

Transformer Protection by Using Microcontroller Based Differential Relay

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this work is to design and implement a system that uses to transformer protection by using the microcontroller based differential relay and other peripheral devices . The design implementation and testing of the system are also presented with peripheral devices to protect transformer.

Keywords: Transformer, differential relay, current transformer, fault current

I. INTRODUCTION

Power transformers are very expensive and vital equipment in electric power systems. The fault occurs rarely from insulation failures caused by atmospheric disturbances and switching surges. These faults can be classified into two main classes. The first class is internal faults due to faults between adjacent turns or parts of coils and faults to ground on terminals or on parts of windings. The second class is overload and externally applied conditions include over current, over voltage, external short circuits and reduced system frequency.

This study describes the design and implementation of the microcontroller based differential relay protecting system for the single phase transformer. In this study software and hardware of microcontroller based differential relay has been constructed and designed. The design implementation and testing of the system are also presented.

Electromechanical and solid-state relays were and still used for protecting power system for the past several

years. Researchers have been studying the feasibility of designing relays using microprocessors (1). Due to the advancement in digital technology and decreases in digital hardware process, digital relays are now available and being used for power system protection. Which contribute to improved reliability and reduced costs on electric power systems (2)

II. PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENTIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM

When the transformer is energizing the transient inrush of magnetizing current is flows in the transformer. This current is as large as 10 times full load current and its decay respectively. This magnetizing current is flows in the primary winding of the transformers due to which it caused a difference in current transformer output and it makes the differential protection of the transformer to operate falsely.

To overcome this problem the kick fuse is placed across the relay coil. These fuses are of the time limit

with an inverse characteristic and do not operate with short duration of the switch in the surge. When the fault occurs the fuses blow out and the fault current flows through the relay coils and operate the protection system. This problem can also be overcome by using a relay with an inverse and definite minimum type characteristic instead of an instantaneous type.

III. PRINCIPLE OF DIFFERENTIAL PROTECTION

Principle of differential protection scheme is one of simple conceptual technique. The differential relay (Figure 1) actually compares between primary current and secondary current of power transformer, if any unbalance found in between primary and secondary currents the relay will actuate and inter trip both the primary and secondary circuit breaker of the transformer. Suppose you have one transformer which has primary rated current I_p and secondary current I_s . If you install CT (Figure 2) of ratio $I_p/1A$ at the primary side and similarly, CT of ratio $I_s/1A$ at the secondary side of the transformer. The secondaries of these both CTs are connected together in such a manner that secondary currents of both CTs will oppose each other. In other words, the secondaries of both CTs should be connected to the same current coil of a differential relay in such an opposite manner that there will be no resultant current in that coil in a normal working condition of the transformer due to which the normal ratio of the transformer is disturbed then the secondary current of both transformers will not remain the same and one resultant current will flow through the current coil of the differential relay. Which will actuate the relay and inter trip both the primary and secondary circuit breakers.

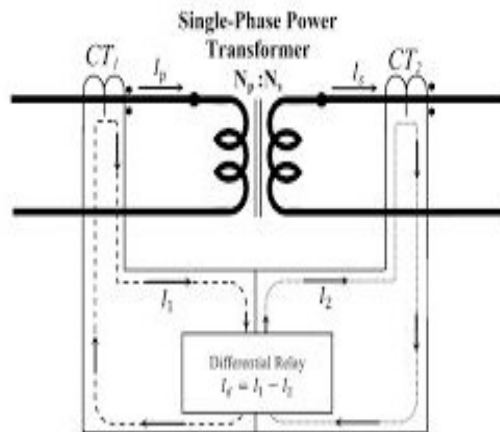


Figure 1. Single Phase transformer

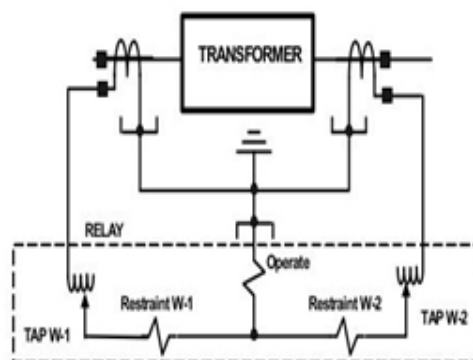


Figure 2. Basic Differential Relay

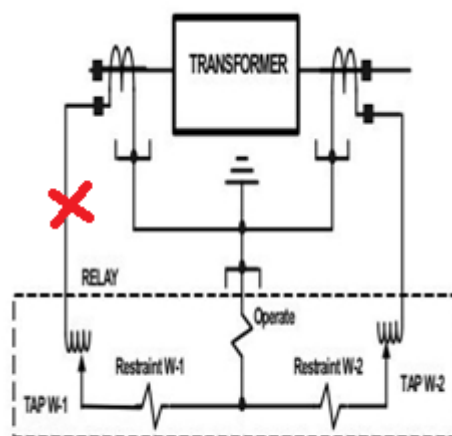


Figure 3. Identification of Fault current in CT

IV. PROPOSED BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR TRANSFORMER PROTECTION

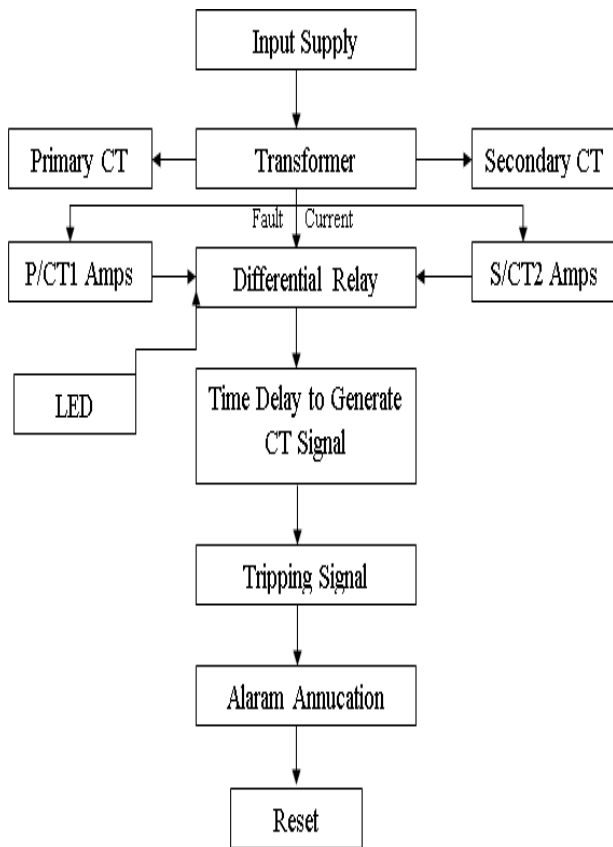


Figure 4

The relay which is used to check the difference between the output and input currents for power system current is known as differential relay. The basic function of this relay working according to the principle of Faraday's current law. The difference amongst the currents may also be in phase angle or in magnitude or in each.

For hale and energetic operation, angle and magnitude variations must be zero. In case there's a difference which difference go beyond some value, the relay can work and interconnected electrical fuse can disconnect. How to measure and protect current transformer. Allow us to assume an easy example of an influence power transformer with transformation magnitude ratio relation 1:1 and (y/y) connection and therefore the CT1 and CT2 ensure a similar transformation magnitude relation as shown.

The current flows within the primary side and secondary side of power transformer are equal presumtuous ideal power transformer. The secondary current I_1 and I_2 are same in magnitude and reverse in direction Therefore the net current within the differential is nil at load situation (without any fault), and therefore the relay won't operate.

Assigning the previous one the power transformer with an external fault is shown. During this case the two currents I_1 and I_2 can increase to terribly high magnitudes values however there's no modification in phase angle. Hence net current within the differential coil continues to be zero and therefore the relay won't operate.

In the same condition internal fault occurs the fault current I_1 and I_2 are non zero value hence the difference current I_1 or I_2 whichever is high gives the relay to trip the circuit on both the primary and the secondary sides.

V. CONCLUSION

By using this set-up kit we can studied and to understand the basics of terminology in addition of this work The single phase transformer protection by using microcontroller based differential relay was constructed , designed and the function are verified successfully.This objective was achieved effectively and output results are verified practically by using set-up kit

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