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# Line Current Differential Protection Roger Hedding July 23, 2015



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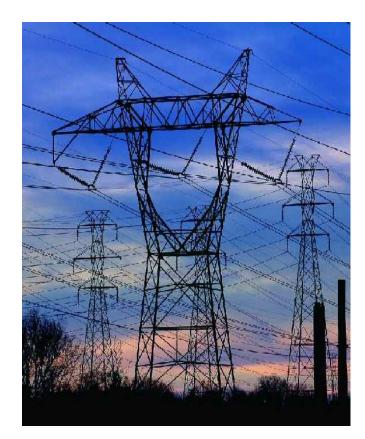
#### Learning objectives

- What is a current differential relay ?
- What is a line current differential relay ?
- What are the application issues of line current differential relays vs line distance relays ?



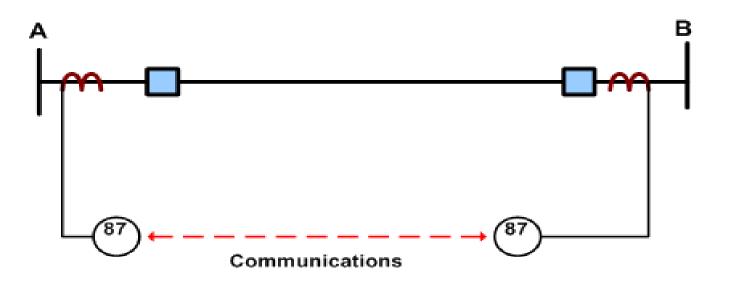
# Line differential protection Agenda

- Introduction
- Differential Relay
- Line Current
  Differential Relay
- Application Issues
- Communications
- Summary





# Simple line differential protection Application





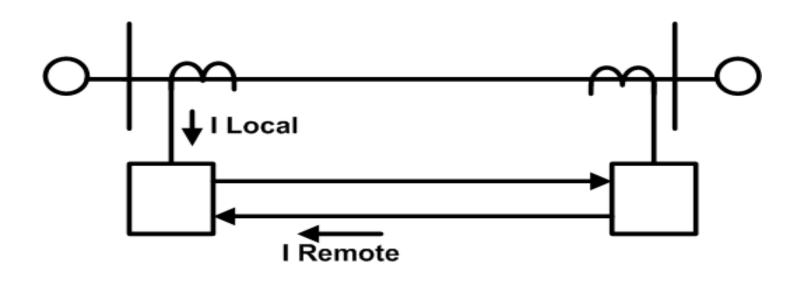
# Multi-terminal differential protection

- Unit Protection
- Task To Determine if fault is within protected zone or outside the protected zone
- Protected Zone
  - Transmission Line Terminals
  - Power Transformer Terminals
- Measures Currents at the terminals of the protected circuit
- Transmits information about the currents to the remote end(s)
- Compares the currents using classical current differential principles
- Supplemented by additional criteria
- High Dependability Operates for all faults which it is designed to operate
- Highly Security Doesn't operate for faults for which it should not operate
- Good performance during evolving faults, and cross country faults
- Immune to power swings, mutual coupling, and series impedance unbalances
- With sample data its easy to calculate
  - Sequence components
  - Harmonic Currents

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# Line current differential Basics





### Current only scheme

✓No dependence on VTs

- Relief from Fuse fail, CCVT, Power swings
- Can be very sensitive in detecting ground faults- Not matched by distance relays
- ✓ Segregated phase
  - Ideal for evolving faults
  - and cross country faults
  - Single pole tripping
  - Series compensated lines

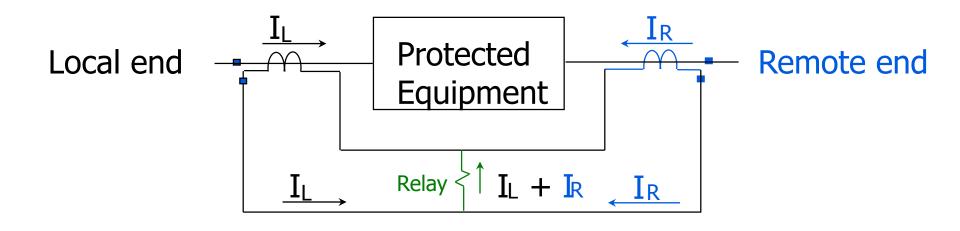
Communication dependent

# Types of current only schemes

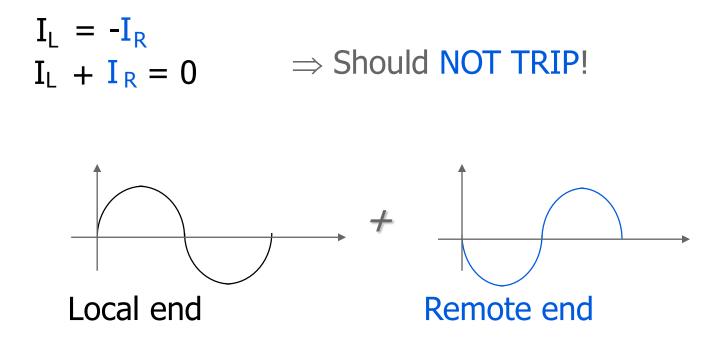
- Current Differential
  - Analog
  - Digital
- Phase Comparison
  - Segregated
  - Combined Sequence
  - Not used much anymore



**Current differential relay** 

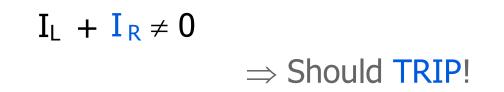


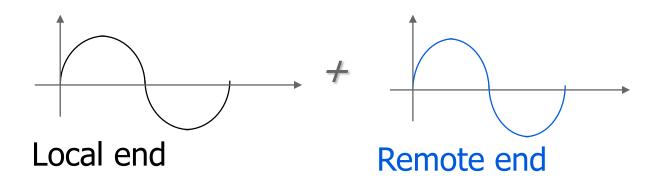
Normal operations or external faults



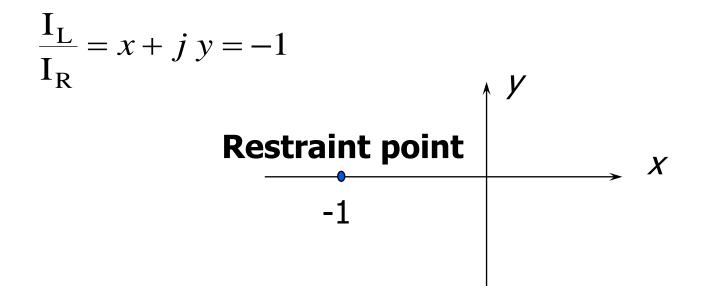


#### **Internal faults**



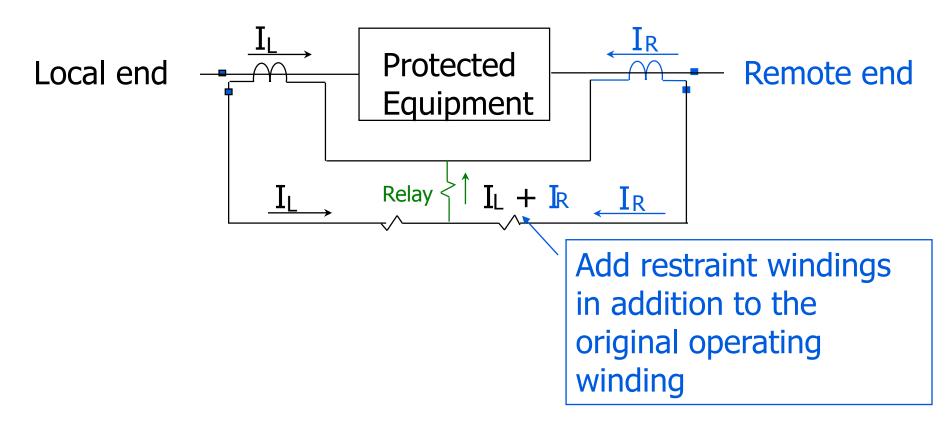






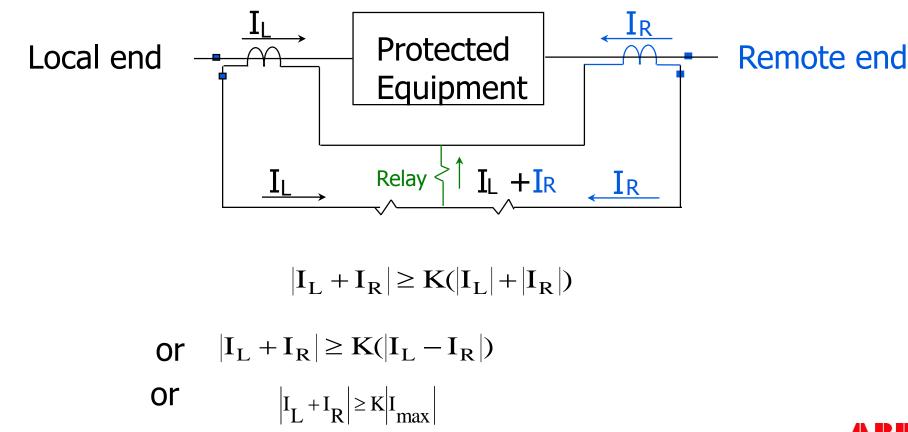


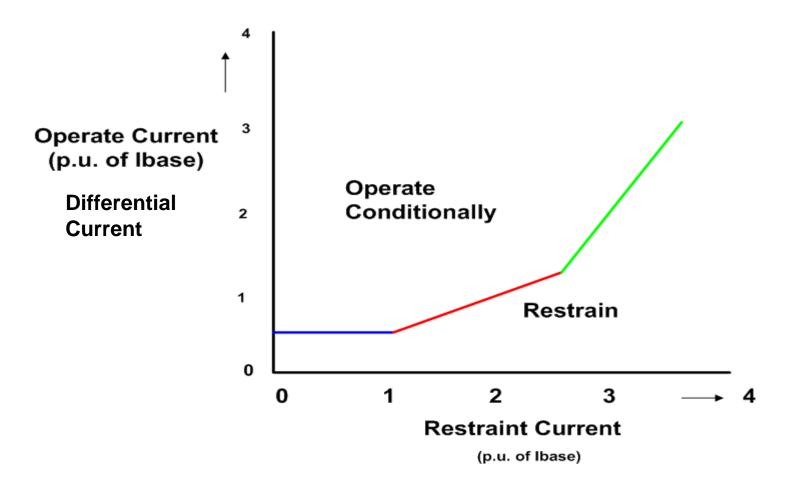
High security for external faultsHigh sensitivity for internal faults





# Operating (trip) condition





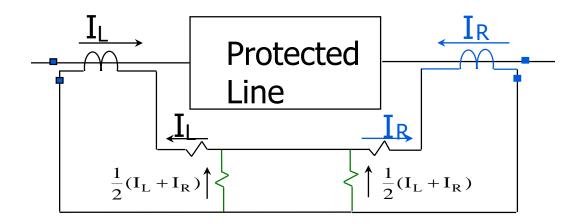


#### Line current differential relays

- Two terminals physically separated
- Two relays
- Communication between two terminals

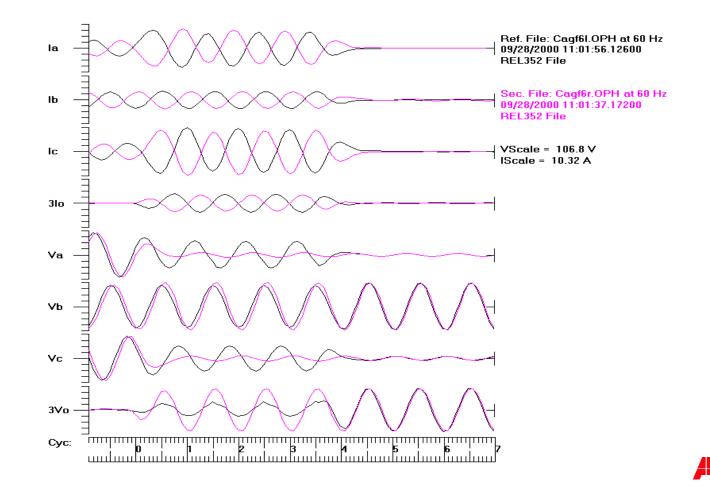


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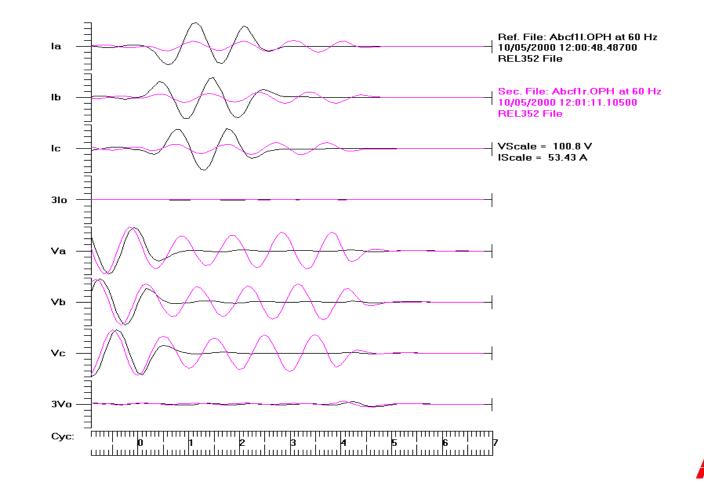


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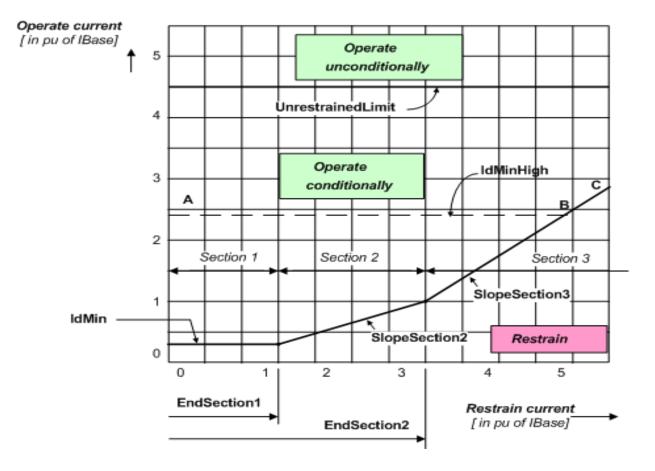
#### Normal conditions or external faults



#### **Internal faults**



#### Line differential protection Characteristic

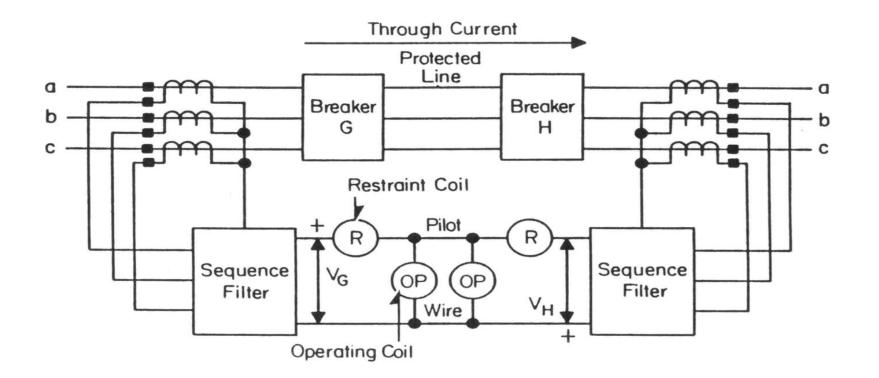




#### Line current differential relays First generation

- Reduce communication requirements
- Sequence filter

# HCB pilot wire relay





#### Pilot wire relays Problems

- Rise in station ground potential
- Induction from power line circuits

#### Pilot wire relays Solutions

- Twisted wire pair
- Gaps/arrestors, etc.
- Drainage reactors
- Neutralizing reactors
- Insulating transformers

# Non-metallic communications Issues

- Propagation delay-time synchronization
- Signal corruption
- Communication network
  - Bits, bauds, bandwidth, switching, Mux
- Backup protection

#### Numerical relay

- First generation of numerical relays transmitted Fourier coefficients across channel
- Newest relays transmit sampled data across channel
  - Can do harmonic analysis
  - Calculate sequence components



#### **Channel requirement**

- Segregated phase differential protection typically calls for larger information exchange - digital communication
  - Ideal against cross country faults, series compensated lines, single pole tripping etc.

# **Channel options**

- Direct Fiber
  - Short Range 1 3 Km
  - Medium Range 3 50 Km
  - Long Range 51 160 Km
- G.703
- Fiber to multiplexer
- Use C37.94 standard

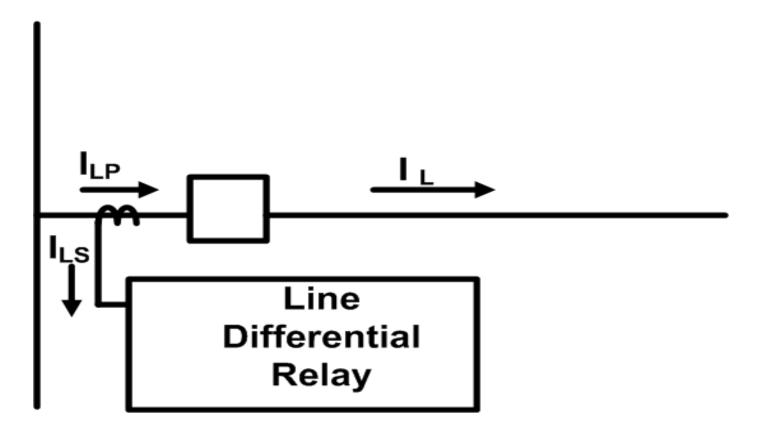


#### Line termination

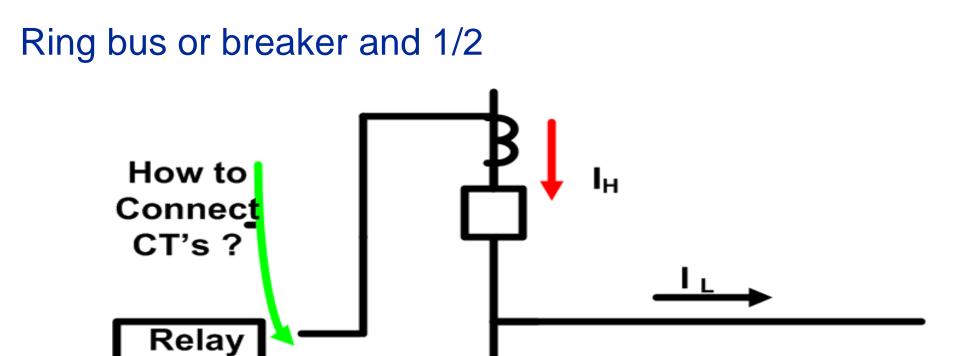
- Single breaker
- Ring bus
- Breaker and one half
- Transformer



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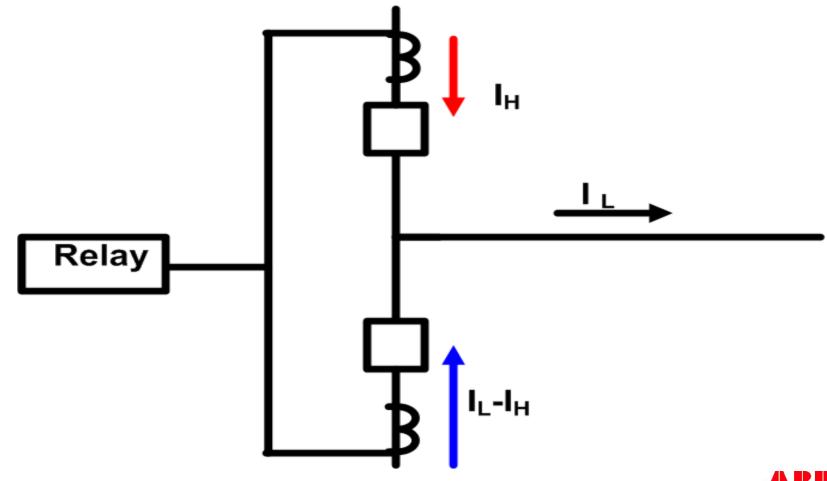




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# **Classical current transformer connection**

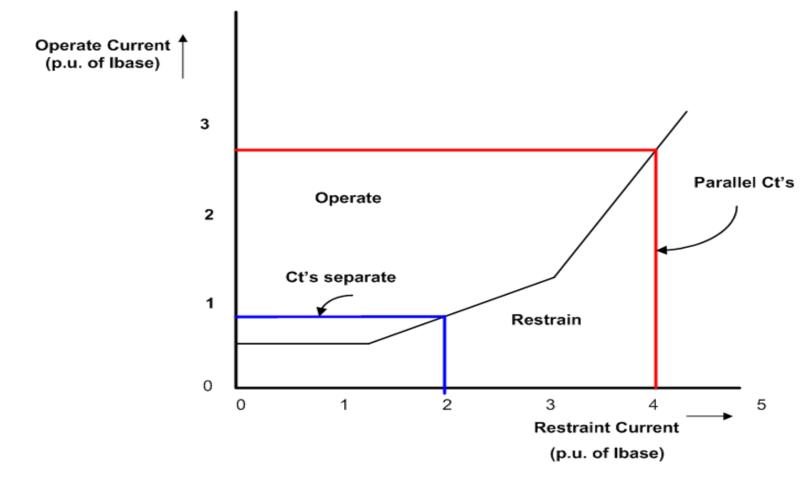


#### Classical connection Problems

- Individual current transformer information
  - Current transformer health
    - Open circuit
    - Shorted
    - Saturated
  - Metering information
- Larger restraint current requires operate current
  - Reduced sensitivity



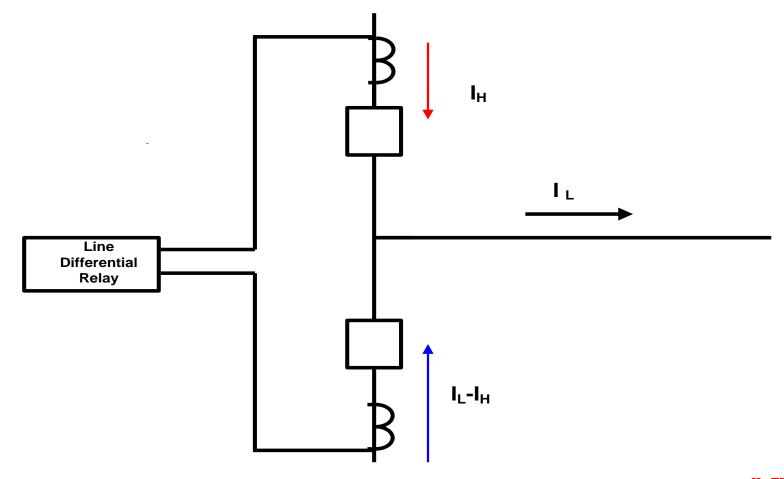
## **Differential characteristic**



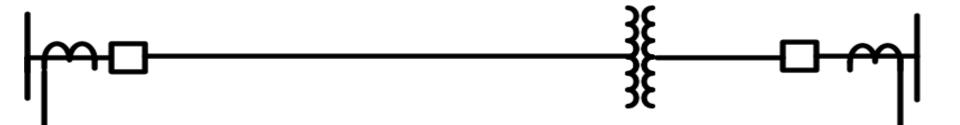




#### Preferred dual breaker connection



#### Transformer terminated line



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## **Transformer inrush**

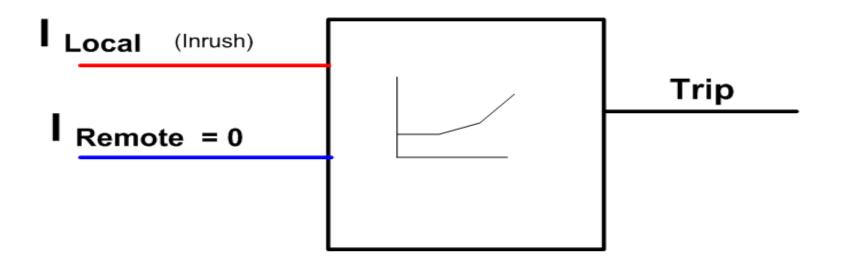
Current Phase shift across transformer Transformer inrush current Low side faults on delta wye grounded transformer



Take care of in settings by giving vector group of winding configuration



# **Classical differential operation**



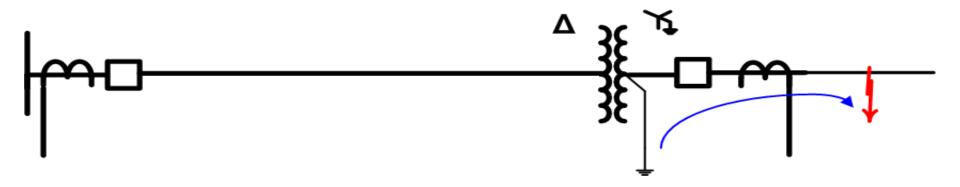
#### Differential Element



#### Inrush characteristic

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Harmonic
- Over 7% of Fundamental (60 HZ) Current







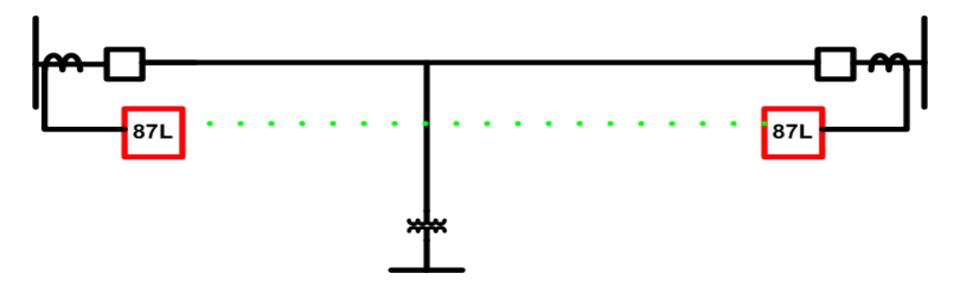
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## Transformer terminated line Concerns

- External ground faults causing zero sequence current to flow only on one side of transformer (delta – wye)
  - Eliminate zero sequence current
  - Previously done by using auxiliary CT in zero sequence trap
  - Do numerically in relay

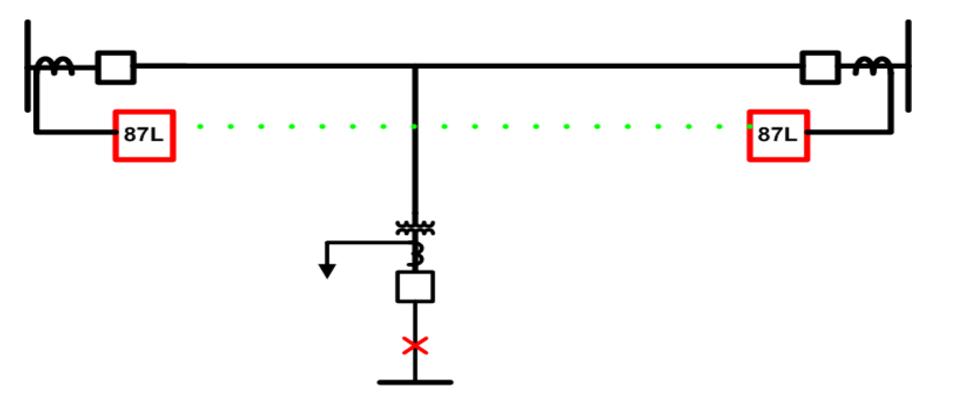


Tapped line



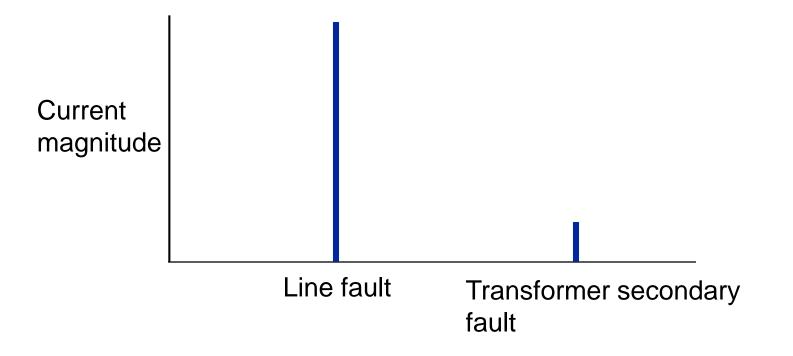


# Secondary fault





#### **Relative fault currents**



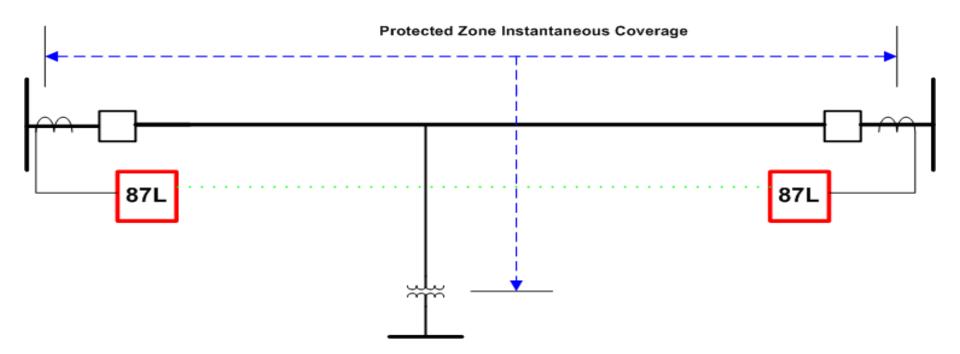


## Small power transformer Tapped line

- Time delay differential function for small differential current below a set limit
- Coordinate with downstream relays at tap
- Differential currents above limit with allow instantaneous operation

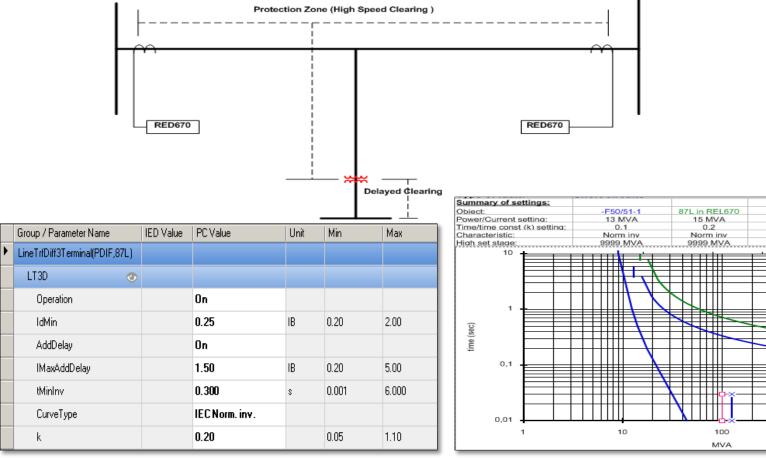


## Tapped line





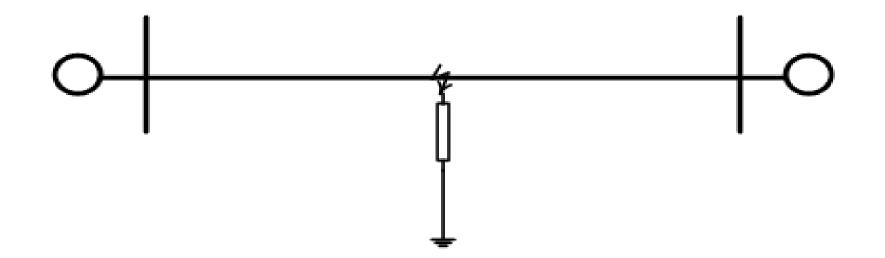
#### Differential protection Tap to small transformer



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# High impedance fault

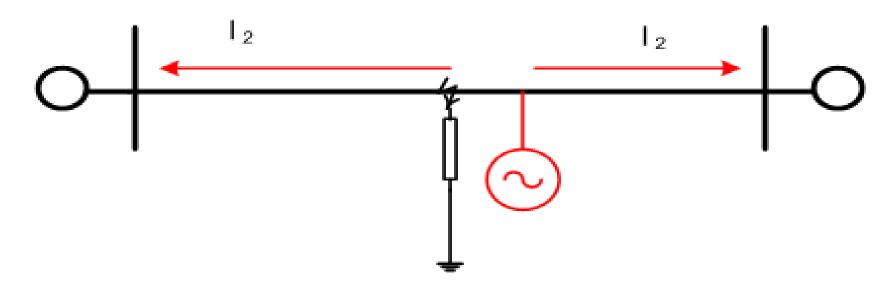


#### **High Resistance Fault**



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#### Negative sequence Fault discriminator

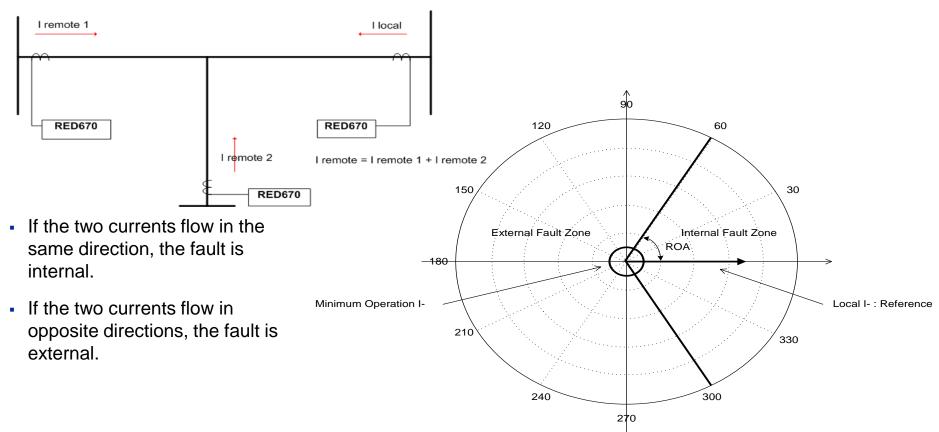


#### **Negative Sequence From Fault**



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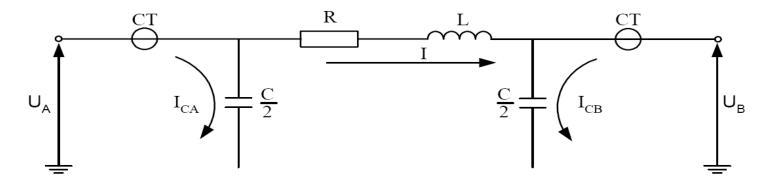
### Negative sequence Current fault discriminator





#### Capacitive current Compensation

#### Equivalent "PI" Network of Line



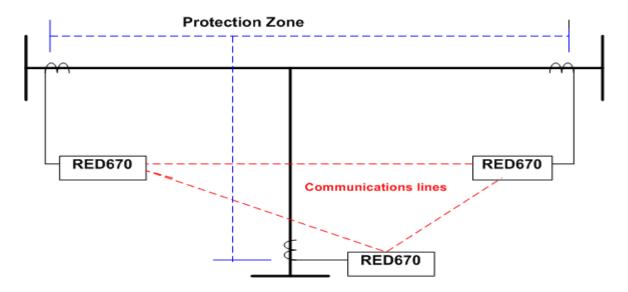
Make pick-up of differential above the capacitive current Make a compensation in algorithm Ic = V/Xc



#### Charging current Compensation

- Measure fundamental frequency differential current under normal steady state conditions
- Normal means no start signals, neither internal or external fault,
- Subtract it making resulting differential current zero
- No need to raise minimum operate current

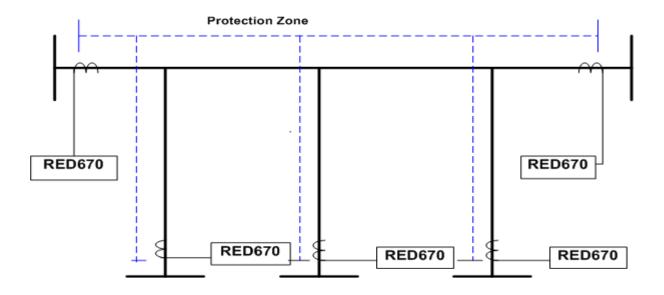
#### Three terminal line Application



#### Current from all terminals



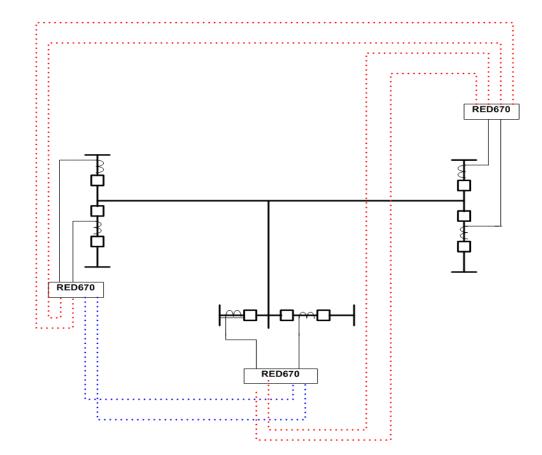
# Five terminal line Application



Fault current can be fed from all line ends



#### Four communications modules Practical use

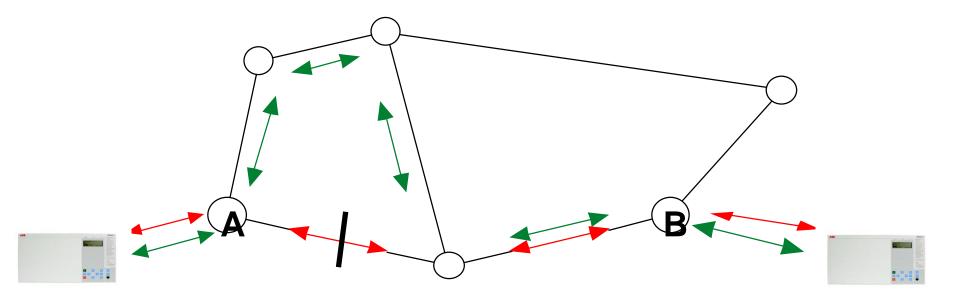




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Route switched networks With delay symmetry

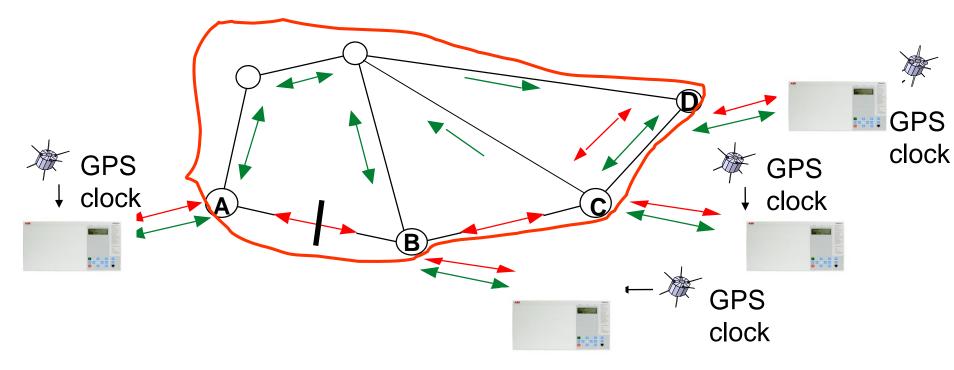
The echo method allows for route switching with equal delay times for send and receive





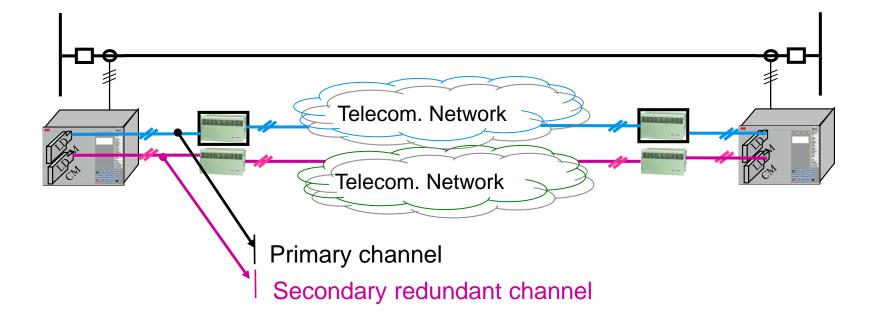
Route switched network Without delay symmetry

#### GPS time synchronization



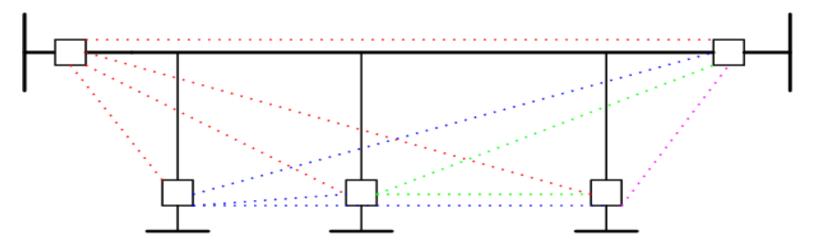


#### **Redundant communication channels**





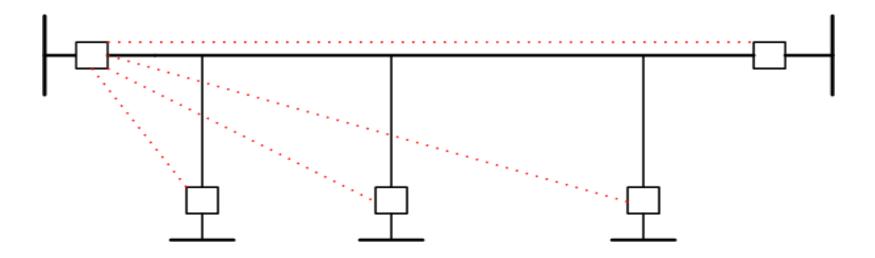
#### 5-Terminal line Master-master system



····· Communication line

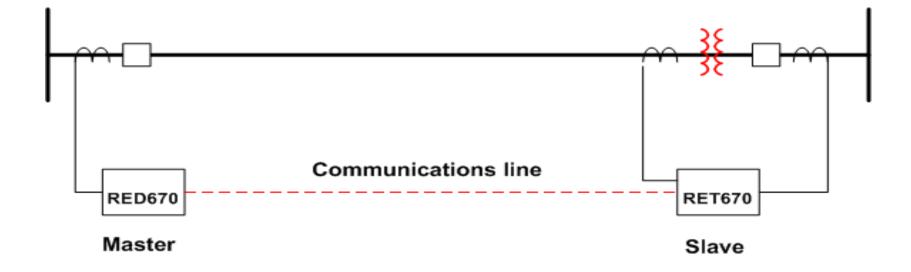


### 5-Terminal line Master-slave system



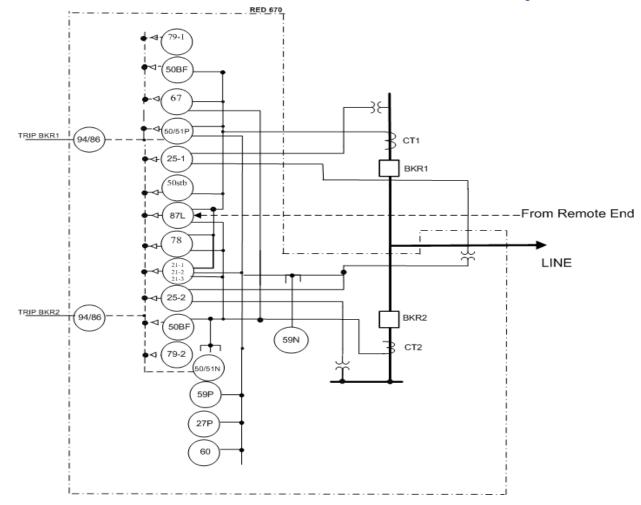


#### Master-slave Application example





# Multifunction line current differential relay



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