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PM180

Disturbance Direction Detection

Application Note

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1 General

The disturbance direction detection function of the PM180 allows identifying and indicating the location of the voltage dip and swell source relative to the monitoring point where the device is installed. This function is available in devices with firmware V31.XX.43 and higher.

1.1 Measurement Techniques

Voltage dips and swells are commonly caused by short circuits, starting a large induction motor or energizing a power transformer.

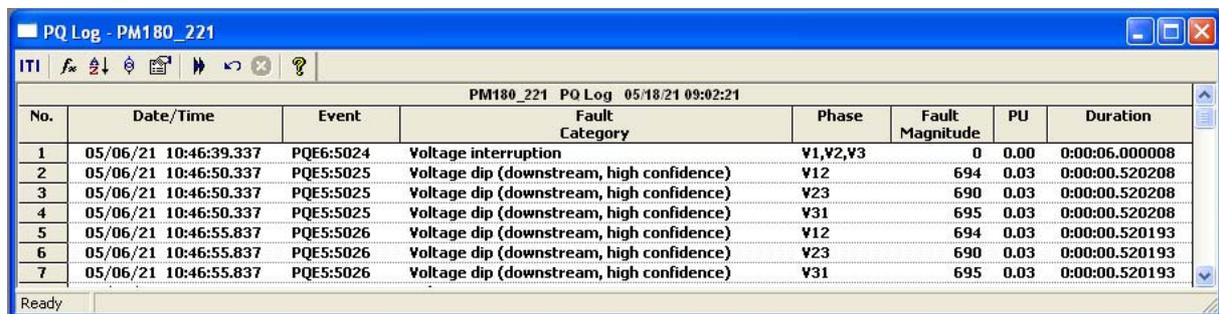
The PM180 uses synchronous voltage and current waveforms recorded before and during an event to determine the location of the disturbance source. Depending on the characteristics of the fault, the device can apply different methods of analyzing the collected data to give the most reliable indication of the direction of the fault.

Symmetrical (three-phase) dips and swells are analyzed using the relative level of the fault or inrush current and the fundamental power angle. Asymmetric (single-phase and two-phase) dips and swells can be analyzed using the negative sequence power angle or, in the case of insufficient information, using the fundamental power angle.

1.2 Disturbance Direction Indication

When disturbance direction detection is enabled in the device (see instructions below), the analysis results are stored along with the dip and swell characteristics in the PQ event log and can be reported using the supplied PAS software tool or via customer application software. See the PM180 Modbus Reference Guide for the information on organizing and accessing the PQ event log data from a client application.

The disturbance direction indication gives the direction of the fault source (downstream or upstream) in relation to the monitoring point and the confidence level of the direction information (high, medium, or low). The picture below shows how the direction of the disturbance is indicated in the PAS PQ event report.



The screenshot shows a software window titled "PQ Log - PM180_221". The window contains a table with the following data:

No.	Date/Time	Event	Fault Category	Phase	Fault Magnitude	PU	Duration
1	05/06/21 10:46:39.337	PQE6:5024	Voltage interruption	V1,V2,V3	0	0.00	0:00:06.000008
2	05/06/21 10:46:50.337	PQE5:5025	Voltage dip (downstream, high confidence)	V12	694	0.03	0:00:00.520208
3	05/06/21 10:46:50.337	PQE5:5025	Voltage dip (downstream, high confidence)	V23	690	0.03	0:00:00.520208
4	05/06/21 10:46:50.337	PQE5:5025	Voltage dip (downstream, high confidence)	V31	695	0.03	0:00:00.520208
5	05/06/21 10:46:55.837	PQE5:5026	Voltage dip (downstream, high confidence)	V12	694	0.03	0:00:00.520193
6	05/06/21 10:46:55.837	PQE5:5026	Voltage dip (downstream, high confidence)	V23	690	0.03	0:00:00.520193
7	05/06/21 10:46:55.837	PQE5:5026	Voltage dip (downstream, high confidence)	V31	695	0.03	0:00:00.520193

2 Configuring Disturbance Direction Detection

The use of the disturbance direction function does not require special configuration of the device, except for the activation of the disturbance direction indication. Use the supplied PAS software tool to enable or disable this function in your device.

2.1 Enabling Direction Indication in PQ Event Reports

The disturbance direction setting is displayed under the Recording Options section on the Advanced PQ Setup tab for all power quality standards except IEEE 1159 (see the following section).

To configure the disturbance direction option, select Memory/Log in the Meter Setup menu and then click on the corresponding Advanced PQ Setup tab. The picture below shows an example of the disturbance direction detection setting in the EN 50160 advanced setup tab.

Set the Disturbance Direction Detection option to "Enabled" to allow disturbance direction indication and send your settings to the device.

The screenshot shows the 'PM180_221 - Log Setup' window with the 'EN 50160:2010 Advanced Setup' tab selected. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Compliance Statistics:** Evaluation (Enabled), Evaluation Period (Weekly), First Day of the Week (Monday), Start Time (00:00).
- Recording Options:** Record Flagged Data (Disabled), Record Coincident Currents (Disabled), Disturbance Direction Detection (Enabled).
- Rapid Voltage Changes:** Minimum Steady State Time (100/120 1/2-cyc.), Max. Repetition Rate [1-10, 0=any] (0), Evaluation Interval [1-60 min] (60).
- Flicker:** Pst Period [1-10 min] (10).
- Harmonic Voltage:** THD, up to order [25-50] (50), Harmonics, up to order [25-50] (50).
- Interharmonic Voltage:** Evaluation (Disabled), THD, up to order [25-50] (50), Interharmonics, up to order [25-50] (50).
- Mains Signaling Voltage:** Evaluation (Disabled), 1st Signaling Frequency, Hz (183.0), 2nd Signaling Frequency, Hz (191.0), 3rd Signaling Frequency, Hz (217.0), 4th Signaling Frequency, Hz (317.0), Aggregation Interval (3 s (150/180 cyc.)).
- Voltage Events:** Time Aggregation Interval, s [0-180] (0).
- Data Monitoring Options:** Harmonics Aggregation Interval (0.2 s (10/12 cyc.)).

Buttons at the bottom include Open, Save as..., Default, Print, Send, Receive, OK, Cancel, Apply, and Help.

2.2 Enabling Direction Indication in IEEE 1159 PQ Reports

To configure the disturbance direction option, select Memory/Log in the Meter Setup menu and then click on the IEEE 1159 Recorder tab. Check the Disturbance Direction checkbox to enable disturbance direction indication and send your settings to the device.

PM180_217 - Log Setup

Log Memory | Data Recorder | IEEE 1159 PQ Recorder | Fault Recorder | Waveform Recorder | Programmable Min/Max Log

PQ Events and Recording													
Event Category	PQ Log		Waveform Log			Data RMS Trend - Time Envelopes and Maximum Durations							
	Thresh-old,%	Hyste-resis,%	On Start	On End	Log No.	Ena-bled	1/2-cyc, cycles	0.2-s, seconds	3-s, minutes	10-min, hours	Before, cycles	After, cycles	Log No.
Impulsive Transients	20.0	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sag/Undervoltages	90.0	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	3	3	0	2	2	14
Swell/Overtages	110.0	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	3	3	0	2	2	14
Interruption	10.0	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	3	3	0	2	2	14
Voltage Unbalance	5.0	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	----	----	3	0	----	----	14
Frequency Variations	1.0	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	----	----	3	0	----	----	14
Harmonics, THD	8.0	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	----	----	3	0	----	----	14
Interharmonics, THD	2.0	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	----	----	3	0	----	----	14
Voltage Fluctuations (Flicker)	1.0	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	----	----	0	3	----	----	14

Disturbance Direction
 Recorder Enabled