

# MODELLING RELIABILITY OF DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FAULT DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS USING PETRI-NETS

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## ABSTRACT

*The aim of the work presented in this paper is to evaluate and develop a framework for reliability analysis of distribution system modeling and simulation using Petri-Nets. The problem of detecting, isolating and restoring fault events in dynamic systems modeled is considered. As the complexity of power system increases, fault diagnosis become very difficult task therefore necessitate the development of PN to anchor onto power system in order to tackle and overcome these situation. A sample power system network which has 2 sources, 4 buses, 10 over current relays, 5 circuit breakers and 2 distribution lines connected loads is used as test network. The modeled network is then simulated with five fault cases. Results of these simulations are given in order of the PN firing sequence as follows:  $M_1 = (1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0)$ ;  $M_2 = (0; 1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0)$ ;  $M_3 = (0; 0; 1; 1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0)$ ;  $M_4 = (0; 0; 1; 0; 1; 1; 1; 0; 0; 0)$ ;  $M_5 = (0; 0; 1; 0; 1; 0; 1; 0; 1; 0)$  and  $M_6 = (1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0)$ . It is shown from five cases that the faulted power system elements are diagnosed accurately by using the Petri nets based fault diagnosis models analytical and simulation.*

*Keywords: distribution network, fault analysis, petri-nets, firing token and reliability.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The basic function of modern electric power system is to provide an adequate electrical supply to its customers as economically as possible and at an acceptable level of reliability. Electric distribution system is one of the key components of electric power supply system. Its reliability has an important impact on the system safety performances.

Most of the work in literature use information from circuit breakers and relays which are gathered via Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems in order to determine the nature of fault. Time information, sequence of events, is also used in some proposed solutions where data is available (Minakawa *et al.*, 1995), while others used rule based systems sharing some basic properties.

A Petri Net (also known as place/transition net or P/T Net) is one of the several mathematical modeling tools such as ANN, Fuzzy Logic, Fault Tree etc. that are used for the description of distribution reliability systems. A Petri Net is a directed bipartite graph, in which the nodes are represented by transitions and places. The places are represented by a circle while the transitions are represented by a bar or rectangle, and the arcs connect these nodes. The connections from place to transition signify the input while from transition to place signifies the output.

Fault diagnosis in power systems has been conventionally performed by human operators at the control centers based on information collected from distributed sensors. Fault diagnosis requires information from the SCADA system. Basically, when the information comes to the control center, the operators analyze the data and diagnose the fault. However, as the complexity of the power systems increases, especially in

the case of multiple faults or incorrect operation of the protective devices, the amount of information needed to be processed and evaluated exceeds the human capability. For this reason, computer based systems have been developed to aid operators carry out such complex reasoning process. In this study a simple model with Petri Nets based solution to the fault diagnosis in electrical distribution systems has been developed. A power system network which has buses, over current relays, circuit breakers, distribution lines and loads is used as test network, with all their parameters structure information embedded.

## 1.2. State of the Art

Petri- Net was first developed by Carl Adam Petri in 1962. After him, several researchers have employed his idea and developed different models in other related fields. This application is a powerful modeling formalism in electrical engineering, computer science, system engineering and many other disciplines. Petri Nets combine a well defined mathematical theory with a graphical representation of the dynamic behavior of systems. The theoretic aspects of the application allow precise modeling and analysis of system behavior, while the graphical representation enables visualization of the modeled system state changes. Petri Nets have been used to model various kinds of dynamic event-driven systems like computer networks and control (Ajmone) (Andreadakis and Levis, 1988) (Murata, 1989) (Mandriolis *et al.*, 1996), manufacturing plants (Verkatesh *et al.* 1994), logistic networks and workflows (Landreghem *et al.*, 2000) (Aalst and Van, 2004) (Chuang *et al.*, 2003), communication systems (Wang, 2007), to mention only a few important examples. This wide spectrum of applications is accompanied by wide spectrum different aspects which have been considered in the research work. In power system and fault diagnosis; (Lo *et al.*, 1997) Liu and Chiou, 1997)

(Hadjicostis and Verghese, 2000) (Vitali, 2004) (Frankowiak et al., 2005) (Pamuk and Uyaroglu, 2012) have proposed a power system fault diagnosis using Petri Nets.

### 1.3. Modeling Capabilities of Petri-Nets

Several typical characteristics of modeling exhibited by the activities in a dynamic state, such as concurrency, decision making, synchronization and priorities, can be modeled effectively by Petri Nets as shown in Figure 1 (Wang, 2007).

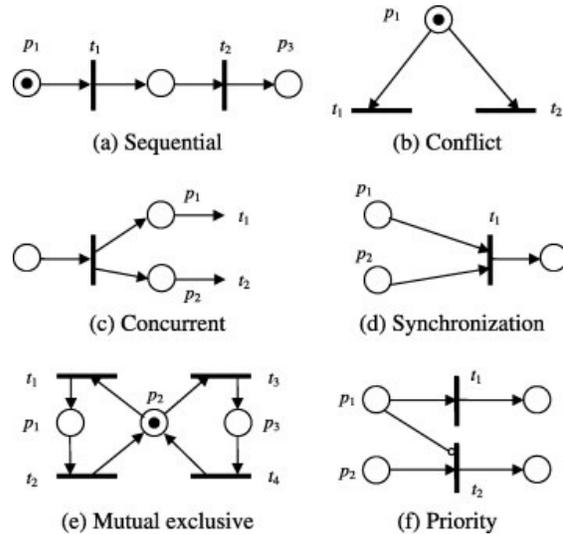


Figure 1: Petri Net Primitives Represent System Features (Wang, 2007)

Figure 1 described the primitive representation of PN modeling. Each model is briefly described as follow:

*Sequential Execution;* in Figure 1.1(a), transition  $t_2$  can be fire only after the firing of  $t_1$ . This imposes the precedence constraint “ $t_2$  after  $t_1$ .”

*Conflict;* transitions  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are in conflict in Figure 1.1(b). Both are enabled but the firing of any transition leads to the disabling of the other transition. The resulting conflict may be resolved in a purely non-deterministic way or in a probabilistic way, by assigning appropriate probabilities to the conflicting transitions.

*Concurrency;* in Figure 1.1(c) the transitions  $t_1$ , and  $t_2$  are concurrent. Concurrency is an important attribute of system interactions. Note that a necessary condition for transitions to be concurrent is the existence of a forking transition that deposits a token in two or more output places.

*Synchronization;* the resulting synchronization of resources can be captured by transitions of the type shown in Figure 1.1(d). Here,  $t_1$  is enabled only when each of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  receives a token.

*Mutually exclusive;* Figure 1.1(e) shows this structure. Two processes are mutually exclusive if they cannot be

performed at the same time due to constraints on the usage of shared resources.

*Priorities;* a Petri Net with an inhibitor arc is shown in Figure 1.1(f)  $t_1$  is enabled if  $p_1$  contains a token, while  $t_2$  is enabled if  $p_2$  contains a token and  $p_1$  has no token. This gives priority to  $t_1$  over  $t_2$ . The inhibitor arc connects an input place to a transition, and is pictorially represented by an arc terminated with a small circle.

### 1.4. Basic Notation and Structure of a Petri Net

Mathematically, a Petri Net (PN is defined as a quintuple (5) (Peterson, 1997),  $(P; T; I; O; M)$ , where:

$P = \{p_1; p_2; \dots; p_n\}$  is the set of  $n_p$  places (drawn as circles in the graphical representation);

$T = \{t_1; t_2; \dots; t_m\}$  is the set of  $n_t$  transitions (drawn as bars);

$I$  is the transition input arcs directed from places to transitions;

$O$  is the transition output arcs directed from transitions to places;

$M = \{m_1; m_2; \dots; m_n\}$  is the marking. The generic entry  $m_i$  is the number of tokens (drawn as black dots) in place  $p_i$  in marking  $M$ .

The graphical structure of a PN as earlier stated is a bipartite directed graph: the nodes belong to two different classes (places and transitions) and the edges (arcs) are allowed to connect only nodes of different classes (multiple arcs are possible in the definition of the I and O relations).

The dynamics of a PN is obtained by moving the tokens in the places by means of the following execution rules: a). A transition is enabled in a marking  $M$  if all its input places carry at least one token; b). an enabled transition fires by removing one token per arc from each input place and adding one token per arc to each output place.

To get an initial marking  $M_1$ , a black dot in the Centre of the circle  $P_1$  in Figure 2 is assigned. The reachability set  $R(M_1)$  which is one of the properties of PN is the set of all the markings that can be obtained by repeated application of the above rules.

### 1.5. Modeling of Petri Nets

A Petri Net is a collection of directed arcs connecting places and transitions. Places may hold tokens. Petri Nets are used in computer systems, manufacturing systems and power protection systems modeling (Murata, 1989). A Petri Net PN is defined by the set of places P, the set of transitions T, the input function  $D^-$ , and the output function  $D^+$ . A Petri Net model is illustrated in Figure 2.

First, three special matrices should be formed which are used to explain relations in the net: Input, Output and Incidence matrices. All three matrices have P columns and T rows. First the input matrix will be obtained as follows. If there is an arc from a place to a transition then corresponding element of the input matrix has a value which is equal to capacity of the arc, else value of that element is 0. Hence the input matrix is formed as (Peterson, 1997).

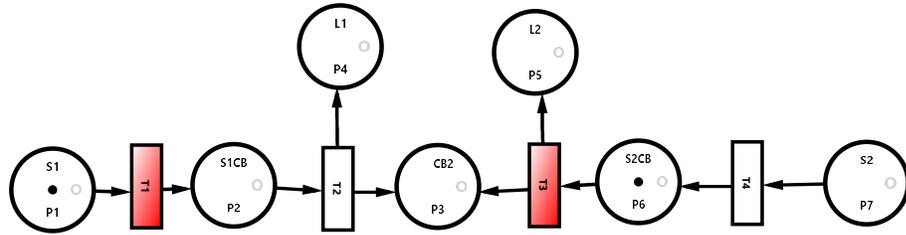


Figure 2 Petri Net Model of network system

$$D^- = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

If there is an arc from a transition to a place then corresponding element of the output matrix has a value which is equal to capacity of the arc, else the value of that element is 0. Hence the output matrix is formed as [17]:

$$D^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

The topological structure of a Petri Net is represented with incidence (D) matrix. The D matrix is defined as [17]:

$$X(p, t) = \begin{cases} D^-(p, t), & \text{if } f(p, t) \in F \\ D^+(t, p), & \text{if } f(t, p) \in F \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$M_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0] + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$M_1 = [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0] \quad (7)$$

## 2. METHODOLOGY

The proposed diagnostic procedure to consider the final information of the circuit breakers and protective relays is received by SCADA system. Putting that information into the Petri net fault diagnosis model, and then determine the faulty section as follows:

Represent the initial token distribution of the Petri net by  $M_0$ . Determine the vector  $U_1$  by the transition status as a fault state in Petri net. Build the incidence matrix  $C$  according to Petri net model and Eqn. (3). Determine the dynamic transition process of the Petri net  $M_1$  according to Eqn. (5). Through vector  $M_1$ , redistribute the token after the first firing. Determine the vector  $U_2$  by the transition status. Determine the second dynamic

Where  $D^{+/ -}(p, t)$  is the weight of the arc from place (p) to transition (t) and  $F$  is the flow relation between place and transition. Hence:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Token distribution is shown with marking vector. So for the Petri Net in Figure 2, the initial marking vector  $M_0(s)$  is  $[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$ . Markings and executions define the dynamic properties of the net. Execution is defined as the firing of the transition of a net which changes the marking of the net by moving tokens from their input places to their output places. A transition is enabled if all its input places have at least the same number of tokens. For example, the dynamic behavior for the PN steady state in Figure 2 is given as, (Peterson, 1997): Firing  $t_1$  results in  $M_1$

$$M_1 = M_0 + CU \quad (5)$$

transition process of the Petri net  $M_2$  according to Eqn. (5) and finally, specify the faulted section with the place that includes one token at least.

The analysis of diagnosis process is presented and demonstrated in the following figures. In Figure 3, it is supposed that a fault occurred in node  $L_1$ , and the information received from SCADA is;  $L_2$  relay and  $L_2CB$  are operated. Where  $L_2P_7$  includes  $L_2$  relay then  $L_2P_7$  in the model operates, so the initial token distribution can be determined as shown in Figure 3. In this case, the transition  $T_4$  matches the firing condition and then fires. The initial token distribution marking is represented by  $M_0$  as shown as follows:

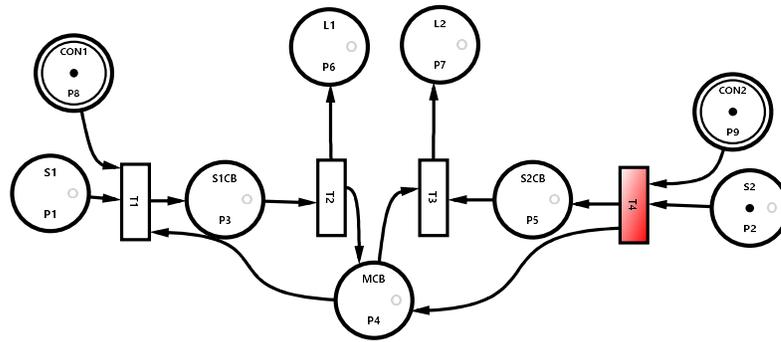


Figure 3. The initial Token Distribution of the Net

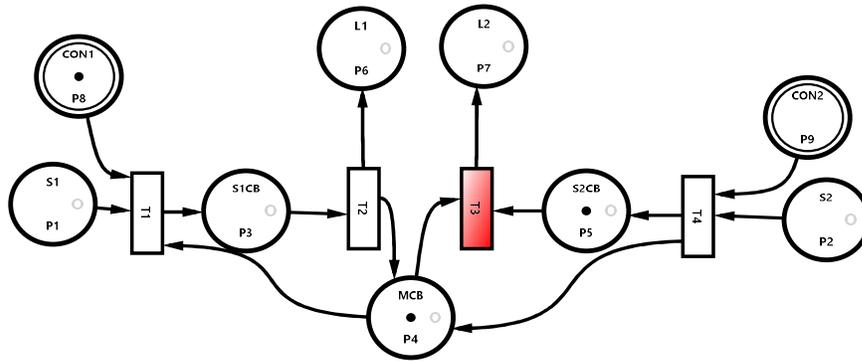


Figure 4 Token Redistribution Status of the Net

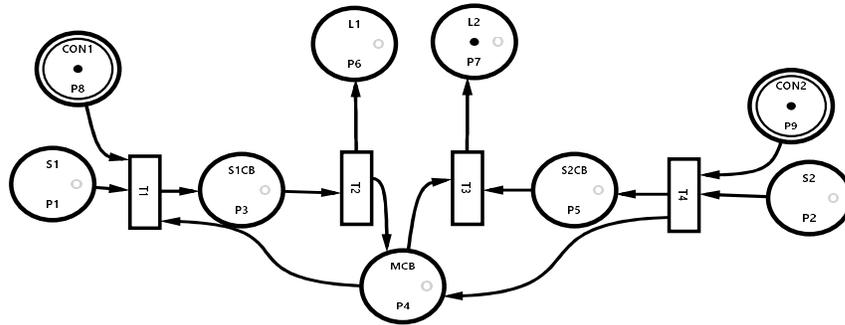


Figure 5 Final Token Distribution of the Petri net in S2.

$$M_0 = \begin{bmatrix} S1 & S2 & S1CB & MCB & S2CB & L1 & L2 & CON1 & CON2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (8)$$

According to the Petri net model equation, the incidence matrix C can be obtained as follows:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} S1 & S2 & S1CB & MCB & S2CB & L1 & L2 & CON1 & CON2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & t1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & t2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & t3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & t4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

According to eqn. (5),  $M_1$  is given as:

$$M_1 = (M_0 + CU), \text{ where } U \text{ is } [M_0]^T$$

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Through vector  $M_1$ , the token distribution after the first firing as shown in Figure 4. Finally, determine vector  $M_2$  as follows:

$$M_2 = M_1 + CU; \text{ then,}$$

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

In this case, as shown in Figure 5, there is no longer transition being fired. Therefore, the present Petri net has reached to its stable status. That means, the place which includes one token at least become the faulted section. The example shows the place  $L_2$  (distribution line 2) has

one token, and then, the faulted section is distribution line 2.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF DYNAMIC STATES IN PN MODELING OF THE FIRING SEQUENCES.

The vector  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \dots, \mu_n)$  gives, for each place in the Petri net, the number of tokens in that place  $p_i$  is  $\mu_i$   $i=1, \dots, n$ . On a Petri net graph, tokens are represented by small solid dots inside the circles representing the place of the net. Figures 6 and 7 are an example of a Petri net graph with marking.

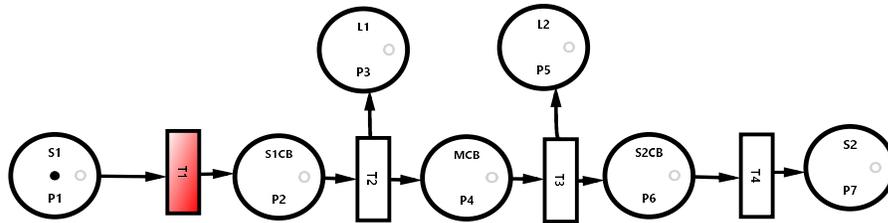


Figure 6 The initial state of PN model

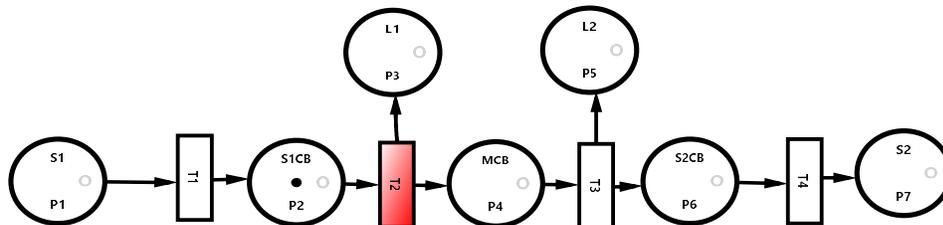


Figure 7 The first fired state of PN model

Following the above-mentioned rules, the place  $S_1$  (ie  $p_1$ ) is assigned a token. The initial state of PN model of the distribution lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is given in Figure 7. As a result, the initial marking vector  $M_1$  is given by:  $M_1 = (1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0)$ . In  $M_1$  the only enabled transition is  $t_1$ ; firing  $t_1$  removes the token from  $p_1$  and put a token in  $p_2$  producing new marking in Figure 7,  $M_2 = (0; 1; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0)$ . With this, all the possible firing sequences have been examined, and the reach ability set  $R(M_1)$  of the net

of Figure 6 turns out to contain six elements  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4, M_5$  and  $M_6$

The summary of the vector  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n)$  firing results are obtained in the following sequence, Figure 8:

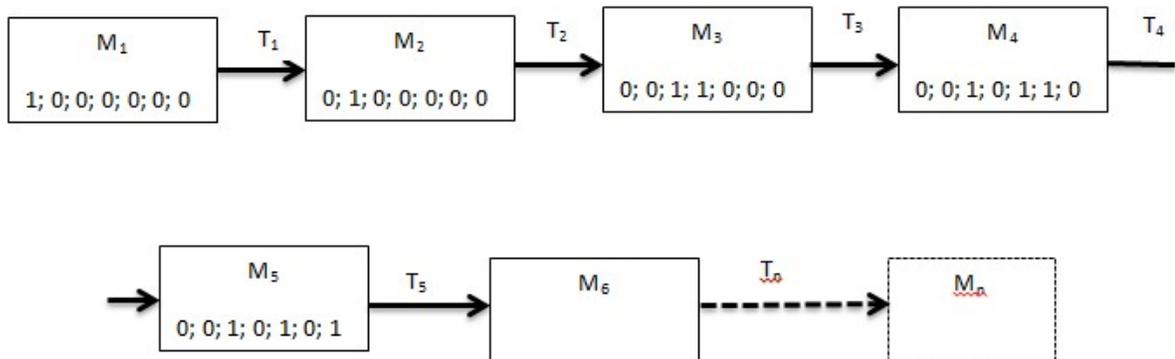


Figure 8: Vector  $\mu$  Firing Sequence Results.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

A proposed approach based on PNS was suggested for modeling of the power system. In this method, the model of protection systems performed has been formulated using PNS. The proposed method uses information from relays and circuit breakers to evaluate the system condition and to make diagnosis. If the entire protection device fails to interrupt the fault, then a backup Protection will operate. This model is good for the fault diagnosis of power system and it reduces the outage frequency and quick restoration of the outages.

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