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Summary

With the development of big data and cloud computing technology, the quantity and total capacity of the data centre and telecommunication room as well as information and communication technology (ICT) equipment power density is increasing rapidly. Furthermore, it has been found that the traditional power systems had the disadvantages of low energy efficiency, high energy consumption and maintenance difficulties in existing data centre and telecommunication rooms. It is therefore necessary to develop a new structure of the whole power system which integrates the traditional 10 kVAC voltage distribution equipment, transformer, low voltage distribution equipment and up to 400 VDC equipment. In the new structure the distribution system of each voltage level is simplified, so that the maintenance work is reduced, and the reliability of the whole power system is improved. Recommendation ITU-T L.1230 includes system composition, general requirements, and monitoring system, etc. of 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC.

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1 Scope

This Recommendation specifies the structure of the 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system in the data centre and telecommunication room. This Recommendation covers the following items:

- 1) System composition of 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system.
- 2) General requirements including output voltage range, safety requirement, electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirement, resistibility.
- 3) Monitoring system function of power system.

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3 Definitions

3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Recommendation uses the following term defined elsewhere:

3.1.1 phase shifting transformer (PST) [b-IEEE C57.135]: A transformer that advances or retards the phase-angle relationship of one circuit with respect to another.

3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

This Recommendation defines the following term:

3.2.1 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system: An integrated DC uninterruptible power supply system with input voltage of 10 kVAC and output voltage up to 400 VDC (based on phase shifting transformer architecture), which is suitable for data centre and telecommunication room.

4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

AC	Alternating Current
DC	Direct Current
EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
PFC	Power Factor Correction
PST	Phase Shifting Transformer
SPD	Surge Protective Device
VDC	Volts DC

5 Conventions

None.

6 System composition

6.1 System composition

The system includes a 10 kVAC cabinet (10 kVAC switchgear or load switchgear), a phase shifting transformer cabinet (including phase shifting transformer), rectifier output cabinets, and AC output cabinets (when required by users), as shown in Figure 1 (taking two rectifier output cabinets as an example).

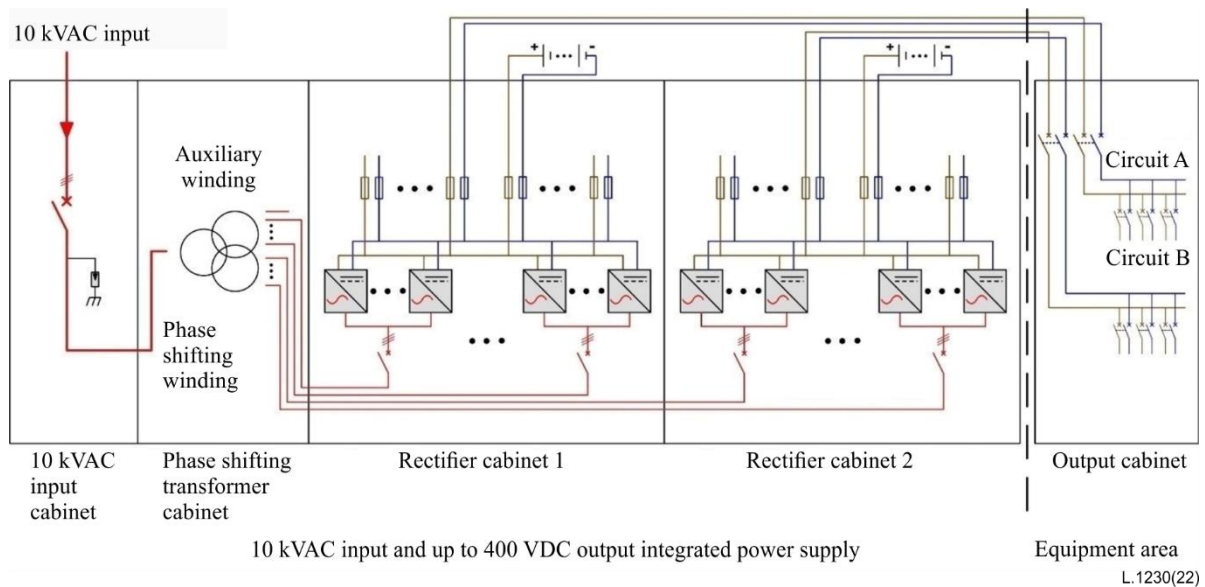


Figure 1 – System composition diagram

6.2 10 kVAC input cabinet

The 10 kVAC input cabinet provides obvious breakpoints to facilitate maintenance. Switch, high-voltage lightning arrest, high-voltage indicators, etc. are installed inside. The 10 kVAC input cabinet has various measures to prevent misoperations, and the locking structure of the device is reliable and accurate.

6.3 Phase shifting transformer cabinet

The phase shifting transformer cabinet is mainly composed of a transformer, input wiring block, auxiliary side low voltage output wiring block, input voltage / current detection unit, redundant fan, and other components. The output windings of the phase shifting transformer are respectively connected to the mutually isolated AC / DC rectifier unit to realize the DC output suspended from the ground (for more safety) and electrically isolated from other AC windings. The temperature and comprehensive detection module are configured, and the multi-fan redundancy design is adopted to ensure the stable and long-term operation of the transformer.

6.4 Rectifier cabinet

The rectifier cabinet includes input circuit breakers and the rectifier modules. Using the phase shifting transformer, the rectifier is simplified, and the power factor correction (PFC) circuit is removed. Harmonic currents are compensated so that the efficiency of the rectifier can be more than 98%.

6.5 Output distribution cabinet

The output distribution cabinet is composed of the battery shunt fuse, DC load shunt fuse, DC surge protective device (SPD), the integrated detection module, display screen, and other components. The quantity and capacity of the DC output shunt should be adjusted according to the load requirements. The other auxiliary components include the input and distribution module, shunt output module, ground wire row, signal output interface, data display device, door lock, pier, etc.

6.6 Integrated detection module

The integrated detection module can get voltage, current, and status information in real-time. The alarm information should be displayed when in abnormal status occurred. The monitoring of the rectifier module has functions of telemetry (voltage and current), remote communicating (working

state) and remote control (on / off, average / floating charge/test). The monitoring of the DC distribution unit by the integrated detection module has the telemetry functions of output voltage, total load current, power, electric quantity, main shunt current, battery charge / discharge current and other parameters, as well as the telemetry functions of output voltage overvoltage / undervoltage, battery fuse status, equalizing/floating charge/test, main shunt fuse/switch status, battery secondary power down and other parameters.

6.7 System configuration method

In the rectifier cabinet, the capacity configuration of rectifier modules shall be calculated according to the sum of IT load capacity, battery pack charging capacity and redundant power capacity, and the transformer capacity shall be calculated according to the sum of IT load capacity and battery pack charging capacity. The configuration of output DC separate routes shall be designed according to the specific number of battery packs, IT load channels and standby output channels, which can be configured flexibly.

The data centre and telecommunication room usually use lead-acid batteries, and the batteries are placed in the battery room. The capacity configuration of batteries should be calculated according to the system capacity. The single battery voltage can be 2 V, 6 V and 12 V. The voltage, quantity and capacity of a single battery shall meet the system requirements. The quantity of battery packs in each system should not be less than 2 and not more than 4 at most.

7 General requirements

7.1 Output voltage range

When the power system is in the normal state of working, the output voltage range should meet the requirements of Table 1:

Table 1 – Output voltage range

Nominal voltage	Output voltage range
240 V	192 V~288 V
336 V	260 V~400 V

7.2 Safety requirement

Every element of a 10 kV power supply system shall comply with [IEC 62477-2].

Electrical safety and lightning protection requirements are given in [ITU-T K.151]. The electrical insulation, partial discharge, electrical safety, resistibility, and lightning surge protection of system shall be in line with the basic test level.

7.3 EMC requirement

Every element of a 10 kV power supply system should comply with applicable EMC standards.

7.4 Resistibility

Resistibility tests and levels are given in [ITU-T K.151] and [ITU-T K.20]. The system resistibility requirements shall be in line with the basic test level.

Where the basic resistibility requirements are not sufficient due to environmental conditions, national regulations, economic and technical considerations, installation standards or grade of service requirements, the network operators have the right to upgrade the resisting ability or add some special resistibility requirements.

Guidance on the applicability of enhanced test levels and special levels is given in [ITU-T K.85].

8 Monitoring system

The monitoring system can detect the occurrence of abnormal conditions, such as undervoltage or overvoltage, overcurrent, overheating, insulation, or grounding faults, and it can monitor and manage the power supply system. In addition, the monitoring system can effectively detect potential faults before they occur. Monitoring functions also have the key operational role for maintaining the best performance.

The monitoring system has audible and visual alarms and a man-machine interface. It has the function of alarm record query. The alarm record can be refreshed at any time. After the system is powered off, the alarm record will not be lost.

The monitoring system will give an alarm immediately after an action event occurs.

The system monitoring can read equipment information: manufacturer information, brand, model, refrigerating capacity, production date, etc.

The central monitoring unit is the core of the monitoring system. All parts of the whole system are monitored and managed by it. The management work of the system can be done through the human computer interface. The framework diagram of the monitoring system is shown in Figure 2.

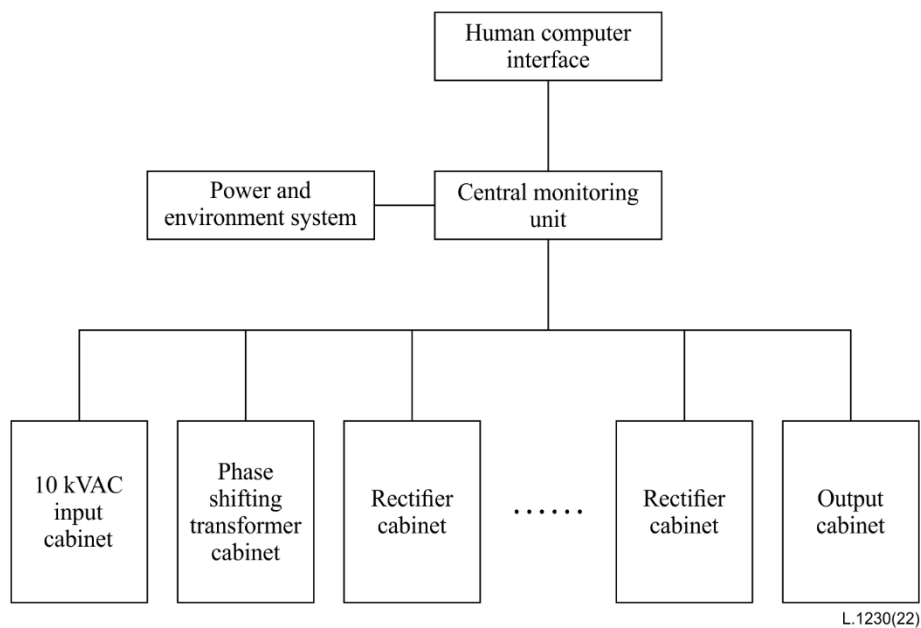


Figure 2 – Monitoring system architecture

Appendix I

Example of conditions for 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system efficiency testing

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

I.1 Environmental conditions

Temperature

A 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system testing configuration was evaluated at standard temperature condition within the range of $25^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ [b-ATIS-0600015]. Before the test, the system was offline or operated at standard temperature condition for no less than 3 hours. The system should be stable, and the ambient temperature should not change beyond the allowable range during the test.

For some types of equipment, additional measurement at its rated temperature boundaries could be required to test the energy efficiency at the limits of its operating temperature, as indicated in the detailed product specific requirements.

Humidity

For a 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system, the system was evaluated at a relative humidity within the range (30% – 75%) [b-ATIS-0600015].

Air pressure

The system was tested at site air pressure within the range (81 200 Pa-102 000 Pa) [b-ATIS-0600015]. No targeted airflows were allowed.

I.2 Electrical conditions

Input AC voltage and frequency

The input to the 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system (all active feeds) was at a nominal specified voltage $\pm 1\%$ and the specified frequency is $\pm 1\%$.

I.3 Metrology requirements

All measurement instruments used were calibrated by a counterpart national metrology institute and within a calibration due date and the measurement tolerances were within $\pm 1\%$:

- Power source: Power source used to provide power to the system under test was capable of providing a minimum of 1.5 times [b-ATIS-0600015] the power rating of the equipment under test.
- Power measurement instrument: The power measurement instrument (such as voltmeter and ampere meter or power analyser) had a resolution of 0.5%. The power measurement instrument had the following minimum characteristics:
 - a minimum digitizing sample rate of 40 kHz,
 - input circuitry with a minimum bandwidth of 80 kHz,
 - ability to log data over time and store the total measurement period and overall measurement accuracy within $\pm 1\%$.

I.4 Test configurations and results

The 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system is shown in Figure I.1.



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Figure I.1 – 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system testing

The system with an output capacity of 2700 kW is tested as an example.

The efficiency can be read directly from the test equipment when the power meter has enough channels. In another case, two or more power meters can be connected. The result is calculated by the synchronized data of several power meters. Throughout the testing period, the load is constant and without variation.

Test results are shown in Table I.1.

Table I.1 – 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system test results in different test conditions

Load rate	Efficiency
30%	816 kW/835 kW = 97.7%
50%	1365 kW/1393 kW = 98.0%
100%	2705 kW/2776 kW = 97.4%

Appendix II

Example of operation and maintenance

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

II.1 Verification test

The power supply system will be divided into several units for transportation, and all parts will be assembled to a system in the data centre or telecommunication room, it is very critical and necessary to carry out a functional verification after installation.

II.2 Daily routine inspection

The following items should be checked during routine inspection of the power supply system, and the problems found should be solved in time.

- 1) Check the ambient temperature and relative humidity.
- 2) The working of the system should be in normal mode, the appearance of all parts should be intact, the wire connection should be reliable and be anti-aging, etc.
- 3) Check if there has any alarm information.
- 4) Check if the rectifier modules work and are in good condition, while the fan has no abnormal sounds, and the air inlet and outlet are not blocked.
- 5) Check that the battery has no leakage, bulging or deformation, and whether the room temperature and humidity of the battery are normal.

II.3 Regular maintenance

Table II.1 lists 10 kVAC cabinet maintenance tasks and schedule.

Table II.1 – 10 kVAC cabinet maintenance

No.	Item	Requirement	Cycle
1	Fastening inspection	Check the fastening of all connections in the cabinet.	Once / a year
2	Clean	Use dry compressed air or a dry rag to clean the dust inside the body.	
3	High voltage cable	Check the cable head for aging, damage, discharge and other phenomena.	
4	Operating mechanism	Check whether the mechanical interlock and operating mechanism are normal.	
5	AC withstand voltage test	The test voltage is 80% of the factory test voltage and the time is 1min.	Once / 3 years
6	Conductive loop resistance	Measured by DC voltage drop method, the current shall not be less than 100 A.	
7	Insulation resistance	2500 V megger is used to measure phase to phase and phase to ground, and the insulation resistance is $\geq 500 \text{ M}\Omega$.	
8	Tightness test	Measure at the connection of gas inflation nozzle, operating mechanism and pressure gauge.	

Table II.2 lists phase shifting transformer cabinet maintenance tasks and schedule.

Table II.2 – Phase shifting transformer cabinet maintenance

No.	Item	Requirement	Cycle
1	Fan test	Test whether the fan can start normally.	Once / a month
2	Dustproof cotton cleaning	Remove the dust-proof cotton for cleaning and replace it according to the dirty blockage.	Once / a quarter
3	Body cleaning and connection point fastening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Clean the dust inside the body with dry compressed air or dry rag; 2 Check the fastening of each connection point. 	Once / a year
4	Infrared temperature measurement	The infrared thermal imager is used to scan and measure the temperature of the body winding and each connection.	
5	Winding DC resistance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The difference between phases is generally no more than 4% of the average value, and the difference between lines is generally no more than 2% of the average value; 2 Compared with the previous measured values at the same part, the change shall not be greater than 2%. 	Once / 3 years
6	Winding insulation resistance	Generally (20 ~ 30 °C, humidity 65%), the insulation resistance shall meet: high voltage ~ low voltage and low voltage $\geq 300 \text{ m } \Omega$, low voltage ~ ground $\geq 300 \text{ m } \Omega$ (measured by 2500 V megohmmeter).	
7	Insulation resistance of iron core	In general: iron core ~ clamp and ground $\geq 5 \text{ m } \Omega$, through bolt ~ iron core and ground $\geq 5 \text{ m } \Omega$ (measured by 500 V megger).	
8	AC withstand voltage test	The test voltage is 1min (28 kV) of the factory test voltage.	
9	Temperature measuring device and its secondary circuit test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 According to the technical requirements of the manufacturer 2 The indication is correct, and the temperature measurement resistance value shall be consistent with the factory value 3 The insulation resistance is generally not less than 1 m Ω. 	
10	No load current and no load loss	There is no significant change compared with the previous test value.	

Table II.3 lists maintenance tasks and schedule for the rectifier and output part.

Table II.3 – Maintenance of rectifier and output part

No.	Item	Requirement	Cycle
1	Monitoring unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Check whether the alarm point is set correctly; 2 Check whether the communication interface is in good condition; 3 Check the battery equalizing and floating charge voltage settings; 4 Check the setting of equalization and floating charge conversion conditions. 	Once / a quarter
2	Module function	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Check the DC output current limiting protection; 2 Check whether the rectifier module is current sharing; 3 Check the operation condition of rectifier module; 4 Start the standby module and check the operation status. 	
3	Lightning protection system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Check whether the switch of lightning arrester is closed; 2 Whether the lightning arrester is damaged. 	
4	Infrared temperature measurement	The infrared thermal imager is used to measure the temperature at each connection inside the equipment.	
5	Fuse	Check the appearance and on-off contact of each fuse.	
6	Internal cleaning and connection fastening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Clean the dust inside the body with dry compressed air or dry rag; 2 Check the fastening of each connection point. 	Once / a year

Appendix III

Example of application with 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation.)

III.1 Comparison between traditional scheme and this scheme

A machine room building in East China comprises a 20 MW standardized building. The building contains two modules, each with a power capacity of 10 MW, and two incoming lines of external power, which are hot standby for each other. The diesel generator is in centralized medium voltage, and the capacity is configured according to the "n + 1" principle. The building adopts a multi-storey building plan. The first floor houses the medium voltage bus section power distribution and refrigeration facilities, and other floors comprise the IT package room and corresponding power distribution room. The IT package room and power distribution room adopt a modular configuration, which can be deployed by stages. The original design of the distribution system was a "HVDC + municipal power direct supply" structure. Due to the change of carrying business type, it puts forward higher reliability distribution requirements. A 2N-HVDC structure is required, but two major difficulties are encountered: insufficient space and excessive cost. A 10 kVAC input and up to 400 VDC output integrated power system scheme was finally decided upon.

Figure III.1 shows a space comparison of a distribution room under the framework of "HVDC + mains direct supply" and "2N 10 kV power supply system".

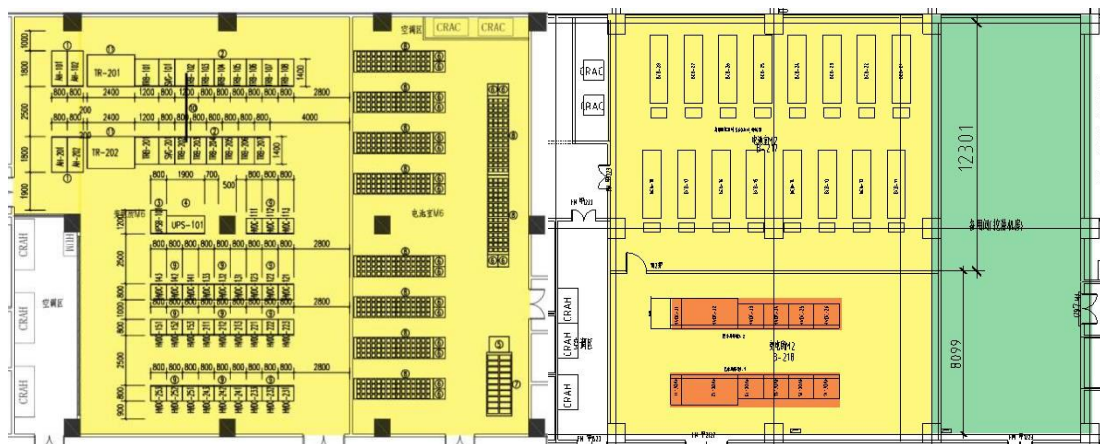


Figure III.1 – Space comparison of distribution room under the framework of "HVDC + mains direct supply" and "2N 10 kV power supply system"

III.2 Project advantages

- Faster construction speed: the construction is completed 3 months in advance;
- Double side DC power supply: realize load double DC power supply, which meets the power supply requirements of business for higher reliability;
- Saving distribution space: not only the problem of insufficient construction space in the initial stage is solved, but also the distribution area is saved by about 33%, which can be reserved for tapping the potential of cabinet layout space, making it possible to continuously improve the power utilization rate in the later stage;
- Improvement of project profitability: while realizing the bilateral DC power supply scheme, the investment cost is about 40% lower than that of the "2N-HVDC" scheme, the operation efficiency is about 4.5% higher than that of the "2N-HVDC", the initial investment is

reduced by about 18 million yuan, and the whole life cycle is reduced by more than 40 million yuan; Compared with the "HVDC + municipal power" scheme, it also reduces by about 14 million yuan. This does not include the reduction of cable, bridge and manufacturer's maintenance costs caused by the reduction of the number of equipment elements;

- Increase in IT output rate: the maximum efficiency is 2% higher than 2N-HVDC. The 20 MW power standard building produces more cabinets, creating greater business value.

Table III.1 shows a comparison of "HVDC + mains direct supply" and "2N 10 kV power supply system".

Figure III.2 shows a 10 kV power supply system.

Table III.1 – Comparison of "HVDC + mains direct supply" and "2N 10 kV power supply system"

Item	HVDC + mains direct supply	2N 10 kV power supply system	Memo
System efficiency	96.29%	96.73%	+0.5%
Number of equipment / set	35	2	-94%
Original area / m ²	468	312	-33%
Power supply reliability	T3	T4	increase



Figure III.2 –10 kV power supply system

Table III.2 lists some examples of 10 kV power supply system cases.

Table III.2 – 10 kV power supply system case examples

No.	Owner	Project address	Quantity	Memo
1	AliCloud	Nantong, China	18	
2	AliCloud	Hangzhou, Wulan, China	440	
3	China Mobile (Zhejiang)	Zhezhong, Zhejiang, China	26	
4	China Mobile (Jiangsu)	Nanjiang, Jiangsu, China	14	
5	Tencent	Qingyuan, Guangdong, China	12	
6	GDS	Suzhou Jiangsu, China	24	
			534	1335 MW

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