Protection Scheme Based on Analysis of Critical Clearing Time of System

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ABSTRACT: Nowadays power system mainly concentrate on the platform of reliability and security parameters. Due to the deregulation of power systems, most of the consumers depends on highly reliable and secure supply. Most of the works concentrated on the Critical Clearing Time and transient stability analysis but due to less accuracy, these were not able to apply in real time analysis in multi machine system. The Critical Clearing Time (CCT) is the largest possible time for which a power system is allowed to remain in fault condition without losing stability. Appropriate CCT settings of protective equipment’s on power system greatly determine the reliability of power supply. This thesis is concerned with time domain analysis of Critical Clearing Time of Central Travancore Grid and IEEE 14 bus system. In this thesis, a look up table is formulated with an algorithm which relates the stability of the system through eigenvalue analysis and time domain simulations. According to the changes in power system, relay settings are updated periodically based on the look up table so that reliability can be improved and the system becomes more flexible. The CCT is varied according to the changes in the parameters of the system. The Simulation platform used here is PSAT/MATLAB toolbox and the test system for the study is IEEE 14 bus system and Central Travancore Grid in which the algorithm developed is applied

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I. INTRODUCTION

Stability of the power system is an important problem faced by engineers in establishing secure system operation. Growing economies of the world has widely increased the load demand. As a result, the power system structure has become large in size as well as complex in nature. This complexity has lead to more security and stability issues in the power system. As the transient contingency analysis of such a system is tedious, this pushes the system transient stability limit to a drastic condition and routed for major reliability problems in power system.

Transient stability of the system is its ability to reach an equilibrium state after a transient fault has occurred[1] & [2]. Different methods are available for transient stability evaluation such as time direct techniques, domain simulation, artificial intelligence techniques based on the energy function. Even though the causes for the distraction on transient stability are identified, less research is carried out in improving the stability limits. Most of the existing methods include providing multiple feeders in the system and by increasing the system capacity but all these methods are highly uneconomical.

Critical Clearing Time (CCT) of a system is the maximum time up to which the system can withstand in the faulty condition without any stability issues in the system [3], [4] & [5]. If the fault exists above the CCT, the system enters into burnout. Reliability of power system can be improved by the optimum control of the Critical Clearing Time (CCT) of the relay system. Changes in CCT depends mainly on the system pre-fault conditions, (operating point, topology, system parameters), fault structure (type and location) and post fault conditions that themselves depend on the protective relaying plan employed. It would be highly desirable to define this relation analytically. But due to diversity of variables of this task become extremely complicated.

In the current scenario for finding the CCT of the system, offline contingency analysis is done. From this contingency analysis data, the least value of CCT is taken as the system CCT for the setting time of the relay but CCT is
obtained only through the static analysis[6],[7] & [8]. So the variation in the CCT due to the dynamic conditions cannot be utilized for improving the reliability of the system. Reaction of the relay to a fault is determined by the current CCT value and by analysing this variation the reliability of the system can be improved. This methodology turned out to be more efficient on the grounds that no extra designs are needed for the current framework. CCT has large scope in improving the reliability of smart grid systems.

After the development of power electronics devices such as switching converters and inverters there came the FACTS devices which could provide adequate active and reactive powers at the point of injection thereby maintaining the grid stability[9] & [10]. Normally FACTS devices with supplementary controller is used to damp system oscillations and reactive power management. But when FACTS devices are incorporated to the system, it also influences the measure of CCT. So the change in CCT when FACTS devices were incorporated was drastic in nature.

In this work, analyse the change of CCT with the depending factor. Based on the dependency of CCT, try to develop a new algorithm for finding out the CCT of the system with the change in parameters of the system. And also develop a new low cost method for protection of the system on the basis of the change of CCT. This method can simply implement in a new system or existing system.

II. RELATED WORK

Mathematically, CCT is a complex function of pre-fault and post-fault system conditions. In practice, CCT can be obtained from two ways such as trial and error analysis of system post disturbance equations or by integrating fault-on equations and checking the value of Lyapunov energy function. For the first approach many integration processes are necessary and for the second approach the CCT can be evaluated in just one integration process. The major problem for the second approach is to find an analytical energy function which considers a precise model of generator and connected devices. For this reason the work will be more complicated and individual analysis is required for each system[11].

Another method is based on the use of amplitude and bandwidth of the first large oscillation of the swing curve, and CCT can be determined using neural networks. It adapts a multilayer perception (MLP) architecture and a second order training method which uses the non-linear optimization method. The architecture of the neural network becomes more complex when more number of generators or compensators are added to the system. Training and testing of data includes the detailing about all parameters of generators. If the data is not sufficient, the accuracy of the result becomes very less and the system should be trained up to a satisfied accuracy level. So this method is too complicated and individual design is required for each case and cannot be considered as a general method[12].

Among the direct methods used to estimate the CCT, the extended equal area criterion, Lyapunov functions, transient energy functions, the hybrid method and others based on decision and regression trees and artificial neural networks (ANN) are considered. In fast applications for which the precision of the CCT is not critical, direct methods like neural networks may be used. ANN methods have been used in dynamic security assessment and they have been demonstrated to be successful for the calculation of the Critical Clearing Time but their application to practical power systems undergoes some difficulties due to the large dimensions of the power systems[13].

A new structure preserving the energy function is developed, known as Potential Energy Boundary Surface (PEBS) method. In this method energy function of the modelled system compared with critical energy for finding the transient stability of the system. It becomes faster in operation but accuracy is very less. As a common tool for simple analysis of power system, the PEBS method is limited by the accuracy of its models and the statistics shows that the error can be basically kept below 20% and this method needs a detailed model of generators and other components in the system[14].

Another approach used for the measurement of Critical Clearing Time is trajectory method. For this case the CCT is determined as the maximum value of an energy function along the system’s fault-on trajectory. But this method can be applied to SMIB systems only. To apply this method to multi machine system, the multi machinesystem have to be modelled to SMIB. Which requires many approximations so that its result contains significant errors[15].
III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

When CCT analysis was done, it is found that most depending factor for CCT variation is the load change in the system[11]. Based on this factor, a methodology was developed for finding CCT of any system corresponding to the load variation of any bus in the system. The proposed methodology includes the modelling of IEEE-14 bus system and Central Travancore Grid. In this method firstly the load is increased step by step by considering the limit of equality and inequality constraints. In this simulation, a fault is implanted in bus number 5 and an appropriate fault clearing time is set for which stability of the system is analysed by eigenvalue analysis and through the stability indices for limit violation. Thereafter the clearing time of the fault is gradually increased till the system becomes unstable and corresponding clearing time is recorded for the power value in the look up table. Figure 1 shows the flow chart of the algorithm for finding the CCT at different load conditions.

Figure 1: Flow chart of developed algorithm for CCT

Figure 2 shows the algorithm of the protection scheme, which can be executed similar to real time analysis. In which each time power of the system is observed and the observed value is compared with look up table data then observe the CCT from the table and give this CCT to the reference setting of the numerical relays.
IV. POWER SYSTEM STABILITY CONSTRAINTS

a) Small signal stability:

For the small signal stability analysis, the power system with distributed generators is modelled as a set of differential equations and a set of algebraic equations as given in equation (1)

\[
\dot{x} = f(x, y) \quad 0 = g(x, y) \quad \ldots \ldots (1)
\]

Where, \(x\) is the vector of the state variables and \(y\) the vector of the algebraic variables. The differential algebraic equations (DAEs) can be linearized at an operating point to obtain the system state matrix \(A_s\)

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\Delta \dot{x} \\
0
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
\nabla f & \nabla g \\
\nabla f & \nabla g
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\Delta x \\
\Delta y
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
F_x & F_y \\
G_x & G_y
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\Delta x \\
\Delta y
\end{bmatrix} \quad \ldots \ldots (2)
\]

Eliminating the algebraic variables, the state matrix \(A_s\) is given by

\[
A_s = F_x - F_yG_y^{-1}G_x \quad \ldots \ldots (3)
\]

Where, \(F_x, F_y, G_x, G_y\) are Jacobian Matrices as given in equation (2) The eigenvalues of \(A_s\) provide the information of small signal stability. Power system is considered stable in the small signal sense if all the eigenvalues of \(A_s\) lie on the left side of the imaginary axis[16]. Then the power system is said to be asymptotically stable and would be able to withstand small disturbances. The small signal stability analysis is incorporated in the constraint by the equation in PSAT. The eigenvalue based stability assures grid stability under various levels of system loadability.
b) Fast Voltage Stability Index:

Fast Voltage Stability Index (FVSI) proposed by is utilized in this paper to assure the safe bus loading. The line that exhibits FVSI close to 1.00 implies that it is approaching its instability point. If FVSI goes beyond 1.00, one of the buses connected to the line will experience a sudden voltage drop leading to the collapse of the system. FVSI index incorporation in the controller assures that no bus will collapse due to overloading[17]

\[ FVSI_{ij} = \frac{4Z^2 Q_j}{V_i^2 X} \]

c) Transient stability index:

An index was defined using the maximum rotor angle difference to analyse the severity of the angular separation between synchronous generators in a network following a 50ms three-phase short circuit fault[18]. The transient rotor angle severity index (TRASI) is defined as follows:

\[ TRASI = \frac{\left(360^0 - \delta_{max}^{post}\right) - \left(360^0 - \delta_{max}^{pre}\right)}{\delta_{max}^{pre}} \]

Where \( \delta_{max}^{post} \) and \( \delta_{max}^{pre} \) represent the post-disturbance and pre-disturbance maximum rotor angle difference in the network respectively. The TRASI is a comparative measure of rotor angle separation following a transient grid fault in the network. The index varies from 0 to 1. TRASI value should always be near to one for better system stability and reliability. Here in IEEE-14 system a three phase short circuit fault was given to bus number 5 and results are plotted. The TRASI value is calculated in IEEE-14 bus system and is found to be 0.9897, which implies that the system is stable after when a three phase fault is occurred in the system.

V. CENTRAL TRAVANCORE SYSTEM

The Central Travancore Grid extends over four districts in Kerala, viz. Alleppey, Kottayam, Idukki and Pathanamthitta. The model consists of 15 buses, and generating stations at Idukki and Sabarigiri Hydro Power Plants, Kayamkulam Thermal Power Plant and Brahmapuram Diesel Power Plant. The highest voltage level in the test system is 220 kV at the transmission side which is stepped down to 110 kV in the substation. There is a switching substation (New Pallom) next to Pallom substation, which tie the 220 kV feeders coming from Idukki Hydro power plant and Kayamkulam Thermal Power plant. Then a 220 kV feeder is taken from here to Pallom substation. The 110 kV feeders from Pallom substation are to Thrikodithanam(PL-TN), Mallapally(PL-MP), Ayarkunnam(PL-AY), MRF(PL-MR), Changalam(PL-CN) and Punnnapra(PL-PU). The Figure 3 shows the PSAT[19] model of Central Travancore System.
VI. SIMULATION RESULTS IN CENTRAL TRAVANCORE GRID

CCT variation of Central Travancore Grid is done by analysing the rotorspeed variation of the generators in the system at different load conditions. Figure 3, 4 represents the rotor speed variation of generators in kayamkulam, and sabarigiri respectively at 100 % loading and the fault clearing time for 1.336 sec. From the graphs it is inferred that in all these conditions system is stable because rotor speed is settling down to a constant value. So CCT of the system will greater than or equal to 0.336 sec.

Figure 3. PSAT model of Central Travancore System

Figure 4. Rotor speed variation of generator in kayamkulam
Figure 5. Rotor speed variation of generator in sabarigiri

Figure 6. Rotor speed variation of generators in Central Travancore Grid when systemin unstable

Figure 6 represents the rotor speed variations of the generators in the Central Travancore Grid at 100 % loading and at the fault clearing time set as 1.337sec. In this condition all the generators in the system goes to unstable condition. So this condition is taken as the reference clearing time for developing the protection scheme in Central Travancore Grid.

Table 1 Analysis through simulation and algorithm in Central Travancore Grid

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<tr>
<th>Load Multiplication Factor (Uniform Loading)</th>
<th>Through Simulation CCT (sec)</th>
<th>Through Algorithm CCT (sec)</th>
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Table 1 represents the CCT obtained through time domain simulation and through proposed algorithm for different load multiplication factors and from the tabulation it is inferred that the simulation results and the results through the proposed algorithm is very closely related. This deviation of the tabulated results are due to approximation in the parameter transient stability indices. Figure 7 represents variation of results through the time domain simulation and algorithm graphically for different load multiplication factors.

VII. ANALYSIS IN CENTRAL TRAVANCORE GRID

This section contains the data of Central Travancore Grid after implementing the new protection scheme. In this case fixed load change is applied for definite time interval.

Table 2: Load change and CCT variation of Central Travancore Grid

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Table 2. shows the variation of CCT on load multiplying factor at different instant of time. From Table 2 it is inferred that as the load changes the system updates to a new CCT value as the setting time of numerical relay. Figure 8 shows the graphical representation of load change and CCT variation of Central Travancore Grid and it is inferred that when the load increases, the system CCT value decreases and stability margin also reduces.

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Figure 8 Graphical representation of load change and CCT variation of Central Travancore Grid

The Table 2 shows the CCT values with respect to change in load of the system. In this simulation time up to 2.5 sec, the load multiplying factor is kept at 0.95 and responding to this load factor CCT is 1.321 sec. From the Table 2 it is inferred that when the load increases the CCT gets reduced. Figure 7.19 represents the graphical representation of this data.
This scholarly work proposes a method which proves to be advantageous compared with the existing system. The existing system utilizes a method dependent upon a static CCT. This work focuses on changing the CCT with respect to variations in some sources. Some advantages are highly notable. This scheme improves the reliability of the system. Under light load conditions, CCT adjusts itself to avoid unwanted tripping in transient fault conditions so that reliability of the system improves. This plan utilization of an expansive piece of existing hardware. Extra installation changes are minimum and thus implementation of this technology is highly economical. The capability of the system to adapt according to the changes in the CCT value makes it very flexible.

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

CCT of a system is the maximum time at which the system can withstand in the faulty condition. Reaction of the relay to a fault is determined by the current CCT value of the system. Accurate value of CCT is very much essential for designing an efficient protection scheme. From the analysis, it is observed that Load Variation is most depending factor of CCT through the analysis of the rotorspeed of the system generator with respect to time. A new algorithm is developed to find the CCT of the system for different load condition in the system and a look up table is created for developing a new protection scheme. In this work, the new protection scheme is implemented in Central Travancore Grid. From this work, it is inferred that the new protection scheme developed can be easily implemented to any practical system, SCADA or smart grid which results in better reliability and security of the system.

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