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Line Current Differential Protection

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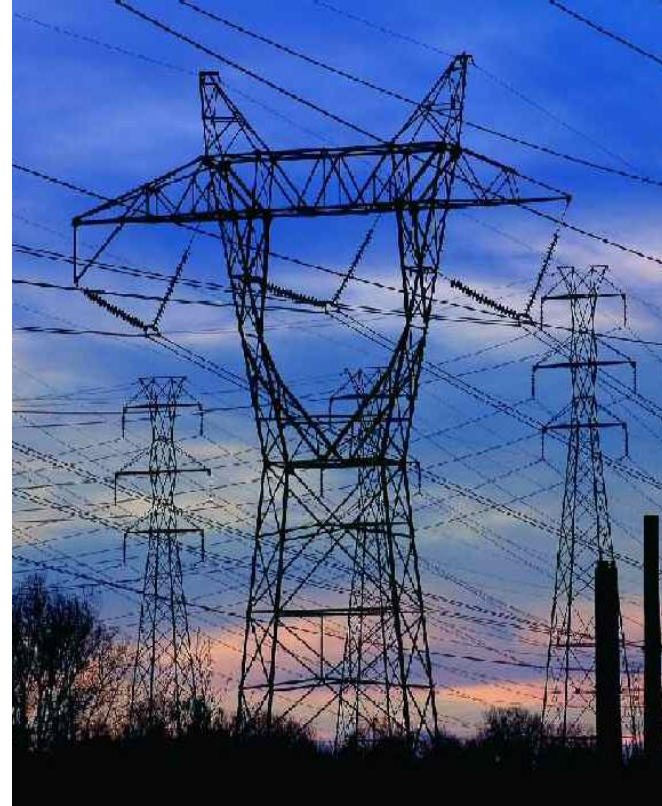
Learning objectives

- What is a current differential relay ?
- What is a line current differential relay ?
- What are the application issues of line current differential relays vs line distance relays ?

Line differential protection

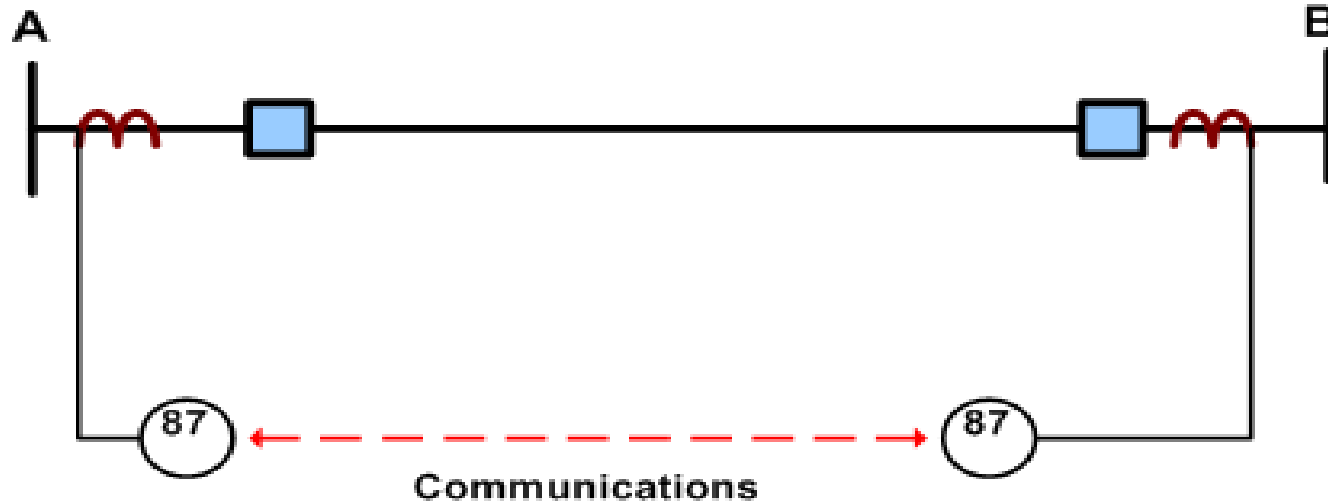
Agenda

- Introduction
- Differential Relay
- Line Current Differential Relay
- Application Issues
- Communications
- Summary



Simple line differential protection

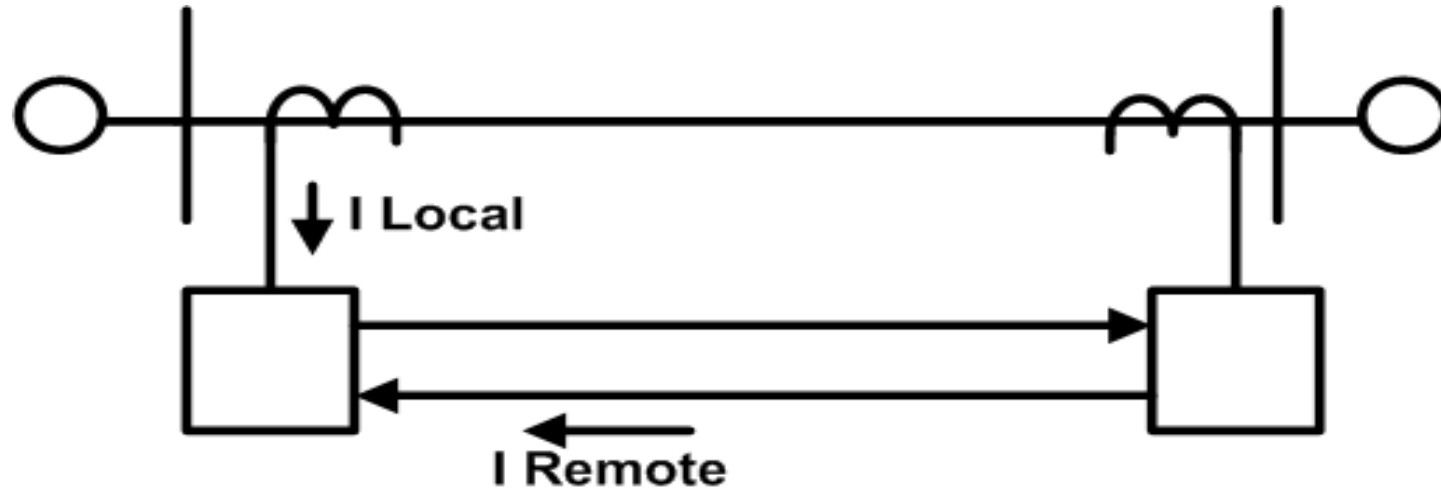
Application



Multi-terminal differential protection

- Unit Protection
- Task – To Determine if fault is within protected zone or outside the protected zone
- Protected Zone
 - Transmission Line Terminals
 - Power Transformer Terminals
- Measures Currents at the terminals of the protected circuit
- Transmits information about the currents to the remote end(s)
- Compares the currents using classical current differential principles
- Supplemented by additional criteria
- High Dependability – Operates for all faults which it is designed to operate
- Highly Security – Doesn't operate for faults for which it should not operate
- Good performance during evolving faults, and cross country faults
- Immune to power swings, mutual coupling, and series impedance unbalances
- With sample data its easy to calculate
 - Sequence components
 - Harmonic Currents

Line current differential Basics



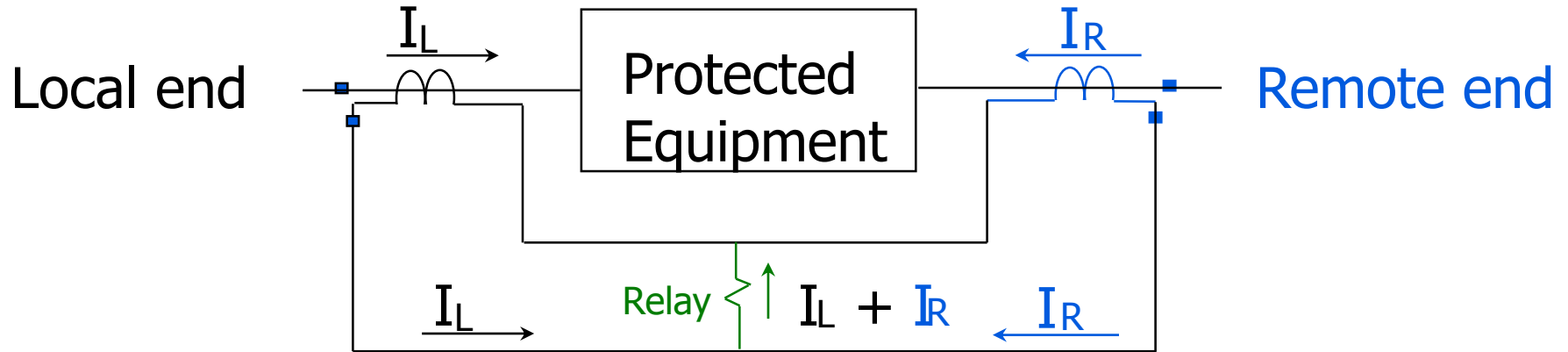
Current only scheme

- ✓ No dependence on VTs
 - Relief from Fuse fail, CCVT, Power swings
- ✓ Can be very sensitive in detecting ground faults- Not matched by distance relays
- ✓ Segregated phase
 - Ideal for evolving faults
 - and cross country faults
 - Single pole tripping
 - Series compensated lines
- ✗ Communication dependent

Types of current only schemes

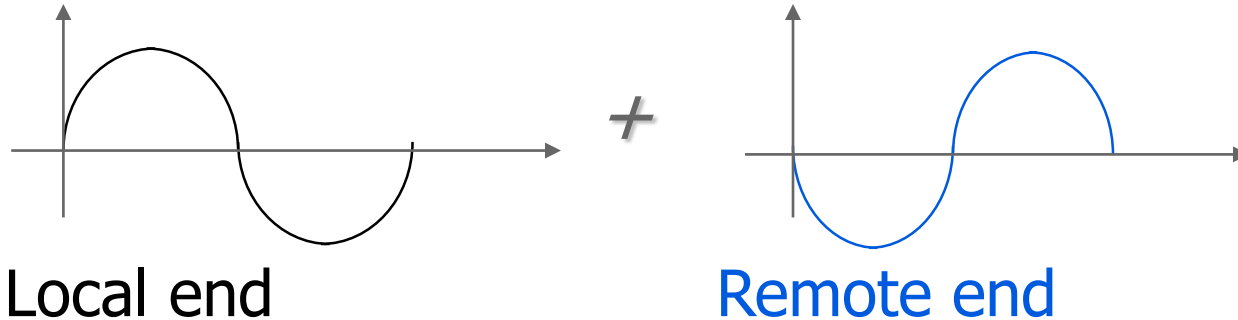
- Current Differential
 - Analog
 - Digital
- Phase Comparison
 - Segregated
 - Combined Sequence
 - Not used much anymore

Current differential relay



Normal operations or external faults

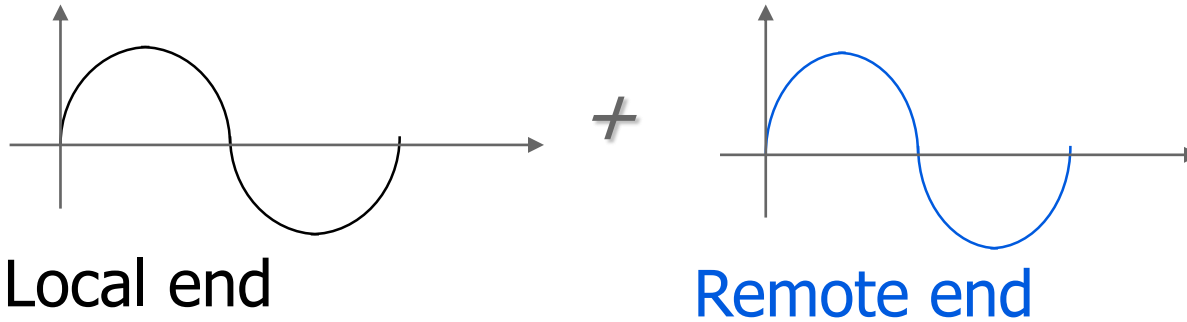
$$I_L = -I_R$$
$$I_L + I_R = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{Should NOT TRIP!}$$



Internal faults

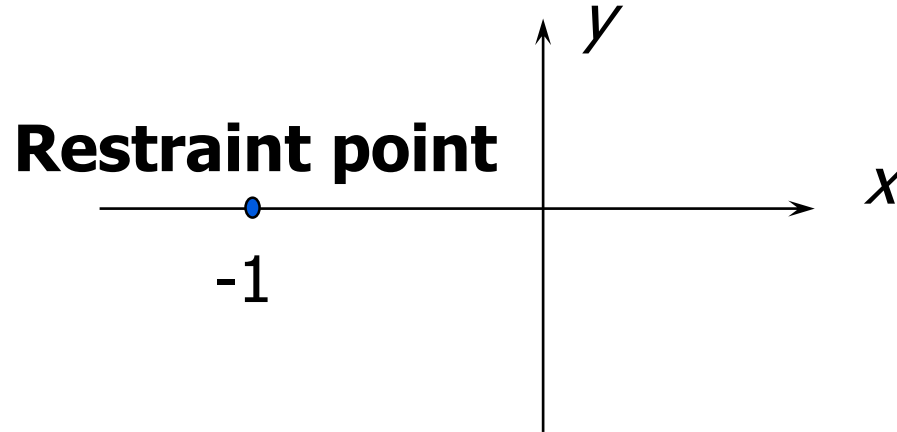
$$I_L + I_R \neq 0$$

⇒ Should **TRIP!**



Operating and restraint regions

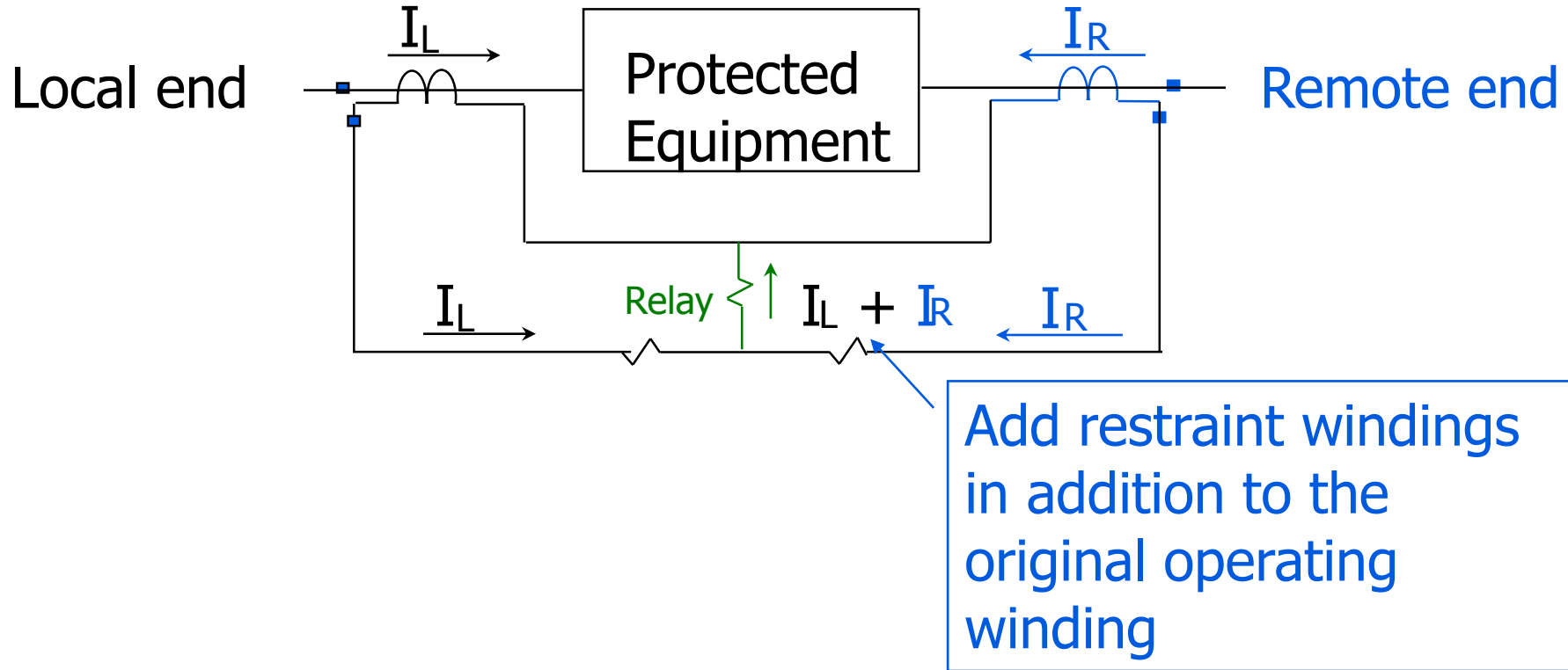
$$\frac{I_L}{I_R} = x + j y = -1$$



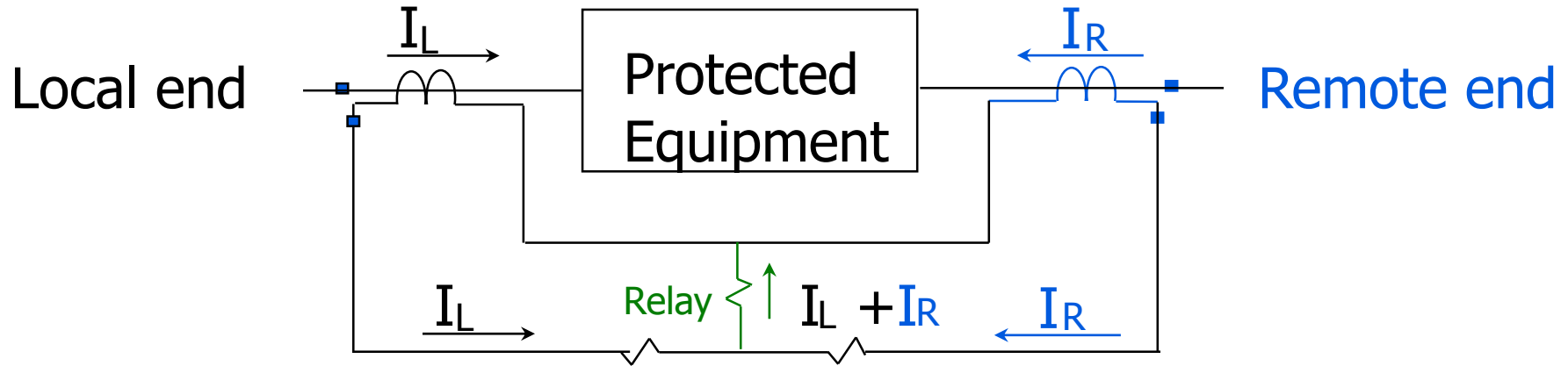
Operating and restraint regions

- High security for external faults
- High sensitivity for internal faults

Operating and restraint regions



Operating (trip) condition

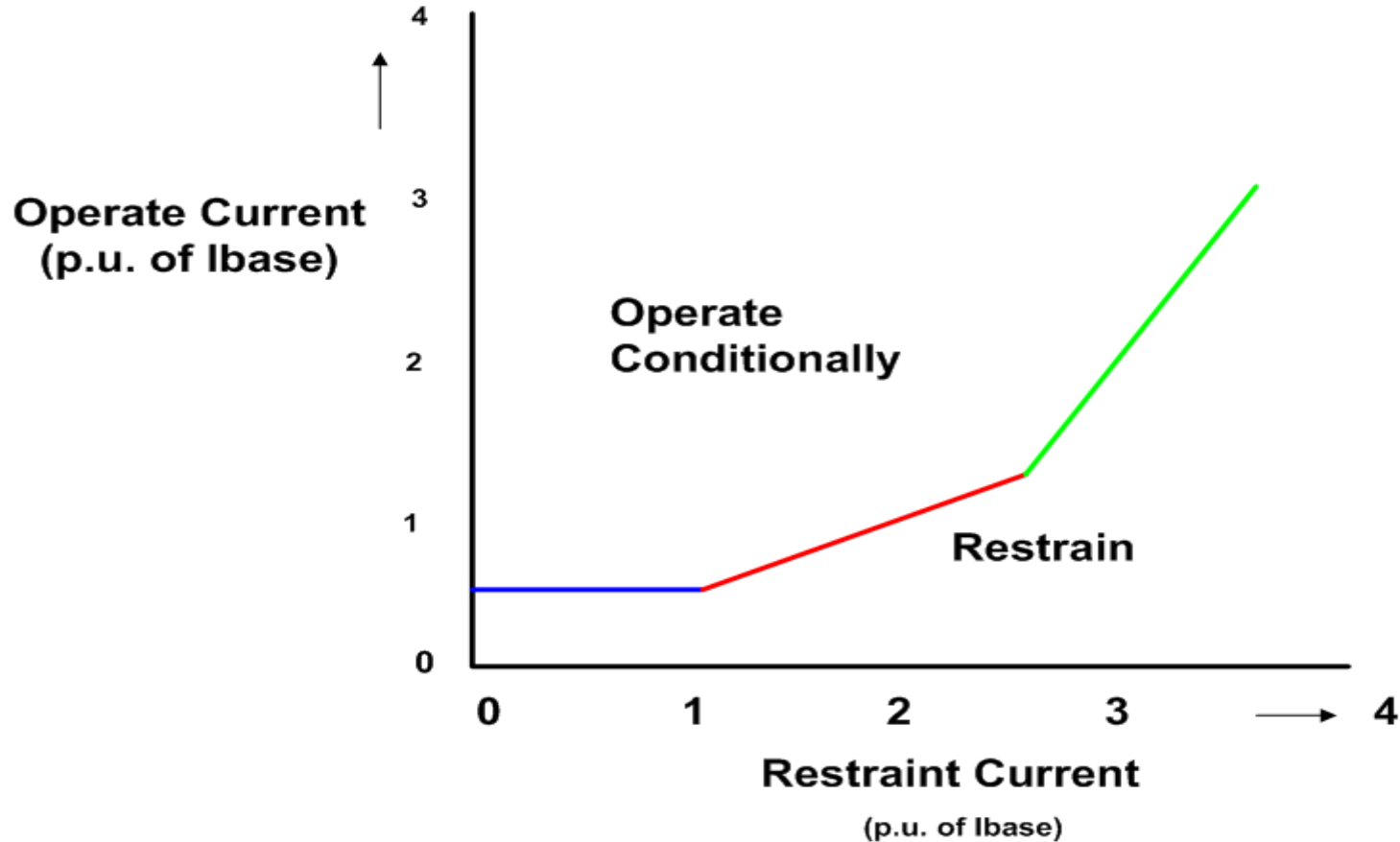


$$|I_L + I_R| \geq K(|I_L| + |I_R|)$$

or $|I_L + I_R| \geq K(|I_L - I_R|)$

or $|I_L + I_R| \geq K|I_{\max}|$

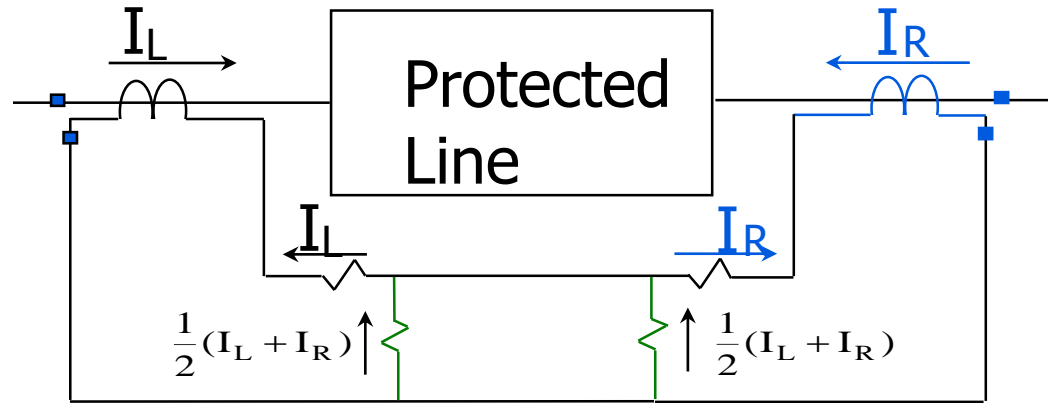
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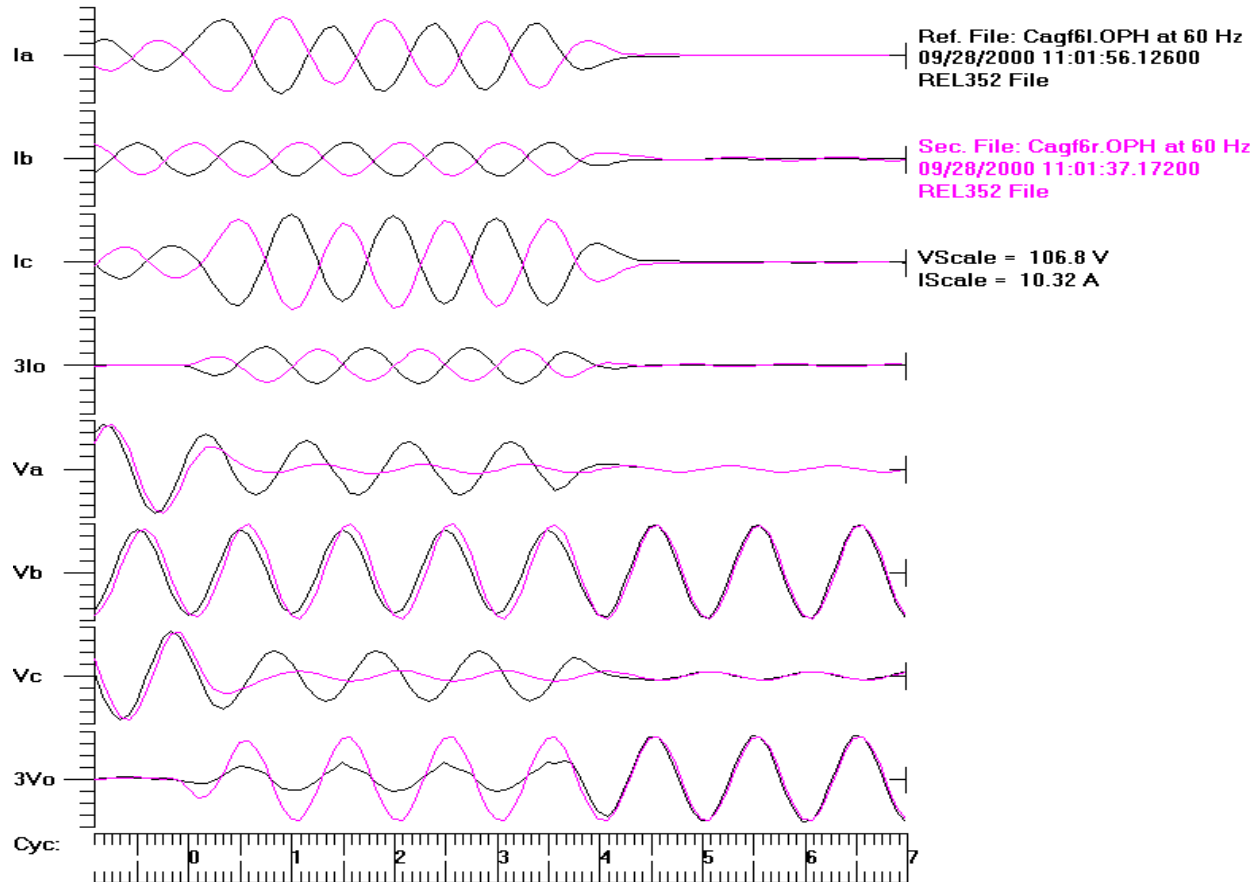
Line current differential relays

- Two terminals physically separated
- Two relays
- Communication between two terminals

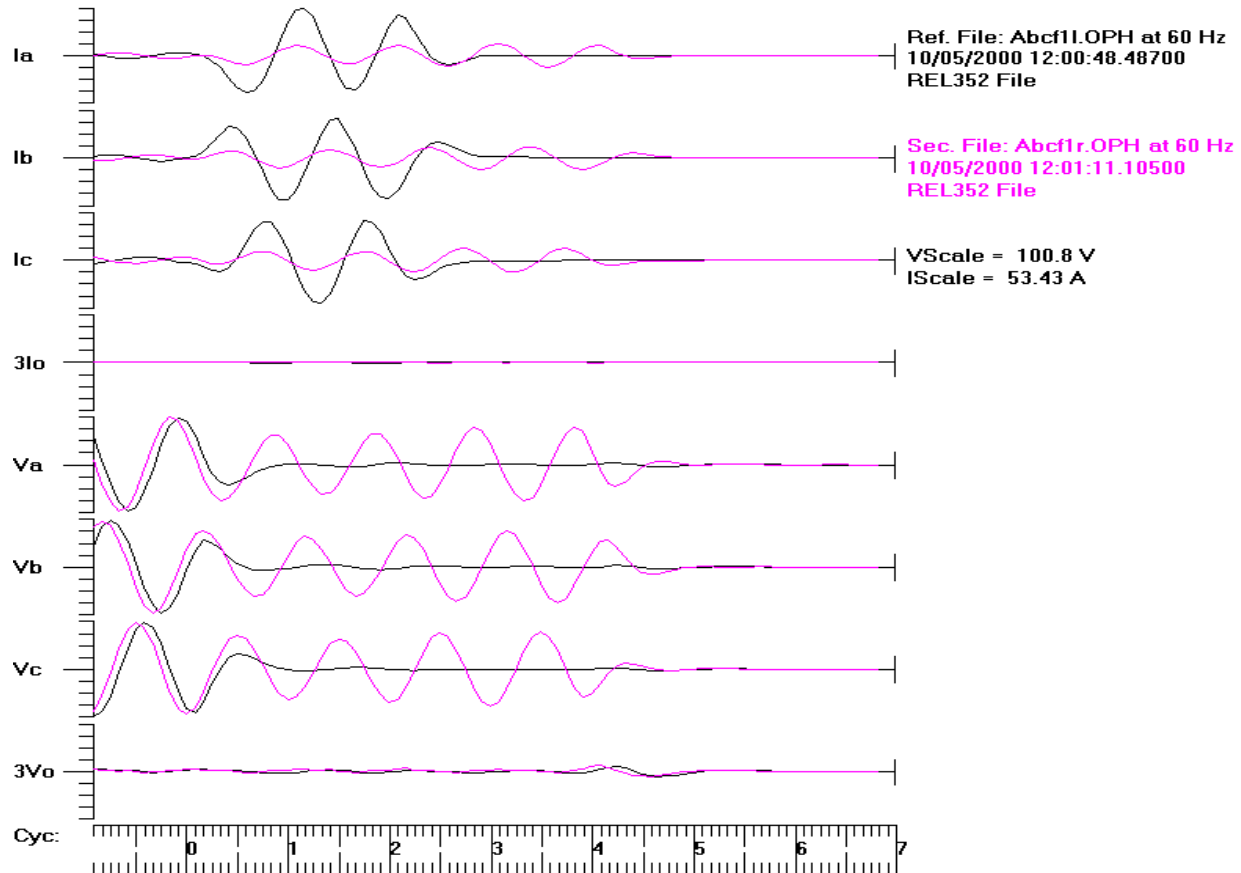
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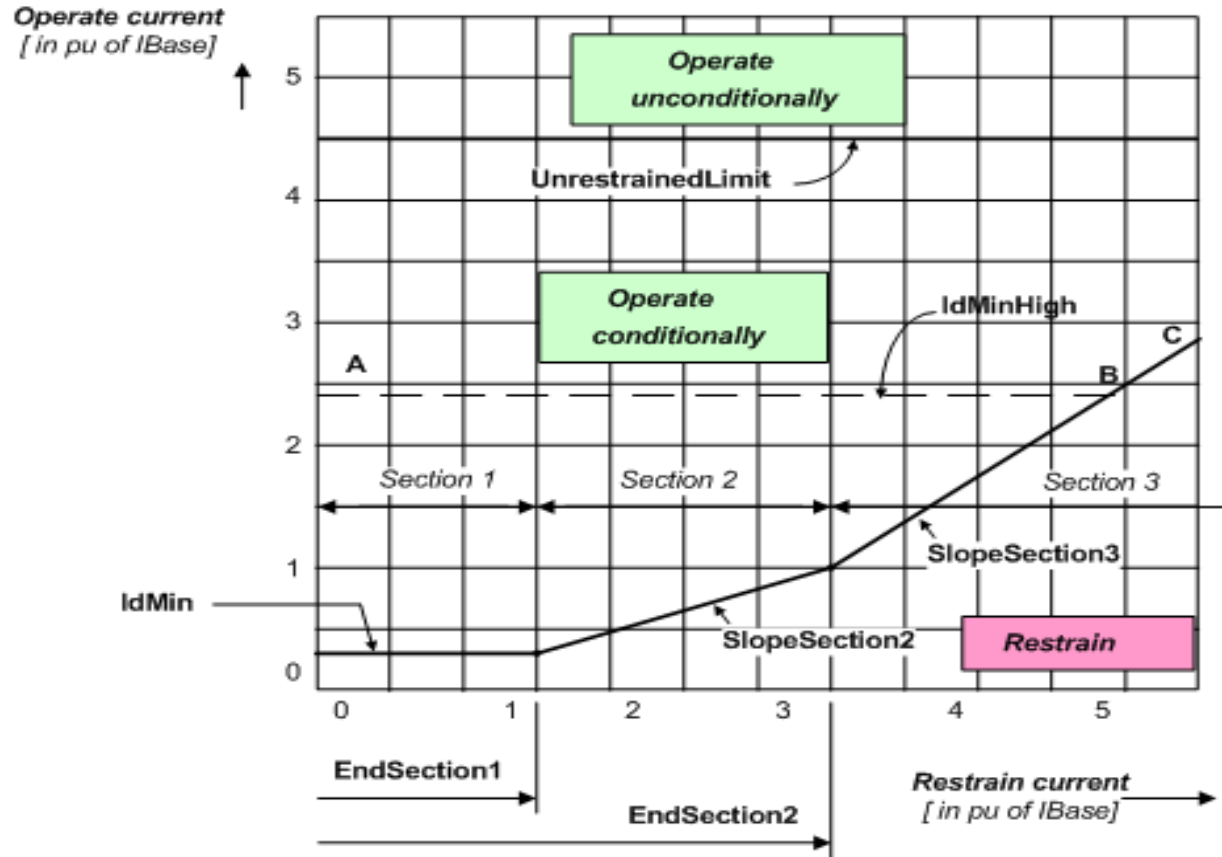
Normal conditions or external faults



Internal faults



Line differential protection Characteristic

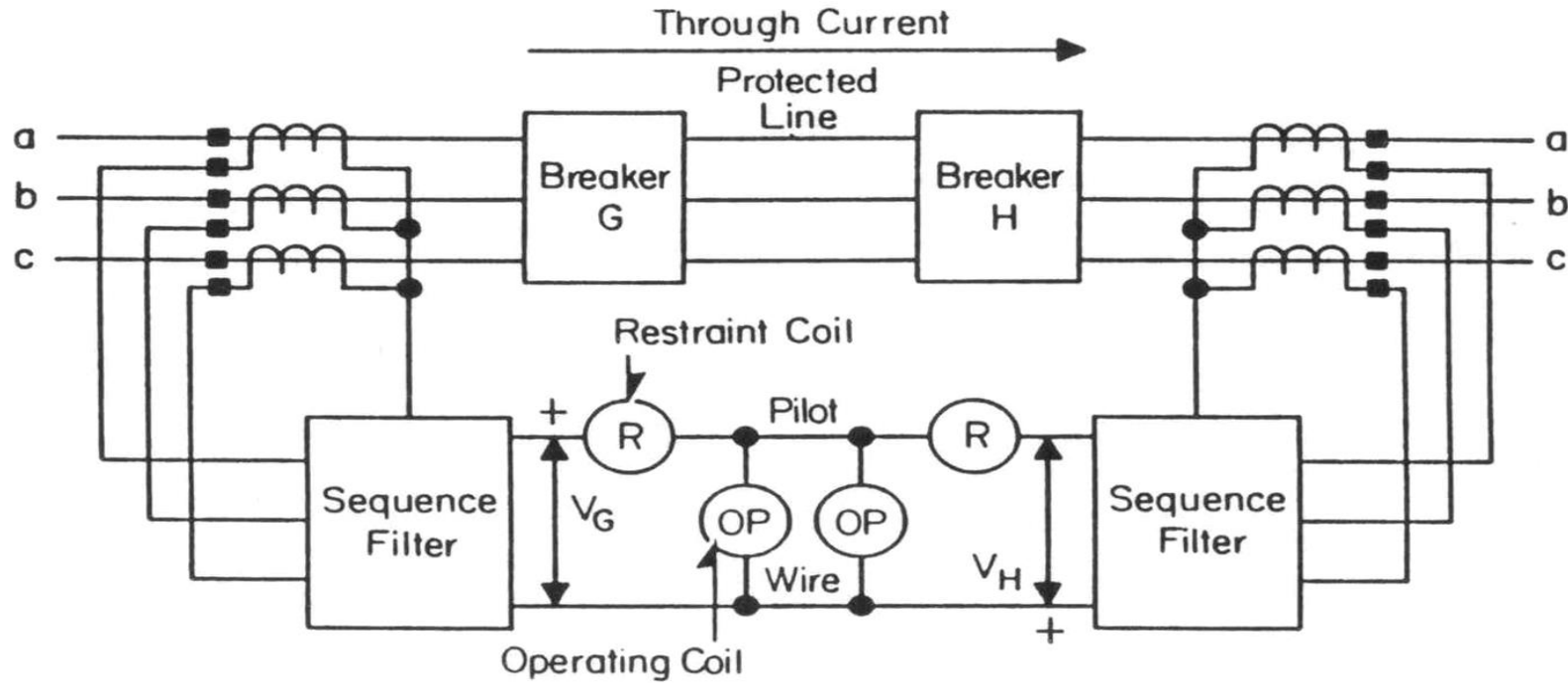


Line current differential relays

First generation

- Reduce communication requirements
- Sequence filter

HCB pilot wire relay



Pilot wire relays

Problems

- Rise in station ground potential
- Induction from power line circuits

Pilot wire relays

Solutions

- Twisted wire pair
- Gaps/arrestors, etc.
- Drainage reactors
- Neutralizing reactors
- Insulating transformers

Non-metallic communications Issues

- Propagation delay-time synchronization
- Signal corruption
- Communication network
 - Bits, bauds, bandwidth, switching, Mux
- Backup protection

Numerical relay

- First generation of numerical relays transmitted Fourier coefficients across channel
- Newest relays transmit sampled data across channel
 - Can do harmonic analysis
 - Calculate sequence components

Channel requirement

- Segregated phase differential protection typically calls for larger information exchange - digital communication
 - Ideal against cross country faults, series compensated lines, single pole tripping etc.

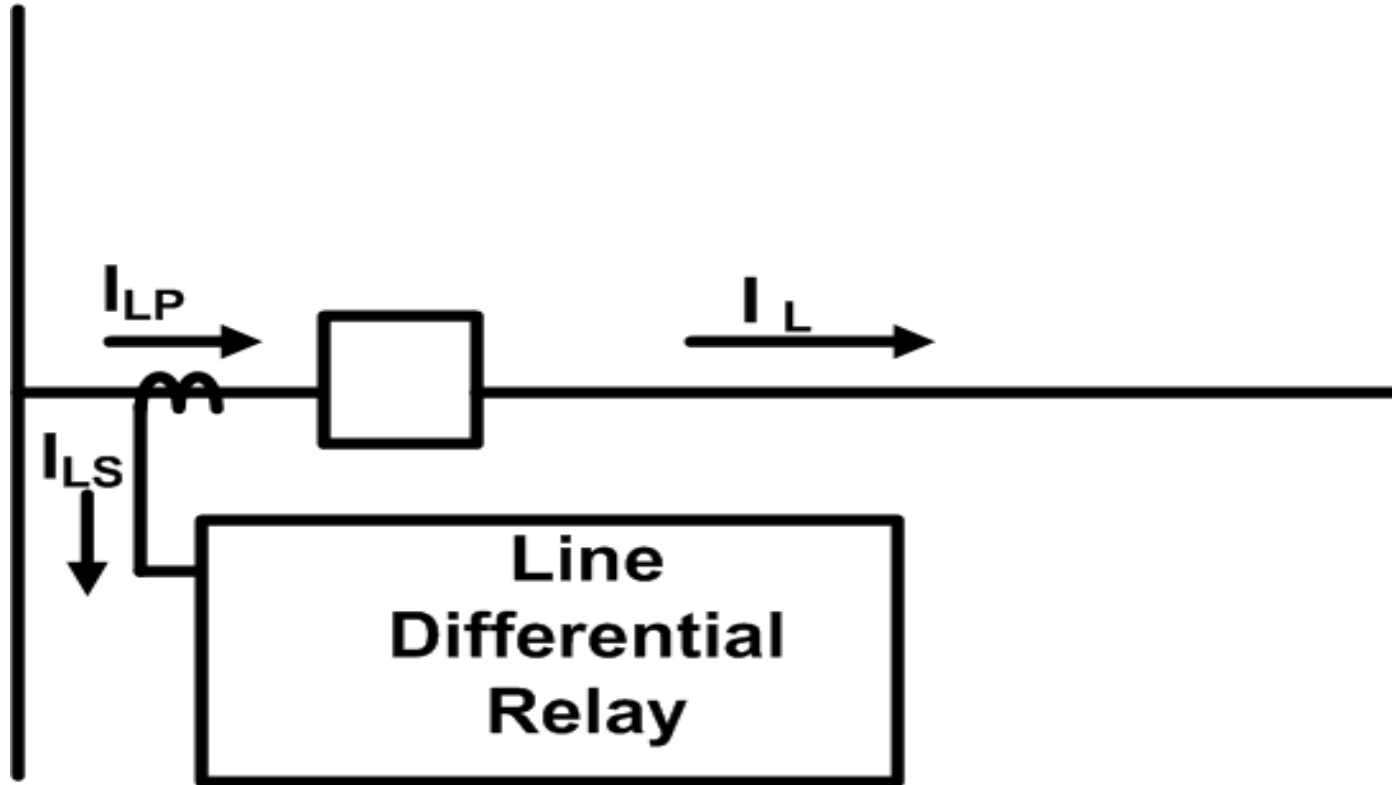
Channel options

- Direct Fiber
 - Short Range 1 – 3 Km
 - Medium Range 3 – 50 Km
 - Long Range 51 – 160 Km
- G.703
- Fiber to multiplexer
- Use C37.94 standard

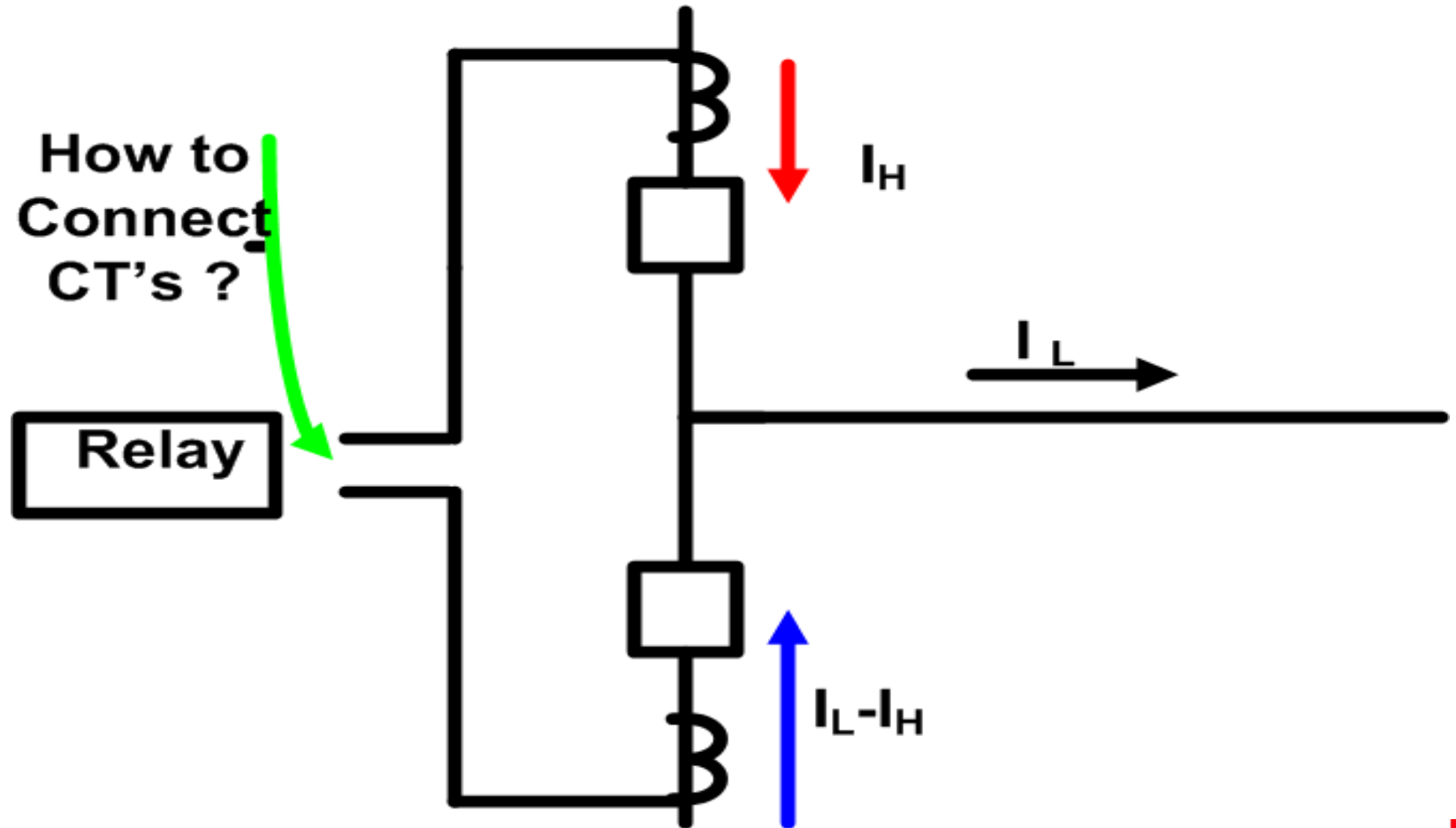
Line termination

- Single breaker
- Ring bus
- Breaker and one half
- Transformer

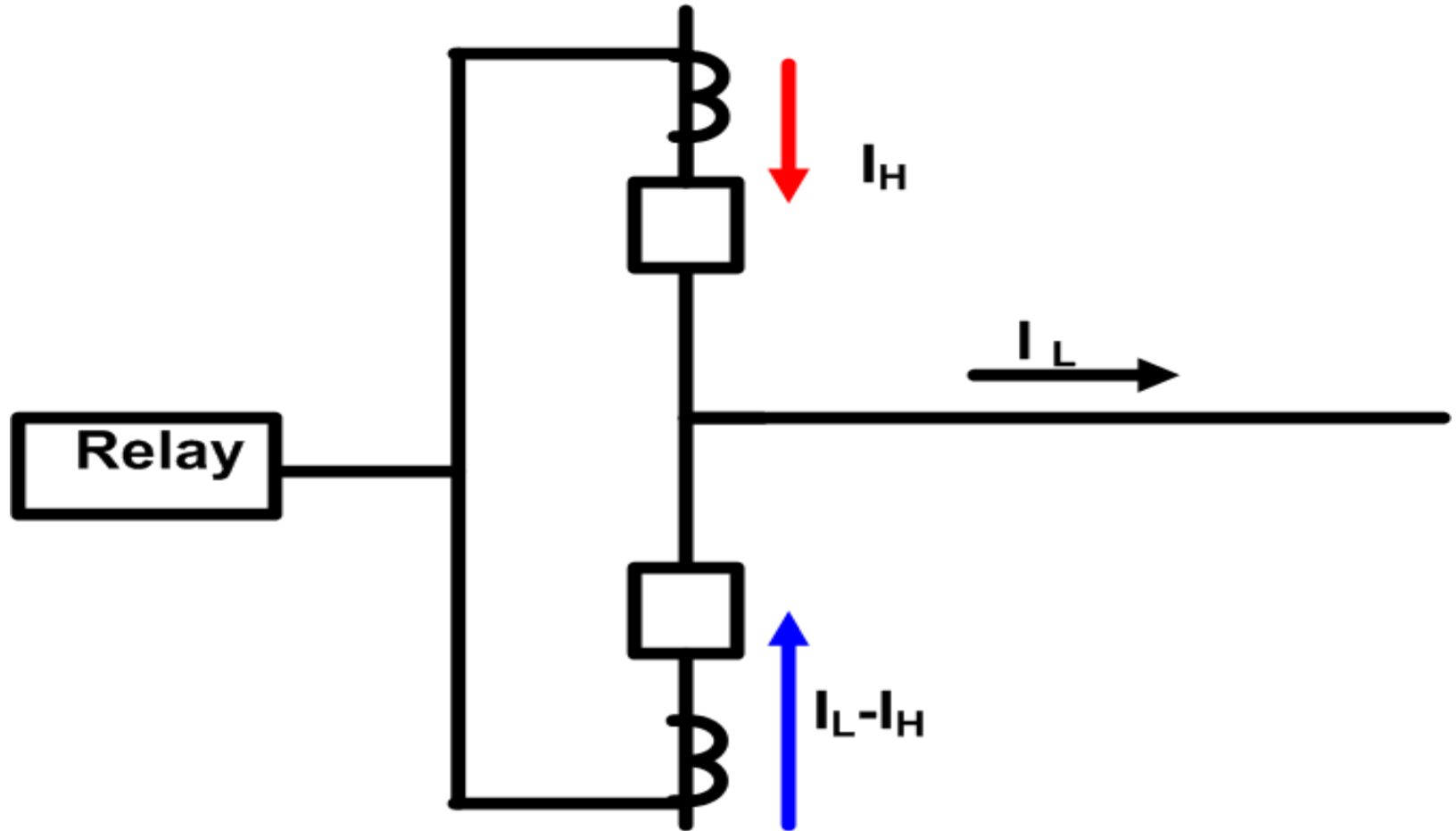
Single breaker



Ring bus or breaker and 1/2



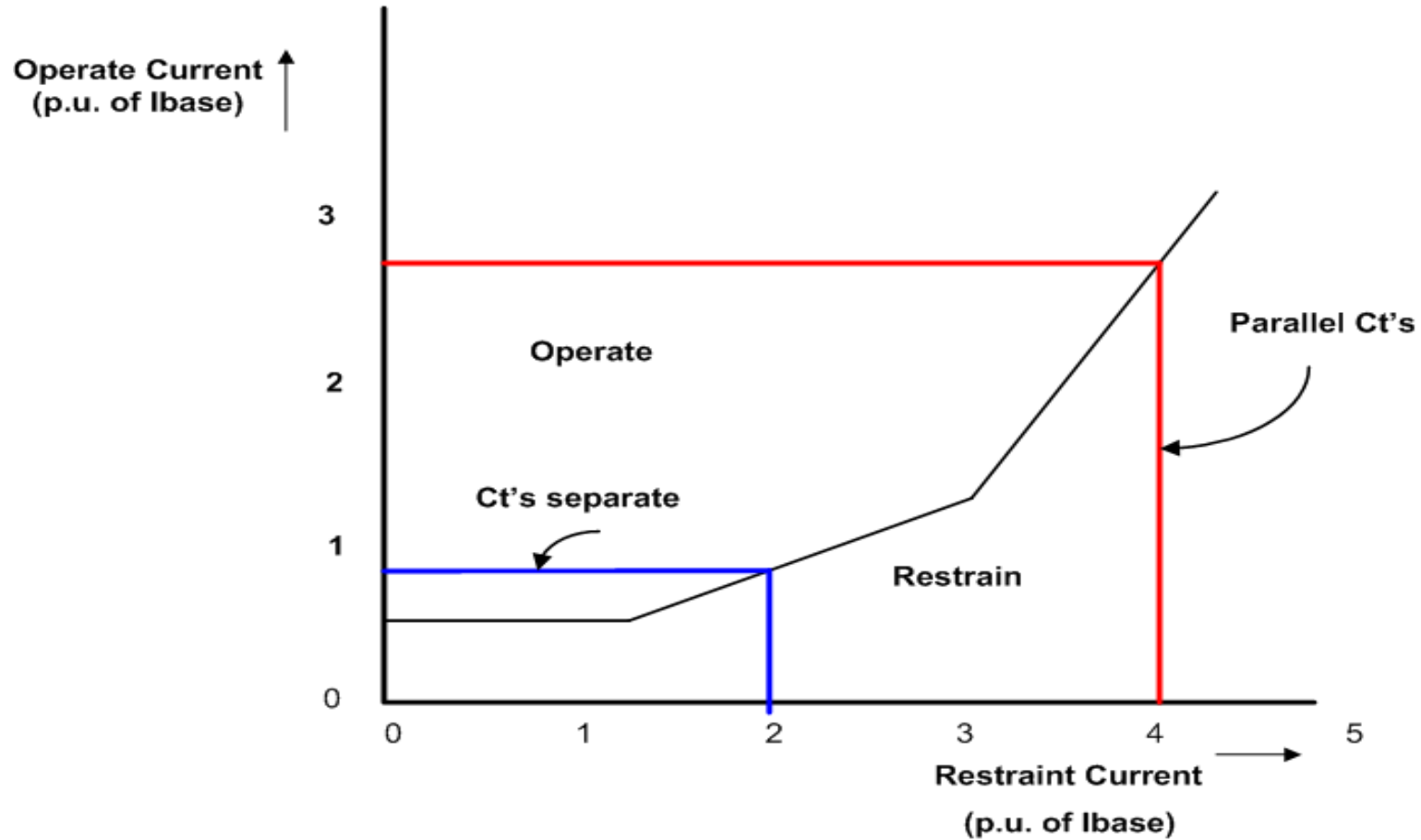
Classical current transformer connection



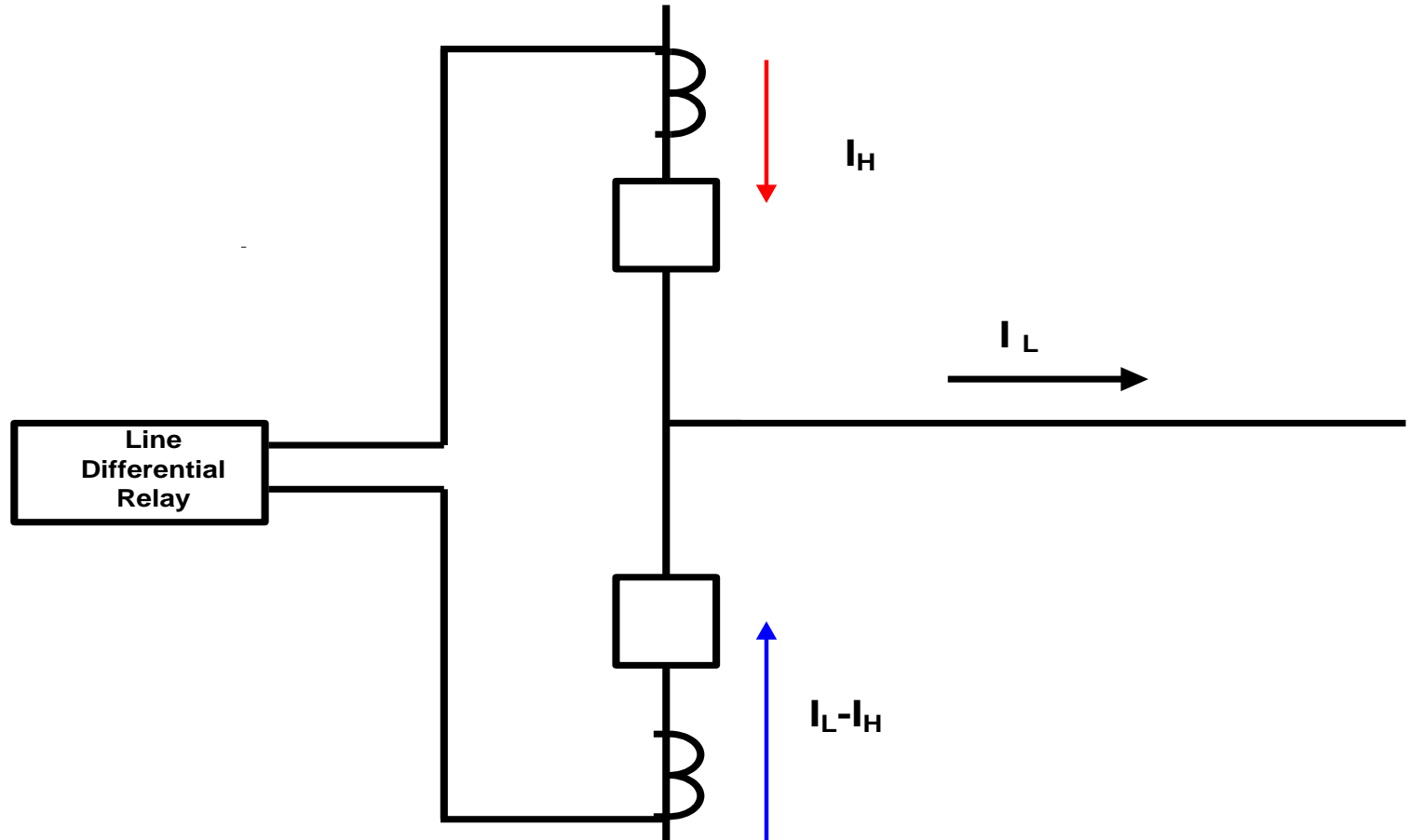
Classical connection Problems

- Individual current transformer information
 - Current transformer health
 - Open circuit
 - Shorted
 - Saturated
 - Metering information
- Larger restraint current requires operate current
 - Reduced sensitivity

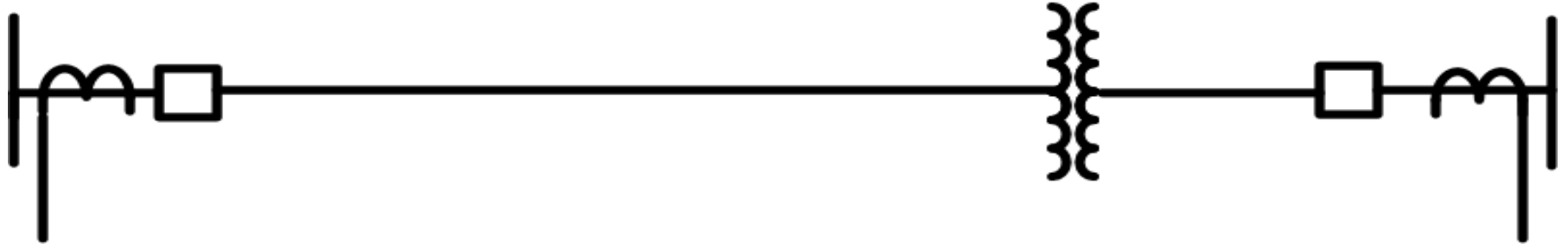
Differential characteristic



Preferred dual breaker connection



Transformer terminated line

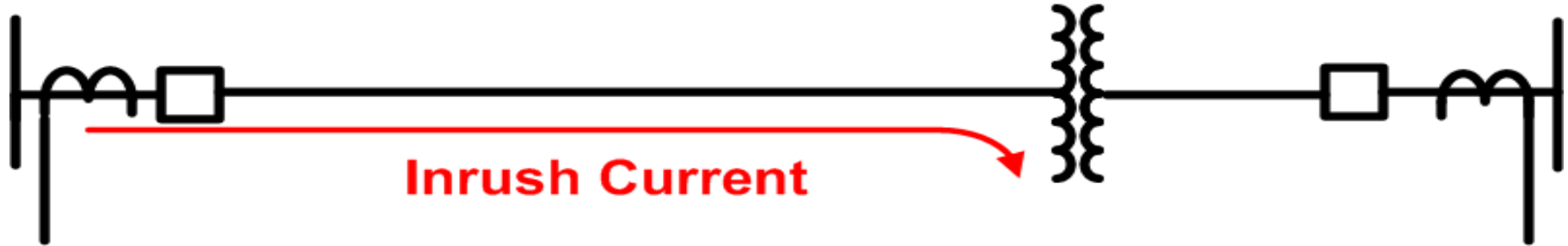


Transformer inrush

Current Phase shift across transformer

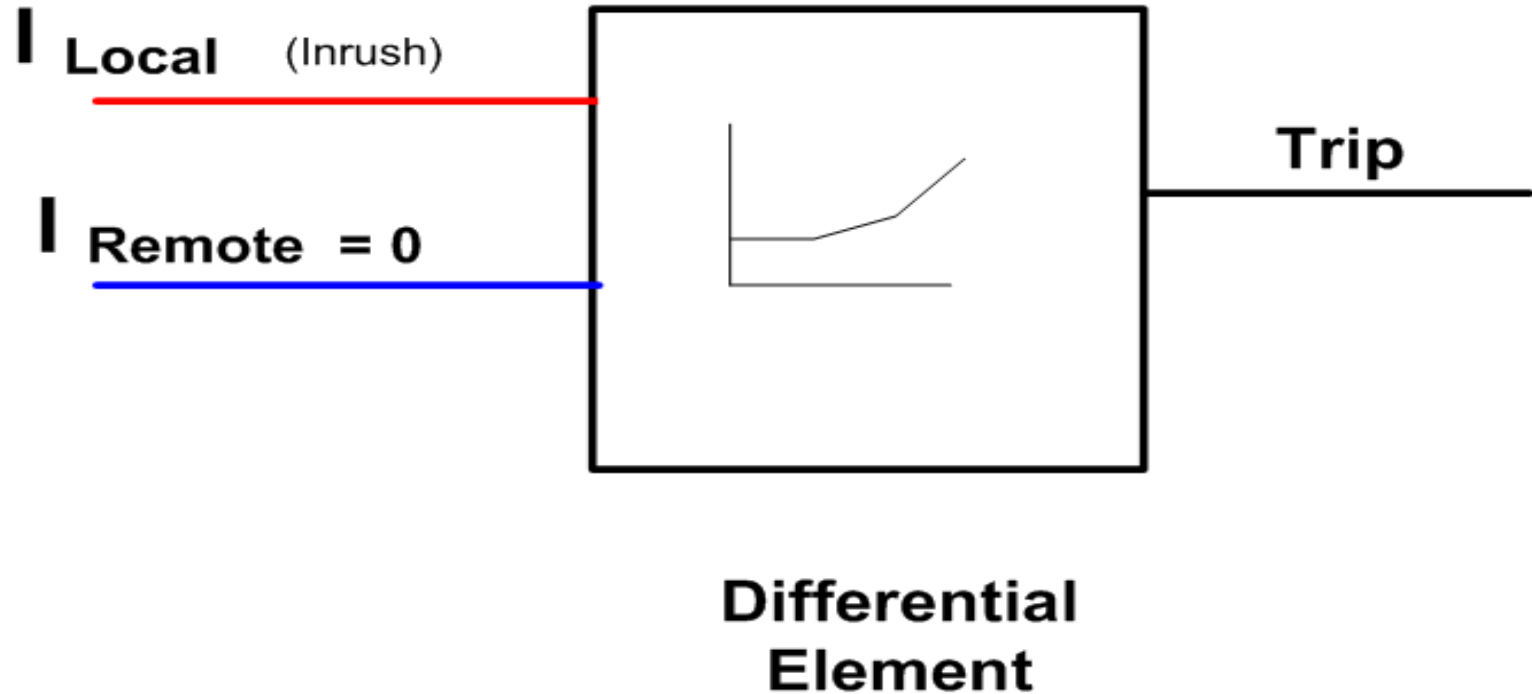
Transformer inrush current

Low side faults on delta wye grounded transformer



Take care of in settings by giving vector group of winding configuration

Classical differential operation



Inrush characteristic

- 2nd Harmonic
- Over 7% of Fundamental (60 HZ) Current

Delta wye transformer

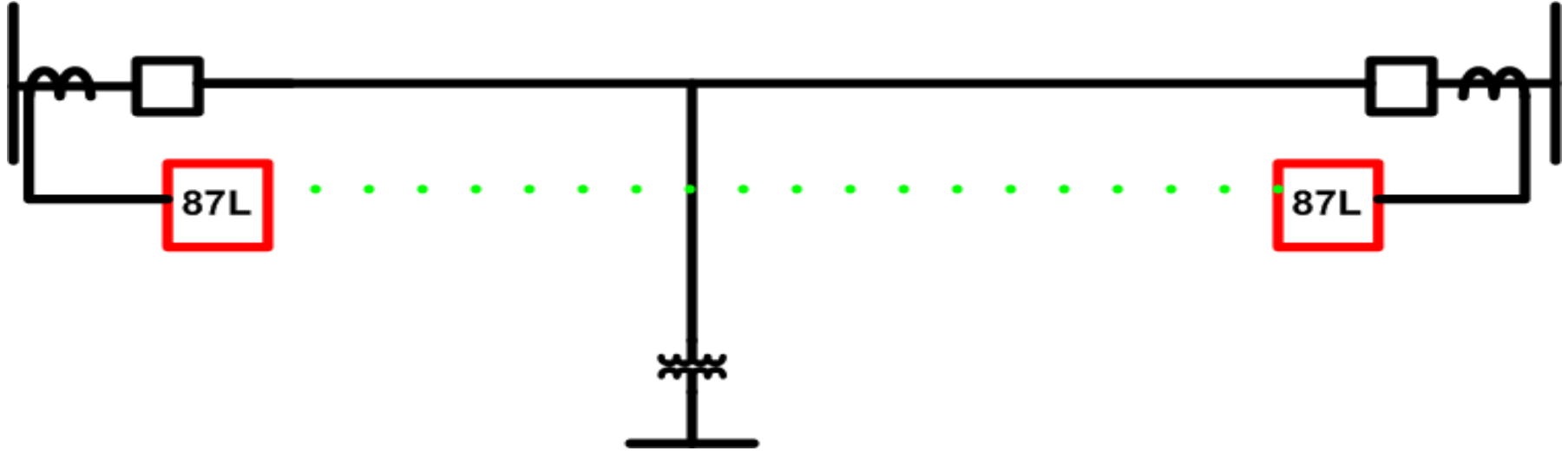
External ground fault



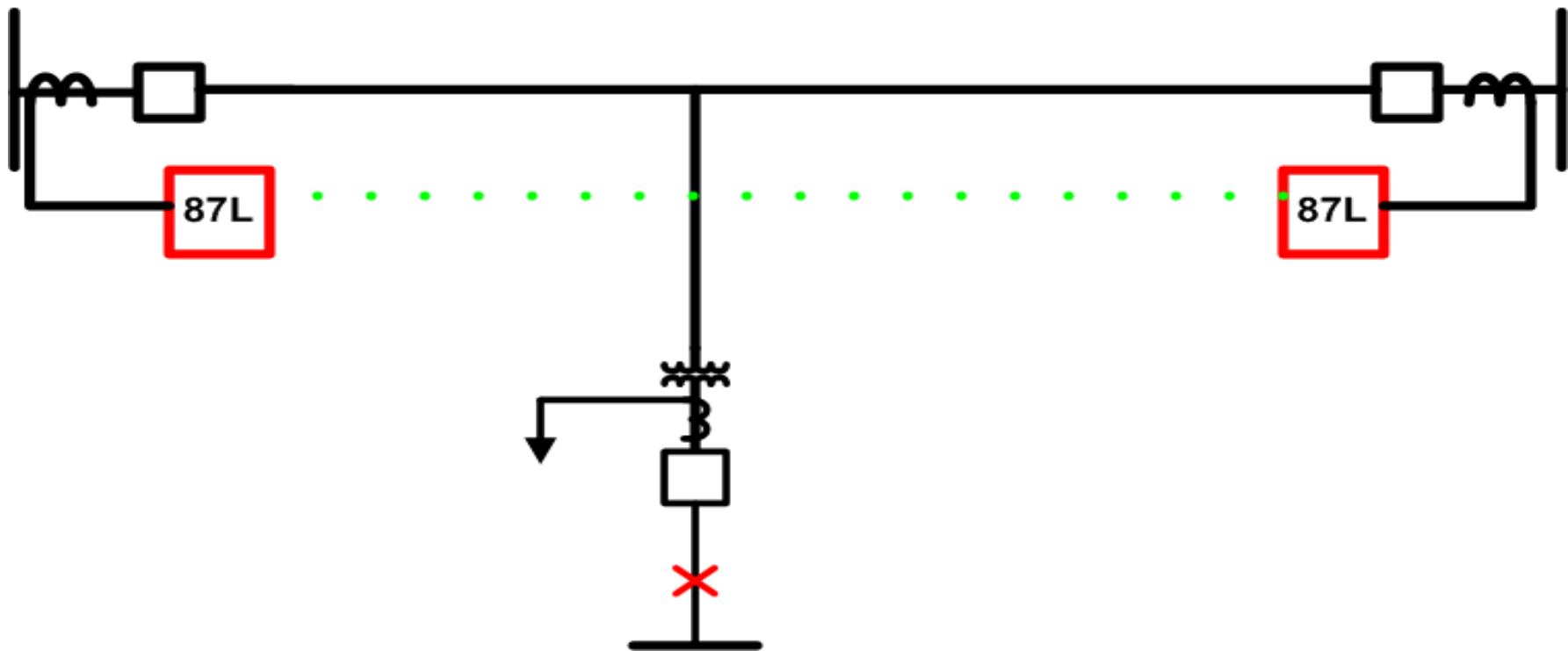
Transformer terminated line Concerns

- External ground faults causing zero sequence current to flow only on one side of transformer (delta – wye)
 - Eliminate zero sequence current
 - Previously done by using auxiliary CT in zero sequence trap
 - Do numerically in relay

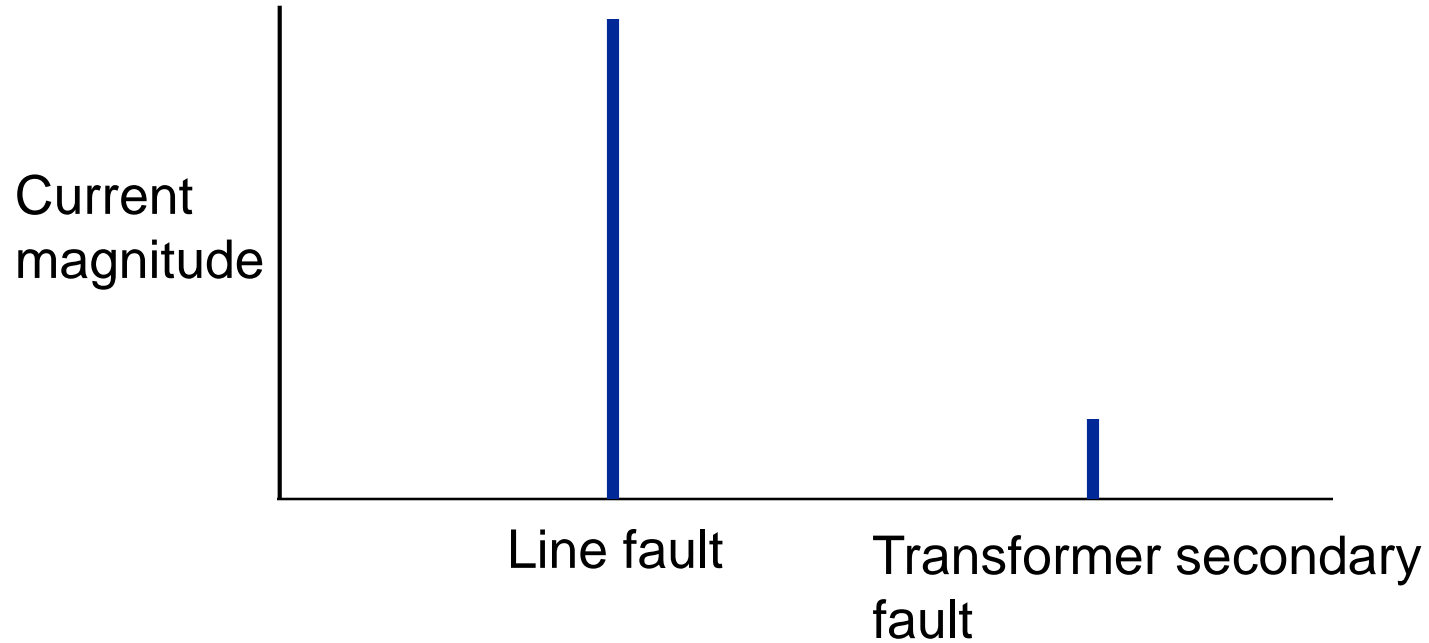
Tapped line



Secondary fault



Relative fault currents

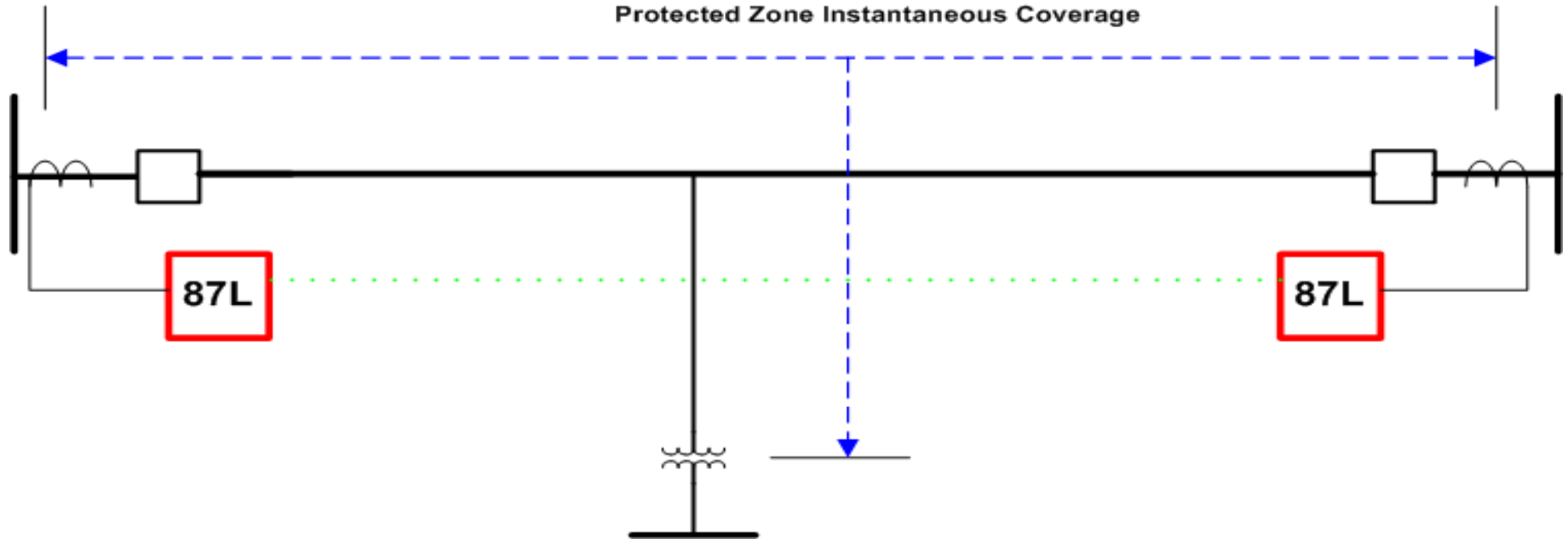


Small power transformer

Tapped line

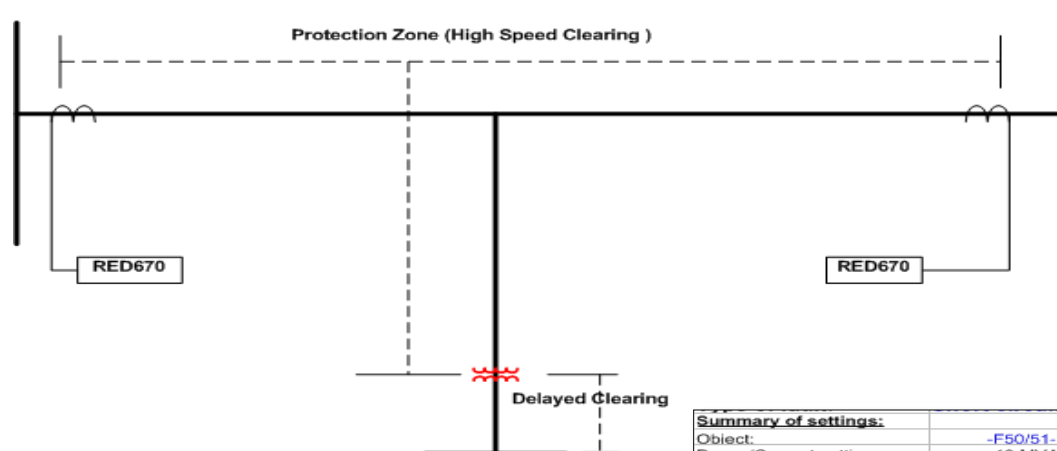
- Time delay differential function for small differential current below a set limit
- Coordinate with downstream relays at tap
- Differential currents above limit with allow instantaneous operation

Tapped line

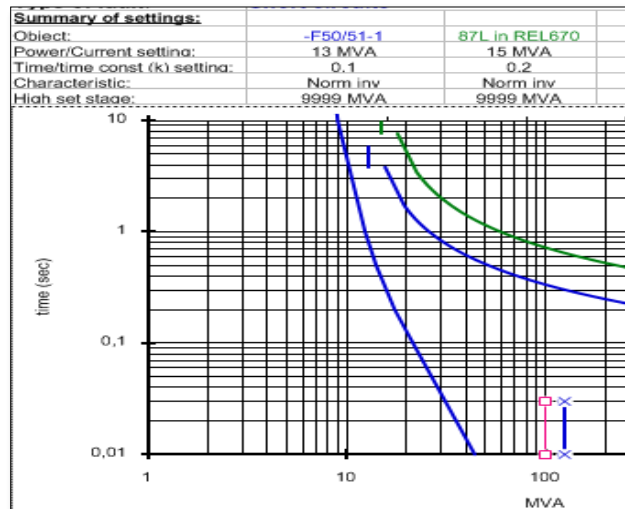


Differential protection

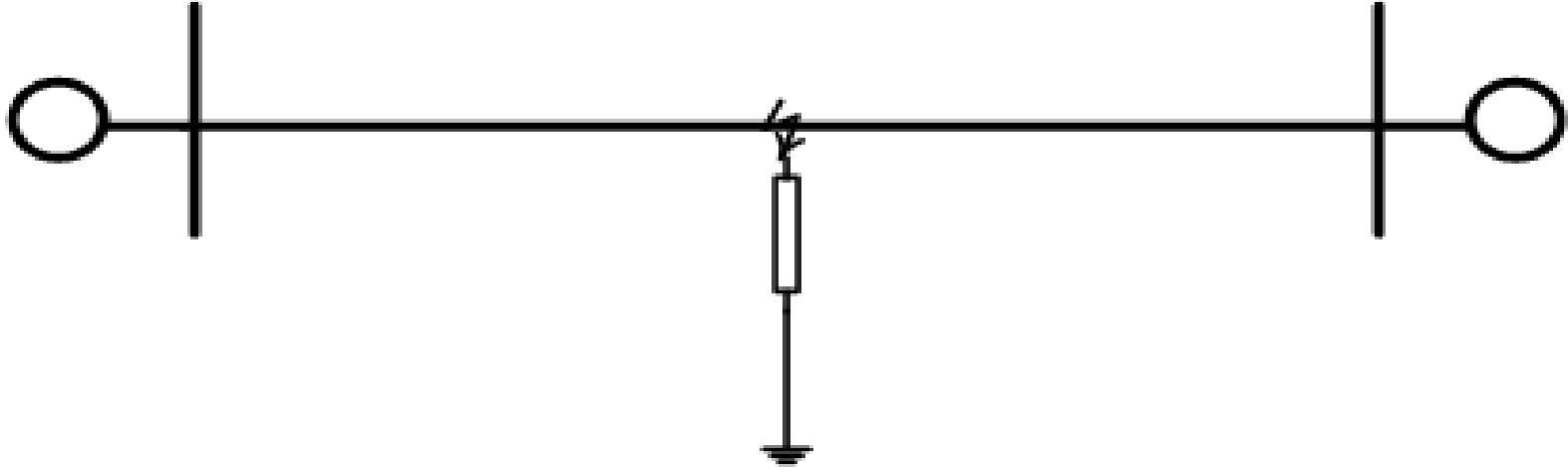
Tap to small transformer



Group / Parameter Name	IED Value	PC Value	Unit	Min	Max
LineTrfDiff3Terminal(PDIF,87L)					
LT3D					
Operation		On			
IdMin		0.25	IB	0.20	2.00
AddDelay		On			
IMaxAddDelay		1.50	IB	0.20	5.00
tMinInv		0.300	s	0.001	6.000
CurveType		IEC Norm. inv.			
k		0.20		0.05	1.10

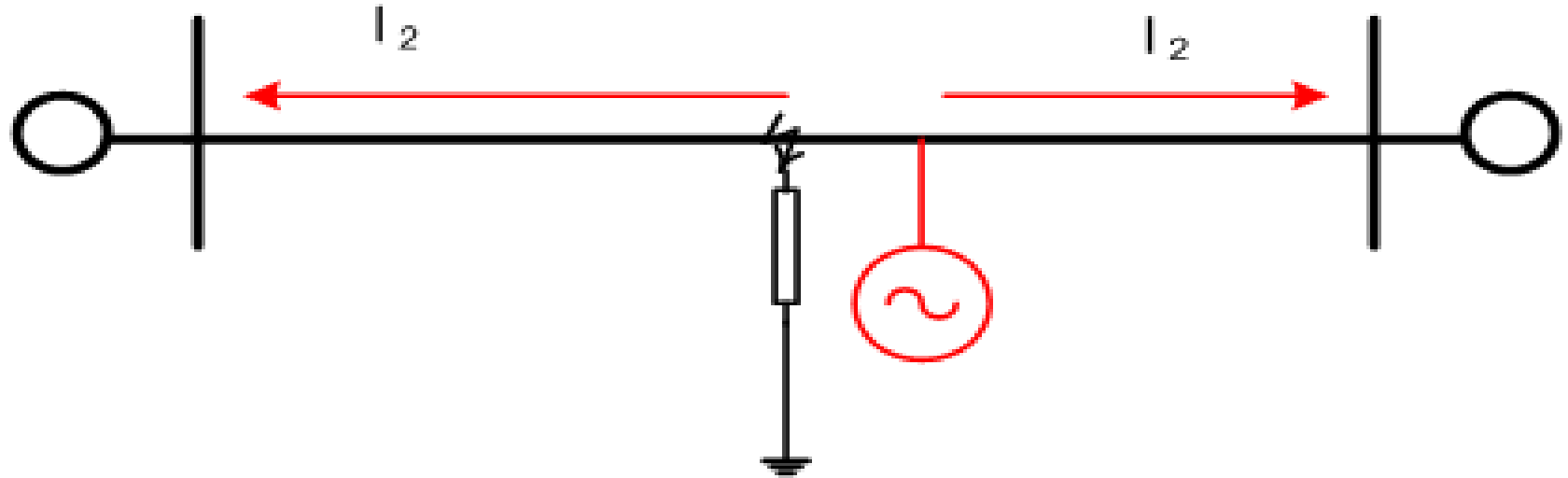


High impedance fault



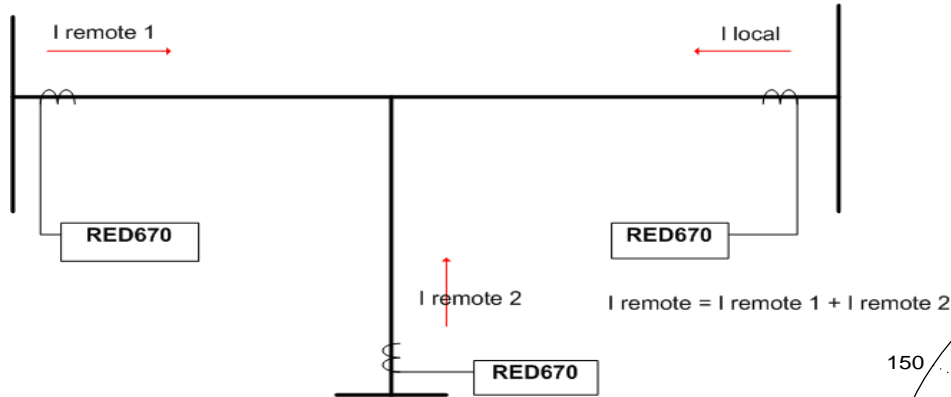
High Resistance Fault

Negative sequence Fault discriminator

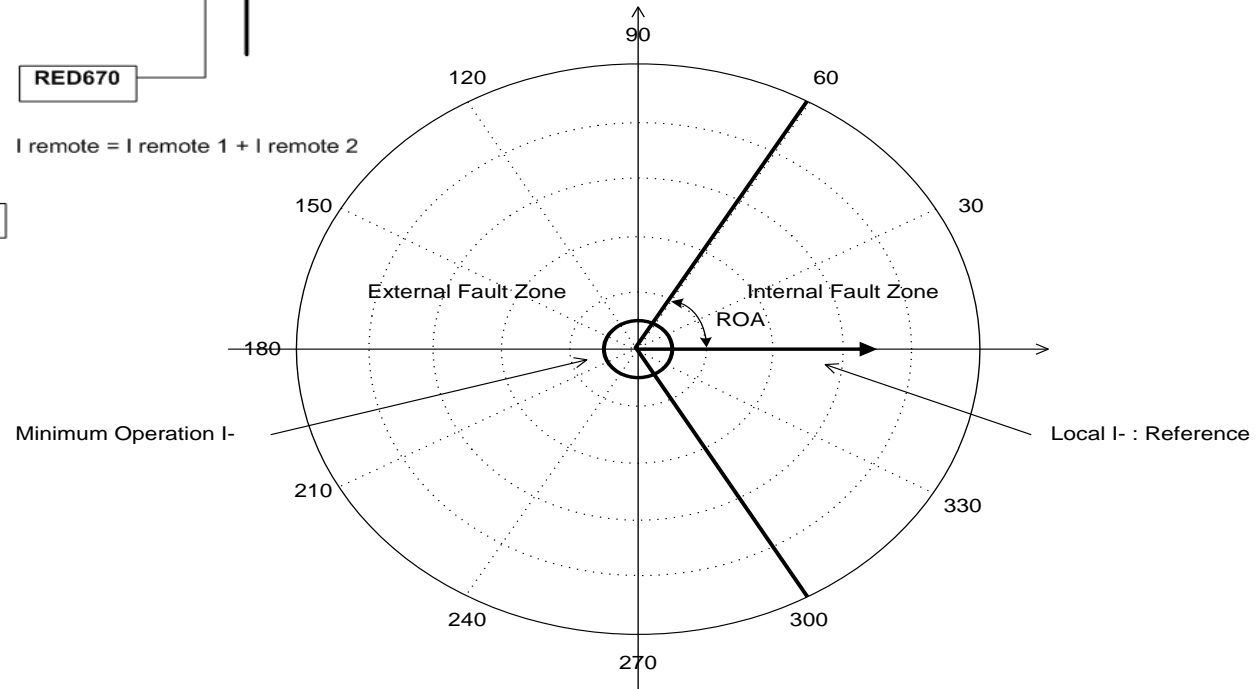


Negative Sequence From Fault

Negative sequence Current fault discriminator

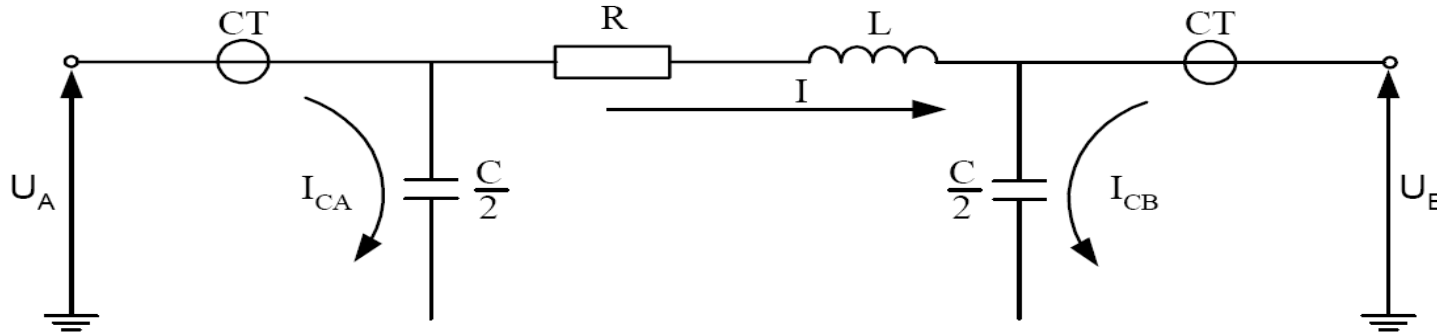


- If the two currents flow in the same direction, the fault is internal.
- If the two currents flow in opposite directions, the fault is external.



Capacitive current Compensation

Equivalent “PI” Network of Line

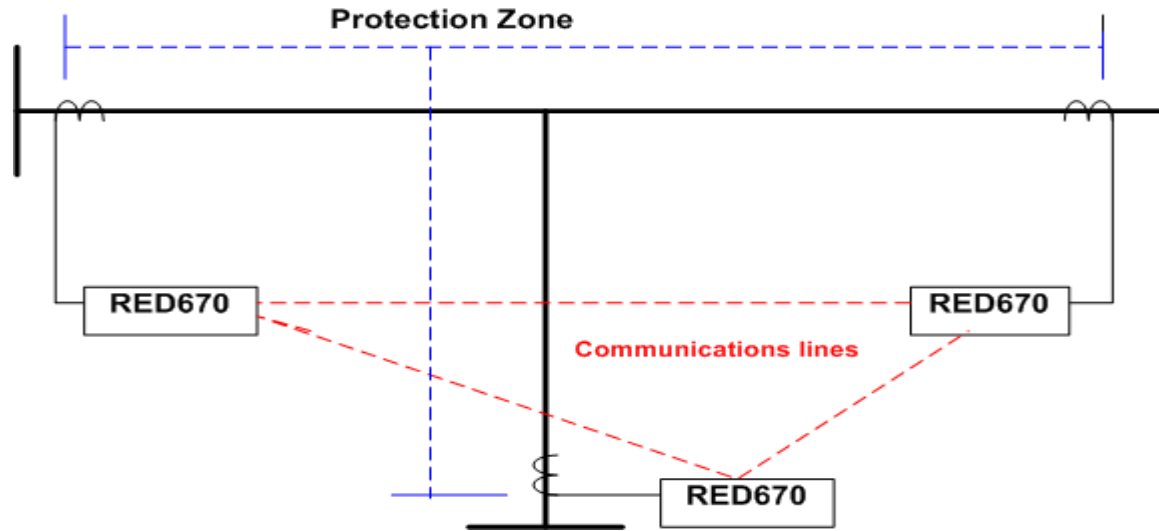


Make pick-up of differential above the capacitive current
Make a compensation in algorithm $I_c = V/X_c$

Charging current Compensation

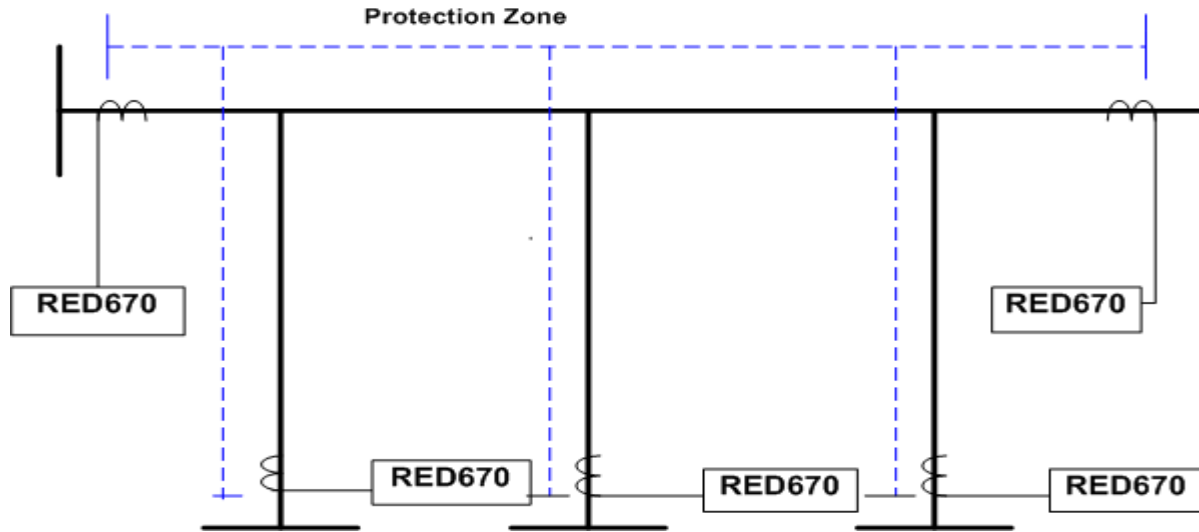
- Measure fundamental frequency differential current under normal steady state conditions
- Normal means no start signals, neither internal or external fault,
- Subtract it making resulting differential current zero
- No need to raise minimum operate current

Three terminal line Application



Current from all terminals

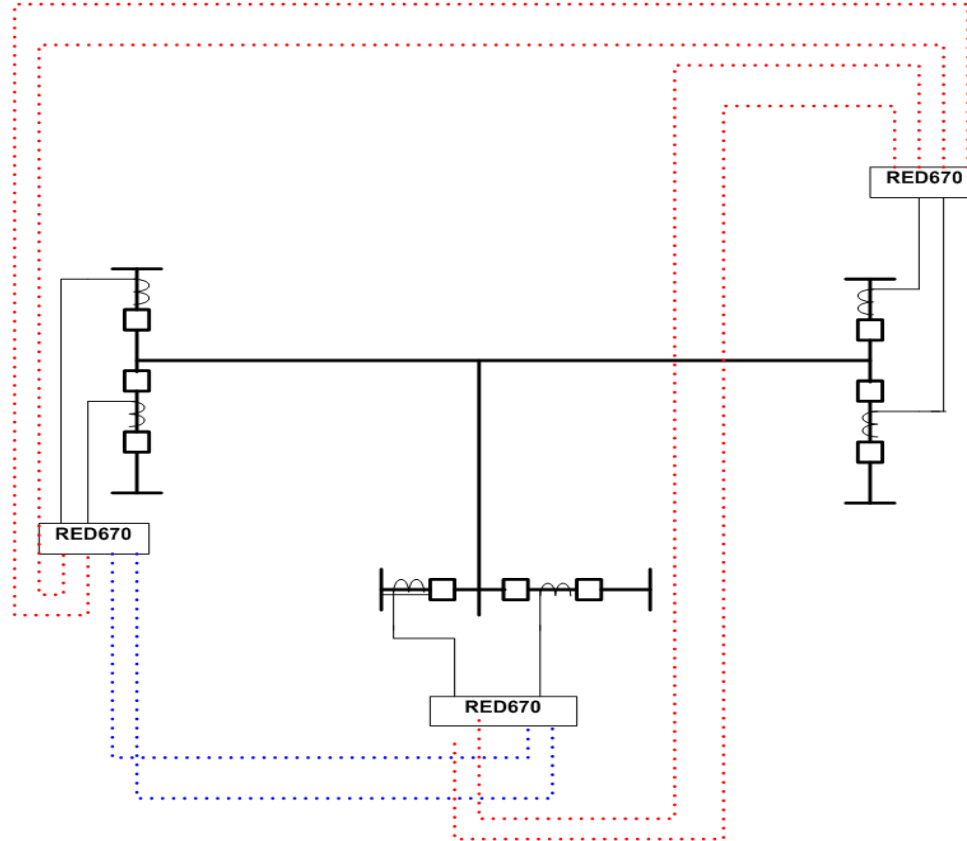
Five terminal line Application



Fault current can be fed from all line ends

Four communications modules

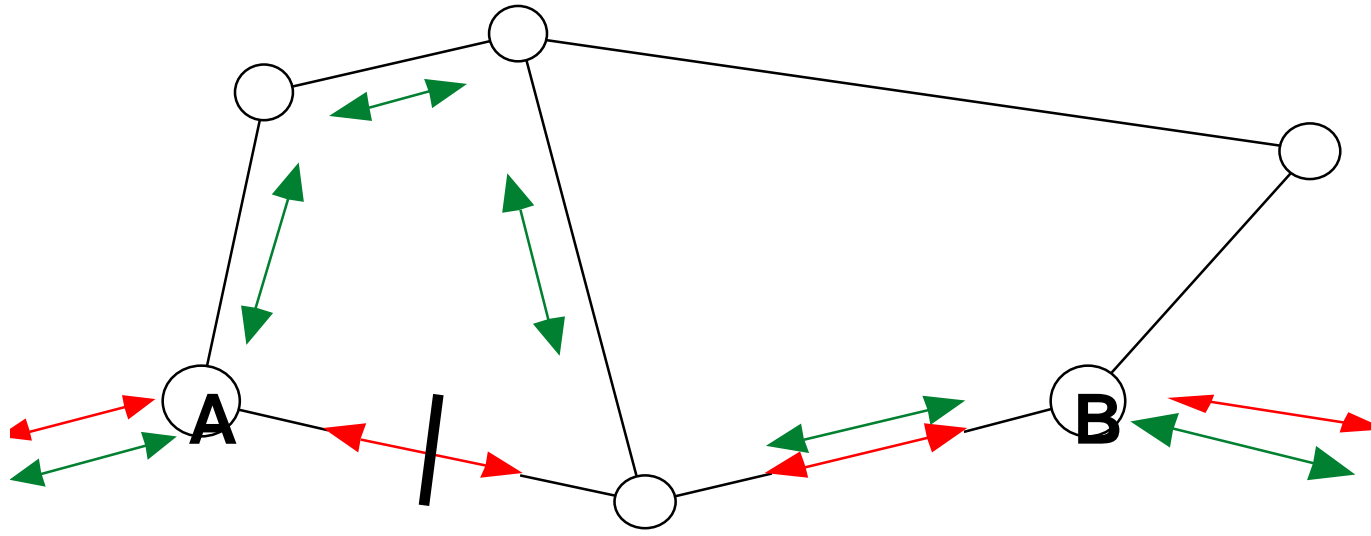
Practical use



Route switched networks

With delay symmetry

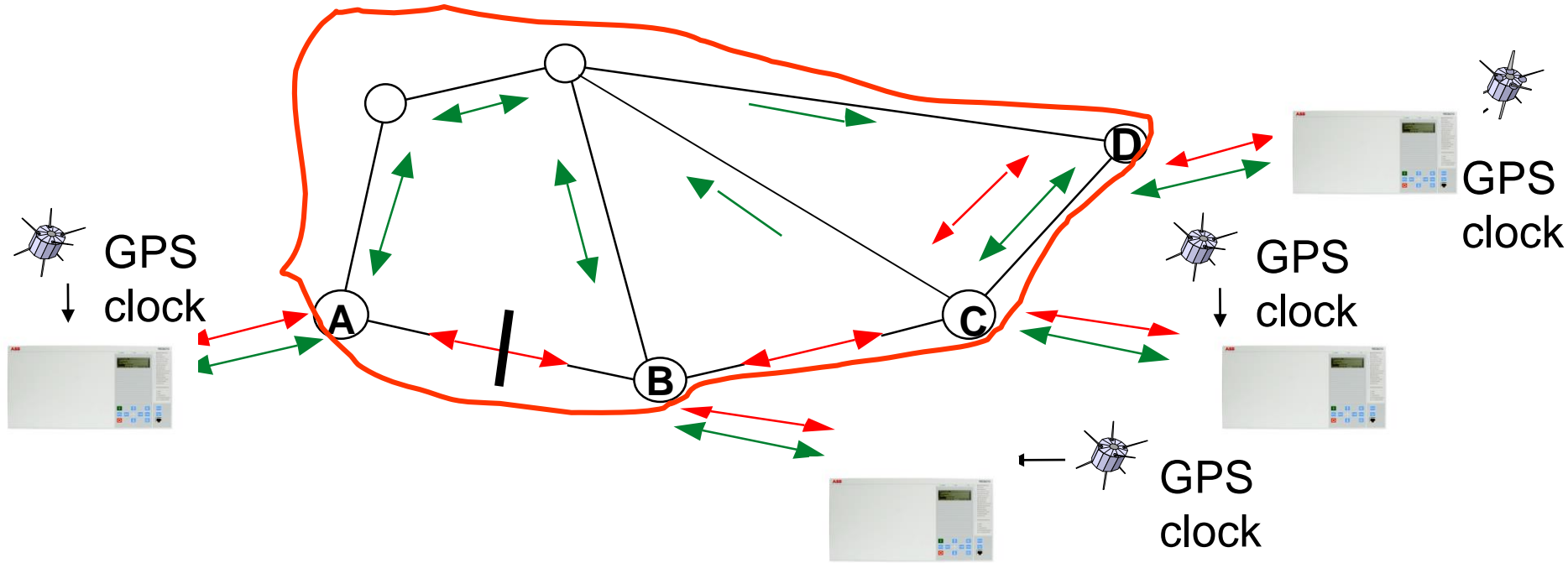
The echo method allows for route switching with equal delay times for send and receive



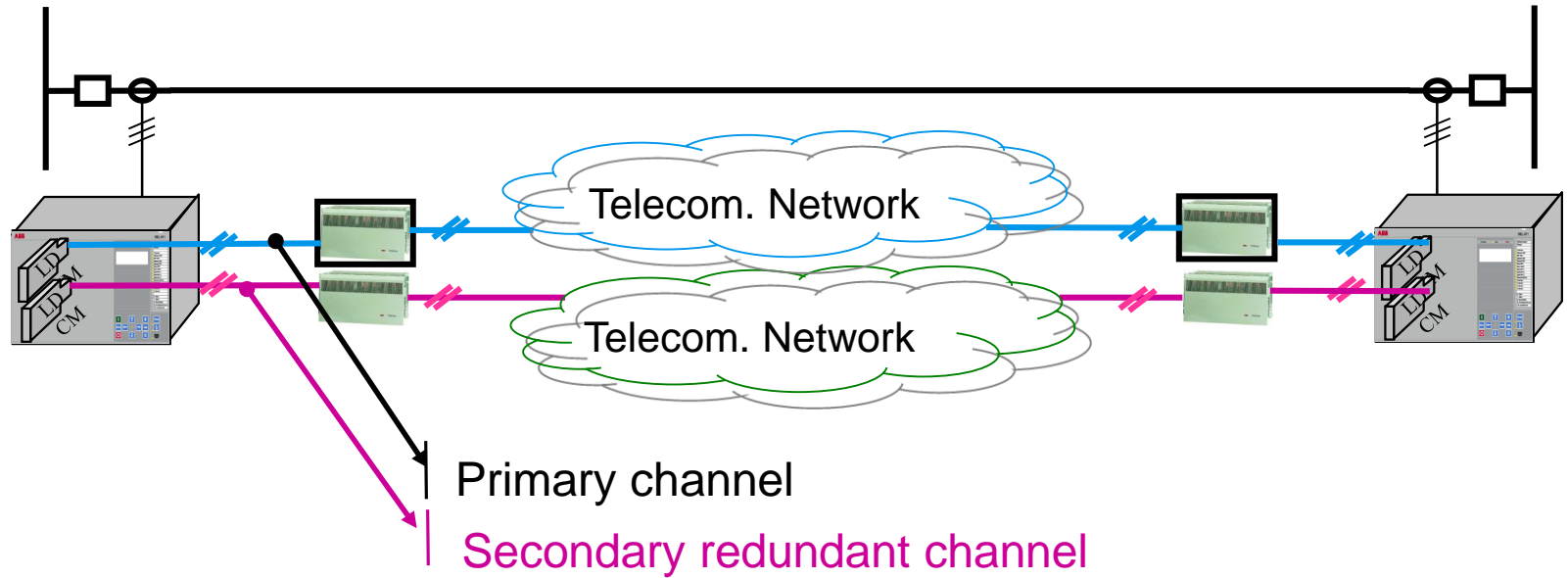
Route switched network

Without delay symmetry

GPS time synchronization

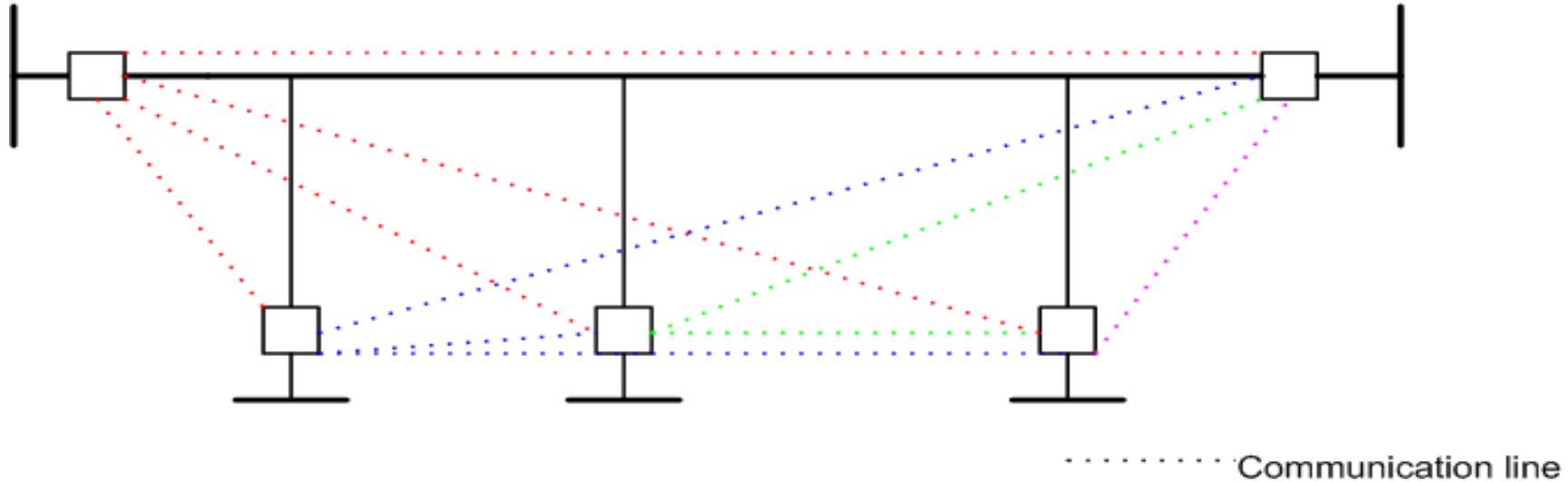


Redundant communication channels



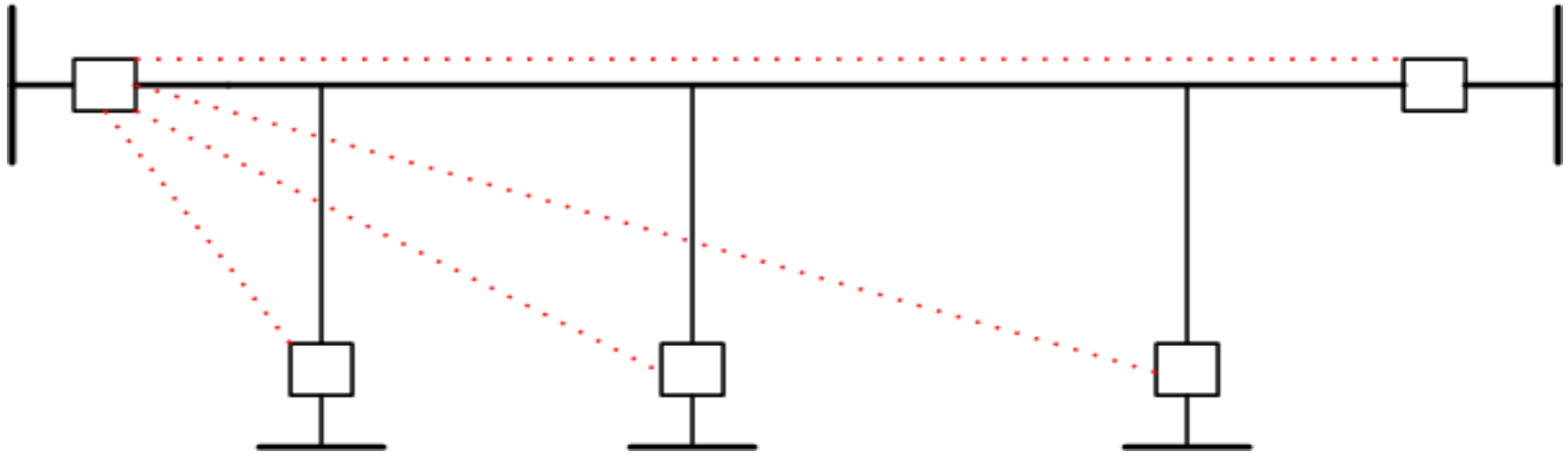
5-Terminal line

Master-master system



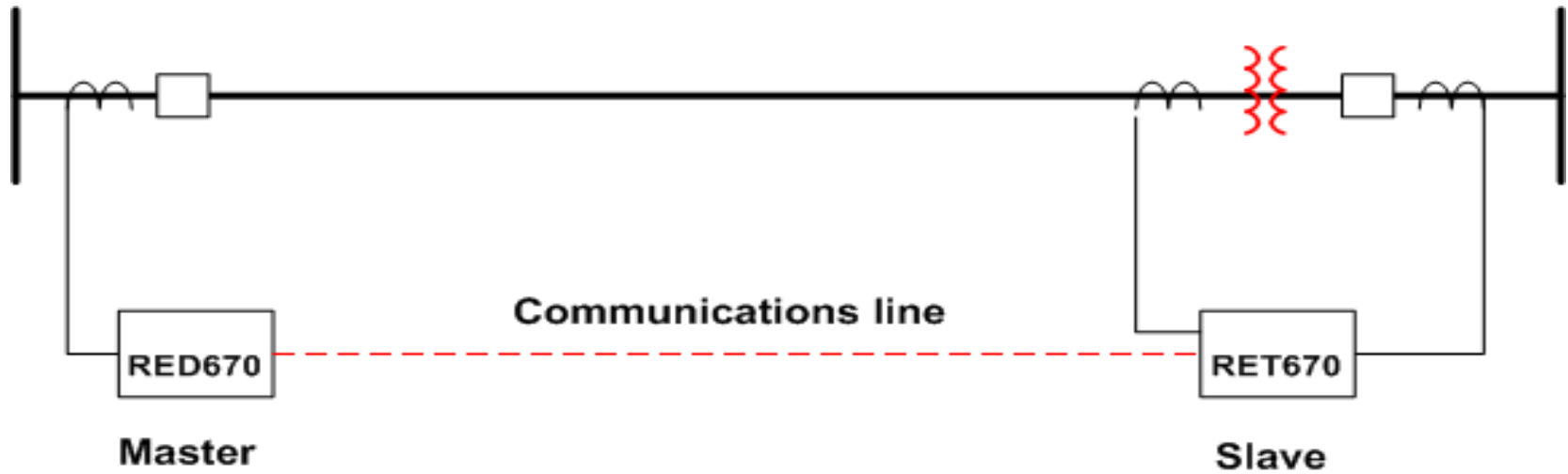
5-Terminal line

Master-slave system

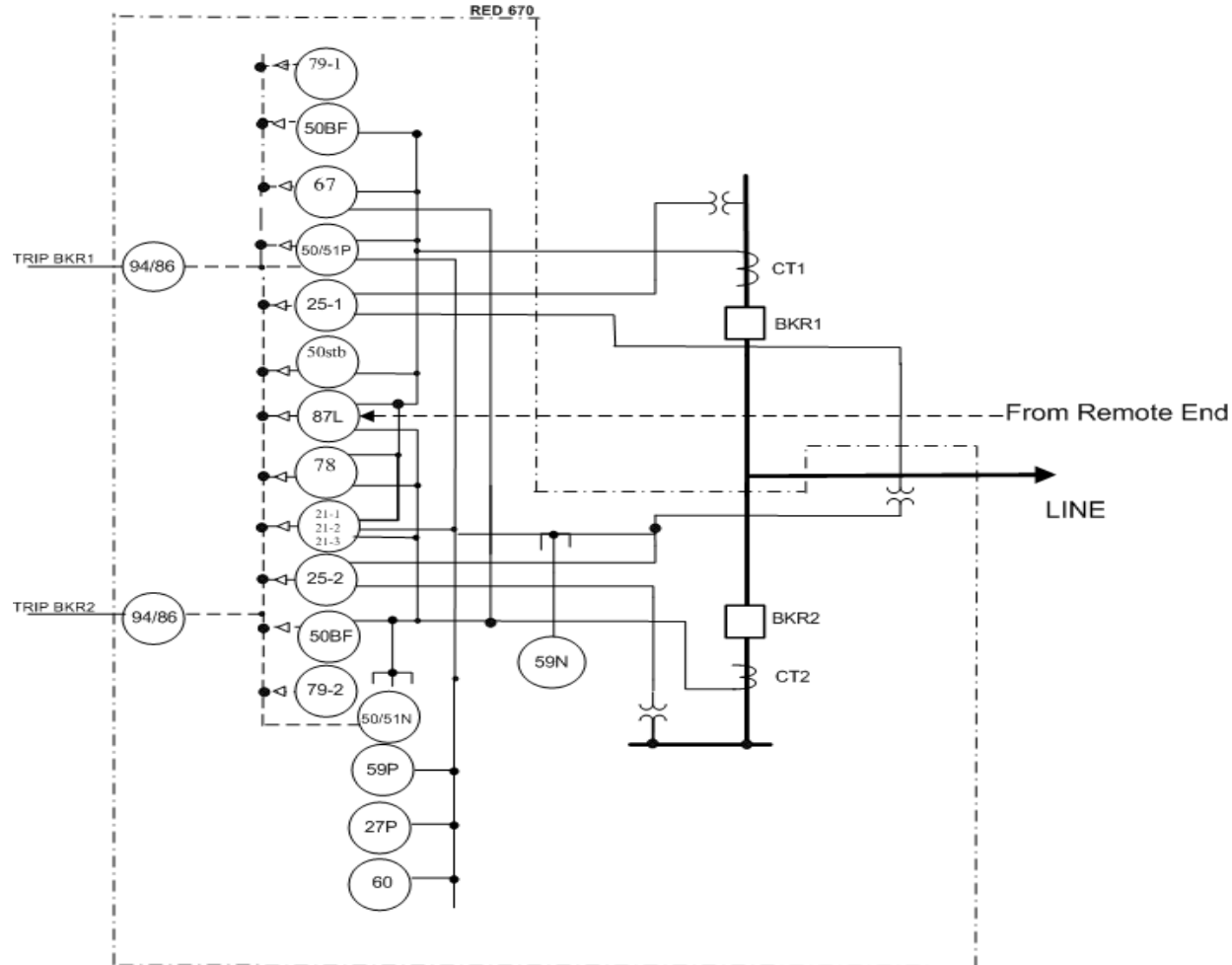


Master-slave

Application example



Multifunction line current differential relay



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