



INTER-TURN FAULT DETECTION FOR AIR-CORE REACTORS





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Deliverables

- Small Scale Air-Core Reactor Model
 - Include single test phase
 - Ability for future use and testing with model power system

RTDS Model

- Does it match?
 - Small Scale Model, ATP
- Transferability to 230KV system at Noxon

Proof of Concept Coil

Wind with parallel layers for validation

Project Challenges:

- Balancing reactor phases
 Winding precise test coils
 X/R Ratio
- Solid, non-magnetic mounting frame
- Ease of use for testing





Small-Scale Model Final Specs

■ 120Vac Phase to Ground • Less than 5A Phase to Ground 60 Hz ■ 80mH per phase \square X/R of 3.5 ■ 15AWG Wire Multiple points for fault testing



RTDS Model:

- Built to model small-scale system and Avista's system at Noxon
- Matched reactor values and X/R ratios
- Similar behavior found across all models



Simulation Comparisons:

120V RTDS MODEL WITH 12.5% FAULT:



120V Small-Scale Model with 6.25% Fault:



230KV RTDS

100 **Phase Current** IBRKA IBRKB IBRKC 293.92349 193.579 93.235 -7.109 ∢ -107.453 -207.798 -308.14175 0.11667 0.23333 0.35 0.46667 0.58333 0 0.7

Energizing 230KV RTDS Model

230KV RTDS MODEL WITH 8.3% FAULT:



Proof of Concept Coil

- Multi-Layer parallel coil built to model the reactor windings at Noxon
- Asad was able to use this for proving measurements and calculations
- Proved to be successful in Asad's testing



Budget

Expenditures	Cost
Trip to Noxon, MT	\$331.57
Test coil (Janzen)	\$45.81
Test coil (MadiSound)	\$149.33
Bulk order of coils for test system	\$1,222.83
Bulk copper wire order (self wound coils)	\$245.23
Test coil purchase (1mH, 2mH, 3.3mH coils)	\$130.07
Tools/Mounting stand supplies	\$139.13
Total Budget:	\$4,800
Total Expenses:	\$2,263.97
Amount remaining in Budget:	\$2,536.03

Questions???