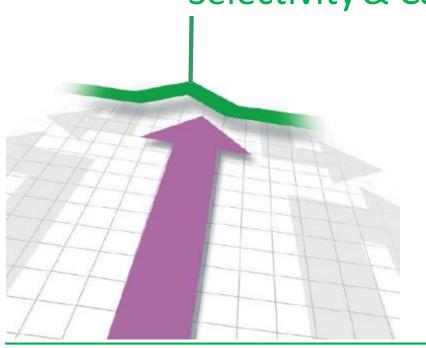


Selectivity & Cascading



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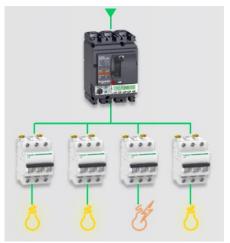
- Explain Selectivity Definition & Benefits.
- 2. Explain types of selectivity.
- 3. Use Schneider Electric Complementary Technical Guide or online tool to check selectivity & design a selective L.V network.
- 4. Explain the meaning of limitation.
- 5. Explain the meaning of cascading.
- 6. Explain how selectivity can be enhanced by cascading.



Introduction

2 Scenarios showing the behavior of circuit breakers when there is a fault in a branch circuit of L.V network











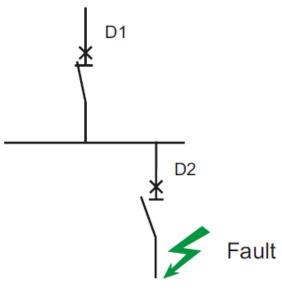
What is Selectivity (discrimination)?

According to IEC/EN 60947-2

It is the coordination of automatic cut-off for a fault that happens at any point in the network to be eliminated by the upstream circuit breaker.

The circuit breaker that is immediately upstream to the fault and by that circuit breaker alone!

The requirements for continuous electricity, make it necessary to verify The "discrimination/ Selectivity" between upstream and downstream protection devices.



D1 and D2 in series.



Benefits of Selectivity

In selective LV networks:

- √ fault clearance is localized.
- Healthy circuits aren't affected by faulty circuits.

So below benefits are gained:

- 1. Continuity of service is ensured.
- Downtime reduction is ensured so, Productivity is ensured.
 This Prevents Financial Losses (Data centers, Factories, ...etc.)
- 3. Life Safety is ensured (hospitals, high rise buildings, ...etc.)
- 4. Customer satisfaction is ensured (hotels, supermarkets, ...etc.)



How can we check selectivity between pairs of C.Bs?

To check selectivity, you should:

- 1. Know the calculated short circuit value at each level of the LV network.
- 2. Be able to read Current time curve of a circuit breaker.
- 3. know the difference between total selectivity & partial selectivity.
- 4. Know Techniques used to achieve selectivity.
- 5. Know how to use documented selectivity tables "mentioned in SE Complementary technical Guide" which is stated based on testing pairs of breakers to check their selectivity.
- 6. Know how to use Online SE tool to check selectivity between pairs of circuit breakers.



1. Know the calculated short circuit value at each level (switchgear) at the LV network.

This is achieved through Manual Calculations or by using a software like E-TAP.

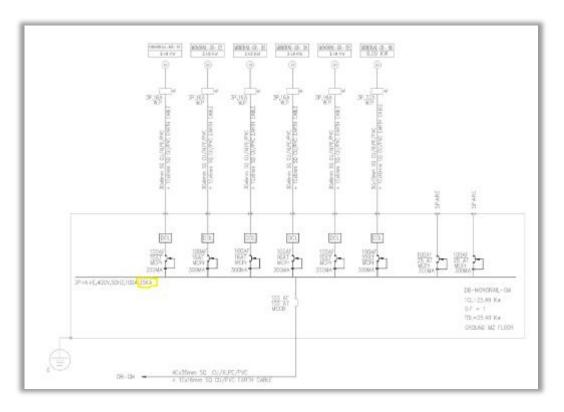
Parameters affecting short circuit calculations values:

- 1. Power source type & its parameters.
- 2. Power source rating.
- 3. Cables / busways types.
- 4. Cables C.S.A / Busways ratings.
- 5. Length between power source & switchgears & loads.
 - ... Etc.



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Two Types of customers – 1st type: asks you to follow his calculations in your selectivity studies.

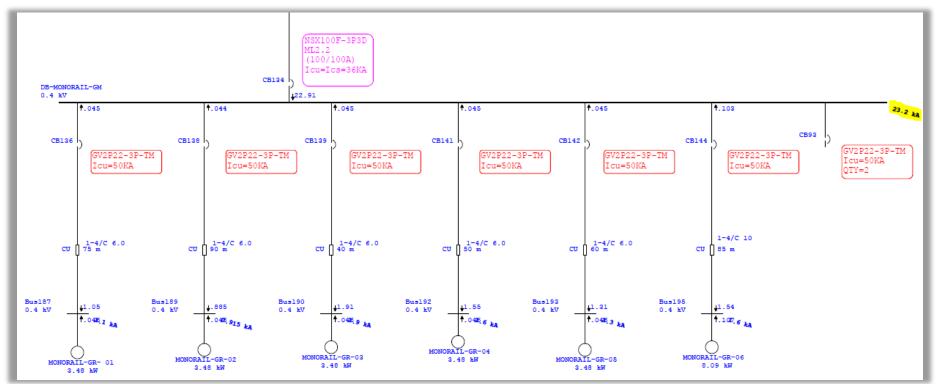






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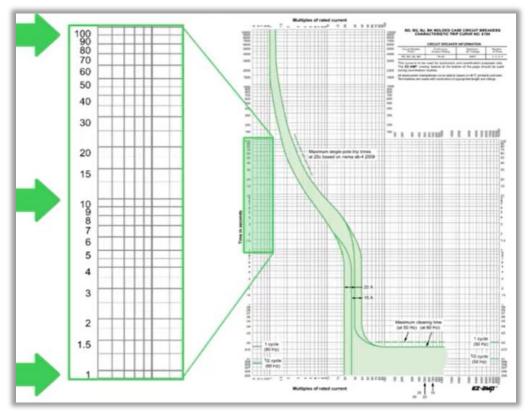
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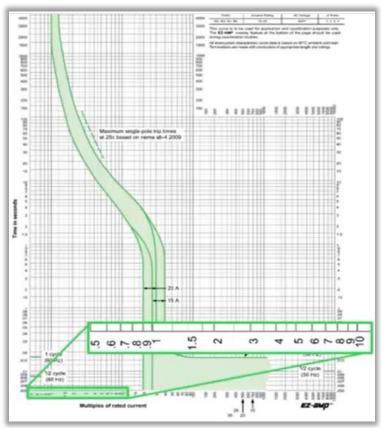
Logarithmic Scale - Vertical Axis: Time in seconds



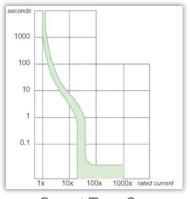




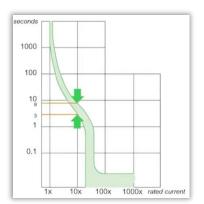
Logarithmic Scale - Horizontal Axis: Multiples of circuit breaker rated amperage



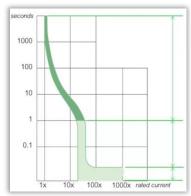




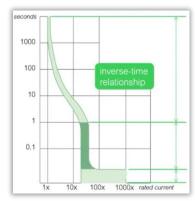
Current-Time Curve



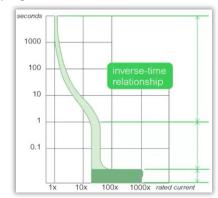
Upper-Lower Tripping time limits



Overload (Long time tripping)



Short circuit (short time tripping)

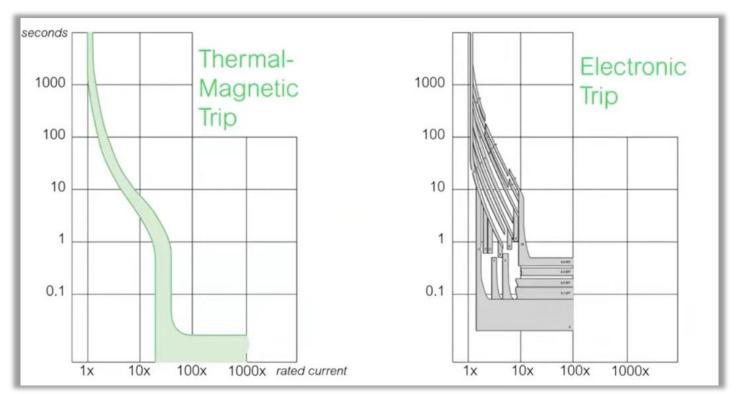


Short circuit (Instantaneous tripping)

Life Is On



Current – Time curves are varying according to C.B type & Trip unit Type used.



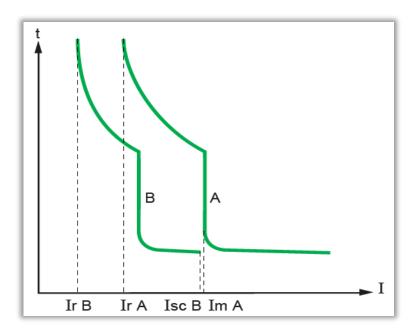


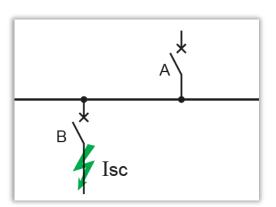


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A. Total Selectivity:

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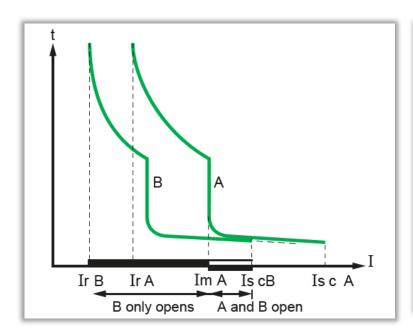


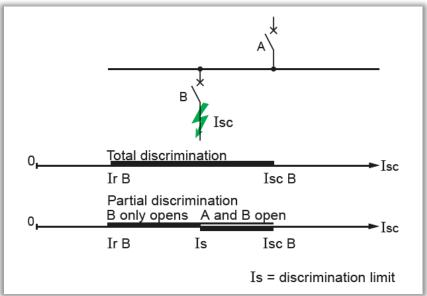


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B. Partial Selectivity:

Discrimination between circuit-breakers A and B is <u>partial</u> if the maximum possible short-circuit current on circuit B (lsc B) exceeds the short-circuit trip-current setting of circuit-breaker A (lm A).







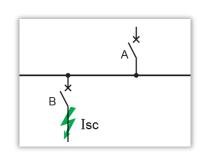
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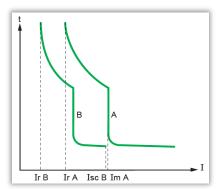
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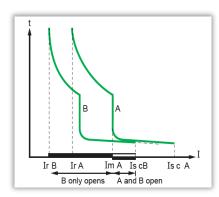
Three-phase maximum short circuit current in kA Isc =
$$\frac{U_{20}}{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{RT^2 + XT^2}}$$







Total selectivity – Current selectivity



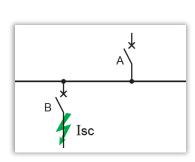
Partial selectivity – Current selectivity

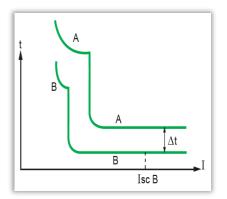


B. Time Selectivity

This method is realized by setting successive tripping thresholds at stepped "shifted" levels,

from downstream C.Bs (lower settings) towards the upstream C.Bs up to the source (higher settings). In the two-level arrangement shown, **upstream circuit-breaker A** is delayed sufficiently to ensure total discrimination with **circuit-breaker B**





Total selectivity – Time selectivity



C. Combination of Current & Time Selectivity

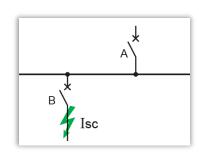
A time-delay added to a current level scheme can improve the overall discrimination performance.

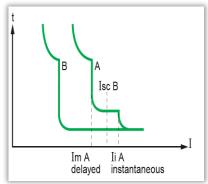
The upstream CB has two high-speed magnetic tripping thresholds:

Im A: delayed magnetic trip or short-delay electronic trip

li A: instantaneous trip

Discrimination is total if Isc B < Ii A



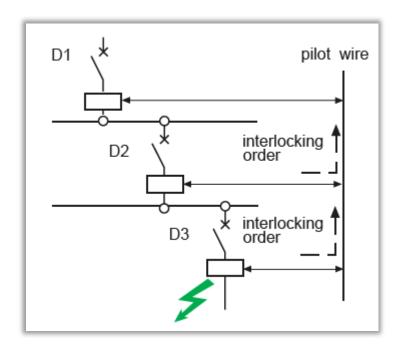


Partial selectivity –
Current & Time selectivity



D. Logic discrimination (ZSI)

- > Circuit-breakers fitted out with electronic trip units
 - a pilot wire between upstream / downstream circuit-breakers
- > Implementation:
 - The trip unit of the breaker located directly upstream(D3)
 - gives the order to trip the breaker
 - send a signal to its upstream breaker (D2) to prevent its tripping
 - The upstream breaker (D2)
 - delay its tripping due to the signal sent by D3
 - send a signal to its upstream breaker (D1) to prevent its tripping
 - will trip only if the fault has not been eliminated after the delay
- > This technique
 - is easily implemented
 - reduces to a minimum constraints from delayed tripping of time discrimination





E. Energy Selectivity

To know the concept of Energy Selectivity, at first we will need to know what is means by:

✓ Cat. A & Cat. B Circuit Breakers.



Utilization category A

Circuit-breaker not specifically intended

for discrimination

- Without an intentional short-time delay
- Without short time withstand current (lcw)



Utilization category B

Circuit-breaker specifically intended

for discrimination:

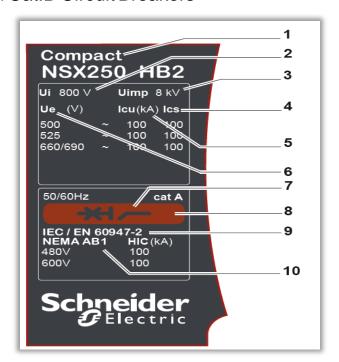
- With intentional short-time delay (adjustable)
- With short time withstand current (lcw)

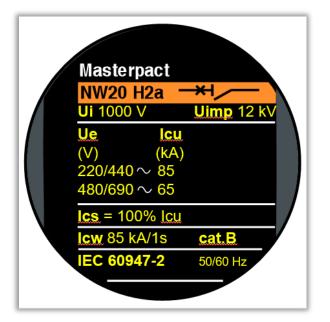




E. Energy Selectivity

Cat. A & Cat.B Circuit Breakers







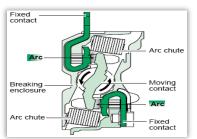


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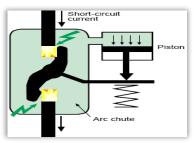
This technology implemented in the Compact NSX range (current limiting circuit breaker) is extremely effective for achievement of total discrimination.

When a very high level short-circuit current is detected by the two circuits breaker A and B, their contacts open simultaneously. As a result, the current is highly limited.

- The very high arc-energy at level B induces the tripping of circuit-breaker B
- √ Then, the arc-energy is limited at level A and is not sufficient to induce the tripping of A

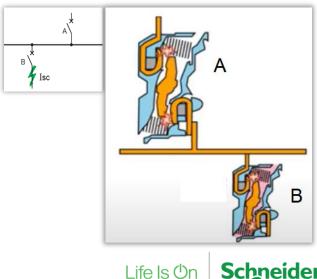












Example on Selectivity from SE Technical Complementary Guide

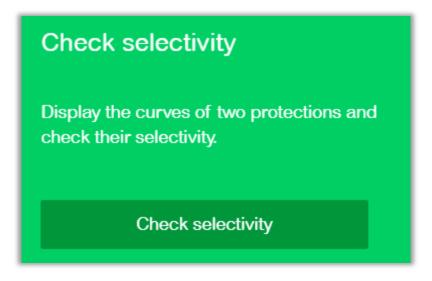
Upstream Breaker: NSX160F With TM100D then with TM125D

Downstream Breaker: IC60N - 20A

Complementary technical information Ue ≤ 440 V AC					U	Discrimination table Upstream: Compact NSX100-250 TM-D Downstream: iDPN, iC60, C120, NG125-160											
Upstream		NSX1	00B/F/I	VH/S/L/F	,					NSX1	60B/F/N	/H/S/I		NSX2	50B/F/N	VH/S/L/R	
Trip unit		TM-D	JOENI /I	or waren	<u> </u>					TM-D	OOLIII /III	IIIIII		TM-D			
In (A)		16	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	80	100	125	160	160	200	250	
Downstream	n																
Discriminatio	n limit (kA)																
DPN	≤10	0.19	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	lτ	ĪΤ	lτ	ĪΤ	T	
	16		0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	Т	Т	Т	Т	T	
	20			0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	Т	T	T	T	T	
	25					0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	Т	T	T	T	T	
	32						0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	Т	T	T	Т	T	
	40						0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	Т	T	T	Т	T	
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DPNN	≤10	0.19	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	T	T	T	T	T	
Curves C, D	16		0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	T	Т	T	Т	Т	
	20			0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	Т	T	T	Т	Т	
	25					0.5	0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	Т	Т	T	Т	T	
	32						0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	T	T	T	T	T	
	40						0.5	0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	T	T	T	T	T	
Discriminatio	n limit (kA)																
C60N/H	≤10	0.19	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	3	1.3	3	T	T	T	T	T	
Curves B, C, D	16		0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	2	1	2	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	
	20			0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	1.5	0.63	1.5	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	
iC60L	25				0.5	0.5	0.5	0.63	1.5	0.63	1.5	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	
Curves	32						0.5	0.63	1	0.63	1	Т	T	Т	Т	Т	
B-C-D-K-Z	40						0.5	0.63	1	0.63	1	T	T	T	T	T	
	50							0.63	0.8	0.63	0.8	T	T	T	T	T	
	63								0.8		0.8	T	T	T	T	TT	



Using Online Tool to Check Selectivity between breakers



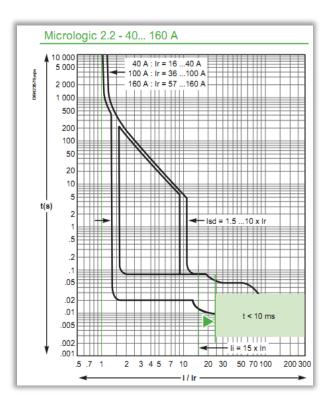
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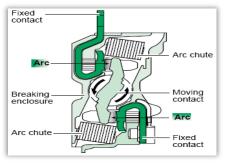
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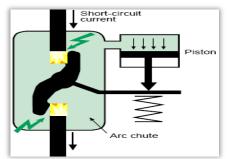


Override current & Reflex Tripping

✓ According to short circuit level, Tripping action from trip unit can be overridden by Reflex tripping concept.



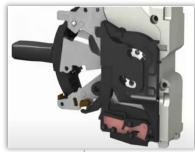














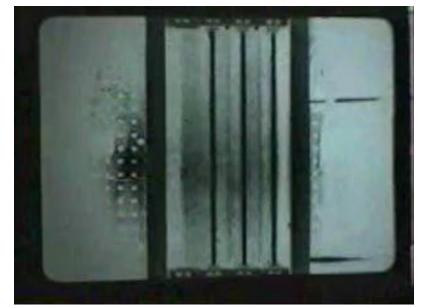


- ✓ During short circuit there are major two effects on the electrical network components
 - > Thermal effects (I^2 * t): Conductors (and therefore insulation) heating
 - Mechanical effects: . Repulsion of cables, busbars

Cables electromagnetic repulsion during short circuit

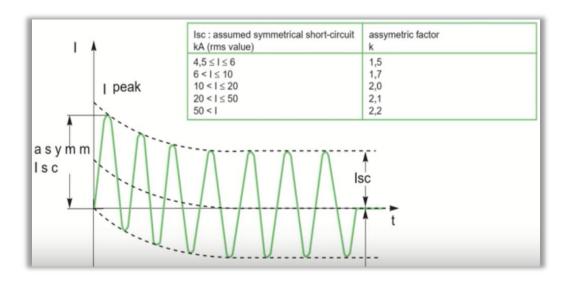


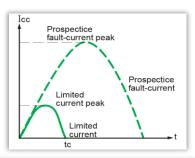
busbars electromagnetic repulsion during short circuit

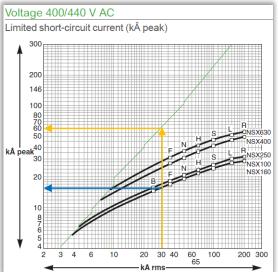




✓ Limitation curves of current limiter circuit breaker "NSX"

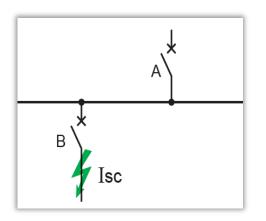


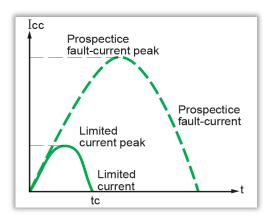


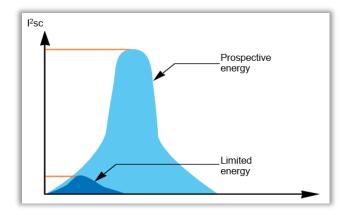




✓ Prospective Short circuit Energy Vs Limited Short circuit Energy









Conclusion:

- ✓ This is a feature in Cat. A circuit breakers only. We can name Cat. A circuit breaker as a "Current Limiting Circuit Breaker"
- ✓ The use of current-limiting CBs affords many advantages:
 - Reduction of thermal effects (I^2 * t):

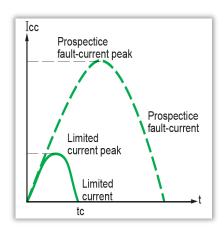
Conductors (and therefore insulation) heating is significantly reduced, so that the life of cables is correspondingly increased.

Reduction of mechanical effects:

forces due to electromagnetic repulsion are lower, with less risk of deformation and possible rupture, excessive burning of contacts, etc.

Reduction of electromagnetic-interference effects:

Less influence on measuring instruments and associated circuits, Telecommunication systems, etc.



These circuit-breakers therefore contribute towards improve & Optimize: Cables, wiring,

Prefabricated cable-trunking systems & Switchgears.



Cascading

- Cascading is considered as one of the Limitation benefits.
- Cascading is the use of the current limiting capacity of circuit breakers at a given point to permit installation of lower-rated and therefore lower-cost circuit breakers downstream.
- ✓ The upstream Compact circuit breakers acts as a barrier against short-circuit currents. In this way, downstream circuit breakers with lower breaking capacities than the prospective short-circuit (at their point of installation) operate under their normal breaking conditions.
- ✓ Since the current is limited throughout the circuit controlled by the limiting circuit breaker, cascading applies to all switchgear downstream. It is not restricted to two consecutive devices.

Conclusion: The use of a limiting upstream circuit breaker "increases" the breaking capacity" of the downstream circuit breaker



Cascading

- Example abstracts from cascading tables for a network 380/415 V.
- Cascading between NSX250L & IC60N 40A:

Upstream		NSX250							
			NSX250B	NSX250F	NSX250N	NSX250H	NSX250S	NSX250L	
Breaking cap	acity (kA)	25	36	50	70	100	150		
Downstream	m								
Downstream	In Max (A)	Icu (kA)	Reinforced b	reaking capacit	y (kA)				
iDPN	40	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	
iDPNN	16	10 ,	20	20	20	20	20	20	
	40	10 /	16	16	16	16	16	16	
iC60N	40	10	20	25	30	30	30	30 🔻	
	63	10	20	25	25	25	25	25	
iC60H	40	15	25	30	30	30	30	30	
	63	15	25	25	25	25	25	25	
iC60L	25	25		30	30	30	30	30	
	40	20	25	30	30	30	30	30	
	63	15	25	25	25	25	25	25	
C120N	125	10	25	25	25	25	25	25	
C120H	125	15	25	25	25	25	25	25	





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iC60N	40	10	20	25	30	30	30	30 🔻	
	63	10	20	25	25	25	25	25	
iC60H	40	15	25	30	30	30	30	30	
	63	15	25	25	25	25	25	25	
iC60L	25	25		30	30	30	30	30	
	40	20	25	30	30	30	30	30	
	63	15	25	25	25	25	25	25	
C120N	125	10	25	25	25	25	25	25	
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Selectivity Enhanced By Cascading

Complementary technical information

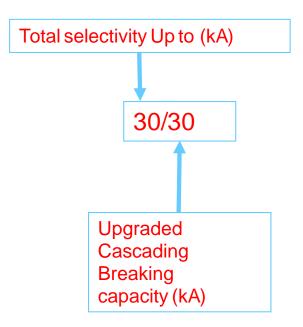
Discrimination enhanced by cascading

Upstream: NSX250, Micrologic Downstream: iC60, C120, NG125,

Ue: 380-415 V (Ph/N 220-240 V) NG160, NSX100

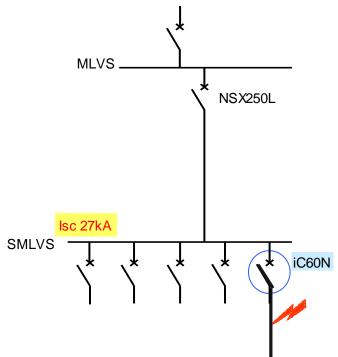
Upstream	NSX250					
	NSX250B	NSX250F	NSX250N	NSX250H	NSX250S	NSX250L
Breaking capacity (kA)	25	36	50	70	100	150
Trip unit	Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic

Downs	tream							
Rating ((A)		250	250	250	250	250	250
		Breaking capacity (kA)	Reinforced break	king capacity (kA)				'
iC60N	≤40 A	10	20/20	25/25	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30
	50-63 A	10	20/20	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25
iC60H	≤ 40 A	15	25/25	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30
	50-63 A	15	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25
iC60L	≤ 25 A	25		30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30
	32-40 A	20	25/25	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30
	50-63 A	15	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25
C120N/H		10/15	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25
NG125N		25		36/36	36/36	36/36	50/50	70/70
NG125H		36			40/40	50/50	70/70	100/100
NG125L		50				70/70	100/100	150/150





Selectivity Enhanced By Cascading Example



Complementary technical information

Ue: 380-415 V (Ph/N 220-240 V)

Discrimination enhanced by cascading

Upstream: NSX250, Micrologic Downstream: iC60, C120, NG125,

NG160, NSX100

Upstream		NSX250							
			NSX250B	NSX250F	NSX250N	NSX250H	NSX250S	NSX250L	
Breaking capacity (kA)			25	36	50	70	100	150	
Trip unit			Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic	Micrologic	
Downst	tream								
Rating (A	A)		250	250	250	250	250	250	
		Breaking capacity (kA)	Reinforced bre	eaking capacity (k	A)	·	·		
C60N	≤40 A	10	20/20	25/25	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	
	50-63 A	10	20/20	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	
C60H	≤ 40 A	15	25/25	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	
	50-63 A	15	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	
iC60L	≤25A	25		30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	
	32-40 A	20	25/25	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	30/30	
	50-63 A	15	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	
C120N/H		10/15	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	25/25	
NG125N		25		36/36	36/36	36/36	50/50	70/70	
NG125H		36			40/40	50/50	70/70	100/100	
NG125L		50				70/70	100/100	150/150	
		Total selectivity Up to (kA)		30/30	-	Upgraded Cascadin Breaking capacity	g (kA)	hneide Belecti	

Selectivity enhanced by cascading 100% guaranteed



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