



# GE Digital Energy Multilin

Fundamentals of Modern  
Protective Relaying

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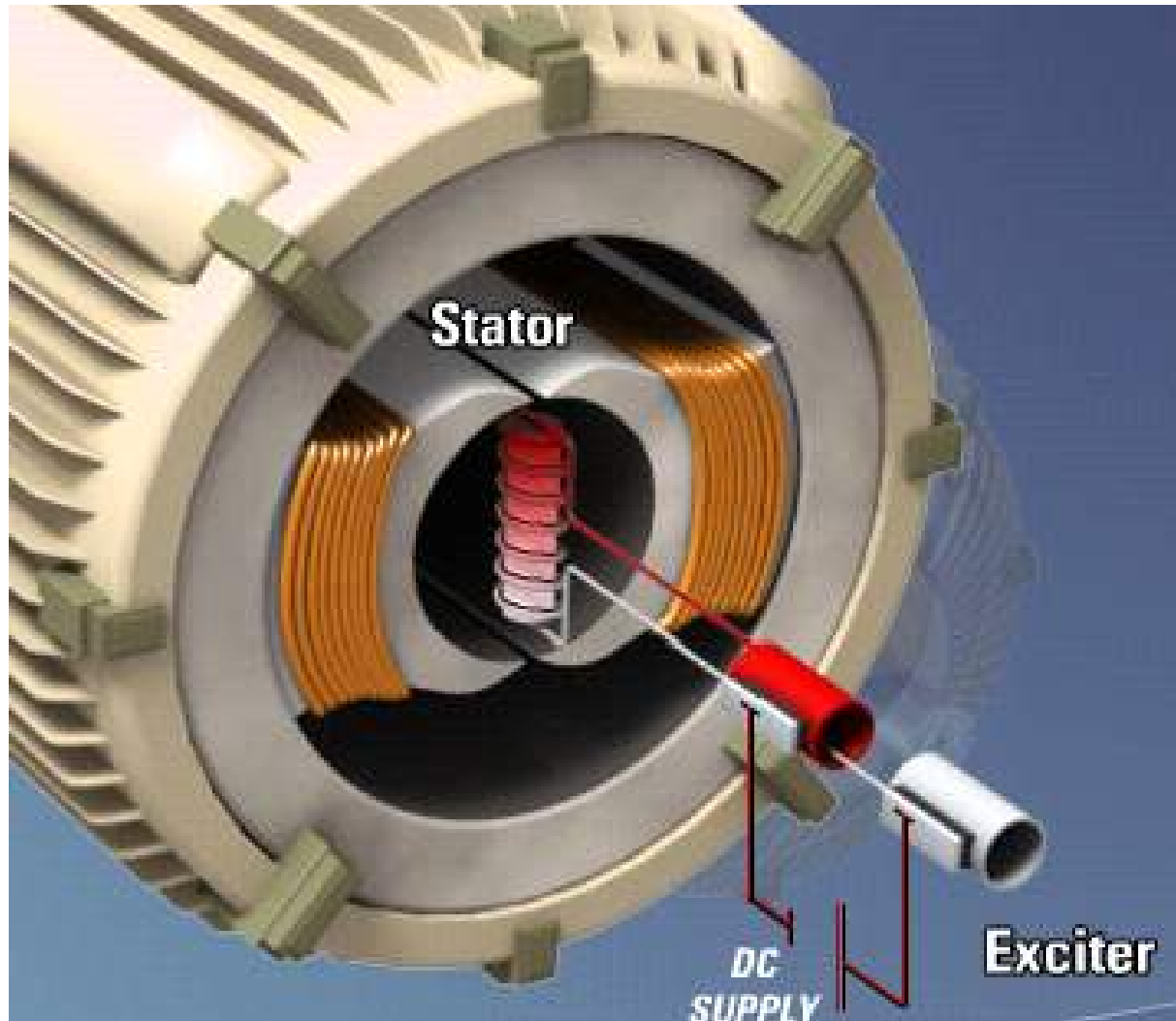
# Course Agenda

- Generator Protection
  - Generator basics
  - Types of generator grounding
  - Stator differential
  - Ground faults
  - Ground directional
  - Negative sequence unbalance
  - Low forward power and reverse power
  - Accidental energization
  - Loss of excitation
  - Volts/Hz
  - Under and overfrequency
- Fundamentals of Industrial Communications
  - Distance protection theory
  - Step distance and pilot aided schemes
  - Line current differential protection

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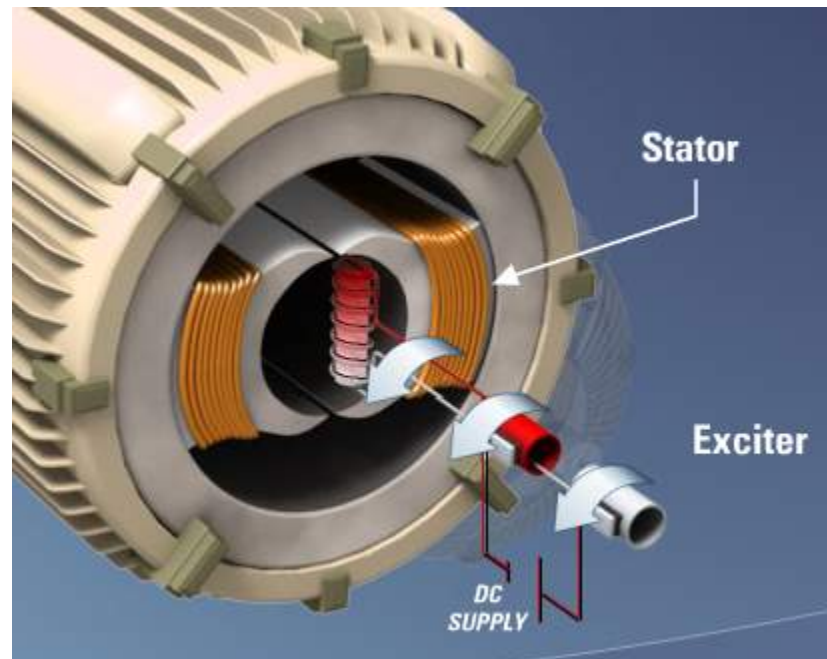
- Arc Flash Protection
  - Introduction
  - Relay based techniques
  - Light based technique

# Generator Protection

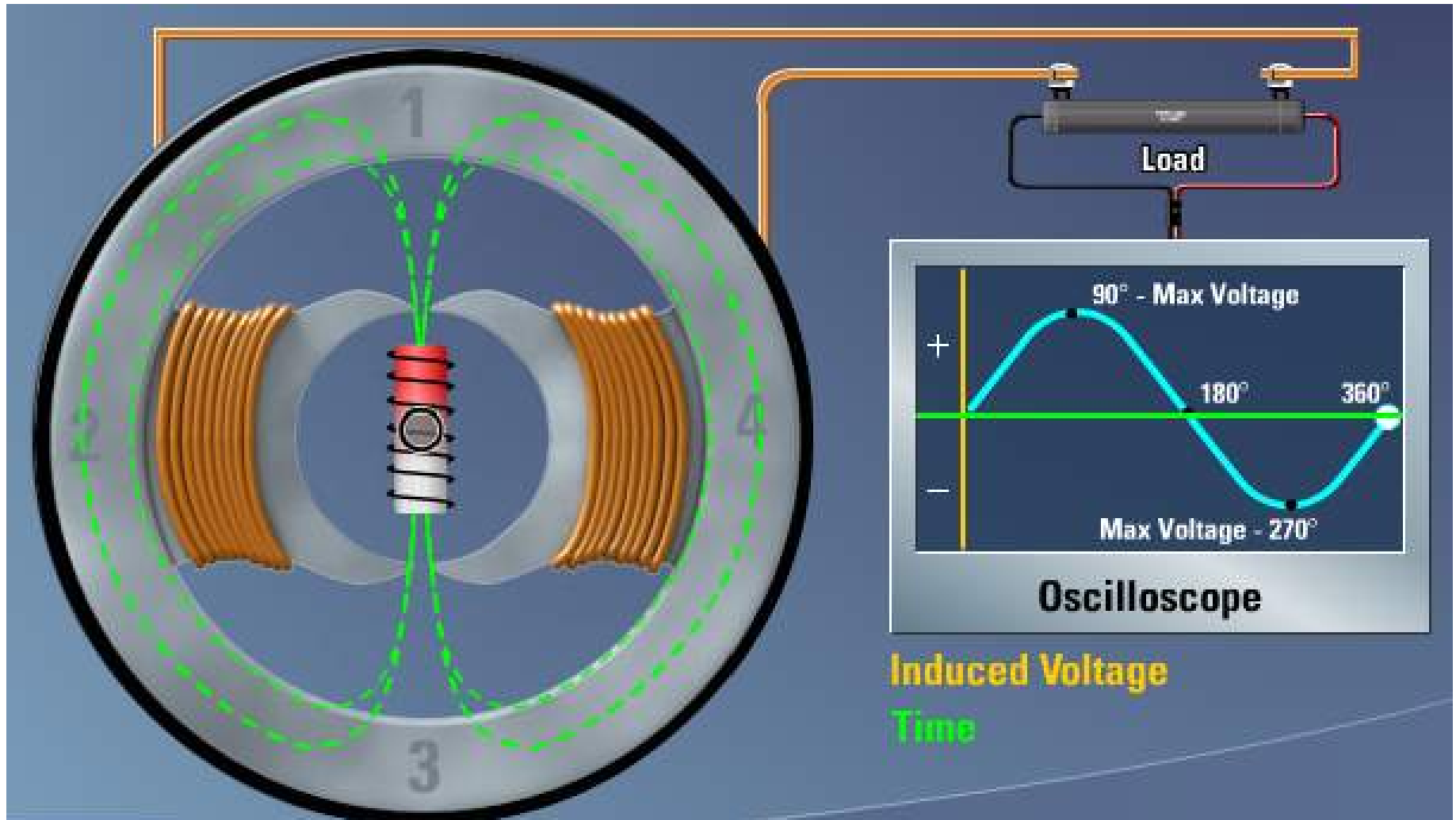


# Single Phase AC Generator:

- Exciter – electromagnet rotating about its axis
- Stator – 2 electromagnets or poles wired in series to a load



# Single Phase AC Generator Theory of Operation:

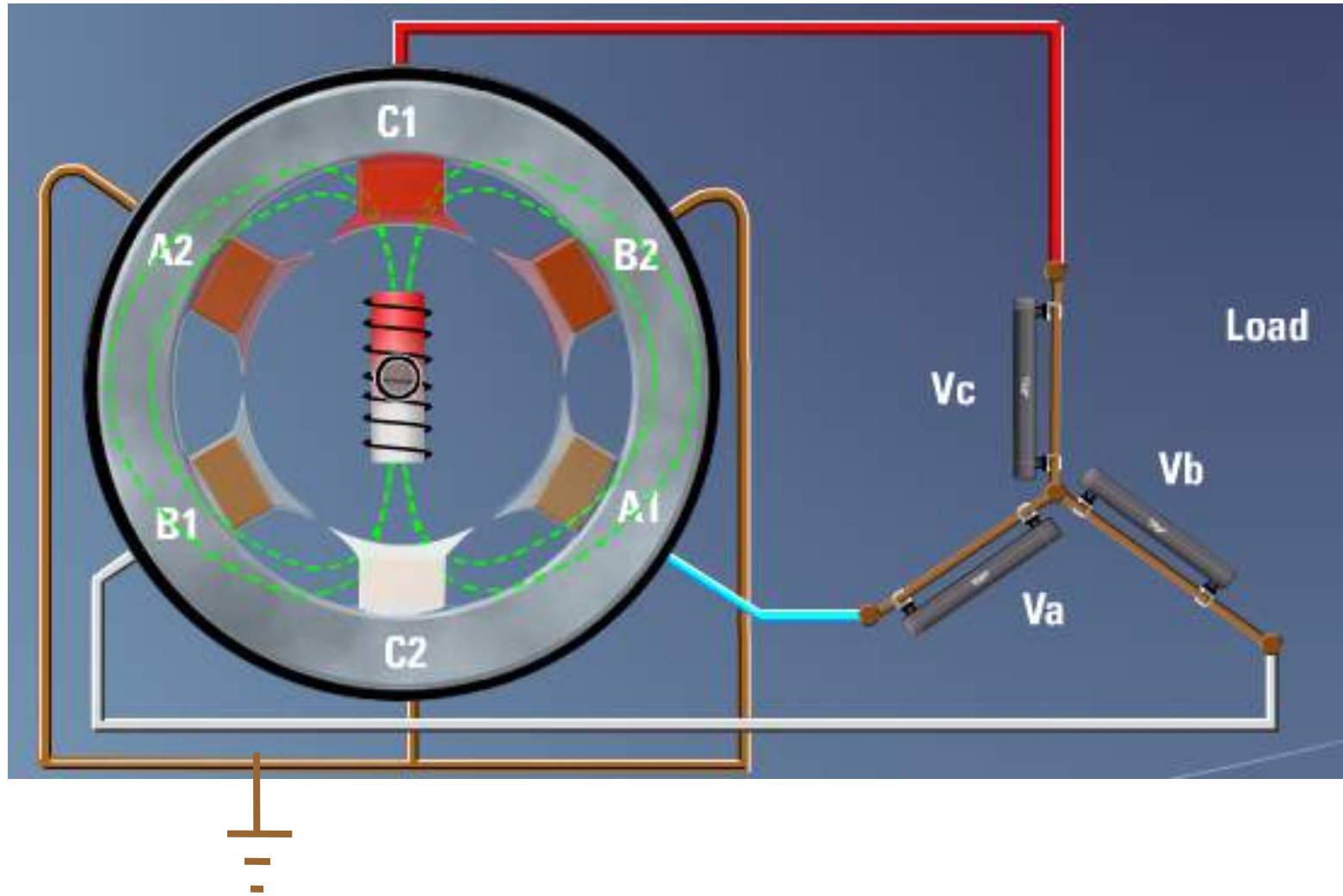


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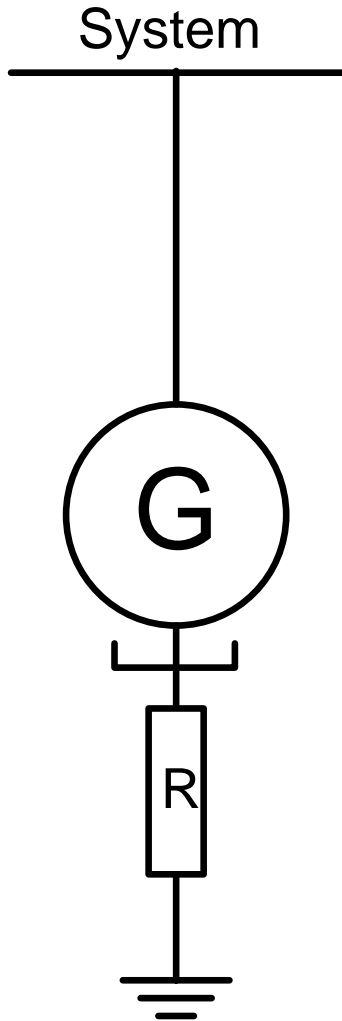


# Review of Grounding Techniques

## Grounding Provides:

- Improved safety by allowing detection of faulted equipment
- Stop transient overvoltages
  - Notorious in ungrounded systems
- Ability to detect a ground fault before a multiphase to ground fault evolves
- If impedance is introduced, limit ground fault current and associated damage faults
- Provide ground source for other system protection (other zones supplied from generator)

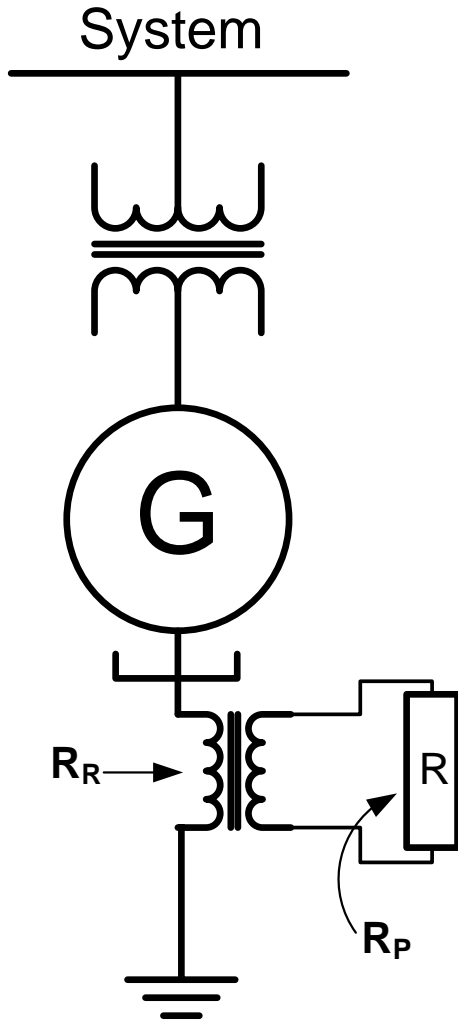
# Types of Generator Grounding



## Low Impedance

- Provides a ground source for the system
- Can get expensive as resistor rating goes up
- Generator will be damaged on internal ground fault
  - Ground fault current typically 200-400 A

# Types of Generator Grounding



## High Impedance

- System ground source obtained from generator step-up transformer
- Uses principle of reflected impedance
  - Eq:  $R_R = R_P * [V_{sec}/V_{pri}]^2$ 
    - Where  $R_R$  = Resistance Reflected and  $R_P$  = Resistance Primary
- Generator damage minimized or prevented from ground fault
  - Ground fault current typically  $\leq 10A$

# Burning Stator Iron

- Following pictures show stator damage after an internal ground fault
- This generator was high impedance grounded, with the fault current less than 10A
- Some iron burning occurred, but the damage was repairable
- With low impedance grounded machines the damage is more severe



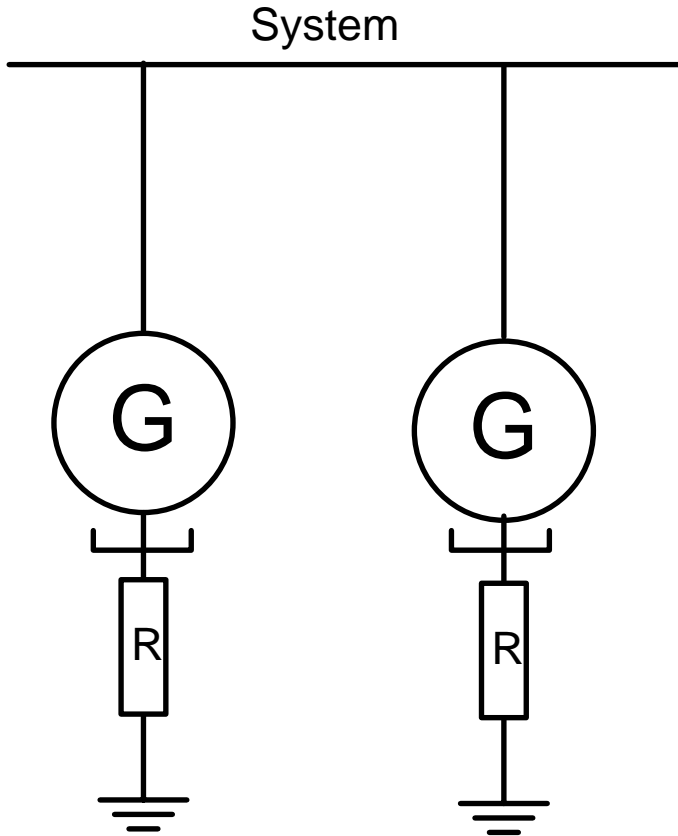






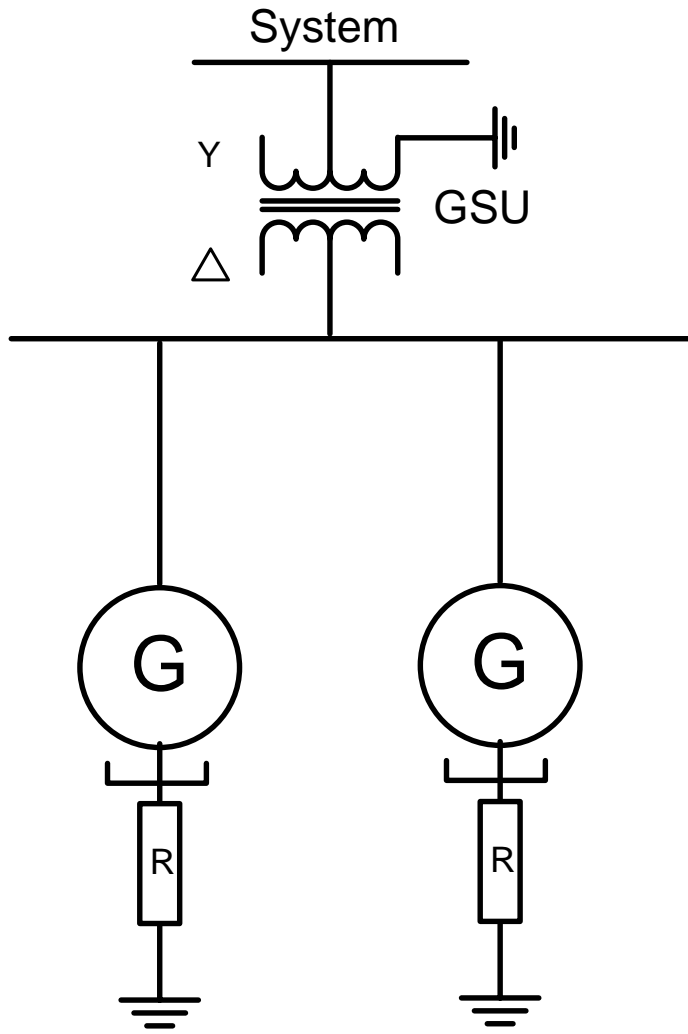


# Bus Connected



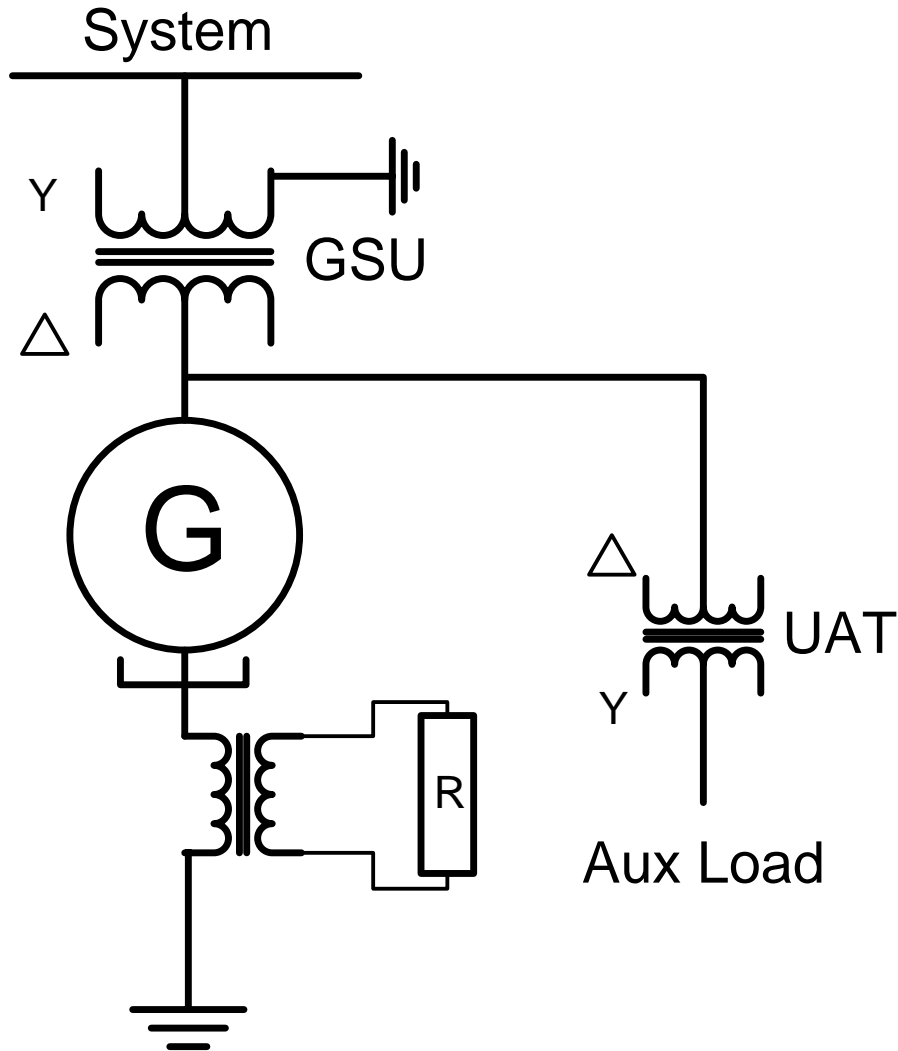
- No transformer between generator and power system bus
- Typically low impedance grounded for selectivity on internal ground faults

# Connections: Sharing Transformer



- Transformer between paralleled generators and system
- Typically low impedance grounded for selectivity on internal ground faults

# Connections: Unit Connected



- Transformer between generators and system
- Typically high impedance grounded for damage minimization
- Delta GSU (generator step-up) and UAT (unit auxiliary transformer) windings are used on the generator output to isolate from system ground

# Normal Generator Operation & Power System Interaction



# Normal Operation

Generator connected to system with multiple lines

System consists of load and other generation

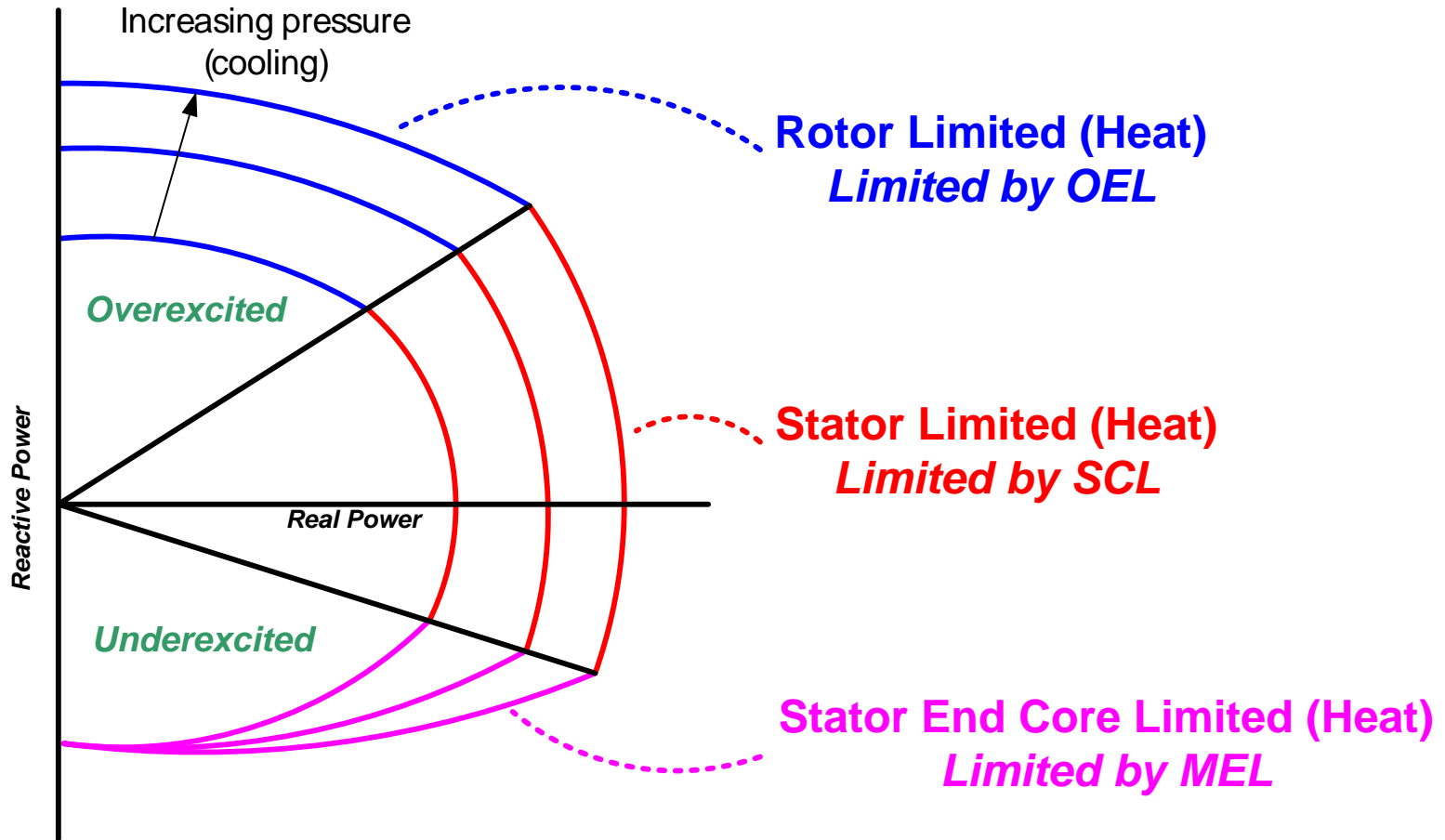
System voltage varies with loading

- > Excitation control will adjust to system voltage/VAr requirements within machine capability

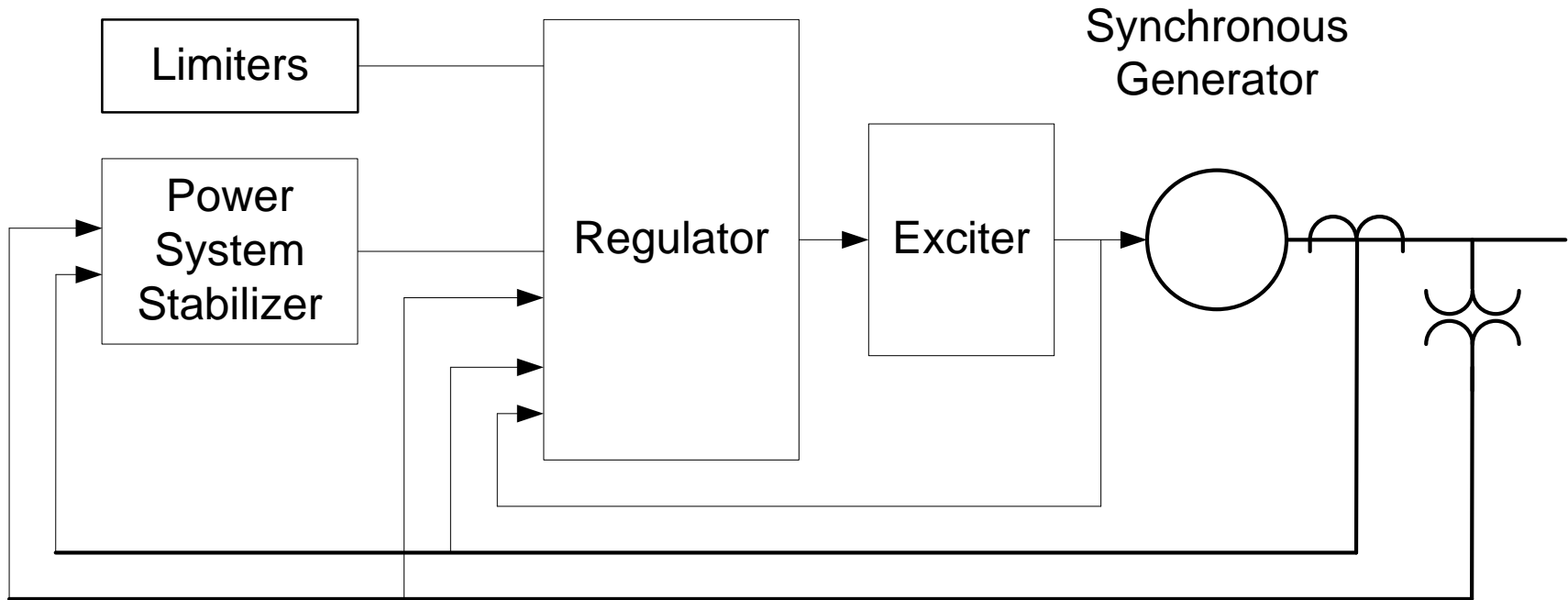
Output will normally be near full rating for **best** efficiency

- > Prime mover control will adjust to system frequency requirements within machine capability

# Machine Limits



# Excitation Control

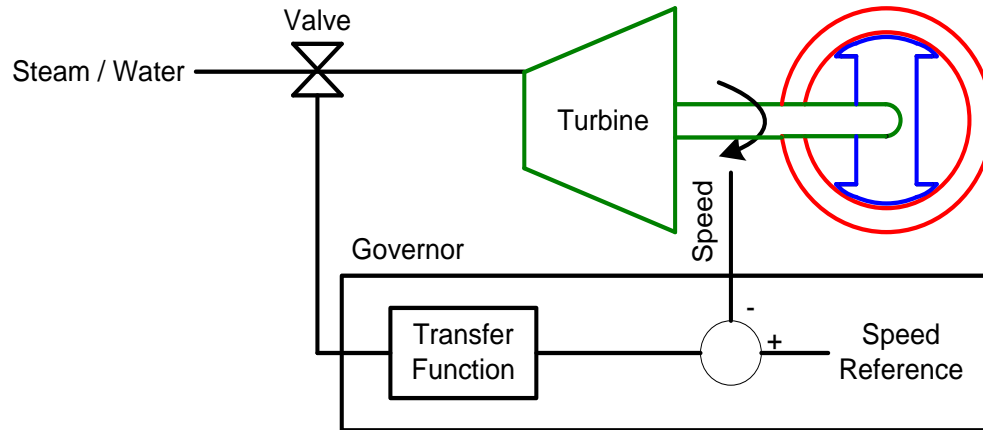


Control for off-line operation (synchronizing) and on-line (grid interconnected)

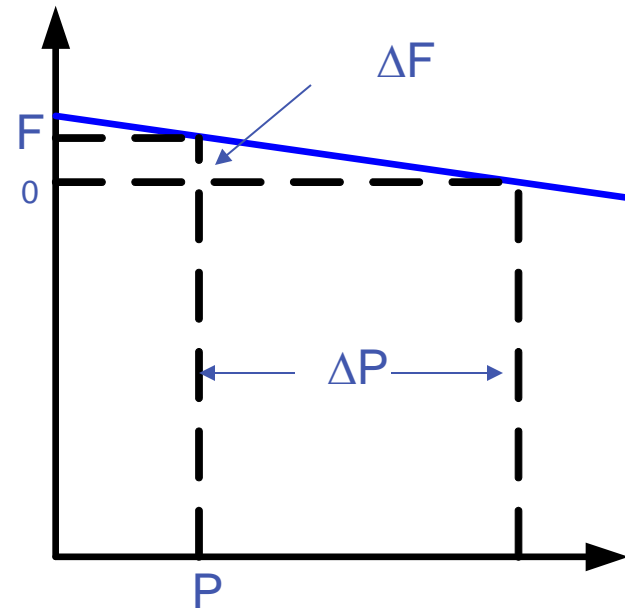
Over- and under-excitation limiters control when power system is in abnormal state



# Turbine Control



$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{1}{J} \cdot (T_m - T_e)$$

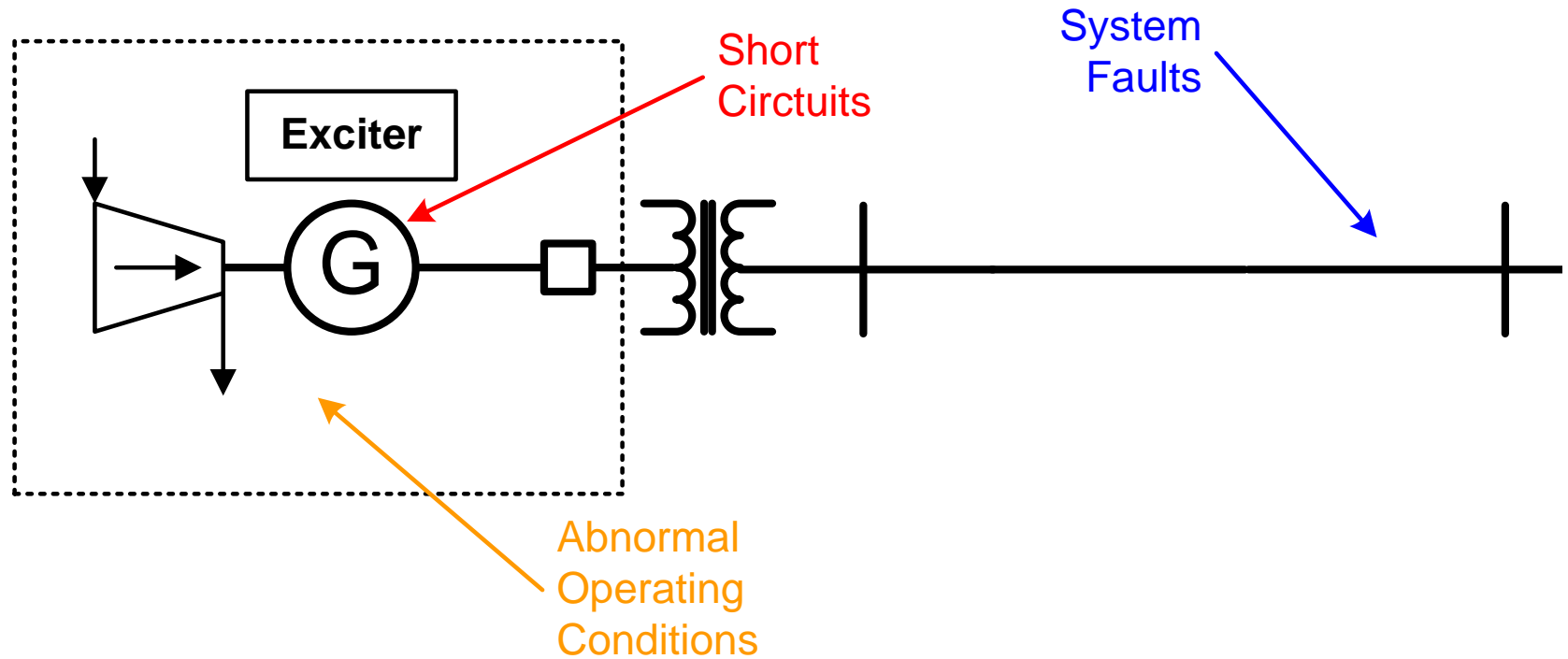


Speed - Droop 25

# Generator Protection



# Overview



## Internal and External Short Circuits

# Electrical Failures

Stator ground faults: 59G, 51G, 87G

Stator phase faults: 87

Interturn faults: 50SP

Rotor ground faults: 64F

# Abnormal Conditions

Loss of Excitation: 40

Loss of Prime Mover: 32

Overexcitation: 24

Overvoltage: 59

Off-nominal Frequency: 81

Accidental Energization: 50-27

Out-of-Step: 78

# System Backup

Generator Unbalance: 46

System Phase Faults: 21P, 51V

System Ground Faults: 51TG

Generator Breaker Failure: 50BF

# ANSI/IEEE Standards

Std. 242: Buff Book

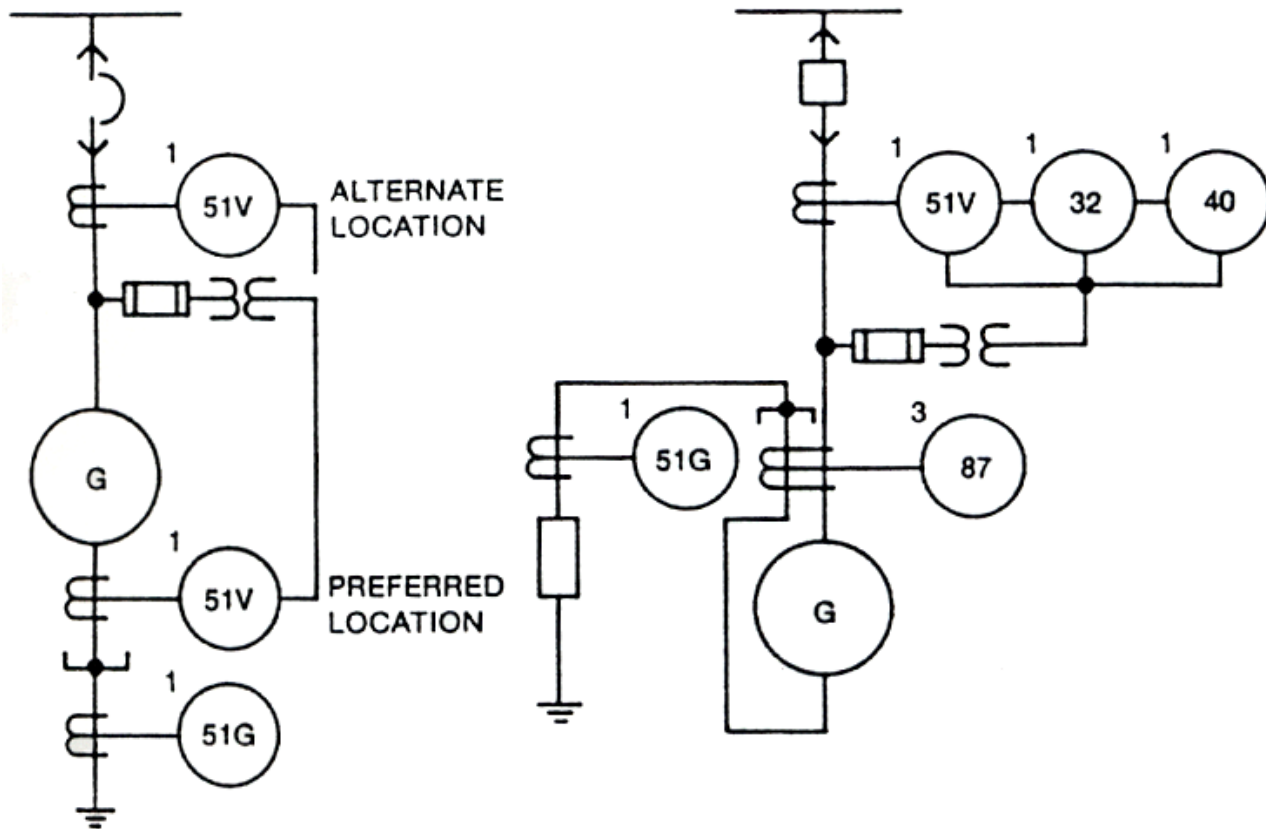
C37.102: IEEE Guide for Generator Protection

C37.101: IEEE Guide for AC Generator Ground Protection

C37.106: IEEE Guide for Abnormal Frequency Protection for Power Generating Plants

C37.110: IEEE Guide for the application of current transformers used for protective relaying purposes

# IEEE Buff Book



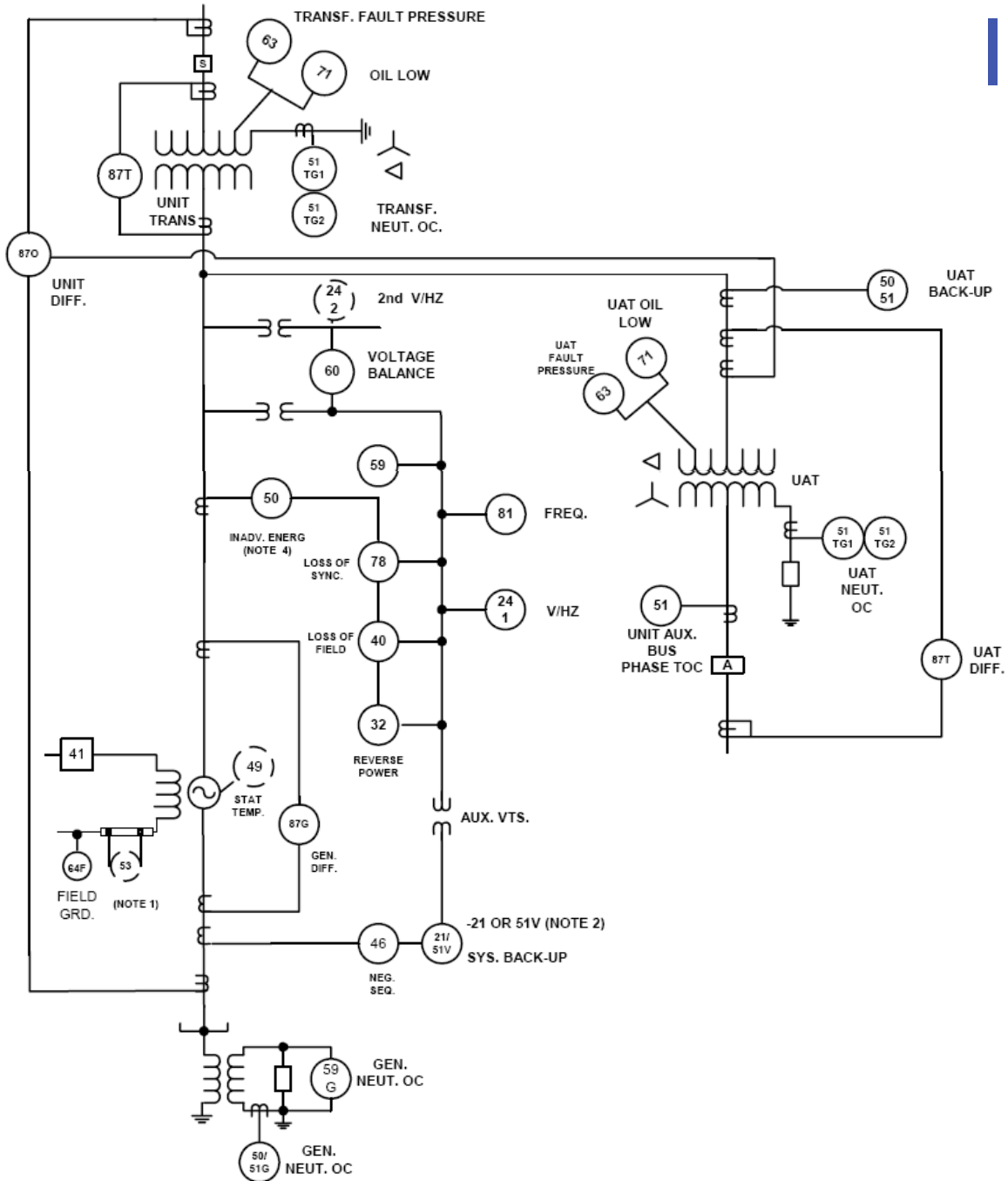
Small – up to 1 MW to 600V, 500 kVA if >600V



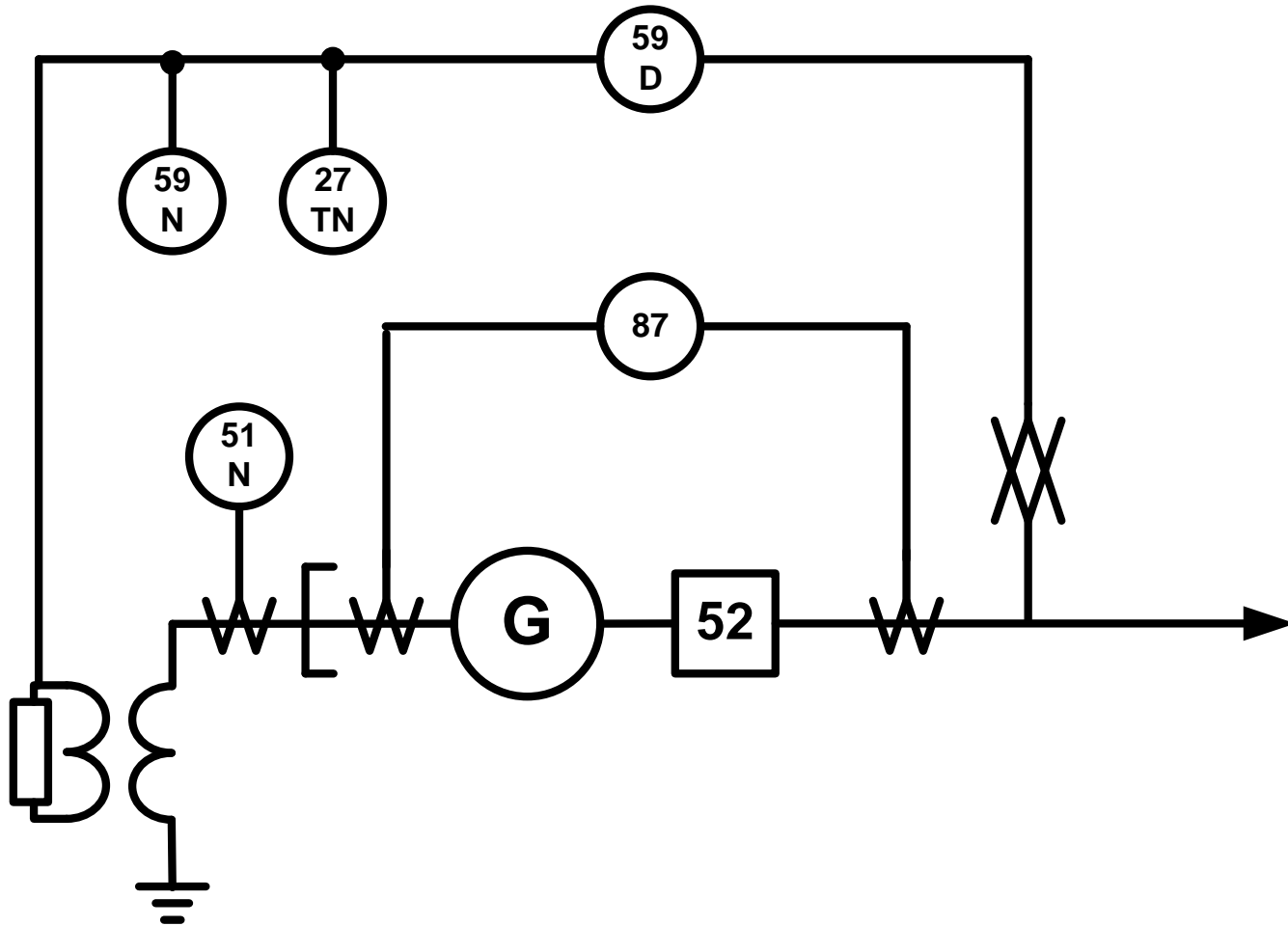




# IEEE C37.102



# Electrical Failures



# Stator Ground Fault: High-Z, Unit Connected Machines

## 59N

- > 95% coverage of winding from terminal end
- > Tuned to the fundamental frequency

## 27TN

- > 5-15% coverage from the neutral end
- > Responds to the Neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic

## 59D

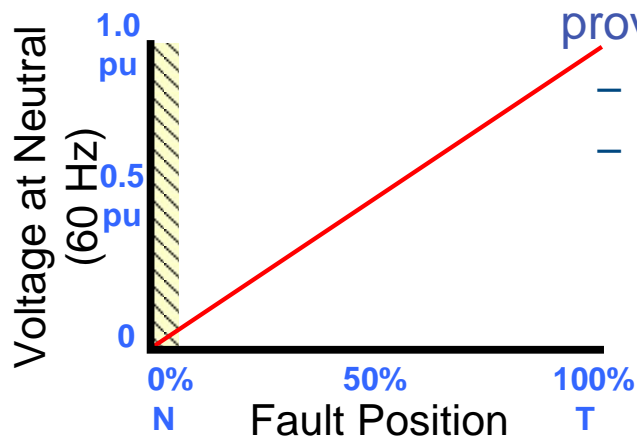
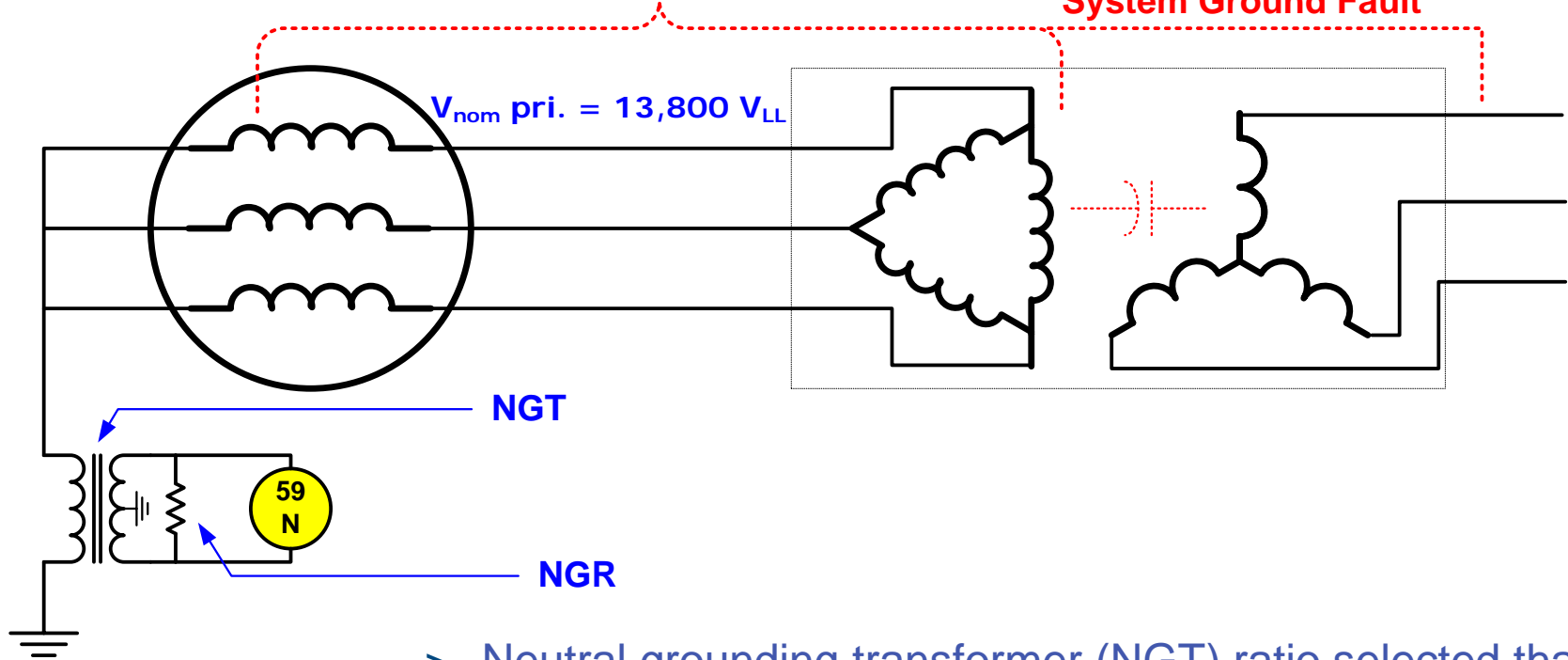
- > 5-15% coverage from the neutral end
- > Responds to the ratio of the Neutral and Terminal 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic

Combine 59N and 27TN or 59D for 100% coverage

# 59N Element

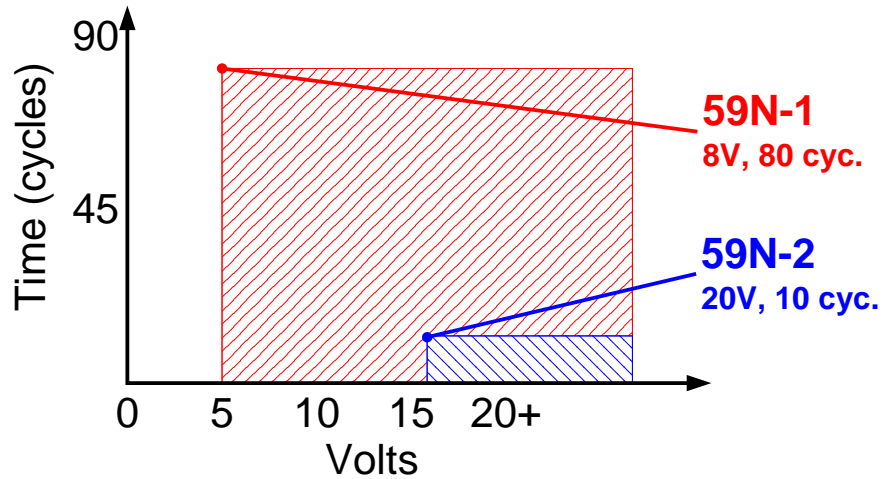
90-95% Coverage

Capacitive Coupling on System Ground Fault



- > Neutral grounding transformer (NGT) ratio selected that provides 120 to 240V for ground fault at machine terminals
  - Max L-G volts =  $13.8\text{kV} / 1.73 = 7995\text{V}$
  - Max NGT volts sec. =  $7995\text{V} / 120\text{V} = 66.39 \text{ VTR}$

# 59N Element



## Use of Multiple Setpoints

- > 1<sup>st</sup> level set sensitive to cover 95% of stator winding
  - Delayed to coordinate with close-in system ground faults capacitively coupled across GSU
- > 2<sup>nd</sup> level set higher than the capacitively coupled voltage so coordination from system ground faults is not necessary
  - May cover from 85% of the stator winding
  - Need to calculate influence of system fault with GSU capacitive coupling and pickup above the coupled value
  - Allows higher speed tripping
  - Only need to coordinate with VT fuses

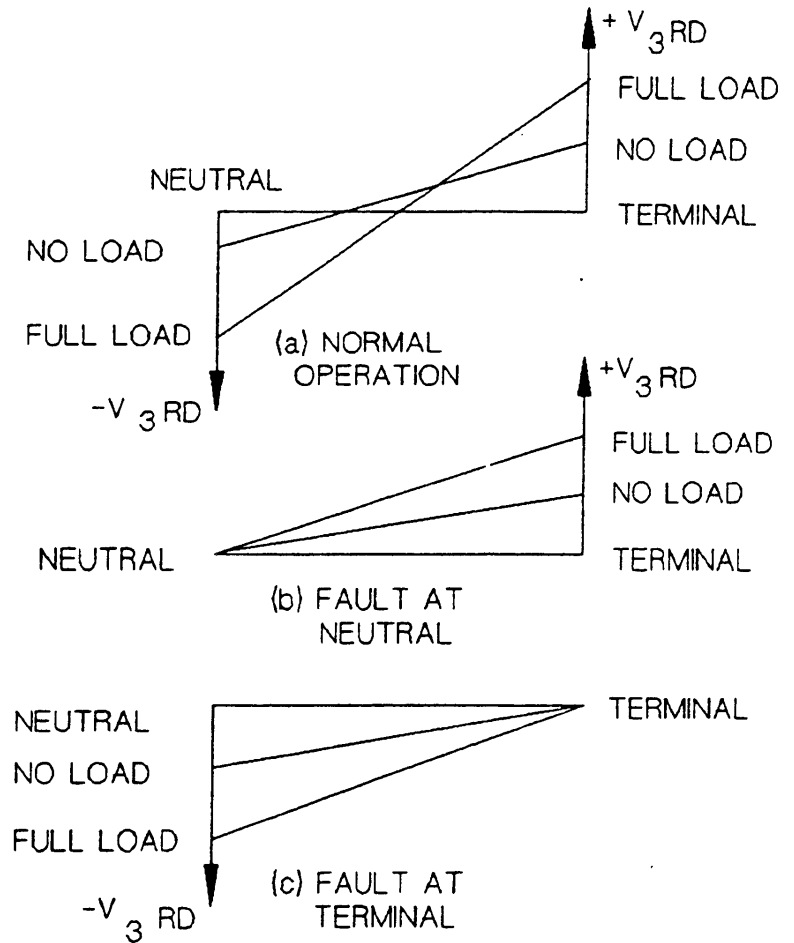
# 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic in Generators

3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic present in terminal and neutral ends

Varies with loading

Useful for ground fault detection near neutral

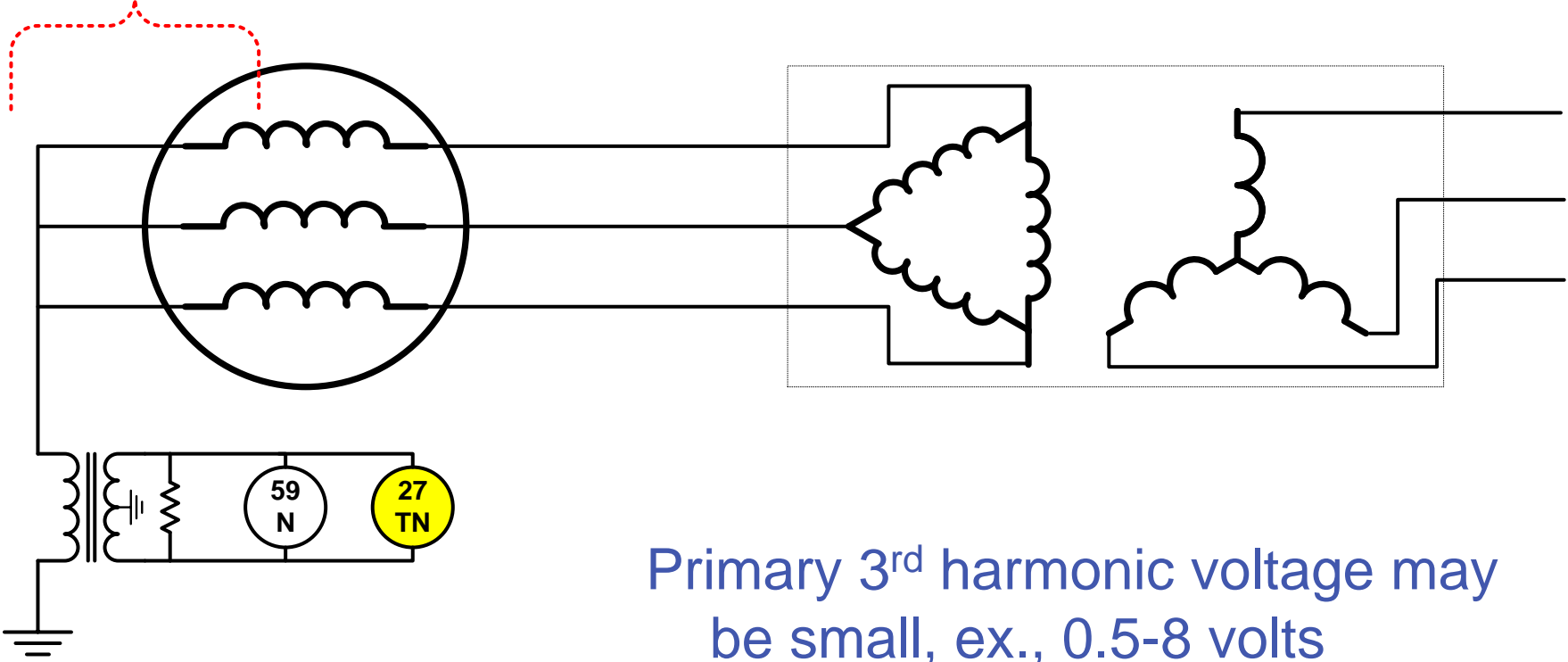
- > If 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic goes away, conclude a ground fault near neutral





# 27TN: 3rd Harmonic Neutral Undervoltage

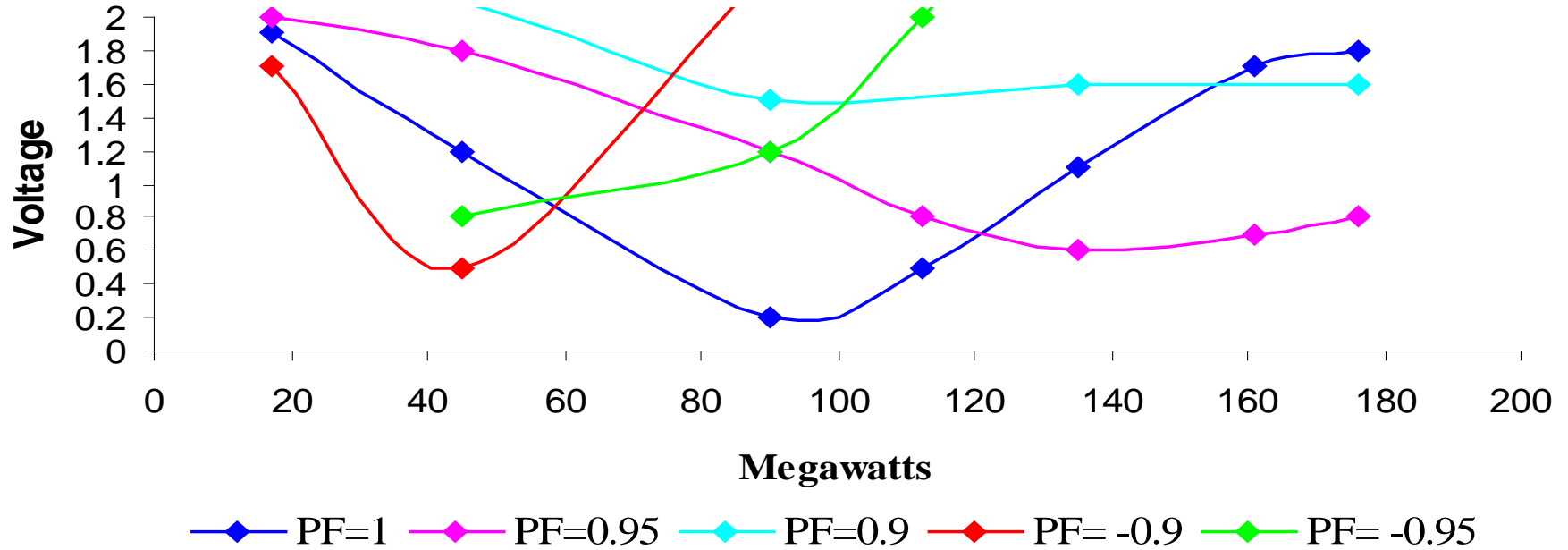
0-15% Coverage



Primary 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic voltage may be small, ex., 0.5-8 volts  
Element must be sensitive

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Field Measurements

## Neutral Voltage Field Measurements



# 27TN: 3rd Harmonic Neutral Undervoltage

Use supervisions for increased security under various loading conditions

- > Any or All May be Applied Simultaneously
  - Positive Sequence Undervoltage Block
  - Definable Power Band Block
  - Under VAr Block; Lead & Lag
  - Power Factor Block; Lead & Lag

# 27TN Supervision

## Phase voltage

- > No phase voltage, machine dead
- > Cannot generate 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic voltage

## Power

- > 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic typically increases as power output increases

## VAr, PF, I, Power Band

- > Additional supervisions for cases where 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic levels vary with modes of operation (sync condenser, pumping, VAr sink)



# Typical 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Values

Real Power	Reactive Power	Neutral Voltage	Terminal Voltage	Ratio
0	0	4.2	4.05	1.0
2	0	3.75	4.95	1.0
12	1	4.05	5.7	1.3
32	1	6.3	7.95	1.4
56	7	8.25	9	1.3
100	7	12	12.3	1.1

3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic values tend to increase with power and VAr loading  
Fault at neutral causes 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic voltage at neutral to go to zero volts

# 59D – 3rd Harmonic Ratio Voltage

Examines 3rd harmonic at terminal and neutral ends of generator

> 59D trips when:

–  $[V_{N3rd} / V_{N3rd} + V_{303rd}] > \text{pick up}$

Uses undervoltage supervision

–  $V_{N3rd} + V_{303rd} > \text{pick up}$

Provides 0-20 stator winding coverage and 80-100% (typ.)

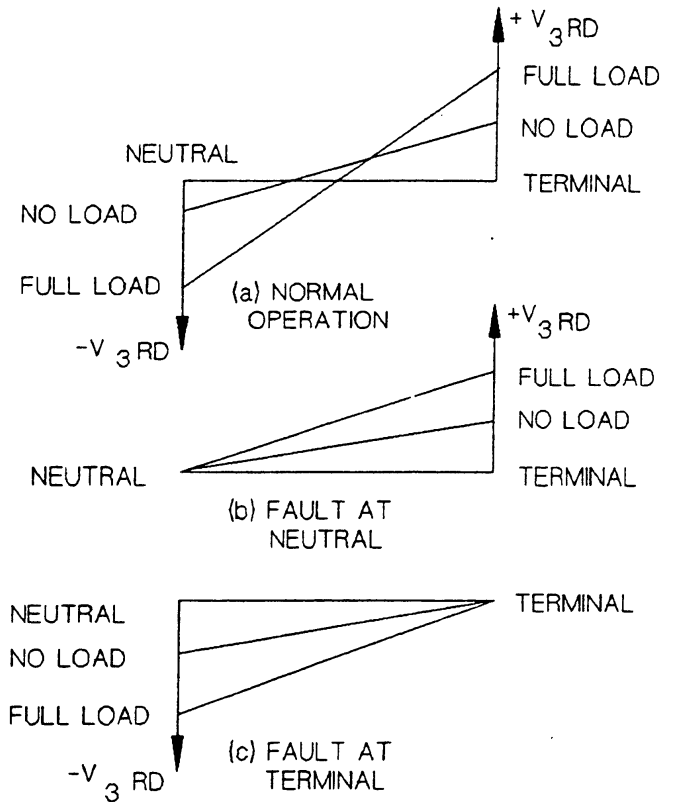
Does not have a security issue with loading, as can a 27TN

> May be less reliable than 27TN

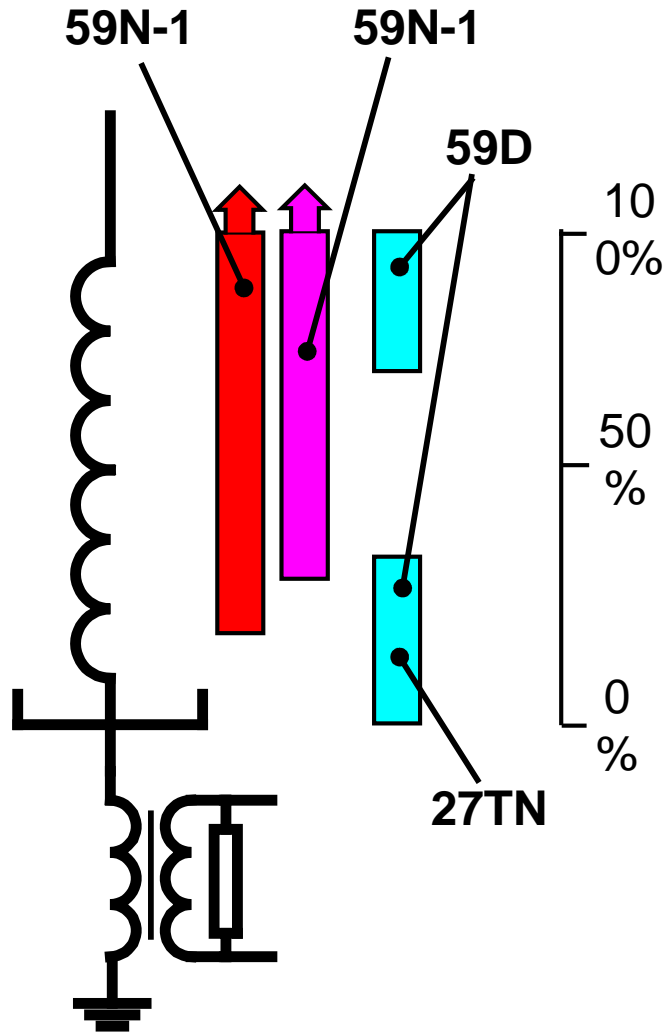
– Not enough difference to trip

“Null spot” at mid-winding protected by 59N

Needs wye phase VTs; cannot use delta VTs to obtain  $3V_0$  voltage at terminals



# Stator Ground Faults: High-Z Element Coverage



100% Stator Ground Fault coverage afforded by overlap by 59N and either the 27TN or 59D elements



# Grounding Fault Calculations

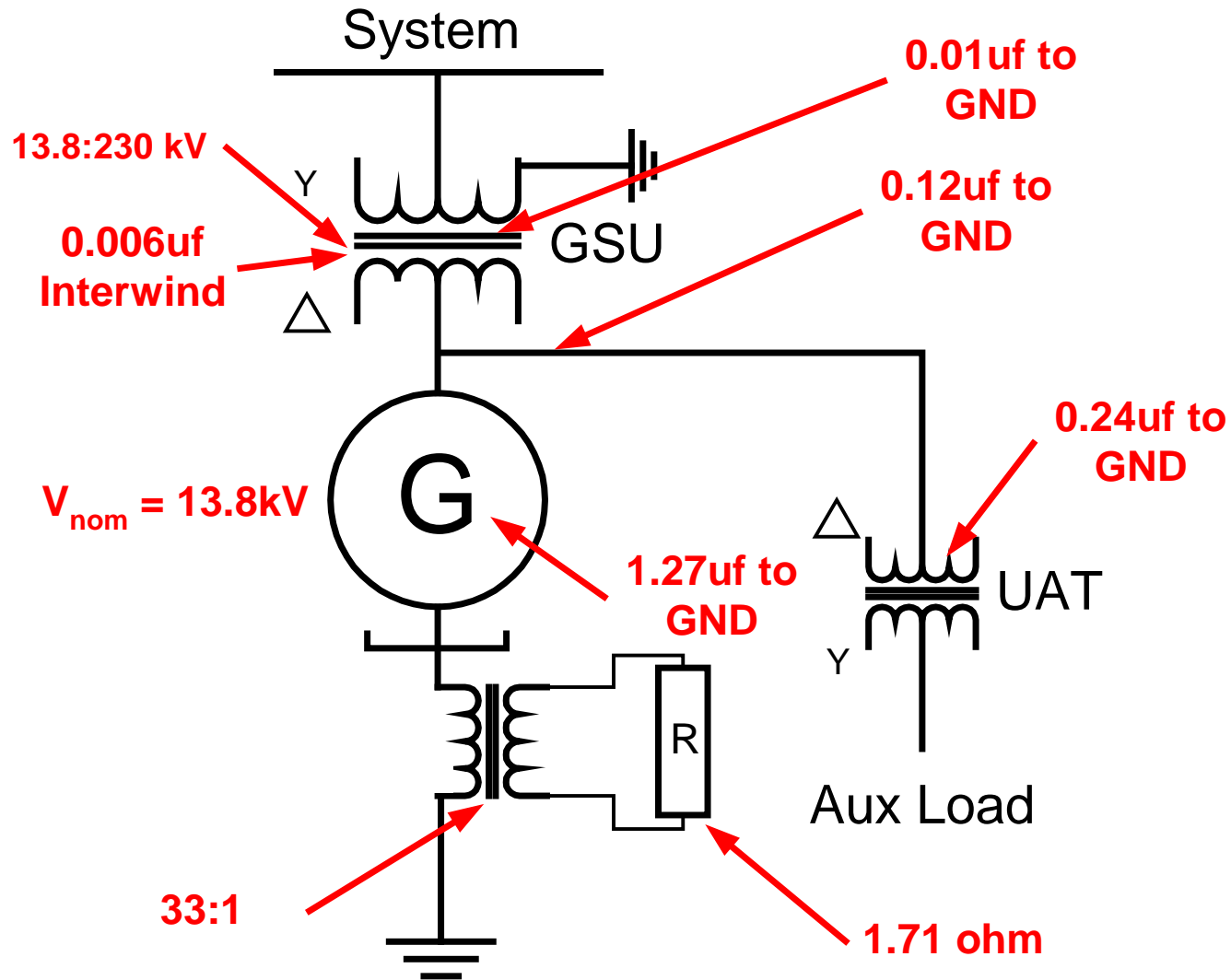
Size the NGT to obtain 120 to 240V for a full winding ground fault

Size the NGR to limit ground fault currents

Calculate 5%-100% ground fault setting

Calculate optional high speed 15%+ ground fault setting

# Ground Fault Calculation



# Ground Fault Calculations

## 1) Calculate Generator Line-Neutral Voltage

- $V_{LN} = V_{LL \text{ nom}} / \sqrt{3}$
- $V_{LN} = 13,800V / 1.73 = 7977 V$

## 2) Calculate Total Capacitance

- $C_T = C_{\text{gen}} + C_{\text{lead}} + C_{\text{GSU}} + C_{\text{UAT}} + C_{\text{surge}}$
- $C_T = 1.27 \text{ uf} + 0.12 \text{ uf} + 0.01 \text{ uf} + 0.24 \text{ uf} = 1.424 \text{ uf}$

## 3) Calculate Total Capacitive Reactance

- $X_{CT} = 1/2\pi fC = 1/(6.28) * (60) * (1.424 * 10^{-6})$
- $X_{CT} = 1,864\Omega$

## 4) Pick NGT ratio for 240V<sub>sec</sub> on full ground fault

- $\text{NGT Ratio} = V_{LG} / V_{\text{sec max}}$
- $\text{NGT Ratio} = 7977V / 240V = 33$

# Ground Fault Calculations

## 5) Calculate 95% 59N Setting

- $59N_{(95\%)} = V_{\text{sec max}} * [100\% - \% \text{ Desired Coverage}]$
- $59N_{(95\%)} = 240V * [100\% - 95\%]$
- $59N_{(95\%)} = 240V * [0.05] = 12V$
- Use timer set greater than system ground fault back up

## 6) Select $R_{\text{ground pri}}$ to equal $X_{\text{CT}}$ to limit transient overvoltages

- $R_{\text{ground pri}} = 1,864\Omega$

## 7) Calculate NGR based on desired $R_{\text{ground pri}}$

- $\text{NGR} = R_{\text{ground pri}} / [\text{NGT ratio}]^2$
- $\text{NGR} = 1,864\Omega / 33^2 = 1.71\Omega$

# Ground Fault Calculations

## 8) Calculate Maximum Primary Ground Fault Current

- $GFC_{pri\ max} = V_{LN} / R_{ground\ pri}$
- $GFC_{pri\ max} = 7977V / 1,864\Omega = 4.28\ A$

## 9) Calculate Maximum Secondary Ground Fault Current

- $GFC_{sec\ max} = V_{sec\ max} / NGR$
- $GFC_{sec\ max} = 240V / 1.71\Omega = 140\ A$

## 10) Calculate NGT/NGR Power Dissipation

- $W = V_{sec\ max} * GFC_{sec\ max}$
- $W = 240V * 140\ A = 33.6KW$

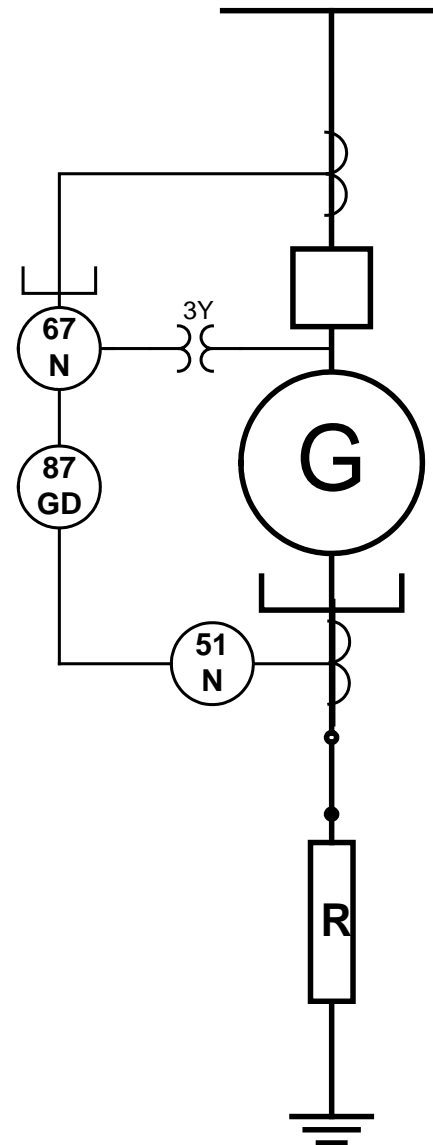
# Ground Fault Calculations

## 11) Calculate Worse Case Coupling Voltage

- $GFC_{\text{pri coupled}} = V_{\text{LN High Side}} / [1/2\pi fC]$
- $GFC_{\text{pri coupled}} = [230,000 \text{ V} / \sqrt{3}] / [1/376 * 0.006\mu\text{f} \times 10^{-6}]$
- $GFC_{\text{pri coupled}} = 132,948 \text{ V} / 443262\Omega$
- $GFC_{\text{pri coupled}} = 0.2999 = 0.3 \text{ A}$
- $59N_{\text{(max coupled)}} = [GFC_{\text{pri coupled}} * R_{\text{ground pri}}] / \text{NGT ratio}$
- $59N_{\text{(max coupled)}} = [0.3 \text{ A} * 1,864\Omega] / 33$
- $59N_{\text{(max coupled)}} = 16 \text{ V}$
- Set time to coordinate with phase VT fuses

# Stator Ground Fault: Low Z Machines

51N: Neutral Overcurrent  
67N: Neutral Directional  
87GD: Ground Differential

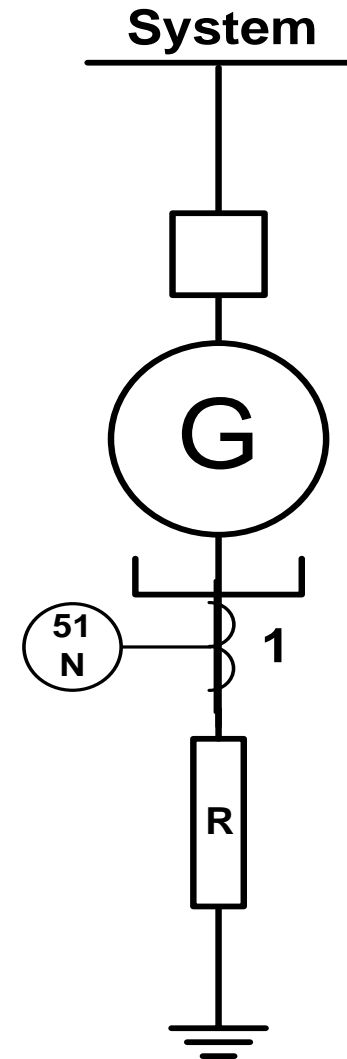


# 51N

Typically set to 5% of available fault ground fault current

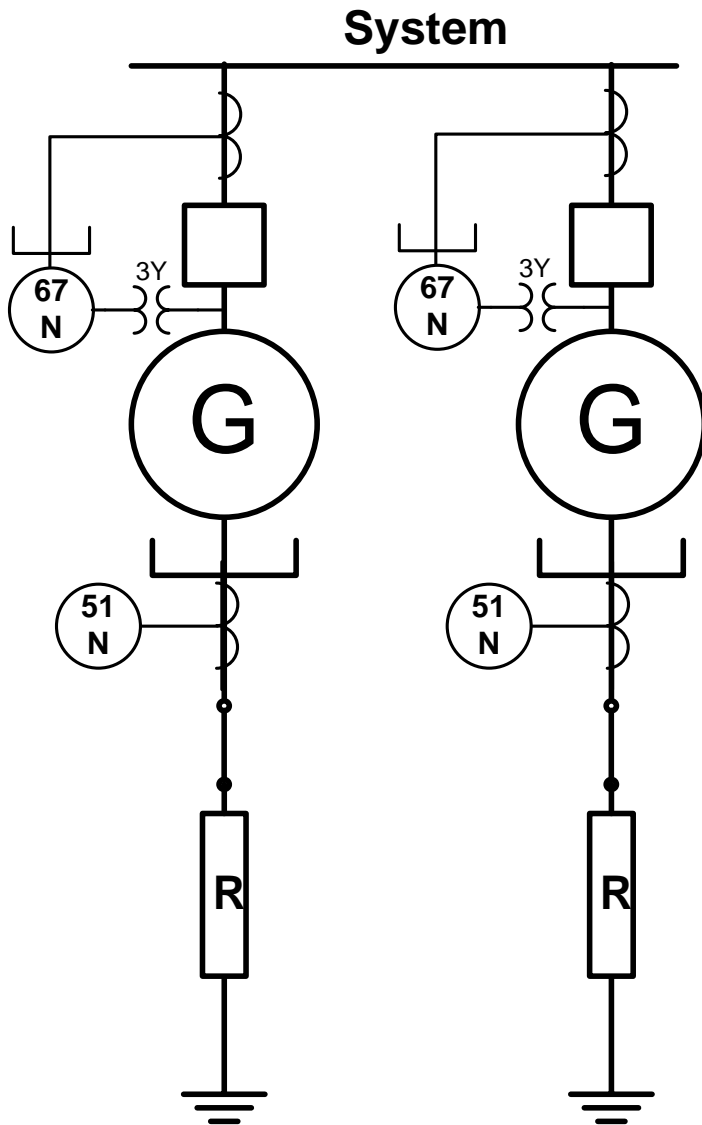
Coordination with system ground fault protection

Blocking by system ground fault protection





# 67N: Neutral Directional



Provides selective ground fault detection for multi-generator bus connected arrangements

Set to operate faster than 51N

-may have short time delay

# 67 N: Neutral Directional

67N directionalized to trip for zero-sequence (ground) current flowing toward a generator

- > Complements 51N
- > Open circuit neutral resistor or open grounding switch
- > Ground switch supervision (becomes non directional)

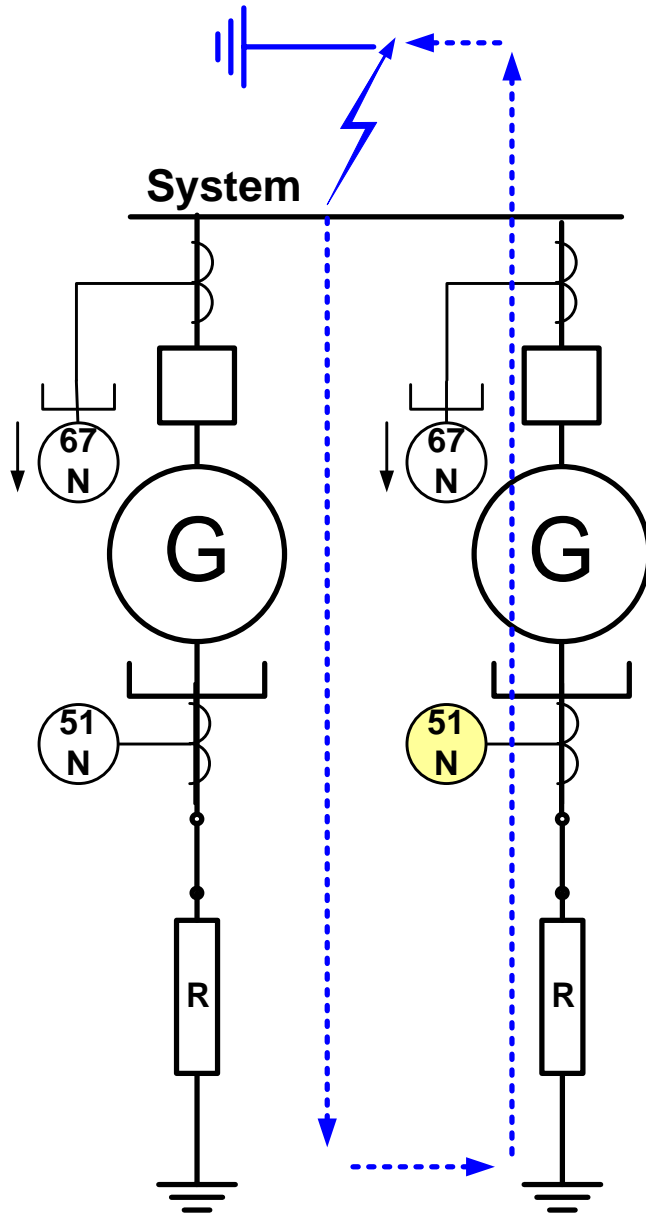
67N is set faster than 51N

- > May be short definite time delay

Requires  $3V_0$  polarizing signal

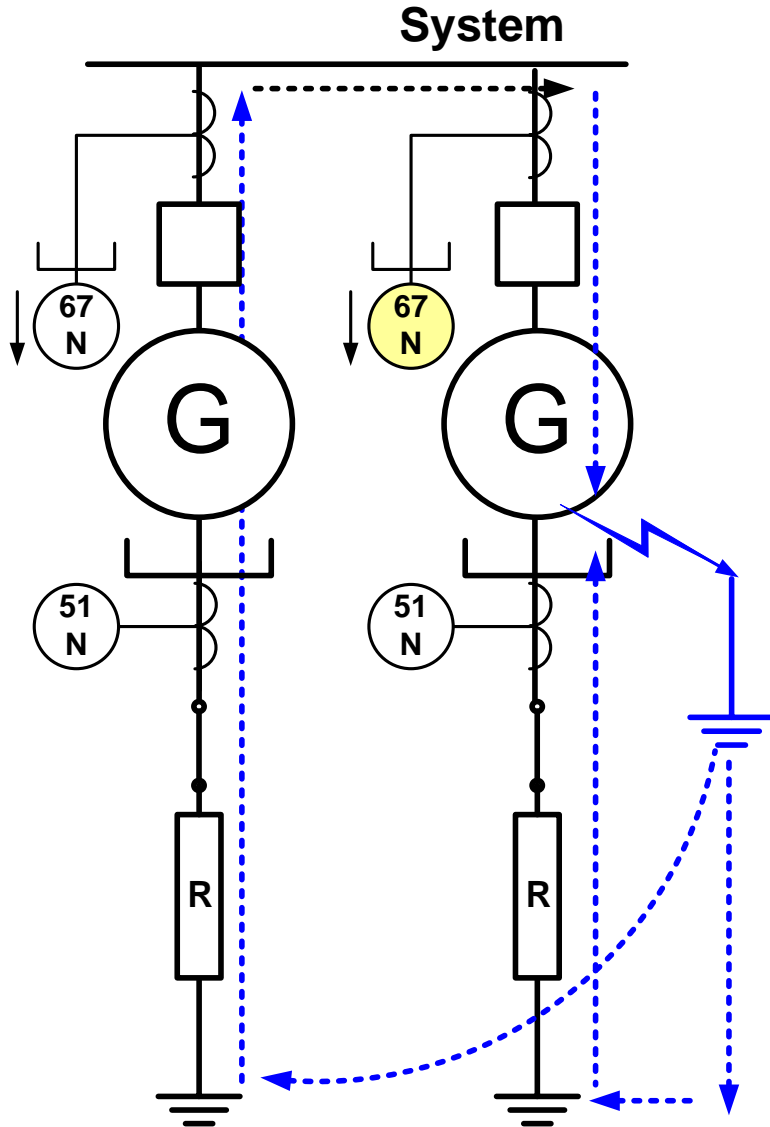
Core balance CT recommended for sensitive fault detection

# Neutral Directional : Low-Z Generator



- Ground fault on system is detected by grounded generator's 51N element
  - Coordinated with system relays, they should trip before 51N
  - 67N sees fault current in the reverse direction and does not trip

# Neutral Directional : Low-Z Generator



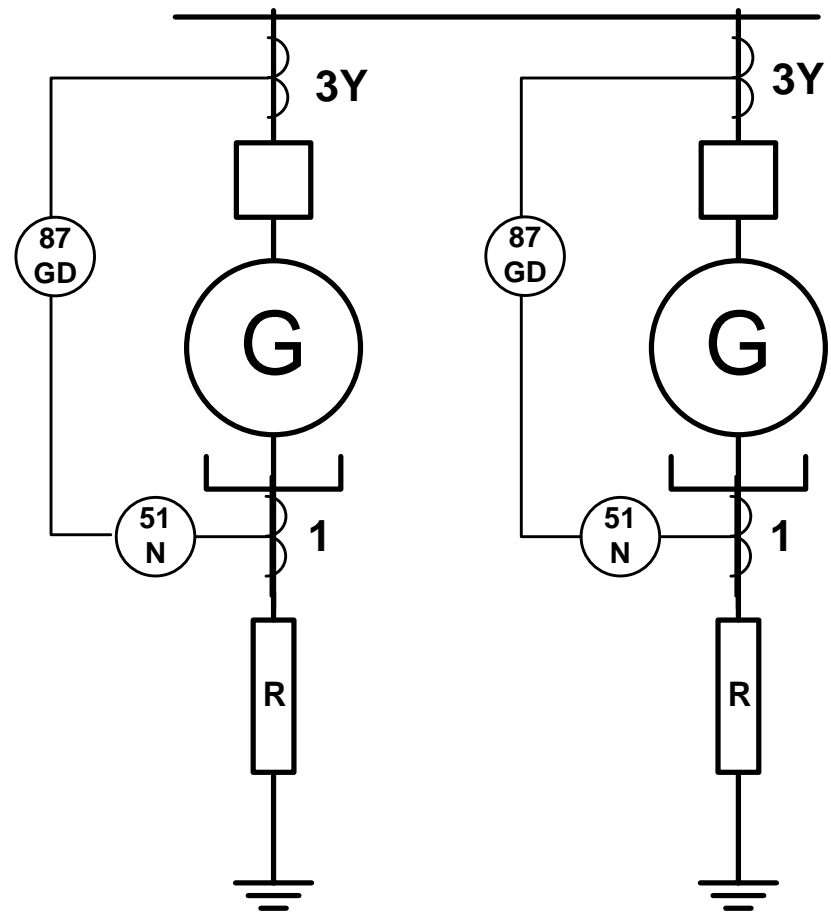
- Ground fault in machine is detected by 67N & 51N
  - 51N picks up in unfaulted machine
- 67N trips fast in faulted machine
- 51N resets on unfaulted machine

# 87GD: Ground Differential

Employed 87GD to selectively clear machine ground fault for multi-generator bus connected arrangements

Use with 51N on grounded machine(s) for internal fault and system back up

Ground switches on all machines can all be closed



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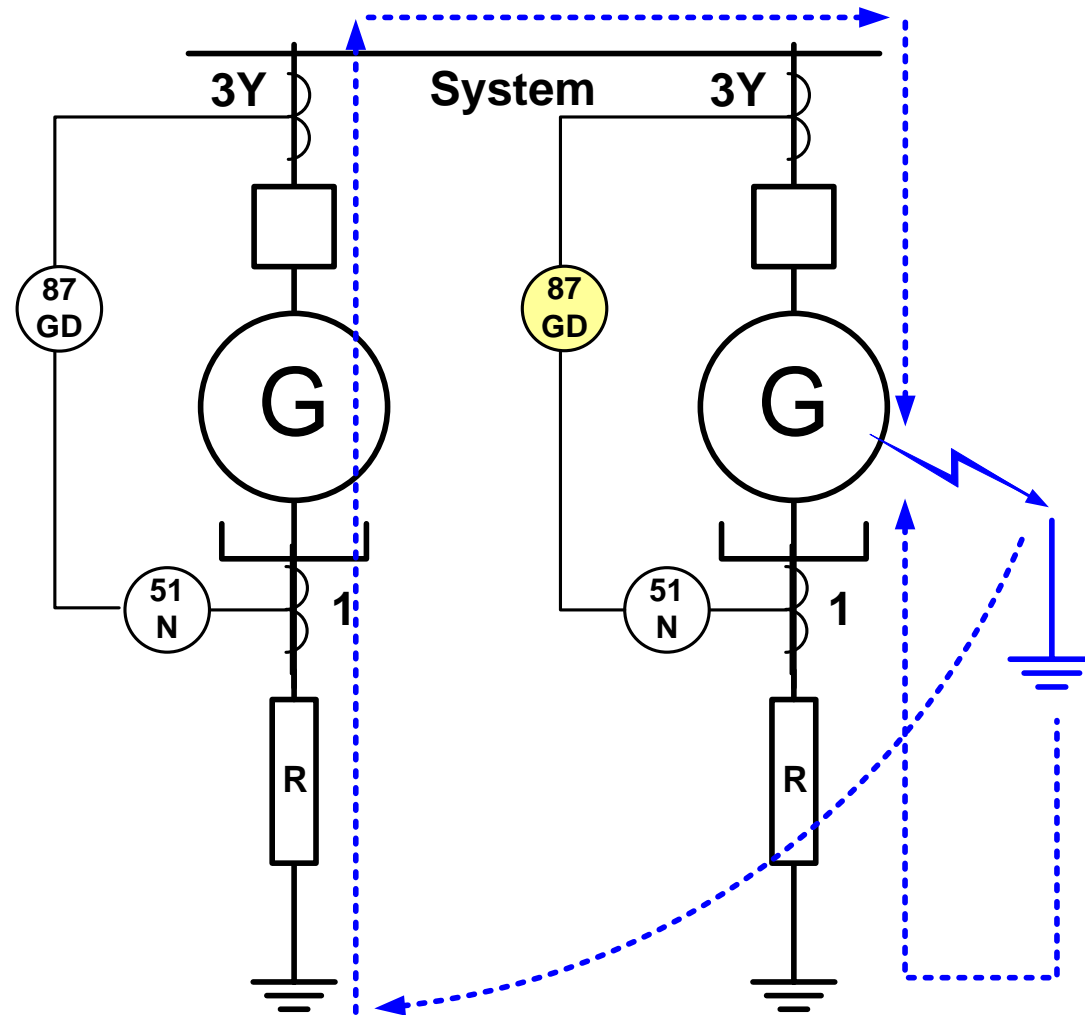
87GD element provides selectivity on multiple bused machine applications

Requires phase CTs, or terminal side zero-sequence CT, and a ground CT

87GD uses currents with directionalization for security and selectivity

87GD is set faster than 51N

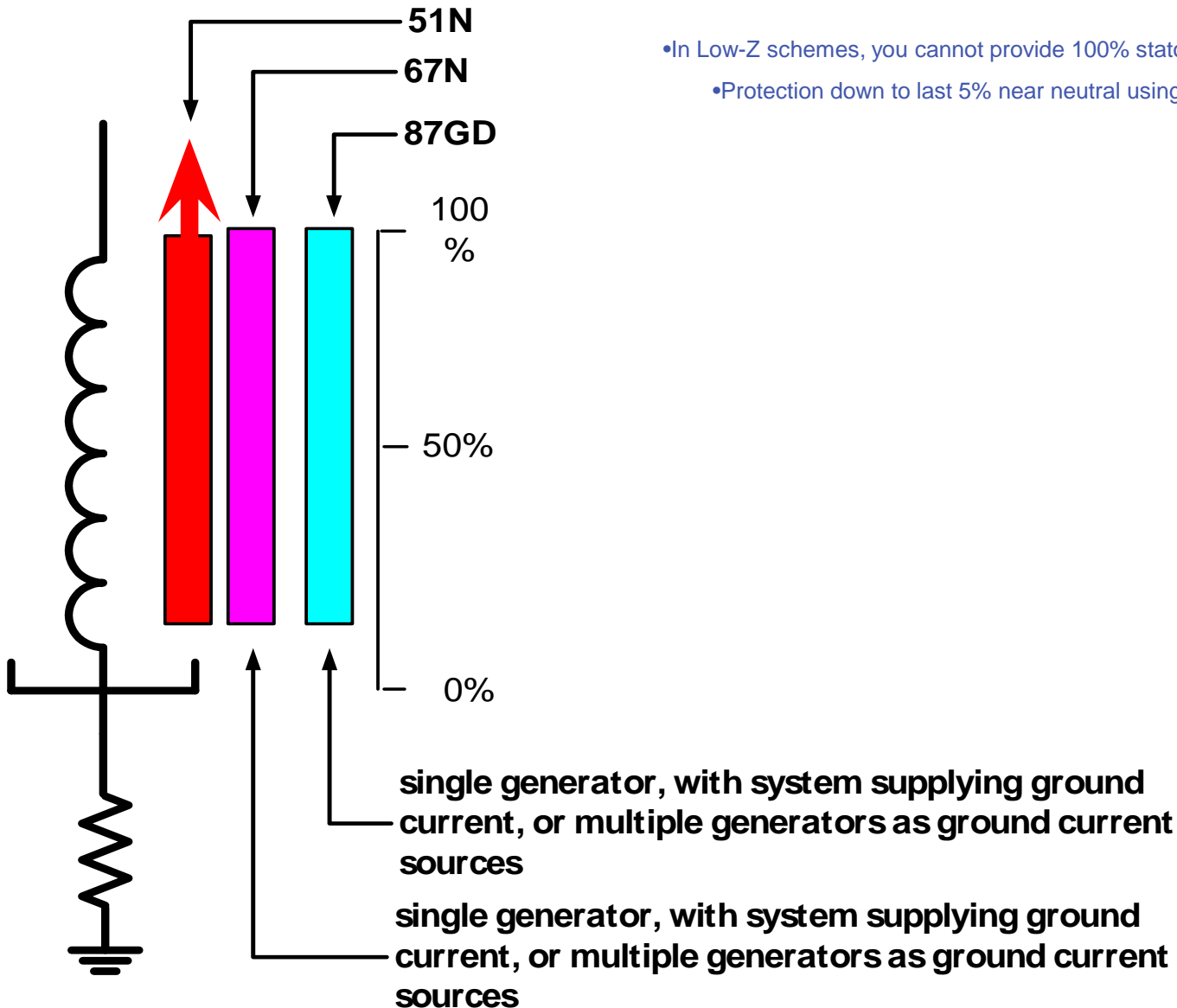
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# Stator Ground Faults: Coverage

- In Low-Z schemes, you cannot provide 100% stator ground fault protection
  - Protection down to last 5% near neutral using 51N, 67N or 87GD





# Stator Phase Faults

Elements responding to zero sequence quantities will not operate

Fault current not limited by grounding impedance

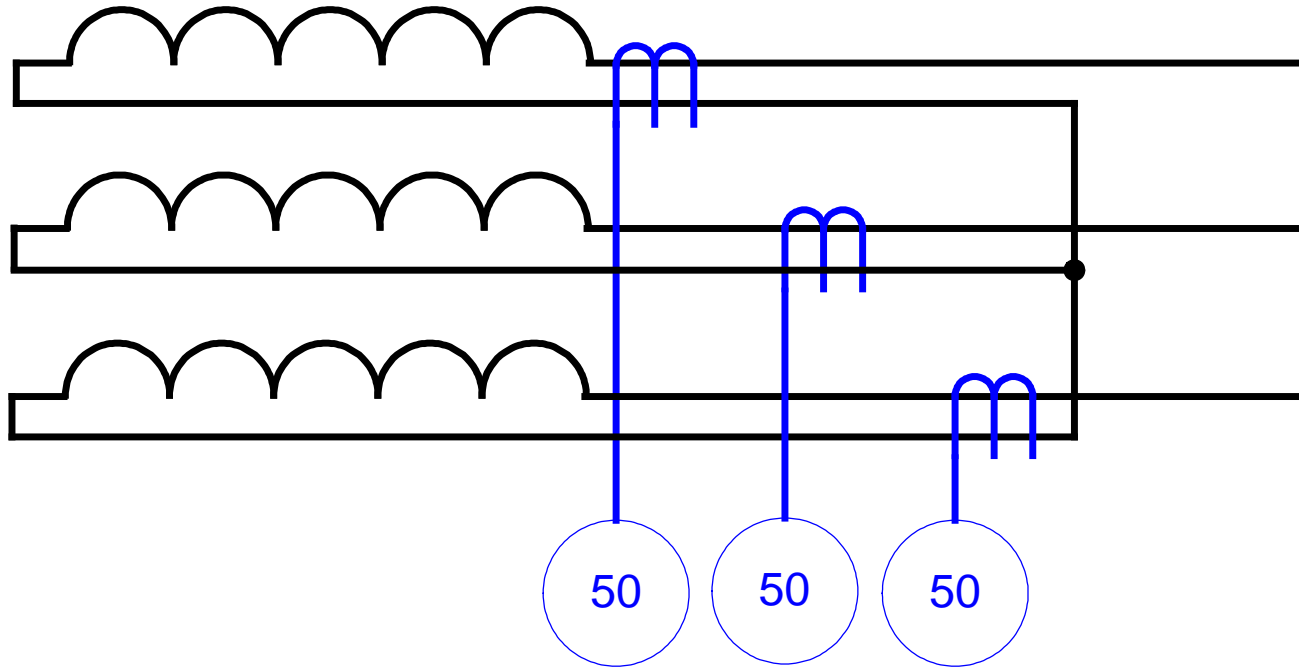
Overcurrent protection would require coordination

# Balanced Differential

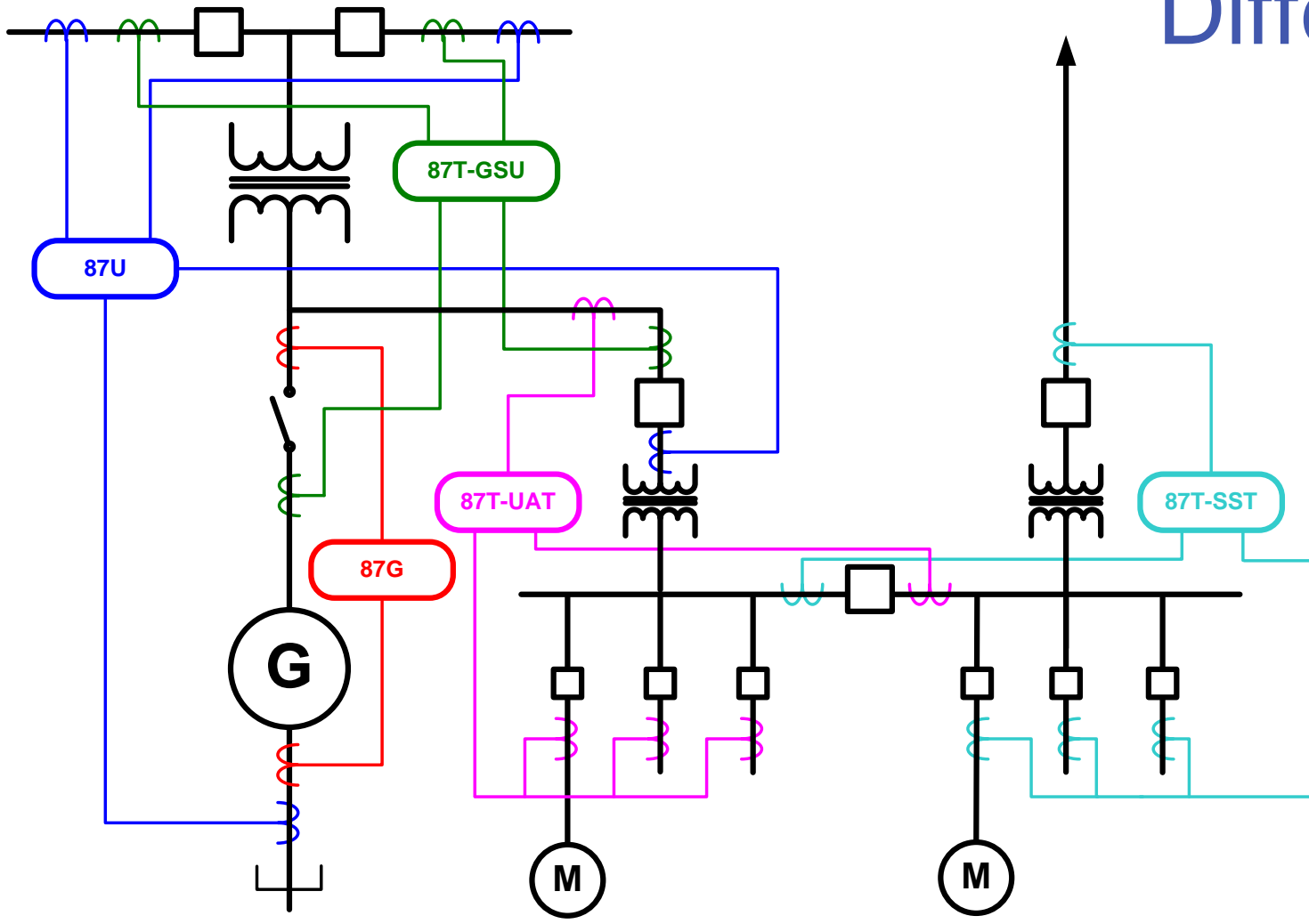
Sensitive detection of phase and ground faults

No coordination issues

Difficult to install on large machines



# Differential



- No need to coordinate with other zones
- High speed (typ. 0.75-2.5 cycles)
- Main issue is security during CT saturation

# Biased Differential: 87G

Fast, selective

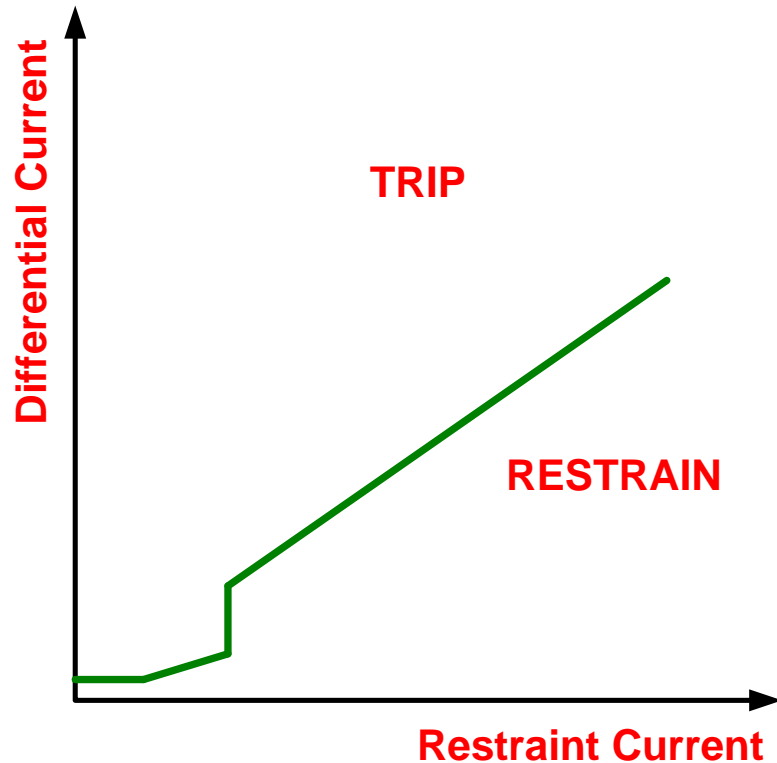
Used to clear multiphase faults

- > Can detect ground faults to a degree in low-Z grounded machines
- > Cannot detect ground faults in high-Z grounded machines
  - Too little ground fault current at  $\leq 10A$

Uses differential principle

- > Current in should equal current out

# Biased Differential Characteristic

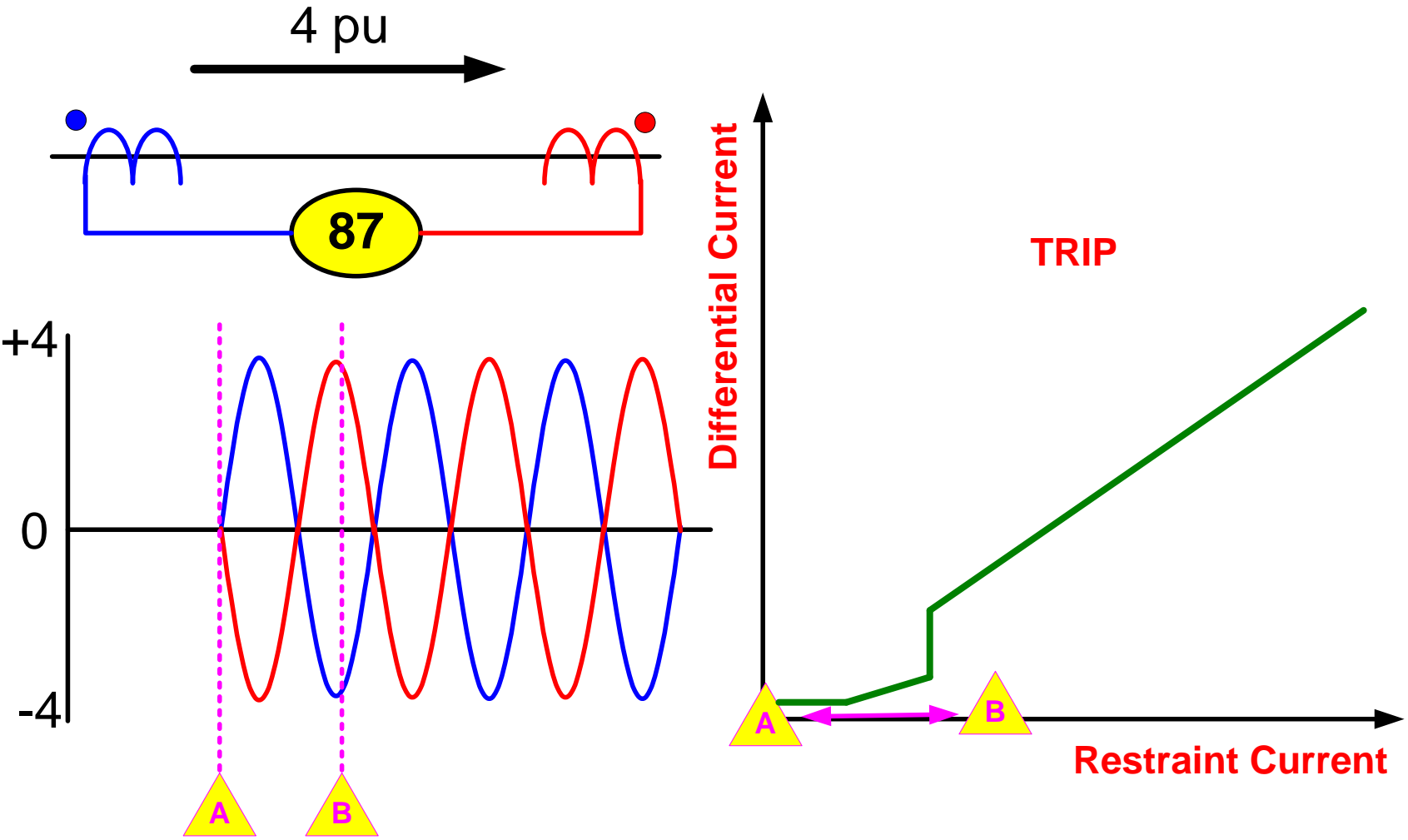


Minimum Pickup: 5% of Inominal

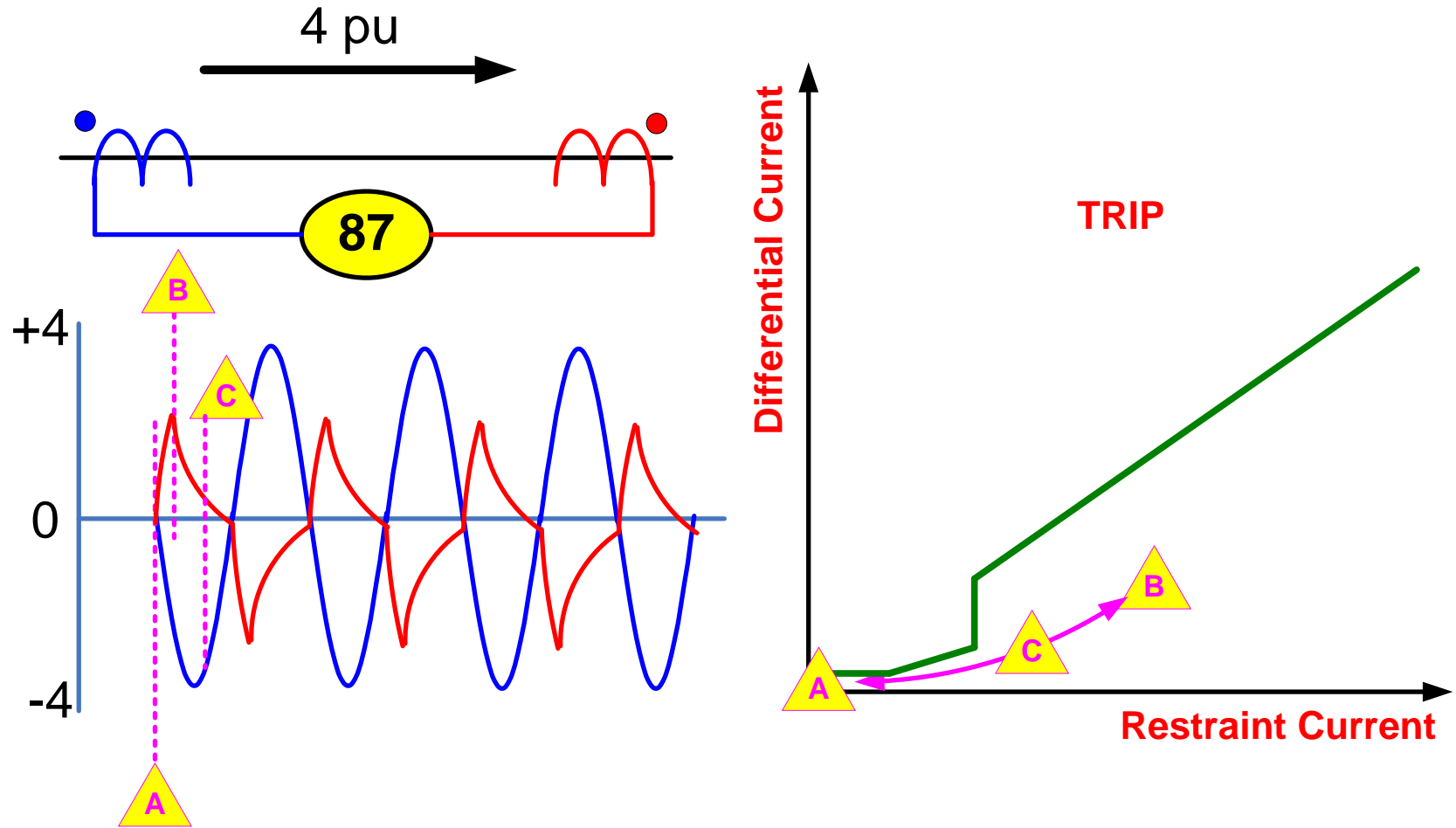
Slope 1 for “normal” CT errors: 10%

Slope 2 for large errors: 50-80%

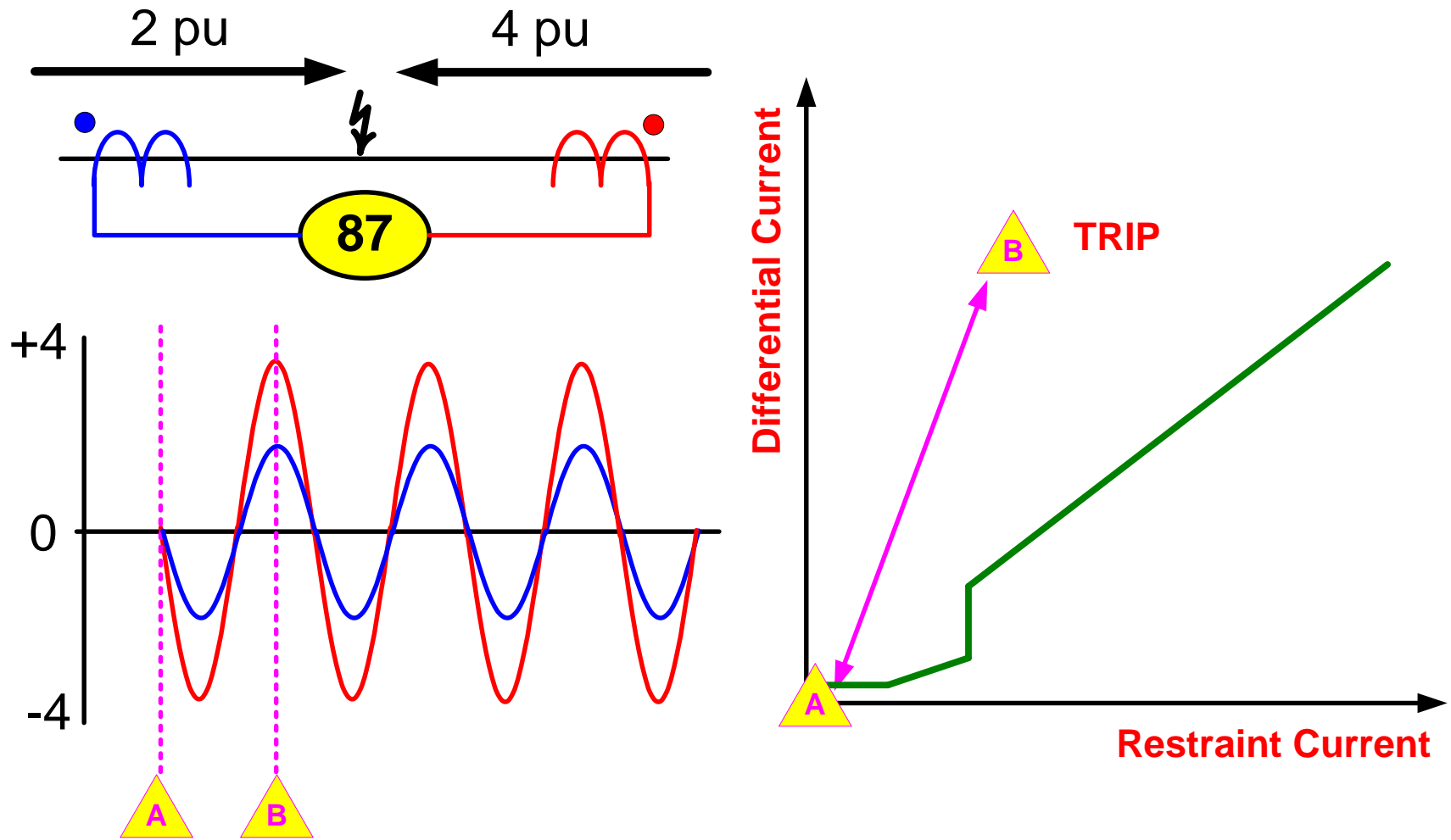
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# Through Current: CT Error

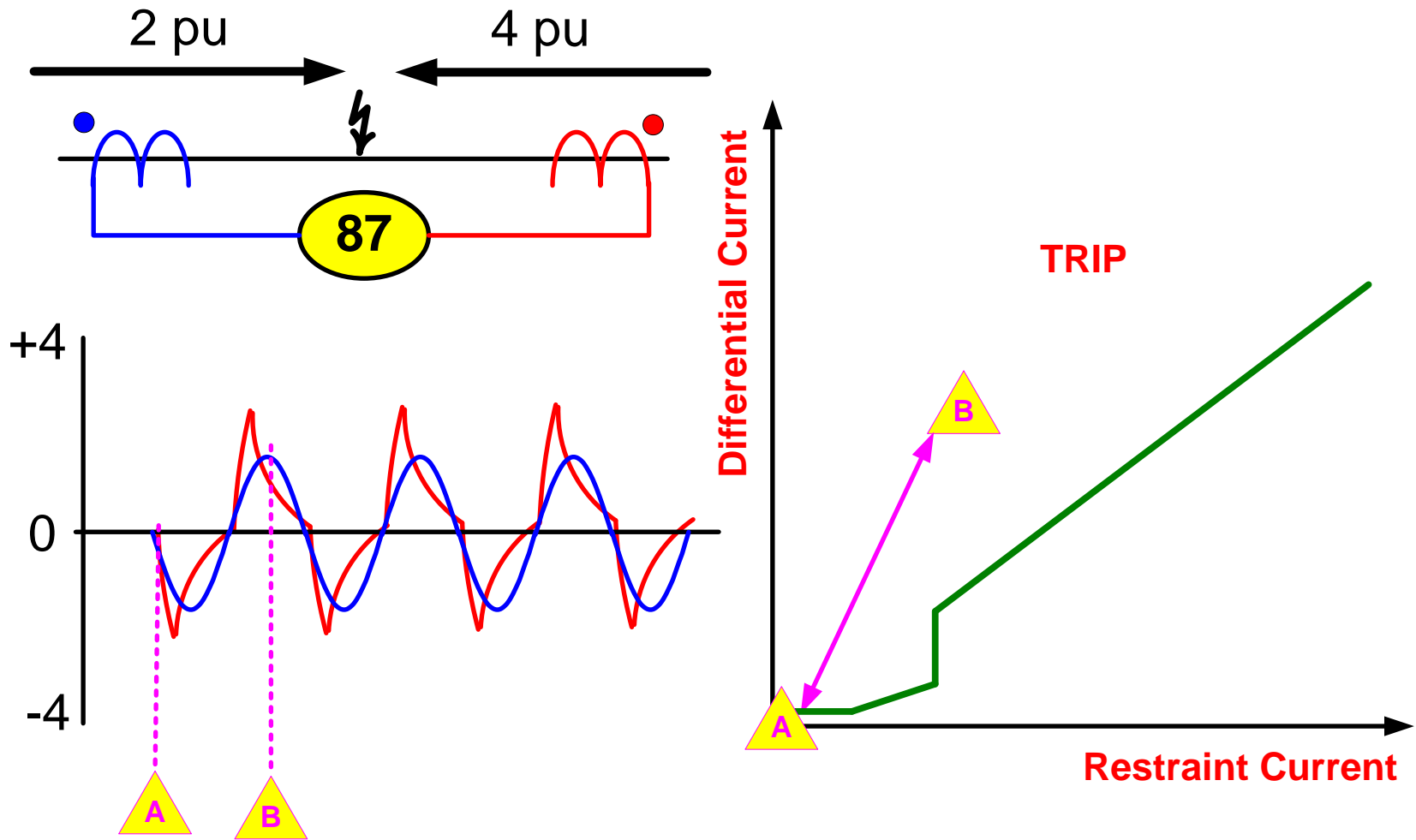


# Internal Fault: Ideal CTs





# Internal Fault: CT Error



# CT Calculations for Differential

Intent is to size CTs for fault current and burden to avoid saturation

Modern protection has very low burden which is helpful (0.020 ohm typ.)

Old E/M protection may have high burden (0.3-0.8 ohm typ.)

Long runs of thin wire raise burden

# C37.110 Recommendations

The following requirements apply to CTs used for generator differential applications:

- a) Select CT current rating to 120%-150% of generator rating
- b) Utilize full-winding ratio
- c) Use CTs with the highest practical secondary voltage capability
- d) Use CTs that have fully distributed secondary windings

The differential CTs on both sides of a generator should be of the same ratio, rating, connected burden, and preferably have the same manufacturer, so that the excitation characteristics are well matched

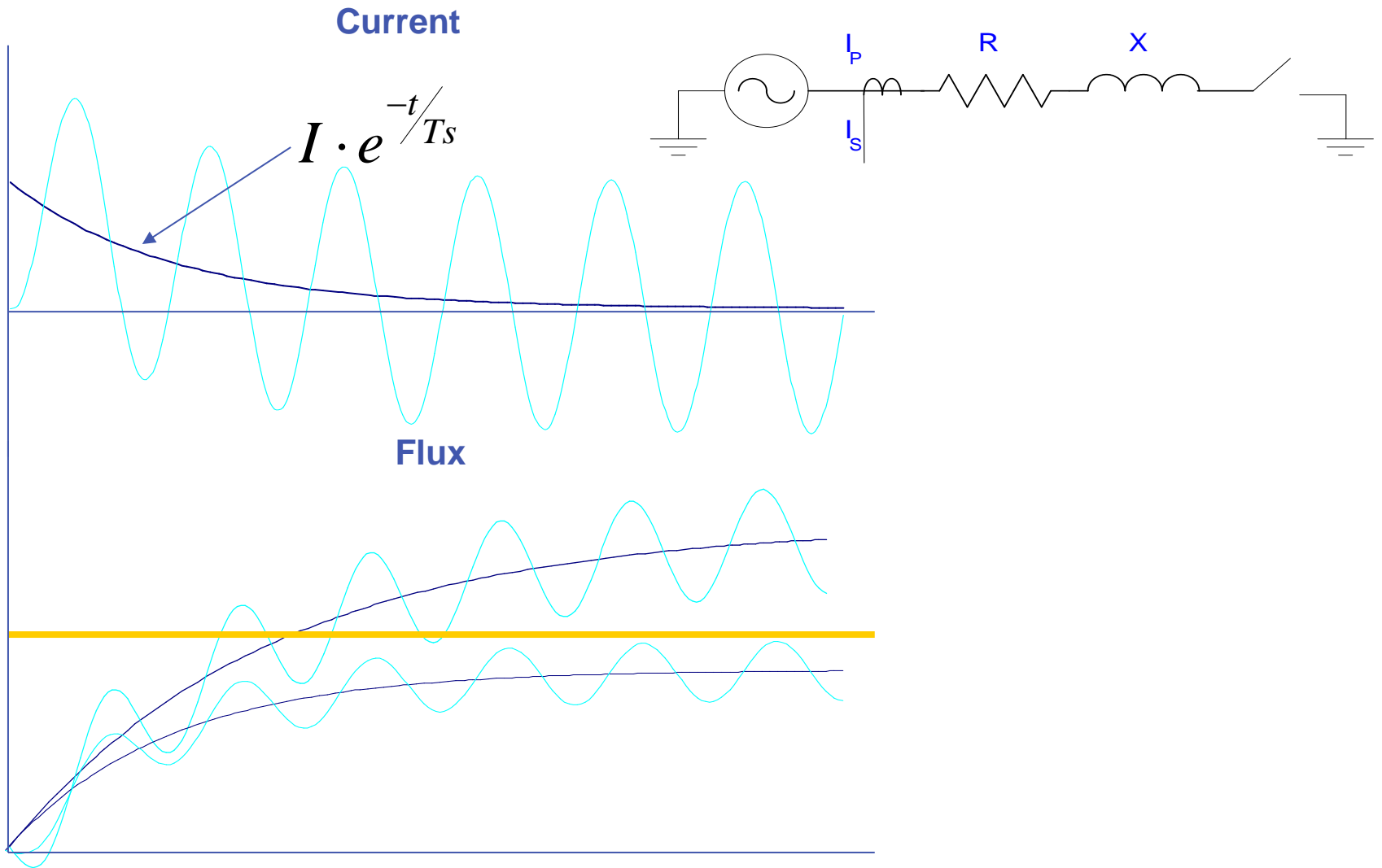
# C37.110 Recommendations

If the generator differential zone must include a generator breaker it is not always possible to use CTs with the same excitation characteristics, especially knee point voltage. The mismatch of the CTs should be checked

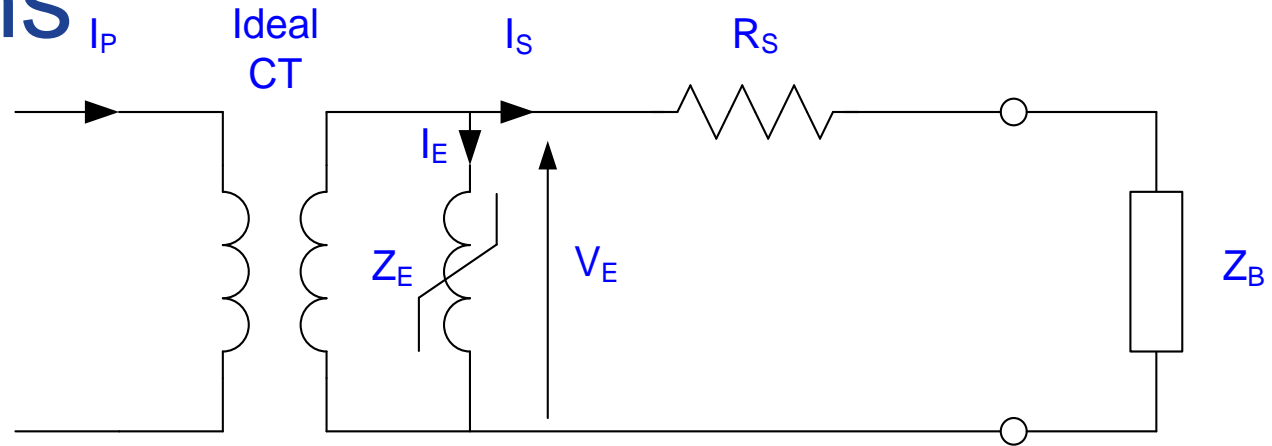
In order of preference, the goal is to:

- a) Avoid CT saturation for asymmetrical currents, if possible
- b) Prevent saturation on symmetrical currents
- c) Go into saturation at the same current if avoiding dc saturation is not possible
- d) Minimize the difference in time to saturation for asymmetrical currents (dc saturation)

# CT Saturation for DC



# DC Saturation: Fundamental Relations



$$V_E = I_S \cdot (R_S + Z_B)$$

Voltage across the magnetizing branch

$$K_S = \frac{V_X}{I_S \cdot Z_T}$$

Saturation factor

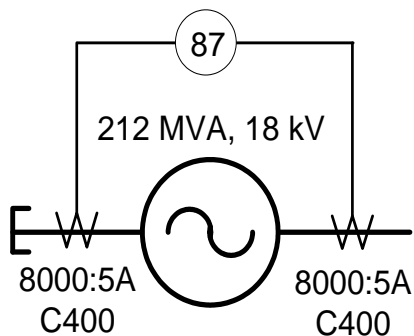
$$K_S > 1 + X/R$$

Saturation-free operation

$$T_S = \frac{-X/R}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot f} \cdot \ln \left( 1 - \frac{K_S - 1}{X/R} \right)$$

Time to saturation

# CT Calculations for AC Saturation



## Gather Burden Information

$$CT = 0.3 \Omega$$

$$\text{Leads} = 0.6 \Omega$$

$$\text{Relay} = 0.040 \Omega$$

$$Z_{\text{total}} = CT + \text{Leads} + \text{Relays}$$

$$= 0.3\Omega + 0.6\Omega + 0.04\Omega =$$

$$0.94 \Omega$$

## Use $X''_d$ for maximum Fault Current

$$X''_d = 0.136 \text{ pu}$$

$$I_f = 1 / X''_d = 7.35 \text{ pu}$$

## Determine Rated Current

$$I_{\text{rated}} = \text{MVA}_{\text{NOM}} / \sqrt{3} \cdot V_{\text{NOM}}$$

$$= 212 \text{ MVA} / \sqrt{3} \cdot 18 \text{ kV}$$

$$= 6808 \text{ A}_{\text{PRI}}$$

$$I_{\text{PRI}} = 7.35 * 6808$$

$$= 50309 \text{ A}_{\text{PRI}}$$

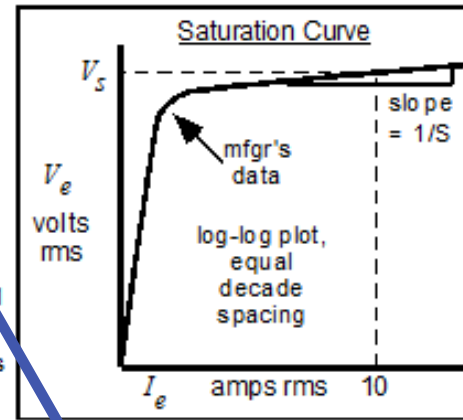
$$I_{\text{SEC}} = 50309 * 5 / 8000$$

$$= 31 \text{ A}_{\text{SEC}}$$

# CT Calculations for AC Saturation

## INPUT PARAMETERS:

	ENTER:	
Inverse of sat. curve slope =	S =	16
RMS voltage at 10A exc. current =	Vs =	450 volts rms
Turns ratio = n2/1=	N =	1600
Winding resistance =	Rw =	0.300 ohms
Burden resistance =	Rb =	0.640 ohms
Burden reactance =	Xb =	0.004 ohms
System X/R ratio =	XoverR =	20.0
Per unit offset in primary current =	Off =	1.00 -1<Off<1
Per unit remanence (based on Vs) =	λrem	0.00
Symmetrical primary fault current =	Ip =	50,309 amps rms

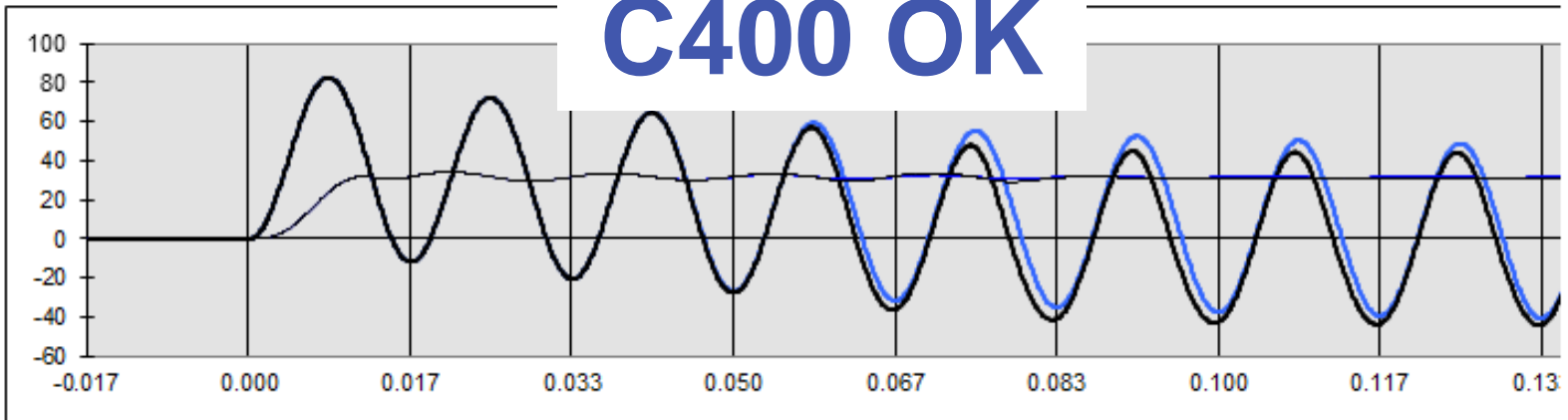


## CALCULATED:

- Rt = Total burden resistance =
- pf = Total burden power factor =
- Zb = Total burden impedance =
- Tau1 = System time constant =
- Lamsat = Peak flux-linkages corrected =
- $\omega$  = Radian frequency =
- RP = Rms-to-peak ratio =
- A = Coefficient in instantaneous versus lambda curve =
- dt = Time step =
- Lb = Burden inductance =

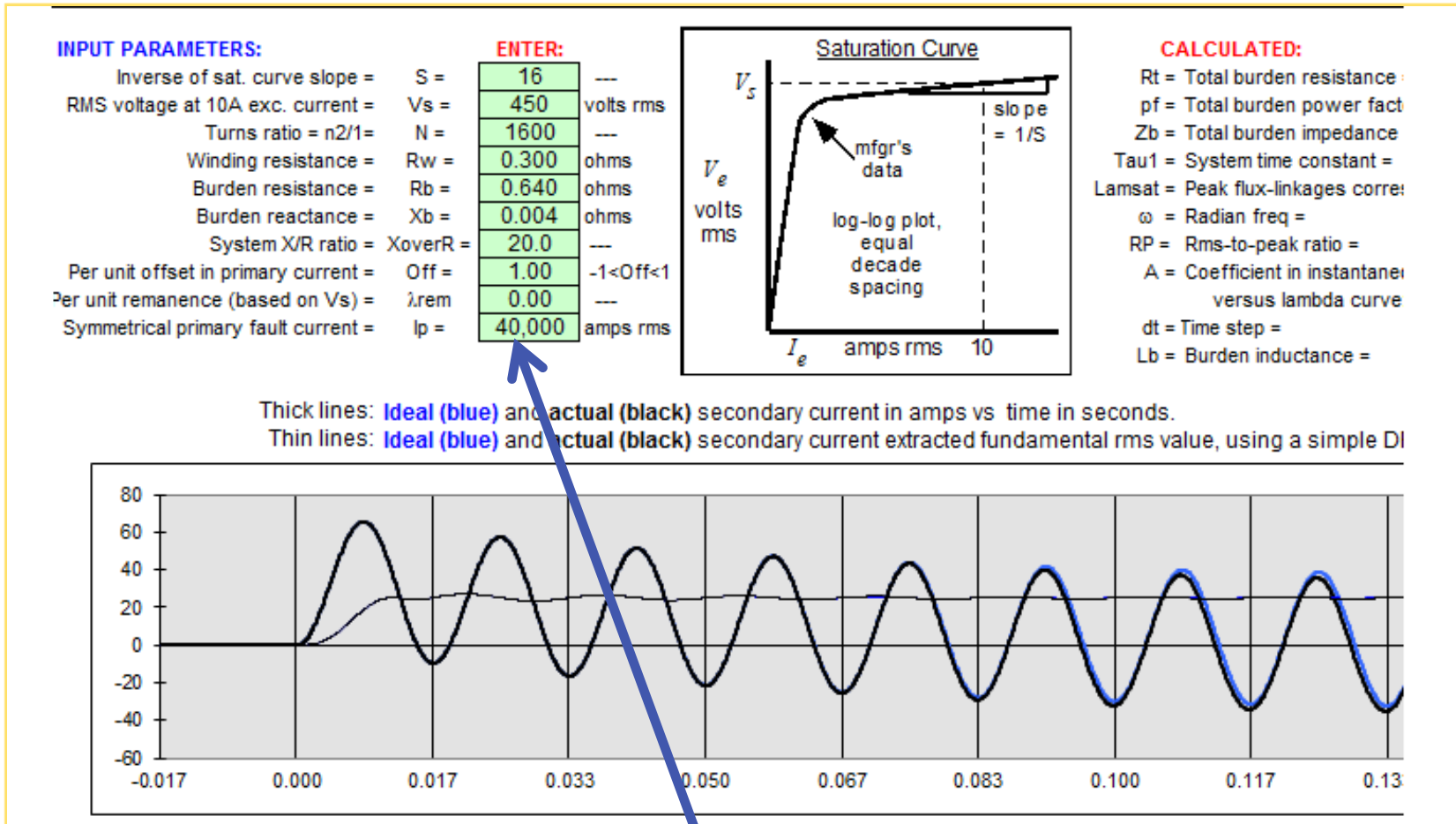
Thick lines: **Ideal (blue)** and **actual (black)** secondary current in amps vs time in seconds.

Thin lines: **Ideal (blue)** and **actual (black)** secondary current extracted fundamental rms value, using a simple DI





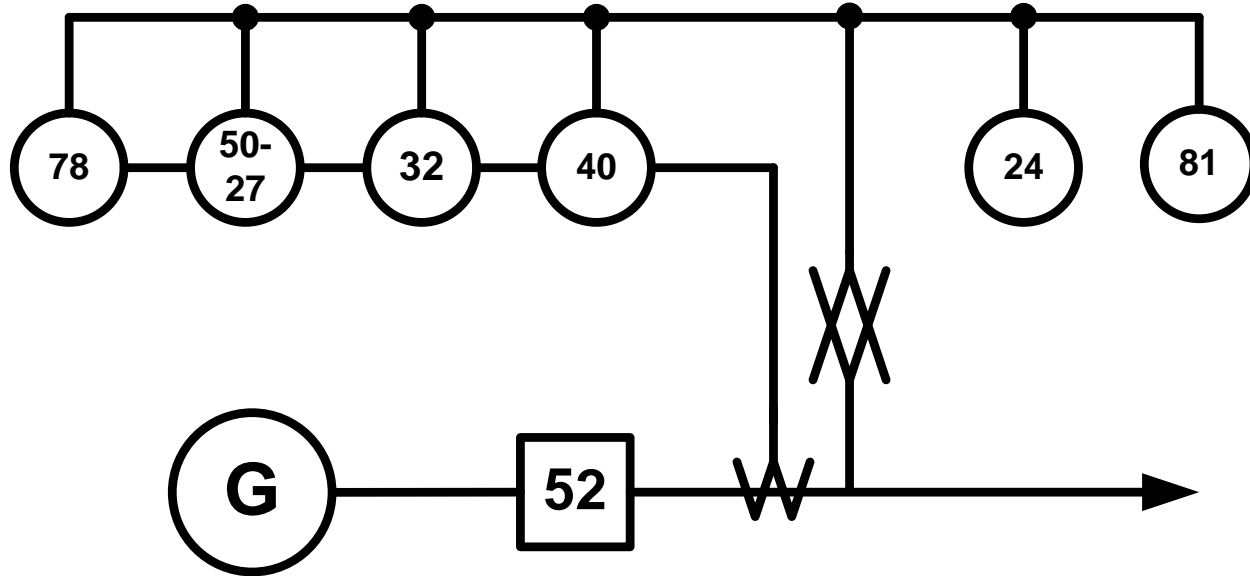
# CT Calculations for AC Saturation



**Set Breakpoint @  
35KA**

# Abnormal Operation Protection

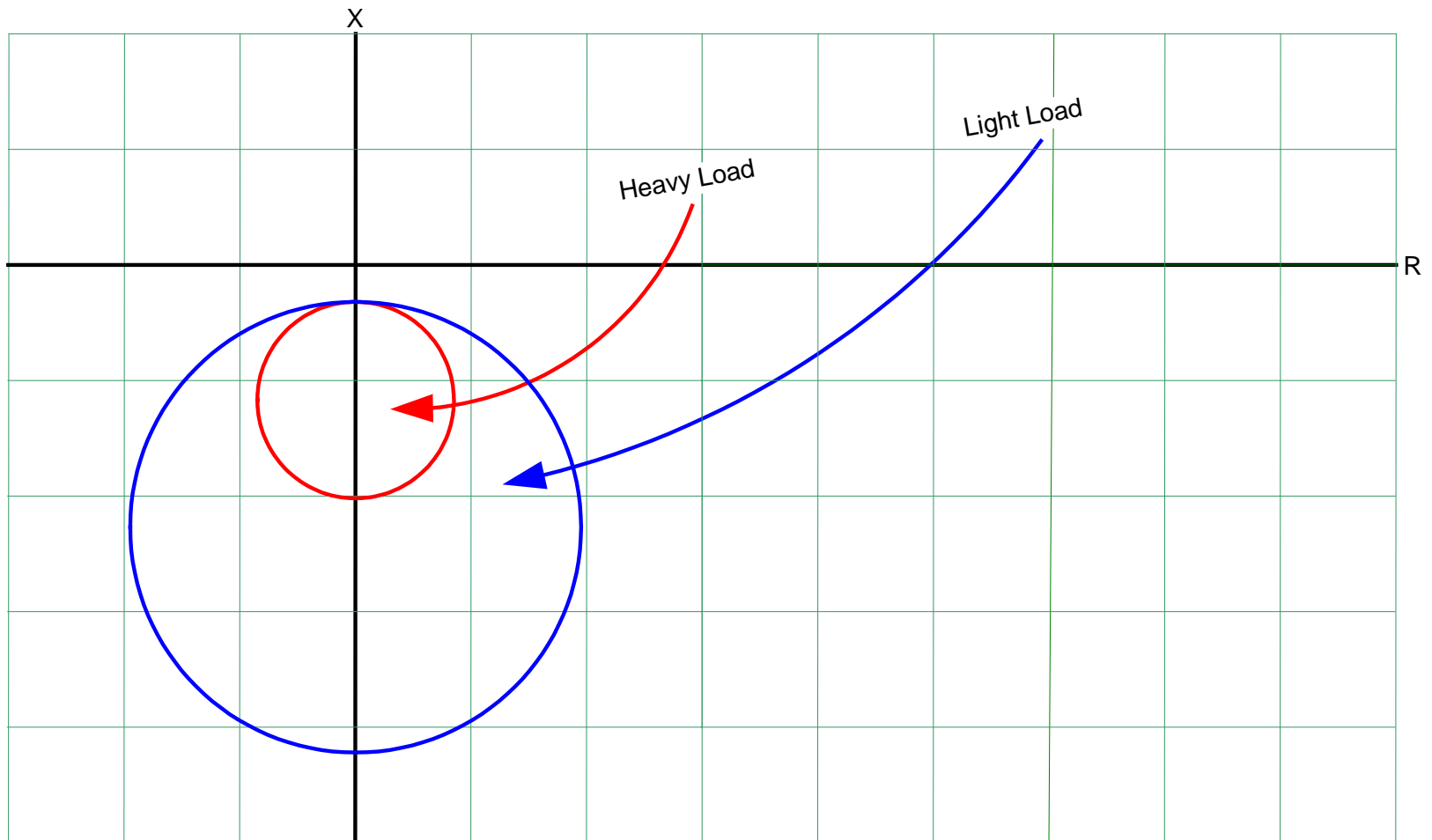
# Abnormal Operation



# Loss of Excitation: 40

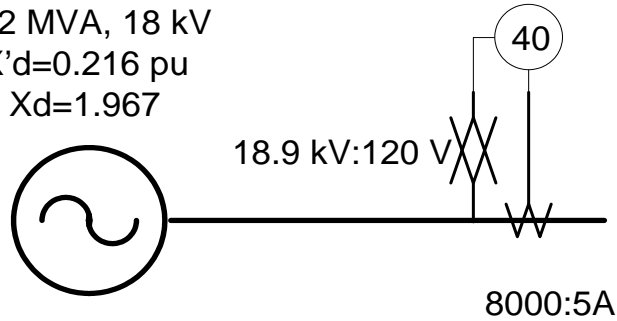
- After field loss, generator acts like an induction machine
  - Takes reactive (VAr) support from the system
    - Bad for machine as rotor surface heats due to slip induced currents
    - Bad for the system, as stability is compromised, plus it can take down local area voltage
  - Damage can take place quickly or over time based on severity of field loss
    - Complete: fast, seconds
    - Incomplete (low field): longer, 10 sec to minutes
- > Block function for VT Fuse Failure

# Loss of Excitation: 40



# Loss of Excitation: Method 1

212 MVA, 18 kV  
 $X'_d=0.216$  pu  
 $X_d=1.967$



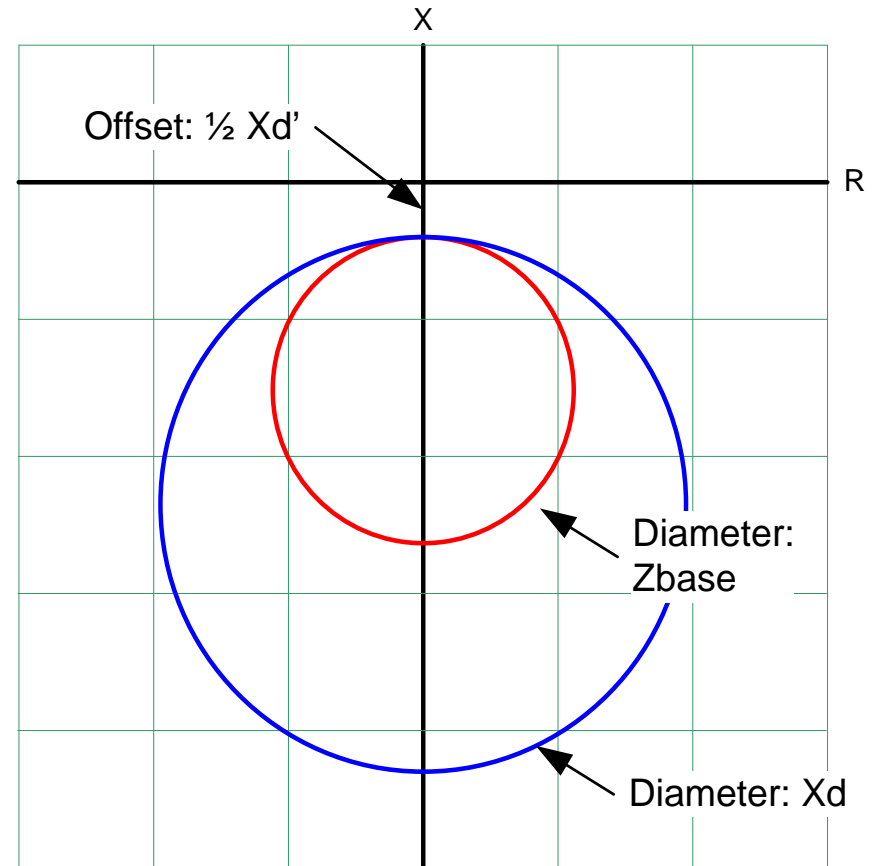
$$VT = \frac{18900}{120} = 157.5$$

$$CT = \frac{8000}{5} = 1600$$

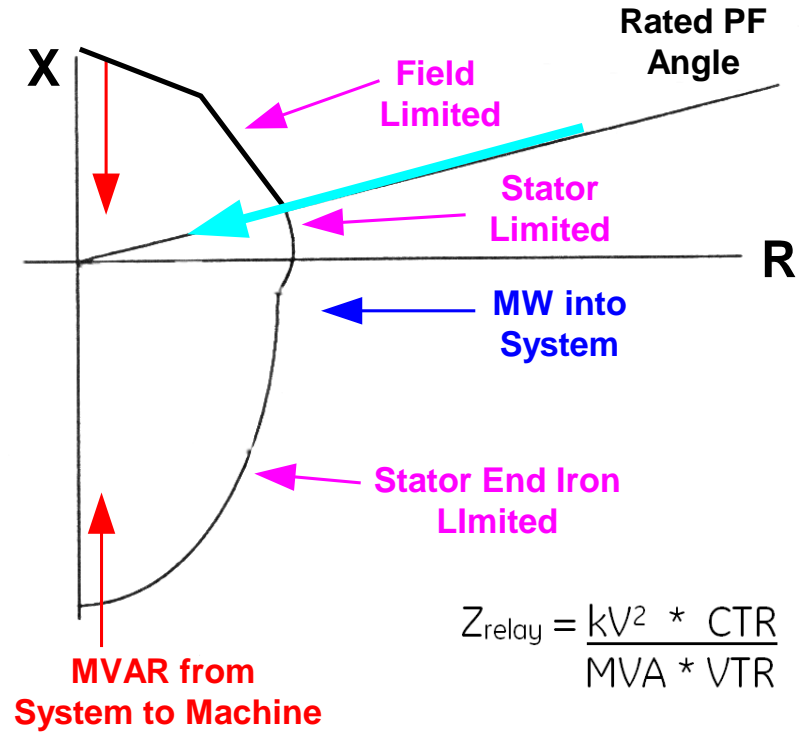
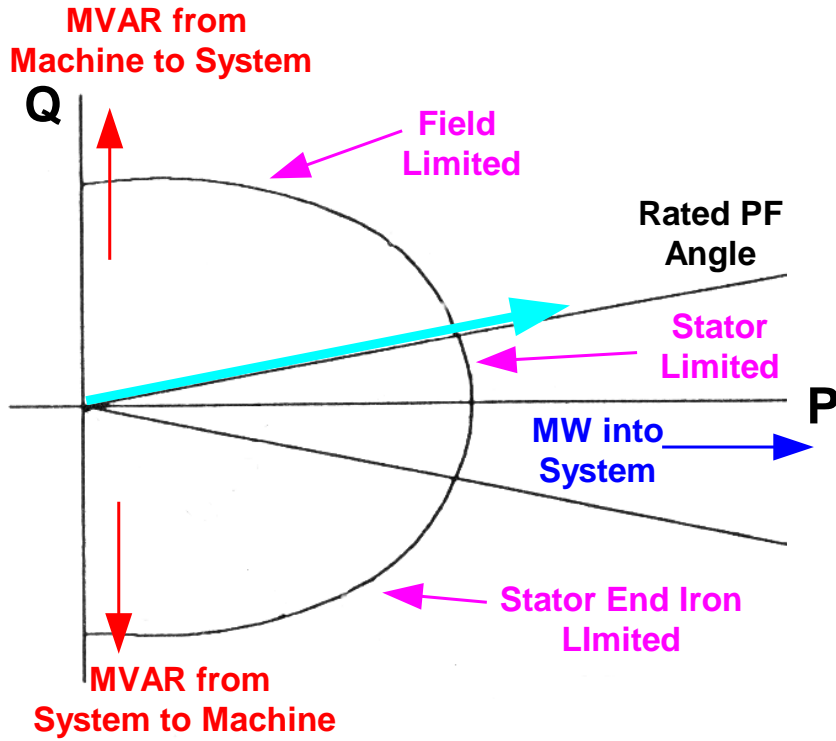
$$Z_{base(sec)} = \frac{base\ kV^2}{base\ MVA} \cdot \frac{CTR}{VTR} = \frac{(18kV)^2}{211MVA} \cdot \frac{1600}{157.5} = 15.54\Omega$$

$$X'_d(sec) = X'_d \cdot Z_{base(sec)} = 0.216 \cdot 15.54 = 3.36\Omega$$

$$X_d(sec) = X_d \cdot Z_{base(sec)} = 1.967 \cdot 15.54 = 30.57\Omega$$



# PQ vs. R-X

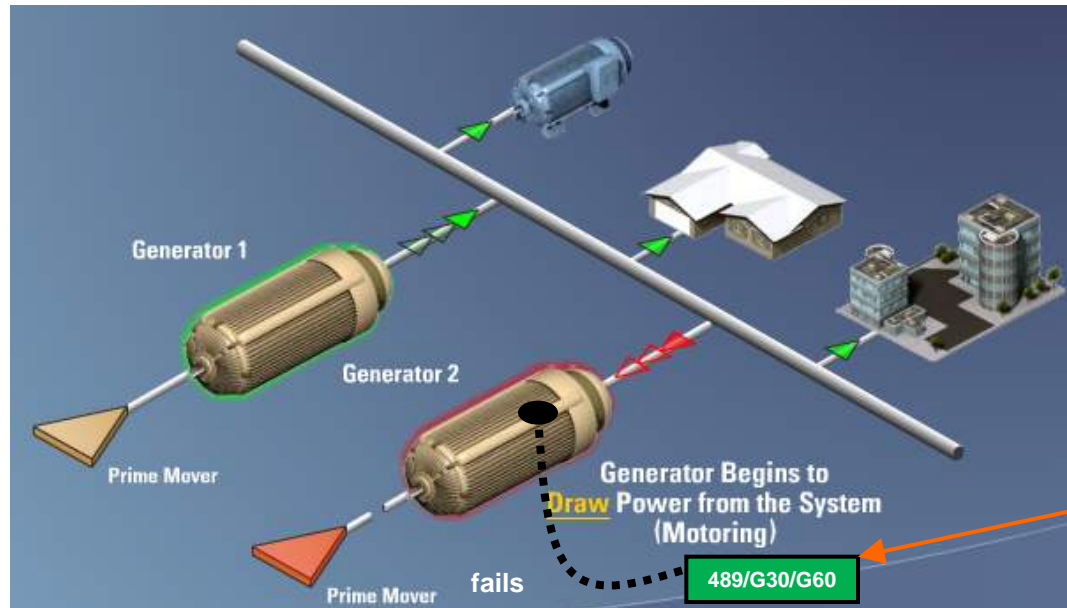


$$Z_{\text{relay}} = \frac{kV^2 * CTR}{MVA * VTR}$$

$$Z_{\text{relay}} = \frac{V^2 * CTR}{VA * VTR}$$

# Reverse Power (32)

- > Prevent turbine blade heating and/or damage to mechanical parts from “motoring” ( in case the Generator is connected on line, before being ready)
- > “Motoring” can happen where the Prime Mover (source of mechanical energy) of the generator fails





# Reverse Power (32)

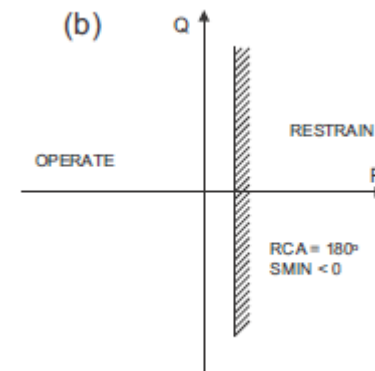
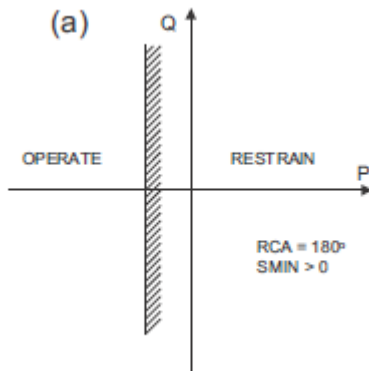
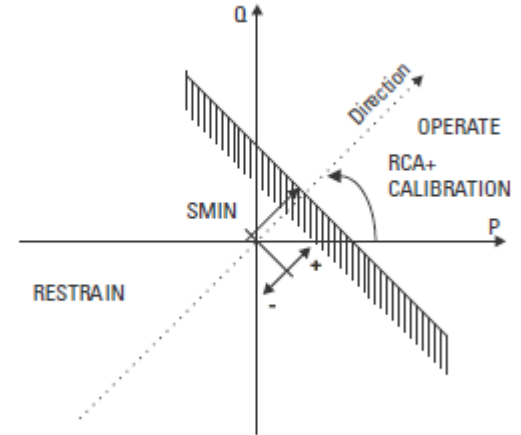
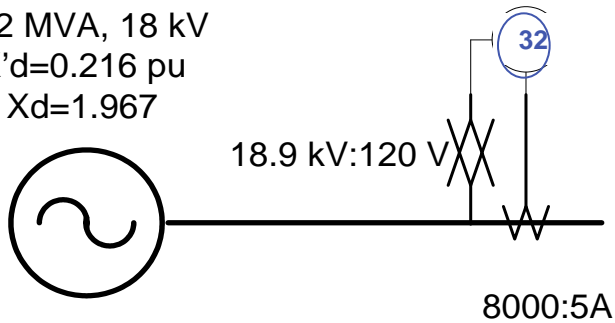
- > The reverse power element should be set at  $\frac{1}{2}$  the rated motoring power
- > Pickup is calculated as follows:

$$S_{min} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\text{Rated Motoring Power (primary watts)}}{3 \times \text{Phase CT Primary} \times \text{Phase VT Ratio} \times \text{Phase VT Secondary}}$$

- > To prevent mis-operation for power swings, use typical delay of 20 to 30 seconds
- > For sequential tripping applications, time delay will be 2 to 3 seconds
- > Block function when the generator is offline

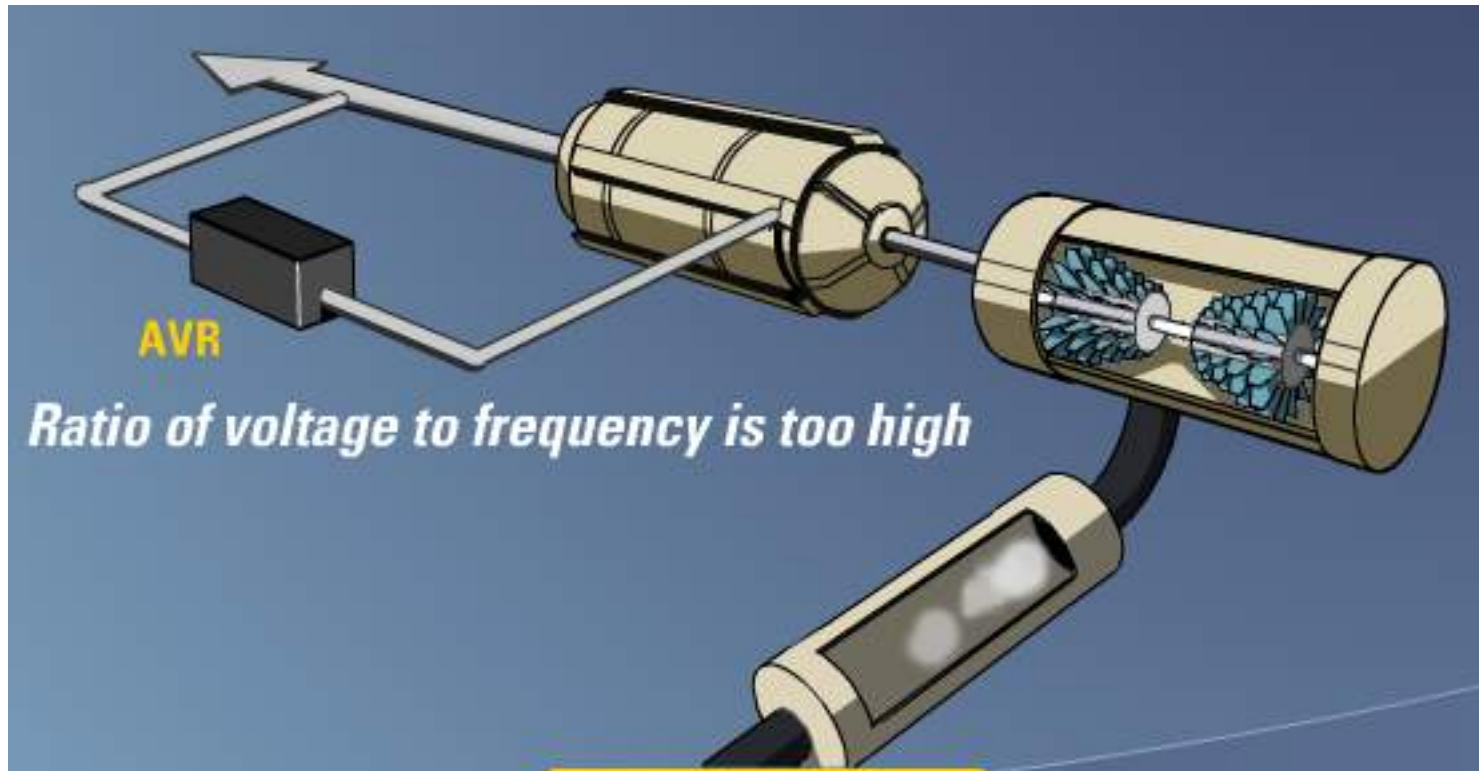
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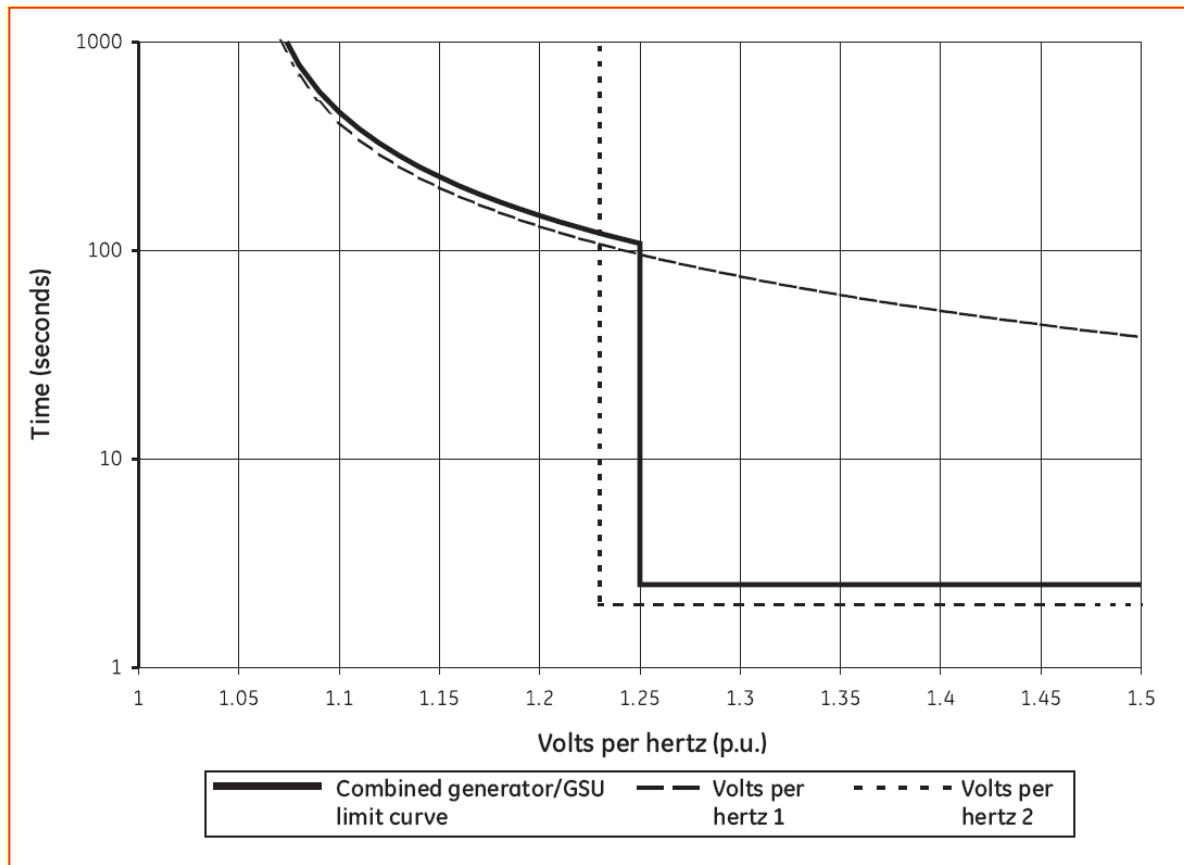
# Voltz Per Hertz (24)

- > Protect directly and indirectly connected generators from excessive voltage and/or low frequency



# Voltz Per Hertz (24)

- > Coordinate with manufacturers excitation capability curves. The combined generator/GSU limit curve is shown below:

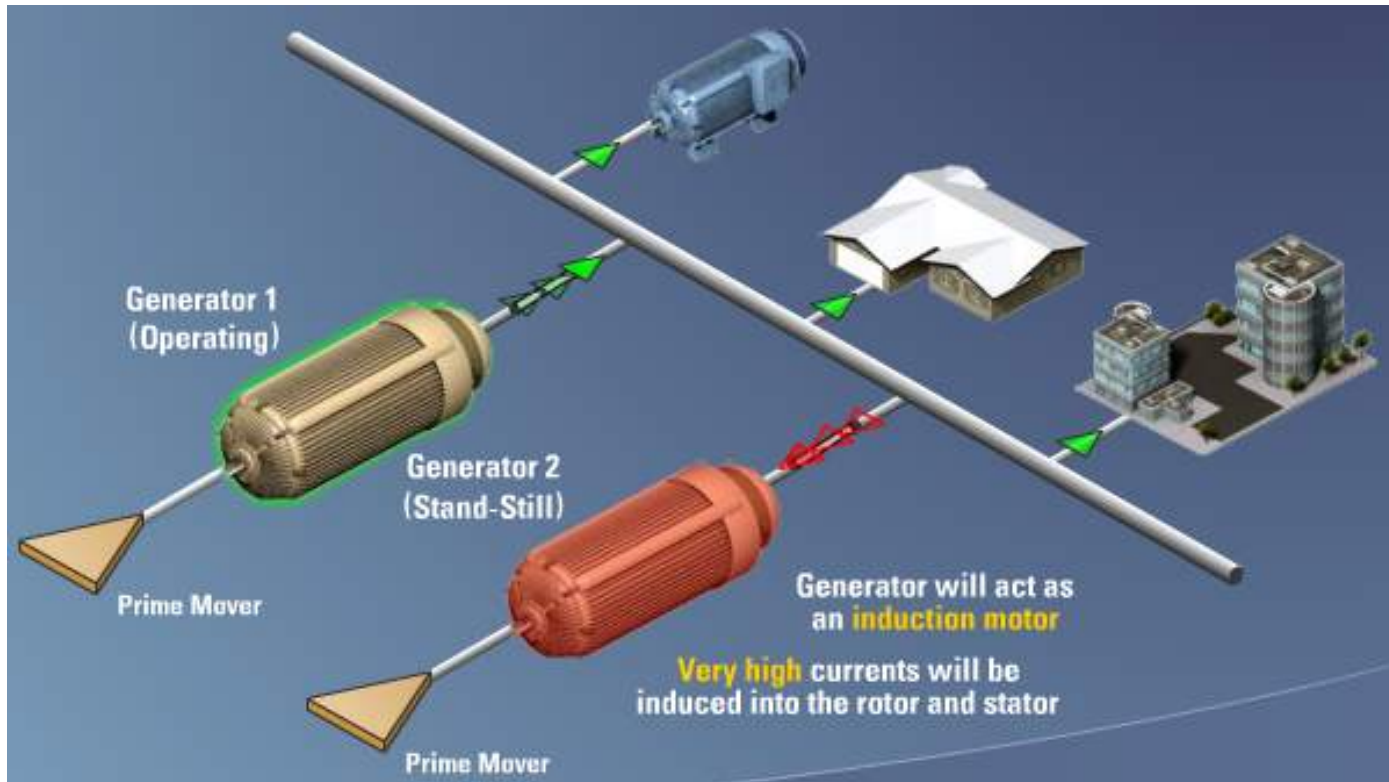


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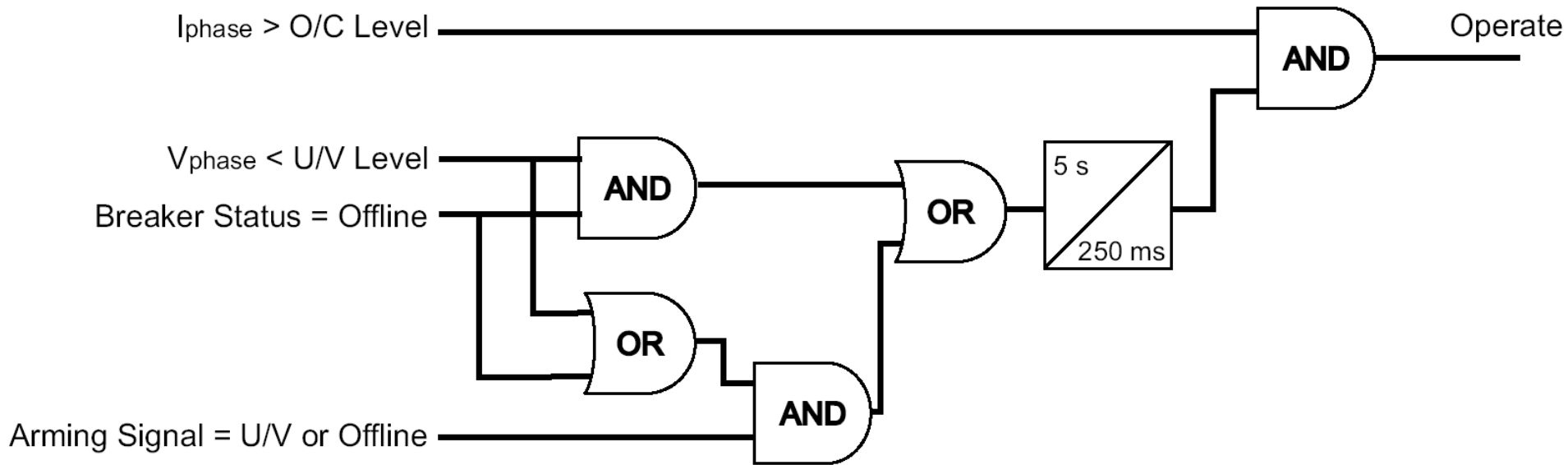
- > The measurement of V/Hz will be accurate through a frequency range of 5 to 90 Hz
- > Program volts per hertz element 1 with an inverse characteristic (for example: curve A, 1.05 pu pickup, TDM=40)
- > Program volts per hertz element 2 with a definite time characteristic (for example: 1.23pu pickup, 2 second time delay)
- > Both elements 24-1 and 24-2 issue a trip
- > Volts per hertz 1 pickup used to generate an alarm

# Generator Protection – Inadvertent Energization:

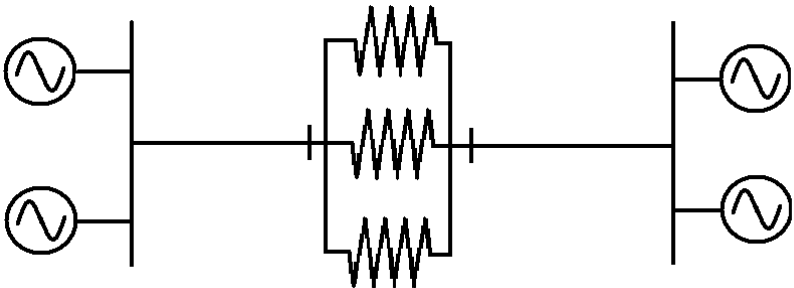
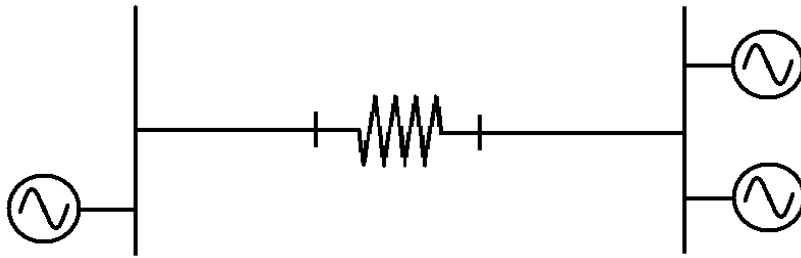
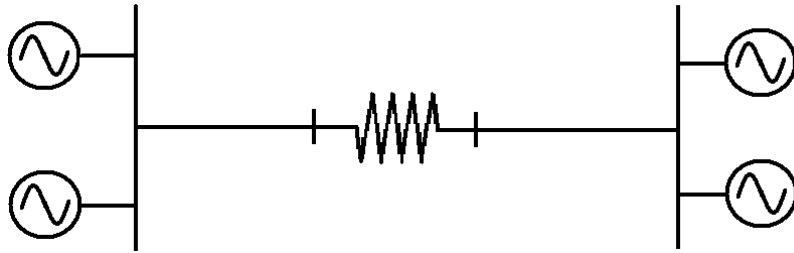
- Protect stator windings and rotor from very high induced currents ( in case the Gen. Is connected on line, before being ready- V and f )



# Generator Protection – Inadvertent Energization:



# Power Swing Block/Trip (78)



Power Swing, which causes a loss of synchronism between neighboring systems for a short time, can occur in the following conditions:

1. Loss of generation with load remaining constant

2. Load increases substantially on a weak system



# Out-of-Step Relaying

## Out-of-step blocking relays

- Operate in conjunction with mho tripping relays to prevent a terminal from tripping during severe system swings & out-of-step conditions.
- Prevent system from separating in an indiscriminate manner.

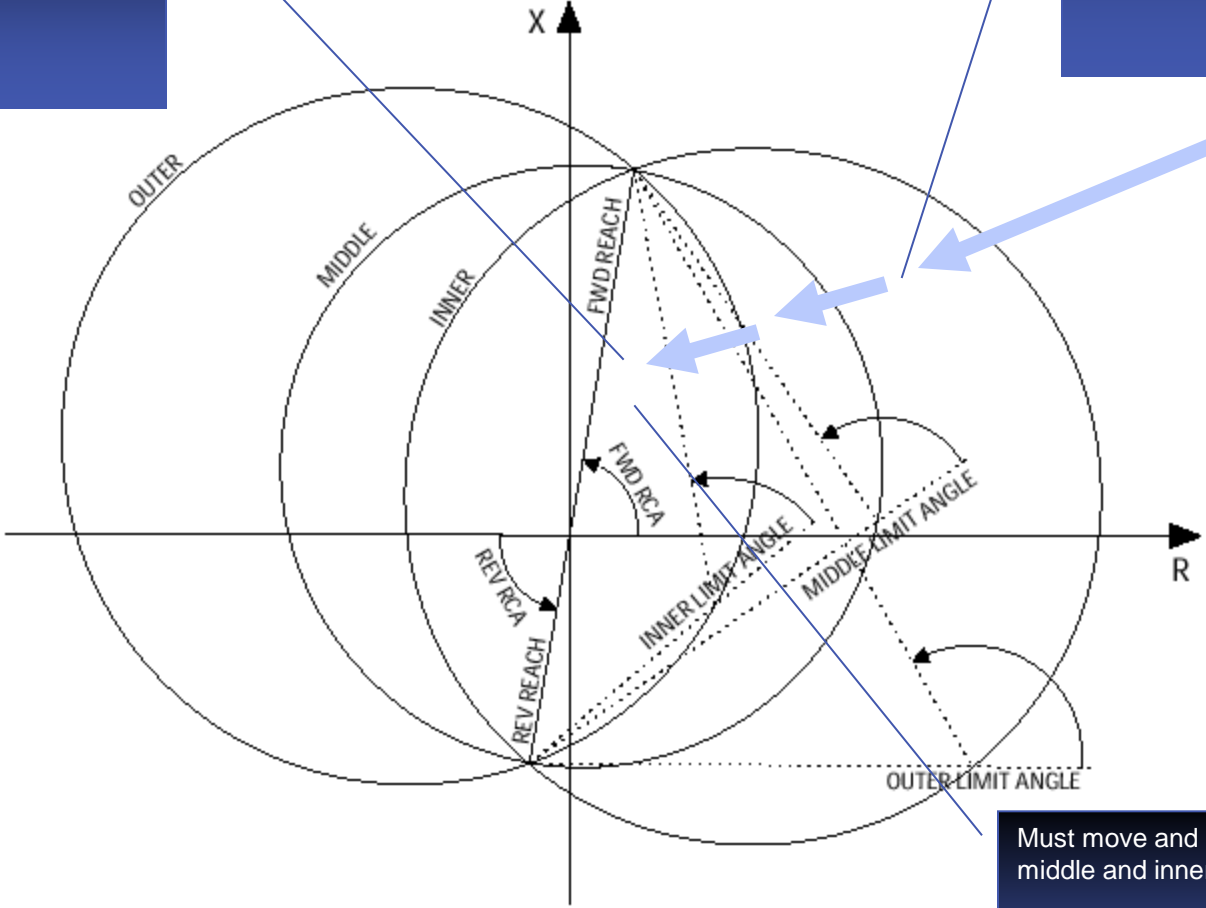
## Out-of-step tripping relays

- Operate independently of other devices to detect out-of-step condition during the first pole slip.
- Initiate tripping of breakers that separate system in order to balance load with available generation on any isolated part of the system.

# Out-of-Step Tripping

When the inner characteristic is entered the element is ready to trip

The locus must stay for some time between the outer and middle characteristics



Must move and stay between the middle and inner characteristics

# Power Swing Blocking

## Applications:

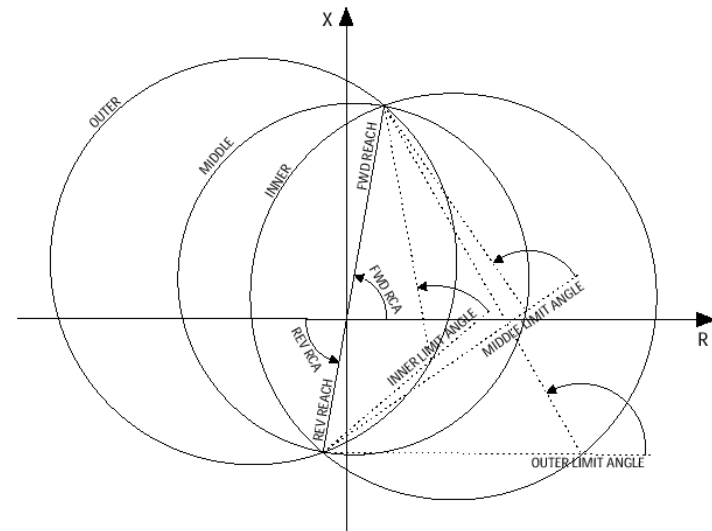
- Establish a blocking signal for stable power swings (Power Swing Blocking)
- Establish a tripping signal for unstable power swings (Out-of-Step Tripping)

## Responds to:

- Positive-sequence voltage and current

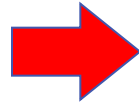
## Block when:

- Generator off-line or VTFF

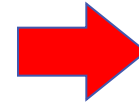


# Power Swing Block/Trip (78)

Voltage = High  
Current = Low

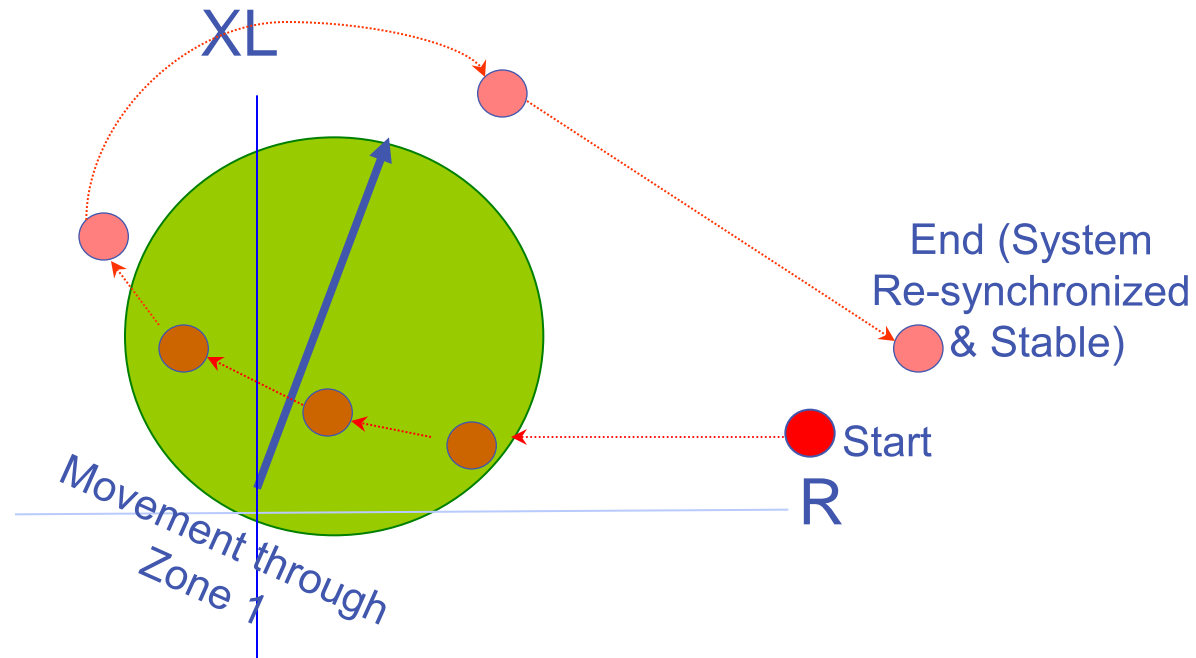


Voltage = Low  
Current = High

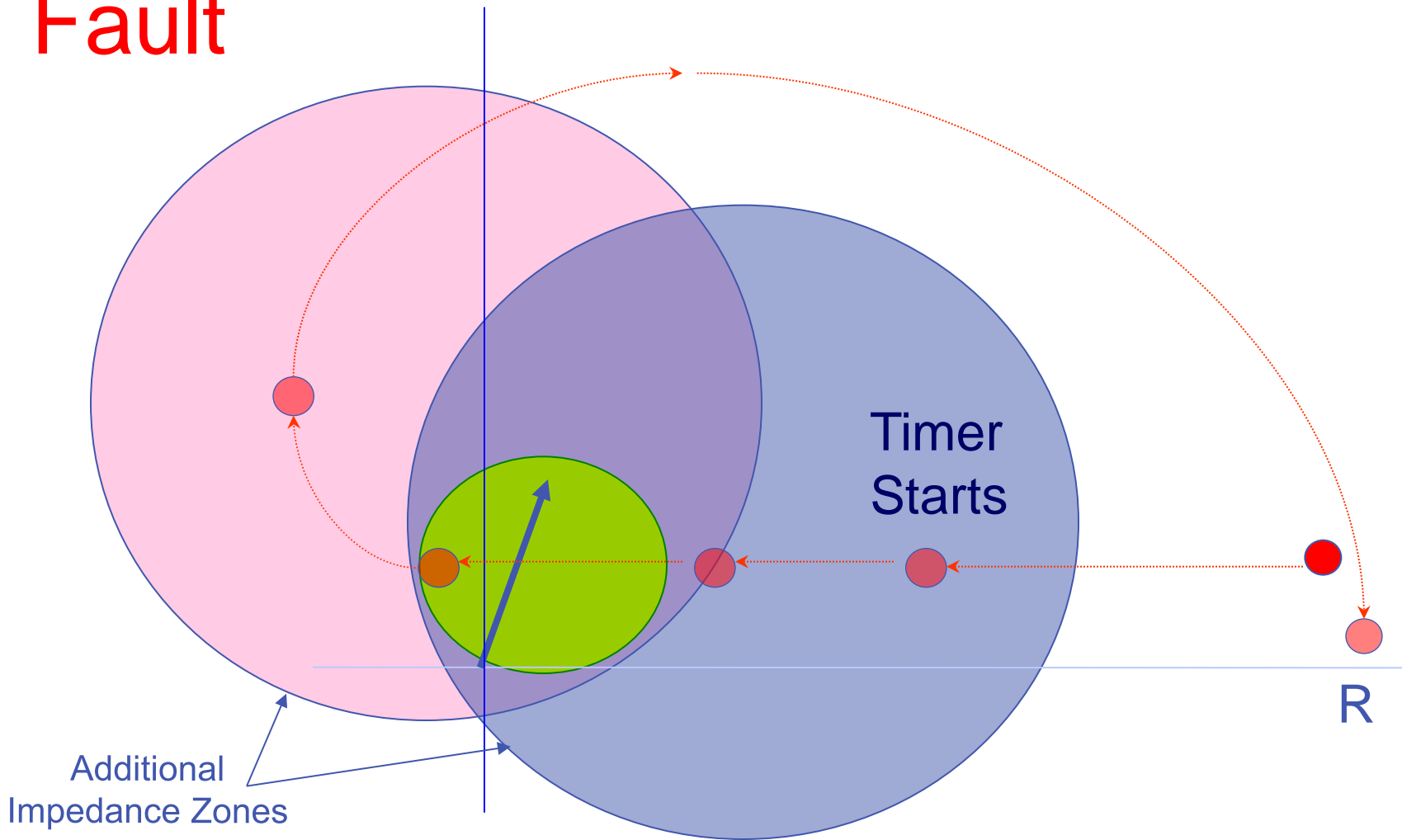


Voltage = High  
Current = Low

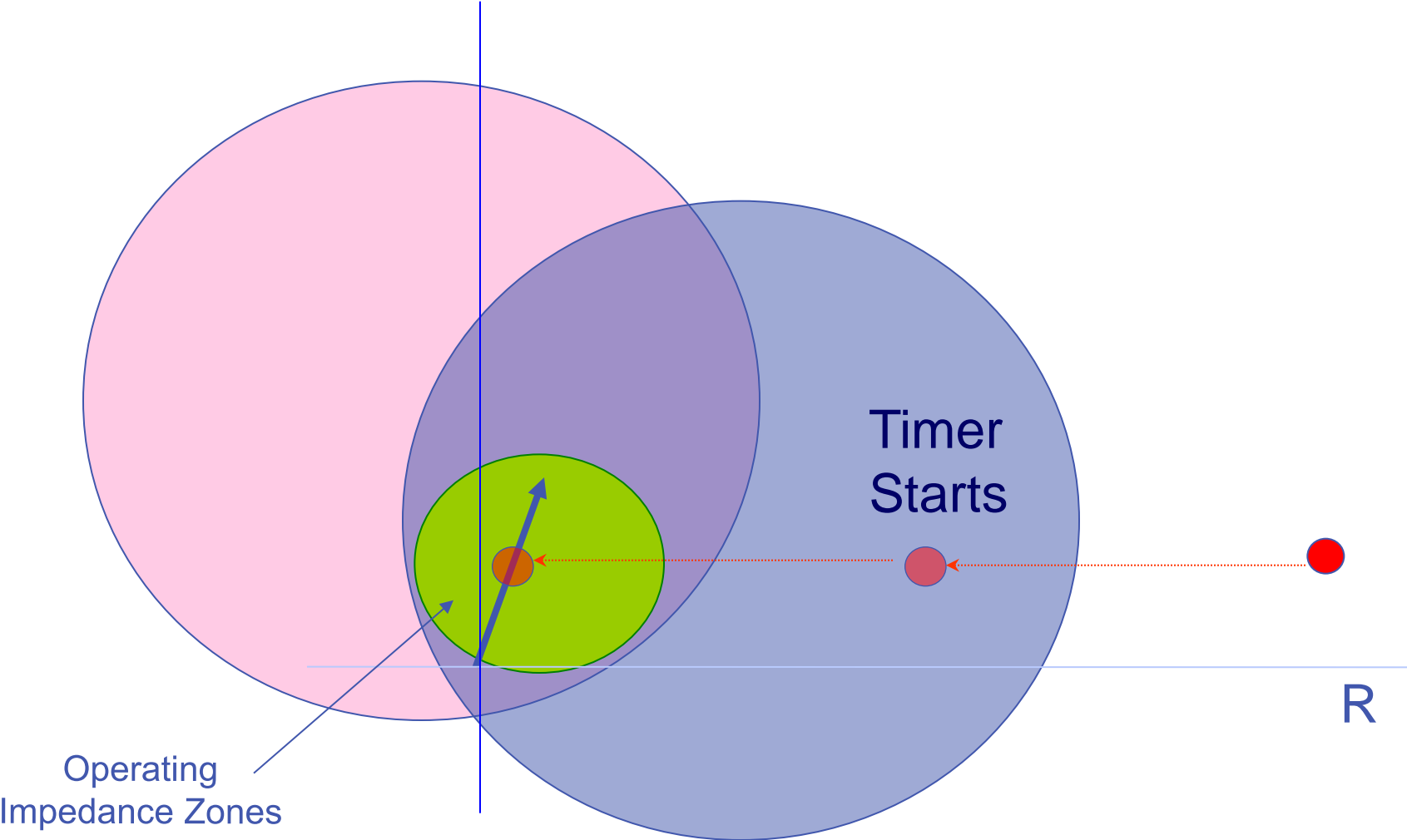
$$Z = \frac{V}{I}$$



# Power Swing Block/Trip (78) – No Fault

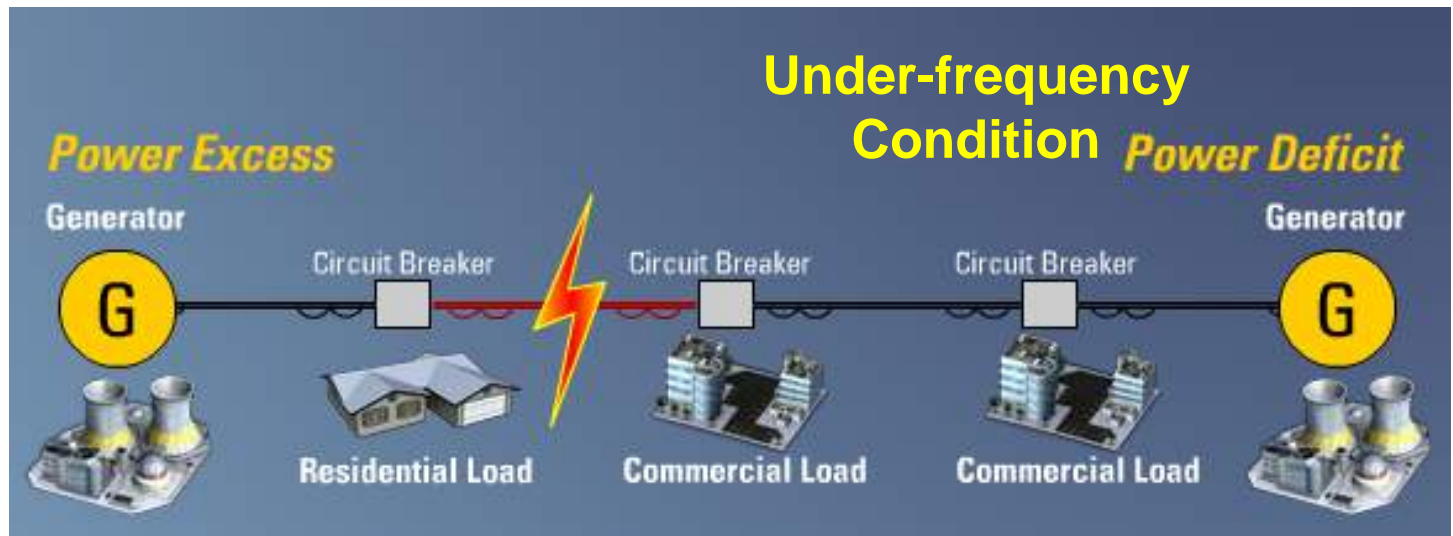


# Power Swing Block/Trip - Internal Fault



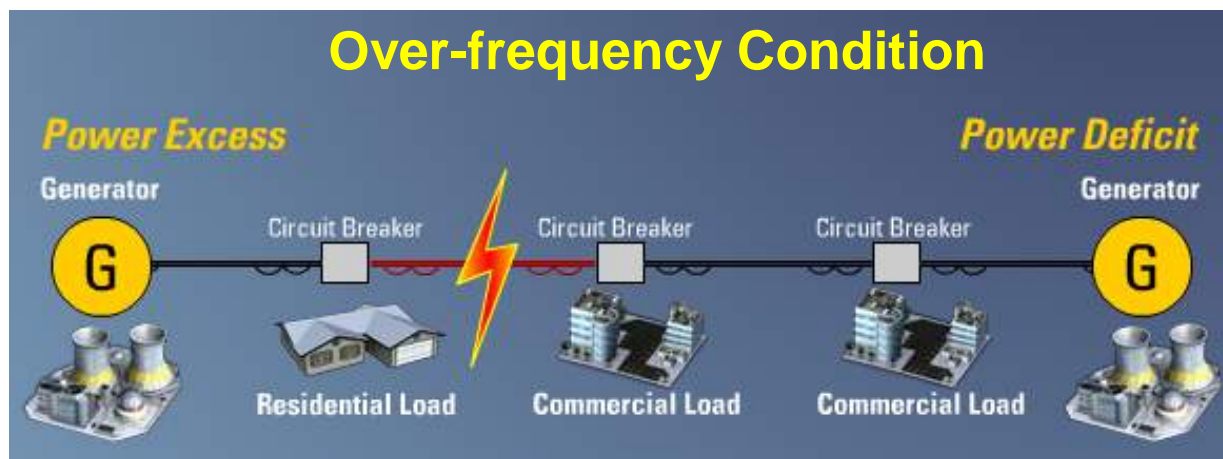
# Underfrequency (81U)

- Under-frequency occurs when power system load exceeds prime mover capabilities of generator
- Protect turbine from under-speed
- Pickup and delay settings are dependent on operating practices and system characteristics
- Block underfrequency when offline



# Overfrequency (81O)

- Over-frequency occurs when mechanical input to prime mover exceeds electrical load ( loss of load due to transmission / feeders disconnection )
- Protect turbine from over-speed or damage due to over-speeding
- Pickup and delay settings are dependent on operating practices and system characteristics
- Block overfrequency when offline





# Phase Undervoltage (27)

# Phase Overvoltage (59)

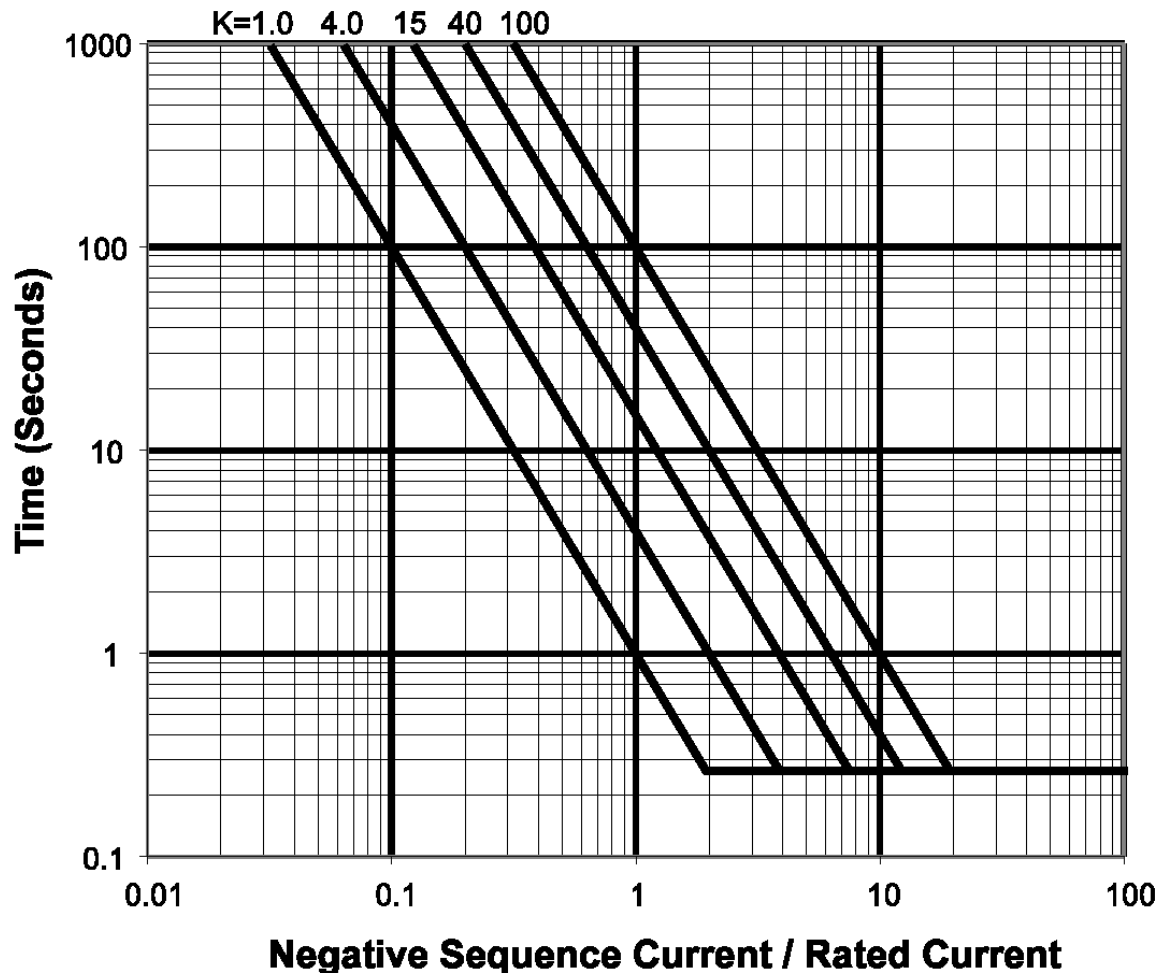
- Configured to alarm
- Set undervoltage to 90% with time delay
- Block undervoltage when generator breaker open or VTFF
- Set overvoltage to 110% with time delay

# Generator Protection – Negative Sequence:

- Protect rotor from heating due to negative sequence currents



# Generator Protection – Negative Sequence:



- The K curve that is selected must match the generator curve (From the family of biased curves and K).
- K is proportional to the Gen. TC Thermo-Capacity)

# Tripping Philosophy & Sequential Tripping

- Machines may be shutdown for faults, abnormal operating conditions or for a scheduled off-line period
  - Shutdowns may be whole or partial
- Shutdowns may lock out (LOR) or be self resetting (94)

# Tripping Philosophy & Sequential Tripping

- Unit separation

- Used when machine is to be isolated from system, but machine is left operating so it can be synced back to the system after separating event is cleared
  - Only generator breaker(s) are tripped

- Generator Trip

- Used when machine is isolated and overexcitation trip occurs
- Exciter breaker is tripped (LOR) with generator breakers already opened

# Tripping Philosophy & Sequential Tripping

- Simultaneous Trip (Complete Shutdown)

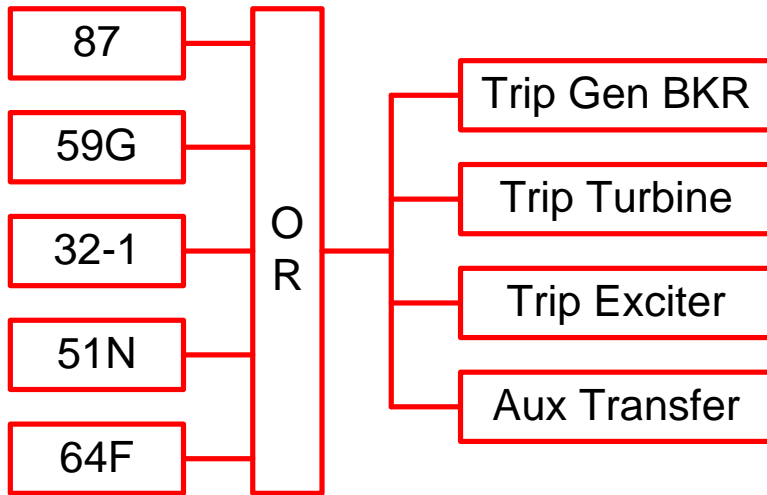
- Used when internal (in-zone) protection asserts
- Generator and exciter breakers are tripped (LOR)
  - Prime mover shutdown initiated (LOR)
  - Auxiliary transfer (if used) is initiated

- Sequential Trip

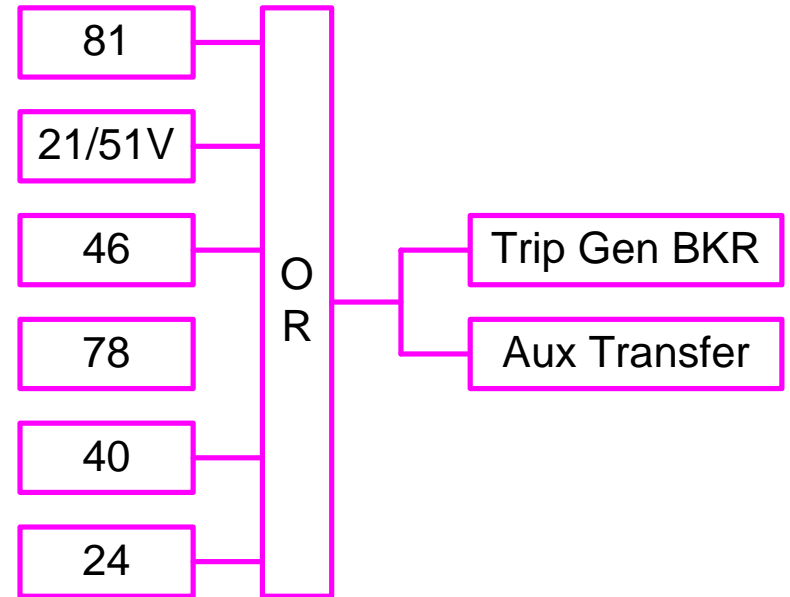
- Used for taking machine off-line (unfaulted)
  - Generator and exciter breakers are tripped (94)
  - Prime mover shutdown initiated (94)
  - Auxiliary transfer (if used) is initiated

# Trip Outputs Example

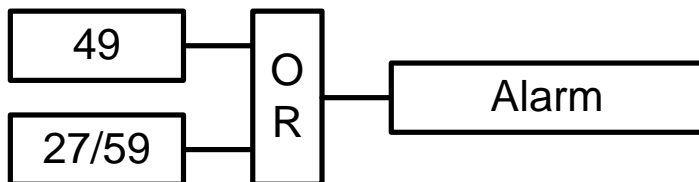
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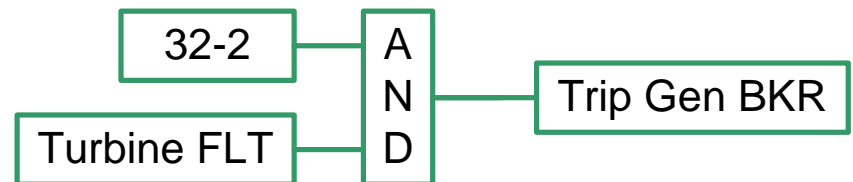
## Unit Separation



## Gen Alarm



## Sequential Trip

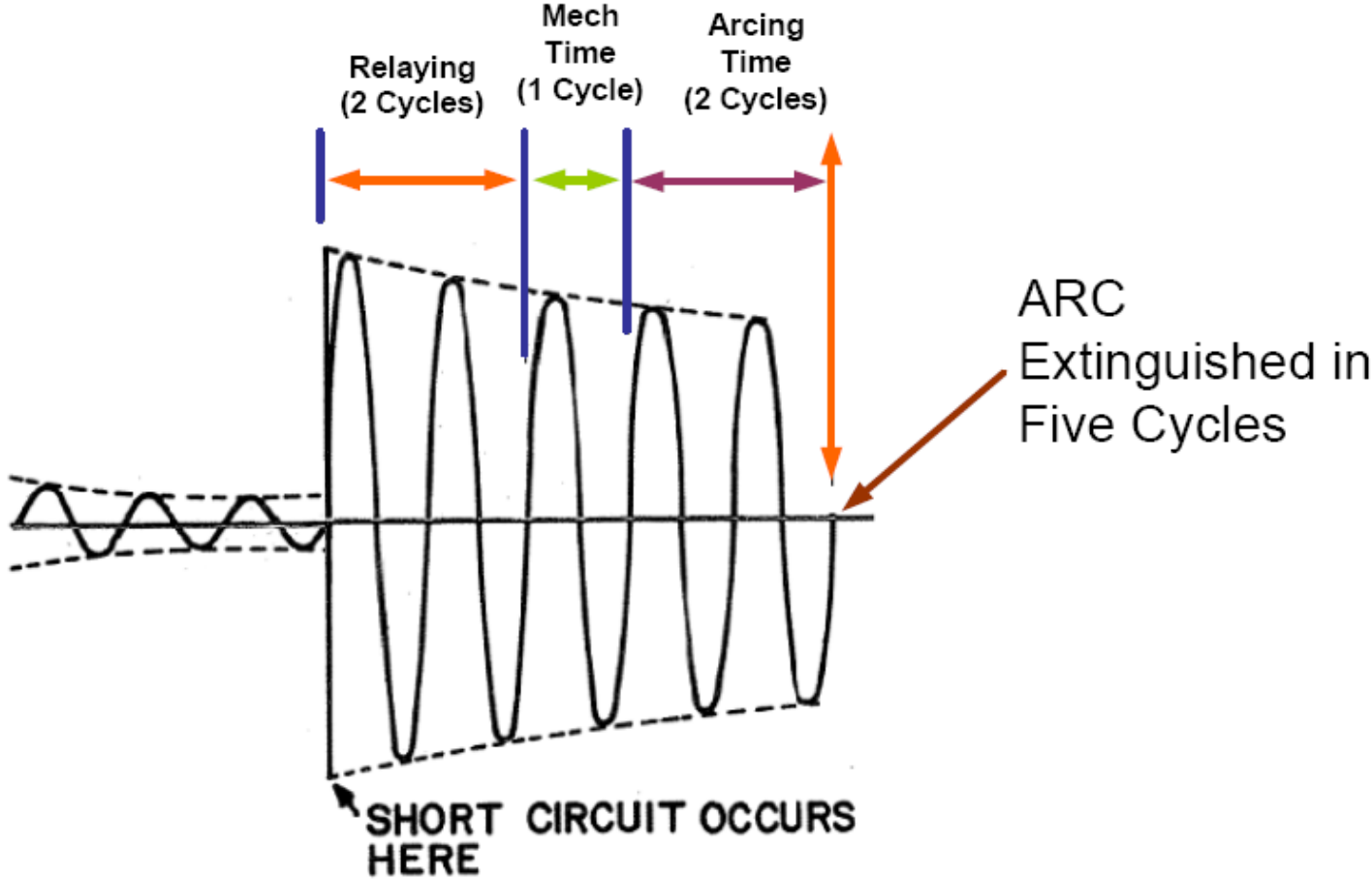


# Arc Flash Solutions



# A Study of a Fault.....

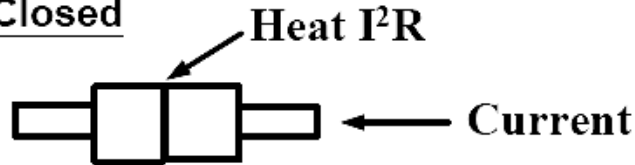
## Total Clearing Time



# Fault Interruption and Arcing

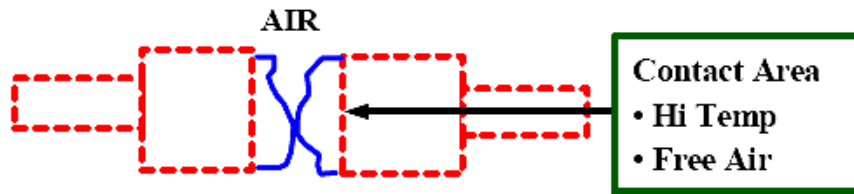
## Arc Characteristics

Contacts Closed

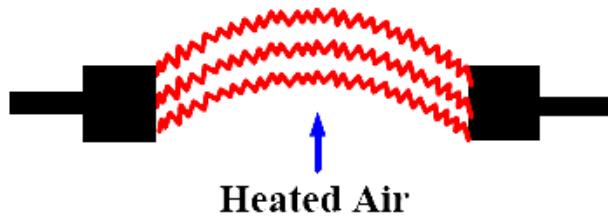


Contacts Opening

Enlarged View of Contact Surface



Contacts Fully Open



Air at Room Temp = Good Insulator

Air at  $4000^{\circ}C$  = Conductor

**Arcs can reach temperatures of over  $35,000^{\circ}F$  ( $19,427^{\circ}C$ )**

# Arc Flash Mitigation: Problem Description

- An electric arc flash can occur if a conductive object gets too close to a high-amp current source or by equipment failure (ex., while opening or closing disconnects, racking out)
  - The arc can heat the air to temperatures as high as 35,000 F, and vaporize metal in equipment
  - The arc flash can cause severe skin burns by direct heat exposure and by igniting clothing
  - The heating of the air and vaporization of metal creates a pressure wave (arc blast) that can damage hearing and cause memory loss (from concussion) and other injuries.
  - Flying metal parts are also a hazard.

# Methods to Reduce Arc Flash Hazard

- Arc flash energy may be expressed in  $I^2t$  terms, so you can decrease the  $I$  or decrease the  $t$  to lessen the energy
- Protective relays can help lessen the  $t$  by optimizing sensitivity and decreasing clearing time
  - Protective Relay Techniques
- Other means can lessen the  $I$  by limiting fault current
  - “Non-Protective Relay Techniques”

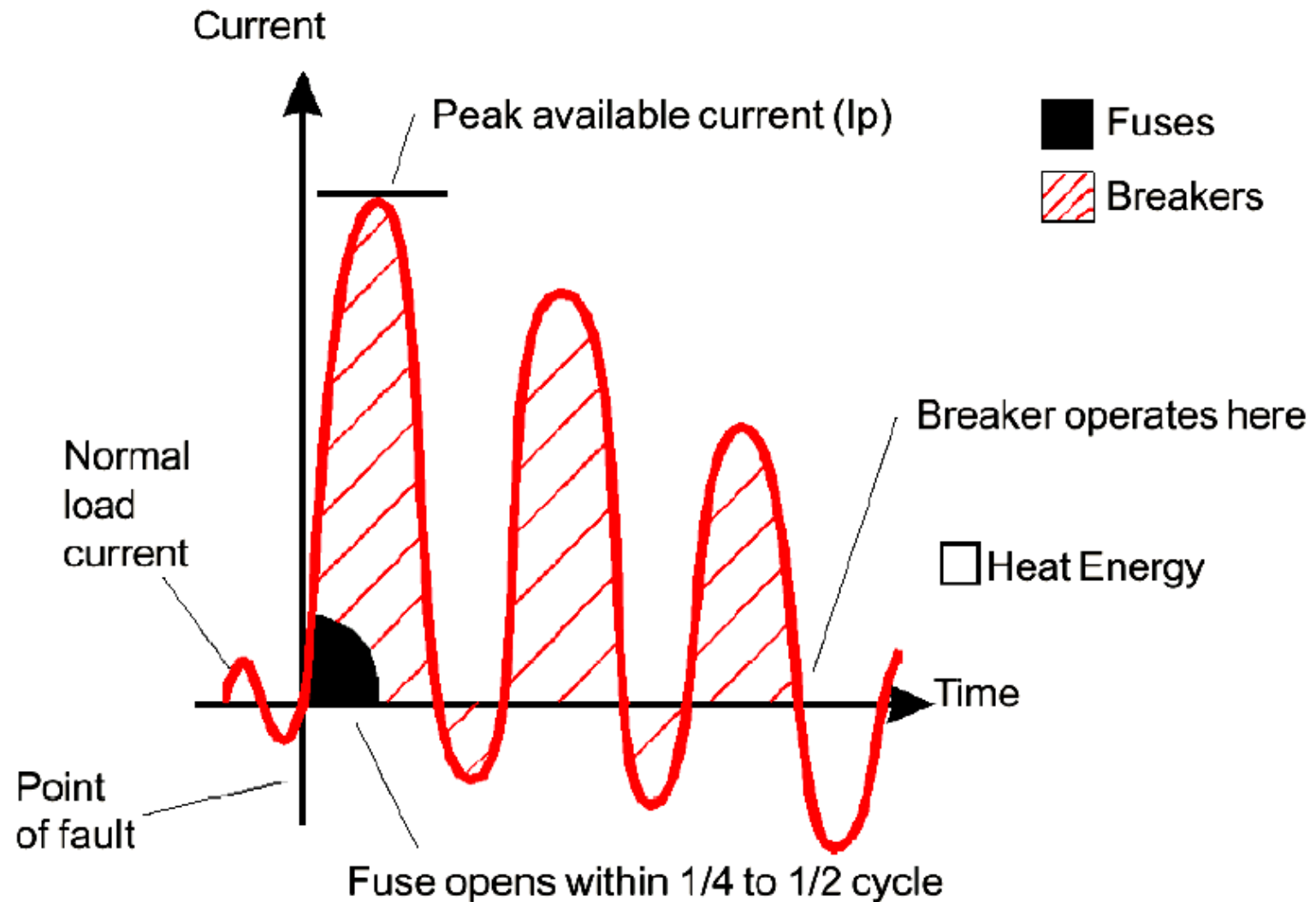
# Non-Protective Relaying Methods of Reducing Arc Flash Hazard

- System design modifications increase power transformer impedance
  - Addition of phase reactors
  - Faster operating breakers
  - Splitting of buses
- Current limiting fuses (provides partial protection only for a limited current range)
- Electronic current limiters (these devices sense overcurrent and interrupt very high currents with replaceable conductor links (explosive charge))
- Arc-resistant switchgear (this really doesn't reduce arc flash energy; it deflects the energy away from personnel)
- Optical arc flash protection via fiber sensors
- Optical arc flash protection via lens sensors

# Protective Relaying Methods of Reducing Arc Flash Hazard

- Bus differential protection (this reduces the arc flash energy by reducing the clearing time)
- Zone interlock schemes where bus relay selectively is allowed to trip or block depending on location of faults as identified from feeder relays
- Temporary setting changes to reduce clearing time during maintenance
  - **Sacrifices coordination**
- FlexCurve for improved coordination opportunities
- Employ 51VC/VR on feeders fed from small generation to improve sensitivity and coordination
- Employ UV light detectors with current disturbance detectors for selective gear tripping

# Fuses vs. Relayed Breakers



# Arc Flash Hazards

Skin Temperature	Time of Skin Temp.	Damage Caused
110 °F	6 Hours	Cell breakdown starts
158 °F	1 sec.	Total cell destruction
176 °F	0.1 sec	Curable burn
200 °F	0.1 sec	Incurable burn

## NFPA-70E 2004 Equipment Requirements

Category	Energy Level	Typical Personal Protective Equipment required
0	1.2 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Non-melting flammable materials
1	5 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Fire Resistant (FR) shirt and FR pants
2	8 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	FR shirt, FR pants, cotton underwear
3	25 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Two layers FR clothing, cotton underwear
4	40 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	FR shirt, FR pants, multilayer flash suit, cotton underwear

Other:

Face Protection Face Shield and/or safety glasses

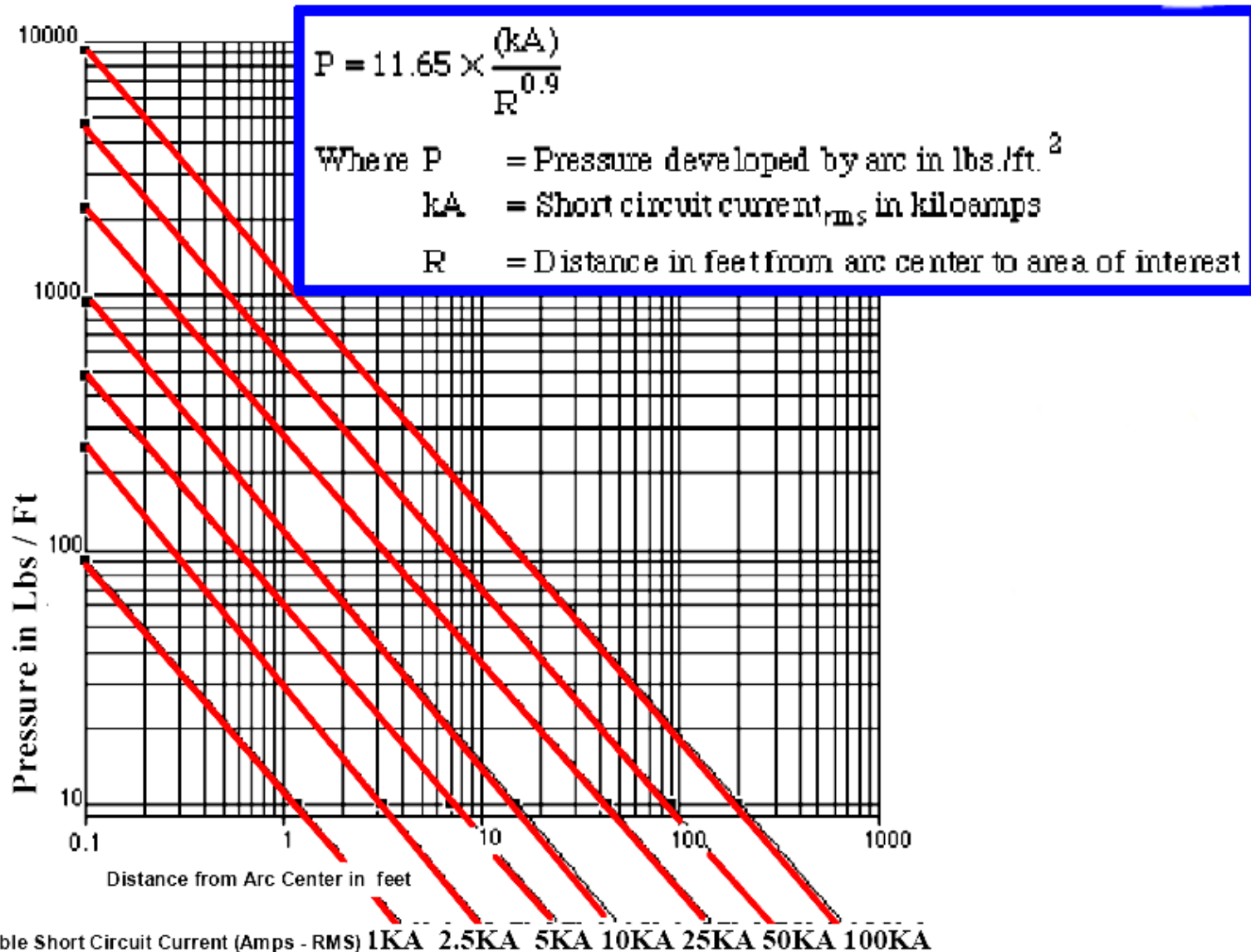
Hand Protection Leather over rubber for arc flash protection

Leather work boots above 5 cal/cm<sup>2</sup>







# Arc Pressure Wave





# Arc Flash Warning Example 1

	<b>DANGER</b>	
<b>Arc-Flash Hazard and Shock Hazard</b>		
<u>0' - 11"</u> - Arc-Flash Protection Boundary <u>0.8 cal/cm<sup>2</sup></u> - Incident Energy Flash Hazard at 18 inches		<b>CLASS 0</b> Arc-Flash Hazard Risk Category
<b>Appropriate PPE Required for both Arc-Flash and Shock Hazards:</b>  Safety Glasses, Class 1 Voltage Gloves, Voltage Rated Tools, Non-melting, flammable clothing		
<u>2400 V<sub>ac</sub></u> - Shock Hazard with covers/doors open <u>5' - 0"</u> - Limited Approach Boundary <u>2' - 2"</u> - Restricted Approach Boundary <u>0' - 7"</u> - Prohibited Approach Boundary		<b>Shock Hazard</b>

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# Arc Flash Warning Example 2

	<b>! DANGER</b>	
<b>Arc-Flash Hazard and Shock Hazard</b>		
<u>3' - 7"</u> - Arc-Flash Protection Boundary <u>4.4 cal/cm<sup>2</sup></u> - Incident Energy Flash Hazard at 18 inches		<b>CLASS 2</b> Arc-Flash Hazard Risk Category
<b>Appropriate PPE Required for both Arc-Flash and Shock Hazards:</b> Safety Glasses/Goggles, Hard Hat, Arc-Rated Face Shield, Hearing Protection, Class 00 Voltage Gloves, Leather Gloves/Protectors, Voltage Rated Tools, Leather Shoes, Cotton Underwear, FR Long Sleeve Shirt, FR Long Pants		
<u>480 V<sub>ac</sub></u> - Shock Hazard with covers/doors open <u>3' - 6"</u> - Limited Approach Boundary <u>1' - 0"</u> - Restricted Approach Boundary <u>0' - 1"</u> - Prohibited Approach Boundary		<b>Shock Hazard</b>

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# Arc Flash Warning Example 3

	<b>! DANGER</b>	
<b>Arc-Flash Hazard and Shock Hazard</b>		
<u>44' - 0"</u> - Arc-Flash Protection Boundary <u>32.1 cal/cm<sup>2</sup></u> - Incident Energy Flash Hazard at 18 inches		<b>CLASS 4</b> Arc-Flash Hazard Risk Category
<b>Appropriate PPE Required for both Arc-Flash and Shock Hazards:</b> Safety Glasses/Goggles, Hard Hat, Flash Suit Hood, Hearing Protection, Class 2 Voltage Gloves, Leather Gloves/Protectors, Voltage Rated Tools, Leather Shoes, Cotton Underwear, FR Long Sleeve Shirt, FR Long Pants, Multi-layer flash suit		
<u>12470 V<sub>ac</sub></u> - Shock Hazard with covers/doors open <u>5' - 0"</u> - Limited Approach Boundary <u>2' - 2"</u> - Restricted Approach Boundary <u>0' - 7"</u> - Prohibited Approach Boundary		<b>Shock Hazard</b>

**1020-SUB2 BUS B2  
REAR OF 2-12A CUBICLE**

# Arc Flash Solutions

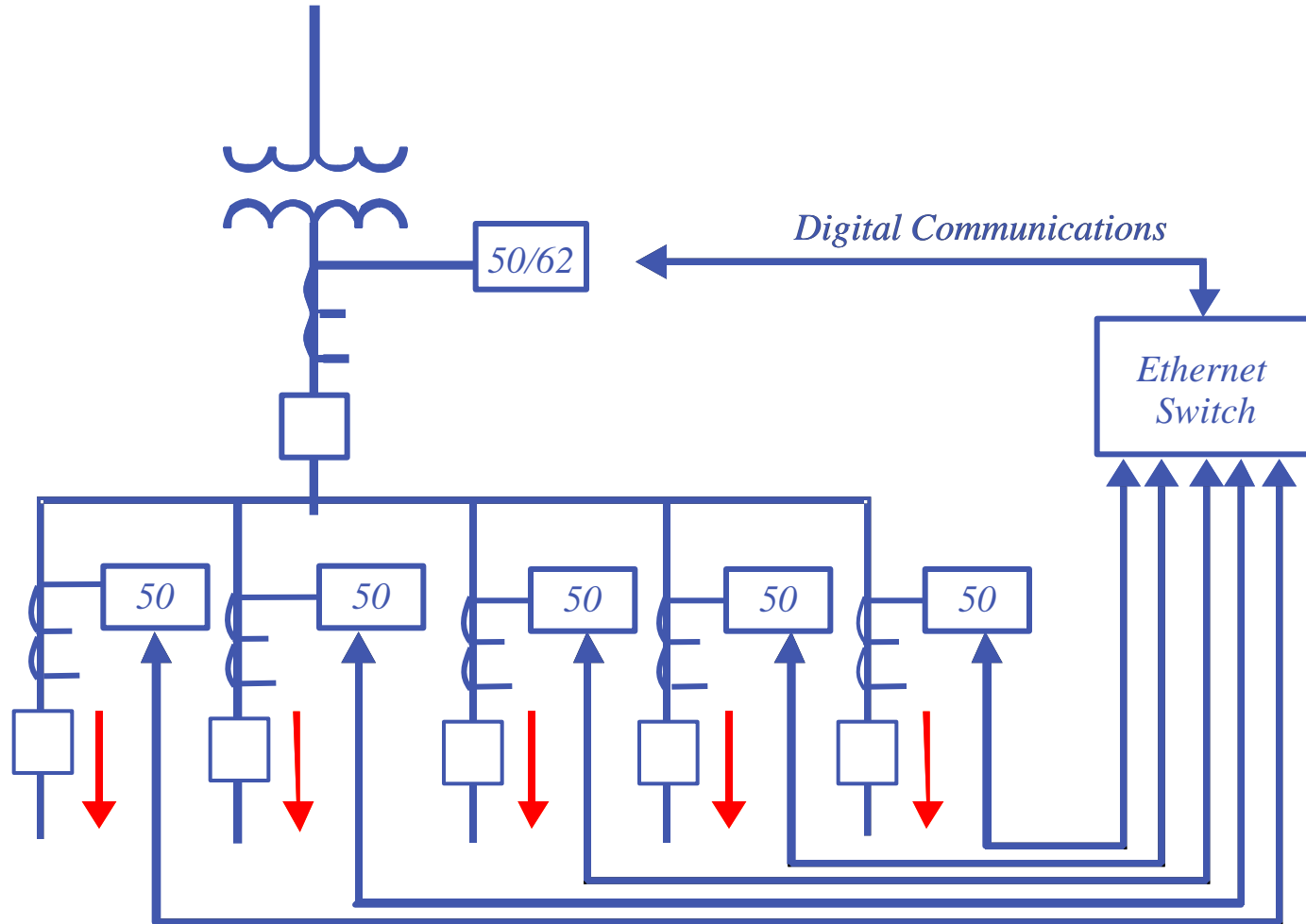
## Relaying Techniques to Reduce Arc Flash Energy

1-2 ms	Install discrete Arc Flash Detection device
1 cycle	Implement low impedance bus protection
1.5 to 2 cycles	Implement instantaneous overcurrent tripping using maintenance setting group in relay. Force feeder breaker protection to mis-coordinate when personnel are within flash protection boundary
1.5 to 2 cycles	Implement high impedance bus protection
3-4 cycles	Implement bus zone interlocking scheme
20.0 cycles	Breaker failure protection
Seconds	Reduce coordination intervals of existing time-overcurrent relays

**Time to clear saves lives**

# Arc Flash Solutions

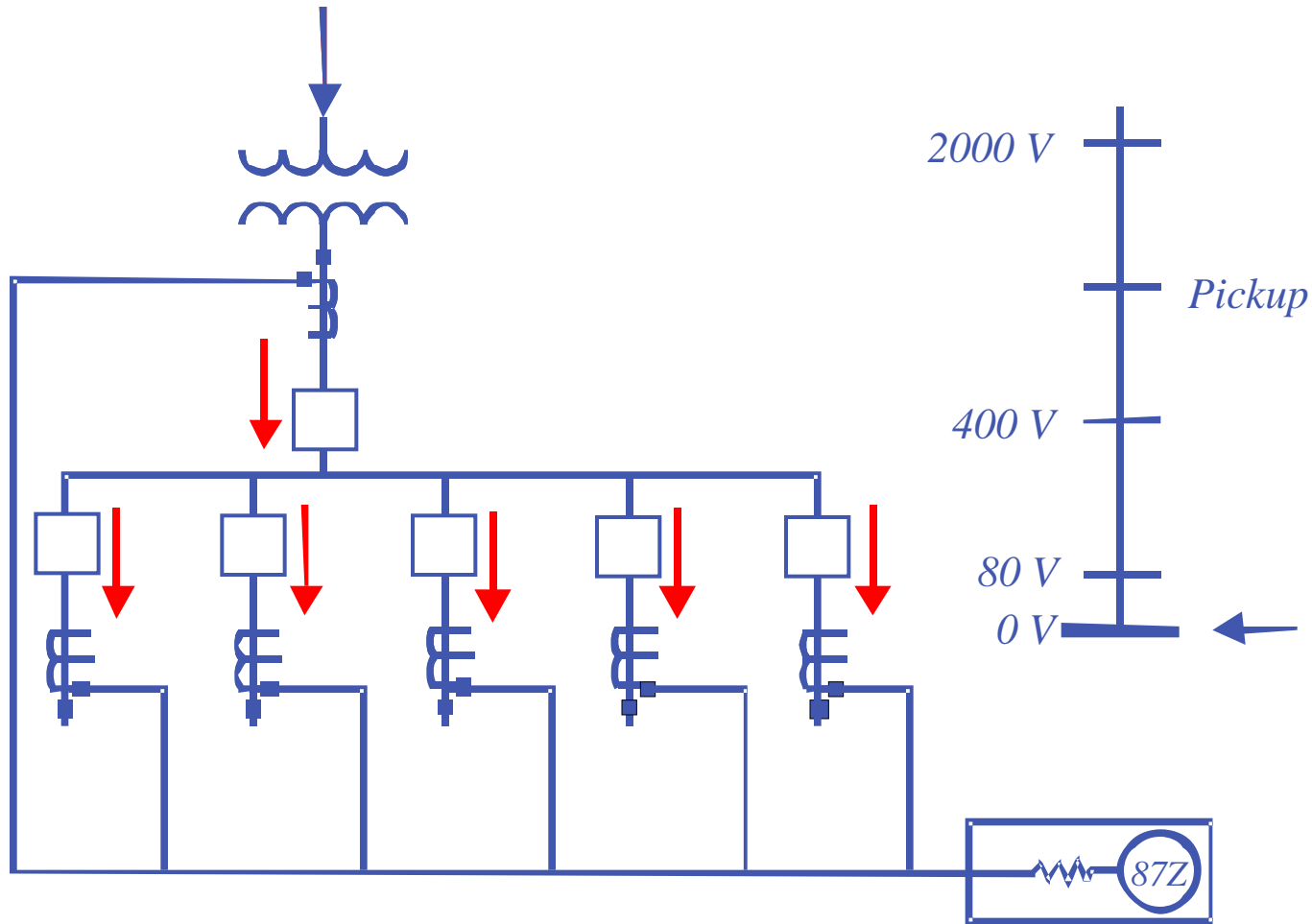
## Bus Interlock Scheme



**3-4 Cycles Detection**

# Arc Flash Solutions

## High Impedance Bus Differential



**1.5 to 2 Cycles Detection**

# Arc Flash Solutions

## Enable Maintenance Mode

**Force feeder breaker protection to mis-coordinate when personnel are within flash protection boundary.**

**Replacement Relays: 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 element**

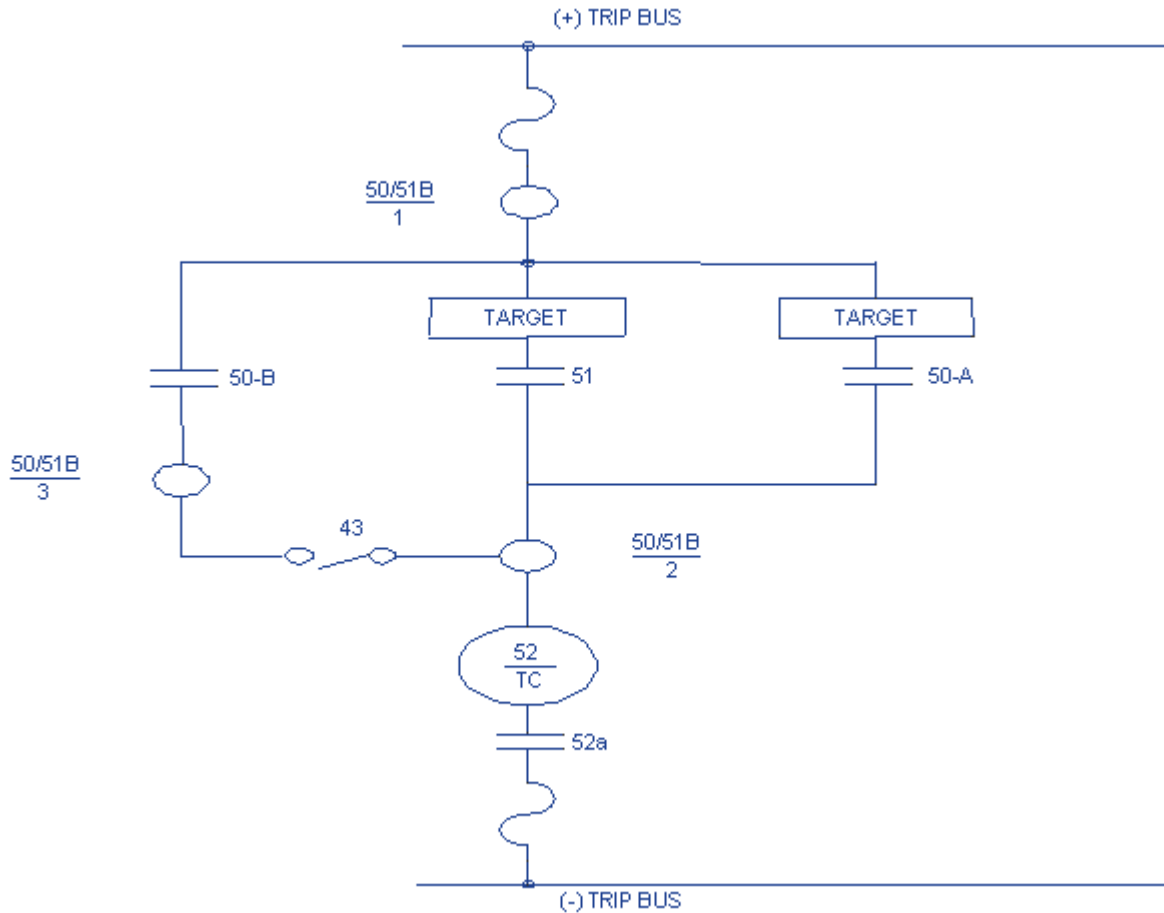
**Multifunction Relays: setting groups**

**Multifunction Relays: multiple 50's**



# Arc Flash Solutions

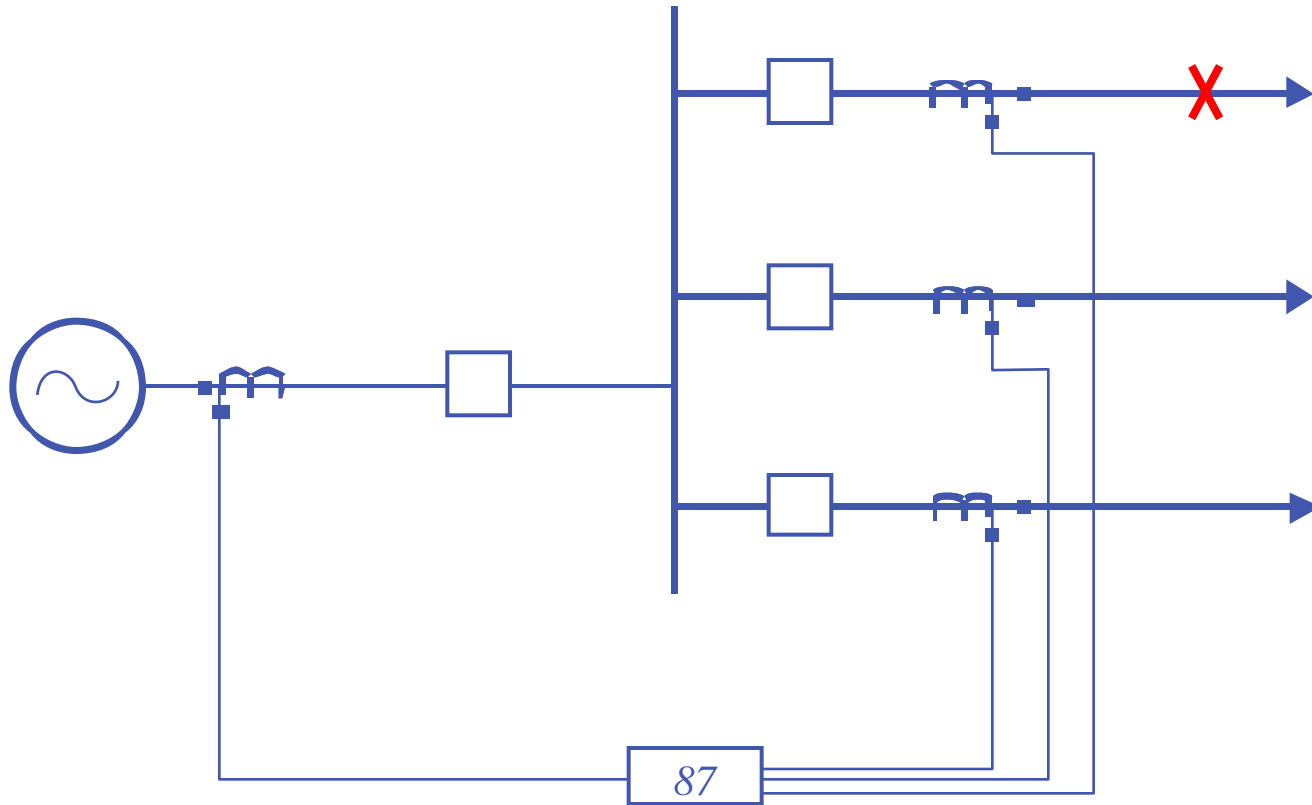
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Instantaneous Overcurrent Element



**1.5 to 2 Cycles Detection**

# Arc Flash Solutions

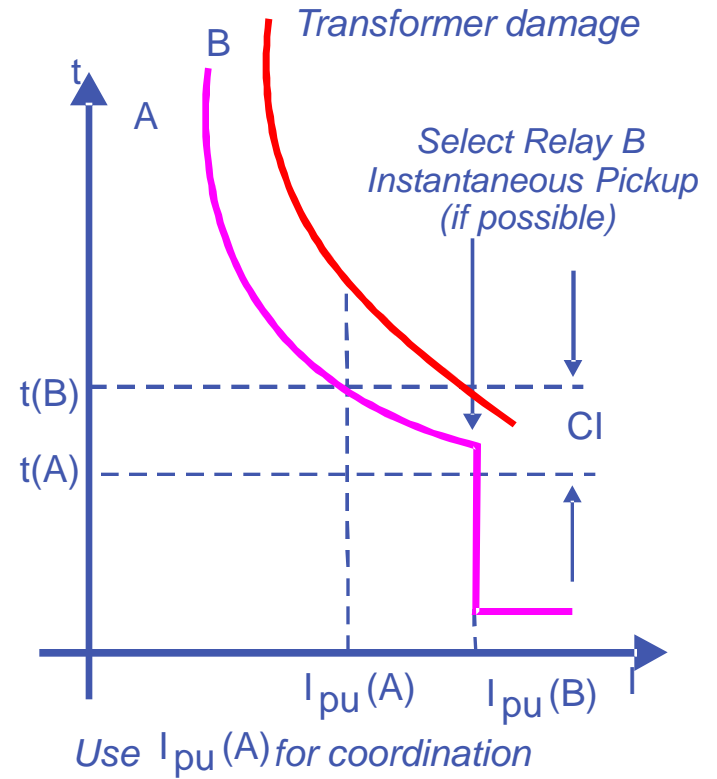
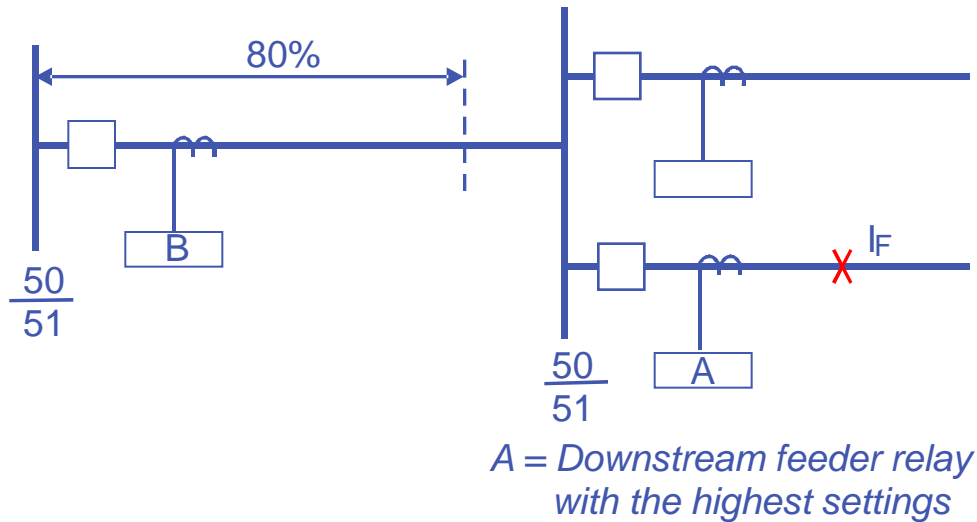
## Low Impedance Bus Differential



**1 Cycle Detection**

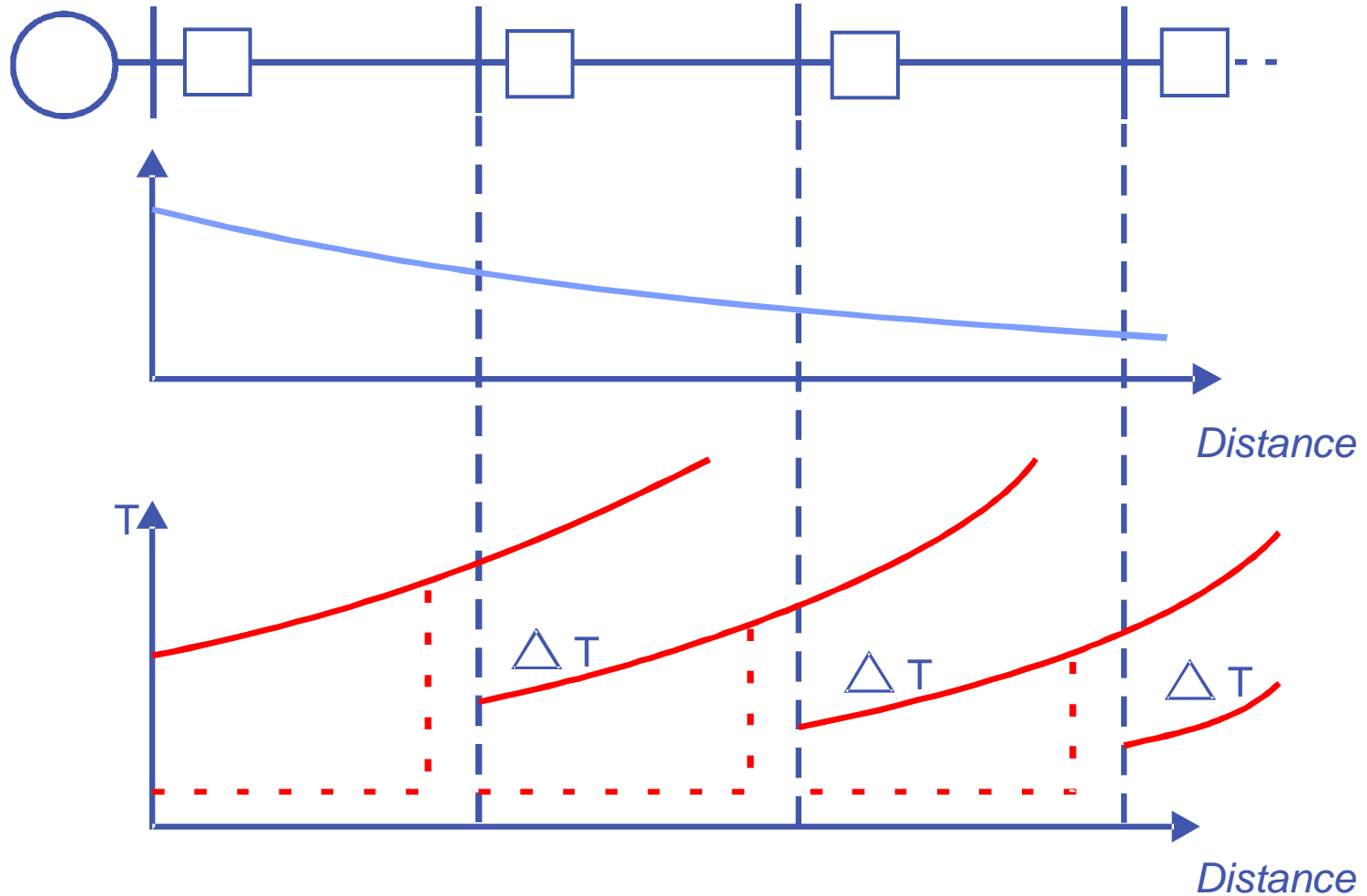
# Arc Flash Solutions

## Time Current Coordination



# Arc Flash Solutions

## Fault Current and Operate Time



# ARC FLASH DETECTION METHODS

# Traditional Arc Flash Detection

## Methods

### Light Sensing

- > Why Light Sensors?
  - Accelerate the trip time during arc flash events
  
- > Two types of light sensors:
  - Point sensors – provides a focused view, which minimize susceptibility to external light noise, but has limited range
  - Loop sensors – provides ability to collect light and channel it to a sensor along the fiber to the end of the fiber, but can be challenging to install and troubleshoot
  
- > Cons:
  - High susceptibility to false triggers if light sensing threshold not set high enough
  - Fiber loops can be easily damaged due to bending or pinching
  - Difficult to install or re-install if fiber loop is damaged

# Traditional Arc Flash Detection Methods

## Light and Current Sensing

- > Pros:
  - Additional Current input minimizes the probability of a false trigger
  
- > Cons:
  - Requires the use of CT's and overcurrent protection device
  - Comparatively more cost and complexity

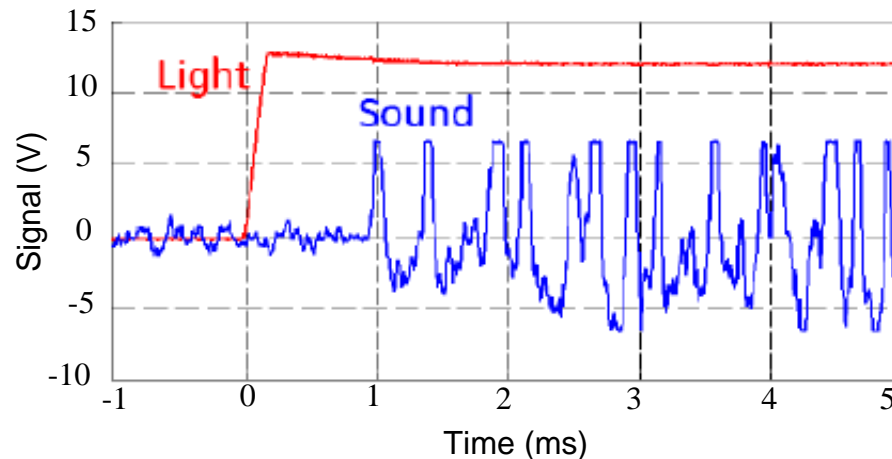
# **A Novel Approach : Light And Sound Sensing based Detection**



# A Unique Light and Sound Signature

## Light & Pressure Wave Detection

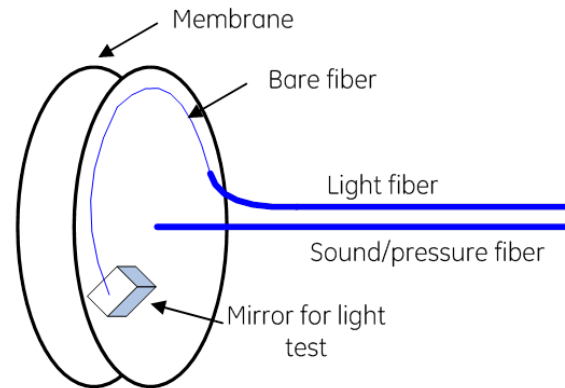
- In an arc flash condition, every millisecond counts...
- Known and standard time relationship from the difference between a light signal ( $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ) and an associated pressurized sound wave ( $343 \text{ m/s}$ ) generated unique time delay signature



**Figure 1:** light and pressure wave signal during the Arc Flash event

# Light & Sound Sensor – US Patent

- US Patent 8040517- novel sensor technology to detect both arc flash induced light and sound



- Jacket of the light fiber inside the sensor head is removed which provides better sensitivity to the light from all angles through transparent head cover. Mirror reflects the light for testing.
- The Light Fiber picks up the flash of light from the Bare Fiber in the sensor head and transmits that to the unit
- The Sound/Pressure Fiber emits light which gets reflected back by the diaphragm, then collected by the same sound/pressure fiber and sent back to the unit
- During an arc flash event, the diaphragm vibrates from the pressurized sound wave creating a signature which is detected by the sensor head

# Continuous System Self-testing

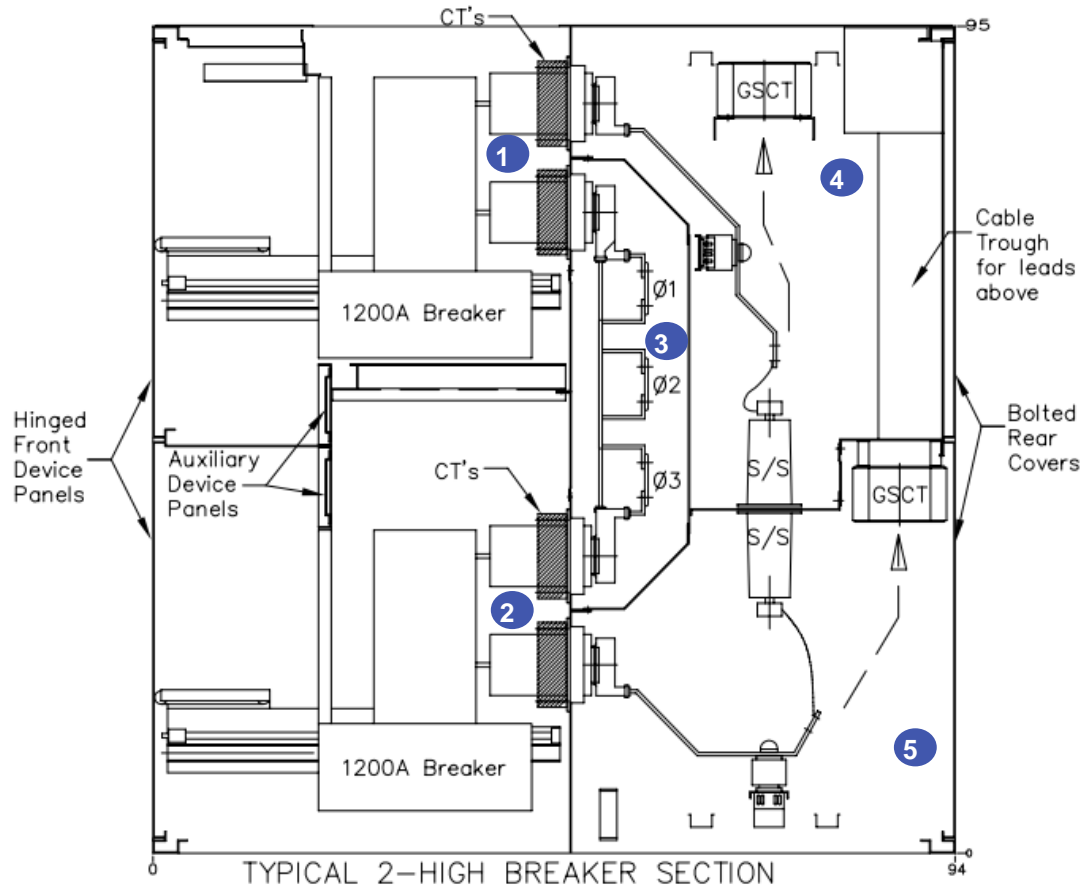
To ensure high reliability of the system all sensor heads and fiber are continuously tested.

For the “light path fiber every second short duration light pulse is sent from the laser diode: once reflected in the small mirror installed in the head and received by the photo detector, path is considered healthy.

For the “sound” path the light is sent continuously from the laser diode to be reflected by the shiny membrane and received by the photo detector which confirms health of the sensor path.



# Sensor Placement



The above is a representation of a Two-High design with Arc-Flash Sensors:

- > 1 – Breaker 1 Compartment
- > 2 – Breaker 2 Compartment
- > 3 – Main Bus Bar Section
- > 4 – Upper Cable Exit Section
- > 5 – Lower Cable Exit Section