

# Automated Estimation of Fault Location in HVDCTransmission Systems: A Survey

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ABSTRACT—In the present era of deregulation and competition, demand from every energy supplier is to have good continuity, dependability and reliability. Fault location can play a vital role in achieving this aim. As uninterrupted power supply is the prime demand by all consumers. However, faults in power system will leads to the interruption in power supply and it will make system vulnerable towards system outrage/collapsing and will lead to damage various electrical peripheral of switch gear/ electrical equipment.Hence all faults are required to be detected and clear as soon as possible to restart power supply to consumer. Having accuracy knowledge of fault location will come very handy in reducing system outrage time and they're by improving continuity and reliability of system. Variousresearches has been done previously towards finding accurate result. In this paper presents a comprehensive survey on the existing work done in the domain of machine learning assisted fault location in HVDC systems.

**Keywords:** HVDC, Fault Location, Machine Learning, Mean Square Error, Accurayc,

## I. INTRODUCTION

Transmission system plays the vital role in connecting generation station to load. It has the responsibility to supply continuous power from one and two other. Any type of damage to transmission line will lead to an interruption in power supply but in the present era of power system deregulation providing good power quality with continuous supply is main its main priority of all electric utility companies. Hence for this reason focus should be paid in the field of system protection and a proper planning is expected to deal with any unwanted situation [1].



Relay and circuit breakers play key part in preventing system during any fault condition. Faults are responsible for creating system malfunctioning and their immediate diagnosis is expected is expected to increase reliability [2]. Capacitor banks are used because they help in balancing reactive power in transmission line thus helping in increasing line loadability, reducing line losses and increase in system stability [4].



Fig.2 HVDC system model

Normally distance relays are used for locating fault. The working of distance relay is based upon the measured value of impedance between fault point and relay location (that is ratio of voltage and



current between these two points). Now this should be giving accurate results, but due to the presence of series capacitor banks for compensation problem will somehow tarnish the accuracy of relay [3].

#### a. Artificial Neural Networks

ANN computing systems are ortechniquethat mimic the learning processes of the brain to discover the relations between the variables of a system. They process input data information to learn and obtain knowledge for forecasting or classifying patterns etc. type of work. ANN consists of number of simple processing elements called neurons. All information processing is done within this neuron only. A network of connected artificial neurons can be designed, and a learning algorithm can be applied to train it [5]. Signals (Input data) are passed between neurons over connection linksand Eachconnection link has an associated weight, which in a neural network, multiplies the signal transmitted. The weights represent information being used by the network to solve a problem. Then the weighted sum is operated upon by an activation function (usually nonlinear), and output data are conveyed to other neurons. The weights are continuously altered while training to improve accuracy and generalize abilities.



Fig.3 Mathematical Equivalent of Neural Network

The ANN which contains multiple hidden layers and is used for extremely complex pattern recognition problems.Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) are one of the most effective techniques for time series or regression problems. The output of the neural networks is given by [6]:

$$y = f(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i w_i + \varphi)$$
  
Here,  
y is the output  
x are the inputs  
w are the weights  
 $\varphi$  is the bias  
f stands for the activation function

The commonly logic or activation functions used are the sigmoid, log sigmoid, tangent-sigmoid, rectified linear (ReLu), step or hard-limiting function etc. The mathematical model for a neural networks is depicted in figure 1.

#### **b.Neural Network Training and Testing**

In this stage we will feed input data to input layer of present designed model and target is fitted to output layer. It is this stage in which model is prepared and value of weights are optimized for better performance according to input and target data samples.

At this stage, the second part of dataset is used. Although only inputs are provided to already trained neural network and output is calculated from neural networks. These is then compared to original target fault distance to observe the closeness between the two.

The training phase typically culminates in the convergence of the cost function of the neural network. While solving with this algorithm, the Hessian matrix and the gradient can be calculated by following relations [7],

$$g = \frac{\partial E(x,w)}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1} \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_N} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$
(2)  
$$W_{k+1} = W_k - \alpha g_k$$
(3)

This downside of steepest decent algorithm can be distant by means of alternative algorithm termed Gauss-Newton algorithm. This algorithm make use of the second order derivative of error functions in its place of first order derivative in incident of error feedback. The enhancement will lie in riddling out the convergence point very swiftly. In addition, this algorithm has the property of varying its step size and direction with curvature of error. Even if the error curvature is arbitrary, it will become unsteady very speedily. In this development Jacobean matrix is establish as

(1)



$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_{1,1}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{1,1}}{\partial w_2} & \frac{\partial e_{1,1}}{\partial w_N} \\ \frac{\partial e_{1,2}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{1,2}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{1,2}}{\partial w_N} \\ \frac{\partial e_{1,M}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{1,M}}{\partial w_2} & \frac{\partial e_{1,M}}{\partial w_N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial e_{P,1}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{P,1}}{\partial w_2} & \frac{\partial e_{P,1}}{\partial w_N} \\ \frac{\partial e_{P,2}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{P,2}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{P,2}}{\partial w_N} \\ \frac{\partial e_{P,M}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{P,M}}{\partial w_2} & \frac{\partial e_{P,2}}{\partial w_N} \end{bmatrix}$$
(4)

Than further, the equation of gradient vector can be further evaluated as

$$\mathbf{g}_{i} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{i}} = \frac{\partial \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^{P} \sum_{m=1}^{M} e_{p,m}^{2}\right)}{\partial w_{i}} = \sum_{P=1}^{P} \sum_{M=1}^{M} \left(\frac{\partial e_{p,m}}{\partial w_{i}} e_{p,m}\right) \quad (5)$$

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Further, the gradient vector can be evaluated as  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{e}$  (6)

Where matrix is formed as

$$\mathbf{e} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{1,1} \\ \mathbf{e}_{1,2} \\ \cdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{1,M} \\ \cdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{P,1} \\ \mathbf{e}_{P,2} \\ \mathbf{e}_{P,3} \\ \cdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{P,M} \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

Hence, further hessian matrix can be evaluated as

$$\mathbf{h}_{i,j} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i \partial \mathbf{w}_j} = \frac{\partial^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^{P} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \mathbf{e}_{p,m}^2\right)}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i \partial \mathbf{w}_j} =$$
$$\sum_{p=1}^{P} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}_{p,m}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}_{p,m}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j} + \mathbf{S}_{i,j} (\mathbf{8})$$

The above equation of gradient descent is as described earlier is a mixture of two techniques such that it extracts the speed from gauss newton and it takes property of stability from steepest descent. In this equation coefficient,  $\mu$  decides the speed and stability of system. It is multiply with  $\beta$  when any iteration results in an increment in error whereas it will be multiply with  $\beta$  whenever the vice-versa occurs.

#### **II. PREVIOUS WORK**

This section highlights the previous work done in the domain:

## a. Previous Work

**Rohani et al.** [8]proposed a fault location method consists of three major sections. In the first section, HH transform is applied to extract new features from current signal. In the second part, ANFIS uses the extracted features to estimate the fault location in transmission lines. Learning algorithm determines the accuracy and efficiency of each machine-learning algorithm. In the third section of the developed system, enhanced version of particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm named chaotic dynamic weight PSO (CDWPSO) algorithm is implemented as learning algorithm to train the ANFIS. The developed fault detection and location system was tested on a VSC-HVDC system with 250 km length and the obtained results using MATLAB simulations have shown that combination of new features, and CDWPSO-based ANFIS has high accuracy in fault detection and location in VSC-HVDC systems. High fault location accuracy, robust performance of neuro-fuzzy system, optimal training of ANFIS, extraction of novel effective features from current signal and fault location only with six features are the main contribution of the developed system.

Keshri et al. [9] proposed support vector machine (SVM) based classification approach for Fault estimation in HVDC transmission system. SVM based method is comparatively a novel method that is based on computational as well as theory of statistical learning. Along with the input space vector is made into a dot product of high dimension that is called a feature space in SVM theory. Therefore, the optimal hyper-plane has to be consider greater ability of classification in the feature space. Thus the optimal hyper-plane is to be determined by exploring the theory of optimization, and the critical information providing via the theory of statistical learning. Therefore, SVM approach has got the ability to counter a large featured space vector. So that the proposed approach has ability to assist in the area of fault classification as there is no restriction on the number of features.

**SomsundaranVasanath et al.** [10] have proposed a technique for the estimate of the location of the faults in HHDC lines by the dint of the artificial neural network model after the design of the system on PS-CAD based model. It was shown that the system has a better power quality compared to the ac counterpart with lesser losses, however the fault location was much more daunting due to the long continuity of the t-line. The system uses a 200km T-Line with the performance to be the mean square error. The paper shows that the proposed system attains a mean square error of 20.5886km.

**Jenifer Mariam et al.** [11] have presented a method of detecting fault location of  $\pm 500$  kV HVDC transmission system using artificial neural network (ANN). Author has modelled and simulated  $\pm 500$  kV bipolar HVDC transmission line over PSCAD/EMTDC software. Author has proposed a model developed using ANN in MATLAB environment, trained and tested using one sided voltage and current magnitude of HVDC transmission line for various fault location. Author has simulated



HVDC line model for LG fault at distance of every 2 kilometer of transmission and noted the data corresponding to that. From this model has observed a result with an accuracy of 2-kilometer distance. Model is developed for a HVDC bipolar transmission line of  $\pm$ 500 kV and 936 KM.

**Sunil Singh et al.** [12] have developed a fault location estimation technique for a 300 km, 400 kV transmission line. Author has performed fault analysis at various location of this transmission line in MATLAB environment and the data obtained during simulation at various fault location is stored. This data is than transformed using wavelet analysis for the sole purpose of feature extraction which than can be supplied to ANN for prediction of fault location. After obtaining results from ANN, author came to conclusion DWT and ANN model together are very efficient in predicting exact location of fault with very high accuracy.

Ankita Nag et al. [13] have proposed an based protective scheme for the hybrid ANN transmission system both overhead and underground. Author has discussed various advantages of AI has over primitive location detecting techniques like one based on phasor based method which usually utilizes fundamental component of signal and other is traveling wave based method which works on the basis of value of reflected wales. Author has developed and simulated15 kilometer, 132 kV, 50 hz transmission line with 3-kilometer underground cable and 12-kilometer overhead lines for a LG fault. After training and testing author came to conclusion that the output is very accurate compare to other techniques.

Qingqing Yang et al. [14] have developed a model for DC microgrid fault detection and fault location using artificial neural network. The DC microgrid is modeled in PSCAD/EMTDC to simulate various faults. Author has discussed the importance of microgrid for present day power system in which penetration of renewable energy is increasing day by day leading to more unpredicted grid behavior and hence making control strategies more complicated. A total of 40 neurons are taken in input layer consisting of 20-20 data from both sending end and receiving end of dc microgrid. Author has obtained results from trained model with an accuracy of one percent error which is very accurate considering distance.

**Nabamita Roy et al.** [15]have presented a technique for detecting fault, classifying it had then forecasting fault location. Various techniques author has used in this work is s-transform and wavelet transform for feature extraction purpose. Values of this features is used for both classification and locating fault in this work. Author has concluded that above following techniques includes BPNN

techniques has developed a model which has great speed of computation and very high accuracy. Author has utilized value of current and voltage parameter values for solving about problem and obtained error of maximum value of 4.35 percent.

Liang Yuansheng et al. [16]have discuss a noble algorithm to detect fault location. Author has performed a mix of travelling wave theory and Bergeron times domain fault location method. The value of voltage and current from both sides is taken as input parameters. In this study a self-adopted filter is also utilized which has ultimately improved performance of the algorithm. After the simulation and performing all tests related to fault at different location, author came to conclusion that this method is efficient for faults location detection for unsynchronized two end measurements on HVDC lines.

Pu Liu et al. [17]have presented an excellent HVDC transmission system model which comprise of all components including transformer, converters, filters, reactor, transmission tower and transmission line. The model is designed and simulator in PSCAD/EMTDC software. This study is done on the benchmark model for  $\pm$  500 kV HVDC system that is CIGRE benchmark. On simulating it is concluded that this CIGRE benchmark model can accurately simulate HVDC transmission system accurately for  $\pm$ 500 kV DC transmission line and that this model can be used for any further research related to high voltage dc transmission system.

**S. F. Alwash et al. [18]**have developed an algorithm for identification of all shunt type fault location. This work mainly presented a scheme where author has used impedance method for fault location. This method is tested for IEEE 34 bus distribution system designed and simulated in PSCAD/EMTDC software. In the study author has computed a method which has capability to identify faults location irrespective of type of shunt fault. In this work while designing model for fault location estimation for both distributed generation and capacitive effect of lines are considered.

**Jae-Do Park et al.** [19] have proposed a DC microgrid system's fault location technique is proposed. This study describes a technique which includes a ring type bus. This work describes the importance of dc in not only transmission system but evenly in distribution system. In this work author has used intelligent electronic devices for the controlling and monitoring all nodes. The author has successfully implemented proposed algorithm/technique both in hardware and simulation experimentally.

**Farshad et al. [20]** proposed a method for fault locating in HVDC transmission lines which only uses the voltage signal measured at one of the line



terminals. The postfault voltage signal, in a relatively short-time window, is considered and the corresponding fault location is estimated based on the similarity of the captured voltage signal to existing patterns. In this approach, the Pearson correlation coefficient is used to measure the similarity. Despite simplicity and low complexity of the proposed faultlocation method, it does not suffer from the technical problems which are associated with the travelingwave-based methods, such as the difficulty of identifying traveling wavefronts or the strong dependency of accuracy on the sampling frequency. Numerous training and test patterns are obtained by simulating various fault types in a long overhead HVDC transmission line under different fault location, fault resistance, and prefault current values. The accuracy of the proposed fault-location method is verified using these patterns.

Abedini et al. [21] showed that series capacitors (SCs) are installed on long transmission lines to reduce the inductive reactance of lines. This makes it appear electrically shorter and increases the power transfer capability. Series capacitors and their associated over-voltage protection devices (typically Metal Oxide Varistors (MOVs), and/or air gaps) create several problems for protection relays and fault locators including voltage and/or current inversion, sub-harmonic oscillations, transients caused by the air-gap flashover and sudden changes in the operating reach. In this paper, an accurate fault location algorithm for series compensated power transmission lines is presented. With using voltage and current traveling waves and placement of a fault locator in the middle of transmission line near the SCs, location of faults is calculated with high accuracy also proposed algorithm needs no communication link and uses only local signals and because of using of traveling wave polarity have no problem for detecting of reflected waves and therefore it solves problems caused by one end traveling wave based fault location methods. A simple power system containing a compensated transmission line is simulated on PSCAD/EMTDC software and fault location algorithm is implemented on MATLAB environment using wavelet transformer.

**M Ramesh et al.** [22]have presented an overview of various intelligent techniques for detecting fault in HVDC. In study author has discussed drawbacks of primitive fault detection techniques in HVDC. Then author has provided an overview to various artificial intelligent techniques in view to identify fault of HVDC transmission system. The study concluded that the rule based linear fuzzy logic controller can be used to achieve the desired fault detection of the HVDC link. This controller has a benefit that they don't require a mathematical

model to estimate control input under disturbance conditions.

Sun et al. [23]showed that VSC-HVDC is a kind of HVDC technology which based on voltage source converter and turn-off devices. Its poor over voltage/current capacity are prone to failure. Based on the established VSC-HVDC system simulation model, the DC voltage waveforms under various fault conditions are achieved, and then the character of system fault is decided according to the amplitude fluctuation range of DC voltage. Moreover, in full consideration of influence of transmission power, the wavelet analysis method is adopted to extract the feature of faulty signal, and combined with artificial neural network the system fault is identified. Simulation results show that this method can diagnose and identify VSC-HVDC fault effectively, and the accuracy is not impacted by transmission power.

Saravanan et al. [24] proposed fault classification & fault location techniques for parallel overhead transmission lines. Fault location is carried out by measuring the distributed line model of faulted line parameters. Different system faults such as LG, LLG and LLLG on a protected transmission line should be detected, classified & located rapidly in order to bring the system to the normal state. A novel application of neural network approach with three variance of feed forward neural networks such as the one with Back propagation algorithm (BPN), Radial basis function (RBF) network and Cascaded correlation feed forward network (CFBPN) is proposed for the protection of double circuit transmission line has been demonstrated in this work. The proposed method uses line current values to learn the hidden relationship in the input patterns. Using the proposed approach, fault detection, classification, location and faulted phase selection could be achieved. An improved performance is experienced once the neural network is trained sufficiently and suitably, thus performing correctly when faced with varied system parameters and conditions. Results of performance studies show that the proposed neural network-based modules outperform the performance of conventional fault selection algorithms. Among the ANN modules, result of RBF network is found to be better than the other two networks in terms of accuracy.

**EisaBashier M. et al.** [25] showed that in power system are always exposed to abnormal conditions, which are the reason for the damage of transmission line and other electrical equipment's of power system. These abnormalities are termed as faults. These faults are required to be detected and classified for better performance of transmission line. In this paper author has presented a Back-Propagation



technique of Artificial Neural Network as an alternative for transmission line fault detection, classification and isolation. Author has performed the study by using MATLAB software and Neuroshell 2 software.RMS value of phase current and phase voltage as input to neural network.

Ning et al. [26] proposeda novel fault location algorithm based on variant travelling wave speed for HVDC (High Voltage Direct Current) transmission line. The algorithm effectively reduces the large fault locating errors, caused by adopting consistent wave speeds, under off-design conditions. Firstly, it is illustrated how travelling wave speed varies with fault distance, and then how the variant speed effect fault locating accuracy is analyzed. At last, the new algorithm is proposed to guarantee the accuracy at any fault distance. The validity of the algorithm is verified by the relevant simulation results in EMTDC.

Ibrahim et al. [27] proposed an approach for the protection of transmission lines with flexible AC transmission systems based on artificial neural networks using the total least square estimation of signal parameters via rotational invariance technique. The required features for the proposed algorithm are extracted from the measured transient currents and voltages waveforms using the total least square estimation of signal parameters via rotational invariance technique. Since these transient waveforms are considered as a summation of damped sinusoids, the total least square estimation of signal parameters via rotational invariance technique is used to estimate different signal parameters, mainly damping factors, frequencies, and amplitudes of different modes contained in the signal. Those features are employed for fault detection and faulted phase selection using artificial neural networks. Two types of flexible AC transmission system compensated transmission lines, namely the thyristorcontrolled series capacitor and static synchronous compensator, are considered. System simulation and test results indicate the feasibility of using neural networks with the total least square estimation of signal parameters via rotational invariance technique in the fault detection, classification, and faulted phase selection of flexible AC transmission system compensated transmission lines.

JialeSuonan et al. [28] have presented a novel method of locating fault which can outperform commonly used travelling wave technique. The proposed technique is performed in time domain and is simulated using EMTDC software. This paper has utilized Bergeron model of HVDC transmission line to check performance of proposed fault location method. This algorithm was built on a distributed parameter model and thus can be directly implemented in the domain based on current and voltage of both ends of transmission line.

Abdollahi et al. [29] proposed а comparative study of the performance of Fourier transform and wavelet transform based methods combined with Neural Network (NN) for location estimation of faults on high voltage transmission lines is presented. A new location method is proposed for decreasing training time and dimensions of NN. The proposed algorithms are based on Fourier transform analysis of fundamental frequency of current and voltage signals in the event of a short circuit on a transmission line. Similar analysis is performed on transient current and voltage signals using multiresolution Daubchies-9 wavelet transform, and comparative characteristics of the two methods are discussed.

#### **b.** Performance Metrics

The parameters which can be used to evaluate the performance of the ANN design are given by:

- 1. Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- 2. Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE)
- 3. Mean square Error (MSE)

The above mentioned errors are mathematically expressed as:

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N} |Y_t - \widehat{Y}_t| \qquad (9)$$
  
Or  
$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N} |\mathbf{e}_t| \qquad (10)$$

$$MAPE = \frac{100}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N} \frac{|Y_t - \hat{Y}_t|}{V_t}$$
(11)  

$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N} e_t^2$$
(12)  
Here,

Ndenotes the number of samples in prediction. Yis the predicted value of the variable.  $\hat{Y}_t$  is the actual value of the variable. eis the error value in each prediction.

The accuracy is generally computed as:

$$Accuracy = 100 - error(\%)$$
(13)

Low values of the error metrics are desirable for the estimation of faults. Moreover, to increase the feasibility of any system, the system complexity should be as low as possible. The metric for the evaluation is generally the iterations needed to convergence of the system.

A comparison of commonly used techniques and their associated advantages and limitations based on the study of existing literature is cited in table 1.



S.No.	Technique	Advantages	Limitations
1	Fuzzy Logic	Vessel center lines clearly enhanced with labelled Fuzzy training.	Saturation of performance after which adding training data doesn't improve performance.
2		Simple implementation on the basis of Hyperplane	PerformanceSaturation
3	Transform Domain analysis such as S- Transform, DWT.		Higher Complexity in transform domain.
4		Recent averages considered and forget gate making lower complexity.	Missing data optimization.
5	Ensemble mthods	Suitable for both low and high resolution analysis	Relatively higher computational complexity.
6	Bayesian classifier	Probabilistic apprpach	Relatively low sensitivity and saturation of performance with adding data to training set.
7	ANFIS	Combines advantages of both ANN and Fuzzy Logic	Relative high
8	SVR(Support Vector Regression)	Low computational complexity.	Relatively low accuracy owing to lesser number of features extracted.
9		Relatively high accuracy.	Not applicable for large datasets without pre- processing
10	Directional Multiscale Line Detectors	Robust multi-variate classifier.	Relatively low accuracy
11	Deep-learning-based approach	Relatively high accuracy with low and high level features extracted through hidden layers of Deep Neural Network.	computational
12	Naïve Bayes Classifier	Probabilistic approach robust for overlapping features.	Background enhancement and noise removal not explored.

Table 1. Comparative Analysis of Common Machine Learning Algorithms

# **III. CONCLUSION**

It can be concluded from the previous work that the , faults in power system will leads to the interruption in power supply and it will make system vulnerable towards system outrage/collapsing and will lead to damage various electrical peripheral of switch gear/ electrical equipment. Hence all faults are required to be detected and clear as soon as possible to restart power supply to consumer. Having accuracy knowledge of fault location will come very handy in



reducing system outrage time and they're by improving continuity and reliability of system. Various researches have been done previously towards finding accurate result. In this work, location detection using the mathematical neural network technique is presented. The goal of the work is to prepare a model which can somehow manage to give accurate fault location on HVDC line thus helps in improving the system performance.

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