

# Circuit Breakers in Microgrids

Are circuit breakers used in direct current microgrids?

Author to whom correspondence should be addressed. This paper deals with circuit breakers (CBs) used in direct current microgrids (DCMGs) for protection against electrical faults, focusing on their evolution and future challenges in low voltage ( $<1.5$  kV) and medium voltage (between 1.5 kV and 20 kV).

Can solid-state circuit breakers protect low-voltage direct current microgrids?

Solid-state circuit breakers (SSCB) show great promise to become the key element in the protection of low-voltage direct current microgrids. SSCBs operate in the microsecond range and employ semi-conductor devices that have strict safe operation area limits.

How does a dc microgrid work?

Distributed generations in a DC microgrid are divided into AC and DC sources. Typical DC sources, such as photovoltaic arrays are connected to the DC bus via a DC/DC converter.

What protection devices are available for DC microgrids?

At present, the commercially available protection devices for DC microgrids are fuses and circuit breakers. Interruption of the current leads to the creation of an arc that cannot be easily extinguished in a DC system without the current crossing through zero. That's still a challenge for applying the DC power system technologies.

What are the different types of microgrid fault protection circuits?

Regarding microgrid fault protection circuits, the most common protections are fuses, MCBs, SSCBs, and HCBs [7]. Circuit breakers' evolution for DCMGs has basically consisted of fuses, MCBs, SSCBs, and HCBs. Fuses are divided into two types: fast-acting fuses and time-delay fuses.

What are AC and DC microgrids?

According to the power properties, microgrids can be divided into AC and DC microgrids. AC microgrids have been comprehensively researched because of the similarities to the traditional AC power system. Nowadays, the advantages shown within DC microgrids arouse increasing interests of scholars around the world.

While traditional AC mechanical circuit breakers can protect AC circuits, many other DC power distribution technologies, such as DC microgrids (MGs), yield superior disruption performance, e.g., faster and more reliable ...

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