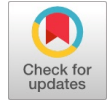


Numerical Differential Protection of Power Transformer using Innovative Algorithm

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Abstract: This paper presents a new innovative algorithm for Numerical Differential Relay design of transformer. Fault information is critical for operating and maintaining power networks. This algorithm provides accurate performance for transformer by which is independent of system conditions such as: External fault, Inrush current, CT saturation. Locating transformer faults quickly and accurately is very important for economy, safety and reliability point of view. Both fault-detection and protection indices are derived by using Numerical Differential Relay algorithm design of transformer. The embedded based differential and operating current measurement device is called numerical differential relay is among the most important development in the field of instantaneous fault operation.

Numerical relay provides measurement of differential current and operating current at power transformer above 5MVA in substation. Simulation studies are carried out using MATLAB Software show that the proposed scheme provides a high accuracy and fast relay response in internal fault conditions.

Current transformers form an important part of protective systems. Ideal Current Transformers (CTs) are expected to reflect the primary current faithfully on the secondary side. Under conditions the CT saturates, and hence it cannot reproduce the primary current faithfully. This paper deals with simulation methods for determining CT performance under different factor. A Simulink model has been developed to observe CT response under steady state w.r.t Burden, Turns ratio, Asymmetrical current, Hysteresis conditions. Thus, it is now possible to evaluate the CT performance under these factors.

Index Terms: DC offset, FFT, Hysteresis, Burden

I. INTRODUCTION

Differential protection is protection of equipment from internal faults (L-G, L-L, L-L-L etc) within the equipment and it does not operate for external or through faults. Protection against internal faults which are identified by comparing the electrical condition at the terminal of electrical equipment to be protected. It measures the Phasor difference of secondary current from two CT's connected at equipment end connection. This is most sensitive & effective methods of protection of electrical equipment from internal faults which operate instantaneously. This principle of the protection is capable of detecting small magnitude of differential current (which should be zero ideally for normal operation). Over current or distance type relay are non-unit type (which is not

confined to protection of particular power plant or substation) system protection which discriminates by virtue of time grading. They are comparatively simple, cheap & do not require pilot wire circuit, but their fault clearance time is too slow for circuit operating at 33Kv or above. So for expensive equipment such as large generator, transformer & motor, over current and distance protection may not be suitable for fast operation of these devices during fault condition. Differential scheme inherently discriminate without use of time grading & fast in fault clearance. Also, for equipment transformer, generator, bus, motor are at one geographical location where CT & relay can be directly interconnected through the pilot wire. For EHV/ UHV transmission line, where terminals & CT are widely separated by distance. Practically impossible to use differential protection relay.

Why transformer differential even it has many protections The faults occur inside the insulating oil can be detected by Buchholz relay. When any fault occurs in the transformer but not in the oil then it cannot be detected by Buchholz relay. The flash over takes place at the bushings are not adequately covered by Buchholz relay. Differential relays can detect such type of faults. Moreover, Buchholz relay is provided in transformer for detecting any internal fault in the transformer but Differential Protection scheme detects the same in faster way.

II. ELECTROMECHANICAL & NUMERICAL RELAY COMPARISION

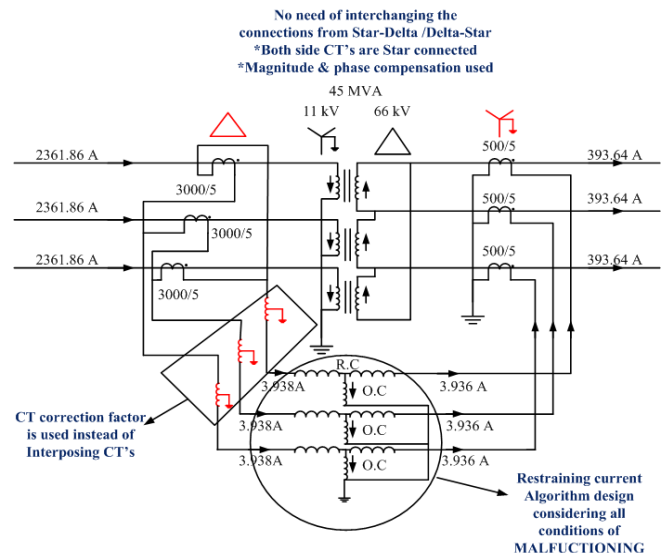


Fig.1.Comparision of Numerical relay with electromechanical relay.

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Features:

- No interposing CT
- Star connected CT on both side of transformer
- CT saturation is avoid by providing high resistor on neutral side of transformer called metrosil
- Time of accuracy isn't temperature dependent(i.e. its very fast operating)
- Fault disturbance recording ,parameter setting is possible
- Requirement of draw out isn't required.
- Vibration proof

III. CHALLENGES OF NUMERICAL DIFFERENTIAL PROTECTION

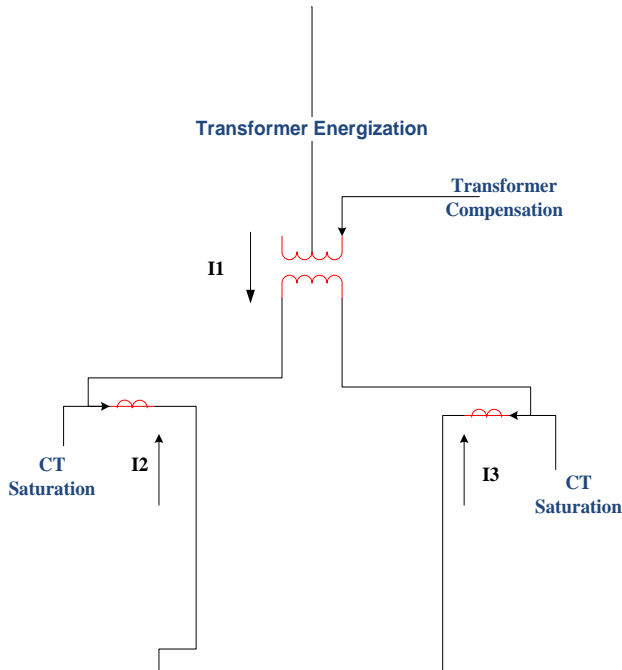


Fig.2.Numerical Differential protection challenges

IV. TRANSFORMER ENERGIZATION

Under normal steady state conditions, the magnetizing current associated with the operating flux of transformer is relatively small (usually less than 1% of rated current). However, if a transformer winding is energized at a voltage zero, with no remnant flux, the flux level during the first voltage cycle (2 x normal max. flux) will result in core saturation of transformer and in a high, non-sinusoidal magnetizing current waveform.

The magnetizing inrush current have a high percentage of second harmonic

If Inrush Restraint setting is set to Restraint

Additional bias = $I_h(2)$ Multiplier * 1.414 * largest 2nd harmonic current.

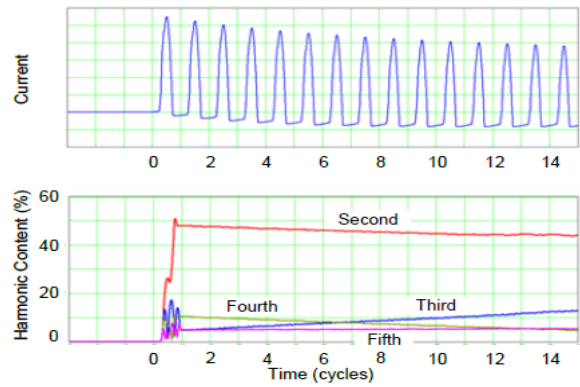


Fig.3.Transformor terminal phase current during energization (top) and the percentage harmonic content of the phase current during this time period(bottom)

Analysis of a typical magnitude inrush current wave shows (fundamental = 100%)

DC	2nd H	3rd H	4th H	5th H	6th H	7th H
55%	63%	26.8%	5.1%	4.1%	3.7%	2.4%

Case study :

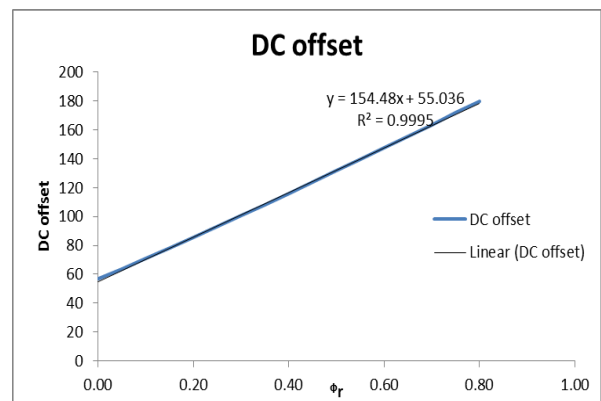


Fig.4.DC offset vs Remenence flux

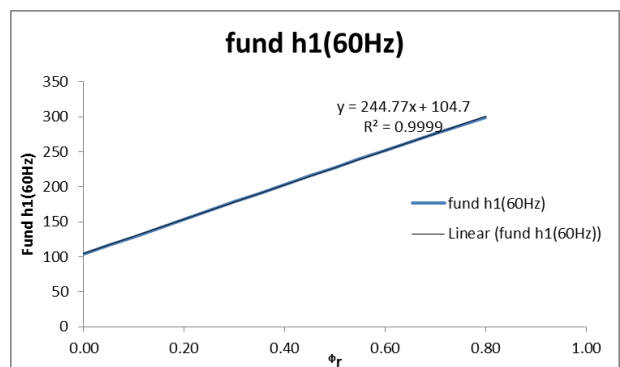


Fig.5.Fundamntal frequency componenet vs Remenence flux

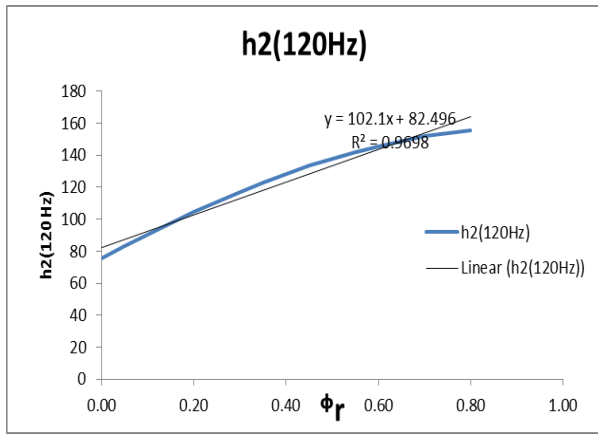


Fig.6.2nd harmonic frequency component vs Remenence flux

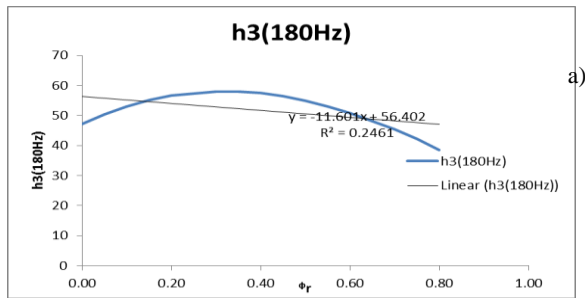


Fig.7.3rd harmonic frequency component vs Remenence flux

For DC offset the value of flux is linearly increases w.r.t. flux after certain offset. For fundamental its again same with certain offset but for 3rd its increases up to certain point and then decrease, also for 2nd harmonic the change is not in linear proportion. so for distinguish the behavior of inrush we can use 2nd harmonics data as compare to others.

ϕ_r	DC offset	fund h1(60Hz)	h2(120Hz)	h3(180Hz)
0.00	56.69	104.14	75.23	47.26
0.05	63.68	116.36	83	50.45
0.10	70.78	128.67	90.49	53.09
0.15	78.07	141.11	97.69	55.13
0.20	85.49	153.61	104.55	56.59
0.30	100.52	178.52	117.2	58
0.35	108.1	190.87	122.97	58.01
0.40	115.84	203.27	128.35	57.48
0.45	123.65	215.6	133.32	56.47
0.50	131.56	227.9	137.86	55
0.55	139.58	240.14	141.96	53.07
0.60	147.51	252.13	145.68	50.91
0.70	163.63	275.82	151.72	45.43
0.75	171.85	287.52	153.99	42.1
0.80	180.04	298.96	155.81	38.59

V. CT SATURATION

A protection Current transformer should saturate at high inrush or magnetizing current to allow a accurate measurement of the fault current by the protection relay whose operating threshold can be very high. Current transformers are expected to have to withstand high overcurrent.

1. CT EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT

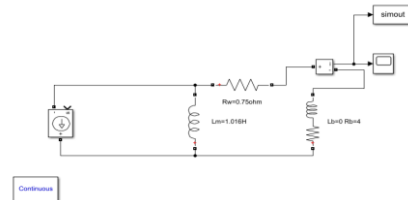


Fig.8.CT equivalent circuit

2. FACTOR AFFECTING CT OPERATION

There are various factors below which are considered during CT operation

2.1 Burden

(a) By varying resistance/burden on the secondary side we get this DC Offset values:

Switch	R or Burden	C.B.	DC offset
1	0.001	1	1.0316E-07
1	0.01	1	2.57E-06
1	0.1	1	0.000196
1	1	1	0.018
1	10	1	0.9951

1	100	1	1.5805
1	1000	1	0.3131
1	0.001	0	0.0263
1	0.01	0	0.1441
1	0.1	0	1.314
1	1	0	15.504
1	10	0	163.307
1	100	0	9.9001
1	1000	0	1.953
0	0.001	1	13.1079
0	0.01	1	13.1079
0	0.1	1	13.1079
0	1	1	13.1079
0	0.001	0	49.9413
0	0.01	0	49.9413
0	0.1	0	49.9413
0	1	0	49.9413
0	10	0	49.9413
0	100	0	49.9413
0	1000	0	49.9413
0	10	1	13.1079
0	100	1	13.1079
0	1000	1	13.1079

(b) BY using FFT analysis tool of Powergui, the analysis of dc offset for various burden and switching position

for the given simulation in MATLAB for CT saturation.

Switch	C.B.	Burden	DC						Rated burden at rated current of 5A
			Scope 1		Scope 2				
			Current	CT flux	I(pu/25VA)	2 nd	4 th	5 th	
1	1	0.1	0.000149	2.593	0.2191	1010	362.8	271.2	
0	1	0.1	0.01768	1.26E+05	25.98	868400	2.97E+05	2.17E+05	
1	0	0.1	0.08744	2123	128.5	1021	368.5	275.7	
1	1	1	0.1136	2.35E+04	166.9	8748	2995	2236	
0	1	1	0.1091	7.76E+05	161	8.68E+05	2.97E+05	2.17E+05	
1	0	1	0.08752	2.29E+05	128.6	8865	3054	128.6	
1	1	1.2	0.1136	2.65E+04	166.9	1.56E+05	1.18E+05	4.19E+05	
0	1	1.2	0.1095	7.79E+05	161	8.68E+05	2.97E+05	2.17E+05	
1	0	1.2	0.08751	6.91E+05	128.6	1.31E+05	6.94E+05	1.01E+05	
					h11/h7	8.66E+00	8.26E+00	8.24E+00	
					h15/h11	1.78E+01	3.94E+01	1.87E+02	

From above table we observe the different component present in the DC offset with different frequencies.

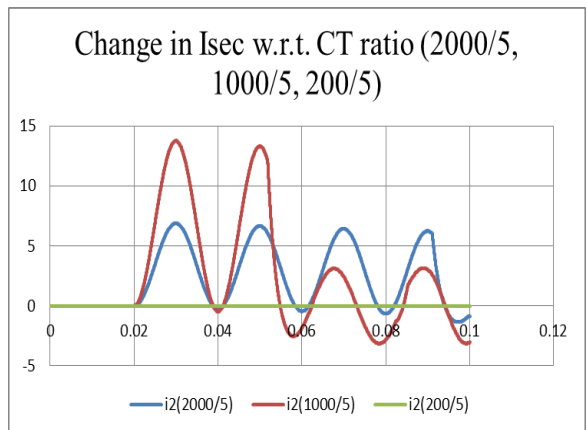
3. STUDY OF FACTOR AFFECTING CURRENT TRANSFORMER OPERATION IN SATURATION POINT OF VIEW

The maximum dc component value of a fault occurs when the instantaneous voltage is zero, which is make the primary current unsymmetrical, and then results shorter CTs saturation. Then the dc component will decay according to the time constant of the primary power system, larger time constant will result in the longer decaying process, and then longer CT saturation period.

The CTs have the lowest burden and Rct show the best performance and they have large time to saturation. By investigate the effect of flux on the CT, where it was found that the increase of flux above a certain limit leads to saturation, therefore we observed the following factors

- Turns ratio
- Burden
- Hysteresis
- Asymmetry in current

3.1 Effect of turns ratio



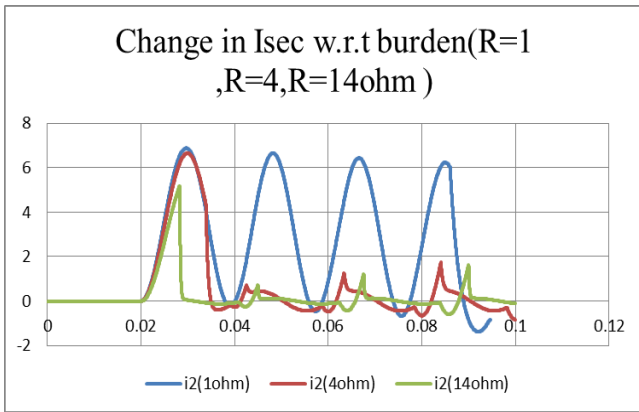
The primary and secondary currents are stated as a ratio such as 200/5.

With a 200/5 ratio CT, 200A flowing in the primary winding will outcome in 5A flowing in the secondary winding, delivered the correct rated burden is connected to the secondary winding. Increasing the turn's ratio with the secondary will increase the accuracy and Burden rating. However, decreasing the turn's ratio with the secondary will degrade the accuracy and burden rating from the simulation outputs illustrated in Fig,

It is clear that at 2000:5 turns ratio time to saturation is approximately 0.09S while at 1000:5 turns ratio time to saturation decreases to approximately 0.05mS.

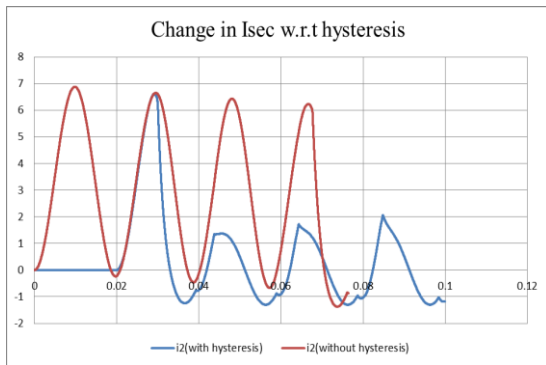
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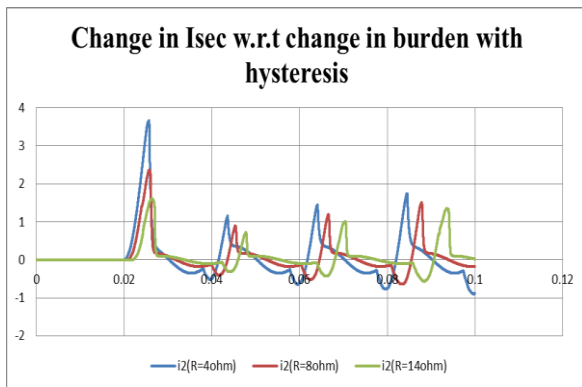


From the simulation results shown in Figure. It is clear that at 4 ohm burden resistance the time to saturation is approximately 0.04S. While at 14 ohm burden, the time to saturation decreases to approximately 0.022S.

3.3 Effect of Hysteresis

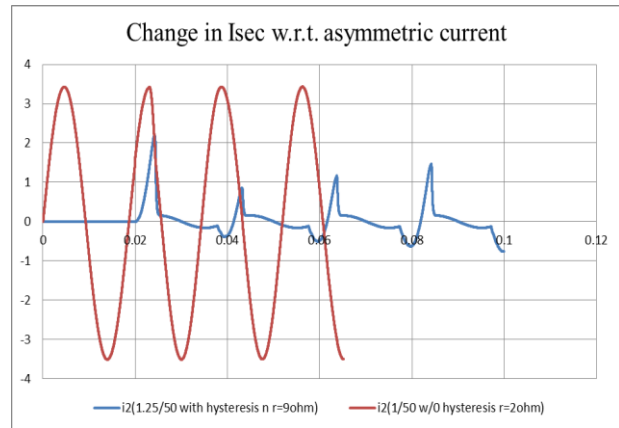


3.4 Effect of Hysteresis for different burden



From the simulation results shown in Figure, It was found that the Time to saturation for secondary current without hysteresis is approximately 0.07S. However with hysteresis only is approximately 0.03S and for Figure, the time to saturation is approximately 0.02s.

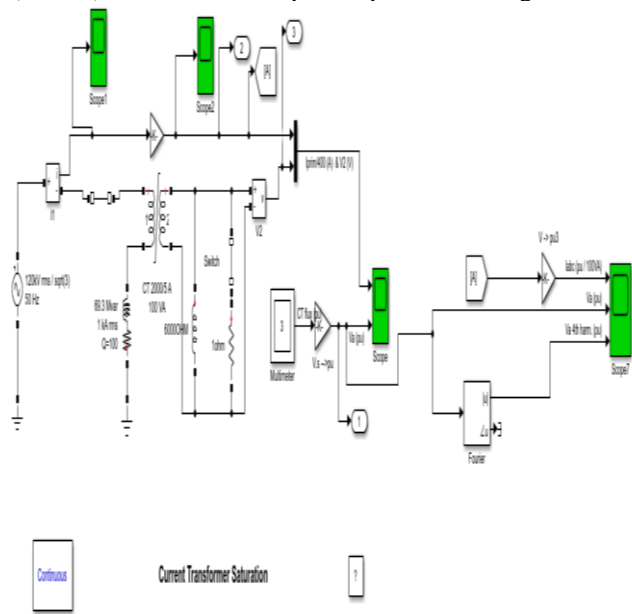
Effect of asymmetry current



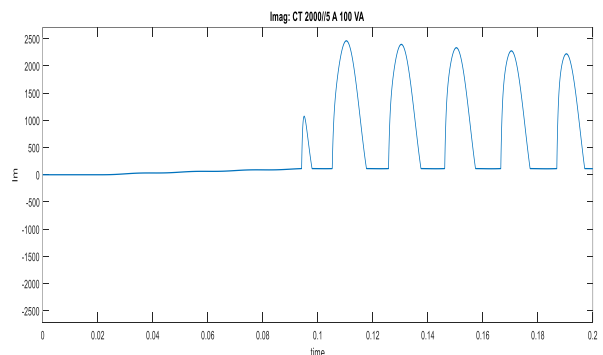
The dc component of an asymmetrical current is increase the flux in the CT. When the dc offset is at a maximum, the CT flux can potentially increase to $1 + X/R$ times the flux resulting from the sinusoidal, or non-offset component, where X and R are the primary system reactance and resistance to the point of the fault.

I. CASE STUDY

Simulation for c400 CT with burden of 4ohm and 100VA (2000/5) CT saturation as per simplified model given



For Normal conditions the current shows following response:



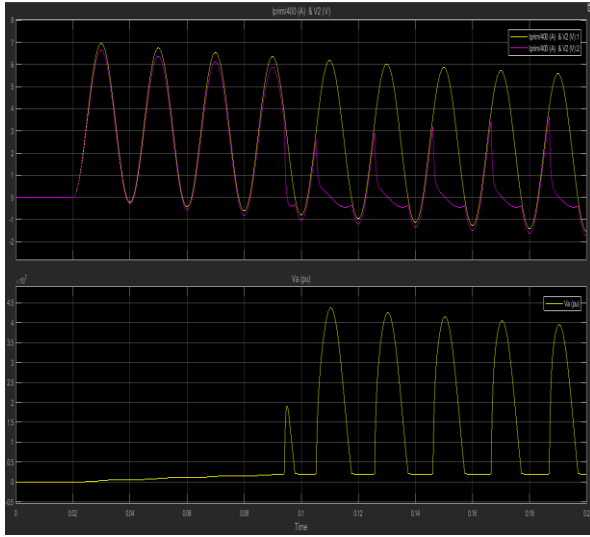


Fig.9.For Normal conditions the current without hysteresis and burden

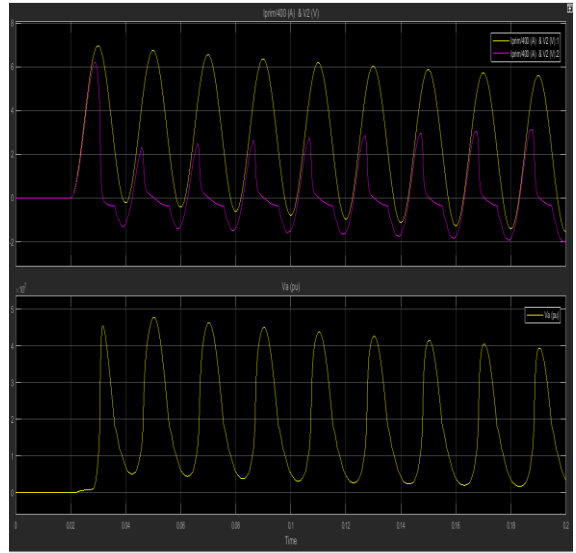


Fig.11.For abnormal operation of current with hysteresis and burden

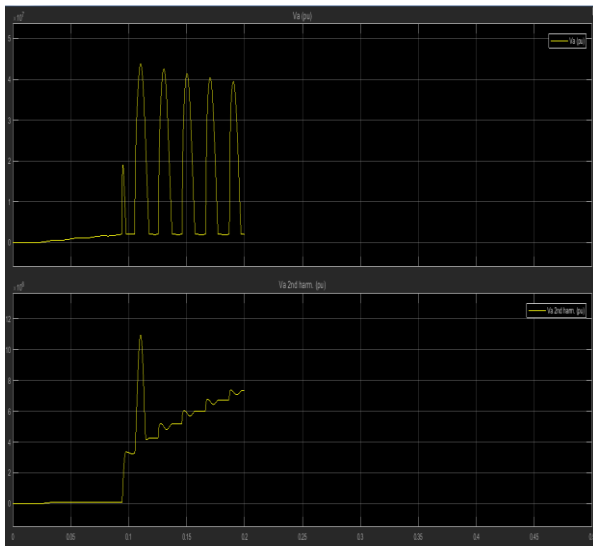


Fig.10.For Second harmonics of current without hysteresis and burden

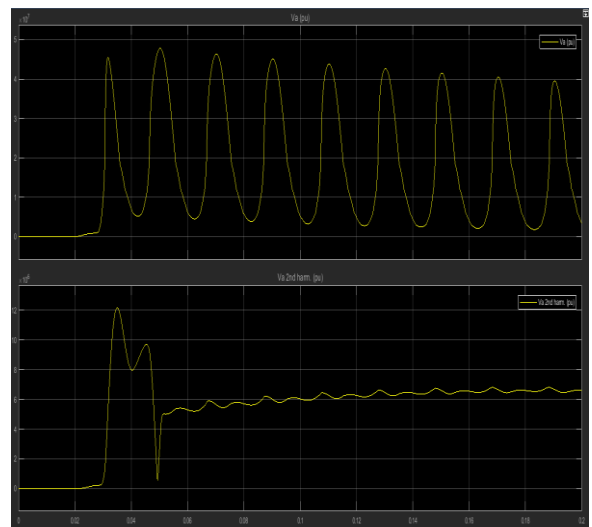
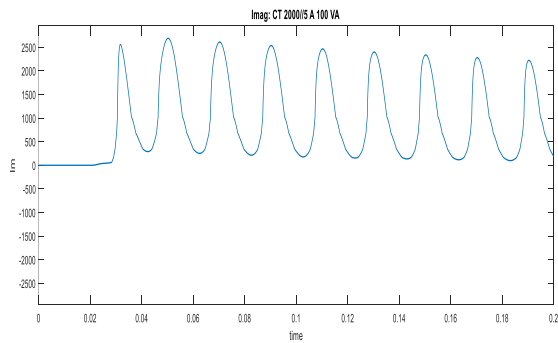


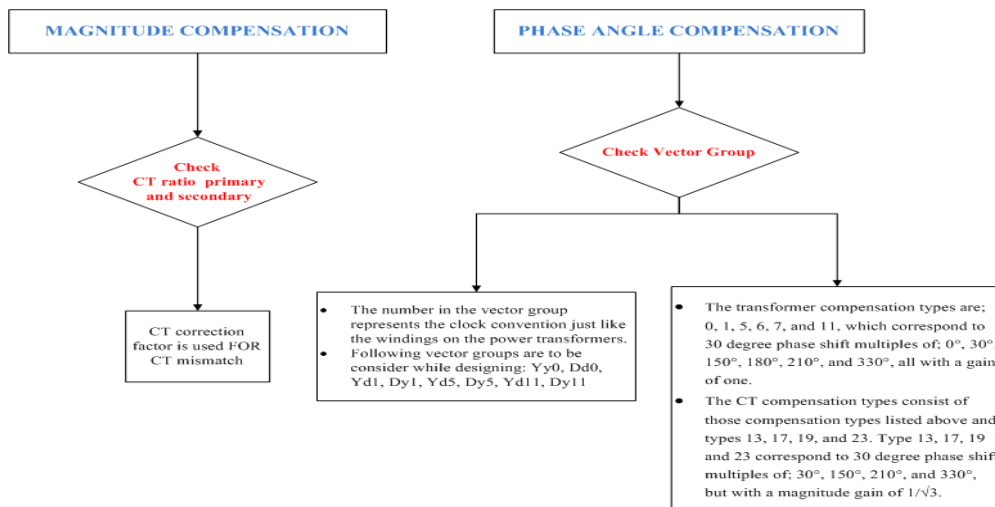
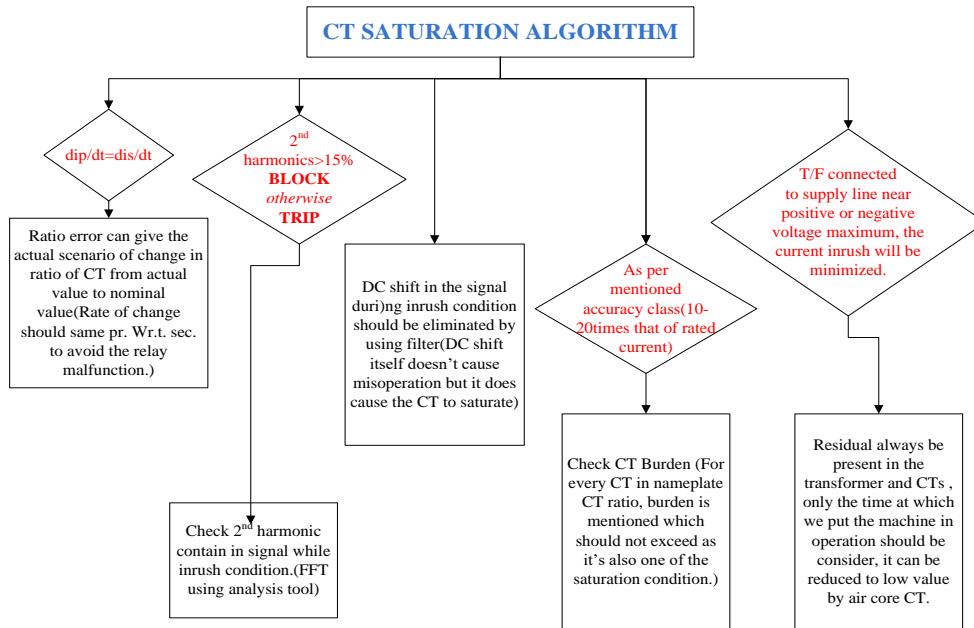
Fig.12.For Second harmonics of current with hysteresis and burden

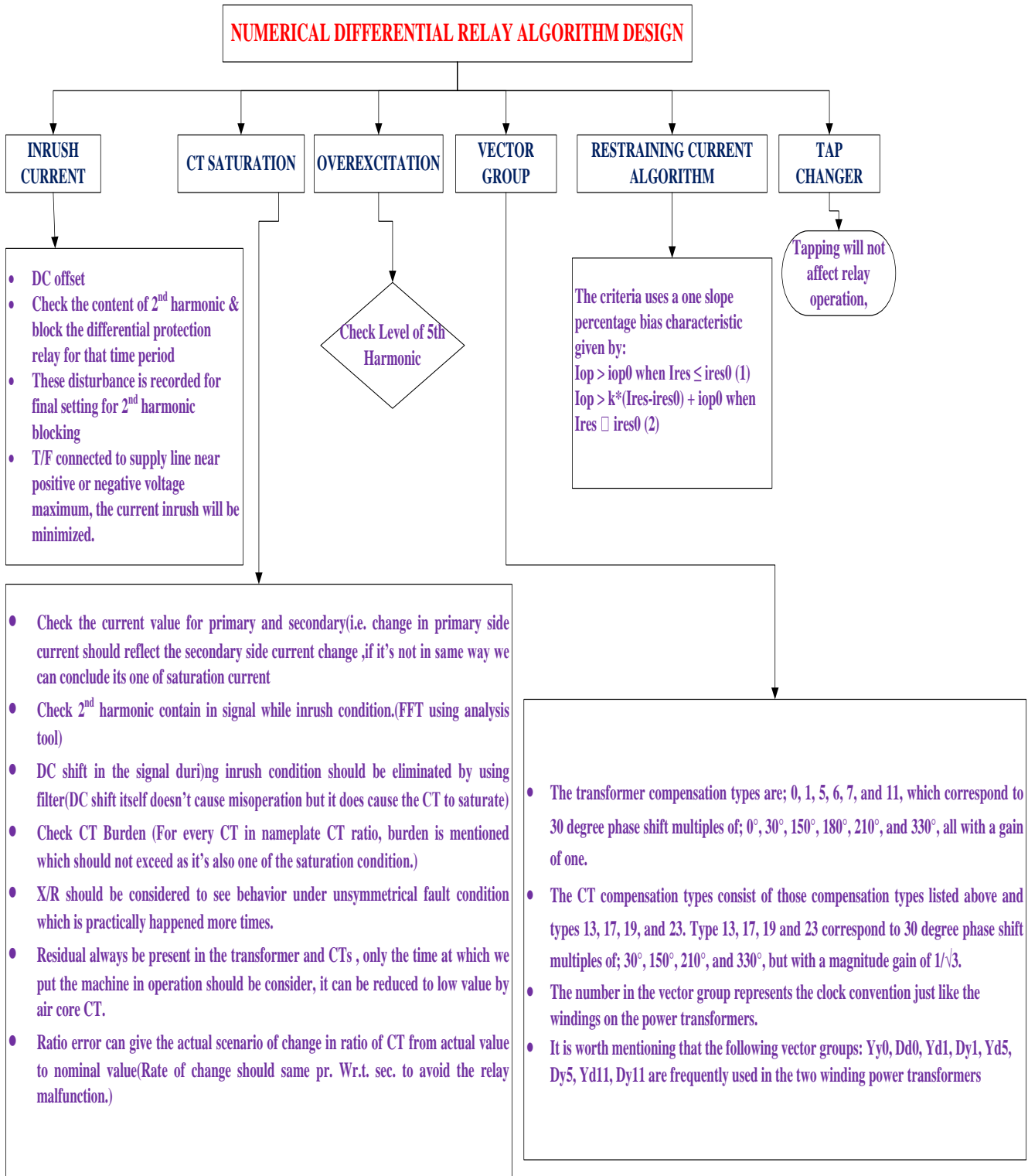
For hysteresis conditions the current shows following response:



For without saturation, current through the core i.e. magnetizing current flow is much smaller compare to the magnetizing current considering hysteresis. For without saturation, 2nd harmonic current is present for lesser time compare to considering hysteresis.

I. ALGORITHM





VI. CONCLUSION

For design of algorithm for numerical differential relay we should consider three factors basically Ct saturation. Inrush current & Vector group of Transformer. By investigating the effect of turns ratio, hysteresis, Asymmetry in current value and most important burden of CT above a certain limit leads to saturation. When the remnant flux is extremely high, the core will reach the saturation almost immediately, especial when the burden is high. CTs that have lowest ratio, they are the fastest to saturation.. 2nd harmonic component measurement will give us condition of CT saturation and inrush current by using FFT analysis. For the Vector group we must check the CT connection type and apply correct CT correction factor.

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