- Discrimination of operation times
- Time grading = operation time difference between adjecent protection stages
- We have ΣI<sub>L</sub> because the load currents at levels 1 and 2 are not same.





• Time grading - definite time

$$\Delta t_{DT} = 2 \times t_E + t_R + t_{CB} + t_M$$

where  $t_E$  = tolerance of the relay op.time

 $t_R$  = retardation time of the relay

 $t_{CB}$  = operation time of CB

 $t_M = \text{marginal time}$ 

 $t_R$  = Retardation time (Overshoot time) = time needed to cancel the trip.

*t<sub>M</sub>* = Delay of an auxiliary relay (if used)
+ Possible delay of operation due saturation of CT. In theory this could be same as the time constant of DC-component. In practice 20 ms is enough because all protection stages will be delayed.

• Time grading - definite time - example

 $\Delta t_{DT} = 2 \times t_E + t_R + t_{CB} + t_M$ 

	150 ms
marginal	20 ms
retardation time	30 ms
op.time of CB	50 ms
tolerance (2x25 ms)	50 ms

- Time grading inverse time
- Rule of thumb for numerical relays
  - NI, VI, LI: 0.20 x t<sub>1</sub> + 150ms
  - EI: 0.35 x t<sub>1</sub> + 150ms

• Time grading - inverse time

$$\Delta t_{IDMT} = t_1 \times \left( \frac{1 + \frac{E_1}{100}}{1 - \frac{E_2}{100}} - 1 \right) + t_R + t_{CB} + t_M$$

where  $t_1 = \text{op.time of the relay of the closest location}$ 

 $E_1 = \text{error of the relay of the closest location}$  $E_2 = \text{error of the relay of the next location}$ 

- Time grading inverse time example step by step
- 0. Data from the fault calculation



- Time grading inverse time example step by step
- 1. Find the current values
  - Use the high-set of relay 1 for grading
  - When no high-set, use the fault current at location 1

 $I_1 = 105A \approx 7.0 \text{ x setting (relay 1)}$  $I_2 = 105A \approx 3.5 \text{ x setting (relay 2)}$ 



- Time grading inverse time example step by step
- 2. Look time-tolerances from the table

Here we have Normal inverse,

E=5%

=> relay 1: 1.13xE ≈ 6% => relay 2: 2.22xE ≈ 11%

This information can be found in the relay manual

I/I>	Normal	Very	Extremely	Long time
2 5 7 10 20	2,22E 1,13E 1,01E 1,00E	2,34E 1,26E 1,01E 1,00E	2,44E 1,48E 1,02E 1,00E	2,34E 1,26E 1,00E

- Time grading inverse time example
- 3. Calculate effect of measuring accuracy ( + CT errors) Here we use +3%
  - $\Rightarrow$  Calculate the change in operating time when using -3% and +3%  $\Rightarrow$  Calculate the per cent errors. Take the highest value.

Relay 1: 1.62%

Relay 2: 2.52%

4. Sum erros 2) and 3) and we have  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ 

E1 = 6% + 1.62% = 7.62% (relay 1) E2 = 11% + 2.52% = 13.52% (relay 2)

- Time grading inverse time example
- 5. Use equation

t1 = time of relay 2 (at 105A) = 830 ms

$$\Delta t_{IDMT} = t_1 \times \left(\frac{1 + \frac{E_1}{100}}{1 - \frac{E_2}{100}} - 1\right) + t_R + t_{CB} + t_M$$

t1x(1-E1/100)/(1-E2/100)-1) op.time of CB retardation time marginal



- Time grading inverse time example
- 6. Find time multiplier *k* for relay 1

time of relay 2 - grading = 830 ms - 303 ms = 527ms

Using

- Normal Inverse curve
- current 7.0 x setting
- operation time 0.527 s
- $\Rightarrow$  the time multiplier k = 0.14