



# ENM061 - Power Electronic Converters

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## Lecture outline

### **The three-phase diode rectifier**

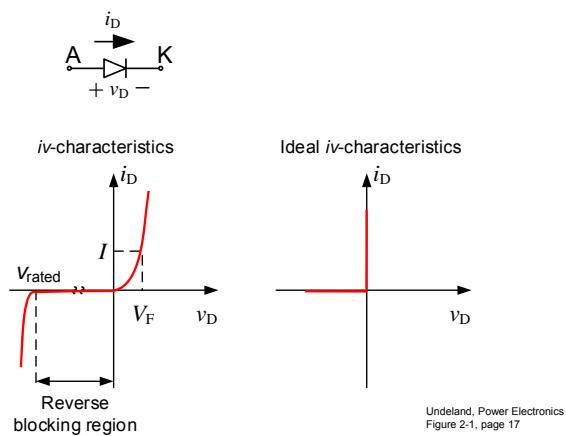
- Prerequisites for today's lecture
- Three-phase diode rectifier with current stiff load
- Impact of source inductance for current commutation
- Three-phase diode rectifier with voltage stiff load
- Practical implementation of a three-phase diode rectifier
- Summary

## Learning outcomes

- Fourier components and total harmonic distortion (THD) for basic waveforms.
- Operating principles of the most common active components (e.g. diode, thyristor, IGBT, and MOSFET) and passive components (e.g. capacitors, transformers and inductors).
- Operation of a pulse width modulation (PWM), the purpose of controlling the desired quantity and the need for a controller circuit within the power electronic converter.
- Analysis of ideal DC/DC converters (e.g. buck, boost, buck-boost, flyback, the forward, the push-pull, half-bridge and full-bridge converters) in CCM and DCM operation.
- Operating principles of single-phase and three-phase AC/DC inverters with different modulation strategies (e.g. PWM and square wave operation).
- Operation of multilevel converters (e.g. NPC, flying capacitor and MMC topologies) using current and voltage waveform analysis. Pros and Cons of the converter in terms of harmonics and losses.
- Operation of single- and three-phase diode rectifiers operating with voltage-stiff and current-stiff DC-side. Investigating the impact of line impedance within the converter circuit for current commutation.**
- Operation of single- and three-phase thyristor rectifiers operating with a current-stiff DC-side and the impact of line impedance for current commutation. Investigating the use of 6/12-pulse configurations.
- Identify simple power electronic converter schematics. Recognizing the different parts in a physical circuit on which basic wave-shape and efficiency measurements is performed.
- Loss calculation in passive and active components. Evaluating the temperature rise in the active components and choosing an appropriate heat-sink. Gaining a basic understanding of component life time.
- Utilizing the software Cadence PSpice to simulate basic power electronic circuits and the practical labs to have a firsthand experience of how real DC/DC converters operate.

## The Diode

- On and off states controlled by the power circuit





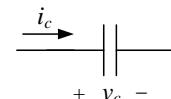
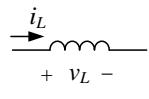
## Inductors and Capacitors

$$v_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt}$$

$$i_C = C \frac{dv_C}{dt}$$

$$i_L = i_L(t_1) + \frac{1}{L} \int v_L dt$$

$$v_C = v_C(t_1) + \frac{1}{C} \int i_C dt$$



Average and RMS current and voltage?

Current stiff component

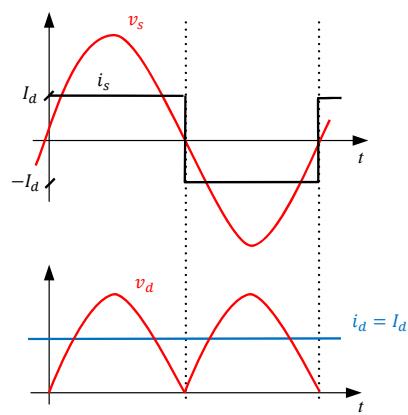
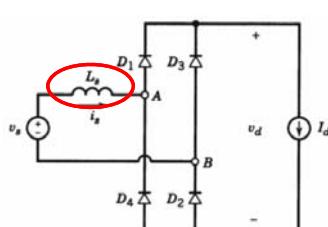
Average and RMS current and voltage?

Voltage stiff component



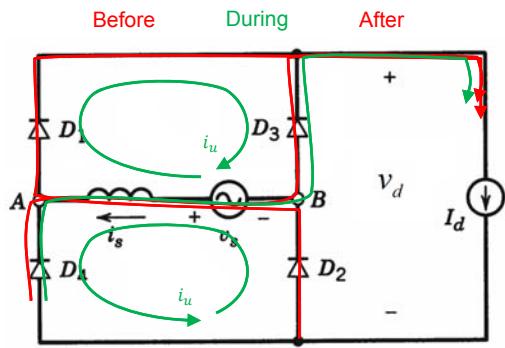
## Single-Phase Diode Rectifier Current-Stiff Load

- Full-rectification without source inductance ( $L_s=0$ )



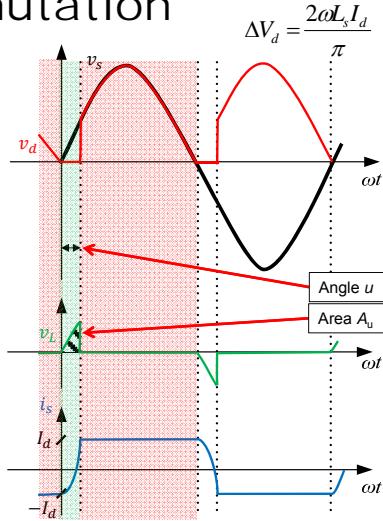
## Diode Rectifier with Inductive Load Current Commutation

- Full rectifier (slightly redrawn) with source inductance ( $L_s \neq 0$ )



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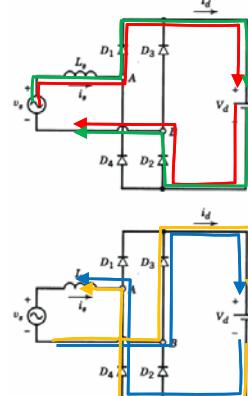


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## Diode Rectifier With DC-Side Voltage

- Full rectifier with source inductance ( $L_s \neq 0$ )



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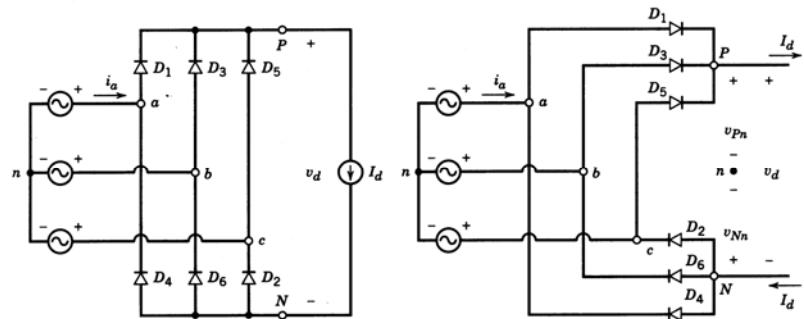
- No current commutation since the current is zero when the polarity changes!

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## Three-phase Rectifier

- If all 3-phase AC-voltages are available – use a 3-phase rectifier which provides less harmonics and higher PF than a 1-phase.



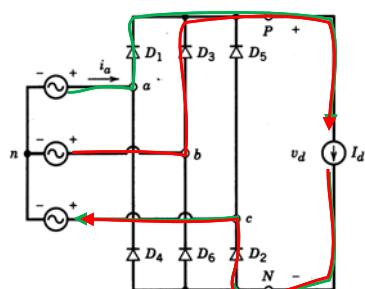
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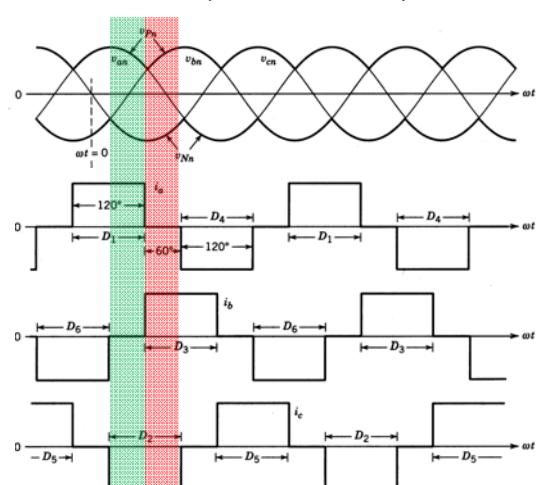
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## Waveforms in a Three-phase Rectifier with Inductive Load (Positive)

EX: *show current paths*



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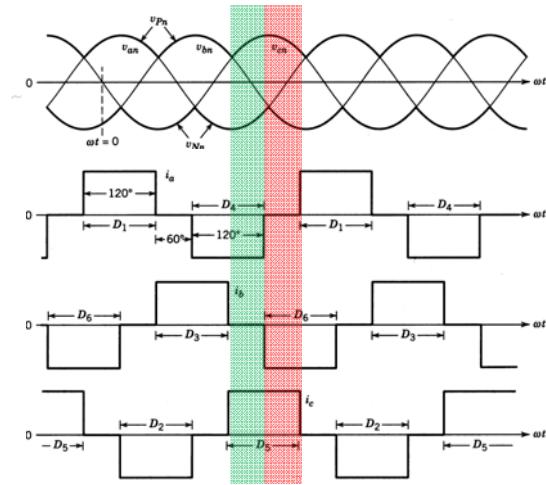
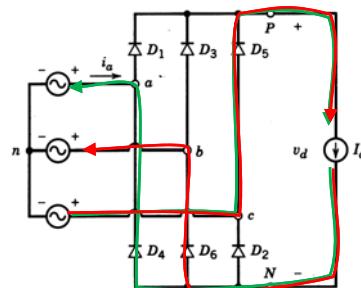


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## Waveforms in a Three-phase Rectifier with Inductive Load (Negative)

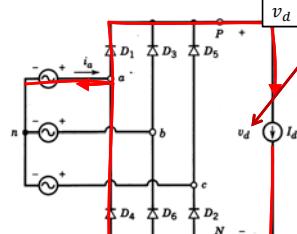
EX: show current paths



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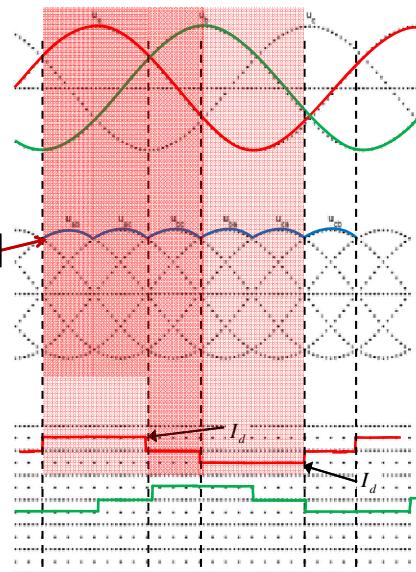
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## Waveforms in a 3-phase Rectifier with Inductive Load The Dot-paper



- Each small dot:  $5^\circ$
- Each large dot:  $15^\circ$

EX: estimate  $v_d$  and  $i_a$

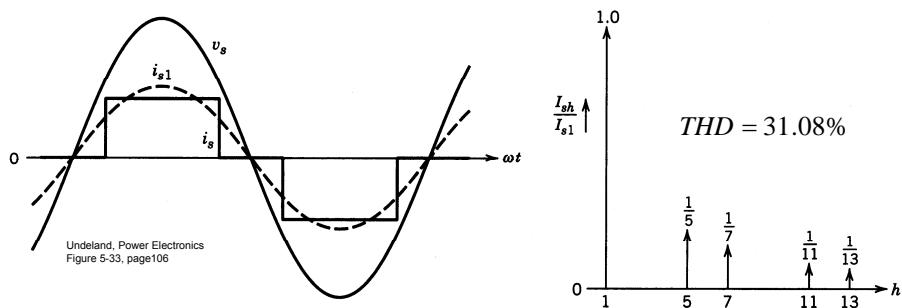


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## Three-phase Rectifier Inductive Load and Input Line Current

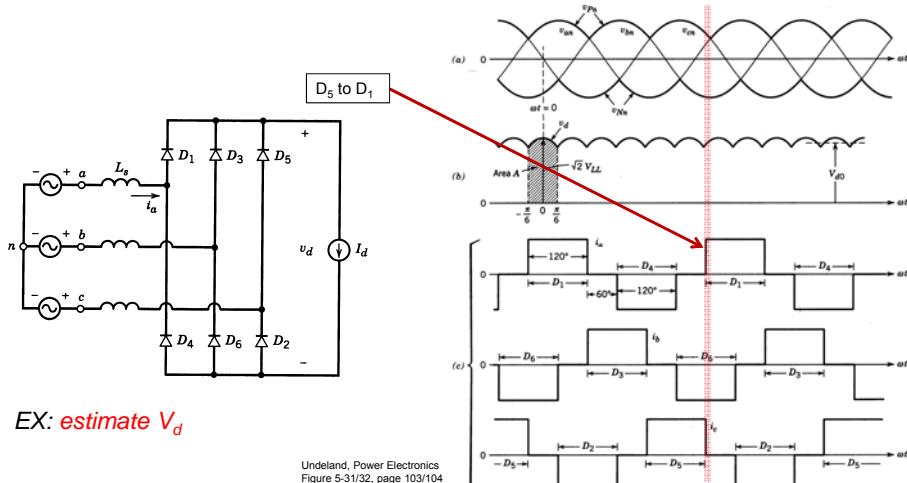
- Quasi-square wave shaped source current – all odd harmonics that are multiples of 3 are canceled out



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## Three-phase Rectifier with Inductive Load – Impact of Source Inductance



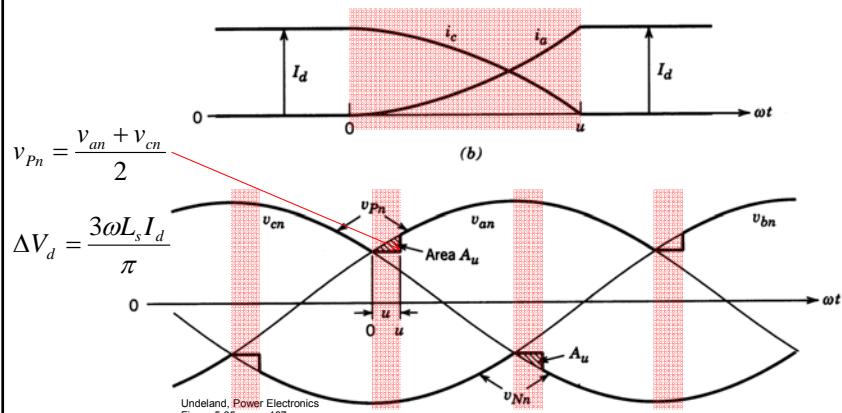
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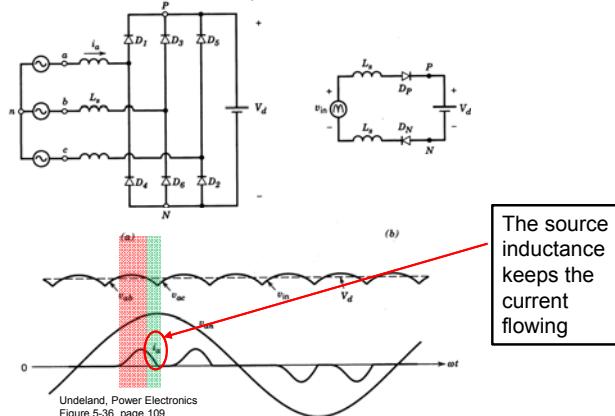
## Three-phase Rectifier with Inductive Load – Current Commutation

- The output voltage is reduced with an area  $A_u$  during the commutation  
*EX: estimate voltage reduction and the commutation angle*



## Three-phase Rectifier with Voltage Stiff DC-side

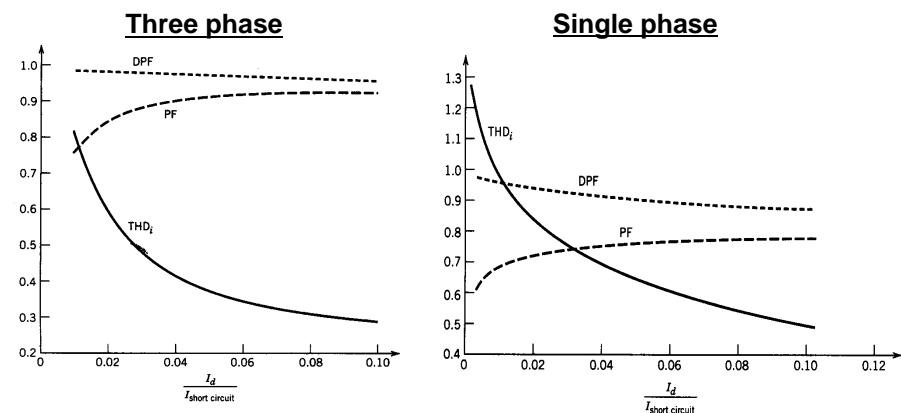
- The source current will only flow when the output voltage (line to line voltage) exceeds the DC-voltage ( $V_d$ )



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## Diode Rectifier With DC-Side Voltage THD, PF and DPF



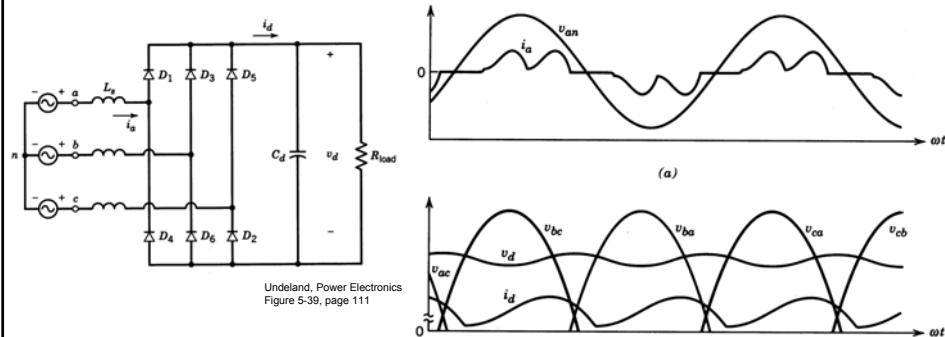
- Very high THD at low currents but with lower THD and higher PF for the three-phase case than the single-phase case

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## Three-phase Rectifier Practical Implementation

- A large DC-link capacitor represents the constant voltage load
- Even a small source inductance will result in a continuously flowing ( $i_d$ )  
=> A simulation software necessary to analyze the circuit

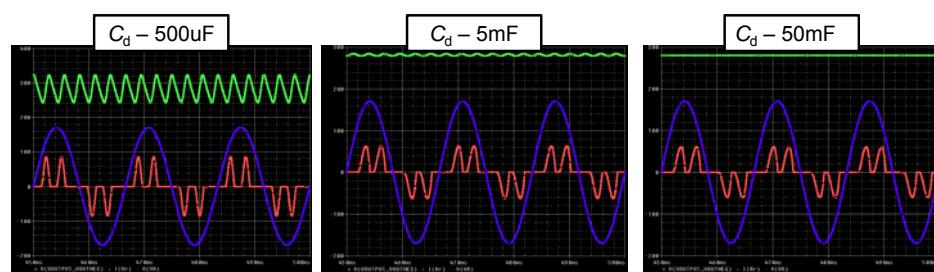
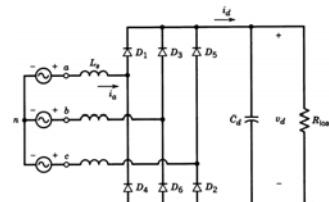


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## Three-phase Rectifier Practical Implementation

- The value of the DC-link capacitor will determine the output voltage ripple.



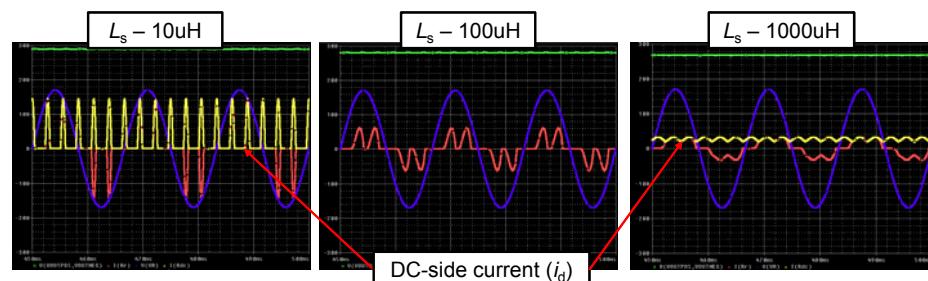
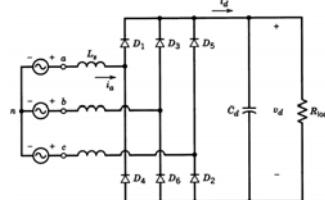
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# Three-phase Rectifier

## Practical Implementation

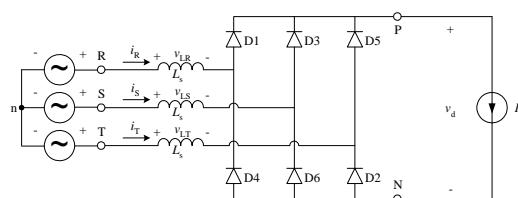
- The value of the source inductance will determine the shape of the source current.



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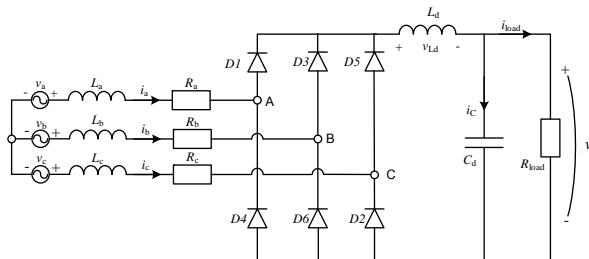


- With  $L_s = 0$ , calculate the average and RMS diode current in terms of  $I_d$
- With  $L_s = 0$ , calculate the average output voltage if the input voltage is symmetrical with a line to line RMS value of 200 V.
- For  $L_s = 2 \text{ mH}$ ,  $V_{LL} = 208 \text{ V}$  @60Hz and  $I_d = 10 \text{ A}$ , calculate (derive expression) for the commutation angle
- Estimate the output power reduction (input power factor) due to the input inductance

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## PSpice 6



$L_d$  and  $C_d$  decides if the load is of voltage or current stiff type

- Plot current and voltage waveforms
- Calculate the total power loss in the diodes
- Impact of source inductance on commutation and output voltage for the two types of loads

## Summary

- Three-phase diode rectifier with current stiff load
- Impact of source inductance on current commutation
- Three-phase diode rectifier with voltage stiff load
- Practical implementation of a three-phase diode rectifier
- Comparison with single-phase diode rectifier
- Learning outcome:
  - ❖ Operation of a three-phase diode rectifiers operating with voltage-stiff and current-stiff DC-side. Investigating the impact of line impedance within the converter circuit for current commutation.