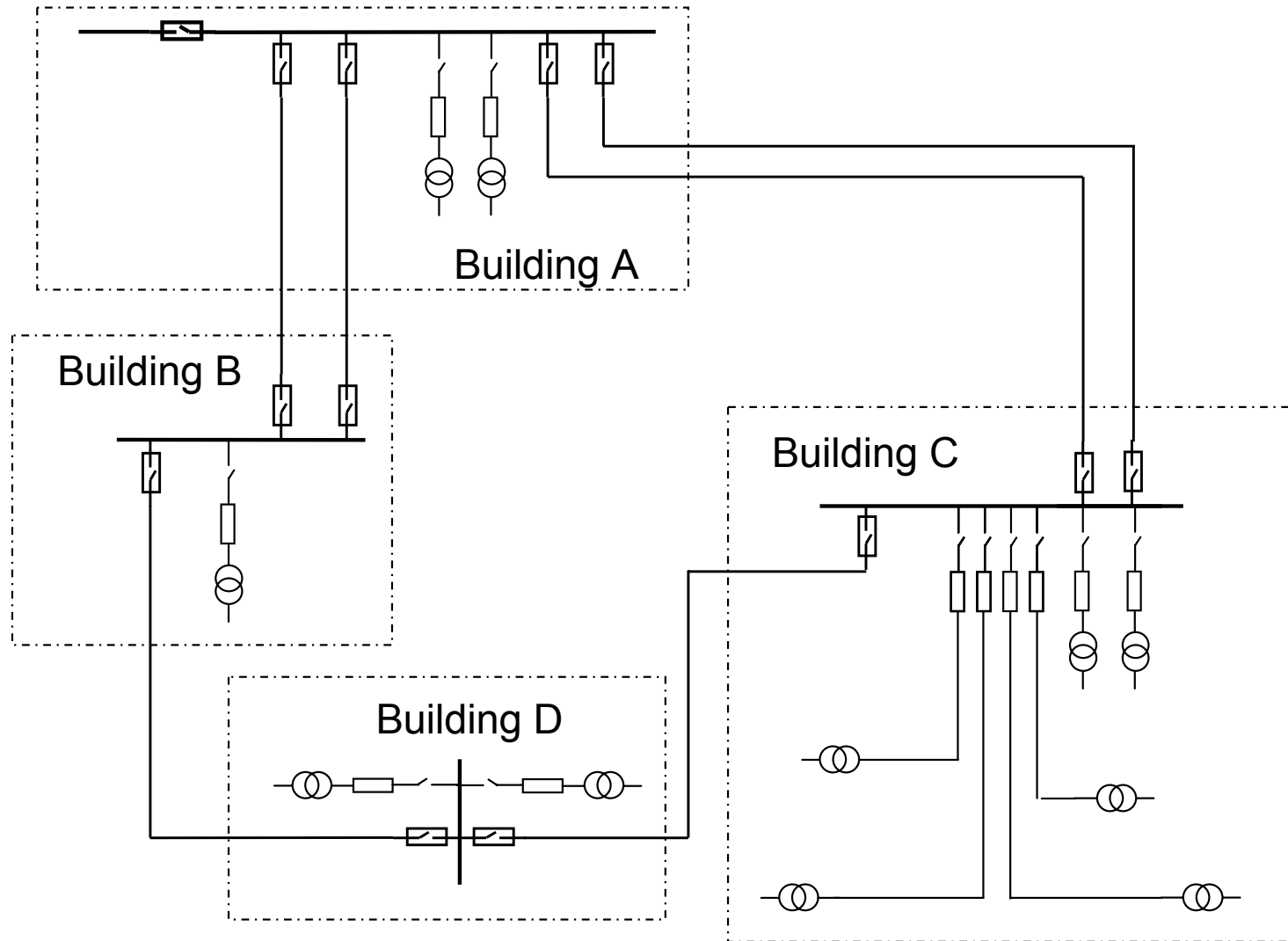


Protection of Medium and Low Voltage Distribution Systems

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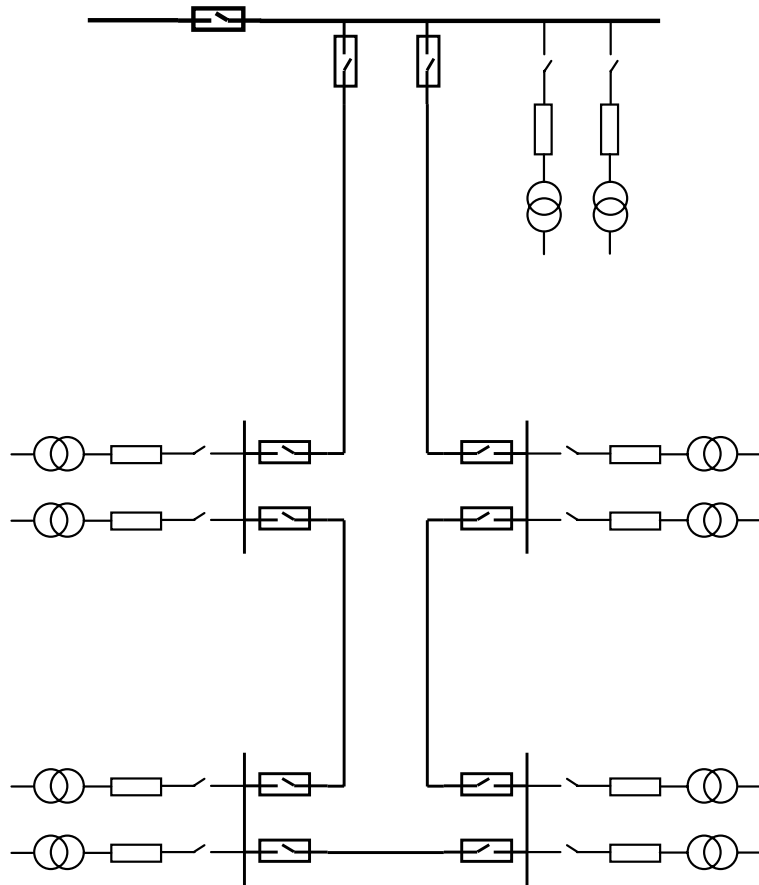
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Urban network structure

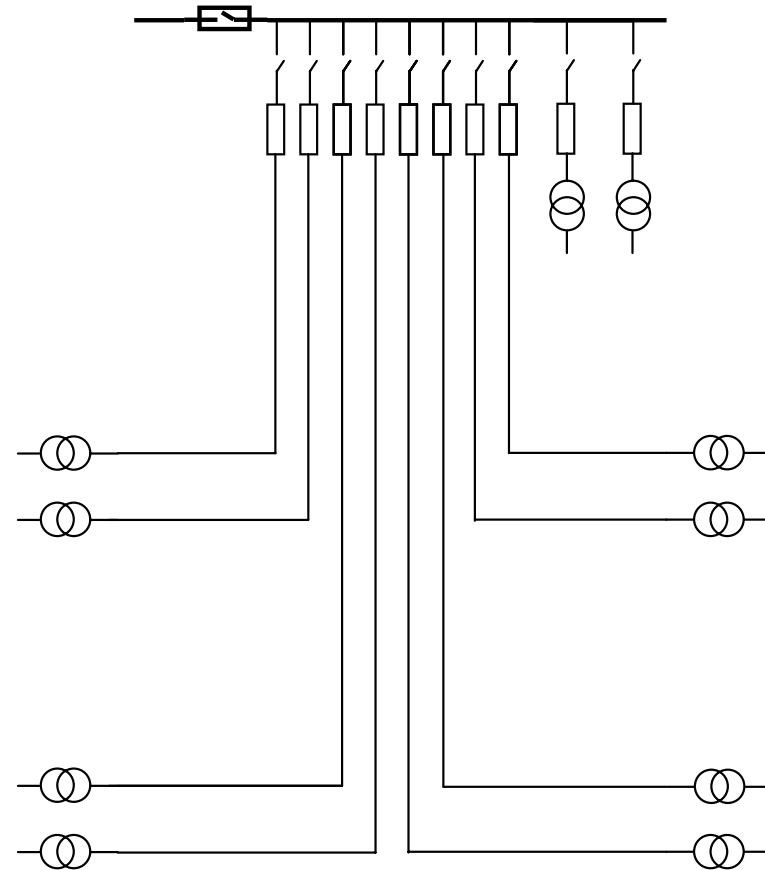


Industrial network structures

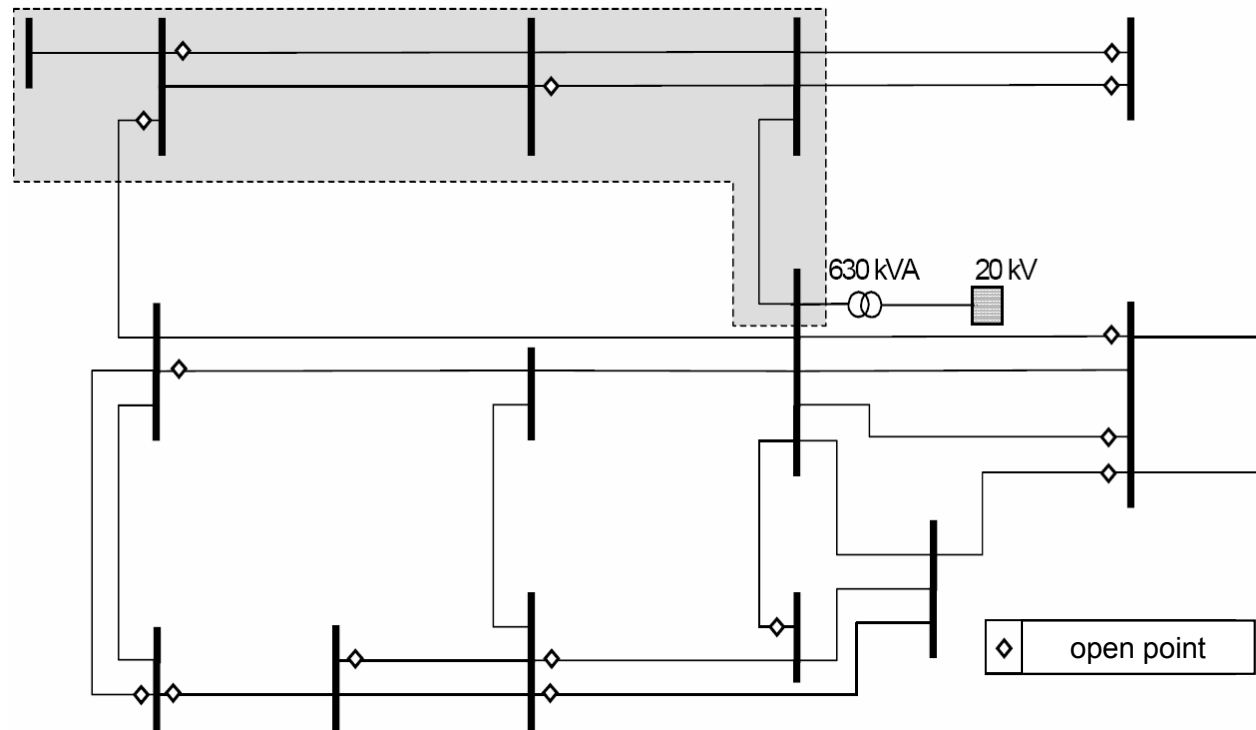
Ring network



Central substation



Urban low voltage network



400 V three phases

Meshed systems – radial systems

Typical Calculation Procedures

Short-circuit current calculations

$$U_0 = U_n / \sqrt{3}$$

$$I_{k3p.} = \frac{U_0}{Z_1}$$

$$I_{k2p.} = \frac{\sqrt{3} U_0}{Z_1 + Z_2} = \frac{\sqrt{3} U_0}{2 Z_1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{U_0}{Z_1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} I_{k3p.}$$

($Z_1 = Z_2$)

$$I_{k1p.} = \frac{3 U_0}{Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0} = \frac{3 U_0}{6 Z_1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{U_0}{Z_1} = \frac{1}{2} I_{k3p.}$$

($Z_0 = 4 Z_1$)

Simple Short - Circuit Calculation

Netz / network

$$Z_n = \frac{c U_n^2}{S_k''}$$

Trafo / transformer

$$Z_t = \frac{u_k U_n^2}{100 S_{nt}}$$

Strom / current

$$I_{k3p.} = \frac{S_k''}{U_n \sqrt{3}}$$

Daten / data

$$S_k'' = 300 \text{ MVA}$$

$$c = 1 \text{ LV}$$

$$c = 1.1 \text{ MV}$$

$$20 / 0.4 \text{ kV}, 630 \text{ kVA}, 6 \%$$

Berechnung / calculation

$$Z_n = \frac{c U_n^2}{S_k''} = \frac{1 \cdot 0.4^2}{300} = \frac{0.16}{300} = 0.00053 \text{ (OHM)}$$

$$Z_t = \frac{u_k U_n^2}{100 S_{nt}} = \frac{6 \cdot 0.4^2}{100 \cdot 0.63} = \frac{6 \cdot 0.16}{63} = 0.01524 \text{ (OHM)}$$

$$Z_{\text{SUM.}} = 0.01577 \text{ (OHM)}$$

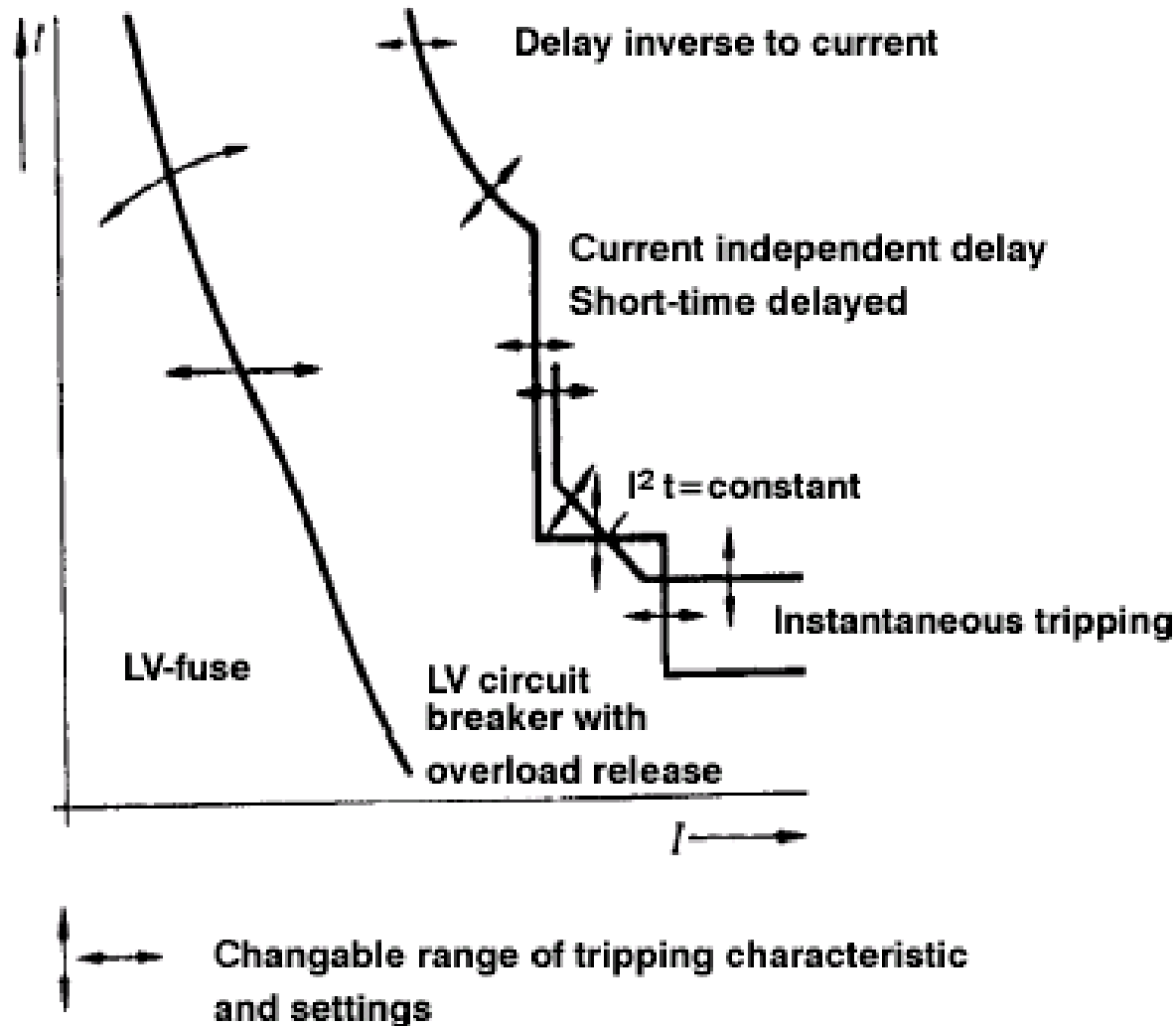
$$S_k'' = \frac{c U_n^2}{Z_{\text{sum}}} = \frac{1 \cdot 0.4^2}{0.01577} = 10.14585 \text{ (MVA)}$$

$$I_{k3p.} = \frac{S_k''}{U_n \sqrt{3}} = \frac{10.14785}{0.4 \sqrt{3}} = 14.64 \text{ (kA)} \quad \text{--> } 20 \text{ kV} \quad 14.64 \text{ (kA)} \cdot \frac{0.4 \text{ (kV)}}{20 \text{ (kV)}} = 0.2928 \text{ (kA)}$$

Protection Principles and Co-ordination:

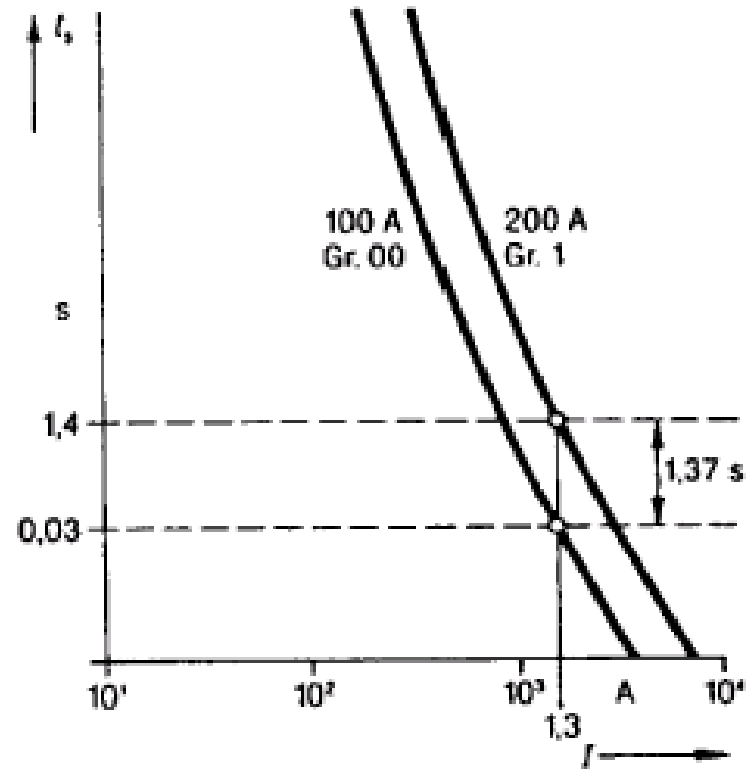
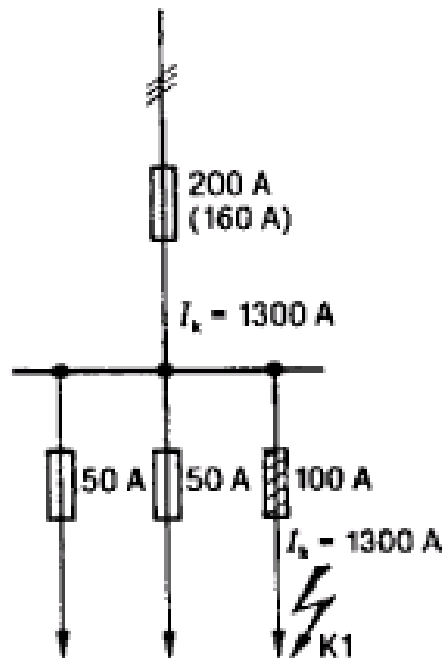
Overcurrent Protection (Relays, MCBs, fuses)

Typical fuse and LC circuit breaker tripping characteristics



Selectivity of Low Voltage Fuses

t_s : Melting time

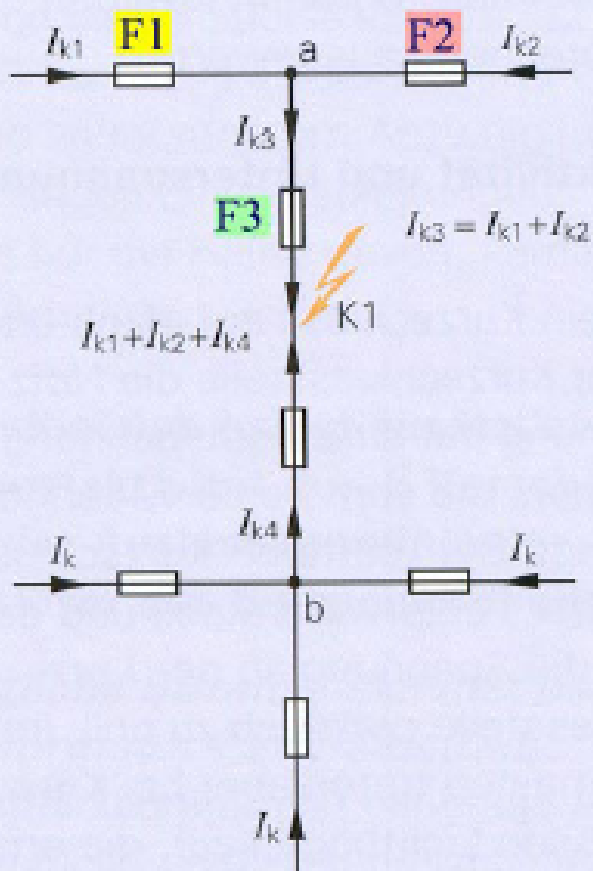


Current factor for selective tripping: 1:1,6

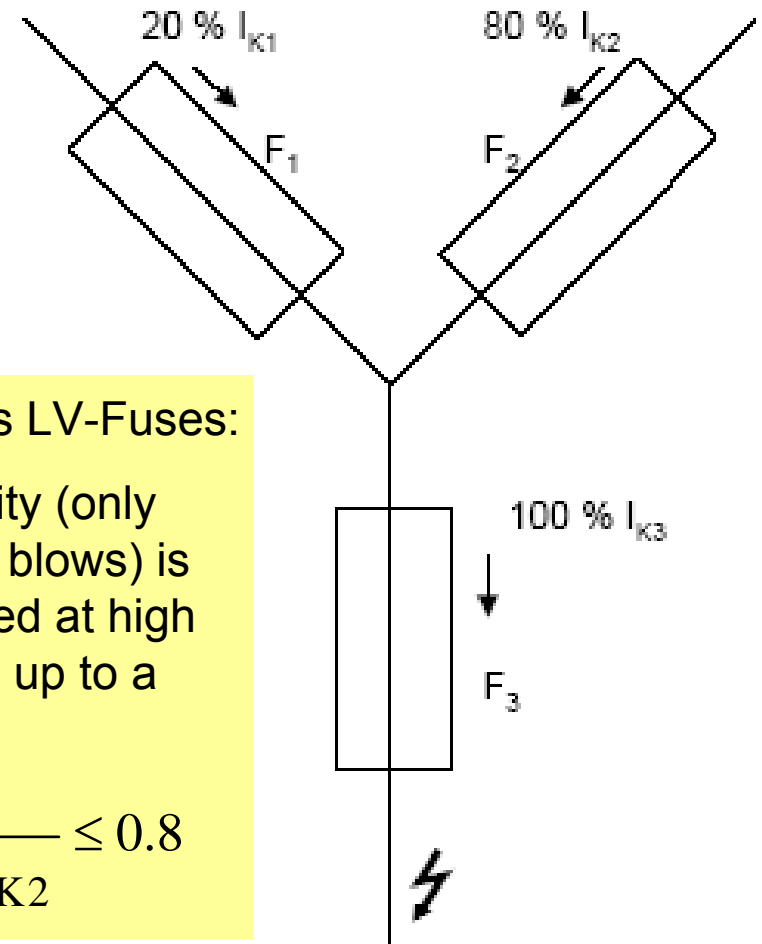
a) Selective tripping of fault in K_1

b) Melting time in $I_k = 1300$ A

Selective tripping of fuses in meshed networks



- Cable of same cross-section
- Same LV fuses

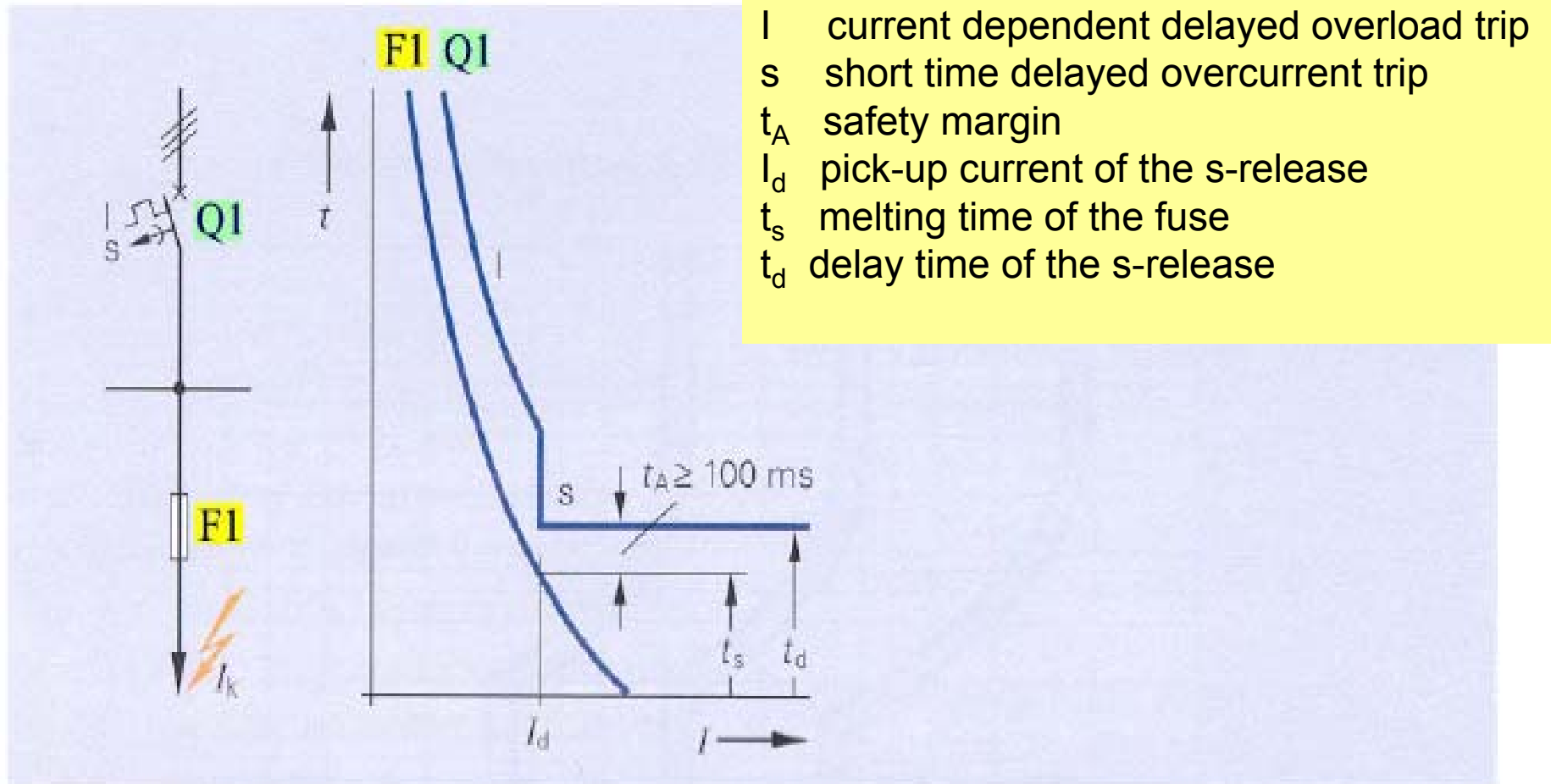


Siemens LV-Fuses:

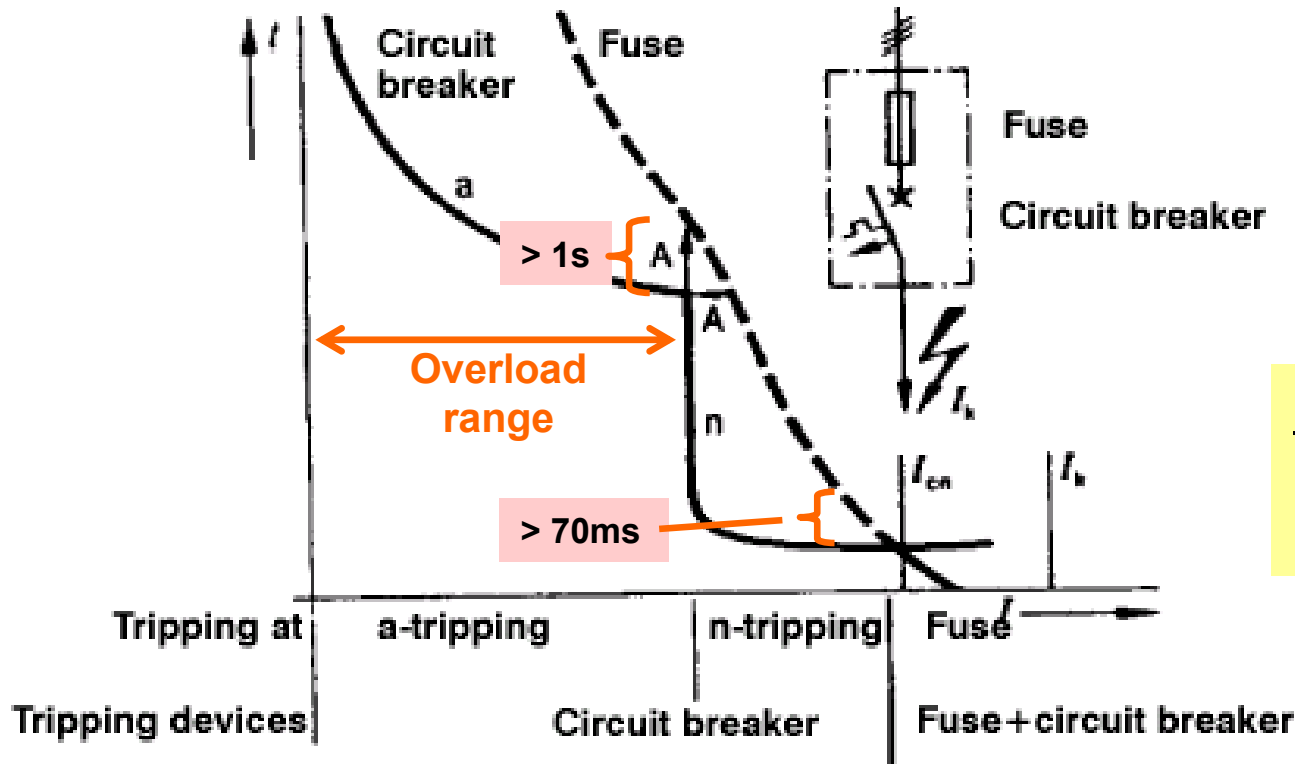
Selectivity (only Fuse F_3 blows) is guaranteed at high currents up to a ratio of :

$$\frac{I_{K1}}{I_{K1} + I_{K2}} \leq 0.8$$

Selectivity: Circuit Breaker → Downstream Fuse

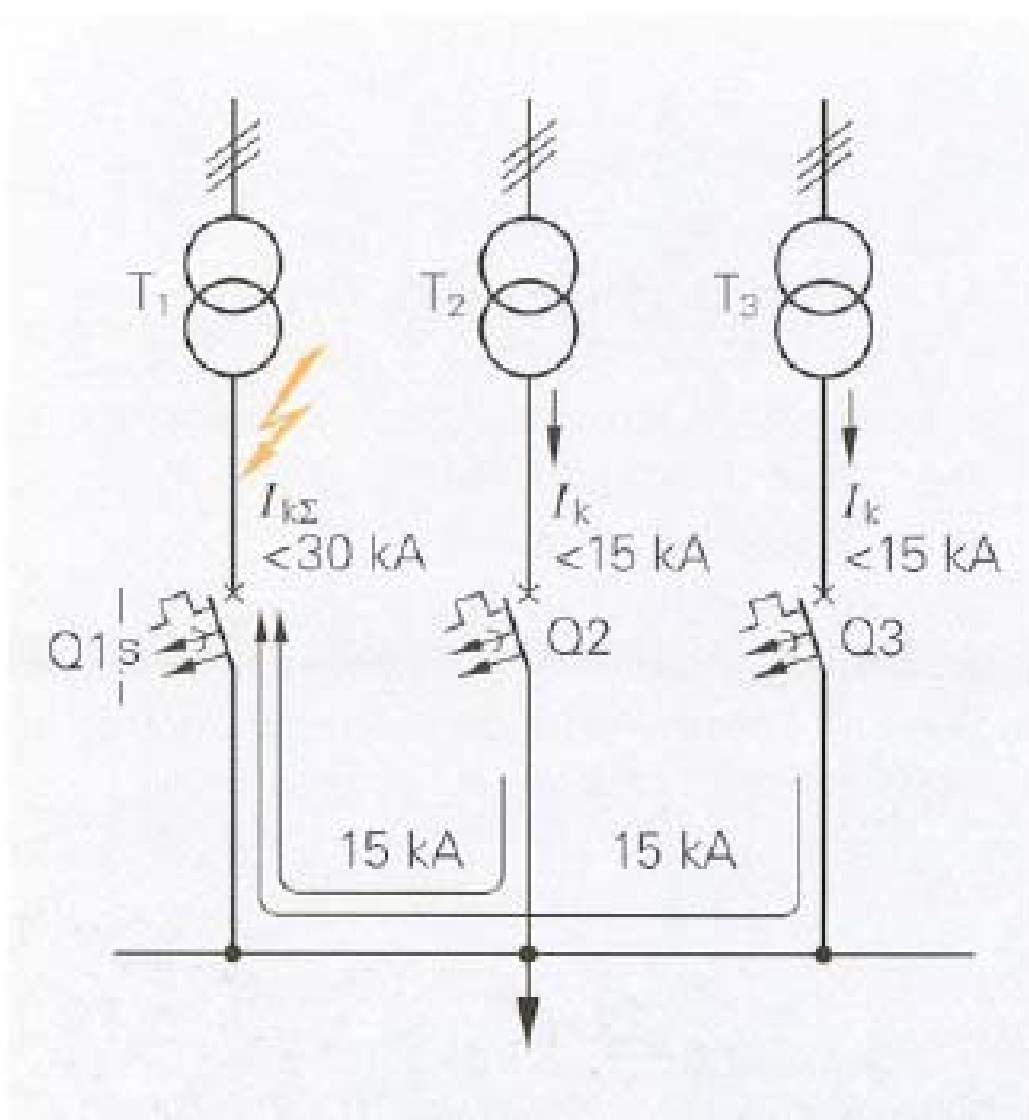


Selectivity: Fuse → Downstream Circuit Breaker



- a Current dependent delayed overload release
- n Instantaneous overcurrent release
- I_{cn} Rated switching capacity of circuit breaker
- I_k Steady-stage short circuit current
- A Safety margin

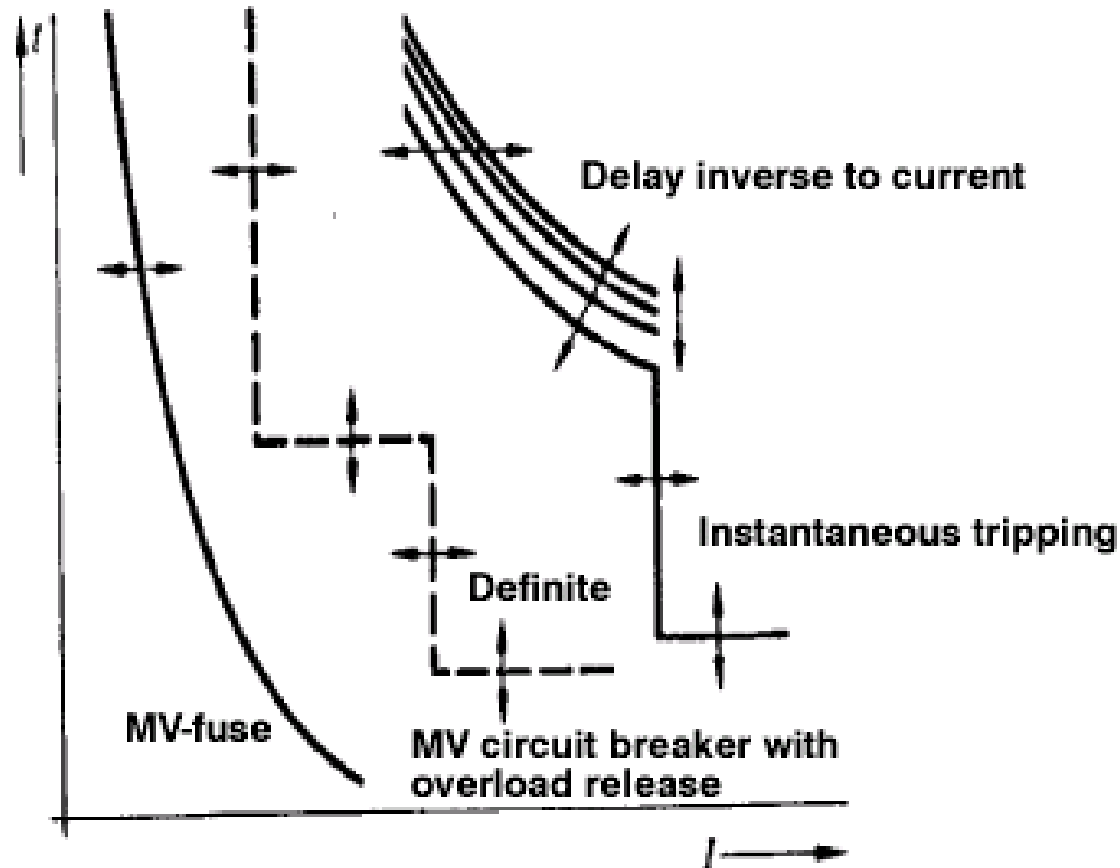
Selectivity: Three similar infeeding transformers



Necessary CB protection functions:

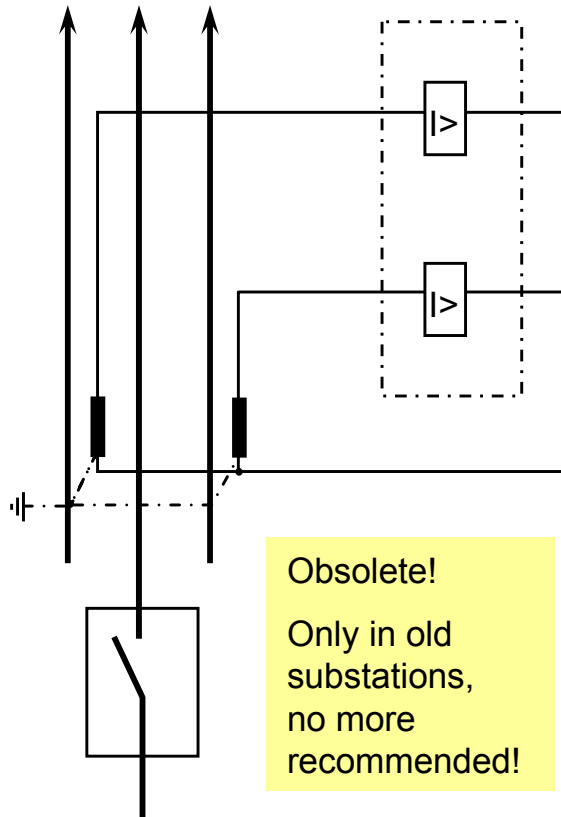
1. Inverse time Overload element a
2. Short time delayed $I >>$ -element z

Tripping Characteristic in Medium- and High-Voltage Network

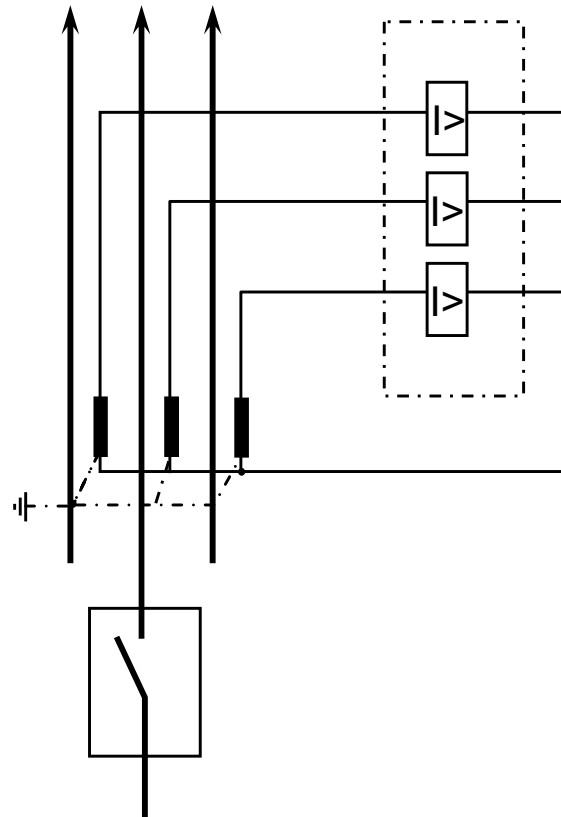



Changable range of tripping characteristic and settings

CT-connections dependent on neutral-earthing

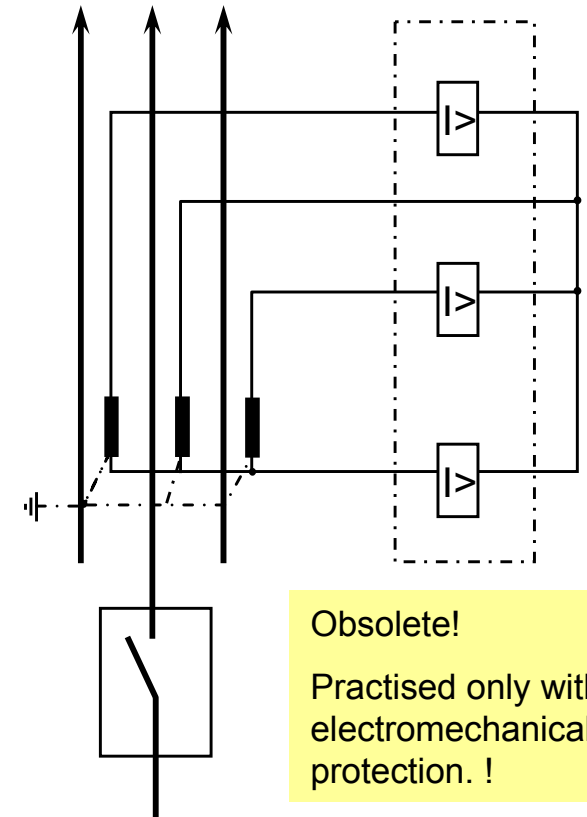


2- phase connection for isolated networks



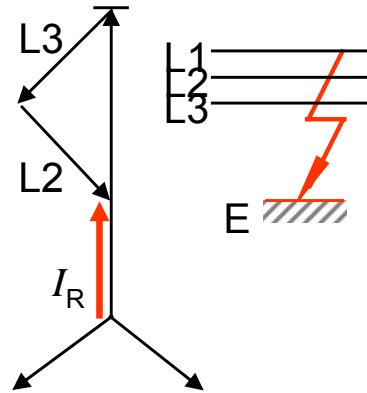
3- phase connection for earthed networks

Now generally applied, independent of neutral-earthing



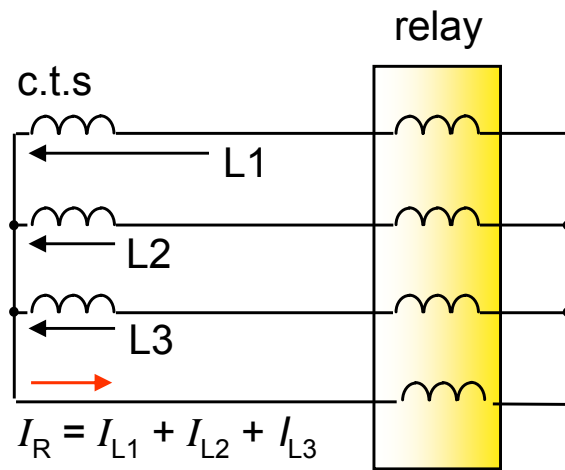
2- phase + earth connection for an increased earth fault sensitivity

Measurement (analog) and digital calculation of earth current

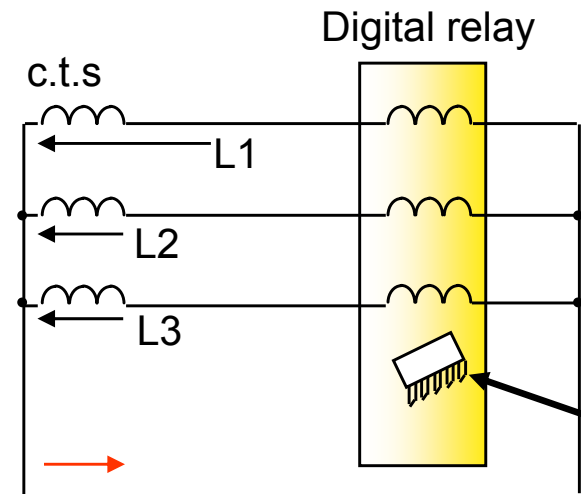


L3

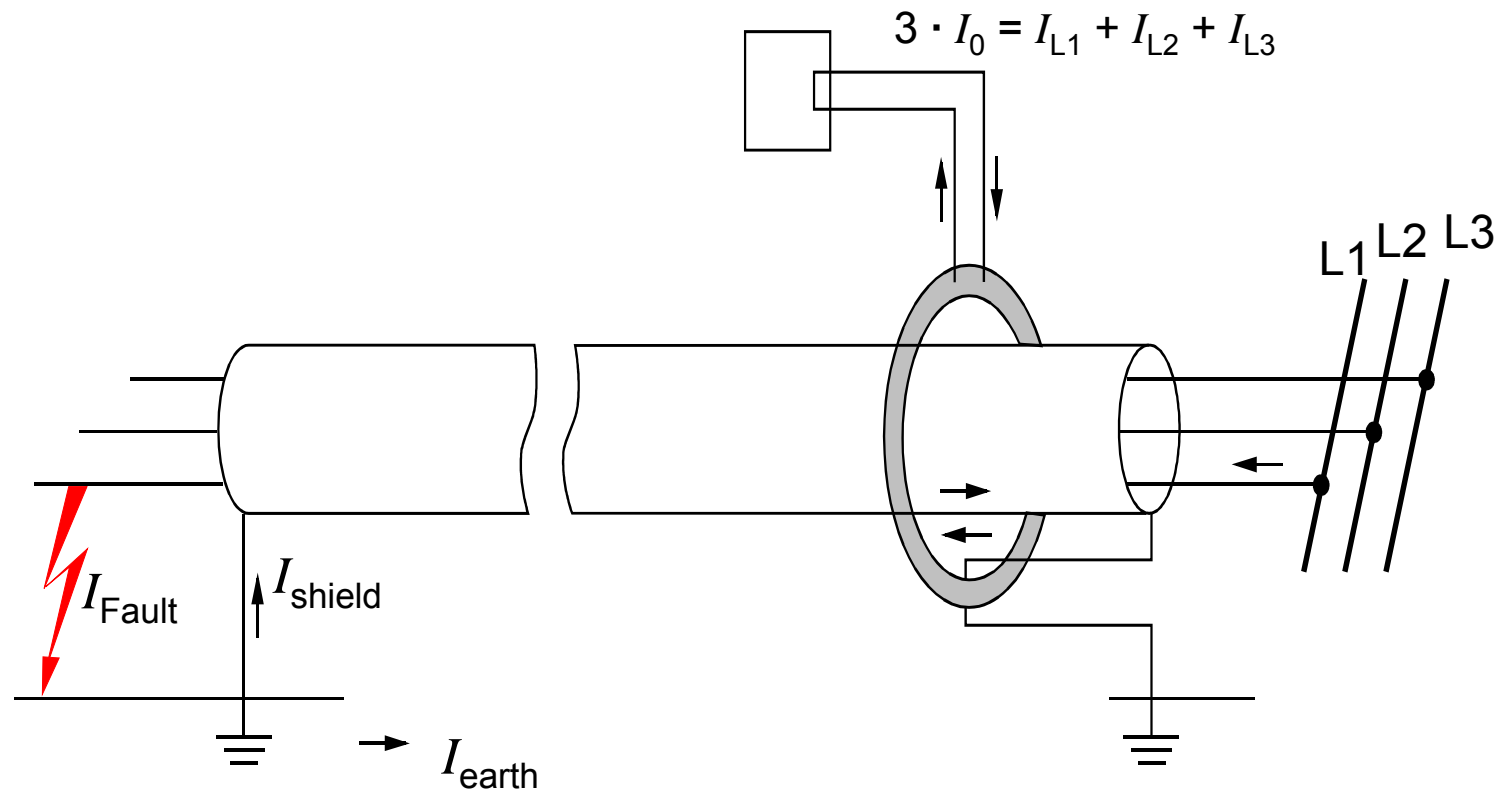
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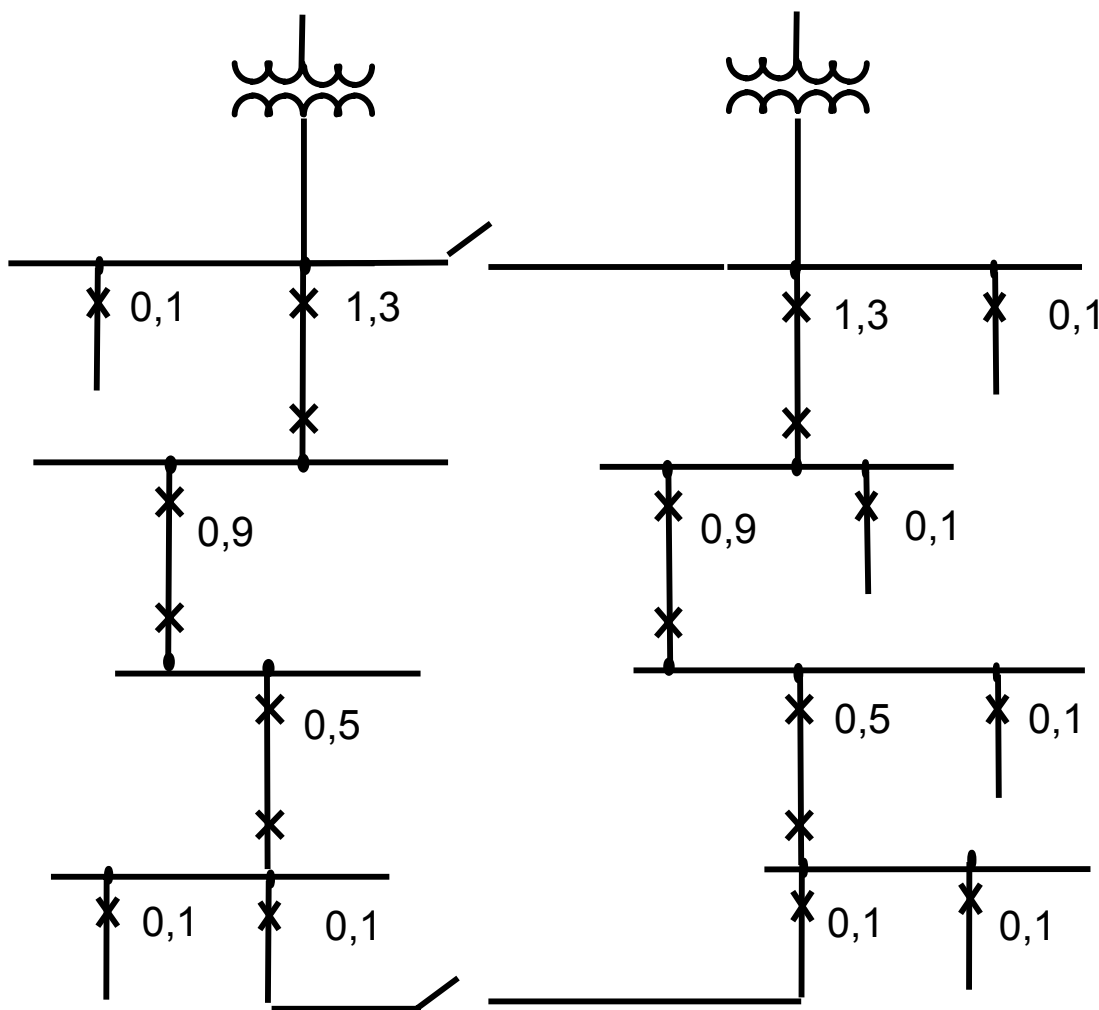
„Holmgreen“ connection



High sensitive earth fault relaying using a window-type CT

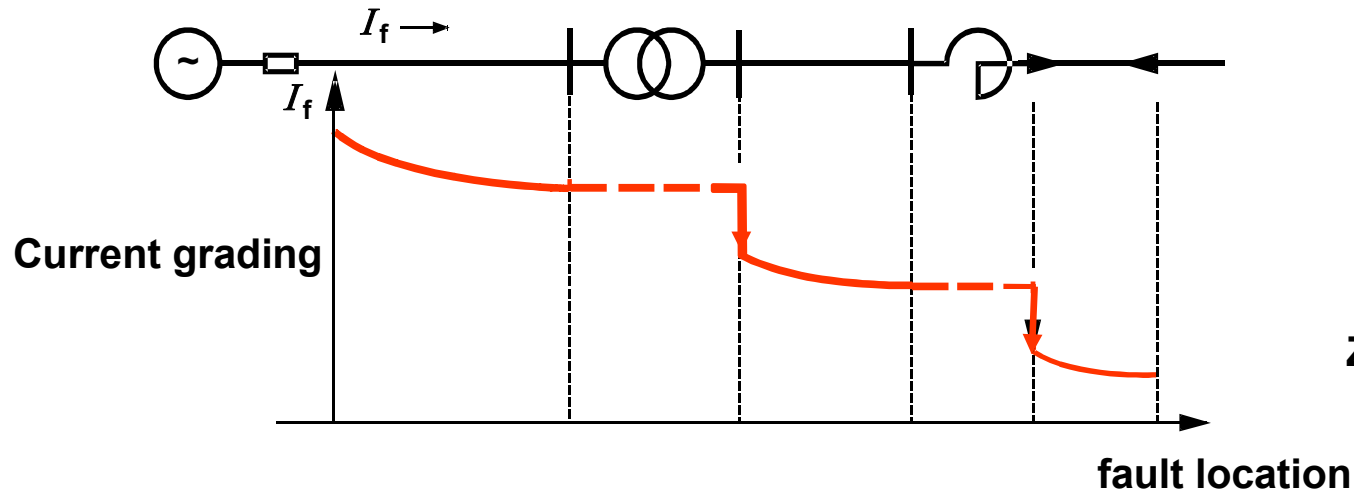


Coordination of overcurrent relays: time grading



Starting from the furthest downstream located relay, the operating time is step by step increased in direction of the infeed.

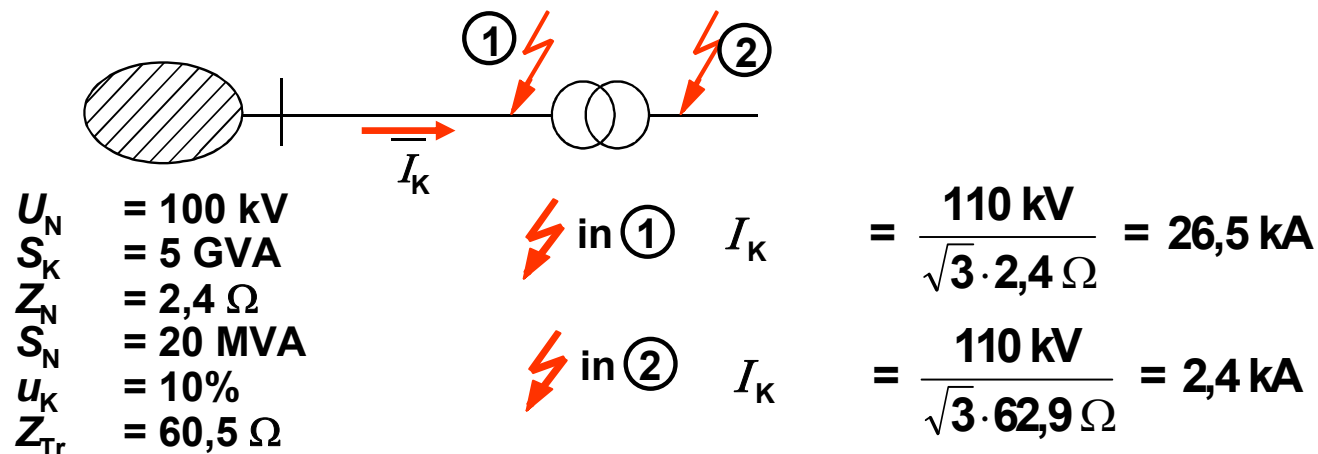
Coordination of overcurrent relays: Current grading



$$Z_N = \frac{U_N^2 \{kV\}}{S'_K \{MVA\}} \{\Omega\}$$

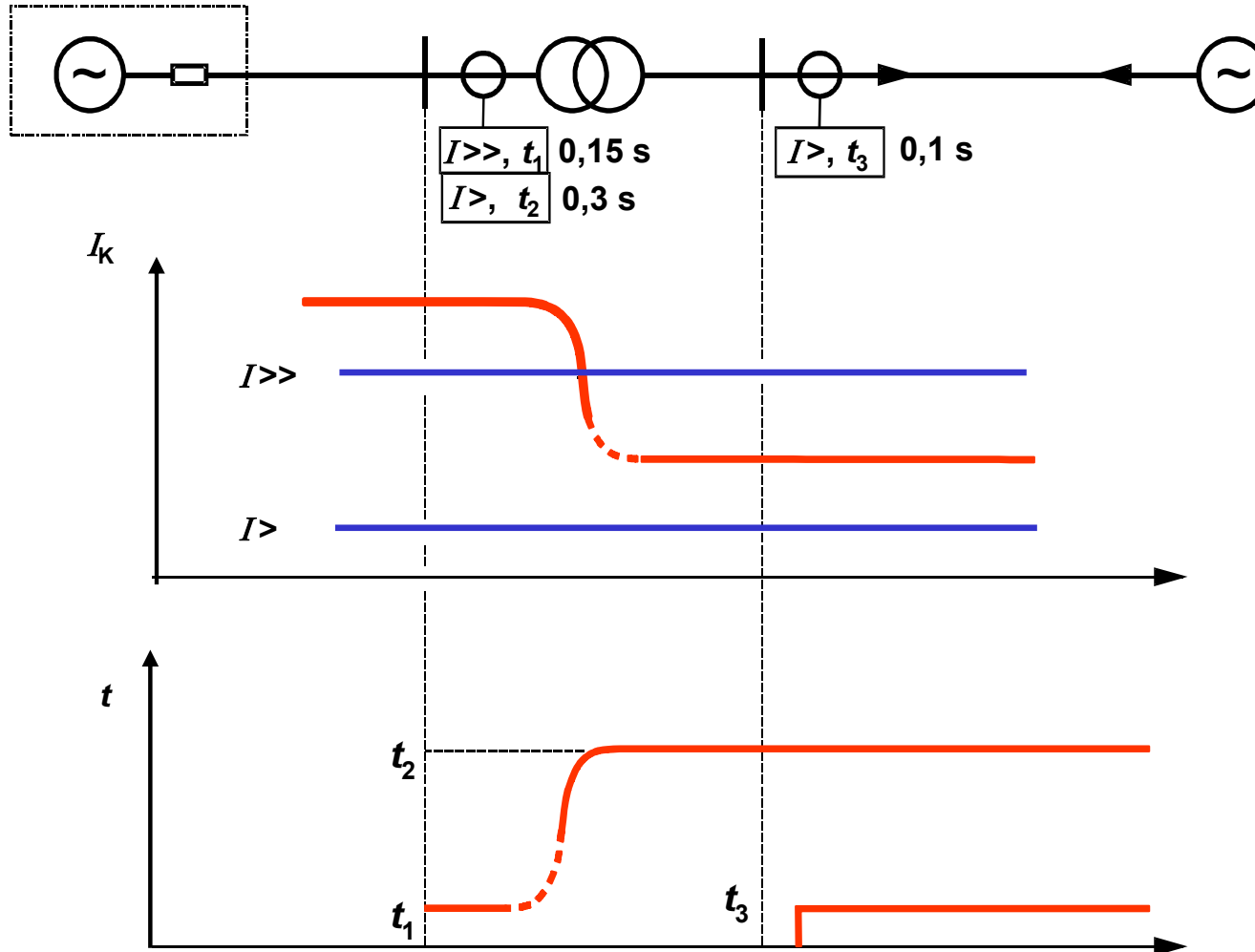
$$Z_{Tr} = \frac{U_K \{ \%\}}{100} \frac{U_N^2 \{kV\}}{S_N \{MVA\}} \Omega$$

Example: $I \gg I_{set}$ for faults at HV-side

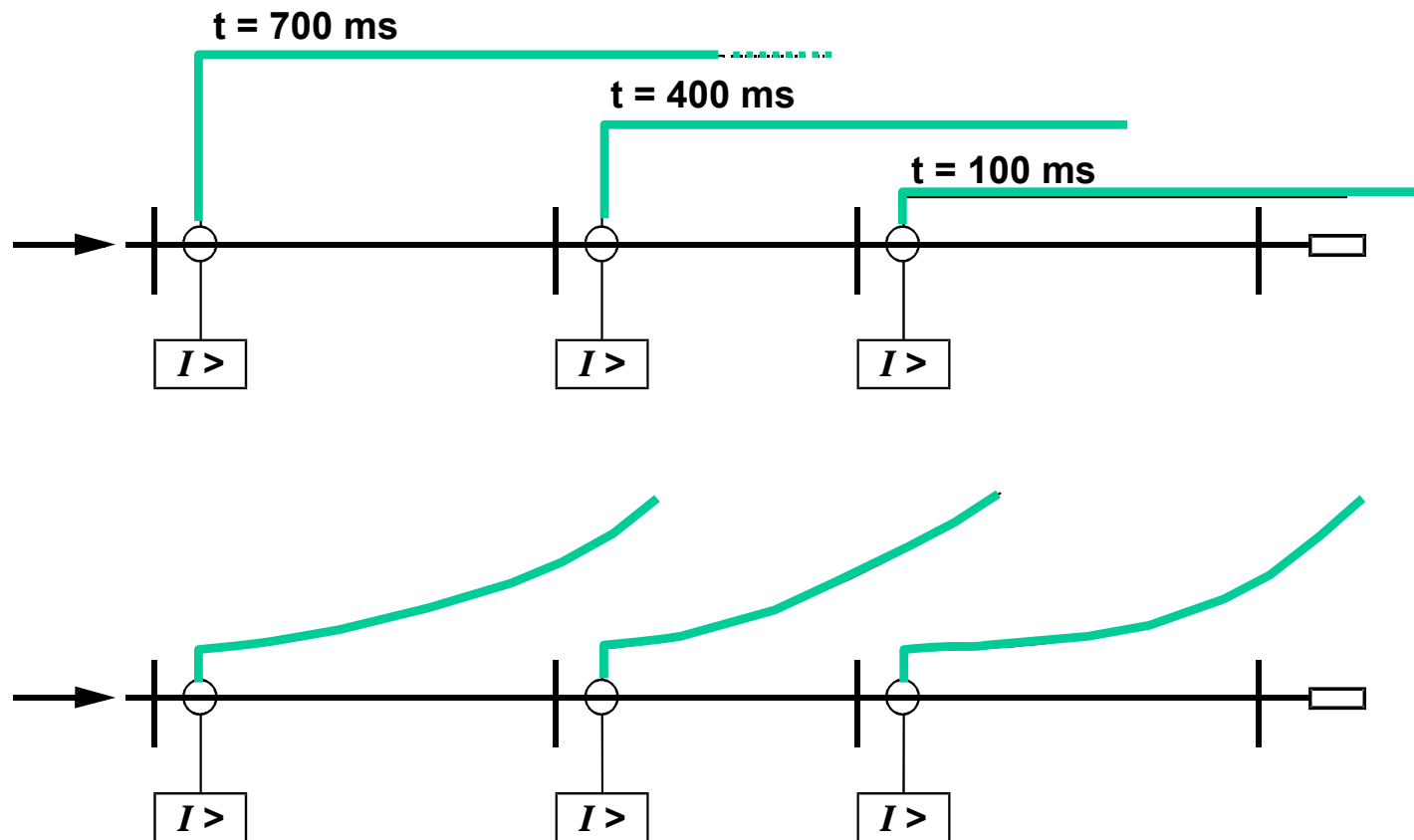


line impedance neglected!

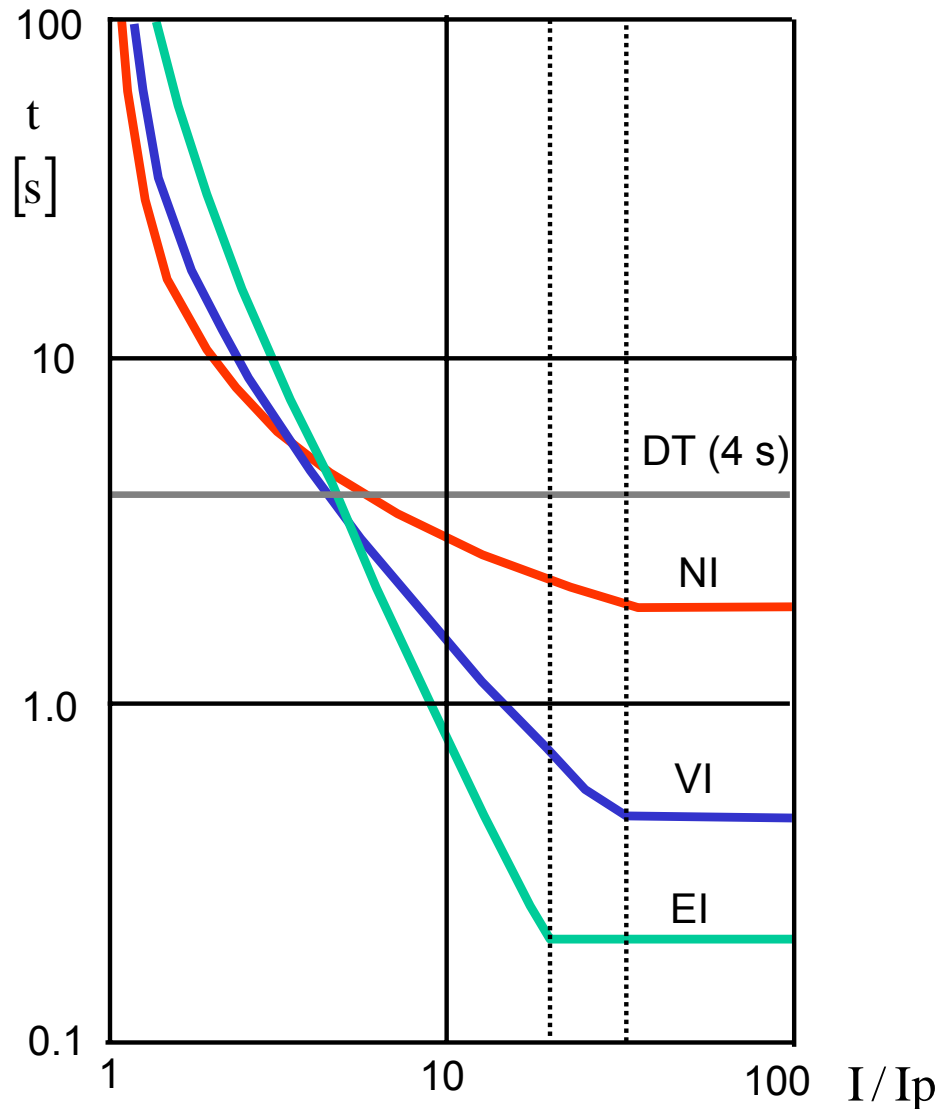
Selectivity by current grading



Definite and inverse overcurrent relay characteristics



Inverse time characteristics acc. To IEC 60255



Normal inverse:

$$t = \frac{0.14}{\left(\frac{I}{I_p}\right)^{0.02} - 1} \times T_p$$

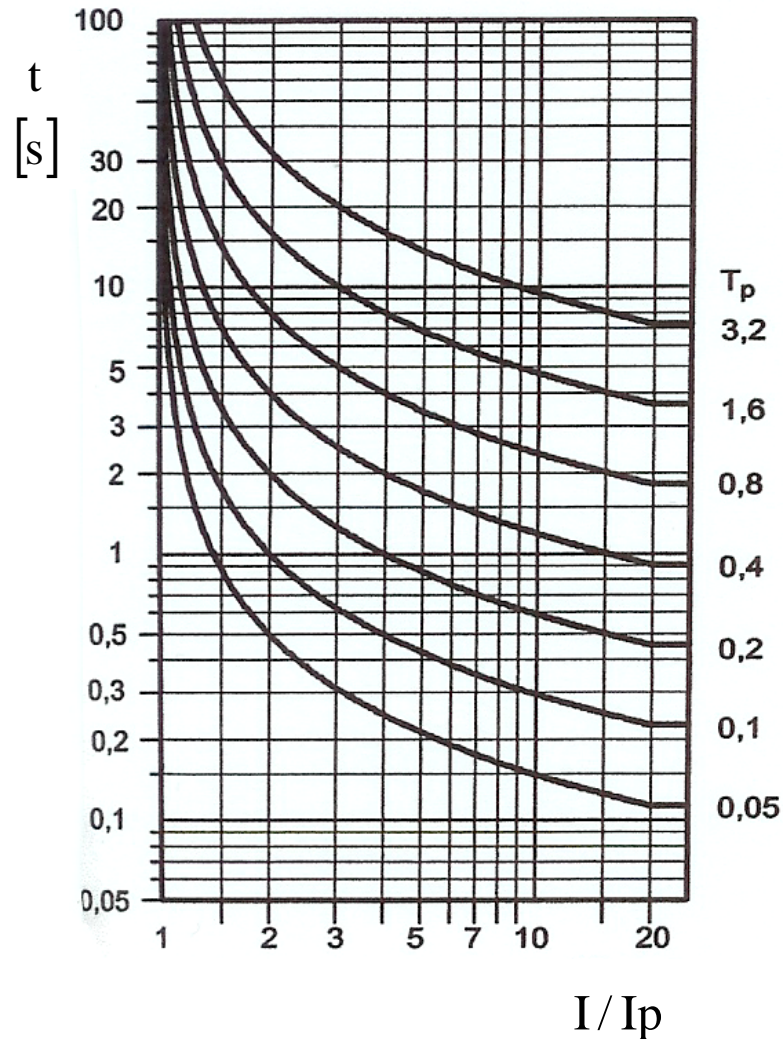
Very inverse:

$$t = \frac{13.5}{\left(\frac{I}{I_p}\right)^1 - 1} \times T_p$$

Extremely inverse:

$$t = \frac{80}{\left(\frac{I}{I_p}\right)^2 - 1} \times T_p$$

Normal inverse setting characteristic



Normal inverse:

$$t = \frac{0.14}{\left(\frac{I}{I_p}\right)^{0.02} - 1} \times T_p$$

NI setting characteristic of the relay 7SJ6 (Siemens)

Application of different O/C characteristics

Definite time (DT)

Easy to coordinate

Constant tripping time independent of infeed variation and fault location

Normal inverse (NI)

Relatively small change in time per unit of change of current.

Most frequently used in utility and industrial circuits.

Especially applicable where the fault magnitude is mainly dependent on the system generating capacity at the time of fault.

Very inverse (VI)

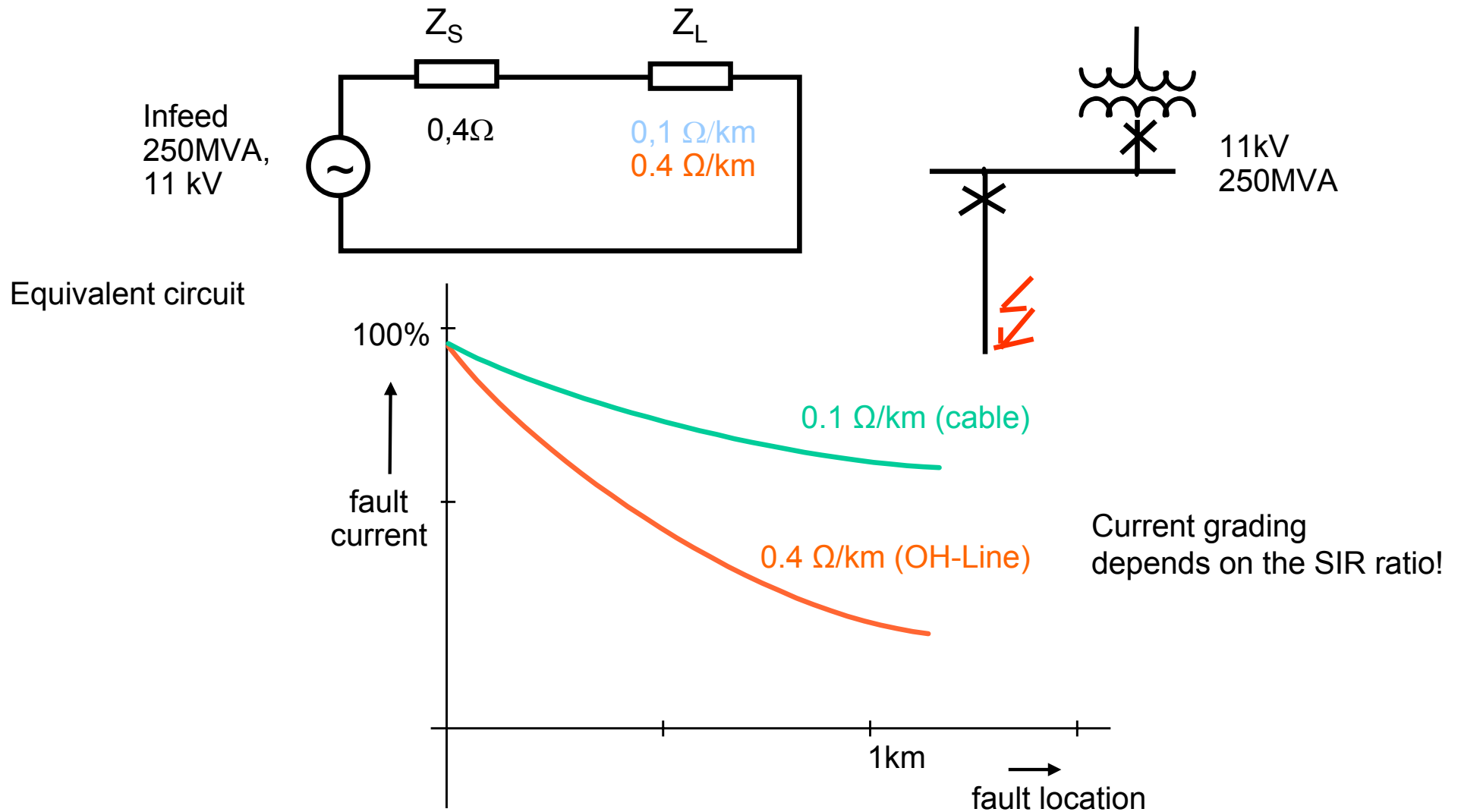
Suitable if there is a substantial reduction of fault current as the fault distance from the power source increases.

Extremely inverse (EI)

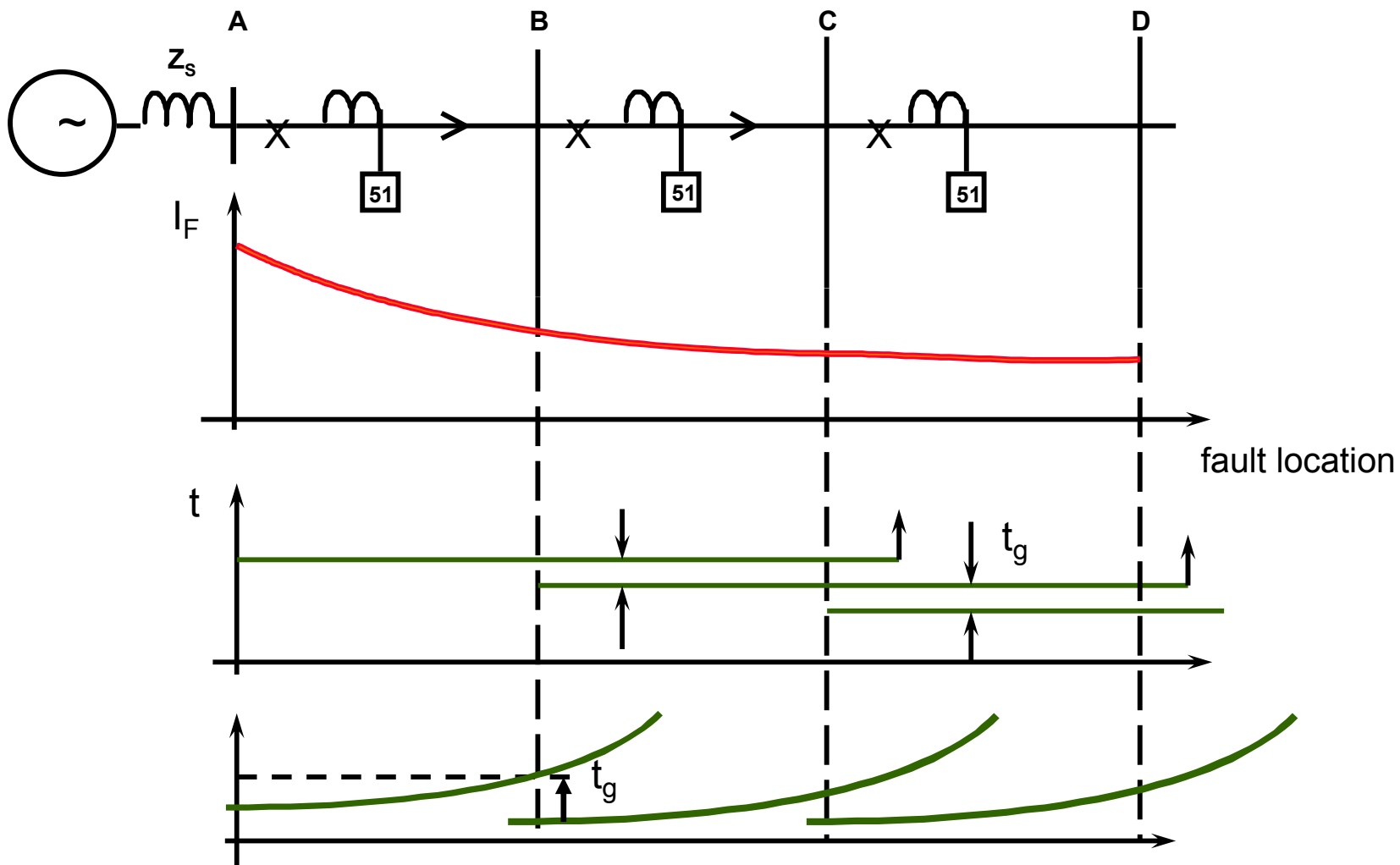
Suitable for protection of distribution feeders with peak currents on switching in (refrigerators, pumps, water heaters and so on).

Particular suitable for grading with fuses.

Fault current dependent on the fault location



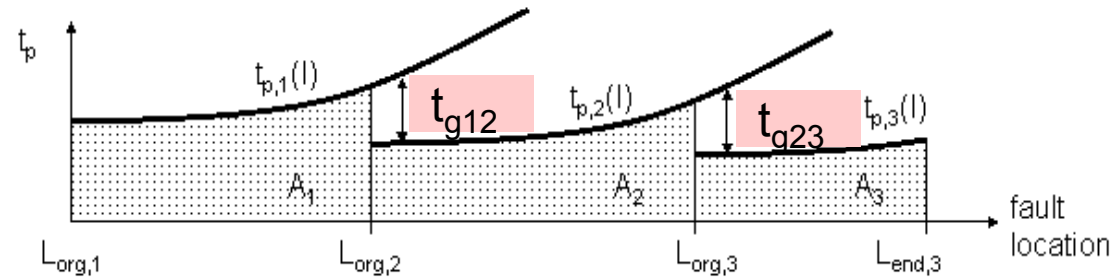
Time grading: definite and inverse time characteristics



Time grading of normal inverse time characteristics

Grading requirement:

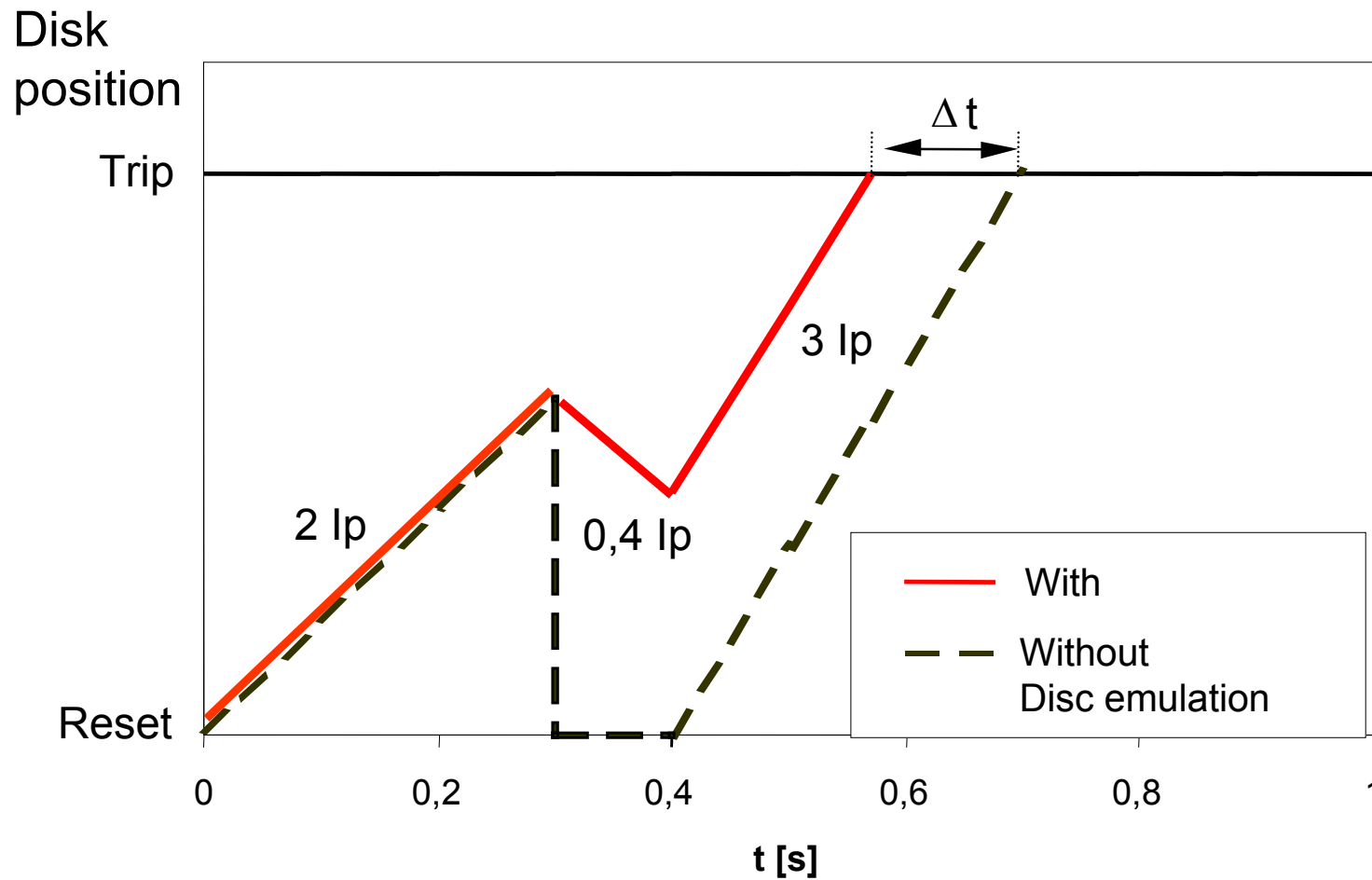
$$t_{g12} = t_{g23} = 200 - 400\text{ms}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{0.14 \cdot T_{p,n}}{\left(\frac{I_{sc}}{I_p}\right)^{0.02} - 1} = 200 - 400\text{ms} + \frac{0.14 \cdot T_{p,n+1}}{\left(\frac{I_{sc}}{I_p}\right)^{0.02} - 1} \Rightarrow T_{p,n} = T_{p,n+1} + \frac{200 - 400\text{ms}}{0.14} \cdot \left[\left(\frac{I_{sc}}{I_p}\right)^{0.02} - 1 \right]$$

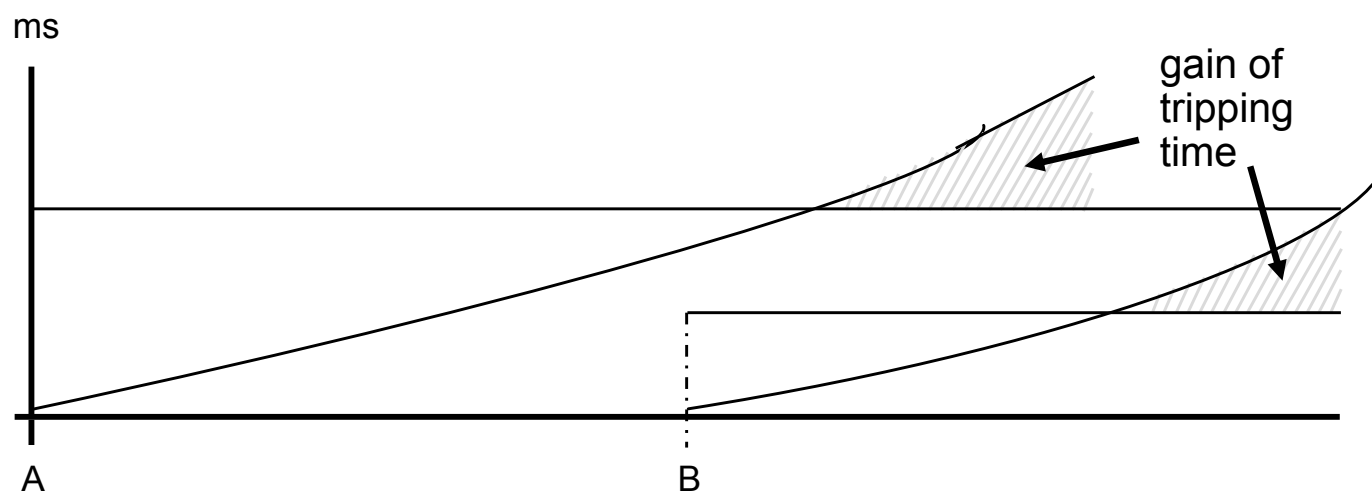
Conventional grading principle: I_{sc} = maximum SC-current in the network

Disk emulation: Simulation of the induction disc



Combined use of inverse and definite time characteristics

The back-up tripping time can be reduced by
Combining inverse and definite time characteristics



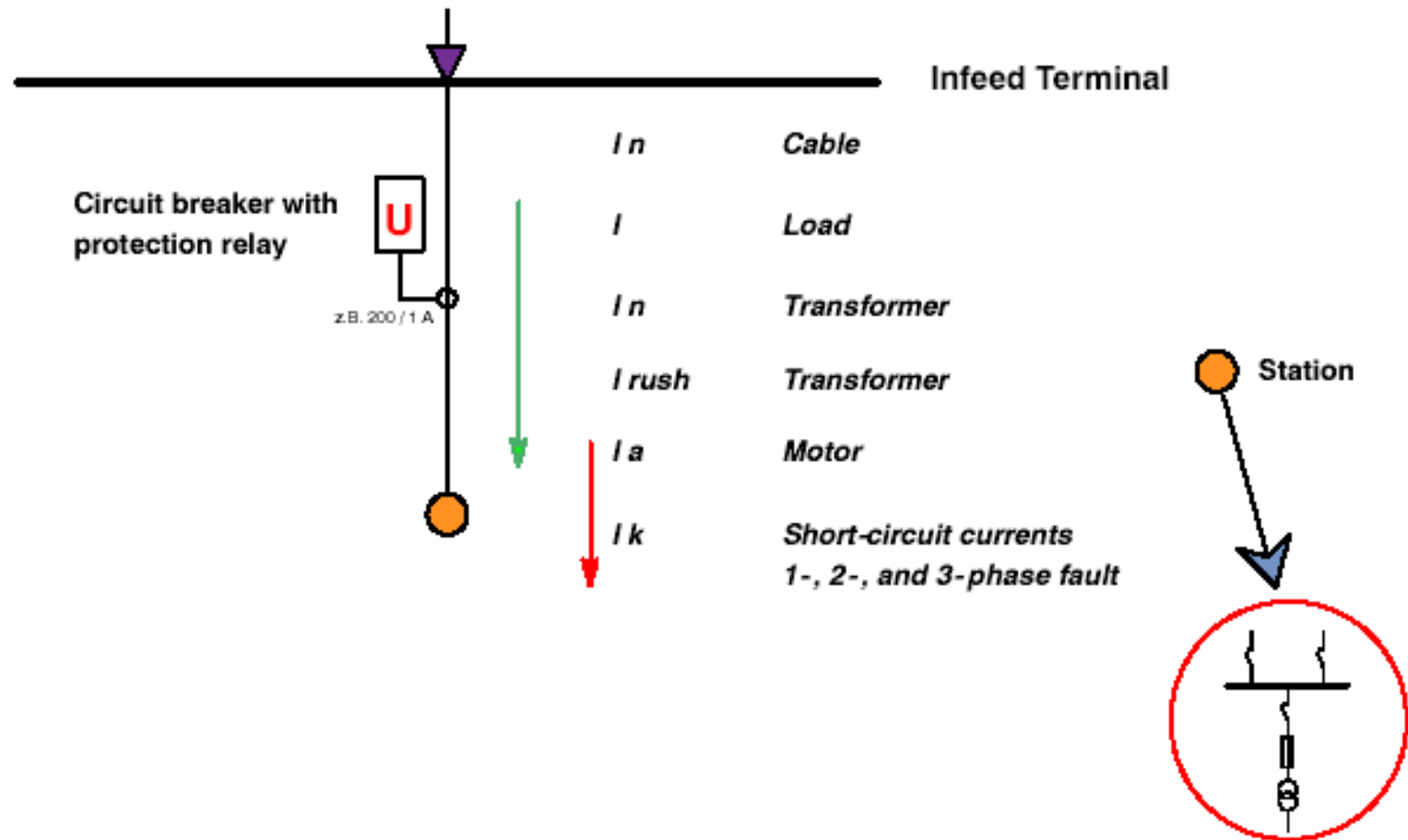
Overcurrent protection co-ordination

U Overcurrent relay

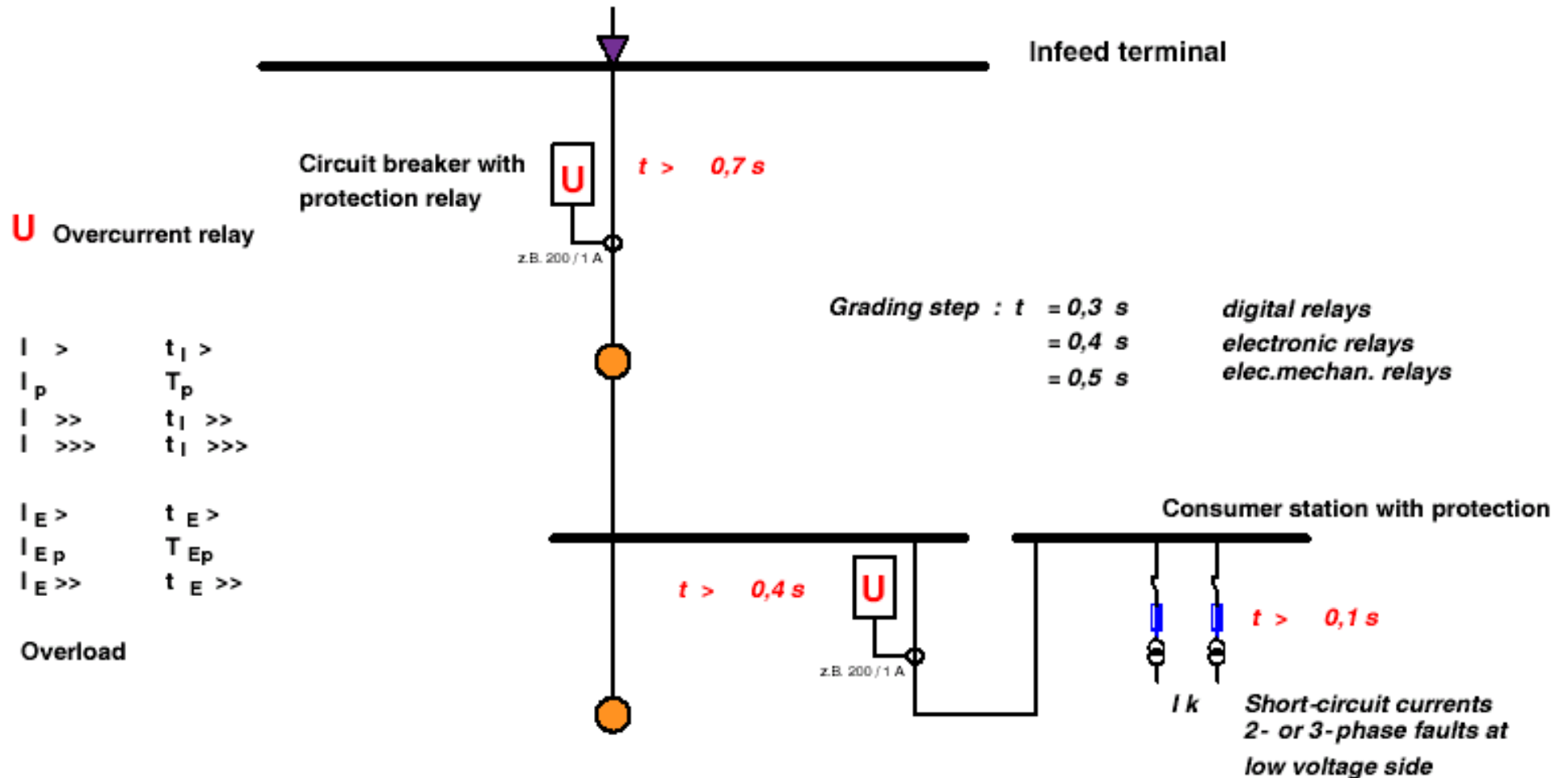
$I >$ $t_I >$
 I_p T_p
 $I >>$ $t_I >>$
 $I >>>$ $t_I >>>$

$I_E >$ $t_E >$
 I_{Ep} T_{Ep}
 $I_E >>$ $t_E >>$

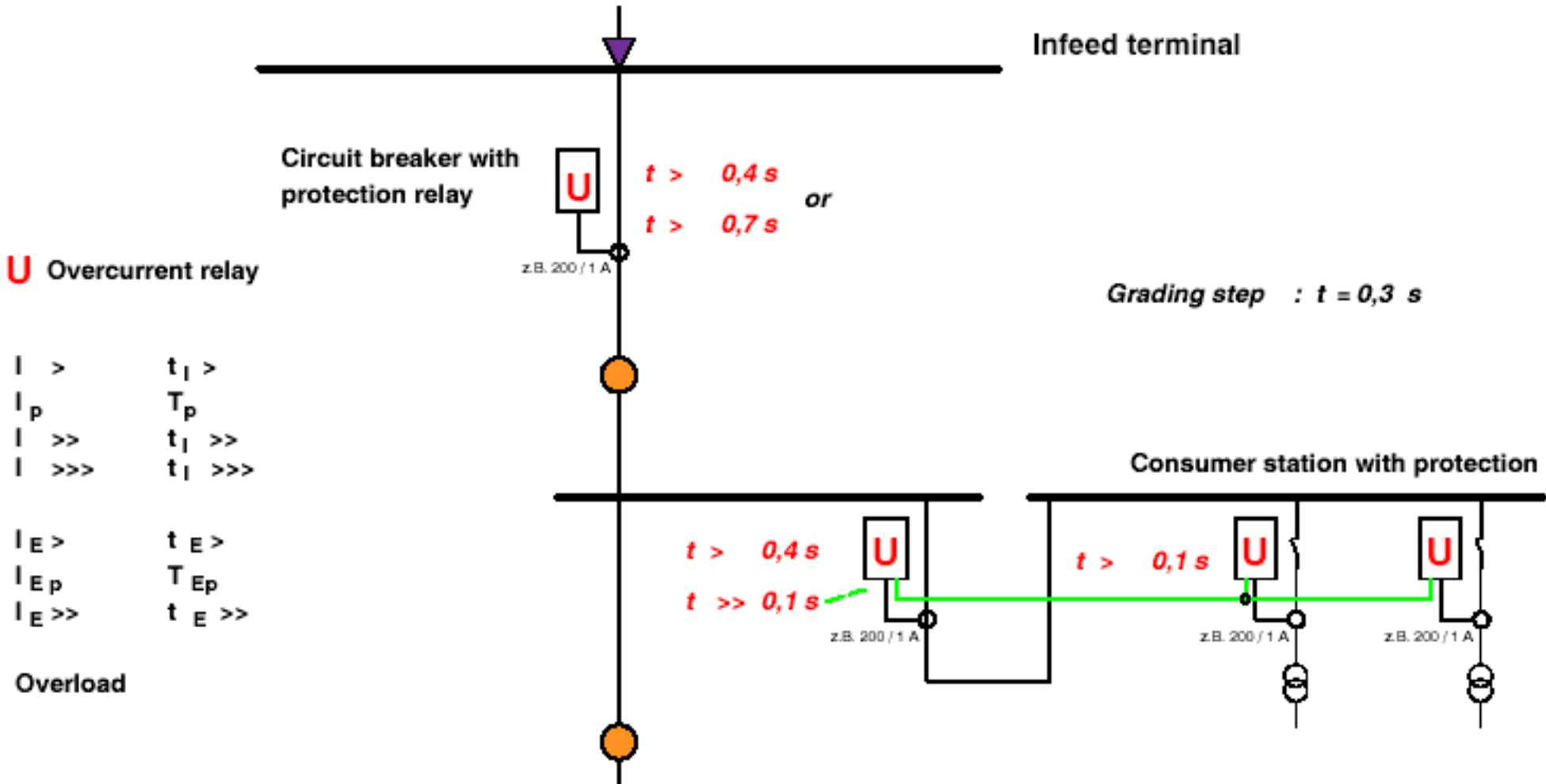
Overload



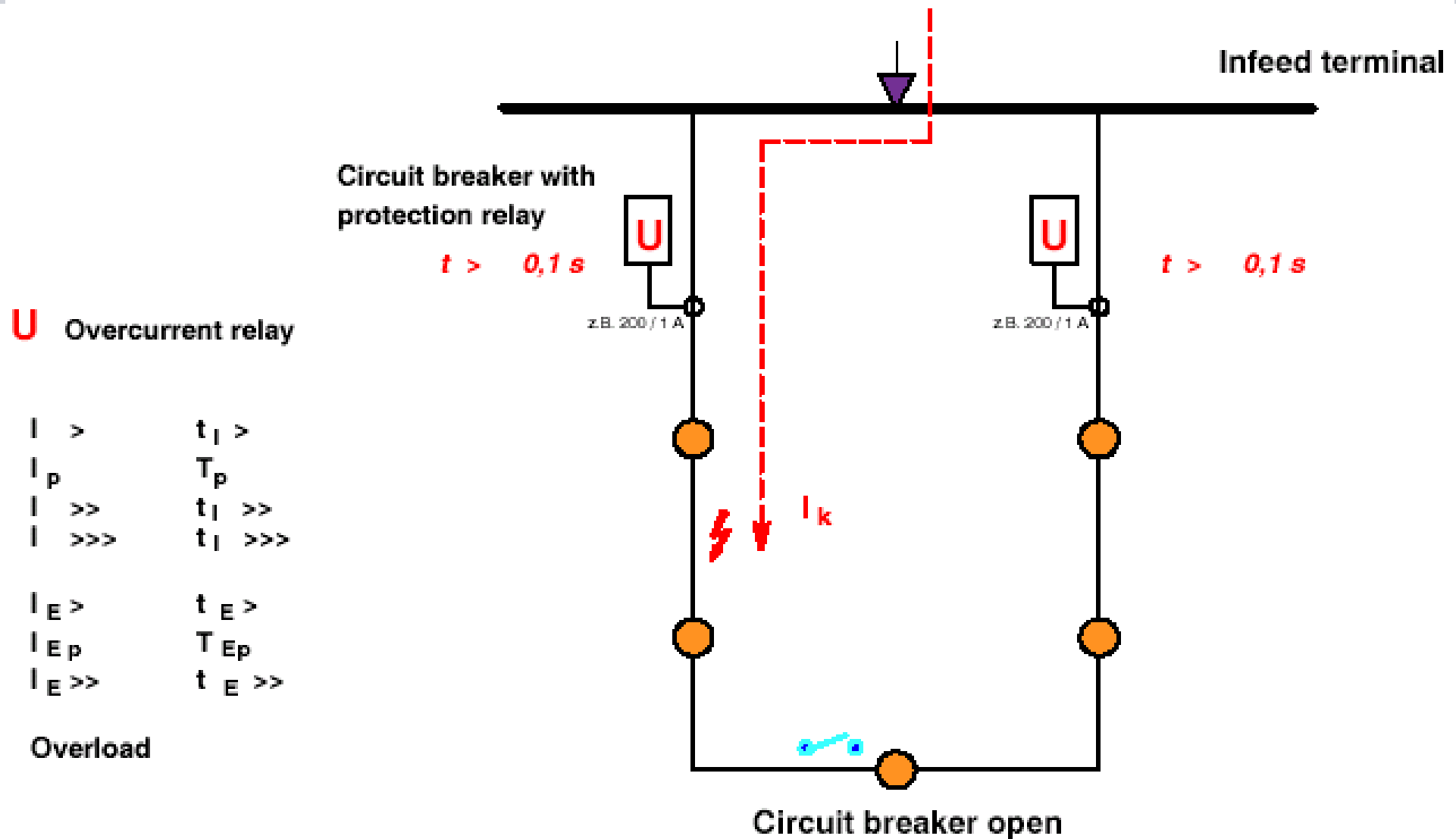
Two definite overcurrent relays in series



Protection scheme acceleration



Definite overcurrent protection in cable ring



Protection in closed cable ring

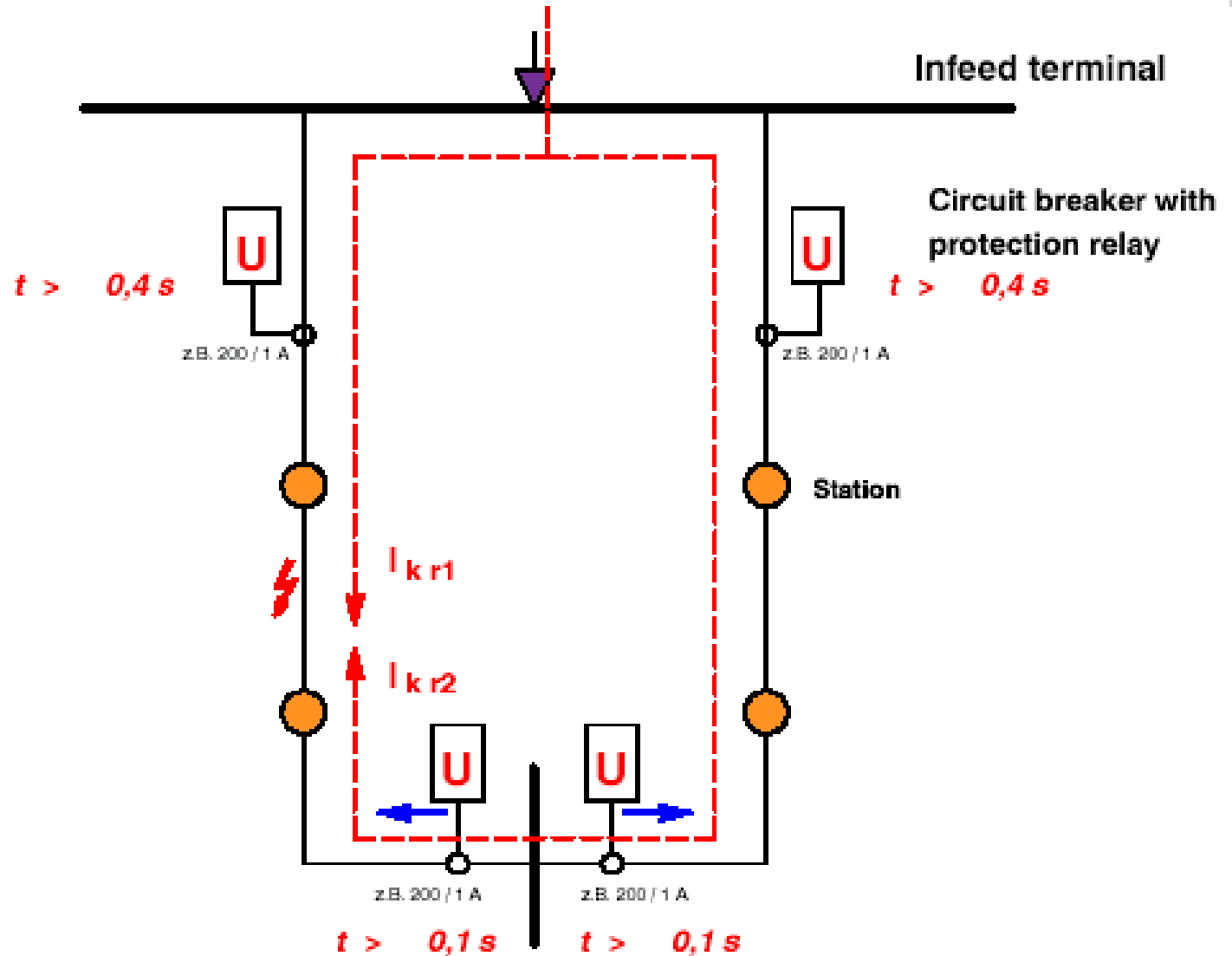
U Overcurrent relay with direction
 (blue arrow pointing right)

U Overcurrent relay

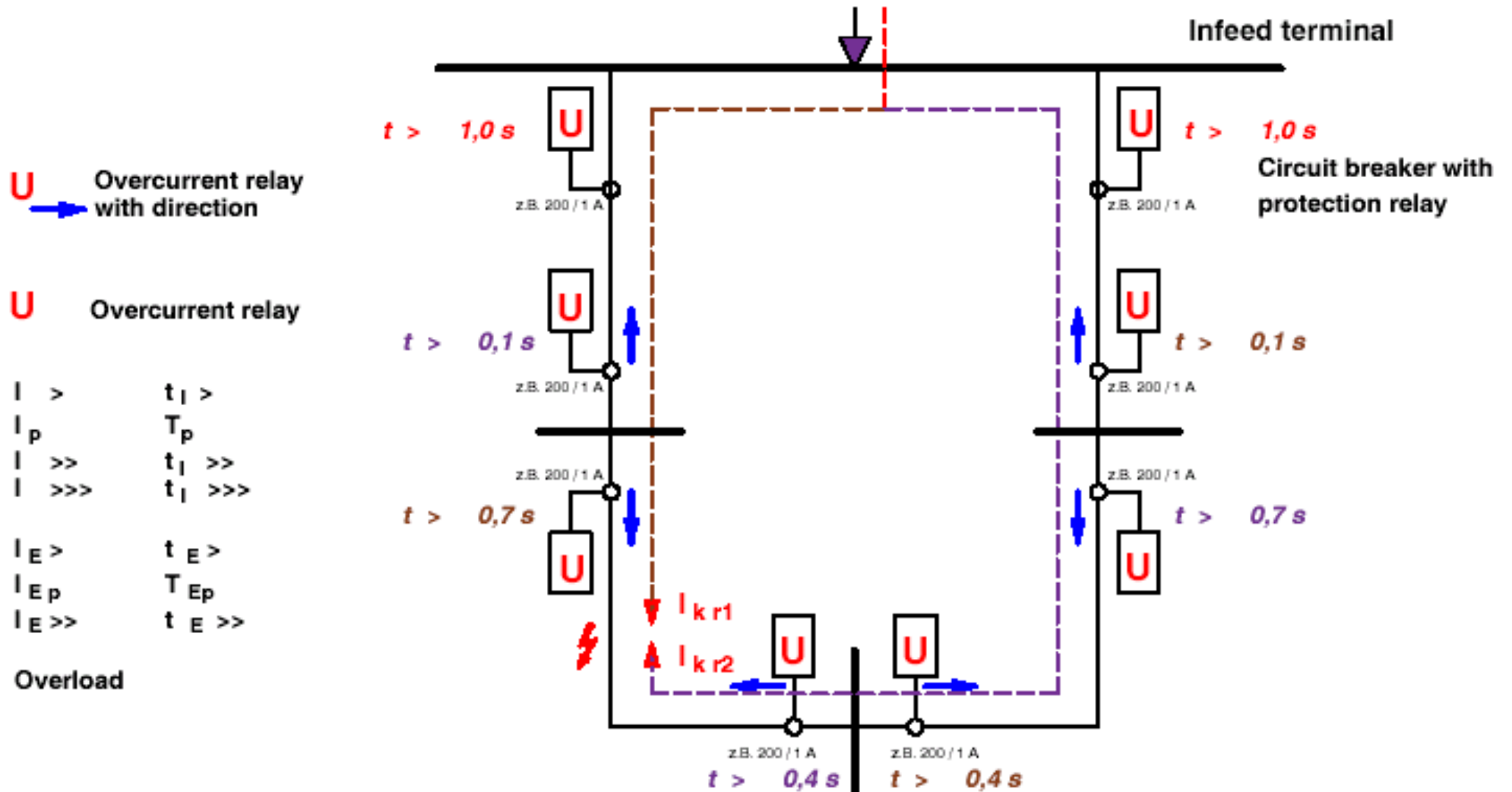
$I >$ $t_I >$
 I_p T_p
 $I \gg$ $t_I \gg$
 $I \gg \gg$ $t_I \gg \gg$

$I_E >$ $t_E >$
 I_{Ep} T_{Ep}
 $I_E \gg$ $t_E \gg$

Overload



Cable ring with advanced protection



Co-ordination of distance protection at infeeding cables and overcurrent protection at downstream feeder cables

D Distanzschutz

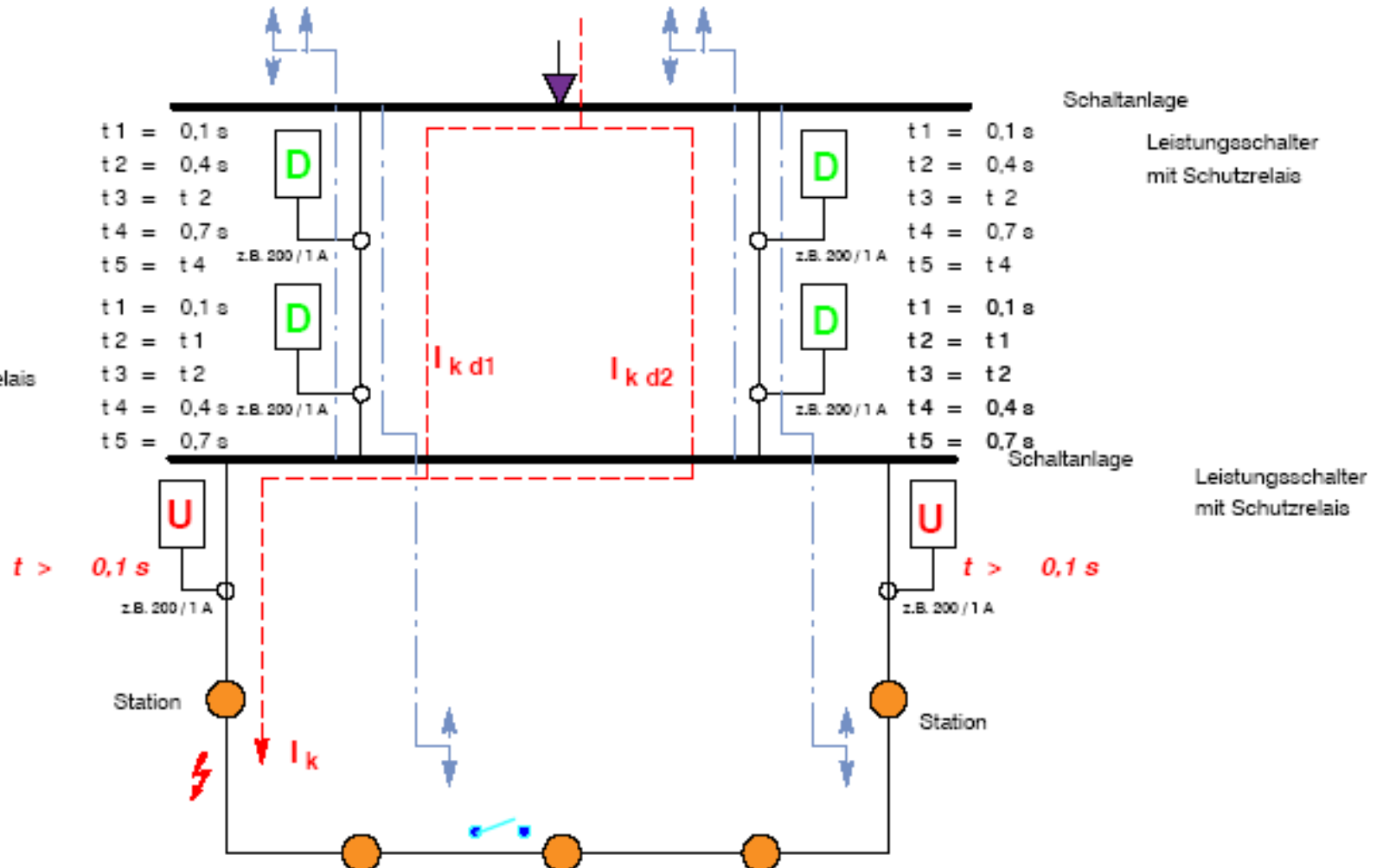
R1, X1	t 1
R2, X2	t 2
R3, X3	t 3
	t 4
	t 5

U Überstrom - Zeit - Relais

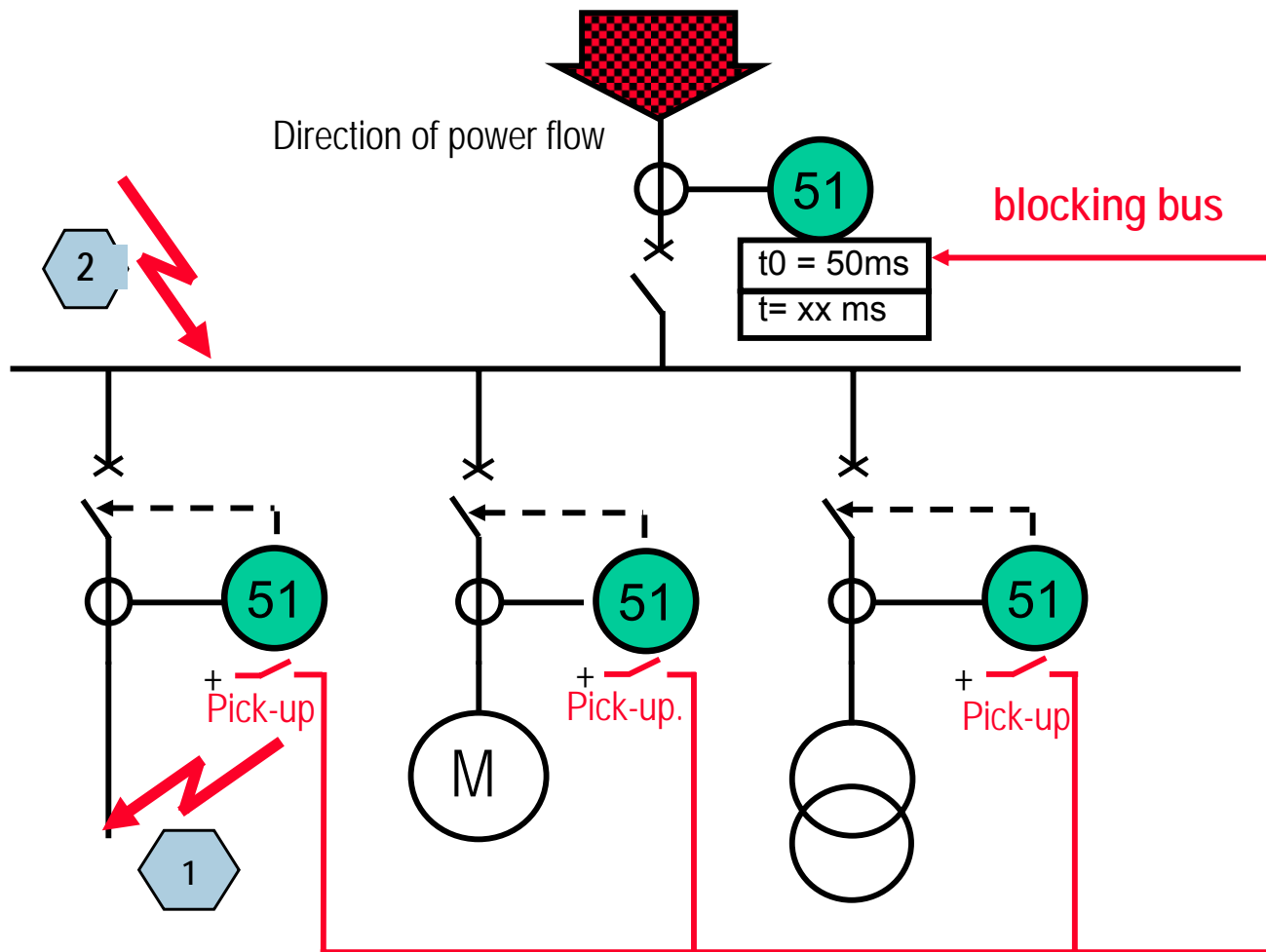
$I >$	$t_I >$
I_p	T_p
$I \gg$	$t_I \gg$
$I \gg \gg$	$t_I \gg \gg$

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I_{Ep}	T_{Ep}
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Überlast



Advanced overcurrent protection Reverse interlocking principle



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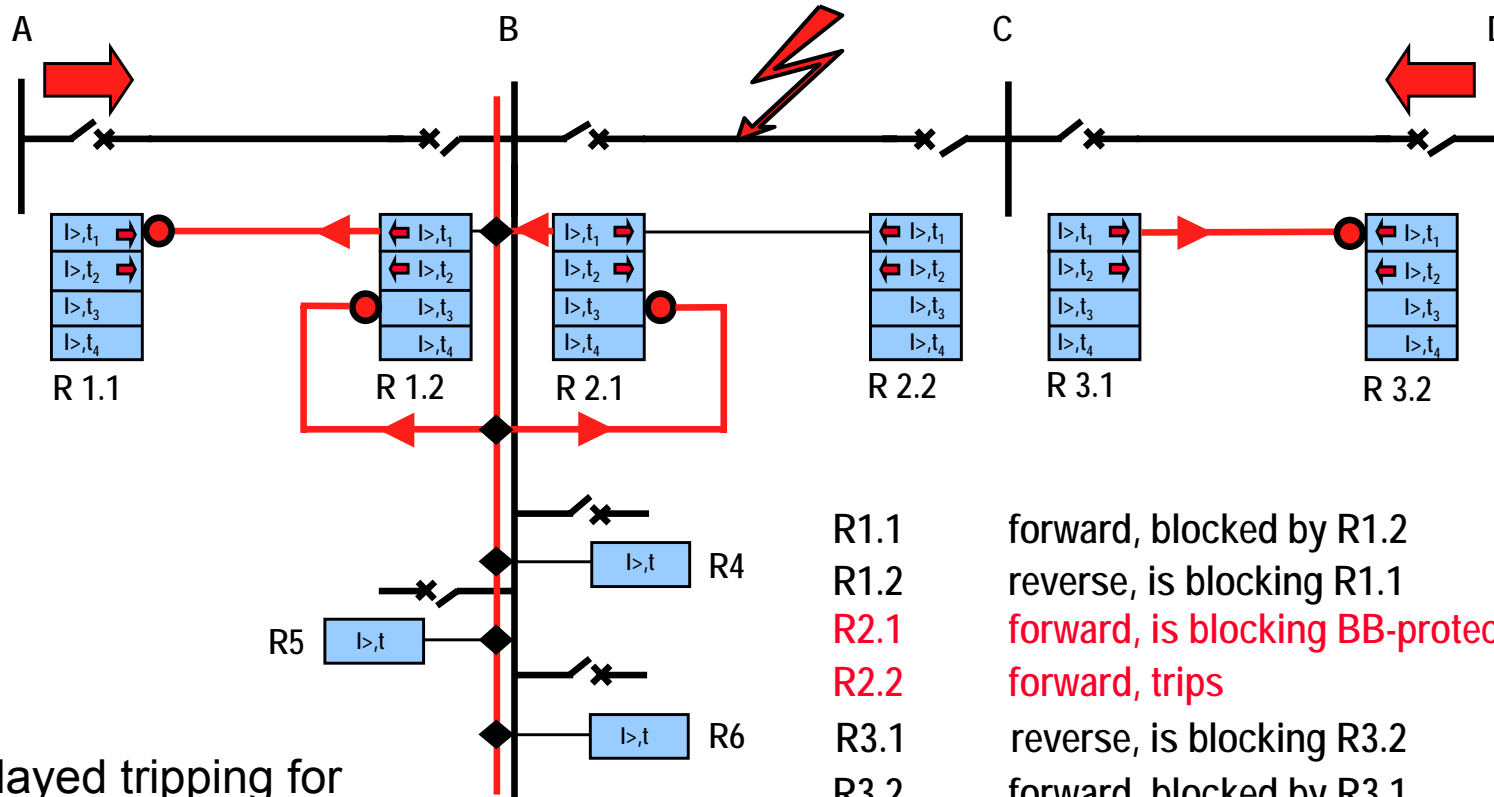
feeder protection blockins the the fast 50ms-stage at the infeding relay via blocking bus and is only tripping its own CB

2

Infeding relay trips within 50ms, as blocking bus is not activated

Directional comparison + reverse interlocking

Fault between station B – C

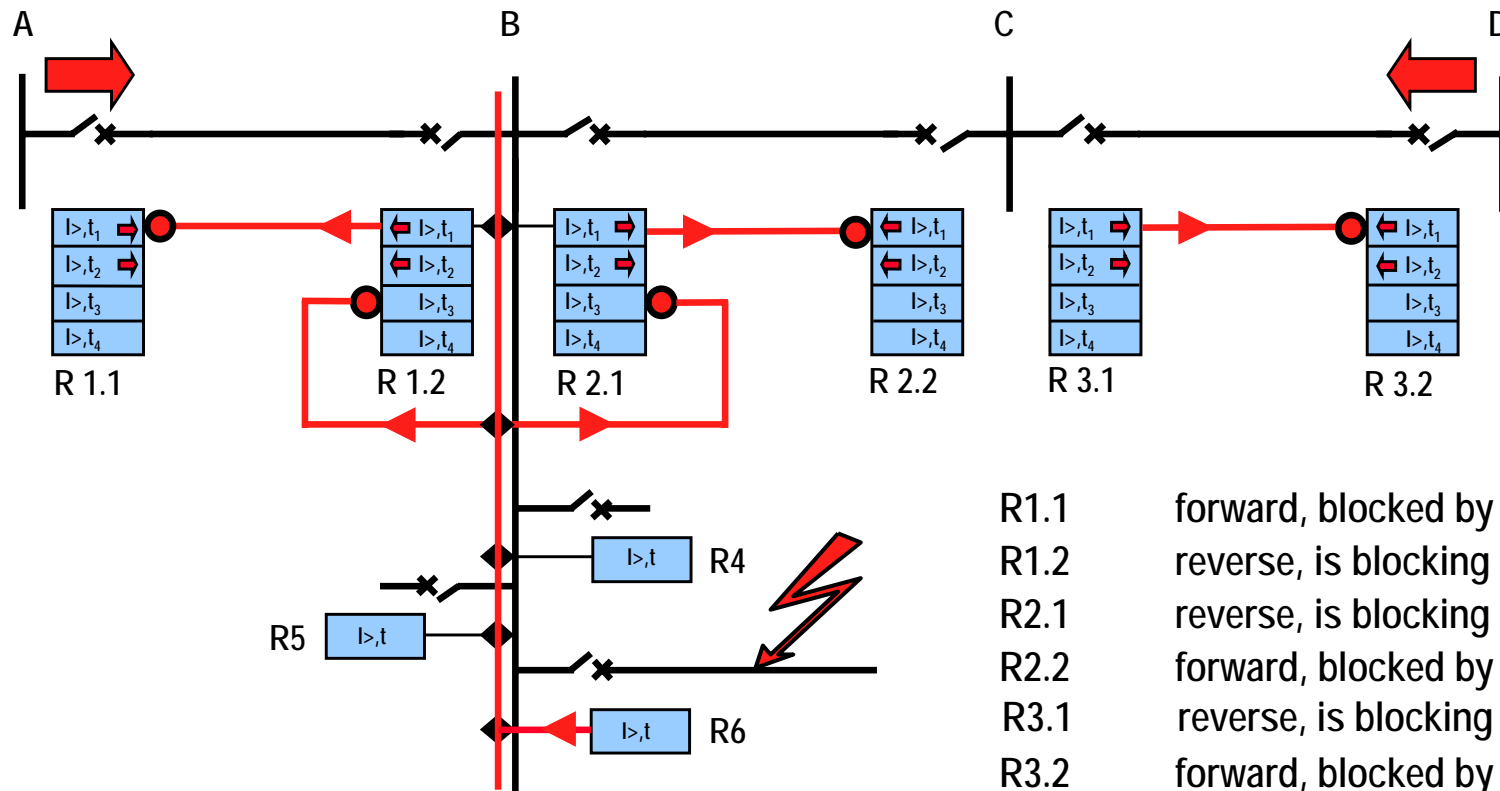


Undelayed tripping for busbar faults (t_3 ca. 50ms) and cable faults using only one relay per feeder!!

R 1.1	forward, blocked by R 1.2
R 1.2	reverse, is blocking R 1.1
R 2.1	forward, is blocking BB-protection and trips
R 2.2	forward, trips
R 3.1	reverse, is blocking R 3.2
R 3.2	forward, blocked by R 3.1
R 4	no action
R 5	no action
R 6	no action

Directional comparison + reverse interlocking

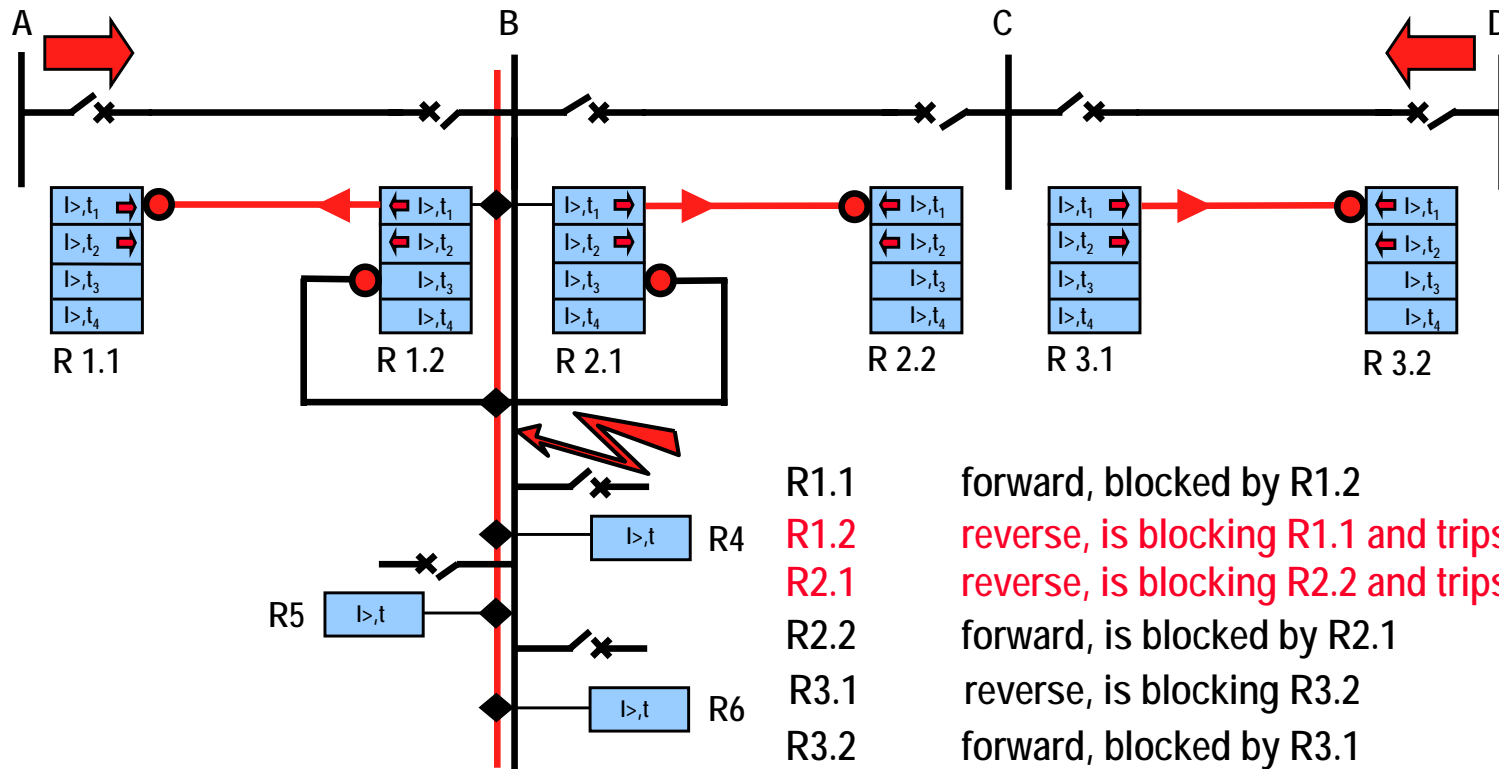
Fault at outgoing feeder



- R1.1 forward, blocked by R1.2
- R1.2 reverse, is blocking R1.1
- R2.1 reverse, is blocking R2.2
- R2.2 forward, blocked by R2.1
- R3.1 reverse, is blocking R3.2
- R3.2 forward, blocked by R3.1
- R4 no action
- R5 no action
- R6 is blocking BB-protection and trips**

Directional comparison + reverse interlocking

Fault at busbar B

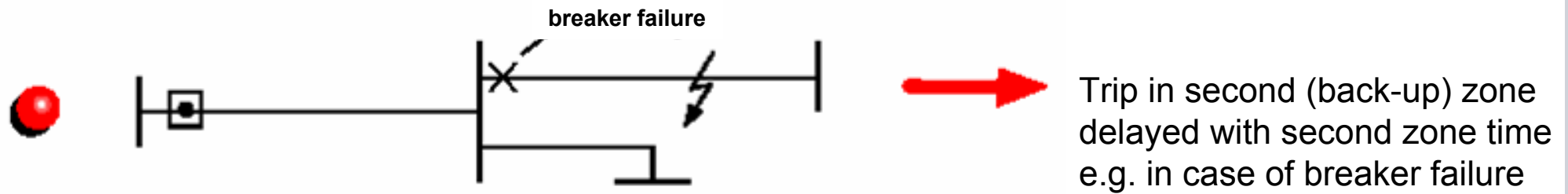
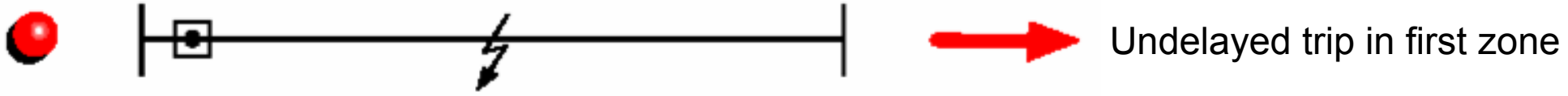


- | | |
|-------|--|
| R 1.1 | forward, blocked by R 1.2 |
| R 1.2 | reverse, is blocking R 1.1 and trips BB-protection |
| R 2.1 | reverse, is blocking R 2.2 and trips BB-protection |
| R 2.2 | forward, is blocked by R 2.1 |
| R 3.1 | reverse, is blocking R 3.2 |
| R 3.2 | forward, blocked by R 3.1 |
| R 4 | no action |
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| R 6 | no action |

Protection Principles and Co-ordination:

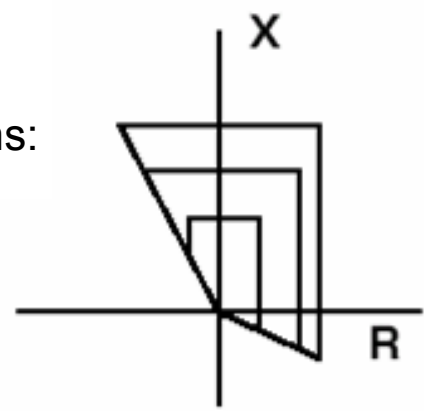
- Distance Protection**

Basic principle of distance protection

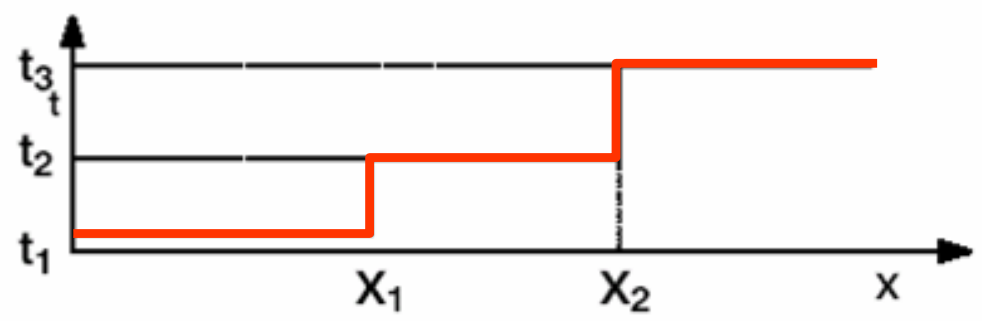


etc.

Graphical representations:

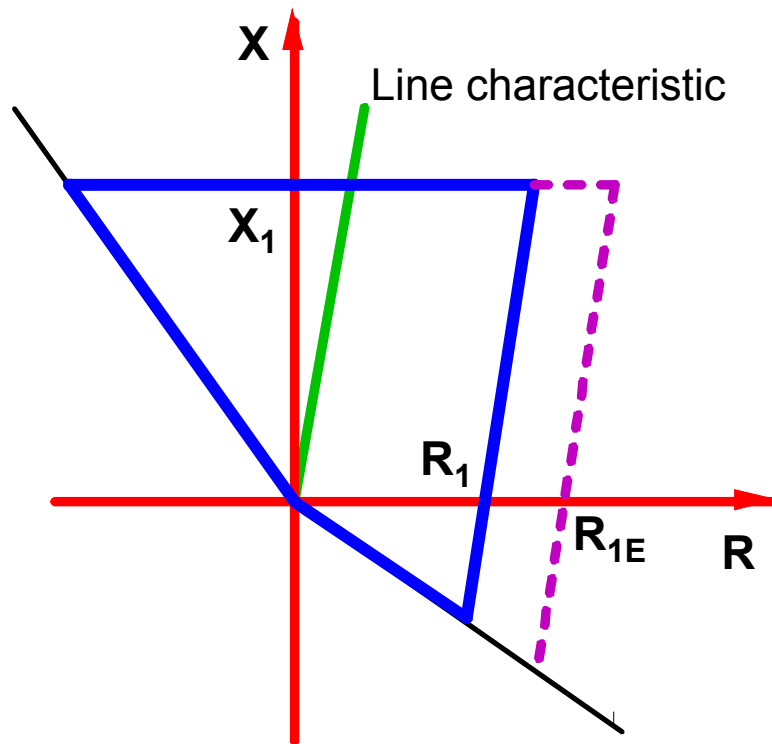


Tripping zones in the impedance plane



grading chart

Zone 1 - Setting guidelines



Recommendation for Zone 1 settings:

$X_1 \approx 80\text{...}90\%$ of line reactance

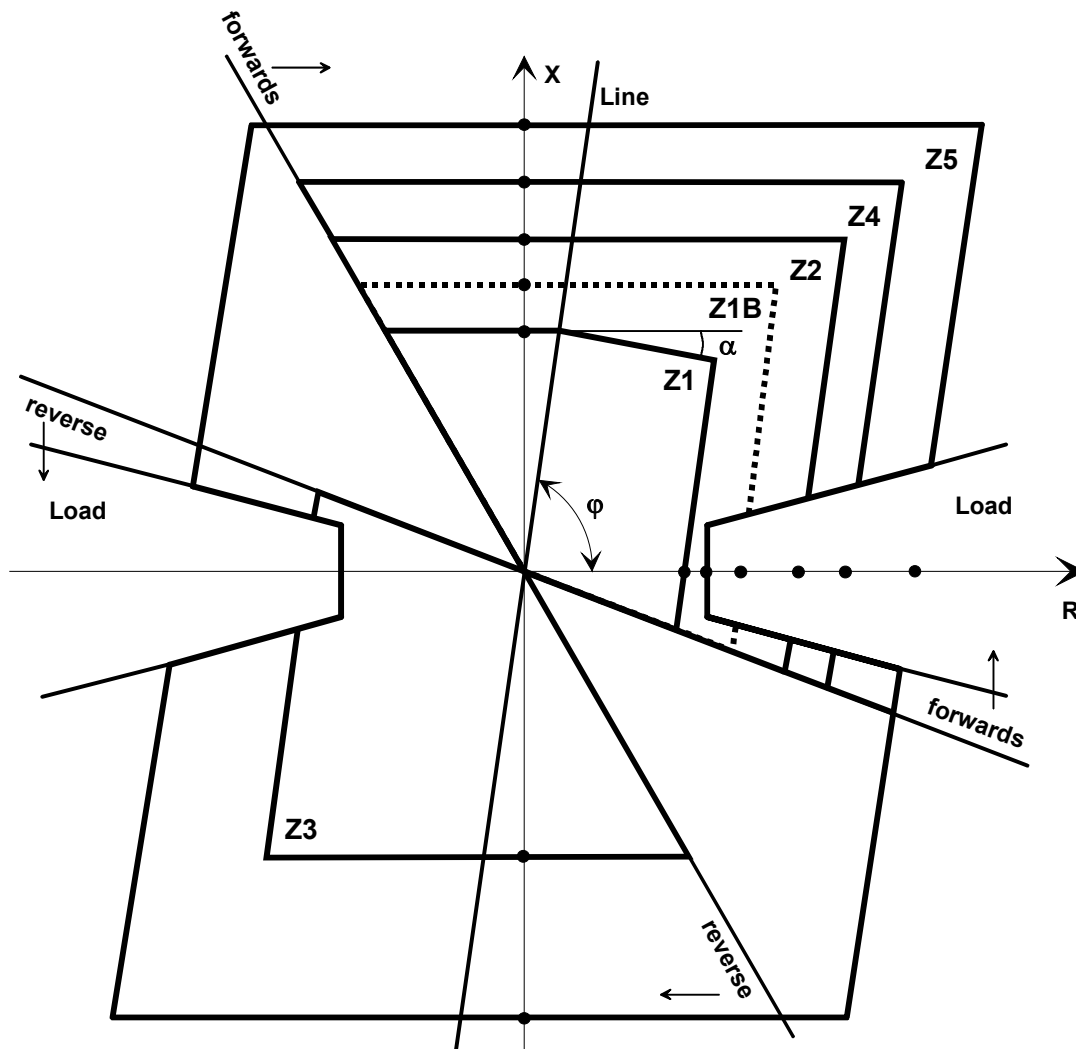
$R_1 \approx 100\%$ of arc resistance

$R_{1E} \approx 100\%$ of arc resistance

$t_1 = 0 \text{ ms}$

If the measured impedance is within the set characteristic and the set time has expired, a TRIP command is issued

Distance protection: Zone characteristics



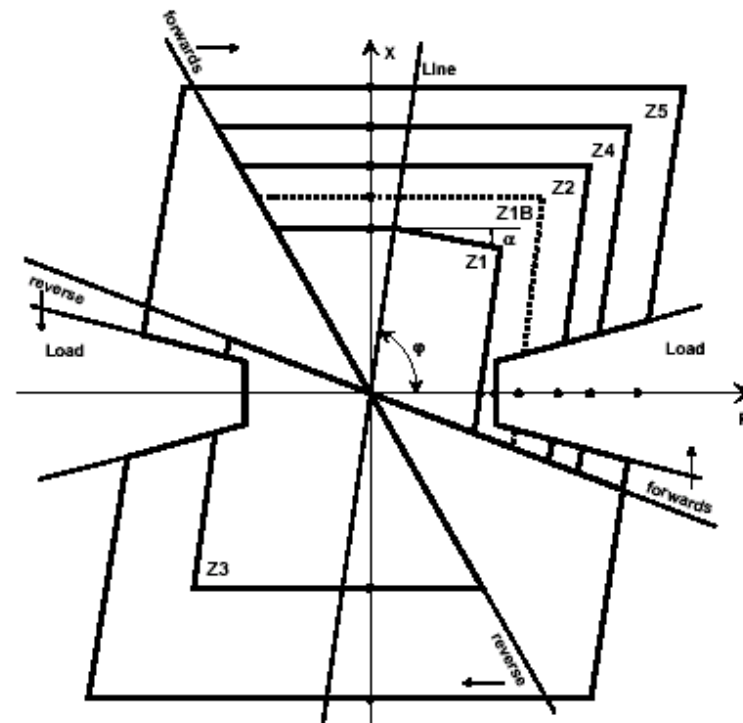
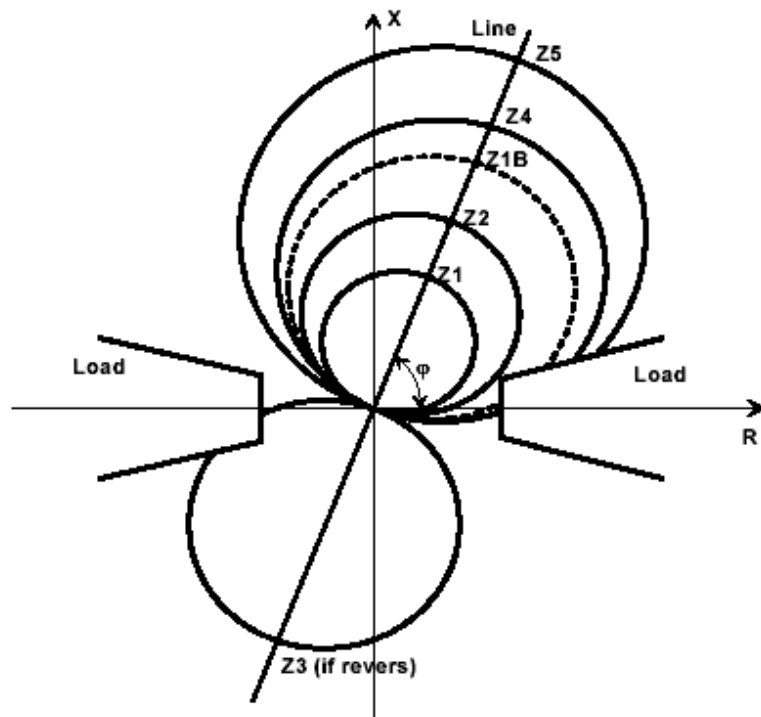
- **Distance zones**

- Inclined with line angle φ
- Angle α prevents overreach of Z1 on faults with fault resistance that are fed from both line ends

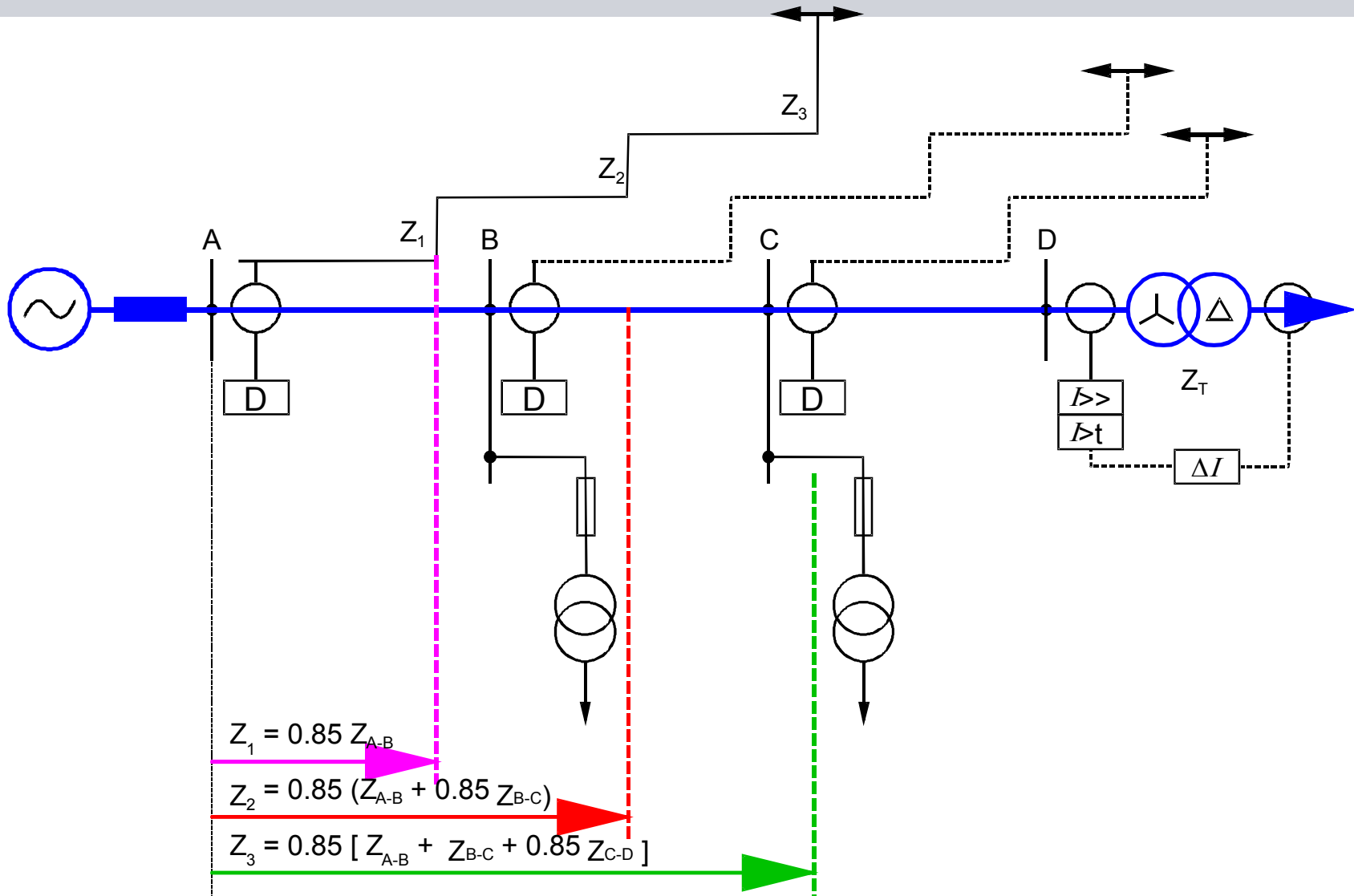
- **Fault detection (7SA6)**

- no fault detection polygon: the largest zone determines the fault detection characteristic
- simple setting of load encroachment area with R_{\min} and φ_{Load}

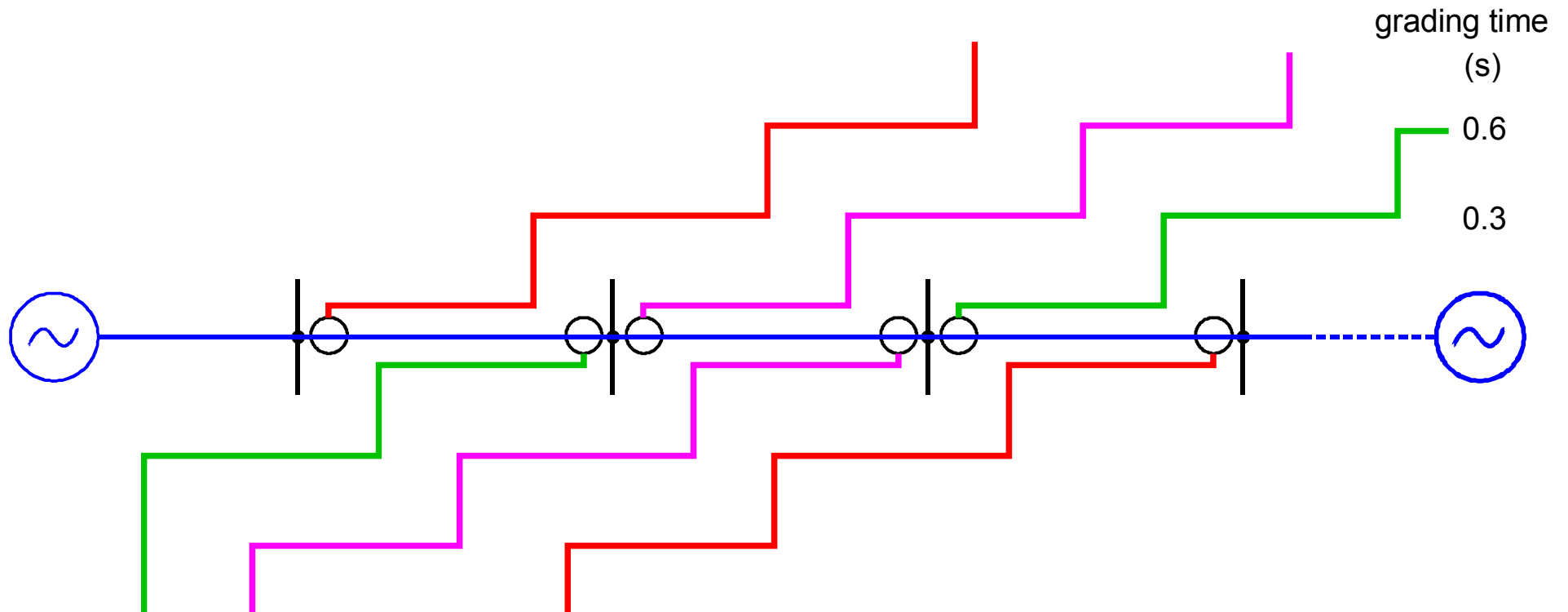
Comparison of zone characteristics: MHO versus polygonal



Grading of the zones - radial network



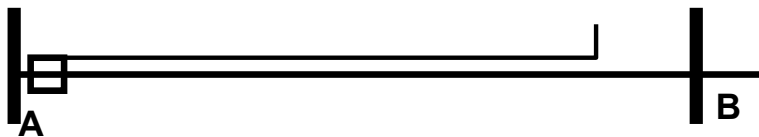
Grading of the zones - infeed at both ends



Ring with grading towards opposite line end

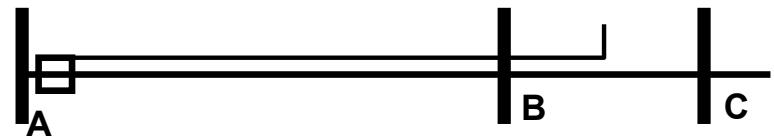
1st Zone Settings

Normal Situation



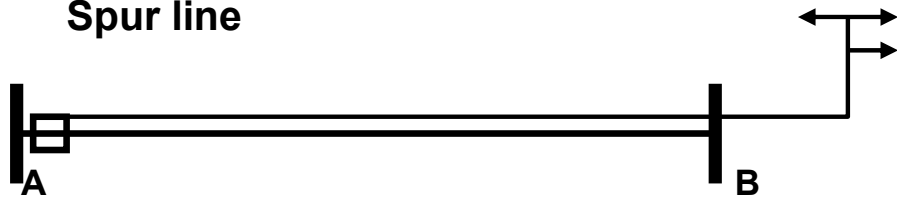
$$Z_{1.zone} = 0.85 \times Z_{A,B}$$

No relay in the next station



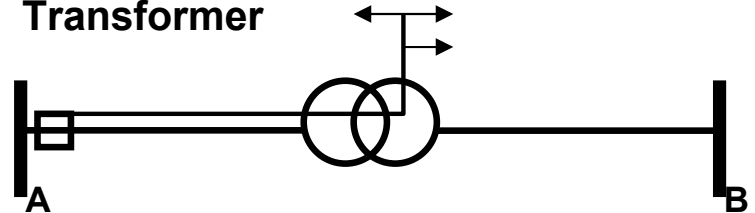
$$Z_{2.zone} = 0.85 \times (Z_{A,B} + Z_{B,C})$$

Spur line



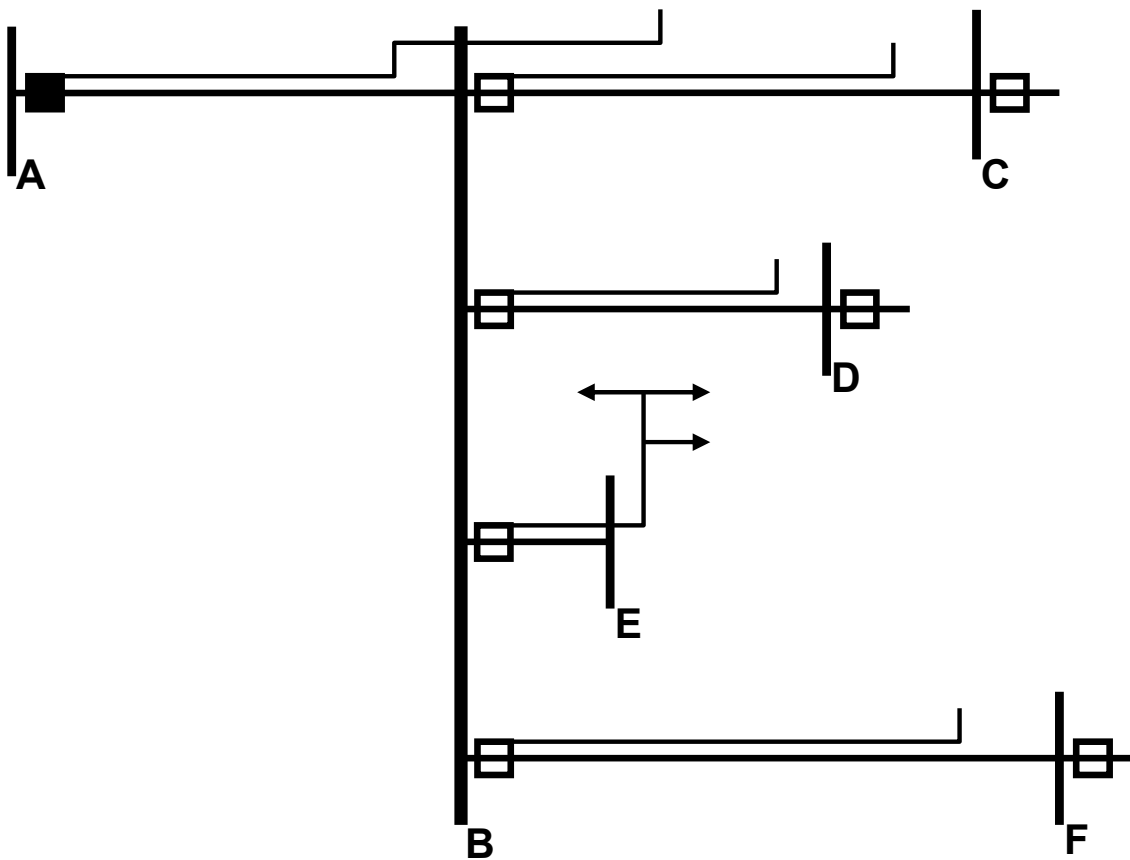
$$Z_{1.zone} = 1.20 \times Z_{A,B} \quad Z_{1.zone} = Z_{2.zone} = Z_{3zone}$$

Transformer



$$Z_{1.Zone} = 0.85 \times Z_{transf.} \quad Z_{1.zone} = Z_{2.zone} = Z_{3.zone}$$

2nd Zone Settings



$$Z_{2.\text{zone}} = 0.90 \times (Z_{A,B} + 0.85 \times \min \{ Z_{B,\dots} \})$$

2nd zone impedance grading acc. to the shortest 1st zone setting and the next busbar ($Z_{B,D} < Z_{B,C} < Z_{B,F}$), hereby spur lines are neglected ($Z_{B,E}$).

$$Z_{2.\text{zone}} = 0.90 \times (Z_{A,B} + 0.85 \times Z_{B,D})$$

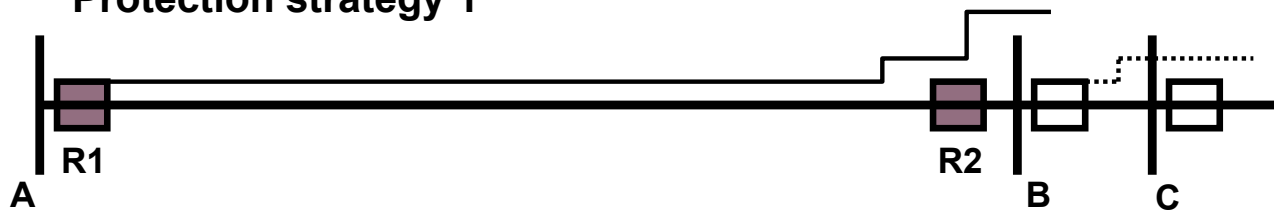
2nd Zone Settings in Case of Short and Long Lines in Series

Example



2nd Zone Settings in Case of Short and Long Lines in Series

Protection strategy 1

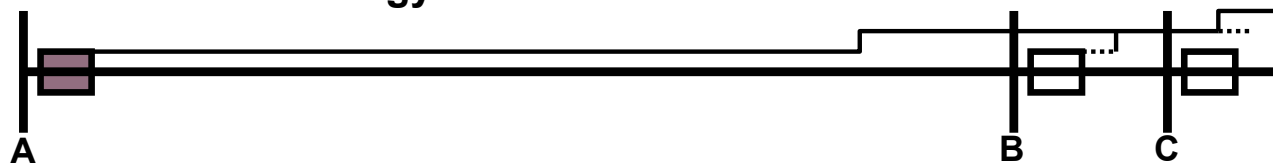


$$Z_{2.\text{zone}} = 0.85 \times (Z_{AB} + 0.85 \times Z_{AC}) < 1.00 Z_{AB}$$

Comment: absolutely selective grading schedule, but short-circuit faults on the last part of long line will be tripped in the 3rd zone.

Alternative:
Protection relay R2 at the terminal B can be graded with 2nd zone in reverse direction.

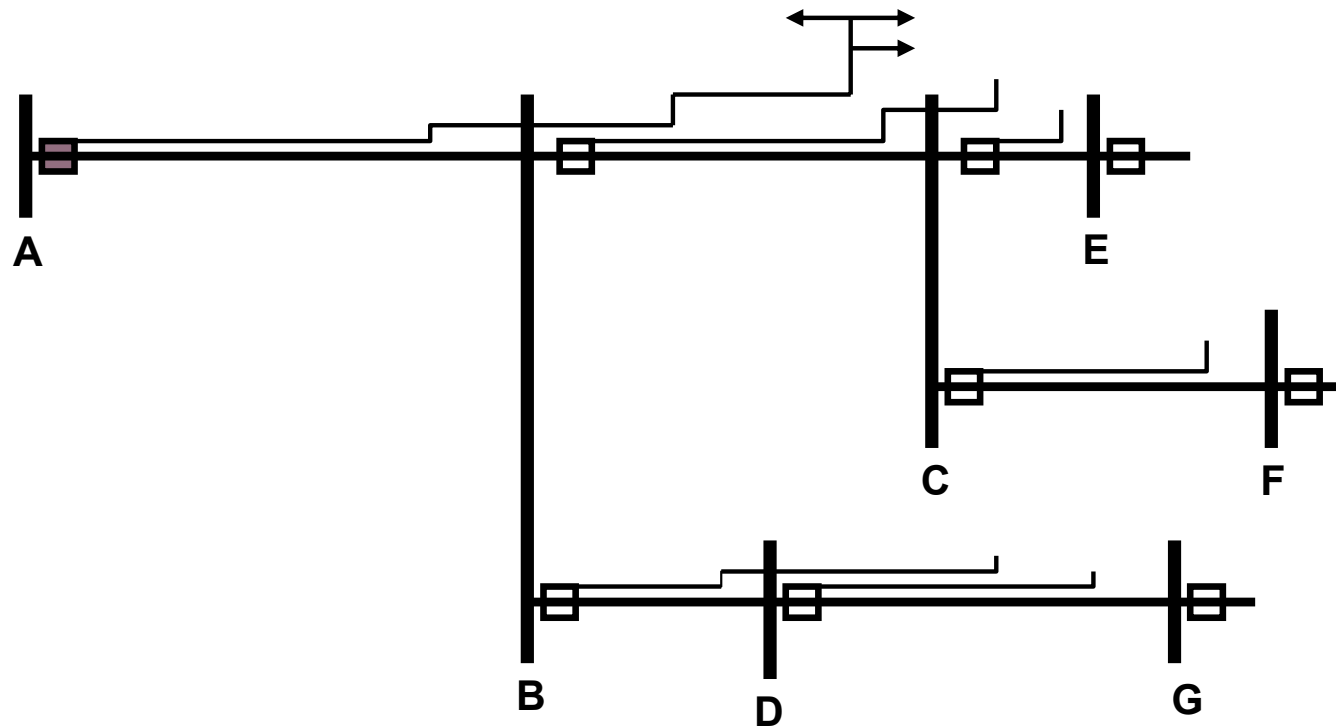
Protection strategy 2



$$Z_{2.\text{zone}} = 1.2 \times Z_{AB}$$

Comment: fast 1st zone and 2nd zone will trip all short-circuit faults on the long line, but no selective tripping in the 2nd and higher zones.

3rd Zone Settings

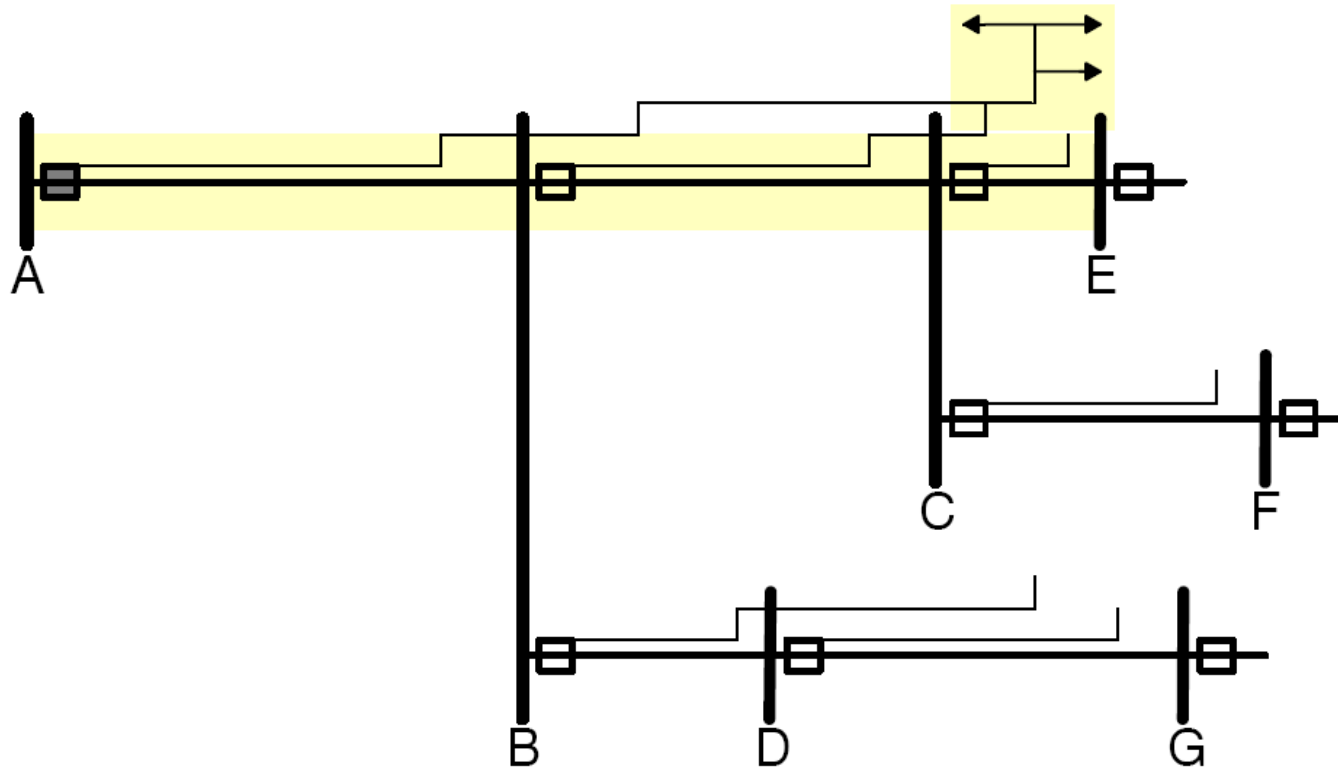


$$Z_{3,\text{zone}} = 0.85 \times (Z_{A,B} + 0.85 (Z_{B,C} + 0.85 \times Z_{C,E}))$$

$$Z_{B,C} + 0.85 \times Z_{C,E} < Z_{B,D} + 0.85 \times Z_{D,G}$$

Grading according to the shortest 2nd zone of the outgoing lines at the next station . Fault at station C will not be cleared with 3rd zone!

3rd Zone Settings

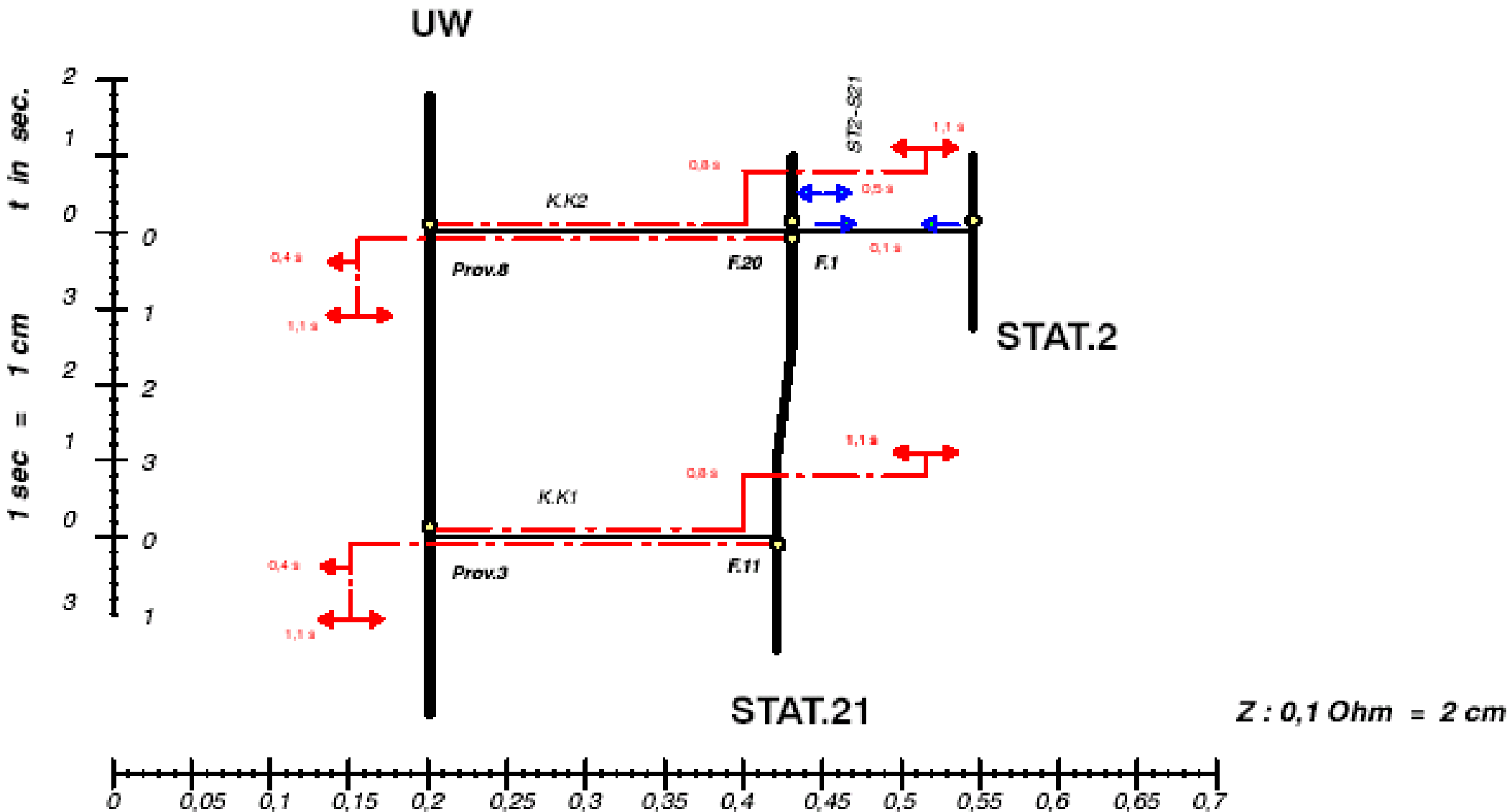


$$Z_{3,\text{zone}} = 1.20 \cdot (Z_{A,B} + Z_{B,C}) \quad Z_{B,C} > Z_{B,D}$$

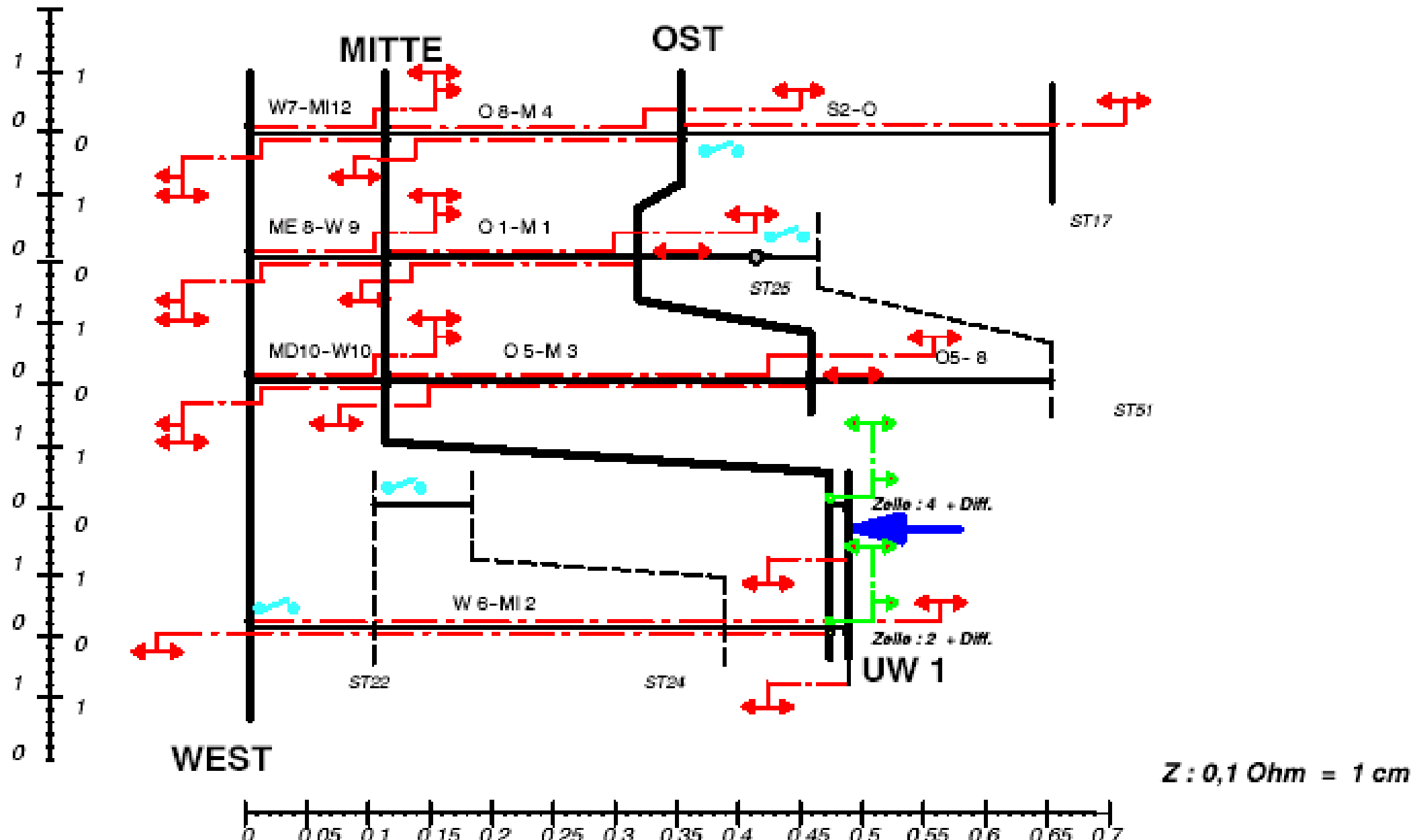
Setting of the 3rd zone that short-circuit faults on the electrically farthest next-to-next station will be tripped in the 3rd zone.

This setting leads to unselective 3rd zone tripping.

Infeed Cable with Distance Protection



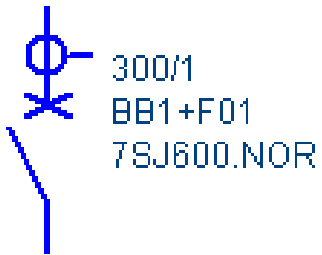
Impedance Plan with Relay Zone Reach



Coordination of Relays, Fuses and LV-Circuit breakers

Case Study

Inverse time Relay Setting Parameters



Phase Fault :

I_p	T_p
$I >$	$T >$
$I >>$	$T >>$
$I >>>$	$T >>>$

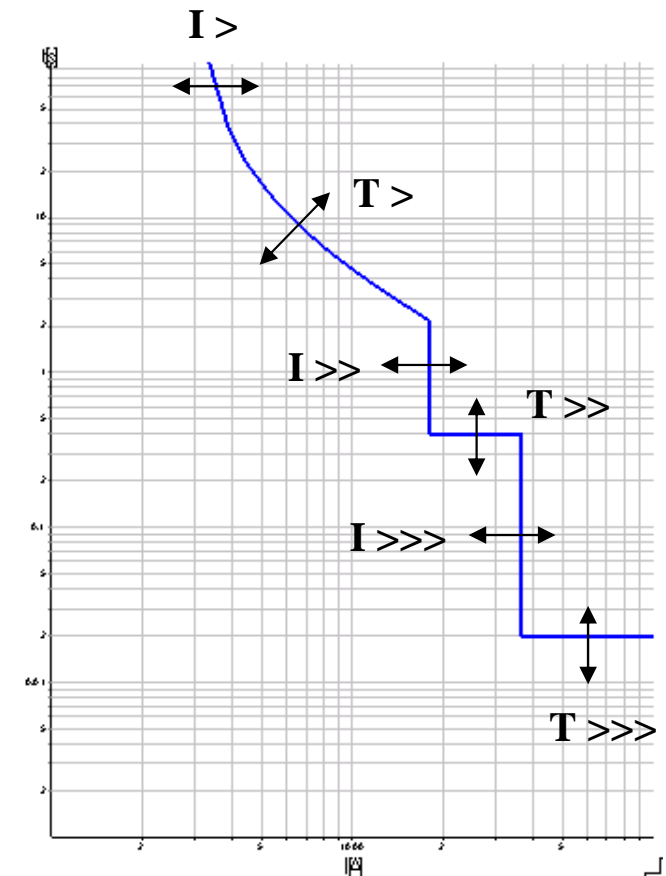
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Earth Fault :

$I E_p$	$T E_p$
$I E >$	$T E >$
$I E >>$	$T E >>$

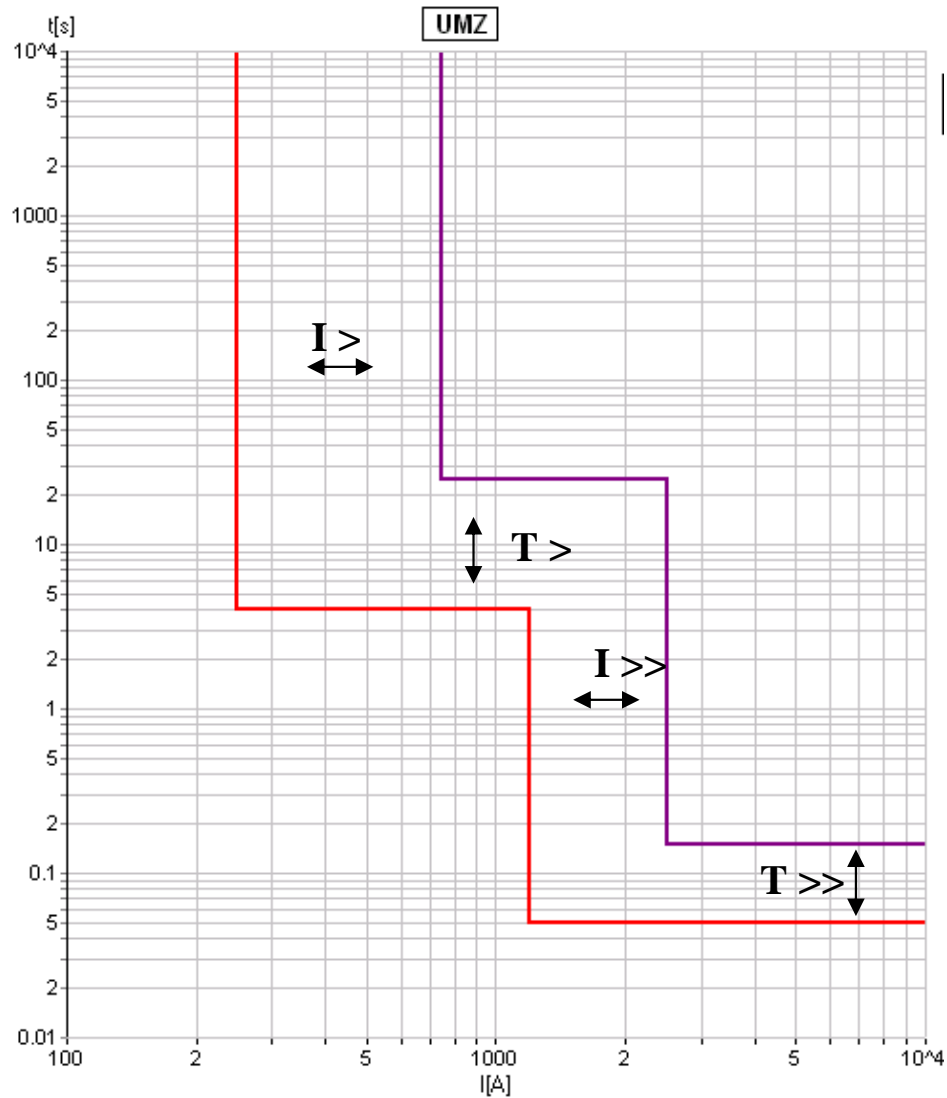
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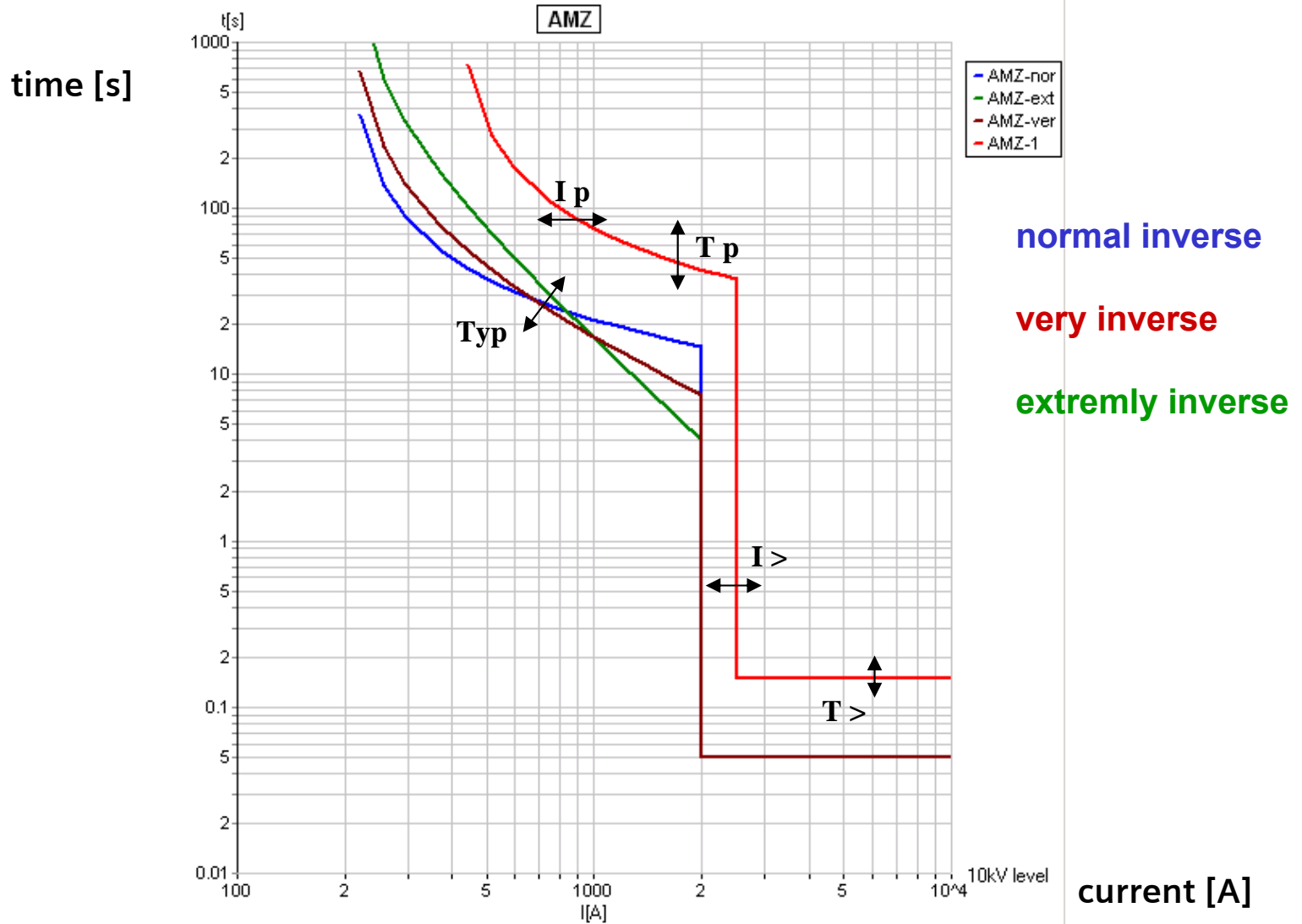
Definite Time Relay Setting Characteristics

time [s]

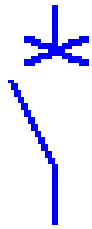


current [A]

Relay inverse Time Characteristics acc. to IEC and BS142



LV Circuit Breaker Setting Parameters

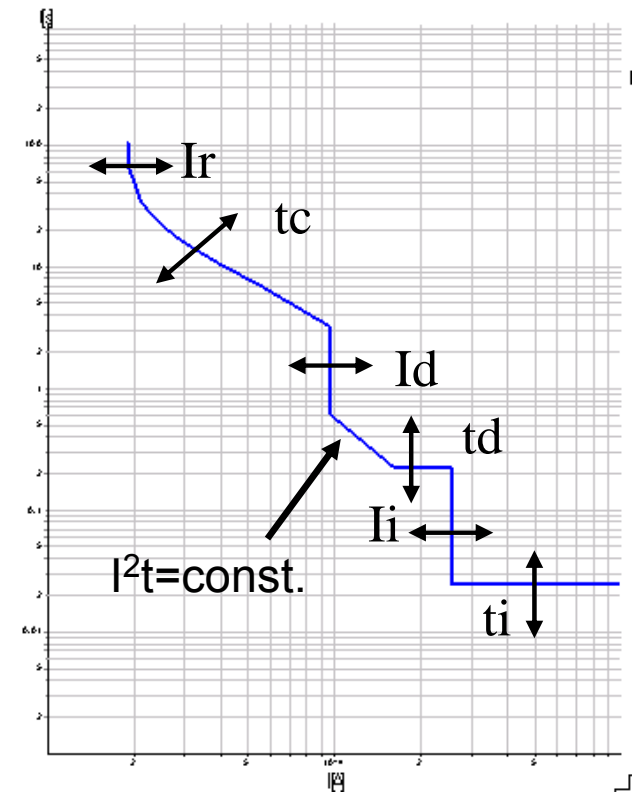


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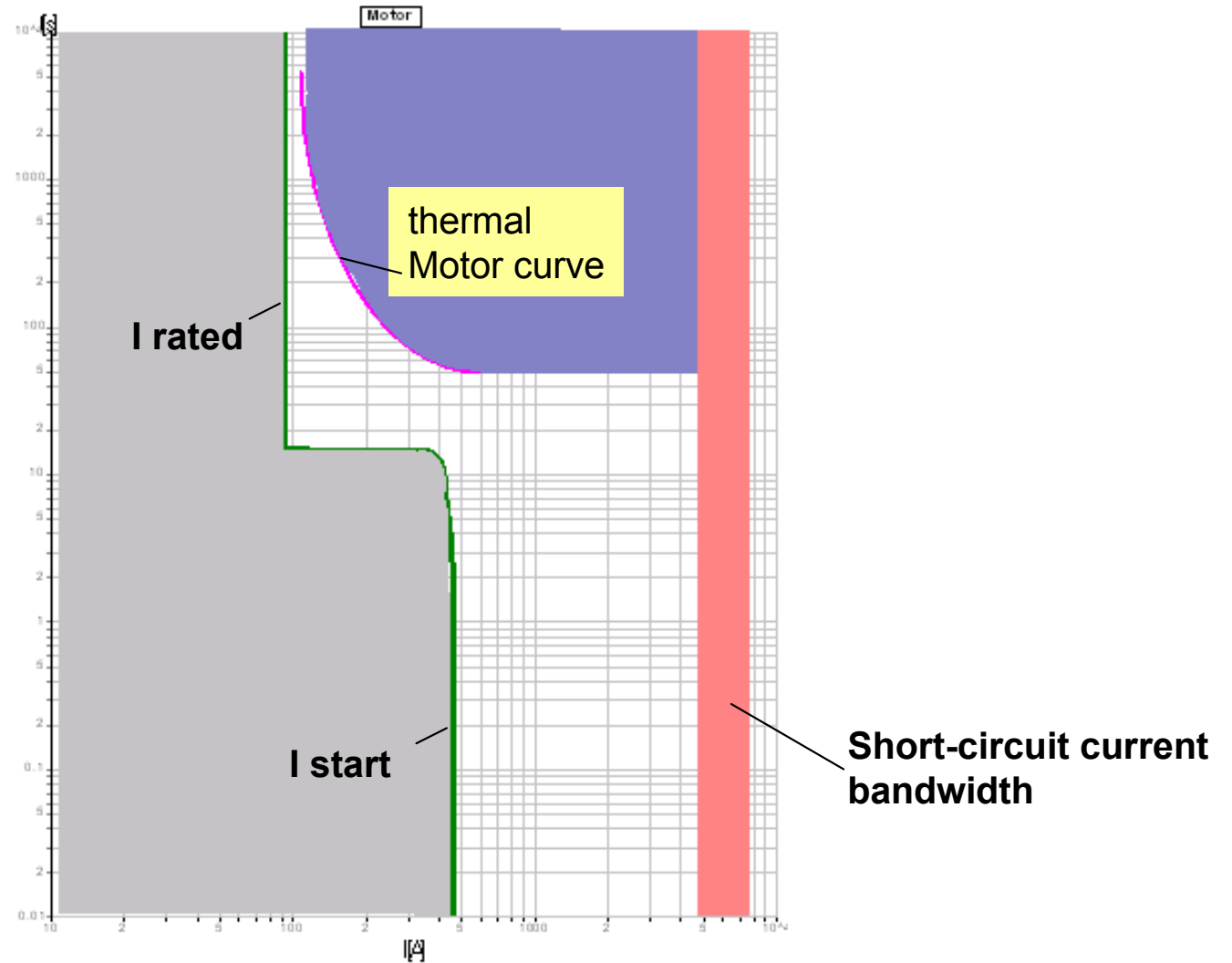


Phase Fault : I_r t_c
 I_d t_d
 I_i t_i

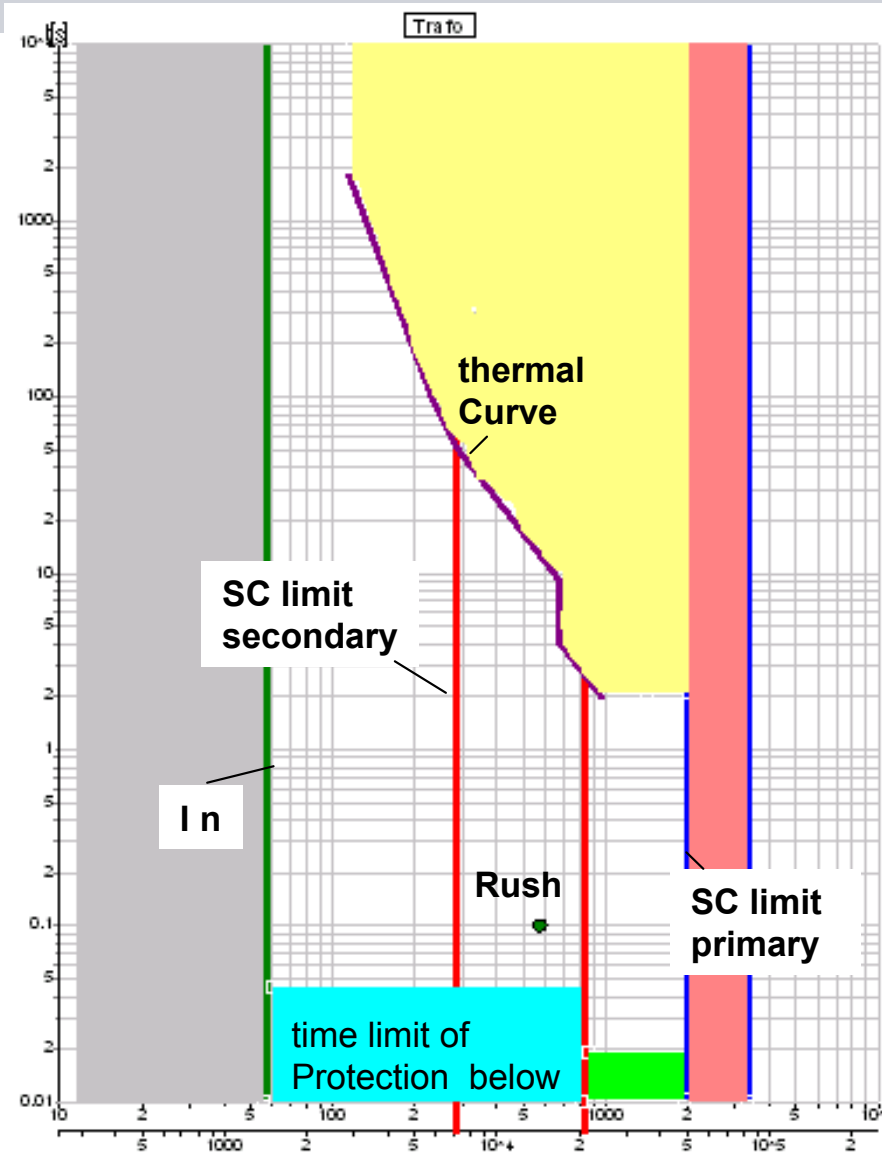
Earth Fault : I_g t_g



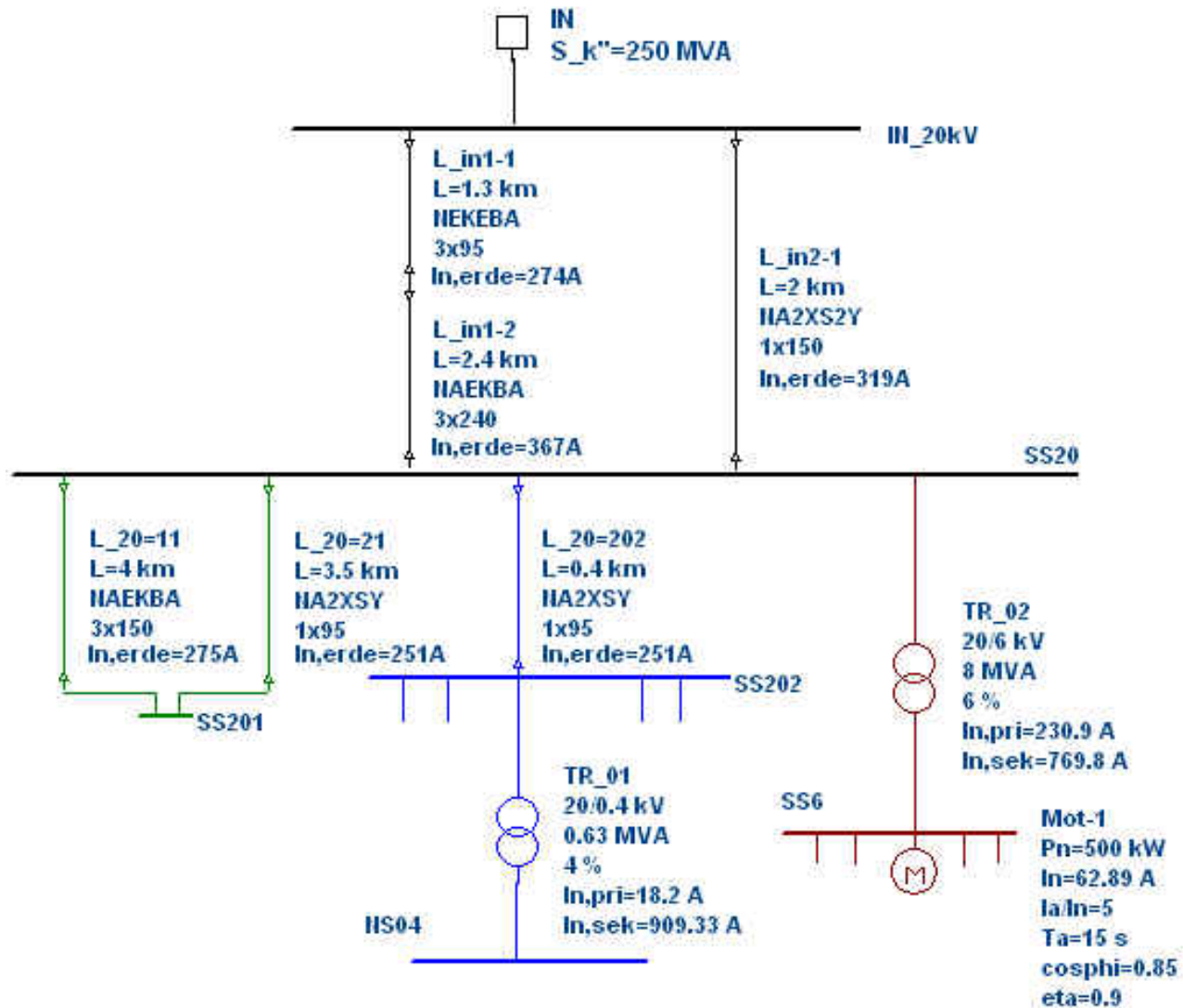
Protection Area - „Motor“



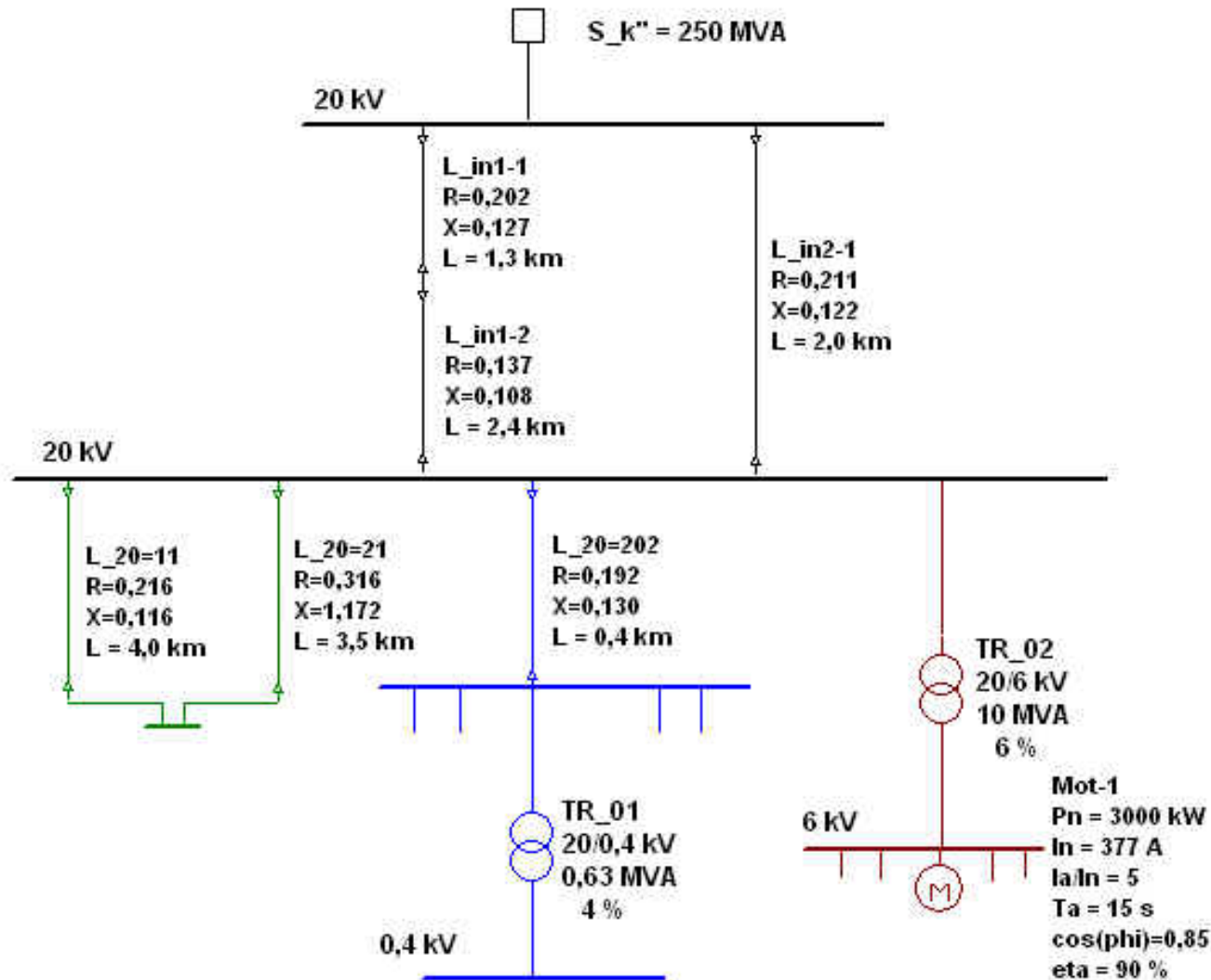
Protection Area - „Transformer“



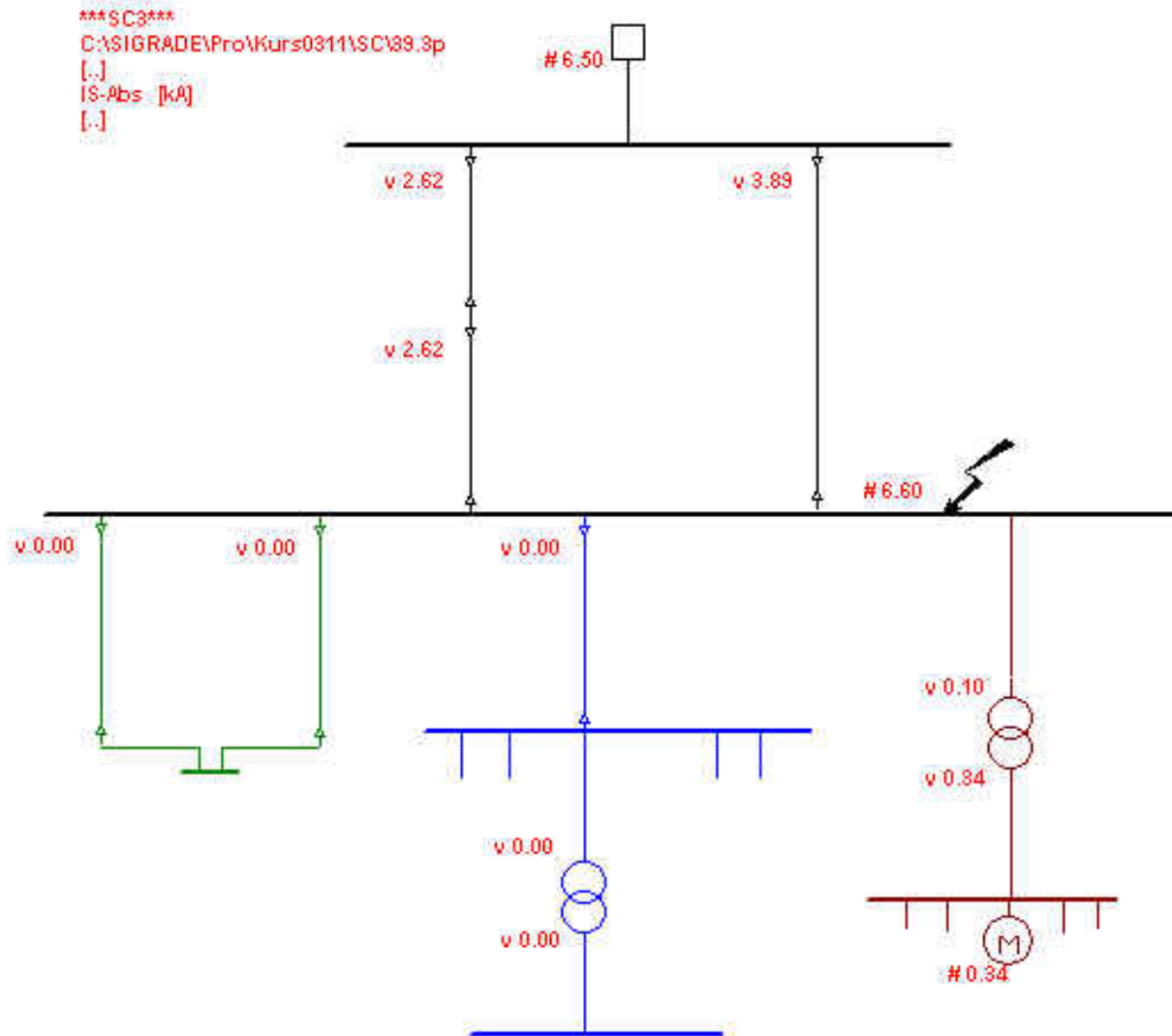
Example: Network 20/6/0.4 kV



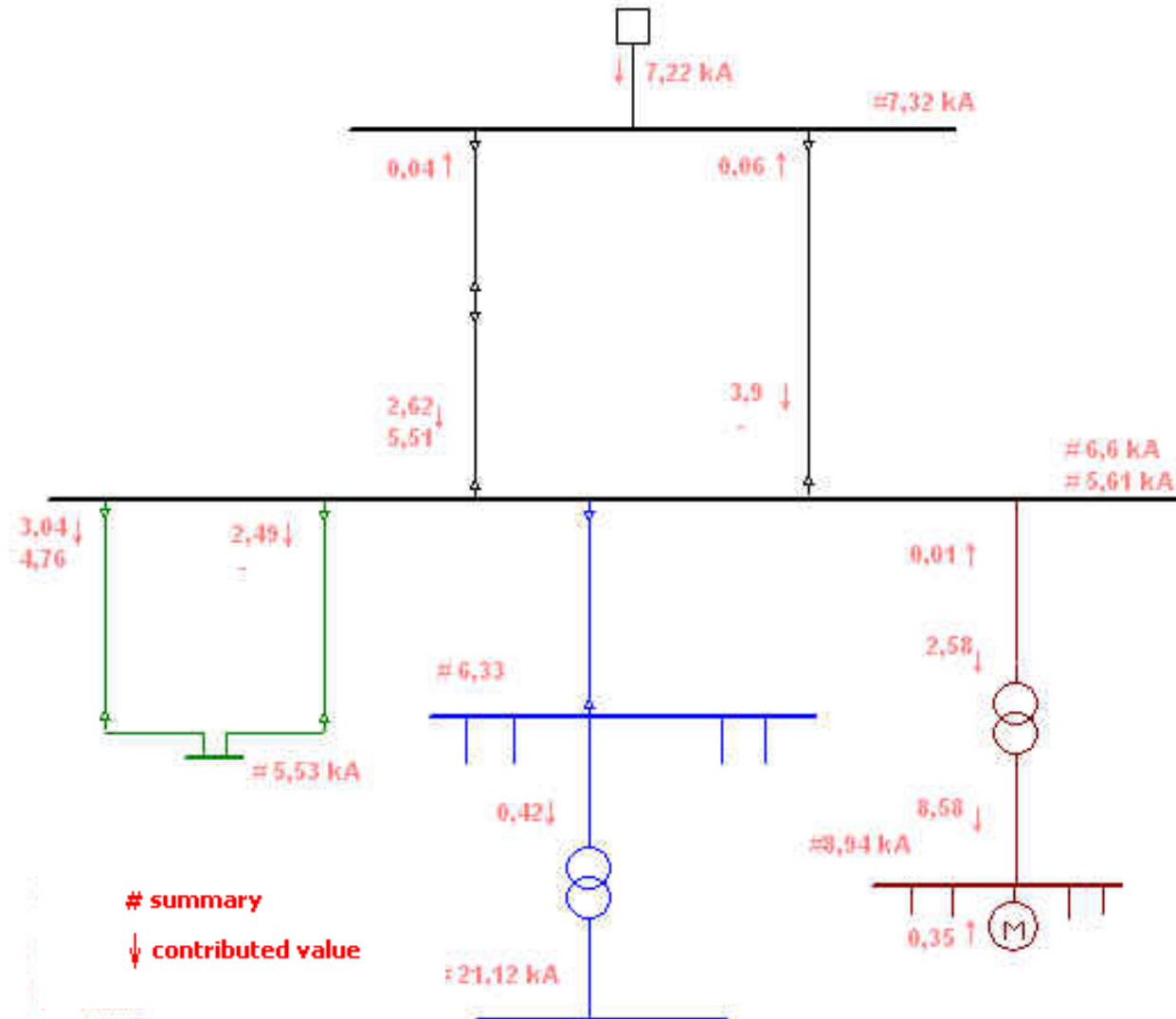
Data base for short circuit calculation



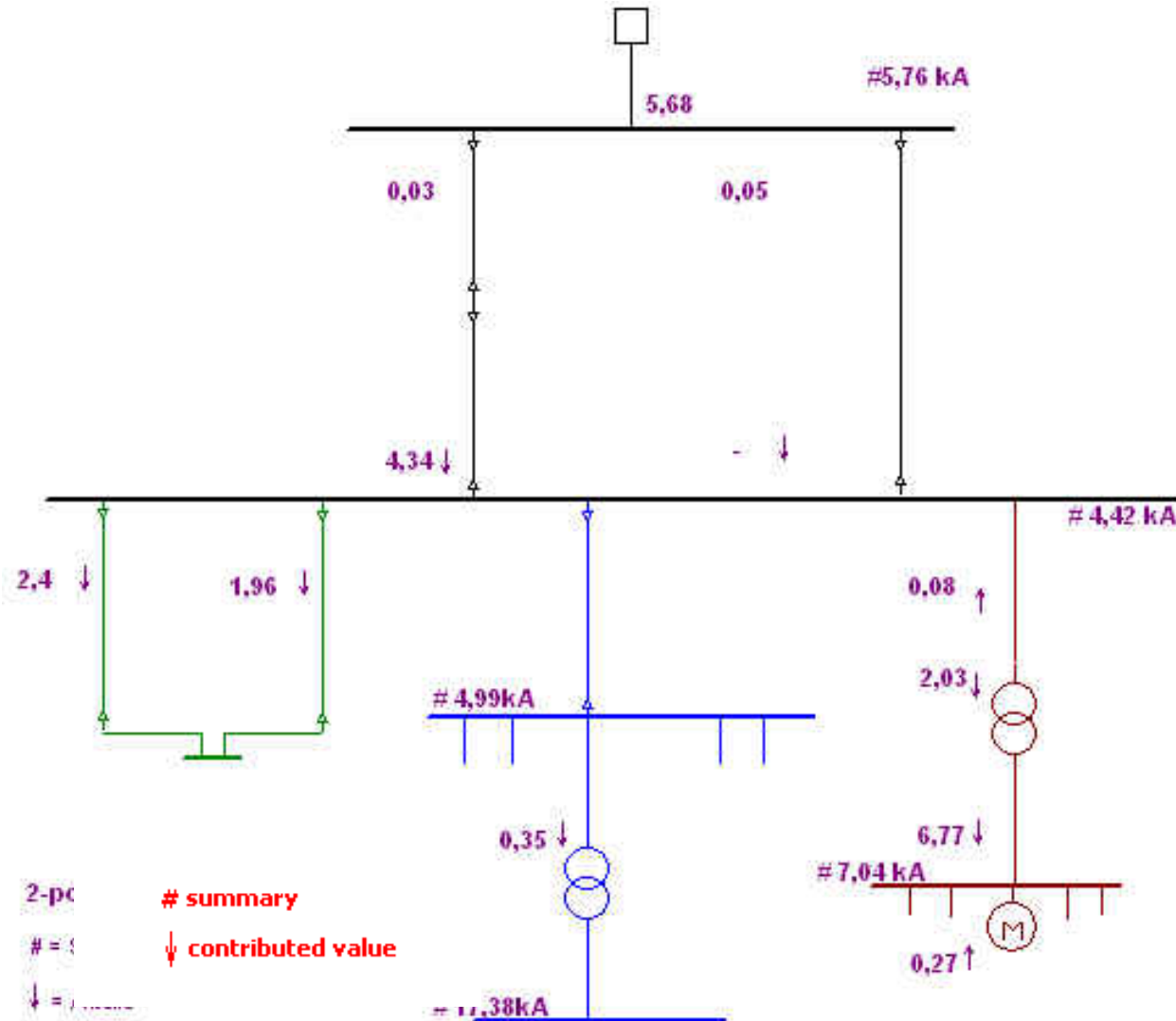
Short circuit calculation results



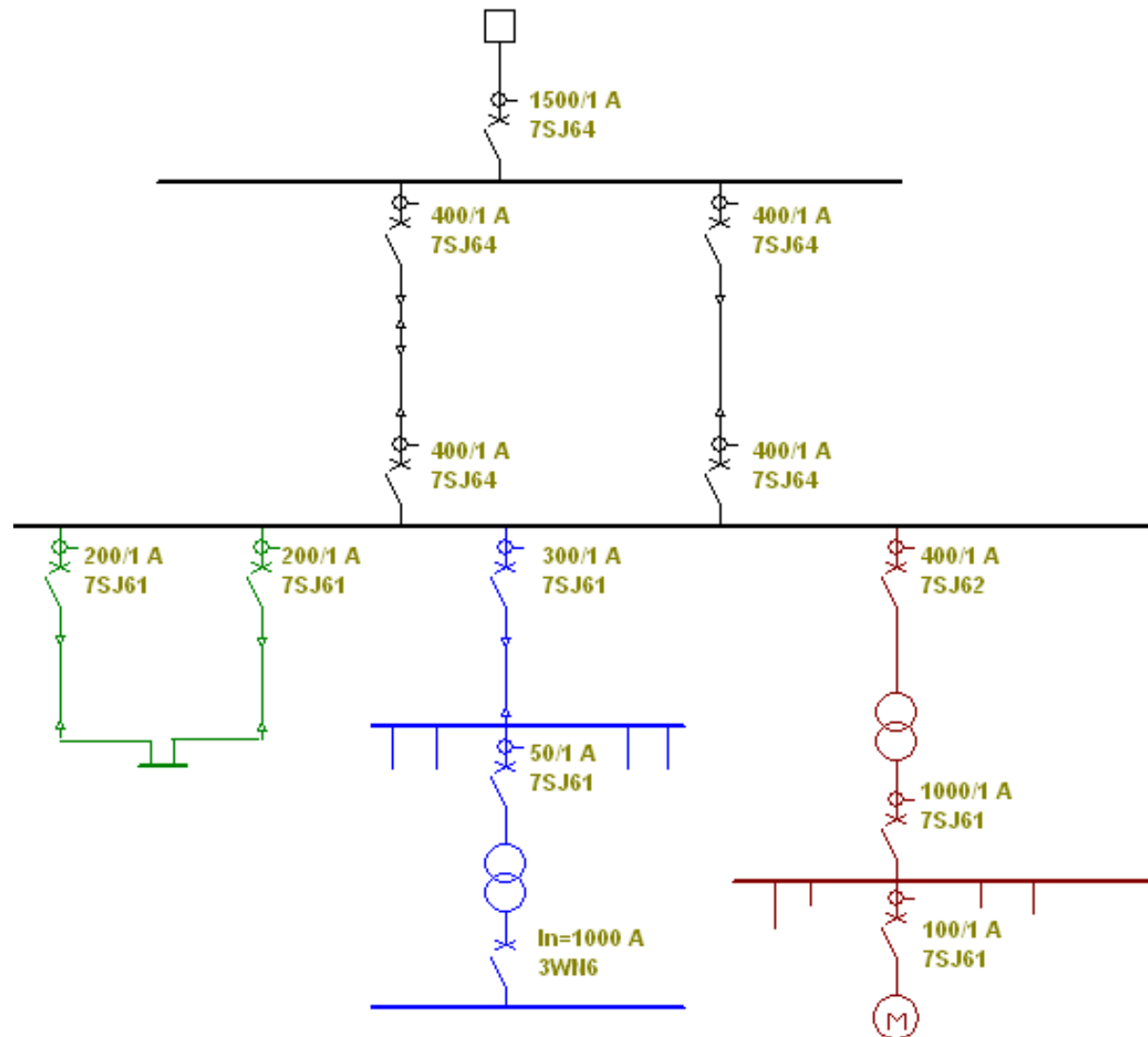
Summary of results - maximum 3-phase short circuit



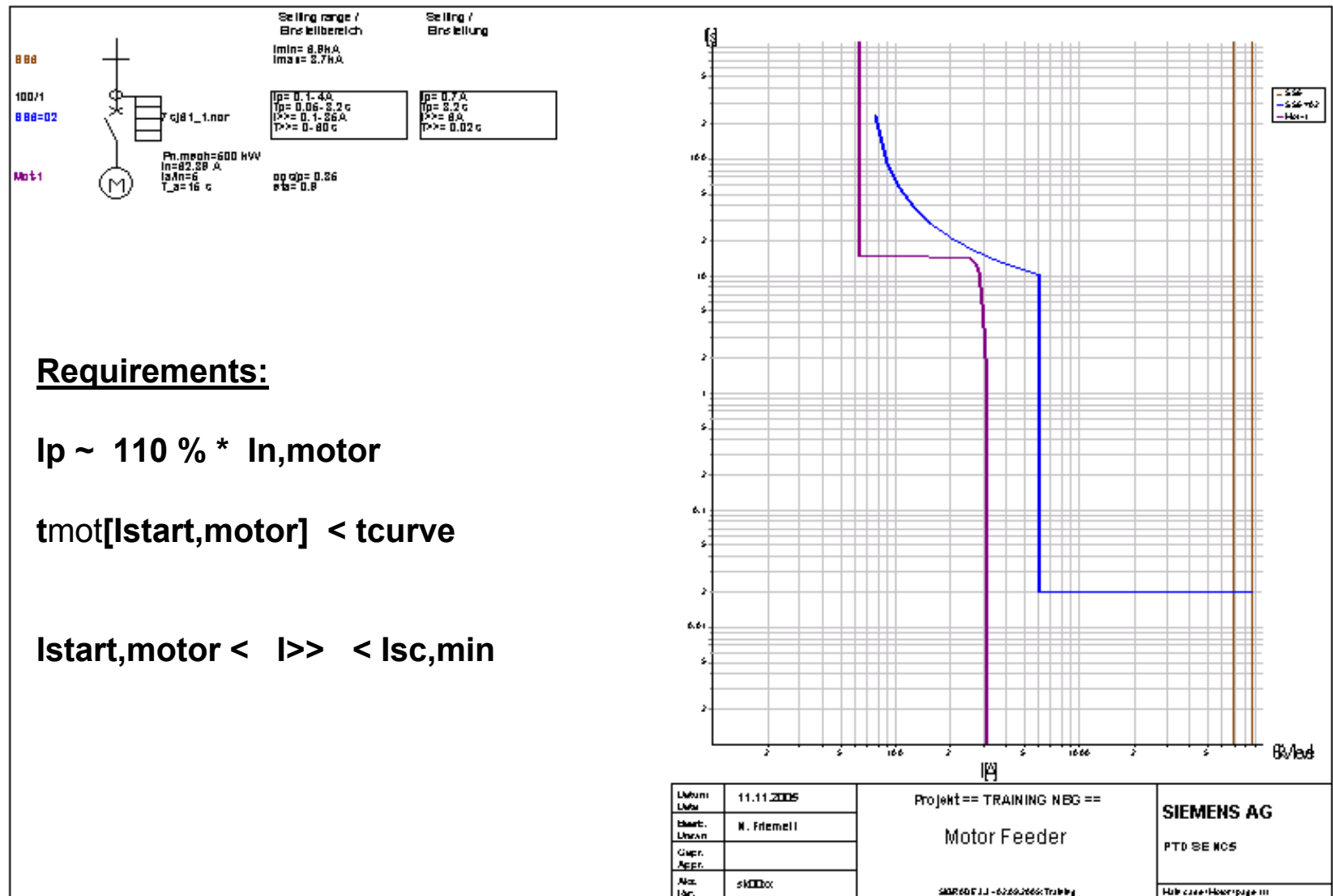
Summary of results - minimum 2-phase short circuit



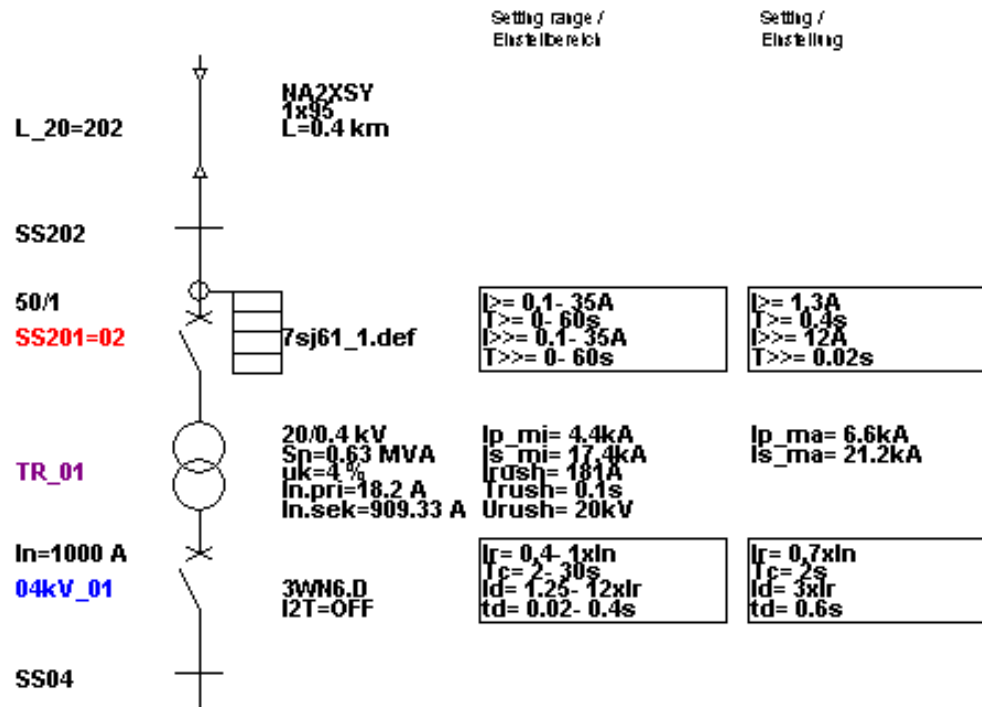
CT data and protection devices



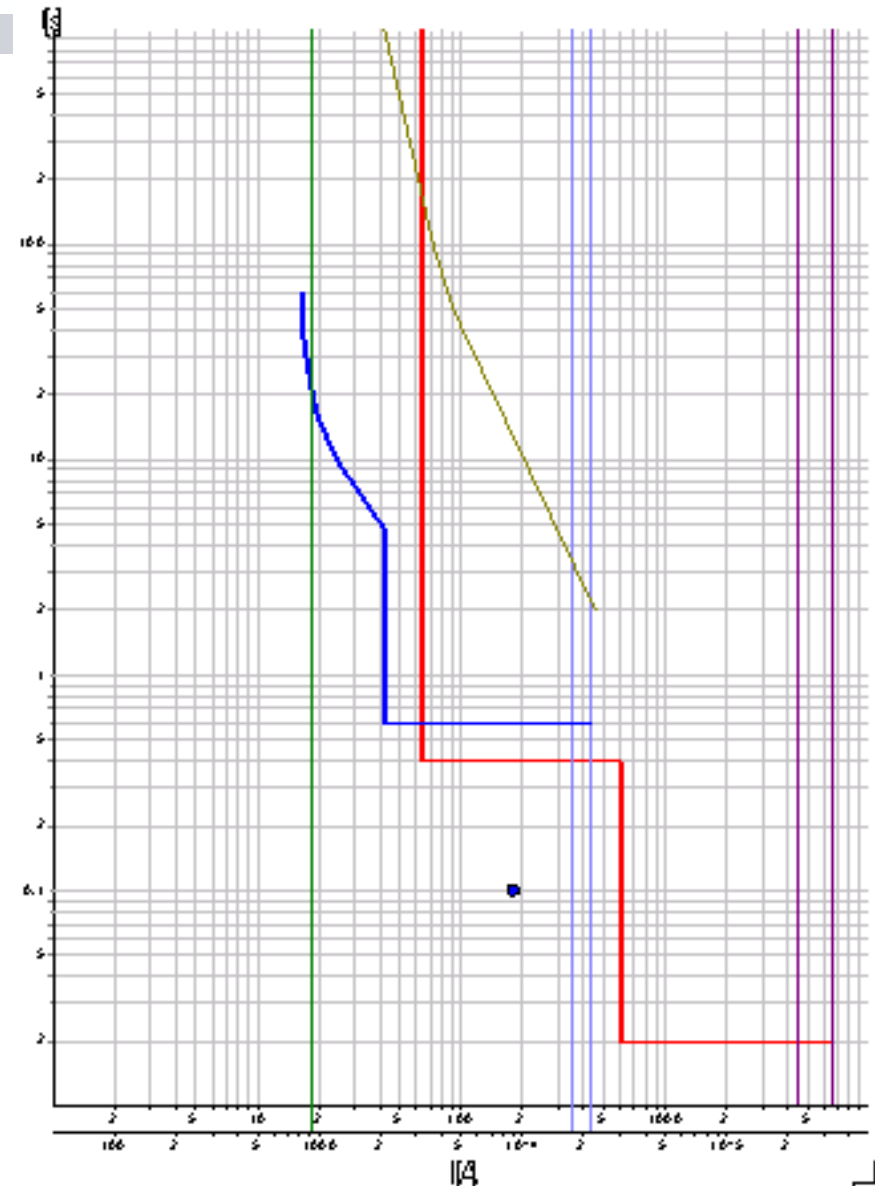
Protection Coordination – Motor feeder



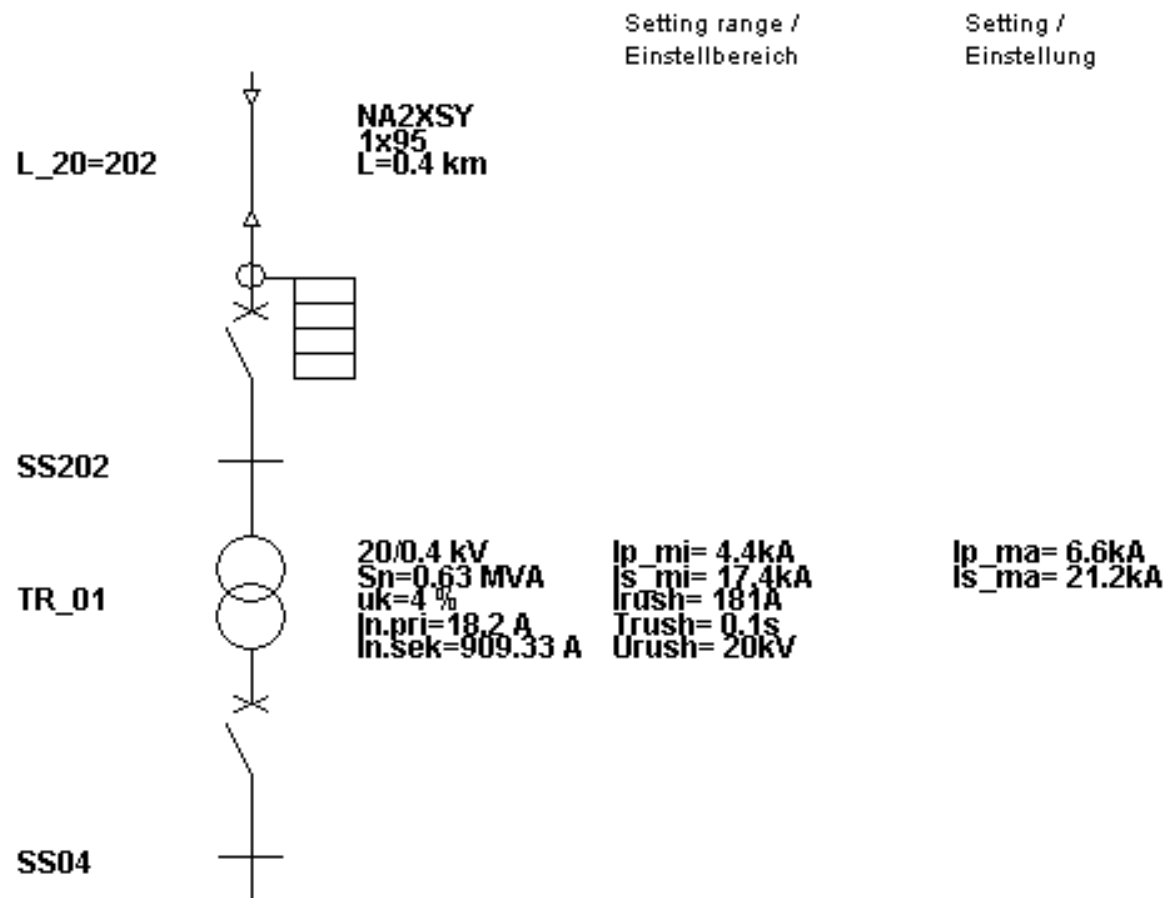
Protection Coordination (1)– Transformer feeder 20/0,4kV



Check settings !!!



Protection Coordination (2)– Transformer feeder 20/0,4kV



Requirements HV side:

$I_{>} \sim I_{>>sec.side}$

$T_{>} = T_{>>sec side} + 1 \text{ time step}$

$I_{>>} > I_{sc,max \text{ of sec. side}}$

$I_{>>} < I_{sc,min \text{ of prim side}}$

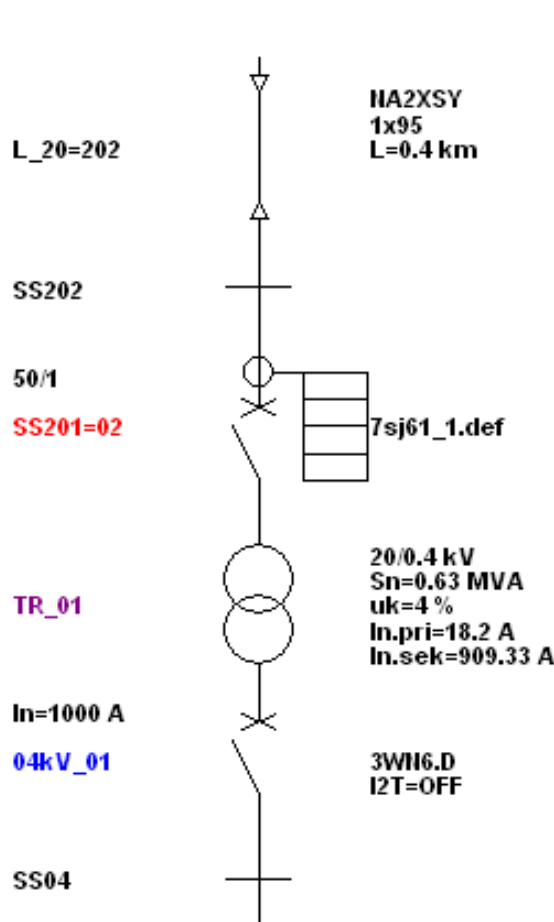
Requirements LV side:

$I_p \sim 1.1 * I_{n,tr}$

$I_{>>} \sim 3 - 4 * I_{n,tr}$

$I_{>>} < I_{sc,min}$

Protection Coordination (3)– Transformer feeder 20/0,4kV



Setting range /
Einstellbereich

Setting /
Einstellung

I_r = 0.4- 1xI_n
T_c = 2- 30s
I_d = 1.25- 12xI_r
t_d = 0.02- 0.4s

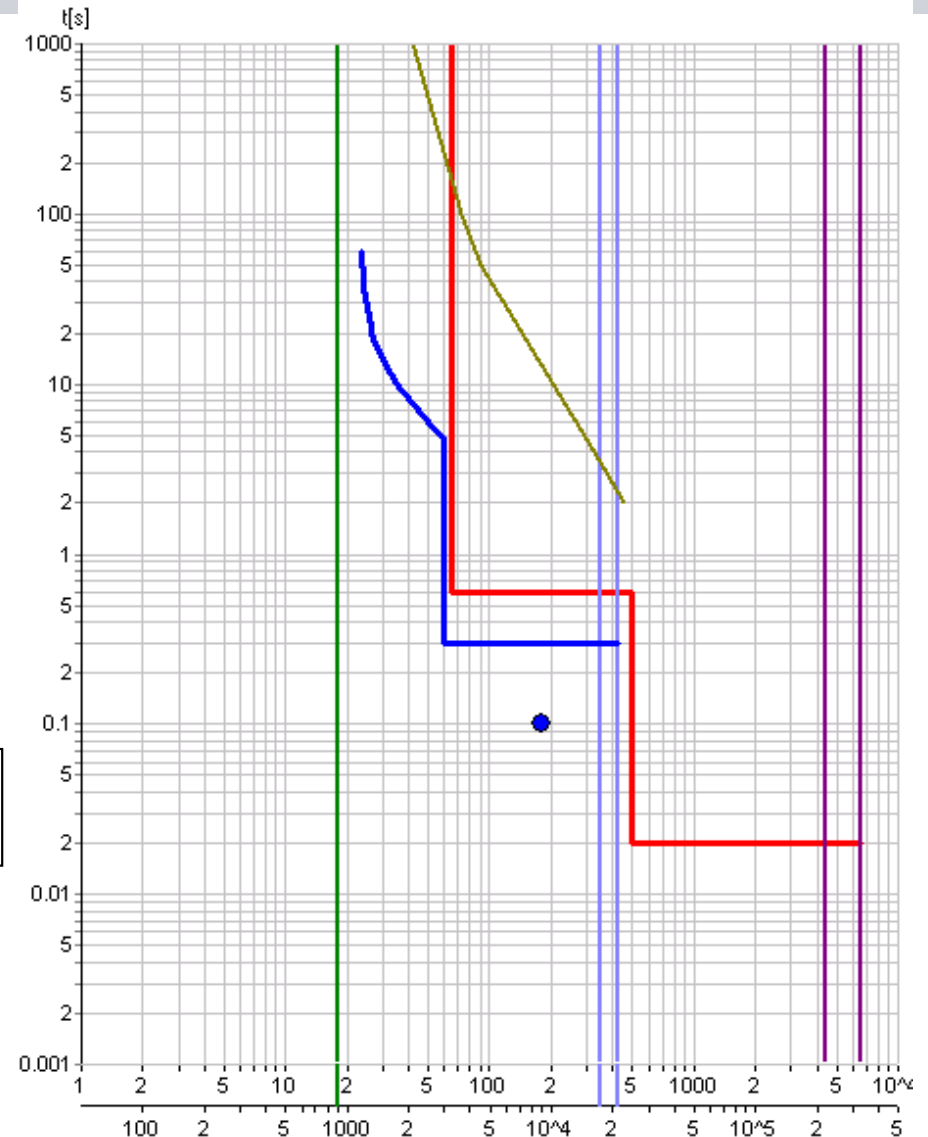
I_r >= 1.3A
T_r >= 0.6s
I_d >= 10A
T_d >= 0.02s

I_{p_mi} = 4.4kA
I_{s_mi} = 17.4kA
I_{rush} = 181A
T_{rush} = 0.1s
U_{rush} = 20kV

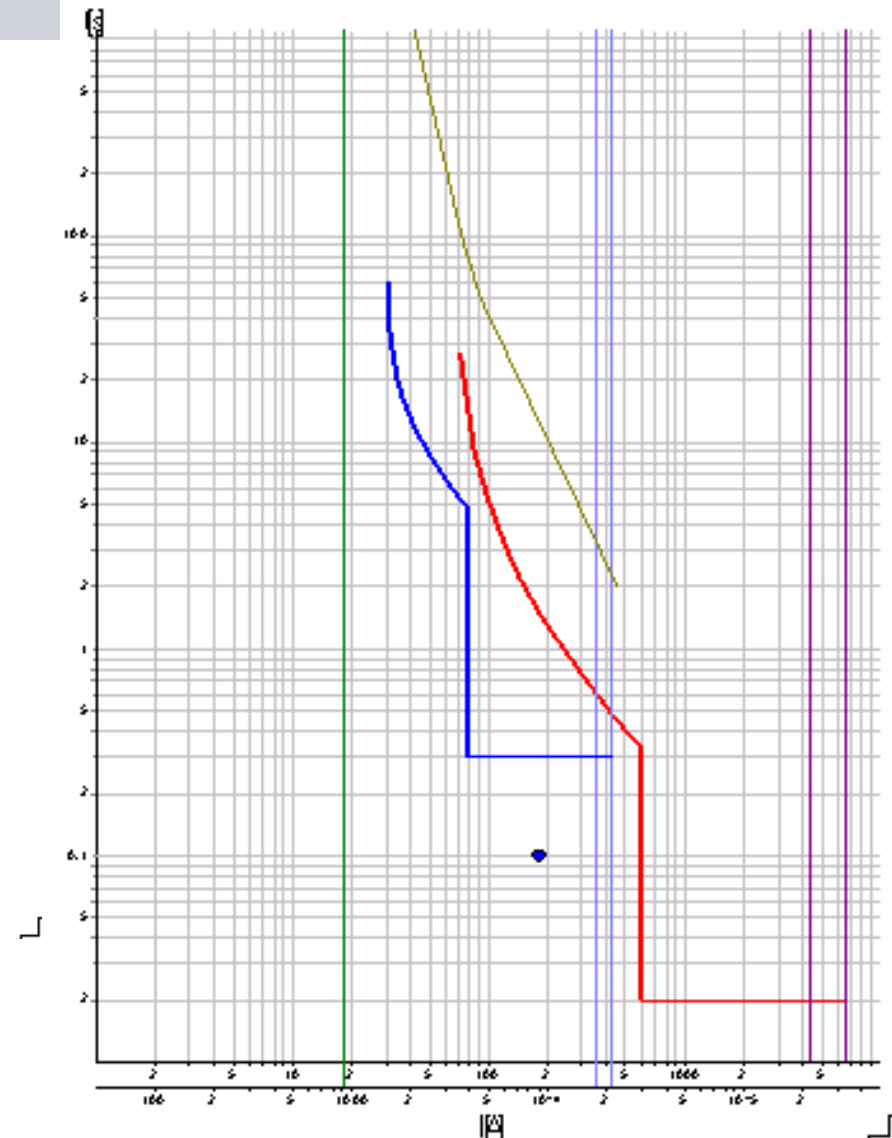
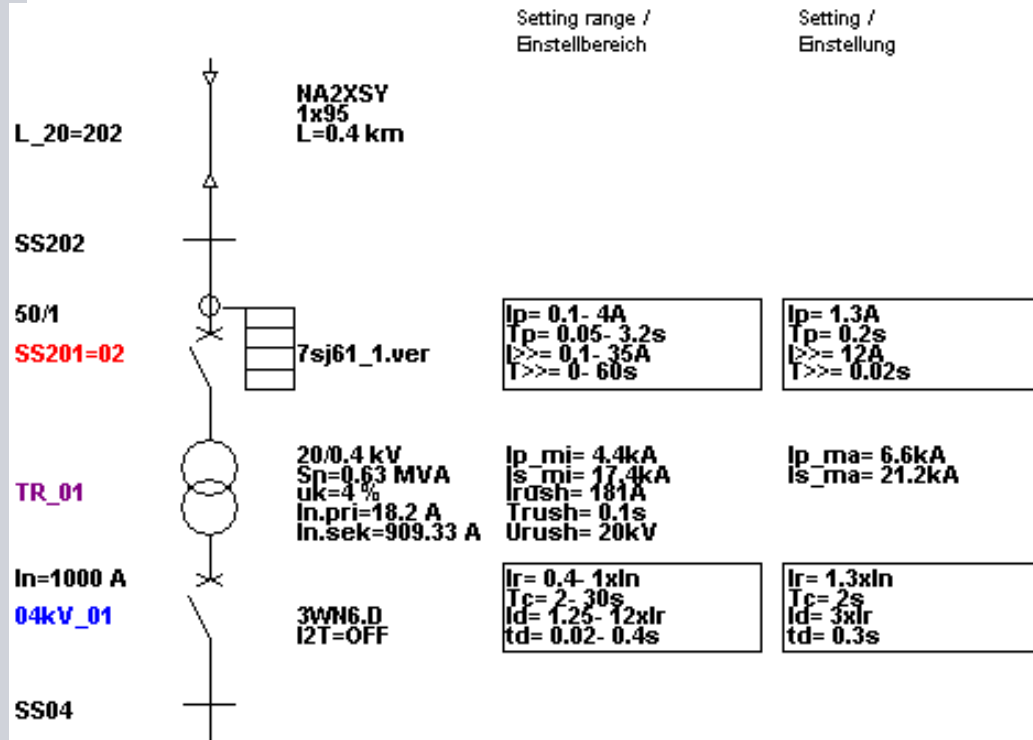
I_{p_ma} = 6.6kA
I_{s_ma} = 21.2kA

I_r = 0.4- 1xI_n
T_c = 2- 30s
I_d = 1.25- 12xI_r
t_d = 0.02- 0.4s

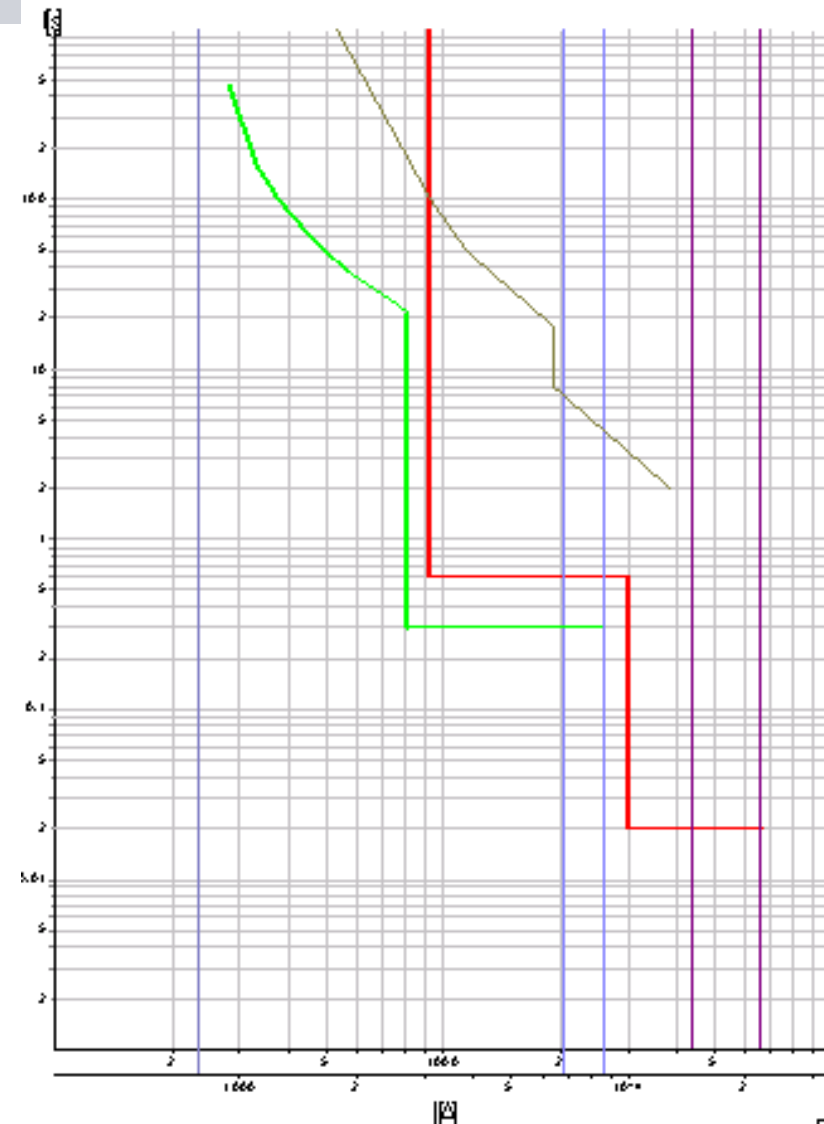
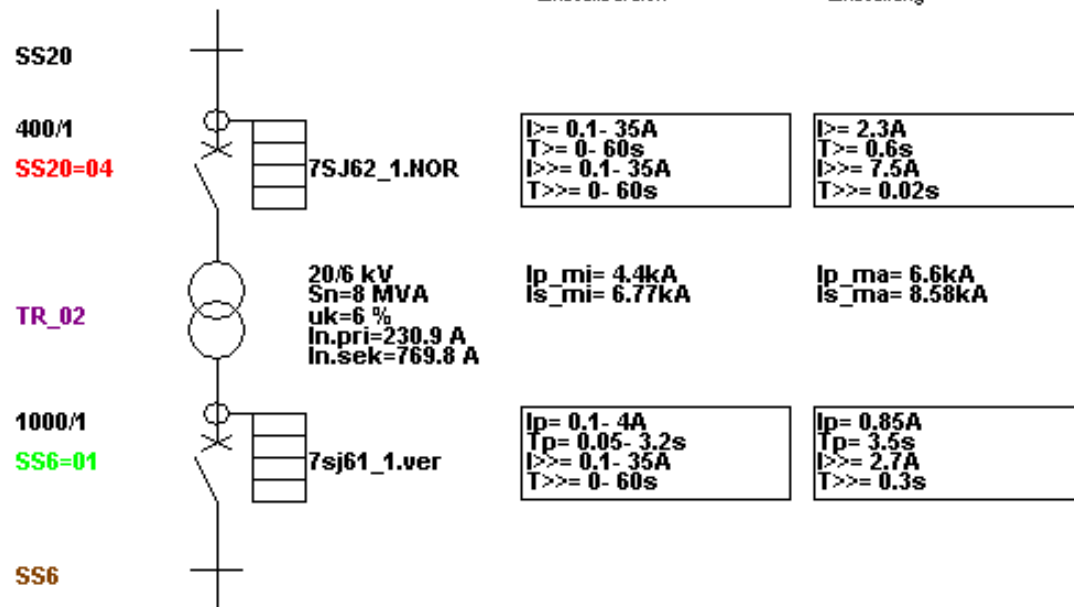
I_r = 1xI_n
T_c = 2s
I_d = 3xI_r
t_d = 0.3s



Protection Coordination (4)– Transformer feeder 20/0,4kV



Protection Coordination –Transformer 20/6kV



Check Protection Coordination – Motor & Transformer

