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# Impact of Sag/Swell



- Duration:
  0.5 to 30 Cycles
- Voltage variation:0.1 to 0.9 pu

- Drive systems may trip on occurrence of sag/swell.
- Stored energy is not used or properly handled under such conditions
- Ride through methods are developed manage these conditions





- Rapid on-off sensation of lamps as perceived by human eye
- Related to voltage fluctuations
- Caused by
  - Arc furnaces
  - Welding sets
  - Rapidly cycling loads
  - Adjustable speed drives with inadequate dc-link filters

# Flicker Generation with VFD



# Notching



- Periodic voltage disturbance
- Caused by power electronic drives
  - Usually occurs when power is commutated from one phase to another
- Results in
  - Frequency detection errors
  - □ Zero crossing errors

# Impact of Notching



- Multiple dc drives operating at different speeds complicating maloperation and potential failure issues resulting from notches
- Appropriate filters are to be installed to reduce the effect of notching

# Harmonics



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- Defined as sinusoidal voltages and currents at frequencies other than the fundamental frequency.
- Harmonic frequencies are integer multiples of the fundamental frequency
- Caused by
  - Nonlinear components in system
  - □ Power electronic controllers

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)]$$

#### **Phasor-waveform relation**



$$f(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin x + \frac{4}{3\pi} \sin 3x + \frac{4}{5\pi} \sin 5x + \frac{4}{7\pi} \sin 7x + \dots$$

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# Sources of Harmonics

- DC power supplies including SMPS
- Transformer magnetisation nonlinearities
- Rotating machine harmonics
- Arcing devices
- Three phase adjustable speed drives
- Thyristor controlled reactors
- AC Regulators

#### How harmonics is generated in drives?



# Harmonic Flows in Drive Systems



# Single Phase Power Quality Monitor







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# Effects of Harmonics ....1

- Motor efficiency reduces with harmonics
- Transformer efficiency reduces with harmonics
- Harmonics may cause circulating current in delta side of transformers
- Harmonics results in de-rating of generator & transformer
- Harmonics may damage capacitors
- PF correction becomes ineffective with harmonics

# Effects of Harmonics ...2

- Harmonics causes increased heat loss in conductors due to skin effect
- Harmonics may result in resonant conditions and result in excessive current and voltage in system
- Overloads the distribution system
- Overloads the neutral conductor
- De-rating of system
- Disturbance on communication networks
- Nuisance tripping of circuit breakers due to harmonics

#### Harmonics Created by Single phase rectifier



# Rectifier with unsymmetrical current



## Three phase rectifier V and I



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#### Harmonics Created by Three phase rectifier





Total Harmonic Distortion (Current)

$$THD_{I} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{h=2}^{n} {I_{h}}^{2}}}{I_{1}}$$

Total Demand Distortion

$$TDD = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{h=2}^{n} {I_h}^2}}{I_{MD}}$$

Where  $I_{MD}$  is current corresponding to Max. Demand

#### **Distortion Power**



#### Power factor under harmonic conditions



 Power equation takes into account a distortion power also

 $S^2 = P^2 + Q^2 + D^2$ 

The effective power factor *P/S* decreases due to harmonics

# Standards Available

| IEEE 519Harmonic controlIEEE P 1453Voltage flickerIEEE 1409Distribution and custom powerANSI-IEEE C62Guide for surge voltageIEEE 1459Definitions for the measurement of power quantities |  |
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| IEC 61000 Power quality monitoring   |  |
| EN 50160 Voltage characteristics of electricity supplied by public distribution systems  |  |

# IEEE Std 519 -2014

- Sets limits for voltage and current harmonics in terms of Total Harmonic Distortion
- List out recommended practices for reduced level of harmonics

| $\sqrt{\sum_{n=2}^{N} V_n^2}$ |                                   | $\sqrt{\sum_{n=2}^{N} I_n^2}$ | Limits on Current TDD<br>For systems upto 69kV |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| $THD_V = \frac{V_1}{V_1}$     |                                   | $THD_I = \frac{1}{I_1}$       | I <sub>SC</sub> / I <sub>L</sub>               | Current |
| Limits on Volt                | ade THD                           |                               | Below 20                                       | 5 %     |
|                               |                                   |                               | 20 to 50                                       | 8 %     |
| Upto 1 KV                     | 8%                                |                               | 50 to 100                                      | 10.0/   |
| 1kV to 69 kV                  | 5 %                               |                               | 50 10 100                                      | 12 70   |
| cold/to 1c1 ld/               | $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}$ |                               | 100 to 1000                                    | 15 %    |
| 09KV 10 101 KV                | 2.5 %                             |                               | Above 1000                                     | 20 %    |
| Above 161 kV                  | 1.5%                              |                               |  | 20 /0   |







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# **Negative Sequence Harmonics**





#### **Positive Sequence Harmonics**





## Neutral current in Y connection



## Line Voltage with Harmonics



$$V_{RY} = V_R - V_Y$$

#### Zero sequence harmonics cancel in line voltage

# Harmonic order classification

- Positive sequence: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, ...
- Negative sequence: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, ...











- Is an indication of possible heating up and de-rating of transformers due to harmonics
- Specified by the equation:

$$K = \frac{\sum {I_h}^2 \times h^2}{\sum {I_h}^2} \quad \bullet \text{ Where } I_h \text{ is in PU}$$

 K rated transformers have design modifications to meet the harmonic conditions





## Interharmonics

Noninteger multiple of the fundamental frequency is commonly known as an *interharmonic frequency* 

Sum of Interharmonic frequencies does not necessarily result in a periodic waveform

It is possible to have interhamonics in variable speed drives and rapidly changing loads

Longer sampling interval is required to capture interharmonics. Sampling 10 cycles of 50 Hz result in a resolution of 5 Hz

## Interharmonics Example





# Factors affecting impact of drives



- Pulse number of the front-end rectifier of the VSD
- Compensation circuits
- Magnitude of the power system (source) impedance at PCC

# **Mitigation Methods for Harmonics**



# Mitigation Methods for Harmonics

**Schematic** 

Multi-pulse Rectifier

**Method** 



#### THD < 10%

**THD Range** 

Active Filter



THD < 5%

# Zigzag Transformers



- Phase Shifting in different angles possible
- Can selectively block certain harmonic order

# 6 Pulse converter



6 pulse inverter has considerable amount of waveform distortion in the input current



# **Converter Types and Harmonics**

6 Pulse



24 Pulse



# Harmonics in input current

$$h = n \cdot p \pm 1$$
  $p = 1, 2, 3, ...$ 

|    | Number of Rectifier Pulses, <i>p</i> |    |    |    |  |  |
|----|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|--|--|
| h  | 6                                    | 12 | 18 | 24 |  |  |
| 5  | Х                                    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 6  | Х                                    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 11 | Х                                    | Х  |    |    |  |  |
| 13 | Х                                    | Х  |    |    |  |  |
| 17 | Х                                    |    | Х  |    |  |  |
| 19 | Х                                    |    | Х  |    |  |  |
| 23 | Х                                    | Х  |    | Х  |  |  |
| 25 | Х                                    | Х  |    | Х  |  |  |

# **Remedies for Harmonic Problem**

- Harmonic filters
  - □ Active, passive or hybrid
- Selection of nonpolluting equipment
- Good distribution network
- Stipulate power quality standards for consumer equipment
  - □ Already introduced in many countries
  - □ Implementation may be difficult
- Introduce a penalty/incentive scheme
- Good PQ monitoring System

