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# Active Damping of DC Voltage Oscillations in Multi-Terminal HVDC Systems

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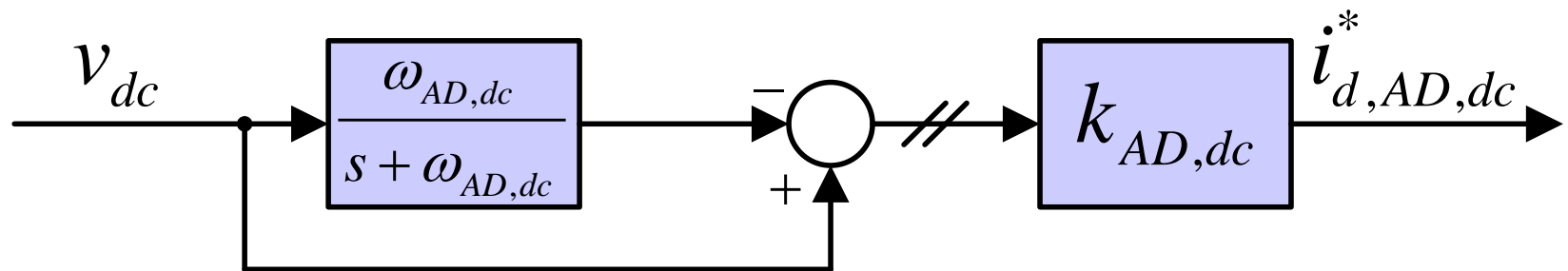
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# Introduction

- Cable connections in HVDC systems are characterized by substantial capacitance and inductance
- The dc side of an HVDC system can exhibit not well damped oscillatory behaviours as a reaction to changes of the system conditions
- Resistance is in general responsible for dampening of oscillations in physical circuits but this generates losses and conflicts with efficiency goals (Passive Damping)
- Damping of oscillations in power electronics can be also integrated in the control (Active Damping)

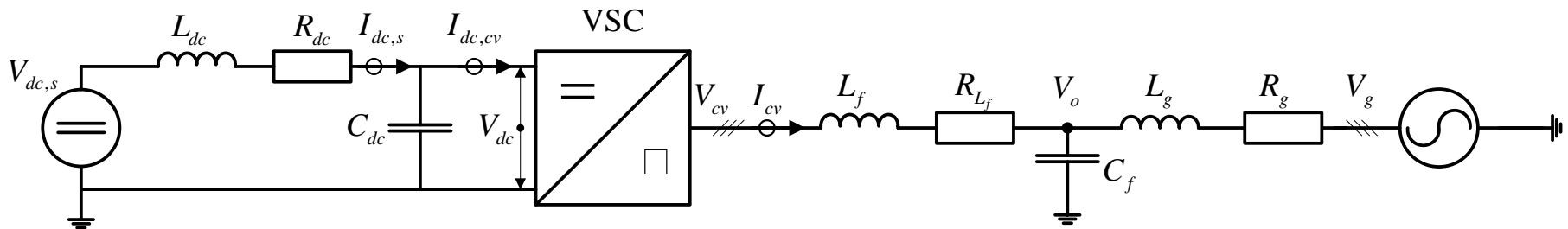
# AC Active Damping

- Active damping is common in power electronics systems sensitive to oscillations
  - Grid connected converters with LCL filters
- The principle is to add to the output voltage a component in counterphase with the oscillations in order to force a damping (similar to noise cancelling headphones)
- Oscillations are isolated with high pass filtering

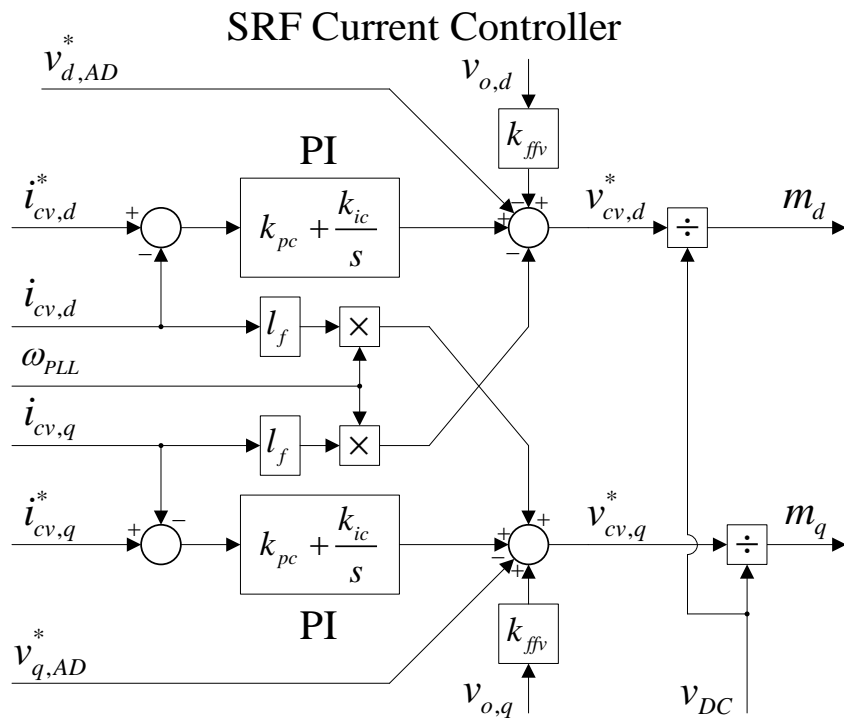


# Reference model for HVDC terminal

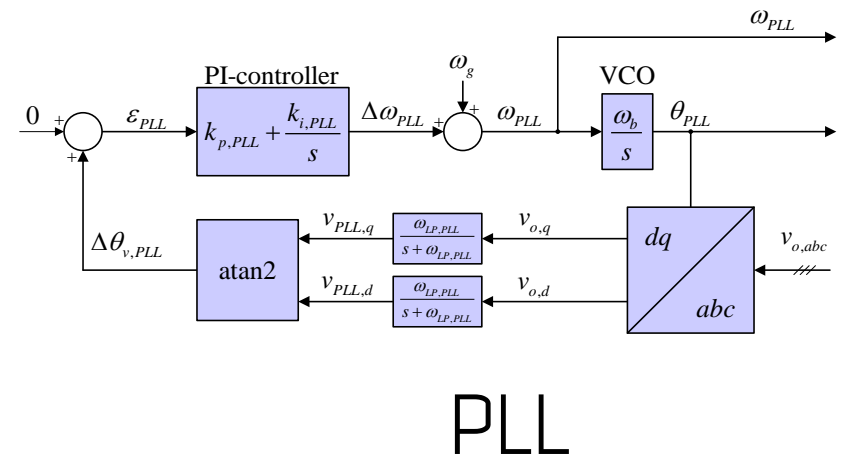
- Rated power: 1200MW
- Rated Voltage AC: 220 kV
- Line length: 200 km
- Line resistance:  $0.011 \Omega / \text{km}$
- Line capacitance:  $0.19 \mu\text{F}/\text{km}$
- Line inductance:  $2.6 \text{ mH}/\text{km}$
- Bus capacitance:  $8.2 \text{ mF}$
- Worst case configuration



# Overview Control Scheme

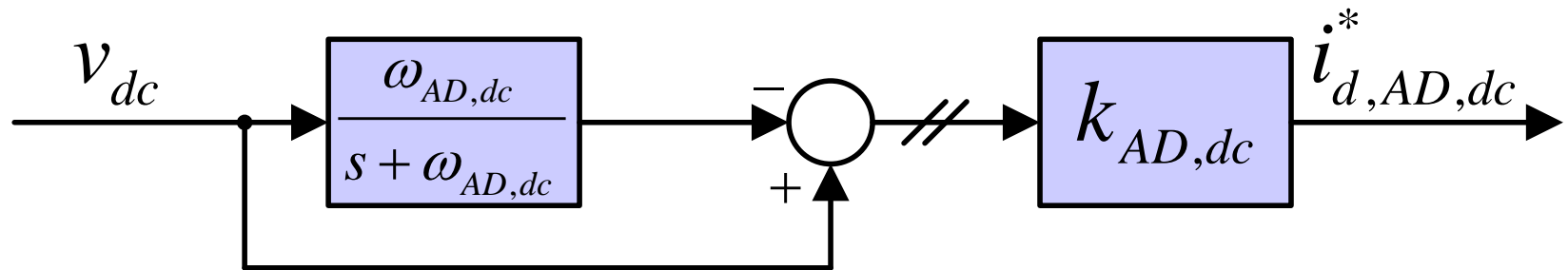


Current controller



# DC Active Damping

- The concept and the implementation of the DC Active Damping is similar to the AC Active Damping
  - The oscillations in the dc voltage are isolated by high pass filtering the measured voltage on the dc bus
  - A counterphase component is added to the reference current for the current controller
  - The damping effect is lossless and can be tuned by the gain and the filtering frequency



# Small signal modelling

- A small signal linearized system is derived in the dq frame (17 th order)

$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{o,d} & v_{o,q} & i_{l,d} & i_{l,q} & \gamma_d & \gamma_q & i_{o,d} & i_{o,q} & \varphi_d & \varphi_q \\ & & v_{PLL,d} & v_{PLL,q} & \varepsilon_{PLL} & \delta\theta_{PLL} & v_{dc} & i_{dc} & \rho \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} i_{l,q}^* & i_{l,d}^* & v_{dc,s} & \hat{v}_g & \omega_g \end{bmatrix}^T$$

# Small signal modelling

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix}
 0 & \omega_b \omega_{s,0} & \frac{\omega_b}{c_f} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\omega_b}{c_f} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -\omega_b \omega_{s,0} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\omega_b}{c_f} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\omega_b}{c_f} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \omega_b \frac{k_{gr} - 1 - k_{AD}}{l_f} & 0 & -\omega_b \frac{k_{pc} + r_f}{l_f} & 0 & \omega_b \frac{k_{sc}}{l_f} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_b \frac{k_{AD}}{l_f} & 0 & 0 & -\omega_b \frac{k_{p,PLL} \hat{i}_{d,0}^+}{v_{o,d,0}} & -\omega_b k_{1,PLL} \hat{i}_{q,0}^+ & 0 & \omega_b \frac{k_{pc} k_{AD,dc}}{l_f} & 0 & -\omega_b \frac{k_{pc} k_{AD,dc}}{l_f} \\
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A

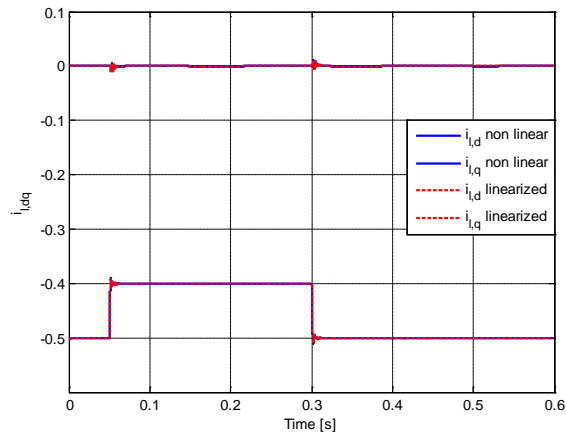
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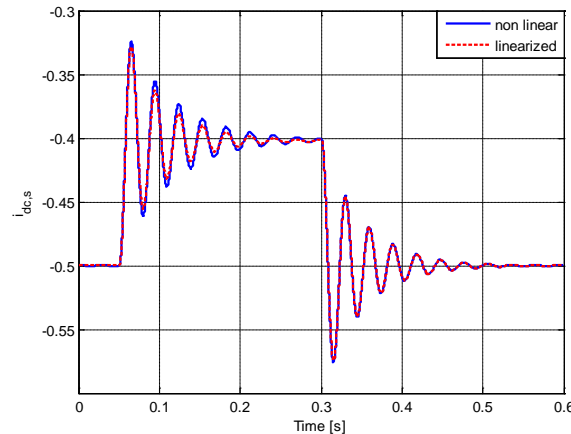


# Example of oscillatory behaviour without active damping

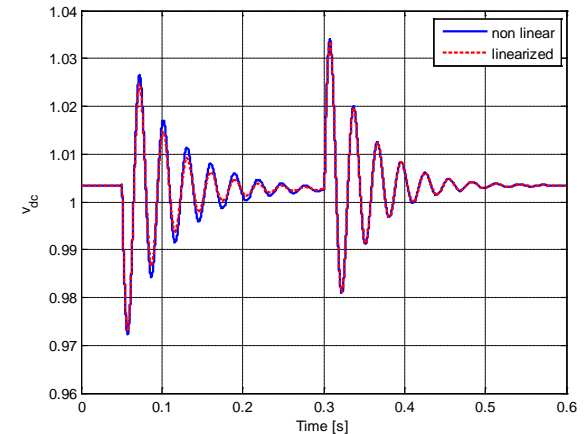
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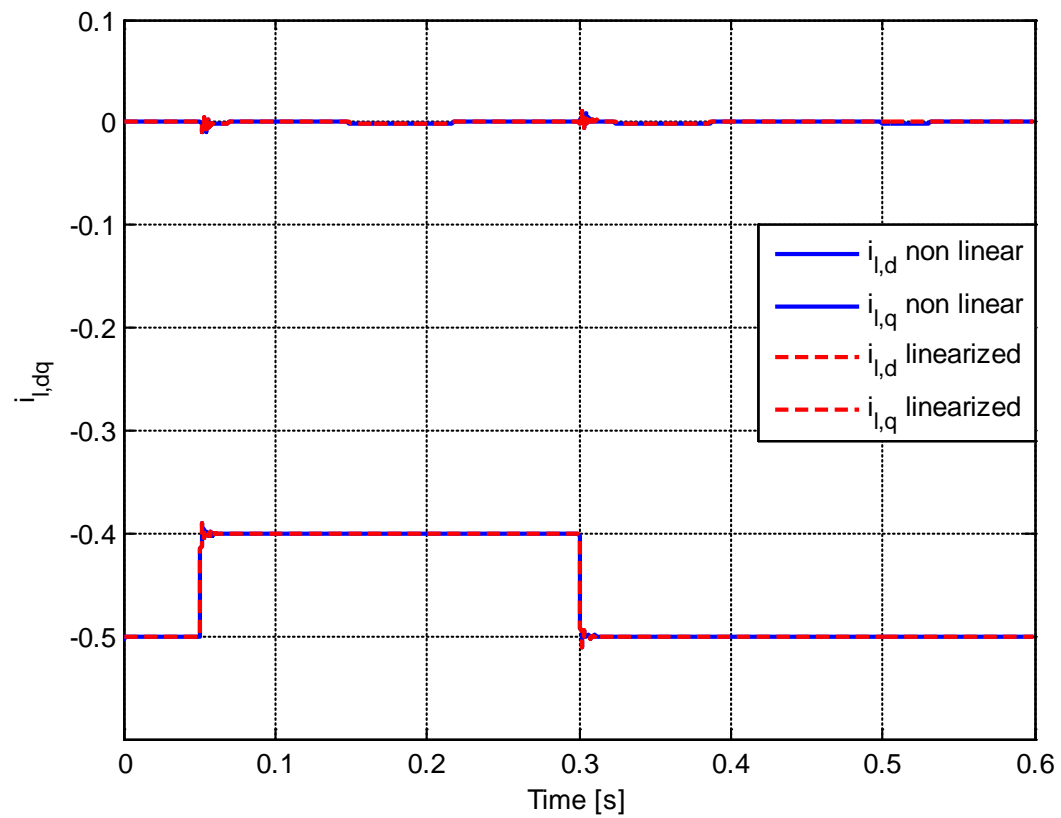


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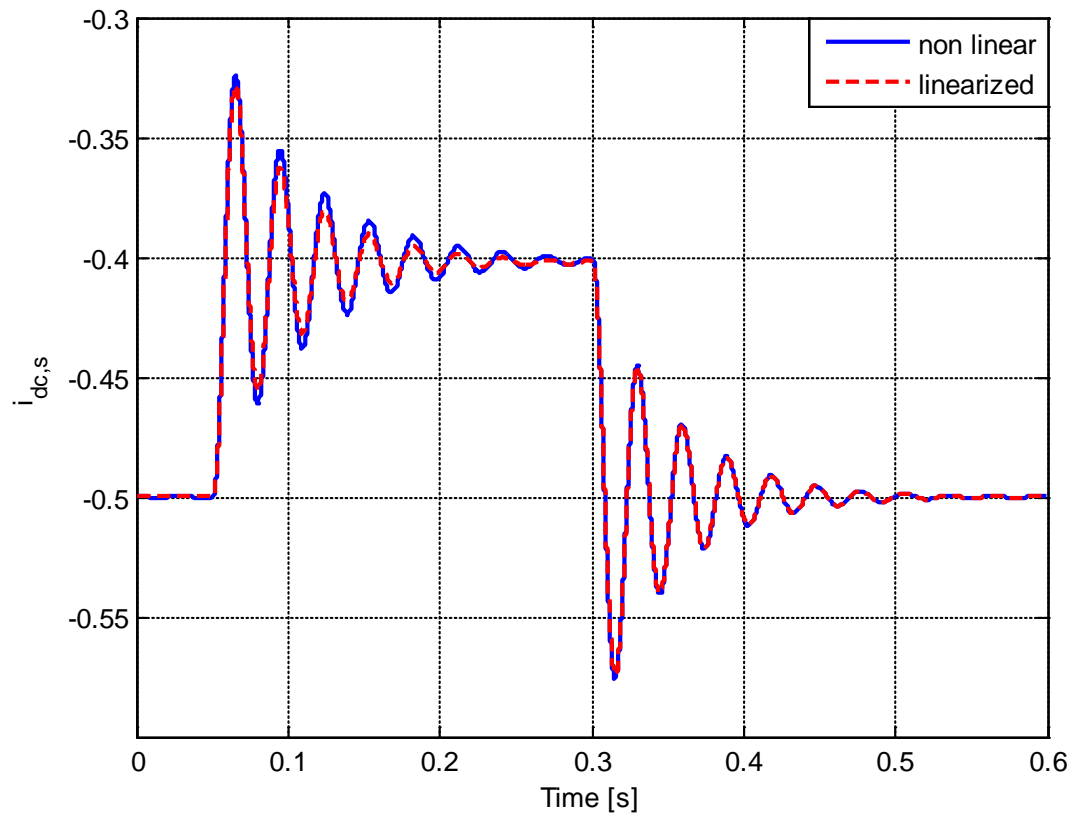


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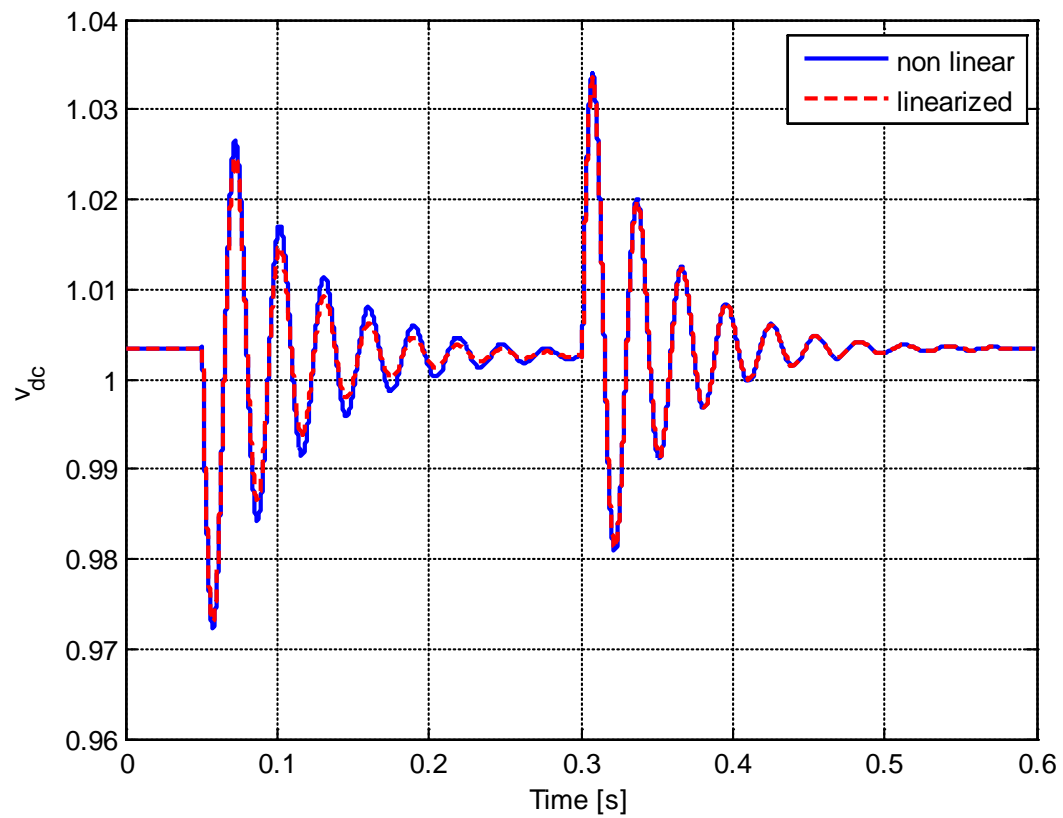
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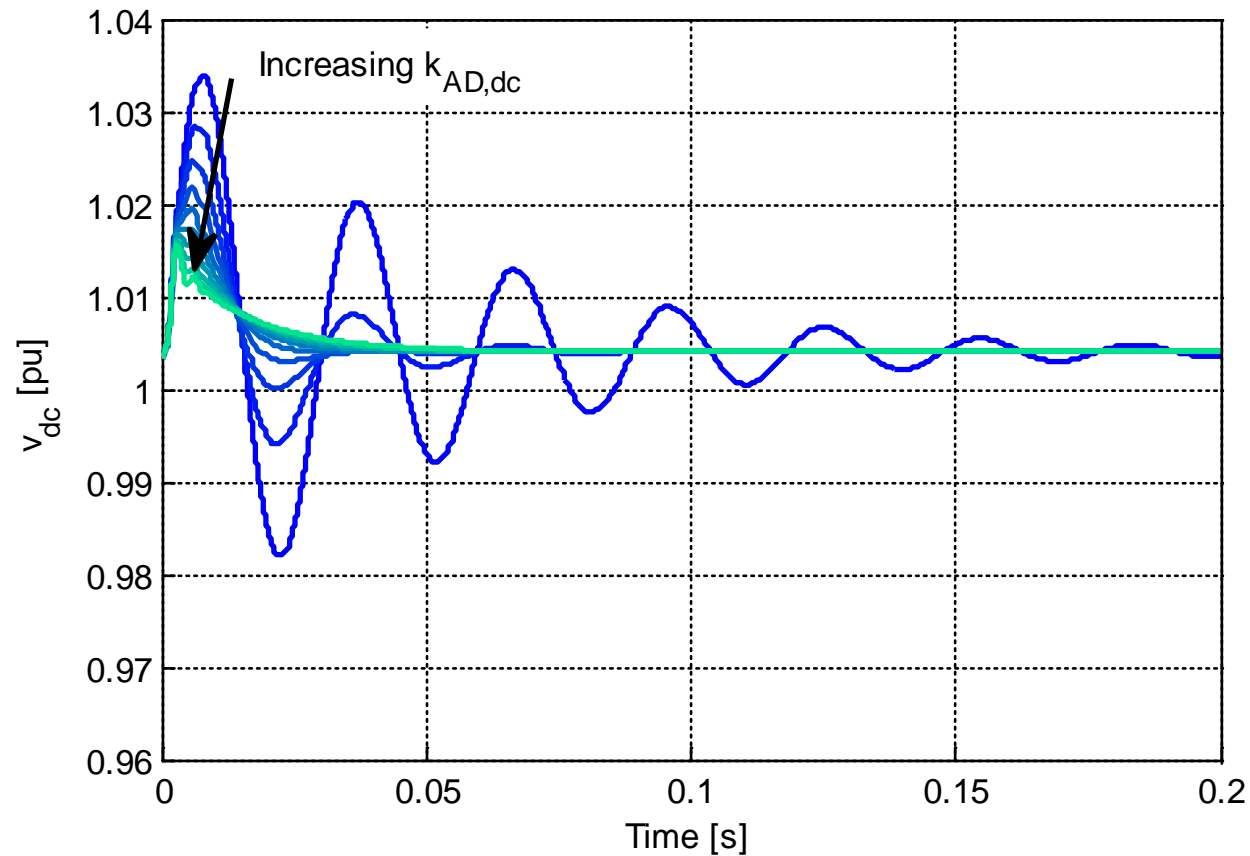
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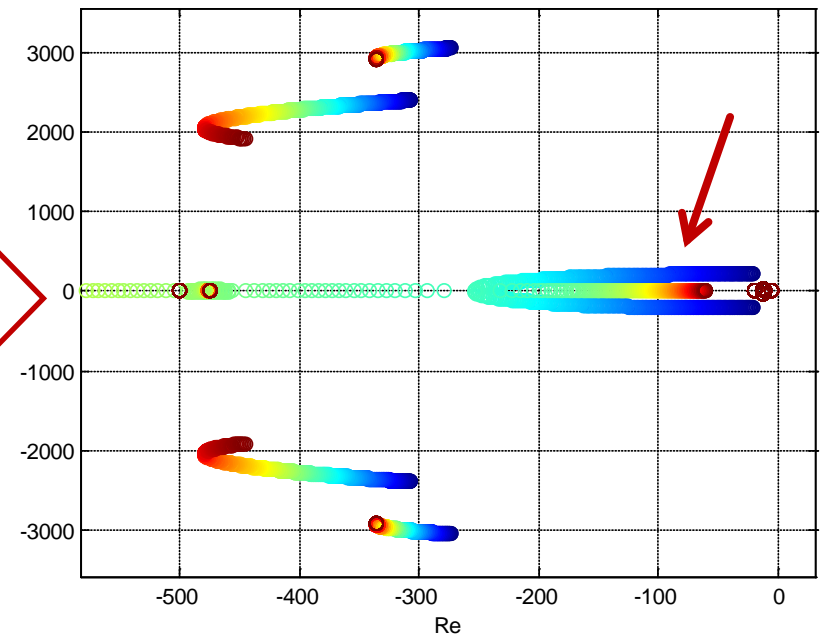
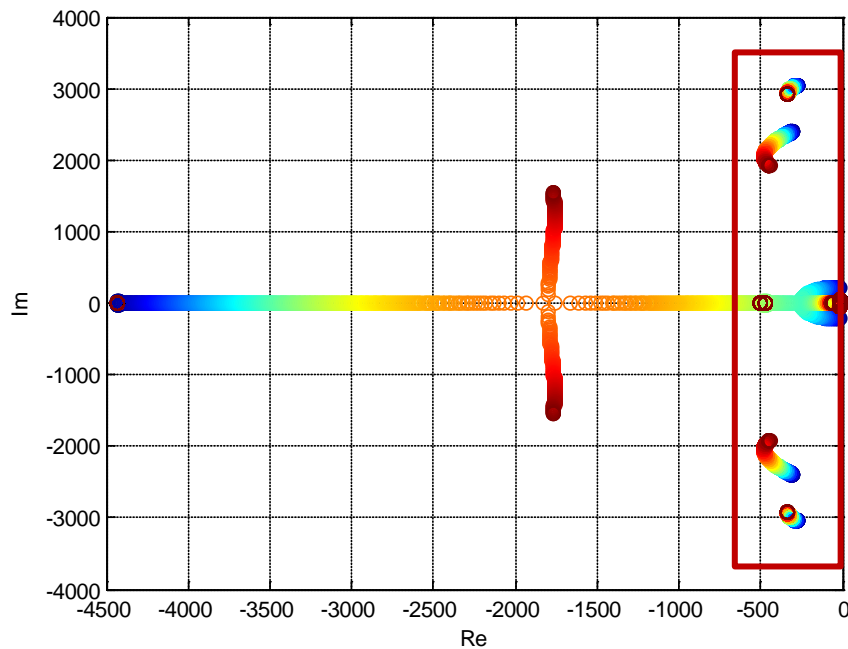
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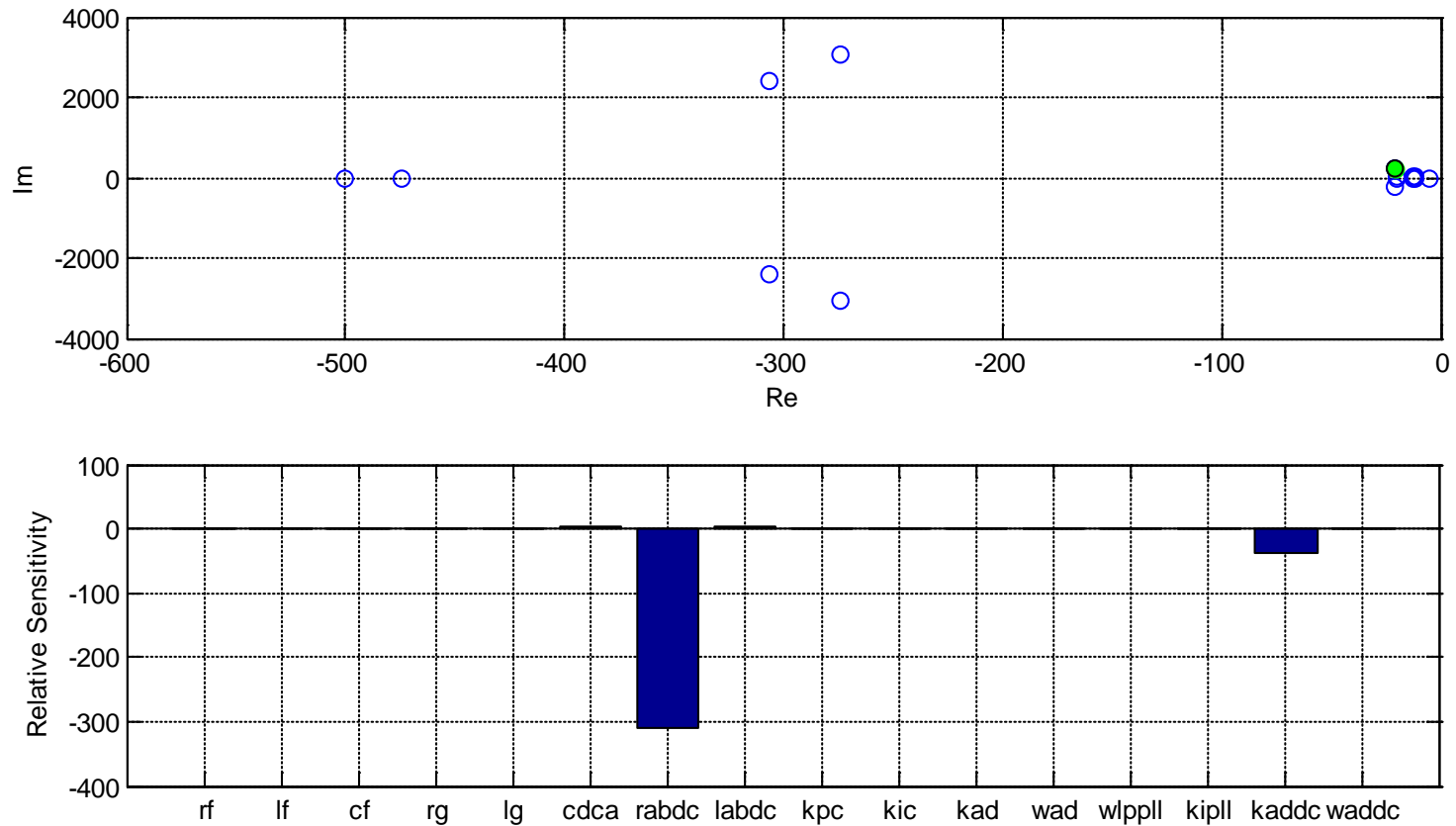
# Effect of active damping on dc voltage oscillations



# Root locus for Active Damping gain sweep

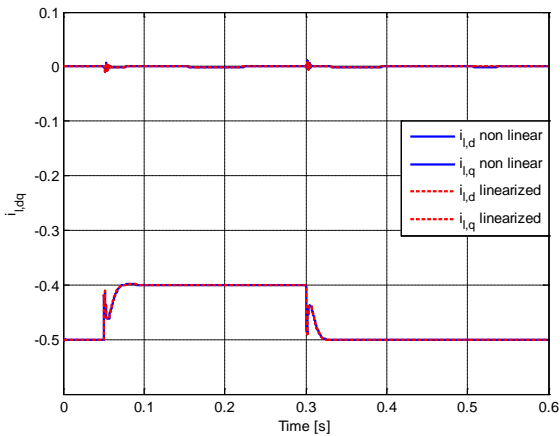


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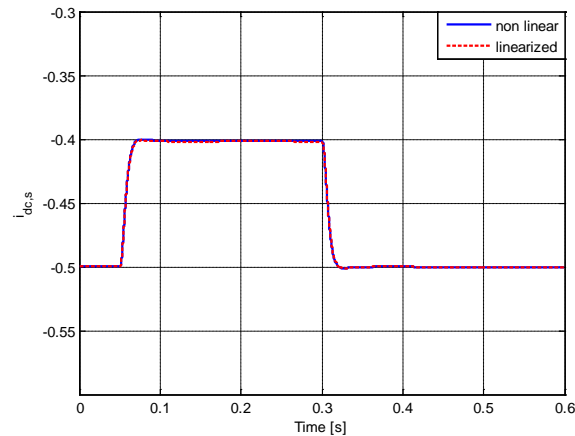


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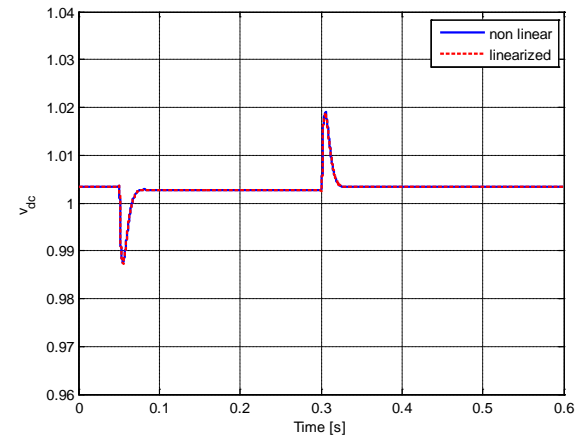
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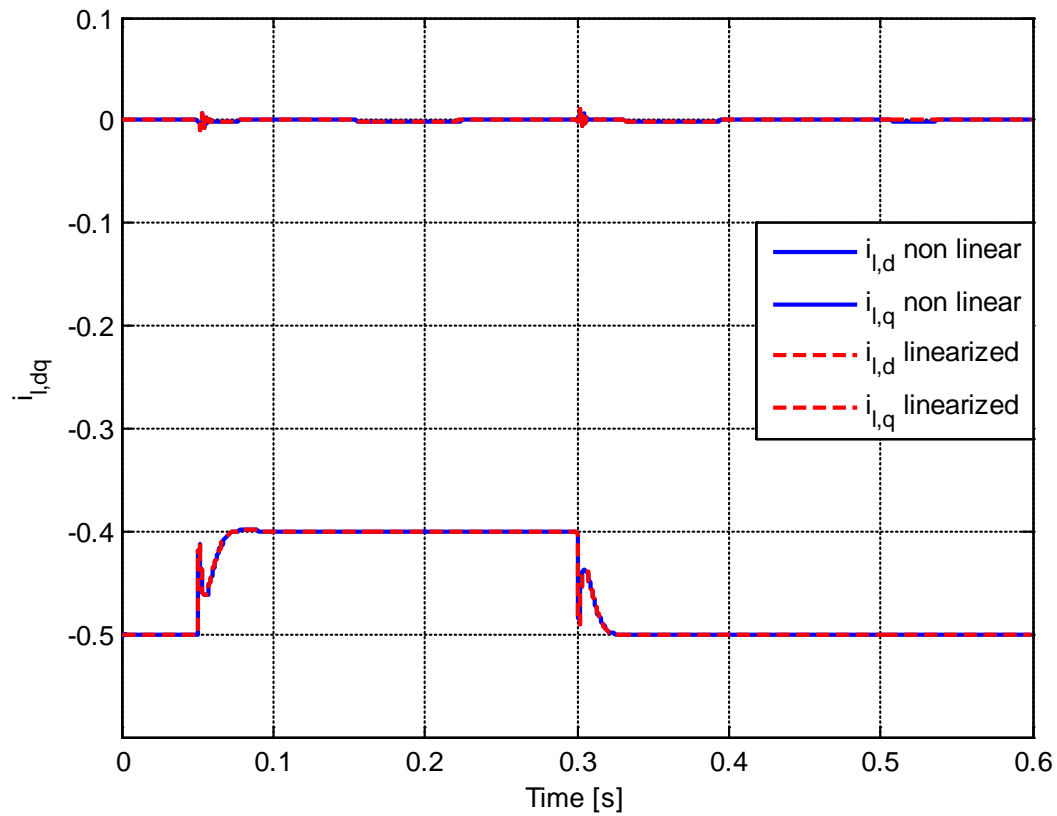
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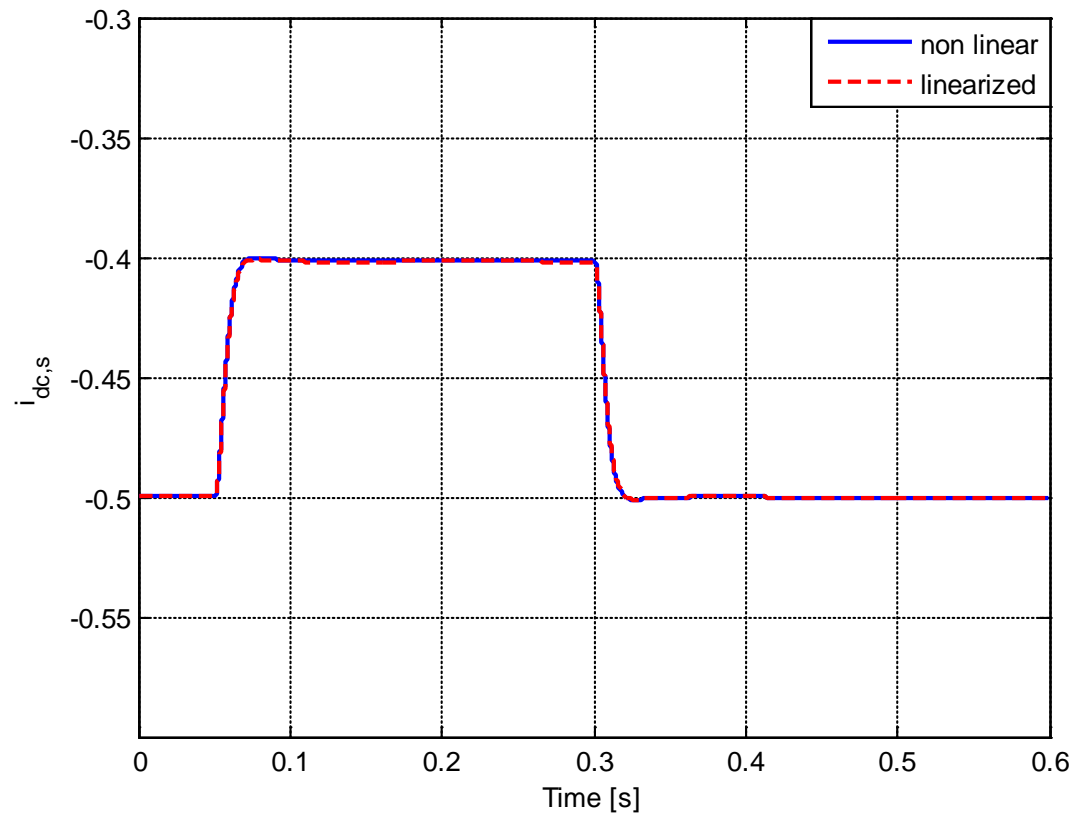
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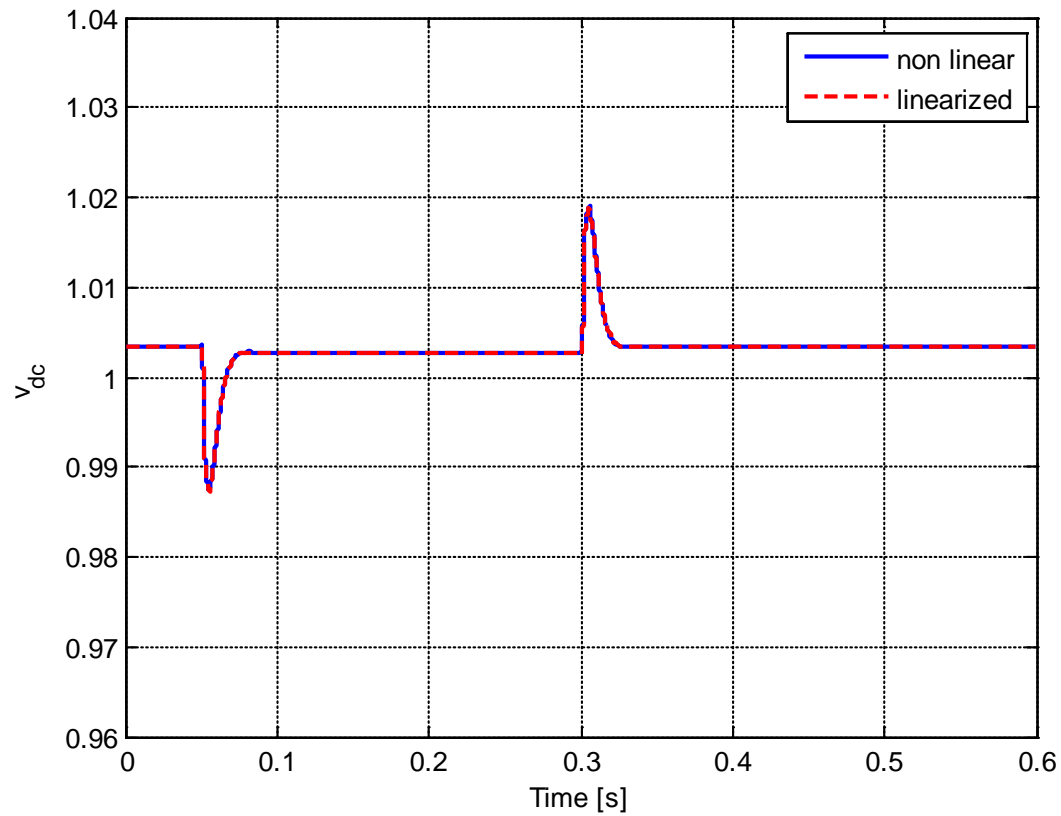
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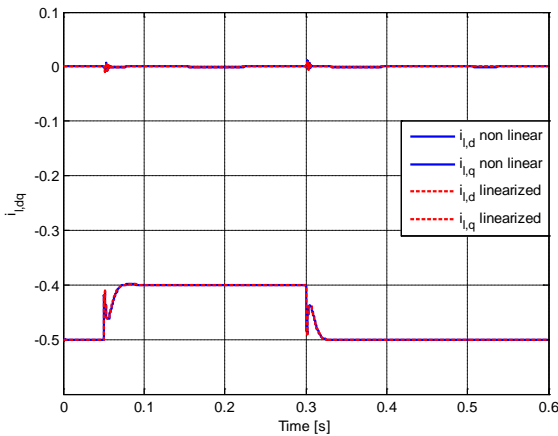


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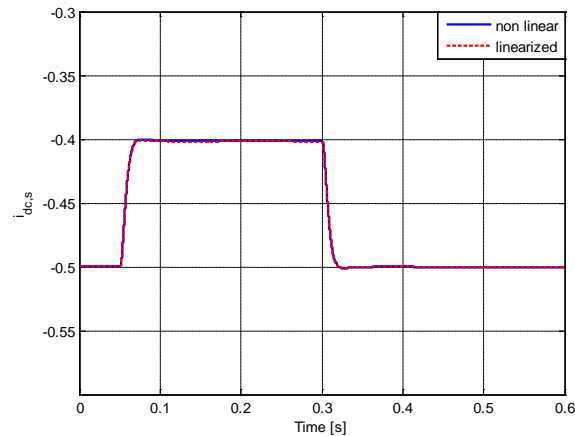


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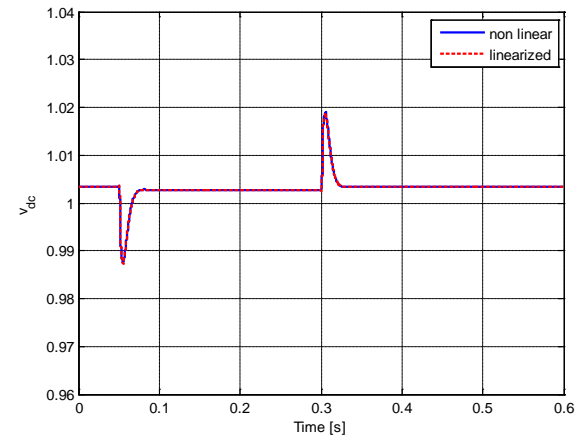
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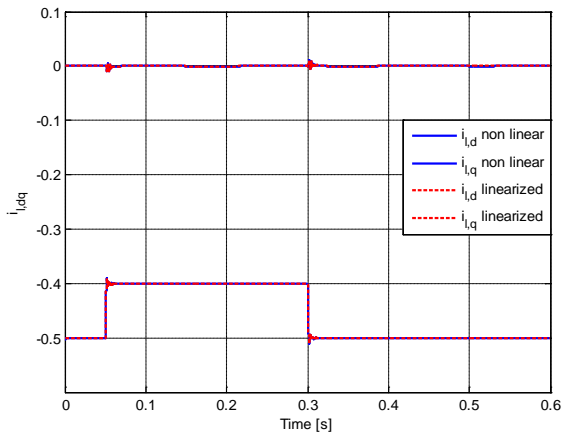
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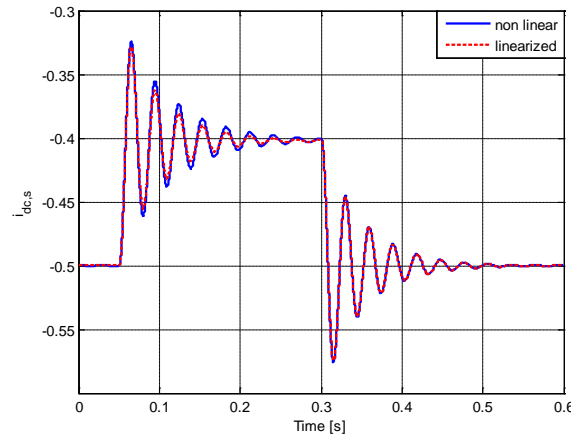
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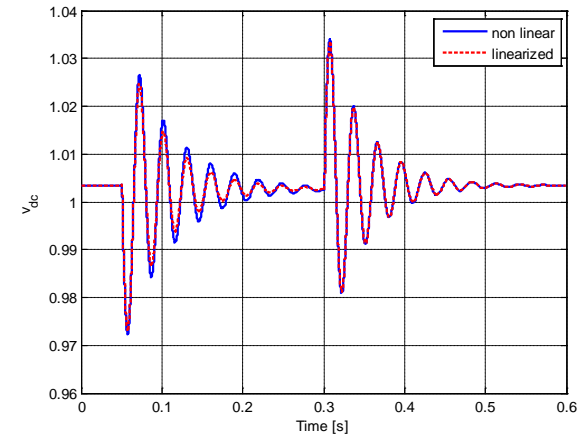
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# Conclusions

- Changes in operating conditions can trigger oscillations on the dc side of HVDC systems due to the relatively large capacitance and inductance of the cable connections
- An active damping scheme has been proposed and its operation demonstrated on a sample case
- The active damping can effectively reduce the oscillatory behaviours.

# Questions?

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