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**Lecture - 38 Multipulse Converters (Contd.) Analysis of Multipulse Diode/SCR Rectifiers**

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Welcome to the course on Power Quality. We were discussing the improved power quality multipulse AC-DC converter. So, we will discuss today the analysis of multipulse uncontrolled and control converters, which consist of diode and thyristors.

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Let us say we have 12-pulse converter with 2 converters, normally it has phase shifting transformer. Many applications we require the isolation, because the utility voltage may be quite different than the application. So, we need 2 converters. As we discussed last time that we require 60 divided by the number of converters like in 12-pulse you have a 2 converters, so it will require 30 degree phase shift between the two sets of winding. And that is the reason we call it a phase shifting transformer. Then, in 18-pulse, of course, we require 3 converters and the required phase shift is 20 degree (60/3). So, you can have a plus minus 20 and 0 degree. And that is the reason you have a 3 converter in 18-pulse. And 24-pulse requires 4 converters, and you can have typically 15 degree phase shift between them.

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Coming to the first topology. In this, we have 12-pulse series type diode rectifier topology, and 2 converters of 6-pulse, are connected in series. Mostly these converters are used for variable frequency drive, maybe with the induction motor or any other like a synchronous motor or so on. We can have 30-degree phase shift because of your thyristors connection. So, that serve the purpose for phase shifting and you are able to get 12-pulses in the output voltage because of this 30-degrees phase shift. You will also get a quite good current with the reduced harmonics, in which, typically lower than 11<sup>th</sup> harmonics are eliminated and you have a band of  $12n \pm 1$ , i.e.,  $11^{th}$ ,  $13^{th}$ , and that next set will be  $23^{\text{rd}}$  and  $25^{\text{th}}$ .

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Coming to the waveform and Fast Fourier Transform of it. So, you can see clearly; the load current which is almost like a DC. We have one 6-pulse current, where the fundamental is shown here and another 6-pulse current. I mean you can add both, then you will get this kind of current waveform which is really the current drawn from the supply for particular phase. You can see the THD typically in 6-pulse converter, one 6 pulse converter is 24 percent, another 6-pulse also 24, but that is getting typically get phase shifted. And when you add together, I mean you get 8.38 %. Ideally, you are supposed to get typically order of 15 percent, if the source inductance effect is not there.

So, it is your source impedance in the sense the leakage inductance of the transformer really helps to improve the THD here. I mean in place of 15 percent or 15.5 percent is just going to half like 8.38 percent. So, source impedance makes big difference. Here, there is no  $5<sup>th</sup>$  and  $7<sup>th</sup>$  harmonics in the line current and the primary line current THD is 8.38%.

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This is typically the you can call it an 18-pulse converter connected in series. You have 18-pulse converter where you require 3 converters, they are connected in series, and the phase shift here, which we have already discussed, is 60 by 3, i.e., 20 degrees, because of 3 converters.

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This is typically a 24-pulse series type of diode rectifier. So, here, you can have a 60 degree phase shift divide by number of converter 4, it becomes 15-degrees phase shift. And this 15 degree you can find out here 0, +15, +30, and -15. There may be plenty of way, but that is the way how you can get with the zigzag and typically 30-degree phase shift.

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Further, you can have a 12-pulse separate diode bridge rectifier. Many applications we have a such thing. But if you have a phase shift here, then it gets reflected on this side.

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This is an interesting example; you can say multiple multi-level cascaded bridge inverters like Robicon drive system. Here, you can see, it is a kind of a like a 12-pulse connection, so, all these are 0 phase shift and these are 30-degree phase shift. So, for all 3-phases you need the separate secondary. And you can add the voltage there to get the multilevel wave forms. So, these are used normally in medium voltage drive of large rating of order of several megawatt or higher than that.



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This is typically for 18-pulse. But, you have a separate load for every 6-pulse.

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Now, this is the case of control by thyristors control converter or you can call it 12-pulse thyristors control rectifier, where you can control the firing angle for controlling the output power or the let us say if inductance, so, this current will be constant. Here, you will have again typically 30-degree phase shift for 12-pulses.

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It has a low line current harmonic, and no SCR in series and that is why, it is used for variable frequency drive today. So, virtually, it is a driving a PWM current source inverter, where you are using GTO and you are using the capacitor for making this PWM current continuous.

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And this is how the current looks like.

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And now you can have a Fourier analysis of this current which you are having in 12 pulse.

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**12-pulse SCR Rectifier** Fourier Analysis (continued) • Secondary currents referred to the primary side  $i'_a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} I_d (\text{sincar}) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} \sin 5ct & \frac{1}{5} \sin 7ct + \frac{1}{5} \sin 11ct + \frac{1}{13} \sin 13ct & \frac{1}{17} \sin 17ct - \frac{1}{19} \sin 19ct + ... \end{cases}$ <br>  $i'_a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} I_d (\text{sincar}) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} \sin 5ct & \frac{1}{5} \sin 7ct + \frac{1}{11} \sin 11ct + \frac{1}{13} \sin 13ct + \frac{1}{17} \sin 17ct +$ • Primary-line current<br>  $i_A = i'_A + i'_B = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\pi} i_A \left\{ \frac{\sin \alpha t + \frac{1}{15} \sin 14\alpha t + \frac{1}{13} \sin 13\alpha t + \frac{1}{23} \sin 23\alpha t + \frac{1}{25} \sin 25\alpha t + ... \right\}$ \*

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And you will get the THD if you add all four 6-pulses. You will get 31 percent.

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And how the current THD effect with the leakage reactance or the source inductance?

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And this is typically like your 18-pulse control rectifier.

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And this is for 24-pulse converter you are using 4 controlled bridges.

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And here also you can see the effect of leakage reactance on THD.

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Now, coming to analysis of isolated Fork connected transformer based AC-DC converter.

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That is the typical example for 6-pulse and 12-pulse.

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And that is the typically how we are going to have the design of that, I mean these are the voltage requirement.

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 $V = V \angle 45^\circ$  $V_a = K_1 V_a - K_2 V_b - K_3 V_b$  $V_{0} = K_{1}V_{1} - K_{2}V_{2} + K_{1}V_{1}$  $V_{a} = V_{b} \angle 15^{\circ}$  $V<sub>1</sub> = V<sub>1</sub> \angle 45^\circ$ K1=0.7029, K2 = 0.15072, K3 = 0.29116, K4 = 0.21315 kVArating =  $0.5 \sum (V_{\text{winding}} I_{\text{winding}})$ TUF =  $PDC / \sum (V_L)$ 

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This is typically MATLAB model for the 24-pulse AC-DC converter.

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And these are the performance for 24, you can see the THD typically of 12-pulse at light load. Ideally, it should be like a 15 percent, if no leakage reactance is there. But it goes even reduced from now 15% to 9.2 percent. And here in 24-pulse we expect 7.5, but because of leakage it at full load it goes 2.7 percent.

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And you have 3-phase line current looks like.

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So, this is the power circuit diagram of delta/fork transformer based 36-pulse AC-DC converter.

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And this is typically how the transformer connection.

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And this is the phasor diagram which all the points should be on same circle to make a same rms voltage on the secondary side.

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V_{_{BI7}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -195^{\circ}, V_{_{B18}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -235^{\circ}, V_{_{B19}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -275^{\circ}
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V_{_{B14}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -75^{\circ}, V_{_{B15}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -115^{\circ}, V_{_{B16}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -155^{\circ},
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V_{_{B11}} = V_{_{R}} \angle 45^{\circ}, V_{_{B12}} = V_{_{R}} \angle 5^{\circ}, V_{_{B13}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -35^{\circ},
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V_{_{B21}} = V_{_{R}} \angle 35^{\circ}, V_{_{B22}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -5^{\circ}, V_{_{B23}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -45^{\circ},
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V_{_{B24}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -85^{\circ}, V_{_{B23}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -125^{\circ}, V_{_{B26}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -165^{\circ},
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V_{_{B12}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -205^{\circ}, V_{_{B28}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -245^{\circ}, V_{_{B29}} = V_{_{R}} \angle -285^{\circ}
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V_{_{B11}} = K_{1} V_{_{M}} - (K_{4} + K_{_{5}}) V_{_{M}}
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V_{_{B22}} = (K_{1} + K_{_{2}}) V_{_{M}} - K_{_{4}} V_{_{M}}
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V_{_{B12}} = (K_{1} + K_{_{2}}) V_{_{M}} - K_{_{4}} V_{_{M}}
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K_{1} = 0.2988, K_{2} = 0.6471, K_{3} = 0.1891, K_{4} = 0.6623,
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And these are the calculation for the transformer.

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This is the model of the converter along with the transformer.

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And this is the transformer model in MATLAB.

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And this is the performance during simulation study.

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And this is the typically the you can call it current in different winding.

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Current is in phase with the supply voltage and sinusoidal. And this is the harmonic spectrum and the THD around 3 percent of this 36-pulse converter.

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And this is the performance at full load. At full load, the THD is only 1.19 percent. You can see supply voltage supply current, and current waveform with the output voltage output current.

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And these are the experimental results of the 36-pulse AC-DC converter under full load and light load conditions.

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Coming to the analysis of T-connected isolated transformer based AC-DC converters.

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This is the circuit diagram for 6-pulse T-connected AC-DC converter.

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And this is how the current look like because of leakage. The THD in place of 31 percent, it goes 23.89 percent because of the source inductance.

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And that is the typically of how the T-connection design is there.

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And this is the typically model of overall system and this is the transformer connection model.

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And these are the currents like typically in case of the your 12-pulse 3-phase currents drawn from the supply. And the THD of this, is in the order of 6.14% in place of 15 percent because of the effect of leakage reactance of the transformer.



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And these are of course, for 24-pulse with the pulse doubling, the THD reduces to order of 3.5 percent in place of 7.5 because again effect of the leakage reactance and the current goes very close to the sinusoidal.

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Well, coming to now the numerical examples of the multi-pulse converter.

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Starting with  $1<sup>st</sup>$  example. A DC load of 1.2 kV, 500 A is supplied by a 12-pulse thyristors bridge rectifier at 30° fire angle of their thyristors, as shown in the figure. Calculate, required thyristors ratings and the transformer secondary voltages with a primary applied 3-phase supply voltage of 415 V/50 Hz for series connection of two thyristors bridge, the current in each winding of the transformer, the kVA rating of the transformer, the supply RMS current, and its THD.

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Coming to  $2<sup>nd</sup>$  example, a DC load of 1500 V, 300 A is supplied by an 18-pulse diode bridge rectifier, as shown in figure. Calculate, the required diodes rating and transformer secondary voltages with primary applied 3-phase supply voltage of 415 V/50 Hz for series connection of 6-pulse converter, the current in each winding of the transformer, the kVA rating of the transformer, the supply RMS current and its THD.

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This is the typical connection. Because of zigzag connection, you are getting 18-pulses.

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Q3 A DC load of 2.4 kV, 100 A is supplied by a 24-pulse diode bridge rectifier as shown in Figure. Calculate (a) required diodes ratings and transformer secondary voltages with primary applied 3-phase supply voltage of 460 V at 50 Hz for series connection of converters, (b) the current in each winding of the transformer, (c) the kVA rating of the transformer, (d) the supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to  $3<sup>rd</sup>$  example. A DC load of 2.4 kV, 100 A is supplied by a 24-pulse diode bridge rectifier as shown in figure. Calculate, the required diodes rating and transformer secondary voltages with primary applied to 3-phase supply of 460 V/50 Hz for series connection of the converters, the current in each winding of the transformer, the kVA rating of the transformer, the supply current, and its total harmonic distortion.

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This is the 24-pulse converter, in this, the 4 bridges are connected in series. The phase shift should be like a 15 degree, i.e.,  $\pm 7.5^{\circ}$ , so, it is a 15° between two bridges. Because of 4 bridges, 60 by 4, it become your  $15^\circ$ .

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Q4 A DC load of 3.0 kV, 150 A is supplied by a 30-pulse bridge rectifier as shown in figure. Calculate (a) required diode ratings and transformer secondary voltages with primary applied 3-phase supply voltage of 440 V at 50 Hz for both series connection of 6-pulse converters, (b) the current in each winding of the transformer, (c) the kVA rating of the transformer, (d) the supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to  $4<sup>th</sup>$  example. A DC load of 3 kV, 150 A is supplied by a 30 pulse bridge rectifier, as shown in the figure. Calculate, required diode ratings and transformer secondary voltages with the primary applied 3-phase voltage of 440 V at 50 Hz for series connected 6-pulse converter, the current rating in each winding of the transformer, kVA rating of the transformer, supply current RMS current and the THD.

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This is the system for 30 pulse. For 30-pulse, you have 5 converters each of 6-pulse.

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Q5 A 12-pulse diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 50kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-Phase, 415V; 50Hz. consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages of ±15<sup>0</sup> with respect to the input voltage. (a) Calculate the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving the 12-pulse operation. (b) Calculate the current in each winding of the autotransformer. (c) Find the DC link current, supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to  $5<sup>th</sup>$  example. A 12-pulse diode bridge converter feeding to a RL load of 50 kW, as shown in figure. The input supply is 3-phase, 415 V, 50 Hz. Consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages of  $\pm 15^{\circ}$  with respect to the input voltage. Calculate the number of turns in different winding of the auto transformer for achieving 12-pulse operation, calculate the current in each winding of auto transformer. Find the DC link current, supply RMS current and its total harmonics distortion.

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This is typically the connection for getting 12-pulse from 3-phase supply, with 2-phase shifted converter with the inter phase transformer, we are able to get phase shift like a  $\pm 15^\circ$ .

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Q6 A 12-pulse diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 75kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-Phase, 460V, 50Hz. Consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages of  $\pm 15^{\circ}$  with respect to the input voltage. (a) Calculate the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving the 12-pulse operation. (b) Calculate the current in each winding of the autotransformer. (c) Find the DC link current, supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to 6<sup>th</sup> example. A 12-pulse diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 75 kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-phase 460 V, 50 Hz. Consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages  $\pm 15^{\circ}$  with respect to the input voltage. Calculate the number of turns in different winding of the auto transformer for achieving 12-pulse operation. Calculate the current in each winding of the auto transformer. Find the DC link current, supply RMS current and its THD.

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This is the typical connections, you can call it as an umbrella kind of connection, you are making like a tapping for giving input supply and then you are rising the voltage and then you are having a  $\pm 15$  degree phase shift for getting 12-pulse converter.

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**Solution** Given 3-phase supply voltage  $(V_+) = 460 V$ , supply frequency (f) =50Hz and load of the diode bridge rectifier. (a) The input voltage of diode bridge rectifier has  $\pm 15^0$  phase shift from input supply voltage of autotransformer.  $V_a = V_a + k_1 V_a + k_2 V_c$  (1)  $V_a = V \angle 0^\circ, V_b = V \angle -120^\circ, V_a = V \angle 120^\circ$  $V'_a = V \angle 15^\circ, V'_b = V \angle -105^\circ, V'_c = V \angle 135^\circ$  $V_{a}^{\dagger} = V \angle -15^{\circ}, V_{b}^{\dagger} = V \angle -135^{\circ}, V_{c}^{\dagger} = V \angle 105^{\circ}$ Where  $V_a$  is the phase -to- neutral input voltage of autotransformer. So, the phase voltage of autotransformer is,  $V_a = \frac{V_{LL}}{\sqrt{3}} = 265.58V$ 

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Q7 A 12-pulse diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 25kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-Phase, 460V, 60Hz. Consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages of  $\pm 15^{\circ}$  with respect to the input voltage. (a) Calculate the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving the 12-pulse operation. (b) Calculate the current in each winding of the autotransformer. (c) Find the DC link current, supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to  $7<sup>th</sup>$  example. A 12-pulse diode bridge converter is feeding power to a RL load of 25 kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-phase, 460 V, 60Hz. Consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages of  $\pm 15^{\circ}$  with respect to the input voltage. Calculate the number of turns in different windings of autotransformer for achieving 12-pulse operation. Calculate the current in each winding of auto transformer, the DC link current, supply RMS current, and its THD.

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And this is the another connection for getting a 12-pulse of  $\pm 15^{\circ}$  which is called as extended delta.

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Q8 An 18-pulse AC-DC diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 15kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-Phase, 460V, 60Hz. Consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages of ±20<sup>0</sup> with respect to the input voltage. (a) Calculate the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving the 18-pulse operation. (b) Calculate the current in each winding of the autotransformer. (c) Find the DC link current, supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to 8<sup>th</sup> example. An 18-pulse AC-DC diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 15 kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-phase 460 V, 60 Hz. Consider the phase shift between the two consecutive of  $\pm 20^{\circ}$  with respect to the input voltage. Calculate the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving 18-pulse operation, calculate the current in each winding of the auto transformer, find the DC link current, supply RMS current, and its THD.

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Q9 An 18-pulse diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 25 kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-Phase, 415V, 50Hz. Consider the phase shift between two consecutive output voltages of ±20° with respect to the input voltage. (a) Calculate the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving the 18-pulse operation. (b) Calculate the current in each winding of the autotransformer. (c) Find the DC link current, supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to 9<sup>th</sup> example. A 18-pulse diode bridge converter feeding power to RL load of 25 kW, as shown in the figure. The input supply is 3-phase, 415 V/50 Hz. Consider the phase shift of two consecutive output voltages of  $\pm 20^{\circ}$  with respect to the input voltage. Calculate, the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving 18-pulse operation, calculate the current in each winding of the autotransformer, find the DC link current, supply RMS current, and its total harmonics distortion.

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So, this is typically the connection for 18-pulse configuration with  $\pm 20^{\circ}$  phase shift with this fork kind or the umbrella kind of connections.

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Q10 A 12-pulse diode based converter is feeding power to a RL load of 15kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-Phase, 415V, 50Hz. Consider the phase shift between an output voltage and the input voltage of ±30°. (a) Calculate the number of turns in different windings of the autotransformer for achieving the 12-pulse operation. (b) Calculate the current in each winding of the autotransformer. (c) Find the DC link current, supply rms current and its THD.

Coming to  $10<sup>th</sup>$  example. A 12-pulse diode bridge converter is feeding the RL load of 15 kW, as shown in figure. The input supply system is 3-phase, 415 V, 50 Hz. Consider the phase shift of  $\pm 30^\circ$ . Calculate the number of turns in different winding of autotransformer for achieving the 12-pulse operation. Calculate the current in each winding, DC link current and supply RMS current, and its THD.

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Now, coming to summary of multi-pulse improved power quality converter. To complied with stringent harmonics requirement, major higher-power drive manufacturers are increasingly using multi-pulse AC-DC converters as front end converters. The main feature of multi-pulse AC-DC converter lies in its ability to reduce with the line current harmonics distortion. The higher the number of rectifier pulses, the lower will the line current distortion. Broad classification of conventional multi-pulse AC-DC converter is discussed and their comparative harmonic performance is analyzed.

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The line current THD of the 12-pulse converter, normally do not satisfy the harmonic requirement as specified by IEEE 519 standard, whereas, the 18-pulse converters have better harmonic. Further, the 24-pulse and higher number of pulses provide a good harmonic profile. Detailed design, performance analysis, and comparative evaluation of multi-pulse AC-DC converter based on isolated fork-transformer, and isolated Tconnected transformer have been presented.

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And these are the references.

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