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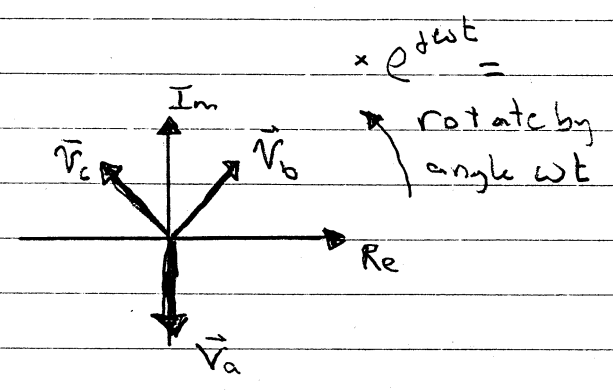
★★ 3 Phase Systems

3 sources (V_a, V_b, V_c) separated by 120° in phase ($\frac{2\pi}{3}$ rad)

e.g. $V_a = V_s \sin(\omega t)$
 $V_b = V_s \sin(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3})$
 $V_c = V_s \sin(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3})$

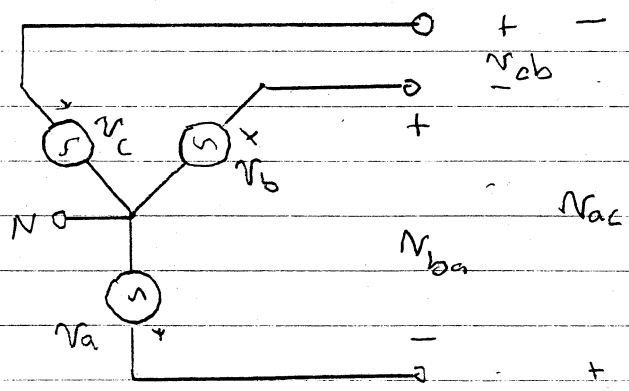
Represented as phasors:

$$V_x(t) = \text{Re} \{ \vec{V}_x e^{j\omega t} \}$$

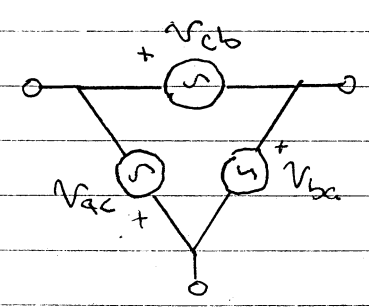


Connection of 3 ϕ sources

most common: Y

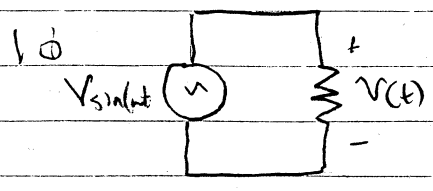


Δ Connected (no neutral)



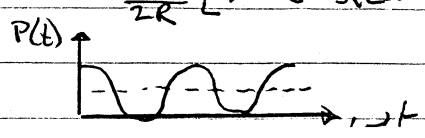
why 3 ϕ ?

1. Constant Power Sourcing



$$P(t) = \frac{V^2(t)}{R} = \frac{V_s^2}{R} \sin^2(\omega t)$$

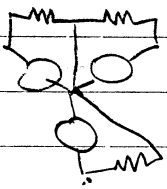
$$= \frac{V_s^2}{2R} [1 - \cos(2\omega t)]$$



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1 ϕ :

Even at unity power factor, instantaneous power fluctuates between zero + twice average at double the line frequency (no const. power out). Makes sense: can't get power when voltage is zero. This is bad for supplying power to machines, rectifiers, etc. which would like to draw const power, + must buffer the fluctuations (via. inertia, capacitance, etc.)



$$3\phi \text{ solves this: } P_{\text{Tot}} = \frac{V_s^2}{R} \left[\sin^2(\omega t) + \sin^2\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + \sin^2\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \right]$$

$$P_{\text{Tot}} = \frac{V_s^2}{2R} \left[3 + \underbrace{\cos(2\omega t) + \cos\left(2\omega t - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) + \cos\left(2\omega t + \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)}_{3\phi \text{ set cancels}} \right]$$

$$P_{\text{Tot}} = \frac{3V_s^2}{2R}$$

\therefore 3 ϕ sets can deliver constant total output power without fluctuations!

(note: 2 ϕ sets can as well, since $\sin^2(\omega t) + \cos^2(\omega t) = 1$!)

2. Neutral wire return not needed: unlike 2 ϕ power, one can deliver 3 ϕ power w/o the need for a neutral return. So 3 wires are needed for both 2 ϕ + 3 ϕ , but can deliver more power for same amount of wire cabling in 3 ϕ . \therefore Important for cost of utility lines.

3. 3 ϕ systems allow cancellation of all triplen harmonics (harmonics that are multiples of 3). How?

If I take a waveform (not necessarily sinusoidal)

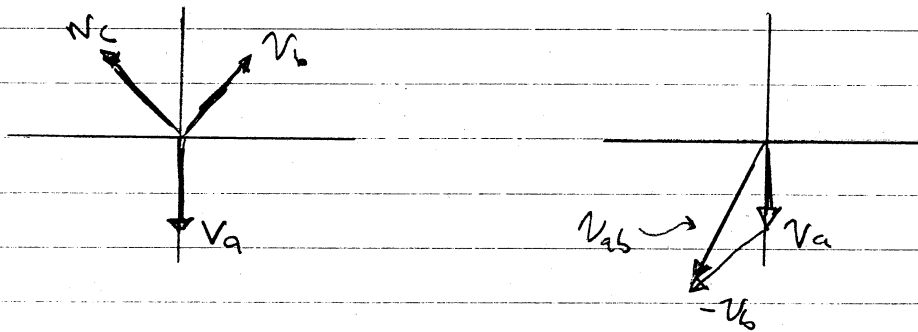
$$f(t) = \sum a_n \sin(n\omega t + \phi_n) \text{ and shift it by } \pm \frac{1}{3} \left(\pm \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ radians of fundamental} = 120^\circ \right)$$

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The \pm shifted waveforms will have fundamentals that differ by $120^\circ = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ radians. $3n$ harmonics will be shifted by $3n \times 120^\circ = n \times 360^\circ$. Thus, if we take the difference of the shifted waveforms, (e.g. $b-a$), the $3n$ harmonics will drop out!

Thus, no even harmonics, $3n$'s gone, $5^{th}, 7^{th}, 11^{th}, 13^{th}$ lowest harmonics left. \rightarrow great!

line-line voltages can be vector constructed from line-neutral



e.g. $V_{ab} = V_a - V_b = \sqrt{3} V_s \sin(\omega t - \pi/6)$

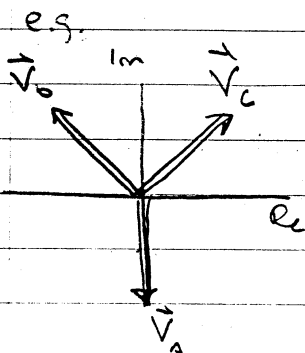
\rightarrow 120V l-n
 \rightarrow 208V l-l
 (rms)

• So l-l magnitude is scaled by $\sqrt{3}$

• l-l phase is shifted by $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (30°) from l-n

\rightarrow phase shift can be useful for converters fed from $\Delta/\Delta, \Delta/Y$ transformers, e.g. 12-pulse rectifiers

Given a 3D set of voltages, we can create a set with any phase relation we desire.



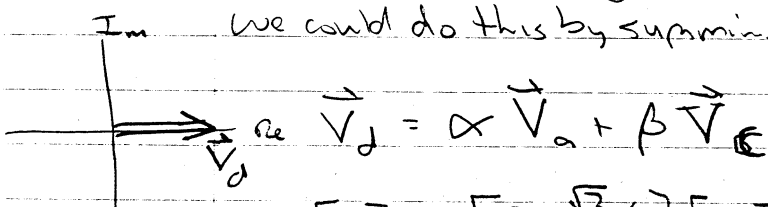
$$\begin{aligned}
 V_A(t) &= \text{Re} \left\{ \bar{V}_s e^{-j\pi/2} e^{j\omega t} \right\} \\
 V_B(t) &= \text{Re} \left\{ \bar{V}_s e^{j\pi/6} e^{j\omega t} \right\} \\
 V_C(t) &= \text{Re} \left\{ \bar{V}_s e^{j\pi/6} e^{j\omega t} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

In rectangular coordinates, we could represent

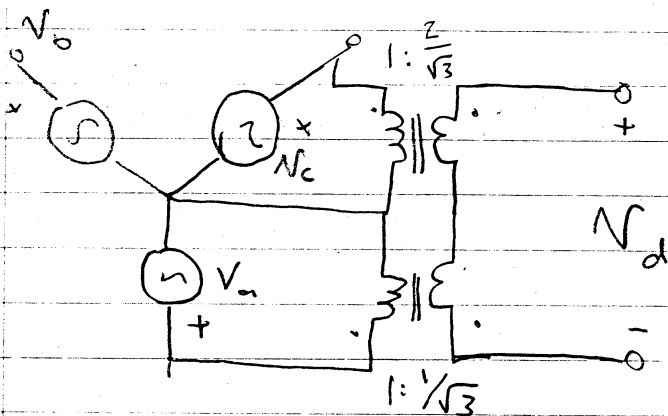
$$\vec{V}_a = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\frac{\pi}{2}) \\ \sin(-\frac{\pi}{2}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{V}_s$$

$$\vec{V}_c = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\pi}{6}) \\ \sin(\frac{\pi}{6}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \bar{V}_s$$

If we wanted to synthesize a phase \vec{V}_d with $\angle = 0$, $\|\vec{V}_d\| = \bar{V}_s$ we could do this by summing parts of \vec{V}_a, \vec{V}_c



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}$$



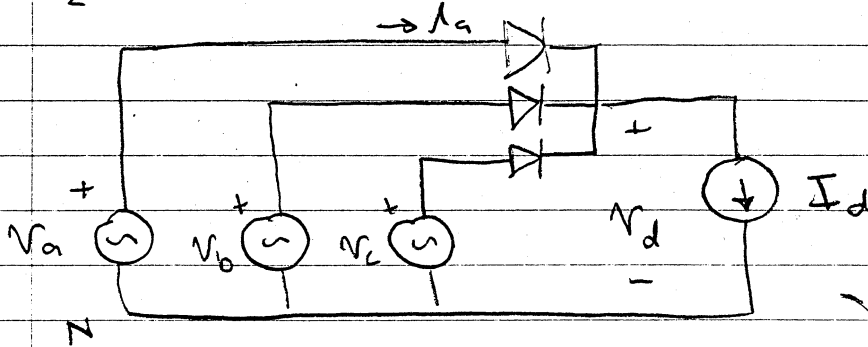
• We could similarly synthesize any other angle to other phases

• There are multiple ways to do this, since $\vec{V}_a, \vec{V}_b, \vec{V}_c$ are a linearly dependent set

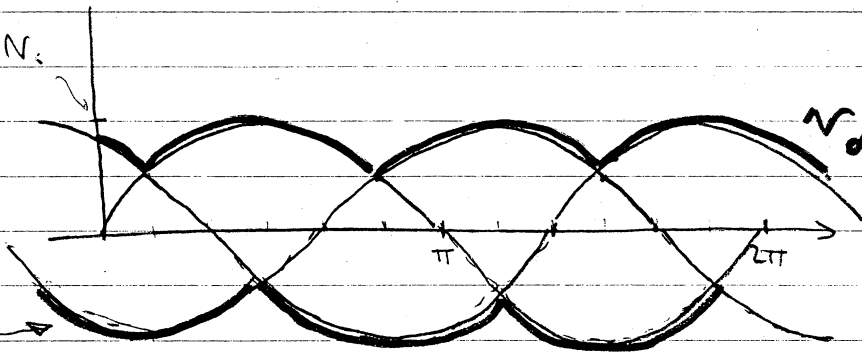
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★ 3 Phase Rectification

$\frac{1}{2}$ wave rectifier

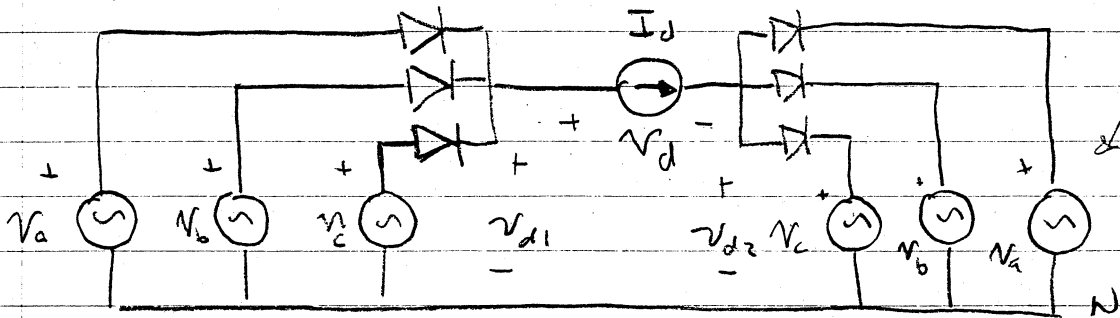


V_d is the diode "or" of the 3 voltages



3 V_{out} pulses / cycle

If we connect things negatively, we get other halves
 Connecting both together, we get the full-bridge rectifier:



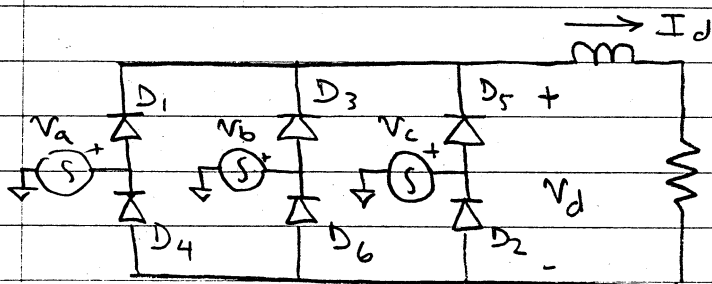
V_d is "most positive of $\{V_a, V_b, V_c\}$ - most negative of $\{V_a, V_b, V_c\}$ "

This is the same as the largest of $\{V_{ab}, V_{ac}, V_{bc}, V_{ba}, V_{ca}, V_{cb}\}$

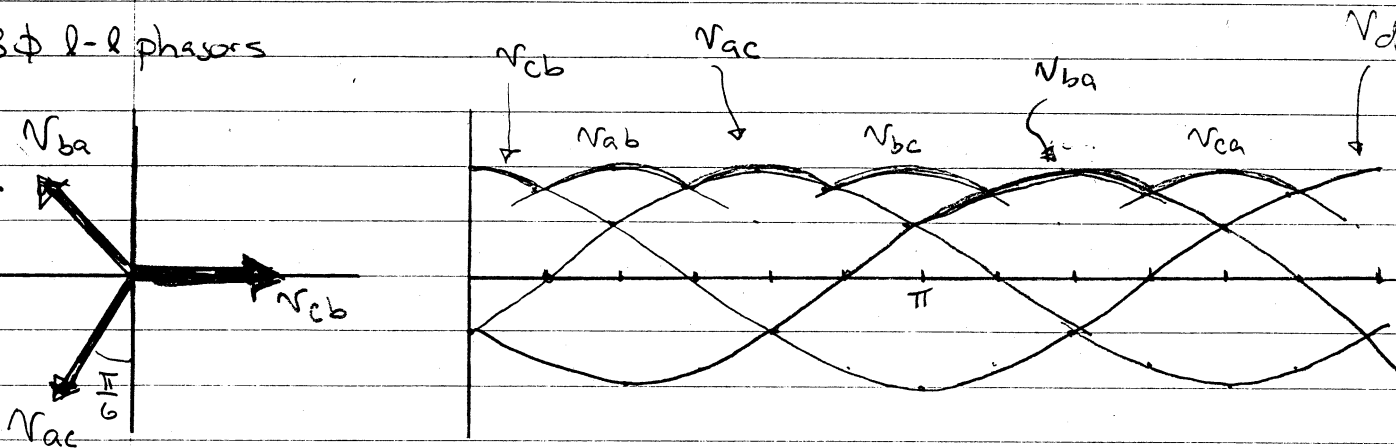
This "full-bridge" connection operates on line-to-line voltages!

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The full-bridge rectifier can be drawn as follows:

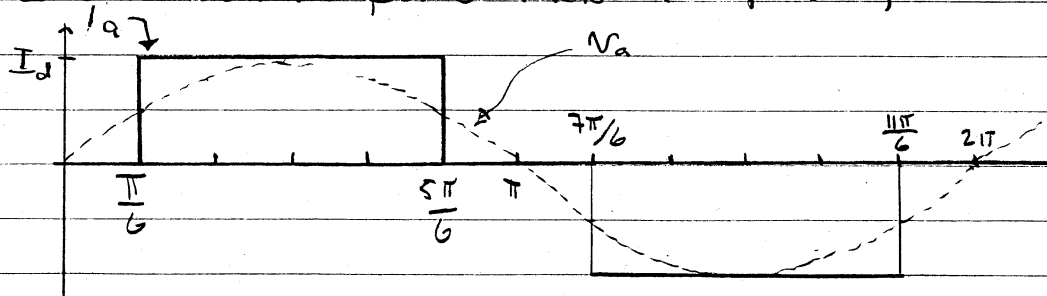


3φ l-l phases



NOTE: The bridge diodes are numbered in the order in which they conduct over the cycle. (eg: $D_1, D_2, D_2, D_3, D_3, D_4, D_4, D_5, D_5, D_6, D_6, \dots$)

We can calculate power factor (for phase A, for example)



$$V_{a,rms} = \frac{V_s}{\sqrt{2}} \quad I_{a,rms} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} I_d$$

$$\langle P \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\pi/6}^{5\pi/6} V_s I_d \sin(\varphi) d\varphi = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} V_s I_d$$

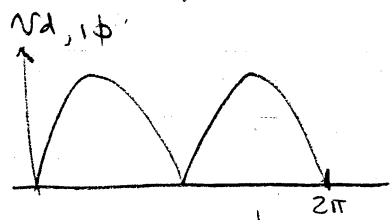
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$$K_p = \frac{\langle P \rangle}{V_{rms} I_{rms}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} V_s I_d \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{V_s I_d} \right) = \frac{3}{\pi} \approx 0.96$$

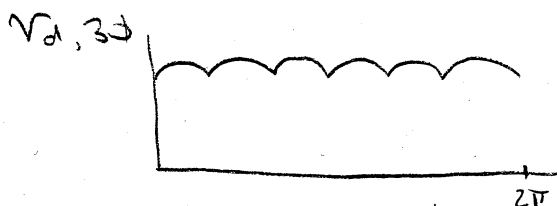
(compare to 0.91 for a 1 ϕ bridge)

also 1 ϕ bridge \rightarrow 4 diodes
3 ϕ bridge \rightarrow only 6 diodes

ripple voltage is at $6 f_{line}$ not $2 f_{line} \Rightarrow$ easier to filter



Single phase rectifier

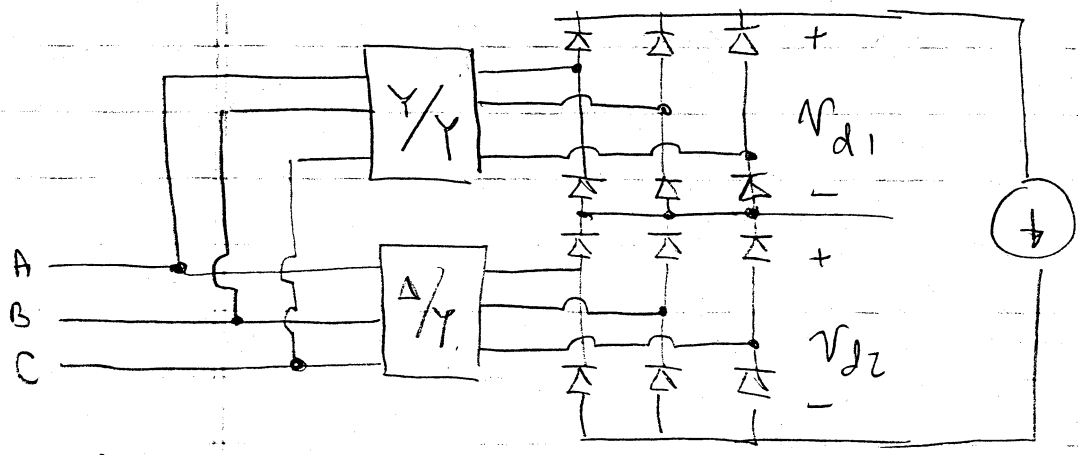


3 phase rectifier

the ripple-voltage magnitude is also smaller \Rightarrow easier to filter

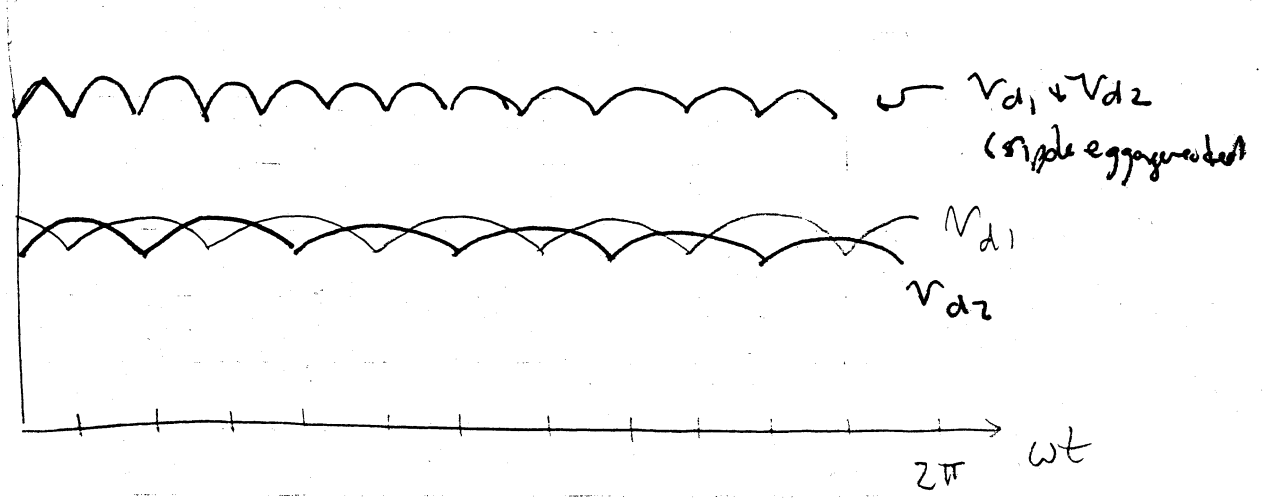
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Higher-order rectifiers

Suppose we use two phase-shifted transformer sets on series-stacked six-pulse bridges



The Y/Y, Δ/Y transformer sets generate equal voltage magnitudes, with a 30° phase difference between their 3φ outputs

Since all voltages are isolated, constant current in the bridges → the two six pulse bridges act independently
 Since input waveforms shifted by 30° ($\frac{T}{12}$) and output ripple is at 6x input frequency ($T_{\text{ripple}} = \frac{T}{6}$)
 Output ripple voltages are shifted by $T_{\text{ripple}}/2$ (30° fund, 150° 6th)



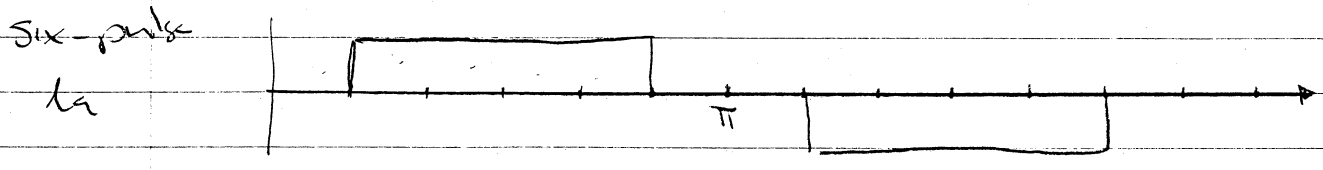
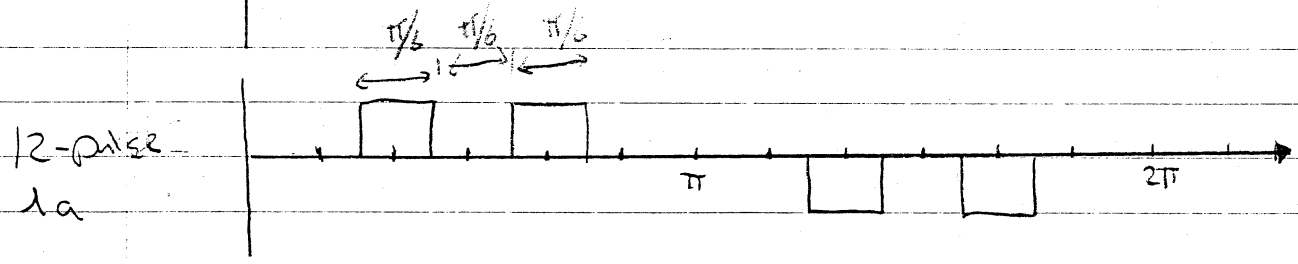
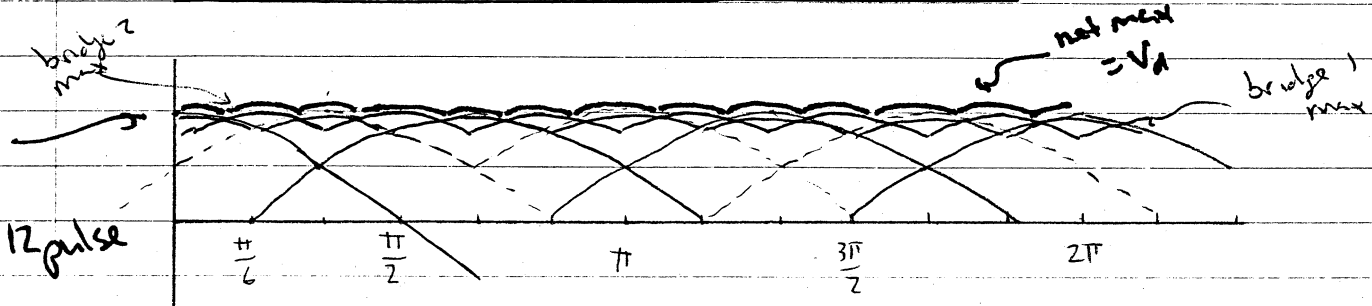
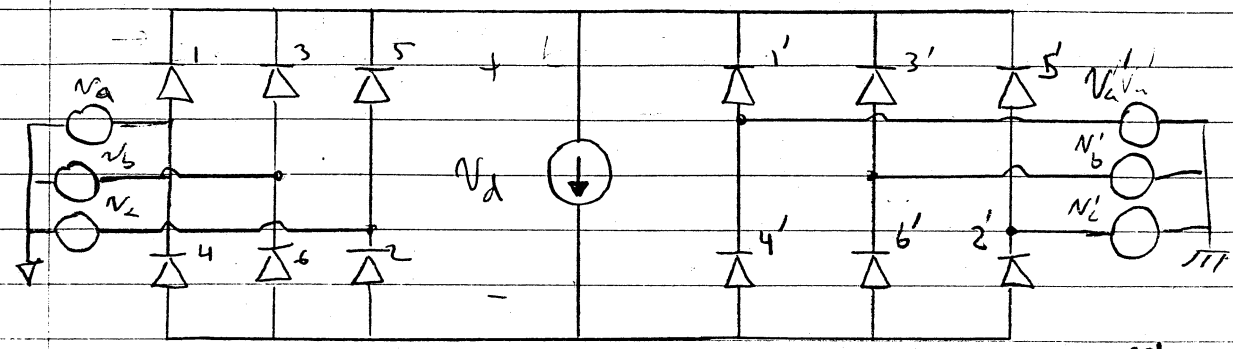
We have a 12-pulse rectifier! (fundamental ripple cancelled)

- smaller ripple magnitude
 - higher ripple frequency
- } easier output filter

→ net input current + power factor also improves

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consider parallel case (direct connection)



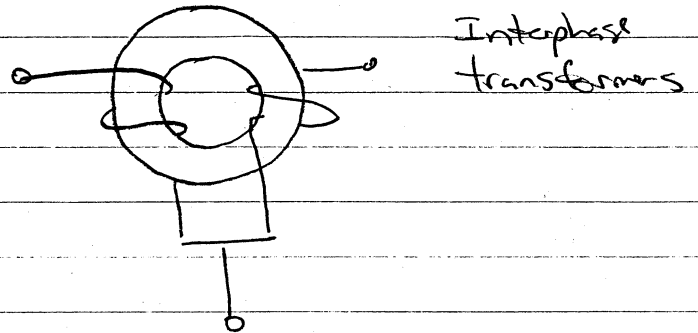
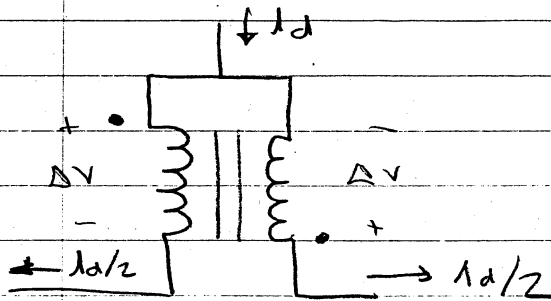
12 pulse $I_{d,rms} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot I_d^2} = \frac{I_d}{\sqrt{6}}$

6 pulse $I_{d,rms} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot I_d^2} = \frac{I_d}{\sqrt{3}}$

So 12 pulse, $I_{rms} \downarrow$ by $\sqrt{2}$, but twice as many devices
 → each device carries the full current for $\frac{1}{2}$ the time!
 (ohmic loss in devices, transformers, lines depend on RMS!)

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What we would like is to get the 12-pulse waveform with 2 bridges acting independently so each carries half the current



Interphase transformers

- Ideal:
 - Forces the current to split evenly
 - Forces the voltage at the output to be the average of 2 input voltages

What happens? → each bridge operates independently

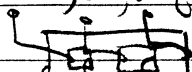
$$I_{d1, rms} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{I_d}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{I_d}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

- So we have 2x as many devices as a 6-pulse rectifier each of which carry half the rms current

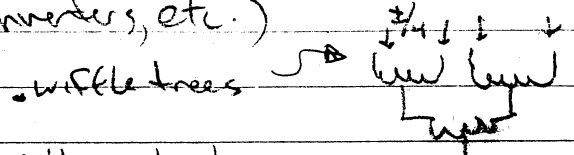
- The voltage is the average of 2 shifted 6-pulse waveforms, giving harmonic cancellation in the output voltage and the input current (as w/ series connection)

- This connection is often used for high-current systems (MIT tokamak, Rail road converters, etc.)

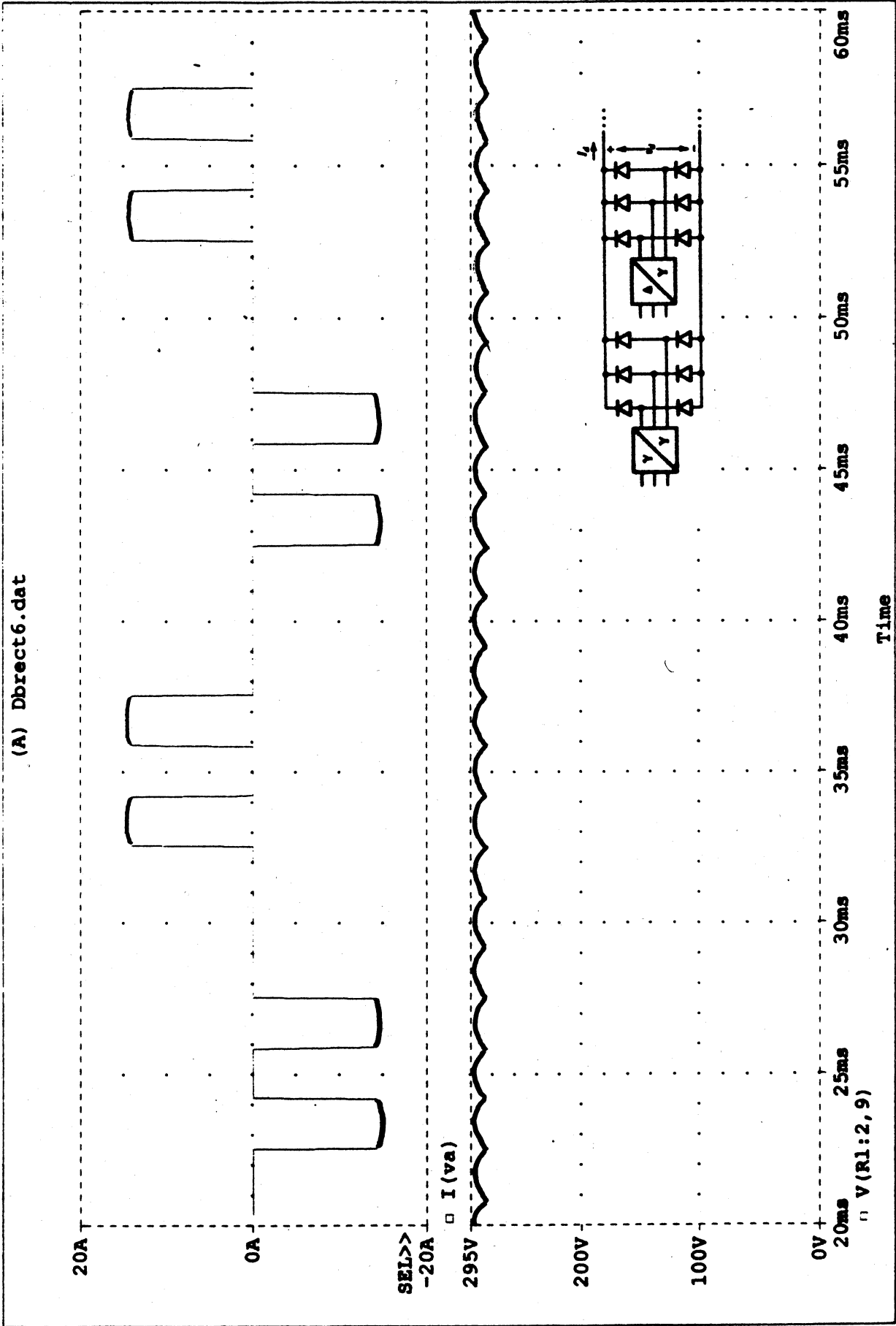
- Can extend to 18, 24, 36 pulse etc



← multileg interphase transformers



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