NEW DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATIONS ON TRAVELING WAVE PROTECTION

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RTDS TECHNOLOGIES





- Modern traveling wave (TW-based) protection solutions for transmission lines have been increasingly applied in real-world power systems.
- Advantages include
 - Fast tripping therefore improved system stability.
 - Protection of hybrid lines and series compensated lines.
 - Accurate fault locating.
- The adoption of TW-based protection solutions for transmission lines in power systems with high penetrations of Inverter-based Resources (IBRs) has gained more interests as the traditional phasor domain-based solutions become less effective due to lower fault current from inverters and the inherent latency and accuracy on fault locating.



Fault-Induced TW





Differentiator-Smoother (DS) Filter

- A mature signal processing technique, relying on highfrequency sampled data, used in commercially available TW-based relays.
- Aims to process the current (and voltage), measured at the terminal which are a superposition of the incident and reflected waves, to generate –
 - **Triangular-shaped output** with unitary gain in case of a step-change in the input.
 - **Parabola-shaped output** in case of a ramp-change in the input.
- The **peak** of the output relates to the arrival time of TWs at the monitored terminal.







TW Amplitude Estimation

- The amplitude of a fault-induced TW is related to the point-on-wave where the fault takes place.
- Fault induced-TWs attenuate while propagating alone the line.
- Ramp-changes, instead of step-changes, are more often detected in the input at the monitored terminal.
- Signal enhancement is implemented to best estimate the TW amplitude at the output.





NEW DEVELOPMENT

Traveling Wave Relay Model (TWR) – Based on DS Technique

- Based on DS filtering technique to extract the **fault-induced** TW:
 - Filter window length is 20 us.
 - Number of coefficients varies based on the time-step.
 - Option to average the output for TW magnitude enhancement.
 - Provides phase and mode (alpha and beta) TW outputs.





NEW DEVELOPMENT

Traveling Wave Relay Model (TWR) – Based on DS Technique

- Includes current TW different protection scheme (TW87):
 - Uses double-ended TW-based method.
 - Supports single/three-pole tripping.
 - Provides calculated fault location and faulted mode information.
 - Option to detect an external fault on a parallel line.
- Recommended to use in Substep environment only.
- Available from RSCAD FX 1.4.





TWR

Simulation Results

- Responses to input of -
 - ideal step change (top).
 - Ramp change (bottom).
- Unenhanced vs enhanced output.







• An internal BG fault at 56 miles away from the left terminal of a 100-mile long line.





• An external BG fault at 20 miles away from the left terminal.





• Comparison with relay captures.





- TW87 Current TW differential protection.
- An internal AG fault at 35% from left terminal.





TWR

Simulation Results

• Output TWs of –

Local vs remote mode currents.





• An external AG fault on a parallel line, at 35% from left terminal.





NEW DEVELOPMENT - Incident Wave Calculator Model

Background

- The DS filtering technique extracts the transients related to fault-induced TWs in the measured currents, which are a superposition of the incident and reflected waves:
 - The magnitude of this transient, which is **dependent** on the termination characteristics of the transmission line, could be very small, if the termination impedance is high, potentially resulting in a poor accuracy in fault location estimation.
 - The inherited nature of DS filtering technique limits the TWR model to be used mainly in Substep environment only.



Measured Current Vs Incident Current

$$i = i_+ - i_- \quad v = v_+ + v_-$$

 $i_+ = Y_c v_+$ $i_- = Y_c v_-$

$$v = Z_c i_+ + Z_c i_- = Z_{T_K}(i_- - i_+)$$

$$i_{+}=\frac{Z_{T_K}-Z_c}{Z_{T_K}+Z_c}i_{-}$$

$$i = \frac{-2Z_c}{Z_{T_K} + Z_c} i_-$$



i / v	The actual current/voltage at any point on a transmission line
i ₊ / v ₊	The reflected traveling waves of current and voltage
i_ / v_	The incident traveling waves of current and voltage
Y_c / Z_c	The characteristic admittance/impedance
Z_T	The termination impedance



NEW DEVELOPMENT

Incident Wave Calculator (IWC) Model

- Uses Frequency Dependent Phase Domain (Universal Line Model) transmission line theory to calculate:
 - The local incident current.
 - The local reflected current.
 - The expected remote incident current.
- To use in Mainstep or Substep.





NEW DEVELOPMENT



* Recursive Convolution - A. Semlyen and A. Dabuleanu, "Fast and accurate switching transient calculations on transmission lines with ground return using recursive convolutions," IEEE Transactions on Power Apparatus and Systems, vol. 94, pp. 561-571, 1975.





- Local incident currents at the sending end vs remote incident currents at the receiving end (top-right).
- Local incident currents at the receiving end vs remote incident currents at the sending end (bottom-right).





- Waveforms associated with Conductor #1.
- Incident current + cond. current (black) = reflected current.





NEW DEVELOPMENT

Incident Wave Relay Model (IWCR)

- Uses outputs from the IWC component at each end of the terminal, to compare the local and remote incident waves.
- Incident current-based protection scheme -
 - Uses double-ended method.
 - Supports single/three-pole tripping.
 - Provides calculated fault location and faulted mode information.
 - Naturally immune to external faults on a parallel line.
 - Provides phase and mode (alpha and beta) outputs.
- To use in Mainstep or Substep.









• Mainstep real-time DT = 11us.







TWR vs IWCR

 $i = \frac{-2Z_c}{Z_{T_K} + Z_c} i_-$

- Substep real-time
 DT = 1.667 us.
- Internal ABG fault 35 % away from left terminal.













IWCR – Used in a renewable application

- Base case *PMSM_Farm_LrgDT*, from 03 Renewables\Wind Energy\Type 4\PMSM.
- Mainstep DT = 15 us.
- The ac-grid impedance is replaced with a 100-mile long transmission line.





IWCR – Used in a renewable application

• Internal ABCG fault at 35% away from the left terminal.





IWCR – Used in a renewable application

• Recovery of the system after breakers are manually reclosed.





THANK YOU!





