
FPGA-BASED HARD CO-SIMULATION OF TYPICAL INDUCTIVE POWER TRANSFER (IPT) SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a novel approach for the field programmable gate array (FPGA)-based hard co-simulation of typical inductive power transfer (IPT) system. The implemented control algorithm is in an environment of the Spartan-3A/3AN (FPGA) kit board, while the power section and the load are simulated in Matlab/Simulink environment. An applicable example of a direct AC to AC converter, in the power stage, was used to generate a resonance current with high frequency, for inductive power-transfer (IPT) system and discussed in short notes. Such a system is constructed by different natural components such as power converter, different elements and a well-designed control system that requires special and suitable software like Matlab/Simulink software package, which develops the direct AC-AC converter model for the input power side. The proposed control algorithm was implemented based on Spartan-3A / 3AN (FPGA) with an automatically generated VHDL code that was used for the implementation. The software used is the Xilinx System Generator (SysGen) which is a very beneficial toolbox that works in the MATLAB/Simulink environment with a library of several important blocks serving defined functions implemented in the FPGA. It is also possible to convert the implemented model into VHDL code. It is also possible to convert the implemented model into VHDL code. The use of the (SysGen) with its two main advantages over traditional methods, possibility of implementing algorithm matches the function exactly as in the simulation and it is not required to create two different models (one for the simulation and the other for the implementation). The simulation results confirm the accuracy of the proposed control system as well as the feasibility of the overall Spartan-3A/3AN (FPGA) based control circuit.

KEYWORDS: Inductive Power Transfer, AC-AC Direct Converter, Spartan-3A/3AN (FPGA), Xilinx System Generator, Matlab/Simulink.

1. INTRODUCTION

An uncompensated circuit model of IPT system is shown in Fig. 1, which can be considered the most fundamental figure [1].

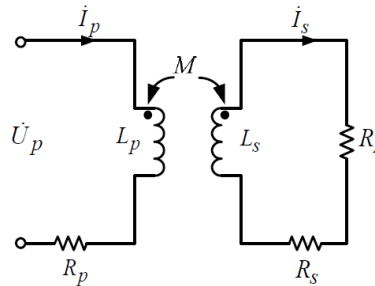


Fig. 1. Equivalent circuit of the IPT system.

Assuming that voltage and current are sinusoidal, the induced voltage in secondary winding due to the primary current I_p is given as $j\omega MI_p$, and the reflected voltage in the primary winding due to the secondary current I_s , is given as $-j\omega MI_s$

where

“ M ” is used for the mutual inductance and ω is the angular frequency [2].

For the case of IPT system, unlike the transformers in which the primary and secondary windings are wound on the same magnetic core, to avoid the leakage of inductance, and to establish a good coupling [3]. However, the large air-gap between the primary and secondary windings causes the contactless transformer has poor coupling performance so as not to transfer power at high efficiency and applied for large-scale implementation [4].The power transmission of the IPT system from the sending (primary) static coil to the receiving (secondary) movable one been based on the first principles of electromagnetic induction [5].

II. modeling of AC-AC Direct,type converter

Figure 2. Shows the power stage of the converter circuit. It has four MOSFET switches

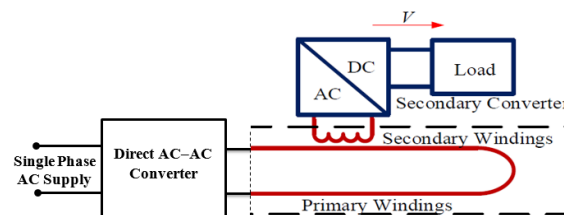


Fig.2. Schematic of the IPT system

with LC resonance circuit. The supply frequency of AC voltage U_p is 50Hz, while the frequency of output current I_s is 30 kHz. The operation of this model according to the switching sequence, shown in Table 1, can be subdivided into four modes of operation (Shown in Figs.4-7) [6]. Two of them operating in the positive half-cycle of input supply and the other two in the negative half-cycle. Each half period has two states: energy injection and free-oscillation state.

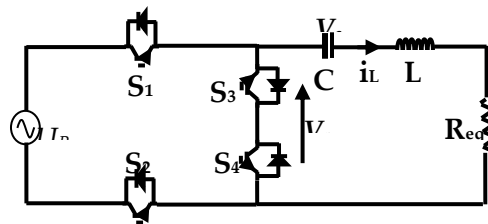


Fig.3. AC-AC Direct converter

Table1. The four mode operation conditions

Mode	Input Voltage	Resonant Current	Switches/Diodes status
Mode I	$V_{ac} > 0$	$i_L > 0$, and previous $i_L < -I_{ref}$	S1/D2 on S2/S3/S4/D1/D3/D4 off
Mode II	$V_{ac} < 0$	$i_L < 0$, and previous $i_L < +I_{ref}$	S2/D1 on S1/S3/S4/D1/D3/D4 off
Mode III	$V_{ac} > 0$	$i_L < 0$	S4/D3 on
	$V_{ac} < 0$	previous $i_L > +I_{ref}$	S1/S2/S3/D1/D2/D4 off
Mode IV	$V_{ac} < 0$	$i_L < 0$	S3/D4 on
	$V_{ac} > 0$	previous $i_L > -I_{ref}$	S1/S2/S3/D1/D2/D3 off

Mode I:

Energy injection state [$i_L > 0$ & $V_{ac} > 0$]

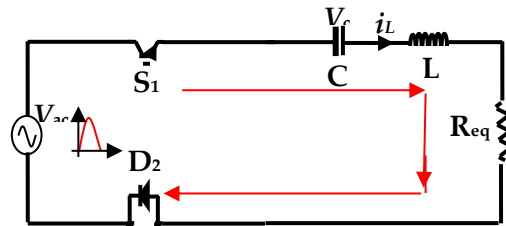


Fig.4. First mode of operation.

Mode II:

Energy injection state [$i_L < 0$ & $V_{ac} < 0$]

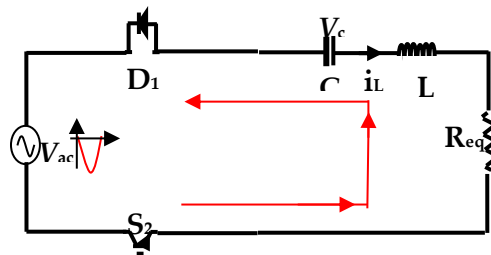


Fig.5. Second mode of operation

Mode III: - Free oscillation state.

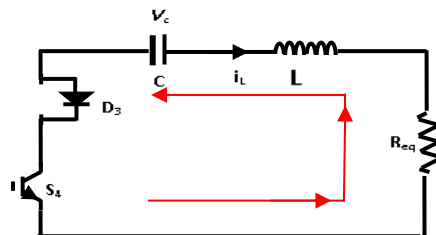


Fig.6. Third mode of operation

Mode IV: -
Free oscillation state

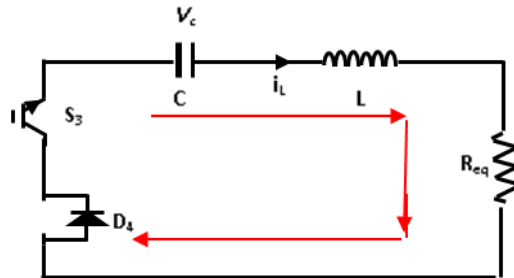


Fig.7 Fourth mode of operation.

III. CONTROL Circuit Operation

The feedback inputs to control circuit are output (load) current i_L and input supply voltage V_{ac} as shown in Fig.8 and through Table1, value I_{ref} are required also to implement the required control signals. The converter typical current waveform and its associated switching signals for both positive polarity input voltage and its negative polarity shown in [6] are constructed to fulfill the required four operation modes. It is clear from this table that parameters like i_L^{\wedge} which represents the peak of load current i_L

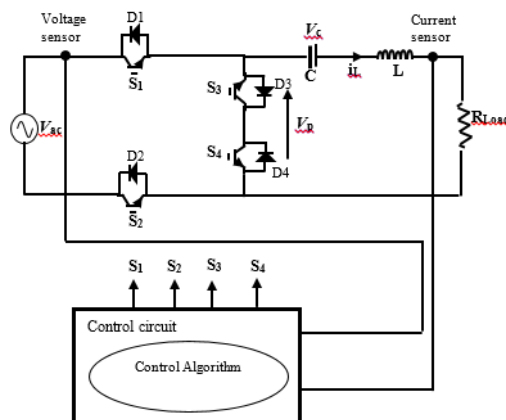


Fig.8. Complete circuit of the used AC-AC converter with its controller and feedback signals

VI. HARDWARE CO-SIMULATION (HWCOSIM)

System Generator (SysGen) is a digital signal processing (DSP) design tool from Xilinx which is one of the American famous technological company that is a main supplier of the programmable devices.

Designer in (SysGen) is thinking in the same manner as Matlab Simulink environment and can be integrated with Simulink block set to test or help in the design in a friendly way. This system is a well-organized modeling tool that facilitates the FPGA prototype hardware [7]. It extends Matlab/Simulink software package to provide a new developed modeling space that is well suited to future required hardware design. The tool provides a suitable high-level and friendly abstraction that is easy and self-compiled into the FPGA simply by a push of button [8].

Hardware co-simulation (HWCOSIM) was carried-out by selecting Xilinx Spartan-3A FPGA Starter Kit Board. Hardware Co-Simulation (HWCOSIM) is a feature in System Generator (SysGen) that allows Matlab/Simulink users to run the full or part of a SysGen design on the FPGA and dramatically increase the simulation time speed [9].

The proposed work was carried as shown in the following blocks. Figure 9 shows HWCOSIM implementation of the direct type converter with the IPT system.

The complete implemented FPGA environment Simulink model of the power stage for the direct type converter model is presented in Fig. 9. The power stage consists of four MOSFET switches and resonance circuit tank with $L=2.8\mu\text{H}$, $C=0.1\mu\text{F}$ to achieve the 30kHz resonance frequency and a load resistance of $R_L=1\Omega$. Figure. 10 represents the control stage in which hardware co-simulation (HWCOSIM) was carried-out by selecting the (SysGen) of the Xilinx Spartan-3A FPGA Starter Kit Board. The control circuit shown its blocks in Fig. 10 consists of three main subsystems:

Peak current detector.

Comparator circuit.

Gate Drive Circuit

Each block is built using Xilinx (SysGen) tools with master clock period 10 ns.

The advantage of using System Generator can be summarized as: reducing the time spent by the designer for simulation of the system, flexibility due to update the design parameters in quickly and test the effect on the system, The HDL files of the system can be generated using compilation for ISE and Xilinx FPGAs, (SysGen) blockset can be integrated with Matlab/Simulink blocks for helping and co-simulating the system designing. The design can be implemented in optimal way with minimum cost [10]

VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The simulation results of AC-AC Direct converter are shown in Figs. 11-14. These figures show the input and output currents, with frequency 30 kHz also the envelope of the output current (represents the peak

value) which tracks the variation of input reference current. The results taken for different reference values (3,5,7, and 10) Amps.

Furthermore, Fig.14 describes the firing pulses for the proposed circuit under input reference $I_{ref}=5$ amp. Throughout the work, it is found that Matlab Simulink and Xilinx System Generator to be an effective development tool. The graphical nature of modeling made it easy to design efficiently and analyze the results quickly, which greatly reduced the development time. In this method, programming errors are eliminated during the developing phase comparing with the hand written VHDL. In this paper, the detailed theoretical analytical study on converter used in IPT and its digital implementation practices are explained, and a hard co-simulation facilitating the development and implementation process of FPGA-based digital controller was described. The method seems to be faster and provides a greater degree of confidence than traditional hand written VHDL coding. The algorithm was automatically generated from Simulink models using the Xilinx Spartan-3A FPGA board. The hard co-simulation shows the importance of the method. This method is expected to be useful for prototype development of other power electronic converters and electric drives with more complicated interfacing and control algorithms. The presented results are confirming the performance of the converter for any current set value.

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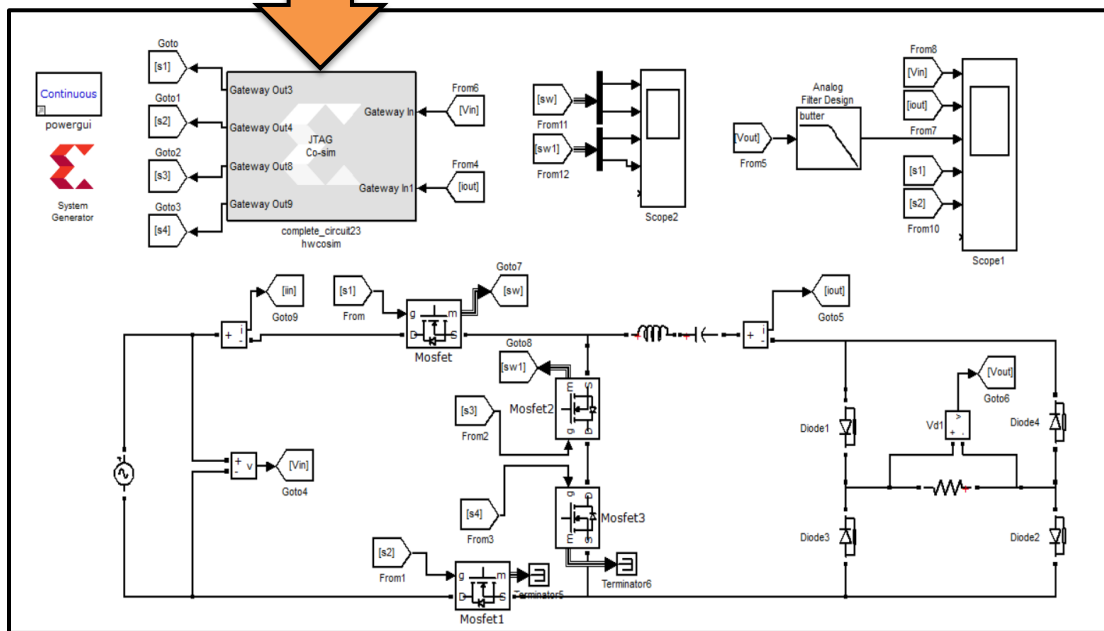
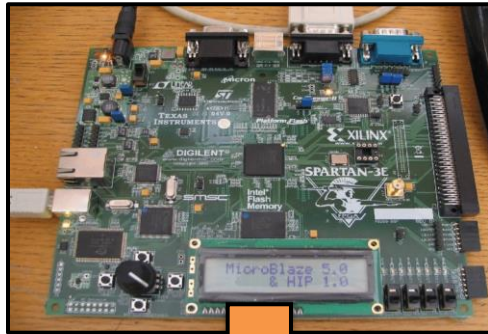


Fig. 9 Shows HWCOSIM implementation of the direct AC-AC converter with the IPT system

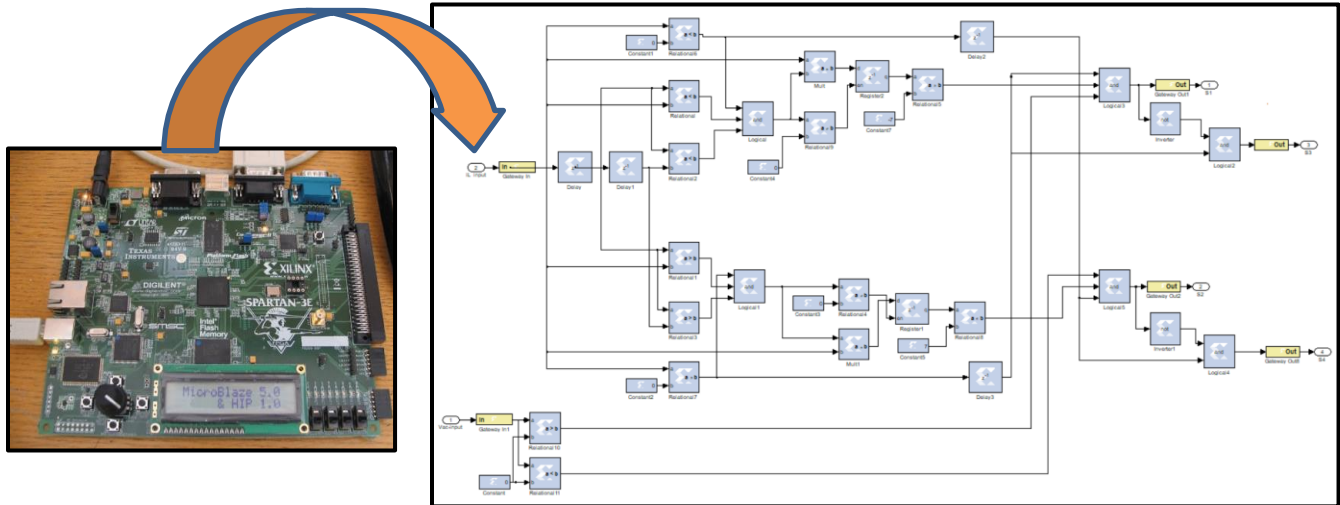


Fig. 10 -Xilinx (SysGen) block diagram of the control stahe

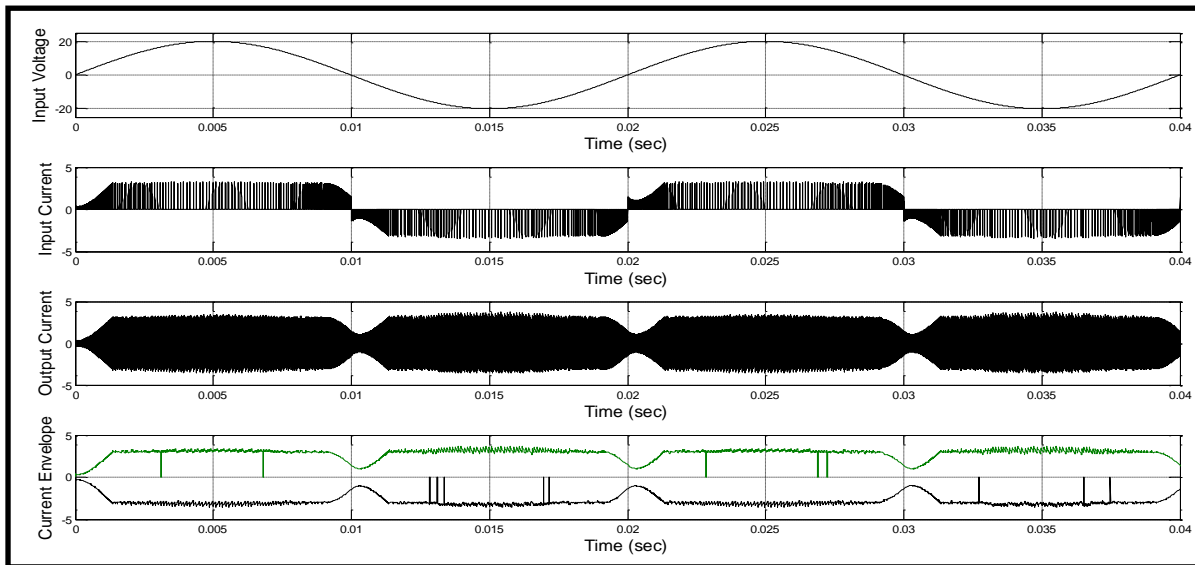


Fig.11. Result for $I_{ref} = 3A$ (a) Input Voltage 20 Volt (b) Input Current (c) Output Current (d) Current Envelope.

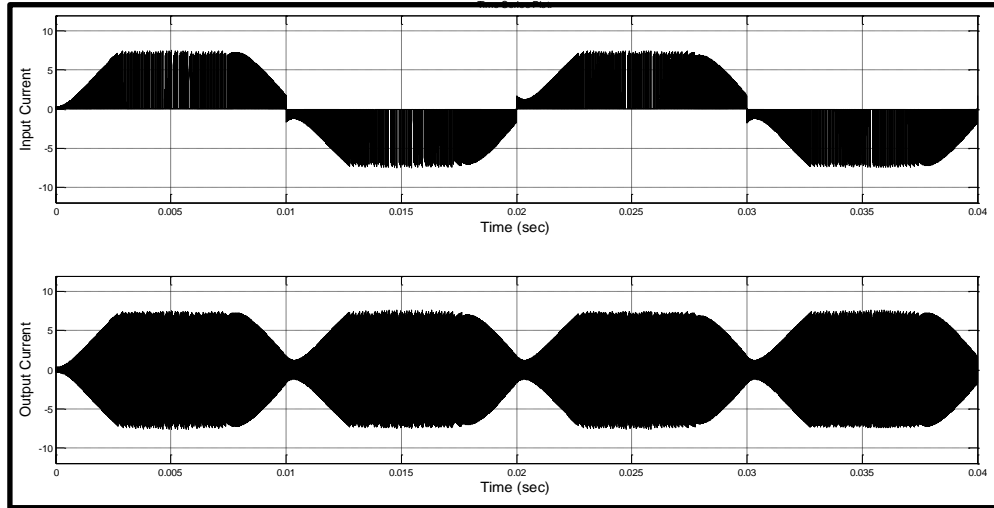


Fig.12. Result for $I_{ref} = 7A$ (a) Input Current (b) Output Current

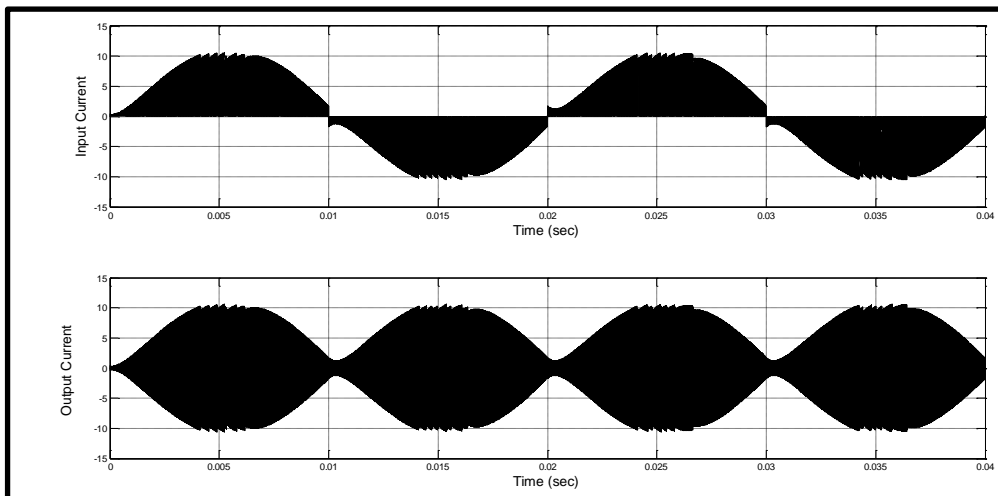


Fig.13. Result for $I_{ref} = 10A$ (a) Input Current (b) Output Current

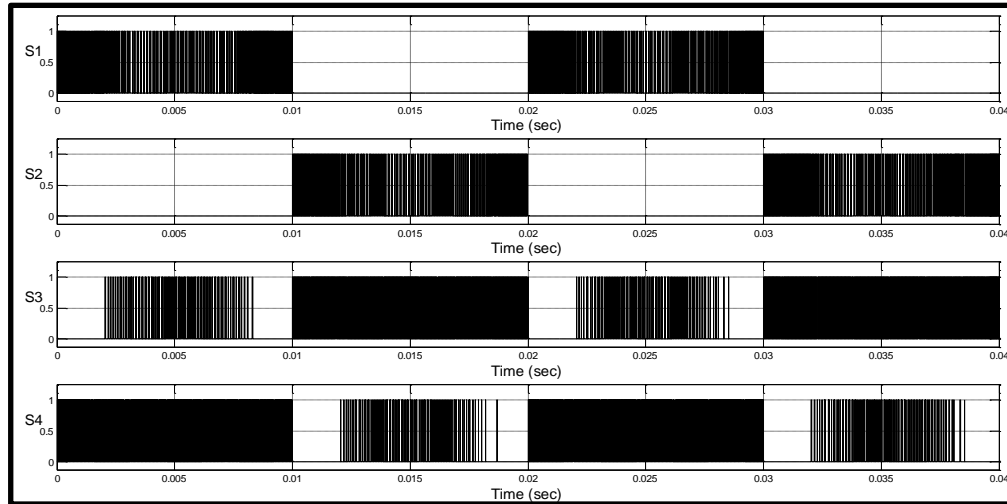


Fig.14 Firing pulses for switches

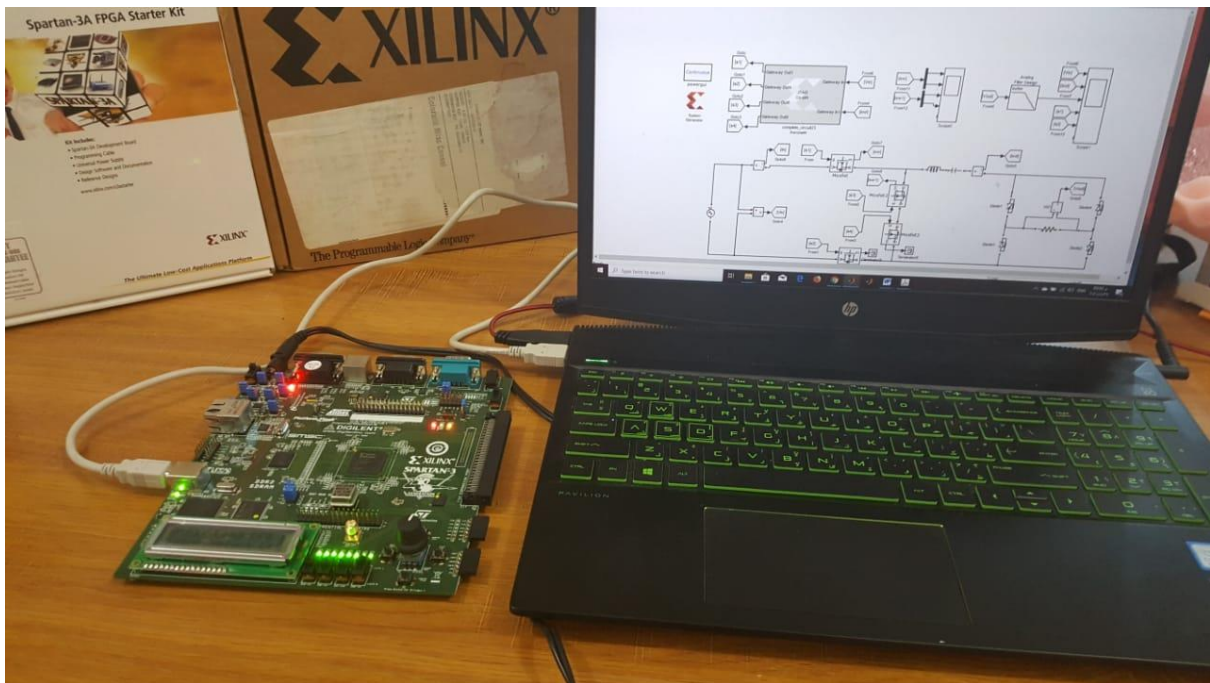


Fig.15 Complete layout of the hard co-simulation