

# Fault Diagnosis in Distribution Networks with Distributed Generation

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## ABSTRACT

*The penetration of distributed generation (DG) in distribution power system would affect the traditional fault current level and characteristics. Consequently, the traditional protection arrangements developed in distribution utilities are difficult in coordination. Also, the reclosing scheme would be affected. With the rapid developments in distribution system automation and communication technology, the protection coordination and reclosing scheme based on information exchange for distribution power system can be realized flexibly. This paper proposes a multi-agent based scheme for fault diagnosis in power distribution networks with distributed generators. The relay agents are located such that the distribution network is divided into several sections. The relay agents measure the bus currents at which they are located such that it can detect and classify the fault, and determine the fault location. The proposed technique uses the entropy of wavelet coefficients of the measured bus currents. The performance of the proposed protection scheme is tested through simulation of two systems. The first system is a benchmark medium voltage (MV) distribution system and the second system is practical 66 kV system of the city of Alexandria.*

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## 1. Introduction

The traditional power systems, which are based on large fossil fuel fired power generation plants, long distance transmission lines and hierarchical control centers, are changing. A large number of distributed generation units including renewable energy sources such as wind turbines, PV generators, fuel cells together with Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plants, are being integrated into power systems at distribution level. The penetration of DGs changes the traditional distribution power system short circuit power, fault current level and the characteristics of the fault current, such as amplitude, direction and distribution [1].

Most distribution network protection schemes are initially designed without DGs. The nature of distribution network can be radial or meshed. Traditionally, radial networks are protected using coordinated overcurrent relays whereas meshed networks are protected using directional overcurrent relays [2].

To deal with the problem of protection of distributed networks with the penetration of DGs, distribution utili-

ties impose interconnected regulations. These regulations are often based on IEEE Std. 1547, 2003 [4] and recommend the tripping of DGs even for remote faults in order to maintain the protection coordination during fault. According to [4], immediate tripping of DGs is recommended also if a power island is created. That is why protection schemes, which are capable of immediate identifying and isolating faults after their occurrence, are required. These schemes can ease the requirement for the disconnection of DGs to ensure protection coordination and enable intentional power islands.

Several protection schemes have been proposed in literature [1-8] in order to address the shortcomings in current DG interconnection practices and protection problems associated with DGs.

This paper proposes a multi-agent based protection scheme to classify and locate the fault in a distribution network with DG. The proposed technique aims to locate and isolate a faulty section in a distribution system with DGs. It is based on entropy calculation of wavelet coefficients of the three phase current signals. This method uses only current signals measured by relay agents at the

boundaries of the network sections to identify the type of fault if it is a three line to ground (3LG), single line to ground (LG), double line to ground (DLG) or a line to line (LL) fault. It also determines the phases included in fault and the bus or line at which the fault occurred. The performance of the proposed algorithm is investigated through the simulation of a benchmark MV distribution system and part of the 66 kV network of Alexandria. The results proved the effectiveness of the proposed protection scheme under different conditions of fault type, fault location and fault resistance.

## 2. Analysis of Three Phase Power System Transients

### 2.1. Modal Transformation

In three-phase systems, many different fault types depending on the phase involved or the involvement of ground can occur. In order to diagnose such types of faults, currents and/or voltages of all three-phase quantities must be analyzed. However, the amount of processing can be reduced by transforming three-phase quantities into modal components.

The modal transformation resolves three-phase signals in a coupled network into three uncoupled modal components, namely, 1) the ground mode; 2) aerial mode-1; and 3) aerial mode-2 components. For nontransposed multi-phase systems, an eigenvector-based frequency-dependent transformation matrix is required to convert the quantities from phase domain to modal domain. For balanced and ideally transposed lines, a frequency-independent, real transformation matrix, such as Clarke transformation, can be used. Although practical distribution systems do not satisfy the aforementioned conditions, a frequency-independent real transformation matrix can be used to obtain somewhat decoupled signals that can be advantageous in transient-based fault location.

The relationship between the Clarke components and the phase components is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_0 \\ I_\alpha \\ I_\beta \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} & -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_a \\ I_b \\ I_c \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where,  $I_a$ ,  $I_b$  and  $I_c$  are the phase currents and  $I_0$ ,  $I_\alpha$  and  $I_\beta$  are the respective Clarke components. Transients in the phase currents are well reflected in the Clarke components.

### 2.2. Wavelet Transformation and Entropy Calculation

Lots of fault information is included in the transient components. So it can be used to identify the fault or abnor-

mity of equipments or power system. It can also be used to deal with the fault and analyze its reason. This way the reliability of the power system will be considerably improved.

Transient signals have some characteristics such as high frequency and instant break. Wavelet transform is capable of revealing aspects of data that other signal analysis techniques miss and it satisfies the analysis need of electric transient signals. Usually, wavelet transform of transient signal is expressed by multi-revolution decomposition fast algorithm which utilizes the orthogonal wavelet bases to decompose the signal to components under different scales. It is equal to recursively filtering the signal with a high-pass and low-pass filter pair. The approximations are the high-scale, low-frequency components of the signal produced by filtering the signal by a low-pass filter. The details are the low-scale, high-frequency components of the signal produced by filtering the signal by a high-pass filter. The band width of these two filters is equal. After each level of decomposition, the sampling frequency is reduced by half. Then recursively decompose the low-pass filter outputs (approximations) to produce the components of the next stage [9,10].

Given a discrete signal  $x(n)$ , being fast transformed at instant  $k$  and scale  $j$ , it has a high-frequency component coefficient  $D_j(k)$  and a low-frequency component coefficient  $A_j(k)$ . The frequency band of the information contained in signal components  $D_j(k)$  and  $A_j(k)$ , obtained by reconstruction are as follows [11].

$$\begin{cases} D_j(k): [2^{-(j+1)} f_s, 2^{-j} f_s] \\ A_j(k): [0, 2^{-(j+1)} f_s] \end{cases} (j = 1, 2, \dots, m) \quad (2)$$

where,  $f_s$  is the sampling frequency.

The original signal sequence  $x(n)$  can be represented by the sum of all components as follows [11].

$$\begin{aligned} x(n) &= D_1(n) + A_1(n) = D_1(n) + D_2(n) + A_2(n) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^J D_j(n) + A_j(n) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Various wavelet entropy measures were defined in [9]. In this paper, the nonnormalized Shannon entropy will be used. The definition of nonnormalized Shannon entropy is as follows [11].

$$E_j = -\sum_k E_{jk} \log E_{jk} \quad (4)$$

Where  $E_{jk}$  is the wavelet energy spectrum at scale  $j$  and instant  $k$  and it is defined as follows.

$$E_{jk} = |D_j(k)|^2 \quad (5)$$

### 3. Proposed Agent-Based Fault Diagnosis

#### 3.1. Protection Arrangement Based on Relay Agents

Protective relays detect fault occurrence in a power system and isolate that part of the power system to prevent fault from affecting the whole power system. Traditional protective schemes generally used dual systems of primary and backup protection relays for high sensitive and reliable protection of the system. The primary protection relays are usually current differential relaying that has a high accuracy of fault detection. The backup protection relays are usually distance relaying that work with local power system information only [12].

With the introduction of distributed generation and deregulation, the power system impedance and fault currents through protective devices would change. The protective devices are therefore difficult to be coordinated [13].

The distribution power system automation techniques have been widely adopted and the infrastructure of communication has been developed. The protection schemes based on microprocessors with communication capabilities are utilized, so that the status of the relays and breakers can be obtained from the distribution power system supervisory control and data acquisition system, which can serve as an information exchange platform. Based on the platform, the protection coordination and adaptation can be dealt with flexibly [1].

The concept of a cooperative protection system with an agent model (relay agent) was first proposed by Y. Tomita, *et al.* back in 1998 [12]. The application of this concept has been proposed in [14] and [13] to build an intelligent, adaptive protection system.

The relay agents allow the cooperation between numbers of equipments. The cooperation of relay agents enables the flexible utilization of all hardware resources by any equipment, so that various adaptive protective functions are realized.

The fundamental concepts of relay agents as proposed by Y. Tomita, *et al.* [12] are as follows:

1) *Equipment Agent*

This type of agent manages data and functions proper to each pieces of equipment. Network topology data of a power system are expressed as link data between equipment agents. This enables distribution of power system information.

2) *Mobile Agent*

This type of agent moves between equipment agents or protection system equipment to utilize data and functions distributed in equipment agents.

3) *Protector Agent*

This type of agent dispatches mobile agents to detect a fault or isolate a fault-detected zone. These agents act as supervisors for detection and isolation.

4) *Reorganizer Agent*

This type of agent reorganizes the agent space according to changes in power system conditions. The cooperative protection system with relay agents must have an agent processing facility, which allows the agent to transfer to the different hardware through communication networks or to communicate with other agent in the different hardware.

In this paper, the distribution network is divided into a number of network segments as shown in **Figure 1** for fault isolation purpose. Each network segment can be isolated from the rest of the system for a fault inside it by opening the circuit breakers (CBs) at its interconnection

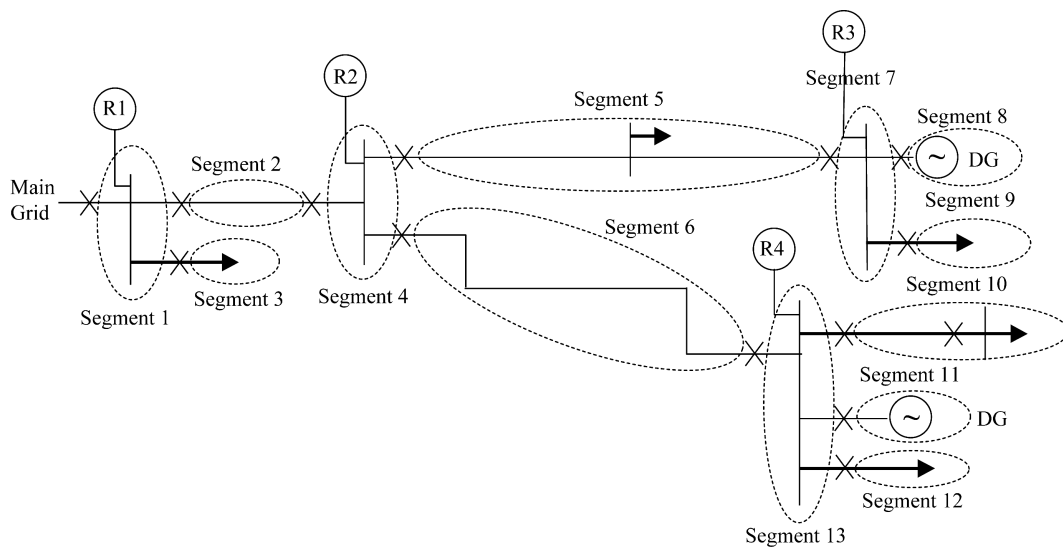


Figure 1. Structure of proposed protection scheme.

points to the system. The three phase bus currents are measured and fed to the relay agents which are placed at the interconnection points of different network segments. The relay agents exchange data between each other through a telecommunication network. A simple algorithm based on the information collected by different relay agents is proposed to classify and then locate the fault such that the faulted area can be correctly isolated.

### 3.2. Fault Classification Using Current Transients

An analysis of all possible types of fault in three phase system, *i.e.* LG faults (AG, BG, CG), LL faults (AB, BC, CA), DLG faults (ABG, BCG, CAG) and 3LG faults (ABCG), is carried out. In this paper, the proposed algorithm determines the type of fault first, then the phases included in fault and finally it determines the fault location.

The sum of absolute entropies of wavelet coefficients of the Clarke component  $I_0$  is used to determine the type of fault if it is 3LG, LG, DLG, or LL fault. Next, the sum of absolute entropies of wavelet coefficients of the three phase currents ( $I_a$ ,  $I_b$ , and  $I_c$ ) are used to determine the phases included in fault. Finally, the values of the sum of absolute entropies of wavelet coefficients of Clarke components  $I_\alpha$  and  $I_\beta$  are used to locate the fault. The mother wavelet used was ‘Symlets’ in addition to Shannon entropy.

## 4. Simulation and Results

### 4.1. Test System 1

The distribution system shown in **Figure 2** was simulated using the SIMULINK power system blockset. This system has been derived from the CIGRE MV benchmark test distribution system [15]. The system used in the study has two DGs. DG-1 is a 1500-kVA three-phase induction generator running from a wind turbine and DG-2 is a 200-kVA small-size three-phase synchronous generator running from a hydro turbine. The generators were simulated using detailed machine models. Distribution lines—lengths of which range from 0.24 km to 4.89 km—were modeled using transmission line  $\pi$  sections. The loads, which include highly unbalanced three-phase loads as well as single-phase loads, were modeled using series RLC loads. Each relay agent takes the measurements from the corresponding busbar located near the relay agent. Locations of the relay agents were determined based on the network configuration, interconnection to the grid, and locations of the DGs. It was assumed that the relay samples current signals at a frequency of 10 kHz.

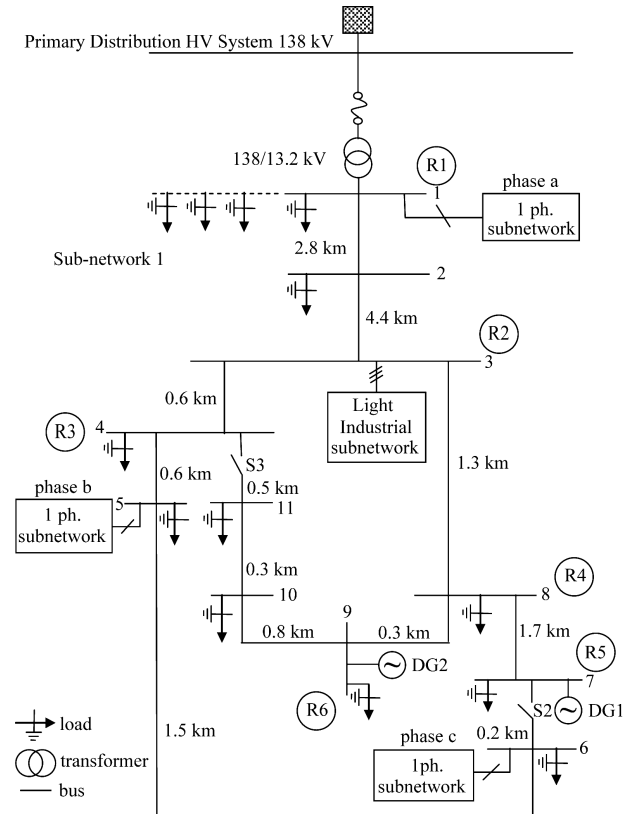


Figure 2. MV test distribution system.

#### 4.1.1. Radial Network

In the proposed CIGRE MV benchmark network, switches S2 and S3 were kept open to simulate a radial network.

For a fault at bus 3, the sum of absolute entropy of wavelet coefficients of  $I_0$  monitored at relay agent R1 for different fault types are listed in **Table 1**. The fault was simulated from 10/60 to 15/60 s with fault resistance  $R_f = 10 \Omega$ .

From the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  shown in **Table 1**, the fault type if it was a 3LG or a LL fault is well defined. In case of LG or DLG faults,  $\text{sum}I_0$  has nearly the same range of values. In that case  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  are used to discriminate between a LG fault and a DLG fault. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  for currents monitored at relay agent R1 are given in **Table 2**.

As shown in **Table 2**, the maximum value of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  in case of LG fault is less than 30,000 and in case of DLG fault it is more than 50,000. This way these two types of fault are discriminated from each other.

The next step in the proposed algorithm after determining the fault type is to determine the phases included in fault. To do so the sum of entropies of wavelet coefficients of the three phase currents are used. For the same fault at bus 3, **Table 3** lists the values of  $\text{sum}I_a$ ,  $\text{sum}I_b$

**Table 1. The sum of absolute entropy of wavelet coefficients of  $I_0$  monitored at R1 for a fault at bus 3.**

Fault Type	ABCG	AG	BG	CG	AB	BC	CA	ABG	BCG	CAG
sum $I_0$	5.83	56.5	51.4	59.6	0.001	0.001	0.001	58.2	61.3	65

**Table 2. The values of sum $I_\alpha$  and sum $I_\beta$  of currents monitored at R1 for a fault at bus 3.**

Fault Type	AG	BG	CG	ABG	BCG	CAG
sum $I_\alpha$	20,255	3,068	2,950	60,200	2,917	51,700
sum $I_\beta$	260	8,398	8,854	9,900	50,700	13,000

**Table 3. The values of sum $I_a$ , sum $I_b$  and sum $I_c$  of currents monitored at R1 for a fault at bus 3.**

Fault Type	AG	BG	CG	AB	BC	CA	ABG	BCG	CAG
sum $I_a$	26,510	1,615	1,214	57,375	270	49,967	66,279	1,525	49,327
sum $I_b$	381	16.179	492	32,565	33,779	200	30,656	40,536	389
sum $I_c$	599	1,169	20,045	338	42,136	35,962	587	40,375	44,302

and sum $I_c$  for currents monitored at relay agent R1 in case of LG, LL and DLG faults.

As shown from the results in **Table 3**, in case of LG fault, the faulted phase is that having the maximum sum $I$ . For example, for an AG fault, sum $I_a$  is greater than sum $I_b$  and sum $I_c$ . In case of LL fault, the phase of minimum sum $I$  is not included. For example, for an BC fault, sum $I_a$  is less than both sum $I_b$  and sum $I_c$ . Finally, in case of DLG fault, also the phase with minimum sum is not included in fault. For example, for an CAG fault, sum $I_b$  is less than sum $I_a$  and sum $I_c$ .

The final step of the algorithm is to determine the fault location. To determine the fault location in case of 3LG and DLG faults the values of sum $I_0$  of currents monitored at different relay agents are used. For example, in case of 3LG at buses 4, 5 or 6, the value of sum $I_0$  for currents monitored at relay agent R3 is used to determine the faulted bus. Where, in that case sum $I_0 > 10$  and if the fault at any other bus sum $I_0 < 10$ . To determine the exact fault location the value of sum $I_0$  is used. For fault at bus 4, sum $I_0 = 55.6$ . For fault at bus 5, sum $I_0 = 35.7$ . For fault at bus 6, sum $I_0 = 10.4$ . **Table 4** lists the values of sum $I_0$  at R3 for 3LG fault at all buses.

For a DLG fault at buses 9, 10 or 11, sum $I_0$  for currents monitored at relay agent R6 is greater than 500. In the same time, for the same type of fault at any other bus, sum $I_0$  at R6 is less than 1. To determine the exact location of the fault, both the values of sum $I_0$  at relay agent R6 and sum $I_0$  at relay agent R5 are used. **Table 5** lists the values of sum $I_0$  at R5 and at R6 for DLG fault at buses 9, 10 and 11.

**Table 4. The values of sum $I_0$  of currents monitored at R3 for an 3LG fault at different buses.**

Fault Location	sum $I_0$ – R3
1	0.0054
2	0.0046
3	0.0052
4	55.665
5	35.76
6	10.39
7	0.0047
8	0.0071
9	0.0052
10	0.0047
11	0.0048

In case of LL fault, to determine the faulted bus, the values of sum $I_\alpha$  and sum $I_\beta$  for currents monitored at different relay agents are used. For example, for an AB fault, the fault location is determined by monitoring sum $I_\alpha$  at relay agents R1, R3 and R4. **Table 6** lists the values of sum $I_\alpha$  at R1, R3 and R4 for an AB fault at different buses.

In case of LG fault, sum $I_\alpha$  and sum $I_0$ , monitored at different relay agents, are used to determine the fault location. For example, for an AG fault, the values of sum $I_0$  at R1, R3, R4 and at R6 are listed in **Table 7**.

**Table 5. The values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  of currents monitored at R5 and R6 for DLG faults at buses 9, 10 and 11.**

Fault Type		ABG	BCG	CAG
Bus 9	R5	191.22	581.83	177.36
	R6	1329.6	1040.4	2309.5
Bus 10	R5	67.403	269.75	77.469
	R6	767.13	670.17	1274.6
Bus 11	R5	38.821	201.29	51.447
	R6	629.5	566.3	1037.9

**Table 6. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  of currents monitored at R1, R3 and R4 for an AB fault at different buses.**

Fault Location	$\text{sum}I_\alpha - R1$	$\text{sum}I_\alpha - R3$	$\text{sum}I_\alpha - R4$
1	6E+06	0.0302	199.31
2	326699	0.0317	181.31
3	57378	0.0338	169.65
4	48217	53945	179.13
5	41035	45216	186.75
6	28668	30448	204.97
7	26854	0.0292	26823
8	40323	0.0368	40285
9	37279	0.0336	37242
10	30586	0.03	30552
11	28522	0.0305	28489

**Table 7. The values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  of currents monitored at R1, R3, R4 and R6 for an AG fault at different buses.**

Fault Location	$\text{sum}I_0 - R1$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R3$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R4$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R6$
1	1889	0.0044	346	0.0001
2	336	0.0043	311	0.0001
3	56	0.0071	451	0.0026
4	60	2138	318	0.0006
5	61	1583	222	0.0011
6	56	798	78	0.001
7	43	0.0047	43	0.0016
8	60	0.0051	60	0.0051
9	58	0.0046	58	2713
10	54	0.0053	54	1766
11	52	0.0055	52	1519

As shown in **Table 7**, for an AG faults at buses 1 and 2,  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R1 > 300. For faults at buses 4, 5 and 6,  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R3 > 700. For faults at buses 9, 10 and 11,  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R6 > 1000. For faults at buses 3, 7 and 8, the previous values doesn't apply but  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R4 for a fault at bus 3 is > 400. In the same way, LG faults including the two other phases could be located.

Also, for faults at different branches connecting two buses, the entropy sum of wavelet coefficients of three phase currents and their Clarke components can identify the type of fault, phases included in fault and fault location. For example, for a 3LG fault at line 3-8, the values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_0$  monitored at relay agent R1 comes between their values for the same fault at bus 3 and at bus 8. Although  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_0$  monitored at R1 for 3LG fault at bus 4 or 5 comes also between those values at bus 3 and at bus 8, the value of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R3 > 10, which is not the case for fault at bus 3, bus 8 or line 3-8.

**Table 8** lists the values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_0$  as monitored at R1 and  $\text{sum}I_0$  as monitored at R3 for 3LG fault at buses 3, 4, 5, 8 and line 3-8.

For all cases of fault at different locations, the proposed protection algorithm correctly recognized the type of fault and the faulty segments even with high fault resistance ( $R_f = 250 \Omega$ ).

#### 4.1.2. Meshed Network

In order to test the proposed protection algorithm in meshed networks, the switches S2 and S3 in the MV network shown in **Figure 2** were closed. The same faults simulated in case of the radial system were applied to the meshed network too.

In the same way as in case of radial network, the entropy sum of wavelet coefficients of three phase currents are used to select the phases included in fault. On the other hand, the entropy sum of wavelet coefficients of Clarke components are used to determine the type of fault and its location. Using the entropy calculation through the proposed algorithm made the algorithm very sufficient and correctly succeeded in classifying and locating the fault during all conditions of simulation. That

**Table 8. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_0$  of currents monitored at R1 and R3 for 3LG faults at different buses**

Fault Location	$\text{sum}I_\alpha - R1$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R1$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R3$
Bus 3	78077	5.8	0.0052
Bus 4	65873	5.4	55.7
Bus 5	56272	4.9	35.8
Bus 8	55322	4.8	0.0071
Line 3-8	65360	5.4	0.0045

is considered as an improvement over the algorithm proposed in [3], which failed to locate the fault in several cases. **Tables 9-11** list some results monitored in case of meshed network.

For a fault at bus 3, the sum of absolute entropy of wavelet coefficients of  $I_0$  monitored at relay agent R1 for different fault types are listed in **Table 9**. The fault was simulated from 10/60 to 15/60 s with fault resistance  $R_f = 10 \Omega$ .

From the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  shown in **Table 9**, the fault type if it was a 3LG or a LL fault is well defined. In case of LG or DLG faults,  $\text{sum}I_0$  has nearly the same range of values. In that case  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  are used to discriminate between a LG fault and a DLG fault. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  for currents monitored at relay agent R1 are given in **Table 10**.

As shown in **Table 10**, the maximum value of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  in case of LG fault is less than 1200 and in case of DLG fault it is more than 1600. This way these two types of fault are discriminated from each other.

The next step in the proposed algorithm after determining the fault type is to determine the phases included in fault. To do so the sum of entropies of wavelet coefficients of the three phase currents are used. For the same fault at bus 3, **Table 11** lists the values of  $\text{sum}I_a$ ,  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$  for currents monitored at relay agent R1 in case of LG, LL and DLG faults.

As shown from the results in **Table 11**, in case of LG fault, the faulted phase is that having the maximum  $\text{sum}I$ . For example, for an AG fault,  $\text{sum}I_a$  is greater than  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$ . In case of LL fault, the phase of minimum  $\text{sum}I$  is not included. For example, for an BC fault,  $\text{sum}I_a$  is less than both  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$ . Finally, in case of DLG fault, also the phase with minimum sum is not in-

cluded in fault. For example, for an CAG fault,  $\text{sum}I_b$  is less than  $\text{sum}I_a$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$ .

### 4.2. Test System 2

The test system shown in **Figure 3** was simulated using the SIMULINK power system blockset. This system is a part of the 66 kV network of the city of Alexandria, Egypt.

The system used in the study has four DGs each of them are 1 MVA three-phase synchronous generator driven by diesel engines. The system line and load data are give in the Appendix. Each relay agent takes the measurements from the corresponding busbar located near the relay agent. Locations of the relay agents were determined based on the network configuration and locations of the DGs. It was assumed that the relay samples current signals at a frequency of 20 kHz.

In the proposed 66 kV network the following results were taken. For a fault at bus 5, the sum of absolute entropy of wavelet coefficients of  $I_0$  monitored at relay agent R3 for different fault types are listed in **Table 12**. The fault was simulated from 10/50 to 15/50 s with fault resistance  $R_f = 10 \Omega$ .

From the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  shown in **Table 12**, the fault type if it was a 3LG or a LL fault is well defined. In case of LG or DLG faults,  $\text{sum}I_0$  has nearly the same range of values. In that case  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  are used to discriminate between a LG fault and a DLG fault. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  for currents monitored at relay agent R3 are given in **Table 13**.

As shown in **Table 13**, the maximum value of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  in case of LG fault is less than 70,000 and in case of DLG fault it is more than 70,000. This way these two types of fault are discriminated from each other.

**Table 9. The sum of absolute entropy of wavelet coefficients of  $I_0$  monitored at R1 for a fault at bus 3 in meshed network.**

Fault Type	ABCG	AG	BG	CG	AB	BC	CA	ABG	BCG	CAG
$\text{sum}I_0$	0.54	21	23	23	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	22	22	22

**Table 10. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  of currents monitored at R1 for a fault at bus 3 in meshed network.**

Fault Type	AG	BG	CG	ABG	BCG	CAG
$\text{sum}I_\alpha$	1084	205	309	1784	80	2773
$\text{sum}I_\beta$	242	371	53	429	1936	73

**Table 11. The values of  $\text{sum}I_a$ ,  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$  of currents monitored at R1 for a fault at bus 3 in meshed network.**

Fault Type	AG	BG	CG	AB	BC	CA	ABG	BCG	CAG
$\text{sum}I_a$	1379	213	128	1512	227	2801	2176	2	2540
$\text{sum}I_b$	139	523	173	1494	603	163	1317	1063	172
$\text{sum}I_c$	337	156	906	339	2228	1004	213	1998	1642

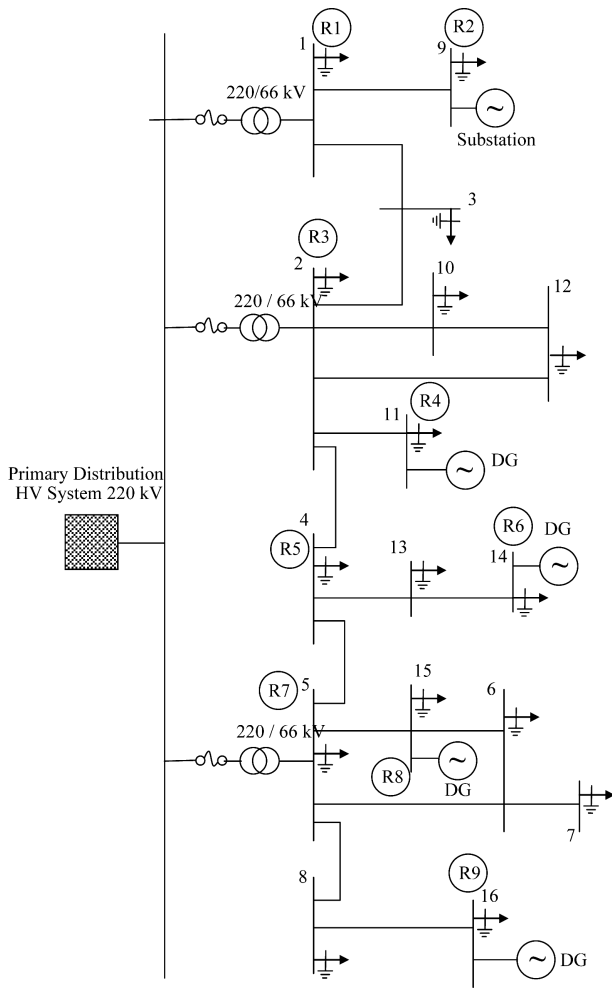


Figure 3. Alexandria 66 kV network.

The next step in the proposed algorithm after determining the fault type is to determine the phases included in fault. To do so the sum of entropies of wavelet coefficients of the three phase currents are used. For the same fault at bus 5, **Table 14** lists the values of  $\text{sum}I_a$ ,  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$  for currents monitored at relay agent R3 in case of LG, LL and DLG faults.

As shown from the results in **Table 14**, in case of LG fault, the faulted phase is that having the maximum  $\text{sum}I$ . For example, for an AG fault,  $\text{sum}I_a$  is greater than  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$ . In case of LL fault, the phase of minimum  $\text{sum}I$  is not included. For example, for an BC fault,  $\text{sum}I_a$  is less than both  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$ . Finally, in case of DLG fault, also the phase with minimum  $\text{sum}$  is not included in fault. For example, for an CAG fault,  $\text{sum}I_b$  is less than  $\text{sum}I_a$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$ .

The final step of the algorithm is to determine the fault location. To determine the fault location in case of 3LG and DLG faults the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  of currents monitored at different relay agents are used. For example, in case of 3LG, the value of  $\text{sum}I_0$  for currents monitored at relay agent R5 is used to determine the faulted bus. **Table 15** lists the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R5 for 3LG fault at all buses. As shown in **Table 15**, the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at all buses are distinguished from each other except at buses 4, 5, 6 and 8. For the fault at these buses the value of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R7 are used to determine the fault location.

For a DLG fault at any bus,  $\text{sum}I_0$  for currents monitored at relay agent R5 is used. **Table 16** lists the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R5 at different buses.

In case of LL fault, to determine the faulted bus, the values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  for currents monitored at dif-

Table 12. The sum of absolute entropy of wavelet coefficients of  $I_0$  monitored at R3 for a fault at bus 5.

Fault Type	ABCG	AG	BG	CG	AB	BC	CA	ABG	BCG	CAG
$\text{sum}I_0$	0.0565	13.124	13.248	18.686	5.4e-9	5.7e-9	6.4e-9	11.412	13.032	13.269

Table 13. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_\beta$  of currents monitored at R2 for a fault at bus5.

Fault Type	AG	BG	CG	ABG	BCG	CAG
$\text{sum}I_\alpha$	68199	60553	62672	70359	63391	75148
$\text{sum}I_\beta$	59108	67427	64685	68701	76200	63733

Table 14. The values of  $\text{sum}I_a$ ,  $\text{sum}I_b$  and  $\text{sum}I_c$  of currents monitored at R3 for a fault at bus 5.

Fault Type	AG	BG	CG	AB	BC	CA	ABG	BCG	CAG
$\text{sum}I_a$	69868	59781	61682	68541.1	59114.5	74495.5	70789	61949	75828
$\text{sum}I_b$	61448	70165	59695	73724.6	68875.7	59144.7	75775	71058	61625
$\text{sum}I_c$	60348	63131	74579	59720.8	81133.1	72128.4	63361	82786	75587



**Table 15. The values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  of currents monitored at R5 and R7 for an 3LG fault at different buses.**

Fault Location	$\text{sum}I_0 - R5$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R7$
1	9.05	5.24
2	7.52	6.11
3	9.87	4.78
4	0.045	6.66
5	0.039	0.009
6	0.038	0.03
7	3.62	7.43
8	0.042	0.013
9	3.9	1.193
10	0.02	0.015
11	0.4	0.161
12	0.57	3.29
13	0.01	0.013
14	0.18	5.13
15	4.01	7.85
16	0.07	0.039

**Table 16. The values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  of currents monitored at R5 DLG faults at different buses.**

Bus	ABG	BCG	CAG
1	24.5	24.8	25.2
2	4.12	5.2	8.23
3	35.1	35.5	36.1
4	26.3	26.5	27.1
5	31.1	31.8	32.4
6	19.2	19.5	19.9
7	11.6	11.8	12.1
8	27.6	27.8	28.1
9	12.4	12.5	13
10	18	18.4	18.8
11	16.1	16.3	16.8
12	20.2	20.8	21.3
13	15	15.4	15.7
14	32.7	32.9	33.3
15	13.2	13.6	13.9
16	21.4	21.7	22

ferent relay agents are used. For example, for an AB fault, the fault location is determined by monitoring  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  at relay agents R2, R3 and R7. **Table 17** lists the values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  at R2, R3 and R7 for an AB fault at different buses. For near similar readings at any one of the relay agents the other two agent readings are used to locate the faulted bus.

In case of LG fault,  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  and  $\text{sum}I_0$ , monitored at different relay agents, are used to determine the fault location. For example, for an AG fault, the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at R3, R4 and at R5 are listed in **Table 18**.

As shown in **Table 18**, if the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at relay agent R3 is similar for AG fault at more than one bus as in the case of buses 3, 7 and 13, the values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  at relay agent R4 is used to identify the faulted bus.

## 5. Conclusions

The distribution power system automation techniques have been widely adopted and the infrastructure of communication has been developed. The protection schemes based on microprocessors with communication capabilities are utilized, so that the status of the relays and breakers can be obtained from the distribution power system supervisory control and data acquisition system, which can serve as an information exchange platform. Based on the platform, the protection coordination and adaptation

**Table 17. The values of  $\text{sum}I_\alpha$  of currents monitored at R2, R3 and R7 for an AB fault at different buses.**

Fault Location	$\text{sum}I_\alpha - R2$	$\text{sum}I_\alpha - R3$	$\text{sum}I_\alpha - R7$
1	59246	18909	4760
2	77414	18968	4743
3	69921	18877	4738
4	73488	19016	4737
5	68541	36716	4733
6	68330	33808	4724
7	66826	30364	4720
8	68773	35129	4729
9	59118	18849	16469
10	70842	18759	4718
11	72873	18778	4720
12	71605	18812	4725
13	68374	18759	4718
14	73385	18905	4731
15	67156	31095	4721
16	68494	34612	4726

**Table 18. The values of  $\text{sum}I_0$  of currents monitored at R3, R4 and R5 for an AG fault at different buses.**

Fault Location	$\text{sum}I_0 - R3$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R4$	$\text{sum}I_0 - R5$
1	10.272	4.4205	17.74
2	19.58	5.375	4.9475
3	3.42	3.8354	26.49
4	15.89	4.2441	23.162
5	13.124	3.5016	26.748
6	7.1568	1.9245	22.486
7	3.972	1.0735	14.895
8	10.969	2.9396	26.874
9	24.79	0.8364	19.847
10	4.9506	1.171	25.791
11	4.5877	25.368	23.584
12	7.956	1.895	24.114
13	3.9245	0.9169	22.212
14	12.227	3.0946	27.201
15	4.7208	1.246	16.995
16	8.5112	2.2477	24.648

can be dealt with flexibly. In this paper, a new agent-based fault diagnosis scheme was proposed. The algorithm used the entropy calculation along with wavelet transform of current signals to classify and locate the fault in distribution network with distributed generation. The relay agents exchange data between each other through a telecommunication network. The proposed algorithm, based on the information collected by different relay agents, was able to classify and then locate the fault such that the faulted area can be correctly isolated. Simulation carried out using the CIGRE MV benchmark system and the practical 66 kV system of Alexandria showed that the proposed protection scheme is capable of classifying and locating the fault under different fault conditions, for radial and meshed networks.

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## Appendix

**Table A.1. Bus data of Alex. 66 kV network.**

Bus	Generation		Load	
	$P$ (pu)	$Q$ (pu)	$P$ (pu)	$Q$ (pu)
1	0.46	0.4	0.42	0.342
2	5.31	3.98	0	0
3	0	0	1.82	1.368
4	0	0	1.71	1.28
5	2.18	1.64	0.4	0.376
6	0	0	0.26	0.12
7	0	0	0.44	0.33
8	0	0	1.05	0.79
9	1.04	0.79	1.447	1.086
10	0	0	0.01	0.008
11	0	0	0.292	0.219
12	0	0	0.015	0.0113
13	0	0	0.1	0.075
14	0	0	0.065	0.049
15	0	0	0.25	0.188
16	0	0	0.01	0.008

**Table A.2. Line data of Alex. 66 kV network.**

Bus Code	Resistance (pu)	Reactance (pu)
1-2	0.0004	0.003
1-3	0.0017	0.0085
1-9	0.009	0.026
2-3	0.0006	0.004
2-4	0.0002	0.0014
2-10	0.015	0.042
2-11	0.01	0.022
2-12	0.027	0.071
4-5	0.0004	0.00212
4-13	0.002	0.004
5-6	0.0017	0.00912
5-8	0.0004	0.00212
5-15	0.016	0.036
6-7	0.0017	0.00912
6-15	0.003	0.014
8-16	0.002	0.004
10-12	0.009	0.026
13-14	0.004	0.006