

Design and Development of Protection Schemes  
for FREEDM Smart Grid Systems

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## ABSTRACT

This research work describes the design and validation of protection schemes developed to solve the problem of communication with an ability to detect and sectionalize the fault. Protection schemes have been designed according to the requirements of the Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management (FREEDM) system. Due to the presence of distributed generation (DG), power flow in the loop is bi-directional and conventional protection schemes may face the problem of unwanted tripping. Hence customized protection schemes have been developed specific to the FREEDM system. Former FREEDM students at ASU have developed ultrafast pilot differential protection using fast analog communication (Ethercat communication) and modified it in various ways to speed up the fault detecting capability of the algorithm. However, the National Science Foundation (NSF) criticized the use of Ethernet communication, as it is not compatible for long distances. FREEDM loop uses a fault current limiter (FCL) to limit the fault current and the substation solid state transformer (SST) reduces the system voltage to limit the fault current to 2 per unit. This allows the protection scheme to detect fault current in 2-3 cycles. However a much delayed fault detection is not encouraged as it will disrupt the power supply to healthy parts of the system for a longer duration. Time inverse directional overcurrent protection, pilot directional protection and PMU based protection are developed in this thesis work addressing the communication problem and at the same time with the ability to quickly detect the faults. Validation of the protection scheme is performed on the Real Time Digital Simulator (RTDS) at the Center for Advanced Power Systems (CAPS) using SEL relays and simulation models are developed in PSCAD.

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## NOMENCLATURE

FREEDM	Future Renewable Electric Energy delivery and Management
SST	Solid State Transformer
AC	Alternating Current
<i>DC</i>	Direct Current
TDS	Time Dial Settings
FCL	Fault Current Limiter
RTDS	Real Time Digital Simulator
PMU	Phasor Measuring Unit
TIDOC	Time Inverse Directional Overcurrent
SCDR	Symmetrical Component Distance relay
FFL	Forward Fault Logic
RFL	Reverse Fault Logic
DG	Distributed Generation
PSAT	Power System Analysis Tool
CT	Current Transformer
PT	Potential Transformer
UPFC	Unified Power Flow Controller
SLG	Single Line to Ground
ABC-G	Three Phase to ground
ABC-LLL	Three Phase Short Circuit

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION TO THE FREEDM SYSTEM

#### 1.1 Overview

Burning out the fossil fuels for power generation and increased global warming caused by excessive  $CO_2$  emissions have become a greater concern for the US government [1]. In order to prevent the excessive exhaustion of natural resources by power companies without having a reduction in power generation, federal government passed a strict law to include the renewable sources in total power generation. In addition to the federal laws, ambitious renewable portfolio standards (RPS) and advancements in technology have led to an extensive increase in renewable integration in the US power industry. Renewable integration has become a dominant area of research both at the academic and industry level. Integrating wind, solar PV, bio-fuel and others to the existing power system at the distribution level would create a wide variety of technical difficulties. In spite of the advancement in power electronics, energy storage devices and communication there are still few problems like grid reliability, price of electricity and others that are to be taken care of while integrating renewable resources.

FREEDM (Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management) is an initiative by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to overcome the above mentioned problems. The solution to solve the energy crisis is not solely the renewable energy but the equipment involved in delivering the energy and maintaining the system operating conditions [1]. Due to the presence of local distributed generation, the power flow in the system is bi-directional and the conventional protection methods may face the problem of

false tripping. Due to the presence of power electronic converters and devices (power electronic based fault current limiters and solid state transformer) the behavior of fault current is different from a conventional distribution system [2], [3].

## 1.2 FREEDM system

FREEDM system was developed as a smart grid system with a motivation to include renewable sources into the existing power grid. FREEDM system is a culmination of high bandwidth digital communication, power electronics and digital communication [1]. It replaces conventional transformer of 60 Hz with solid state transformer (SST) incorporating bidirectional power flow. Solid state transformer is a package of cascaded rectifier, dual active bridge converter and inverter. It has an input of 7.2 kV AC and output of 120 V AC single phase, 208 V AC (3 phase) and 400 V DC. All the DC loads, distributed generation and energy storage devices are connected to the DC link and AC loads are connected to the AC output.

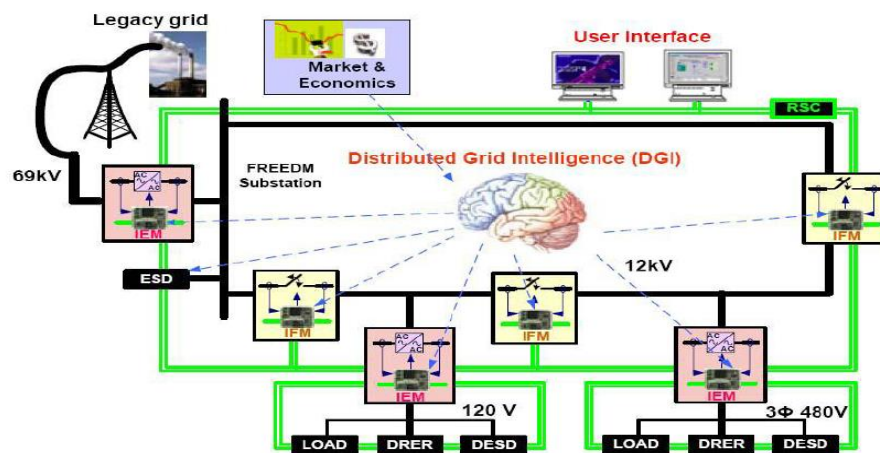


Figure 1.1 FREEDM concept model



To demonstrate the advancement done in FREEDM project, a 1 MW green energy smart hub is under development. The proposed FREEDM loop allows consumers to plug and play energy sources or storage devices from anywhere on the loop [1]. To provide effective power flow, power distribution and fault detection; intelligent energy management (IEM) and intelligent fault detection (IFD) control schemes are incorporated in the FREEDM system. Following Figure 1.1 shows the schematic layout of the FREEDM system and Figure 1.2 shows the single line diagram of the FREEDM system. The FREEDM loop is connected to grid and in the case of grid failure, the loop can operate independently.

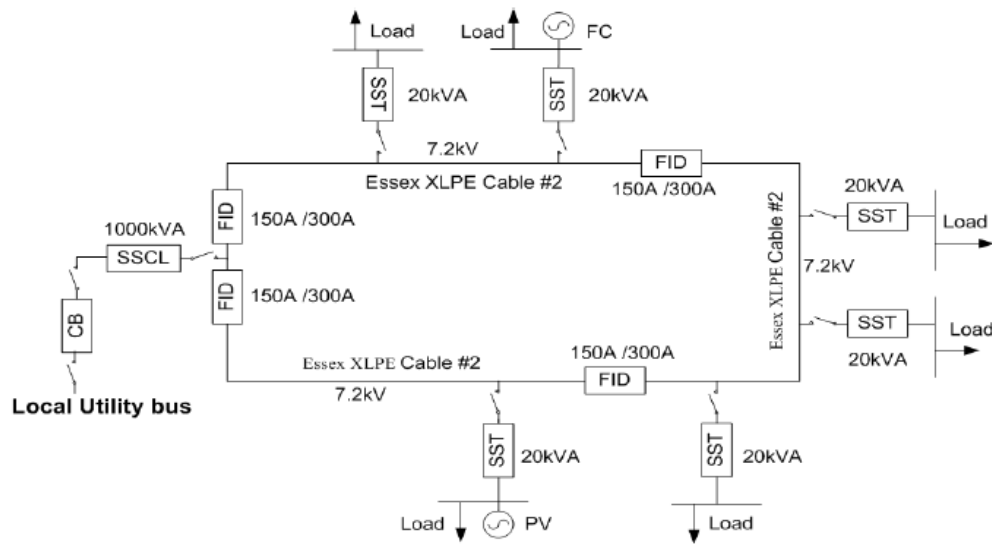


Figure 1.2 FREEDM loop

### 1.3 Objectives of the research

The power flow in the FREEDM system is bi-directional due to the presence of distributed generation (DG) and the conventional protection methodologies must be modified accordingly to detect fault conditions and prevent false tripping. The solid state transformers (SST) have self-protection, which shuts them down during faults when the

voltage goes below a certain threshold voltage and it can be adjusted. In the case of a loop system during faults, the voltage of the entire loop plummets to zero or typically a low value. In such a scenario all the SST's connected to the loop will shut down due to its self-protection. Hence, it is important to isolate the faulted part of the network from the rest of the system to prevent the shutdown for SST's. Pilot differential protection was developed as a solution to the above mentioned problem by former ASU FREEDM students. It was able to detect faults within quarter of a cycle but it suffered from the problem of communication [4]. Ethernet cable was used as the communication medium to transfer the sampled signals from the current transformers to the central processor. The central processor analyzes the sampled current signals, generates the trip depending up on the system conditions and sends the trip signal back to the breaker. The entire communication is carried out by the ethernet cable which is practically not feasible to implement for longer distances (7 mile to 10 mile) because of latency and economical factors. A solution to the above communication problem is suggested in this thesis as a part of FREEDM research work.

- A protection method is developed that could protect looped systems with multiple sources without using any sort of communication. Directional relays with time inverse over current characteristics are coordinated affectively to detect and sectionalize the fault location without affecting the healthy part of the system. This serves as a reliable back-up protection system when the communication system fails.
- A new pilot protection method is developed using the commercial SEL relays which uses the direction of fault currents to locate the fault. The communication is done using fiber-optic cables and the only data needed to be transferred between the relays is the

fault location which is transferred in the form of digital bits. Simulation, hardware implementation and real time digital system (RTDS) validation is explained in the thesis.

- A protection method is suggested monitoring the synchrophasor measurements, voltage of the system and current during faults.

#### 1.4 Organization of the thesis

Chapter 2 presents the existing over current protection, differential pilot protection schemes and use of synchrophasor data in power system monitoring and control. Standard method of implementing pilot protection scheme is explained. Chapter 3 presents the development of time inverse directional over current and PSCAD simulation. Chapter 4 presents the development of pilot directional protection, PSCAD simulation, hardware implementation and validation of the protection scheme on RTDS system. Chapter 5 presents the validation of pilot directional scheme over the FREEDM system on real time digital simulator (RTDS). Chapter 6 presents the development of PMU based protection and hardware implementation. Chapter 7 presents conclusions, problems faced during hardware implementation and future work.

Appendix A presents the graphs showing trip signal of breakers, fault current magnitude and variation in system voltage for different faults at various fault angles. Appendix B presents the code used in Synchro Vector Processor (SVP) configurator used to communicate with the SVP SEL 3378. Appendix C presents the generator data and system data used in real Time Digital Simulator (RTDS) simulation. Appendix D presents

the power flow information used to determine the voltage phase angle difference during maximum power flow.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Over current protection

##### *Instantaneous Over current protection*

Relay operates when current value goes beyond a preset threshold value. Instantaneous over current protection is most commonly used in distribution systems and equipment as a protection against short circuits and high fault currents.

##### *Definite time over current protection*

Relays operate with a definite preset time delay when current value goes beyond a threshold value. It's operation is independent of magnitude of fault current above the threshold value.

##### *Inverse time over current relays*

Relays operate when the current value goes beyond a pick up current value. The time of operation is inversely proportional to the magnitude of fault current. High fault currents operate the relay faster than lower value of fault currents. It has two settings:

- (i) Time dial settings (TD)
- (ii) Current pick up settings

Figure 2.1 shows the time inverse over current characteristics with time dial settings and current pick up values.

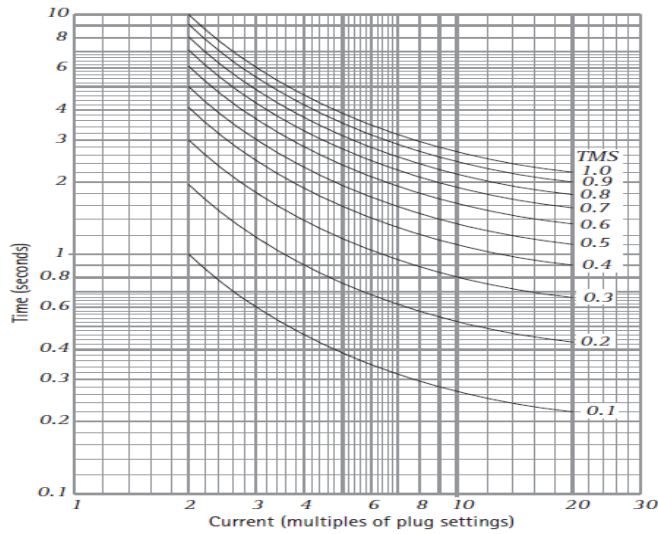


Figure 2.1 Time inverse over current curve [5]

These relays are classified into different types based on their operating time and reset time. Table 2.1 and Table 2.2 describe the standard inverse time characteristic equations of the relays as per IEEE C37.112-1996 standards and IEC standards [5], [6].

Table 2.1 Equations associated with US curves [6]

S.no	Curve Type	Operating Time	Reset Time
1	U1 (Moderately Inverse)	$t_p = TD. \left( 0.0226 + \frac{0.0104}{M^{0.02} - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD. \left( \frac{1.08}{1 - M^2} \right)$
2	U2 (Inverse)	$t_p = TD. \left( 0.180 + \frac{5.95}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD. \left( \frac{5.95}{1 - M^2} \right)$
3	U3 (Very Inverse)	$t_p = TD. \left( 0.0963 + \frac{3.88}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD. \left( \frac{3.88}{1 - M^2} \right)$
4	U4 (Extremely Inverse)	$t_p = TD. \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD. \left( \frac{5.67}{1 - M^2} \right)$
5	U5 (Short-Time Inverse)	$t_p = TD. \left( 0.00262 + \frac{0.00342}{M^{0.02} - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD. \left( \frac{0.323}{1 - M^2} \right)$

Table 2.2 Equations associated with IEC curves

S.no	Curve Type	Operating Time	Reset Time
1	C1 (Standard Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( \frac{0.14}{M^{0.02} - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{13.5}{1 - M^2} \right)$
2	C2 (Very Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( \frac{13.5}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{47.3}{1 - M^2} \right)$
3	C3(Extremely Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( \frac{80}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{80}{1 - M^2} \right)$
4	C4(Long time Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( \frac{120}{M - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{120}{1 - M} \right)$
5	C5(Short-Time Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( \frac{0.05}{M^{0.04} - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{4.85}{1 - M^2} \right)$

*Over current differential protection*

Over current differential protection is based on the Kirchoff's first law, "the sum of the current flowing into a node must be equal with the sum of the currents leaving the same node." Over current differential scheme is applied to various parts of power system equipment such as transformer, bus-bar, generators with small and moderate kVA, motors, transmission lines and other parts of the power system [7]. In the case of an external fault to a transmission line or a transformer, the sum of the current entering and leaving the element would be equal. However, in the case if an internal fault, current will be sinking into the element and summation of the current entering into the element will not be equal to the current leaving the element.

### *Operating principle of differential relay*

The current flowing through the operating coil is the difference of the input entering current and output leaving current. During the normal operation without any fault, both the entering current and leaving currents are equal. So the current in the operating coil is zero. Figure 2.2 shows the arrangement for differential protection of an element in the power system.

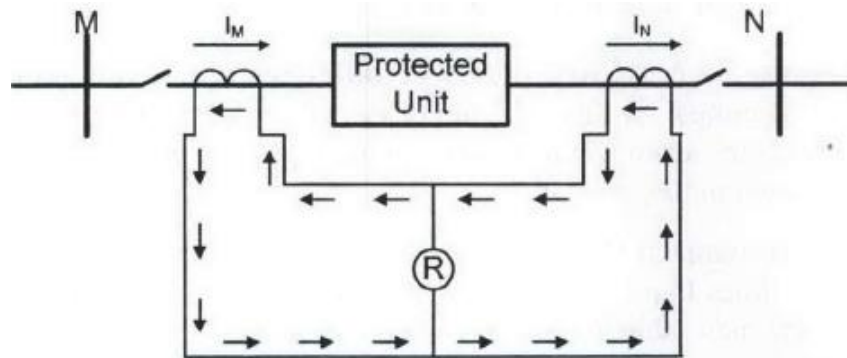


Figure 2.2 Operation of differential relay without fault [9]

During an external fault to the protected unit, the current in the operating coil is still zero as the current entering equals the current leaving the unit. Figure 2.3 shows the operation of a differential relay for an external fault.

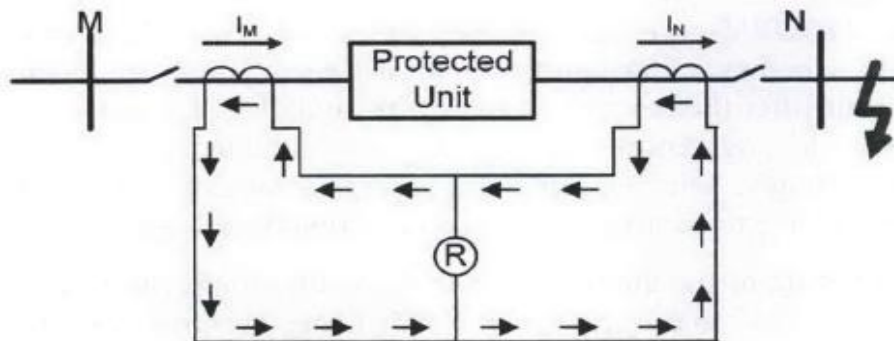


Figure 2.3 Operation of differential relay for an external fault [9]



But for an internal fault current sinks into the protected unit and the current in the operating coil goes higher than the pickup value and results in a trip signal generation [8], [9]. Figure 2.4 shows the operating current activating the relay trip coil during an internal fault.

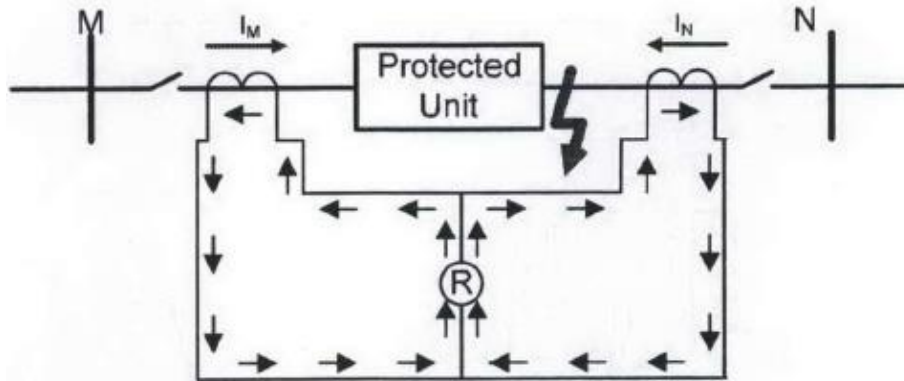


Figure 2.4 Operation of differential relay for an internal fault [9]

## 2.2 Pilot protection

The advancement of serial and wireless communication created a significant improvement in the usage of communication link in protection schemes. Pilot protection scheme employs communication to use the information from local relay and remote relay to effectively make decision for the trip signal generation. Fault clearing time is very important in long transmission lines operating at high voltage or extra high voltage. Any delays in the trip signal could cause severe stability problems to the network. High fault currents created in transmission lines could cause severe damage to the equipment. Hence it is vital to clear the fault as soon as possible and pilot protection helps to achieve the fast means of trip generation [10]. The communication in pilot protection schemes is usually

analog or digital transmitting at power frequencies or higher frequencies. Following are few modes of existing communication [11].

- 1) Audio frequencies ranging from 20-20000 Hz,
- 2) Power carrier frequency in the range from 30 to 600 kHz,
- 3) Radio frequencies ranging from 10kHz to 100,000MHz,
- 4) Microwave frequency bands loosely applied to radio waves from 1000 MHz,
- 5) Visible light frequencies with nominal wavelength range of about 0.3 $\mu$ m - 30 $\mu$ m.

Pilot protection scheme is classified in following types depending on the quantities transferred and compared.

*i. Unit pilot protection schemes*

In this protection scheme only the analog quantities such as amplitude or phase are compared over the communication link between the relays [11].

*ii. Non-unit pilot protection schemes*

In this protection scheme the logical states related to fault information of the protection algorithm is transferred and compared over the communication channel between the relays or in a central processor to generate trip signal [11].

*Unit protection schemes*

*a) Longitudinal differential Scheme or pilot differential scheme*

Pilot differential scheme is based on the principle of over current differential protection. The comparison of current signals and decision making takes place over the communication link. The relays gather the current magnitude and phase angle information

and transfer it over the communicating link to the adjacent relays. The comparison of the signals and decision making for trip generation takes place in the relay or a centralized processor [9], [12]. Figure 2.5 shows basic pilot scheme.

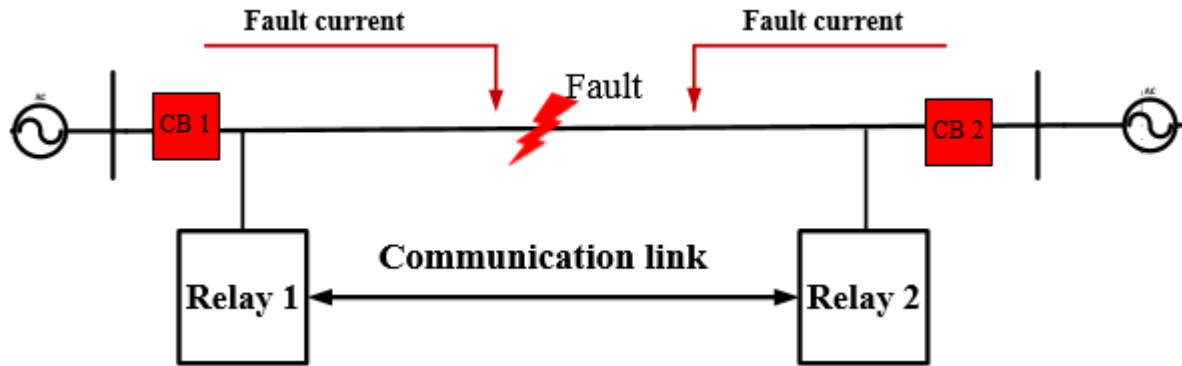


Figure 2.5 Pilot protection scheme

*b) Pilot differential protection in commercial relays*

Commercial relays like SEL 587 (Current differential relay), SEL 387 (Current differential and over current relay), SEL 387L (Line current differential relay) and SEL 311L (Line current differential protection and automation system) could be used to implement line differential protection or a transformer differential protection. These commercial relays could be programmed according to the differential algorithm to generate trip signal [13].

*c) Communication medium and available protocols*

The transfer of analog data from one relay to the other is facilitated through various means of communication medium. SEL provides serial cable, ethernet, fiber-optic and radio-wave communication. All the relays have serial and ethernet ports on the devices to facilitate communication [5]. Fiber-optic communication is achieved using a serial to fiber interface. SEL 2814 and SEL 2812 is widely used serial to fiber optic interface to transmit

the signals over fiber-optic cables. Two sets of fibers should be used to transmit and receive the signals. Selection of fiber optic transceivers must be done basing on how long the data must be transferred. Radio wave communication is achieved using the SEL-3031 module.

It could generate waves up to 915 MHz with point to point and point to multiple point operation modes [13]. All the communication ports could be accessed by various protocols. Following are the communication protocols present in the SEL relays:

- 1) DNP 3
- 2) Modbus
- 3) SEL fast messages
- 4) Mirrored bit communication
- 5) Plain ASCII

#### *Protection method*

The analog current signals are transferred with the time stamp using a synchronized GPS clock. Instantaneous current values and current phase angles are transferred over the available communication cables using any of the above mentioned protocols [14], [15]. Figure 2.6 shows the schematic for pilot differential protection.

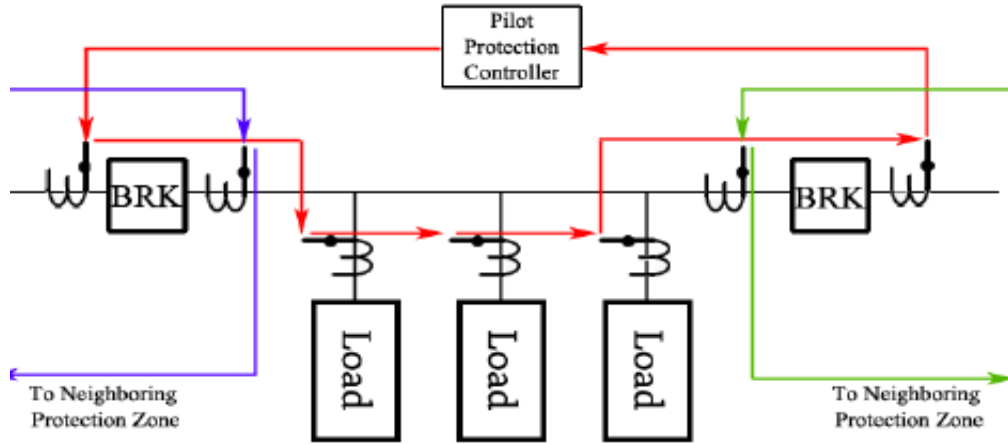


Figure 2.6 Pilot differential protection

Current signal at every load is sampled with a GPS time stamp and passed through the following algorithm [12] to determine the existence of fault in the system.

$$\frac{I_{Operation} - I_o}{I_{Restraining}} \leq S_o \quad (2.1)$$

$$I_{Operation} = |I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \dots \dots I_n|$$

$$I_{Restraining} = |I_1| + |I_2| + |I_3| \dots \dots |I_n|$$

$I_o$  is 10 % of nominal operating current

$S_o$  is the threshold slope usually set to 0.3 or 0.4

If the ratio of operation current to restrain current is more than the threshold slope value then the algorithm designates this condition as fault in the system.

d) *Phase comparison scheme*

In this pilot protection scheme, the phase angles of the currents and voltage are transferred over the communication link to a central processor or relays to make the decision for trip generation based on the variation of the phase angle difference during

faults. Care must be taken when implementing this protection method, as the change in network configuration would result a change of the phase angles [16].

### *Non-unit pilot protection schemes*

#### *a) Distance scheme*

Communication in distance protection can eliminate the time delays that occur to detect the existence of faults in zone 2 or zone 3. Local relays could communicate to the remote relays in long transmission lines to guarantee the fault and it could speed up the operation. Permissive under reaching and permissive over reaching are the popular pilot schemes used.

### *2.3 Detecting the direction of fault current*

Above explained pilot methods transfer analog signal data with a time stamp. The implementation of the above methods requires a huge data storage and data handling capacity by the communication system. One solution to the above problem is to use the direction of fault current to locate the fault. Following explains the different methods developed in the literature to determine the fault current direction.

The deviation in the voltage and current from normal steady state condition due to fault was used to determine the power direction. But there is a chance for the protection strategy to mis-trip if it fails to distinguish in between the switching transients and lightning with fault conditions [17]. A new method was developed using the superimposed sequence currents (vector ratio of positive sequence and negative sequence currents) to determine the faulty phase and fault current direction [18]. It requires a high speed phase selector in-order to determine the fault phase by comparing the sequence components. The evolution

of microprocessor relays simplified the work of protection engineers to find the sequence components. Scalar product of incremental in voltage and current is used to determine the fault current direction [19]. Following section describes different methods used to implement the directional relay.

*i. Conventional method*

In electro-mechanical relays the direction of fault is determined depending on the direction of torque produced. The torque equation for the electro-mechanical relay is shown below.

$$T = V_{pol} \cdot I_{op} \cdot \cos(\angle - V_{pol} - \angle I_{op}) \quad (2.2)$$

$I_{op}$  is the current of the faulted phase

Positive torque results from forward faults and negative torque from reverse faults. Jeff Roberts and Armando Guzmán demonstrated that equation 2 is computationally efficient to determine the fault direction in microprocessor based relays [20].

$$T = Re[-V_{pol} \cdot I_{pol}] \quad (2.3)$$

There is no single approach that could work for all faults and all line configurations. Therefore microprocessor based relays use multiple algorithms in combination to determine fault location. Polarizing signals are a reference for comparing the operating quantities that are affected during fault. They help to determine the direction of fault to a relay (forward or reverse). Polarizing signals should be present at all the times irrespective of fault type and location.

*ii. Cross polarizing*

During a single phase to ground fault the  $V_{PN}$  (phase to neutral voltage) goes to zero and the corresponding fault current lags the voltage by a large angle due to the high reactance of line. This prevents the relay from detecting the correct fault direction. To resolve the low voltage issue the voltage of unaffected phases is used. Phase to phase voltages (VBC and IA) are used to detect the direction of fault [21].

Table 2.3 Cross polarizing table

Faulted phase	Operating Quantity	Polarizing Quantity
A	Ia	Va-Vb
B	Ib	Vc-Va
C	Ic	Va-Vb
AB	Iab	-j.Vc
BC	Ibc	-j.Va
CA	Ica	-j.Vb

To overcome the backdrop due to high lagging current, the voltage of the relays in the algorithm is passed through a lead or lag compensator so that the relays could detect the fault. Figure 2.7 shows the compensation of phase-phase voltage [22]. Every relay manufacturer has its own voltage compensation algorithm to detect the fault.



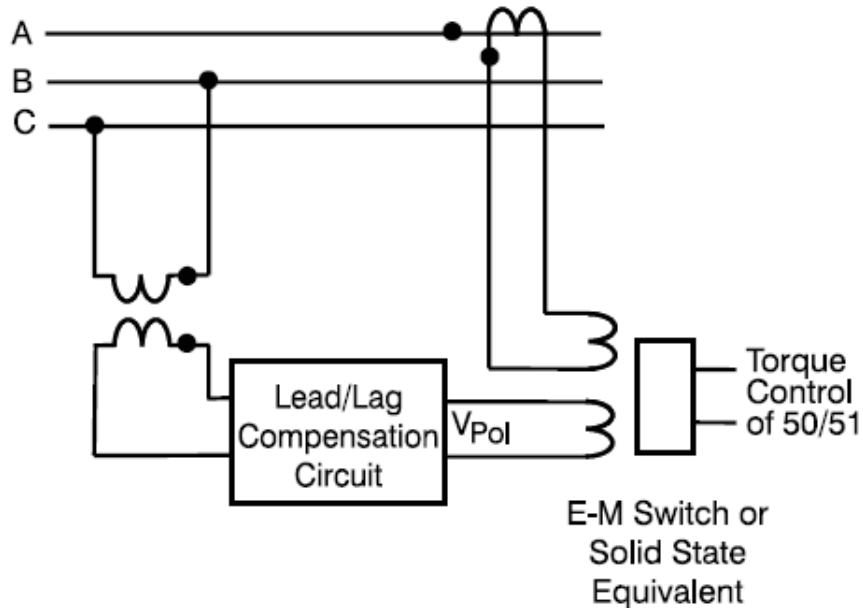


Figure 2.7 creating phase angle difference between voltage and current [21]

The development of micro-processor relays enabled protection engineers to use sequence components for developing new methods to determine the direction of fault current. Zero-sequence voltage polarization, zero-sequence current polarization, negative sequence polarization are the popular methods developed from sequence components.

iii. *Zero sequence voltage polarization*

Zero sequence voltage polarization measures the angle between the zero sequence voltage and residual current to determine the direction of fault current. Residual current is obtained from summation of individual phase currents and is usually obtained from the current transformer installed in the neutral wire. The residual current and the zero sequence voltage are displaced by an angle of line impedance and source impedance [23], [24]. Figure 2.8 represents the sequence network of a system with sources  $E_S$  and  $E_R$  supplied from both the ends. The fault location on the line is at a distance  $m \cdot Z_{Line}$  where  $m$  is the per unit length of the line.

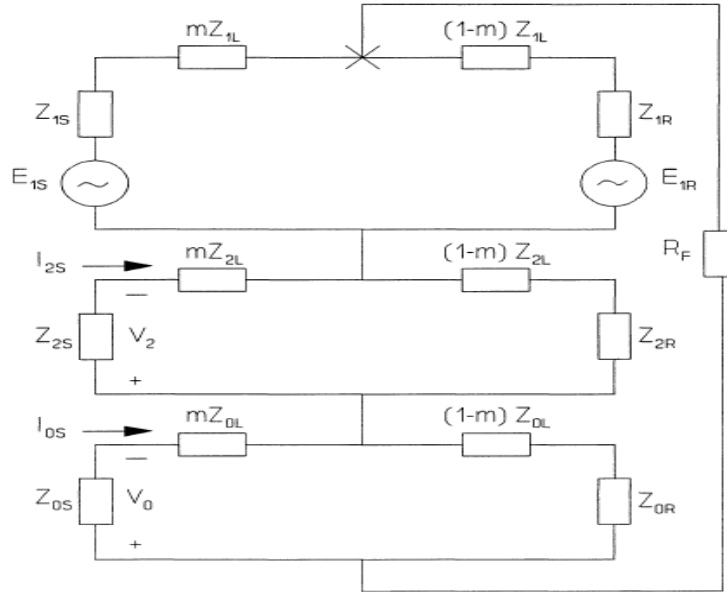


Figure 2.8 Sequence networks for a single line to ground fault [24]

Because of the reactive nature of the transmission line and the fault impedance being reactive the torque developed is maximum when current lags the residual voltage by an angle called “Maximum Torque Angle (MTA).”

$$3VT = |V_0| \cdot |I_R| \cdot [\cos(\angle - V_0 - (\angle I_R + MTA))] \quad (2.4)$$

The torque value is positive for a forward fault and negative for a reverse fault. The directional elements also require minimum voltage and current for their operation to produce torque value. Figure 2.9 shows the balanced phase angles of a system.

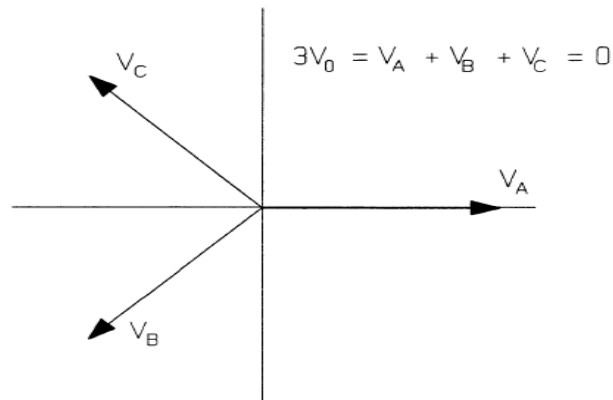


Figure 2.9 Balanced phase voltages [24]

Assuming there is a phase to ground fault on phase A with a negligible resistance the voltage of phase A gets diminished. Figure 2.10 and figure 2.11 show the lagging current and the zero sequence voltage developed.

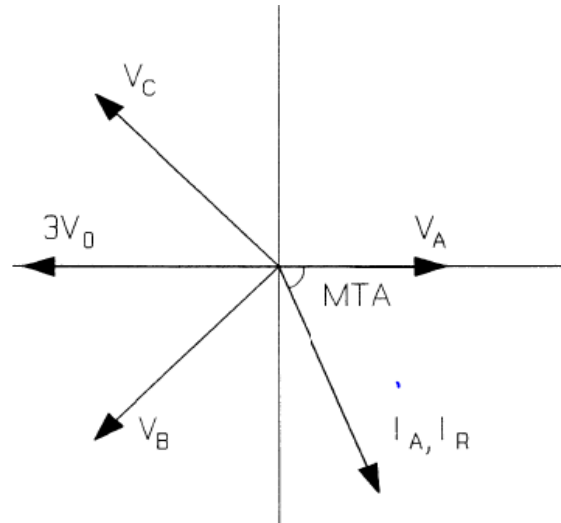


Figure 2.10 Phase voltage during SLG fault on phase A [24]

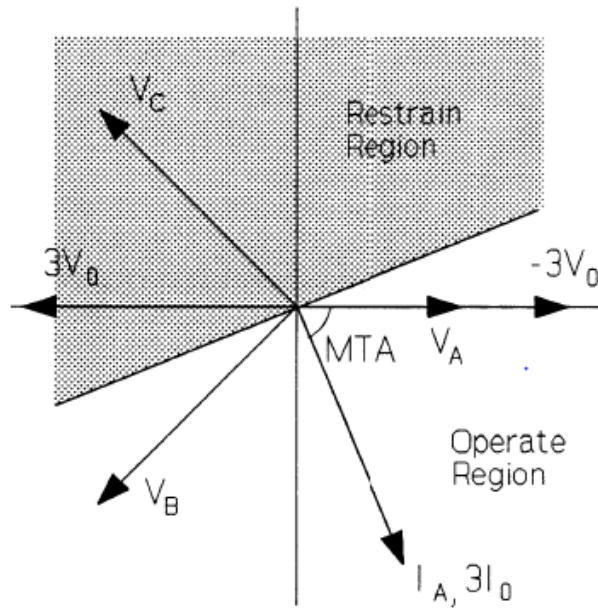


Figure 2.11 Operating region and restraining region if the relay [24]

iv. *Zero Sequence Current Polarization*

For few fault conditions the residual voltage developed is not sufficient to polarize the relay. To overcome such scenarios, the neutral current of a transformer (near to the relay) with a grounded neutral can be used as a polarizing quantity [24]. For a forward fault, the residual current seen by the relay and the neutral current are in the same direction. For a reverse fault, the direction of the residual current is in opposite direction to that of the neutral current.

$$32IT = |I_{pol}| \cdot |I_R| \cdot \cos(\angle I_{pol} - \angle I_R) \quad (2.5)$$

From the torque equation, the maximum torque is developed when the polarizing current and the residual current are in phase. One thing that has to be taken care of when using this technique is the direction of polarizing current has to be same for all faults. If the direction of the polarizing current is not the same then this technique cannot be used. Figure 2.12 shows the direction of fault current and polarizing current for a forward fault.

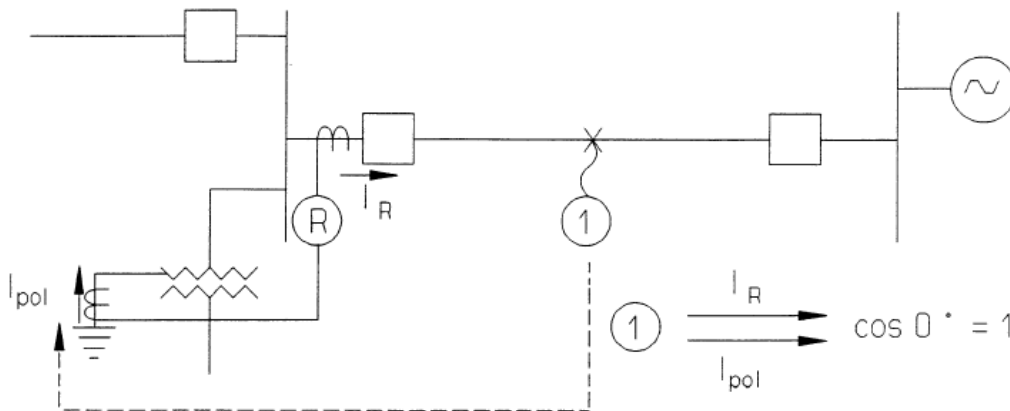


Figure 2.12 Current polarization for forward fault [24]

Figure 2.13 shows the direction of fault current direction and polarizing current for a reverse fault.

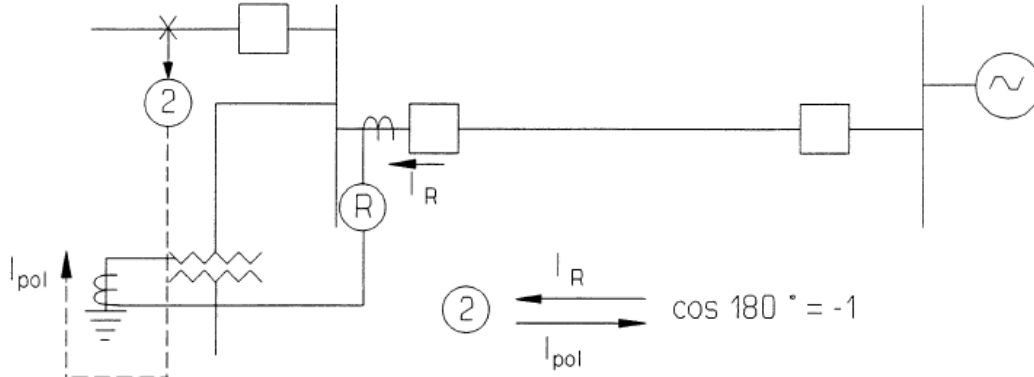


Figure 2.13 Current polarization for reverse fault [24]

v. *Dual Polarization*

Both the zero sequence voltage polarization and zero sequence current polarization are used when the residual voltage is not sufficient and when the auto-transformer is out of service. Any one of the above methods can be used to detect the direction of fault current when the appropriate polarizing quantity is present [24].

vi. *Negative Sequence Polarization*

Negative sequence voltage and current are used to determine the direction of fault current in this technique. Negative sequence directional elements are very helpful when the zero sequence polarizing current is not reliable [24].

$$32QT = |V_2| \cdot |I_2| \cdot \cos(\angle -V_2 - (\angle I_R + MTA)) \quad (2.6)$$

The output of the torque is positive for a forward fault and negative for a reverse fault. This technique fails when the negative sequence voltage is insufficient for the relay to operate as it has some minimum sensitive levels. This drawback is overcome with the following approach developed by Edmund O. Schweitzer, III.

vii. *Negative Sequence impedance technique*

Relay calculates the apparent negative sequence impedance between the faults and relay location. It overcomes the problem of weak polarizing quantity caused by low voltage source (weak in-feed) behind the relay. For faults at remote location, the magnitude of negative sequence voltage seen by the relay might be very less. To overcome this problem a compensating quantity is added that boosts the negative sequence voltage. The compensating quantity is added to  $V_2$  for forward faults and subtracted for reverse faults.

$$Z_2 = \frac{\text{Re}[V_2 \cdot (I_2 \cdot 1 \angle \theta)^*]}{\text{Re}[(I_2 \cdot 1 \angle \theta) \cdot (I_2 \cdot 1 \angle \theta)^*]} = \frac{\text{Re}[V_2 \cdot (I_2 \cdot 1 \angle \theta)^*]}{I_2^2} \quad (2.7)$$

The calculated  $Z_2$  is compared to the forward and reverse impedance thresholds to determine the fault location. If the calculated impedance is less than the forward threshold impedance then the fault is forward, if  $Z_2$  is greater than reverse threshold impedance then the fault is reverse. If the calculated impedance  $Z_2$  lies within forward threshold impedance and reverse threshold impedance then there is no fault [25]. This approach is not affected by the zero-sequence mutual coupling between the parallel lines [26], [27], [28].

#### 2.4 Application of synchrophasors in power system monitoring, protection and control

Power system is a vast electrical network spread through the geographical locations. Electricity is transferred from the generation site to hundreds of miles over various locations. It is highly essential to monitor the states of power system to effectively monitor the operation and control of power delivery. Voltage magnitude, voltage phase angle, current magnitude, current phase angle and frequency are the important states that should be monitored. If these values are known active and reactive power in the system can be calculated using the line impedance.

Due to the vast separation between different electrical nodes it was difficult to estimate these states. However, with the development of synchrophasor measurements the above challenge could be handled effectively with good communication technology. The device capable of measuring synchrophasors is called phasor measuring unit (PMU). A phasor is a complex number that represents magnitude and phase angle of a waveform at specified frequency at a specific point in time [29]. Figure 2.14 shows the phasor representation of a sinusoidal waveform.

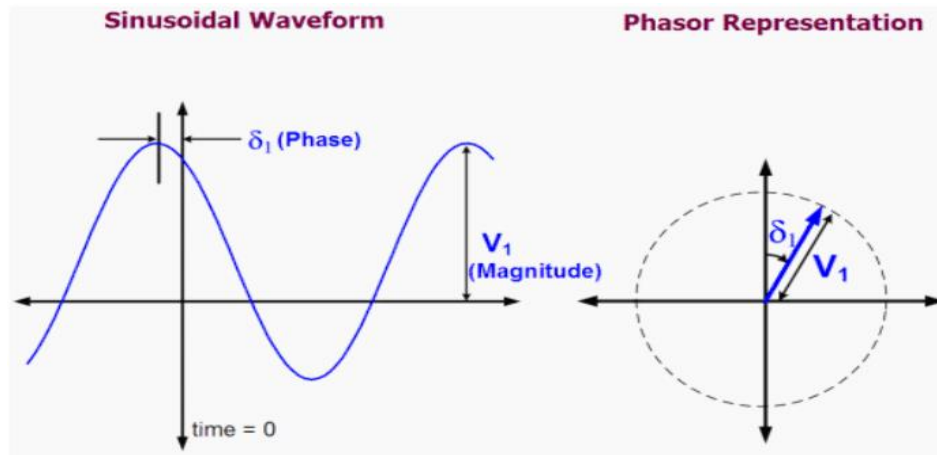


Figure 2.14 Representation of synchrophasor [30]

GPS synchronized time stamp is used as a reference for the measurement of phasors. The widely accepted standards for measuring and communicating the time stamped signals are defined in IEEE C37.118 standards.

#### *IEEE C37.118 standards*

These standards specify the frequency and rate of change of frequency under all operating conditions. It specifies only about the measurements but not about the hardware, software and the method for computing these phasors.

The standard mentions about two classes of performance: M and P. In the M class, phasors are passed through an anti-aliasing filter and are used in the applications where the fast transfer of signals is not needed. In the P-class, the signals are not passed through any sort of filter and are typically intended to use for protection application. The standard also talks about the accuracy of the measurements in terms of Total Vector Error (TVE). The maximum allowable phase angle error is 0.57 degrees [31], [32], [33].

#### *History of PMU development and its wide area applications*

The blackout of 1965 in North-East United States resulted in wide areas of research to improve the secured operation of power system. The idea of static state estimator was introduced to have a wide area monitoring of the system. Due to the technological limitations at that point of time, an approximate state estimation is evaluated known as quasi-steady state using the wide area inputs [34].

Computer relaying was first introduced as a research field in 1960's to detect the fault location. This research led to the development of symmetrical component distance relay (SCDR) for protecting high voltage transmission lines [35], [36]. PMU was developed from the idea of SCDR. It was first developed in 1988 by Dr. Arun G. Phadke and Dr. James S. Thorp at Virginia Tech and the phasor calculation is based on the paper presented by Charles Proteus Steinmetz about using the mathematical description of complex numbers in electrical engineering [37]. Since then, PMU's have become a wide area of research for their application in monitoring, protection and control.

Paper [38] presents a method to use current differential algorithm along with wide area measurements to secure the operation of distance relays during power swing blocking.



A new algorithm is presented in paper [39] to determine the fault location without installing PMU at every bus location. It uses the phase angle data to find out the area in which the fault has occurred. Particle swarm optimization is then used to find out the exact location of the faulted section in the network. A wide area back-up protection algorithm is suggested in [40] that could detect the faulted branch basing on the steady state fault components. Subsets of bus called as protection correlation regions (PCR) are formed, basing on the placement of PMU's at bus locations and network topology. During fault conditions, the steady state components of the network are co-related to the PCR's to determine the exact faulted branch.

An algorithm to detect fault location in a combined overhead and under-ground transmission line system has been proposed in [41] using the positive sequence voltage and synchrophasor at both the ends of a line section. This method helps to block the operation of re-closer when the fault is determined in under-ground section. The advantage of synchrophasor measurements over the SCADA monitoring to determine the control decisions is discussed in paper [42]. Synchrophasor data could help in visualizing power system conditions and dynamics, efficient operation of manual and automatic control systems and protective relays could take high speed control actions which have an impact on the system stability. A predictive out of step condition is presented in [43] based on the real time dynamic states monitoring for the system's transient swings using the dynamic state estimation. Dynamic state estimation is performed using the synchrophasor measurements at the generator terminals and at the end of line. A new protection method for transmission lines without series compensation is proposed using the synchronized phasor measurements in [44], [45]. In paper [46], a novel method to detect the fault location

in presence of thyristor controlled series compensated transmission line (TCSC) is proposed using the synchronized phasor measurements at the line ends. A new method for fault detection and fault location in presence of UPFC using the GPS based phasor measurement is suggested using the sequence components [47]. It could accurately detect the fault location and existence of fault in the presence of UPFC unlike distance relays which suffer from the problem of over reach or under reach [48].

A smart Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) is proposed in [49] using the PMU data. It helps to identify the lines that could cause the system to suffer from stability issues due to heavy loading and during sustained faults. It could generate the trip signals to protect the lines by monitoring the live load flow. Phase angle data from the PMU is used to trip off the distribution relays at the local generation (DG's) using the telecommunication signals. This method lets the distribution generation to ride through the system faults [50]. Real time transmission line data measurement is done using the PMU data to use in the protective relays. The settings of distance relays could be updated adaptively to the change in the operating conditions of the system [51]. Existing zone 3 elements of distance relay that act as a back-up suffer from the problem of unintentional tripping. Back up relays use the local measurements to detect the fault occurrence and they are not accurate in distinguishing the faults from heavy loaded conditions or stressful conditions. A novel method is proposed in [52] to supervise and secure the operation of back up relays using the synchronized state estimation from the PMU data. The proposed method assumes the system is fully observable from the installed PMU's. Paper [53] talks about the use of PMU data to identify stable and unstable regions to determine out of step tripping. The variation of phase angle with respect to time (slip frequency) and change of slip frequency with time

is found. These are mapped on a slip frequency and acceleration graph to identify the regions of stability and instability. Paper [54] talks about the use of slip frequency and rate of change of frequency (slip acceleration) to determine the islanding condition for distributed generation. Following shows the graph of slip acceleration versus slip frequency to determine the islanding condition. Figure 2.15 shows the restrain region and operating region for islanding mode basing on the slip frequency and acceleration.

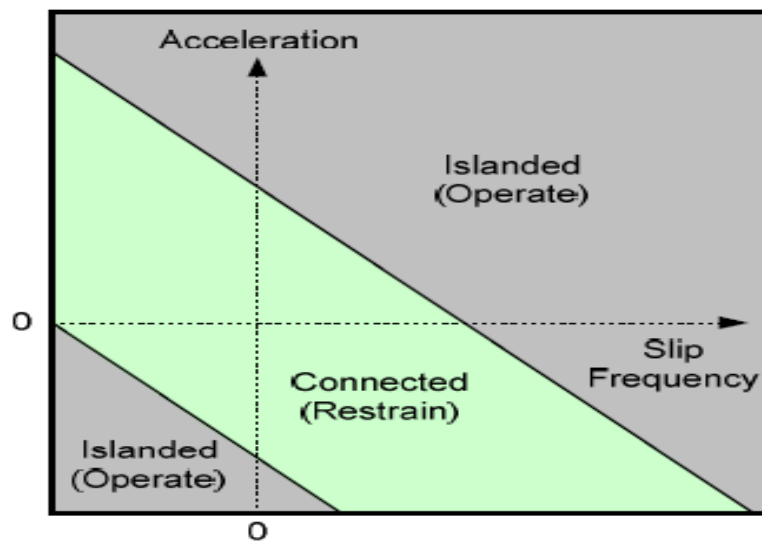


Figure 2.15 Stable and un-stable region to determine out of step tripping [55]

The ability to use the time stamped synchrophasor measurements to detect the voltage instability and respond, high speed distributed generation islanding complying with IEEE 1547 standards and grid interconnection oscillations are shown in paper [55], [56]. Conventional methods for voltage drop calculation and fault detection in series compensated transmission lines use the model of series compensated (either the switched capacitor or FACTS device) in the algorithm. The algorithm suffers from the back-drop that it could not exactly estimate the mode of operation of the compensation device and gives erroneous results in the fault detection and location. A new method to

detect the fault location is proposed without using the model of series compensation device and using the synchrophasor values at the line terminals is proposed in [57]. The proposed algorithm initially estimates the fault location and corrects the value in the next step depending on the type of fault.

## CHAPTER 3

### TIME INVERSE DIRECTIONAL OVER CURRENT PROTECTION

This section describes the implementation of time inverse over current protection with directional capability for loop systems. This method is applied over FREEDM loop to demonstrate its working and capability to detect faults.

#### 3.1 Protection algorithm

For a fault on any section of the loop, fault current is driven from both the ends. Fault current magnitude is almost same in all the sections of the loop. Due to this, it is very difficult to co-ordinate over current relays in a loop system. In order to detect and sectionalize the fault a directional element must be added to the relays which could detect fault current only in one direction [58]. Figure 3.1 shows a loop system with a breaker in each section and is fed with multiple sources.

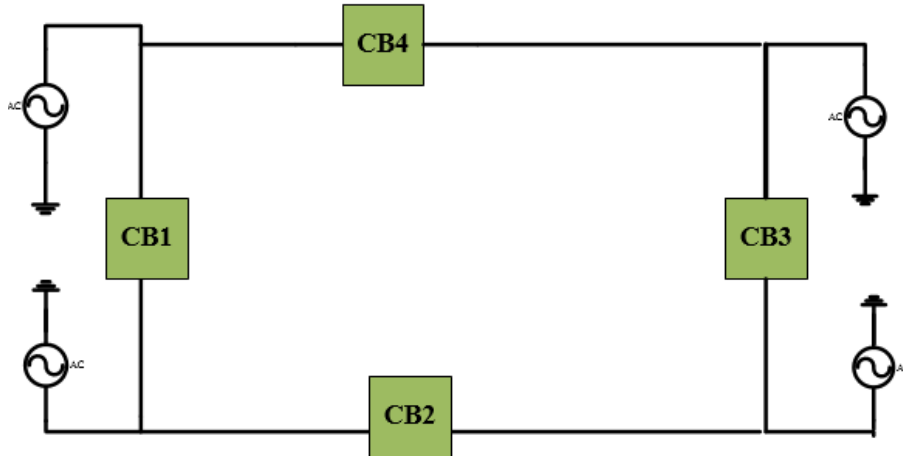


Figure 3.1 Loop system fed with multiple sources

In order to identify the fault location, two set of relays are selected which act in clockwise and anti-clockwise direction during faults. R1, R2, R3, R4 are selected to operate

in clockwise direction and R5, R6, R7, R8 in anti-clockwise direction. Figure 3.2 and Figure 3.3 show the location of clockwise and anti-clockwise relays respectively.

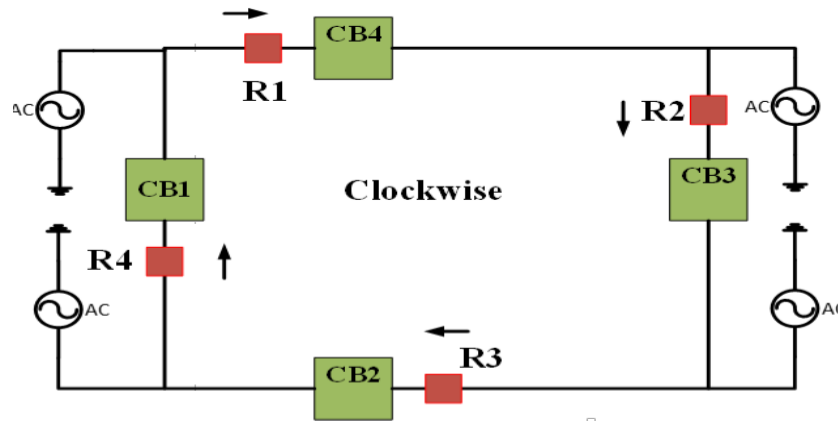


Figure 3.2 Location of clockwise relays on the loop system

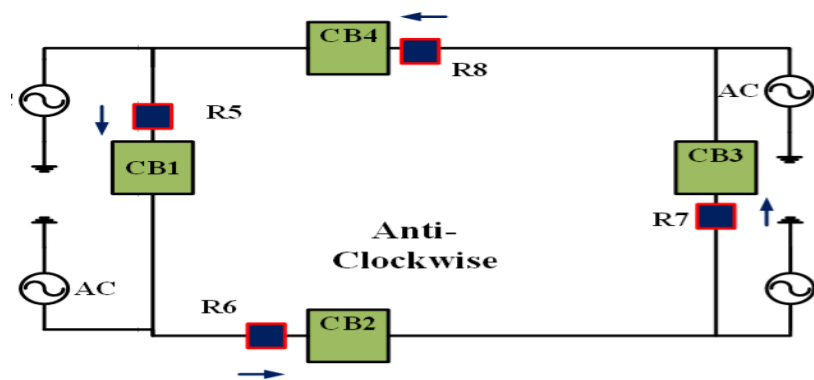


Figure 3.3 Location of anti-clockwise relays on the loop system

The location of a fault is sensed by the closest clockwise and anti-clockwise relays located near the circuit breakers. In addition to the directional capability, relays are fed with the time inverse over current characteristic. When a fault occurs, relays act according to time inverse over current characteristics and the relays closest to the fault act first. For a relay to respond, both the directional and time inverse over current element must be set at high. The operation of relays during a fault is explained below in the Figure 3.4.

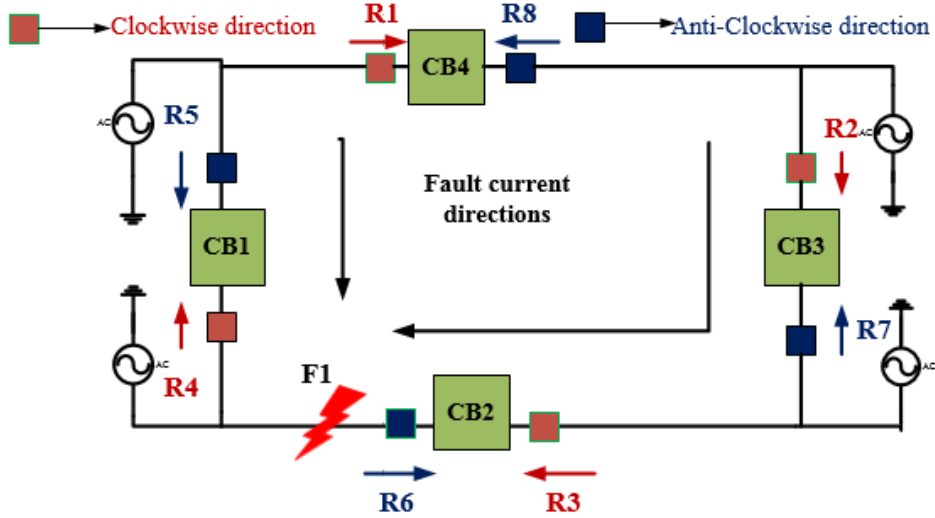


Figure 3.4 Fault location F1 on the loop system

For a fault at F1, fault current passes through the relays R5 and R4 in anti-clockwise direction and through relays R1, R8, R2, R7, R3 and R6 in clockwise direction. Since R5 is configured to act in anti-clockwise direction, it responds to the fault current and R4 does not detect the fault. Similarly R1, R2 and R3 detect the fault current and respond while the relays R8, R7 and R6 stay idle. Since all the relays are configured to act according to time inverse over current characteristics with a coordination time interval (CTI) of 0.3 s, only the relay closest to fault location acts first. Therefore the relays R3 and R5 operate to isolate the fault. If R3 fails to operate, R2 backs up R3 after 0.3 s and if R2 also fails, R1 backs up R2 after 0.3 s.

### 3.2 Implementation of protection scheme over the FREEDM loop

Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management (FREEDM) loop is a 12.47 kV, 2 MVA distribution system with local generation, energy storage devices capable of supplying both alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC) supply through solid state transformer (SST) [60]. The system used in the simulation has 4 breakers located in each section of the loop with solid state transformers and local loads [4]. Above

mentioned algorithm is applied on the FREEDM loop and Figure 3.5 shows the model used in simulation.

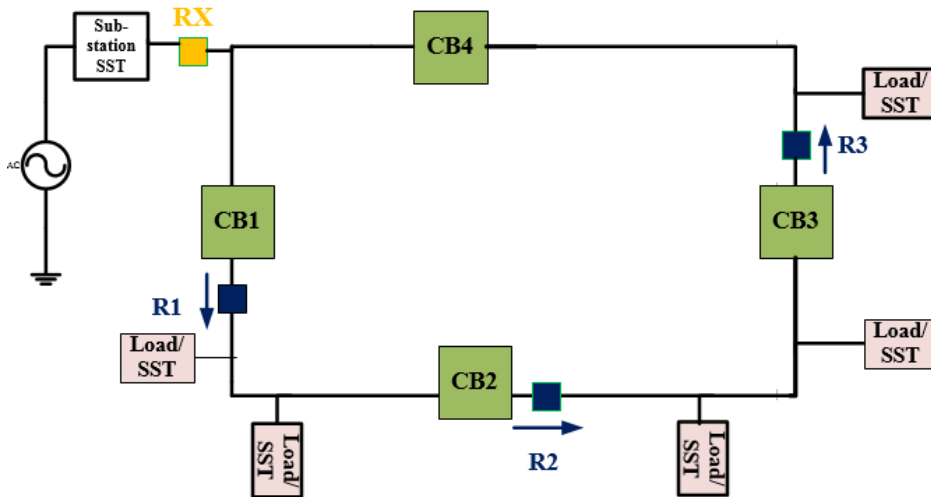


Figure 3.5 Arrangement of anti-clockwise relays on the FREEDM loop

In Figure 3.5, relays R1, R2 and R3 are anti-clockwise and RX is the sub-station relay used to isolate the loop for faults near the sub-station. Co-ordination is done in such a way that R2 backs up R1 and R3 backs up R2. If R3 fails, RX operates. Figure 3.6 shows the arrangement of clockwise relays and their coordination.

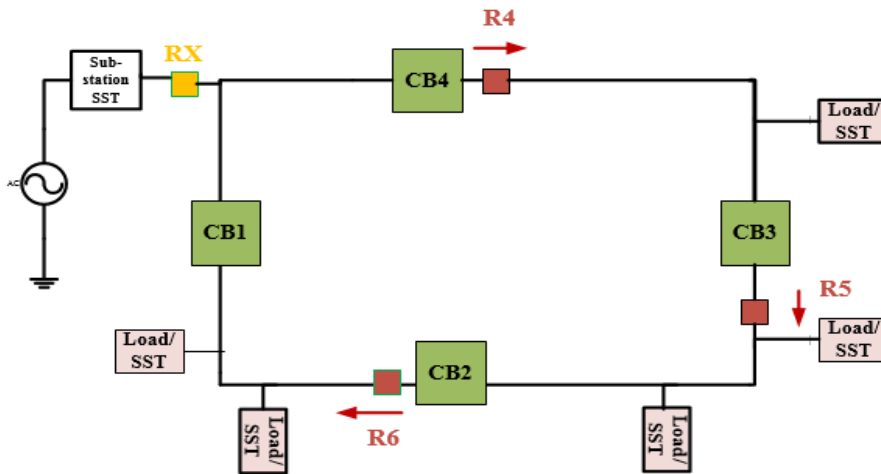


Figure 3.6 Arrangement of clockwise relays on the FREEDM loop

Coordination is done such that R6 backs up R5, R5 backs up R4 and if R4 fails to operate RX operates. Following section shows the operating relays and their corresponding



operating times for faults at various locations on the test bed at 0.2 s. For simulation, the forward threshold impedance is taken to be 0.5 ohm and reverse threshold impedance is taken to be 0.6 ohm. The area in between the CB1 and CB2 is considered as zone 1, CB2 and CB3 is considered as zone 2 and, CB3 and CB4 is considered as zone 3.

### 3.3 Single line to ground fault at location F1

Figure 3.7 shows the location of a single line to ground (SLG) fault F1 on phase A at 0.2 seconds and the direction of fault currents in the loop. Calculations for current transformer (CT) selection, current pick up values and time dial settings of the relay are shown in the next section.

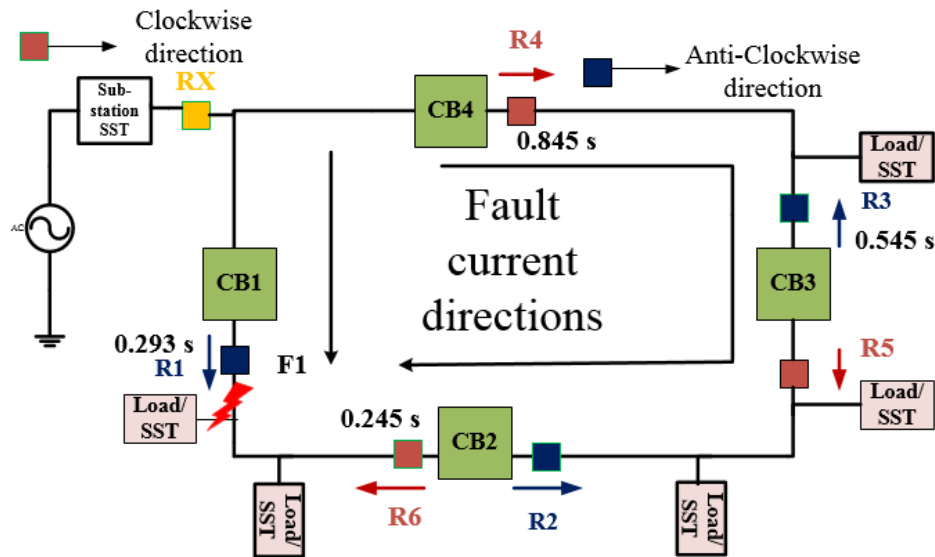


Figure 3.7 Fault current directions for fault at F1

For a fault F1 at 0.2 s, relays R1 and R6 act to isolate the fault. Relay R1 acts as the fault current passes through it in anti-clockwise direction and R6 acts as fault current passes through it in clockwise direction. Relays R4 and R5 also act as the fault current passes through it in clockwise direction. But only the relays close to the fault acts first due to the

time inverse characteristics. R5 acts if R6 fails to operate with a co-ordination time interval of 0.3 s. If R5 fails, R4 backs-up after 0.3 s.

Relays R1 and R6 are the primary relays. R1 operates at 0.293 s and R6 operates at 0.245 s. If R6 fails to operate, R5 backs up R6 with a CTI of 0.3 s at 0.545 s and if R5 fails, R4 backs up R5 at 0.845 s. If all the relays fail to operate relay RX disconnects the supply from the rest of the system. Time shown in the Figure 3.7 is the instance at which the relay operates for fault at 0.2 s, not the time of operation. Time of operation of R1 is  $0.2 - 0.093 = 0.107$  s which is approximately 5.8 cycles.

### 3.4 Single line to ground fault at location F2

Figure 3.8 shows the location of a single line to ground (SLG) fault F2 on phase A at 0.2 seconds and the direction of fault currents in the loop.

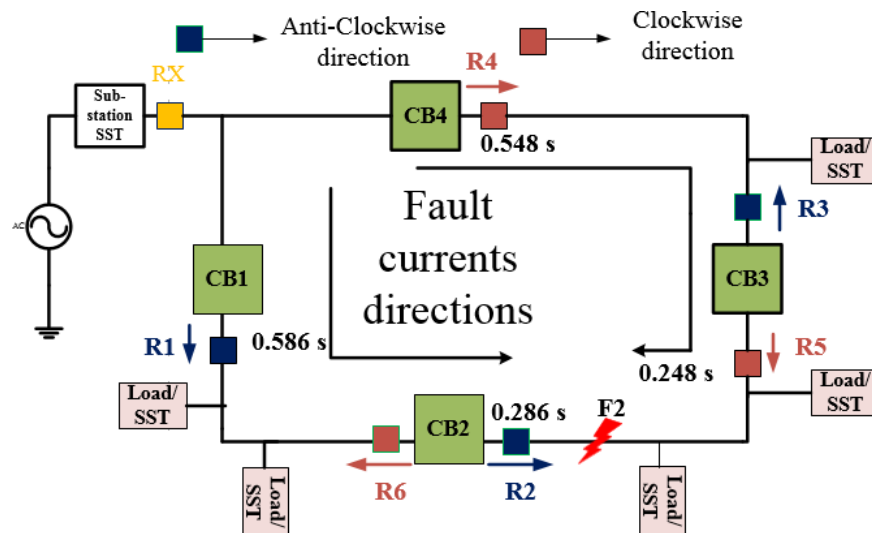


Figure 3.8 Fault current directions for fault at F2

For a fault at F2, relays R2 and R5 are the primary relays. Relay R2 acts at 0.286 s and R5 acts at 0.248 s. If R5 fails, R4 backs up R5 with a CTI of 0.3 s at 0.548 s. If R2

fails, R1 backs up R2 with CTI of 0.3 s at 0.586 s. If all the relays fail to act, then RX disconnects the supply from the system.

### 3.5 Single line to ground fault at location at F3

Figure 3.9 shows the location of a single line to ground (SLG) fault F3 on phase A at 0.2 seconds and the direction of fault currents in the loop.

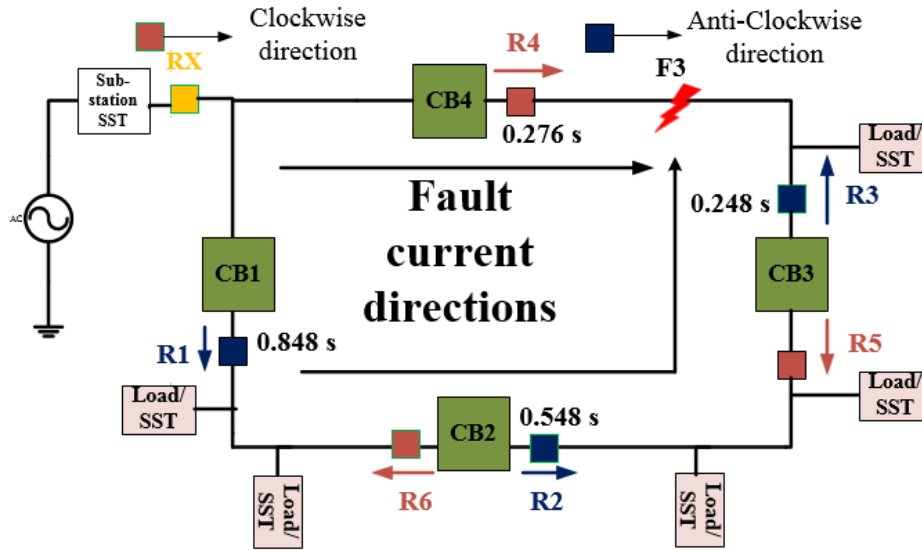


Figure 3.9 Fault current directions for fault at F3

For a fault at F3, relays R4 and R3 are the primary relays. R3 acts at 0.248 s and R4 acts at 0.276 s. If R3 fails to operate, R2 acts at 0.548 s and if R2 fails, R1 acts at 0.848 s. If R4 fails to operate, RX disconnects the supply from the system. Table 3.1 shows the operation time of the relays for faults F1, F2 and F3 at 0.2 seconds.

Table 3.1 Operating times of relays corresponding to circuit breakers

Fault	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4
F1	0.093 s	0.045 s	XXX	XXX
F2	XXX	0.086 s	0.048 s	XXX
F3	XXX	XXX	0.048 s	0.076 s

### 3.6 Selection of time dial settings and current pick values for time inverse over current relays

Extremely time inverse over current characteristic is considered to coordinate the relays. Table 3.2 shows the fault current magnitude seen by relays for ABC-G fault and SLG fault on phase A at different sections of the loop.

Table 3.2 Fault current magnitudes for faults at different sections are listed below

Fault	Current seen by relay R1 at CB1 in zone 1 (kA)		Current seen by relays R2, R6 at CB2 in zone 2 (kA)		Current seen by relays R3, R5 at CB3 in zone 2 (kA)		Current seen by relay R4 at CB4 in zone 3 (kA)	
	LLL-G	SLG	LLL-G	SLG	LLL-G	SLG	LLL-G	SLG
F1	7.73	5.5	0.994	0.615	0.988	0.609	0.982	0.600
F2	4.476	2.47	4.476	2.68	2.342	1.2	2.344	1.2
F3	2.47	2.172	2.172	1.84	2.168	1.842	2.219	1.888

#### *Selection of relay current pick up values*

##### a) *Relay pick up settings for R1*

The maximum fault current seen by relays R1 is 7.73 kA for a 3 phase fault to ground fault at F1 and the minimum fault current seen is 2.172 kA for a single line to ground fault at F3.

CT ratio of 600:5 is assumed.

“Relay pick up current is taken to be approximately half of the minimum fault current and greater than 200% of the full load current.”

$$2 * IFL \leq I \leq 0.5 * Ifmin \quad (3.1)$$

*IFL= Full load current seen by relay*

*Ifmin= minimum fault current seen by relay*

*I= relay pick up current*

$$2 * \frac{5 * 20}{600} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 2172 * 5}{600}$$

$$0.333 \leq I \leq 9.05$$

$I = 3$  A is selected

b) *Relay pick up settings for R2 and R6*

The maximum fault current seen by R2 and R6 is 4.476 kA for a three phase to ground fault at F2 and the minimum fault current seen is 615 A for a single line to ground fault at F1.

CT ratio of 200:5 is assumed.

$$\frac{5 * 2 * 20}{200} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 5 * 615}{200} \tag{3.2}$$

$$1 \leq I \leq 7.68$$

$$I = 5$$

c) *Relay pick up settings for R3 and R5*

The maximum fault current seen by relays R3 and R5 is 2.342 kA for a 3 phase fault to ground fault at F2 and the minimum fault current seen is 609 A for a single line to ground fault at F1.

CT ratio of 200:5 is assumed.

$$\frac{5 * 40 * 2}{200} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 5 * 609}{200} \tag{3.3}$$

$$2 \leq I \leq 7.6125$$

$$I = 4$$

d) *Relay pick up settings for R4*

The maximum fault current seen by relays R4 is 2.344 kA for a 3 phase fault to ground fault at F2 and the minimum fault current seen is 600 A for a single line to ground fault at F1.

CT ratio of 200:5 is assumed.

$$\frac{5 * 20 * 2}{200} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 5 * 600}{200}$$

$$1 \leq I \leq 7.5 \quad (3.4)$$

$$I = 7$$

The fault current magnitude near the relay RX would almost be equal to that of relay R4. Hence a CT ratio of 200:5 is selected with a current pick up of 7 A.

*Selection of time dial settings*

In-order to determine time dial settings, maximum fault current seen by relays is taken for calculation to ensure quick operation of relays for all type of faults. Table 3.3 shows the maximum current seen by the relays during fault conditions.

Table 3.3 Clockwise and anti- Clockwise relays

Fault	Relays in clockwise				Relays in anti-clockwise			
	Relay acting as primary		Relay acting as back up		Relay acting as primary		Relay acting as back up	
	Relay	Current seen	Relay	Current seen	Relay	Current seen	Relay	Current seen
F1	R6	994 A	R5	998 A	R1	7.73 kA	RX	7.73 kA
F2	R5	2.342 kA	R4	2344 A	R2	4.476 kA	R1	4.478 kA
F3	R4	2219 A	RX	2220 A	R3	2.168 kA	R2	2.170 kA

Time dial settings are determined from the co-ordination of relays. Coordination of relays is explained in the following section.

*Co-ordination of clockwise relays*

*i. Fault F1*

For a fault at F1, R6 acts as primary protection and R5 acts as a back-up. Extremely time inverse type over current relay is used. For the relay to act instantaneously time dial settings for R6 is chosen to be 0.5, the minimum value for extremely inverse curve.

$$TD6 = 0.5$$

$$tr6 = TD6 * (0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2-1}) \quad (3.5)$$

$$M = \frac{I_{fault \text{ seen by R3}}}{I_{pick \ up}} = \frac{I_{fault} * (\frac{1}{CT \ ratio})}{relay \ Pick \ up \ current} \frac{982 * 5/200}{5} = 4.97$$

$$tr6 = 0.5 * \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{4.91^2 - 1} \right) = 0.13721 \text{ s}$$

Assuming a co-ordination time interval of 0.3 s, relay 5 operates at  $tr5 = 0.13721 + 0.3 = 0.4372$  s. Current seen by R5 for fault at F1 is 988 A.

$$TD5 = \frac{tr5}{(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1})} \quad (3.6)$$

$$M = \frac{988 * 5}{200 * 4} = 6.175$$

$$TD5 = 2.326$$

ii. *Fault F2*

For a fault at F2, R5 acts as primary relay and R4 acts as back up relay. Time to detect the fault current by relay R5 can be found by using the time dial setting of R5 calculated above step. Fault current seen by R5 is 2.342 kA.

$$M = \frac{2342 * 5}{200 * 4} = 14.637 \quad (3.7)$$

$$tr5 = 2.326 * (0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{14.637^2 - 1})$$

$$tr5 = 0.1437 \text{ s}$$

Relay R4 acts 0.3 s after the operation of R5. Time of operation of R4 is 0.1437+0.3=0.4437 s. Current seen by relay R4 for fault at F2 is 2.344 kA.

$$M = \frac{2344 * 5}{200 * 7} = 8.371 \quad (3.8)$$

$$TD4 = \frac{tr4}{(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1})} = 3.78$$

Relay RX backs up R4 0.3 s after the operation of R4.  $t_{RX} = 0.4437 + 0.3 = 0.7437$  s. Current sensed by the relay RX is 2219 A.

$$M = \frac{2219 * 5}{200 * 7} = 7.925 \quad (3.9)$$

$$TD_{RX} = \frac{t_{RX}}{(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1})} = 5.85$$



### *Co-ordination of anti-clockwise relays*

#### *i. Fault F3*

For a fault at F3, R3 acts as primary relay and R2 acts as back up relay. Fault current seen by R3 is 2.168 kA. For the relay to act instantaneously time dial settings for R3 is chosen to be 0.5, the minimum value for extremely inverse curve.

$$TD3 = 0.5$$

$$M = \frac{2168 * 5}{200 * 4} = 13.55 \quad (3.10)$$

$$tr3 = TD3 * \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right) = 0.0331 \text{ s}$$

Relay R2 acts as back-up 0.3 seconds after the operation of R3. Time of operation of R2 is  $tr2 = 0.0331 + 0.3 = 0.3331 \text{ s}$ .

Time dial setting of R2 can be found out using the  $tr2$  calculated in the above equation.

Fault current seen by R2 is 2170 A.

$$M = \frac{2170 * 5}{200 * 5} = 10.85 \quad (3.11)$$

$$TD2 = \frac{tr2}{\left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right)} = 3.9748$$

#### *ii. Fault F2*

For a fault at F2, R2 acts as primary relay and R1 acts as back up relay. Time to detect the fault current by relay R2 can be found by using the time dial setting of R2 calculated in the above step. Fault current seen by R2 is 4.476 kA.

$$M = \frac{4476 * 5}{200 * 5} = 22.38 \quad (3.12)$$

$$tr2 = TD2 * \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right) = 0.1849 \text{ s}$$

Relay R1 acts as back up 0.3 seconds after the operation of R2. Time of operation of R1 is  $tr1 = 0.3 + 0.1849 = 0.4849$  s. Time dial settings of relay R1 can be found by using  $tr1$  calculated in the above equation. Current seen by relay R1 is 4.478 kA.

$$M = \frac{4478 * 5}{600 * 3} = 12.43 \tag{3.13}$$

$$TD1 = \frac{tr1}{(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1})} = 6.72$$

### 3.7 Effect of fault current limiter on the protection algorithm

Fault current limiters (FCL) reduce the magnitude of fault current by chopping off the peak value to a particular level. In-order to have this affect, fault current is passed through an inbuilt function in PSCAD called “Hard Limiter” and current could be chopped to any desired level. Fault current in zone1 is chopped to 3000 A. It gets chopped to this value only if fault current is above 3000 A. Similarly, currents in zone 2 and zone 3 are chopped to 700 A. Table 3.4 shows the chopped value of fault currents seen by relays.

Table 3.4 Fault currents at various locations

Fault	Current seen by relays R1 at CB1 in Zone 1 (kA)		Current seen by relays R2, R6 at CB2 in Zone 2 (A)		Current seen by relays R3, R5 at CB3 in Zone 2 (A)		Current seen by relays R4 at CB4 in Zone 3 (A)	
	3L-G	SLG	3L-G	SLG	3L-G	SLG	3L-G	SLG
F1	3	3	700	700	700	700	700	700
F2	2.47	2.47	700	700	700	700	700	700
F3	2.47	2.47	700	700	700	700	700	700

Figure 3.10 shows the fault current in system without a fault current limiter and Figure 3.12 shows the chopped value of fault current using FCL.

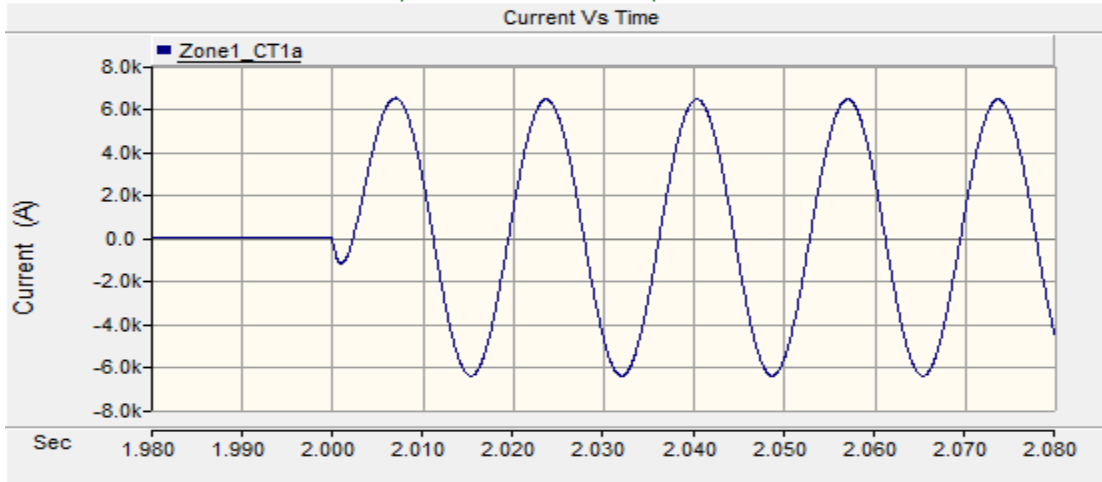


Figure 3.10 Fault current without current limiter

Figure 3.11 shows the hard limiter block in PSCAD and the implementation of hard limiter. The input to the block must be an instantaneous value. Since the fault current seen by relay has changed, the relay settings must be updated according to the chopped value of fault current.

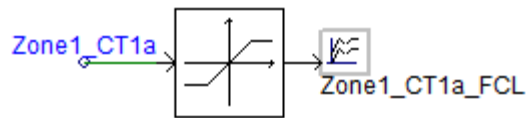


Figure 3.11 Implementation of fault current limiter in PSCAD

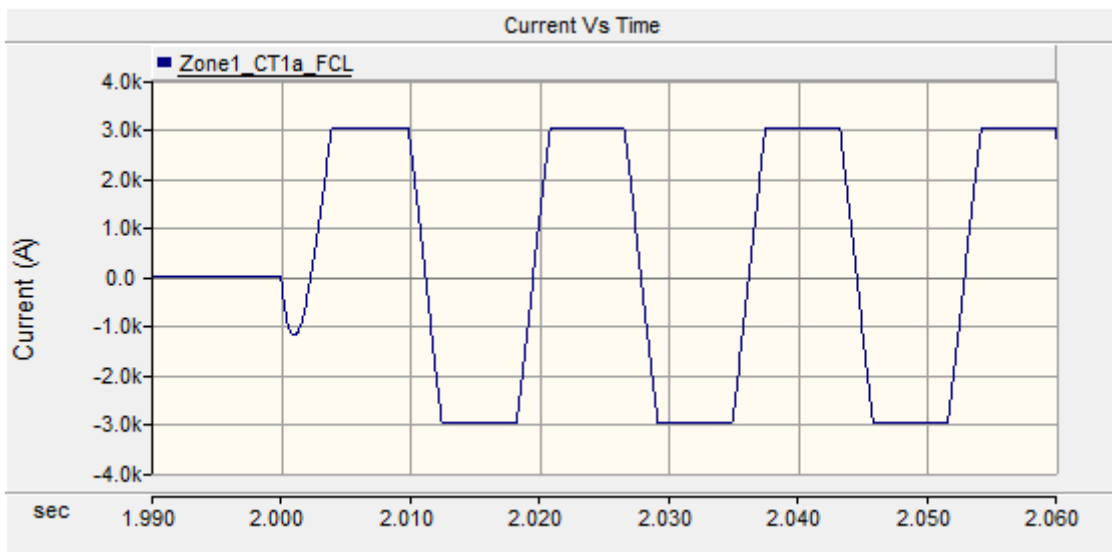


Figure 3.12 Fault current with current limiter

*Selection of relay current pick up settings for chopped value of fault current*

*i. Relay pick up settings for R1*

The maximum fault current seen by the relay R1 is 3 kA for a 3 phase fault to ground fault at F1 and the minimum fault current seen is 2.47 kA for a single line to ground fault.

CT ratio of 600:5 is assumed.

“Relay pick up current is taken to be approximately half of the minimum fault current and greater than 200% of the full load current.”

$$2 * IFL \leq I \leq 0.5 * Ifmin$$

*IFL= Full load current seen by relay*

*Ifmin= minimum fault current seen by relay*

*I= relay pick up current*

$$2 * \frac{5 * 20}{600} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 2470 * 5}{600} \tag{3.14}$$

$$0.333 \leq I \leq 10.29$$

*I = 8 A is selected*

*ii. Relay pick up settings for R2 and R6*

The maximum fault current seen by R2 and R6 is 700 A for a three phase to ground fault at F2 and the minimum fault current seen is 700 A for a single line to ground fault at F1.

CT ratio of 200:5 is assumed.

$$\frac{5 * 2 * 20}{200} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 5 * 700}{200} \tag{3.15}$$

$$1 \leq I \leq 8.75$$

*I = 7 A is selected*

iii. *Relay pick up settings for R3 and R5*

The maximum fault current seen by relays R3 and R5 is 700 A for a 3 phase fault to ground fault at F3 and the minimum fault current seen is 700 A for a single line to ground fault at F1.

CT ratio of 200:5 is assumed.

$$\frac{5 * 40 * 2}{200} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 5 * 700}{200} \quad (3.16)$$

$$2 \leq I \leq 8.75$$

*I = 5 A is selected*

iv. *Relay pick up settings for R4*

The maximum fault current seen by relays R4 is 700 A for a 3 phase fault to ground fault at F3 and the minimum fault current seen is 700 A for a single line to ground fault at F1.

CT ratio of 200:5 is assumed.

$$\frac{5 * 20 * 2}{200} \leq I \leq \frac{0.5 * 5 * 700}{200} \quad (3.17)$$

$$1 \leq I \leq 8.75$$

*I = 4.2 A is selected*

*Selection of time dial settings for chopped value of fault current*

In-order to determine the time dial settings, maximum fault current seen by the relays is taken for calculation. Table 3.5 shows the maximum fault current seen by the primary and back-up relays in respective clockwise and anti-clockwise direction.

Table 3.5 Relays in clockwise and anti-clockwise

Relays in clockwise					Relays in anti-clockwise			
Fault	Relay acting as primary		Relay acting as back up		Relay acting as primary		Relay acting as back up	
	Relay	Current seen	Relay	Current seen	Relay	Current seen	Relay	Current seen
F1	R6	700 A	R5	700 A	R1	3 kA	RX	3 kA
F2	R5	700 A	R4	700 A	R2	700 A	R1	700 A
F3	R4	700 A	RX	700 A	R3	700 A	R2	700 A

*Co-ordination of clockwise relays*

*i. Fault at F1*

For a fault at F1, R6 acts as primary protection and R5 acts as back-up. Extremely time inverse over current type relay is used. For the relay to act instantaneously the time dial settings for R6 is chosen to be 0.5, the minimum value for extremely inverse curve.

$$TD6 = 0.5 \tag{3.18}$$

$$tr6 = TD6 * \left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1}\right)$$

$$M = \frac{I_{\text{fault seen by R6}}}{I_{\text{pick up}}} = \frac{I_{\text{fault}} * \left(\frac{1}{CT \text{ ratio}}\right)}{\text{relay Pick up current}} \frac{700 * 5 / 200}{7} = 2.5$$

$$tr6 = 0.5 * \left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{2.5^2 - 1}\right) = 0.5576 \text{ s}$$

Assuming a co-ordination time interval of 0.3 s, relay 2 operates at  $tr5 = 0.5576 + 0.3 = 0.8576$  s. Current seen by R5 for fault at F1 is 700 A.

$$TD5 = \frac{tr5}{\left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1}\right)} \tag{3.19}$$

$$M = \frac{700 * 5}{200 * 5} = 3.5$$

$$TD5 = 1.5905$$

ii. *Fault F2*

For a fault at F2, R5 acts as primary relay and R4 acts as back up relay. Time to detect the fault current by relay R5 can be found by using the time dial setting of R5 calculated above step. The fault current seen by R5 is 700 A.

$$M = \frac{700 * 5}{200 * 5} = 3.5 \quad (3.20)$$

$$tr5 = 1.6 * \left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{4.166^2 - 1}\right)$$

$$tr5 = 0.8575 \text{ s}$$

Relay R4 acts 0.3 s after the operation of R5. Time of operation of R4 is 0.8575+0.3=1.1575 s. Current seen by relay R4 for fault at F2 is 700 A.

$$M = \frac{700 * 5}{200 * 4.2} = 4.166 \quad (3.21)$$

$$TD4 = \frac{tr4}{\left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1}\right)} = 3.032$$

Relay RX acts 0.3 s after the operation of R4. Time of operation of RX is 1.1575+0.3=1.4575 s. Current seen by RX for the fault F1 is 700 A.

$$M = \frac{700 * 5}{200 * 4.2} = 4.166 \quad (3.22)$$

$$TD_{RX} = \frac{1.4575}{\left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1}\right)} = 4.162$$

### *Co-ordination of anti-clockwise relays*

#### *i. Fault F3*

For a fault at F3, R3 acts as primary relay and R2 acts as back up relay. Fault current seen by R3 is 700 A. For the relay to act instantaneously, the time dial setting for R3 is chosen to be 0.5, which is the minimum value for extremely time inverse curve.

$$TD3 = 0.5 \quad (3.23)$$

$$M = \frac{700 * 5}{200 * 5} = 3.5$$

$$tr3 = TD3 * \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right) = 0.2696 \text{ s}$$

Relay R2 acts as back up 0.3 seconds after the operation of R3. Time of operation of R2 is  $0.2696 + 0.3 = 0.5696$  s. The time dial setting of R2 can be found out using  $tr2$  calculated in the above equation. Fault current seen by R2 is 700 A.

$$M = \frac{700 * 5}{200 * 7} = 2.5 \quad (3.24)$$

$$TD2 = \frac{tr6}{\left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right)} = 0.52$$

#### *ii. Fault F2*

For a fault at F2, R2 acts as primary relay and R1 acts as back up relay. Time to detect the fault current by relay R2 can be found by using the time dial setting of R2 calculated above. Fault current seen by R2 is 700 A.

$$M = \frac{700 * 5}{200 * 7} = 2.5 \quad (3.25)$$

$$tr2 = TD2 * \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right) = 0.58 \text{ s}$$



Relay R1 acts as back up relay 0.3 seconds after the operation of R2. Time of operation of R1 is  $tr1 = 0.3 + 0.58 = 0.879$  s. The time dial setting of relay R1 can be found by using  $tr1$  calculated in the above equation. The current seen by relay R1 is 3kA.

$$M = \frac{2470 * 5}{600 * 8} = 3.12 \tag{3.26}$$

$$TD1 = \frac{tr1}{\left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1}\right)} = \frac{0.879}{\left(0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{3.12^2 - 1}\right)} = 0.84169 = 0.85$$

### 3.8 Response time of the relays to detect and isolate the fault

Figure 3.13 shows the different protection zones and fault locations.

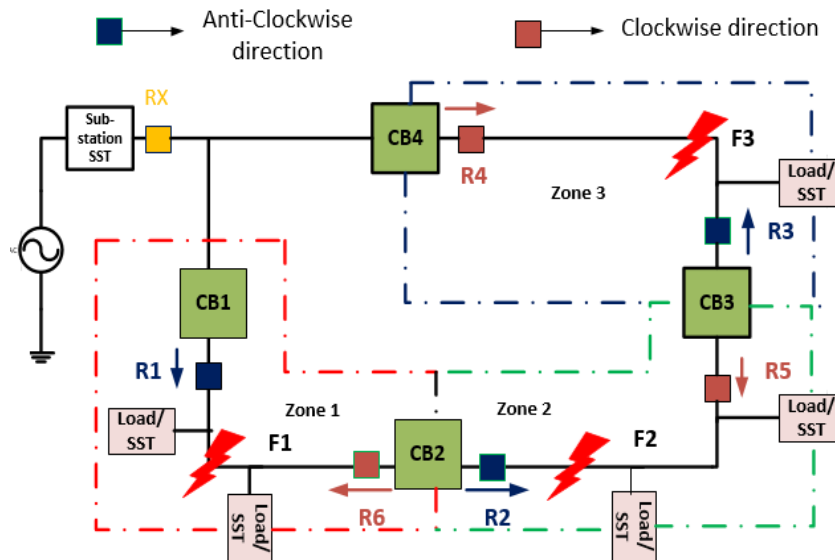


Figure 3.13 FREEDM Loop with different zones and fault locations

#### *Fault F1*

A single line to ground fault is applied on phase A near F1 at  $t=2$  s, the time to clear the fault and the fault current magnitude are shown below. Since F1 is located in zone 1, the circuit breakers CB1 and CB2 operate to isolate the fault. Load current in zone 1 is 15 A (RMS) during the normal operation (obtained from the PSCAD file) and the fault current

peak value is 6000 A during fault. Fault current limiter is used to chop the peak value at 3000 A. Figure 3.14 shows the chopped fault current and the corresponding trip signal.

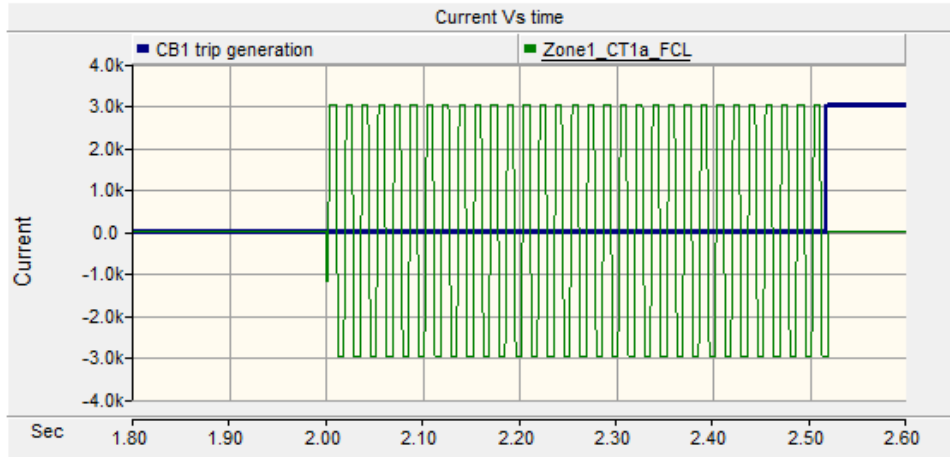


Figure 3.14 Fault current in zone 1 and trip signal of CB1

CB1 operates at 2.53 s to isolate the fault and the breaker operates at first zero crossing. Operation time of the breaker is not included in the simulation. Figure 3.15 shows the fault current in zone 2 and trip signal of breaker 2.

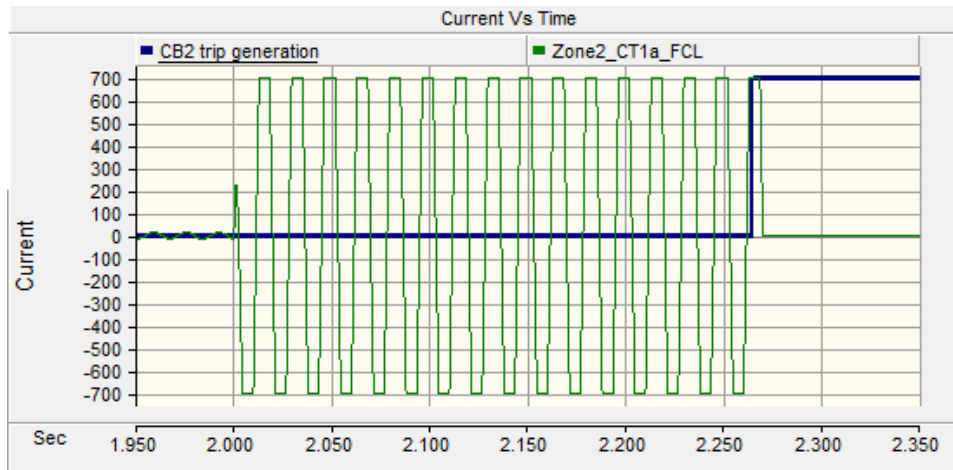


Figure 3.15 Fault current in zone 2 and trip signal of CB2

CB2 operates at 2.27 s and the breaker operates at first zero crossing. Figure 3.16 shows the operation time of all the circuit breakers.

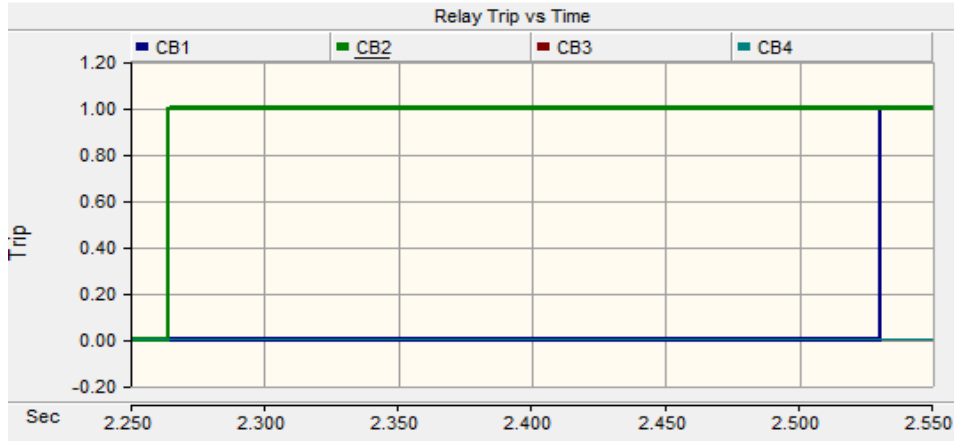


Figure 3.16 Operation time of circuit breakers for fault F1

The relays are coordinated such that they offer back-up protection when any of the circuit breaker fails to operate.  $RX \rightarrow R4 \rightarrow R5 \rightarrow R6$  (Clockwise relays). Relay RX backs up R4, R4 backs up R5 and R5 backs up R6 with a coordination time interval (CTI) of 0.3 s.  $RX \rightarrow R1 \rightarrow R2 \rightarrow R3$  (Anti-Clockwise relays). Relay RX backs up R1, R1 backs up R2 and R2 backs up R3 with a coordination time interval (CTI) of 0.3 s.

*Back up protection when CB2 fails*

Figure 3.17 shows the operation time of breakers CB3, CB4 and CB\_X when the breaker CB2 fails to operate. The time of operation of back up relays is found by disabling the breaker operation for primary protection.

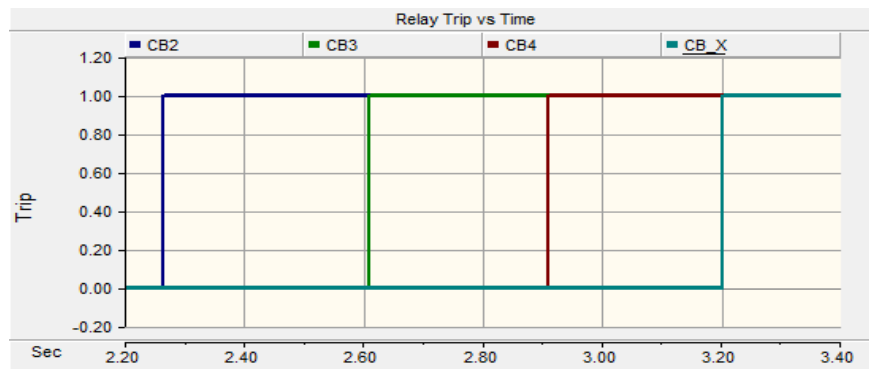


Figure 3.17 Operation time of back-up circuit breakers when CB2 fails to clear the fault

CB2 operates at 2.27 s. If it fails, the immediate relay in the clockwise direction triggers CB3 after 0.3 s approximately at 2.61 s. If CB3 fails, CB4 operates after 0.3 s approximately at 2.92 s. If all the relays in the loop fail to clear the fault, relay at the sub-station operates 0.3 s after the operation of CB4 approximately at 3.20 s.

*Back up protection when CB1 fails*

Figure 3.18 shows the operation time of breaker CB\_X when CB1 fails to operate.

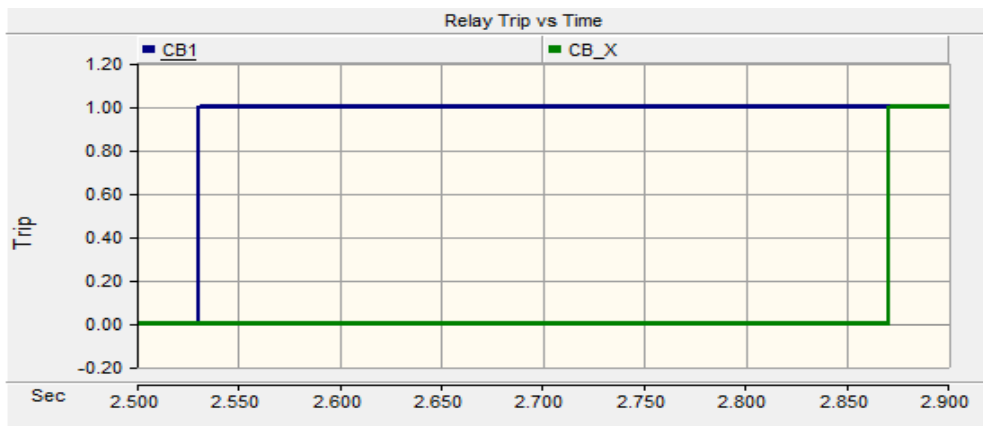


Figure 3.18 Operation time of back-up circuit breakers when CB1 fails to clear the fault F1

CB1 operates at 2.53 s. If CB1 fails to operate, relay at the sub-station operates 0.3 seconds approximately at 2.87 s isolating the fault. The relay at the sub-station has two sets of current pick up and time dial settings providing back up protection for the clockwise and anti-clockwise relays. This is possible with modern digital relays, which enable a relay to have multiple time dial and current settings.

*Fault F2*

A single line to ground fault is applied on phase A at  $t=2$  s near F2 and the time to detect the fault and back up protection is shown in the following graphs. Since fault F2 is

located in zone 2, CB2 and CB3 act to isolate the fault. In this zone, the fault current is chopped to 700 A. Figure 3.19 shows the current in zone 2 and trip signal of breaker 2.

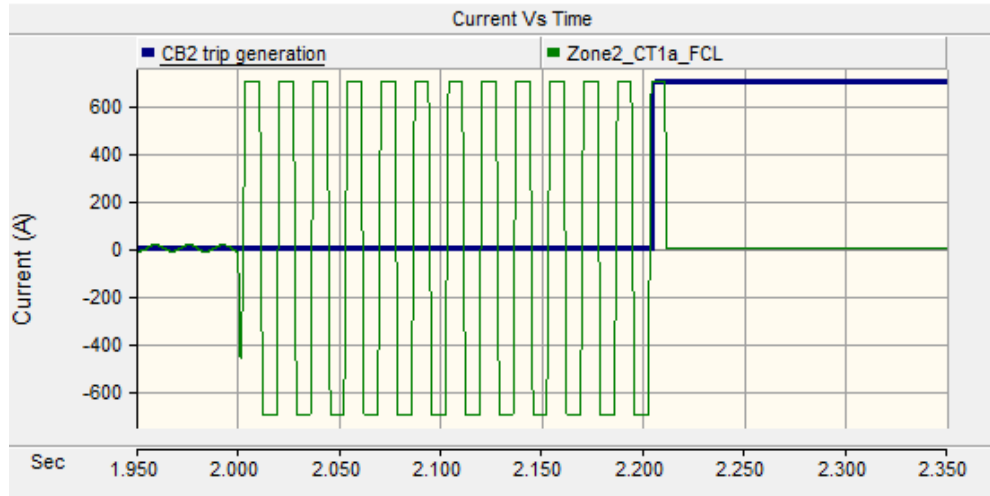


Figure 3.19 Trip signal of CB2 for fault F2

CB2 operates at 2.23 s and the breaker operates at first zero crossing. Figure 3.20 shows current in zone 3 and trip signal of breaker 3.

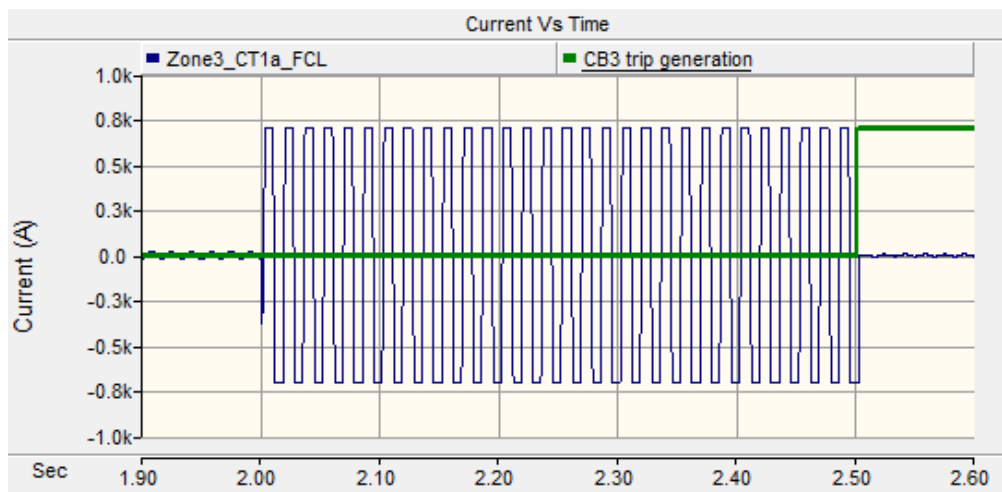


Figure 3.20 Trip signal of CB3 for fault F2

CB3 operates at 2.47 s to isolate the fault and the fault current plummets to zero at that instant. Figure 3.21 shows the operation time of all the circuit breakers.

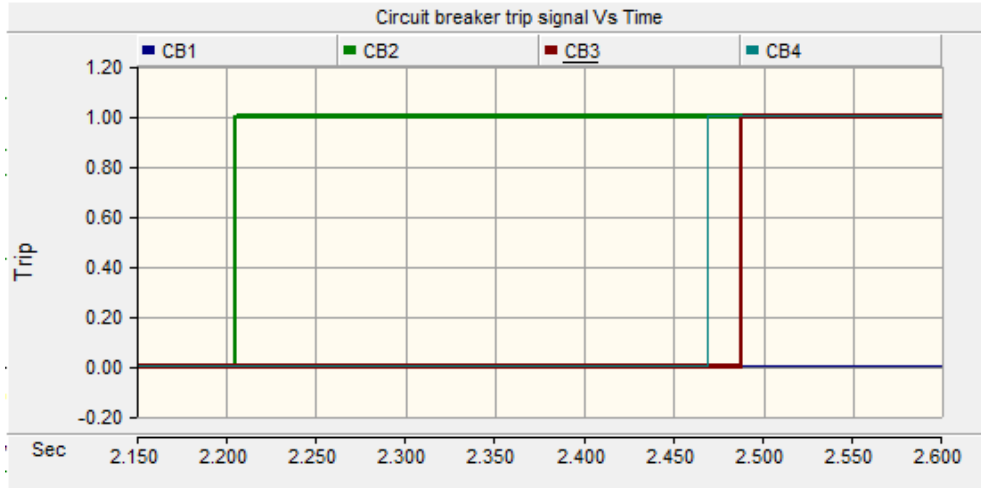


Figure 3.21 Trip signal of circuit breakers for fault F2

*Back up protection when CB3 fails*

If breaker CB3 fails to operate, CB4 backs up CB3 and CB\_X backs up CB4. Figure 3.22 shows the operation time of the breakers when CB3 fails.

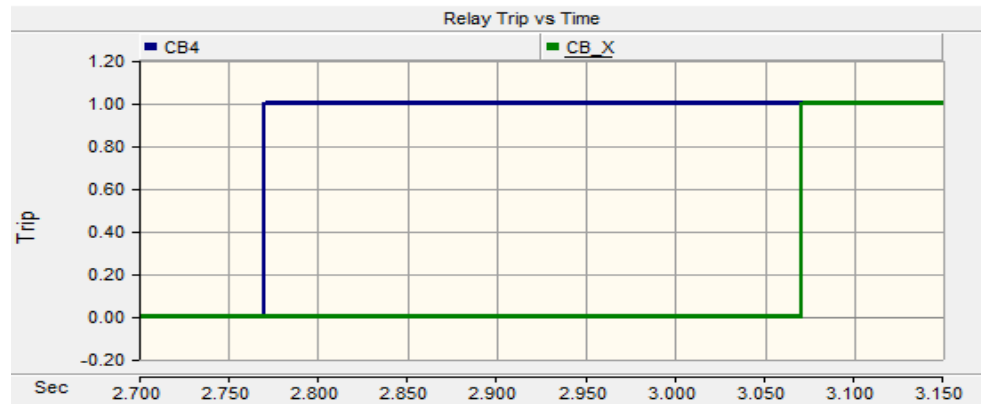


Figure 3.22 Operation time of back-up relays when CB3 fails to clear fault F2

If CB3 fails to operate, CB4 acts 0.3 s after CB3 approximately at 2.755 s. If CB4 also fails, then CB\_X operates 0.3 s after CB4 approximately at 3.055 s.

*Back up protection when CB2 fails*

When CB2 fails, CB1 backs up CB2 and CB\_X backs up CB1. Figure 3.23 shows the operation time of CB1 and CB\_X.

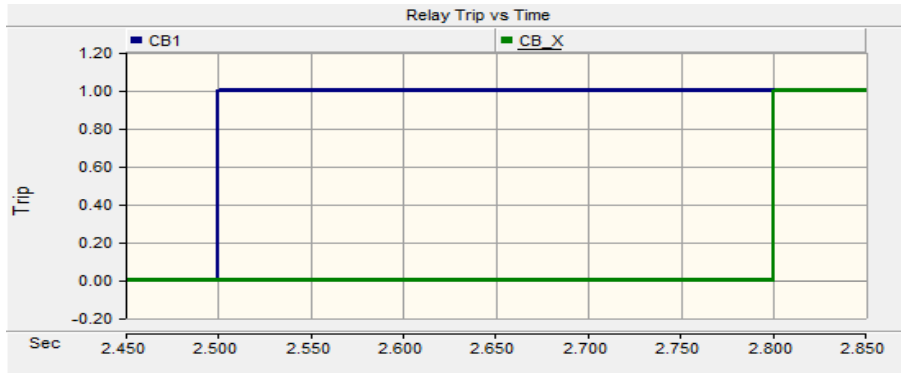


Figure 3.23 Operation time of back-up relays when CB2 fails to clear fault F2

When CB2 fails to clear the fault, CB1 operates after the CTI of 0.3 s approximately at 2.5 s. If CB1 fails, then CBX operates 0.3 s after CB1 approximately at 2.8 s.

### *Fault F3*

A single line to ground fault is applied on phase A at  $t=2$  s and the corresponding fault current is limited to 700 A. Figure 3.24 shows the operation of breaker 3 and fault current in zone 2; Figure 3.25 shows the operation of breaker 4 and the fault current in zone 3.

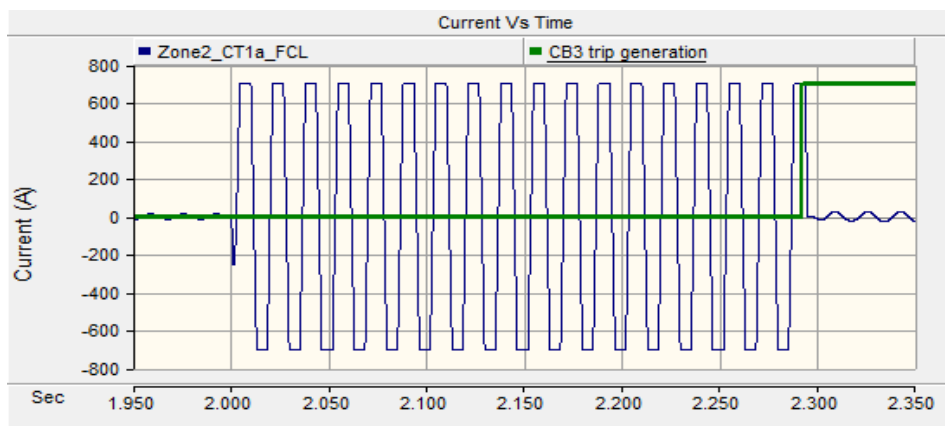


Figure 3.24 Trip signal of CB3 for fault F3

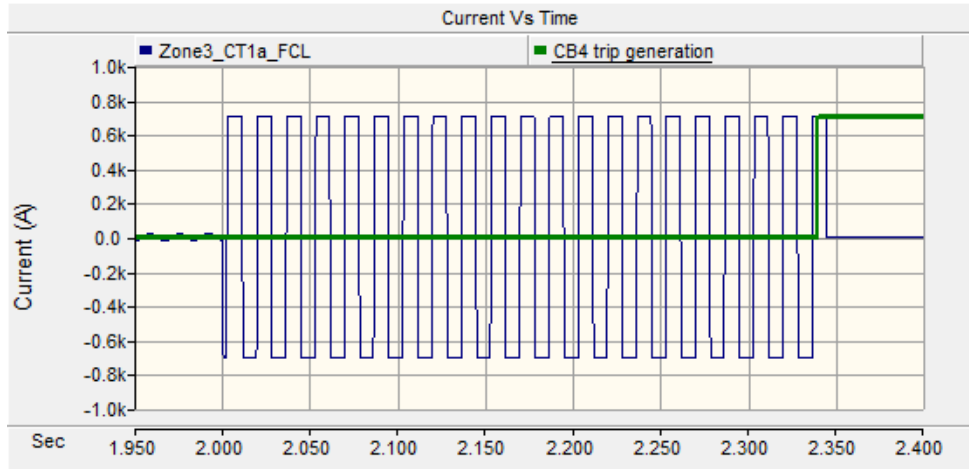


Figure 3.25 Trip signal of CB4 for fault F3

Figure 3.26 shows the operation of the all primary circuit breakers. The circuit breakers CB3 and CB4 operate at 2.291 s and 2.34 s respectively and the fault current shoots down to zero as soon as the breakers operate.

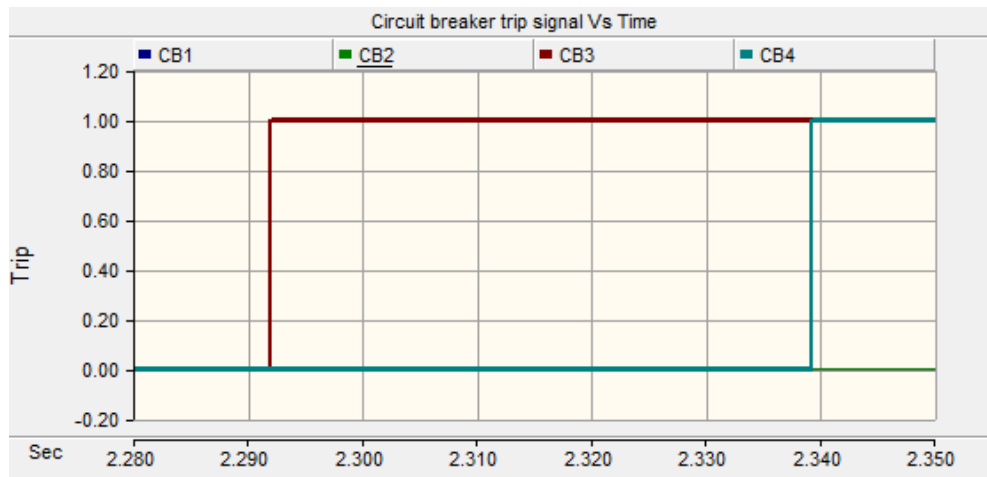


Figure 3.26 Operation time of circuit breakers to isolate fault F3

*Back-up protection when CB3 fails*

Figure 3.27 shows the operation time of breakers CB2, CB1 and CB\_X when CB 3 fails to clear the fault.



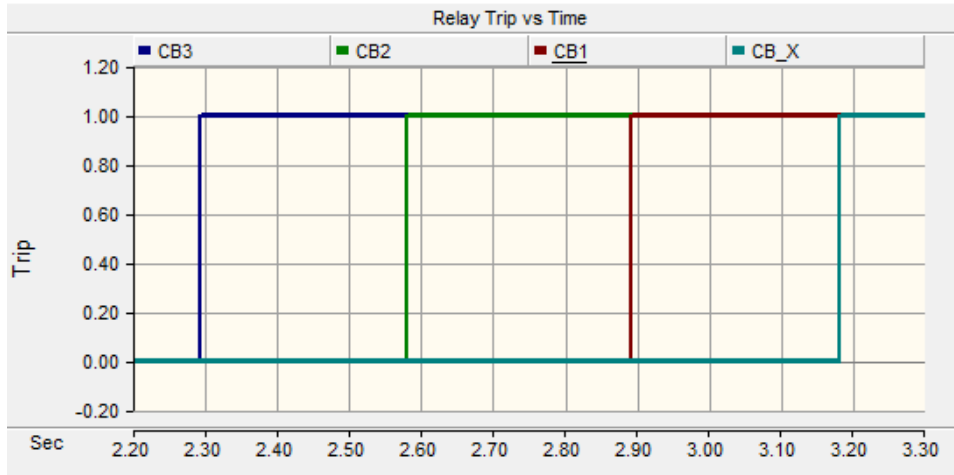


Figure 3.27 Operation time of back-up relays when CB3 fails to clear fault F3

The circuit breaker CB3 operates at 2.291 s. If CB3 fails, then CB2 operates after a CTI of 0.3 s approximately at 2.59 s. If CB2 fails, then CB1 operates with a CTI of 0.3 s at 2.89 s. If CB1 fails, CBX operates with a CTI of 0.3 s approximately at 3.15 s.

*Back-up protection when CB4 fails*

Figure 3.28 shows the operation of CB\_X when CB4 fails to clear the fault.

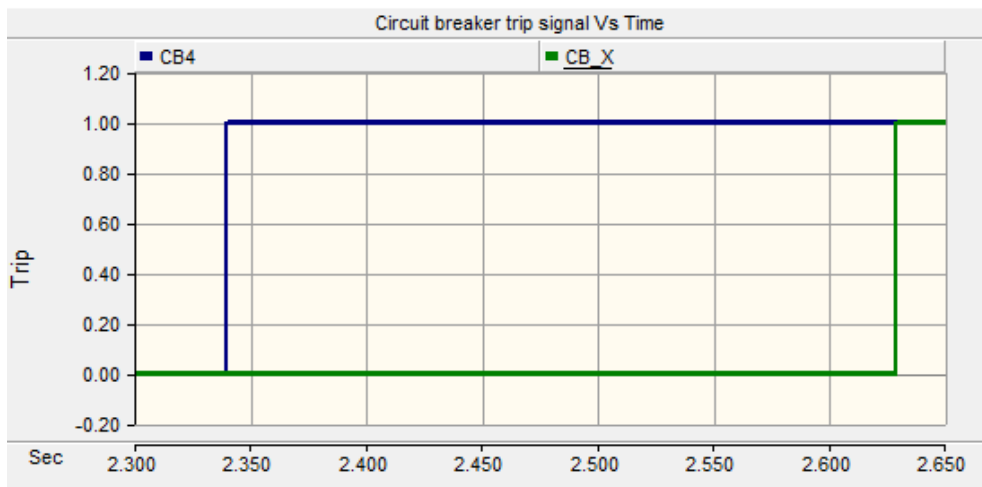


Figure 3.28 Operation time of back-up relays when CB4 fails to clear fault F3

CB4 operates at 2.32 s. If CB4 fails, CBX operates with a CTI of 0.3 s approximately at 2.63 s.

### 3.9 Variation of the trip signal for fault current chopped at different magnitudes

A SLG fault is applied at  $t=2$  s at different locations of the loop and the trip generation time is found out. Initially relays are coordinated to operate at their actual values. Table 3.6, Table 3.7 and Table 3.8 show the response time of breakers for the fault current chopped at different values.

Table 3.6 Fault currents chopped at 1/2 of their peak values

Fault	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4
F1	0.53 s	0.27 s	XXX	XXX
F2	XXX	0.21 s	0.47 s	XXX
F3	XXX	XXX	0.28 s	0.32 s

Table 3.7 Fault currents chopped at 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their peak values

Fault	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4
F1	1.27 s	1.241 s	XXX	XXX
F2	XXX	1.119 s	1.51 s	XXX
F3	XXX	XXX	0.82 s	1.86 s

Table 3.8 Fault currents chopped at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of their peak values

Fault	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4
F1	2.823 s	Failed to detect	XXX	XXX
F2	XXX	Failed to detect	2.944 s	XXX
F3	XXX	XXX	2.584 s	Failed to detect

To improve the operation time of relays, the time dial settings must be selected according to the fault current limiting value.

### 3.10 Determining the directionality of fault current

The use of fault current direction simplifies the complexity involved in designing the protection for loop systems. This method uses the negative sequence directional element to determine the direction of fault current. “Negative sequence directional element calculates the negative sequence impedance to determine the fault location. The calculated

scalar quantity  $Z_2$  is compared with two threshold values to determine whether the fault is in forward or reverse direction to a relay [59].

$$Z_2 = \frac{\text{Re}[V_2.(I_2.1\angle\theta)^*]}{\text{Re}[(I_2.1\angle\theta).(I_2.1\angle\theta)^*]} = \frac{\text{Re}[V_2.(I_2.1\angle\theta)^*]}{I_2^2} \quad (3.27)$$

$V_2 = \text{Negative sequence voltage}$   
 $I_2 = \text{Negative Sequence current}$   
 $Z_2 = \text{Negative Sequence Impedance}$

*if  $Z_2 < Z_{2F}$ , fault is in forward direction*  
*if  $Z_2 > Z_{2R}$ , fault is in reverse direction*  
*if  $Z_{2F} < Z_2 < Z_{2R}$ , there is no fault*

$Z_{2F} = \text{Forward threshold impedance}$   
 $Z_{2R} = \text{Reverse threshold impedance}$

During the normal operation, negative sequence quantities do not exist in the system. The calculated negative sequence impedance lies within the forward threshold and reverse threshold values. But during a faulted operation, sequential components come into play and  $Z_2$  could be used to determine the fault location. If the calculated  $Z_2$  is less than forward threshold impedance then the fault is in forward direction to a relay. If the calculated  $Z_2$  is greater than reverse threshold impedance then the fault is in reverse direction to a relay. During a 3 phase to ground fault, negative sequence components are negligible in the system and the directional element fails to detect the fault. To overcome this particular scenario, relay uses positive sequence components during 3 phase faults to detect directionality of the fault current.

### 3.11 Application of directionality in PSCAD

The sequence components of currents and voltages are obtained from the fundamental phase quantities and are given as inputs to the ‘Negative sequence directional

element 32 Q' available in PSCAD. The negative sequence directional element stays idle during the normal operation and generates +1 or -1 depending on the fault location. It behaves in the similar way as explained above. It uses negative sequences impedance as the deciding factor to determine the fault location.

For a phase to ground fault, it uses the voltage of un-faulted phases for the relay to be operational. Similarly, for a line-line fault, it uses the voltage of the un-faulted phases to be operational. But for a 3phase-to-ground fault, the sequence components are less dominant and it fails to detect the direction of fault. This hurdle can be overcome when digital relays are used. Digital relays (SEL 351S) invoke their internally stored memory voltage during a three phase to ground fault. The protection scheme for a 3 phase fault is validated on the real time digital simulator (RTDS) explained in the following section.

Figure 3.29 shows the implementation of directional element (32 Q element) in PSCAD.

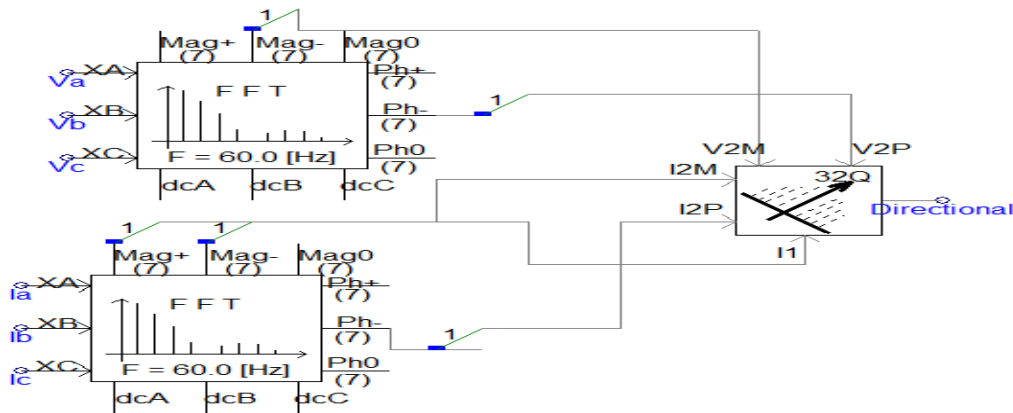


Figure 3.29 Implementing directional element in PSCAD

Figure 3.32 shows the method to obtain sequence components required for the operation of negative sequence directional element. It works in a similar way as explained in the previous section. If the calculated  $Z_2$  is less than forward threshold impedance  $Z_{2F}$ , the directional element generates +1 and if the calculated impedance is greater than the

reverse threshold impedance  $Z_{2R}$ , it generates an output of -1. During normal operation its output remains zero. Figure 3.30 and Figure 3.31 show the output of directional element for faults in reverse and forward direction respectively.

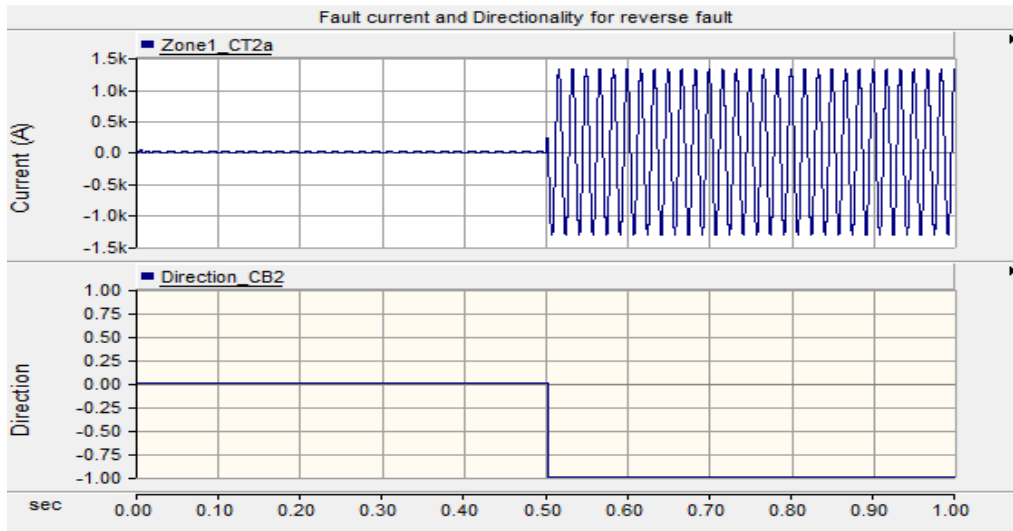


Figure 3.30 Output of directional element for a reverse fault

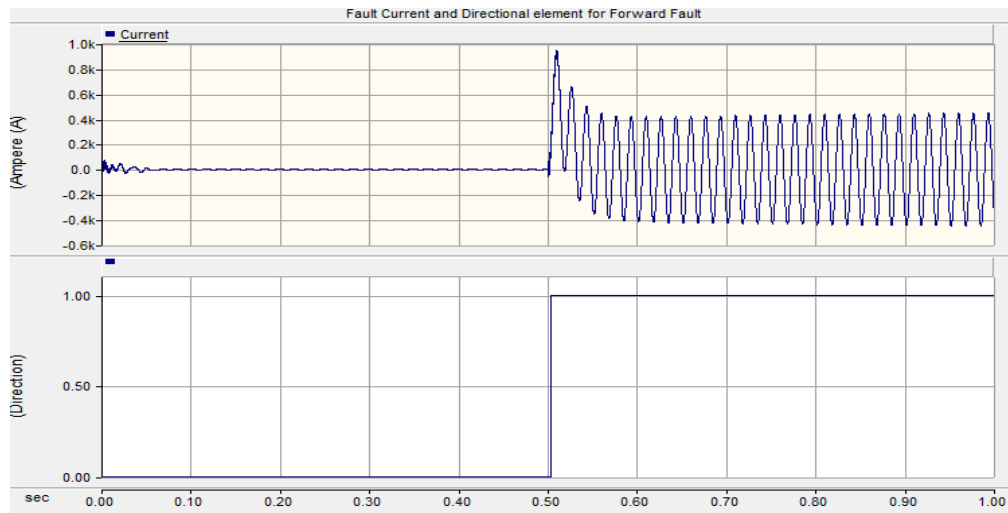


Figure 3.31 Output of directional element for a forward fault

It can be seen in the figure 3.33 and figure 3.34, that the output of 32 Q element is -1 for reverse fault, +1 for forward fault and it stays idle during normal operation.

### 3.12 Practical implementation

Negative sequence directional element 32Q and time inverse over current relay can be implemented using SEL 351-S. Using a single SEL relay, both clockwise and anti-clockwise relay functionality could be obtained. Figure 3.32 shows the implementation of a clockwise and anti-clockwise relay using a single SEL relay.

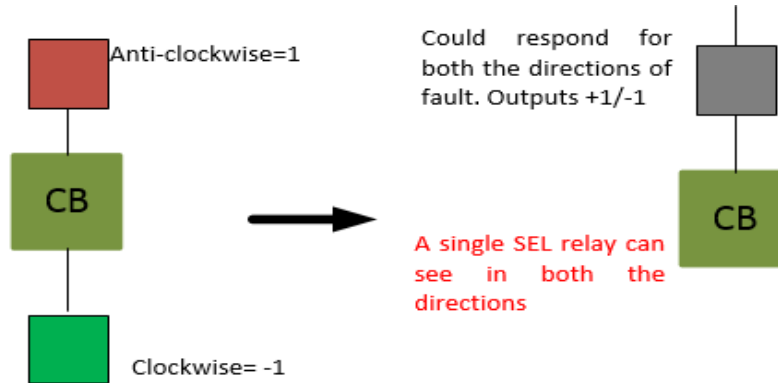


Figure 3.32 Implementing clockwise and anti-clockwise relays using a single negative sequence directional element F32 Q

## CHAPTER 4

### PILOT DIRECTIONAL PROTECTION

Pilot directional protection uses the direction of fault current to determine the fault location. A negative sequence directional element is used to determine the direction of fault current (fault location). Working of negative sequence directional element is explained in the previous section. Figure 4.1 shows the use of communication in determining the fault location.

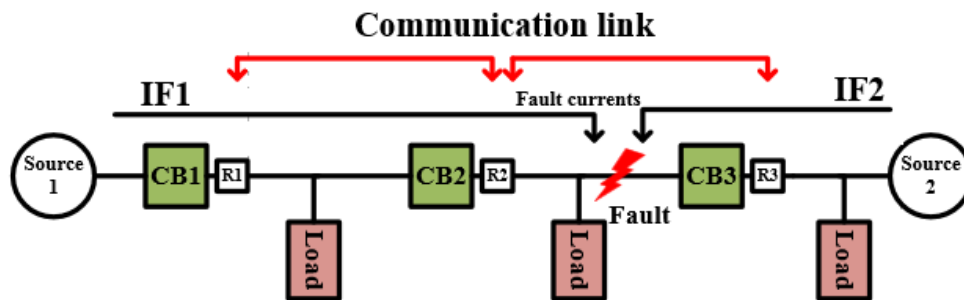


Figure 4.1 Radial system with sources fed from both ends

In Figure 4.1, fault current  $IF1$  is sensed by the relays  $R1$ ,  $R2$  and fault current  $IF2$  is sensed by the relay  $R3$ .  $R1$ ,  $R2$  and  $R3$  calculate the negative sequence impedance individually and compares with the threshold values to determine the fault location. Directionality of the fault location is communicated between the relays  $R1$ ,  $R2$  and  $R2$ ,  $R3$ . If  $R1$  and  $R2$  have the same directionality,  $R1$  does not generate the trip signal. If  $R2$  and  $R3$  have different values of directionality, they generate the trip signals to breakers  $CB2$  and  $CB3$  to isolate the fault. Direction comparison is done only when current magnitude crosses a threshold value and the voltage magnitude goes below a threshold value. This is done to prevent any mis-trip which could occur due to the presence of negative sequence

currents, which are formed during the switching of circuits, changes in power system source, abnormal unbalance in loads and faulty communication system.

If the direction of fault current calculated by the adjacent relays is same then the fault is not located in between the relays. But, if the direction of fault current calculated by the adjacent relays is opposite then the fault current is sinking in between the relays. But, for faults in between the first relay and last relay, their operation is dependent only on the directionality of any one of the relays. This is done to prevent unwanted tripping of breakers. Table 4.1 gives trip logic depending on the fault direction detected.

Table 4.1 Trip Logic

	Fault direction			Fault direction
R1	Forward		R2	Forward
R2	Forward		R3	Reverse
Trip signal	No trip		Trip signal	Trip generated

#### 4.1 Communication between the relays

The output of a directional element is decomposed as '*Forward Fault Logic*' (*FFL*) and '*Reverse Fault Logic*' (*RFL*) to simulate the operation of forward and reverse fault elements. During a forward fault, *forward fault logic* goes high with *reverse fault logic* staying idle and vice-versa. Figure 4.2 shows the implementation of forward and reverse element in PSCAD.



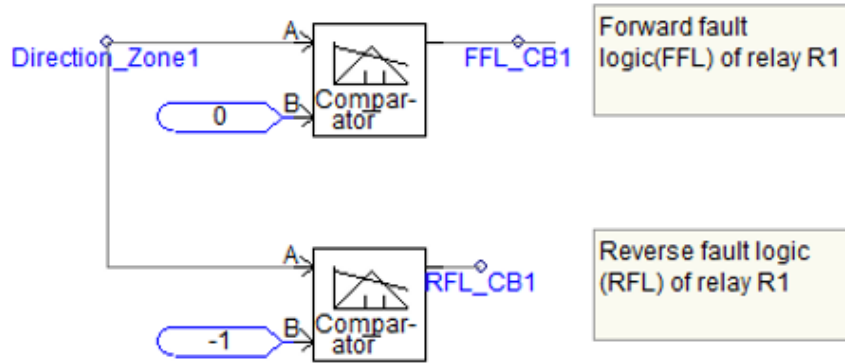


Figure 4.2 Forward fault logic and reverse fault logic of pilot directional protection

In-order to determine the fault location, FFL of a relay is compared with RFL of the next relay and RFL of the same relay is compared with FFL of the previous relay over the communication link. This algorithm is applicable when bi-directional power flow exists in the system. However a small modification is done to the algorithm when implemented in a loop system. Figure 4.3 depicts the communication link between relays.

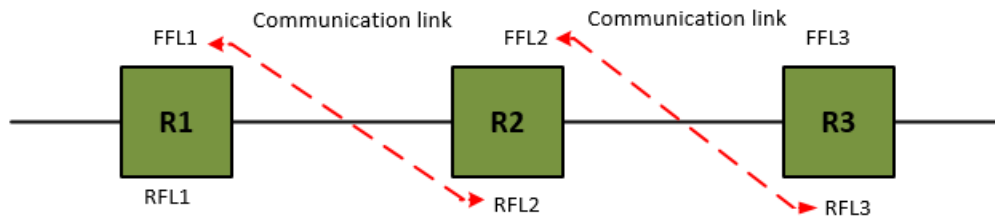


Figure 4.3 Communication between the relays

In Figure 4.3, FFL2 is compared with RFL3 and FFL1 is compared with RFL2 over the communication link. When the compared FFL and RFL are high, it confirms that the fault location is in between the relays. FFL and RFL are the calculated outputs of directional element.

## 4.2 Application of pilot directional scheme for the FREEDM system

PSCAD file of the FREEDM system used in the previous section is also used to validate the pilot directional scheme. Figure 4.4 shows the FREEDM test bed used and the fault locations F1, F2 and F3 in respective zones.

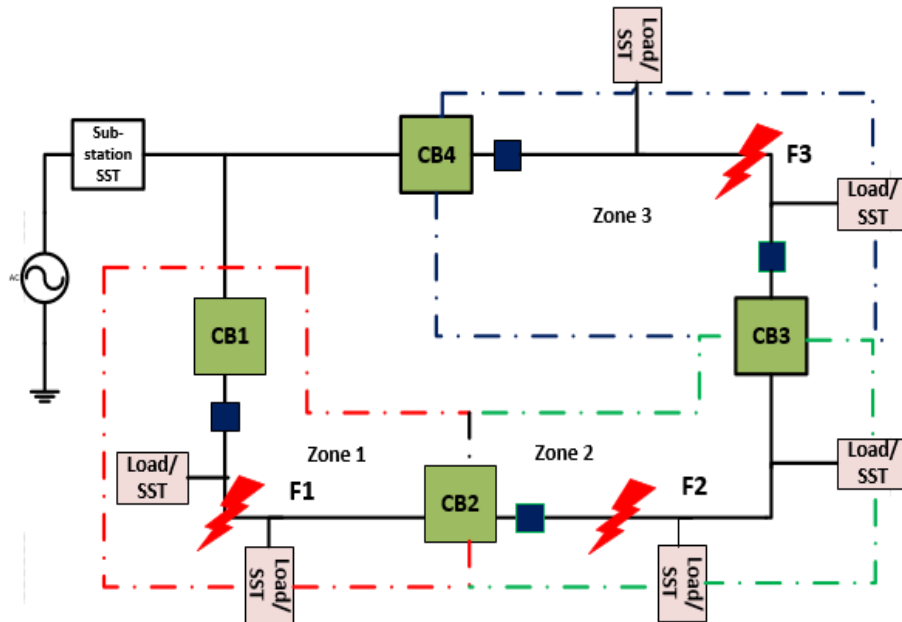


Figure 4.4 FREEDM loop with different zones and fault locations

Pilot directional algorithm is used as the protection scheme for the above loop matching the hardware time delays (hardware is explained in the next section). Comparison of directionality between CB1 and CB2, CB2 and CB3, CB3 and CB4 is done in the same method as explained in the algorithm. But, the operation of CB1 and CB4 is coordinated with the sub-station relay such that their operation is dependent up on the directional element that goes high for faults in between CB1 and CB4. This ensures that they don't operate for a fault in any other section of the loop. This modification is done to prevent the unwanted tripping of breakers in looped networks.

Average trip time for faults at various locations are shown below. Average trip time is found by applying a fault in steps of 1 msec over 2 cycles and the average of the trip signal time is taken. This is done using an inbuilt module in PSCAD. For simulation, the forward threshold impedance is taken as 0.5 ohm and reverse threshold impedance is taken as 0.6 ohm. Table 4.2 shows the operating time of breakers for different types of faults at different locations.

Table 4.2 Trip signal delays for faults at different places

Fault location	Fault type	Breaker	Average delay (msec)
F1	A-G	CB1	18.25
F1	B-G	CB1	18.25
F1	C-G	CB1	18.21
F1	AB-G	CB1	20.14
F1	BC-G	CB1	19.82
F1	CA-G	CB1	19.85
F1	A-B	CB1	18.15
F1	B-C	CB1	18.25
F1	C-A	CB1	18.15
F2	A-G	CB2	19.84
F2	B-G	CB2	19.85
F2	C-G	CB2	20.1
F2	AB-G	CB2	22.13
F2	BC-G	CB2	21.23
F2	CA-G	CB2	22.56
F2	A-B	CB2	21.5
F2	B-C	CB2	23.6
F2	C-A	CB2	22.3
F3	A-G	CB3	21.84
F3	B-G	CB3	21.84
F3	C-G	CB3	21.83
F3	AB-G	CB3	22.4
F3	BC-G	CB3	23.84
F3	CA-G	CB3	21.6
F3	A-B	CB3	21.84
F3	B-C	CB3	23.4
F3	C-A	CB3	22.84

The above obtained trip signals are in the order of 1 to 1.5 cycles and the conventional protection systems trip within 3 to 5 cycles. Three phase to ground fault is not simulated as the PSCAD model for negative sequence directional element does not incorporate memory voltage. But the validation for three phase faults is done on the RTDS system explained in the next section.

### 4.3 Simulation results

#### *Fault F1*

A single line to ground fault is applied on phase A at 2 seconds near F1. The trip signal generation time and the fault current magnitudes are shown below. Since the fault is applied in zone1, CB1 and CB2 should operate to isolate the fault. Figure 4.5 and Figure 4.6 show the trip signal of the breakers CB1 and CB2. CB1 and CB2 operate simultaneously at 2.0022 s.

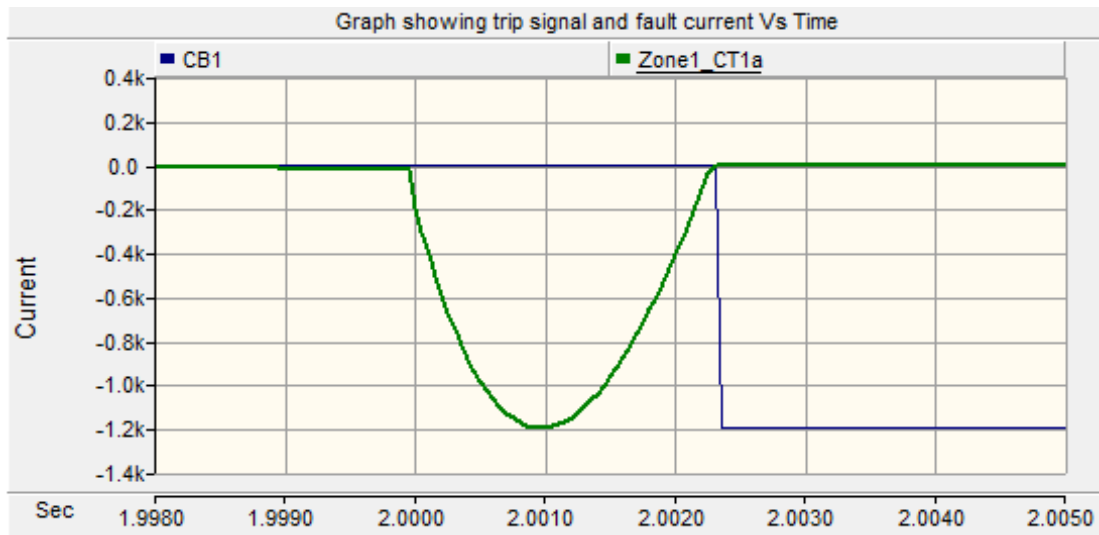


Figure 4.5 Trip signal of CB1 for fault at F1

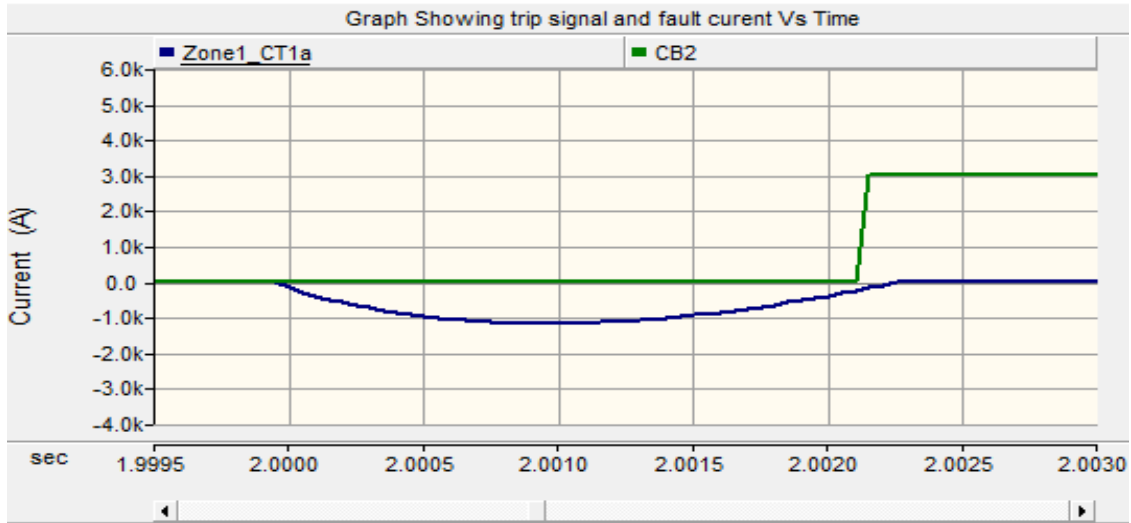


Figure 4.6 Trip signal of CB 2 for fault F1

*Fault F2*

A single line to ground fault is applied on phase A at 2 seconds near F2. Trip generation time to isolate the fault and the fault current magnitudes are shown below. Since fault is applied in zone 2, CB2 and CB3 act to isolate the fault. Figure 4.7 and Figure 4.8 show the trip signal of breakers CB2 and CB3.

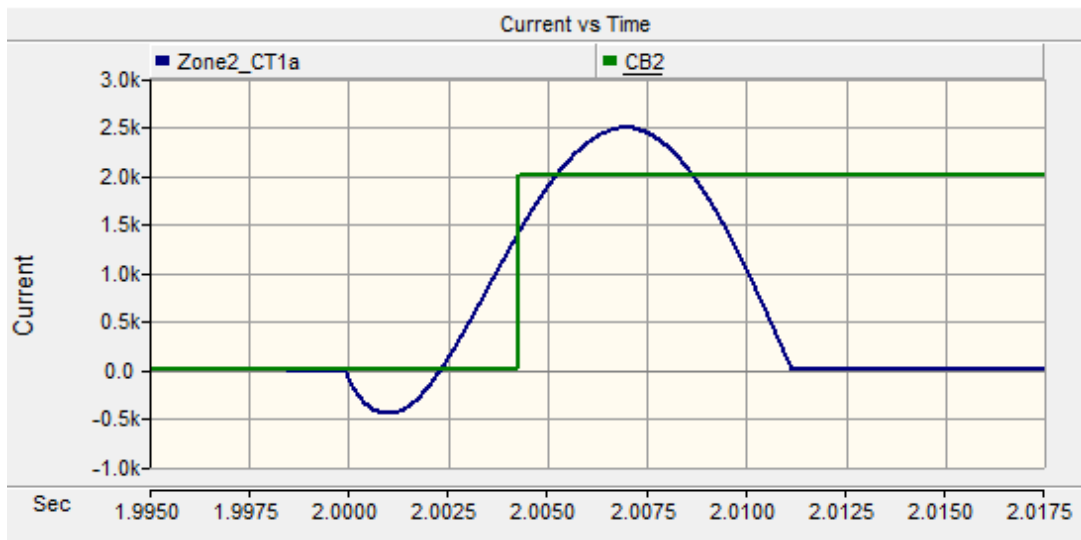


Figure 4.7 Trip signal of CB2 for fault F2

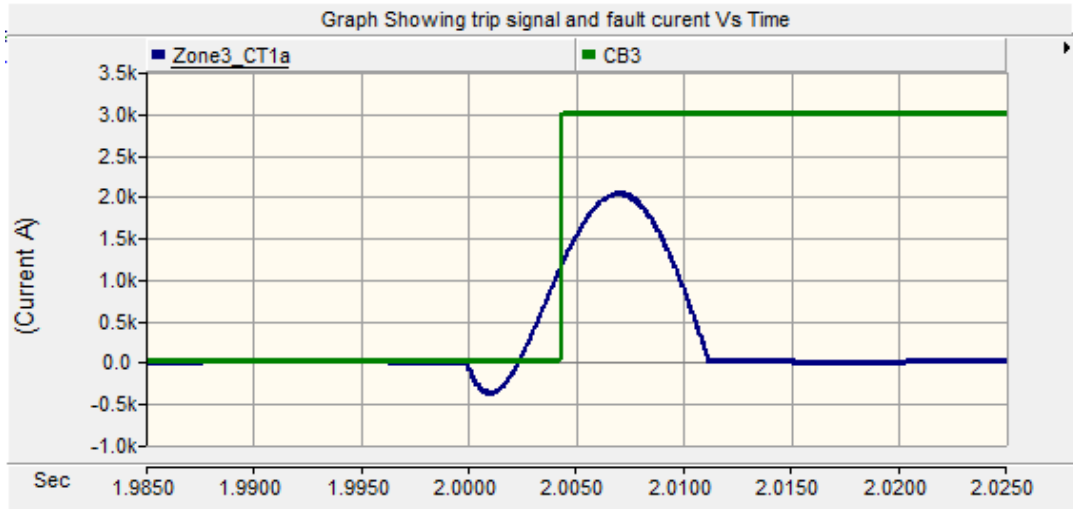


Figure 4.8 Trip signal of CB3 for fault F2

The circuit breaker CB2 operates at 2.0041 s and CB3 operates at 2.002 s. Trip signal to the circuit breaker CB2 is generated at 2.0041 s. Operation of the breaker takes place at the next zero crossing of the current to clear the fault. The trip signal generated in the simulation has a magnitude of 1. In-order to represent the decline of the fault current against the trip signal the magnitude is scaled to 3000.

#### *Fault F3*

A single line to ground fault is applied on phase A near F3 at 2 seconds. Trip generation time to isolate the fault and the fault current magnitudes are shown below. Since the fault is applied in zone 3, CB3 and CB4 act to isolate the fault. Figure 4.9 and Figure 4.10 show the trip signal of CB3 and CB4. CB3 operates at 2.003 s and CB4 operates at 2.0023 s. All the circuit breakers operate at first zero crossing of the fault current.

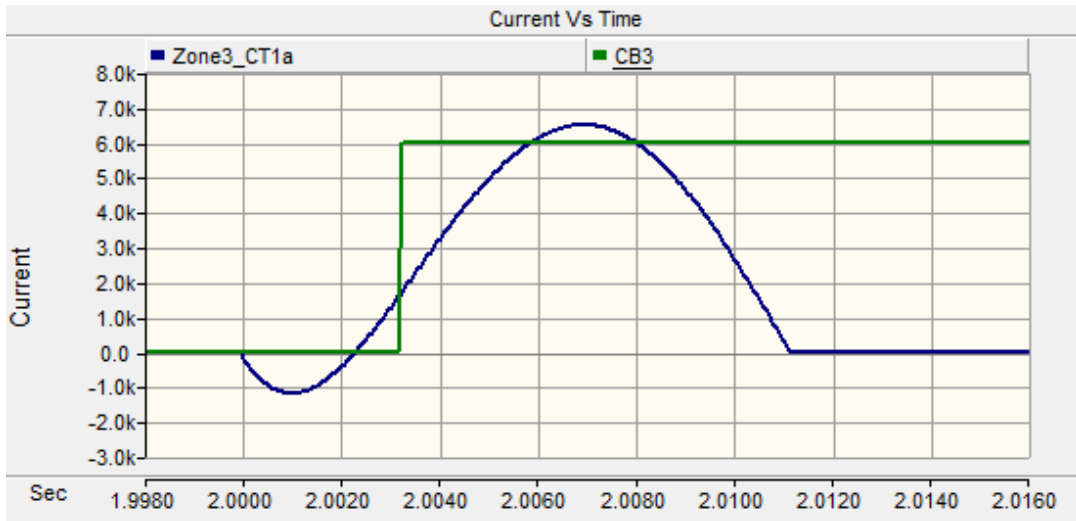


Figure 4.9 Trip signal of CB3 for fault at F3

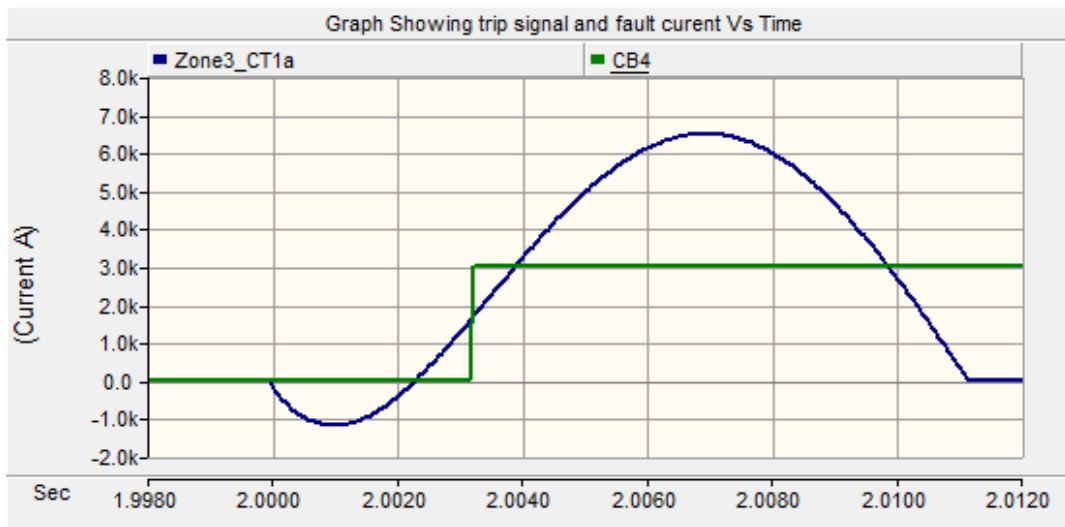


Figure 4.10 Trip signal of CB4 for fault at F3

Pilot protection scheme is very expensive when compared to the conventional protection methods like over current and distance. But, pilot differential protection is applied to few distribution feeders and transmission lines which carry significant amount of power due to its fast clearing ability and robustness. The above described method can be used for looped distribution networks with multiple sources as well as for the transmission systems.

#### 4.4 Hardware Implementation

Commercial Schweitzer relay SEL-351S is used to implement the pilot directional algorithm. Figure 4.11 shows the single line diagram of a three phase test bed used for hardware implementation.

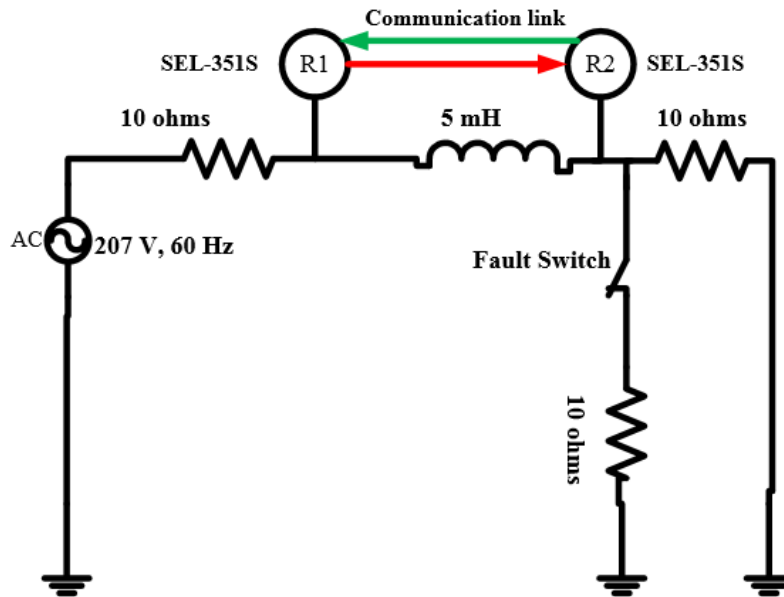


Figure 4.11 Single line diagram of the hardware test bed

##### *Hardware description*

A 10 ohm resistor and 5 mH inductor connected in series is used to represent the line impedance of a feeder with a load of 10 ohm resistor. A three phase 208 V 60Hz is used as the power supply. A SLG fault is applied using 'fault switch' as shown in the above picture with a fault resistor of 10 ohm. 100:5 CT's are used to supply line currents to relays R1 and R2. 1:1 isolation transformers are used as voltage inputs to both the relays. SEL-2814 fiber-optic transceiver (serial to fiber interface) is used as a communication device with fiber optic cable as the medium between the relays. Current in the test bed during



normal operation is 5 A but, when fault is created by turning ON the switch, current in phase A jumps to 8 A.

#### *Directional elements*

$R_{32Q}$  and  $F_{32Q}$  are the negative-sequence voltage polarized directional elements used to determine fault current direction [5]. During the normal operation both the bits stay low. But, during a forward fault to a relay  $F_{32Q}$  goes high while  $R_{32Q}$  stays idle and vice-versa. Their operation is similar to the method as explained in the previous section. Relays calculate the negative sequence impedance to determine the direction of fault current.

#### *Mirrored bit communication and protection algorithm*

Mirrored bit communication is the protocol used for communication between the relays. Since the test bed used is a radial system, the fault current direction is from only one end. Forward element of R1 ( $F_{32Q}$ ) is compared with forward element of R2 and reverse element ( $R_{32Q}$ ) of R1 is compared with reverse element of R2 to determine the fault current direction. The  $F_{32Q}$  element of R1 is transmitted as a mirrored bit to R2 and the  $F_{32Q}$  of R2 is transmitted to R1. When both of them are high, fault is located at the end of R2 and the relay is programmed to trip when it receives high signal from R1. Figure 4.12 depicts the communication method using mirrored bits [5] and [62].

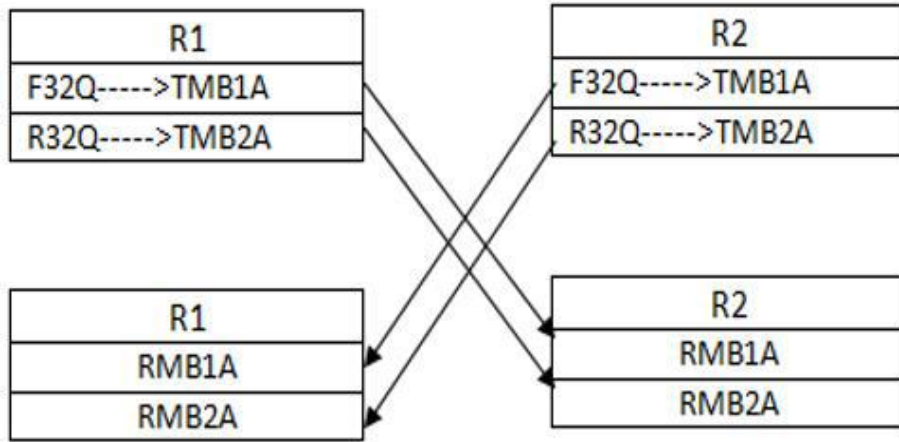


Figure 4.12 Mirrored bit communication

Mirrored bits are transferred between the relays for every quarter cycle with a sampling frequency of 128 Hz [61]. Figure 4.13 shows the hardware experimental setup.

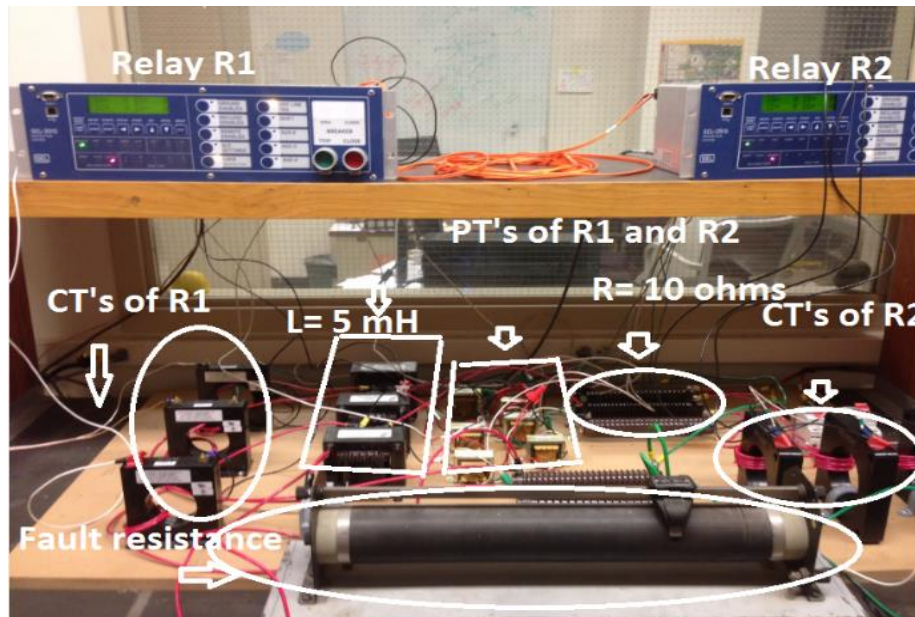


Figure 4.13 Experimental set up for pilot directional protection

Figure 4.14 is generated using the SEL AcSELerator analytic assistant software. It is used to view the trip signal generated against the system parameters.

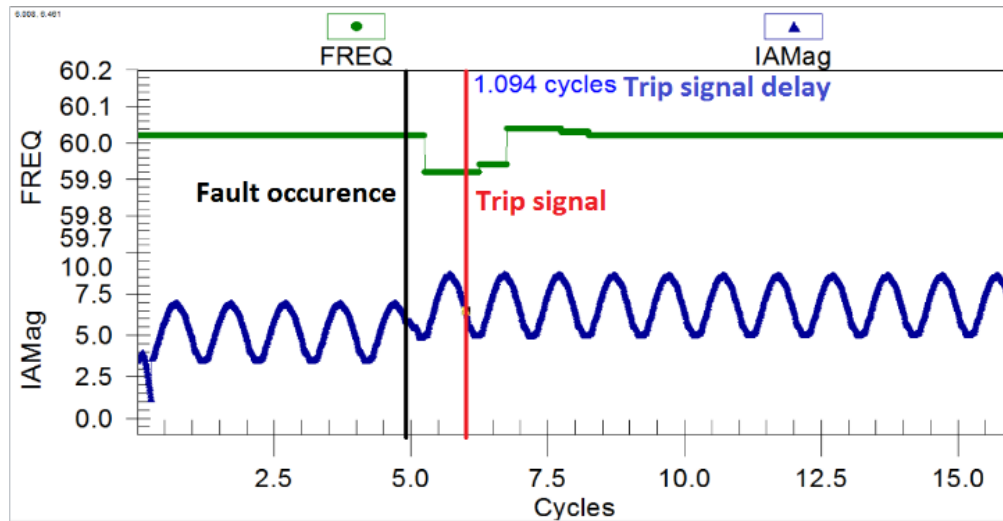


Figure 4.14 Trip signal from acSELErator quikset software of SEL

Figure 4.18 depicts the change in frequency; increase in the magnitude of phase A current and trip signal generation. The time delay between the instance of fault and trip signal generation is found to be 1.094 cycle.

## CHAPTER 5

### VALIDATION OF PILOT DIRECTIONAL SCHEME OVER THE FREEDM SYSTEM ON REAL TIME DIGITAL SIMULATOR (RTDS)

Pilot directional scheme is applied over the FREEDM loop modeled on RTDS system of Center for Advanced Power Systems (CAPS). Figure 5.1 shows the 7 load FREEDM system developed by MS&T and the rating of the system is 2 MVA. The generator data, system line impedance values and the transformer data are shown in the Appendix C.

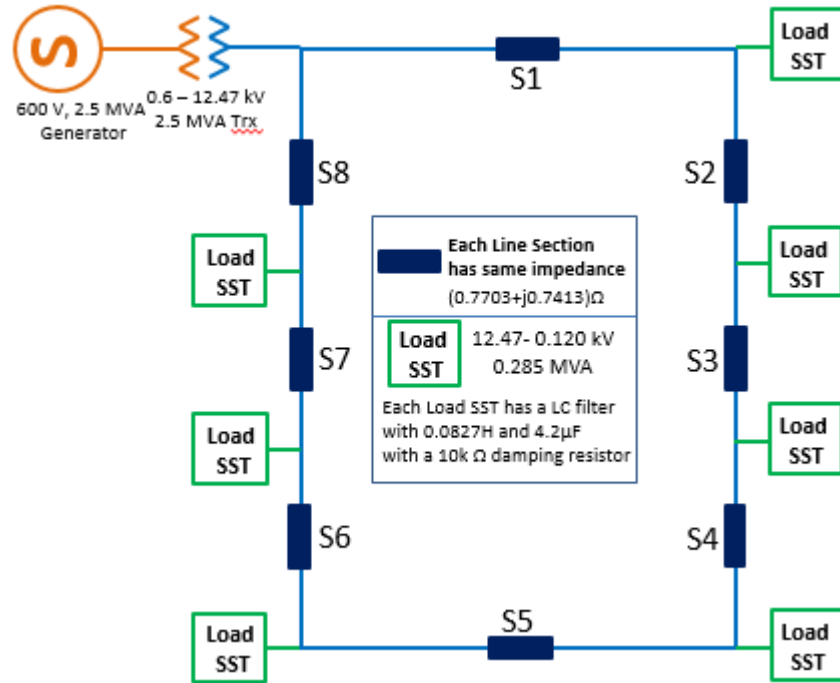


Figure 5.1 7 load FREEDM system developed by MS&T

Figure 5.2 shows the system on RTDS with a breaker in each section. Only one breaker is employed per section and the relays are set up at breaker 2 and breaker 3. The system is fully loaded to assess the fault detecting capability of the protection system.

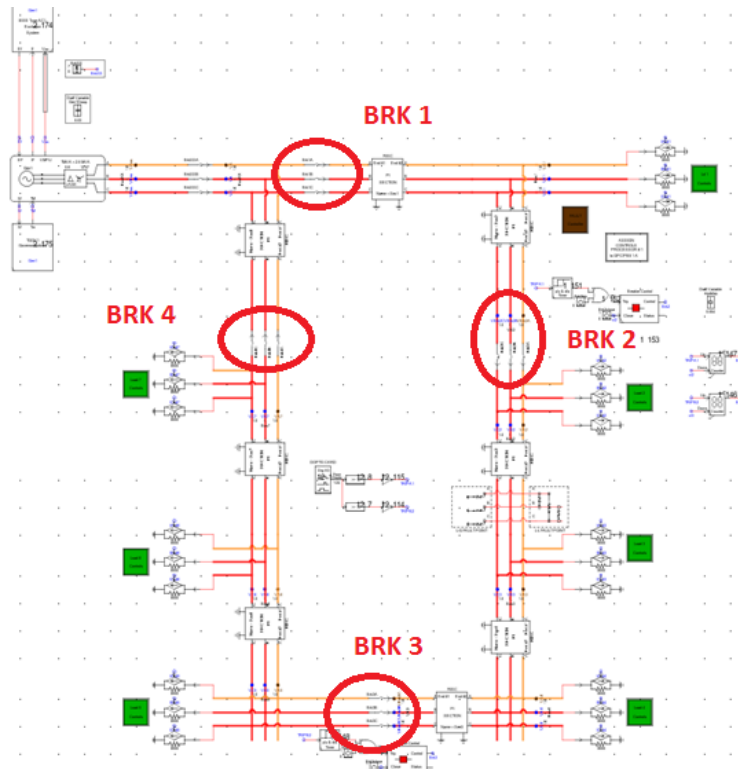


Figure 5.2 7 load FREEDM system modeled on RTDS

RTDS outputs the system voltage and currents in terms of voltage (AC or DC depending on the system) with a maximum scale of 10 V. It's output is interfaced to the low voltage input of SEL 351 relay to measure to the system operating parameters. Relays are connected at breaker 2 and breaker 3 locations. The fault location is chosen in between breaker 2 and breaker 3 close to breaker 2 to simulate the worst case condition as the voltage input to the relay plummets to zero during fault. Extensive study is done on trip signal generation by applying 11 types of faults which includes single line to ground, double line to ground, line to line, three phase to ground (ABC-G) and three phase line faults (ABC-LLL) at  $0^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$ . Following graphs show the fault current, system voltage and the trip signal of breaker 2 and breaker 3. Relay settings are modified according to the RTDS system parameters and operating conditions.

### 5.1 ABC to ground fault at zero degrees of phase A current

Figure 5.3 shows the trip signal of breaker 2 and the fault currents.

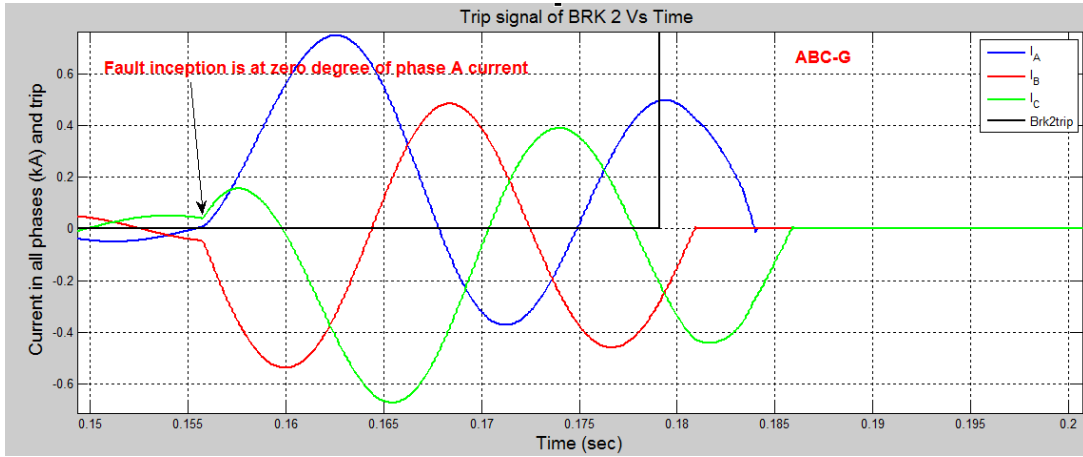


Figure 5.3 Trip signal of CB2 for 3 phase to ground fault

Time taken for the relay 2 to generate trip signal is 23.7 msec from the time of fault.

Figure 5.4 shows the system voltage near breaker 2 when the fault is cleared.

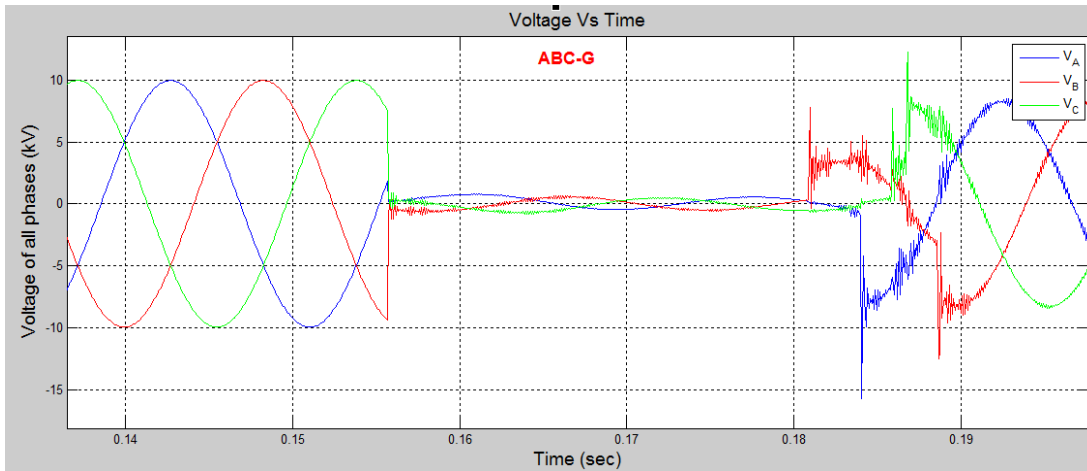


Figure 5.4 Voltage seen by relay during 3 phase fault

Figure 5.5 shows the trip signal of breaker 3.

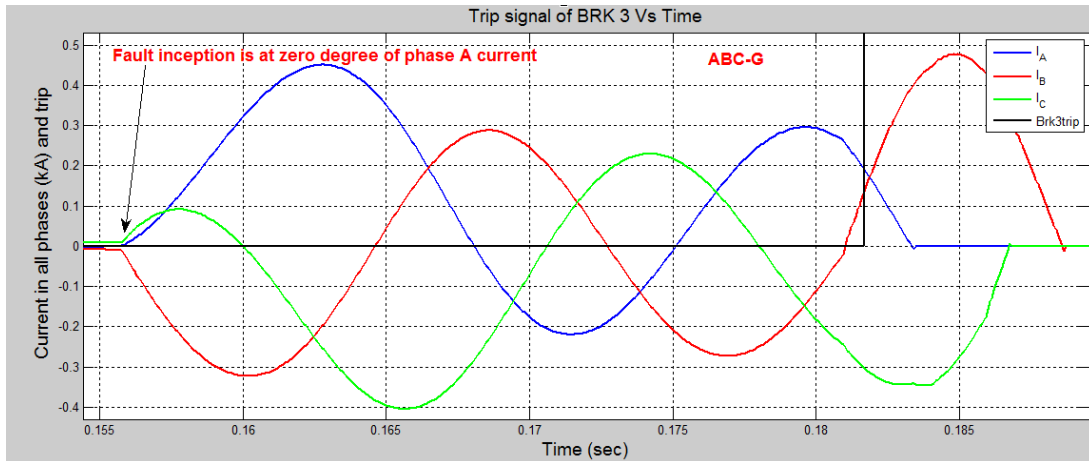


Figure 5.5 Trip signal of CB3 for 3 phase to ground fault

Time taken for the relay 3 to generate trip signal is 25.8 msec from the time of fault. The above graphs show the validation of the protection scheme an ABC to ground fault. The basic foundation of the protection algorithm is to detect the fault location (directionality property) using the negative sequence impedance. Negative sequence and zero sequence components are negligible (very less) during a 3 phase to ground fault and only positive sequence currents flow in the system. In addition to this, the entire voltage of the loop momentarily goes to zero during a three phase fault (bolted ground fault) and the relay has no input voltage to operate. Relay uses memory voltage to detect three phase faults. Memory voltage is the momentary voltage which the relay stores before the voltage of all phases goes to zero. Relay uses this memory voltage and positive sequence components (F 32P element) to determine the fault location.

Figure 5.6 shows the phase currents, phase voltages, sequence components during fault in the system. It can be seen that the negative sequence current and zero sequence currents are very less when compared to positive sequence currents in the system. Relay uses the positive sequence current and memory voltage to determine the direction.

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      A      B      C      3P
MW      0.004  0.004  0.004  0.013
MVAR    0.000  0.000  0.000  0.001
PF      0.998  0.996  0.998  0.997
      LAG    LAG    LAG    LAG

      I1     3I2     3I0     V1     V2     3V0
MAG      36.457  0.140  2.639  0.118  0.000  0.002
ANG (DEG) -4.31  24.15  150.47 -0.16  -52.70  144.67

FREQ (Hz) 60.02          VDC (V) 0.5

=>>MET

FEEDER 1          Date: 04/24/14   Time: 08:07:02.550
STATION A

      A      B      C      N      G
I MAG (A) 197.545  214.176  202.498  0.095  13.554
I ANG (DEG) 0.00  -120.95  119.26  -146.91  -148.81

      A      B      C      S
V MAG (KV) 0.033  0.031  0.033  0.000
V ANG (DEG) 67.12  -55.15  -172.04  0.00

      A      B      C      3P
MW      0.003  0.003  0.002  0.008
MVAR    0.006  0.006  0.006  0.018
PF      0.389  0.410  0.363  0.387
      LAG    LAG    LAG    LAG

      I1     3I2     3I0     V1     V2     3V0
MAG      204.735  16.513  13.554  0.032  0.001  0.003
ANG (DEG) -0.58  127.02  -148.81  66.69  28.73  169.00

FREQ (Hz) 60.00          VDC (V) 0.5

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Figure 5.6 File generated from acSELerator quickset for 3 phase fault

## 5.2 ABC-LLL fault at zero degree of phase A current

Figure 5.7 shows the trip signal of breaker 2 and fault current.

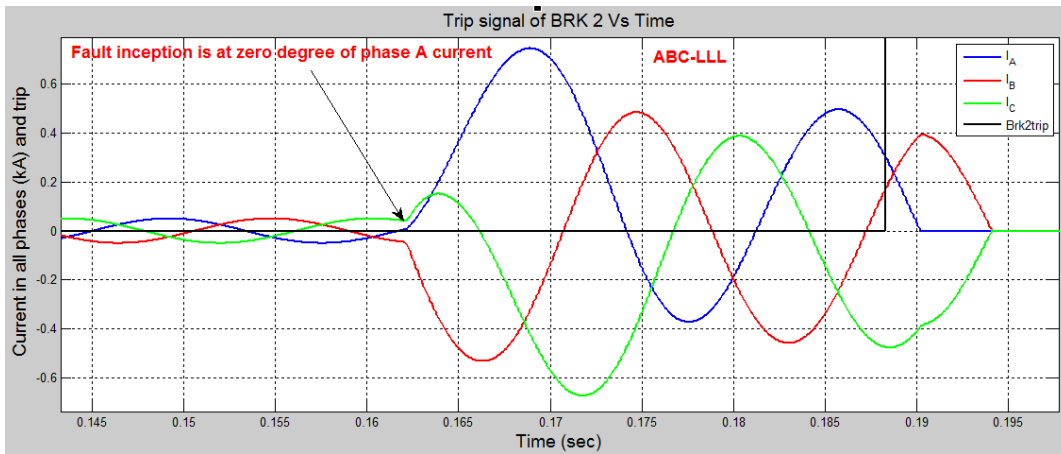


Figure 5.7 Trip signal of CB2 for ABC-LLL fault

Time taken by relay 2 to generate trip signal is 26.4 msec. Figure 5.8 shows the system voltage near breaker 2 during fault and Figure 5.9 shows trip signal of breaker 3.



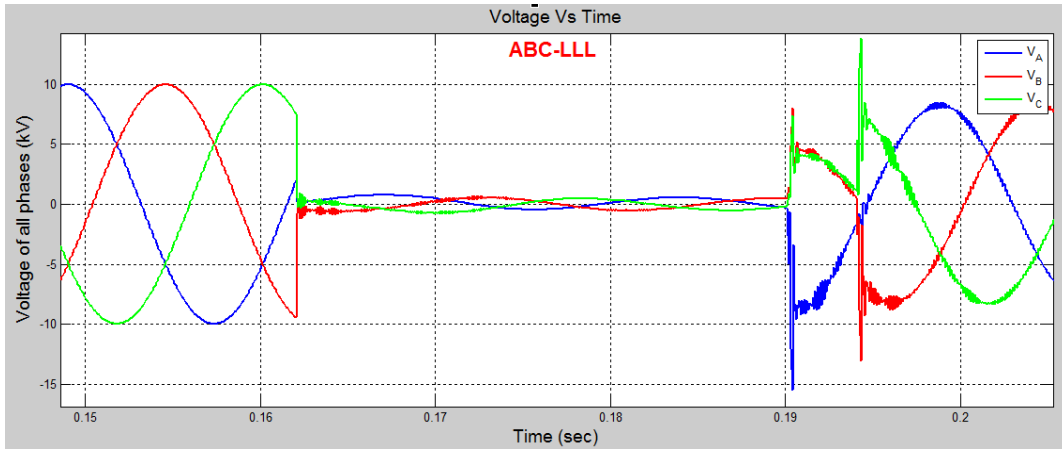


Figure 5.8 Voltage seen by relay for ABC-LLL fault

Figure 5.9 shows trip signal of breaker 3 and fault current.

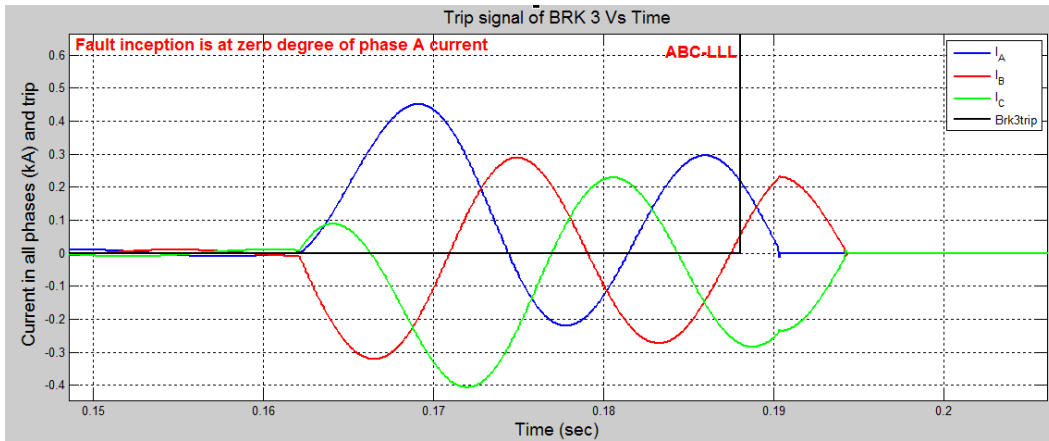


Figure 5.9 Trip signal of CB3 for ABC-LLL fault

Time taken by relay 3 to generate trip signal is 26.2 msec. Graphs for the rest of the fault types and fault angles are shown in the appendix A. Table 5.1 and Table 5.2 show the trip time for all faults at different fault angles for breaker 2 and breaker 3.

Table 5.1 BRK 2 trip times for different fault angles

Fault type	0 degree	90 degree	180 degree	270 degree
SLG-A	23.7 msec	22.2 msec	26.8 msec	26.5 msec
SLG-B	20 msec	23.3 msec	26.8 msec	21.7 msec
SLG-C	31.4 msec	25.7 msec	27.9 msec	28.2 msec
ABC-G	23.78 msec	23.4 msec	23.8 msec	24.7 msec
AB (LL)	25.5 msec	20.4 msec	24 msec	27.2 msec
BC (LL)	25.9 msec	26.1 msec	25.5 msec	31.1 msec
CA (LL)	26.9 msec	28.4 msec	31.5 msec	20.5 msec
AB-G	24.9 msec	20 msec	25.6 msec	25.3 msec
BC-G	21.1 msec	29.8 msec	23.1 msec	33.5 msec
CA-G	24.2 msec	29.2 msec	27.6 msec	25.9 msec
ABC-LLL	26.4 msec	20.2 msec	19.6 msec	23.4 msec

Table 5.2 BRK 3 trip times for different fault angles

Fault Type	0 degrees	90 degrees	180 degrees	270 degrees
SLG A	40.1 msec	36.7 msec	28.4 msec	27.8 msec
SLG B	28.3 msec	35.1 msec	39.3 msec	41 msec
SLG C	35.8 msec	59.2 msec	27.4 msec	28.2 msec
ABC-G	25.8 msec	23 msec	24.8 msec	38.3 msec
AB (LL)	26.4 msec	29.9 msec	36.9 msec	35.3 msec
BC (LL)	45.36 msec	37.3 msec	42.1 msec	26.6 msec
CA (LL)	35.7 msec	37.3 msec	39.8 msec	36.19 msec
AB-G	20.1 msec	31.8 msec	32.9 msec	23 msec
BC-G	27.2 msec	56.9 msec	20.2 msec	55.4 msec
CA-G	42.2 msec	38.2 msec	41 msec	30.9 msec
ABC-LLL	26.2 msec	27.2 msec	22.5 msec	35.4 msec

Time taken by the relays to detect fault is in between 1.25 to 2.37 cycles. These results are obtained from the 7 load RTDS FREEDM model when actual relays are used. This is the only protection model that has been validated for the complete FREEDM loop unlike the pilot differential protection which has been validated on a simple radial system.

## CHAPTER 6

### PMU BASED PROTECTION

Voltage phase angles are the primary variables that get affected during an event in power system. Effective monitoring of these variables could help the power system operators to respond quickly during unexpected contingencies. In this method the variation of voltage phase angle during a fault is used as a deciding factor to trip the breakers. The voltage phase angle difference between the ends of a transmission line is compared to a predefined value and the comparison is done only when the current magnitude is higher than 120 % of full load current and voltage magnitude is below 80 % of the rated value. The predefined value is the voltage phase angle difference between the ends of a transmission line during maximum power flow. The calculations for pre-set values are shown in the appendix D.

A PMU is installed in every section of the loop to monitor the synchrophasor data. Typically PMU's are available in the modern digital relays and can be used to record the synchrophasors. No additional device is added to monitor the synchrophasors, but the PMU in the relay is enabled. Figure 6.1 shows location of PMU installed on the FREEDM loop system. The absolute value of phase angle difference during maximum allowable power flow between PMU1 and PMU 2 is 14.74 degrees, between PMU 2 and PMU 3 is 7.63 degrees, between PMU 3 and PMU 4 is 16.8261 degree, between PMU 4 and PMU 1 is 9.7484 degrees.

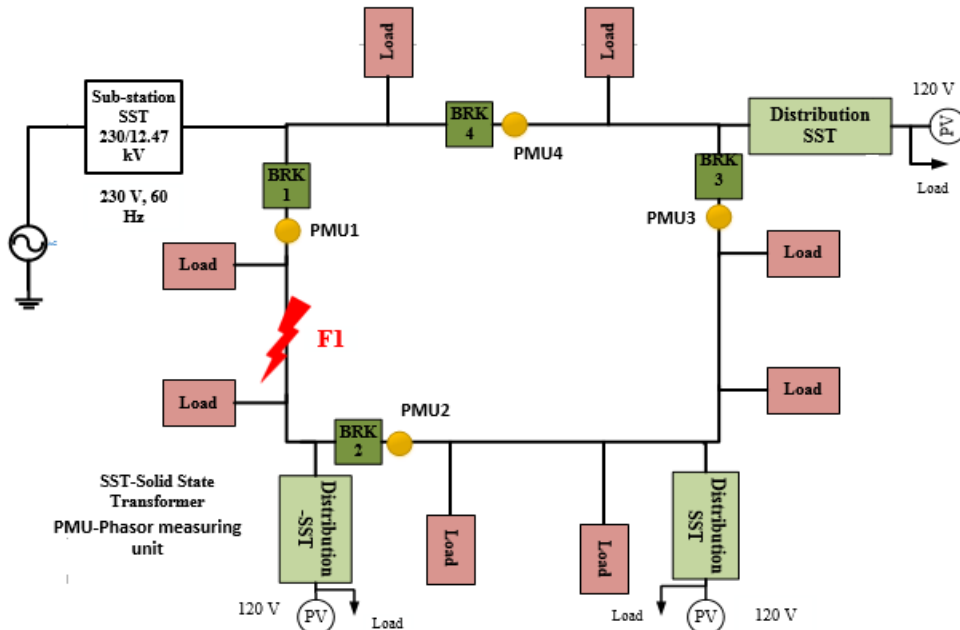


Figure 6.1 FREEDM system showing PMU location

6.1 Single line to ground fault on phase A near F1 at 2 seconds

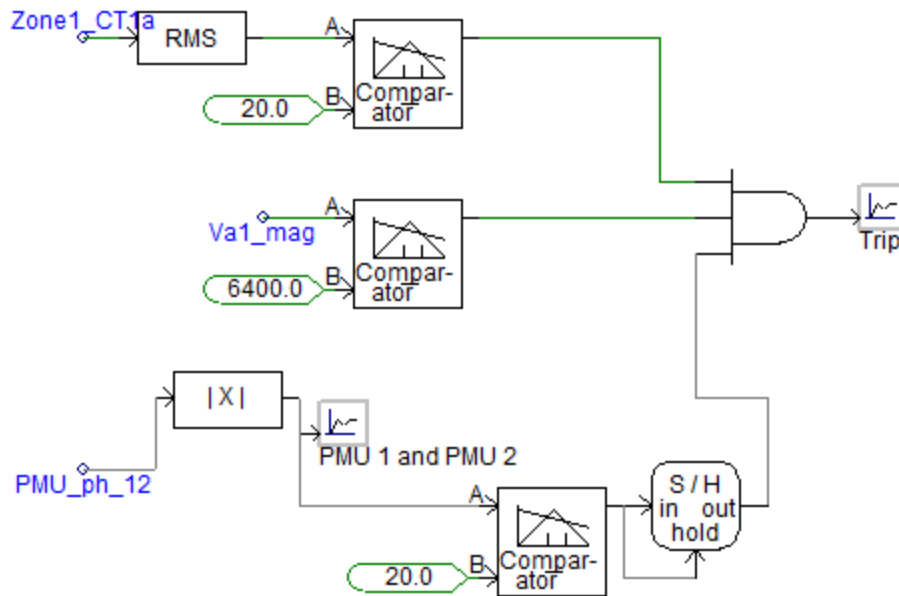


Figure 6.2 Logic to detect an event using synchrophasor measurements

Figure 6.2 shows the algorithm using voltage phase angle data to detect faults. Normal operating current in the loop is around 15 A and the current in the system is compared to 120 % of the nominal current (approximately 20 A). The nominal phase

voltage of the system is 7.19 kV and voltage magnitude of a phase is compared to 6400 V (around 85 % of the actual value). During a fault, the voltage of the system goes below the operating value and the current magnitude shoots higher than the normal current. The above must be met to guarantee the existence of fault in the system. The voltage phase angle difference of phase A between PMU 1 and PMU 2 is compared to a predefined value 20 degrees (determined from the voltage phase angle difference during maximum power flow). During any event, the phase angle difference fluctuates and finally settles to a new value. The output of the voltage comparator, current magnitude comparator and voltage phase angle difference comparator is given to an AND logic. Following graphs show the variation of voltage phase angle difference between PMU 1 and PMU 2, PMU 2 and PMU 3, PMU 3 and PMU 4, PMU 4 and PMU 1.

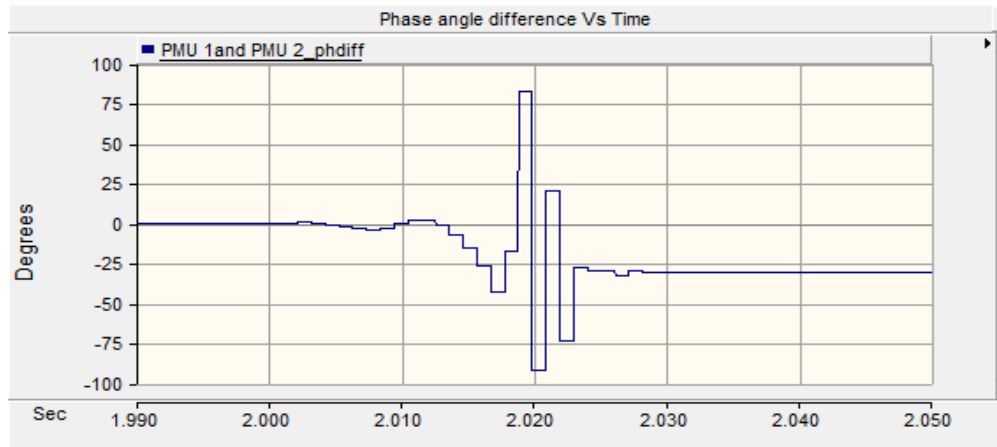


Figure 6.3 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 1 and PMU 2 for a SLG fault

In Figure 6.3 it can be seen that for a fault at 2 seconds, the voltage phase angle difference deviates from its initial value and settles at around -30 degrees. The absolute value of voltage phase angle difference is compared to the threshold value to determine the

fault condition. Figure 6.4 shows the absolute value of voltage phase angle difference of phase A between PMU 1 and PMU 2.

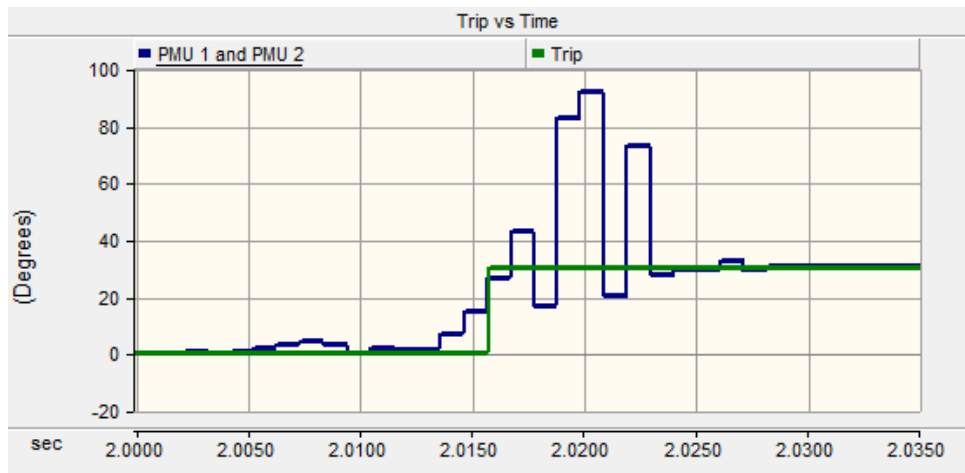


Figure 6.4 Absolute value of voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 1 and PMU 2 for a SLG fault

The time taken to generate the trip signal is around 15.5 msec and it does not include the communication delay to transfer the phase angle information between the relays. Figure 6.5 shows the variation of voltage phase angle difference of phase A between PMU 2 and PMU 3.

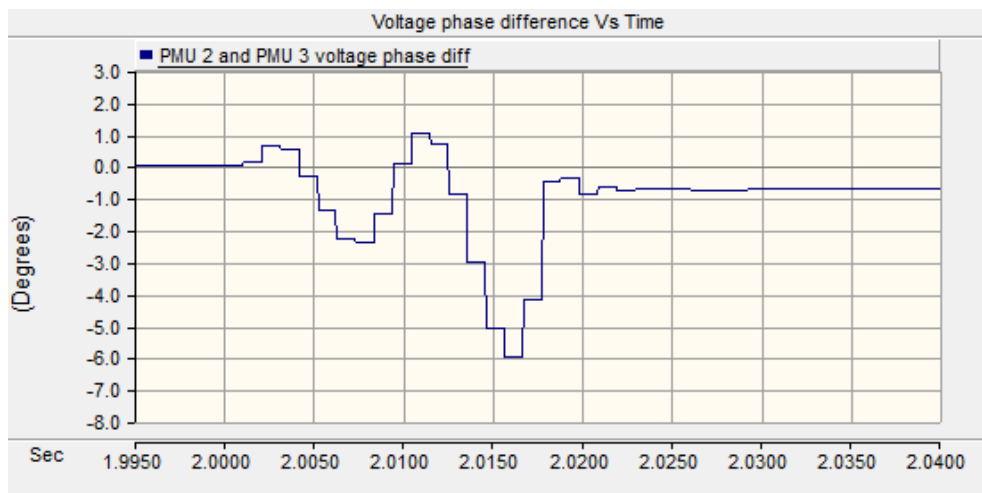


Figure 6.5 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 2 and PMU 3 for a SLG fault

Figure 6.6 and Figure 6.7 show the variation of voltage phase angle difference of phase A between PMU 3 and PMU 4, PMU 4 and PMU 1.

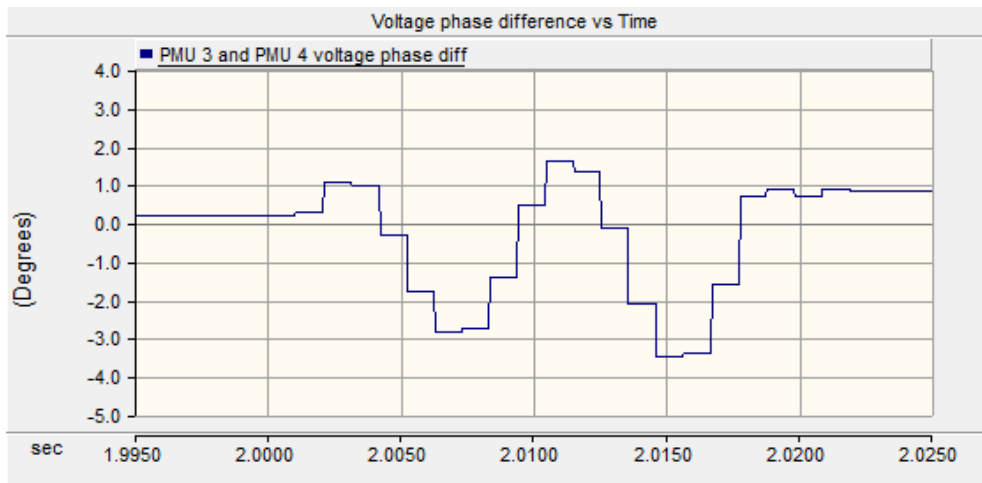


Figure 6.6 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 3 and PMU 4 for a SLG fault

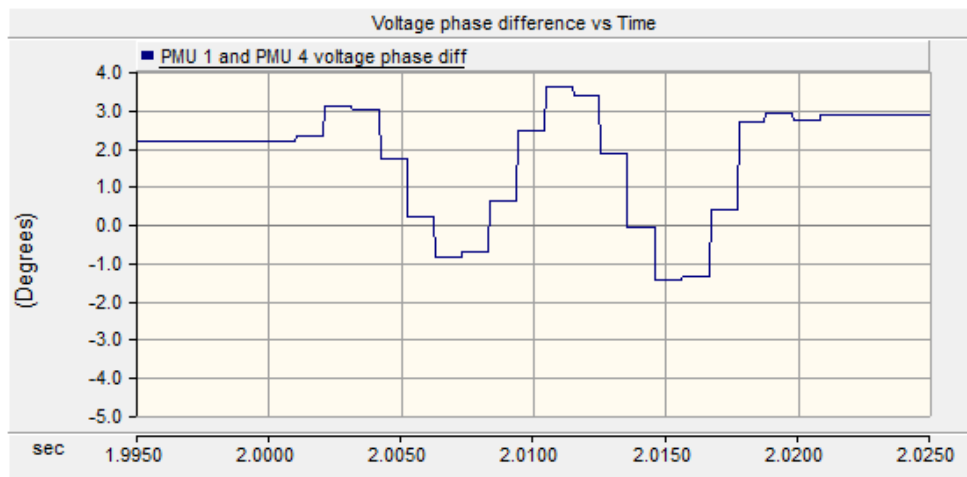


Figure 6.7 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 4 and PMU 1 for a SLG fault

In Figure 6.5, Figure 6.6 and Figure 6.7 it can be seen that the variation of phase angle difference between PMU's is not more than 6 degrees during fault which is less than the phase difference during maximum allowable power flow. This ensures that other

breakers are not operated other than breaker 1 and breaker 2 for a fault at F1. Figure 6.8 shows the decrease of current in zone 1 when fault F1 is cleared by breakers.

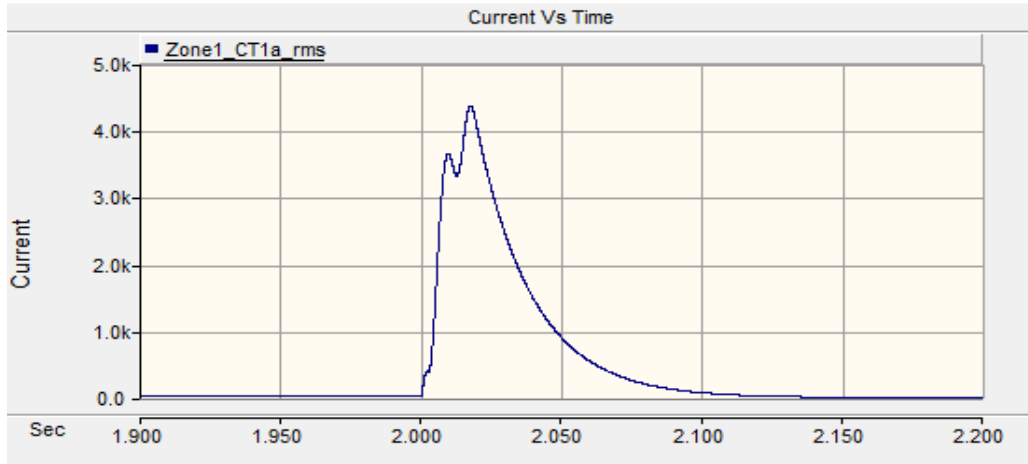


Figure 6.8 Decrease in fault current due to the isolation of fault

### 6.2 3 phase to ground fault near F1 at 2 seconds

Figure 6.9 shows the variation of voltage phase angle difference of phase A between PMU1 and PMU 2 for a 3 phase to ground fault at F1. The phase difference settles to 30 degrees during fault condition.

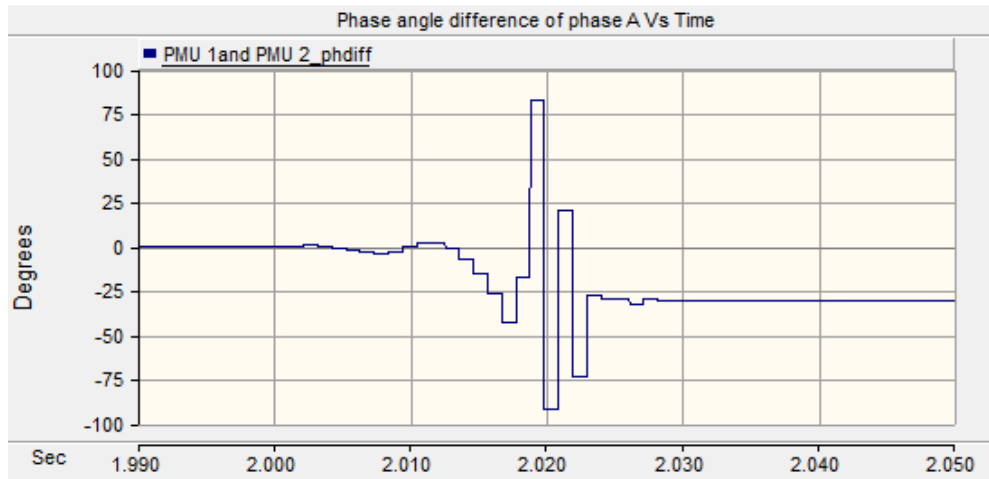


Figure 6.9 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 1 and PMU 2 for ABC-G fault



Figure 6.10 shows the variation of voltage phase of phase B between PMU 1 and PMU 2 for a 3 phase to ground fault. The voltage phase angle undergoes a huge transition and settles at 300 degrees.

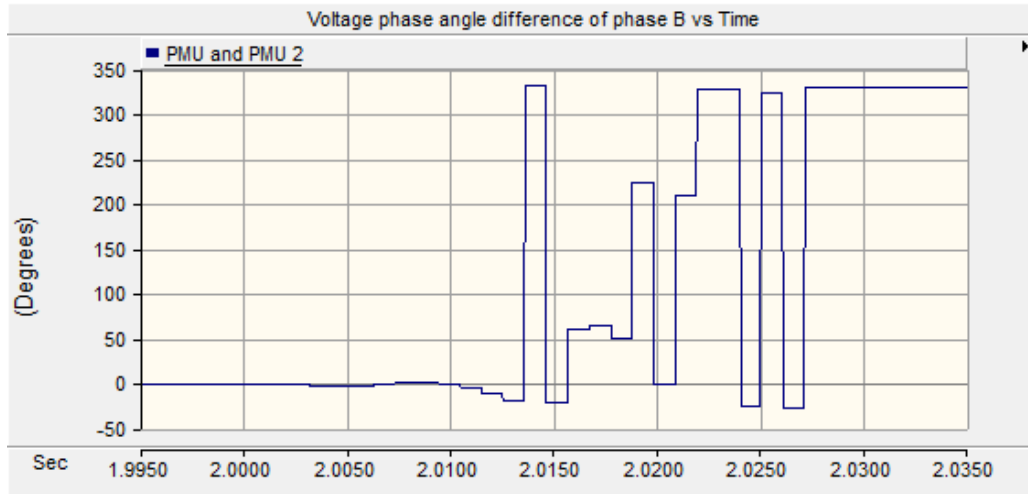


Figure 6.10 Voltage phase difference of phase B between PMU 1 and PMU 2 for ABC-G fault

Figure 6.11 shows the voltage phase angle difference of phase C between PMU 1 and PMU 2. The phase difference settles to 40 degrees during fault.

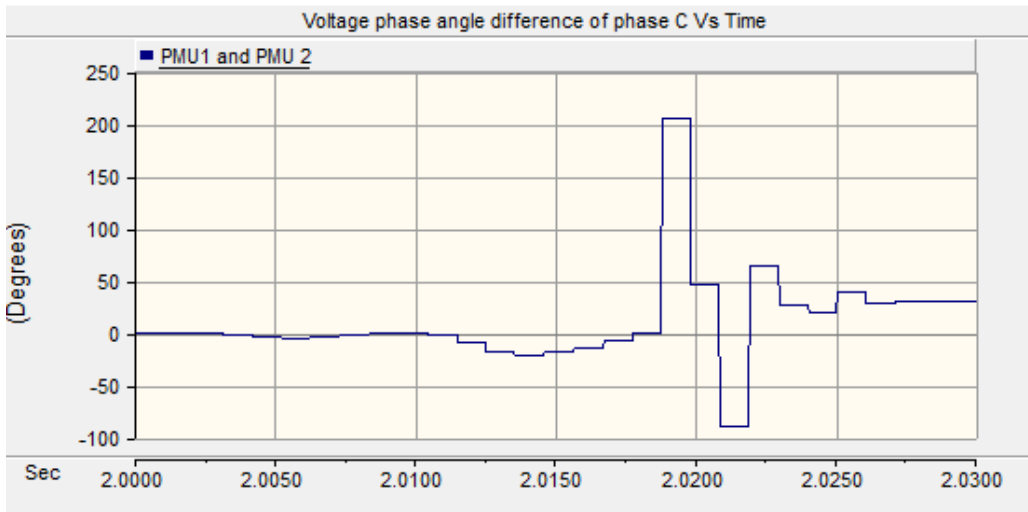


Figure 6.11 Voltage phase difference of phase C between PMU 1 and PMU 2 for ABC-G fault

Figure 6.12 shows the trip signal generation using the same algorithm used for single line to ground faults. The logic to detect 3 phase to ground fault is same as to detecting a single line to ground fault as the variation of phase angle difference of phase A is similar.

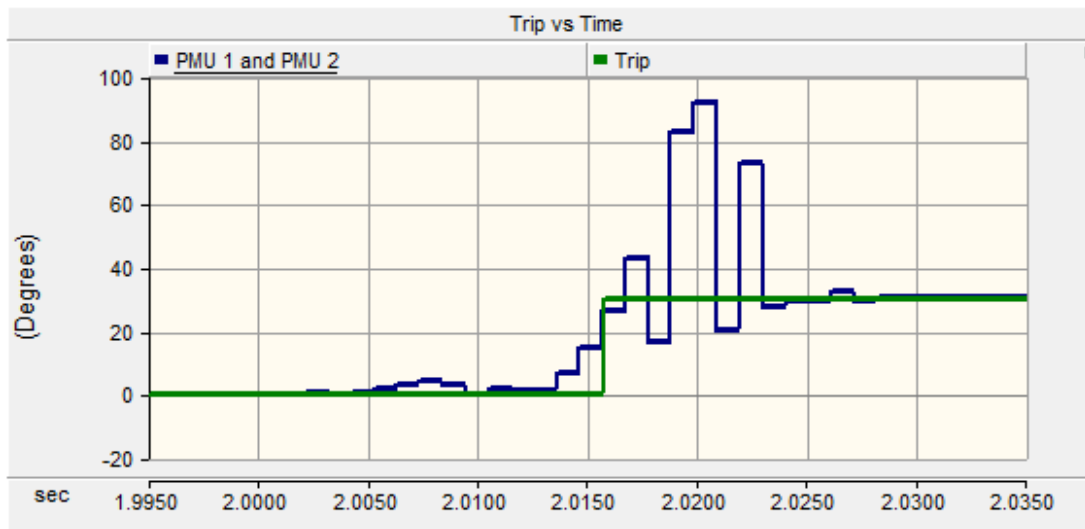


Figure 6.12 Trip signal generated from PMU 1 and PMU 2 data

Figure 6.13, Figure 6.14 and Figure 6.15 shows the variation of voltage phase angle difference of phase A between PMU's in healthy part of the system.

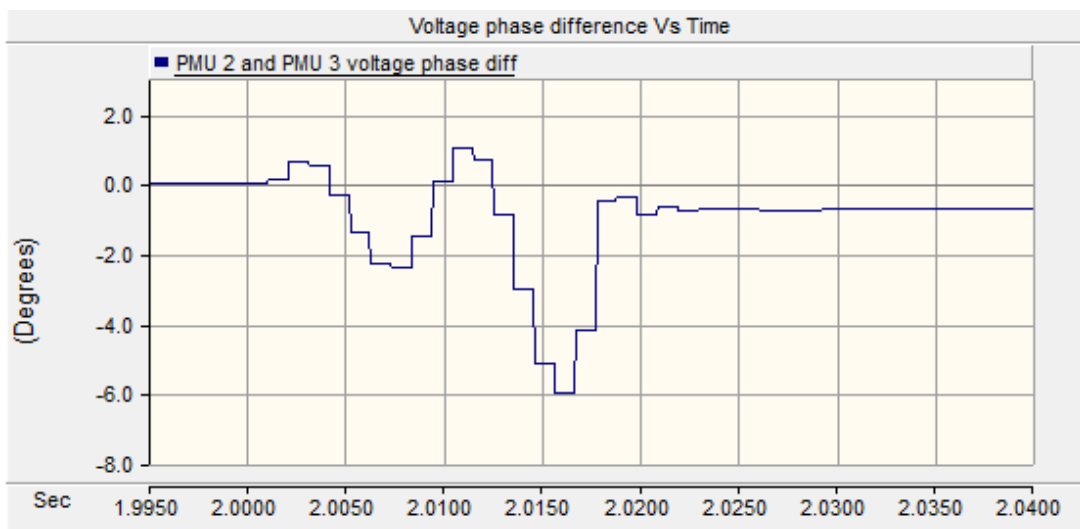


Figure 6.13 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 2 and PMU 3 for ABC-G fault

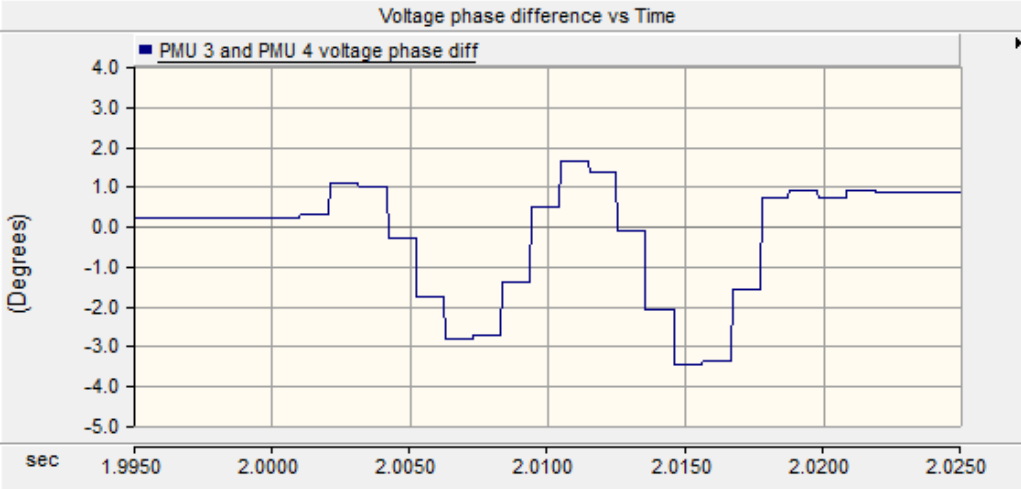


Figure 6.14 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 3 and PMU 4 for ABC-G fault

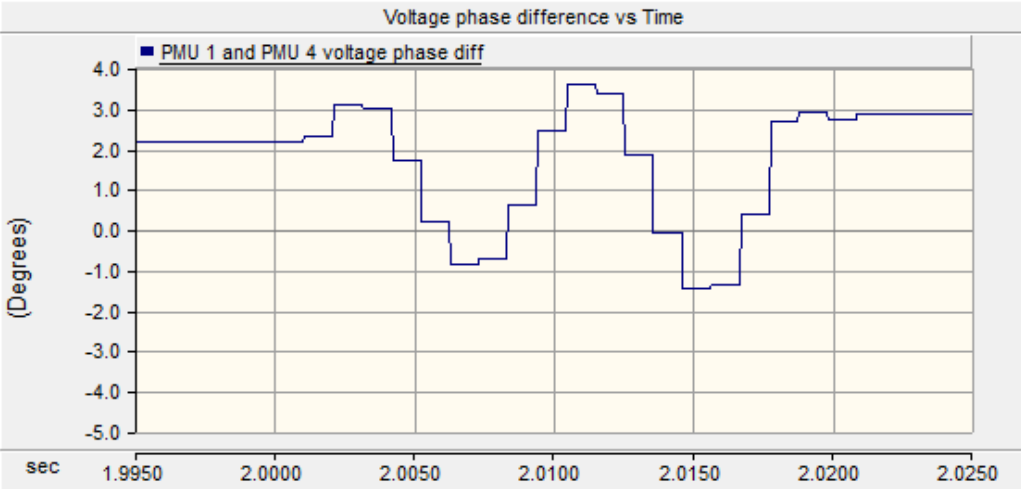


Figure 6.15 Voltage phase difference of phase A between PMU 4 and PMU 1 for ABC-G fault

The above graphs show that the phase angle difference during fault does not go beyond 6 degrees which is less than the phase angle difference during maximum power flow. This ensures there is no false tripping of other breakers. Similar operation is observed for line to line faults.

Power electronic converters impact the voltage magnitude, current magnitude and voltage phase angle to facilitate bi-directional power flow in the loop. During faults the substation SST in the loop voluntarily reduces the system voltage to limit the fault current to 2 per unit. Substation SST controls only the voltage magnitude and current magnitude but does not influence the voltage phase angle during a fault. Due to this peculiar operation PMU based protection is highly reliable where other protection schemes fail to detect faults (assuming no failure in communication channel).

### 6.3 Hardware implementation

A three phase test bed is used to implement the above algorithm and generate the trip signal based on the variation of the voltage phase angle difference. Two 351S relays are used to collect the synchrophasor data from the ends of test bed. The synchrophasor data obtained is time stamped with a satellite enabled GPS clock SEL 2407 (IRIG-B signal). The collected synchrophasor data is passed onto the synchro-vector processor SEL 3378 (SVP) which is used to analyze the synchrophasor data. The voltage phase angle information is passed to adjacent SEL 3378 via fiber-optic cable using mirrored bit communication. Thus the phase angle information is passed from one PMU to the other PMU which is used for processing. The relays and synchro-vector processor is programmed in such a way that it computes the voltage phase angle comparison only when the voltage magnitude and current magnitude criteria met.

Inorder to collect, read and process the synchrophasor data SEL 5073, PDC assistant, SVP Configurator and synchrowave central software are required to run simultaneously on the computer. Relays collect the PMU data from the system but they require SEL 5073 software to read the data from the relays onto the synchro vector

processor (SVP). SVP configurator helps in processing and analyzing the data while PDC assistant along with Synchrowave central software helps to view the synchrowave data. All these software are required to run simultaneously to view the real time data. Figure 6.16 shows the block diagram presentation of implementing hardware.

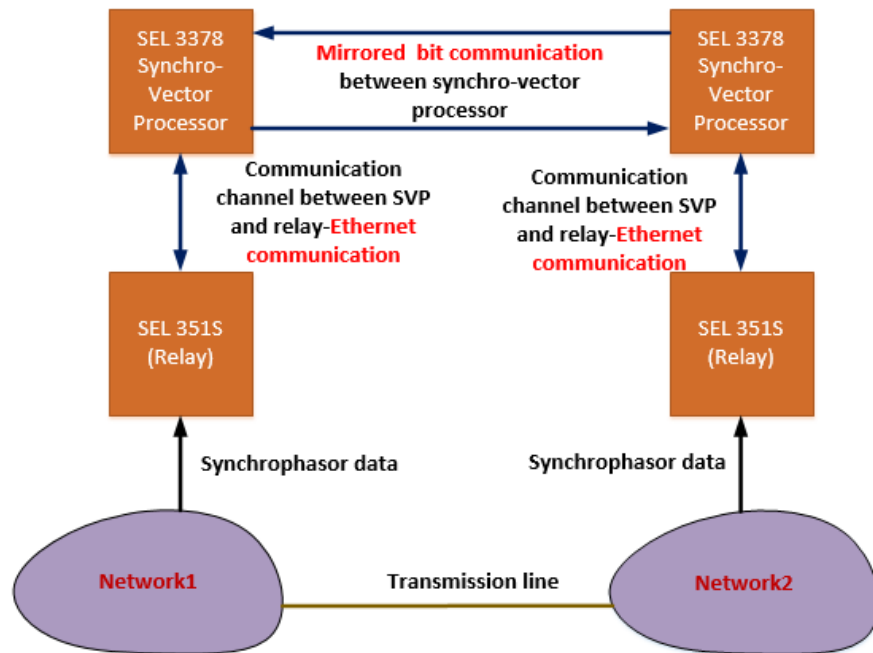


Figure 6.16 Hardware set up for PMU based protection

Relays SEL 351 collects the PMU data from network 1 and network 2. The data is sent into the SEL 3378 (SVP-synchro vector processor) using the ethernet cable. PMU data is transferred between the 3378's via the fiber optic cable using the mirrored bit communication. Once the data processor (SEL 3378) receives the PMU data, it calculates the voltage phase angle difference between the two nodes, if the voltage magnitude goes below a threshold value and the current magnitude goes above a threshold value and sends a trip command to the relays. Program used in SVP configurator to communicate with synchro vector processor is shown in appendix B. Figure 6.17 shows the single line diagram of a 3 phase test bed on which testing is carried out.

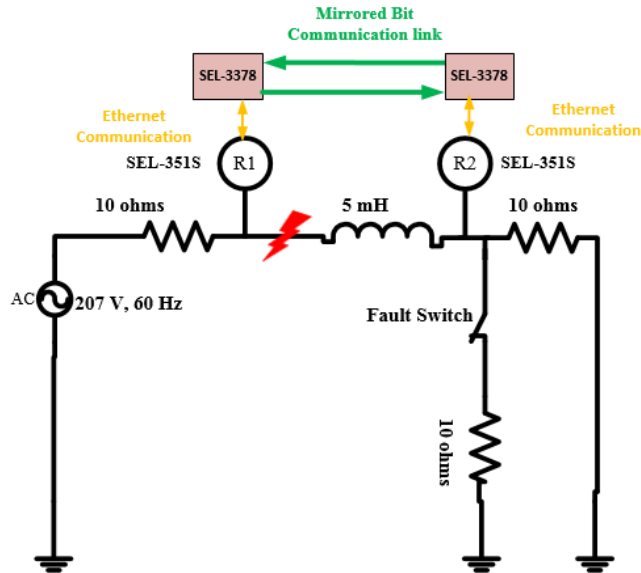


Figure 6.17 Single line diagram of 3 phase test bed used in hardware implementation

Fault is applied in between 10 ohm and 5 mH reactor and the voltage phase between the relay locations are monitored in the same way as explained above. Figure 6.18 shows the variation of voltage phase from steady state condition of 141 degrees to 25 degrees. Even though the network is a simple radial system with a 3 phase source, the hardware implementation is done to make sure that the voltage phase angles vary as expected in the simulation. A real time testing has to be done on the RTDS system to understand the complete behavior of voltage phase angles during an event.



Figure 6.18 Graph obtained from the synchro vector processor

## CHAPTER 7

### CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

#### 7.1 Conclusions

This research work was aimed at developing protection schemes that could solve the problem of communication in pilot differential protection developed by previous FREEDM students at ASU. Due to the presence of distribution type solid state transformers (SST) the power flow in the system is bi-directional and convention protection schemes cannot be used. The substation SST reduces the voltage of system during faults to limit the fault current to 2 per unit. Because of the reduced fault current magnitude, fast tripping scheme could be compromised. However it is not advisable to allow a fault to persistent for a longer duration as it will effect the power supply to healthy parts of system. Considering all the operating conditions, three protection schemes have been developed. Following are the various conclusions drawn from this research work.

- Time inverse directional over-current (TIDOC) protection is developed using directionality and time inverse characteristics with proper coordination of relays in the looped system.
- TIDOC protection could be used as a reliable back-up scheme when the communication system fails, as it does not require communication channel to detect and sectionalize the fault in a loop system with multiple sources.
- TIDOC protection has inherent back-up protection when the primary breakers fail to clear the fault. Table 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 show the operation time of relays for faults at various locations and when fault current is chopped at different levels. Relay settings used for the simulation correspond to the actual fault current.

Table 7.1 Fault currents chopped at 1/2 of their peak values

Fault	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4
F1	0.53 s	0.27 s	XXX	XXX
F2	XXX	0.21 s	0.47 s	XXX
F3	XXX	XXX	0.28 s	0.32 s

Table 7.2 Fault currents chopped at 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their peak values

Fault	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4
F1	1.27 s	1.241 s	XXX	XXX
F2	XXX	1.119 s	1.51 s	XXX
F3	XXX	XXX	0.82 s	1.86 s

Table 7.3 Fault currents chopped at 1/6<sup>th</sup> of their peak values

Fault	CB1	CB2	CB3	CB4
F1	2.823 s	Failed to detect	XXX	XXX
F2	XXX	Failed to detect	2.944 s	XXX
F3	XXX	XXX	2.584 s	Failed to detect

To improve the operation time of breakers, time dial settings must be selected corresponding to the chopped value of fault current.

*Pilot directional protection*

- Pilot directional protection uses the direction of fault current to locate the exact fault location. A simple communication system is used to transfer the fault current direction in the form of digital bits to adjacent relays for sectionalizing the fault. Once the fault location is identified current magnitude ( $I_F > 120\% \text{ of } I_{Load}$ ) and voltage magnitude ( $V_{system} < 80\% \text{ of the } V_{rated}$ ) are checked to send trip signal to breakers. Fiber-optic cables are used to transfer the fault location in the form of digital bits between the adjacent SEL relays. The biggest advantage of this method is to use fiber-optic cables and commercial SEL relays which are widely used in industry and can be used for long



distances with little latency. Pilot directional method can be used to protect any looped systems with multiple sources.

- Pilot differential protection requires time stamped current signals (magnitude and phase angle) at every load point. The communication channel should be fast with minimum delay and the data analyzing capability should be very high to accurately detect the fault and make sure the trip is not generated during normal operation. But the pilot directional protection requires the transfer of only the fault location in the form of digital bits to adjacent relays. It does not require a processing unit to collect the data, process and send the trip to appropriate breakers in the faulted zone. The algorithm inherently has fault sectionalizing capability with the communication of fault location.
- Pilot directional algorithm should be modified to use for radial systems. However, it is advisable to use conventional schemes (over-current) to protect radial systems which is economical over pilot schemes. Table 7.4 and Table 7.5 show the operation time of relays when validated on the RTDS system. 11 different types of faults are applied on all phases at 0 degrees, 90 degrees, 180 degrees, 270 degrees and their trip time are shown in the following table.

Table 7.4 Breaker 2 trip time for different fault angles

Fault type	0 degree	90 degree	180 degree	270 degree
SLG-A	23.7 msec	22.2 msec	26.8 msec	26.5 msec
SLG-B	20 msec	23.3 msec	26.8 msec	21.7 msec
SLG-C	31.4 msec	25.7 msec	27.9 msec	28.2 msec
ABC-G	23.78 msec	23.4 msec	23.8 msec	24.7 msec
AB (LL)	25.5 msec	20.4 msec	24 msec	27.2 msec
BC (LL)	25.9 msec	26.1 msec	25.5 msec	31.1 msec
CA (LL)	26.9 msec	28.4 msec	31.5 msec	20.5 msec
AB-G	24.9 msec	20 msec	25.6 msec	25.3 msec
BC-G	21.1 msec	29.8 msec	23.1 msec	33.5 msec
CA-G	24.2 msec	29.2 msec	27.6 msec	25.9 msec

ABC-LLL	26.4 msec	20.2 msec	19.6 msec	23.4 msec
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Table 7.5 Breaker 3 trip time for different fault angles

Fault Type	0 degrees	90 degrees	180 degrees	270 degrees
SLG A	40.1 msec	36.7 msec	28.4 msec	27.8 msec
SLG B	28.3 msec	35.1 msec	39.3 msec	41 msec
SLG C	35.8 msec	59.2 msec	27.4 msec	28.2 msec
ABC-G	25.8 msec	23 msec	24.8 msec	38.3 msec
AB (LL)	26.4 msec	29.9 msec	36.9 msec	35.3 msec
BC (LL)	45.36 msec	37.3 msec	42.1 msec	26.6 msec
CA (LL)	35.7 msec	37.3 msec	39.8 msec	36.19 msec
AB-G	20.1 msec	31.8 msec	32.9 msec	23 msec
BC-G	27.2 msec	56.9 msec	20.2 msec	55.4 msec
CA-G	42.2 msec	38.2 msec	41 msec	30.9 msec
ABC-LLL	26.2 msec	27.2 msec	22.5 msec	35.4 msec

*Protection, monitoring and control using synchrophasor data*

- During a fault in the system substation SST controls voltage magnitude to control fault current magnitude. Voltage phase angle is left unaltered during fault conditions. Monitoring voltage phase angle could be a reliable way to detect events (faults) in the system.
- During the normal operation, phase difference between two buses is almost zero or a low value. But during a fault it undergoes a transition and settles to a higher value than the phase difference during maximum power flow ( $\delta_V max$ ) through the line. This variation of voltage phase angle difference during fault is compared with  $\delta_V max$  to detect fault. Comparison is done only when voltage goes below a certain value and current goes above a certain value.

- The transient change or oscillation of voltage phase angle difference of the unfaulted section is below the  $\delta_V max$ . This ensures that the breakers in the un-faulted section do not operate.
- PSCAD simulation for the PMU based protection is done and the time to detect the occurrence of an event is found to be 15.5 msec.
- Pilot differential protection and synchrophasor based protection do not have back up protection like TIDOC protection.
- TIDOC and pilot directional can be used for only 3 phase systems due to the presence of negative sequence directional element. PMU based protection can be used for both 3 phase and single phase systems.

## 7.2 Things to take care when implementing above mentioned schemes

### *Directional element*

Negative sequence directional element is used to find the direction of fault current. It has several parameters like forward threshold impedance, reverse threshold impedance, forward over current setting, reverse over current setting, positive sequence restraining factor, zero-sequence restraining factor which should be set properly considering the line impedance. In addition the direction of power flow should also be considered while selecting the threshold impedance (forward and reverse) parameters. If the direction of power flow is reverse then the positive threshold impedance values cannot detect the direction, while negative threshold values of the same magnitude can be detected. If the polarity of current transformer (CT) to the relay is reversed then the directionality may give opposite results. Positive sequence directional element (F32P) must be set to ensure the operation of relay for 3 phase faults (this is specific to SEL relays). When working on the

RTDS system CT ratio setting of the relay must never be set to 1 even though the CT ratio factor is included within the RTDS software at the output terminals. If it is set to 1 then F32P element goes high even during normal operation and might end up calculating the settings which may be larger than the highest limits of the relay.

*Selection of time dial settings for time inverse over current relay*

Every relay has two sets of time dial and current pick up settings allowing the relay to operate in both the directions (clockwise and anti-clockwise assuming the system is a looped network like FREEDM system). As the number of breakers in the loop increase the time dial and current pick up settings gets doubled. For adjacent relays, care must be taken to properly select the time dial settings without which the time current characteristics are going to get over-lapped and may result in unwanted tripping. If there is ever going to be over-lapping, then proper adjustment of time current characteristics must be done. To make sure all the time current relays act properly during a fault it is advisable to optimize the time dial settings and current pick up settings.

Relay settings also depend on network topology in addition to system operating parameters. When topology of the network is changed, relay settings must be checked to ensure there is no nuisance tripping. A change in topology is done to accommodate seasonal change in load and also during construction or temporary maintenance.

All the work presented above is applicable only for 3 phase systems except synchrophasor based scheme. It is applicable specifically for 3 phase systems because the directional element used works on negative sequence components which are present only in a 3 phase system.

### *Determining the voltage phase angle difference during maximum power-flow*

When the system topology changes it is recommended to recalculate the voltage phase angle difference during maximum power flow. Maximum power flow in the line corresponds to electrical limits but not the thermal limits. If there is generator close to the system and fault happens to be on any of the main feeders, then fault clearing time must be ensured to be less than the critical clearing time to make sure the generator does not fall out of synchronism.

### 7.3 Future work

The work done in this thesis covers three different protection methods, their advantages and challenges in implementation. However certain issues and new research avenues could be explored.

- Optimization of time dial settings and current pick up settings could be done to speed up the operation of relays in time inverse directional over current protection.
- Research on implementing the pilot directional protection as unit protection for power system equipment such as power transformers and bus-bars can be done.
- Study can be done on incorporating back-up protection for pilot directional scheme using communication.
- Future work on making the pilot directional protection wireless to eliminate the presence of fiber optic cable.
- Further study can be done on determining the optimal location of PMU placement in the loop system and also on RTDS scheme.

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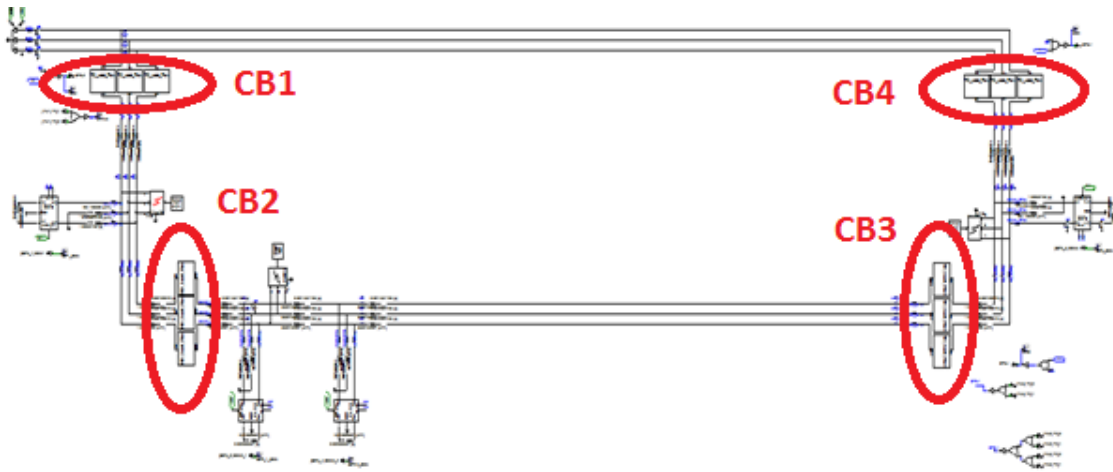


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## APPENDIX A

### FREEDM SYSTEM USED IN PSCAD SIMULATION



Model used in PSCAD simulation has a breaker in each section of the loop with one feed in point.

APPENDIX B  
SVP CONFIGURATOR PROGRAM

This program is used to communicate with SEL 3378 synchro vector processor. It helps to grab the data from SEL 351 and then transfers to 3378 to process. It is also used to establish communication between SEL 351 and SEL 3378.

PROGRAM TCS

VAR

```

    PMCU_INPUT:ARRAY[1..32] OF CLIENT_SETTINGS;
    PMCU_OUTPUT:ARRAY[1..6] OF SERVER_SETTINGS;
    TCS_STATUS_OUT:TCS_STATUS;
    TCS_ERROR_OUT:STRING(256);
    HEADER_118:STRING(256):='SVP_SEL_3378';
    TCSconfigOK:INT;

```

END\_VAR

(\* Client 1 connected via Ethernet Port 1\*)

```

PCMCU_INPUT[1].EN:=TRUE;
PCMCU_INPUT[1].IDCODE:=1;
PCMCU_INPUT[1].C37_118_CLIENT:=TRUE;(* C37.118 Client *)
PCMCU_INPUT[1].FASTOP:=1; (* Use SEL-Fast Operate command *)
PCMCU_INPUT[1].CONNECTION:='E';
PCMCU_INPUT[1].EPORT.SERVER_IP:='192.168.2.2';(* PMCU address *)
PCMCU_INPUT[1].EPORT.SERVER_CMD_PORT:=4723;
PCMCU_INPUT[1].EPORT.TRANSPORT_SCHEME:='TCP';
PCMCU_INPUT[1].EPORT.CLIENT_IP:='192.168.2.10';(* Ethernet Port 1 SEL-3378 address *)
(*PCMCU_INPUT[1].EPORT.CLIENT_DATA_PORT:=5111;*)
PCMCU_INPUT[1].EPORT.FASTOP_PORT:=23; (* Sends FO commands to Port 23 on the SEL-421 *)
PCMCU_INPUT[1].EPORT.FASTOP_PORT_TELNET_EN:=TRUE;

```

(\* Client 1 connected via Ethernet Port 1\*)

```

PCMCU_OUTPUT[1].EN:=TRUE;
PCMCU_OUTPUT[1].MRATE:=60;
PCMCU_OUTPUT[1].CLIENT_IP:='192.168.2.12';(* SEL-5078 external C37.118 Client *)
PCMCU_OUTPUT[1].CLIENT_DATA_PORT:=2078;
PCMCU_OUTPUT[1].TRANSPORT_SCHEME:='UDP_T';
PCMCU_OUTPUT[1].SERVER_IP:='192.168.2.10';(* Ethernet Port 2 SEL-3378 address *)
PCMCU_OUTPUT[1].SERVER_CMD_PORT:=2079;

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```

TCSconfigOK:=TCS_CONFIG(EN := TRUE,
PDC_IDCODE:= 1,
pHID := ADR(HEADER_118),
NFREQ := 60,
MRATE := 60,
MISSING_MESSAGE_THRESHOLD := 6,
TIME_UNSYNC_BLOCK := TRUE,
pCMD_OUT_DATA_IN := ADR(PCMCU_INPUT),
pCMD_IN_DATA_OUT := ADR(PCMCU_OUTPUT),
pERROR := ADR(TCS_ERROR_OUT),
pSTATUS := ADR(TCS_STATUS_OUT));

```

## APPENDIX C

GENERATOR AND SYSTEM DATA OF THE FREEDM LOOP MODELED ON  
RTDS USED IN VALIDATING THE PILOT DIRECTIONAL SCHEME

S-base = 2.5 MVA (2MVA at 0.8 pf Continuous)

Rated L-L RMS = 600V

Frequency = 60 Hz

Inertia Constant = 1.442 MW-s/MVA

Xa = 0.02 pu (Stator Reactance)

Xd = 3.145 pu (D-axis Unsaturated Reactance)

Xd' = 0.190 pu (D-axis Unsaturated Transient Reactance)

Xd'' = 0.132 pu (D-axis Unsaturated Sub-Transient Reactance)

Xq = 1.470 pu (Q-axis Unsaturated Reactance)

Xq' = 0.186 pu (Q-axis Unsaturated Transient Reactance)

Xq'' = 0.117 pu (Q-axis Unsaturated Sub-Transient Reactance)

Ra = 0.0022072 pu (Stator Resistance)

Tdo' = 5.48 sec (D-axis Un-saturated Transient Open T Constant)

Tdo'' = 0.05 sec (D-axis Un-saturated Sub-Transient Open T Constant)

Tqo' = 0.85 sec (Q-axis Un-saturated Transient Open T Constant)

Tqo'' = 0.05 sec (Q-axis Un-saturated Sub-Transient Open T Constant)

Machine Zero Sequence Resistance: 0.0004 pu

Machine Zero Sequence Reactance 0.05 pu

Neutral Series Resistance: 1.0E5 pu

Neutral Series Reactance: 0.0 pu

Step-up Transformer parameters: 600V-12.47kV

MVA rating = 2.5

Pos. Seq. Resistance = 0.02 pu

Pos. Seq. Reactance = 0.04 pu



## APPENDIX D

### DETERMINING VOLTAGE PHASE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PMU'S DURING MAXIMUM POWER FLOW OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE

Figure D1 shows the FREEDM loop with 5 buses. Bus 1 is designated as slack bus and rest of the buses are assumed to be located at each relay position. The total allowable power-flow ( $4.06+2i$  p.u) in each line is designated as a load at each bus. The line impedance between the bus 2 and bus 3 is  $0.01906+0.01906i$  per unit, between bus 3 and bus 4 is  $0.03812+0.03812i$ , between bus 4 and bus 5 is  $0.01906+0.01906i$ , between bus 5 and bus 1 is  $0.01906+0.01906i$  on a base of 100 MVA and voltage base of 12.47 kV. The source reactance is  $0.02906i$  per unit. All the system data is fed into Power System Analysis Tool (PSAT) in the form of a Matlab file.

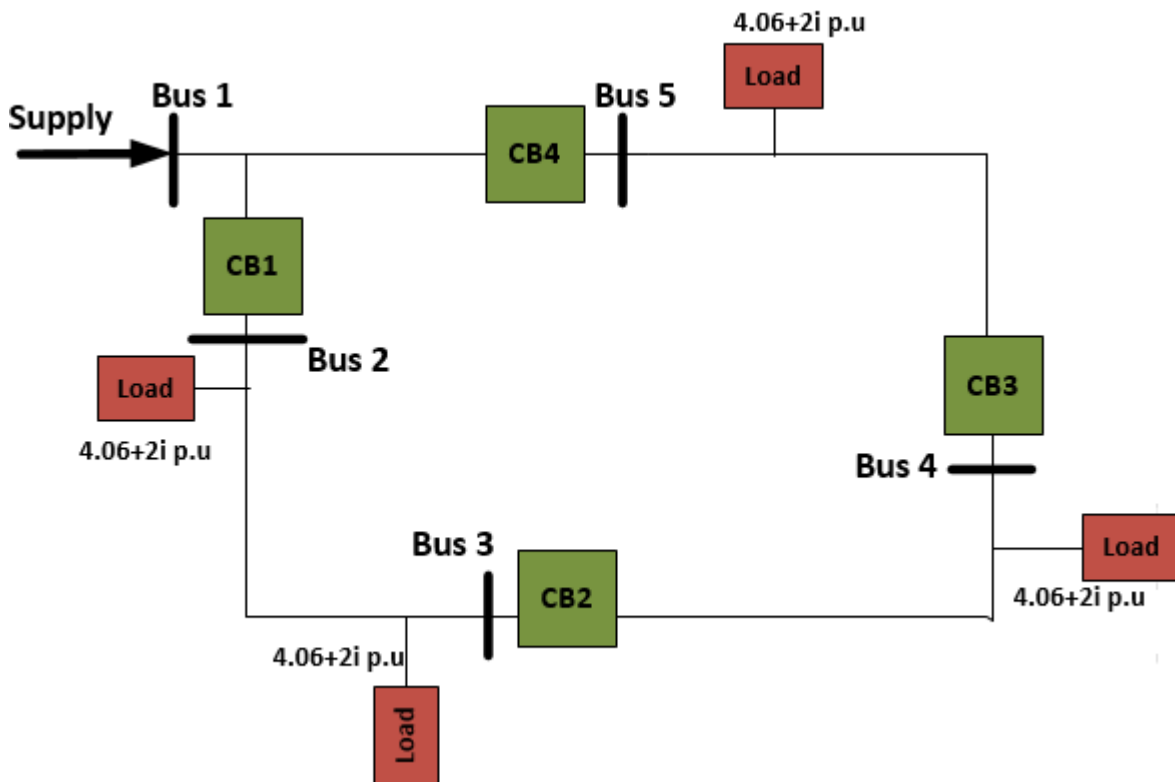


Figure D1 FREEDM system used for determining voltage phase profile during maximum power-flow

#### Matlab code representing system data

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Bus.con = [ ...
1 1.00 1.000 0.0 1 1;
2 1.00 1.000 0.0 1 1;
3 1.00 1.000 0.0 1 1;
4 1.00 1.000 0.0 1 1;
5 1.00 1.000 0.0 1 1;
];

SW.con = [ ...
1 100.0 1.00 1.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 1.1 0.9 0.00000 1 1 1;
```

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];

PQ.con = [ ...
  2 100.0 1.00 4.06 2.00 1.1 0.9 1 1;
  3 100.0 1.00 4.06 2.00 1.1 0.9 1 1;
  4 100.0 1.00 4.06 2.00 1.1 0.9 1 1;
  5 100.0 1.00 4.06 2.00 1.1 0.9 1 1;
];

Line.con = [ ...
  1 2 100.00 1.00 60 0 0.0000 0.00000 0.02906 0.0000 0.00000 0.00000 0 0.000 0.000 1;
  2 3 100.00 1.00 60 0 0.0000 0.01906 0.01906 0.0000 0.00000 0.00000 0 0.000 0.000 1;
  3 4 100.00 1.00 60 0 0.0000 0.03812 0.03812 0.0000 0.00000 0.00000 0 0.000 0.000 1;
  4 5 100.00 1.00 60 0 0.0000 0.01906 0.01906 0.0000 0.00000 0.00000 0 0.000 0.000 1;
  5 1 100.00 1.00 60 0 0.0000 0.01906 0.01906 0.0000 0.00000 0.00000 0 0.000 0.000 1;
];

Areas.con = [ ...
  1 0 100.0 0 0 0 0 0;
];

Regions.con = [ ...
  1 2 100.0 0.00000 9.99990 0 0 0;
];

Bus.names = { ...
  'Bus 1 HV'; 'Bus 2 HV'; 'Bus 3 HV'; 'Bus 4 HV'; 'Bus 5 HV'; 'Bus 6 HV'};

Areas.names = { ...
  'IEEE3BUS'};

Regions.names = { ...
  'IEEE3IEE'};

```

**OUTPUT**

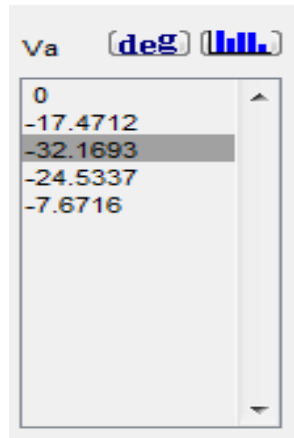


Figure D2 Voltage phase angle information

Voltage phase at bus 1=0 degrees (Slack bus)

Voltage phase at bus 2= -17.42 degrees

Voltage phase at bus 3= -32.1693 degrees

Voltage phase at bus 4= -24.5337 degrees

Voltage phase at bus 5= -7.6716 degrees

Figure D3 shows the voltage phase angle at each bus.

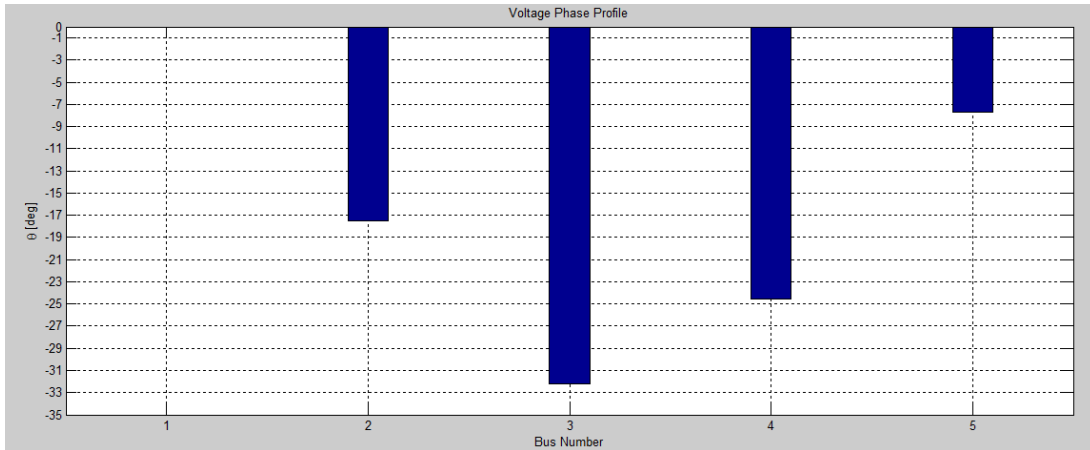


Figure D3 Voltage Phase profile

Phase angle difference between bus 1 and bus 2 = 14.74 degrees

Phase angle difference between bus 2 and bus 3 = -7.63 degrees

Phase angle difference between bus 3 and bus 4 = -16.8261 degrees

Phase angle difference between bus 4 and bus 1 = 9.7484 degrees

Absolute value of phase difference is used as the pre-set value to compare with phase angle difference to determine the fault conditions.