Secure and Efficient Testing of IEC 61850-Based Protection and Control Systems



Agenda

What are the issues and challenges during testing (focus on maintenance testing)

Requirements for testing IEC 61850-based PACS

Doble's simulation test devices and software tools

Testing Issues and Challenges

- "Software switches" replace
 conventional physical test switches for
 isolating injected signals and outputs of
 device under test (DUT) from the rest of
 the system in normal service
- Test signals (SV and GOOSE) are seen by
 DUT as well as devices in normal service
 a major security concern
- Similar GOOSE messages from Test Sets and Real IEDs (under test and in normal service) are difficult to be differentiated by testers and by some IEDs (Edition 1)

- Test Isolation features of IEC 61850 are not understood by most testers
- Existing packet sniffing tools are difficult to use for data visualization by testers
- Issuing of control sequences through generic MMS client tools is extremely difficult from the data model IED explorer tree and list views

Testing Issues and Challenges

- A complete substation and its system configuration description file (SCD) can contain 100s of IEDs and it is difficult to manage the test scenarios
- Some substations have been designed with little regard to testing
- Configuring some complex tests is often times a trial-and-error process
- No room for errors when doing maintenance testing in a live substation

Testing Issues and Challenges

- A single IED can have numerous protection & control functions
- Many functions can share a
 <u>common</u> trip output. How to
 test a specific protection
 element (e.g., Zone 2 AB loop,
 Neutral OC stage 2, etc.) if the
 element of interest is not in
 the dataset
- Not allowed to change protection settings or re-map I/O signals for maintenance

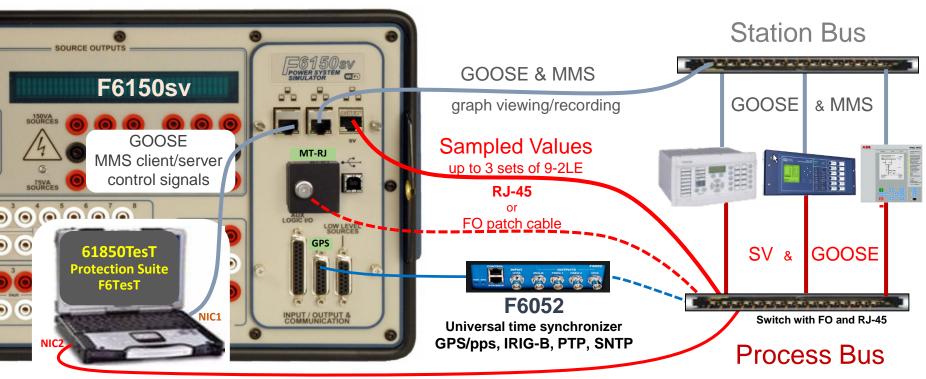
- Some schemes have functional elements that are <u>distributed</u> across multiple physical IEDs
- Some protection functions require 2 or more simultaneous sets of sampled values
- Some hybrid systems use both conventional voltages and currents and sampled values

Testing Requirements and Doble Solutions

- Import SCL files; read data model and configuration from IEDs; compare files
- Scan network for GOOSE & SV messages
- Mask complexity of IEC 61850 from user
- Easy setup of test configuration for SV publishing and GOOSE subscription and publishing.
- Real-time data visualization
 - Tabular list of selected signals
 - Annunciator panel with widgets
 - Oscillography (SV, GOOSE, Reports)
- Record SV and data (GOOSE, Reports) in COMTRADE files; Viewer/Analysis module
- Logging of GOOSE, Report and Polling data

- User-friendly MMS Client w/ descriptive semantic information
- Easy-to-use interface for
 - control of breakers and other controllable objects
 - preparing the IEDs for simulation and testing
- GOOSE simulator for publishing and subscription; with programmable logic
- Support IEC 61850 testing and isolation features
- Default to secure simulation/quality states
- Save and re-use Configuration Setup files and Test Plans that have been fully verified to be working correctly – This ensures security, avoids errors during actual testing and improves efficiency and management of the testing process

Tools for Testing IEC 61850-based PACS



SV graph viewing/recording

Test Features – **Isolation** during Maintenance

Test signals injected by test set should be:

- Accepted only by Devices (IEDs or Logical devices) under test (DUT)
- <u>Rejected</u> by devices that are in normal service

Simulation:

- Test set publishes SV and GOOSE messages with Simulation flag = true
- DUT set to Simulation will process messages
 with Simulation flag = true
- Devices in **normal service** (Simulation not set) will <u>not process</u> simulated messages

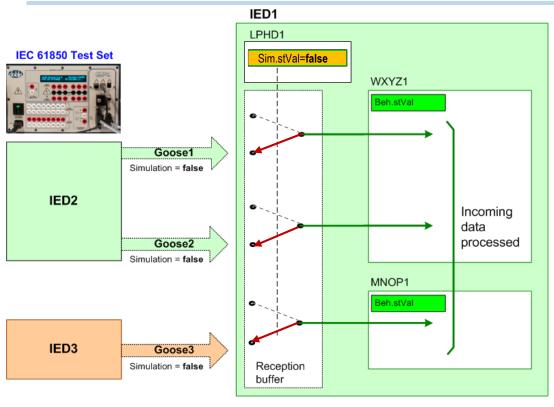
Output Signals of DUT

- Outputs signals should be accepted by other devices also under test
- <u>rejected</u> by other devices in normal service
- Hard-wired outputs of the DUT
 blocked from operating on the process

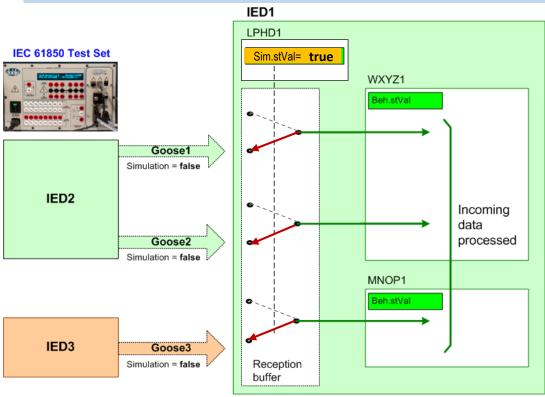
Mode/Behavior: – Test, Test/blocked

- GOOSE outputs of DUT are identified with q.test=true. They are processed as valid by other devices also under test
- Devices in normal service reject (or process as Invalid) signals with q.test=true.

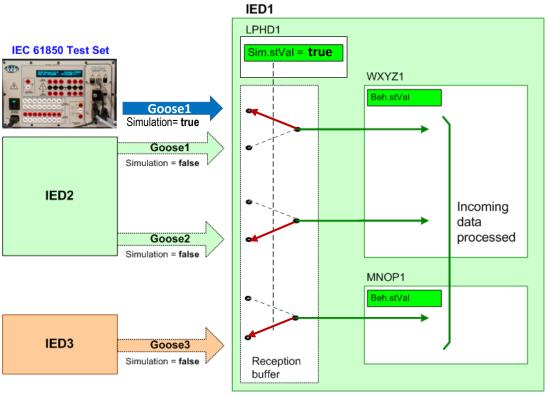
Test/blocked mode: HW outputs blocked



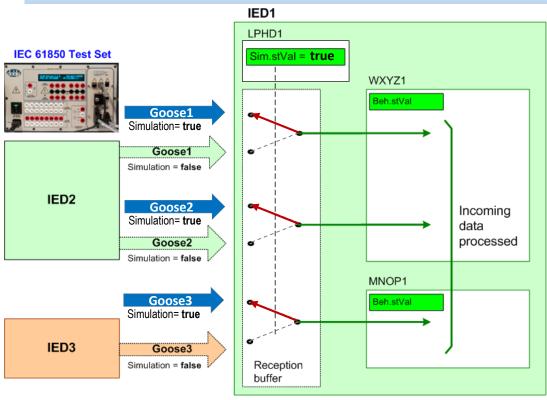
 Devices in <u>normal service</u> with Simulation=**false** will <u>process</u>
 GOOSE messages from real IEDs



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- Device with Simulation changed to true will still continue processing GOOSE messages (with simulation flag = false) from real IEDs, if there are no simulated messages from the test set



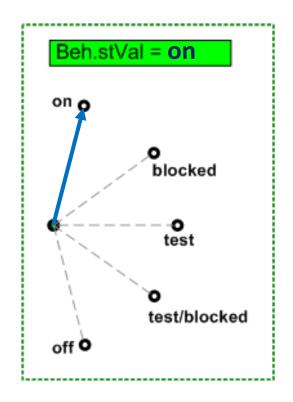
- Test set publishes GOOSE msgs with Simulation flag = true
- DUT with Simulation = true will
 - Start accepting messages with Simulation flag = true
 - Reject messages from real IED with Simulation flag = false

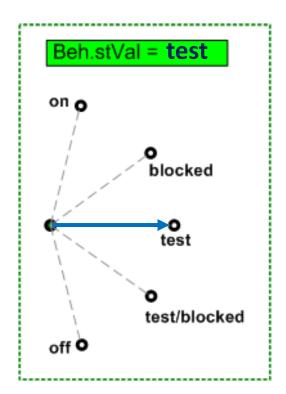


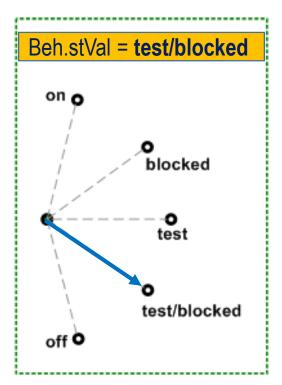
- Test set publishes GOOSE msgs with Simulation flag = true
- Devices in Simulation = true will accept incoming simulated messages with Simulation flag also set to true

 All GOOSE messages from the real IEDs (Sim=false) that have the same names as the simulated ones will now be rejected.

Mode and Behavior of Logical Devices and Logical Nodes







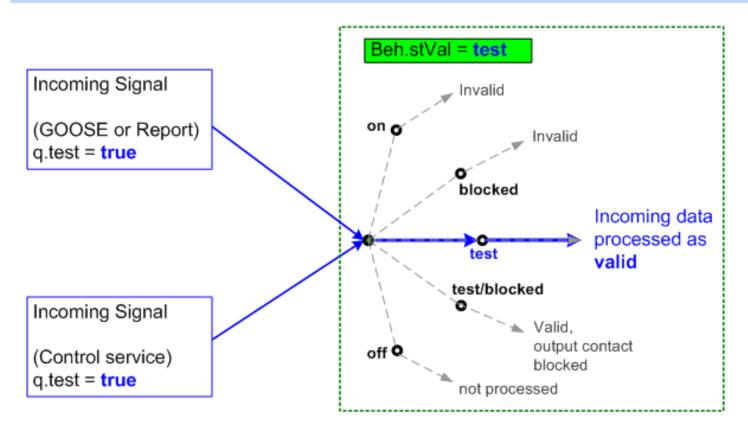
LD/LN Mode/Beh Inheritance

LNMode or nested LDMode XXXX.Mod	LDMode LLN0.Mod	LNBeh (read only) XXXX.Beh
on	on	on
on	blocked	blocked
on	test	test
on	test/blocked	test/blocked
on	off	off
blocked	on	blocked
blocked	blocked	blocked
blocked	test	test/blocked
blocked	test/blocked	test/blocked
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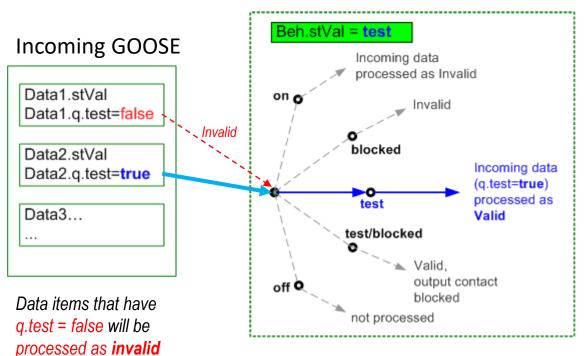
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test/blocked	on	test/blocked
test/blocked	blocked	test/blocked
test/blocked	test	test/blocked
test/blocked	test/blocked	test/blocked
test/blocked	off	off
off	on	off
off	blocked	off
off	test	off
off	test/blocked	off
off	Off	off

The behavior of a function is controlled jointly by its superior hierarchical level as well as through its controllable object 'Mod'. To reach a definite behavior among these two access variants, the states are ordered by priority, where 'off' has priority over 'test' which has priority over 'on'. Test and blocked have the same priority resulting in test/blocked.

Mode/Behavior, Data Quality and Processing



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- LD/LN with Behavior = test
 or test/blocked will process
 as valid incoming data with
 q.test = true
- Data items with q.test=false (even from the same GOOSE message) will be rejected or processed as invalid

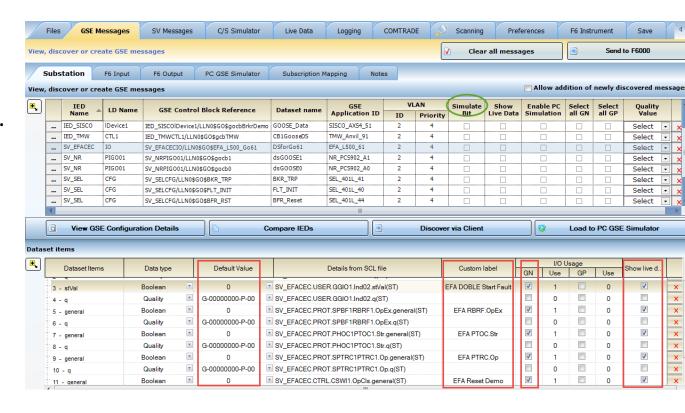
This also applies to Control service messages

Doble Solutions for

Testing IEC 61850-based Protection and Control Systems

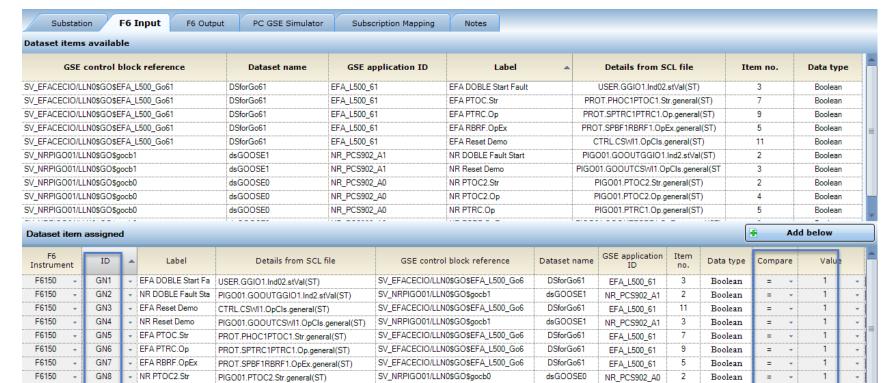
GOOSE Messages and Datasets

- Import SCL file or discover IEDs
- Add custom labels for easy identification, esp. for GGIO data items
- Select data items for
 - –Use as Inputs/Outputs
 - –Viewing in live data
- For GOOSE simulation
 - –Set Sim flags
 - -Set data q.bits
 - Verify default data values



Configuring Doble F6150sv test set for Signal Inputs(GOOSE Subscription)

- Map selected data signals to Inputs (GN#) of F6150sv test set
- Verify "compare" values signal triggering for use during testing



Configuring Doble F6150sv test set for Signal Output Simulation (GOOSE Publishing)

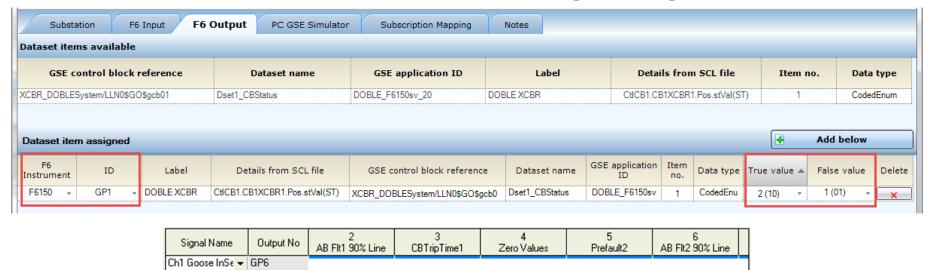
 Map selected GOOSE data signals to logic **Outputs** (GP#) of test set

Ch1 POTT Rx ▼ GP7

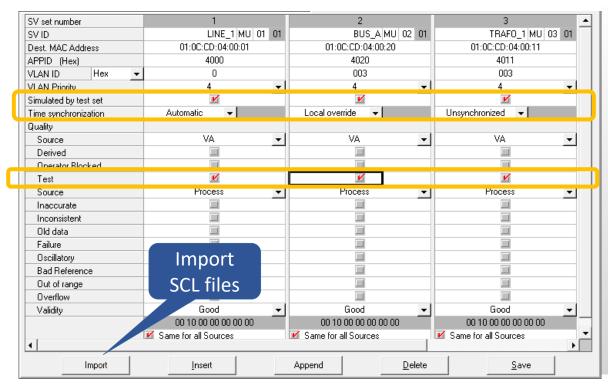
▼ GP3

CB1 Pos

 Verify "True value" and "False value" for signals simulated during testing

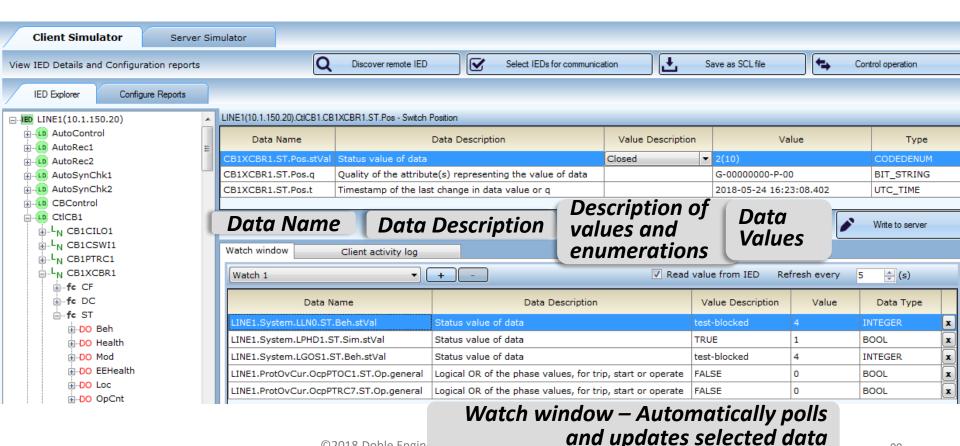


Configuring F6150sv test set for Simulation of Sampled Values



- Define multiple SV sets for Substation
- Select and simulate up to 3 sets of SV (9-2 LE) simultaneously for each test
- Set or reset Simulation flag
- Time synchronization
 - –Automatic Sync (based on GPS signal)
 - -Override to make Local & Global
 - Override to make Unsynchronized
- Set Quality bits
 - -Test, Validity, etc.

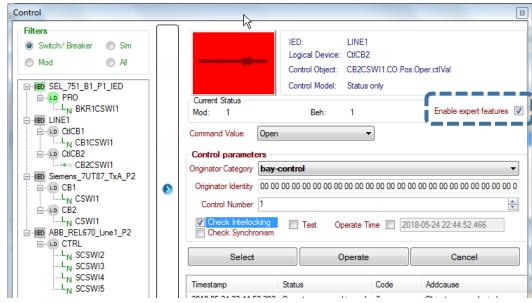
MMS Client – Data Model, Read/Write, Control, Reports



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Control User Interface

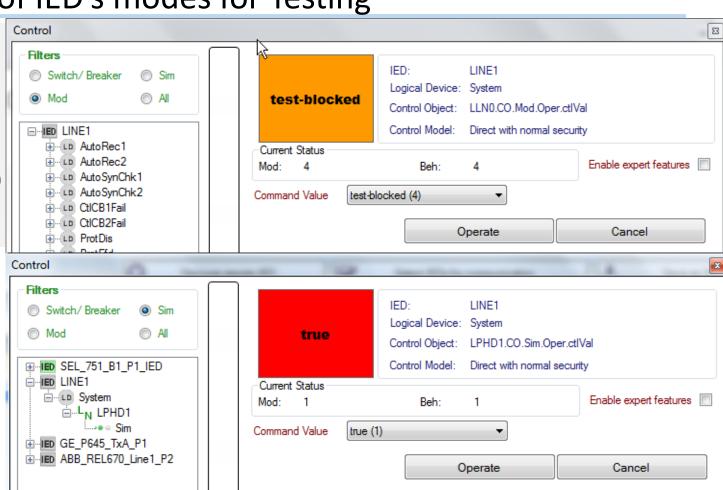
- Test sequences of control operations with ease
 - -Non-expert mode hides/disable buttons and fields and allows only valid operations
 - **–Expert mode** enables everything and allows testing of invalid sequences
- Filters for easy selection of objects
- Support all control models
 - -status only
 - -direct with normal or enhanced security
 - —SBO (select-before-operate) with normal security
 - -direct with enhanced security
 - -SBO with enhanced security
- Test control operations with checks of interlocking and synchronization
- Perform tests with IEDs in test mode with the control sequence Test flag



User Control of IED's modes for Testing

- •LD or LN.Mod
 - -on(1)
 - blocked (2)
 - test (3)
 - test-blocked (4)
 - off (5)

- •LPHD.Sim
 - false (0)
 - true (1)

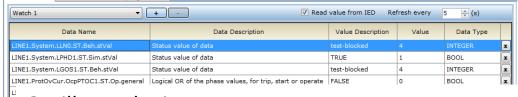


Real-time Data Visualization and Recording – GOOSE, Reports, Sampled Values

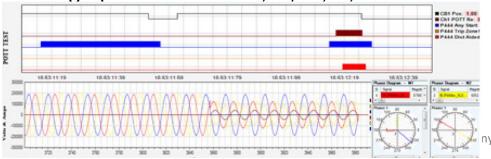
Live Tabular view - Selected signals only or All signals Identify identical sources (real & test); Sim = true or false



Watch windows in Client/Server – Local + Global



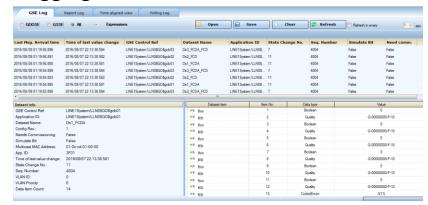
Oscillograph views — GOOSE, Report, SV; Save COMTRADE



Annunciator view - with animated widgets (user configurable); Detects if GOOSE is missing

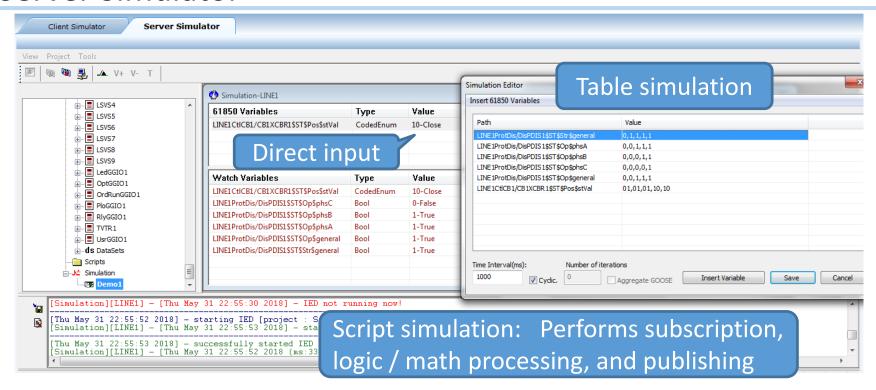


Logging view- GOOSE & Reports + dataset details



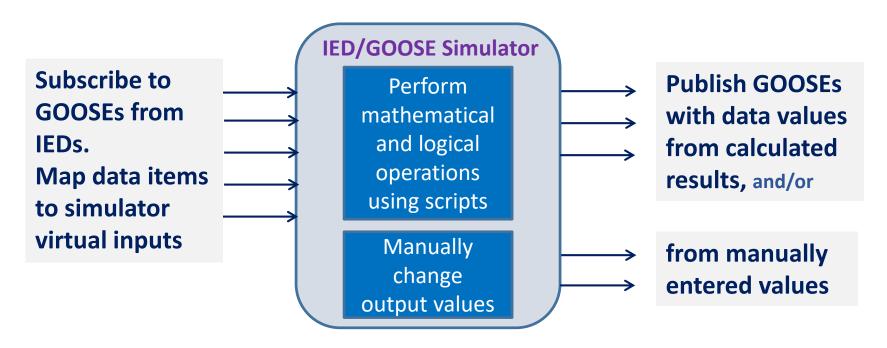
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Server Simulator



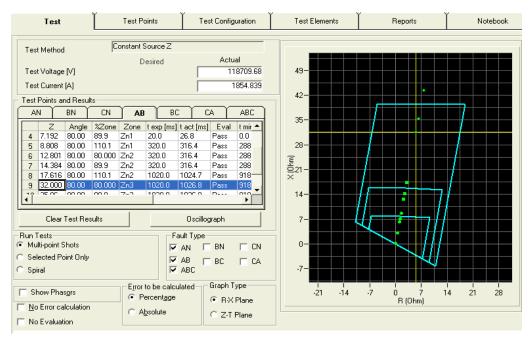
 Use for simulating missing IEDs during any testing phase Use to simulate special test conditions

PC-based GOOSE Simulator



 Use for simulating multiple missing IEDs during any testing phase Use for simulating various test conditions

Protection Test software solutions

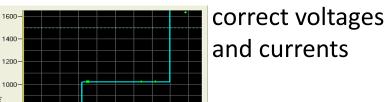


 Automatically identifies the elements that operated based on measured operate times and/or status of data signal

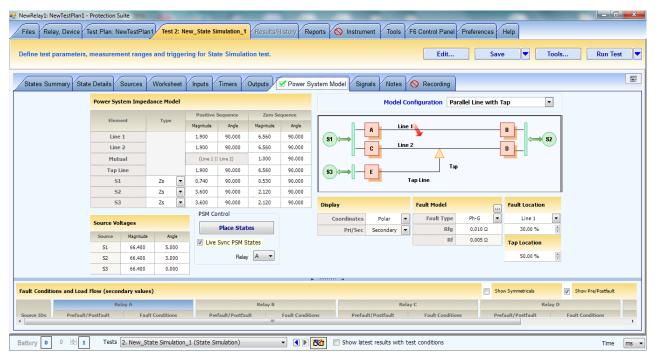
- Visual modeling and testing to verify settings and characteristics
- Avoid changing settings and signal mappings
- Smart testing targets specific functional elements by applying

600-

400-



Protection Test software solutions



Protection Suite sw

- Power system models
- Transient testing

Test Preparation for Ensuring Security and Efficiency

- Import SCD file
- Identify standard or similar sub-systems
- Divide substation into manageable sub-systems
- Identify and select related IEDs for each PAC sub-system
- Matrix of GOOSE messages and signals
 - Publishing
 - Subscriptions/external references
- SV messages and subscribing IEDs, functions

- Develop 61850 Test configuration files
- System conditions
 - Normal
 - Simulation / Test
- Map GOOSE Signals to F6150sv Logic I/O
- Simulation: sequence tables and scripts
- Live Data visualization and recording (GOOSE, SV, Report)
- Client config. for control, report, watch/polling
- Take <u>special attention to test isolation and security</u> to prevent inadvertent operation of devices in normal operation while performing test on other devices.
- Thoroughly test and vet configuration files and test plans
- <u>Document</u> configuration files and test plans and provide clear procedures and instructions for test personnel

- Develop automated test plans
- Normal and test conditions
 - Functional element tests
 - Multi-element tests of main functions
 - Fault conditions and control sequences
 - Multi-IED scheme tests

- Collection of wellorganized files and test plans
- Select, use, reuse applicable files and plans for:
 - Factory Acceptance Tests
 - Commissioning tests
 - Maintenance tests

Fully tested and properly documented configuration and test files promotes efficiency and ensures security during testing