

ADAPTIVE SMART CENTRALIZED SUBSTATION PROTECTION SYSTEM THROUGH SELF-HEALING

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ABSTRACT

This paper first presents a review of the current technology in power system protection and control, including the protective relays, local controls and system controls. Then, this paper presents a couple of typical scenarios to illustrate the possible problems with the existing technology. Next, this paper proposes the vision of a self-healing protection and control system based on real-time, look-ahead simulation such as in every 5 to 15 minutes. This is different from the present technology such as Special Protection Scheme, which is based on a large amount of offline simulation runs. Modern power system is more flexible and complex than the conventional power system. From a reliability point of view it is important to identify and isolate the fault as fast as possible from the neighboring zones. This paper proposes protection solutions for smart grid. In particular, the main focus of this paper is on three different protections namely overcurrent protection, transformer protection, and directional overcurrent protection. ETAP software has been used to verify the system operation.

Keywords Self-healing, microgrid control, distributed generation, Substation Protection, microgrid, power system

1. INTRODUCTION

The present technology in power system protection and control has been considered unsatisfactory to provide a robust, fast, and efficient support to system-wide disturbance. On one hand, the present protection and control systems consist of many devices across the system and they lack a system-wide coordination scheme. This sometimes can worsen the system conditions during emergency. On the other hand, settings of protection devices and parameters of control systems are pre-determined based on off-line simulation results and remain fixed regardless of system operating conditions. The latest development in communication, control and computing systems has attracted increasing interests in the power engineering community to explore possible solutions to build more robust power systems. Such systems should be able to fully utilize the real-time, system-wide information, dynamically adjust the protection and control, and effectively restore the system to normal conditions. With this vision, the concept of a self-healing protection and control system is proposed and discussed in this paper. Different from the previous discussions in, this paper presents a more detailed approach about a possible implementation of a self-

healing protection and control system. In recent years, there has been a tremendous increase in the deployment of renewable energy resources in electrical power system. This is because of increased environmental concerns and global climate change. Europe and many other countries have started to construct smart grids. They consider this as an important part of their national power strategy. Today, smart grid has named as the next generation of the power grid which uses two-way communication of electricity and digital technology to supply electricity. Smart grid improves the reliability and reduces the peak demand. It also helps to increase the energy efficiency along with the environmental benefits gained by such efficiency. However, it poses a number of challenges to electrical engineers in all aspects especially in developing appropriate protection solutions because of the bidirectional power flow capability. Conventional power system uses various protective relays to isolate a device or a system during a fault. However, in some cases if the relay is over sensitive it may cause unexpected trips which could cause cascading failures. In this paper, self-healing is applied to improve the reliability to avoid false trips thereby preventing the disturbances from spreading across the entire power grid. In a smart grid, the computer and communication systems will send corrective measures in less than half a second in the case of a fault thereby triggering the circuit breaker to isolate the faulty line, and this prevents other lines from being damaged. Smart grid was integrated transducers technologies, developing control strategies, and modern communication to the power grids to make the complete vision into reality. Fig.1 declares a guide of smart grids technology. As seen in this figure, its grid consists of three parts including power grid, intelligent systems, and communication systems. Distribution generations (DG) were provided many advances including improved reliability, and enhance security as well as inexpensive electricity. In the smart grid, the impact of faults on customers was minimized by an instantaneous identification of the fault location, correct decisions, system restoration of healthy parts, and recovery of the system to normal condition.

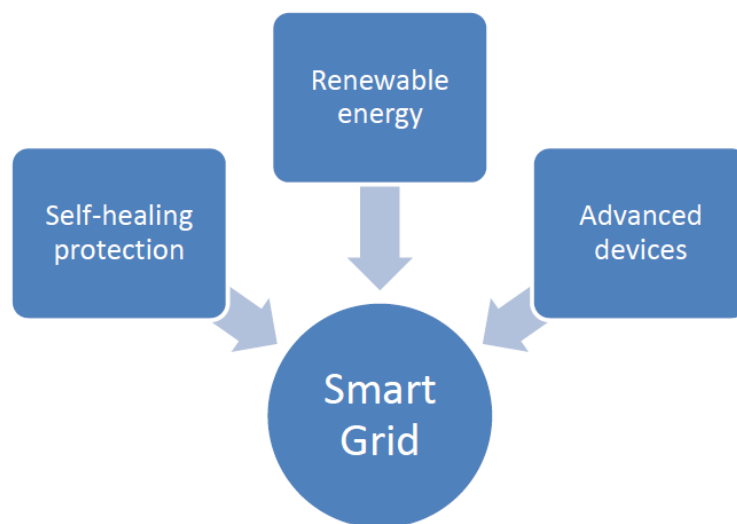


Figure 1: Smart grid idea

Self-Healing is the capacity of electrical distribution systems to automatically restore themselves if a permanent fault occurs. Depending on the level of automation, self-healing schemes isolate permanent faults in certain zones of the grid and restore the electrical service

to other zones as soon as possible and with minimal human intervention. After a permanent fault has been located, optimal restoration minimizes the number of interrupted users and guarantees that the new topology maintains the system's constraints within their limits. A truly automated self-healing scheme is only possible within a smart grid context, as remote-controlled switching devices are used to isolate faulty zones and transfer loads to alternative sources, and direct load control devices installed in specific nodes of the system, are used to de-energize nonvital loads (i.e., remote load-shedding)

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Different methods were implemented to locate the fault in the smart grid such as apparent impedance [1]. In [2], the three-phases circuit analysis was measured such as the local voltage and current measurements in the substation. The fault location algorithms were obtained after iterative solution or complicated three-phase circuit equations. These equations were described as the steady-state fault condition. In [3], the earth fault locations were depended on the equality between the computed sequence components of the current at the fault point at different load conditions. Traveling wave methods were discussed in [4]. These methods are based on the frequency component of traveling waves for faulted voltages. In [5], the proposed method was calculated as the fault location in the radial smart grid with different laterals. After the fault has occurred, high-frequency transients were generated and propagated out into both sides. The fault location method was estimated based on the time interval between the traveling waves and the time reflections arriving from the fault location. On the contrary, the traveling wave method was affected by the presence of laterals and load taps [6]. Artificial intelligent based methods such as an artificial neural network (ANN), Fuzzy Logic (FL), Expert System (ES), and hybrid method were discussed in [7]. Both methods were used post network status, list of tripped breakers, protection alarms, and the conventional event log. In [8], sectionalized re-closure, midpoint re-closure, and tie-point re-closure were integrated with IED for monitoring and protection. The re-closure has detected the fault, isolated the fault section, and restored the power to the healthy part of the smart grid. The re-closure was connected to the grid through a radio or GSM module based on IEC61850 protocol capabilities. Three different FDIR approaches using a loop control scheme, IEC61850 peer-to-peer, and a decentralized control-based substation were proposed. In [9], the reliability of the network was enhanced by increasing the number of re-closer. The re-closer was communicated by using a high-speed Ethernet communication system through fiber optics in the SCADA system. This method was enhanced the restoration time for the healthy section. In [10], advanced communication technology was used to manage the stored information from a smart grid by using IED devices and smart metering. This technology enhances the reliability and starts the self-healing features. Several approaches were proposed in a centralized by including heuristics, expert systems, metaheuristics, and mathematical programming [11]. The expert's knowledge and experience were translated into programming logic to solve the problem in [12]. In [13], the proposed reconfiguration algorithm was introduced to reduce the loss of service restoration based on switching indices. These indices were provided by using the branch voltage drop, line constants, and weight factors. Integrated load curtailment (LC) for serving customers in the restoration plans was proposed in [14].

This algorithm was based on heuristics rules by using the post-fault power flow calculations. The input information is the number and percentage of the LC candidate which is predetermined. In [15], the service restoration method with a minimum number of switching operations was proposed. Expert system-based techniques were proposed in [16]. This system was involved in the restoration of the Expert's knowledge as rules (IF-THEN statements). In [17], developed an Expert system combined with an objective-oriented programming technique were proposed for solving the restoration issues. Different strategies such a single grouping and multi-grouping were utilized by dividing the outage region into single or multiple groups based on feeder margins, branch points, and available tie switches in [18].

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

3.1 Self-healing smart grid

To achieve self-healing in a power grid, the system should have sensors, automated controls, and advanced software that uses real-time distribution of data to detect and the isolate faults and to reconfigure the distribution network to minimize the power outage and customer impact [15]. One of the key objectives of a self-healing grid is to improve the system reliability. This can be accomplished by reconfiguring the CBs and relays and reclosers installed on the distribution feeder to quickly isolate the faulty section of the feeder and re-establish the service to as many customers as possible from alternate sources or feeders. Self-healing solutions typically need to reconfigure the system within one to five minutes. To accomplish this high bandwidth communications may be required. Self-healing is the property that enables a system to perceive if a system is not operating correctly and, without human intervention, make necessary adjustments to restore the system by itself to normality. Self-healing usually refers to reconfiguration, load shedding, and controlling the generators' output powers. Self-healing actions are a multi-objective, nonlinear optimization problem with a number of constraints. Advanced algorithms need to be developed using artificial intelligence techniques and multi-agent systems to solve these problems. Restoration problems are much sophisticated in smart grids due to the challenges such as bidirectional power flow; mesh connected topologies, and limited capacities of distributed energy resources (DERs).

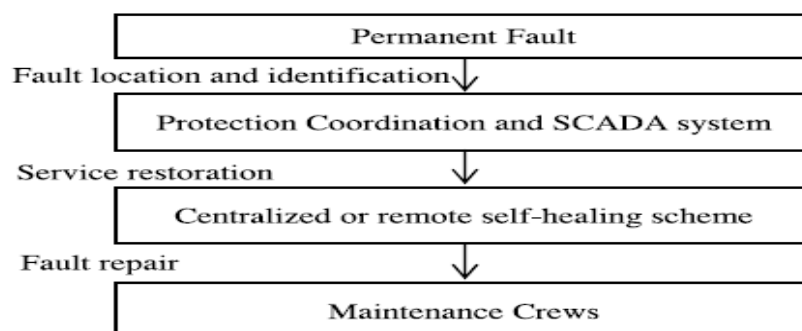


Figure 2: Smart grid protection flow

The self-healing scheme is activated when a permanent fault has been located and identified by the protection scheme and the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. This is, when the coordinated operations of the protective devices installed along the feeders, or the meters connected to a SCADA system, locate a faulty zone, the self-healing scheme is deployed to immediately determine the set of restoration strategies to be carried out [2]. After the permanent fault has been repaired by maintenance crews, the distribution system is returned to its original operation state and the self-healing process ends. A self-healing scheme can follow two approaches depending on the decision maker. The first is a remote approach, which is based on the ability of the protective and switching devices to communicate and coordinate control actions among themselves. Currently, these features are incorporated into intelligent electronic devices (IEDs) that control the reclosing and switching mechanisms, or it can be programmed into existing equipment [3]. Although this remote approach is suitable for specific loads that have to be restored very quickly, such as in hospitals, if not well coordinated with the dynamics of the load and the existing protecting equipment, a totally remote self-healing scheme applied to an entire distribution network could cause nuisance tripping, constraints violations, or power quality complaints. The second approach is called centralized self-healing [4]. In this approach, all of the electrical and operative system information is gathered by the IEDs in the field and sent by the SCADA system to the control center where the self-healing scheme is installed. Then, if there is a permanent fault, the self-healing system executes a set of restorative actions. Thus, the objective of this paper is to develop a methodology based on mathematical optimization in order to efficiently determine the best restorative actions to be taken after a permanent fault is located in the system, considering the electrical and operational constraints.

3.2 self-healing protection and control system

We propose the following vision of a future Self-Healing Protection and Control System, as shown in Figure 3.

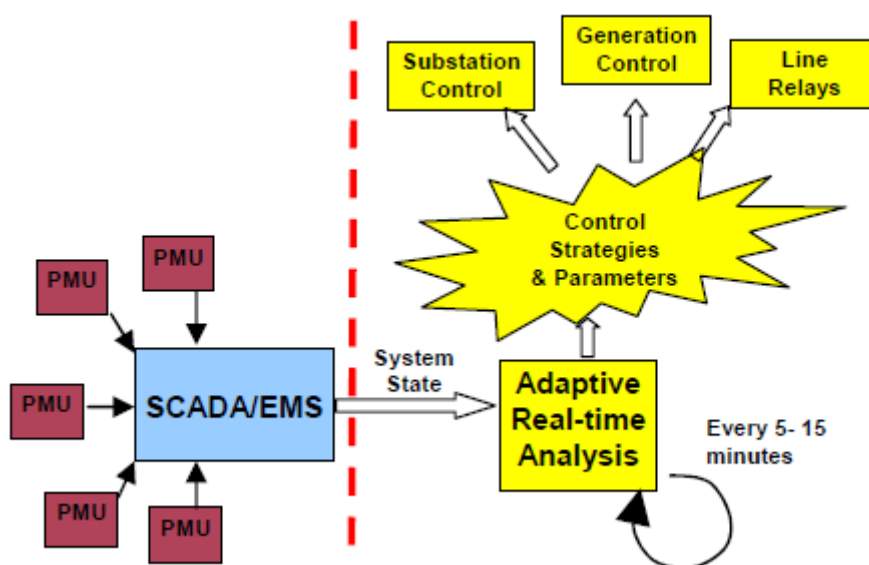


Figure 3: The proposed self-healing protection and control system

In Fig. 3, the SCADA/EMS system collects data from Phasor Measurement Units (PMU) due to the expected successful and large-scale deployment in the near future. Then, the EMS system will give an estimation of the present system state. As shown in the left part in Figure 3, this is similar to the present technology. The difference is the new function shown in the right part in Figure 3, where an adaptive real-time or look-ahead analysis shall be performed every 5 to 15 minutes. The analysis will give some recommendation of possible updated control strategies and parameters, especially in the event of contingencies. That is, the system shall know what actions to take based on the present system condition in the case that a certain contingency does occur in the next 5 or 15 minutes.

The possible action could be whether Zone 3 backup relays should be adjusted based on the present system condition or not, load shedding should be activated to enter a warning state or not, etc. Certainly, the updated strategy and parameters shall be delivered to the remote protective device and control systems. Therefore, if a contingency really occurs in the next 5 Or 15 minutes, different remote local controls should know what actions to take, and these actions should be a coordinated action based on the real-time or look-ahead simulation. Apparently, there exist many technical gaps to implement the proposed self-healing protection and control systems. Several challenges are summarized as follows: there is a lack of online coordination schemes of different protection and controls. The present technology like SPS is based on a large amount of offline studies, while the proposed work requires a fast, robust approach to coordinate the controls in real time. the present technology is mainly controlled by local signals, while the proposed work requires the protective relay to respond to extensive, adaptive system signals. The present EMS system has a state estimation function based on data collected from Remote Terminal Units (RTU), while the future EMS system may have a real-time synchronized state measurement to have better accuracy and speed. The present communication infrastructure is a mix of telephone lines, Broadband over Power Lines (BPL), wireless communication, microwave, optical fiber, and so on, while the future communication infrastructure should be fast, dedicated communication system like optical fiber such that the communication delay will be minimized. Also, communication protocol standard and Quality of Service (QoS) should be fully implemented. the present computing technology in most control centers is based on sequential computing, while the future work may be based on dedicated parallel computing resources with proper prioritizing and scheduling of different real-time simulation tasks. From the simulation results, it can be seen that, whether the BESS unit is in the master or the slave, the voltage of BESS unit is always kept stable and the output current changed with the AC line and kept the DC bus line voltage stable also. It can be seen that the DC bus line is stable in 400V quickly. It can be seen that when the BESS unit is in the charging state, the energy will flow into BESS from AC line and the phase angle between the charging state and the discharging state is 180°. The simulation and experiment of BESS charging state. U_{bat} and I_{bat} are the voltage and current of battery, respectively. From the results, it can be seen that battery can realize from constant-current charging to constant-voltage charging and there is no current peak.

4. CONCLUSION

This paper first presents a brief review of the present technology of power system protection and control. Then, discussions are presented to illustrate the possible problem and inefficiency with the present technology. The vision of a potential solution, called self-healing protection and control, is proposed with discussions about the major technology gap to overcome in order to fully implement the proposed idea in the long run. Future work may lie in research and demonstration of the feasibility of the proposed concept of self-healing protection and control.

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