

Linear Analysis of PHIL Experiments & Partial Virtual DIM Interface Algorithm

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Outline

- Linear Analysis of Multi-Phase PHIL Experiemnts
- PV-DIM and its application

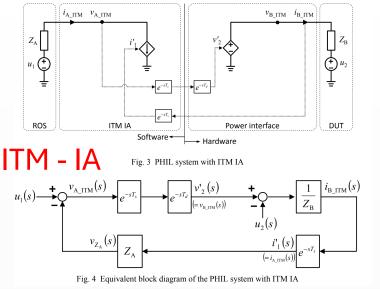




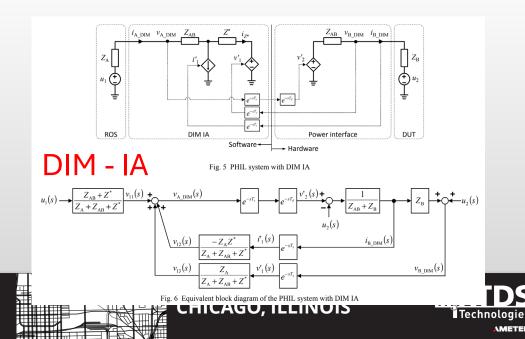


Motivation for Linear Analysis Framework

- PHIL experiment analysis is typically specific to case study and PHIL interface algorithm being used
- Most multi-phase PHIL experiments are conducted without proper assessment of
 - Stability
 - Accuracy
 - Sensitivity
- Advantages / Uses
 - Single framework that allows for probing of various IAs for an experiment
- Challenges
 - Properly represent the transfer functions needed within the linear analysis framework



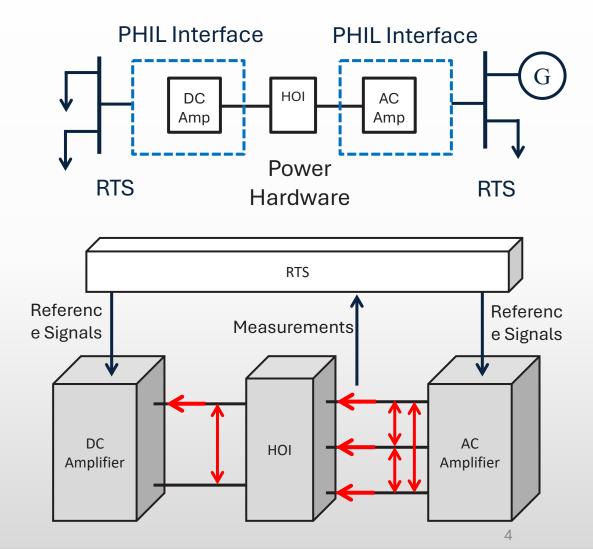
Same PHIL experiment analyzed differently due to two different IA used





Power Hardware-in-the-Loop (PHIL) Simulation

- Virtually interface power hardware of interest (HOI) to model of interest (MOI)
- Use power amplifiers and/or actuators in PHIL interface
- Advantages / Uses
 - Facilitates early integration testing
 - Flexibility to easily change surrounding system
 - Test extreme conditions in controlled laboratory environment
- Challenges
 - Delays in PHIL interface can adversely affect accuracy and stability





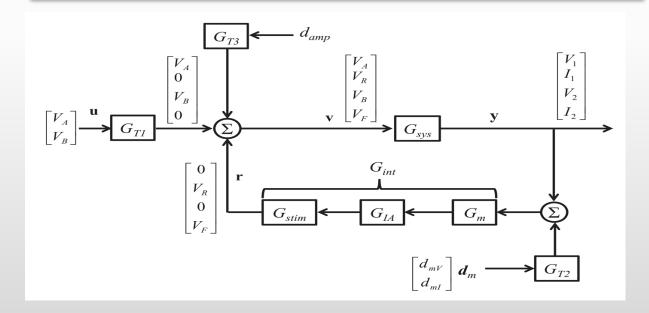


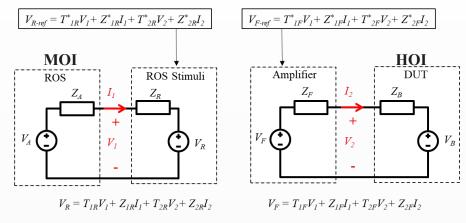




Linear Analysis Framework Using ELA for Single Phase PHIL System

- Extended Lawrence Architecture is applied as general framework for linear PHIL IAs
- Stimuli represented as Thevenin equivalent circuits
- Stimuli references formed from linear combination of observable quantities
- PHIL IA defined by 8 ideal "gains" and two Thevenin impedance characteristics (Z_R and Z_F)





Example PHIL Simulation Employing IA of ELA

- G_{sys} Mapping from inputs and stimuli to observable quantities
- G_{int} Represents PHIL interface
- G_m Effect of voltage and current sensors
- G_{IA} IA gains

 G_{stim} – Effects of amplification and stimulation injections

 d_m – Noise at sensors measurements

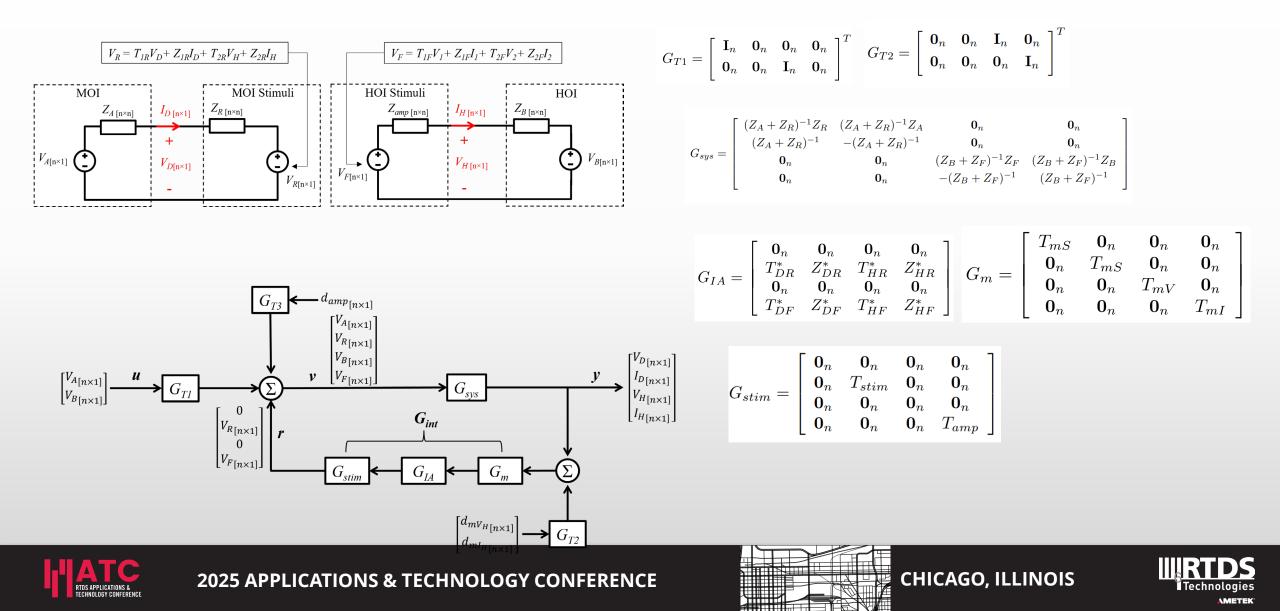
 d_{amp} – Disturbance introduced through amplifier







Linear Formulation for Multi-Phase PHIL Interfaces



Linear Formulation for Multi-Phase PHIL Interfaces

Matrix	Description	Matrix Size
u	Input applied at terminals of ROS	$2n \times 1$
V	and DUT Observable quantities at the termi-	$4n \times 1$
У	nals of ROS and DUT	$4n \wedge 1$
v	Matrix of input and stimuli	$4n \times 1$
r	Stimuli applied to ROS and DUT	$4n \times 1$
G_{T1}	Conditioning matrix for u	$4n \times 2n$
G_{T2}	Conditioning matrix to include ef-	$4n \times 2n$
a	fects of d_m	1
G_{T3}	Conditioning matrix to include ef- fects of d_{amp}	$4n \times n$
G_{sys}	Matrix facilitating mapping of in- puts and stimuli to observable	$4n \times 4n$
G_m	quantities Effects of voltage and current sen- sors	$4n \times 4n$
G_{IA}	Ideal gains of interface algorithm	$4n \times 4n$
G_{stim}	Effects of amplification and injec-	$4n \times 4n$
	tion stage	
G_{int}	Matrix representing the entire PHIL interface $(G_m G_{IA} G_{stim})$	$4n \times 4n$

Evaluation of StabilityEvaluation of Accuracy
$$G_{st} = -1 + \det (\mathbf{I}_{4n} - G_{sys}G_{int})$$
 $T_{u-y} = (\mathbf{I}_{4n} - G_{sys}G_{int})^{-1} G_{sys}G_{T1}$

Evaluation of Sensitivity from measurements to observable quantities

$$T_{dm-y} = \left(\mathbf{I}_{4n} - G_{sys}G_{int}\right)^{-1} G_{sys}G_{int}G_{T2}$$

Evaluation of Sensitivity from amplifier disturbance to observable quantities

$$T_{damp-y} = \left(\mathbf{I}_{4n} - G_{sys}G_{int}\right)^{-1} G_{sys}G_{T3}$$

ELA Gains of Existing PHIL IAs for Single-
Phase PHIL Experiment

4n	PHIL IA	T^*_{1R}	Z_{1R}^{*}	T_{2R}^*	Z^*_{2R}	T_{1F}^{*}	Z^*_{1F}	T_{2F}^*	Z_{2F}^*	Z_R	Z_F
	ITM-VT	0	0	0	$-Z_R$	1	0	0	0	Z_R	Z_{amp}
4n	ITM-IT	0	0	1	0	0	Z_{amp}	0	0	0	Z_{amp}
4n	PCD-VT	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Z_{AB}	$Z_{AB} + Z_{amp}$
	PCD-IT	0	0	0	$-Z_{AB}$	0	$Z_{AB}//Z_{amp}$	0	0	Z_{AB}	$Z_{AB}//Z_{amp}$
4n	DIM-VT	0	0	1	$-Z^*$	1	0	0	0	$Z^* + Z_{AB}$	$Z_{AB} + Z_{amp}$
	DIM-IT	0	0	$\frac{Z_{AB}}{Z^* + Z_{AB}}$	$-Z^*//Z_{AB}$	0	$Z_{AB}//Z_{amp}$	0	0	$Z^*//Z_{AB}$	$Z_{AB}//Z_{amp}$
	TLM	0	0	1	$-Z_{lk}$	1	Z_{lk}	0	0	Z_{lk}	$Z_{lk} + Z_{amp}$
	AITM-VT	1	0	0	$-Z_C$	1	0	0	0	Z_C	Z_{amp}







Transfer Function from Input Voltage ($V_{A_d/q}$) to Observable Quantities ($V_{d/q'}$, $I_{d/q}$)

- Symbolic expressions are not intuitive to analyze without simplifications
- Numerical analysis using symbolic expressions in FD are matched to TD simulations

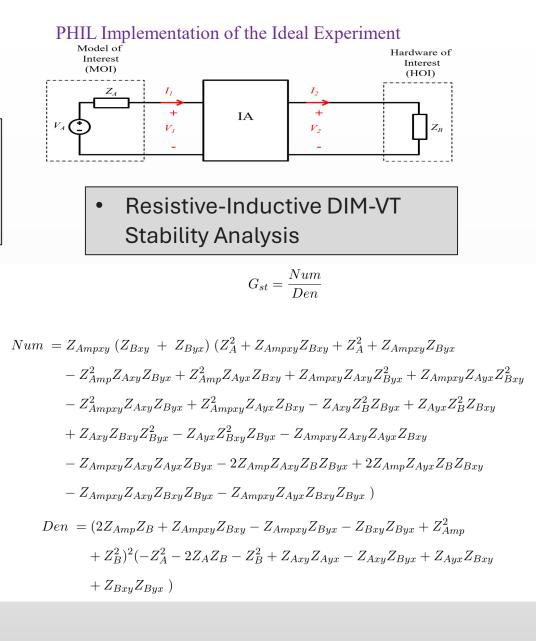
$$T_{VAd-VDd} = \frac{(Z_R(Z_A Z_{Amp} + Z_A Z_B + Z_{Amp} Z_R + Z_B Z_R))}{((Z_A + Z_R)(Z_A Z_{Amp} + Z_A Z_B + Z_{Amp} Z_R + Z_B Z_R + T_{Amp} T_{mI} Z_A Z_R))}$$

$$T_{VAd-IDd} = \frac{1}{(Z_R - Z_R)(Z_R - Z_R)^2} \frac{1}{(Z_R - Z_R)^2}$$

$$V_{Ad-IDd} = \frac{1}{(Z_A + Z_R) + (T_{Amp}T_{mI}Z_R^2)/((Z_A + Z_R)(Z_A Z_{Amp} + Z_A Z_B + Z_{Amp}Z_R + Z_B Z_R + T_{Amp}T_{mI}Z_A Z_R)}$$

$$T_{VAd-VHd} = \frac{Z_R(T_{Amp}Z_AZ_B + T_{Amp}Z_BZ_R))}{((Z_A + Z_R)(Z_AZ_{Amp} + Z_AZ_B + Z_{Amp}Z_R + Z_BZ_R + T_{Amp}T_{mI}Z_AZ_R))}$$

$$T_{VAd-IHd} = \frac{(T_{Amp}Z_R)}{(Z_A Z_{Amp} + Z_A Z_B + Z_{Amp}Z_R + Z_B Z_R + T_{Amp}T_{mI}Z_A Z_R)}$$









⁹⁷ May 2025 Example Application for System Using DQ-Frame PHIL ITM IA

•	Frequency Matlab	y domain analysis conc	lucted using	$Z_A I_{Dabc} Z_{amp} I_{Habc}$	ר ר
•	Time-dom	nain analysis conducte	d using RTDS		┨ _┛ ╎
	Symbol	Description	Default Value	$V_{Aabc} \bigoplus_{DV} \Psi_{Dabc} Z_{R} \bigoplus_{I_{R-ref}abc} \bigoplus_{I_{R-ref}abc} \Psi_{Habc} \longrightarrow_{Habc} \theta_{HV}$	Z_B
	$f_{base} \ R_A$	Base frequency of the sys- tem Source resistance	60 Hz 0.01 pu		J
	$\begin{array}{c} X_A \\ R_B \\ X_B \end{array}$	Source reactance Load resistance Load reactance	0.05 pu 1 pu 0.75 pu	• θ_{ref} is the reference angle for HOI side • θ_{DV} & Θ_{HV} are the phase angle reference computed using V_D & V_H	HOI
	$R_{amp} \ X_{amp}$	Amplifier resistance Amplifier reactance	0.001 pu 0.005 pu	MOI	
	$R_R \ X_R \ f_{c-amp}$	MOI stimulus resistance MOI stimulus inductance Pole frequency for filter	10000 pu 0 pu 1 kHz	'DQ' transformation-based IA implementation	
		representing the amplifier dynamics Pole frequency for filter	100 kHz	MOI Side HOI Side	
	f_{c-mI}	representing current mea- surement characteristics	100 KHZ	$\bigcup_{Da} \bigvee_{Da} \bigvee_{Da} \bigvee_{Db} \bigvee_{Fref_a} V_{F-ref_a}$	
	f_{c-mV}	Pole frequency for filter representing voltage mea- surement characteristics	100 kHz	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
	$\begin{array}{c} T_{d-amp} \\ T_{d-mI} \end{array}$	Amplifier time delay Time delay for measure-	150 μs 50 μs		
		ment of currents at HOI Time delay for measure-	50 μs	$ heta_{DV}$ ————————————————————————————————————	
	T_{d-mS}	ment of currents and volt- ages at MOI	50 μs	$I_{R-ref_a} \leftarrow I_{HD} \leftarrow I_{Ha}$	
	T_{d-mV}	Time delay for measure- ment of voltages at HOI	50 µs	I_{R-ref_b} \leftarrow I_{Hb} \square \square \square	
	T_{d-stim}	Time delay associated with application of voltage and current	50 µs	I_{R-ref_c} ABC $Filter$ I_{HQ} I_{Hc} O Q	
		injections at simulated MOI		θ_{DV} — θ_{HV}	

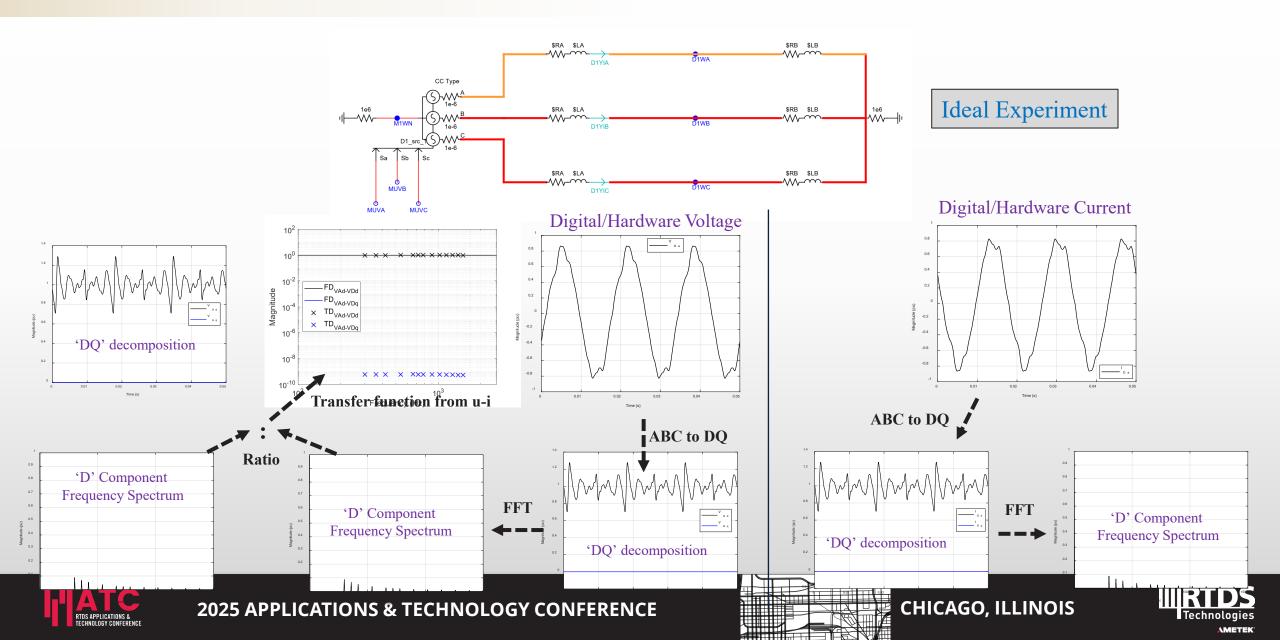


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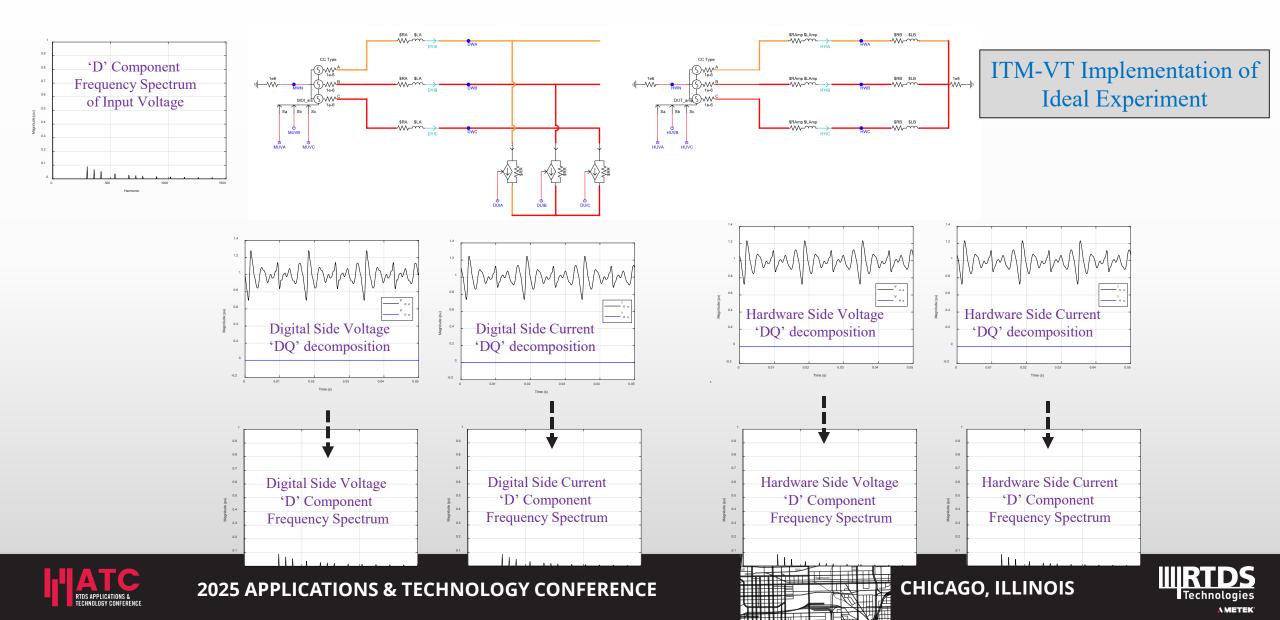


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Time-Domain PHIL IA Implementation on RTDS



Evaluation of Stability

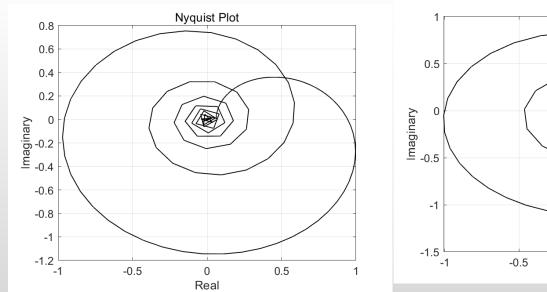
Stability criteria with following simplifications

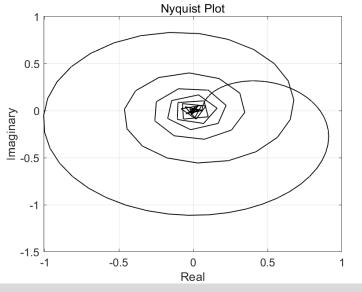
- All actuation measurement delays represented as T_d
- Within the controllable bandwidth, $Z_{Amp} = 0$

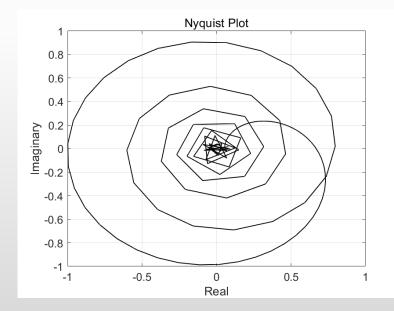
$$G_{st} = -T_d^{3} \left(\frac{Z_A^2 T_d^3 + Z_{Adq}^2 T_d^3 + 2Z_A Z_B + 2Z_{Adq} Z_{Bdq}}{(Z_{Bdq}^2 + Z_B)^2} \right)^{2}$$

$$\frac{Z_A}{Z_B}$$
 Ratio for Benchmark System to Reach Instability

T _{dAmp} (μs)	Freq. Domain	Time-domain
150	0.31	0.31
250	0.29	0.29
300	0.28	0.28
500	0.27	0.27





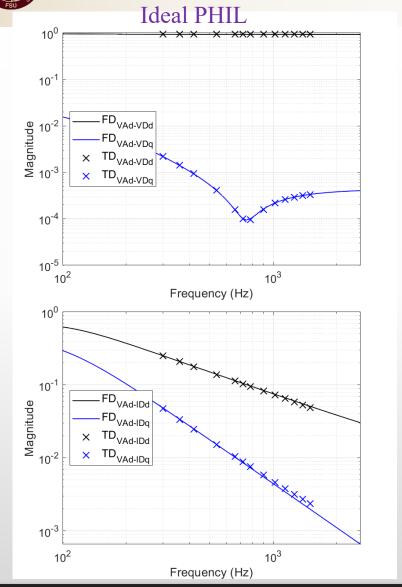


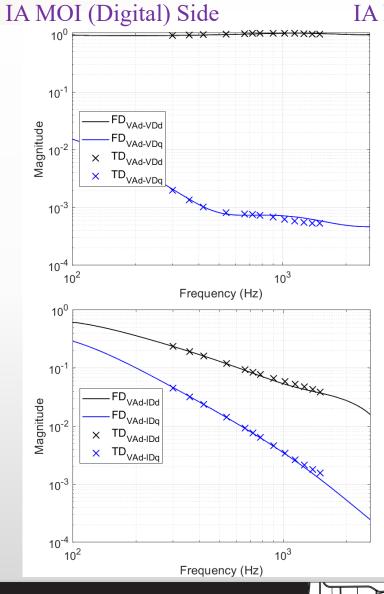




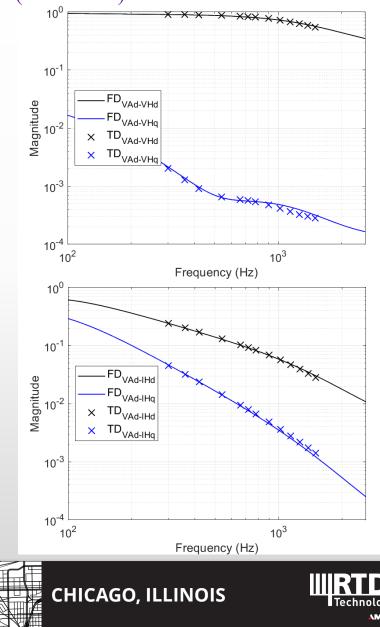


13 May 2025 **Evaluation of Accuracy**





IA HOI (Hardware) Side

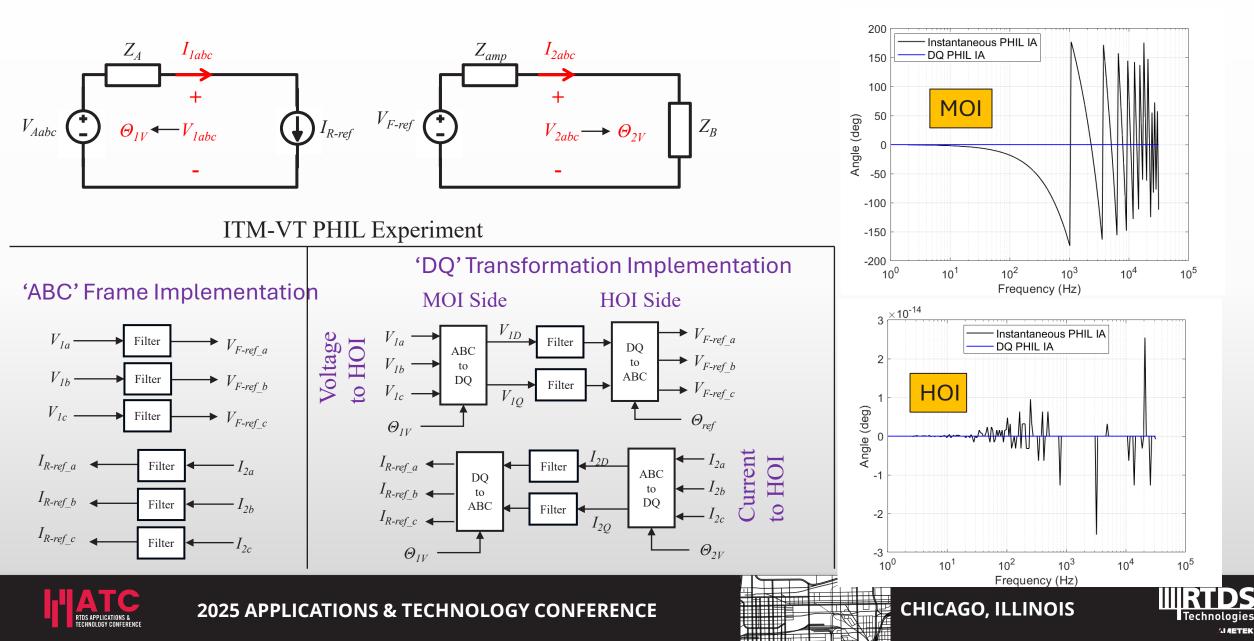


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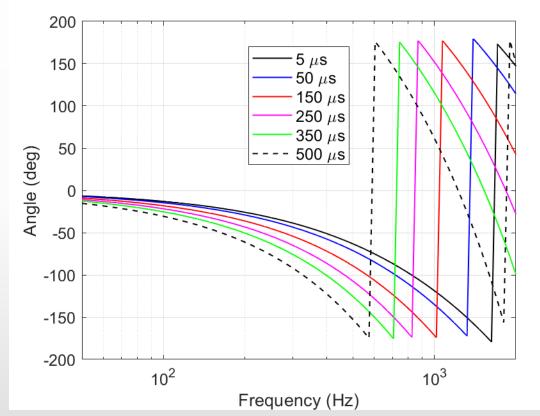




Phase Angle Accuracy Evaluation



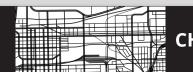
Phase Angle Accuracy Evaluation



Phase Angle at the MOI for Different Amplifier Actuation Delay

As the amplifier delay increases, the phase angle between voltage and current increases at the MOI which leads to accuracy issues with the PHIL experiment





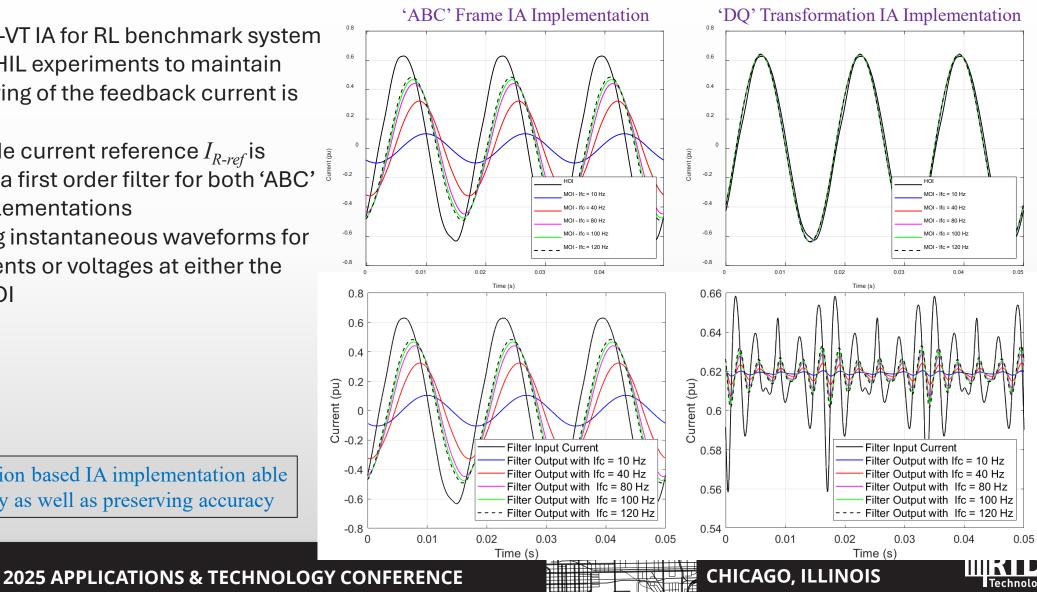




Filtering frequencies above and below fundamental Improving Stability of PHIL Experiment

- Consider ITM-VT IA for RL benchmark system •
- For certain PHIL experiments to maintain stability, filtering of the feedback current is required
- The digital side current reference I_{R-ref} is • filtered using a first order filter for both 'ABC' and 'DQ' implementations
- Plots showing instantaneous waveforms for Phase A currents or voltages at either the MOI or the HOI

'DQ' transformation based IA implementation able to aid in stability as well as preserving accuracy





Conclusion

- Linear analysis framework for PHIL experiments is applicable to multiphase PHIL systems
- Although analytical expressions for stability and accuracy seem complicated, FD and TD simulations can be used for verification
- A practical example of application of linear analysis framework for three-phase PHIL experiment was demonstrated ^[1].

ELA Gain	Instantaneous	DQ Resistive	DQ-Resistive-Inductive
T_{1F}^*	1	$\left[\begin{array}{rrr}1&0\\0&1\end{array}\right]$	$\left[\begin{array}{rrr}1&0\\0&1\end{array}\right]$
T_{2F}^*	0	0	0
Z_{1F}^*	0	0	0
Z_{2F}^{*}	0	0	0
T_{1R}^{**}	0	0	0
T^*_{2R}	0	0	0
Z_{1R}^{**}	0	0	0
Z_{2R}^{**}	0	0	0
Z_R	$-R_R$	$-\left[\begin{array}{cc} R_R & 0\\ 0 & R_R \end{array}\right]$	$-\left[egin{array}{cc} R_R & 0 \ 0 & R_R \end{array} ight]$
Z_F	Z_{Amp}	$\left[\begin{array}{cc} R_{Amp} & 0\\ 0 & R_{Amp} \end{array}\right]$	$\begin{bmatrix} R_{Amp} + \omega L_{Amp} & -\omega_s L_{Amp} \\ \omega_s L_{Amp} & R_{Amp} + \omega L_{Amp} \end{bmatrix}$

[1] S. Ishiguro, J. Langston, K. Watanabe, H. Lopez, Y. Izumida, and I. Barnola, "Using power hardware-in-the-loop simulation to explore uninterrupted power service of a converter for microgrid," in IECON 2024 - 50th Annual







Partial-Virtual DIM Interface Algorithm



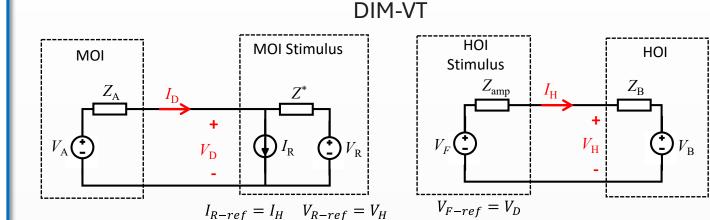






Challenges with DIM IA

- Requires matching Z^* to Z_B over the full frequency range
- Requires measurement of Z_B
- May need to adapt Z^* to changes in Z_B
- May be difficult to represent Z_B through network of passive components
 - Controls for power electronic converters can arbitrarily shape impedance in lower frequency range
 - Constant power loads and power converters often exhibit negative resistance (i.e. 180 degree phase angle) at low frequency



Motivation for PDIM and PVDIM IAs



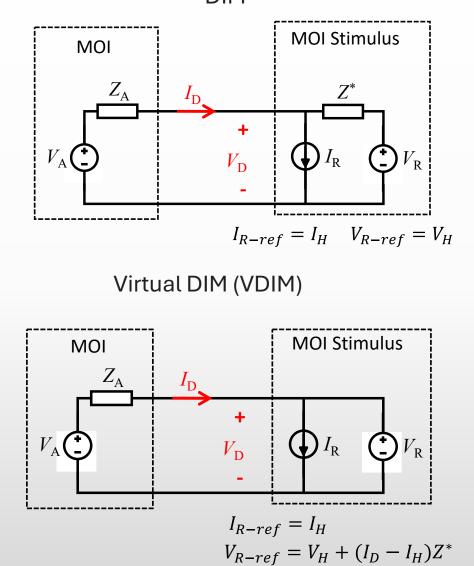




Virtual DIM IA

DIM

- Do not explicitly represent Z^* with passive elements
- Represent effect of Z^* through voltage drop
- Represent Z^* through transfer function applied to I_H
- (+) Not limited to representation as passive network
- (-) Delay in stimulus can distort the impedance at high frequency





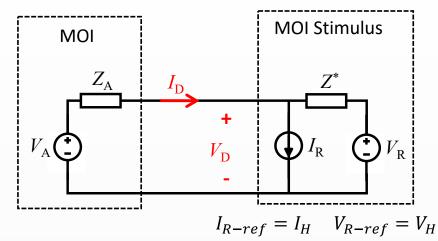




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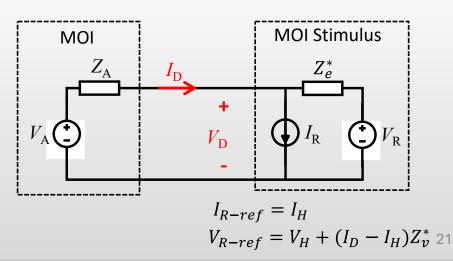
Partial Virtual DIM IA

- Represent Z^* through combination of explicit passive elements (Z_e^*) and virtual impedance (Z_v^*)
- Use Z_{v}^{*} to represent impedance in the low frequency range
 - (+) Flexibility to represent arbitrary transfer function
- Use Z_e^* to represent impedance in the high frequency range
 - (+) Avoids issues with delays in stimuli
 - (+) Typically, high frequency range is dominated by passive elements



DIM





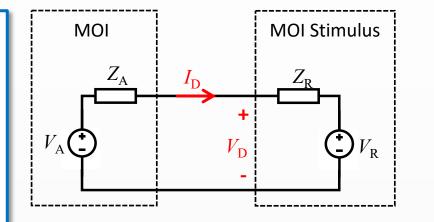






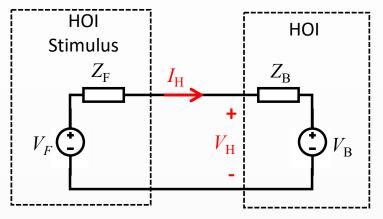
General Framework for Linear PHIL IAs

- Stimuli represented as Thevenin equivalent circuits
- Stimuli references formed from linear combination of observable quantities
- PHIL IA defined by 8 ideal "gains" and two Thevenin impedance characteristics (Z_R and Z_F)



 $V_R = T_{DR}V_D + Z_{DR}I_D + T_{HR}V_H + Z_{HR}I_H$

$$V_{R-ref} = T_{DR}^* V_D + Z_{DR}^* I_D + T_{HR}^* V_H + Z_{HR}^* I_H$$



 $V_F = T_{DF}V_D + Z_{DF}I_D + T_{HF}V_H + Z_{HF}I_H$

 $V_{F-ref} = T_{DF}^* V_D + Z_{DF}^* I_D + T_{HF}^* V_H + Z_{HF}^* I_H$

PHIL IA	T_{DR}^{*}	Z_{DR}^{*}	T^*_{HR}	Z_{HR}^*	T_{DF}^{*}	Z_{DF}^{*}	T_{HF}^{*}	Z^*_{HF}	Z_R	Z_F
ITM-VT	0	0	0	$-Z_R$	1	0	0	0	Z_R	Z_{amp}
DIM-VT	0	0	1	$-Z^*$	1	0	0	0	Z^*	Z_{amp}
VDIM-VT	0	Z^*	1	$-Z^*$	1	0	0	0	0	Z_{amp}
PVDIM-VT	0	Z_v^*	1	$-Z^*$	1	0	0	0	Z_e^*	Z_{amp}



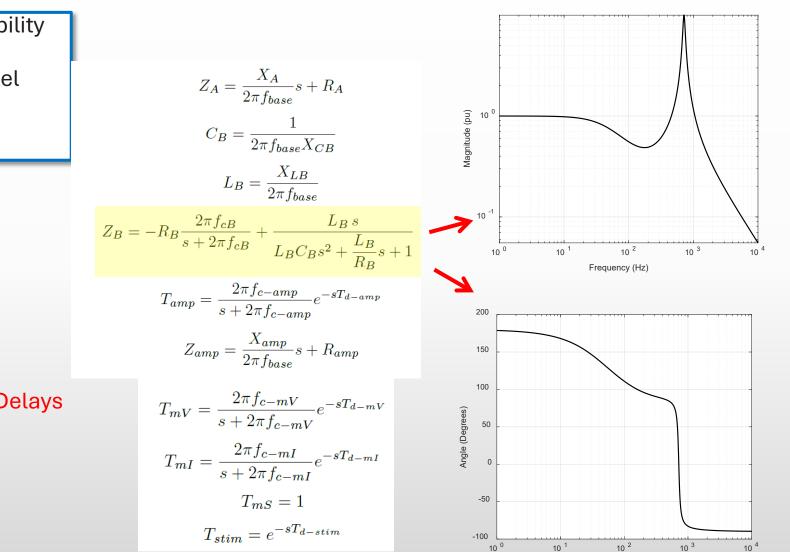




Example PHIL System

- Large source impedance to present stability challenge
- Negative resistance in series with parallel RLC for HOI impedance
- Delays

Symbol	Description	Value	
f_{base}	Base frequency for the system.	$50\mathrm{Hz}$	
f_{c-amp}	Pole frequency for filter representing the amplifier dynamics.	$400\mathrm{Hz}$	
f_{c-mI}	Pole frequency for filter representing current measurement characteristics.	$100\mathrm{kHz}$	
f_{c-mV}	Pole frequency for filter representing voltage measurement characteristics.	$100\mathrm{kHz}$	
R_A	Source resistance.	$0.05\mathrm{pu}$	
R_{amp}	Amplifier resistance.	0.005 pu	
R_B	HOI impedance magnitude at low frequency.	1.0 pu	
R_{dB}	HOI resistance for RLC circuit.	10.0 pu	
T_{d-amp}	Amplifier time delay.	100 µs	
T_{d-mI}	Time delay associated with current measure- ments.	50 µs	
T_{d-mV}	Time delay associated with voltage measure- ments.	$50\mu s$	
T_{d-stim}	Time delay associated with voltage and cur- rent injections at the simulated ROS.	$50\mu s$	
X_A	Source reactance.	$0.5\mathrm{pu}$	
X_{amp}	Amplifier reactance.	0.01 pu	
X_{CB}	HOI capacitive reactance.	10.0 pu	
X_{LB}	HOI inductive reactance.	$0.07\mathrm{pu}$	







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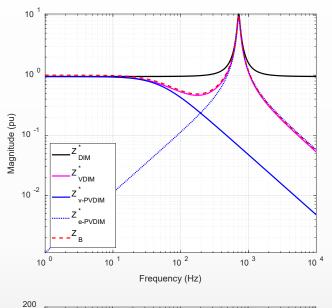
Example PHIL System: IA Damping Impedance Characteristics

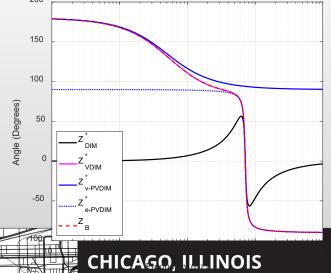
PHIL IA	T_{DR}^{*}	Z_{DR}^*	T^*_{HR}	Z^*_{HR}	T_{DF}^{*}	Z_{DF}^{*}	T^*_{HF}	Z^*_{HF}	Z_R	Z_F
ITM-VT	0	0	0	$-Z_R$	1	0	0	0	Z_R	Z_{amp}
DIM-VT	0	0	1	$-Z^*$	1	0	0	0	Z^*	Z_{amp}
VDIM-VT	0	Z^*	1	$-Z^*$	1	0	0	0	0	Z_{amp}
PVDIM-VT	0	Z_v^*	1	$-Z^*$	1	0	0	0	Z_e^*	Z_{amp}

$$Z_{DIM}^{*} = k_m R_B + \frac{k_m L_B s}{k_m^2 L_B C_B s^2 + \frac{L_B}{R_B} s + 1}$$

$$Z_{VDIM}^{*} = -k_m R_B \frac{2\pi f_{cB}}{s + 2\pi f_{cB}} + \frac{k_m L_B s}{k_m^2 L_B C_B s^2 + \frac{L_B}{R_B} s + 1}$$

$$Z_{v-PVDIM}^{*} = -k_m R_B \frac{2\pi f_{cB}}{s + 2\pi f_{cB}} \qquad \qquad Z_{e-PVDIM}^{*} = \frac{k_m L_B s}{k_m^2 L_B C_B s^2 + \frac{L_B}{R_B} s + 1}$$

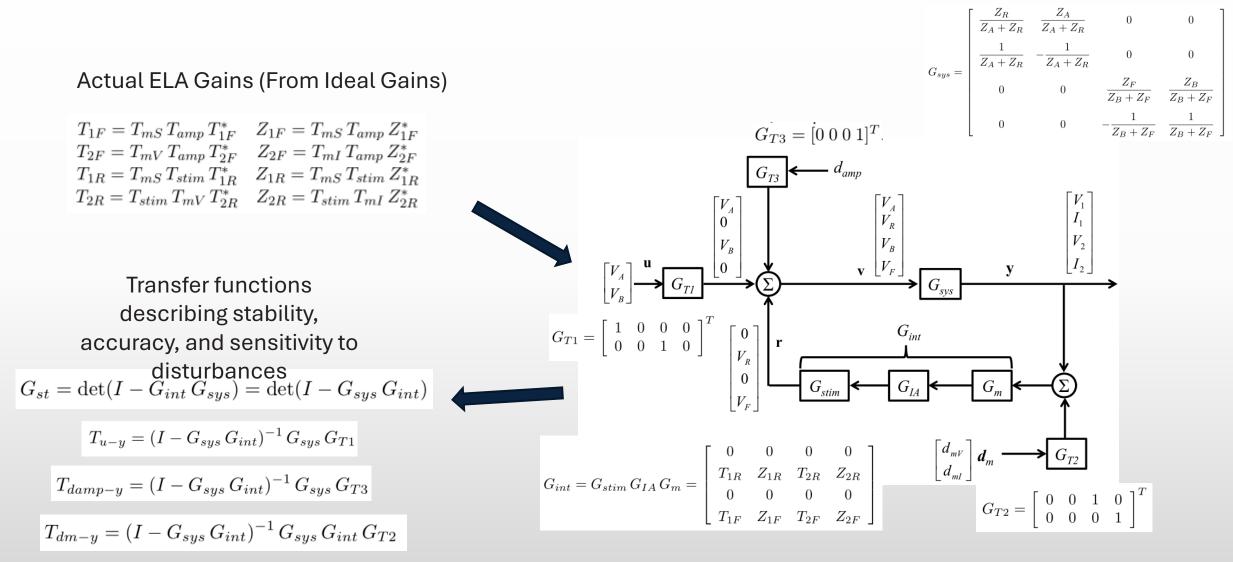




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Linear Analysis of PHIL Experiments

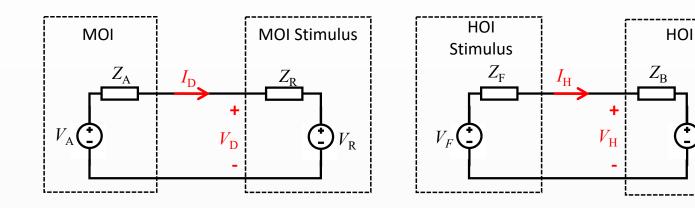






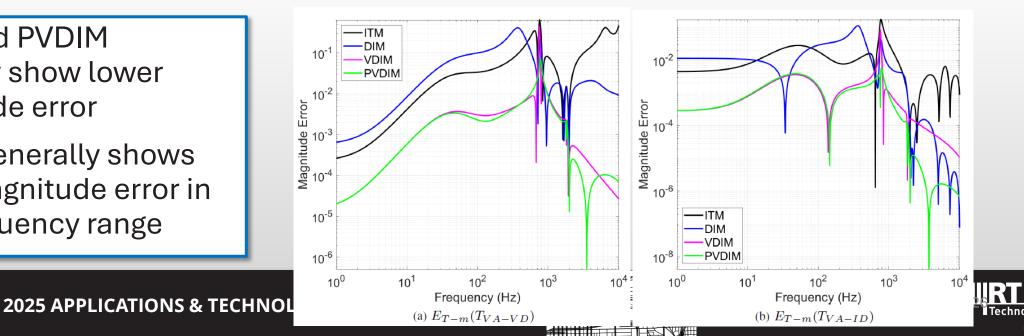
Assessment of Accuracy: Transfer Function Magnitude Error

$$E_{T-m}(T) = \left| \left| T \right| - \left| \tilde{T} \right| \right|$$
$$E_{T-m}(T_{VA-VD}) = \left| \left| \frac{Z'_B}{Z_A + Z'_B} \right| - \left| \frac{Z_B}{Z_A + Z_B} \right|$$
$$E_{T-m}(T_{VA-ID}) = \left| \left| \frac{1}{Z_A + Z'_B} \right| - \left| \frac{1}{Z_A + Z_B} \right|$$



 $V_{\rm B}$

- VDIM and PVDIM generally show lower magnitude error
- PVDIM generally shows lower magnitude error in high frequency range





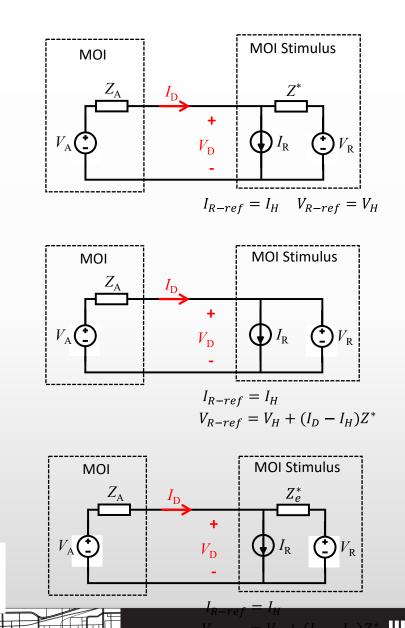
Conclusion

- DIM IA is often employed for PHIL systems posing stability challenges
- VDIM and PVDIM can offer additional flexibility in representing Z^* for the DIM IA
- Flexibility can be even more important for multi-phase PHIL IAs (e.g. DQ-frame implementations)

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• PVDIM can offer improvements over VDIM if Z^* can be partitioned



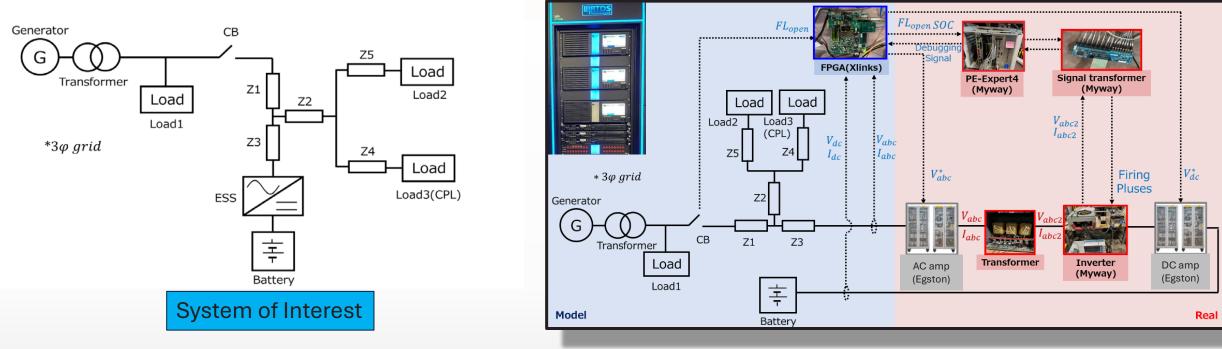
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Practical Application of PVDIM





- When DG trips, impedance rapidly switches from low impedance of DG to high impedance of loads
- Simultaneously, battery inverter switches from high impedance to low imepdance

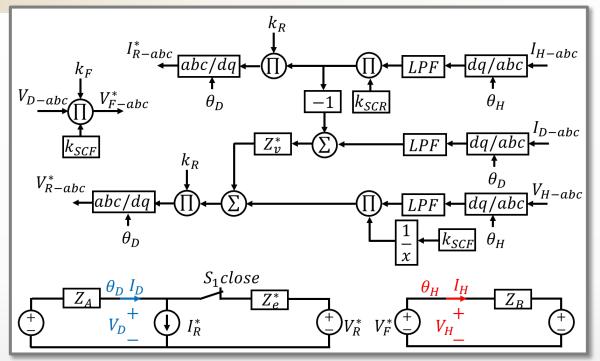






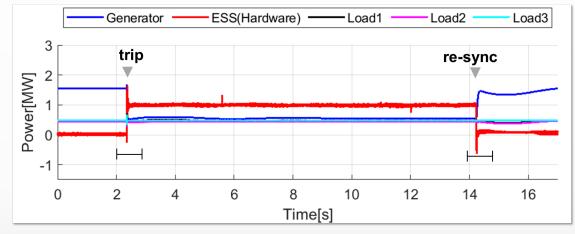


Practical Application of PVDIM

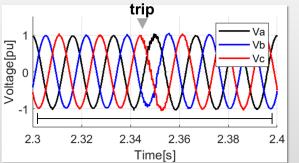


Interface Algorithm Block Diagram

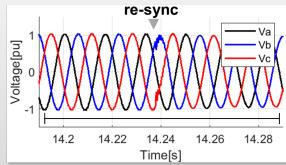
ITM – VT Interface algorithm used when DG is online PVDIM – VT Interface algorithm used when DG trips • Active power (grid-connected/islanding condition)



• Voltage wave(trip)



• Voltage wave(re-sync)









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