

Research on Capacitor Bank Failure Processing Methods

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Abstract. Aiming to the problem of running with the capacitor bank balance protection action causing tripping, by on-site analysis of the phenomenon and the capacitor discharge coil voltage ratio test checks, secondary coil voltage has relatively large errors caused by the tapped discharge coil. When the system voltage fluctuations, voltage unbalance will break through the setting value, causing balance protection action conclusions; proposed discharge coil tapped in the transfer test or tuning capacitor bank balance protection action value, the voltage ratio between whole primary and secondary should be checked of the discharge coil.

Introduction

Shunt capacitor compensation device commonly used in power systems, mainly to solve the system of reactive power compensation, improve system voltage. In the system during normal operation, capacitor bank voltage imbalance often happens, leading to tripping accidents. After examination, the compensation for damage caused an imbalance of the capacitor element, discharge coil secondary open delta voltage imbalance causing protection tripping. However, some shunt capacitor protection often unbalanced act, leading to switch trip, after examination failed to find the cause of the malfunction. If put into operation again, unexplained imbalance protection tripping will still happen[1-3].

Fault overview and descriptions

(1) Failure Overview

A 10kV substation capacitor bank # 1 put into operation, after a period of time, often unbalanced protection action, switch trip, the time interval ranging from two months to a year, each capacitor routine tests were performed to check the fault, the test results normal, in this period also conducted several comprehensive preliminary examination interval capacitor device.

(2) Test inspection

Through discharge coil and reactor preliminary examination, the data has not found exception. Part of the experiment data is shown in Table 1 and 2.

Table 1 Reactor DC resistance test data

Pilot project	A	B	C
DC resistance (Ω)	0.01032	0.01027	0.01021

Tables 1 and 2 data show no abnormalities. Also capacitor switching interval, theology, cables, surge arresters and other equipment were examined, nor unusual. Protection of personnel protection equipment and protection action setting values were examined, also found no abnormalities.

Table 2 Discharge coil voltage ratio test data

Phase	Primary voltage (V)		Secondary voltage (V)		Voltage referred to secondary side (V)
A	A ₁ A ₂	130	a ₁ x ₁	4.067	99.345
	A ₂ X	130	a ₂ x ₂	4.055	99.051
B	B ₁ B ₂	130	b ₁ x ₁	4.067	99.345
	B ₂ X	130	b ₂ x ₂	4.093	99.979
C	C ₁ C ₂	130	c ₁ x ₁	4.092	99.955
	C ₂ X	130	c ₂ x ₂	4.078	99.613

Failure Analysis

(1) Further tests to check

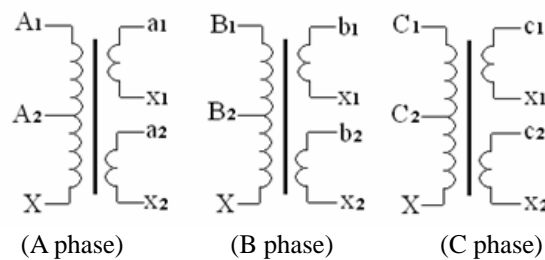
The frequent occurrence of capacitor bank unbalance protection action, indicating that there must be unable to identify the cause of the fault exists. Through the analysis of the data has been tested that capacitors without exception[4,5]. The discharge coil only measured once the tap corresponding to the secondary winding coil voltage ratio, in order to discharge coil comprehensive analysis, conducted a discharge coil primary winding as a whole than the test voltage of the secondary coil. Test data is shown in Table 3.

Table 3 Part of the discharge coil test data

Phase	Primary voltage (V)		Secondary voltage (V)		Voltage referred to secondary side (V)
A	A ₁ X	260	a ₁ x ₁	3.965	96.853
			a ₂ x ₂	4.186	102.25
B	B ₁ X	260	b ₁ x ₁	4.200	102.59
			b ₂ x ₂	3.956	96.631
C	C ₁ X	260	c ₁ x ₁	3.908	95.460
			c ₂ x ₂	4.258	104.01

(2) Data Analysis

As can be seen by the data in Table 4, there is a large imbalance voltage between the secondary winding of each group of the discharge coil. Discharge coil secondary winding first phase connected with each other (a₁x₁-b₁x₁-c₁x₁ and a₂x₂-b₂x₂-c₂x₂) to form a opening triangular, the voltage difference constitutes the unbalanced voltage. Since each set of the secondary coil voltage has a big difference, leads to a relatively large opening triangular occurs unbalance voltage, which is formed of the vector diagram shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Figure 1 Triangular openings unbalanced voltage ΔU

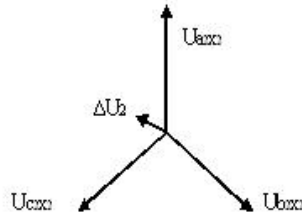


Figure 2 Opening triangular voltage imbalance ΔU_2

By calculation, we can draw two open delta voltage Figure 3 and Figure 4, respectively $\Delta U_1 = 6.594V$ and $\Delta U_2 = 6.676V$ under (assuming ideal conditions, the three-phase primary winding voltage are 11 / kV, respectively, the phase angle difference 120°), and this unbalanced voltage capacitor bank protection action setting is 5.86V. As the actual grid voltage applied across the coil discharge is generally less than 11 / kV and the presence of the measuring error, and the above analysis result data is idealized, so during normal operation, the actual open delta voltage may be in protected from critical point balance voltage operation around the set value, when the system voltage fluctuations, voltage unbalance will break through the setting value, causing tripping protection.

Fault handling

After identify the reason, replace the discharge coil. Put into operation before the handover of the discharge coil test, simultaneous measurement of the primary winding and a secondary winding of the overall center-tapped secondary winding coil voltage ratio, the experimental data are shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Discharge coil voltage ratio test data

Phase	Primary voltage (V)		Secondary voltage (V)		Voltage referred to secondary side (V)
A	A ₁ X	260	a ₁ X ₁	4.135	101.01
			a ₂ X ₂	4.036	98.587
	A ₁ A ₂	130	a ₁ X ₁	4.077	99.589
	A ₂ X	130	a ₂ X ₂	4.063	99.247
B	B ₁ X	260	b ₁ X ₁	4.107	100.32
			b ₂ X ₂	4.062	99.223
	B ₁ B ₂	130	b ₁ X ₁	4.066	99.320
	B ₂ X	130	b ₂ X ₂	4.068	99.369
C	C ₁ X	260	c ₁ X ₁	4.143	101.20
			c ₂ X ₂	4.031	98.465
	C ₁ C ₂	130	c ₁ X ₁	4.081	99.687
	C ₂ X	130	c ₂ X ₂	4.069	99.393

As can be seen from the data in Table 5, both the primary coil to the secondary coil as a whole, or an intermediate tap of the primary coil voltage phase difference than the secondary coil is not very big, does not appear the large open delta voltage under normal operating voltage, resulting in unbalanced voltage protection action and switch trip.

Conclusion

The tapped type discharge coil in the handover test should be measured at the same time discharge coil a whole of two secondary coils and a coil tap voltage on the two secondary coil ratio.

If the operation process, found the capacitor bank protection of unbalanced voltage action, conventional tests check without exception, should first consider checking the voltage ratio between the primary and the secondary of the discharge coil. Fault analysis and treatment method of the case; also apply to the discharge coil without tap voltage ratio check.

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