# **Ames Substation**

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## Task Responsibility/Contributions

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  - Meeting Notes
  - Bus configuration design/report
  - DC I/O relay assignments
- Nathan:
  - Piloting schemes
  - Relaying selection
  - AC equipment sizing
  - DC I/O relay assignments
- Matthew:
  - PLC frequencies and equipment
  - Piloting schemes
  - Relaying selection

- Derek:
  - Team Lead
  - Bus configuration design/report
  - Site layout design
- Patrick:
  - Piloting schemes
  - Relaying selection
  - DC I/O relay assignments

## **Project Overview - Ames Substation**

**Primary Goal:** Design a robust substation that will integrate the Ames Solar Farm into the existing transmission line infrastructure.

#### **Ames Substation Requirements**

- Interface a 69kV, 2 MW solar farm
- Accommodate three existing 138 kV lines (Boone, Ankeny, Nevada)
- Implement redundant fault protection schemes

#### **Design Scope**

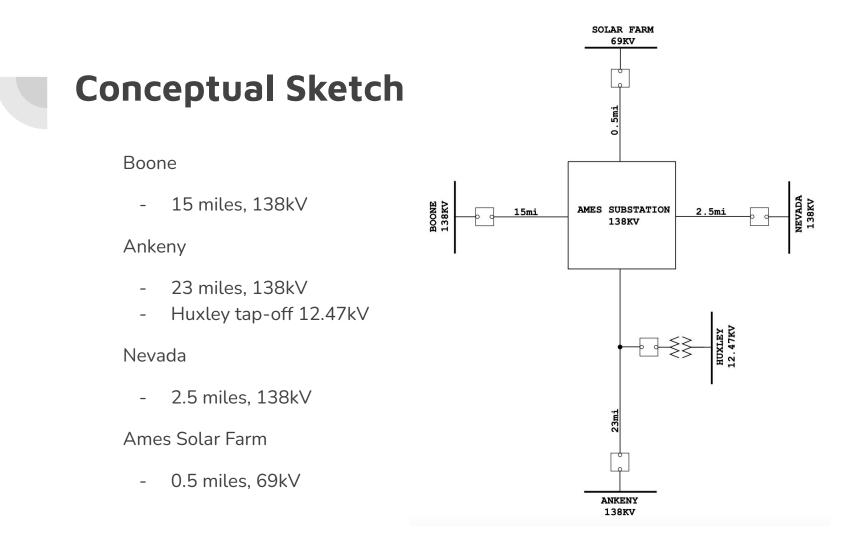
- Physical layout and bus configuration
- Protection scheme coordination



## What is a Substation?

- The facilities for electrical equipment
- A node in the power grid
- Transforms voltage (up or down)
- Monitors and controls the power grid
- Protects the grid and connected equipment





## **Substation Requirements**

#### Functional

Transform the voltage

Interconnect four transmission lines

Monitor system operation

Respond to faults

Safe Operation

#### **Non-Functional**

69/138 kV transformer

Ring bus configuration

Current and voltage transformers

Pilot schemes

Adhere to ANSI, IEEE standards



## **Potential Risk & Mitigation**

Risk	Outcome	Mitigation
Equipment Ratings	Overspending, component failure, or both.	Complete research. Consult with the advisor or client.
Relay Selection	Compound negative effect on future reports and simulations.	Consult IEEE standards. Peer review the selections. Review the selections with the client.
I/O Assignments	Failures in the pilot scheme coordination.	Peer review to verify the connections.
Calculations	Discrepancies in electrical equipment ratings.	Peer review the procedure and calculation. Verify final results with the client.
File Management	Significant burden on our project timeline.	Save files diligently. Backup any significant process.

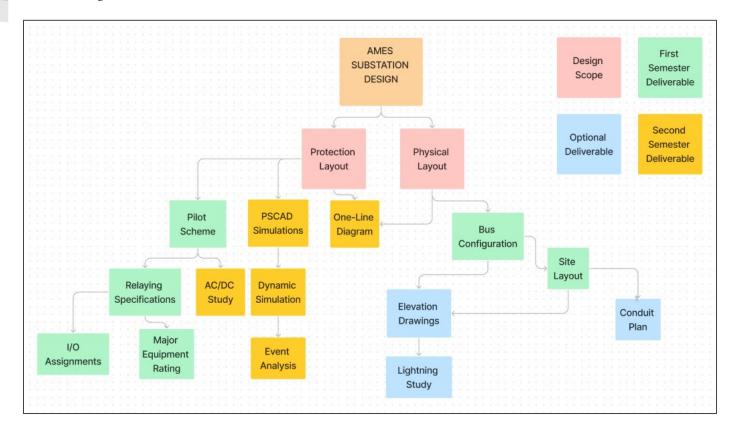
## Resources

- Substation design guide: Design Guide for Rural Substations National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Example substation set: One-line, schematics, wiring diagrams, and site layouts.
- Short circuit study
- Relay specification report
- Software (AutoCAD and PSCAD)

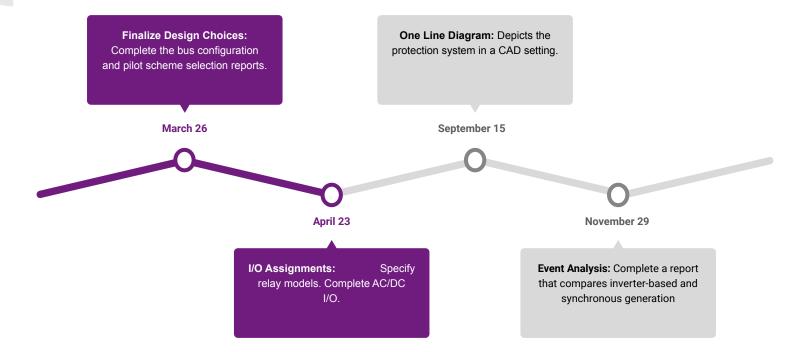




## **Project Workflow**



## **Project Milestones & Schedule**



# **Bus Configuration**

## Overview

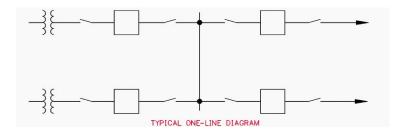
- Bus configuration Arrangement or layout conductors within a substation that connects different pieces of electrical equipment
- 6 main bus configurations
  - Radial
  - Sectionalized
  - Main and Transfer
  - Breaker and a Half
  - Double Breaker Double Bus
  - Ring Bus

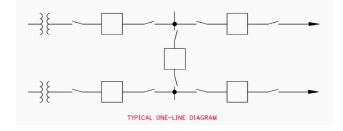


## **Radial/Sectionalized Configuration**

- Commonly used in rural areas
  - Low power levels
    - 11 kV to 66 kV
- One source feeding the load
- Low level of reliability

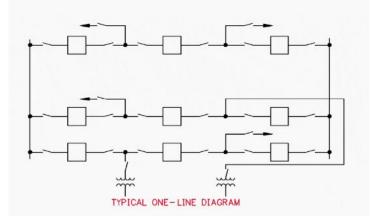
- Similar to radial configuration
  - Two radial configurations separated by a breaker instead of a bus
- Typically used for low power level stations





## **Breaker and a Half Configuration**

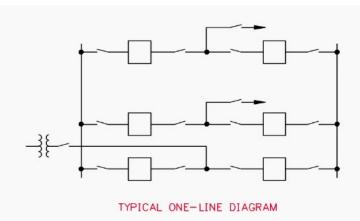
- Two main buses connected with three independent circuit breakers
  - Effectively a breaker and a half associated with each line
- High level of reliability
  - If one line goes out others can remain on
- Maintenance issues
  - Complex layout due to number of breakers



## **Double Breaker Configuration**

- Most commonly seen in high power level stations
  - Above 220 kV
- High cost
  - Each line has 2 breakers
- Complex maintenance due to the high number of breakers

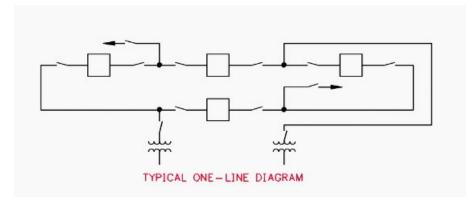




# **Ring Bus Configuration**

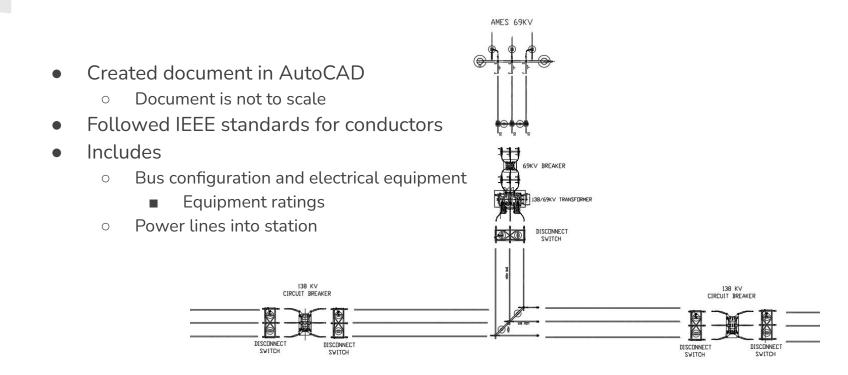
- Most common for mid-level power stations
  - o 66 kV 220 kV
- Two open ends of line with a breaker
  - Separate each input line off with two breakers
  - If one line experiences a fault others remain energized





Site Layout

## Site Layout







**Disconnect Switch** 



Circuit Breaker (CB)



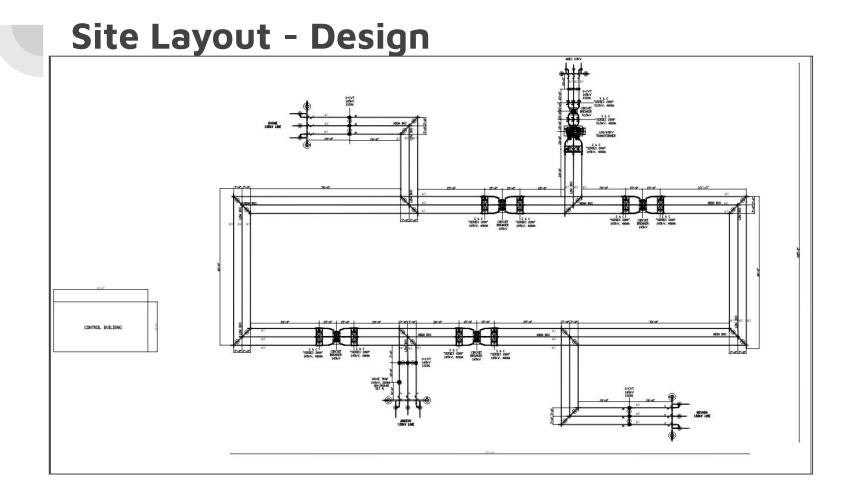
Capacitive Voltage Transformer (CVT)

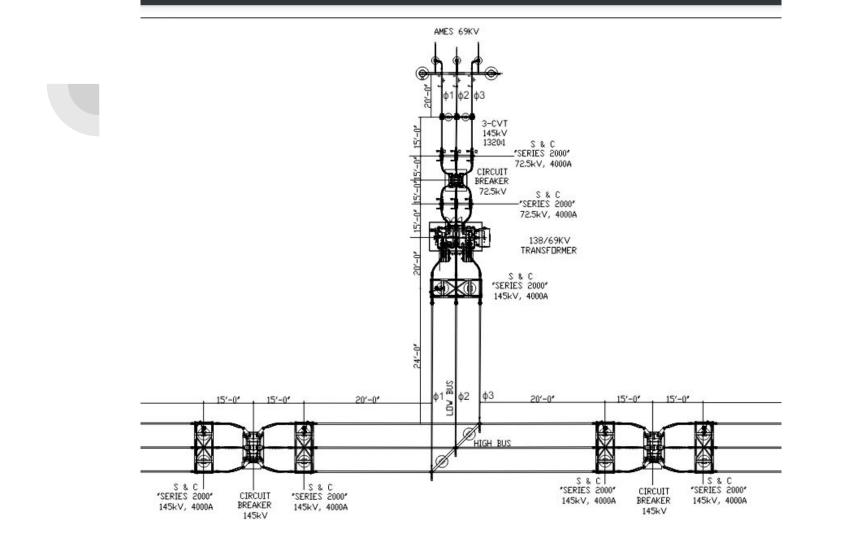
## **Major Equipment Continued**

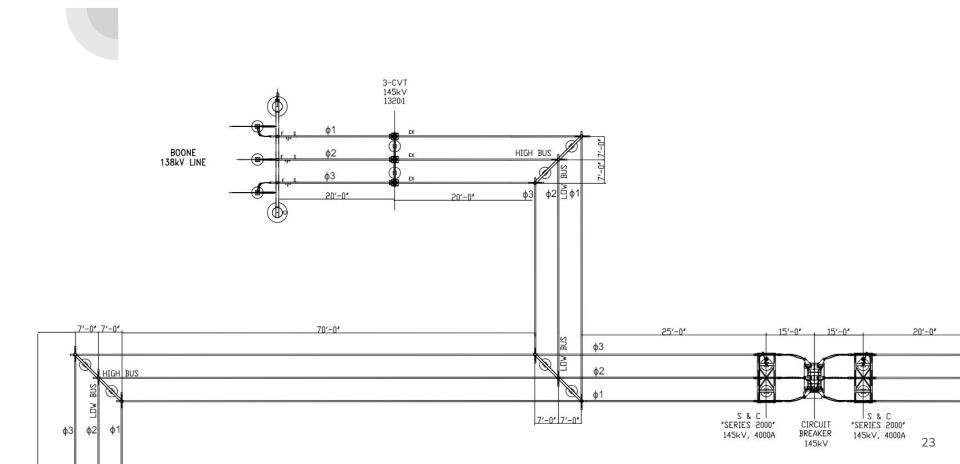


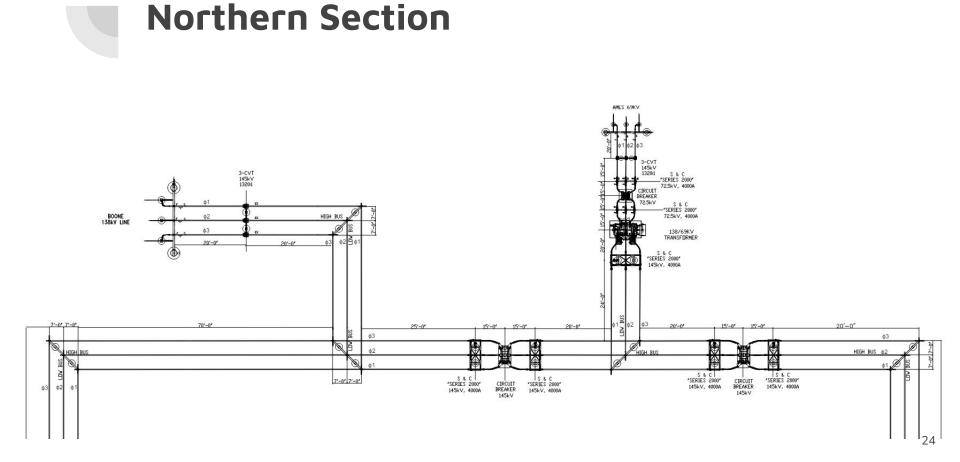
#### Transformer

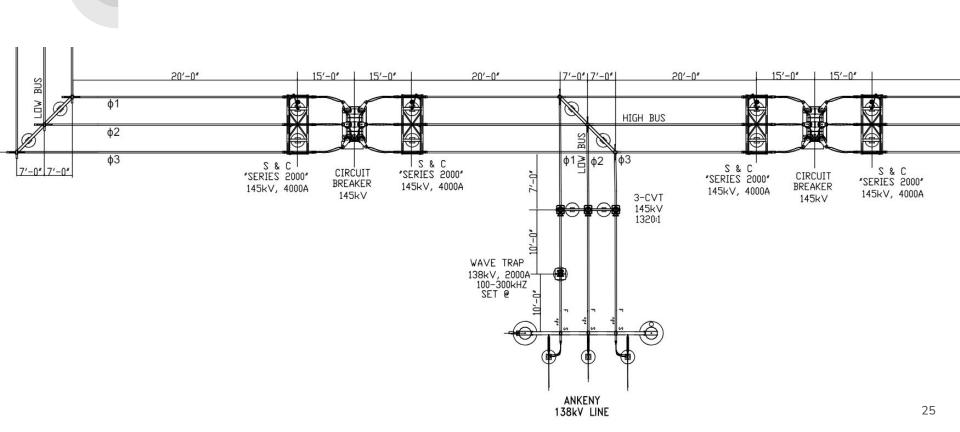
Wave Trap

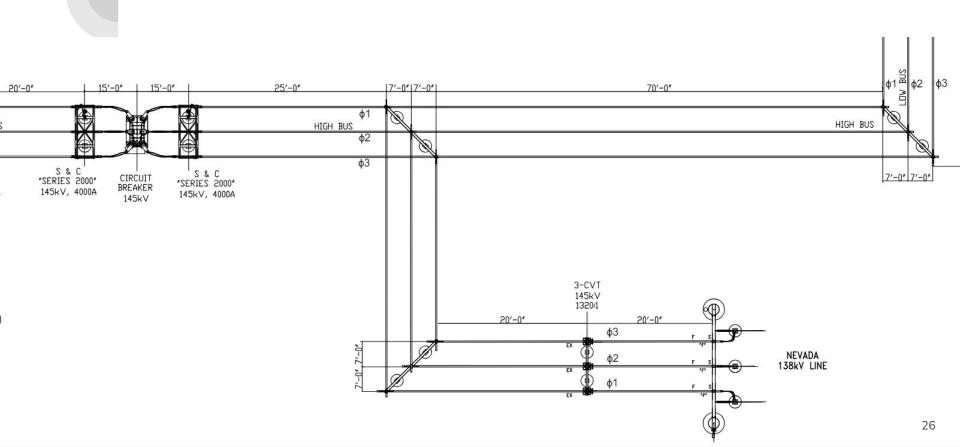


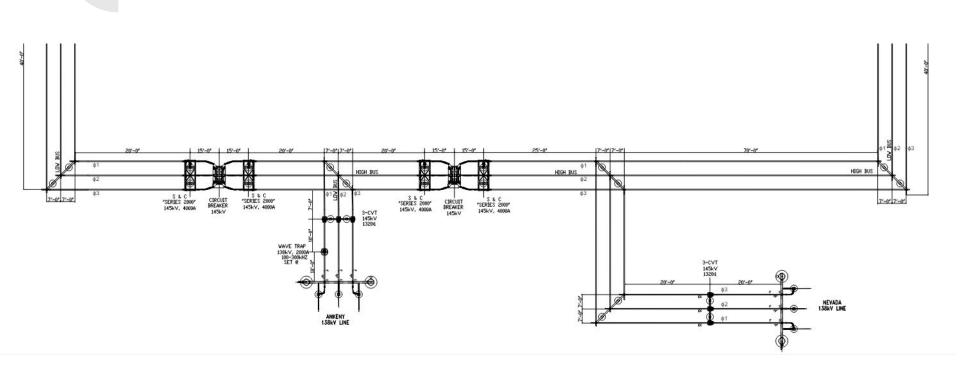












## **Southern Section**

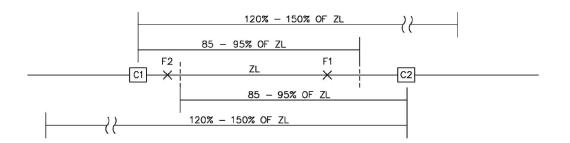
# **Piloting Schemes**

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## **Pilot Relaying Schemes**

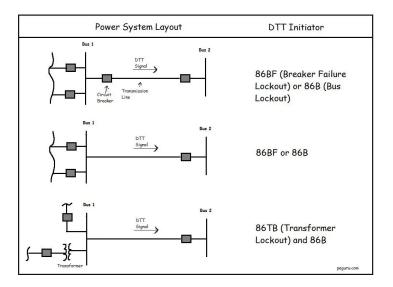
**Pilot Scheme:** The communication between the terminals of a transmission line, coordinated to effectively isolate the system from faults. Coordination between zones

- DTT: Direct Transfer Trip
- POTT: Permissive Overreaching Transfer Trip
- DCB: Directional Comparison Blocking
- DCUB: Directional Comparison Unblocking
- 87L: Current Differential



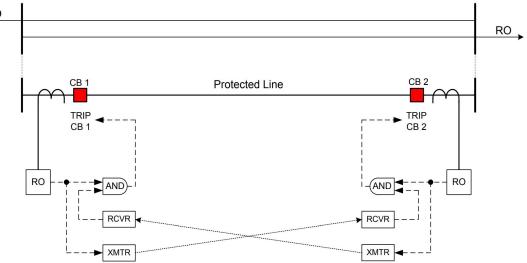
# **Direct Transfer Trip (DTT)**

DTT trips the remote breakers if a local breaker failure, transformer failure, or bus fault occurs.



## Permissive Overreaching Transfer Trip (POTT)

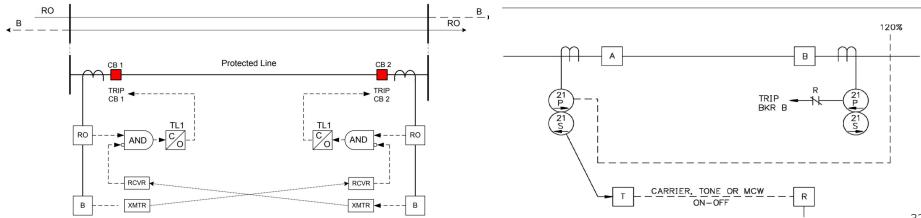
- Overreaching zone of protection.
- "Guard" and "Trip" signals.
- Ground fiber cable communication.
- Requires remote permission to trip.



RO - overreaching trip function, must be set to reach beyond remote end terminal.

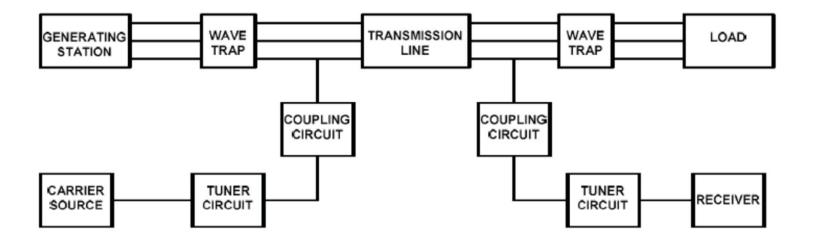
## **Directional Comparison Blocking (DCB)**

- Backwards and overreaching forward relay zones
- Relays trip on forward faults unless a remote blocking signal is received
- Power line carrier (PLC) communication channel



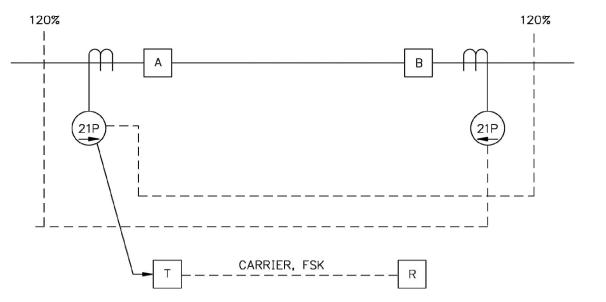
## **PLC Communication**

• Couples carrier frequencies onto the power line for relay communication

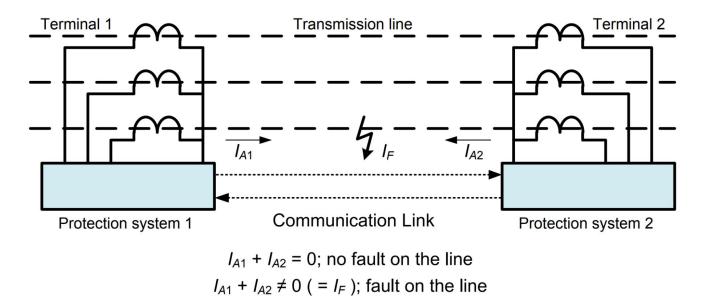


### **Directional Comparison Unblocking (DCUB)**

- Same permissive logic as POTT
- PLC communication channel

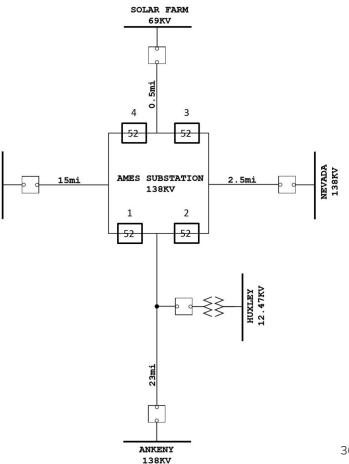


## Line Differential (87L)



## **Pilot Selection**

- Ankeny 23 mile line and Huxley connection
  - Primary DCB, Secondary DCUB 0
- Nevada 2.5 mile line
  - Primary and secondary 87L 0
- Boone 15 mile line
  - Primary 87L, secondary POTT 0
- Ames Solar Farm 0.5 mile
  - Primary and secondary 87L 0



BOONE 138KV

# **Relay Selection**

# Relay

- Is an electrical circuit component, serving as switches controlled by electrical signal.
- It consists of a set of input terminals for a single or multiple control signals
- Commonly used to control high-power circuit with low-power signals

ENABLES

RECLOSE

REMOTE

ALT. SETTINGS



## **Relays Function**

- SEL 387E
  - Current Differential and Voltage Relay provides protection to two- or three-winding power transformers
- SEL 411L
  - Advanced Line Differential Protection, Automation, and Control System which provides differential and distance protection with both phase- and sequence-based
- SEL 421
  - Protection, Automation, and Control System
  - Serve for high-speed distance and directional protection and complete control of a two-breaker bay.
- SEL 487E
  - Transformer Protection Relay
- SEL 352: Breaker Failure Relay
  - Breaker failure protection, control, and monitoring.



## **Relays Function cont.**

- SEL 387
  - Current Differential and Overcurrent Relay 4 current inputs for current differential calculations
  - Can be used for 87L and ring bus configurations
- SEL 401L
  - Ultra-High-Speed Line Relay provides 5 zones of protection
  - Provides directional and distance relay options



## **Relay Selections**

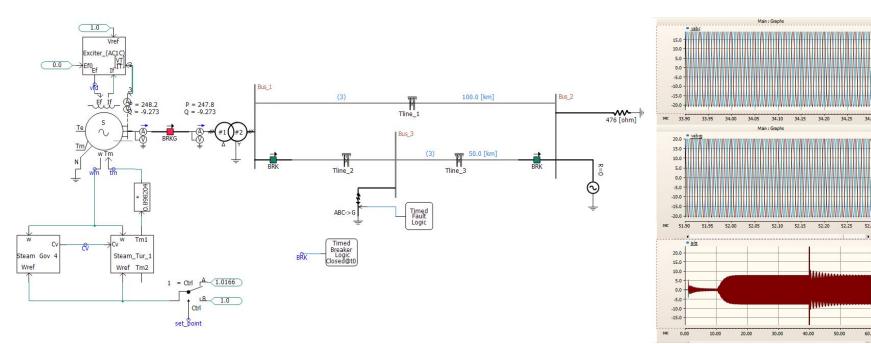
- Ames Ankeny (138 kV) 23 miles
  - Primary: SEL 401L
  - Backups: SEL 421
  - Breaker Failure: SEL 352
  - Huxley connection: SEL 421
- Ames Boone (138 kV) 15 miles
  - Primary: SEL 411L
  - Backups: SEL SEL 421
  - Breaker Failure: SEL 352
- Ames Nevada (138 kV) 2.5 miles
  - Primary: SEL 411L
  - Backups: SEL 387
  - Breaker Failure: SEL 352
- Ames Solar Farm (69kV) 0.5 miles
  - Primary: SEL 411L
  - Backups: SEL 387
  - Breaker Failure: SEL 352
- Transformer Breaker
  - Primary: SEL 487E
  - Backups: SEL 387E





## **Test Plan**

- Implement design using PSCAD to test fault conditions
- Generate report to determine the differences between IBR and synchronous generation



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## **Current Project Status/What's Next?**

Completed this semester

- Bus Configuration
- Pilot Scheme Selection
- Site Layout
- Relay Selection

Next semester

- One-Line Diagram
- Dynamic Simulation
- Event Analysis Report
- Elevation Design
- Lightning Study

**Questions**?