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# Gregg 230 kV SS Shunt Capacitor Bank Failure and Cascading Area Disturbances



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# GREGG 230 KV SWITCHING STATION



- (8) - 230 KV PILOT TRANSMISSION LINES
- (2) - 230 KV SHUNT CAPACITOR BANKS, 150.28 MVAR TOTAL
- (2) - 230 KV SHUNT INDUCTOR BANKS, 100 MVAR TOTAL



GREGG 230 KV SHUNT REACTOR BANKS  
100 MVAR

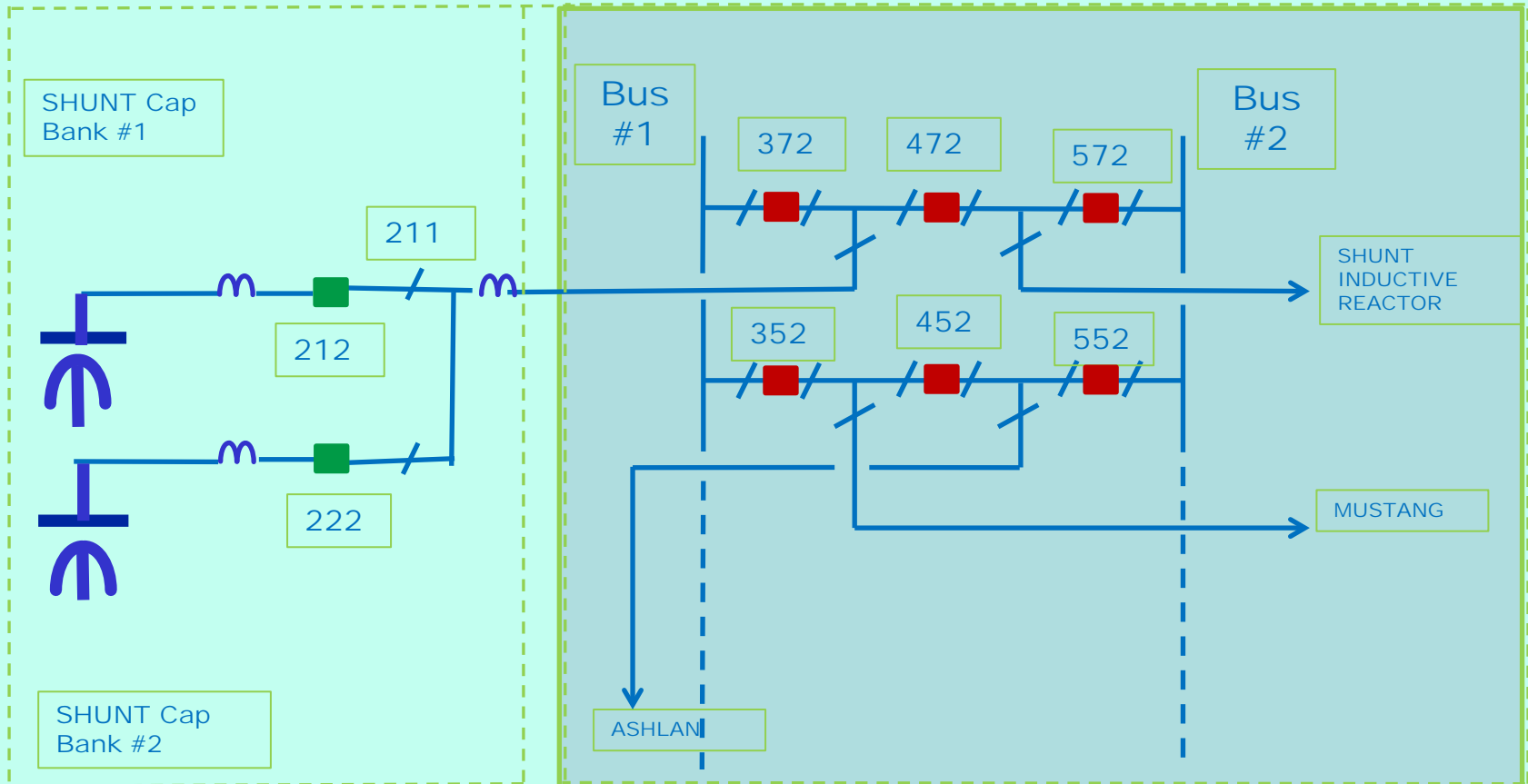
# GREGG 230 KV SHUNT CAPACITOR BANKS 150.28 MVAR TOTAL



# Gregg SS Events Outline

- ❖ **Gregg SS background**
- ❖ **What cascading events transpired?**
- ❖ **Review and analysis of events**
- ❖ **Findings**
- ❖ **Corrective action plan and execution**
- ❖ **Lessons learned and recommendation**
- ❖ **Questions**

# Gregg 230 kV SS Partial Single Line Diagram



# FUSELESS SHUNT CAP BK

**Outrush Inductive Reactor or  $X_{L1}$**   
(reduce inrush & outrush transients)

230 KV  
Main Bus

Cap Bk Bus

OC pri  
BF, OC bu  
Relays

**Inrush Inductive Reactor  $X_{L2}$**   
(reduce inrush current & high magnitude  
high frequency transients / back-to-back  
capacitor switching)

Cap Step 2

Failure shorts across  
element (welding)

Cap Step 1

(2) -- 287V  
Relay

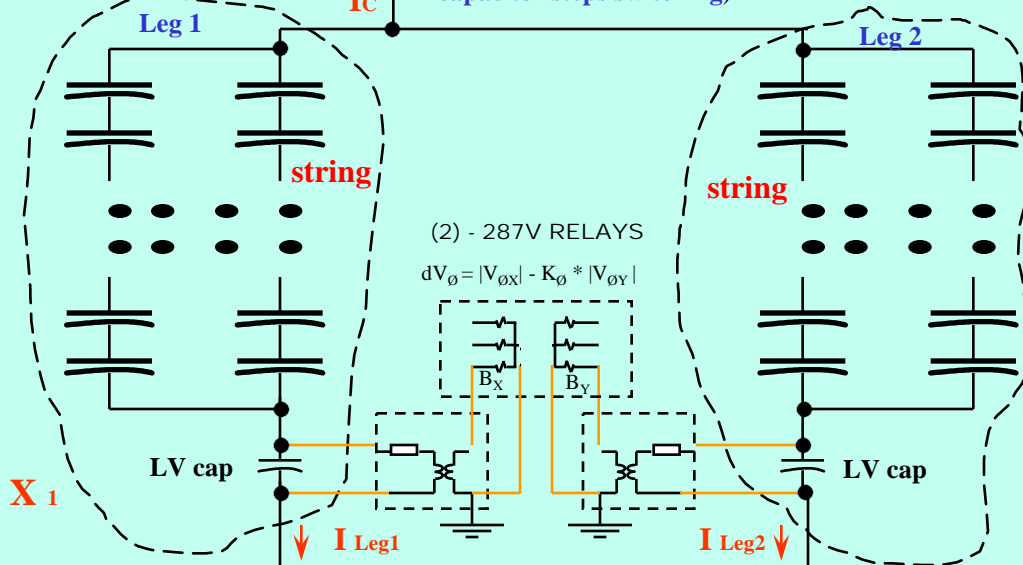
Cap Unit (can)  
8 series elements / can

**Ratings:**  
•Cap Unit 580 KVAR, 17.5 KV  
•LV Cap 167 KVAR, 0.825 KV

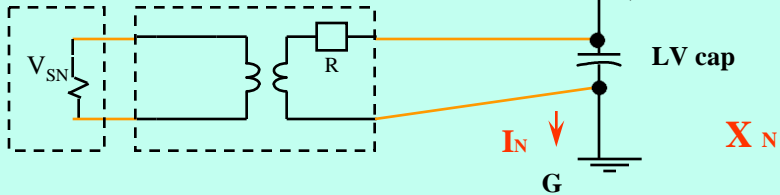
**Geometry: (Gregg Sub)**  
E= 8 Series elements / Can  
S= 4 Series cans / String  
P= 6 Parallel strings / Leg  
L= 2 Parallel legs / Phase

(2) - 287V RELAYS

$$dV_{\phi} = |V_{\phi X}| - K_{\phi} * |V_{\phi Y}|$$

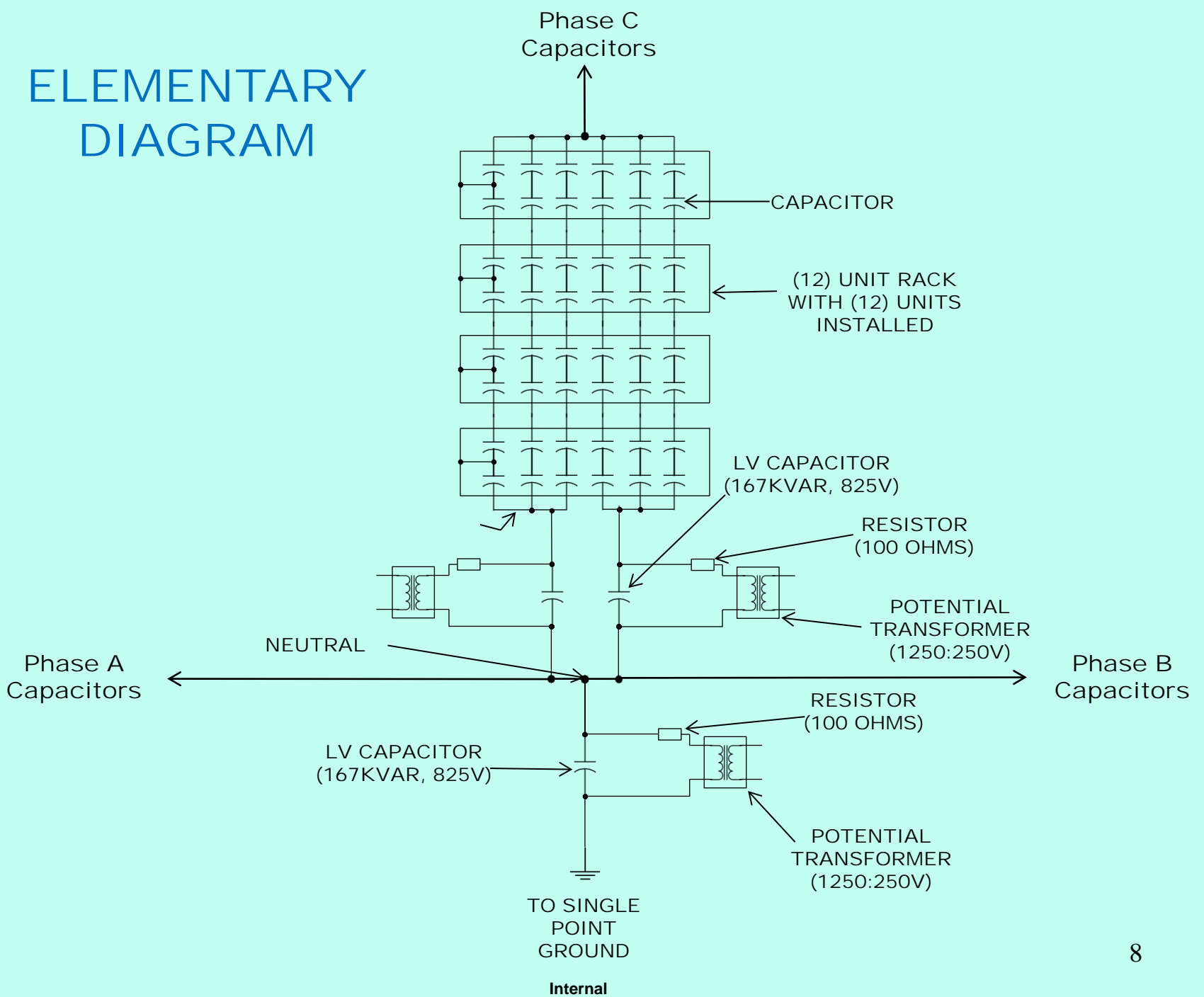


(2) - 59N  
RELAYS

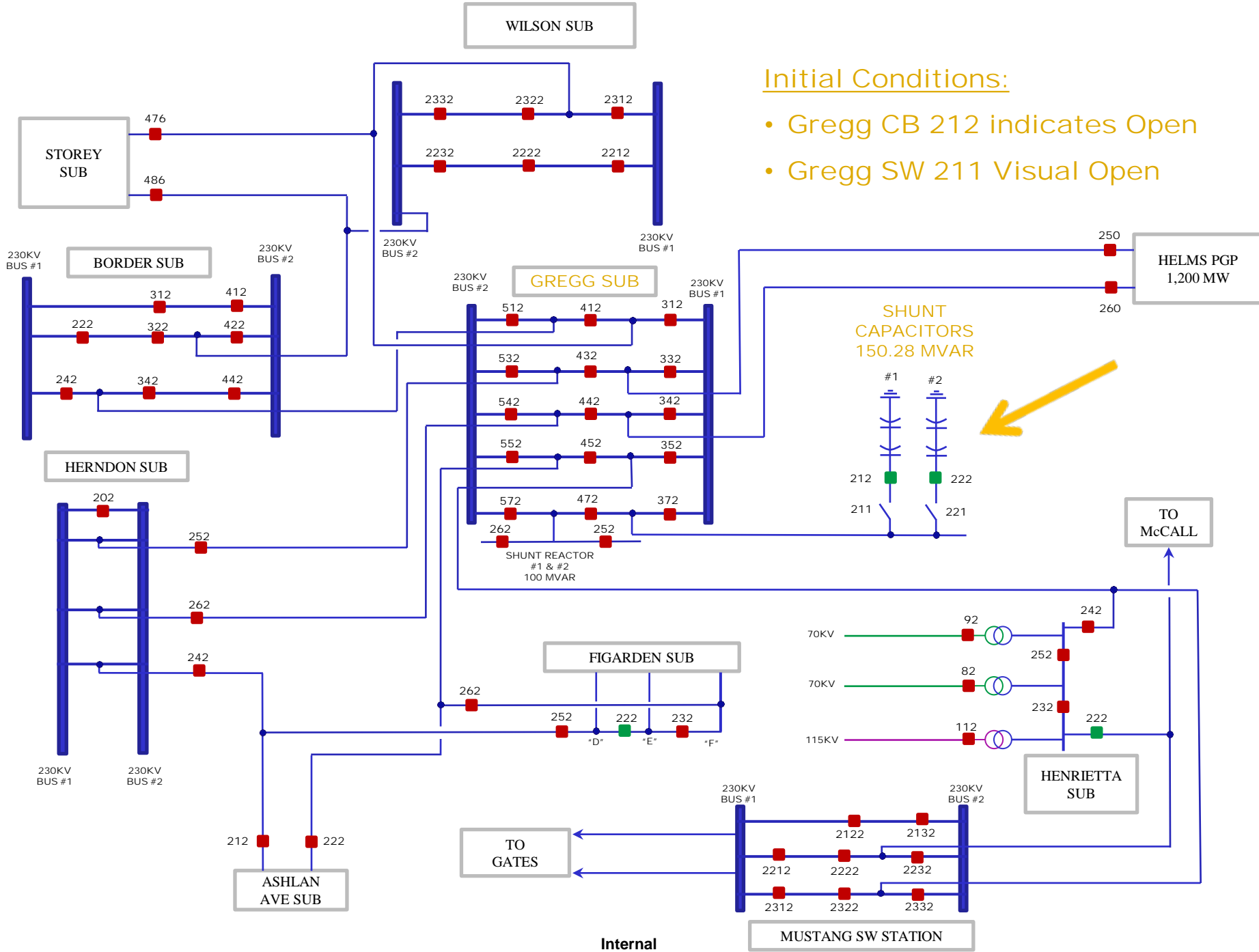


Internal

# ELEMENTARY DIAGRAM







Initial Conditions:

- Gregg CB 212 indicates Open
- Gregg SW 211 Visual Open

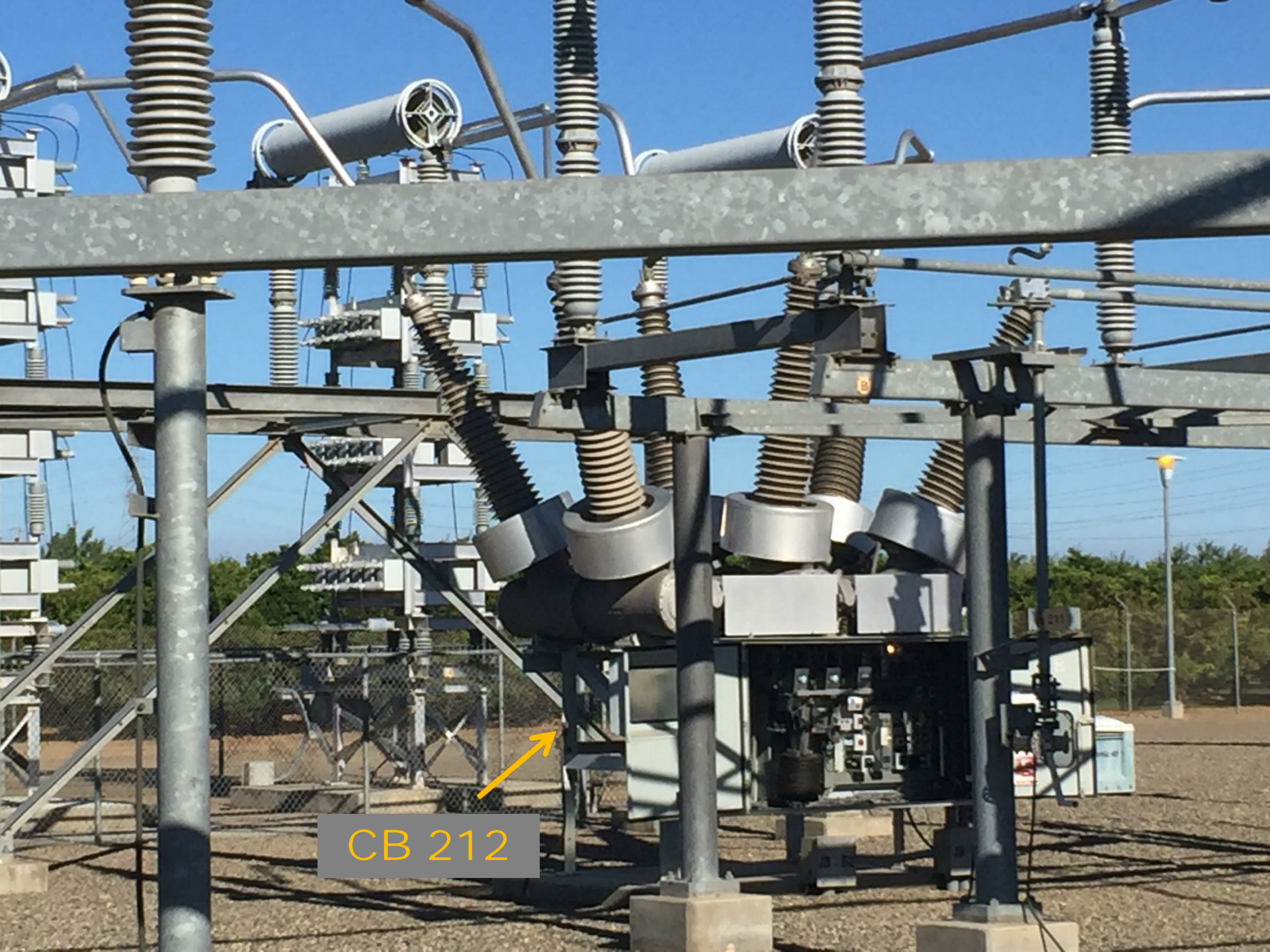


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230 KV SWITCH 211

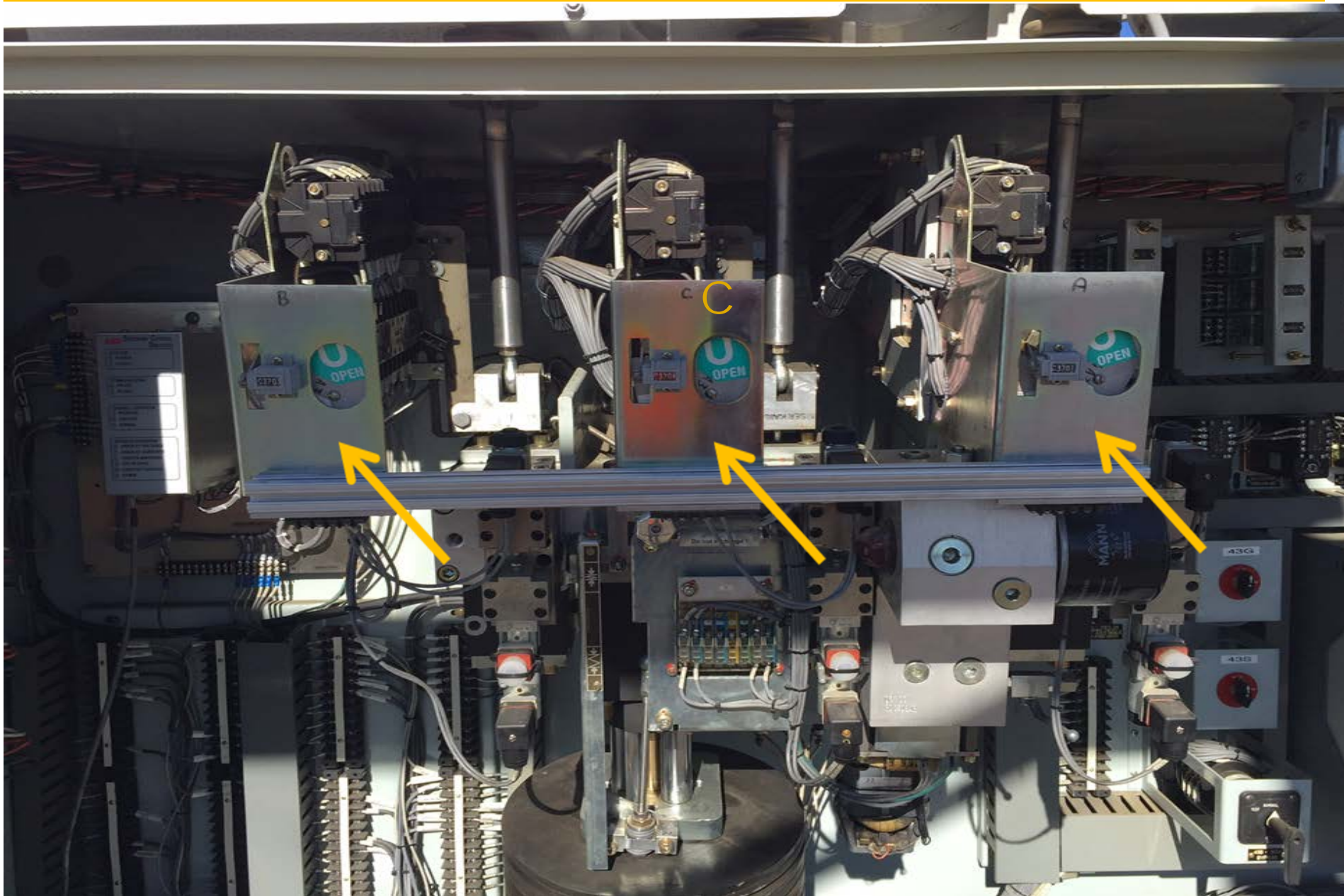
HVCB 212





CB 212

# CB 212 SEMAPHORE INDICATION PER PHASE



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# SERIES SWITCHING INRUSH REACTOR, 0.0283 $\Omega$

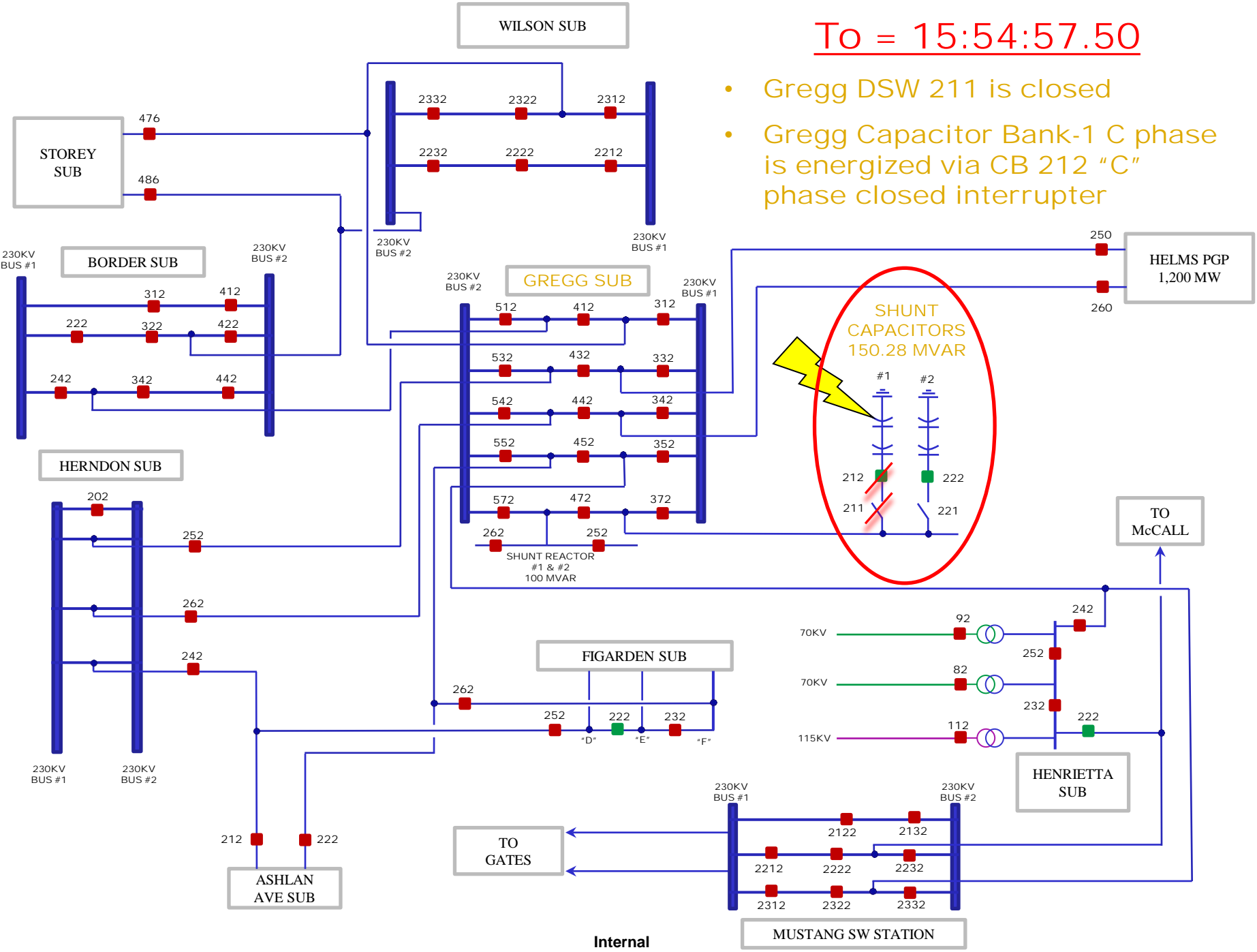


SERIES OUTRUSH  
REACTOR, 0.75  $\Omega$



To = 15:54:57.50

- Gregg DSW 211 is closed
- Gregg Capacitor Bank-1 C phase is energized via CB 212 "C" phase closed interrupter



SHUNT CAPACITORS  
150.28 MVAR

#1 #2

212 222

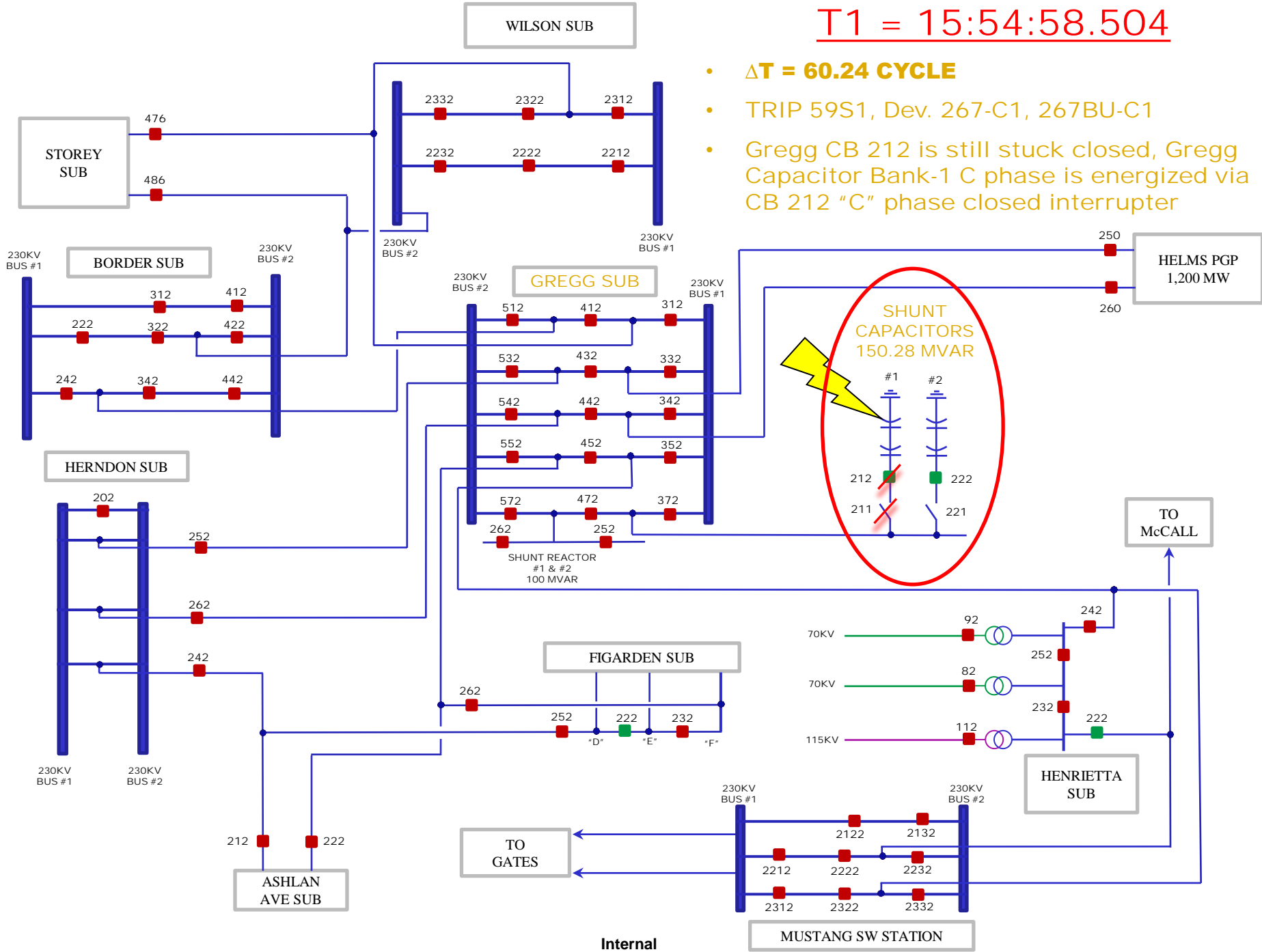
211 221

Internal

MUSTANG SW STATION

T1 = 15:54:58.504

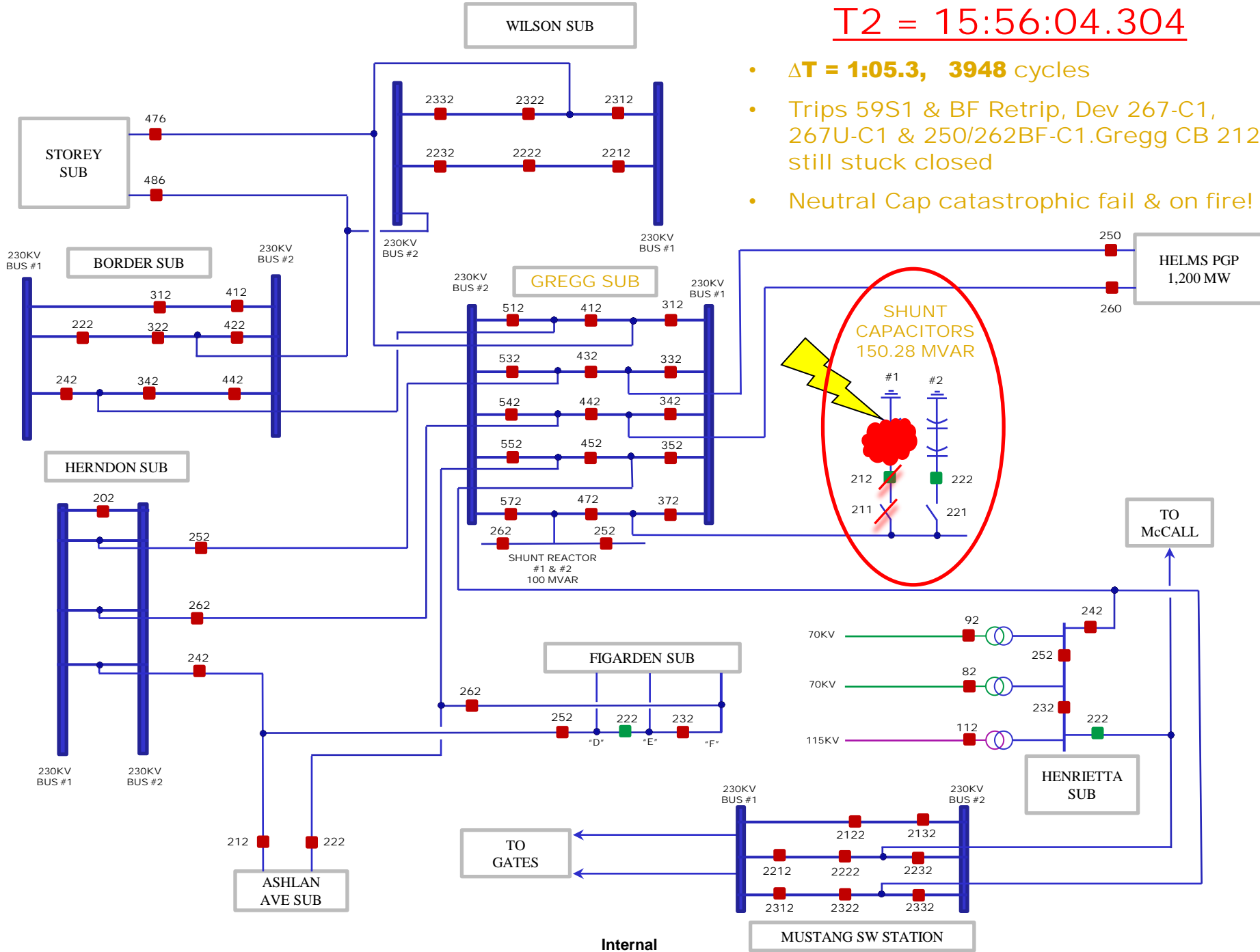
- $\Delta T = 60.24$  CYCLE
- TRIP 59S1, Dev. 267-C1, 267BU-C1
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed, Gregg Capacitor Bank-1 C phase is energized via CB 212 "C" phase closed interrupter





T2 = 15:56:04.304

- $\Delta T = 1:05.3$ , 3948 cycles
- Trips 59S1 & BF Retrip, Dev 267-C1, 267U-C1 & 250/262BF-C1. Gregg CB 212 still stuck closed
- Neutral Cap catastrophic fail & on fire!



Internal

MUSTANG SW STATION

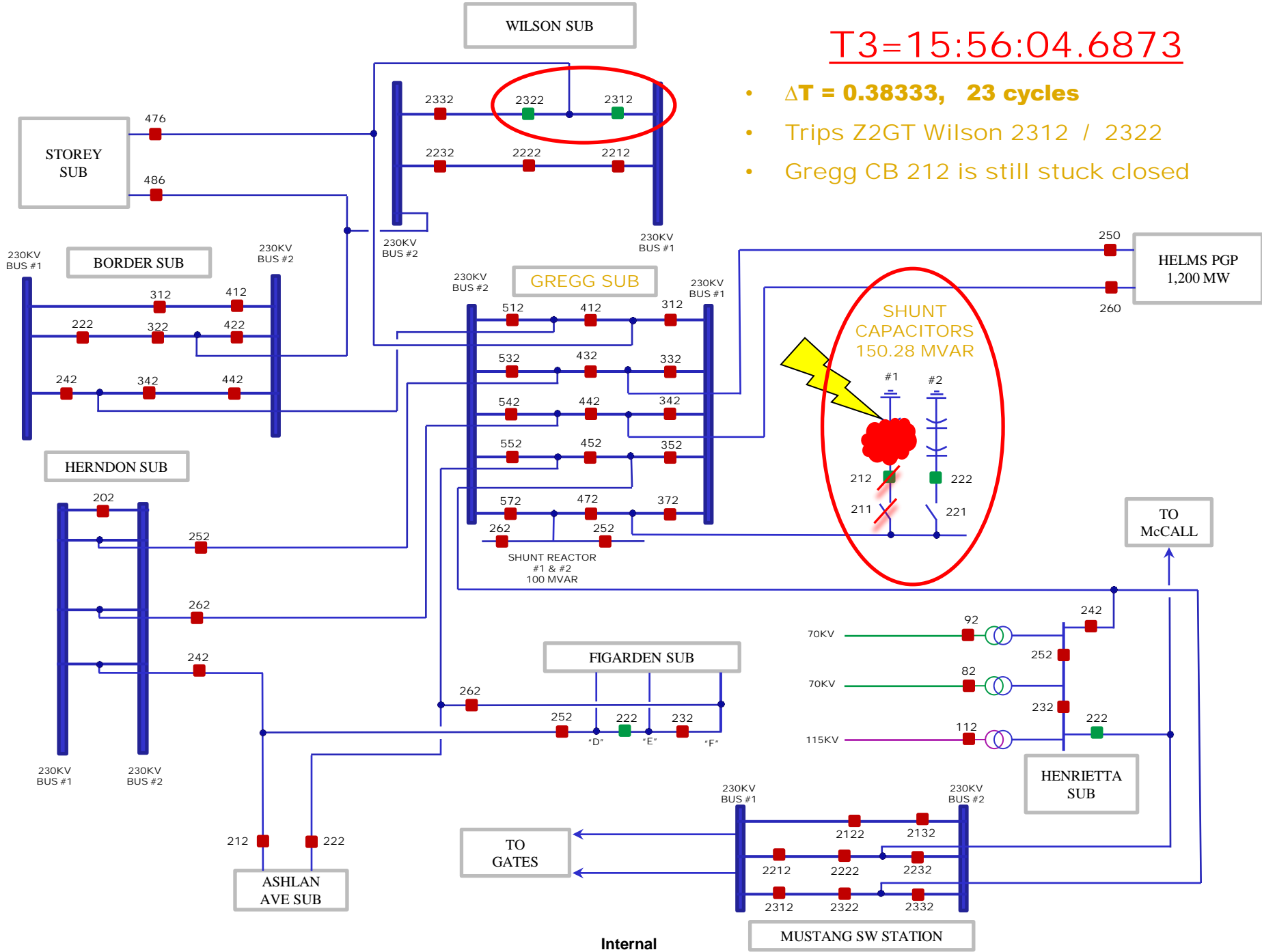
# Gregg Shunt Capacitor Bank 1 on Fire Video

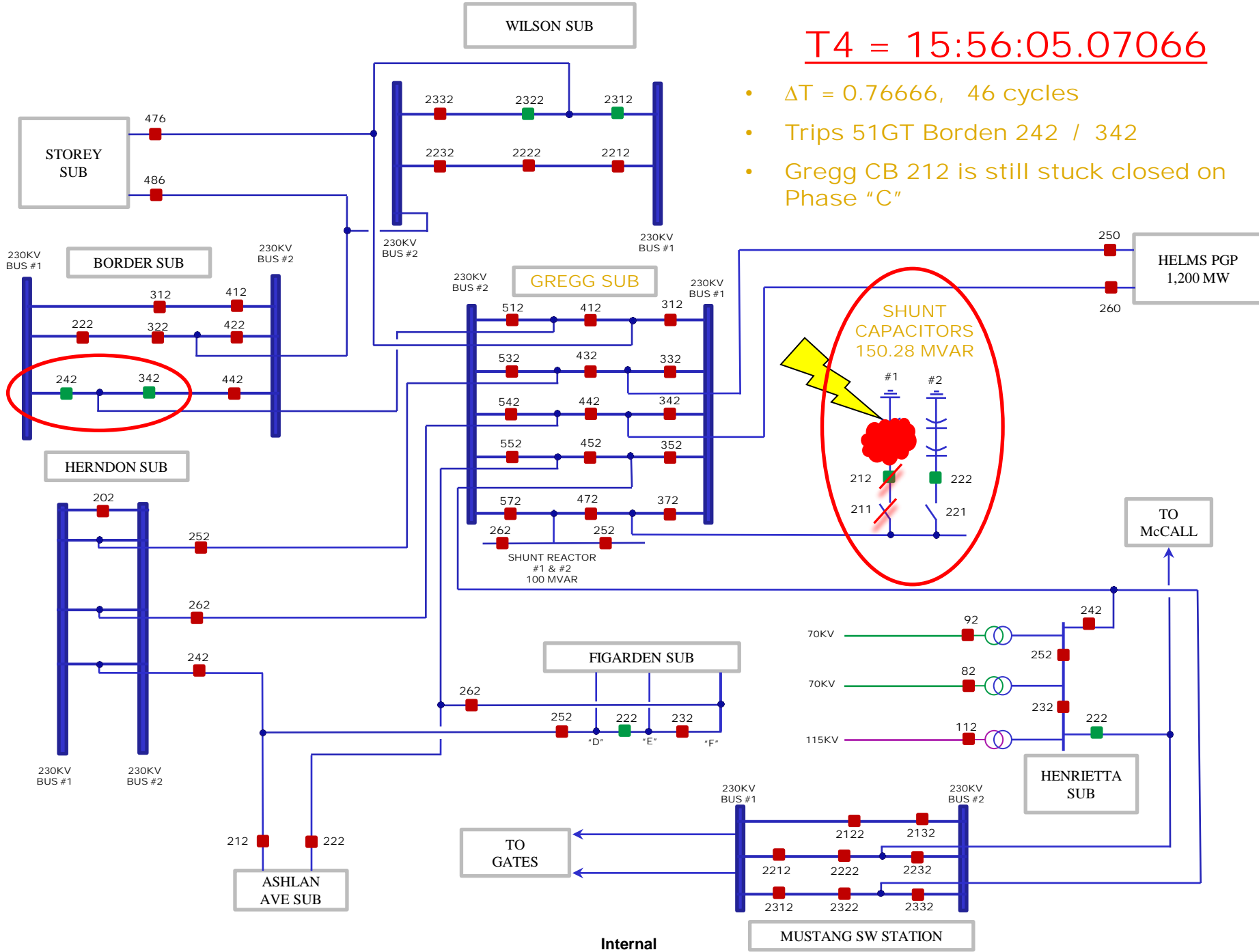


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T3=15:56:04.6873

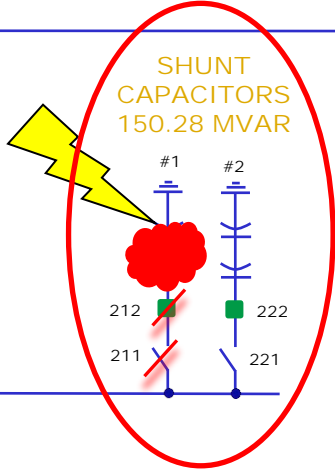
- $\Delta T = 0.38333$ , 23 cycles
- Trips Z2GT Wilson 2312 / 2322
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed





T4 = 15:56:05.07066

- $\Delta T = 0.76666$ , 46 cycles
- Trips 51GT Borden 242 / 342
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C"

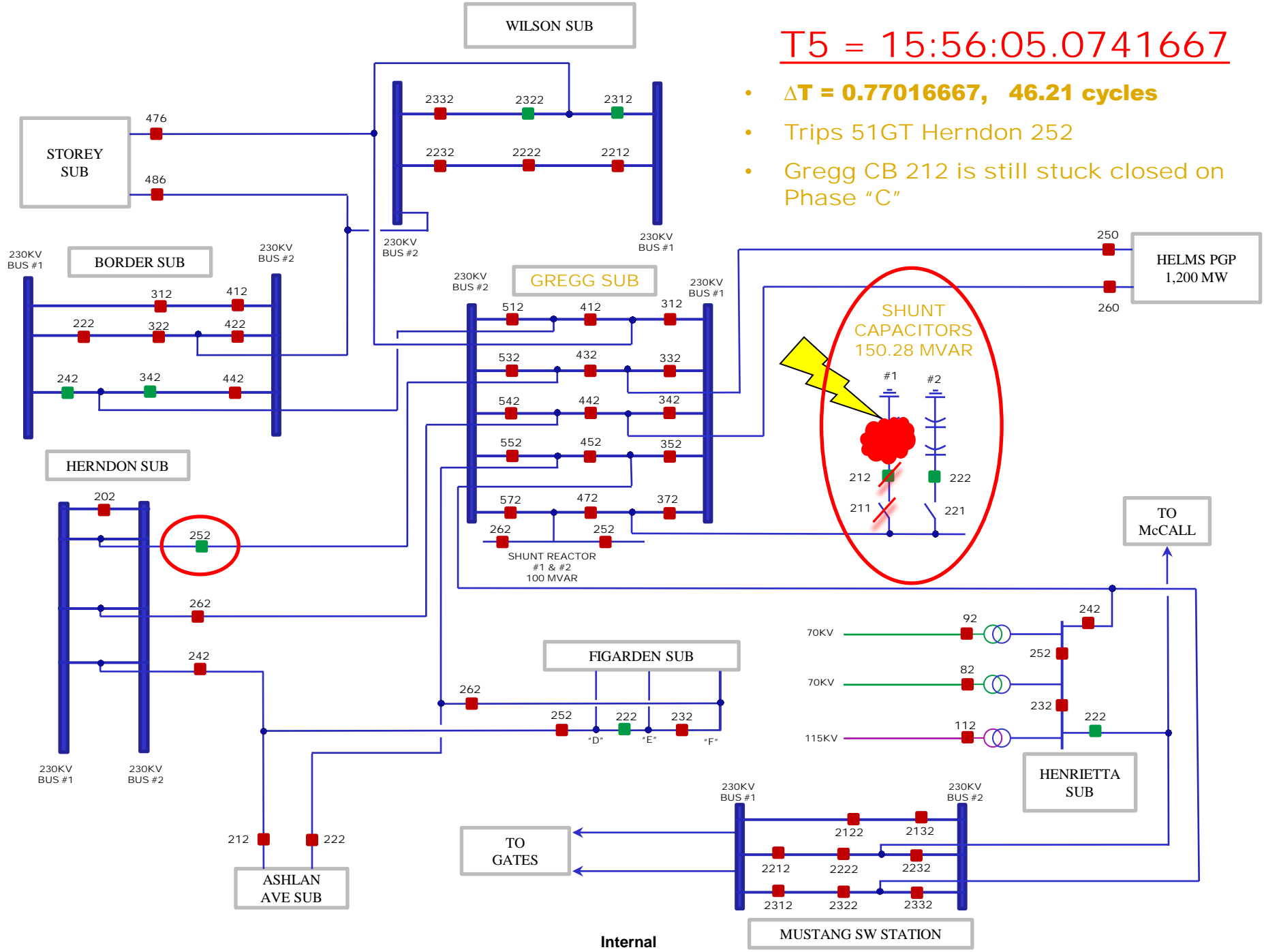


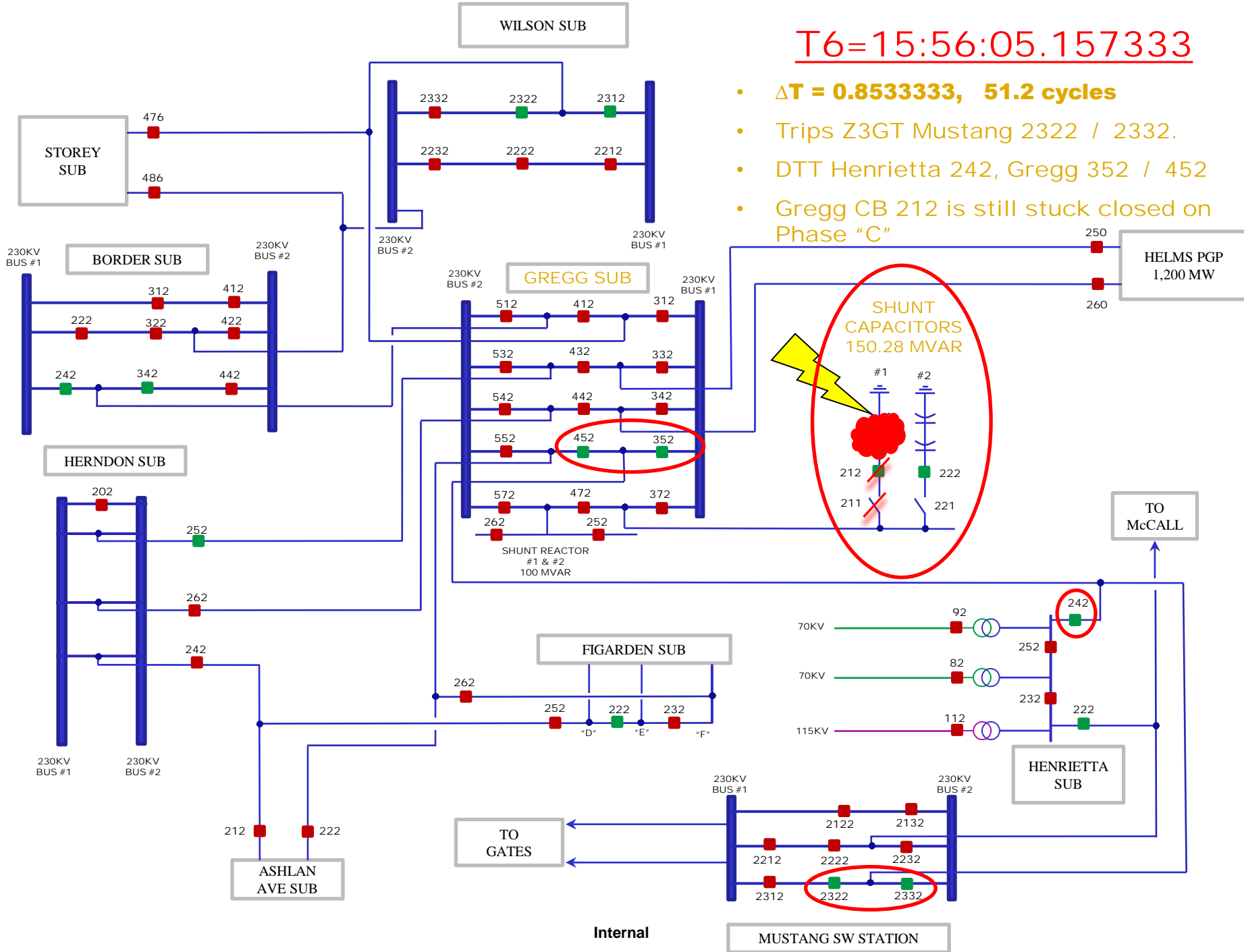
Internal

MUSTANG SW STATION

T5 = 15:56:05.0741667

- $\Delta T = 0.77016667$ , 46.21 cycles
- Trips 51GT Herndon 252
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C"





T6=15:56:05.157333

- $\Delta T = 0.8533333$ , 51.2 cycles
- Trips Z3GT Mustang 2322 / 2332.
- DTT Henrietta 242, Gregg 352 / 452
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C"

SHUNT CAPACITORS  
150.28 MVAR

#1 #2

212 222  
211 221

452 352

242

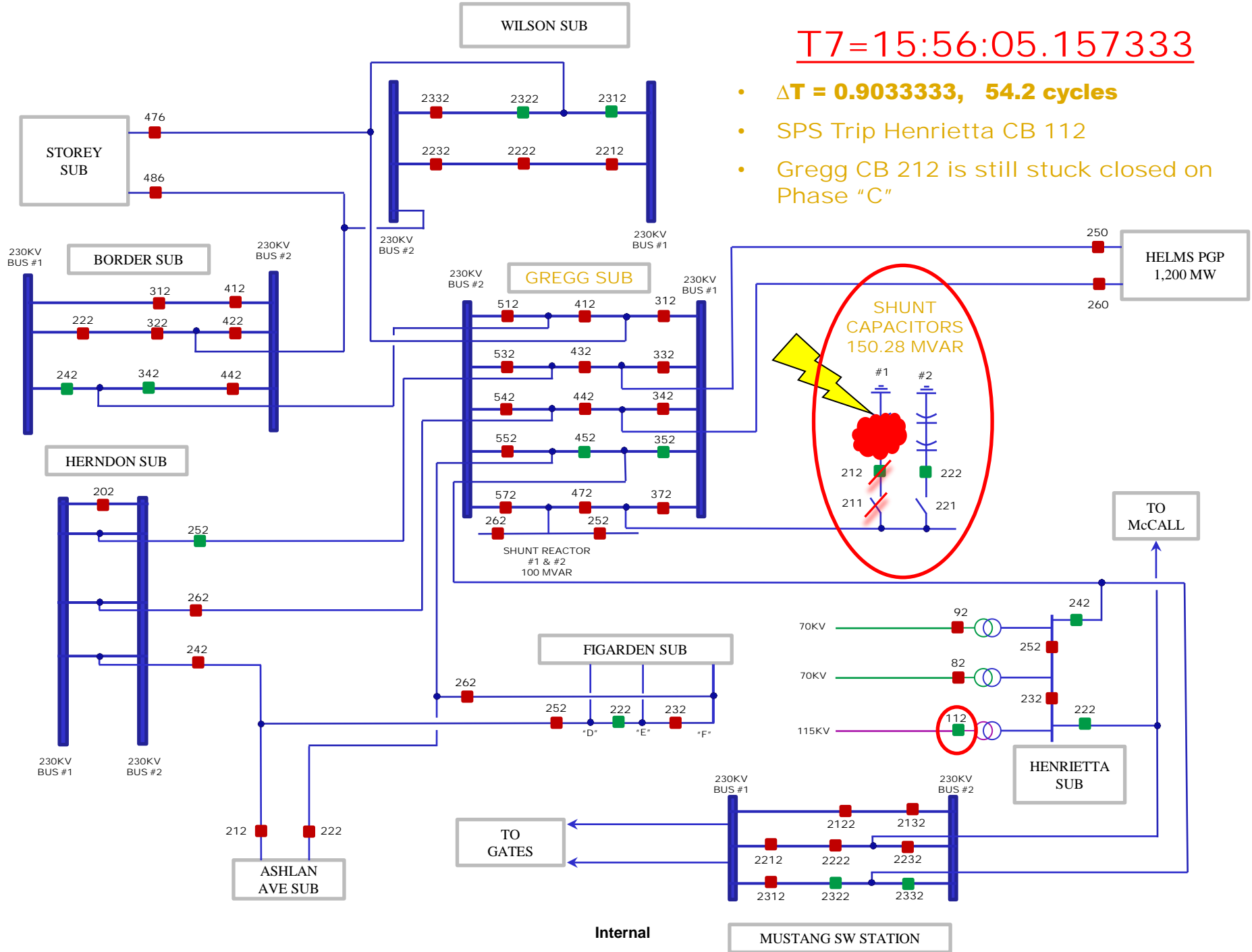
70KV 92 252  
70KV 82 232  
115KV 112 222

Internal

MUSTANG SW STATION

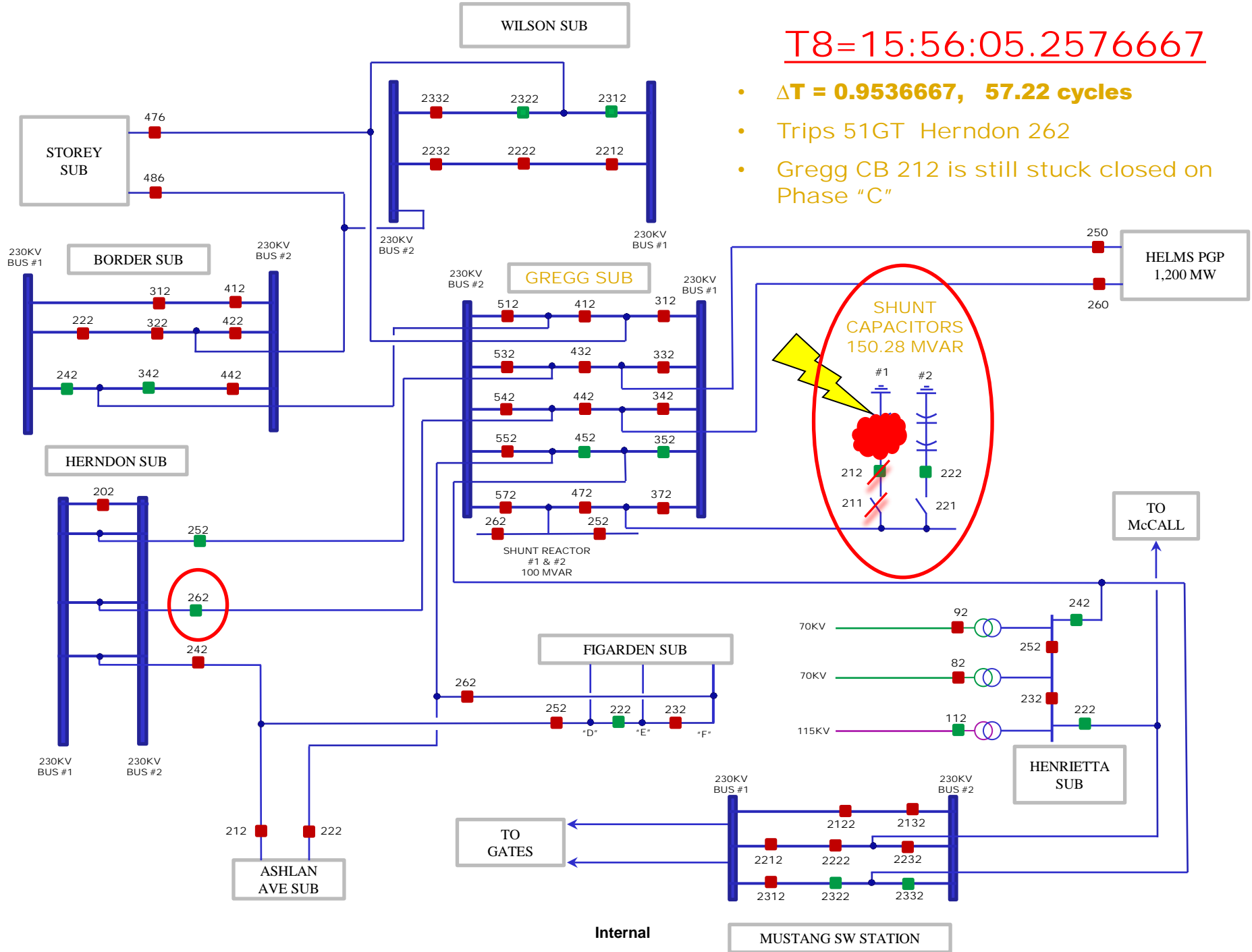
T7=15:56:05.157333

- $\Delta T = 0.9033333$ , 54.2 cycles
- SPS Trip Henrietta CB 112
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C"



T8=15:56:05.2576667

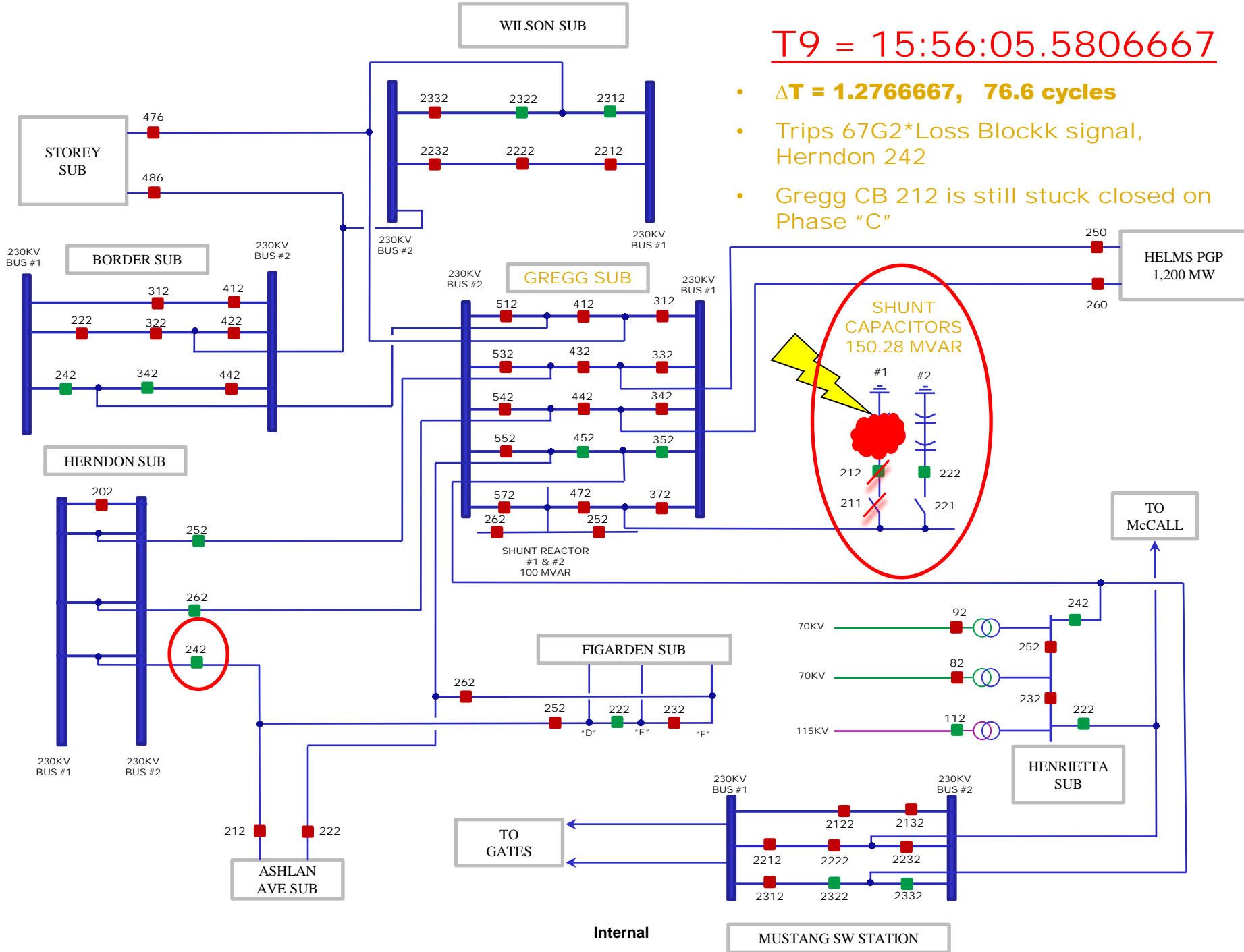
- $\Delta T = 0.9536667$ , 57.22 cycles
- Trips 51GT Herndon 262
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C"



Internal

MUSTANG SW STATION





T9 = 15:56:05.5806667

- $\Delta T = 1.2766667$ , 76.6 cycles
- Trips 67G2\*Loss Blockk signal, Herndon 242
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C"

SHUNT CAPACITORS  
150.28 MVAR

#1 #2

212 222  
211 221

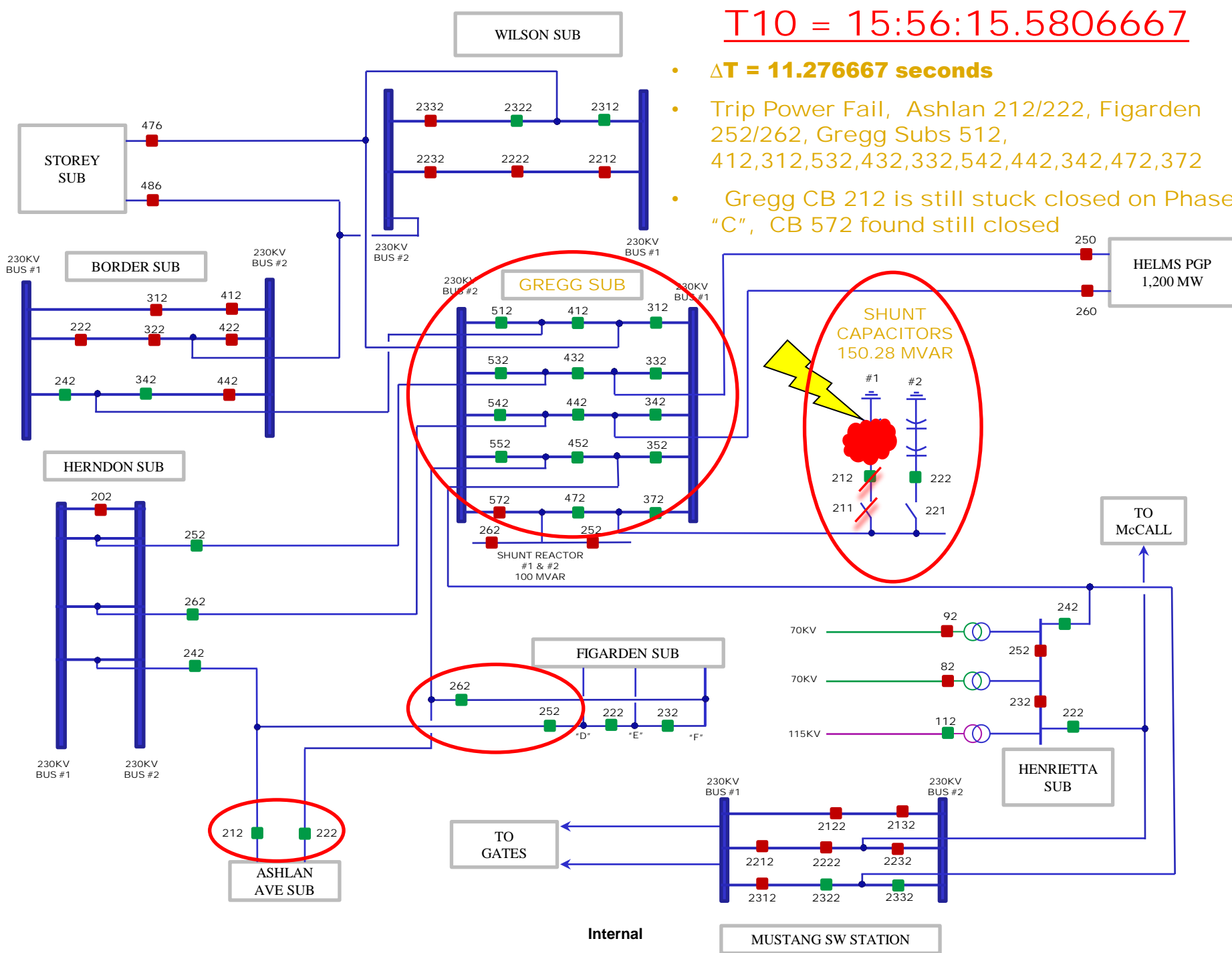
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Internal

MUSTANG SW STATION

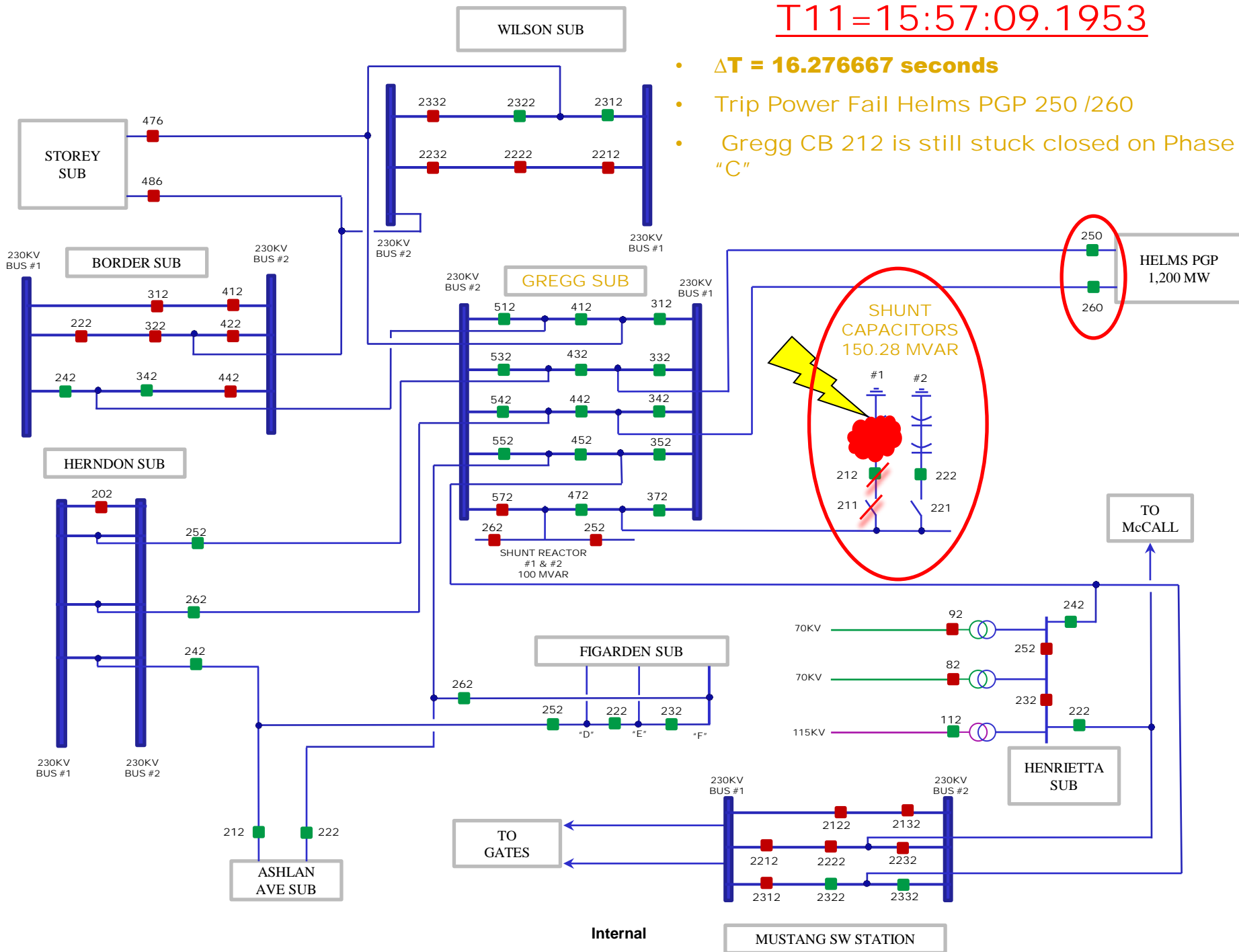
T10 = 15:56:15.5806667

- $\Delta T = 11.276667$  seconds
- Trip Power Fail, Ashlan 212/222, Figarden 252/262, Gregg Subs 512, 412, 312, 532, 432, 332, 542, 442, 342, 472, 372
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C", CB 572 found still closed



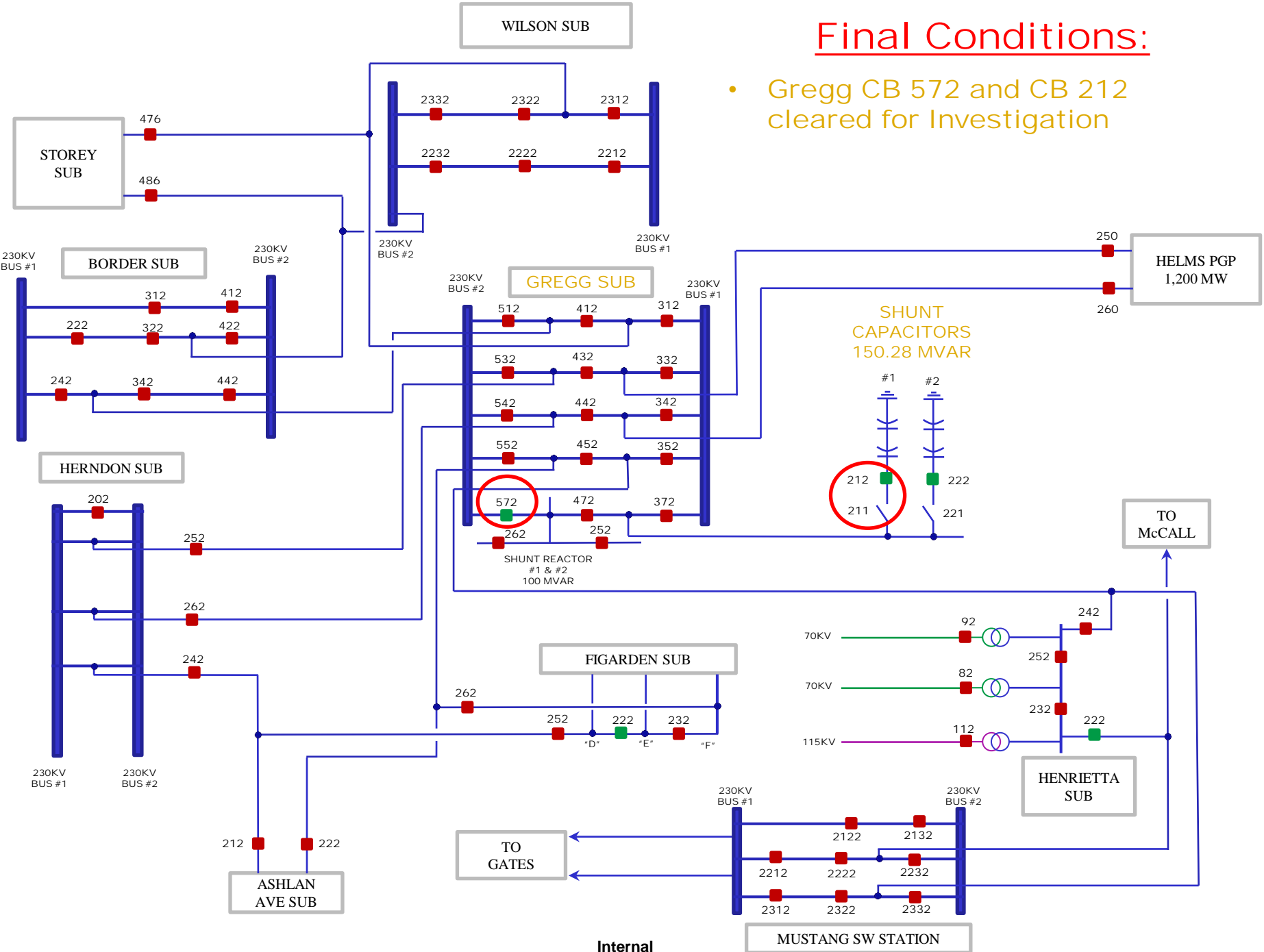
T11=15:57:09.1953

- $\Delta T = 16.276667$  seconds
- Trip Power Fail Helms PGP 250 /260
- Gregg CB 212 is still stuck closed on Phase "C"



# Final Conditions:

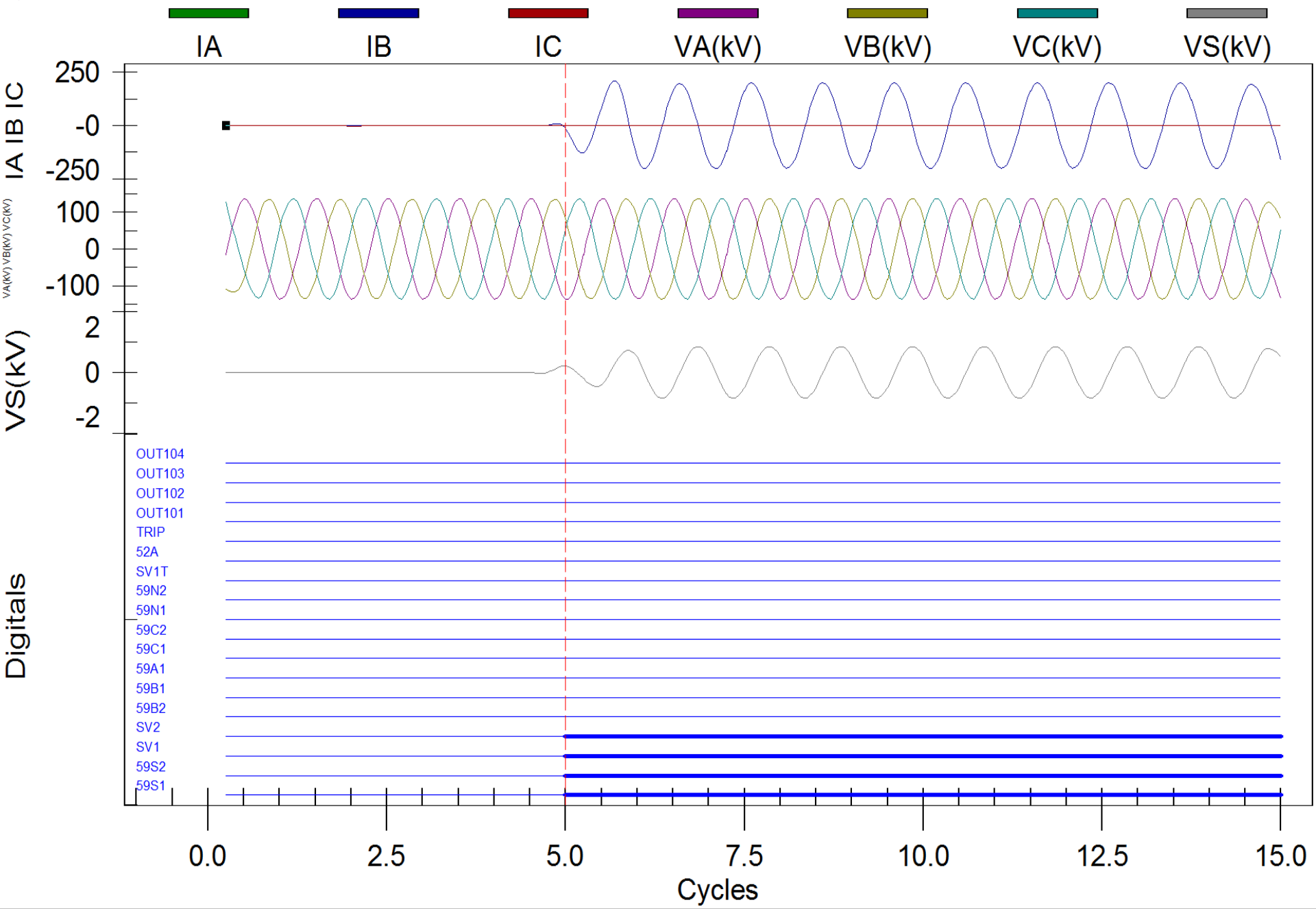
- Gregg CB 572 and CB 212 cleared for Investigation



Internal

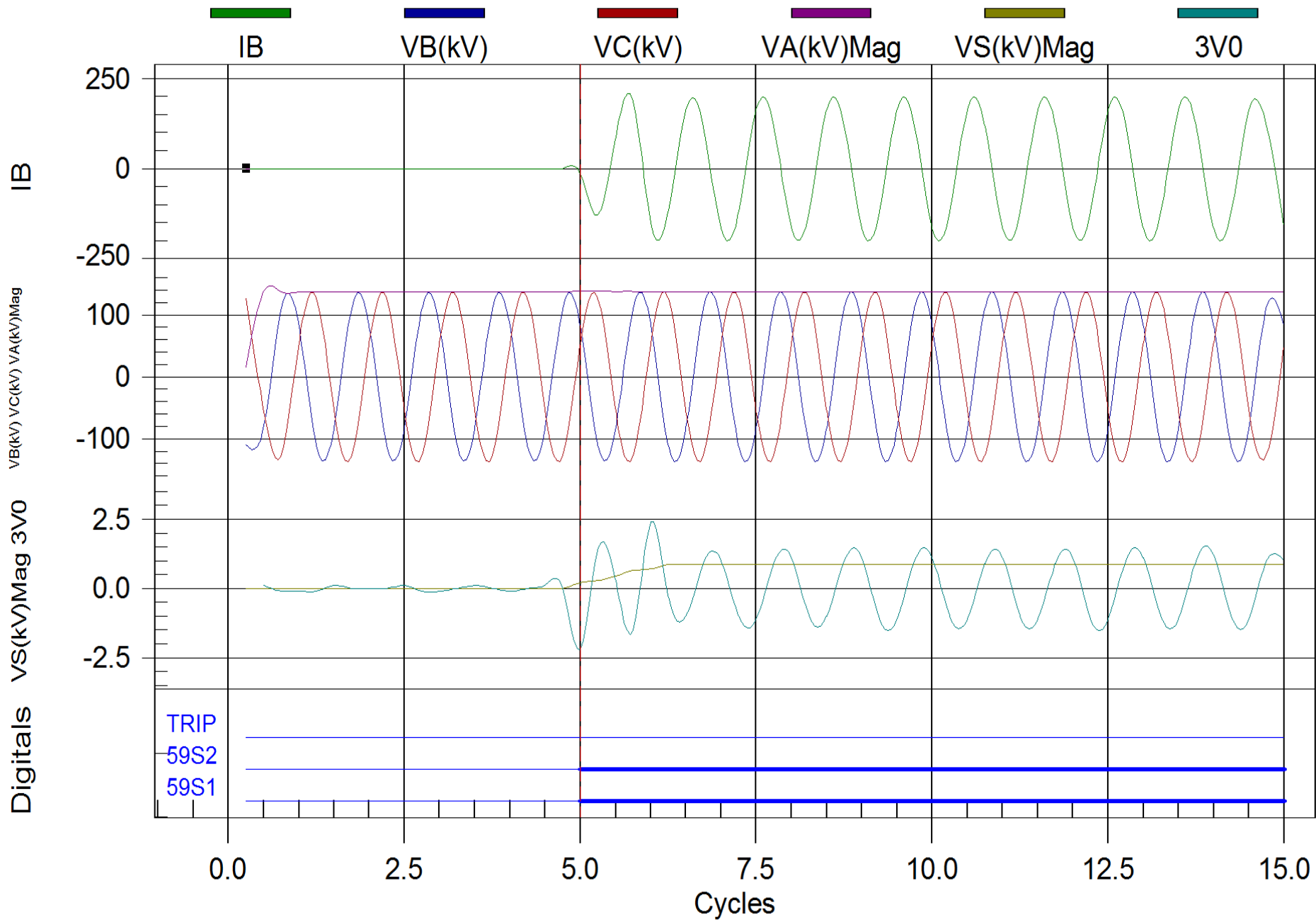
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0.250, 0.000



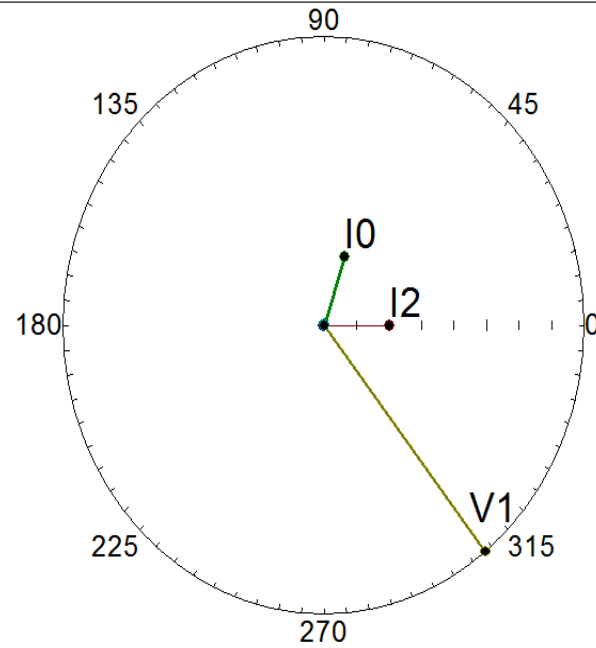
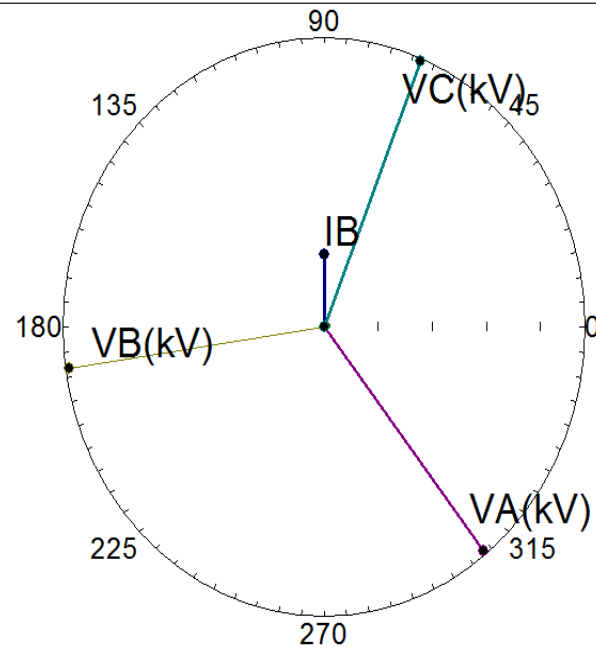
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1.250, 0.000



# PRE-FAULT VOLTAGE, $3V0 = 0\text{ V}$ , $VS = 0\text{ V}$ , $VB = 137.4\text{ KV}$

Channel	Mag	Angle	Scale	Show	Ref
IA	1.0	45.0	1	1	0
IB	1.4	90.0	1	1	0
IC	0.0	225.0	1	1	0
IN	1.4	90.0	1	0	0
IG	2.2	71.6	1	0	0
VA(kV)	137.0	308.3	1	1	0
VB(kV)	137.4	188.4	1	1	0
VC(kV)	137.5	68.1	1	1	0
VS(kV)	0.0	225.0	1	0	0
VDC	132.0	N/A	1	0	0
FREQ	60.0	N/A	1	0	0
I0	0.7	71.6	1	1	0
I1	0.2	180.0	1	1	0
I2	0.6	0.0	1	1	0
V0	0.0	0.0	1	1	1
V1	137.3	308.3	1	1	0
V2	0.3	132.2	1	1	0



Data Selection

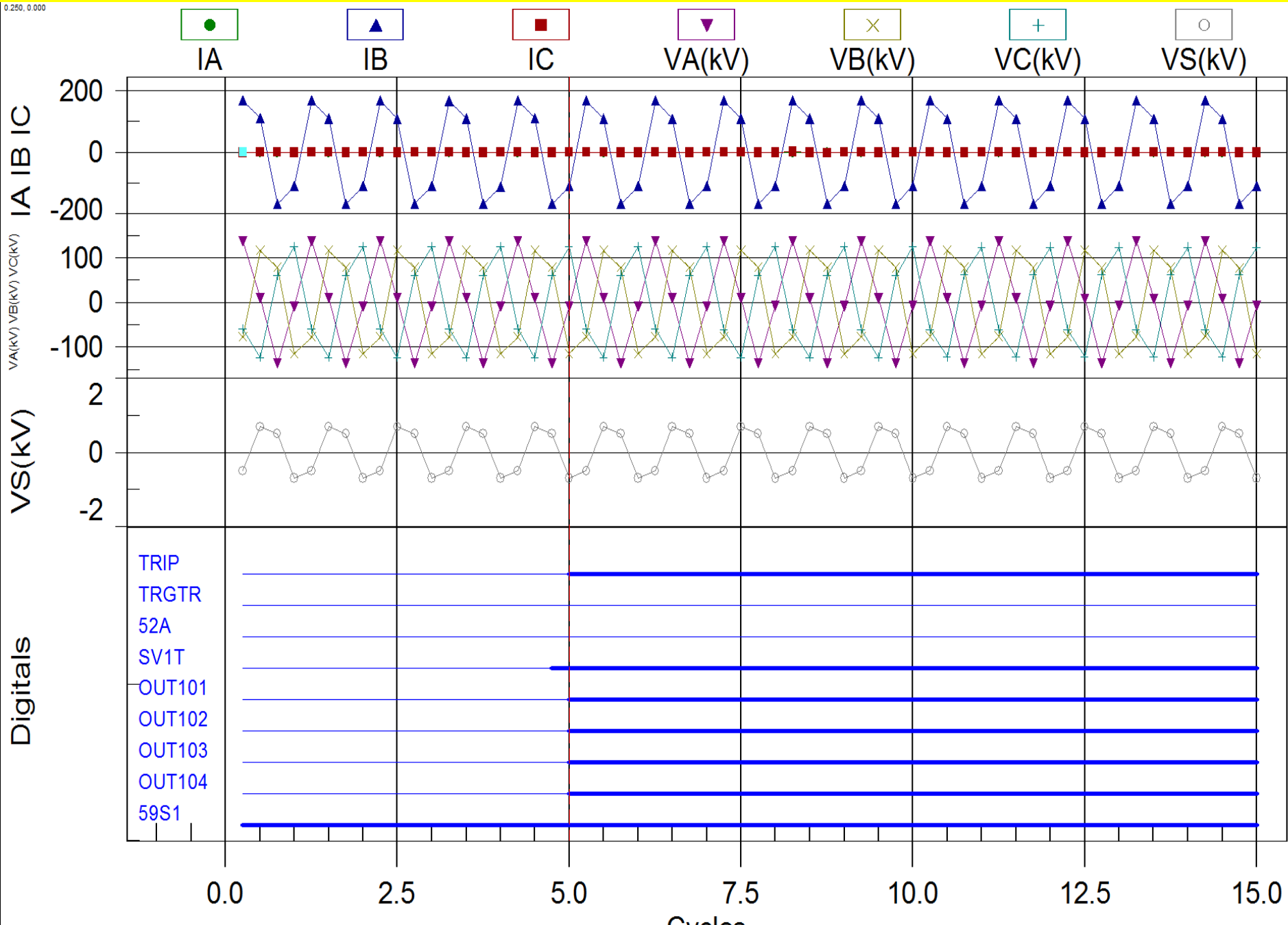
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Show History

Print Close

# CB 212 DEV 267-C1

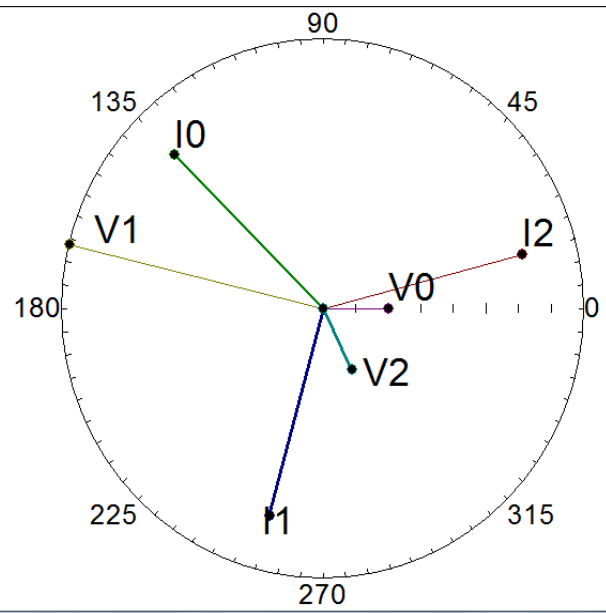
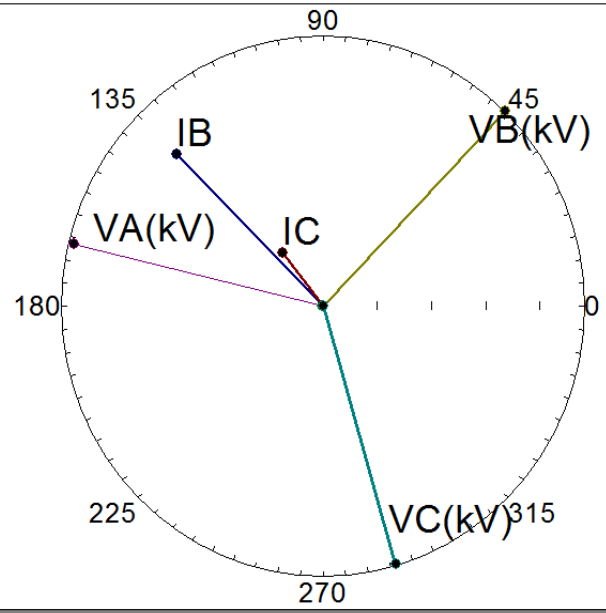
0.250, 0.000





FAULT VOLTAGE CB 212 DEV 267-C1 , 3VO = 3X 800V = 2400 V ,  
VS = 1100 VOLTS , VB = 139.4 KV , DIFF = 2000 VOLTS

Channel	Mag	Angle	Scale	Show	Ref
A	1.0	172.9	1	1	0
B	191.6	134.9	1	1	0
C	1.4	127.9	1	1	0
N	1.4	37.9	1	0	0
G	194.6	135.2	1	0	0
/A(kV)	136.7	166.4	1	1	0
/B(kV)	139.4	46.1	1	1	0
/C(kV)	137.9	286.2	1	1	0
/S(kV)	0.9	47.3	1	0	0
/DC	132.0	N/A	1	0	0
/REQ	60.0	N/A	1	0	0
0	64.6	135.0	1	1	0
1	63.7	255.0	1	1	0
2	63.3	14.6	1	1	0
/0	0.8	0.0	1	1	1
/1	138.0	166.3	1	1	0
/2	0.8	295.7	1	1	0



Data Selection

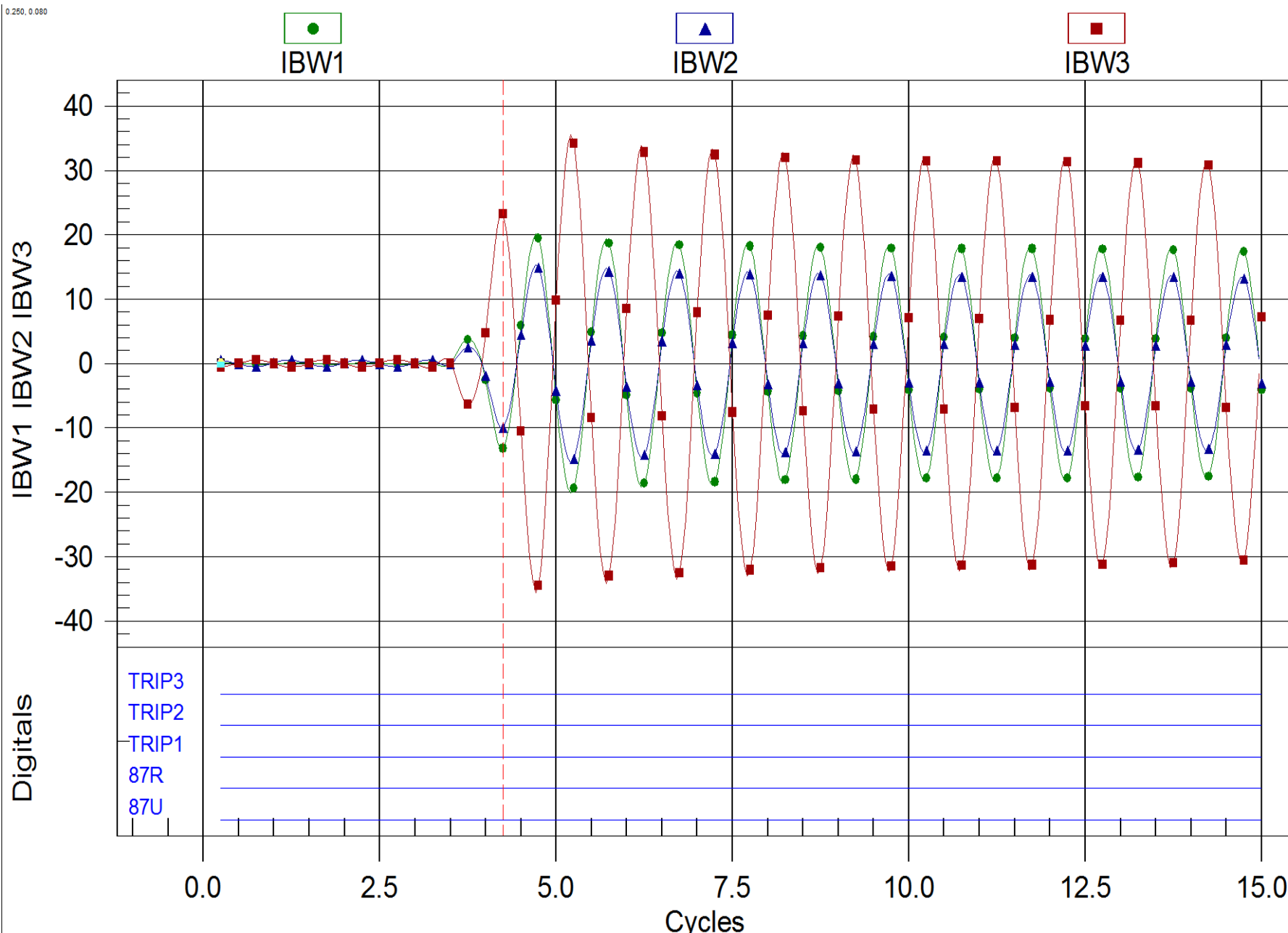
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Print Close

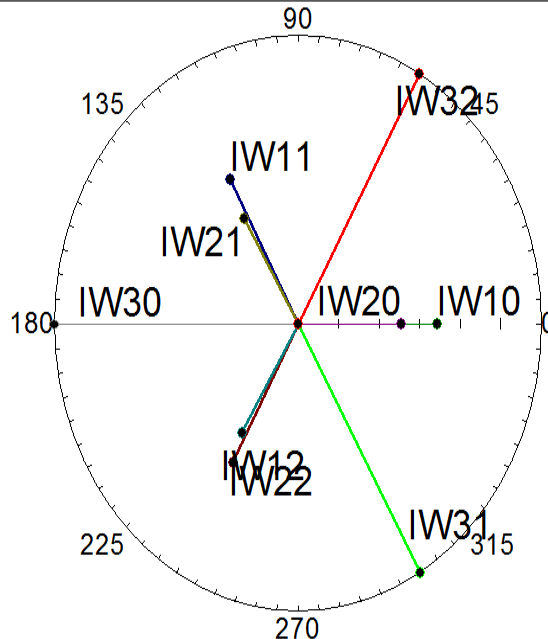
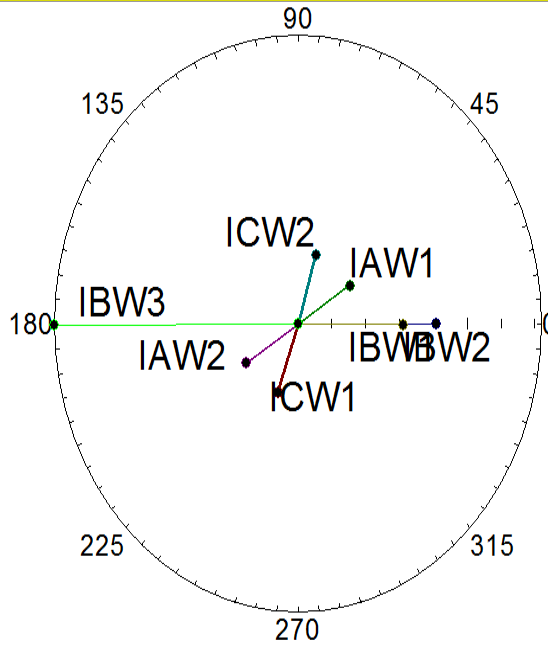
287B RELAY, CB 212 IBW3 = 36.1 X 400 CTR = 14,440 A

FAULT CURRENTS TO CAPACITOR BANK 1



# CB 212 IBW3 = 36.1 X 400 CTR = 14,440 AMPS FAULT CURRENTS TO CAPACITOR BANK 1

Channel	Mag	Angle	Scale	Show	Ret
Iaw1	0.4	32.5	1	1	0
IBw1	20.4	0.0	1	1	0
ICw1	0.2	250.6	1	1	0
Iaw2	0.4	212.5	1	1	0
IBw2	15.6	-0.1	1	1	0
ICw2	0.2	73.2	1	1	0
Iaw3	0.0	343.2	1	1	0
IBw3	36.1	180.2	1	1	0
ICw3	0.0	343.2	1	1	0
Iaw4	0.0	163.2	1	1	0
IBw4	0.0	163.2	1	1	0
ICw4	0.0	163.2	1	1	0
VDC	132.0	N/A	1	0	0
Iw10	6.9	0.0	1	1	1
Iw11	6.9	119.1	1	1	0
Iw12	6.6	241.0	1	1	0
Iw20	5.1	-0.1	1	1	0
Iw21	5.1	121.1	1	1	0
Iw22	5.3	238.7	1	1	0
Iw30	12.0	180.2	1	1	0
Iw31	12.0	300.2	1	1	0
Iw32	12.0	60.2	1	1	0
Iw40	0.0	163.2	1	1	0
Iw41	0.0	343.2	1	1	0
Iw42	0.0	343.2	1	1	0



Data Selection

Auto Increment:  Start  Delay (ms): 500 Cycles: 4,750

Show History

PHASE " C " STRINGS  
OF CAPACITOR 'S  
DAMAGED





LOW VOLTAGE CAPACITOR, 825 V,  
NEUTRAL POINT TO GROUND, BLOWN

PHASE "CX" LOW VOLTAGE  
CAPACITOR RUPTURED



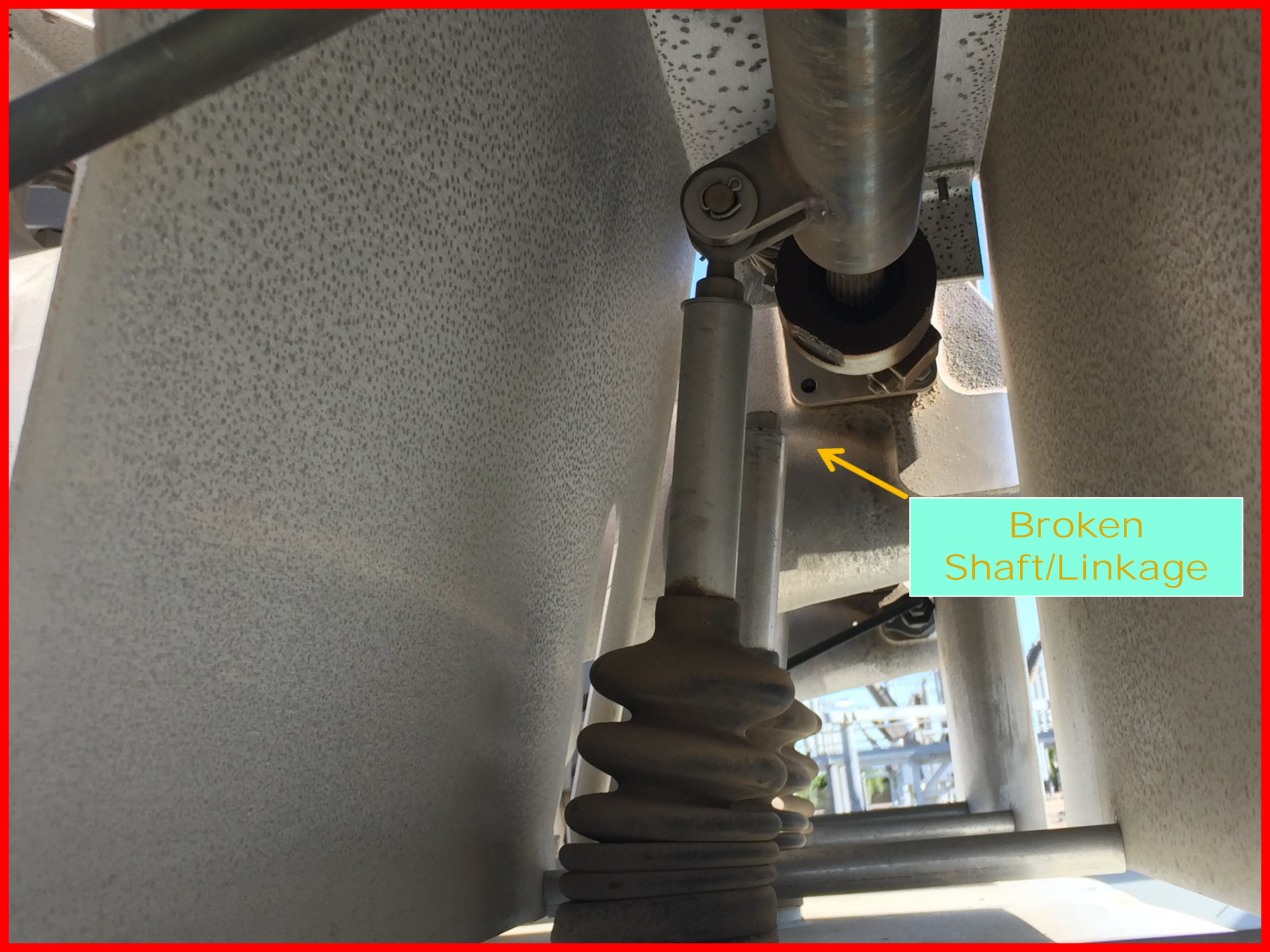
A photograph of an outdoor electrical substation. The scene shows various electrical components including insulators, metal structures, and a capacitor. A yellow arrow points to a capacitor that has been blown, with a text box above it stating "PHASE 'CY' LOW VOLTAGE CAPACITOR BLOWN". The background shows a clear blue sky and other parts of the substation.

PHASE "CY" LOW VOLTAGE  
CAPACITOR BLOWN



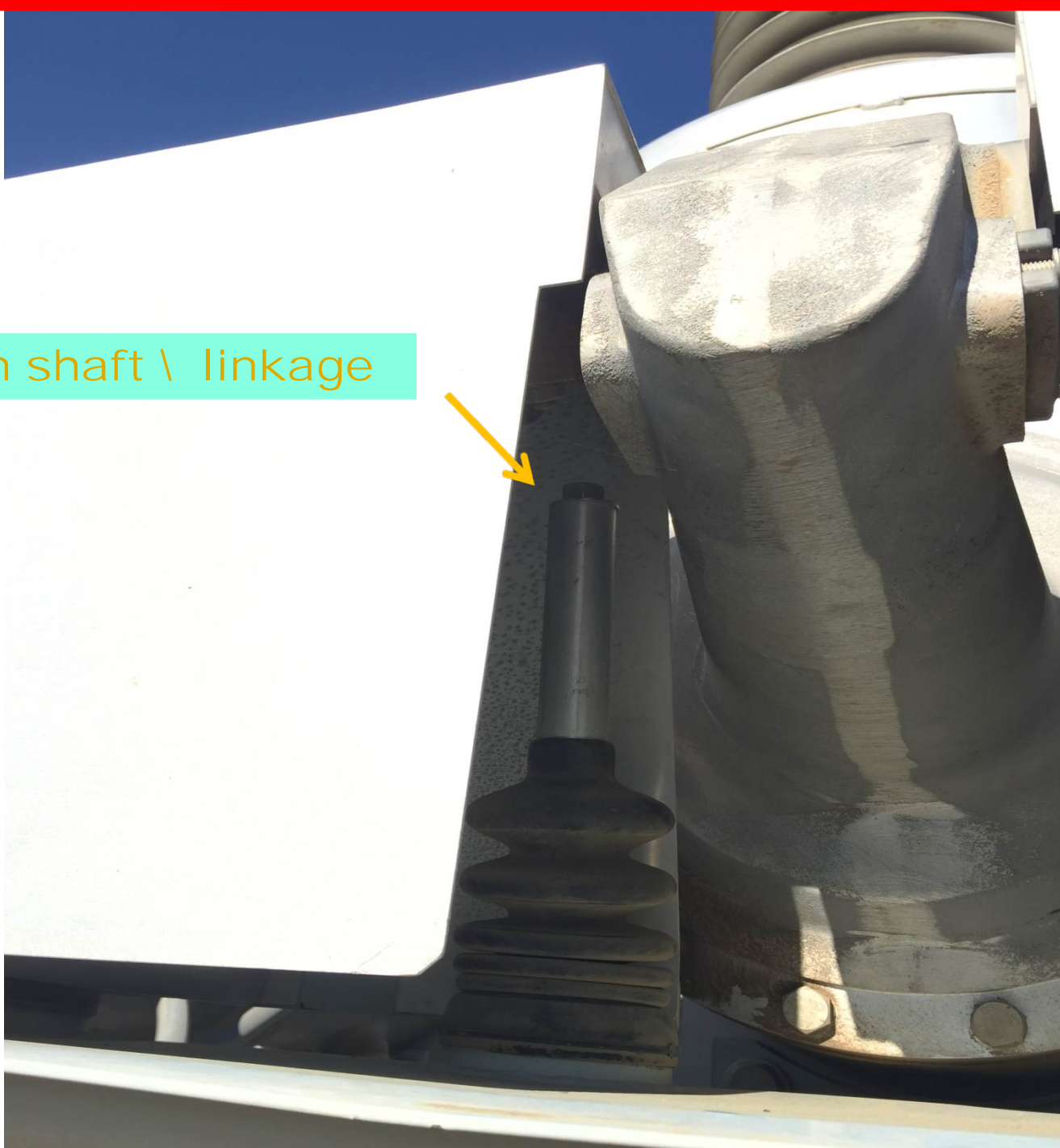
PHASE "CY" STRINGS  
CAPACITOR DAMAGED





Broken  
Shaft/Linkage

Broken shaft \ linkage





# Analysis & Findings

- ❖ Gregg CB 212 failed on miss-adjusted push rod per manufacturer. PG&E ATS concluded, component failure on ductile overload fracture or mal-adjusted eyelet bolt in service.
- ❖ Gregg CB 572 operating linkage lever, fractured in two places yet remained in closed position on power fail trip operation. Main circuit breaker contacts successfully open as designed.
- ❖ Gregg CB 212 breaker failure relay settings were found different from issued and desired relay settings of relay database. Errant settings were traced to have changed on July 2015 in the field for unknown reasons during maintenance.



# Analysis & Findings

- ❖ Ashlan CB 212 radio power amplifier was burnt and failed in service during cascading events. Blocking signal was not received continuously at Herndon 242 causing carrier hole and over tripping. No High speed reclosing (HSR) initiate at Herndon 242 due to missed ground element at HSR output logic.



# Corrective Action & Execution

- ❖ Telecommunication Techs to complete new replacement of Radio power amplifier on 06/28/2016. Carrier level checks performed and Pilot Line Blocking Scheme returned to service on 6/30/2016.
- ❖ Herndon CB 242 High Speed Reclosing relay settings updated, issued and completed on June 21, 2016.
- ❖ Evaluate Breaker Failure Relay, Phase & ground fault pickup at Gregg CB-212. Updated BFR relay minimum value of 0.5 amp on 6-20-2016.



# Recommendations

- ❖ Replace Gregg CB 212 with new breaker for Capacitor Bank application, Zero Voltage Crossing type. Completed and placed in service 4-28-2017.
- ❖ Replace Gregg CB 572 operating linkage lever from cast aluminum to aluminum bar stock.
- ❖ Replace Gregg CB 212 and CB 222 existing vintage breaker failure relay with new microprocessor breaker fail relay. Completed replacement and released new breaker fail relay for service on 4-28-2017.



# Recommendations

- ❖ Replace new Phase “C” Capacitor Bank units and associated metering and relaying components. Placed on service on April 28, 2017.

- ❖ TBA

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# Lessons Learned

- ❖ Testing after adjustments to CB 212 did not reveal mal-adjusted operating rod on Phase “C”. Circuit breaker design provides no external indication that internal linkage broke & main breaker contacts closed.
- ❖ Breaker Failure Relay on CB 212 could have contained outage to the 230 kV Capacitor Bus only by tripping upstream breakers, CB 372 and CB 472 BAAH Bay 2. Errant settings left in the relay from previous maintenance activity was the root cause.
- ❖ Test Technicians & Protection Engineers reinforced not to change relay setting without out following proper procedures & documenting changes.



# Neutral Capacitor Banks on Fire Video



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**Thank you**

**Questions?**