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Reduction of Harmonics by Using Active and Passive Harmonics Filters

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Abstract: ***Harmonics Distortion problems counter many of the conventional rules of Electric power system design and operation that consider only the fundamental frequency. The engineer is faced with unfamiliar phenomena that require their unfamiliar tools to analyse, study and unfamiliar equipment to solve. This paper is basically concerned with the Analysis and Study of Harmonics generated and Destroyed by Power Electronic Converters. The investigation and analysis of harmonics has been carried out using Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) to evaluate the Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) of the converters with and without filters. MATLAB/SIMULINK have been employed for their presenting the simulation results because it is well established and recognized simulation software for the power system. Next, the designing of Passive Filter (Single tuned), is carried out after a literature review and have been applied to the converters for harmonics mitigation. In the future, we would proceed to work on Active as well as Passive (combination types) Filters for Harmonics Mitigation. The harmonic distortion solution chosen was to design a passive filter to decrease the distortion by shifting the resonance point of the network. This Project includes the method to design the passive filter and its impact on efficiency and energy usage.***
Keywords: ***FFT, Passive Filter, Total Harmonics Distortion (THD), MATLAB software***

I. INTRODUCTION

The Maximum frequency harmonics may also causes interference to nearby which telecommunication system. In electrical power system harmonics is a seen for long time but major of problems related to harmonics are come in frame from past few years. In electrical power system distribution traditional equipment such as rotating machine produces harmonics due to uneven distribution of flux in air gap of rotating machine this tends to no sinusoidal voltage & current generation in rotating machine such as synchronous machine. When we talk about their traditional equipment like transformer overloading of transformer is a causes of harmonic generation [1].

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All these above said problems and identified are severe for the electrical power system, so the harmonic mitigation is the important for both points of view of consumers and utilities end [4]. In Electrical Harmonic filtering technique by using passive filters and it is one of the most used and earliest technologies present in the system used to address the harmonics mitigation in system. The Passive filters has been used very widely uses because it is very simple and easier designing process and low cost factors. In their harmonics is sinusoidal waveform of currents or voltages having frequencies that are integer numbers of the frequency at which the supply power system is designed to operate. Harmonics are combined with their fundamental voltage and current can produce waveform distortion. In Harmonic (disturbance) distortion exists due to the non-linear characteristics of devices (system) and loads on the electric power system. Current distortion results as these voltages causes non-linear voltage drops across their system impedance. Industrial loads like electric arc furnaces and discharge lighting can cause harmonic distortion. The effect of harmonics in the power system includes the corruption and loss of data, overheating or damage to sensitive equipment and overheating of capacitor banks. The high frequency harmonics may also cause interference to nearby telecommunication system [5]. They supply Real and reactive power to the system while being highly effective in attenuating harmonic components. In Typically, Passive filter banks installed in medium-voltage systems are able to provide satisfactory to reduction in currents and voltages distortions after their planning and design the other solution is the application of active filters [5-7]. Harmonic current is isolated by using harmonic filters in order to protect the electrical equipment from getting damaged due to harmonic voltage distortion [6]. They are also be used to improving the electrical power factor. Harmonic distortion is a growing concern for many customers and for the overall power system due to increasing application of power electronics equipment. Harmonic distortion levels can be found throughout the complete harmonic spectrum, with the magnitudes of each individual harmonic component varying inversely with their position in the spectrum. Furthermore, the phase angle of each component is unique into itself. It is also common to use a single quantity, the total harmonic distortion (THD), as a measure of the magnitude of harmonic distortion. Passive filters exhibit the best relationship cost-benefit among all other mitigation techniques when dealing with low and medium voltage rectifier system [1-4].

II. SOURCES OF HARMONICS

A. The Main Sources of Harmonics in Electric Power Systems Can Be Categorized as

1) Magnetization nonlinearities of transformer
2) Rotating machines
3) Arcing devices
4) Semi-conductor based power supply
5) Inverter fed A.C drives
6) Thyristor controlled reactors
7) Phase controllers
8) A.C regulators

III. PASSIVE FILTER

The passive filter consists of elements like inductor, capacitor and resistor for their filtration purpose. Now this makes the passive filter configuration simple and easy to implement. The passive filter is connected with the electrical power distribution system and is series tuned and shunt tuned to present low impedance (Z) to particular harmonics so that these harmonics distortion are diverted from their normal flow path through the filter or is tuned to present high impedance to particular harmonics to stop them from affecting the circuit. The tuning depends on the configuration of the filter designed. The passive filter is a very good choice for constant loads and is a cost effective solution to harmonic reduction and power factor improvement. All these advantages can be lost if the input filter is not properly designed. An oversized input filter unnecessarily adds cost and volume to the design and compromises system performance Proposed Filter Connections This project explains how to design the optimal input filter for a two pulse diode rectifier application using optimization. For a two pulse diode rectifier circuit with low power rating, using a passive filter is best suited. In most of the cases a passive filter involves an RLC combination tuned (shunt and series) to serve the purpose. The proposed RLC filter approach to reduce line current and voltage harmonics generated by two diode rectifier. The simple passive-filter solution is the R-L-C passive filter equivalent circuit. The transfer functions of the filter:

IV.MATLAB SIMULATION & RESULTS

These passive filters block the flow of harmonic current and voltage into ac/dc mains, by providing large impedance path at certain harmonic distortion frequencies for which the filter is tuned. Moreover, the harmonic compensation is practically independent of the source impedance. But, passive filter like shunt and series filter suffer due to the reduction in dc link voltage and current due to the

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voltage drop across the passive filter components at both fundamental as well as fundamental harmonic frequencies. These passive filters block the flow of harmonic current and voltage into ac/dc mains, by providing large impedance path at certain harmonic distortion frequencies for which the filter is tuned. Moreover, the harmonic compensation is practically independent of the source impedance. But, passive filter like shunt and series filter suffer due to the reduction in dc link voltage and current due to the voltage drop across the passive filter components at both fundamental as well as fundamental harmonic frequencies

The passive filters are used to mitigate power quality problems in ac-dc converter with R-C load. Moreover, apart from mitigating the current harmonics, the passive filters also provide reactive power compensation, thereby, further improving the system performance. Voltage and current source type of harmonic producing loads, generally, passive shunt filters and passive series filters are recommended. These filter apart from mitigating the current harmonics, also provide limited reactive power compensation and dc bus voltage regulation. The performance of these Passive filters depends heavily depends on the source impedance present in the system or device, as these filter act as sinks for the harmonic currents. On the other hand, for voltage source type harmonic producing loads, the use of the series passive filters is recommended.

Case-1 Modelling and simulation of Mitigation of 3kw Harmonics without Filters

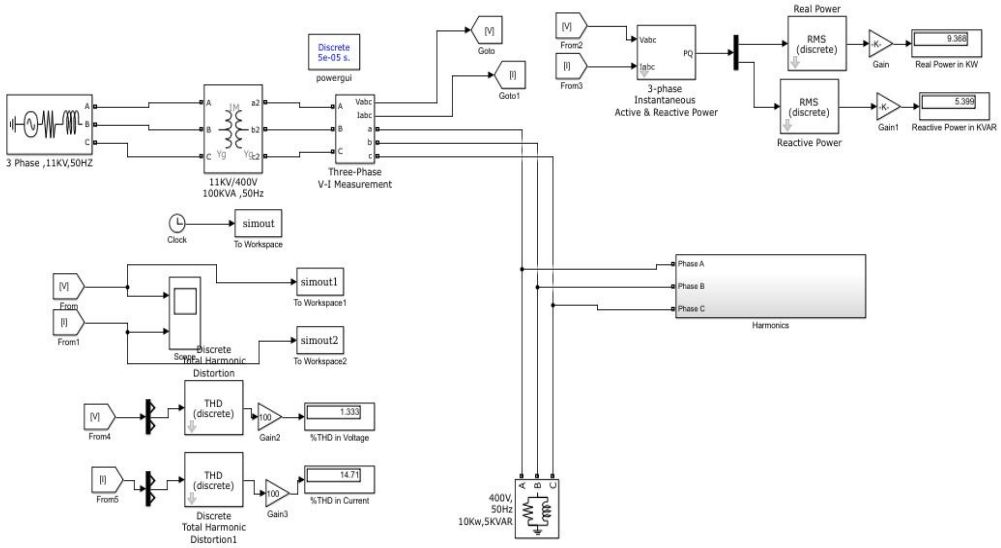
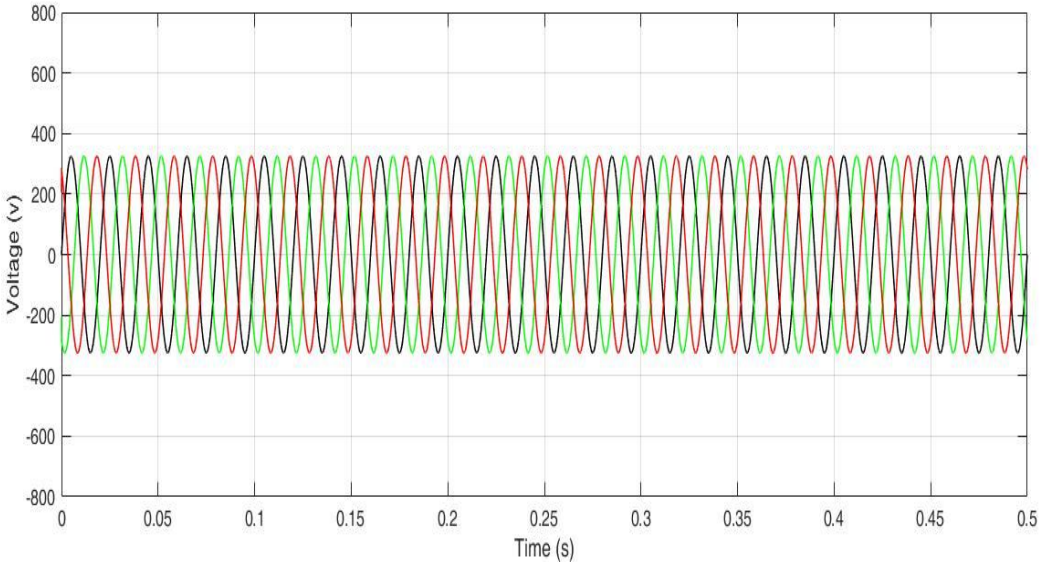


Fig. 1 MATLAB based model without Filters.



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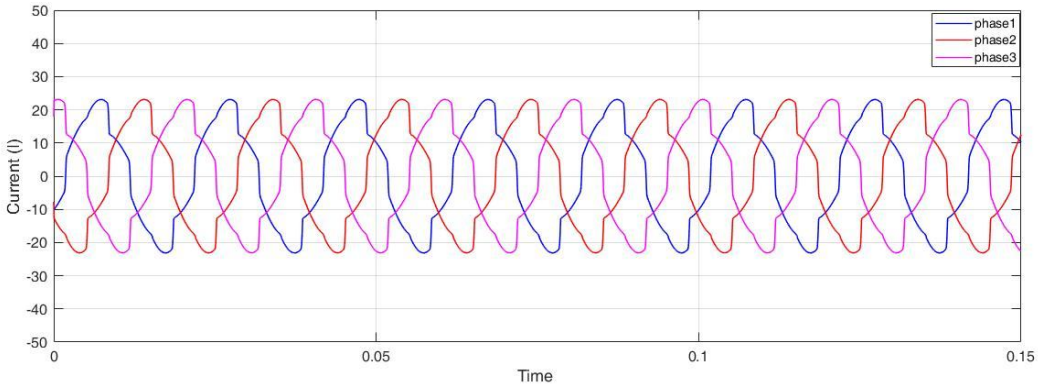


Fig. 2 Voltage and Current Waveform without Harmonic Filters.

Case-2 Modelling and simulation of Mitigation of 3kw Harmonics with Passive Filters

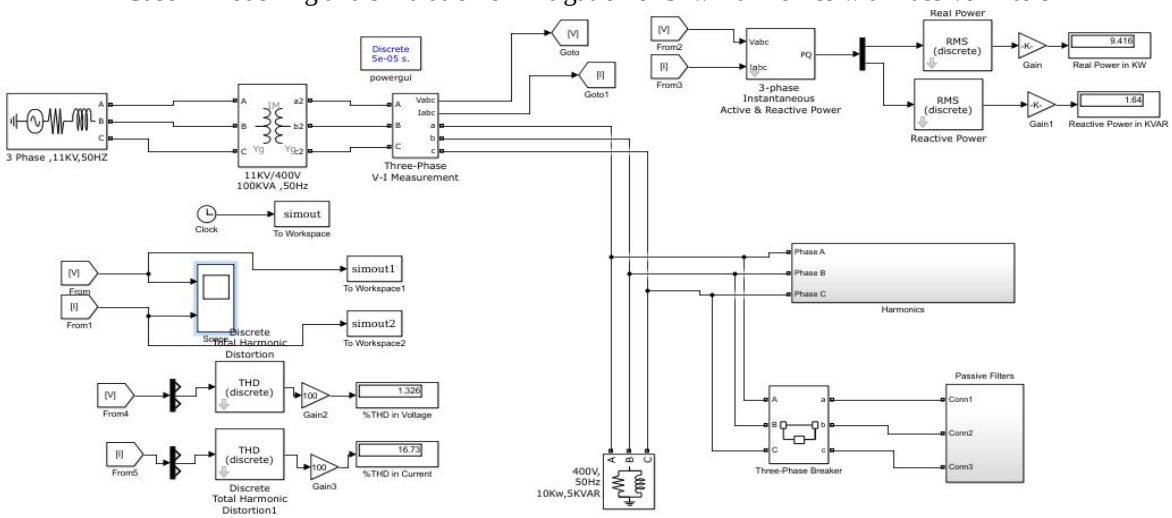
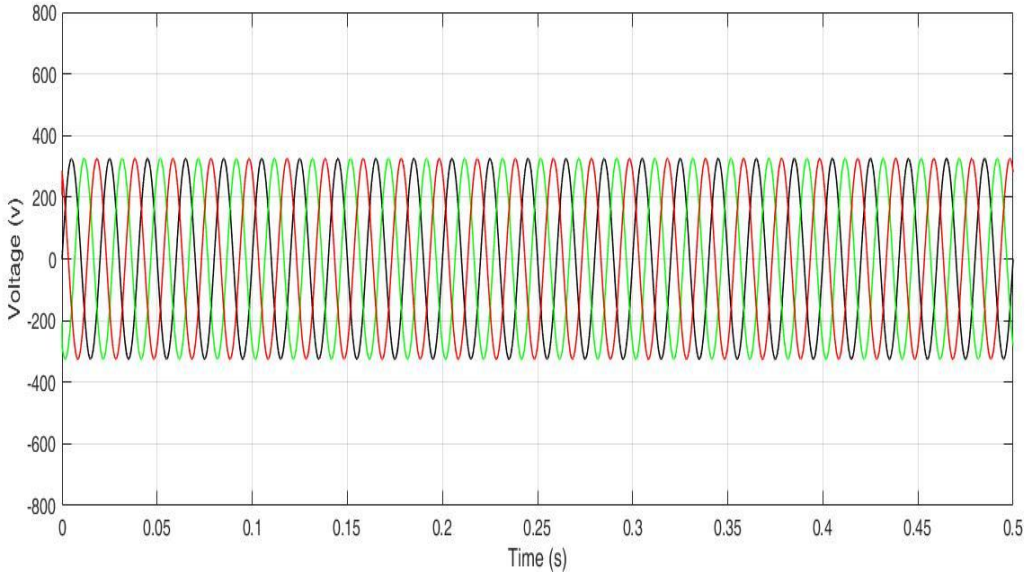


Fig. 3 MATLAB based model with Passive Filters.



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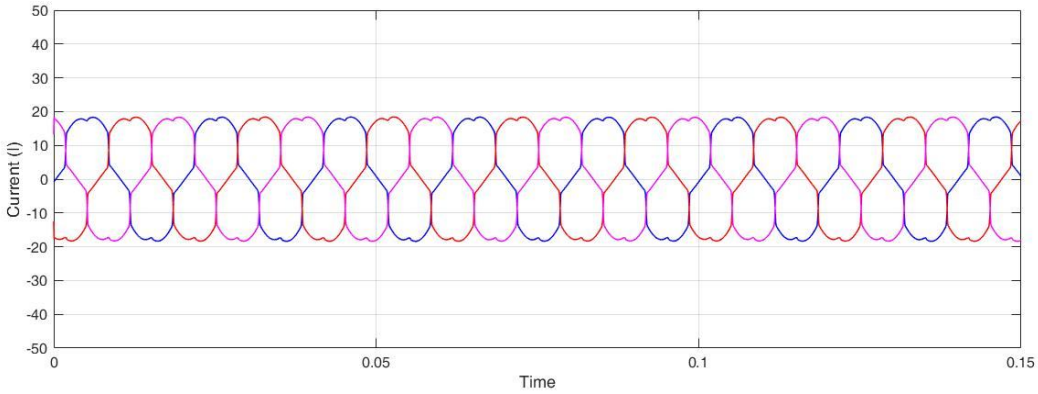


Fig. 4 Voltage and Current Waveform with Passive Harmonic Filters.

Case-3 Modelling and simulation of Mitigation of 3kw Harmonics with Active Filters

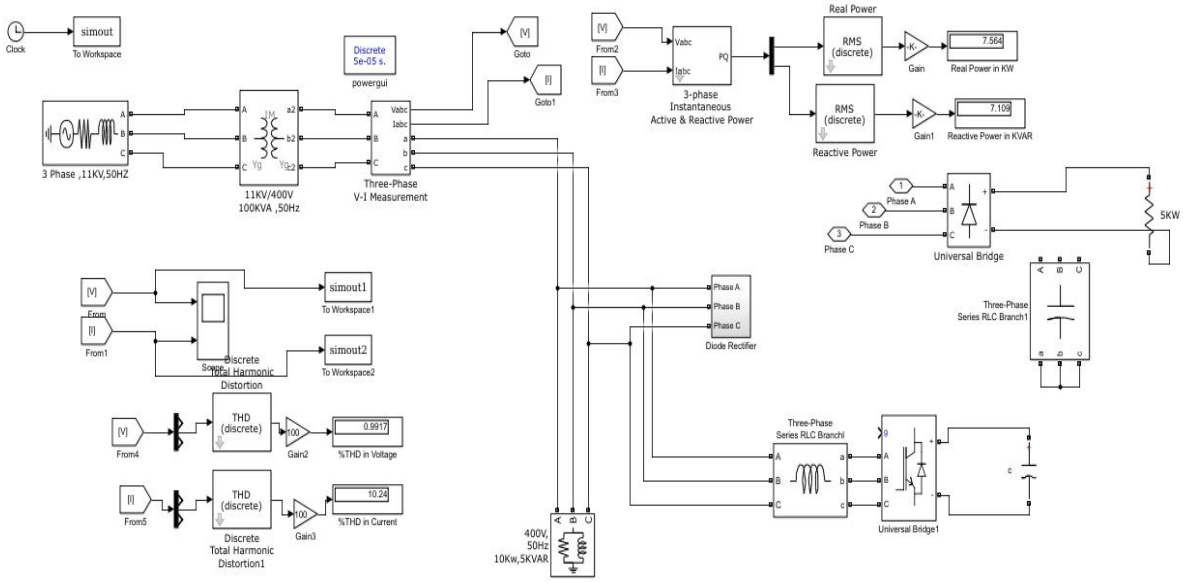
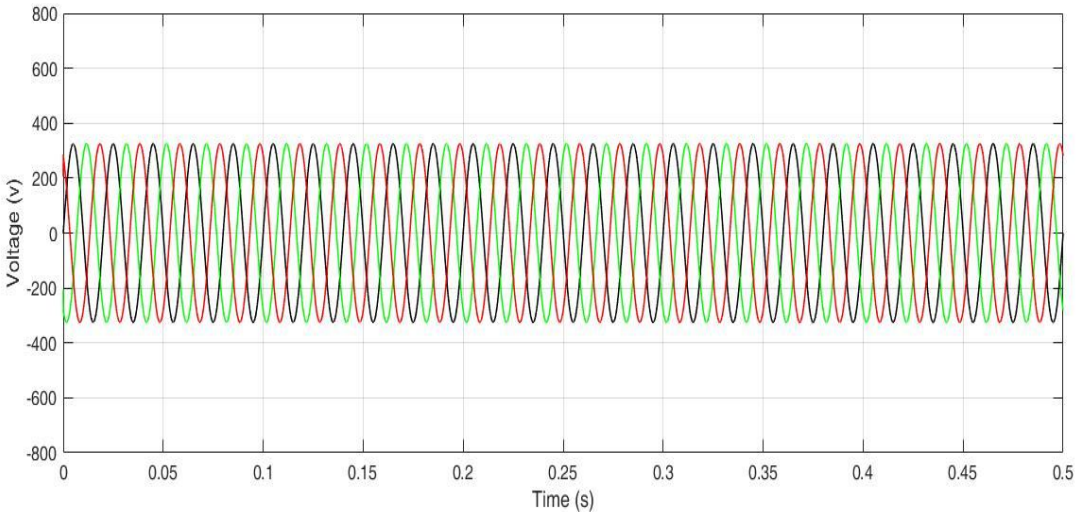


Fig. 5 MATLAB based model with Active Power Filters.



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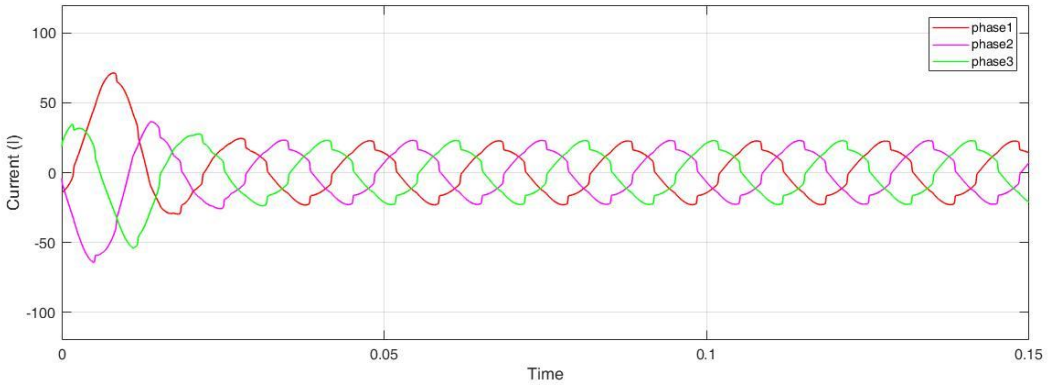


Fig. 6 Voltage and Current Waveform with Active Harmonic Filters.

V. PASSIVE FILTER DESIGN WITH HARMONIC BEHAVIOUR

These Passive filters block the flow of harmonics current and voltage into ac mains, by provide the high impedance (Z) path at certain harmonic frequencies for which the Passive filter is tuned. Moreover, In harmonic compensation is practically independent of the source impedance. But, passive filter suffer due to the less in dc link voltage due from the voltage drop across the filter components at both fundamental as well as harmonic frequencies In this project we studies and discuss electricity or electrical power are increases day by day and transmits more electrical power by rapidly increasing the transmission line capacity from one station to another station.

In passive harmonic filters, preventing the circulation of the unwanted harmonic currents in the power system can be achieved by the usage of a high series impedance to block them (series filter concept) or by diverting the harmonic currents to a low impedance shunt path (shunt filter concept). They are also employed either to passive shunt and passive series the harmonic currents and voltage off the line or to block their flow between parts of the system by tuning the elements to create a resonance at a selected frequency.

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VI. CONCLUSIONS

Here we presented this project a brief idea about the designing and construct process of passive filter for the mitigation of harmonic distortion in the system. When it improves the electrical power quality and total harmonics distortion and gives us the pure sinusoidal wave. Passive power filters are the emerging devices, which can perform the job of harmonic elimination properly. First their harmonic disturbances are detected from the electrical power line using transducers, and then harmonic waveform is separated from the fundamental sine wave using reference signal estimation techniques. The Pulse Width Modulation signals for their controlling purpose are then generated using any one of control signal generation schemes. Thus a passive shut filter and passive series filter will provide harmonic elimination with better controlling methods.

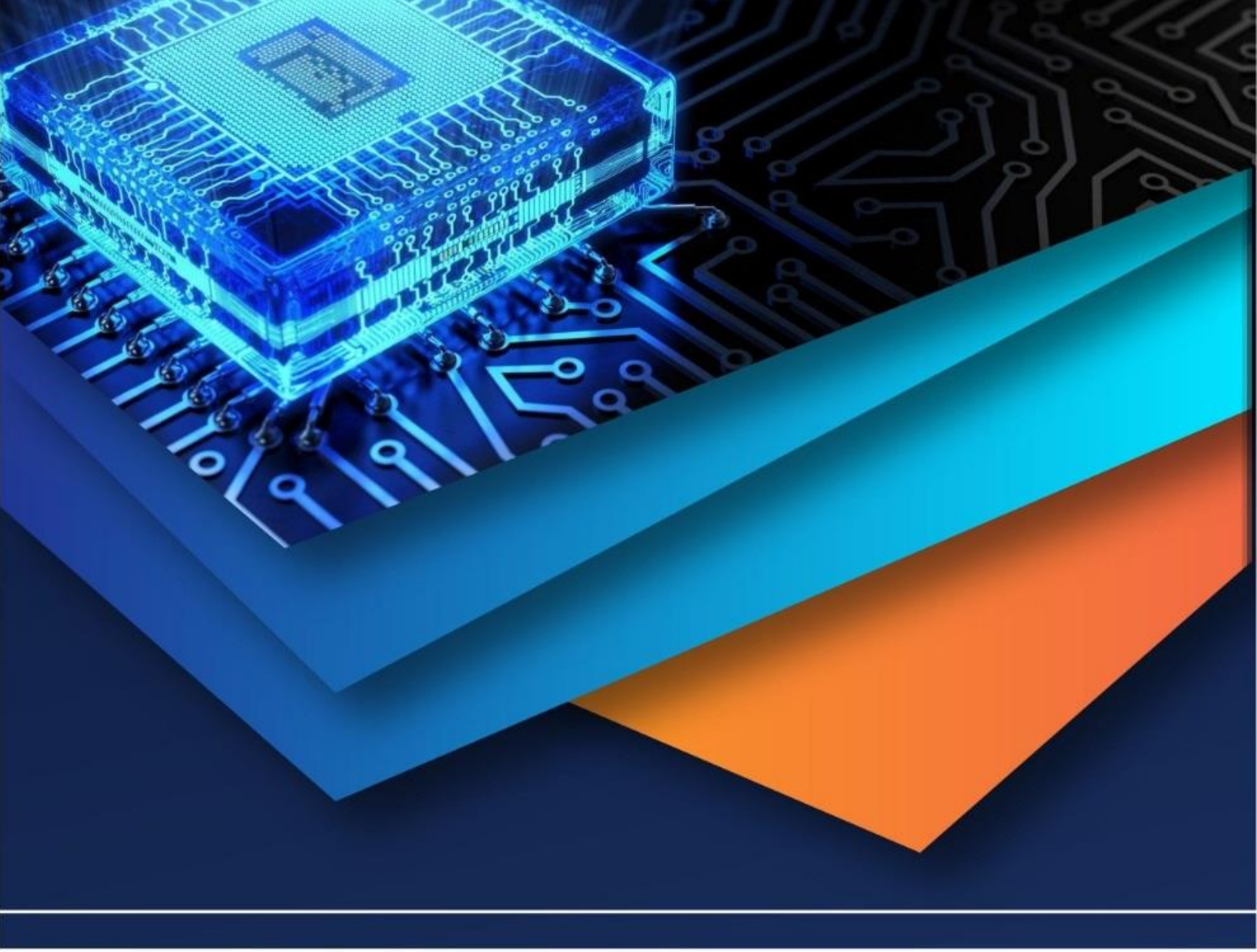
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