Typical applications

Example 3: Mixed system – SIPROTEC 4

Relays from different families can be integrated into a remote communication system, as illustrated in Example 3 (see Fig. 4/5). This example also shows how relays can be integrated by means of FO links and star couplers. In this case we recommend to use the 7XV5550 active mini star-coupler (see Fig. 4/6).

Communication will then generally be at 57.6/64 kbit/s on the modem link. For any units that cannot operate at this baud rate the active star-coupler will convert the rate accordingly.

Example 4: Configuration with active star- coupler

With this configuration it is also possible to integrate relays that can only be connected via the front interface and whose maximum baud rates are less than 19.2 kbaud (see Fig. 4/6).

The following points must be noted with this type of configuration:

- One output of the active mini star-coupler is used to service several SIPROTEC 4 units through further star couplers or RS485 converters. On that output, a mixed system containing SIPROTEC 3 and series '600 relays should be avoided so that 57600 baud operation is possible for SIPROTEC 4 relays.
- Several SIPROTEC 3 units and series '600 relays can also be connected to another output of the active mini star-coupler (via mini star-couplers or RS485 converters). The baud rate for this output must be set less or equal to 19200 baud.
- Relays that are not available with communication functions according to IEC 60870-5-103 protocol (e.g. 7VE51, 7VK51, 7SV51 and older firmware versions of some relays) can also be connected via the active star-coupler as illustrated in Fig. 4/6. In this case one output must be assigned to each relay. The baud rate must be set according to the unit.

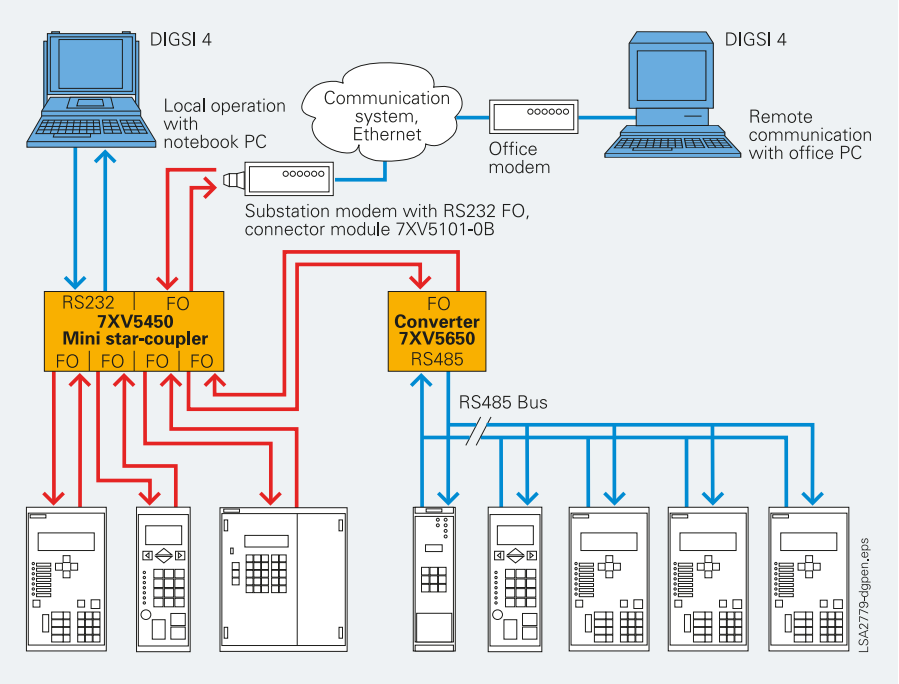


Fig. 4/5 Mixed system, FO/RS485 with units from different families (Example 3)

The solutions for central and/or remote communication with SIPROTEC units have easy upgrade compatibility. Different versions of relays can be integrated into a remote communication concept. This is supported by the substation and device management in the DIGSI software. A substation can be retrofitted with add-on remote communication components provided it has the communication connection available. And changing of the telephone line from, say, analog to digital does not necessitate the replacement of all components. Also, Ethernet networks can be used. The telephone modem is then replaced by an Ethernet modem. The infrastructure in the substation remains unchanged.