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#### **Nuclear New Build**

## **Constant Terminal Voltage Workgroup**

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## Objective and tools

- Objective:
  - Illustrate the impact on resilience to grid faults of moving in the UQ diagram by changing terminal voltage instead of changing main transformer taps.
- Tools:
  - Eurostag 4.3
  - Single machine study
  - Two different machines considered

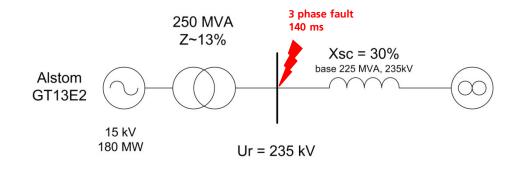


# CASE 1: 180MW Open Cycle Gas Turbine



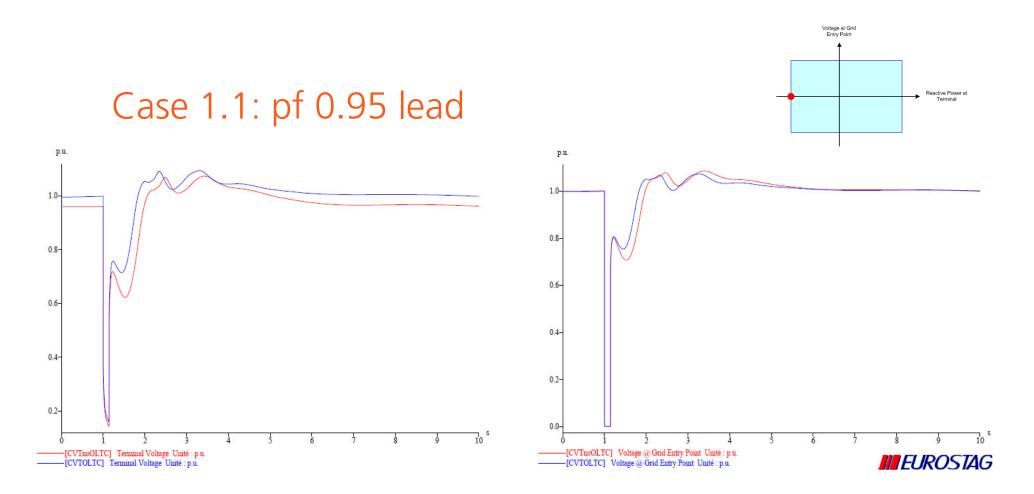
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## Brief model description



- Equivalent grid model ( $X_{sc} = 30\%$  base 225MVA, 235kV):
  - $S_{sc} = 750 \text{ MVA}$
  - $I_{sc} = 1.84 \text{ kA}$
- Alstom GT13E2 open cycle gas turbine with:
  - 225 MVA, pf 0.8, 15kV, 3000rpm generator
  - static excitation ceiling factor 1.6

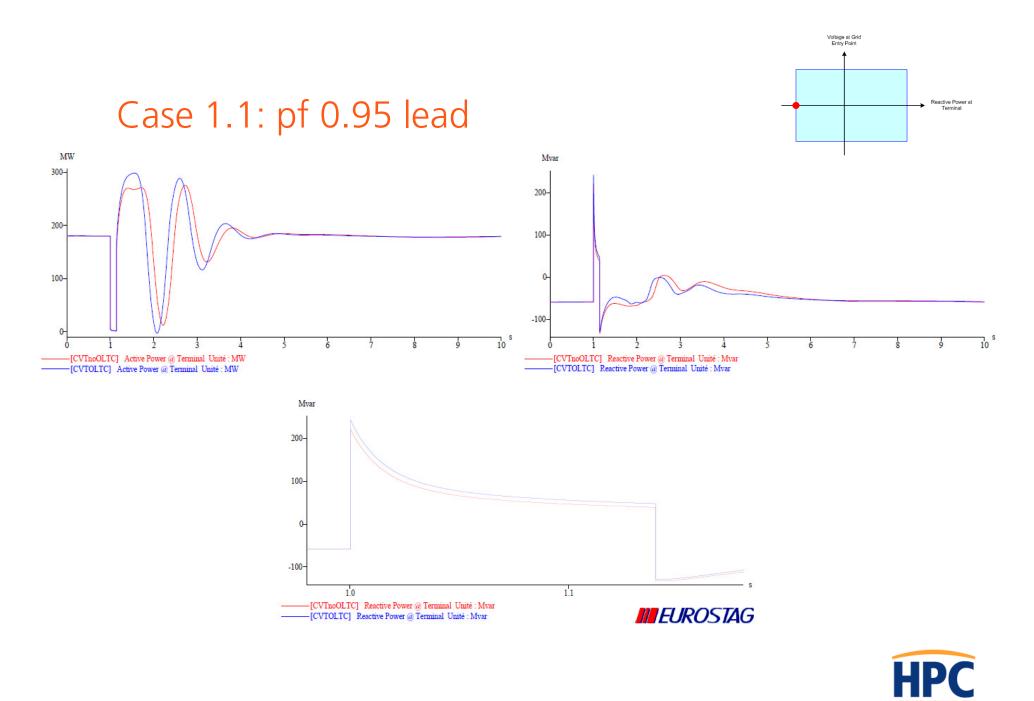


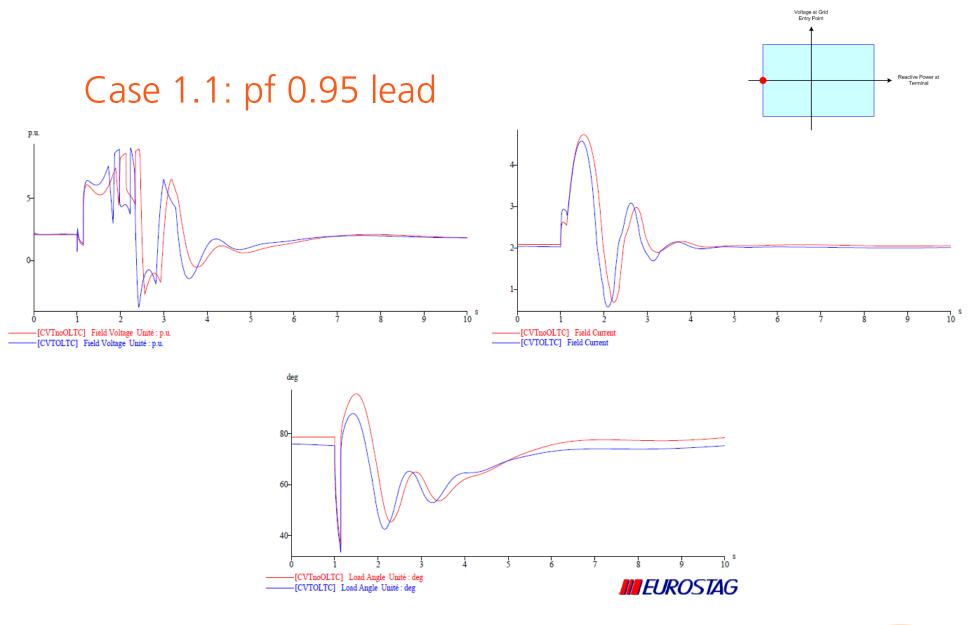


- Critical Fault Clearing Time:
  - With OLTC: 174 ms
  - Without OLTC: 158 ms

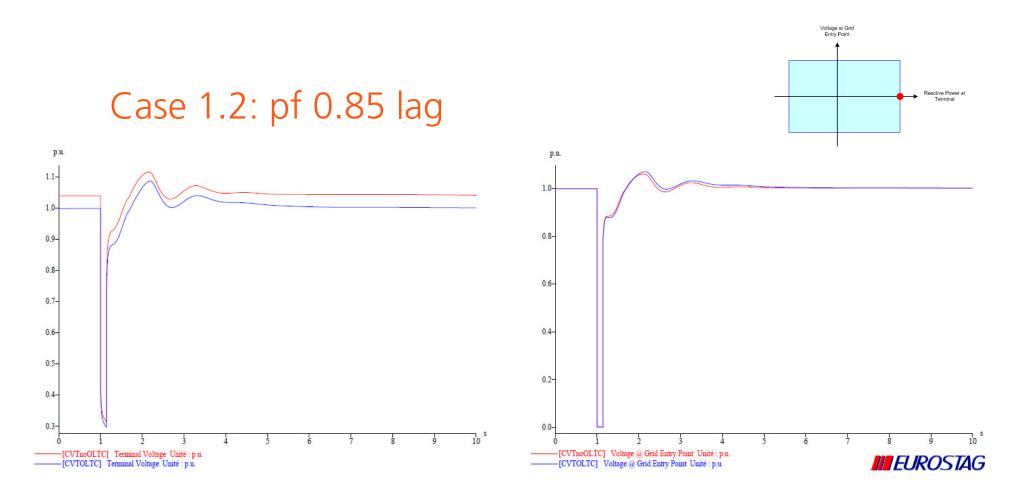
Better stability margin with OLTC







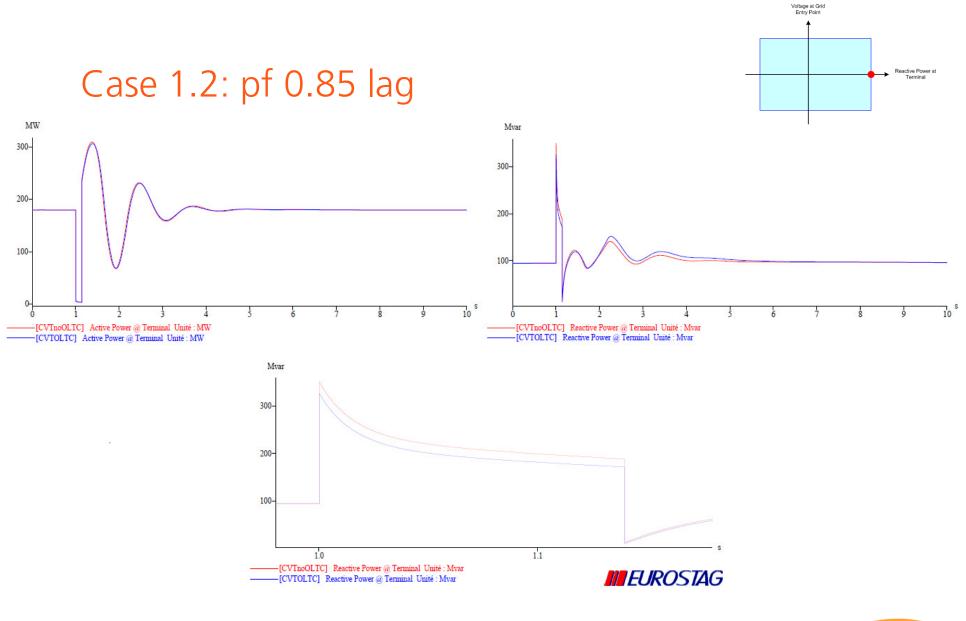




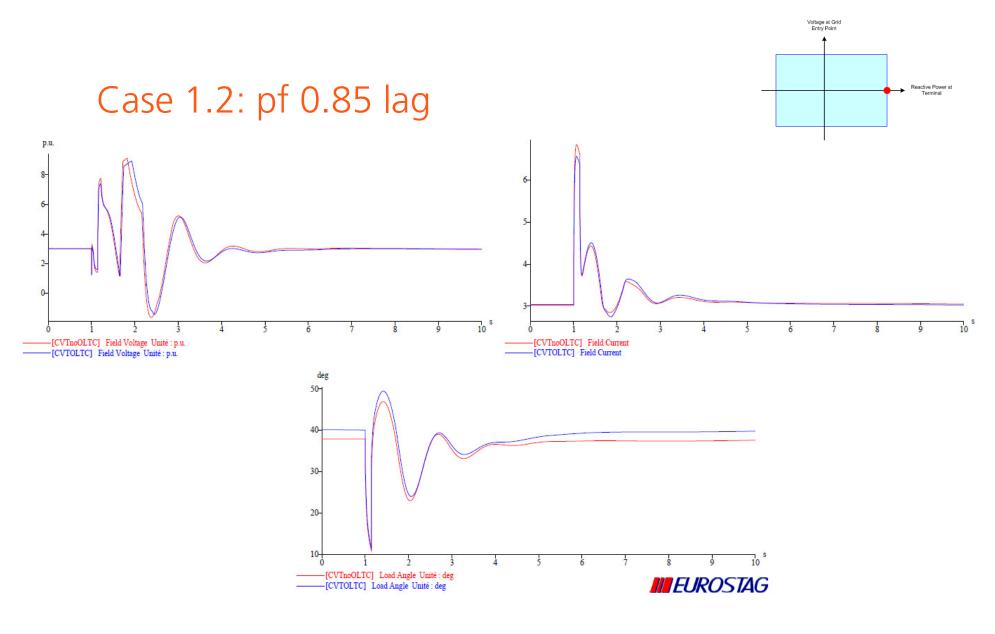
- Critical Fault Clearing Time:
  - With OLTC: 252 ms
  - Without OLTC: 261 ms

Better stability margin without OLTC



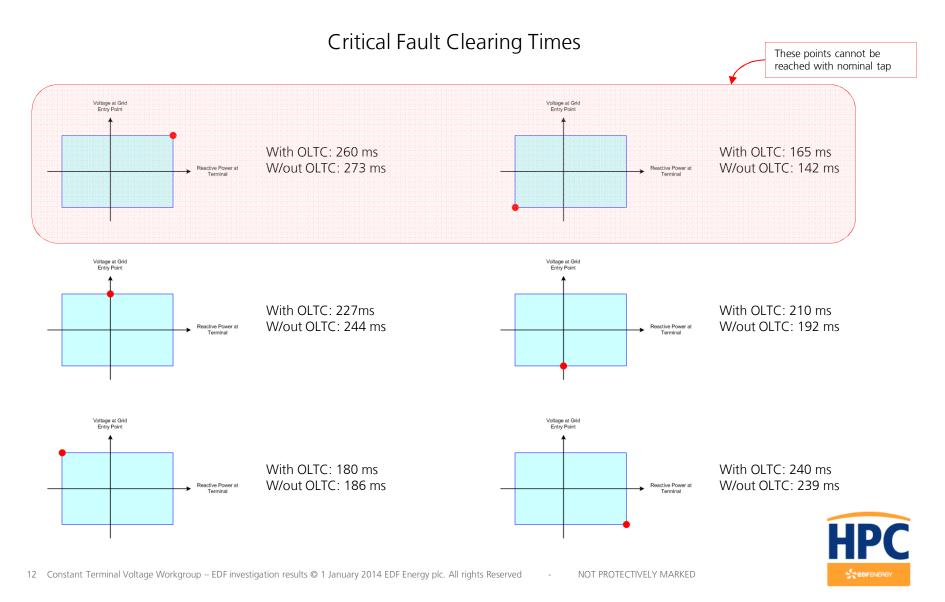




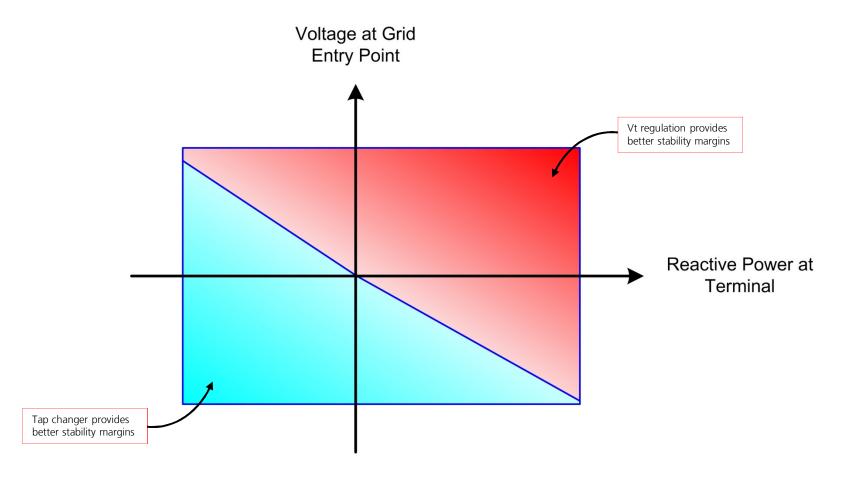




#### Case 1: other points investigated



### Case 1: Tap changer vs. Vt regulation



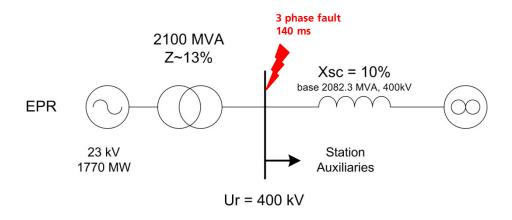


# **CASE 2: 1770MW Nuclear Power Plant**



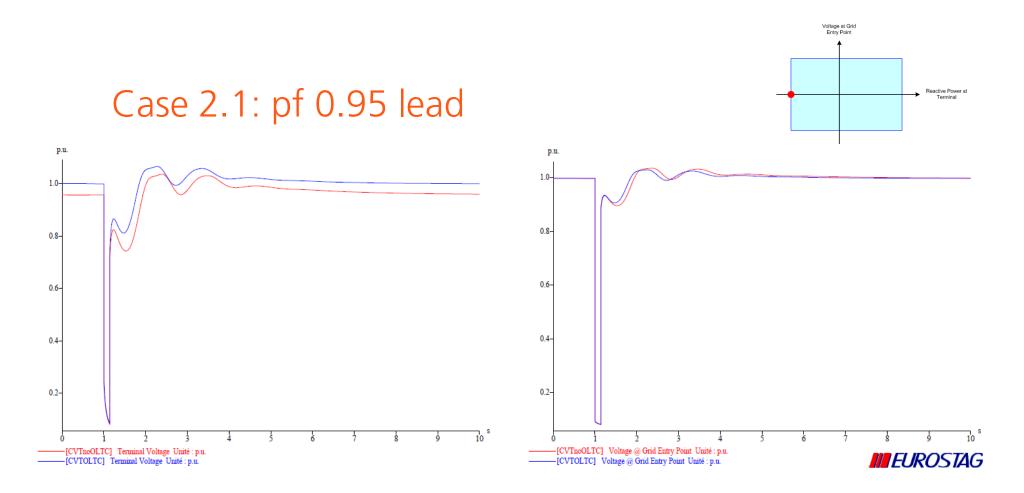
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## Brief model description



- Equivalent grid model ( $X_{sc} = 10\%$  base 2082.3MVA, 400kV):
  - $S_{sc} = 17.7 \text{ GVA}$
  - $I_{sc} = 25.55 \text{ kA}$
- EPR with:
  - 2082.3 MVA, pf 0.85, 23kV, 1500rpm generator
  - brushless exciter ceiling factor 2

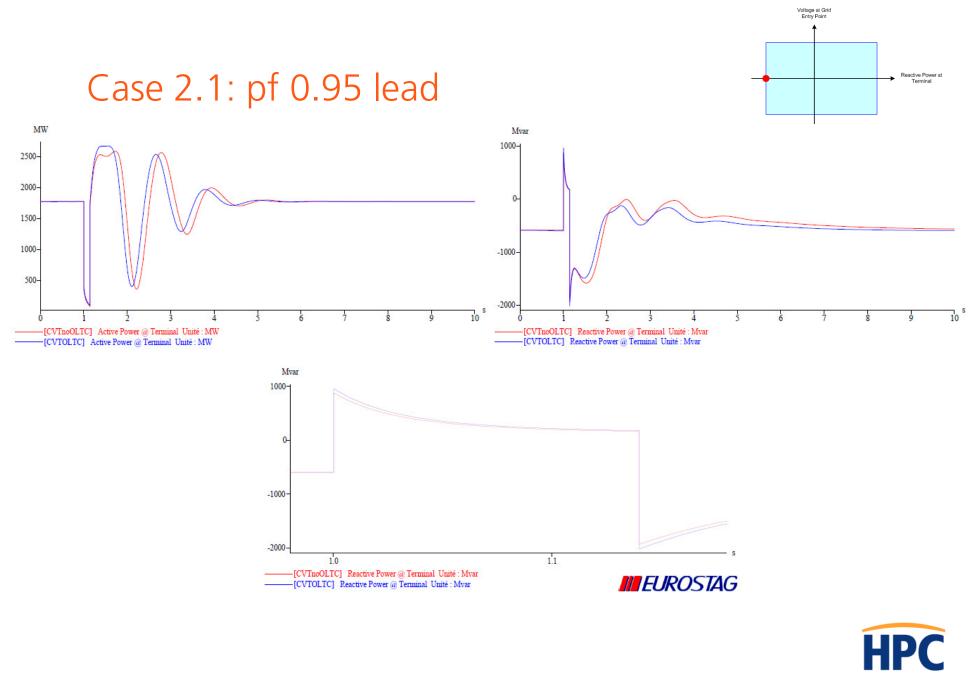




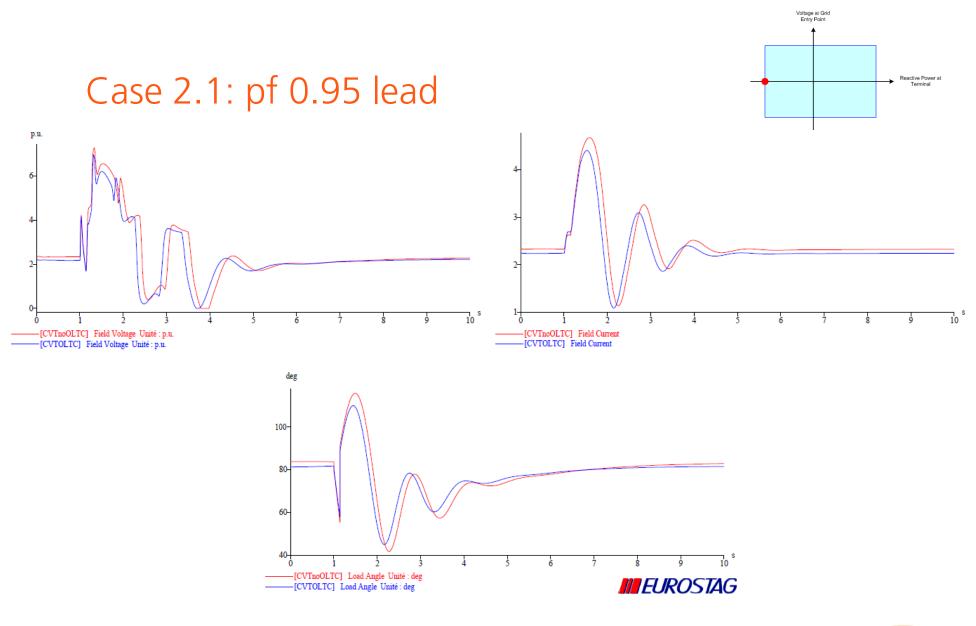
- Critical Fault Clearing Time:
  - With OLTC: 181 ms
  - Without OLTC: 165 ms

Better stability margin with OLTC

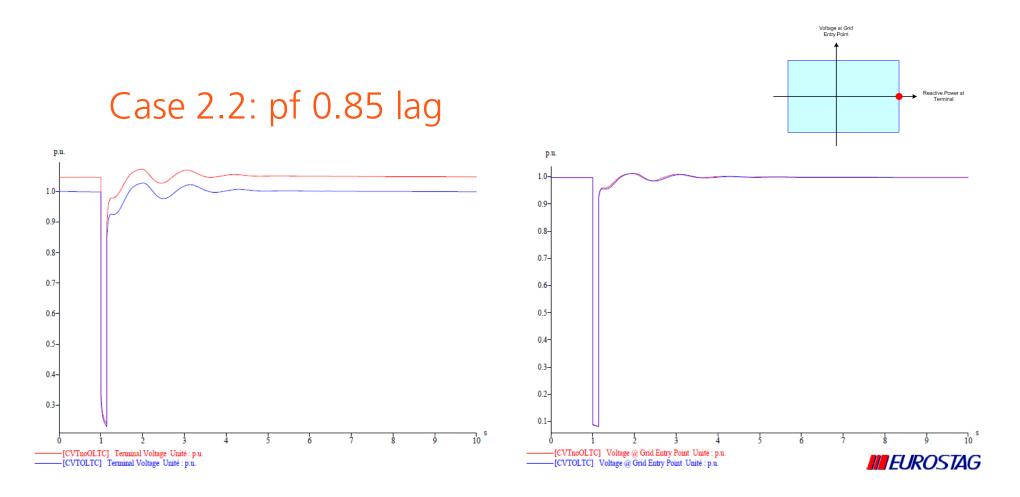




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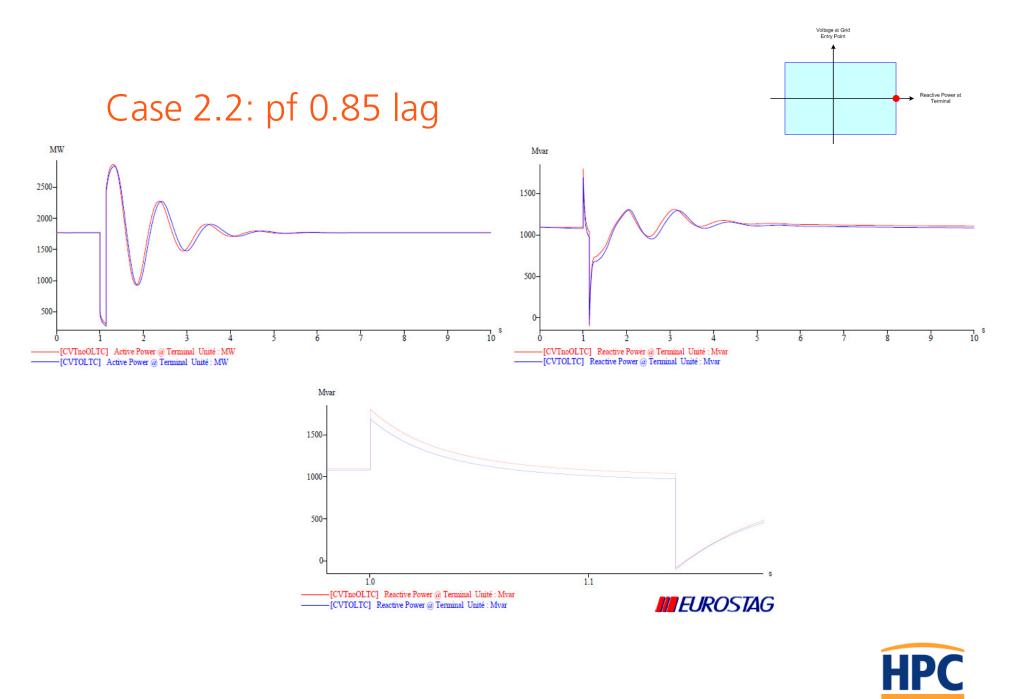


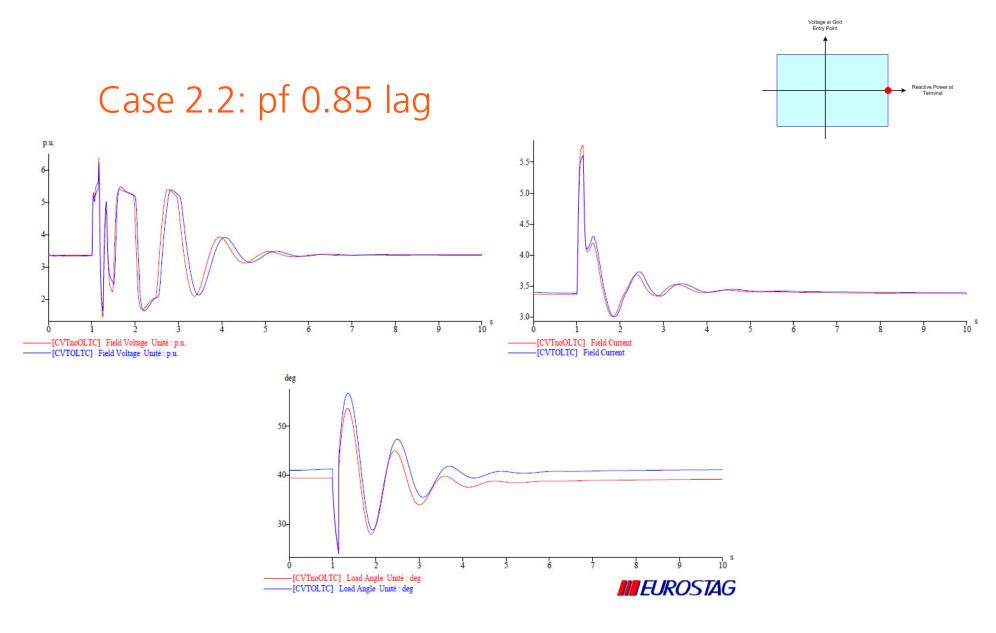


- Critical Fault Clearing Time:
  - With OLTC: 315 ms
  - Without OLTC: 332 ms

Better stability margin without OLTC

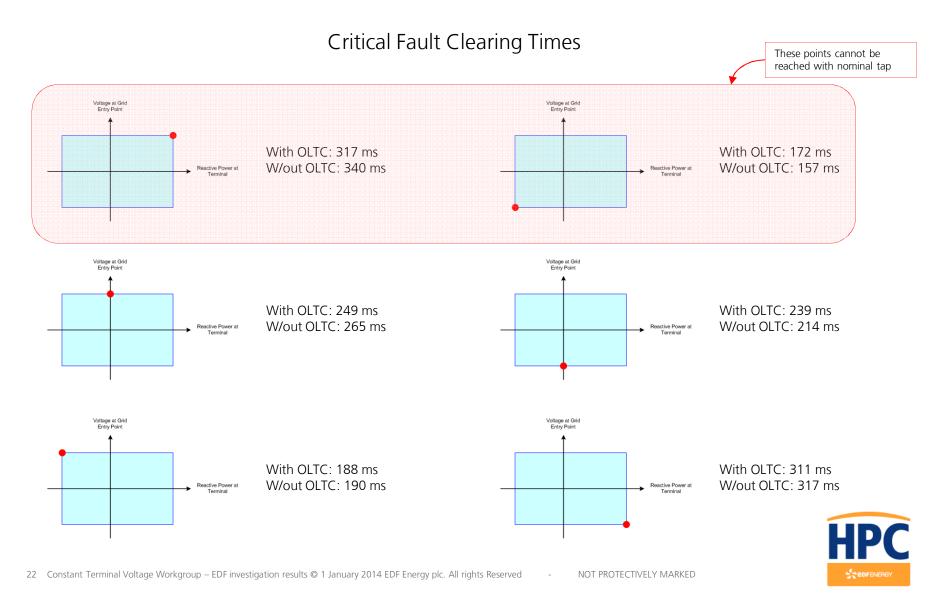




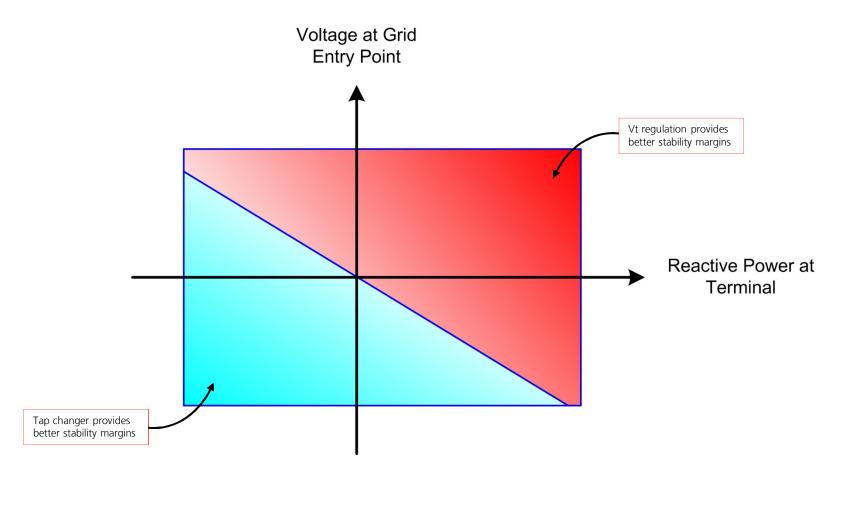




#### Case 2: other points investigated



### Case 2: Tap changer vs. Vt regulation





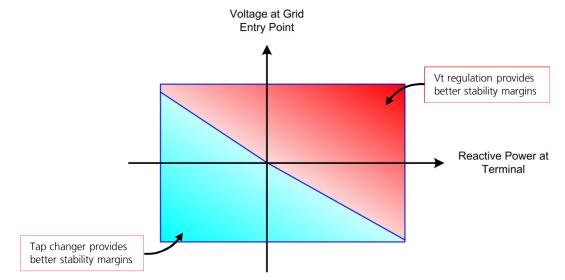




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# Conclusion

• Consistent results for both case studied. Basically:



- For any operating point on the UQ diagram, stability margin is, a higher initial terminal voltage provides better stability margin.
- Both methods of controlling reactive power give comparable results.





