

# General Introduction to Electromagnetic Transient Simulations - Mathematical Background and Common Applications

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# Introduction to the Fundamental Concepts of EMT Simulation and Circuit Solution Methods

- The key differences between EMT and RMS-type simulation solutions
- Electromagnetic transients in power systems
  - Characteristics
- Circuit equations and solution methods
  - State-space formulation
  - Dommel's method
- Techniques used for fast and accurate solutions
  - Sparse matrix
- Network Impedance Characteristics and transient response
- Practical simulation examples that highlight application areas

## Common Applications

- Cable, line, station insulation design
  - Switching Over-Voltage studies – Arrester ratings
  - Power System lightning performance – BIL
  - Temporary Overvoltage studies (TOV)
  - Breaker Transient Recovery Voltage (TRV)
- Wind and Solar PV integration studies
  - Performance during faults
  - Interaction with other devices near the POI
  - FACTS technologies to support wind
  - Application of HVDC transmission (VSC, LCC)
- System Harmonic and power quality analysis
- Protection modeling and testing
- Sub-Synchronous Resonance

# PSCAD/EMTDC – The Industry Standard EMT Program

The screenshot displays the PSCAD/EMTDC software interface. The main workspace shows a schematic diagram titled "400kV Reactor TRV Study Model". The schematic includes a power source (RL), a circuit breaker (C<sub>Lim</sub>), a reactor (L<sub>lim</sub>), and a limiting reactor (L<sub>lim</sub>). The circuit is connected to a busbar with a TRV (Transient Recovery Voltage) study model. The TRV study model consists of a series combination of a reactor (L<sub>lim</sub>) and a capacitor (C<sub>lim</sub>), with a limiting reactor (L<sub>lim</sub>) connected in parallel. The TRV study model is connected to a busbar with a TRV (Transient Recovery Voltage) study model. The TRV study model consists of a series combination of a reactor (L<sub>lim</sub>) and a capacitor (C<sub>lim</sub>), with a limiting reactor (L<sub>lim</sub>) connected in parallel. The TRV study model is connected to a busbar with a TRV (Transient Recovery Voltage) study model.

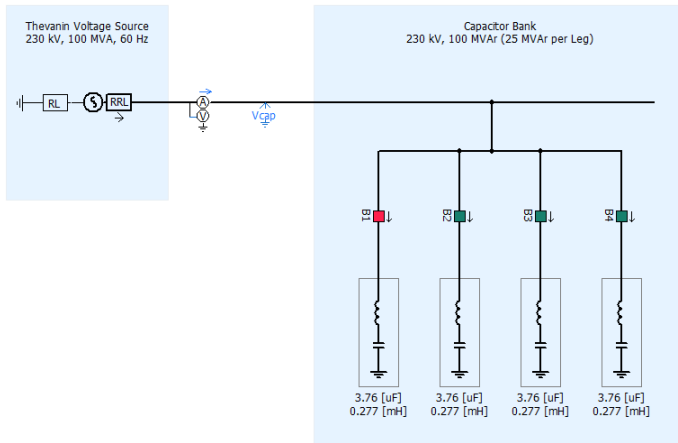
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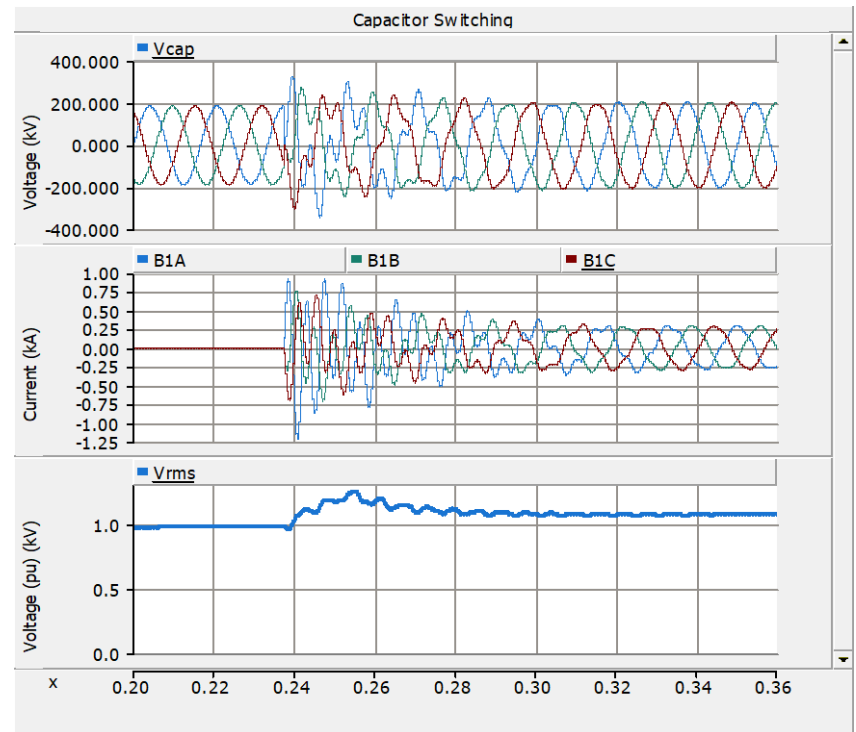
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# EMT Solution



In an EMT simulation, the instantaneous values are calculated by solving time domain circuit equations.

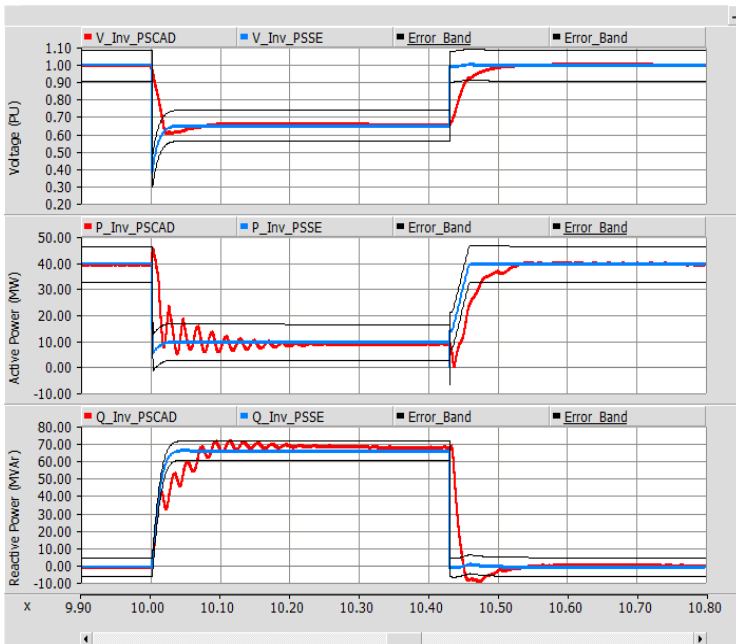
- RMS quantities are derived from the instantaneous solution.



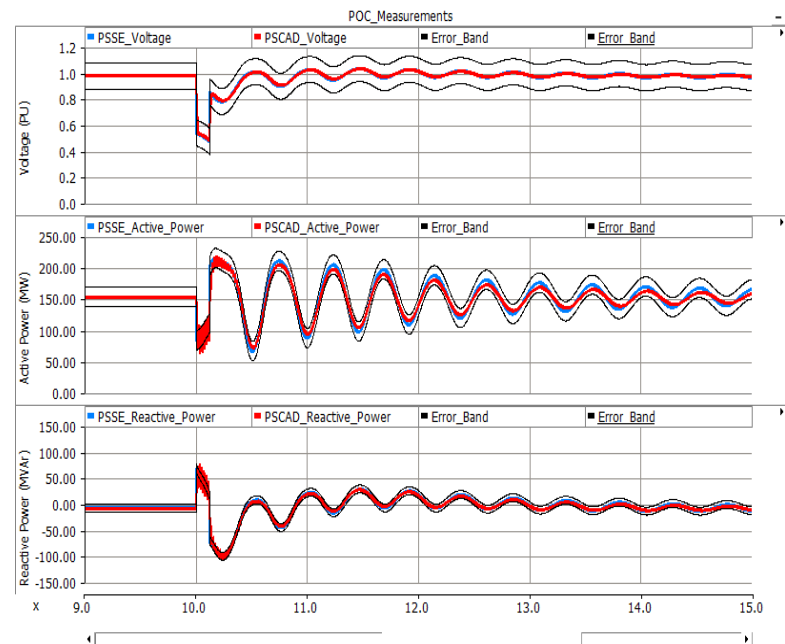
# EMT and RMS Type Simulation Results

The results (even RMS quantities) are derived from two different methods of mathematical circuit solution techniques

## Wind farm fault ride through

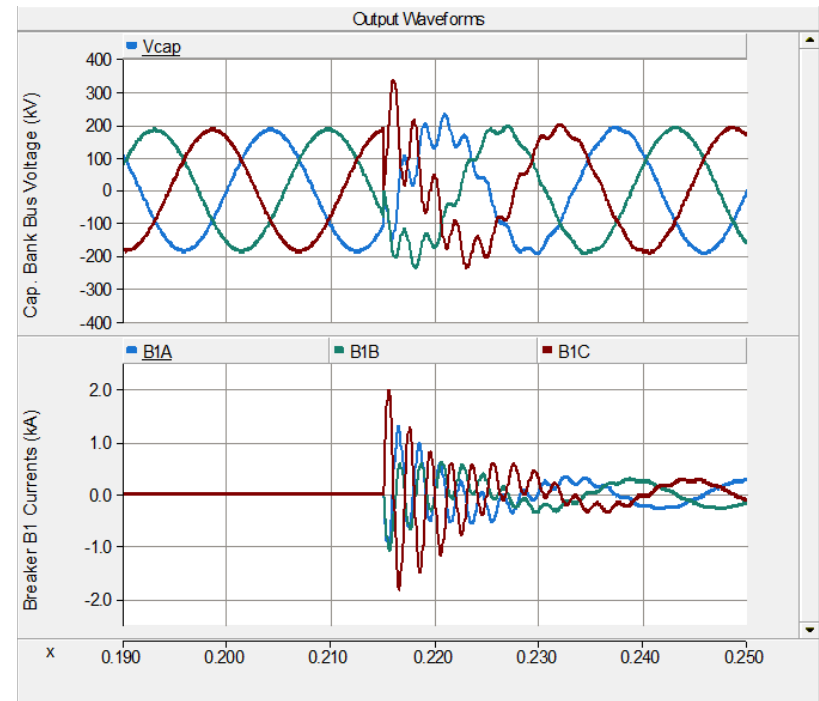
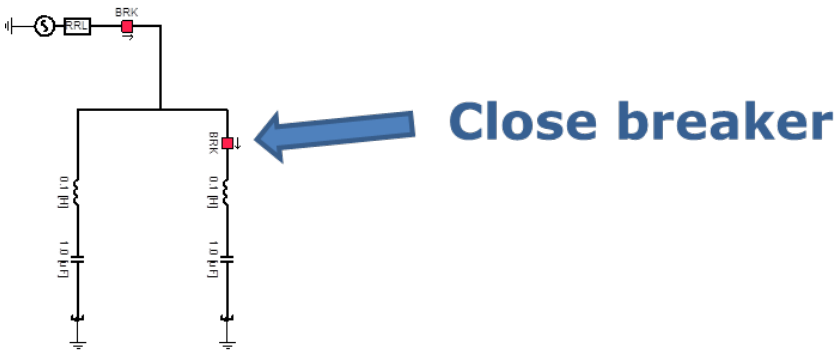


## Synchronous generator fault ride through



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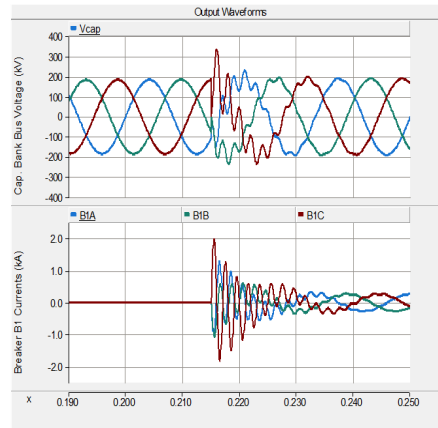
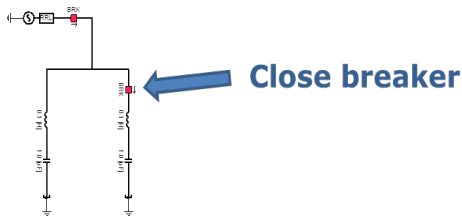
- The energy exchange between L-C causes the oscillatory transient.
- Resistance in the circuit acts to damp the transient.

Transients are initiated due to a change to the network topology

- Switching Events
- Faults and fault clearance
- Lightning
- Others

Electromagnetic Transients – General characteristics

- High frequency oscillations  $\Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{L \cdot C}} = 503.292$
- Damped (short duration)  $\Rightarrow$  loads and losses

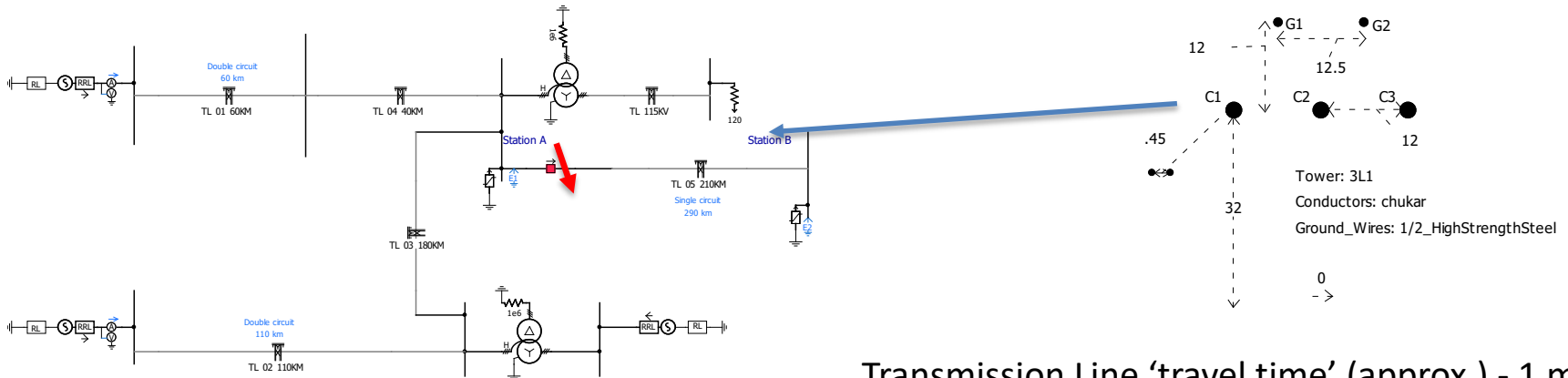


Steady state solution

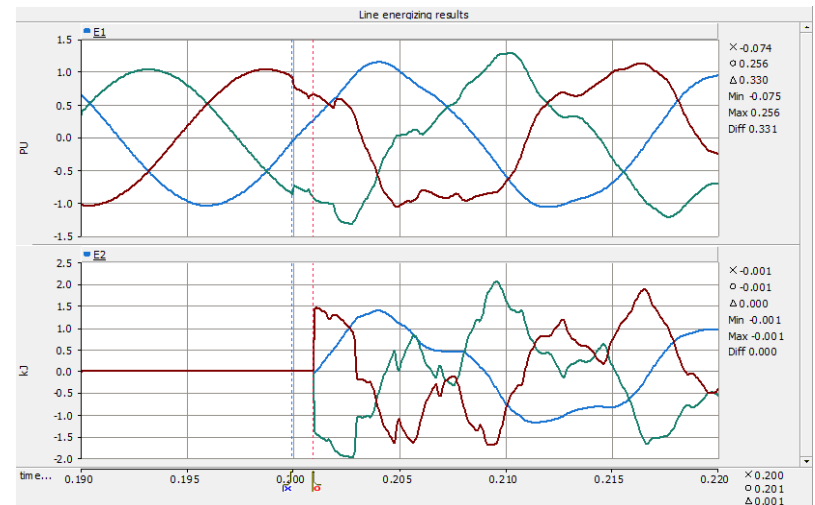
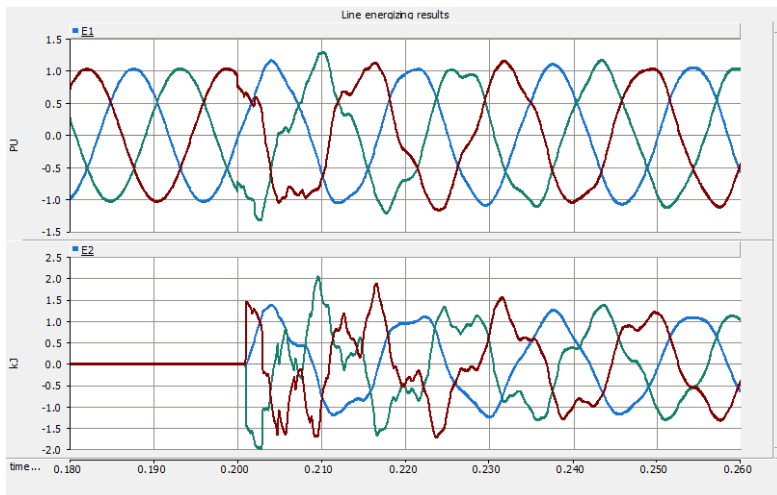
- RMS Value of voltages and currents
  - Magnitude and phase



# Electromagnetic Transients in Power Systems - Characteristics



Transmission Line 'travel time' (approx.) - 1 ms



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# EMT and RMS simulation – Main differences

## Transients and Steady State Solution

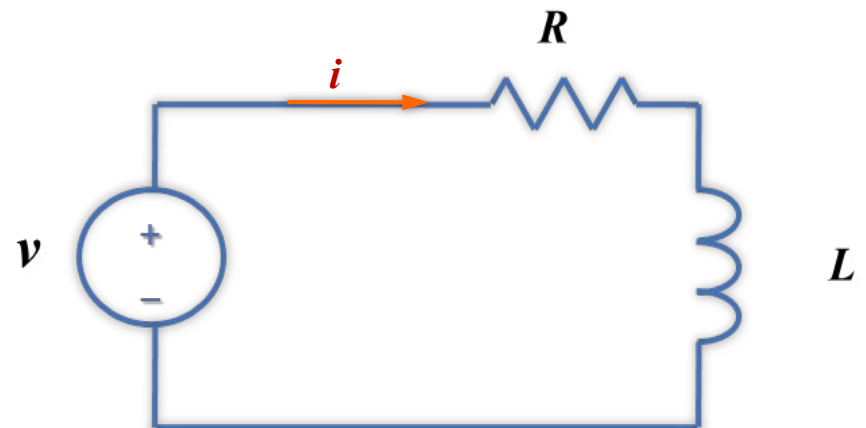
- Load Flow / Transient Stability
  - Each solution based on phasor calculations
    - PSSE, ETAP, PSLF, BPA
- Electro-Magnetic Transients
  - Direct time domain solution of Differential Equations
    - PSCAD, RTDS

$$V(\omega) = R \cdot I(\omega) + j(L\omega) \cdot I(\omega)$$



- 50 Hz solution on network side
- Good for low frequency electro mechanical oscillation studies.
- Difficult to represent power electronic converter response (wind, PV)
- Cannot represent ac system resonances

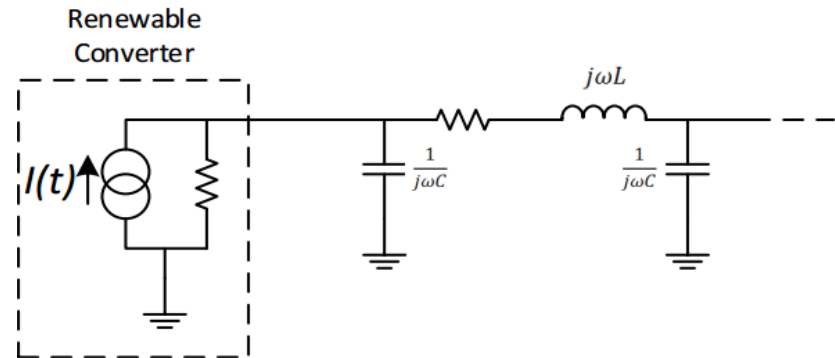
$$v(t) = R \cdot i(t) + L \frac{d}{dt} i(t)$$



# Transients and Steady State Solution

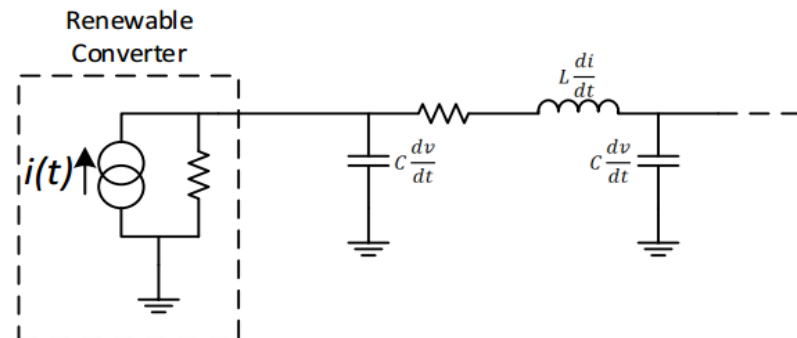
## RMS

- Assume quasi-steady state
- Network transients neglected
- Fundamental phasor solution
- Positive sequence
- Large network possible

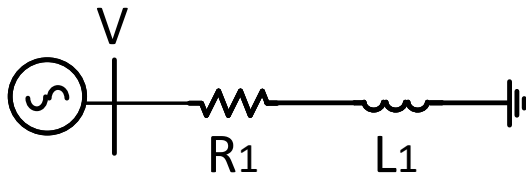


## EMT

- Consider differential equations
- Numerical integration substitution
- Upper freq. depends on simulation time step (0~MHz)



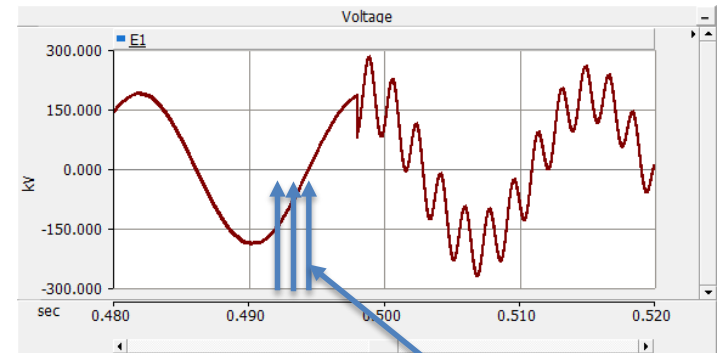
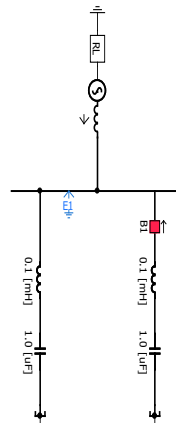
# Time Domain Solution of Circuit Equations



$$V = L \frac{dI}{dt} + R.I$$

$$\frac{V + V_0}{2} = \frac{L}{\Delta t} (I - I_0) + \frac{R}{2} (I + I_0)$$

$$V + V_0 = \frac{2L}{\Delta t} (I - I_0) + R(I + I_0)$$



Circuit equations solved at time intervals -  $\Delta t$

RMS Type Solution

$$V + \left[ V_0 + \frac{2LI_0}{\Delta t} - R * I_0 \right] = I \left( R + \frac{2L}{\Delta t} \right)$$

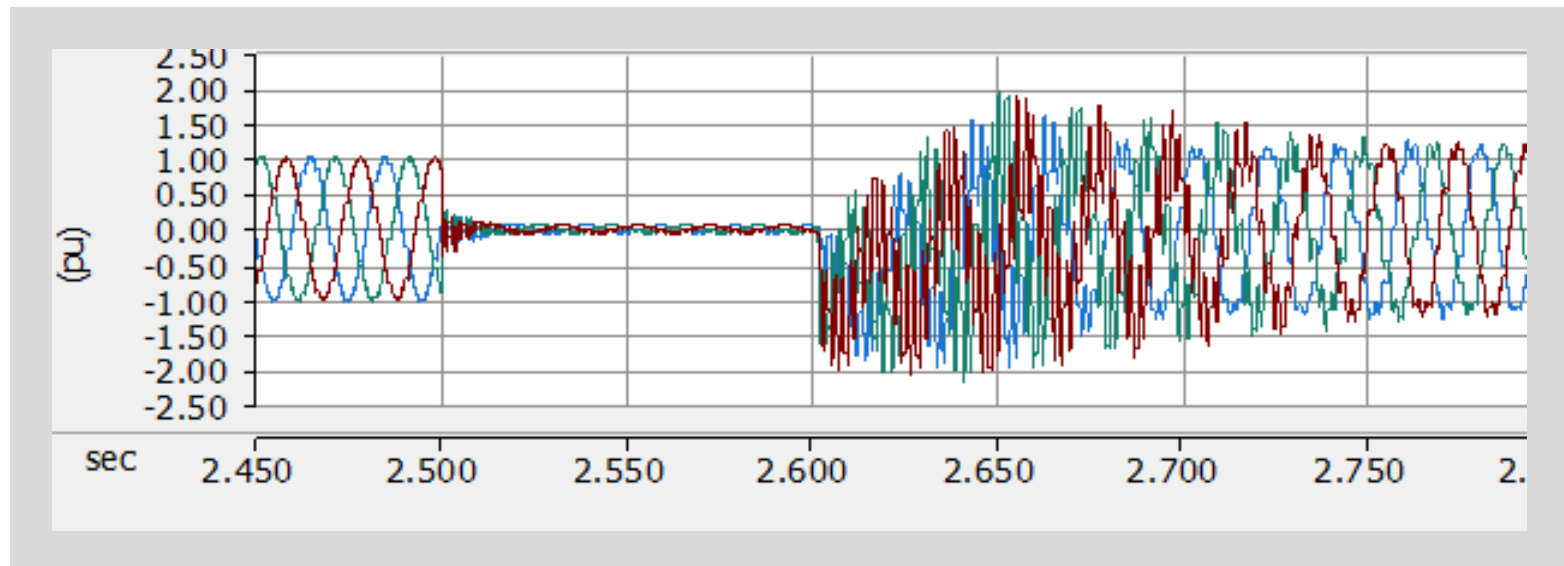
$$V = j.X.I + R.I$$

$$X = 2\pi f_0$$

## EMT Vs RMS Response

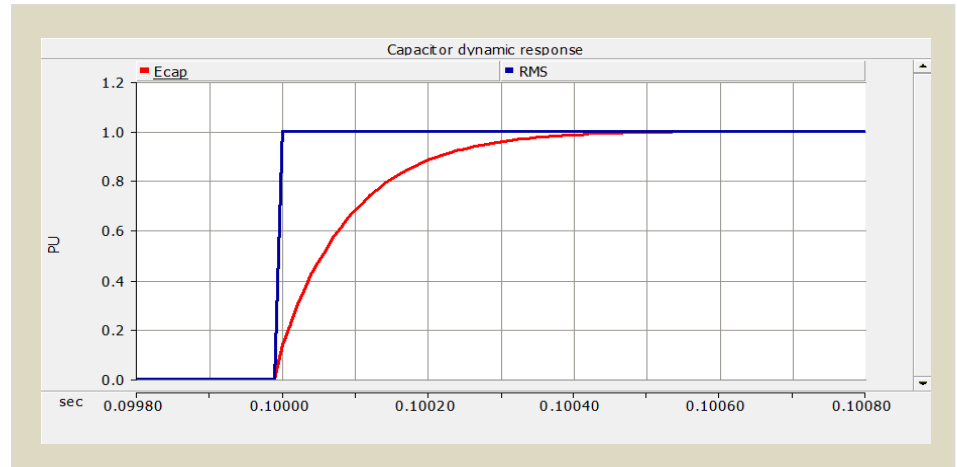
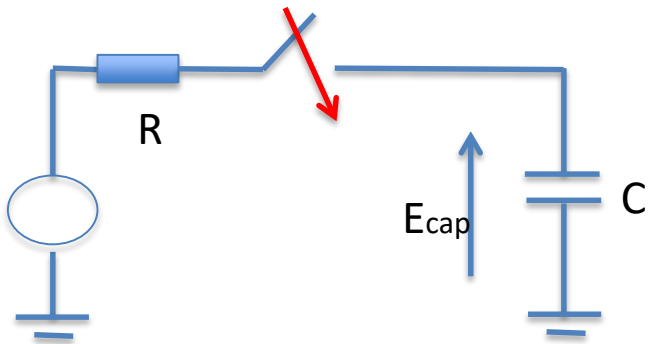
- Network (electric circuit) dynamics
  - Harmonics are represented
  - DC offset in currents and voltages are represented
- Fast controls of inverters can be better represented
- Interaction between fast acting power electronic devices can be studied

However, EMT simulations are slow compared to RMS type simulations

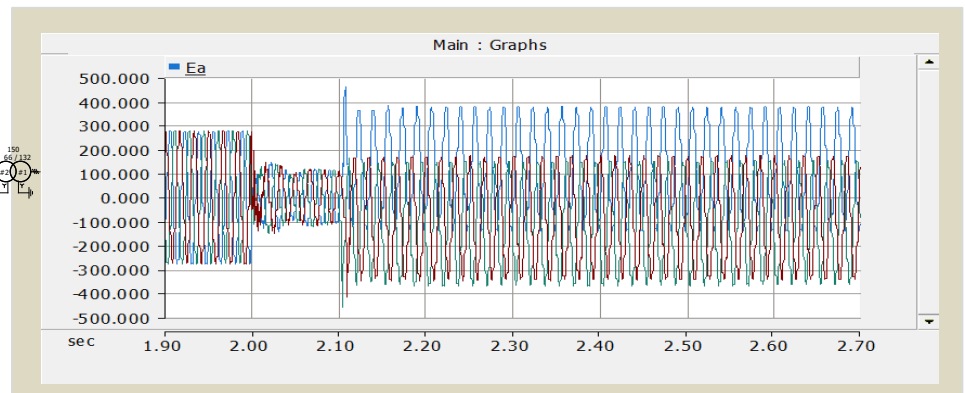
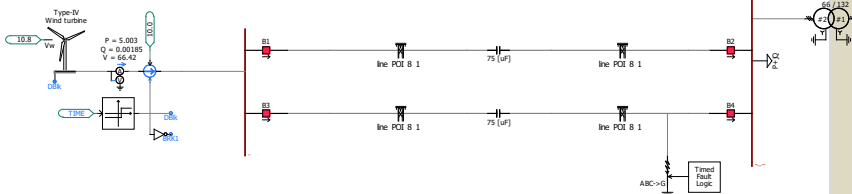


# EMT Vs RMS Response – Capacitive Circuits

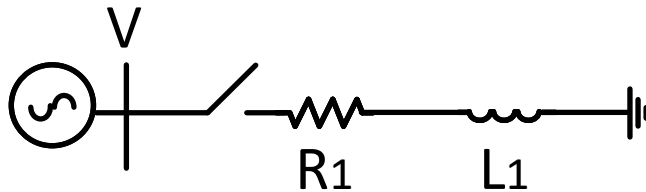
## Capacitor voltage response



## Series compensation

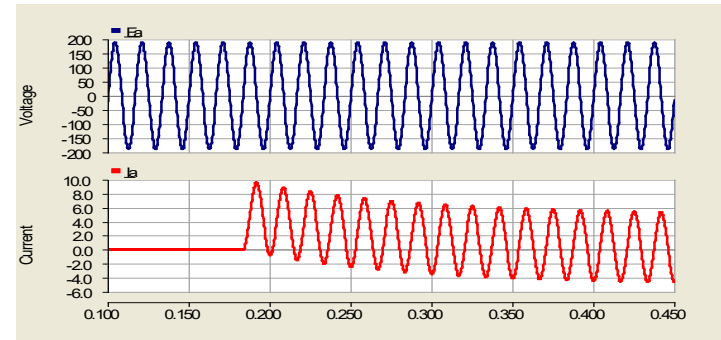
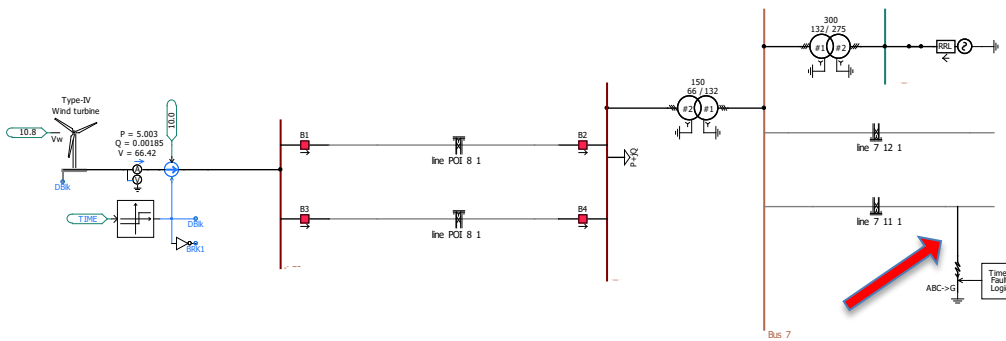


# EMT Vs RMS Response – Inductive Circuits



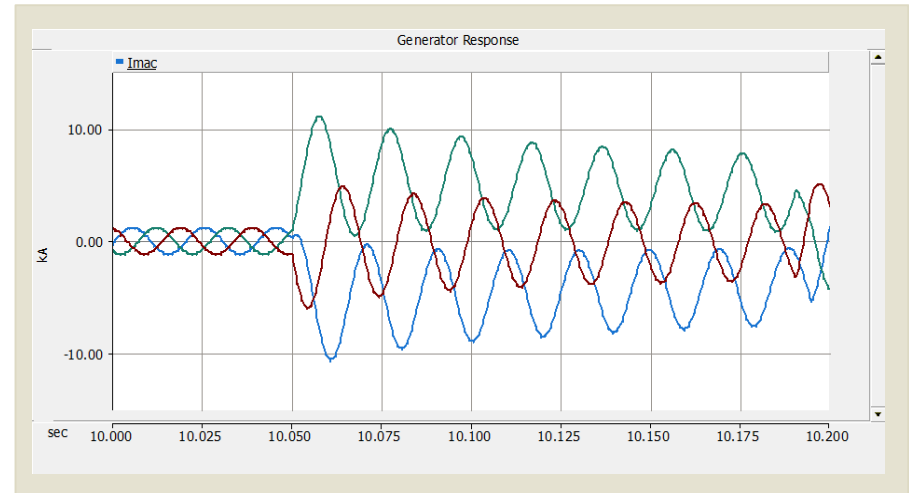
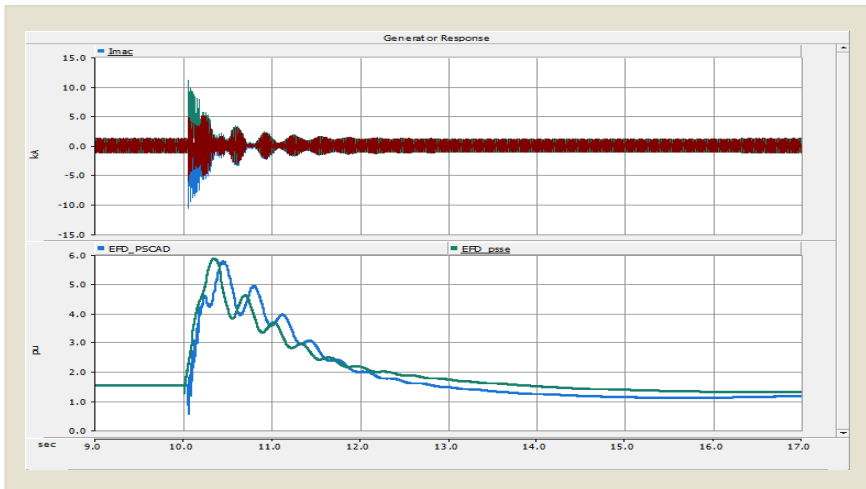
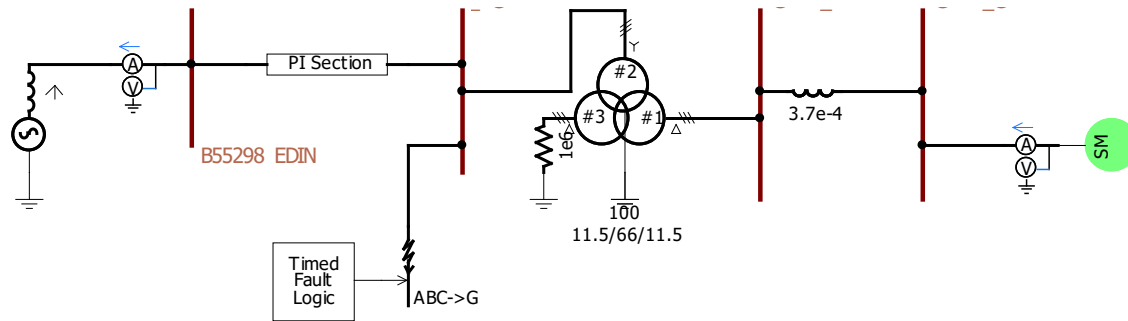
$$V = L \frac{di}{dt} + R.i$$

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

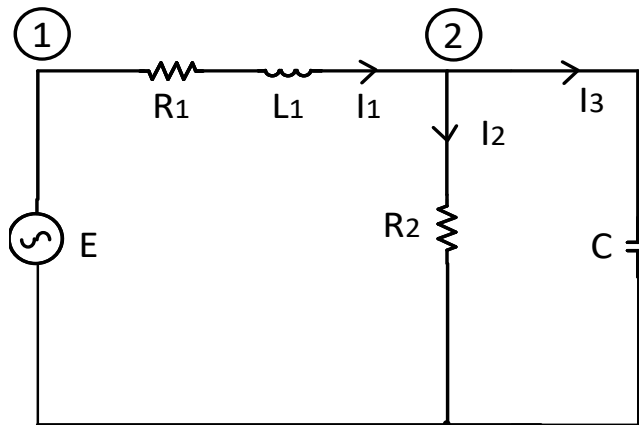




# EMT Vs RMS response – Synchronous Machine Response



# EMT Solution Methods: Circuit Equations – In State-Space form

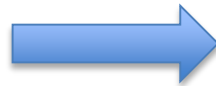


$$E = I_1 \cdot R_1 + L_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} + V_2$$

$$V_2 = I_2 \cdot R_2$$

$$I_3 = C \frac{dV_2}{dt}$$

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3$$

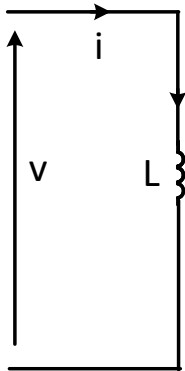


$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dV_2}{dt} \\ \frac{dI_1}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{C} \\ R_2 C & -R_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_2 \\ I_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ E \\ L \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\dot{X}] = [A][X] + [B][U]$$

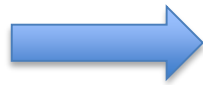
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Hermann W Dommel : Any circuit element may be represented using equivalent resistors and current sources



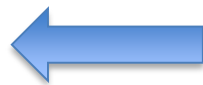
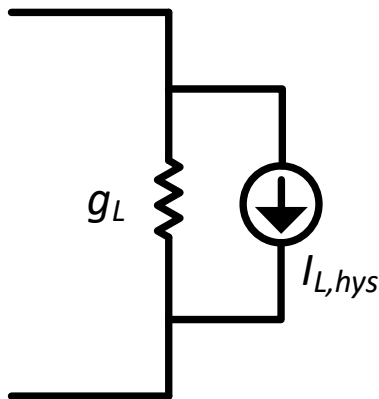
$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^v v dt$$



$$i(t) = i(t - \Delta t) + \frac{1}{L} \left[ \frac{v(t) + v(t - \Delta t)}{2} \right] \Delta t$$

$$i(t) = i(t - \Delta t) + \frac{\Delta t}{2L} v(t - \Delta t) + \frac{\Delta t}{2L} v(t)$$

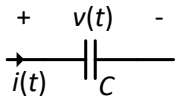


$$i(t) = i_{L,hys} + g_L \cdot v(t)$$

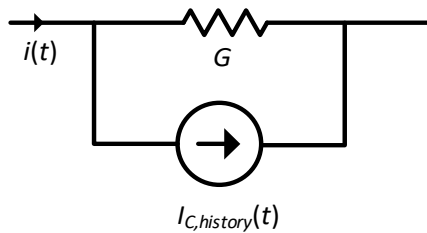
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## Capacitor



$$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$$

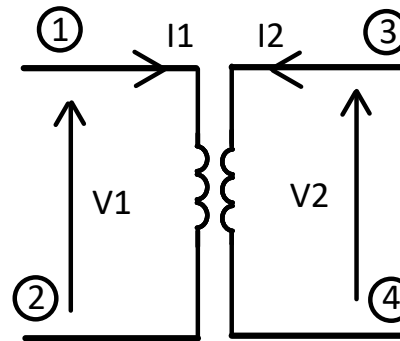


where,

$$G = \frac{2C}{\Delta t}$$

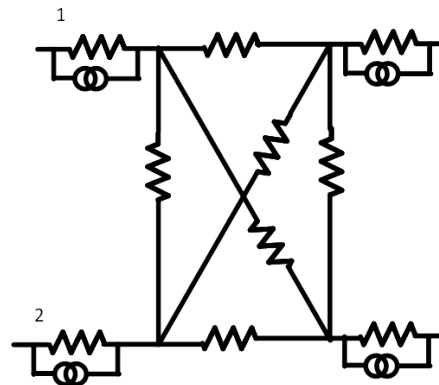
$$I_{C,history}(t) = -i(t - \Delta t) - Gv(t - \Delta t)$$

## Transformer – Magnetically coupled windings



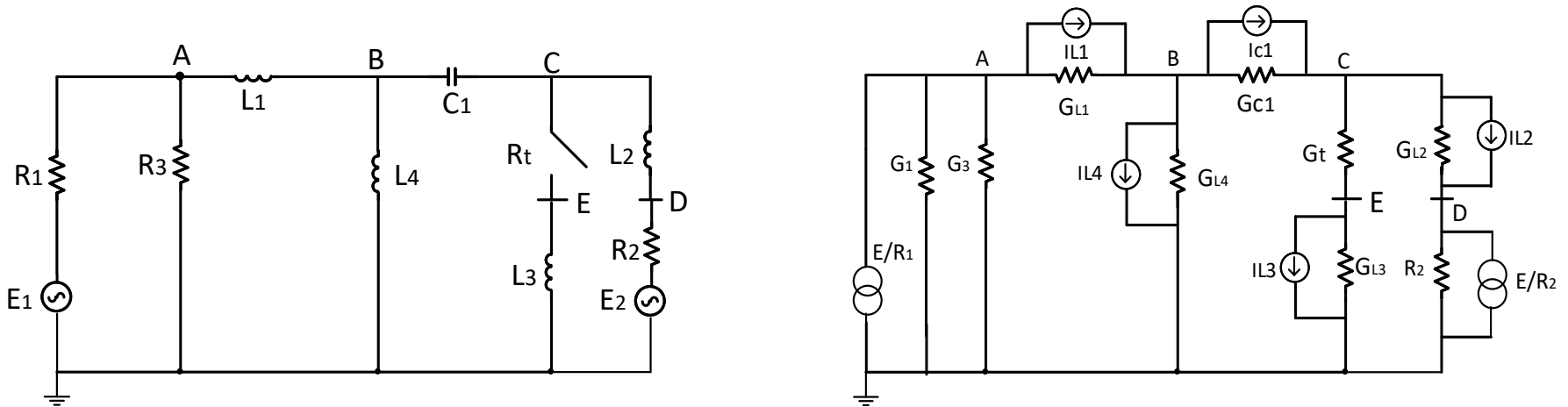
$$V_1 = L_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} + M \frac{dI_2}{dt}$$

$$V_2 = L_2 \frac{dI_2}{dt} + M \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$



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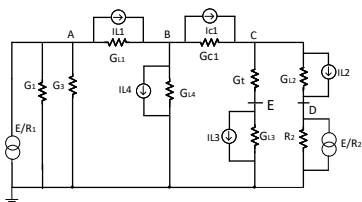


$$[I]_{nx1} = [Y]_{nxn}[V]_{nx1}$$

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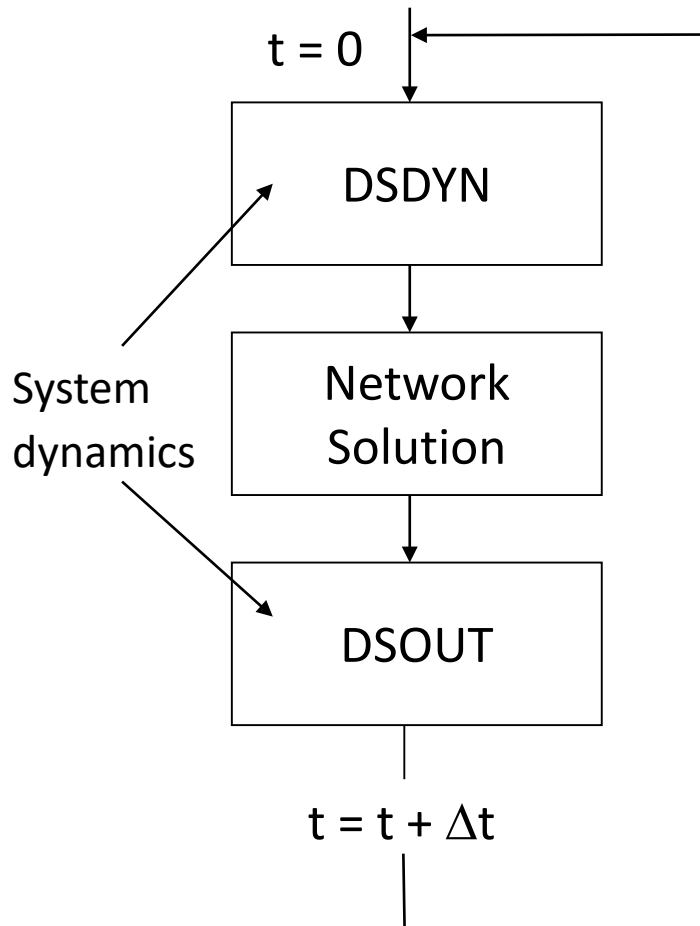


$$\begin{bmatrix} V_A \\ V_B \\ V_C \\ V_D \\ V_E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (G_1 + G_3 + G_{L1}) & -G_{L1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -G_{L1} & (G_{L1} + G_{L4} + G_{C1}) & -G_{C1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -G_{C1} & (G_{C1} + G_t + G_{L2}) & -G_{L2} & -G_t \\ 0 & 0 & -G_{C1} & (G_2 + G_{L2}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -G_t & 0 & (G_t + G_3) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_1}{R_1} - I_{L1} \\ I_{L1} - I_{C1} - I_{L4} \\ I_{C1} - I_{L2} \\ I_{L2} - \frac{E_2}{R_2} \\ -I_{L3} \end{bmatrix}$$

## System Y Matrix

- Algebraic equation
- Note the large number of zero elements in the Y matrix
- If L,R and C elements are constant, elements of the Y matrix does not change

## EMT Solution Methods: Structure of EMTDC Solution Engine



### DSDYN

- Solves the electrical component models and control systems models
- Compute the history current terms before the network solution is solved

$$[I] = [Y] \cdot [V]$$

### DSOUT

- Output quantities after network solution is solved
  - Example: Compute RMS voltage, power.....

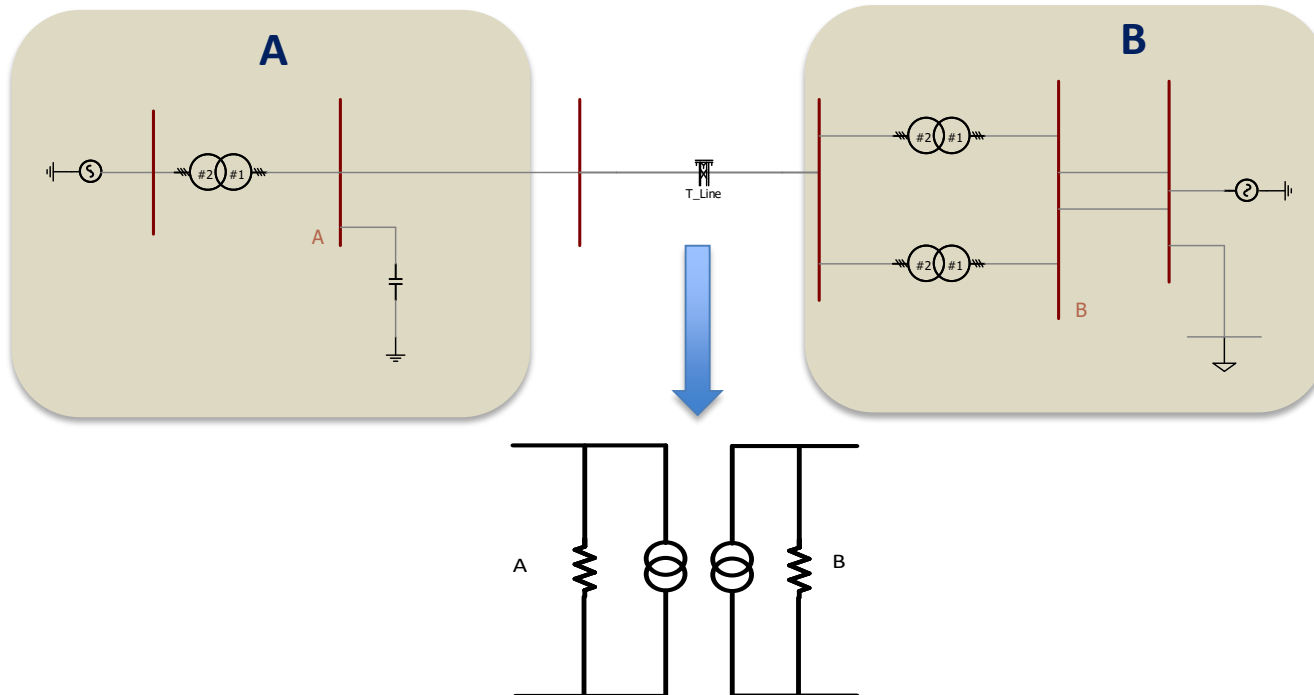
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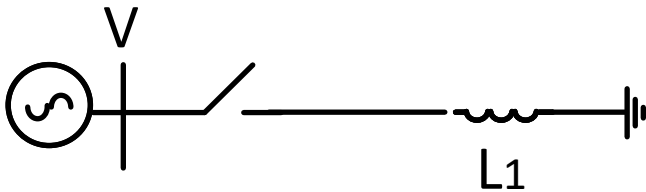
## Representing Transmission Lines and Cables



- Transmission lines have inherent 'propagation delays'
- The networks at the two ends are electrically 'de-coupled' due to the delay introduced by the line (over the duration of the calculation time step)
  - Ability to solve circuits A and B as independent circuits

# Parametric Analysis – Example: Point on Wave (POW) Impact

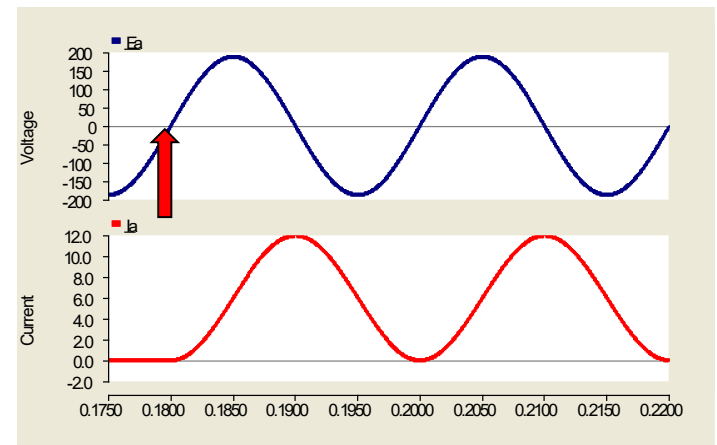
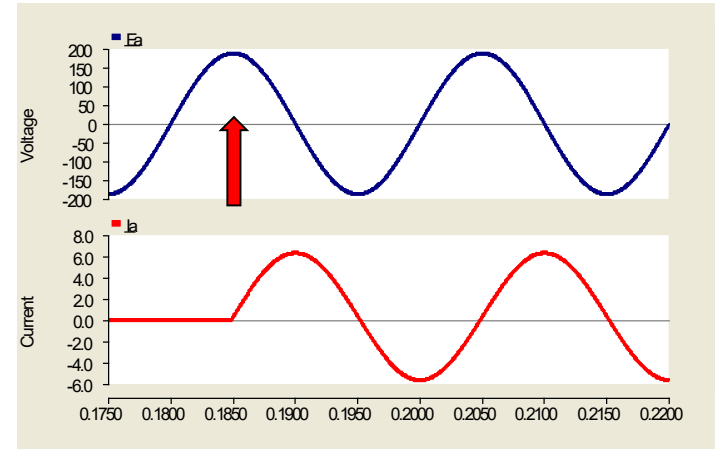
A simple example to illustrate the importance of ‘sensitivity’ analysis to find the ‘worst case’.



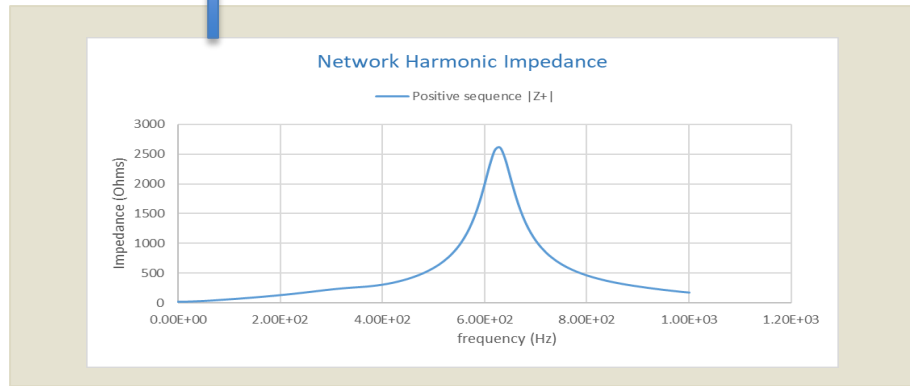
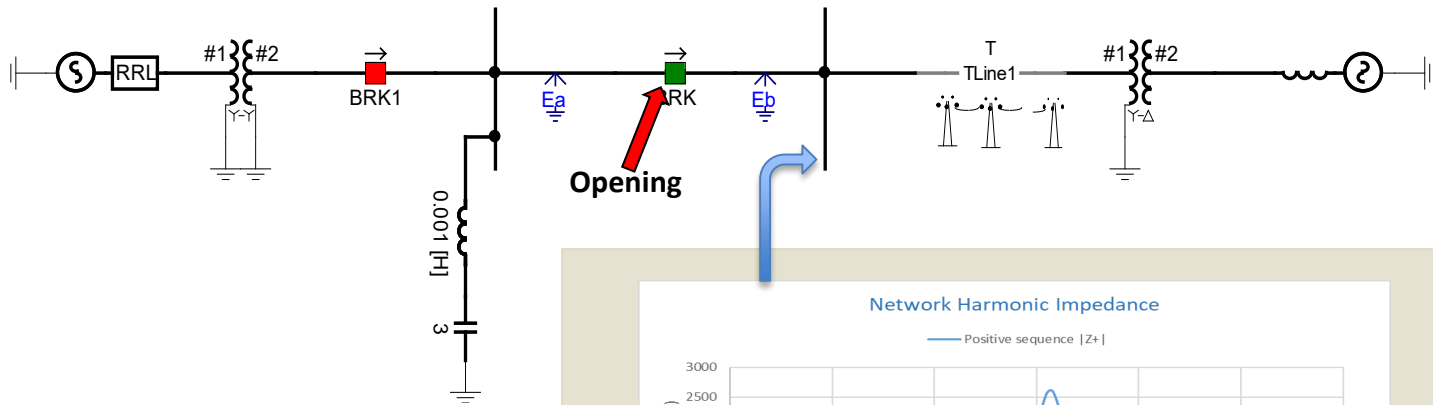
$$V = L \frac{di}{dt} \quad \longrightarrow \quad i = \frac{1}{L} \int V .dt$$

Integral is the area under the (voltage) curve

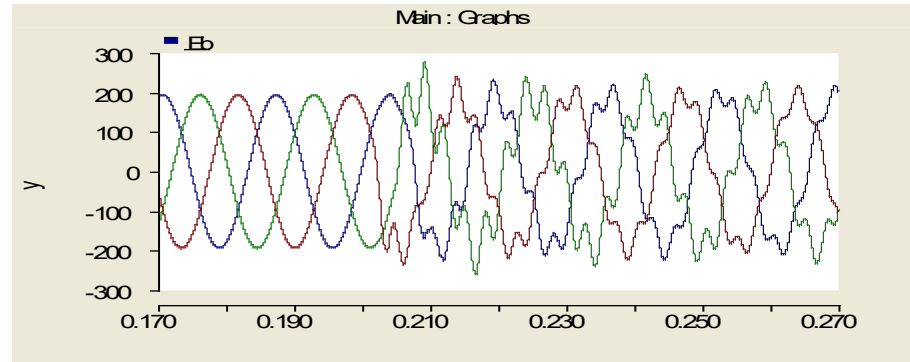
$$Area = \int V .dt$$



# Network Characteristics: Network Impedance Scans



Dominant frequencies in the transient waveform co-relate to network resonance points

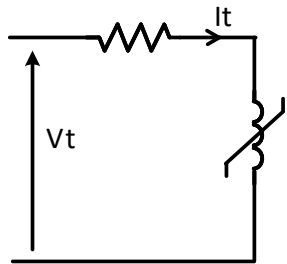


## Illustrative Simulation Examples

1. Capacitor Switching
2. Transient Recovery Voltage (TRV)
3. Line Energizing
4. Transformer Energizing
5. Lightning Overvoltage study example
6. Black Start restoration Study example
7. Ferro Resonance
8. Sub Synchronous Torsional Interactions (SSTI)
9. Wind/ PV Dynamic response
10. Synchronous machine response

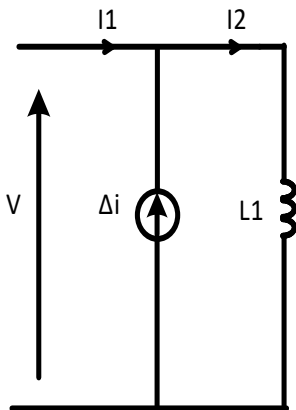
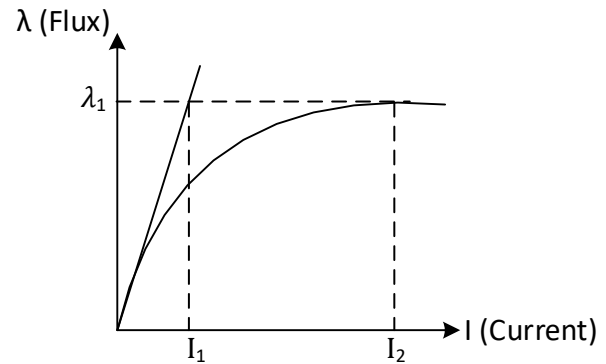
# Modeling Non-Linear Elements

An iron core inductor example (representing iron saturation) – represented with a linear inductor in shunt with a current source



$$V = N \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{d\lambda}{dt}$$

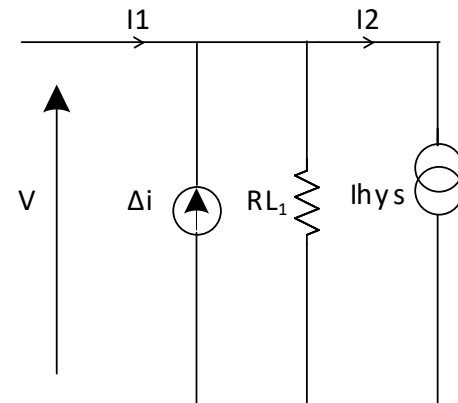
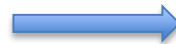
$$\lambda = \int V dt$$



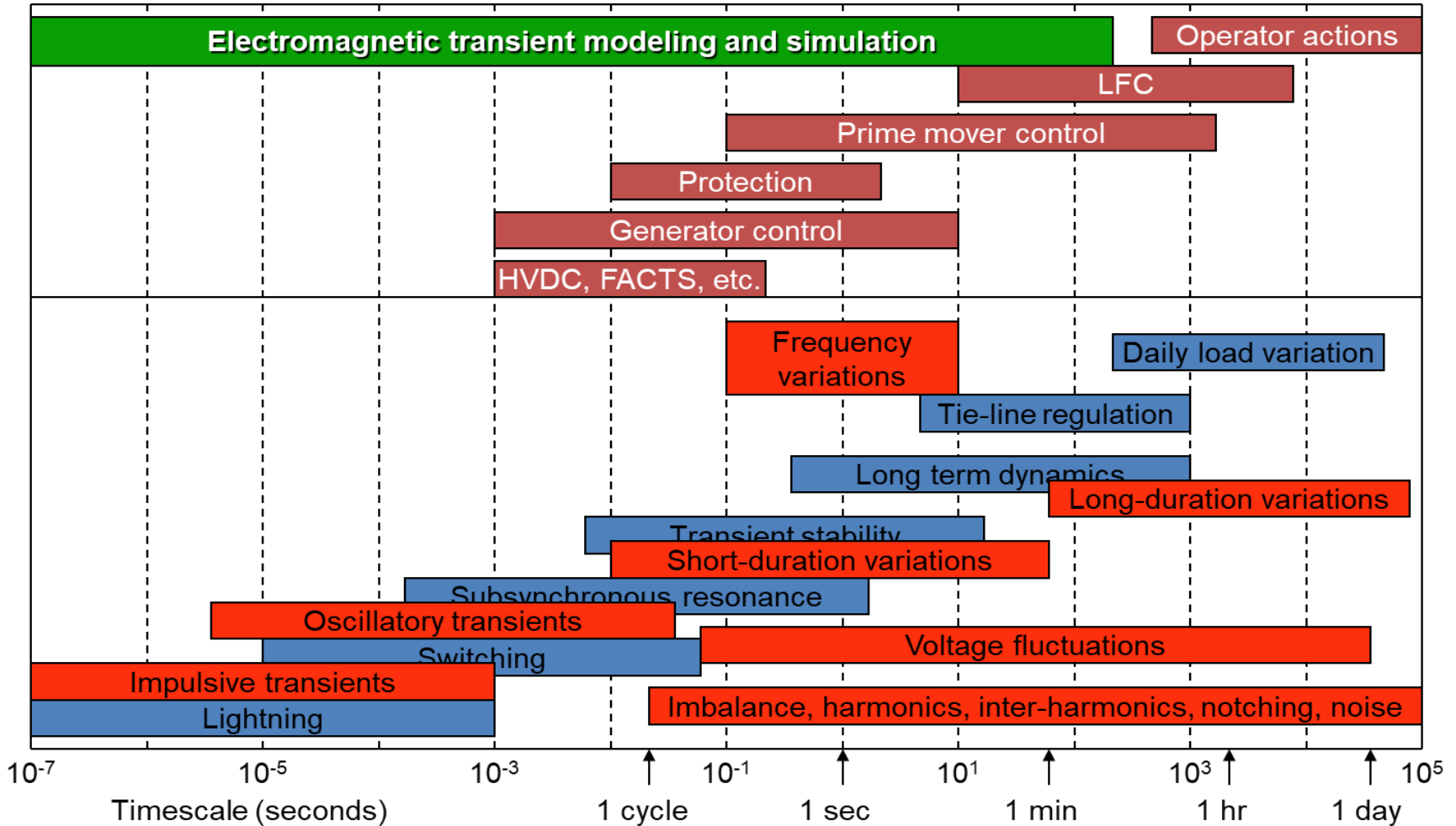
$$\Delta i = i_1 - i_2$$

$$L_1 = \frac{\lambda_1}{I_1}$$

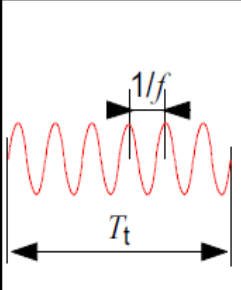
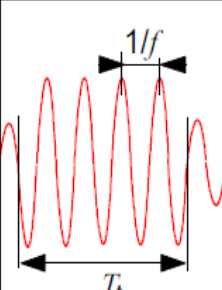
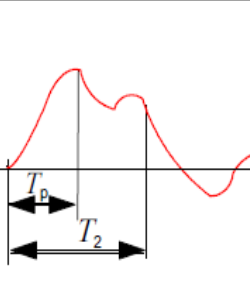
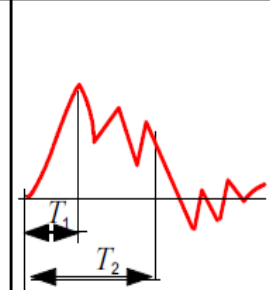
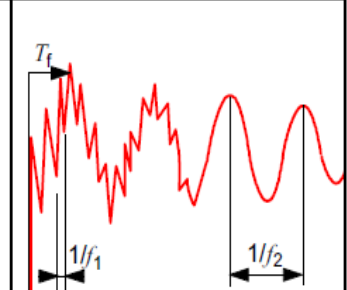
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# Time Scales of Power System Phenomena



# Characterization of Transient Phenomena

Class	Low frequency		Transient		
	Continuous	Temporary	Slow-front	Fast-front	Very-fast-front
Voltage or over-voltage shapes					
Range of voltage or over-voltage shapes	$f = 50 \text{ Hz or } 60 \text{ Hz}$ $T_t \geq 3\ 600 \text{ s}$	$10 \text{ Hz} < f < 500 \text{ Hz}$ $0,03 \text{ s} \leq T_t \leq 3\ 600 \text{ s}$	$20 \mu\text{s} < T_p \leq 5\ 000 \mu\text{s}$ $T_2 \leq 20 \text{ ms}$	$0,1 \mu\text{s} < T_1 \leq 20 \mu\text{s}$ $T_2 \leq 300 \mu\text{s}$	$3 \text{ ns} < T_f \leq 100 \text{ ns}$ $0,3 \text{ MHz} < f_1 < 100 \text{ MHz}$ $30 \text{ kHz} < f_2 < 300 \text{ kHz}$

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