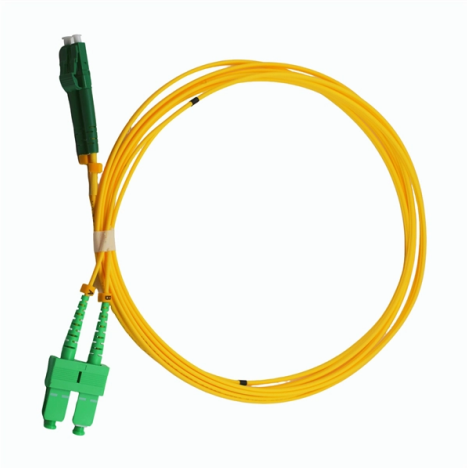
What are the backup protection methods in relay protection



Overview

Backup Relay Backup relays are additional relaying systems attached to equipment or parts of the network. Their main function is to trip the circuit breake.

Key Takeaways

Backup protection serves as a secondary safeguard in power systems, operating when primary protection fails, and can be implemented through relay, breaker, remote, or centrally coordinated methods.

Overview of Backup Protection

Backup protection is designed to isolate faulty sections of a power system if the primary protection fails to operate due to relay malfunction, breaker failure, or maintenance activities. It is intentionally slower than primary protection to allow the primary relays to act first, and it is usually installed at a different location to ensure independence from the primary system. Backup protection is primarily used for short-circuit faults and may also act as primary protection when the main system is out of service.

Types of Backup Protection

Relay Backup Protection

The same circuit breaker is used for both primary and backup protection. Backup relays operate independently and trip the breaker if the primary relay fails. This method is costly and typically used where remote backup is not feasible.

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Backup relays are supplied from separate current and potential transformers to maintain independence.

Breaker Backup Protection

Separate circuit breakers are provided for primary and backup protection at the same substation. If the primary breaker fails to trip, the backup breaker isolates the fault after a time delay. Commonly used in busbar systems with multiple breakers connected.

Remote Backup Protection

Primary and backup protections are located at different substations. Backup relays operate independently of the primary system and provide protection for the entire circuit. This is the most widely used method for transmission line protection due to its reliability and cost-effectiveness.

Centrally Coordinated Backup Protection

Primary protection is installed at various substations, while backup protection is managed from a central control room. The central system monitors load flow and system frequency, detecting abnormal conditions and initiating corrective actions. Often involves digital computers, high-frequency carrier relays, and coordinated protective equipment.

Key Considerations

Time Coordination: Backup relays must operate with a sufficient time delay to allow primary relays to clear faults first. Independence: Backup protection should not share components with primary protection to avoid simultaneous failure. Coverage: Backup relays may protect multiple adjacent system elements, with the slowest primary relay determining the necessary time delay.

Operational Flexibility: Backup protection can act as primary protection during maintenance or testing of the main system. Backup protection ensures system reliability and safety, preventing extensive damage and maintaining continuity of service when primary protection fails.

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The backup protection is provided by over-current protection and earth-fault protection. Of course, these backup protection schemes are not for the backup of the primary protection of the

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Thus referring to Fig. 21.29, relay A provides back-up protection for each of the four lines. If a line fault is not cleared by its relay and breaker, the relay A on the group breaker will operate after a definite time

Difference between Primary Protection and Backup Protection

In this article, we will discuss in detail about the primary and backup protections used in power systems along with the major differences between them. So, let?s begin with a basic

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By having a backup system in place, problems caused by a protective relay or switching device failing to function are mitigated. Either the primary and secondary safeguards (known as

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It outlines various failure scenarios for primary protection and describes different types of backup protection, including relay, breaker, and remote backup. The document also illustrates the operation

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Relay back-up protection is a type of protection where both primary and backup protections are provided for the same circuit breaker. In this type of protection, both the primary and

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Backup protection provides a second layer if the primary relay, breaker, trip circuit, or communication channel fails. In many systems, backup protection is slower because it must

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Backup Protection for Relays

(1) Backup protection is needed for transmission lines, transformers, and generators in case primary protection fails or must be compromised. (2) In the past, remote backup relays were commonly used

Backup protection

Requirements for Backup Protection Backup protection shall operate when the main protection fails. A relay may fail to operate once or twice per 100 demands. In such a case, the

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Protective relays are critical in power systems because they serve as decision-making devices that ensure the safe operation of power grid. They play a key role in power system protection.

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Remote BF back-up protection is installed at a different location and its zone of protection can overreach to other remote primary protective zones. Overreaching distance zones or time-graded over-current

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For the systems having central control, such back-up is provided that, main protection is at different stations and backup protection for all stations are at the central control centre. This type

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Another typical appli-cation is the use of underimpedance relays as backup protection relays in vicinity of power plants where the fault current may decay under the set start value of overcurrent relays due to

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