Practical Applications of the Electromagnetic Transient Simulation Program XTAP







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Power System Simulation Methods





Simulation Project # 1 – Large Power System Simulation Including an HVDC Transmission (Shikoku Electric Power)



Simulation Project # 2 – Design of an MMC HVDC Transmission System (Hokkaido Electric Power)



Source: Kikuma et al., IEEJ Trans. on Power & Energy, Vol. 133, No. 5, pp. 449-456, 2013.

Simulation Project # 3 – Calculation of Zero-Sequence **Circulating Currents in Cables (Kansai Electric Power)**



Multiple-voltage, multiple-circuit underground cable systems have been modeled in XTAP in detail so as to accurately calculate zerosequence circulating currents. The study has solved a problem of a protective-relay malfunction.



Source: Koine, R&D News Kansai, Vol. 468, pp. 2-3, May 2012.

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Simulation Project # 4 – Calculation of Zero-Sequence **Circulating Currents in Cables (Tohoku Electric Power)**

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Two underground cable lines, one is 154 kV and the other is 66 kV, share the same route in a trench. For relay settings related to zero-sequence currents, circulating zerosequence currents I_{0th} due to electromagnetic couplings and impedance imbalance must be assessed precisely. For this purpose, XTAP is used, and the simulation results agree well with corresponding field-tests results.

Simulation Project # 5 Transformer Inrush Currents (Kyushu, Tohoku and Shikoku Electric Power)



The three electric power companies and **CRIEPI** developed a magnetizing circuit model for transformer inrush current simulations. This model is able to reproduce not only inrush transients but also ring-down ones, and the model parameters can easily by obtained by utility engineers.

Source: Yonezawa et al., IEEJ Trans. on Power & Energy, Vol. 134, No. 9, pp. 749-758, 2014.

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Simulation Project #6 Multiphase Flashover of Transmission Lines (Hokuriku, Chugoku, Kyushu and Okinawa Electric Power)



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a: flashover phases obtained by field recording b: flashover phases predicted by the conventional method. c: ac voltages at the instance of the flashover.

The four electric power companies and **CRIEPI** developed a method to predict multiple flashover phases of a transmission line using the statistical simulation function of XTAP. It takes

into account the statistical characteristics of flashover. The developed method, in a statistical sense, predicts multiple flashover phases which cannot be predicted by the conventional deterministic method.

Simulation Project # 7 Studies for the High-Power Testing Laboratory (CRIEPI)



Source: Ohtaka et al., IEEJ Power & Energy Society Meeting, 361, 2012.

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Simulation Project # 8 Protection Relay Settings at Distribution Substations (Hokuriku Electric Power)



For details, see the paper below.





Hokuriku Electric Power carried out studies of protective relay settings at distribution substations using XTAP and the Smart Grid Simulator of CRIEPI in Yokosuka. As a result, a formula to predict the sensitivity of the line-to-ground fault relay used was derived and rationalized the necessary procedures.

Simulation Project 9 – Lightning Protection of Distribution Lines (Chubu Electric Power)



Traditionally, communication wires installed below phase wires are not considered in lightning-protection design of distribution lines. Since the communication wires are equipped with a metallic messenger wire, it also carries part of a lightning current and thus reduces lightning overvoltages. This study first made clear the role of communication wires in the lightning-protection design.

Source: Ishimoto et al., IEEJ Trans. on Power & Energy, Vol. 131, No. 7, pp. 591-601, 2011.

Simulation Project 10 – Interference of an SVR and a PV System (Tohoku Electric Power)



It was reported that an SVR (step voltage regulator) which is operable under reverse power flow interfered with a large PV generation system and failed to detect the substation direction. The cause has been identified by XTAP, and an improved control system of the SVR has been validated using XTAP before installation.

Source: Nagashima et al., IEEJ Trans. on Power & Energy, Vol. 137, No. 2, pp. 154-155, 2017.

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