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# Slingshot Disconnection!

Understanding the effect of  
disconnecting an un-stabilized ungrounded source

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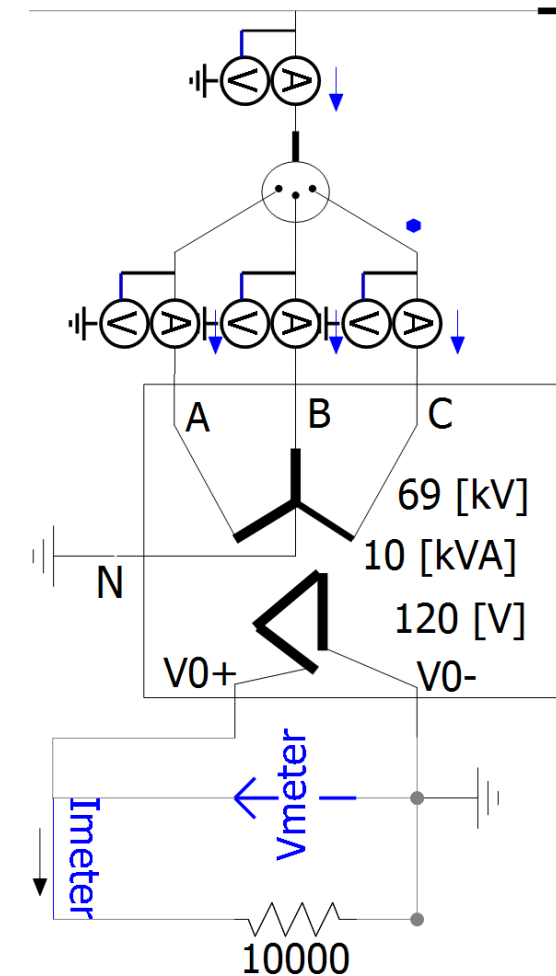
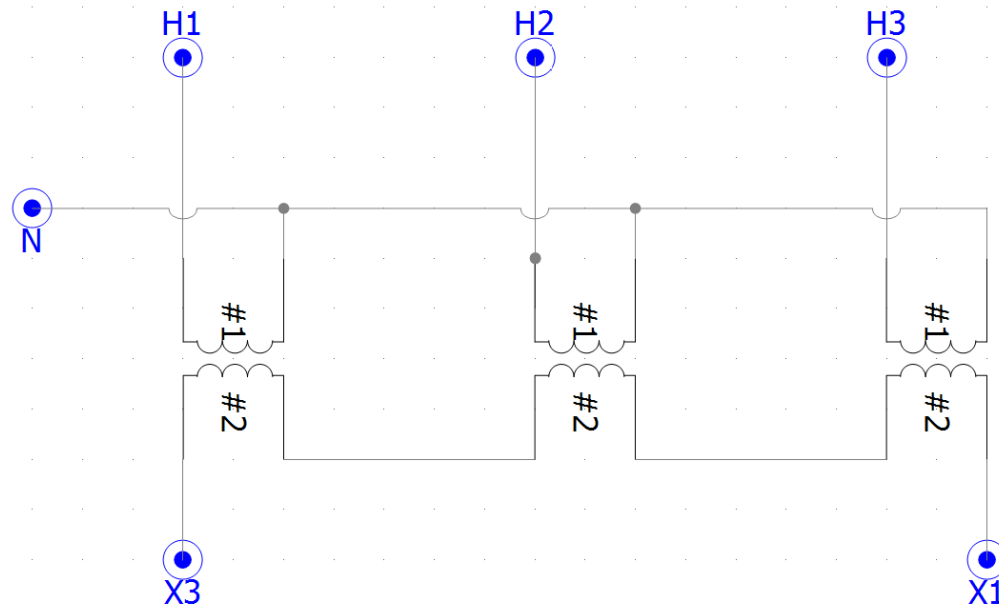
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# Introduction - Background

## Y-Grounded primary – Broken delta secondary

- Ungrounded system applications
- Allows first ground detection
- Detects faults when there is no fault current

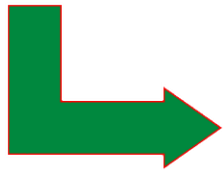


# Why ungrounded?

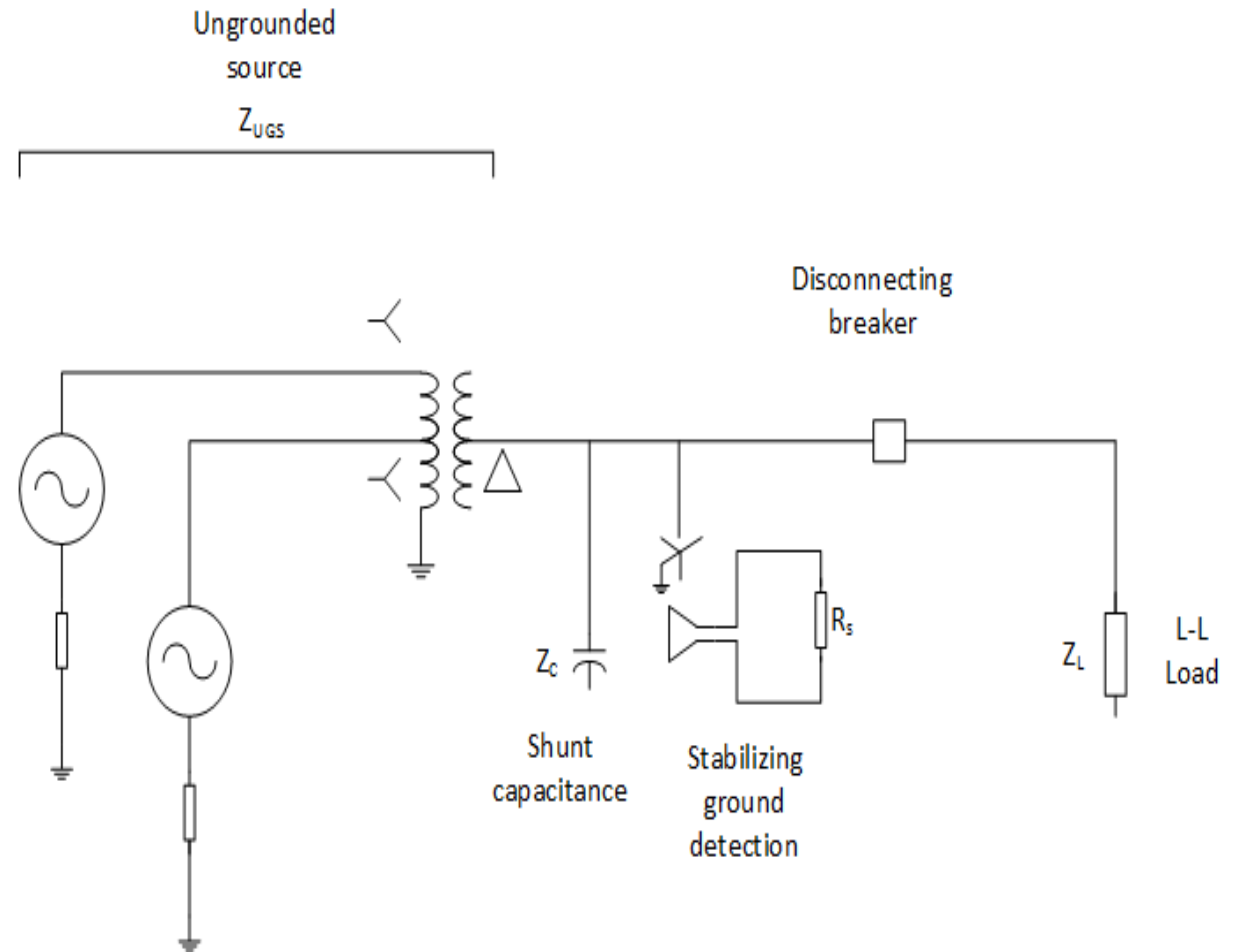
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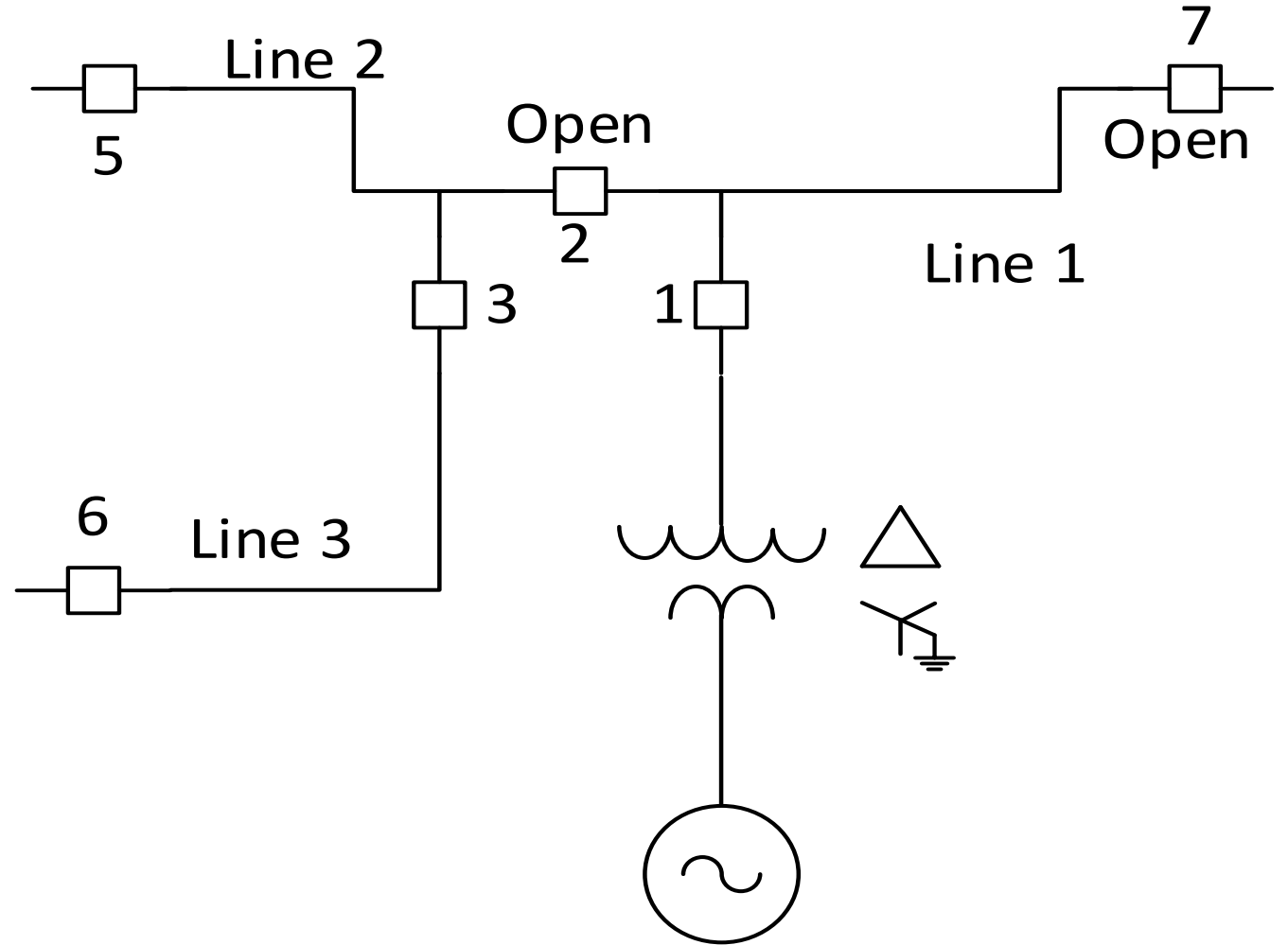
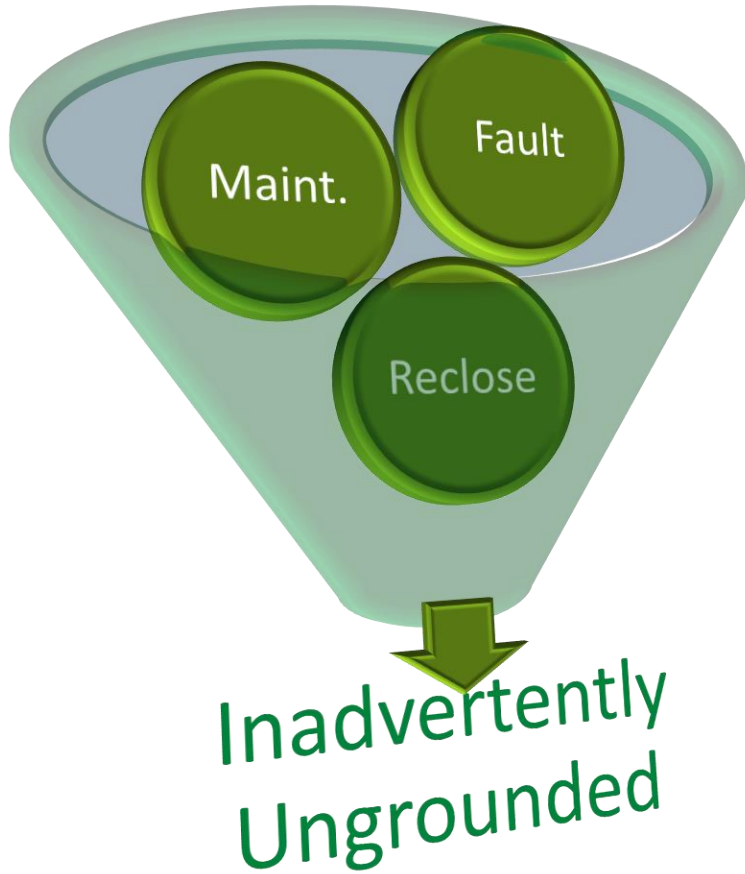
Intentionally  
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Higher  
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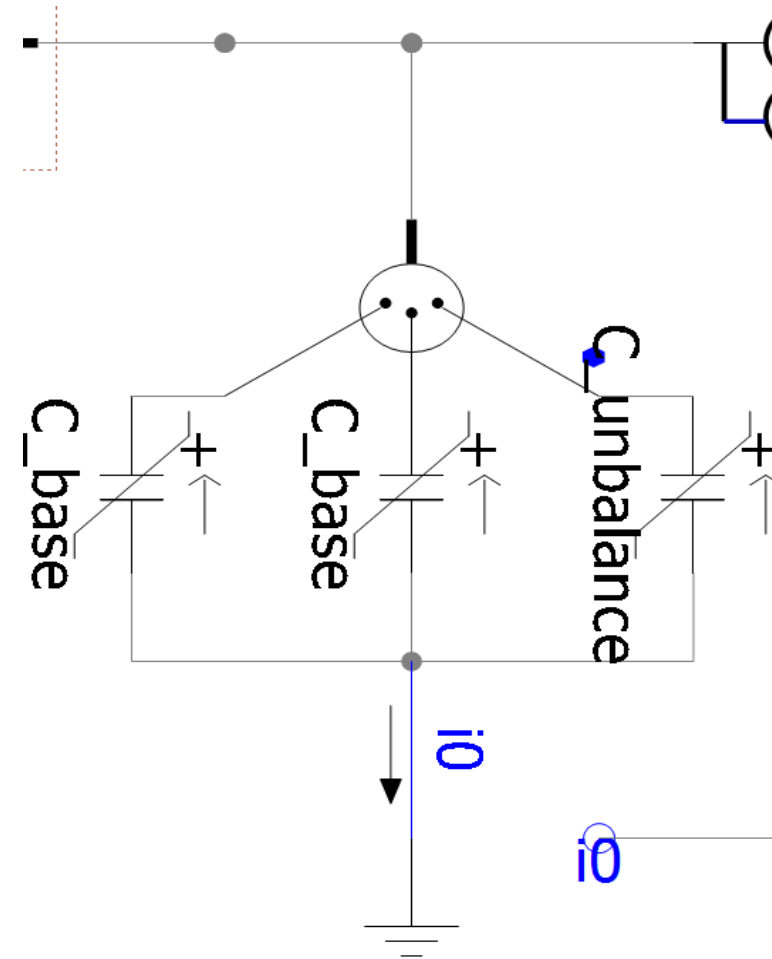
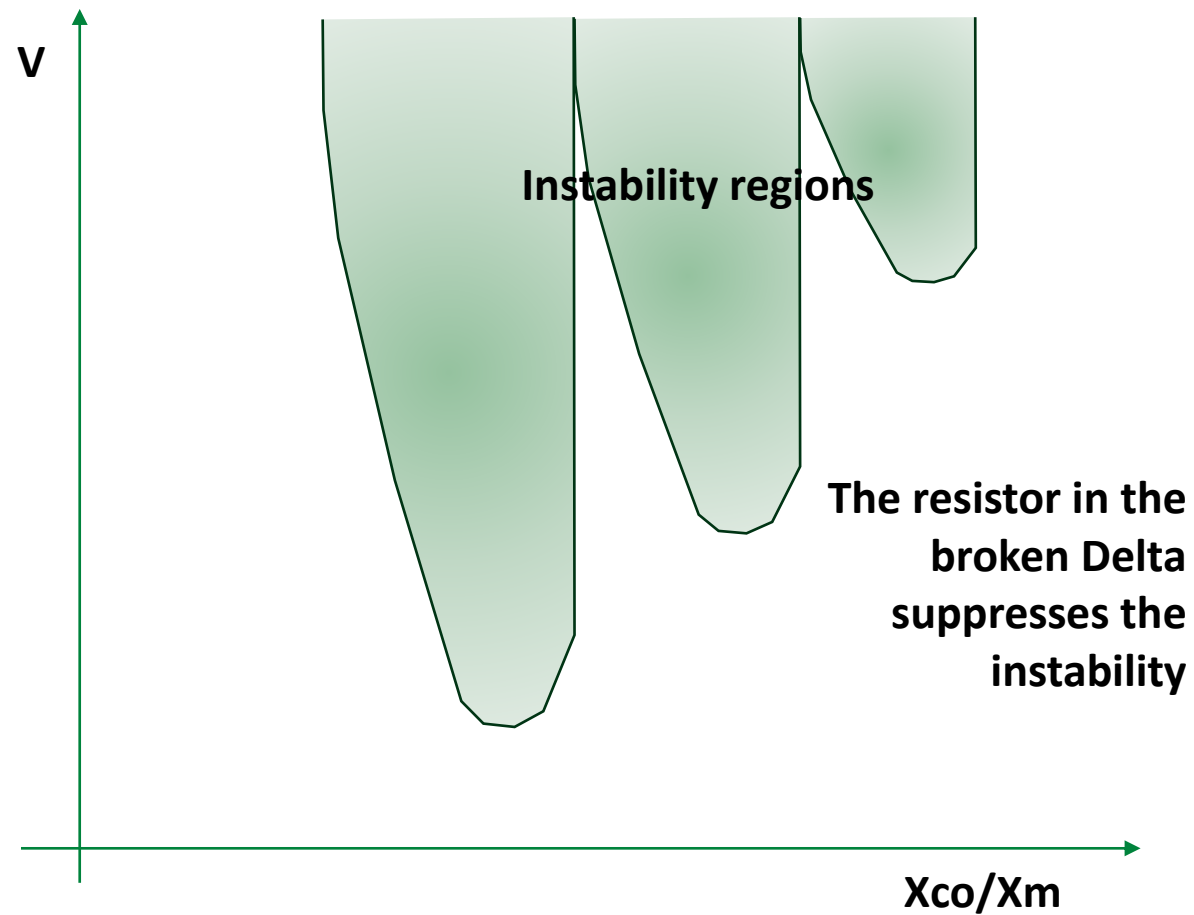


# Inadvertently Ungrounded



# Historical Knowledge

## 1920-1940 Study of Y-grounded – Broken Delta Instabilities



# EMT Model Studied in 1<sup>st</sup> Study

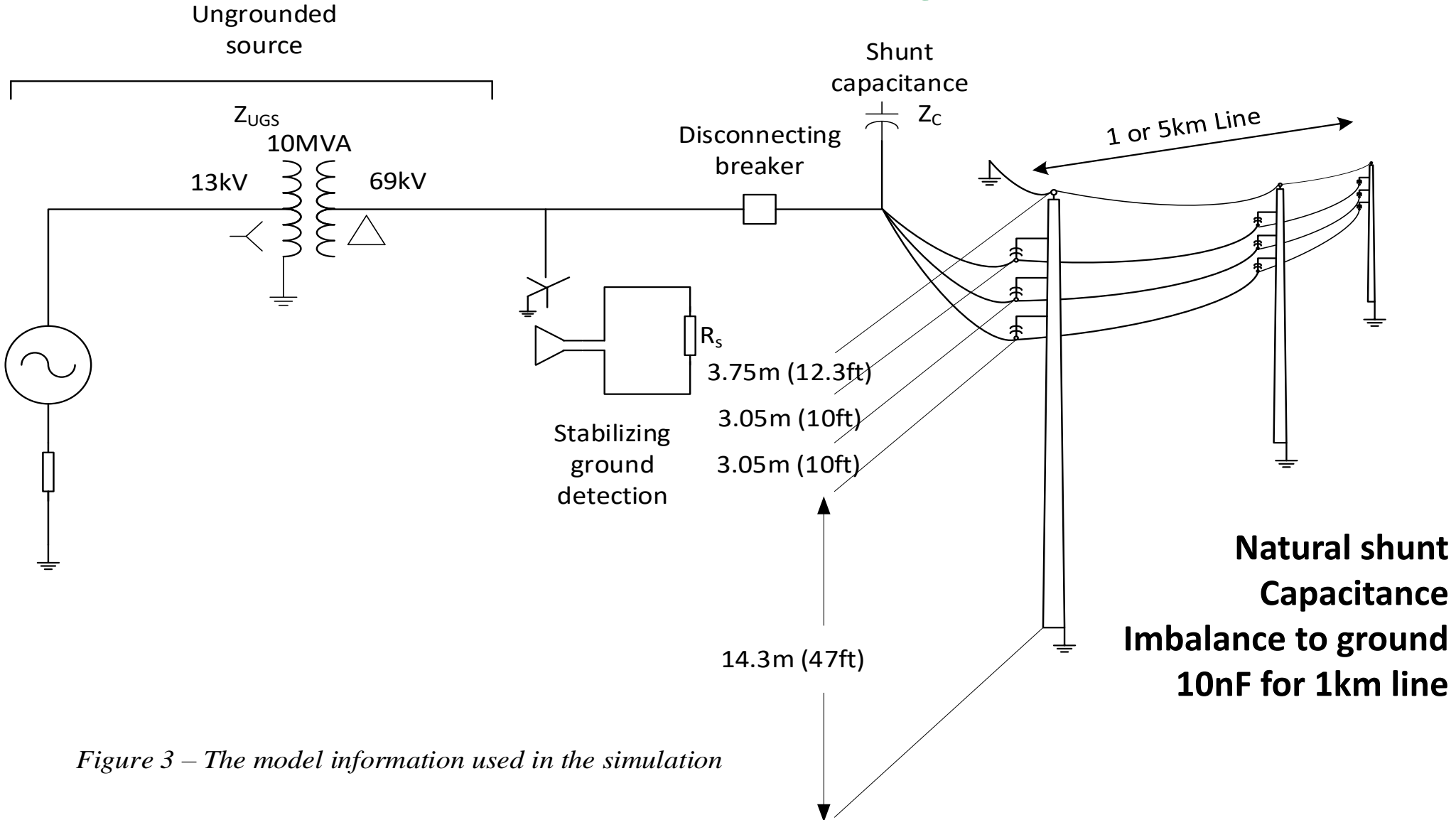


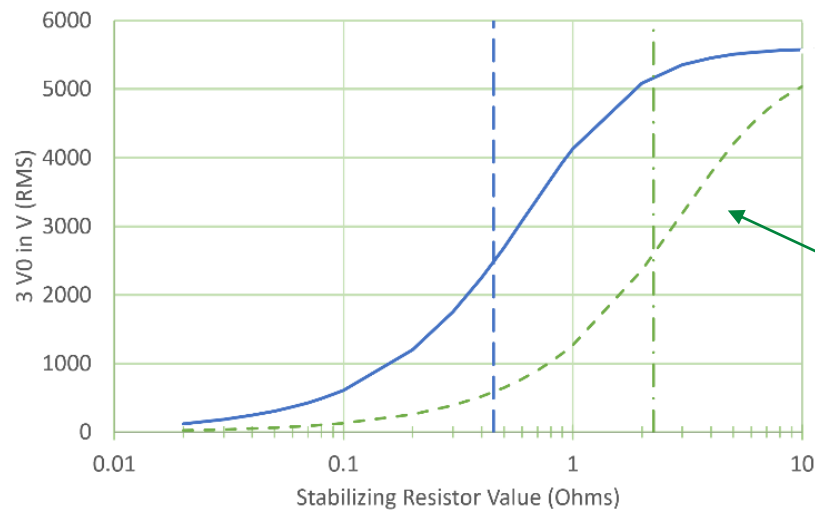
Figure 3 – The model information used in the simulation

# Impact of Imbalance

Shunt capacitance imbalance creates a constant phase voltage imbalance

1km vs 5km  $3V_0$

The resistor can lower the phase voltage imbalance



The average capacitance shift horizontally

RC37.234 - 5km 5k Line Cap Only 1km No Caps C37.234 - 1 km

Figure 5 - 1km line and 5 km line vs R

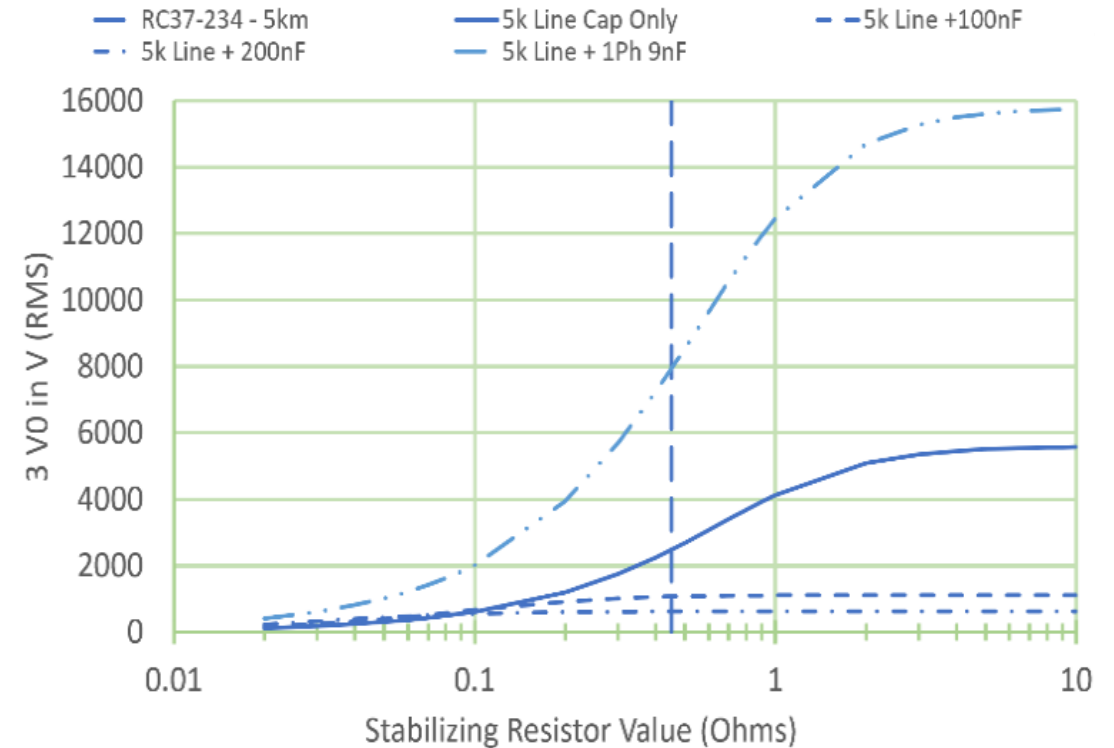
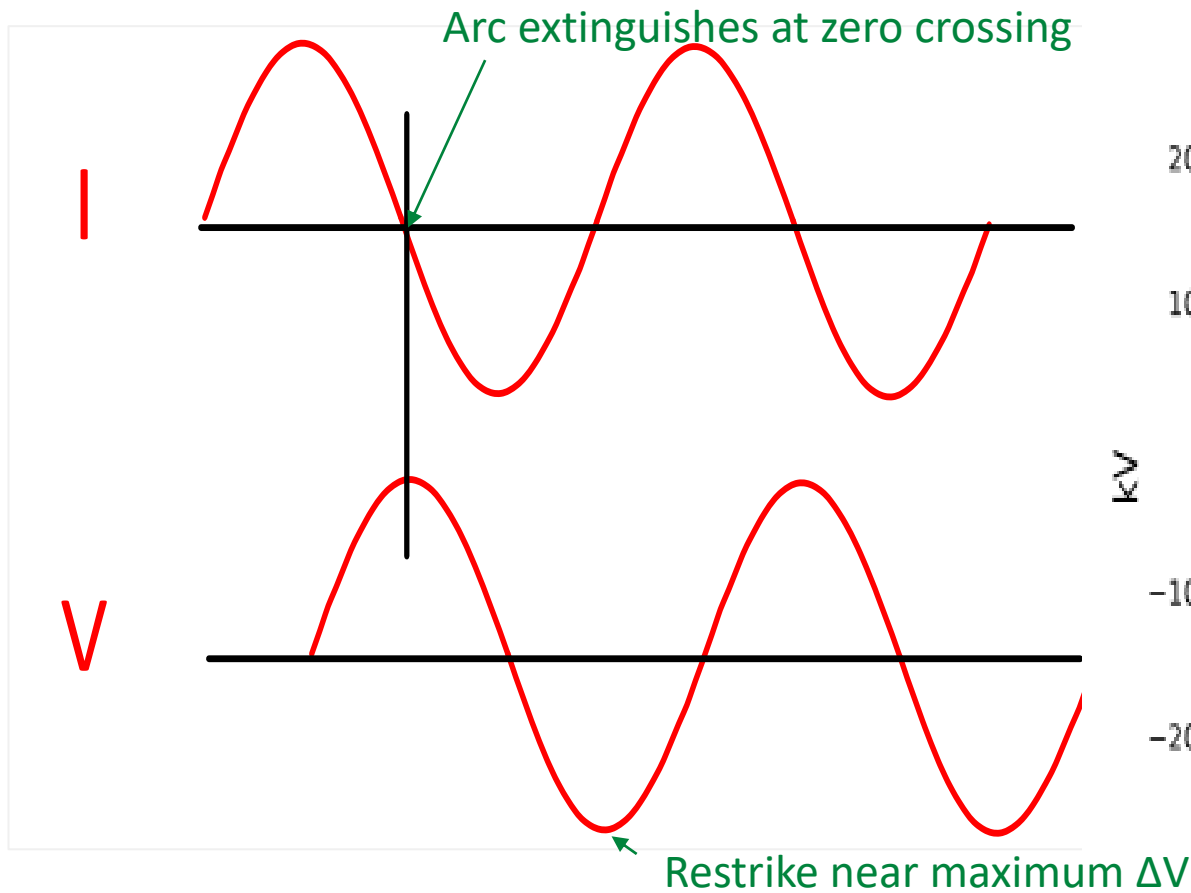


Figure 4 - Variation of the resistor impedance for the Stabilization of a 5km line imbalance capacitance



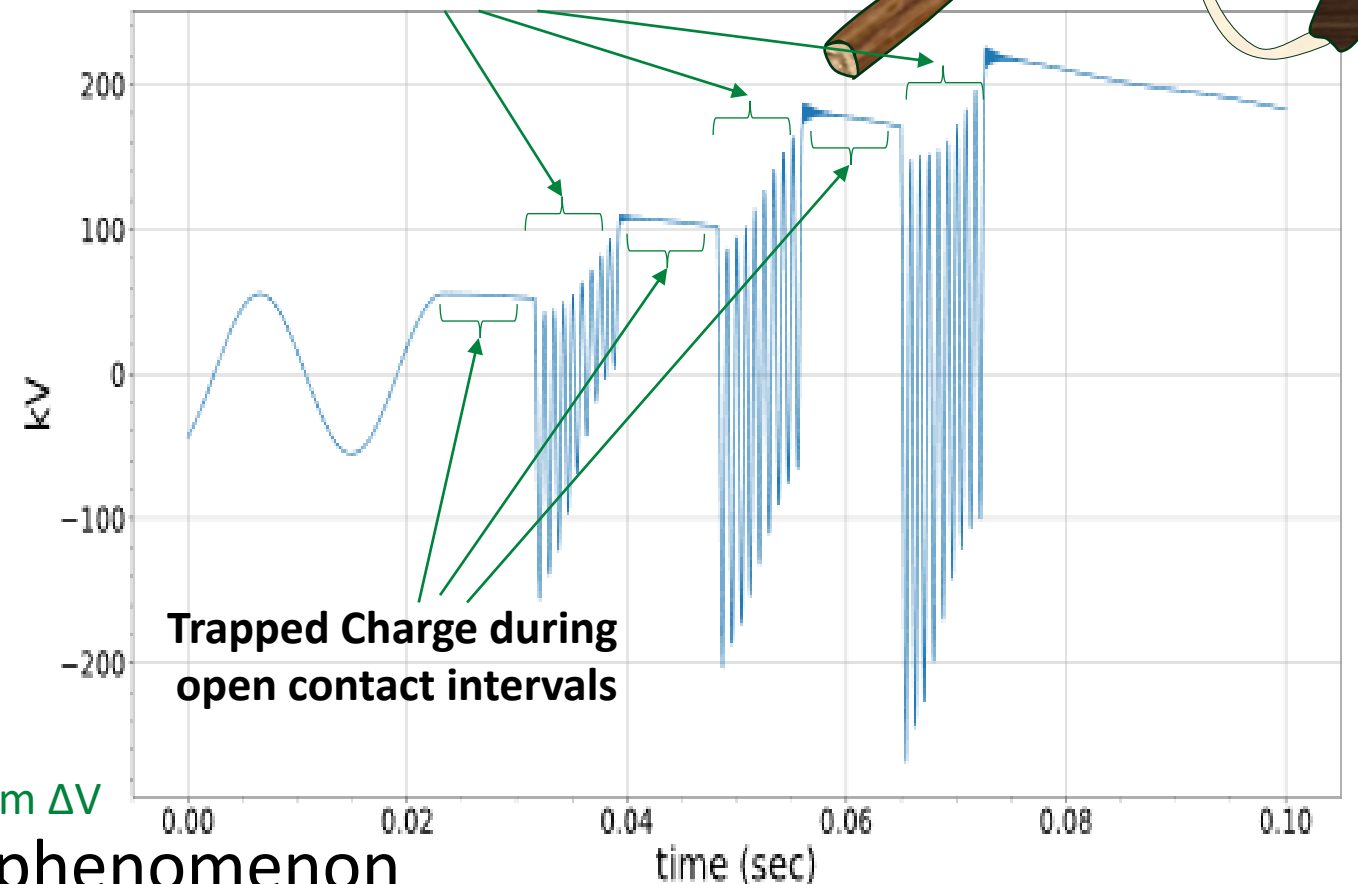
# The Slingshot Effect is Real

## During a fast reclose or during breaker restriking



Oscillations at  $2\pi\sqrt{LC}$ ,  
natural frequency

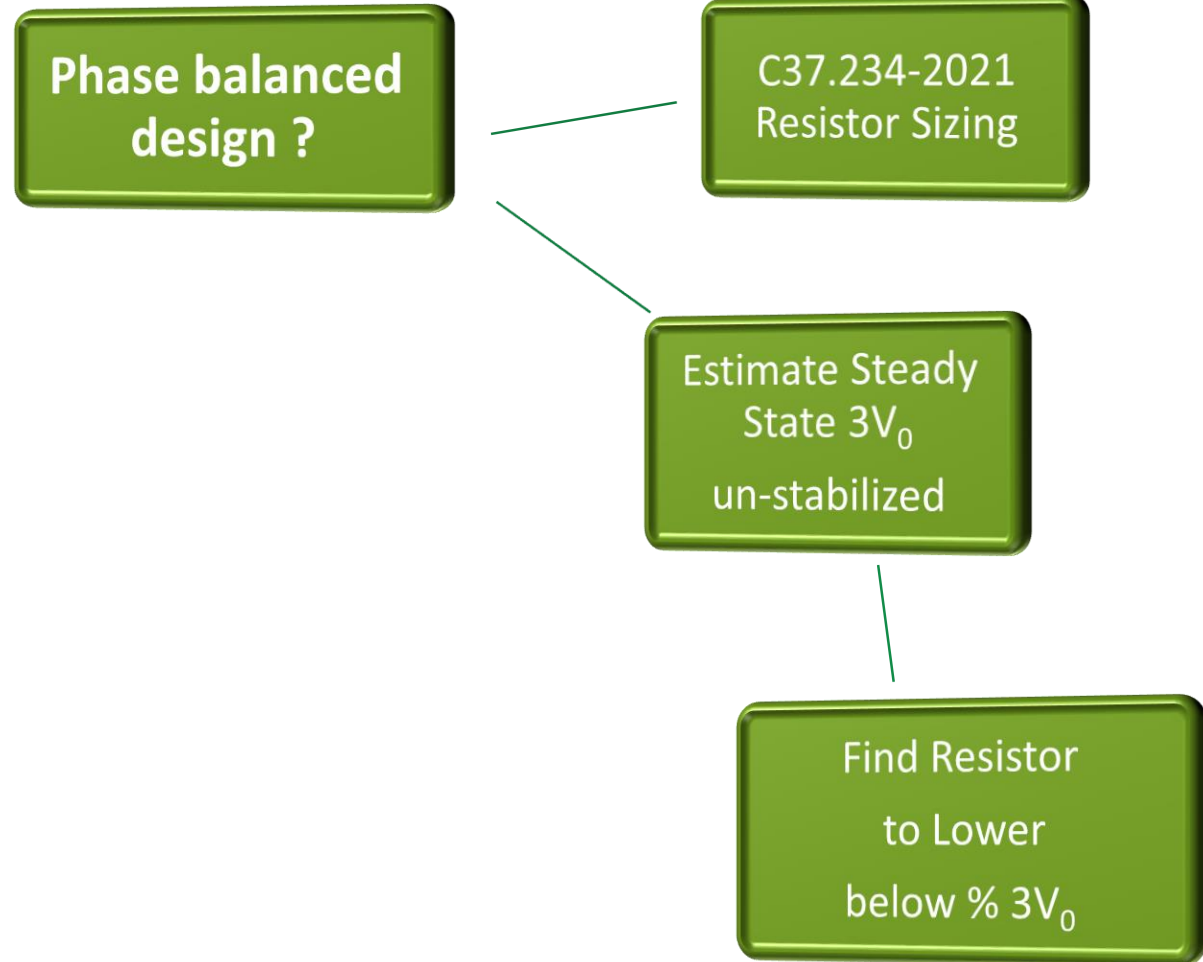
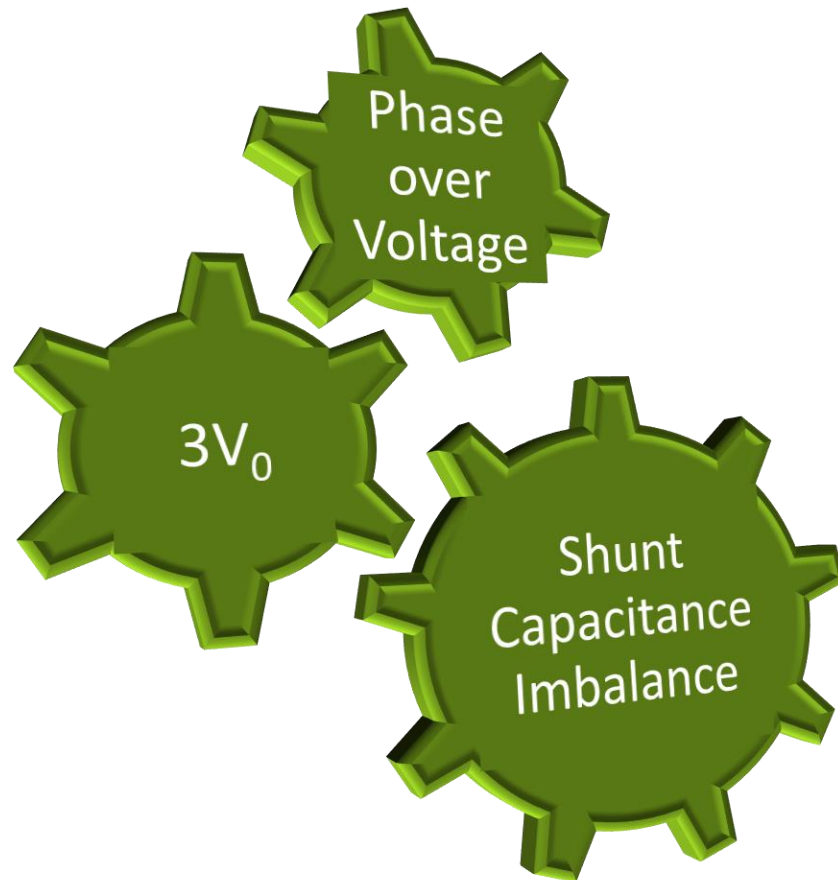
Vc: Line



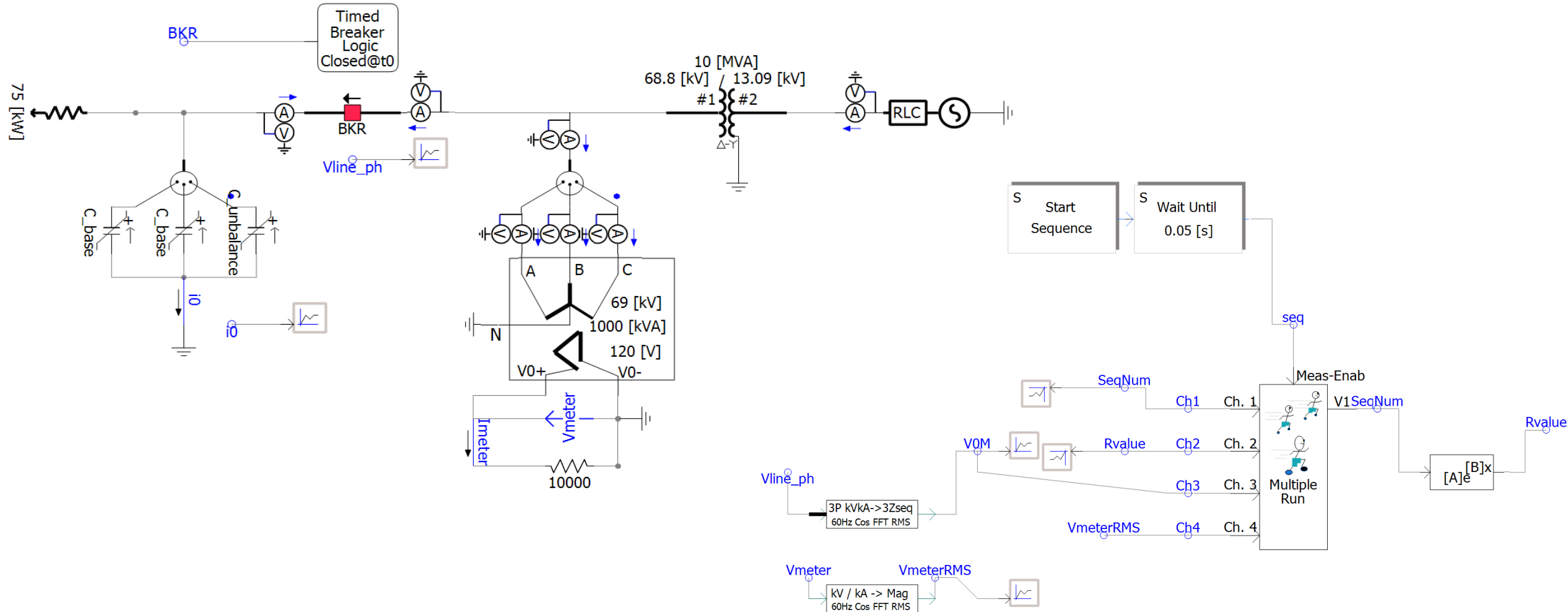
The resistor has no effect on this phenomenon

# Conclusion from First Version

## Need to quantify how to size based on unbalance



# EMT model used



# Find estimation Function

2 parts in the estimations

$$3V0 = f_1(C_u) \cdot f_2(C_a)$$

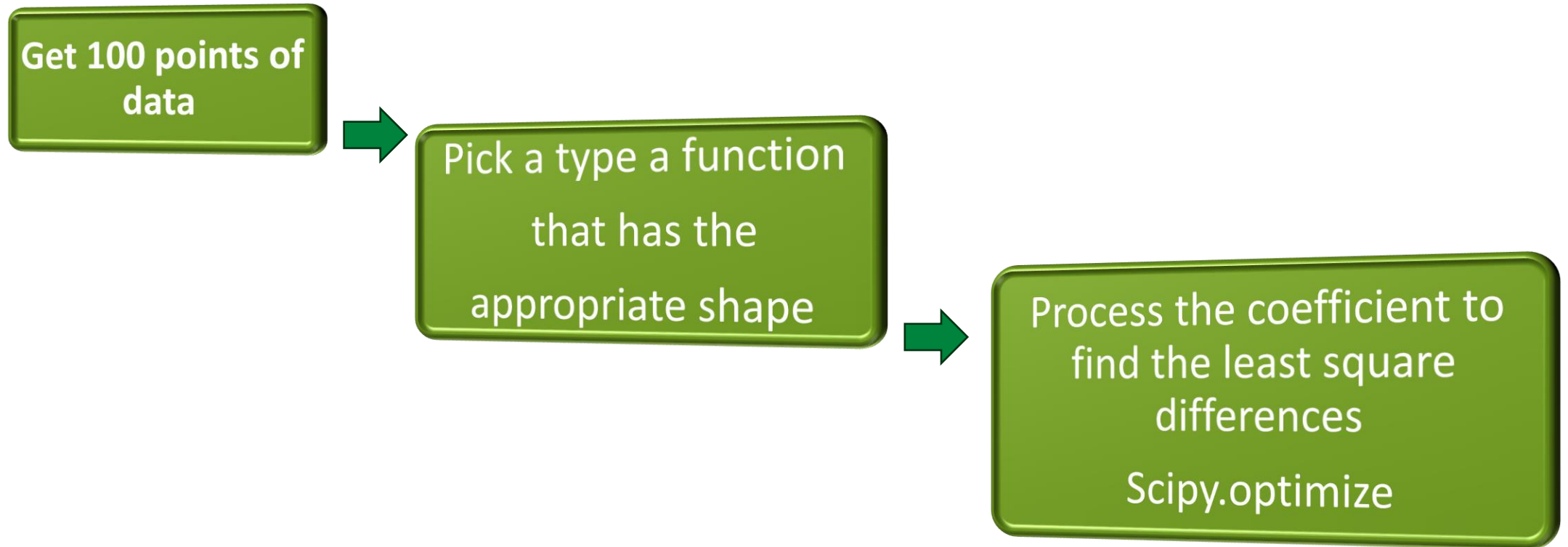
Function of  
capacitance imbalance

-  
Capacitance sweep

Function of  
average capacitance

-  
Resistor sweep

# To find estimation function



# Need to Sweep Shunt Capacitance

Varied shunt capacitance Imbalance

$$V_{3V0pu} = a \cdot \ln(b \cdot C_u + c) + d$$

$$V_{3V0pu} = \frac{a \cdot C_u}{(b + C_u^c)^{\frac{1}{c}}} + d$$

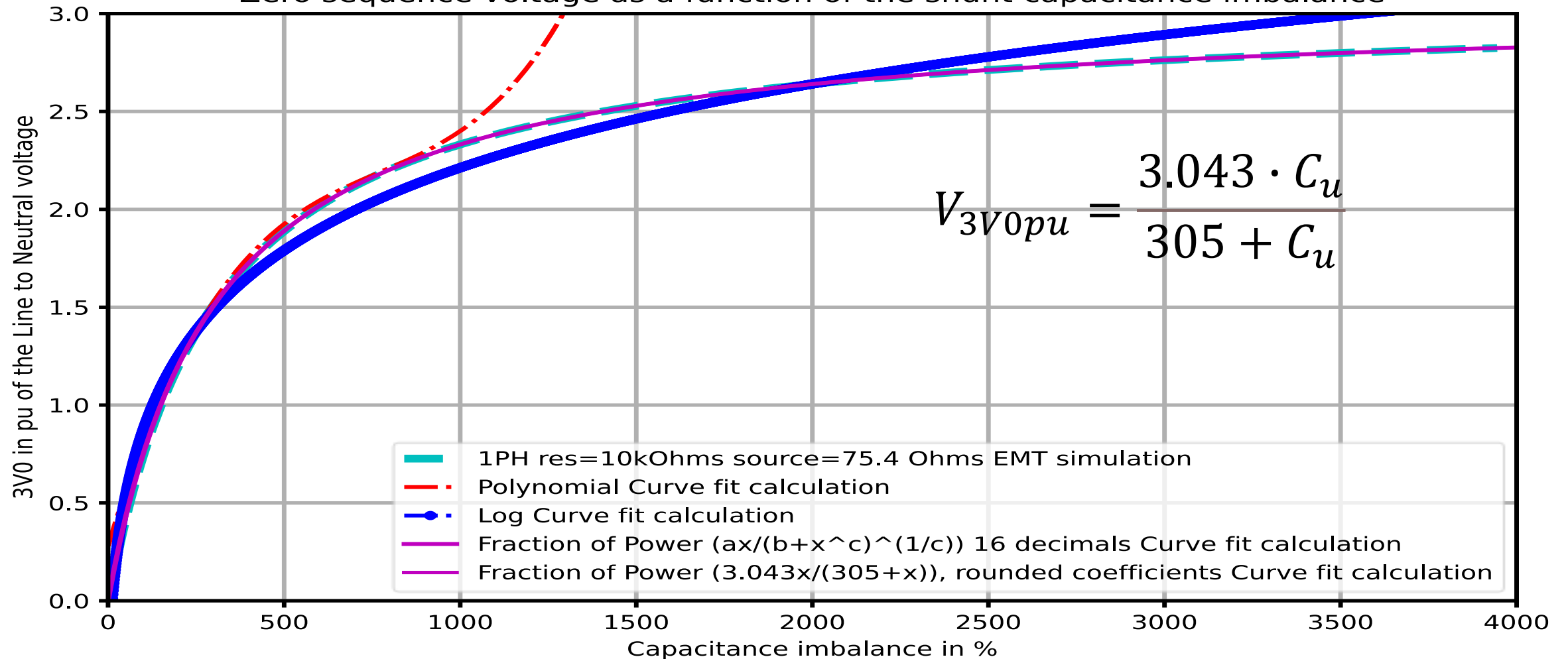
$$V_{3V0pu} = a \cdot C_u^3 + a \cdot C_u^2 + a \cdot C_u + d$$

t	a	b	c	d	Maximum error from all samples
<b>Logarithmic</b>	0.626073	0.244194	4.722191	-1.241454	23.58%
<b>Fraction of the power</b>	3.042784	304.87199	1.00000015	-3.3605 ·10 <sup>-9</sup>	2.68·10 <sup>-9</sup> %
<b>Polynomial</b>	2.712278 ·10 <sup>-1</sup>	5.893840 ·10 <sup>-3</sup>	-6.663924 ·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.870167 ·10 <sup>-9</sup>	3.1%*

\* Samples between 100 to 1000% capacitance unbalance.

# Need to Sweep Shunt Capacitance

Zero sequence voltage as a function of the shunt capacitance imbalance



# F2 - Resistor values sweeps

While average capacitance is constant

Average Shunt Capacitance	Phase A and B	Phase C
1 nF	0.222 nF	2.56 nF
2 nF	0.222 nF	5.11 nF
4 nF	0.888 nF	10.22 nF
8 nF	1.777 nF	20.444 nF
16 nF	3.55 nF	40.88 nF

Average Shunt Capacitance	a	b	c	Maximum Error
1 nF	-0.00618	23.218	1.8299	1.41%
2 nF	-0.0084	11.526	1.834	1.38%
4 nF	-0.0101	5.7233	1.847	1.33%
8 nF	-0.0104	2.8558	1.8741	1.14%
16 nF	-0.00994	1.4230	1.9021	0.92%

$$V_{3V0norm} = a + \frac{r}{(b^c + r^c)^{\frac{1}{c}}}$$



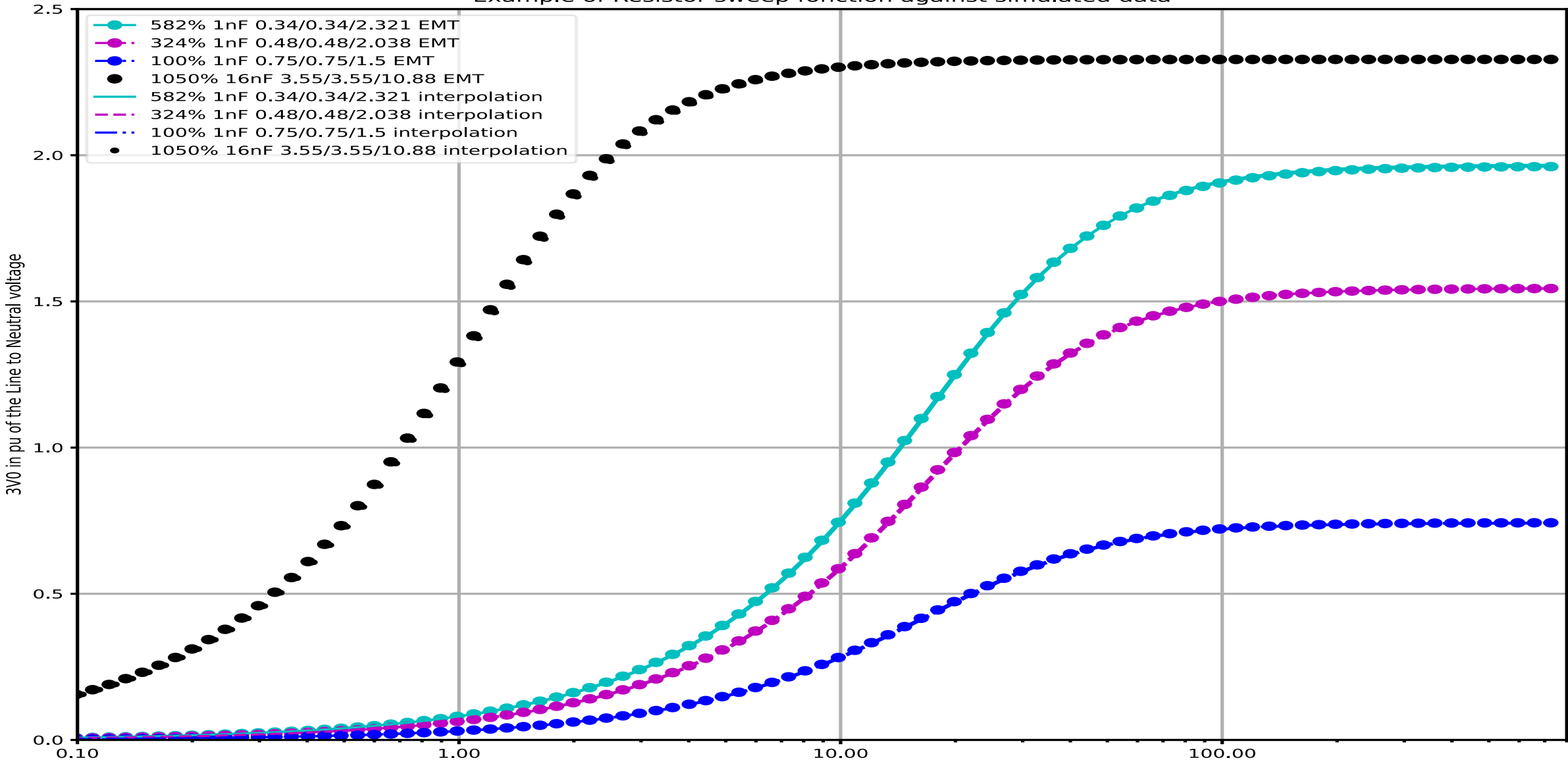
## F2 – Simplify some parameters

Average Shunt Capacitance	a	b	c	Maximum Error
1 nF	0	24.968	2	1.93%
2 nF	0	12.4937	2	1.94%
4 nF	0	6.2229	2	1.86%
8 nF	0	3.0832	2	1.59%
16 nF	0	1.5197	2	1.29%

$$V_{3V0norm} = \frac{r}{\sqrt{\frac{600}{C_a^2} + r^2}}$$

# The performance

Example of Resistor sweep function against simulated data



# Estimate the resistor Size

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{600 \cdot V_{3V0m}}}{C_a \cdot \sqrt{1 - V_{3V0m}^2}}$$

where  $V_{3V0m} = \frac{V_{3V0pu} \cdot (305 + C_u)}{3 \cdot C_u}$

$V_{3V0pu}$  is the desired content of  $3V_0$  per unit of the line-to-line voltage.

# Conclusion

## When Shunt capacitance imbalance is large

The resistor sizing is **not only** about **stabilization**

We need to **reduce the voltage imbalance** to **differentiate** faulted and non-faulted conditions.

We have created **mathematical estimations** that allow us to size the resistor accordingly.