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Benefits of Digital Substation Mahesh Sathe December 03, 2013



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#### Learning objectives

- Background information
- Digital Substations
- IEC 61850 in details
- Sample Architecture

#### Today's situation

- Aging infrastructure
- Aging / reduced workforce less electrical engineers available new technologies available
- Cost constraints (real estate, engineering, installation and operation phases)
- Requirements on more information for operations and asset management
- Higher reliability requirements
- Requirements on lower environmental impact





#### What to do

- Retrofitting P&C systems in existing substations
- Building new substations
- Using new technologies, making the system "smarter"
- Reduce space, engineering and installation cost.
- Use the P&C system for more than just protection and control purposes.
- Green decisions





#### **New Installations**

- Reduce footprint by utilizing communication technology
  - Less wiring
  - Smaller devices as a result of less wiring
  - Smaller / fewer panels
  - Smaller buildings





#### Asset Management

Use the P&C system to provide asset management data

- Breaker operations, sum of switched amps
- Tap changer operations
- Transformer monitoring (transformer models)
- GIS SF6 density
- Vibrations
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- Use what is already installed, fewer systems needed, less complexity, do more with less
- Make your substation "smarter"



#### **Conventional design**





Circuit diagrams Connection tables Cable lists



#### System Architecture RTU / Hardwired

- IEDs do not have communication capability
- Status monitoring and control via RTU hardwired connections
- Significant amount of connections / documentation





# System Architecture DNP / Modbus

- Integration of status monitoring into IEDs
- Reduction/elimination of RTU cabinet
- Defined protocol stack
- Non standard modeling of substation equipment and functions
- Non standard data format
- Integration requires intimate knowledge of each device
- Protocol conversion may be necessary





#### Communication The new kind of communications





Home / Office Network

Plug and Play Technology -

Phones, Printers, computers, mobile phones,

network devices, Laptops, and many more

devices

## IEC 61850 brings the same networking technology to Substations

All the devices in the substation are connected in a Local area network that includes devices from multiple vendors.



# System Arhchitecture IEC 61850

- Integration of status monitoring, protection, automation, and control into IEDs
- Digitization of copper wires
  - 61850-8-1
  - 61850-9-2
- Modeling of the substation, equipment and functions
- Protocol stack
- Interoperability by standardization and verification





#### A breakthrough for Substation Automation Goal of the Standard

- Interoperability
  - Exchange information between IED's (Intelligent Electronic Device) from several manufacturers
  - IEDs use this information for their own function
- Free Configuration
  - Free allocation of functions to devices
  - Support any philosophy of customer centralized or decentralized systems
- Long Term Stability
  - Future proof
  - Follow progress in mainstream communication technology
  - Follow evolving system requirements needed by customers



#### **Data Model**





#### Client – Server Relationship

- Reports have several configurable triggers
  - Data change
  - Quality change
  - Data update
  - Cyclic



#### **Digitize Copper**

#### Digitize copper (GOOSE + SMV)

- Thanks to Ethernet technology and previously mentioned data model we are able to digitize copper:
  - Binary signals (GOOSE)
  - Analog signals (GOOSE)
  - Analog signals as input to protection and metering functions (SMV in the Process Bus)



#### What is GOOSE message?

- GOOSE messages are based on change event
- GOOSE messages include diagnostic functions (a "heart beat" to all devices subscribed is sent periodically)
- GOOSE messages are managed by GCBs (GOOSE control block) inside IEDs
- GOOSE messages send "Data Sets" upon changes of state







Data set (information)







#### Process Bus What is Process Bus

Station level

Bay level



Process level

### Parallel Redundancy Protocol (PRP) Principle



- Operation Mode
  - 2 Ports active
    - Messages are sent / received simultaneously on both ports
    - Switch over time 0ms
- Advantages
  - No recovery time
  - No messages are lost
  - Network redundancy (Network A and B)
  - IEDs are not active part of the network
  - Standard according IEC 61850-8-1/9-2 Edition 2



#### Demonstration PRP Operation in normal condition



#### Demonstration PRP Operation with "faulty" condition



#### Change Maintenance

- Technicians and engineers need suitable tools
  - Conventional systems multi meters
  - IEC 61850 systems protocol analyzers?
- Tools must be
  - user friendly
  - powerful
  - give benefits from using IEC 61850

And Yes, they do exist now





#### Justification

#### Keys to successful implementation

- Identify all the benefits (obvious)
- Identify ALL the costs :-
  - Equipment
  - Installation
  - Engineering
  - Commissioning
  - Utilization costs
  - Impact on External systems
  - Costs to Change/Migrate in the future
  - New potential savings



#### System Architecture Example





# Digital Substation – Panels Example





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#### Drop in Control House Example





#### Digital Substation Benefits

- Overall reduced time to engineer and install substations
- Up to 50% reduction in real estate requirements
- >30% reduction in copper wiring installation, maintenance, and debug
- Reduced operational costs using tools to improve installation and troubleshooting needs
- Improved documentation
- Improved utilization of assets with increased flexibility for expansion
- Safeguards investment with a future-ready solution that provides migration to technology advancements in the digital substation



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