Tripping of heavy loads

# VOLTAGE WAVEFORM WITH SAGS AND SWELLS



**C. Sags and swells.**

# VOLTAGE WAVEFORMS WITH SPIKES AND IMPULSES



**D. Surges, spikes and impulses.**

# HARMONICS CREATED BY NO LOAD CURRENT OF A STAR/STAR TRANSFORMER

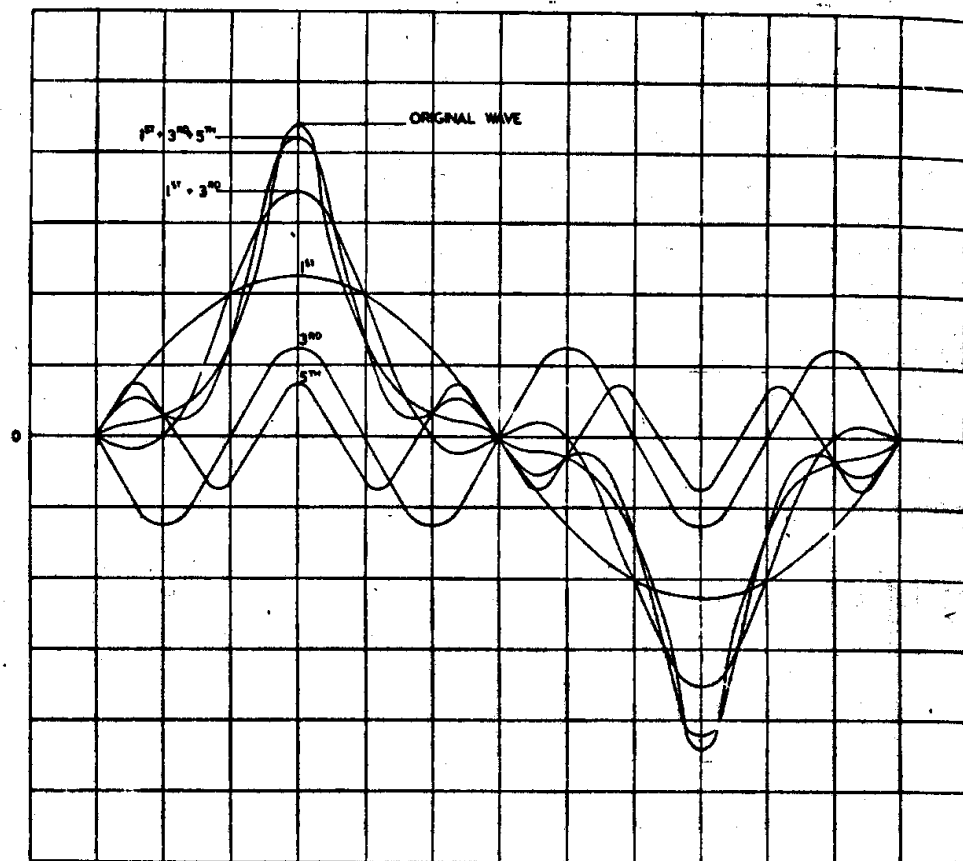
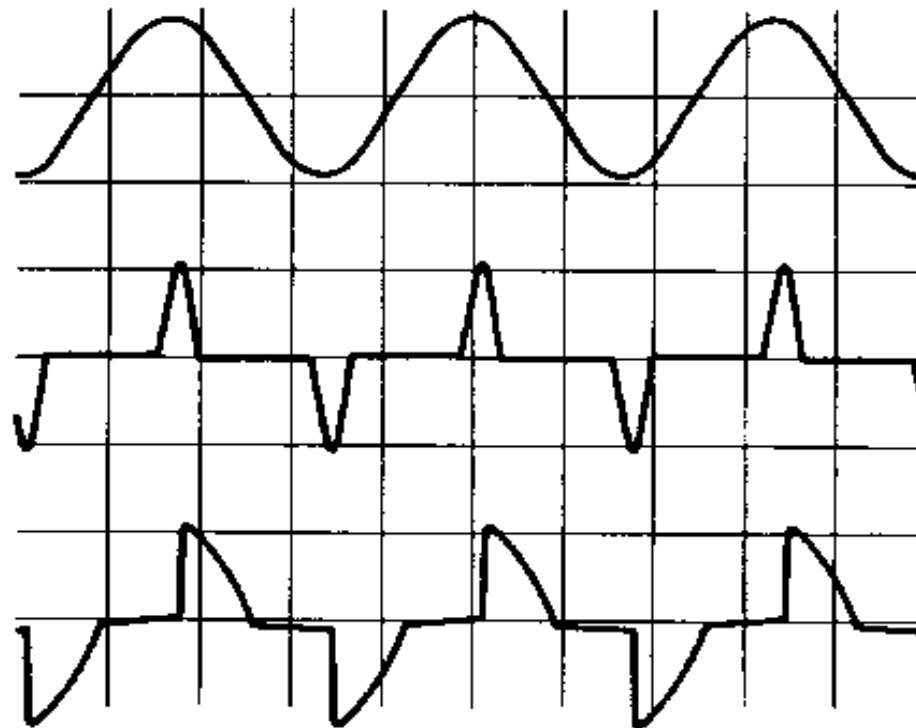


Figure 26.7 Harmonic analysis of peaked no-load current wave of Figure 26.3  
 $i_0 = 100 \sin \theta + 31.5 \sin 5\theta + \dots$



# DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY CONSUMERS



Load current waveforms

Waveform distortion created by typical equipments by

- 1) Motors, inc lamps
- 2) computers and electronic equipments,
- 3) Dimmers and VSDs

# Joseph Fourier Mathematician



# DISTORTED WAVEFORM AND HARMONICS

In 1822, the great French mathematician Joseph Fourier showed in a paper on heat conduction that:

- Any periodic function or any repetitive waveform can be resolved into:
- A fundamental component at the repetition frequency and
- A series of integral components of that frequency
- Each with a particular amplitude and phase relationship relative to the fundamental
- So these distorted waveforms can be resolved into a number of waves of integral frequency,

# DISTORTED WAVEFORM AND HARMONICS

These multiple waveforms are called “*Harmonics*”

- The current variation is not proportional to the voltage wave in each half cycle
- Such loads are called non linear loads
- Distorted waveform currents drawn by these loads create distorted voltage drops across the impedances in the circuit
- Even the power wave form is distorted

# DISTORTED WAVEFORM AND HARMONICS

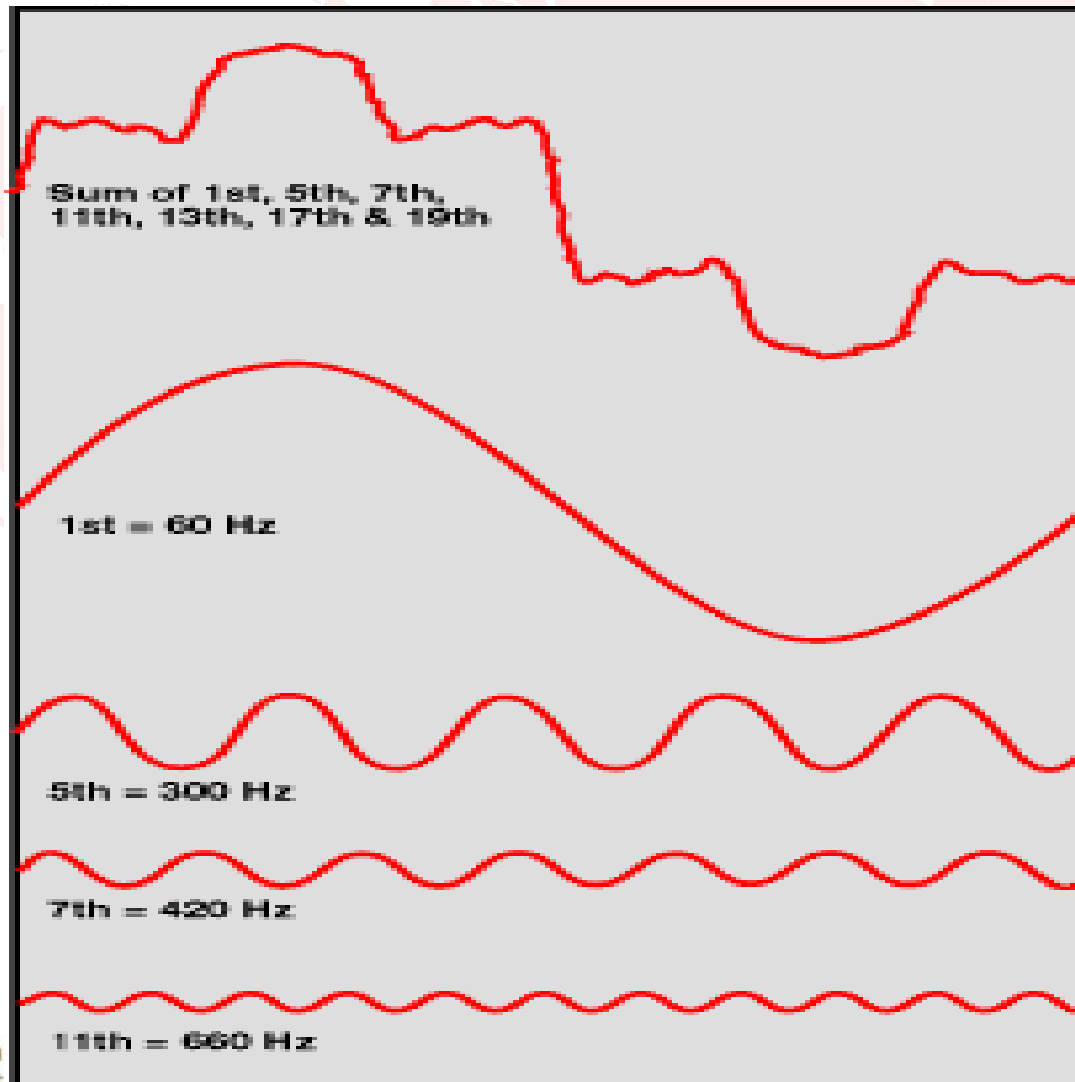
Definition per IEEE 519-1992

- *“A sinusoidal component of a periodic wave or quantity having a frequency that is an integral multiple of the fundamental frequency.”*

# WAVEFORM DISTORTION AND HARMONICS

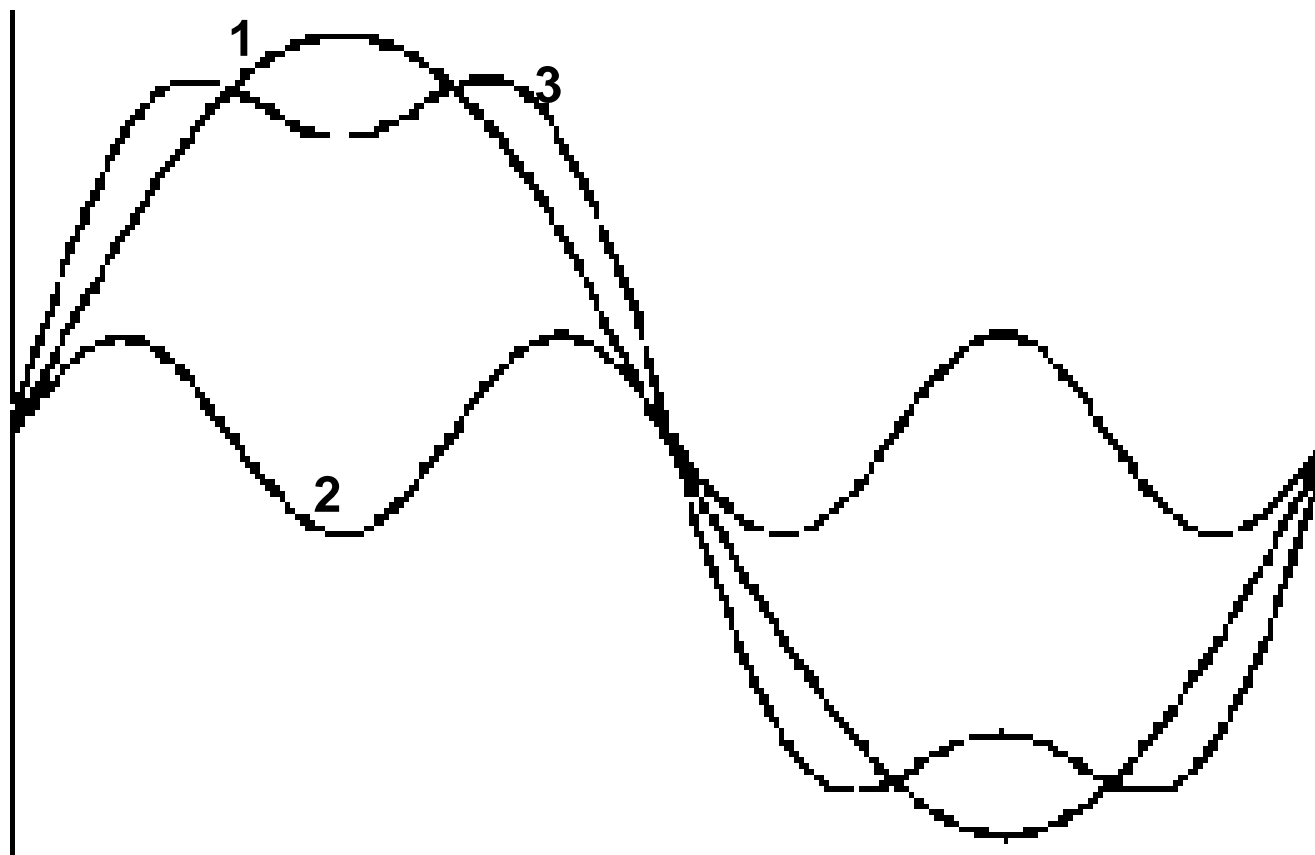
- Sinusoidal waves - integral multiples of the fundamental 50 Hz waveform
- All complex waveforms - resolved into series of sinusoidal waves of various frequencies.
- complex waveform is the sum of a number of odd or even harmonics of lesser or greater value.
- They are referred to by their order, e.g.:
  - 1st harmonic = 50 Hz;
  - 5th harmonic = 250 Hz

# WAVE FORM DISTORTION AND RESOLUTION IN TO HARMONICS (60Hz)



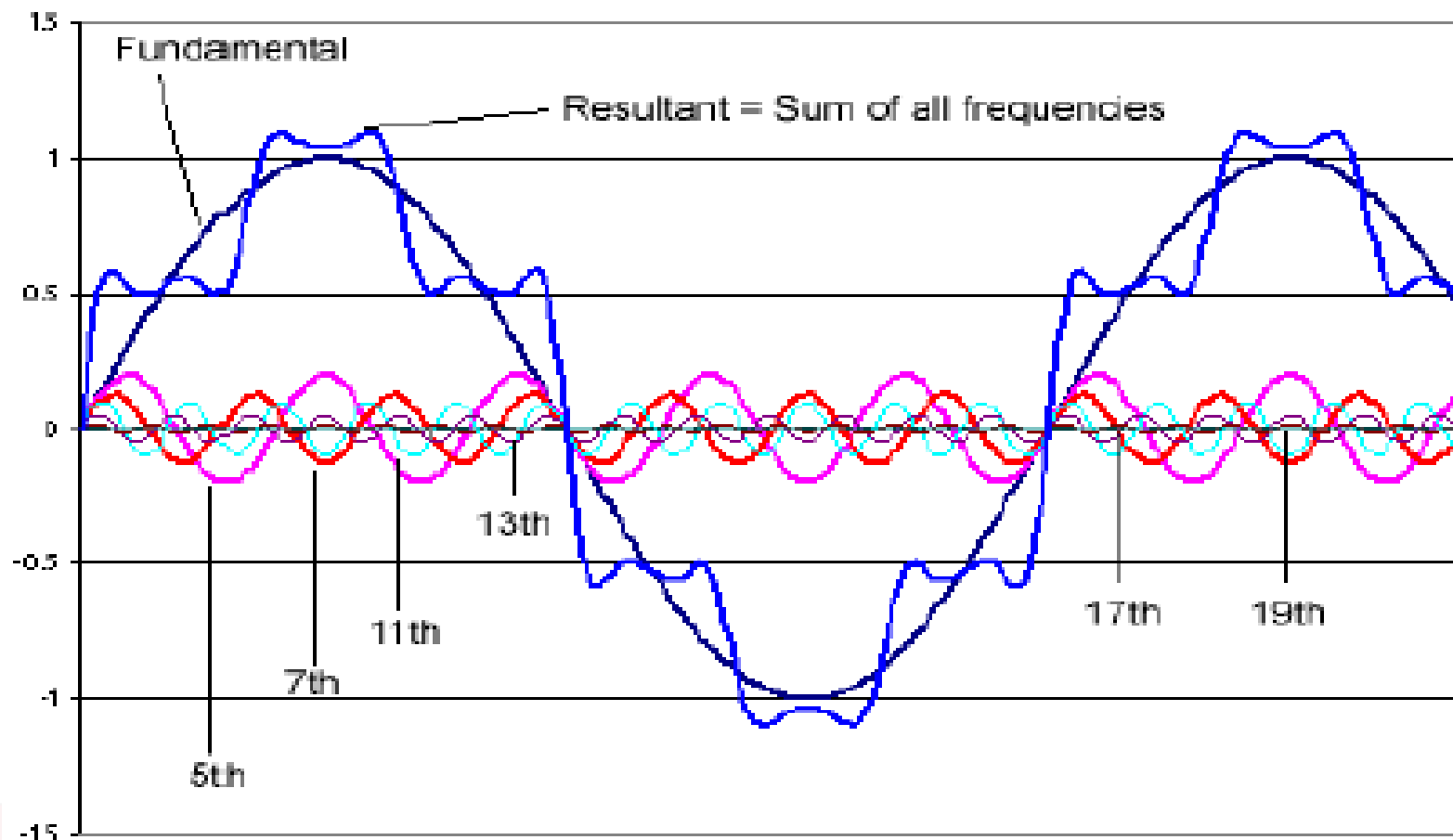
# Distorted waveform

1. Fundamental frequency waveform
2. Third harmonic waveform
3. Distorted waveform





# Harmonics currents injected by a typical VFD 5th,7th, 11th, 13th and so on.



# HARMONIC CONTENT of a rectifier circuit

ORDER OF HARMONIC	TYPICAL PERCENTAGE OF HARMONIC CURRENT	
	6 PULSE	12 PULSE
1	100	100
5	20	-
7	14	-
11	9	9
12	8	8
17	6	-
19	5	-
23	4	4
23	4	

# Reducing Harmonics

- By increased 'pulse count' by adding additional diode rectifier sections and
- By phase shifting three-phase transformers.

6 and 12 pulse systems will not meet harmonic limits of IEEE 519.

6-pulse VFD's generate harmonics distortion about 80% -

Typical THID is in the range of 16%.

18 pulse systems meet the IEEE 519 guidelines

Do not have any negative effects on system

Typical THID are less than 5%.

# RECTIFICATION

## THREE PHASE SIX PULSE

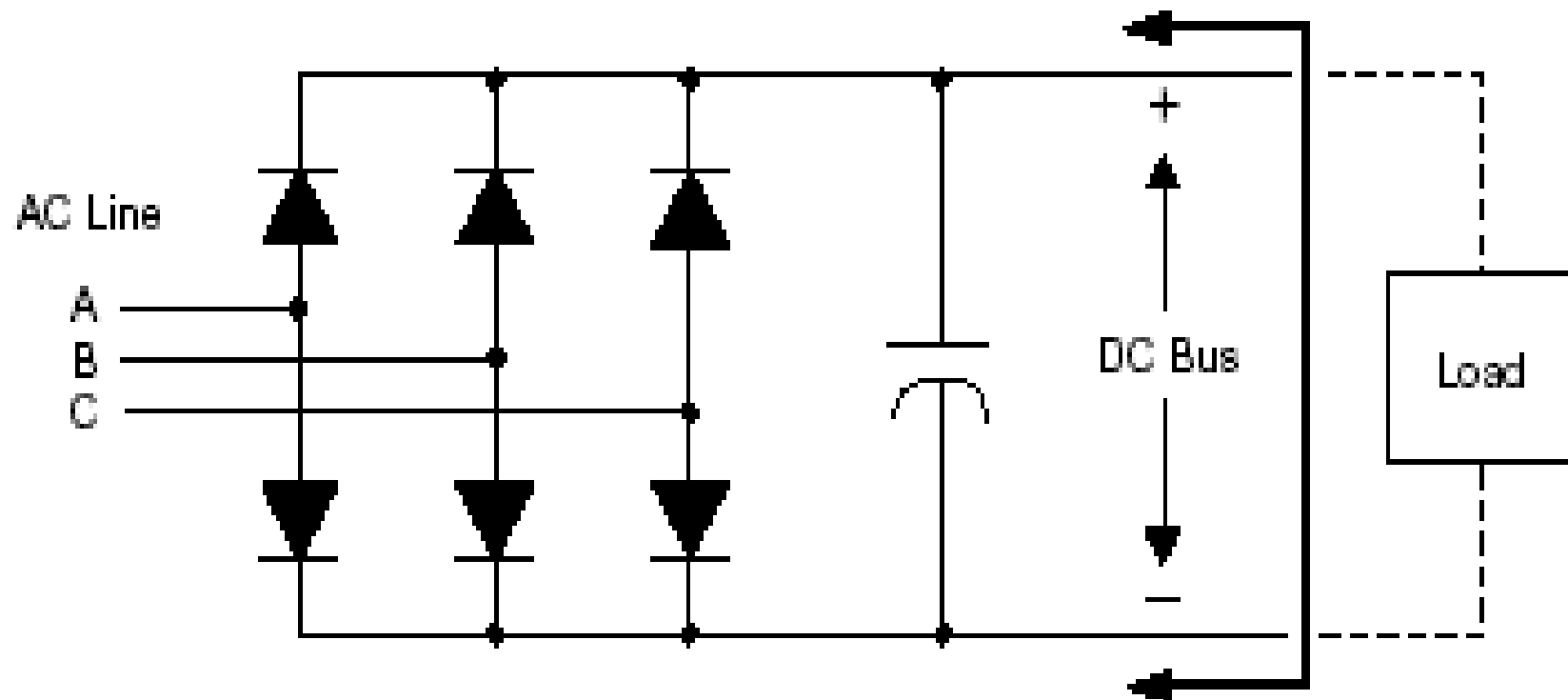


Figure 3 Typical Six-Pulse Front End Converter for AC Drive

# RECTIFICATION SIX PHASE TWELVE PULSE

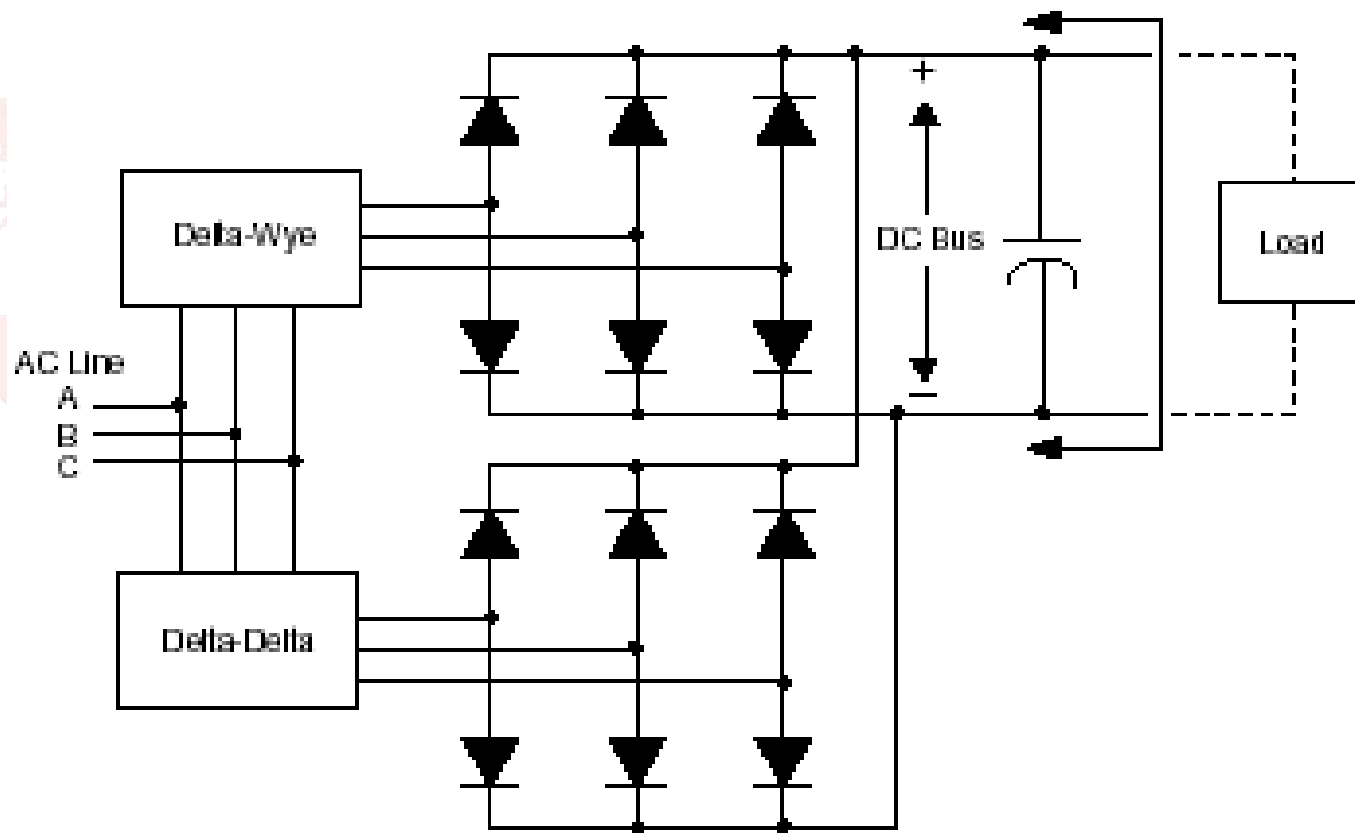


Figure 6 Typical Twelve-Pulse Front End Converter for AC Drive

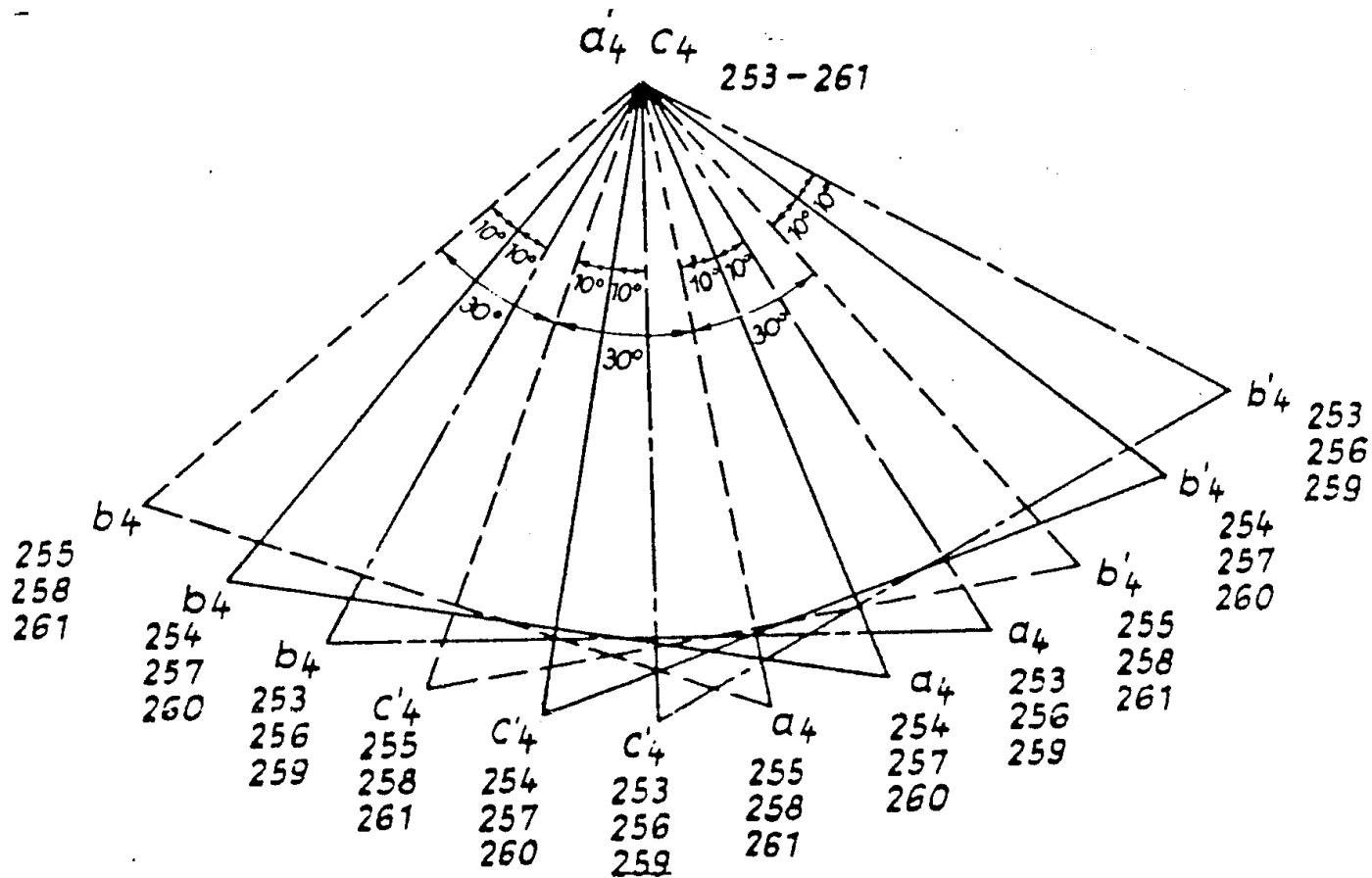
# MULTI PULSE RECTIFICATION SYSTEM

- For very huge capacity rectifiers, multi pulse transformers are employed
- The rectifier transformers have different secondary configurations
- For normal DC drive VFDs six phases are derived from a three phase system by a transformer having two secondaries, each connected in a delta and a star to get six phases or 12 pulses

# MULTI PULSE RECTIFICATION SYSTEM

- In Tamil Nadu in a very large Pyro Electrolysis plant for manufacturing aluminum from alumina, a 36 phase transformer is used
- Each phase is split into nine secondary phases
- The secondaries have separate windings connected in forward zigzag, star, reverse zigzag to get 10 degree displacement within the 30 degrees displacement of main two secondary windings connected in delta/star

# THIRTY SIX PHASE RECTIFIER TRANSFORMER





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$b_{4255} - b_{4254} = \sqrt{300^2 + 300^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 300 \times \cos 10^\circ}$	$(0,9848)$	=	52,3 V
$b_{4255} - b_{4253} = \sqrt{300^2 + 300^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 300 \times \cos 20^\circ}$	$(0,9397)$	=	104 V
$b_{4255} - b_{4252} = \sqrt{300^2 + 303^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 303 \times \cos 30^\circ}$	$(0,866)$	=	156 V
$b_{4255} - c_{4254} = \sqrt{300^2 + 303^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 303 \times \cos 40^\circ}$	$(0,766)$	=	206 V
$b_{4255} - b_{4251} = \sqrt{300^2 + 303^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 303 \times \cos 50^\circ}$	$(0,6428)$	=	255 V
$b_{4255} - a_{4254} = \sqrt{300^2 + 300^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 300 \times \cos 70^\circ}$	$(0,342)$	=	344 V
$b_{4255} - a_{4253} = \sqrt{300^2 + 300^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 300 \times \cos 80^\circ}$	$(0,1736)$	=	385 V
$b_{4255} - c_{4252} = \sqrt{300^2 + 303^2}$		=	426 V
$b_{4255} - b_{4250} = \sqrt{300^2 + 303^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 303 \times \cos 100^\circ}$	$(-0,1736)$	=	462 V
$b_{4255} - a_{4251} = \sqrt{300^2 + 303^2 - 2 \times 300 \times 303 \times \cos 110^\circ}$	$(-0,342)$	=	494 V

## Problems Created by Harmonics

- Failure of capacitors, blowing of capacitor fuses, blowing of expensive thyristor fuses.
- Excessive heating - transformers, motors, fluorescent lighting ballasts, etc.
- Nuisance tripping of circuit breakers, blown fuses
- **TRIPLENS**: the 3rd harmonic currents add up in neutral; neutral conductors **TO BE** derated.
- Noise from harmonics: erroneous operation of control system components
- Damage to sensitive electronic equipment
- Electronic communications interference

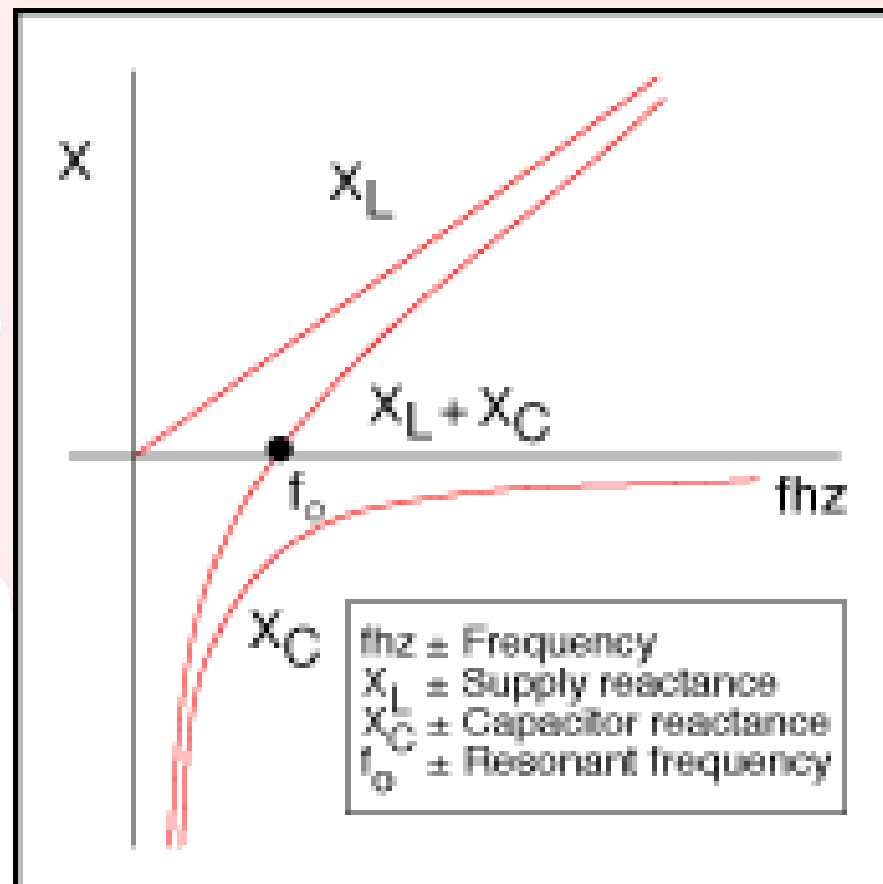
# OTHER EFFECTS OF HARMONICS

- Incorrect meter readings,
- Nuisance tripping of zero sensing circuits,
- Motor bearing failure,
- Power factor correction system's fuse blowing,

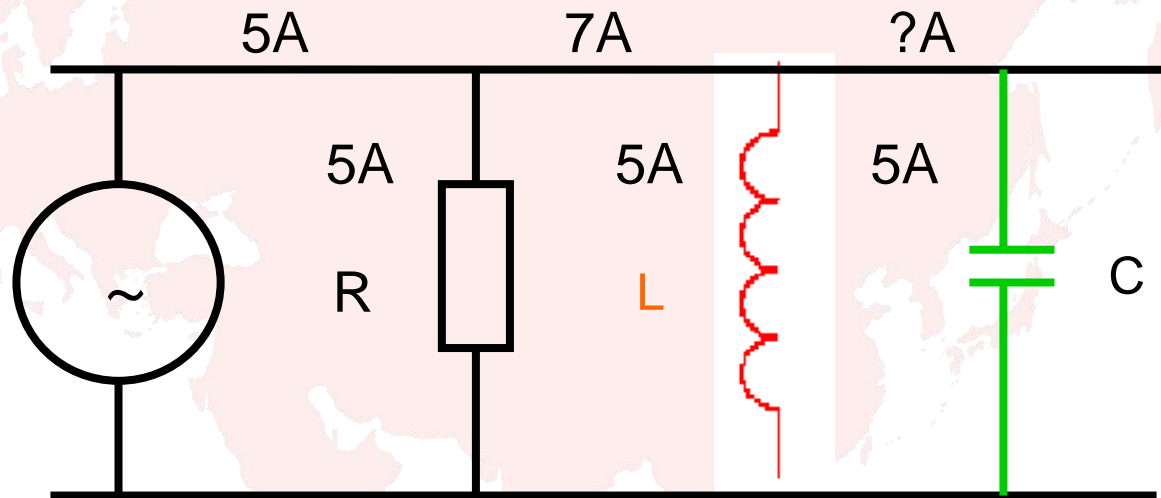
***Cause many problems; most goes undetected until the equipment fails.***

# HARMONIC RESONANCE

At resonant frequency capacitor reactance and supply reactance are equal.



# HARMONIC RESONANCE



# Power factor correction capacitors may cause parallel resonance with the supply.

In such condition,

- one of the harmonics generated by a non linear load
- will circulate large harmonic currents between supply network and the capacitor equipment..
- will add to the harmonic voltage in the network
- cause increased voltage distortion.
- higher voltage across the capacitor and excessive current through all capacitor components.
- resonance concerned are 5th, 7th, 11th and 13th harmonics for 6 pulse systems.

# ESTIMATING HARMONIC LEVELS

## Details of electrical system required:

- Source transformer KVA and %Z or source fault current.
- Isolation transformer KVA and %Z (if present).
- Total installed kW or Amps of Linear Loads.
- Total installed kW or Amps of VFD driven loads.
- Details of installed mitigating devices.(Reactors, Filters etc)
- Information about the harmonics generated by other loads connected to the same PCC.

# Harmonic resonance

- Nonlinear loads in a power distribution system creates harmonic currents that flow throughout the power system.
- Power system inductive reactance increases, capacitive reactance decreases as the harmonic order increases or the frequency increases
- At a given harmonic frequency, the inductive and capacitive reactances are equal.
- This is called the parallel resonant point.
- Every system with a capacitor has a parallel resonant point.

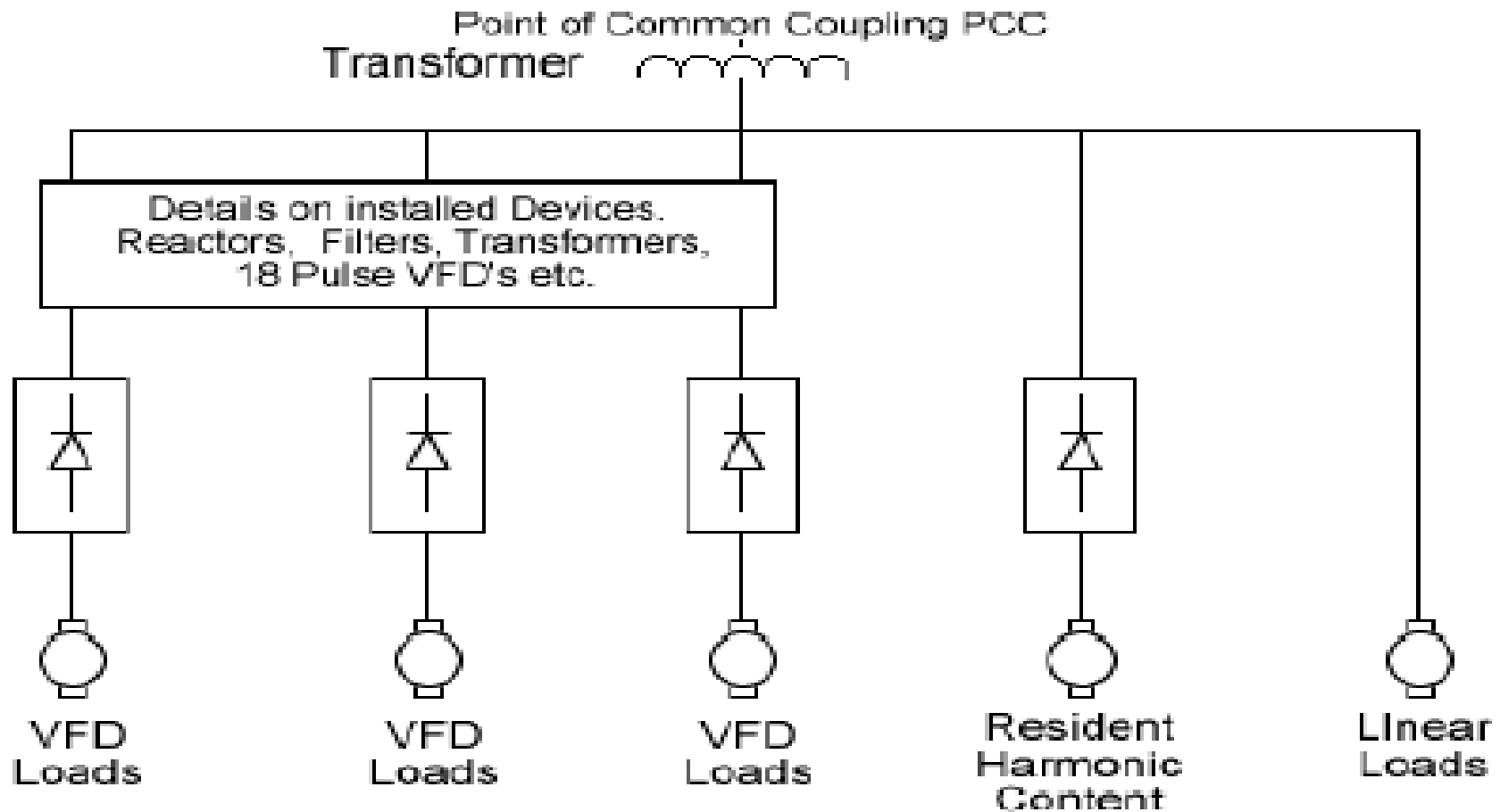


# Harmonic resonance

$h_R$  is the parallel resonant frequency harmonic order,  
 $MVA_{SC}$  is the source impedance in MVA at the bus of interest,  
 and  
 $MVAR_{CAP}$  is the 3-phase rating in MVA of the capacitor bank.

$$h_R = \sqrt{\frac{MVA_{SC}}{MVAR_{CAP}}}$$

# Single line diagram of the electrical system

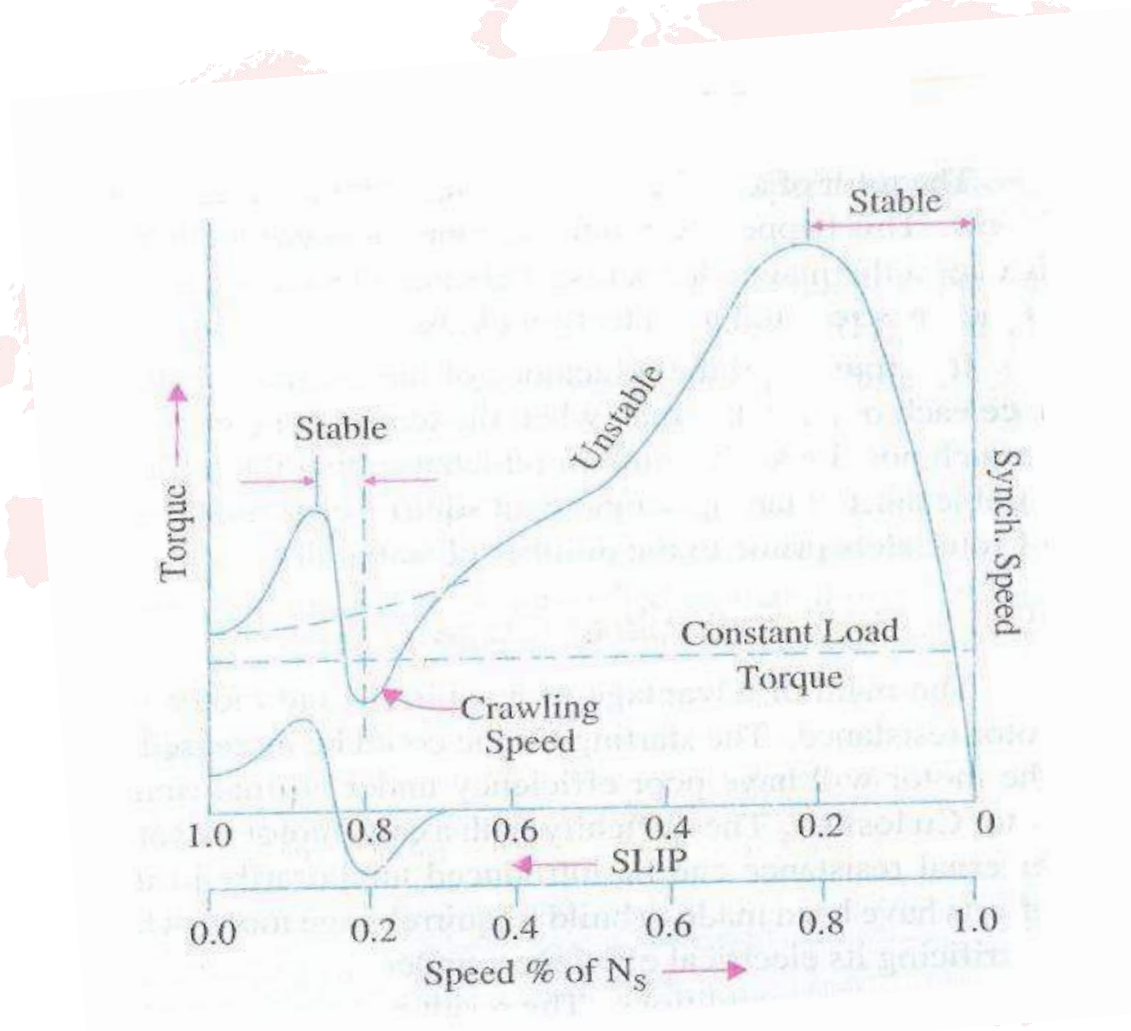


# ELECTRICAL METERING

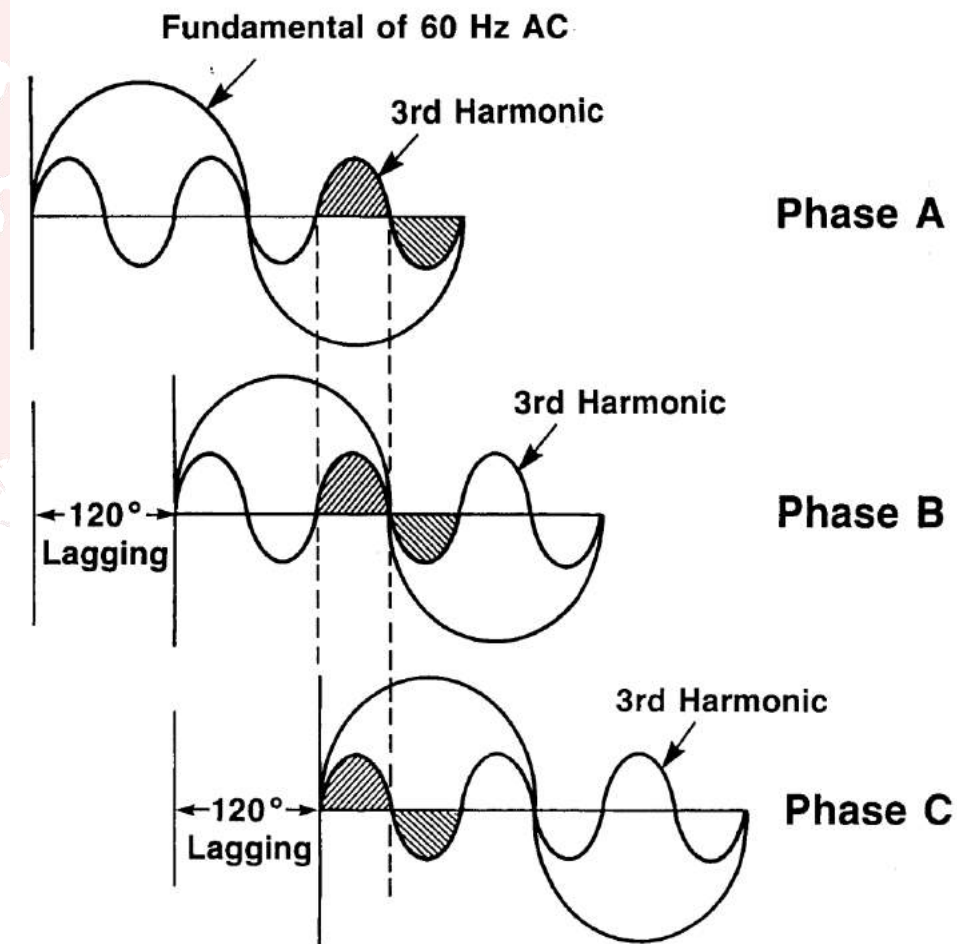
## Induction disc type-integrating energy meters:

- Not capable of recording the harmonic power drawn:
- Some of the harmonics create negative torque.
- May not include the harmonic power drawn;
- Also affect the actual fundamental frequency energy drawn

# Crawling of an induction motor due to harmonics



# Third harmonics – neutral current



Vector Sum @ 60 Hz = Zero

Vector Sum of 3rd Harmonic = 3x

# Harmonics are expected to exist; so are to be managed.

- Can be mitigated, to a certain level, but may be quite expensive.
- To a great extent, can be managed by selecting equipments to satisfactorily function in harmonic environments.

# CONCLUSION

- It is not possible always to expect power quality to be as expected
- The problems are to be understood and managed.
- As far as possible the consumer should strive hard to limit harmonics developed in his installation, limit them at the point of common coupling
- This will greatly avoid polluting the power distribution system

