



# Protection Basics



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# Protection Review

- Fault types
- Electrical equipment damage
- Time versus current plot
- Protection requirements
- Protection system elements

# Power System Faults

- Short circuits
- Contacts with ground
  - ◆ Isolated neutral systems
  - ◆ High-impedance grounded systems
- Open phases

# Typical Short-Circuit-Type Distribution

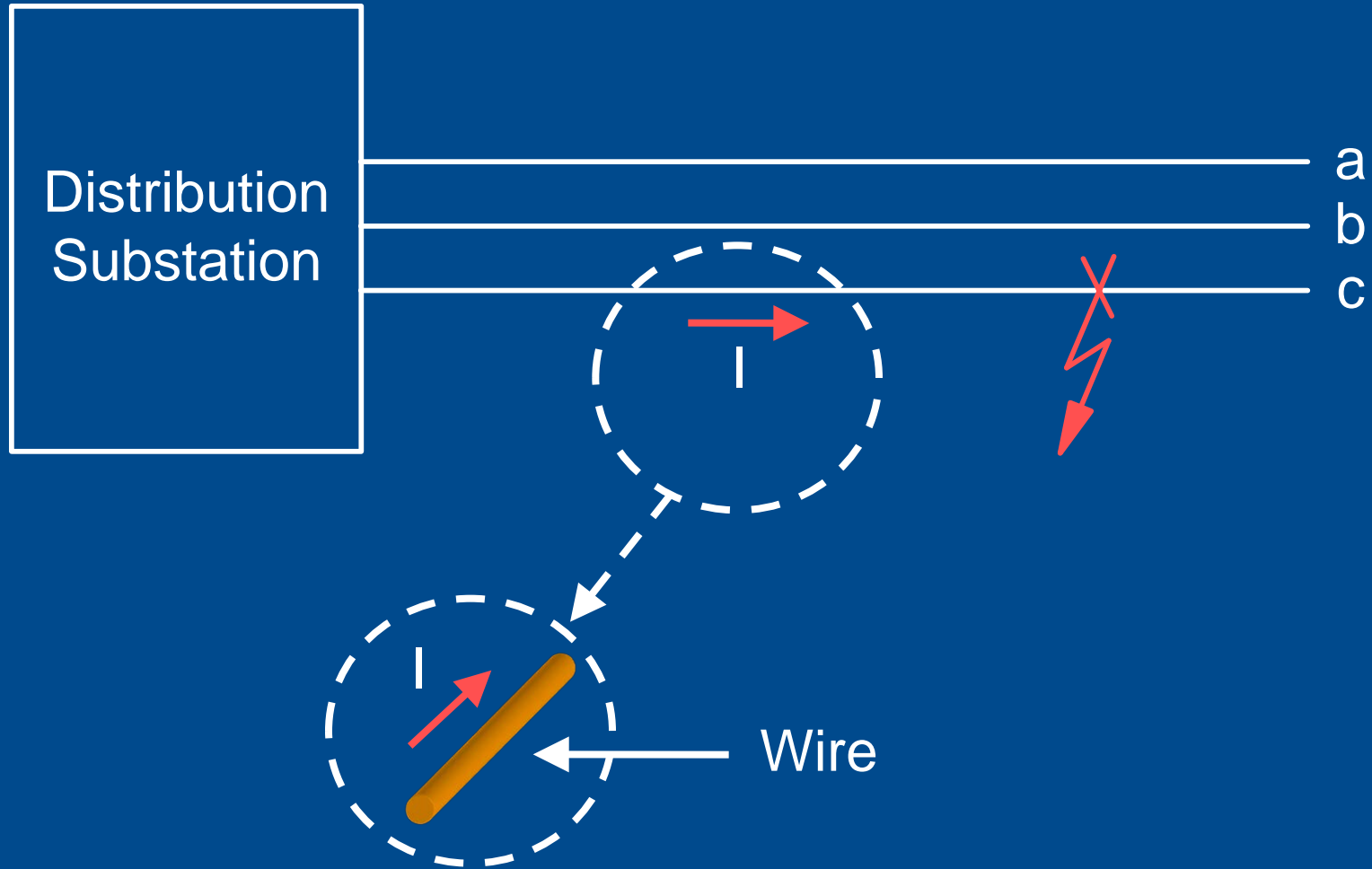
Single-phase-to-ground 70 – 80%

Phase-to-phase-to-ground 10 – 17%

Phase-to-phase 8 – 10%

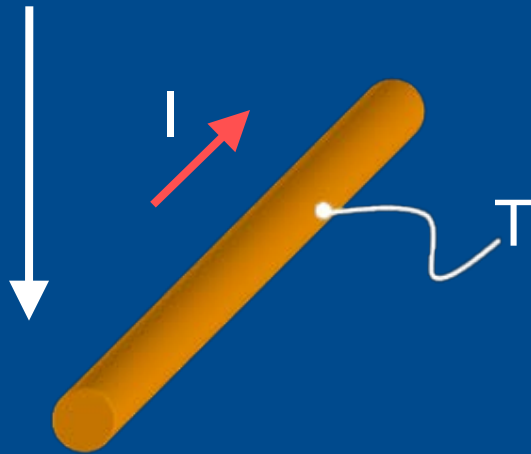
Three-phase 2 – 3%

# Faults in Electrical Systems Produce Current Increments

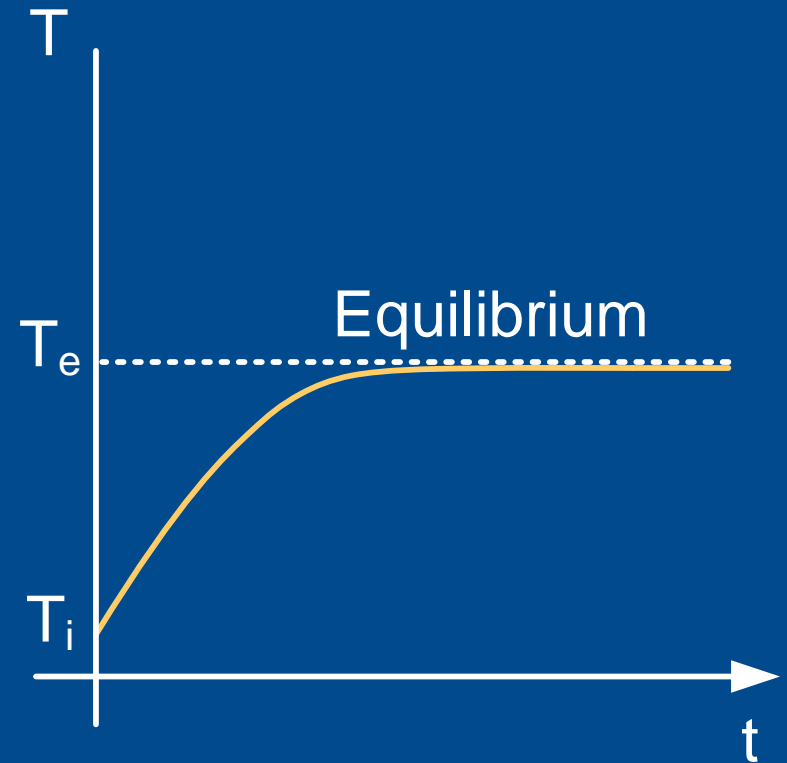


# Temperature Rise From Current

Constant  
Current

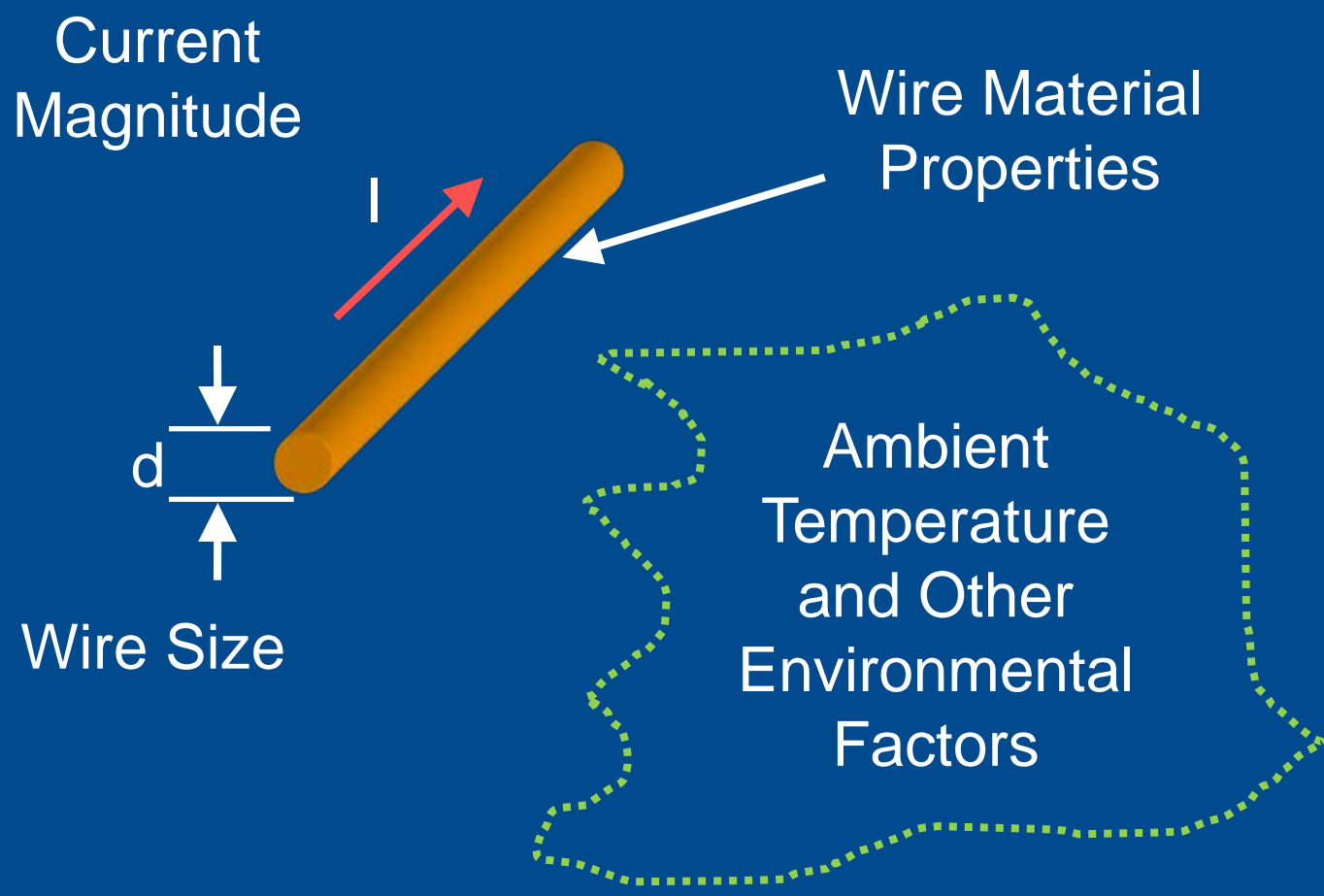


$$\frac{dW}{dt} = I^2 R$$

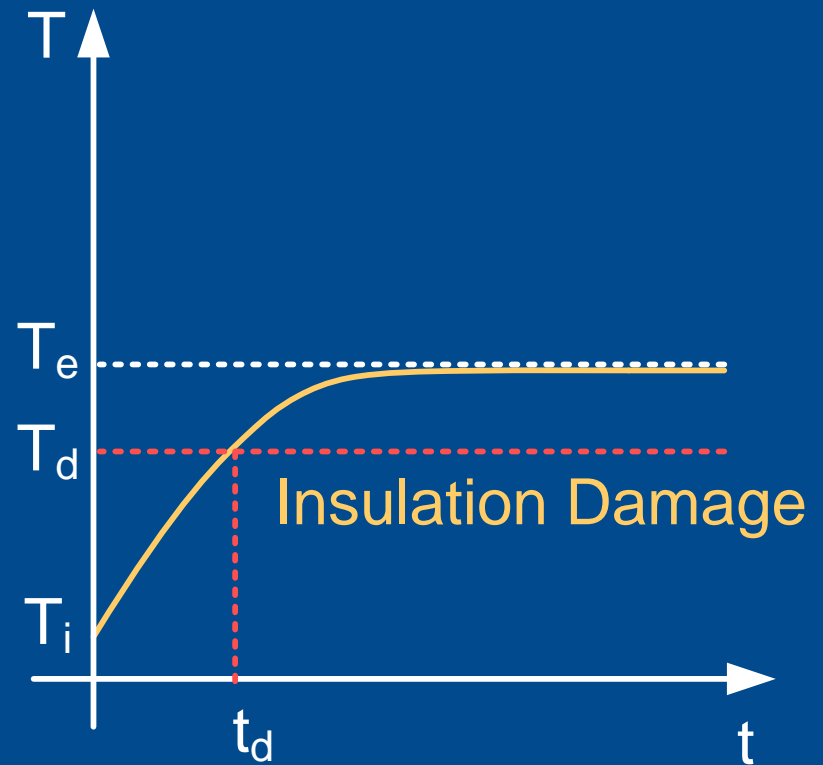
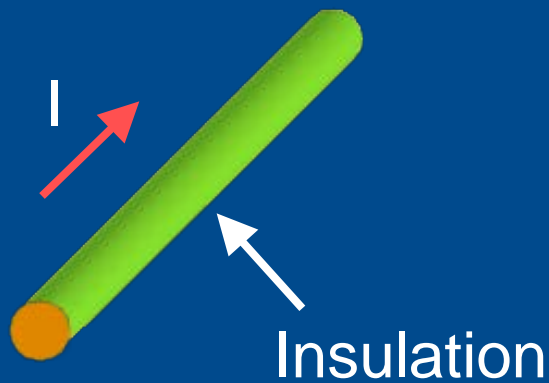


$$T(t) = (T_i - T_e)e^{-t/\tau} + T_e$$

# Factors Influence Wire Heating

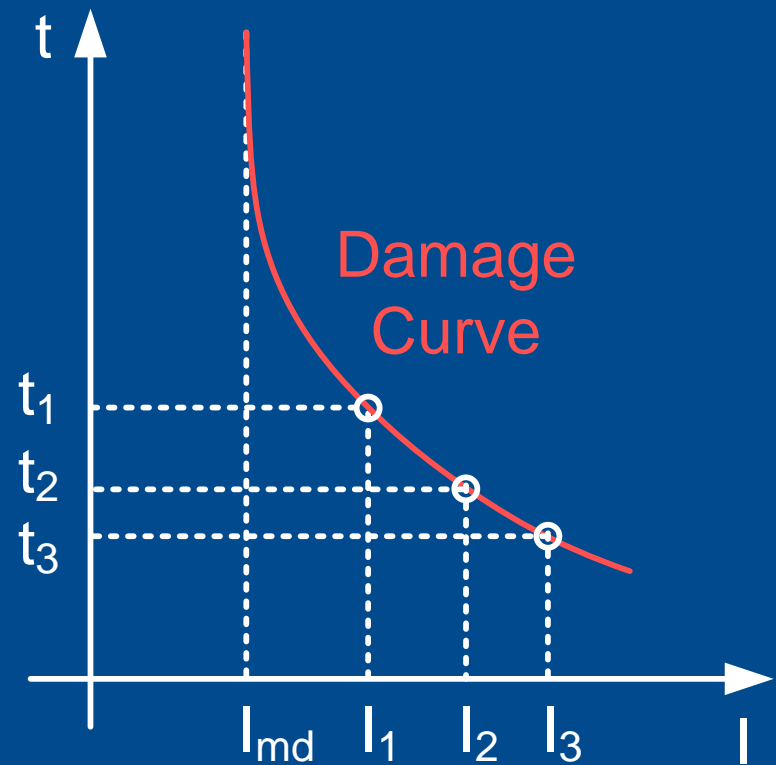
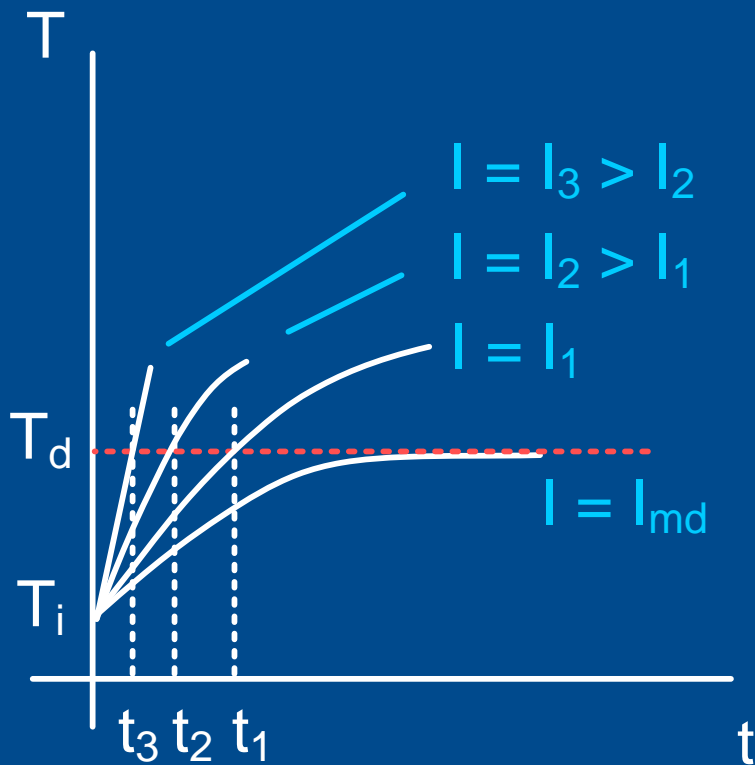
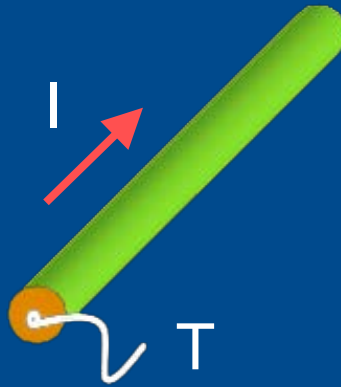


# Insulated Conductor (Cable) Thermal Damage

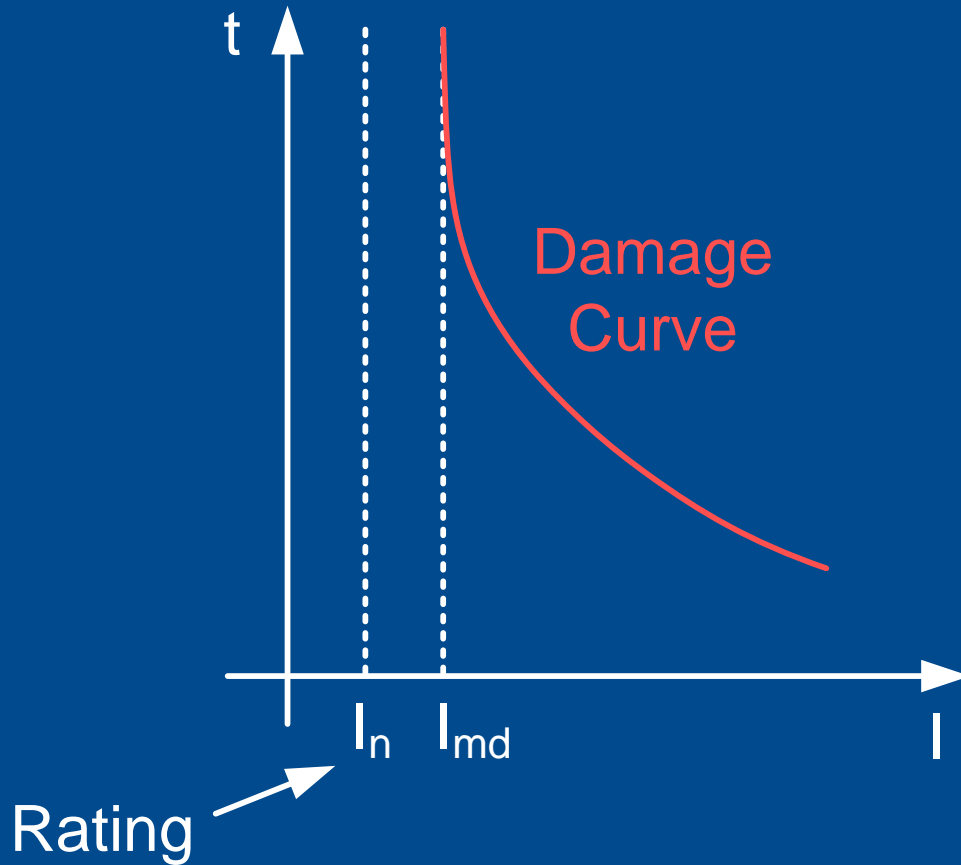




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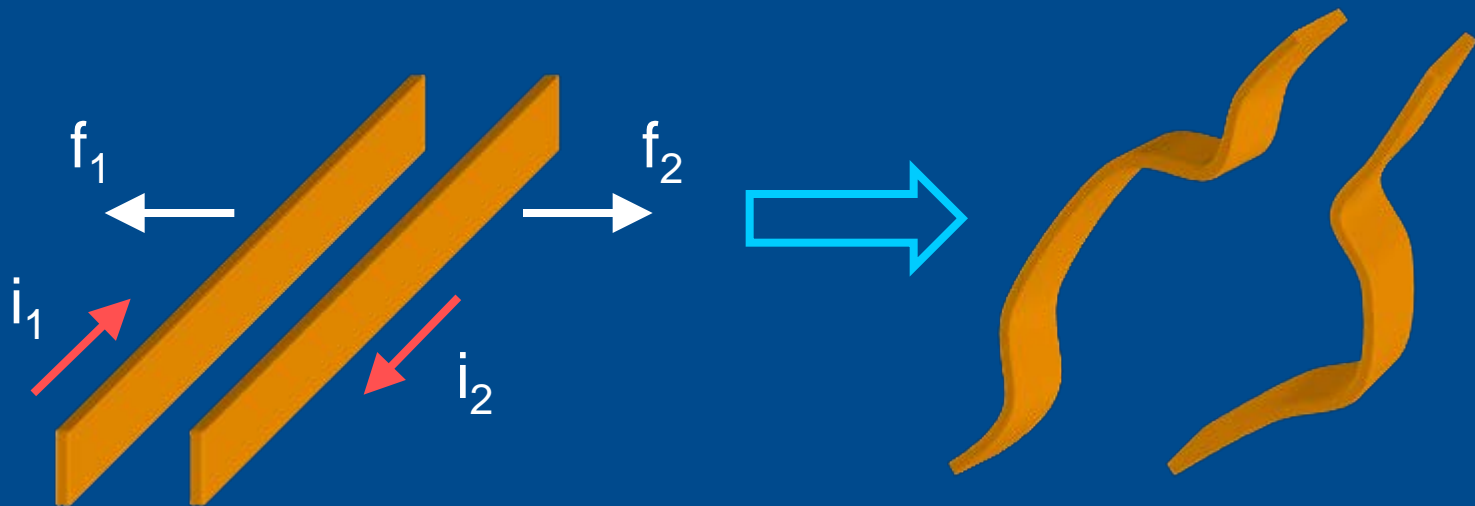


# Electrical Equipment Component Thermal Damage Curve



# Mechanical Damage

Mechanical forces ( $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ) produced by short-circuit currents cause instantaneous damage to busbars, insulators, supports, transformers, and machines



$$f_1(t) = k i_1(t) i_2(t)$$

# Real-World Mechanical Damage



# Power System Protection Requirements

- Reliability
  - ◆ Dependability
  - ◆ Security
- Selectivity

# Power System Protection Requirements

- Speed
  - ◆ System stability
  - ◆ Equipment damage
  - ◆ Power quality
- Sensitivity
  - ◆ High-impedance faults
  - ◆ Dispersed generation

# Protection Functions

- Fault detection
- Faulted element disconnection
- Fault indication

# Protective Devices

- Fuses
- Automatic reclosers
- Sectionalizers
- Circuit breakers
- Protective relays



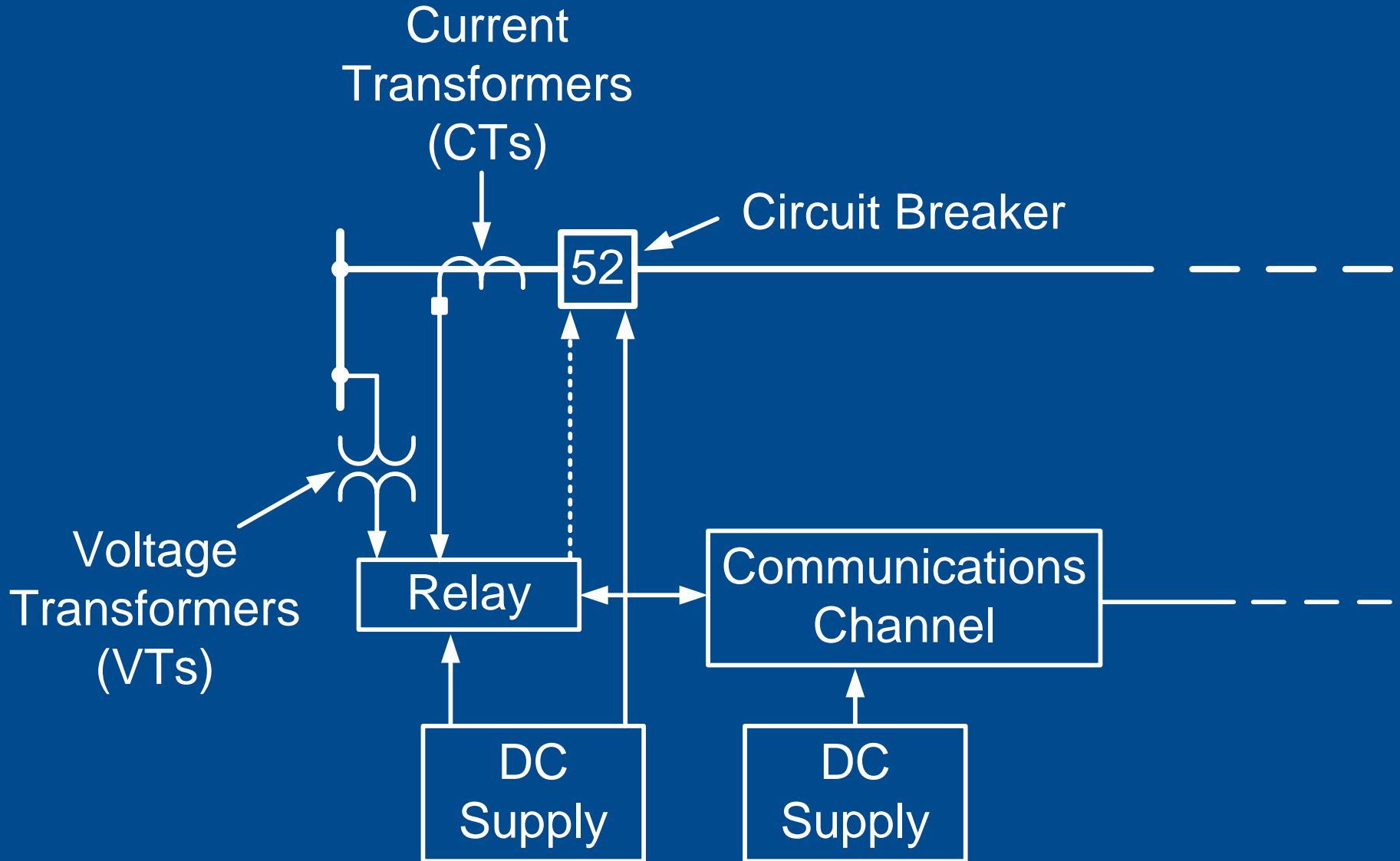
# Relay Classification

- Protective
- Regulating
- Reclosing and synchronism check
- Monitoring
- Auxiliary

# IEEE C37.2 Device Numbers

- 51 Time-overcurrent relay
- 50 Instantaneous-overcurrent relay
- 67 Directional-overcurrent relay
- 21 Distance relay
- 87 Differential relay
- 52 Circuit breaker

# Protective Relaying System



# Protection System Elements

- Protective relays
- Circuit breakers
- CTs and VTs (instrument transformers)
- Communications channels
- DC supply system
- Control cables

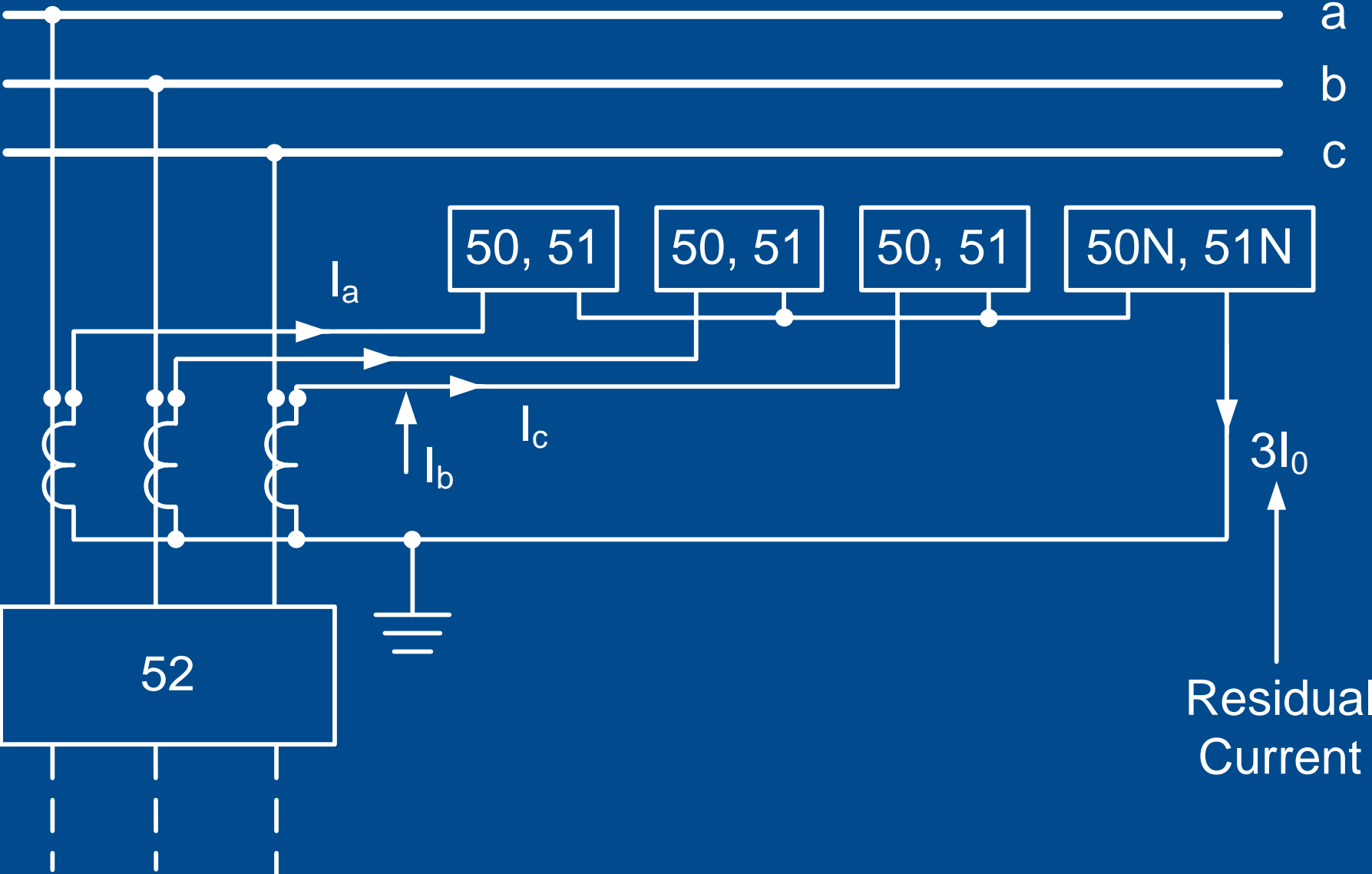
# Protection System Elements

- Protective relays
  - ◆ Monitor
  - ◆ Detect
  - ◆ Report
  - ◆ Trigger
- Circuit breakers
  - ◆ Interrupt
  - ◆ Isolate from abnormal condition

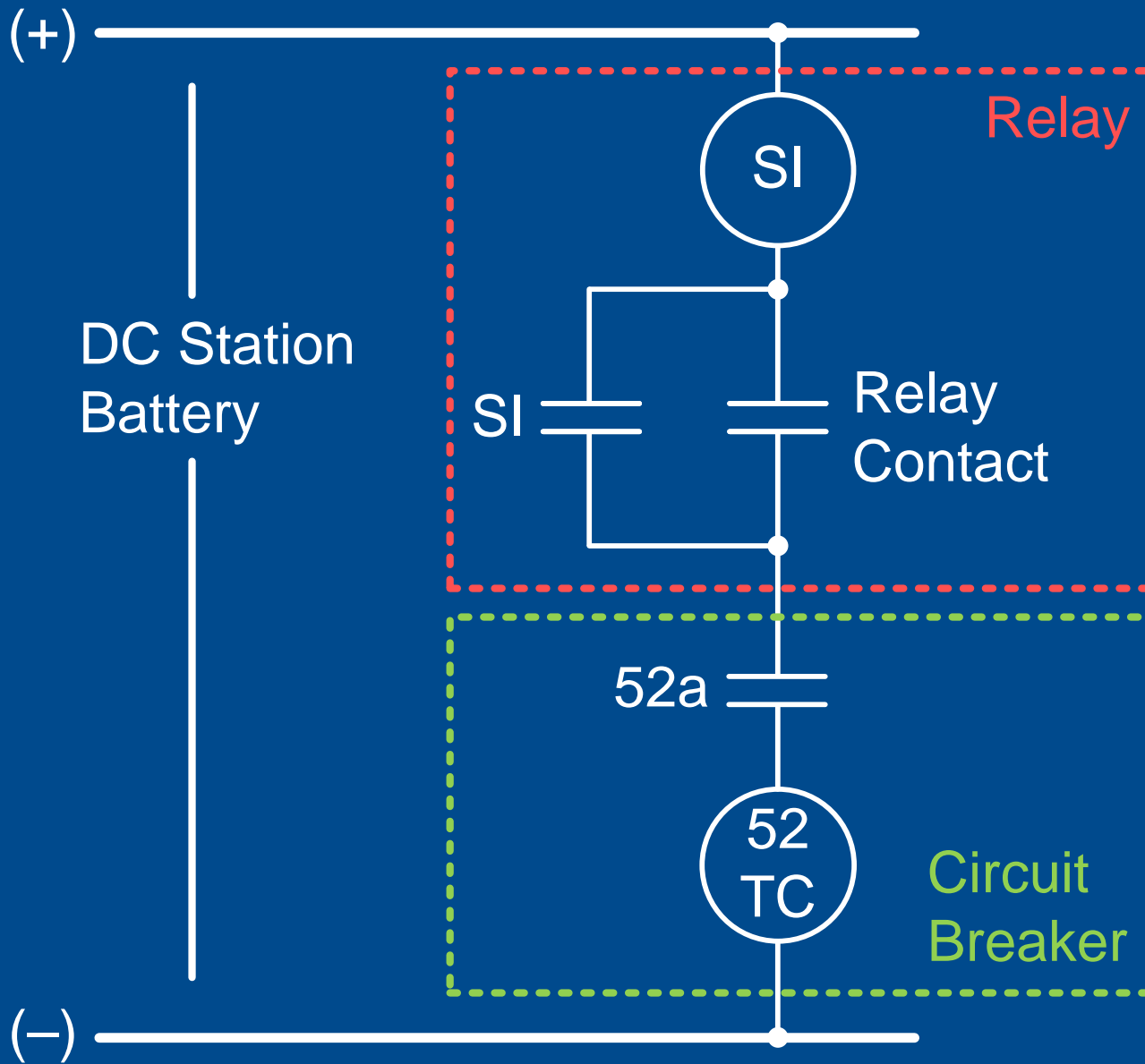
# Instrument Transformers

- CTs
  - ◆ Current scaling
  - ◆ Isolation
- VTs
  - ◆ Voltage scaling
  - ◆ Isolation

# Overcurrent Relay Connections



# DC Tripping Circuit





# Overcurrent Relay Setting

- 51 elements
  - ◆ Pickup setting
  - ◆ Time-dial setting
- 50 elements
  - ◆ Pickup setting
  - ◆ Time delay

# Review

- What is the function of power system protection?
- Name two protective devices
- For what purpose is IEEE device 52 is used?
- Why are seal-in and 52a contacts used in the dc control scheme?
- In a typical feeder OC protection scheme, what does the residual relay measure?

**Questions?**



# Digital Relay Basics

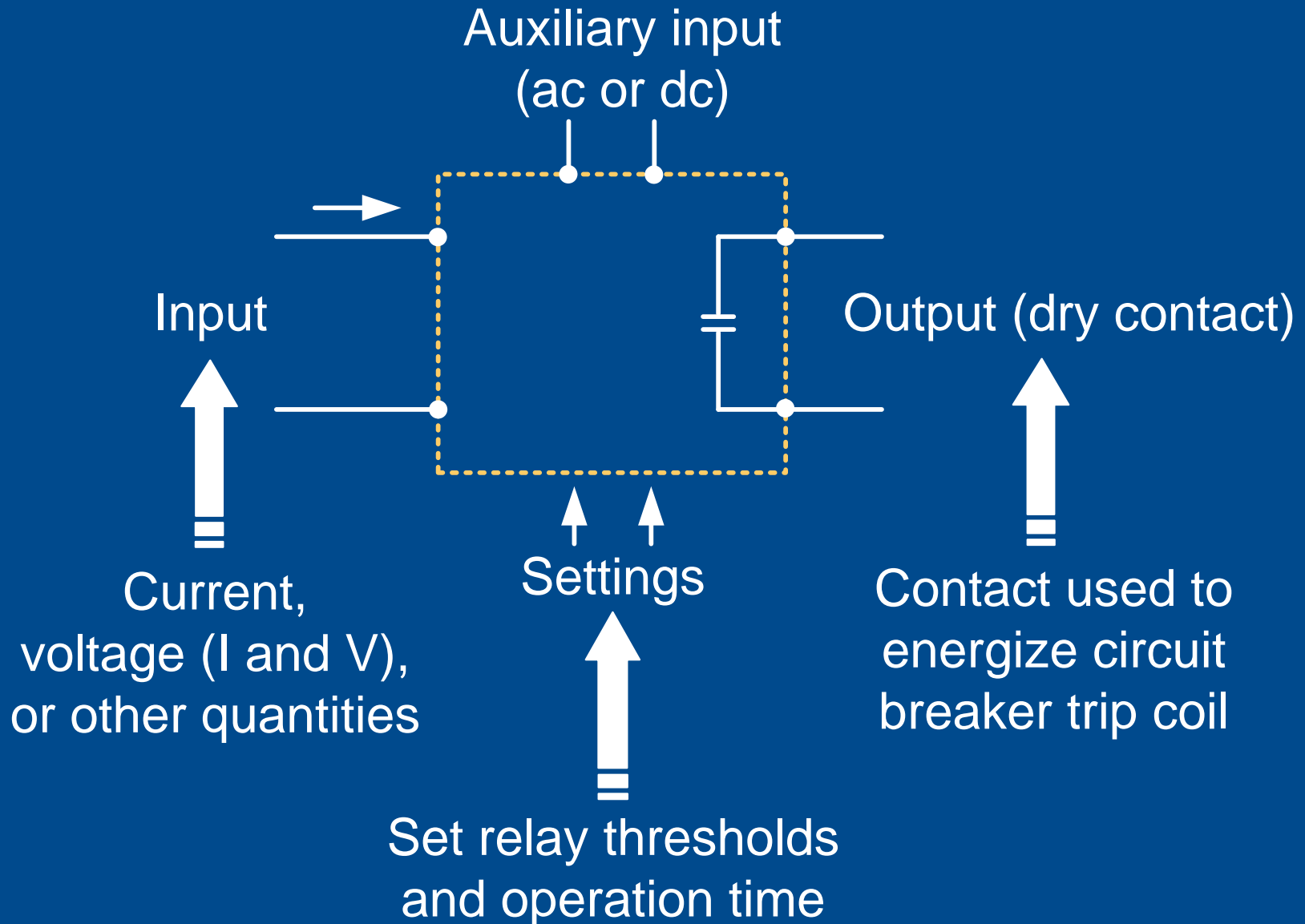
## SEL-751A Feeder Protection Relay



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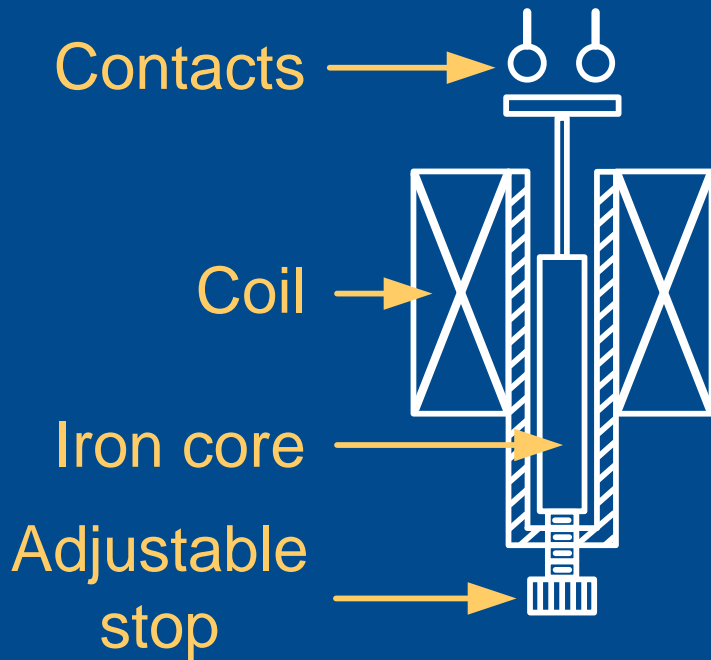
# Simple Protective Relay



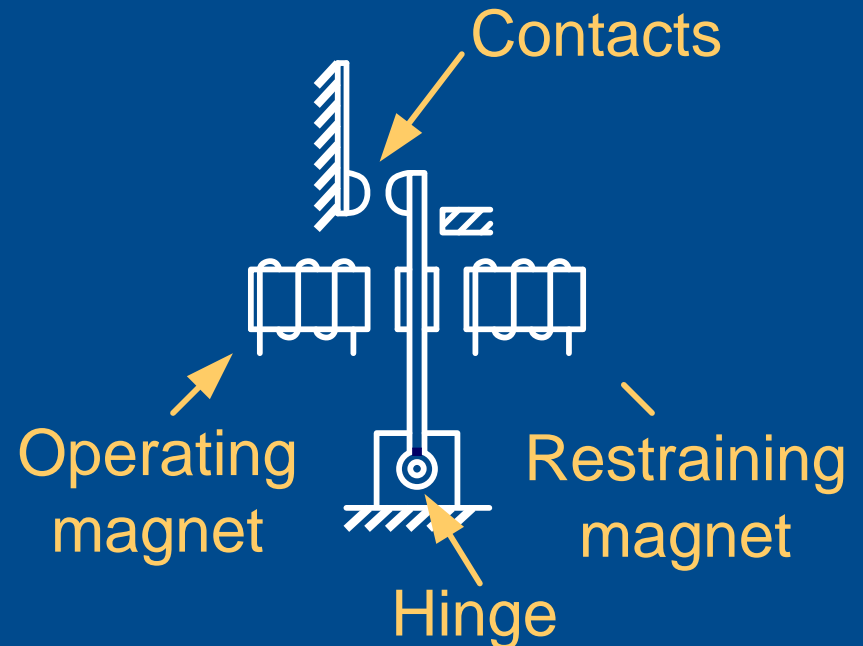
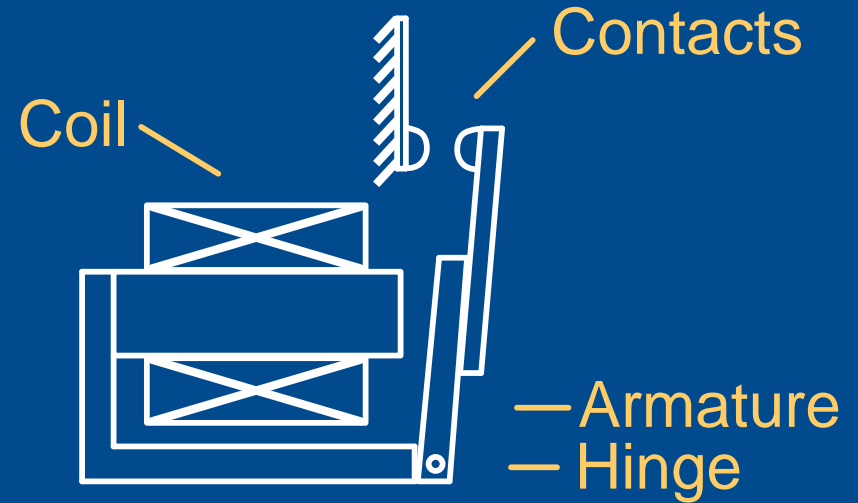
# **Electromechanical Instantaneous Overcurrent Elements**

# Magnetic Attraction Unit

## Instantaneous Element



$$\text{Force of contact: } F = k \cdot I^2$$



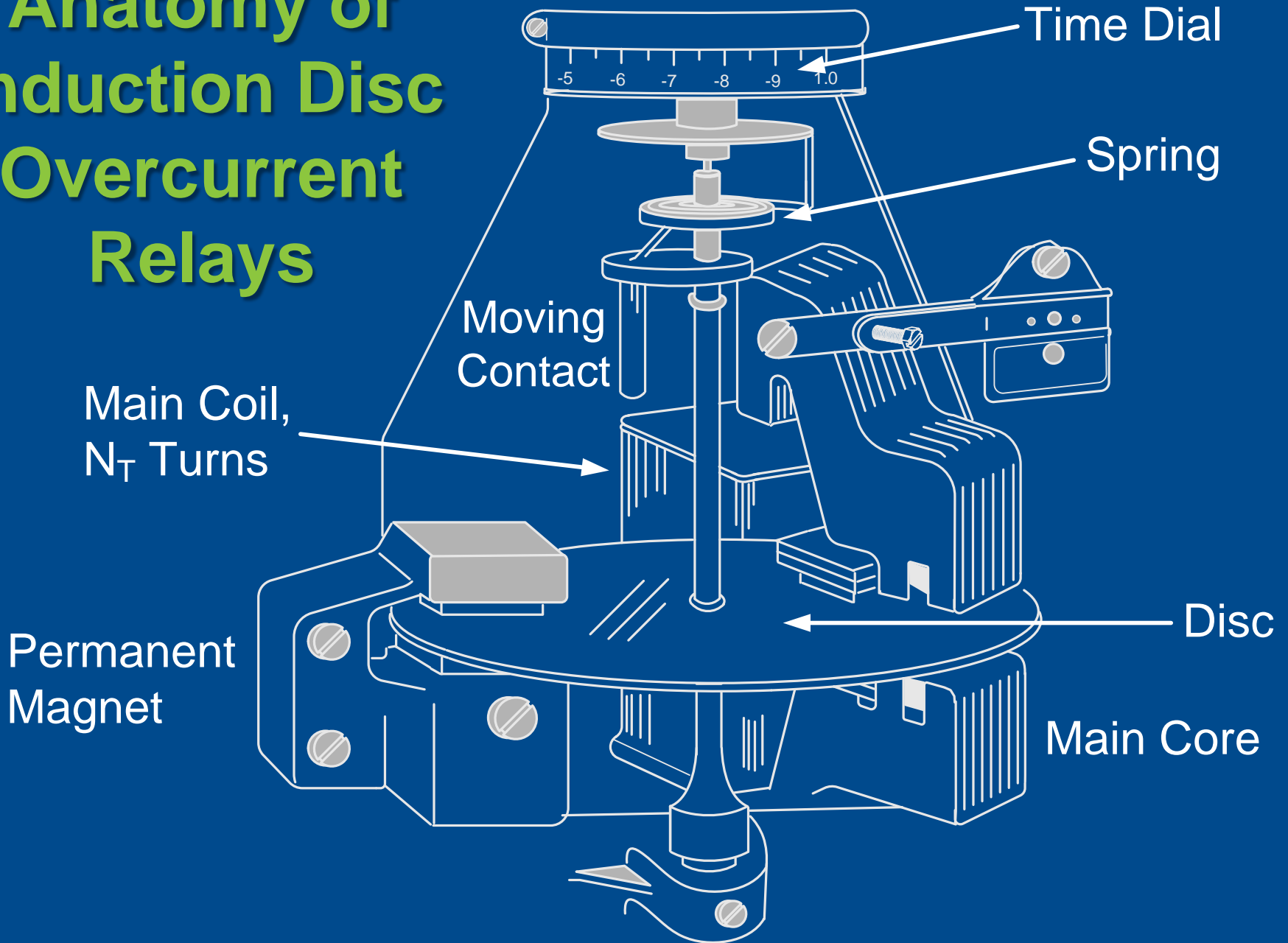
# Pickup Current Setting

- Tap in relay current coil
- Adjust air gap
- Adjust spring

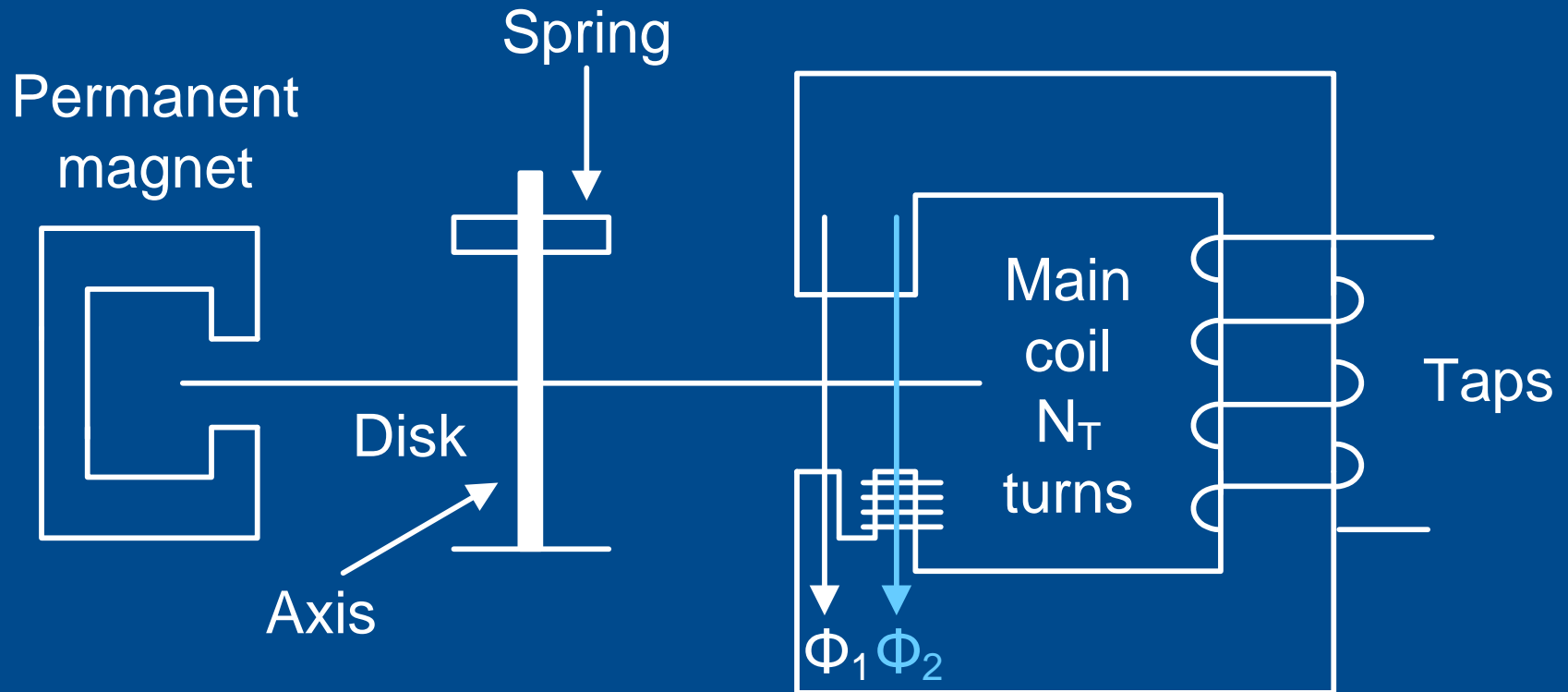


# **Electromechanical Inverse-Time Overcurrent Elements**

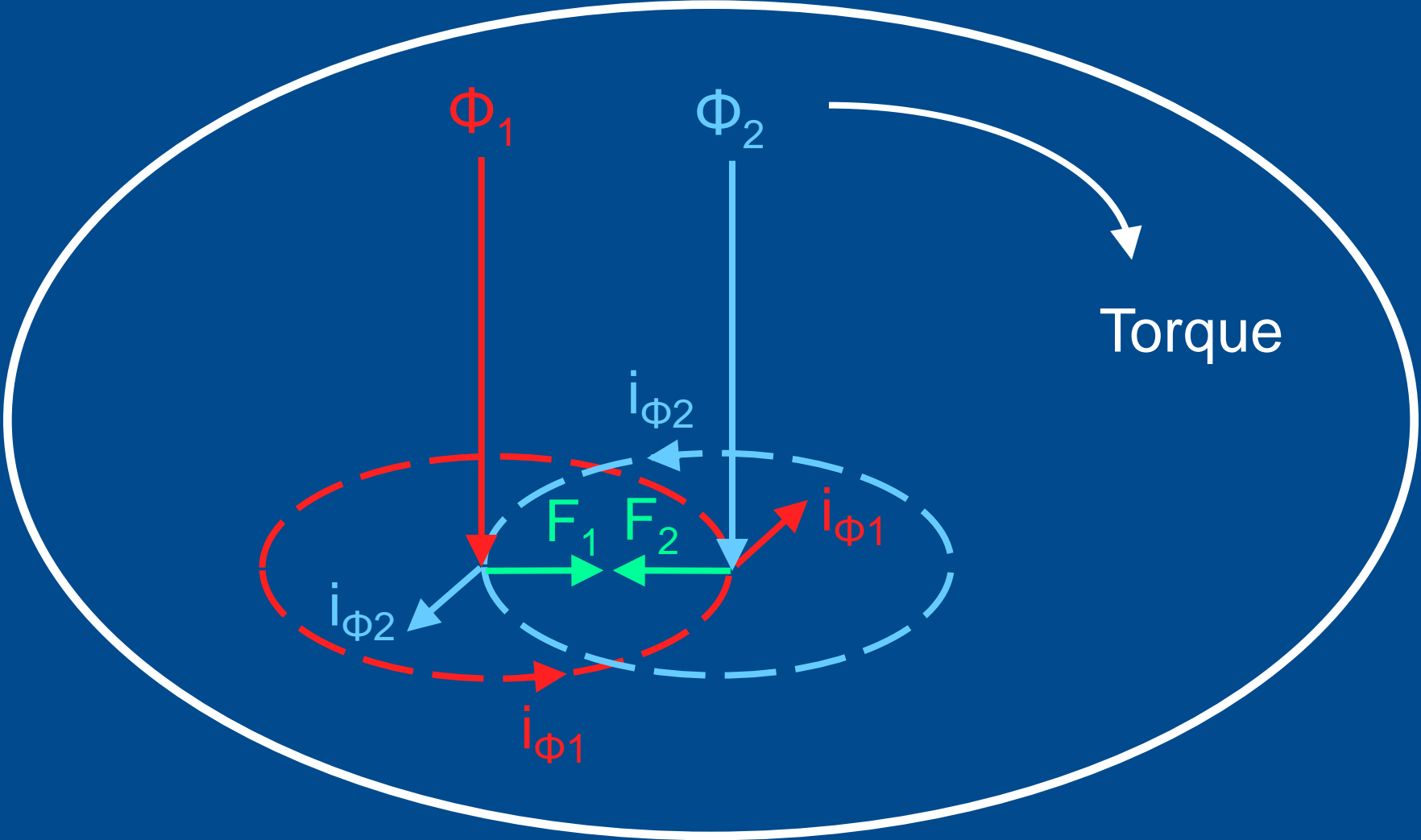
# Anatomy of Induction Disc Overcurrent Relays



# Simplified View Shaded Pole Element



# Electromagnetic Induction Principle

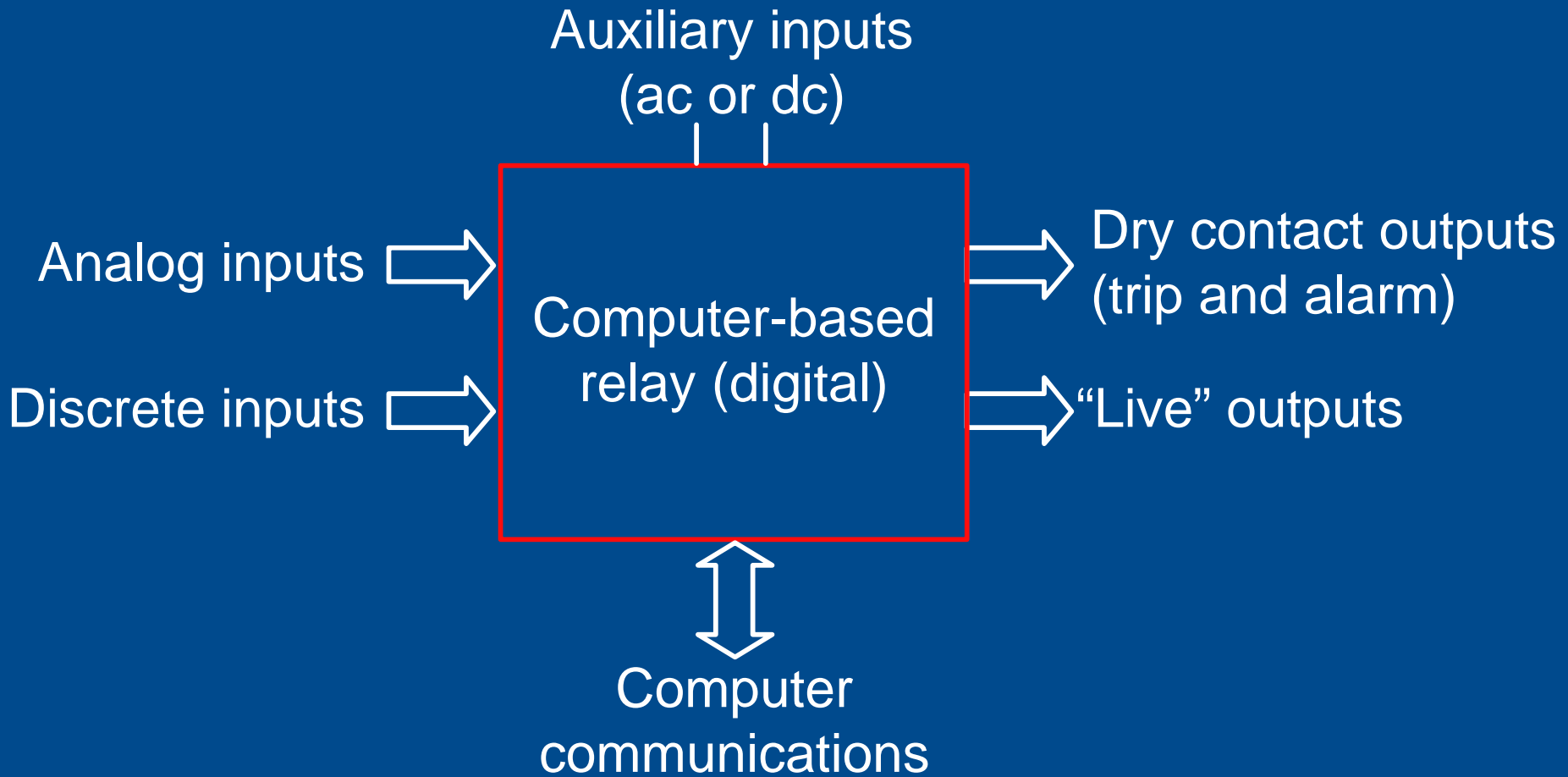


# Summary of Induction 51 Element Setting

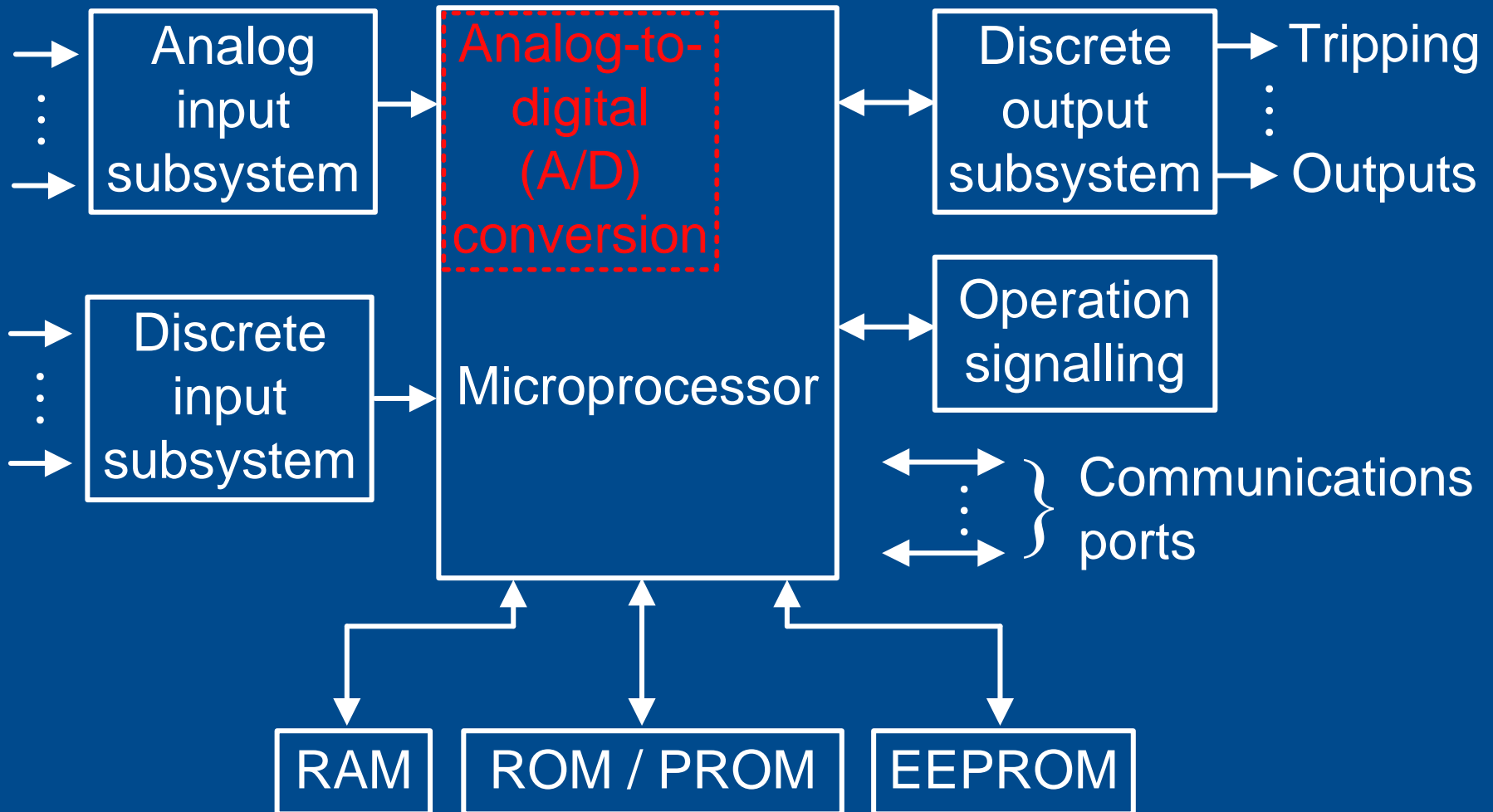
- Pickup current setting – taps in relay current coil
- Time-current curve setting – controls initial disc position (time dial setting)

# Microprocessor-Based Protection

# Digital Relay I/O Scheme

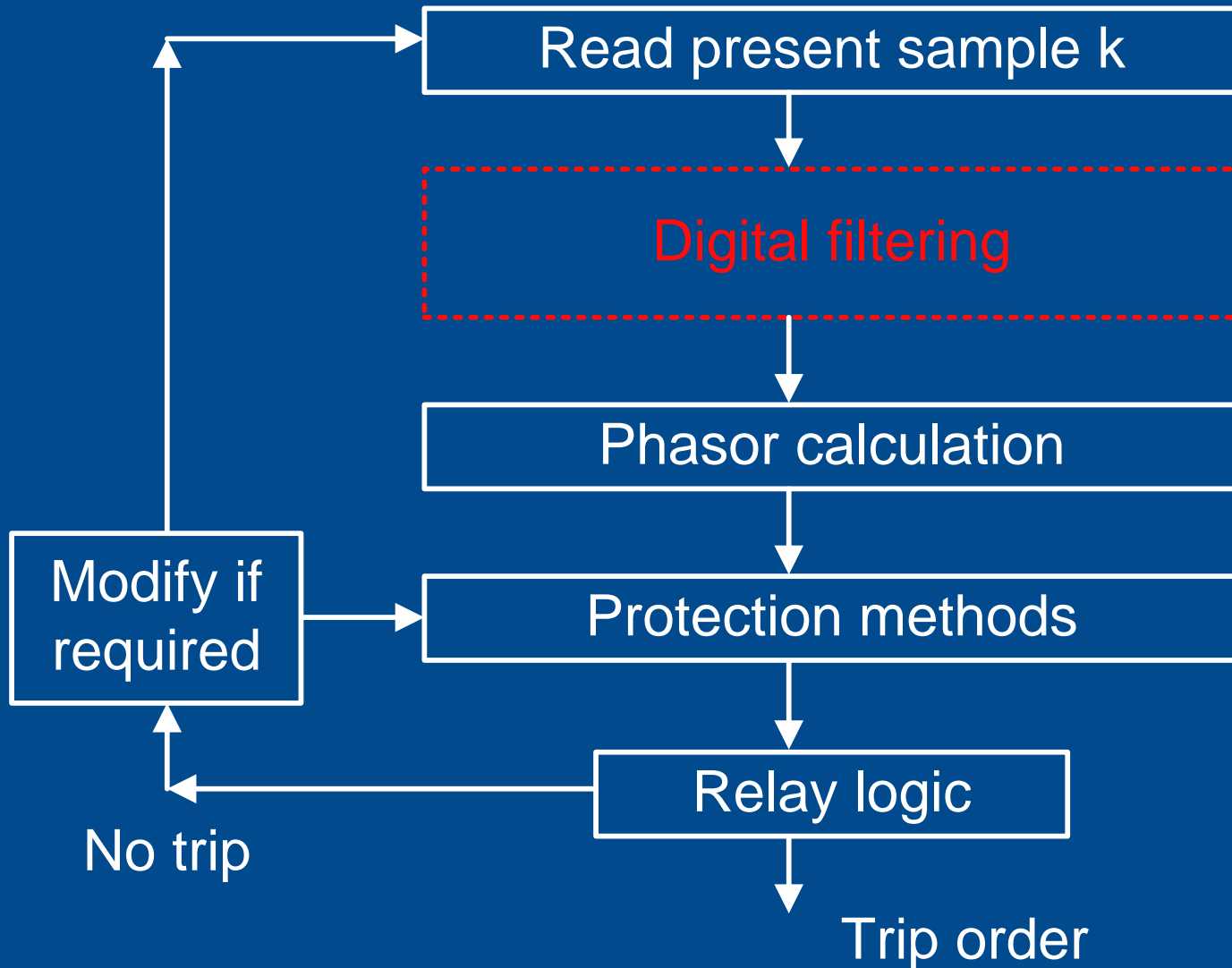


# Digital Relay Architecture





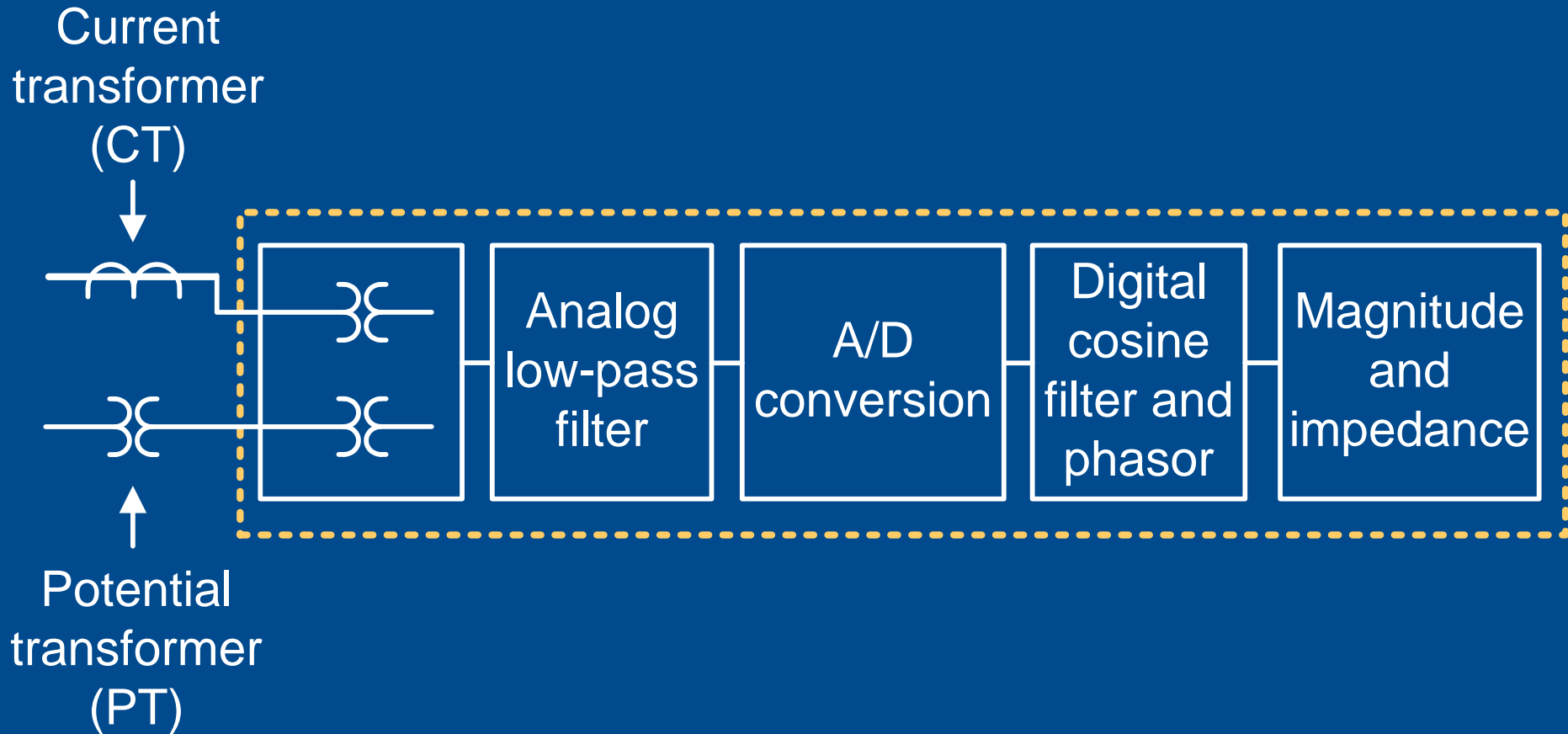
# Digital Relay Algorithm



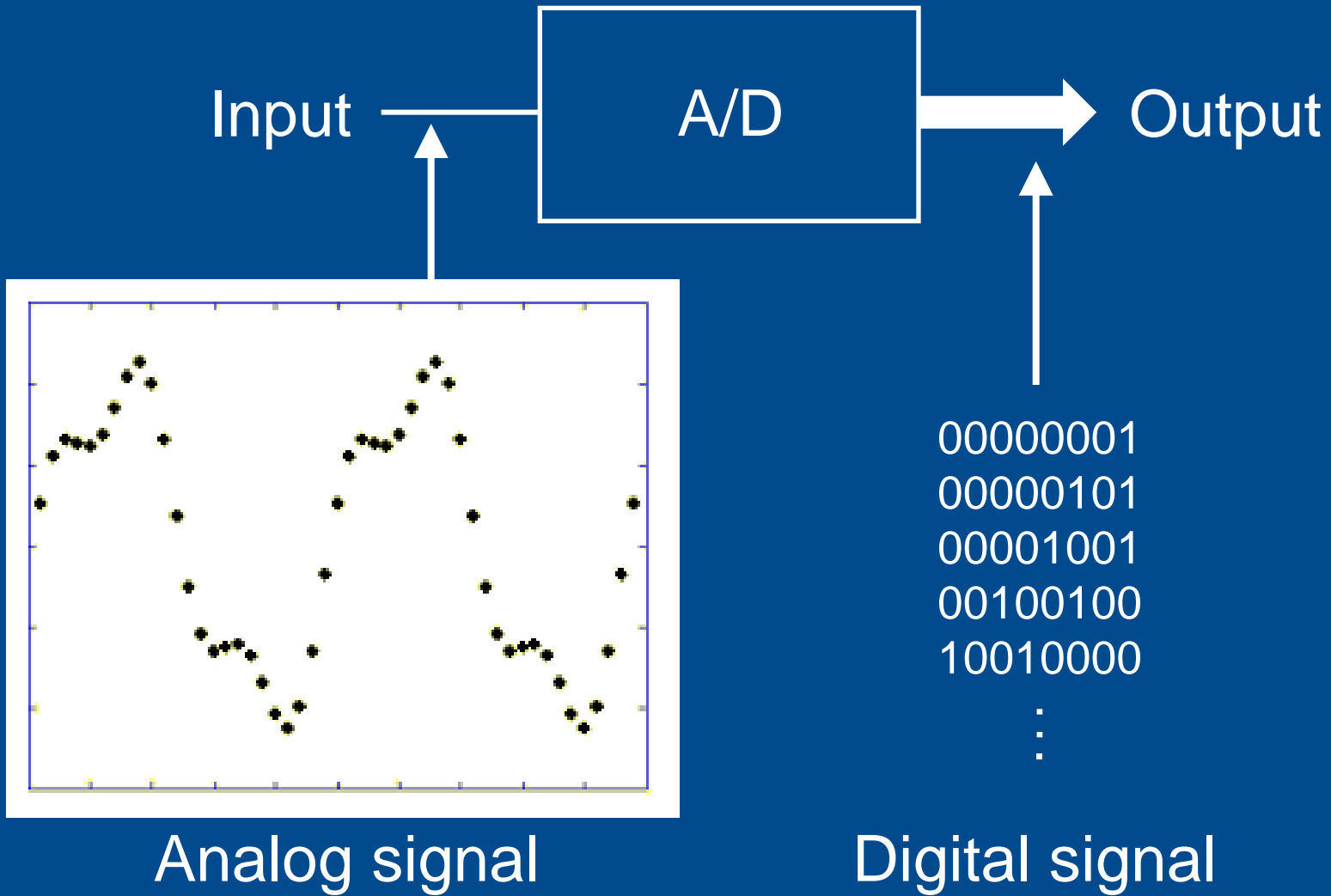
# Relay Operation

## Analog Inputs

# Signal Path for Microprocessor-Based Relays



# A/D Conversion



# Digital Filtering

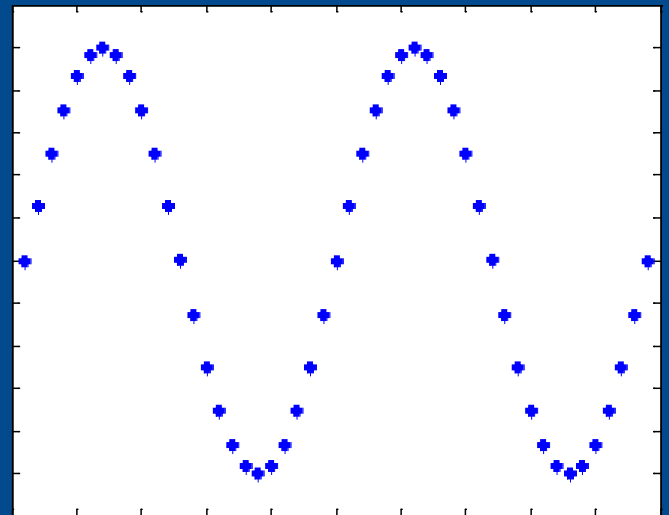
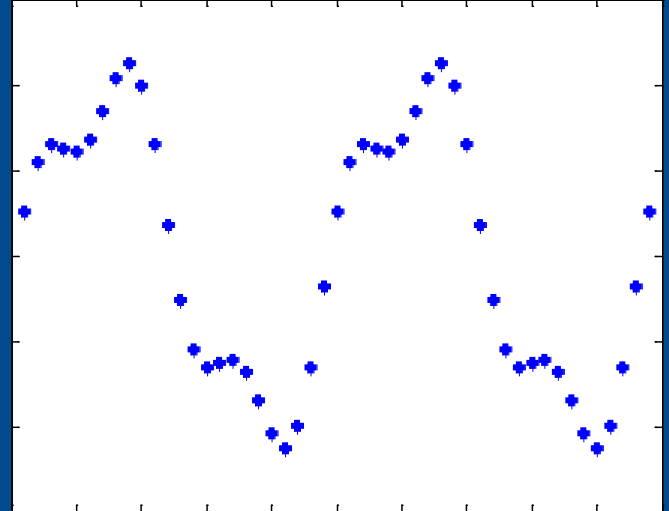
Nonfiltered signal  
(samples)



Digital filtering

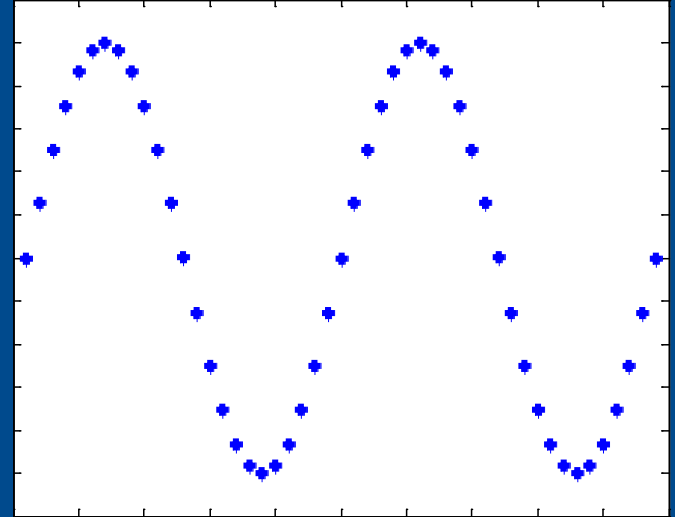


Filtered signal  
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# Phasor Calculation

Filtered signal  
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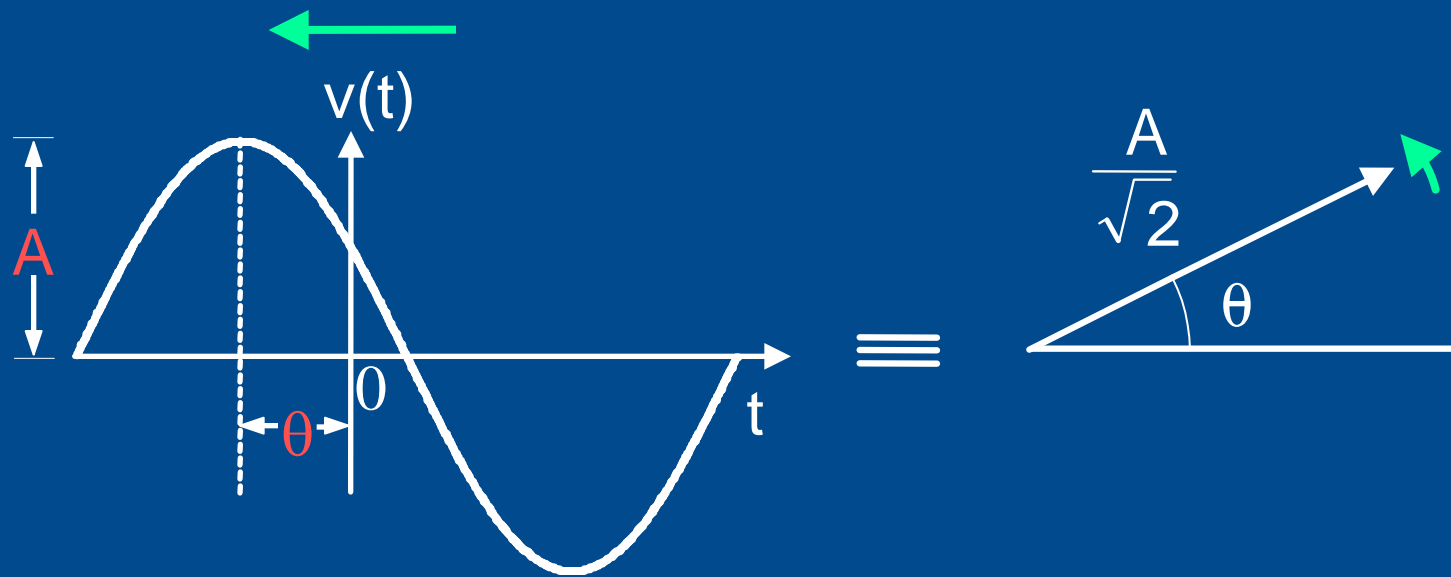
Phasor calculation



Phasor samples:  
magnitude and angle  
versus reference

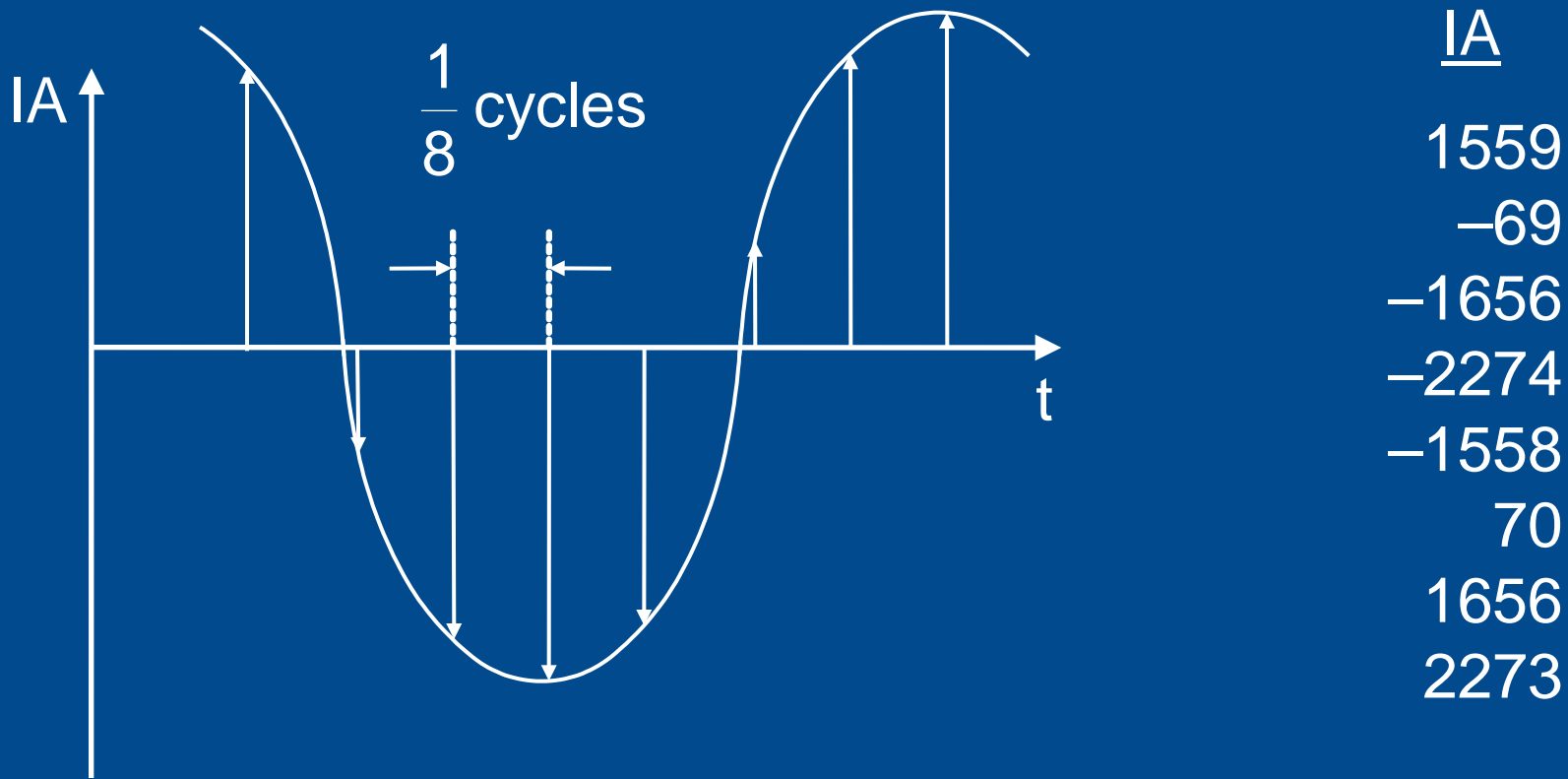


# Sinusoid-to-Phasor Conversion



# Sinusoid to Phasors

## Current Channels Are Sampled





# Sinusoid to Phasors

- Pick quadrature samples (1/4 cycle apart)
- Pick current sample (x sample)
- Pick previous sample 1/4-cycle old (y sample)

IA  
1559  
-69  
-1656  
-2274 ← y sample (1/4-cycle old)  
-1558  
70 ← x sample (present)  
1656  
2273

# Sinusoid to Phasors

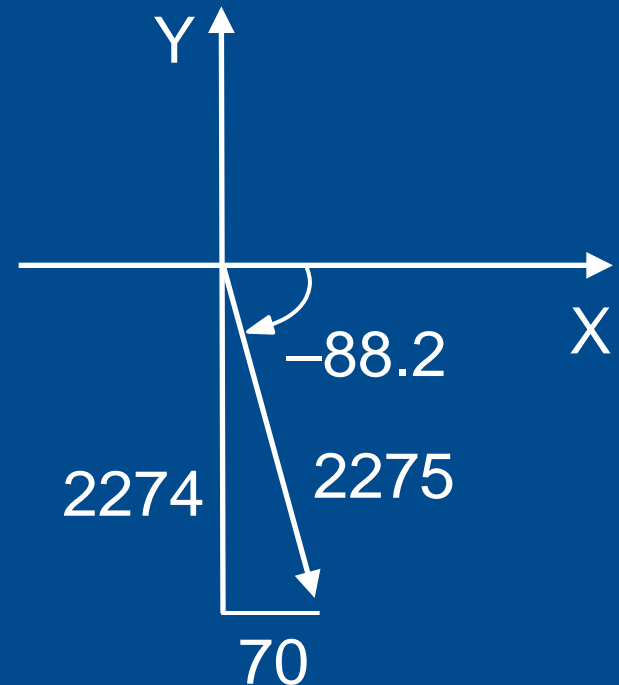
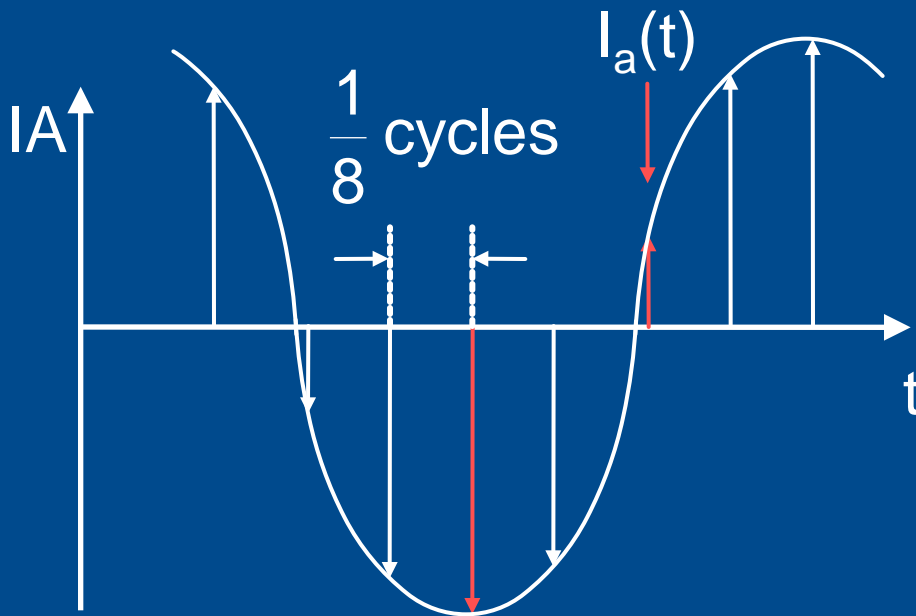
$$\text{Magnitude} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\text{Angle} = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\text{Magnitude} = \sqrt{70^2 + (-2274)^2}$$

$$\text{Angle} = \arctan\left(\frac{-2274}{70}\right)$$

$$IA = 2275 \angle -88.2^\circ$$



# **Relay Operation**

## **Relay Word Bits and Logic**

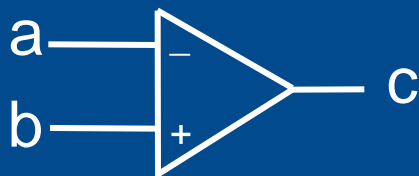
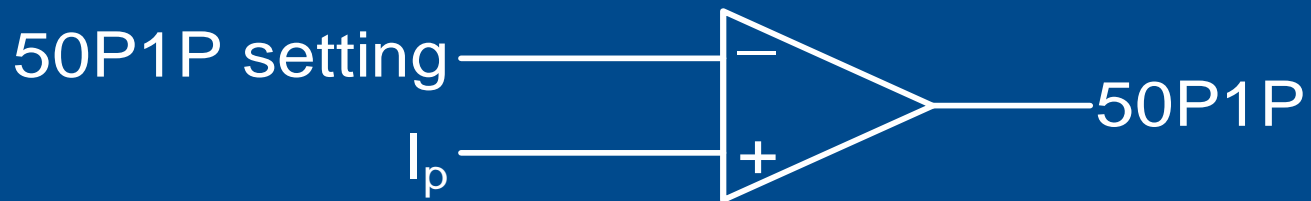
# Relay Word Bits

- Instantaneous overcurrent
- Time overcurrent
- Voltage elements
- Inputs
- Internal relay logic: SELOGIC<sup>®</sup> variable (SV) and latches
- Outputs

Assert to logical 1 when conditions are true,  
deassert to logical 0 when conditions are false

# Instantaneous-Overcurrent Element

- $50P1P$  = instantaneous phase-overcurrent setting
- $I_p$  = measured current of maximum phase
- $50P1P = 1$  if  $I_p > 50PIP$ ;  $50P1P = 0$  if  $I_p < 50P1P$

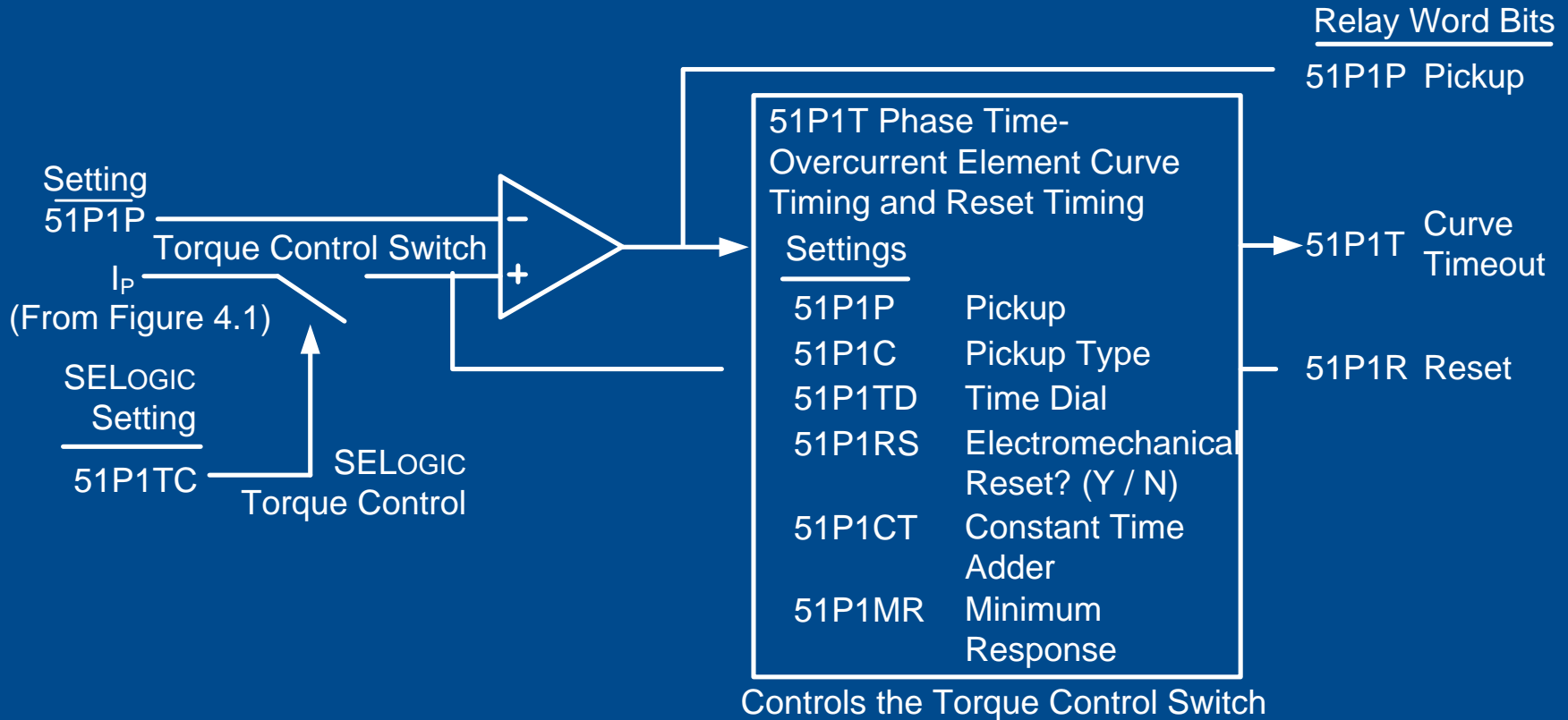


Comparator

When b (+) terminal is greater than a (-) terminal, c is logical 1

# SEL-751A Protection System

## Phase Time-Overcurrent Element



51P1TC State	Torque Control Switch Position	Setting 51P1RS=	Reset Timing
Logical 1	Closed	Y	Electromechanical
Logical 0	Open	N	1 Cycle

# SEL-751A Protection System

## ORED – Overcurrent Elements

- Relay Word bit ORED50T is asserted if 50PnT, 50NnT, 50GnT, or 50QnT Relay Word bits are asserted
- Relay Word bit ORED51T is asserted if 51AT, 51BT, 51CT, 51P1T, 51P2T, 51N1T, 51N2T, 51G1T, 51G2T, or 51QT Relay Word bits are asserted

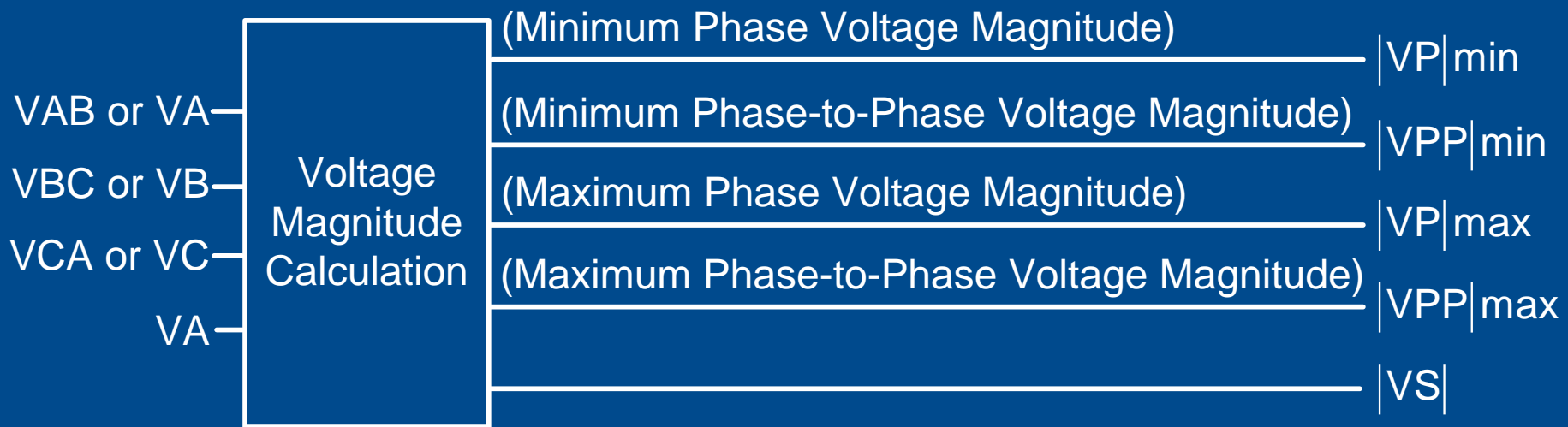
# Standard Time-Current Characteristics

## IEEE C37.112-1996

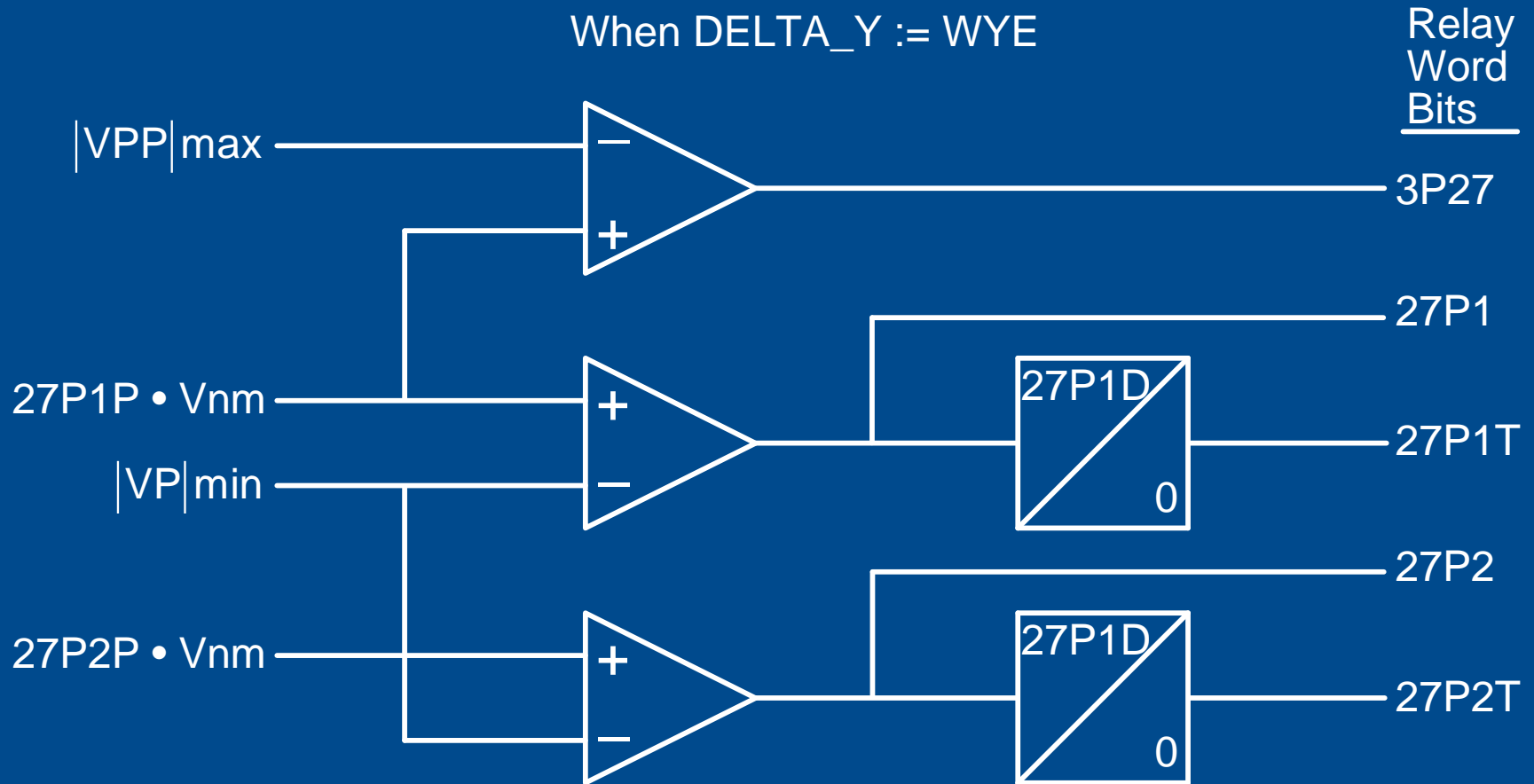
Curve Type	Operating Time	Reset Time
U1 (Moderately Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.0226 + \frac{0.0104}{M^{0.02} - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{1.08}{1 - M^2} \right)$
U2 (Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.180 + \frac{5.95}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{5.95}{1 - M^2} \right)$
U3 (Very Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.0963 + \frac{3.88}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{3.88}{1 - M^2} \right)$
U4 (Extremely Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{5.67}{1 - M^2} \right)$
U5 (Short-Time Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.00262 + \frac{0.00342}{M^{0.02} - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{0.323}{1 - M^2} \right)$



# SEL-751A Voltage Calculation



# SEL-751A Single- and Three-Phase Voltage Elements



# SEL-751A Relay Word Bit Tables

## 8 Relay Word Bits Per Numbered Row

Row	Relay Word Bits							
1	50A1P	50B1P	50C1P	50PAF	ORED50T	ORED51T	50NAF	52A
2	50P1P	50P2P	50P3P	50P4P	50Q1P	50Q2P	50Q3P	50Q4P
3	50P1T	50P2T	50P3T	50P4T	50Q1T	50Q2T	50Q3T	50Q4T
4	50N1P	50N2P	50N3P	50N4P	50G1P	50G2P	50G3P	50G4P
5	50N1T	50N2T	50N3T	50N4T	50G1T	50G2T	50G3T	50G4T

# Logic

# Boolean Logic

- Mathematics of logical variables (Relay Word bits)
- Operators: AND, OR, NOT, rising and falling edge, parentheses
- SELOGIC control equations Boolean operators
  - ◆ Defined symbols
  - ◆ Application rules

# SELogic Control Equations Operators

Operator	Symbol	Function
Parentheses	( )	Group terms
Negation	-	Changes sign of numerical value
NOT	NOT	Invert the logic
Rising edge	R_TRIG	Output asserts for one processing interval on inputs rising-edge transition
Falling edge	F_TRIG	Output asserts for one processing interval on inputs falling-edge transition
Multiply	*	Multiply numerical values

# SELogic Control Equations Operators

Operator	Symbol	Function
Divide	/	Divide numerical values
Add	+	Add numerical values
Subtract	-	Subtract numerical values
Comparison	<, >, <=, >= , =, <>	Compare numerical values
AND	AND	Multiply Boolean values
OR	OR	Add Boolean values

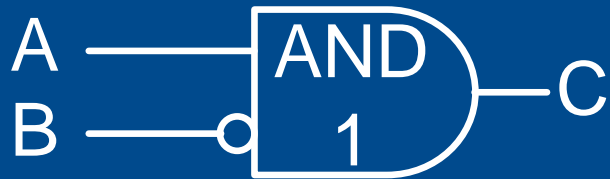
# SELogic Control Equation Examples



$$C = A \text{ OR } B$$



$$C = A \text{ AND } B$$

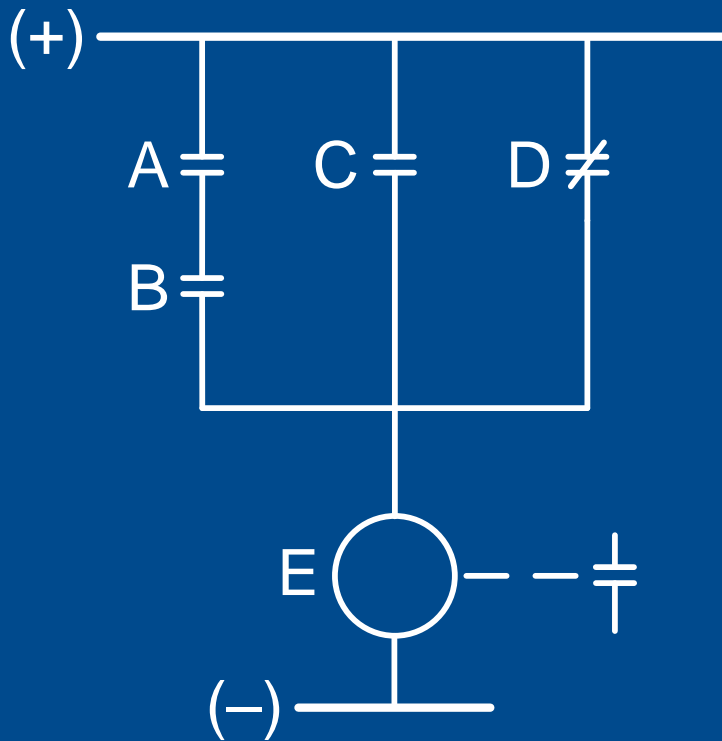


$$C = A \text{ AND NOT } B$$





# Programmable Logic



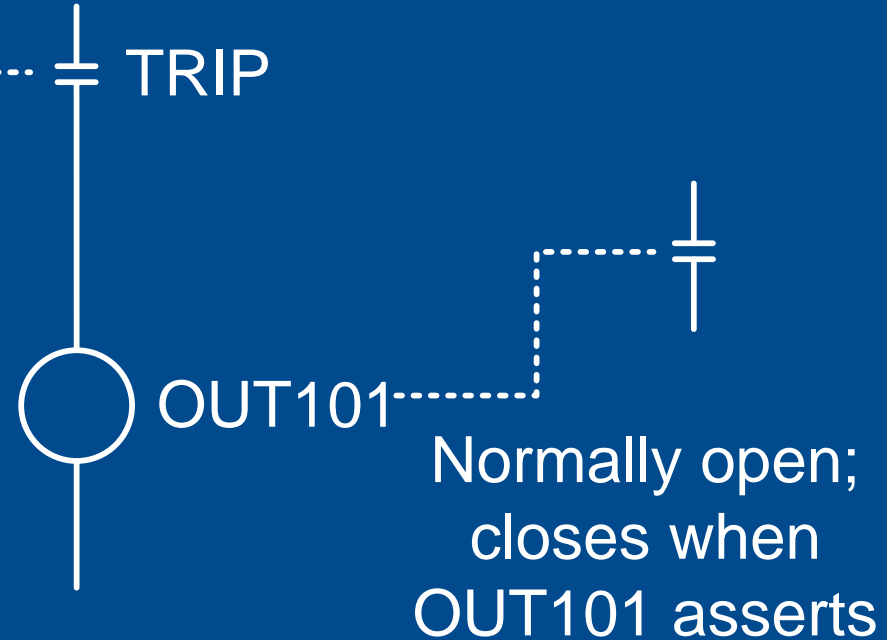
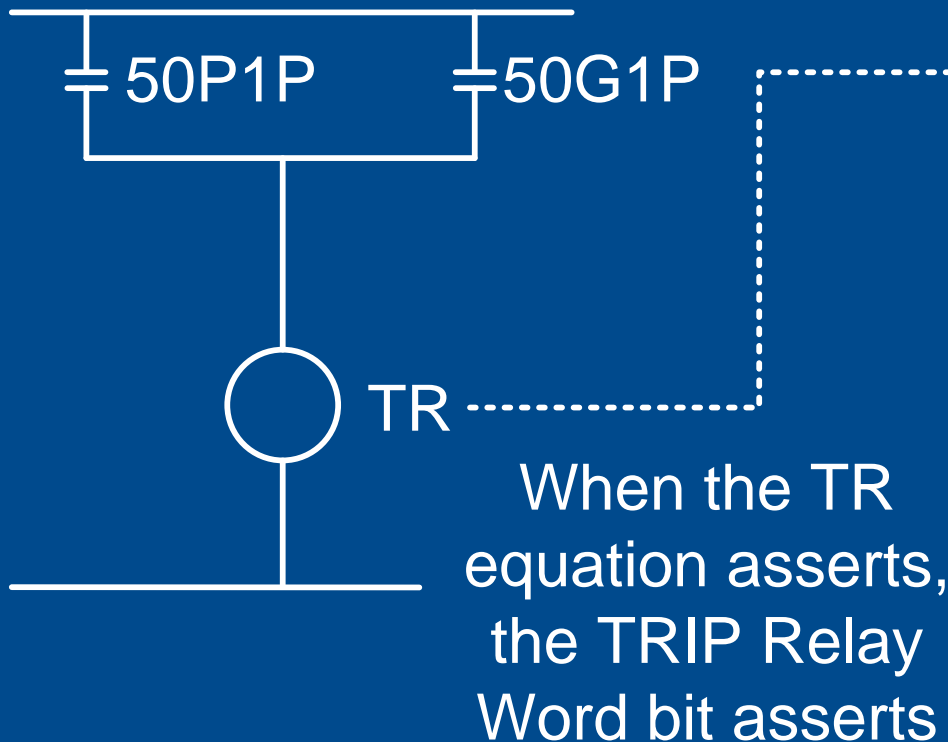
Equation implemented

$$E = A \text{ AND } B \text{ OR } C \\ \text{OR NOT } D$$

# SELogic Control Equation Examples

TR = 50P1P AND 50G1

OUT101 = TRIP



# Typical Logic Settings for Trip

TR Trip (SELogic)

ORED50T OR ORED51T OR 81D1T OR 81D2T OR 81D3T OR 81D4T OR 59P1T OR 59P



REMTRIP Remote Trip (SELogic)

0



OUT103F5 OUT103 Fail-Safe

N



Select: Y, N

OUT103 (SELogic)

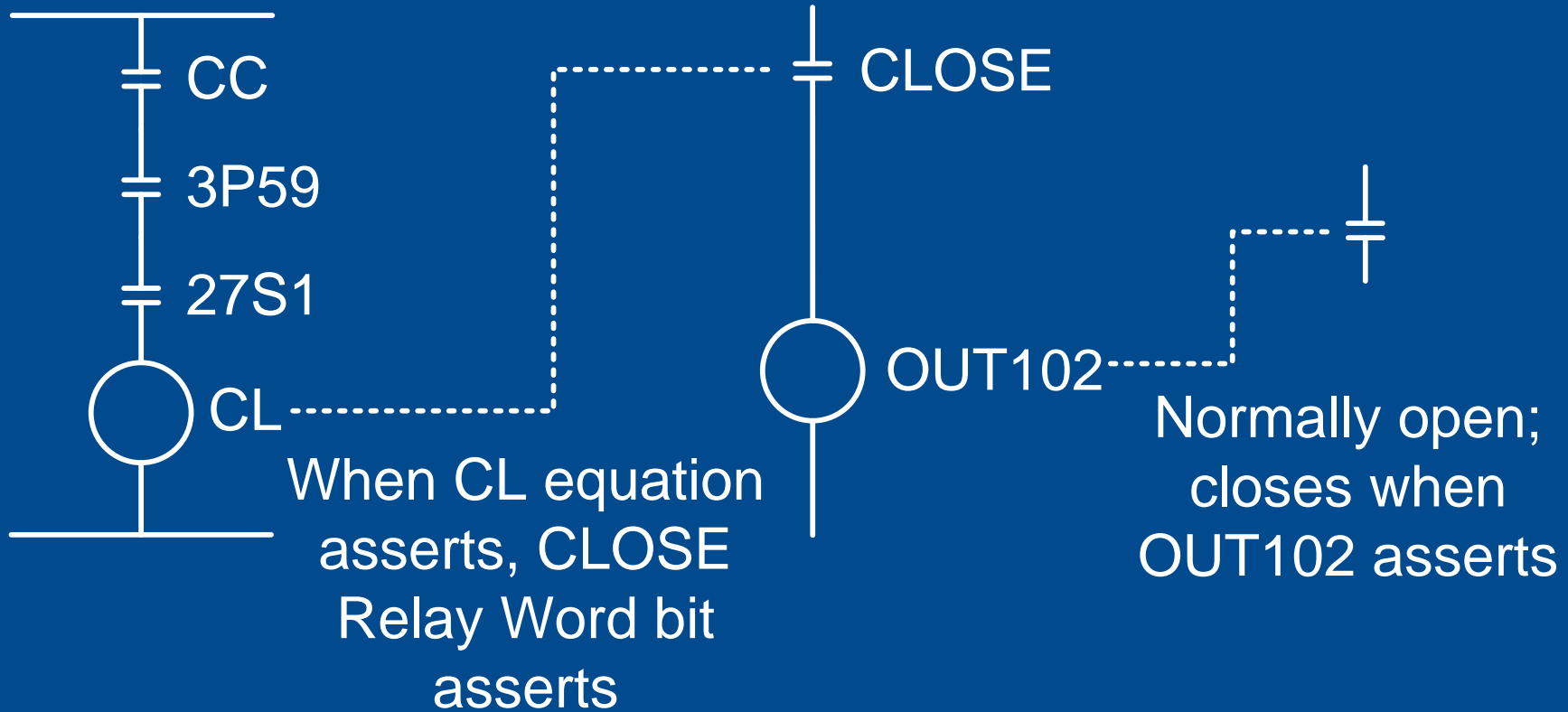
TRIP



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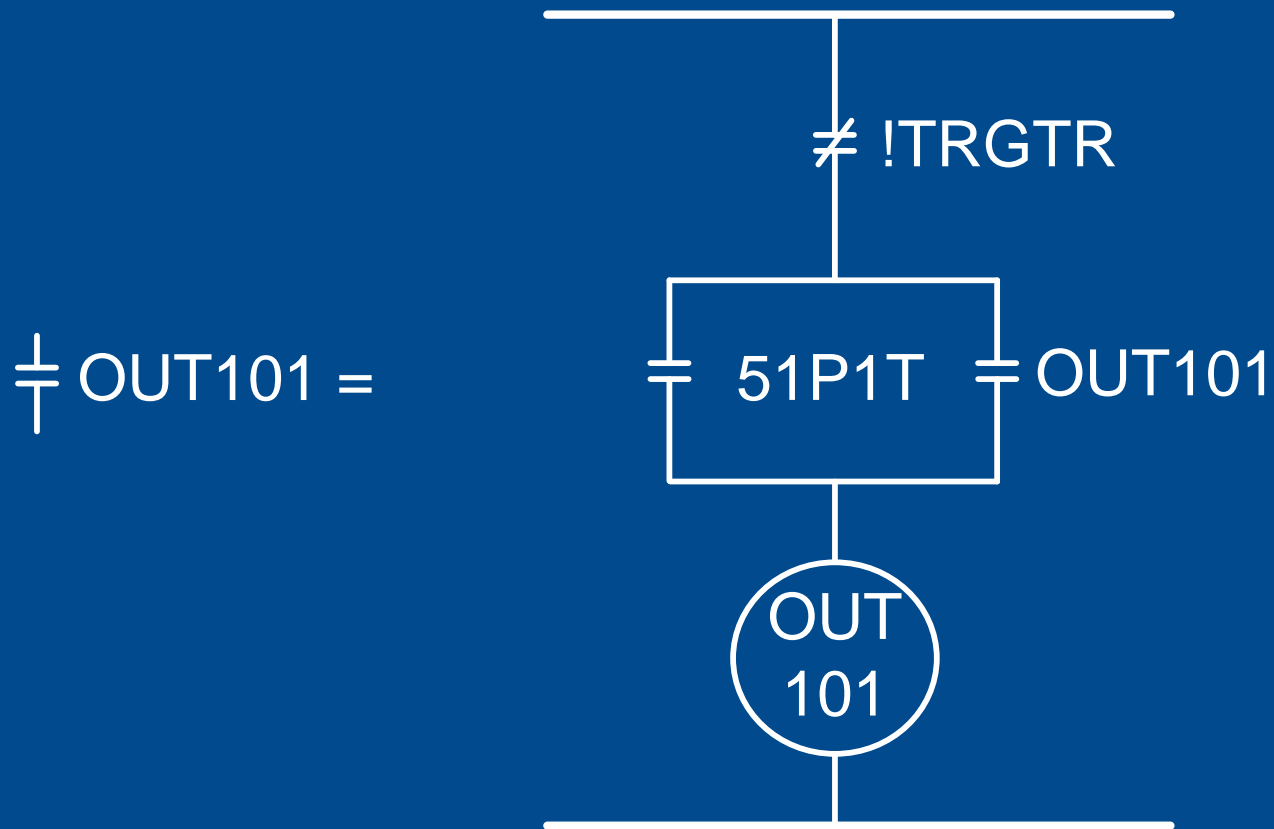
CL = CC AND 3P59 AND 27S1

OUT102 = CLOSE

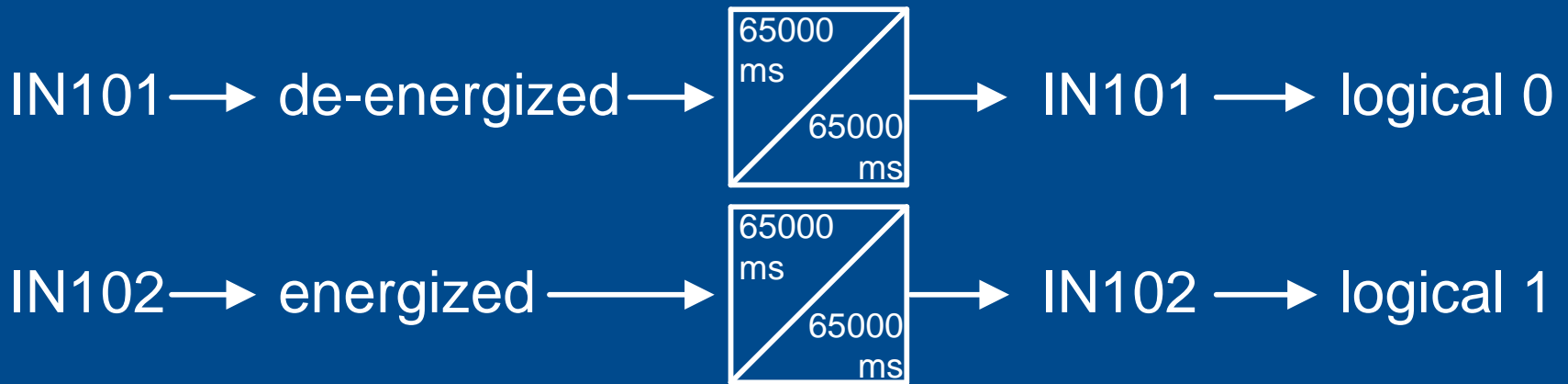


# SELogic Example

OUT101 = (51P1T OR OUT101) AND NOT TRGTR



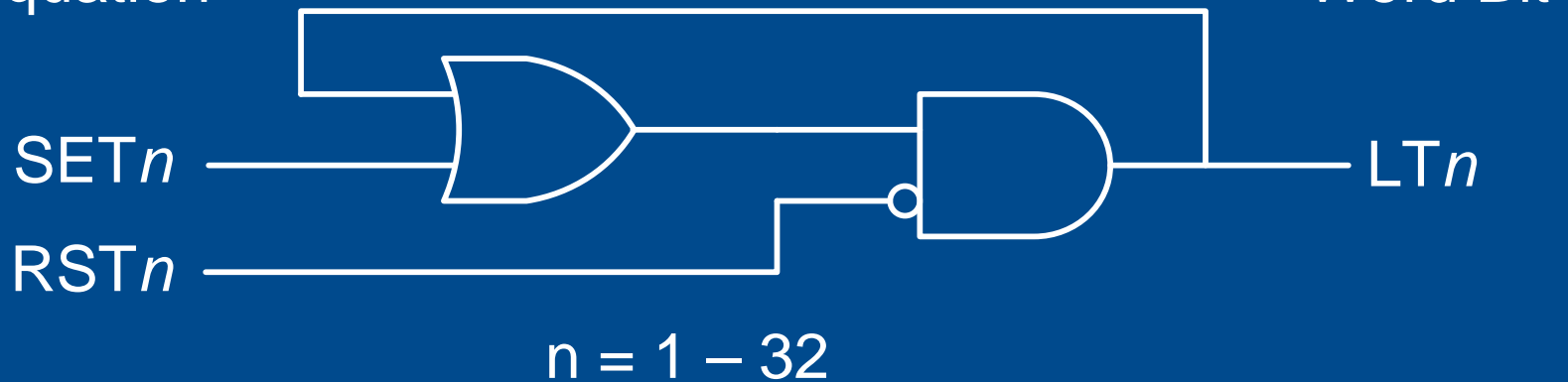
# Optoisolated Inputs



- Relay Word bits IN101 and IN102 monitor physical state inputs
- Debounce timer is built in and settable

# Latching Control Logic

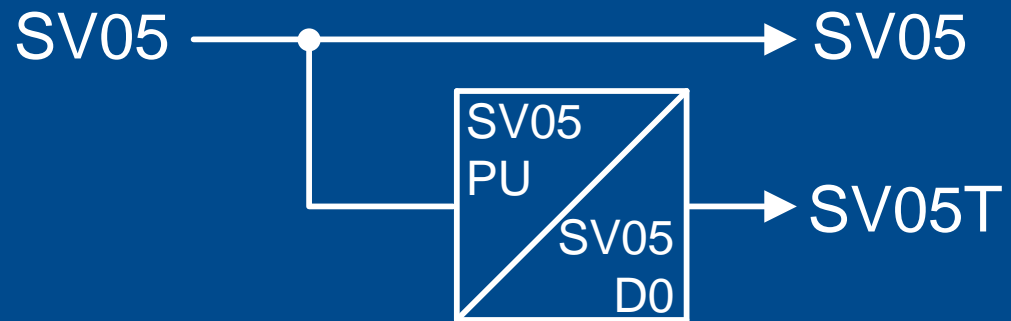
SELOGIC Latch  
Equation



SET01 = CLOSE RST01 = TRIP 52A = LT01

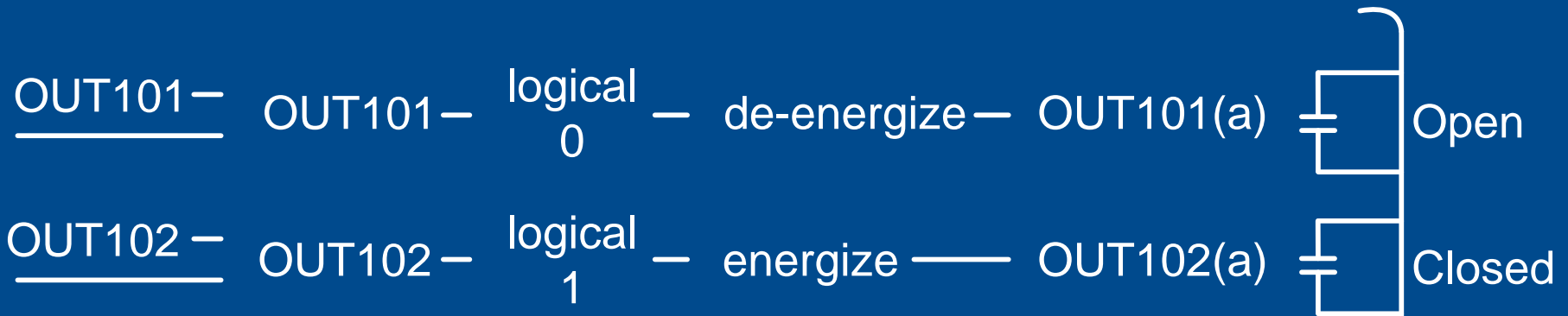
# SV Timer

- Set as logic placeholder and timer
- Example settings
  - ◆  $SV05 = 50P1P$
  - ◆  $SV05PU = 0.17$  seconds
- Operation
  - ◆  $SV05$  asserts when  $50P1P$  asserts
  - ◆  $SV05T$  asserts 0.17 seconds after  $50P1P$  asserts





# Outputs



- When OUT101 equation is true (logical 1), OUT101 closes
- Example setting: OUT301 = SV05T
- Operation: OUT301 closes after 50P1P has been asserted for 0.17 seconds

# Track Relay Word Bit State Change With Sequential Events Report (SER)

Example: 50P1 = 4 A; CTR = 120;  
Primary PU = 480 A

=>SER

SEL-751A  
FEEDER RELAY

Date: 05/31/2011 Time: 20:24:04  
Time Source: Internal

Serial No = 2007254448  
CID = 3148

FID = SEL-751A-R301-V0-Z005003-D20090504

#	DATE	TIME	ELEMENT	STATE
10	05/31/2011	20:09:47.808	50P1P	Asserted
9	05/31/2011	20:09:47.808	TRIP	Asserted
8	05/31/2011	20:09:47.808	SV05	Asserted
7	05/31/2011	20:09:47.979	OUT301	Asserted
6	05/31/2011	20:09:47.979	SV05T	Asserted
5	05/31/2011	20:09:48.287	50P1P	Deasserted
4	05/31/2011	20:09:48.287	SV05	Deasserted
3	05/31/2011	20:09:48.316	TRIP	Deasserted
2	05/31/2011	20:09:48.458	OUT301	Deasserted
1	05/31/2011	20:09:48.458	SV05T	Deasserted

=>

# Event Reporting

- Helpful in fault analysis
- Relay collects 15-cycle event report when ER = R\_TRIG 50P1P
- HIS command text

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=>HIS
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SEL-751A  
FEEDER RELAY
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Date: 05/31/2011   Time: 20:25:29  
Time Source: Internal
```

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FID = SEL-751A-R301-V0-Z005003-D20090504
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#	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CURRENT	FREQ	TARGETS
1	05/31/2011	20:09:47.808	Phase A1 50 Trip	501.5	60.0	11100000
2	05/31/2011	20:09:21.153	Trigger	6.1	60.0	10000000
3	05/31/2011	20:08:24.056	Phase A1 50 Trip	500.2	60.0	11100000
4	05/31/2011	20:05:45.806	Phase A1 50 Trip	501.2	60.4	11100000
5	05/31/2011	20:04:48.178	Phase A1 50 Trip	502.2	59.8	11100000
6	05/31/2011	20:04:15.681	Phase A1 50 Trip	503.3	60.4	11100000
7	05/31/2011	19:56:03.175	Phase A1 50 Trip	500.4	60.0	11100000

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=>|
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=>EVE

SEL-751A  
FEEDER RELAY

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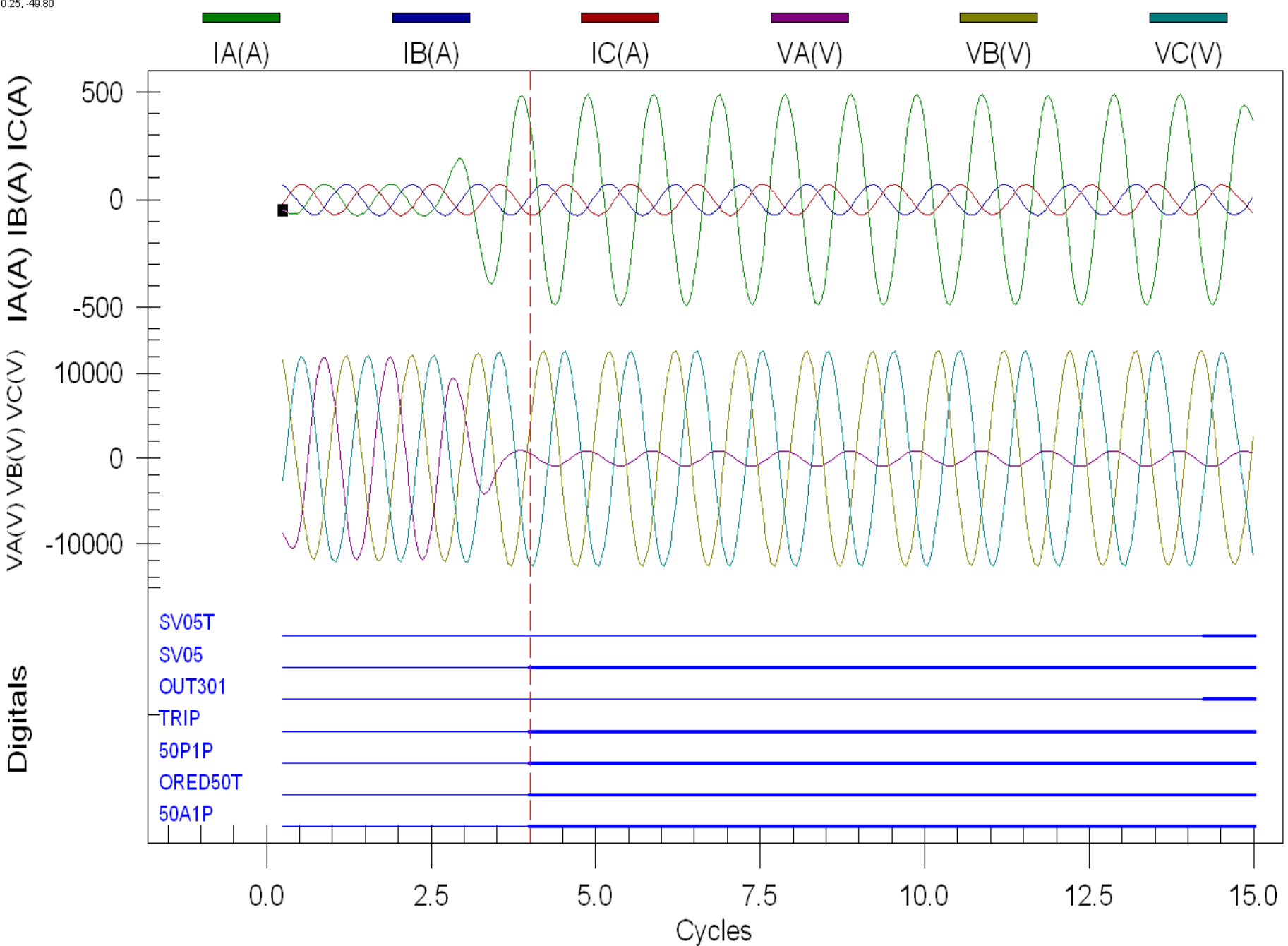
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0.25, -49.80



# Summary

- Microprocessor-based relays create phasors from sinusoid (waveform) input
- Relay Word bits control relay I/O
- Microprocessor-based relays offer many troubleshooting and fault analysis tools
- SELoGIC control equations provide programming flexibility to create virtual control circuits

**Questions?**





# Protection Basics: Overcurrent Protection

# Fast Protection Minimizes

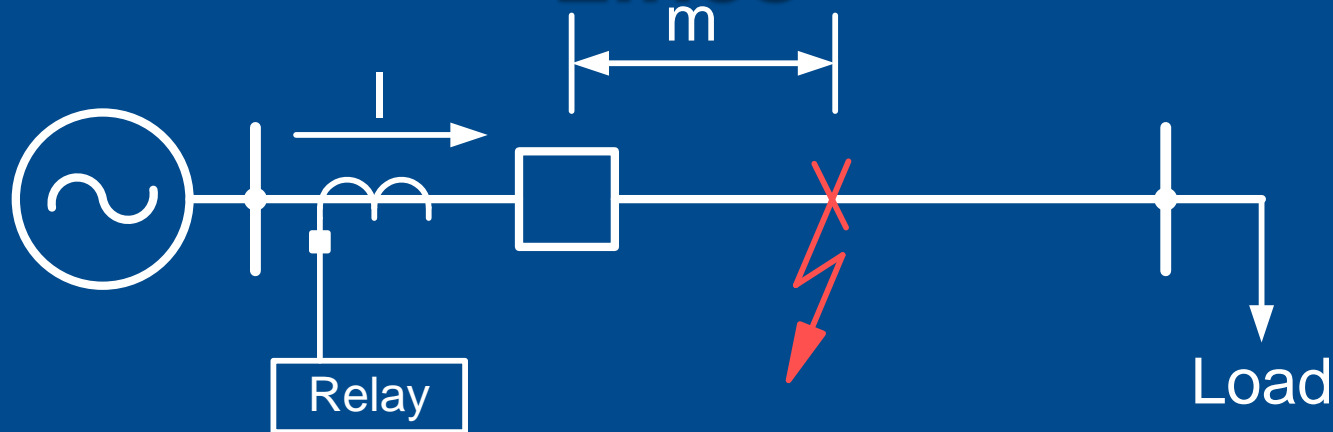
- Temperature rise
- Mechanical damage from magnetic forces
- Voltage sag
- Transient stability issues
- Shock and arc-flash hazards



# Understand Basic Protection Principles

- Overcurrent (50, 51, 50N, 51N)
- Directional overcurrent (67, 67N)
- Distance (21, 21N)
- Differential (87)

# Overcurrent Relays Protect Radial Lines

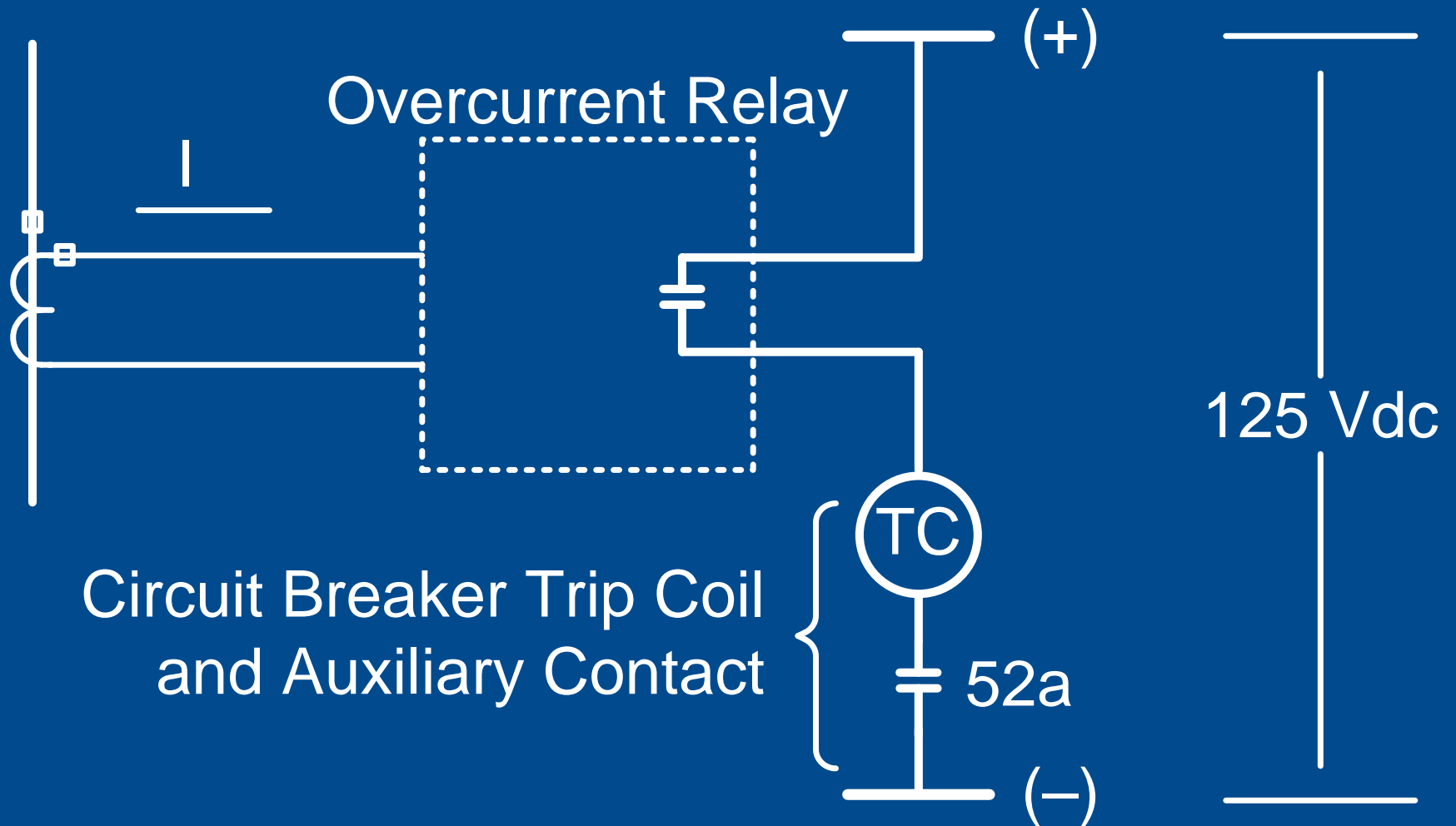


$$I_{\text{LOAD}} = \frac{E}{\bar{Z}_{\text{Source}} + \bar{Z}_{\text{Line}} + \bar{Z}_{\text{LOAD}}}$$

$$I_{\text{FAULT}} = \frac{E}{\bar{Z}_{\text{Source}} + m \cdot \bar{Z}_{\text{Line}}}$$

$$I_{\text{FAULT}} \gg I_{\text{LOAD}}$$

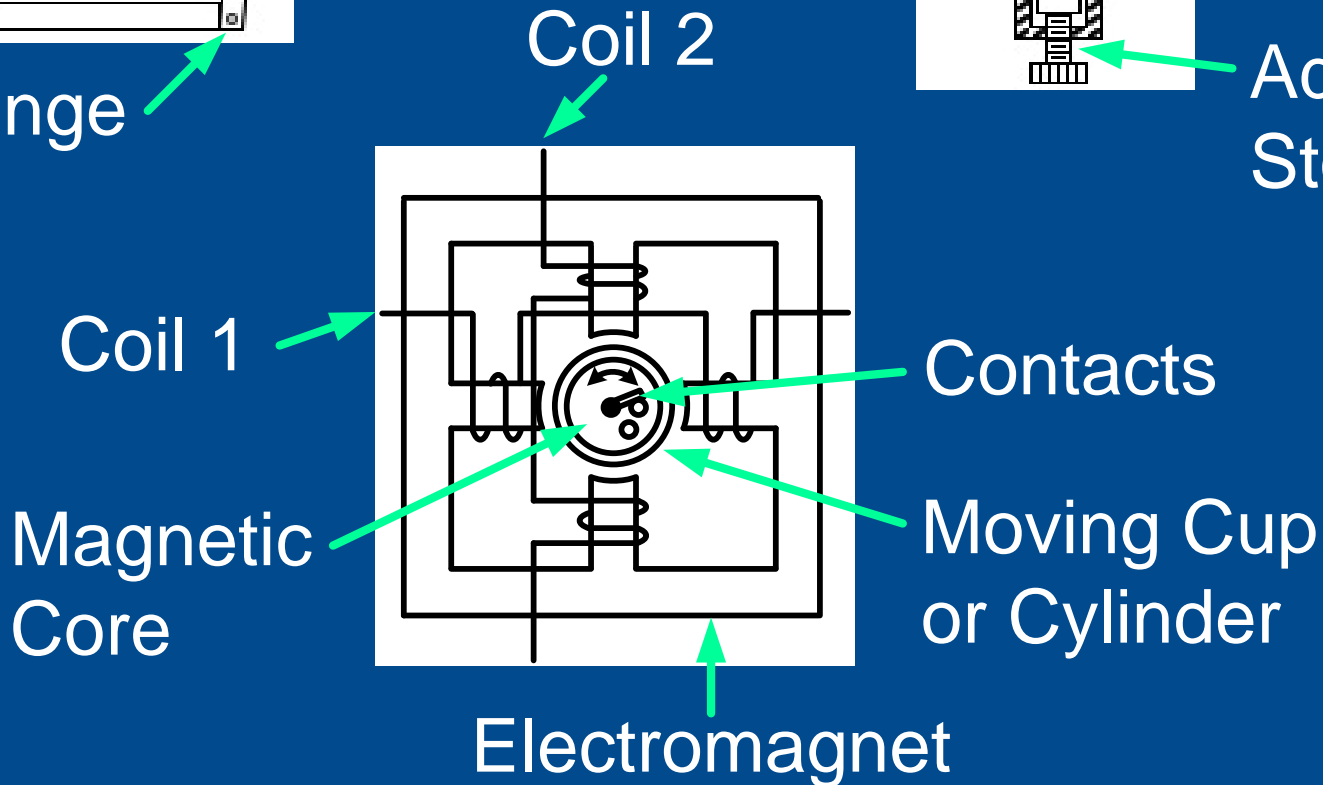
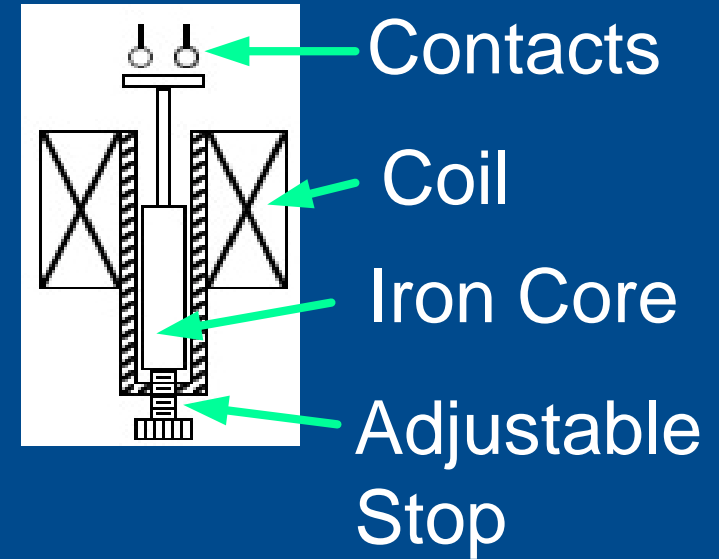
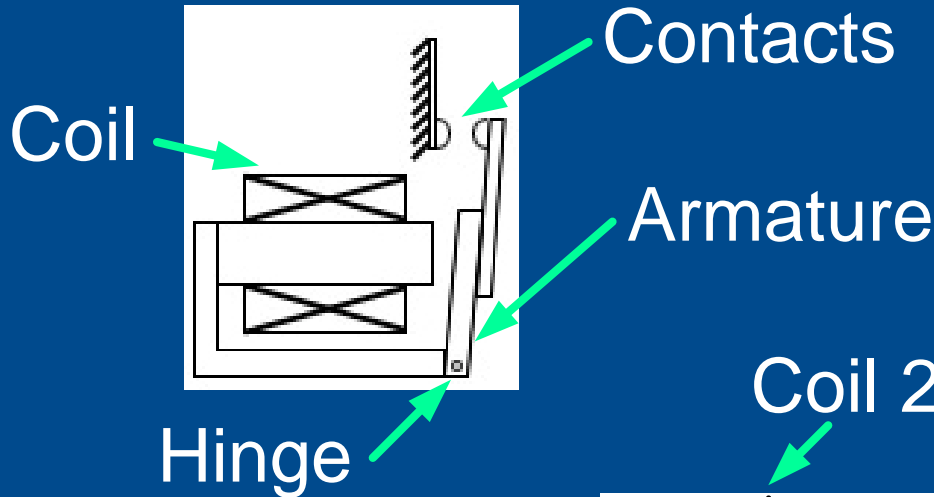
# Relay Operates When Current Magnitude Rises Above Threshold



# Evolving Protective Relay Designs

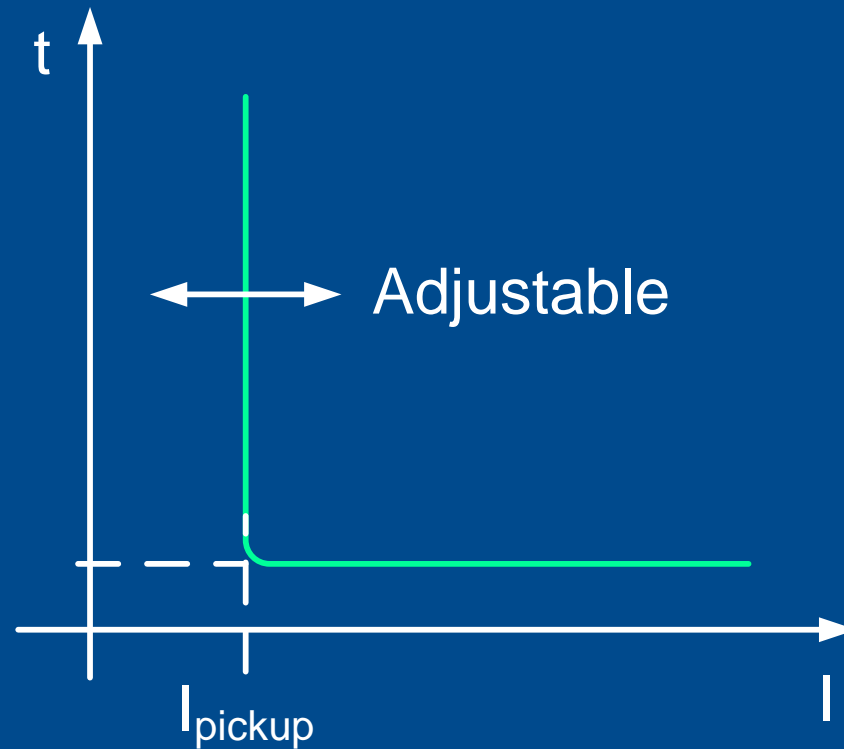
- Electromechanical relays
- Electronic analog relays – solid state (transistors, integrated circuits)
- Microprocessor-based relays – digital or numeric

# How Do Instantaneous Relays Work?



# Plotting Electromechanical 50 Elements

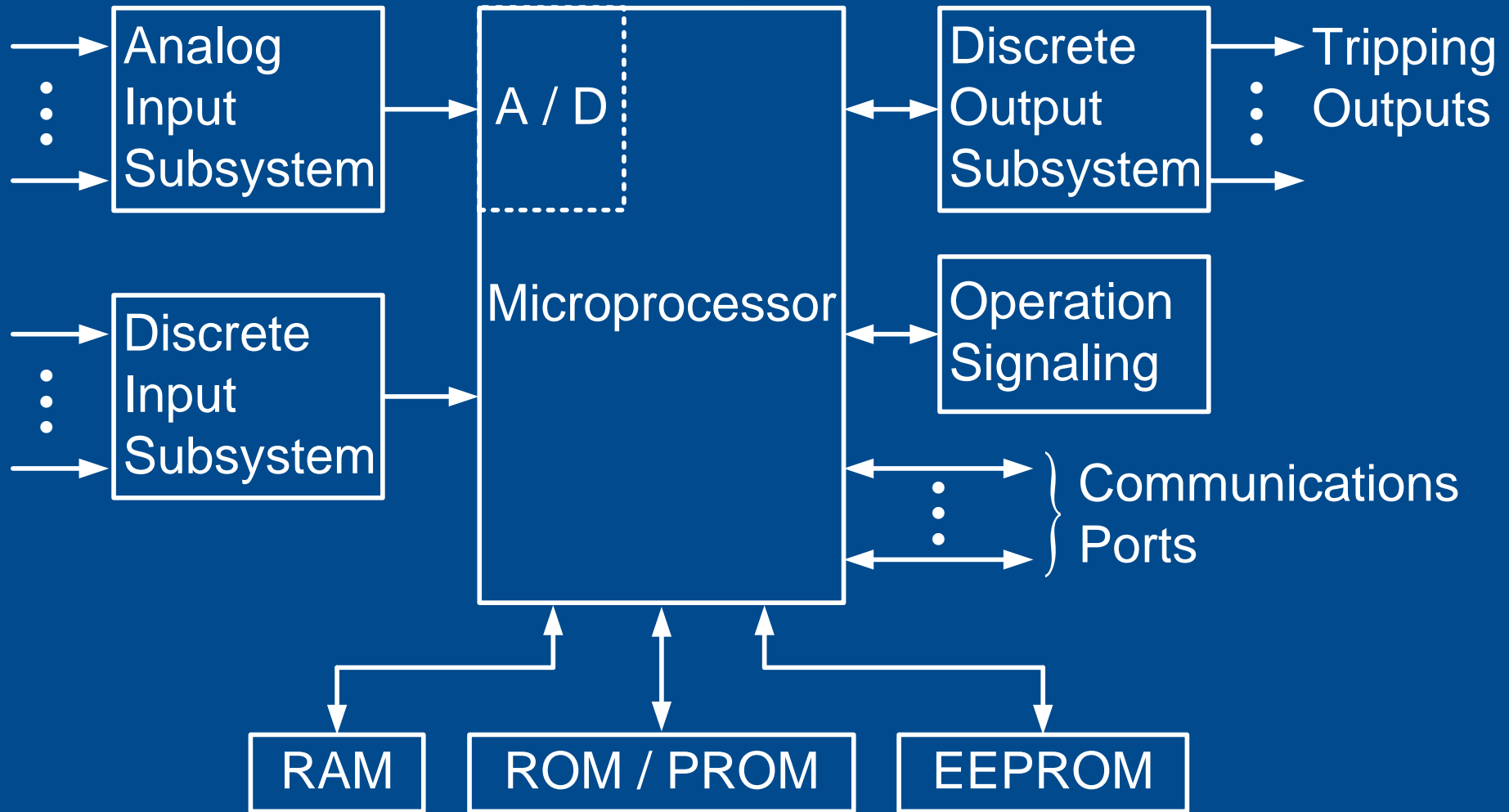
## Time vs. Current Curve



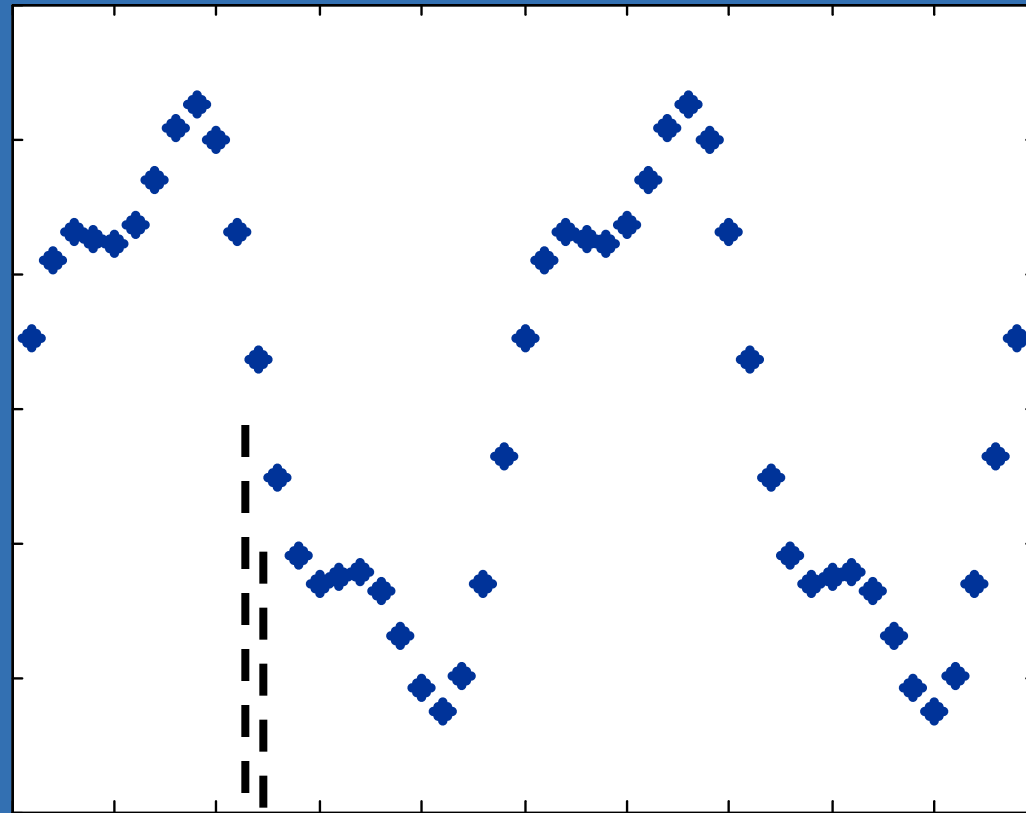
$t_{operate} < 1.5$  Cycles



# Digital Overcurrent Relay Block Diagram



# Digital Relays Use Sampled Signals



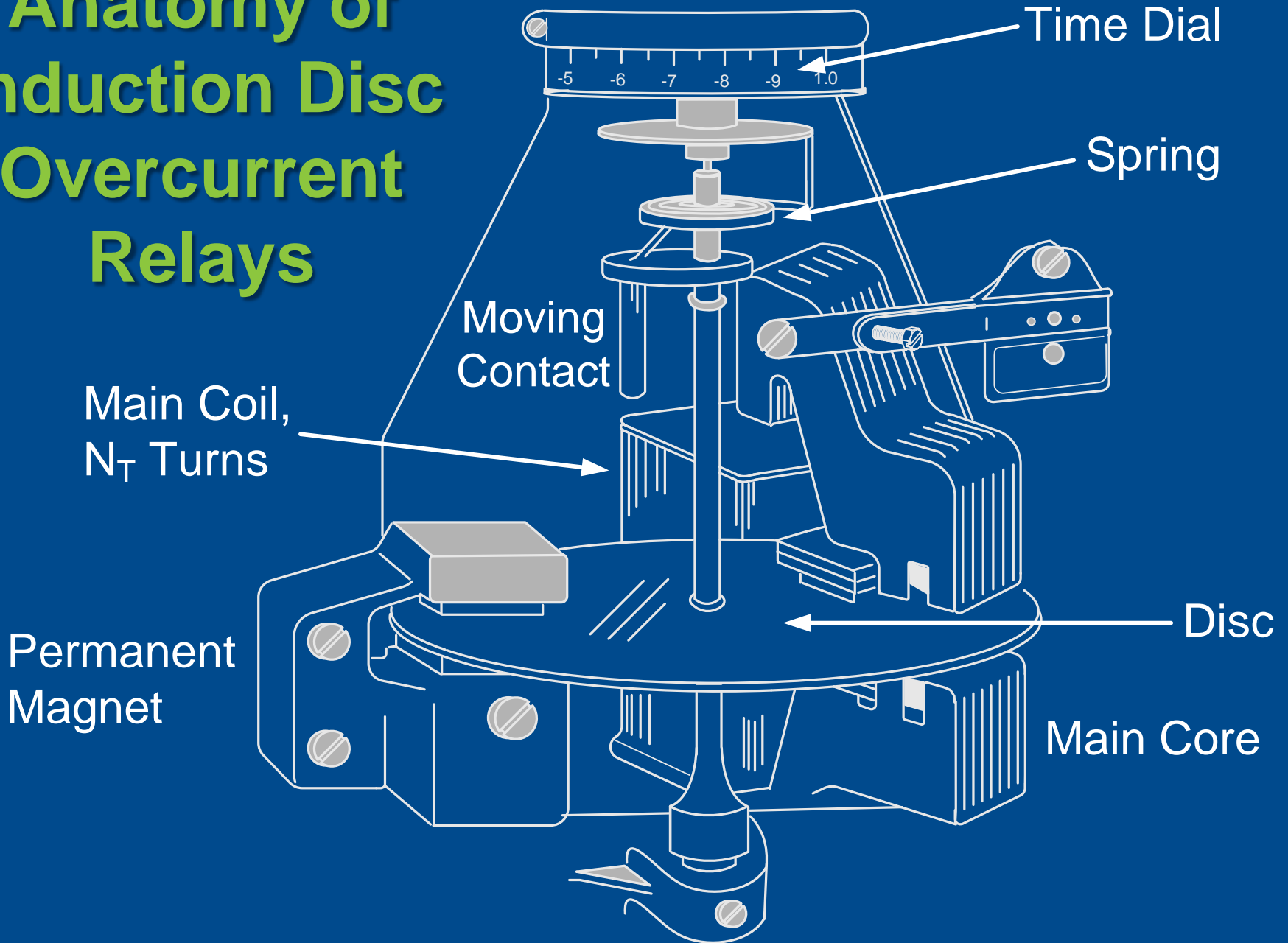
Present  
Sample

$\Delta t = \text{Sample Interval}$

# Advantages of Digital 50 Elements

- No contact chatter with alternating currents
- Not affected by dc offset
- Reset-to-pickup ratio close to one
- Resistant to misoperation due to mechanical shock

# Anatomy of Induction Disc Overcurrent Relays



# Induction Disc Operation Condition

Operating torque > spring torque

$$K_e I^2 \geq T_s$$

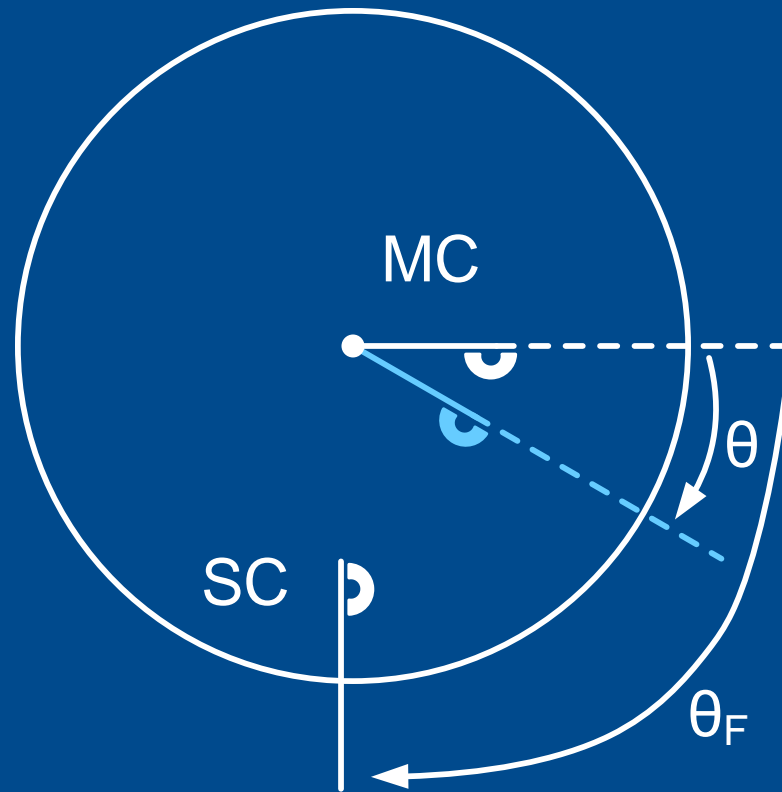
Pickup condition

$$K_e I_{pu}^2 \geq T_s$$

Pickup set by changing number of turns (TAP)

$$I_{pu} = \sqrt{T_s / K_e} = \sqrt{T_s / K'} / N_T$$

# Induction Disc Relay Dynamics

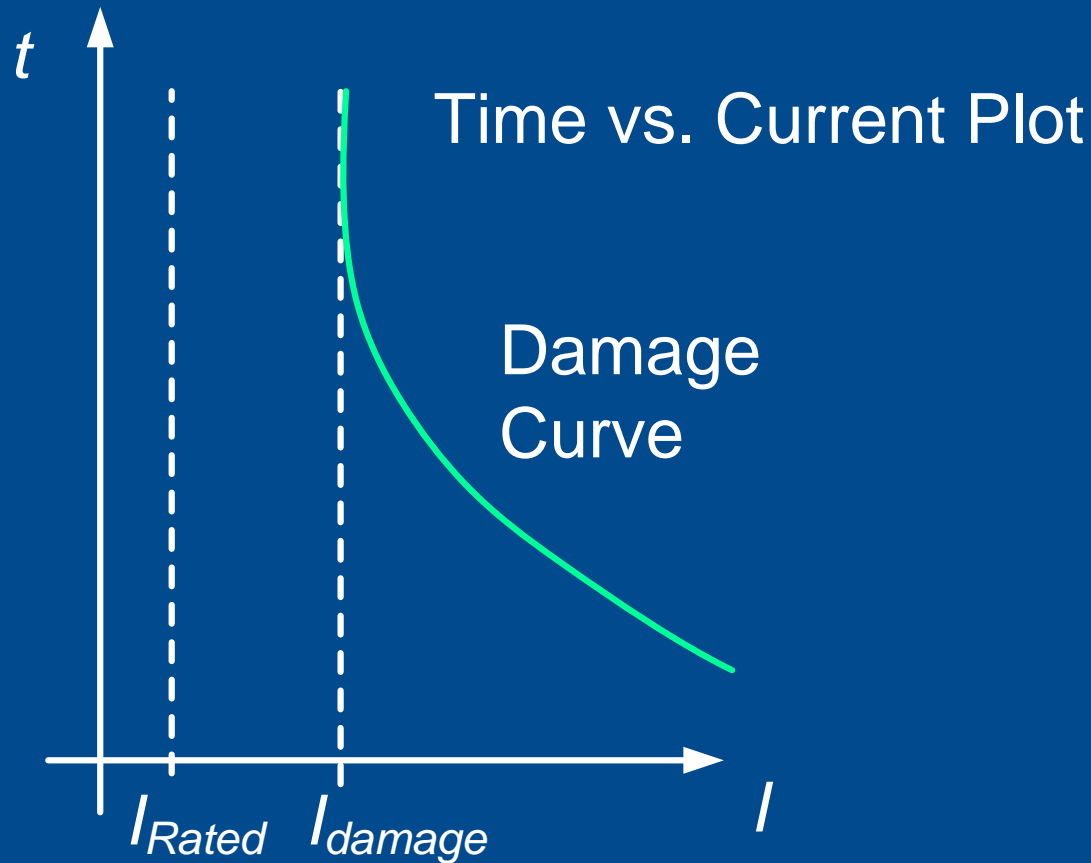


Acceleration Torque

$$T_a = T_{op} - T_{pm} - T_s - T_f$$

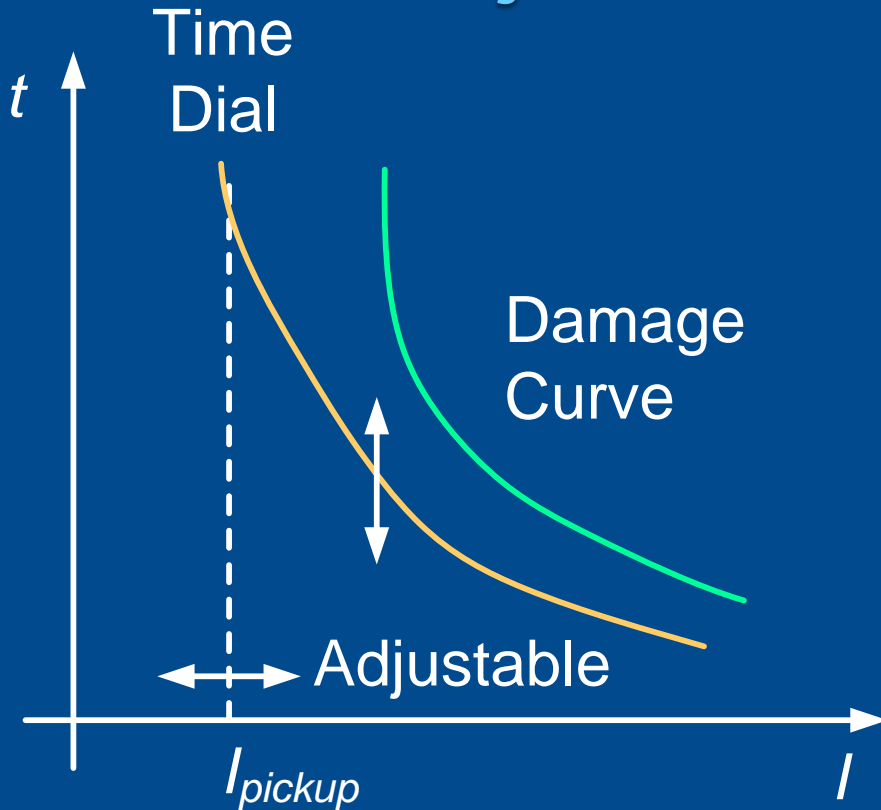
# High Current Can Damage Equipment

## Thermal Damage Curve



# Changing Induction Disc Operation Time

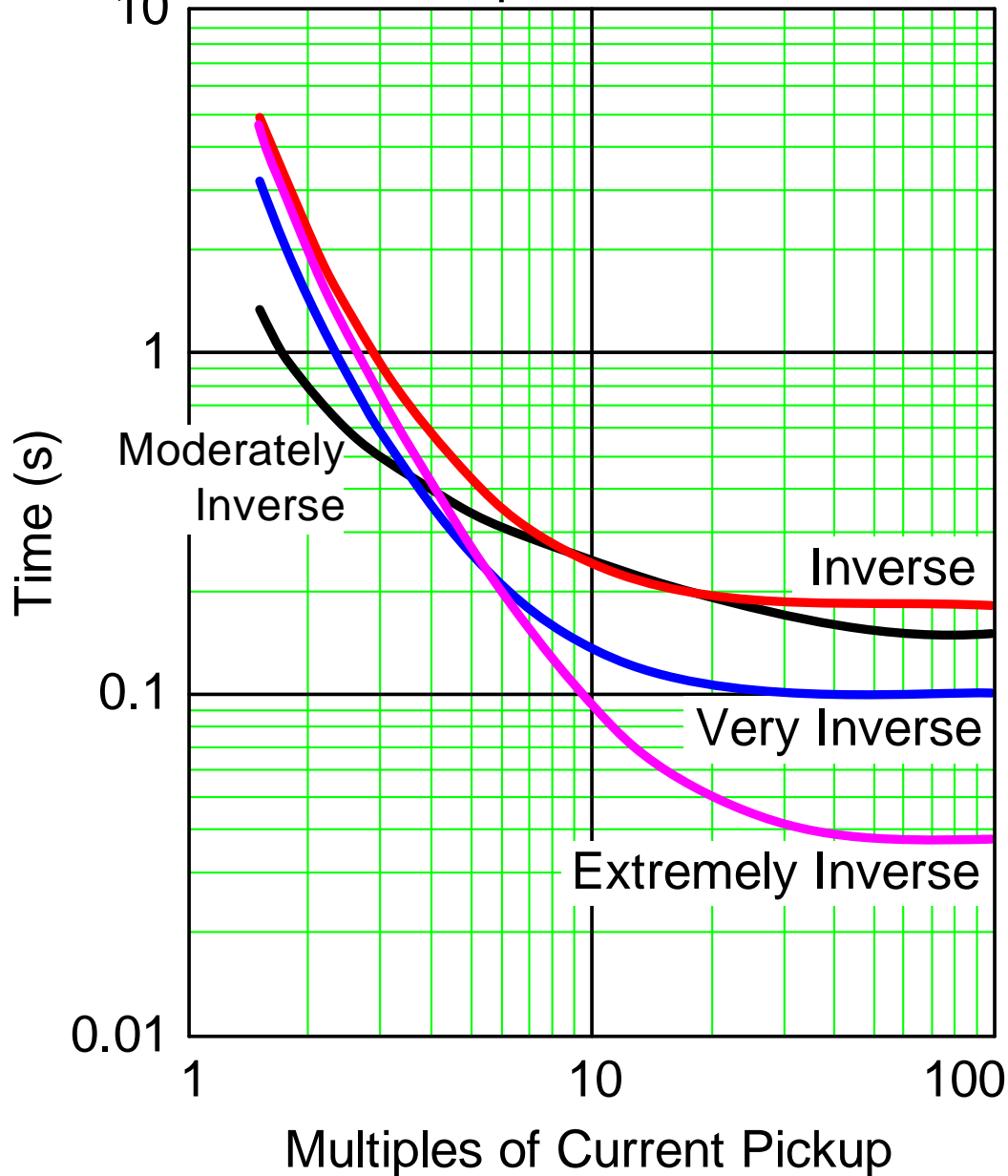
## Adjustment of Time Curve



- Displacement of moving contact is adjustable
- Time dial sets total movement required to close contact



Curve Comparison for TDS = 1



# Select Overcurrent Relay Curve

Curve shape not adjustable for induction disc relays

# Time-Current Characteristics Become Standard

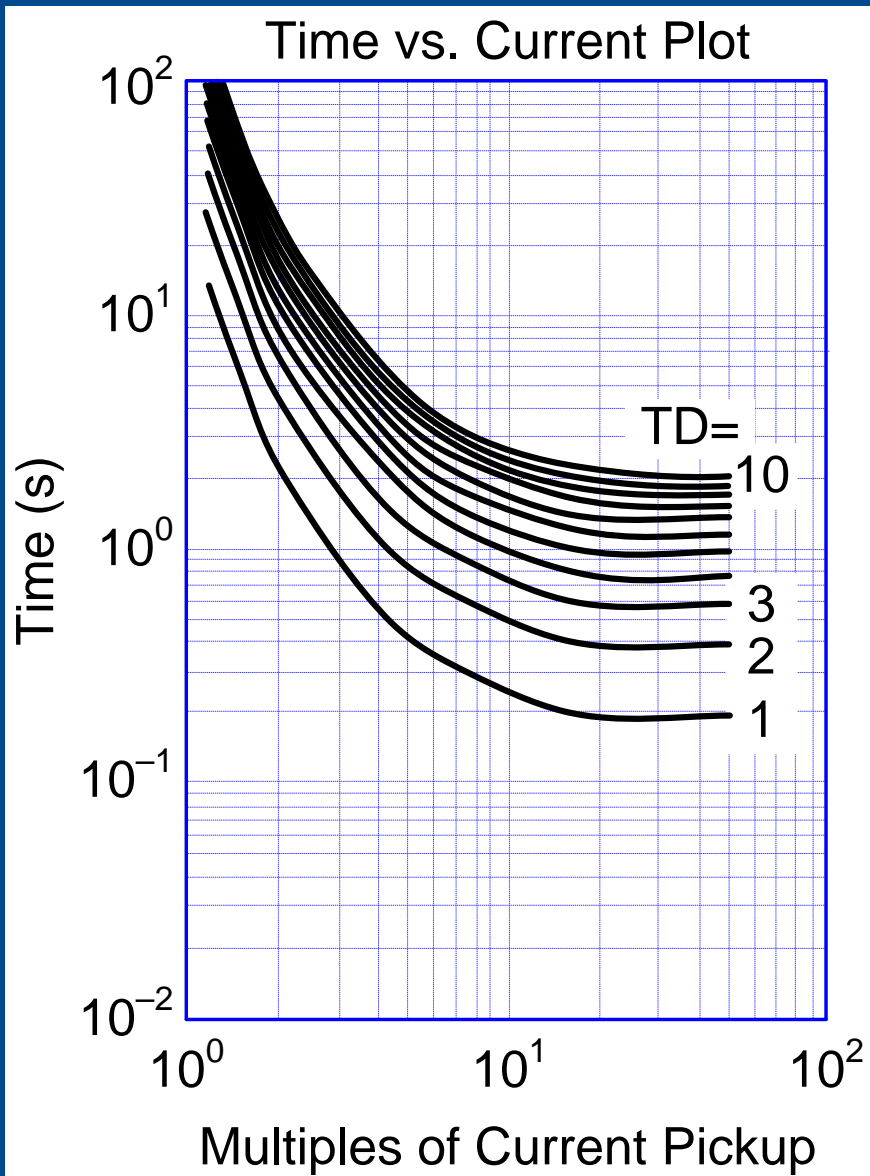
- IEEE C37.112-1996

$$t = TD \cdot \left( \frac{A}{M^P - 1} + B \right)$$

- IEC 225-4

$$t = TD \cdot \frac{A}{M^P - 1}$$

# Family of IEEE Inverse Characteristics



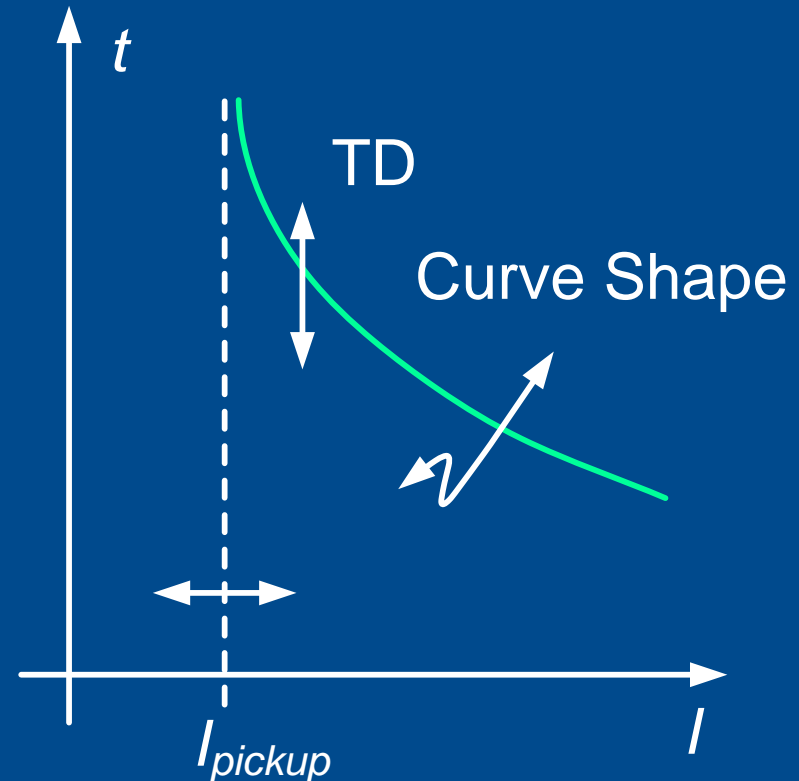
U.S. inverse curve

$$A = 5.95, P = 2, B = 0.18$$

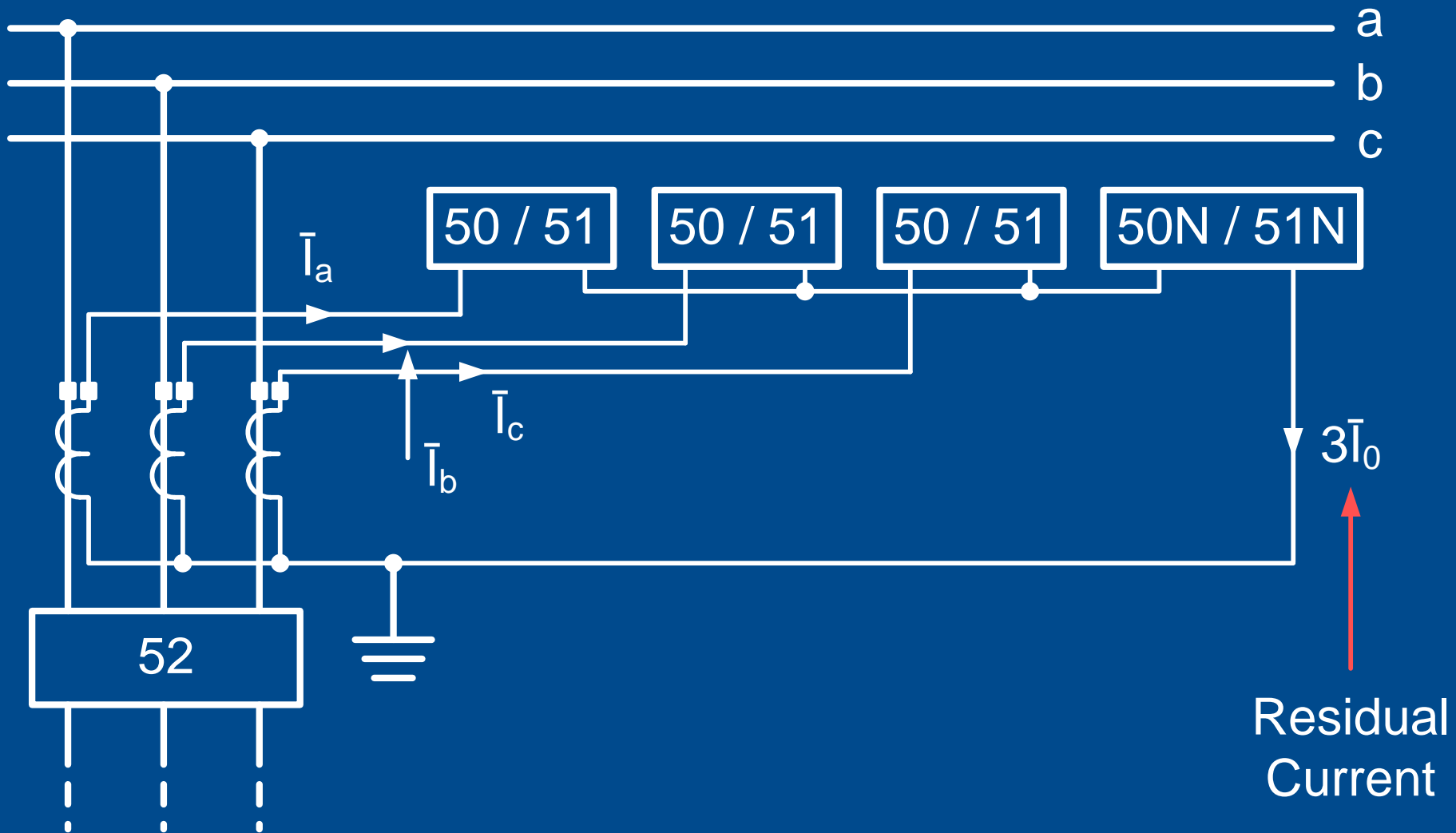
$$t_{OP} = TD \cdot \left[ \frac{5.95}{M^2 - 1} + 0.18 \right]$$

# Increase Flexibility With Digital 51 Relays Settings

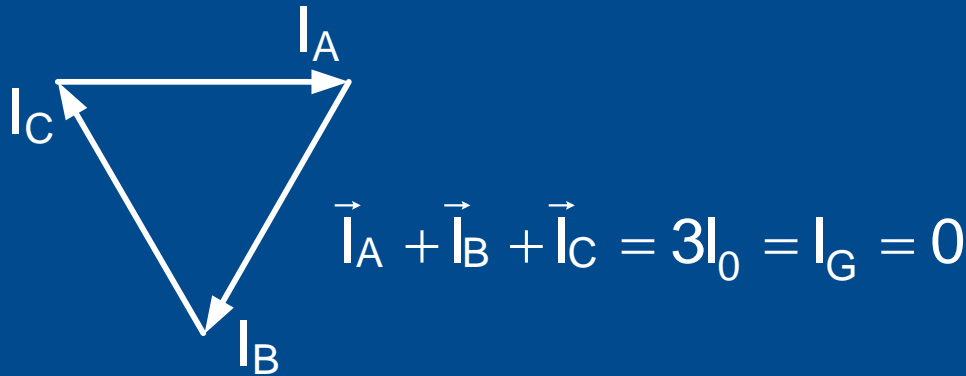
- Pickup current (or tap)
- Time-dial setting (TD)
- Curve shape – inverse, very inverse, etc.



# Connecting Electromechanical Overcurrent Relays

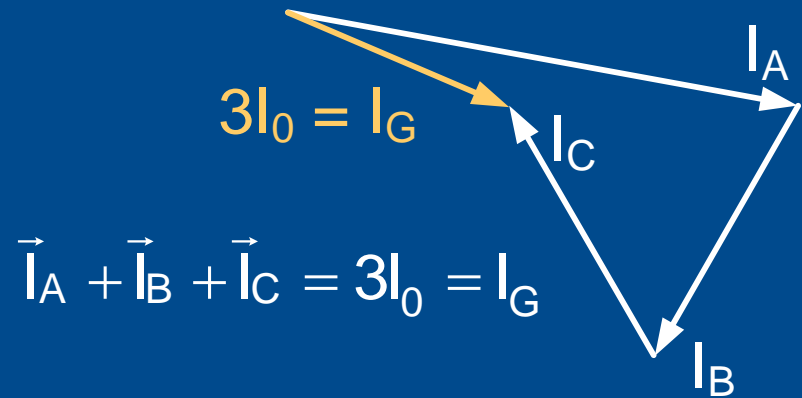


# Digital Relays Calculate Residual Current



Residual current for balanced load or three-phase faults

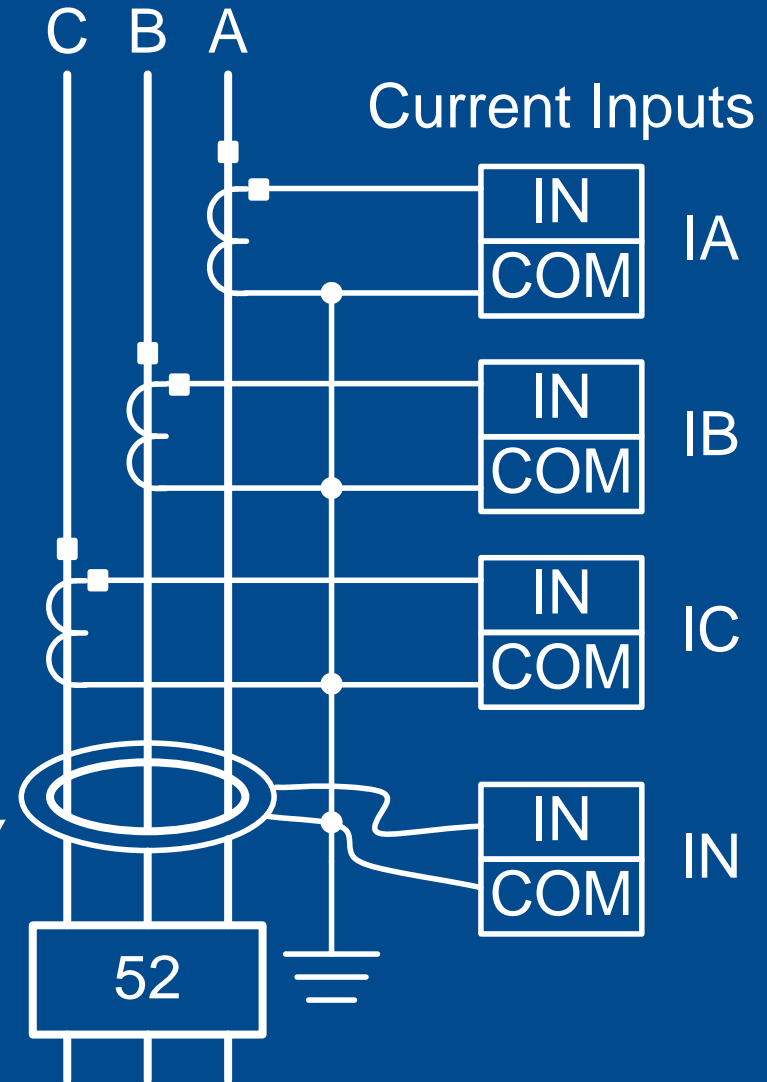
Residual current for ground fault



# Using Zero-Sequence CT for Ground Fault Protection



Zero-sequence or core-balance CT

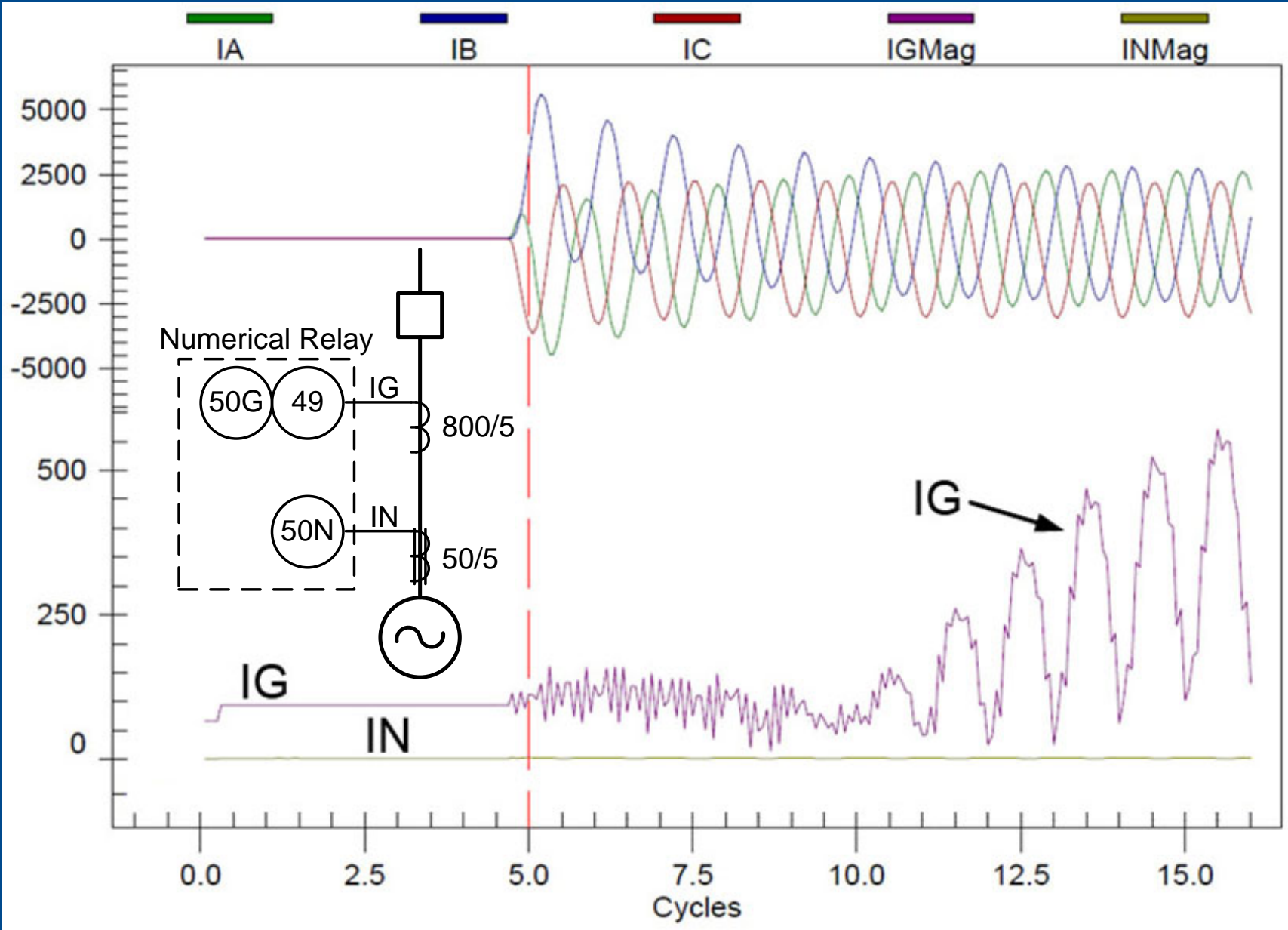


# High Residual Current Due to CT Saturation

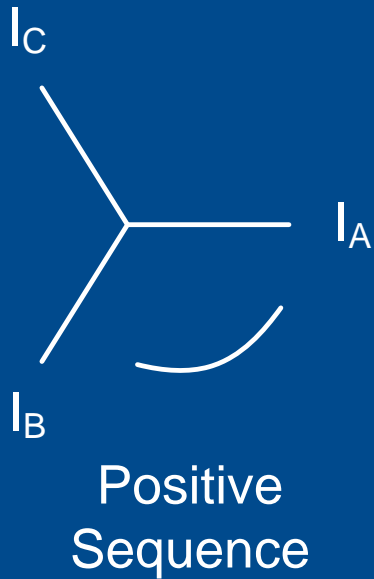
- Residual settings must be higher than elements operating from zero-sequence CTs
- Residual elements may not be appropriate for motors
- Zero-sequence CTs not subject to this problem



# 15,000 HP Motor Trips on Start



# What Are Negative-Sequence Quantities?



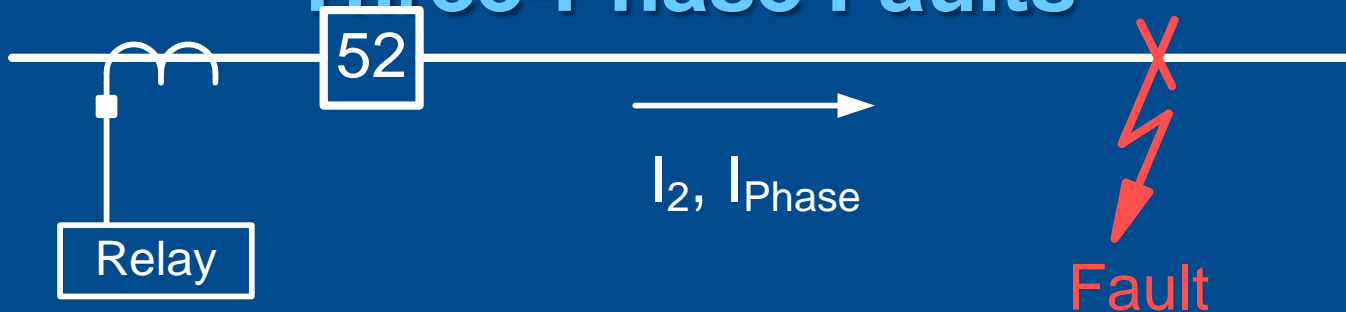
- Unbalanced load
- Rolled phases
- Open phases
- Unbalanced faults

$$3I_2 = I_A + a^2 I_B + a I_C$$

where  $a = 1 \angle 120^\circ$

# Negative-Sequence Element Response

## Three-Phase Faults



$$I_A = 1 \angle 0^\circ$$

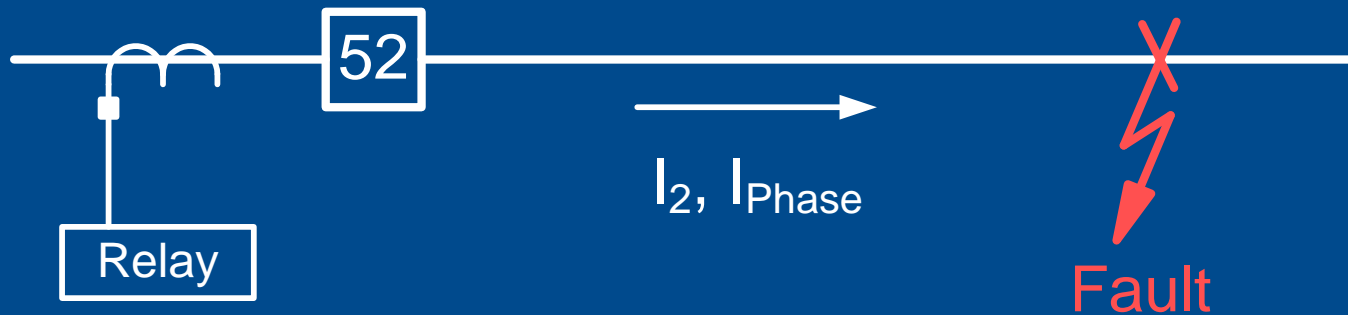
$$I_B = 1 \angle -120^\circ$$

$$I_C = 1 \angle 120^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3I_2 &= I_A + a^2 I_B + a I_C \\ &= 1 \angle 0^\circ + 1 \angle 240^\circ \cdot 1 \angle -120^\circ + 1 \angle 120^\circ \cdot 1 \angle 120^\circ \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Negative-Sequence Element Response

## Phase-to-Phase Faults



$$I_A = 0$$

$$I_B = 1 \angle 0^\circ$$

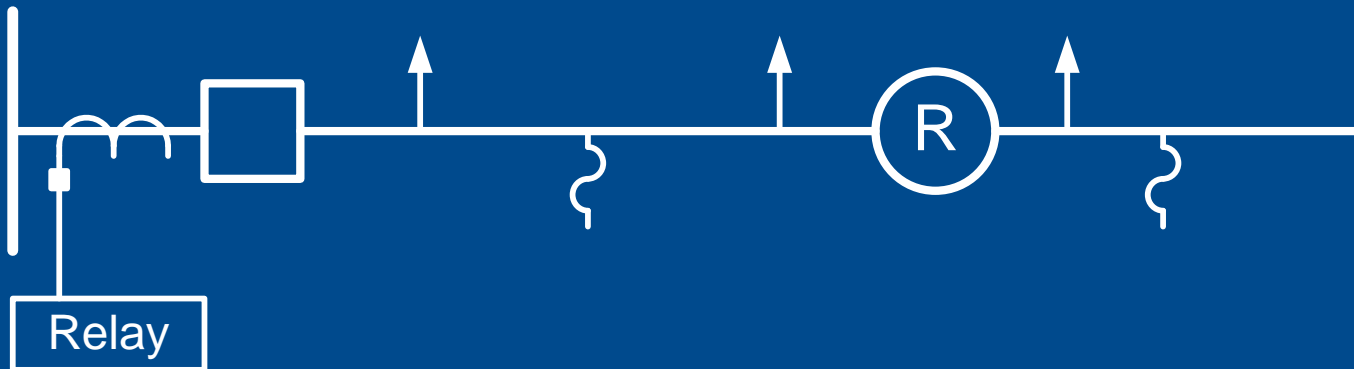
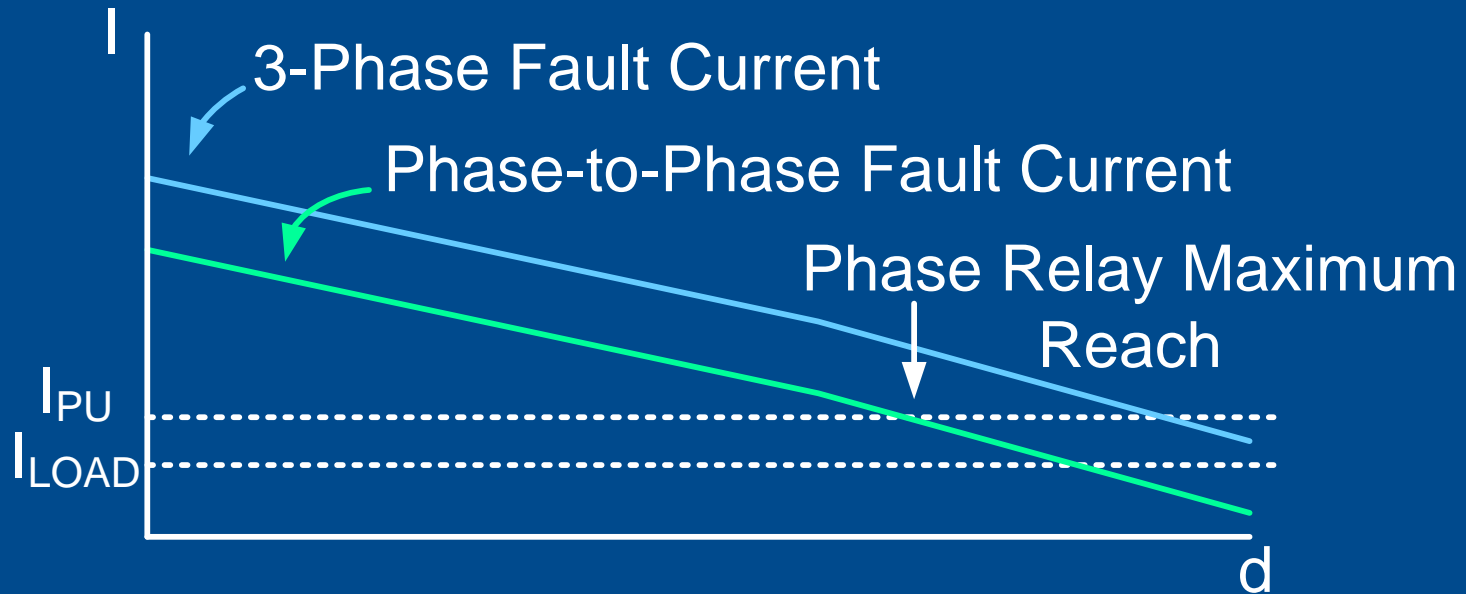
$$I_C = 1 \angle 180^\circ$$

$$3I_2 = I_A + a^2 I_B + a I_C$$

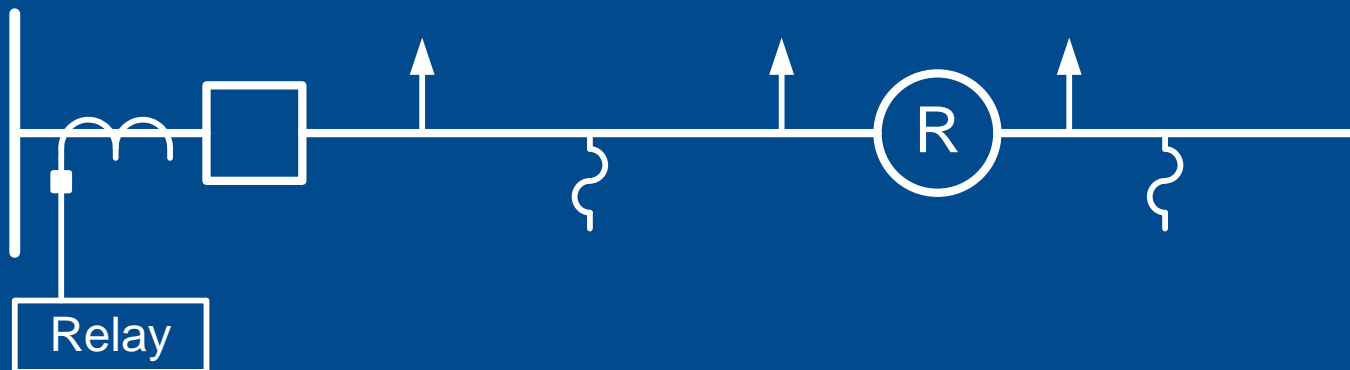
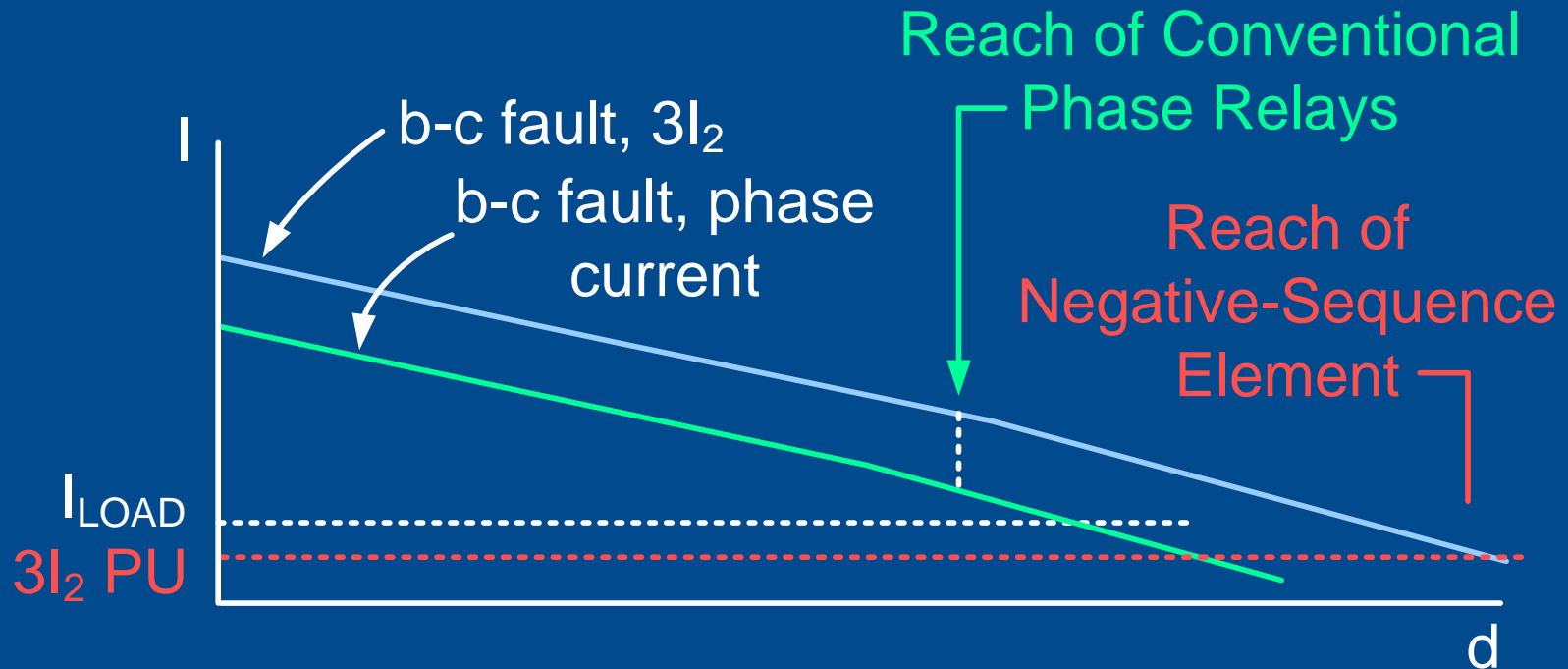
$$= 0 + 1 \angle 240^\circ \cdot 1 \angle 0^\circ + 1 \angle 120^\circ \cdot 1 \angle 180^\circ$$

$$= 1.73 \angle -90^\circ$$

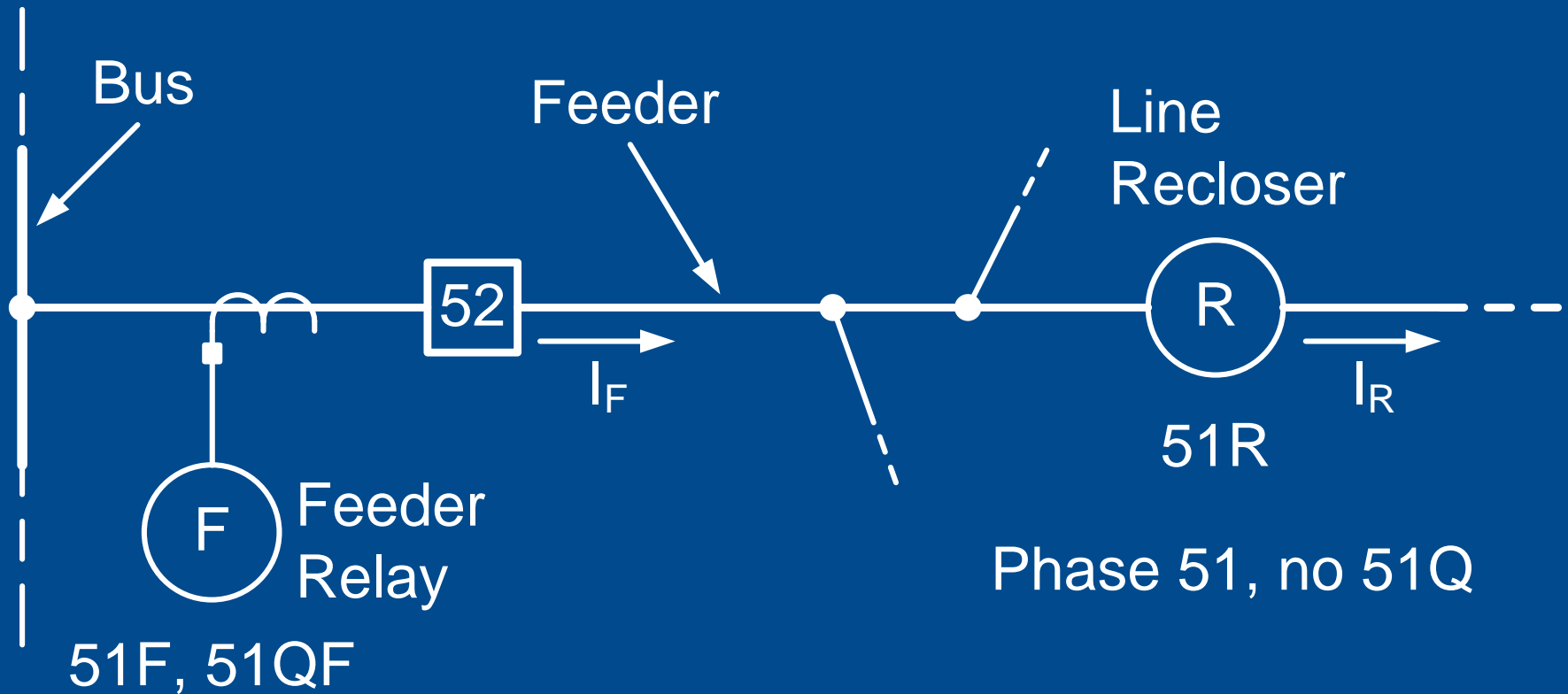
# Maximum Load vs. Minimum Short Circuit



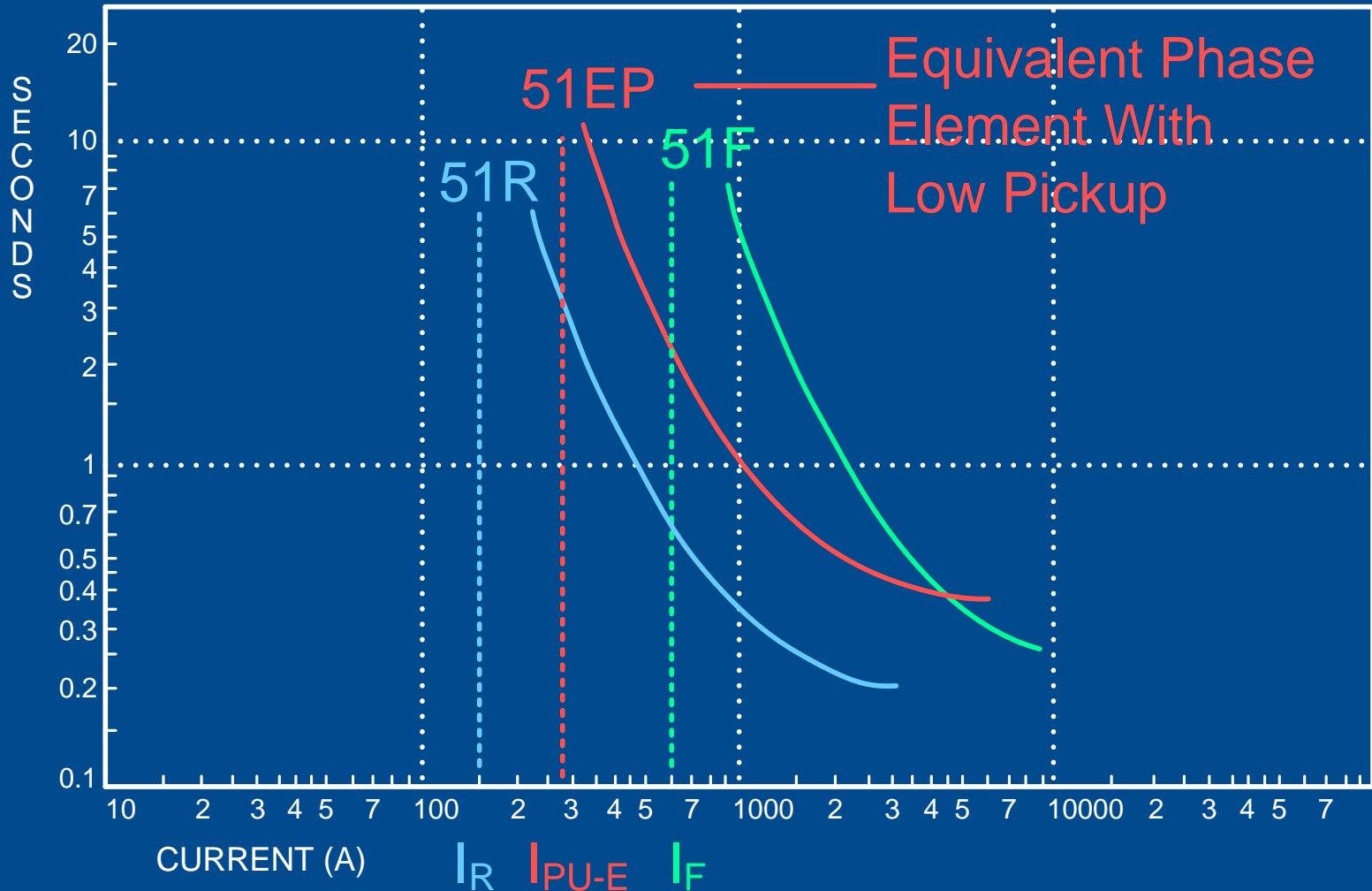
# Sensitive Protection With Negative-Sequence Elements



# Coordinating Negative-Sequence Elements



# Traditional Phase Coordination Plus Negative Sequence

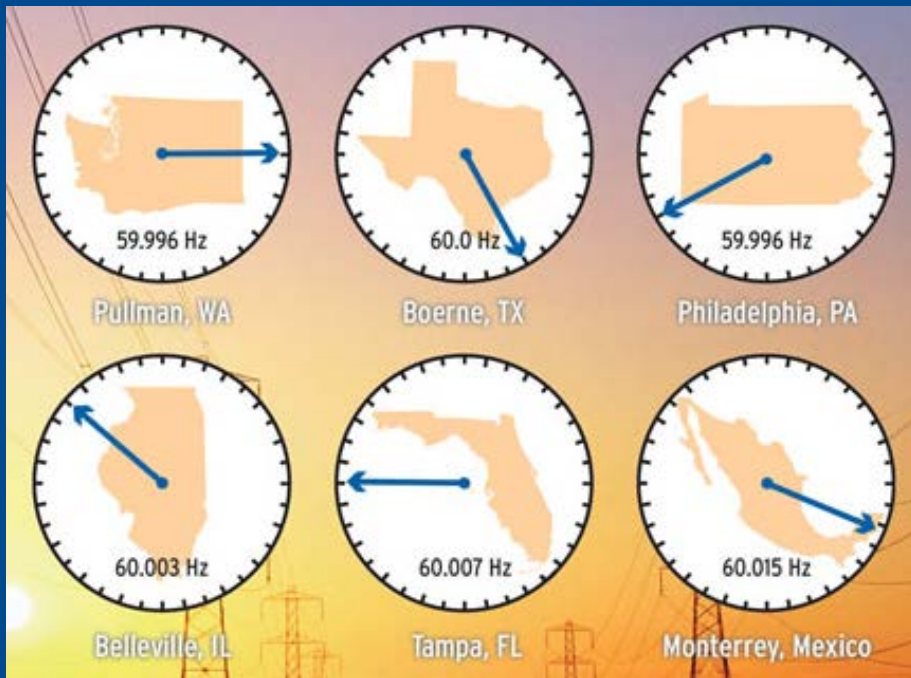




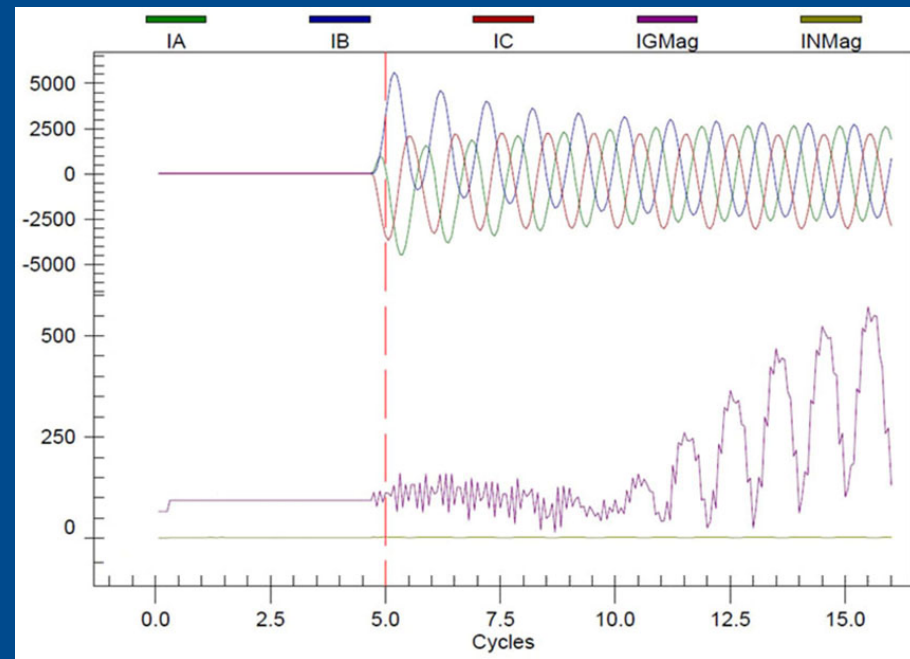
# Set Negative-Sequence Element Pickup

$$51Q \text{ pickup} = \sqrt{3} \cdot (51EP \text{ pickup})$$

Negative-sequence element is faster and more sensitive than phase overcurrent element for phase-to-phase faults



# Protection Plus ...



**Questions?**



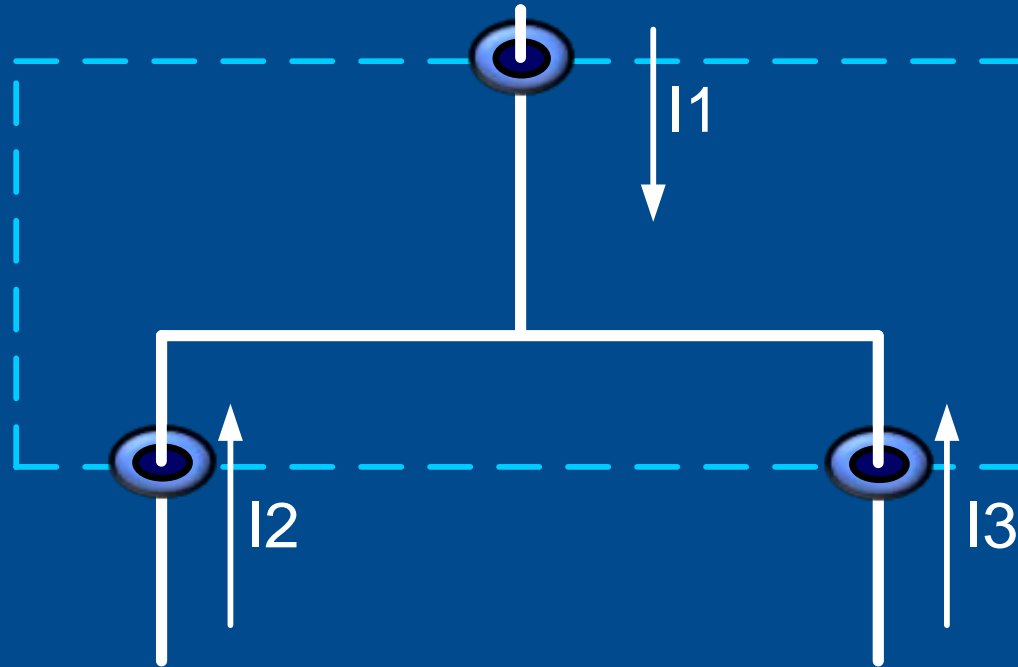
# Transformer Protection Basics



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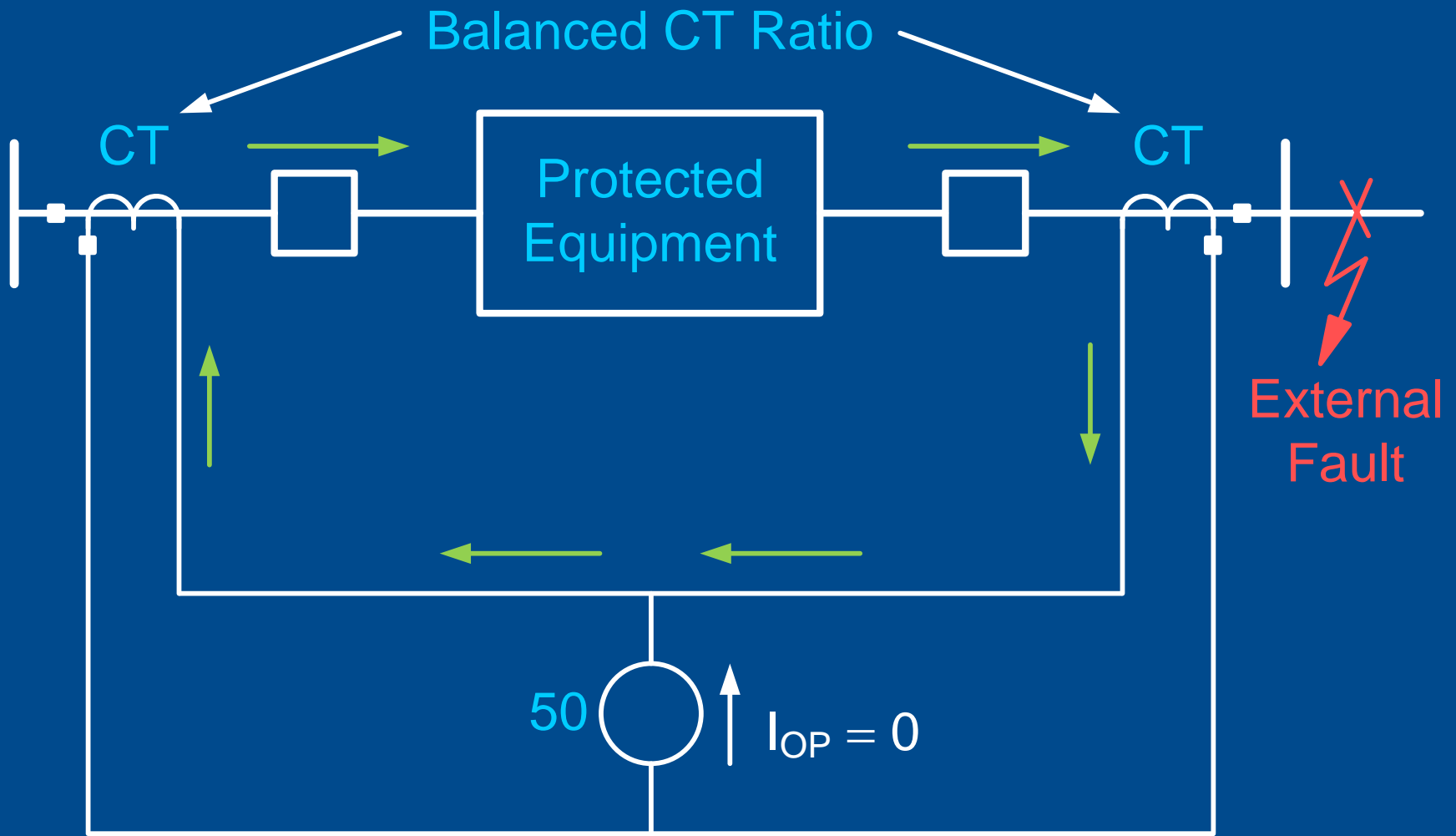
Learn. Connect. Solve.

# Differential Protection Is Easy in Theory



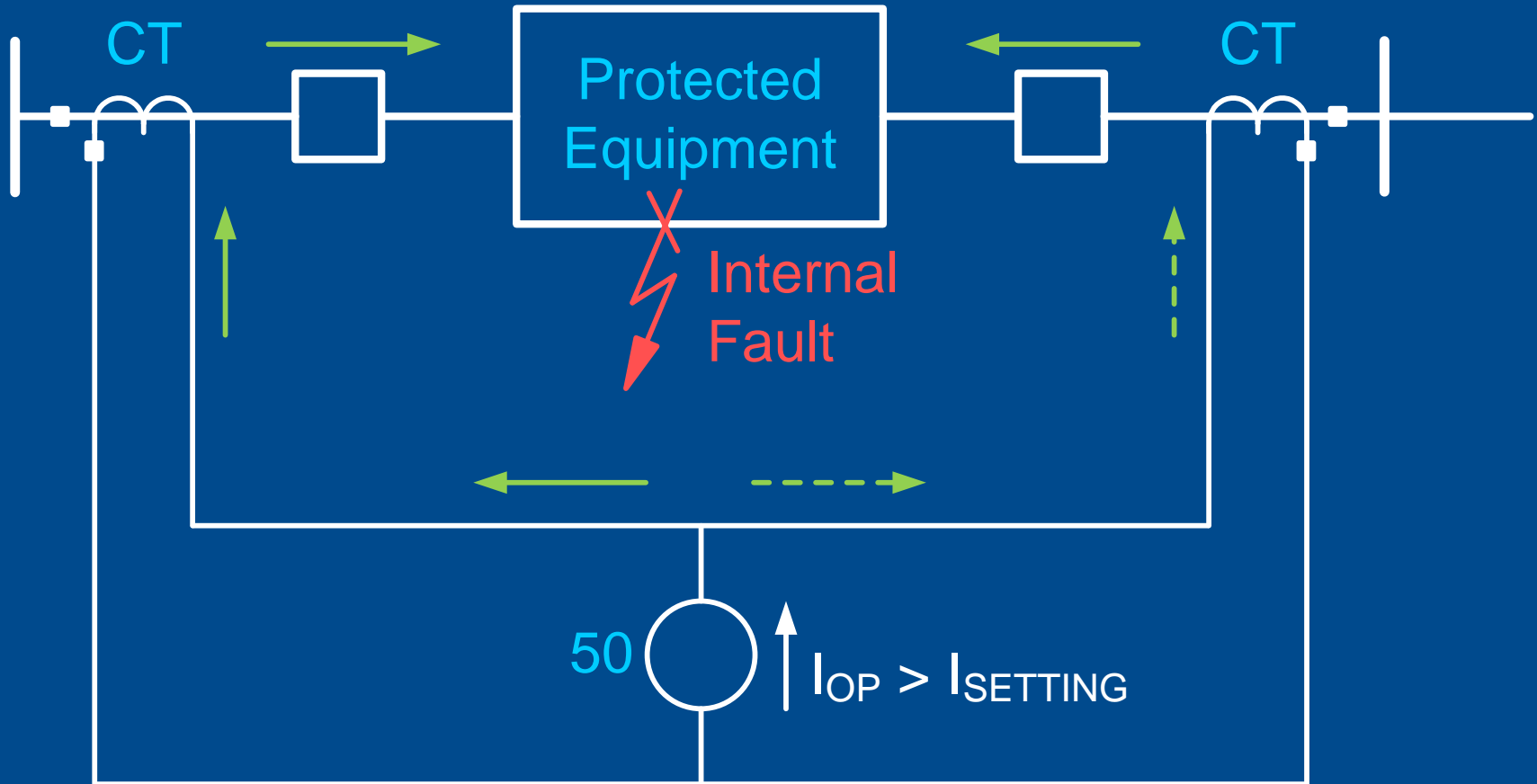
Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL):  $\sum_{k=1}^n I_k = 0$

# Current In = Current Out



No Relay Operation if CTs Are Considered Ideal

# Operate Current Flows



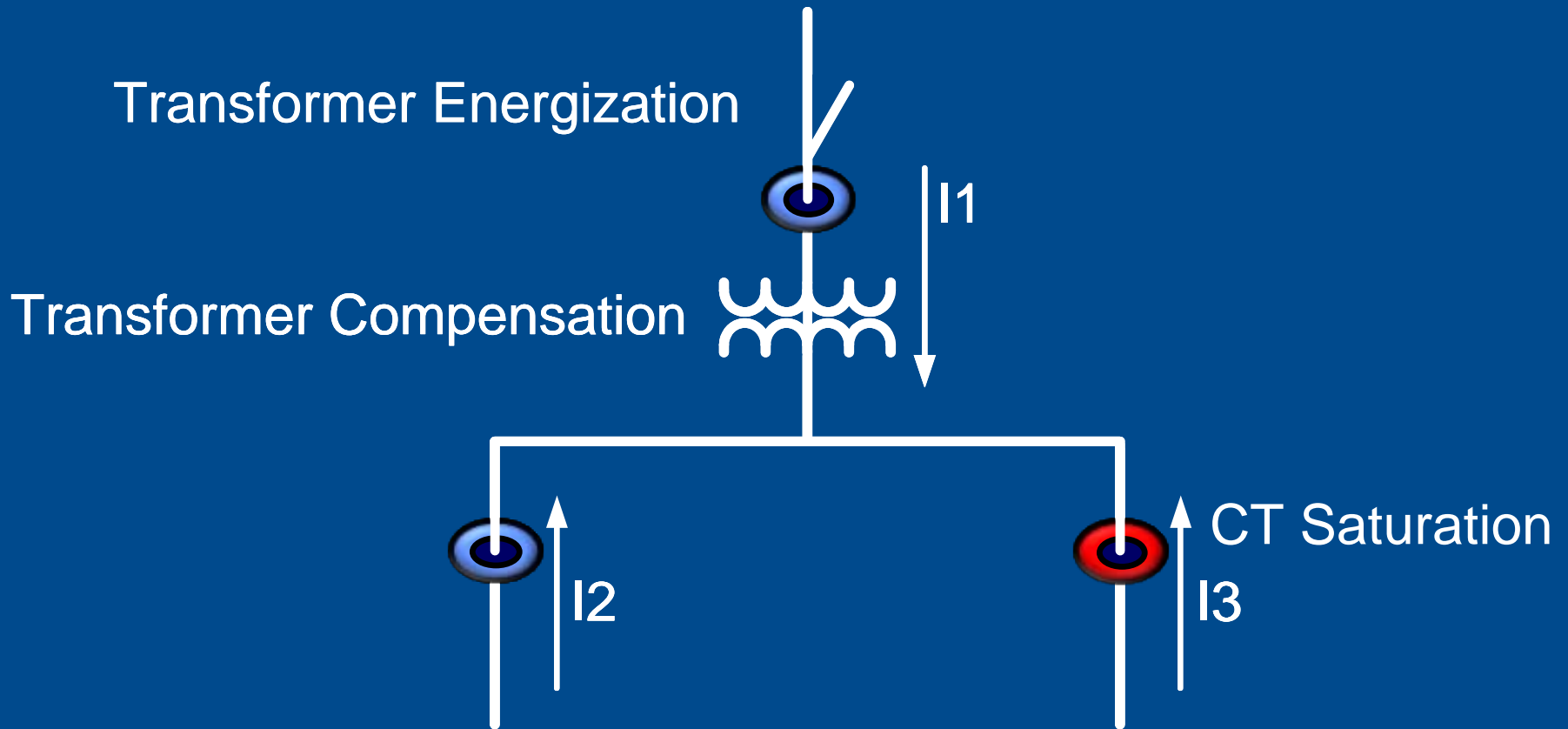
Relay Operates

# Differential Scheme Objective

- Provide security during through faults
- Operate fast for internal faults

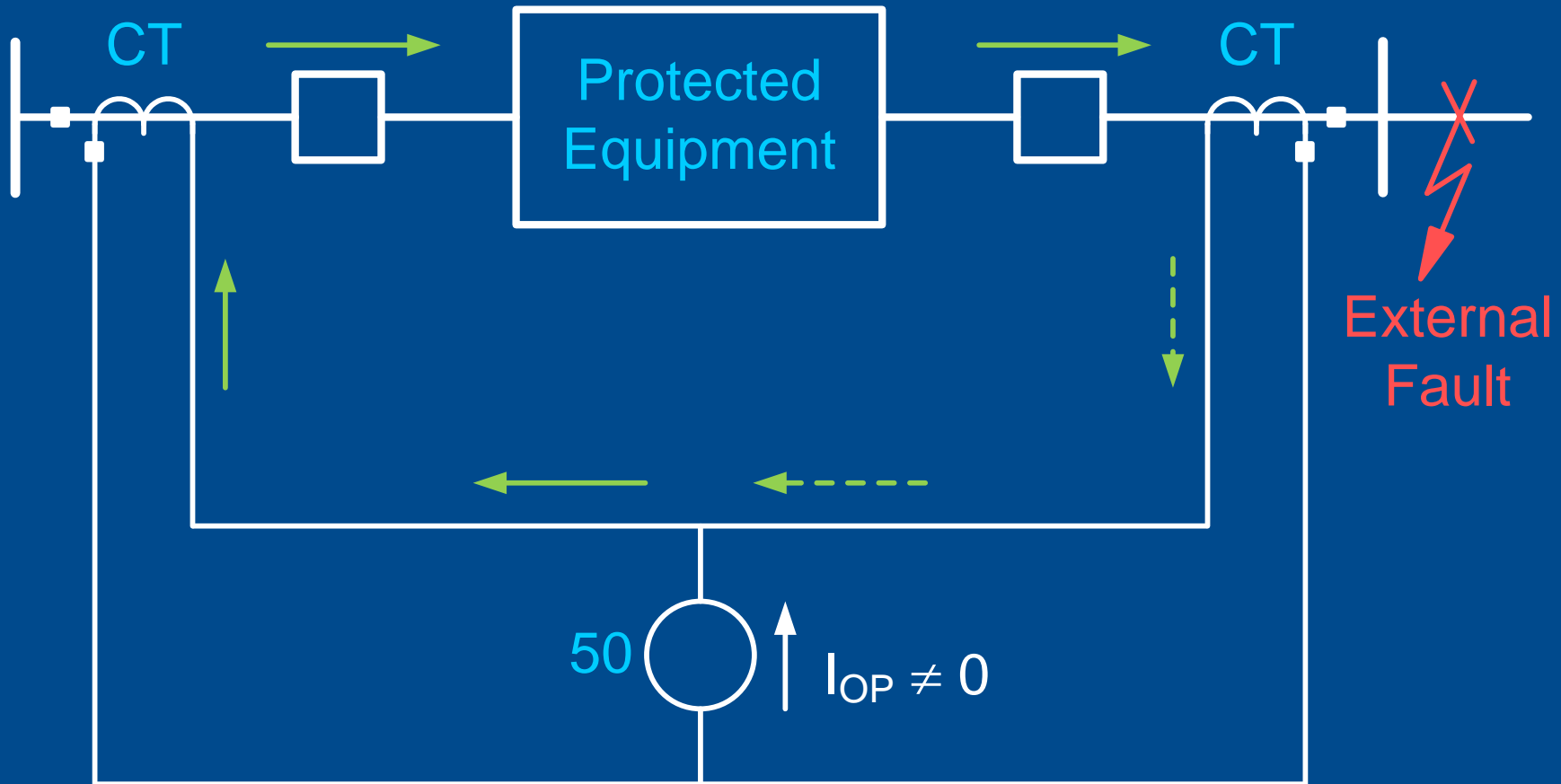


# What Makes Differential Protection Challenging?

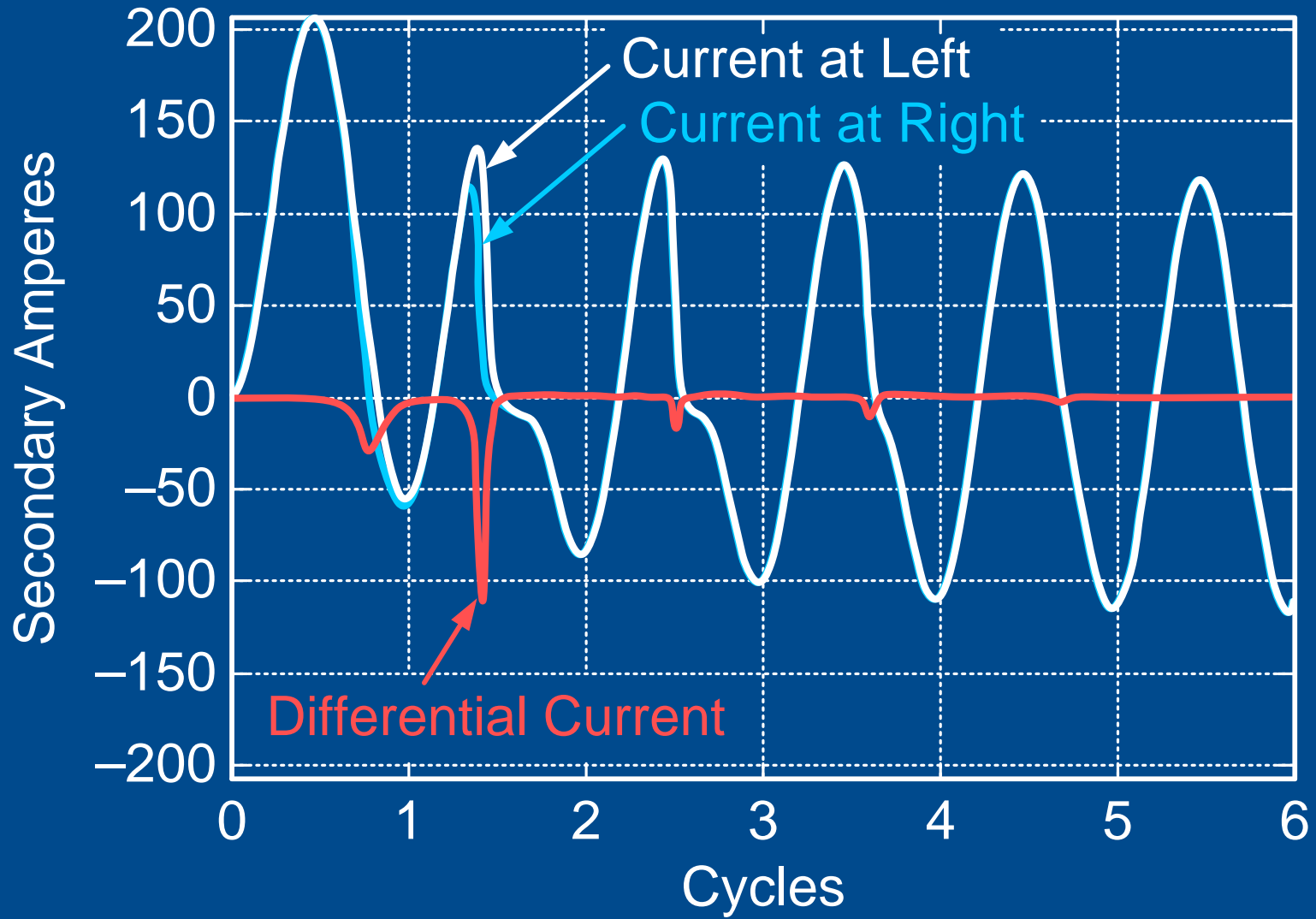


# Examine CT Saturation Challenges

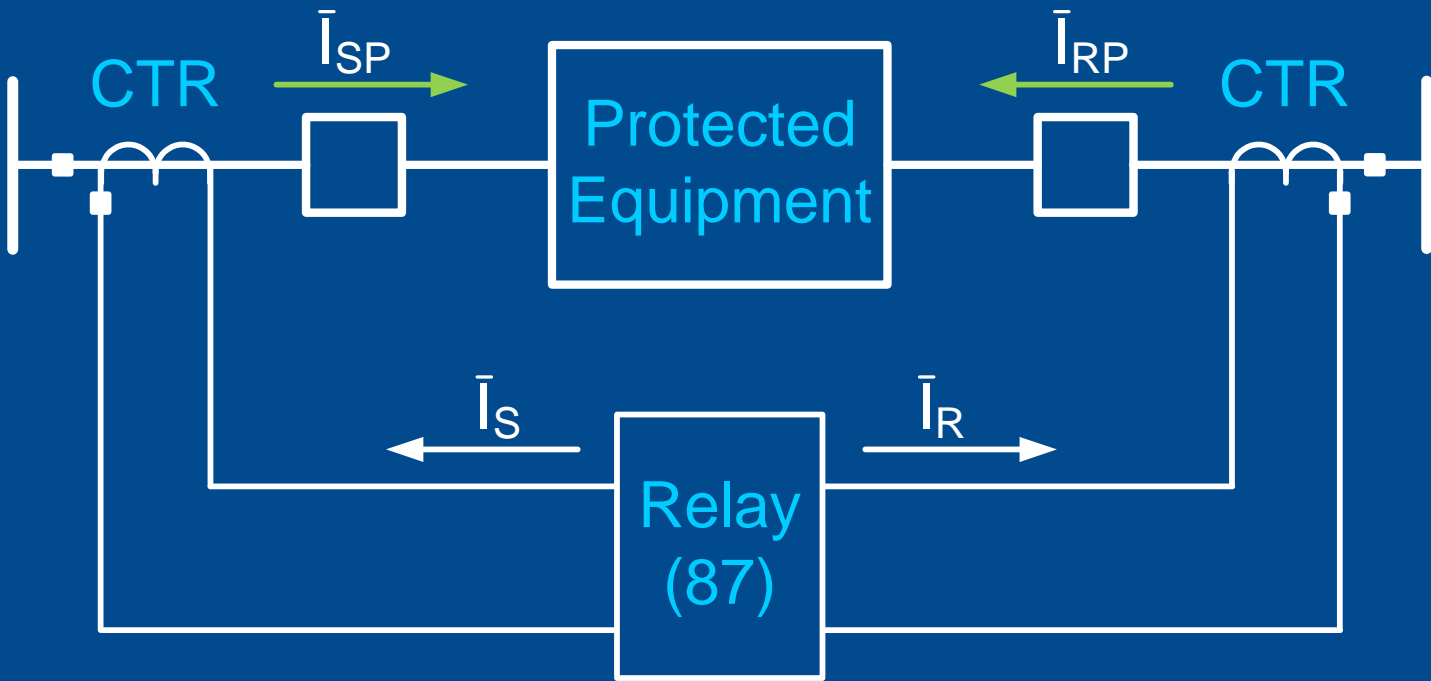
# Unequal CT Performance Problems



# Unequal CT Saturation



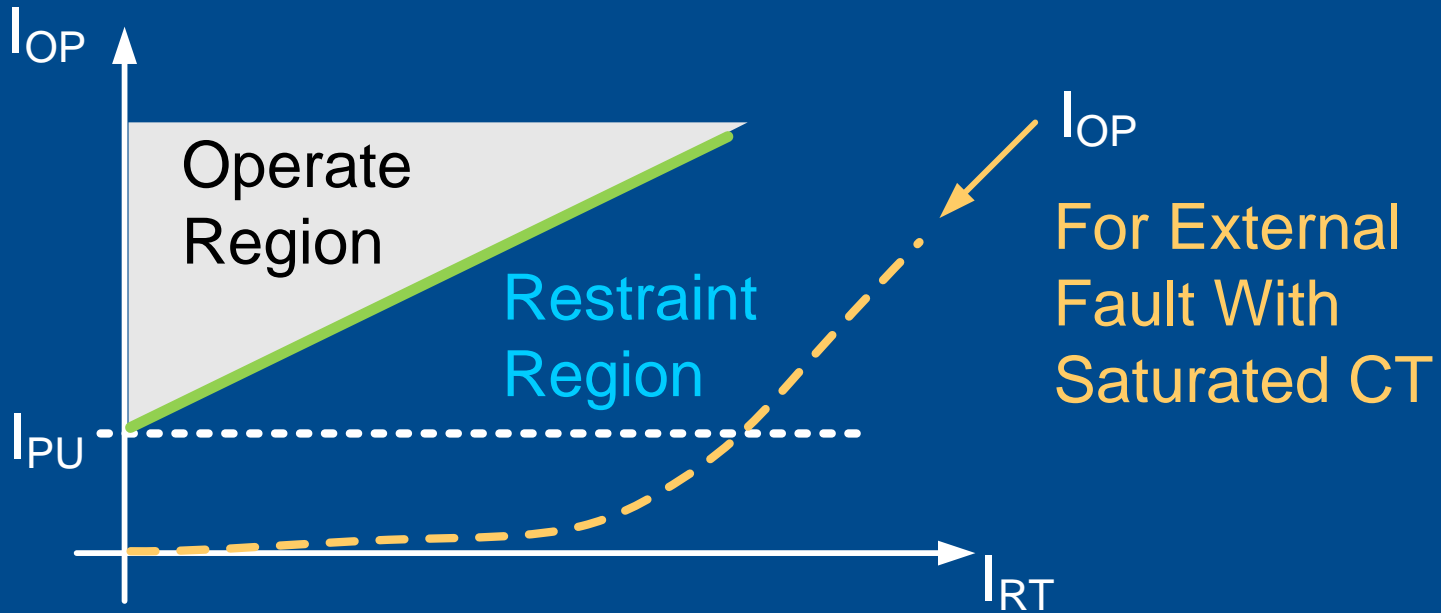
# Possible Scheme – Percentage Differential Protection Principle



Compares: 
$$\begin{cases} I_{OP} = |\bar{I}_S + \bar{I}_R| \\ k \cdot I_{RT} = k \cdot \frac{|\bar{I}_S| + |\bar{I}_R|}{2} \end{cases}$$

# Differential Element

# Differential Characteristic Basics

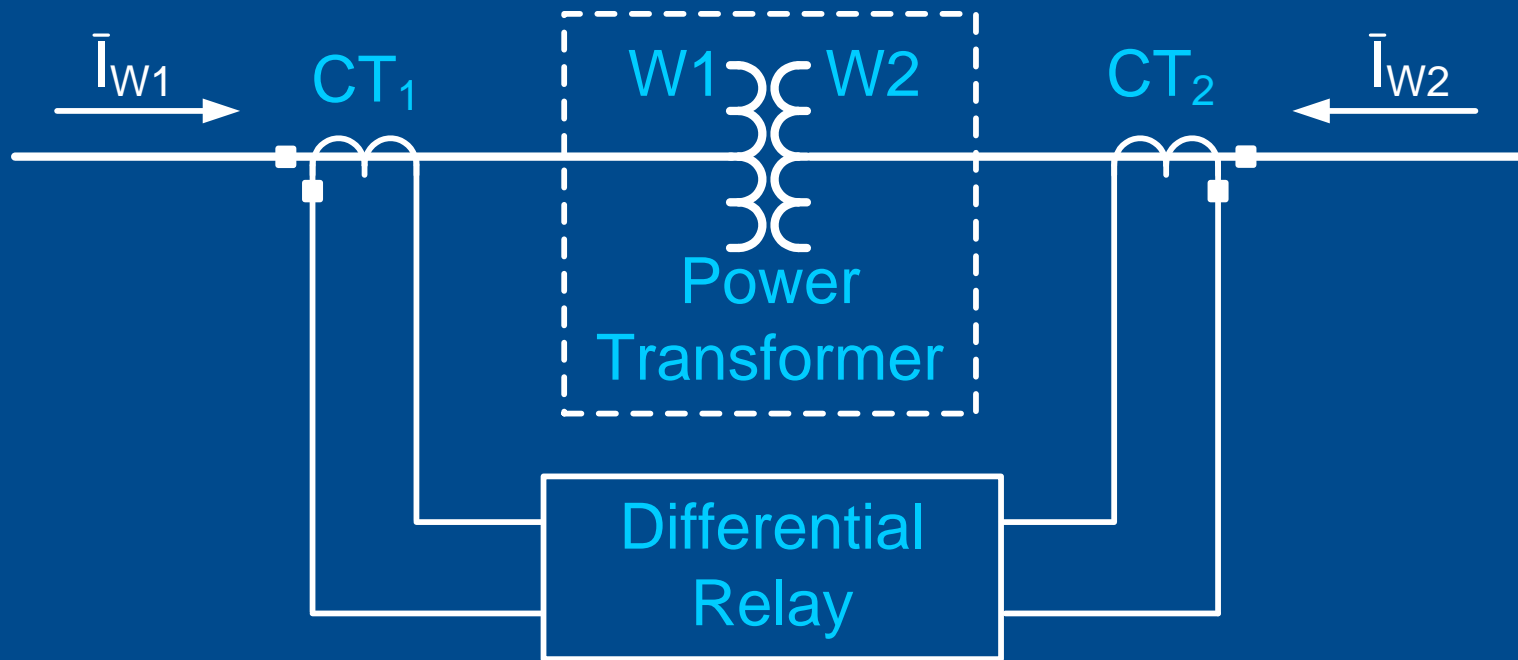


Relay Operates When:

$$|I_{OP}| \geq k \cdot I_{RT} + I_{PU}$$

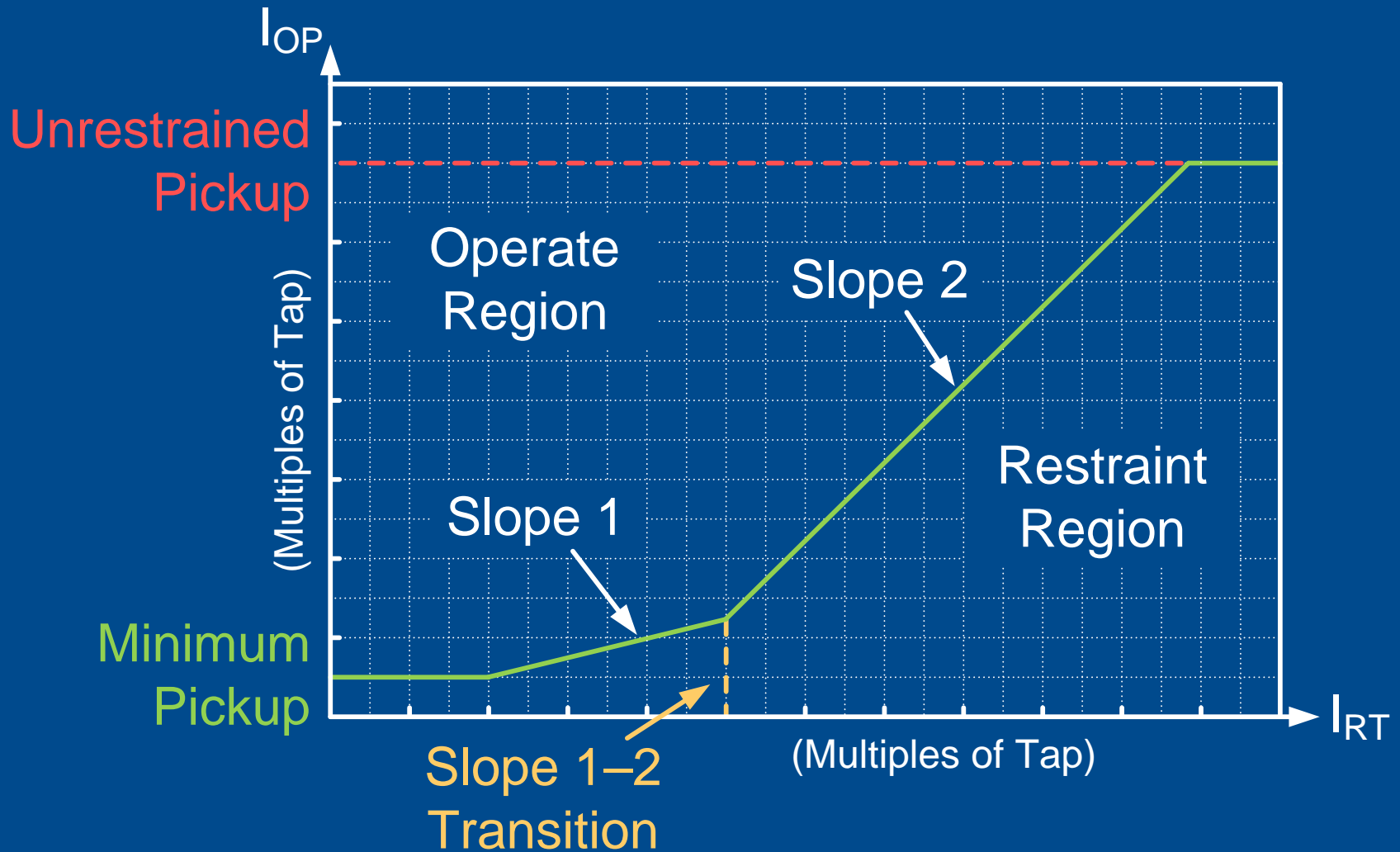
# Percentage Differential Relays

$I_{OP}$  Versus  $I_{RT}$





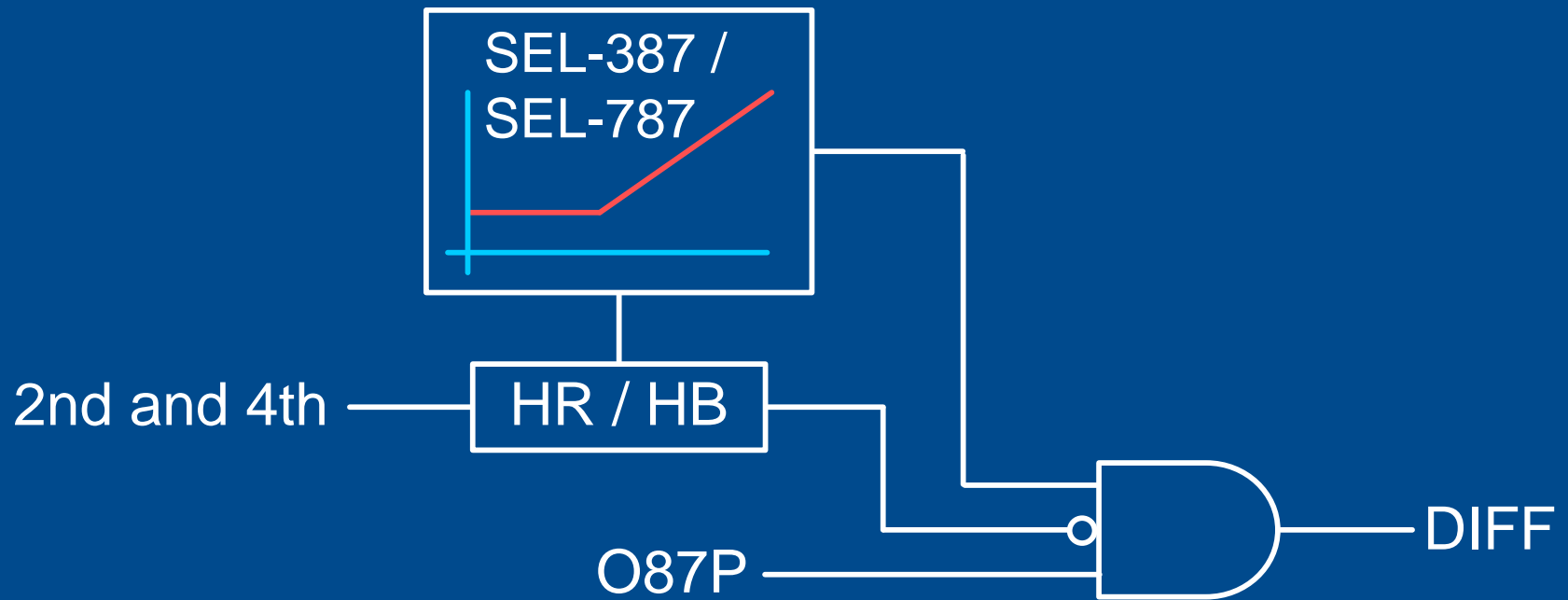
# Dual-Slope Characteristic



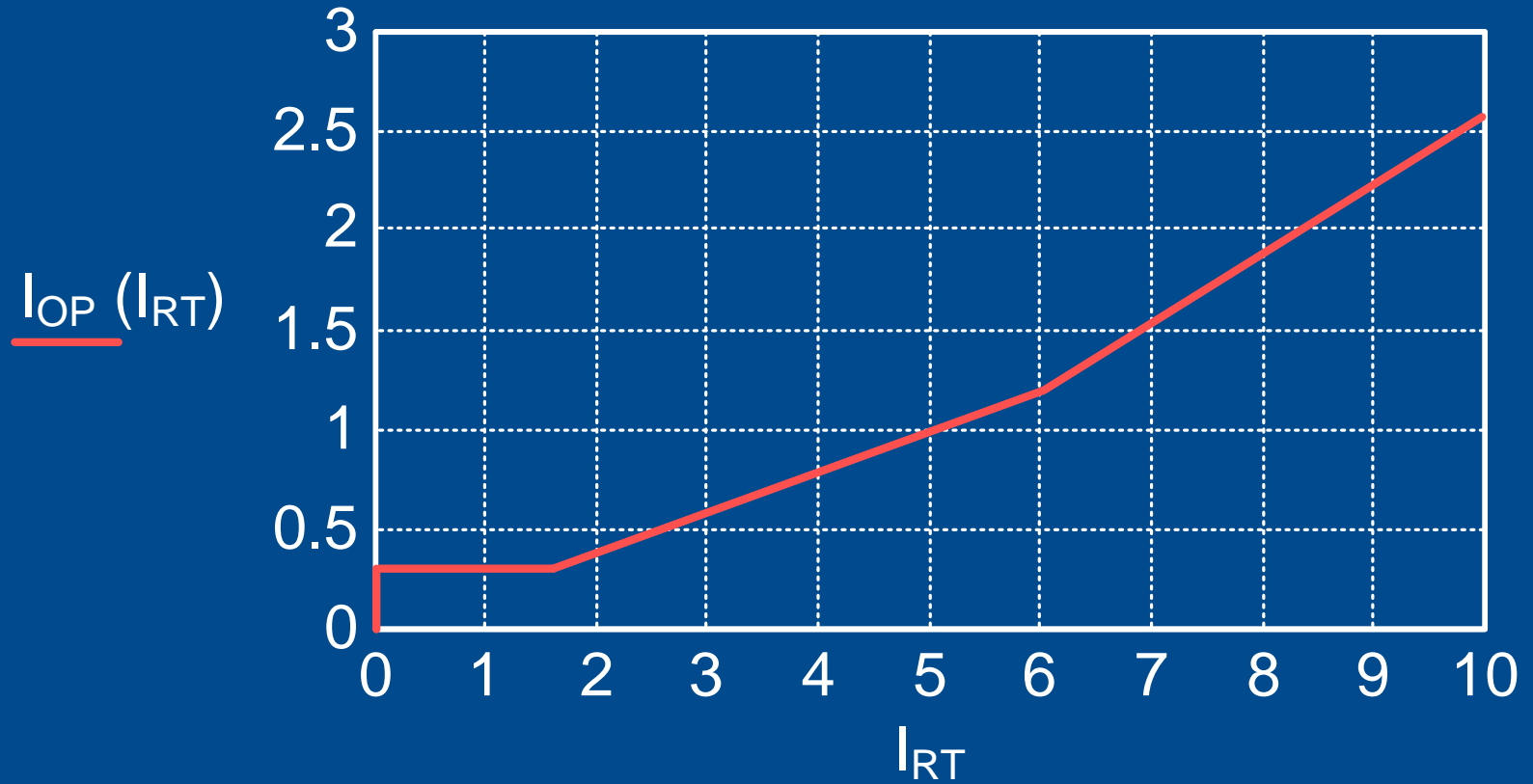
# How to Set Slope Characteristic Settings

- Load tap changer (10%)
- No-load tap changer (5%)
- Measuring relay error (< 5%)
- CT errors (1 to 10%)
- Transformer excitation (3 to 4%)

# SEL-387 / SEL-787 Logic



# SEL-387 / SEL-787 Slope

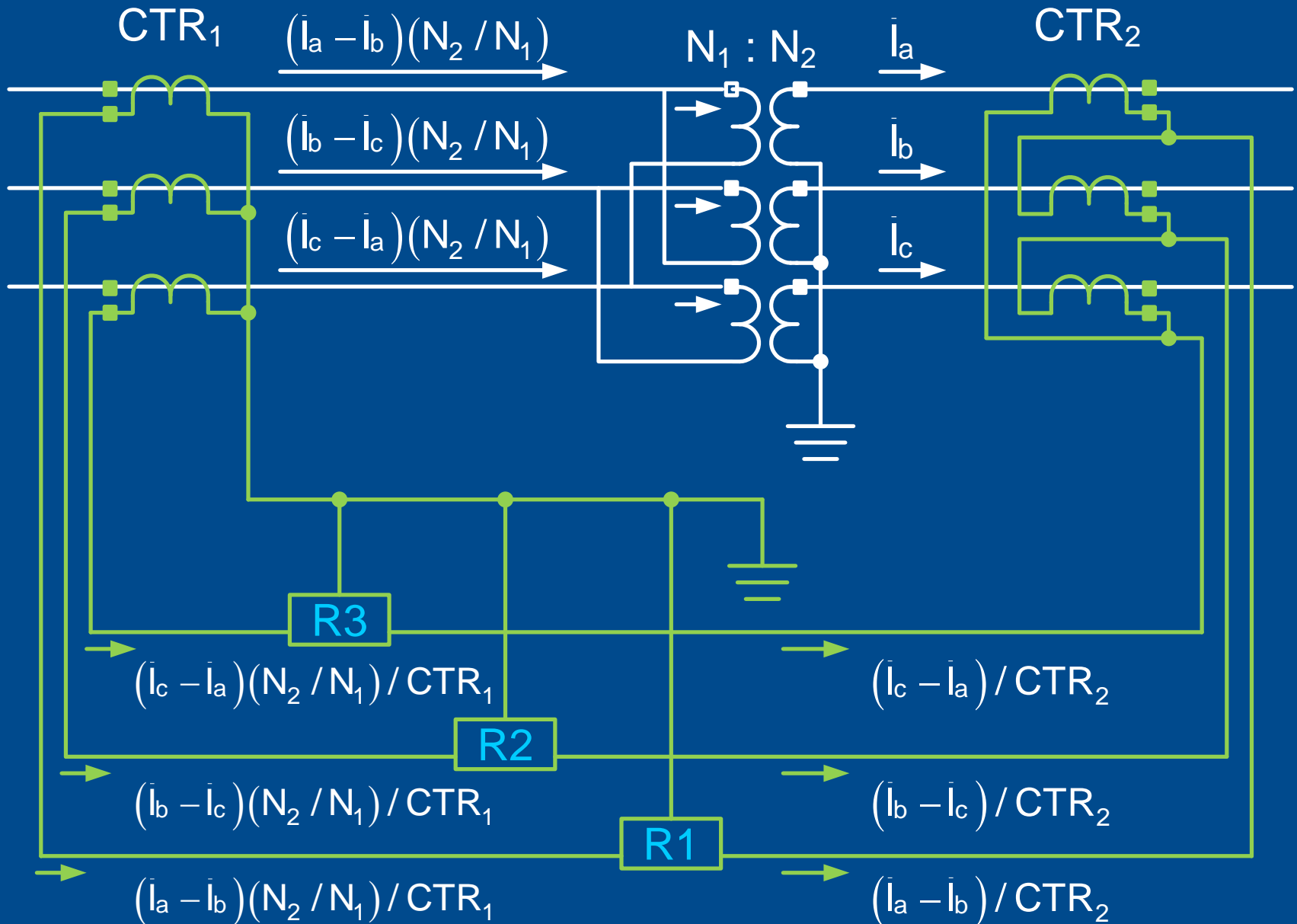


# **Examine Transformer Compensation Challenges**

# Transformer Connection Compensation

Phase Shift (Degrees)	Connections		
0	Yy0	Dd0	Dz0
30 lag	Yd1	Dy1	Yz1
60 lag	Dd2	Dz2	
120 lag	Dd4	Dz4	
150 lag	Yd5	Dy5	Yz5
180 lag	Yy6	Dd6	Dz6
150 lead	Yd7	Dy7	Yz7
120 lead	Dd8	Dz8	
60 lead	Dd10	Dz10	
30 lead	Yd11	Dy11	Yz11

# Traditional Compensation Method



# Compensation With Digital Relays

- Current magnitude and phase shift compensation
- Set relay according to transformer characteristics
- Consider all possible connections



# Tap Compensation

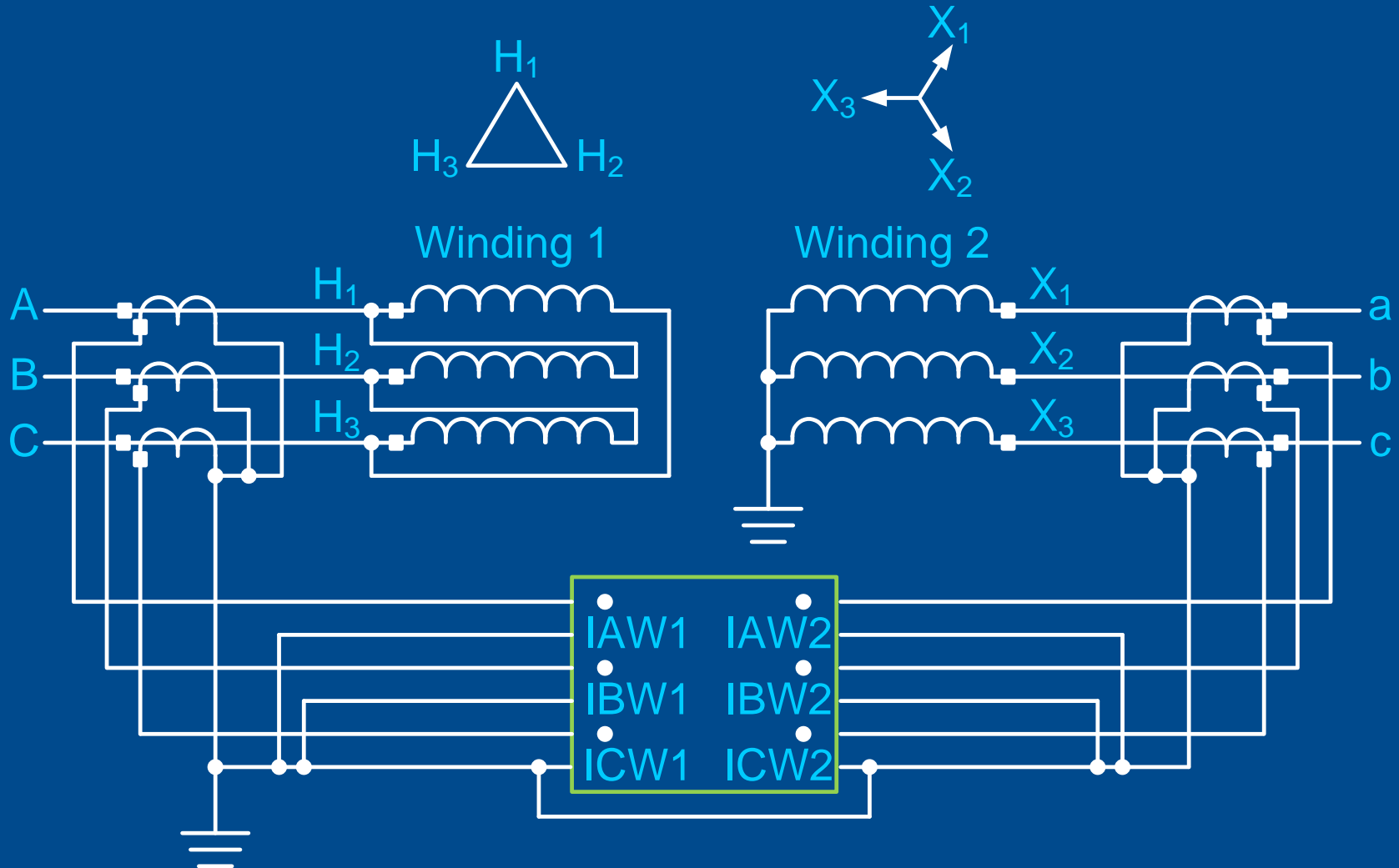
$$\text{TAP} = \frac{\text{MVA} \cdot 1000 \cdot C}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \text{KV}_{\text{LL}} \cdot \text{CTR}}$$

where:

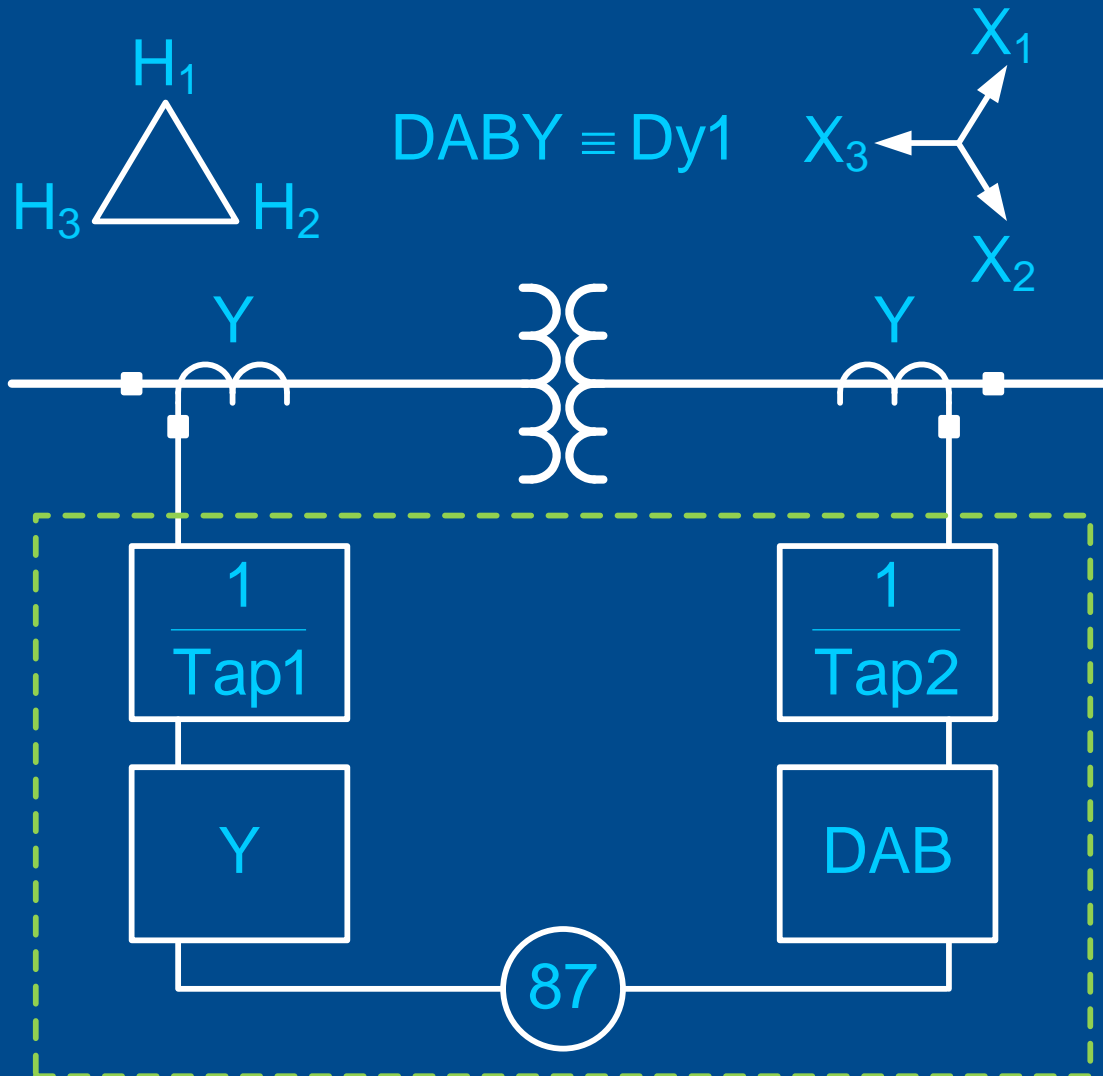
$C = 1$  for wye-connected CTs

$C = \sqrt{3}$  for delta-connected CTs

# Simpler and Better Connections



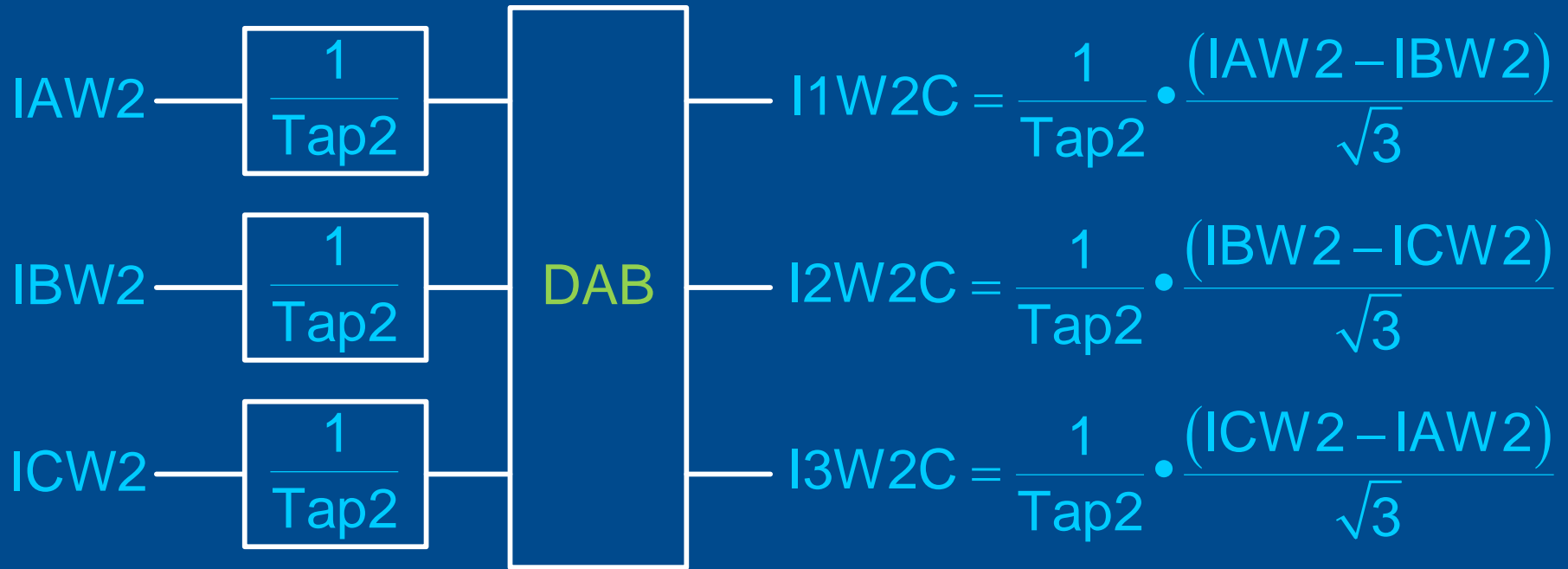
# DABY Transformer and CT Connection Compensation



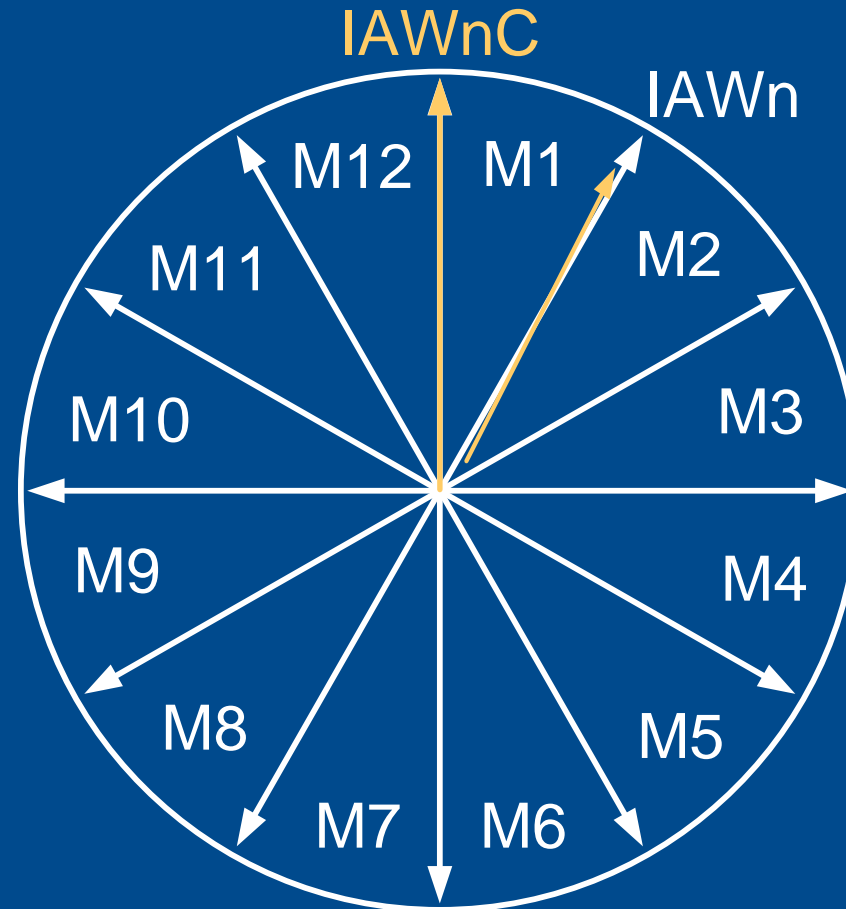
# Wye Connection Compensation



# DAB Connection Compensation



# Compensation Matrices

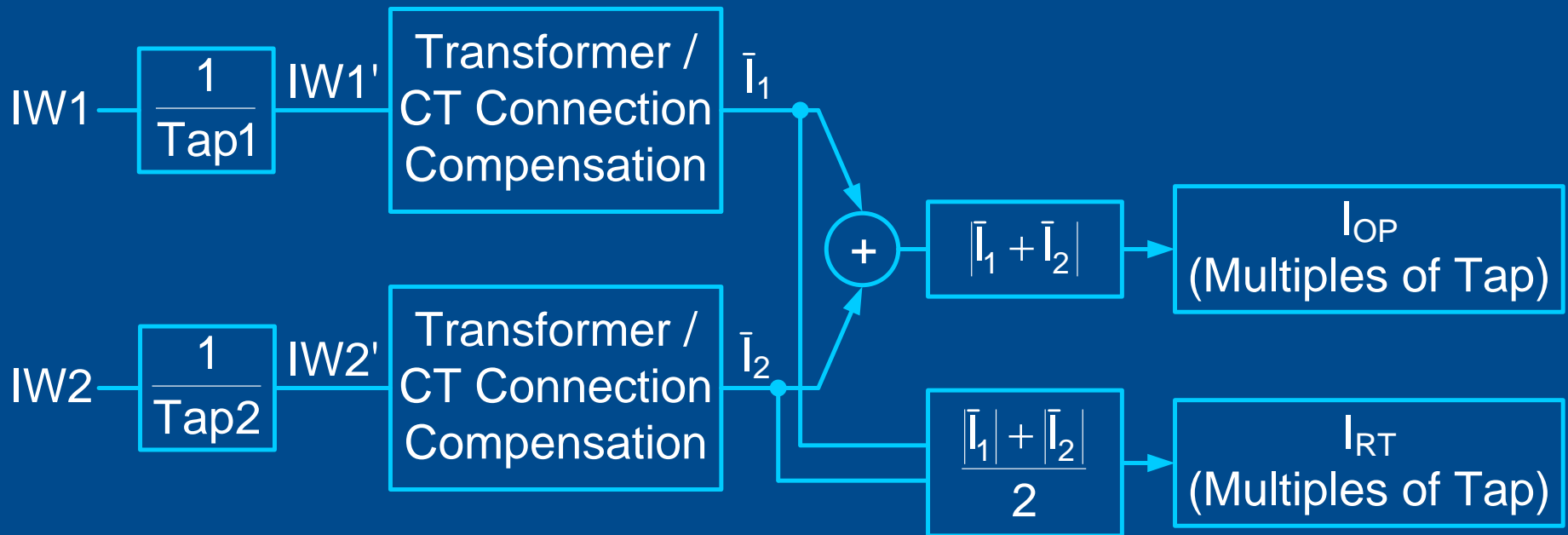


# SEL-387 Compensation Method

$$\begin{bmatrix} IAWnC \\ IBWnC \\ ICWnC \end{bmatrix} = [CTC(m)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} IAWn \\ IBWn \\ ICWn \end{bmatrix}$$

- $[CTC(m)]$ : 3 x 3 matrix
- $m = 0, 1, \dots, 12$ 
  - ◆  $m = 0$ : identity matrix (no changes)
  - ◆  $m \neq 0$ : remove I0; compensate angles
  - ◆  $m = 12$ : remove I0; no angle compensation

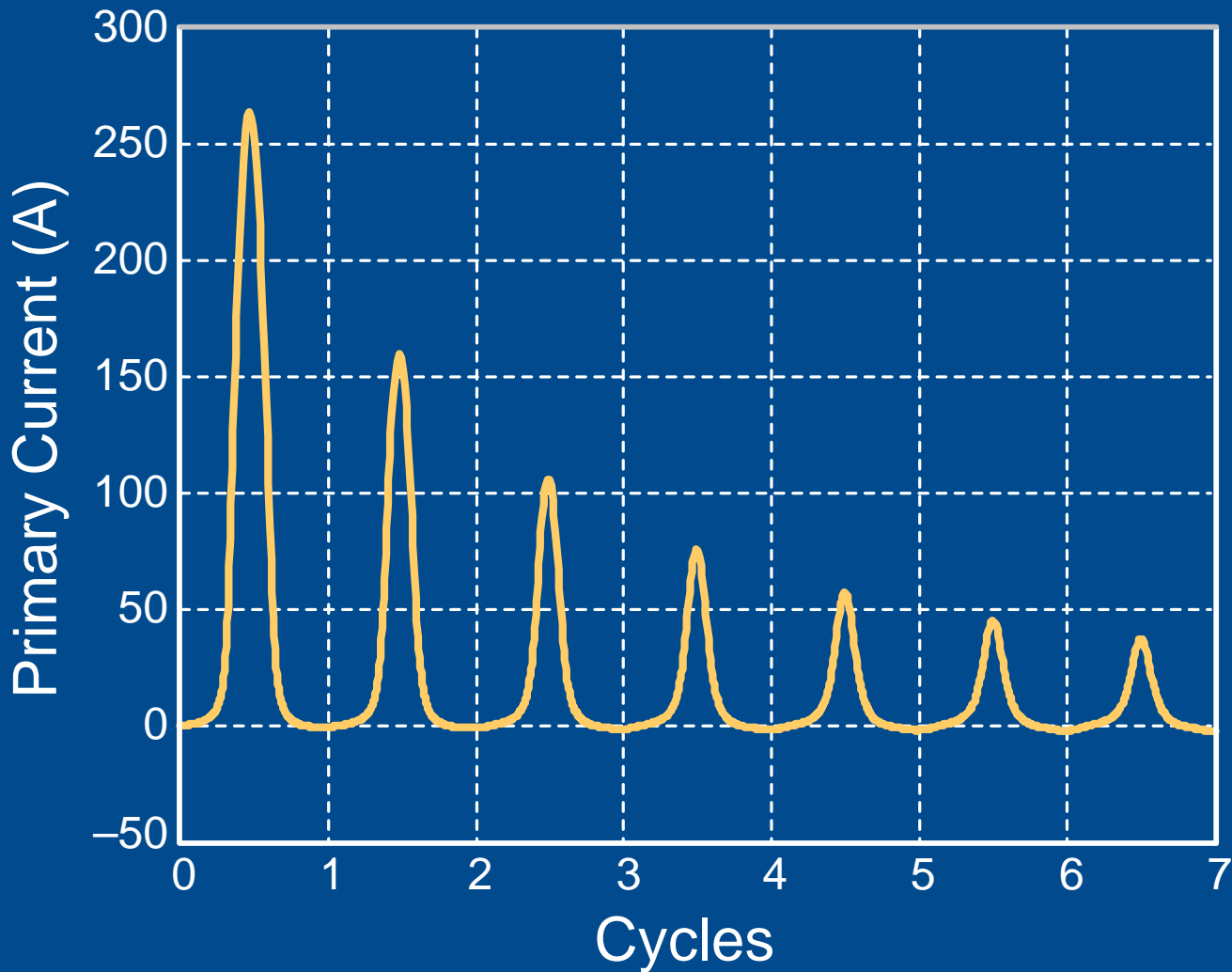
# Differential Element Operate and Restraint Quantities



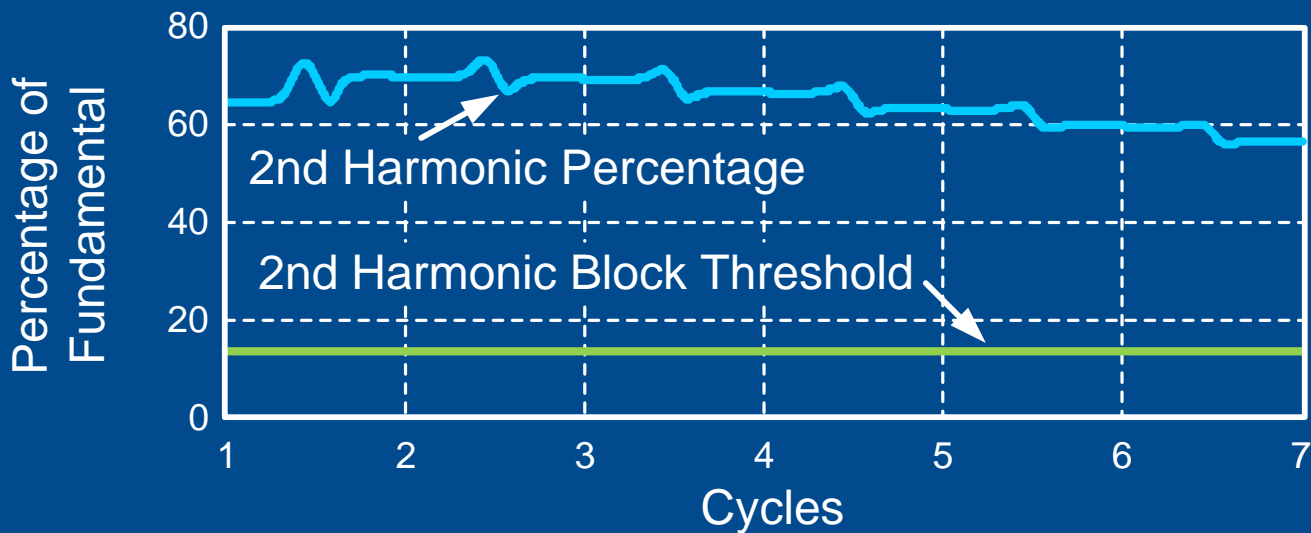
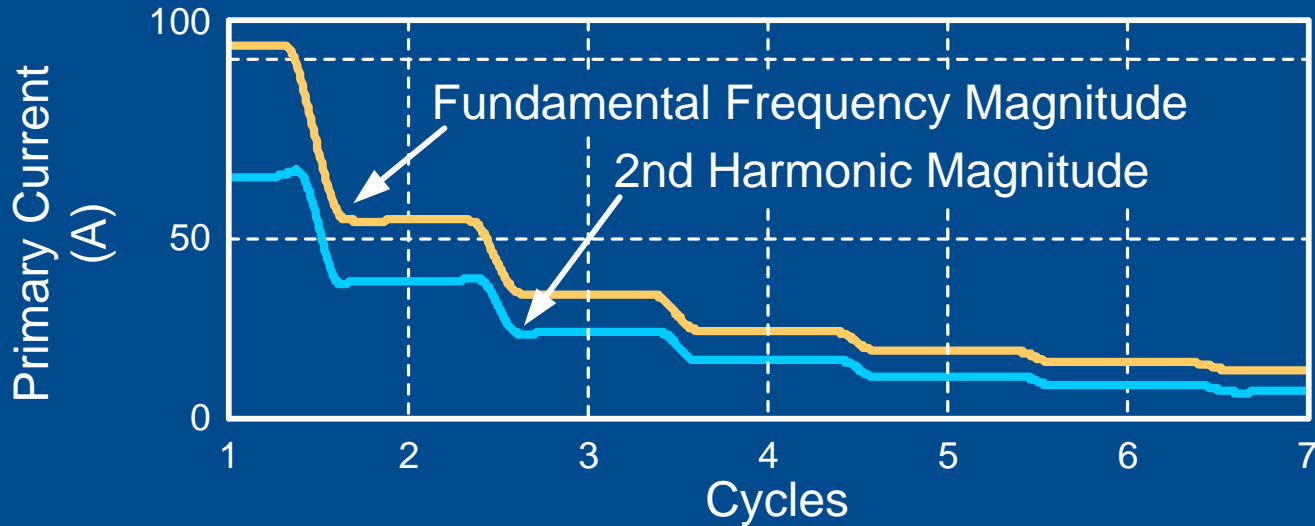


# Examine Transformer Inrush Challenges

# Phase C Inrush Current Obtained From Transformer Testing



# Inrush Current Has High Second Harmonic

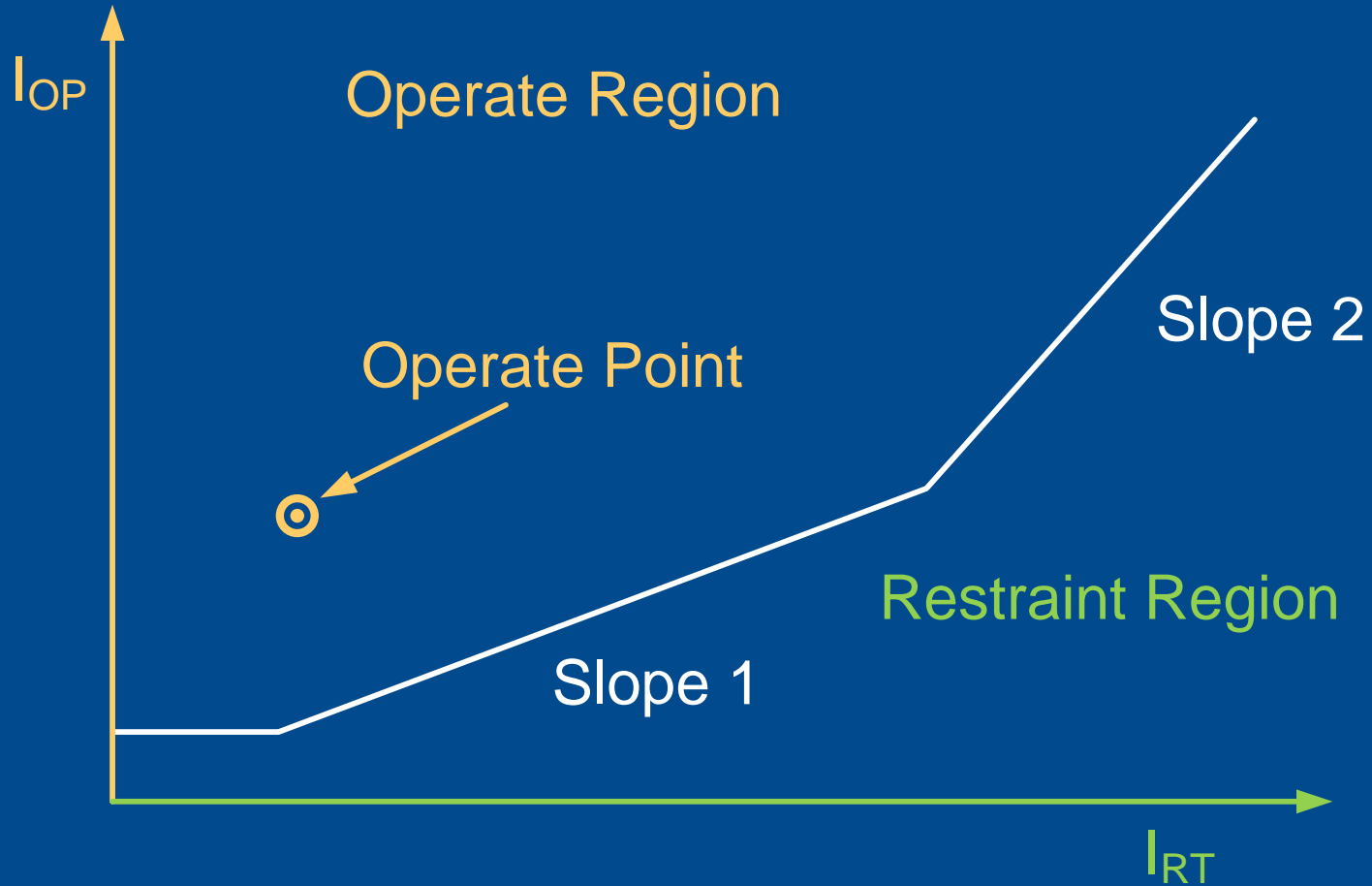


# Internal Faults Versus Inrush

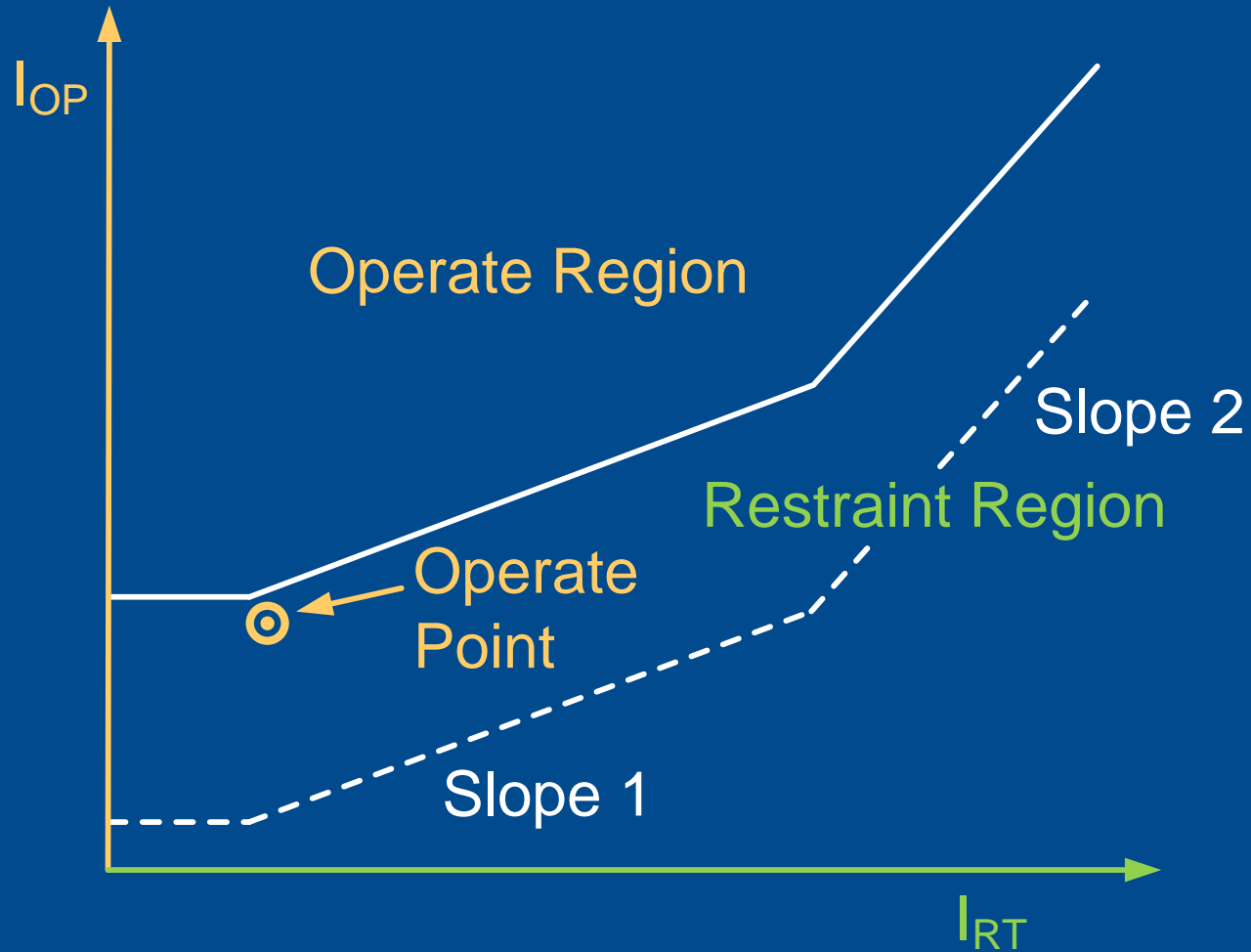
## Harmonic-Based Methods

- Harmonic blocking
- Harmonic restraint

# Inrush Conditions – Blocking



# Inrush Conditions – Restraint



# Conclusions

- Apply differential element Slope 2 to compensate for CT saturation
- Set current compensation for phase and magnitude differences across transformers
- Use harmonic blocking and restraint to prevent differential element assertion during inrush

**Questions?**





# Induction and Synchronous Motor Protection Recommendations



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# Induction Motor Protection

- Phase overcurrent (50 / 51)
- Ground overcurrent  
(50G / 50N / 51G / 51N)
- Voltage (27 / 59)
- Current unbalance (46)
- Differential (87)

# Induction Motor Protection

- Phase sequence (47)
- Resistance temperature device (RTD) thermal (49R)
- Thermal overload (49)
- Load-loss / load-jam (37)
- Starts per hour, time between starts (66)
- Antibackspin

# Synchronous Motor Protection

- Induction motor protection elements
- Loss-of-excitation (40)
- Loss-of-synchronism (78)
- Field ground fault (64F)

**Phase Overcurrent Protection (50 / 51)**

**Ground Overcurrent Protection  
(50G / 50N / 51G / 51N)**

# Phase Overcurrent Protection

- Phase overcurrent devices detect phase-to-phase and three-phase faults within motor windings and on feeder cables
- Failure to clear fault quickly causes
  - ◆ Increased motor conductor or feeder cable damage
  - ◆ Stator iron damage
  - ◆ Prolonged system voltage dips

# Settings Considerations

- Do not use relay phase fault protection with fused motor contactors
- Avoid tripping on motor inrush
  - ◆ Symmetrical locked rotor current
  - ◆ Subtransient component
  - ◆ Asymmetrical (dc offset) component effectively removed from element by microprocessor-based relay
- Coordinate with upstream protection

# Optimum Two-Level Phase Overcurrent Protection

- Level 1 settings
  - ◆ Phase overcurrent pickup at 1.2 to 1.5 • LRA
  - ◆ Overcurrent delay at 6 to 10 cycles to ride through subtransient inrush
- Level 2 settings
  - ◆ Phase overcurrent pickup at 1.65 to 2.0 • LRA
  - ◆ Phase overcurrent delay at 0



# Ground Overcurrent Protection

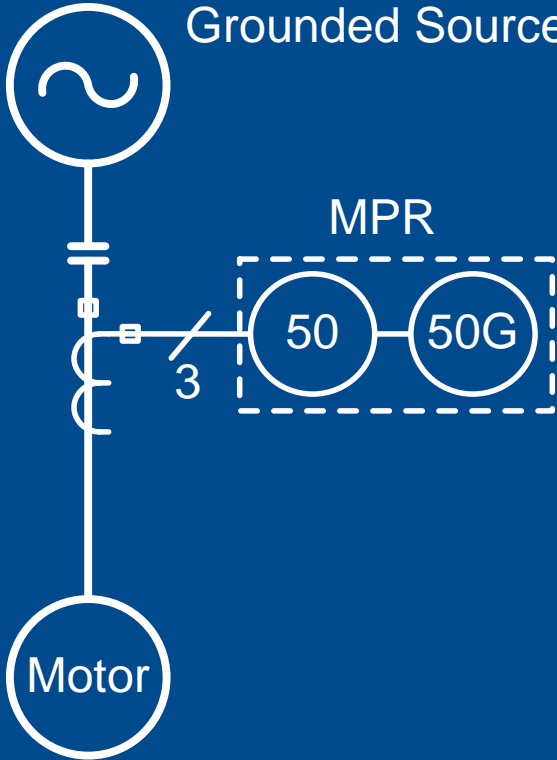
- Ground overcurrent devices detect faults involving ground within motor windings and on feeder cables
- Failure to clear these faults quickly causes
  - ◆ Increased motor conductor or feeder cable damage
  - ◆ Stator iron damage
  - ◆ Prolonged system voltage dips

# Ground Fault Protection Depends on System Grounding Design

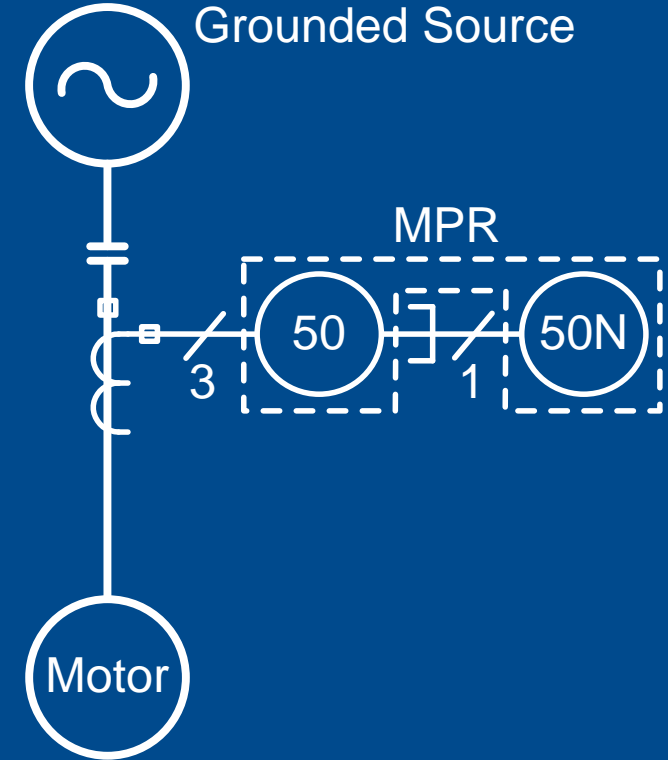
- Solidly grounded systems have high phase-to-ground fault currents
- Resistance-grounded systems limit phase-to-ground fault current
- Limiting current limits damage due to ground faults but requires increased relay sensitivity

# CT Connections

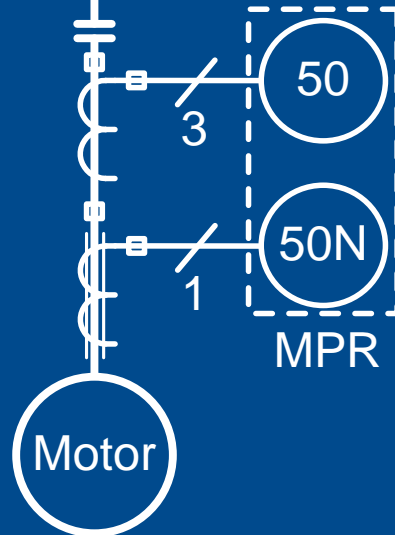
(a) Solidly / Low-Resistance  
Grounded Source



(b) Solidly / Low-Resistance  
Grounded Source



(c) Low- / High-  
Resistance  
Grounded Source



MPR = motor protection relay

# Solidly Grounded Systems

- Ground fault currents in solidly grounded systems can approach phase fault levels
- Ground fault protection for these systems is usually provided by residual protection, either calculated by relay or by external CT residual connection to IN input

# Settings Considerations

- Residual protection set to coordinate with upstream devices
- False residual current can occur because of CT saturation
- Level 1 residual overcurrent pickup set at 0.4 to 0.6 • FLA
- Level 1 residual overcurrent delay set at 0.2 s to ride through false residuals

# Low-Resistance Grounded Systems

- Ground fault currents limited to 100 to 1000 A
- Ground faults cleared in  $< 10$  s
  - ◆ Minimize fault arc damage
  - ◆ Protect grounding resistors from thermal damage
- Ground fault protection for motors is usually instantaneous or definite-time

# Settings Considerations

- Residual elements
  - ◆ Set Level 1 residual overcurrent pickup at 0.4 to 0.6 • FLA
  - ◆ Set Level 1 residual overcurrent delay at 0.2 s to ride through false residuals upon starting
- Ground elements with core-balance CT
  - ◆ Set Level 1 neutral overcurrent pickup at 5 to 20 A primary current
  - ◆ Set Level 1 neutral overcurrent delay at 0.1 s

# High-Resistance Grounded Systems

- Typically found on low-voltage systems but sometimes used on medium-voltage systems
- Limit phase-to-ground fault currents to  $< 10 \text{ A}$



# High-Resistance Grounded Systems

- Single-phase-to-ground fault produces an alarm only – ground can then be located and cleared in controlled manner
- This system requires core-balance CT for sensitivity

# Settings Considerations

- Set Level 1 neutral overcurrent pickup at 25 to 50% of available ground fault current
- Set Level 1 neutral overcurrent delay at 2 to 5 s
- Program neutral overcurrent for alarm only

# Ground Overcurrent Settings Considerations

Source Grounding	Available Ground Fault Current	CT Connections	Relay Function	Setting Considerations	Delay
Solidly grounded	Can approach phase fault levels	a	50G	40 to 60% • FLA	0.2 s
		b	50N		
Low-resistance grounded	100 to 1000 A	a	50G	40 to 60% • FLA	0.2 s
		b	50N		
		c	50N	5 to 20 A (primary)	0.1 s
High-resistance grounded	< 10 A	c	50N	25 to 50% of available ground fault current	2 to 5 s

**Undervoltage Protection (27)**

**Overvoltage Protection (59)**

# Undervoltage

- Running motors for prolonged periods at less than rated voltage can cause overheating
- Undervoltage tripping can clear a bus after complete loss of voltage – prevents simultaneous restart of connected motors when voltage returns

# Settings Considerations

- Motor standards require motors capable of continuous operation at 90% of motor-rated voltage per motor specification
- Undervoltage protection should not trip motors because of voltage dips caused by faults or motor starts
- Undervoltage protection is not usually set to trip motors during fast bus transfers

# Settings Considerations – Trip

- Set undervoltage trip pickup slightly under minimum rated operating voltage
- Set undervoltage trip delay longer than
  - ◆ Maximum time required for fast bus transfers
  - ◆ Maximum fault-clearing time for faults that would cause voltage to drop below pickup
  - ◆ Starting time for any motor on bus if motor starts will cause bus voltage to drop below undervoltage trip pickup

# Settings Considerations – Alarm

- Set undervoltage alarm level at or slightly above motor minimum rated operating voltage
- Set undervoltage alarm delay longer than
  - ◆ Maximum time required for normal bus transfers
  - ◆ Maximum fault-clearing time for faults that would cause voltage to drop below pickup



# Overvoltage

Running motors for prolonged periods at greater than rated voltage can cause loss of insulation life or insulation failure

# Settings Considerations

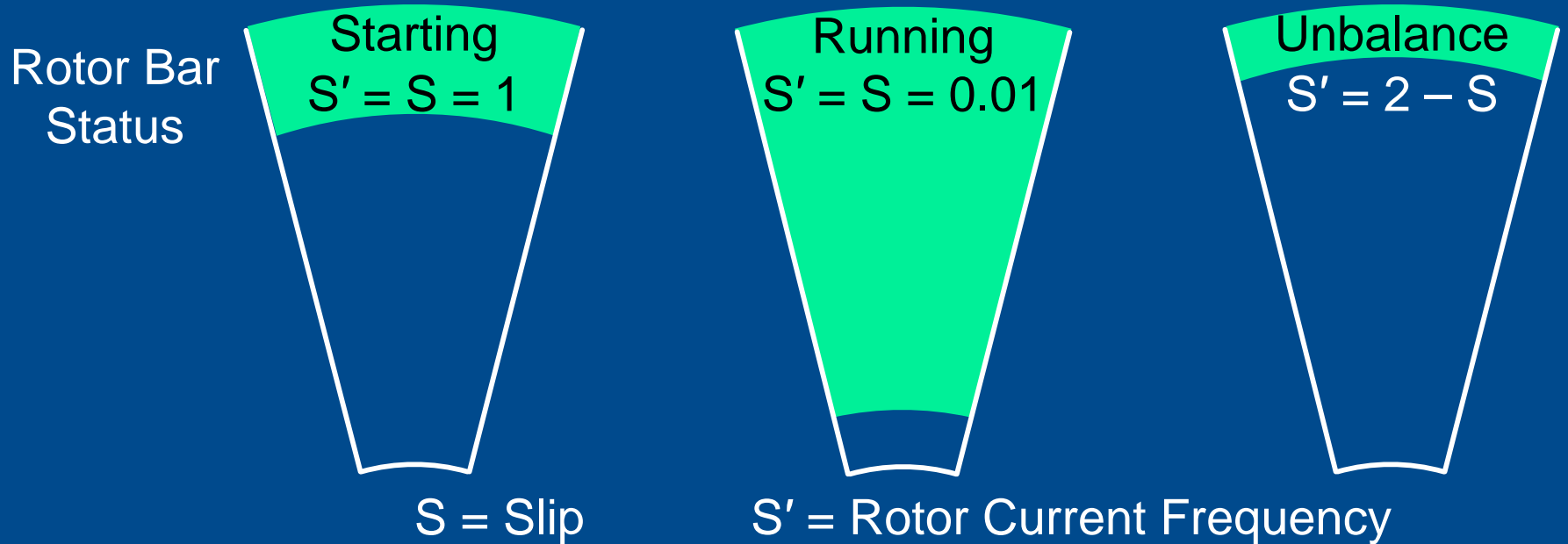
- Motor standards require that motors be capable of continuous operation at 110% of rated voltage
- Overvoltage alarming is generally used in favor of overvoltage tripping
- If overvoltage tripping is applied, consider using a time delay

# Current Unbalance Protection (46)

# Current Unbalance

- Caused by
  - ◆ Unbalanced voltages
  - ◆ Single phasing
- Creates negative-sequence current flow in rotor
  - ◆ Heating effect at full load is same as locked rotor condition
  - ◆ Rotor overheats

# Negative-Sequence Heating



- Negative-sequence current causes double-frequency flux in rotor
- Rotor current occupies one-sixth of cross-section area of bars, causing overheating at periphery

# Current Unbalance

- Biases thermal overload element
- Is detected by
  - ◆ Thermal model under moderate conditions
  - ◆ Current unbalance elements under severe conditions

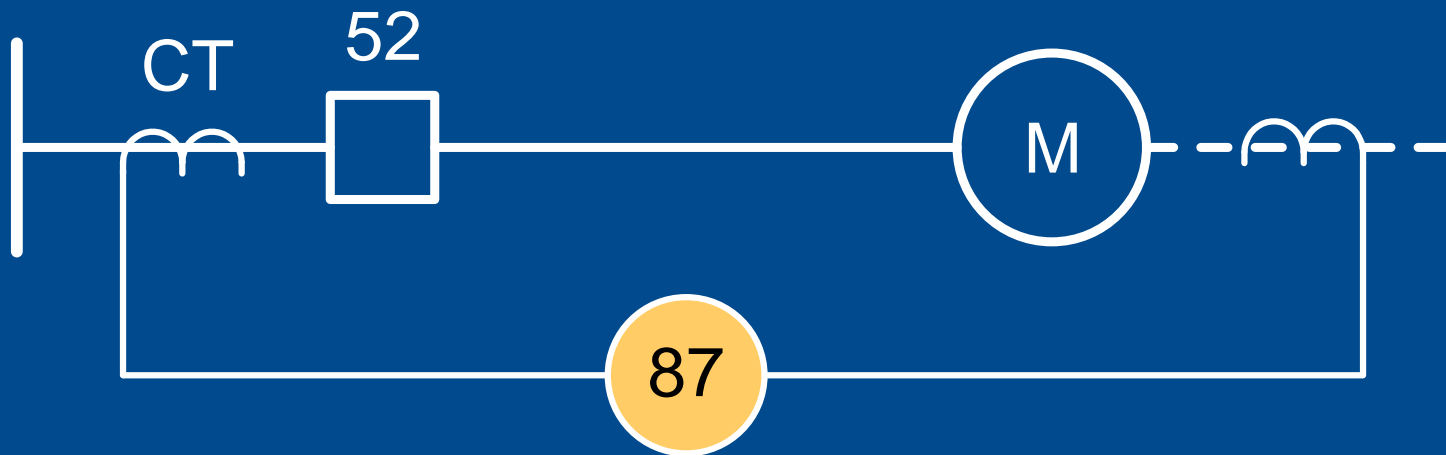
# Settings Considerations

- Trip
  - ◆ Set current unbalance trip pickup to 15%
  - ◆ Set current unbalance trip delay to 5 s
- Alarm
  - ◆ Set current unbalance alarm pickup to 10%
  - ◆ Set current unbalance alarm delay to 10 s

# Differential Protection (87)

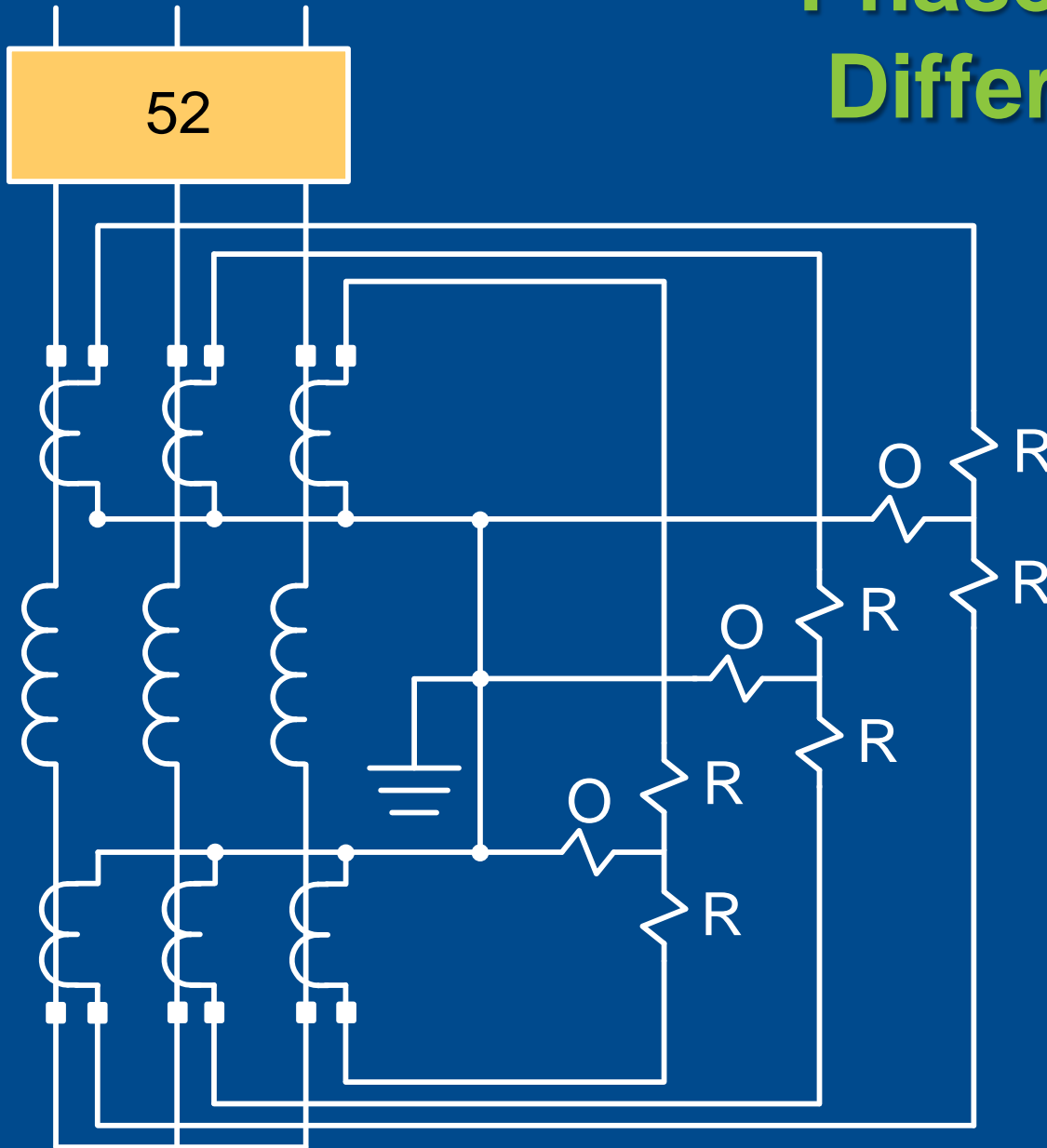


# Differential Protection



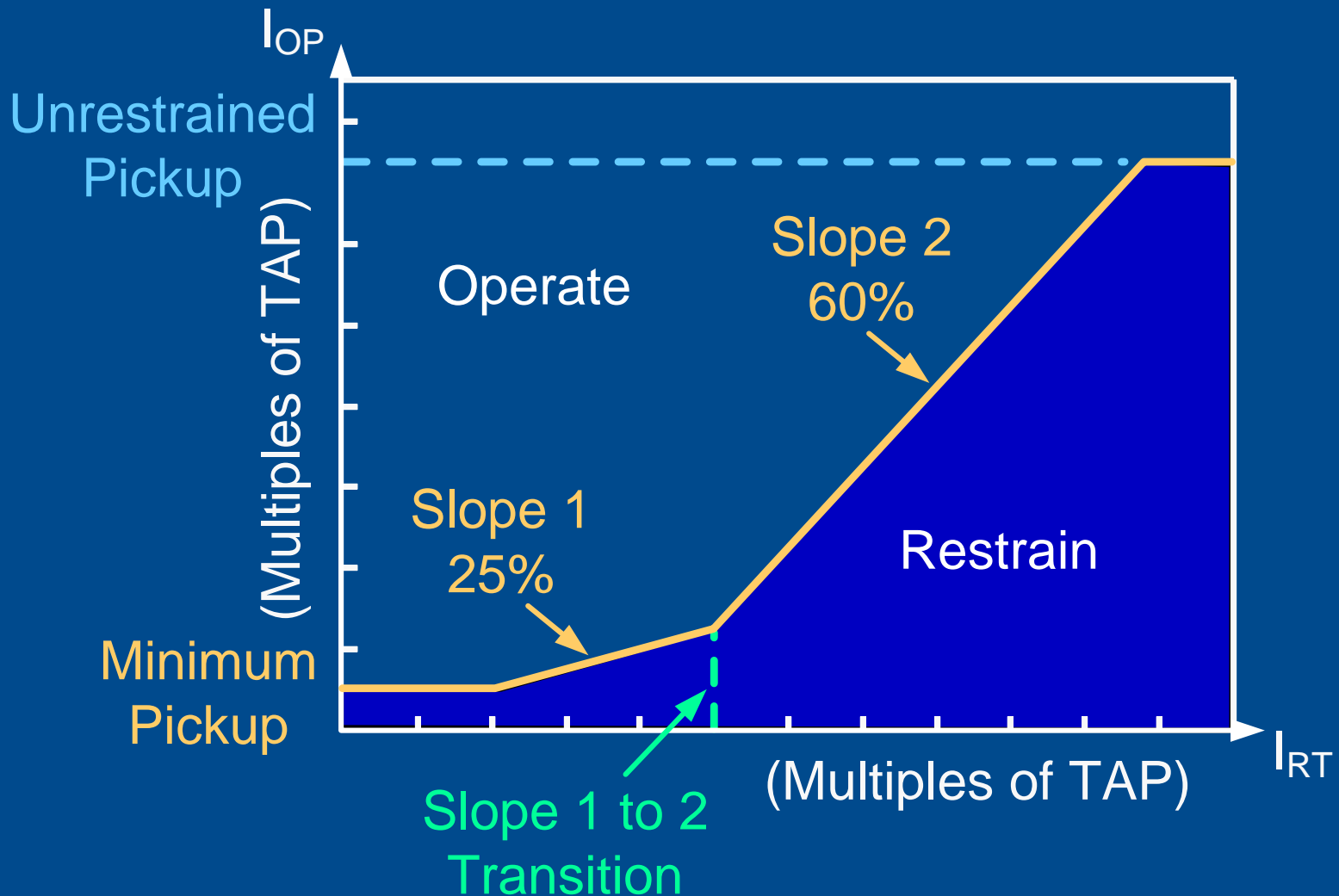
- Phase differential (large machines)
- Self-balancing (87M) differential (machines rated 1000 hp and up)
- Detection of phase faults and possibly phase-to-ground faults depending on system grounding

# Phase Percentage Differential (87R)



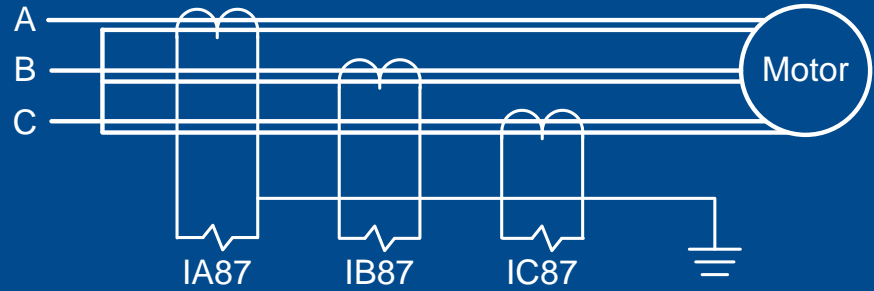
O = operating coil  
R = restraining coil

# Percentage Restraint (87) Differential Characteristic

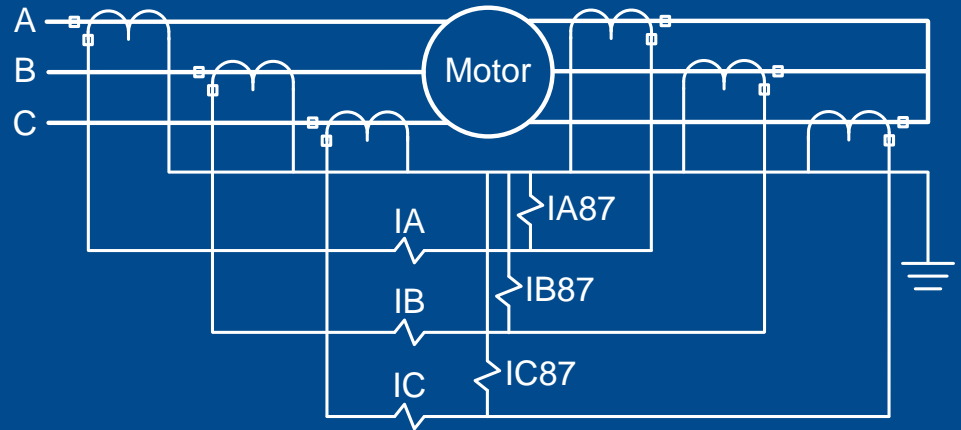


# Self-Balancing (87M) Differential Protection

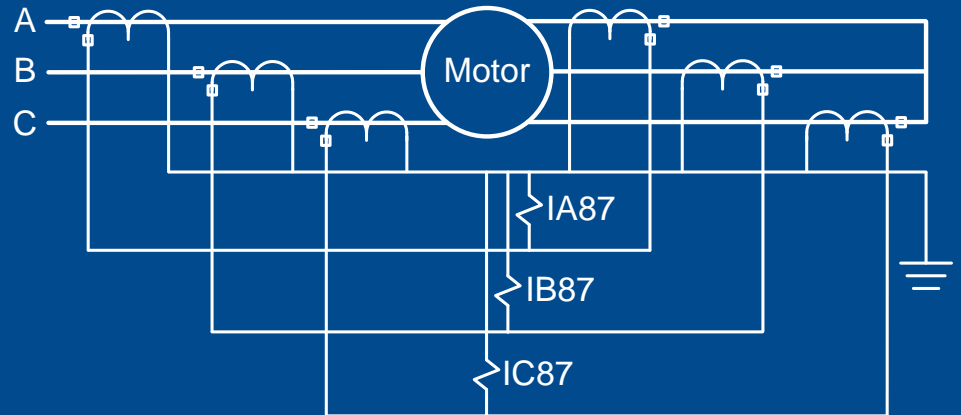
Core-balance CT



Neutral-side CT with IA, IB, and IC connected



Neutral-side CT with IA, IB, and IC not connected



# Phase Sequence Protection (47)

# Phase Sequence

- Also referred to as phase reversal
- Operates on voltage or current
- Checks that phase rotation signals applied to relay match phase rotation setting

# RTD Thermal Protection (49R)

# RTD Thermal Element Detects Loss-of-Cooling Efficiency

- Cooling pump failure
- Inlet air reduction
- Detection using direct temperature measurement (RTDs)



# Thermal Overload Protection (49)

# Thermal Protection

- Running overload
- Starting / stalling
- Running unbalance

# Running Protection

- Load greater than service factor causes excessive  $I^2R$  heating in stator windings
- Unbalance current causes excessive heating in rotor

# Thermal Model Protection

- Electromechanical relays using bimetals and solder-pot elements do not match motor time constants
- Microprocessor-based relays can match thermal properties identified by motor data and can monitor RTDs embedded in stator winding

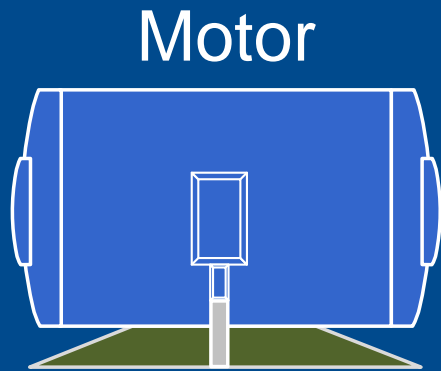
# Integrated Motor Thermal Protection

- Provides locked rotor, overload, and unbalance protection
- Defines operating characteristics by motor characteristics

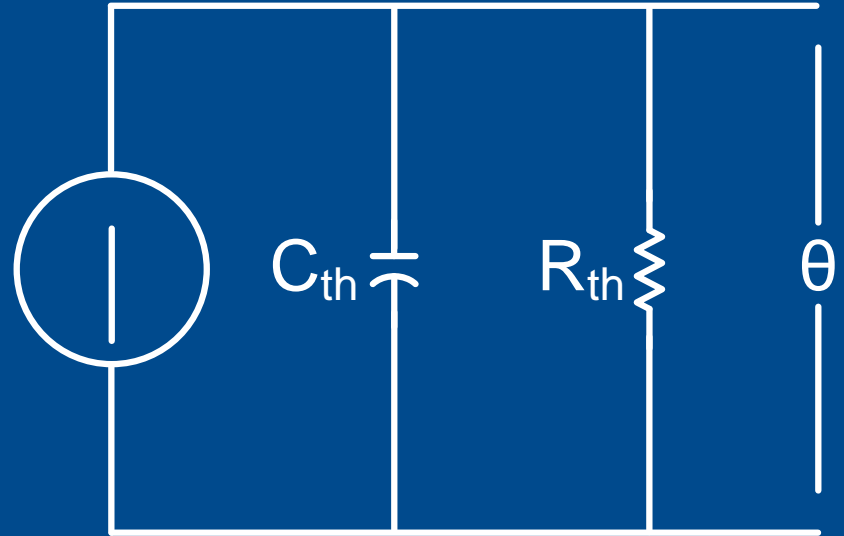
# Bimetallic Overload Element

- $I^2R$  heating opens contacts to trip motor
- Reset characteristic not related to motor
- This element has
  - ◆ Uncertain response to unbalance
  - ◆ Sensitivity to cabinet ambient temperature

# Motor First Order Thermal Model



$f(I_1, I_2)$



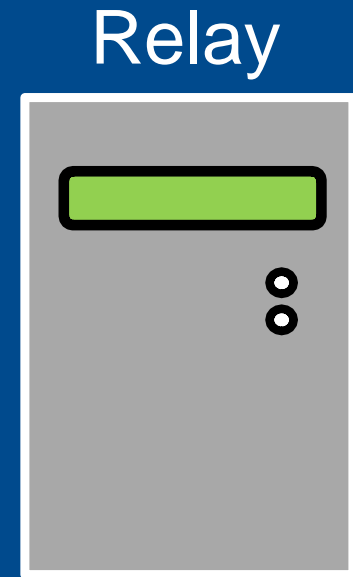
$C_{th}$  = equivalent thermal capacity

$R_{th}$  = equivalent thermal resistance

$\theta$  = temperature rise with respect to ambient

# Motor Thermal Image or Thermal Model Relays

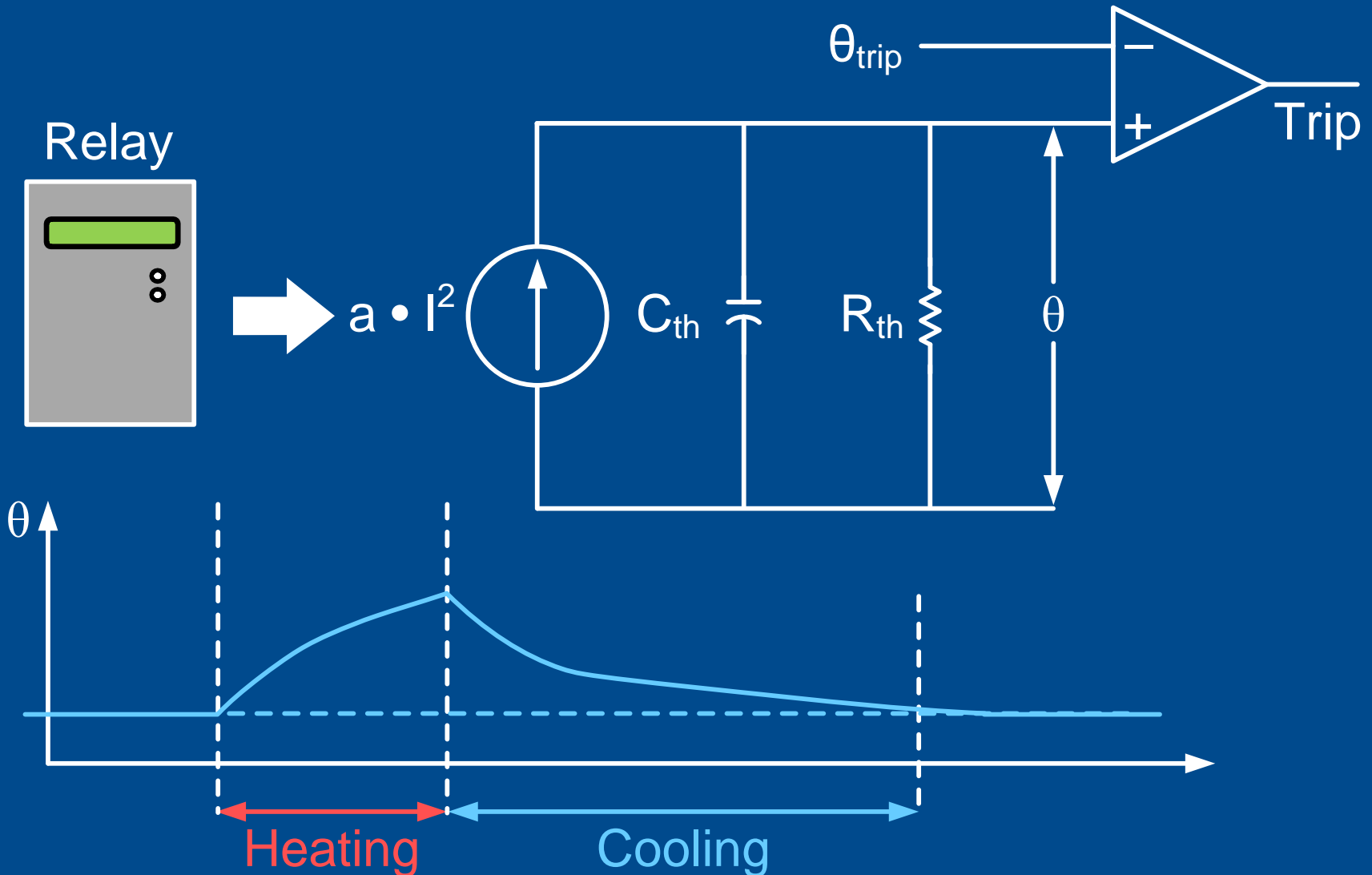
- Use single-state model
- Use double-state model
  - ◆ Starting
  - ◆ Running



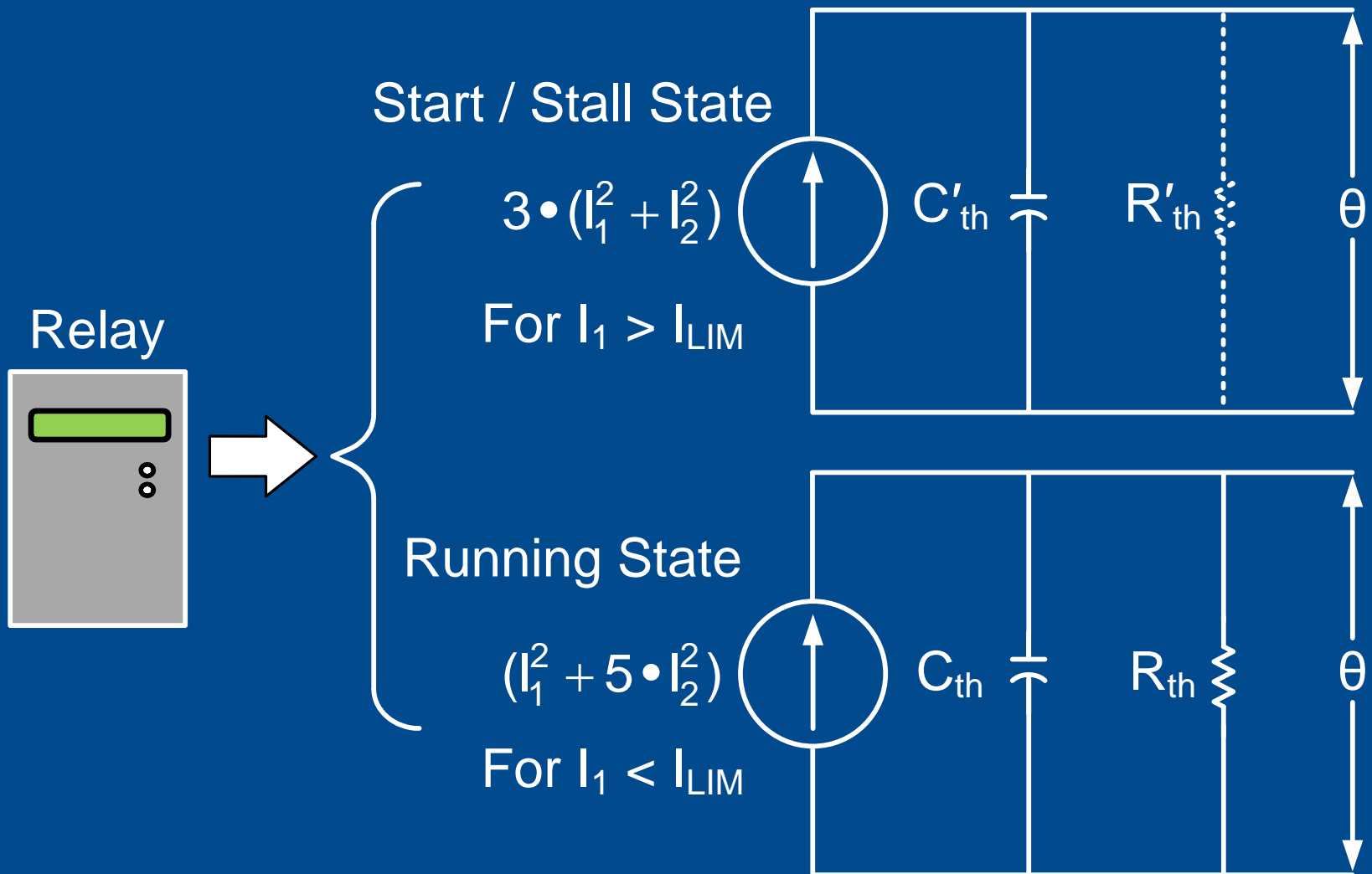


# Single-State Thermal Model

## Relay Principle

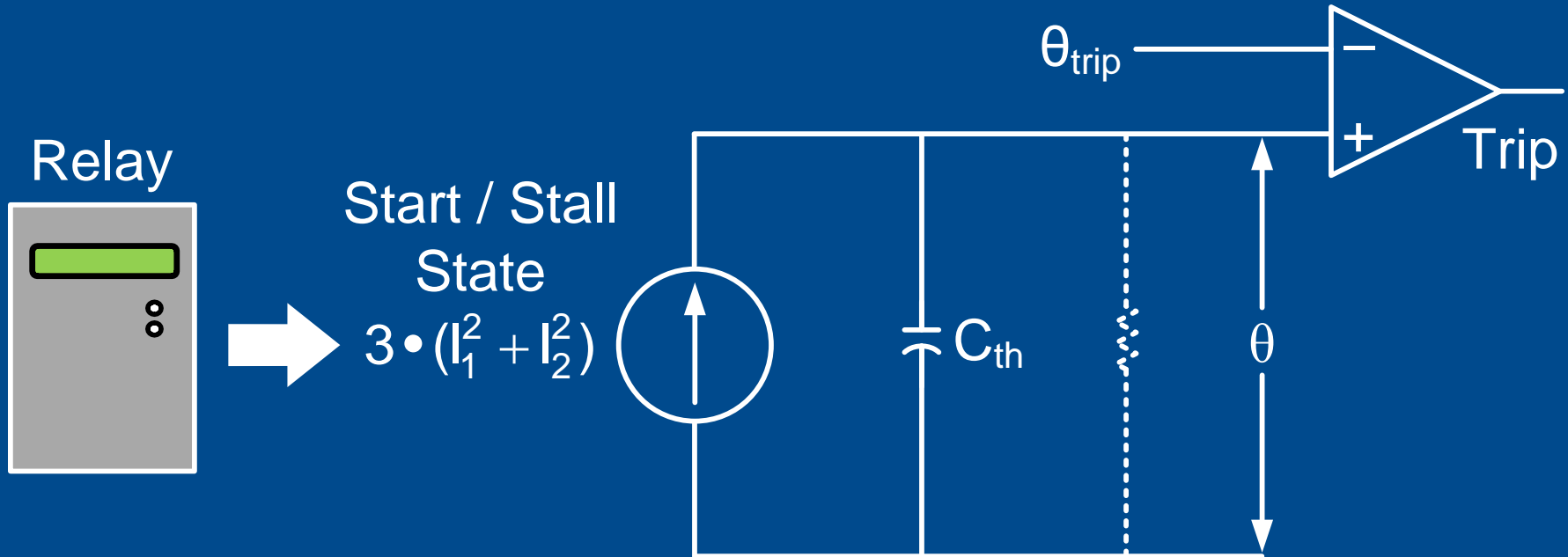


# Two-State Thermal Model Protection Element



# Thermal Model Relay

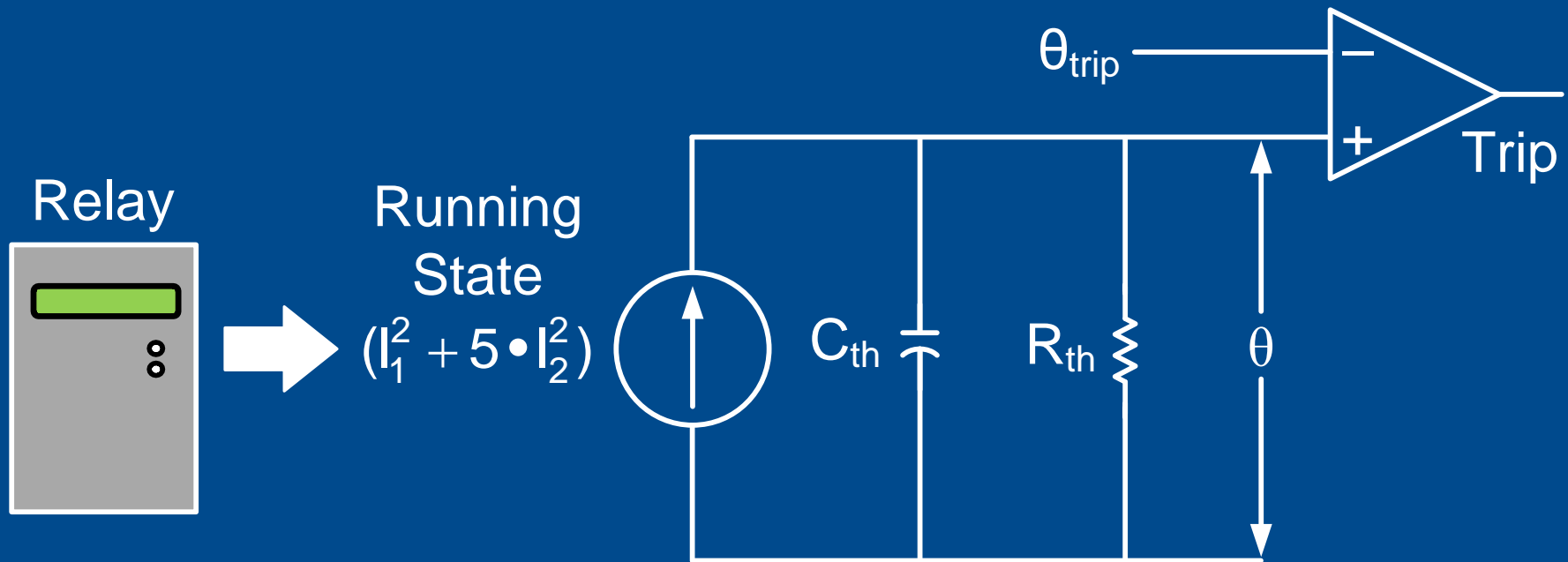
## Starting State



- If  $C_{th}$  is fixed, determine only one setting,  $\theta_{trip}$
- Use locked rotor safe stall times

# Thermal Model Relay

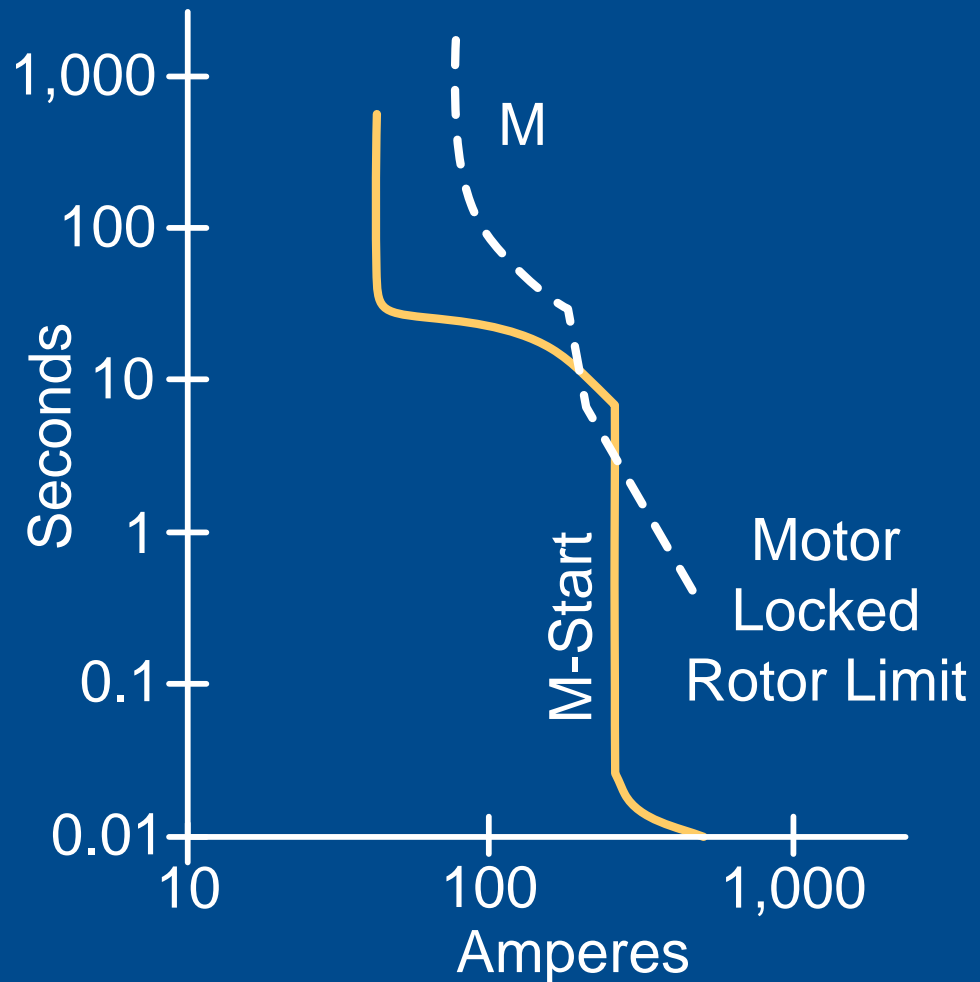
## Running State



- Determine settings:  $C_{th}$ ,  $R_{th}$ ,  $\theta_{trip}$
- Use motor damage curves to fit model

# High-Inertia Starting

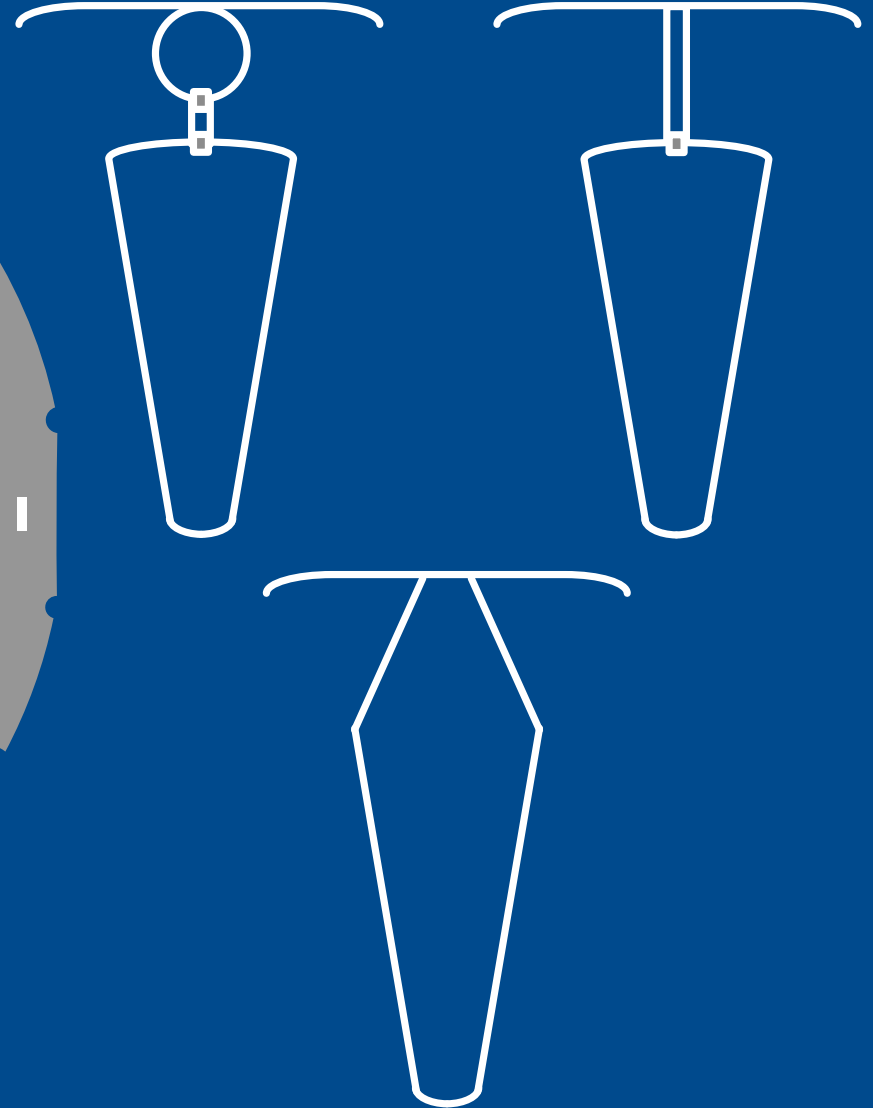
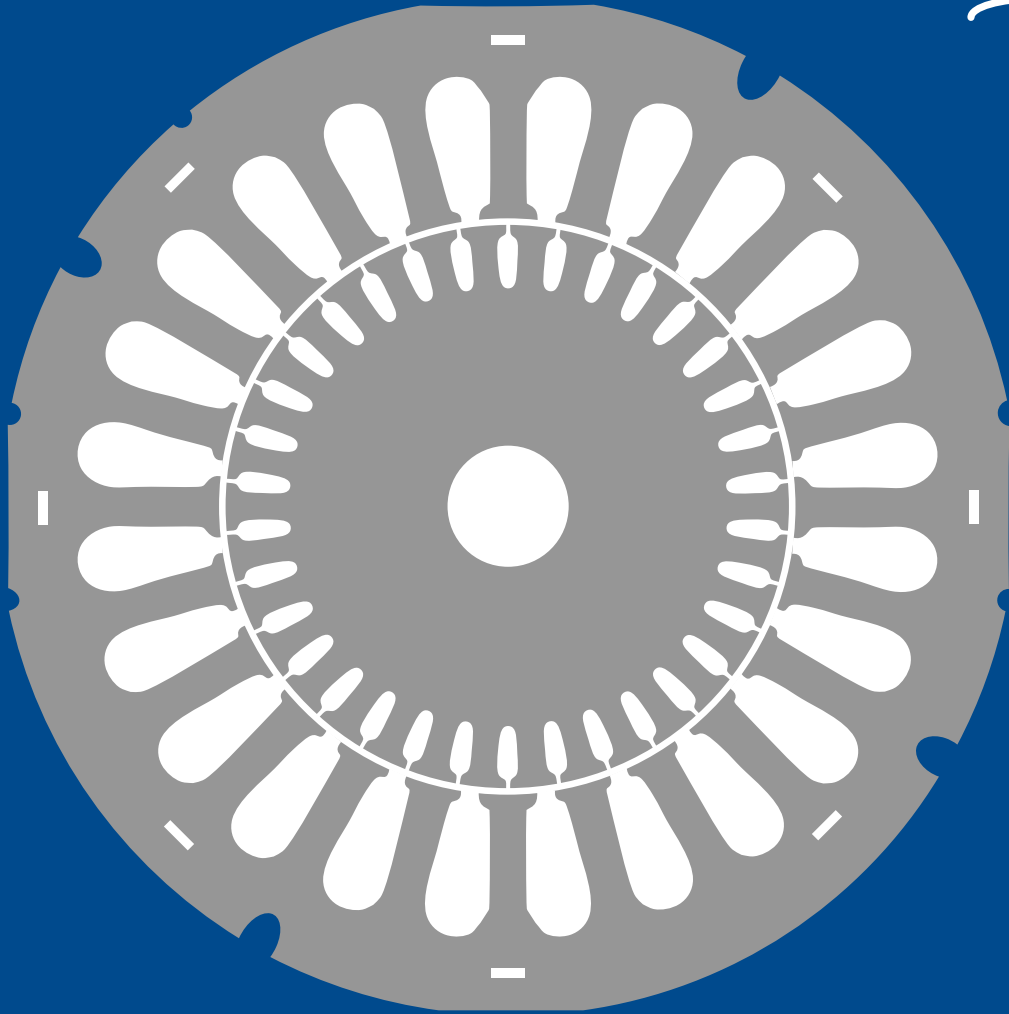
- High-inertia loads, such as induced draft fans, require long acceleration times
- Starting time may exceed locked rotor limit



# Traditional Solution: Speed Switch Proximity Probe and Rotating Disk

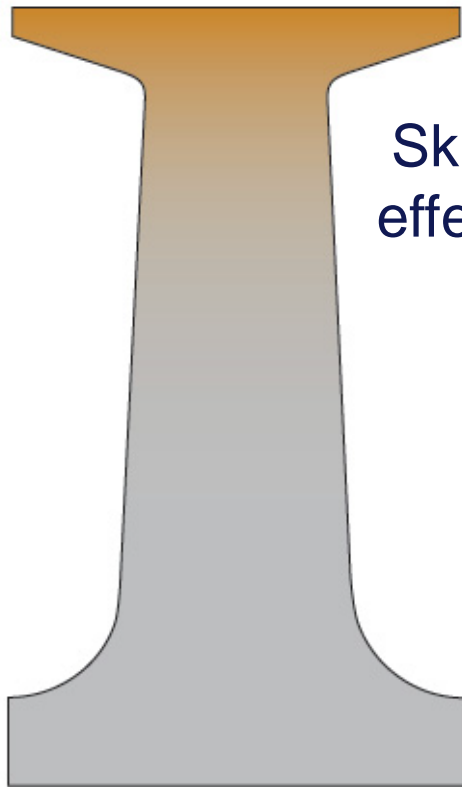
- Proximity probe is magnetic
- Rotating disc uses laser
- Safe stall time setting is increased to accommodate acceleration – supervised by detection of shaft rotation (25 to 35% of speed) within set time limit

# Rotor Design



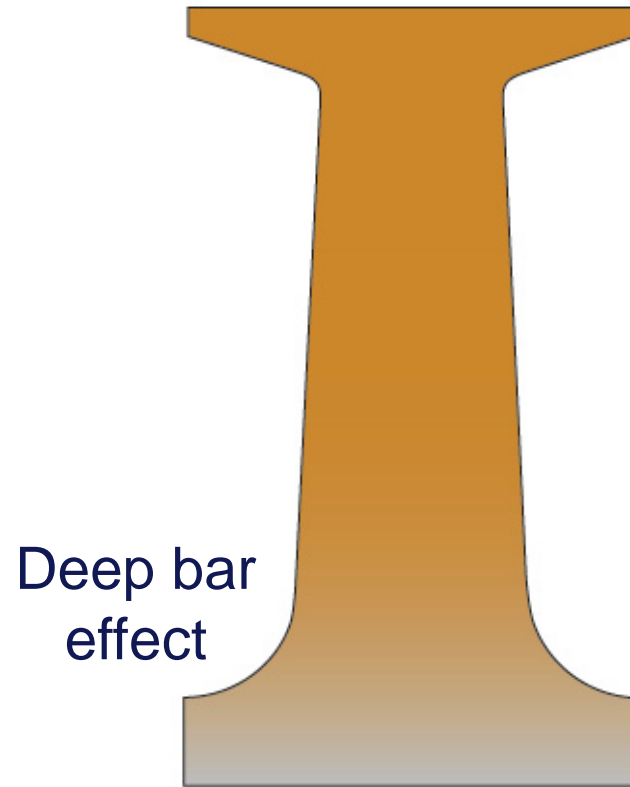
# Rotor Resistance Variation

Rotor Bar Cross Section



Skin  
effect

Starting slip = 1  
Line frequency = 60 Hz

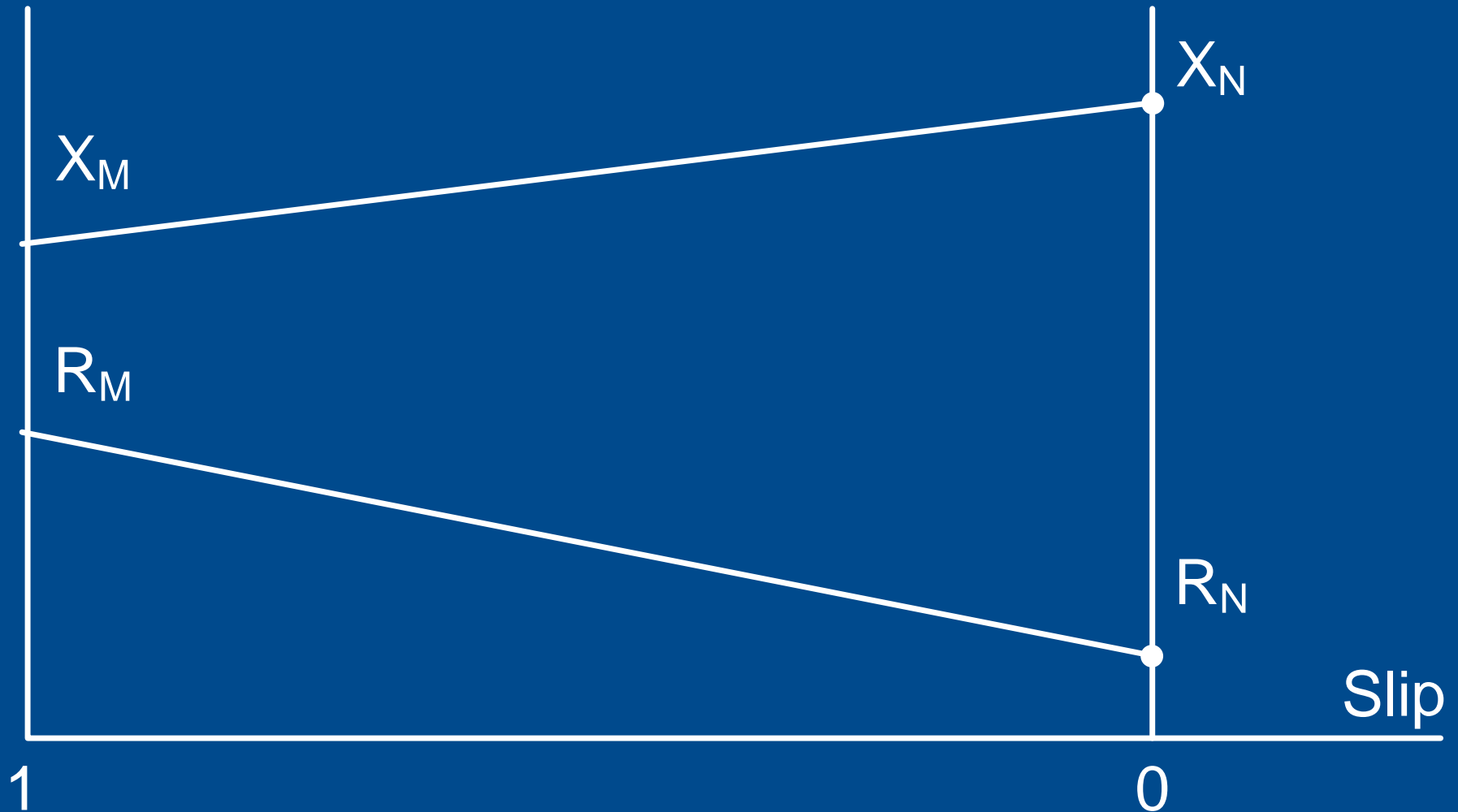


Deep bar  
effect

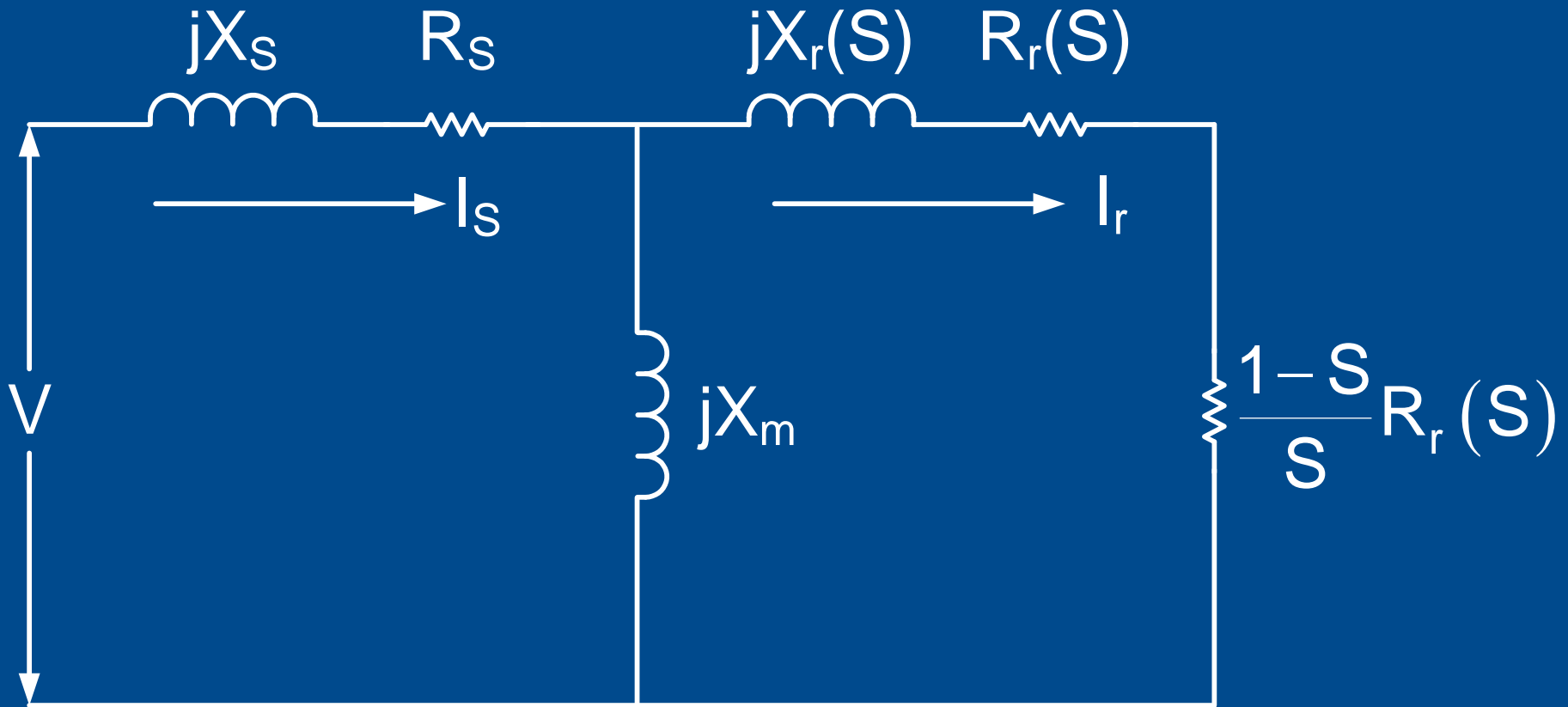
Operating slip = 0.03  
Slip frequency = 1.8 Hz



# Linear Approximation of Slip-Dependent Rotor Resistance and Reactance



# Steinmetz Electrical Model



# Slip-Dependent Rotor Resistance

- Motor heating is caused by watt loss in rotor and stator resistance
- Rotor resistance decreases from high locked rotor value to low value at rated speed (shown in Steinmetz model)

# Positive- and Negative-Sequence Rotor Resistances Are Linear Functions of Slip

$$R_1 = [(R_M - R_N)S] + R_N$$

$$R_2 = [(R_M - R_N)(2 - S)] + R_N$$

Where:

$R_M$  = resistance at locked rotor

$R_N$  = rotor resistance at rated speed

$S$  = slip

# $R_M$ and $R_N$ Defined

- $R_M$  and  $R_N$  are defined by
  - ◆ Locked rotor current  $I_L$
  - ◆ Locked rotor torque LRQ
  - ◆ Synchronous speed  $\omega_{syn}$
  - ◆ Rated speed  $\omega_{rated}$
- In Steinmetz model, mechanical power  $P_M$  is 
$$P_M = \frac{1-S}{S} \cdot I^2 R_r$$

# Solving for Rotor Resistance

Torque is power divided by speed

$$Q_M = \frac{P_M}{\omega} = \frac{P_M}{1-S} = I^2 \left( \frac{1-S}{S} \right) R_r \left( \frac{1}{1-S} \right) = \frac{I^2 R_r}{S}$$

Solving for rotor resistance  $R_r$

$$R_r = \frac{Q_M S}{I^2}$$

# Substitute Known Values

At locked rotor,  $S = 1$  and  $Q_M = LRQ$

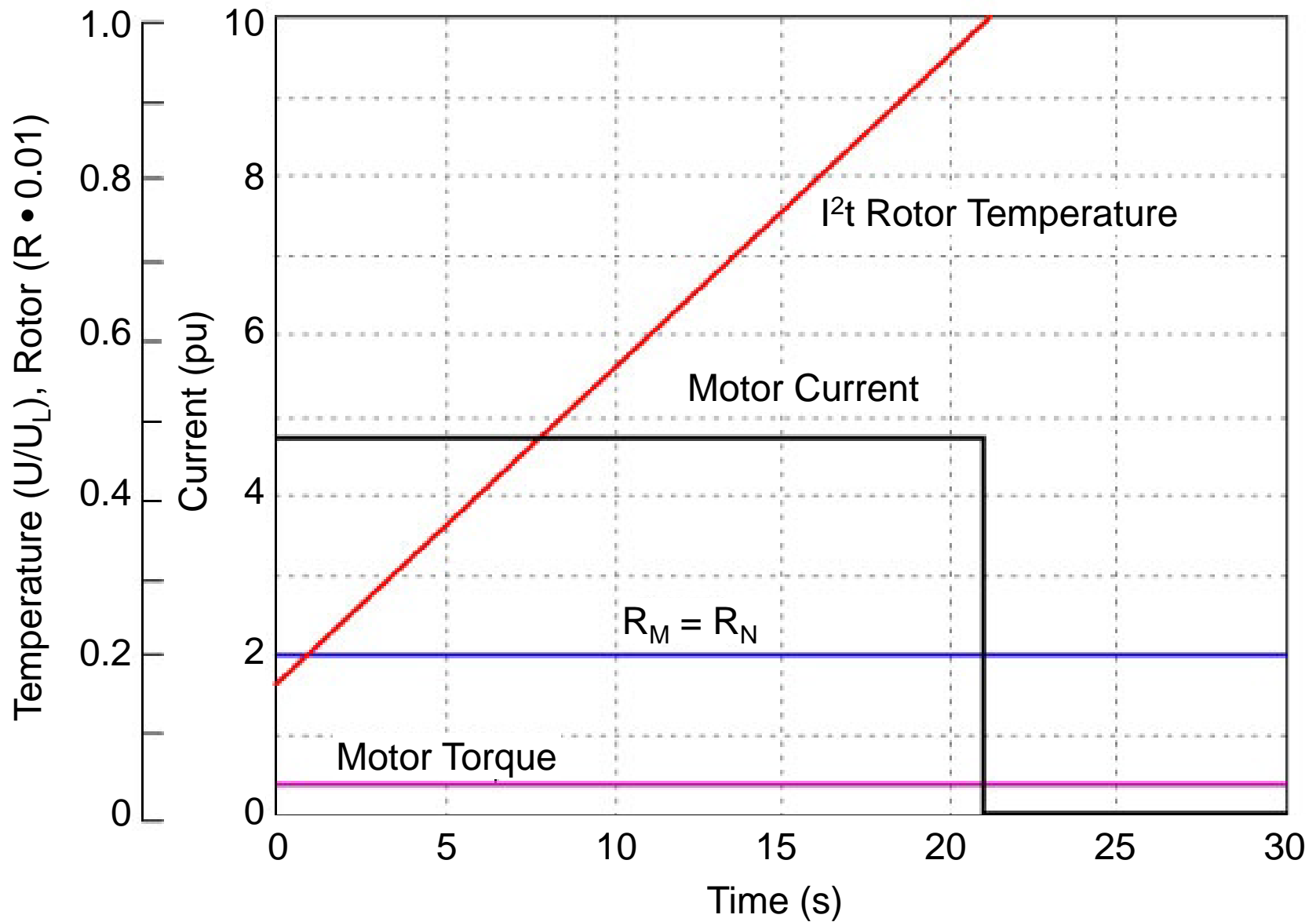
$$R_r = R_M = \frac{LRQ}{I_L^2}$$

$S$  at rated speed is  $S_N$ ,  $I = 1$  and  $Q_M = 1$

$$R_N = S_N$$

$$R_N = \frac{\omega_{\text{syn}} - \omega_{\text{rated}}}{\omega_{\text{syn}}}$$

# Locked Rotor Case





# Derive Slip Using Voltage and Current

When  $V_1$  and  $I_1$  are monitored,  
apparent positive-sequence  
impedance looking into the motor is

$$Z = R + jX = \frac{V_1}{I_1}$$

# Motor Impedance

From the Steinmetz model

$$Z = R_s + jX_s + \frac{\left(\frac{R_r}{s} + jX_r\right) \cdot jX_m}{\frac{R_r}{s} + jX_r + jX_m}$$

# Motor Impedance

Expanding the equation

$$Z = R_S + jX_S + \frac{\frac{R_r}{S} X_m^2 + j \left[ X_m \left( \frac{R_r}{S} \right)^2 + X_r X_m (X_r + X_m) \right]}{\left( \frac{R_r}{S} \right)^2 + (X_r + X_m)^2}$$

# Motor Impedance

The real part of Z is

$$R = R_s + \frac{\frac{R_r}{s} X_m^2}{\left(\frac{R_r}{s}\right)^2 + (X_r + X_m)^2}$$

# Motor Impedance

Divide numerator and denominator by  $(X_m)^2$

$$R = R_s + \frac{\frac{R_r}{S}}{\left(\frac{R_r}{S}\right)^2 \frac{1}{X_m^2} + \frac{(X_r + X_m)^2}{X_m^2}}$$

But  $\left(\frac{R_r}{S}\right)^2 \frac{1}{X_m^2}$  is negligible

# Motor Impedance

Let

$$A = \left( \frac{X_r + X_m}{X_m} \right)^2$$

Then

$$R = R_s + \frac{R_r}{A \cdot S}$$

# Derive Slip

Consider only the real part of motor impedance

$$R = R_s + \frac{R_r}{A \cdot S}$$

Next, substitute the linear equation for  $R_r$  in terms of slip, and solve for slip

$$S = \frac{R_N}{A(R - R_s) - (R_M - R_N)}$$

# Slip-Dependent Rotor Resistance

Positive-sequence rotor resistance

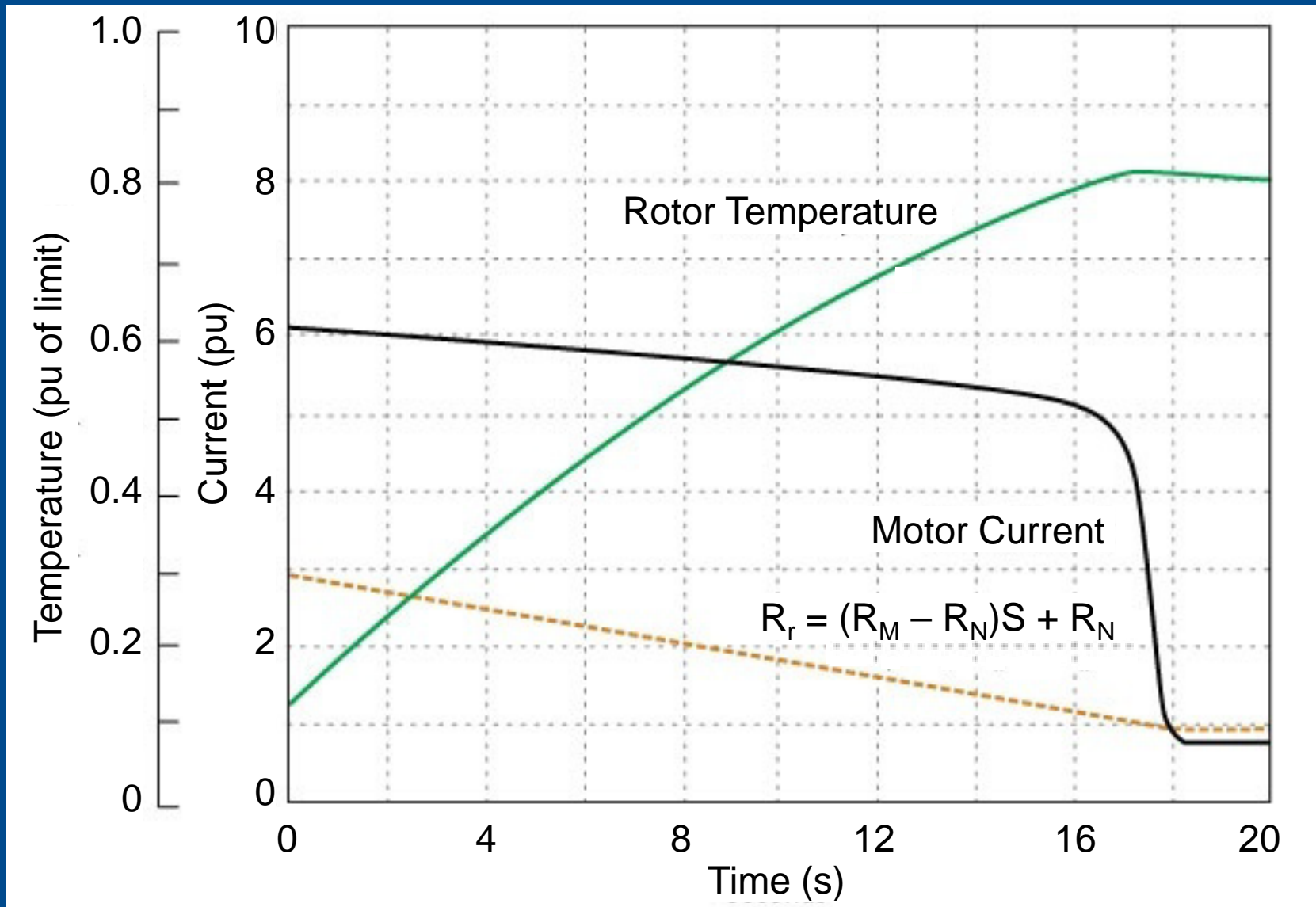
$$R_1(s) = [(R_M - R_N)S] + R_N$$

Negative-sequence rotor resistance

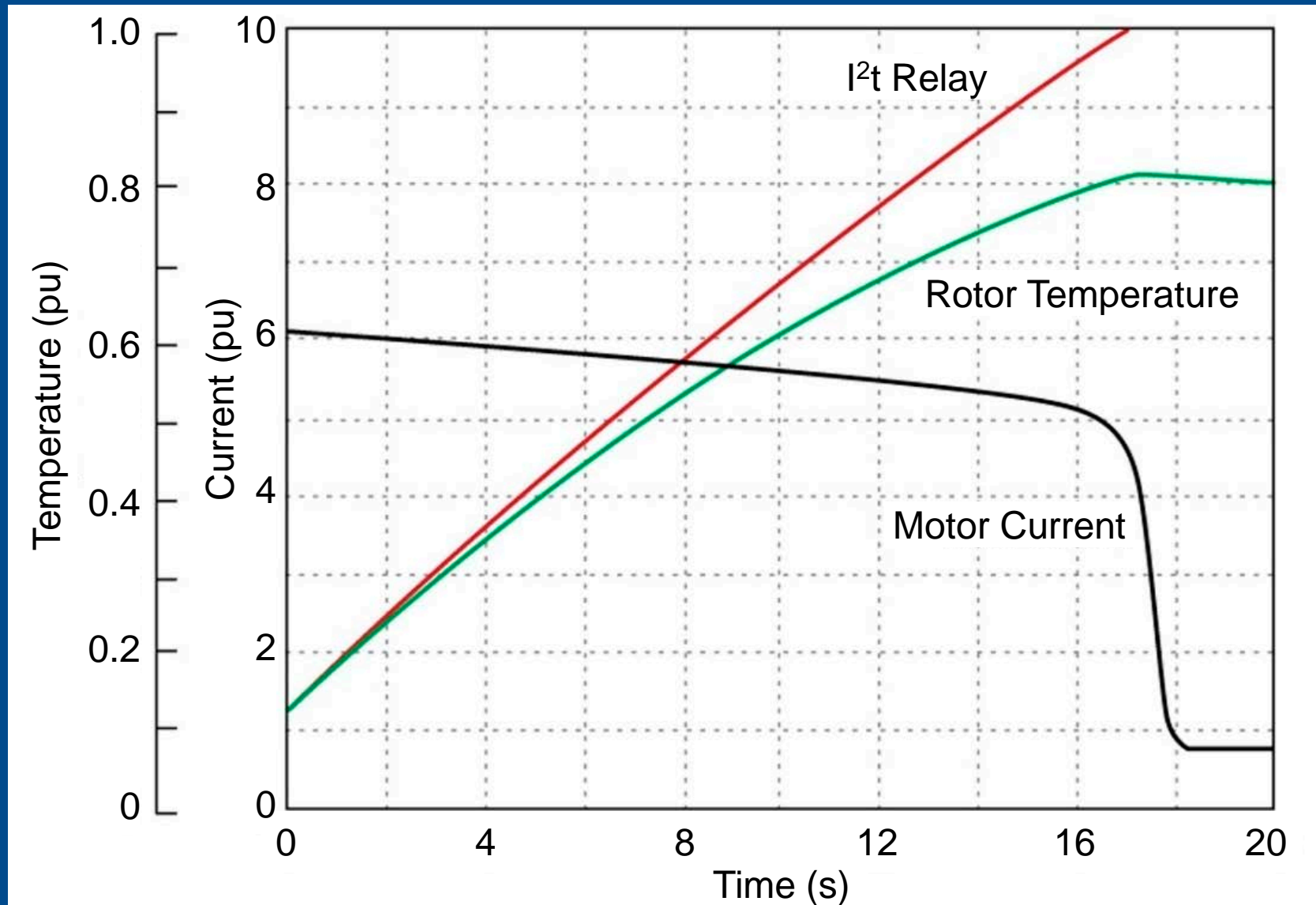
$$R_2(s) = [(R_M - R_N)(2 - S)] + R_N$$



# Motor Current and Rotor Temperature



# Constant Resistance Model Accuracy



# Load-Loss / Load-Jam Protection

- Detects load loss on undercurrent or low power
- Trips for safety if load decouples
- Detects load jam using definite-time overcurrent (armed only when motor is running)

# Frequent Starts

- Repetitive intermittent operation can cause mechanical stressing of stator or rotor end windings
- Microprocessor-based relays provide for fixed time intervals between starts or limit the number of starts per hour

# Frequent Starts or Intermittent Operation

- Starts-per-hour protection limits the number of motor starts in any 60-minute period
- Minimum time between starts prevents immediate restart
- Settings developed using motor data sheet

# Frequent Starts or Intermittent Operation

- Induction motors, initially at ambient, usually allow two successive starts – coasting to reset between starts
- One start occurs with motor initially at operating temperature

# Antibackspin Protection

- Pump motors can spin backward for a short time after motor shutdown
- Restart during backspin period is dangerous (prevent high torque with premature starts)
- Simple lockout delay follows trip

# Synchronous Motor Protection

## Loss of Excitation

- Causes
  - ◆ Operator error
  - ◆ Excitation system failure
  - ◆ Flashover across slip rings
  - ◆ Incorrect tripping of rotor field breaker
- Consequences
  - ◆ Motor operates as induction motor
  - ◆ Motor draws reactive power from system



# Loss-of-Excitation Detection

Elements detect excessive  
VAR flow into the motor

- Impedance
- Power factor
- VAR

# Synchronous Motor Protection

## Loss of Synchronism

- Causes
  - ◆ Excessive load
  - ◆ Reduced supply voltage
  - ◆ Low motor excitation
- Consequences
  - ◆ High current pulses may exceed three-phase faults at motor terminals
  - ◆ Motor operates at different speed
  - ◆ Watts flow out and VAR flows into motor

# Loss-of-Synchronism Detection

- Element usually responds to variation on motor power factor angle or reactive power
- Impedance relays available for loss-of-excitation detection may also detect loss of synchronism

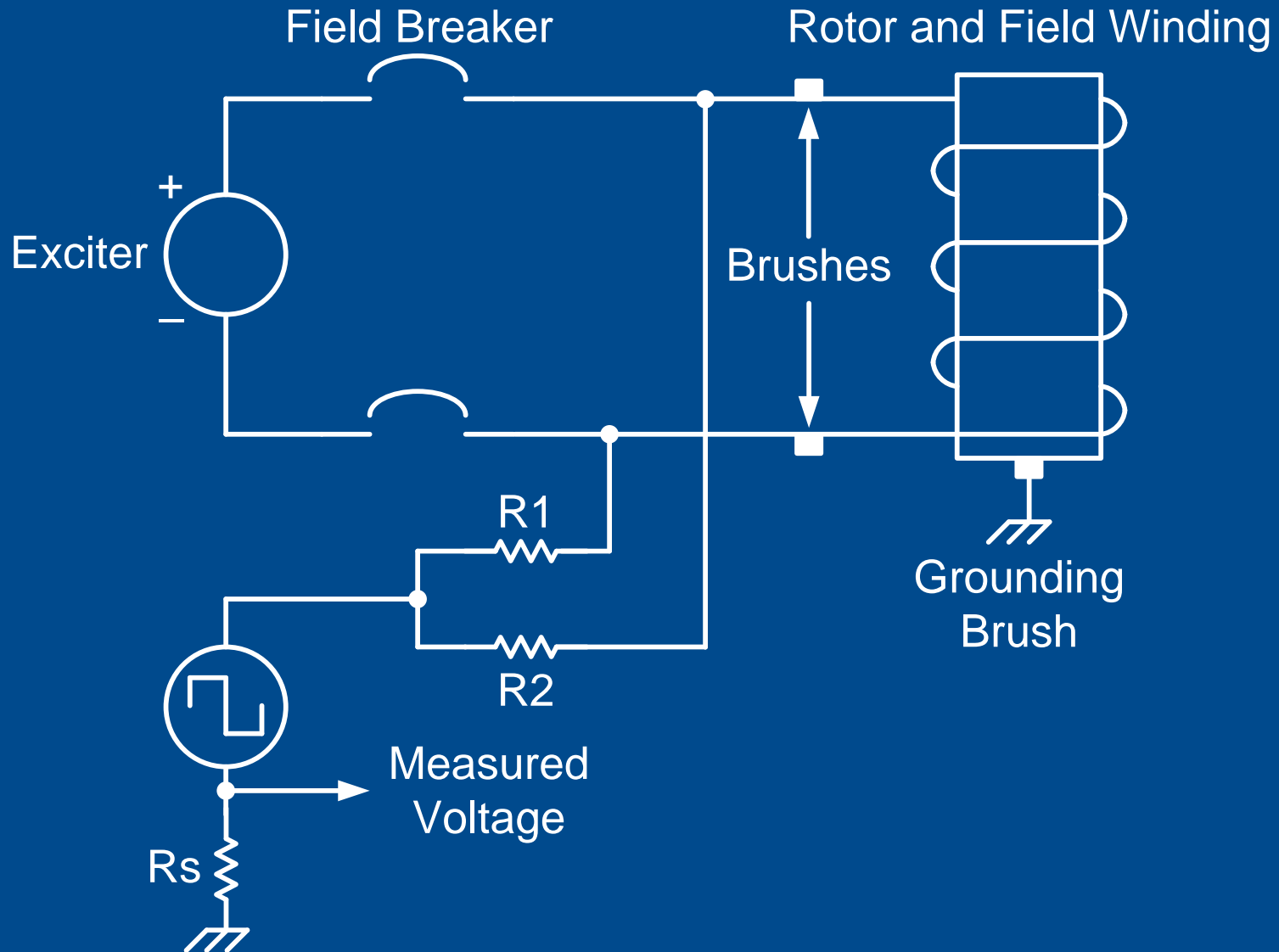
# Importance of Field Ground Detection

- Single point-to-ground fault in field winding circuit does not affect motor operation
- Second point-to-ground fault can cause severe damage to machine
  - ◆ Excessive vibration
  - ◆ Rotor steel and / or copper melting

# Rotor Ground Detection Methods

- Voltage divider
- DC injection
- AC injection
- Switched dc injection

# Switched DC Injection Method



**Questions?**