# Inverse Definite Overcurrent Relay Response at Pencawang Masuk Utama Pagoh, Johor

M.H. Hairi<sup>1\*</sup>, A.S. Mohd Isira<sup>2</sup>, M.N. Kamarudin<sup>3</sup>, M.F.Packeer Mohamed<sup>4</sup>, A.S. Sobri<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1.3</sup>Faculty of Electrical Technology and Engineering, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, Hang Tuah Jaya, 76100 Durian Tunggal, Melaka, Malaysia

<sup>2</sup>Faculty of Electronic and Computer Engineering and Technology, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, Hang Tuah Jaya, 76100 Durian Tunggal, Melaka, Malaysia

<sup>4</sup>School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, USM, Engineering Campus, Seberang Perai Selatan Nibong Tebal, Penang 14300 Malaysia

<sup>5</sup>Nottingham Trent University (NTU), Nottingham, United Kingdom

\*Corresponding author:hendra@utem.edu.my

**Abstract** – This paper focuses on modelling 132/11kV Pencawang Masuk Utama (PMU) Pagoh, Johor for assessing the Inverse Definite Minimum Time (IDMT) overcurrent relay in terms of relay response time using PSCAD software and comparing them with the calculated value. The relay is subjected to various fault conditions such as three phase fault, double phase and single-phase faults at different points of the network to observe the operating time. To ensure the reliability of the overcurrent relay, the response time was analysed. The response time were then being verified accordingly and the simulation result shows that the relay response time closely match the calculated value.

**Keywords**: PSCAD, plug setting. Relay operating time, Standard inverse of characteristic curve,

Article History Received 11 January 2024 Received in revised form 24 January 2024 Accepted 7 May 2024

### I. Introduction

In medium voltage power lines, the overcurrent relay protection is the most widely employed protection against line-to-line problems. To ensure reliability, speed of operation, sensitivity, and selectivity, the setting of the relay needs top priority. Malfunction of relay tends to interrupt power delivery [1] – [5]. This paper presents the main parameter analysis between calculated values for relay setting and compares them using simulation in PSCAD software. The purpose of the paper is to verify the two main settings of relay, mainly known as Plug Setting Multiplier (PSM) and Time Multiplier Setting (TMS) at Pencawang Masuk Utama Pagoh power lines. Next, the calculated PSM and TMS will be compared by the simulation to meet the requirements for selectivity and sensitivity of the relay.

#### II. Network Model

The Pencawang Masuk Utama (PMU) Pagoh is used in the simulation. The system voltage is 132kV and connected to an 11kV network via stepdown transformer as shown in Fig. 1. Then from 11kv it was further stepdown to low voltage network (400V, 230V) for consumer usage. For simplification of the study, the network was divided into 5 zones of operation.

For the effective overcurrent relay operation in protecting the power system, the plug setting and the time response among different relays are crucial. Therefore, the calculation for pick up current and Time Multiplier Setting (TMS) has been done manually. The plug-setting multiplier, PSM, is defined as follows [6] – [9]:

This is an Open Access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial 3.0 Unported License, permitting copy and redistribution of the material and adaptation for commercial and uncommercial use.



$$PSM = \frac{I_{relay}}{PS}$$
(1)

where,  $I_{relay}$  is the current through the relay operating coil and PS is the plug-setting of the relay. Also, the operating time of the relay can be calculated as follows [10] - [14]:

$$T_{op} = 0.14 * \frac{\text{TMS}}{\text{PSM0.02-1}}$$
 (2)

where, PSM is the plug-setting multiplier and TMS is the time-multiplier setting of the relay.

## III. Interpretation of the Single Line Diagram

Fig 2 shows the single line diagram of the PMU Pagoh.



Fig. 2: Simulation diagram according to zone.

It can be seen form Fig 2 that the network is divided into 5 zones. Each zone contains their own transformer, consumer load and IDMT relay. Then each zone is further expanded to provide relay location as shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. The overall network with IDMT relay has been modelled in PSCAD software. For simulation purpose, the system has been subjected to various type of fault i.e. three-phase short-circuit fault. The operating time of the relay has been recorded and then compared between the manual calculation. The summary of Plug setting and TMS calculation is shown in Table 1.



Fig. 3: Network with labelled location.



Fig. 4: Network with labelled relay.

CALCULATION FOR PSM AND TMS						
Туре	Relay	PSM	TMS			
IDMT	212	4.9756	0.1000			
	211	2.8726	0.1390			
	B2	1.3185	0.0572			
	B2	7.1643	0.1000			
	11	15241.7619	0.1000			
	212	6.7850	0.1000			
	211	3.9173	0.1650			
	B2	1.7825	0.1128			
	B2	9.9296	0.1000			
	11	152417.5416	0.1000			
	212	5.3565	0.1000			
	211	3.5603	0.1637			
	B2	1.6264	0.0992			
	B2	8.3405	0.1000			
	11	26399.4984	0.1000			
	212	4.3255	0.1000			
	211	2.8726	0.1460			
	B2	1.3185	0.0592			

TABLEI

Simulation Result

IV.

After mathematical computation, the PSCAD software is utilized to simulate the relay operation. Typical faults such as three-phase to ground fault, double line, and double to ground are simulated to observe the relay operating time. The time to apply fault is set at 1s. The duration of the fault is 5s. Three selected locations are presented here for simplification. The time response of the respective relay is shown in Fig. 5, Fig. 6 and Fig. 7.



Fig 5: Relay operation time for location 1

From Fig. 5, for a three-phase fault at location 1 at 1s, it can be seen that Relay 211, Relay 212 and Relay B2 operating times are 1.4390s, 1.9220s and 2.4530s respectively.





From Fig. 6, it can be seen that for a three-phase fault at location 2 at 1s, the Relay B2 operating time is 1.2940s. Finally, from Fig. 7, for a three-phase fault at location 3 at 1s, it can be seen that the Relay 11 operate at 1.0680s

#### V. Discussion

The relays' operating time were analyzed using both manual calculation and simulation has been summarized in Table 2. It can be seen that for the same fault at the same location, relay operating time using the calculated value is closely matched with the simulated relay operating time. For example, for a three-phase fault, Relay 212 response time is 1.4293s using (2) and during simulation the response time is 1.4390s. As a result, the percentage of error is very small, which is 0.67%. This verifies that the calculated PSM and TMS are accurate and consistent to use in the simulation.

#### VI. Conclusion

In this study, the relay operating time between standard calculated formula (2) was verified in simulation by using PSCAD software. This has been done by simulating PMU Pagoh network at Johor. The result shows that the calculated PSM and TMS are accurate and consistent to use in the simulation. The overall error between calculated and simulated value is very small and less than 2%.

TABLE II THE RELAY'S OPERATING TIME						
Fault	Relay	calculation	Simulation	Error,		
		(s)	operating time,	(%)		
			(s)			
Three phases	212	1.4293	1.4390	0.6741		
	211	1.9122	1.9220	0.5083		
	B2	2.4435	2.4530	0.3892		
	B2	1.3485	1.2940	4.2145		
	11	1.0659	1.0680	0.1966		
Double line	212	1.4101	1.4170	0.4853		
	211	1.8911	1.8980	0.3616		
	B2	2.4202	2.4280	0.3192		
	B2	1.3231	1.3130	0.7664		
	11	1.0620	1.0630	0.7664		
-	212	1.4710	1.4790	0.5404		
	211	1.9581	1.9680	0.5026		
Double line grounded	B2	2.4939	2.5090	0.6011		
	B2	1.2881	1.2650	1.8280		
	11	1.0659	1.0680	0.1966		
Three phase ungrouded	212	1.3670	1.3750	0.5829		
	211	1.8437	1.8490	0.2875		
	B2	2.3681	2.3720	0.1664		
	B2	1.3155	1.2840	2.4503		
	11	1.0585	1.0680	0.8909		

#### Acknowledgements

The authors wish to acknowledge the Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) for providing the research platforms and facilities.

# **Conflict of Interest**

The authors declare no conflict of interest in the publication process of the research article.

### Author Contributions

Author 1: Data simulation and analysis, article writing ;;Author 2: Supervision, simulation checking,; Author 3: draft review and editing,; Author 4 and 5: Review and finalized.

#### REFERENCES

[1] M. H. Hairi, M. Shahrieel, M. Aras, and F. Hanaffi, 'Performance Evaluation of Overcurrent Protection Relay Based on Relay Operation Time (ROT)', vol. 1, no. 1, 2018.

[2] Zainoren Shukri and Zulkarnain Ishak "Overcurrent Protection", 2011.

[3] M. H. Hairi, Muhammad Nizam Kamarudin, Ahmad Sadhiqin Mohd Isira, Mohamed Fauzi Packeer Mohamed, and Sharizal Ahmad Sobri, "Modeling an Overcurrent Relay Protection and Coordination in a Power System Network Using PSCAD Software", IJEEAS, vol. 4, no. 1, Apr. 2021.

[4] Mohd Hendra Hairi, Muhammad Nizam Kamarudin, Ahmad Sadhiqin Mohd Isra, Mohamed Fauzi Packeer Mohammad, Sharizal Ahmad Sobri. "Modeling Overcurrent Relay Protection & Coordination in Power System Network Using PSCAD Software", 2018

[5] A. Gantayet, H. Dikshit, P. Das and S. Mohanty, "IDMT Overcurrent Relay Protection Coordination for Grid-Connected Micro-Grid with Radial Topology," 2018 Second International Conference on Intelligent Computing and Control Systems (ICICCS), Madurai, India, 2018, pp. 805-810, doi: 10.1109/ICCONS.2018.8663222.

[6]"IEEE Standard for Inverse-Time Characteristics Equations for Overcurrent Relays," in IEEE Std C37.112-2018 (Revision of IEEE Std C37.112-1996), vol., no., pp.1-25, 5 Feb. 2019, doi: 10.1109/IEEESTD.2019.8635630.

[7] H. Askarian Abyaneh and D. Lidgate, "An assessment of the performance of distance and IDMT overcurrent relays for phase faults on interconnected power system networks," 1989 Fourth International Conference on Developments in Power Protection, Edinburgh, UK, 1989, pp. 291-295.

[8] "IEEE Standard Inverse-Time Characteristic Equations for Overcurrent Relays," in IEEE PC37.112/D2, July 2017, vol., no., pp.1-22, 12 July 2017.

[9] N Tleis, Power Systems Modelling and Fault Analysis: Theory and Practice: Elsevier Science, 2007.

[10] M. H. Hairi, K. Alias, M. S. M. Aras, M. F. Md. Basar and S. P. Fah, "Inverse definite minimum time overcurrent relay coordination using Computer Aided Protection Engineering," 2010 4th International Power Engineering and Optimization Conference (PEOCO), Shah Alam, Malaysia, 2010, pp. 304-307, doi: 10.1109/PEOCO.2010.5559184.

[11] M. Singh, B. K. panigrahi and A. R. Abhyankar, "Combined optimal distance to overcurrent relay coordination," 2012 IEEE International Conference on Power Electronics, Drives and Energy Systems (PEDES), Bengaluru, India, 2012, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/PEDES\_2012.6484300.

[12] M. Rojnić, R. Prenc, M. Dubravac and Z. Šimić, "Analyzing Standardized Inverse Time-Current Curve Types of Overcurrent Relays for Efficient Overcurrent Protection in Distribution Networks," 2024 47th MIPRO ICT and Electronics Convention (MIPRO), Opatija, Croatia, 2024, pp. 1688-1693, doi: 10.1109/MIPRO60963.2024.10569926.

[13] H. M. Sharaf, H. H. Zeineldin, D. K. Ibrahim and E. E. D. A. E. Zahab, "Protection coordination of directional overcurrent relays considering fault current direction," IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies, Europe, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014, pp. 1-5, doi: 10.1109/ISGTEurope.2014.7028793.

[14] M. Mehmed-Hamza and P. Stanchev, "Coordination of the Time Overcurrent Relay Protection Settings in Medium Voltage Electric Power Grids," 2020 7th International Conference on Energy Efficiency and Agricultural Engineering (EE&AE), Ruse, Bulgaria, 2020, pp. 1-4, doi: 10.1109/EEAE49144.2020.9279011.