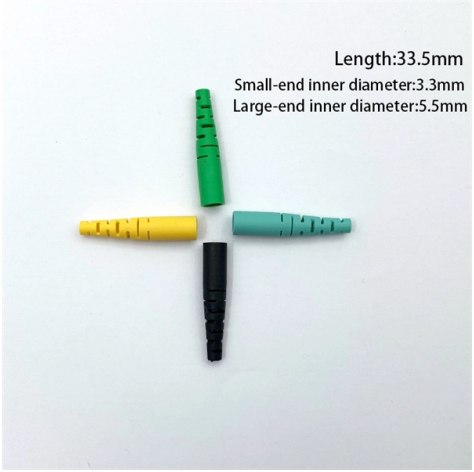
Calculation of Relay Protection Current for High Voltage Switchgear



Overview

Protection engineers calculate the maximum load current, the minimum fault current, and the full range of possible voltage levels to ensure relay performance under all conditions.

Key Takeaways

Relay protection settings for HV switchgear are calculated to ensure sensitivity, selectivity, and reliability, involving fault current analysis, impedance and time-dial settings, and coordination with downstream devices. Key Steps in Relay Protection Calculations1. Fault Level and Current Calculations The first step is to determine the maximum and minimum fault currents for different fault types, including single line-to-ground, line-to-line, and three-phase faults.

These calculations are essential to set the relay thresholds accurately and ensure proper operation under all conditions. Fault analysis tools or software like DIgSILENT PowerFactory are commonly used to simulate these scenarios and account for future grid expansions. 2.

Impedance and Distance Protection Settings For transmission lines, impedance relays are used to detect faults along line segments. The zone reach is typically set as a percentage of the line impedance: Zone 1: 80–90% of the line impedance for instantaneous operation. Resistive and arc resistances are included in the calculation.



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Zone 2: 100% of the protected line impedance plus 50% of the adjacent line impedance to ensure backup protection. Mho characteristics are preferred for phase faults in EHV systems due to their speed and stability, while quadrilateral characteristics are often used for phase-to-ground faults. 3.

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Dial and Grading Settings Time-dial settings are calculated to achieve selectivity between upstream and downstream relays. The grading time is the intentional delay between consecutive protection stages to prevent unnecessary tripping of upstream devices. Inverse time relays require longer grading times to account for measurement inaccuracies, while definite time relays use fixed delays.

4. Transformer Differential and Inrush Restraint For transformer protection, differential relays are set to detect internal faults while remaining stable during through-faults and inrush conditions. Calculations include: Differential current thresholdsHarmonic blocking for inrush currentsThrough-fault stability checks 5.

Coordination with Downstream Relays Relay settings must be coordinated with downstream devices to ensure selective tripping. This involves comparing operating times and current settings so that only the relay closest to the fault operates first, while backup relays act if the primary fails. 6.

Current and Voltage Transformer Ratios Accurate relay settings require correct CT and VT ratios to ensure the relay receives proportional signals.

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P scaling is used in numerical relays to convert secondary currents into per-unit values for consistent operation across multiple windings. 7. Software and Documentation Modern utilities use software like ADMO or PowerFactory to manage relay settings, perform calculations, and maintain documentation.

Templates are created for each relay type, including model, firmware, and serial number, ensuring consistent and auditable settings management.

Practical Considerations

Sensitivity vs. Selectivity: Settings must balance fast fault clearance with minimal disruption to healthy parts of the network. System Expansion: Calculations should consider future load growth and network changes.

Validation and Testing: Relay settings must be verified through simulation and field testing before commissioning. By following these steps, engineers can ensure that HV switchgear is protected effectively, minimizing equipment damage, maintaining system stability, and reducing outage areas during faults.

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Relay Settings Calculations

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The calculations are performed to determine appropriate relay settings that ensure protection and coordination within the power system network.

RELAY SETTING CALCULATION

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CALCULATION AND SETTING OF RELAYS IN TRANSMISSION

The proposal itself and define the different protection zones should be based on impedance lines to be determined by the calculation referred to in the previous section of this article.

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