Basis for calculating relay protection settings



Overview

Relay Settings CalculationsDuring external faults, the relay changes to high-security mode and switches from Slope 1 to Slope 2 to avoid relay mal-operatio.

Key Takeaways

Relay protection settings are calculated based on system parameters, fault currents, relay type, and coordination requirements to ensure selectivity, speed, and sensitivity.

Key Principles

Relay settings are designed to protect electrical equipment and power systems by isolating only the faulted section while minimizing disruption to the rest of the network. The main objectives are selectivity, speed, and sensitivity: Selectivity ensures that only the relay closest to the fault operates, preventing unnecessary tripping of upstream devices. Speed determines how quickly the relay responds to a fault.

Sensitivity ensures the relay can detect faults of minimum expected magnitude without false trips.

Parameters for Setting Calculations

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Fault Current Analysis: The maximum and minimum short-circuit currents at the relay location are calculated using system modeling tools. These currents form the basis for determining pickup currents and time delays. Current Transformer (CT) Ratios: Relay inputs are scaled using CT ratios to convert primary currents to secondary values suitable for relay operation.

This ensures accurate measurement and coordination. Pickup Current (I_pickup): The threshold current at which the relay begins to operate. Typically set above the maximum load current to avoid nuisance tripping, often expressed as a percentage of full load.

Time Multiplier Setting (TMS): Adjusts the operating time of the relay according to the inverse-time characteristic curve, allowing coordination with downstream relays. Plug Setting Multiplier (PSM): Ratio of fault current to relay pickup current, used in overcurrent relays to determine operating time based on standard inverse, very inverse, or extremely inverse curves. Distance and Differential Settings: For transmission lines and transformers, settings are based on impedance, line length, and transformer MVA ratings.

Differential relays use per-unit scaling (TAP) to normalize currents from multiple windings.

Coordination and Safety Margins

Relay settings must be coordinated with other protective devices to maintain proper discrimination. This involves: Ensuring downstream relays operate first for in-zone faults. Applying coordination time intervals (CTI) to prevent simultaneous tripping.

Considering system expansions, load variations, and minimum/maximum fault scenarios.

Practical Implementation

Use of software tools like DIgSILENT PowerFactory or ADMO for short-circuit calculations and relay setting management. Templates and standard procedures help maintain consistency across multiple relays and substations. Regular testing and updating of settings are essential to account for system changes and ensure reliability.

Summary

The basis for relay protection setting calculation combines system analysis, fault current evaluation, relay characteristics, and coordination principles. By carefully selecting pickup currents, time delays, and scaling factors, engineers ensure that relays operate selectively, quickly, and reliably, protecting both equipment and the overall power system.

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Relay Settings Calculations

During external faults, the relay changes to high-security mode and switches from Slope 1 to Slope 2 to avoid relay mal-operation resulting from CT saturation. In contrast to small CT errors for load current,

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Use this Protection Relay Setting Calculator to calculate pickup current, time multiplier settings (TMS), operating time, coordination time interval (CTI), and plug setting multiplier (PSM)

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Relay Protection Settings (PSM, TSM, EL, OL, MF)

PSM (Plug Setting Multiplier) settings must be in accordance with IEC 60255-151 which specifies performance standards for overcurrent relays and the computation of operational

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This technical report refers to the electrical protection of all 132kV switchgear. These settings may be re-evaluated during the commissioning, according to actual and measured values. Protection selectivity

Automatic Calculation Method and System for Relay Protection

Therefore, an automatic calculation method and system for relay protection setting in new energy station suitable for large-scale power system is proposed in this paper, which can significantly improve

Pick Up Current | Current Setting | Plug Setting Multiplier and Time ...

Plug setting multiplier of relay is referred as ratio of fault current in the relay to its pick up current. Suppose we have connected on protection CT of ratio 200/1 A and current setting is 150%.

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When the protection is implemented using a current relay, the current value at which the relay should operate must be determined first. By means of the stabilizing voltage and the current setting, the

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Abstract: Protective relays and devices have been developed over 100 years ago to provide “last line” of defense for the electrical systems. They are intended to quickly identify a fault and isolate it so the

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Calculate thermal overload, overcurrent, ground fault, and differential relay settings with step-by-step examples. Covers CT ratios and common mistakes.

Setting Calculation Method and Protection Coordination for Relay ...

Then, the electrical engineering software is used to perform a more accurate setting calculation and protection coordination. Also, the arc flash hazard is weakened by the arc flash protection device.

Protection Settings: Calculating, Administering and Testing – ADMO at ...

Calculated (for settings that have not yet been implemented in the relay) In operation (relay files (dex, pcmp, etc.)) Protection setting (basis for calculation) Test files (OCC) Selectivity calculations (short

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Learn about the best methods and tools to choose the right settings for power system protection relays, and improve your network safety, reliability, and efficiency.

MODEL SETTING CALCULATIONS FOR TYPICAL IEDs LINE PROTECTION SETTING ...

SUBSTATIONS INTRODUCTION In addition to setting criteria guide lines prepared by Subcommittee on relay/protection under Task Force for Power System Analysis under Contingencies for 220kV, 400kV

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As the name implies, the basic setting defines the basic sensitivity of the relay under no-load conditions of the protected object. The basic setting must be higher than, for example, the transformer excitation

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