RPA, APCS devices and SS measuring instruments automatic diagnostics and servicing efficiency improvement system



The article includes general description of the results of work related to development of RPA, APCS devices and SS measuring instruments automatic diagnostics and servicing efficiency improvement system. R&D is performed for FGC UES PJSC needs.

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process ontemporary of operation of Relay Protection and Automation Devices (RPA), Automatic Process Control Systems (APCS) and Measuring Instruments (MI) includes a set of organizational and technical measures focused on keeping the specific equipment and systems ever-ready for intended use. It involves devices timely servicing and maintenance, MI verification and calibration, proper operation analysis.

Current processes of RPA, APCS and MI operation have the following main disadvantages:

- → low information availability on the results of RPA, APCS and MI servicing, resulting from its storage as a hard copy;
- → lack of mechanisms of instant access to relevant operating, normative and executive

documentation on RPA, APCS and MI at all hierarchy levels of electricity supply network facilities operation process;

→ high time expenditures and information losses during operating data transmission from substations to the corporate branches — main power systems (MPS), their regional enterprises (EMPS), executive office (EO) levels of FGC UES PJSC;

- → lack of information provision for implementation of RPA, APCS elements automatic fault rate analysis mechanisms;
- → high time and resource expenditures on RPA, APCS and MI operation analysis.

In this context the IT systems (RPA, APCS and MI) servicing efficiency improvement possible in case of comprehensive solution of tasks related to work processes optimization and automation by means of development and implementation of hierarchical distributed IT system. providing automation of work of RPA, APCS and MI personnel, into FGC UES PJSC, as well as creation of accessible central electronic data warehouse for specific documentation. Currently, at request of FGC UES PJSC and with the support of R&D Center at FGC UES JSC, EnergopromAvtomatizatciva LLC, Relematika LLC, research and development work is performed with the purpose of development of RPA, APCS devices and SS measuring instruments automatic diagnostics and servicina efficiency improvement system (hereinafter — "Operation" software and hardware complex system).

System architecture

The system is made based on distributed architecture with various receiving, storage and processing nodes. Its architecture consists of three levels (Fig. 1):

- upper level: system server at EO level of FGC UES PJSC;
- middle level: system server at EMPS and MPS level:
- lower level: data collection system at substation (ARM-Server).

Lower, substation level of the System is intended for initial data collection and receiving of initial information required for the corresponding business processes automation. It includes ARM-Server. Depending on substation automation level the ARM-Server collects data in automatic mode or in manual mode if automatic data collection is not possible. List and amount of collected information directly depend on substation architecture type (typical, non-typical, combined, with APCS and without it, etc.) and include:

- oscillograms and signals of alarm events from RPA devices;
- oscillograms from substation AER;
- diagnostic signals from devices;
- cut-offs of analogue signals values from RPA, APCS devices and MI;
- switching devices position signals.

Based on this information at lower level the combined oscillograms are automatically

formed, RPA devices operation is analyzed, diagnostic signals are algorithmically processed with the following formation of events information and notification of users of all system levels.

Entity technological disturbances database (DB), RPA devices operation automatic analysis data, etc. are formed at lower level.

Information from ARM-Server is transmitted to the middle level of the System using existing communication channels. If necessary, information can be transmitted from the middle to lower level, in case of loss, replication of data, for instance.

System server equipment with middle level DB is installed at the middle level. Access to information, stored on the System server, is made through Web-interface from authorized work PCs located on MPS/EMPS enterprise network. Data input into the System in terms of database support is available at the middle level.

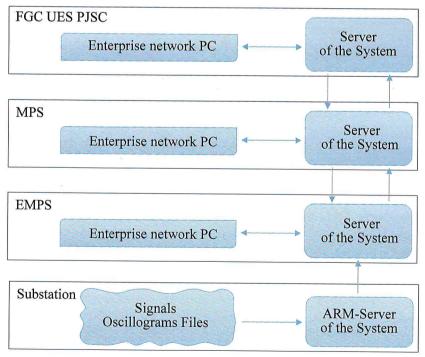


Figure 1. Principal architecture of the System

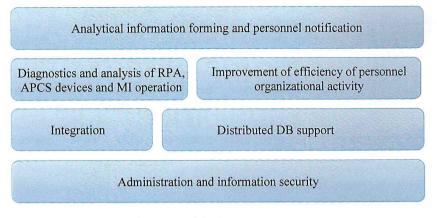


Figure 2. Enlarged functional structure of the System

Database of entities, that are part of EMPS/MPS branch area of responsibility, is stored on middle level servers. Information can be transmitted both from the bottom upwards—from EMPS level to MPS level, and the other way around. Thus data loss at one of the System levels is prevented.

Current server equipment is used at the upper System level. DB is installed in it. DB architecture

and System software at the upper level are similar to the ones at lower and middle levels.

Complete System database, consisting of upper level DB and replica of middle level DB, is stored on upper level servers. Information can be transmitted both from the bottom upwards — from the middle level to the upper level, and the other way around. Synchronization between System levels is performed

both periodically and by data change event.

Thus the data backup is performed for all System levels.

SYSTEM FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE

Enlarged functional structure of the System consists of the following subsystem groups (Fig. 2):

- → "Distributed DB support"
 group includes several
 subsystems that contain
 substation devices registry, spare
 parts accounting information,
 reference data and information on
 organizational activity management.
- → "Diagnostics and analysis of RPA, APCS devices and MI operation" group consists of subsystems of devices operation automated analysis and failures and malfunctions logging and analysis. [1–5].
- → "Improvement of efficiency of personnel organizational activity" group includes a subsystem for

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Figure 3. Fragment of RPA device registry

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Figure 4. Fragment of table form for RPA MRO works



Figure 5. Fragment of table form of RPA MO multi-year schedule

control of works on MI, maintenance and repair and a subsystem for maintenance of facilities under construction and re-construction [6–8].

- → "Analytical information forming and personnel notification" group consists of subsystems for support and calculation of key performance indicators (KPI), reporting, logging and notification.
- → "Integration with related subsystems" group includes exchange with enterprise information systems of FGC UES PJSC: MRO
- ACS, EEMR ACS, "Metrology" ACS, "Incidents" ICCACS, State Register of Measuring Instruments. Analysis of substation LAN process and integration with automatic design system are additionally implemented.
- → "Administration and information security" subsystem implements role-based access to the System DB by means of authorization. It supports selectable access to information and records information state change in the system [9].

SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

The system is developed based on NPT Platform software. Its architecture provides possibility of vertical and horizontal redundancy. It has client-server structure, where Web-browser (Google Chrome, Yandex-browser, Opera, Mozilla Firefox) acts as client.

Partial description of user interface by the example of RPA is presented below.

Substations equipment categoriza-tion is made in the System

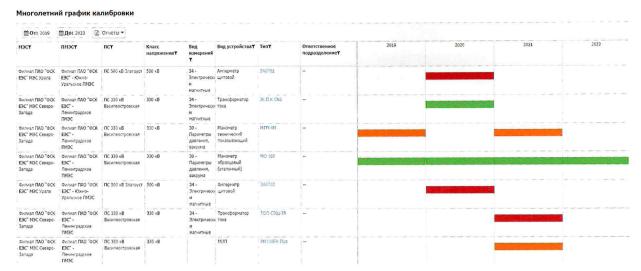


Figure 6. Fragment of table form of MI calibration multi-year schedule

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Figure 7. Fragment of table form of technological disturbances list

based on certain device relation to RPA, APCS and MI. Devices cards, made in the System, have similar formats in terms of registry content (Fig. 3): tree structure of hierarchical list of entities, description of a device, put into the registry, with displaying of overall information on it, device functions, its appearance; also there are several device-related information tabs (data sheet, operation, setpoints, technological disturbances, configuration, etc.)

Table forms are also generated in the System, displaying:

→ list of works on RPA MRO (Fig. 4); → RPA devices maintenance schedules (Fig. 5) and MI verification/calibration schedule (Fig. 6);

→ list of technological disturbances (Fig. 7).

Technological disturbances data is generated in the System based on actuation **RPA** of devices installed on connections. where emergency disturbance appeared. Data on time, place, damage type and other additional parameters is presented columns in table form (Fig. 7). Each technological disturbance has a number and a name. The system can sort technological disturbances by assigned parameters.

Observed technological disturbances are subject to initial analysis with the following assessment of RPA devices operation.

CONCLUSION

Developed system is a component of RPA life cycle model, along with commissioning and designing complexes, within implementation of SS digital transformation target model. Currently the System is preliminary implemented at FGC UES PJSC facilities of all levels, that is a base process for IT systems operation data

collection and storage. Subsequently the obtained results of application of equipment condition evaluation and forecasting algorithms will act as a base for transition to "condition-based maintenance" concept.

Described materials are of general nature. Group of authors plan to publish a series of articles, describing particular implemented functionality, providing RPA, APCS and MI operation automation.

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