THE RTDS® SIMULATOR

REAL-TIME SIMULATION AND HARDWARE-IN-THE-LOOP TESTING FOR THE POWER INDUSTRY



THE TECHNOLOGY

The power system is evolving, and a corresponding evolution is taking place in the way engineers model and test power system behaviour and equipment in order to enable a reliable and resilient grid. Real-time power system simulation and hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) testing with the RTDS Simulator is becoming increasingly involved in the success of electric utilities, protection and control equipment manufacturers, research institutions, universities, and consultants in our industry.

The RTDS Simulator consists of custom hardware and software, specifically designed to perform real-time electromagnetic transient (EMT) simulation. It operates continuously in real time while providing accurate results over a wide frequency range. It provides a greater depth of analysis than traditional stability or load flow programs. Real-time operation enables hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) testing. Hardware-in-the-loop testing allows allows power system professionals to de-risk the integration of novel systems, anticipate and mitigate negative interactions, and optimize device performance by connecting real equipment (often power system protection and control devices) to a simulated network.

Using the RTDS Simulator, analytical studies can be performed much faster than with offline EMT simulation programs. Hardware-in-the-loop testing allows for multiple control and protection devices to be tested simultaneously, allowing for system-level testing for comprehensive validation of device performance prior to deployment.



THE COMPANY

RTDS Technologies Inc. provides power system simulators and simulation support to customers in over 50 countries around the world. Our product, the RTDS Simulator, was the world's first real-time digital simulator, and continues to serve as the world's benchmark.

RTDS Technologies is based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - a hub for power systems expertise.

Our customers are the world's leading electrical utilities, power system equipment manufacturers, research institutes, universities, and consultants.

We are continuously developing our hardware and software features and capabilities in response to the industry's needs. At RTDS Technologies, we are dedicated to equipping our users with what they need to push the limits in power systems research and development.



APPLICATIONS

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Protection System Testing

Renewables Integration Studies

Microgrid Control Testing

Inverter Testing

HVDC & FACTS Scheme Testing

Smart Grid & Distribution Automation

USER SUCCESS STORIES

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De-risking a revolution in power flow control at Smart Wires

Ensuring interoperability for multi-vendor HVDC via replica testing at RTE International

Testing centralized automation for digital substations at ABB

De-risking HVDC at Great Britain's National HVDC Centre

Reducing risk and supporting optimal design for HVDC and renewables integration at TasNetworks

Using travelling wave relay testing to protect high-voltage lines at SEL Engineering Services

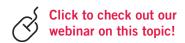
Hardware-in-the-loop testing of generator and transformer protection at BC Hydro



AMETEK



Testing a real-time automation controller for microgrid control with the RTDS Simulator





Running a real-time simulation at the National HVDC Centre in Scotland

