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## **EXPERIMENT # 09**

### **Directional Earth Fault Relay**

#### **Objective:**

At the end of this lab session students will be able to

- Use De Lorenzo power system Protection kits.
- Implement of Directional Earth Fault Relay by using De Lorenzo power system Protection kits.
- Relay behaviour in three phase systems for Overcurrent conditions.
- Determination of resetting ratio

#### **Introduction:**

A relay is usually an electromechanical device that is actuated by an electrical current. The current flowing in one circuit causes the opening or closing of another circuit. Relays are like remote control switches and are used in many applications because of their relative simplicity, long life, and proven high reliability. Relays are used in a wide variety of applications throughout industry, such as in telephone exchanges, digital computers and automation systems. Highly sophisticated relays are utilized to protect electric power systems against trouble and power blackouts as well as to regulate and control the generation and distribution of power. In the home, relays are used in refrigerators, washing machines and dishwashers, and heating and air-conditioning controls.

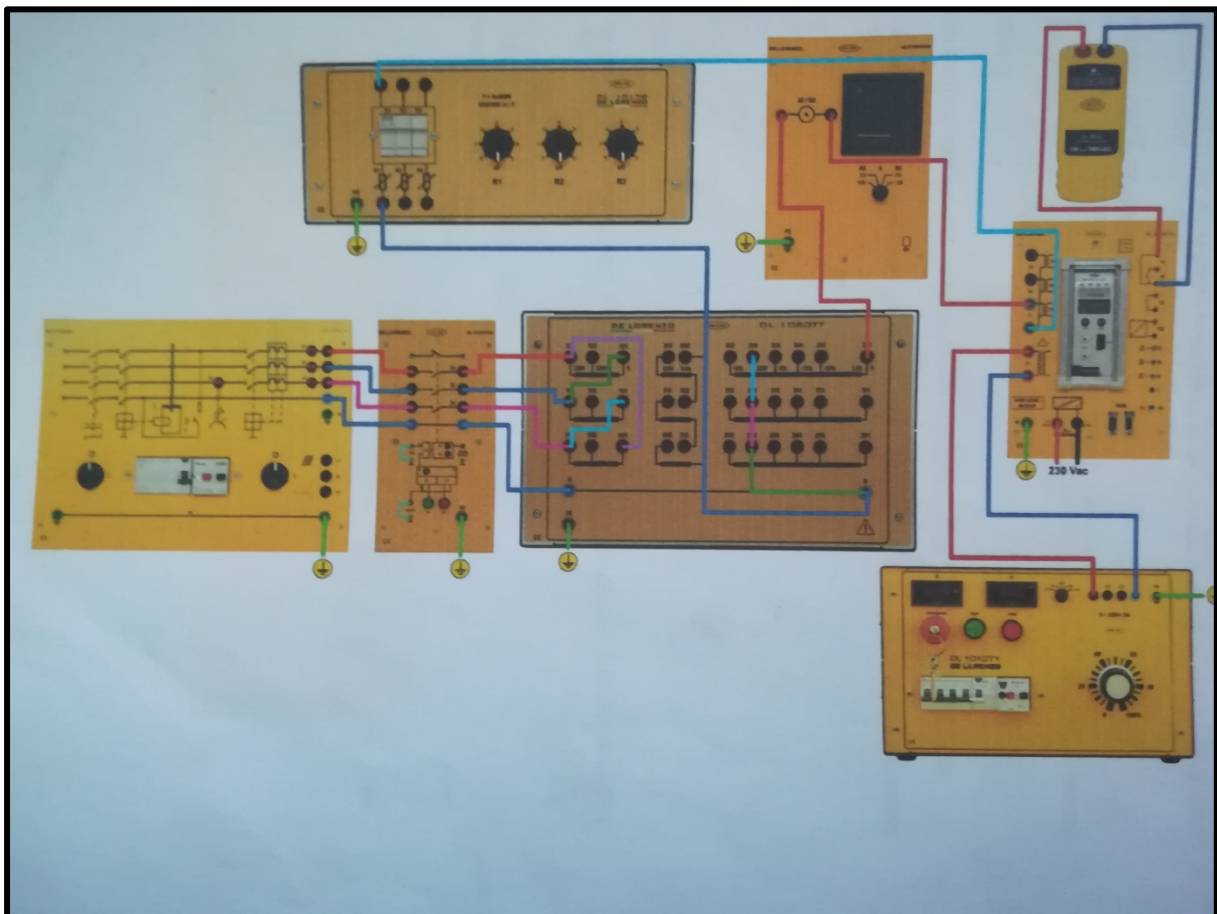
Although relays are generally associated with electrical circuitry, there are many other types, such as pneumatic and hydraulic. Input may be electrical and output directly mechanical. All relays contain a sensing unit, the electric coil, which is powered by AC or DC current. When the applied current or voltage exceeds a threshold value, the coil activates the armature, which operates either to close the open contacts or to open the closed contacts. When a power is supplied to the coil, it generates a magnetic force that actuates the switch mechanism

#### **Apparatus:**

- 1DL 1013T1      Experimentation Transformer
- 1DL 1017R      Resistive load
- 1 DL 1080TT      Three phase transformer
- 1 DL 2108TAL-SW      Three Phase power Supply unit
- 1 DL 2108T02      Power Circuit Breaker
- 1 DL 2108T16      Earth Fault warning relay
- 1 DL 2109 T2A5      Moving Iron Ammeter (2.5)
- 1 DL BUZ      Acoustic continuity tester

**Directional Relay:**

The over-current protection can be given directional feature by adding directional element in the protection system. Directional over-current protection responds to over-currents for a particular direction flow. If power flow is in the opposite direction, the directional over-current protection remains un-operative. Directional overcurrent relays respond to excessive current flow in a particular direction in the power system. The relay typically consists of two elements. One is a directional element, which determines the direction of current flow with respect to a voltage reference. When this current flow is in the predetermined trip direction, this directional element enables ("turns on") the other element, which is a standard overcurrent relay, complete with taps and time dial, as found on a normal non-directional overcurrent relay. Because these relays are designed to operate on fault currents, the directional unit is made so that it operates best on a highly lagging current, which is typical of faults in power systems



**Figure 1: Experimental Setup of Earth Overcurrent Relay**



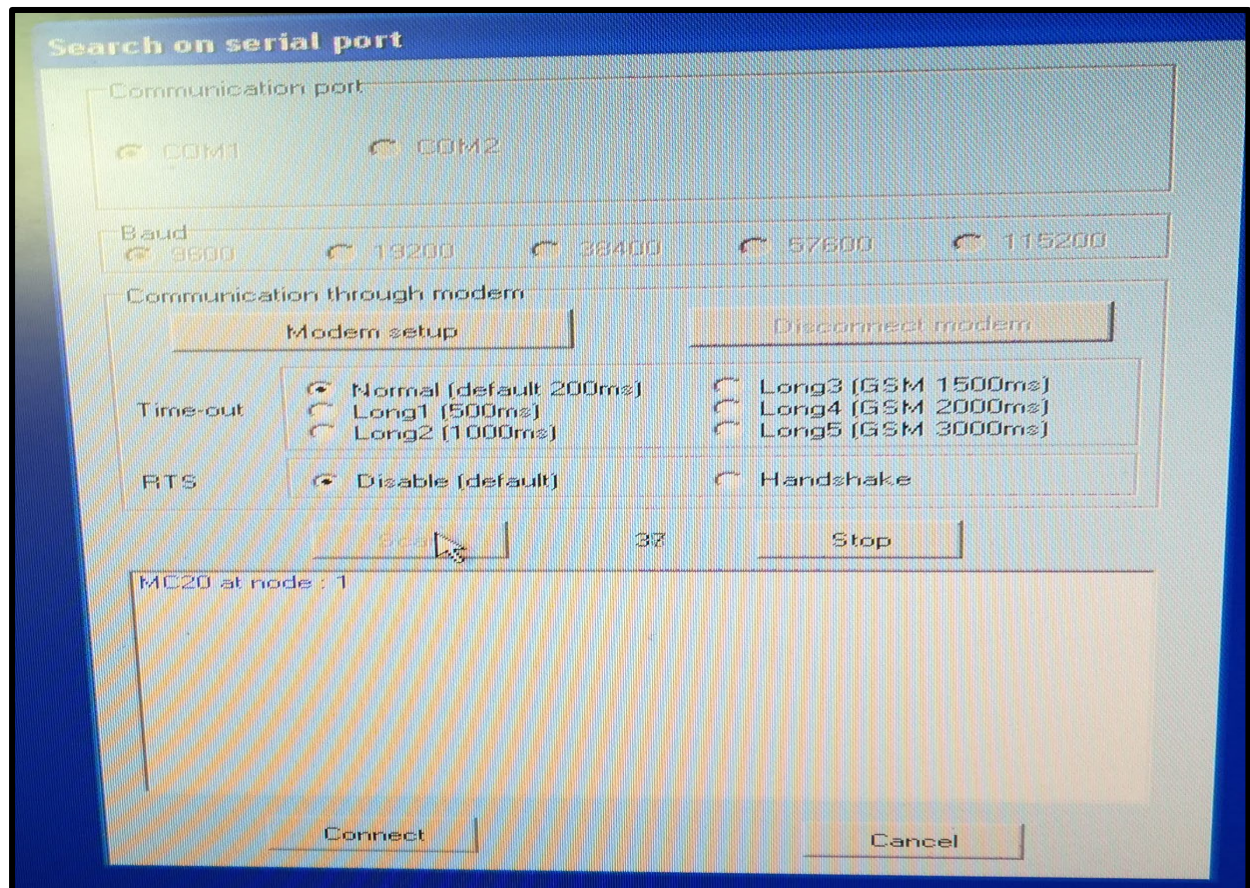


Figure 2: Create communication link of Relay

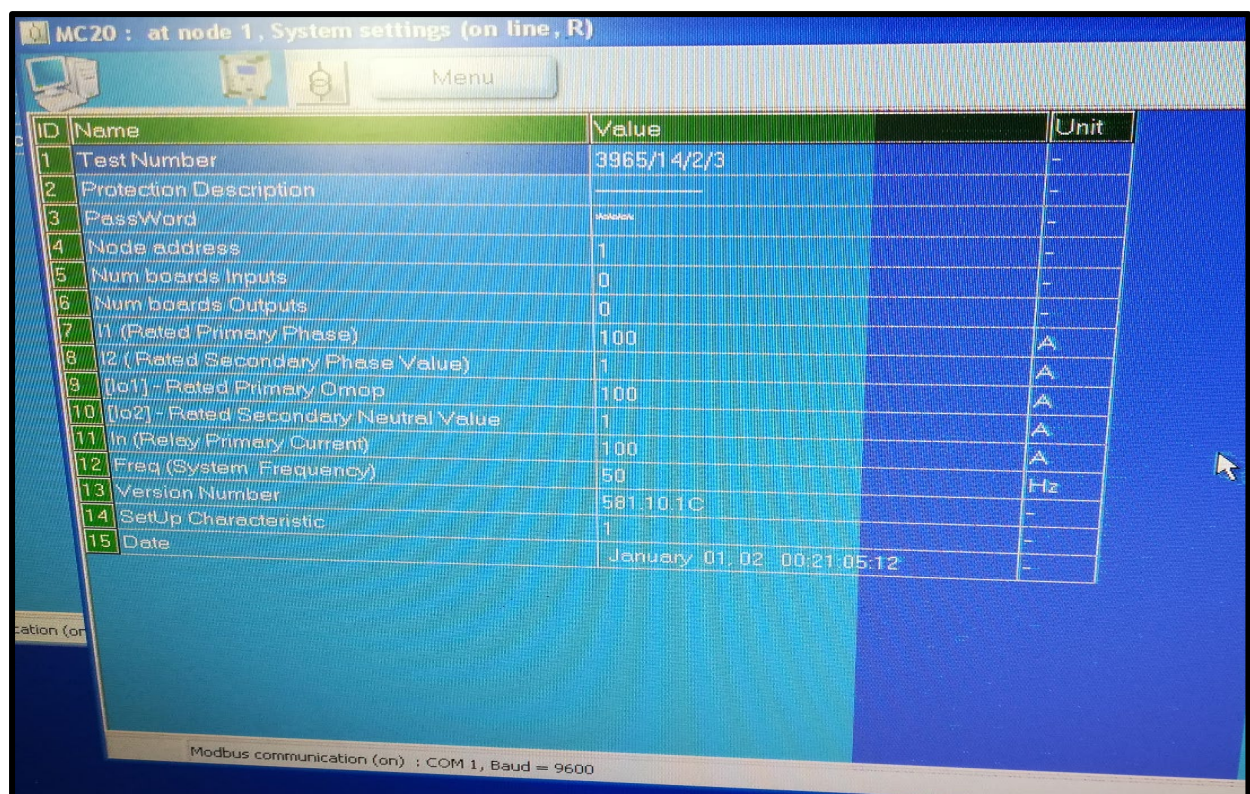


Figure 3: Setting of Fault current Value under fault condition



**Procedure:**

- Connect circuit as shown in Fig 1
- Create communication link of Relay
- Set the fault current value.
- Set three phase power supply voltage 380v and relay is not in operation.
- Positioning the load R1 to 1 on the equipment DL 1017R.
- Switch on the power interrupt DL 2108T02.
- Observe the increment of current  $I_o$ . The increment of current identifies a typical leakage event to earth in one device separated from ground.
- Change the resistance from R2 to R3 position and observe a new increment of current after the trip LED.

Trip value can be calculated as:

$$I_{01} = \frac{I_o}{1.818}$$

Set value $I_o(A)$	Secondary Value $I_o(A)$	Trip value $I_{01}(A)$	Measured Value	Error
500	100	55	54.3	0.7
600	120	66	65	1.0
700	140	77	76.2	0.8
800	160	88	86.7	1.3

**Observation:**

In this lab, we learn about the Implementation of Directional Earth Fault Relay by using De Lorenzo power system Protection kits. This is a basic protection relay. This relay works on principle of relationship of residual current and residual voltage which is independent of the faulted phase and is governed only by the R/X ratio of the fault path. By using this relay, we perform an experiment in lab. We set 220V as a reference voltage and measured value of current by changing load.e.g. From table: We take set value of current 500A. Secondary side current value is  $1/5^{\text{th}}$  of primary side value, which is equal to 100A. Trip value is obtained by dividing secondary current value by 1.818 which is equal to 55. Measured value is 54.3A. On that value of current, Directional Earth fault relay detects fault and sends tripping signal to breaker. For our experiment, we use single line to ground connection along with fixed voltage supply.

We conclude that:

- Directional Earth fault relay is computerized. So, chances of error is very small.
- This relay is very useful for all network components where direction of flow of power is likely to change.