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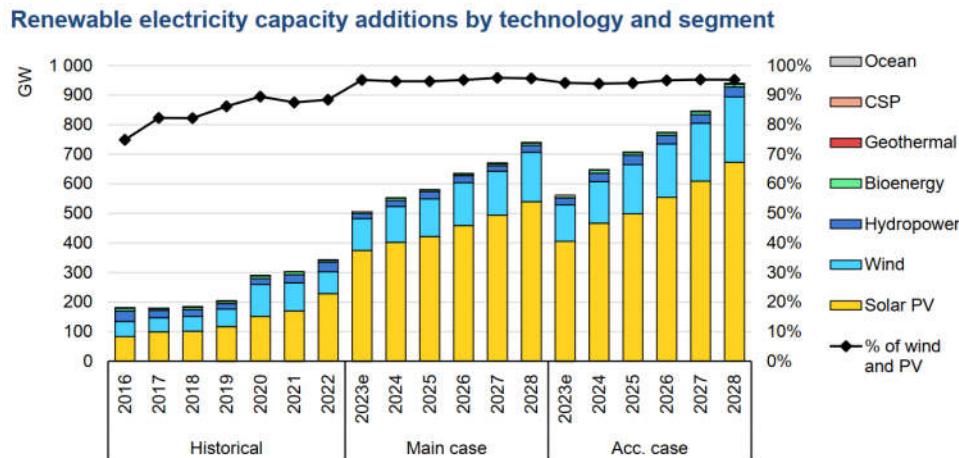
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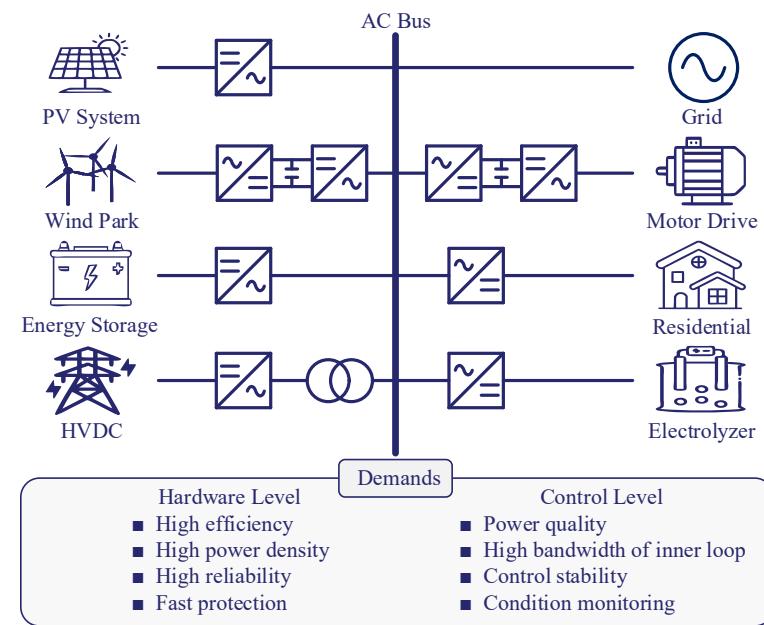


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Renewable share of annual power capacity expansion<sup>[1]</sup>

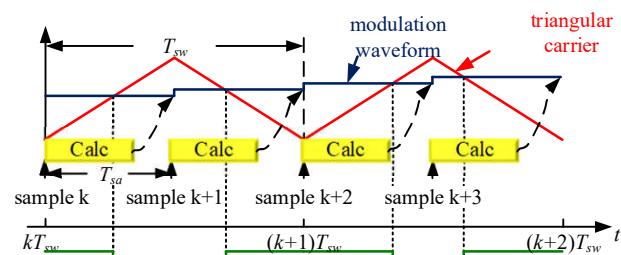


Applications and demands of VSCs in power system

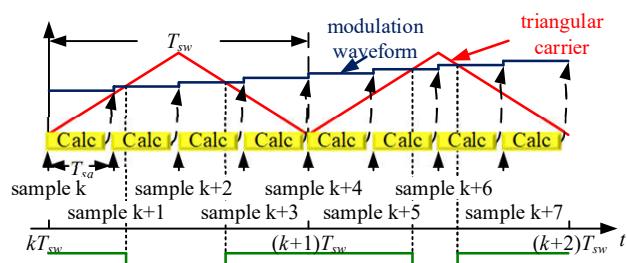
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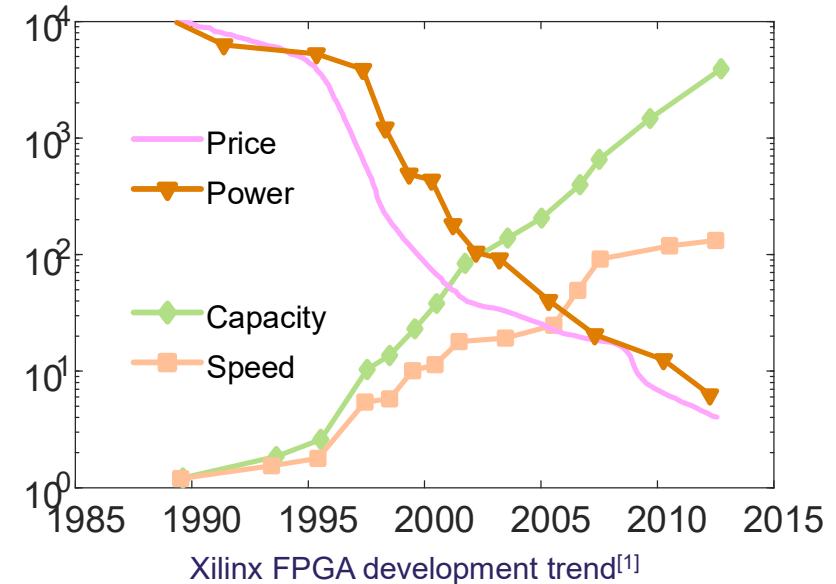
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Double-sampling  
( $T_d = 1.5T_{sw}/2$ )



Multi-sampling  
( $T_d = 1.5T_{sw}/N$ )

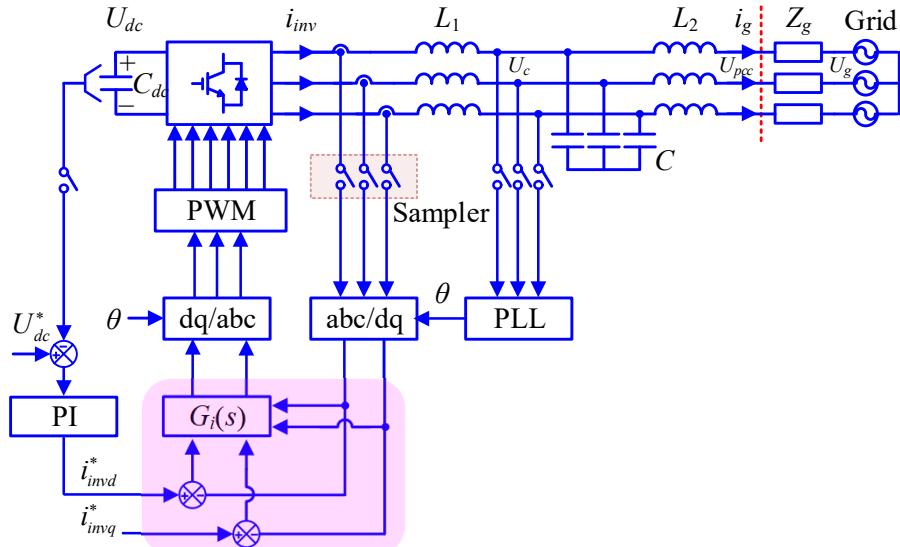


- Reduced control delay
  - More information
  - Decreasing cost of MCU
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- Improved stability
  - Make converter smarter

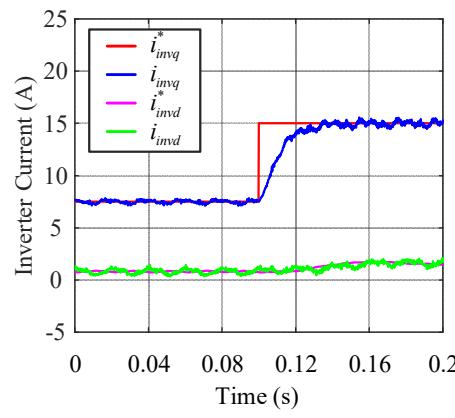
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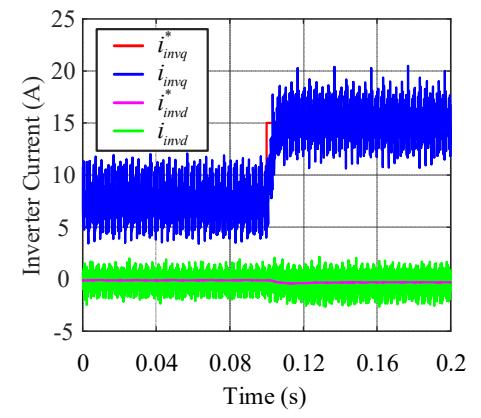
## Question 1: What is the internal mechanism of multi-sampling PWM?



Typical control structure of a three-phase VSC



Double-sampling control



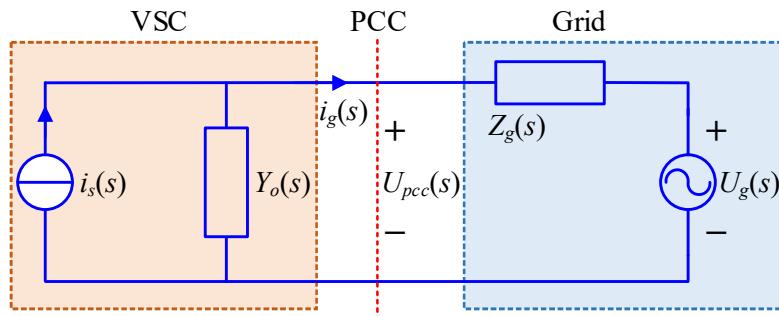
Eight-sampling control

- High-frequency switching harmonics
  - Keep or remove?

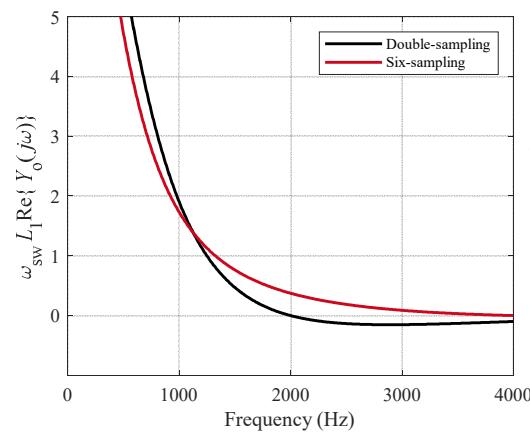
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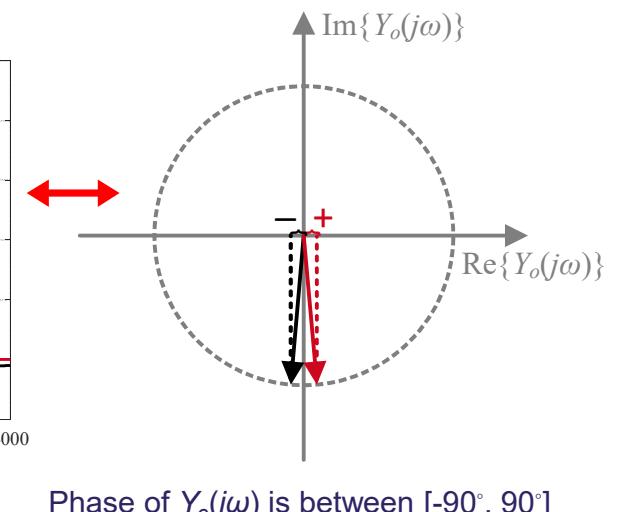
## Question 2: How to enhance control stability using multi-sampling?



- Passivity-based admittance shaping
  - VSC-grid interactive stability is secured regardless of grid impedance
  
- $Y_o(j\omega)$  is passive at all frequencies
  - $Y_o(j\omega)$  is dissipative below Nyquist frequency



Re{ $Y_o(j\omega)$ } is non-negative

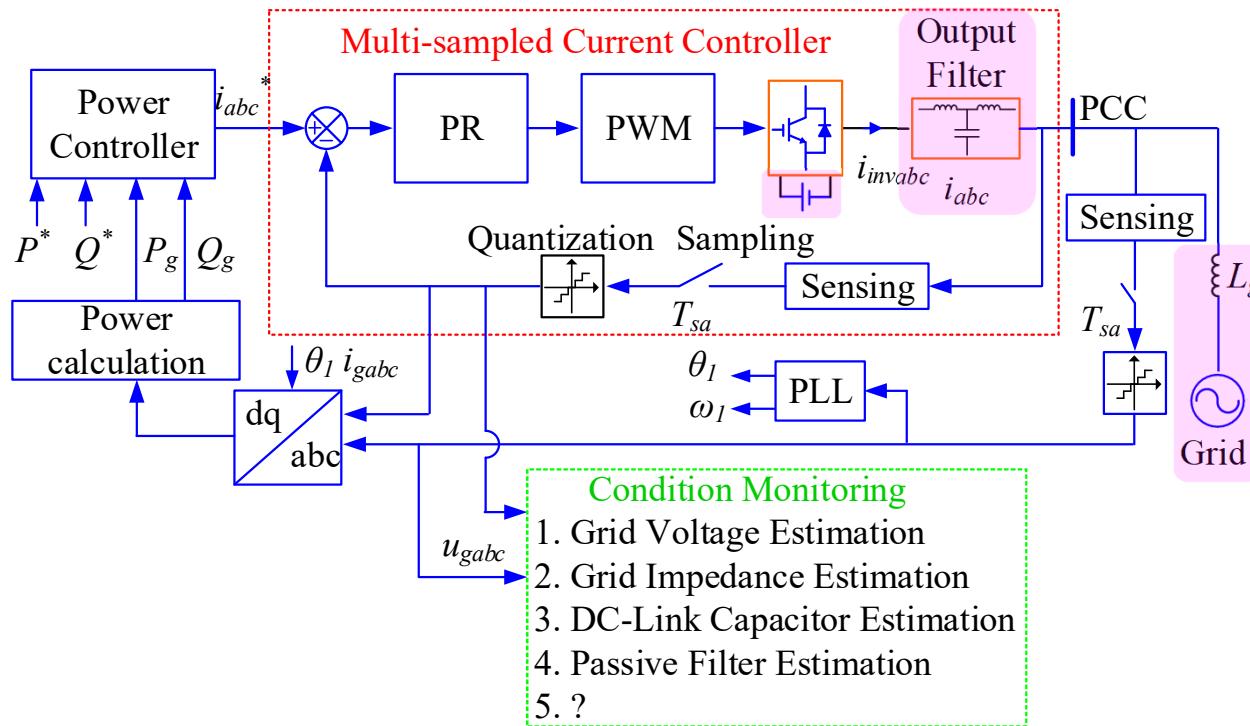


Phase of  $Y_o(j\omega)$  is between  $[-90^\circ, 90^\circ]$

Source: [1] L. Harnefors, et.al, "Passivity-based stability assessment of grid-connected VSCs—an overview," *IEEE JESTPE*, 2015.

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## Question 3: How to utilize multi-sampling for condition monitoring?



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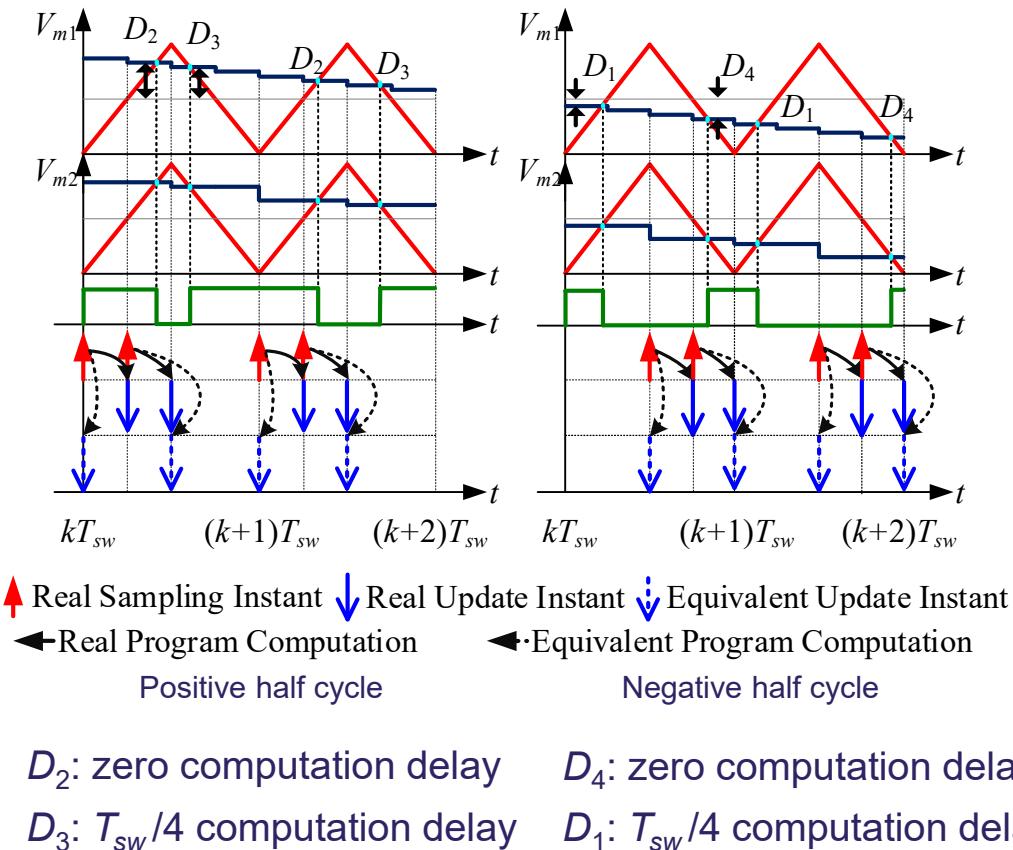
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# ► Multi-Sampling PWM Mechanism



Four-sampling control

Double-sampling control with sampling instant shift

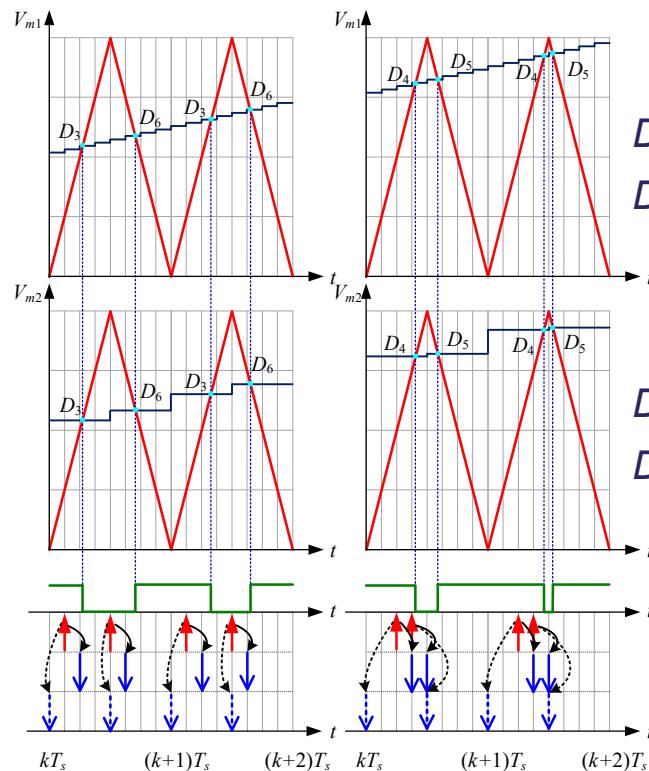
Low-frequency aliasing

Remove sampled switching harmonics

Total control delay:

$$\underbrace{(1/4 + 0)/2}_{\text{Average computation delay}} + \underbrace{1/4}_{\text{PWM delay}} = 1.5T_{sw}/4$$

# ► Multi-Sampling PWM Mechanism



$D_3$ :  $-T_{sw}/8$  computation delay  
 $D_6$ : zero computation delay

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$D_4$ :  $-T_{sw}/8$  computation delay  
 $D_5$ : zero computation delay

$\underbrace{(-2/8 + 1/8)/2}_{\text{Average computation delay}} + \underbrace{1/4}_{\text{PWM delay}} = 1.5T_{sw}/8$

Eight-sampling control

Double-sampling control with sampling instant shift

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Remove sampled switching harmonics

# ► Basic ripple filter design

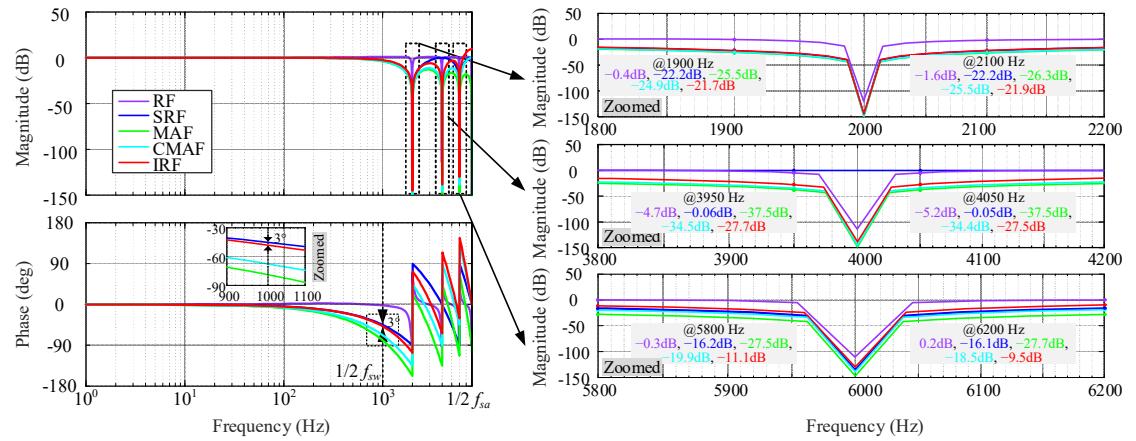
$$RF(z)^{[1]} = \frac{(1 + 0.25)(1 - (z^{-N} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N z^{-n}))}{1 - (z^{-N} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N z^{-n}) + 0.25} \approx 1$$

$$SRF(z)^{[2]} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + z^{-N/2}) \approx z^{-\frac{N}{4}}$$

$$MAF(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^{-k} \approx z^{-\frac{N}{2}}$$

$$CMAF(z) = \frac{2}{N}(1 + z^{-2} + z^{-4} + \dots + z^{-(N-2)}) \approx z^{-\frac{2N-4}{4}}$$

$$IRF(z)^{[3]} = CMAF(z) \underbrace{(3 \log_2 N(1 - z^{-1}) - 7 + 8z^{-1})}_{\text{Linear delay compensation}} \approx z^{-\frac{N}{4}}$$



Bode diagram of repetitive filters based on eight-sampling (RF: repetitive filter, SRF: simplified repetitive filter, MAF: moving average filter, CMAF: compromised moving averaging filter, IRF: improved repetitive filter).

- Filter design objective: good filtering ability and small delay
- MAF has the best filtering ability but the introduced delay is large;
- IRF introduces similar delay with SRF and better filtering ability.

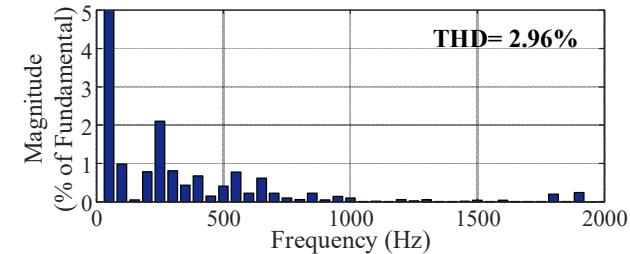
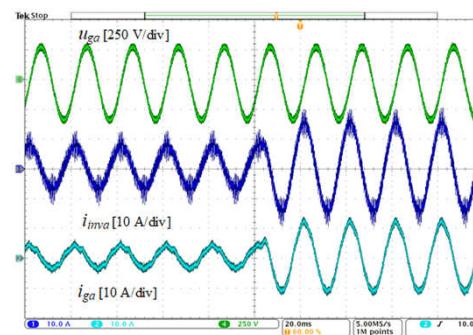
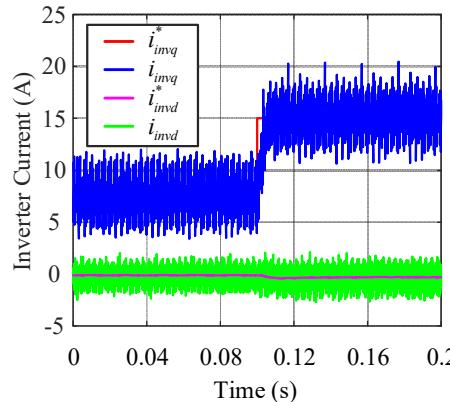
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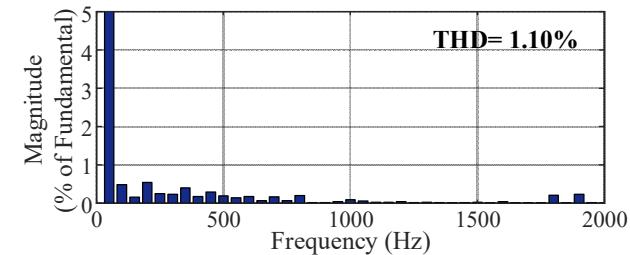
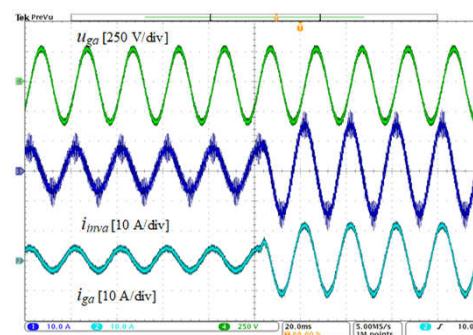
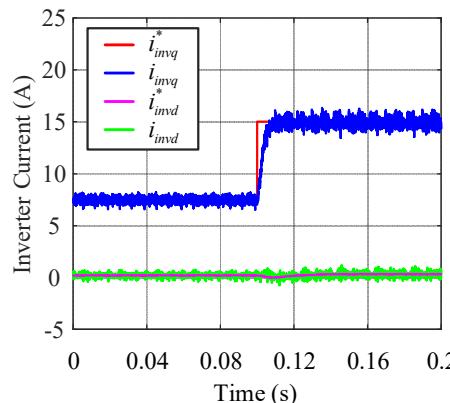
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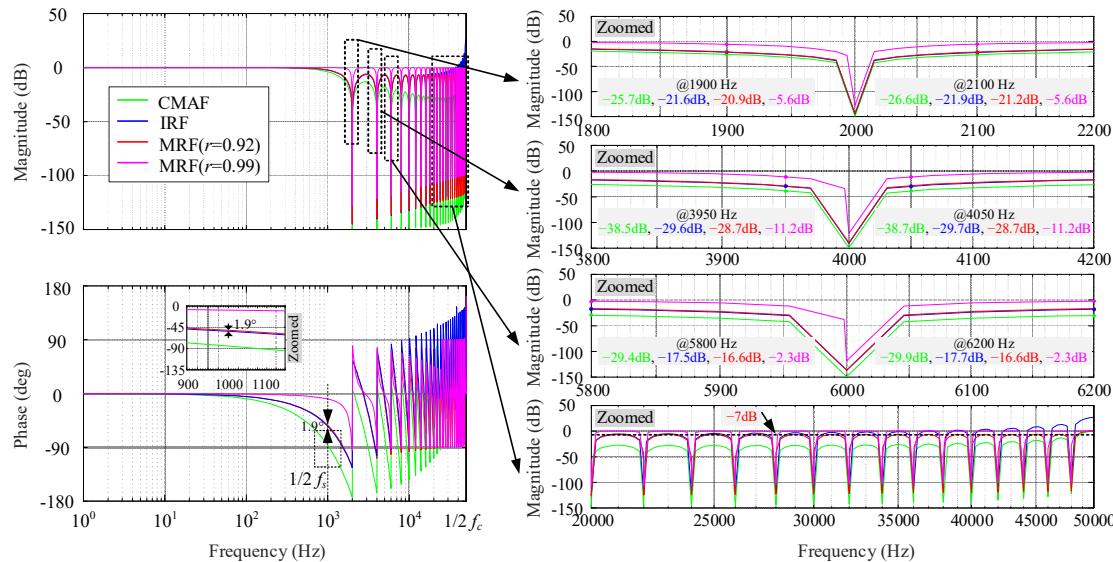
- Eight-sampling control without filter



- Eight-sampling control with improved repetitive filter



# ► Extended ripple filter design with less noise



$$CMAF(z) = \frac{2}{N} (1 + z^{-2} + z^{-4} + \dots + z^{-(N-2)}) \approx z^{-\frac{2N-4}{4}}$$

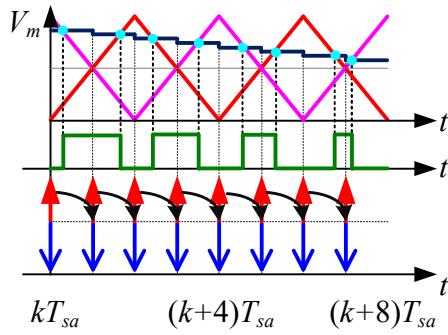
$$IRF(z) = CMAF(z) \underbrace{(3\log_2 N(1-z^{-1}) - 7 + 8z^{-1})}_{\text{Lineardelaycompensation}} \approx z^{-\frac{N}{4}}$$

$$MRF(z)^{[1]} = CMAF(z) \underbrace{\frac{1-r^N}{1-r^2} \frac{1-r^2 z^{-2}}{1-r^N z^{-N}}}_{\text{Delay Compensator}} \approx z^{-\frac{N}{4}} (0 < r < 1)$$

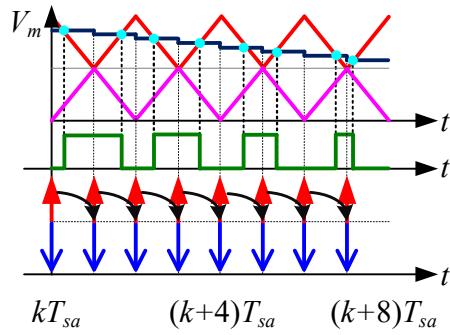
Bode diagram of the repetitive filters with a high-sampling rate ( CMAF: compromised moving averaging filter, IRF: improved repetitive filter, MRF: modified repetitive filter,  $f_{sw}=2$  kHz,  $f_{sa}=100$  kHz).

- MRF can suppress noise around Nyquist frequency and similar delay with IRF

# ► Ripple filter design considering topologies

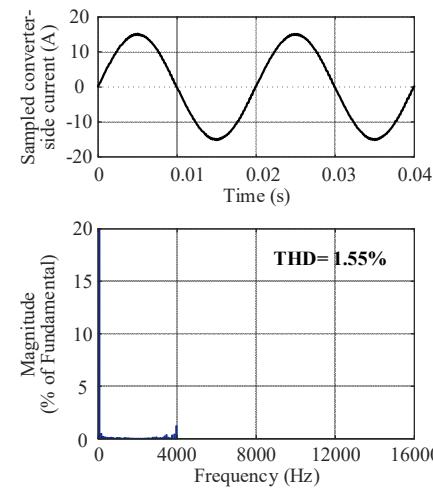


↑ Real Sampling Instant  
↓ Real Update Instant  
→ Real Program Computation  
 (a)

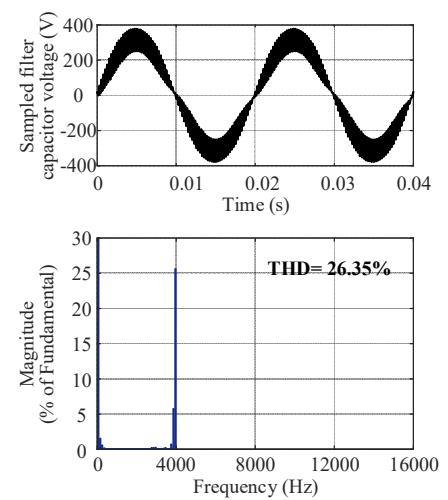


↑ Real Sampling Instant  
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→ Real Program Computation  
 (b)

Four-sampling PWM for a **single-phase H-bridge converter**. (a) Seen from a preset switching frequency perspective, (b) Seen from an apparent switching frequency perspective.



Four-sampled converter-side current ( $f_{sw}=4$  kHz)



Four-sampled filter capacitor voltage

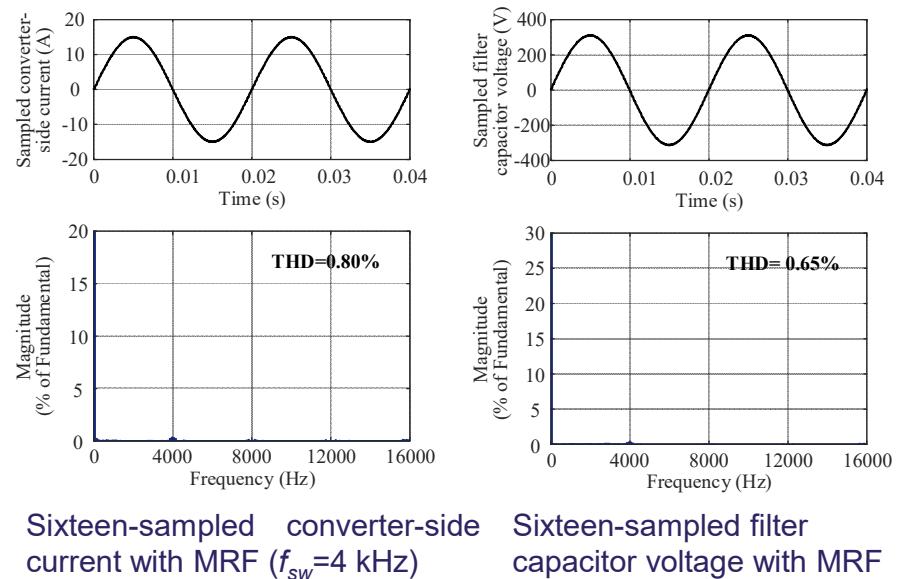
- ❑ Only ripple-free current can be acquired with four-sampling
- ❑ Multi-sampling rate selection should be based on apparent switching frequency

# ► Ripple filter design considering topologies

COMPARISON AMONG VARIOUS MULTI-SAMPLED CONTROL METHODS FOR SINGLE/THREE-PHASE CONVERTERS

	Two-level VSC	Single-phase HB VSC	Single-phase CHB VSC
Sampling rate selection	$N$	$2N$	$2NM$
Loop delay	$(1.5/N+1/4)T_{sw}$	$(1.5/N+1/4)T_{ap\_sw}$	$(1.5/N+1/4)T_{ap\_sw}$

VSC: voltage source converter, HB: H-bridge, CHB: cascaded H-bridge,  $N$ : multi-sampling rate,  $M$ : number of cascaded cells,  $T_{sw}$ : switching period,  $T_{ap\_sw}$ : apparent switching period, Loop Delay: computation delay, PWM delay, and anti-aliasing filter delay.



- Multi-sampling with MRF can suppress the sampled voltage and current ripple;
- Sampling rate increases with the number of cascaded cells.

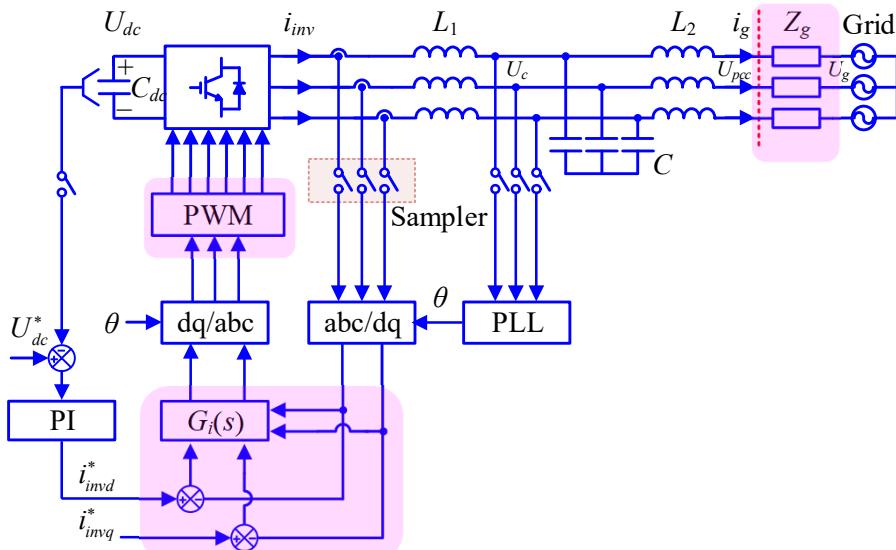
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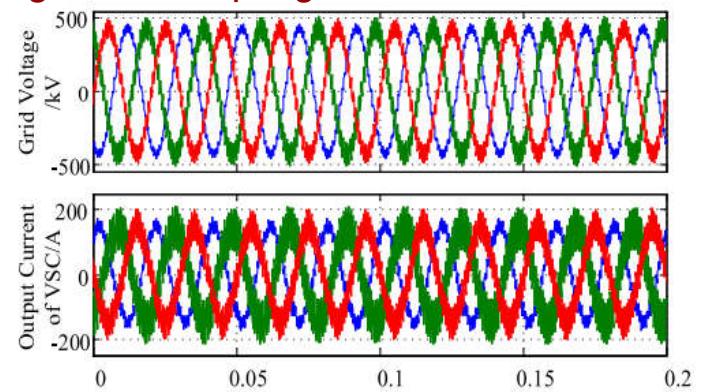


# ► Harmonic resonance



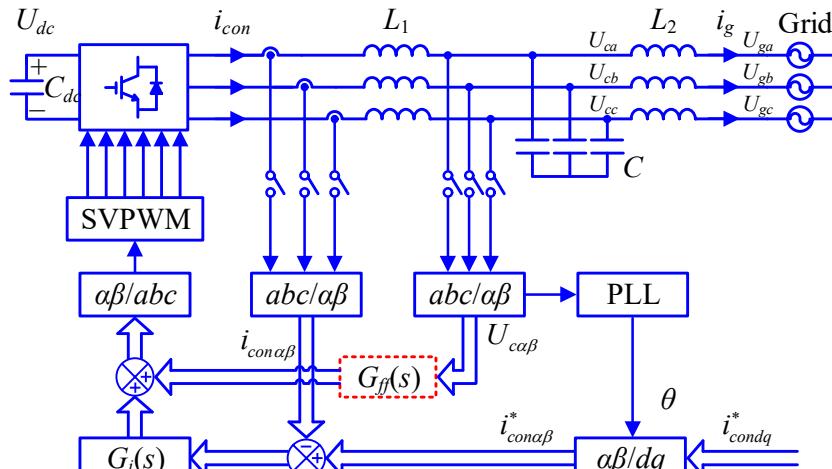
Typical control structure of a three-phase grid-following VSC

- Alternating current control (ACC) & control delay
- Grid impedance
- High-frequency instability-main focus
- Using multi-sampling

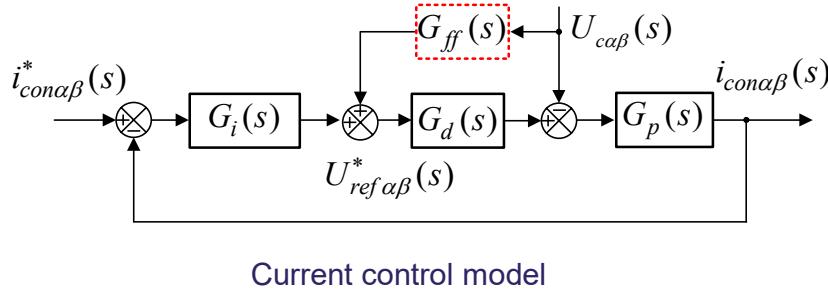


1270 Hz @ Southern Power Grid, China, 2017 [1]

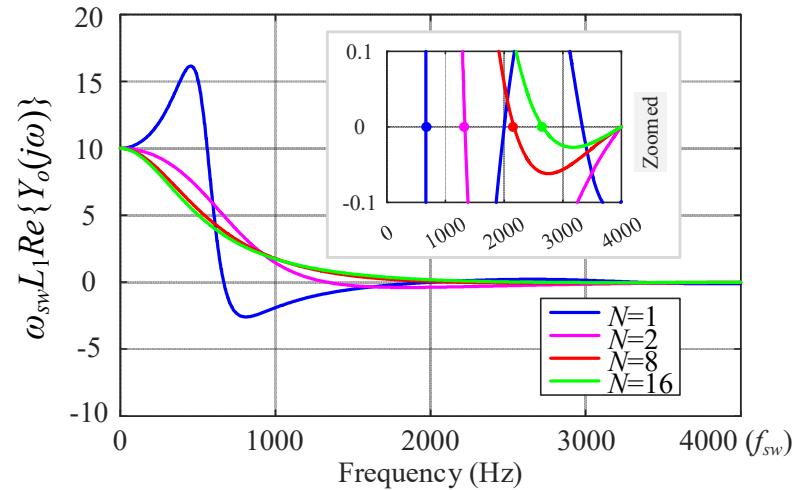
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Three-phase control diagram



Current control model



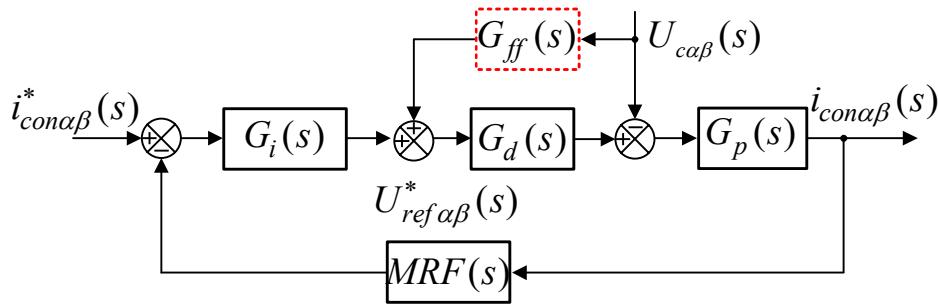
Real part of output admittance for single-loop control

$$\text{Re}\{Y_o(j\omega)\} \approx \frac{K_p \cos(\omega T_d)}{(K_p \cos(\omega T_d))^2 + (\omega L_1 - K_p \sin(\omega T_d))^2}$$

$$f_{dissipative} = (0, \frac{1}{4T_d}) \Rightarrow T_d \leq 0.25T_{sw}$$

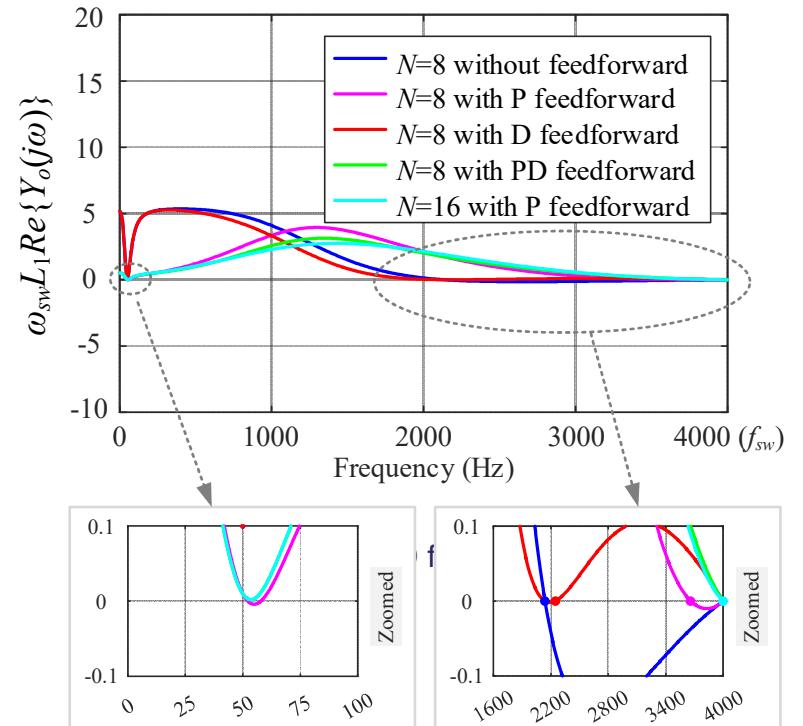
- Multi-sampling control delay:  $T_{d,MS} = (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1.5}{N})T_{sw}$
- Extra active damping is required

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Converter-Side Current Control



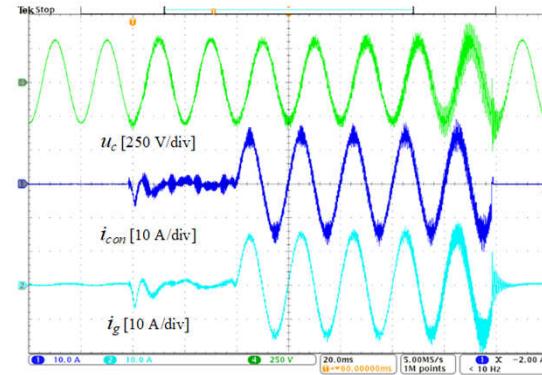
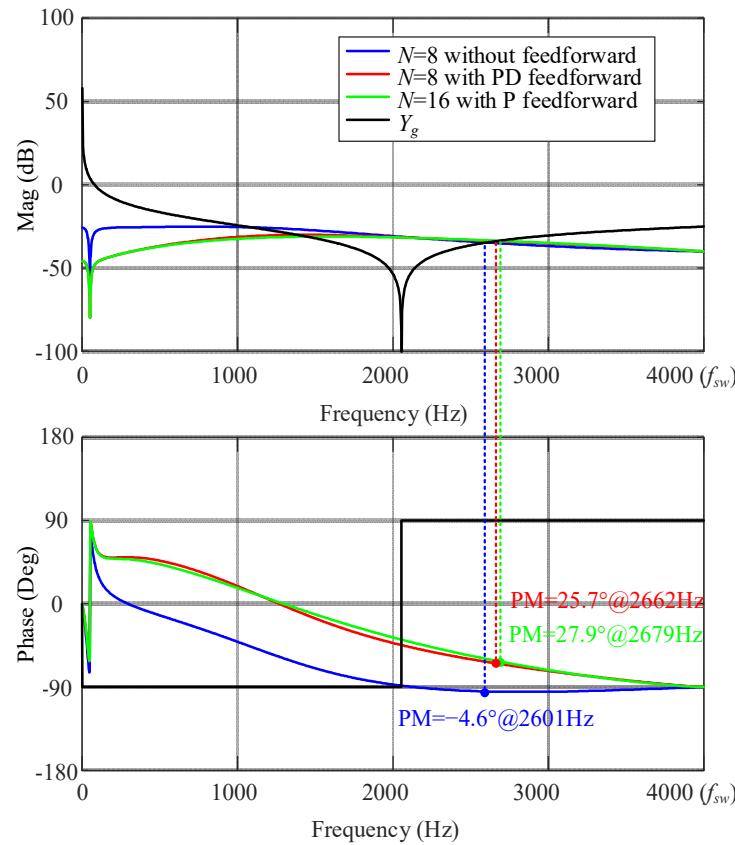
Control diagram of multi-sampled converter-side current control  
(MRF: modified repetitive filter)

- Eight-sampling proportional-derivative capacitor voltage feedforward can achieve dissipativity;
- Derivative feedforward can be replaced by capacitor current feedforward if there is a noise issue.
- Sixteen-sampling capacitor voltage proportional feedforward can achieve dissipativity (Simple);

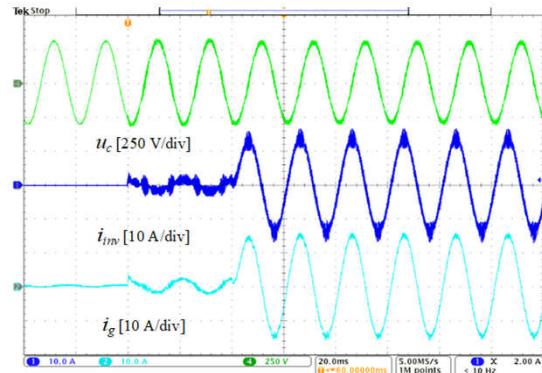


# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Converter-Side Current Control

## VSC-grid interactive stability

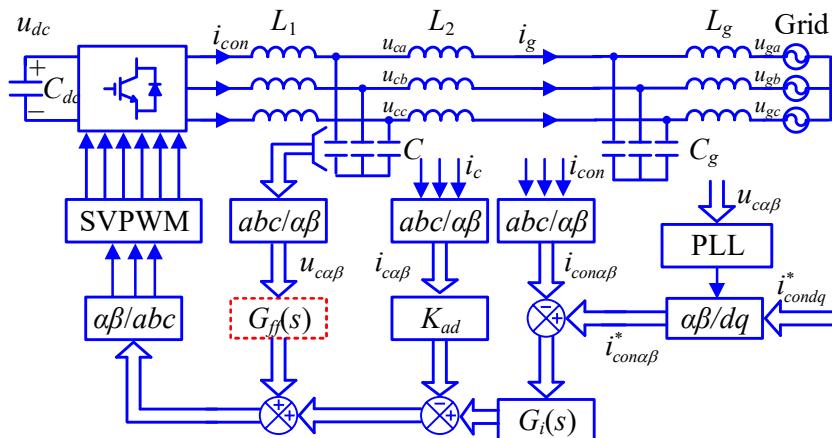


Eight-sampling without PD feedforward

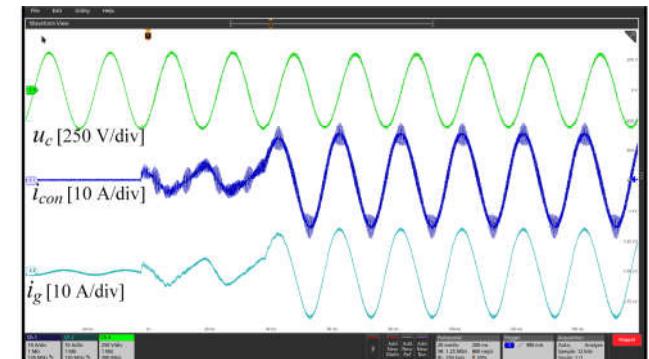
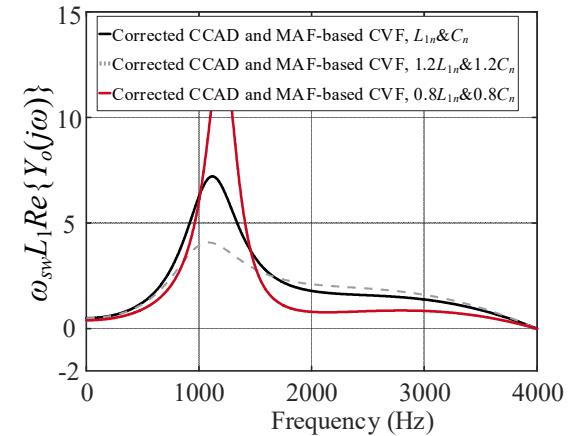


Eight-sampling with PD feedforward

# ► Comparison with double-sampling damping design



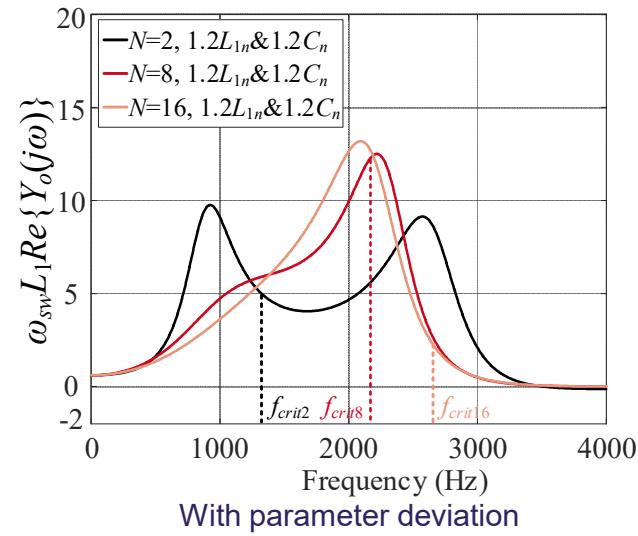
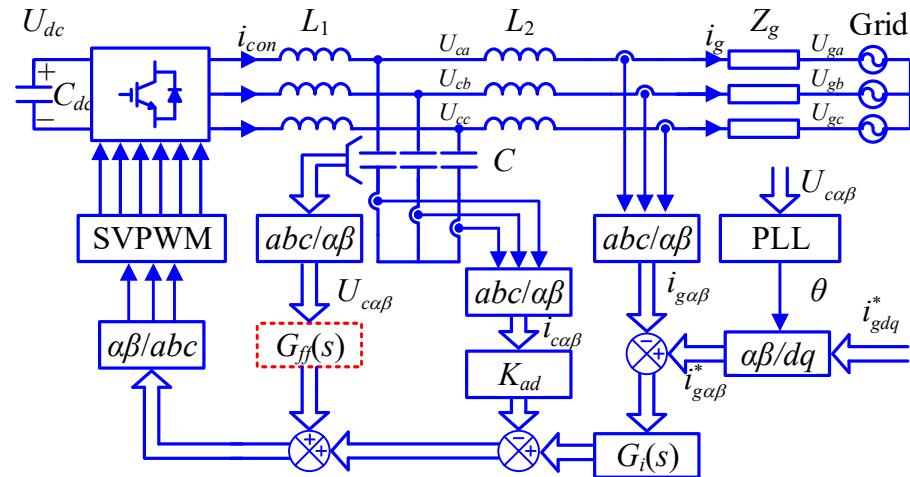
$$\begin{cases} K_{ad} = -\frac{4T_d^2 K_p}{\pi^2 L_{1n} C_n m^2} \\ G_{ff}(s) = K_{ff} (0.5 + 0.5 e^{-sT_{sa}}) \end{cases}$$



- Capacitor current active damping and capacitor voltage feedforward should be carefully designed

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Grid-Side Current Control

## Capacitor voltage feedforward and capacitor current active damping

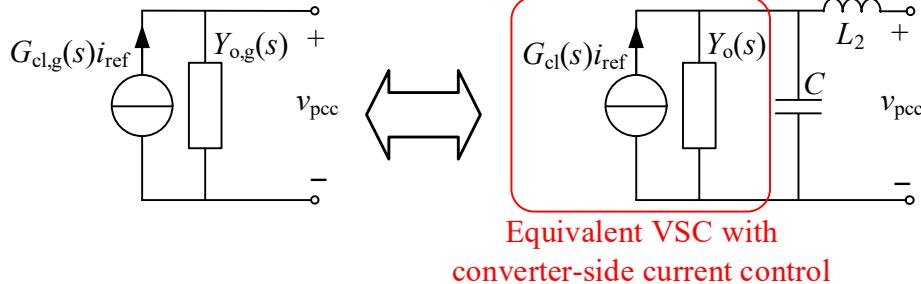


- Enhanced dissipativity robustness
- Dissipativity around switching frequency
- Transient currents during start-up and grid disturbance are suppressed

Source: [1] S. He, et.al., "Dissipativity robustness enhancement for LCL-filtered grid-connected VSCs with multi-sampled grid-side current control," *IEEE TPEL*., 2022 (Under review).

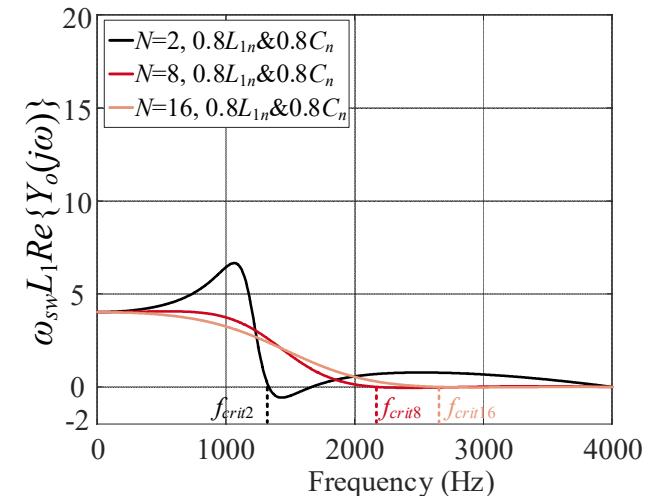
# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Grid-Side Current Control

## Internal stability design ( $G_{cl,g}(s)i_{ref}$ )



$$G_{cl,g}(s)i_{ref}(s) = \frac{1/(sL_2Y_o(s))}{1+Y_{CL_2}(s)/Y_o(s)} G_{cl}(s)i_{ref}(s)$$

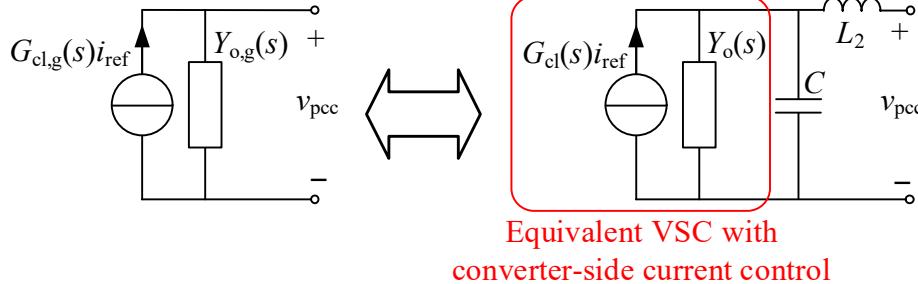
- $G_c(s)$  is designed with a proper control bandwidth;
- $Y_o(s)/Y_{CL_2}(s)$  determines internal stability
  - $Y_o(s)$  should be dissipative



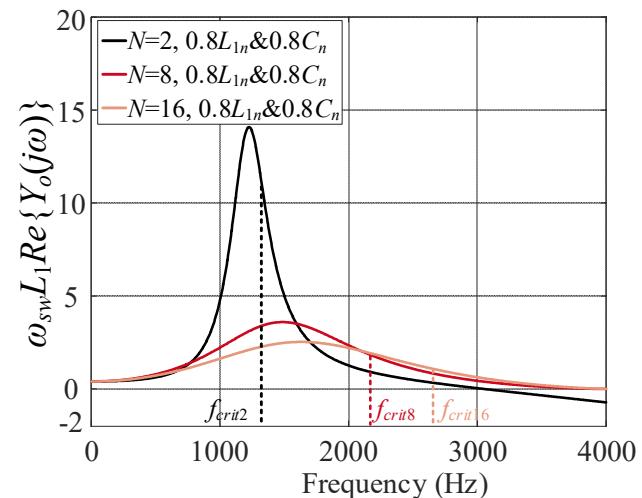
- LCL-filter resonance frequency should be designed far away from critical frequency ( $f_{sa}/6$ ) for capacitor current damping

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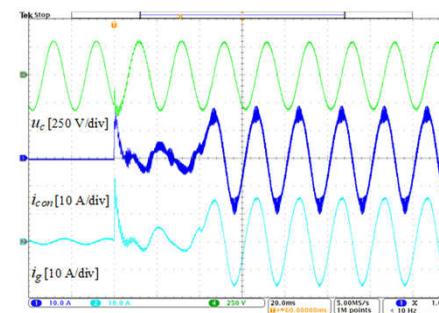
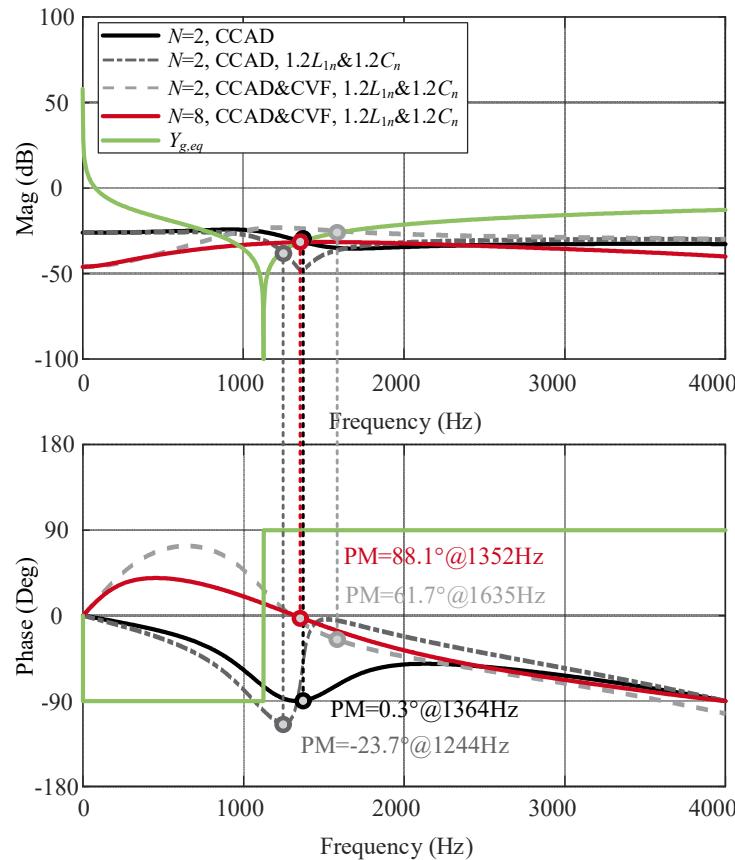


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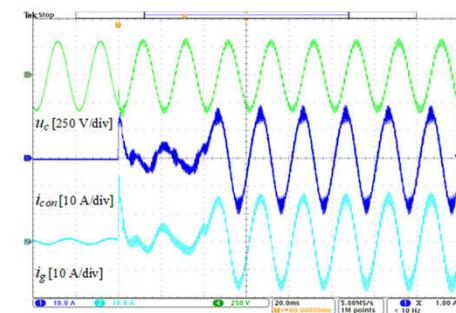
- Limit on LCL-filter resonance frequency design is removed by multi-sampling proportional capacitor voltage feedforward and capacitor current active damping

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Grid-Side Current Control

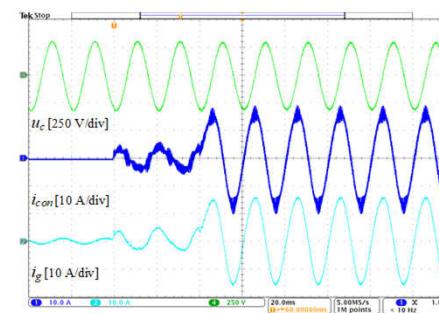
## Internal stability



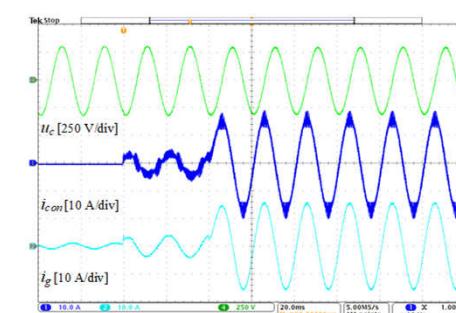
Double-sampling CCAD with nominal values of  $L_1$  and  $C$



Double-sampling CCAD with +20% deviation of  $L_1$  and  $C$



Double-sampling CCAD and CVF with +20% deviation of  $L_1$  and  $C$

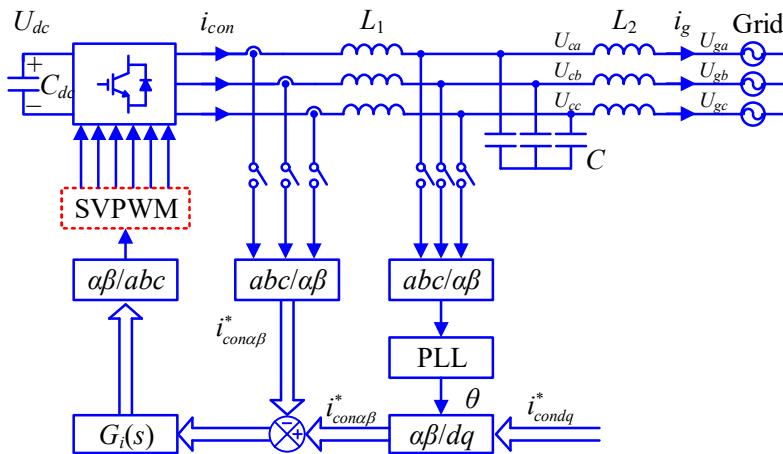


Eight-sampling CCAD and CVF with +20% deviation of  $L_1$  and  $C$

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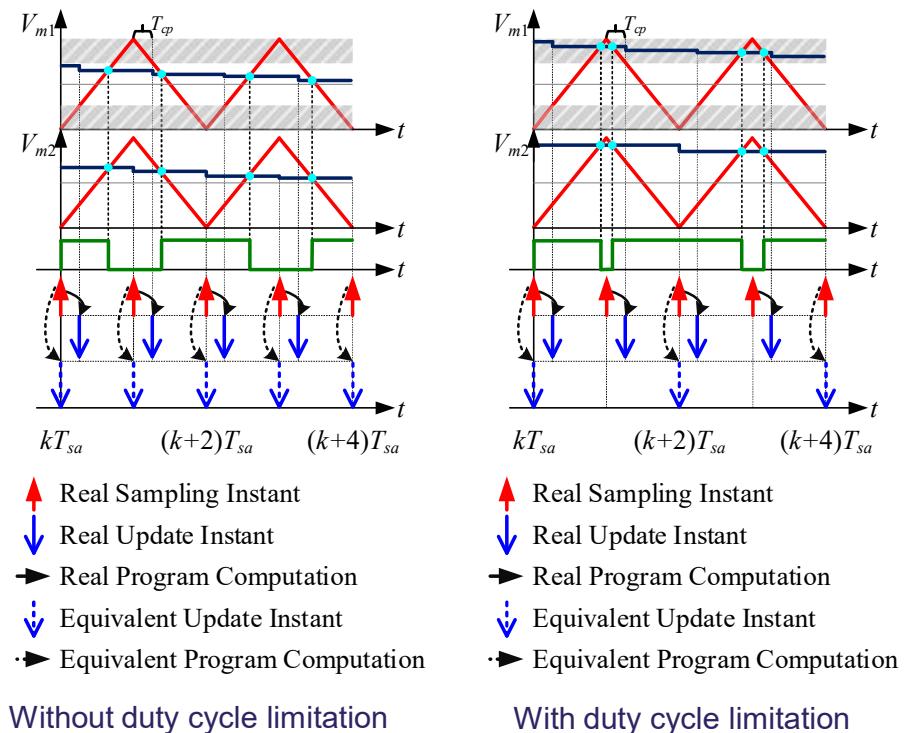
# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Real-Time Current Control

Double-sampling real-time-update (DSRTU) PWM<sup>[1]</sup>



□ Control delay:

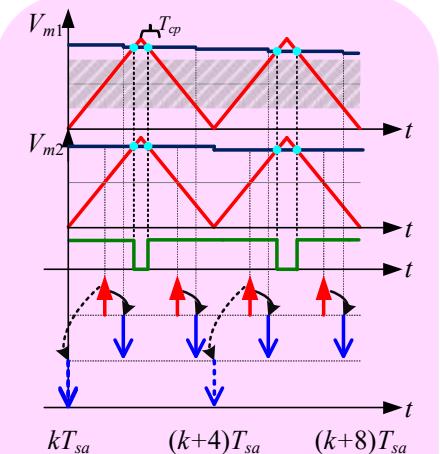
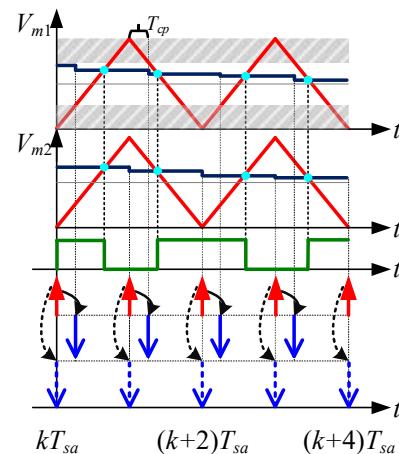
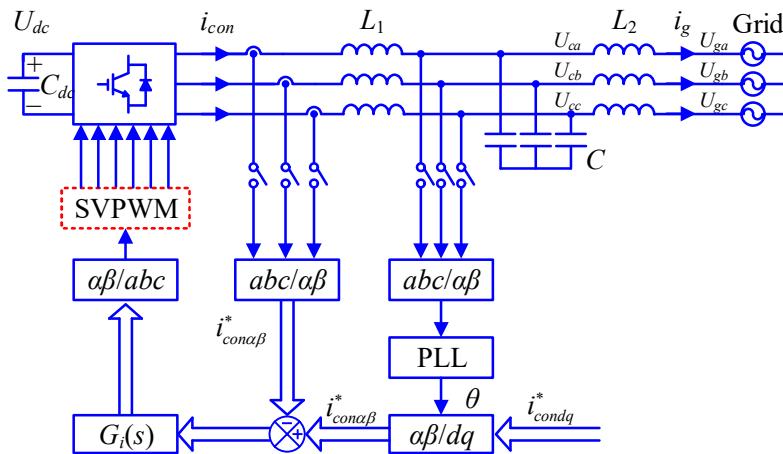
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Source: [1] M. Hu, et.al., "Fast current control without computational delay by minimizing update latency," IEEE TPEL., 2021.

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Real-Time Current Control

Enhanced real-time-update (ERTU) PWM using multi-sampling<sup>[1]</sup>



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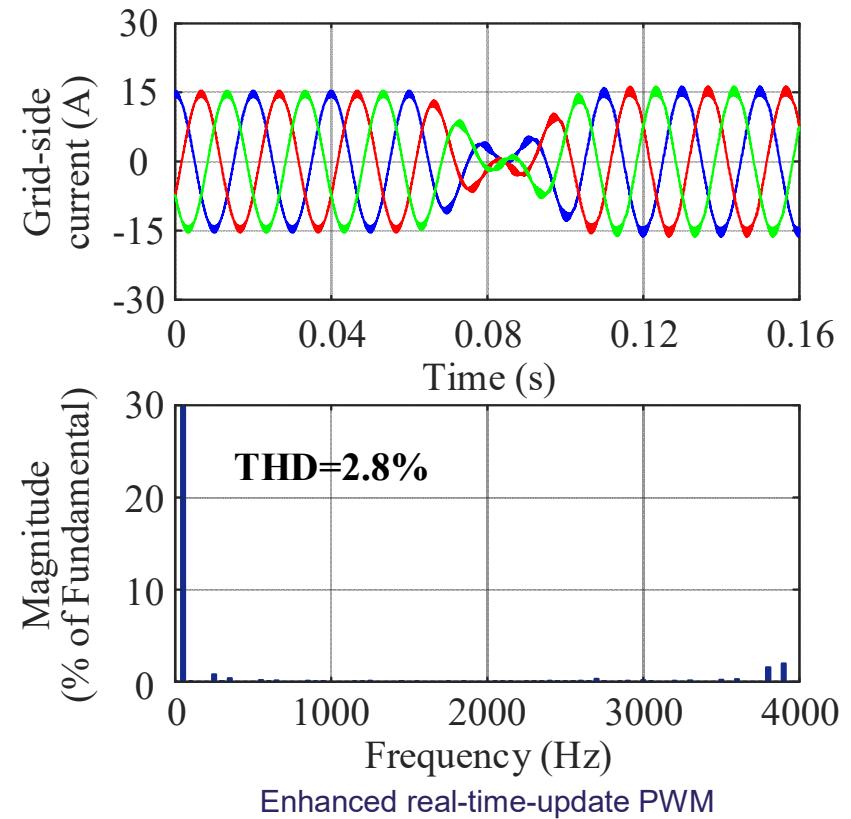
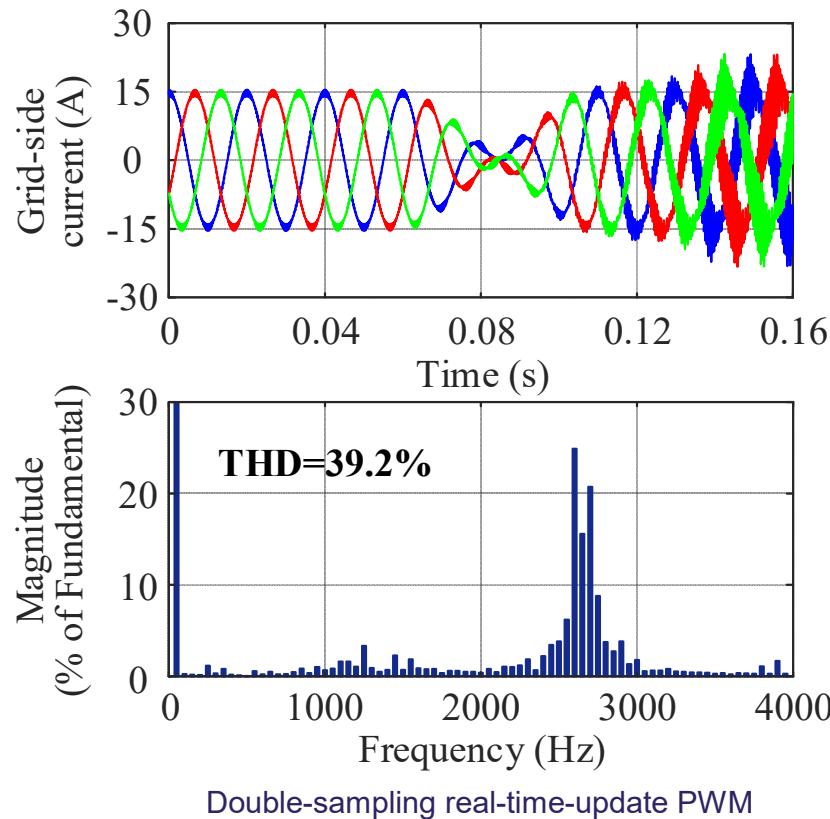
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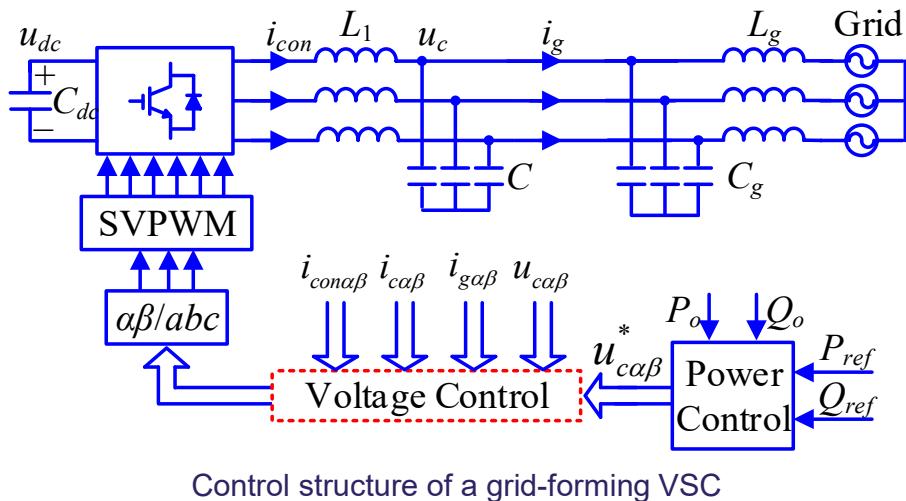
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## ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Real-Time Current Control

$i_q^*$  changes from 15 A to -15 A (duty cycle slowly changes to the forbidden region)



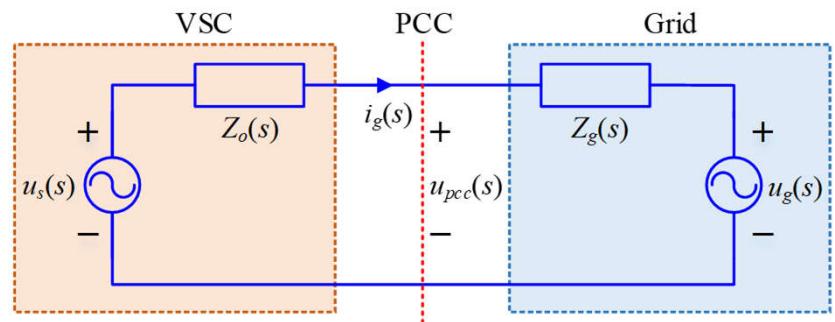
# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Voltage Control



Control structure of a grid-forming VSC

Due to control delay:

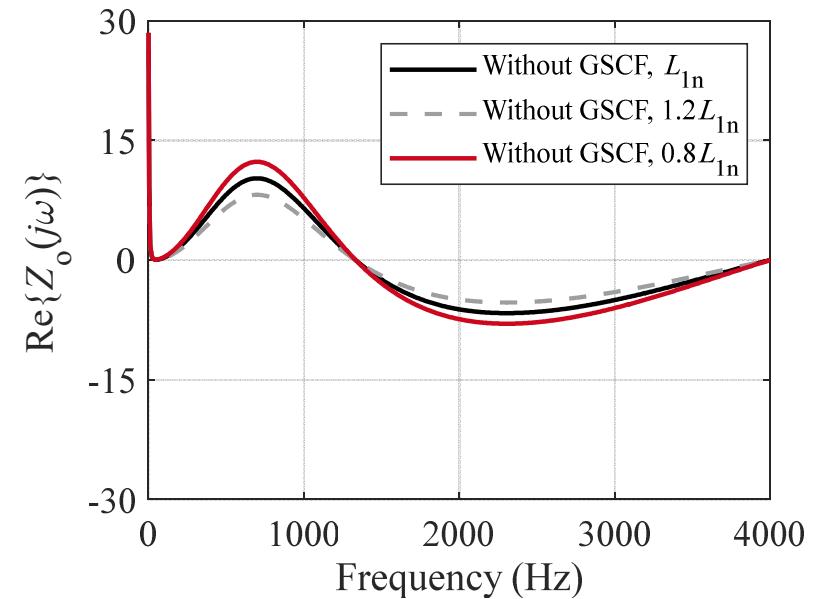
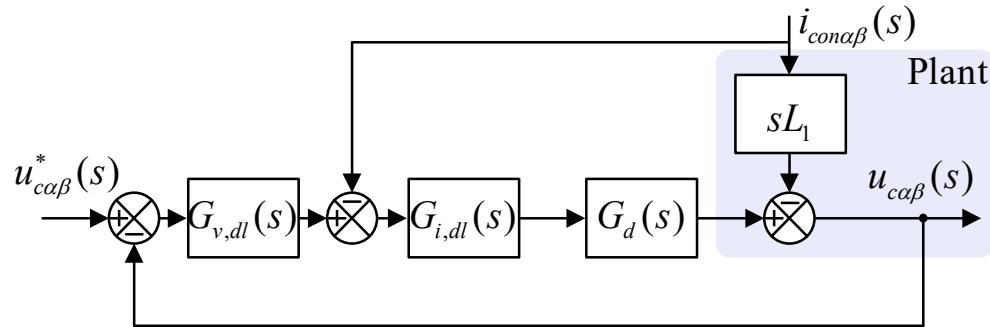
- Limit LC-filter design
- Weaken robustness against parameter deviation



- Passivity-based impedance shaping
  - VSC-grid interactive stability is secured regardless of grid impedance
- ↓
- $Z_o(j\omega)$  is passive at all frequencies
  - $Z_o(j\omega)$  is dissipative below Nyquist frequency

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Voltage Control

## Without grid-side current feedforward (GSCF)

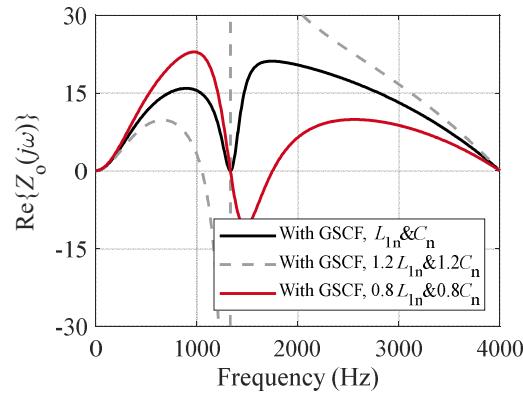
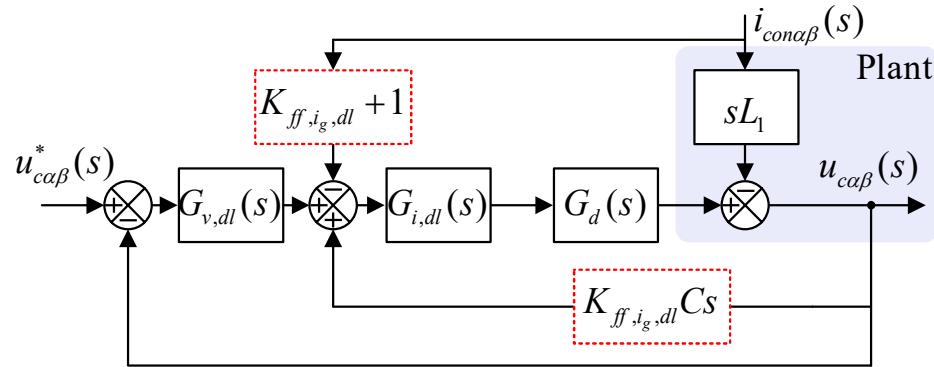


- Large non-dissipative area in the high-frequency region

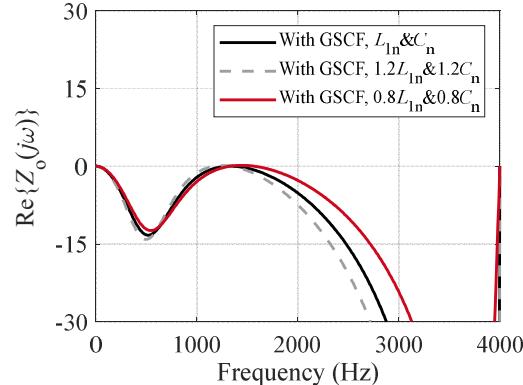
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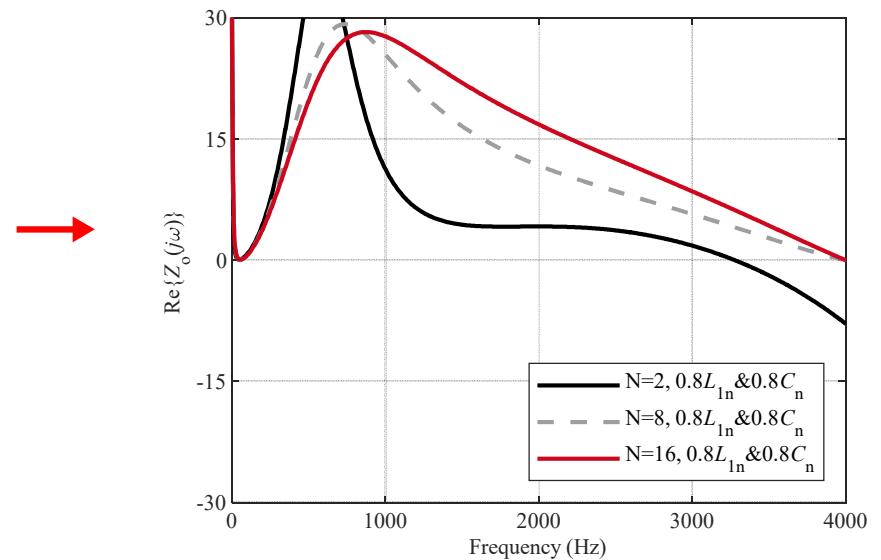
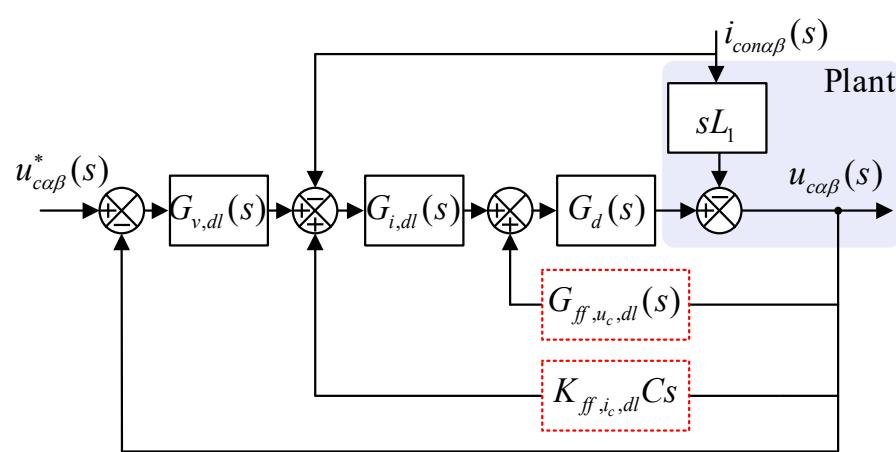


$$f_m > f_{crit} = \frac{1}{4T_d}$$

- LC-filter resonance frequency design is limited
- Weak robustness against parameter deviation

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Converter-Side Current Control

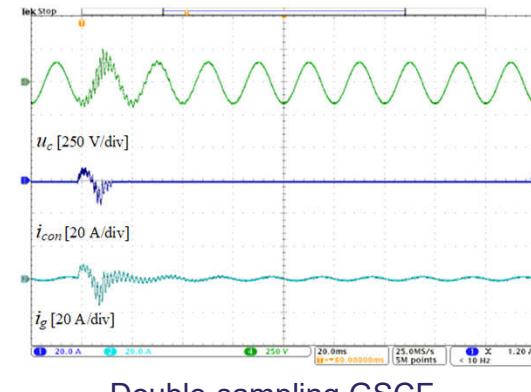
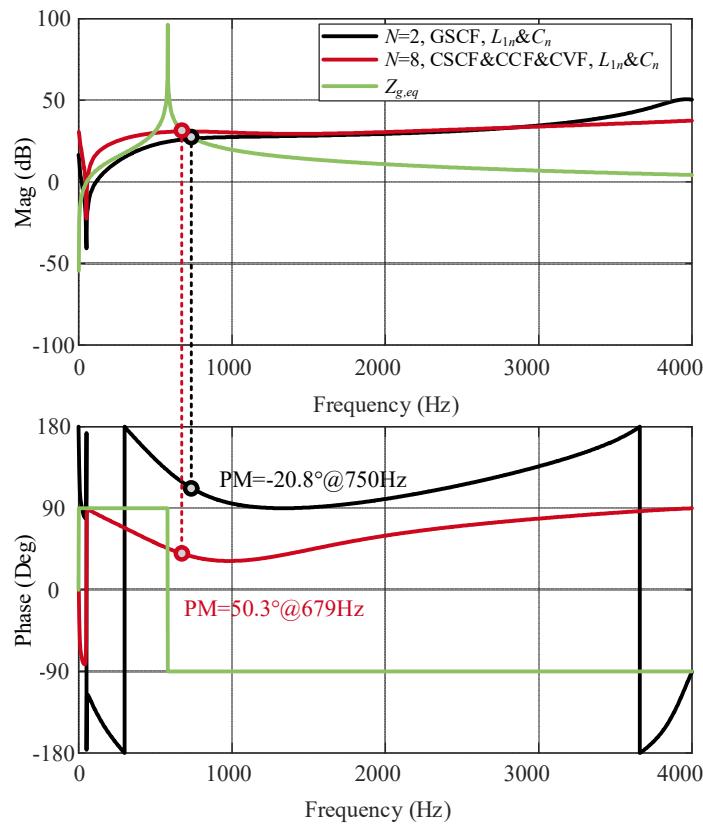
With converter-side current, capacitor current feedforward,  
capacitor voltage feedforward



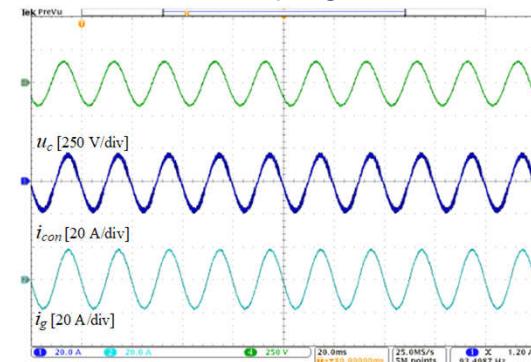
- ❑ LC-filter design limitation is removed
- ❑ Not sensitive to filter parameter deviation
- ❑ Capacitor current feedforward can be removed using 16-sampling

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Voltage Control

$f_{rn} > f_{crit, N=2}$  & without filter parameter deviation



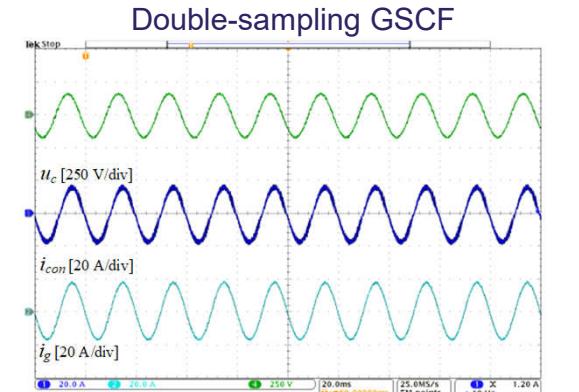
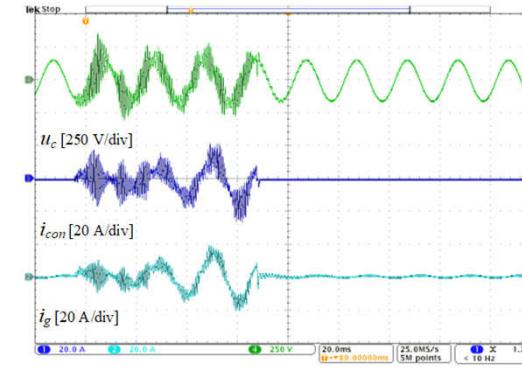
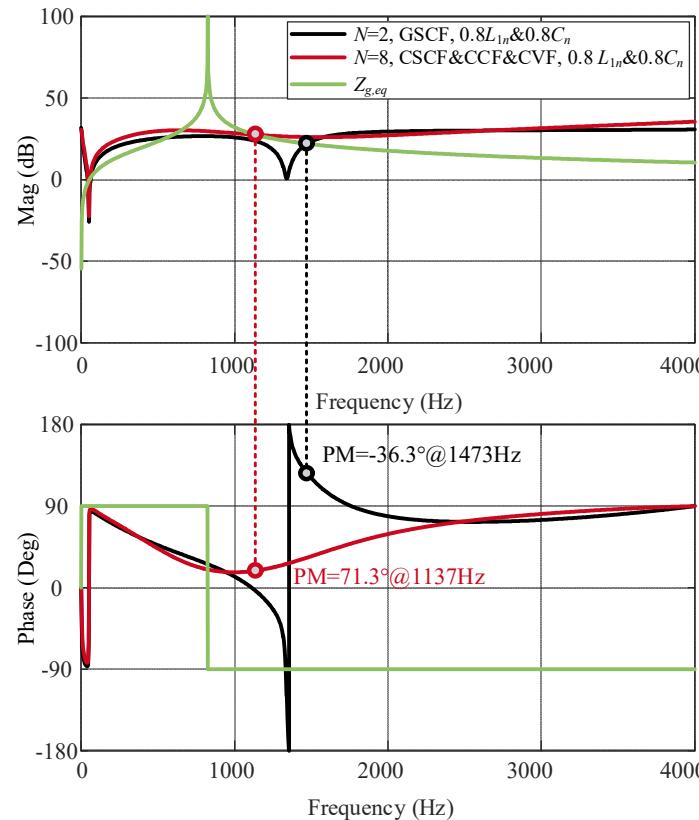
Double-sampling GSCF



Eight-sampling CCAD, CSCAD, and CVF

# ► Passivity-Based Multi-Sampled Voltage Control

$f_r < f_{crit,N=2}$  & with -20% filter parameter deviation



Eight-sampling CCAD, CSCAD, and CVF

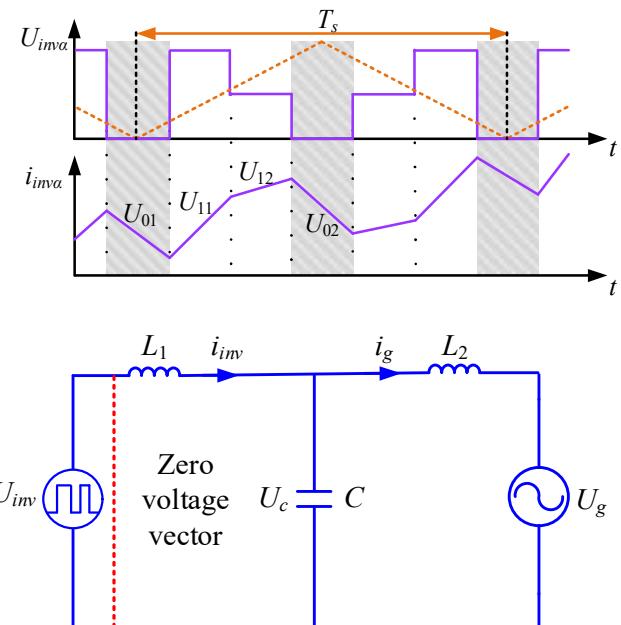
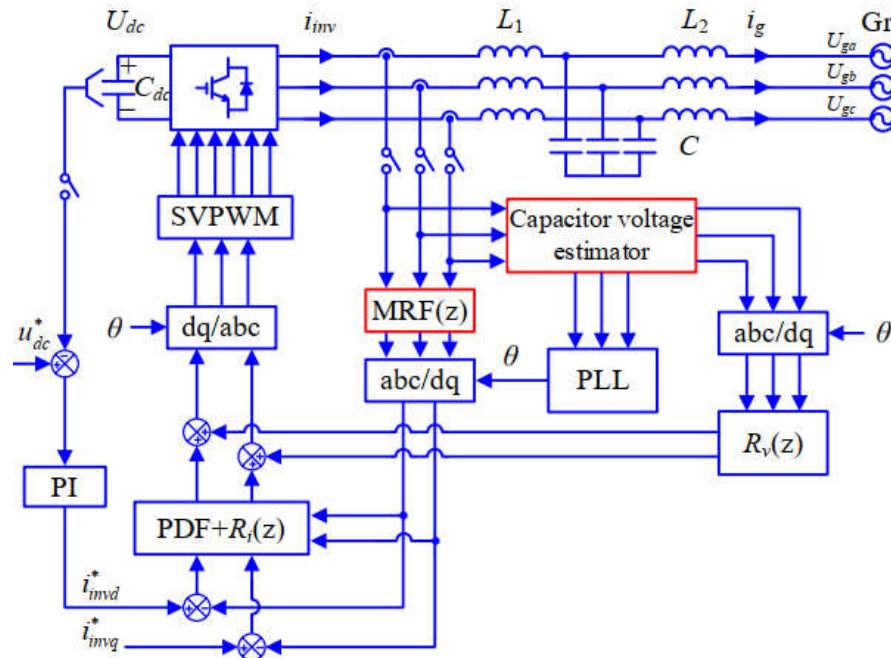
## ► Outline

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- Introduction
- Multi-sampling PWM mechanism and ripple filter design
- Passivity-based multi-sampling current/voltage control
- Multi-sampling-based grid voltage estimation
- Summary



# ► Multi-sampling-based grid voltage estimation

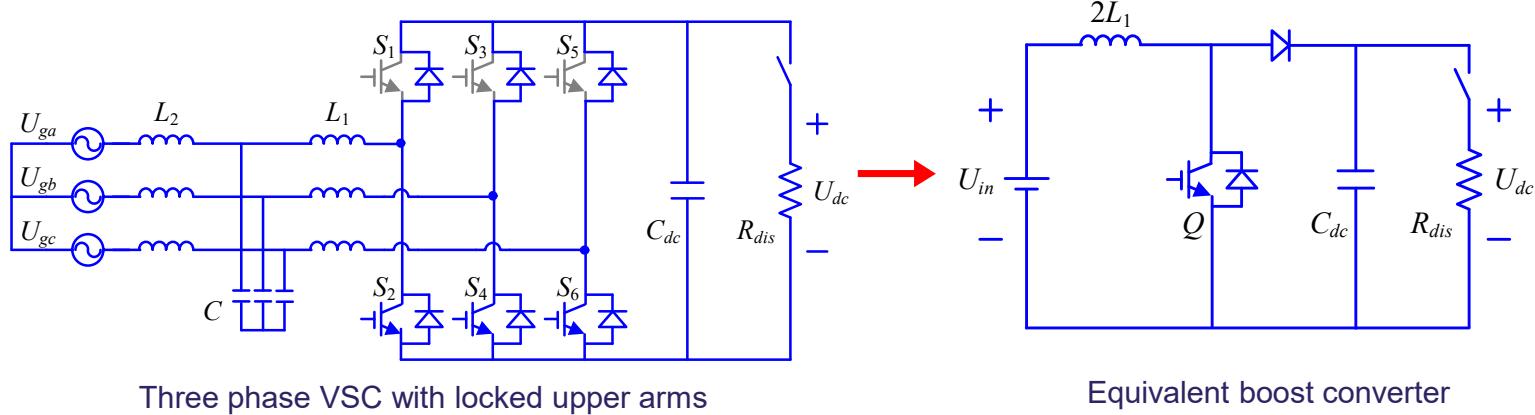


- Capacitor voltage during zero voltage vectors  $U_c = -L_1 \frac{di_{inv}}{dt}$
- Inverter-side current slope using linear regression  $\frac{di_{inv}}{dt} = \frac{\bar{i}_t - \bar{i}_{\bar{t}}}{\bar{t}^2 - \bar{t}^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n i(t_k)t_k - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n i(t_k) \sum_{k=1}^n t_k}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n t_k^2 - \frac{1}{n^2} (\sum_{k=1}^n t_k)^2}$

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# ► Line Voltage Sensorless Control

## Start-up control

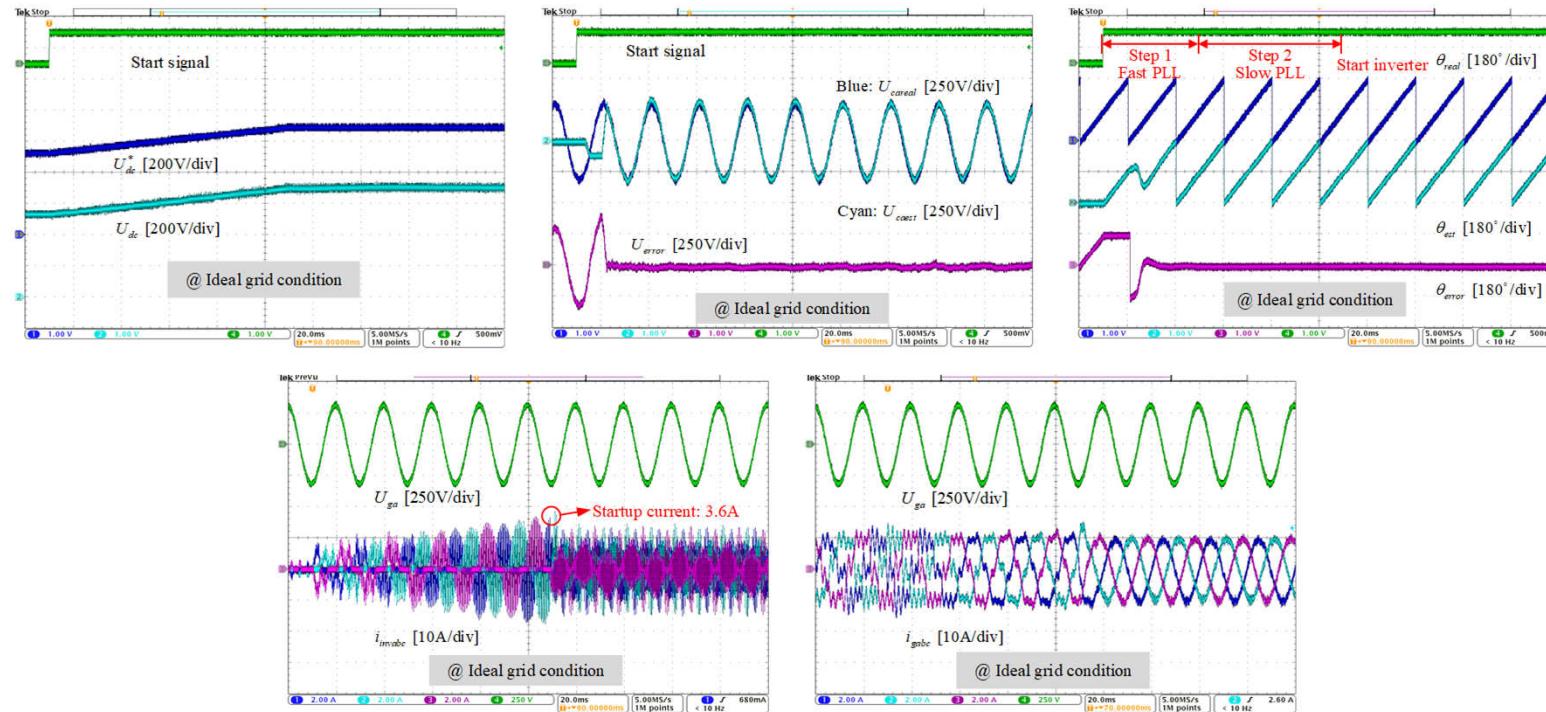


- Fundamental start-up current:  $L_1 \frac{di_{inv}}{dt} = U_{inv} \sin(\omega_g t + \varphi_0) - U_c \sin(\omega_g t + \varphi_g)$
- Grid voltage should be known before start-up
  - Injecting zero voltage vectors and control VSC as a boost converter

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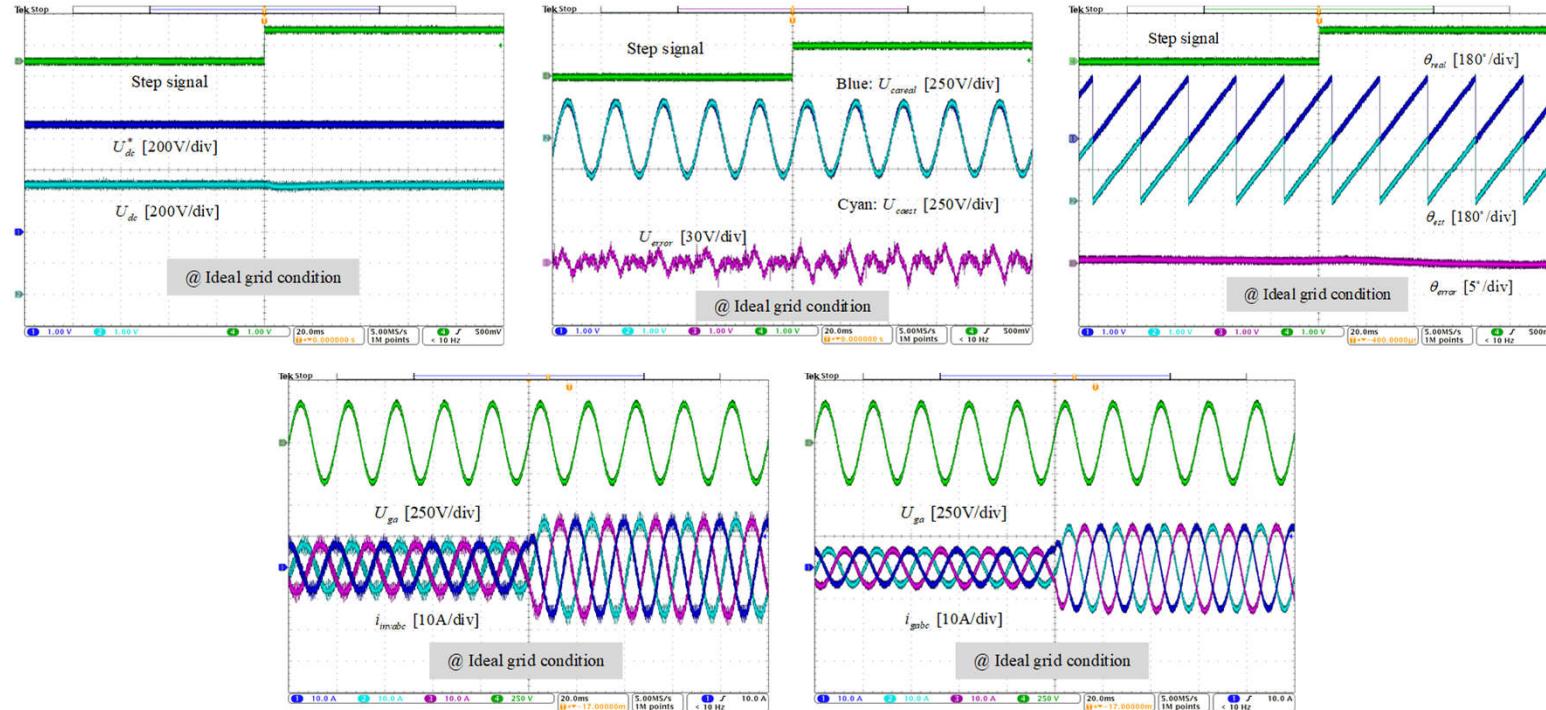
# ► Line Voltage Sensorless Control

## Start-up process



# ► Line Voltage Sensorless Control

## Current reference step response



# ► Conclusion

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## ❑ Application of multi-sampling PWM

- Multi-sampling PWM mechanism analysis
- Ripple filter design
- Multi-sampling rate selection

## ❑ Dissipativity enhancement using multi-sampling PWM

- Simplified active damping for current/voltage control
- Enhanced real-time-update PWM with  $0.25T_{sw}$  control delay

## ❑ Grid voltage estimation using multi-sampled current data

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