Automated testing of protection with Omicron and Python

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ABOUT STEDIN

- Distribution grid operator in most of South Holland and the provinces Utrecht and Zeeland
- More than 2.3 million households
- Our grid in numbers :

Туре	Amount
Primary (25/60/66 kV)	~186
MV Transport (10/13/21/23 kV)	~400
Secondary (0.4 kV)	~23,000





Electricity- and gas area



Testing of IEDs

- IEDs are the backbone of the substation
- Proper operation of the protection functions is of utmost importance
- Each IED is tested for correct operation of every protection function that is active:
 - Thresholds
 - Reaction times
- Testing is mainly done "inside" and with secondary currents / voltages
 - Primary values are used only in special occasions
- Omicron hardware and software are used as testing equipement



Testing setup



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IEC 61850 IN A NUTSHELL (1)

DATA MODEL

Unified names for (amongst others):

- PD Voltage level/section/IED
- LD Object group (CTRL/PROT)
- LN Object/function (XCBR/PTOC)
- DO Details (stVal/Str.phsA)



DT1K1Q02A1/PTOC.Str.phsA (104 = 666958)



IEC 61850 IN A NUTSHELL (2)

COMMUNICATION

MMS (Manufacturing Message Specification)

- Based on TCP/IP routable across networks
- Client/server communication is verified GOOSE (Generic Object Oriented Substation Event)
- Based on Ethernet local network
- Multicasts messages are published
- Direct sending for events and periodic messages (heartbeat)

SV (Sampled Values)

- Based on Ethernet local network
- Multicasts one-way communication
- Flow of messages with sampled ratings of 4000/12800 samples/sec – 5,3/12,5 Mb/sec



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Omicron Hard-wired vs. GOOSE

PROTECTION, TIME MEASURING AND TRIPS



Omicron HARD-WIRED VS. GOOSE

PROTECTION TESTING WITH HARD-WIRED CONNECTIONS

Measuring the reaction time of the start/trip contacts using hard-wired connections

- All protection functions send start/trip signals
- Often only testing per protection functions, disabling conflicting protection functions
- <u>Testing distributed protection schemes</u> <u>is complex and time-consuming</u>





Omicron HARD-WIRED VS. GOOSE

PROTECTION TESTING WITH GOOSE

Measuring the reaction times of the start/trip signals with GOOSE

- Time measurements per protection function (for example I> or I>>).
- Subscriptions, as well as simulations of GOOSE messages, are possible
- Testing of distributed protection schemes is very easy by sending the signals over the network

(for example reverse-blocking protection)



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HOW WE AUTOMATE IN STEDIN



Standard OCC template

- Adjusted to the standard protection functions that we use
- GOOSE configuration included
- Distributed protection schemes also present





Tooling - NA beveiligingApp





Creating XRIO files

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Creating GOOSE configuration files (1)





Creating GOOSE configuration files (2)

BUT ALSO....SIMULATION OF GOOSE





Example CASE - REVERSE-BLOCKING Scheme (1) THEORY



Outgoing feeder

Outgoing feeder



Example CASE - REVERSE-BLOCKING Scheme (2) HARD-WIRED TESTING





Example CASE - REVERSE-BLOCKING Scheme (3) GOOSE-BASED TESTING

- Divided in two parts
- Part 1: Whether the outgoing feeders send the correct GOOSE messages for blocking
- Part 2: Whether the incoming feeders are actually blocked at the receiving of those GOOSE messages
- Faster testing in this manner due to less rewiring



Example CASE - REVERSE-BLOCKING Scheme (3) GOOSE-BASED TESTING PART 1:





Example CASE - REVERSE-BLOCKING Scheme (3) GOOSE-BASED TESTING PART 2:





HOW DOES IT WORK IN PRACTICE







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GOOSE config

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Exit	

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CONCLUSIONS

- GOOSE testing = less wiring = less time consuming
- Separated testing per function = more efficient testing
- Automated tool = less hand-filled data = less error-prone
- Python allows for easy and automated creation of OCC files
- Distributed protection schemes become easy to be tested



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