



FAULT ANALYSIS ON NIGERIA 330kV TRANSMISSION SYSTEM USING ETAP

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ABSTRACT

The 330kV transmission network is the back bone of the Nigeria power system as it connects all power plants and load centers in all parts of the country; hence its economic importance cannot be over emphasized. Fault occurrence in this network slows down economic and other sectors' activities; hence proper plan should be put in place to protect the system from the adverse effect of these faults when they occur. This paper has presented the nature of the system when these faults occur in three Buses (4, 16 and 23 corresponding to Niger, Oshogbo and Alaoji respectively) by simulation in ETAP. The results also show that double line to ground, LLG (between line "a" and "b") fault at bus 23 produces a 0.0kV in the 2 affected lines but a high voltage of 112% of rated voltage at line 'c' in the faulty bus 23. This same LLG fault at bus 16 produces similar result but a higher line 'c' voltage of 131% of rated line voltage in the faulty bus 16. LL faults always result reduction in voltage of the two lines under fault. In bus 23, the line voltages of the affected lines were 49.32% of the rated line voltage. With this analysis, the behavior of the network when different faults occur at different locations has been known by the protection engineers, protecting the network can be a lot cheaper and effective making the system more reliable, effective and profitable.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A fault in transmission systems is an unpermitted deviation of at least one characteristic property (or feature) of the system from the acceptable, usual, standard condition. When these faults occur, outages are experienced in the affected areas leading to non-profitability in the side of the service providers and reduced productivity to the costumers. These faults causes abnormal condition as well as a reduction in the basic insulation strength between

- (i) Phase conductors or
- (ii) Phase conductor and earth, or any earth screens surrounding the conductors.

When these faults occurs in any power system network, the consequences include

- (i). A sharp reduction in line voltage in most parts of the system leading to system failure.
- (ii). Electrical arc often accompanying a short circuit that damages other electrical apparatus.

(iii). Overheating of lines and equipment in the system that can lead to damages.

- (iv). Sharp reduction in voltage of healthy feeders connected to the faulty feeders if the faulty feeder is not quickly discriminated [1, 2, 3].

The Nigeria 330kV transmission system is very much exposed to different types of faults ranging from balanced and unbalanced faults occurring at various stages of the system. This includes faults from the generation stations (occurring at alternators terminals, bus bars, etc.), the transmission substations (at transformer windings and terminals, synchronous condensers windings and terminals, bus bars, etc.) and the transmission lines. In Nigeria 330kV transmission system, the frequency of occurrence of these faults is highest at the power lines. This is because these lines pass through bushes, towns and villages. The towers or poles are liable to attack from collision with heavy duty vehicles

or self-breaking due to ageing can break lines and cause line bridging or earth faults. The line cables are exposed to trees falling on them and breaking the lines thereby giving rise to faults occurrence. However, the effect of the fault occurrence is lowest at the power lines and more severed at the generation and substations; hence, our concentration in this paper shall be on such locations. The Nigeria 330kV transmission system consist of 28 buses power system network with 9 power generating plants delivering power at this voltage

level and number of transmission substation [4, 5] as shown in Figure 1.

In this study, the buses are identified and specified as shown in Table 1. The power plant and the transmission lines are described in Tables 2 and 3 respectively.

The various power plants supplying power to this 330kV network and their capacity is given in the table 2. The various lines connecting the various buses in the network and their respective distances are as given in Table 3.

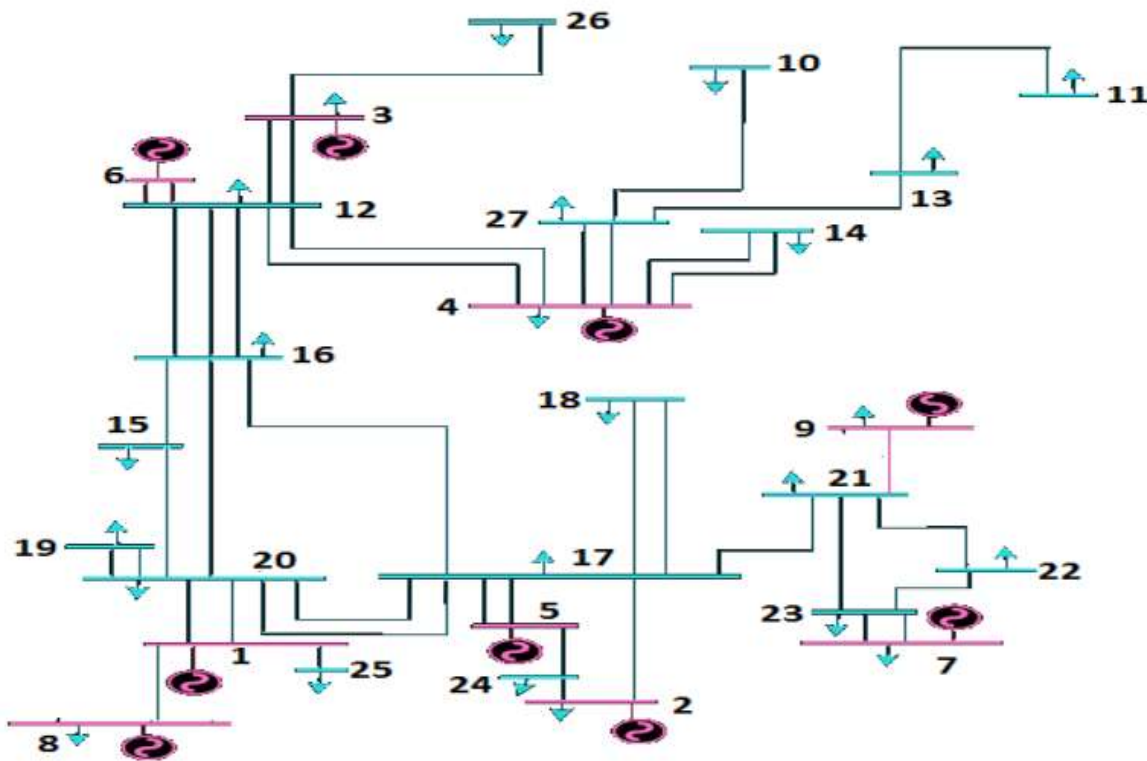


Fig 1: Single line diagram of Nigeria 330kV Power system network (Source: [5])

Table 1: Bus Description of Nigeria 330kV Transmission System Network

Bus Num	Bus Name/Rating (MVA/MW)	Bus Number	Bus Name/Rating (MVA)
1	Egbin (+880MW)	2	Delta (+300MW)
3	Kainji (+400MW)	4	Shiroro (+600MW)
5	Sapele (90MW)	6	Jebba GS (+300MW)
7	Afam (+470MW)	8	AES (+300MW)
9	Okapi (+490MW)	10	Kano (-253 - j129)MVA
11	Gombe(-74 - j38)MVA	12	Jebba TS(-8 - j4)MVA
13	Jos(-82 - j42)MVA	14	Katampe (-200 - j103)MVA
15	Ayede (-177 - j91)MVA	16	Oshogbo (-120 - j86)MVA
17	Benin (-161 - j82)MVA	18	Ajaokuta (-63 - j32)MVA
19	Akangba (-233 - j119)MVA	20	IK West (-334 - j171)MVA
21	Onitsha (-131 - j67)MVA	22	N Heaven (-113 - j57)MVA
23	Alaoji (-164 - j83)MVA	24	Aladja (-48 - j24)MVA
25	Aja (-120 - j62)MVA	26	Birnin Kebbi (-70 - j36)MVA
27	Kaduna (-150 - j77)MVA		

Source: [4, 6, 7]

Table 2: Power Plants Capacity and Locations in the Network

S/N	Plant	Location	Available capacity (mw)
1.	Afam combine cycle power plant	Rivers state	470
2.	Okapi combine cycle power plant	Delta state	490
3.	Egbin thermal power plant	Lagos state	880
4.	Sapele thermal power plant	Delta state	90
5.	ASE thermal power plant	Lagos state	300
6.	Delta power plant	Delta state	300
7.	Kainji hydro power plant	Niger state	400
8.	Jebba hydro power plant	Niger state	300
9.	Shiroro hydro power plant	Niger state	600

Source: [4]

Table 3: Line per unit parameter and distance

Bus Number		Length (Km)	Per unit Impedance (Ω/Km)
From	To		
19	20	17	0.0006 + j0.0051
15	16	115	0.0041 + j0.0349
20	1	62	0.0022 + j0.0172
20	17	280	0.0101 + j0.0799
16	12	249	0.0056 + j0.477
16	17	251	0.0089 + j0.0763
12	6	8	0.003 + j0.0022
12	4	244	0.0087 + j0.0742
12	3	81	0.0022 + j0.0246
3	26	310	0.0111 + j0.0942
4	14	87	0.0034 + j0.0292
27	10	320	0.0082 + j0.0899
13	11	265	0.0095 + j0.081
17	18	195	0.007 + j0.056
17	21	137	0.0049 + j0.0416
17	5	50	0.0018 + j0.0139
21	22	96	0.0034 + j0.0292
21	23	138	0.0049 + j0.0419
23	7	25	0.009 + j0.007
5	24	63	0.0023 + j0.019
2	24	30	0.0011 + j0.0088
3	12	81	0.0022 + j0.0246
15	20	137	0.0049 + j0.0416
1	25	28	0.0022 + j0.0172
27	13	197	0.007 + j0.0599
13	14	275	0.0029 + j0.0246
16	20	252	0.0049 + j0.0341
17	2	107	0.0022 + j0.019
21	9	80	0.009 + j0.007
14	18	28	0.0022 + j0.0172
4	27	96	0.0034 + j0.0292
1	8	31	0.0041 + j0.0162
22	23	145	0.0051 + j0.031

Source: [4, 6, 7]

2. COMPUTATION OF BALANCED FAULT

For a balance fault occurring at any point "x" measured from the sending end in an unloaded line is given by

$$I_{scf} = \frac{V_{pf}}{Z_{th}} \times I_B \tag{1}$$

where I_{scf} is short circuit fault current; V_{pf} is the per unit pre-fault voltage at the point of fault; Z_{th} is the per unit effective impedance of the system when viewed from the point of fault and I_B is the common base current.

For this system with many generators, the effective fault current, I_{eff} occurring at any point in the network will be the phasor sum of the individual generator's contribution to the fault current and the load current [6].

$$I_{eff} = \sum_{i=1}^9 I_{Gi}^L + \sum_{i=1}^9 I_{gfc i} \tag{2}$$

Where $\sum_{i=1}^9 I_{Gi}^L$ is the sum of all the generators contribution to the load current at the location under analysis; $\sum_{i=1}^9 I_{gfc i}$ is the sum of all the generation's contribution to the fault current at the point of fault under analysis.

The effect of the fault current I_f on different parts of the circuits is calculated by using current divider rule. The voltage at different parts of the network during the fault can also be calculated by the voltage divider rule

3. COMPUTATION OF UNBALANCED FAULT

Computation and analysis of unbalanced faults are very difficult task, symmetrical components which yields three (mocked) single phase networks, with only one of which containing the driving e.m.f are employed. As the system reactance is balanced, the three mocked networks have no mutual coupling between them; as such, the unbalanced fault system is made a balanced system by the symmetrical

components; after the analysis of the mocked balance system has been made; the result is then transferred back to the unbalanced state. This makes the analysis of such unbalanced faults easy.

4. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Fault analysis of the Nigeria 330kV transmission system will be analyzed in this section. Because of the complexity of the system, the analysis is to be done by using ETAP simulation.

In running the fault analysis, we shall make the following assumptions

- (i) All load is in service and
- (ii) The fault occurred at a pre-fault voltage which is equal to the rated voltage of 330kV
- (iii) Each fault occurred discretely.

Since the network is quite large, this paper only focused and covered all the probable points of fault occurrences; hence, locations of fault occurrence shall be selected at random. Areas covered are buses 4, 16 and 23.

5. ANALYSIS OF BALANCE FAULT AT BUS 4

The results of the three phase (balanced) fault occurring in bus 4 are presented in the Tables 4.

Table 4: Results of 3-Phase Fault at bus 4

Contribution		% Vol	Current (kA)
From	To	from Bus	
12	4	77.1	1.515
14	4	0.00	0.00
27	4	0.00	0.00
Shiroro	4	100	6.419
Effective Total		0.00	8.006∠ - 86.8

6. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF BALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 4

For balance faults occurring at bus 4, the northern Nigeria are mainly affected with faults on this bus with buses 10, 11, 13, 14 and 27 are cut off from service from the network. Other northern region buses have voltages less than 280kV. However, from Oshogbo to Ajaokuta down to the southern region of Nigeria, the buses are less or not affected as all buses have voltages of 310kV and above. The faulty bus 4 has a resultant magnitude of 0.0% of rated 330kV and 8.01kA. A cross section of the network for a 3 phase fault is shown in Appendix 1.

7. ANALYSIS OF UNBALANCE FAULT AT BUS 4

The results of unbalance fault occurring in bus 4 are presented in the Tables 5, 6 and 7 for line to line, single line to ground and double line to ground faults respectively.

Table 5: Results of LL Fault at bus 4

Contribution		% Voltage at From Bus			Current at From Bus (kA)		
From	To	V_a	V_b	V_c	I_a	I_b	I_c
12	4	99.3∠ - 0.5	83.4∠ - 126.4	84.23∠ 126.2	0.04∠ - 36.2	1.332∠ - 176.6	1.301∠ 4.5
14	4	97.96∠ - 1.4	48.98∠ 178.6	48.98∠ 178.6	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0
27	4	97.96∠ - 1.4	48.98∠ 178.6	48.98∠ 178.6	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0
Shiroro	4	100∠ 0	100∠ - 120	100∠ 120	0.04∠ 143.8	5.747∠ - 175.2	5.777∠ 4.5
Total		97.96∠ - 1.4	48.98∠ 178.6	48.98∠ 178.6	0.0∠ 0	7.079∠ - 175.5	7.079∠ 4.5

Table 6: Results of LG Fault at bus 4

Contribution		% Voltage at From Bus			Current at From Bus (kA)		
From	To	V_a	V_b	V_c	I_a	I_b	I_c
12	4	80.90∠ 0	96.05∠ - 116.5	95.72∠ 115.8	1.321∠ - 85.4	0.515∠ 96.8	0.558∠ 92.8
14	4	0.0∠ 0	88.82∠ - 109.5	90.4∠ 106.8	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0
27	4	0.0∠ 0	88.82∠ - 109.5	90.43∠ 106.8	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0
Shiroro	4	100∠ 0	100∠ - 120	100∠ 120	8.665∠ - 84.7	0.515∠ - 83.2	0.558∠ - 87.2
Resultant		0.0∠ 0	88.82∠ - 109.5	90.43∠ 106.8	9.986∠ - 84.8	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0

Table 7: Results of LLG Fault at bus 4

Contribution		% Voltage at from Bus			Current at from Bus (kA)		
From	To	V_a	V_b	V_c	I_a	I_b	I_c
12	4	89.46∠ - 0.6	79.45 ∠ - 122.4	79.96 ∠ 122.1	0.702∠ - 83.2	1.425∠ 163.0	1.392∠ 25.2
14	4	70.14∠ - 3.3	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0
27	4	70.14∠ - 3.3	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0
Shiroro	4	100∠ 0	100∠ - 120	100∠ 120	0.702∠ 96.8	8.175∠ 138.8	8.039∠ 49.7
Resultant		70.14∠ - 3.3	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	0.0∠ 0	9.493∠ 142.4	9.324∠ 46.1

8. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF UNBALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 4

For unbalanced faults at the bus, the complete network is highly affected as all buses apart from 10, 11, 13, 14 and 27 (that do not have supply) are running on voltages less than 200kV. Bus 4 resultant yellow and blue line voltages dipped to as low as 49% rated voltage for LL fault. For unbalance fault, bus 4 resultant magnitudes are 169.9kV and 9.99kA, 186.64kV and 0.0kA, 133.64kV and 12.56kA for LG, LL and LLG faults at the bus respectively.

9. ANALYSIS OF BALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 23

The result of 3-phase (balance) faults occurring in bus 23 is presented in the Table 8.

Table 8: Results of 3 Phase Fault at Bus 23

Contribution		% Vol from Bus	Current (kA)
From	To		
7	23	21.09	4.013
21	23	46.73	1.611
22	23	28.12	0.922
Resultant		0.00	6.546∠ - 86.6

10. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF BALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 23

For faults at bus 23, the system/network is less affected when the fault is a balanced one with buses 7, 21, 22 and 23 most affected. The simulation in

ETAP shows that most of the buses have voltage of magnitude up to 320kV. For a balanced fault, bus 23 resultant magnitudes are 0% of rated voltage and 6.55kA.

11. ANALYSIS OF UNBALANCE FAULT AT BUS 23

The results of unbalance fault occurring in bus 23 are presented in the Tables 9, 10 and 11 for line to line, single line to ground and double line to ground faults respectively.

12. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF UNBALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 23

The unbalanced faults occurring at bus 23 greatly affect the network; for LL and LG faults, no bus in the network had voltage of magnitude up to 200kV; the highest recorded voltage magnitude for a LLG fault was 213kV. For unbalanced fault, the bus resultant magnitudes are 204kV and 5.6kA; 187.92kV and 0.0kA; 213.5kV and 4.77kA for LG, LL and LLG faults respectively.

A cross section of the network for a LL fault at bus 23 is shown in Appendix 2.

13. ANALYSIS OF BALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 16

The results of balance fault occurring in bus 16 are presented in the Tables 12.

Table 9: Results of LL Fault at bus 23

Contribution		% Voltage at from Bus			Current at from Bus (kA)		
From	To	V_a	V_b	V_c	I_a	I_b	I_c
7	23	98.52 ∠-1.0	52.16 ∠-160.1	53.16 ∠ 158.5	0.035 ∠ 143.8	3.530 ∠-175.3	3.530 ∠4.3
21	23	99.04∠-0.6	63.64∠-140.9	64.52∠ 140.3	0.022∠-36.2	1.411∠-176.3	1.393∠4.3
22	23	98.88∠-0.8	54.81∠-154.3	55.51∠ 153.1	0.013∠-36.2	0.808∠-176.3	0.798∠4.3
Resultant		98.63∠-0.9	49.32∠ 179.1	49.32∠ 179.1	0.0∠0	5.748∠-175.7	5.748∠4.3

Table 10: Results of LG Fault at bus 23

Contribution		% Voltage at from Bus			Current at from Bus (kA)		
From	To	V_a	V_b	V_c	I_a	I_b	I_c
7	23	44.78∠-0.5	93.89∠-115.2	94.83∠ 113.7	3.821∠-84.3	0.359∠-83.0	0.385∠-86.4
21	23	52.29∠-0.1	100.74∠-122.1	101.56∠ 121.1	1.128∠-84.7	0.228∠ 97.0	0.245∠ 93.6
22	23	31.46∠-0.1	103.17∠-124.7	104.49∠ 123.3	0.646∠-84.7	0.131∠ 97.0	0.140∠ 93.6
Resultant		0.0∠0	107.22∠-128.3	109.20∠ 126.5	5.595∠-84.4	0.0∠0	0.0∠0

Table 11: Results of LLG Fault at bus 23

Contribution		% Voltage at from Bus			Current at from Bus (kA)		
From	To	V_a	V_b	V_c	I_a	I_b	I_c
7	23	89.21∠-1.6	35.18∠-149.4	36.01∠ 147.8	0.341∠ 99.6	3.978∠ 157.7	3.919∠ 31.1
21	23	101.61∠-1.0	49.07∠-124.6	49.50∠ 124.4	0.217∠-80.4	1.470∠ 168.7	1.436∠ 19.6
22	23	105.77∠-1.3	29.52∠-124.6	29.78∠ 124.4	0.124∠-80.4	0.842∠ 168.7	0.822∠ 19.6
Resultant		112.06∠-1.6	0.0∠0	0.0∠0	0.0∠0	6.262∠ 161.7	6.148∠ 26.9

Table 12: Results of 3 Phase Fault at Bus 16

Contribution		% Vol from Bus	Current (kA)
From	To		
12	16	78.72	1.504
15	16	26.20	1.084
17	16	66.93	1.269
20	16	57.41	1.084
Resultant		0.00	4.94∠ - 86.3

14. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF BALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 16

The effect of balanced fault on bus 16 is fair on the network as the least recorded voltage was over 230kV; however, the north-east and few buses in the south-east are lightly affected as their bus voltages were over 305kV. A 3 - ∅ fault gives a bus resultant of 0.0kV and 4.94kA

15. ANALYSIS OF UNBALANCE FAULT AT BUS 16

The results of unbalance fault occurring in bus 16 are presented in the Tables 13, 14 and 15 for line to line, single line to ground and double line to ground faults respectively.

16. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF UNBALANCE FAULTS AT BUS 16

For unbalance fault at bus 16, the recorded bus 16 voltage and current was 248.93kV and 1.87kA; 189.85kV and 0kA; 242.85kV and 2.72kA for LLG, LL and LG (double line to ground, line to line and line to ground) faults respectively.

A cross section of the network for a LL fault is shown in Appendix 3.

17. CONCLUSION

Faults occurring in the 330kV Nigeria transmission system cause the network to behave differently when they occur at different locations which depend on the type of the faults. The 3 locations investigated in this paper show that the network is mostly affected by unbalanced faults. The buses directly connected to the faulted bus are the most affected as they directly contribute to the fault bus current and voltage. The resulted bus line parameters are the vector sum of the phase contributions of the buses directly connected to the faulty bus.

Table 13: Results of LL Fault at bus 16

Contribution		% Voltage at from Bus			Current at from Bus (kA)		
From	To	V _a	V _b	V _c	I _a	I _b	I _c
12	16	99.65∠-0.2	84.39∠-126.1	84.87∠ 126.1	0.0∠-40.6	1.307∠-176.0	1.307∠4.0
15	16	99.64∠0.2	54.65∠-155.6	54.91∠ 155.3	0.0∠ 141.9	0.942∠-176.0	0.942∠4.0
17	16	99.66∠0.2	76.37∠-130.6	76.80∠ 130.6	0.001∠-37.3	1.102∠-176.0	1.102∠4.0
20	4	99.63∠0.2	70.30∠-135.0	70.74∠ 134.9	0.0∠ 141.9	0.942∠-176.0	0.942∠4.0
Resultant		99.65∠-0.2	49.82∠ 179.8	49.82∠ 179.8	0.0∠0	4.294∠-176.0	4.294∠ 4.0

Table 14: Results of LG Fault at bus 16

Contribution		% Voltage at from Bus			Current at from Bus (kA)		
From	To	V _a	V _b	V _c	I _a	I _b	I _c
12	16	88.45∠-0.1	99.80∠-120.2	100.04∠ 119.9	0.831∠-84.1	0.002∠-84.7	0.002∠-82.8
15	16	29.14∠-0.1	117.26∠-133.4	118.96∠ 132.4	0.596∠84.1	0.002∠ 95.0	0.001∠ 100.6
17	16	75.02∠-0.1	103.25∠-123.6	103.89∠ 123.2	0.700∠84.1	0.001∠-85.4	0.001∠-71.5
20	4	63.86∠-0.1	106.49∠-126.3	107.39∠ 125.8	0.596∠84.1	0.002∠ 95.0	0.001∠ 100.6
Resultant		0.0∠0	127.46∠-138.4	129.72∠ 137.1	2.721∠-84.1	0.0∠0	0.0∠0

Table 15: Results of LLG Fault at bus 16

Contribution		% Voltage at from Bus			Current at from Bus (kA)		
From	To	V _a	V _b	V _c	I _a	I _b	I _c
12	16	99.67∠-0.3	82.12∠-123.9	82.55∠ 123.8	0.001∠ 92.0	1.349∠ 171.7	1.326∠ 16.4
15	16	120.54∠-0.5	27.22∠-123.5	27.37∠ 123.5	0.001∠-98.0	0.972∠ 171.9	0.955∠ 16.3
17	16	104.45∠-0.4	69.76∠-123.8	70.09∠ 123.8	0.000∠ 51.2	1.138∠ 171.7	1.118∠ 16.4
20	4	108.49∠-0.4	59.64∠-123.5	59.97∠ 123.5	0.001∠-98.0	0.972∠ 171.9	0.955∠ 16.3
Resultant		130.65∠-0.6	0.0∠0	0.0∠0	0.0∠0	4.431∠ 171.8	4.354∠ 16.3

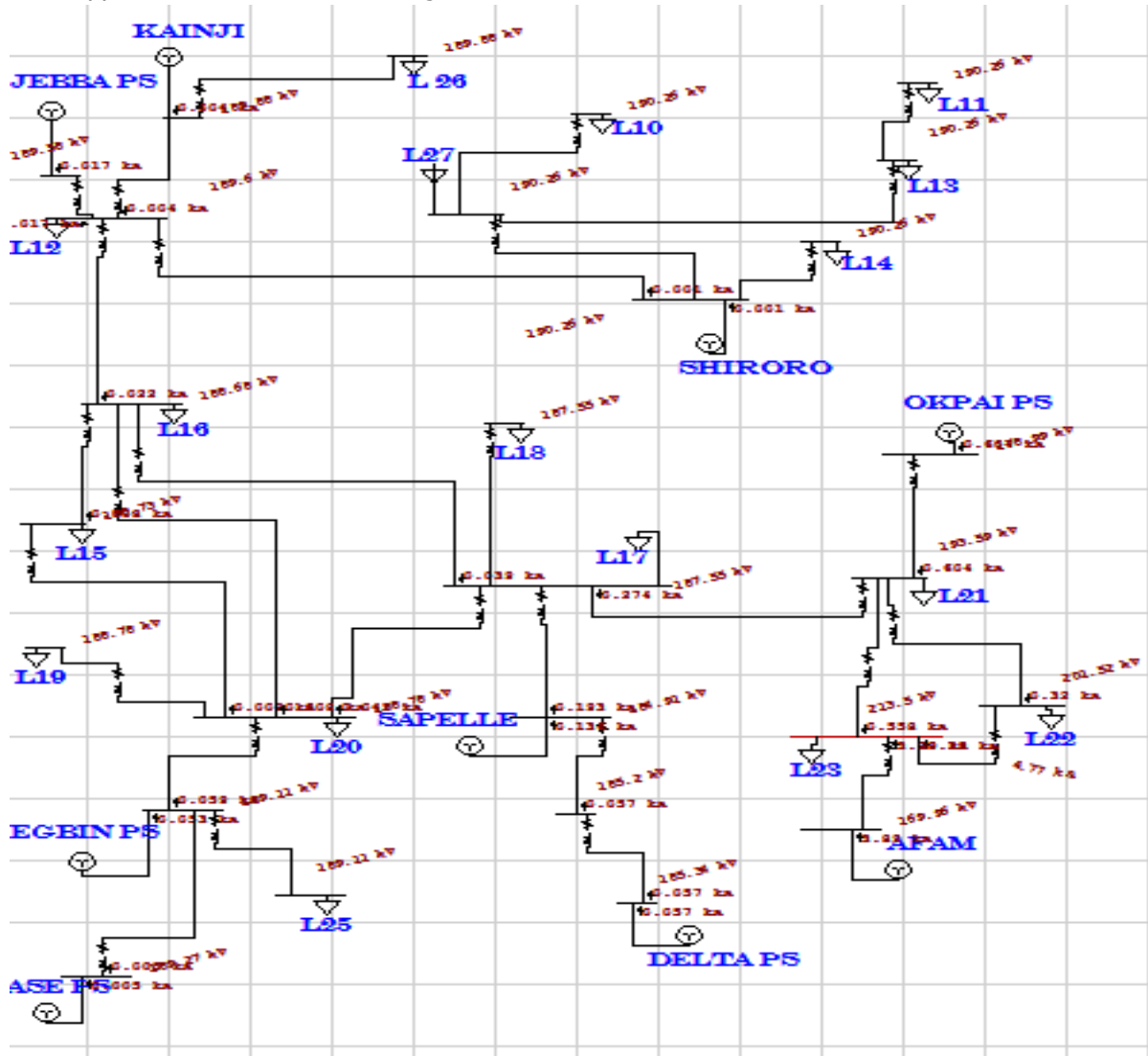
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With a good understanding of the behavior of the network when different faults occur, planning the network protection can be made easy, effective and cheaper.

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Appendix 2: Cross section of Nigeria 330kV transmission network for a LLG Fault at bus 23



Appendix 3: Cross section of Nigeria 330kv transmission network for a LL Fault at bus 16

