

A GENERAL APPROACH FOR INTERNAL FAULTS REPRESENTATION OF THREE-PHASE THREE-WINDING TRANSFORMERS IN EMTP-ATP

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ABSTRACT: Transformers are one of the most important elements in power systems. Most of transformers are equipped with protection systems to avoid their damage. As the transformer has severed technical and economical consequences for the network, so implementing fast relaying algorithms is a challenge. Therefore, modelling of various types of internal transformer faults is the objective of this study. This paper introduces a proposed approach to model internal incipient winding faults in three-phase winding transformers using EMTP-ATP. The User Specified Object (USO) is used for building the transformer model under fault conditions. The proposed model have the ability to change the transformer impedance matrices in a simple manner to satisfy the internal fault conditions. The internal faults in the three-windings are simulated and tested. The results show that the proposed approach is able to represent the internal faults in the three-phase three-winding transformers accurately.

Keywords: Transformers, Three-Winding, Internal faults, EMTP-ATP, BCTRAN, User Specified Object (USO).

I. INTRODUCTION

Large transformers are a class of very expensive and vital components of electric power systems. Since it is very important to minimize the frequency and duration of unwanted outages, there is a high demand imposed on power transformer protective relays. Protection of large power transformers is a very challenging problem in power system relaying [1]. Since field measurements of transformer abnormal conditions, especially internal faults, are seldom available, the information needed for the investigation of protective relays development may be exclusively achieved by means of digital simulation [2]. This draws a lot of attention from industry, and is now becoming widely adopted [3]. The main directions in the computer modelling for the study of the power transformer electromagnetic transients are summarized in [4]. The electrical faults of transformers are classified in two types: external and internal faults. External faults are those that occur outside of the transformer: overvoltage, over-fluxing, under frequency, and external system short circuits. Internal faults are those that occur inside of the transformer: winding phase-to-phase, phase-to-ground, winding inter-turn, over-fluxing, and etc. [6]. About 70-80% of transformer failures are caused by internal faults [7]. Several papers have introduced methods for modelling internal faults in transformers [2], [8]-[14].

The calculation of the terminal equivalent matrix of a power transformer from the standard test data is introduced in [2]. The disadvantage of the method is that the derived model for internal faults modelling of power transformer is performed only just for one simple example and with hand calculation using EMTP. A modified coupled RL matrix method which simulates the winding faults by splitting the original matrix is introduced in [8]. This method requires a detailed knowledge of the winding geometrical measures; these parameters are practically difficult to be obtained. Similarly, in [9] the leakage factor estimation is used. In [10], the complexity of the problem of leakage coefficient, derived from winding geometrical data, is simply ignored via equating it to zero. This assumption could be true for large power transformers [11], but in the smaller transformers it gives higher errors. In [12], an iterative solution is introduced using EMTP-ATP and MATLAB to estimate the parameters of a faulted transformer and the fault currents. This is achieved by solving nonlinear differential equations. This procedure suffers from the complexity during real time implementation. The aforementioned techniques, are straightforward and the presented results did not cover the entire range of the winding faults. A lumped RLC is used to represent the transformer winding in [13]. This method requires knowledge of the transformer construction details. In [14, 16], a method to establish multi-

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section network model for study of high frequency transient voltage of the transformer and machine winding is presented using equally divided sections for only single windings. This makes the number of sections be large if this method is used for simulating the small turn fault. The self and mutual impedances of the transformer are calculated directly in [17-19]. These methods have limitations because their need for very detailed design knowledge of the transformer construction which may be not available for the old transformers.

This paper introduces a proposed approach to model the internal winding faults in three-phase three-winding transformers. Hence, a complete transformer model is introduced. This routine BCTRAN in EMTP-ATP is employed to generate the healthy transformer parameters from the test data. Then, a direct method using the FORTRAN-capability of TACS in EMTP-ATP is used to alter and calculate the required parameters to account the faulty transformer parameters with internal faults; turn-earth and turn-turn. This approach is directly applicable to ATPDraw of EMTP-ATP.

II. THE PROPOSED TRANSFORMER MODEL

The impedance matrix representation of the transformer is an important step towards realization of transformer winding faults. That is because the winding fault representation needs to modify the impedance matrix values and dimension. This undefined process is not included in the simulation programs. Therefore, the modelling of transformer internal faults is discussed in this section. EMTP-ATP is used in this study using BCTRAN routine. In BCTRAN, the open circuit and short circuit tests in positive and zero sequences are used to compute elements of the two matrices; the resistance matrix [R] and the inductance matrix [L], which represent the terminal equivalent matrix of healthy transformer. More details on transformer modelling auxiliary routine can be found in [11]. The matrices are stored in a file which can be directly read by EMTP-ATP. The required parameters of the transformer tests can easily taken from the name plate and the factory test of the transformer. In the case of a three-phase three-winding transformer, the matrices [R] and [L] are of order 9 as given in (1) and (2).

$$\begin{matrix}
 & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{matrix} \\
 \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix}
 r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & r_{14} & r_{15} & r_{16} & r_{17} & r_{18} & r_{19} \\
 r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & r_{24} & r_{25} & r_{26} & r_{27} & r_{28} & r_{29} \\
 r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & r_{34} & r_{35} & r_{36} & r_{37} & r_{38} & r_{39} \\
 r_{41} & r_{42} & r_{43} & r_{44} & r_{45} & r_{46} & r_{47} & r_{48} & r_{49} \\
 r_{51} & r_{52} & r_{53} & r_{54} & r_{55} & r_{56} & r_{57} & r_{58} & r_{59} \\
 r_{61} & r_{62} & r_{63} & r_{64} & r_{65} & r_{66} & r_{67} & r_{68} & r_{69} \\
 r_{71} & r_{72} & r_{73} & r_{74} & r_{75} & r_{76} & r_{77} & r_{78} & r_{79} \\
 r_{81} & r_{82} & r_{83} & r_{84} & r_{85} & r_{86} & r_{87} & r_{88} & r_{89} \\
 r_{91} & r_{92} & r_{93} & r_{94} & r_{95} & r_{96} & r_{97} & r_{98} & r_{99}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{matrix}
 & \begin{matrix} s & t & u & v & w & x & y & z \end{matrix} \\
 \begin{matrix} s \\ t \\ u \\ v \\ w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix}
 l_{ss} & l_{st} & l_{su} & l_{sv} & l_{sw} & l_{sx} & l_{sy} & l_{sz} \\
 l_{ts} & l_{tt} & l_{tu} & l_{tv} & l_{tw} & l_{tx} & l_{ty} & l_{tz} \\
 l_{us} & l_{ut} & l_{uu} & l_{uv} & l_{uw} & l_{ux} & l_{uy} & l_{uz} \\
 l_{vs} & l_{vt} & l_{vu} & l_{vv} & l_{vw} & l_{vx} & l_{vy} & l_{vz} \\
 l_{ws} & l_{wt} & l_{wu} & l_{wv} & l_{ww} & l_{wx} & l_{wy} & l_{wz} \\
 l_{xs} & l_{xt} & l_{xu} & l_{xv} & l_{xw} & l_{xx} & l_{xy} & l_{xz} \\
 l_{ys} & l_{yt} & l_{yu} & l_{yv} & l_{yw} & l_{yx} & l_{yy} & l_{yz} \\
 l_{zs} & l_{zt} & l_{zu} & l_{zv} & l_{zw} & l_{zx} & l_{zy} & l_{zz}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{matrix} \quad (2)$$

Where R_{ij} and L_{ij} are the resistance and self-inductance of coil i , and the mutual inductance between coils i and j , as shown in Fig. 1a.

Once [R] and [L] matrices are obtained directly for healthy transformer with a size 9x9, two types of winding faults are considered: turn-earth fault and turn-turn fault. The basic idea of modelling faults is to modify the size of [R] and [L] matrices to a size of 10x10 for turn-ground faults and a size of 11x11 for turn-turn faults. Therefore, based on the leakage impedance method which presented in the equations of [8] and FORTRAN capability of TACS is used to prepare the modified parameters of the modified matrices. These modified parameters are varied depending on the location of the fault points and if the other mutual coupled coil each case is wound on different leg or on the same leg with faulty coil. A simplified flowchart of the proposed approach is shown in Fig. 2. The results of numerical case studies show that the proposed approach to model internal winding faults of transformers are found satisfactory and applicable for protective relaying studies.

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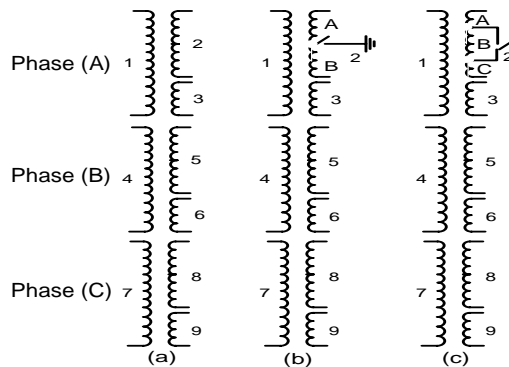


Fig. 1: Three-phase three-winding transformer model

- (a) Without internal fault,
- (b) With turn-to-ground internal fault on phase A, coil 2,
- (c) With turn-to-ground internal fault on phase A, coil 2, through a fault resistance.

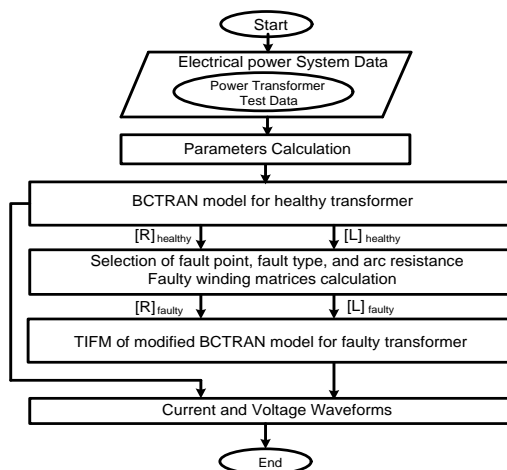


Fig. 2: Flowchart of the proposed approach to model internal winding fault on a three-phase 3-winding transformer.

A. Turn-to-Ground Internal Fault

In order to model the transformer with an internal fault winding to the ground, the faulty coil is divided into two sub-windings; A and B. Therefore; the modified resistance and inductance matrices $[R']$ and $[L']$, of the transformer which represent one point of the internal fault to the ground will be 10×10 . The modified impedance matrix accommodates the fault point Z . The fault can then be represented by closing a simple time controlled switch on the fault point Z and the ground at the fault instance. Furthermore, fault resistance, or the fault arc resistance, can be added in a simple manner to the faulty path.

The simulation of the transformer turn-to-ground fault on the low voltage side of phase A at Coil 2 is illustrated in Fig.1b. The new 10×10 modified $[R']$ and $[L']$ matrices which represent the fault case are given in (3) and (4). As can be seen the highlighted elements with the italic font are the new elements that can be easily and directly obtained from the computer FORTRAN program which solve the equations in [8] and [9]. A new user specified object in ATPDraw is used to create the proposed transformer modified model; Transformer Internal Fault Model (TIFM), which contains the modified transformer matrices. TIFM is designed to get the required fault data, the fault position, and the fault resistance. The required modified matrices are calculated with very fast and accuracy and replaced by the healthy transformer matrices. Because if a little error exists in the calculation of the values to the (TIFM), will cause the unstable simulation or different waveform on pre-fault condition.

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a- LV secondary side
b- HV primary side
Fig. 6: Three-phase primary and secondary current waveforms for a to-ground faults

a- Three-phase voltage waveforms
b- Three phase current waveforms
Fig. 7: Three-phase voltage and current waveforms for a to-ground fault at 40% of phase A of the HV primary side

a- Three-phase voltage waveforms
b- Three-phase current waveforms
Fig. 8 Three-Phase voltage and current waveforms for a to-ground fault at 40% of phase A of the secondary side
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Fig. 9 The voltage and current waveforms of the TV side for ground fault at 40% of phase A of the TV side.

Also, a turn to turn fault is applied to phase A of the LV (secondary) side of coil 2 at 0.015 sec. The fault is applied at 8 different and optional locations of the winding. Fig. 10 illustrates a comparison between the three-phase currents of the LV (secondary) side and HV (primary) side for phase A, phase B and phase C during the fault scenarios. Fig. 11 illustrates the three-phase current and voltage waveforms for the windings, LV, and TV sides for turn-to-turn fault at (30_15_55) % of phase A of the HV side at 0.015 sec. The effect can be verified if the fault is applied on the LV side at (30_15_55) % of phase A at 0.015 sec., as shown in Fig. 12. Furthermore, Fig. 13 illustrates the voltage and current waveforms if the fault is applied at (30_15_55) % of phase A of the TV side at 0.015 sec. In this case, there is no significant current difference between pre-fault and fault condition for the primary and secondary current waveforms and there are significant changes in the voltages of HV and LV sides.

a- LV secondary side

b- HV primary side

Fig. 10: Three-phase primary and secondary current waveforms for turn faults

a- Three-phase voltage waveforms

b- Three-phase current waveforms

Fig. 11: Three-phase voltage and current waveforms for turn fault at (30_15_55)% of phase A of the HV side

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