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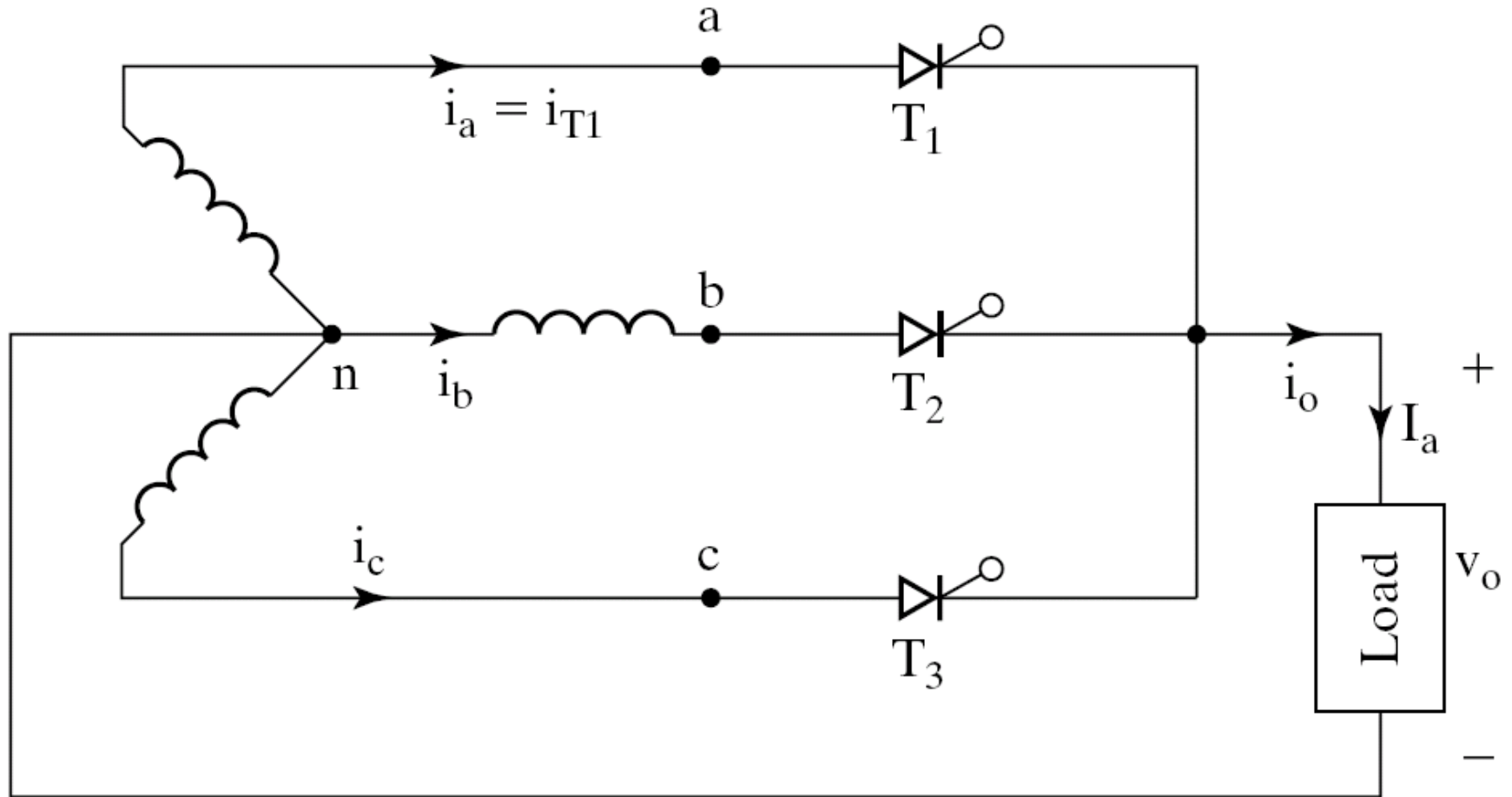
- Operate from 3 phase ac supply voltage.
- They provide higher dc output voltage.
- Higher dc output power.
- Higher output voltage ripple frequency.
- Filtering requirements are simplified for smoothing out load voltage and load current.



- Extensively used in high power variable speed industrial dc drives.
- Three single phase half-wave converters can be connected together to form a three phase half-wave converter.

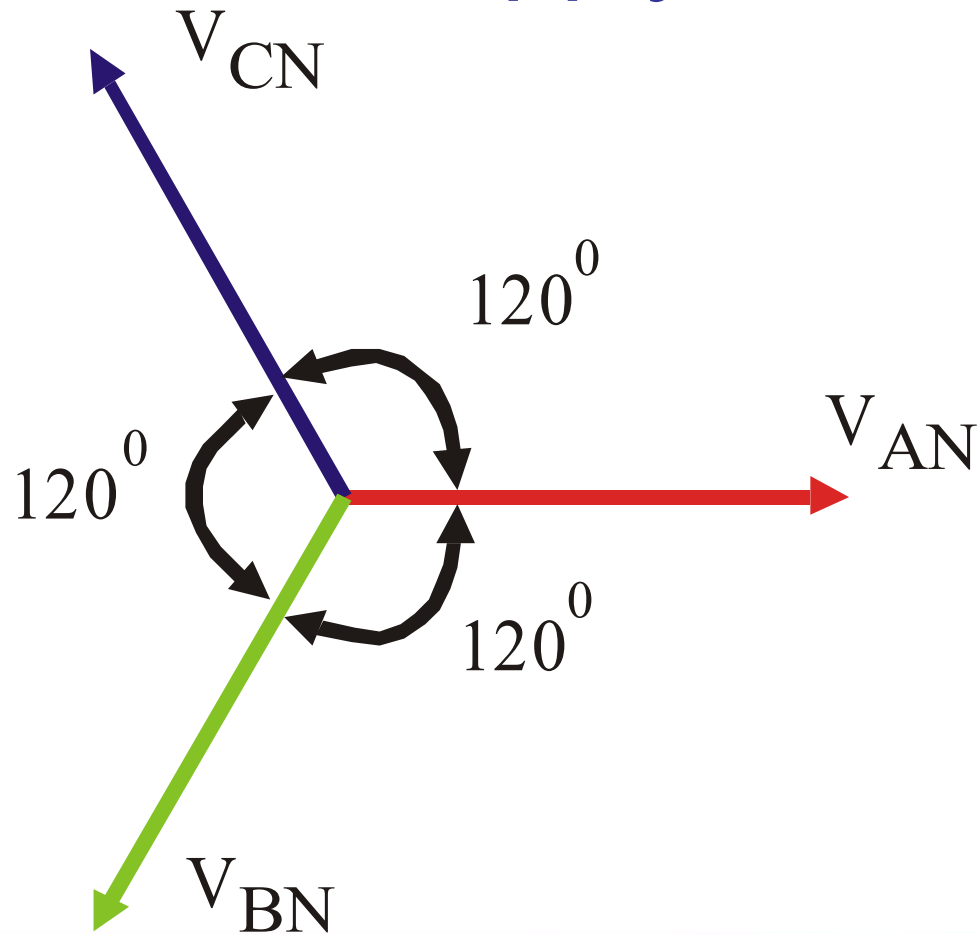


3-Phase Half Wave Converter (3-Pulse Converter) with RL Load Continuous & Constant Load Current Operation





Vector Diagram of 3 Phase Supply Voltages



$$v_{RN} = v_{AN}$$

$$v_{YN} = v_{BN}$$

$$v_{BN} = v_{CN}$$



3 Phase Supply Voltage Equations

We define three line to neutral voltages
(3 phase voltages) as follows



$$v_{RN} = v_{an} = V_m \sin \omega t;$$

$V_m =$ Max. Phase Voltage

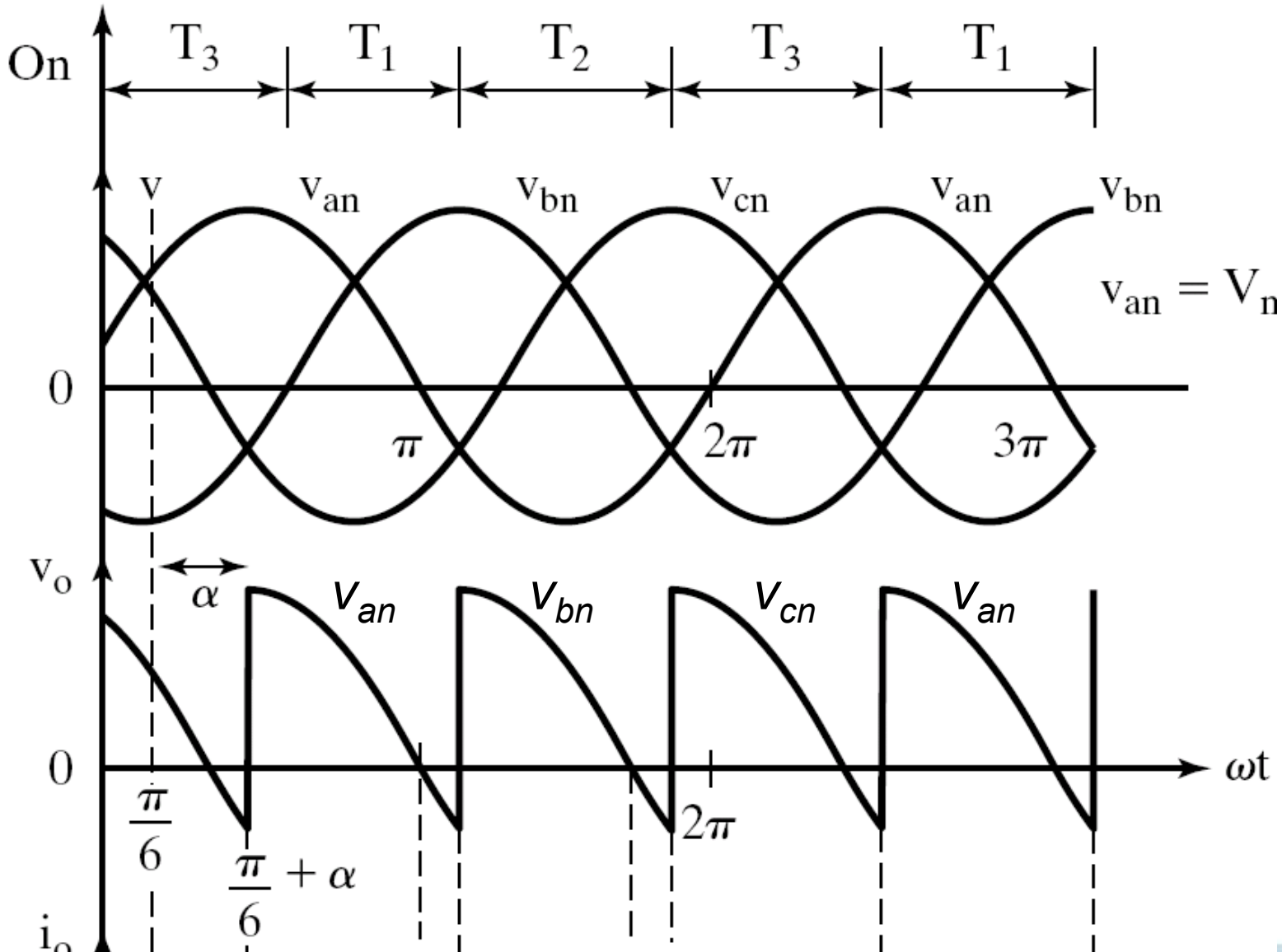
$$v_{YN} = v_{bn} = V_m \sin \left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= V_m \sin \left(\omega t - 120^\circ \right)$$

$$v_{BN} = v_{cn} = V_m \sin \left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= V_m \sin \left(\omega t + 120^\circ \right)$$

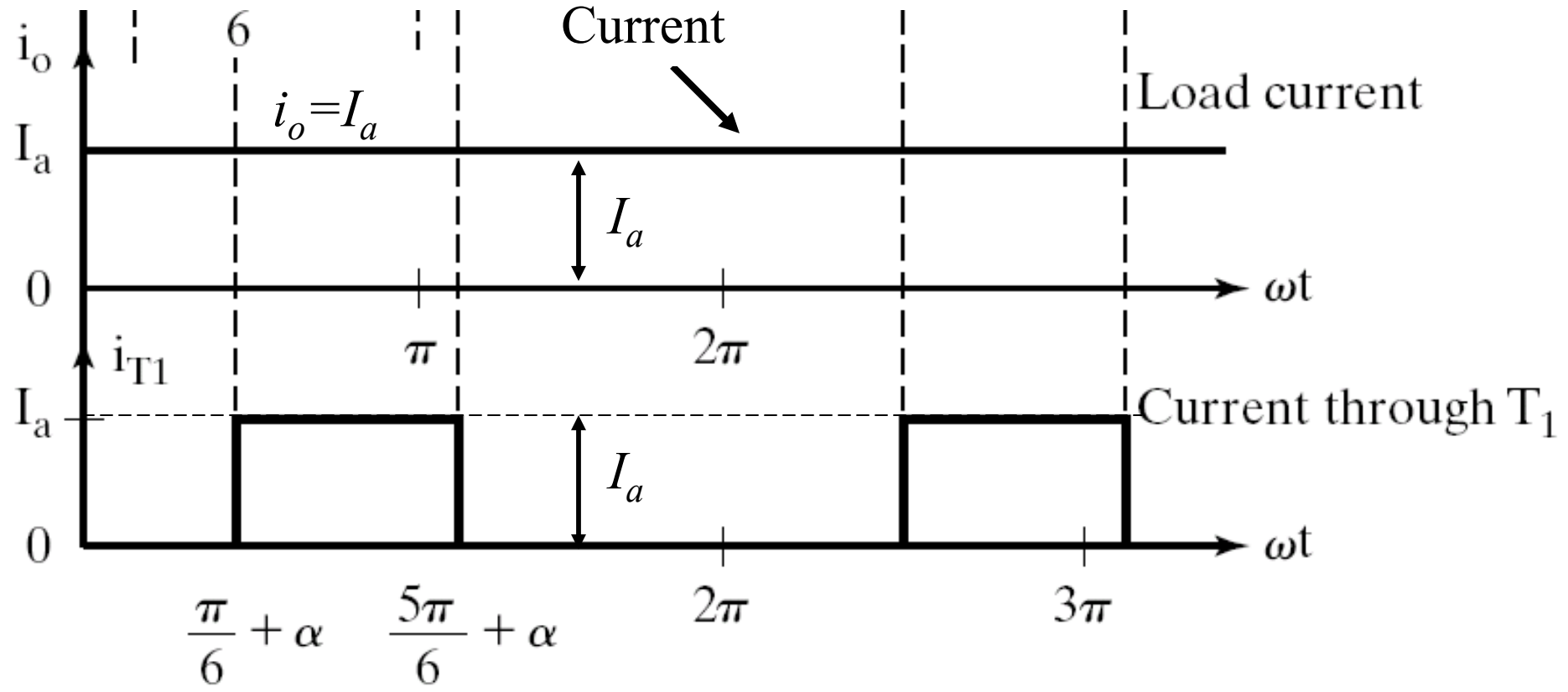
$$= V_m \sin \left(\omega t - 240^\circ \right)$$





Each thyristor conducts for $2\pi/3$ (120°)

Constant Load





To Derive an
Expression for the
Average Output Voltage of a
3-Phase Half Wave Converter
with RL Load
for Continuous Load Current



$$T_1 \text{ is triggered at } \omega t = \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) = (30^\circ + \alpha)$$

$$T_2 \text{ is triggered at } \omega t = \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) = (150^\circ + \alpha)$$

$$T_3 \text{ is triggered at } \omega t = \left(\frac{7\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) = (270^\circ + \alpha)$$

Each thyristor conducts for 120° or $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ radians



If the reference phase voltage is

$v_{RN} = v_{an} = V_m \sin \omega t$, the average or dc output voltage for continuous load current is calculated using the equation

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[\int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha} V_m \sin \omega t \cdot d(\omega t) \right]$$



$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha} \sin \omega t . d(\omega t) \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\frac{(-\cos \omega t)}{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha} \right]_{\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha}$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[-\cos \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) + \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) \right]$$



Note from the trigonometric relationship

$$\cos(A + B) = (\cos A \cdot \cos B - \sin A \cdot \sin B)$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\begin{aligned} & -\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)\cos(\alpha) + \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)\sin(\alpha) \\ & + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\cos(\alpha) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\sin(\alpha) \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\begin{aligned} & -\cos(150^\circ)\cos(\alpha) + \sin(150^\circ)\sin(\alpha) \\ & + \cos(30^\circ)\cos(\alpha) - \sin(30^\circ)\sin(\alpha) \end{aligned} \right]$$



$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\begin{aligned} & -\cos(180^\circ - 30^\circ) \cos(\alpha) + \sin(180^\circ - 30^\circ) \sin(\alpha) \\ & + \cos(30^\circ) \cdot \cos(\alpha) - \sin(30^\circ) \sin(\alpha) \end{aligned} \right]$$

Note: $\cos(180^\circ - 30^\circ) = -\cos(30^\circ)$

$\sin(180^\circ - 30^\circ) = \sin(30^\circ)$

$$\therefore V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\begin{aligned} & +\cos(30^\circ) \cos(\alpha) + \cancel{\sin(30^\circ) \sin(\alpha)} \\ & + \cos(30^\circ) \cdot \cos(\alpha) - \cancel{\sin(30^\circ) \sin(\alpha)} \end{aligned} \right]$$



$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[2 \cos(30^\circ) \cos(\alpha) \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(\alpha) \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\sqrt{3} \cos(\alpha) \right] = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{2\pi} \cos(\alpha)$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_{Lm}}{2\pi} \cos(\alpha)$$

Where $V_{Lm} = \sqrt{3}V_m =$ Max. line to line supply voltage



The maximum average or dc output voltage is obtained at a delay angle $\alpha = 0$ and is given by

$$V_{dc(\max)} = V_{dm} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi}$$

Where V_m is the peak phase voltage.

And the normalized average output voltage is

$$V_{dcn} = V_n = \frac{V_{dc}}{V_{dm}} = \cos \alpha$$



The rms value of output voltage is found by using the equation

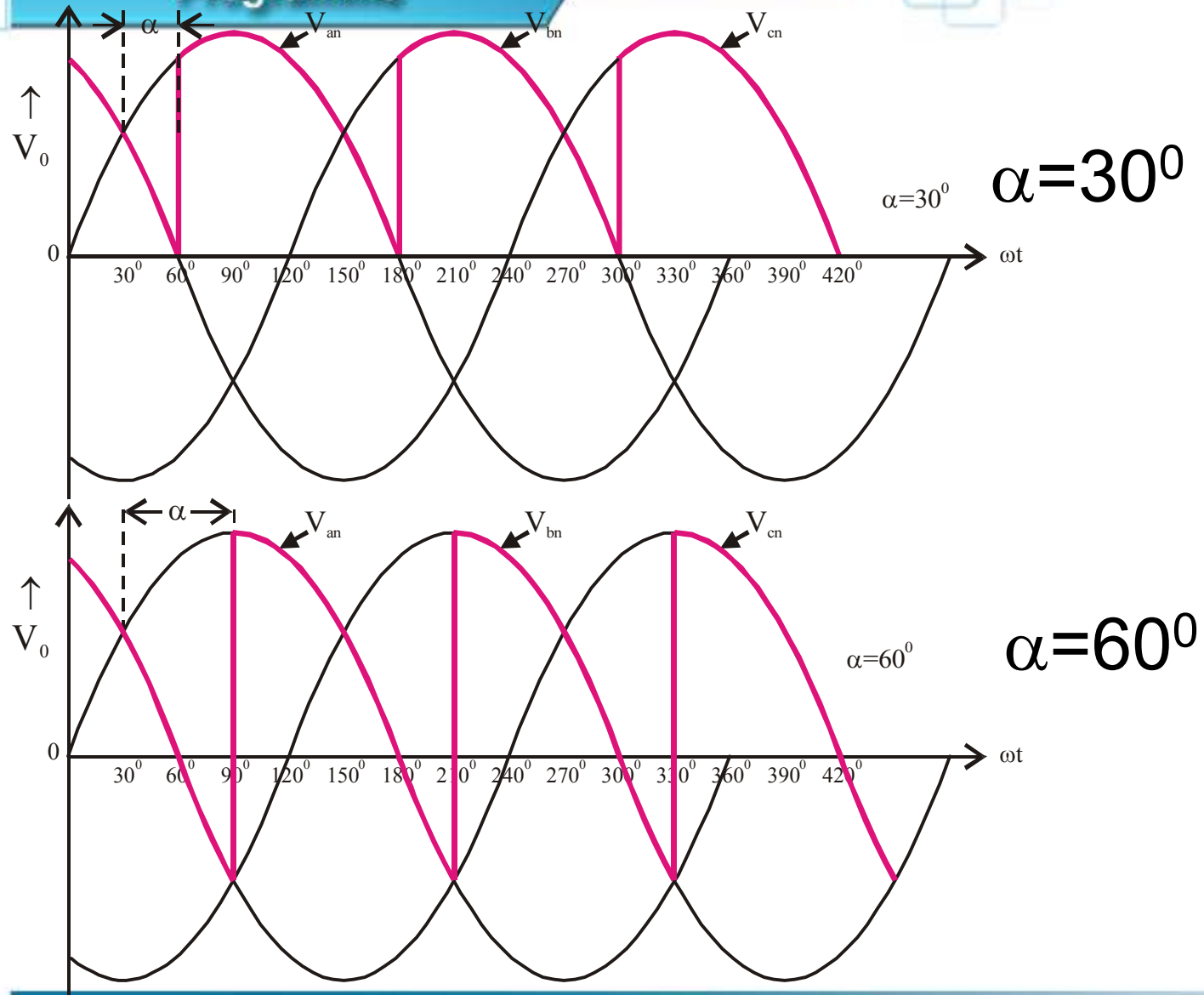
$$V_{O(RMS)} = \left[\frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha} V_m^2 \sin^2 \omega t \cdot d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

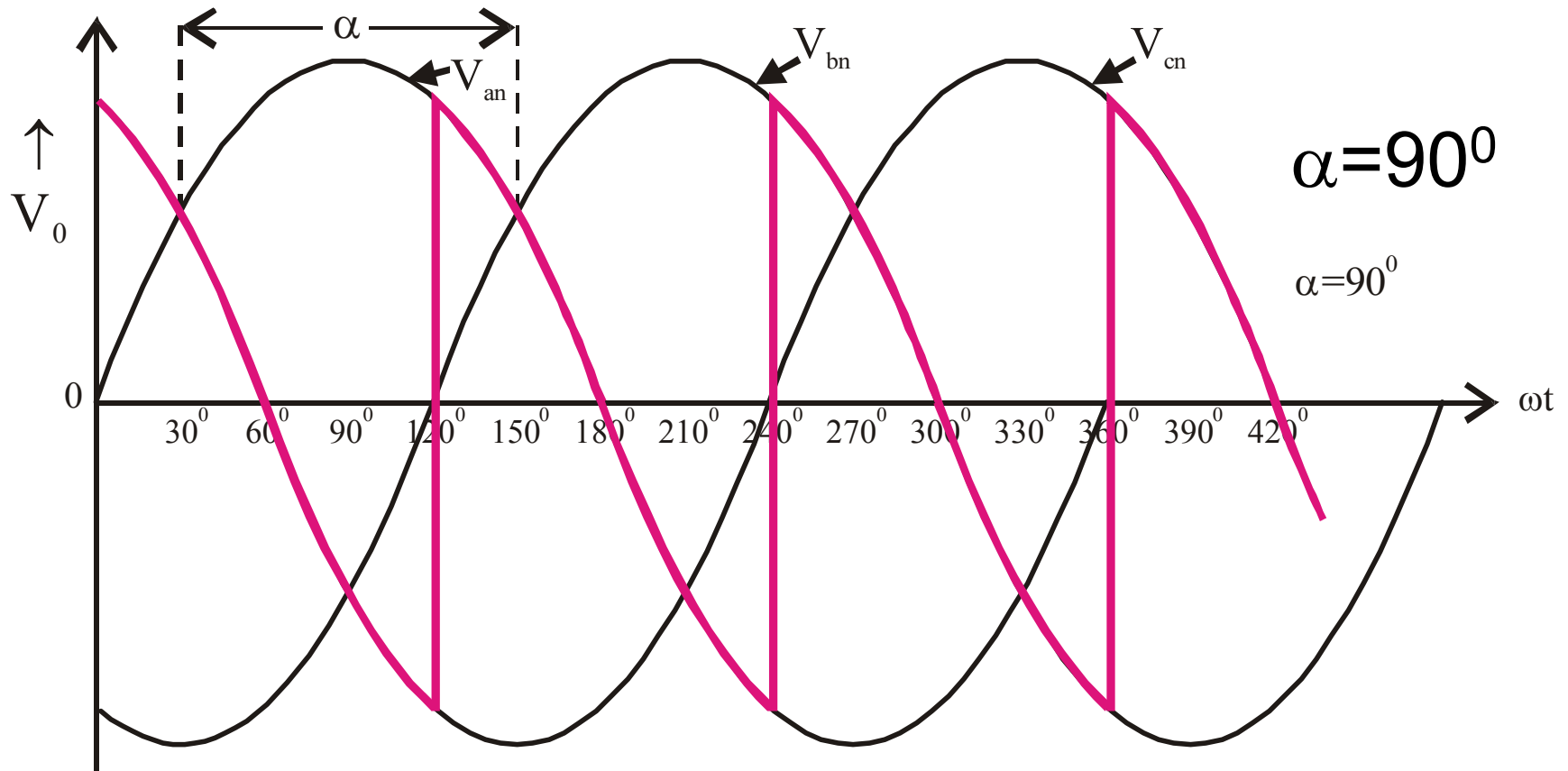
and we obtain

$$V_{O(RMS)} = \sqrt{3} V_m \left[\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8\pi} \cos 2\alpha \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



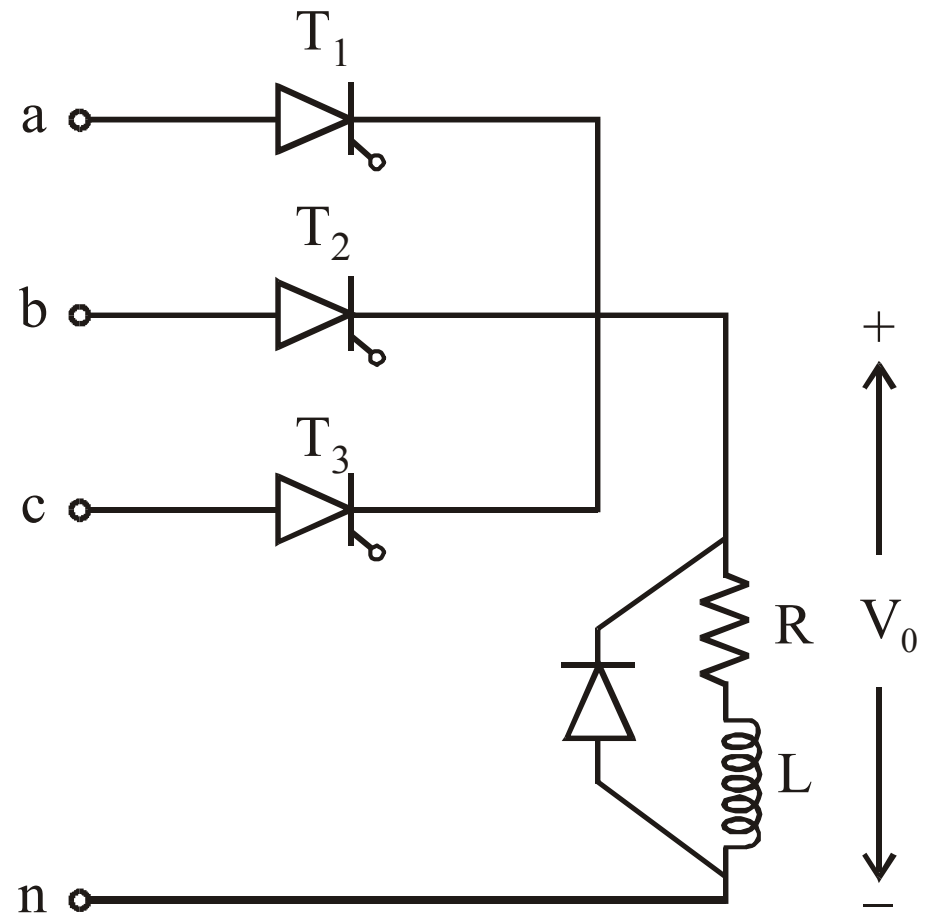
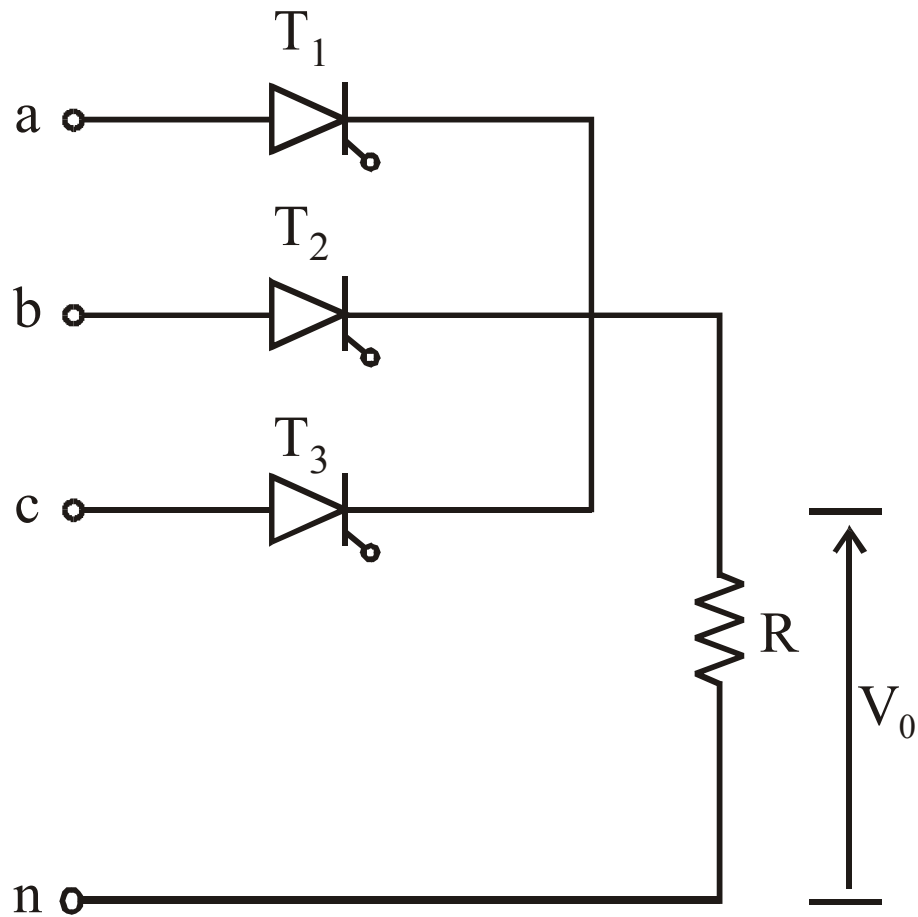
3 Phase Half Wave Controlled Rectifier Output Voltage Waveforms For RL Load at Different Trigger Angles





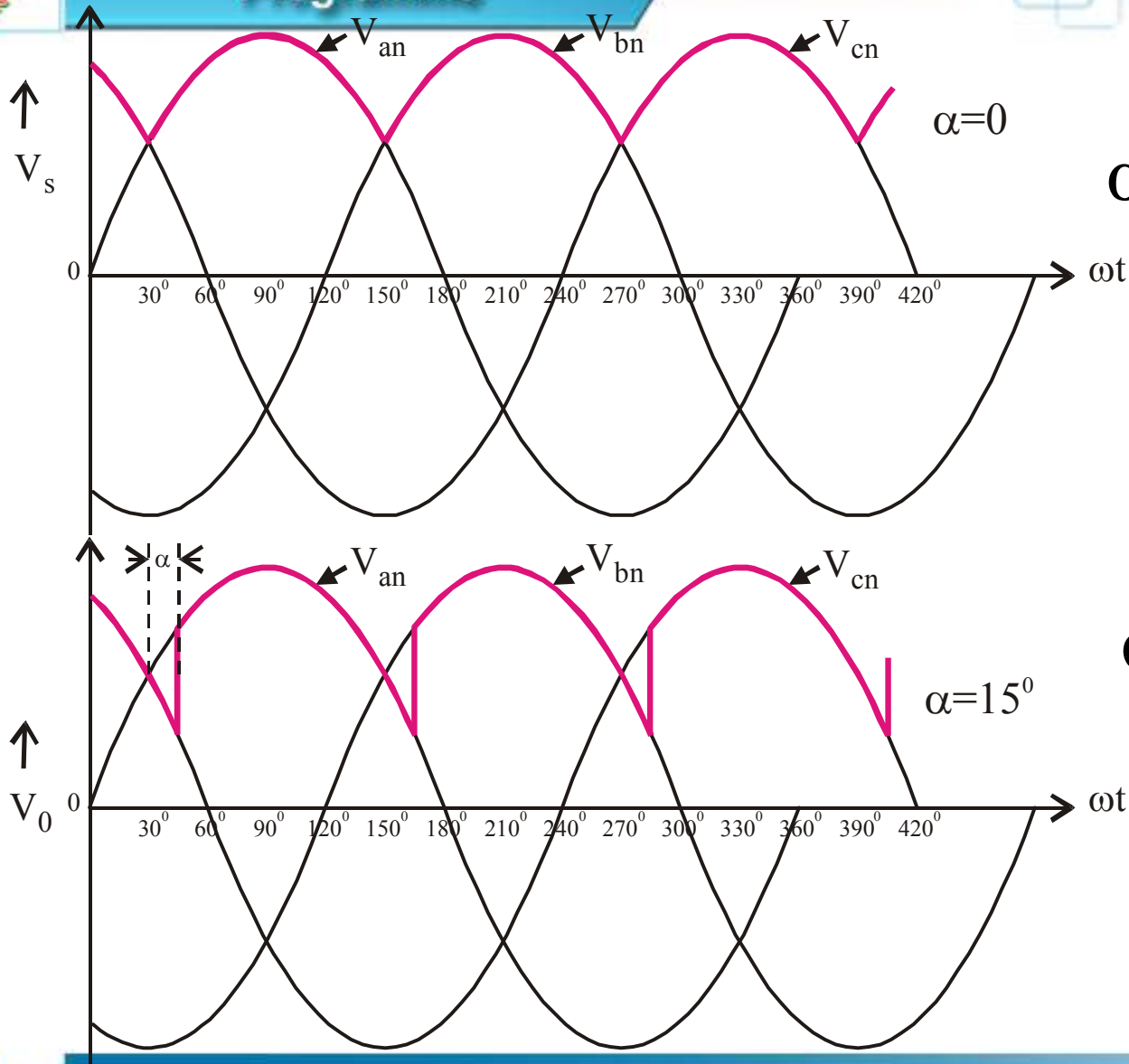


3 Phase Half Wave Controlled Rectifier With R Load and RL Load with FWD





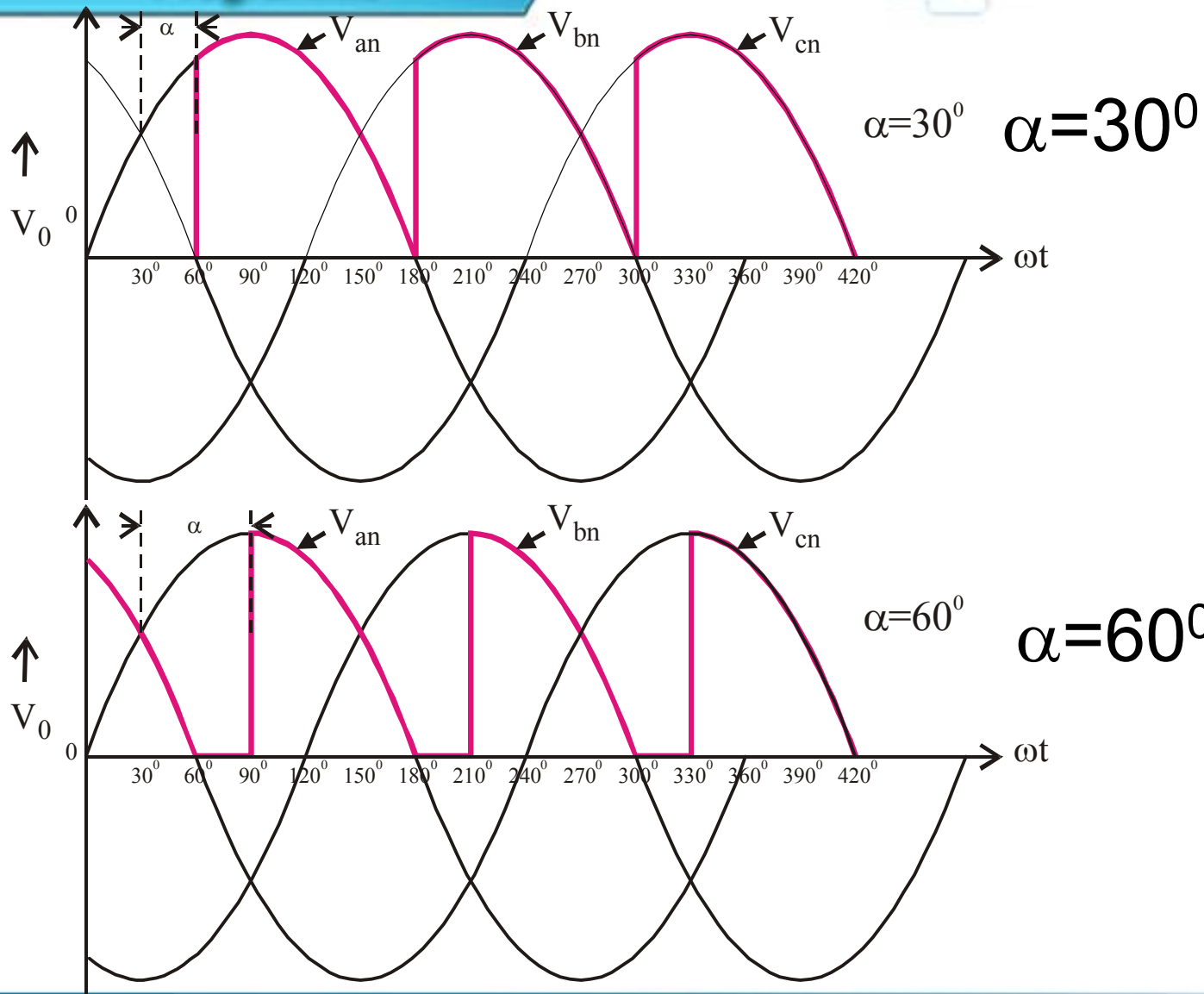
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$\alpha = 0^\circ$

$\alpha = 15^\circ$







To Derive An
Expression For The Average Or
Dc Output Voltage Of A
3 Phase Half Wave Converter With
Resistive Load
Or
RL Load With FWD



T_1 is triggered at $\omega t = \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) = (30^\circ + \alpha)$

T_1 conducts from $(30^\circ + \alpha)$ to 180° ;

$$v_O = v_{an} = V_m \sin \omega t$$

T_2 is triggered at $\omega t = \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) = (150^\circ + \alpha)$

T_2 conducts from $(150^\circ + \alpha)$ to 300° ;

$$v_O = v_{bn} = V_m \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$$



T_3 is triggered at $\omega t = \left(\frac{7\pi}{6} + \alpha \right) = (270^\circ + \alpha)$

T_3 conducts from $(270^\circ + \alpha)$ to 420° ;

$$\begin{aligned} v_O = v_{cn} &= V_m \sin(\omega t - 240^\circ) \\ &= V_m \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ) \end{aligned}$$



$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[\int_{\alpha+30^0}^{180^0} v_o \cdot d(\omega t) \right]$$

$$v_o = v_{an} = V_m \sin \omega t; \text{ for } \omega t = (\alpha + 30^0) \text{ to } (180^0)$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[\int_{\alpha+30^0}^{180^0} V_m \sin \omega t \cdot d(\omega t) \right]$$

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$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos \omega t}{\alpha + 30^\circ} \right]_{180^\circ}$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[-\cos 180^\circ + \cos(\alpha + 30^\circ) \right]$$

$\therefore \cos 180^\circ = -1$, we get

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_m}{2\pi} \left[1 + \cos(\alpha + 30^\circ) \right]$$

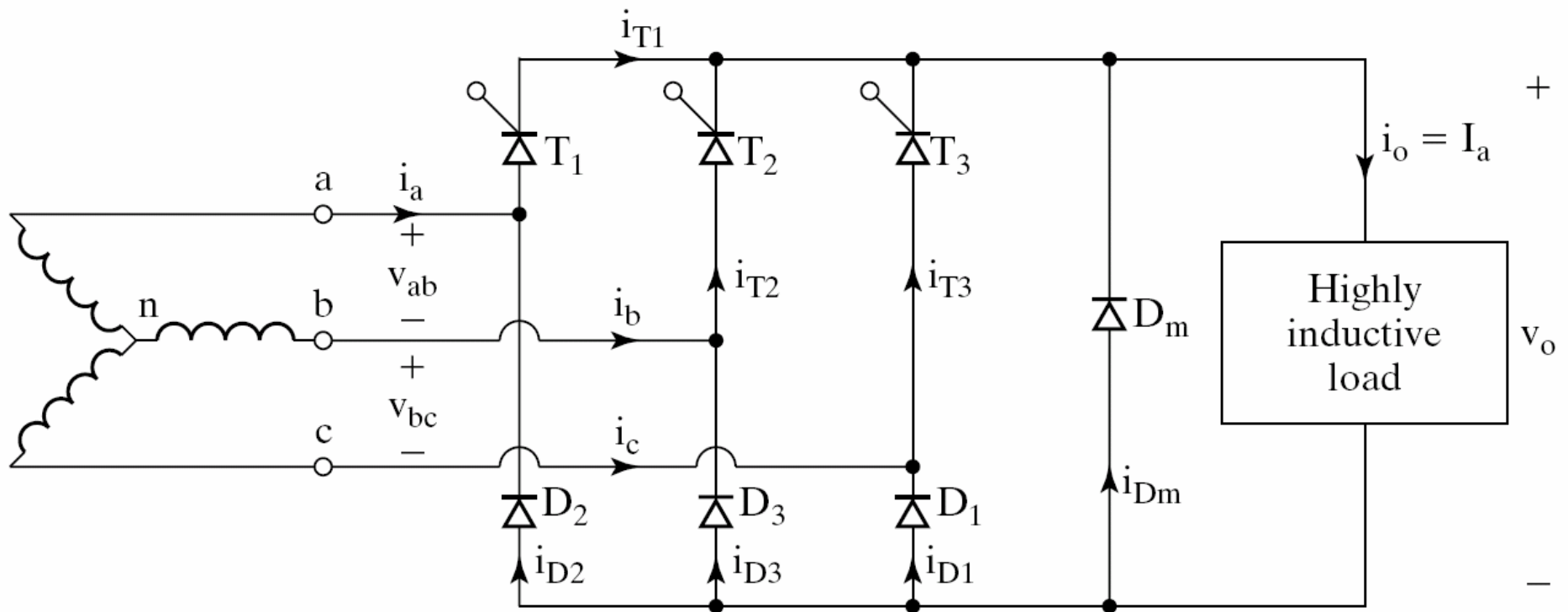


Three Phase Semiconverters

- 3 Phase semiconverters are used in Industrial dc drive applications upto 120kW power output.
- Single quadrant operation is possible.
- Power factor decreases as the delay angle increases.
- Power factor is better than that of 3 phase half wave converter.

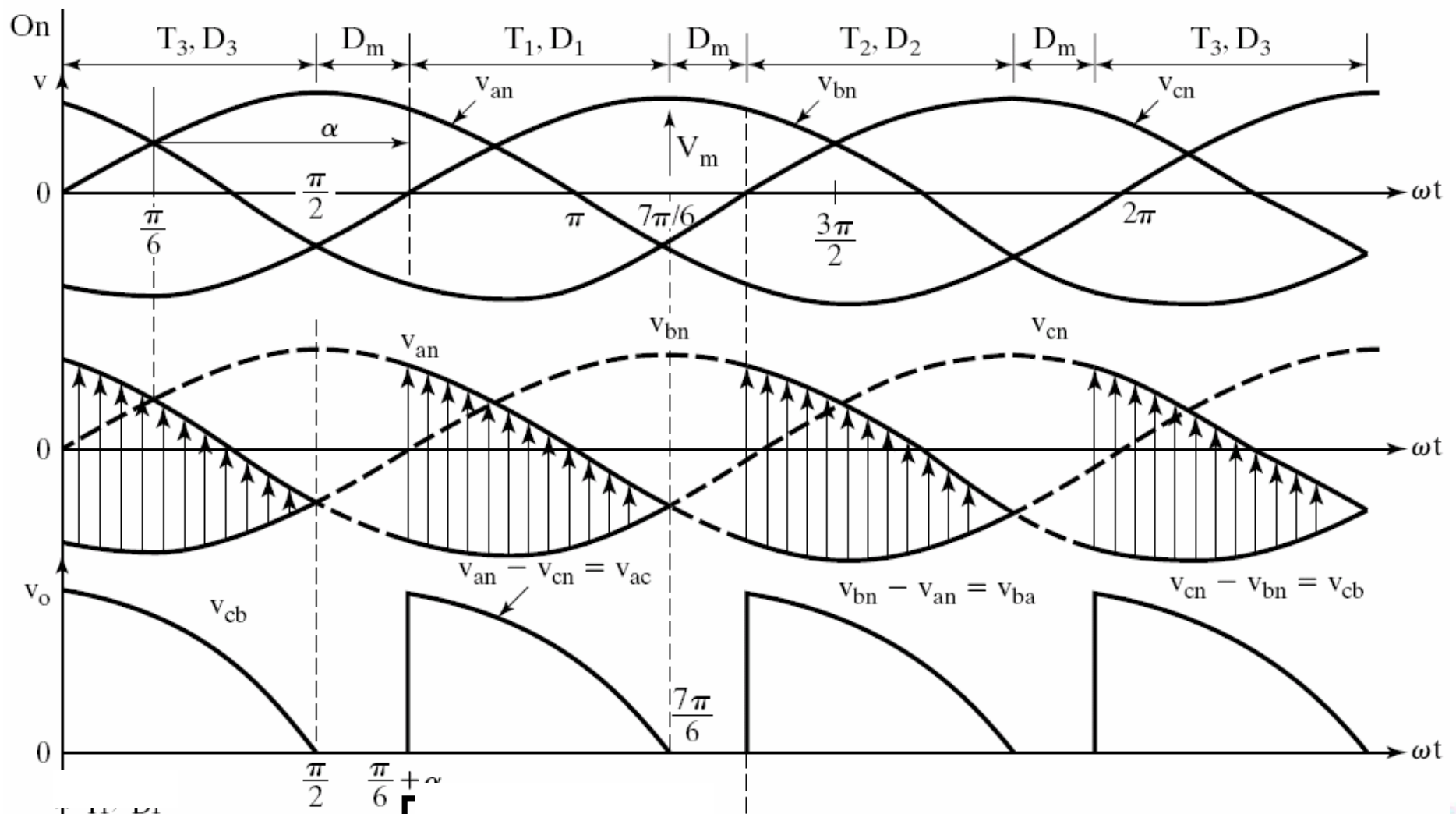


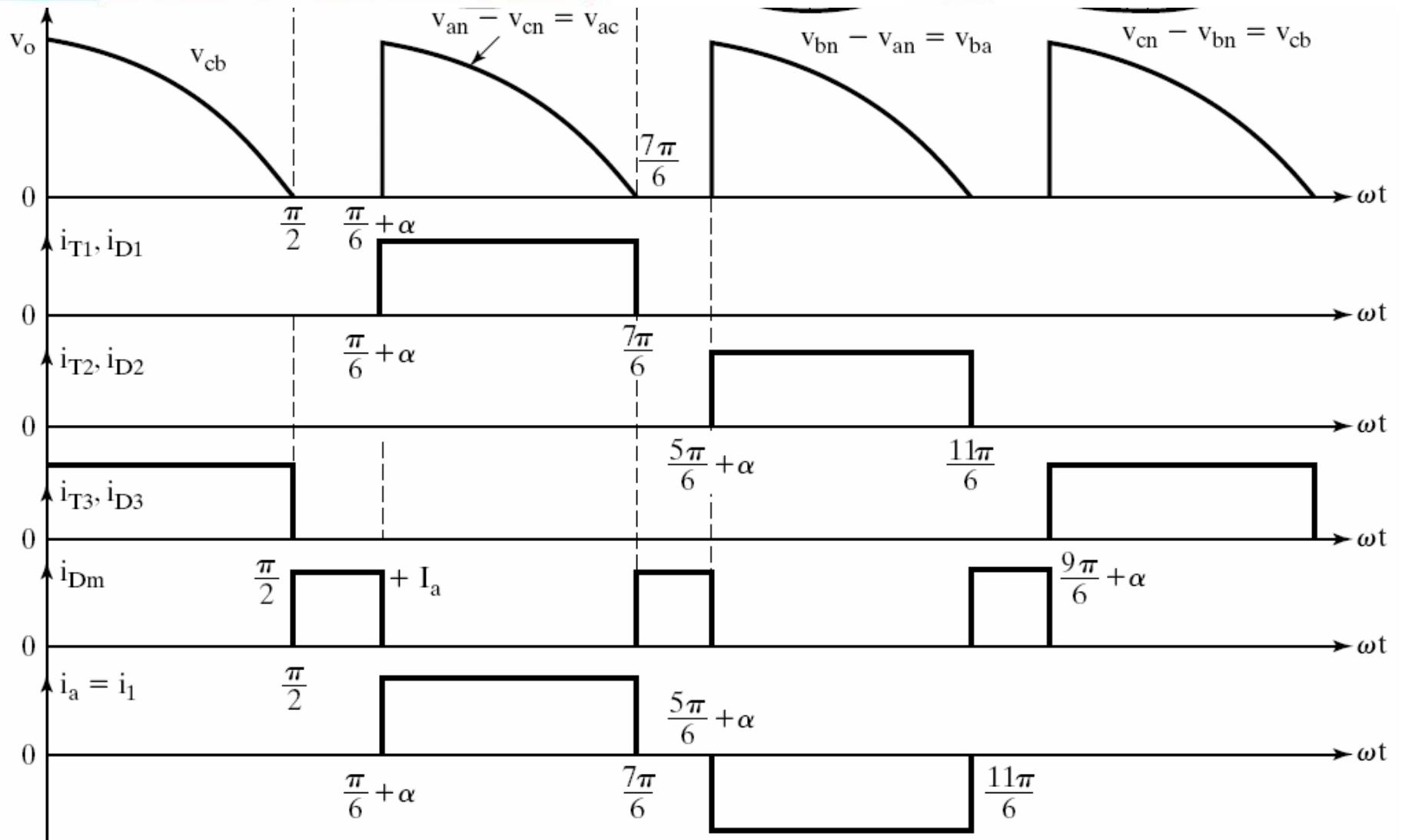
3 Phase Half Controlled Bridge Converter (Semi Converter) with Highly Inductive Load & Continuous Ripple free Load Current





Wave forms of 3 Phase Semiconverter for $\alpha > 60^\circ$







3 phase semiconverter output ripple frequency of output voltage is $3f_s$

The delay angle α can be varied from 0 to π

During the period

$$30^\circ \leq \omega t < 210^\circ$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \omega t < \frac{7\pi}{6}, \text{ thyristor } T_1 \text{ is forward biased}$$



If thyristor T_1 is triggered at $\omega t = \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha \right)$,

T_1 & D_1 conduct together and the line to line voltage v_{ac} appears across the load.

At $\omega t = \frac{7\pi}{6}$, v_{ac} becomes negative & FWD D_m conducts.

The load current continues to flow through FWD D_m ;

T_1 and D_1 are turned off.



If FWD D_m is not used the T_1 would continue to conduct until the thyristor T_2 is triggered at

$\omega t = \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \alpha \right)$, and Free wheeling action would be accomplished through T_1 & D_2 .

If the delay angle $\alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$, each thyristor conducts for $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ and the FWD D_m does not conduct.



We define three line neutral voltages
(3 phase voltages) as follows

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$$v_{BN} = v_{cn} = V_m \sin \left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) = V_m \sin \left(\omega t + 120^\circ \right)$$
$$= V_m \sin \left(\omega t - 240^\circ \right)$$

V_m is the peak phase voltage of a wye-connected source



$$v_{RB} = v_{ac} = (v_{an} - v_{cn}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

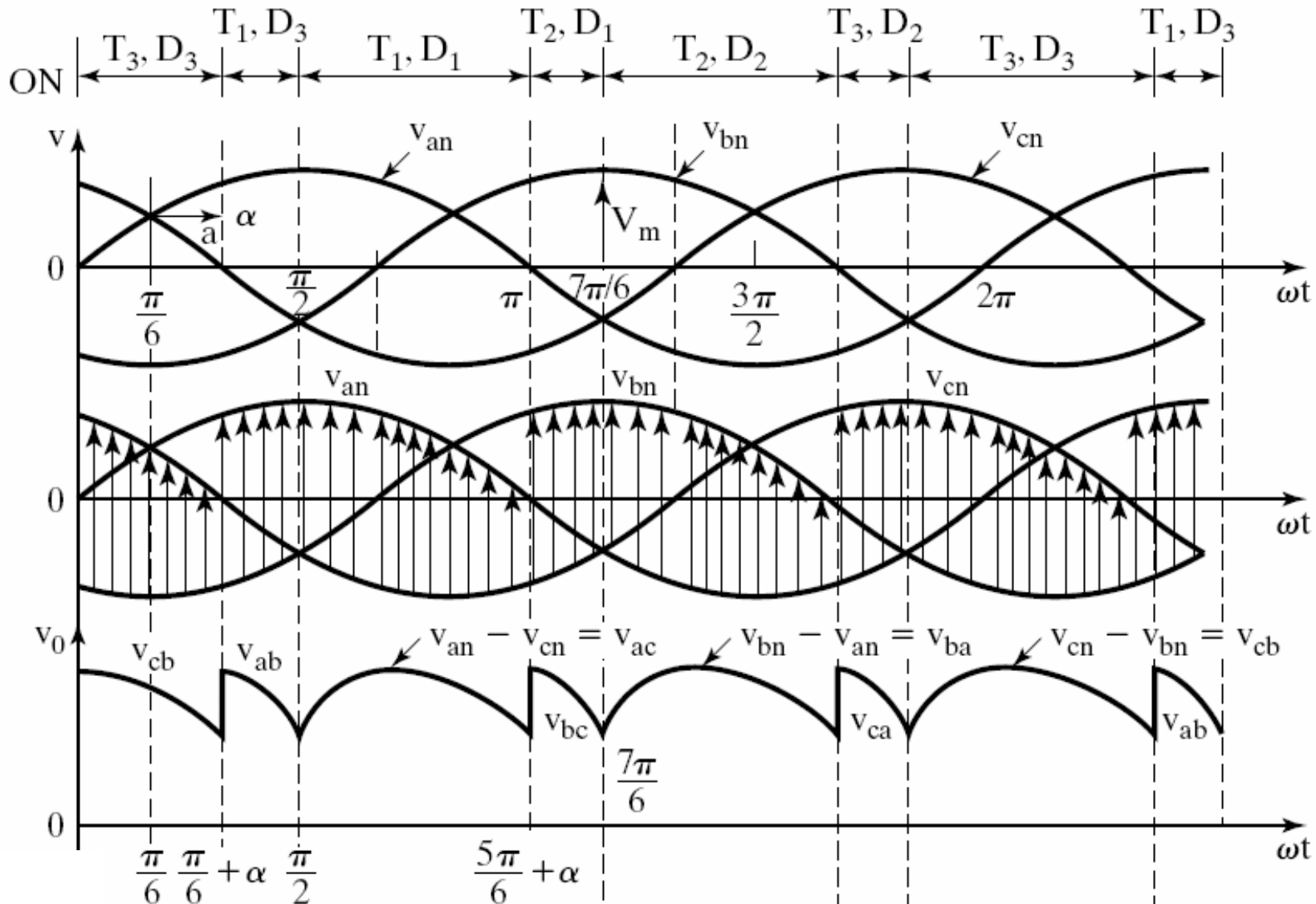
$$v_{YR} = v_{ba} = (v_{bn} - v_{an}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$$

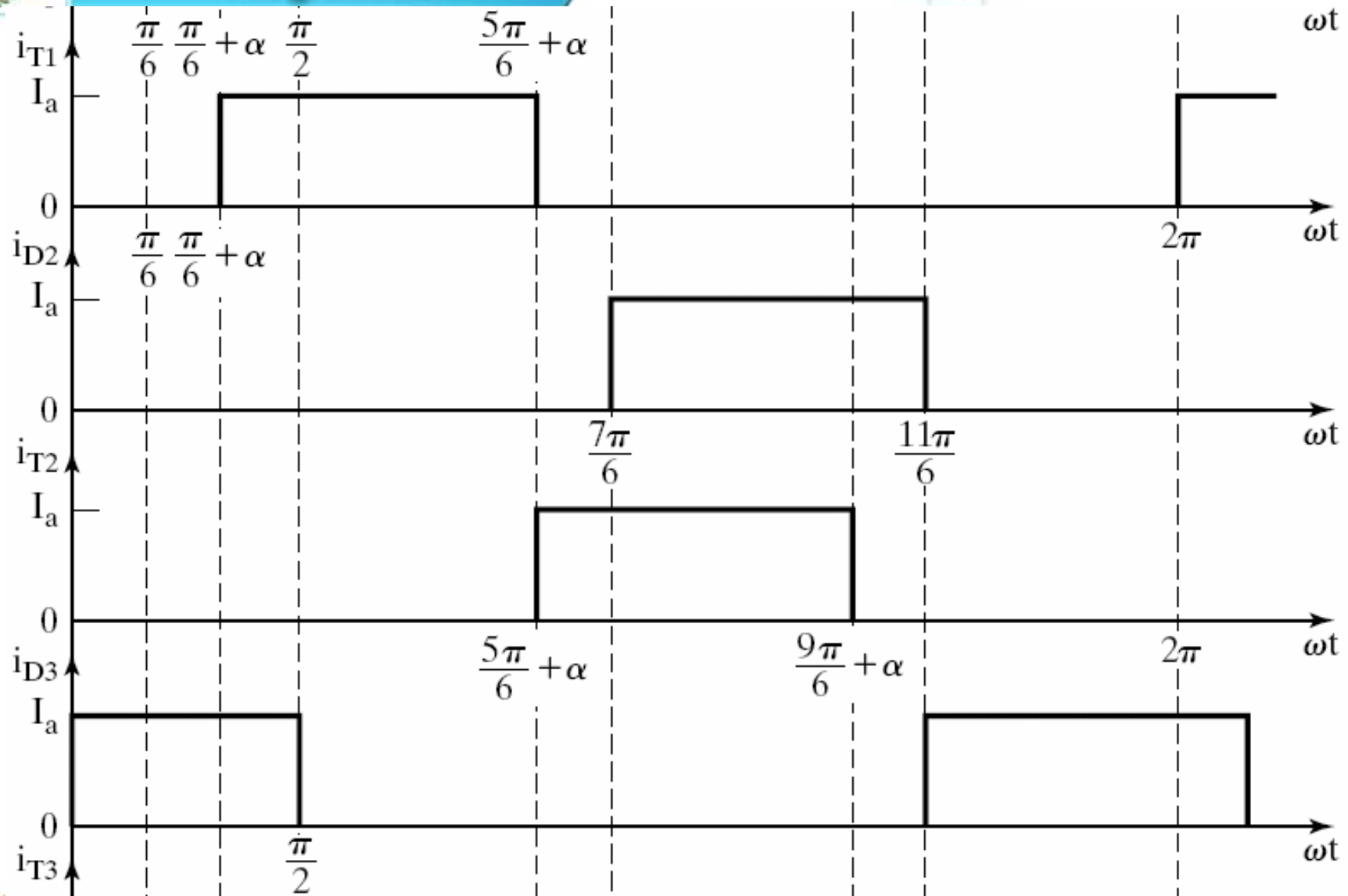
$$v_{BY} = v_{cb} = (v_{cn} - v_{bn}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

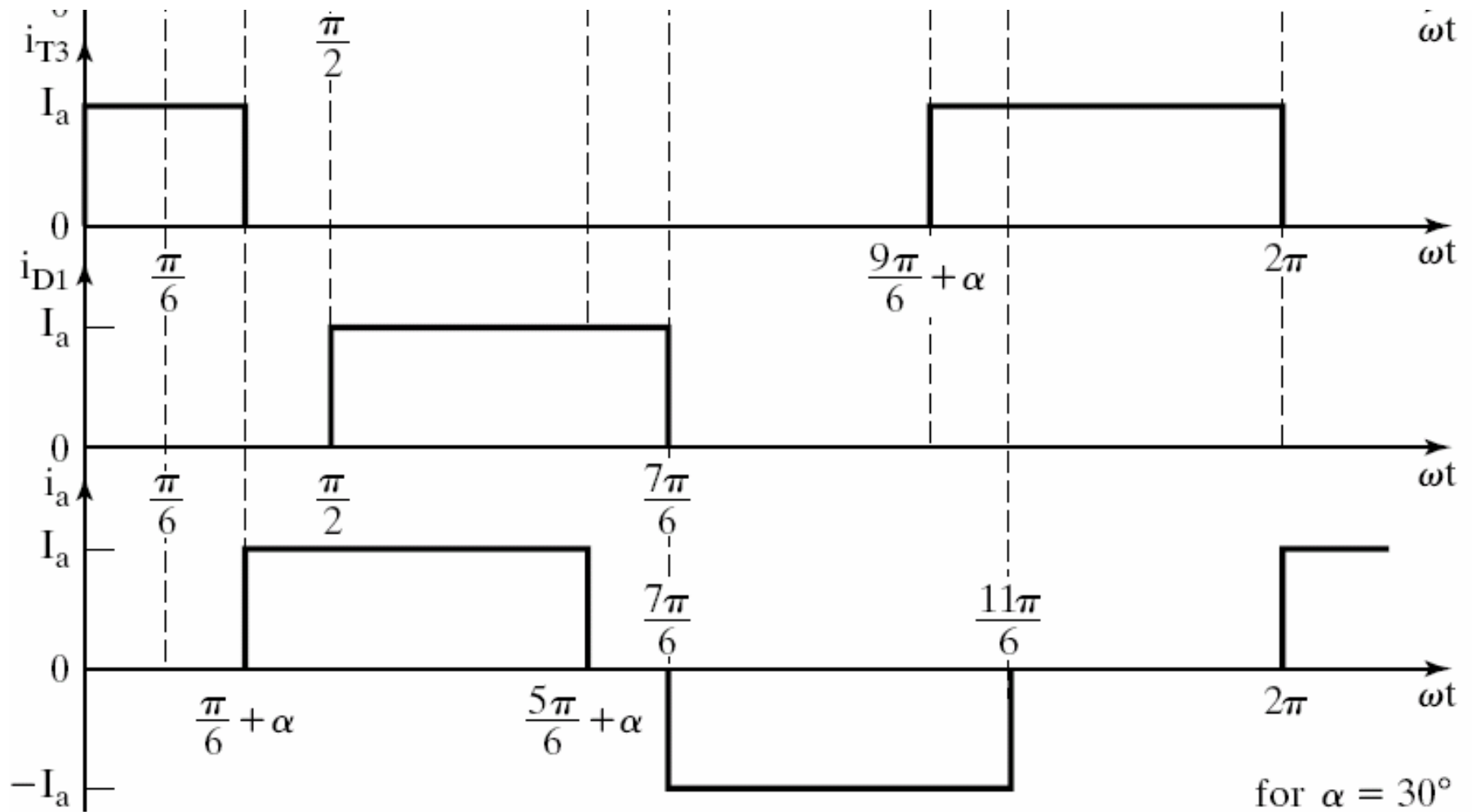
$$v_{RY} = v_{ab} = (v_{an} - v_{bn}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$



Wave forms of 3 Phase Semiconverter for $\alpha \leq 60^\circ$









To derive an
Expression for the
Average Output Voltage
of 3 Phase Semiconverter
for $\alpha > \pi / 3$
and Discontinuous Output Voltage



For $\alpha \geq \frac{\pi}{3}$ and discontinuous output voltage:

the Average output voltage is found from

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[\int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{7\pi/6} v_{ac} \cdot d(\omega t) \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[\int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{7\pi/6} \sqrt{3} V_m \sin \left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) d(\omega t) \right]$$



$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3V_{mL}}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

$V_{mL} = \sqrt{3}V_m =$ Max. value of line-to-line supply voltage

The maximum average output voltage that occurs at a delay angle of $\alpha = 0$ is

$$V_{dc(\max)} = V_{dm} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi}$$



The normalized average output voltage is

$$V_n = \frac{V_{dc}}{V_{dm}} = 0.5(1 + \cos \alpha)$$

The rms output voltage is found from

$$V_{O(rms)} = \left[\frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{7\pi/6} v_{ac}^2 \cdot d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



$$V_{O(rms)} = \left[\frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{7\pi/6} 3V_m^2 \sin^2 \left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$V_{O(rms)} = \sqrt{3}V_m \left[\frac{3}{4\pi} \left(\pi - \alpha + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$





Average or DC Output Voltage
of a
3-Phase Semiconverter
for $\alpha \leq \pi / 3$,
and Continuous Output Voltage





For $\alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$, and continuous output voltage

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[\int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{\pi/2} v_{ab} \cdot d(\omega t) + \int_{\pi/2}^{5\pi/6+\alpha} v_{ac} \cdot d(\omega t) \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$





$$V_n = \frac{V_{dc}}{V_{dm}} = 0.5(1 + \cos \alpha)$$

RMS value of o/p voltage is calculated by using the equation

$$V_{O(rms)} = \left[\frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{\pi/2} v_{ab}^2 \cdot d(\omega t) + \int_{\pi/2}^{5\pi/6+\alpha} v_{ac}^2 \cdot d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$V_{O(rms)} = \sqrt{3}V_m \left[\frac{3}{4\pi} \left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \sqrt{3} \cos^2 \alpha \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

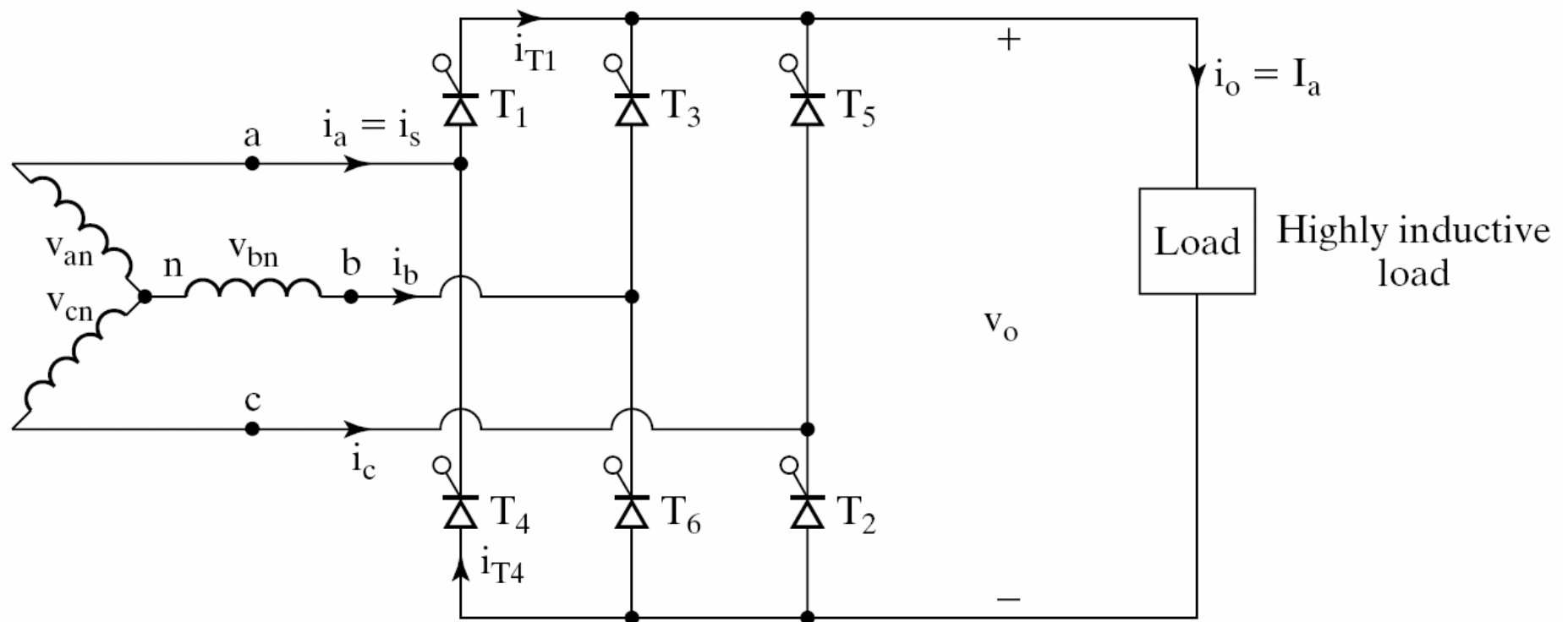


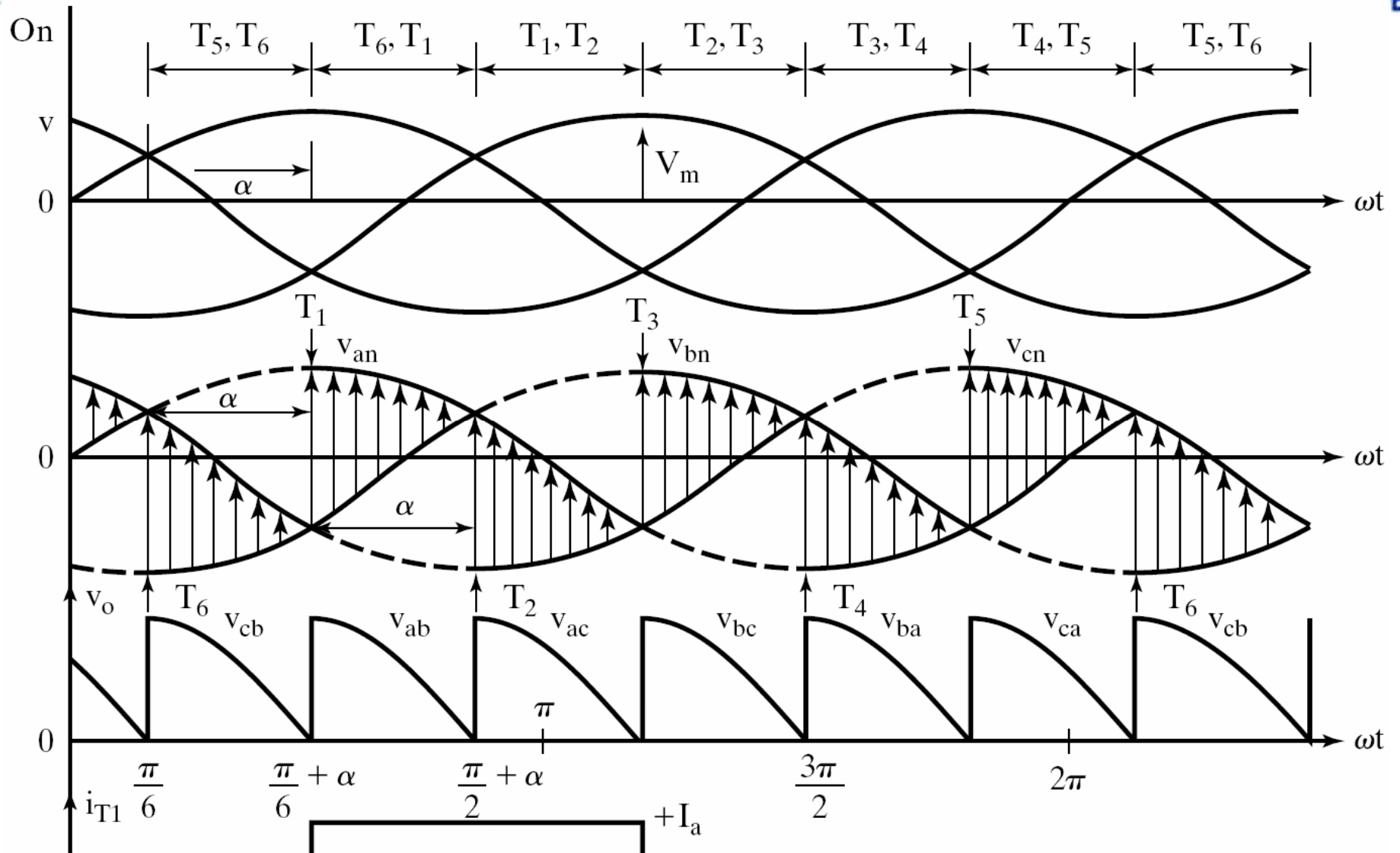


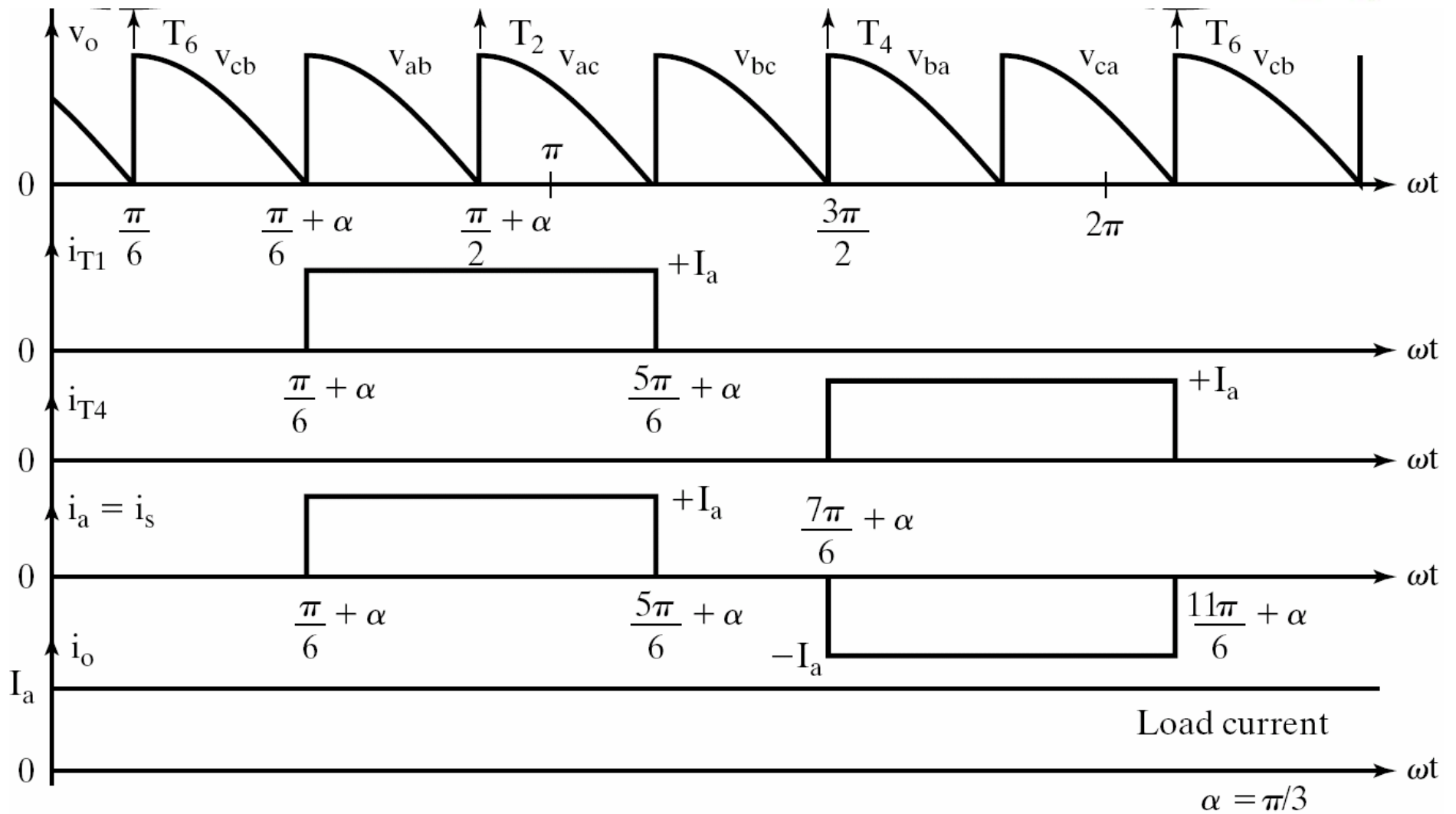
Three Phase Full Converter

- 3 Phase Fully Controlled Full Wave Bridge Converter.
- Known as a 6-pulse converter.
- Used in industrial applications up to 120kW output power.
- Two quadrant operation is possible.











- The thyristors are triggered at an interval of $\pi / 3$.
- The frequency of output ripple voltage is $6f_s$.
- T_1 is triggered at $\omega t = (\pi/6 + \alpha)$, T_6 is already conducting when T_1 is turned ON.
- During the interval $(\pi/6 + \alpha)$ to $(\pi/2 + \alpha)$, T_1 and T_6 conduct together & the output load voltage is equal to $v_{ab} = (v_{an} - v_{bn})$





- T_2 is triggered at $\omega t = (\pi/2 + \alpha)$, T_6 turns off naturally as it is reverse biased as soon as T_2 is triggered.
- During the interval $(\pi/2 + \alpha)$ to $(5\pi/6 + \alpha)$, T_1 and T_2 conduct together & the output load voltage $v_O = v_{ac} = (v_{an} - v_{cn})$
- Thyristors are numbered in the order in which they are triggered.
- The thyristor triggering sequence is 12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 61, 12, 23, 34,





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(3 phase voltages) as follows

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$$v_{BN} = v_{cn} = V_m \sin \left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) = V_m \sin \left(\omega t + 120^\circ \right)$$
$$= V_m \sin \left(\omega t - 240^\circ \right)$$

V_m is the peak phase voltage of a wye-connected source





The corresponding line-to-line supply voltages are

$$v_{RY} = v_{ab} = (v_{an} - v_{bn}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$v_{YB} = v_{bc} = (v_{bn} - v_{cn}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$v_{BR} = v_{ca} = (v_{cn} - v_{an}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$





To Derive An Expression For The
Average Output Voltage Of
3-phase Full Converter
With Highly Inductive Load
Assuming Continuous And
Constant Load Current





The output load voltage consists of 6 voltage pulses over a period of 2π radians, Hence the average output voltage is calculated as

$$V_{O(dc)} = V_{dc} = \frac{6}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha} v_o \cdot d\omega t \ ;$$

$$v_o = v_{ab} = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$





$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha} \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cdot d\omega t$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \cos \alpha = \frac{3V_{mL}}{\pi} \cos \alpha$$

Where $V_{mL} = \sqrt{3}V_m =$ Max. line-to-line supply voltage

The maximum average dc output voltage is obtained for a delay angle $\alpha = 0$,

$$V_{dc(\max)} = V_{dm} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} = \frac{3V_{mL}}{\pi}$$





The normalized average dc output voltage is

$$V_{dcn} = V_n = \frac{V_{dc}}{V_{dm}} = \cos \alpha$$

The rms value of the output voltage is found from

$$V_{O(rms)} = \left[\frac{6}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha} v_o^2 \cdot d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$





$$V_{O(rms)} = \left[\frac{6}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha} v_{ab}^2 \cdot d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$V_{O(rms)} = \left[\frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha}^{\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha} 3V_m^2 \sin^2 \left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \cdot d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$V_{O(rms)} = \sqrt{3}V_m \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} \cos 2\alpha \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

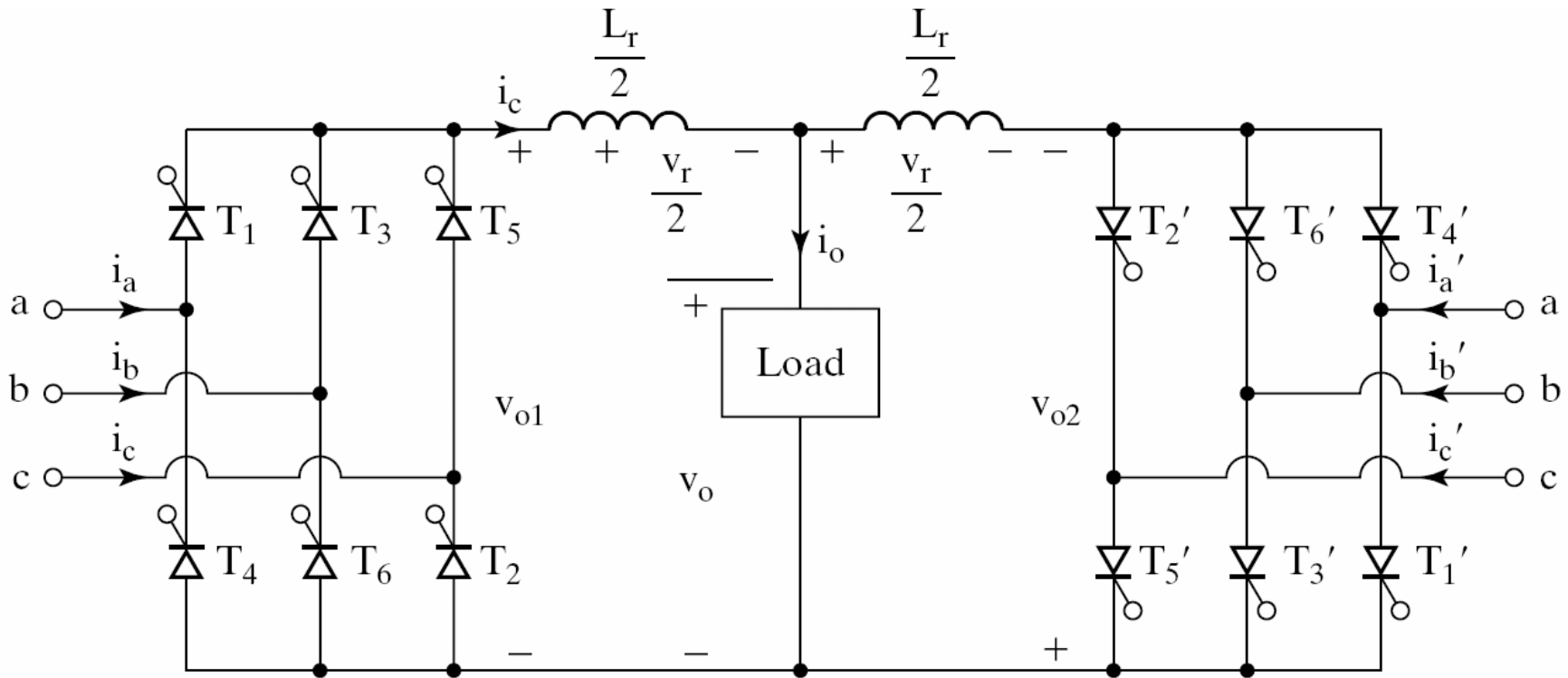


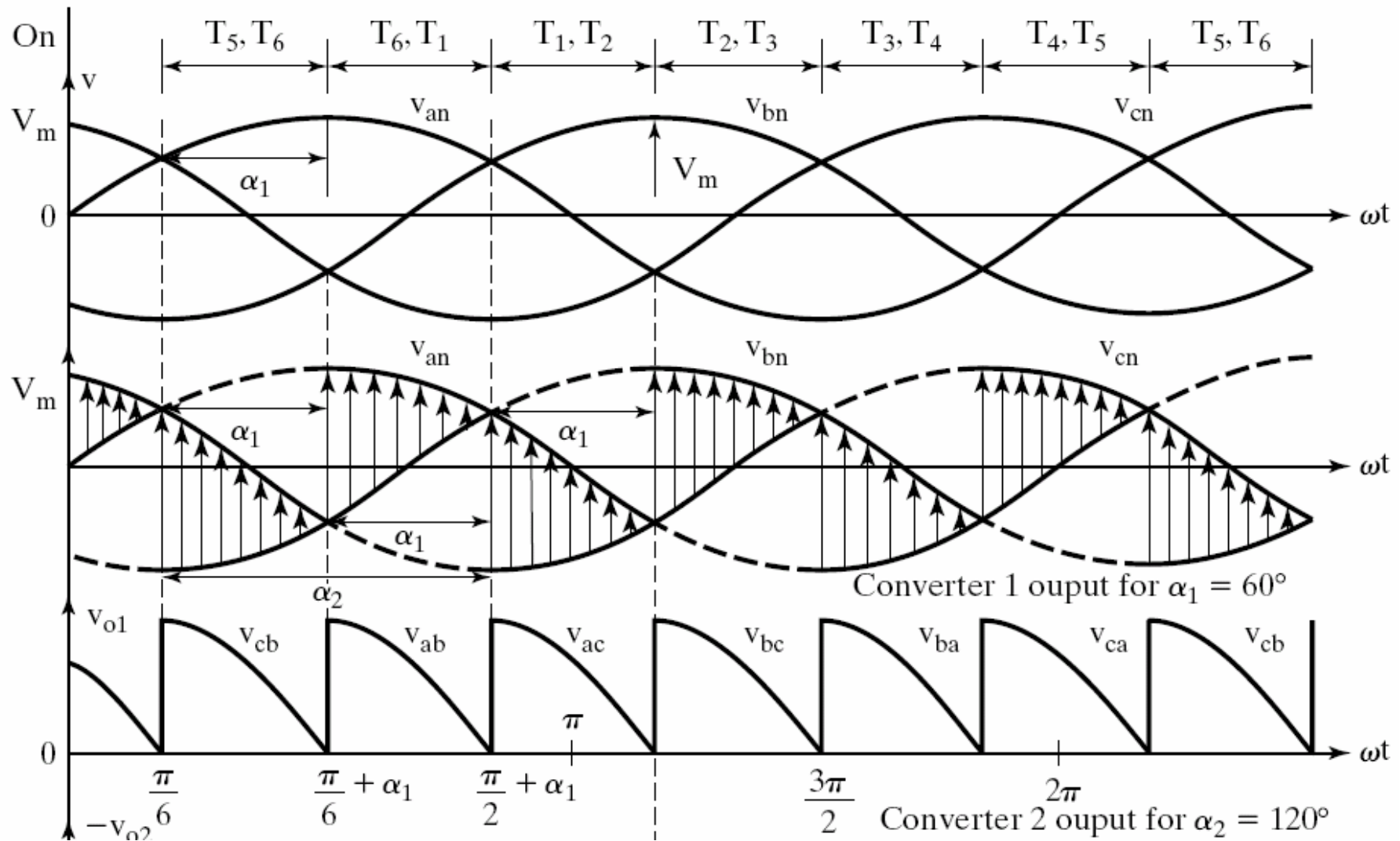


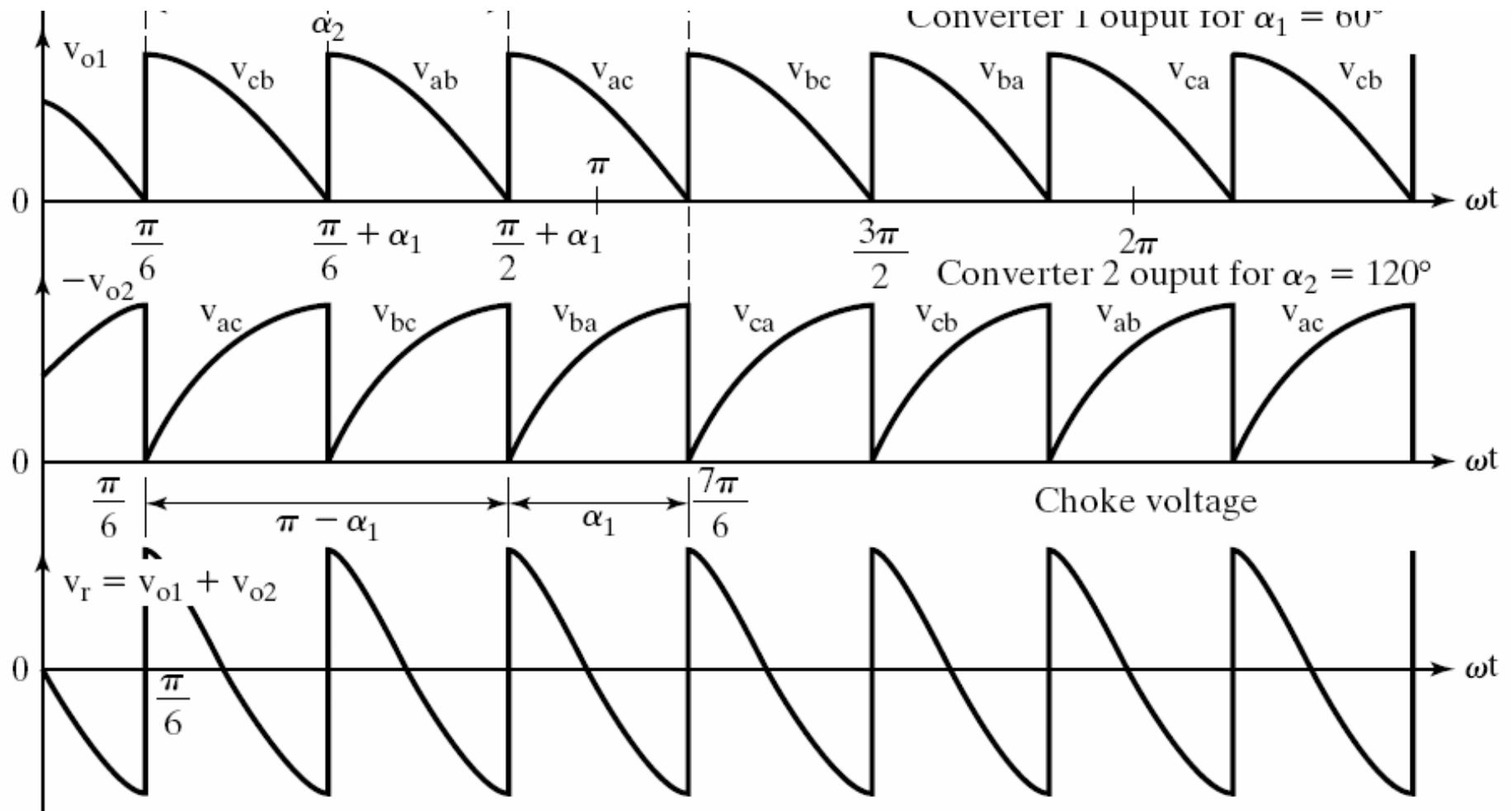
Three Phase Dual Converters

- For four quadrant operation in many industrial variable speed dc drives , 3 phase dual converters are used.
- Used for applications up to 2 mega watt output power level.
- Dual converter consists of two 3 phase full converters which are connected in parallel & in opposite directions across a common load.











Outputs of Converters 1 & 2

- During the interval $(\pi/6 + \alpha_1)$ to $(\pi/2 + \alpha_1)$, the line to line voltage v_{ab} appears across the output of converter 1 and v_{bc} appears across the output of converter 2





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$$v_{BN} = v_{cn} = V_m \sin \left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) = V_m \sin \left(\omega t + 120^\circ \right)$$
$$= V_m \sin \left(\omega t - 240^\circ \right)$$





The corresponding line-to-line supply voltages are

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$$v_{YB} = v_{bc} = (v_{bn} - v_{cn}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$v_{BR} = v_{ca} = (v_{cn} - v_{an}) = \sqrt{3}V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$





To obtain an Expression for the Circulating Current

- If v_{O1} and v_{O2} are the output voltages of converters 1 and 2 respectively, the instantaneous voltage across the current limiting inductor during the interval $(\pi/6 + \alpha_1) \leq \omega t \leq (\pi/2 + \alpha_1)$ is given by





$$v_r = v_{O1} + v_{O2} = v_{ab} - v_{bc}$$

$$v_r = \sqrt{3}V_m \left[\sin \left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) - \sin \left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$v_r = 3V_m \cos \left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

The circulating current can be calculated by using the equation





$$i_r(t) = \frac{1}{\omega L_r} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha_1}^{\omega t} v_r \cdot d(\omega t)$$

$$i_r(t) = \frac{1}{\omega L_r} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha_1}^{\omega t} 3V_m \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cdot d(\omega t)$$

$$i_r(t) = \frac{3V_m}{\omega L_r} \left[\sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \sin \alpha_1 \right]$$

$$i_{r(\max)} = \frac{3V_m}{\omega L_r}$$





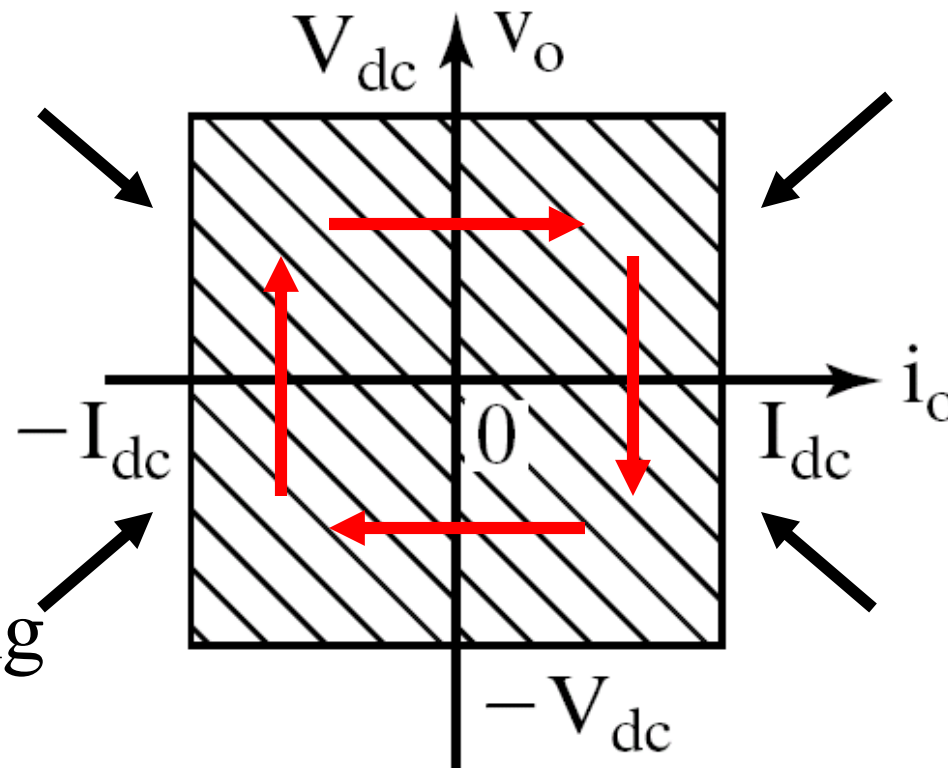
Four Quadrant Operation

Conv. 2
Inverting
 $\alpha_2 > 90^\circ$

Conv. 1
Rectifying
 $\alpha_1 < 90^\circ$

Conv. 2
Rectifying
 $\alpha_2 < 90^\circ$

Conv. 1
Inverting
 $\alpha_1 > 90^\circ$





- There are two different modes of operation.
 - Circulating current free (non circulating) mode of operation
 - Circulating current mode of operation





Non Circulating Current Mode Of Operation

- In this mode of operation only one converter is switched on at a time
- When the converter 1 is switched on,
For $\alpha_1 < 90^\circ$ the converter 1 operates in the Rectification mode
 V_{dc} is positive, I_{dc} is positive and hence the average load power P_{dc} is positive.
- Power flows from ac source to the load





- When the converter 1 is on,
For $\alpha_1 > 90^\circ$ the converter 1 operates in the
Inversion mode
 V_{dc} is negative, I_{dc} is positive and the average
load power P_{dc} is negative.
- Power flows from load circuit to ac source.





- When the converter 2 is switched on,
For $\alpha_2 < 90^\circ$ the converter 2 operates in the Rectification mode
 V_{dc} is negative, I_{dc} is negative and the average load power P_{dc} is positive.
- The output load voltage & load current reverse when converter 2 is on.
- Power flows from ac source to the load





- When the converter 2 is switched on,
For $\alpha_2 > 90^\circ$ the converter 2 operates in the
Inversion mode
 V_{dc} is positive, I_{dc} is negative and the average
load power P_{dc} is negative.
- Power flows from load to the ac source.
- Energy is supplied from the load circuit to the
ac supply.





Circulating Current Mode Of Operation

- Both the converters are switched on at the same time.
- One converter operates in the rectification mode while the other operates in the inversion mode.
- Trigger angles α_1 & α_2 are adjusted such that $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = 180^\circ$





- When $\alpha_1 < 90^\circ$, converter 1 operates as a controlled rectifier. α_2 is made greater than 90° and converter 2 operates as an Inverter.
- V_{dc} is positive & I_{dc} is positive and P_{dc} is positive.





- When $\alpha_2 < 90^\circ$, converter 2 operates as a controlled rectifier. α_1 is made greater than 90° and converter 1 operates as an Inverter.
- V_{dc} is negative & I_{dc} is negative and P_{dc} is positive.

