

Multi-Port Impedance Measurement Tool in RTDS for Analysis of Wideband Oscillations in Networks With Embedded Power Electronic Converters

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1.1 Background

- **Wideband oscillations** are threatening the stability of networks with numerous embedded power electronic converters due to their interactions with the ac grid

Recent real-world wideband oscillation incidents

Year	Location	Oscillatory Freq.	System
2021	Virginia U.S.	22/38/82 Hz	Solar Farm
2021	Scotland	8 Hz	Wind Farm
2020	South Australia	17~19 Hz	Wind Farm
2020	North China	2~6 Hz	Wind Farm
2019	Ontario Canada	3.5 Hz	Wind Farm
2018	Central China	1810 Hz	MMC-HVDC
2013	Germany	250~350 Hz	VSC-HVDC

Networks with embedded power electronic converters



1.2 Overview and Challenge

Comparison of the different state of the art approaches for analysis of stability

Approach	Time-Domain	Frequency-Domain	
Mathematical model	State-Space equation	Multi-Port closed-loop impedance matrix	Multi-Port open-loop transfer function matrix
Stability criterion	Dominant modes in the LHP	Dominant poles in the LHP	Nyquist/Bode criteria by measured impedances
Margin index	Damping ratio of dominant modes	Damping ratio of dominant poles	Magnitude/Phase margins from Bode plots
Identification of critical component	Participation factor in time-domain	Participation factor in frequency-domain	A reliable method is lacking
CHIL/Black-Box implementation in RTDS	Inapplicable	Inapplicable	Applicable but not existing yet on RTDS

❑ Till now, the frequency-domain stability analysis in RTDS based on the multi-port impedance measurement has been **difficult due to real-time algorithm constraints.**

1.3 Proposed Project

□ **Project Title:** Development of Stability Assessment Tools in RTDS Simulator for Multi-Converter Power Systems

□ **Project PI:** Ani Gole, Distinguished Professor, Univ. Manitoba

□ **Research Objective:**

- 1) Development of multi-port impedance measurement tool in RTDS
- 2) Application of developed tool for analysis of wideband oscillations

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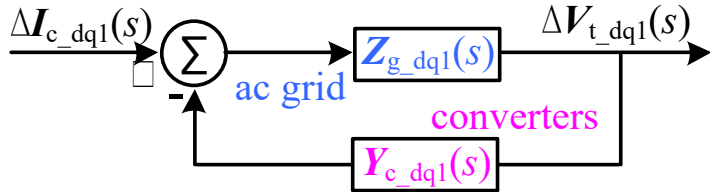
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2.1 Principle of Impedance Based Stability Analysis

Feedback Diagram of Networks



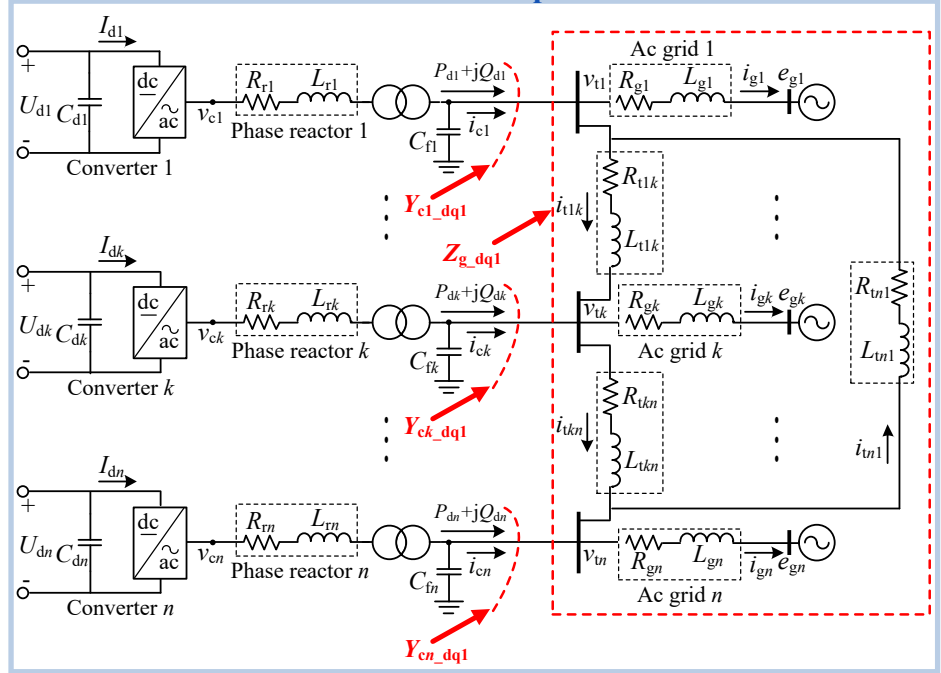
$Z_{g_dq1}(s)$: $2n$ -order ac grid impedance matrix
 $Y_{c_dq1}(s)$: $2n$ -order converter admittance matrix
 $Y_{c_dq1}(s) = \text{diag}\{Y_{c1_dq1}(s), \dots, Y_{ck_dq1}(s), \dots, Y_{cn_dq1}(s)\}$
 $dq1$: dq-frame aligned with the voltage at bus 1

closed-loop characteristic equation

$$H_{cl_dq1}(s) = I + Z_{g_dq1}(s) \cdot Y_{c_dq1}(s) = 0$$

- Networks are *stable* if all zeros are in LHP
- Zeros calculation is however *challenging*

Linearized circuit of networks with power electronic converters



- The **network stability** can be inferred by looking at the zeros of the **closed-loop characteristic equation** formed by the converter admittances and grid impedance

2.2 Stability Analysis using Open-Loop Transfer Function Matrix

Closed-Loop to Open-Loop

$$\mathbf{H}_{cl_dq1}(s) = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{Z}_{g_dq1}(s) \cdot \mathbf{Y}_{c_dq1}(s)$$

- closed-loop transfer function matrix



stable: zeros in LHP

$$\mathbf{H}_{ol_dq1}(s) = \mathbf{Z}_{g_dq1}(s) \cdot \mathbf{Y}_{c_dq1}(s)$$

- open-loop transfer function matrix

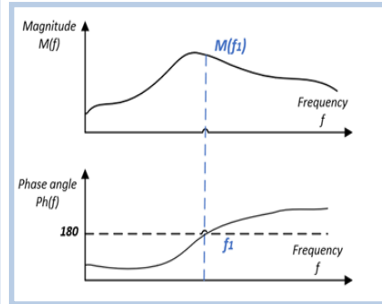


modal analysis

$$\mathbf{H}_{ol_dq1}(s) = \mathbf{R}(s) \cdot \mathbf{A}(s) \cdot \mathbf{L}(s)$$

- Eigvalue matrix $\mathbf{A}(s) = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1(s), \dots, \lambda_k(s), \dots, \lambda_{2n}(s)\}$
- $PF_{jk}(s) = \left| \frac{L_{kj}^T(s) \cdot R_{jk}(s)}{\sum_{i=1}^{2n} L_{ki}^T(s) \cdot R_{ik}(s)} \right|$

Stability Margin by Bode Plots



- At f_1 where the phase crosses 180° , $1/|\lambda_1|$ is the **magnitude margin M_1** (stable if $M_1 > 1.0$)
- If M_k for λ_k is the lowest from λ_1 to λ_{2n} , f_k for the 180° phase is **dominant oscillatory freq**

Identification of critical converter

- Calculate participation factors $PF_{jk}(f_k)$ at f_k for $j = \{1, \dots, 2n\}$ and **identify the critical converter with the highest $PF_{jk}(f_k)$**

- The **stability margin** is assessed using **Bode plots** from the open-loop transfer function
- **Critical converter** is identified using **frequency domain participation factor**

2.3 Design of Multi-Port Impedance Measurement Tool

Designed Measurement Scheme

multi-port multi-sine injection,
 V/I sampling and processing

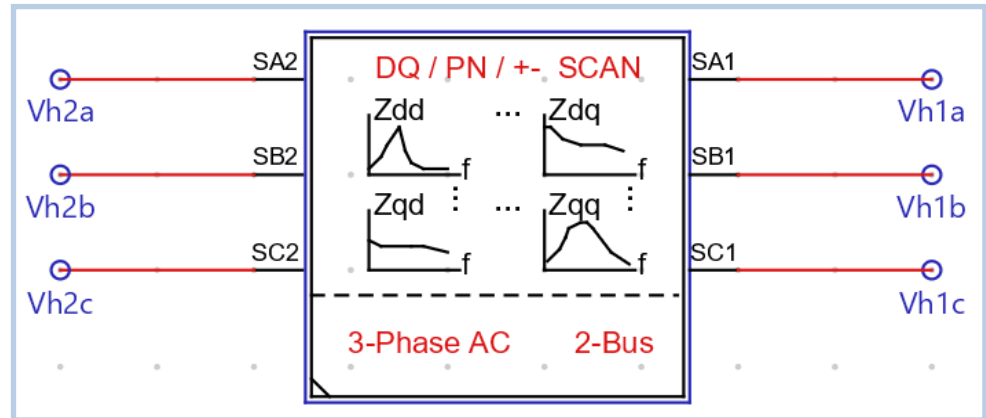
computing DFT of filtered V/I
under real-time considerations

optimizing inversion of high-
order complex V/I matrix

calculating impedance matrix
and communication with GUI

assessing stability margin and
critical converter in GUI

Multi-Port Impedance Measurement Tool in RTDS



The developed multi-port impedance measurement tool can be **implemented in RTDS with a mainstep of 50 us**

2.4 Functions of Multi-Port Impedance Measurement Tool

- The multi-port impedance measurement tool in RTDS provides **flexible functions** such as selection of reference bus, measured voltages and currents, signal source

Functions of Developed Multi-Port Impedance Measurement Tool in RTDS

CONFIGURATION	Name	Description	Value	Unit	Min	Max
DQ/PN/+ IMPEDANCE SCAN	No_ScanBus	Number of Scanned Buses	Two			
AUTO-NAMING SETTINGS	enPLL	Enable Internal PLL to Calculate Frequency	No			
	Ref_Bus	Index of Scanned Bus for Reference	One			
	Ia1_mea	Measured Phase A Current at Scanned Bus 1	Icon1a			
	Ib1_mea	Measured Phase B Current at Scanned Bus 1	Icon1b			
	Ic1_mea	Measured Phase C Current at Scanned Bus 1	Icon1c			
	Va1_mea	Measured Phase A Voltage at Scanned Bus 1	Va1Pri			
	Vb1_mea	Measured Phase B Voltage at Scanned Bus 1	Vb1Pri			
	Vc1_mea	Measured Phase C Voltage at Scanned Bus 1	Vc1Pri			
	Ia2_mea	Measured Phase A Current at Scanned Bus 2	Icon2a			
	Ib2_mea	Measured Phase B Current at Scanned Bus 2	Icon2b			
	Ic2_mea	Measured Phase C Current at Scanned Bus 2	Icon2c			
	Va2_mea	Measured Phase A Voltage at Scanned Bus 2	Va2Pri			
	Vb2_mea	Measured Phase B Voltage at Scanned Bus 2	Vb2Pri			
	Vc2_mea	Measured Phase C Voltage at Scanned Bus 2	Vc2Pri			
	PWR_SGN	Signal Measurement Source	Mainstep			

selection of reference bus for alignment of measurement

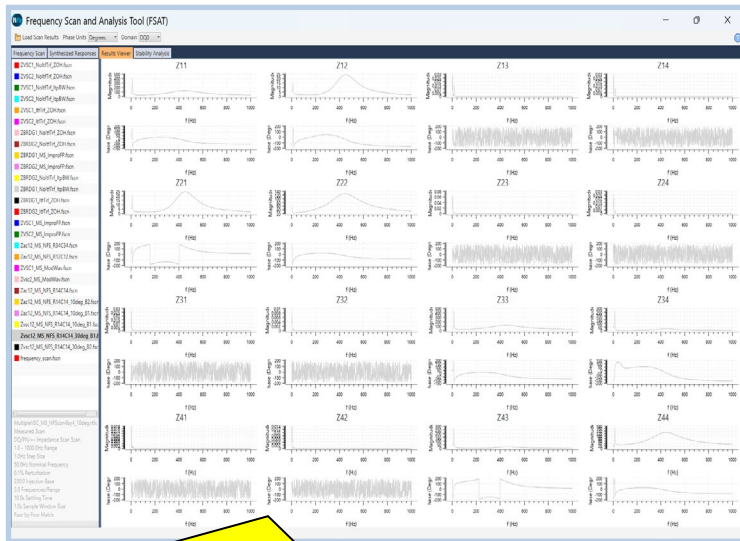
selection of measured voltages and current in real-time at the concerned converter ac buses

selection of signal measurement source from mainstep, substep, or smallstep

2.5 Enhanced GUI for Impedance Display and Oscillation Analysis

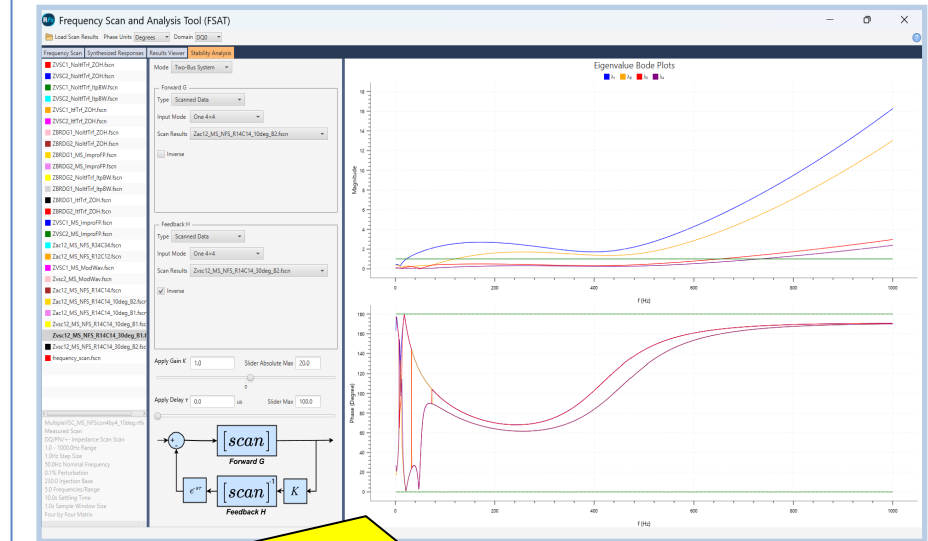
- The previous graphical user interface (GUI) has been enhanced for **higher-order measured impedance display** and **system-level wideband oscillation analysis**

Measured Impedance Display



Full picture of the measured impedance magnitudes and angles is clearly shown

System-Level Wideband Oscillation Analysis



Dominant freq., stability margin, critical converter are shown in a straightforward manner in graphs

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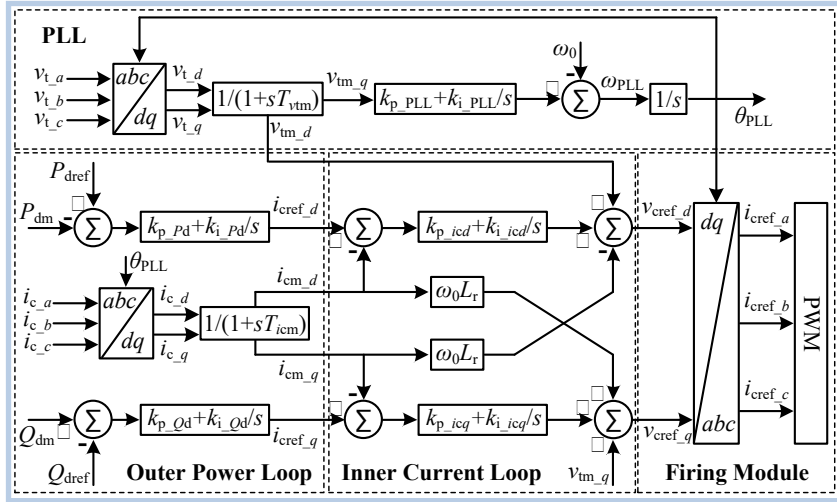
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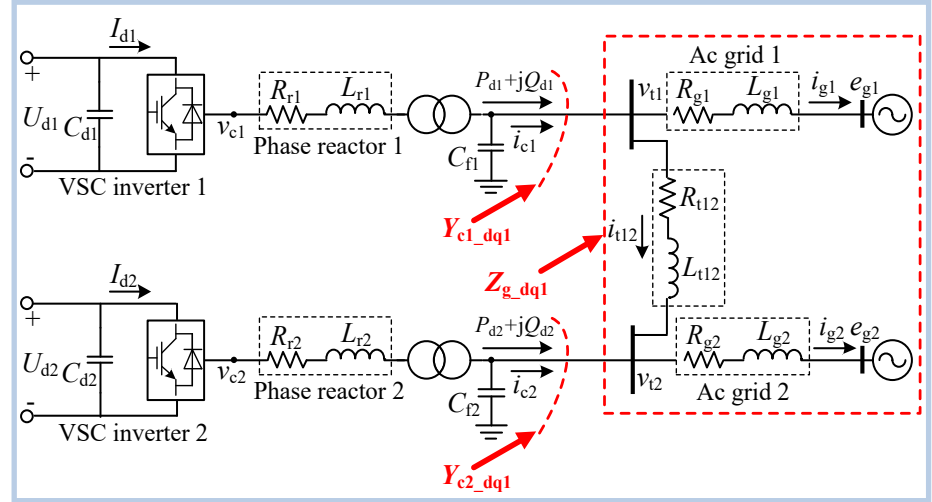
3.1 The Test System

- ❑ **Test System:** The dual-infeed VSC-HVDC inverter network with ac bus tie-line
- ❑ **Control Mode:** VSC inverter 1 in constant P_1Q_1 and 2 in constant P_2V_2 control
- ❑ **Control Bandwidth:** PLL 1 and 2, 17 Hz; P_1Q_1 , 8/8 Hz; P_2V_2 , 10/4 Hz; i_{cdq} , 200 Hz

Power and current loop control and PLL of VSC inverter



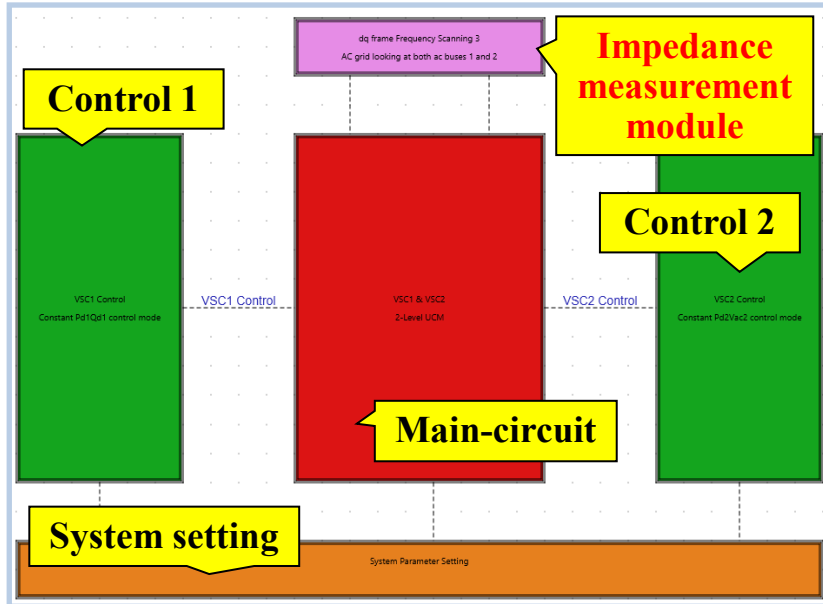
Schematic diagram of dual-infeed VSC-HVDC inverter network



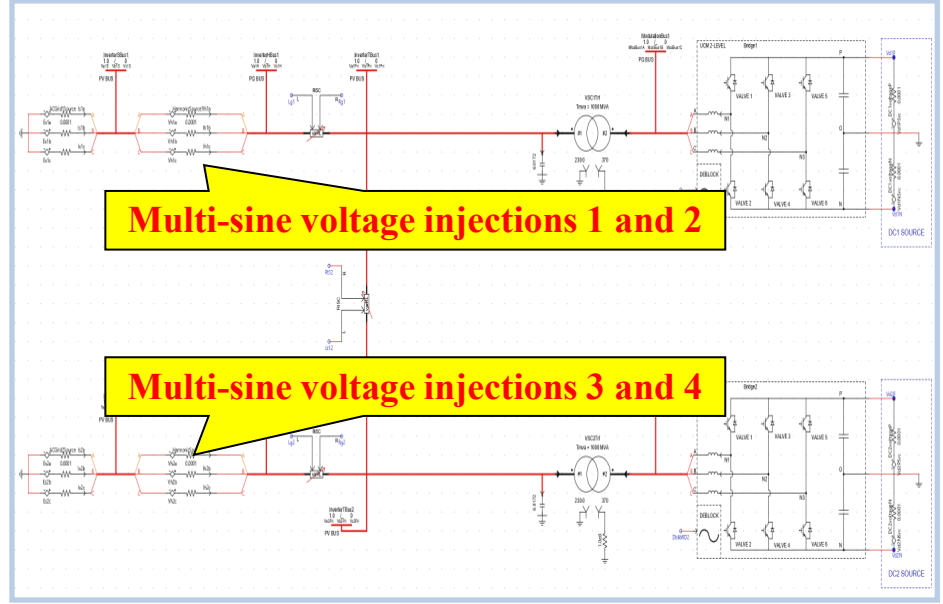
3.2 Arrangement of Test System Setup in RSCAD

- Main-circuit with the **multi-sine series voltage injection**; converter control blocks, parameter setting block and **impedance measurement module**

Entire layout of the test system setup in RSCAD

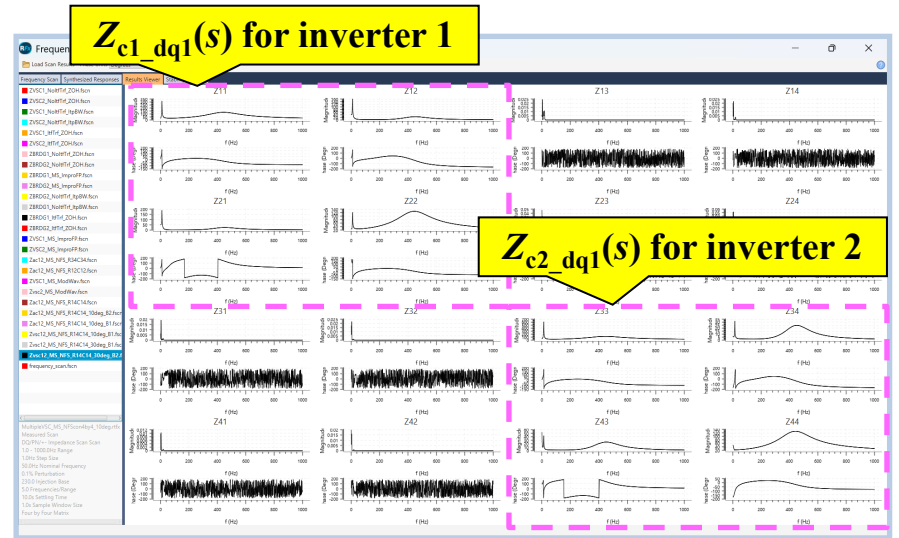
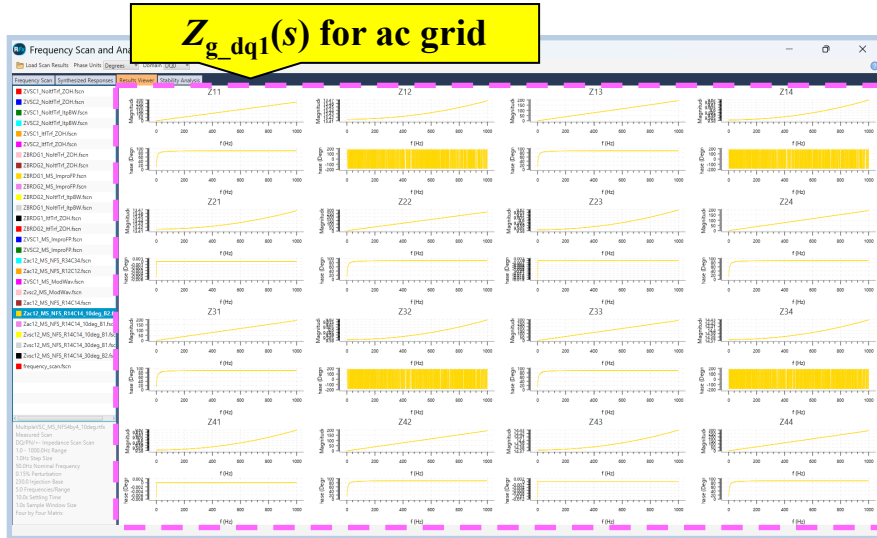


Schematic diagram of main-circuit with multi-sine voltage injection



3.3 Two-Port Impedance Measurement Results

- Ac Grid: The 4th order $Z_{g_dq1}(s)$ includes 16 measured complex impedances
- Inverters 1 and 2: 2nd order $Z_{c1_dq1}(s)$ for inverter 1, 2nd order $Z_{c2_dq1}(s)$ for inverter 2

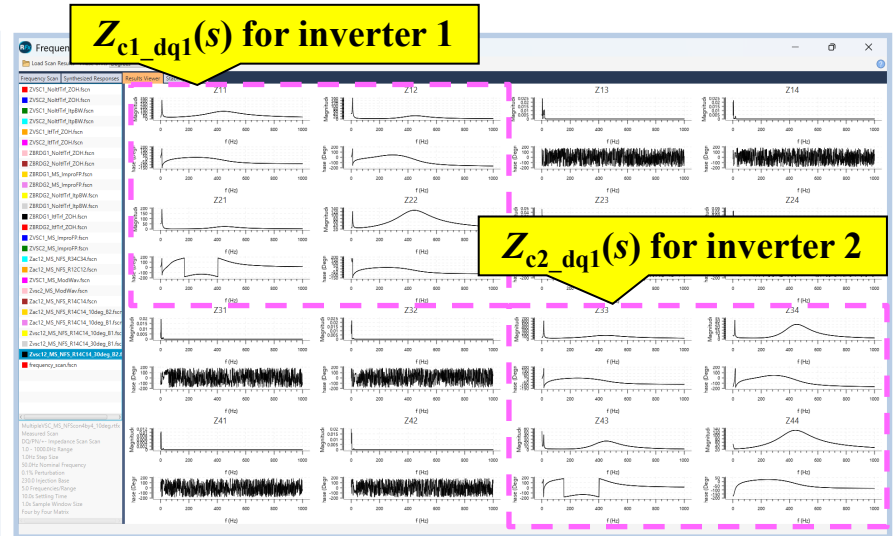
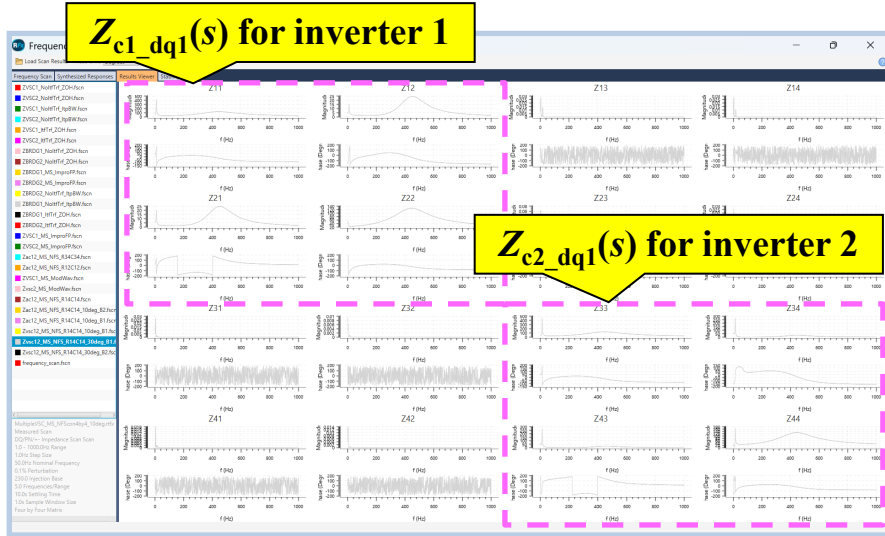


Magnitudes and angles of ac grid impedance matrix elements

Magnitudes and angles of converter impedance matrix elements

3.4 Impact of Reference Bus for Alignment of Measurement

- Voltage Angle Difference Between Ac Bus 1 and 2: 30 deg
- The measured converter impedances referred at bus 1 and 2 differ below 250 Hz
- The impact on converter impedances vanishes beyond current control bandwidth



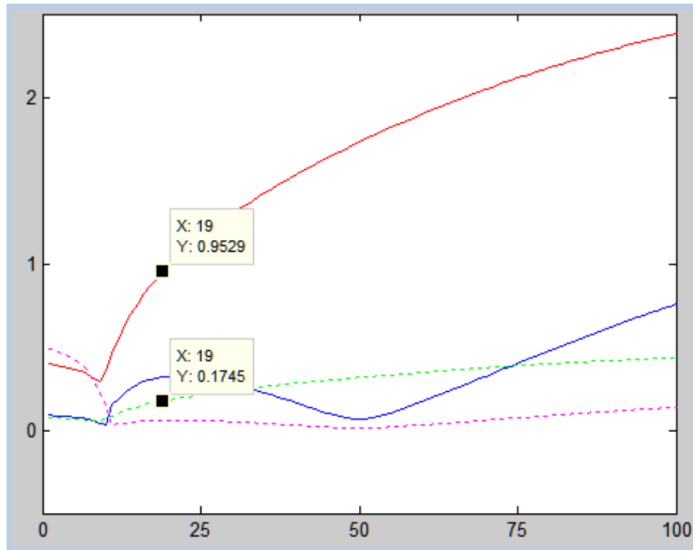
Converter impedance matrix elements referred at ac bus 1

Converter impedance matrix elements referred at ac bus 2

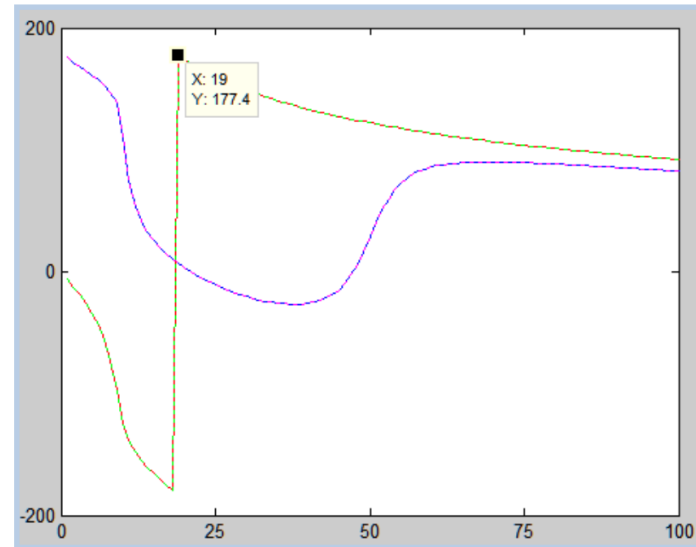
3.5 Identification of Dominant Frequency and Stability Margin

- Open-Loop: $H_{ol_dq1}(s) = Z_{g_dq1}(s) \cdot \text{diag}\{Z^{-1}_{c1_dq1}(s), Z^{-1}_{c2_dq1}(s)\} \rightarrow \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\}$
- Dominant Freq.: At 19 Hz, λ_1 cross negative real-axis from phase plot
- Magnitude Margin: $M_1 = 1/|\lambda_1| = 1/0.9529 = 1.05$ (marginally stable)

Magnitude of 4 eigenvalues of open-loop $H_{ol_dq1}(s)$

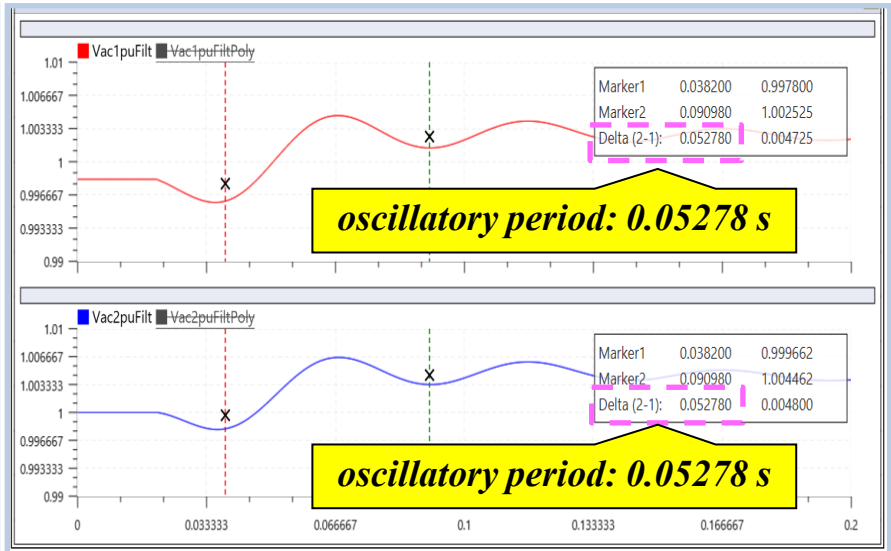


Phase of 4 eigenvalues of open-loop $H_{ol_dq1}(s)$



3.6 Validation of Identified Results by Step Response

- ❑ Dc power and ac voltage responses with 5 % power order step in VSC inverter 1
- ❑ Simulated oscillatory period: 0.05278 s (18.9 Hz) validating the predicted 19 Hz
- ❑ Responses are oscillatory but stable agree perfectly with the small signal model

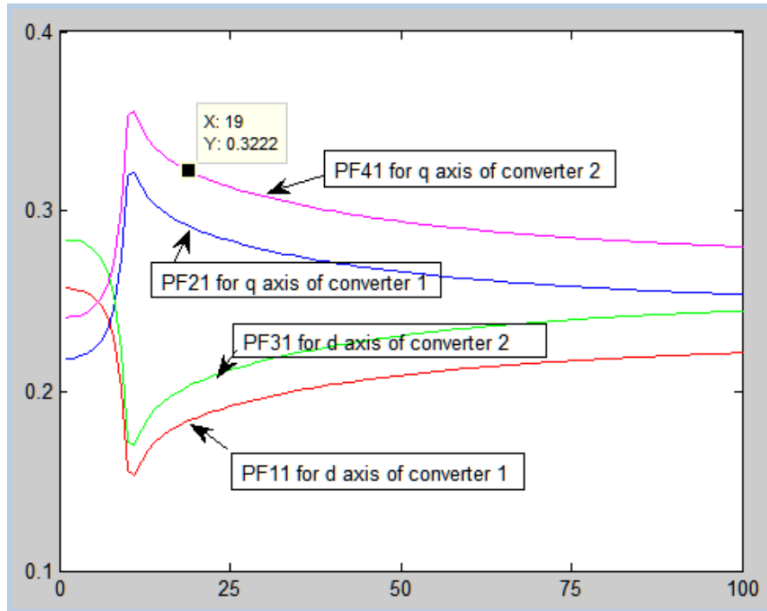


DC power step responses of VSC inverters 1 and 2 in RTDS

Bus voltage step responses of VSC inverters 1 and 2 in RTDS

3.7 Assessment of Critical Converter

- ❑ **Critical Participation Factor:** at 19 Hz, is PF_{41} has the highest value of 0.3222
- ❑ **Critical Converter:** VSC converter 2 has largest contribution to the 19 Hz mode λ_1

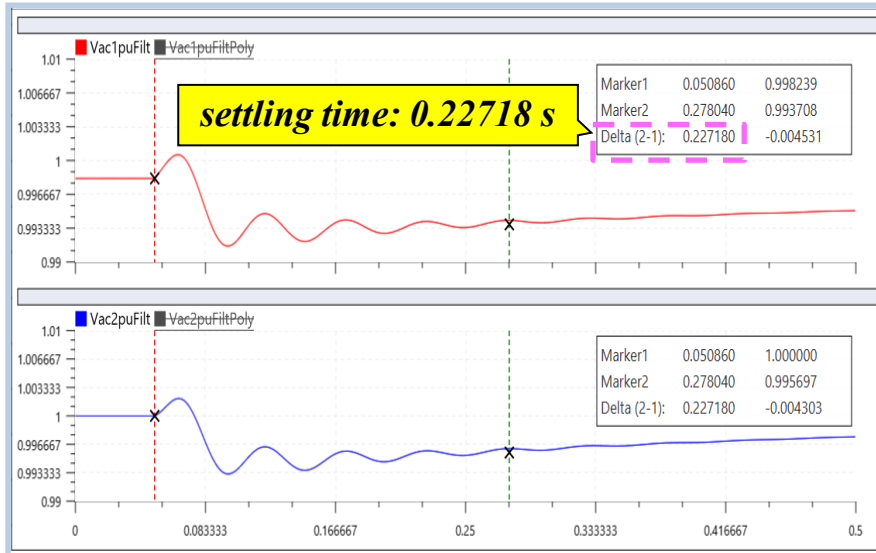


PF variations versus frequency corresponding to λ_1

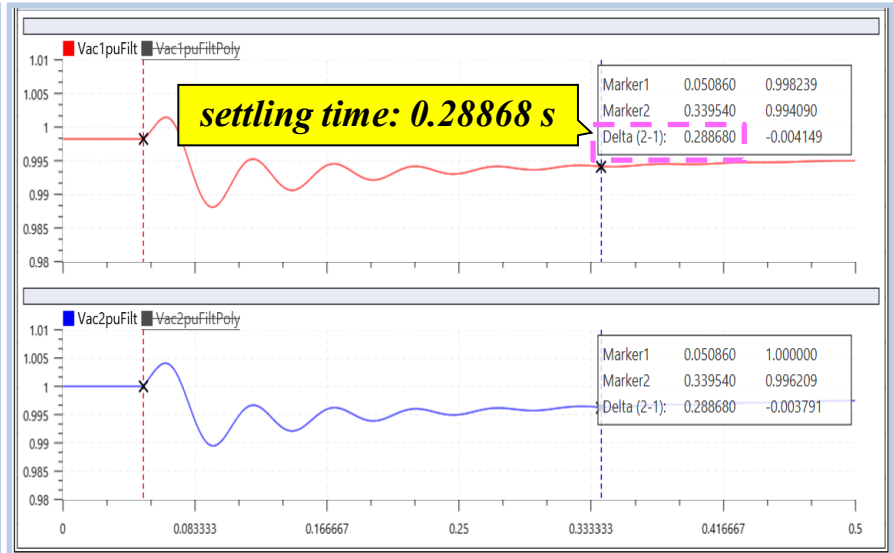
*Time-Domain state-space equation indicates that:
The reported 19 Hz oscillation is **sub-synchronous control interactions (SSCI)** arising from: **Interaction between current control loop and PLL !***

3.8 Validation of Assessed Critical Converter

- ❑ Comparison of ac voltage curves with 5 % power order step in inverters 1 and 2
- ❑ The settling time and peak-valley distance for step change in inverter 2 is longer
- ❑ The simulated behaviors in RTDS validate the predicted critical inverter 2 by PF



Voltage responses with power order step of inverter 1 in RTDS



Voltage responses with power order step of inverter 2 in RTDS

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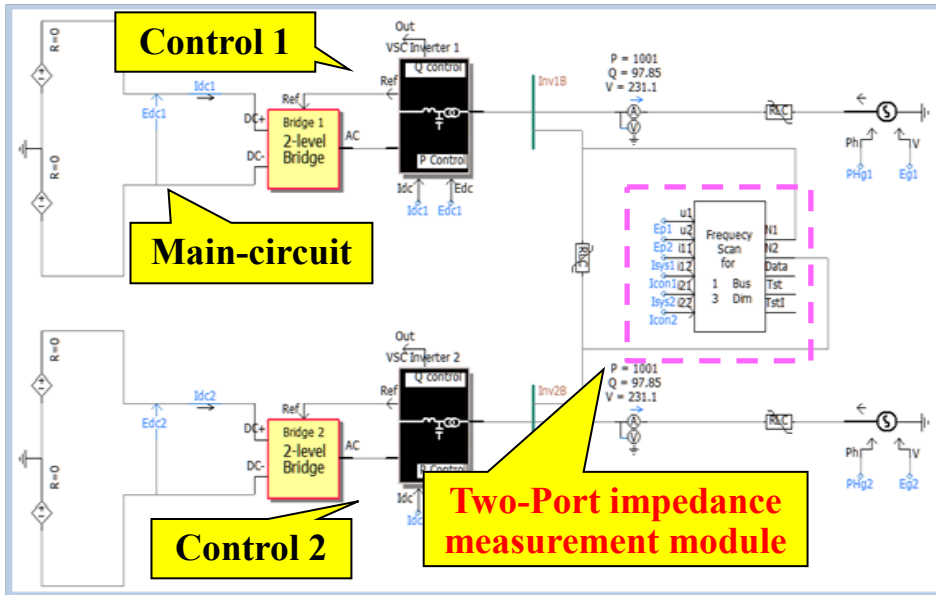
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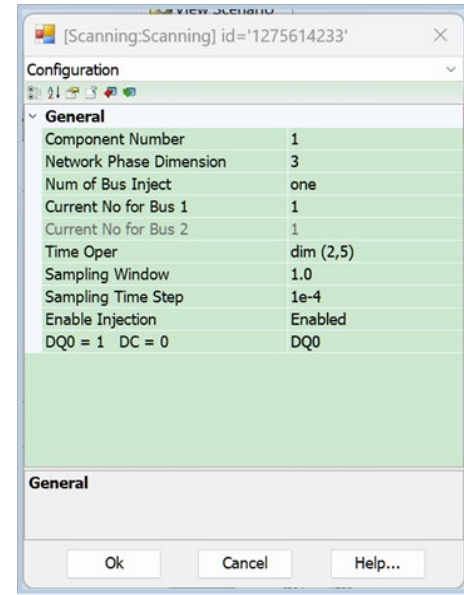
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4.1 Arrangement of Test System Setup in PSCAD/EMTDC

□ The PSCAD/EMTDC program is used for validating results in RTDS including two-port impedance measurement tool without real-time algorithm constraints



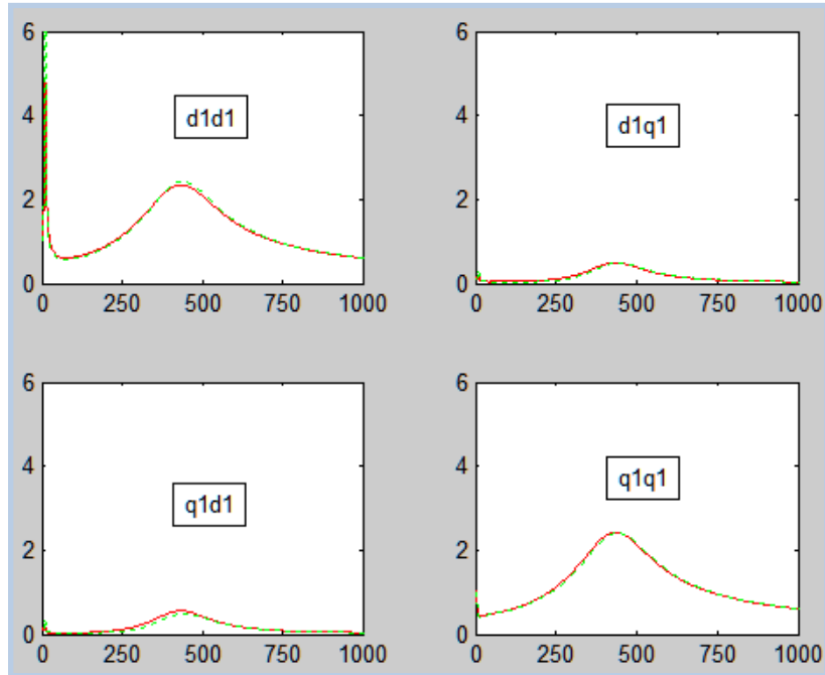
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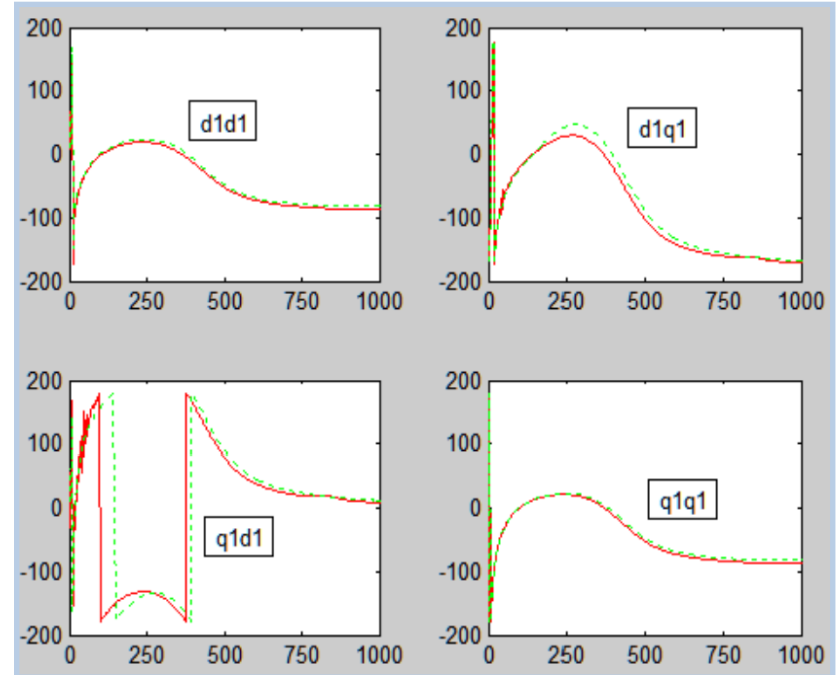
Parameter configuration setting

4.2 Comparison of Impedance Measurement for Inverter 1

Magnitudes of measured impedance for inverter 1



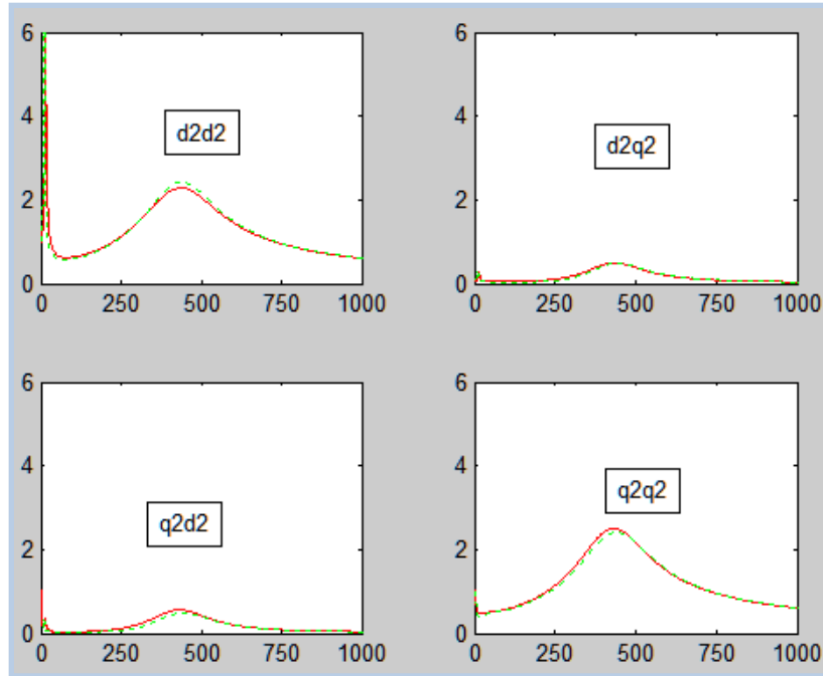
Phases of measured impedance for inverter 1



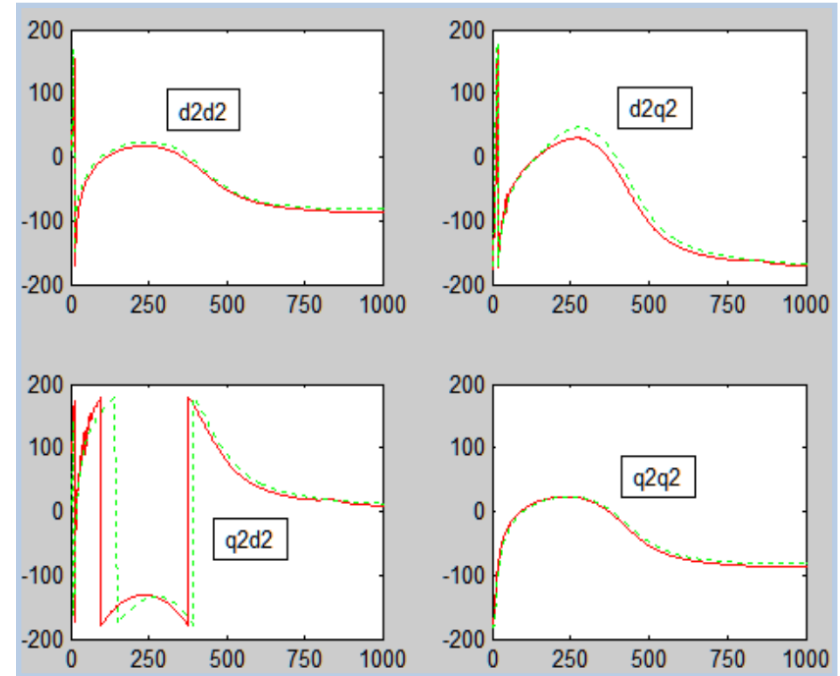
- The magnitudes and phases of the two-port measured impedance for inverter 1 obtained from PSCAD (red curve) are matching well with those obtained from RTDS (green curve)

4.3 Comparison of Impedance Measurement for Inverter 2

Magnitudes of measured impedance for inverter 2



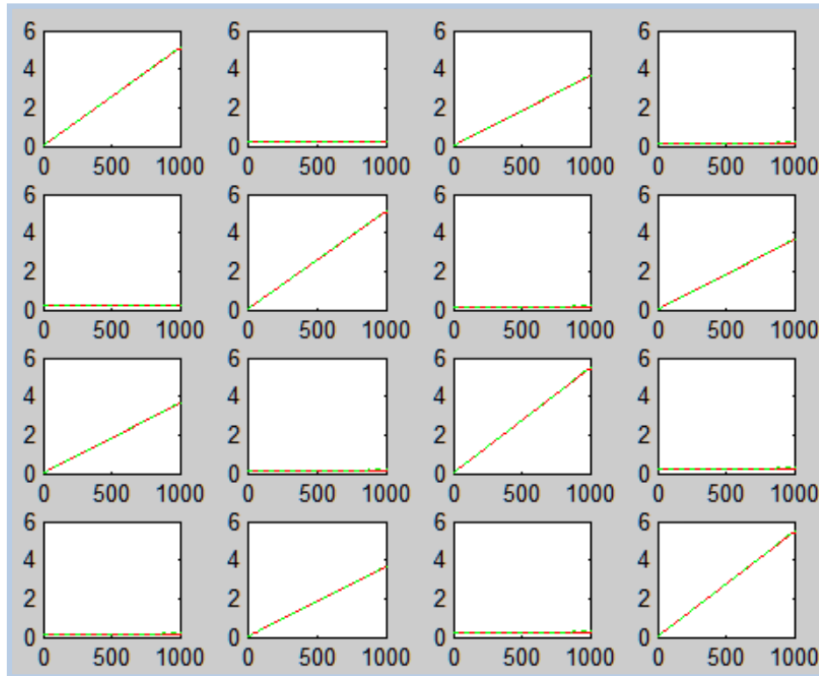
Phases of measured impedance for inverter 2



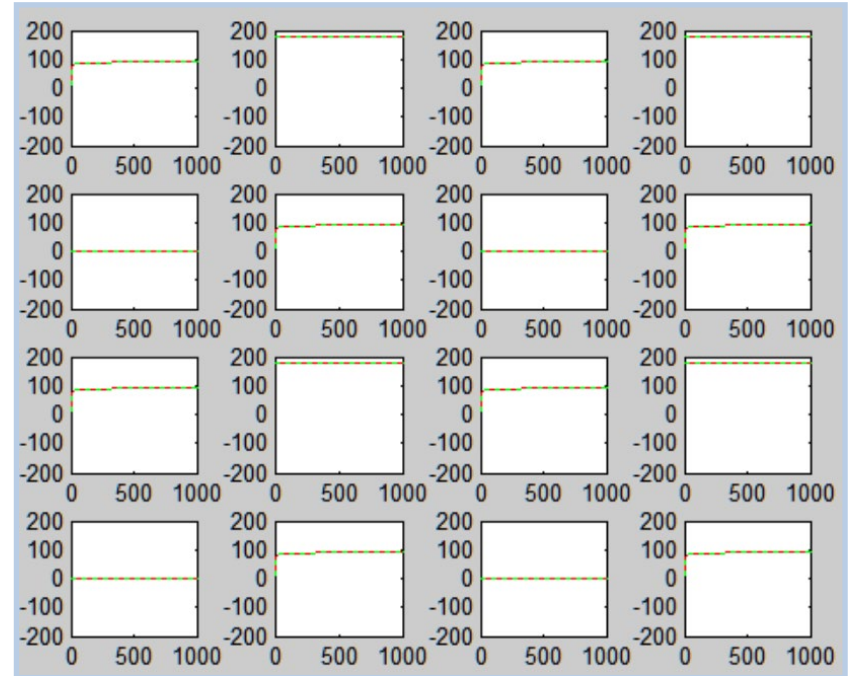
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4.4 Comparison of Impedance Measurement for Ac Grid

Magnitudes of measured impedance for ac grid



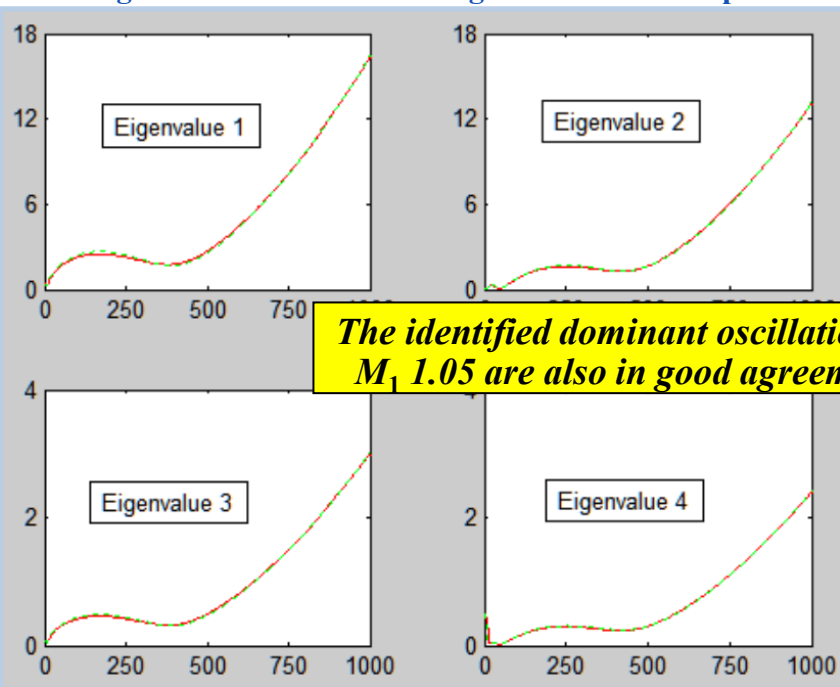
Phases of measured impedance for ac grid



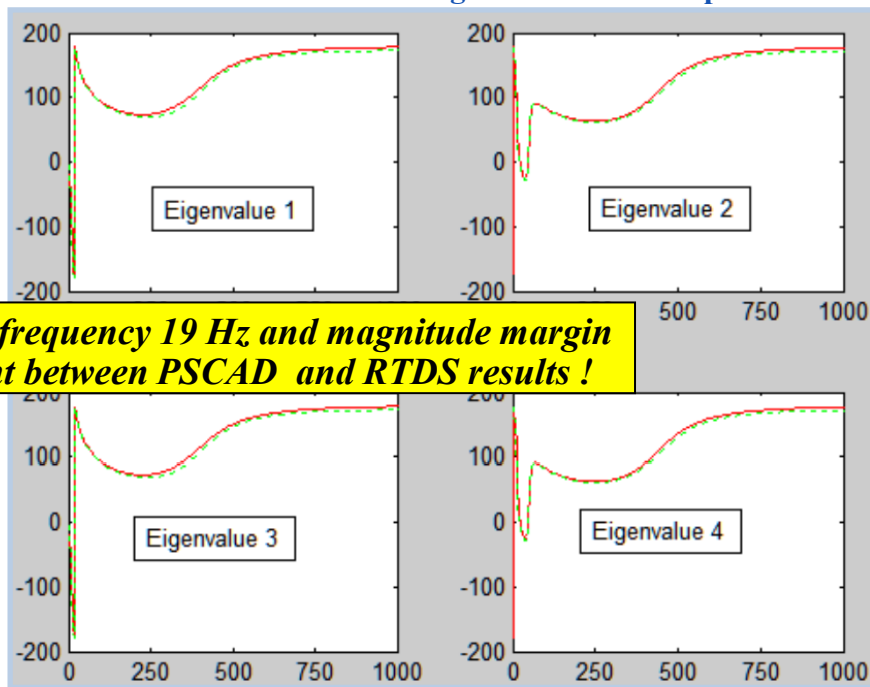
- The magnitudes and phases of the two-port measured impedance for ac grid obtained from PSCAD (red curve) are matching well with those obtained from RTDS (green curve)

4.5 Comparison of Bode Plots

Magnitudes of calculated 4 eigenvalues in Bode plot



Phases of calculated 4 eigenvalues in Bode plot



The identified dominant oscillation frequency 19 Hz and magnitude margin M_1 1.05 are also in good agreement between PSCAD and RTDS results !

- The magnitudes and phases of eigenvalues from $H_{ol_dq1}(s)$ obtained from PSCAD (red curve) are matching well with those obtained from RTDS (green curve)

Conclusion and Future Work

- ❑ The developed multi-port impedance measurement tool in RTDS suitable for CHIL implementation can be applied for **identification of dominant oscillation frequency, stability margin, and critical converter**
- ❑ The developed tool in RTDS has been **validated** by comparing measured impedances and stability analysis **with the PSCAD/EMTDC program**
- ❑ The **further applications** of the developed tool will be conducted soon in more **practical engineering projects** with power electronic converters

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