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Obtaining the frequency responses of AVR and PSS using RTDS Simulator

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«STC UPS» JSC is a sub-company of System Operator. One of the directions of work which are performed in «STC UPS» JSC is testing AVR's and PSS's

System Operator certificate



Presently certification is performed on «STC UPS» JSC **Physical Model**



Since year **2002** «STC UPS» JSC are doing researches of AVR and PSS

Since year **2011** «STC UPS» JSC are performing certification tests

AVRs which received System Operator certificate

AVR type	Manufacturer	Country	Date
Thyripol	Siemens	Germany	14.10.11
EX2100	General Electric	USA	27.10.11
EAA	Ansaldo Energia	Italy	14.12.11
THYNE1	Andritz Hydro	Austria	30.01.12
THYNE4/5/6	Andritz Hydro	Austria	06.02.12
MEC600	Mitsubishi	Japan	27.02.12
SEMIPOL	Converteam	Germany	01.06.12
DECS-2100	Basler Electric	USA	19.11.12
Unitrol 6000/6800	ABB	Switzerland	30.11.12
Unitrol 6080	ABB	Switzerland	30.11.12
EX2100-BR	General Electric	USA	13.12.12
AVR-2	Energocomplect	Russia	05.04.13

Researches of AVR and PSS performed in «STC UPS» JSC

AVR and PSS certification

Adjusting AVR and PSS coefficients

Performing tests on Physical Model

Creating a verified mathematical model

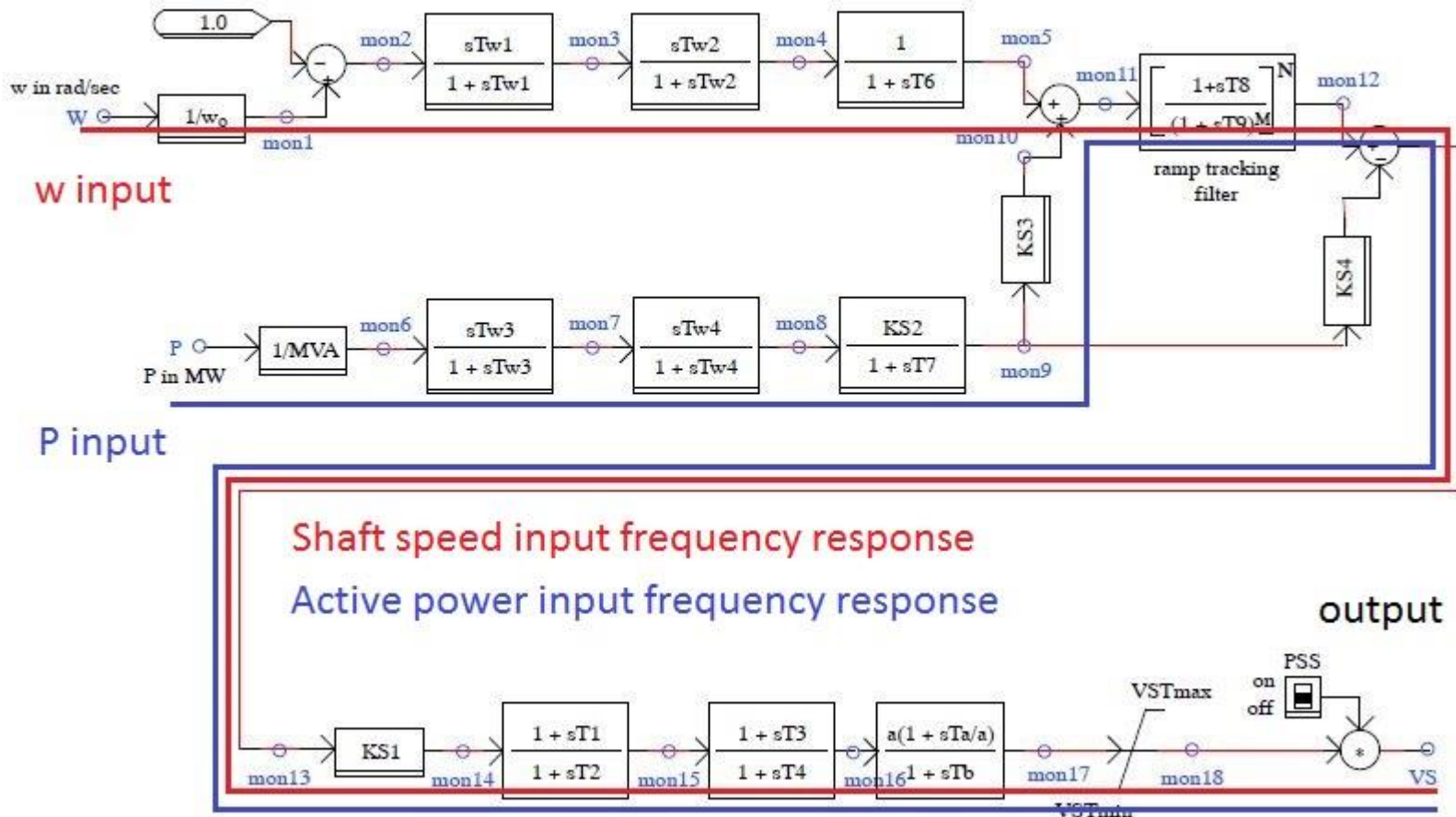
«Eurostag» calculations

Creating model of Power System on Physical Model

Mathematical models of AVR and PSS are used for calculations

Mathematical models of AVR and PSS are used within «Regulator» hardware-software system

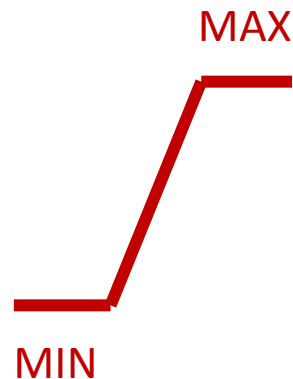
PSS2B model structure



Usually for measuring frequency responses of SISO linear time-irrelevant system following methods are applied:

1. Sending on input of SISO system impulse and measuring its response
2. Applying a signal with a wide frequency spectrum
3. Sending a constant-amplitude pure tone through the bandwidth of interest and measuring the output level and phase shift relative to the input

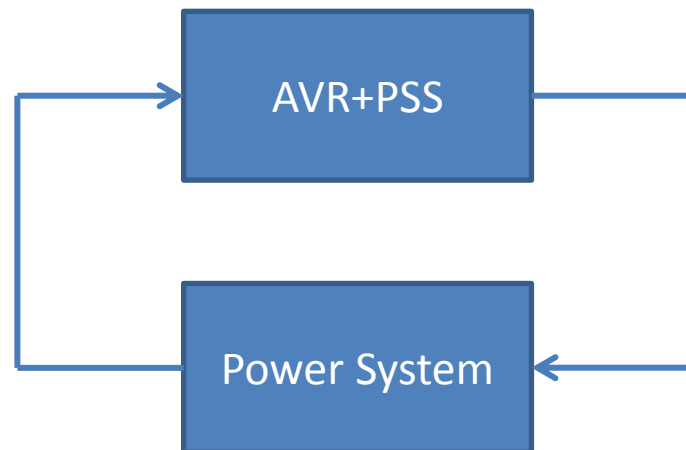
Main problem – Limiters



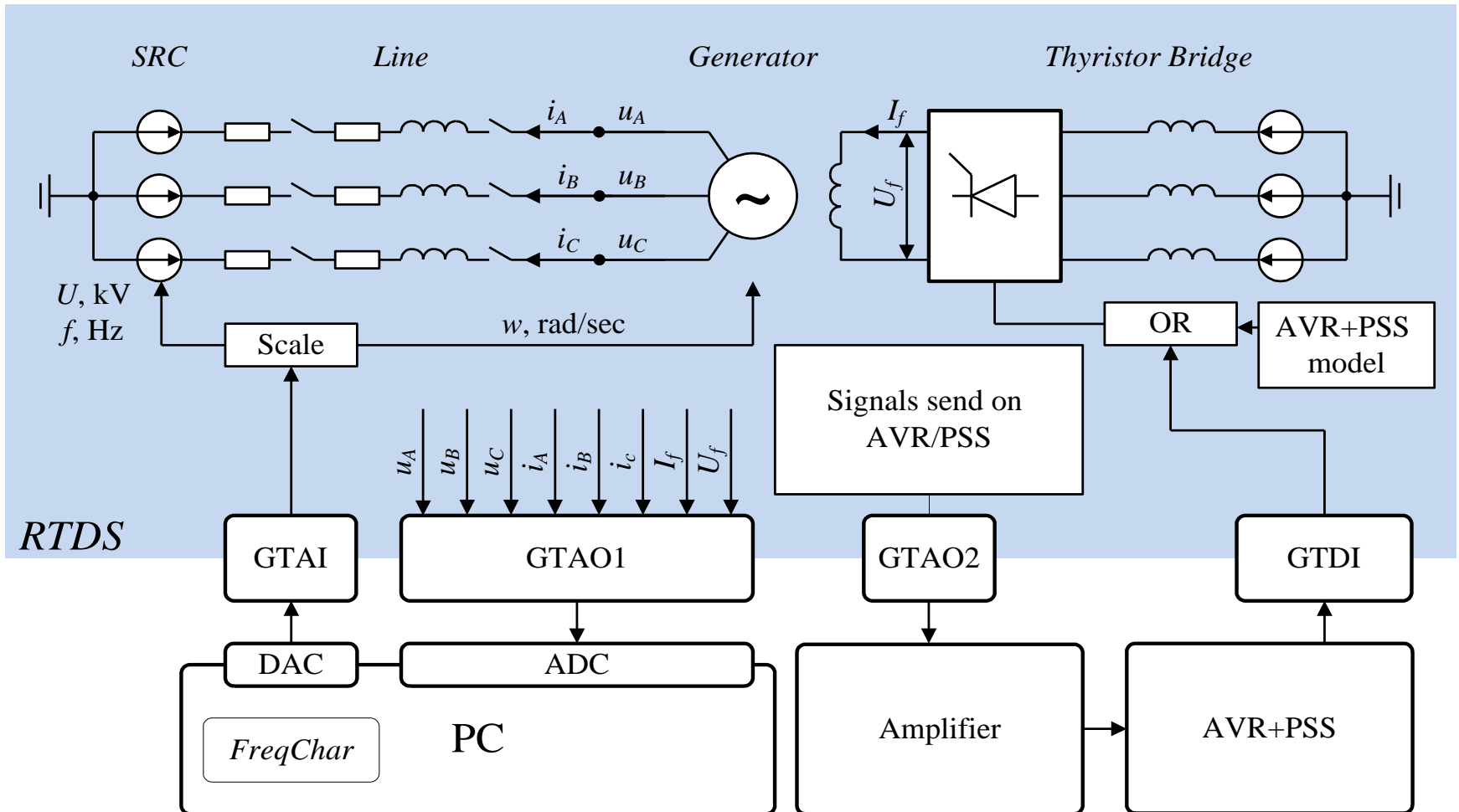
Other problems appear:

1. Input signals of AVR/PSS are instantaneous current and voltage
2. Most AVRs can't work without feedback signals
3. Some AVRs doesn't measure input parameters directly, instead of that those parameters are calculated from other signals(i.e. field current is calculated from instantaneous currents, which are measured before rectifier)
4. PSS can't work without AVR

Close-loop system



Scheme for obtaining the frequency responses of AVR/PSS full-scale specimens and AVR/PSS models



FreqChar software

The screenshot shows the 'Частотные характеристики' (Frequency Characteristics) window of the FreqChar software. The window has a blue title bar and a menu bar with 'Опрос', 'Расчет', 'Настройки', and 'Тест'. The main area is divided into three columns: 'Задание' (Task), 'Коэффициенты' (Coefficients), and 'Результат' (Result). The 'Задание' column contains input fields for 'Частота начала' (0.2 Гц), 'Частота конца' (1 Гц), 'Шаг по частоте' (0.1 Гц), 'Добавленное время' (10 с), and 'Отображение' (U). The 'Коэффициенты' column contains a dropdown for 'Вариант расчета' (1), a text field for 'K1' (37.06), and a text field for 'Число повторений' (1). The 'Результат' column contains output fields for 'Частота', 'Параметр' (кВ), 'Фаза' (Град), 'Искажение' (%), and 'Глубина модуляции U' (%). At the bottom, there is a 'Старт' button, a file path field for 'Файл гармоник' (E:\Job\FreqChar\Results\Siemens_AC7B_PSS2B\Siemens_Model_PSSP_res.csv), and a 'Выход' button. Three red arrows point to the 'Частота начала' field (labeled 'Bandwidth, Hz'), the 'Шаг по частоте' field (labeled 'Frequency step, Hz'), and the 'Старт' button (labeled 'Start').

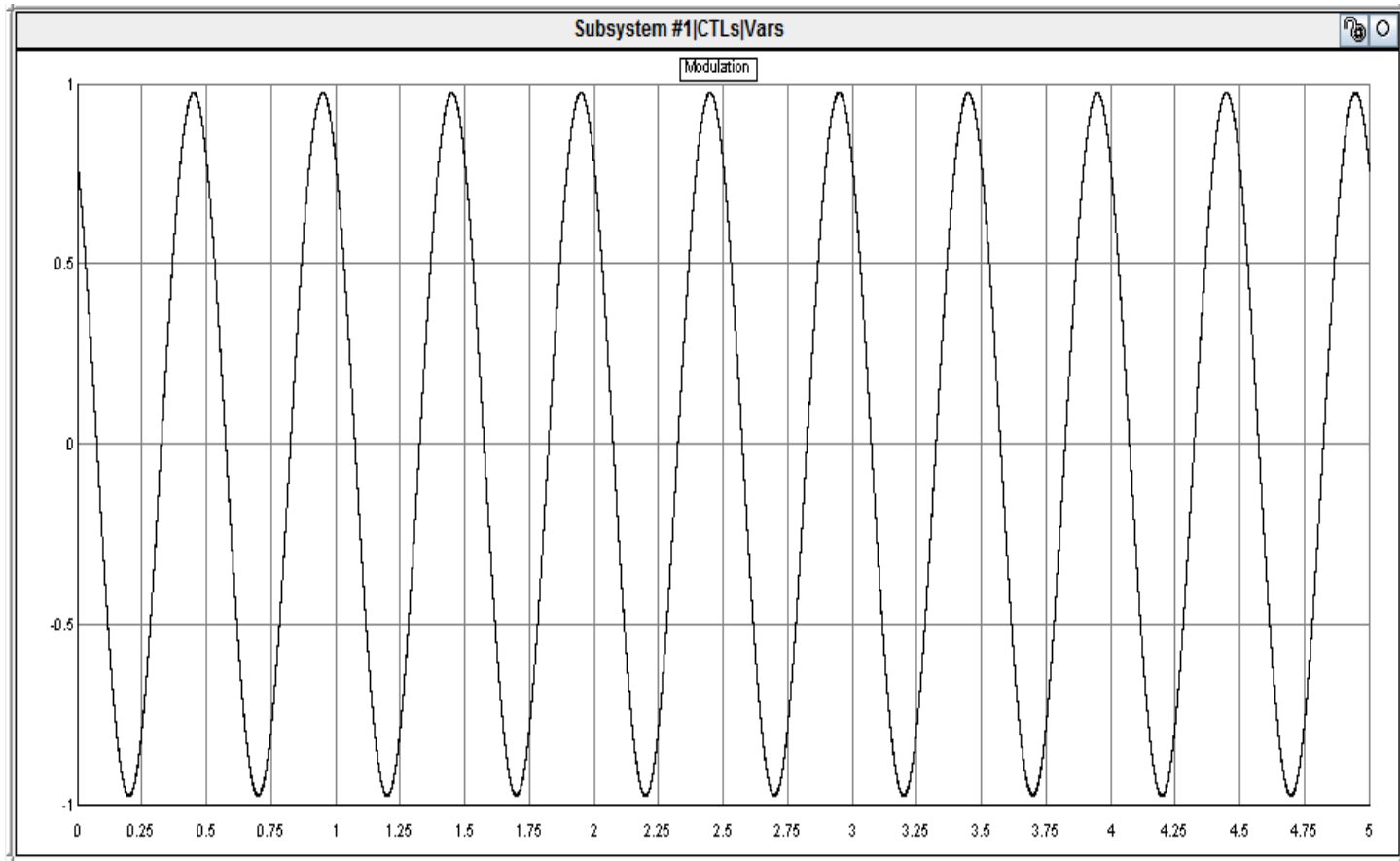
Задание	Коэффициенты	Результат
Частота начала: 0.2 Гц	Вариант расчета: 1	Частота: [] Гц
Частота конца: 1 Гц	K1: 37.06	Параметр: [] кВ
Шаг по частоте: 0.1 Гц	Число повторений: 1	Фаза: [] Град
Добавленное время: 10 с	Глубина модуляции U: [] %	Искажение: [] %
Отображение: U		

Bandwidth, Hz →

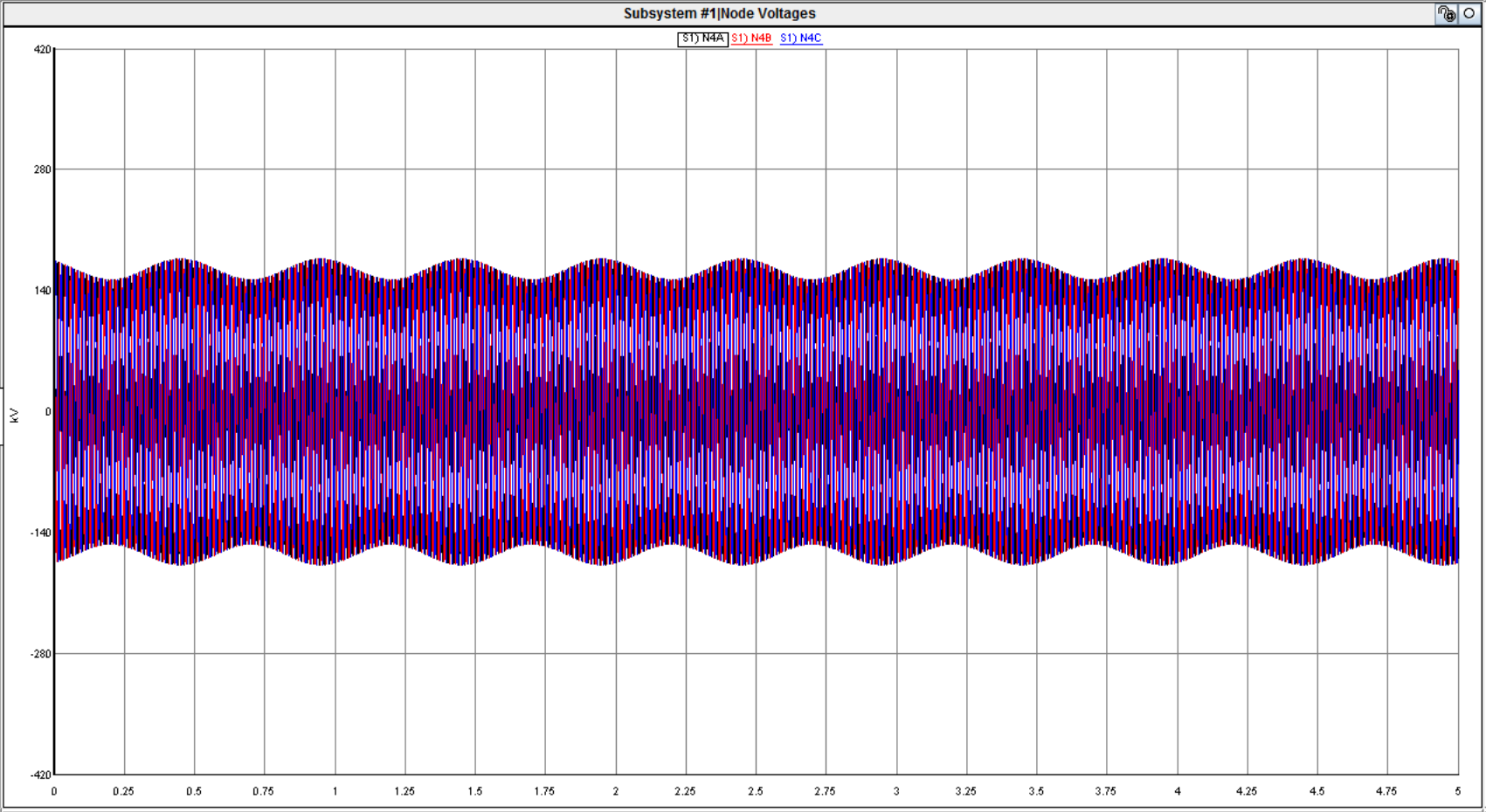
Frequency step, Hz →

Start →

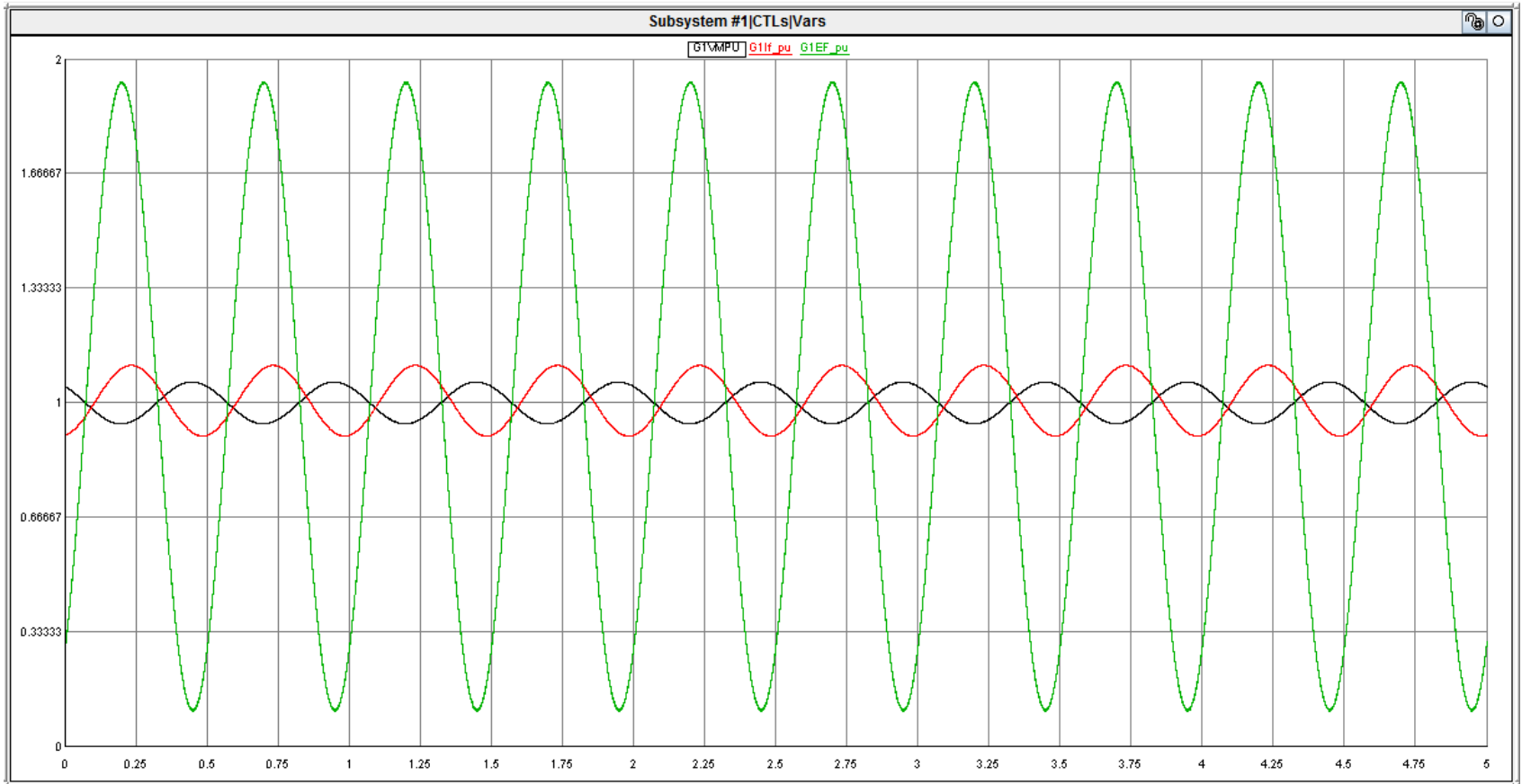
FreqChar send modulation signal



SRC voltage



Terminal voltage, AVR output and field current

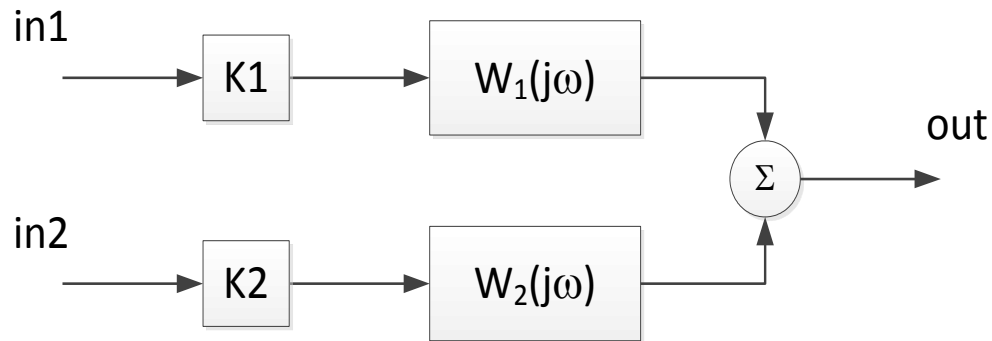


Assumption: AVR output = $K \cdot (\text{Filtered field voltage})$

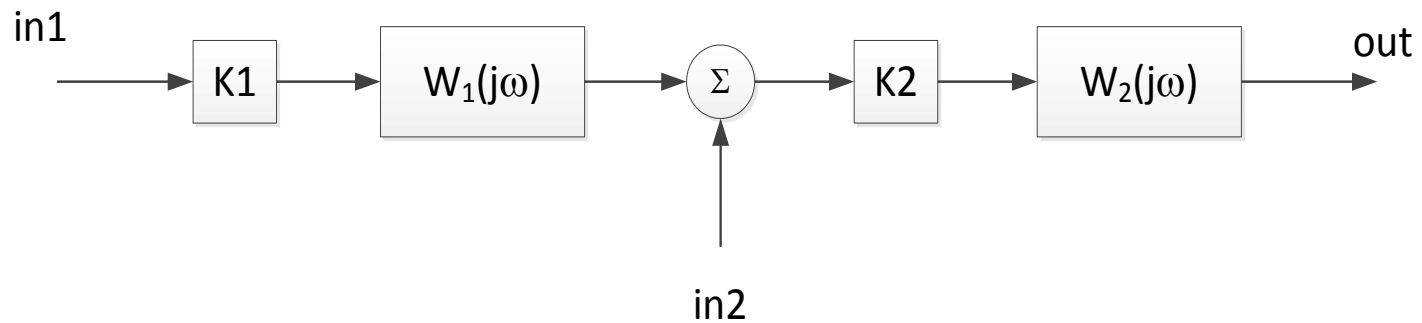
Sometimes it is impossible to disable one or more inputs

Two cases:

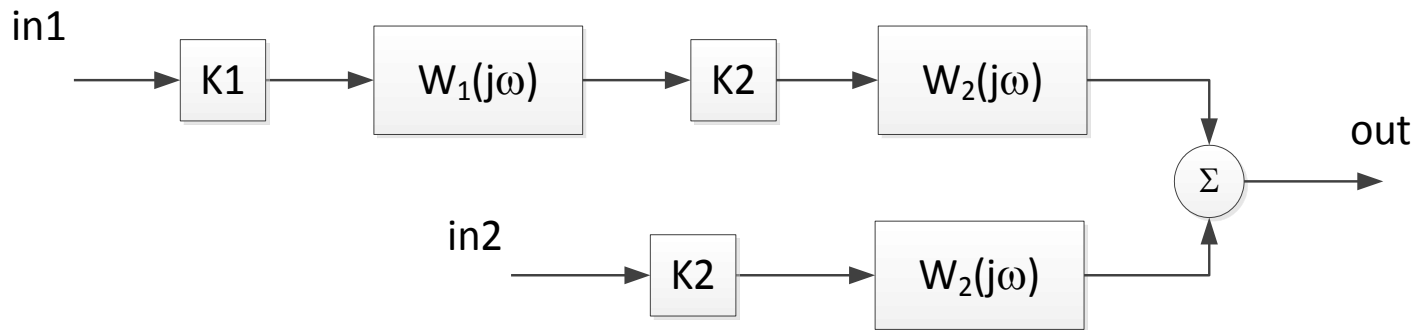
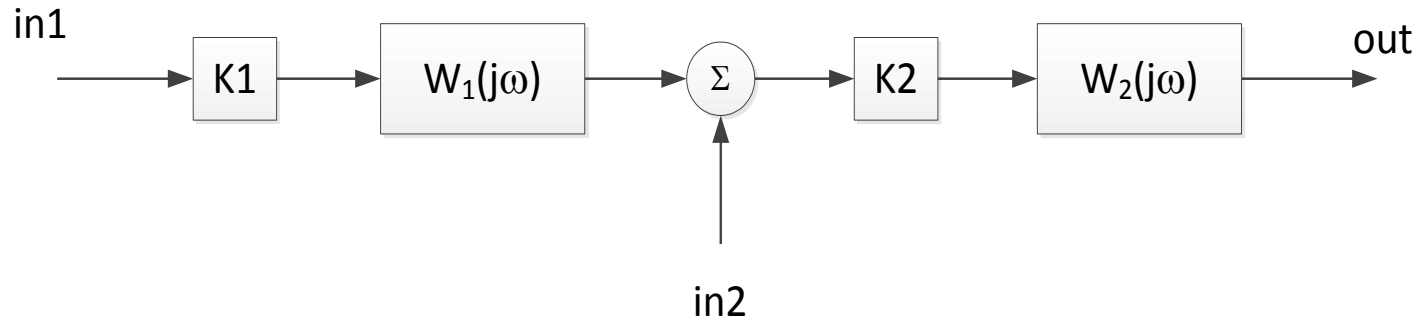
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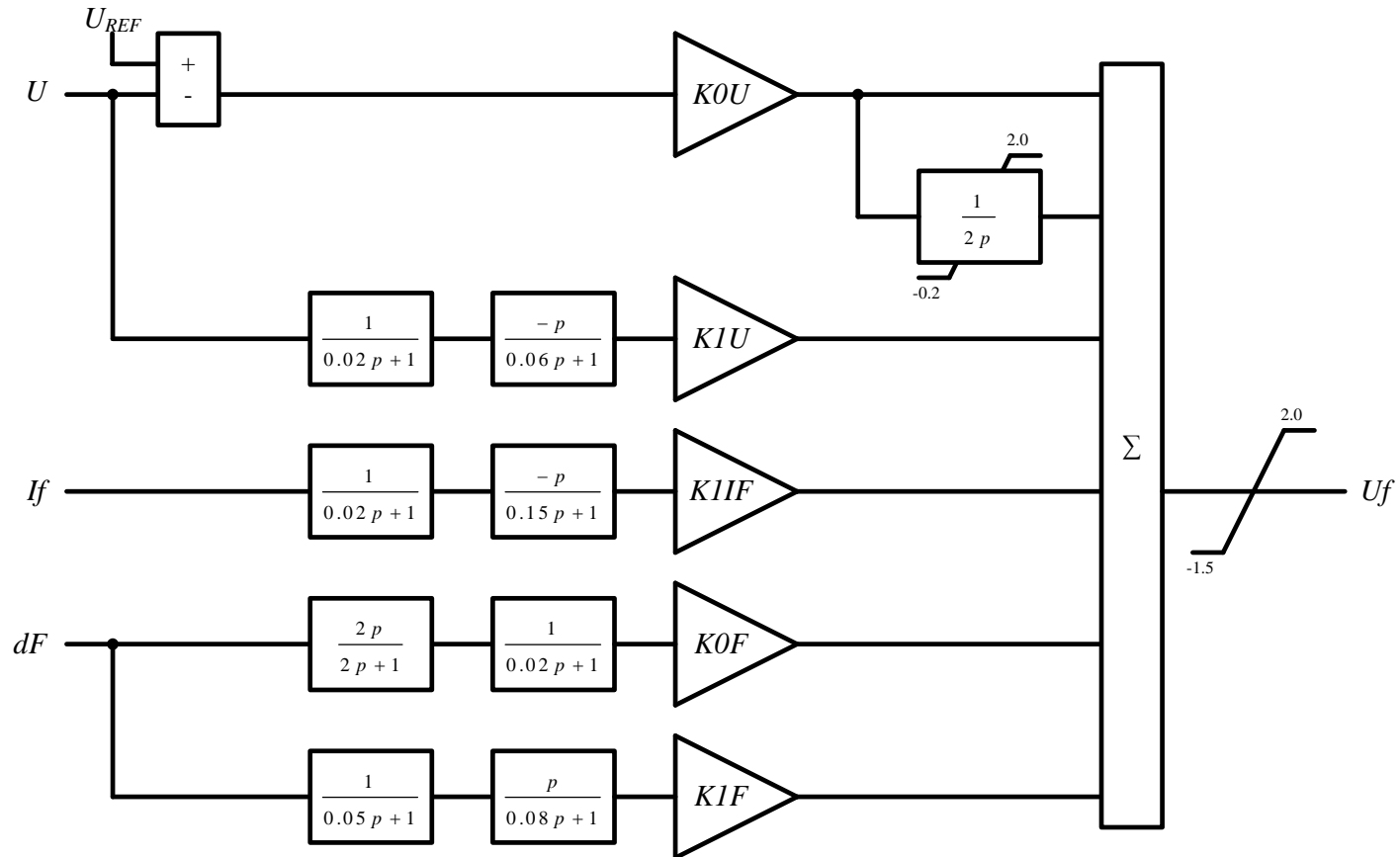
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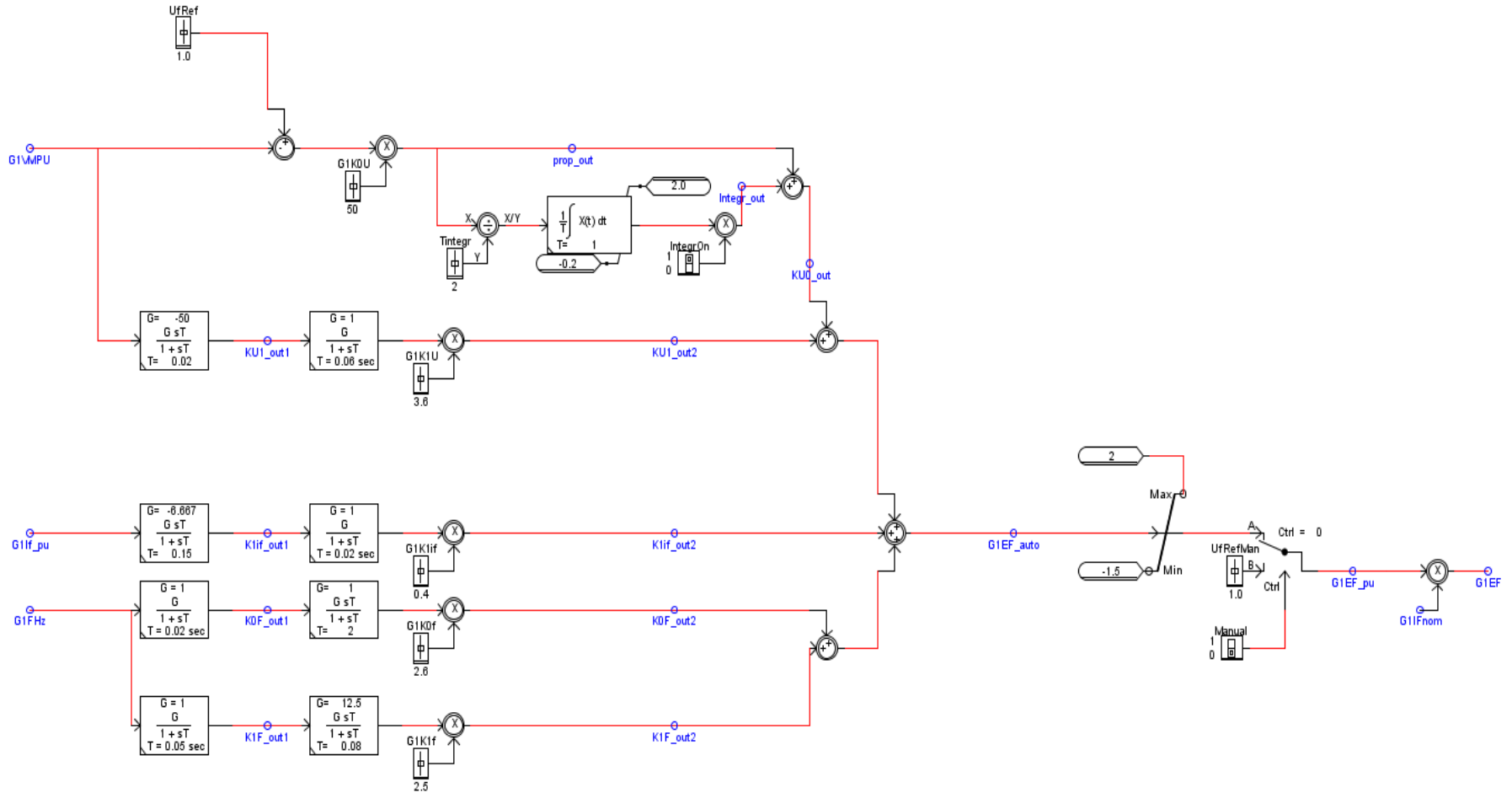
Well known from control theory



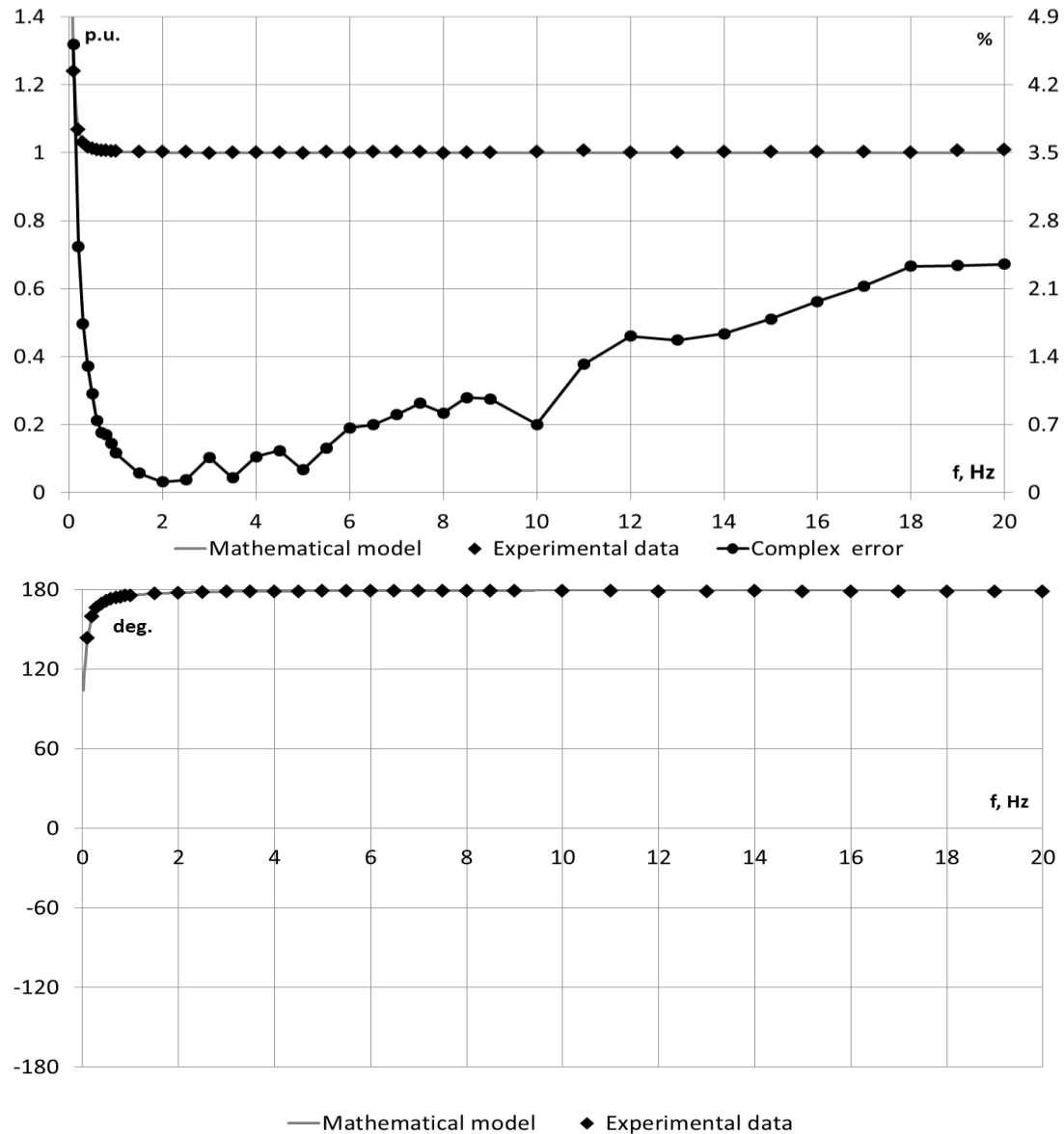
Method was approbated by obtaining the frequency responses of AVR and PSS mathematical models implemented in RTDS



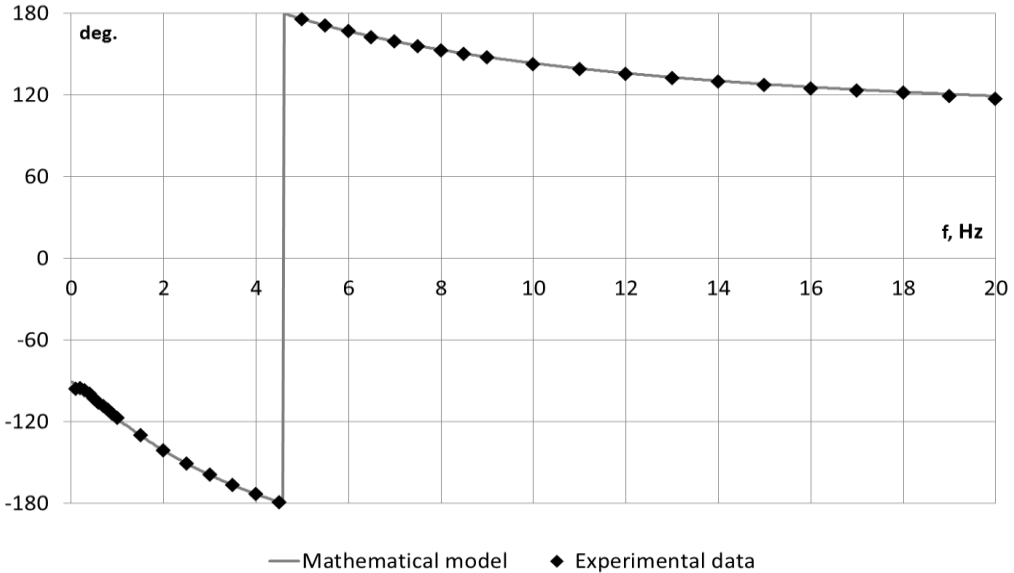
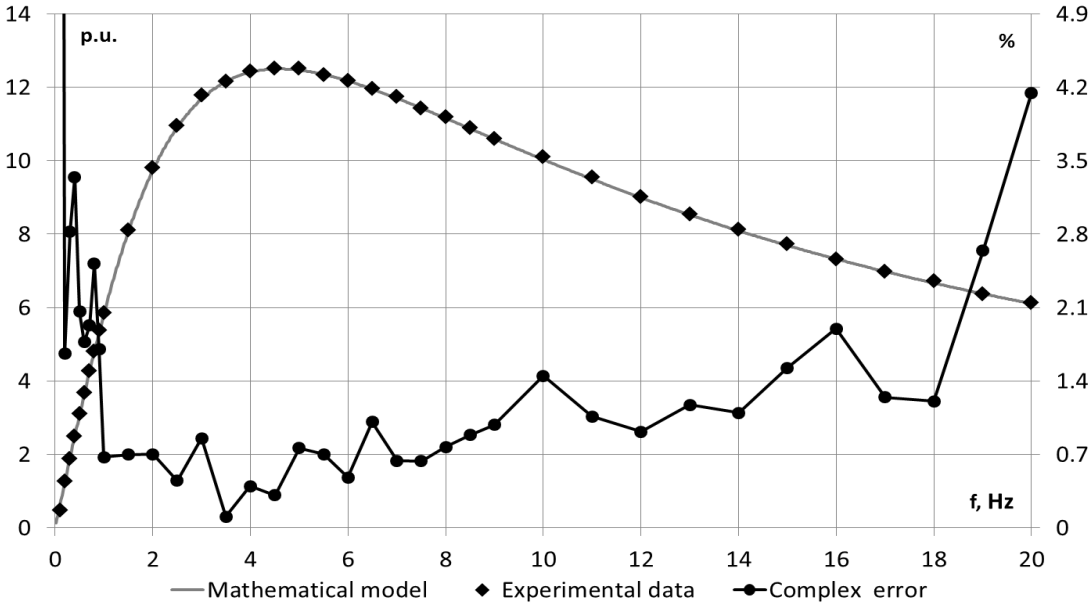
Structure implemented within RTDS Simulator



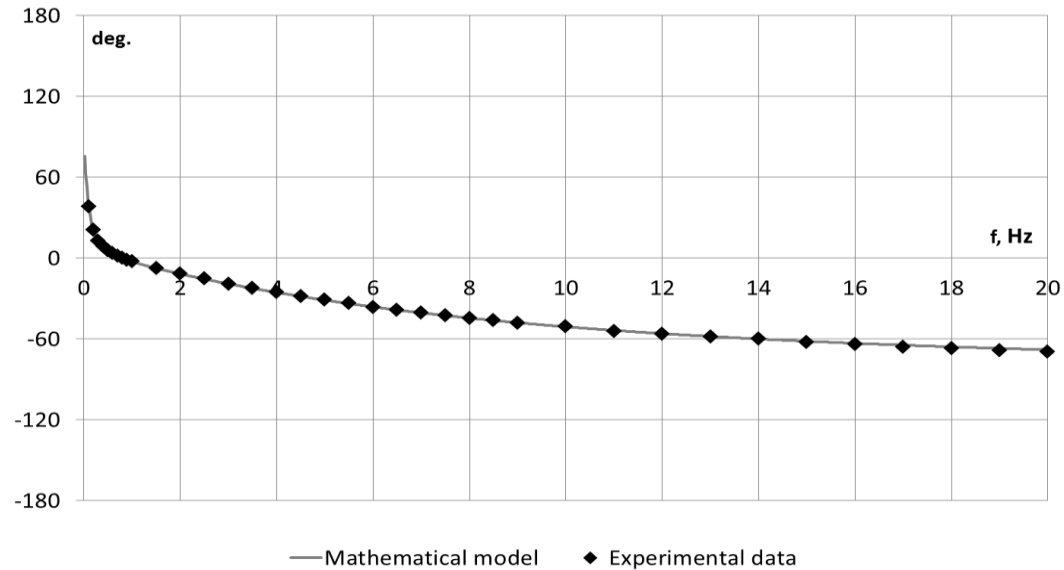
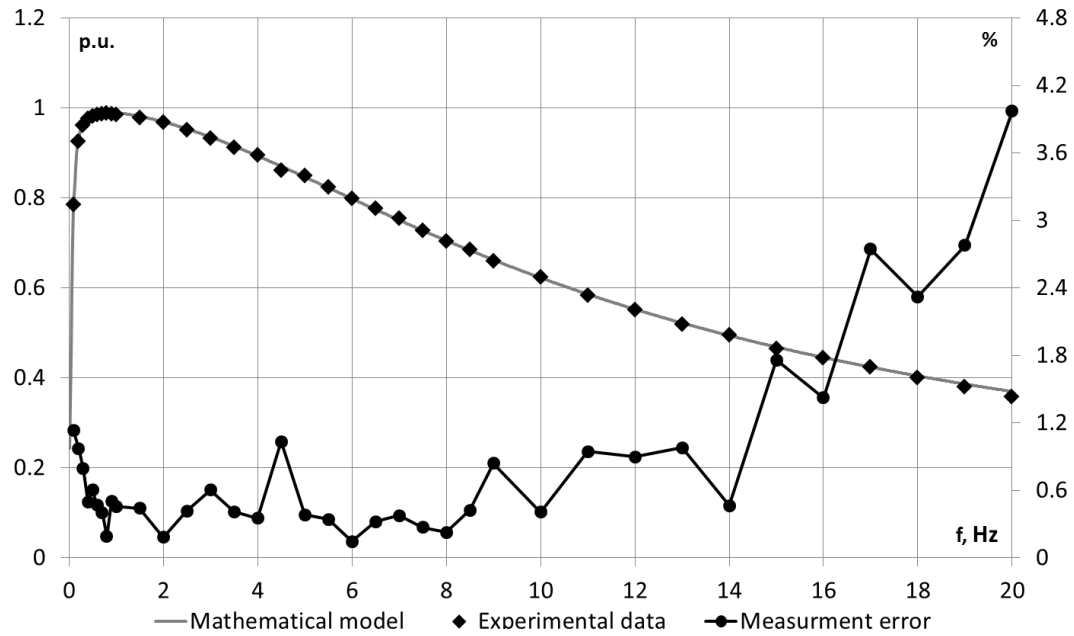
Frequency response of PI voltage regulator implemented within RTDS



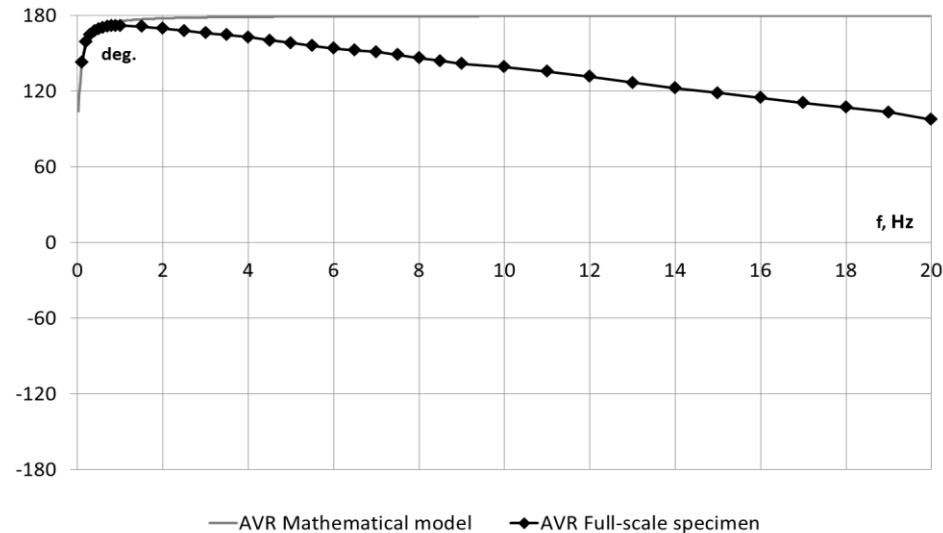
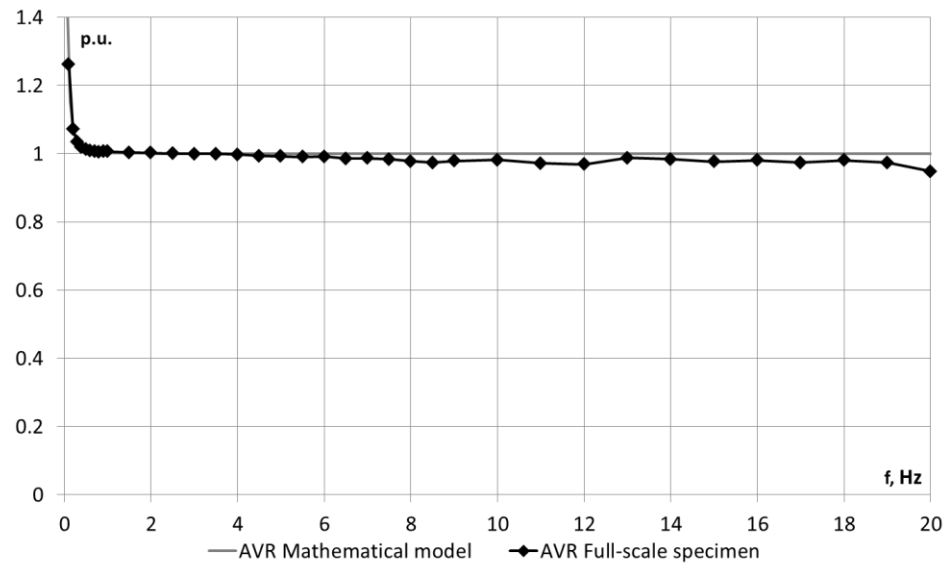
Derivative input

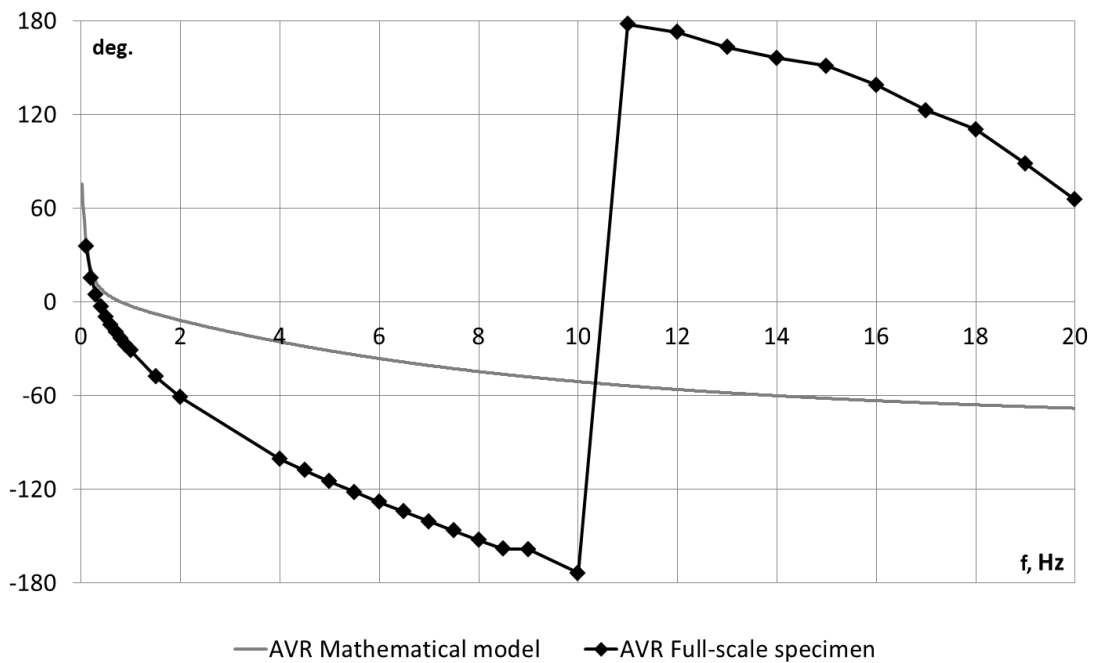
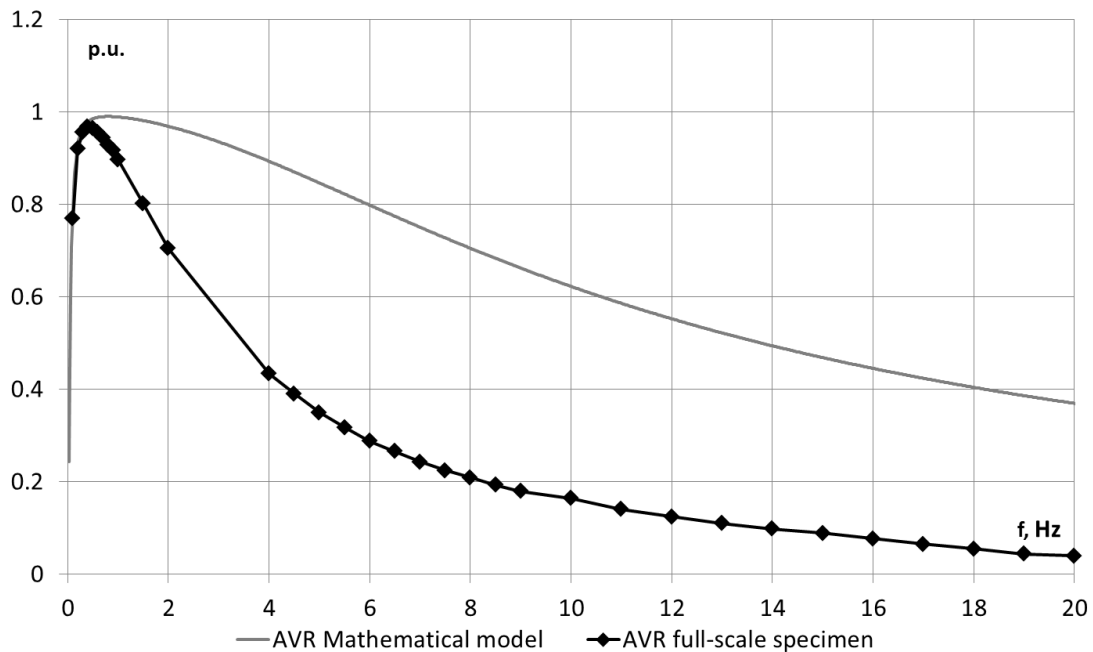


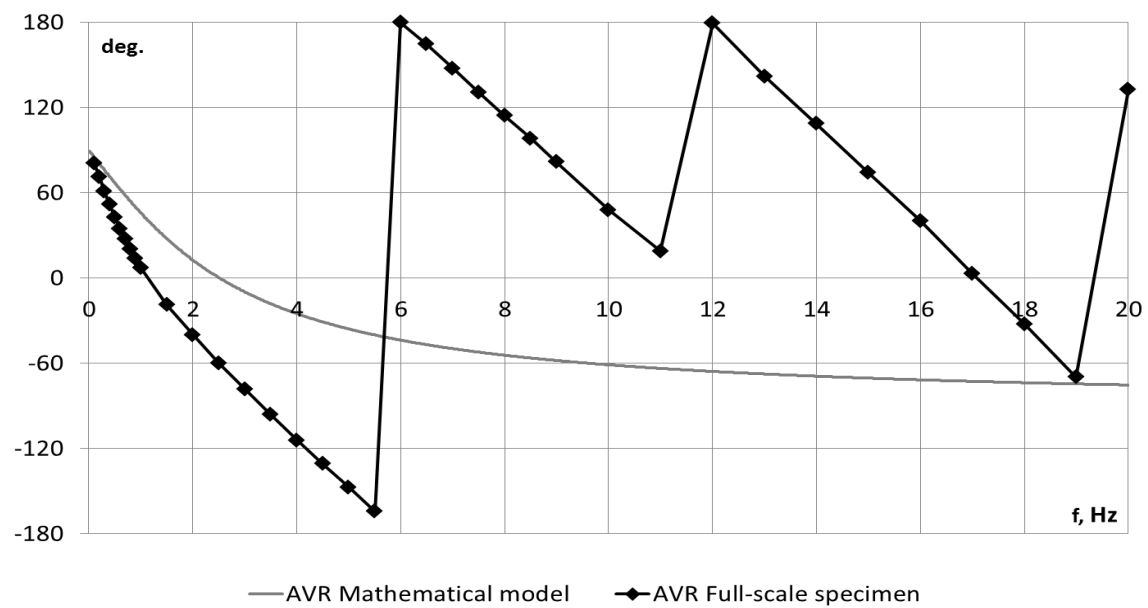
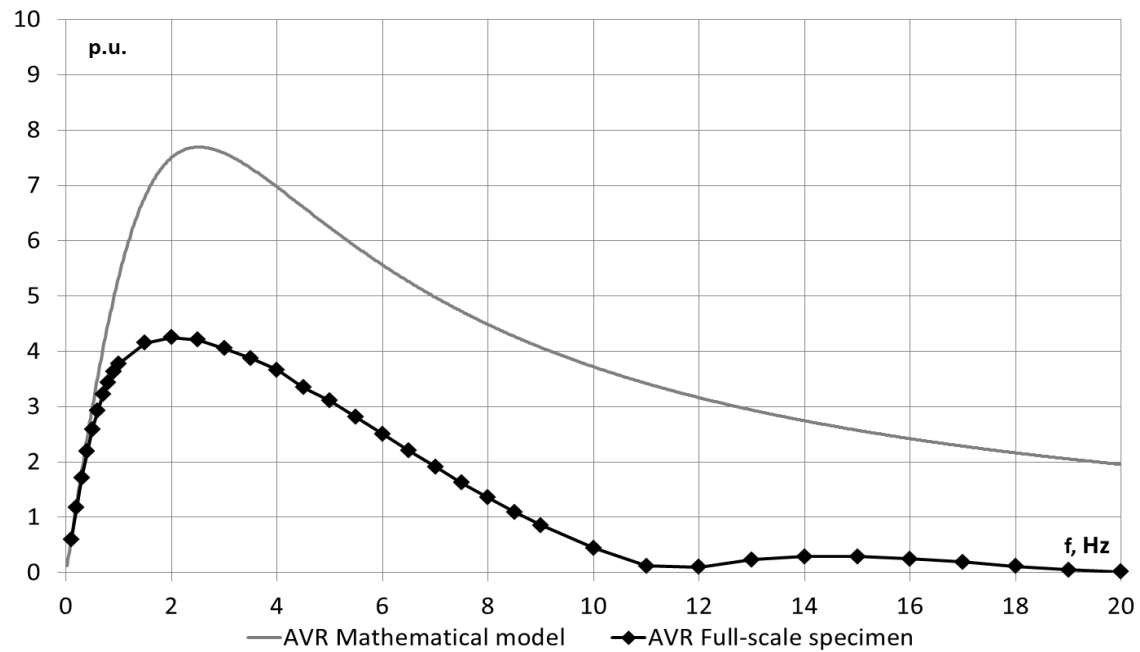
Frequency input



Some AVR and PSSs have been already tested, and their frequency responses were obtained







Conclusion

1. Described method can be used for obtaining the frequency responses of AVRs and PSSs
2. RTDS Simulator can be used for obtaining the frequency responses of AVRs and PSSs and for verification of its mathematical models
3. Described method and RTDS Simulator can be used for creating more refined mathematical models.