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1 Scope

This International Standard defines terms for the subject of self-commutated voltage-sourced converters used for transmission of power by high voltage direct current (HVDC).

The standard is written mainly for the case of application of insulated gate bipolar transistors (IGBTs) in voltage sourced converters (VSC) but may also be used for guidance in the event that other types of semiconductor devices which can both be turned on and turned off by control action are used.

Line-commutated and current-sourced converters for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) power transmission systems are specifically excluded from this standard.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60027 (all parts), *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60633, *Terminology for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission*

3 Symbols and abbreviations

3.1 List of letter symbols

Essential terms and definitions necessary for the understanding of this standard are given here; other terminology is as per relevant parts of IEC 60747, and as per IEC 60633 for certain specialized types of equipment which are found mainly on line-commutated HVDC schemes but may occasionally be included in VSC HVDC schemes.

The list covers only the most frequently used symbols (see Figure 1). IEC 60027 shall be used for a more complete list of the symbols which have been adopted for static converters. See also other standards listed in the normative references and the bibliography.

U_d	direct voltage
U_{dc}	converter d.c. voltage
U_{dpe}	pole-to-earth direct voltage
U_{dpp}	pole-to-pole direct voltage
U_{dppN}	rated pole-to-pole direct voltage
U_{dpeN}	rated pole-to-earth direct voltage

U_L line-to-line voltage on line side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics

U_{Le} line-to-earth voltage on line side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics

U_{LN} rated value of U_L

~~U_v line-to-line voltage on valve side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics~~

~~U_{ve} line-to-earth voltage on valve side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics~~

U_c line-to-line ~~converter~~ voltage on converter side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics

~~NOTE U_e is equal to U_v minus the voltage drop across the phase and valve reactors. However, U_e has only a clear meaning during balanced conditions (steady state).~~

U_{ce} line-to-earth ~~converter~~ voltage on converter side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics

~~U_{valve} voltage between terminals of a valve (any defined value)~~

U_{vtt} voltage between terminals of a valve (any defined value)

I_c current on converter side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics

I_d direct current (any defined value)

I_{dN} rated direct current

I_L current on line side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics

I_{LN} rated value of I_L

~~I_v current ~~on~~ through a valve side of interface transformer, r.m.s. value including harmonics~~

~~I_{valve} current through a valve~~

3.2 List of subscripts

0 (zero) at no load

e earth

p pole

N rated value or at rated load

d direct current or voltage

L line side of interface transformer

c converter side of interface transformer

v through or across one valve ~~side of interface transformer~~

~~valve through or across one valve~~

max maximum

min minimum

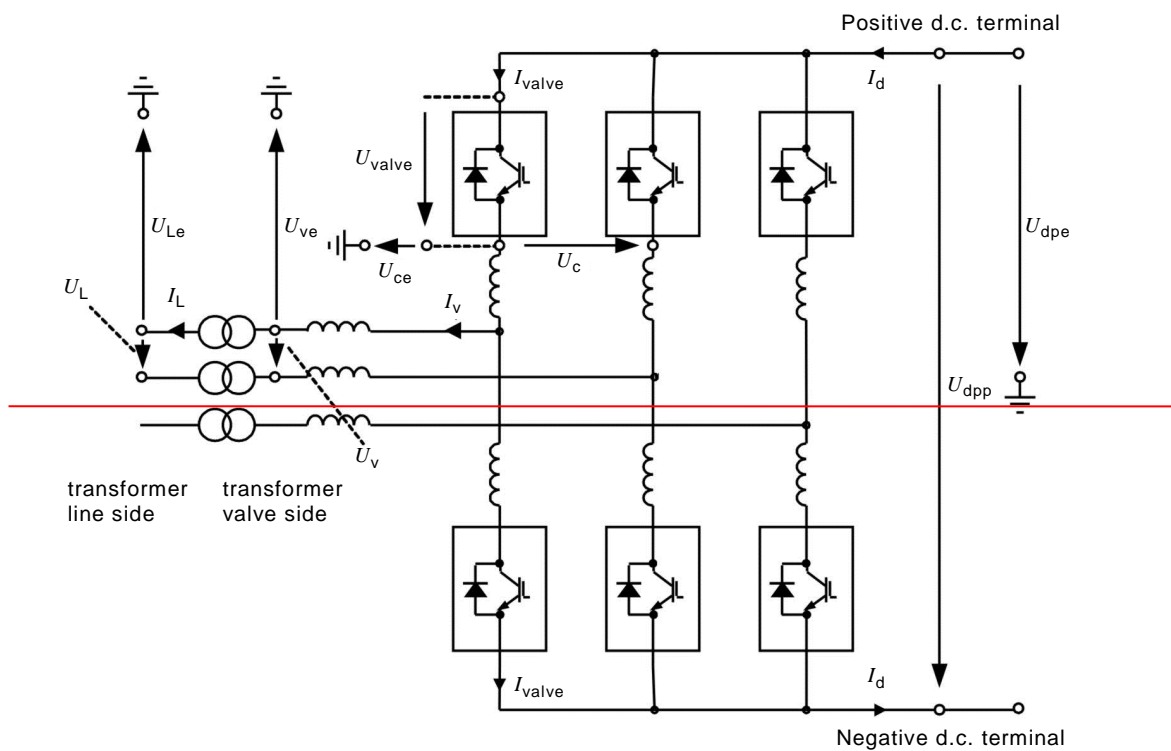
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tt terminal to terminal

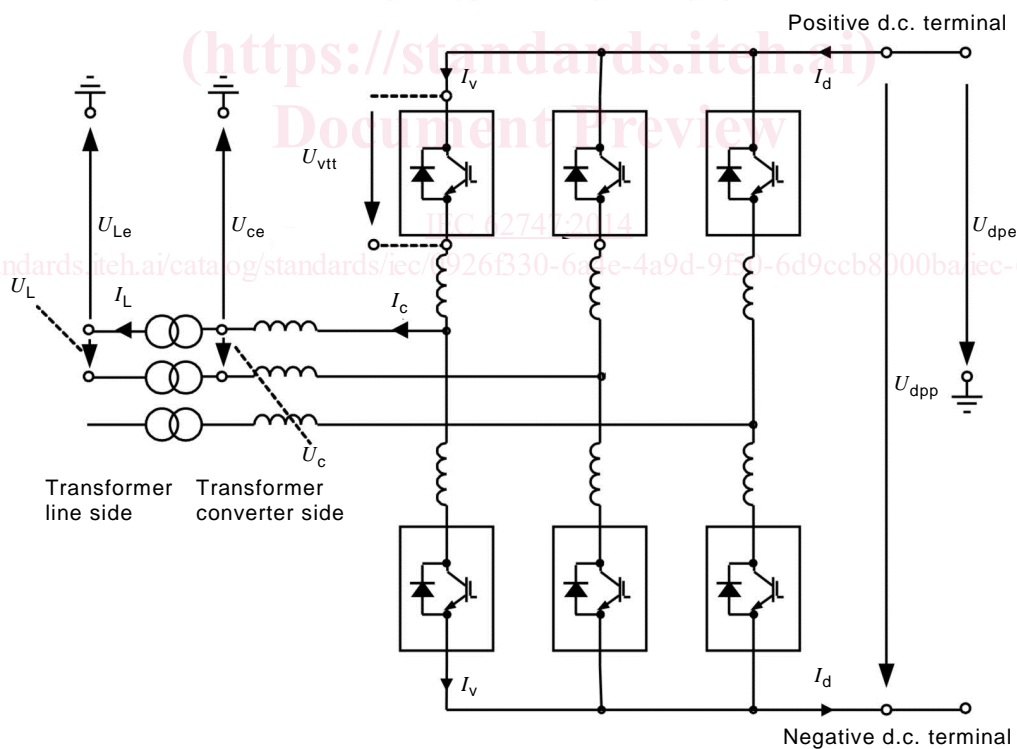
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Figure 1 – Converter symbol identifications

3.3 List of abbreviations

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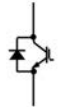


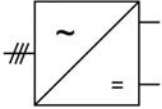
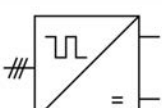
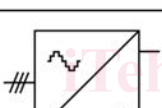
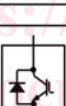
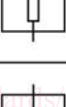
CTL cascaded two-level converter

ERTB	earth return transfer breaker
ESCR	effective short-circuit ratio
FWD	free-wheeling diode
HF	high frequency
HVDC	high-voltage direct current
IGBT	insulated gate bipolar transistor
MMC	modular multilevel converter
MRTB	metallic return transfer breaker
MTDC	multi-terminal HVDC transmission system
MVU	multiple valve (unit)
NBS	neutral bus switch
NGBS NBGS	neutral bus grounding switch
PCC	point of common coupling
PCC-DC	point of common coupling – d.c. side
SCR	short-circuit ratio
VBE	valve base electronics
VCU	valve control unit
VSC	voltage-sourced converter

NOTE Even though the word “breaker” is used in the abbreviations, it does not necessarily imply the ability to interrupt fault currents.

4 Graphical symbols

Figure 2 shows the specific graphical symbols which are defined only for the purposes of this standard. IEC 60617 shall be used for a more complete list of the graphical symbols which have been adopted for static converters.

No.	Symbol	Description
1		IGBT-diode pair
2		Valve of "switch" type
3		Valve of "controllable voltage source" type
4		VSC unit (of unspecified type)
5		VSC unit using switch type valves
6		VSC unit using controllable voltage source type valves
7		Dynamic braking valve of "switch" type
8		Dynamic braking valve of "controllable voltage source" type

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Figure 2 – Graphical symbols

5 General terms related to converter circuits

5.1 conversion

in the context of HVDC, the transfer of energy from a.c. to d.c. or vice versa, or a combination of these operations

5.2 converter

in the context of HVDC, the device employed to transfer of energy from a.c. to d.c. or vice versa, it connects between three a.c. terminals and two d.c. terminals

5.3 voltage-sourced converter VSC

electronic a.c./d.c. converter having an essentially smooth d.c. voltage provided by e.g. a common d.c. link capacitor or distributed d.c. capacitors within the converter arms