

Electromagnetic Transients (EMT) Model Design based on Modular Multilevel Converter Mockup

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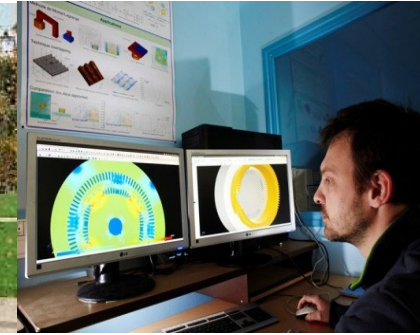
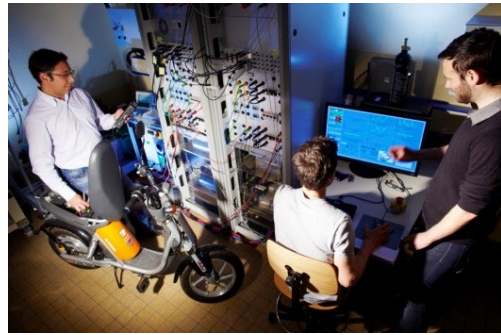
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Use of EMTP-RV in our Research Works

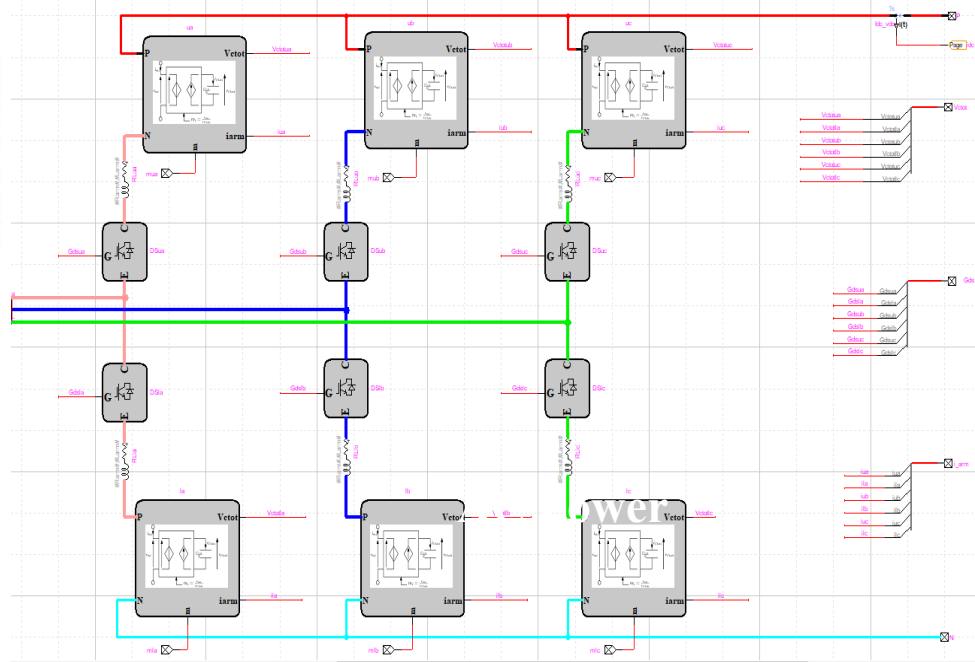
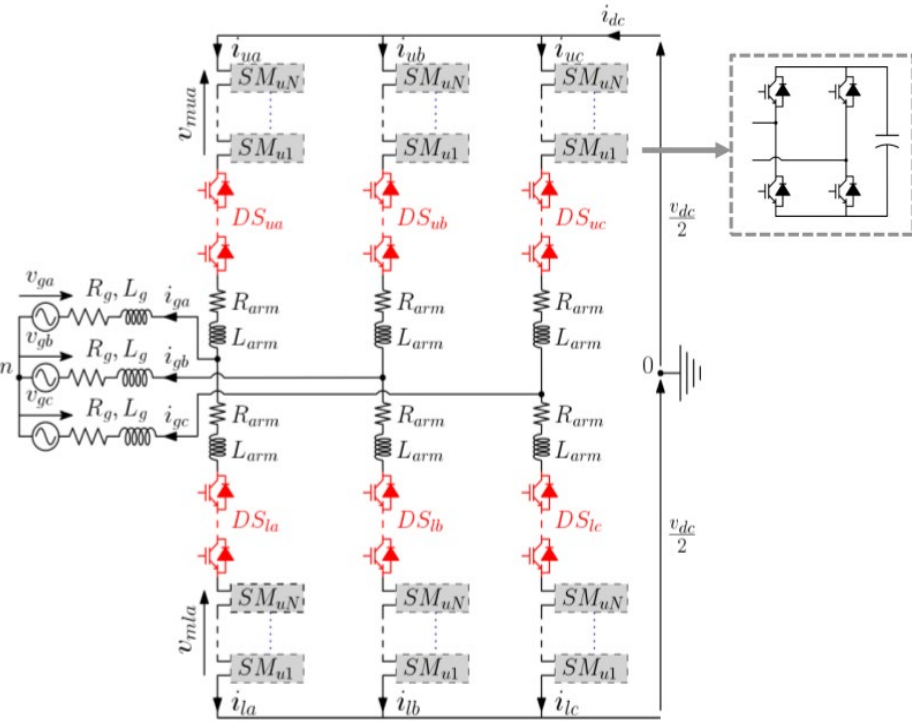
□ EMT Modeling based on High Voltage Applications

- VSC-HVDC system connected to ac grid;
- MMC-HVDC system connected to ac grid ;
- VSC/MMC based MTDC grid ;
- Alternate Arm Converter (AAC) Model;
- Modeling under normal and abnormal (fault) operating conditions

□ EMT Modeling based on scale down power system applications

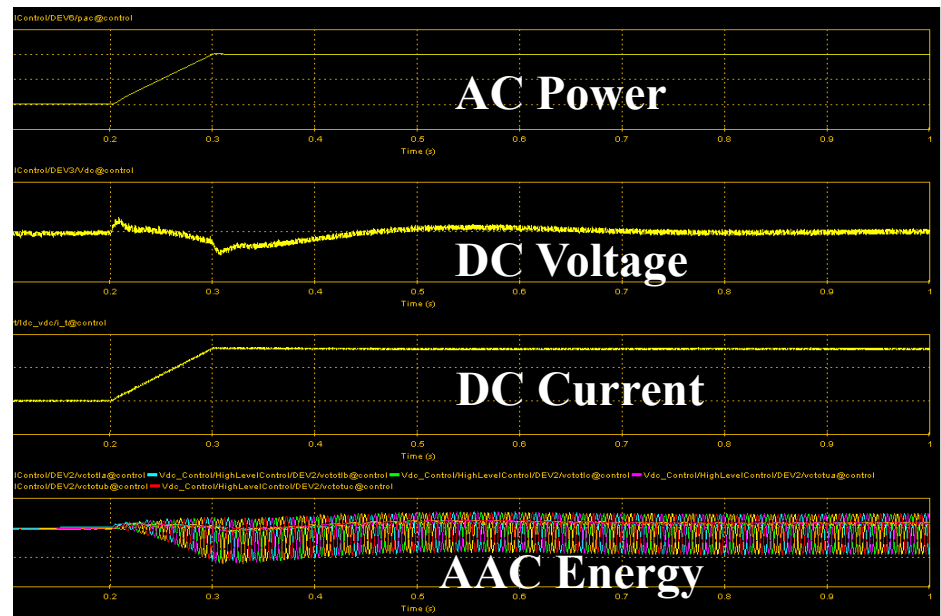
- Five Terminal VSC-MTDC grid;
- MMC-HVDC system ;
- ...

Example : Modeling of AAC using EMTF-RV



The AAC : Hybrid MMC/2-Level VSC

- High power capability (1 GW)
- Modular
- DC/AC Fault tolerant
- Compact

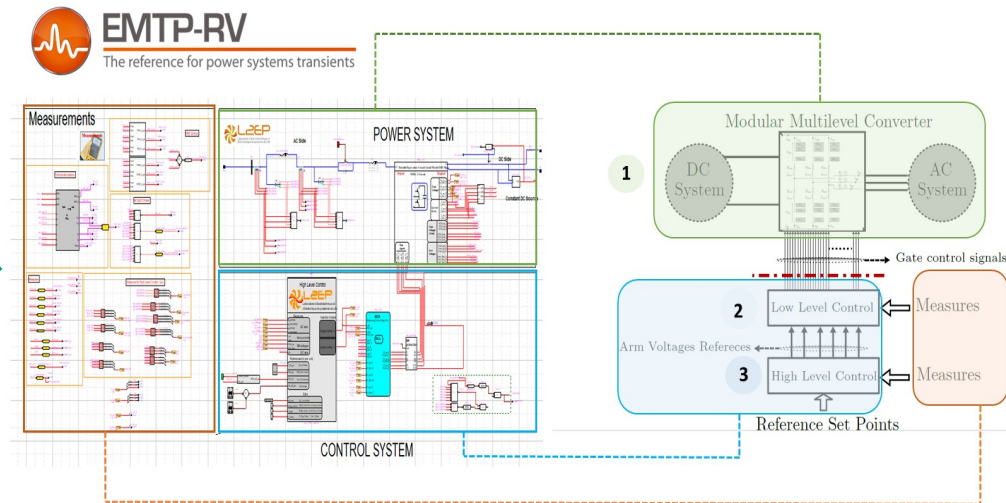


Introduction

The aim of this study is the conception and the development of a detailed EMT Model for MMC (Modular Multilevel Converter) based on experimental results obtained from a mock-up.



scaled down MMC prototype



How to exploit the performances of EMTP-RV simulation tools to develop a detailed model that represents accurately the behavior of a physical MMC.

Outline

I – MMC MOCKUP DESCRIPTION

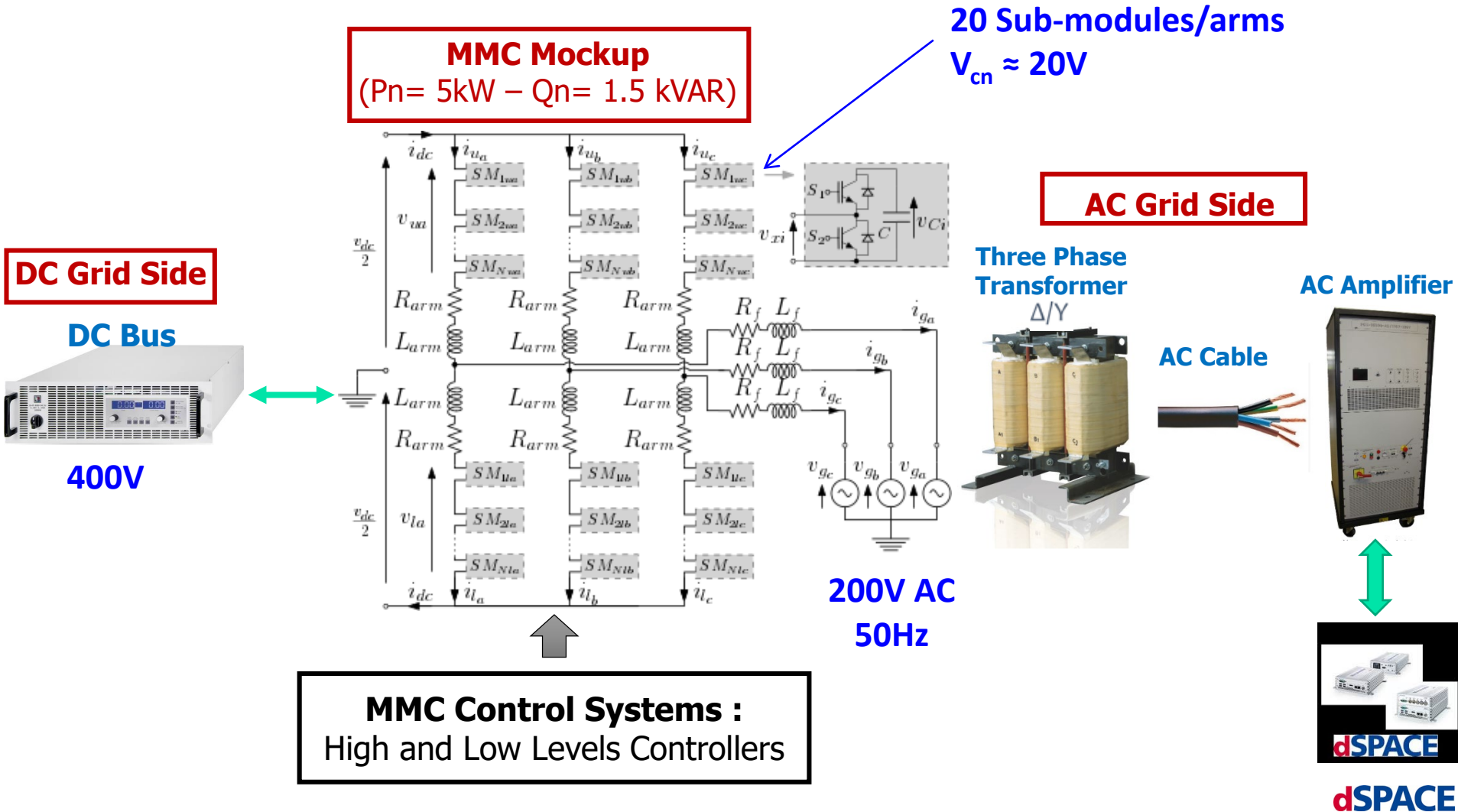
II – STEP BY STEP EMTP-RV MODEL DEVELOPMENT OF MMC MOCKUP

III – COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN EXPERIMENTAL AND SIMULATION RESULTS

IV – CONCLUSIONS AND SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

I. MMC MOCKUP DESCRIPTION

General Description of MMC Prototype and its environment



120 Sub-modules to drive 240 transistors to control
Complex topology = Complex control architecture



I. MMC MOCKUP DESCRIPTION

Distributed Control structure

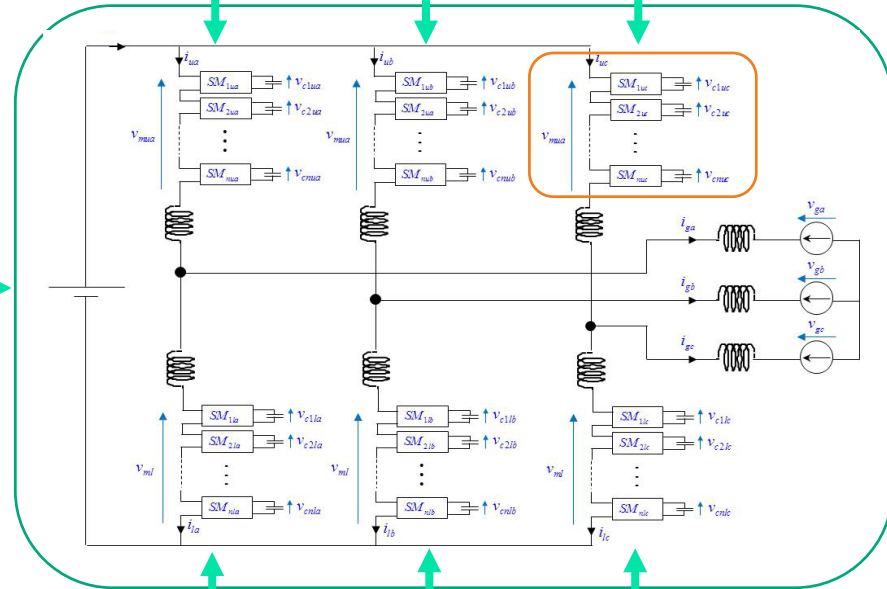
High Level Control + Start/Stop procedure



Monitoring

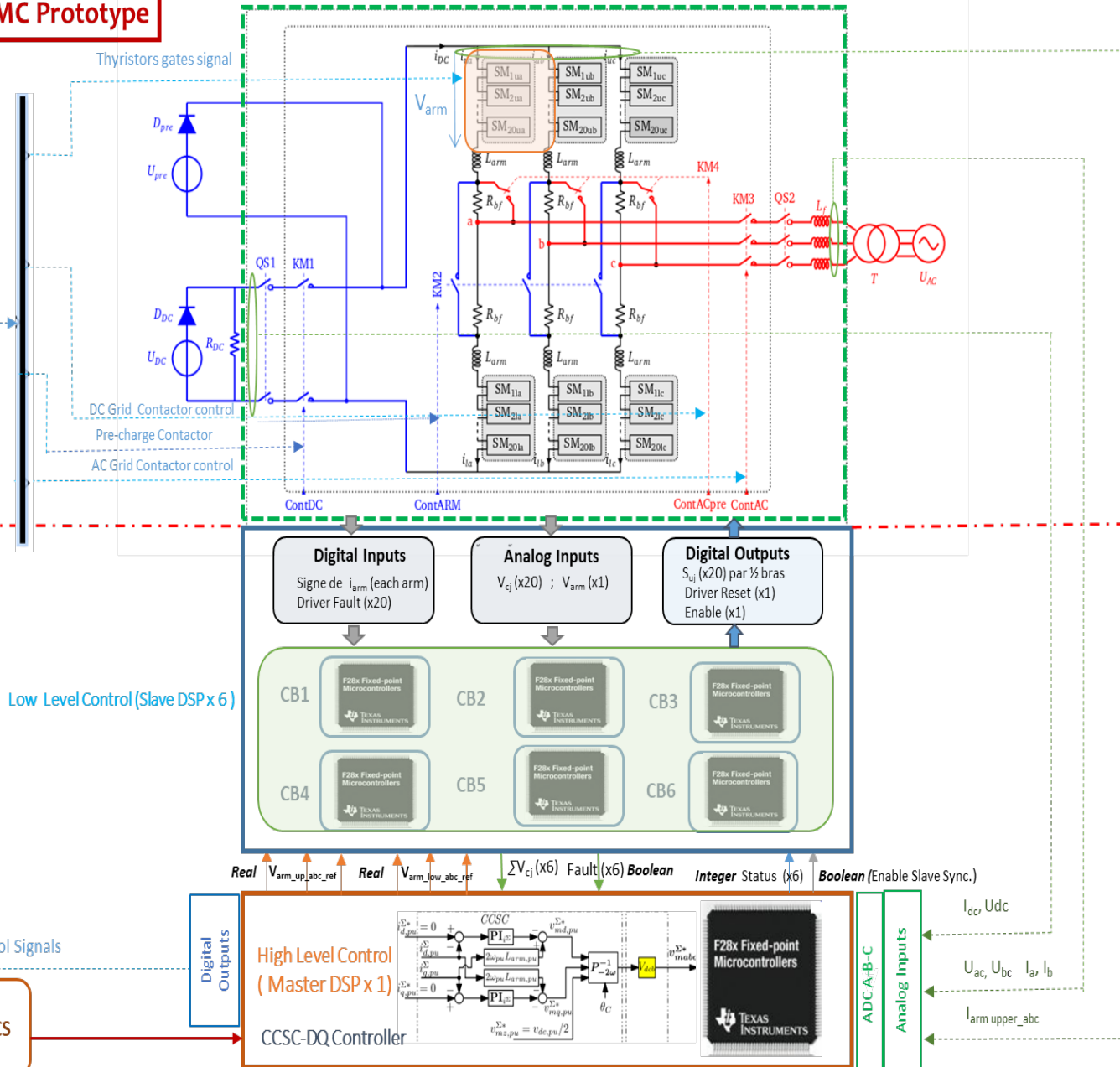


Low Level Control



I. MMC MOCKUP DESCRIPTION

Material Description of MMC Prototype



Power System (Mockup)

Control System

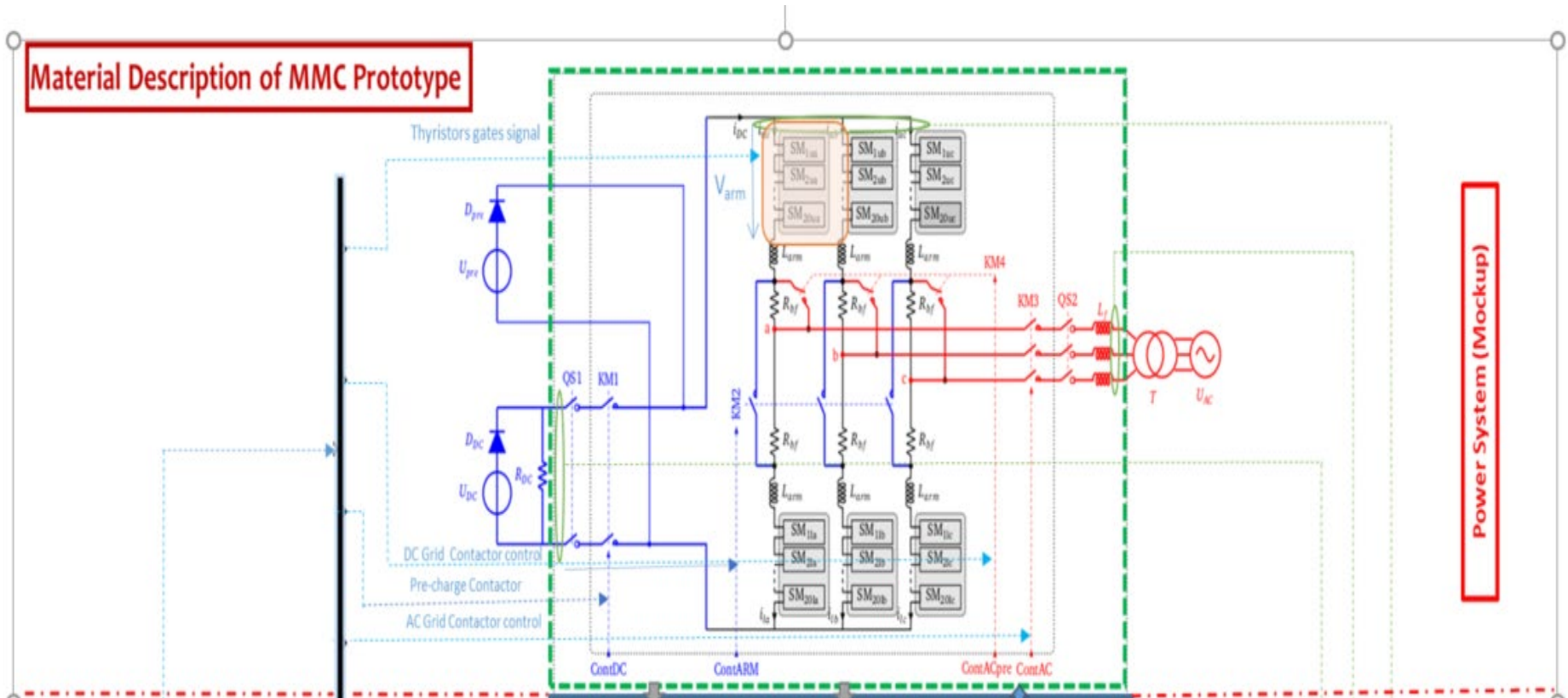
Active and reactive power references generation via CCS (Code Composer Studio)

II. STEP BY STEP EMTP-RV MODEL DEVELOPMENT OF MMC MOCKUP



- The fundamental purpose of this work is to develop an accurate **EMT model**, which will be able to describe accurately the behaviour of the mock-up.
- The design of the **EMTP-RV simulation model** is based mainly on four steps:
 - Modeling of the power part of the converter ;
 - Modeling of the high-level control given by CCSC-DQ ;
 - Modeling of the low-level controller given by Capacitors Balancing Algorithm and Nearest Level Control (NLC) ;
 - Modeling of measurement process, ADC (Analog Digital Converter), quantization, sensors dynamics, sensors offsets and the communication delays.

II.1. MODELING OF THE POWER PART OF THE CONVERTER



- **Step 1:** Direct Identification of system parameters on the prototype and its environment ;
- **Step 2:** Detailed Modeling of the SubModule ;
- **Step 3:** Modeling in measurement and instrumentation.

Detailed Modeling of the SubModule

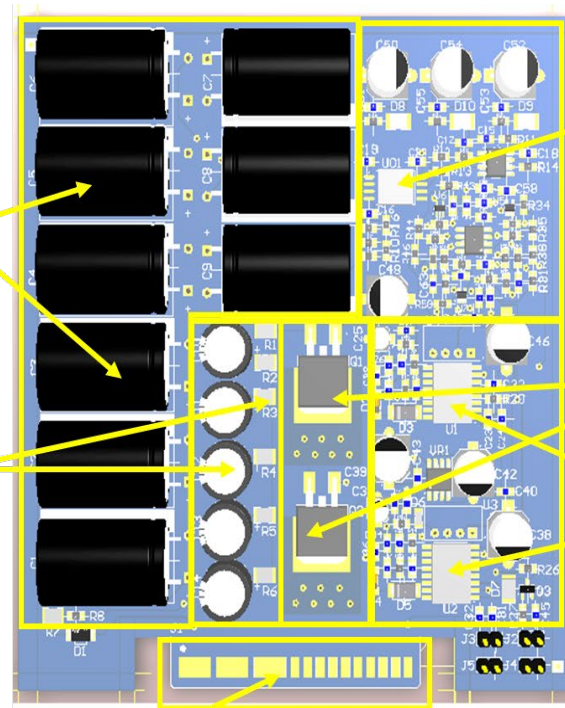
Submodule (SM)
Circuit



Power adaptation card

SM Capacitances
(8mF – 63V)

Capacitances
(1.5mF – 63V)
and resistances
for unbalancing



Voltage sensors
(ACPL-C87B)

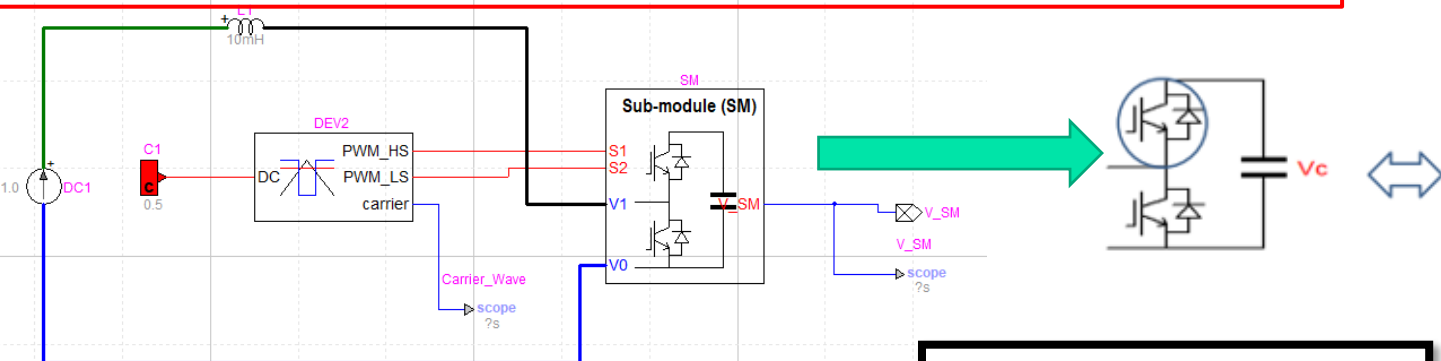
MOSFET
(120A – 100V)
PSMN₃R8-100BS

Driver
(ACPL_332J)

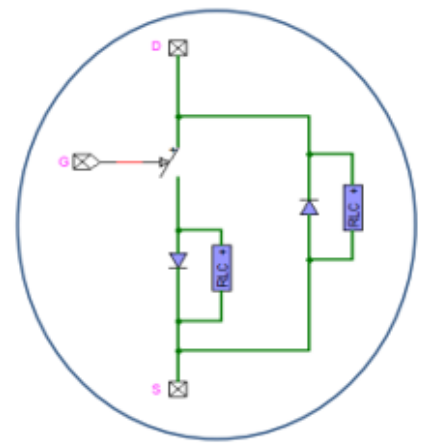
Power and signal connectors

- Several experimental tests have been performed in order to identify the SM parameters :
- MOSFET parameters : R_{on} and R_{off} of controlled switch as well as the dead time of PWM;
 - Identification of I-V characteristics of nonlinear diode behavior ;
 - Identification of SM capacitance and voltage sensor delay ;
 - Maximum propagation delay of driver.

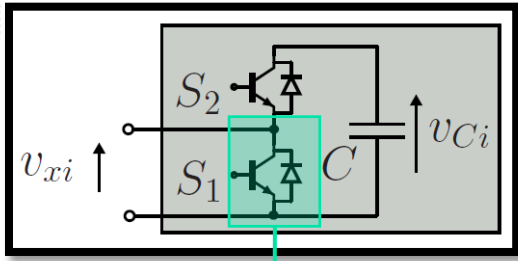
EMT Model – Type 1 : Detailed IGBT-Based Model



IGBT model



Half-Bridge Sub-Modules



Properties for Controlled switch cSW1

Values | Scopes | Observe | Attributes | Help

Closed at t=0

- The switch is closed when the control signal is >0.
- The switch is open when the control signal is ≤ 0

Use current margin for opening

I_{margin} A

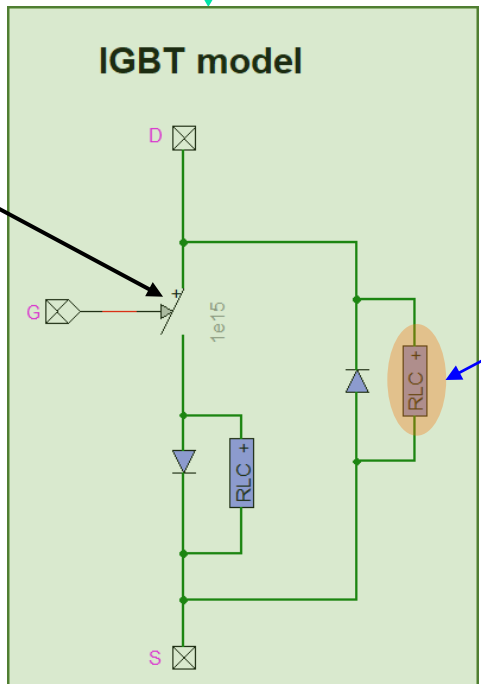
Use non-ideal switch data

R_{on} mΩ

R_{off} Ω

100 Display Scale

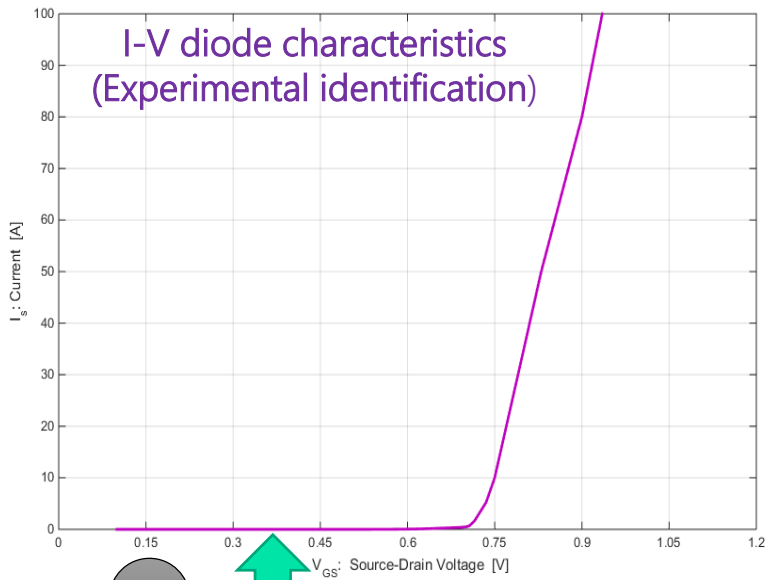
OK Cancel



IGBT Snubber:
R_n = 3000 Ω ; C_n = 10 μF

Mimic the reverse recovery condition

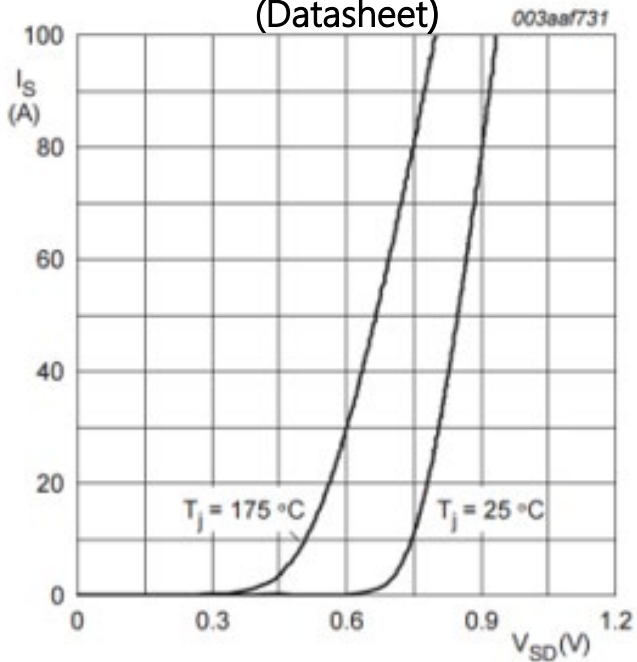
R_{on}	R_{off}	Dead-Time
3.9 mΩ	1 ^e 9 Ω	$1 \mu s \leq \Delta t \leq 2 \mu s$



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I-V diode characteristics (Datasheet)



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Properties for R nonlinear Rn1

Data | Convergence | Scopes | Attributes | Help

Connected in steady-state

V_{start} : 0 [V] | V_{end} : 1e-12 [V] | R_{min} : 0 [Ω] | t_{delay} : 1.0e15 [s] | N_{start} : 0 | V_{seal} : 0 [V]

Characteristics

Current points		
24	17.3e-3	0.570
25	30.01e-3	0.585
26	40.03e-3	0.595
27	50.2e-3	0.602

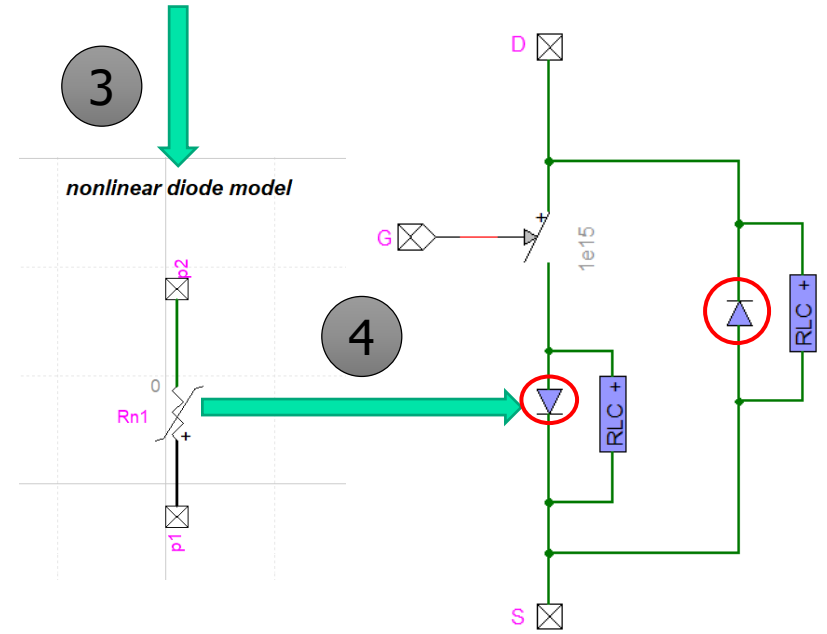
Current units: [A] | Voltage units: [V] | Symmetric | Preview Characteristic plot

- The characteristic must be entered with at least 2 points.
- The first voltage point is extended to negative infinity.
- The last voltage point is extended to positive infinity.
- The characteristic must be monotonically increasing.
- The (0,0) pair must be entered explicitly only when a slope change is occurring after crossing the origin. Connecting equal slope segments are illegal.
- It is not mandatory to cross the origin, although such characteristics are risky and can create numerical problems in EMT.
- The total resistance cannot be infinite. The total resistance cannot be zero.

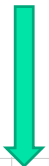
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nonlinear diode model

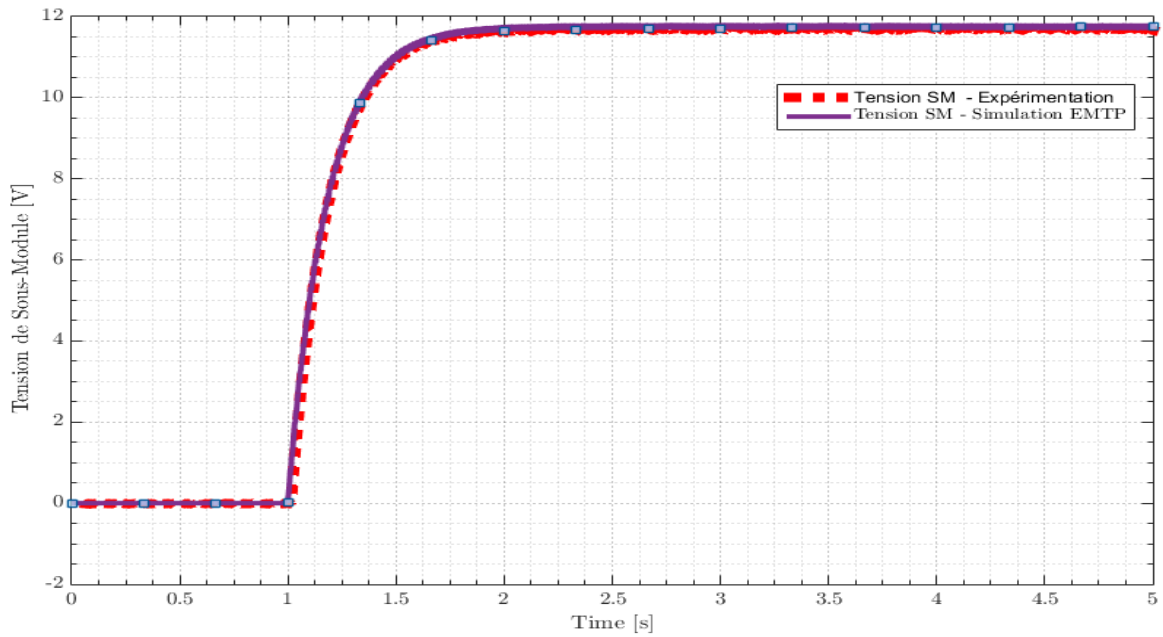


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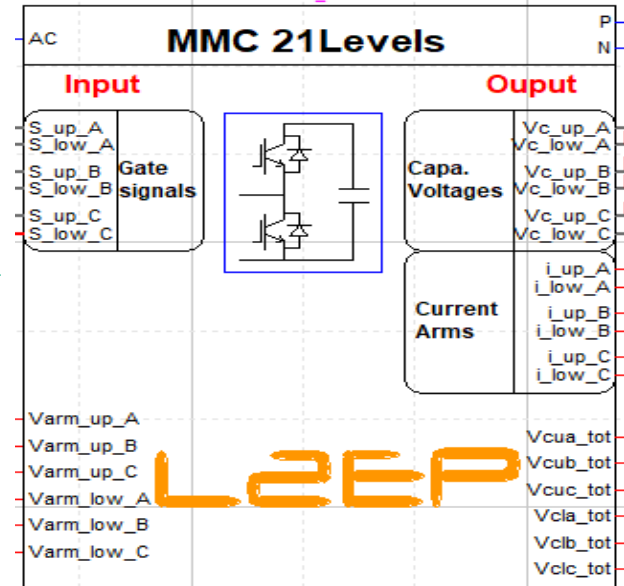
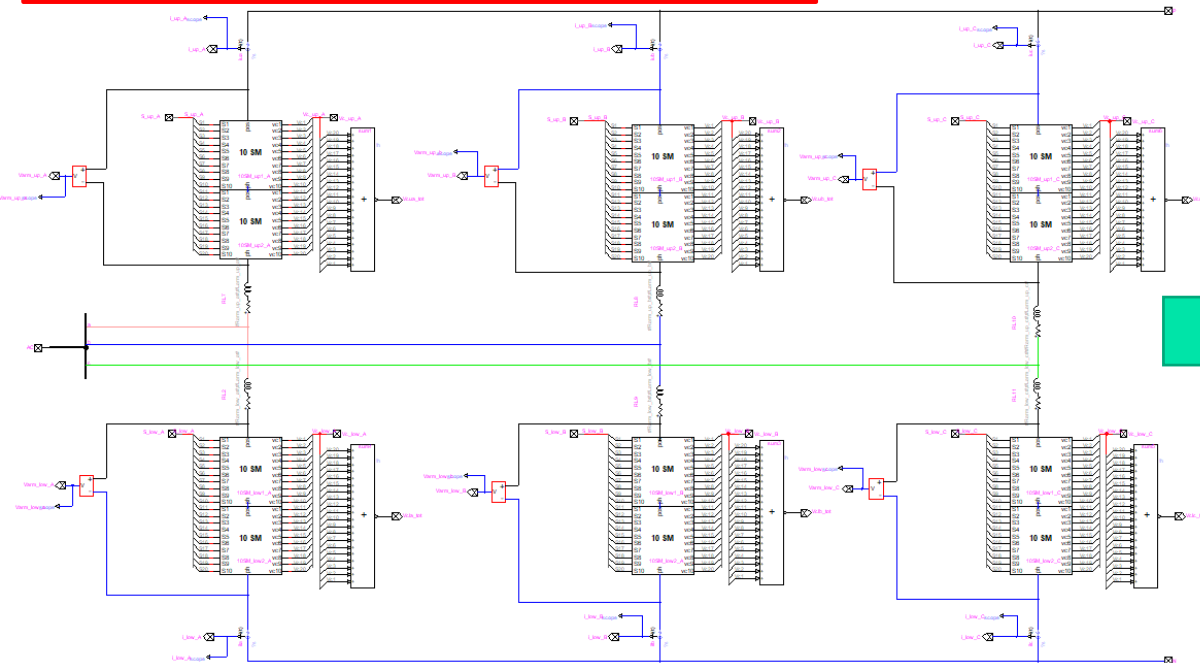


Validation of SubModule

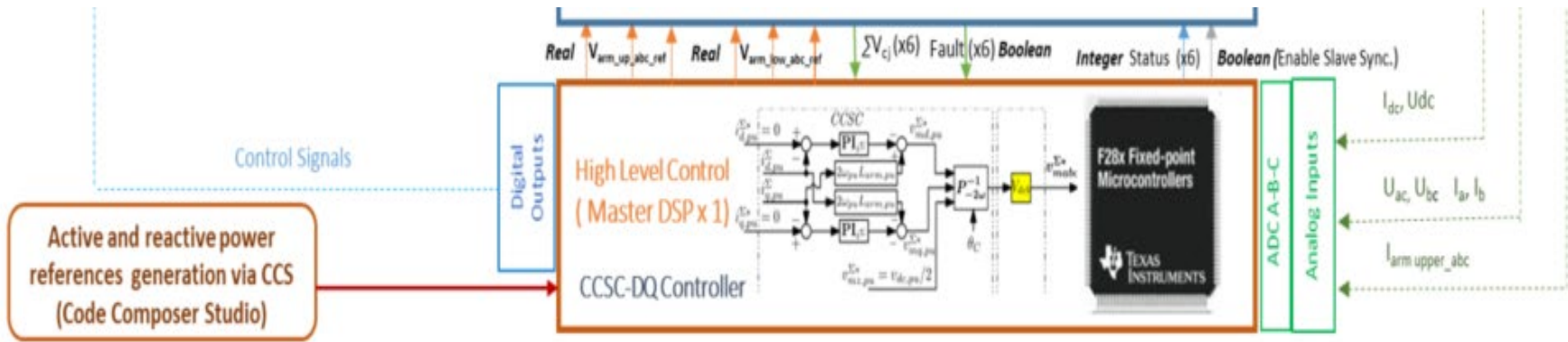
The method has been extended to 20-SM MMC by validating the precharge cycle



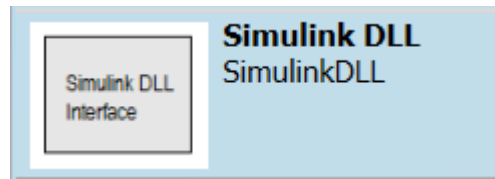
EMTP-RV Model of 21-Level MMC



II.2. Modeling of the high-level control given by CCSC-DQ+ PLL (Phase Locked Loop)

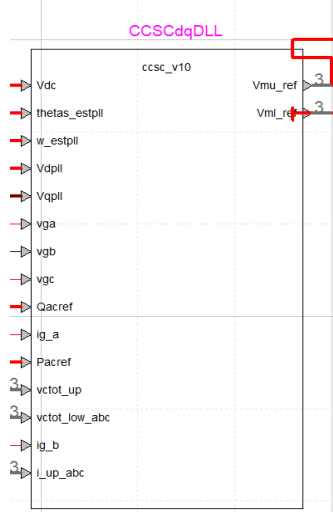


The main idea is to import the control Simulink Model into EMTP model using **SimulinkDLL** component :



DLL: Dynamic Link Library

Based on the Simulink control model used for the code generation :



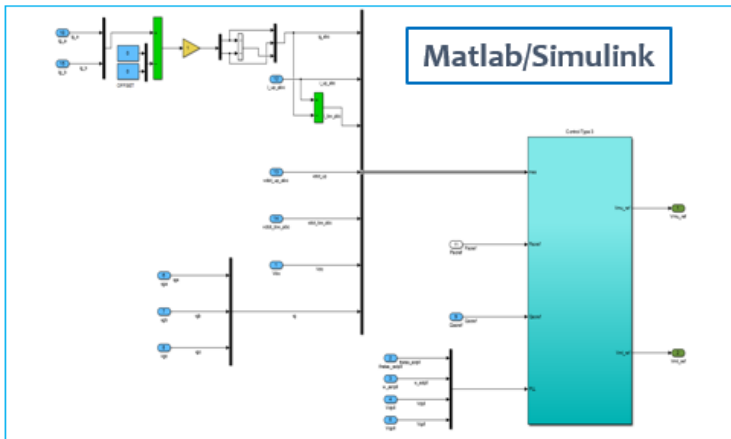
DLL of high level control integrated in EMTP-RV running at 80 μ s

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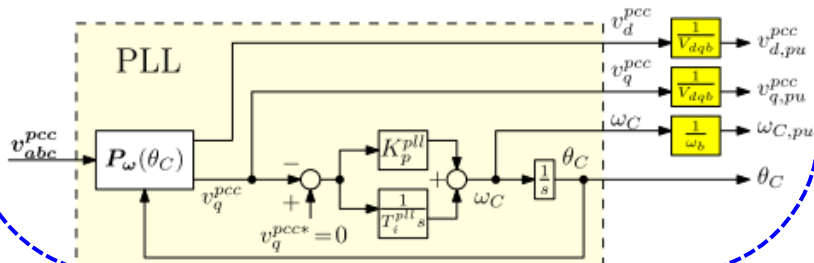
DLL Running at 80 μ s

Toolbox SimulinkDLL from EMTP-RV Library
EMTP.tlc

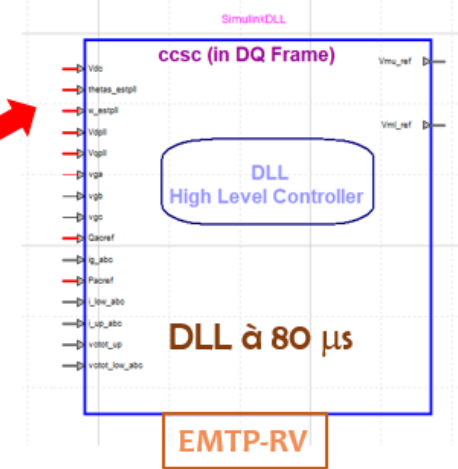
CCSC-DQ Controller



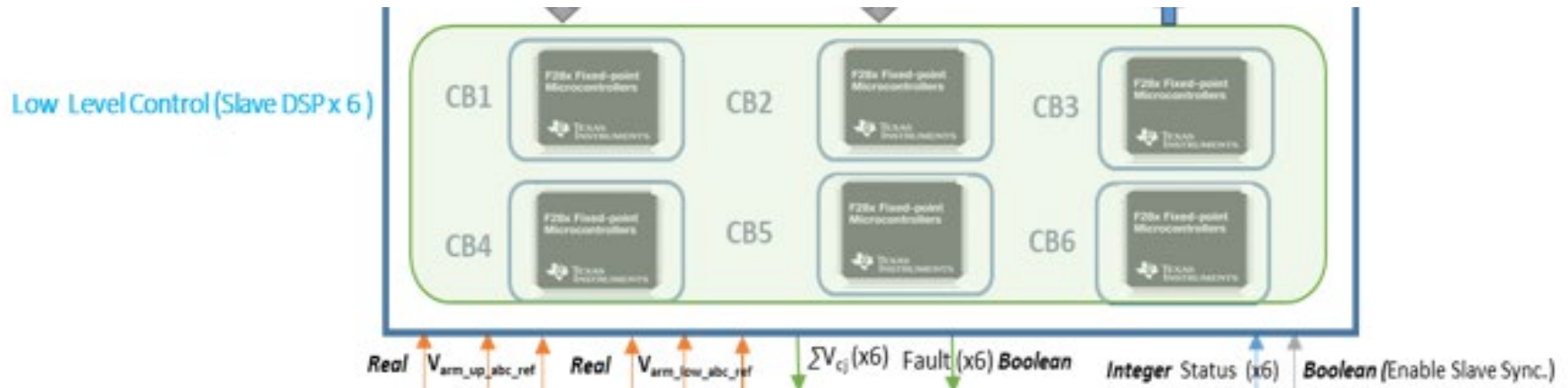
PLL (Phase Locked Loop)



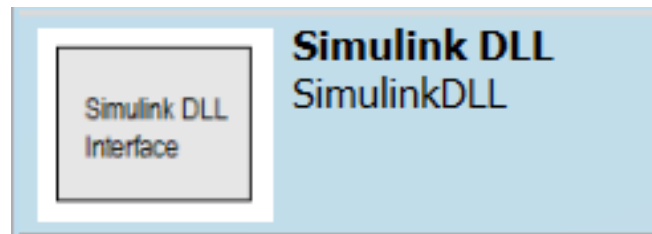
Embedded Coder under Matlab/Simulink
Embedded Code Generation



II.3. Modeling of the Low-level control (CBA: Capacitors Balancing Algorithm + NLC : Nearest Level Control)



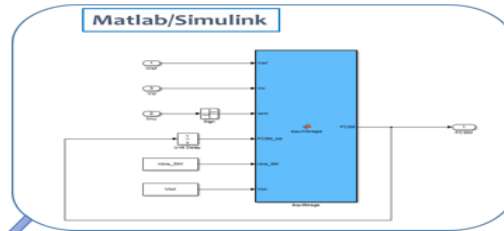
The same strategy as the high level control has been adopted using **SimulinkDLL** component:



Since it is not possible to use the same DLL in simulation and experimentation for the CBA because the assembly code in DSP is optimized to minimize the computing time on CPU.

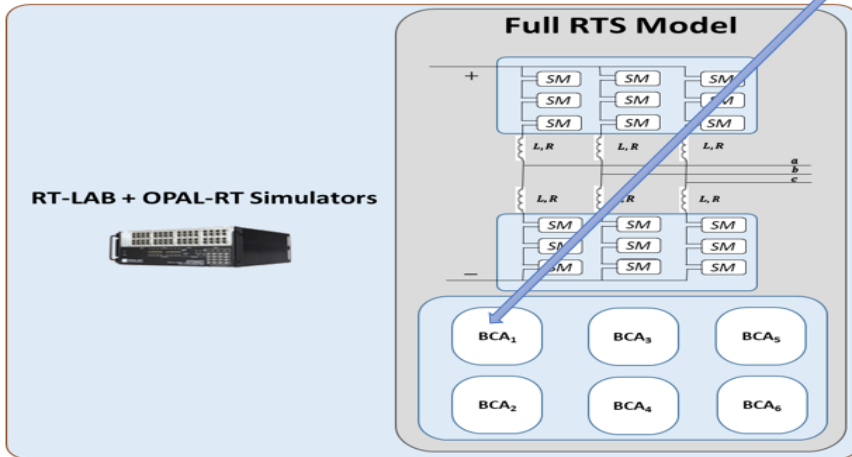
II.3. Modeling of the Low-level control (CBA: Capacitors Balancing Algorithm + NLC : Nearest Level Control)

A dynamic comparative study has been performed for a given operating point.

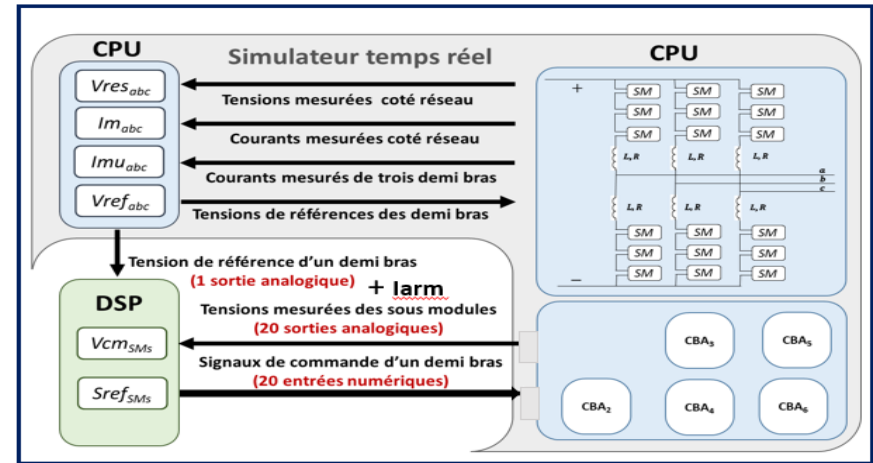


CBA 1

Full RTS Method

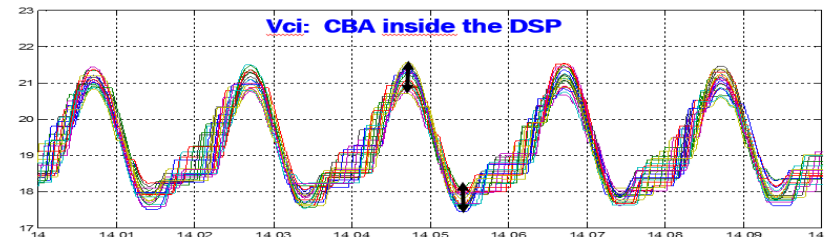
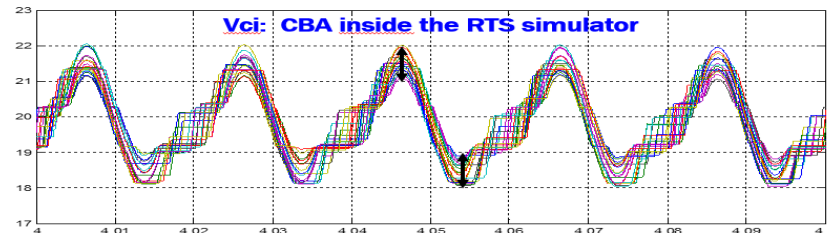


HIL Strategy



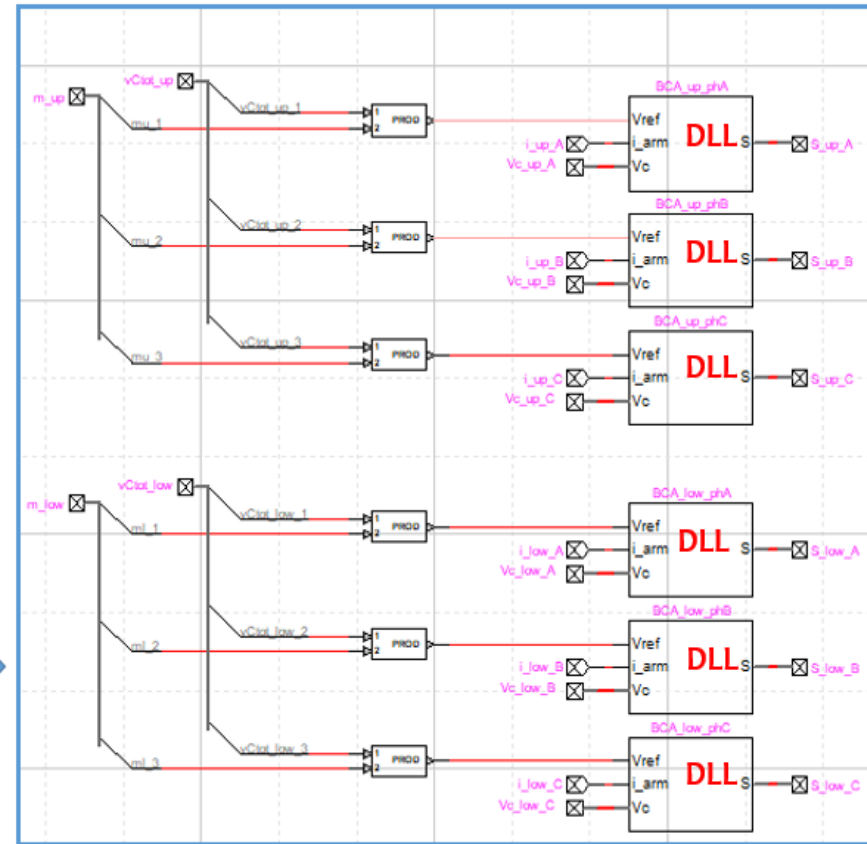
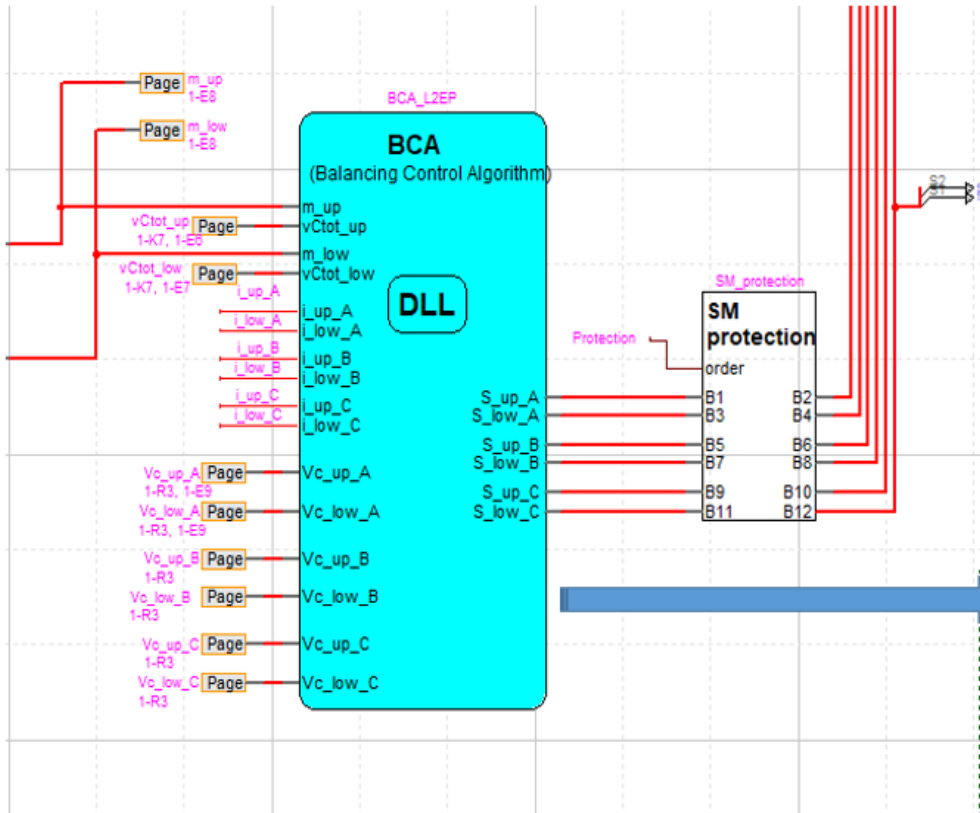
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Similar results for the same input = Validation

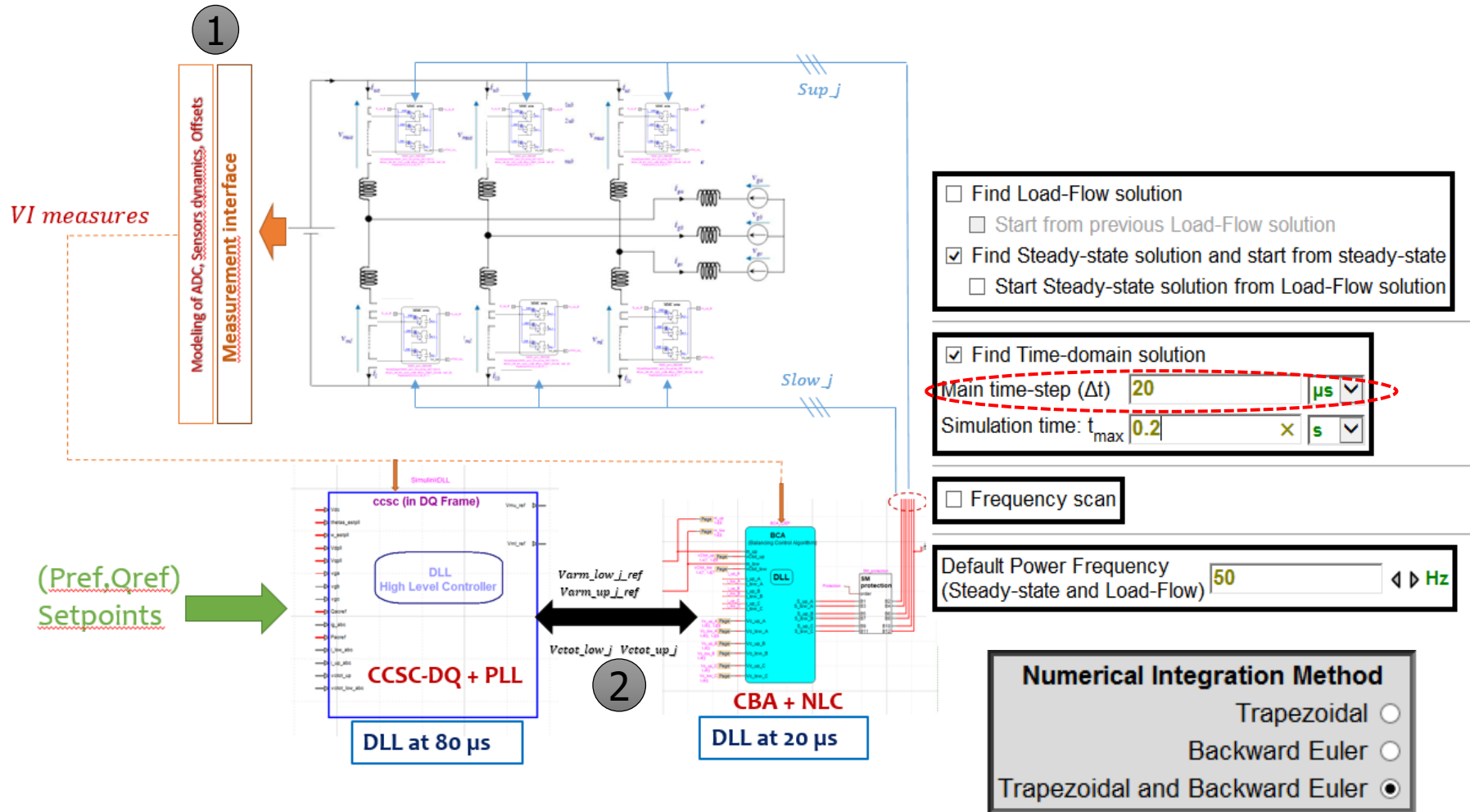


II.3. Modeling of the Low-level control (CBA: Capacitors Balancing Algorithm + NLC : Nearest Level Control)

DLL Running at 20 μ s



II.4. Modeling of ADC, Sensors dynamics, Offsets and Communication Delays



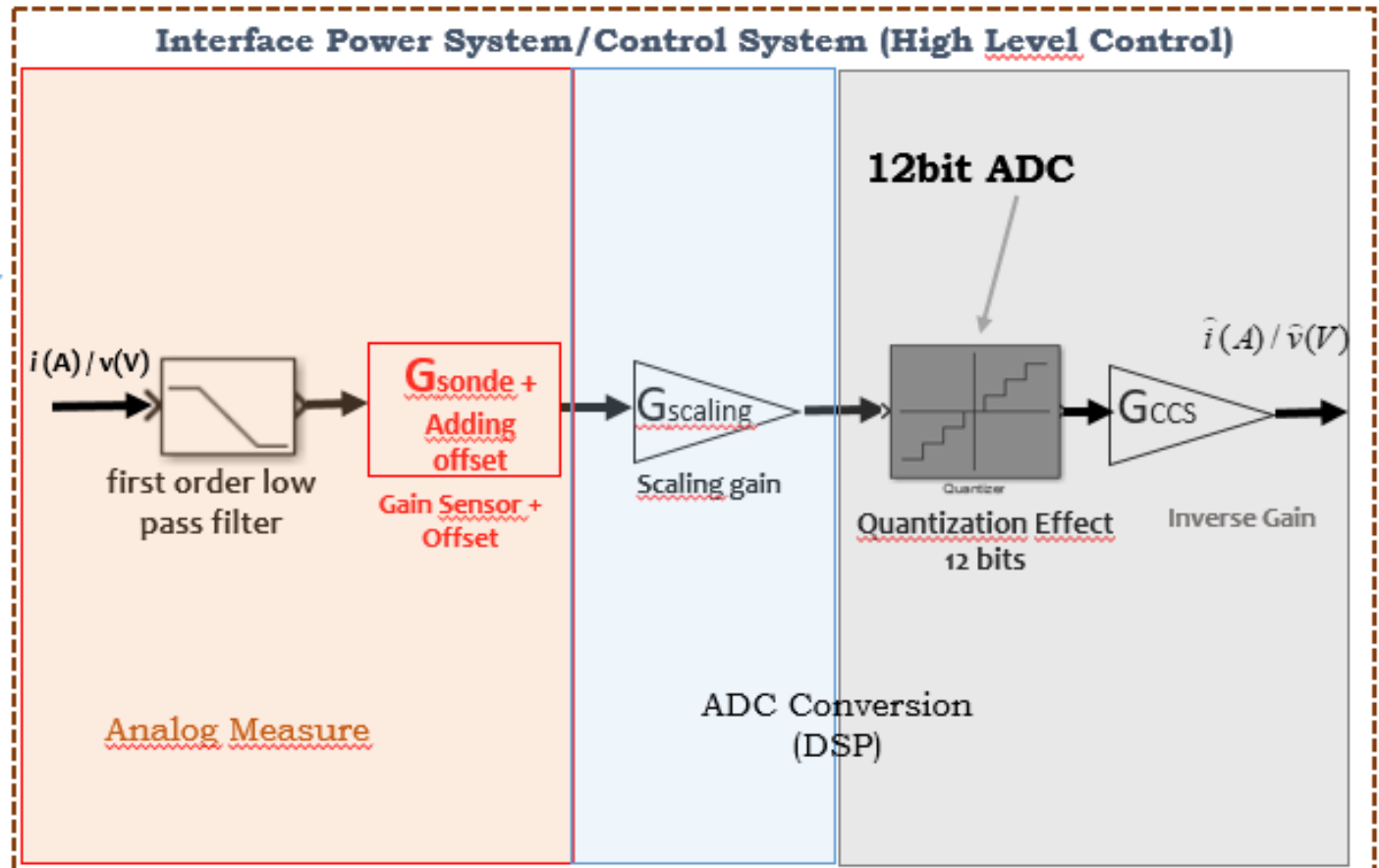
- 1 Modeling of the ADC, delays and Quantization effect ;
- 2 Modeling of the communication between DSP Master (HLC) and DSP Slave (LLC).

II.4. Modeling of ADC, Sensors dynamics, Offsets and Communication Delays

Modeling of the Measurements interface under Simulink/Matlab and its integration in the EMTP model as a DLL.

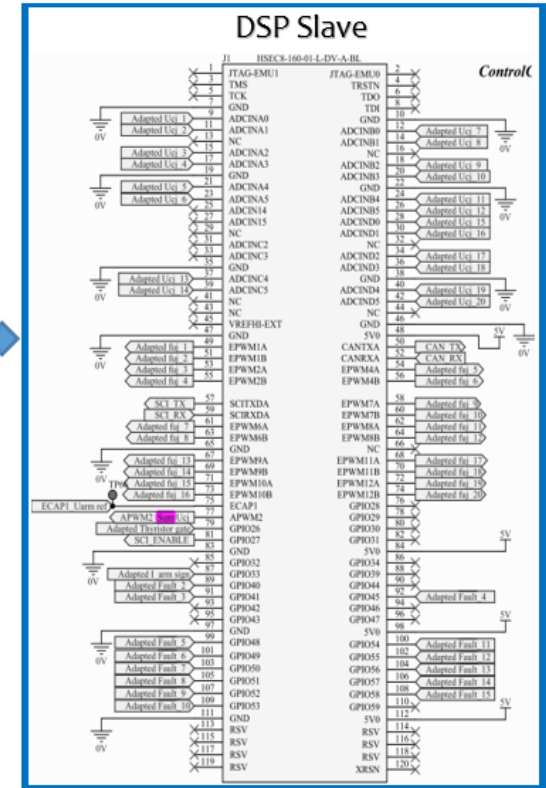
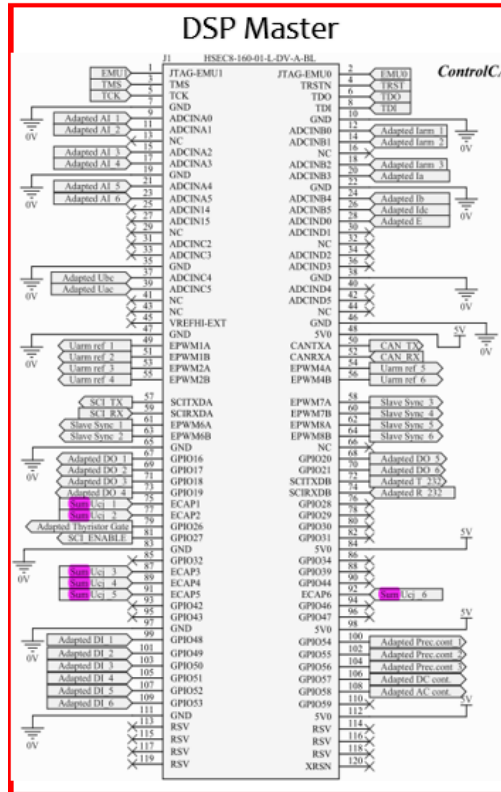


Master Controller



The addition of offsets for current measurements (mainly arm currents) impacts steady state behavior.

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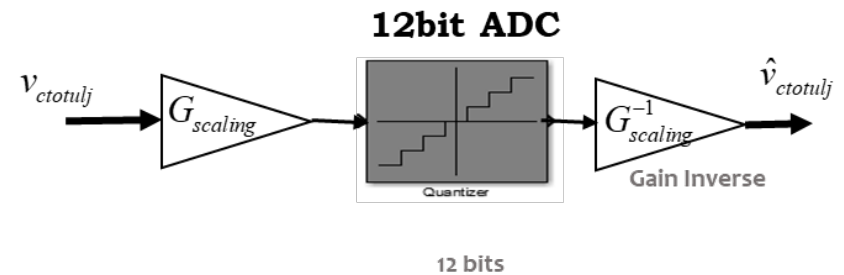
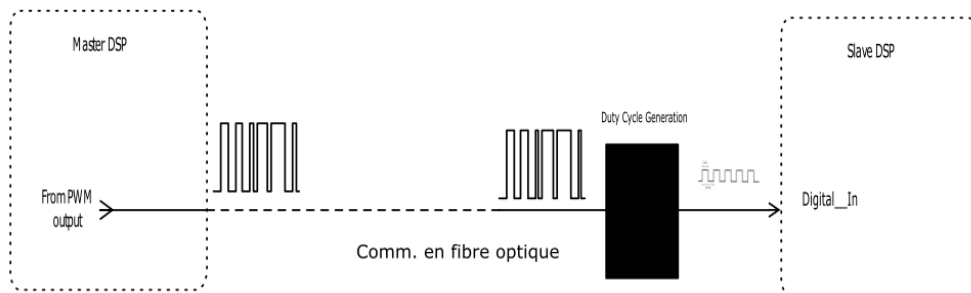


Communication on PWM and duty cycle

Optical Fibre communication

Master → Slave: ECAP_Uarm_ref; Slave_Sync.

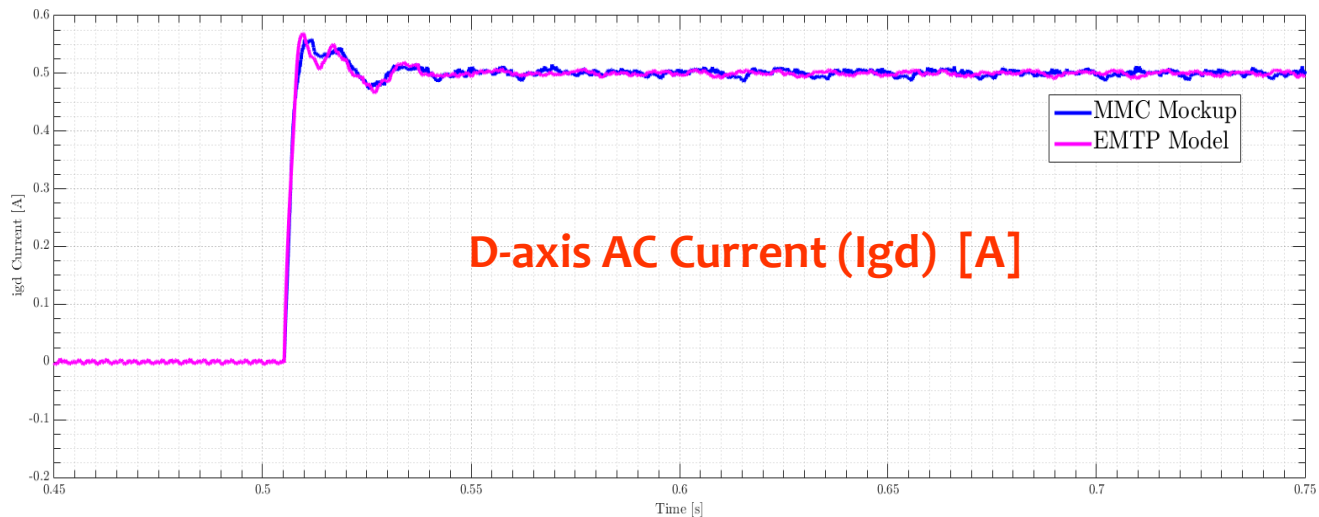
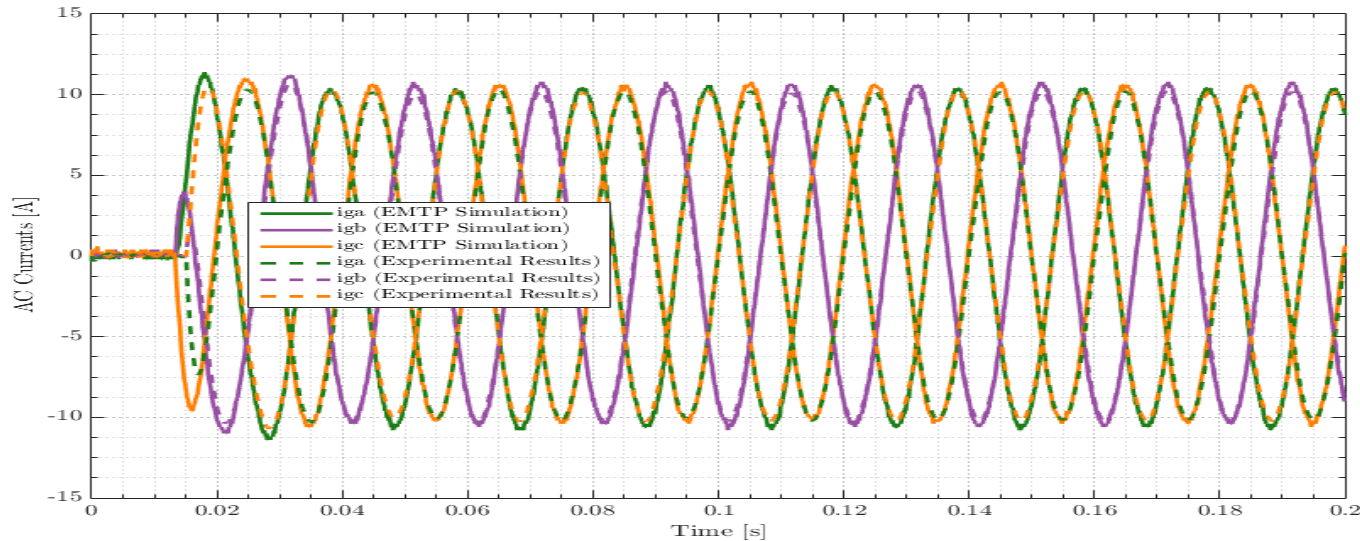
Slave → Master: PWM_Sum_Ucj; Fault_signal



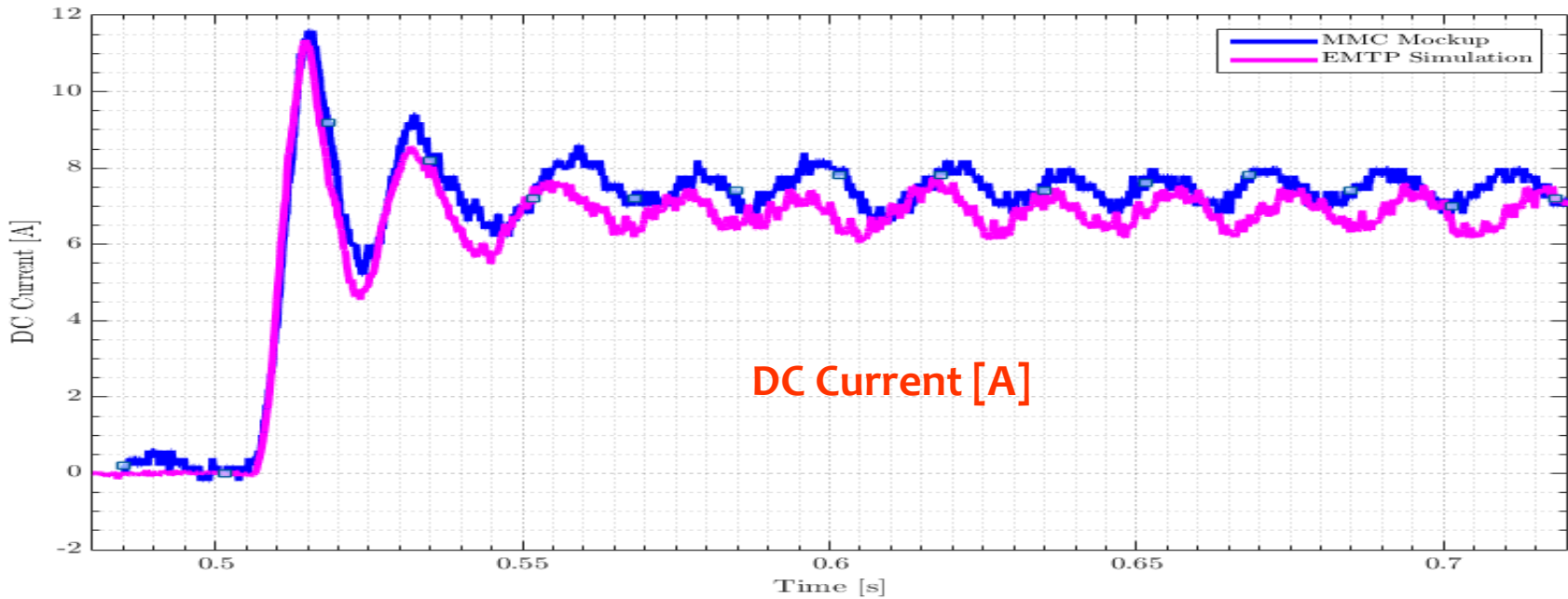
III. COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN EXPERIMENTAL AND SIMULATION RESULTS

The comparative study is performed for 2500 W (0.5 pu) as active power step change and 0.0 W as reactive power:

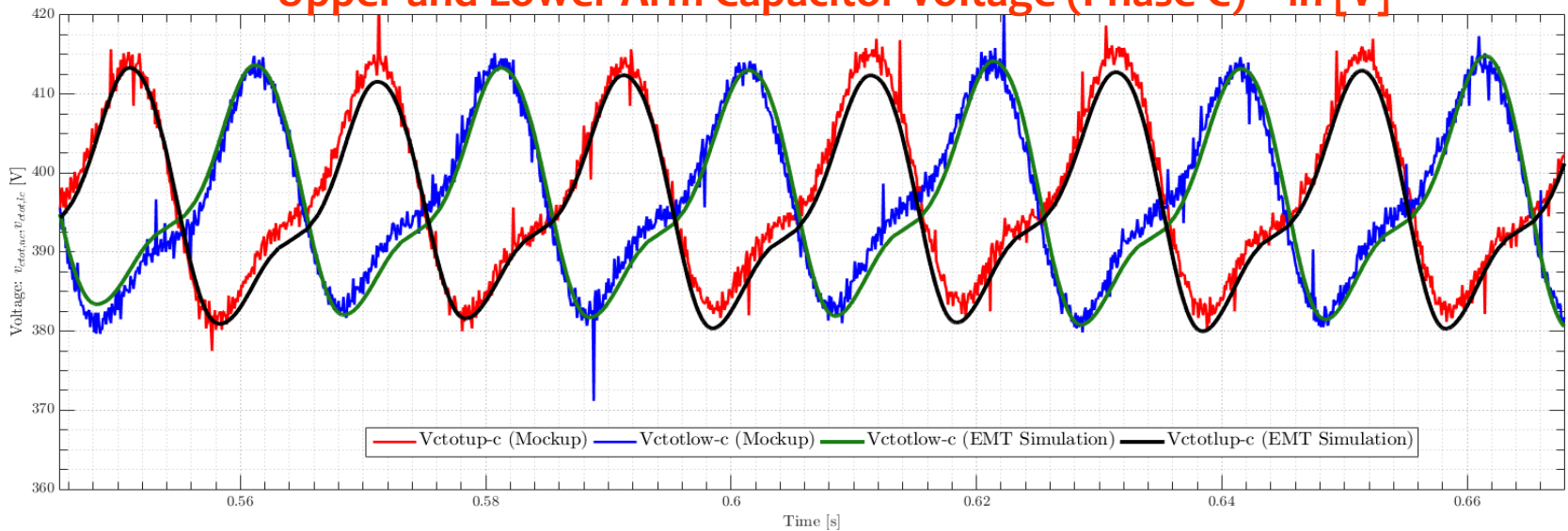
AC Current in abc frame [A]



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Upper and Lower Arm Capacitor Voltage (Phase C) - in [V]



IV.1. CONCLUSIONS

- The conception and development of a detailed simulation model under EMTP to faithfully produce the behavior of a small-scale 21-level MMC converter have been presented.
- A detailed EMT simulation model is designed and developed starting from the power part, then the high-level controller and finally the low-level controller.
- Thanks to the modeling of the measurement interface, quantization effect delays and the measurement offsets, the accuracy of the EMTP-RV model has been improved .
- The comparative study between experimental and simulation results leads to a quite similar behavior on the AC and DC sides.

IV.2. RECOMMENDATIONS (Share of our experience)

	Influential points in modeling	Non-Influential points in modeling
Power System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed identification of SM : SM capacitance, dead-time, Ron resistance of IGBT, time delay of voltage sensor... Use of detailed model Type 1 of MMC Submodule. Parametric identification of Prototype and its environment : Integration of these parameters in EMT Model. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Snubber parameters (R_n, C_n) The time delay of the sensors less than $\Delta t \leq 1 \mu s$ Use of the same point-on-wave between the simulation model and the mockup.
Control System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the SimulinkDLL library to implement the high and low level controllers as well as PLL. Modeling of control sensor delay, Offsets. Modeling of the ADC and quantization effect. Modeling of the communication between Master-Slave controllers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamics of voltage and current sensors of global controller which are very fast. Any measurement delays that are below the microseconds.

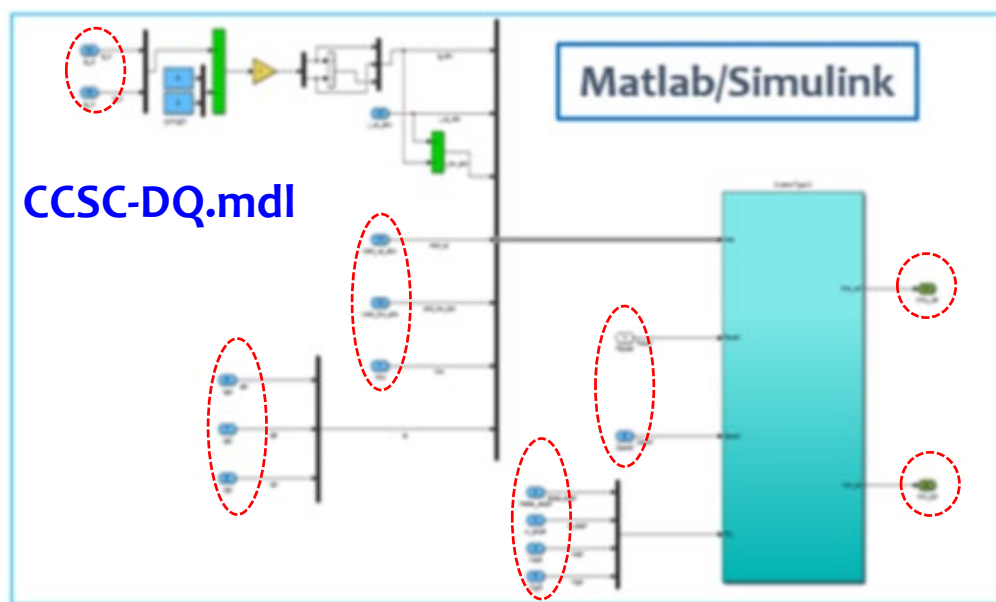
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THANK YOU!

Integration of Simulink Control Model in EMTP-RV Simulation

STEP 1: Integration of SimulinkDLL toolbox in EMTP-RV and configuration of Visual C++ compiler in Matlab .

STEP 2: Generation of a compatible DLL with EMTP-RV from Simulink model: **Simulink Model Configuration**



→ Setting of each bloc;

→ Setting of In/out port dimensions and signal types;

→ Adjustment of sample time for In/out ports and Discrete-time integrators;

→ ...

STEP 3: Simulink configuration and code generation

→ Simulation/Configuration Parameters >> Code Generation>> Browse>> select EMTP.tlc

→ Check the fundamental sample time in Solver/Fixed-step size

→ Select the tunable parameters without regenerate the code

Integration of Simulink Control Model in EMTP-RV Simulation

STEP 4: Building the DLL

Successful completion of build procedure for **CCSC-DQ.mdl** model → New folders : slprj and **CCSC-DQ_EMTP_rtw + CCSC-DQ.dll**

STEP 5: Simulink model imported into EMTP-RV

