Optimizing the Surge Arresters Location for Improving Lightning Induced Voltage Performance of Distribution Network

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Presentation Outline

1. Introduction

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3. Improving Lightning performance

- 4. Optimizing Tool
- 5. Conclusions and Future Work





Introduction - Motivation

- Power quality has become one of the main area of interest around the world for mains, utilities, industries and consumers.
- Lightning causes around 50% of the network electromagnetic disturbances (short interruptions and voltage sags)



Introduction - Motivation

- Millions of USD for losses caused by lightning in distribution network
- Is important to look forward techniques for reducing lightning impact on distribution networks.
- Shielding wire groundings, surge <u>arresters</u> and enhacement of Line BIL are a very useful technique





Lightning Induced Voltage Modelling

By means of accurate calculation of lightning-induced overvoltages on real distribution networks



Correct definition of number and location of protective devices (shielding wire groundings and surge arresters)





Link with Transient Analysis Software



- LIOV-EMTP/MATLAB (Methodology A) EMTP96 – using TACS on a DLL and MATLAB – using S-function

- YALUK-ATP (Methodology A) ATP – Using Foreign Models on a DLL

- LIV-ATP (Methodology B) ATP programmed in MODELS





Diminishing Number of Failures

- Surge Arrester (SA) helps to Diminish the fault rate due to induced Voltages
- The best solution for a straight line is locate a SA Every Pole





Diminishing Number of Failures

- Which is the best SA location?
 - If the number of SA is fixed and limited?
 - If it is used a Complex distribution Network with non-homogeneous pole distribution?







Software Tool – Structure

- It was developed a Optimizig Software Tool for SA location.
- Object function is diminish number of failures for a fixed number of SA
- Based on Genetic Algorithm (GA) Technique
- Each 'individual' (possible solution) is characterized with an unique SA location
- For each individual it should be calculated the <u>lightning-induced voltage performance of the</u> <u>line</u>.

It is used a certain number of strokes for this task





 $\left(C_{2}\right)$

 C_1

Initial individual generation

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 (C_3) (C_4)

 (C_5)

 $\left| \mathbf{C}_{6} \right|$



Individuals C₆ **C**₃ C_2 C_4 **C**₅ C. Mating Crossing C_7 C_8 C₉





































Example of Genetic Algorithm Tool

- > 20 Nodes Network (three phase)
- Location of 4 three phase Surge Arresters
- 4845 possible SA locations
- Lightning performance calculated with
 - o 40 Strokes
 - o 100 Strokes
- It is chosen a base case with a SA located randomly





Effect of Power System Components



- Part of Real Network with a main feeder and three branches with different length.
 - Total length 7km aprox.





Engineering Application



- Random case diminish the number of outages for 200kV from 35 to 20





Engineering Application



- Random case diminish the number of outages for 200kV from 35 to 20
- Running Genetic Algorithm Tool the number of failures for 200kV is 10





Conclusions

- Here is described a new methodology based on genetic algorithms intended to find an optimal solution for the location of a set of surge arresters.
- This methodology could bring better results when a reasonably probability curve is possible to be obtained for each individual.
- Greater number of strokes should be used for each solution, implying that big efforts should be done in order to reduce induced voltage computation time.





Conclusions

- This tool allows to find a "good" solution but not always this is the best one.
- This proposed methodology contributes on the researching focused on the using of artificial intelligence techniques, such as, genetic algorithms for designing and planning the distribution network systems optimally.
- Further work should be done in incrasing the number of parameters to simulate meanwhile it is improve the computation time.





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