

Evaluation of DER integration on distribution protection with Hardware in the loop using Low energy signals

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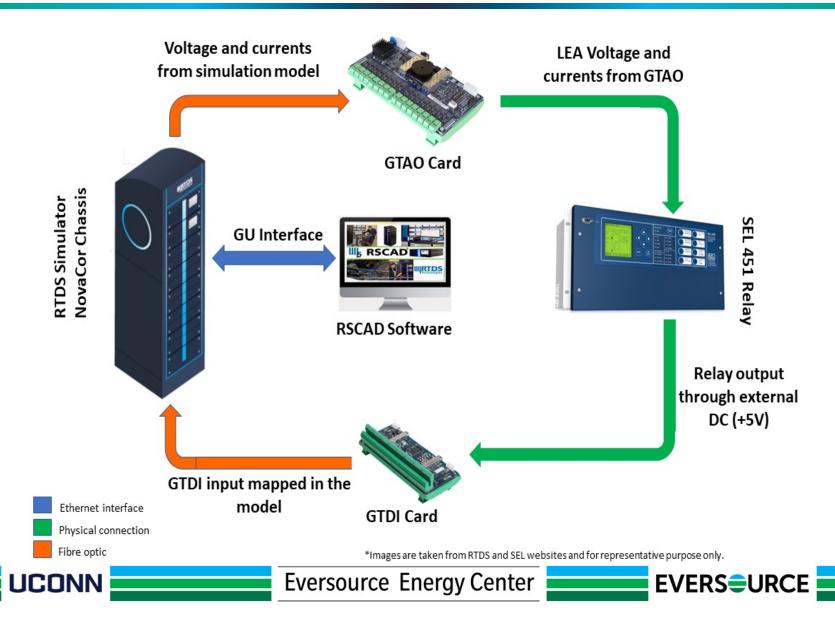
- To develop a hardware in the loop test setup for the deep integration of renewable energy in the power system research work.
- Understanding the impact of the distribution energy resources integration on existing protection system at distribution level.
- Develop case studies of protection issues and validate them with test bed setup.





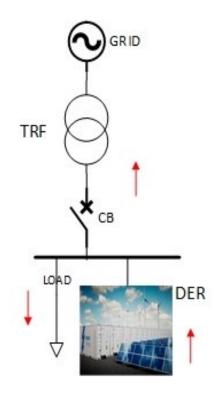
Hardware in the Loop setup with LEA:



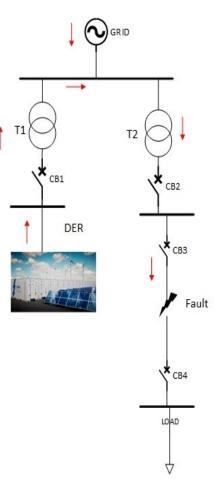




Reverse power flow:



Sympathetic tripping:

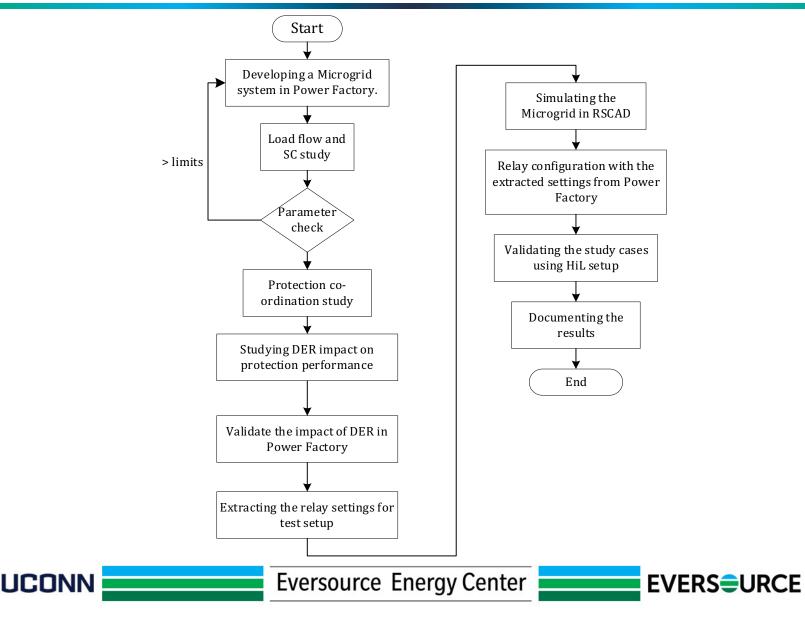






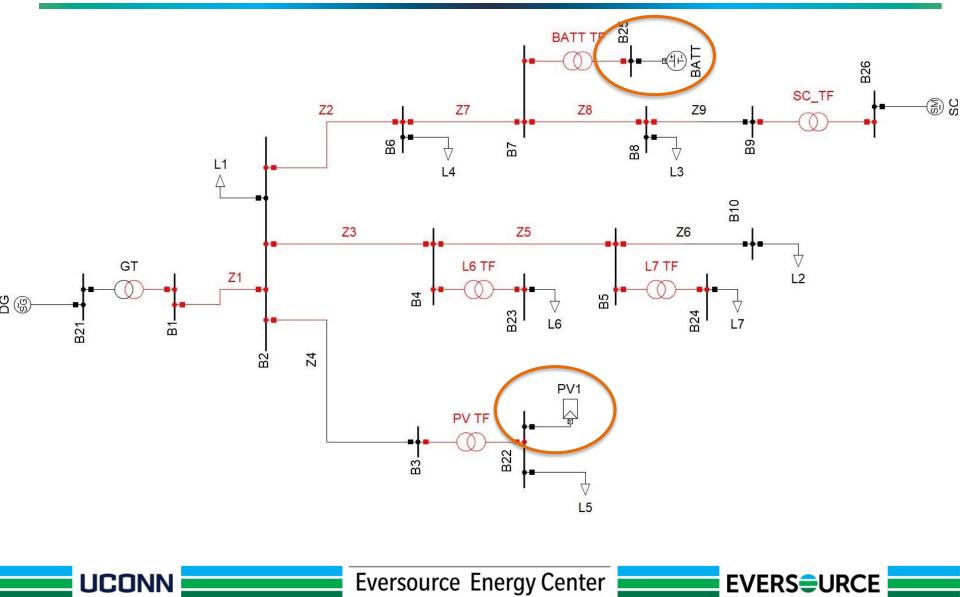
Project flow:





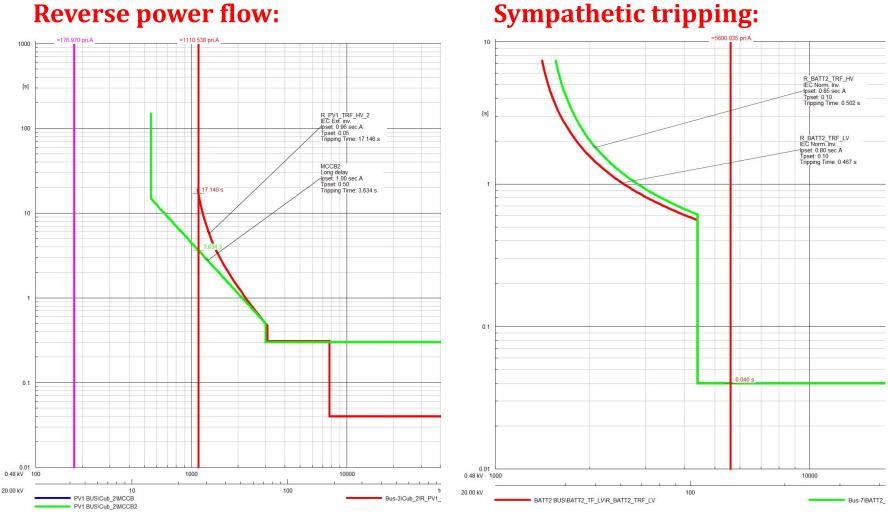
Microgrid model in PowerFactory:





Relay operating curves:





Sympathetic tripping:

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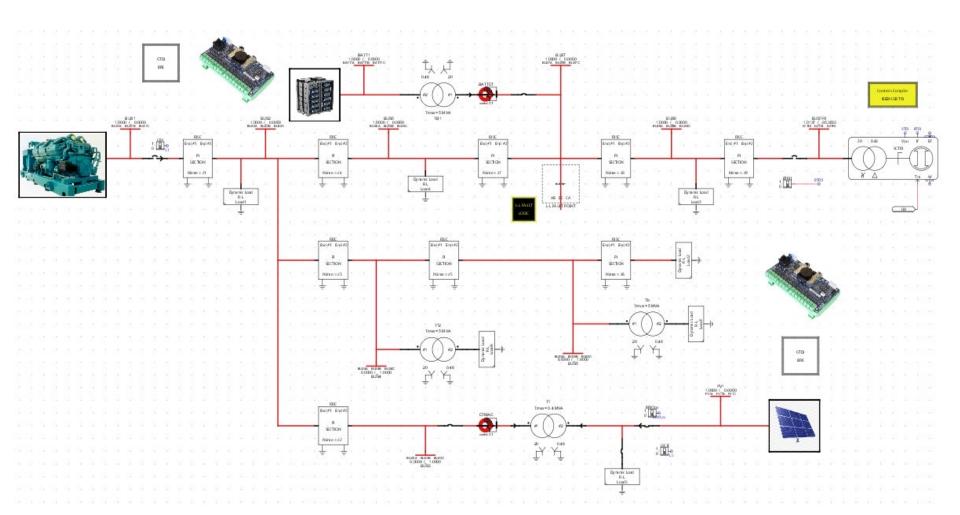
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Microgrid model in RSCAD:

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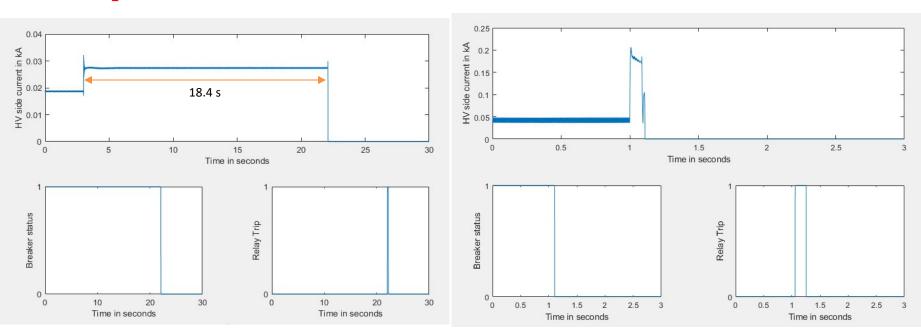


Results:



Reverse power flow:

Sympathetic tripping:



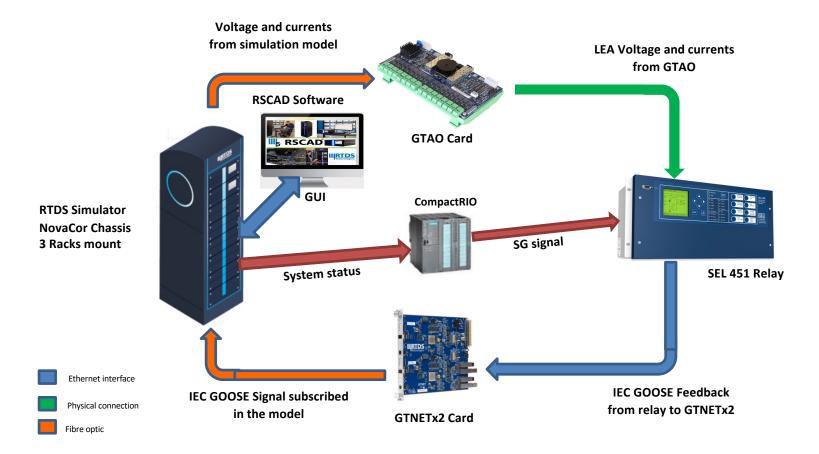
- Power output of the PV is increased from 735kW to 1.01 MW and the relay is observed to trip on inverse time over current protection.
- A 3-Ph SC fault is created at B7 bus and the fault current contribution from batteries have resulted in activation of instantaneous trip at Transformer HV side relay.





Future research:





*Images are taken from RTDS and SEL websites and for representative purpose only.



