

A proposed method for reduction of induced zero-sequence current in cable system

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ABSTRACT

Zero-sequence circulating currents are particularly problematic because they can occasionally lead to protective relay failure. However, it is not usually understood that systems with numerous cables strung along the same path will produce zero-sequence currents. In this paper, the operation of parallel connections of single core underground cables is examined. The examination is based on power cables arrangement operating in parallel two-circuit with and without the transmission grid. It was found that symmetrical cable arrangement might significantly lower zero-sequence currents in a twin-circuit. On the other hand, the largest value of the zero sequence currents at asymmetrical configuration. To provide an effective method about reduction of zero sequence current induced in a cable system, several connection scenarios such as the transposition of the cable and sheath and the application of sheath cross bonding are examined. Therefore, in this paper, this phenomenon will be analyzed and discussed. ATPDraw is used to simulate and analysis this kind of study. Also, the effect of sheath transposition is explained and analyzed.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Single-core power cables are being used more and more frequently as a result of the Smart Power Bulk Transmission Systems' quick development. The cable's metal sheath experiences additional loss as a result of the circulating current that is generated on it, which reduces the length of time that the cable will operate safely. Studies and analysis were done on the variations in circulating current on the metal sheath of single-core cables under various load circumstances and arrangements [1]–[6]. Depending on the overall cable size, the currents in the outermost layers of bundled cables were at least four times higher than those in the innermost layers. The adverse effects of the unbalanced current were reduced if single conductor cables were placed in a symmetrical arrangement or arranged in a "triangular" arrangement if three, five, or six cables were required in each phase [7]–[24].

Large zero-sequence current (I_{ZS}) is not a new phenomenon for cable bus duct systems; the question is what influences its magnitude. It is well known that I_{ZS} flows via each circuit of lines when several circuits are installed on a single tower. Particularly problematic are I_{ZS} because they can occasionally lead to protective relay failure. It was found that the zero-sequence currents were circulating between different circuits in the cable system and that they were being generated by induction between phases in the same cable route. Depending on the cable configuration, such as that of an untransposed line, the impedance imbalance between the phases cannot be ignored [25]–[28].

Using the alternative transients program (ATP)/electromagnetic transients program (EMTP) software, the induced sheath voltages and currents in a three-phase MV SC cable were computed for steady-state and fault scenarios [29]. To keep the induced sheath voltages below the allowable values and to maintain low sheath currents and subsequently low losses, the effects of grounding, cross bonding, and transposition techniques as well as the number of joint points are explored. It was further demonstrated that the induced voltages and currents were proportional to the length of the cable and could only be decreased by using cross bonding and transposition techniques in addition to grounding the cable ends [30]–[33]. According to the current theory, the transposition of transmission line phases is meant to reduce the current and voltage imbalance in the electric system's normal operating mode and to prevent transmission lines from obstructing low-frequency transmission channels [34]. In normal operation, the sheath adopts cross connected grounding, which reduces induced currents and allows for the energy loss brought on by induced currents to be disregarded. In actual engineering, there will still be residual positive and negative sequence current in each phase of the sheath after complete transposition since the length of each section of cables is not consistent [35], [36].

In this paper, the I_{ZS} was recently discovered to be flowing in an unexpectedly large amount in a cable system. A test power system is used for this study's analysis of the zero-sequence currents using the alternative transient program (ATP). It is demonstrated that the ATPDraw software is effective at analyzing I_{ZS} produced in a system of cables [37]. A typical two-circuit cable system is examined using the ATP diagram to show that large I_{ZS} are induced in the cable systems. It is shown that the currents are changed dramatically according to the arrangement of each cable. When reducing zero-sequence currents, various layouts are examined in light of their underlying physical causes. Also, a proposed method for reduction of I_{ZS} induced in a cable system is introduced and discussed.

2. METHOD

2.1. Test system description

The simulate system consists of one main cross bonded cable section and three smaller parts, each measuring 250 m. According to the test system, the simulated system's voltage class is set at 77 kV. A 77 kV/1000 mm² XLPE cable is used. Table 1 shows the cable parameters [38]. While taking conductor and sheath into account, each minor section is represented by a PI equivalent circuit's single section. Both of the cable's sheaths are grounded by a 10-ohm resistor and are short circuited at both ends. The load is represented by 44.5 ohm, three-phase, and star-connections. The load is balanced, star-connection resistor. It is not earthed at the load's neutral point.

Table 1. Parameters of 77 kV, 1000 mm² XLPE cable

Type of cable	Single core, 1000 mm ² XLPE
Outer core diameter	38 mm
Inner sheath diameter	57.3 mm
Overall diameter	79 mm
Resistivity of core	1.7E-8 Ω.m
Resistivity of sheath	2.5E-8 Ω.m

2.2. Test system simulation with and without transposition for two-circuit

To study I_{ZS} in a two-circuit system, the test system is modeled using ATPDraw as shown in Figure 1. An extraction of the fundamental I_{ZS} can be performed according to (1)–(3) [39].

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{ap} \\ i_{bp} \\ i_{cp} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} i_a - \frac{1}{2}(i_b + i_c) + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(i_b - i_c) \\ -(i_{ap} + i_{cp}) \\ i_c - \frac{1}{2}(i_a + i_b) + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(i_a - i_b) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{an} \\ i_{bn} \\ i_{cn} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} i_a - \frac{1}{2}(i_b + i_c) + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(i_b - i_c) \\ -(i_{ap} + i_{cp}) \\ i_c - \frac{1}{2}(i_a + i_b) + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(i_a - i_b) \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{a0} \\ i_{b0} \\ i_{c0} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} (i_a + i_b + i_c) \\ (i_a + i_b + i_c) \\ (i_a + i_b + i_c) \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

Where i_a , i_b , and i_c are the measured phase currents for phase A, B, and C, respectively. Also, i_{ap} , i_{bp} , and i_{cp} are three-phase positive sequence components; i_{an} , i_{bn} and i_{cn} are three-phase negative sequence components, and i_{a0} , i_{b0} , and i_{c0} are three-phase zero-sequence components for the three-phases, respectively. The ATPDraw model of the currents calculations given in (1) to (3) is illustrated in Figure 2.

In case (10) each cable and sheath are transposed using all types of transposition (ABC-BCA, ABC-CAB, ABC-CBA and ABC-ACB) to find the best type of transposition and apply it to all study cases. Figure 3 shows the test system model in ATP Draw with cable and sheath transposition. Different cable configurations in the model system of a twin-circuit in parallel are given as shown in Table 2 (case 1 to case 11) as follow:

- Low reactance phasing (LR phasing) is a type of phasing arrangement where cases (1) and (2) are arranged in reverse, and case 1 is an arrangement where there is no conduit between L1 and L2.
- Super-bundle phasing (SB phasing) is used to describe cases (3) and (4), and case (3) is the arrangement where the conduit line between L1 and L2 is left empty of cases (4).
- The definitions of cases (5) and (6) are a triangular configuration of L1 and L2 and a point symmetric to the centre of six cables.
- In case (7), a diagonal-shaped empty conduit line is formed by the arrangement of L1 and L2, which are triangularly arranged and axially symmetrical to it.
- The asymmetrical cable configurations between circuits L1 and L2 are represented by Cases (8) to (10) in the model.
- In cases 10 and 11, an underground cable that is directly buried and axially symmetrical is assumed.

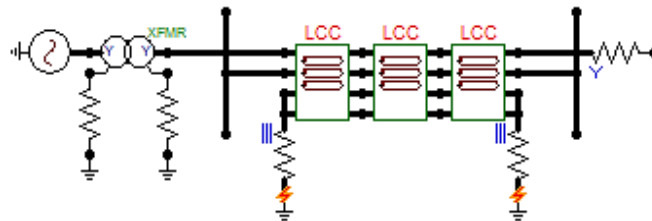


Figure 1. The twin-circuit system model in ATPDraw without transposition

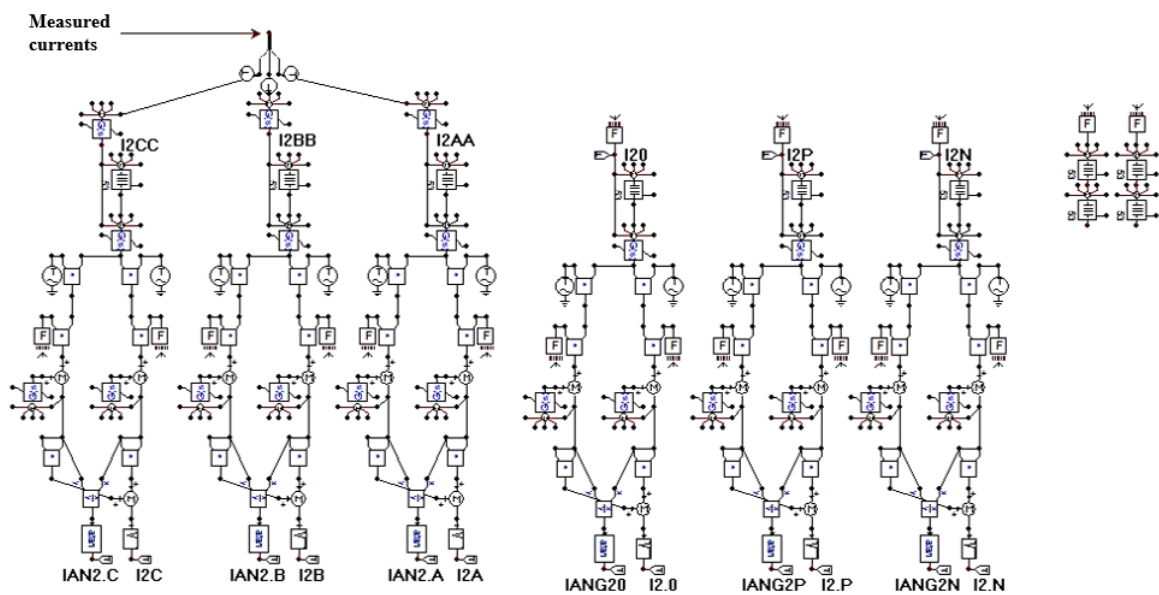


Figure 2. ATPDraw model for currents calculations

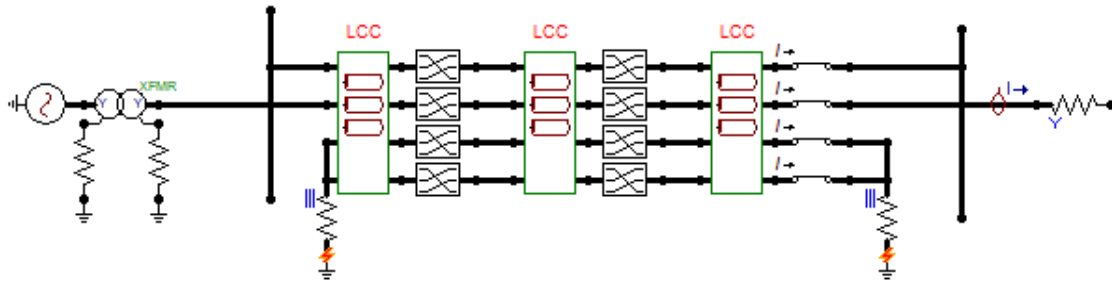


Figure 3. System model in ATP Draw in a twin-circuit with cable and sheath transposition

Table 2. Various cable arrangements for a twin circuit (take A1 reference)

Case	Cable					
	a1	b1	c1	a2	b2	c2
Case 1	V 1.6	1.83	2.06	1.6	1.83	2.06
	H 0	0	0	0.46	0.46	0.46
Case 2	V 1.6	1.83	2.06	2.06	1.83	1.6
	H 0	0	0	0.23	0.23	0.23
Case 3	V 1.6	1.83	2.06	1.6	1.83	2.06
	H 0	0	0	0.46	0.46	0.46
Case 4	V 1.6	1.83	2.06	1.6	1.83	2.06
	H 0	0	0	0.23	0.23	0.23
Case 5	V 1.83	2.06	2.06	1.83	1.6	1.6
	H 0	0	0.23	0.46	0.46	0.23
Case 6	V 1.6	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.6	1.6
	H 0	0	0.23	0.46	0.46	0.23
Case 7	V 1.83	2.06	2.06	1.6	1.6	1.83
	H 0	0	0.23	0.23	0.46	0.46
Case 8	V 1.6	1.83	1.83	1.6	1.6	1.83
	H 0	0	0.23	0.23	0.46	0.46
Case 9	V 1.6	1.83	2.06	2.06	1.83	1.6
	H 0	-0.23	-0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Case 10	V 1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
	H 0	0.23	0.46	0.69	0.92	1.15
Case 11	V 1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
	H 0	0.23	0.46	1.15	0.92	0.69

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Analysis of I_{ZS} without transposition

Figure 4 shows the results of I_{ZS} for cases (1) to (11). Table 3 gives the results of I_{ZS} for all cases. It is noted from Table 3 that low I_{ZS} flows with symmetrical cable configuration (1) to (7) and (11). However, for the asymmetrical cable configuration (8) to (10), I_{ZS} of 144 to 178 A flow for the same load currents. Math analysis of the parallel two-circuit cases proves the required condition to insure no I_{ZS} is to have all mutual impedance's between conductors balanced [26]. Proper conductor phasing arrangements can accomplish this. A zero I_{ZS} condition corresponds to point or axial symmetry of the six-conductors in the two parallel circuits and indicates an asymmetrical cable configuration is the cause of I_{ZS} generation. To put it another way, the I_{ZS} in the twin circuit is produced by the mutual impedance unbalance.

3.2. Analysis of the reduction of I_{ZS} by using transposition on cable and sheath

The results of I_{ZS} in a twin circuit with cable and sheath transposition of all types of transposition (ABC-BCA, ABC-CAB, ABC-CBA and ABC-ACB) for case (10) is (39.086 A, 39.093 A, 59.221 A and 151.22 A) respectively. It is observed from the results that the better type of transposition is ABC-BCA type, so it is applied to all study cases. In a twin-circuit system the arrangements (8) to (10) where the highest I_{ZS}

flows, are used to study the influence of cable and sheath transposition over I_{ZS} . Table 4 gives the results of I_{ZS} with cable and sheath transposition in a twin circuit. It is observed from the results that the I_{ZS} ratio is reduced by 79%, 77% and 78% respectively.

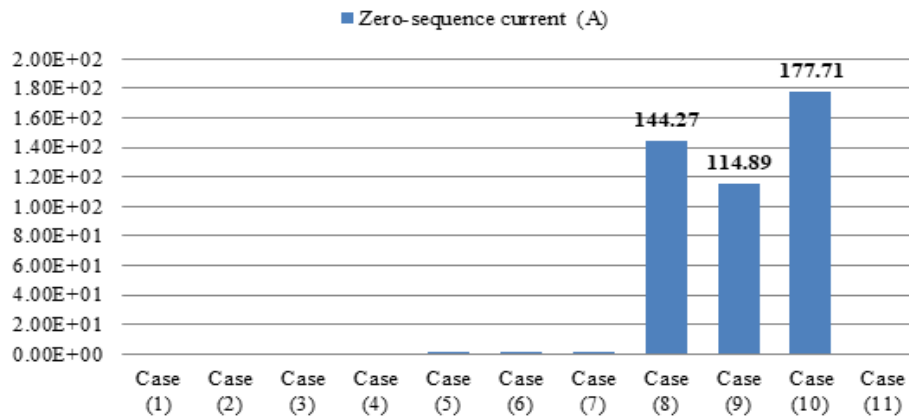


Figure 4. The calculated I_{ZS} in twine-circuit for all cases

Table 3. Results of I_{ZS} in twin circuit

Arrangement	Zero sequence current (A)	Arrangement	Zero sequence current (A)
Case (1)	2.0343E-5	Case (7)	1.8486E-3
Case (2)	8.2310E-6	Case (8)	144.27
Case (3)	4.6838E-8	Case (9)	114.89
Case (4)	5.8053E-8	Case (10)	177.71
Case (5)	1.6198E-4	Case (11)	1.0256E-7
Case (6)	1.6573E-4		

Table 4. Results of I_{ZS} in a twin circuit with cable and sheath transposition

Arrangement	Zero sequence current (A) with transposition
Case (8)	30.135
Case (9)	26.635
Case (10)	39.086

3.3. Effect of sheath crossbonding

The arrangements of case (4), which has no I_{ZS} flowing, and case (8), which has the maximum I_{ZS} flowing, are taken from Table 3 in order to analyze the effect of sheath cross bonding over I_{ZS} in twin-circuit systems. Additionally, calculations were done for two scenarios: balanced cross bonding (each minor section was 250 m long) and unbalanced cross bonding (length of minor section at 300-250-200 m). This section analyses and discusses the findings of a study on how sheath cross bonding affects I_{ZS} in twin-circuit systems.

The calculated results for I_{ZS} in twin-circuit systems for different cable configurations are shown in Table 5. The table shows that, assuming balanced cross bonding is used, the sheath current at the arrangement of case (8) of big I_{ZS} is approximately ten times greater than that by configuration of case (4) of no I_{ZS} . However, the I_{ZS} in the circuit of unbalanced cross bonding is not affected by the cable arrangement. However, in the design of case (8) where the I_{ZS} is considerable, the sheath circulation current between circuits is practically constant, at roughly 24 A, and irrespective of the imbalance ratio. While no sheath current circulates in the configuration of case (4).

Case (8) is taken to analyze the effect of transposition over I_{ZS} . Table 6 gives a comparison between results of I_{ZS} for balanced cross bonding without transposition, balanced cross bonding with transposition and unbalanced cross bonding with transposition in a twin-circuit system for cable arrangements case (8). In the circuit of balanced cross bonding, however, the I_{ZS} in cable and sheath are decrease by cable and sheath transposition. In other hand the circuit of unbalanced cross bonding, however, the I_{ZS} in cable and sheath are higher than the circuit of balanced cross bonding by cable and sheath transposition as shown in Figure 5.

Table 5. The results of I_{zs} for sheath crossbonding

Cases	Cable	Arrangement (4)		Arrangement (8)	
		Conductor (A)	Sheath (A)	Conductor (A)	Sheath (A)
Balanced cross bonding	L1	5.8053E-8	0.62323	144.27	23.865
	L2	5.8053E-8	0.62323	144.27	23.865
Unbalanced cross bonding	L1	5.8126E-8	0.62323	144.27	23.865
	L2	5.8126E-8	0.62323	144.27	23.865

Table 6. Results of I_{zs} for cable and sheath cross bonding

Cases	Cable	Arrangement (8)	
		Conductor (A)	Sheath (A)
Balanced cross bonding without transposition	L1	144.27	23.865
	L2	144.27	23.865
Balanced cross bonding with transposition	L1	26.635	4.9865
	L2	26.635	4.9865
Unbalanced cross bonding with transposition	L1	39.523	6.5367
	L2	39.523	6.5367

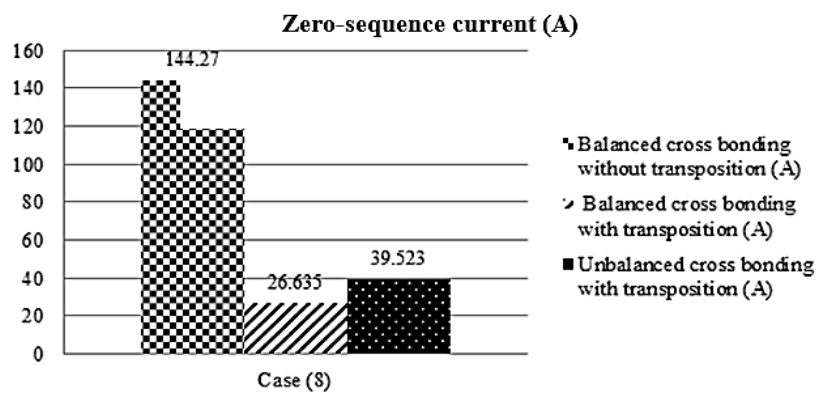


Figure 5. A comparison between I_{zs} for balanced cross bonding without transposition, balanced cross bonding with transposition and unbalanced cross bonding with transposition in a twin-circuit system for cable arrangements case (8)

4. CONCLUSION

This paper uses ATPDraw to simulate and analysis the I_{zs} generated in cable systems. In order to decrease the mutual coupling imbalance, which in turn reduces the I_{zs} , cable arrangements are studied. It has been discovered that choosing the ideal cable configuration practically reduces the I_{zs} . The results demonstrate that the transposition of cable and sheath in parallel-two-circuits reduces the amplitude of I_{zs} induced in the cable system. The following conclusions were drawn: i) In a twin-circuit system, a I_{zs} circulates between two circuits of cables and is lowered to almost zero with a symmetrical phase configuration; ii) The transposition of the cable and sheath reduces the I_{zs} of cables by around 77%; iii) The I_{zs} is not significantly affected by any unbalanced cross bonding, but it is increased using the transposition of the cable and sheath via unbalance cross bonding of the cable; and iv) The I_{zs} current is reduced by about 83% using a transposition of the cable and sheath with balance cross bonding of the cable in a twin -circuit system.

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