



Small-Signal Modeling and Stability Analysis of Grid-Converter Interactions

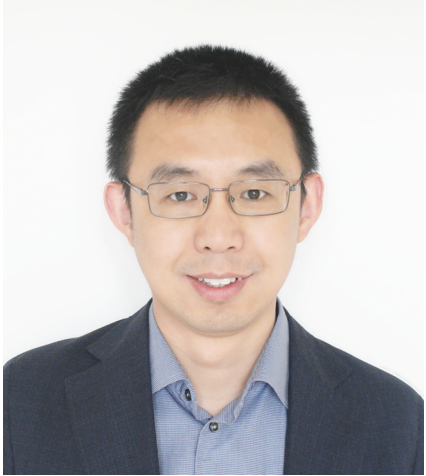
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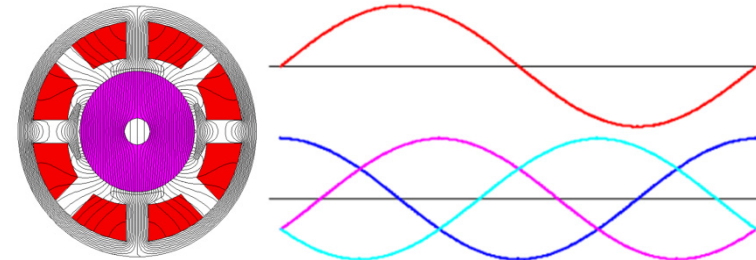
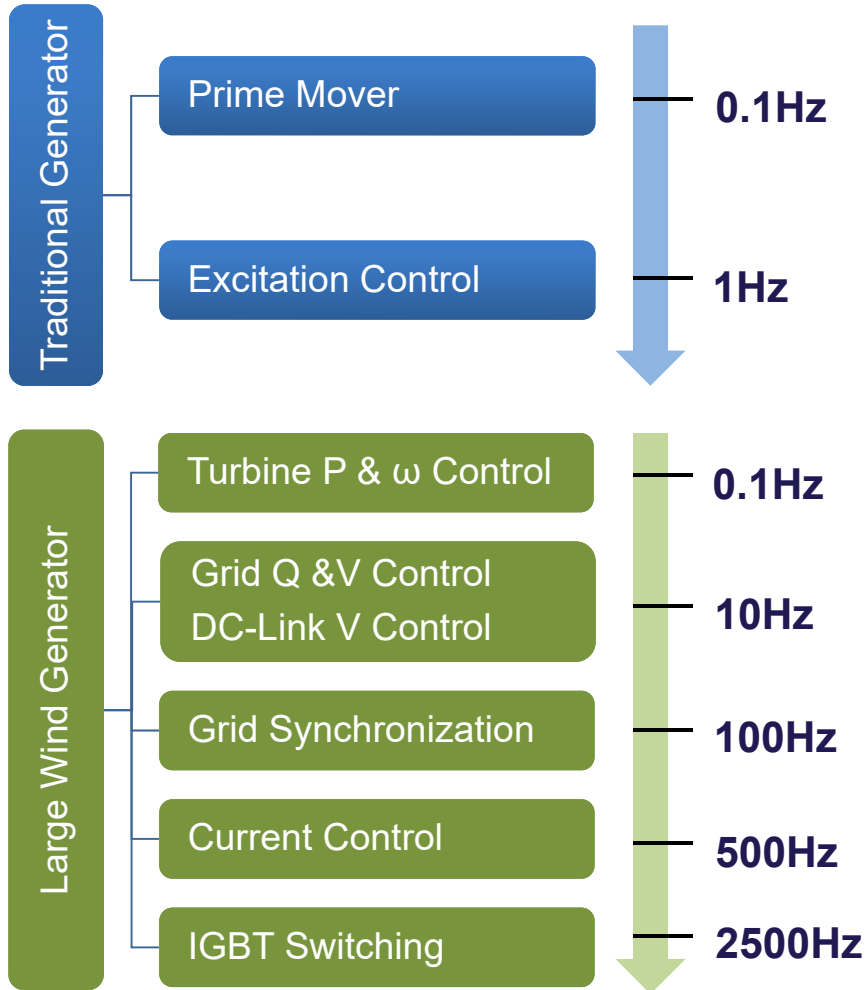
INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Grid-converter interactions
- ▶ Grid-forming/-following converters

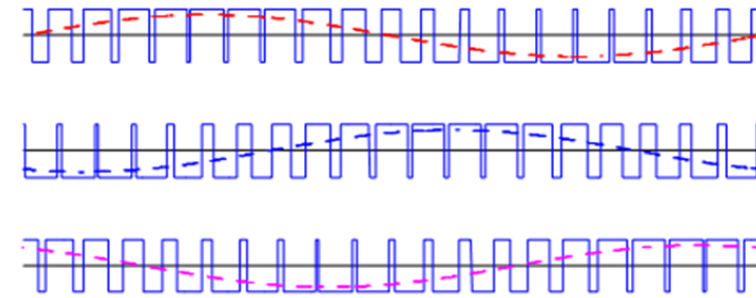


Grid-Converter Interactions

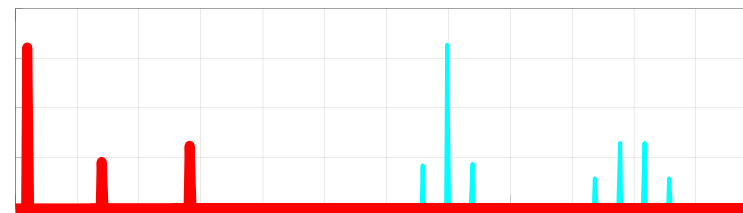
Less physical properties, more control dependency



Traditional Generator Output Voltage



Wind Generator Output Voltage

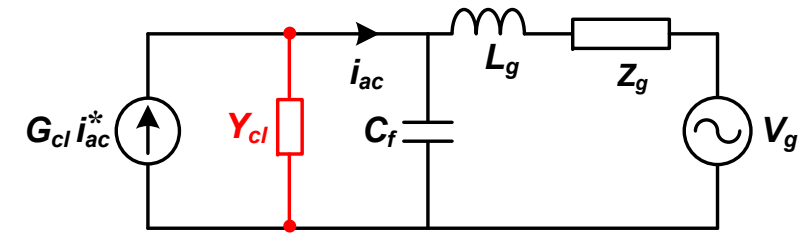
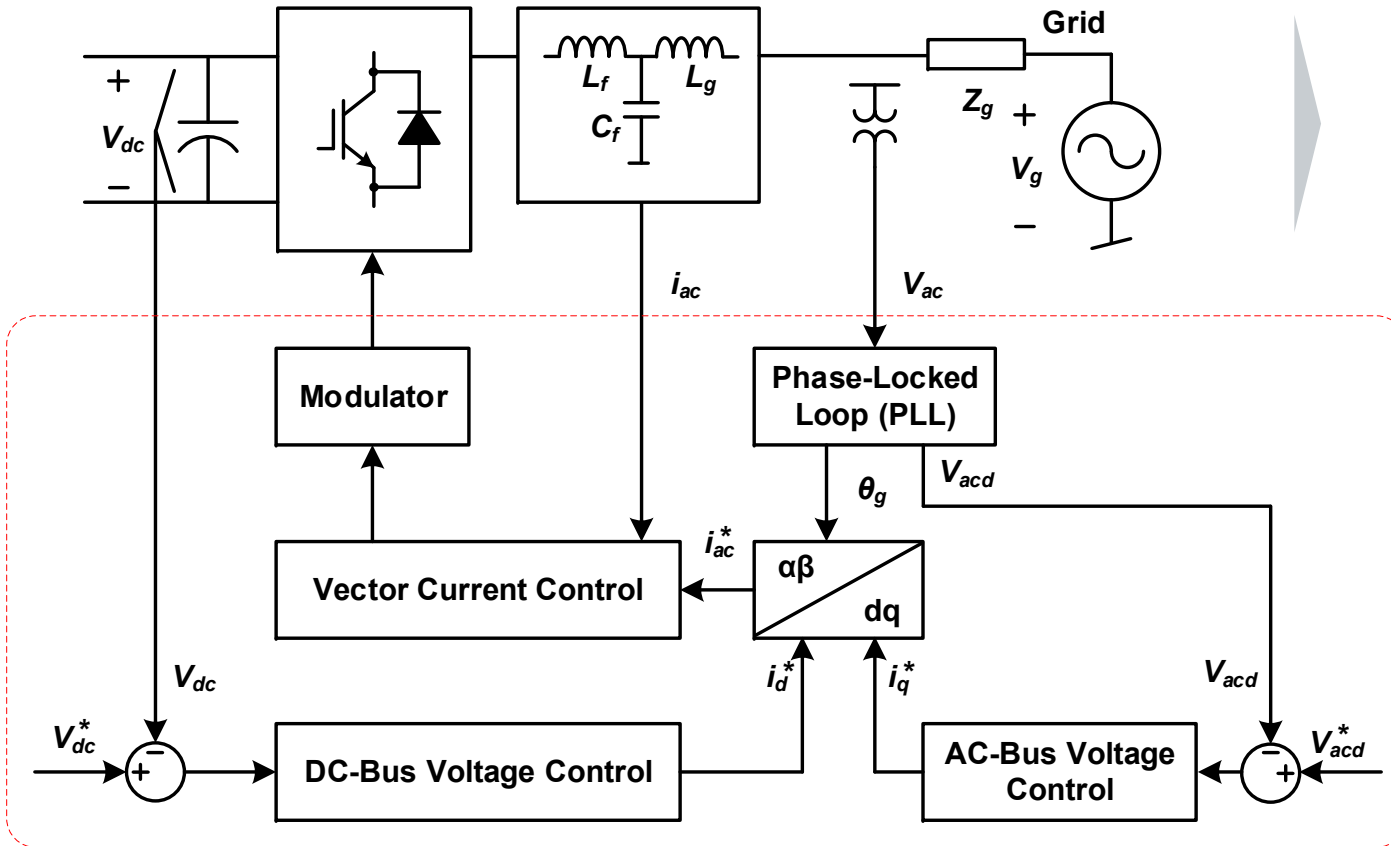


Harmonic Spectrum



Grid-Converter Interactions

Negative damping induced by converter controllers

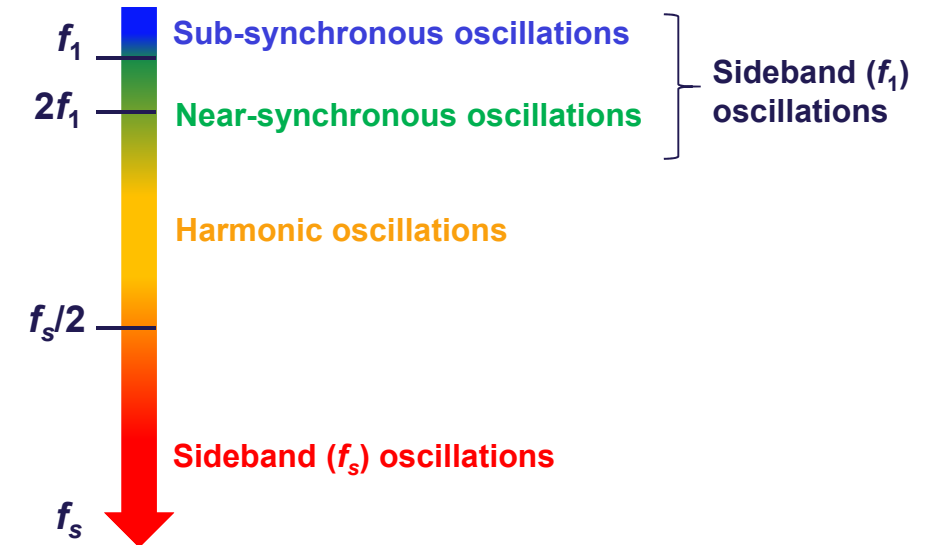
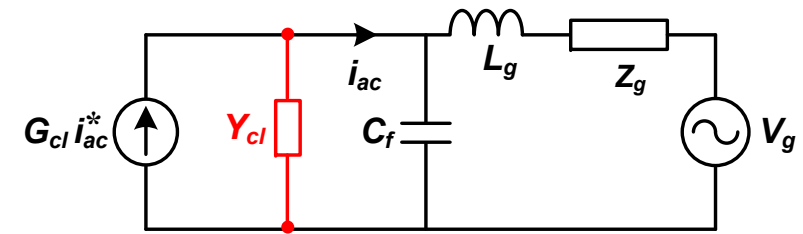
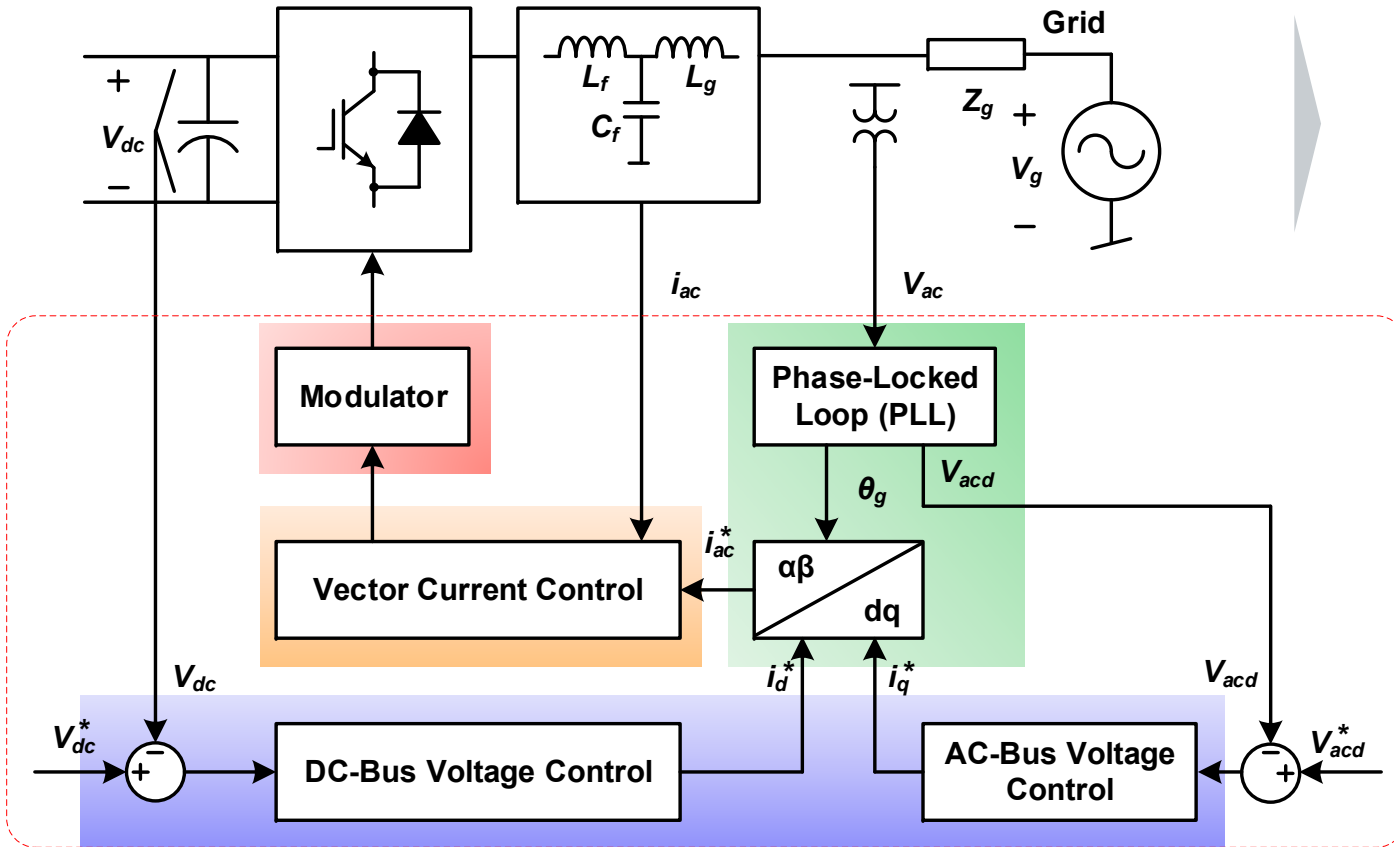


- $\text{Re}\{Y_{cl}\} > 0$: stable, yet under-damped
- $\text{Re}\{Y_{cl}\} = 0$: resonant, zero damping
- $\text{Re}\{Y_{cl}\} < 0$: unstable, negative damping



Grid-Converter Interactions

Mapping from control loops to instability phenomena



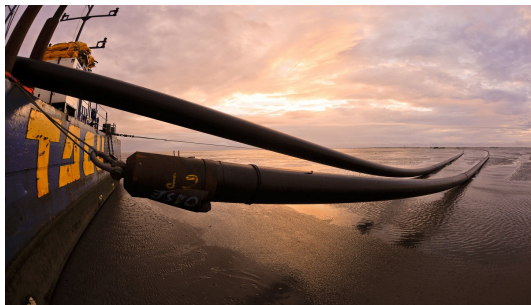
f_1 : Grid fundamental frequency, f_s : Switching frequency



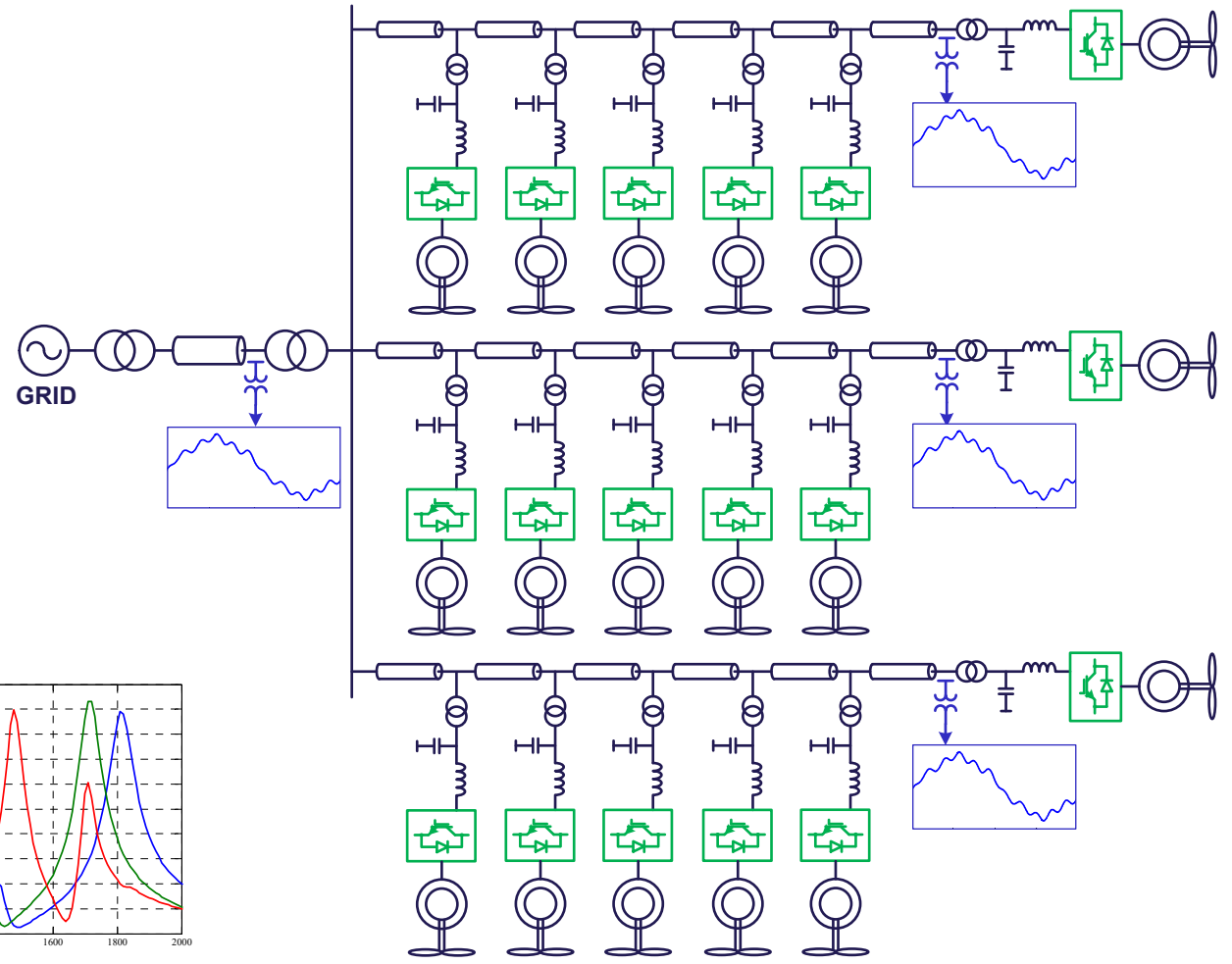
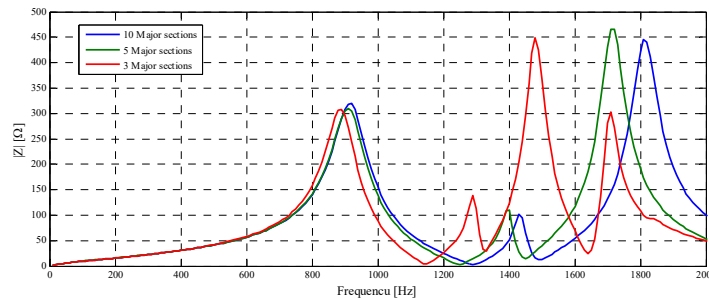
Grid-Converter Interactions

Weak grid with multiple resonance frequencies

- ▶ Short-Circuit Ratio (SCR) and inertia
- ▶ AC interconnect: low SCR, low-frequency parallel/series LC resonances
- ▶ DC interconnect: control interactions with HVDC converter station



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Wind power plant



Real-Life Challenges

Damping: positive (harmonics), negative (instabilities), zero (resonances)



VSC-HVDC + Offshore Wind

Filter resonance in the offshore HVDC converter station



Electrification of railways

Locomotives is out of control because of abnormal harmonics



MMC-HVDC Transmission

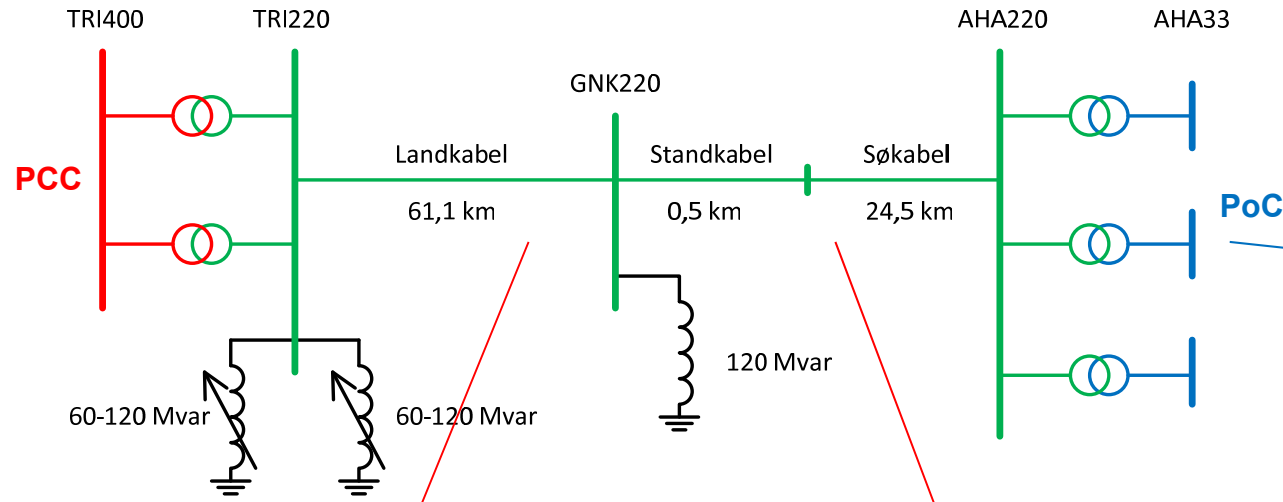
Transformer resonance with current control of MMC

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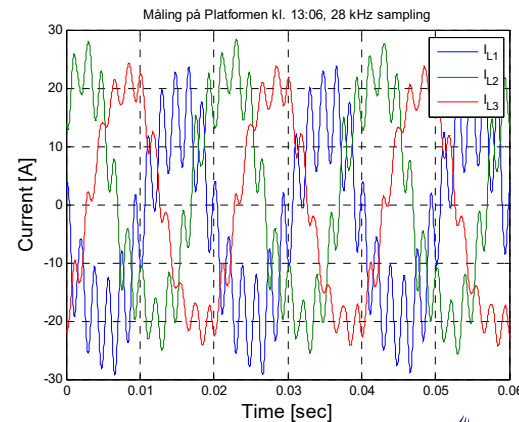
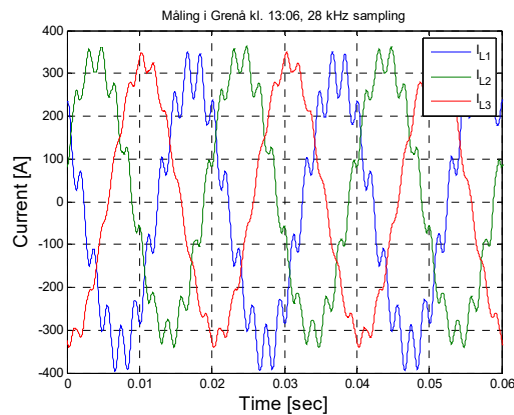


Real-Life Challenges

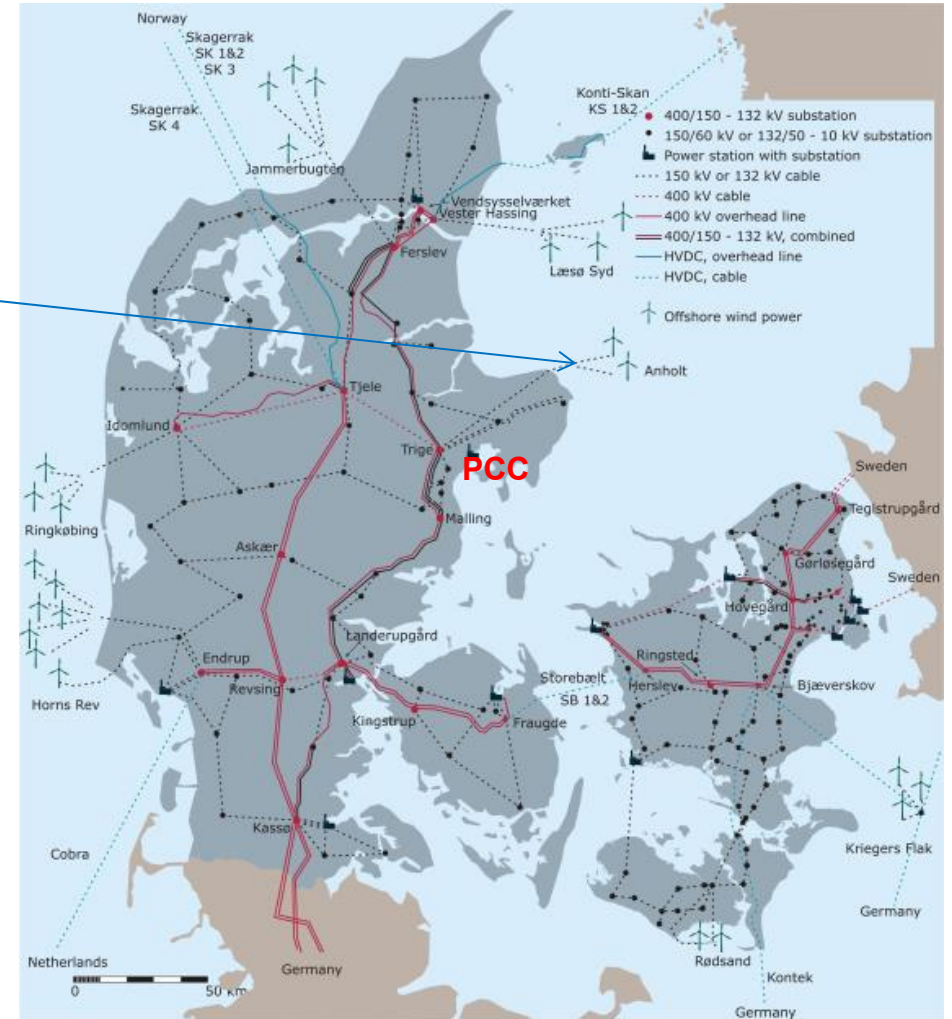
Harmonic current generated from offshore wind power plant



Current



PoC

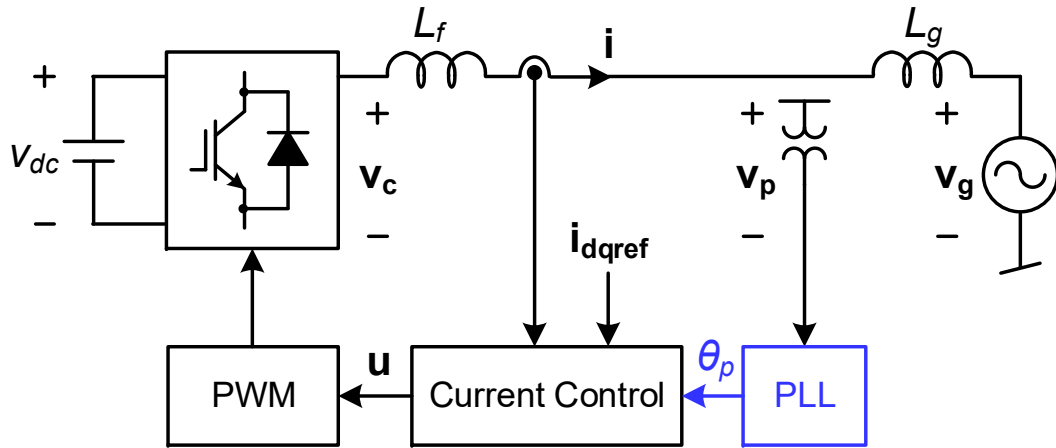


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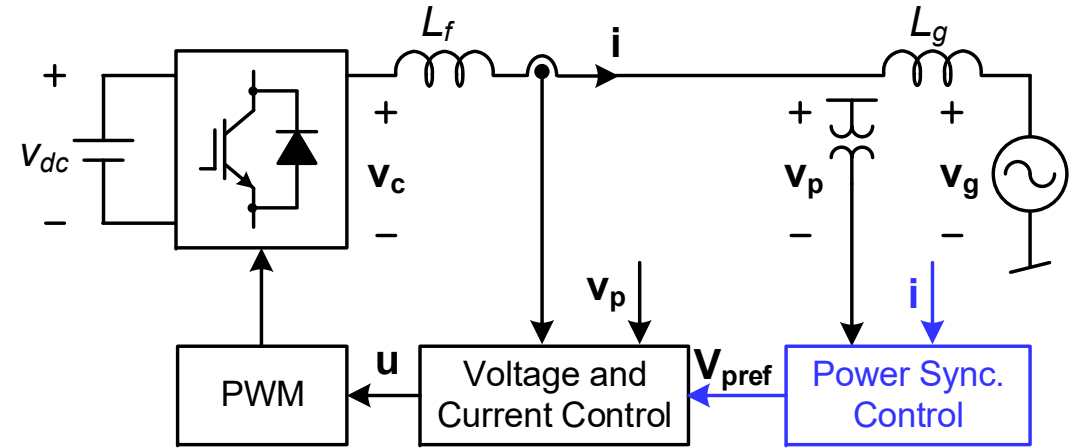


Grid-Forming/-Following Converters

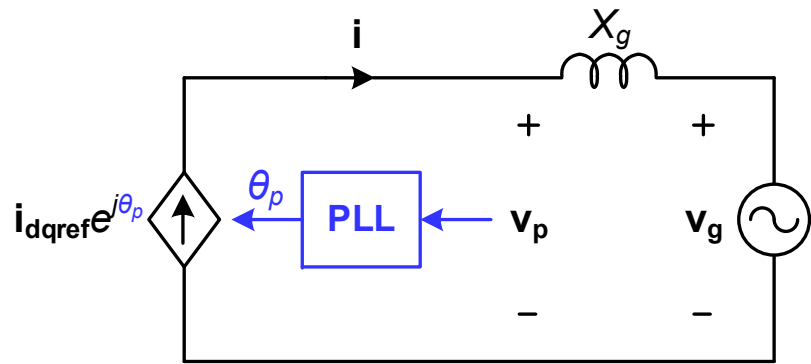
Synchronization control is the key: from voltage-based to power-based



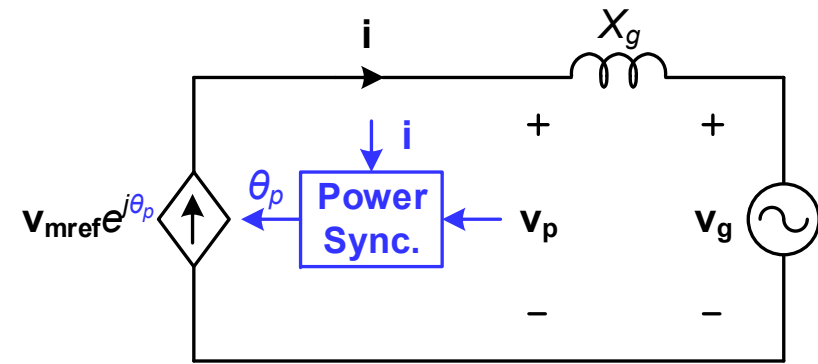
Grid-following control



Grid-forming control



Voltage-based synchronization

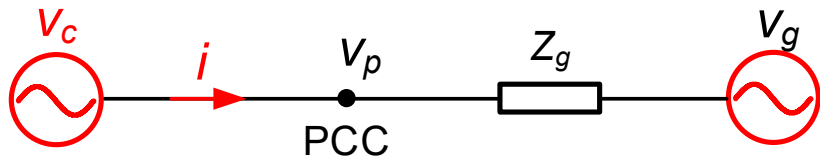


Power-based synchronization



Grid-forming converters

State of the art of power-based synchronization control

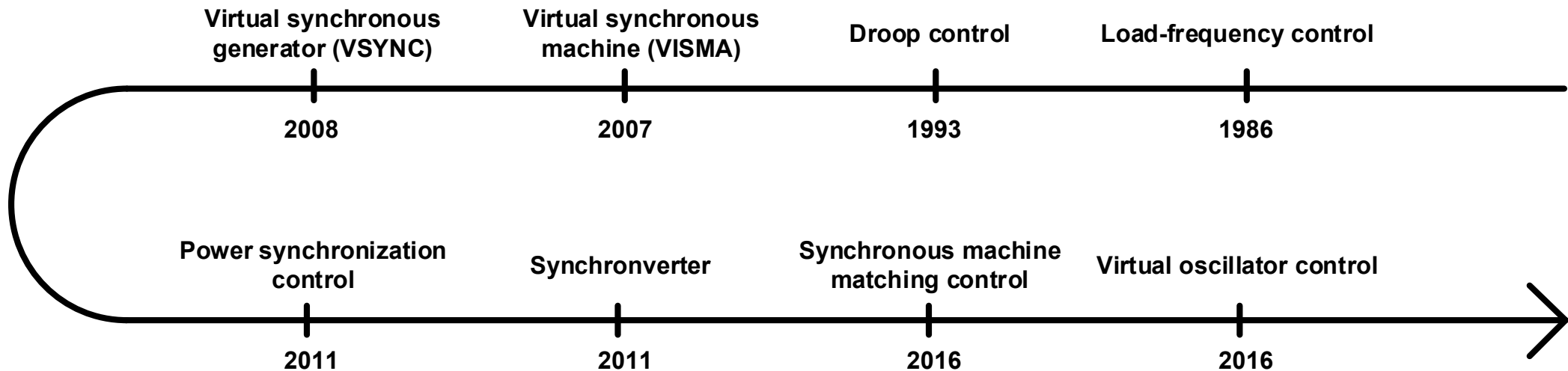


$$v_c = V e^{j\theta}$$

$$\theta \Rightarrow P$$

$$V \Rightarrow Q$$

$$P_{\max} \approx 1 \text{ p.u. @ SCR}=1$$



SMALL-SIGNAL MODELING

- ▶ Review of small-signal modeling methods
- ▶ Dynamic representations

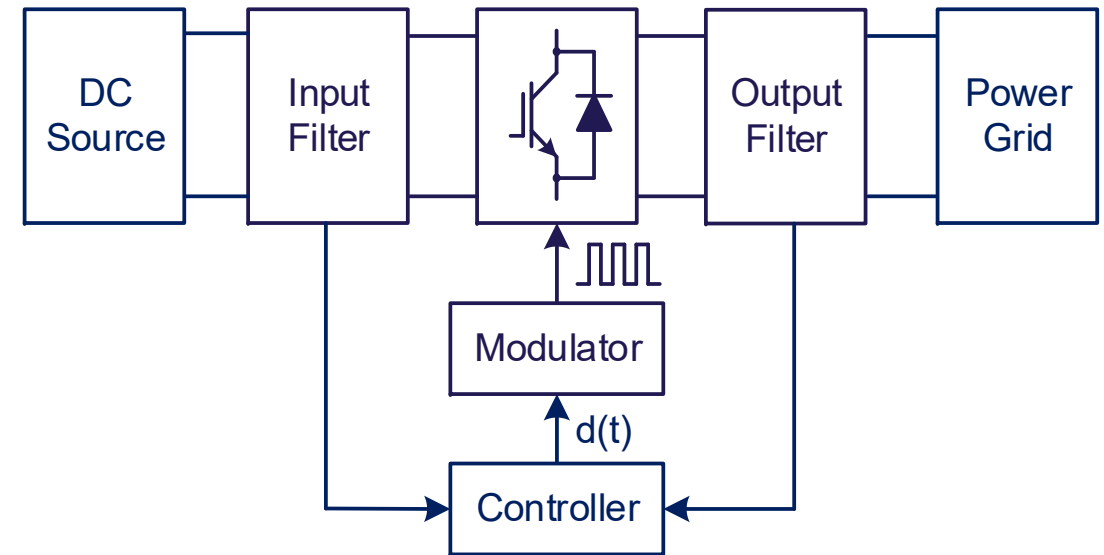


Dynamic Properties of Grid-Connected Converters

Hybrid, nonlinear and time-variant systems

Sources of nonlinearity and time-variance

- **Hybrid:** Both continuous filter dynamics and discrete switching events
- **Nonlinear:** Feedback control - dependence of the duty cycle, i.e. $d(t)$, on the input variables
- **Time-variant:** Switching modulation process and time-periodic operating trajectory



General diagram of grid-connected converters



Historical Review of Small-Signal Models

Harmonic analysis and controller design

1970

Persson [7] - thyristor HVDC
Frequency response analysis
Describing Function with single
sinusoidal inputs

For control design

1986

Ngo [9] - PWM converter
State-Space Averaging
with Park transformation
DQ-frame linearized model

For control design

1997

Mattavelli, Verghese, Stankovic
[11] - thyristor FACTS devices
Dynamic Phasor with time-variant
Fourier coefficients

For control design

2003

Rico, Madrigal, Acha [13] -
STATCOM with phase angle
control, Extended Harmonic
Domain (EHD)

For harmonic analysis

2014

Cespedes and Sun [16] - stability
effect of PLL on PWM converter
Harmonic Balance, Multi-Input
Describing Functions

For control design

1985

Sakui and Fujita [8] - thyristor
rectifier, Switching Function
model w/o firing angle
variation considered

For harmonic analysis

1989

Larson, Baker, McIver [10] –
thyristor HVDC, numerical
simulations derived Harmonic
Cross-Coupling Matrix

For harmonic/control analysis

2000

Mollerstedt [12] - locomotive
inverter, Harmonic State-
Space (HSS) modelling,
Harmonic Transfer Matrix

For harmonic stability analysis

2007

Harnefors [14] - PWM converter
DQ-frame linearized model with
the phase variation
Wen, Boroyevich, et, al [15], 2016

For control design

2016

Wang, Harnefors, Blaabjerg [17] -
Unified Impedance Model from
 dq -frame to $\alpha\beta$ -frame, 2nd-order
Harmonic Transfer Matrix

For control design



State-Space Averaging with Park Transformation

Averaged dq -frame model based on single real space vectors

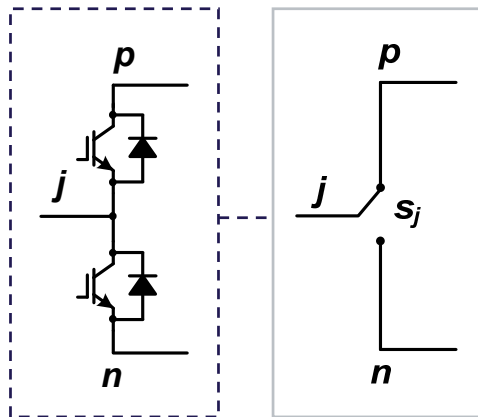
Three-phase balanced converters

Switching function model

Averaged (abc) model

Averaged (dq) model

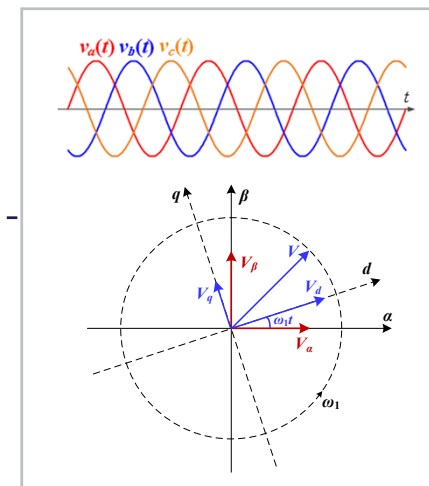
Linearized (dq) model



Neglect switching parasitic parameters
Nonlinear, time-variant, continuous

$$d_j(t) = \frac{1}{T_s} \int_{t-T_s}^t s_j(t) dt$$

Small-ripple approximation
High pulse ratios ($f_s/f_1 > 20$)
Nonlinear, time-periodic $d_{abc}(t)$



Nonlinear, time-invariant $d_{dq}(t)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian matrix (Taylor series)
Linear, time-invariant



Generalized Averaging (Dynamic Phasor)

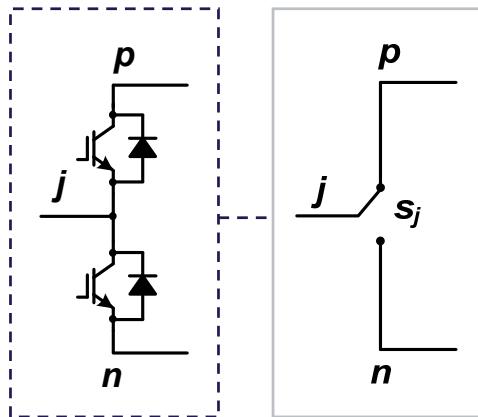
Averaged dq -frame model based on multiple complex space vectors

Three-phase unbalanced/single-phase converters

Switching function model

Generalized averaging over the fundamental frequency ($\pm\omega_1$)

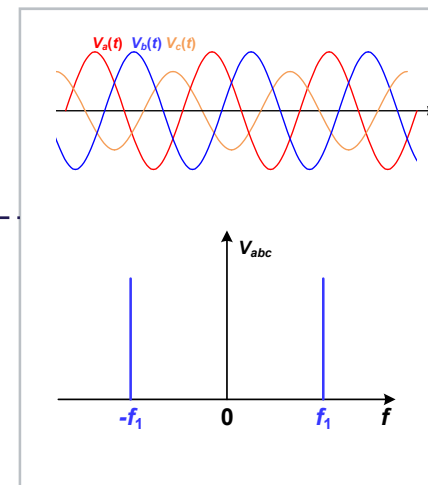
Linearized (dq) model



Neglect switching parasitic parameters
Nonlinear, time-variant, continuous

$$d_j(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T}^t s_j(t) e^{-jk\omega_1 t} dt$$

Small-ripple approximation
Unbalanced three-phase systems ($k = \pm 1$)



Nonlinear, time-invariant, but
multiple $d_{dq}(t)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian matrix (Taylor series)
Linear, time-invariant



Harmonic State-Space

Averaged $\alpha\beta$ -frame model based on multiple real space vectors

Three-phase unbalanced/single-phase converters

Nonlinear time-variant system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= f(x(t), u(t), t) \\ y(t) &= g(x(t), u(t), t)\end{aligned}$$

Linearization about a time-periodically varying trajectory

Linear time-periodic (LTP) systems

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\dot{x}(t) &= A(t) \cdot \Delta x(t) + B(t) \cdot \Delta u(t) \\ y(t) &= C(t) \cdot \Delta x(t) + D(t) \cdot \Delta u(t)\end{aligned}$$

Fourier series expansion for $A(t)$, $B(t)$, $C(t)$, $D(t)$;
Exponentially modulated periodic (EMP) input $u(t)$

$$A(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} A_k e^{jk\omega_1 t}, \quad u(t) = e^{st} \cdot \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} U_k e^{jk\omega_1 t}$$

Harmonic state-space (HSS) model

$$\begin{aligned}s\mathbf{X} &= (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{N})\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U} \\ \mathbf{Y} &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}\end{aligned}$$

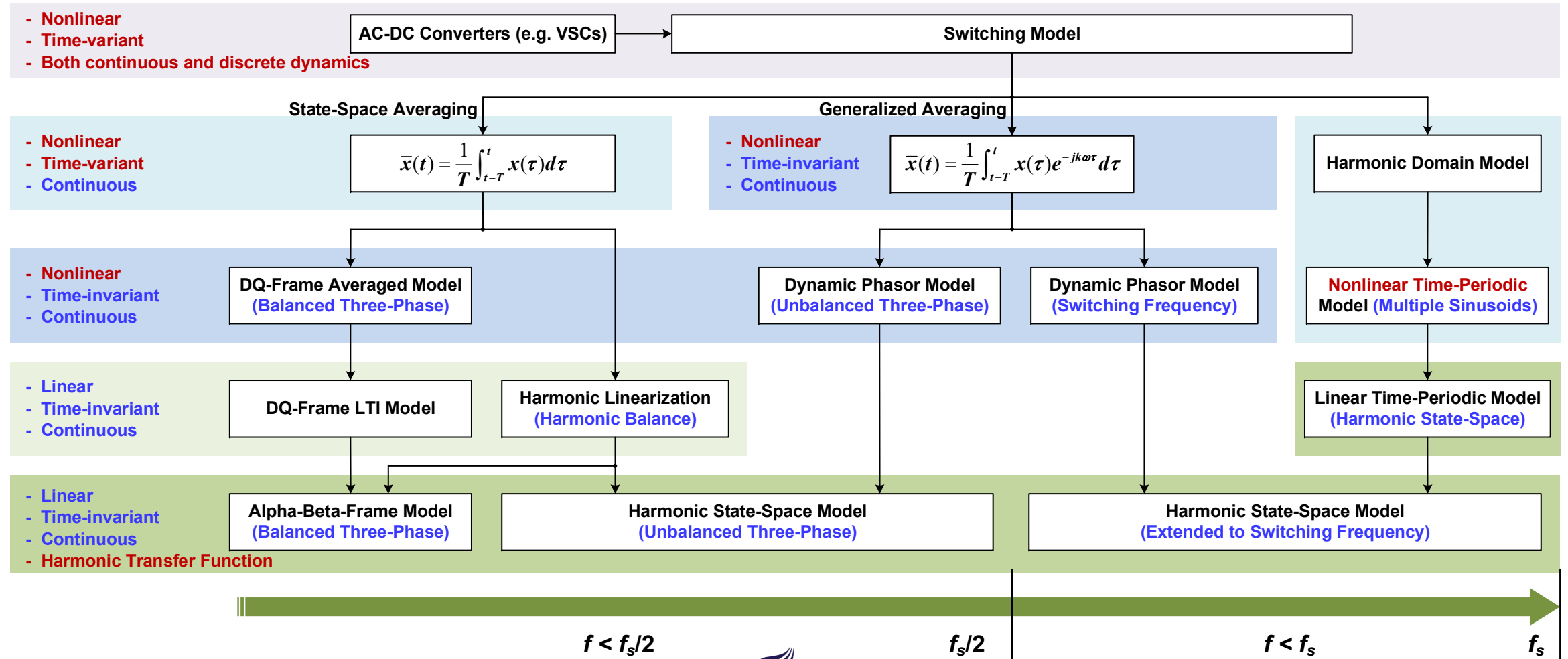
Harmonic transfer function:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{G}(s) &= \mathbf{C} [s\mathbf{I} - (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{N})]^{-1} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{N} &= \text{diag}[\dots \quad -j\omega_1 \quad 0 \quad j\omega_1 \quad \dots]^T\end{aligned}$$



Comparisons of Small-Signal Modeling Methods

Linearization around time-invariant/-periodic operating point/trajectory



Comparisons of Small-Signal Modeling Methods

Model adequacy for analyzing grid-converter interactions

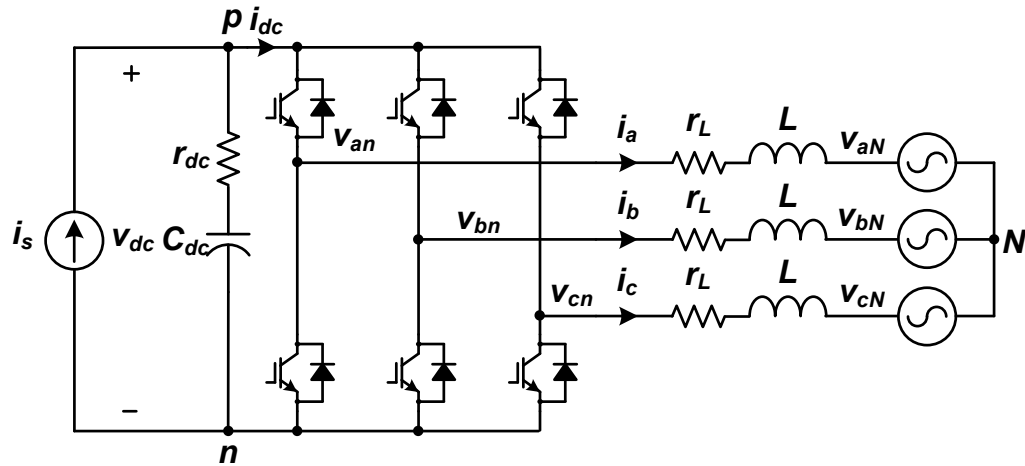
Model Adequacy	DQ-frame (averaged) Model	Dynamic Phasor Model	Harmonic State-Space Model
Sideband (f_1) oscillations	+	+	+
Harmonic oscillations	+	+	+
Sideband (f_s) oscillations	-	+	+
Low pulse-ratio (f_s/f_1)	-	+	+
Unbalanced three-phase systems	-	+	+

- Dynamic phasor model is a generalization of the dq -frame averaged model, which extracts the time-invariant operating point in the frequency domain
- Harmonic state-space model is a generalization of the stationary- ($\alpha\beta$ -) frame model, which linearizes the system on time-periodic operating trajectories in the time domain

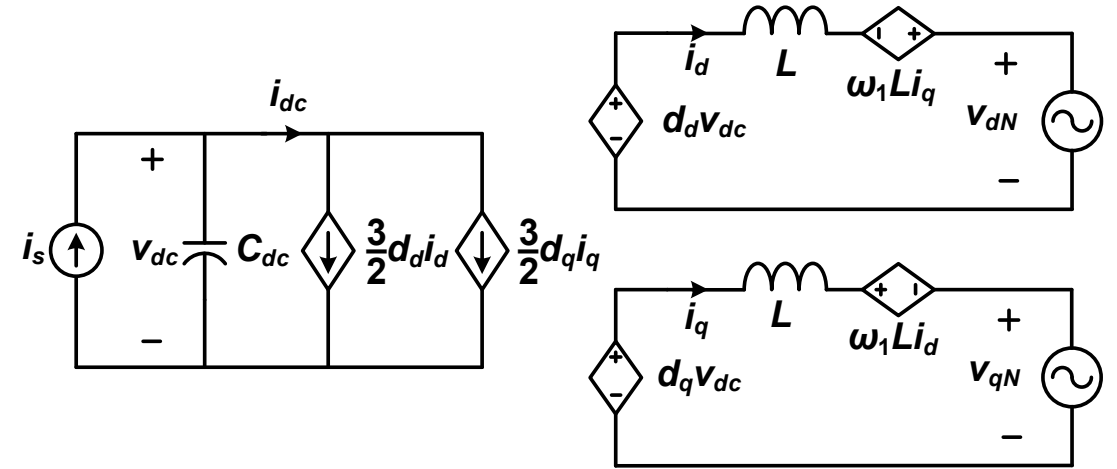


Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO) Representation

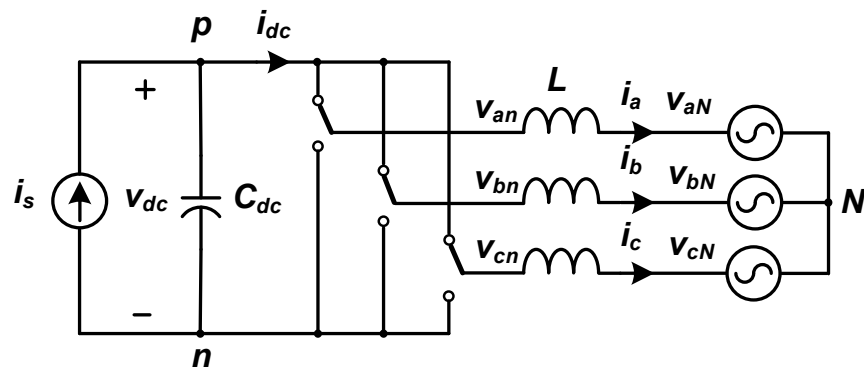
Averaged dq -frame model of converter power stage



Voltage-Source Converter (VSC) with a non-ideal dc-link



Averaged (dq -frame) model for three-phase balanced system



Switching function model of VSC

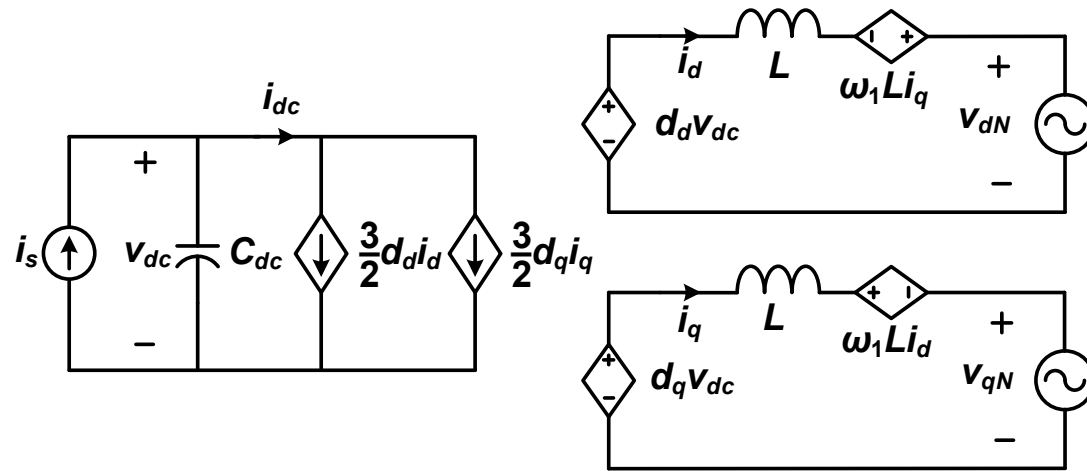
$$L \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_d \\ d_q \end{bmatrix} v_{dc} - \begin{bmatrix} v_{dN} \\ v_{qN} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_1 L \\ \omega_1 L & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = i_s - \frac{3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} d_d & d_q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix}$$

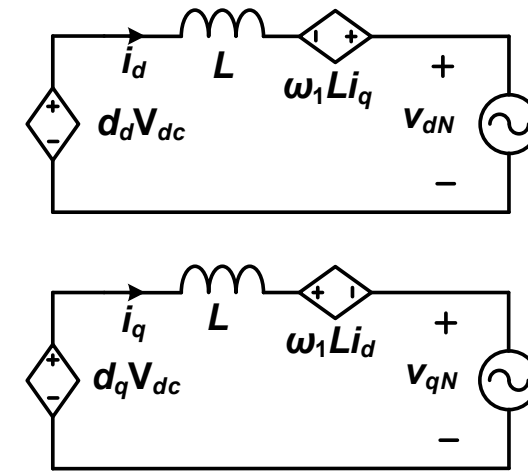


Simplified Model with Symmetrical Dynamics

Linear time-invariant (LTI) approximation with nearly 'ideal' dc-link



Averaged (dq -frame) model for three-phase balanced system



LTI model for vector current control

$$\begin{bmatrix} L \frac{d}{dt} & -\omega_1 L \\ \omega_1 L & L \frac{d}{dt} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_d \\ d_q \end{bmatrix} V_{dc} - \begin{bmatrix} v_{dN} \\ v_{qN} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z_{L_dq}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} Ls & -\omega_1 L \\ \omega_1 L & Ls \end{bmatrix}$$



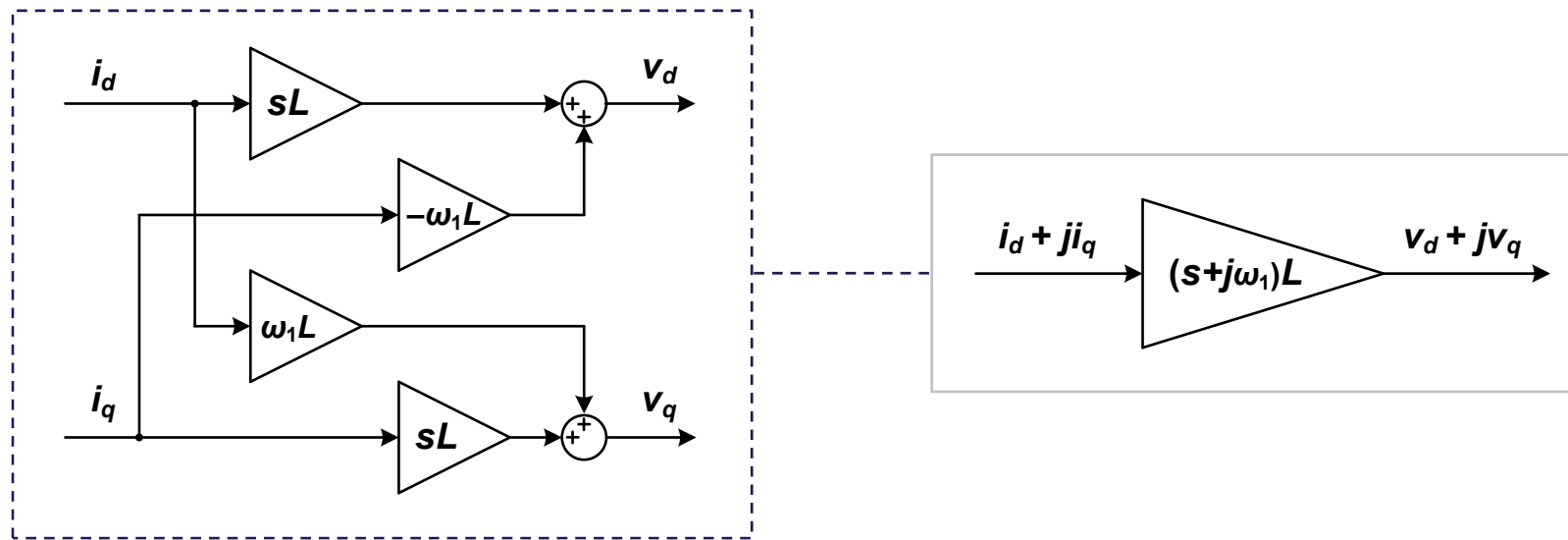
Single-Input Single-Output (SISO) Representation

Complex transfer functions \leftrightarrow symmetrical transfer matrices

L1: SISO complex transfer functions based on complex vectors equal to symmetrical transfer matrices based on real vectors

- Symmetrical transfer function matrix of L-filter can be represented by SISO complex transfer function:

$$\mathbf{Z}_{L_dq}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} sL & -\omega_1 L \\ \omega_1 L & sL \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow Z_{L_dq}(s) = (s + j\omega_1)L$$



SISO Representation in Stationary Frame

Frequency translation of complex transfer functions from dq - to $\alpha\beta$ -frame

L2: Park transformations for symmetrical transfer matrices equal to frequency shifts for complex transfer functions

- Representing Park transformations by complex exponential functions (Euler's formula)

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\omega_1 t) & \sin(\omega_1 t) \\ -\sin(\omega_1 t) & \cos(\omega_1 t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_\alpha \\ i_\beta \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow i_d + ji_q = [\cos(\omega_1 t) - j\sin(\omega_1 t)](i_\alpha + ji_\beta) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} i_d + ji_q = e^{-j\omega_1 t} (i_\alpha + ji_\beta) \\ i_\alpha + ji_\beta = e^{j\omega_1 t} (i_d + ji_q) \end{cases}$$

- Frequency shift of complex transfer functions

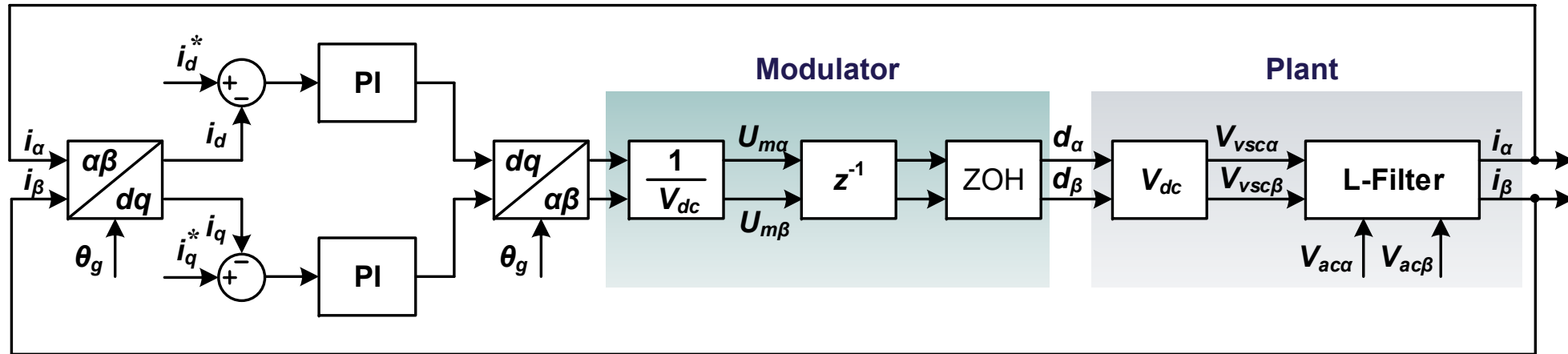
$$v_d + jv_q = L(s + j\omega_1)(i_d + ji_q) \Leftrightarrow e^{-j\omega_1 t} (v_\alpha + jv_\beta) = L\left(\frac{d}{dt} + j\omega_1\right)e^{-j\omega_1 t} (i_\alpha + ji_\beta) \Leftrightarrow v_\alpha + jv_\beta = Ls(i_\alpha + ji_\beta)$$

$$Z_{L_ \alpha\beta}(s) \Leftrightarrow Z_{L_ dq}(s - j\omega_1) \quad Z_{L_ dq}(s) \Leftrightarrow Z_{L_ \alpha\beta}(s + j\omega_1)$$

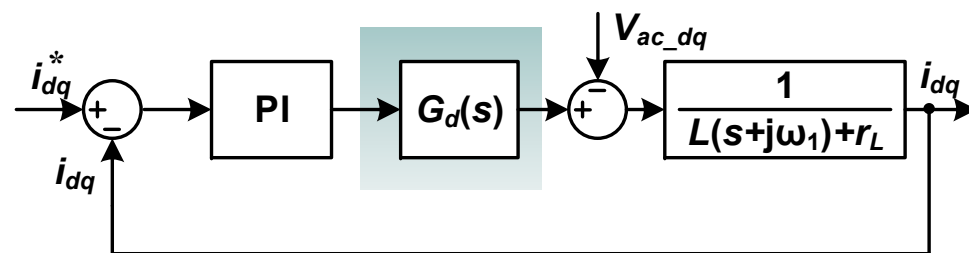


SISO Model of Vector Current Control

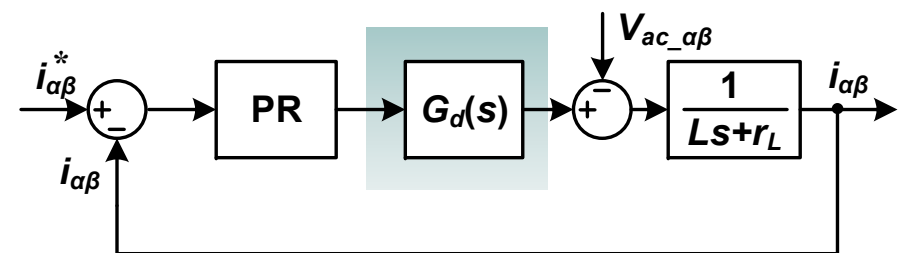
Constant dc-link voltage and no phase (θ_g) variation



DQ-frame PI current control with digital modulator



SISO model of dq -frame PI current control

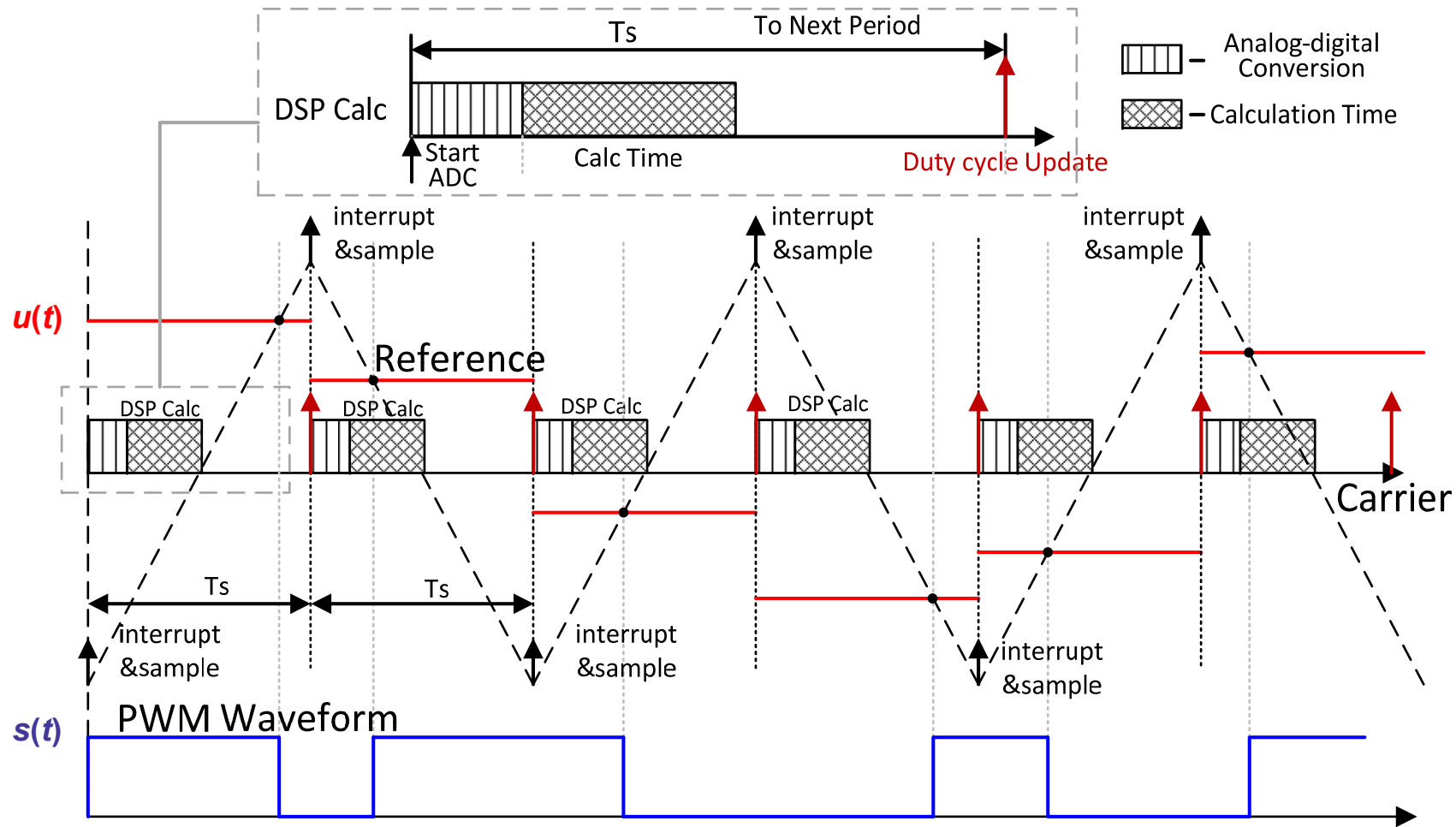


SISO model of $\alpha\beta$ -frame PR current control



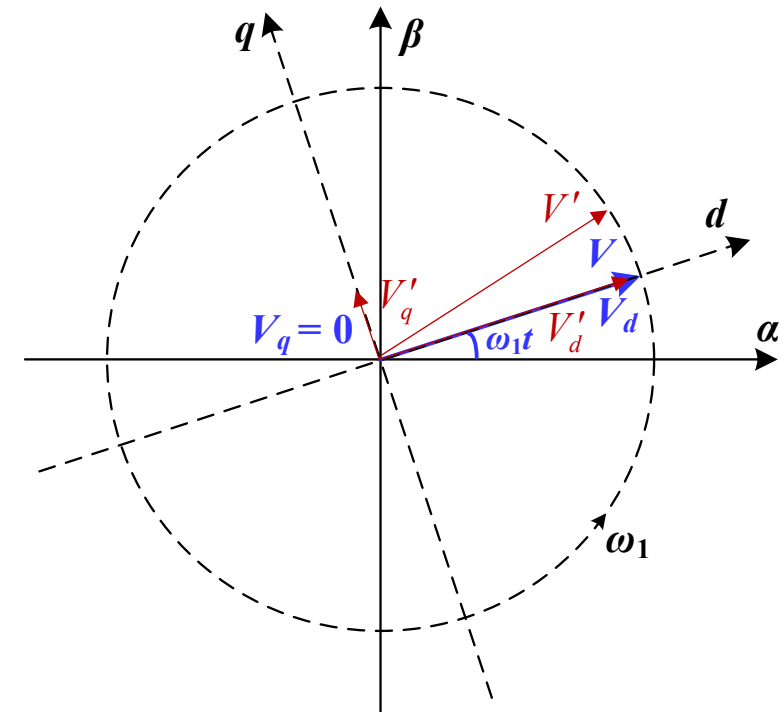
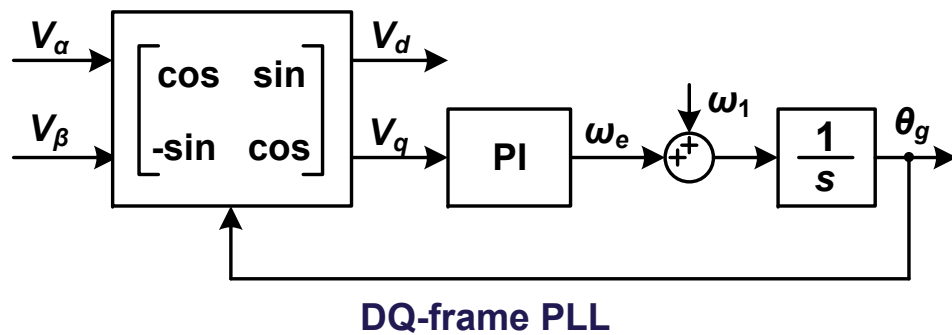
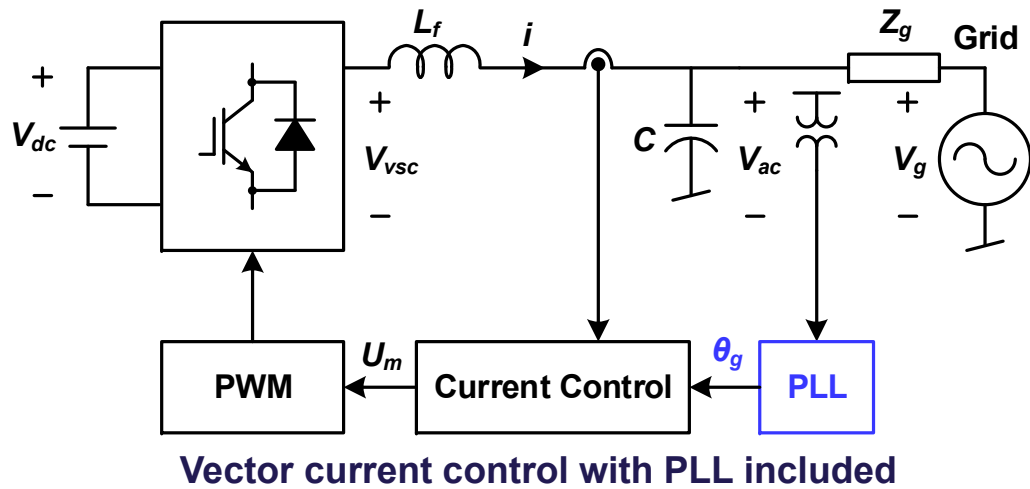
Time Delay of Digital Modulator

1.5 sampling period: ZOH + one sampling period



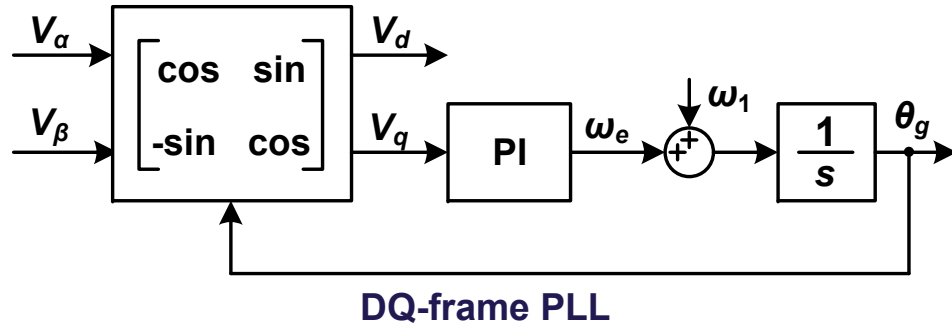
Dynamic Effect of Phase-Locked Loop (PLL)

Including phase (θ_g) variation into current control



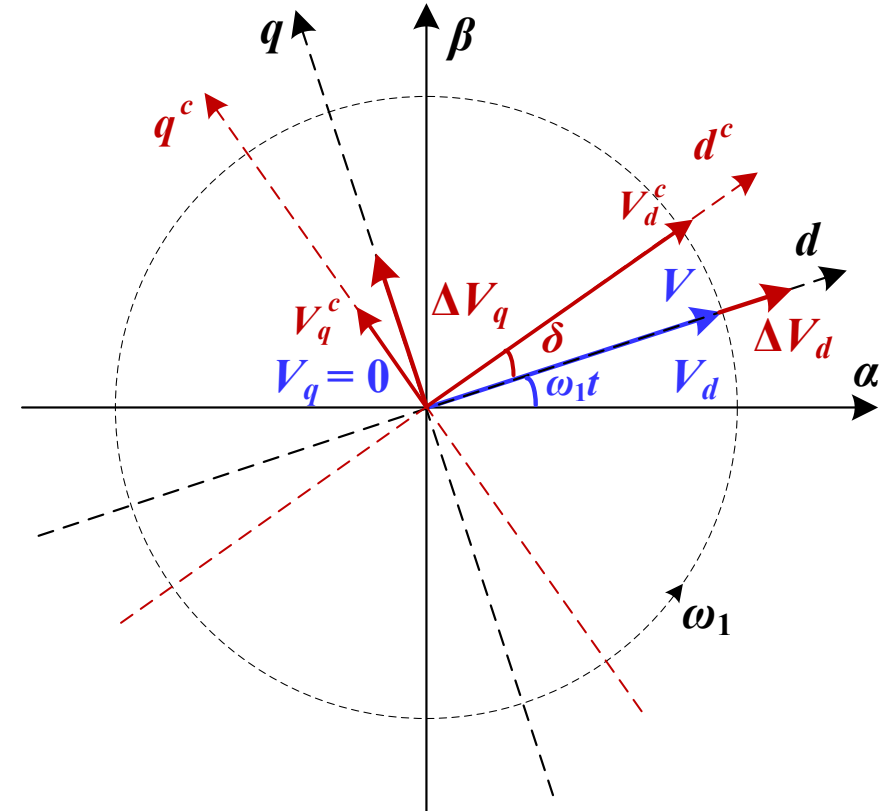
Small-Signal Modeling of PLL

Perturbations on the input voltage vector and the output phase



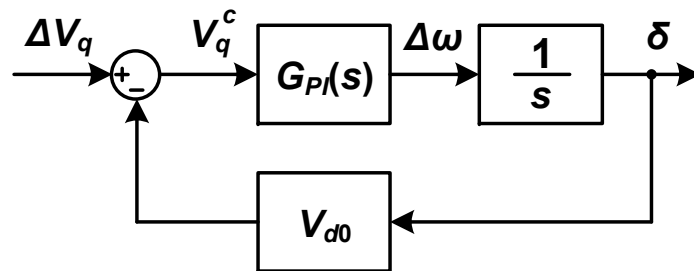
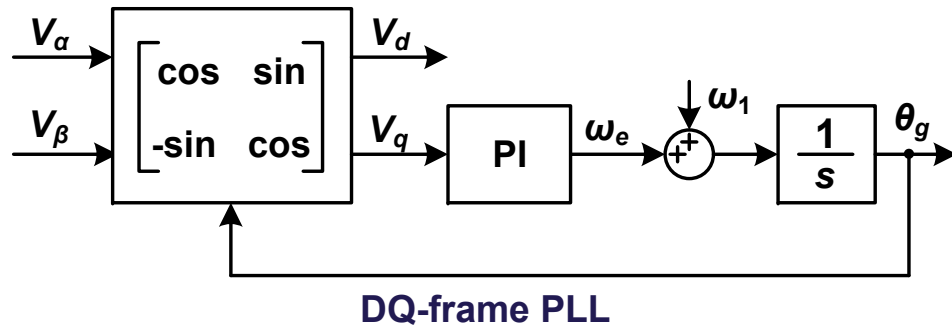
$$V_{dq0} = V_{d0} + j0, \quad V_{\alpha\beta} = (V_{dq0} + \Delta V_{dq}) e^{j\omega_1 t}$$

$$\theta_g = \omega_1 t + \delta, \quad V_{dq}^c = V_{\alpha\beta} e^{-j\theta_g}$$



Small-Signal Modeling of PLL

Asymmetrical dynamics between d -axis and q -axis



$$V_{\alpha\beta} = (V_{dq0} + \Delta V_{dq}) e^{j\omega_1 t}, \quad V_{dq0} = V_{d0} + j0$$

$$\theta_g = \omega_1 t + \delta$$

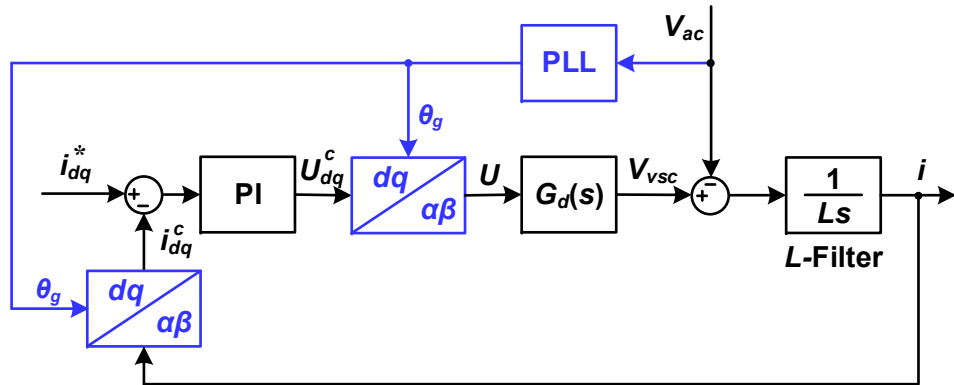
$$V_{dq}^c = V_{\alpha\beta} e^{-j\theta_g} = (V_{dq0} + \Delta V_{dq}) e^{j\omega_1 t} \cdot e^{-j(\omega_1 t + \delta)}$$

$$e^{-j\delta} \approx 1 - j\delta, \quad V_q^c = \Delta V_q - V_{d0} \delta$$

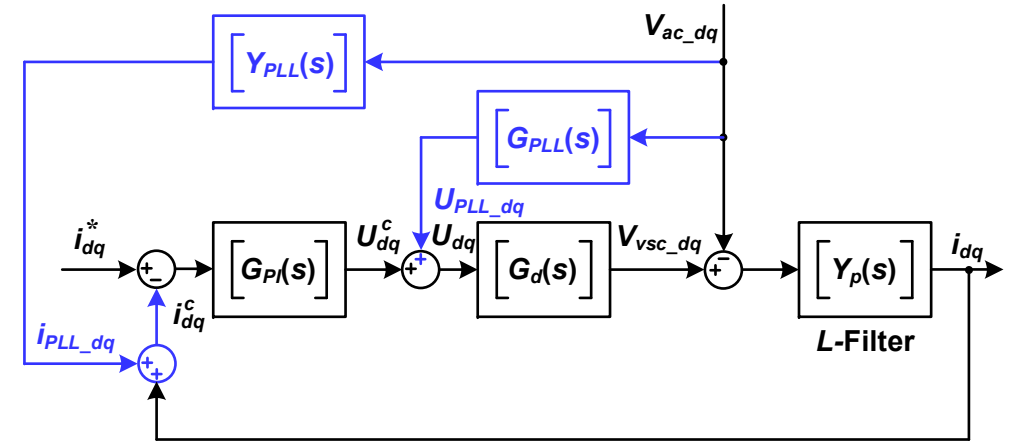
$$\delta = H_{PLL}(s) \Delta V_q, \quad H_{PLL}(s) = \frac{G_{PI}(s)}{s + G_{PI}(s) V_{d0}}$$



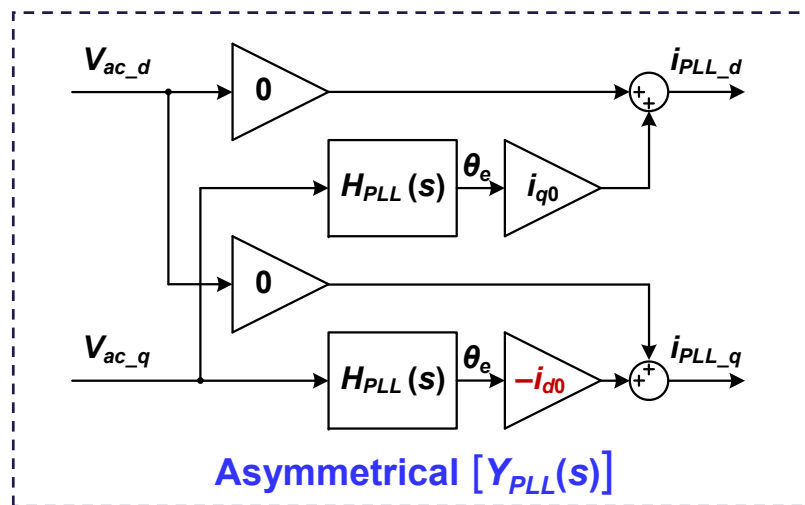
PLL Bridges Voltage Disturbance Current Negative damping introduced on the q-q axis



DQ-frame current control with PLL dynamics



Equivalent block diagram with PLL dynamics



Asymmetrical $[Y_{PLL}(s)]$

$$i_{dq0} + \Delta i_{dq}^c = \underbrace{(i_{dq0} + \Delta i_{dq})}_{i_{\alpha\beta}} e^{j\omega t} \cdot e^{-j(\omega t + \delta)} = (i_{dq0} + \Delta i_{dq}) e^{-j\delta}$$

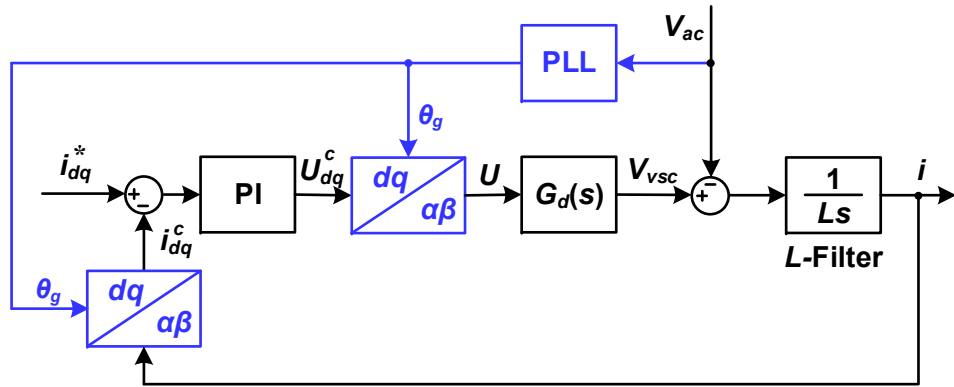
$$e^{-j\delta} \approx 1 - j\delta, \quad \Delta i_{dq}^c = i_{dq0} (1 - j\delta) + \Delta i_{dq} (1 - j\delta)$$

$$\Delta i_{PLL_dq} = -j i_{dq0} \delta = -j i_{dq0} H_{PLL}(s) \Delta V_q$$

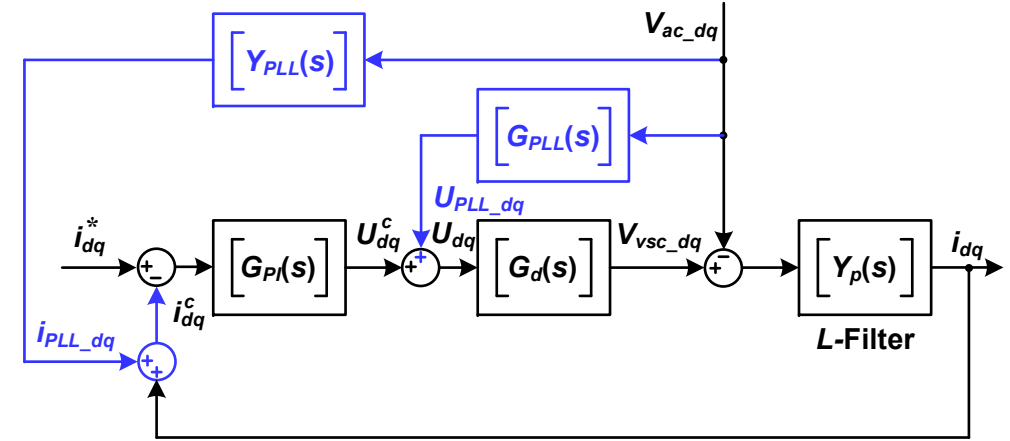


MIMO Representation of PLL Effect

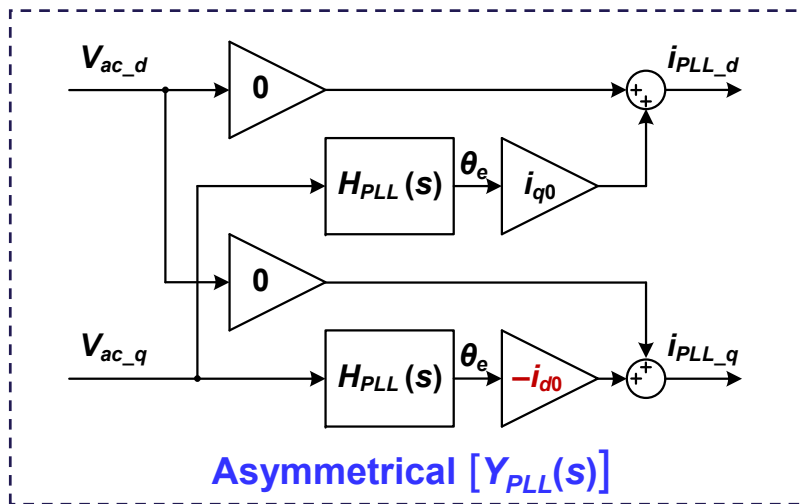
Asymmetrical transfer function matrices in the dq -frame



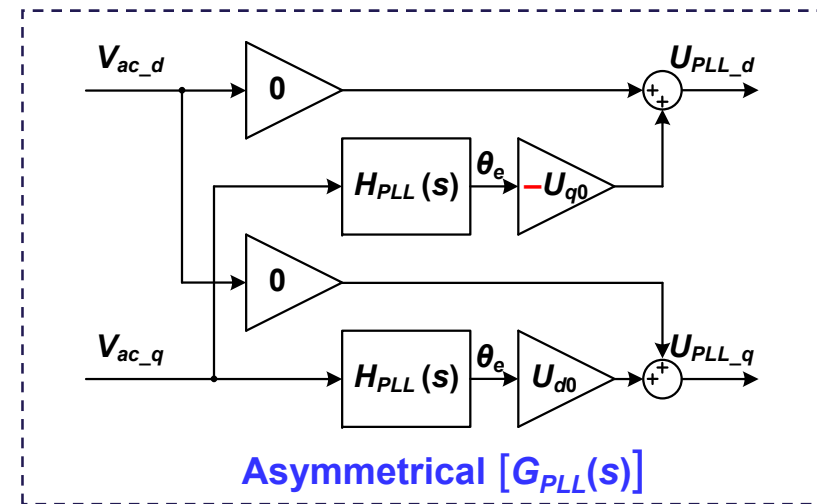
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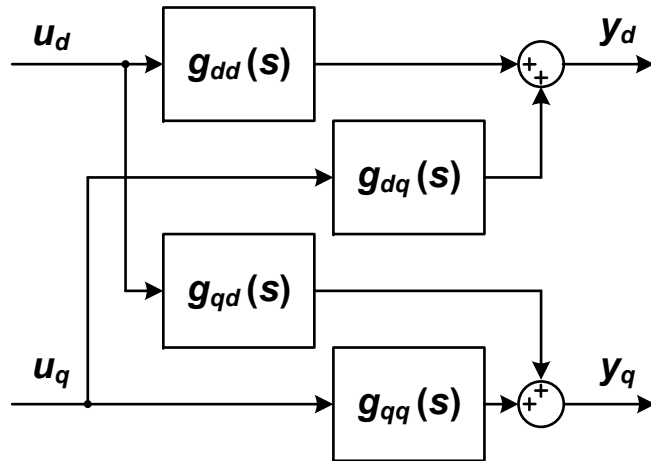


Asymmetrical $[G_{PLL}(s)]$

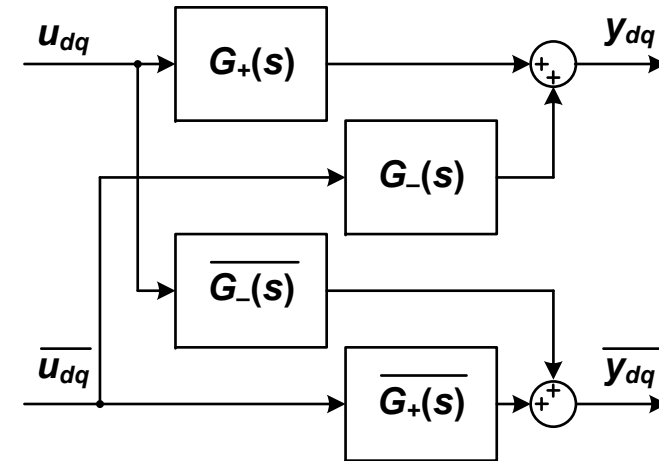


MIMO Representation of PLL Effect

Complex-valued equivalent of asymmetrical transfer matrices (dq -frame)



Asymmetrical transfer matrix for real vector
(dq -frame, ω)



Equivalent transfer matrix for complex vector
(dq -frame, $\omega \rightarrow \omega, -\omega$)

$$G_+(s) = \frac{g_{dd}(s) + g_{qq}(s)}{2} + j \frac{g_{qd}(s) - g_{dq}(s)}{2}$$

$$G_-(s) = \frac{g_{dd}(s) - g_{qq}(s)}{2} + j \frac{g_{qd}(s) + g_{dq}(s)}{2}$$

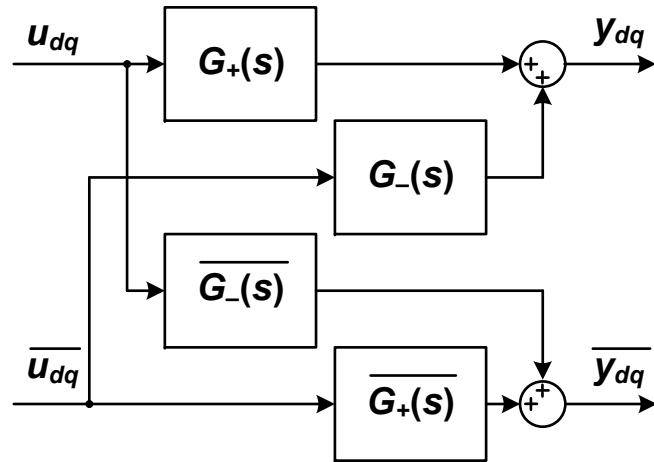
$$\overline{u_{dq}} = u_d - ju_q, \quad \overline{y_{dq}} = y_d - jy_q$$

$$\overline{G_+(s)} = \frac{g_{dd}(s) + g_{qq}(s)}{2} - j \frac{g_{qd}(s) - g_{dq}(s)}{2}$$

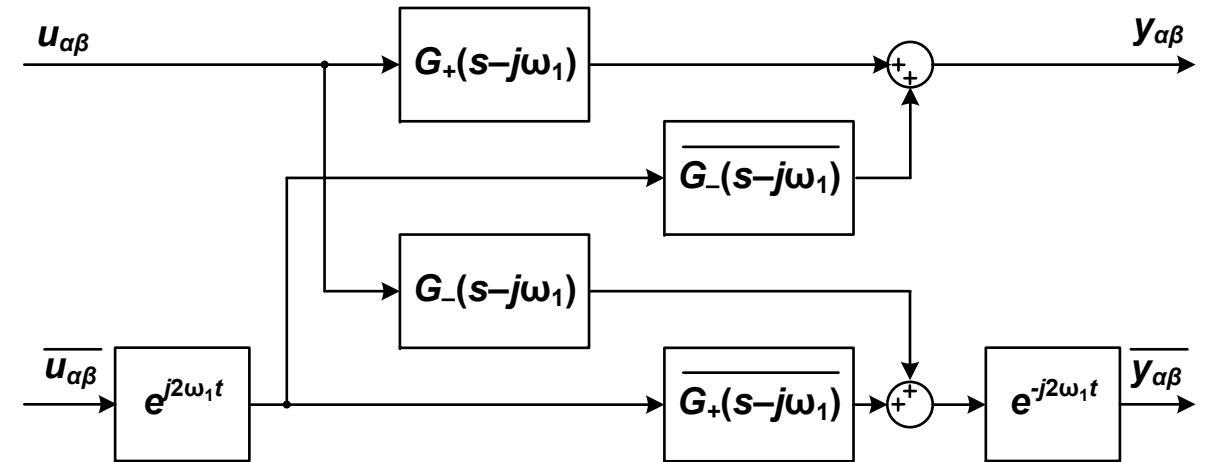


Generalized MIMO Representation

Complex-valued equivalent of asymmetrical transfer matrices ($\alpha\beta$ -frame)



Equivalent transfer matrix for complex vector
(dq -frame, $\omega \rightarrow \omega, -\omega$)



Equivalent transfer matrix for complex vector
($\alpha\beta$ -frame, $\omega \rightarrow \omega, 2\omega_1 - \omega$)

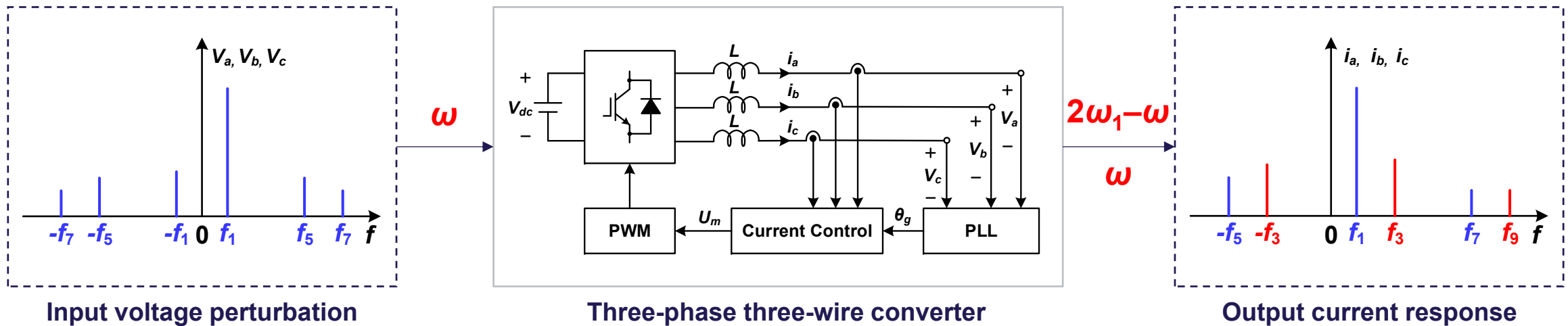
$$y_{dq} = G_+(s)u_{dq} + G_-(s)\overline{u_{dq}} \Rightarrow e^{-j\omega_1 t} y_{\alpha\beta} = G_+(s)e^{-j\omega_1 t} u_{\alpha\beta} + G_-(s)e^{j\omega_1 t} \overline{u_{\alpha\beta}} \Rightarrow y_{\alpha\beta} = G_+(s - j\omega_1)u_{\alpha\beta} + G_-(s - j\omega_1)e^{j2\omega_1 t} \overline{u_{\alpha\beta}}$$

$$\overline{y_{dq}} = \overline{G_-(s)u_{dq}} + \overline{G_+(s)u_{dq}} \Rightarrow e^{j\omega_1 t} \overline{y_{\alpha\beta}} = \overline{G_-(s)}e^{-j\omega_1 t} u_{\alpha\beta} + \overline{G_+(s)}e^{j\omega_1 t} \overline{u_{\alpha\beta}} \Rightarrow e^{j2\omega_1 t} \overline{y_{\alpha\beta}} = \overline{G_-(s - j\omega_1)}u_{\alpha\beta} + \overline{G_+(s - j\omega_1)}e^{j2\omega_1 t} \overline{u_{\alpha\beta}}$$



Generalized MIMO Representation

Physical insights revealed by the $\alpha\beta$ -frame transfer matrices



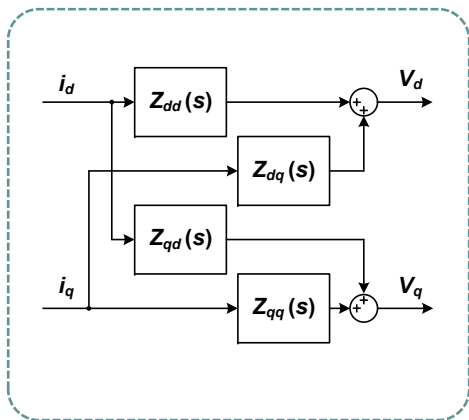
Non-zero-sequence triplen harmonics in the three-phase three-wire converters with **asymmetrical control dynamics** in the dq -frame



Generalized MIMO Representation

Mathematical equivalence between different transfer matrices

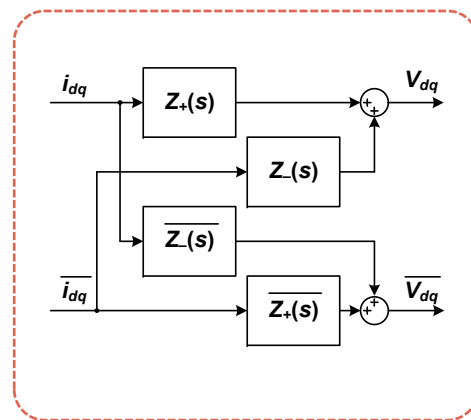
DQ-transformation



$$\begin{bmatrix} V_d \\ V_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{dd}(s) & Z_{dq}(s) \\ Z_{qd}(s) & Z_{qq}(s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix}$$

DQ-frame impedance model
(real vector)

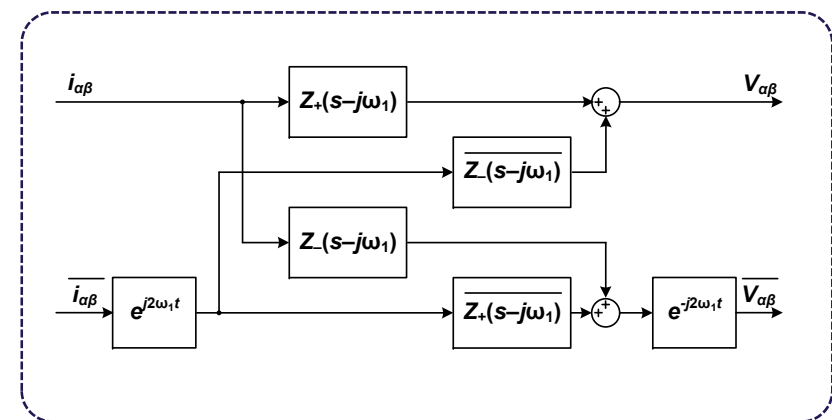
Complex equivalence



$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{dq} \\ \overline{V_{dq}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_+(s) & Z_-(s) \\ \overline{Z_-(s)} & \overline{Z_+(s)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_{dq} \\ \overline{i_{dq}} \end{bmatrix}$$

DQ-frame impedance model
(complex vector)

Frequency translation



$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha\beta} \\ e^{j2\omega_1 t} \overline{V_{\alpha\beta}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_+(s-j\omega_1) & \overline{Z_-(s-j\omega_1)} \\ \overline{Z_-(s-j\omega_1)} & Z_+(s-j\omega_1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_{\alpha\beta} \\ e^{j2\omega_1 t} \overline{i_{\alpha\beta}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Stationary ($\alpha\beta$)-frame impedance model
(complex vector)



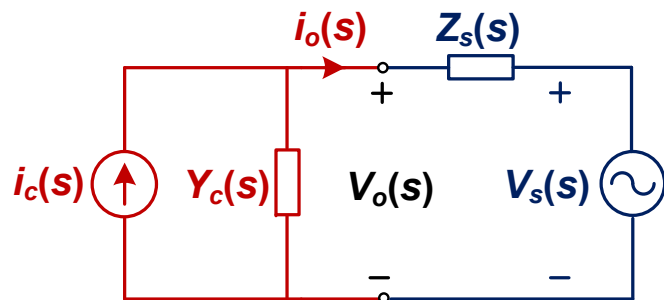
IMPEDANCE-BASED STABILITY ANALYSIS

- ▶ Basic principle: minor feedback loop and Nyquist criterion
- ▶ Stability effects of different control loops

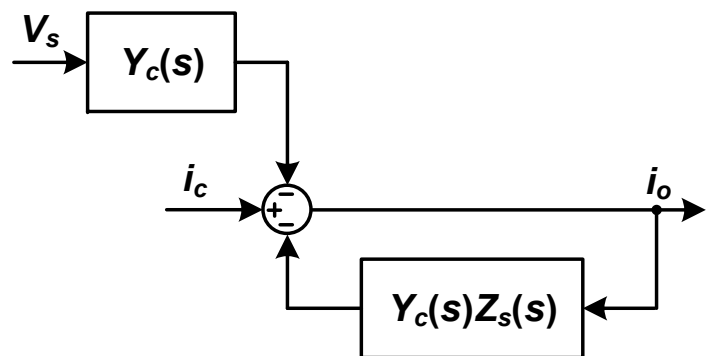


SISO Impedance-Based Stability Analysis

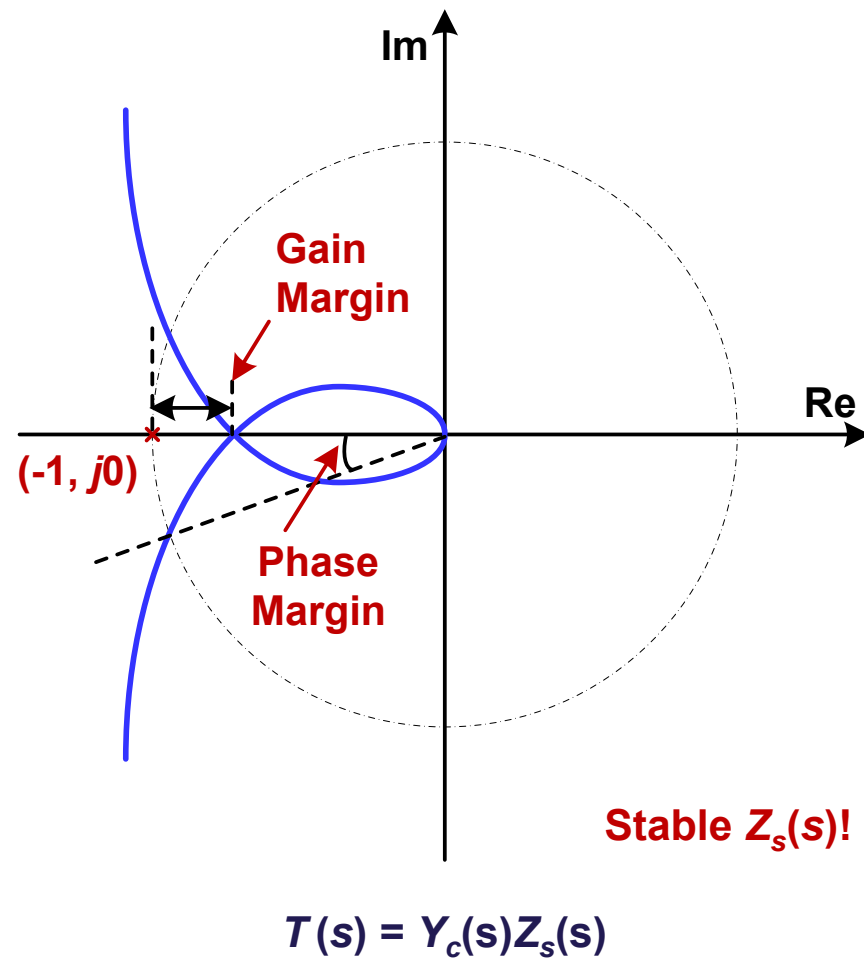
Minor-feedback loop gain and Nyquist criterion



Equivalent circuit of grid converter

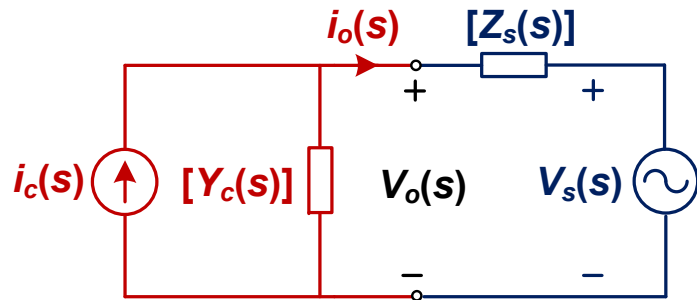


Concept of minor feedback loop

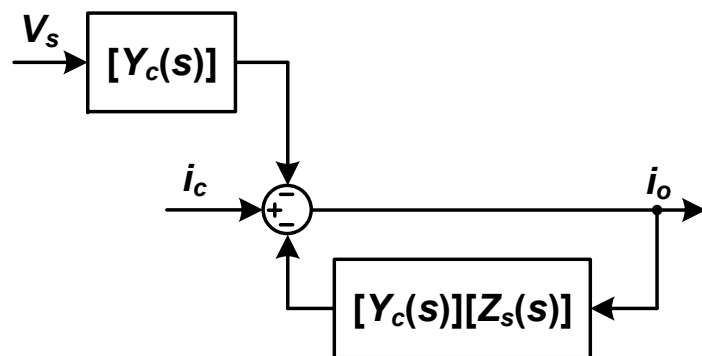


MIMO Impedance-Based Stability Analysis

Return-ratio matrix and generalized Nyquist criterion



Equivalent circuit of grid converter



MIMO minor feedback loop

- Generalized Nyquist stability criterion

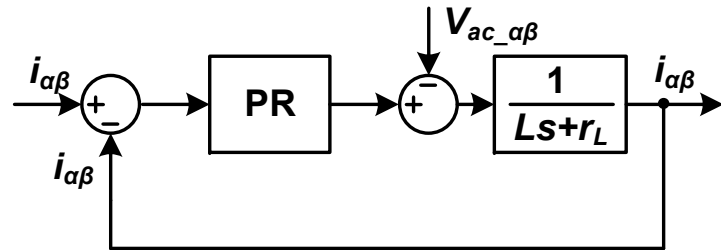
$$\det \{ \lambda \mathbf{I} - [Y_c(s)][Z_s(s)] \} = 0$$

- Nyquist diagrams of λ_1 and λ_2

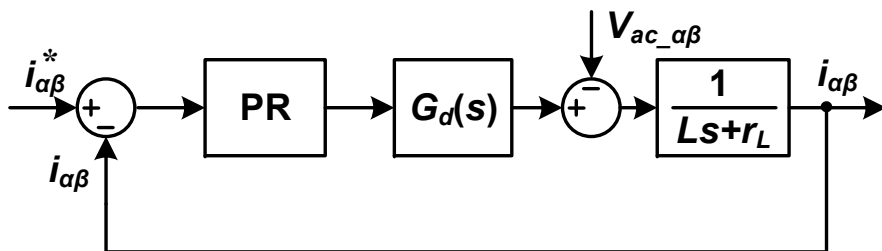


Current Control for Grid-Following Converters

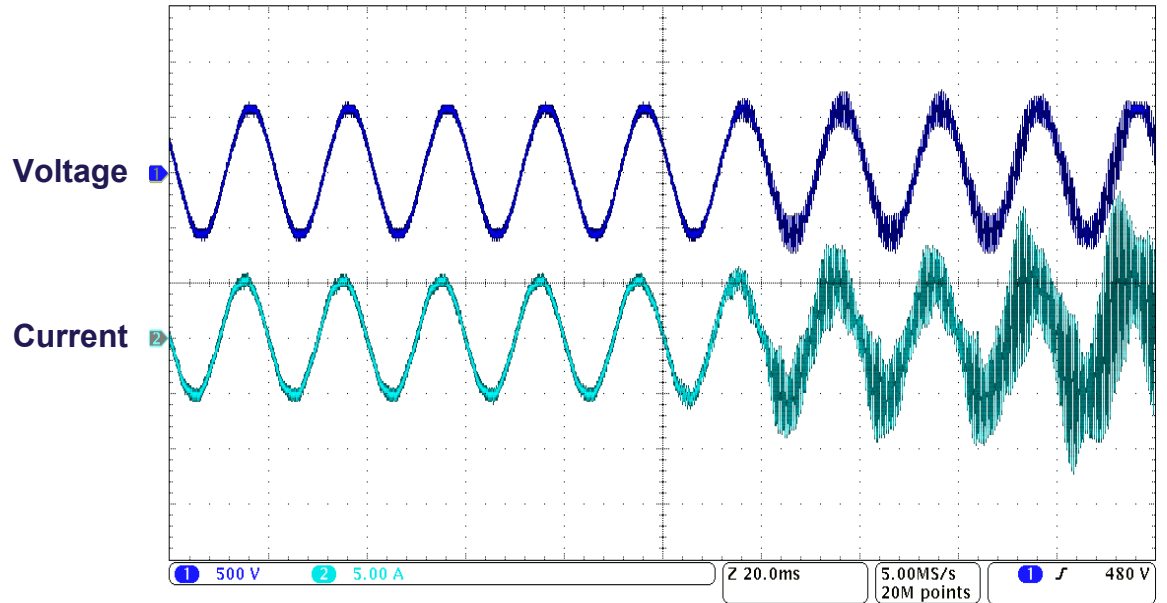
Time delay destabilizes the stability of current control with L-filter



Current control w/o time delay - always stable!
Phase response within 180°



Current control w/ time delay - adding phase lag
Phase response out of 180°

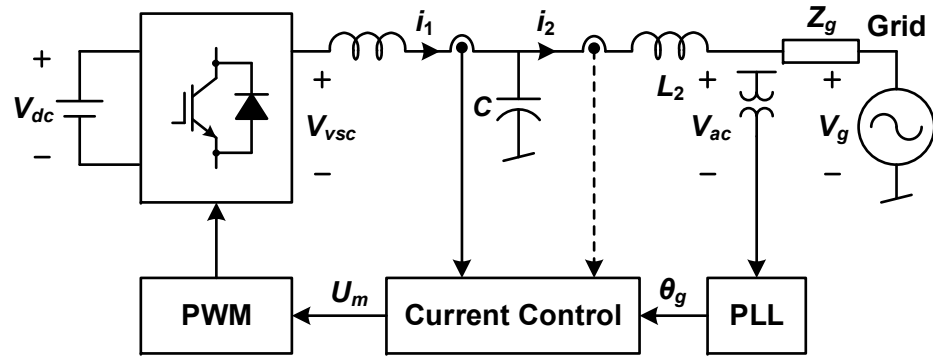


Measured waveforms for current control

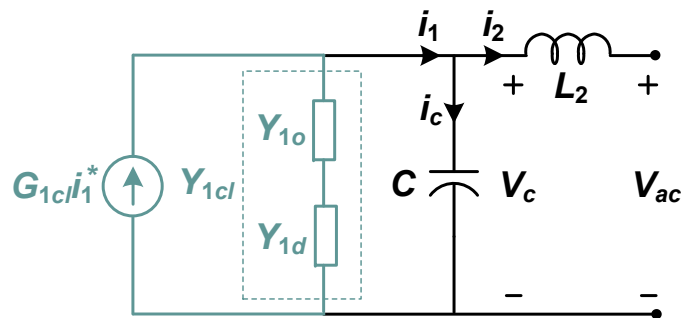


Current Control for Grid-Following Converters

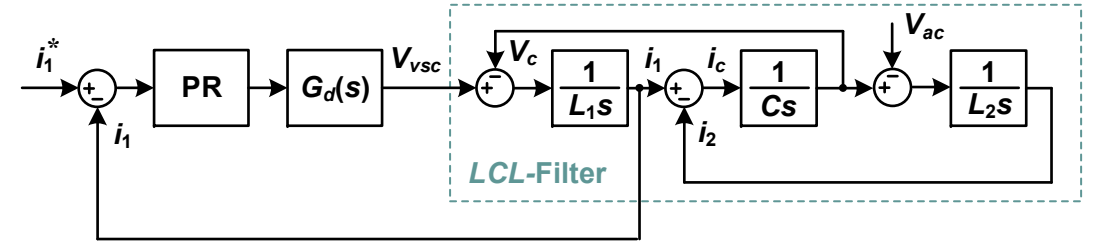
Time delay introduces a frequency-dependent negative resistance



Current control with LCL-filter (i_1)



Impedance model



Single-loop converter current control

- L-filter plant and open-loop gain

$$Y_{1p} = Y_{1o} = \frac{1}{Z_{L1}}, \quad T_1 = G_c G_d Y_{1p}$$

- Closed-loop gain and output admittance

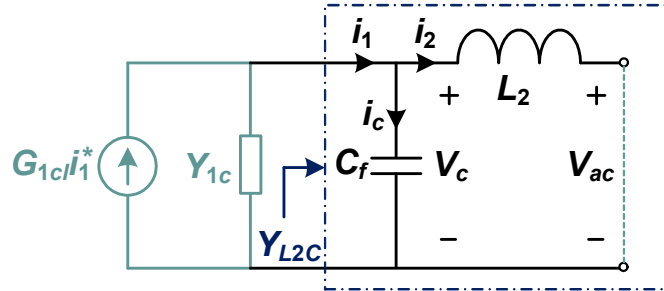
$$G_{1cl} = \frac{T_1}{1+T_1}, \quad Y_{1cl} = \frac{Y_{1o}}{1+T_1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{Y_{1o}} + \frac{1}{Y_{1d}}}, \quad Y_{1d} = \frac{1}{G_c G_d}$$

$$Y_{1d} = \frac{1}{k_p} e^{j\omega T_d} = \frac{1}{k_p} [\cos(T_d \omega) + j \sin(T_d \omega)]$$

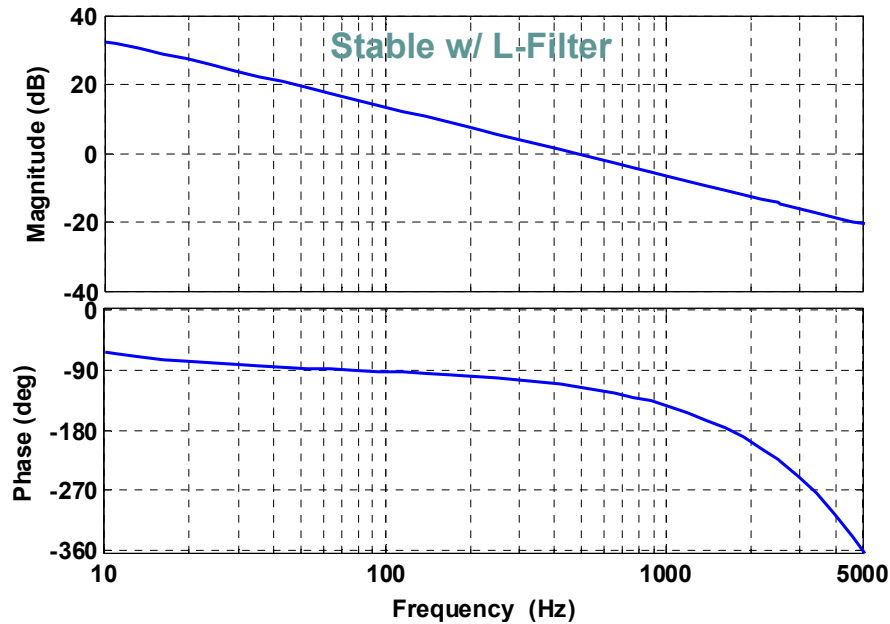


Current Control for Grid-Following Converters

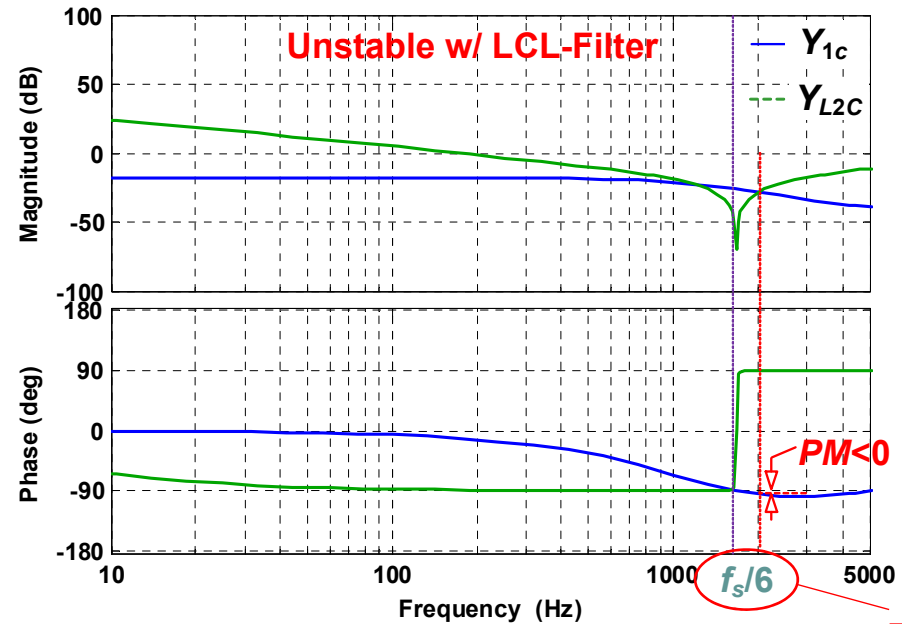
Impedance-based stability analysis with LCL-filter only



$$i_1 = \frac{1}{1 + Y_{1c}/Y_{L2C}} G_{1cl} i_1^* - \frac{Y_{1c}/Y_{L2C}}{1 + Y_{1c}/Y_{L2C}} \frac{V_{ac}}{Z_{L2}}$$



Open-loop gain T_1



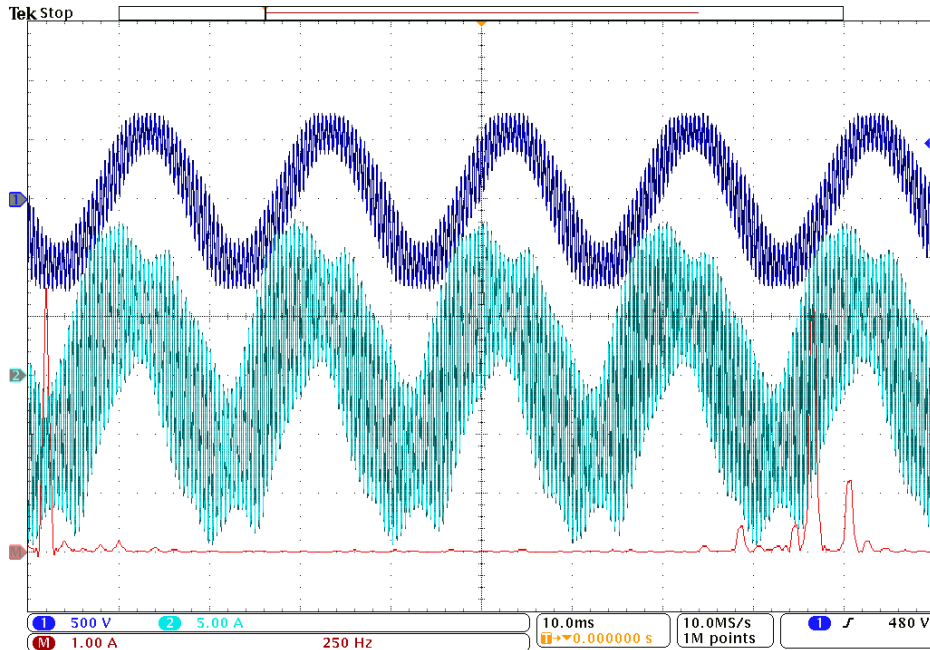
Impedance ratio Y_{1c}/Y_{L2C}

$$T_d = 1.5T_s$$



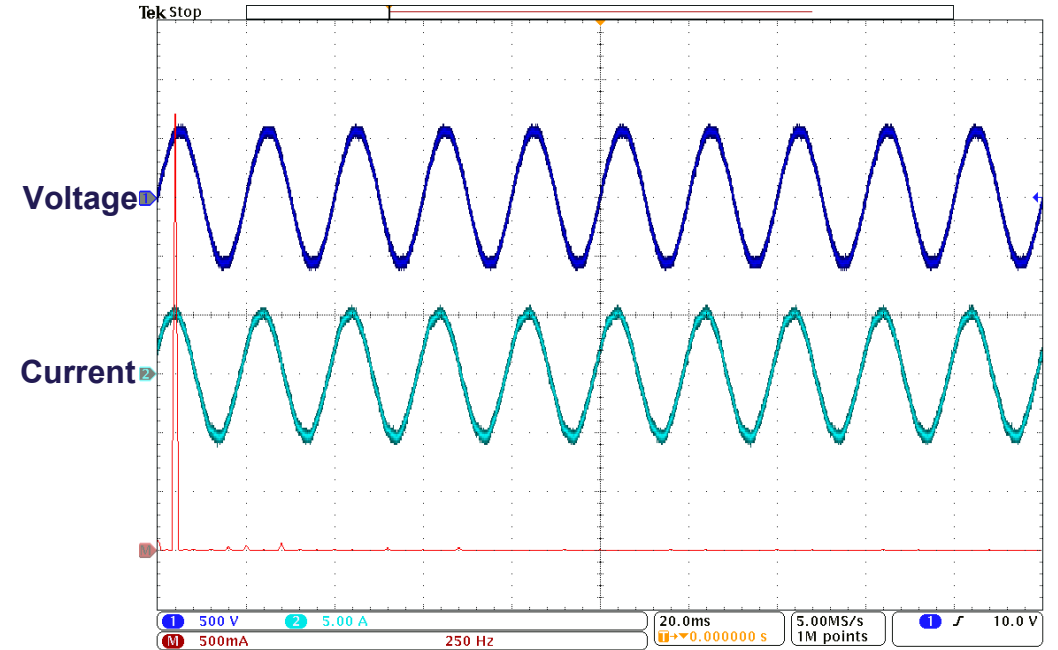
Current Control for Grid-Following Converters

Reducing time delay for robust stability of current control



$$G_d(s) = e^{-1.5T_s s} \Rightarrow \omega \in (\omega_s/6, \omega_s/2]$$

T_s : computation delay; $0.5T_s$: PWM delay



$$G_d(s) = e^{-T_s s} \Rightarrow \omega \in (\omega_s/6, \omega_s/2]$$

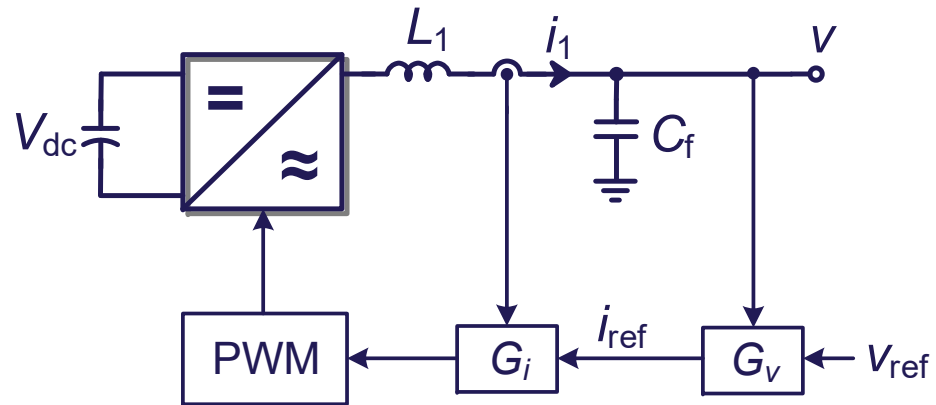
$0.5T_s$: computation delay; $0.5T_s$: PWM delay

Interrupt shift with $0.5T_s$



Voltage Control for Grid-Forming Converters

Dual-loop voltage and current control scheme



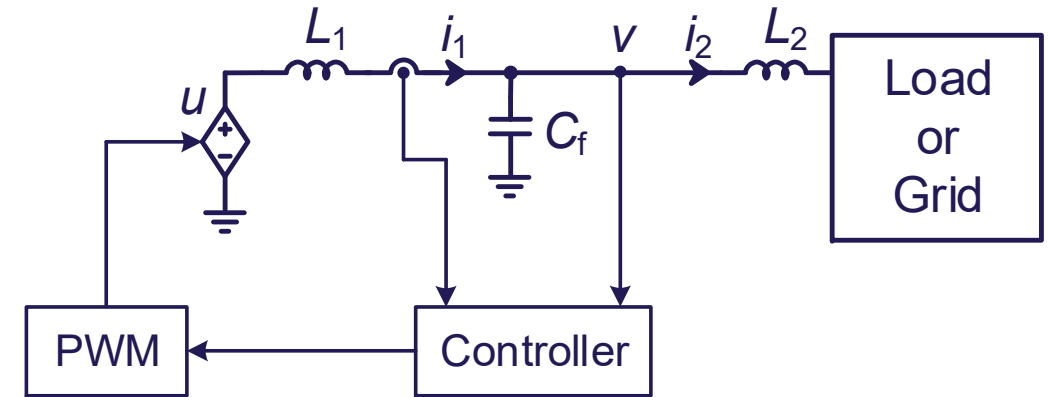
Dual-loop voltage Control

Voltage controller (G_v):

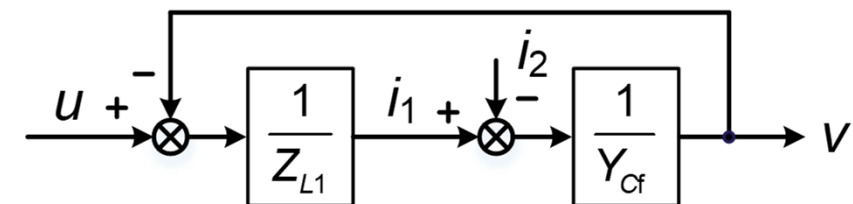
$$G_v = K_{pv} + \frac{K_{rv}s}{s^2 + \omega_1^2}$$

Current controller (G_i):

$$G_i = K_{pi}$$



Small-signal model of power stage

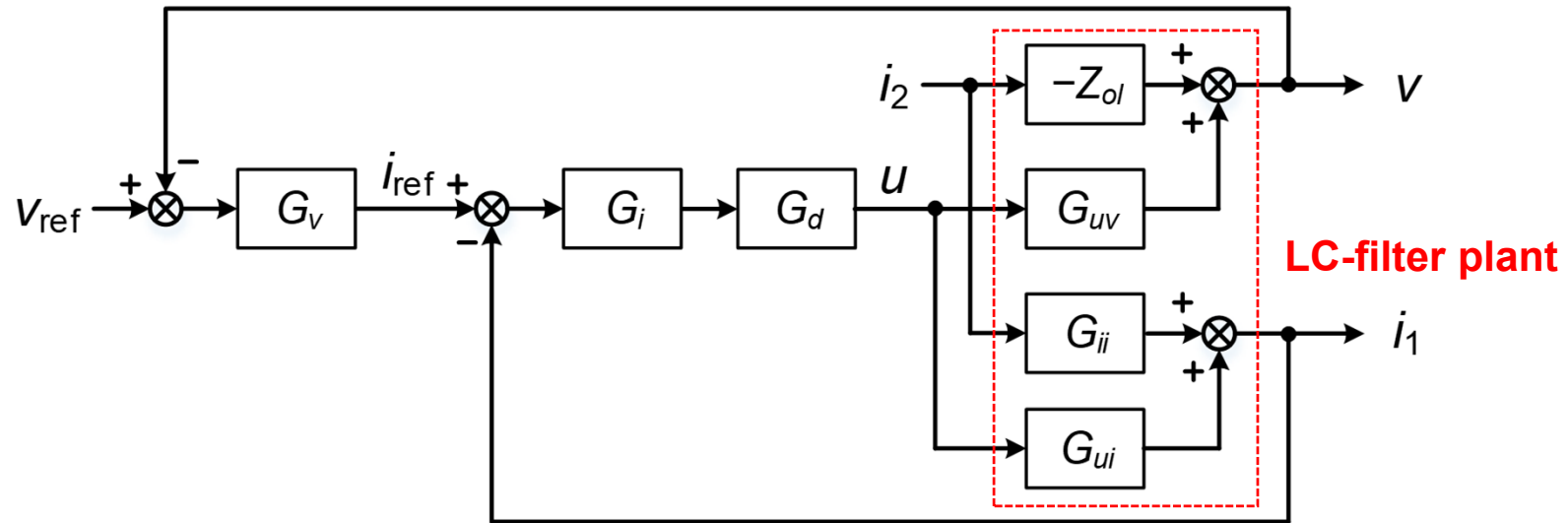


Block diagram of LC-filter



Voltage Control for Grid-Forming Converters

Small-signal modeling of dual-loop voltage control



Small-signal model of dual-loop voltage control

Current loop gain: $T_i(s) = T_1$

Voltage loop gain: $T_v(s) = \frac{T_2}{1 + T_1}$ $T_2(s) = G_{uv} G_d G_i G_v$

Output impedance: $Z_o(s) = \frac{Z_{ol}(1 + T_1) + G_{uv} G_d G_i G_{ji}}{1 + T_1 + T_2}$

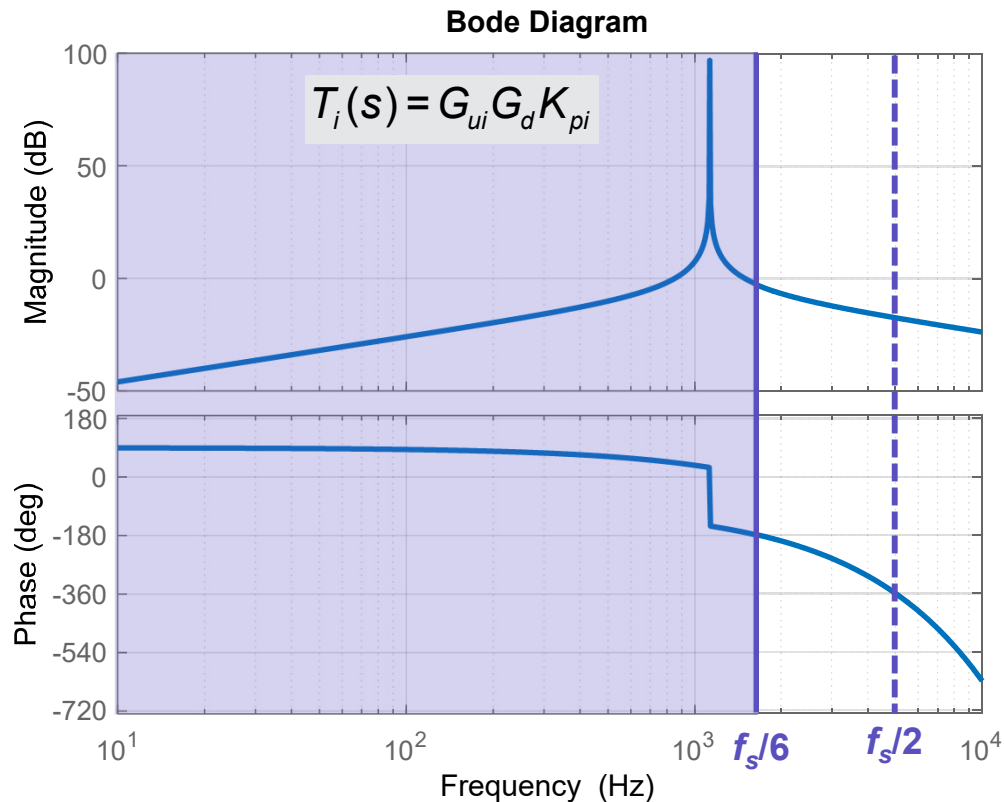
$$Z_{ol} = \frac{Z_{L1}}{1 + Z_{L1} Y_{Cf}} \quad G_{uv} = \frac{1}{1 + Z_{L1} Y_{Cf}}$$

$$G_{ji} = \frac{1}{1 + Z_{L1} Y_{Cf}} \quad G_{ui} = \frac{Y_{Cf}}{1 + Z_{L1} Y_{Cf}}$$



Voltage Control for Grid-Forming Converters

Stability of inner current loop, $f_{LC} < f_s/6$



$$G_{ui} = \frac{Y_{Cf}}{1 + Z_{L1} Y_{Cf}} = \frac{s C_f}{1 + s^2 L_1 C_f}$$

Phase lag: $90^\circ \rightarrow -90^\circ$

$$G_d = \cos \omega T_d - j \sin \omega T_d$$

Additional phase lag of 90° at $\omega_s/6$

Phase crossing
over -180° at $\omega_s/6$

Critical K_{pi} for stable current loop:

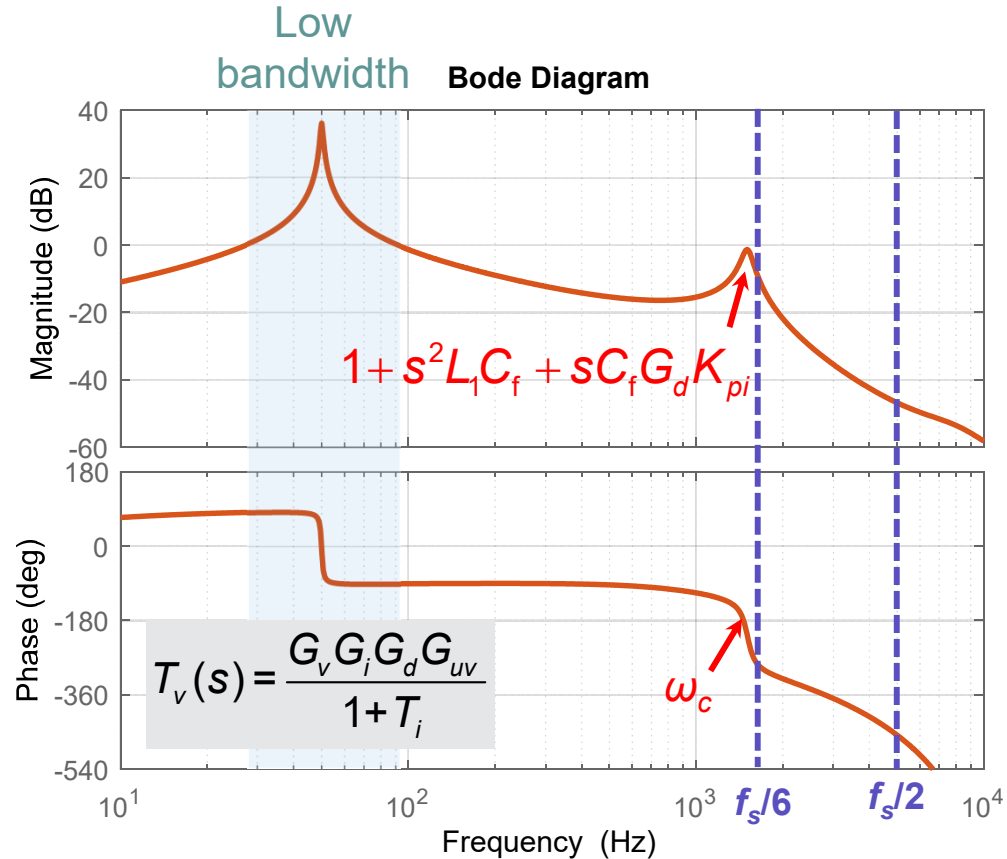
$$\left| T_i \left(j \frac{\omega_s}{6} \right) \right| \leq 10^{\frac{GM}{20dB}} \Rightarrow 0 < K_{pi} \leq \frac{10^{\frac{GM}{20dB}}}{\left| G_{ui} \left(j \frac{\omega_s}{6} \right) \right|}$$

Larger $K_{pi} \rightarrow$ smaller GM



Voltage Control for Grid-Forming Converters

Stability of outer voltage loop, $f_{LC} < f_s/6$



$$T_v = \frac{G_v G_i G_d G_{uv}}{1 + T_i} = \frac{G_d K_{pi}}{1 + Z_{L1} Y_{Cf} + Y_{Cf} G_d K_{pi}} G_v$$

$$1 + s^2 L_1 C_f + s C_f G_d K_{pi}$$

Larger $K_{pi} \rightarrow$ more damping to the LC resonance

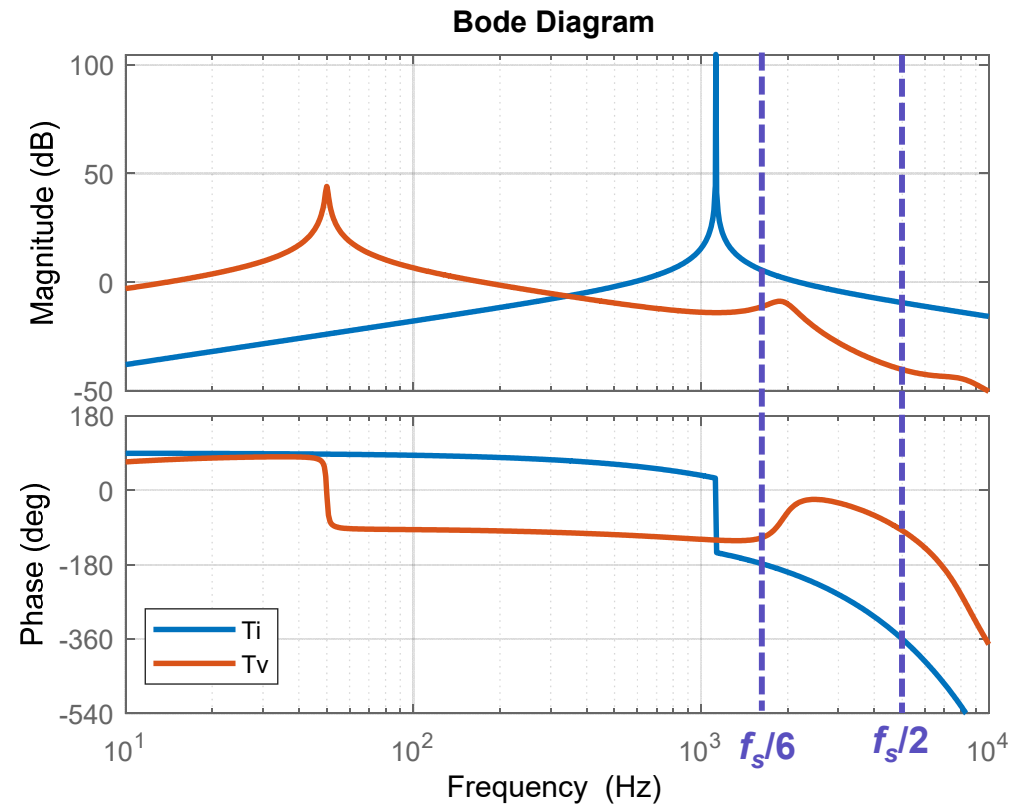
$$G_v = K_{pv} + \frac{K_{rv} s}{s^2 + \omega_1^2} \approx K_{pv} + \frac{K_{rv}}{s}$$

$$K_{pv}, K_{rv} \rightarrow |T_v(j\omega_c)| \leq 10 \frac{GM}{20dB}$$



Voltage Control for Grid-Forming Converters

Unstable inner current loop leads to unstable voltage control, $f_{LC} < f_s/6$



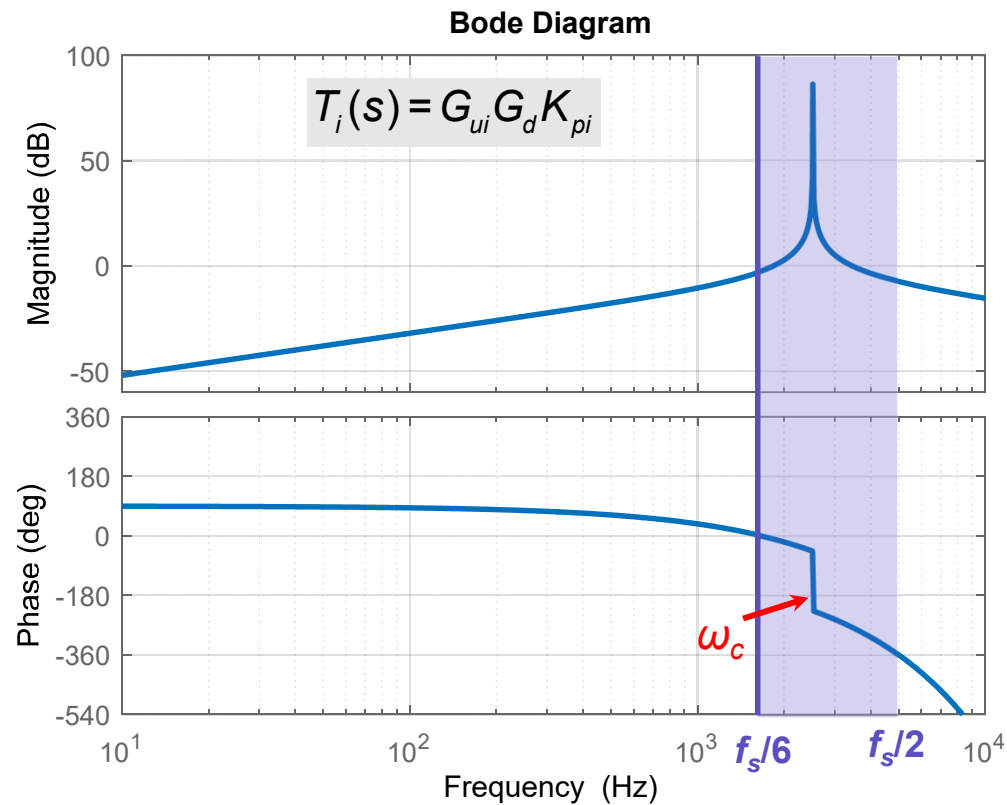
- Current loop, $GM < 0$, unstable
- Voltage loop, 2 RHP poles \rightarrow phase leading \rightarrow no crossing over $\pm 180^\circ$ within the bandwidth

Entire system unstable !



Voltage Control for Grid-Forming Converters

Unstable inner current loop, $f_s/6 < f_{LC} < f_s/2$



$$K_{pi} > 0$$

$$G_d$$

$$G_{ui}$$

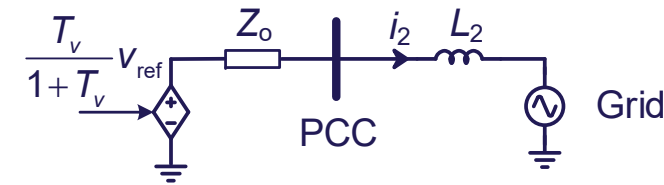
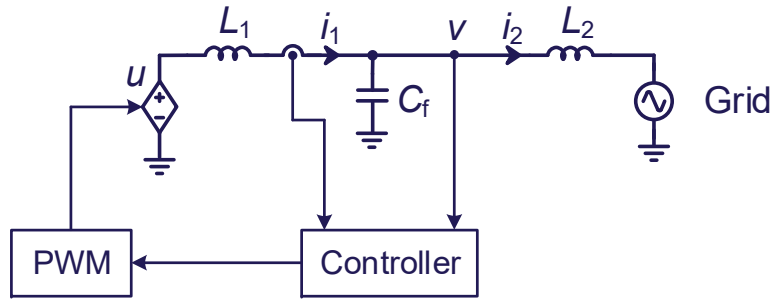
Phase crossing over 0° at $f_s/6$
 Phase crossing over -180° at f_{LC}
 Phase crossing over -360° at $f_s/2$

**Current loop and consequently
 entire system unstable !**

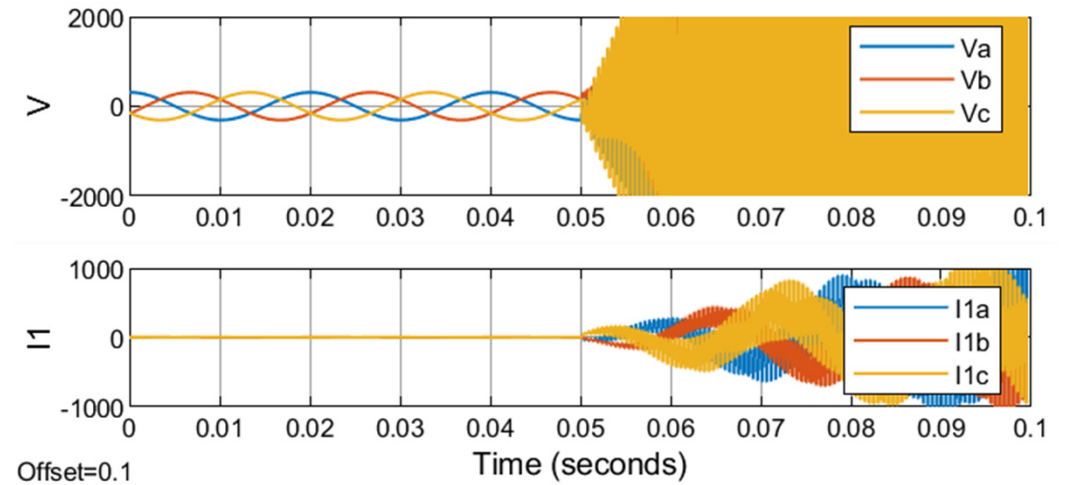
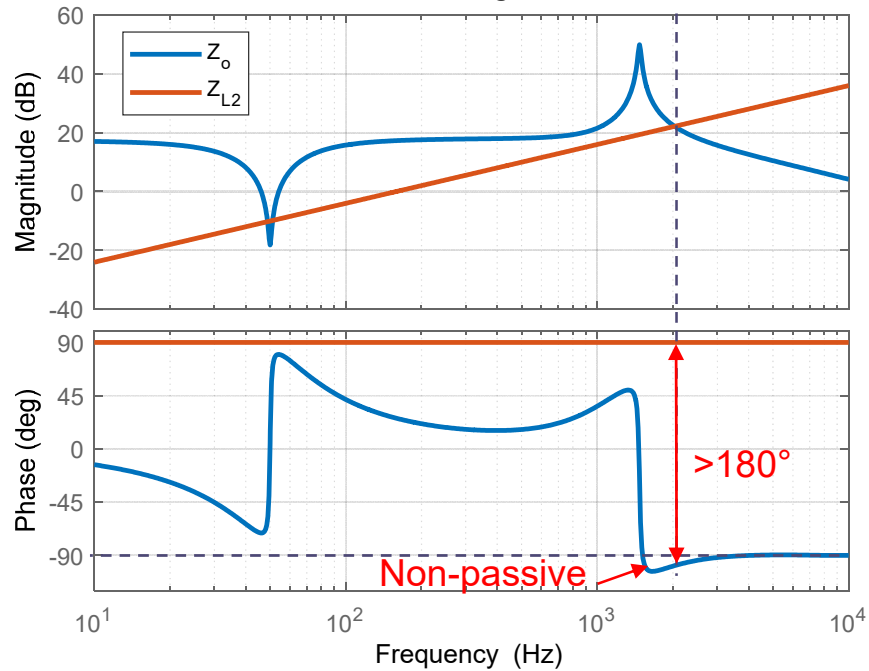


Voltage Control for Grid-Forming Converters

Impedance-based stability analysis

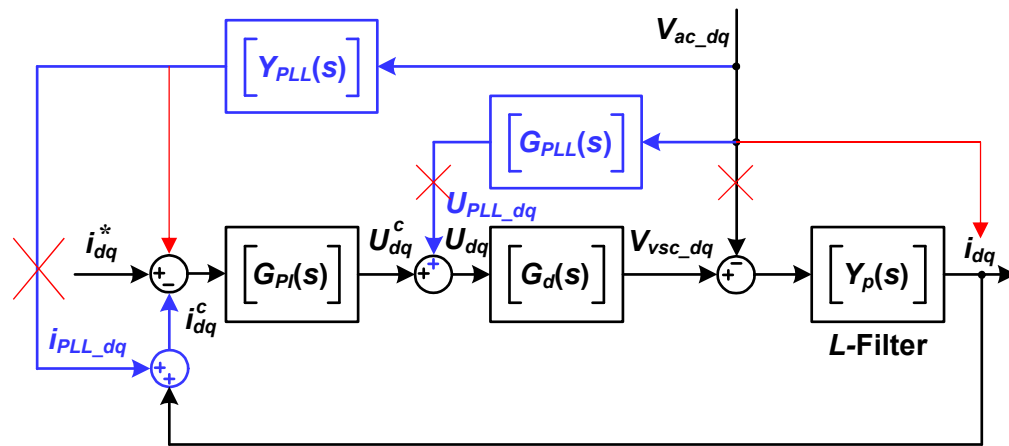


Bode Diagram

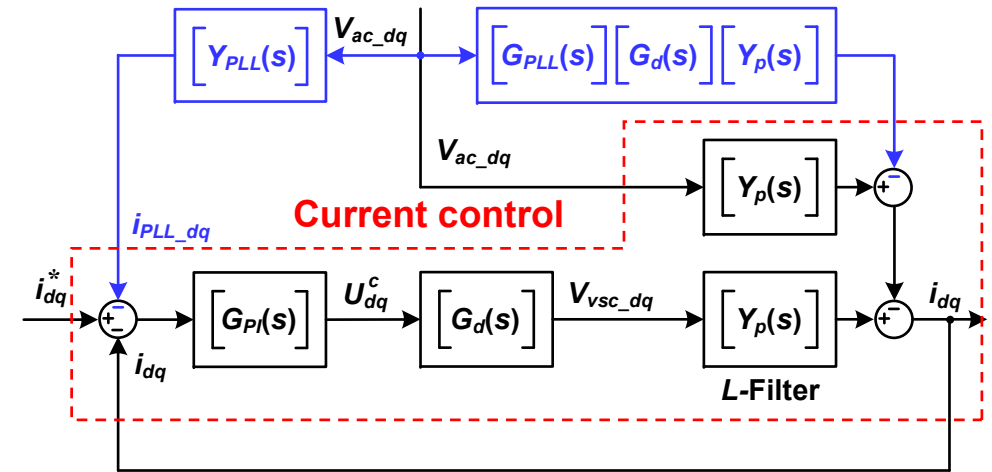


Instability Effect of PLL for Grid-Following Converters

Impedance model of current control with PLL dynamics



Structural characterization of PLL effect

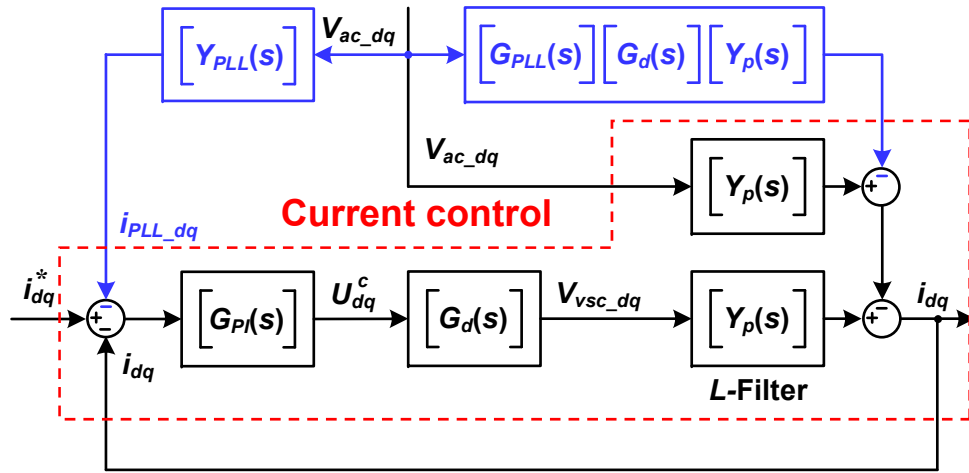


Equivalent block diagram

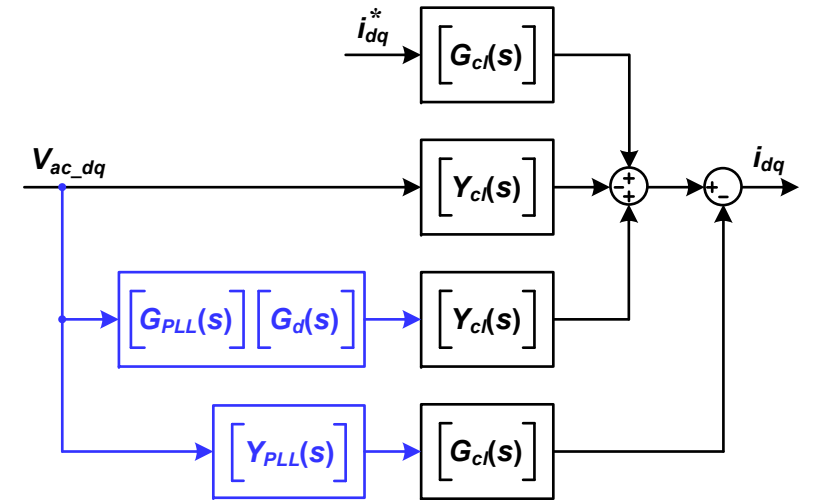


Instability Effect of PLL for Grid-Following Converters

Two paralleled admittances added by the PLL



Equivalent block diagram



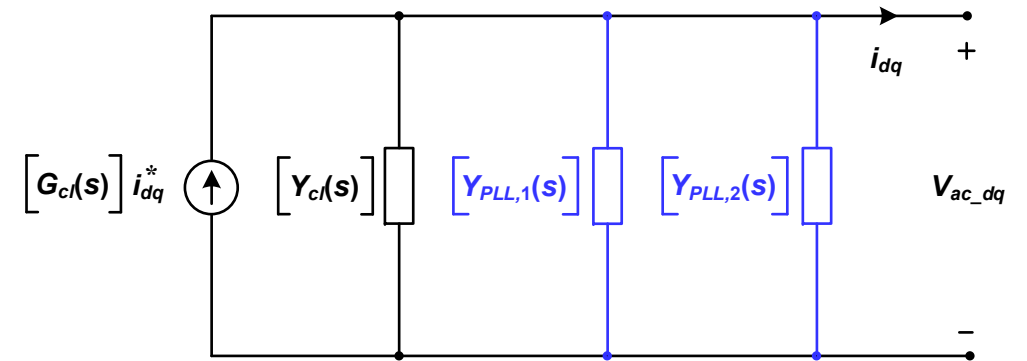
Block diagram of impedance model

$$[G_{cl}(s)] = \left\{ \mathbf{I} + [Y_p(s)][G_d(s)][G_{PI}(s)] \right\}^{-1} [Y_p(s)][G_d(s)][G_{PI}(s)]$$

$$[Y_{cl}(s)] = \left\{ \mathbf{I} + [Y_p(s)][G_d(s)][G_{PI}(s)] \right\}^{-1} [Y_p(s)]$$

$$[Y_{PLL,1}(s)] = -[G_{PLL}(s)][G_d(s)][Y_{cl}(s)]$$

$$[Y_{PLL,2}(s)] = [Y_{PLL}(s)][G_{cl}(s)]$$



Impedance model



Instability Effect of PLL for Grid-Following Converters

Low-frequency negative resistance on the q-q axis

- Closed-loop output admittance matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_{cl,t}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{cl}(s) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Y_{PLL,1}(s) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Y_{PLL,2}(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Low-frequency approximation $Y_{cl,t}(s)$ with unity current loop gain

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_{cl,t}(s) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} Y_{PLL,2}(s) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} Y_{PLL}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & H_{PLL}(s)i_{q0} \\ 0 & -H_{PLL}(s)i_{d0} \end{bmatrix}$$

Negative resistance

- Grid impedance matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z_g(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} sL_g & -\omega_1 L_g \\ \omega_1 L_g & sL_g \end{bmatrix}$$

- Generalized Nyquist stability criterion

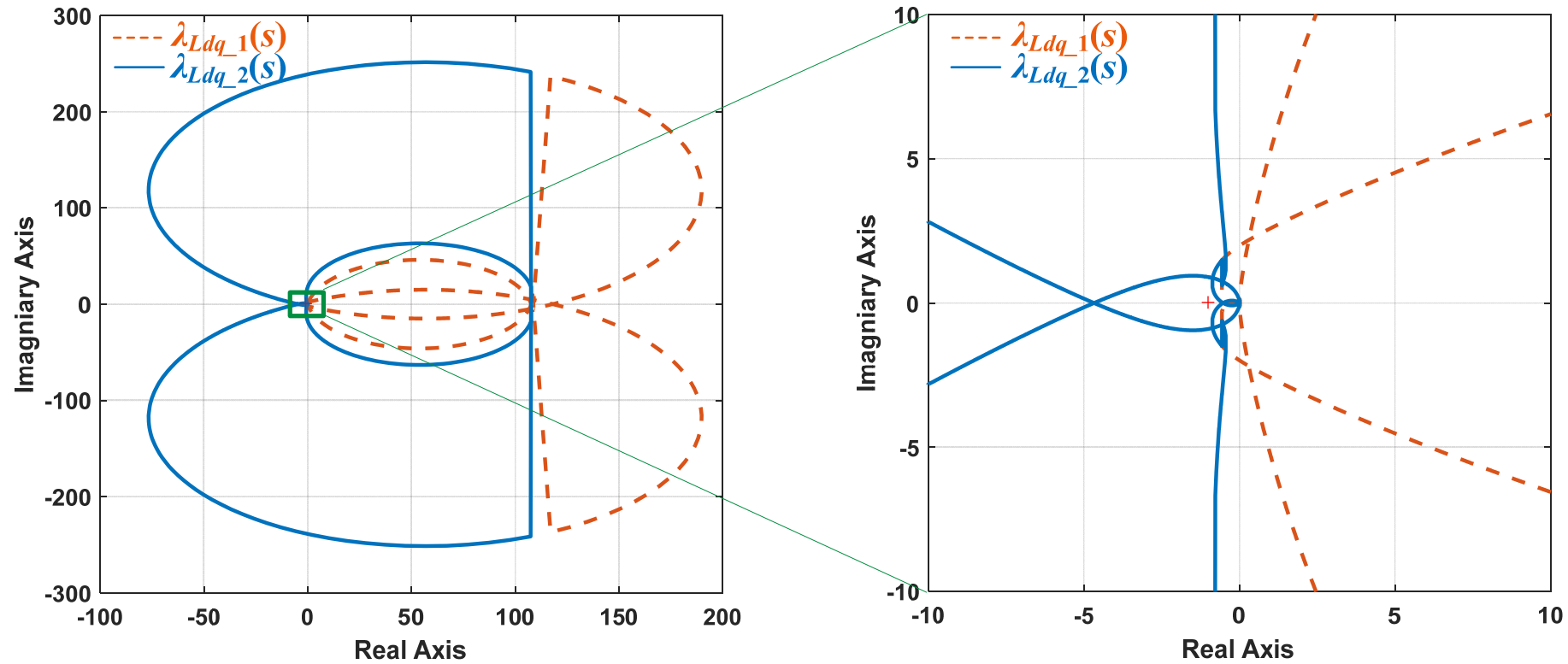
$$\det \left\{ \lambda I - \begin{bmatrix} Z_g(s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y_{cl,t}(s) \end{bmatrix} \right\} = 0$$

- Nyquist diagrams of λ_1 and λ_2



Instability Effect of PLL for Grid-Following Converters

DQ-frame impedance matrices - PLL bandwidth 330 Hz, SCR = 7

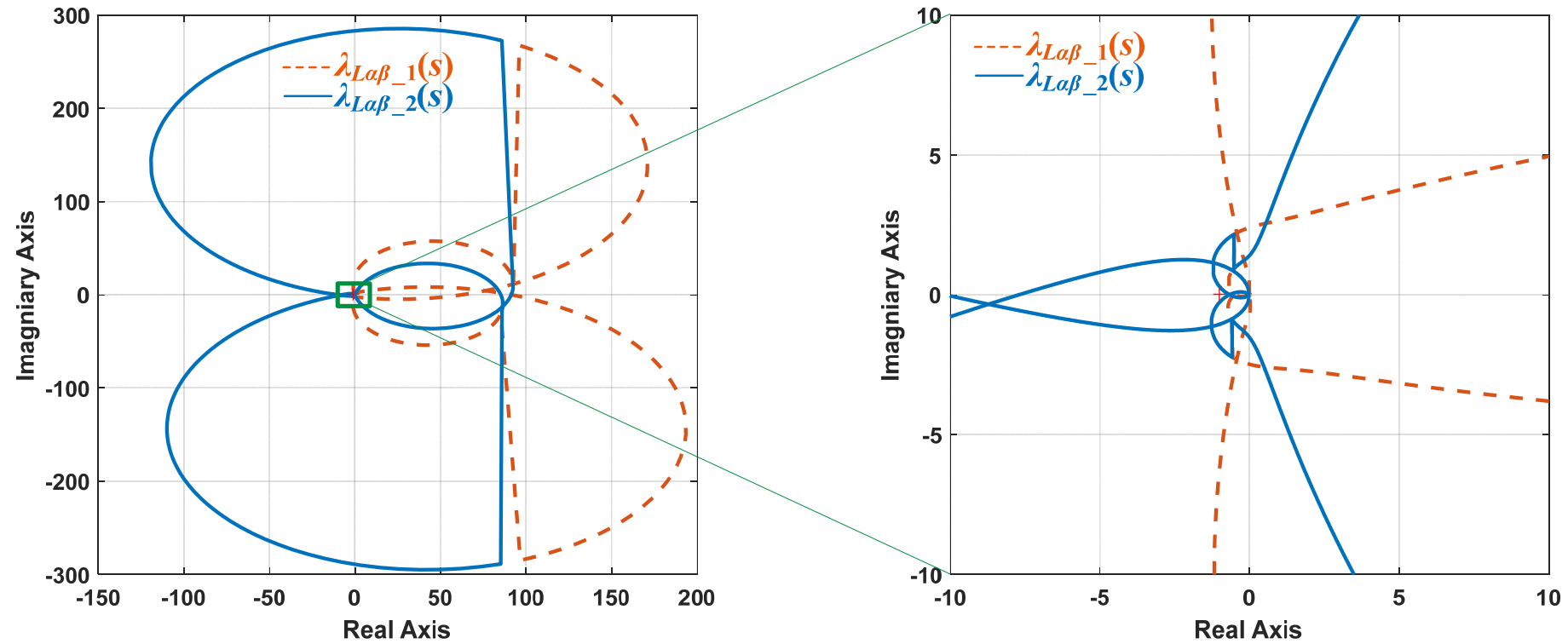


Nyquist diagrams of eigenvalue transfer functions in the *dq*-frame



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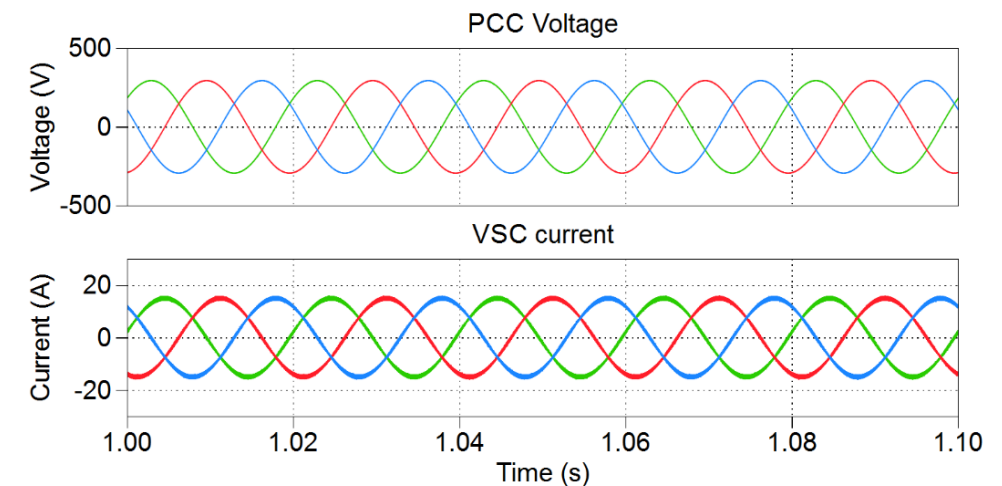
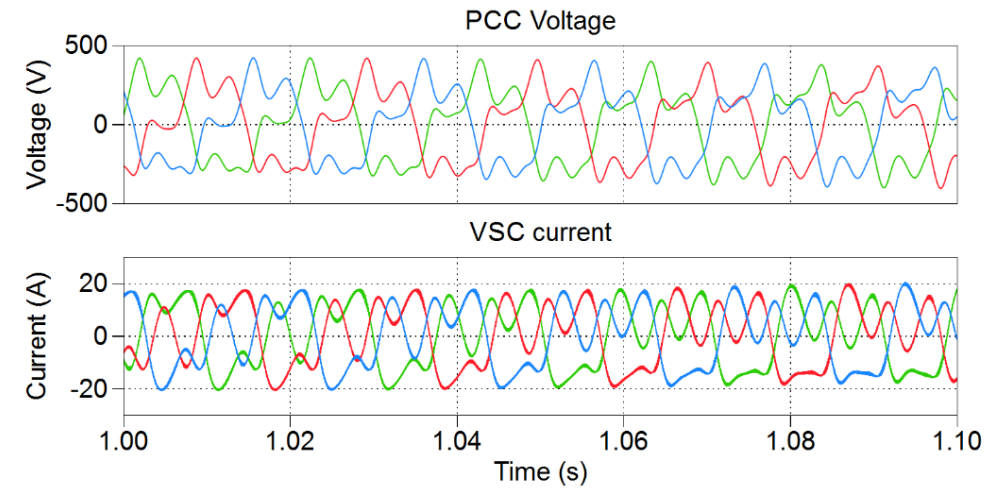
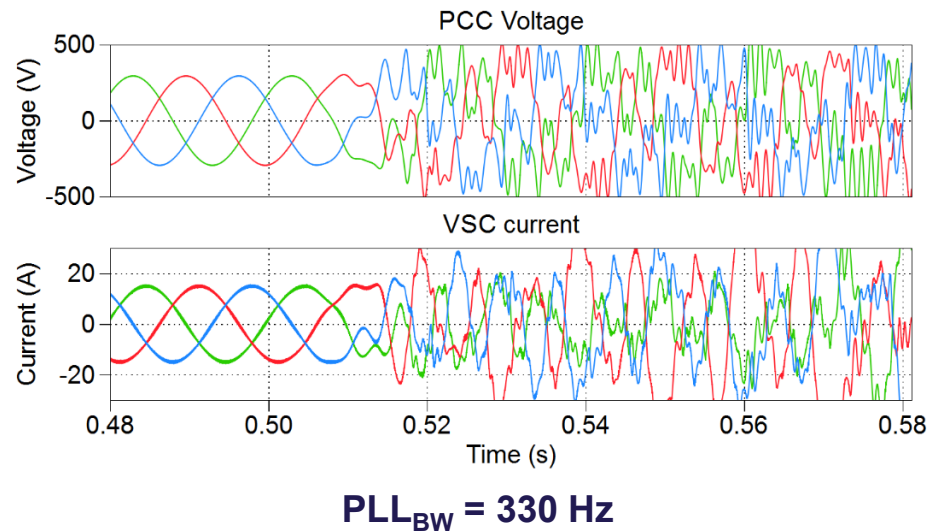


Nyquist diagrams of eigenvalue transfer functions in the $\alpha\beta$ -frame



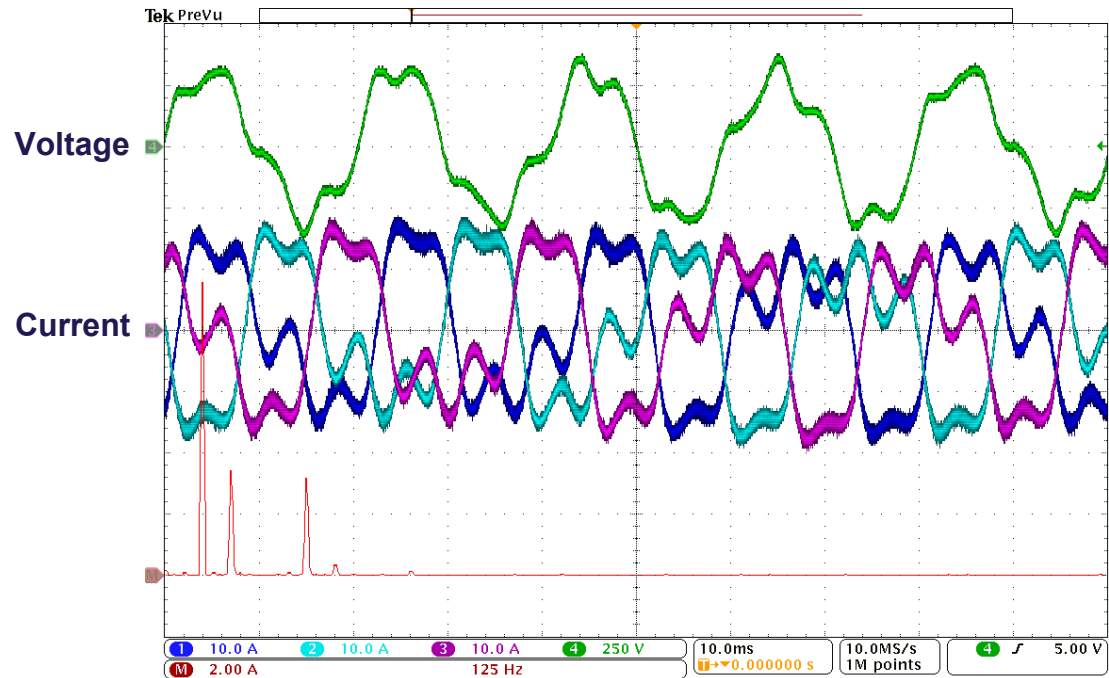
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Simulations - PLL bandwidth 330 Hz, 175 Hz, 20 Hz, SCR = 7

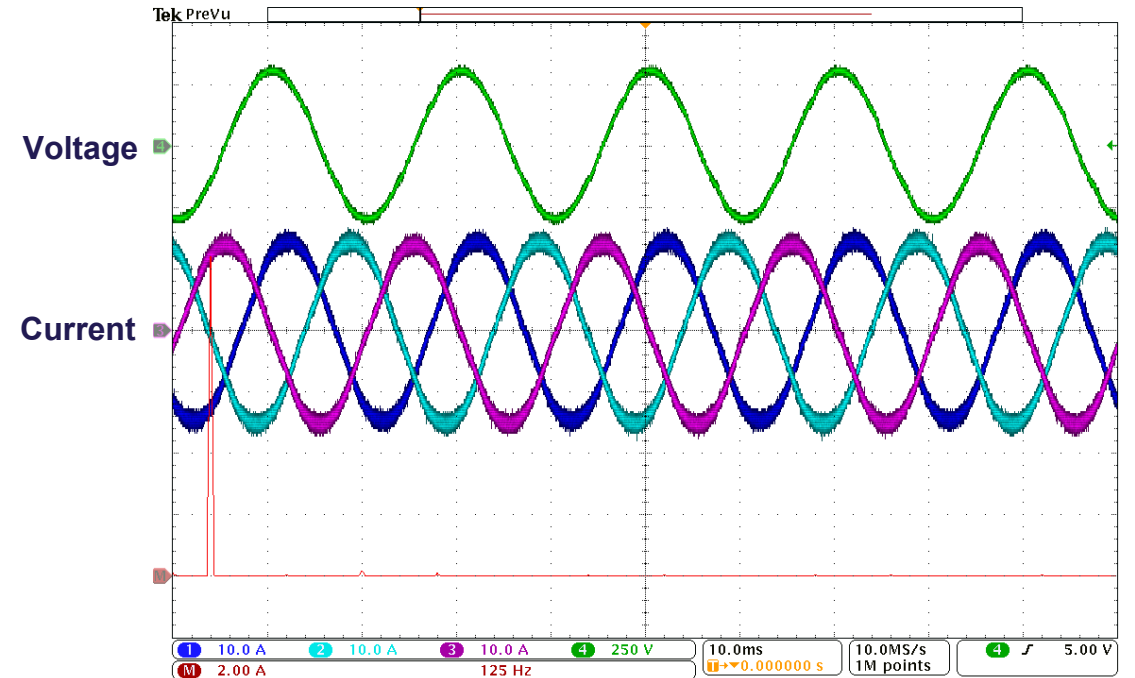


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Experiments - PLL bandwidth 175 Hz, 20 Hz, SCR = 7



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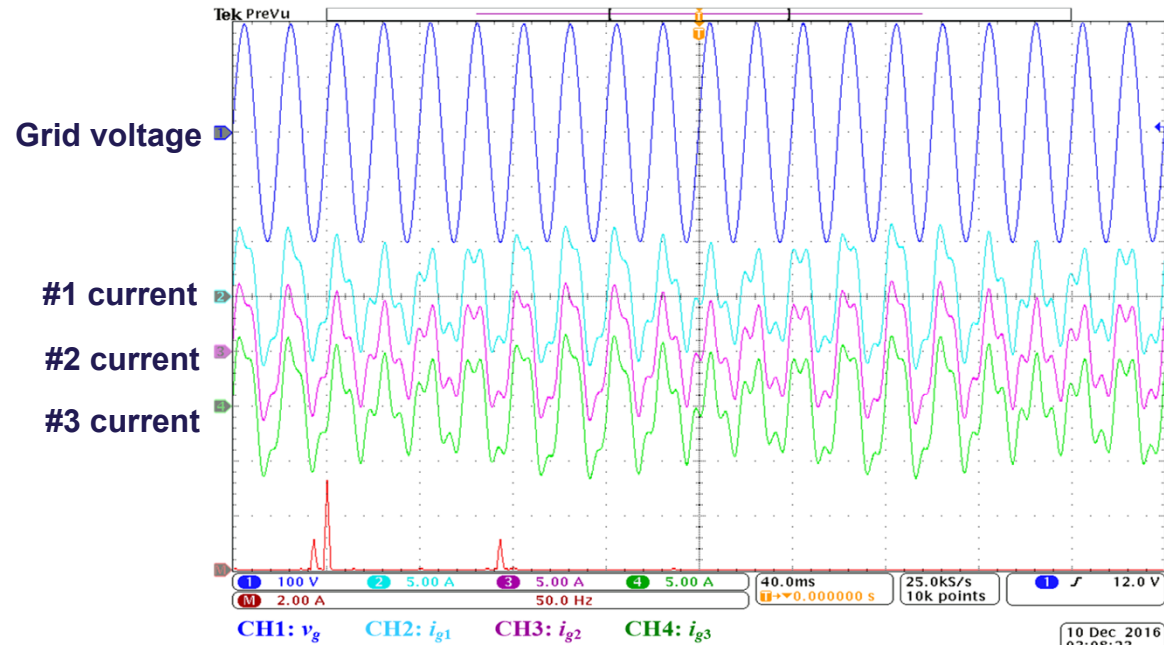


PLL_{BW} = 20 Hz

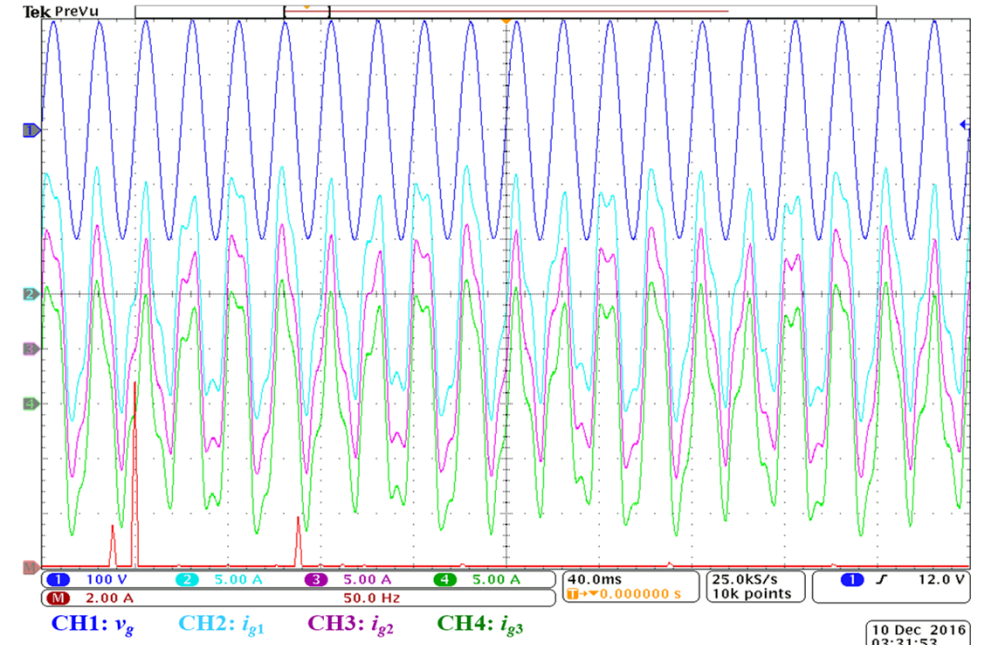


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Three paralleled grid-following inverters with different SCRs



SCR = 8.4

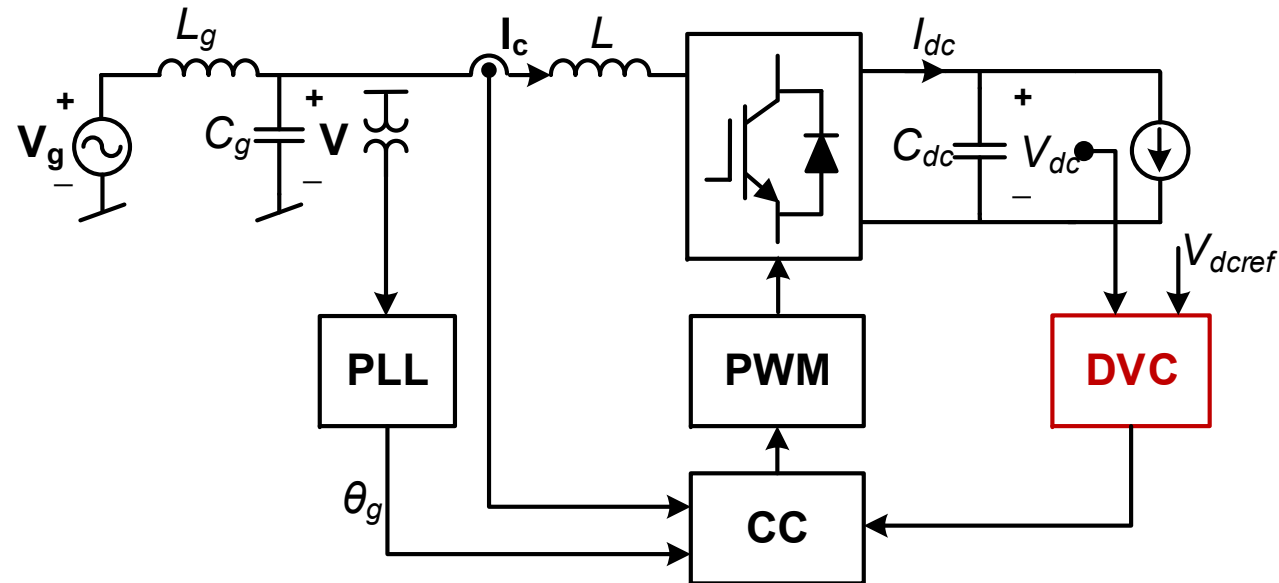


SCR = 4.2



Instability Effect of DC-Link Voltage Control

DC-link Voltage Control (DVC) for grid-following converters (rectifier mode)

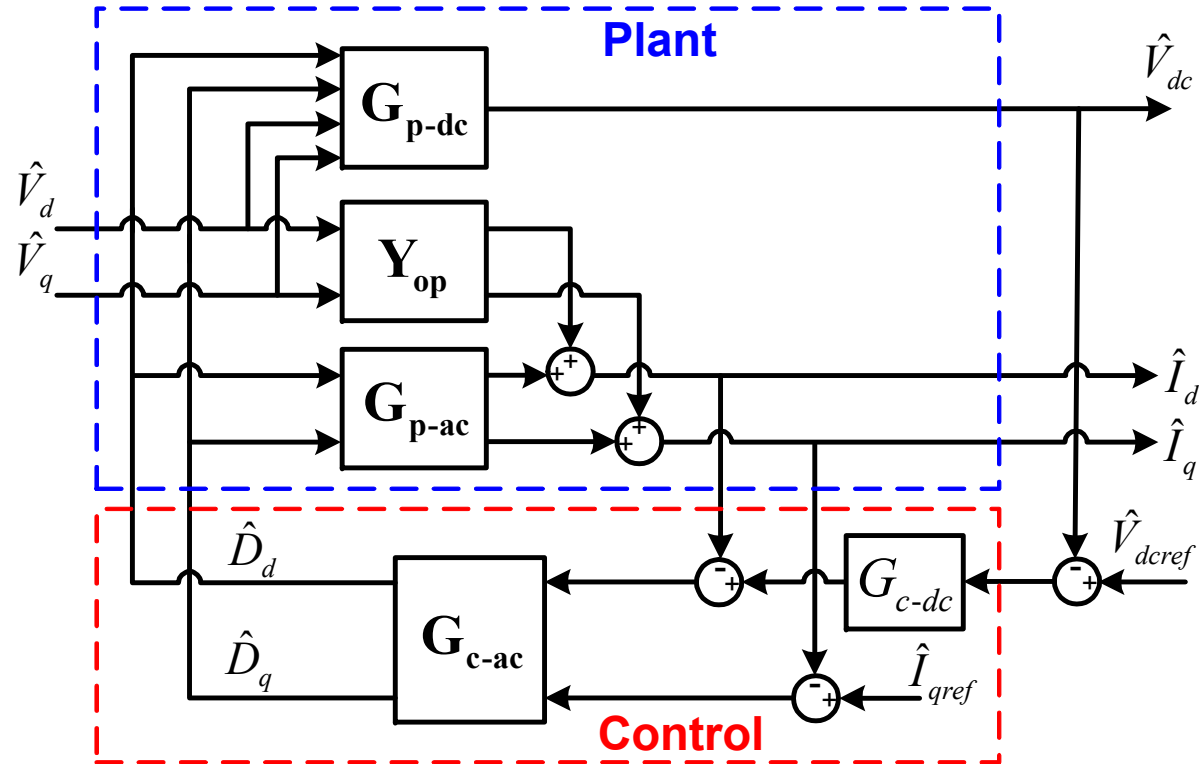


- **Unified power factor operation** ($I_{q,ref}=0$)
- V_g , I_c , V are space vectors of three-phase voltages and currents
- **PLL dynamic is not modeled**
- **The coupling between dc-link and ac-side dynamics**
- **Explicit analytical model of DVC loop**



Instability Effect of DC-Link Voltage Control

Closed-loop model with four input and three output variables

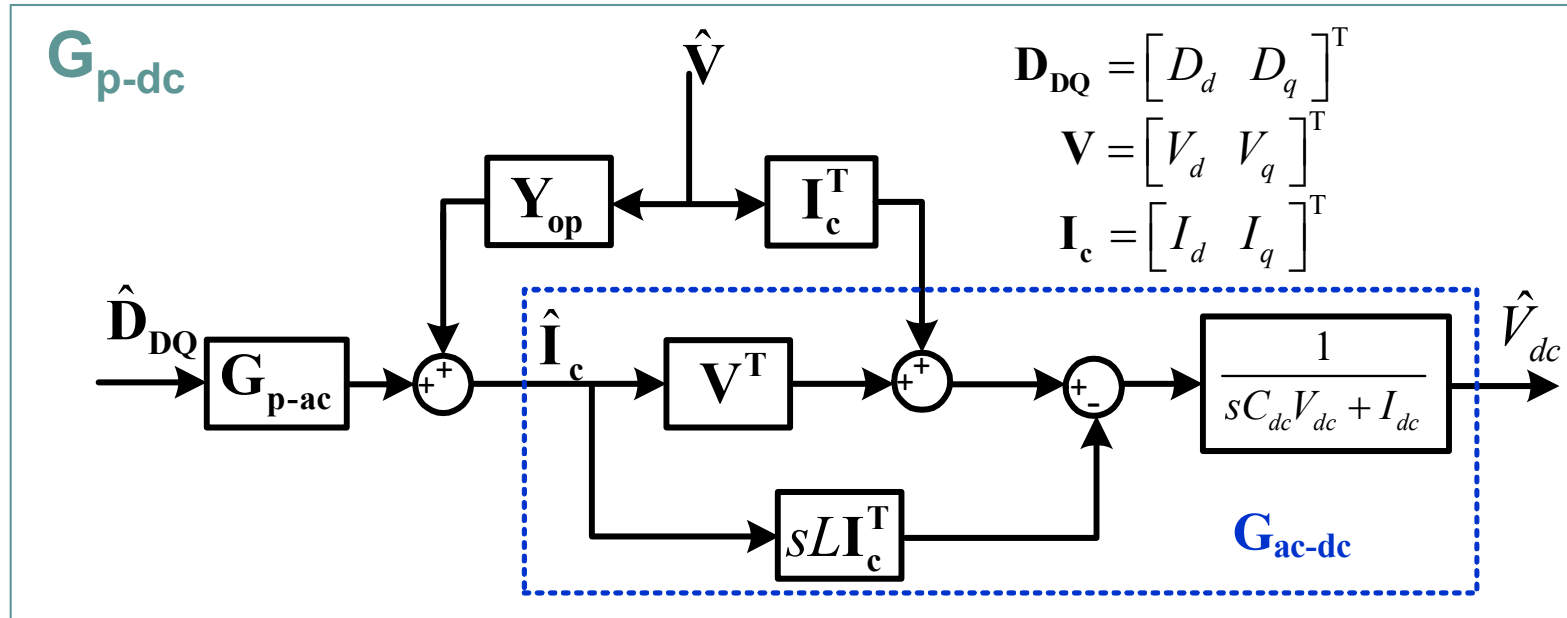


- G_{c-ac} : current controller in matrix form; G_{c-dc} : dc-link voltage controller
- G_{p-ac} : control plant of CC loop; G_{p-dc} : control plant of DVC loop;
- Y_{op} : open-loop output admittance;



Instability Effect of DC-Link Voltage Control

Plant of dc-link voltage loop, G_{p-dc}



- The dynamic coupling between dc-link and ac-side, G_{ac-dc} is derived from the **instantaneous power balance**, i.e.

$$V_d \hat{I}_d + V_q \hat{I}_q + \hat{V}_d I_d + \hat{V}_q I_q + LI_d \frac{d\hat{I}_d}{dt} + LI_q \frac{d\hat{I}_q}{dt} = C_{dc} V_{dc} \frac{d\hat{V}_{dc}}{dt} + \hat{V}_{dc} I_{dc}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{ac-dc} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{LI_d}{C_{dc} V_{dc}} \left(-s + \frac{V_d}{LI_d} \right) & 0 \\ s + \frac{I_{dc}}{C_{dc} V_{dc}} & \end{bmatrix}$$

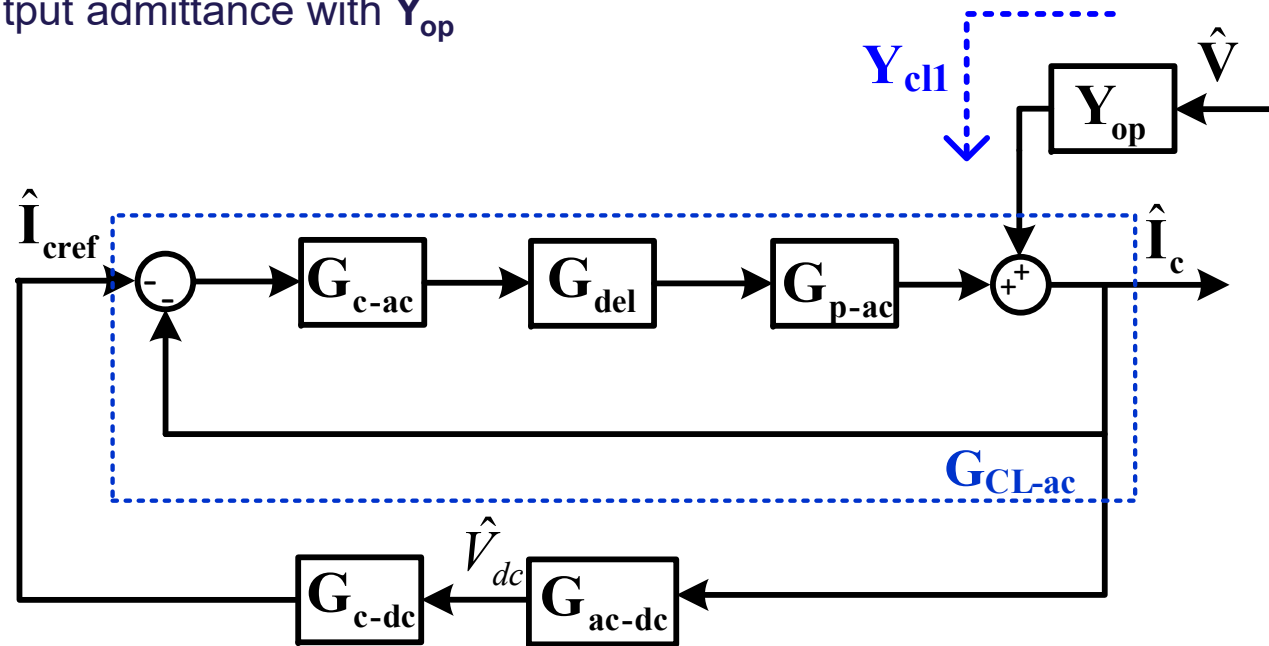
RHP zero



Instability Effect of DC-Link Voltage Control

Closed-loop input admittance – Y_{cl1}

- Y_{cl1} : closed-loop output admittance with Y_{op}



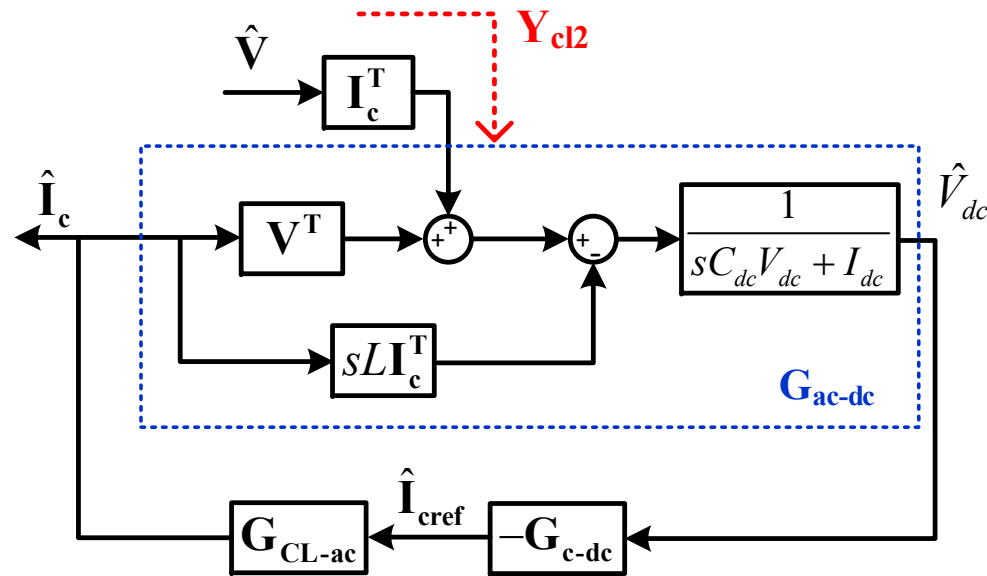
$$\mathbf{G}_{Y1} = \mathbf{G}_{p-ac} \mathbf{G}_{del} \mathbf{G}_{c-ac} \mathbf{G}_{c-dc} \mathbf{G}_{ac-dc} \quad \mathbf{Y}_{cl1} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{V}}}{\hat{\mathbf{I}}_c} = \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{G}_{Y1} + \mathbf{G}_{p-ac} \mathbf{G}_{del} \mathbf{G}_{c-ac} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_{op}$$



Instability Effect of DC-Link Voltage Control

Closed-loop input admittance – Y_{cl2}

- Y_{cl2} : closed-loop output admittance with the steady-state operating point $I^T = [I_d, I_q]$



$$\mathbf{G}_{CL-ac} = \mathbf{G}_{c-ac} \mathbf{G}_{del} \mathbf{G}_{p-ac} (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{G}_{c-ac} \mathbf{G}_{del} \mathbf{G}_{p-ac})^{-1}$$

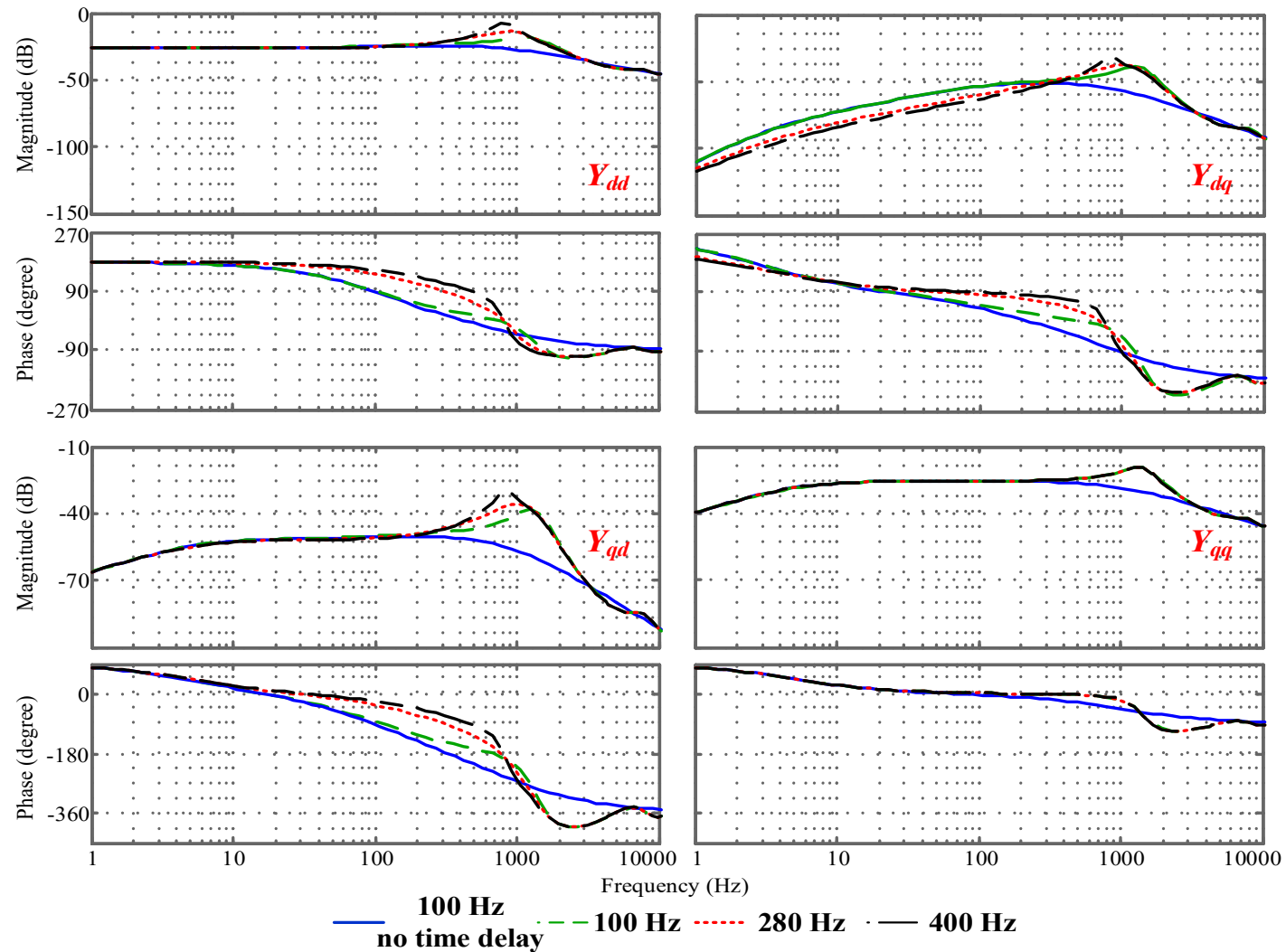
$$\mathbf{G}_{Y2o} = \mathbf{G}_{CL-ac} \mathbf{G}_{c-dc} \frac{1}{(sC_{dc}V_{dc} + I_{dc})}$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_{cl2} = \frac{\hat{V}}{\hat{I}_c} = \mathbf{G}_{Y2o} \left[1 - (-sL\mathbf{I}_c^T + \mathbf{V}^T) \mathbf{G}_{Y2o} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{I}_c^T$$



Instability Effect of DC-Link Voltage Control

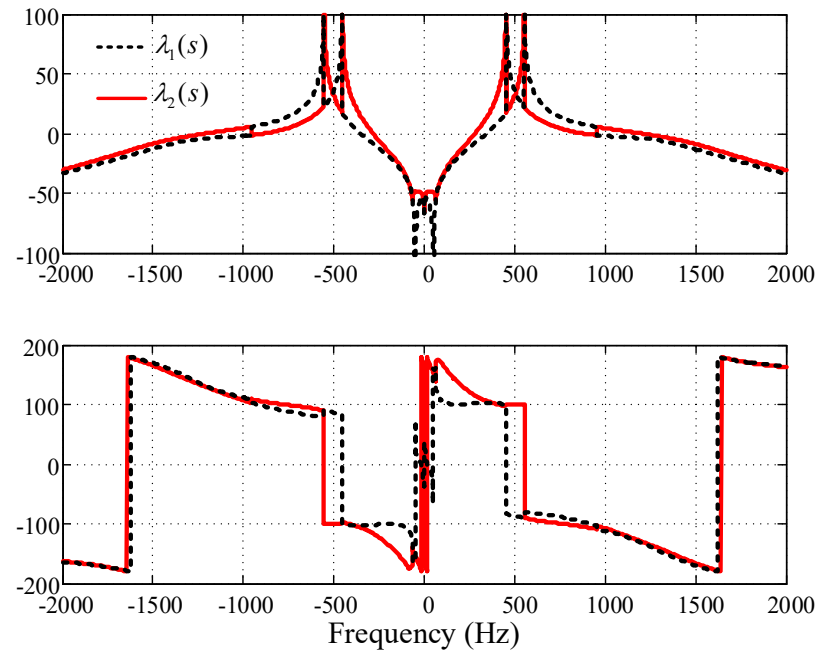
Impacts of DVC bandwidth on the closed-loop input admittance



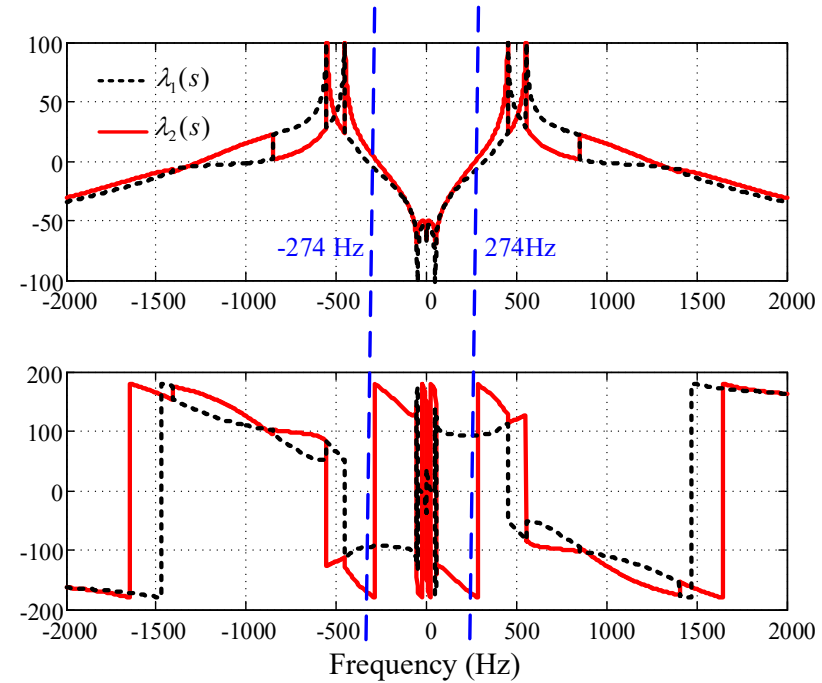
Instability Effect of DC-Link Voltage Control

Converter-grid interaction with $L_g=5\text{mH}$, $C_g=20\mu\text{F}$

Frequency responses of eigenvalue transfer functions



DLC Bandwidth 100Hz

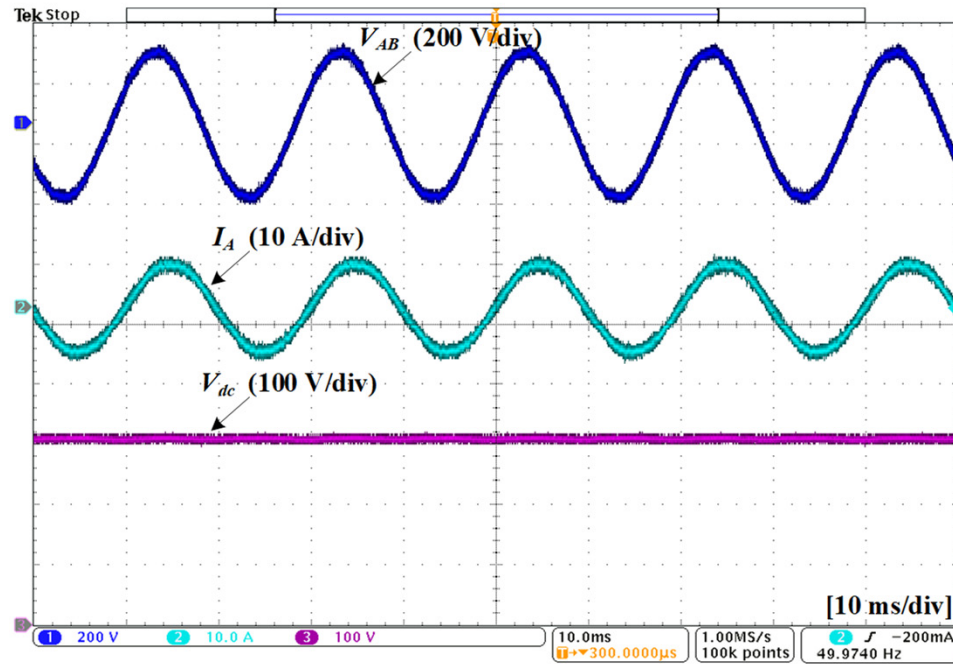


DLC Bandwidth 280Hz

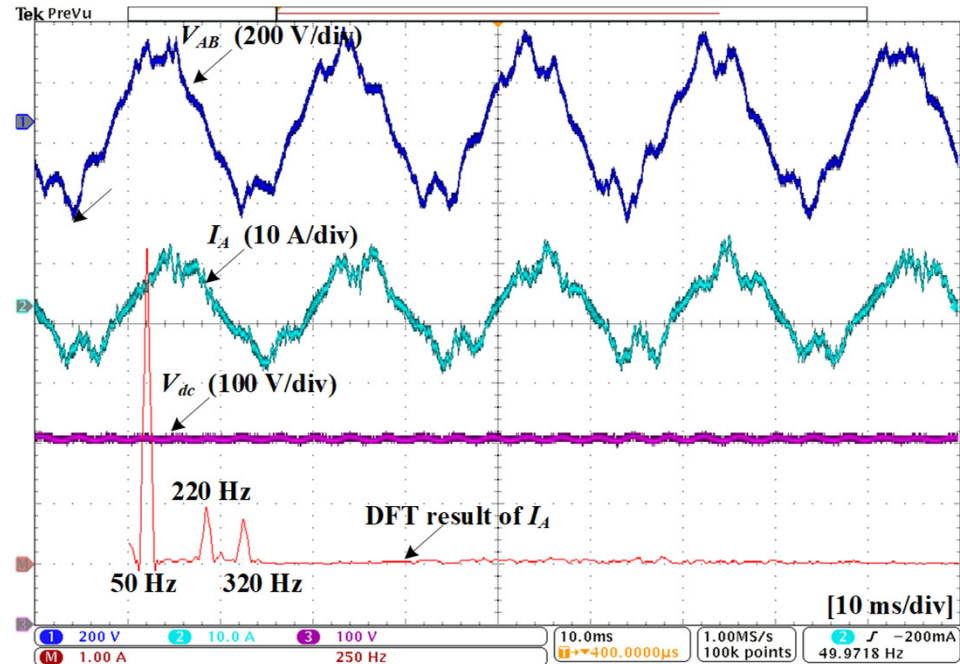


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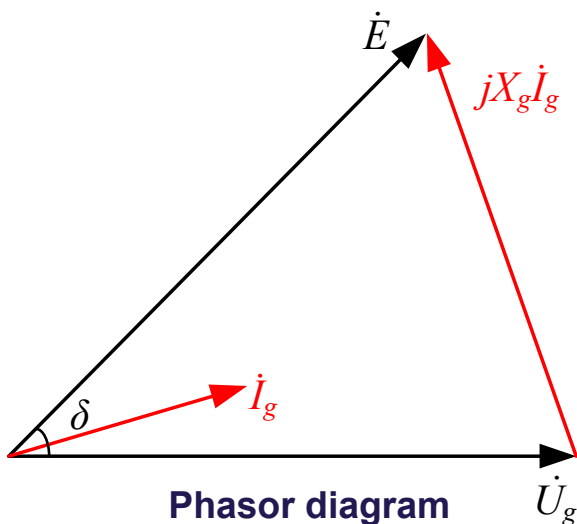
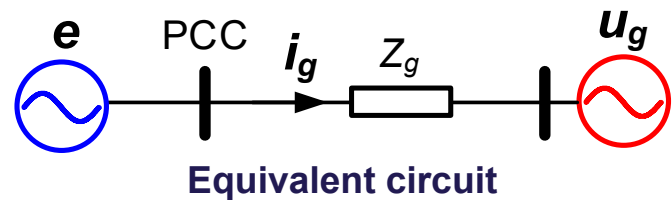


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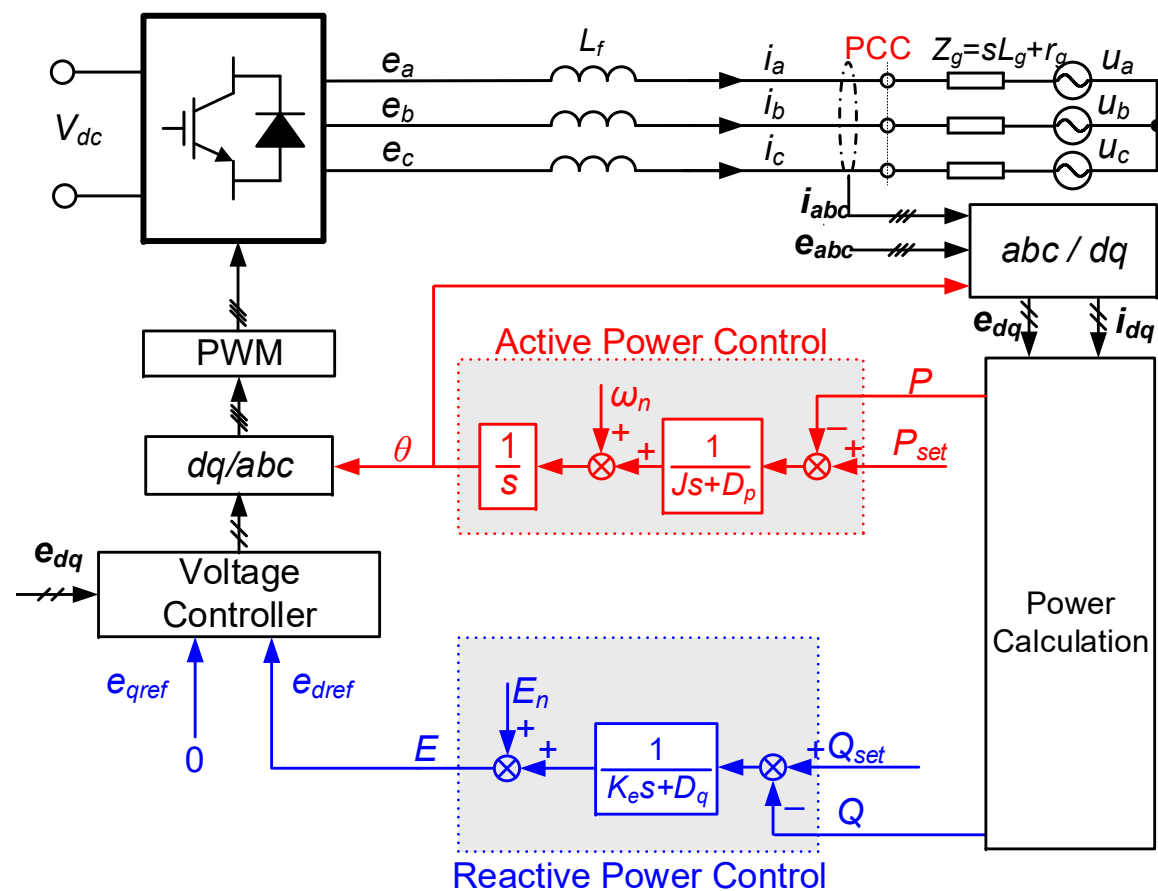


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Small-signal modeling of power-based synchronization control

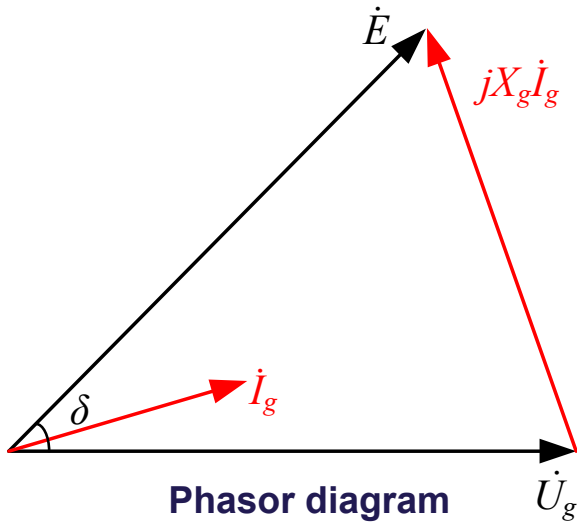
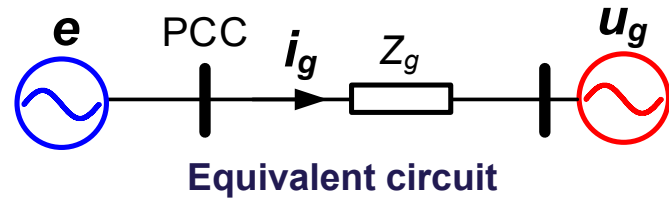


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Linearization

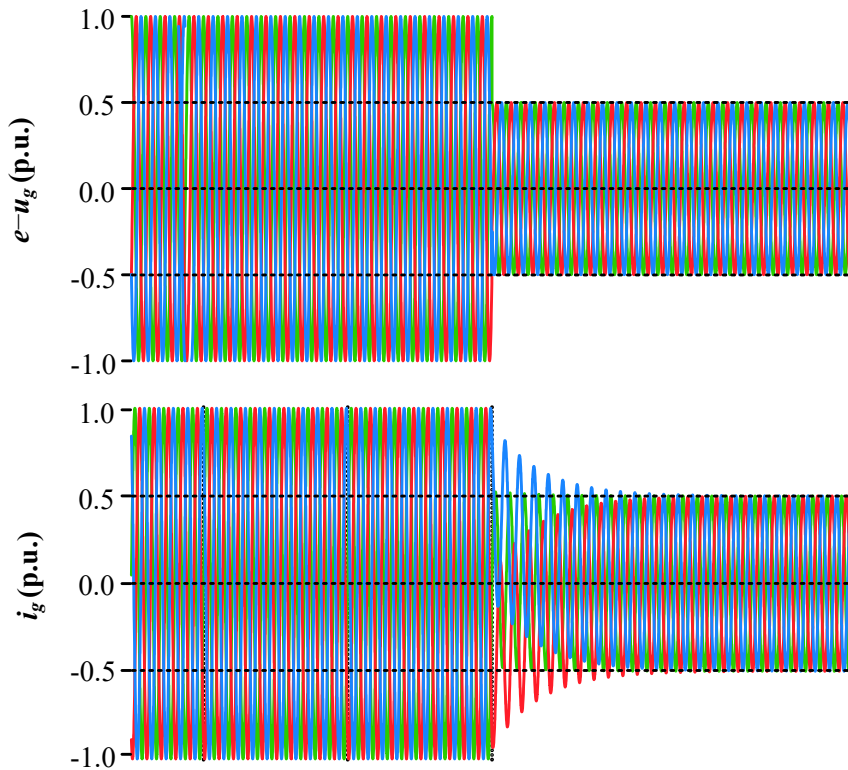
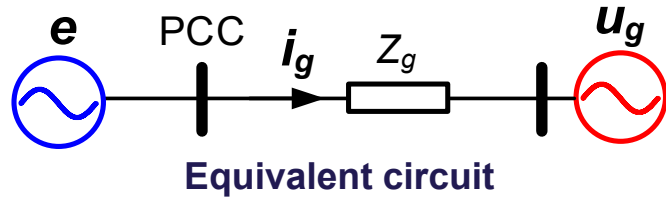
$$\hat{P} = \frac{E_0 U_0 \cos \delta_0}{X_g} \cdot \hat{\delta} + \frac{U_0 \sin \delta_0}{X_g} \cdot \hat{E}$$

$$\hat{Q} = \frac{EU_0 \sin \delta_0}{X_g} \cdot \hat{\delta} + \frac{(2E_0 - U_0 \cos \delta_0)}{X_g} \cdot \hat{E}$$



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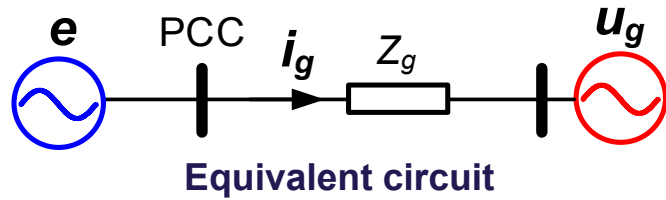
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Only valid in low frequency range!



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Small-signal modeling of power-based synchronization control



$$\mathbf{e}_{dq} = e_d + je_q = Ee^{j\delta}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{gdq} = sL_g + j\omega_1 L_g = sL_g + jX_g$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{gdq} = u_{gd} + ju_{gq} = Ue^{j0}$$

$$\mathbf{s} = p + jq = \mathbf{e}_{dq} \mathbf{i}_{gdq}^*$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{E}_{dq0} \hat{\mathbf{i}}_{gdq}^* + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{dq0} \mathbf{I}_{gdq0}^*$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{dq} = E_0 e^{j(\delta_0 + \hat{\delta})} + \hat{E} e^{j\delta_0} = E_0 e^{j\delta_0} (1 + j\hat{\delta})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{i}}_{dq} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{dq} / \mathbf{Z}_{gdq}$$

$$\hat{p} = \left(\frac{X_g E_0}{(sL_g)^2 + X_g^2} - \frac{E_0 - U_0 \cos \delta_0}{X_g} \right) E_0 \cdot \hat{\delta} + \left(\frac{sL_g E_0}{(sL_g)^2 + X_g^2} + \frac{U_0 \sin \delta_0}{X_g} \right) \cdot \hat{E}$$

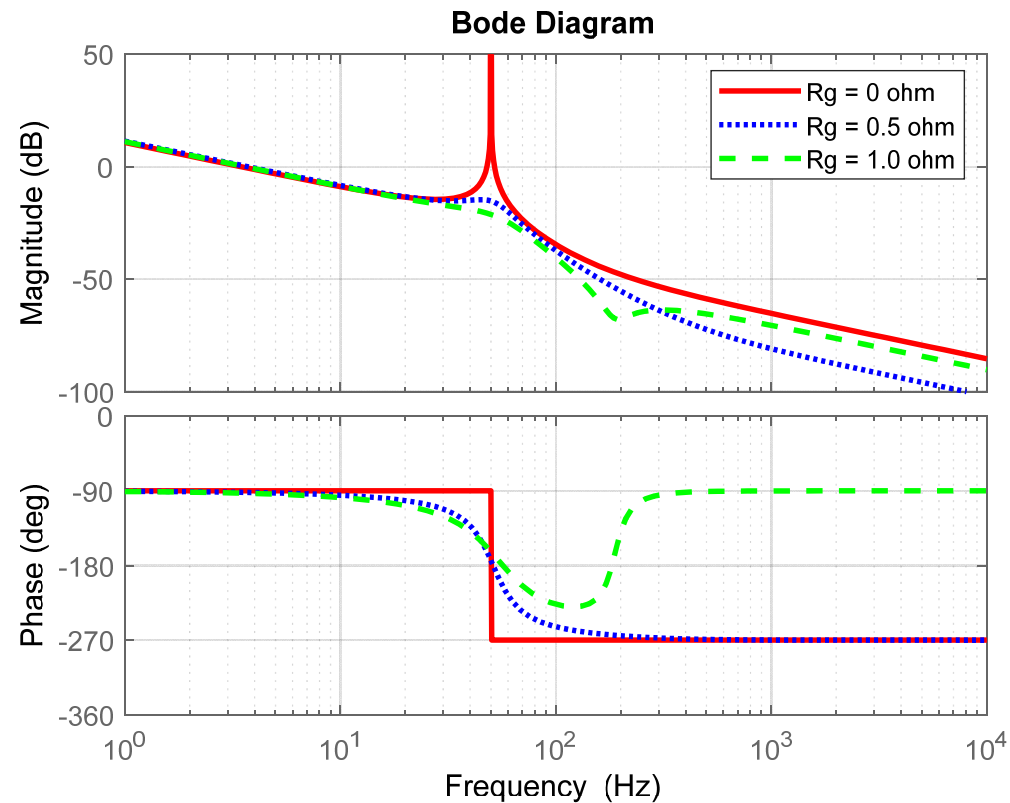
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Synchronous resonance!

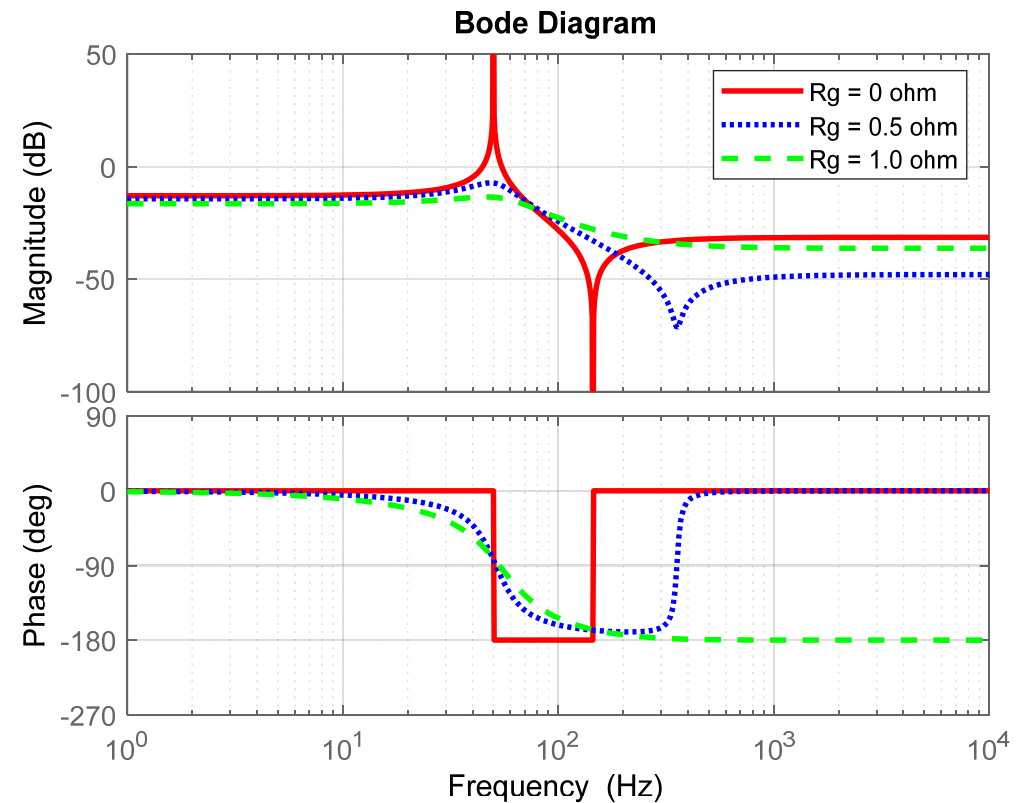


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Open-loop gains of the power control loops with different parasitic R_g



Active power-angle (P - δ) loop

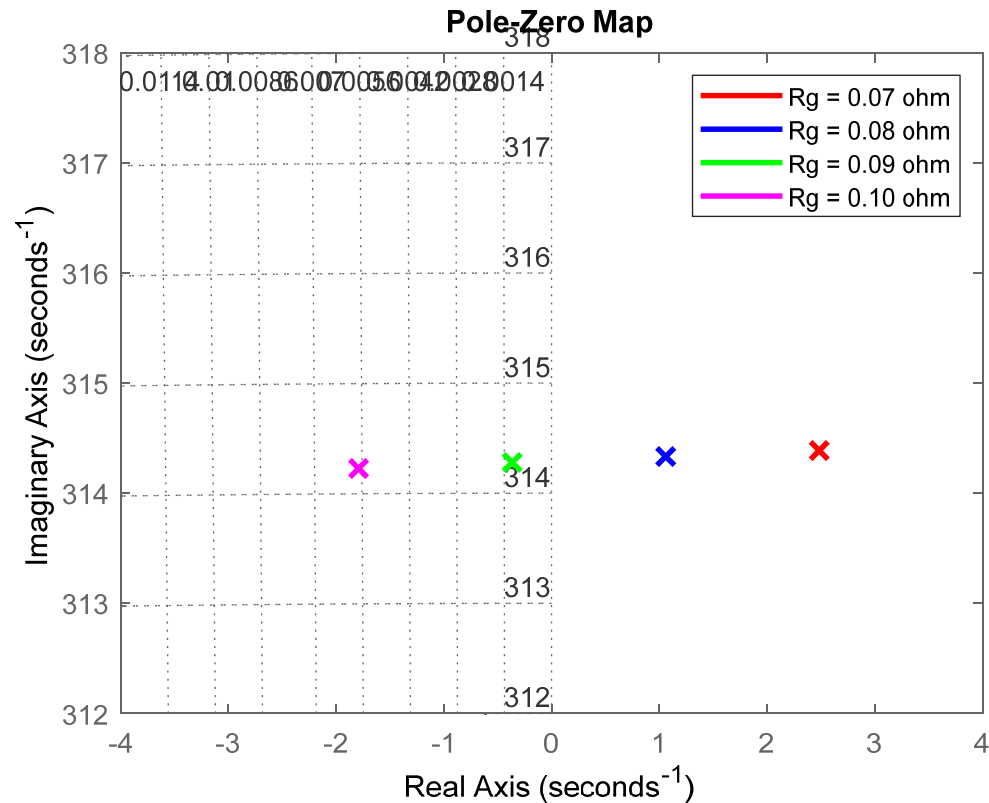


Reactive power-voltage (Q - E) loop

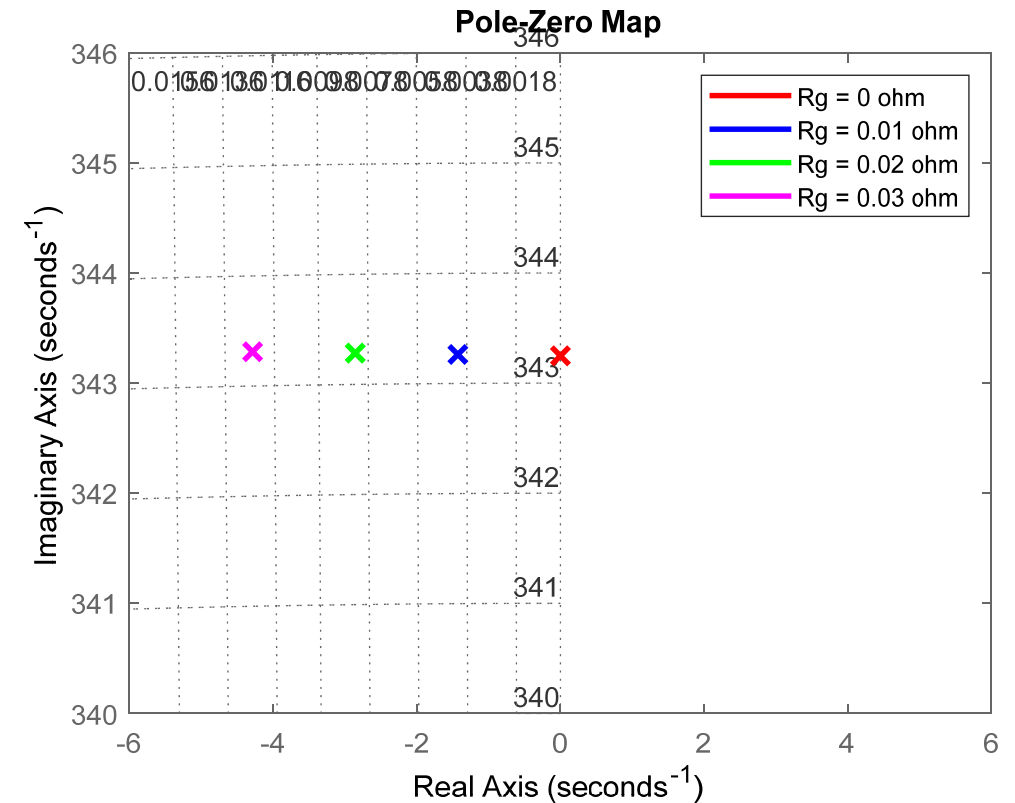


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Closed-loop poles – reactive power loop is more robust than active power loop



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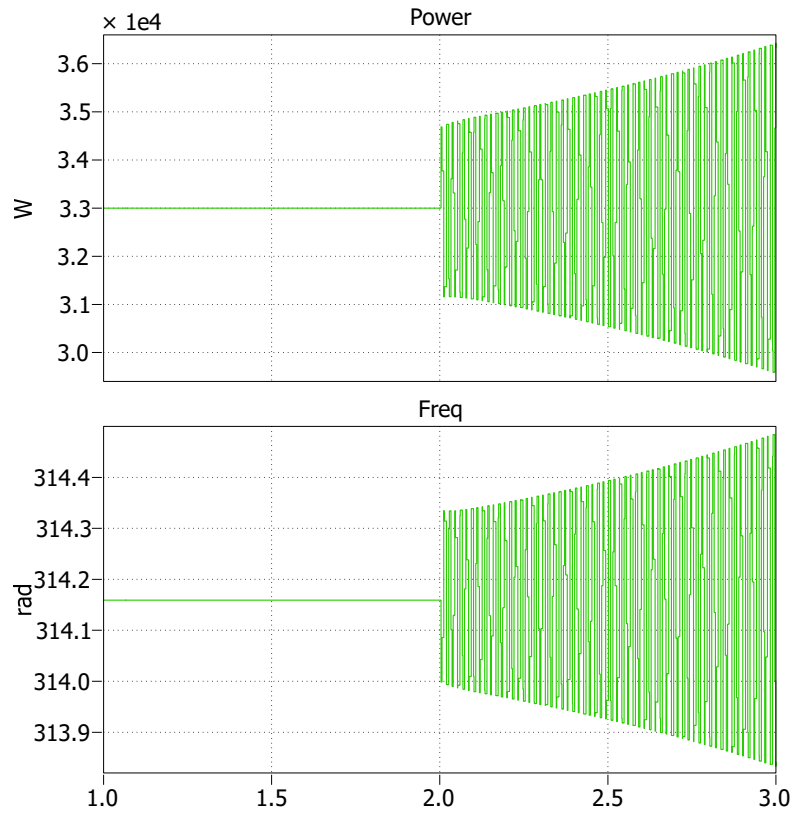


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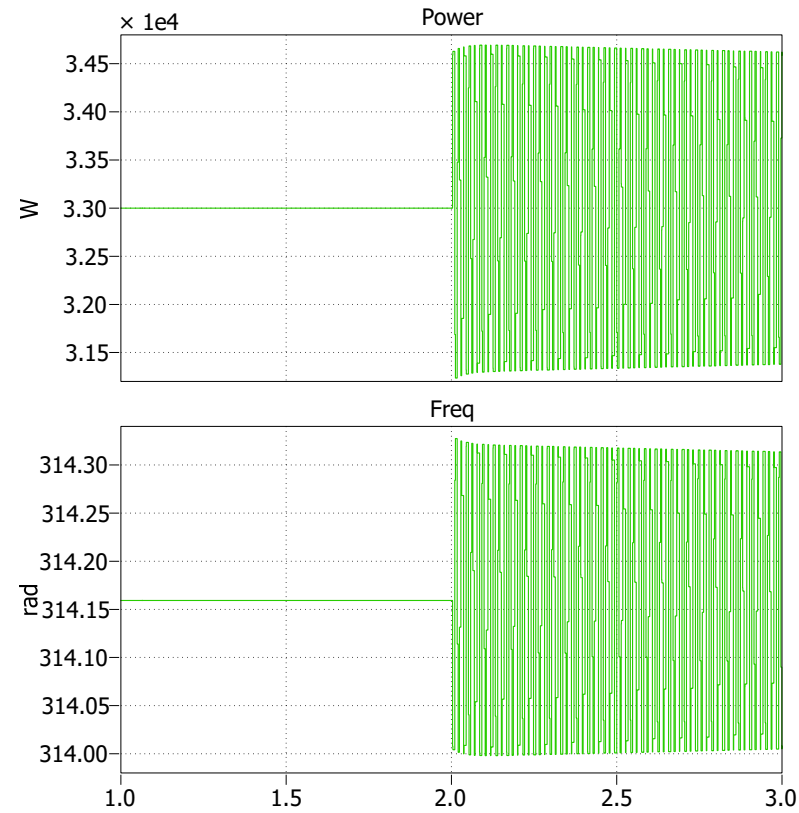


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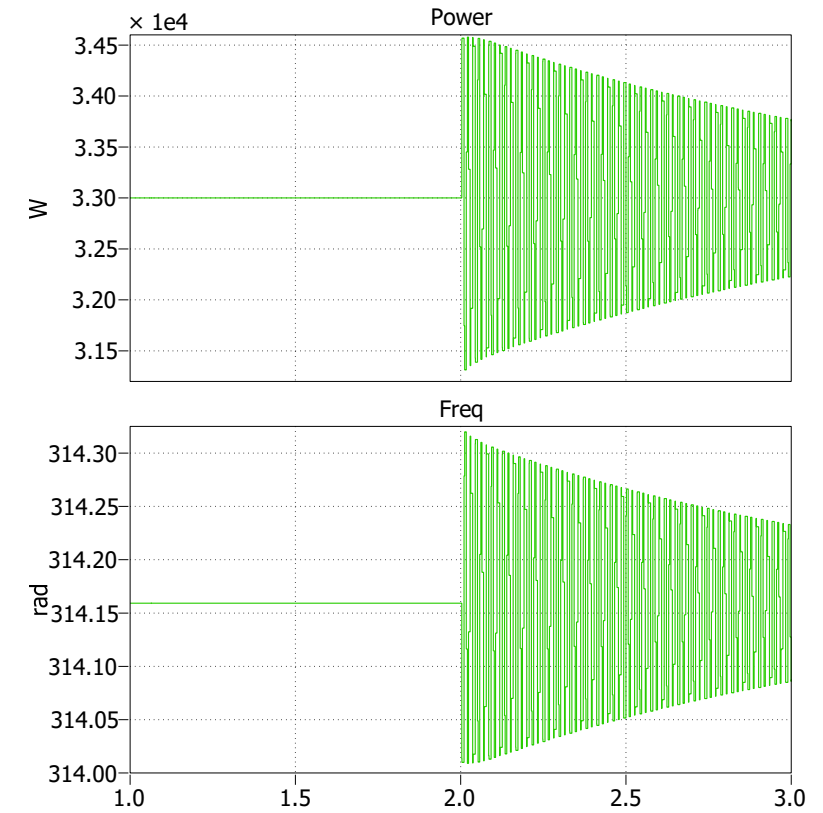
Simulation tests for R_g changed at the time instant of 2.0 s



$R_g \rightarrow 0.08 \Omega$



$R_g \rightarrow 0.09 \Omega$

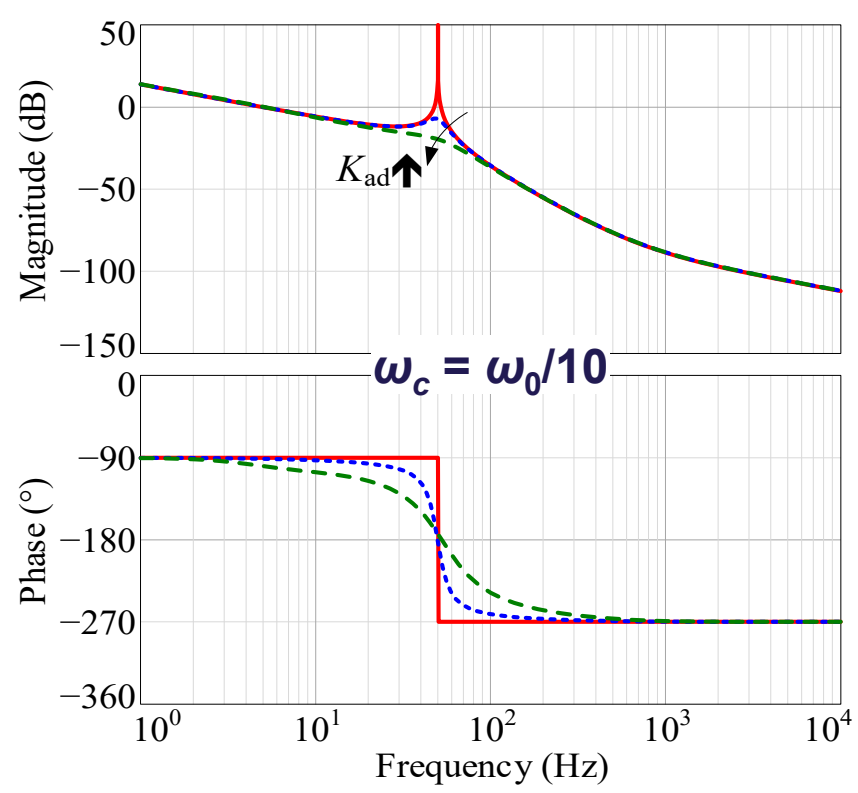
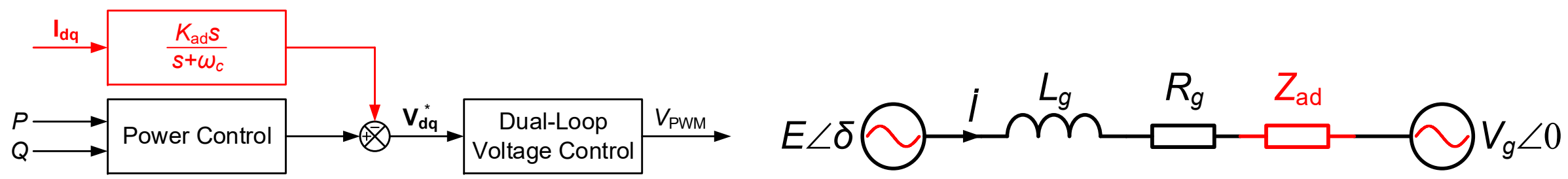


$R_g \rightarrow 0.1 \Omega$

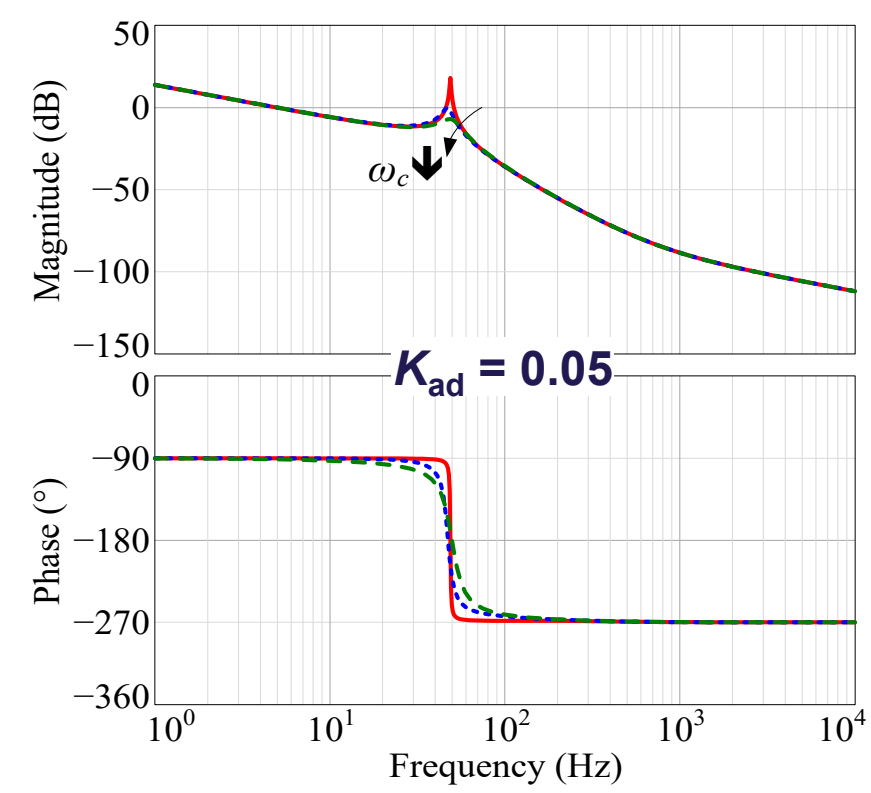


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Damping of synchronous resonance - active resistor

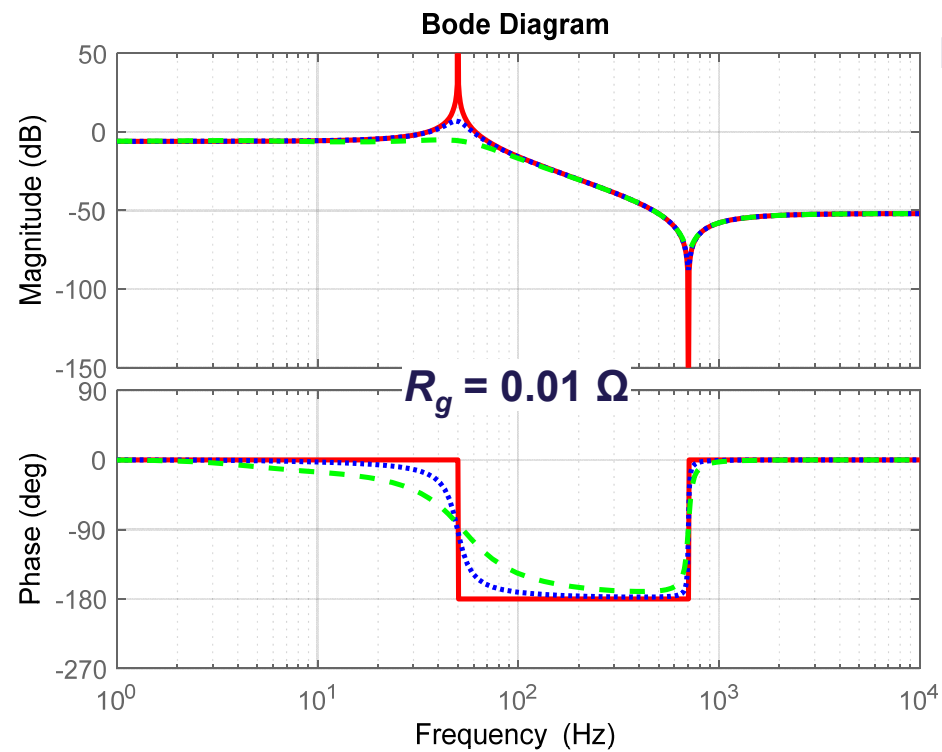
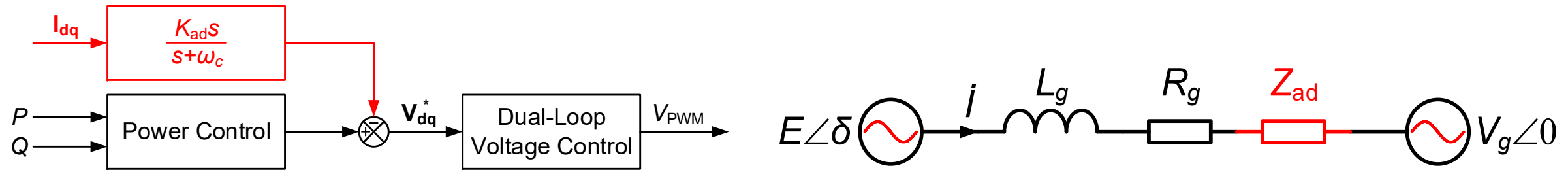


Active power-angle ($P-\delta$) loop

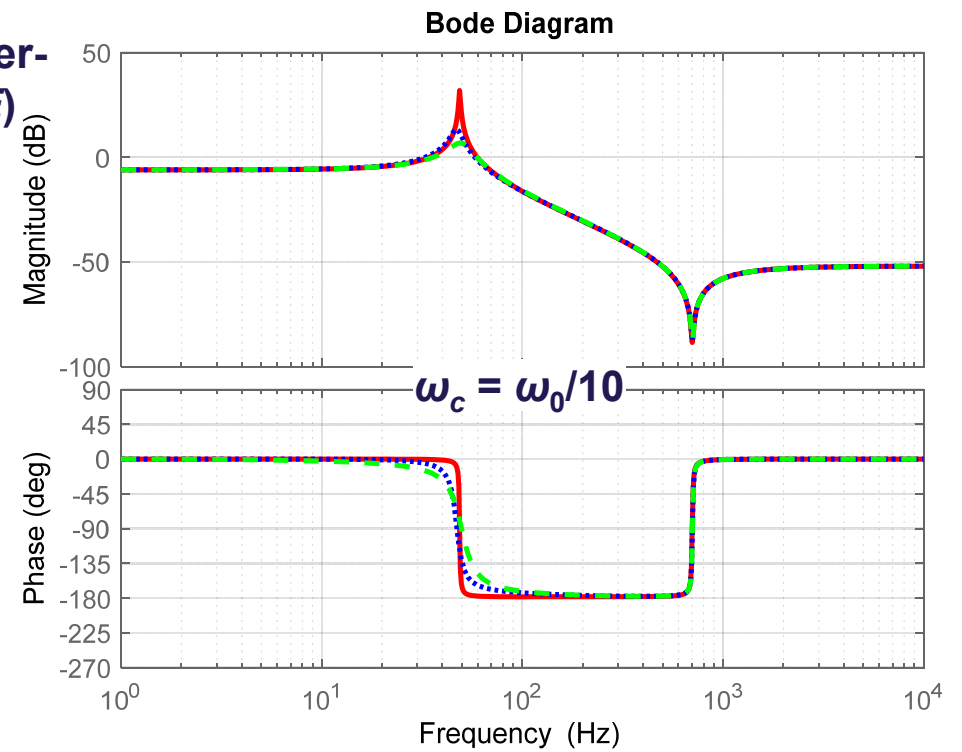


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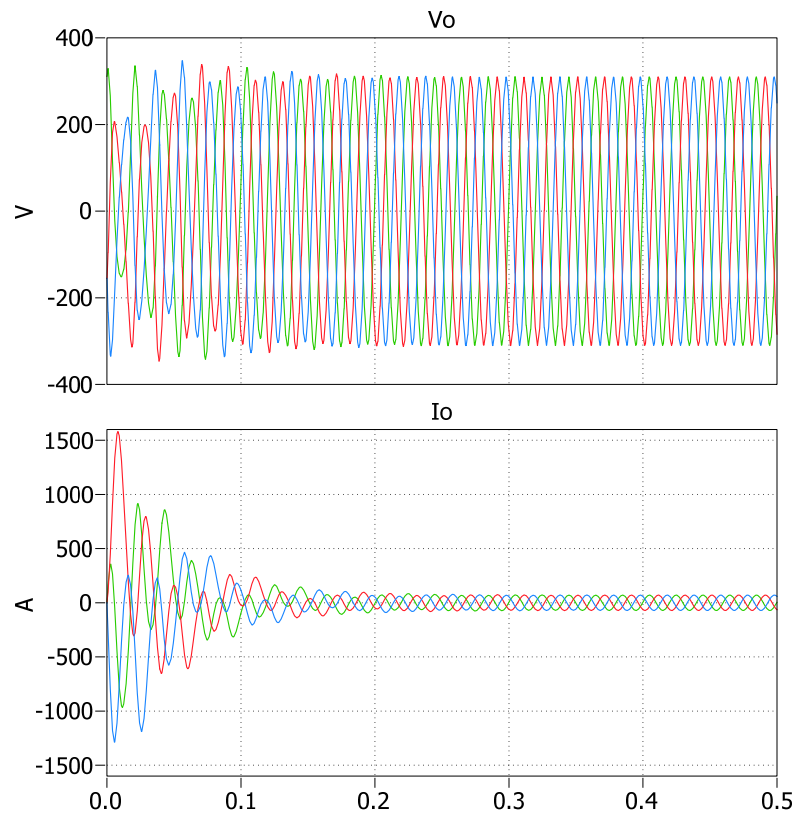
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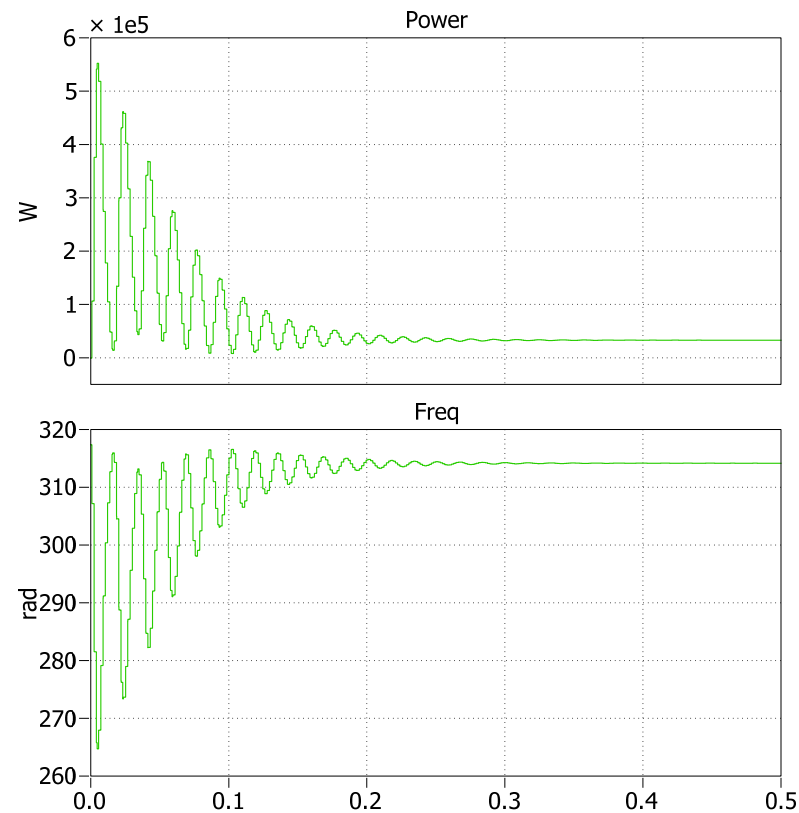
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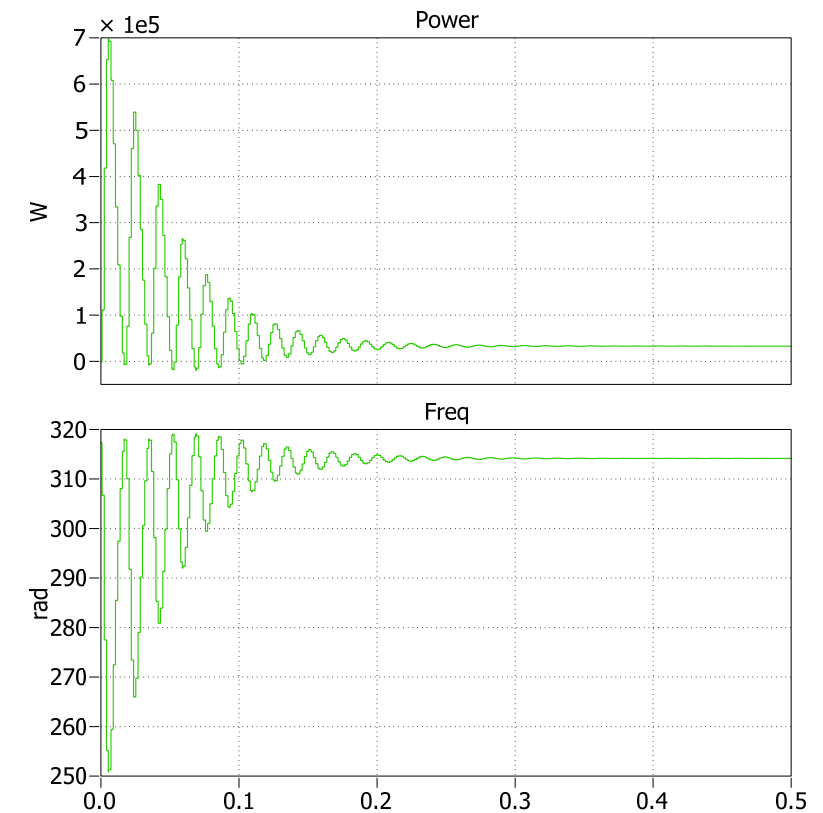
$K_{ad} = 0.05$ & $\omega_c = \omega_0/10$ v.s. $R_g = 0.05 \Omega$



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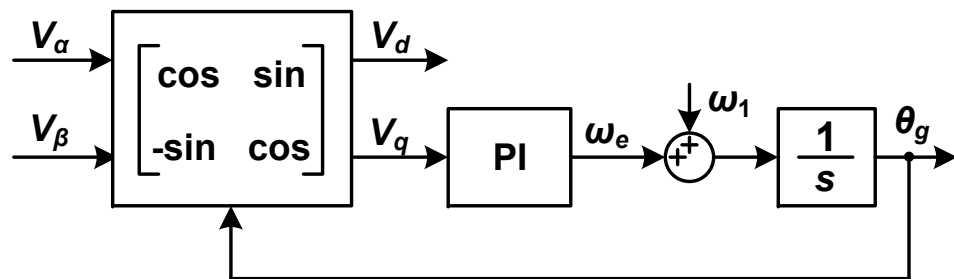
PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

- ▶ SISO modeling and control
- ▶ Active stabilization techniques
- ▶ Interoperability of multi-vendor converters

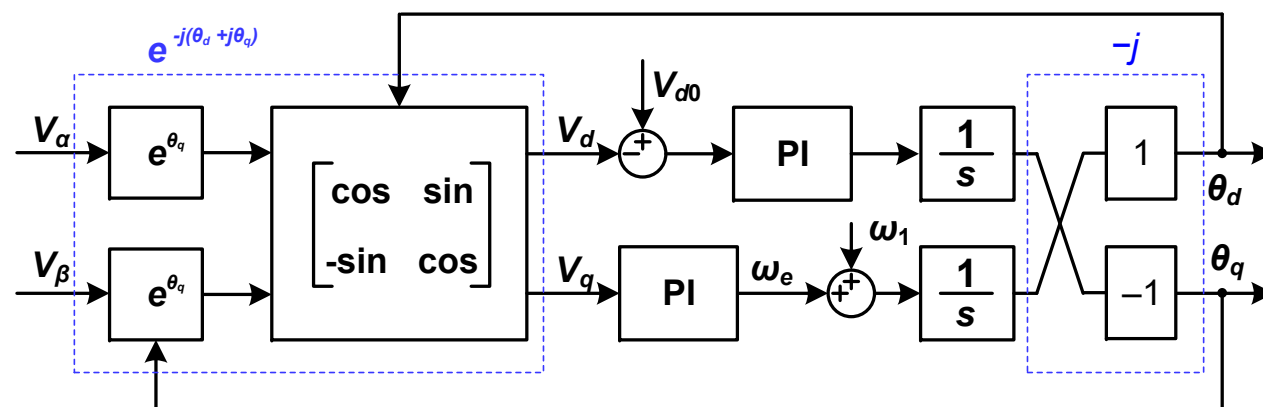


SISO Modeling and Control

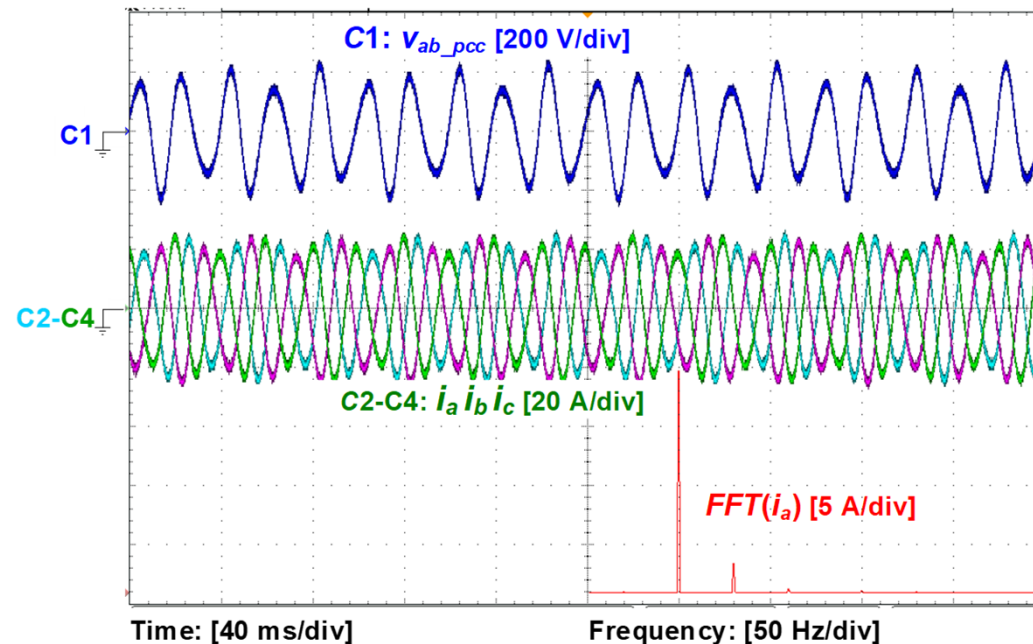
Symmetrical PLL for decoupled frequency response



DQ-frame PLL



Symmetrical PLL^[81]

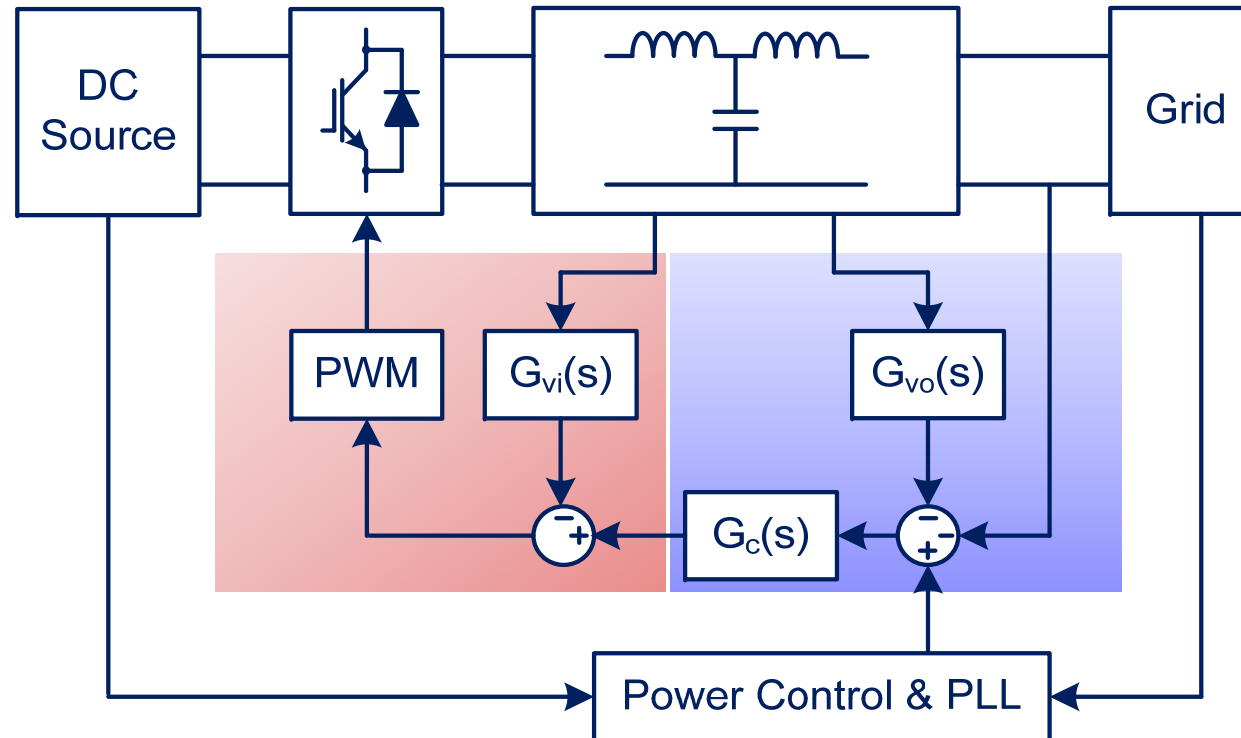


Frequency-decoupled response to 80 Hz disturbance



Active Stabilization - Virtual Impedance Control

A multi-loop control for impedance shaping



$G_{vo}(s)$: outer virtual impedance controller

$G_{vi}(s)$: inner virtual impedance controller

$G_c(s)$: current controller

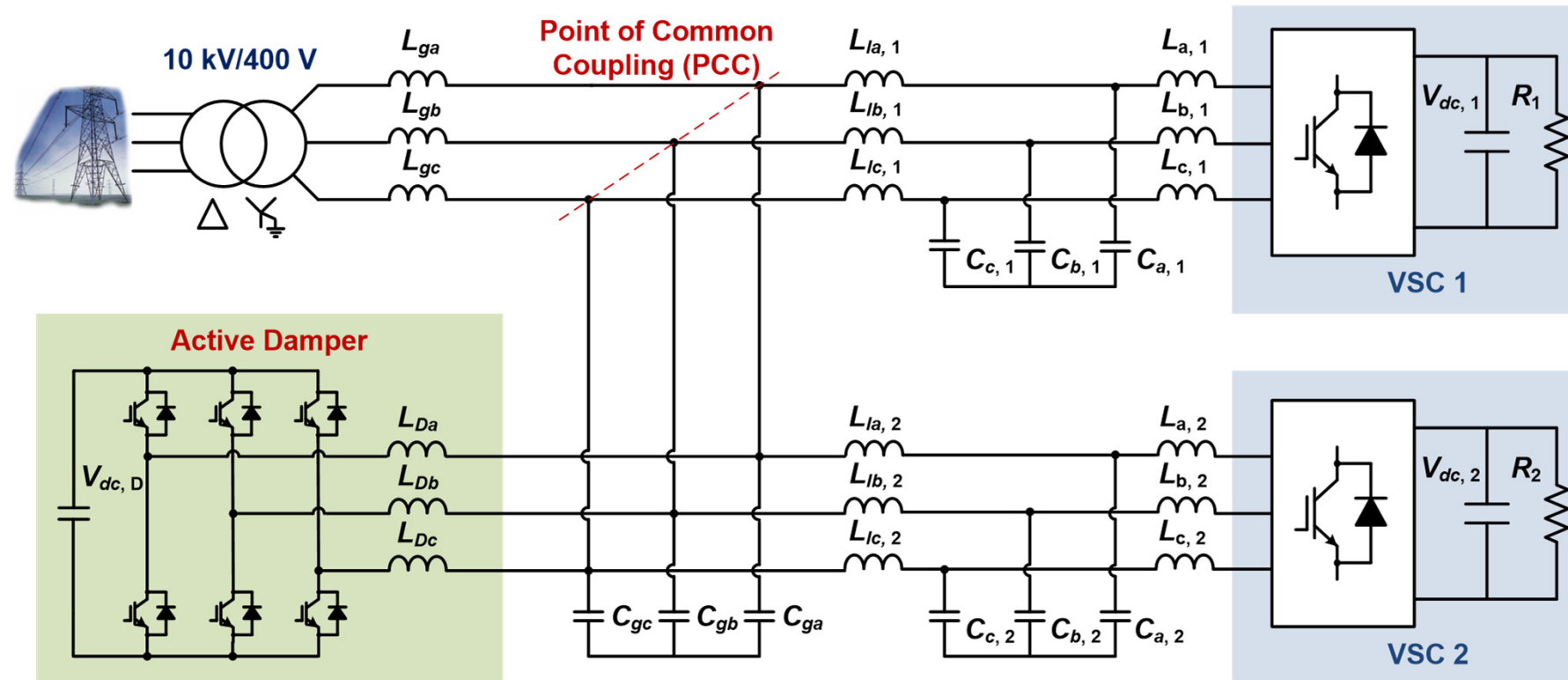
- Modify the reference of modulator (duty cycle) with $G_{vi}(s)$
- Adjust the reference of controller reference with $G_{vo}(s)$



Active Stabilization - Active Damper

A power-electronic-based stabilizer for converter-based power systems

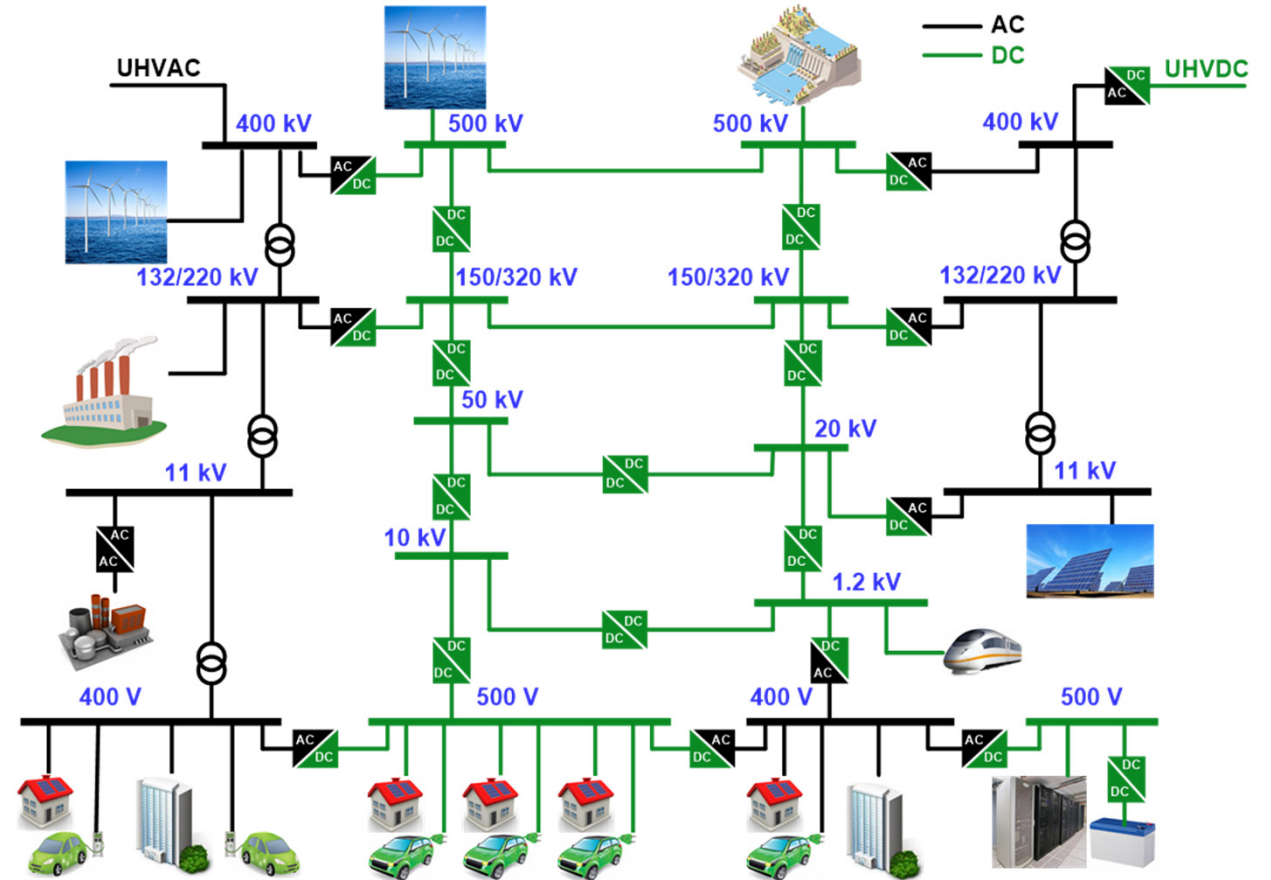
- Reconfigure the poles (oscillation modes) and zeros of the power system
- No steady-state harmonic filtering, featuring low-power, high-frequency, high-bandwidth



Interoperability of Multi-Vendor Power Electronic Converters

Standard EMT modeling, dynamic specification, design-oriented analysis

- ▶ New grid codes are demanded for self-disciplined stabilization, i.e. grid-neutral converters
- ▶ Grid-forming converters for actively regulating system voltage and frequency
- ▶ Design-oriented stability analysis is critical for utilizing the full controllability of power electronics
- ▶ Lack of unified models with physical insights (virtual impedance/machine)



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