

Protection Current Transformers (CT's) – Time to Saturation AND CT Over Dimensioning Factor

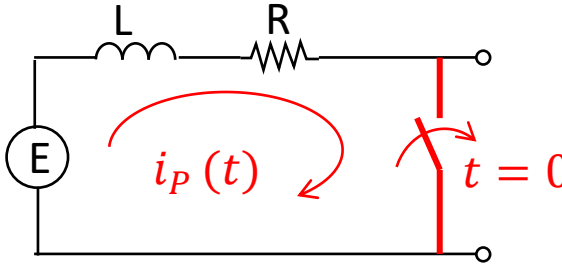
Short Circuit at primary side of CT

$$E_m = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times V_{LL}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$E = \frac{V_{LL}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$E(t) = E_m \sin(\omega t + \theta)$$

$$I_m = \frac{E_m}{Z}$$



$$\tan \varphi = \frac{\omega L}{R} = \frac{X}{R}$$

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + \omega^2 L^2}$$

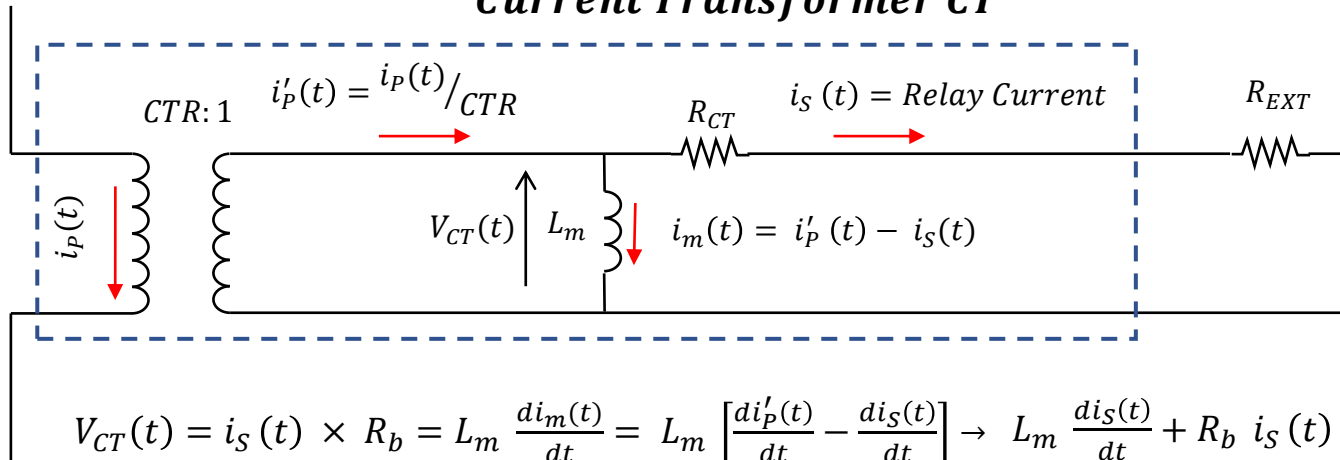
$$T_P = \frac{L}{R} \text{ (sec - primary time constant of SC)}$$

$$i_P(t) = -I_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} + I_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi), i_P(t=0) = 0$$

Short Circuit Current at CT Primary

$$i_P(t) = -I_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi), i_P(t=0) = 0$$

Current Transformer CT



CTR: CT Ratio

R_{CT} = CT internal resistance

R_{EXT} = External Resistances (Cable plus relay)

$R_b = R_{CT} + R_{EXT}$... CT total burden

T_S = secondary time constant

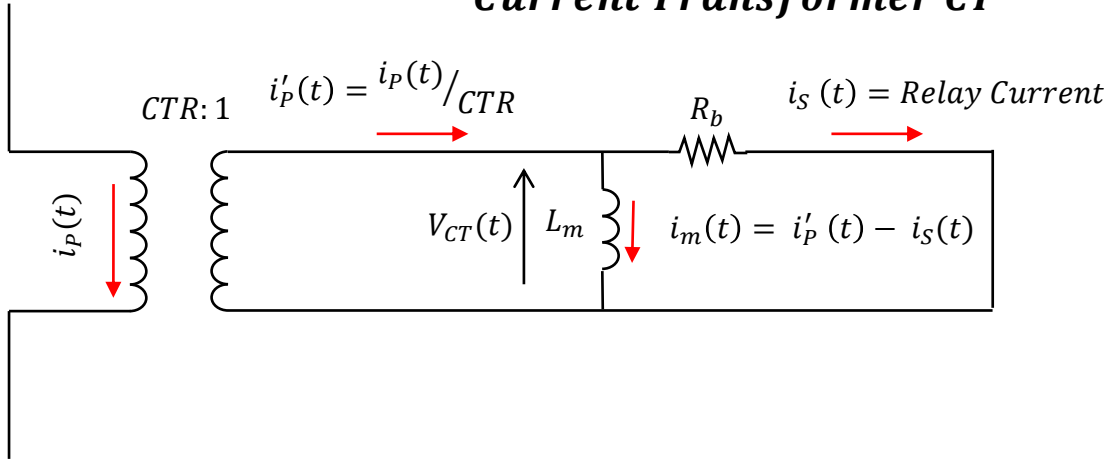
$$T_S = \frac{L_m}{R_b}$$

$$\frac{di_S(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{T_S} i_S(t) = \frac{di'_P(t)}{dt}$$

$$V_{CT}(t) = i_S(t) \times R_b = L_m \frac{di_m(t)}{dt} = L_m \left[\frac{di'_P(t)}{dt} - \frac{di_S(t)}{dt} \right] \rightarrow L_m \frac{di_S(t)}{dt} + R_b i_S(t) = L_m \frac{di'_P(t)}{dt}$$

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Current Transformer CT



$$i_p(t) = -I_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

&

$$i'_p(t) = \frac{i_p(t)}{CTR}$$



$$i'_p(t) = -\frac{I_m}{CTR} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \frac{I_m}{CTR} \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

&

$$I'_m = \frac{I_m}{CTR}$$

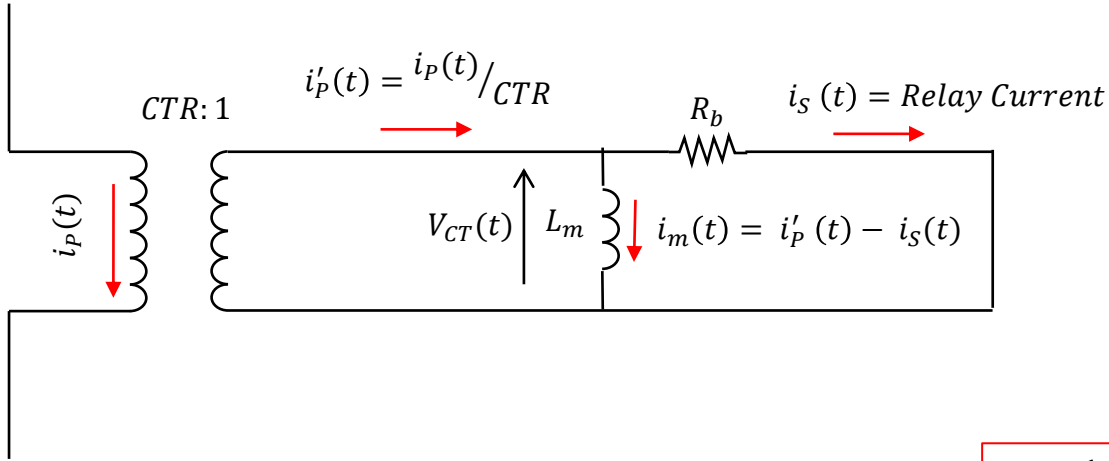


$$i'_p(t) = -I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$



$$\frac{d i'_p(t)}{dt} = \frac{I'_m}{T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \omega \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

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$$\frac{di_S(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{T_S} i_S(t) = \frac{di'_P(t)}{dt}$$

&

$$\frac{d i'_P(t)}{dt} = -\frac{I'_m}{T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \omega \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$



$$\frac{di_S(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{T_S} i_S(t) = -\frac{I'_m}{T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \omega \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$



Refer Appendix A – Details of calculation of $i_S(t)$



$$i_S(t) = \frac{T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

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Calculating $V_{CT}(t)$

$$V_{CT}(t) = R_b \times i_s(t) = R_b \times \left[\frac{T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right]$$

Calculating CT Flux $\phi_{CT}(t)$

$$V_{CT}(t) = - \frac{d \phi_{CT}(t)}{dt} \quad \text{So: } \phi_{CT}(t) = \int -V_{CT}(t) dt$$

$$\phi_{CT}(t) = \int \left\{ R_b \times \left[- \frac{T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} + \frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} - I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right] \right\} dt$$

$$\phi_{CT}(t) = R_b \times \left[\frac{T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \frac{I'_m}{\omega} \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right] + M e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}}$$

$M e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}}$ is a term for initial or remanent flux (ϕ_{CT} @ $t = 0$). Remanent flux ϕ_R is normally shown as per unit of

of knee point flux ϕ_K for example $\phi_R = 0.3 \phi_K$

for $\phi_R = K_R \phi_K$ where K_R is a per unit number then

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$$K_R \phi_K = R_b \times \left[\frac{T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) - \frac{T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) + \frac{I'_m}{\omega} \cos(\theta - \varphi) \right] + M$$

$$K_R \phi_K = R_b \times \frac{I'_m}{\omega} \cos(\theta - \varphi) + M$$

$$M = K_R \phi_K - R_b \times \frac{I'_m}{\omega} \cos(\theta - \varphi)$$

$$\phi_{CT}(t) = R_b \times \frac{I'_m}{\omega} \times \left[\frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right] + \left[K_R \left(\frac{\phi_K}{R_b \times \frac{I'_m}{\omega}} \right) - \cos(\theta - \varphi) \right] e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}}$$

$\phi_{AC-Max} = R_b \times \frac{I'_m}{\omega}$ then $\phi_{CT}(t)$ equation can be re – write

$$\phi_{CT}(t) = \phi_{AC-Max} \times \left\{ \left[\frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right] + \left[K_R \frac{\phi_K}{\phi_{AC-Max}} - \cos(\theta - \varphi) \right] e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} \right\}$$

At knee point this ratio is valid : $K_S = \frac{\phi_K}{\phi_{AC-Max}} = \frac{V_K}{V_{AC-Max}} = \frac{V_K}{R_b \times I'_m}$

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Multiplying $\frac{\phi_K}{\phi_K}$ to $\phi_{CT}(t)$

$$\phi_{CT}(t) = \phi_{AC-Max} \times \frac{\phi_K}{\phi_K} \times \left\{ \left[\frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right] + \left[K_R \frac{\phi_K}{\phi_{AC-Max}} - \cos(\theta - \varphi) \right] e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} \right\}$$

$$\phi_{CT}(t) = \left[\frac{\phi_K}{\phi_{AC-Max}} \right] \times \left\{ \left[\frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right] + \left[K_R \frac{\phi_K}{\phi_{AC-Max}} - \cos(\theta - \varphi) \right] e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} \right\}$$

$$\phi_{CT}(t) = \frac{\phi_K}{K_S} \times \left\{ \left[\frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \right] + [K_R K_S - \cos(\theta - \varphi)] e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} \right\}$$

Time to saturation (t_S)

Time to saturation (t_S) is the first instant that CT flux or CT voltage reach to the ϕ_K or V_K :

$$\phi_{CT}(t = t_S) = \phi_K = \frac{\phi_K}{K_S} \times \left\{ \left[\frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t_S + \theta - \varphi) \right] + [K_R K_S - \cos(\theta - \varphi)] e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}} \right\}$$

or at t_S :

$$K_S = \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{T_S - T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t_S + \theta - \varphi) + [K_R K_S - \cos(\theta - \varphi)] e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}}$$

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Practical Simplifications

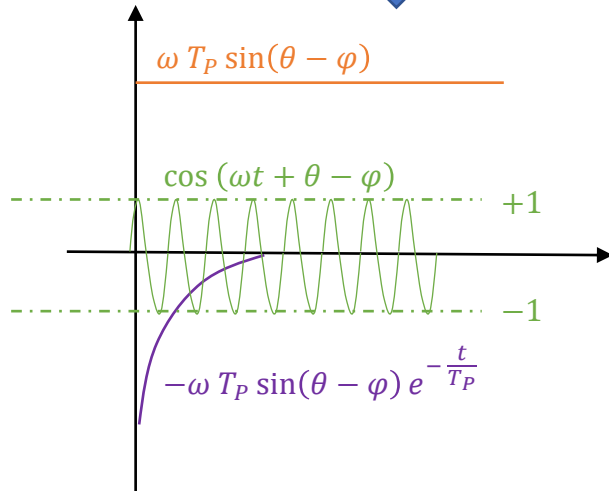
in closed core CT's $T_S \gg T_P$ then $T_S - T_P \approx T_S$ then :

$$K_S = \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{\approx T_S} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}} - \frac{\omega T_S T_P}{\approx T_S} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t_S + \theta - \varphi) + [K_R K_S - \cos(\theta - \varphi)] e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}}$$

$$K_S = \omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}} - \omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t_S + \theta - \varphi) + [K_R K_S - \cos(\theta - \varphi)] e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}}$$

for typical values of T_S (e.g. 10 sec), during first few cycles (below 100ms), the magnetude of $e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_S}}$ will be approximately 1:

$$K_S = \omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi) \times 1 - \omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}} + \cos(\omega t_S + \theta - \varphi) + [K_R K_S - \cos(\theta - \varphi)] \times 1$$



for the worst case scenario max of $\cos(\omega t_S + \theta - \varphi)$ should be 1 and same direction with $[\omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi)]$ component (or same sign with $\sin(\theta - \varphi)$)



$$K_S = \omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi) - \omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}} + 1 + K_R K_S - \cos(\theta - \varphi)$$

or:

Same sign with $\sin(\theta - \varphi)$

$$1 - \frac{(1 - K_R) K_S + \cos(\theta - \varphi) - 1}{\omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi)} = e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}}$$

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Time to saturation

$$1 - \frac{(1 - K_R) K_S + \cos(\theta - \varphi) - 1}{\omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi)} = e^{-\frac{t_S}{T_P}}$$

Finally

$$t_S = -T_P \times \ln \left[1 - \frac{(1 - K_R) K_S + \cos(\theta - \varphi) - 1}{\omega T_P \sin(\theta - \varphi)} \right]$$

substitute " $\omega T_P = \frac{X}{R}$ "

Same sign with $\sin(\theta - \varphi)$

$$t_S = -\frac{X}{\omega R} \times \ln \left[1 - \frac{(1 - K_R) K_S + \cos(\theta - \varphi) - 1}{\frac{X}{R} \sin(\theta - \varphi)} \right]$$

$$K_S = \frac{\left[1 - \cos(\theta - \varphi) + \frac{X}{R} \sin(\theta - \varphi) \times \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_S} \right) \right]}{(1 - K_R)}$$

$K_S = \frac{V_K}{R_b \times I'_{SC}}$ where I'_{SC} is the maximum AC symmetrical short circuit current divided by CT ratio. V_K is CT knee point voltage. $R_b = R_{CT} + R_{EXT}$

K_R : per unit value of the remanence flux compare to the max flux (knee point flux)

θ : voltage angle at the instant of short circuit. φ : angle of thevenin impedance at the point of short circuit $\left(\varphi = \tan^{-1} \frac{X}{R} \right)$.

X : reactance component of thevenin impedance at the point of short circuit. R : Resistive component of thevenin impedance at the point of short circuit

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Time to saturation

worst time of short circuit initiation is when $\sin(\theta - \varphi) = 1$ or $\theta - \varphi = 90^\circ$ so :

$$t_s = -\frac{X}{\omega R} \times \ln \left[1 - \frac{(1 - K_R) K_S + \cos(\theta - \varphi) - 1}{\frac{X}{R} \sin(\theta - \varphi)} \right] = -\frac{X}{\omega R} \times \ln \left[1 - \frac{(1 - K_R) K_S + 0 - 1}{\frac{X}{R} \times 1} \right]$$

$$t_s = -\frac{X}{\omega R} \times \ln \left[1 - \frac{(1 - K_R) K_S - 1}{\frac{X}{R}} \right]$$

$$K_S = \frac{\left[1 + \frac{X}{R} \times (1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_s}) \right]}{(1 - K_R)}$$

More important in CT sizing is calculating K_S when t_s is equal to relay operating time or relay pick up time t_{PK}

Re arrangement of t_s equation by calculating K_S when $t_{PK} = t_s$, another name for K_S in this case is "CT dimensioning factor"

$$t_s = t_{PK} \Rightarrow$$

$$K_S = \frac{\left[1 + \frac{X}{R} (1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}}) \right]}{(1 - K_R)}$$

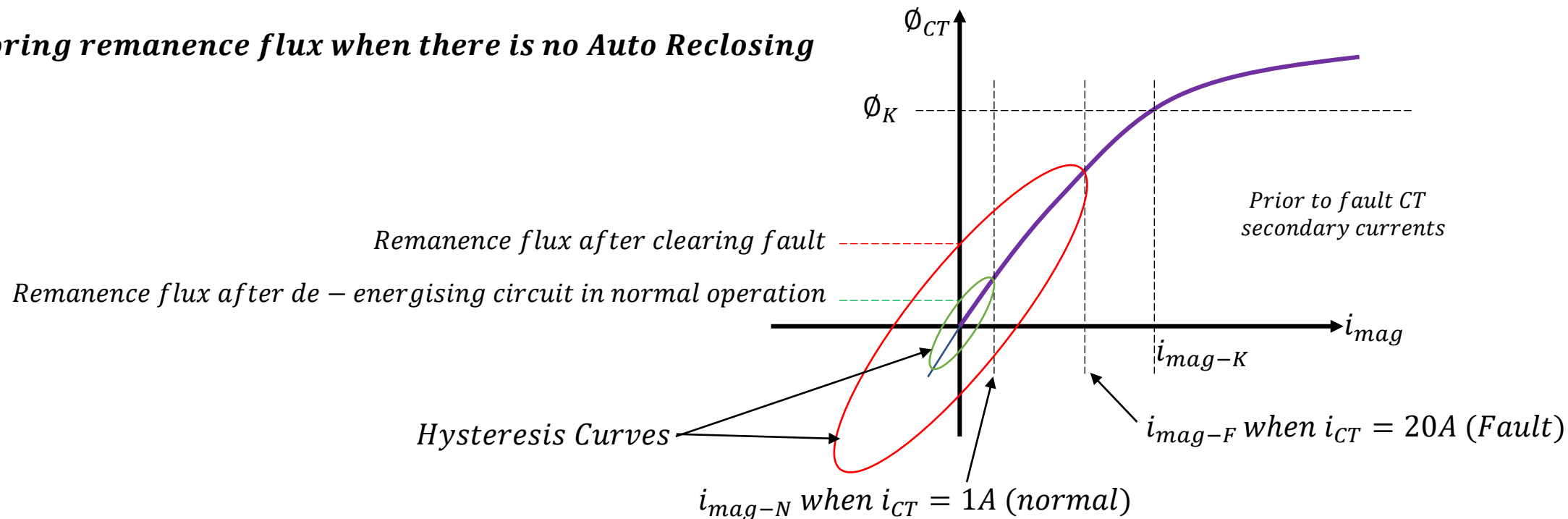
$$t_{PK} = \infty \Rightarrow$$

$$K_S = \frac{\left[1 + \frac{X}{R} \right]}{(1 - K_R)}$$

Conservative value for K_S , if K_S equal to this value then CT will never saturate for the highest fault

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Ignoring remanence flux when there is no Auto Reclosing



Refer to the above graph, the magnitude of the remanence flux in normal operation is very low compare to the CT knee point flux. In most applications, after tripping CB, circuit is not reenergised until fault is removed. As such, this is not a practical scenario to switch on fault with high remanence flux Φ_K (from previous fault). The only exception is after re-closing in Auto Reclosing scheme where there is a high chance to switch on to fault with high CT remanence flux left from first operation. For this practical reason, we can ignore CT remanence flux for most applications (when there is no auto reclosing). By applying $K_R = 0$, equation of CT dimensioning factor (K_S) is simplified to:

$$K_S = \frac{\left[1 + \frac{X}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}} \right) \right]}{(1 - K_R)} \xrightarrow{K_R=0} \boxed{K_S = 1 + \frac{X}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}} \right)}$$

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Example 1 – of impact of relay operation time on CT dimensioning factor

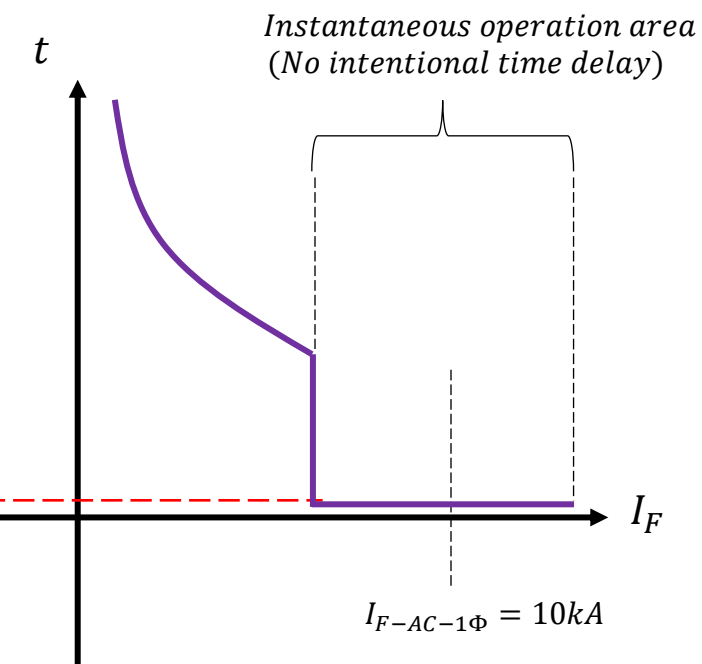
$$CT: \frac{250}{1}, I_{F-AC-1\Phi} = 10kA, \frac{X}{R} = 10, R_b = 4\Omega$$

$$t_{PK1} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Cycle} = 10ms = 0.01sec \text{ Relay 1 Pickup (operation) time}$$

$$t_{PK2} = 1.5 \text{ Cycle} = 30ms = 0.03sec \text{ Relay 2 Pickup (operation) time}$$

$$K_S = 1 + \frac{X}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}} \right)$$

t_{PK} : Relay Pickup time (Operating time)



$$K_{S1} = 1 + 10 \times (1 - e^{-0.1 \times 2\pi \times 50 \times 0.01}) = 3.7 \xrightarrow{\text{Required CT knee point voltage } V_{K1} = K_{S1} \times R_b \times \frac{I_F[A]}{CTR}} V_{K1} = 3.7 \times 4 \times \frac{10000}{250} = 592 \text{ V}$$

$$K_{S2} = 1 + 10 \times (1 - e^{-0.1 \times 2\pi \times 50 \times 0.03}) = 7.1 \xrightarrow{\text{Required CT knee point voltage } V_{K2} = K_{S2} \times R_b \times \frac{I_F[A]}{CTR}} V_{K2} = 7.1 \times 4 \times \frac{10000}{250} = 1136 \text{ V}$$

Min required Knee point voltage of relay 1 CT with 10ms operating time is less than minimum required Knee point voltage of relay 2 CT with 30ms operating voltage.

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Example 2 – Calculate Min required CT knee point voltage for 3Φ SC

$$CT: \frac{250}{1}, I_{F-AC-3\Phi} = 10kA, \frac{X}{R} = 10, R_b = 4\Omega$$

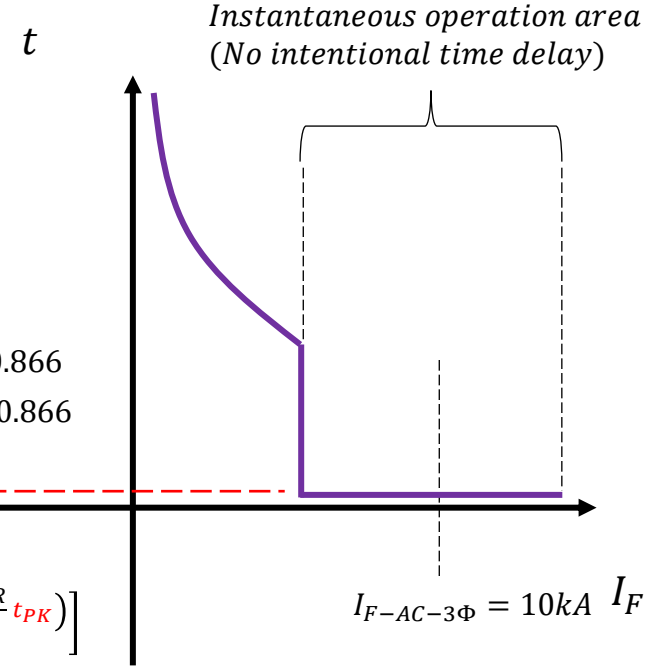
$$t_{PK} = 1.5 \text{ Cycle} = 30ms = 0.03sec \text{ Relay Pickup (operation) time}$$

Worst case switching instant at ϕ_A $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_{\phi_A} - \varphi = 90^\circ \text{ So: } \sin(\theta_{\phi_A} - \varphi) = 1 \text{ and } \cos(\theta_{\phi_A} - \varphi) = 0 \\ \theta_{\phi_B} - \varphi = 240^\circ + \theta_{\phi_A} - \varphi = 240^\circ + 90^\circ = 330^\circ \text{ So: } \sin(\theta_{\phi_B} - \varphi) = -0.5 \text{ and } \cos(\theta_{\phi_B} - \varphi) = 0.866 \\ \theta_{\phi_C} - \varphi = 120^\circ + \theta_{\phi_A} - \varphi = 120^\circ + 90^\circ = 210^\circ \text{ So: } \sin(\theta_{\phi_C} - \varphi) = -0.5 \text{ and } \cos(\theta_{\phi_C} - \varphi) = -0.866 \end{array} \right.$

t_{PK} : Relay Pickup time (Operating time)

Same sign with $\sin(\theta - \varphi)$

$$K_S = \frac{\left[1 - \cos(\theta - \varphi) + \frac{X}{R} \sin(\theta - \varphi) \times (1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}}) \right]}{(1 - K_R)} \xrightarrow{K_R=0 \text{ (ignore remanence flux)}} K_S = \left[1 - \cos(\theta - \varphi) + \frac{X}{R} \sin(\theta - \varphi) \times (1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}}) \right]$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_A: K_{SA} = [1 - 0 + 10 \times 1 \times (1 - e^{-2\pi 50 \times 0.1 \times 0.03})] = 7.1 \xrightarrow{\text{Required CT knee point voltage } V_{K-A} = K_{SA} \times R_b \times \frac{I_F[A]}{CTR}} V_{K-A} = 7.1 \times 4 \times \frac{10000}{250} = 1136 \text{ V} \\ \phi_B: K_{SB} = |[-1 - 0.866 + 10 \times (-0.5) \times (1 - e^{-2\pi 50 \times 0.1 \times 0.03})]| = |-4.92| = 4.92 = 0.7K_{SA} \xrightarrow{\text{Required CT knee point voltage } V_{K-B} = K_{SB} \times R_b \times \frac{I_F[A]}{CTR}} V_{K-B} = 4.92 \times 4 \times \frac{10000}{250} = 787.2 \text{ V} \\ \phi_C: K_{SC} = |[-1 - (-0.866) + 10 \times (-0.5) \times (1 - e^{-2\pi 50 \times 0.1 \times 0.03})]| = |-3.2| = 3.2 = 0.45K_{SA} \xrightarrow{\text{Required CT knee point voltage } V_{K-C} = K_{SC} \times R_b \times \frac{I_F[A]}{CTR}} V_{K-C} = 3.2 \times 4 \times \frac{10000}{250} = 512 \text{ V} \end{array} \right.$$

All three phases are not in their worst case switching instant in 3 ϕ short circuits (instantaneous protections). This example shows that when ϕ_A is at worst case switching with calculated CT over dimensioning factor of K_{SA} , at ϕ_C , $K_{SC} = 0.45K_{SA}$. As such, in 3 ϕ SC, due to smaller SC DC component in other phases, CT over dimensioning factor of worst case switching should be reduced by approximately 50% ($\approx$ multiplying by $|\sin(\theta - \varphi)|$ of other phases). In this example, min $V_K = 512V$.

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Simplification of K_S equation :

$$K_S = \frac{\left[\overset{\text{Same sign with } \sin(\theta - \varphi)}{1} - \cos(\theta - \varphi) + \frac{X}{R} \sin(\theta - \varphi) \times \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}}\right) \right]}{(1 - K_R)} \xrightarrow{\text{In practical scenarios}} \approx \boxed{K_S = \frac{|\sin(\theta - \varphi)|}{(1 - K_R)} \times \left[1 + \frac{X}{R} \times \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}}\right)\right]}$$

Example 3 – Calculate Min required CT knee point voltage for 2Φ SC

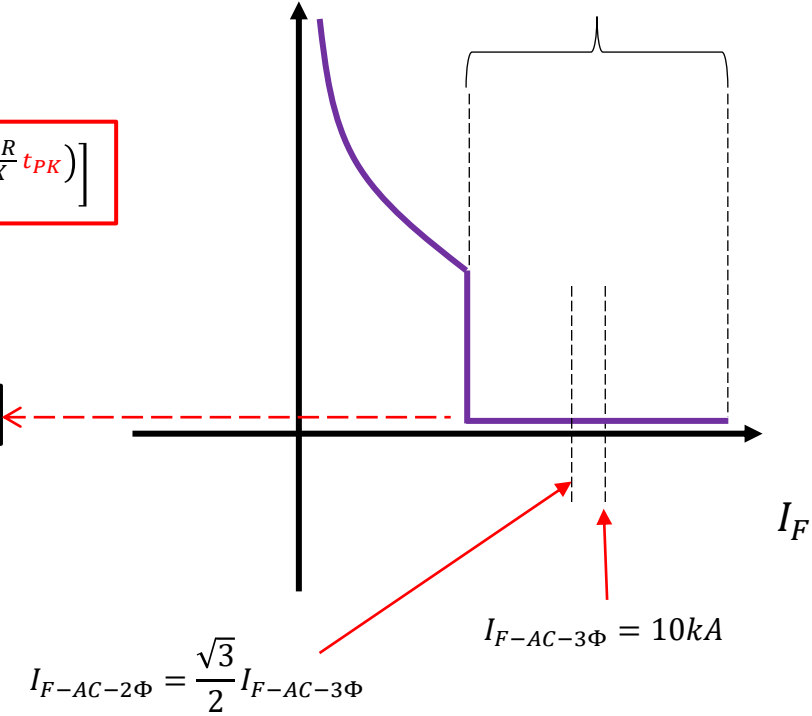
$$t_{PK} = 1.5 \text{ Cycle} = 30\text{ms} = 0.03\text{sec Relay Pickup (operation)time}$$

t_{PK} : Relay Pickup time (Operating time)

$$CT: \frac{250}{1}, I_{F-AC-3\Phi} = 10\text{kA}, I_{F-AC-2\Phi} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} 10\text{kA} = 8.67 \text{ kA}, \frac{X}{R} = 10, R_b = 4\Omega$$

$$t_{PK} = 1.5 \text{ Cycle} = 30\text{ms} = 0.03\text{sec Relay Pickup (operation)time}$$

t Instantaneous operation area (No intentional time delay)



$$K_S = \frac{|\sin(\theta - \varphi)|}{(1 - K_R)} \times \left[1 + \frac{X}{R} \times \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\omega R}{X} t_{PK}}\right)\right] \xrightarrow{\sin(\theta - \varphi) = 0 \text{ \& } K_R = 0} K_S = \frac{1}{1} \times [1 + 10 \times (1 - e^{-0.1 \times 2\pi \times 50 \times 0.03})] = 7.1 \xrightarrow{\text{Required CT knee point voltage } V_K = K_S \times R_b \times \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} I_{F-3\Phi} [A]}{CTR}} V_K = 7.1 \times 4 \times \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 10000}{250} = 984 \text{ V}$$

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Conclusions:

In the ideal situation ,CT's shall not be saturated for any through faults to give the exact image of the primary fault current to the protection relays.

Due to high asymmetrical fault component (DC component) of SC in HV power systems ,CT's can be saturated at the initiation of the faults if their knee point voltages only enough to handle AC symmetrical fault current. As such when calculating required CT knee point voltage (V_K),CT over dimensioning factor (K_S) is calculated as well and is multiplied to the short circuit AC symmetrical component to make sure that CT is not saturated during short circuit. However, it is not always practical to have CT with required V_K , e. g. assume a 100 to 1 CT in a system with 10kA SC, the secondary current will be 100A during SC and saturation is almost inevitable in the standard CT' in this range.

One of methods for finding required CT knee point voltage in instantaneous protections (such as distance zone 1, instantaneous overcurrent) is to calculate CT time to saturation then calculating required CT knee point voltage in a way that protection relays measure short circuit current accurately prior to CT saturation

This presentation demonstrates equations and circuit theory bakground of finding CT over dimensioning factor based on CT time to saturation.

There are several researches and patents (from relay manufacturers)in this topic about methods of current measuring in different protection relays (e. g. some of them can detect CT saturation)which are beyond this presentation. In practical cases ,protection relays'OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) recommendations shall be followed.

Appendix A – Details of calculation of $i_s(t)$

$$\frac{di_s(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{T_s} i_s(t) = -\frac{I'_m}{T_p} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_p}} + I'_m \omega \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$



$$i_s(t) = i_{s0}(t) + i_{s1}(t) + i_{s2}(t) = K_0 e^{-\frac{t}{T_s}} + K_1 e^{-\frac{t}{T_p}} + K_2 \sin(\omega t + \beta)$$



$i_{s1}(t) = K_1 e^{-\frac{t}{T_p}}$ = Particular Solution for $i_s(t)$ when differential equation = $-\frac{I'_m}{T_p} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_p}}$ (needs to calculate K_1)

$i_{s2}(t) = K_2 \sin(\omega t + \beta)$ = Particular Solution for $i_s(t)$ when differential equation = $I'_m \omega \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$ (needs to calculate K_2 & β)

$i_{s0}(t) = K_0 e^{-\frac{t}{T_s}}$ = Natural Response of differential equation (needs to calculate K_0 after calculating $i_{s1}(t)$ & $i_{s2}(t)$ then applying $i_s(0) = 0$)

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Calculating $i_{s1}(t)$

$$-\frac{K_1}{T_P} e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + \frac{K_1}{T_S} e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} = -\frac{I'_m}{T_P} \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow K_1 = -\frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi)$$

$$i_{s1}(t) = -\frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}}$$

Calculating $i_{s2}(t)$ by time domain method

$$\frac{di_{s2}(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{T_S} i_{s2}(t) = I'_m \omega \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \text{ AND } i_{s2}(t) = K_2 \sin(\omega t + \beta)$$

$$K_2 \omega \cos(\omega t + \beta) + \frac{1}{T_S} K_2 \sin(\omega t + \beta) = I'_m \omega \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \rightarrow K_2 [\cos(\omega t + \beta) + \frac{1}{\omega T_S} \sin(\omega t + \beta)] = I'_m \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

$$\text{Assume } \tan \varphi_{CT} = \frac{1}{\omega T_S} = \frac{R_b}{\omega L_m} = \frac{R_b}{X_m} = \frac{1}{\frac{X_m}{R_b}}$$

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Calculating $i_{s2}(t)$ by time domain method – Continue

$$K_2 [\cos(\omega t + \beta) + \tan \varphi_{CT} \sin(\omega t + \beta)] = I'_m \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \rightarrow K_2 [\cos(\omega t + \beta) + \frac{\sin \varphi_{CT}}{\cos \varphi_{CT}} \sin(\omega t + \beta)] = I'_m \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

$$\cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y, \quad \text{assume } x = \omega t + \beta \text{ and } y = \varphi_{CT}$$

$$\frac{K_2}{\cos \varphi_{CT}} \cos(\omega t + \beta - \varphi_{CT}) = I'_m \cos(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

$$\beta = \theta - \varphi + \varphi_{CT} \text{ since } X_m \gg R_b \text{ then } \tan \varphi_{CT} = \frac{R_b}{X_m} \approx 0 \text{ then } \varphi_{CT} \approx 0 \text{ then}$$

$$\beta \approx \theta - \varphi$$

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \rightarrow \tan^2 x + 1 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \rightarrow \cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 x}}$$

$$\frac{K_2}{\cos \varphi_{CT}} = K_2 \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \varphi_{CT}} = K_2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{R_b^2}{X_m^2}} = \frac{K_2 \sqrt{R_b^2 + X_m^2}}{X_m} = I'_m \rightarrow K_2 = \frac{X_m}{\sqrt{R_b^2 + X_m^2}} I'_m \rightarrow X_m \gg R_b \text{ then}$$

$$K_2 \approx I'_m$$

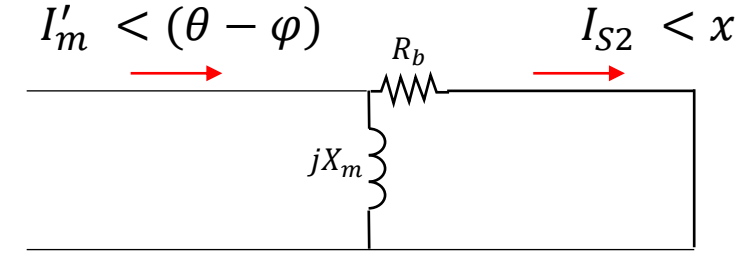
$$i_{s2}(t) = K_2 \sin(\omega t + \beta) = I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

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Calculating $i_{S2}(t)$ by phasor (frequency method)

$i_{S2}(t)$ is solution for a sine wave and it can be calculated by phasor

$$I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi) \equiv I'_m \angle (\theta - \varphi)$$



$$I_{S2} \angle x = I'_m \angle (\theta - \varphi) \frac{jX_m}{R_b + jX_m} = I'_m \angle (\theta - \varphi) \frac{X_m \angle 90^\circ}{|R_b + jX_m| \angle \tan^{-1}(\frac{X_m}{R_b})} = \frac{I'_m X_m \angle (\theta - \varphi + 90^\circ - \tan^{-1}(\frac{X_m}{R_b}))}{\sqrt{R_b^2 + X_m^2}}$$

$$X_m \gg R_b \text{ then : } \frac{X_m}{\sqrt{R_b^2 + X_m^2}} \approx 1 \text{ AND } \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{X_m}{R_b}\right) \approx 90^\circ \text{ So: } I_{S2} \angle x = \frac{I'_m X_m \angle (\theta - \varphi + 90^\circ - \tan^{-1}(\frac{X_m}{R_b}))}{\sqrt{R_b^2 + X_m^2}} \approx I'_m \angle (\theta - \varphi)$$

$$\text{So: } I_{S2} \approx I'_m \text{ and } x \approx (\theta - \varphi)$$

$$i_{S2}(t) = I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

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Calculating $i_{S0}(t)$ and $i_S(t)$

$$i_S(t) = i_{S0}(t) + i_{S1}(t) + i_{S2}(t) = K_0 e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} + K_1 e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + K_2 \sin(\omega t + \beta)$$

$$i_S(t) = K_0 e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$

$$i_S(t = 0) = 0$$

$$0 = K_0 - \frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) + I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi)$$

$$K_0 = \frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) - I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) = \frac{T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi)$$

$$i_S(t) = \frac{T_P}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_S}} - \frac{T_S}{T_S - T_P} I'_m \sin(\theta - \varphi) e^{-\frac{t}{T_P}} + I'_m \sin(\omega t + \theta - \varphi)$$