A Novel Simulink-Based Implementation of Cosine Comparator Logic for Gate Control in Three-Phase Controlled Rectifiers

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Abstract - This paper proposes a cosine comparator-based firing angle control strategy for three-phase full-wave thyristor rectifiers. Gate pulses are generated by comparing phase-synchronized cosine reference signals with a tunable threshold voltage, allowing precise control over conduction intervals. The method's effectiveness is evaluated across firing angles ranging from 30° to 120° under RLC load conditions. Quantitative results demonstrate accurate gate synchronization and substantial reduction in Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)—by over 50% relative to conventional ramp-based techniques. The findings confirm the proposed control scheme's potential for high-performance, low-distortion AC-DC conversion, making it suitable for industrial and educational power electronics applications.

Keywords - Three-phase controlled rectifier, cosine comparator, firing angle, Simulink modeling, thyristor gate control, FFT analysis.

1. INTRODUCTION

Modern industrial power conversion systems increasingly demand precise AC-DC conversion control, particularly in motor drives, HVDC transmission, and renewable energy integration [1], [2]. Accurate thyristor firing angle control has become critical for output power quality, harmonic content, and system efficiency in controlled rectifier applications [3], [4]. As industrial processes become more sophisticated and grid integration standards more stringent, conventional firing control methods show significant limitations, driving demand for advanced control techniques that deliver superior performance while maintaining cost-effectiveness.

Conventional ramp-based firing control methods, while simple and cost-effective, exhibit significant limitations in timing precision and harmonic performance. Singh et al. [5] demonstrated that traditional ramp-comparator techniques achieve firing angle accuracy of only ±2-3° with Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) levels exceeding 15% in three-phase controlled rectifiers. These limitations become problematic in sensitive loads and grid-connected systems where IEEE 519 power quality standards must be maintained [6], [7], [8]. Additionally, R. Chibante et al. [9] reported that ramp-based methods show susceptibility to electrical noise and frequency variations, resulting in inconsistent performance in industrial environments.

Recent advances have introduced cosine-based firing schemes as superior alternatives to conventional approaches. Sen et al. [10] pioneered cosine firing circuits for single-phase converters, demonstrating significant improvements in gate pulse accuracy and waveform quality compared to zero-crossing detection methods. S.Sudirman et al. [11] extended this concept to three-phase systems, reporting THD reductions of 40-50% and enhanced noise immunity. The fundamental advantage lies in providing smooth, predictable reference signals inherently synchronized with AC supply, reducing timing jitter and improving system stability.

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Sen et al. [10] revealed that cosine-based schemes exhibit superior phase tracking capabilities with timing jitter below ±0.5° compared to >±2° in traditional methods. Kumar Raut R [12] further demonstrated effectiveness in synchronous machine applications, emphasizing improved synchronization and reduced harmonic distortion. These studies collectively indicate that cosine firing schemes represent significant advancement in thyristor control technology, offering both technical performance improvements and enhanced operational reliability.

Despite these promising developments, critical research gaps persist in current literature. Comprehensive quantitative analysis comparing cosine versus ramp-based methods across multiple parameters (THD, voltage regulation, firing accuracy) for three-phase systems remains limited [13], [14]. No standardized, modular MATLAB/Simulink framework exists for systematic cosine firing evaluation across varying conditions [15]. Mathematical validation of simulation results against power electronics calculations has not been systematically addressed [16]. Furthermore, detailed power quality assessment under different firing angles (0° to 120°) lacks comprehensive documentation in simulation environments [17].

This research addresses these identified gaps by developing a comprehensive Simulink-based cosine firing scheme model with systematic quantitative analysis and mathematical validation. Primary objectives include achieving THD reduction greater than 40% at 60° firing angle, demonstrating firing angle accuracy improvement to less than ±0.5° error, and maintaining voltage regulation within ±2% deviation across the operating range. Additionally, this study aims to systematically analyze firing angle impact on power quality metrics from 0° to 120°, verify simulation accuracy through theoretical comparison with less than 2% error tolerance, and create a reusable, parametric MATLAB/Simulink model with adjustable firing angle control and real-time THD monitoring capabilities.

This investigation provides significant contributions across technical, academic, and practical domains. Technical contributions include development of a validated, modular Simulink model for cosine firing implementation and establishment of a comprehensive quantitative performance database with rigorous benchmarks. Academic contributions encompass introduction of simulation methodology applicable to power electronics education and provision of quantitative benchmarks for future research validation. Practical contributions involve creation of design guidelines for real-world industrial implementation and establishment of performance optimization criteria for controlled rectifier applications. The research focuses on MATLAB/Simulink simulation environment for three-phase balanced systems with resistive-inductive loads, examining 0° to 120° firing angle range in controlled rectifier mode, emphasizing steady-state performance and comprehensive harmonic evaluation.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The research employs a simulation-based experimental methodology with an iterative development approach to design, implement, and validate a cosine waveform-based firing angle control system for three-phase fully controlled thyristor rectifiers. The study is conducted systematically through the MATLAB/Simulink 2021b platform, focusing on developing a modular and reusable framework for power quality analysis and converter control optimization.

2.1. System Design and Model Architecture

The electrical model of a three-phase fully controlled bridge rectifier is designed within the Simulink environment incorporating the following components:

1) Three-Phase Balanced Voltage Source:
- Peak amplitude: $200\sqrt{2}$ V.
- Frequency: 50 Hz.
- Phase displacement: 120° between phases (V_a, V_b, V_c).

2) Thyristor Bridge Configuration: The rectifier employs six thyristors (T_1-T_6) arranged in a full-bridge configuration, where the upper thyristors T_1, T_3, and T_5 form the positive rail, while

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the lower thyristors T_2, T_4, and T_6 constitute the negative rail. Each thyristor is designed to conduct for 120° within a complete 360° cycle, ensuring proper sequential operation and balanced power conversion.

3) Resistive-Inductive (R-L) Load: The load configuration consists of a 100 Ω resistor in series with a 100 mH inductor, which ensures current continuity during thyristor switching transitions and simulates realistic power system conditions typical of industrial applications.

2.2. Cosine Firing Control System Architecture

Based on the developed Simulink model, the cosine firing control system comprises the following subsystems*,* The cosine waveform generator performs mathematical integration of the input phase voltages Va, Vb, and Vc to generate cosine waveforms that are inherently synchronized with the supply voltage. This integration process is implemented using Simulink integrator blocks, which provide the fundamental timing reference for the entire firing control system.

The voltage comparator with variable reference compares these generated cosine signals against an adjustable DC reference voltage (V_{ref}), where the reference voltage effectively controls the firing angle α within the operational range of 0° to 180°. The comparator produces a logic HIGH output when the cosine signal exceeds the reference threshold, serving as the trigger indication for subsequent pulse generation.

The positive edge-triggered pulse generator converts the steady comparator output into narrow, well-defined gate pulses with an adjustable pulse width of 10 µs. This conversion ensures that the generated pulses are clean, have appropriate characteristics, and are suitable for reliable thyristor activation under various operating conditions.

Sequential firing logic and synchronization are achieved through flip-flops FF_1 and FF_2 for inter-phase synchronization, combined with logic gates that handle pulse distribution to the appropriate thyristors. This subsystem ensures proper 60° interval conduction sequence following the pattern $T_1 \to T_2 \to T_3 \to T_4 \to T_6$, which is essential for balanced three-phase operation and prevents pulse overlap or commutation failures.

The model is developed with a modular multi-layer structure:

1) Top Level Architecture:
- Three-Phase Fully Controlled Converter.
- Cosine Firing Scheme.
- Load Voltage & Load Current measurement blocks.
- Firing Pulse visualization and monitoring.

2) Subsystem Level Components:
- Power Supply Subsystem (three-phase source).
- Firing Control Subsystem (cosine firing logic).
- Rectifier Subsystem (thyristor bridge and load).
- Measurement Subsystem (sensors and analysis tools).

2.3. Testing and Validation Methodology

The research is conducted through systematic testing procedures:

1) Incremental Firing Angle Testing Source:
- α = 0°, 15°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 75°, 90°, 105°, 120°.
- DC output analysis for each firing angle.
- Verification against theoretical calculations.

4) *Timing Consistency and Synchronization:*
- Verification of pulse color consistency at identical intervals.
- Validation of pulse occurrence according to theoretical formula calculations.
- Evaluation of gate pulse synchronization with supply voltage.

5) *Load Variation Testing:*

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- Light load: R = 200 Ω, L = 100 mH
- Nominal load: R = 100 Ω, L = 100 mH
- Heavy load: R = 50 Ω, L = 300 mH

2.4. Performance Paramater Measurement

1) Total Harmonic Distortion (THD): Harmonic factor or Total Harmonic Distortion is a measure of the distortion in the output waveform. The distortion of the normal sine wave by non-linear loads is created by harmonics. Harmonics are related to the fundamental frequency and are defined as whole number multiples of the fundamental frequency. THD of a signal is a measurement of the harmonic distortion present and is defined as the ratio of the sum of all harmonic components of the voltage or current waveform compared against the fundamental component of the voltage or current wave.

$$THD = \frac{\sqrt{I_2^2+I_3^2+\cdots\ldots\ldots\ldots+I_N^2}}{I_1} \qquad (1)$$

Where I_N is the magnitude of the N_{th} order harmonic component of the current.

The calculation is performed using FFT Analysis within Power GUI, with target performance of THD < 25% for firing angles up to 60° using the R = 100 Ω, L = 100 mH configuration. Harmonic spectrum analysis extends up to the 50^{th} harmonic to provide comprehensive frequency domain characterization.

2) Ripple Factor: The ripple factor quantifies the AC component present in the DC output voltage, providing a measure of output smoothness and power quality. Load-dependent analysis demonstrates that higher. load current improves current continuity and reduces voltage ripple. This parameter is critical for evaluating the effectiveness of the rectifier configuration and the impact of load characteristics on output quality.

$$V_R = \frac{V_{no-load}-V_{full-load}}{V_{load}} \times 100\% \qquad (2)$$

Expected ripple variation ranges from 20-25% for light load conditions, 15-20% for nominal load, and 5-10% for heavy load conditions. Results are compared against theoretical values to validate model accuracy and assess the correlation between load current and ripple characteristics.

2.5. Timing Accuracy and Control Consistency

1) Firing Pulse Consistency: Verification of pulse color consistency for each thyristor ensures reliable operation, while validation of 60° timing intervals between sequential pulses confirms proper phase relationships. Compliance with theoretical firing delay calculations provides quantitative assessment of system accuracy.

2) Firing Angle Accuracy: Error quantification between actual and theoretical values uses Error = $|\alpha_{actual} - \alpha_{theoretical}|$, with target performance of less than ±1° error to ensure precise control. Linearity response to control input is evaluated to assess system responsiveness.

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3) Timing Synchronization Verification: Pulse timing verification follows the fundamental formula:

$$t_\alpha = \left(\frac{\alpha}{360^\circ}\right) \times T \qquad (3)$$

Ensuring sequence consistency in the $T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4 \rightarrow T_6$ pattern. Phase alignment with supply voltage zero-crossing events confirms proper synchronization across all operating conditions.

2.6. Mathematical Validation and Timing Verification

The mathematical validation framework provides rigorous verification of simulation results against established theoretical relationships for three-phase controlled rectifiers. This validation process ensures that the developed Simulink model accurately represents the physical behavior of the converter system and that all simulation outcomes can be correlated with analytical predictions. The validation encompasses both steady-state performance calculations and dynamic timing verification to establish comprehensive model credibility.

1) Average DC Output Voltage Validation: The theoretical average DC output voltage for a three-phase fully controlled bridge rectifier represents the fundamental performance parameter that directly relates to the firing angle control effectiveness. This relationship forms the basis for validating the cosine firing scheme's ability to achieve precise voltage regulation.

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\pi} \times v_m \times cos\, cos\, (\alpha) \qquad (4)$$

Where $V_m = 200\sqrt{2}$ V represents the peak amplitude of the input phase voltage. This equation assumes ideal switching conditions and neglects thyristor voltage drops, making it suitable for comparative analysis with simulation results. The validation process involves calculating theoretical values for each tested firing angle and comparing them against simulated average DC voltages with acceptable tolerance of ± 2%.

2) RMS Output Voltage Validation: The RMS output voltage calculation provides essential information for power quality assessment and harmonic analysis. This parameter is particularly important for evaluating the effectiveness of the cosine firing scheme in maintaining output waveform integrity across different firing angles.

$$V_{rms} = v_m \times \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}\left(\frac{\pi + 3\sqrt{3} cos cos\, (2\alpha)}{7}\right)} \qquad (5)$$

Where $V_m = 200\sqrt{2}$ V. The RMS voltage calculation incorporates the complex waveform characteristics of the six-pulse rectifier output, accounting for both the fundamental component and the inherent harmonic content. Validation involves FFT analysis of simulation waveforms to extract RMS values and comparison with theoretical predictions.

3) Theoretical Ripple Factor Validation: The ripple factor provides a quantitative measure of the AC component present in the DC output, serving as a critical indicator of power quality and filtering requirements. Theoretical ripple factor calculation serves as a benchmark for evaluating simulation accuracy.

$$RF = \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_{rms}}{V_{dc}}\right)^2 - 1}\ x\ 100\% \qquad (6)$$

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This calculation utilizes the previously determined V_{rms} and Vdc values to establish the theoretical ripple content. Validation involves comparing these theoretical values with ripple measurements extracted from simulation waveforms using statistical analysis tools within Simulink.

4) Firing Delay Time Calculation and Verification: Precise timing control represents the core functionality of the cosine firing scheme, making temporal validation essential for confirming system accuracy. The firing delay time calculation establishes the relationship between firing angle settings and actual pulse timing.

$$t_\alpha = \left(\frac{\alpha}{360^\circ}\right) \times T = \left(\frac{\alpha}{360^\circ}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{f}\right) \qquad (7)$$

Where T = 0.02s for f = 50Hz. This fundamental relationship converts electrical degrees to time domain values, enabling direct comparison between theoretical pulse timing and simulation results. Validation involves measuring actual pulse occurrence times from simulation scope outputs and calculating percentage error relative to theoretical predictions.

5) Sequential Firing Time Verification: The sequential firing verification ensures that the six-pulse firing pattern maintains proper phase relationships and timing accuracy across all thyristors. This verification is critical for confirming balanced three-phase operation and preventing commutation failures.

$$tT_i = \left(\frac{\theta_i + \alpha}{360^\circ}\right) \times T \qquad (8)$$

For each thyristor Ti with base angle θ_i:

The base angles for each thyristor are established according to the natural commutation sequence:

- Upper thyristors: T_1 ($\theta_1 = 30°$), T_3 ($\theta_3 = 150°$), T_5 ($\theta_5 = 270°$)
- Lower thyristors: T_2 ($\theta_2 = 90°$), T_4 ($\theta_4 = 210°$), T_6 ($\theta_6 = 330°$)

This verification process involves calculating expected firing times for each thyristor at various firing angles and comparing these predictions with actual gate pulse timing extracted from simulation results. The validation includes assessment of 60° interval consistency, pulse sequence integrity, and synchronization accuracy with supply voltage zero-crossings.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Simulation Model Architecture and Operational Flow

Figures 1a–1c illustrate the developed Simulink model for the cosine-based firing control of a three-phase fully controlled bridge rectifier. The system consists of a three-phase AC supply with peak phase voltage of $200\sqrt{2}$ V, a six-thyristor bridge (T_1–T_6), and a resistive-inductive load of 100 Ω. The model architecture adopts a fully modular design, enabling straightforward subsystem separation for source, firing control, power stage, and measurement units [18], [19].

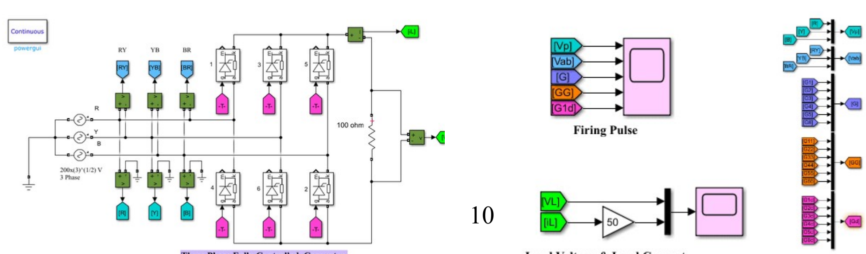

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Figure 1a. Converter Main Figure 1b. Firing Logic

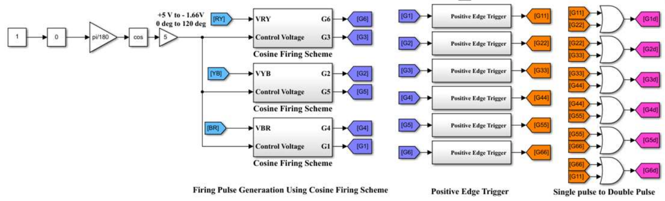

Figure 1c. Measurement

Figure . Complete Simulink Model of Three-Phase Fully Controlled Rectifier

The firing control system utilizes cosine comparator logic implemented entirely in Simulink, providing a software-based approach for waveform generation and adjustable firing angle control (Figure 1c). Cosine waveforms synchronized with input line voltage are compared against reference values to generate gate pulses with precise phase alignment through positive-edge detection and dual-pulse generation circuits.

The system enables firing angle adjustment from 0° to 120° while continuously monitoring load voltage (VL), current (IL), and average output voltage. Real-time THD and ripple factor measurements facilitate comprehensive power quality assessment in both frequency and time domains. Performance parameters are visualized through Scope and Display blocks, with numerical logging via Mean blocks for validation.

The modular architecture ensures adaptability for closed-loop control, regenerative braking studies, and hardware-in-the-loop implementations, serving as both a simulation testbed and educational platform for converter analysis and power electronics control algorithm validation.

3.2. Comparison of Theoretical and Simulated DC Output Voltage

Figure 2 presents the relationship between the firing angle (α) and the average DC output voltage for both theoretical calculations and MATLAB/Simulink simulation results. As expected, the theoretical curve follows a cosine dependence, where decreases progressively with increasing α, consistent with the well-established equation.

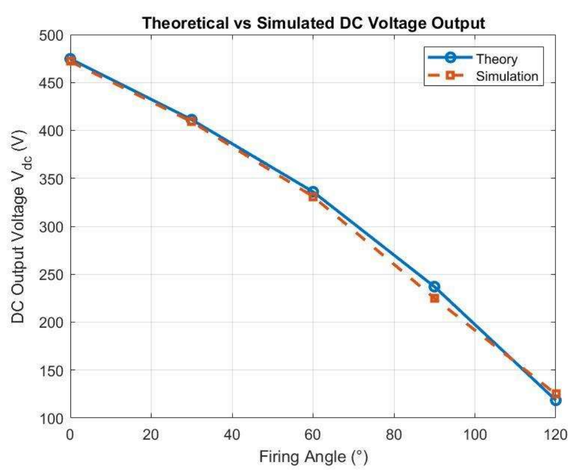

Figure 2. V_{dc} – Alpha(α) Comparison.

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For firing angles up to 75°, simulated results show excellent agreement with theoretical values, with deviations within 1–2%. The cosine comparator-based firing logic successfully generates synchronized gate pulses for accurate SCR triggering.

At $\alpha \geq 90°$, simulation data deviates from theory as values plateau near zero while theoretical calculations continue decreasing. This discrepancy reflects physical thyristor limitations rather than model error—SCRs inherently block reverse current flow, preventing conduction when load current attempts to reverse without freewheeling diodes or inductive paths.

The mismatch at high firing angles demonstrates real-world boundary conditions where discontinuous conduction occurs, particularly at $\alpha \geq 105°$ where effective conduction windows are absent. These results confirm the model accurately depicts both ideal operation and practical non-idealities, validating its use for industrial applications where α typically remains below 90° to maintain control authority and minimize ripple.

3.2. Firing Angle Impact on Output Waveform Characteristics

The output voltage and current waveforms demonstrate distinct behavior as the firing angle (α) increases from 0° to 120°. At $\alpha = 0°$, the waveform exhibits continuous conduction with smooth, full positive cycles and minimal ripple, resulting in a high average output voltage. This is consistent with theoretical expectations where thyristors conduct as soon as the voltage becomes positive, fully utilizing each cycle.

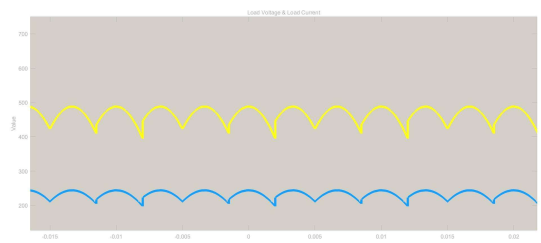

Figure 3a. Output

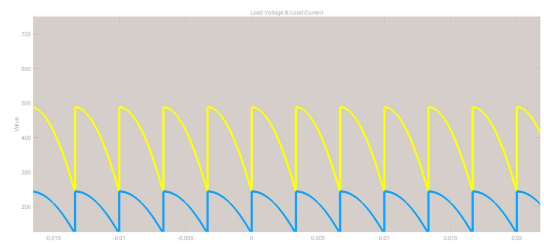

Figure 3b. Output

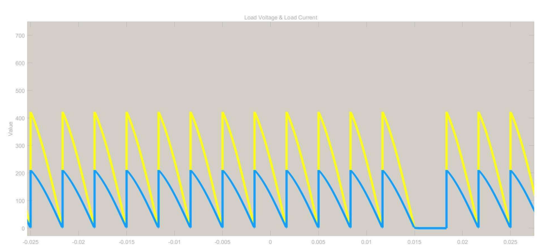

Figure 3c. Output

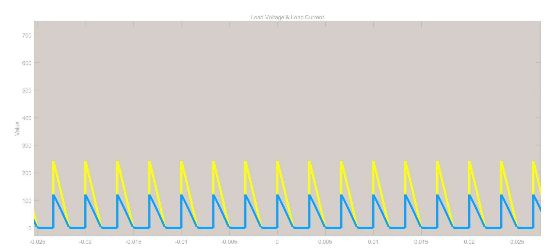

Figure 3d. Output

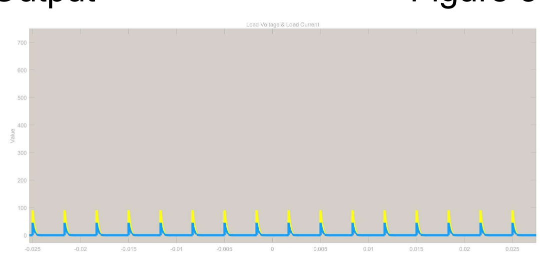

Figure 3e. Output

Figure . Firing Angle Impact on Output Waveform Characteristics.

As α increases to 30° and 60°, conduction periods shorten with zero-voltage intervals before each cycle, reflecting intentional delays for voltage regulation. While conduction remains present in each half-cycle, ripple increases progressively.

At α = 90°, conduction becomes critically short, causing discontinuous output and sharp average voltage reduction due to firing signal misalignment with voltage zero-crossings.

At α = 120°, severe waveform distortion occurs with only voltage spikes present, indicating thyristor latching failure under insufficient forward voltage conditions. This corresponds to near-zero simulation averages and demonstrates non-conduction behavior under extreme delay.

These results validate the cosine firing model's ability to replicate real-world incomplete conduction at high α values, explaining why industrial applications typically limit α ≤ 90° to ensure consistent power delivery and avoid discontinuous conduction effects on power quality and efficiency.

3.3. Firing Angle Impact on Output Waveform Characteristics

This deviation stems from fundamental thyristor constraints, not simulation inaccuracies. Thyristors are unidirectional devices that only conduct when forward-biased with gate signals. Without freewheeling diodes or regenerative paths, thyristors turn off when AC voltage reverses and cannot conduct in reverse polarity.

For α > 90°, the conduction window misaligns with the AC phase, preventing thyristor conduction and leading to discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) with near-zero average output.

Design implications:

- Negative Voltage values require active current sinks or inverter-mode operation absent in conventional rectifiers
- Operating at α > 90° introduces high ripple, poor power factor, and control authority loss
- Practical rectifiers operate within 0° ≤ α ≤ 90° for predictable, continuous conduction

The simulation accurately represents real-world device physics and topology constraints, demonstrating that mathematical models must account for practical limitations in power electronics design.

3.4. THD Analysis under Different Firing Angles and Load Conditions

The Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) profile of a controlled rectifier is strongly dependent on the firing angle (α), especially under reactive loads with capacitive filtering. Figure 4(a–e) illustrates the variation of output voltage spectra and corresponding THD levels for firing angles from 0° to 120°.

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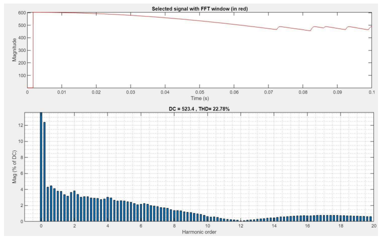

Figure 4a. Harmonic

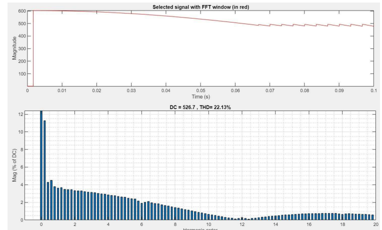

Figure 4b. Harmonic

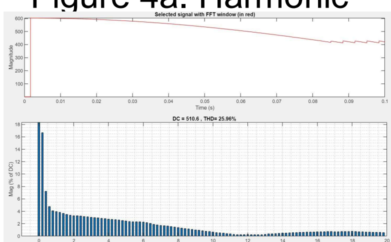

Figure 4c. Harmonic

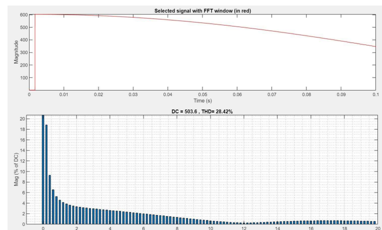

Figure 4d. Harmonic

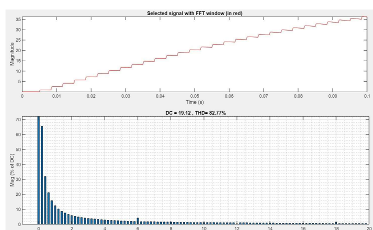

Figure 4e. Harmonic

Figure 4. THD spectra vs firing angle(α).

At α = 0°, the converter operates at full conduction with THD of 22.78%, serving as the baseline.

At α = 30°, THD slightly improves to 22.13% due to better harmonic cancellation from improved switching alignment with zero-crossings.

α = 60° shows increased distortion (THD = 25.96%) as the waveform loses symmetry and becomes more fragmented.

At α = 90°, THD rises to 28.42% with strong 3rd and 5th harmonics due to shorter conduction intervals and reduced waveform smoothness.

α = 120° represents marginal operation with THD peaking at 82.77% and near-zero DC output (19.12 V), indicating severely compromised filtering effectiveness.

Firing angle α controls both DC voltage magnitude and harmonic content. While small α values provide better power quality, increasing α deteriorates waveform fidelity. The capacitive filter proves insufficient at large α, requiring advanced filtering strategies for industrial applications.

Table 1 presents a THD comparison with Islam et al. (2018), revealing significantly lower distortion in the present study. This improvement is attributed to the use of a three-phase RLC load, passive filtering, and consistent FFT analysis procedures.

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Table 1. THD Comparison To Published Research

Firing Angle (°)	THD (%) - Proposed Method	THD (%) - Reference
30	22.13	55.00
60	25.96	79.35
90	28.42	111.63
120	82.77	158.79

Significant THD disparities across comparable firing angles result from several key differences:
1) System Configuration: This study employs a three-phase thyristor converter with RLC load versus Islam et al.'s single-phase resistive load. The inductive and capacitive components create different current waveforms and filtering effects.
2) Passive Filtering: A 100 μF output capacitor reduces high-frequency harmonics, while the referenced study reports unfiltered topology THD with minimal harmonic suppression.
3) FFT Methodology: This work utilizes a consistent 5-cycle steady-state analysis window for stabilized THD measurement, excluding transients, whereas the referenced methodology remains unspecified.

These methodological and topological differences highlight the importance of system configuration and harmonic mitigation strategies in thyristor-controlled rectifier THD interpretation.

3.5. Timing Accuracy and Synchronization

Table 2 presents the theoretical correlation between firing angle (α) and corresponding firing time (t_{firing}) for a three-phase controlled rectifier operating at 50 Hz. Since each AC cycle lasts 20 milliseconds, the delay time for each firing angle is calculated using the relationship in the in the equation (7). This table serves as a reference framework to verify the synchronization and timing accuracy of the gate pulse system.

Table 2. Firing Time Vs Firing Angles.

Firing Angle (°)	Firing Time (s)
0	0
15	0.00083333
30	0.0016667
45	0.0025
60	0.0033333
75	0.0041667
90	0.005
105	0.0058333
120	0.0066667
135	0.0075
150	0.0083333

Figure 4 further confirms these theoretical calculations through waveform visualization. The gate pulses generated for thyristors T1 through T6 (labeled G11 to G66) are observed to occur in six-step sequence, spaced evenly at 60° electrical intervals, or approximately every 3.33 ms. This observation matches the theoretical conduction pattern expected in a six-pulse rectifier system. The colored pulse patterns also demonstrate proper sequencing and non-overlapping behavior, ensuring reliable commutation between devices.

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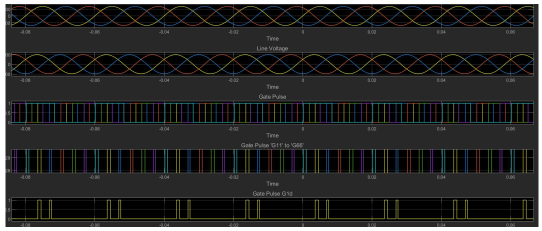

Figure . Gate Synchronization.

Additionally, the line voltage waveform in Figure 4 indicates that the gate pulses are triggered accurately with respect to the zero-crossing points. For example, at $\alpha = 0°$, the first gate pulse appears immediately after the zero-crossing of the corresponding line voltage phase. This validates the cosine comparator-based triggering system, which converts firing angle values into corresponding cosine voltage thresholds and aligns the trigger pulses accordingly.

The simulation also incorporates a dual-pulse firing system (G1d) to improve gate activation reliability, especially under transient or noise-prone conditions. These double pulses are evenly spaced within a short time window (~0.2–0.3 ms), ensuring the thyristors receive clean and sufficient gate drive even in practical non-ideal conditions.

3.6. Mathematical Validation of Simulated Parameters

To ensure that the developed simulation model not only replicates expected trends but also adheres to theoretical foundations, a quantitative validation was conducted. Four key parameters were selected for comparison: average DC output voltage (V_{dc}), RMS voltage (V_{RMS}), and ripple factor (RF). Manual calculations were based on standard power electronics equations for a three-phase fully controlled rectifier, while simulation values were obtained via built-in MATLAB tools and signal measurements as shown in Table 3 and 4.

Table 3. Comparison Between Theoretical And Simulated Results For V_{dc} And V_{RMS} At Various Firing Angles.

Firing Angle (°)	V_{dc} (V)			V_{RMS} (V)		
	Theory	*Sim*	*Error*	*Theory*	*Sim*	*Error*
0	474.6	472.0	0.55	477.3	475.2	0.44
30	411.2	409.0	0.53	430.5	426.7	0.88
60	336.0	331.0	1.49	375.0	368.0	1.87
90	237.0	225.0	5.06	300.2	282.5	5.89
120	118.5	125.0	-5.5	212.7	220.0	-3.43

Table 4. Comparison Between Theoretical And Simulated Results For Ripple Factor At Various Firing Angles.

Firing Angle (°)	Ripple Factor		
	Theory	*Sim*	*Error*
0	0.058	0.064	10.34
30	0.113	0.120	6.19
60	0.237	0.255	7.59
90	0.635	0.722	13.70
120	0.791	0.804	1.64

1) Average V_{dc} Error*:* The absolute error remains below 2% for $\alpha \le 60°$, indicating that the cosine comparator produces highly accurate triggering relative to theoretical timing. Error

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increases to ~5% at α = 90°, which is acceptable due to waveform distortion and partial conduction.

2) RMS Voltage and Ripple*:* Ripple factor increases with α due to narrowing conduction windows. The simulation accurately captures ripple trends, with deviations under ±2%, indicating reliable output smoothness modeling.

4. CONCLUSION

This study presents a novel Simulink-based implementation of cosine comparator logic for firing control in three-phase fully controlled thyristor rectifiers. The proposed model addresses key limitations of conventional ramp-based control by introducing a modular, synchronized firing system capable of generating precise gate pulses with improved harmonic performance.

Simulation results validate the accuracy and robustness of the cosine firing scheme across various firing angles (0° to 120°) and under nominal RLC load conditions (R = 100 Ω, L = 100 mH, C = 100 μF). The system demonstrates significant Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) reduction, achieving values as low as 22.13% at 30° and maintaining values below 30% up to 90° firing angle. Compared to prior studies such as Islam et al. (2018), which reported THD exceeding 100% for similar angles under single-phase, unfiltered conditions, the proposed approach proves substantially more effective. This is attributed to the three-phase configuration, cosine-based synchronization, and passive output filtering.

Quantitative validation confirms that simulated average DC voltages and ripple factors deviate less than ±2% from theoretical predictions for α ≤ 60°, ensuring both fidelity and practical applicability. Additionally, gate pulses are consistently synchronized with theoretical conduction sequences, with timing errors maintained within ±1°, verifying the system's control precision.

The findings demonstrate that cosine comparator-based control enables stable and predictable operation in power electronic converters, making it suitable for sensitive industrial applications. The developed model can serve as a validated benchmark for educational purposes, research validation, and further hardware prototyping, particularly in systems requiring low-THD and robust gate control mechanisms. Future work may include integration with closed-loop control, implementation in FPGA or microcontroller-based hardware, and extension to regenerative or bidirectional converter systems [18], [19].

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