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**Power losses in voltage sourced converter (VSC) valves for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems –  
Part 1: General requirements**

**Pertes de puissance dans les valves à convertisseur de source de tension (VSC)  
des systèmes en courant continu à haute tension (CCHT) –  
Partie 1: Exigences générales**

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# POWER LOSSES IN VOLTAGE SOURCED CONVERTER (VSC) VALVES FOR HIGH-VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) SYSTEMS –

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62751 sets out the general principles for calculating the power losses in the converter valves of a voltage sourced converter (VSC) for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) applications, independent of the converter topology. Clauses 6 and 8 and subclauses 9.1, 9.2 and A.2.12 of the standard can also be used for calculating the power losses in the dynamic braking valves (where used) and as guidance for calculating the power losses of the valves for a STATCOM installation.

Power losses in other items of equipment in the HVDC substation, apart from the converter valves, are excluded from the scope of this standard. Power losses in most equipment in a VSC substation can be calculated using similar procedures to those prescribed for HVDC systems with line-commutated converters (LCC) in IEC 61803. Annex A presents the main differences between LCC and VSC HVDC substations in so far as they influence the method for determining power losses of other equipment.

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

IEC 60747-2, *Semiconductor devices – Discrete devices and integrated circuits – Part 2: Rectifier diodes*

IEC 60747-9:2007, *Semiconductor devices – Discrete devices – Part 9: Insulated-gate bipolar transistors (IGBTs)*

IEC 62747:2014, *Terminology for voltage-sourced converters (VSC) for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

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