

A Call to Action: Say YES to Restricted Earth Fault Protection

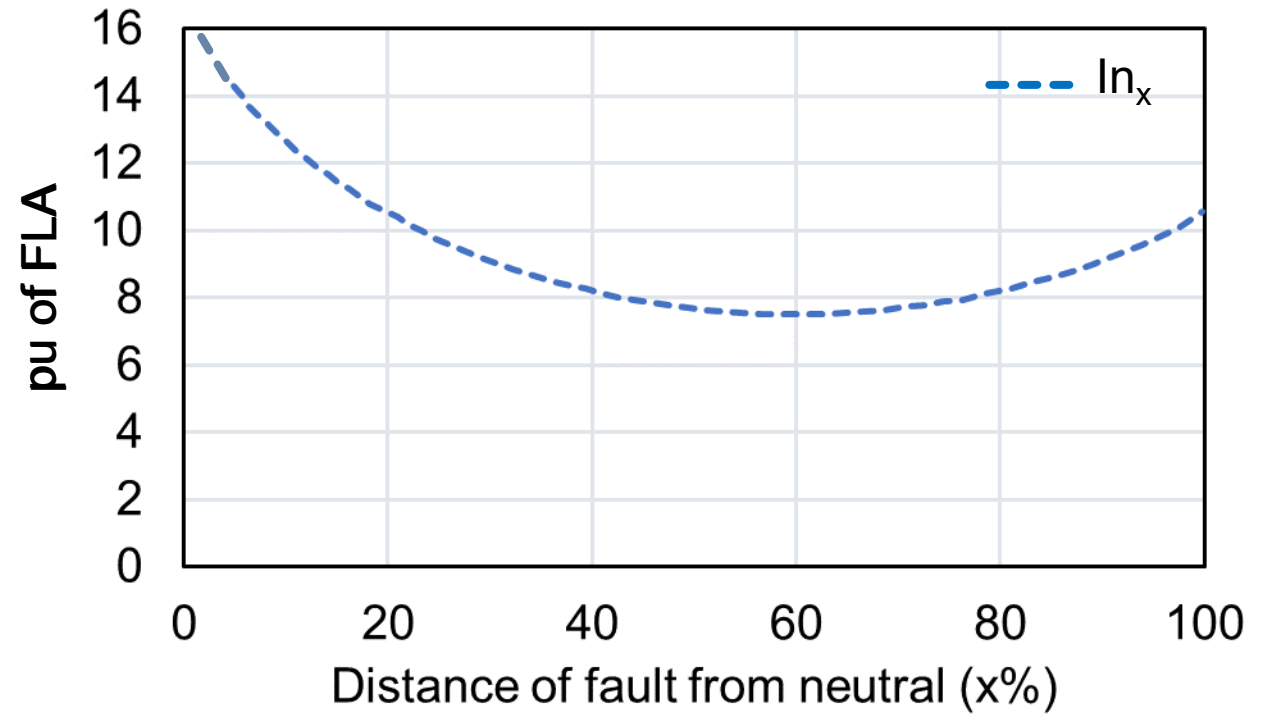
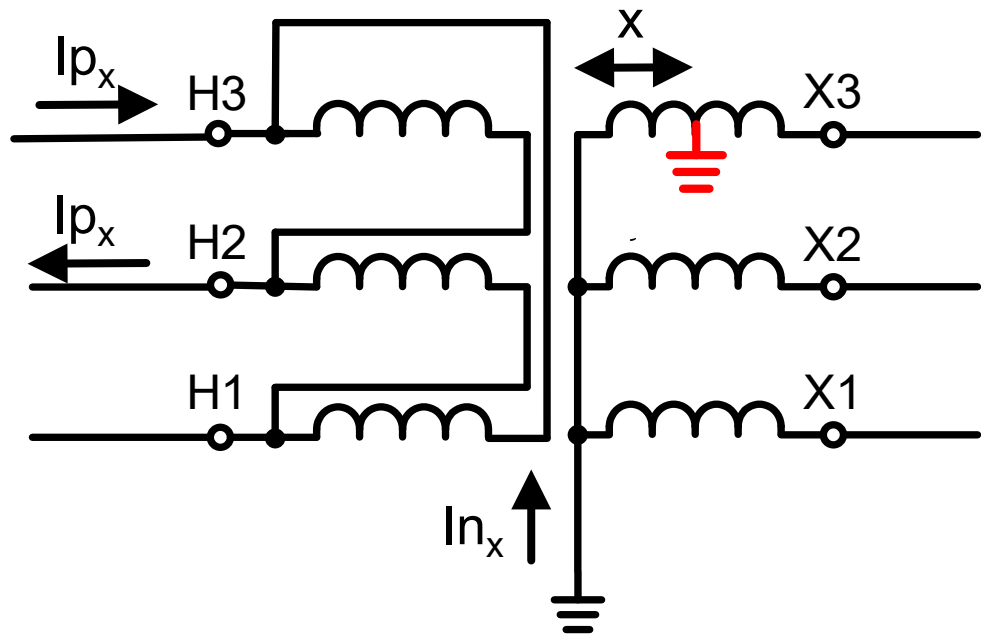
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Reasons why REF is not adopted

1. Not really needed
2. Complicated
3. Notorious for misoperations



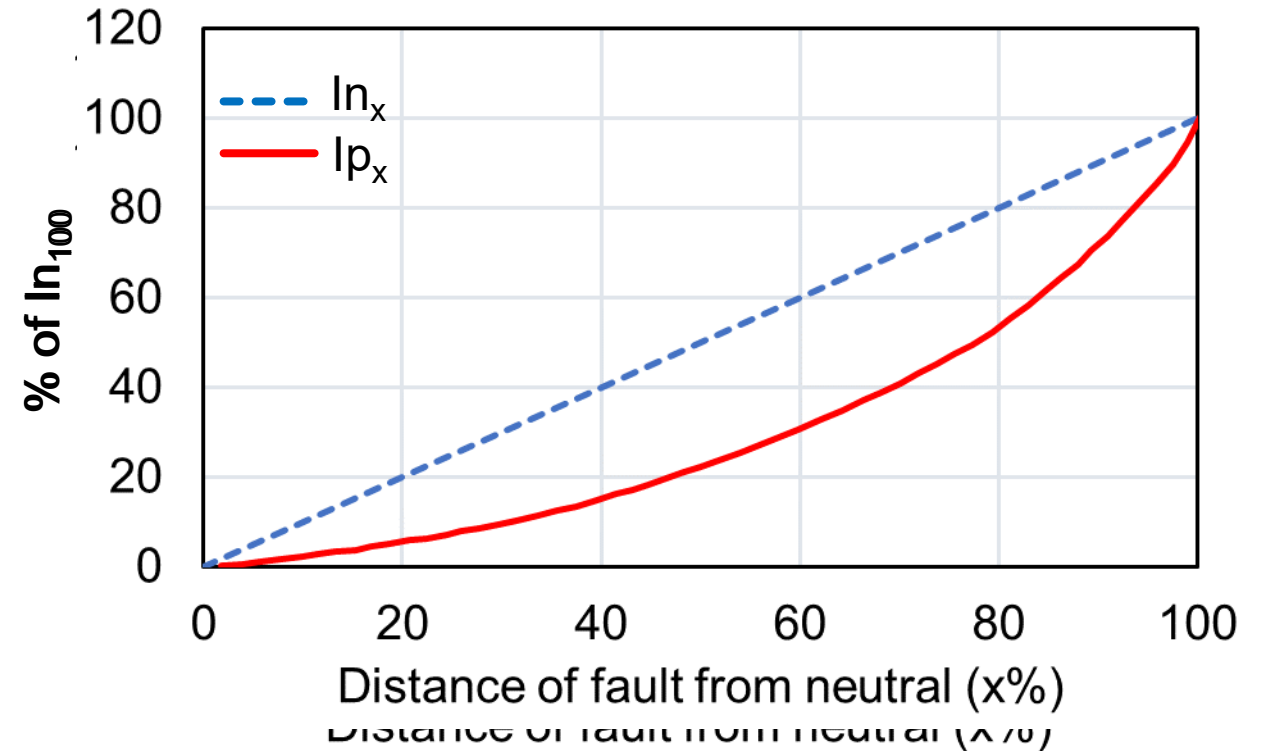
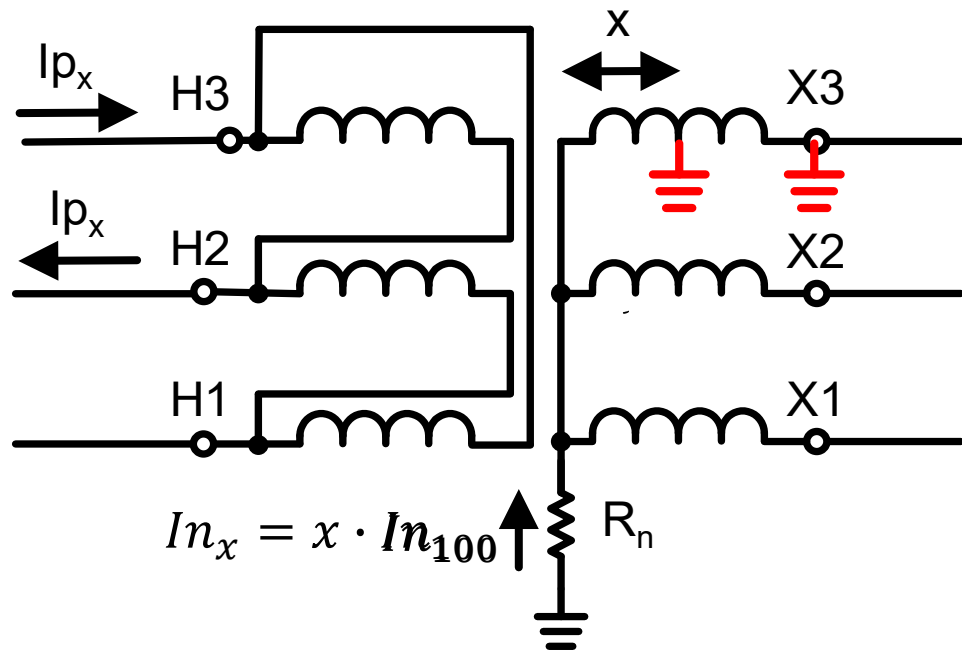
87R sensitivity on solidly grounded transformers



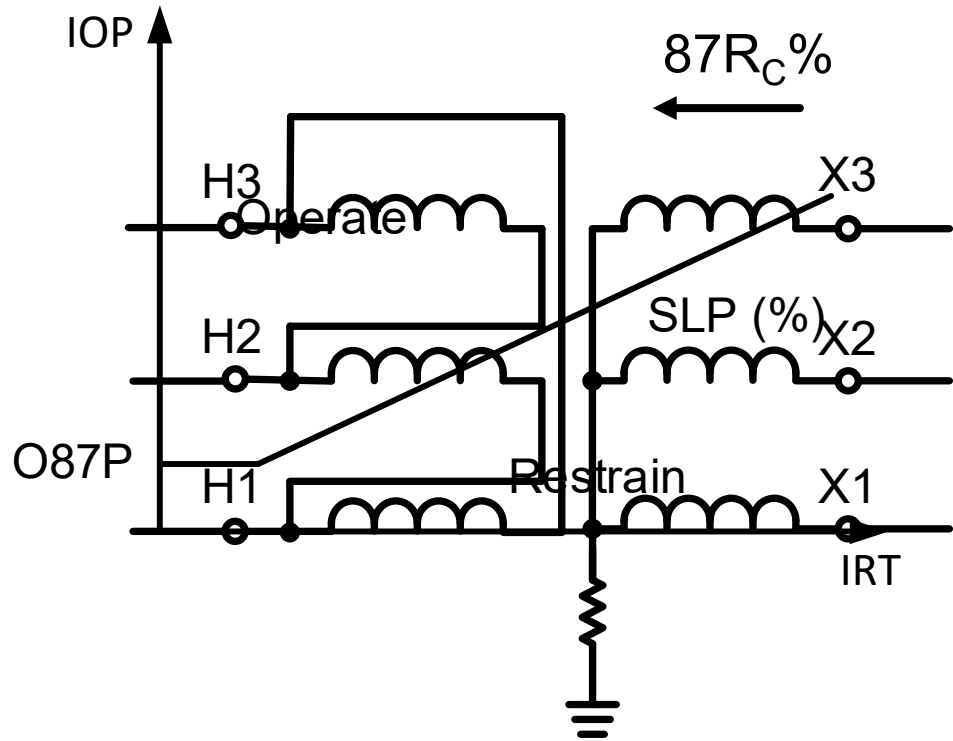
Ampere · Turns = Ampere · Turns



87R sensitivity on low-impedance grounded transformers



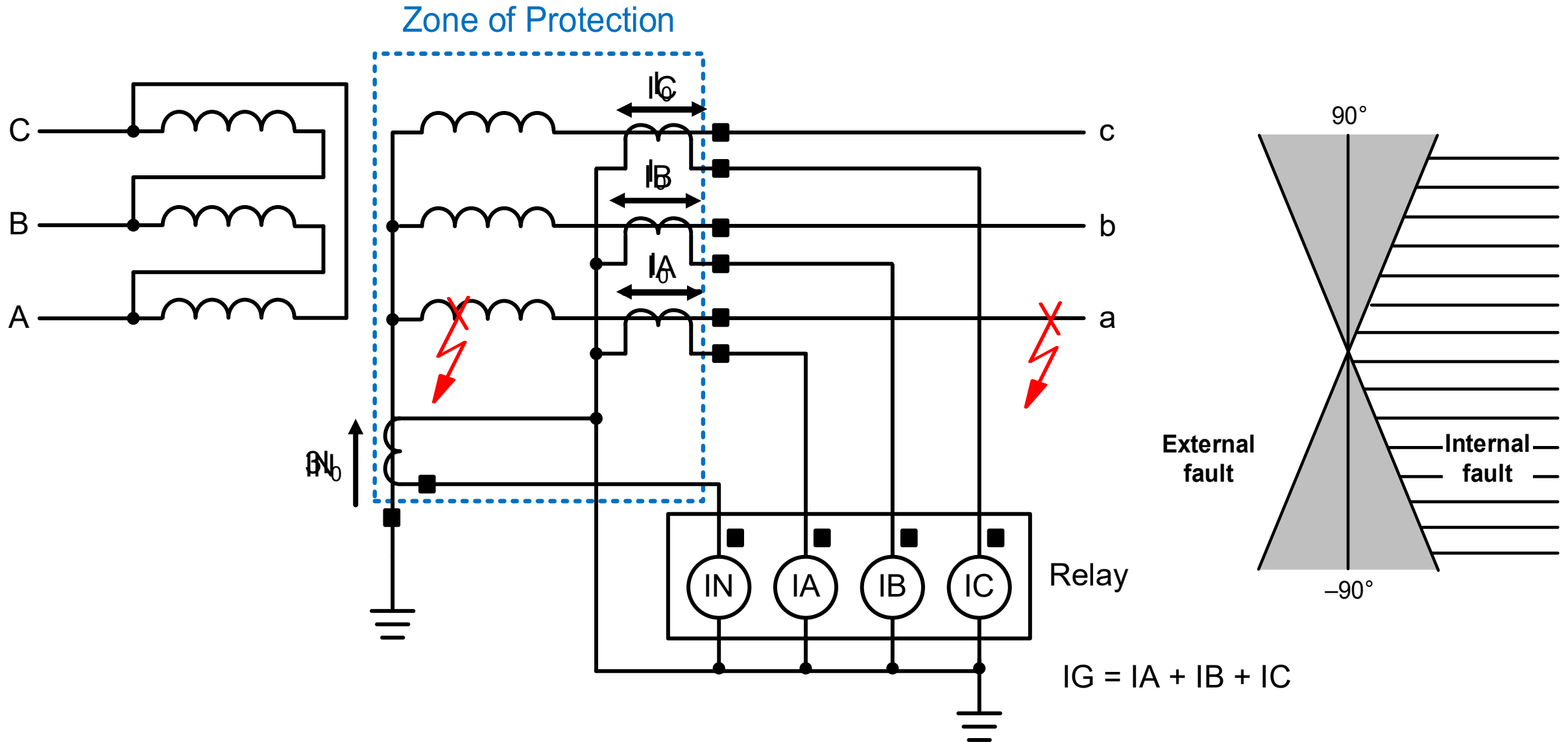
Calculate 87R lack of coverage



No load

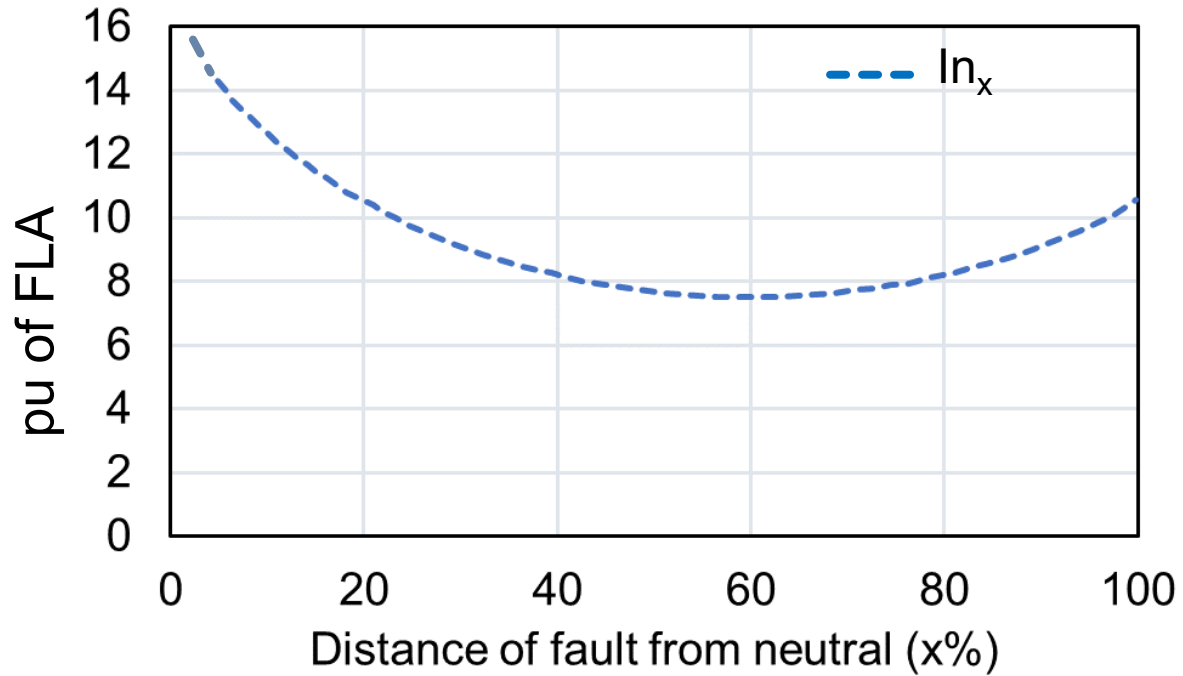
$$87R_C \% = 100 \cdot \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot O87P \cdot CTR_P \cdot TAP_P \cdot R_n}{1,000 \cdot kV_{LL} \cdot TR}} \right)$$

REF uses I_N to easily detect ground faults

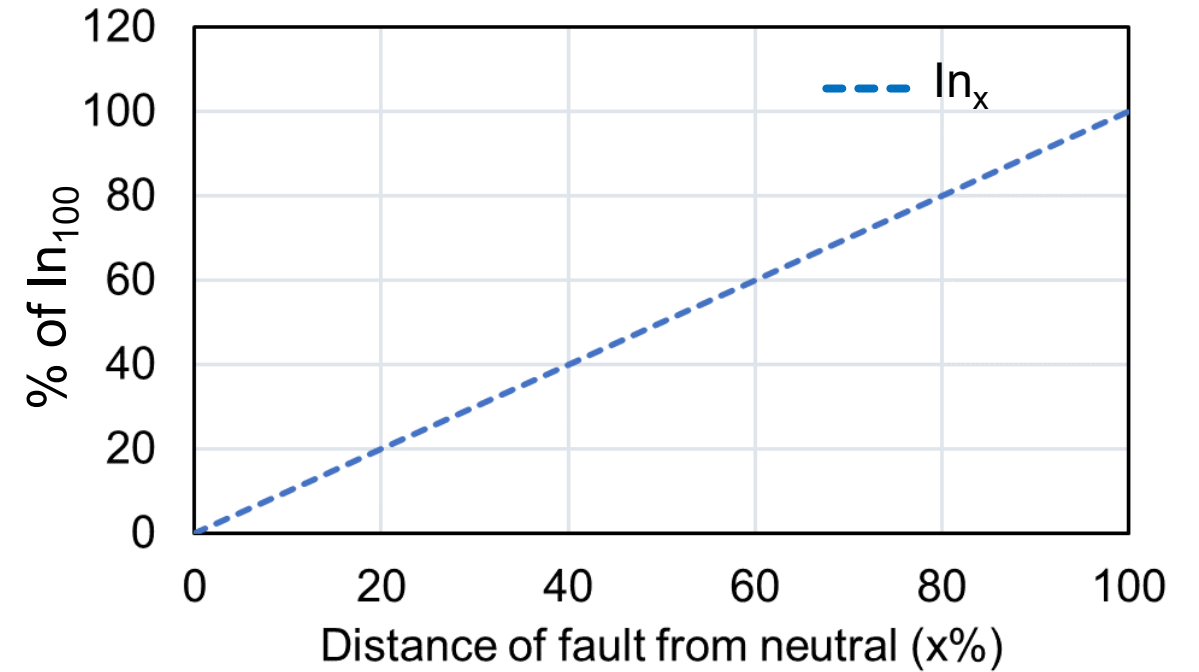


REF coverage

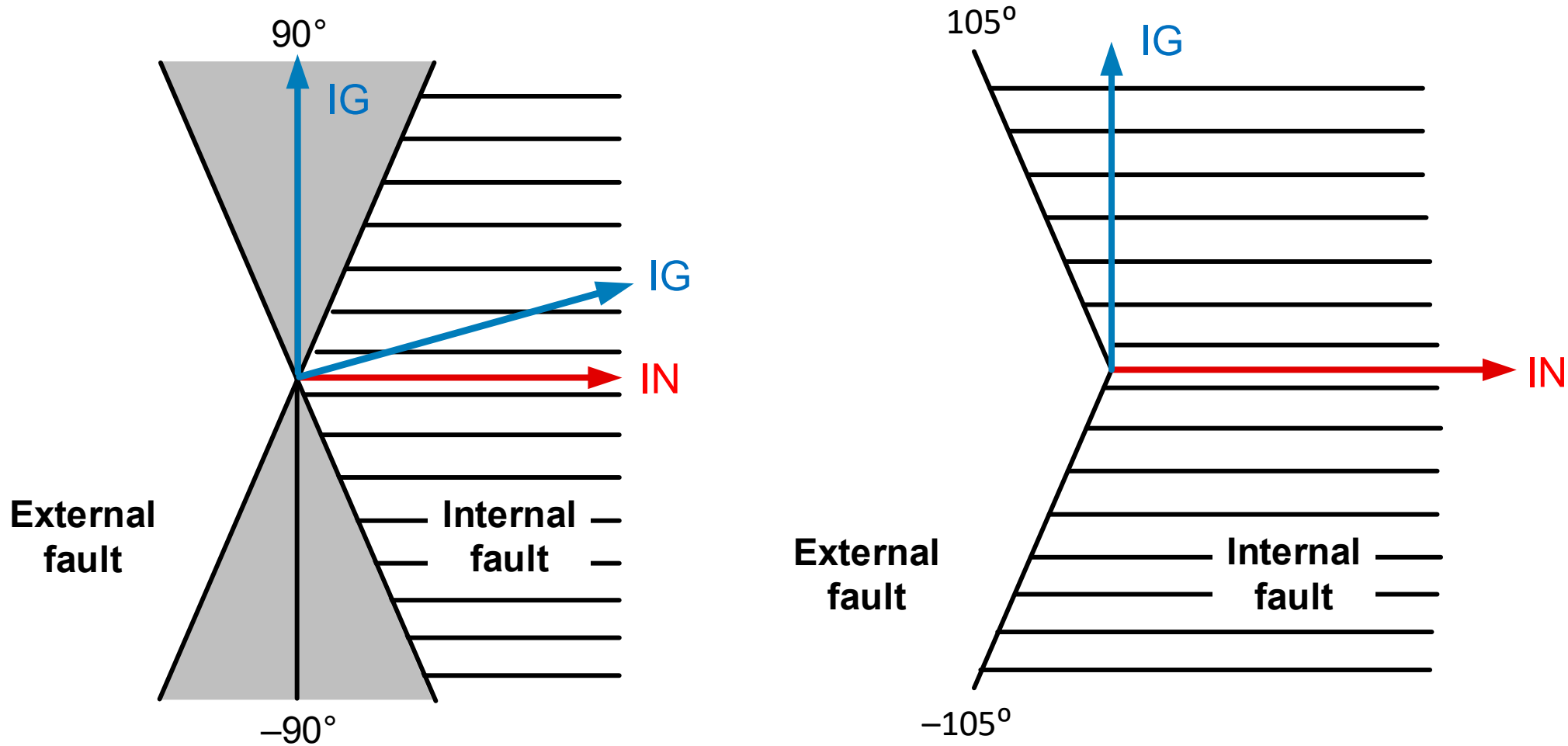
Solidly grounded



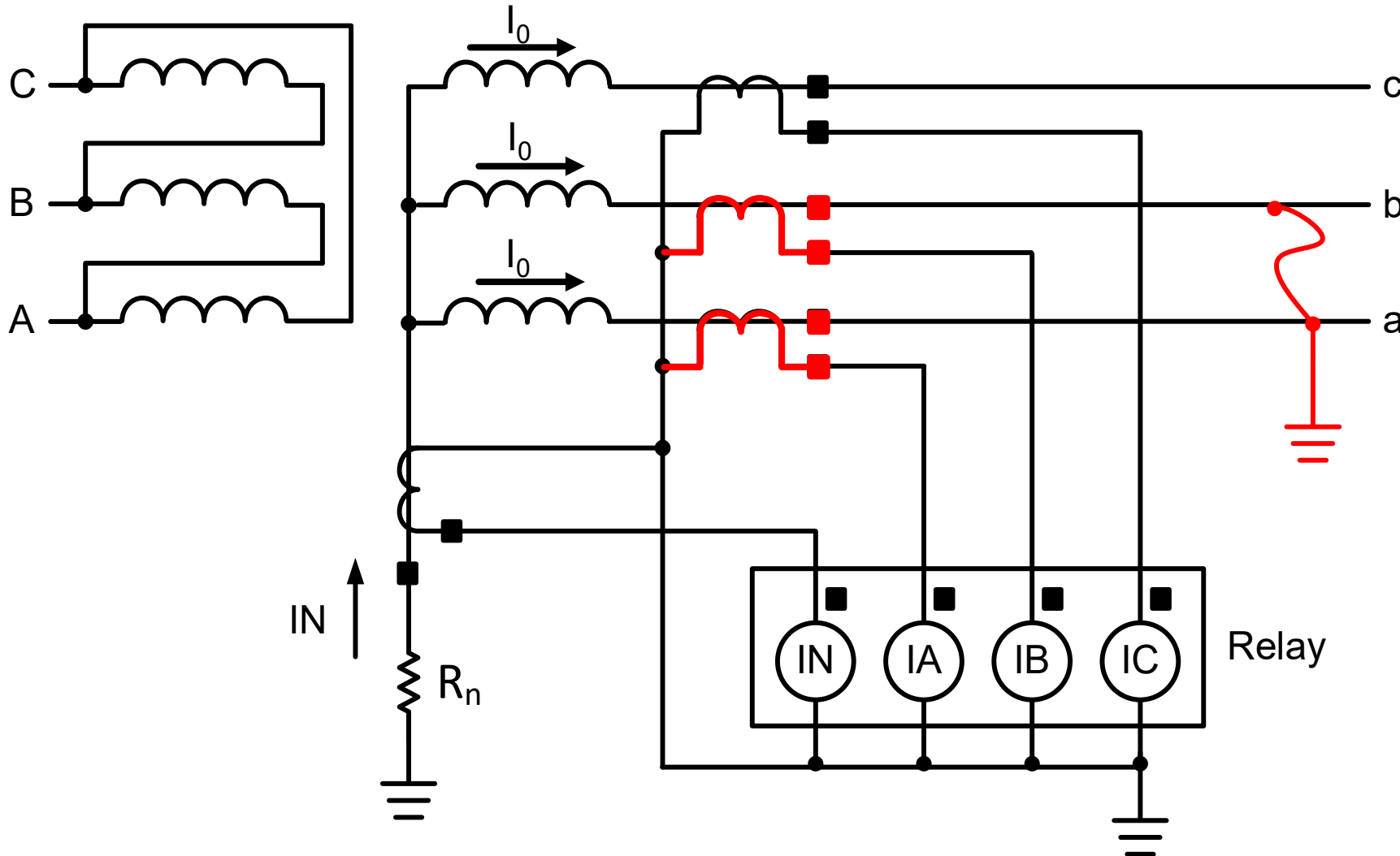
Low-impedance grounded



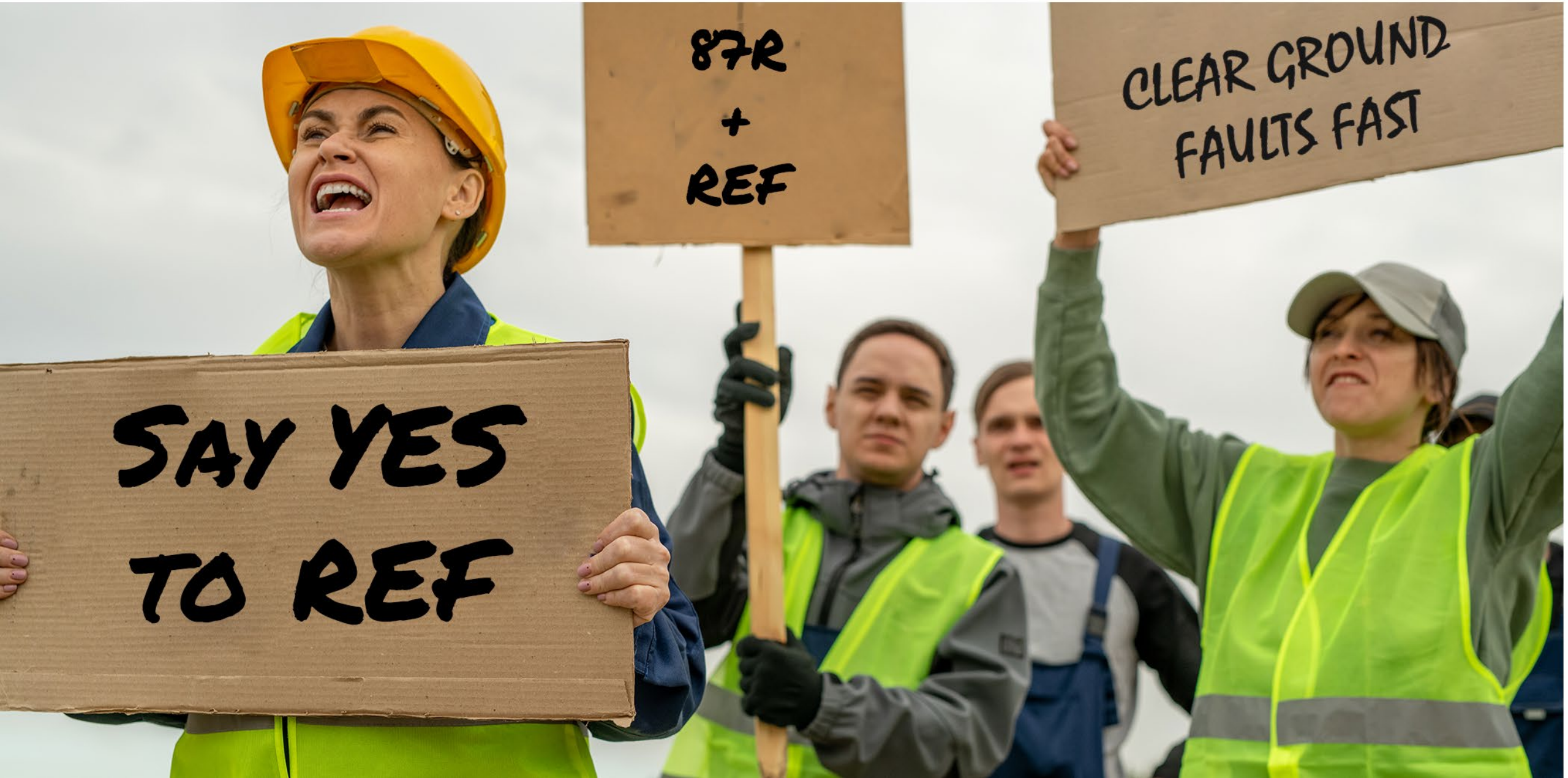
Dependability challenge: high charging current in cable distribution systems



Security challenge: PPG faults in low impedance grounded systems



$$I_2 \gg I_0$$



**SAY YES
TO REF**

**87R
+
REF**

**CLEAR GROUND
FAULTS FAST**

Questions?