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- a) contribution of windpower station units to the short-circuit current;
- b) contribution of power station units with full size converters to the short-circuit current;
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## SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENTS IN THREE-PHASE AC SYSTEMS –

### Part 0: Calculation of currents

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60909 is applicable to the calculation of short-circuit currents

- in low-voltage three-phase AC systems, and
- in high-voltage three-phase AC systems,

operating at a nominal frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

Systems at highest voltages of 550 kV and above with long transmission lines need special consideration.

This part of IEC 60909 establishes a general, practicable and concise procedure leading to results which are generally of acceptable accuracy. For this calculation method, an equivalent voltage source at the short-circuit location is introduced. This does not exclude the use of special methods, for example the superposition method, adjusted to particular circumstances, if they give at least the same precision. The superposition method gives the short-circuit current related to the one load flow presupposed. This method, therefore, does not necessarily lead to the maximum short-circuit current.

This part of IEC 60909 deals with the calculation of short-circuit currents in the case of balanced or unbalanced short circuits.

A single line-to-earth fault is beyond the scope of this part of IEC 60909.

For currents during two separate simultaneous single-phase line-to-earth short circuits in an isolated neutral system or a resonance earthed neutral system, see IEC 60909-3.

Short-circuit currents and short-circuit impedances may also be determined by system tests, by measurement on a network analyser, or with a digital computer. In existing low-voltage systems it is possible to determine the short-circuit impedance on the basis of measurements at the location of the prospective short circuit considered.

The calculation of the short-circuit impedance is in general based on the rated data of the electrical equipment and the topological arrangement of the system and has the advantage of being possible both for existing systems and for systems at the planning stage.

In general, two types short-circuit currents, which differ in their magnitude, are considered:

- the maximum short-circuit current which determines the capacity or rating of electrical equipment; and
- the minimum short-circuit current which can be a basis, for example, for the selection of fuses, for the setting of protective devices, and for checking the run-up of motors.

**NOTE** The current in a three-phase short circuit is assumed to be made simultaneously in all poles. Investigations of non-simultaneous short circuits, which may lead to higher aperiodic components of short-circuit current, are beyond the scope of this part of IEC 60909.

This part of IEC 60909 does not cover short-circuit currents deliberately created under controlled conditions (short-circuit testing stations).

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## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-131 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **short circuit**

accidental or intentional conductive path between two or more conductive parts (e.g. three-phase short circuit) forcing the electric potential differences between these conductive parts to be equal or close to zero

#### 3.1.1

##### **line-to-line short circuit**

##### **two-phase short circuit**

accidental or intentional conductive path between two line conductors with or without earth connection

#### 3.1.2

##### **line-to-earth short circuit**

##### **single-phase short circuit**

accidental or intentional conductive path in a solidly earthed neutral system or an impedance earthed neutral system between a line conductor and local earth

### 3.2

#### **short-circuit current**

over-current resulting from a short circuit in an electric system

Note 1 to entry: It is necessary to distinguish between the short-circuit current at the short-circuit location and partial short-circuit currents in the network branches (see Figure 3) at any point of the network.

### 3.3

#### **prospective short-circuit current**

current that would flow if the short circuit were replaced by an ideal connection of negligible impedance without any change of the supply

Note 1 to entry: The current in a three-phase short circuit is assumed to be made simultaneously in all poles. Investigations of non-simultaneous short circuits, which may lead to higher aperiodic components of short-circuit current, are beyond the scope of this part of IEC 60909.

### 3.4

#### **symmetrical short-circuit current**

rms value of the AC symmetrical component of a prospective short-circuit current (see 3.3), the aperiodic component of current, if any, being neglected

### 3.5

#### **initial symmetrical short-circuit current**

$I_k''$

rms value of the AC symmetrical component of a prospective short-circuit current (see 3.3), applicable at the instant of short circuit if the impedance remains at zero-time value

SEE: Figures 1 and 2

### 3.6

#### **initial symmetrical short-circuit power**

$S_k''$

fictitious value determined as a product of the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$  (see 3.5), the nominal system voltage  $U_n$  (see 3.13) and the factor  $\sqrt{3}$ :  $S_k'' = \sqrt{3} \cdot U_n \cdot I_k''$

Note 1 to entry: The initial symmetrical short-circuit power  $S_k''$  is not used for the calculation procedure in this part of IEC 60909. If  $S_k''$  is used in spite of this in connection with short-circuit calculations, for instance to calculate the internal impedance of a network feeder at the connection point Q, then the definition given should be used in the following form:  $S_{kQ}'' = \sqrt{3} \cdot U_{nQ} \cdot I_{kQ}''$  or  $Z_Q = c \cdot U_{nQ}^2 / S_{kQ}''$ .

### 3.7

#### **decaying (aperiodic) component of short-circuit current or DC component**

$i_{DC}$

mean value between the top and bottom envelope of a short-circuit current decaying from an initial value to zero according to Figures 1 and 2

### 3.8

#### **peak short-circuit current**

$i_p$

maximum possible instantaneous value of the prospective short-circuit current

SEE: Figures 1 and 2

Note 1 to entry: Sequential short circuits are not considered.

### 3.9

#### **symmetrical short-circuit breaking current**

$I_b$

rms value of an integral cycle of the symmetrical AC component of the prospective short-circuit current at the instant of contact separation of the first pole to open of a switching device

### 3.10 steady-state short-circuit current

$I_k$   
rms value of the short-circuit current which remains after the decay of the transient phenomena

SEE: Figures 1 and 2

### 3.11 symmetrical locked-rotor current

$I_{LR}$   
symmetrical rms current of an asynchronous motor with locked rotor fed with rated voltage  $U_{rM}$  at rated frequency

### 3.12 equivalent electric circuit

model to describe the behaviour of a circuit by means of a network of ideal elements

### 3.13 nominal system voltage

$U_n$   
voltage (line-to-line) by which a system is designated, and to which certain operating characteristics are referred

Note 1 to entry: Values are given in IEC 60038.

### 3.14 equivalent voltage source

$cU_n / \sqrt{3}$   
voltage of an ideal source applied at the short-circuit location for calculating the short-circuit current according to 5.3.1

Note 1 to entry: This is the only active voltage of the network.

### 3.15 voltage factor

$c$   
ratio between the equivalent voltage source and the nominal system voltage  $U_n$  divided by  $\sqrt{3}$

Note 1 to entry: The values are given in Table 1.

Note 2 to entry: The introduction of a voltage factor  $c$  is necessary for various reasons. These are:

- voltage variations depending on time and place,
- changing of transformer taps,
- neglecting loads and capacitances by calculations according to 5.2,
- the subtransient behaviour of generators and motors.

### 3.16 far-from-generator short circuit

short circuit during which the magnitude of the symmetrical AC component of the prospective short-circuit current remains essentially constant

SEE: Figure 1

### 3.17 near-to-generator short circuit

short circuit during which the magnitude of the symmetrical AC component of the prospective short-circuit current decreases

SEE: Figure 2

Note 1 to entry: A near-to-generator short circuit can be assumed if at least one synchronous machine contributes a prospective initial symmetrical short-circuit current which is more than twice the machine's rated current, or a short circuit to which asynchronous motors contribute more than 5 % of the initial symmetrical short-circuit current without motors.

### **3.18**

#### **short-circuit impedances at the short-circuit location F**

##### **3.18.1**

##### **positive-sequence short-circuit impedance**

$Z_{(1)}$   
<three-phase AC system> impedance of the positive-sequence system as viewed from the short-circuit location

Note 1 to entry: See 5.3.2.

##### **3.18.2**

##### **short-circuit impedance**

$Z_k$   
<three-phase AC system> abbreviated expression for the positive-sequence short-circuit impedance  $Z_{(1)}$  according to 3.18.1 for the calculation of three-phase short-circuit currents

##### **3.18.3**

##### **negative-sequence short-circuit impedance**

$Z_{(2)}$   
<three-phase AC system> impedance of the negative-sequence system as viewed from the short-circuit location

Note 1 to entry: See 5.3.2.

##### **3.18.4**

##### **zero-sequence short-circuit impedance**

$Z_{(0)}$   
<three-phase AC system> impedance of the zero-sequence system as viewed from the short-circuit location (see 5.3.2)

Note 1 to entry: It includes three times the neutral-to-earth impedance  $Z_N$ .

### **3.19**

#### **short-circuit impedances of electrical equipment**

##### **3.19.1**

##### **positive-sequence short-circuit impedance**

$Z_{(1)}$   
<electrical equipment> ratio of the line-to-neutral voltage to the short-circuit current of the corresponding line conductor of electrical equipment when fed by a symmetrical positive-sequence system of voltages

Note 1 to entry: See Clause 6 and IEC TR 60909-4.

Note 2 to entry: The index of symbol  $Z_{(1)}$  may be omitted if there is no possibility of confusion with the negative-sequence and the zero-sequence short-circuit impedances.

##### **3.19.2**

##### **negative-sequence short-circuit impedance**

$Z_{(2)}$   
<electrical equipment> ratio of the line-to-neutral voltage to the short-circuit current of the corresponding line conductor of electrical equipment when fed by a symmetrical negative-sequence system of voltages

Note 1 to entry: See Clause 6 and IEC TR 60909-4.

### 3.19.3 zero-sequence short-circuit impedance

$Z_{(0)}$   
<electrical equipment> ratio of the line-to-earth voltage to the short-circuit current of one line conductor of electrical equipment when fed by an AC voltage source, if the three paralleled line conductors are used for the outgoing current and a fourth line and/or earth as a joint return

Note 1 to entry: See Clause 6 and IEC TR 60909-4.

### 3.20 subtransient reactance

$X_d''$   
effective reactance of a synchronous machine at the moment of short circuit

Note 1 to entry: For the calculation of short-circuit currents the saturated value of  $X_d''$  is taken.

### 3.21 minimum time delay

$t_{\min}$   
shortest time between the beginning of the short-circuit current and the contact separation of the first pole to open of the switching device

Note 1 to entry: The time  $t_{\min}$  is the sum of the shortest possible operating time of a protective relay and the shortest opening time of a circuit-breaker. It does not take into account adjustable time delays of tripping devices.

### 3.22 thermal equivalent short-circuit current

$I_{th}$   
the rms value of a current having the same thermal effect and the same duration as the actual short-circuit current, which may contain a DC component and may subside in time

### 3.23 maximum short-circuit current

$i_{kWD\max}$   
<doubly fed asynchronous generator> instantaneous maximum short-circuit current of a wind power station unit with doubly fed asynchronous generator in case of a three-phase short-circuit at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer

### 3.24 maximum short-circuit current

$I_{kPF\max}$   
<full size converter> maximum steady state current of a power station unit with full size converter in case of a three-phase short-circuit at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer

### 3.25 maximum source current

$I_{skPF}$   
<full size converter, three phase> rms value of the maximum source current of a power station unit with full size converter and current regulation in case of three-phase short circuit at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer

### 3.26 maximum source current

$I_{(1)sk2PF}$   
<full size converter, two phase> rms value of the maximum source current (positive-sequence system) of a power station unit with full size converter and current regulation in case of a line-to-line short circuit or a line-to-line short circuit with earth connection at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer

**3.27****maximum source current** $I_{(1)sk1PF}$ 

<full size converter, single phase> rms value of the maximum source current (positive-sequence system) of a power station unit with full size converter and current regulation in case of a line-to-earth short-circuit at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer

**3.28****impedance of the nodal impedances matrix** $Z_{(1)ii}, Z_{(2)ii}, Z_{(0)ii}$ 

<self-admittance> diagonal elements of the positive-sequence, or negative-sequence or zero-sequence nodal impedance matrix for the short-circuit location  $i$

Note 1 to entry: See Annex B.

**3.29****impedance of the nodal impedances matrix** $Z_{(1)ij}$ 

<mutual admittance> elements of the positive-sequence nodal impedance matrix, where  $i$  is the node of the short circuit and  $j$  the node where the high-voltage side of a power station unit with full size converter is connected

Note 1 to entry: See Annex B.

**4 Symbols, subscripts and superscripts****4.1 General**

The formulas given in this standard are written without specifying units. The symbols represent physical quantities possessing both numerical values and dimensions that are independent of units, provided a consistent unit system is chosen, for example the international system of units (SI). Symbols of complex quantities are underlined, for example  $\underline{Z} = R + jX$ .

**4.2 Symbols**

|                  |                                                                                                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $A$              | Initial value of the DC component $i_{DC}$                                                          |
| $\underline{a}$  | Complex operator                                                                                    |
| $a$              | Ratio between unbalanced short-circuit current and three-phase short-circuit current                |
| $c$              | Voltage factor                                                                                      |
| $U_n / \sqrt{3}$ | Equivalent voltage source (rms)                                                                     |
| $f$              | Frequency (50 Hz or 60 Hz)                                                                          |
| $I_b$            | Symmetrical short-circuit breaking current (rms)                                                    |
| $I_k$            | Steady-state short-circuit current (rms)                                                            |
| $I_{kP}$         | Steady-state short-circuit current at the terminals (poles) of a generator with compound excitation |
| $I_k''$          | Initial symmetrical short-circuit current (rms)                                                     |
| $I_{LR}$         | Symmetrical locked-rotor current of an asynchronous generator or motor                              |
| $I_r$            | Rated current of electrical equipment                                                               |
| $I_{th}$         | Thermal equivalent short-circuit current                                                            |
| $i_{DC}$         | DC component of short-circuit current                                                               |
| $i_p$            | Peak short-circuit current                                                                          |

|                             |                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $K$                         | Correction factor for impedances                                                                                                |
| $m$                         | Factor for the heat effect of the DC component                                                                                  |
| $n$                         | Factor for the heat effect of the AC component                                                                                  |
| $p$                         | Pair of poles of an asynchronous motor                                                                                          |
| $p_G$                       | Range of generator voltage regulation                                                                                           |
| $p_T$                       | Range of transformer voltage adjustment                                                                                         |
| $P_{krT}$                   | Total loss in transformer windings at rated current                                                                             |
| $P_{rM}$                    | Rated active power of an asynchronous motor ( $P_{rM} = S_{rM} \cos(\varphi_{rM}) \eta_{rM}$ )                                  |
| $q$                         | Factor for the calculation of breaking current of asynchronous motors                                                           |
| $q_n$                       | Nominal cross-section                                                                                                           |
| $R$ resp. $r$               | Resistance, absolute respectively relative value                                                                                |
| $R_G$                       | Resistance of a synchronous machine                                                                                             |
| $R_{Gf}$                    | Fictitious resistance of a synchronous machine when calculating $i_p$                                                           |
| $S_k''$                     | Initial symmetrical short-circuit power (see 3.6)                                                                               |
| $S_r$                       | Rated apparent power of electrical equipment                                                                                    |
| $t_{min}$                   | Minimum time delay                                                                                                              |
| $t_r$                       | Rated transformation ratio (tap-changer in main position); $t_r \geq 1$                                                         |
| $T_k$                       | Duration of the short-circuit current                                                                                           |
| $U_m$                       | Highest voltage for equipment, line-to-line (rms)                                                                               |
| $U_n$                       | Nominal system voltage, line-to-line (rms)                                                                                      |
| $U_r$                       | Rated voltage, line-to-line (rms)                                                                                               |
| $u_{kr}$                    | Rated short-circuit voltage of a transformer in per cent                                                                        |
| $u_{kR}$                    | Short-circuit voltage of a short-circuit limiting reactor in per cent                                                           |
| $u_{Rr}$                    | Rated resistive component of the short-circuit voltage of a transformer in per cent                                             |
| $u_{Xr}$                    | Rated reactive component of the short-circuit voltage of a transformer in per cent                                              |
| $U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(0)}$ | Positive-, negative-, zero-sequence voltage                                                                                     |
| $X$ resp. $x$               | Reactance, absolute respectively relative value                                                                                 |
| $X_d$ resp. $X_q$           | Synchronous reactance, direct axis respectively quadrature axis                                                                 |
| $X_{dP}$                    | Fictitious reactance of a generator with compound excitation in the case of steady-state short circuit at the terminals (poles) |
| $X_d''$ resp. $X_q''$       | Saturated subtransient reactance of a synchronous machine, direct axis respectively quadrature axis                             |
| $x_d$                       | Unsaturated synchronous reactance, relative value                                                                               |
| $x_{d \text{ sat}}$         | Saturated synchronous reactance, relative value, reciprocal of the saturated no-load short-circuit ratio                        |
| $Z$ resp. $z$               | Impedance, absolute respectively relative value                                                                                 |
| $Z_k$                       | Short-circuit impedance of a three-phase AC system                                                                              |
| $Z_{(1)}$                   | Positive-sequence short-circuit impedance                                                                                       |
| $Z_{(2)}$                   | Negative-sequence short-circuit impedance                                                                                       |
| $Z_{(0)}$                   | Zero-sequence short-circuit impedance                                                                                           |
| $\eta$                      | Efficiency of asynchronous motors                                                                                               |

|               |                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\kappa$      | Factor for the calculation of the peak short-circuit current                                                                                     |
| $\lambda$     | Factor for the calculation of the steady-state short-circuit current                                                                             |
| $\mu$         | Factor for the calculation of the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current                                                                     |
| $\mu_{WA}$    | Factor for the calculation of the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current of a wind power station unit with asynchronous generator            |
| $\mu_{WD}$    | Factor for the calculation of the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current of a wind power station unit with doubly fed asynchronous generator |
| $\mu_0$       | Absolute permeability of vacuum, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-4}$ H/km                                                                              |
| $\rho$        | Resistivity                                                                                                                                      |
| $\varphi$     | Phase angle                                                                                                                                      |
| $\vartheta_e$ | Conductor temperature at the end of the short circuit                                                                                            |
| 01            | Positive-sequence neutral reference                                                                                                              |
| 02            | Negative-sequence neutral reference                                                                                                              |
| 00            | Zero-sequence neutral reference                                                                                                                  |

### 4.3 Subscripts

|         |                                                                                              |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1)     | Positive-sequence component                                                                  |
| (2)     | Negative-sequence component                                                                  |
| (0)     | Zero-sequence component                                                                      |
| AC      | Alternating current                                                                          |
| DC      | Direct current                                                                               |
| f       | Fictitious                                                                                   |
| k or k3 | Three-phase short circuit (see Figure 3a)                                                    |
| k1      | Line-to-earth short circuit, line-to-neutral short circuit (see Figure 3d)                   |
| k2      | Line-to-line short circuit (see Figure 3b)                                                   |
| k2EL2   | Line-to-line short circuit with earth connection (see Figure 3c)                             |
| k2EL3   | Line-to-line short circuit with earth connection (see Figure 3c)                             |
| kE2E    | Line-to-line short circuit with earth connection (see Figure 3c)                             |
| max     | Maximum                                                                                      |
| min     | Minimum                                                                                      |
| n       | Nominal value                                                                                |
| r       | Rated value                                                                                  |
| s       | Source current                                                                               |
| t       | Transferred value                                                                            |
| AT      | Auxiliary transformer                                                                        |
| B       | Busbar                                                                                       |
| E       | Earth                                                                                        |
| F       | Short-circuit location                                                                       |
| G       | Generator                                                                                    |
| HV      | High-voltage, high-voltage side of a transformer                                             |
| K       | Corrected impedances with the impedance correction factors $K_T$ , $K_G$ , $K_S$ or $K_{TO}$ |
| LV      | Low-voltage, low-voltage side of a transformer                                               |
| L       | Line                                                                                         |

|            |                                                                                                         |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LR         | Locked rotor                                                                                            |
| L1, L2, L3 | Line conductors of a three-phase AC system                                                              |
| M          | Asynchronous motor or group of asynchronous motors                                                      |
| MO         | Without motor                                                                                           |
| MV         | Medium-voltage, medium-voltage side of a transformer                                                    |
| N          | Neutral of a three-phase AC system, star point of a generator or a transformer                          |
| P          | Generator with compound excitation                                                                      |
| PF         | Power station unit with full size converter                                                             |
| PFO        | Without current sources of power station units with full size converters                                |
| PV         | Photovoltaic power station unit                                                                         |
| Q          | Feeder connection point                                                                                 |
| R          | Short-circuit limiting reactor                                                                          |
| S          | Power station unit (generator and unit transformer with on-load tap-changer)                            |
| SO         | Power station unit (generator and unit transformer with constant transformation ratio or off-load taps) |
| T          | Transformer                                                                                             |
| WA         | Wind power station unit with asynchronous generator                                                     |
| WD         | Wind power station unit with doubly fed asynchronous generator                                          |
| WF         | Wind power station unit with full size converter                                                        |

#### 4.4 Superscripts

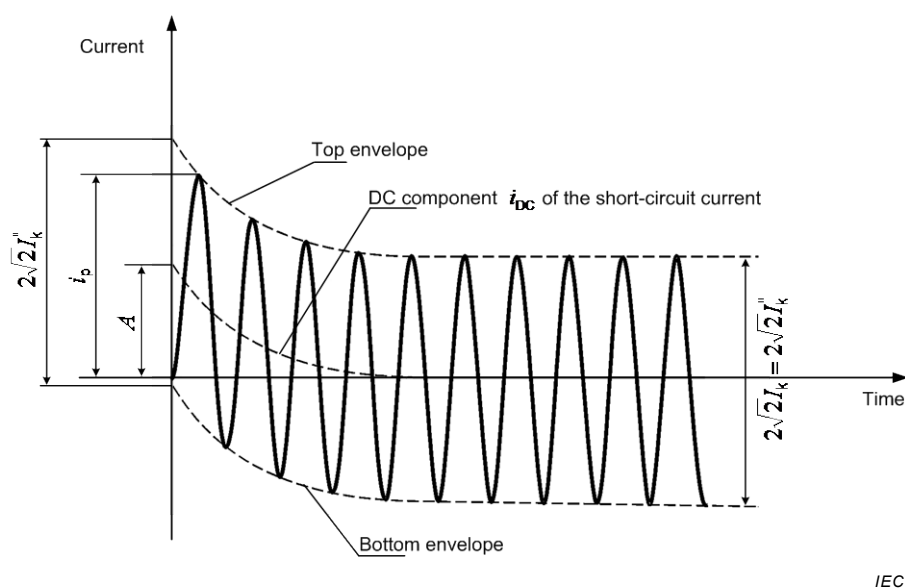
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|---|-----------------------------------------|
| " | Subtransient (initial) value            |
| ' | Resistance or reactance per unit length |
| b | Before the short circuit                |

## 5 Characteristics of short-circuit currents: calculating method

### 5.1 General

A complete calculation of short-circuit currents should give the currents as a function of time at the short-circuit location from the initiation of the short circuit up to its end (see Figures 1 and 2), corresponding to the instantaneous value of the voltage before the short circuit.

NOTE In real networks the short-circuit current can deviate from the current shape of Figures 1 and 2.



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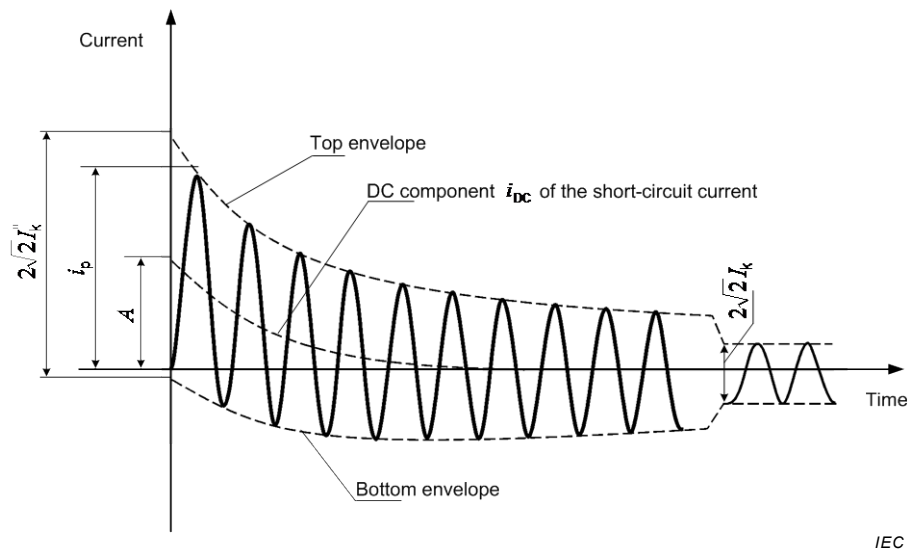
**Key**

- $I_k''$  initial symmetrical short-circuit current
- $i_p$  peak short-circuit current
- $I_k$  steady-state short-circuit current
- $i_{DC}$  DC component of short-circuit current
- $A$  initial value of the DC component  $i_{DC}$

**Figure 1 – Short-circuit current of a far-from-generator short circuit with constant AC component (schematic diagram)**

In most practical cases a determination like this is not necessary. Depending on the application of the results, it is of interest to know the rms value of the symmetrical AC component and the peak value  $i_p$  of the short-circuit current following the occurrence of a short circuit. The highest value  $i_p$  depends on the time constant of the decaying aperiodic component and the frequency  $f$ , that is on the ratio  $R/X$  or  $X/R$  of the short-circuit impedance  $Z_k$ , and is reached if the short circuit starts at zero voltage.  $i_p$  also depends on the decay of the symmetrical AC component of the short-circuit current.

In meshed networks there are several direct-current time constants. That is why it is not possible to give an easy method of calculating  $i_p$  and  $i_{DC}$ . Special methods to calculate  $i_p$  with sufficient accuracy are given in Clause 8.



**Key**

- $I_k''$  initial symmetrical short-circuit current
- $i_p$  peak short-circuit current
- $I_k$  steady-state short-circuit current
- $i_{DC}$  DC component of short-circuit current
- $A$  initial value of the DC component  $i_{DC}$

**Figure 2 – Short-circuit current of a near-to-generator short-circuit with decaying AC component (schematic diagram)**

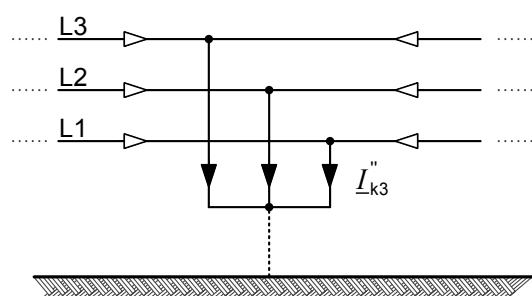


Figure 3a – Three-phase short circuit

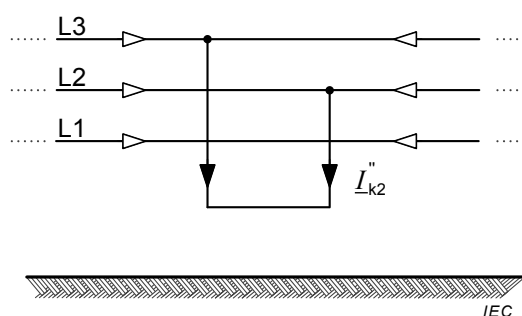


Figure 3b – Line-to-line short circuit

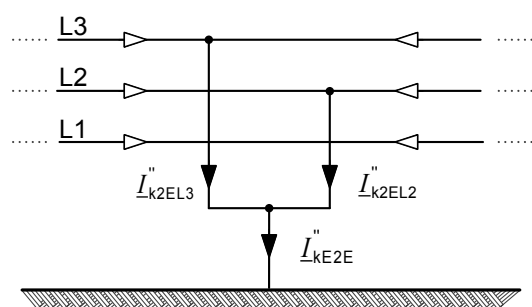


Figure 3c – Line-to-line short circuit with earth connection

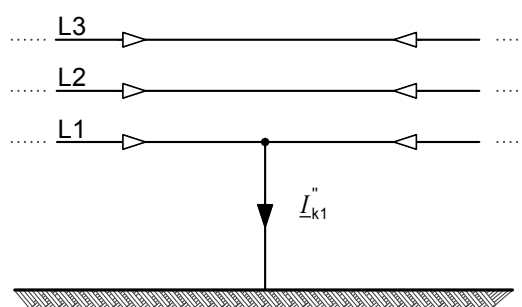


Figure 3d – Line-to-earth short circuit

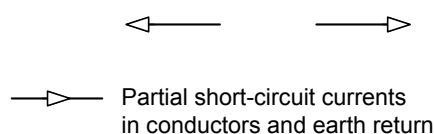
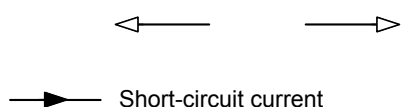


Figure 3 – Characterization of short-circuits and their currents

## 5.2 Calculation assumptions

The calculation of maximum and minimum short-circuit currents is based on the following simplifications.

- For the duration of the short circuit there is no change in the type of short circuit involved, that is, a three-phase short-circuit remains three-phase and a line-to-earth short circuit remains line-to-earth during the time of short circuit.
- For the duration of the short circuit, there is no change in the network involved.
- The impedance of the transformers is referred to the tap-changer in main position.
- Arc resistances are not taken into account.
- Shunt admittances of non-rotating loads shall be neglected in the positive-, the negative- and the zero-sequence system.
- Line capacitances shall be neglected in the positive- and negative-sequence system. Line capacitances in the zero-sequence system shall be taken into account in low-impedance earthed networks having an earth-fault factor (see IEC 60027-1) higher than 1,4.
- Magnetising admittances of transformers shall be neglected in the positive- and negative-sequence system.

Despite these assumptions being not strictly true for the power systems considered, the result of the calculation does fulfil the objective to give results which are generally of acceptable accuracy.

For balanced and unbalanced short-circuits as shown in Figure 3, the short-circuit currents can be calculated by the application of symmetrical components (see 5.3.2).

The impedances of the equipment in superimposed or subordinated networks are to be divided or multiplied by the square of the rated transformation ratio  $t_r$ . Voltages and currents are to be converted only by the rated transformation ratio  $t_r$ . If there are several transformers with slightly differing rated transformation ratios ( $t_{rT1}$ ,  $t_{rT2}$ , ...  $t_{rTn}$ ), in between two systems, the arithmetic mean value can be used.

For per unit or other similar unit systems, no transformation is necessary if these systems are coherent, i.e.  $U_{rTHV}/U_{rTLV} = U_{nHV}/U_{nLV}$  for each transformer in the system with partial short-circuit currents.  $U_{rTHV}/U_{rTLV}$  is normally not equal to  $U_{nHV}/U_{nLV}$  (see IEC TR 60909-2 and the examples given in IEC TR 60909-4).

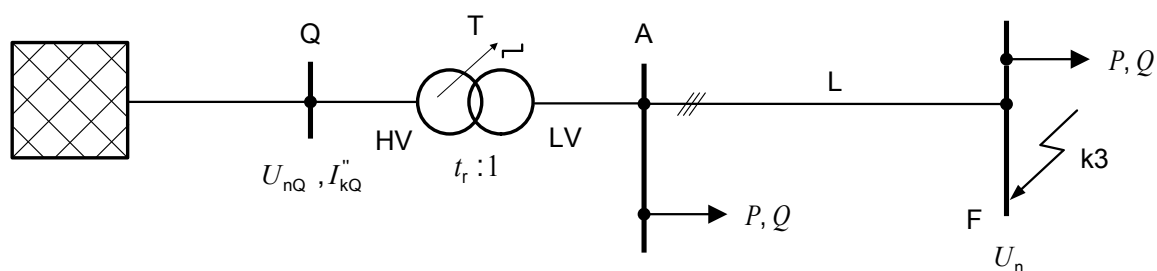
### 5.3 Method of calculation

#### 5.3.1 Equivalent voltage source at the short-circuit location

The method used for calculation is based on the introduction of an equivalent voltage source at the short-circuit location. The equivalent voltage source is the only active voltage of the system. All network feeders, synchronous and asynchronous machines are replaced by their internal impedances (see Clause 6).

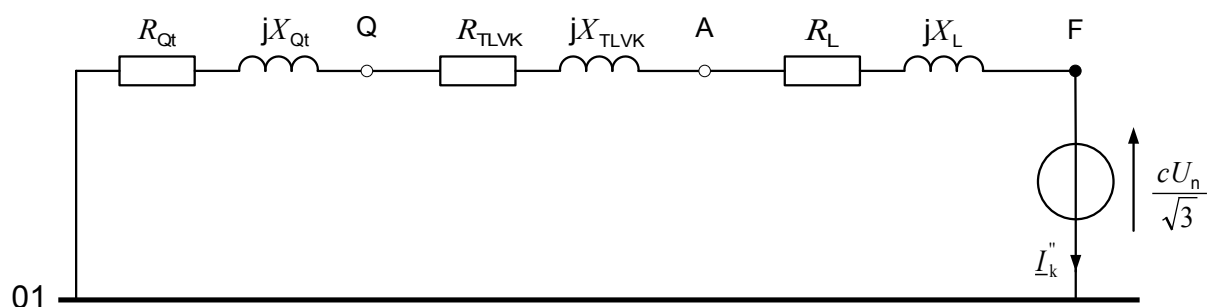
In all cases it is possible to determine the short-circuit current at the short-circuit location F with the help of an equivalent voltage source. Operational data and the load of consumers, tap-changer position of transformers, excitation of generators, and so on, are dispensable; additional calculations about all the different possible load flows at the moment of short-circuit are superfluous.

Figure 4 shows an example of the equivalent voltage source at the short-circuit location F as the only active voltage of the system fed by a transformer without or with on-load tap-changer. All other active voltages in the system are short-circuited. Thus the network feeder in Figure 4a is represented by its internal impedance  $Z_{Qt}$  transferred to the LV-side of the transformer (see 6.2) and the transformer by its impedance referred to the LV-side (see 6.3). The shunt admittances of the line, of the transformer and of the non-rotating loads are not considered in accordance with 5.2 e) to g).



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Figure 4a – System diagram



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Figure 4b – Equivalent circuit diagram of the positive-sequence system

NOTE The index (1) for the impedances of the positive-sequence system is omitted. 01 marks the positive-sequence neutral reference. The impedances of the network feeder and the transformer are converted to the LV-side and the last one is also corrected with  $K_T$  (see 6.3.3).

**Figure 4 – Illustration for calculating the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$  in compliance with the procedure for the equivalent voltage source**

If there are no national standards, it seems adequate to choose a voltage factor  $c$  according to Table 1, considering that the highest voltage in a normal (undisturbed) system does not differ, on average, by more than approximately +5 % (some LV systems) or +10 % (some HV systems) from the nominal system voltage  $U_n$ .

**Table 1 – Voltage factor  $c$** 

| Nominal system voltage<br>$U_n$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Voltage factor $c$ for the calculation of      |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | maximum short-circuit currents<br>$c_{\max}^a$ | minimum short-circuit currents<br>$c_{\min}$ |
| Low voltage<br>100 V to 1 000 V<br>(IEC 60038:2009, Table 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,05 <sup>c</sup><br>1,10 <sup>d</sup>         | 0,95 <sup>c</sup><br>0,90 <sup>d</sup>       |
| High voltage <sup>b</sup><br>>1 kV to 230 kV<br>(IEC 60038:2009, Tables 3, 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1,10                                           | 1,00                                         |
| High voltage <sup>b, e</sup><br>> 230 kV<br>(IEC 60038:2009, Table 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1,10                                           | 1,00                                         |
| <sup>a</sup> $c_{\max} U_n$ should not exceed the highest voltage $U_m$ for equipment of power systems.<br><sup>b</sup> If no nominal system voltage is defined $c_{\max} U_n = U_m$ or $c_{\min} U_n = 0,90 \cdot U_m$ should be applied.<br><sup>c</sup> For low-voltage systems with a tolerance of $\pm 6\%$ , for example systems renamed from 380 V to 400 V.<br><sup>d</sup> For low-voltage systems with a tolerance of $\pm 10\%$ .<br><sup>e</sup> For nominal system voltages related to $U_m > 420$ kV, the voltage factors $c$ are not defined in this standard. |                                                |                                              |

### 5.3.2 Symmetrical components

In three-phase AC systems the calculation of the current values resulting from balanced and unbalanced short circuits is simplified by the use of symmetrical components. This postulates that the electrical equipment has a balanced structure, for example in the case of transposed overhead lines. The results of the short-circuit current calculation have an acceptable accuracy also in the case of untransposed overhead lines.

Using this method, the currents in each line conductor are found by superposing the currents of the three symmetrical component systems:

- positive-sequence current  $\underline{I}_{(1)}$ ;
- negative-sequence current  $\underline{I}_{(2)}$ ;
- zero-sequence current  $\underline{I}_{(0)}$ .

Taking the line conductor L1 as reference, the currents  $\underline{I}_{L1}$ ,  $\underline{I}_{L2}$ , and  $\underline{I}_{L3}$  are given by

$$\underline{I}_{L1} = \underline{I}_{(1)} + \underline{I}_{(2)} + \underline{I}_{(0)} \quad (1)$$

$$\underline{I}_{L2} = \underline{a}^2 \cdot \underline{I}_{(1)} + \underline{a} \cdot \underline{I}_{(2)} + \underline{I}_{(0)} \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{I}_{L3} = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{I}_{(1)} + \underline{a}^2 \cdot \underline{I}_{(2)} + \underline{I}_{(0)} \quad (3)$$

with  $\underline{a} = -\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$      $\underline{a}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$

Each of the three symmetrical component systems has its own impedance.

The following types of unbalanced short-circuits are treated in this standard.

- line-to-line short-circuit (see Figure 3b),
- line-to-line short-circuit with earth connection (see Figure 3c),
- line-to-earth short-circuit (see Figure 3d).

For the purpose of this standard, one has to make a distinction between short-circuit impedances at the short-circuit location F and the short-circuit impedances of individual electrical equipment.

The values of positive-sequence and negative-sequence impedances can differ from each other in the case of rotating machines and power station units with full size converter.

Except for special cases, the zero-sequence short-circuit impedances at the short-circuit location differ from the positive-sequence and negative-sequence short-circuit impedances.

NOTE See IEC 62428.

## 6 Short-circuit impedances of electrical equipment

### 6.1 General

In network feeders, transformers, overhead lines, cables and reactors, positive-sequence and negative-sequence short-circuit impedances are equal:  $Z_{(2)} = Z_{(1)}$ .

The impedances of generators (G), network transformers (T) and power station units (S) respectively (SO) shall be multiplied with the impedance correction factors  $K_G$ ,  $K_T$  and  $K_S$  or  $K_{SO}$  when calculating maximum short-circuit currents with the equivalent voltage source at the short-circuit location according to this standard.

NOTE Examples for the introduction of impedance correction factors are given in IEC TR 60909-4.

### 6.2 Network feeders

If a three-phase short circuit in accordance with Figure 5a is fed from a network in which only the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_{kQ}''$  at the feeder connection point Q is known, then the equivalent impedance  $Z_Q$  of the network (positive-sequence short-circuit impedance) at the feeder connection point Q should be determined by:

$$Z_Q = \frac{c \cdot U_{nQ}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot I_{kQ}''} \quad (4)$$

If  $R_Q/X_Q$  is known, then  $X_Q$  has to be calculated as follows:

$$X_Q = \frac{Z_Q}{\sqrt{1 + (R_Q / X_Q)^2}} \quad (5)$$

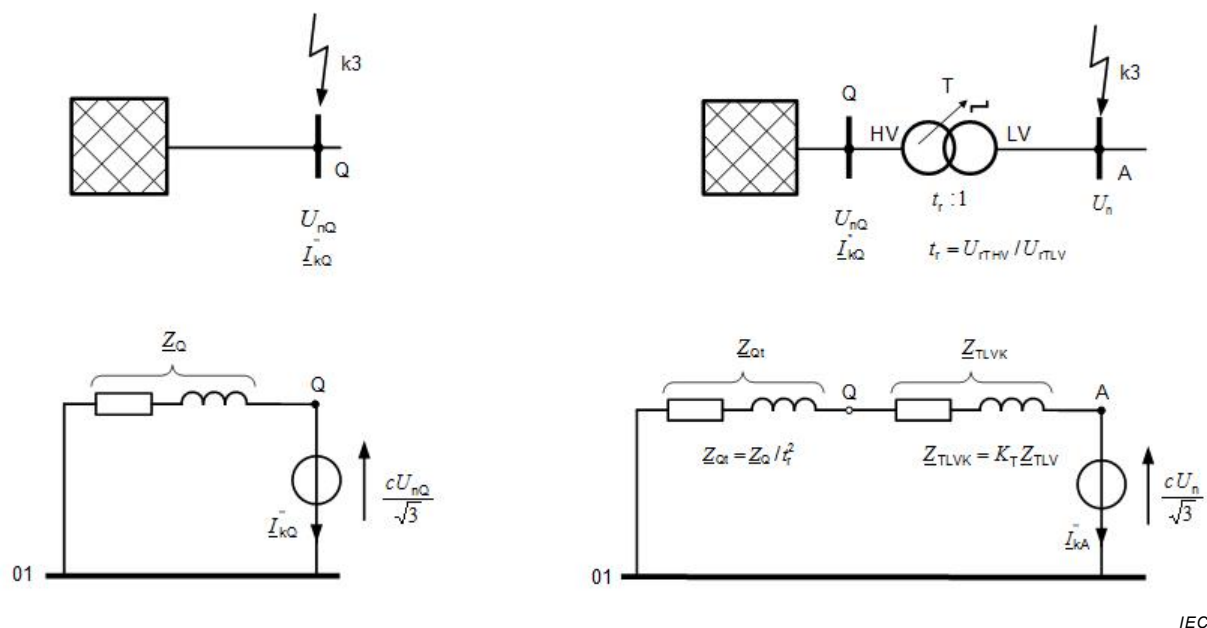


Figure 5a – Without transformer

Fig. 5b – With transformer

Figure 5 – System diagram and equivalent circuit diagram for network feeders

If a short circuit in accordance with Figure 5b is fed by a transformer from a high-voltage network in which only the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_{kQ}''$  at the feeder connection point Q is known, then the positive-sequence equivalent short-circuit impedance  $Z_{Qt}$  referred to the low-voltage side of the transformer is to be determined by:

$$Z_{Qt} = \frac{c \cdot U_{nQ}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot I_{kQ}''} \cdot \frac{1}{t_r^2} \quad (6)$$

where

$U_{nQ}$  is the nominal system voltage at the feeder connection point Q;

$I_{kQ}''$  is the initial symmetrical short-circuit current at the feeder connection point Q;

$c$  is the voltage factor (see Table 1) for the nominal system voltage  $U_n$ ;

$t_r$  is the rated transformation ratio at which the on-load tap-changer is in the main position.

In the case of high-voltage feeders with nominal voltages above 35 kV fed by overhead lines, the equivalent impedance  $Z_Q$  may in many cases be considered as a reactance, i.e.  $Z_Q = 0 + jX_Q$ . In other cases, if no accurate value is known for the resistance  $R_Q$  of network feeders, one may substitute  $R_Q = 0,1 X_Q$  where  $X_Q = 0,995 Z_Q$ . The resistance has to be considered, if the peak short-circuit current  $i_p$  or the DC-component  $i_{DC}$  is to be calculated.

The initial symmetrical short-circuit currents  $I_{kQmax}''$  and  $I_{kQmin}''$  on the high-voltage side of the transformer shall be given by the supply company or by an adequate calculation according to this standard.

In special cases the zero-sequence equivalent short-circuit impedance of network feeders may need to be considered, depending on the winding configuration and the star point earthing of the transformer.

NOTE See for instance items 6 and 8 in Table 1 of IEC TR 60909-4:2000.

## 6.3 Transformers

### 6.3.1 Two-winding transformers

The positive-sequence short-circuit impedances of two-winding transformers  $\underline{Z}_T = R_T + jX_T$  with and without on-load tap-changer can be calculated from the rated transformer data as follows:

$$Z_T = \frac{u_{kr}}{100 \%} \cdot \frac{U_{rT}^2}{S_{rT}} \quad (7)$$

$$R_T = \frac{u_{Rr}}{100 \%} \cdot \frac{U_{rT}^2}{S_{rT}} = \frac{P_{krT}}{3 \cdot I_{rT}^2} \quad (8)$$

$$X_T = \sqrt{Z_T^2 - R_T^2} \quad (9)$$

where

$U_{rT}$  is the rated voltage of the transformer on the high-voltage or low-voltage side;

$I_{rT}$  is the rated current of the transformer on the high-voltage or low-voltage side;

$S_{rT}$  is the rated apparent power of the transformer;

$P_{krT}$  is the total loss of the transformer in the windings at rated current;

$u_{kr}$  is the short-circuit voltage at rated current in per cent;

$u_{Rr}$  is the rated resistive component of the short-circuit voltage in per cent.

The resistive component  $u_{Rr}$  can be calculated from the total losses  $P_{krT}$  in the windings at the rated current  $I_{rT}$ , both referred to the same transformer side (see Formula (8)).

The ratio  $R_T/X_T$  generally decreases with transformer size. For large transformers the resistance is so small that the impedance may be assumed to consist only of reactance when calculating short-circuit currents. The resistance is to be considered if the peak short-circuit current  $i_p$  or the DC component  $i_{DC}$  is to be calculated.

The necessary data for the calculation of  $\underline{Z}_T = R_T + jX_T = \underline{Z}_{(1)} = \underline{Z}_{(2)}$  may be taken from the rating plate. The zero-sequence short-circuit impedance  $\underline{Z}_{(0)T} = R_{(0)T} + jX_{(0)T}$  may be obtained from the rating plate or from the manufacturer.

NOTE Actual data for two-winding transformers used as network transformers or in power stations are given in IEC TR 60909-2. Zero-sequence impedance arrangements for the calculation of unbalanced short-circuit currents are given in IEC TR 60909-4.

### 6.3.2 Three-winding transformers

In the case of three-winding transformers, the positive-sequence short-circuit impedances  $\underline{Z}_A$ ,  $\underline{Z}_B$ , and  $\underline{Z}_C$  referring to Figure 6 can be calculated by the three short-circuit impedances (referred to side A of the transformer):

$$\underline{Z}_{AB} = \left( \frac{u_{RrAB}}{100 \%} + j \frac{u_{XrAB}}{100 \%} \right) \cdot \frac{U_{rTA}^2}{S_{rTAB}} \quad (\text{side C open}) \quad (10a)$$

$$\underline{Z}_{AC} = \left( \frac{u_{RrAC}}{100 \%} + j \frac{u_{XrAC}}{100 \%} \right) \cdot \frac{U_{rTA}^2}{S_{rTAC}} \quad (\text{side B open}) \quad (10b)$$

$$\underline{Z}_{BC} = \left( \frac{u_{RrBC}}{100 \%} + j \frac{u_{XrBC}}{100 \%} \right) \cdot \frac{U_{rTA}^2}{S_{rTBC}} \quad (\text{side A open}) \quad (10c)$$

with

$$u_{Xr} = \sqrt{u_{kr}^2 - u_{Rr}^2} \quad (10d)$$

by the formulas

$$\underline{Z}_A = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{Z}_{AB} + \underline{Z}_{AC} - \underline{Z}_{BC}) \quad (11a)$$

$$\underline{Z}_B = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{Z}_{BC} + \underline{Z}_{AB} - \underline{Z}_{AC}) \quad (11b)$$

$$\underline{Z}_C = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{Z}_{AC} + \underline{Z}_{BC} - \underline{Z}_{AB}) \quad (11c)$$

where

|                      |                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $U_{rTA}$            | is the rated voltage of side A;                                                                                        |
| $S_{rTAB}$           | is the rated apparent power between sides A and B;                                                                     |
| $S_{rTAC}$           | is the rated apparent power between sides A and C;                                                                     |
| $S_{rTBC}$           | is the rated apparent power between sides B and C;                                                                     |
| $u_{RrAB}, u_{XrAB}$ | are the rated resistive and reactive components of the short-circuit voltage, given in per cent between sides A and B; |
| $u_{RrAC}, u_{XrAC}$ | are the rated resistive and reactive components of the short-circuit voltage, given in per cent between sides A and C; |
| $u_{RrBC}, u_{XrBC}$ | are the rated resistive and reactive components of the short-circuit voltage, given in per cent between sides B and C. |

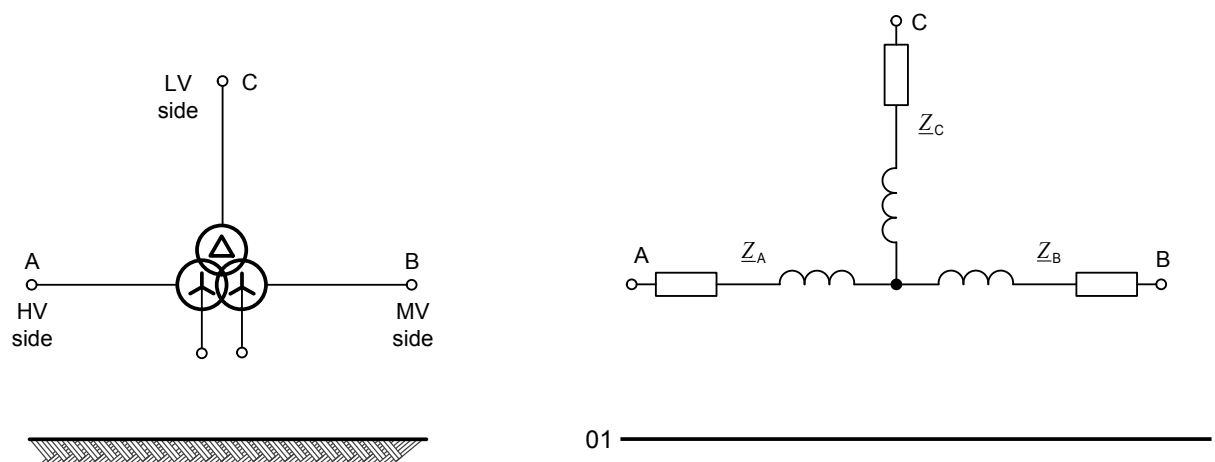


Figure 6a – Denotation of winding connections

Figure 6b – Equivalent circuit diagram  
(positive-sequence system)

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**Figure 6 – Three-winding transformer (example)**

The zero-sequence impedances of three-winding transformers may be obtained from the manufacturer.

NOTE Examples for the impedances of three-winding transformers are given in IEC TR 60909-2. Additional information can be found in IEC TR 60909-4.

### 6.3.3 Impedance correction factors for two- and three-winding network transformers

A network transformer is a transformer connecting two or more networks at different voltages. The impedance correction factors shall be applied when calculating maximum short-circuit currents only. In case of unbalanced short-circuits the impedance correction factors shall be applied also to the negative-sequence and the zero-sequence impedances.

For two-winding network transformers with and without on-load tap-changer, an impedance correction factor  $K_T$  is to be introduced in addition to the impedance evaluated according to Formulas (7) to (9):  $Z_{TK} = K_T Z_T$  where  $Z_T = R_T + jX_T$ .

$$K_T = 0,95 \cdot \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + 0,6 \cdot x_T} \quad (12a)$$

where  $x_T$  is the relative reactance of the transformer  $x_T = X_T / (U_{rT}^2 / S_{rT})$  and  $c_{\max}$  from Table 1 is related to the nominal voltage of the network connected to the low-voltage side of the network transformer. This correction factor shall not be introduced for unit transformers of power station units (see 6.7), and of wind power station units (see 6.8).

If the long-term operating conditions of network transformers before the short-circuit are known for sure, then Formula (12b) may be used instead of Formula (12a).

$$K_T = \frac{U_n}{U^b} \cdot \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + x_T \cdot \left( I_T^b / I_{rT} \right) \cdot \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \varphi_T^b}} \quad (12b)$$

where

$c_{\max}$  is the voltage factor from Table 1, related to the nominal voltage of the network connected to the low-voltage side of the network transformer;

$$x_T = X_T / (U_{rT}^2 / S_{rT});$$

$U^b$  is the highest operating voltage before short circuit;

$I_T^b$  is the highest operating current before short circuit (this depends on network configuration and relevant reliability philosophy);

$\cos \varphi_T^b$  is the power factor of the transformer before short circuit.

For three-winding network transformers with and without on-load tap-changer, three impedance correction factors can be found using the relative values of the reactances of the transformer (see 6.3.2):

$$K_{TAB} = 0,95 \cdot \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + 0,6 \cdot x_{TAB}} \quad (13a)$$

$$K_{TAC} = 0,95 \cdot \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + 0,6 \cdot x_{TAC}} \quad (13b)$$

$$K_{TBC} = 0,95 \cdot \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + 0,6 \cdot x_{TBC}} \quad (13c)$$

Together with the impedances  $\underline{Z}_{AB}$ ,  $\underline{Z}_{AC}$  and  $\underline{Z}_{BC}$  according to Formula (10), the corrected values  $\underline{Z}_{ABK} = K_{TAB} \underline{Z}_{AB}$ ,  $\underline{Z}_{ACK} = K_{TAC} \underline{Z}_{AC}$  and  $\underline{Z}_{BCK} = K_{TBC} \underline{Z}_{BC}$  can be found. With these impedances the corrected equivalent impedances  $\underline{Z}_{AK}$ ,  $\underline{Z}_{BK}$  and  $\underline{Z}_{CK}$  shall be calculated using the procedure given in Formula (11).

The three impedance correction factors given in Formula (13) shall be introduced also to the negative-sequence and to the zero-sequence systems.

Impedances between a star point and earth shall be introduced without correction factor.

NOTE Equivalent circuits of the positive-sequence and the zero-sequence system are given in IEC TR 60909-4:2000, Table 1, items 4 to 7 for different cases of star point earthing. In general the impedances  $\underline{Z}_{(0)A}$ ,  $\underline{Z}_{(0)B}$  or  $\underline{Z}_{(0)C}$  are similar to  $\underline{Z}_{(1)A}$ ,  $\underline{Z}_{(1)B}$  or  $\underline{Z}_{(1)C}$ . An example for the introduction of the correction factors of Formula (13) to the positive-sequence and the zero-sequence system impedances of the equivalent circuits is given in 2.2 of IEC TR 60909-4:2000.

If in special cases, for instance in the case of auto-transformers with on-load tap-changer, the short-circuit voltages of transformers  $u_{k+}$  at the position  $+p_T$  and  $u_{k-}$  at the position  $-p_T$  (see IEC TR 60909-2) both are considerably higher than the value  $u_{kr}$ , it may be unnecessary to introduce impedance correction factors  $K_T$ .

## 6.4 Overhead lines and cables

The positive-sequence short-circuit impedance  $\underline{Z}_L = R_L + jX_L$  may be calculated from the conductor data, such as the cross-sections and the centre-distances of the conductors.

For measurement of the positive-sequence short-circuit impedance  $\underline{Z}_L$  and the zero-sequence short-circuit impedance  $\underline{Z}_{(0)L} = R_{(0)L} + jX_{(0)L}$ , see IEC TR 60909-4. Sometimes it is possible to estimate the zero-sequence short-circuit impedances with the ratios  $R_{(0)L}/R_L$  and  $X_{(0)L}/X_L$  (see IEC TR 60909-2).

The impedances  $\underline{Z}_L$  and  $\underline{Z}_{(0)L}$  of low-voltage and high-voltage cables may be taken from IEC TR 60909-2 or from textbooks or manufacturer's data.

For higher temperatures than 20 °C, see Formula (32).

The effective resistance per unit length  $R'_L$  of overhead lines at the conductor temperature 20 °C may be calculated from the nominal cross-section  $q_n$  and the resistivity  $\rho$ :

$$R'_L = \frac{\rho}{q_n} \quad (14)$$

The following values for resistivity may be used:

Copper  $\rho = \frac{1}{54} \frac{\Omega \text{mm}^2}{\text{m}}$

Aluminium  $\rho = \frac{1}{34} \frac{\Omega \text{mm}^2}{\text{m}}$

Aluminium alloy  $\rho = \frac{1}{31} \frac{\Omega \text{mm}^2}{\text{m}}$

The reactance per unit length  $X'_L$  for overhead lines may be calculated, assuming transposition, from:

$$X'_L = \omega \cdot \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{4n} + \ln \frac{d}{r} \right) \quad (15)$$

where

$d$  is the geometric mean distance between conductors, or the centre of bundles:

$$d = \sqrt[3]{d_{L1L2} \cdot d_{L2L3} \cdot d_{L3L1}};$$

$r$  is the radius of a single conductor. In the case of conductor bundles,  $r$  is to be substituted by  $r_B = \sqrt[n]{nrR^{n-1}}$ , where  $R$  is the bundle radius (see IEC TR 60909-2);

$n$  is the number of bundled conductors; for single conductors  $n = 1$ ;

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ H/km.}$$

## 6.5 Short-circuit current-limiting reactors

The positive-sequence, the negative-sequence, and the zero-sequence short-circuit impedances are equal, assuming geometric symmetry. Short-circuit current-limiting reactors shall be treated as a part of the short-circuit impedance.

$$Z_R = \frac{u_{kR}}{100\%} \cdot \frac{U_n}{\sqrt{3} \cdot I_{rR}} \text{ and } R_R \ll X_R \quad (16)$$

where

$u_{kR}$  and  $I_{rR}$  are given on the rating plate;

$U_n$  is the nominal system voltage.

## 6.6 Synchronous machines

### 6.6.1 Synchronous generators

When calculating maximum initial symmetrical short-circuit currents in systems fed directly from generators without unit transformers, for example in industrial networks or in low-voltage networks, the following impedance shall be used in the positive-sequence system:

$$\underline{Z}_{GK} = K_G \cdot \underline{Z}_G = K_G \cdot (R_G + jX_d'') \quad (17)$$

with the correction factor

$$K_G = \frac{U_n}{U_{rG}} \cdot \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + x_d'' \cdot \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \varphi_{rG}}} \quad (18)$$

where

$\underline{Z}_{GK}$  is the corrected subtransient impedance of the generator;

$c_{\max}$  is the voltage factor according to Table 1;

$U_n$  is the nominal system voltage;

$U_{rG}$  is the rated voltage of the generator;

$R_G$  is the resistance of the generator;

$X_d''$  is the saturated subtransient reactance of the generator;

$\underline{Z}_G$  is the subtransient impedance of the generator in the positive-sequence system;

$\cos \varphi_{rG}$  is the power factor of the generator under rated conditions;

$x_d''$  is the relative saturated subtransient reactance of the generator related to the rated impedance:  $x_d'' = X_d'' / Z_{rG}$  where  $Z_{rG} = U_{rG}^2 / S_{rG}$ .

If the terminal voltage of the generator is permanently different from  $U_{rG}$ , it may be necessary to introduce  $U_G = U_{rG} (1 + p_G)$  instead of  $U_{rG}$  to Formula (18), when calculating maximum three-phase short-circuit currents.

For the short-circuit impedances of synchronous generators in the negative-sequence system, the following applies with  $K_G$  from Formula (18):

$$\underline{Z}_{(2)GK} = K_G \cdot \underline{Z}_{(2)G} = K_G \cdot (R_{(2)G} + jX_{(2)G}) \quad (19)$$

with  $X_{(2)G} = (X_d'' + X_q'') / 2$

If  $X_q''$  is not known, it is allowed to take  $X_{(2)G} = X_d''$ .

For the short-circuit impedance of synchronous generators in the zero-sequence system, the following applies with  $K_G$  from Formula (18):

$$\underline{Z}_{(0)GK} = K_G \cdot \underline{Z}_{(0)G} = K_G \cdot (R_{(0)G} + jX_{(0)G}) \quad (20)$$

If an impedance is present between the neutral point of the generator and earth, the correction factor  $K_G$  shall not be applied to this impedance.

When calculating the minimum short-circuit current use  $K_G = 1$ .

The need for the calculations of minimum short-circuit currents may arise because of underexcited operation of generators (low-load condition in cable systems or in systems including long overhead lines, hydro pumping stations). In this case special considerations beyond the scope and procedure given in this standard have to be taken into account (see for instance 2.2.1 of IEC TR 60909-1:2002).

## 6.6.2 Synchronous compensators and motors

When calculating the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$ , the peak short-circuit current  $i_p$ , the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current  $I_b$ , and the steady-state short-circuit current  $I_k$ , synchronous compensators are treated in the same way as synchronous generators.

If synchronous motors have a voltage regulation, they are treated like synchronous generators. If not, they are subject to additional considerations.

## 6.7 Power station units

### 6.7.1 Power station units with on-load tap-changer

For the calculation of maximum short-circuit currents of power station units (S) with on-load tap-changer, the following formula for the impedance of the whole power station unit is used for short circuits on the high-voltage side of the unit transformer (see Figure 8c):

$$\underline{Z}_{SK} = K_S \cdot (t_r^2 \cdot \underline{Z}_G + \underline{Z}_{THV}) \quad (21)$$

with the correction factor

$$K_S = \frac{U_{nQ}^2}{U_{rG}^2} \cdot \frac{U_{rTLV}^2}{U_{rTHV}^2} \cdot \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + |x_d'' - x_T| \cdot \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \varphi_{rG}}} \quad (22)$$

where

$\underline{Z}_{SK}$  is the corrected impedance of a power station unit with on-load tap-changer referred to the high-voltage side;

$\underline{Z}_G$  is the subtransient impedance of the generator  $\underline{Z}_G = R_G + jX_d''$ , see 6.6.1;

$\underline{Z}_{THV}$  is the impedance of the unit transformer related to the high-voltage side (without correction factor  $K_T$ );

$U_{nQ}$  is the nominal system voltage at the feeder connection point Q of the power station unit;

$U_{rG}$  is the rated voltage of the generator;

$\cos \varphi_{rG}$  is the power factor of the generator under rated conditions;

$x_d''$  is the relative saturated subtransient reactance of the generator related to the rated impedance:  $x_d'' = X_d'' / Z_{rG}$  where  $Z_{rG} = U_{rG}^2 / S_{rG}$ ;

$x_T$  is the relative saturated reactance of the unit transformer at the main position of the on-load tap-changer:  $x_T = X_T / (U_{rT}^2 / S_{rT})$ ;

$t_r$  is the rated transformation ratio of the unit transformer:  $t_r = U_{rTHV} / U_{rTLV}$ .

When calculating the minimum short-circuit current, use  $K_S = 1$ .

If the minimum operating voltage  $U_{Qmin}^b \geq U_{nQ}$  at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer of the power station unit is well established from long-term operating experience of the system, then the product  $U_{nQ} \cdot U_{Qmin}^b$  may be used instead of  $U_{nQ}^2$  in Formula (22).

It is assumed that the operating voltage at the terminals of the generator is equal to  $U_{rG}$ . If the voltage  $U_G$  is permanently higher than  $U_{rG}$ , then  $U_{Gmax} = U_{rG} (1+p_G)$  should be introduced instead of  $U_{rG}$ , with, for instance,  $p_G = 0,05$ .

If underexcited operation of the power station unit is expected at some time (for instance to a large extent especially in pumped storage plants), then only when calculating unbalanced short-circuit currents with earth connection (see Figures 3c and 3d) the application of  $K_S$  according to Formula (22) may lead to results at the non-conservative side. Special considerations are necessary in this case, for instance with the superposition method.

When calculating the partial short-circuit current  $I''_{kS}$  at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer or the total short-circuit current at the short-circuit location on the high-voltage side of a power station unit, it is not necessary to take into account the contribution to the short circuit  $I''_{kS}$  of the motors connected to the auxiliary transformer.

NOTE IEC TR 60909-4 provides help for users in such cases.

### 6.7.2 Power station units without on-load tap-changer

For the calculation of maximum short-circuit currents of power station units (SO) without on-load tap-changer, the following formula for the impedance of the whole power station unit is used for a short circuit on the high-voltage side of the unit transformer (see Figure 8d):

$$\underline{Z}_{SOK} = K_{SO} \cdot (t_r^2 \cdot \underline{Z}_G + \underline{Z}_{THV}) \quad (23)$$

with the correction factor

$$K_{SO} = \frac{U_{nQ}}{U_{rG} \cdot (1 + p_G)} \cdot \frac{U_{rTLV}}{U_{rTHV}} \cdot (1 \pm p_T) \cdot \frac{c_{max}}{1 + x_d'' \cdot \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \varphi_{rG}}} \quad (24)$$

where

- $\underline{Z}_{SOK}$  is the corrected short-circuit impedance of the power station unit without on-load tap-changer;
- $\underline{Z}_G$  is the subtransient impedance of the generator, see 6.6.1;
- $\underline{Z}_{THV}$  is the impedance of the unit transformer related to the high-voltage side (without correction factor  $K_T$ );
- $U_{nQ}$  is the nominal system voltage at the feeder connection point Q of the power station unit;
- $U_{rG}$  is the rated voltage of the generator;  $U_{Gmax} = U_{rG} (1+p_G)$ , with for instance  $p_G = 0,05$  up to  $0,10$ ;
- $\cos \varphi_{rG}$  is the power factor of the generator under rated conditions;
- $x_d''$  is the relative saturated subtransient reactance of the generator related to the rated impedance:  $x_d'' = X_d'' / Z_{rG}$  where  $Z_{rG} = U_{rG}^2 / S_{rG}$ ;
- $t_r$  is the rated transformation ratio of the unit transformer  $t_r = U_{rTHV} / U_{rTLV}$ ;
- $1 \pm p_T$  is to be introduced if the unit transformer has off-load taps and if one of these taps is permanently used, if not choose  $1 \pm p_T = 1$ . If the highest partial short-circuit current of the power station unit at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer with off-load taps is searched for, choose  $1 - p_T$ .

In the case of unbalanced short-circuits, the impedance correction factor  $K_{SO}$  from Formula (24) shall be applied to the positive-sequence, the negative-sequence and the zero

sequence impedances of the power station unit. When an impedance is present between the star point of the transformer and earth, the correction factor  $K_{SO}$  shall not be applied to this impedance.

The correction factor is not conditional upon whether the generator was overexcited or under-excited before the short circuit.

When calculating the partial short-circuit current  $I''_{kSO}$  at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer or the total short-circuit current at the short-circuit location on the high-voltage side of a power station unit, it is not necessary to take into account the contribution to the short-circuit current  $I''_{kSO}$  of the motors connected to the auxiliary transformer.

When calculating the minimum short-circuit current, use  $K_{SO} = 1$ .

## 6.8 Wind power station units

### 6.8.1 General

In 6.8, the short-circuit currents of wind power stations with asynchronous generators as well as doubly fed asynchronous generators are considered. Wind power stations with full size converter are treated in 6.9.

For the calculation of short-circuit currents the generators of wind power stations and their unit transformers are combined into one unit. All quantities are related to the high-voltage side of the unit transformer.

Short-circuit currents are not dealt with in this standard, which occur at the terminals of doubly fed asynchronous generators or the converter terminals of wind power stations with synchronous or asynchronous generators connected to full size converters. The manufacturer may give information for this case.

In many cases grid connection rules will require the wind power station to feed in mostly reactive current during a short circuit. During this interval the station will act as a regulated current source (see 7.2.1).

An impedance correction factor  $K_T$  for the unit transformers of a wind power station unit shall not be taken into account.

### 6.8.2 Wind power station units with asynchronous generator

The impedance  $Z_G$  of the asynchronous generator shall be calculated as follows:

$$Z_G = \frac{1}{I_{LR} / I_{rG}} \cdot \frac{U_{rG}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot I_{rG}} = \frac{1}{I_{LR} / I_{rG}} \cdot \frac{U_{rG}^2}{S_{rG}} \quad (25)$$

where

$U_{rG}$  is the rated voltage of the asynchronous generator;

$I_{rG}$  is the rated current of the asynchronous generator;

$S_{rG}$  is rated apparent power of the asynchronous generator;

$I_{LR}/I_{rG}$  is the ratio of the symmetrical locked-rotor current to the rated current of the asynchronous generator.

The complex value of the impedance  $\underline{Z}_G$  shall be calculated with:

$$\underline{Z}_G = R_G + jX_G = \left( \frac{R_G}{X_G} + j \right) \cdot \frac{Z_G}{\sqrt{1 + (R_G / X_G)^2}} \quad (26)$$

If  $R_G/X_G$  is not provided by the manufacturer, then  $R_G/X_G = 0,1$  can be used.

The total positive-sequence short-circuit impedance  $\underline{Z}_{WA}$  of a wind power station unit with asynchronous generator for the calculation of the short-circuit current contribution on the high-voltage side of the unit transformer shall be calculated with Formula (27):

$$\underline{Z}_{WA} = t_r^2 \cdot \underline{Z}_G + \underline{Z}_{THV} \quad (27)$$

where

$\underline{Z}_G$  is the impedance of the asynchronous generator, Formula (26);

$\underline{Z}_{THV}$  is the impedance of the unit transformer at the high-voltage side;

$t_r$  is the rated transformation ratio of the unit transformer:  $t_r = U_{rTHV}/U_{rTLV}$ .

In case of unbalanced short circuits,  $\underline{Z}_{(2)WA}/\underline{Z}_{WA} = 1$  can be used. The zero-sequence impedance  $\underline{Z}_{(0)WA}$  depends on the type of transformer and earthing.

### 6.8.3 Wind power station units with doubly fed asynchronous generator

The total positive-sequence short-circuit impedance  $Z_{WD}$  of a wind power station with doubly fed asynchronous generator shall be calculated as follows.

$$Z_{WD} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot \kappa_{WD} \cdot U_{rTHV}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot i_{WDmax}} \quad (28)$$

where

$U_{rTHV}$  is the rated voltage of the unit transformer at the high-voltage side;

$\kappa_{WD}$  is the factor for the calculation of the peak short-circuit current, given by the manufacturer and referred to the high-voltage side;

$i_{WDmax}$  is the highest instantaneous short-circuit value in case of a three-phase short-circuit.

The factor  $\kappa_{WD}$  depends on the influences of the converter protection equipment as crowbar and chopper resistance. If  $\kappa_{WD}$  is not known, then  $\kappa_{WD} = 1,7$  shall be used.

The complex value of the short-circuit impedance  $\underline{Z}_{WD}$  shall be calculated by Formula (29).

$$\underline{Z}_{WD} = R_{WD} + jX_{WD} = \left( \frac{R_{WD}}{X_{WD}} + j \right) \cdot \frac{Z_{WD}}{\sqrt{1 + (R_{WD} / X_{WD})^2}} \quad (29)$$

If  $R_{WD}/X_{WD}$  is not provided by the manufacturer, then  $R_{WD}/X_{WD} = 0,1$  can be used.

In case of unbalanced short-circuits,  $\underline{Z}_{(2)WD}$  depends on the design and control strategies, the zero-sequence impedance  $\underline{Z}_{(0)WD}$  depends on the type of transformer and earthing. The values are given by the manufacturer.

NOTE There is no direct relationship between the factor  $\kappa_{WD}$  of Formula (28) and the ratio  $R_{WD}/X_{WD}$  of Formula (29) due to the influence of the converter and its protection system on the maximum  $i_{WDmax}$

## 6.9 Power station units with full size converter

Power stations units with full size converter (PF), e.g. wind power station units (WF) and photovoltaic station units (PV), are modelled in the positive-sequence system by a current source. The source current depends on the type of short circuit and has to be provided by the manufacturer. The positive-sequence shunt impedance  $Z_{PF}$  is assumed to be infinite.

In case of unbalanced short circuits the negative-sequence impedances  $Z_{(2)PF}$  depend on the design and control strategies, the values are given by the manufacturer. The zero-sequence impedance  $Z_{(0)PF}$  is infinite.

Power station units with full size converter may be neglected if their contributions are not higher than 5 % of the initial short circuit without these power station units.

## 6.10 Asynchronous motors

The impedance  $Z_M$  of asynchronous motors in the positive- and negative-sequence systems can be determined by:

$$Z_M = \frac{1}{I_{LR} / I_{rM}} \cdot \frac{U_{rM}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot I_M} = \frac{1}{I_{LR} / I_{rM}} \cdot \frac{U_{rM}^2}{S_{rM}} \quad (30)$$

where

$U_{rM}$  is the rated voltage of the motor;

$I_{rM}$  is the rated current of the motor;

$S_{rM}$  is the rated apparent power of the motor:  $S_{rM} = P_{rM} / (\eta_{rM} \cos \varphi_{rM})$ ;

$I_{LR} / I_{rM}$  is the ratio of the locked-rotor current to the rated current of the motor.

The complex value of the impedance  $\underline{Z}_M$  shall be calculated with:

$$\underline{Z}_M = R_M + jX_M = \left( \frac{R_M}{X_M} + j \right) \cdot \frac{Z_M}{\sqrt{1 + (R_M / X_M)^2}} \quad (31)$$

If  $R_M / X_M$  is not provided by the manufacturer, the following relations may be used with sufficient accuracy for  $R_M / X_M$ :

$R_M / X_M = 0,10$ , with  $X_M = 0,995 Z_M$  for high-voltage motors with powers  $P_{rM}$  per pair of poles  $\geq 1$  MW;

$R_M / X_M = 0,15$ , with  $X_M = 0,989 Z_M$  for high-voltage motors with powers  $P_{rM}$  per pair of poles  $< 1$  MW;

$R_M / X_M = 0,42$ , with  $X_M = 0,922 Z_M$  for low-voltage motor groups with connection cables.

The saturated impedance  $\underline{Z}_M$  may also be calculated from the parameters of the electrical equivalent circuit for locked-rotor conditions.

The zero-sequence system impedance  $\underline{Z}_{(0)M}$  of the motor shall be given by the manufacturer, if needed (see Clause 11).

### 6.11 Static converter fed drives

Reversible static converter-fed drives (for example, rolling mill drives) are considered for three-phase short circuits only, if the rotational masses of the motors and the static equipment provide reverse transfer of energy for deceleration (a transient inverter operation) at the time of short circuit. Then they contribute only to the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$  and to the peak short-circuit current  $i_p$ . They do not contribute to the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current  $I_b$  and the steady-state short-circuit current  $I_k$ .

As a result, reversible static converter-fed drives are treated for the calculation of short-circuit currents in a similar way to asynchronous motors. The following applies:

- $Z_M$  is the impedance according to Formula (30);
- $U_{rM}$  is the rated voltage of the static converter transformer on the network side or rated voltage of the static converter, if no transformer is present;
- $I_{rM}$  is the rated current of the static converter transformer on the network side or rated current of the static converter, if no transformer is present;
- $I_{LR}/I_{rM} = 3$ ;
- $R_M/X_M = 0,10$  with  $X_M = 0,995 Z_M$ .

All other static converters are disregarded for the short-circuit current calculation according to this standard.

### 6.12 Capacitors and non-rotating loads

Due to the calculation methods given in Clause 5, it is not allowed to take into account parallel admittances and non-rotating loads as stated in 5.2 e) and 5.2 f).

The discharge current of the shunt capacitors may be neglected for the calculation of the peak short-circuit current.

The effect of series capacitors can be neglected in the calculation of short-circuit currents, if they are equipped with voltage-limiting devices in parallel, acting if a short circuit occurs.

In the case of high-voltage direct-current transmission systems, the capacitor banks and filters need special considerations when calculating AC short-circuit currents.

## 7 Calculation of initial short-circuit current

### 7.1 General

#### 7.1.1 Overview

The maximum short-circuit current is responsible for the rating of equipment regarding the mechanical and thermal stresses, the minimum short-circuit current has to be calculated for the selection of the system protection. Table 2 shows an overview of the short-circuit currents and types of failures that have to be considered.

**Table 2 – Importance of short-circuit currents**

| Short-circuit currents  | Equipment                          | Relevant currents |              |              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                         |                                    | k3                | k2           | k1           |
| <b>maximum currents</b> |                                    |                   |              |              |
| stress:                 |                                    |                   |              |              |
| – dynamic               | components of installations        | $i_p$             | $i_p$        | –            |
| – switching on          | switching devices                  | $i_p$             | –            | $i_p$        |
| – switching off         | switching devices                  | $I_b$             | –            | $I_b$        |
| – thermal               | components of installations, lines | $I_{th}$          | –            | $I_{th}$     |
| <b>minimum currents</b> |                                    |                   |              |              |
| tripping of relays      | protection                         | –                 | $I_k'', I_k$ | $I_k'', I_k$ |

In general, a distinction is made between far-from-generator and near-to-generator short circuits (see 3.16 and 3.17).

In addition, it is necessary to distinguish between single-fed short-circuit, multiple single-fed short circuits and multiple-fed short circuits.

Single-fed short circuits supplied by a transformer according to Figure 4 may a priori be regarded as far-from-generator short-circuits if  $X_{TLVK} \geq 2X_{Qt}$  with  $X_{Qt}$  calculated in accordance with 6.2 and  $X_{TLVK} = K_T X_{TLV}$  in accordance with 6.3.

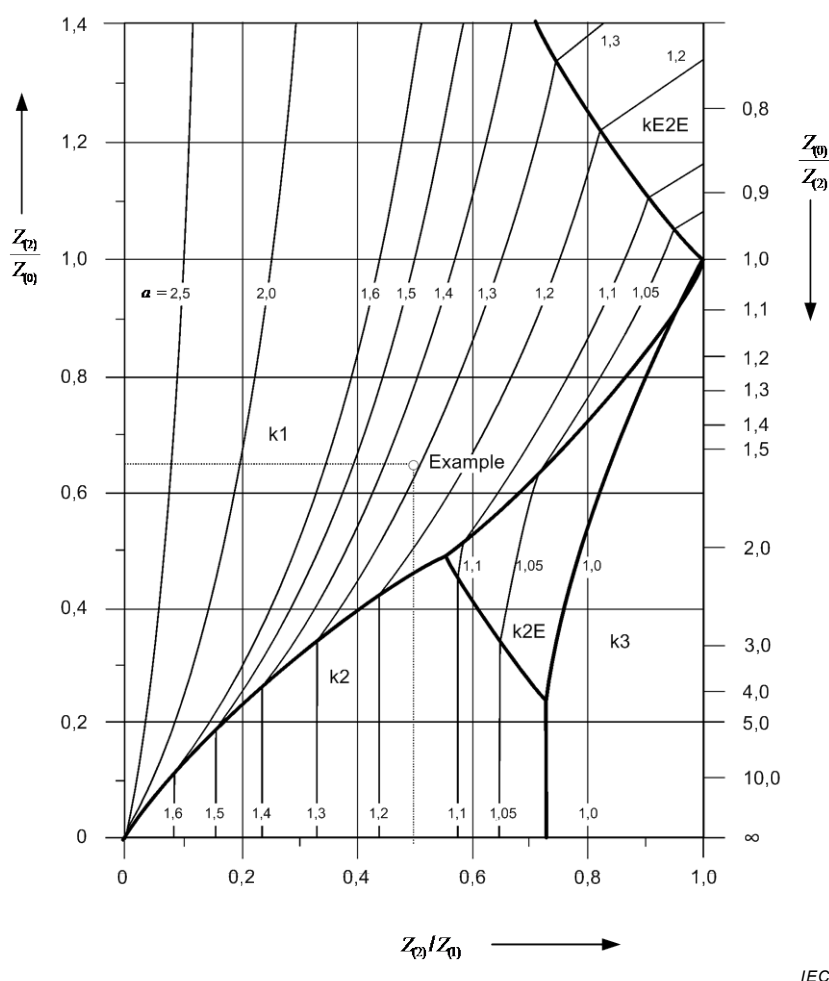
In the calculation of the short-circuit currents in systems supplied by generators, power-stations and motors (near-to-generator and/or near-to-motor short-circuits), it is of interest to know not only the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$  and the peak short-circuit current  $i_p$ , but also the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current  $I_b$  and the steady-state short-circuit current  $I_k$ . In this case, the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current  $I_b$  is smaller than the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$ . Normally, the steady-state short-circuit current  $I_k$  is smaller than the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current  $I_b$ .

In a near-to-generator short circuit, the AC component of the short-circuit current normally decays with time. An example is shown in Figure 2. It could happen that the decaying short-circuit current reaches zero for the first time, some cycles after the short circuit took place. This is possible if the DC time constant of a synchronous machine is larger than the subtransient time constant. This phenomenon is not dealt with in this standard.

The decaying aperiodic component  $i_{DC}$  of the short-circuit current can be calculated according to Formula (81).

If  $Z_{(2)}$  is not known for the calculation of the initial symmetrical short-circuit current, it is allowed to take  $Z_{(2)} = Z_{(1)}$ .

The type of short circuit which leads to the highest short-circuit current depends on the values of the positive-sequence, negative-sequence, and zero-sequence short-circuit impedances of the system. Figure 7 illustrates this for the special case where  $Z_{(0)}$ ,  $Z_{(1)}$  and  $Z_{(2)}$  have the same impedance angle. Figure 7 is useful for information but should not be used instead of calculation.



$a$  is the relationship of the unbalanced short-circuit current to the three-phase short-circuit current.

Example:

$Z_{(2)} / Z_{(1)} = 0,50$   
 $Z_{(2)} / Z_{(0)} = 0,65$

The single line-to-earth short circuit will give the highest short-circuit current

**Figure 7 – Diagram to determine the short-circuit type (Figure 3) for the highest initial short-circuit current referred to the initial three-phase short-circuit current when the impedance angles of the sequence impedances  $Z_{(1)}$ ,  $Z_{(2)}$ ,  $Z_{(0)}$  are identical**

For the common case when  $Z_{(0)}$  is larger than  $Z_{(2)} = Z_{(1)}$ , the highest initial short-circuit current will occur for the three-phase short-circuit. However, for short-circuits near transformers with low zero-sequence impedance,  $Z_{(0)}$  may be smaller than  $Z_{(1)}$ . In that case, the highest initial short-circuit current  $I_{kE2E}$  will occur for a line-to-line short-circuit with earth connection (see Figure 7 for  $Z_{(2)}/Z_{(1)} = 1$  and  $Z_{(2)}/Z_{(0)} > 1$ ).

Short circuits may have one or more sources, as shown in Figures 8, 9 and 10. Calculations are simplest for balanced short circuits on radial systems, as the individual contributions to a balanced short circuit can be evaluated separately for each source (Figure 9).

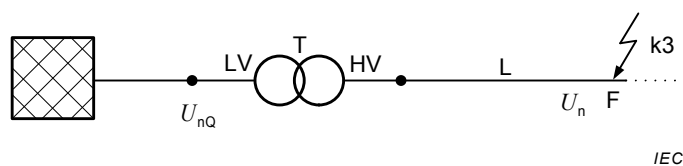


Figure 8a – Short circuit fed from a network feeder via a transformer

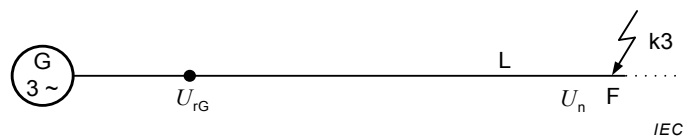


Figure 8b – Short circuit fed from one generator

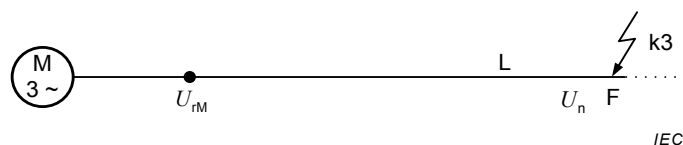


Figure 8c – Short circuit fed from one asynchronous motor

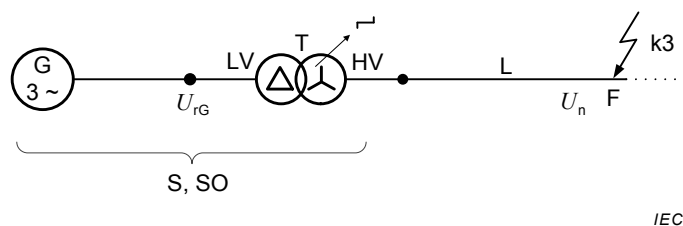
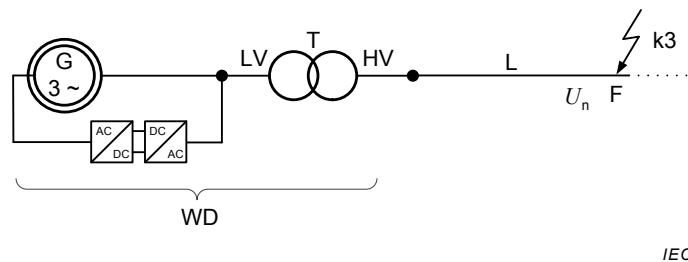
Figure 8d – Short circuit fed from one power station unit  
(generator and unit transformer with or without on-load tap-changer)

Figure 8e – Short circuit fed from one wind power station unit with doubly fed asynchronous generator

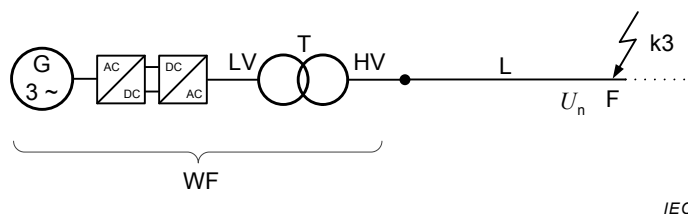


Figure 8f – Short circuit fed from one wind power station unit with full size converter

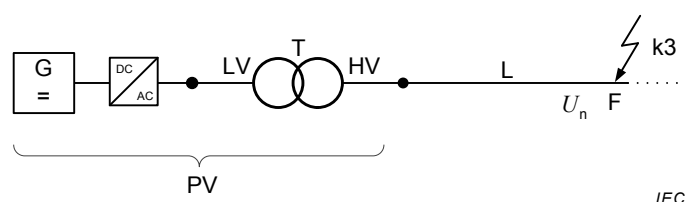


Figure 8g – Short circuit fed from one photovoltaic power station unit with full size converter

### Figure 8 – Examples of single-fed short-circuits

While using fuses or current-limiting circuit-breakers to protect substations, the initial symmetrical short-circuit current is first calculated as if these devices were not available. From the calculated initial symmetrical short-circuit current and characteristic curves of the fuses or current-limiting circuit-breakers, the cut-off current is determined, which is the peak short-circuit current of the downstream substation.

For the calculation of the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$ , the symmetrical short-circuit breaking current  $I_b$ , and the steady-state short-circuit current  $I_k$  at the short-circuit location, the system may be converted by network reduction into an equivalent short-circuit impedance  $Z_k$  at the short-circuit location. This procedure is not allowed when calculating the peak short-circuit current  $i_p$ .

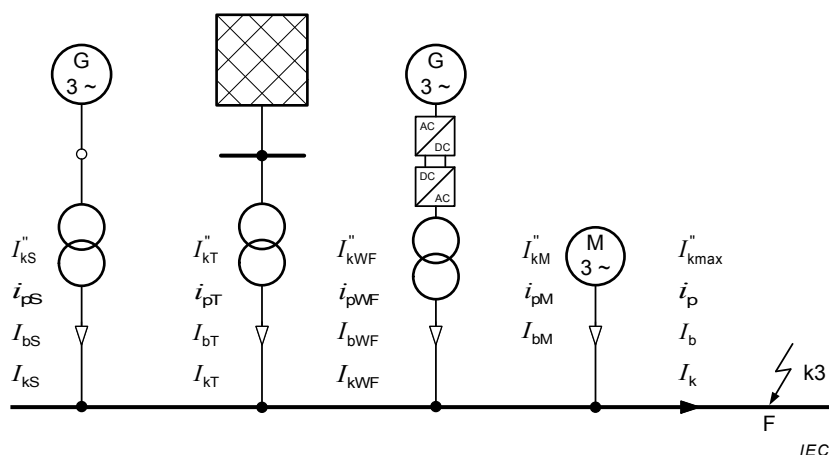
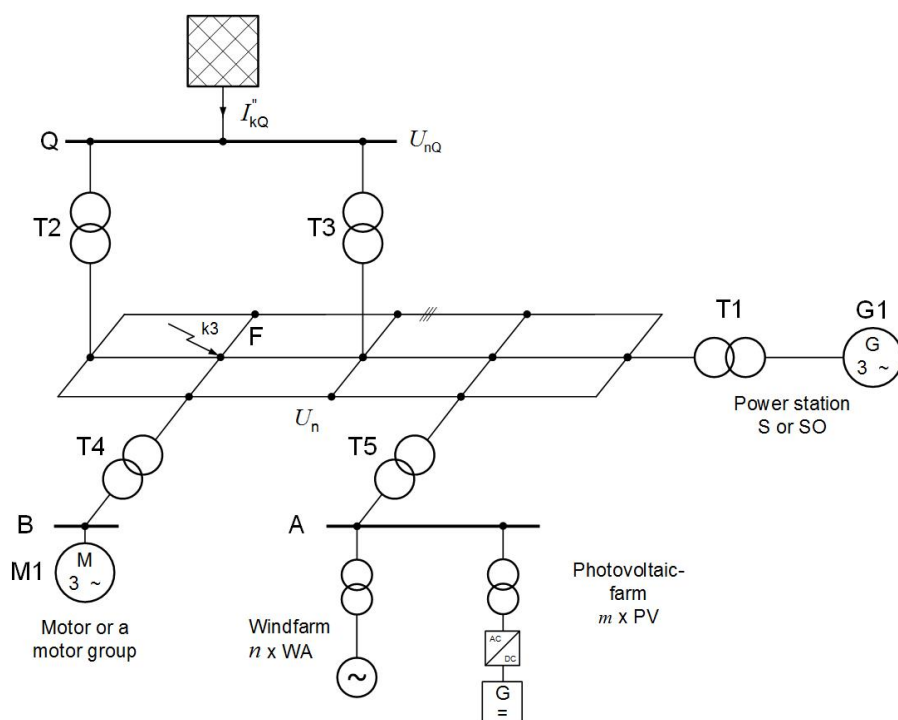


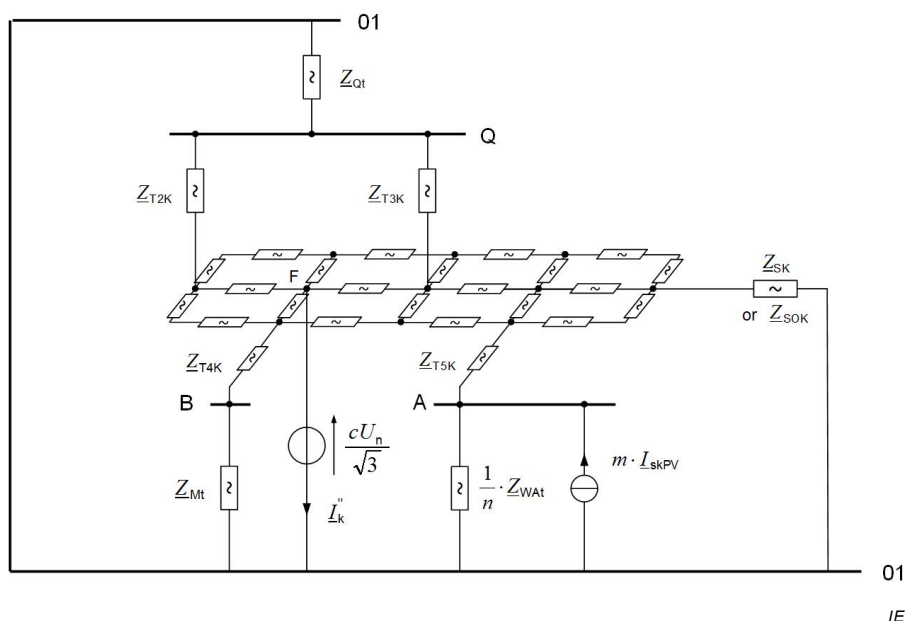
Figure 9 – Example of a multiple single-fed short circuit

In case of multiple-fed short circuit as in Figure 10, and for all cases of unbalanced short circuits, network reduction is necessary to calculate short-circuit impedances  $Z_{(1)}$ ,  $Z_{(2)}$  and  $Z_{(0)}$  at the short-circuit location.



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Figure 10a – System diagram



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Figure 10b – Equivalent circuit diagram for the calculation of the short-circuit current (cables of the power stations units are neglected)

Figure 10 – Example of multiple-fed short circuit

### 7.1.2 Maximum and minimum short-circuit currents

When calculating maximum short-circuit currents, the following conditions apply.

- Voltage factor  $c_{\max}$  according to Table 1 shall be applied for the calculation of maximum short-circuit currents in the absence of a national standard.
- Choose the system configuration and the maximum contribution from power station units and network feeders which lead to the maximum value of short-circuit current at the short-

circuit location, or for accepted sectioning of the network to control the short-circuit current.

- c) Impedance correction factors shall be introduced in the positive-, the negative- and the zero-sequence system with exception of the impedances between neutral point and earth.
- d) When equivalent impedances  $Z_Q$  are used to represent external networks, the minimum equivalent short-circuit impedance shall be used which corresponds to the maximum short-circuit current contribution from the network feeders.
- e) Motors shall be included if appropriate in accordance with 6.10.
- f) Resistance  $R_L$  of lines (overhead lines and cables) shall be introduced at a temperature of 20 °C.

When calculating minimum short-circuit currents, the following conditions apply.

- 1) Voltage factor  $c_{\min}$  for the calculation of minimum short-circuit currents shall be applied according to Table 1.
- 2) Choose the system configuration and the minimum contribution from power station units and network feeders which lead to a minimum value of short-circuit current at the short-circuit location.
- 3) The impedance correction factors are equal to 1.
- 4) Contributions of wind power stations units shall be neglected.
- 5) Contributions of photovoltaic power station units shall be neglected.
- 6) Contributions of motors shall be neglected.
- 7) Resistances  $R_L$  of lines (overhead lines and cables, line conductors, and neutral conductors) shall be introduced at a higher temperature:

$$R_L = [1 + \alpha \cdot (\vartheta_e - 20^\circ\text{C})] \cdot R_{L20} \quad (32)$$

where

$R_{L20}$  is the resistance at a temperature of 20 °C;

$\vartheta_e$  is the conductor temperature in degrees Celsius at the end of the short-circuit duration;

$\alpha$  is a factor equal to 0,004/K, valid with sufficient accuracy for most practical purposes for copper, aluminium and aluminium alloy.

NOTE For  $\vartheta_e$ , see for instance IEC 60865-1, IEC 60949 and IEC 60986.

### 7.1.3 Contribution of asynchronous motors to the short-circuit current

Asynchronous motors have to be considered in the calculation of maximum short-circuit current. Low-voltage motors are to be taken into account in auxiliaries of power station units and in industrial and similar installations, for example in networks of chemical and steel industries and pump-stations.

Those high-voltage and low-voltage motors may be neglected, provided that they are not switched in at the same time according to the circuit diagram (interlocking) or to the process (reversible drives).

Low-voltage motors are usually connected to the busbar by cables with different lengths and cross-sections. For simplification of the calculation, groups of motors including their connection cables may be combined to a single equivalent motor.

For these equivalent asynchronous motors, including their connection cables, the following may be used:

$Z_M$  is the impedance according to Formula (30);

$I_{rM}$  is the sum of the rated currents of all motors in a group of motors (equivalent motor);

$I_{LR}/I_{rM} = 5$ ;

$R_M/X_M = 0,42$ , leading to  $\kappa_M = 1,3$ ;

$P_{rM}/p = 0,05$  MW if nothing definite is known, where  $p$  is the number of pairs of poles.

In the case of a short circuit on the high-voltage side, the rated current of the transformer may be used for the calculation of  $Z_M$  according to Formula (30) instead of the sum of the rated currents  $I_{rM}$  of all motors.

## 7.2 Three-phase initial short-circuit current

### 7.2.1 General

In general, the initial symmetrical short-circuit current  $I_k''$  shall be calculated using Formula (33) with the equivalent voltage source  $cU_n/\sqrt{3}$  at the short-circuit location and the short-circuit impedance  $Z_k = |R_k + jX_k|$ .

$$I_k'' = \frac{c \cdot U_n}{\sqrt{3} \cdot Z_k} = \frac{c \cdot U_n}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{R_k^2 + X_k^2}} \quad (33)$$

The equivalent voltage source  $cU_n/\sqrt{3}$  shall be introduced at the short-circuit location (see Figure 4) with the factor  $c$  according to Table 1.

The short-circuit impedance can be found by network reduction or from the diagonal element of the nodal impedance matrix of the positive-sequence system for the node  $i$ , where the short circuit occurs ( $Z_k = Z_{ii}$ ). The nodal impedance matrix is the inverse of the nodal admittance matrix, see Annex B.

If power station units with full size converter are to be considered, then the maximum initial short-circuit current shall be calculated as follows.

$$I_{kmax}'' = \frac{1}{Z_k} \frac{c_{max} \cdot U_n}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{Z_k} \sum_{j=1}^n Z_{ij} \cdot I_{skPFj} = I_{kmaxPFO}'' + I_{kPF}'' \quad (34)$$

where

$I_{skPFj}$  is the rms value of the maximum source current (positive-sequence system) in case of three-phase short-circuit at the high-voltage side of the unit transformer, given by the manufacturer;

$Z_{ii}, Z_{ij}$  are the absolute values of the elements of the nodal impedance matrix of the positive-sequence system, where  $i$  is the short-circuit node and  $j$  are the nodes where power station units with full size converters are connected (see Annex B);

$I_{kmaxPFO}''$  is the maximum initial symmetrical short-circuit current without the influence of power station units with full size converter calculated by Formula (33) using  $c_{max}$ ;

$I_{kPF}''$  is the sum of the contributions of power station units with full size converter to the initial short-circuit current.

### 7.2.2 Short-circuit currents inside a power station unit with on-load tap-changer

For calculating the partial short-circuit currents  $I_{kG}''$  and  $I_{kT}''$  with a short circuit at F1 in Figure 11, in the case of a power station unit with on-load tap-changer, the partial initial symmetrical short-circuit currents are given by:

$$I_{kG}'' = \frac{c_{\max} \cdot U_{rG}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot K_{G,S} \cdot Z_G} \quad (35)$$

with

$$K_{G,S} = \frac{c_{\max}}{1 + x_d'' \cdot \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \varphi_{rG}}} \quad (36)$$

$$I_{kT}'' = \frac{c_{\max} \cdot U_{rG}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \left| Z_{TLV} + \frac{Z_{Qmin}}{t_r^2} \right|} \quad (37)$$

where

$Z_G$  is the subtransient impedance of the generator, see 6.6.1;

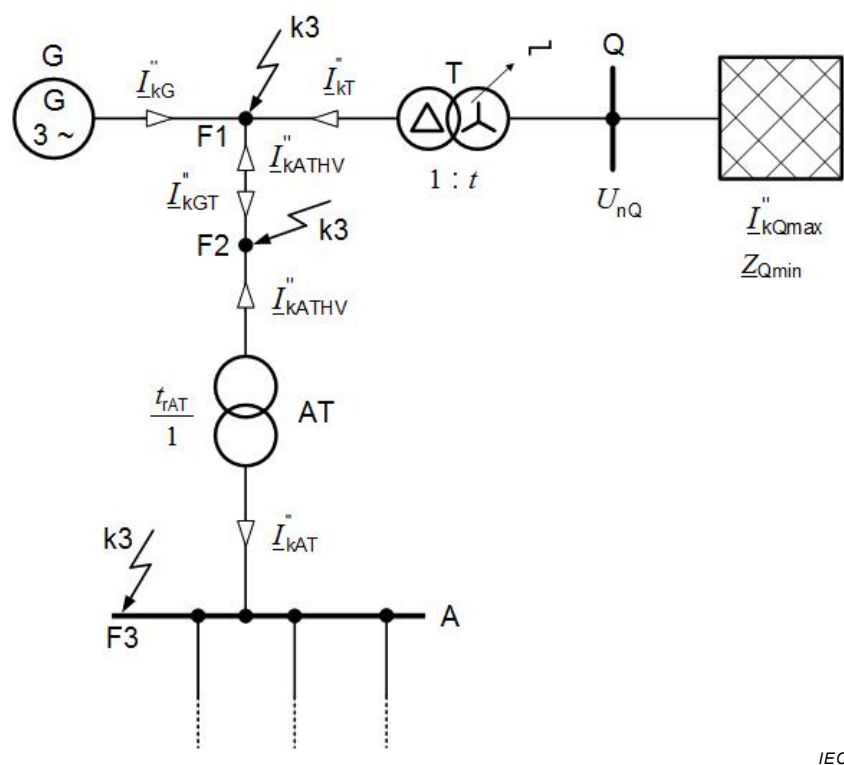
$x_d''$  is the saturated subtransient reactance referred to the rated impedance:  
 $x_d'' = X_d'' / Z_{rG}$  with  $Z_{rG} = U_{rG}^2 / S_{rG}$ ;

$Z_{TLV}$  is the transformer short-circuit impedance referred to the low-voltage side according to 6.3.1, Formulas (7) to (9);

$t_r$  is the rated transformation ratio;

$Z_{Qmin}$  is the minimum value of the impedance of the network feeder, corresponding to  $I_{kQmax}''$ .

For  $I_{kQmax}''$  the maximum possible value during the lifetime of the power station unit shall be introduced.



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urrent  $I_{kGT}''$ 

(38)

with

(39)

and  $K_{GS}$  according to Formula (36).

If the unit transformer has an on-load tap-changer on the high-voltage side, it is assumed that the operating voltage at the terminals of the generator is equal to  $U_{rG}$ . If, even in this case, the voltage region of the generator  $U_G = U_{rG} (1 \pm p_G)$  is used permanently, take Formulas (40) to (41) instead of (35) to (36).