



INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEM PROTECTION







Hands-On Relay School 2012





CONGRATULATIONS

On choosing the field of system protection. It is an exciting, challenging profession.

System protection has changed considerably in the past 20 years.

Many learning and growth "opportunities" will come your way in the future.

What is System Protection?



System protection is the art and science of detecting problems with power system components and isolating these components.

Problems on the power system include:

- **1. Short circuits**
- 2. Abnormal conditions
- 3. Equipment failures

NERC defines the protection system as:

Current Approved Definition:

Protective relays, associated communication systems, voltage and current sensing devices, station batteries and DC control circuitry.



Purpose of System Protection

- Protect the public
- Improve system stability
- Minimize damage to equipment
- Protect against overloads
- Employ relay techs and engineers





•Generators

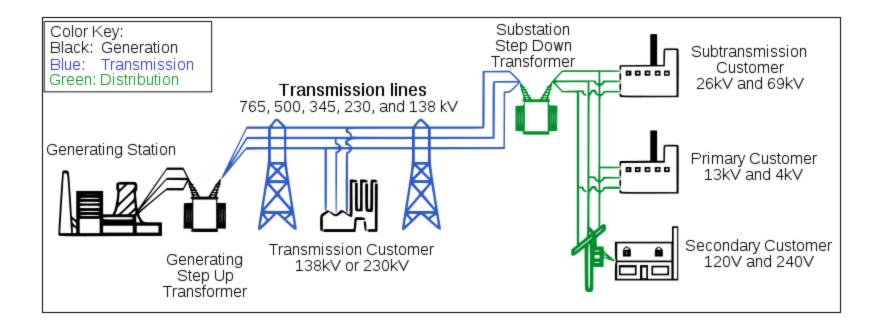
•Transformers, Reactors

•Lines

•Buses

Capacitors







Some Basics

Protective relays monitor the current and/or voltage of the power system to detect problems with the power system. Currents and voltages to relays are supplied via CT's and PT's.

Some Basics



Current Transformer (CT)

A device which transforms the current on the power system from large primary values to safe secondary values. The secondary current will be proportional (as per the ratio) to the primary current.





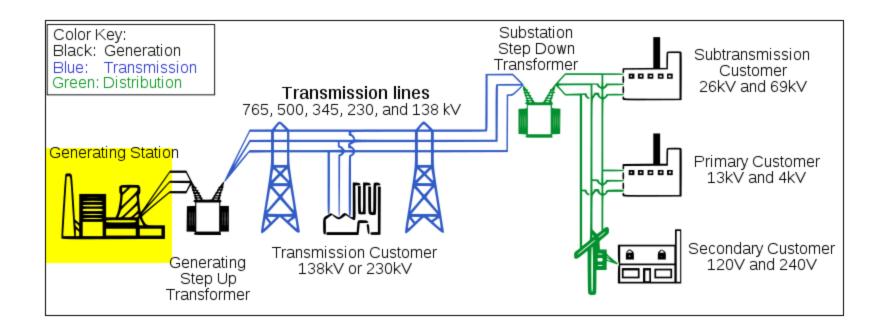
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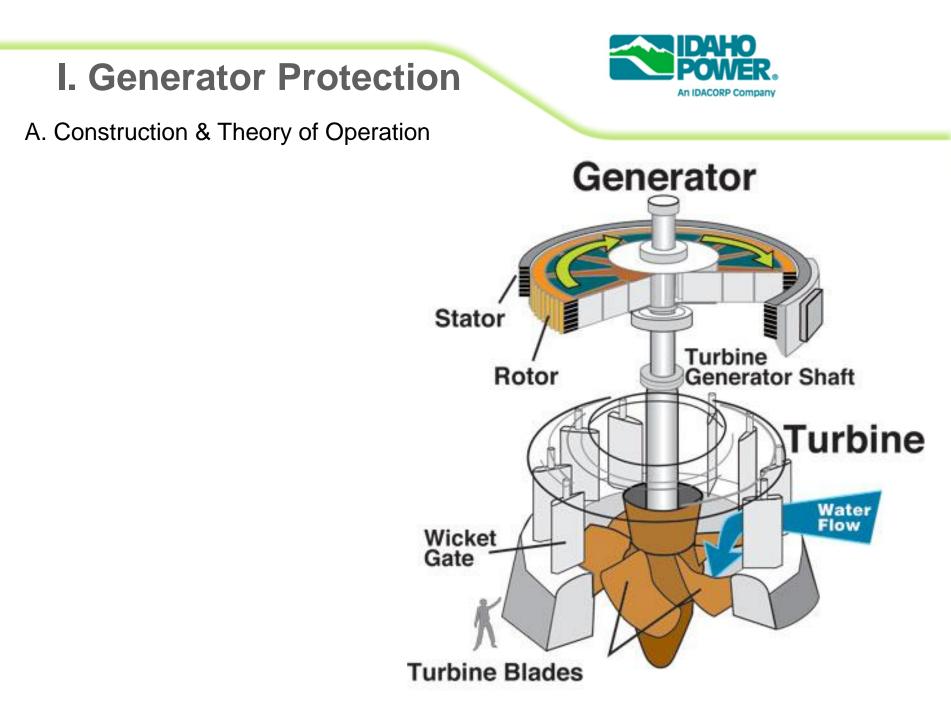
Potential Transformer (PT) A device which transforms the voltage on the power system from primary values to safe secondary values, in a ratio proportional to the primary value.













Three Gorges Dam in China Largest in the world (22,000MW, 26 Generators)

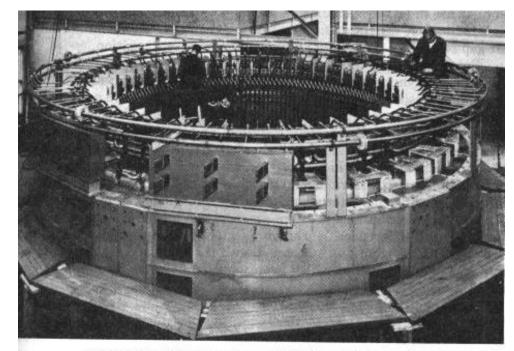






What can go wrong?

- A. Stator Winding Problems1. Winding-winding short
 - 2. Stator ground

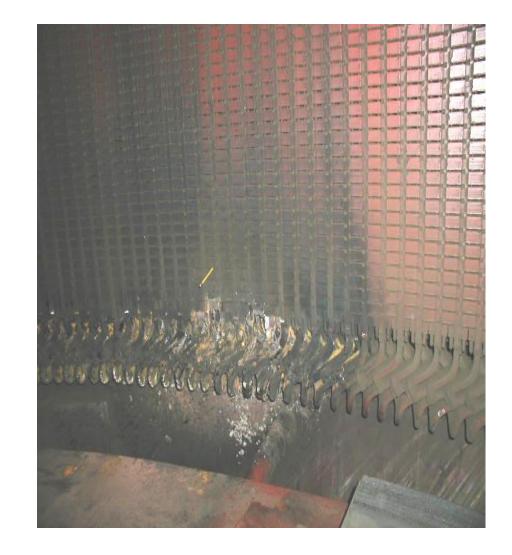


Stator of a 190-MVA three-phase 12-kV 375-r/min hydroelectric generator. The conductors have hollow passages through which cooling water is circulated. (*Brown Boveri Corporation*.)



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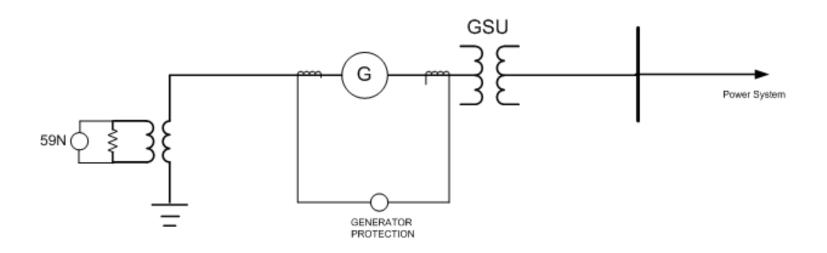
A. Stator Winding Problems





How Do We Protect the Stator?

- A. Differential Protection (what goes in must come out)
 - 1. Detects phase-phase faults
- **B. Stator Ground Protection**
 - 1.59N (95% of Stator)
 - 2. Third Harmonic Voltage Method (100% of Stator)
 - 3. Signal Injection (100% of Stator)





What can go wrong?

- **B.** Rotor Problems
 - 1. Loss of field
 - 2. Field ground
 - a. First ground
 - b. Second ground
 - =TROUBLE



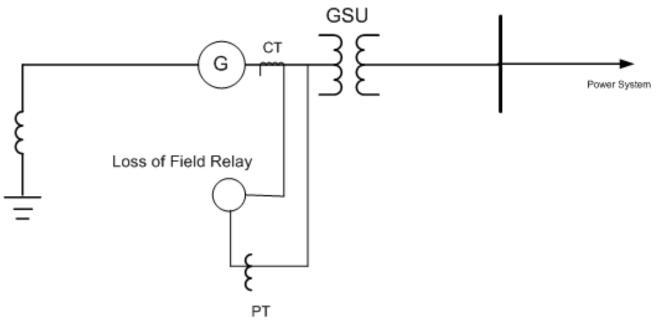


Rotor



How Do We Protect the Rotor?

1. Loss of Field a. Impedance





How Do We Protect the Rotor?

2. Field ground

a. DC voltage relay (64F)

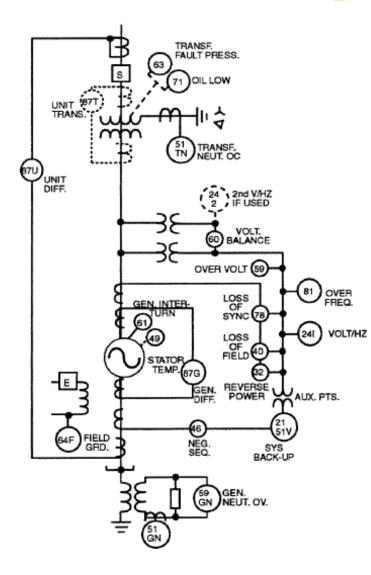
The field ground relay is connected from the negative side of the field to DC ground. Detects voltage from the field to ground.



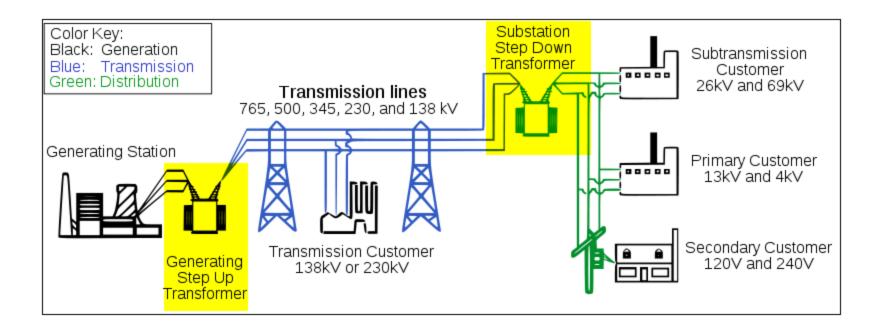
What else can go wrong?

- C. Abnormal Conditions
 - 1. Over/Under Frequency
 - 2. Over Excitation
 - 3. Reverse Power
 - 4. Out of Step
 - 5. Unbalance Current











XFMR PROTECTION

Power transformers are expensive, and are a long lead-time item (1 year or longer) so protection must be effective





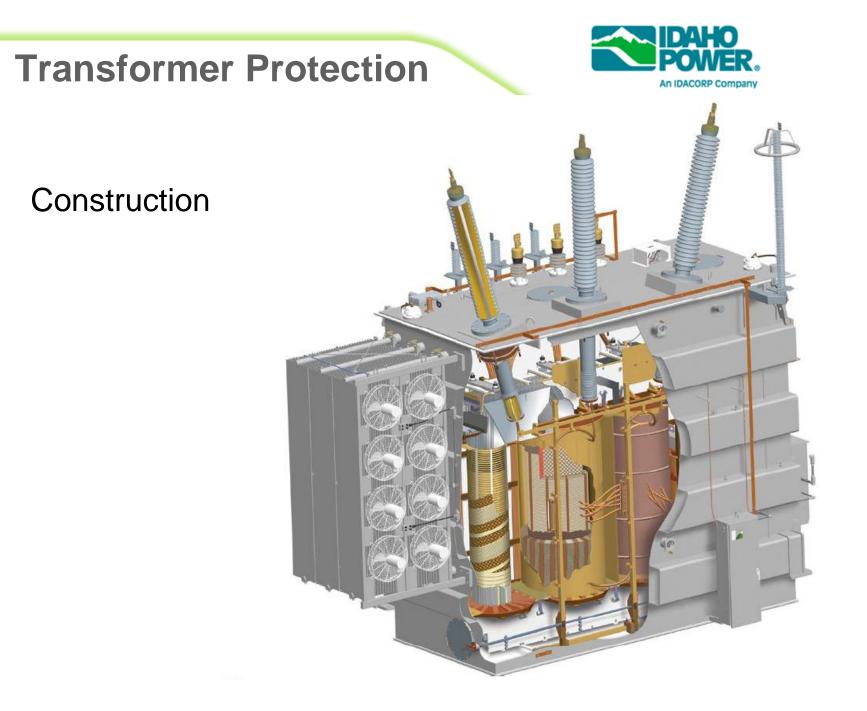
Construction





Construction







Transformer size and rating

• MVA: the capacity of the transformer in terms of million volt-amps. Size can range from less than 1 MVA to 500 MVA and higher.

• Transformer rating (MVA) is determined in part by the amount of cooling employed. MVA rating increases with more cooling. OA, FOA (stage 1), FOA (stage 2)



What can go wrong?

- Winding-to-winding faults
- Winding-to-ground faults
- Bushing faults

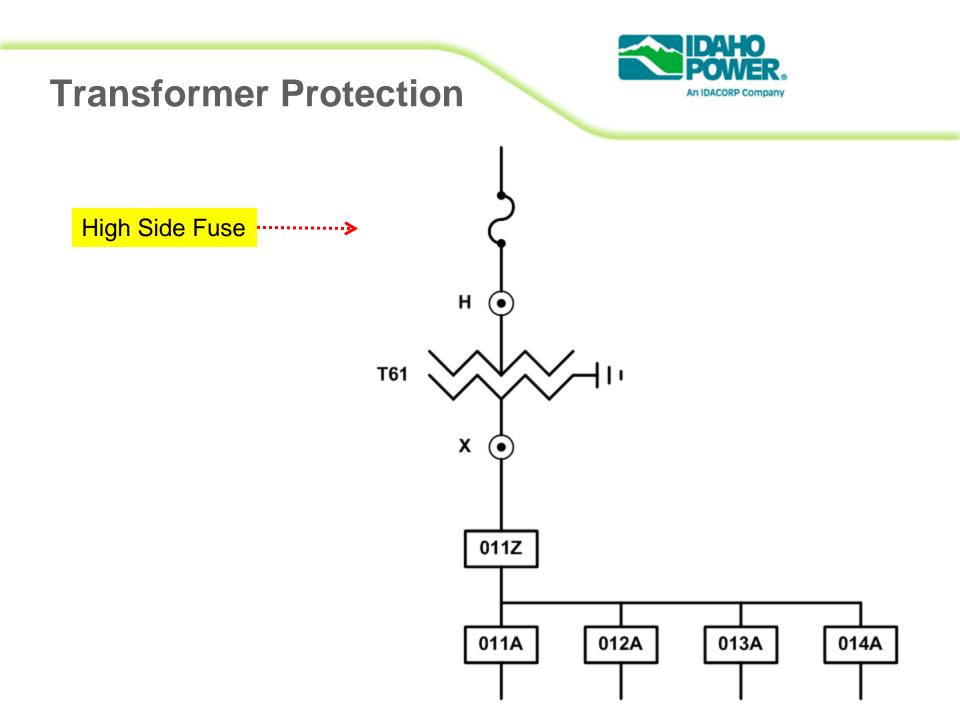






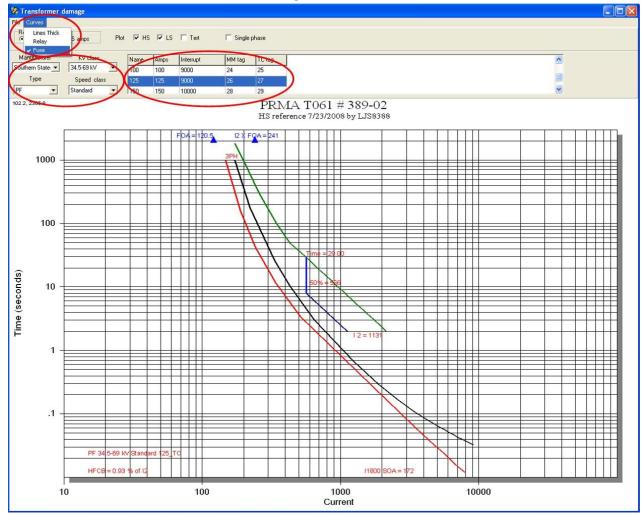
Protection Methods

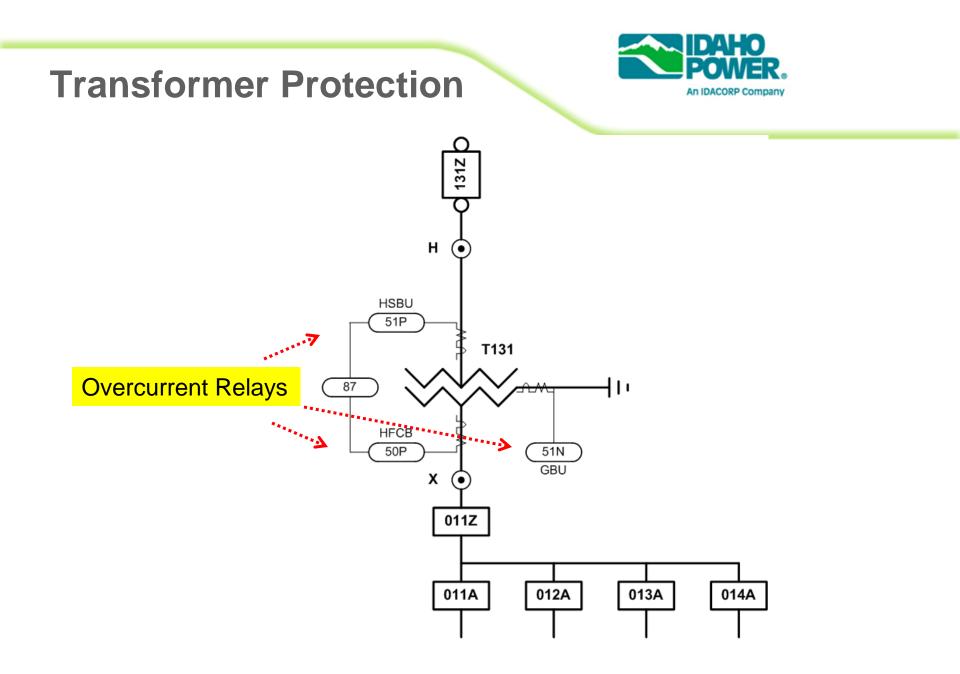
- Fuse
- Overcurrent
- Differential





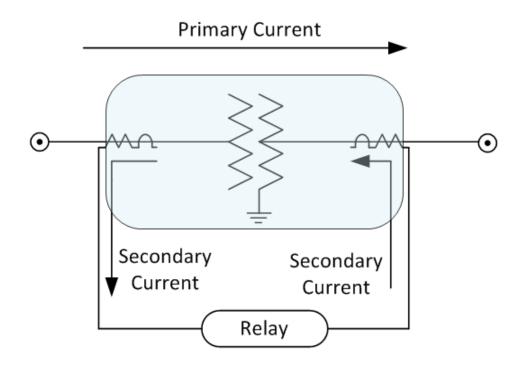
Transformer Damage Curve

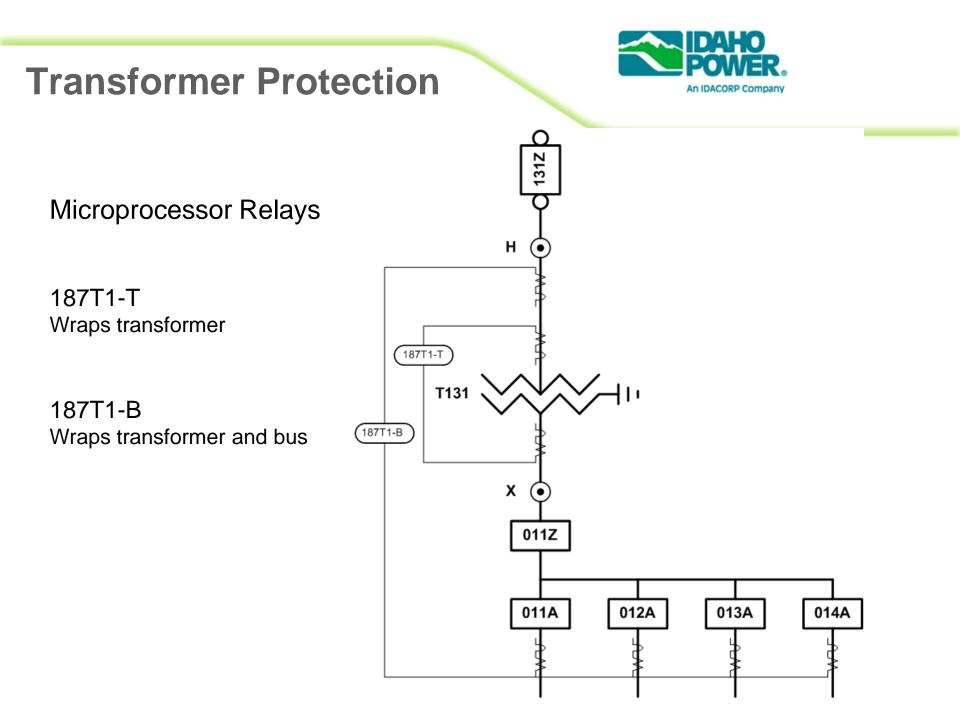


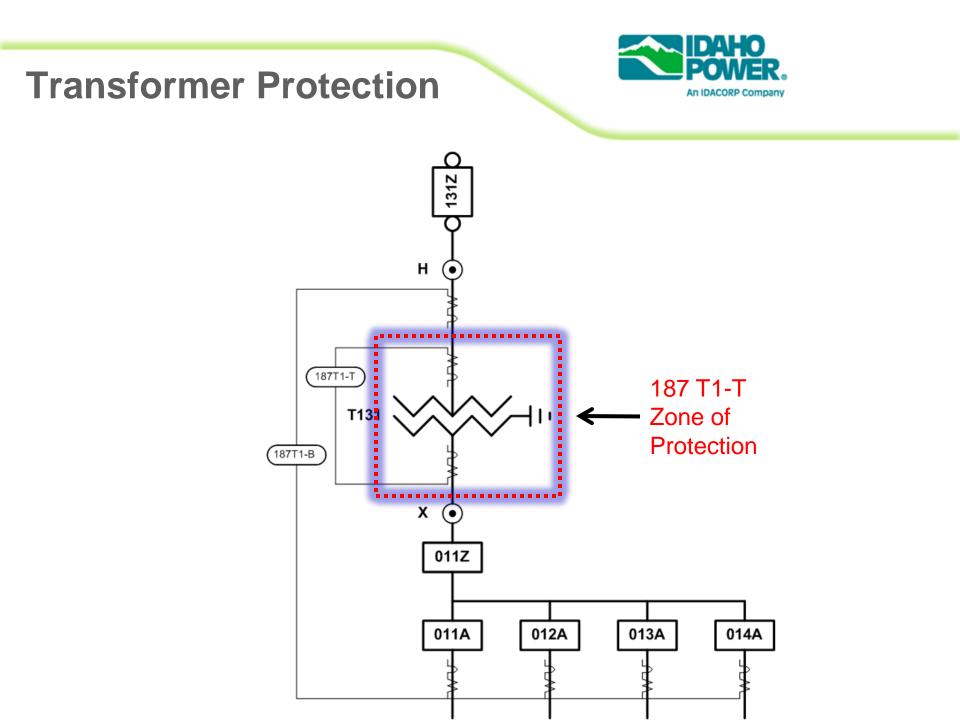


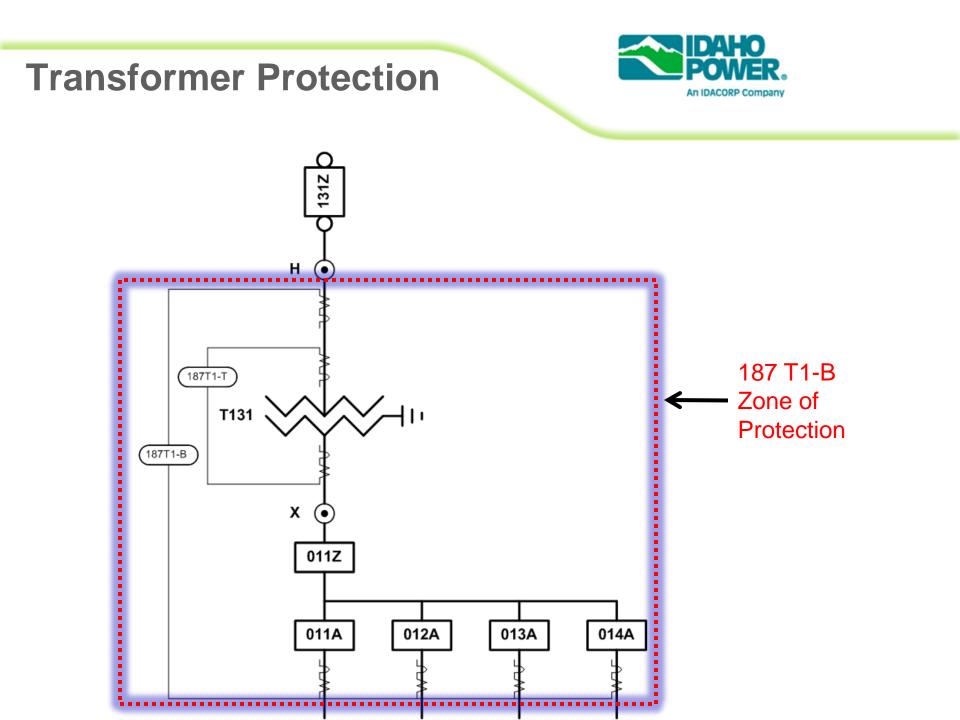


Differential Protection: What goes in must come out.... P-in = P-out













Some terms you will be learning about this week:

Restraint

Operate

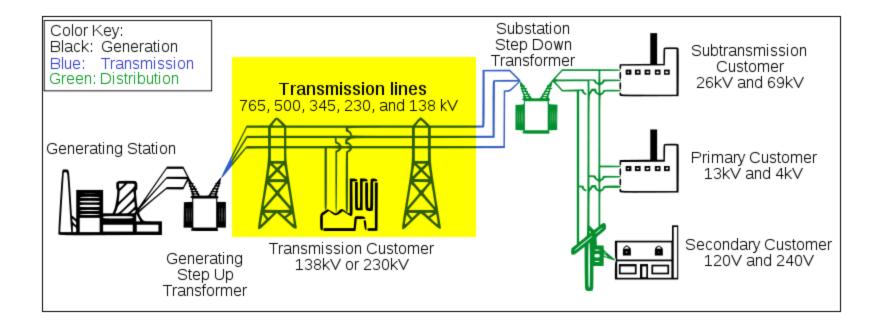
Slope

Inrush

2nd Harmonic



LINE PROTECTION

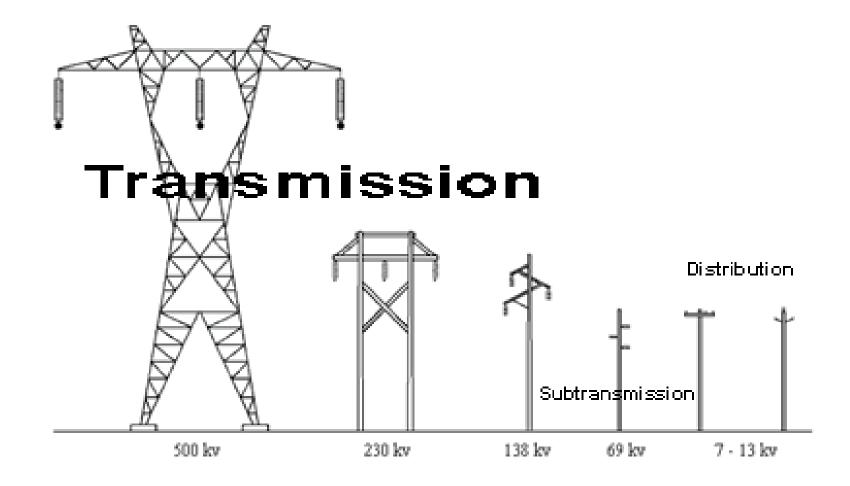




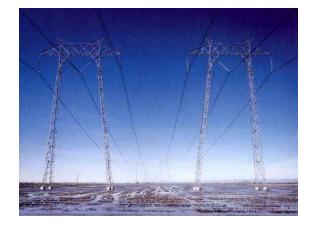
Transmission lines can vary in length from several hundred feet to several hundred miles, and in voltage (line-to-line) from 46KV to 750KV.

Construction can be simple, such as a single wood pole with insulators atop a crossarm, with little spacing between the conductors and from the conductors to ground. At the other end of the scale are metal lattice structures with bundled conductors (2 or more conductors per phase) with large spacing between conductors and between conductors and ground.















What Can Go Wrong?

FAULTS (Short Circuits)

Some causes of faults:

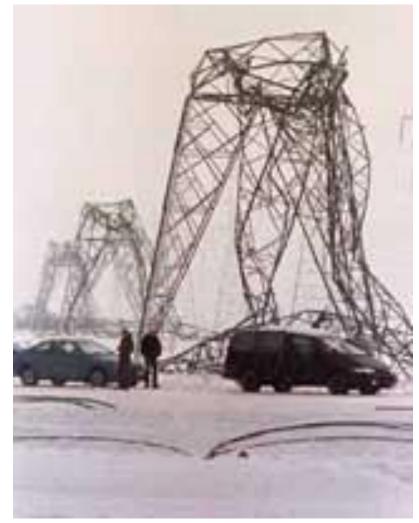
- •Trees
- Lightning
- Animals (birds, squirrels, snakes)
- Weather (wind, snow, ice)
- Natural Disasters (earthquakes, floods)
- Faulty equipment (switches, insulators, clamps, etc.)





An IDACORP Company

Ice Storm

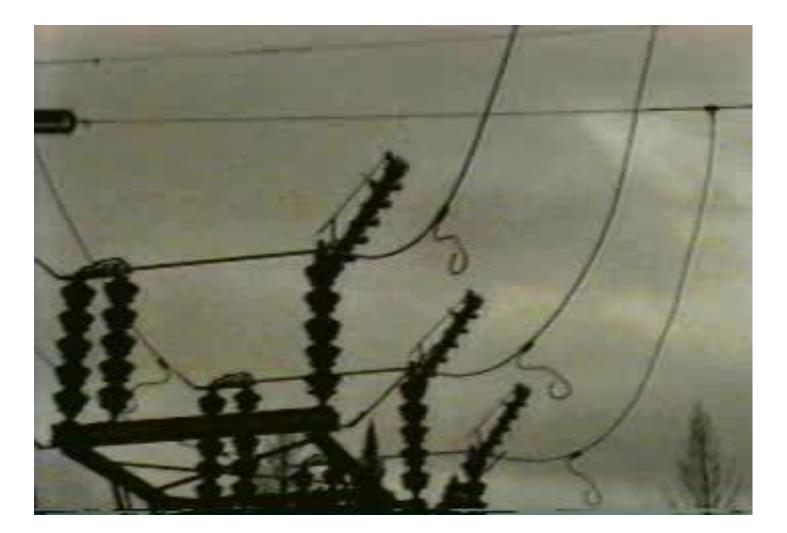














Faults

"Faults come uninvited and seldom go away voluntarily."

Fault Types:

- •Single line-to-ground
- Line-to-line
- Three Phase
- Line-to-line-to-ground



How Do We Protect Transmission Lines?

- A. Overcurrent
- **B. Directional Overcurrent**
- C. Distance (Impedance)
- D. Pilot
 - 1. DCB (Directional Comparison Blocking
 - 2. POTT (Permissive Overreaching Transfer Trip)
- E. Line Current Differential



Overcurrent Protection

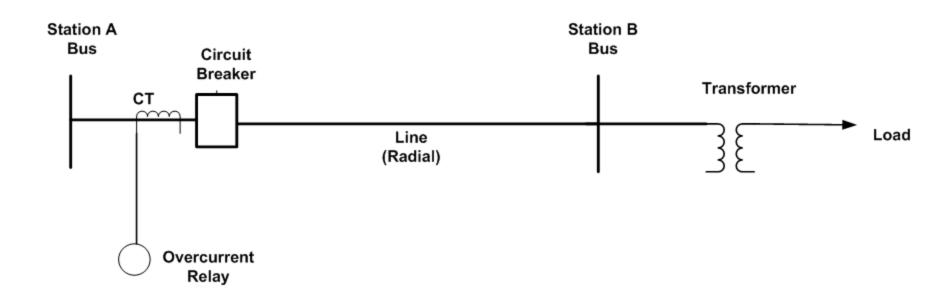
Non-Directional Relay responds to overcurrent condition

Instantaneous (IOC) device #50 No intentional time delay

Time Overcurrent (TOC) device #51 Various curve types, including inverse, very inverse, extremely inverse

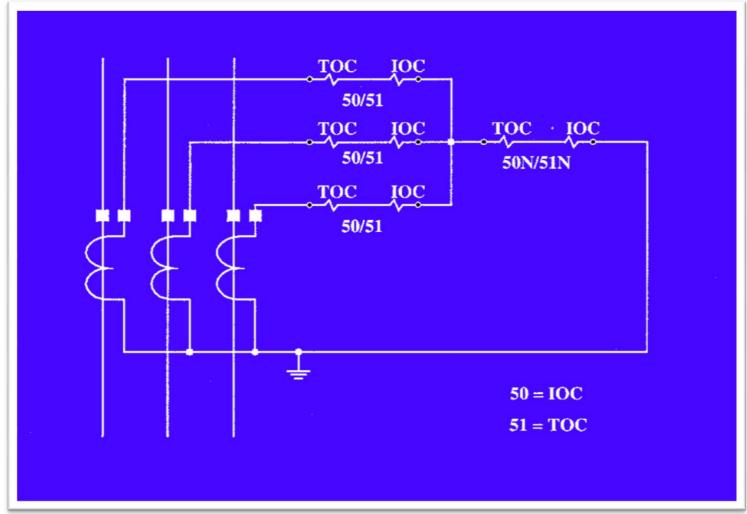


Overcurrent Line Protection



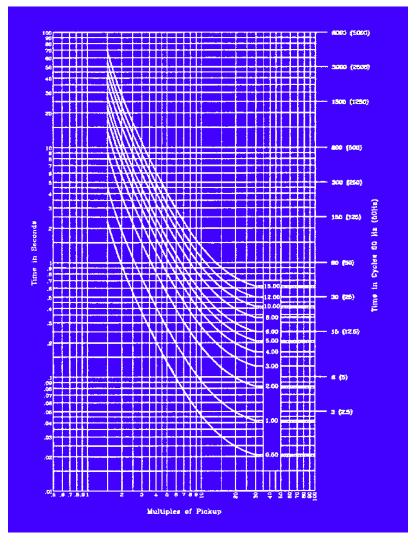


AC Schematic





Time Overcurrent Curves





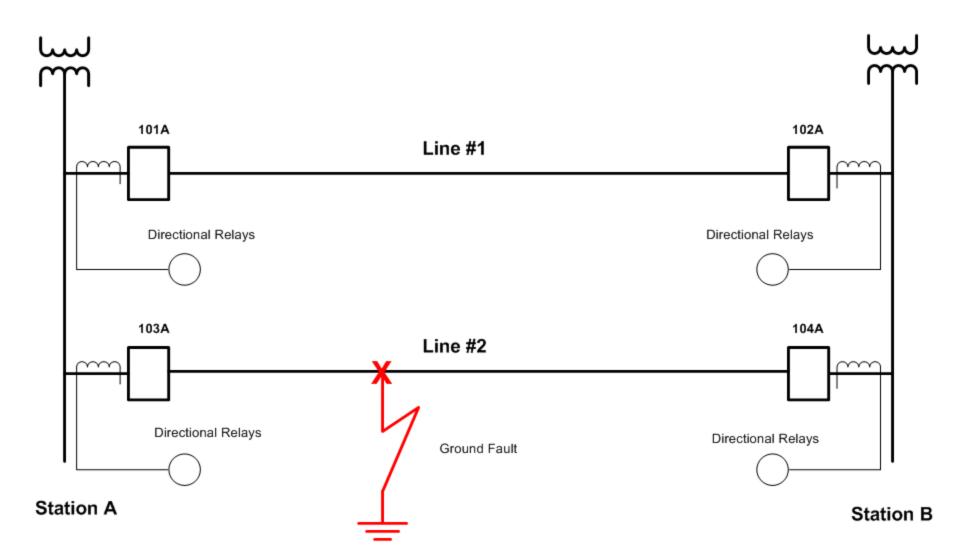
Directional Overcurrent Protection

Relay responds to overcurrent condition in the forward direction only (device #67, 67N, 67NT)

Will not respond to reverse faults

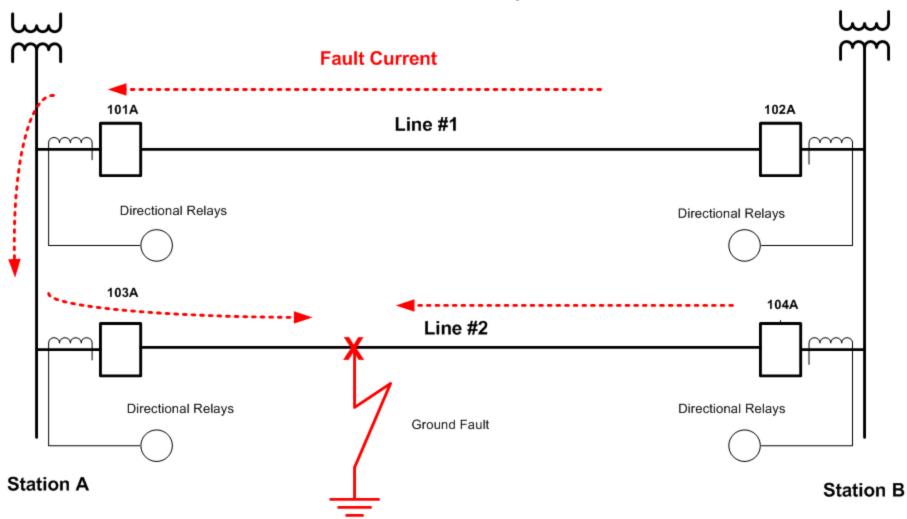
Compares the current in the line versus a known reference that will always be the same (such as a voltage or polarizing current source)







Directional Overcurrent Example





Distance Protection

A distance relay measures the impedance of a line using the voltage applied to the relay and the current applied to the relay.

When a fault occurs on a line, the current rises significantly and the voltage collapses significantly.

The distance relay (also known as impedance relay) determines the impedance by Z = V/I. If the impedance is within the reach setting of the relay, it will operate.



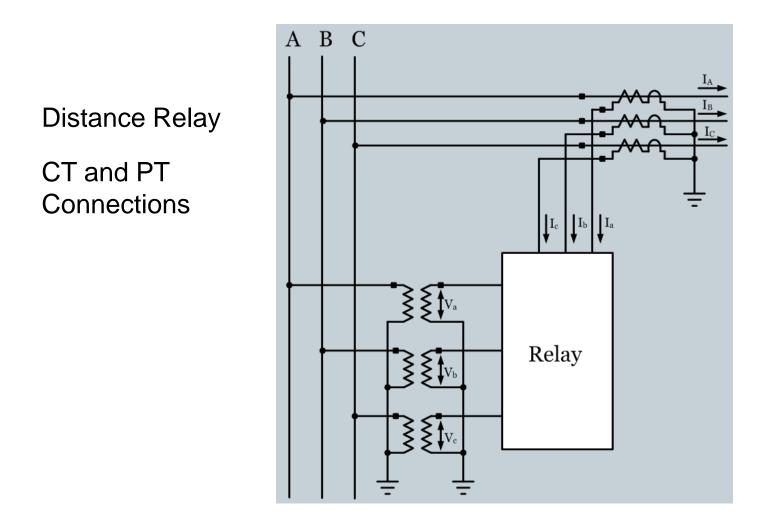
Distance Protection

Electromechanical distance relays use torque to restrain or operate KD, GCY, etc. Device #21

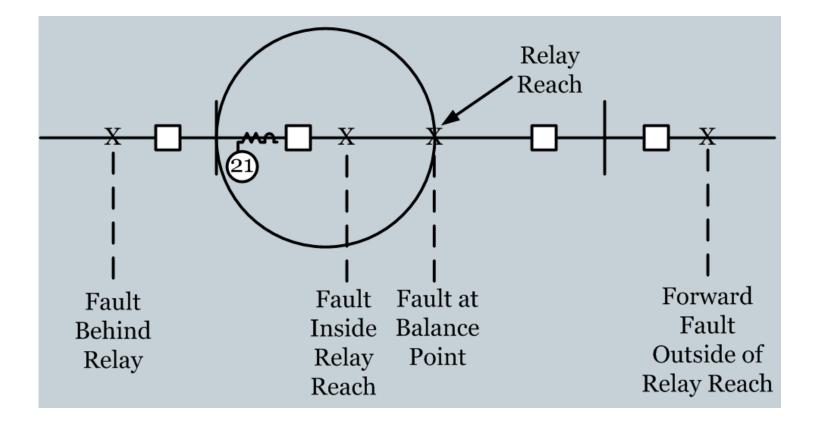
Microprocessor distance relays use equations to restrain or operate

SEL, ABB, GE, Areva, etc. Device #11





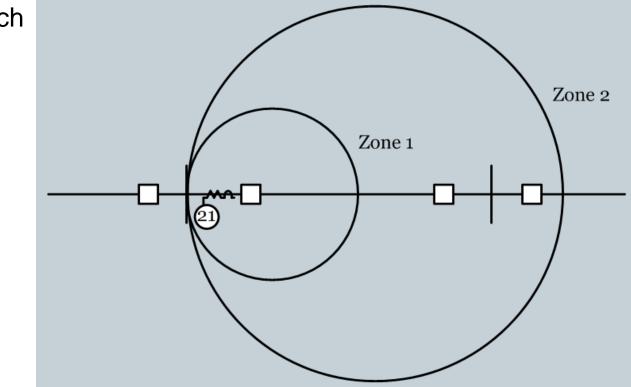






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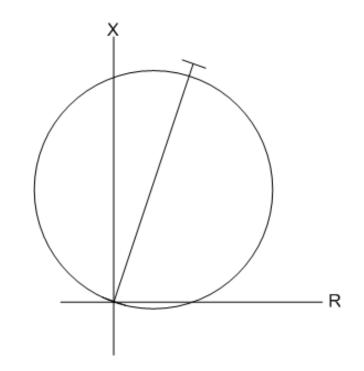
Typical zone reach settings





Distance Protection

When a fault occurs on a transmission line, the current increases and the angle of the current with respect to the voltage changes to a lagging angle, usually between 60 to 85 degrees.

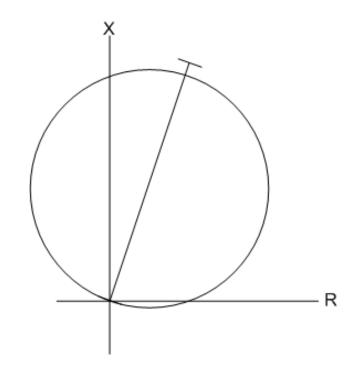




Distance Protection

The most common characteristic (or protection shape) of distance relays is the mho characteristic, a circular type reach characteristic.

Distance relays have a settable maximum torque angle (mta), which is the angle of the current compared to the angle of the voltage at which the relay is most sensitive. In the drawing on the right, the mta is approximately 75 degrees.





Introduction to System Protection

Terminology

Dependability: the certainty that a protection system will operate when it is supposed to

Security: the certainty that a protection system will not operate when it is not supposed to

Reliability = Dependability + Security



Pilot Relaying Scheme

A protection scheme which employs communications to send a signal from one station to another to allow high speed tripping (permission) or to prevent high speed tripping (blocking).

Pilot protection allows over-reaching zones of protection to ensure full protection of the line as well as high speed tripping.



Pilot Relaying Scheme

Directional Comparison Blocking (DCB)

A communications based protection scheme where high speed over-reaching tripping is allowed unless a block signal is received.



Pilot Relaying Scheme

Permissive over-reaching transfer trip (POTT)

A communications based protection scheme where high speed over-reaching tripping is allowed only if a permissive signal is received



BLOCKING SCHEME OPERATING PRINCIPLE











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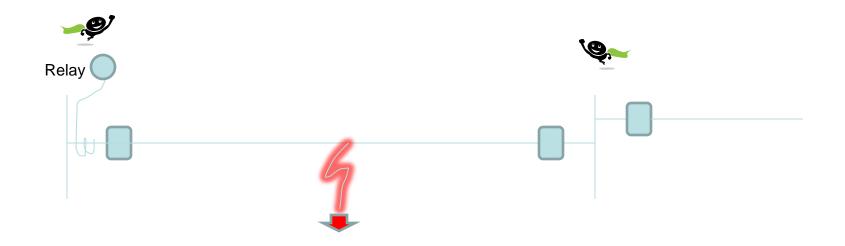
External Fault





BLOCKING SCHEME OPERATING PRINCIPLE

Internal Fault No block signal is sent



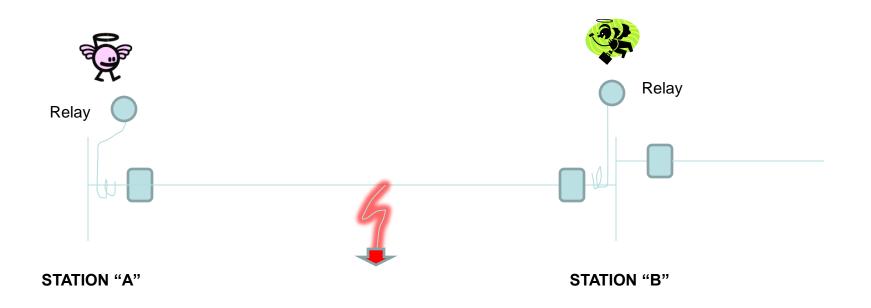


Permissive Scheme





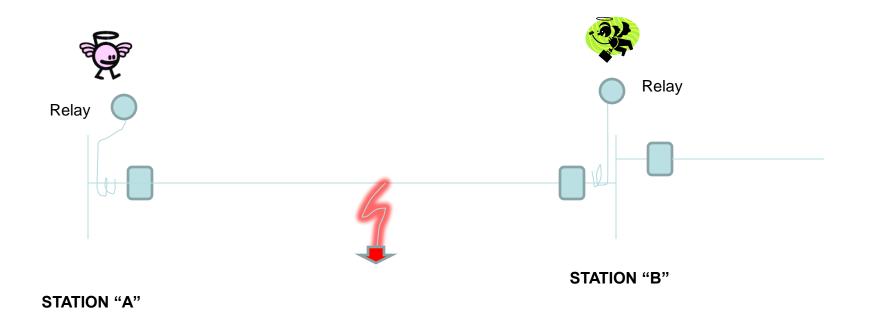
Permissive scheme internal fault





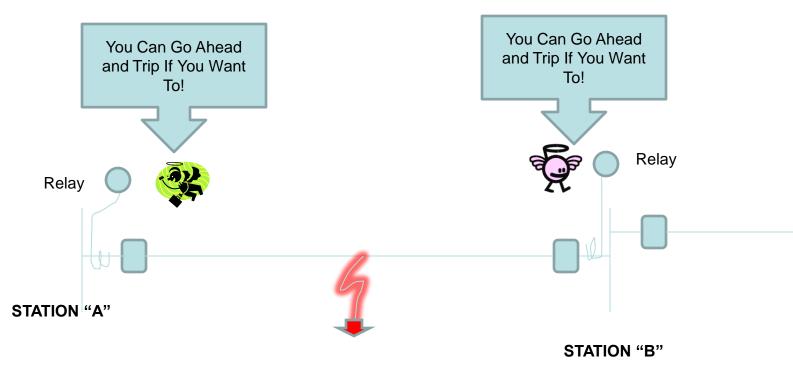


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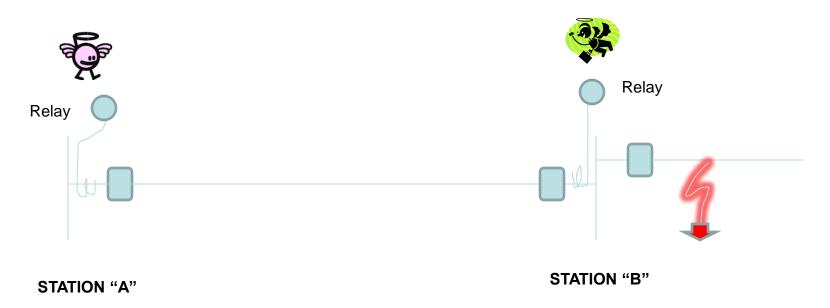


High Speed Tripping Takes Place at Station A and B



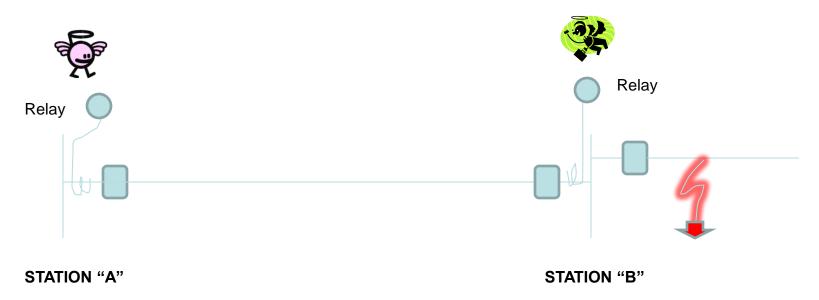


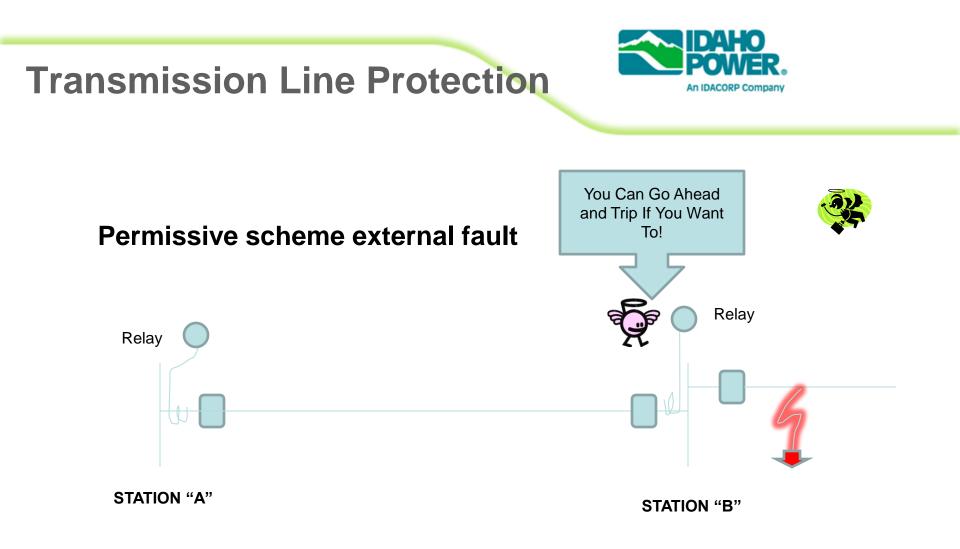
Permissive scheme external fault





Permissive scheme external fault





No High Speed Tripping Takes Place Because the Fault Is Reverse to the Relay at Station B.



BLOCKING VS. PERMISSIVE

• Blocking

- Increased dependability because if the carrier fails, the protection will trip anyway.
- Decreased security because if the carrier fails, the protection will trip for an out of section fault.

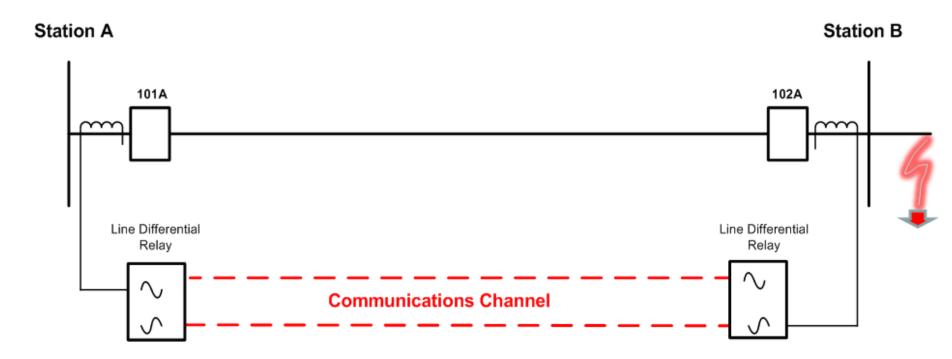
• Permissive

- Increased security because if the communication fails, the protection will not trip high speed.
- Decreased dependability because if the comm fails, the protection will not trip high speed for an in section fault.



LINE DIFFERENTIAL

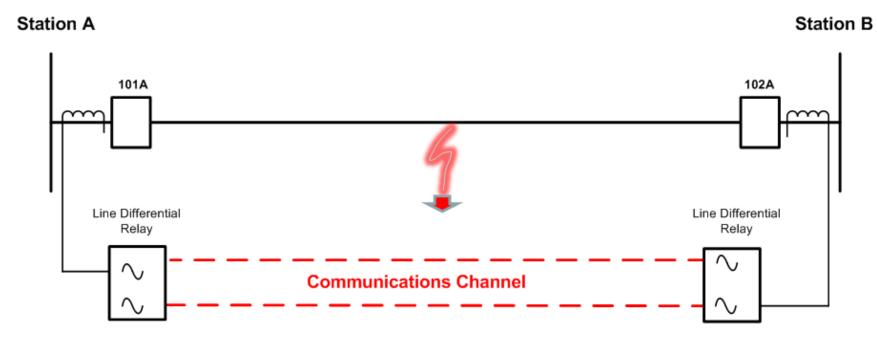
No fault or external fault, current at each end is balanced The current going into the line is going out at other end





Line differential

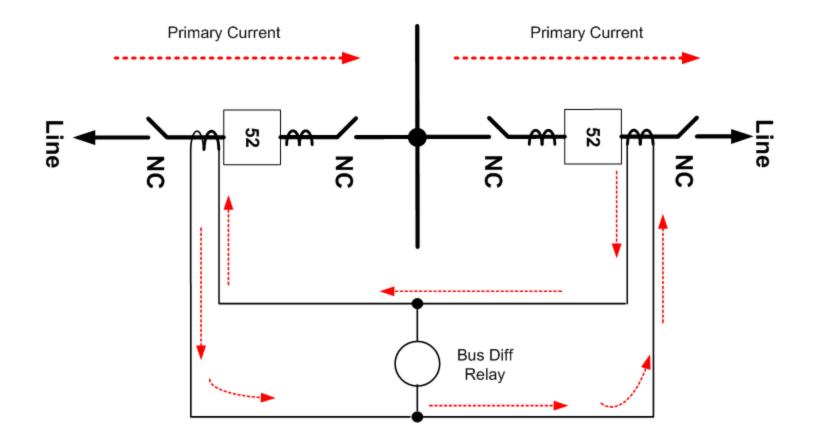
Internal fault, relay trip is processed



Bus Protection



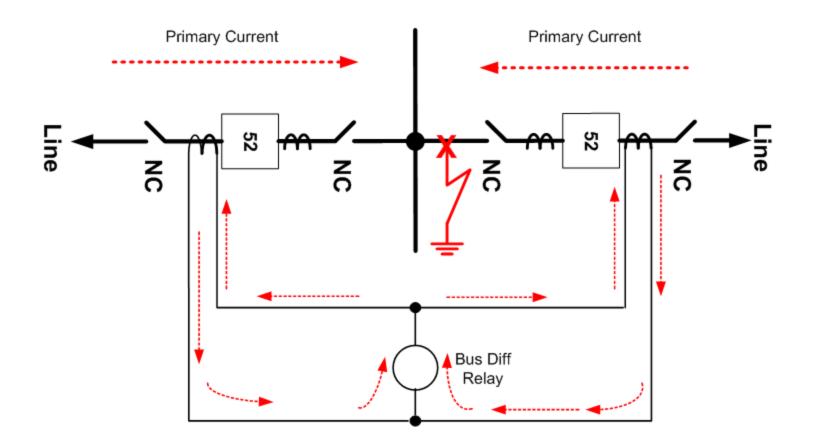
Bus Differential: Current into bus must equal current out of bus

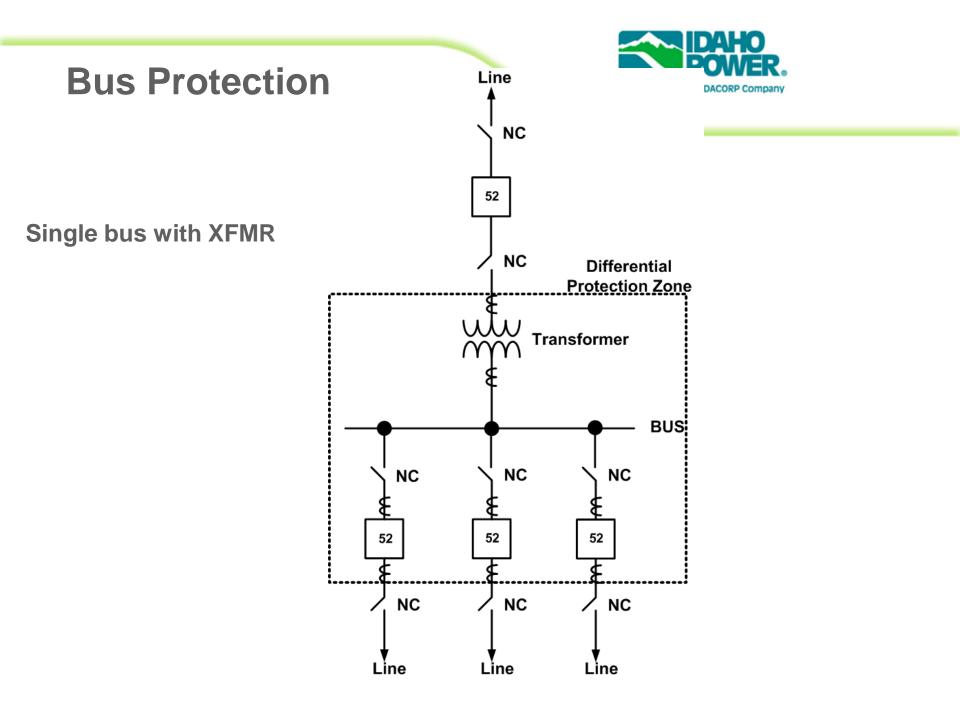


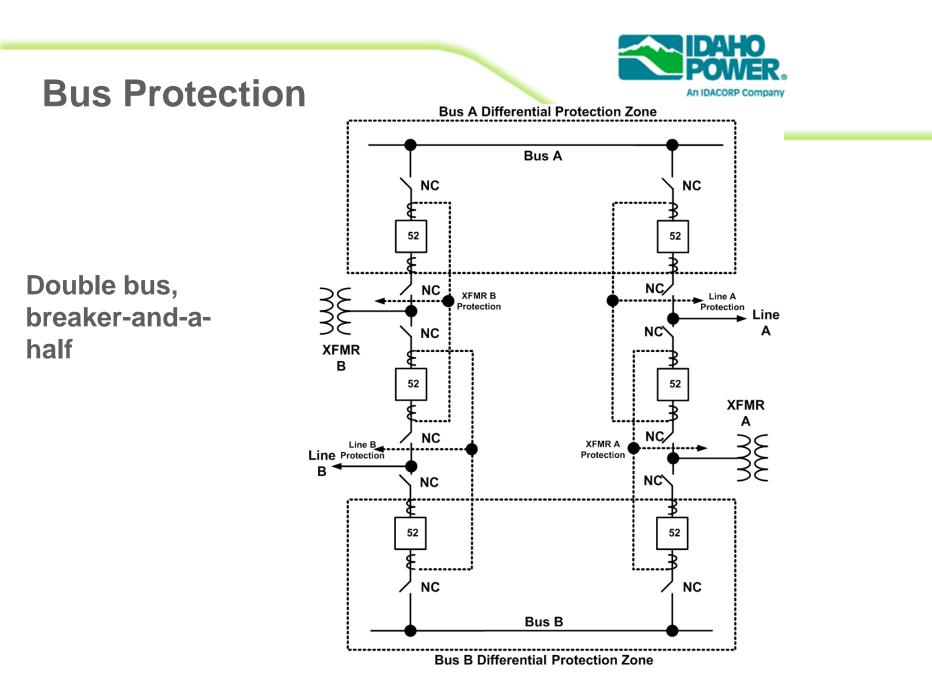
Bus Protection



Bus Fault



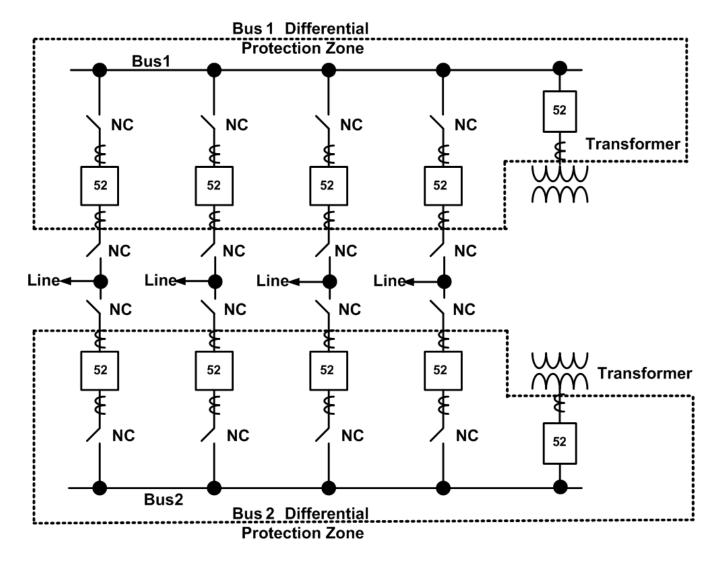








Double bus, double breaker







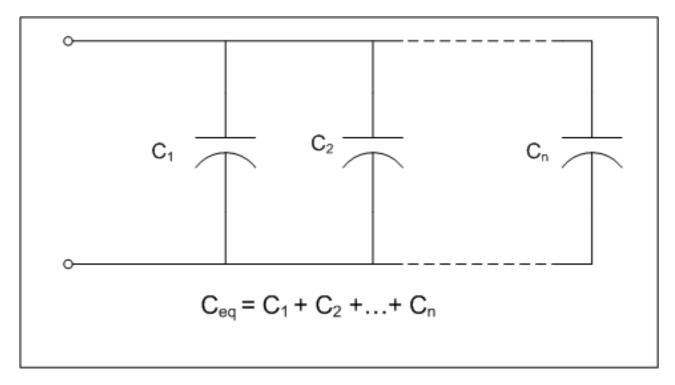
Purpose of capacitors:

Shunt capacitors raise the voltage on a bus or line to a higher level, thus helping keep the voltage at desired level

Series capacitors cancel out the inductive reactance of a line, thus making the line appear shorter increasing load flow on the line.

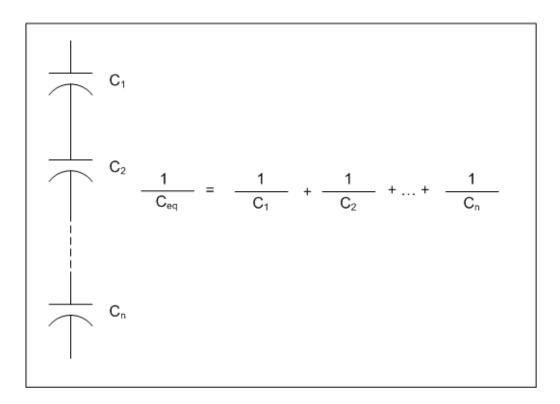


Capacitors connected in parallel add





Capacitors connected in series sum like they are in parallel



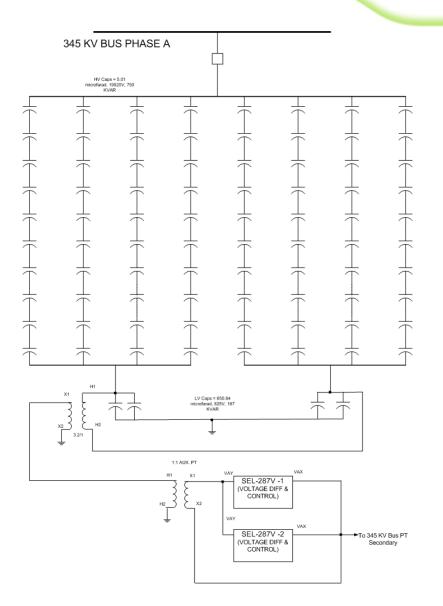


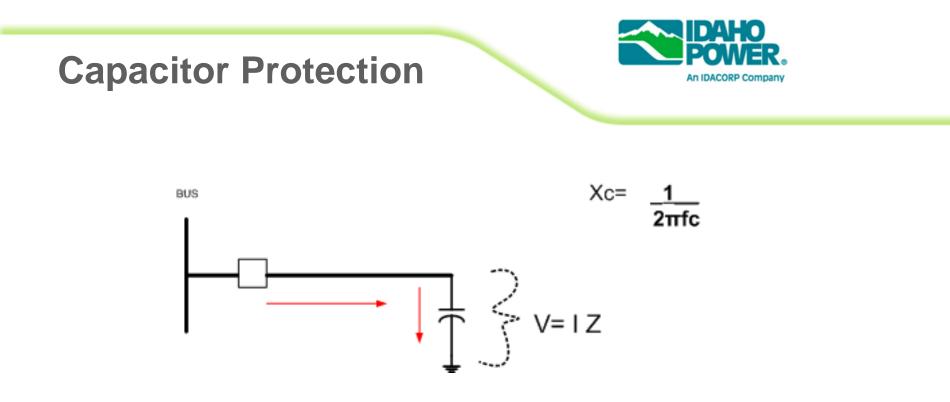


Capacitors are connected in series and parallel combination to obtain the desired total capacitance for the bank







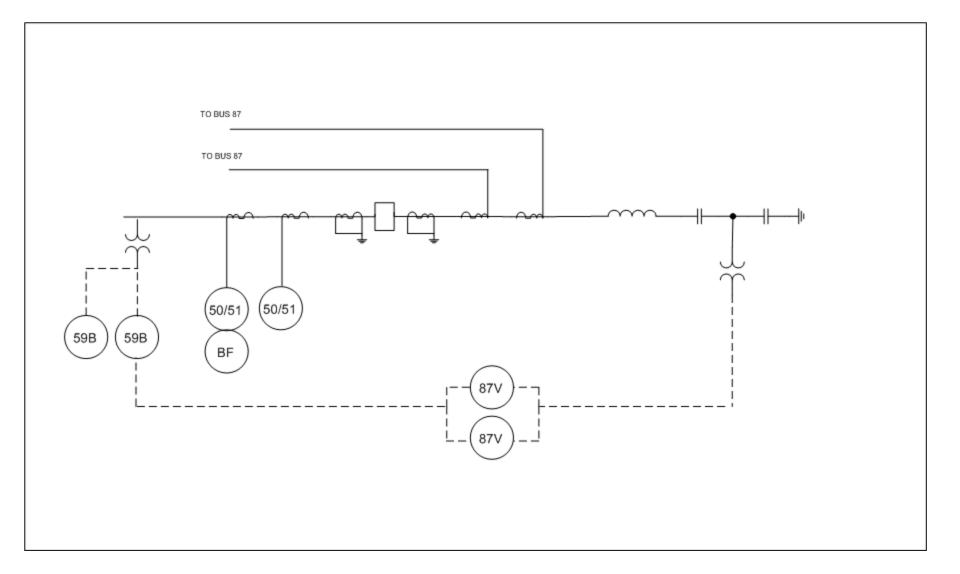


Voltage across cap bank is determined by current flow and impedance (capacitive reactance) of bank.

If a capacitor fuse blows or if a capacitor shorts, the voltage drop across the bank changes due to a change in capacitive reactance of the bank.

A voltage relay detects the higher voltage and trips the breaker







Introduction to System Protection

????? QUESTIONS ?????

If you are still awake, nudge your sleeping neighbor and tell him/her that the lecture is over and it is almost time for the next lecture, which may actually prove to be an interesting and informative lecture (unlike this one).

If you are not awake, may you dream that you are on a Hawaiian beach... And then wake up in Pullman!