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## **Abstract**

Arc flashes in power system result in a huge amount of incident energy that can injure human workers. Strict safety measures have to be applied in the work place for safety of technical personnel. Computation of the incident energy is imperative to determine the corresponding safety requirements. Arcing current, and hence incident energy, is a function of some system parameters which may vary due to different reasons.

This research work considers the problem of parameter variability in arc flash calculations and its effect on hazard mitigation. A mathematical basis is set forth for the impact of the variation in gap between electrodes and system voltage on the incident energy value. Findings of this work emphasize that small variations in system parameters can yield inaccurate values of incident energy and misleading hazard categories. Therefore, parameter variation has to be carefully accommodated in the arc flash calculations to result in the proper hazard mitigation precautions.

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# Glossary

<b>AC</b>	Alternating current
<b>AFB</b>	Arc Flash Boundary
<b>AFC</b>	Available Fault Current
<b>AFHA</b>	Arc Flash Hazard Assessment
<b>AIC</b>	Available Interrupting Current
<b>ASY</b>	Asymmetrical
<b>Cf</b>	Calculating Factor
<b>COPS</b>	Critical Operating Power Systems
<b>D</b>	Working Distance
<b>Eb</b>	Incident Energy at Boundary Distance
<b>Ei</b>	Incident Energy
<b>En</b>	Normalized Energy
<b>FLA</b>	Full Load Current
<b>FPB</b>	Flash Protection Boundary
<b>G</b>	Gap between conductors
<b>Ia</b>	Arcing Current
<b>Ibf</b>	Bolt Fault current
<b>ICBB</b>	Insulated Case Circuit Breaker
<b>IT</b>	Instantaneous Time
<b>LAB</b>	Limited Approach Boundary
<b>LSI</b>	Long Short Instantaneous
<b>LT</b>	Long Time
<b>LVPCB</b>	Low Voltage Power Circuit Breaker
<b>MCCB</b>	Molded Case Circuit Breaker
<b>MDP</b>	Main Distribution Panel
<b>PAB</b>	Prohibited Approach Boundary
<b>PPE</b>	Personnel Protective Equipment
<b>RAB</b>	Restricted Approach Boundary
<b>SLD</b>	Single Line Diagram
<b>ST</b>	Short Time
<b>TCC</b>	Time Current Characteristics
<b>x</b>	Distance exponent

# 1 Chapter One – Introduction

The most important factor that has to be taken into consideration in the electrical systems design is safety. In recent years, electric injuries have represented a serious workplace health and safety issue. The seriousness of electric injuries is primarily due to their ability to cause serious complications including sudden cardiac arrest, irregular heartbeat, hypoxia, renal failure, and sepsis [1], [2]. Further, it can also produce long term neurological complications and can greatly influence the quality of life [1], [2]. The main injury circumstance related to electric hazard are electric shocks, and arc flash and blast [2]. Since the beginning of the use of the electric power, the electric shock has been a concern. Over the last few decades, significant attention has been paid to develop and regulate the safety standards in the industry. Improper installations may cause fatal injury, fire or damage to the property and equipment. This leads to the necessity of development of the electric guidance and codes. In USA, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): National Electric Code (NEC) was first published in 1897 [4], [5] and it is used as a guide for the electric installations design. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was formed to address the concerns of health and safety in the workplace. As a result of the collaboration between OSHA and NFPA a standard called NFPA 70E (Standard for Electrical safety in the Workplace) was developed. This standard provides guidance for a safe workplace in the electric installations industry. Primarily, it addresses the electric shock and arc flash. In Canada, the Canadian Electric Code (CEC) is the standard published by Canadian Standard Association (CSA) as guidance for electrical installations and maintenance of electrical equipment. And the CSA Z462, Workplace Electrical Safety Standard is the Canadian standard for workplace electrical safety, and was first published in January 2009 [3]. It is based on and harmonized with the NFPA 70E. Bill C45 (also known as Westray Bill) was created and introduced as a result of 1992 Westray coal mining disaster in Nova Scotia. In March 2004, Statute 217.1 established a duty under Criminal Code of Canada for employers, managers, and supervisors to ensure workplace health and safety. There is no specific limit on fines against a corporation that is found guilty, and individual representatives of a corporation can receive a maximum sentence of life imprisonment [4]. Due to this law, safety has become the primary concern for companies and many have invested to eliminate or reduce the electric shock and arc flash. Both NFPA70E and CSA Z462 are the key standards that outline electrical safety required for employees and electrical safety programs that the employers must

implement. They provide guidance on how to protect workers that perform energized electrical work tasks. The standards also give guidance for the selection of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as protective clothing and equipment to protect workers from electric arc flash and shock hazards. In addition, the standard also provides the working and safety distances and boundaries from energized equipment, along with the different energy levels. According to the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety, CSA Z462 is a reasonable measure for an employer to follow to protect its employees [5]. CSA Z462 has been revised and we are now following the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, which was published in January 2015.

## **1.1 Arc Flash**

In low voltage, shock injuries happen due to direct contact with electric current. However, a high voltage can create an arc that carries electric current without any direct physical contact [1], [9], [10]. It is created when an abnormal condition exists on energized electrical equipment, and an arc fault occurs that leads to an arc flash. There are many factors that can cause and increase the probability for arc flash, such as human interaction, deficiency in human performance and lack of electrical equipment maintenance. An arc flash is tremendous release of electrical energy to the air when a breakdown occurs between conductors. It can also appear when an energized conductor comes in contact with another energized conductor or with the ground, resulting in either a small spark or big explosion. This explosion is known as arc flash and it gives off thermal radiation, thermal heat and can cause burns or serious injuries to workers that are several feet away. Temperature has been recorded as high as 35000F and may cause serious burns, hearing loss, eye injuries, skin and lung damage [6]. Strong arc flash also creates considerable pressure waves that heat the surrounding air, causing a blast that can hit the worker and the equipment with strong pressure. “This pressure is about ten times the value of wind resistance that walls are normally built to withstand, so such an arc could readily destroy a conventional wall at a distance of about 40 ft (12 m) or less. A 25-kA arc could similarly destroy a wall at a distance of 9.5 ft (3 m)” [7].

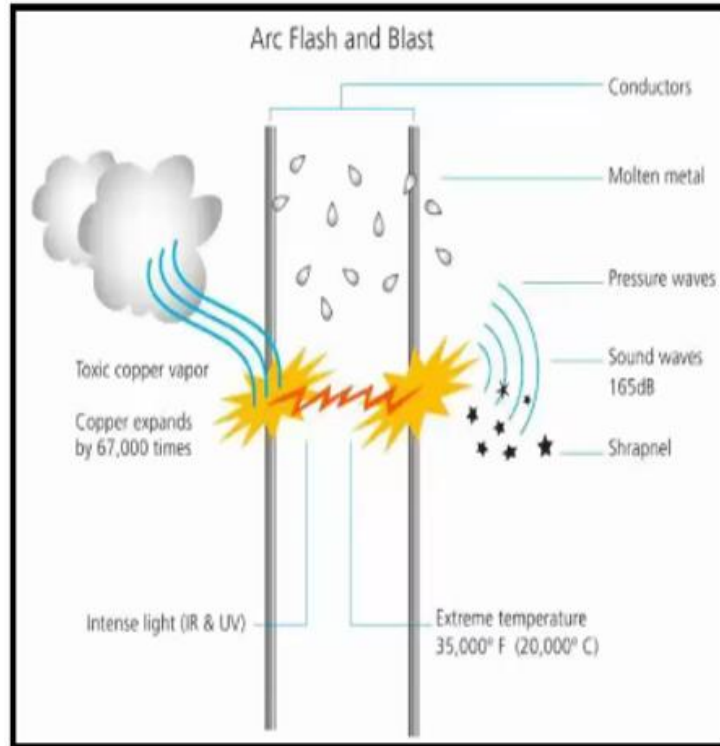


Figure 1-1 Arc Flash and Blast (arc current >25KA).

One of the first papers concerning the arc flash quantified the incident energy released, and was written by Ralph Lee. Lee's paper developed a relationship between the heat transfer and distance and its effect on human skin. This paper highlighted some of the dangers of an arc flash, resulting in many in the industry seeking more information regarding the proper protective equipment that should be used at each particular level of exposure.

Now, the focus starts on measurement and calculation of incident energy that an arc flash may produce. A paper by Doughty, Neal and Floyd discussed the measurement and prediction of the incident energy based on two factors: the available fault current, and the distance from the arc source. An important result was that incident energy is bigger when the arc source is located in an enclosure with an open door versus a source in open air with the same distance [8]. Tests were done by using manikins to understand and mimic how humans can be affected by arc flash [9]. Arc flash hazard was first considered in 1995 by NFPA 70E standards and the Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) and Hazard Risk Table was thus introduced. The standard used 5 categories (0-

4) with different PPE requirement and classified by task and not by the hazard level or the incident energy. In 2002, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) published the IEEE-1584 “guide for performance arc flash hazard calculations”. This standard was the basis of evaluating the arc flash hazard based on incident energy calculation in the location required at the electric installation. It became the standardized way of hazard calculation and is still used as the primary method today. Therefore, it is possible to calculate the incident energy at any point in the installation and consequently, the related thermal exposure and the selection of the relevant PPE. Gammon and Matthews published a paper in 2005 that highlighted the comprehensive statistical analysis of the IEEE 1584 test data [10]. In 2011, Curtis Thomas discussed and suggested a few techniques used in the industry to reduce arc flash hazards [11]. The results of Curtis show important reduction of arc hazards.

## **1.2 Thesis Objectives and Contributions**

This thesis focuses on the variation of arc flash parameters such as voltage, gap between electrodes and arcing time. Examine the challenge of reducing the risk of injury, minimizing the arc flash hazard and improving the safety of workers at electric equipment.

This work simulate those techniques used to mitigate arc flash and investigate the impact of arc parameters variation on them. Further, we propose calculation procedure that may lead to adequate results.

## **1.3 Thesis Layout**

In chapter 2, protection of electrical systems is discussed. Short circuit calculation and the different protective devices along with their characteristics and their use are investigated.

In chapter 3 the method of fault current calculation is described. The options of protective devices are also discussed. Lastly, the arc flash hazard calculation methodology is presented.

The chapter 4 is dedicated to changeability in arcing parameters such as voltage and gap. Their effect on arcing current and arcing time is discussed.

The chapter 5 will focus mainly on the results and observations. Simulation of the scenarios used to mitigate the arc flash hazard using IEEE 1584 standard is performed. The same scenarios

are carried out with the consideration of voltage and gap variation. The results is compared and analyzed. Furthermore, the impact of voltage and gap between electrodes variation on incident energy and hazard category is shown.

The conclusions, final thoughts and future works are presented in chapter 6. Finally, the reference section covers all the sources used in this endeavor.

## **1.4 Summary**

This Chapter gives an introduction to the topic of the research work. Arc flash is defined highlighting its causes and impacts. Historical development of industry standards related to arc flash in North America is stated. A quick literature review on the topic of arc flash is presented. The objectives of this research are stated along with the contributions of the work. Finally, the layout of this thesis report is given.



# **2 Chapter Two - Protection of Electric Systems**

The purpose of electrical systems is to provide electrical energy to equipment in a reliable and safe way. The equipment will convert the delivered energy to the form that is needed by the user. These electrical systems must be capable of delivering the required electric energy in a continuous form, which must be protected against any outage or damage in case of any abnormal circumstances. However, equipment may fail by nature, resulting in serious influx of energy, putting the users, installation and equipment in danger. The protection system is used to isolate the faults as quickly as possible and save the users from harm, and equipment from fire and damage.

## **2.1 Abnormality Conditions**

There are many situations that abnormal conditions may occur. Events such as overloads, short circuits, under voltage, single phasing of three phase systems, overvoltage and transient surges, incorrect synchronizing of frequencies, incorrect phase sequence and reverse power flow are some of the common causes of abnormality. Amongst these, the most common abnormalities in low voltage power systems are overloads and short circuits. Therefore, our focus will be on these two. Overload is caused by an extra demand from the equipment, but is not the result of any failure in the system itself. On the other hand, a fault, such as a short circuit or ground fault, is not an overload [12]. In fact, fault is caused by an electric failure and the resulting current can be huge compared to the normal operating current. As such, it must be isolated as quickly as possible in order to minimize the risk of damage and harm.

## **2.2 Short Circuit Faults**

Faults occur in normal electric installations, and an unintentional electric path will be created. As a result, the voltage will collapse and a high influx of current will flow toward the fault location from all parts of the electrical system. Fault current are reduced with distance from the source due to system impedance [13]. In power systems, there are four types of faults: (i) single line to ground, (ii) line to line, (iii) double line to ground and (iv) balanced three phase fault [14]. Line to ground faults start from few percentage to 125% of the three phase value. Line to line faults

are approximately 87% of three phase fault current. The probability of line to ground fault current value to exceed the three phase value is very low [15]. It is a well-known fact that line to line faults in equipment and cables turn into three phase faults very quickly [16]. The three phase fault is used because it gives the maximum and conservative value [15].

## 2.3 Calculation of Fault Currents

All currents used in arc flash simulation and modeling are three phase because three phase faults produce the maximum and conservative values. It is crucial to calculate the maximum fault current that can flow at any given point on the electrical installation to ensure the correct selection of equipment. The electric codes require that equipment intended to break current at fault level must have an interrupting rating that is sufficient enough that it can clear the fault without any damage. As we discussed before, the maximum fault current in low voltage installations occurs in three phase bolted faults. Therefore, calculations are held on this basis. It is important to mention that the fault current may not be symmetrical depending on the time at which the fault happens during the cycle. Therefore, the resulting current can be offset from the normal current axis and become asymmetrical [17]. Power systems are highly inductive (transformers and the like) [17] Figure 2-1 shows a theoretical circuit with resistance and inductance. The closing of the switch mimics a fault on the system and the current flow represents the fault current. For simplicity and conservative results, we assume zero fault impedance (bolted fault). Writing KVL:

$$\frac{Ldi(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) = 2V\sin(\omega t + a) \quad \text{where } t \geq 0 \quad 2.3.1$$

Solving 2.3.1 result in:

$$\begin{aligned} i(t) &= i_{ac}(t) + i_{dc}(t) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}V}{Z} \left[ \sin(\omega t + \alpha - \theta) - \sin(\alpha - \theta) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right] A \end{aligned} \quad 2.3.2$$

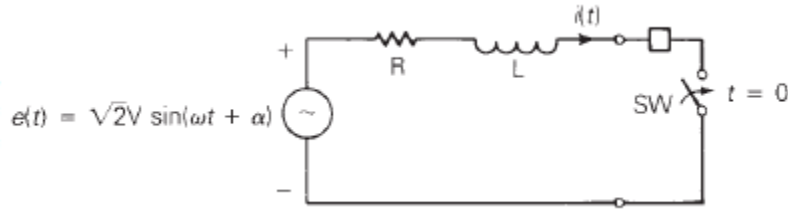


Figure 2-1 Current in RL circuit with AC voltage source [18].

$$i_{ac}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2}V}{Z} \sin(\omega t + \alpha - \theta) \text{ A} \quad 2.3.3$$

$$i_{dc}(t) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}V}{Z} \sin(\alpha - \theta) e^{-t/T} \text{ A} \quad 2.3.4$$

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2} = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2} \text{ } \Omega \quad 2.3.5$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega L}{R} = \tan^{-1} \frac{X}{R}$$

$$T = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{X}{\omega R} = \frac{X}{2\pi R} \text{ s}$$

The fault current in equation 2.3.2 is called the *asymmetrical fault current*. The AC fault current given by equation 2.3.3 is called *symmetrical or steady state current* and the *DC offset current* is given by equation 2.3.4.

The total fault current is the sum of its two components: the *symmetrical fault current* and the *DC offset*, which decays exponentially with a time constant  $T=L/R$  as shown in Figure 2-2.

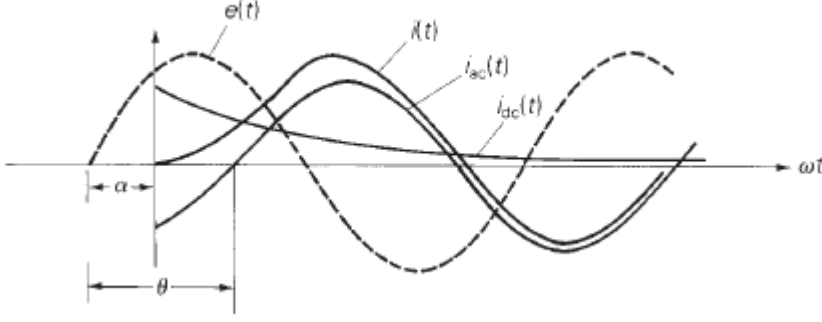


Figure 2-2 Resulting asymmetrical current [18].

From equation 2.3.4, the maximum value of the DC offset is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}V}{Z}$  when  $\sin(\alpha - \theta)e^{-t/T} = 1$  and  $\alpha = \theta \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Since the fault may happen at any instant during the cycle of the source, we are interested in the maximum possible value of the fault current.

$$i(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2}V}{Z} \left[ \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - e^{-\frac{t}{T}} \right] A \quad (2.3.2)$$

From equation 2.3.3,  $\frac{V}{Z}$  is the RMS value of  $i_{ac}(t)$ . So,  $I_{ac} = \frac{V}{Z} A$ .

From equation 2.3.2, we treat the exponential term as a constant and we apply the concept of rms to the asymmetrical fault  $i(t)$  with maximum DC offset.

$$I_{ASY} = \sqrt{(I_{ac})^2 + (I_{dc})^2}$$

$$I_{ASY} = I_{ac} \sqrt{1 + 2e^{-\frac{2t}{T}}} A$$

Using  $T = X/(2\pi f R)$  and  $t = \tau/f$ , this implies:

$$I_{ASY} = K(\tau) I_{ac} A$$

Where:

$$K(\tau) = \sqrt{1 + 2e^{-4\pi/(\frac{x}{R})}} \text{ p.u}$$

The  $K(\tau)$  is called the asymmetry factor. It is clear that the asymmetrical fault can have a maximum value of  $\sqrt{3} I_{ac}$  when  $\tau=0$  and reach  $I_{ac}$  when  $\tau$  is very large. Note that a higher X/R value gives a higher  $I_{ASY}$  value. It is very convenient to consider the fault current as asymmetrical current consisting of two components: (i) symmetrical AC current alternating or superimposed on (ii) a DC current [19] [17]. The peak value of this asymmetrical fault current appears in the first half cycle of the fault known as the *Available Fault Current (AFC)*. Note that electrical systems are generally inductive circuits, meaning the resistance is negligible. With this in mind, if we consider

$$I_{ac} \text{ as } 1\text{pu, then } I_{ASY} = \sqrt{(I_{ac})^2 + (I_{dc})^2} = \sqrt{(1.0)^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

This means that the rms value of the asymmetrical current is 1.73 times the symmetrical current. This will result in significant mechanical and thermal stress on the electrical installation as these stresses are proportional to the square of the rms value of the current [17]. The system conditions play a serious role on the decay of the offset DC component. The rate at which the DC component decays depends on the ratio of the system X/R Figure 2-3 shows a typical low voltage electric systems with X/R = 6 as simulated in MATLAB.

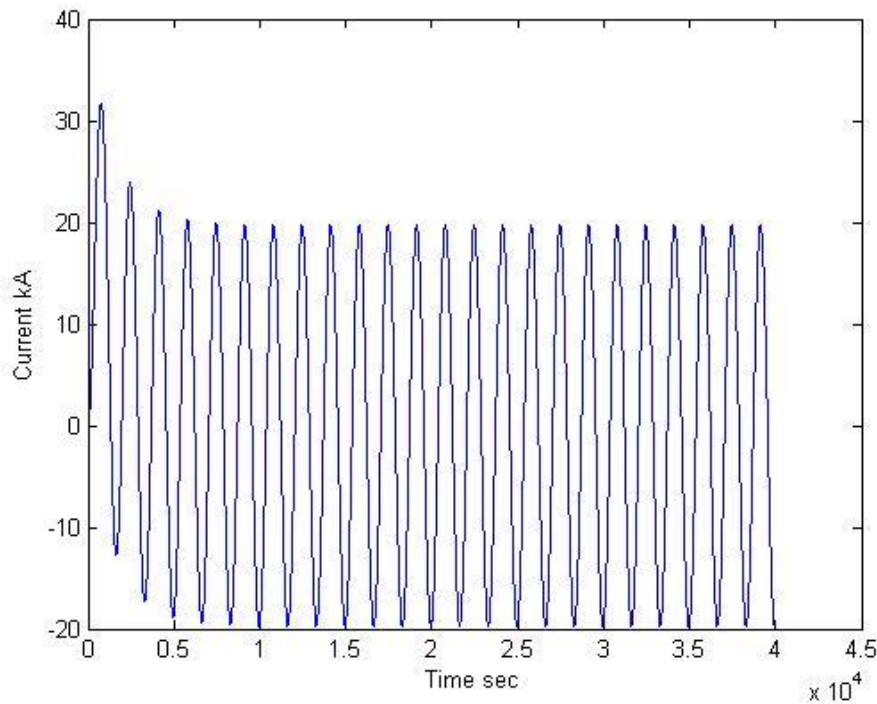


Figure 2-3 Asymmetrical fault current for X/R ratio 6 (simulation)

## 2.4 Protective Devices

### 2.4.1 Circuit Breakers

The main function of protective devices is to detect any abnormal situation or fault and disconnect it automatically and safely from the system. Protective devices are rated for the following parameters:

1. Maximum continuous voltage
2. Maximum continuous current
3. Interrupting rating
4. Short time current rating

These are the ratings applied to the basic protective device mechanisms and there are separate ratings for the detection units incorporated into the protective device. The detection units of the protective device respond quickly to large fault currents and respond slowly for overloads. This characteristic is known as inverse time characteristic. Figure 2-4 shows a circuit breaker curve that has both the inverse time element and the instantaneous element.

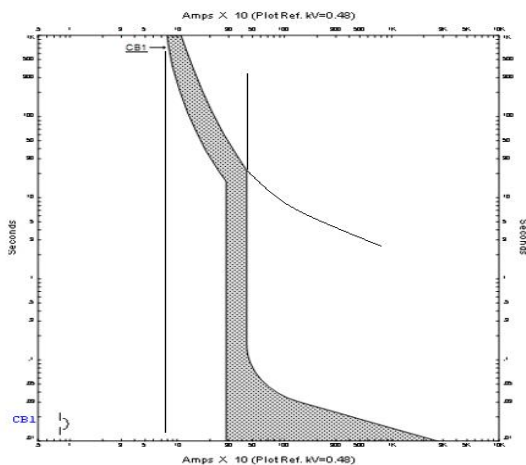


Figure 2-4 Response curve of CB generated from ETAP

Circuit breaker parameters such as available interrupting capacity and rated continuous current are very crucial in design of the electric systems. The interrupting capacity, or the breaking capacity,

is the maximum fault current the CB can interrupt with fixed voltage. This interrupting capacity is expressed in rms current magnitude [20].

There are two types of tripping units: (i) the series and (ii) the solid state type. The series are thermal and magnetic connected in series with each power line. The thermal action provides respond to overloads that is way less than short circuit current and it trips the breaker after some delay. On the other hand, the magnetic action provides instantaneous tripping and it respond quickly to short circuit currents. Figure 2-5 shows the thermal action of MCCB, the time delay tripping and the graph of typical inverse time current response. Figure 2-6 shows the magnetic action and the instantaneous tripping of MCCB. And Figure 2-7 shows the combined thermal-magnetic action.

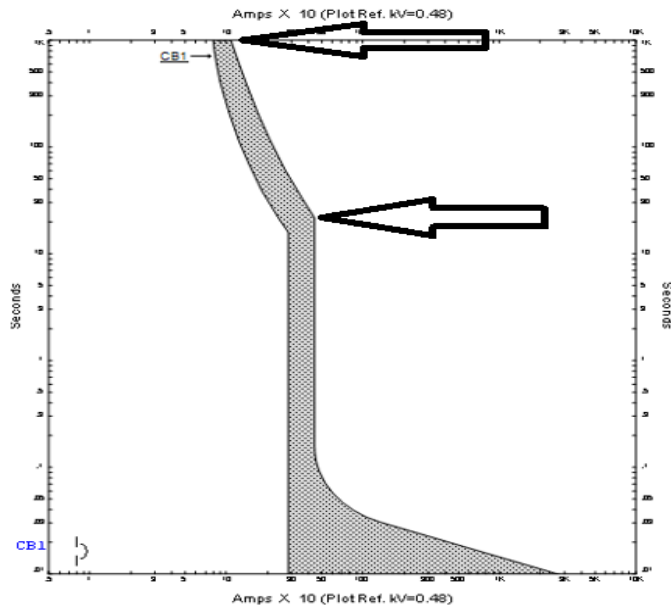


Figure 2-5 Thermal action trip of CB generated from ETAP

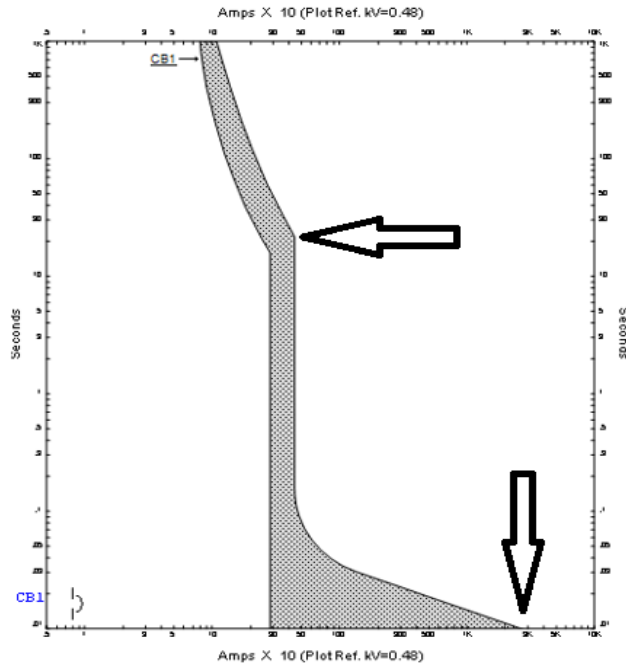


Figure 2-6 Magnetic action Instantaneous trip of CB generated from ETAP

Circuit breakers are analyzed graphically from their Time Current Curves (TCC) and they are available with adjustable magnetic trip. Figure 2-6 shows non-adjustable thermal magnetic MCCB. Note that the graph showing minimum and maximum values represent the boundaries of the operating band. Regardless of the precision of the circuit breaker, there will be small differences between the individual breakers of the same type.

Figure 2-7 shows a thermal MCCB and its TTC curve with adjustable magnetic trip setting. In this type of MCCB's, we can adjust the pickup of the fault current.



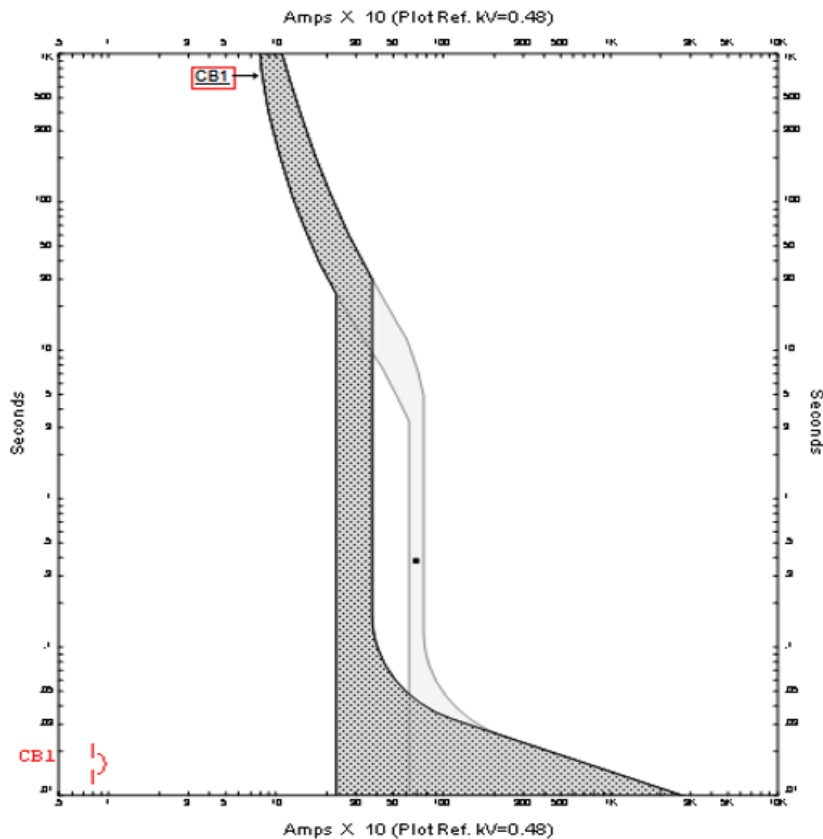


Figure 2-7 TCC curve for adjustable MCCB generated from ETAP

The other circuit breaker used in the industry of electrical power distribution is the low voltage power circuit breaker (LVPCB). It is more flexible and has a higher rating than MCCB. In fact, it is generally called power circuit breaker to be distinguished from the MCCB. The national Electrical Manufacturers Association defines the low voltage power circuit breaker “as one for use on circuits rated 1000 volts alternating current and bellow, but not including molded-case circuit breakers”. These breakers handle large amounts of power, up to 4000 amp at 600 volts. These breakers are heavier and larger than MCCBs. Power circuit breakers have thermal-magnetic trip for overload tripping; however, they have 30 cycle short time current rating as per the ANSI standard [21]. These features or settings are used for coordination purpose and they are called Long-time, Short-time and Instantaneous (LSI). Most of the power circuit breakers today are of the solid state type. The solid state type mimics the TCC of the thermal magnetic type and provides more flexibility, features and precision. Several settings are provided for LVPCBs.

Figures 2-8, 2-9, 2-10 and 2-11 show a typical TCC with the different possible settings in the four time domain (long delay time, short delay time, instantaneous pick up, long delay pick up, respectively).

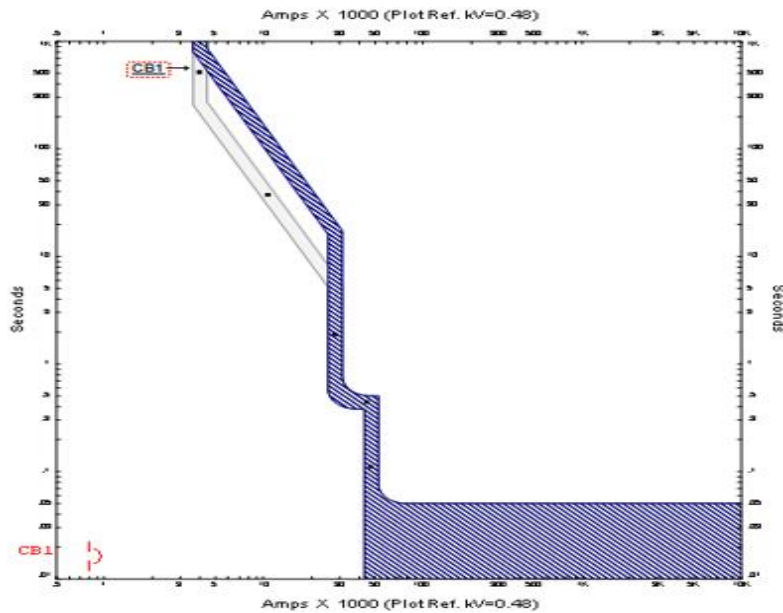


Figure 2-8 Long Delay Time generated from ETAP

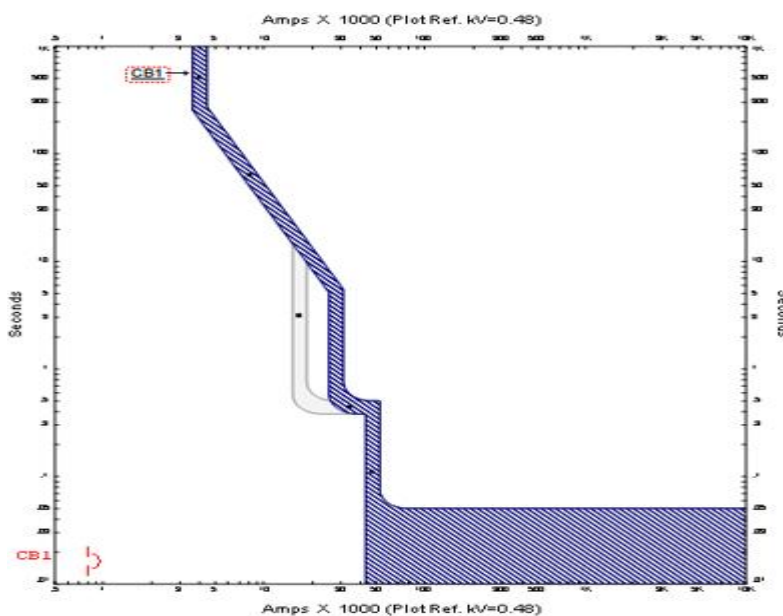


Figure 2-9 Short Delay Time generated from ETAP

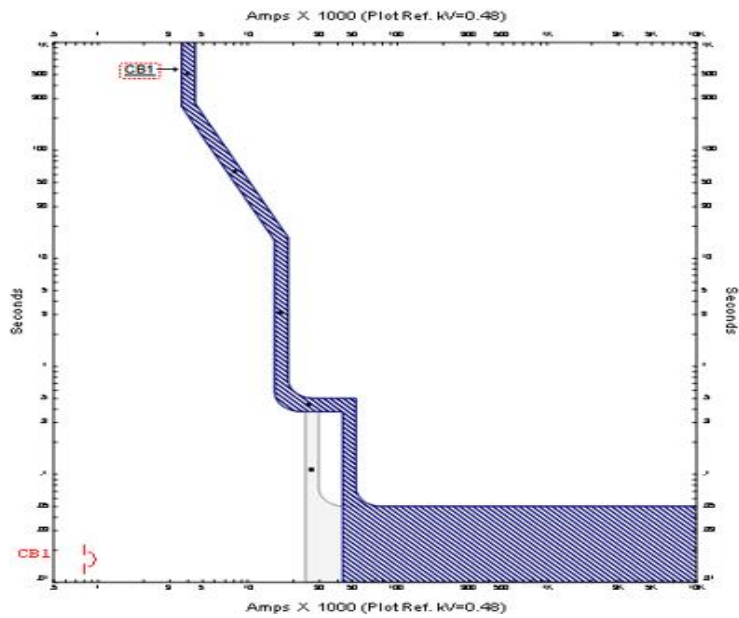


Figure 2-10 Instantaneous Pick up generated from ETAP

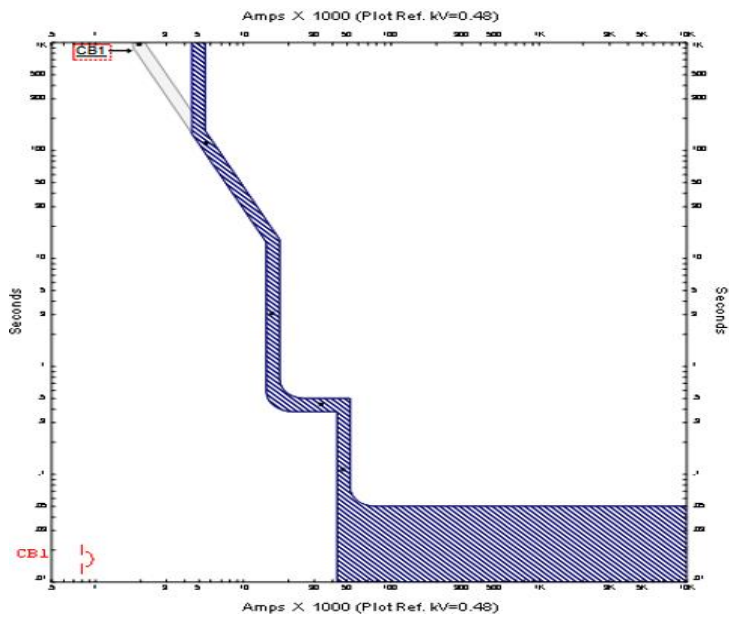


Figure 2-11 Long Delay Pick up generated from ETAP

Over time, the distinction between molded case breakers (MCCB) and power circuit breakers disappeared because of the development of large frame MCCB's with solid state trip units. These new MCCBs are known as hybrid circuit breakers.

Insulated circuit breakers are molded case circuit breakers which have some features of low voltage power circuit breakers LVPCB [20] [22]. “The industry recognizes three types of circuit breakers — molded-case circuit breakers (MCCB), insulated-case circuit breakers (ICCB), and low-voltage power circuit breakers LVPCB). Insulated-case circuit breakers are designed to meet the standards for molded-case circuit breakers” [23]

## **2.4.2 Fuses**

The national electric code defines the fuse as “an overcurrent protection device with a circuit opening fusible part that is heated and severed by the passage of current through it” [24]. Fuses have amp rating, voltage rating and interrupting ratings. In low voltage systems, they are used to protect from overload and short circuit currents. These fuse respond to thermal energy, causing it to melt when sufficient current pass through it [25]. The heat is a function of  $I^2t$ . So the fuse automatically has an inverse time current response TCC. Figure 2-12 shows a typical fuse response curve. The two boundaries in the graph represent the minimum melt time and the total clearing time of the fuse. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards allow a maximum tolerance of +/- 10% in the melting current for any given time. The area between the two lines in the graph is the operating band of the fuse.

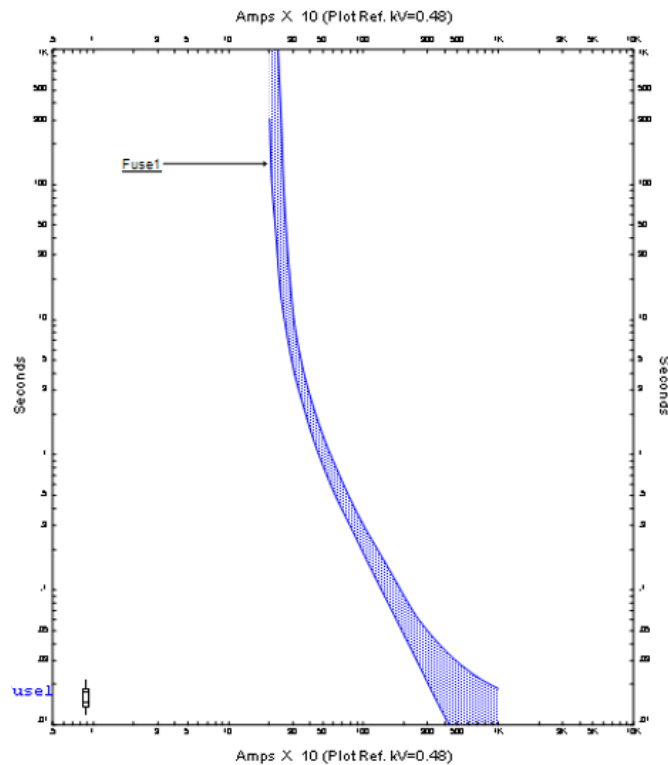


Figure 2-12 Typical fuse generated from ETAP

## 2.5 Summary

This Chapter presents a few concepts of electric power system protection as related to the problem of arc flash. Abnormal operation conditions in power systems are introduced with focus on short circuit faults. Then, fault current calculations are addressed, in particular three-phase faults which give conservative results. The effects of power system components parameters (resistance and reactance) on short circuit faults are summarized. Operation of power system protective devices, especially circuit breakers, is explained. Distinction is made between circuit breaker behaviours under overload and short circuit conditions as related to their function in protecting power system components.

# 3 Chapter Three - Arc Flash Calculation and Power Systems Studies

As part of a risk assessment procedure, an arc flash risk assessment would be required in order to reduce severity or harm. In order to do so, a fault current analysis, protective device coordination, a short circuit analysis and arc flash calculations must be carried out. By conducting the short circuit analysis, we will figure out the available fault current and consequently, the interrupting rating of the protective devices and the equipment withstand. The protective devices coordination will show the possibilities of reducing the risk through fault time reduction. Finally, the arc flash study will help us to measure the incident energy at different locations within the system.

## 3.1 Short Circuit Theory

As discussed in sections 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, electric fault may occur due to many reasons, whether intentionally or unintentionally. In most cases, it will be developed to three phase fault.

The short circuit value at that location is called the available fault current (AFC). The equipment installed at that location must have withstand rating that is higher than the available fault current, in order to support the corresponding mechanical and thermal stresses. The protective devices must also have an available interrupting capacity (AIC) or breaking capacity higher than the AFC in order to interrupt the fault without any damage [26]. Protective devices such as fuses and circuit breakers must be capable of interrupting the biggest possible fault that may happen. All other parts of the system such as bus bars, feeders, cables must be capable of handling the faults and supporting the associated stresses. At the time of the fault in the installation, sources such as utility system, generators and all motors (both synchronous and induction) contribute to the value of the fault. The components that impede the fault current are the cables and transformers. The process of calculating the fault currents is documented in IEEE standard [19] and [32]. A point to point fault calculation method is presented here [32].

$$F = \frac{1.732 * L * AFC}{C * n * V}$$

Where:

- $L$ : Length of the conductor
- $AFC$ : Available Fault current at the beginning of the run
- $C$ : Constant representing conductor type
- $n$ : number of conductors parallel runs
- $V$ : Voltage Line to Line

The available fault current AFC or the available short circuit capacity at the service entrance is provided by the local utility. Since we always prefer to take conservative values with the intention to assess the system during the worst case high fault current scenario, we consider the infinite bus calculation. This assumption not only simplifies the calculation but also gives us the maximum possible fault current that can be seen in the secondary of the service transformer.

This results in the following calculation procedure: [32].

Step 1: calculate the *Full Load Current* at the secondary of the transformer

$$FLA_{secondary} = \frac{KVA_{3PH}}{\sqrt{3}KV_{LL}}$$

Step 2: calculate the *Available Fault Current* at the secondary of the transformer

$$AFC_{secondary} = \frac{FLA_{secondary} * 100}{\%Z}$$

As we discussed in Section 2.3 and shown in Figure 2-3, the peak value of the first cycle is strongly related to the DC exponential decay value. The rate at which the DC component decays depends on the ratio of the system reactance and resistance R under fault conditions. In most power systems, the DC component decays to an insignificant value within 0.1 seconds [19]. Electrical installations are mostly resistive and inductive components due to cables, transformers and utility source. The factor X/R has a significant effect on the selection of protective devices and power distribution equipment. Once the fault happens, the current is no longer sinewave and it is a combination of symmetrical part and a decaying DC component. As shown in Section 2.3, the larger the X/R ratio,

the longer the DC part exist [33] and [34]. Therefore, the selection of the protective devices depends on the AFC as well as the X/R of the system. In case the tested X/R of the protective device is less than the X/R of the system, a de-rated factor is applied to go for higher value of AIC [35].

## 3.2 Protective Devices X/R Ratio.

Protective devices (circuit breakers) are tested as per ANSI and UL standards [21], [36], [37], and [38]. X/R parameter, also called DC decay factor, is of our interest. Circuit breakers used in low voltage power system installations are tested at previously determined ratios as shown below [35].

Table 3-1 Tested ratios X/R for protective devices

<b>Test X/R ratios for protective devices</b>	
<b>Protective Device</b>	<b>Test X/R</b>
LVPCB	6.6
MCCB rated <10K AIC	1.7
MCCB rated between 10K and 20K AIC	3.2
Fuses, ICCB, MCCB rated > 20K AIC	4.9

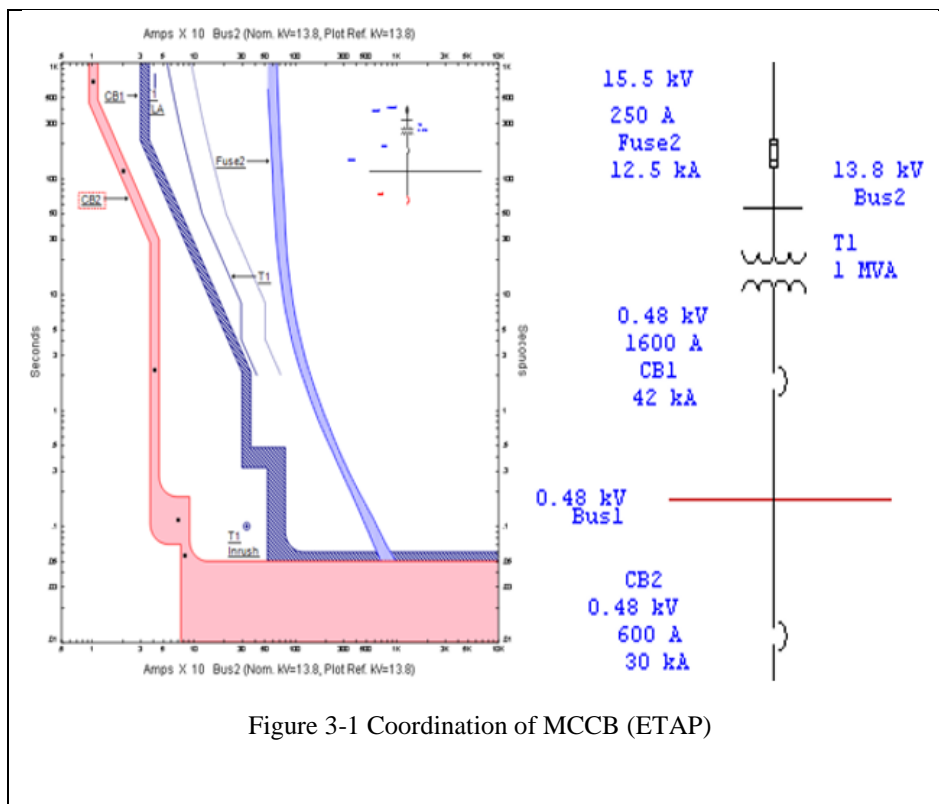
The AIC and the X/R ratio are crucial parameters derived from the short circuit analysis of the system to decide whether or not the panel boards and the protective devices are suitable at a specific location in the installation.

## 3.3 Coordination of Protective Devices

The goal from protective devices coordination is to minimize the damage to personnel and equipment at the time when the fault occurs. IEEE clearly stated “coordination is basic ingredient of a well-designed electrical distribution system and is mandatory in certain healthcare and continuous industrial systems” [32]. Coordination is applied to all series protective devices from



utility to the equipment using the power. Both fuses and circuit breakers have to be coordinated by the use of their time current curves (TTC). An example shown in Figure 3-1 below explains the process and the goal of coordination [17]. With fault at location A, the breaker with 100A trip will clear the fault before the main breaker of 300A trip and shut down the power from all the circuits. The circuit breakers are more flexible than the fuses in protection coordination because they contain adjustable settings. Circuit breakers with long time (LT), short time (ST) and instantaneous (I) settings are called LSI protective devices. Those adjustments in the three time domain allow for a circuit breaker curve to be coordinated and custom fitted for any specific application.



### 3.4 Arc Flash Hazard

The procedure which will be described here about the arc flash calculation methods is recommended by IEEE standard 1584-2002. The empirically derived equations were developed by IEEE working group on arc flash. The conditions for which the IEEE 1584 equations are applicable are:

- 1- System voltage: 0.208 kV to 15 kV
- 2- Frequencies: 50 or 60 Hz
- 3- Bolted fault current: 0.7 to 106 kA
- 4- Gap between electrodes: 13 to 153 mm
- 5- Equipment enclosure type: Open air, box, MCC, panel, Switchgear, cables
- 6- Grounding type: Ungrounded, grounded, high resistance grounded
- 7- Phases: 3 phase faults

The results from short circuit analysis and protective device coordination are used to perform the arc flash hazard. And the arc flash hazards results are used to indicate or name the flash protection boundary and the incident energy level. The IEEE-1584 estimates the incident energy from the arc due to heat [16]. The procedure includes the calculation of the arcing current, followed by the incident energy and finally, concludes the arc flash boundary.

### 3.4.1 Arcing Current Estimation

For low voltage systems (less than 1000V), the arc current is given by the following equation [16].

$$I_a = 10^{K+0.662 \log(I_{bf})+0.0966V+0.000526G+0.5588V*\log(I_{bf})-0.00304G*\log(I_{bf})} \quad 3.1$$

Where:

$I_a$  is the arcing current (KA)

$K = -0.153$  ; open configuration

$= -0.097$  ; box configuration

$I_{bf}$  = bolted fault current for three phase faults symmetrical RMS in KA

$V$  = voltage system KV

$G$  = Gap between conductors, mm

For medium voltage system (>1000V), the arc current is given by this equation

$$I_a = 10^{0.00402+0.983 \log(I_{bf})}$$

In our study we focus on low voltage systems (industrial or commercial buildings). Therefore, the voltage is three phase 480V and the factor K is -0.097 for electric panels. The factor G is the gap between electrodes or bus bars. In our case, G will be represented by the gap between electrodes in panels or switchgears. In low voltage systems, the value of G for these panels will be 25mm or 32mm as per the IEEE- 1584 [16] as can be seen from the following table:

Table 3-2 Equipment classes and typical Bus gaps.

<b>Typical Bus gaps as per IEEE-1584</b>	
<b>Equipment class</b>	<b>Bus gap</b>
15 KV switchgear	152 mm
5 KV switchgear	104 mm
Low voltage switchgear	32 mm
Low voltage MCCs and Panel boards	25 mm
Cable	13 mm

In case of the switchboards equation 3.1 becomes:

$$I_a = 10^{-0.034+0.833 \log(I_{bf})} \quad 3.2$$

### 3.4.2 Normalized Incident Energy Estimation

Normalized incident energy is based on 610 mm (24 inch) distance from the arc in duration of 0.2 seconds and it is given by the following equation:

$$E_n = 10^{K_1+K_2+1.081*\log(I_a)+0.0011G} \quad 3.3$$

Where

$E_n$  = Incident energy normalized for time and distance (J/cm<sup>2</sup>)

$I_a$  = arcing current from Equation 3.2

$K_1$  = -0.792 open configuration

= -0.555 box configuration

$K_2$  = 0 underground and high resistance grounded system

= -0.113 grounded systems

G = Gap between conductors (mm)

As we mentioned earlier, we will be studying low voltage systems. In such systems, the protective devices are mostly within panels and switchgears, and our system is grounded for safety purposes. Therefore,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are -0.555 and -0.113, respectively.

Hence the normalized energy becomes:

$$E_n = 10^{-0.633+1.081*\log(I_a)} \quad 3.4$$

### 3.4.3 Incident Energy Estimation

We use the normalized incident energy to find the actual incident energy at any distance with arcing time duration at normal surface by the following equation [16].

$$E = 4.184C_f E_n \left( \frac{t}{0.2} \right) \left( \frac{610}{D} \right)^x \quad 3.5$$

Where

E = incident energy (J/cm<sup>2</sup>)

$C_f$  = calculation factor = 1.0 for voltage >1000V

= 1.5 for voltage < 1000V

t = arcing time (seconds)

D = working distance from arc (mm)

x = distance exponent as show in the following table [16]

Table 3-3 x factor for various equipment

<b>Distance factor x for various voltages and enclosure types</b>		
<b>Enclosure type</b>	<b>0.208 to 1000V</b>	<b>&gt;1KV to 15KV</b>
Open air	2	2
Switchgear	1.473	0.973
MCC and panels	1.641	NA
Cable	2	2

Our system is low voltage system. Therefore,  $C_f$  is 1.5 and x is dependent on whether we are on MCC, panel or switchgear. The distance from the arc or the energized electrical conductor to the person working on the electric panel is standardized by the IEEE-1584 as per the following table [16].

Table 3-4 Equipment typical working distance

<b>Typical working distance D as per IEEE-1584</b>	
5 KV and 15 KV switch gear	36 inch
Low voltage switchgear	24
Low voltage Panel or MCC	18
Cable	18

### 3.4.4 Arc Flash Protection Boundary

In his paper, “The other electric hazard: electric arc blast burns”, Ralph lee evaluated the incident energy that causes a curable burn which is  $1.2\text{cal/cm}^2$  [6]. This value is crucial in the arc flash hazard studies. The distance from the energized conductor at which the incident energy is equivalent to  $1.2\text{cal/cm}^2$  is named *arc flash boundary*. At this distance, the person without personal protective equipment may get a second degree burn which is curable. The boundary distance is given by the following equation:

$$D_B = 610 * \left[ 4.18 C_f E_n \left( \frac{t}{0.2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{E_B} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{x}} \quad 3.6$$

Where

$D_B$  = distance of the boundary from the arcing point (mm)

$C_f$  = calculation factor = 1.0 for voltage > 1000V  
= 1.5 for voltage < 1000V

$E_n$  = incident energy normalized

$E_B$  = incident energy at the boundary distance (1.2cal/cm<sup>2</sup>)

t = arcing time (seconds)

x = the distant exponent (from IEEE-1584 distance exponent table)

$I_{bf}$  = bolted faulted current (KA)

### 3.4.5 NFPA 70E protection boundaries.

According to NFPA, the flash boundaries are four:

1. *Flash protection boundary*: explained in the previous section 3.4.4
2. *Limited approach boundary*: 42 inch for 480 V
3. *Restricted Approach boundary*: 12 inch for 480 V
4. *Prohibited Approach boundary*: 1 inch for 480 inch

### 3.4.6 Energy Levels and Arc Flash Hazard Categories

In order to protect the person who is working at the electrical equipment, he/she need to wear the appropriate clothing and the personal protective equipment (PPE) rated for the expected incident energy. The selected PPE must have rating greater than that of the maximum incident energy possible. Beside the IEEE 1584, NFPA 70E standard published a safety requirement and divides the incident energy levels into five categories (0-4), with each category representing the level of danger, which depends upon the incident energy level [NFPA 70 E 2004]. Category 0

represents 0 or no risk, whereas category 4 is very dangerous. The tables below shows the level of incident energy associated with each category.

Table 3-5 The level of incident energy associated with each category NFPA70E2000

<b>Hazard Classification as per NFPA 70E 2000</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Energy Level</b>
0	< 1.2 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
1	5 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
2	8 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
3	25 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
4	40 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>

Table 3-6 The level of incident energy associated with each category NFPA70E2004

<b>Hazard Classification as per NFPA 70E 2004</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Energy Level</b>
0	< 2 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
1	4 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
2	8 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
3	25 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
4	40 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>

Table 3-7 The level of incident energy associated with each category NFPA70E2009

<b>Hazard Classification as per NFPA 70E 2009</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Energy Level</b>
0	< 1.2 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
1	4 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
2	8 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
3	25 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
4	40 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>

Table 3-8 The level of incident energy associated with each category NFPA70E2012

<b>Hazard Classification as per NFPA 70E 2012</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Energy Level</b>
A	< 2 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
B	4 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
C	8 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
D	25 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
E	40 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
F	100 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
G	120 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>

## 3.5 Summary

This Chapter introduces the calculations of arc flashes and reports relevant power system studies in the context of arc flash hazards. The application of short circuit current calculation in power system is highlighted with emphasis on the effect of X/R ratio on protective devices. The coordination of protective devices within a power system is explained. Arc flash calculations are presented in light of the IEEE 1584 Guide underlining the arcing current, normalized energy, incident energy, and protection boundary. Different risk categories with their corresponding values of incident energy are reported based on different industry standards.



# **4 Chapter Four – Changeability of Arcing Parameters and Proposal for Arc Flash Calculation**

This chapter contains a review of comments of IEEE 1584 guide methodology. It is not possible to calculate the exact arc current or the related incident energy due to the randomness nature of arc flash. The equations used in IEEE standard are empirical and based on regression analysis. The IEEE equations is a best fit curve with an R-square of 98.3%, R-square is a measure of the equation fit to the data [16]. These results are based on specific humidity, pressure, ambient temperature and other factors. Various studies indicate these factors affect the value of arc flash even though they are not represented in IEEE equation [39]. Therefore, applying these equations using data from various facilities may not produce the same result analysis.

## **4.1 Arcing Current Analysis Based on Clearing Time and Incident Energy**

The arc current will determine the arc clearing time. If the calculated arc current is close enough to the knee of the time current curve TTC, a tiny variation in current will cause a big change in arc time. This may result in huge variation in incident energy. The IEEE proposed solution is to have two arcing currents. The first is the calculated arc current and the second is 85% of the first calculated arc current. Moreover, the relevant values of the incident energy are calculated and the bigger one will be selected.

This approach is derived from the difference between the test data in the laboratory and the calculated data using empirical equations. Figure 4.1 indicated the error percentage between calculated and lab results. First, the estimated arc current was calculated for different conditions, and compared with the measured data. The difference between these two presented as the percentage of estimated values. The positive error represents bigger calculated data then measured one. The median located at negative value of -4.2%, which is in the safe side. The red graph in Figure 4.1 represents the same procedure with 85% of the calculated currents. The median also

located at -18.4% of the measured arc current. The remaining of the points (8.5%) are bigger than the measured values. (IEEE Data Appendix A).

Even though we are calculating a definite value, in reality it is a number that may lay between upper and lower limits.

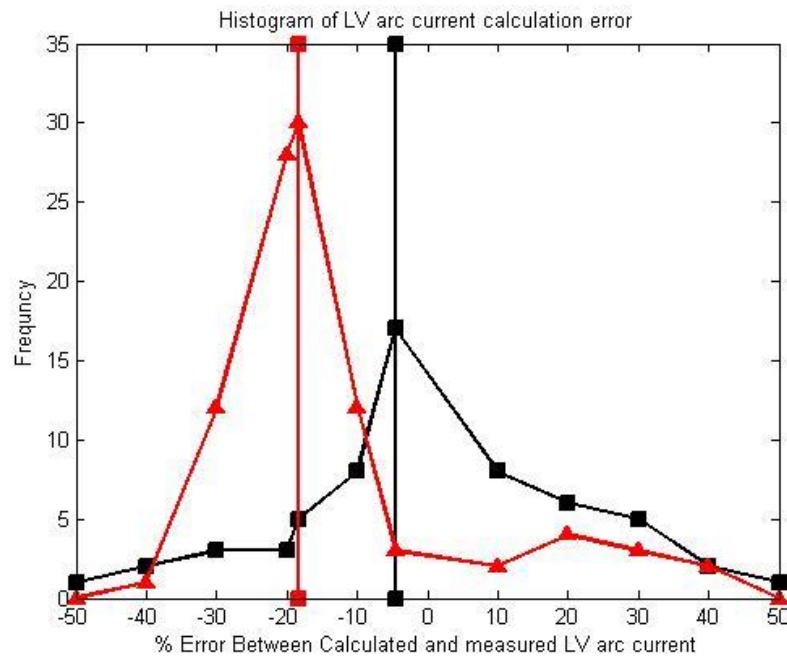


Figure 4-1 Histogram of LV arc current calculation error

Table 4-1 highlights the upper and lower limits of low voltage arcing currents for different probability values.

Table 4-1 Min and Max likely changeability in LV arcing currents [39].

Mean Deviation, % Current	Standard Deviation, %	Probability, %	Minimum arcing Current	Maximum arcing
2.0	15.2	95	-23.0	27.1
		99	-33.4	37.4
		90	-17.5	21.5
		68	-05.1	09.1

The changeability in arcing current will affect the clearing time and consequently may cause variation in incident energy level. The incident energy may become bigger for smaller arc currents in case the arc current falls in the inverse time part of the time current characteristics.

## **4.2 Changeability of Incident Energy**

The actual incident energy is different from the estimated one. By examining the IEEE data (Appendix A) we can plot the difference between the measured and estimated value of the incident energy verses the frequency of its appearance. Figure 4-2 shows the frequency distribution of the deviation of the actual incident energy from estimated value. This is done by examining the IEEE data found in Appendix A. The estimated incident energy was calculated in different conditions, and compared with the measured values. The difference as a percentage of estimated values. As indicated in Figure 4-2, the arcs in open air have measured incident energy which is smaller than estimated. Therefore, the difference between the measured and estimated energy is negative. However, in box configuration, calculated incident energy may or may not be greater than measurement. This creates a possibility that calculations may be misleading in some cases. Accordingly, the reflection on the changes in hazard mitigation is obvious.

The approximation of deviation is greater or equal than 20%. In other words, the actual incident energy is less or equal to 80% of the estimated one. However, this is not the case for arcs in enclosure or box. From figure 4-2 we can see clearly that the deviation of measured incident energy in box can be bigger than 70% of the estimated one.

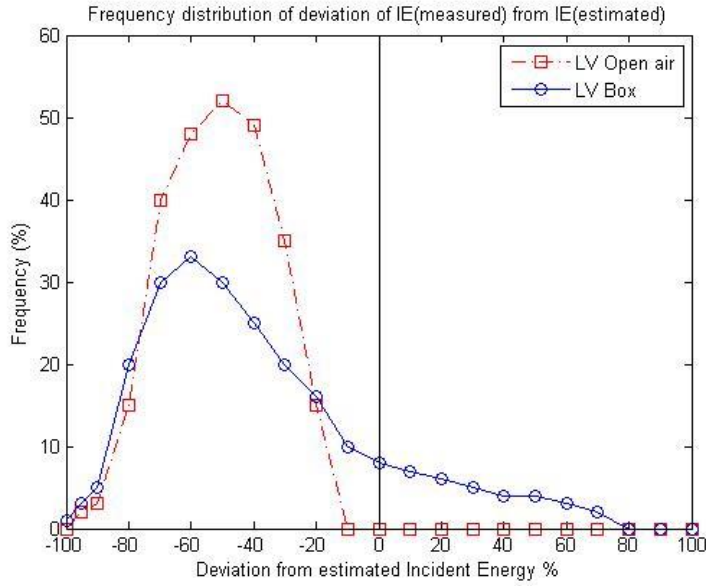


Figure 4-2 Frequency distribution of deviation of measured incident from calculated one

### 4.3 Changeability of the Gap between Electrodes and its Effect on Arcing Current

The arcing current developed in the standard IEEE 1584 is a function of gap between conductors in Equation 3.1 reproduced bellow:

$$I_a = 10^{K+0.662 \log(I_{bf})+0.0966V+0.000526G+0.5588V*\log(I_{bf})-0.00304G*\log(I_{bf})} \quad 3.1$$

It is not possible to assess the hazard at every point in the power installation, nor necessary. Therefore, the assessment will be conducted only at those locations where workers are exposed to arc flash risk.

Switchgears, panels and MCC's are all subject to arc flash hazard assessment (AFH) if, they represent a threat or risk. An engineer will take a look at the single line diagram of the installation or make a site visit and decide about the different locations. Therefore, the assumption is to have fixed voltage and fixed fault current in specific locations. In order to examine the effect of electrode gaps on the arcing current the Equation 3.1 has to be represented as a function of the gap G.

$$I_a = F(G) = 10^{K+0.662 \log(I_{bf})+0.0966V+0.000526G+0.5588V*\log(I_{bf})-0.00304G*\log(I_{bf})}$$

$$\frac{dF(G)}{dG} = \ln(10) * F(G) [0.000526 - 0.00304 \log(I_{bf})]$$

$$\frac{dF(G)}{dG} = 0.00304 * \ln(10) * F(G) * \left[ \frac{0.000526}{0.00304} - \log(I_{bf}) \right]$$

$$\frac{dF(G)}{dG} = 0.00304 * \ln(10) * F(G) * \left[ \frac{0.000526}{0.00304} - \log(I_{bf}) \right]$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{dF(G)}{dG} > 0 \text{ if } I_{bf} < 1.489$$

$$\frac{dF(G)}{dG} < 0 \text{ if } I_{bf} > 1.489$$

Which is always the case. This yield that  $\frac{dF(G)}{dG} < 0$  and the arcing current decrease as the gap increases.

Figure 4-3 shows the variation of arc current as a function of gap between phases. The arcing current is an exponential function of the gap G. However, within limited range of gap variation the function has linear behavior. Moreover, by examining the graph in Figure 4-3 it is clear that there is a variation to arc current. If we can approximate the limits of the variation, then we determine the bounds of the arcing current and clearing time which lead us to the possible incident energy.

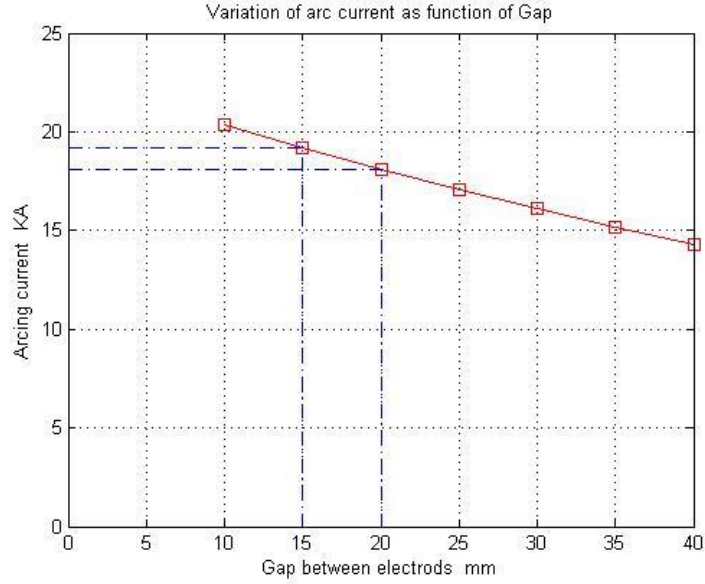


Figure 4-3 Changeability of arc current as a function of gap for  $I_b=36\text{KA}$  and  $V=208\text{V}$

As it can be interpreted from figure 4-4, change of available fault current effects the changeability of the arcing current accordingly considering different rate of change. Change in arcing current may express in terms rate of change and gap variation as it stated in 4.1:

$$\Delta I_a = k_G * \Delta G + C_1 \quad 4.1$$

Such that  $k_G$  is the slop where  $K_G < 0$  a constant that can be derived from the graph

$$k_G = \frac{I_{a1} - I_{a2}}{G_1 - G_2}$$

The percentage variation in arcing current can be expressed as follows:

$$I_a (\%) = k_G * G(\%) + C_2 \quad 4.2$$

By including this variation in the calculation of the arcing current  $I_a$ , we are more close to an adequate value of arcing current and the associated incident energy.

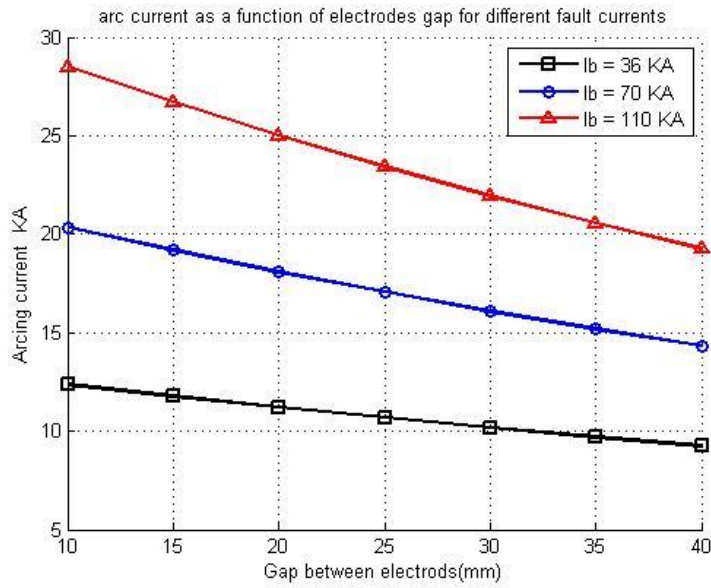


Figure 4-4 Arc current as a function of gap for different fault currents with  $V=208\text{V}$

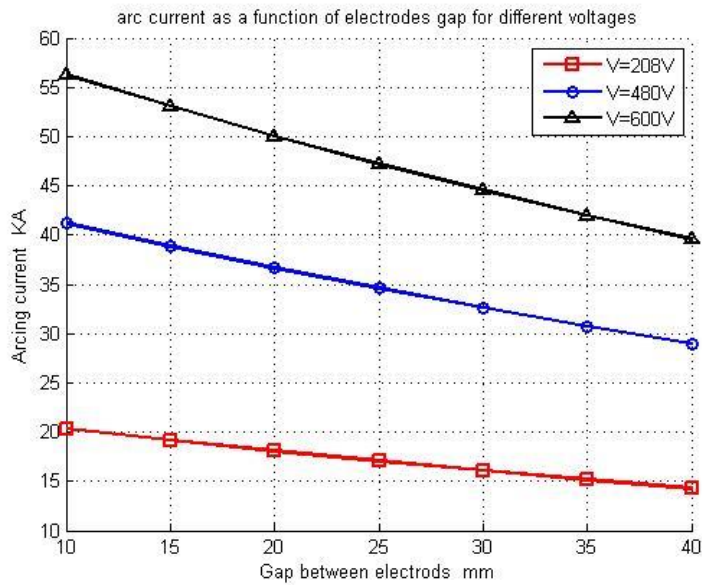


Figure 4-5 Changeability of arc current as a function of electrodes gap and  $I_b=70\text{kA}$

## 4.4 Changeability of the voltage between electrodes and its effect on arcing current and time

The arcing current also is a function of voltage system. Arcing current is responsive to voltage fluctuation. There are several electric code standard for voltage drops. These electric codes restrict the voltage drop of 5% for low voltage systems. However this voltage drop is 8% for medium voltage systems. As we know, equipment may operate at  $\pm 10\%$  of their rating voltage. The voltage fluctuates as the loads are connected and disconnected. Equation 3.1 reproduced bellow:

$$I_a = 10^{K+0.662 \log(I_{bf})+0.0966V+0.000526G+0.5588V*\log(I_{bf})-0.00304G*\log(I_{bf})}$$

Rewriting  $I_a$  as a function of V:

$$I_a = F(V) = 10^{K+0.662 \log(I_{bf})+0.0966V+0.000526G+0.5588V*\log(I_{bf})-0.00304G*\log(I_{bf})}$$

$$\frac{dF(V)}{dV} = \ln(10) * F(V) * [0.0966 - 0.05588 \log(I_{bf})]$$

$$\frac{dF(V)}{dV} = 0.05588 * \ln(10) * F(V) * [\frac{0.0966}{0.05588} + \log(I_{bf})]$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{dF(V)}{dV} > 0 \text{ if } I_{bf} > 0.0186$$

Which is always the case. This yield that  $\frac{dF(G)}{dG} > 0$  and the arcing current increase as the voltage increases.

Figure 4-6 shows the variation of arc current as a function of system voltage. The arcing current is an exponential function of the system voltage V. However, within limited range of voltage variation the function has linear behavior. Moreover, by examining the graph in Figure 4-6 it is clear that there is a variation to arc current. If we can approximate the limits of the variation, then we determine the bounds of the arcing current and clearing time which lead us to the possible incident energy.



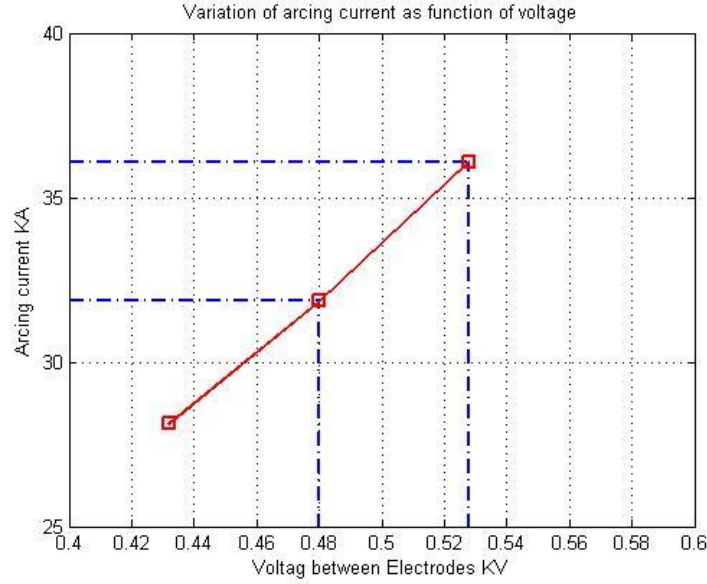


Figure 4-6 Changeability of arc current as a function of voltage for  $I_b=70\text{KA}$  and  $G=32\text{ mm}$

As it can be interpreted from figure 4-6, change of available fault current effects the changeability of the arcing current accordingly considering different rate of change. Change in arcing current may express in terms rate of change and gap variation as it stated in 4.3:

$$\Delta I_a = K_V * \Delta V + C_1 \quad 4.3$$

Such that  $k_V$  is the slop where  $K_V > 0$  a constant that can be derived from the graph

$$k_V = \frac{I_{a1} - I_{a2}}{V_1 - V_2}$$

The percentage variation in arcing current can be expressed as follows:

$$I_a \% = k_V * V\% + C_2 \quad 4.4$$

If we assume  $V=1\text{volt}$ , this will result in  $I_a \% = k_V\%$  which means that if the voltage varies by 1 volt this will result in a variation of  $k_V\%$  in the value of arcing current ( $I_a$ ). By including this

variation in the calculation of the arcing current  $I_a$ , we are more close to an adequate value of arcing current and the associated incident energy.

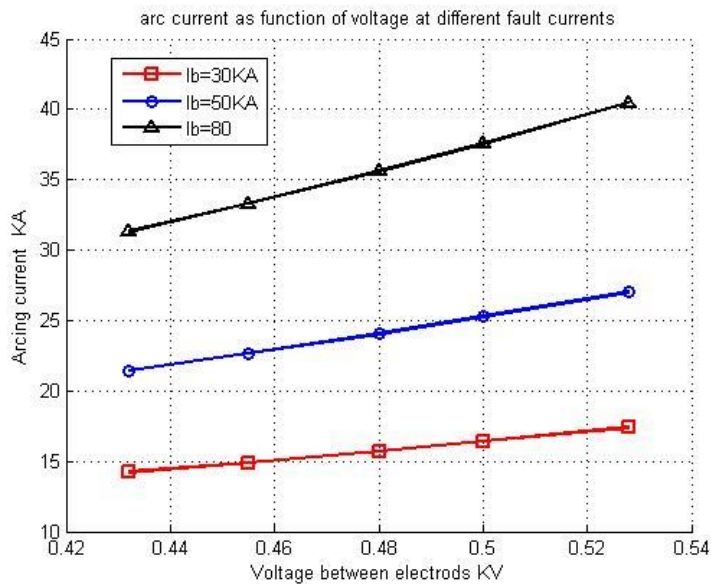
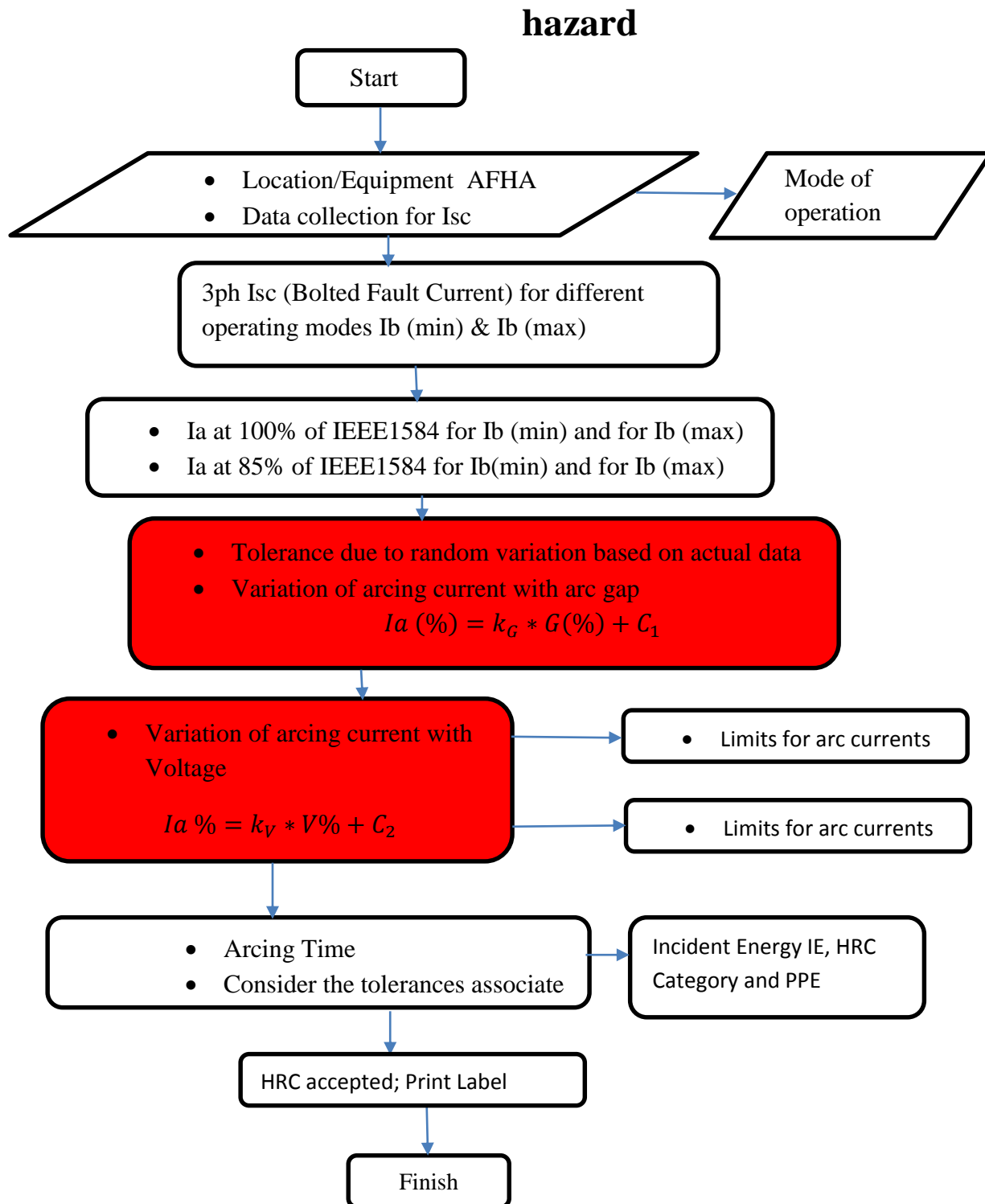


Figure 4-7 Arc current as a function of voltage for different fault currents with  $G=32$  mm

## 4.5 Time current curve affect on arcing time

The TCC for protective devices is used to determine the arcing current time that the protective device need to clear the fault. The response characteristics are shown on standard time current curves. There is always a differences between individual breakers or fuses of the same kind, type and rate even though they have the same rate. In the case that the TCC of a fuse represented by a line and all the variations are below the actual line, the curve may be formulated base on the manufacturer data using curve fitting technique. However, if there is any added manufacturer tolerance have to be taken into consideration for more adequate value to the arcing time

## 4.6 A proposed steps and flowchart of calculating arc flash hazard



## 4.7 Summary

This Chapter considers the issue of parameter changeability and its effects on arc flash hazard mitigation. First, the technical studies on the empirical formulae given in the IEEE 1584 Guide and their suitability to address accurate values of arc flash variables are highlighted. The impact of uncertainty in the gap length between electrodes on the arc flash hazard is mathematically derived. The same is repeated for the system voltage value. Next, a methodology is proposed to incorporate the variations of gap and voltage in arc flash calculation procedures.

# 5 Chapter Five - Simulation Results and Observations

In Chapters 1-4, we detailed the arc flash circumstances, calculations and analysis. The work performed in this thesis focuses on the effect of the variation in arcing current and arcing time due to the variation in voltage and gap between electrodes. In this chapter we test our analysis through the approaches recommended by other researchers to reduce the danger of arc flash incident energy. We investigate these approaches and simulate them in ETAP and MATLAB software platforms in order to compare the results after we consider the effect of voltage and gap variations.

Tinsley *et. al* recommend in their paper, “Beyond the Calculations: Life after Arc Flash Analysis”, that the arc flash incident energy can be reduced by changing the work procedure, modifying existing settings and increasing the working distances [40]. In addition, it is also recommend that the best way to mitigate personnel exposure to the arc flash hazard is to accomplish the work in a de-energized state [41]. Further, others recommend certain techniques must be implemented at the time of the initial design in order to mitigate the risk of arc flash [11]. We will now highlight these various approaches and we test and measure the impact of the voltage variation and gap variation on the final results of arc current and incident energy.

## 5.1 Increasing the working distance

Based on equation 3.5, the incident energy is inversely proportional to the distance, meaning that as the distance increases, the incident energy decreases [42]. The increase in the distance can be achieved by performing the switching or racking operation away from the panels by using remote operating equipment [41] and [43].

Figure 5-1, Figure 5-2 and Figure 5-3 show the simulation output and the impact that the increased distance has on the energy level and the risk category. Table 5-1 and table 5-2 highlight the simulation results. It is clear that the increasing the working distance from 24 and 18 inches to 48 and 24 inches in Buses 54 and 61 respectively. This will results in the incident energy decreases from 53.69 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> to 19.342 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> in Bus 54 which affect the risk category decreases from

category Dangerous (4) to category 3. In Bus 61 the incident energy decreases from 1.25 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> which represent risk category 1 to 0.778 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> which represent category 0 (no risk).

Now if we consider voltage variation as  $\pm 10\%$ , the voltage may decrease from 480V to 432V. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-4)

The simulation gives an incident energy of 26.34 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 03, instead of 19.34 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup>. Even though the risk category is the same but the IE has increased.

Now if we consider variation of the gap as  $\pm 8$  mm, so the gap may increase from 32 mm to 40 mm. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-2)

The simulation gives an incident energy of 24.83 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 03, instead of 19.34 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup>. Even though the risk category is the same but the incident energy IE has increased.

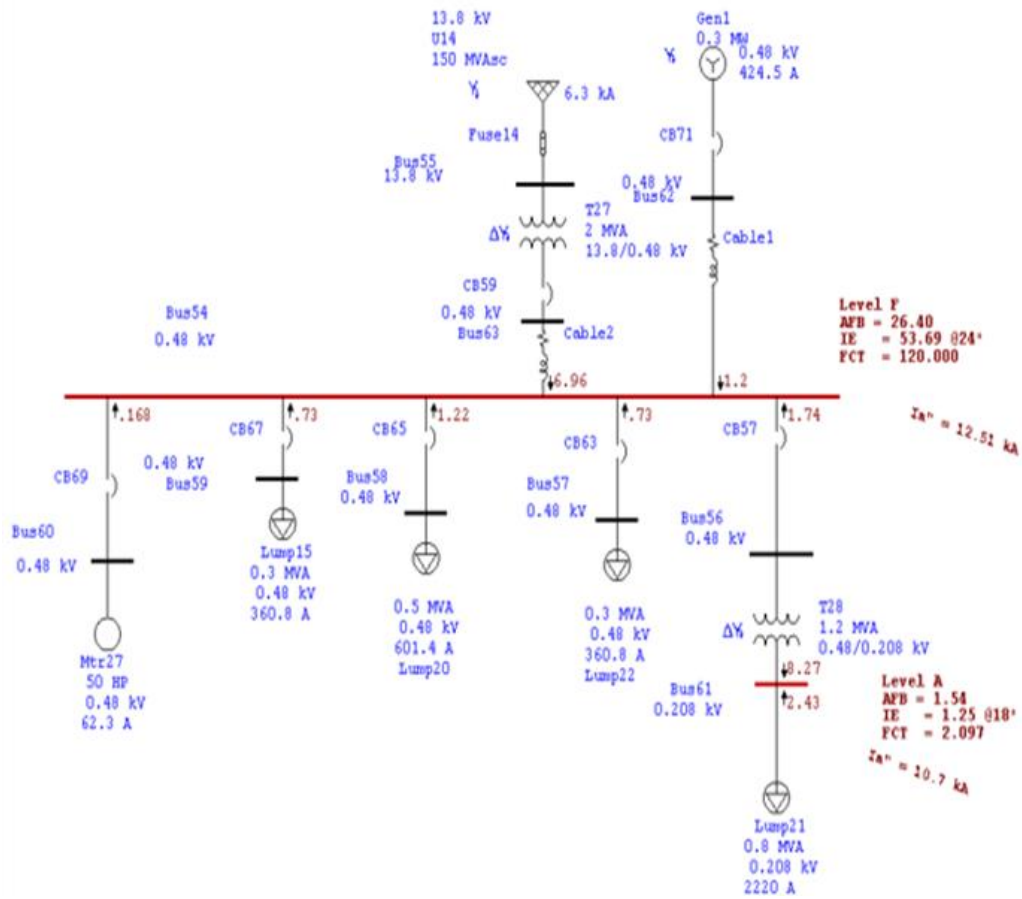


Figure 5-1 Arc flash simulation at Bus 54 and Bus 61.

0.48 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

Calculated	User-Defined
Bus Fault Current: 22.79 kA	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia): 12.51 kA	kA
Source PD: CB71	
Source PD Arcing Current: 1.203 kA	
Fault Clearing Time (FCT): 2 Sec	0.1 Sec <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding: Grounded	Grounded <input type="checkbox"/> Allowable
Incident Energy: 19.342 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary: 26.400 ft	ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009): 3 PPE Level	PPE Level

Working Distance: 48 inch

TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels

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☐ Ia ☐ TCC Plot - Allowable Energy  
☐ TCC Plot - All Energy Categories

☒ Calculated ☐ User-Defined 3.5K7 Danger1-Bus

TCC Plot Arcing Current

☒ Calculated/UD Source PD ☒ Calculated  
☐ User-Defined 0 kA ☐ User-Defined

Figure 5-2 Arc flash simulation at Bus 54 at working distance of 48 inches.

0.208 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

Calculated	User-Defined
Bus Fault Current: 36.02 kA	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia): 10.7 kA	kA
Source PD: CB57	
Source PD Arcing Current: 3.582 kA	
Fault Clearing Time (FCT): 0.035 Sec	0.1 Sec <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding: Grounded	Grounded <input type="checkbox"/> Allowable
Incident Energy: 0.778 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary: 1.536 ft	ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009): 0 PPE Level	PPE Level

Working Distance: 24 inch

TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels

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☐ TCC Plot - All Energy Categories

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TCC Plot Arcing Current

☒ Calculated/UD Source PD ☒ Calculated  
☐ User-Defined 0 kA ☐ User-Defined

Figure 5-3 Arc flash simulation at Bus 61 at working distance of 24 inches



Table 5-1 Simulation results for Bus 54

	Working Distance 24''	Working Distance 48''	Notes
Arcing Current (Iac)	12.51 KA	12.51 KA	No Change
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	2 Sec	2 sec	No Change
Arc Flash Boundary (AFB)	26.40 ft	26.40 ft	No Change
PPE Level	4	3	Changed
Incident Energy (IE)	53.69 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	19.34 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Changed

Table 5-2 Simulation results for Bus

	Working Distance 18''	Working Distance 24''	Notes
Arcing Current (Iac)	10.7 KA	12.51 KA	No Change
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	0.035 Sec	0.035 sec	No Change
Arc Flash Boundary (AFB)	1.54 ft	1.54 ft	No Change
PPE Level	1	0	Changed
Incident Energy (IE)	1.25 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.778 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Changed

## 5.2 Modifying the protective device settings

$$E = 4.184C_f E_n \left( \frac{t}{0.2} \right) \left( \frac{610}{D} \right)^x \quad 3.5$$

Based on equation 3.5, the incident energy is proportional with the fault clearing time (t), and this time is obtained from the protective device time current characteristics (TTC). This means that by modifying the settings of the circuit breaker, we can decrease the time, resulting in a decrease in the incident energy (IE) and consequently, the hazard risk.

Figure 5-4, Figure 5-5, Figure 5-6 and Figure 5-7 shows the simulation output and the impact of setting modification on the energy level and the risk category.



0.208 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

	Calculated	User-Defined
Bus Fault Current	36.02 kA	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (I <sub>a</sub> )	9.093 kA 85 %	kA
Source PD	CB57	
Source PD Arcing Current	3.045 kA	
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	2 Sec	0.1 Sec <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded
Incident Energy	59.924 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Allowable: 0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	16.255 ft	ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	> 4 PPE Level	PPE Level

Working Distance: 18 inch

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TCC Plot Arcing Current:

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Figure 5-5 Arc flash factors affected from the High Instantaneous setting of CB57

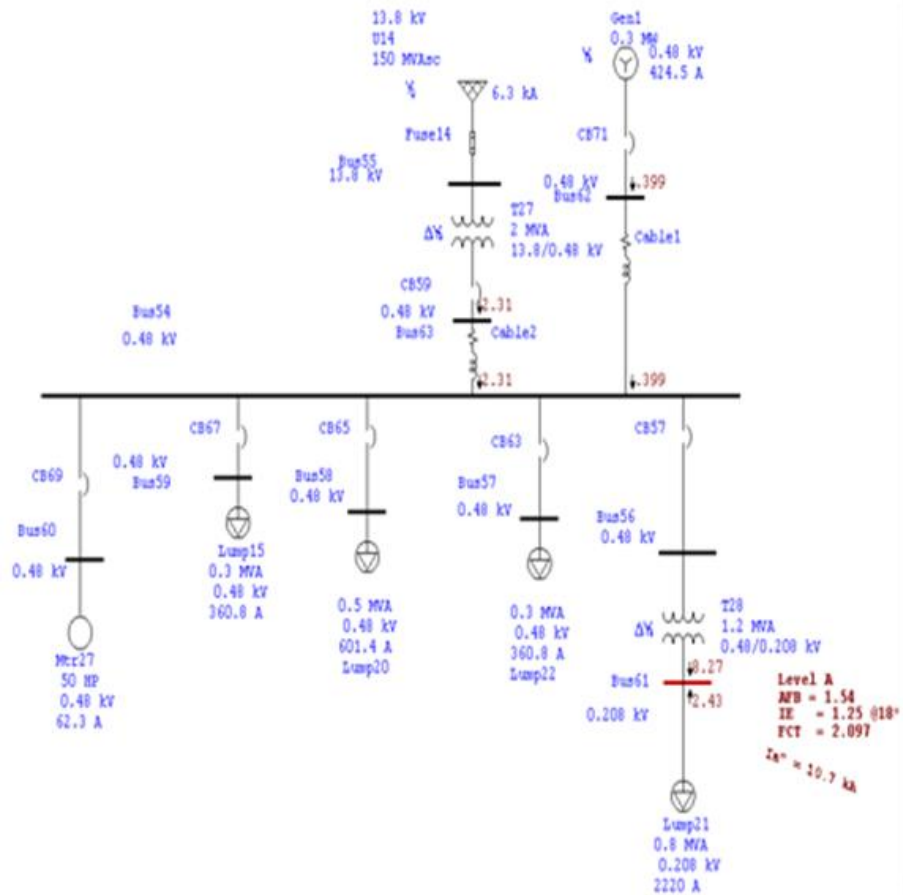


Figure 5-6 Simulation of the power system with the Low Instantaneous setting of CB57

Bus Editor - Bus61

Harmonic Reliability Remarks Comment

Info Phase V Load Motor/Gen Rating Arc Flash Protection

0.208 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

Calculated User-Defined

Bus Fault Current 36.02 kA 0 kA

Bus Arcing Current (Ia) 10.7 kA kA

Source PD CB57

Source PD Arcing Current 3.582 kA

Fault Clearing Time (FCT) 0.035 Sec 0.1 Sec ☐ Fixed FCT

Grounding Grounded Grounded ☐ Allowable

Incident Energy 1.248 cal/cm² 0 cal/cm²

Arc Flash Boundary 1.536 ft ft

Level (NFPA70E 2009) 1 PPE Level PPE Level

Working Distance 18 inch

TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels

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TCC Plot Arcing Current

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☐ User-Defined 0 kA ☐ User-Defined

Figure 5-5-7 Arc flash factors affected from the Low Instantaneous setting of CB57

The Instantaneous Setting of CB57 is high as demonstrated in figure 5-4 and Figure 5-5. If we modify the Instantaneous setting to low state, the incident energy is dramatically reduced as shown in figure 5-6 and Figure 5-7.

Table 5-3 highlights the simulation results. It is clear that changing the setting from Hight Setting 2 (2665 A) to Low Setting (1500 A) will result in the incident energy decreasing from 59.92 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> to 1.25 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> and the risk category decreasing from category 4 (Dangerous) to category 0 (No Risk).

Table 5-3 Simulation results for Bus 61

	CB57 Setting High (2665A)	CB57 Setting Low (1500A)	Notes
Working Distance	18 inch	18 inch	No change
Arcing current	9.09 KA	10.7 KA	±No change
Arc Flash Boundary AFB	16.26 ft	1.541.54	Changed
Incident Energy IE	59.92 Cal/cm2	1.25 Cal/cm2	Changed
Fault Clearing Time FCT	120 cycle	2.097 cycles	Changed
PPE Level	Dangerous	Level 0 No risk	Changed

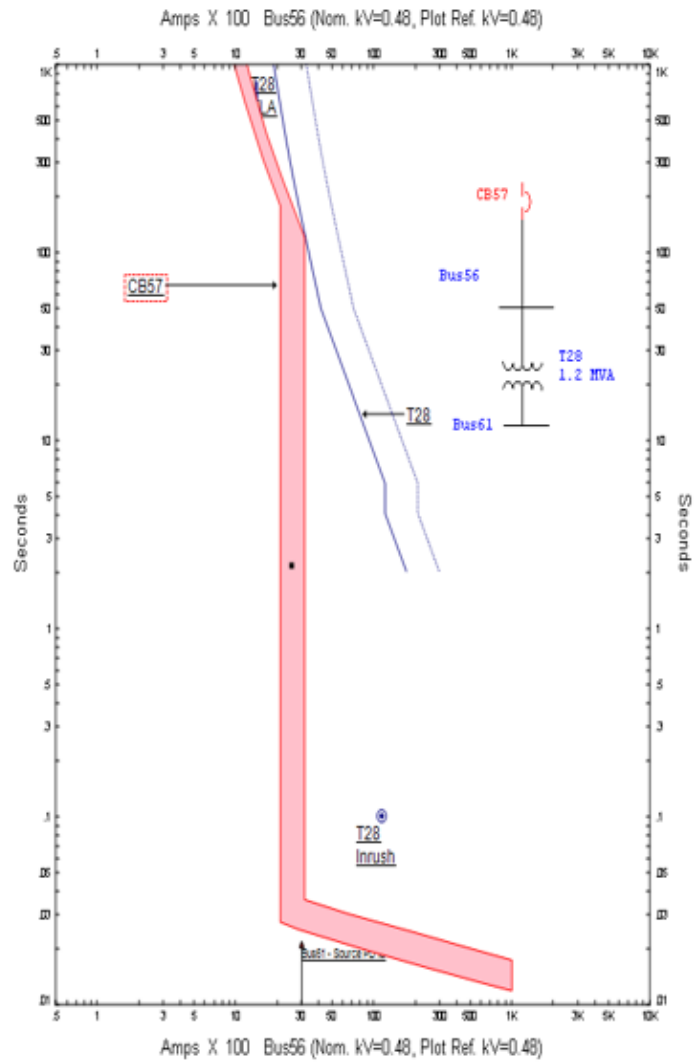


Figure 5-8 The response of CB57 at High Instantaneous setting

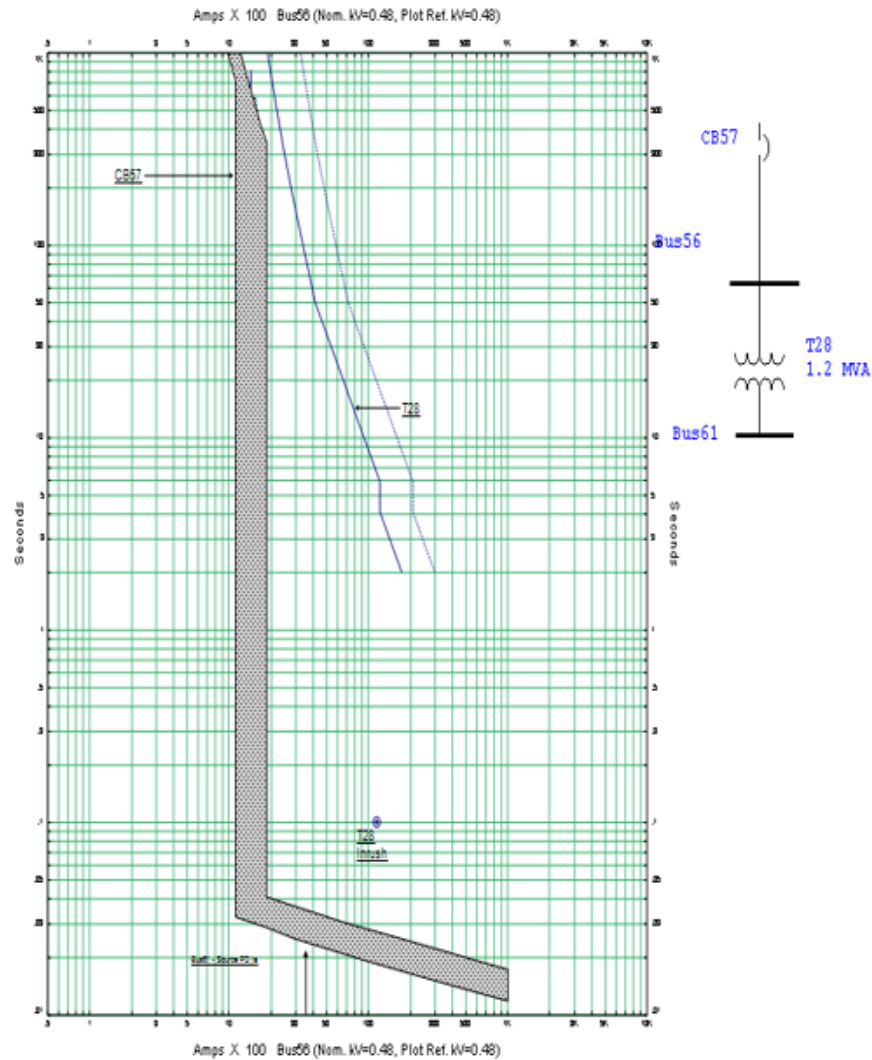


Figure 5-9 The response of CB57 at High Instantaneous setting

This technique can only be applied on a temporary basis as long as the worker is working on the energized equipment. Once the worker leaves the area, the setting must be restored to the original setting. It must be noted that the protective device coordination will be affected as we decrease the clearing time [40]. However, we can continue to operate the system regardless of the selective coordination, and decreasing the clearing time will reduce the arcing current, consequently reducing the incident energy. Therefore, we will avoid any damage to electrical equipment and working personnel. Even though the code suggests that the selective coordination only for critical operating power systems (COPS), most of the industrial organizations prefer to use the selective coordination. The drawback from this technique is that any fault that occurs will interrupt all the



nearby feeders. The manufacturers do not like to disturb the production process and increase the down time, as it is very costly.

Now if we consider variation of the voltage as  $\pm 10\%$ , so the voltage may decrease from 208 V to 188 V. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-4)

The simulation gives an incident energy of 7.35 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 2, instead of 1.25 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Hazard risk category 1.

Now if we consider variation of the gap as +10mm, so the gap may increase from 25 mm to 35 mm. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-2)

This results in an incident energy of 3.28 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 1, instead of 1.25 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Hazard risk category 1.

### **5.3 Utilize a single main CB for building shut down**

There are different power systems which are already installed in buildings. Some of these power systems have a main panel without a main circuit breaker, and the power is supplied to the building through several feeders, which are protected by circuit breakers. The number of feeders cannot exceed six as per the code regulation. The simulation of a power system that does not have a main circuit breaker results in Figure 5-10 and Figure 5-11. These figures show a main distribution panel (MDP) that has no main breaker and is connected to five feeders, which supply all the loads in the building. The five feeders are protected by five CB, which represent the disconnecting means of the building. The protective device of the main panel is the fuse located at the primary side of the service transformer.

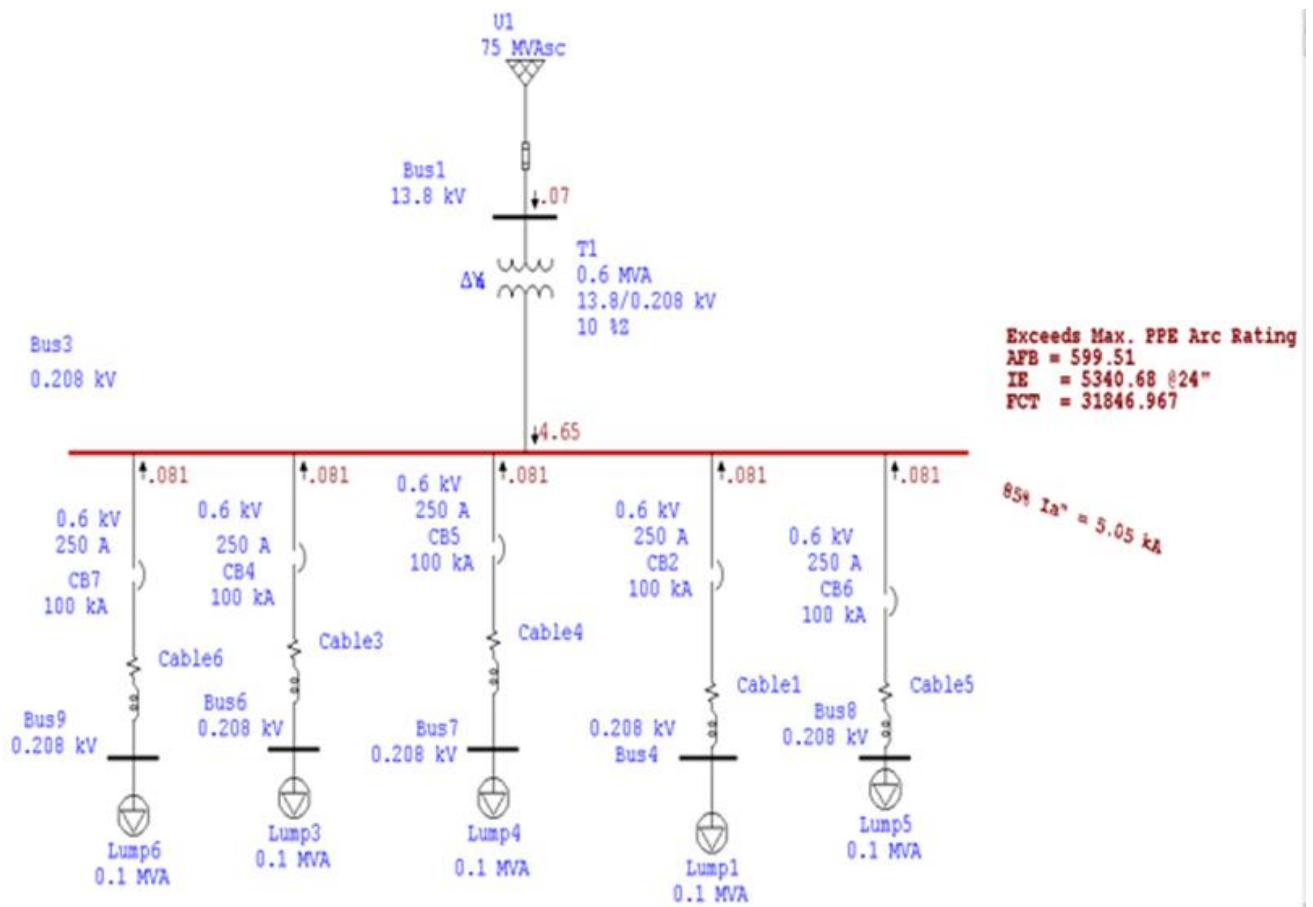


Figure 5-10 Power system without single main CB before the MDP

0.208 kV 0 Amps		Symmetrical 0 kA	
Bus Fault Current	16.76 kA	User-Defined	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia)	5.046 kA 85 %		0 kA
Source PD	Fuse1		
Source PD Arcing Current	0.07 kA		
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	530.783 Sec	0.1 Sec	<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded	
Incident Energy	5340.682 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Allowable	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	599.512 ft		0 ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	> 4 PPE Level		0 PPE Level
Working Distance		TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels:	
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TCC Plot Arcing Current			
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Figure 5-5-11 Arc flash factors affected from the delay response of the Fuse at Bus 1

The TCC in Figure 5-12 shows the fuse interrupting the arcing current in 500 seconds (few minutes). This is a very long time, resulting in an increase in the incident energy to an extremely dangerous level.

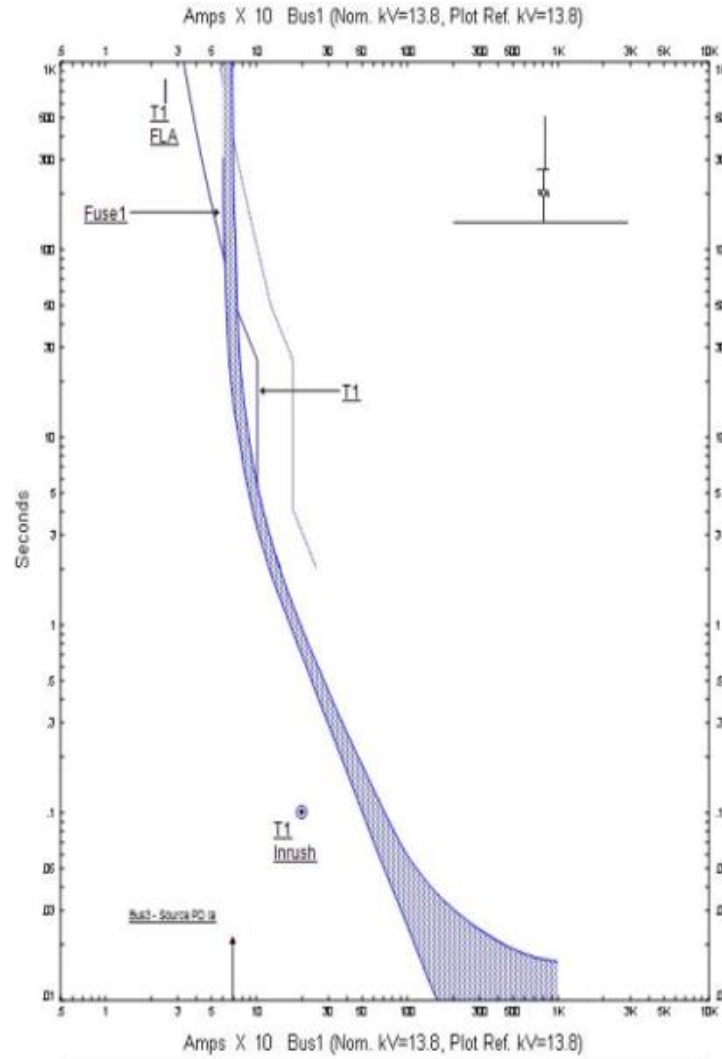


Figure 5-12 The response of the fuse to the arcing current

A single main CB that is located outside the main distribution board (MDB) can serve as a disconnect mean for the building. The CB should be an LSI type. Therefore, we can adjust the setting in the long time, short time, and instantaneous time domains to achieve the desired incident energy and consequently, reduce the danger level. Figure 5-13 shows the simulation of the same system with main circuit breaker installed before/outside the MDP. The results are summarized in Figure 5-14.

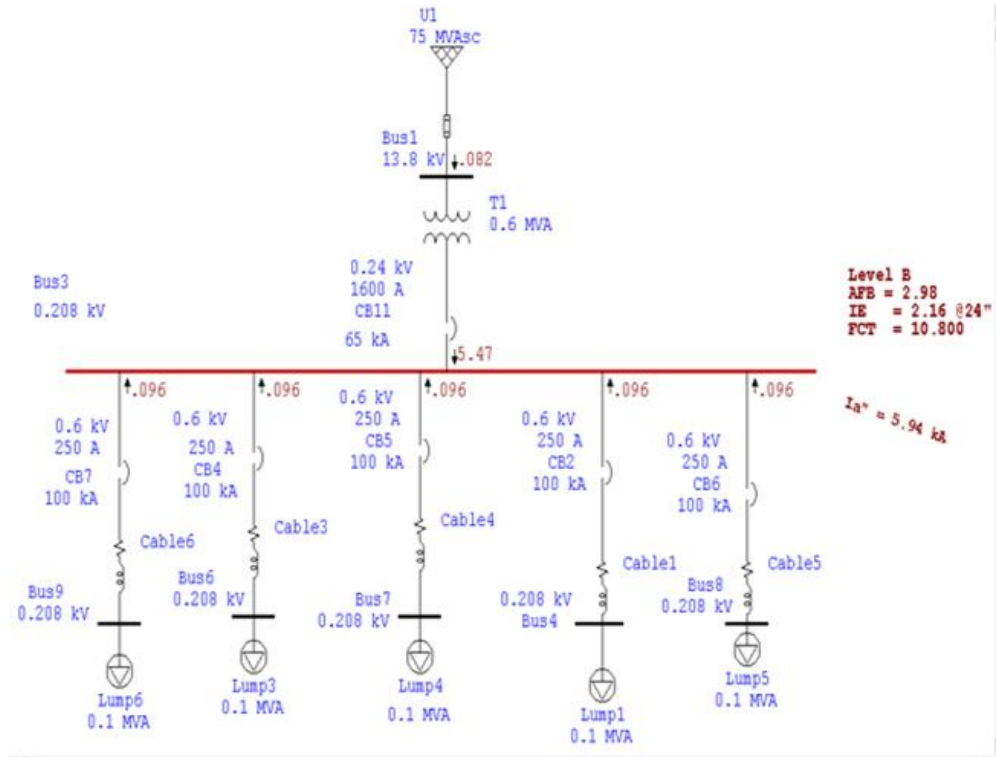


Figure 5-13 The previous Power system with single main CB before the MDP

0.208 kV 0 Amps		Symmetrical 0 kA	
Bus Fault Current	Calculated: 16.76 kA	User-Defined:	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia)	Calculated: 5.936 kA	User-Defined:	kA
Source PD	Calculated: CB11	User-Defined:	
Source PD Arcing Current	Calculated: 5.468 kA	User-Defined:	
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	Calculated: 0.18 Sec	User-Defined:	0.1 Sec <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Calculated: Grounded	User-Defined:	Grounded <input type="checkbox"/>
Incident Energy	Calculated: 2.159 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	User-Defined:	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	Calculated: 2.979 ft	User-Defined:	ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	Calculated: 1 PPE Level	User-Defined:	PPE Level
Working Distance	24 inch		
TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels			
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TCC Plot Arcing Current			
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Figure 5-5-14 Arc flash factors affected by the fast response of the CB ahead MDP

Figure 5-4 shows the TCC of the system after we utilize the main breaker. The arcing current is now interrupted in 0.18 seconds. This is a very short time, which will impact the value of the incident energy and reduce the danger level.

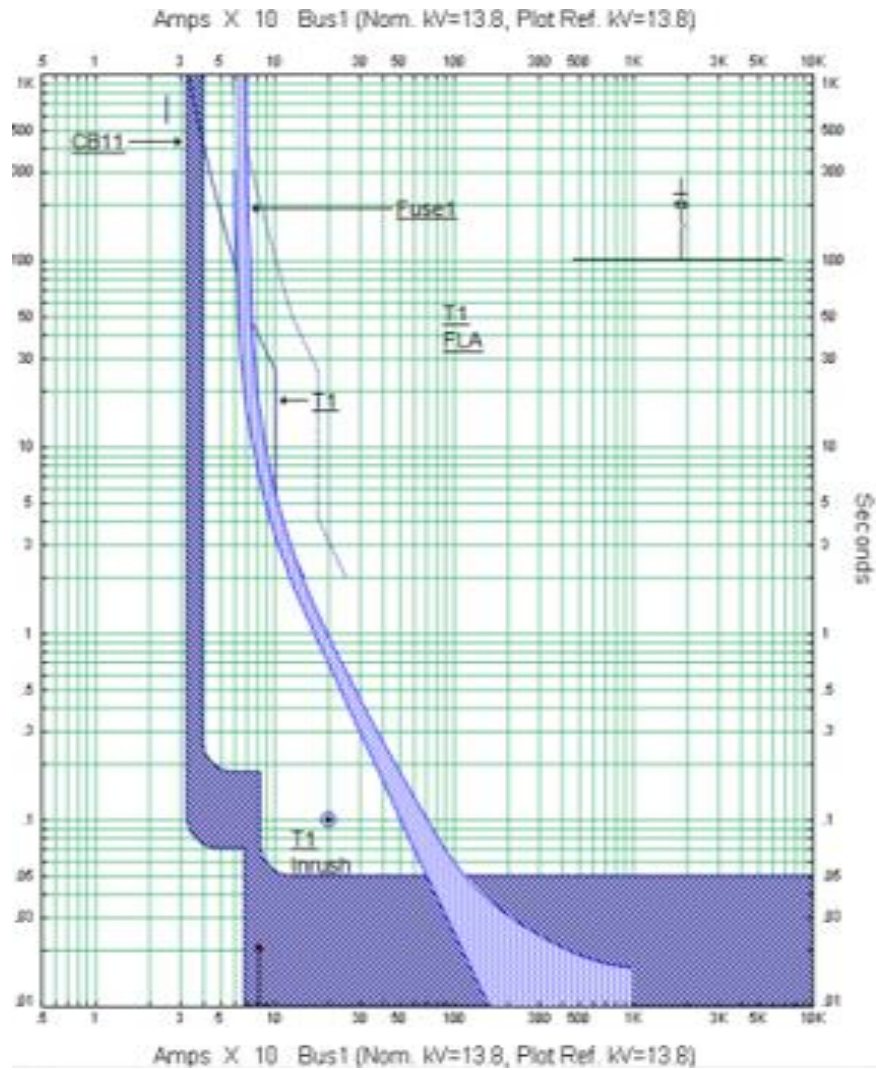


Figure 5-15 The response of the CB to the arcing current

Table 5-4 highlights the simulation results.

Table 5-4 Simulation results for Bus 3

	With CB	Without CB	Notes
Available Fault Current	16.76 KA	16.76 KA	No change
Working Distance	24 inch	24 inch	No change
Arcing current	5.94 KA	5.05 KA	±No change
Arc Flash Boundary AFB	2.98 ft	599 ft	Changed
Incident Energy IE	2.16 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	5340 Cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Changed
Fault Clearing Time FCT	0.18 sec	530 sec	Changed
PPE Level	1	4 Dangerous	Changed

Note that the AFC and the arcing current at the MDP remain the same and the incident energy is reduced from 5340 to 2.16 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup>. Overall, this results in going from category 4 extremely dangerous to category 1.

Now if we consider variation of the voltage as  $\pm 10\%$ , so the voltage may decrease from 208V to 188V. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-4)

The simulation gives an incident energy of 7.3 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 2, instead of 2.15 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Now if we consider variation of the gap as +8mm, so the gap may increase from 32mm to 40 mm. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-2)

This results in an incident energy of 7.29 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 2, instead of 2.15 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Hazard risk category 1.

## 5.4 Install LVPCB instead of the fused disconnect mean before the MDP

The other type of power system installation that exists in buildings is one which has the main panel with a main fused disconnecting switch at the service entrance. This is acceptable based on the installation standards and electric codes. However, the disconnecting mean must be accessible,



[NEC 230]. Figure 5-16 shows a single line diagram (SLD) of a main distribution panel (MDP) protected and preceded by main fused disconnect switch.

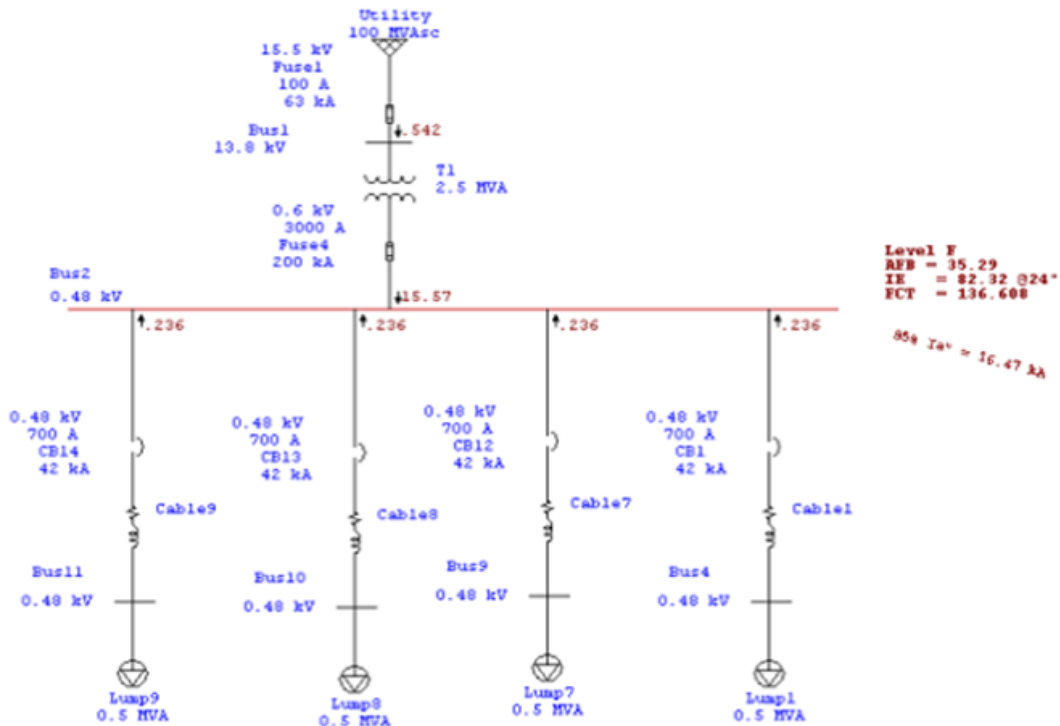


Figure 5-16 Power system with fused disconnect switch before the MDP

The incident energy is 82.32 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup>, which is very high and represents a dangerous arc flash hazard category. NFPA regulation does not allow the work to be performed under these conditions.

Figure 5-17 and Figure 5-18 show the TCC graph and the arc flash factors which helps analyze this situation in the time versus current domain. It is clear that the fuse curve interrupts the arcing current at more than 2 seconds, resulting in a dangerous arc flash hazard category.

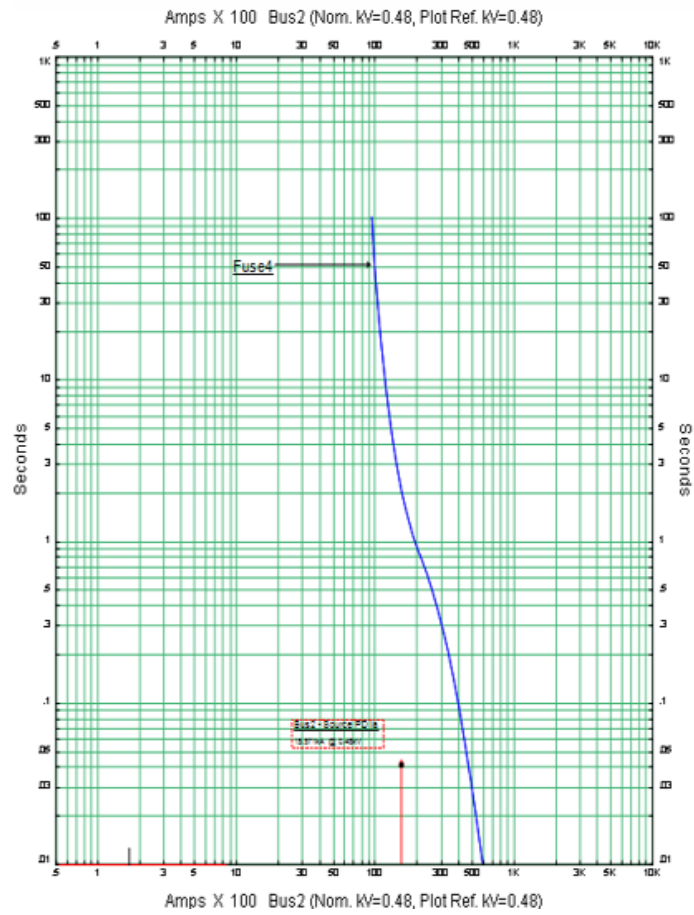


Figure 5-5-17 The response of the fuse to the arcing current

0.48 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

Calculated		User-Defined	
Bus Fault Current	38.56 kA	0 kA	
Bus Arcing Current (Ia)	16.47 kA 85 %		
Source PD	Fuse4		
Source PD Arcing Current	15.57 kA		
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	2.277 Sec	0.1 Sec	<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded	
Incident Energy	82.320 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Allowable	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	35.265 ft		
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	> 4 PPE Level		

Working Distance: 24 inch

TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels

☒ Ibf ☐ TCC Plot - Calculated Energy  
☐ Ia ☐ TCC Plot - Allowable Energy  
☐ TCC Plot - All Energy Categories

☒ Calculated  
☐ User-Defined 3.5x7 Danger1-Bus

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TCC Plot Arcing Current

☒ Calculated/UD Source PD ☒ Calculated  
☐ User-Defined 0 kA ☐ User-Defined

Figure 5-5-18 Arc flash factors affected by the response of the fuse ahead MDP

Figure 5-19 shows the same power system under one different condition. This time, we applied a low voltage power circuit breaker LVPCB in the place of the fused disconnect switch.

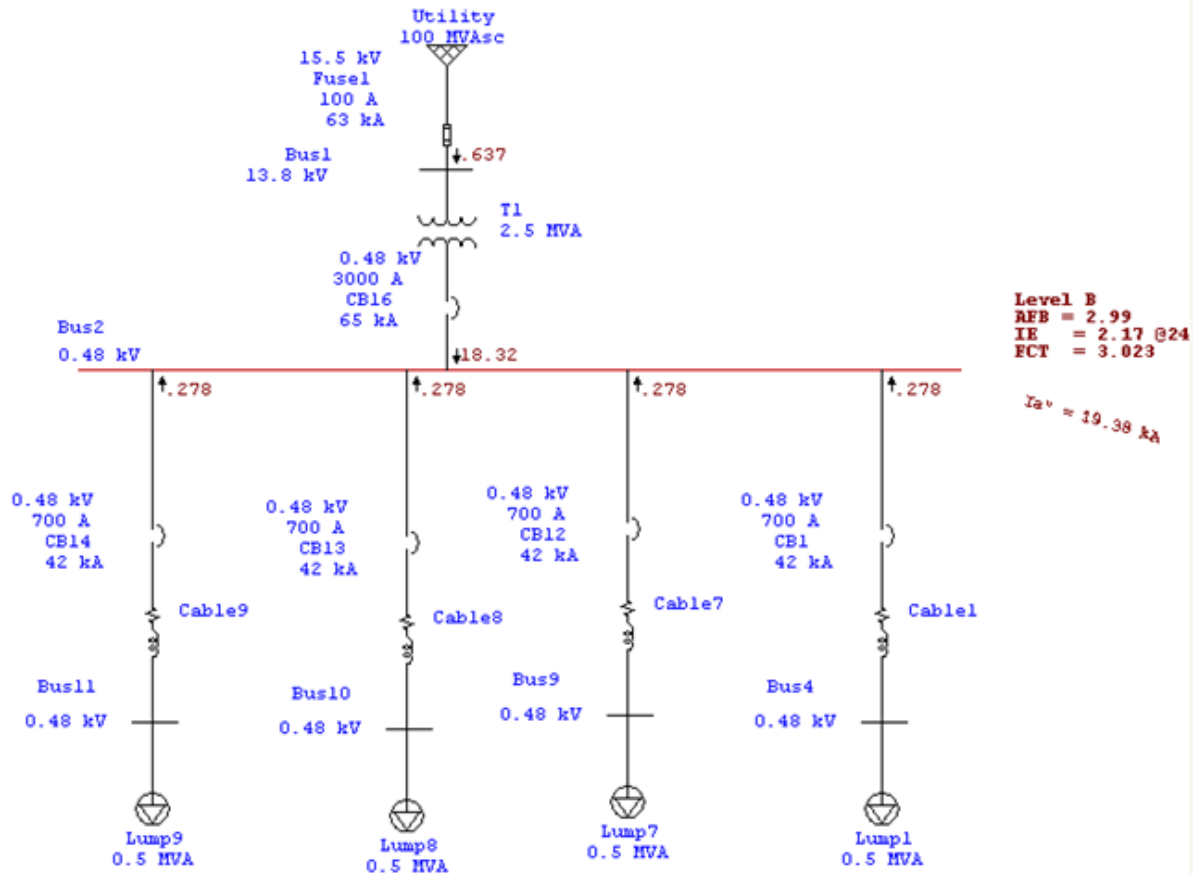


Figure 5-19 Power system with LVCB instead of fused disconnect switch before the MDP

Under this scenario, the incident energy decreases to  $2.17 \text{ cal/cm}^2$ , representing low hazard risk category (category 0). Figure 5-20 and figure 5-21 show the TCC curve of the CB curve, and the arc flash factors demonstrating that the instantaneous setting interrupts the arcing current in a very short time (0.05 seconds) resulting in a hazard category 1.

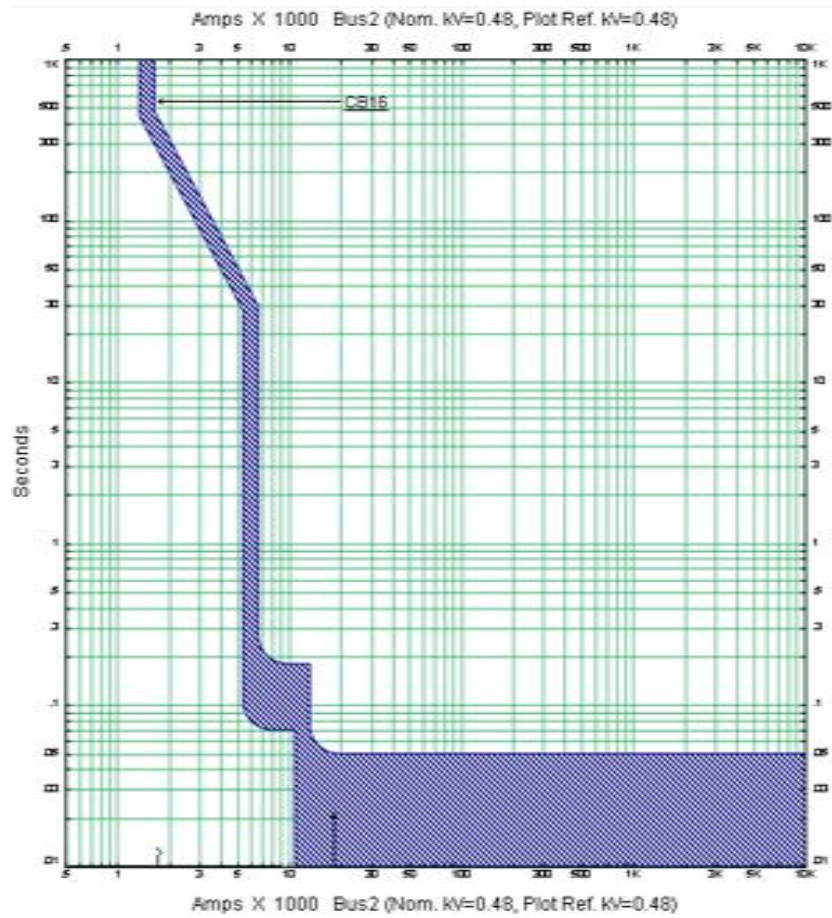


Figure 5-5-20 The response of the LVPCB to the arcing current

Figure 5-5-21 Arc flash factors affected by the response of the LVPCB ahead MDP

The results of the simulation for this system are displayed in Table 5-5

Table 5-5 Simulation results for Bus 2

	CB	Fused disconnecting SW	Notes
Available Fault Current	38.56 KA	38.56 KA	No change
Working Distance	24 inch	24 inch	No change
Arc Flash Boundary AFB	3 ft	35.3 ft	Changed
Incident Energy IE	2.16 Cal/cm2	82.3 Cal/cm2	Changed
Fault Clearing Time FCT	0.05 sec	2.3 sec sec	Changed
PPE Level	1	>4 Dangerous	Changed

Now if we consider variation of the voltage as  $\pm 10\%$ , so the voltage may decrease from 480V to 432V. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-4). The simulation gives an incident energy of 9.17 Cal/cm2 AFH category 3.

Now if we consider variation of the gap as +8mm, so the gap may increase from 32mm to 40 mm. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-2)

This results in an incident energy of 9.16 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 3, instead of 2.17 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Hazard risk category 1.

## **5.5 Install (LVPCB) in front of the step down transformers rated above 125KVA**

Equipment/loads such as receptacles, lighting, services, heating, ventilating and air conditioning require 120/208V in their operation. Due to this, we require transformers that are large enough to handle these loads. The arc flash hazard at low voltage transformers is critical since these transformers, along with the panels that are fed from them, are subjected to regular maintenance checkups. These transformers are generally fed from the main distribution panel (MDP) and they are protected by thermal magnetic circuit breakers in most of the power systems. Figure 5-22 shows a typical power system with step down transformer T2, which protected with a

thermal magnetic circuit breaker CB1. Due to the impedance of the transformer, we expect a lower fault current and arcing current at the secondary side of the transformer.

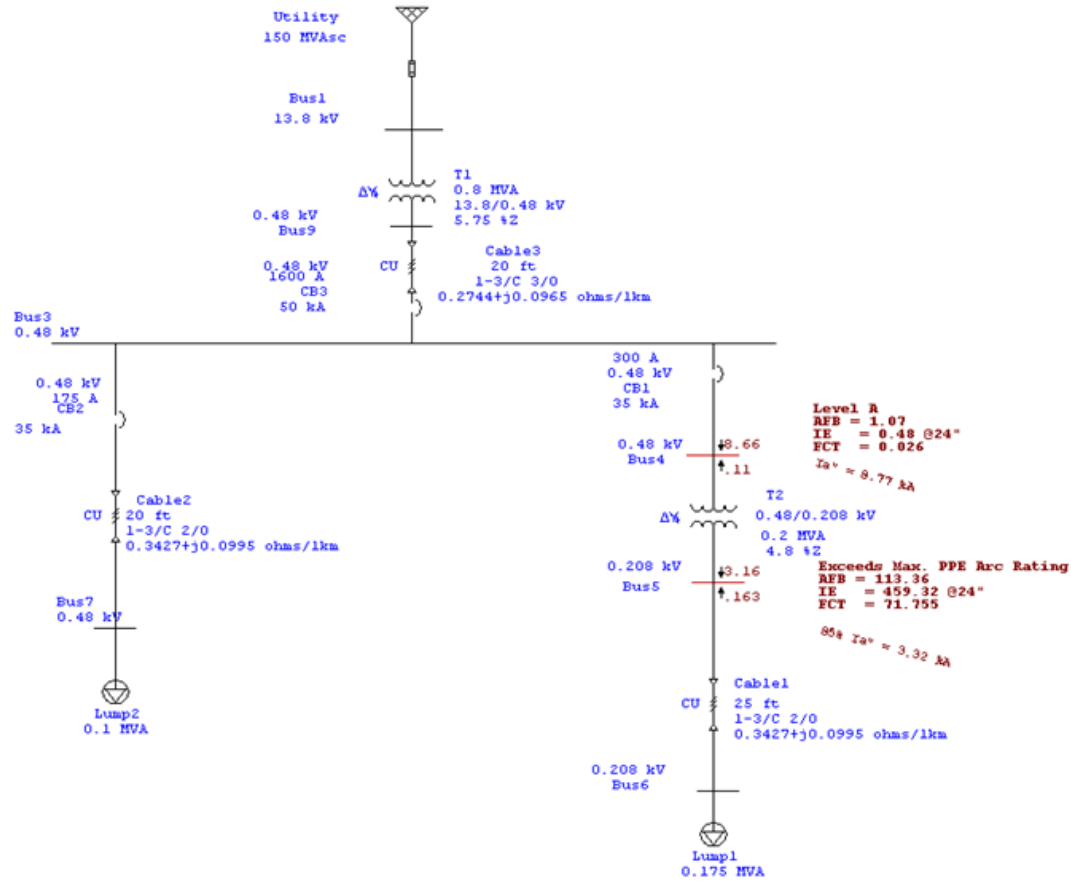


Figure 5-22 Power system with thermal magnetic CB before transformer

The arc flash simulation reveals the following results:

The AFC at both the primary and secondary sides of the transformer are 14.88 KA and 9.06 KA respectively. And from equation 3.1, the arcing current and the fault current are proportional with each other. Therefore, the arcing current at the secondary side of the transformer will be lower in value compared to the arcing current at the primary side. This will result in more time required for the circuit breaker to interrupt the arcing fault that occurs in the secondary side of the transformer. This will result in higher incident energy and a more dangerous hazard category.

This has been supported by the results from the arc flash simulation. See Figure 5-23 and Figure 5-24 for the results on Bus 4 and Bus 5 of the primary and secondary sides of the transformer respectively.



0.48 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

	Calculated	User-Defined
Bus Fault Current	14.88 kA	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia)	8.771 kA	kA
Source PD	CB5	
Source PD Arcing Current	8.662 kA	
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	0.026 Sec	0.1 Sec <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded
Incident Energy	0.478 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Allowable: 0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	1.071 ft	ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	0 PPE Level	PPE Level

Working Distance: 24 inch

TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels

☒ Ibf ☐ TCC Plot - Calculated Energy  
☐ Ia ☐ TCC Plot - Allowable Energy  
☐ TCC Plot - All Energy Categories

☒ Calculated ☐ User-Defined 3.5x7 Danger1-Bus

TCC Plot Arcing Current

☒ Calculated/UD Source PD ☒ Calculated  
☐ User-Defined 0 kA ☐ User-Defined

Figure 5-23 Arc flash factors at Bus 4 (Primary of Transformer T2)

0.208 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

	Calculated	User-Defined
Bus Fault Current	9.064 kA	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia)	3.321 kA 85 %	kA
Source PD	CB5	
Source PD Arcing Current	1.369 kA	
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	71.755 Sec	0.1 Sec <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded
Incident Energy	459.320 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Allowable: 0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	113.359 ft	ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	> 4 PPE Level	PPE Level

Working Distance: 24 inch

TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels

☒ Ibf ☐ TCC Plot - Calculated Energy  
☐ Ia ☐ TCC Plot - Allowable Energy  
☐ TCC Plot - All Energy Categories

☒ Calculated ☐ User-Defined 3.5x7 Danger1-Bus

TCC Plot Arcing Current

☒ Calculated/UD Source PD ☒ Calculated  
☐ User-Defined 0 kA ☐ User-Defined

Figure 5-24 Arc flash factors at Bus 5 (Secondary of Transformer T2)

The incident energy at the primary side is 0.478 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> while at the secondary side, it is 459 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup>. Figure 5-25 highlights the time versus current domain results. The circuit breaker interrupts the arc current at the primary side of the transformer in 0.026 seconds, which is a relatively short time. Consequently, this results in lower incident energy, representing AFH category 0. Figure 5-25 shows also the delay in the interruption of the arcing current at the secondary side, resulting in a higher incident energy and AFH category 4.

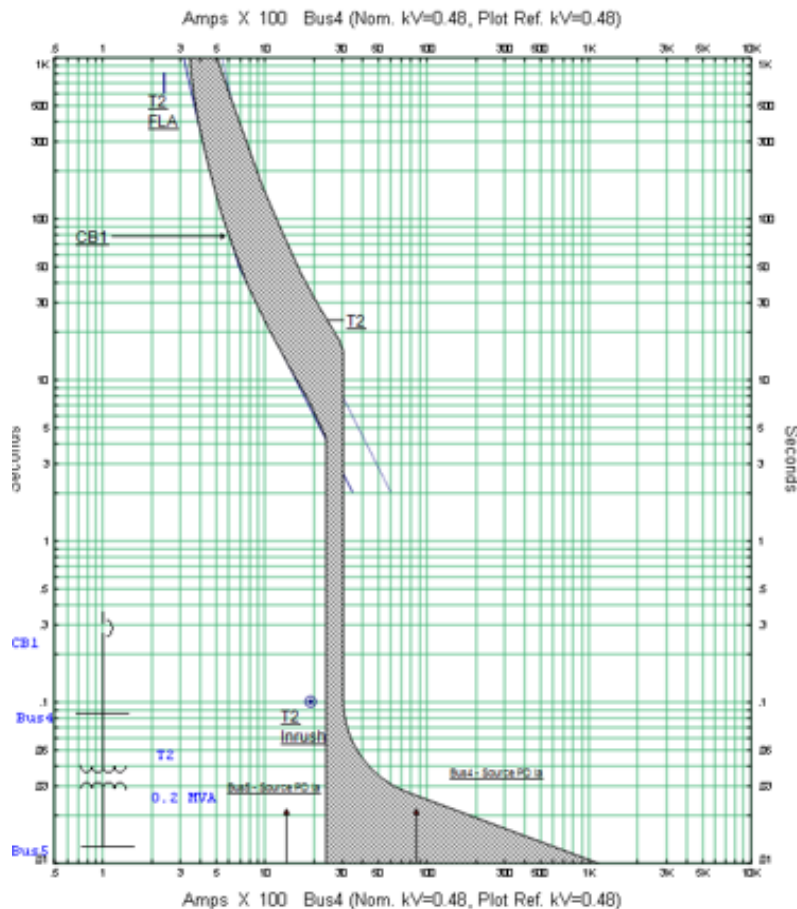


Figure 5-25 The response of the thermal CB1 to the arcing currents.

Now, let's apply a low voltage circuit breaker with adjustable LSI instead of the thermal circuit breaker. Figure 5-26 shows the simulation of the same power system with LSI CB. The results show that the AFC on both sides of the transformer, primary and secondary, are still the same,

meaning that the arcing currents on both sides of the transformer have not been changed. However, the incident energy is reduced dramatically from 459 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> to 1.37 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> on the secondary side. This result reflects AFH category 1 on the secondary side of the transformer instead of 4, as was observed previously see figure 5-27.

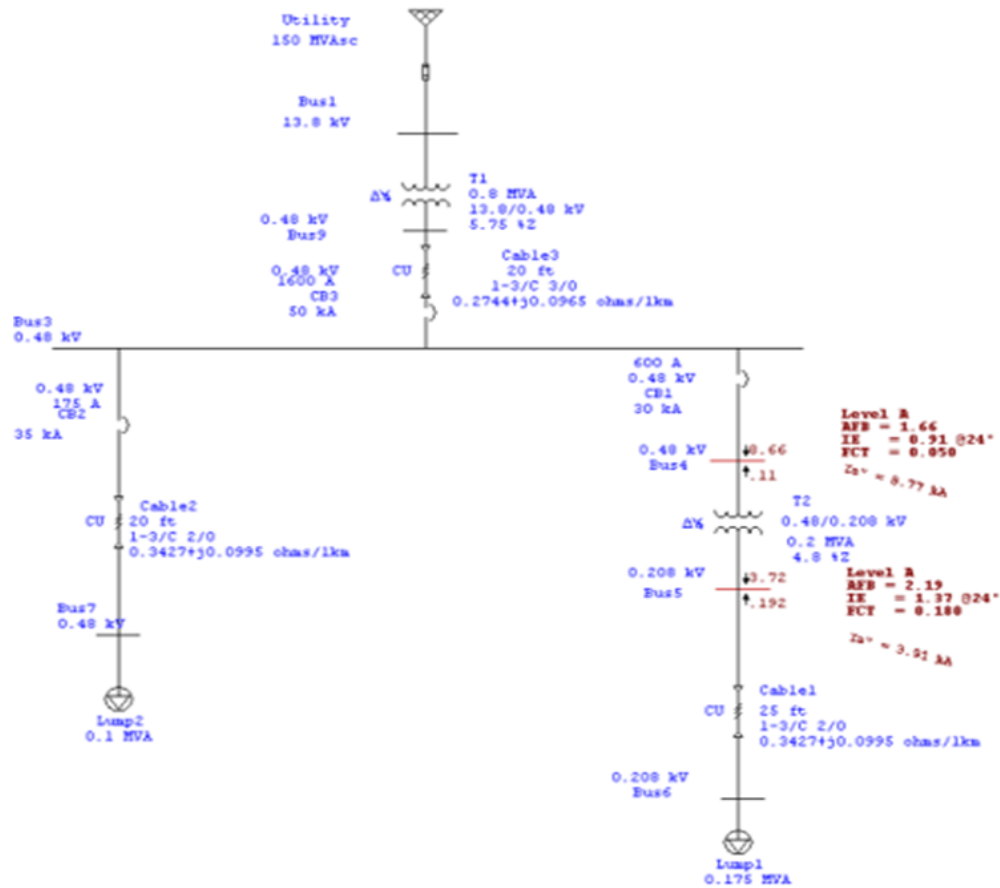


Figure 5-26 Power system with LSI CB before the transformer

0.208 kV 0 Amps Symmetrical 0 kA

	Calculated	User-Defined
Bus Fault Current	9.064 kA	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia)	3.907 kA	kA
Source PD	CB1	
Source PD Arcing Current	1.611 kA	
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	0.18 Sec	0.1 Sec <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded <input type="checkbox"/> Allowable
Incident Energy	1.374 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	2.192 ft	ft
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	1 PPE Level	PPE Level

Working Distance: 24 inch

TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels

☒ Ibf ☐ TCC Plot - Calculated Energy  
☐ Ia ☐ TCC Plot - Allowable Energy  
☐ TCC Plot - All Energy Categories

☒ Calculated ☐ User-Defined  
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TCC Plot Arcing Current

☒ Calculated/UD Source PD ☐ User-Defined  
 0 kA

☒ Calculated ☐ User-Defined

Figure 5-27 Arc flash factors at Bus 5 (Secondary of Transformer T2) using LSI CB

In Figure 5-28, the TCC shows the LSI circuit breaker and arcing current at the primary and secondary sides of the transformer. The lowering of the arcing current at the secondary side of the transformer brings it to the adjustable short time range of the LSI breaker. This results in a reduction of the arcing time, which will reduce the incident energy and the AFH risk category.

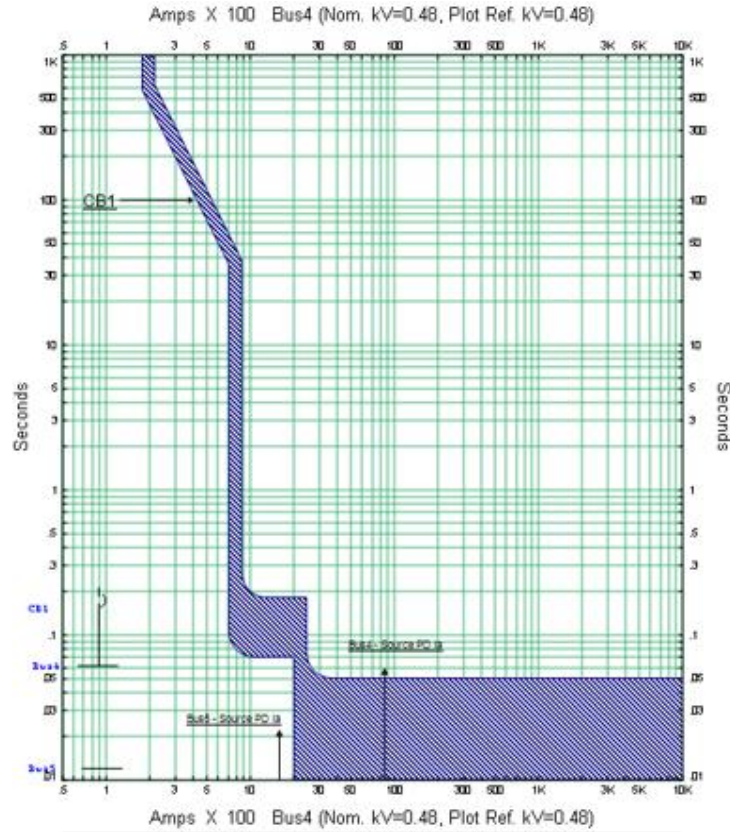


Figure 5-28 The response of the LSI CB to the arcing currents at primery and secondary of T2

Table 5-6 highlights the above results:

Table 5-6 Simulation results for Bus 4 and Bus 5.

		<b>Mag – Thermal CB</b>	<b>LSI CB</b>
<b>Bus 4</b>	Arcing current	8.77 KA	8.77 KA
	Incident Energy	0.478 Cal/cm2	0.915 Cal/cm2
	Fault Clearing T	0.026 sec	0.05sec
	PPE Level	0	0
<b>Bus 5</b>	Arcing current	3.32 KA	3.9
	Incident Energy	459 Cal/cm2	1.37
	Fault Clearing	72 sec	0.18
	PPE Level	>4	1

Now if we consider variation of the voltage as  $\pm 10\%$ , so the voltage may decrease from 208V to 188V. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-4)

The simulation gives an incident energy of 18.7 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 3.

Now if we consider variation of the gap as +8mm, so the gap may increase from 32mm to 40 mm. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-2)

This results in an incident energy of 18.7 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 3.

## 5.6 Transformers large than 125 KVA should be replaced with smaller size transformers

Since the 120/208V loads represent a substantial amount of electric power, we require large transformers to feed these loads. Typical power systems are shown in Figure 5-29.

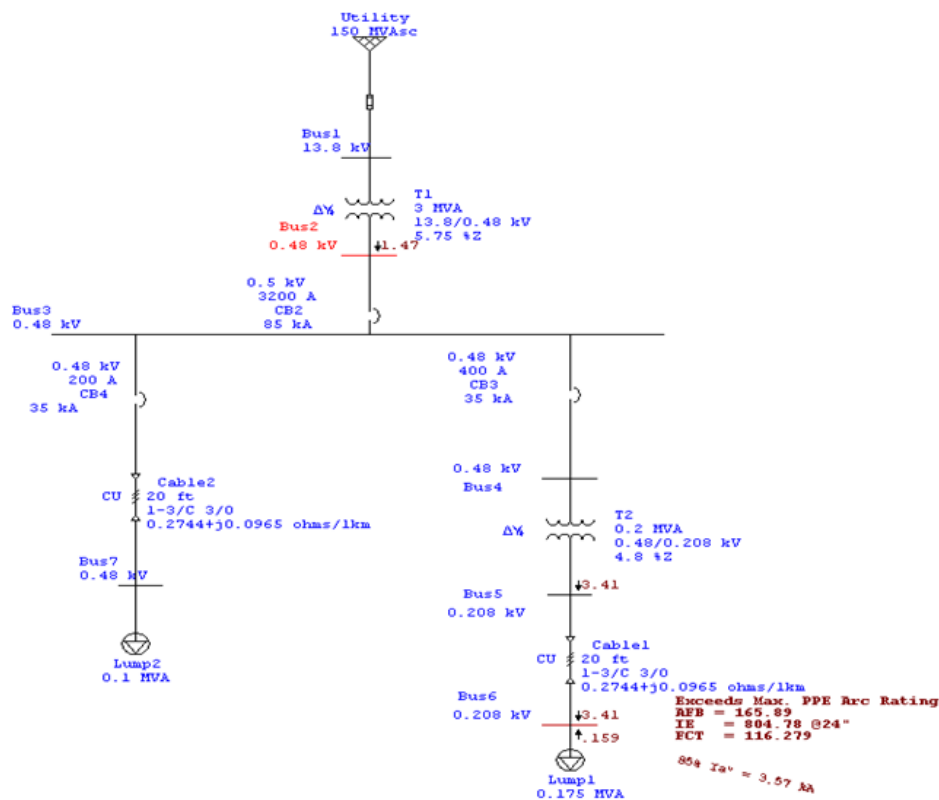


Figure 5-29 Power system with large Transformer T2 feeding 120/208 loads.

The simulation of this power system is summarized in figure 5-30.

0.208 kV 0 Amps		Symmetrical 0 kA	
Bus Fault Current	10.08 kA	User-Defined	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (Ia)	3.569 kA 85 %		0 kA
Source PD	CB3		
Source PD Arcing Current	1.478 kA		
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	116.279 Sec	0.1 Sec	<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded	
Incident Energy	804.784 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Allowable	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	165.886 ft		
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	> 4 PPE Level		
Working Distance	24 inch		
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Figure 5-30 Arc flash factors at Bus 6

The incident energy at bus 6 is 804 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> which represents AFH category 4 (Dangerous). The TCC in Figure 5-31 shows the CB takes longer time to interrupt the arcing current, resulting in higher incident energy.

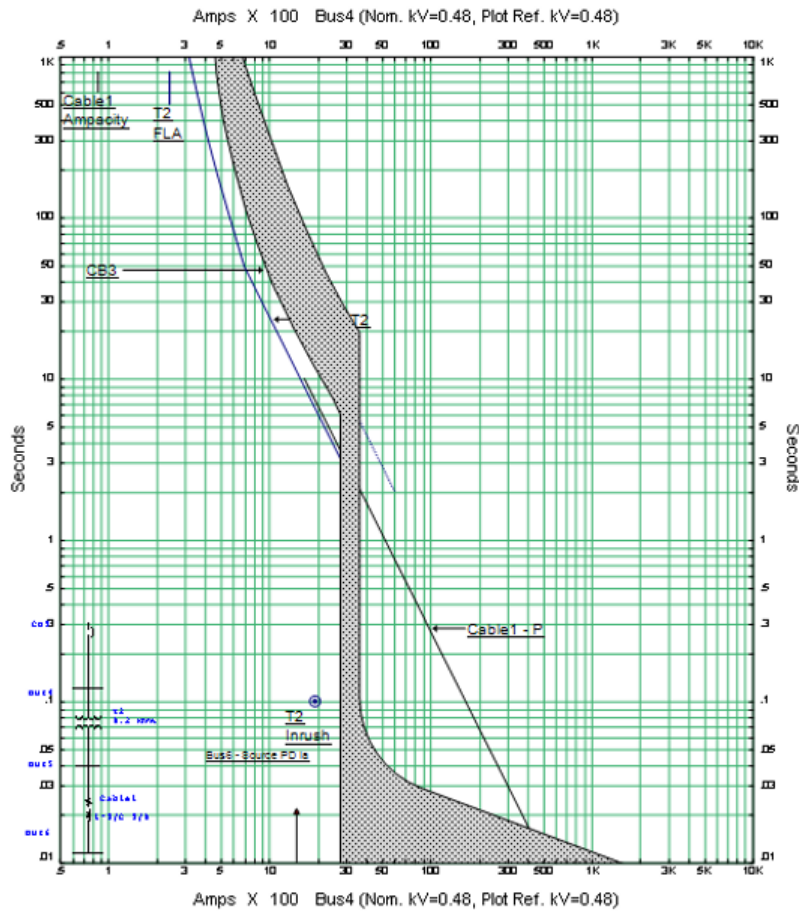


Figure 5-31 The response of CB3 to the arcing currents at Bus 6.

We simulate a scenario that utilizes three small transformers that are 75KVA each, instead of one large transformer that is 0.2MVA (200KVA). The results are shown in Figure 5-32 below.



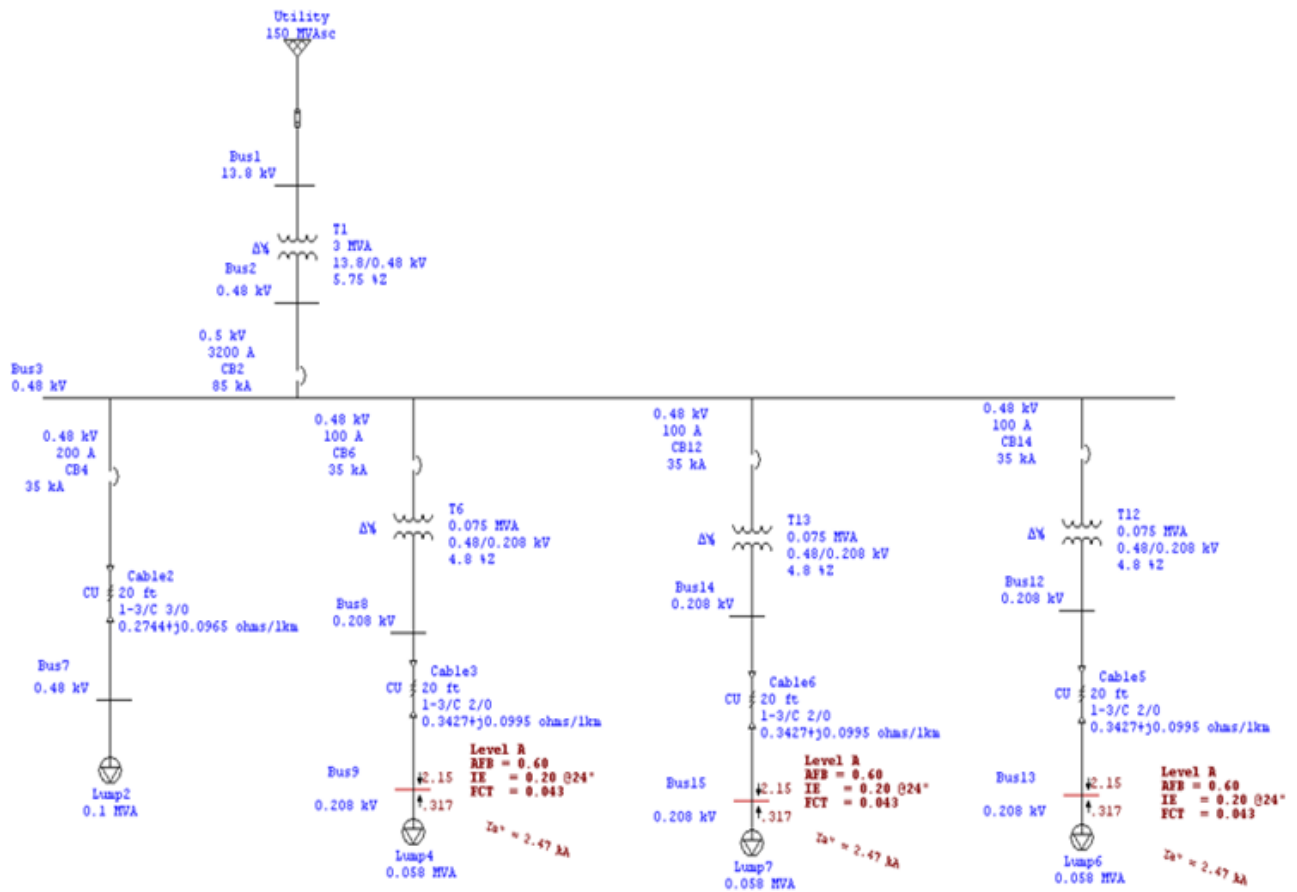


Figure 5-32 Power system with small size Transformers (T6, T13, and T12) instead of T2 in 5-29

The simulation of this power system is summarized in Figure 5-33

0.208 kV 0 Amps		Symmetrical 0 kA	
Bus Fault Current	4.613 kA	User-Defined	0 kA
Bus Arcing Current (I <sub>a</sub> )	2.466 kA		
Source PD	CB6		
Source PD Arcing Current	0.932 kA		
Fault Clearing Time (FCT)	0.043 Sec	0.1 Sec	<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed FCT
Grounding	Grounded	Grounded	
Incident Energy	0.202 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>	Allowable	0 cal/cm <sup>2</sup>
Arc Flash Boundary	0.596 ft		
Level (NFPA70E 2009)	0 PPE Level		
Working Distance	24 inch	TCC Plot Energy/ AF Labels	
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Figure 5-33 Arc flash factors at Bus 9, Bus 15 and Bus 13.

It is clear that the arcing current is reduced because of the increased impedance of the small size of transformers and cables. Therefore, applying small circuit breakers will be sufficient to interrupt the arcing current at small values. Figure 5-34 shows the TCC for such circuit breakers and the time required for interrupting the arc current. It is clear that the interrupting time is less than 0.05 sec, which results in incident energy less than 2 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> and AFH category 0.

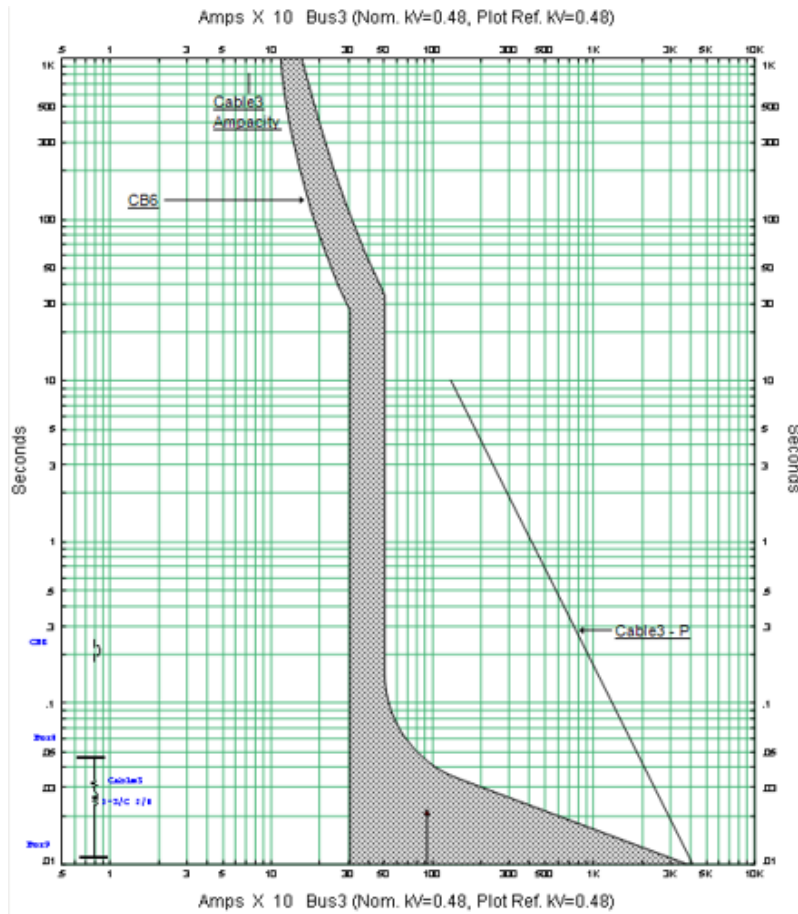


Figure 5-34 The response of CB's 6, 12 and 14 to the arcing currents at Bus's 9, 15 and 13.

Table 5-7 summarize the simulation results in both case when we use large transformer and when we use small one.

Table 5-7 Simulation results for Bus 6 and Bus 9

	Using 75KVA TR	Using 200KVA TR
Working Distance	24 inch	24 inch
Incident Energy IE	0.202 Cal/cm2	804.7 Cal/cm2
Fault Clearing Time FCT	0.043sec	>2 sec sec
PPE Level	0	>4 Dangerous

Now if we consider variation of the voltage as  $\pm 10\%$ , so the voltage may decrease from 208V to 188V. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-4)

The simulation gives the same result of the incident energy of 0.202 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 1.

Now if we consider variation of the gap as +8mm, so the gap may increase from 32mm to 40 mm. This will reflect on the arcing current as per equation (4-2)

This results in an incident energy of 0.2 Cal/cm<sup>2</sup> AFH category 1.

## 5.7 Summary

In this Chapter, the simulation, results, and observation of the thesis work are reported. Six benchmark cases are selected from literature in order to show the impact of parameter uncertainty on arc flash hazard mitigation. The six cases symbolize different techniques to reduce the hazard of arc flashes without considering parameter variations. Simulations, which clarify the effects of parameter variations on such previously proposed techniques, are carried out. Different system layouts are selected from standard topologies to experiment the simulations. Results show that parameter uncertainty may affect incident energy values as well as the risk category of a given arc flash case. Consequently, care must be taken when arc flash calculations are performed as to the possible changes in results caused by parameter variability, in particular gap length and system voltage, as shown by the results of this Chapter.

# **6 Chapter Six - Conclusions and Future Work**

## **6.1 Thesis Summary**

In this work, a thorough study of arc flash and short circuit was initially performed. Different components of power system protection were investigated, and different design implementations of such components and methods were researched with an examination of their benefits. Moreover, different factors and phenomena affecting the arc flash energy estimation, such voltage, gap between electrodes, clearing time, etc. were investigated.

Additionally, in Chapter 4 a new method of arc flash calculation was proposed which takes into consideration the variation in some parameters such as voltage. This is useful for evaluating more adequate arcing current and the arc flash incident energy. Furthermore, in Chapter 5 different power system topology situations and know techniques were built using Electric Transient and Analysis Program (ETAP), the simulation is carried out with and without the proposed variations. The results of which showed the more accurate calculation of such considerations.

## **6.2 Summary of Contributions**

- Proposed voltage variation to be used and to be taken into consideration when we calculate the arc current and the incident energy associated.
- Variation in voltage and gap between electrodes may lead to higher incident energy bigger than the estimated one. The bigger value of incident energy should be used to get the maximum risk safety.
- Variation in voltage and gap between electrodes should be taken into consideration in the evaluation process of arc flash mitigation.

## **6.3 Future Work**

Although the consideration of the variation in voltage and gaps between electrodes showed the difference in incident energy calculation, there are other factors that need to be addressed and considered such as humidity degree, ambient temperature and pressure. Therefore, improved models will produce better results of estimated incident energy which provide better protection to personal dealing with power distribution systems.

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## APPENDIX A: IEEE Data

Open Circuit Voltage ph- ph (kV)	System Grounded - - Y, N, HRG	Bolted fault current (kA)	X/R Ratio	Electrode material SS, AL, CH, CS	Gap between electrodes (mm)	Gap electrodes to box (mm)	Distance from arc to calorimeters (mm)	Arc Duration (msec)	Box width + height/2 (mm)	Box depth (mm)	No. of phases	Electrode configuration (Parallel or Inline)	Arc Current (kA)	Arc Voltage L-L (kV)	Arc energy (kJ)	Incident energy, the mean of 7 calorimeters (cal/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Incident energy, the max of 7 calorimeters (cal/cm <sup>2</sup> )
0.610	N	36.250		CH	31.800	10000	600	100	10000	10000	3	D	19.930	0.323	1296.300		1.20
0.610	N	36.250		CH	50.800	10000	600	100	10000	10000	3	Delta	14.120	0.338	879.100		1.16
0.610	N	36.250		CH	19.100	10000	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	25.520	0.248	1303.600		2.03
0.610	N	36.250		CH	25.400	10000	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	24.230	0.268	1367.600		1.90
0.610	N	36.250		CH	31.800	10000	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	22.120	0.284	1342.600		2.20
0.610	N	36.250		CH	50.800	10000	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	17.790	0.328	1234.600		1.92
0.610	N	36.250		CH	76.200	10000	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	11.760	0.365	849.200		1.23
0.610	N	36.250		CH	19.100	102	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	24.900	0.268	1413.900		1.80
0.610	N	36.250		CH	25.400	102	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	24.670	0.266	1403.500		2.27
0.610	N	36.250		CH	31.800	102	600	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	22.820	0.302	1444.000		2.32
0.610	N	36.250		CH	31.800	102	600	100	533	533	3	Parallel	28.670	0.213	1174.100		6.97
0.768	N	50.390		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	34.880	0.529	2306.100	3.71	4.63
0.687	N	45.360		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	30.150	0.466	1638.600	2.98	3.87
0.614	N	40.920		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	24.080	0.472	1358.300	2.46	2.96
0.616	N	35.290		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	22.300	0.461	1217.900	2.31	2.52
0.623	N	31.160		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.990	0.433	1090.200	2.05	2.30
0.617	N	27.660		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	18.740	0.439	1004.600	1.80	1.97
0.614	N	23.410		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	16.440	0.443	920.400	1.49	1.78
0.615	N	19.080		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	13.270	0.443	701.800	1.10	1.25
0.616	N	16.300		CH	32.000	10000	610	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	11.580	0.454	619.300	0.94	1.10
0.614	N	40.920		CH	32.000	10000	457	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	25.470	0.450	1350.900	4.63	5.52
0.614	N	40.920		CH	32.000	10000	762	100	10000	10000	3	Parallel	25.440	0.445	1373.500	1.86	2.04
0.759	N	51.190		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	41.150	0.375	1757.800	9.40	12.46
0.680	N	46.050		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	36.330	0.343	1437.500	7.41	9.85
0.612	N	41.990		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	31.590	0.340	1266.400	5.16	8.01
0.618	N	36.250		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	27.310	0.351	1122.200	3.76	5.40
0.613	N	31.200		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	24.920	0.330	970.900	2.97	4.01
0.617	N	27.660		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	21.900	0.328	844.200	2.87	3.63
0.611	N	23.650		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	19.010	0.324	743.900	2.32	2.96
0.615	N	19.080		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	15.570	0.245	602.300	1.91	3.10
0.616	N	16.300		CH	32.000	102	610	100	508	508	3	Parallel	13.240	0.318	505.000	1.67	2.55
0.612	N	41.990		CH	32.000	102	457	100	508	508	3	Parallel	31.360	0.347	1257.100	9.35	12.06
0.612	N	41.990		CH	32.000	102	762	100	508	508	3	Parallel	32.120	0.327	1227.500	4.13	5.03
0.612	N	41.990		CH	32.000	102	914	100	508	508	3	Parallel	32.150	0.325	1187.100	3.15	4.24
0.612	N	41.990		CH	32.000	102	1219	100	508	508	3	Parallel	31.790	0.332	1243.000	1.81	2.73
0.612	N	41.990		CH	32.000	102	1524	100	508	508	3	Parallel	32.160	0.328	1224.500	1.05	2.08
0.600	N	106.000	7.900	CH	32.000	102	448	100	508	508	3	Parallel	45.980		4205.000	22.42	35.71
0.600	N	65.900	9.950	CH	32.000	102	448	100	508	508	3	Parallel	36.770		2918.000	16.21	21.29
0.600	N	44.100	11.000	CH	32.000	102	448	100	508	508	3	Parallel	25.970		1433.000	12.23	15.68
0.600	N	22.600	4.900	CH	32.000	102	448	100	508	508	3	Parallel	15.800		875.000	5.93	7.79
0.600	N	0.671	40.000	CH	32.000	102	610	2060	508	508	3	Parallel	0.603				1.30
0.600	N	0.671	40.000	CH	32.000	102	610	2060	508	508	3	Parallel	0.615	0.282	568.000		1.20



Open Circuit Voltage ph -ph (kV)	System Grounded - - Y, N, HRG	Bolted fault current (kA)	X/R Ratio	Electrode material SS, AL, CH, CS	Gap between electrodes (mm)	Gap electrodes to box (mm)	Distance from arc to calorimeters (mm)	Arc Duration (msec)	Box width + height/2 (mm)	Box depth (mm)	No. of phases	Electrode configuration (Parallel or Inline)	Arc Current (kA)	Arc Voltage L-L (kV)	Arc energy (kJ)	Incident energy, the mean of 7 calorimeters (cal/cm²)	Incident energy, the max of 7 calorimeters (cal/cm²)
0.600	N	0.671	40.000	CH	32.000	102	610	2060	508	508	3	Parallel	0.613	0.308	589.000		1.20
0.600	N	0.671	40.000	CH	32.000	102	610	2060	508	508	3	Parallel	0.624	0.279	571.000		1.20
0.600	N	3.478	25.000	CH	32.000	102	610	2037	508	508	3	Parallel	2.992	0.331	3123.000		23.50
0.600	N	3.478	25.000	CH	32.000	102	610	2037	508	508	3	Parallel	3.053	0.326	3150.000		18.50
0.600	N	3.478	25.000	CH	32.000	102	610	2037	508	508	3	Parallel	3.022	0.331	3097.000		17.00
0.590	Y	3.350	25.000	CH	10.000	10	610	805	508	508	3	Parallel	3.133	0.241	963.000		7.00
0.590	Y	3.350	25.000	CH	10.000	10	610	805	508	508	3	Parallel	3.156	0.249	947.000		7.00
0.590	Y	3.350	25.000	CH	10.000	10	610	805	508	508	3	Parallel	3.145	0.237	928.000		6.90
0.590	N	3.350	25.000	CH	40.000	10	610	203	508	508	3	Parallel	2.833	0.312	287.000		1.70
0.590	N	3.350	25.000	CH	40.000	10	610	203	508	508	3	Parallel	2.828	0.307	279.000		1.70
0.590	N	3.350	25.000	CH	40.000	10	610	210	508	508	3	Parallel	2.818	0.298	280.000		1.40
0.590	Y	3.350	25.000	CH	40.000	102	610	210	508	508	3	Parallel	2.582	0.430	344.000		1.70
0.590	Y	3.350	25.000	CH	40.000	102	610	203	508	508	3	Parallel	2.584	0.407	335.000		1.40
0.590	Y	3.350	25.000	CH	40.000	102	610	209	508	508	3	Parallel	2.546	0.442	344.000		1.40
0.590	N	3.350	25.000	CH	10.000	102	610	808	508	508	3	Parallel	3.162	0.241	941.000		4.30
0.590	N	3.350	25.000	CH	10.000	102	610	808	508	508	3	Parallel	3.150	0.246	932.000		4.60
0.590	N	3.350	25.000	CH	10.000	102	610	808	508	508	3	Parallel	3.175	0.241	957.000		5.00
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	102	610	597	508	508	3	Parallel	24.194				19.30
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	102	610	597	508	508	3	Parallel	24.080				22.00
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	102	610	597	508	508	3	Parallel	24.712				18.10
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	40.000	102	610	96	508	508	3	Parallel	21.068	0.352	1104.000		3.40
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	40.000	102	610	96	508	508	3	Parallel	21.204	0.341	1068.000		3.20
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	40.000	102	610	96	508	508	3	Parallel	21.649	0.334	1065.000		3.10
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	102	610	495	508	508	3	Parallel	24.694	0.237	4857.000		15.10
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	102	610	166	508	508	3	Parallel	24.531	0.229	1590.000		4.30
0.590	Y	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	102	610	172	508	508	3	Parallel	24.503	0.244	1714.000		5.00
0.590	Y	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	102	610	166	508	508	3	Parallel	24.544	0.234	1618.000		5.00
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	10	610	164	508	508	3	Parallel	24.746	0.615	1696.000		7.80
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	10	610	169	508	508	3	Parallel	24.679	0.244	1680.000		7.70
0.590	N	30.000	6.500	CH	10.000	10	610	169	508	508	3	Parallel	24.213	0.256	1729.000		9.10
0.590	Y	30.000	6.500	CH	40.000	10	610	169	508	508	3	Parallel	21.776	0.331	1911.000		8.80
0.590	Y	30.000	6.500	CH	40.000	10	610	160	508	508	3	Parallel	22.180	0.322	1857.000		8.20
0.590	Y	30.000	6.500	CH	40.000	10	610	160	508	508	3	Parallel	22.326	0.319	1840.000		8.40
0.250	Y	20.000	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	230	508	508	3	Parallel	13.564	0.203	884.000		3.70
0.250	Y	20.000	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	230	508	508	3	Parallel	13.202	0.204	847.000		3.90
0.250	Y	20.000	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	200	508	508	3	Parallel	12.730	0.218	263.600		3.60
0.250	Y	20.000	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	200	508	508	3	Parallel	11.565	0.220	244.800		3.30
0.250	Y	20.000	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	200	508	508	3	Parallel	11.919	0.213	255.800		3.40
0.405	Y	11.300	10.000	CH	25.000	56	610	193	508	508	3	Parallel	4.628	0.374	490.000		2.80
0.405	Y	11.300	10.000	CH	25.000	56	610	197	508	508	3	Parallel	4.310	0.383	458.000		2.20
0.405	N	11.300	10.000	CH	25.000	56	610	196	508	508	3	Parallel	5.451	0.355	530.000		2.40
0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	10.000	10	610	204	508	508	3	Parallel	2.582	0.303	215.600		1.10



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0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	10.000	10	610	204	508	508	3	Parallel	2.582	0.303	215.600		1.10
0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	10.000	10	610	199	508	508	3	Parallel	2.552	0.324	226.000		0.90
0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	10.000	10	610	201	508	508	3	Parallel	2.521	0.327	229.000		0.90
0.590	N	2.700	30.000	CH	40.000	10	610	201	508	508	3	Parallel	2.413	0.348	255.000		1.10
0.590	N	2.700	30.000	CH	40.000	10	610	203	508	508	3	Parallel	2.391	0.357	264.000		1.10
0.590	N	2.700	30.000	CH	40.000	10	610	202	508	508	3	Parallel	2.385	0.352	261.000		0.90
0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	40.000	102	610	202	508	508	3	Parallel	2.244	0.381	270.000		0.90
0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	40.000	102	610	407	508	508	3	Parallel	2.336	0.345	508.000		2.20
0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	40.000	102	610	407	508	508	3	Parallel	2.300	0.343	502.000		1.70
0.590	Y	2.700	30.000	CH	40.000	102	610	407	508	508	3	Parallel	2.382	0.333	503.000		1.60
0.590	N	2.700	30.000	CH	10.000	102	610	407	508	508	3	Parallel	2.538	0.294	426.000		1.50
0.590	N	2.700	30.000	CH	10.000	102	610	407	508	508	3	Parallel	2.582	0.265	416.000		1.50
0.590	N	2.700	30.000	CH	10.000	102	610	407	508	508	3	Parallel	2.565	0.282	399.000		1.20
0.590	Y	21.400	7.000	CH	10.000	102	610	207	508	508	3	Parallel	19.048	0.223	1487.000		4.50
0.590	Y	21.400	7.000	CH	10.000	102	610	211	508	508	3	Parallel	18.831	0.222	1484.000		4.20
0.590	Y	21.400	7.000	CH	10.000	102	610	211	508	508	3	Parallel	18.919	0.218	1461.000		4.30
0.590	N	21.400	7.000	CH	40.000	102	610	209	508	508	3	Parallel	16.459	0.334	1869.000		5.80
0.590	N	21.400	7.000	CH	40.000	102	610	209	508	508	3	Parallel	16.722	0.326	1844.000		5.50
0.590	N	21.400	7.000	CH	40.000	102	610	209	508	508	3	Parallel	16.924	0.317	1841.000		6.00
0.590	Y	21.400	7.000	CH	40.000	10	610	212	508	508	3	Parallel	17.356	0.288	1730.000		9.10
0.590	Y	21.400	7.000	CH	40.000	10	610	208	508	508	3	Parallel	17.532	0.288	1696.000		8.50
0.590	Y	21.400	7.000	CH	40.000	10	610	208	508	508	3	Parallel	17.305	0.291	1693.000		8.30
0.590	N	21.400	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	208	508	508	3	Parallel	19.310	0.241	1574.000		7.70
0.590	N	21.400	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	213	508	508	3	Parallel	19.071	0.232	1597.000		8.10
0.590	N	21.400	7.000	CH	10.000	10	610	213	508	508	3	Parallel	18.856	0.225	1495.000		6.90
0.606	Y	22.460	5.465	CS	38.100	38	610	92	330	191	3	Parallel	18.110	0.235	637.600	1.18	1.50
0.600	Y	22.238	5.465	CS	38.100	38	610	106	330	191	3	Parallel	16.023	0.317	901.200	2.05	2.35
0.600	Y	22.238	5.465	CS	38.100	38	610	105	330	191	3	Parallel	15.993	0.317	889.300	1.96	2.27
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	107	330	191	3	Parallel	27.253	0.278	1349.000	2.92	3.60
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	107	330	191	3	Parallel	25.283	0.284	1279.900	2.78	3.26
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	105	330	191	3	Parallel	23.082	0.284	3438.267	2.93	3.37
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	305	68	330	191	3	Parallel	23.553	0.296	784.200	5.83	7.41
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	305	67	330	191	3	Parallel	24.920	0.289	806.300	5.34	7.27
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	305	67	330	191	3	Parallel	26.543	0.277	818.200	5.94	8.21
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	1829	107	330	191	3	Parallel	24.343	0.294	1282.800	0.28	0.33
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	1829	539	330	191	3	Parallel	27.203	0.282	6922.000	5.00	5.71
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	1829	180	330	191	3	Parallel	25.647	0.284	2171.800	0.93	1.13
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	1829	178	330	191	3	Parallel	29.793	0.260	2283.000	0.61	0.74
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	1829	175	330	191	3	Parallel	28.327	0.269	2186.200	0.55	0.74
0.400	HRG	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	111	330	191	3	Parallel	28.043	0.279	1404.000	3.21	3.97
0.400	HRG	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	111	330	191	3	Parallel	25.667	0.289	1347.400	2.88	3.46
0.400	HRG	53.607	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	112	330	191	3	Parallel	26.360	0.281	1331.900	0.41	0.50



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0.485	HRG	52.560	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	108	330	191	3	Parallel	31.000	0.306	1726.200	3.83	4.37
0.485	HRG	52.560	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	106	330	191	3	Parallel	30.870	0.313	1732.600	4.24	4.81
0.485	HRG	52.560	5.465	CS	19.050	38	610	106	330	191	3	Parallel	31.030	0.310	1706.700	3.88	4.37
0.400	Y	54.186	5.797	CS	19.050	38	610	103	330	191	3	Parallel	25.773	0.286	1257.800	2.65	3.08
0.400	Y	54.186	5.797	CS	19.050	38	610	103	330	191	3	Parallel	25.287	0.289	1235.800	2.66	3.18
0.400	Y	54.186	5.797	CS	19.050	38	610	108	330	191	3	Parallel	24.990	0.287	1247.900		
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	31.750	38	610	107	330	191	3	Parallel	24.337	0.297	1286.900	2.39	3.04
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	31.750	38	610	109	330	191	3	Parallel	22.137	0.306	1213.200	2.52	3.08
0.400	Y	53.607	5.465	CS	31.750	38	610	104	330	191	3	Parallel	20.680	0.318	1130.500	2.36	2.82
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	31.750	38	610	61	330	191	3	Parallel	26.853	0.342	943.100	2.02	2.41
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	31.750	38	610	61	330	191	3	Parallel	27.297	0.340	941.500	1.95	2.31
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	31.750	38	610	60	330	191	3	Parallel	28.660	0.335	964.200	2.04	2.42
0.600	Y	100.594	5.167	CS	31.750	38	610	63	330	191	3	Parallel	54.417	0.373	2124.000	5.85	7.64
0.600	Y	100.594	5.167	CS	31.750	38	610	63	330	191	3	Parallel	52.230	0.389	2078.900	5.86	7.65
0.208	Y	87.500	6.169	CS	12.700	38	610	72	330	191	3	Parallel	20.853	0.187	430.600	0.80	1.12
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	12.700	38	610	65	330	191	3	Parallel	35.900	0.313	1193.700	2.52	2.83
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	12.700	38	610	61	330	191	3	Parallel	44.570	0.285	1300.000	3.18	3.67
0.405	Y	2.551	1.878	CS	31.750	38	610	92	330	191	3	Parallel	2.122	0.175	19.582	0.04	0.05
0.405	Y	2.551	1.878	CS	31.750	38	610	31	330	191	3	Parallel	1.549	0.258	15.534	0.04	0.05
0.610	N	2.843	1.930	CS	31.750	38	610	345	330	191	3	Parallel	2.058	0.266	306.680	0.56	0.68
0.611	N	2.848	1.930	CS	31.750	38	610	808	330	191	3	Parallel	2.050	0.276	745.300	1.97	2.66
0.611	N	2.848	1.930	CS	31.750	38	610	607	330	191	3	Parallel	2.031	0.282	564.600	1.74	2.46
0.603	N	3.063	0.776	CS	31.750	38	610	526	330	191	3	Parallel	1.901	0.291	470.200	1.45	1.99
0.603	N	3.063	0.776	CS	31.750	38	610	526	330	191	3	Parallel	1.894	0.295	474.700	1.63	2.30
0.603	N	3.063	0.776	CS	31.750	38	610	526	330	191	3	Parallel	1.889	0.295	458.100	1.58	2.14
0.606	Y	2.825	1.930	CS	19.050	38	610	530	330	191	3	Parallel	2.063	0.271	443.300	1.38	1.86
0.606	Y	2.825	1.930	CS	19.050	38	610	528	330	191	3	Parallel	2.051	0.276	450.800	1.36	1.82
0.606	Y	2.825	1.930	CS	19.050	38	610	530	330	191	3	Parallel	2.044	0.277	459.400	1.41	1.69
0.405	Y	2.551	0.567	CS	7.112	9	610	531	330	191	3	Parallel	1.886	0.179	242.440	0.59	0.71
0.405	Y	2.551	0.567	CS	7.112	9	610	528	330	191	3	Parallel	1.835	0.187	243.710	0.56	0.78
0.405	Y	2.551	0.567	CS	7.112	9	610	531	330	191	3	Parallel	1.899	0.197	244.560	0.65	0.94
0.609	Y	2.859	1.985	CS	7.112	9	305	535	330	191	3	Parallel	2.189	0.260	431.400	1.77	2.62
0.609	Y	2.859	1.985	CS	7.112	9	305	536	330	191	3	Parallel	2.216	0.253	418.200	1.59	2.16
0.609	Y	2.859	1.985	CS	7.112	9	305	531	330	191	3	Parallel	2.196	0.262	419.500	1.66	2.23
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	7.112	38	610	70	330	191	3	Parallel	50.507	0.259	1480.500	4.12	4.83
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	7.112	38	610	69	330	191	3	Parallel	45.977	0.276	1399.800	3.59	4.47
0.400	Y	103.340	5.465	CS	7.112	38	610	69	330	191	3	Parallel	48.377	0.265	1389.100	4.07	4.98
0.606	Y	101.600	5.167	CS	7.112	38	610	43	330	191	3	Parallel	65.160	0.293	1375.500	4.29	4.80
0.450	N	79.600	10.750	CH	38.100	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.000	0.236	4066.000	7.66	10.62
0.450	N	79.600	10.750	CH	38.100	10000	610	217	10000	10000	3	Parallel	26.700	0.235	4446.000	8.49	11.92
0.450	N	79.600	10.750	CH	38.100	10000	610	217	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.100	0.233	4580.000	8.88	12.33
2.382	N	2.577		CH	102.000	152	610	204	953	762	3	Parallel	2.523	0.663	*	0.66	0.77



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2.382	N	2.577		CH	102.000	152	610	199	953	762	3	Parallel	2.557	0.581	459.100	0.53	0.62
2.382	N	2.577		CH	102.000	152	610	203	953	762	3	Parallel	2.567	0.552	453.000	0.57	0.66
2.382	N	2.577		CH	102.000	152	610	202	953	762	3	Parallel	2.577	0.598	*	0.54	0.62
2.380	N	4.873		CH	102.000	152	610	198	953	762	3	Parallel	4.807	0.661	*	1.12	1.22
2.378	N	4.873		CH	102.000	152	610	194	953	762	3	Parallel	4.803	0.664	*	1.00	1.11
2.376	N	4.873		CH	102.000	152	610	192	953	762	3	Parallel	4.880	0.684	963.150	1.15	1.22
2.373	N	4.873		CH	102.000	152	610	190	953	762	3	Parallel	4.753	0.710	985.840	1.10	1.19
2.376	N	6.953		CH	102.000	152	610	197	953	762	3	Parallel	6.737	0.691	1446.610	1.65	1.78
2.373	N	6.953		CH	102.000	152	610	194	953	762	3	Parallel	6.713	0.706	1438.870	1.62	1.74
2.373	N	6.953		CH	102.000	152	610	197	953	762	3	Parallel	6.777	0.738	1547.660	1.73	1.89
2.373	N	6.953		CH	102.000	152	610	195	953	762	3	Parallel	6.797	0.729	1507.380	1.76	1.86
2.378	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	191	953	762	3	Parallel	11.107	0.710	2443.860	2.78	3.04
2.371	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	187	953	762	3	Parallel	11.167	0.700	2330.730	2.64	2.93
2.368	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	194	953	762	3	Parallel	10.993	0.742	2497.650	2.69	2.98
2.371	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	200	953	762	3	Parallel	11.010	0.778	2719.460	2.95	3.25
2.369	N	5.583		CH	102.000	152	610	198	953	762	3	Parallel	5.583	*	*	1.65	1.89
2.369	N	5.583		CH	102.000	152	610	198	953	762	3	Parallel	5.340	*	*	1.68	1.84
2.371	N	5.583		CH	102.000	152	610	199	953	762	3	Parallel	5.890	*	*	1.51	1.80
2.378	N	5.583		CH	102.000	152	610	196	953	762	3	Parallel	5.627	*	*	1.45	1.61
2.375	N	14.517		CH	102.000	152	610	207	953	762	3	Parallel	13.700	0.792	3629.290	4.29	4.52
2.382	N	14.517		CH	102.000	152	610	208	953	762	3	Parallel	13.720	0.736	3387.880	3.53	3.93
2.378	N	14.517		CH	102.000	152	610	214	953	762	3	Parallel	13.673	0.716	3359.000	3.68	4.04
2.380	N	14.517		CH	102.000	152	610	203	953	762	3	Parallel	13.733	0.701	3194.790	3.46	3.63
2.340	N	16.210		CH	102.000	152	610	212	953	762	3	Parallel	15.303	0.785	4131.960	4.73	5.05
2.338	N	16.210		CH	102.000	152	610	212	953	762	3	Parallel	15.143	0.786	4087.420	4.20	4.62
2.338	N	16.210		CH	102.000	152	610	209	953	762	3	Parallel	15.227	0.761	3881.610	4.60	5.04
2.335	N	16.210		CH	102.000	152	610	212	953	762	3	Parallel	15.167	0.728	3775.250	4.47	4.82
2.369	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	211	953	762	3	Parallel	11.093	0.599	2269.850	3.94	4.95
2.373	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	211	953	762	3	Parallel	11.020	0.610	2329.800	3.67	5.14
2.380	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	207	953	762	3	Parallel	11.197	0.599	2236.470	3.66	5.28
2.373	N	11.637		CH	102.000	152	610	208	953	762	3	Parallel	11.133	0.580	2186.960	3.32	4.19
2.331	N	6.810		CH	102.000	152	610	210	953	762	3	Parallel	6.513	0.591	1310.850	2.58	3.47
2.333	N	6.810		CH	102.000	152	610	201	953	762	3	Parallel	6.623	0.609	1322.880	2.67	3.54
2.328	N	6.810		CH	102.000	152	610	207	953	762	3	Parallel	6.570	0.613	1348.230	2.70	3.35
2.336	N	6.810		CH	102.000	152	610	220	953	762	3	Parallel	6.593	0.610	1416.760	2.95	3.83
2.335	N	4.787		CH	102.000	152	610	211	953	762	3	Parallel	4.700	0.590	932.410	2.02	2.69
2.335	N	4.787		CH	102.000	152	610	212	953	762	3	Parallel	4.697	0.596	941.960	2.13	2.81
2.333	N	4.787		CH	102.000	152	610	215	953	762	3	Parallel	4.690	0.588	942.500	2.14	2.66
2.336	N	4.787		CH	102.000	152	610	213	953	762	3	Parallel	4.700	0.610	982.370	2.12	2.81
2.336	N	2.527		CH	102.000	152	610	212	953	762	3	Parallel	2.527	0.546	453.190	1.13	1.35
2.338	N	2.527		CH	102.000	152	610	204	953	762	3	Parallel	2.487	0.511	422.190	0.96	1.16
2.340	N	2.527		CH	102.000	152	610	209	953	762	3	Parallel	2.493	0.536	436.100	1.07	1.42



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2.366	N	2.527		CH	102.000	152	610	197	953	762	3	Parallel	2.540	0.511	409.980	1.23	1.46
2.361	N	16.403		CH	102.000	152	610	207	953	762	3	Parallel	15.517	0.585	3016.430	4.43	5.78
2.357	N	16.403		CH	102.000	152	610	205	953	762	3	Parallel	15.640	0.590	3021.010	4.56	5.36
2.362	N	16.403		CH	102.000	152	610	206	953	762	3	Parallel	15.580	0.618	3284.500	4.40	5.66
2.359	N	16.403		CH	102.000	152	610	212	953	762	3	Parallel	15.417	0.638	3418.960	4.47	6.06
2.369	N	14.400		CH	102.000	152	610	219	953	762	3	Parallel	13.727	0.545	2571.560	5.93	6.67
2.371	N	14.400		CH	102.000	152	610	213	953	762	3	Parallel	13.767	0.585	2729.070	5.35	6.09
2.369	N	14.400		CH	102.000	152	610	211	953	762	3	Parallel	13.600	0.609	2876.410	4.49	6.29
2.368	N	14.400		CH	102.000	152	610	215	953	762	3	Parallel	13.700	0.601	2898.210	3.98	5.45
2.369	N	13.000		CH	102.000	152	610	201	953	762	2	Parallel	7.760		*	3.36	4.50
2.369	N	13.000		CH	102.000	152	610	198	953	762	2	Parallel	7.680		*	3.08	3.83
2.368	N	13.000		CH	102.000	152	610	207	953	762	2	Parallel	7.753		*	3.58	4.44
2.369	N	13.000		CH	102.000	152	610	200	953	762	2	Parallel	7.873		*	3.49	4.46
2.352	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	762	210	953	762	3	Parallel	13.503	0.612	2796.050	3.15	4.52
2.357	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	762	205	953	762	3	Parallel	13.560	0.628	2841.130	3.44	4.89
2.350	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	762	201	953	762	3	Parallel	13.550	0.639	2836.600	3.35	4.52
2.352	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	762	206	953	762	3	Parallel	13.603	0.643	2981.160	3.31	4.77
2.349	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	914	206	953	762	3	Parallel	13.417	0.643	2906.240	2.83	4.00
2.343	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	914	206	953	762	3	Parallel	13.527	0.618	2843.380	2.94	4.09
2.343	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	914	213	953	762	3	Parallel	13.560	0.616	2942.830	2.81	3.93
2.342	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	914	208	953	762	3	Parallel	13.397	0.626	2847.160	2.56	3.86
2.335	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1219	205	953	762	3	Parallel	13.660	0.592	2667.260	1.94	2.75
2.335	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1219	210	953	762	3	Parallel	13.463	0.609	2814.370	2.18	3.09
2.335	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1219	232	953	762	3	Parallel	13.353	0.655	3297.730	2.49	3.73
2.338	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1219	228	953	762	3	Parallel	13.487	0.600	2984.040	2.09	2.93
2.338	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1524	229	953	762	3	Parallel	13.507	0.609	3069.870	1.85	2.96
2.340	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1524	222	953	762	3	Parallel	13.577	0.597	2924.560	1.79	2.57
2.336	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1524	236	953	762	3	Parallel	13.593	0.599	3123.690	1.89	2.47
2.338	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	1524	182	953	762	3	Parallel	13.487	0.608	2443.860	1.55	2.21
2.345	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	457	186	953	762	3	Parallel	13.480	0.584	2408.030	4.46	5.68
2.343	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	457	194	953	762	3	Parallel	13.597	0.591	2550.310	4.50	5.47
2.349	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	457	194	953	762	3	Parallel	13.713	0.574	2446.390	4.35	5.93
2.347	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	457	194	953	762	3	Parallel	13.537	0.603	2537.840	4.46	5.18
2.352	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	457	192	953	762	3	Parallel	13.610	0.623	2528.900	4.74	5.95
2.350	N	15.000		CH	102.000	152	457	191	953	762	3	Parallel	13.730	0.593	2448.050	4.53	5.68
4.160	N	5.440	47.383	CH	102.000	10000	483	215	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.277	*	2164.000	1.50	1.80
4.160	N	5.440	47.383	CH	102.000	10000	483	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.337	*	2284.000	1.37	1.57
4.160	N	5.440	47.383	CH	102.000	10000	483	217	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.343	*	2352.000	1.76	2.17
4.160	N	5.440	47.383	CH	102.000	10000	483	214	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.217	*	2135.000	1.31	1.62
4.160	N	5.440	47.383	CH	102.000	10000	483	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.293	*	2416.000	1.63	2.00
4.160	N	6.110	43.092	CH	102.000	10000	483	214	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.830		2660.000	1.73	2.05
4.160	N	6.110	43.092	CH	102.000	10000	483	215	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.890		2658.000	1.77	2.21



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4.160	N	6.110	43.092	CH	102.000	10000	483	214	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.880		2464.000	1.70	1.97
4.160	N	6.110	43.092	CH	102.000	10000	483	215	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.930		2533.000	1.66	1.96
4.160	N	6.110	43.092	CH	102.000	10000	483	215	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.940		2580.000	1.44	1.70
4.160	N	6.110	43.092	CH	102.000	10000	483	215	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.990		2606.000	1.89	2.23
4.160	N	9.947		CH	102.000	10000	610	215	10000	10000	3	Parallel	9.687	*	4460.000	2.57	2.98
4.160	N	9.947		CH	102.000	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	9.947	*	4910.000	2.69	3.39
4.160	N	9.947		CH	102.000	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	9.983	*	4750.000	2.36	2.66
4.160	N	9.947		CH	102.000	10000	610	215	10000	10000	3	Parallel	9.780	*	4660.000	2.75	3.20
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	18.467	*	9880.000	5.60	6.45
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	18.233	*	9580.000	5.95	7.16
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	18.633	*	9770.000	6.07	7.06
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	18.800	*	10070.000	5.44	6.47
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	216	10000	10000	3	Parallel	23.033	*	8890.000	5.89	6.87
4.160	N	40.433	25.106	CH	102.000	10000	610	218	10000	10000	3	Parallel	38.400	*	19020.000	14.22	17.20
4.160	N	40.433	25.106	CH	102.000	10000	610	217	10000	10000	3	Parallel	30.000	*	15390.000	14.34	17.25
4.160	N	40.433	25.106	CH	102.000	10000	610	217	10000	10000	3	Parallel	38.067	*	19770.000	15.10	17.29
4.160	N	40.433	25.106	CH	102.000	10000	610	217	10000	10000	3	Parallel	37.633	*	20650.000	14.71	17.37
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	61	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.500	*	2355.000	1.50	1.81
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	55	10000	10000	3	Parallel	18.933	*	2176.000	1.32	1.58
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	52	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.200	*	2113.000	1.41	1.63
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	103	10000	10000	3	Parallel	18.900	*	3990.000	2.68	3.17
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	103	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.767	*	4210.000	2.40	2.85
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	103	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.367	*	3970.000	2.23	2.62
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	103	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.500	*	4290.000	2.96	3.58
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	508	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.133	*	20190.000	13.36	15.84
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	514	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.400	1.572	23160.000	14.48	17.21
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	513	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.367	1.487	22220.000	13.74	16.93
4.160	N	19.833	36.350	CH	102.000	10000	610	515	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.433	1.612	23430.000	13.66	16.82
13.800	N	5.710	81.295	CH	152.000	10000	762	205	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.617	1.585	2771.000	1.03	1.12
13.800	N	5.710	81.295	CH	152.000	10000	762	206	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.643	1.886	2937.000	0.96	1.07
13.800	N	5.710	81.295	CH	152.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.693	1.758	2793.000	1.11	1.19
13.800	N	5.710	81.295	CH	152.000	10000	762	208	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.660	1.730	2880.000	0.98	1.11
13.800	N	5.710	81.295	CH	152.000	10000	762	206	10000	10000	3	Parallel	5.640	1.632	2854.000	1.04	1.12
13.800	N	10.000	89.280	CH	152.000	10000	762	206	10000	10000	3	Parallel	9.990	1.740	*	1.66	1.90
13.800	N	10.000	89.280	CH	152.000	10000	762	206	10000	10000	3	Parallel	9.927	1.783	5480.000	1.84	1.98
13.800	N	10.000	89.280	CH	152.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	10.027	1.777	5490.000	1.84	1.98
13.800	N	10.000	89.280	CH	152.000	10000	762	206	10000	10000	3	Parallel	10.030	1.681	5160.000	1.77	1.94
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.200	1.533	9300.000	4.20	4.47
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	208	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.033	1.491	*	3.53	3.85
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	208	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.167	1.479	8850.000	3.86	4.16
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	206	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.100	1.417	8450.000	2.63	2.89
13.800	N	40.800	33.769	CH	152.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	40.000	1.718	18660.000	9.08	9.90

Open Circuit Voltage ph- ph (kV)	System Grounded - - Y, N, HRG	Bolted fault current (kA)	X/R Ratio	Electrode material SS, AL, CH, CS	Gap between electrodes (mm)	Gap electrodes to box (mm)	Distance from arc to calorimeters (mm)	Arc Duration (msec)	Box width + height/2 (mm)	Box depth (mm)	No. of phases	Electrode configuration (Parallel or Inline)	Arc Current (kA)	Arc Voltage L-L (kV)	Arc energy (kJ)	Incident energy, the mean of 7 calorimeters (cal/cm²)	Incident energy, the max of 7 calorimeters (cal/cm²)
13.800	N	40.800	33.769	CH	152.000	10000	762	208	10000	10000	3	Parallel	40.467	1.663	18800.000	9.26	10.23
13.800	N	40.800	33.769	CH	152.000	10000	762	209	10000	10000	3	Parallel	39.867	1.659	18700.000	9.42	10.46
13.800	N	40.800	33.769	CH	152.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	40.333	1.647	18690.000	9.71	10.83
13.800	N	40.800	33.769	CH	152.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	40.400	1.753	18900.000	9.95	10.89
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	53	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.800	1.837	3122.000	1.34	1.47
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	53	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.800	1.697	3092.000	0.99	1.09
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	53	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.800	1.776	3011.000	1.36	1.51
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	105	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.000	1.781	5400.000	2.33	2.50
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	104	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.000	1.784	5530.000	2.43	2.61
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	105	10000	10000	3	Parallel	19.900	1.754	5320.000	2.34	2.52
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	104	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.000	1.632	5150.000	1.84	2.19
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	252	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.000	1.560	11060.000	4.80	5.44
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	514	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.000	1.453	20600.000	8.25	9.05
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	516	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.100	1.704	24670.000	10.81	11.95
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	515	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.000	1.618	22960.000	9.49	10.98
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	152.000	10000	762	515	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.100	1.538	22180.000	8.53	9.49
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	13.000	10000	762	206	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.067	0.501	3018.000	0.86	0.95
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	13.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.033	0.531	2639.000	0.92	1.07
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	13.000	10000	762	209	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.267	0.631	3657.000	1.10	1.20
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	13.000	10000	762	207	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.133	0.578	3608.000	1.17	1.51
13.800	N	20.100	51.011	CH	13.000	10000	762	210	10000	10000	3	Parallel	20.167	0.693	4080.000	1.25	1.43