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Real-time monitoring of the Protection, Automation and Control system - PAC of an IEC 61850 substation

B5 Protection and Automation

PS2 - Applications of emerging technology for protection, automation and control

Q2.05 What are the experiences to improve the practical application and verification of the protection in a real substation project?

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• Electrical cables x Ethernet network and electronic devices

- > Improves availability:
 - Alternative paths for signals (redundancy)
 - Ability to monitor infrastructure and functionality
 - o Application of files defined in the standard (SSD, SCD) ensuring compatibility

Real-time monitoring basically includes:

- > Diagnostics of each device: hardware failure, communication failure, power failure
- ➤ Signal Diagnostics: loss or degradation of SV, GOOSE, MMS
- **Ethernet Network Diagnostics: Traffic volume on each network segment, jitter and latency of data packets**
- > Configuration diagnosis: Correct application SCD in real time IEDs and communication
- > Cybersecurity Diagnosis: services and accesses on the network
- ➤ Monitoring of time synchronization: IEDs, GNSS, PTP

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Strategies for monitoring defined in the project

- ➤ Local SCADA, Asset management system and a cyber security system
- ➤ Integrated work of distinct teams
- ➤ Report information to Power System Operation Center, Cyber Security Operation Center and Maintenance Center

Information collected in requests

- > Firmware versions
- > Protection settings
- **➤** Last change date
- **→** Hardware performance
- > Depends on the resources of the IED itself or communication equipment (Switch, Router, GNSS)

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- More features and requirements on Network Devices (Switches, Redboxes, etc.)
 - > Functional core of the Ethernet network
 - > Availability, IEC 61850 compatibility, network functionalities (VLAN, RSTP, HSR, PRP)
 - > Intelligent monitoring and communication capability for different purposes
 - >SNMP for Asset Management
 - >MMS for PAC System Monitoring
- Same reasoning could be applied to time servers
 - >Key element for process bus
 - >Availability, Master Clock, Clock Class and Accuracy, etc.
 - ➤ Intelligent monitoring and communication capability (SNMP and MMS)

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