

Harmonics - Effects on Pump Drive Applications

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PRESENTATION AGENDA

- What are Harmonics?
- Why are Harmonics a Concern?
- What causes Harmonics?
- IEEE 519
- Harmonic Solutions

What are **HARMONICS?**

WHAT ARE HARMONICS?

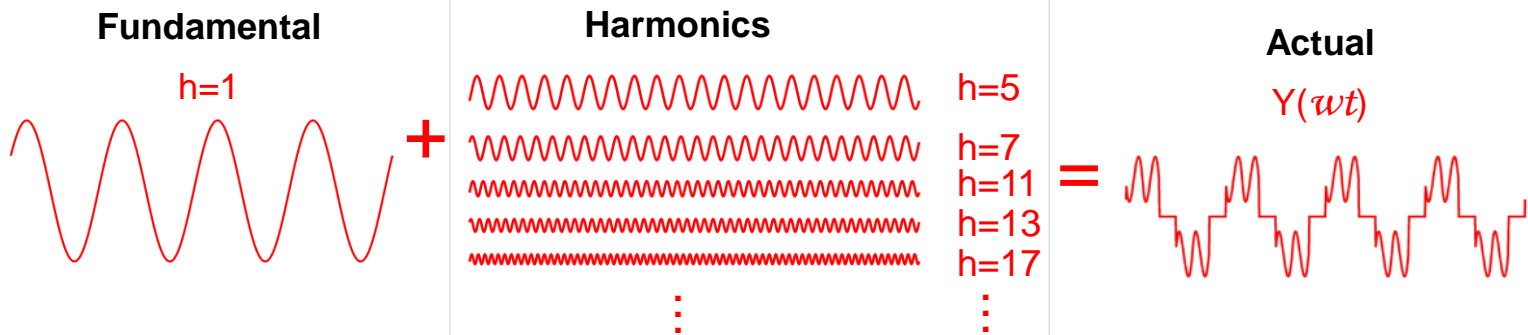
Fourier Series

Any **periodic** waveform can be expressed as an infinite sum of sine waves in **integral** multiples called "**harmonics**".

$$Y(\omega t) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} [c_h \sin(h\omega t + \phi_h)]$$



Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier
(21 March 1768 – 16 May 1830)



DRIVES & HARMONICS

BEFORE DRIVES...
EVERYTHING WAS SINUSOIDAL

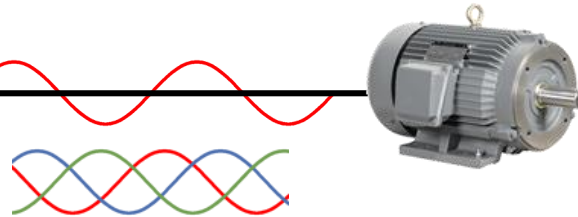
SUPPLY LINE

- Provides sinewave voltage which the motor likes

MOTOR

- Draws sinewave current which the supply likes.

MOTORS RAN
DIRECTLY
ACROSS-THE-
LINE



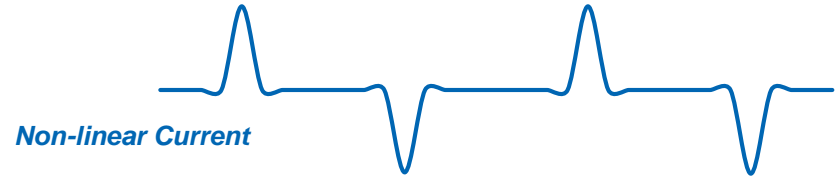
HARMONICS OVERVIEW

WHAT ARE HARMONICS?

Voltage is typically supplied as a sine wave.



Current Waveform \neq Voltage Waveform
Current waveform is non-linear.



Harmonics occur whenever the current waveform is distorted.
Distortion \rightarrow Harmonics

BENEFITS OF DRIVES

- Electric AC Motors
 - Consume 45% of the World's Electrical Energy
- Main Purpose of Drives
 - Save Energy (Power)
- Other Advantages
 - Improved Efficiency
 - Improved Process Control
 - Reduced Maintenance on Mechanical Couplings



BENEFITS OF DRIVES

ACROSS THE LINE



1 Pump Across the Line

100% Speed → 100% Flow
= 100% Power

MOTOR RUN BY A DRIVE



70% speed → 49% Torque

Total Power = 34%
66% Power Reduction

HARMONICS, Why the Concern?

HARMONICS OVERVIEW

WHY THE CONCERN?

CAUSE

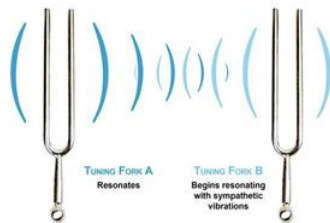
Harmonic currents create heat (power loss)



EFFECT

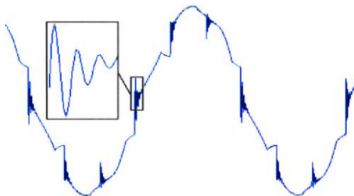
Power losses in transformers, wiring and other components on the power line

Unchecked harmonics may lead to resonance with line inductance & capacitance



Resonance creates poor reliability, premature failure, and greater cost in maintenance and parts

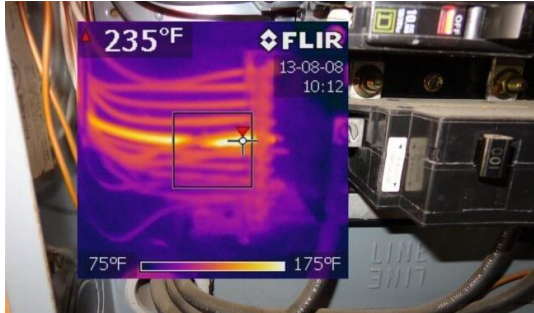
Excessive harmonics distorts input voltage



Electrical equipment may operate erratically, fault, or even prematurely fail

HARMONICS OVERVIEW

WHY CARE?



**Additional Cooling required
due to added heating**

**LOWER EFFICIENCY
HIGHER OPERATING COSTS**



**Oversizing of transformers
and other equipment**

**HIGHER STARTUP
REPLACEMENT COSTS**



**Charges or penalties from
high harmonics, low power factor**

**COSTLY POST INSTALL
CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

IEEE 519 Guidelines

IEEE 519

From IEEE 519, 1.2 Purpose:

“This standard is to be used for guidance in the design of power systems with non-linear loads.”

Reduce electrical interference between electrical equipment (i.e., LOWER harmonics).

HARMONIC VOLTAGE LIMITS

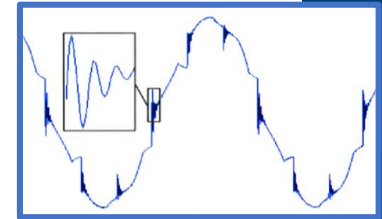
5.1 Voltage distortion limits

At the PCC, system owners or operators shall limit line-to-neutral voltage harmonics as follows:

- Daily 99th percentile very short time (3 s) values shall be less than 1.5 times the values given in Table 1.
- Weekly 95th percentile short time (10 min) values shall be less than the values given in Table 1.

Table 1—Voltage distortion limits

Bus voltage V at PCC	Individual harmonic (%) $h \leq 50$	Total harmonic distortion THD (%)
$V \leq 1.0$ kV	5.0	8.0
1 kV $< V \leq 69$ kV	3.0	5.0
69 kV $< V \leq 161$ kV	1.5	2.5
161 kV $< V$	1.0	1.5 ^a



CURRENT DISTORTION LIMITS

All values shall be in percent of the maximum demand load current, I_L and shall be established at the PCC. Table 2 applies to harmonic currents whose frequencies are integer multiples of the power frequency.

Table 2—Current distortion limits for systems rated 120 V through 69 kV

Most aggressive level.

Very common. Adding reactor could be enough.

Maximum harmonic current distortion in percent of I_L						
Individual harmonic order ^b						
I_{sc}/I_L	$2 \leq h < 11^a$	$11 \leq h < 17$	$17 \leq h < 23$	$23 \leq h < 35$	$35 \leq h \leq 50$	TDD
< 20 ^c	4.0	2.0	1.5	0.6	0.3	5.0
20 < 50	7.0	3.5	2.5	1.0	0.5	8.0
50 < 100	10.0	4.5	4.0	1.5	0.7	12.0
100 < 1000	12.0	5.5	5.0	2.0	1.0	15.0
> 1000	15.0	7.0	6.0	2.5	1.4	20.0

PCC EXCERPT



“The limits given in this document are based on assumptions that are technically justifiable at the PCC between the system owner/operator and user. These assumptions, and therefore the limits in this document, are not necessarily valid at any other point in the power system. For this reason, the limits given in this document are not intended to be used for the evaluation of equipment.”



Limits Apply Only at the PCC, NOT:

- Specific Equipment
- Locations Within User’s Facility

HARMONIC SOLUTIONS

REDUCING VFD HARMONICS

VFD Harmonics Mitigation

- DC Reactor (DC Link Choke)
 - Maintains Current Draw
- Multi-pulse Rectifiers
 - Draws Current More Often
- Active Front End
 - Forces Current Draw by Boosting DC Bus

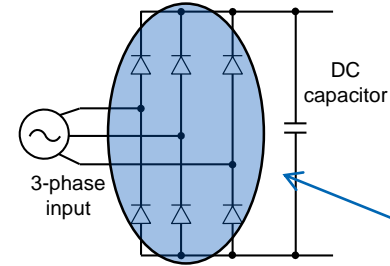
Low-harmonics VFD Design

- AC-to-AC Design Creates Sinusoidal Current

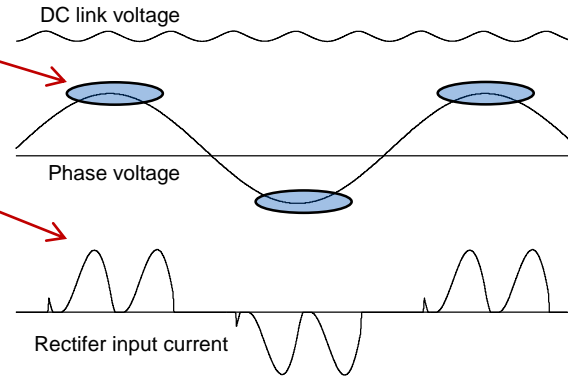
6-PULSE / STANDARD DRIVES

Goal: Charge the DC Bus

- Charges DC Bus: AC > DC
- Only Occurs at Peaks of AC Waveform
- Result is Non-Linear Current
- Input iTHD = 80%+



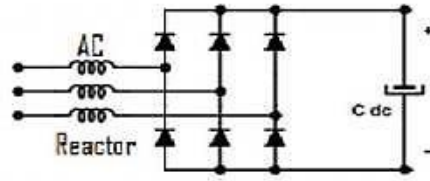
Diode Bridge



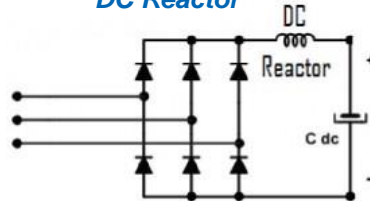
VFD WITH INDUCTOR

- Two Inductor Connection Types
- Inductors Suppress Change
 - $V = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$
- Current Holds Back at Start
- Current Will Continue to Flow Once Started
- Input iTHD: 30-40%

AC Reactor



DC Reactor



Standard

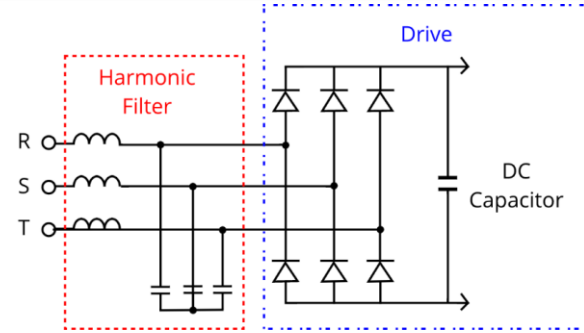


w/Reactor

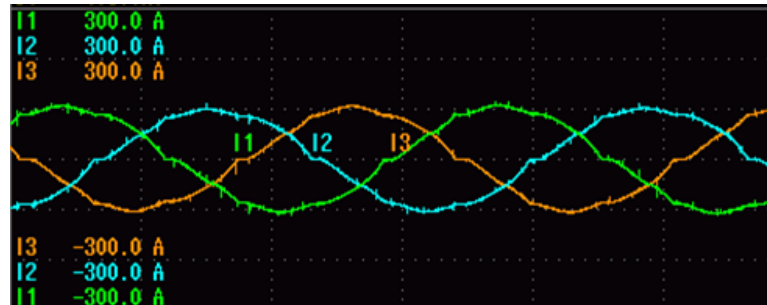


HARMONIC FILTERS

- Shift Power Burden to Filter
- Provides Isolation From Source
- Constantly Draws Current From Line
- Harmonics Between Filter and Drive
- Input iTHD: ~5%
- Negatives:
 - Lower Efficiency
 - Not Reliable
 - Causes OV Faults



Input Current



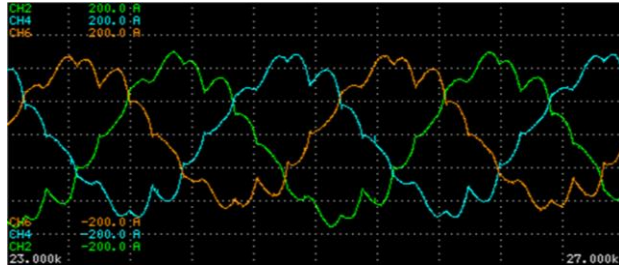
12-PULSE

Add Transformer

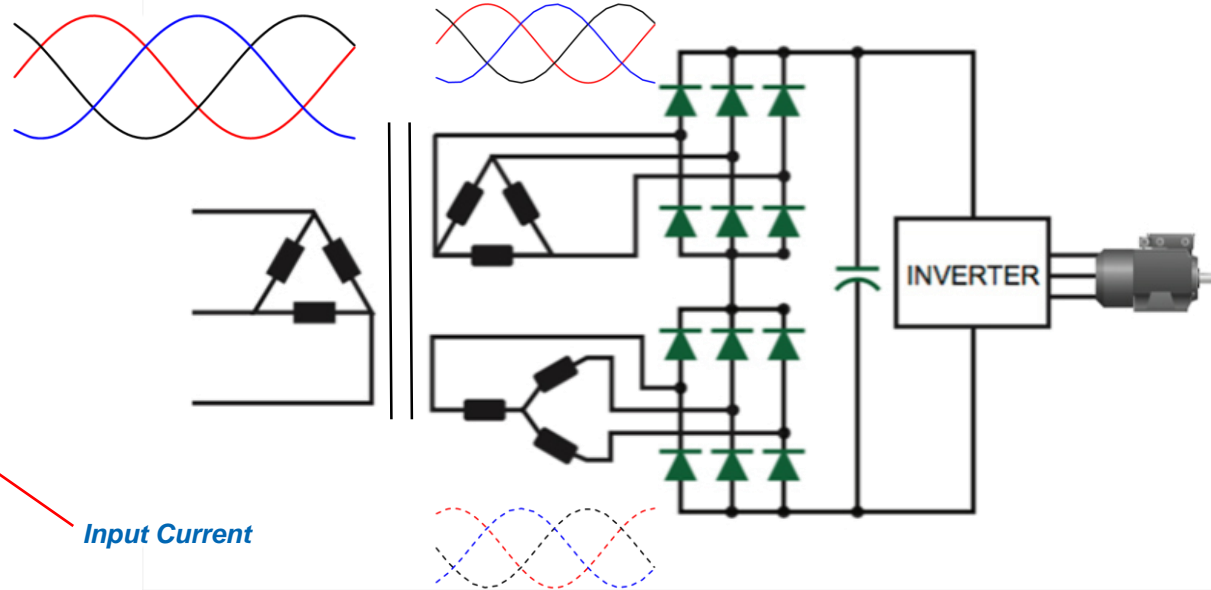
- Phase Shift to Voltage
- 2 Sets of 3-Phase Voltage

Extra Set of Diodes

- Conducts Each Set of 3-Phase Power



Input Voltage



Input Current

ACTIVE FRONT END (AFE)

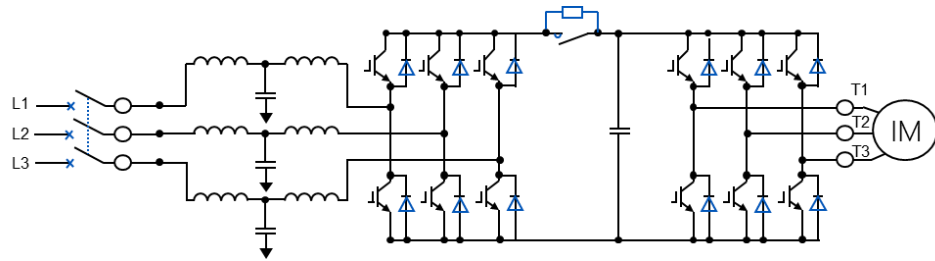
Input Switches Constantly ON/OFF

- Changes How Drive Sees Voltage
- Current Can't Just Stop
- Flows Through Different Phase

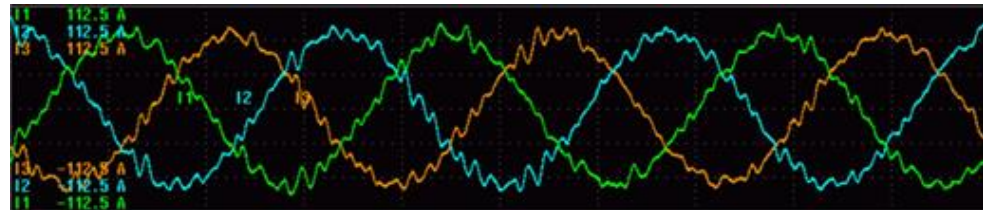
Results

- Boosted Voltage on Bus
- Continuous Current Draw
- Input iTHD: $\leq 5\%$

All-in-One Active Front End



Input Current



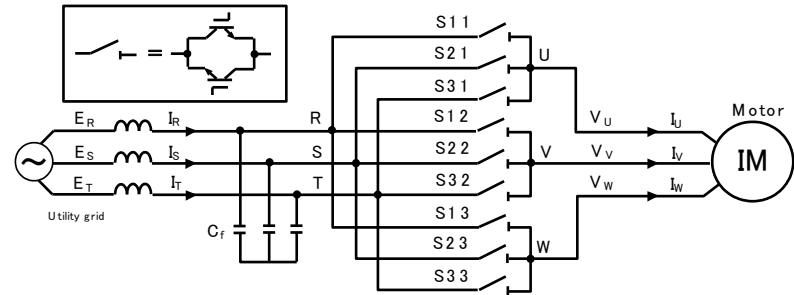
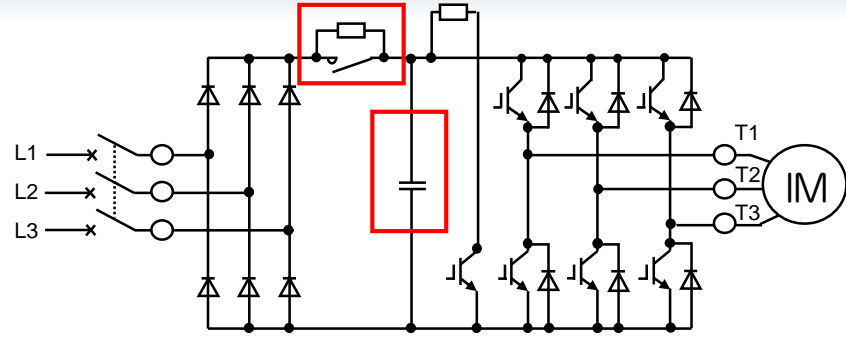
Matrix Drive vs. Conventional Drive

Conventional Drives

- Large Amounts of Capacitance
- Pre-Charge Contactor

Matrix Drives

- AC to AC = No Large Capacitors
- No Large Caps = No Pre-Charge Circuit
- Input iTHD: $\leq 5\%$
- Lowest harmonic levels at reduced speeds





HARMONICS PERFORMANCE

COMPARISON DETAILS

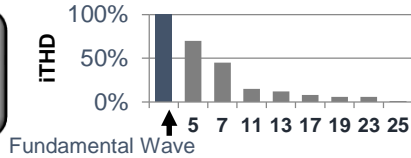
Rated Power Operation

Current Harmonics

Current Waveform

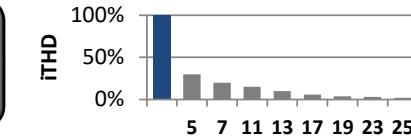
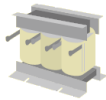
Current Distortion

True Power Factor



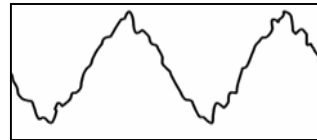
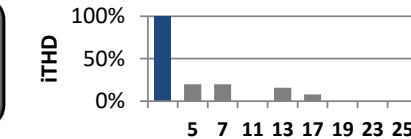
88%

0.75



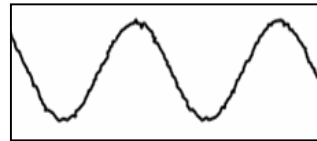
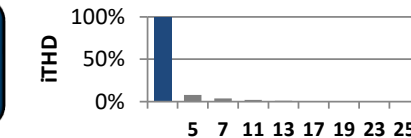
33%

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6 to 12%

0.95



3 to 5%

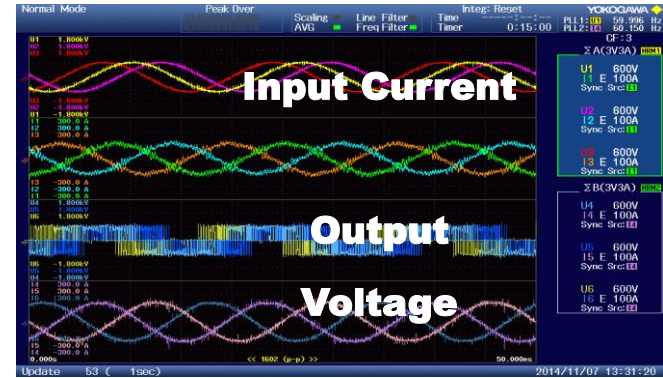
0.98

LOWEST HARMONIC SOLUTIONS

Matrix/AFE Drive

- Two types of drives with best harmonic mitigation
- Simple installation – 3 wires in / 3 wires out
- Both drives achieve IEEE 519
- Both drives get to 5% or lower harmonic distortion
- No additional components adding size or points of failure

Consult your local drive representative for more information



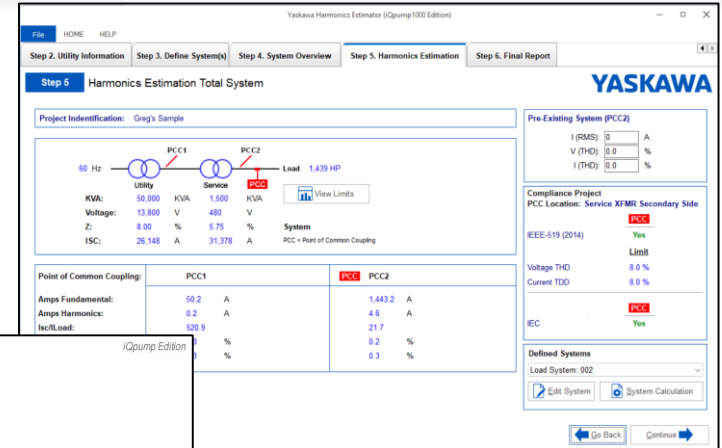
WE CAN HELP

Summary

- This doesn't need to be scary
- Manufacturers are here to guide you
- Manufacturers have made this number crunching easy

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