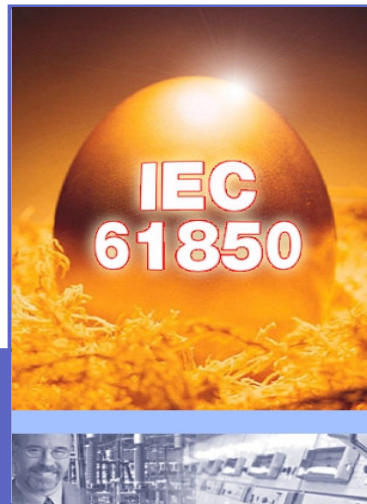


Introduction to IEC 61850  
Industrial Ethernet in  
Distribution Automation

*IEEE Switchgear Committee  
Philadelphia, 18.10.2007*



**The „Future“ Outlook on  
how to build electrical  
systems more efficiently**



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# History...

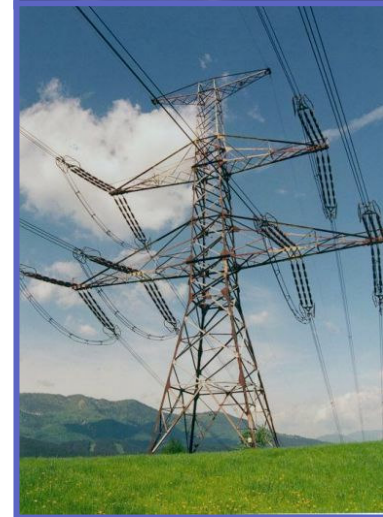


- Standards/de facto standards for substation automation communication
  - IEC60870-5-103
    - Master slave serial protocol, SA semantics defined!, no controls (only with spec. extension), no horizontal communication, too restricted to give easy interoperability
    - Used in Europe and some far east countries
  - UCA2.0
    - Predecessor of IEC61850 by US vendors & utilities
    - Modeling & semantic ideas, horizontal communication
    - Never really accepted by customers
    - Officially and publicly to be replaced by IEC61850
  - Modbus
    - Well known but: no information semantics (signal engineering), no events, no time-synch
    - Used world-wide
    - Master slave serial and TCP version
  - DNP3.0...
- ...and the proprietary ones like SPABus, LONBus, ProfiBus



# Reason & requirements for a communication standard?

- Global utility markets
  - Utilities becoming more and more international
  - Markets are growing together – global energy market
- Flexible communication structures, requirements for standard
  - Communication systems must be flexible to fulfill requirements of the one world not of one country
  - Rapid changes in communication state-of-the-art technology, but long life cycles of communication standards
- More information is needed for better utility performance
  - Modern secondary systems produce bulk amount of data
    - Data need to be converted into information
  - Communication networks provide access from anywhere
- The communication in substations has to support
  - Guaranteed and fast real time system responses
  - High resistance against harsh environmental conditions



## The global standard common for IEC and ANSI ...



... was ready  
in 2004

... Products are  
already released!

... attracts a lot  
of attention  
from our  
customers

**ABB**

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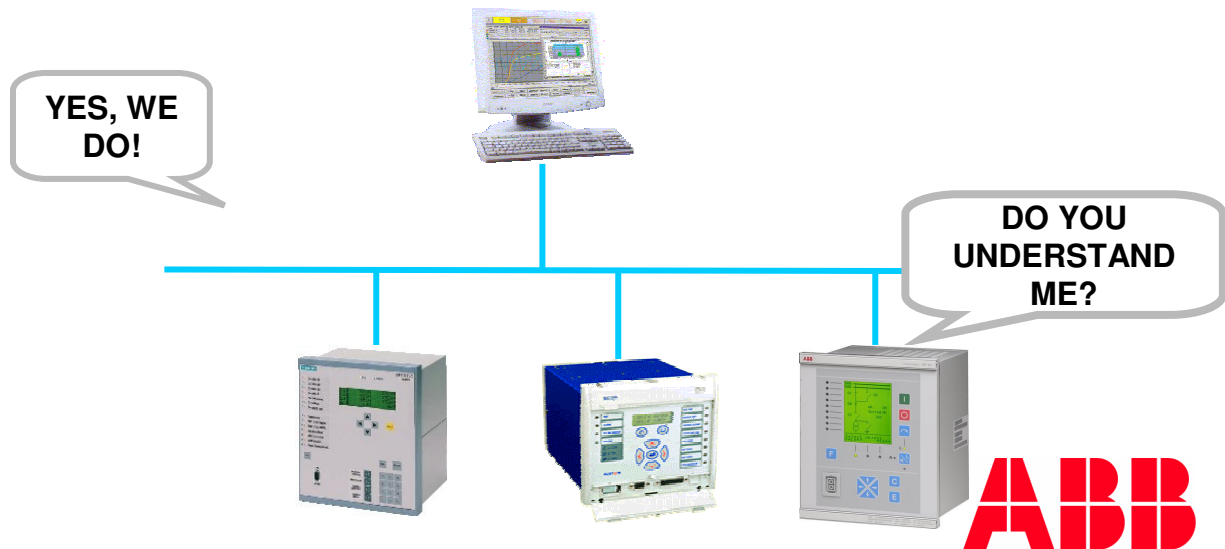




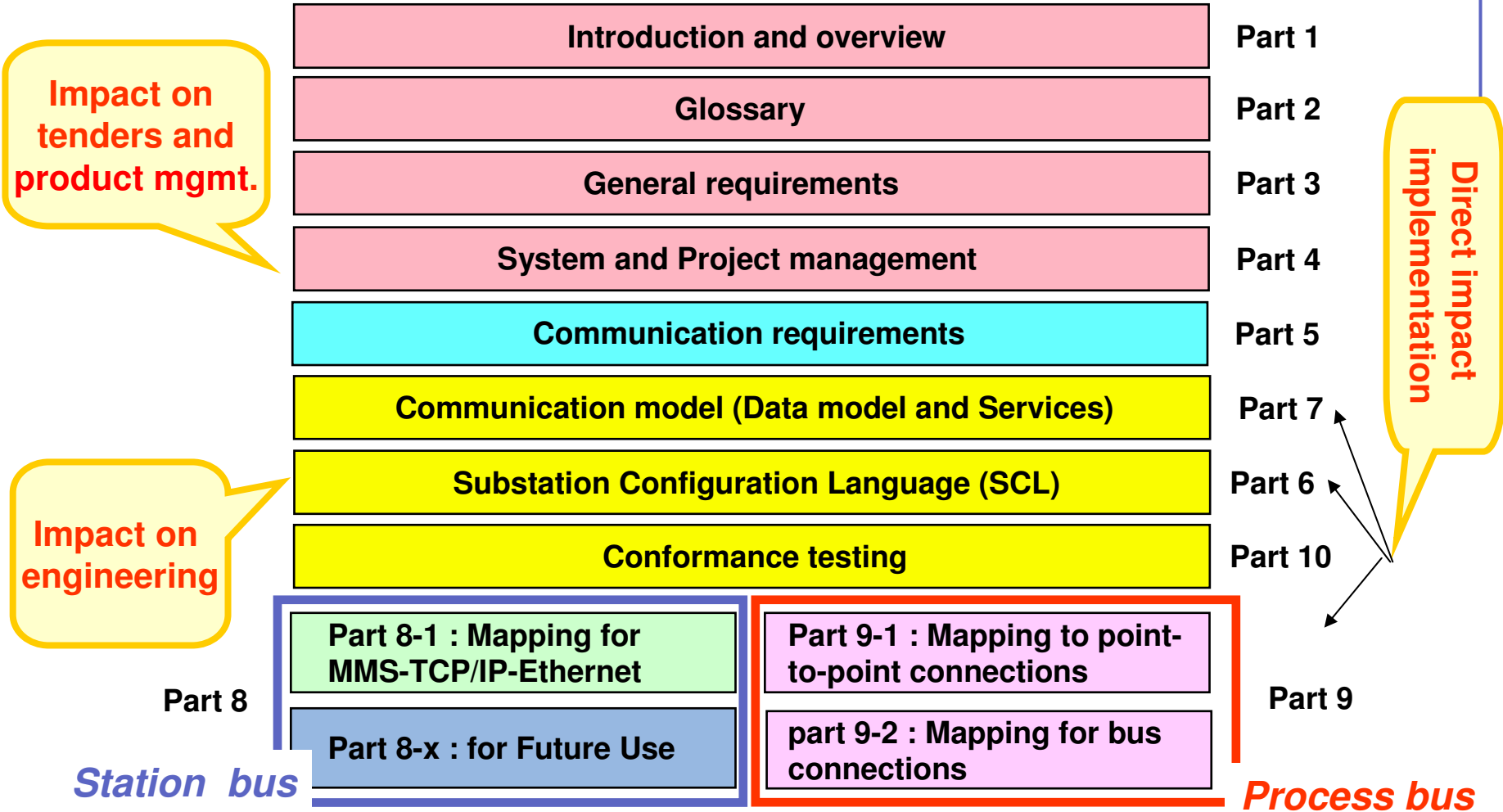
# Background – What is IEC 61850?



- IEC 61850 is a global standard for “Communication Networks and Systems in Substations”
- „How to make different devices AND tools from different vendors work together (=interoperability)“



# Structure of the IEC 61850 standard



Impacts not only on communication !





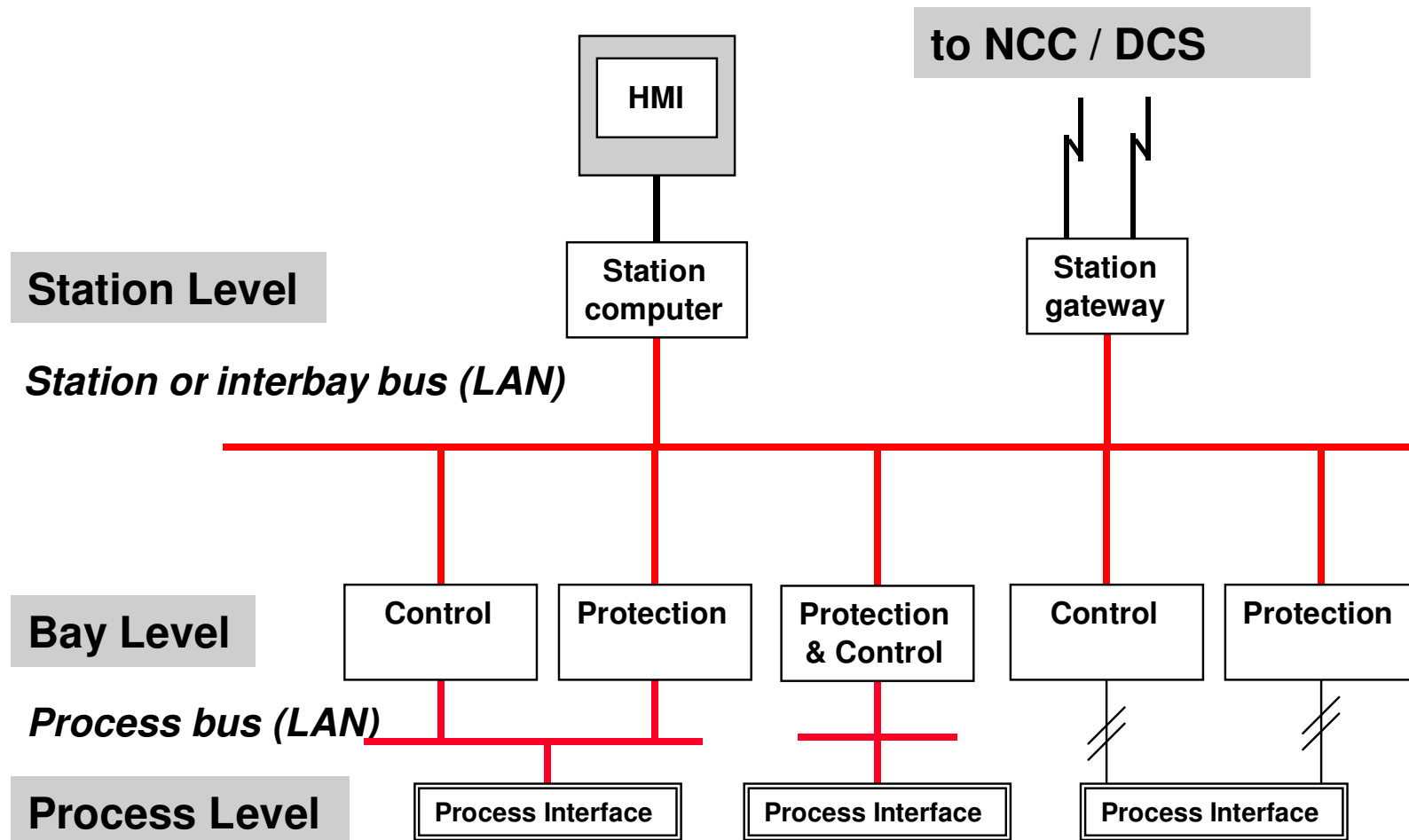
# Goals and key thoughts of IEC 61850

- It specifies an expandable data model and services for substation automation
- It does not specify **protection or control functionality**, but it specifies how they will expose their information
- It supports free allocation of functions to devices
  - It is open for different system philosophies
- It defines a description language for substation automation systems
  - This facilitates efficient device integration
  - It supports comprehensive consistent system definition and engineering
  - This makes not only the devices, but also their tools & systems interoperable
- It uses Ethernet and TCP/IP for communication
  - Provides the broad range of features of mainstream communication
  - It is open for future new communication concepts



# Application area of IEC 61850

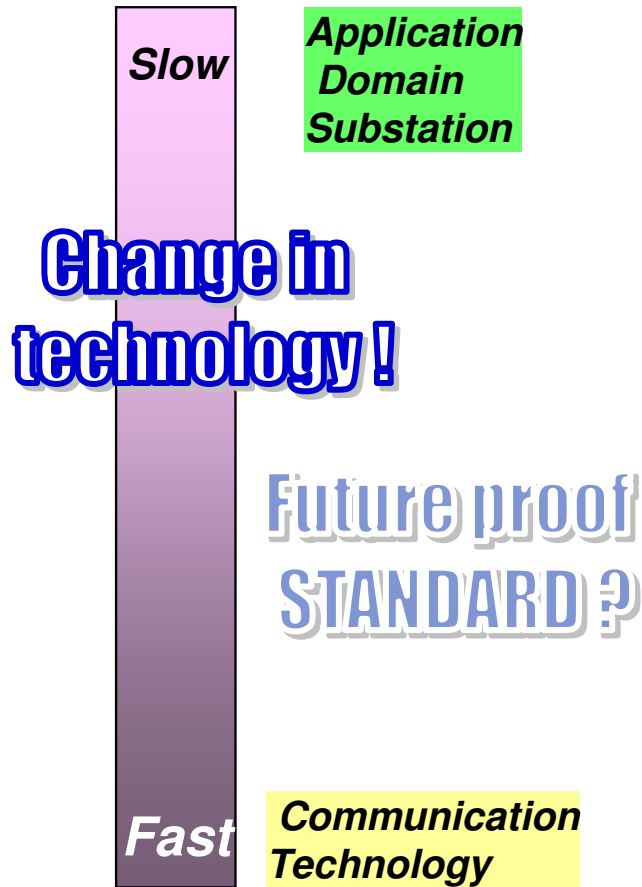
- Electrical substations, also in industrial plants



# Approach of IEC 61850

Problem for standardization approach

Solution for standardization approach



**Application Domain Substation**

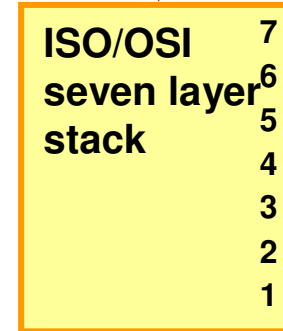
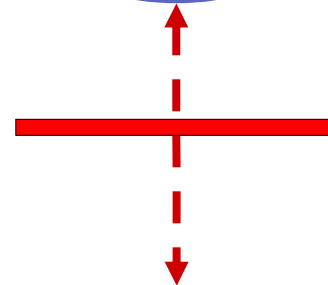
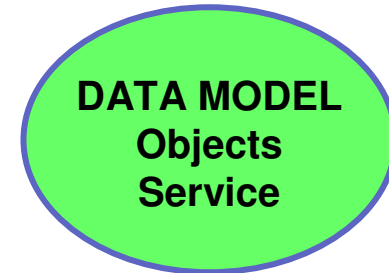
**Future proof STANDARD?**

**Communication Technology**

**APPLICATION**  
switching devices  
protection & control  
commands, events,  
alarms,  
...

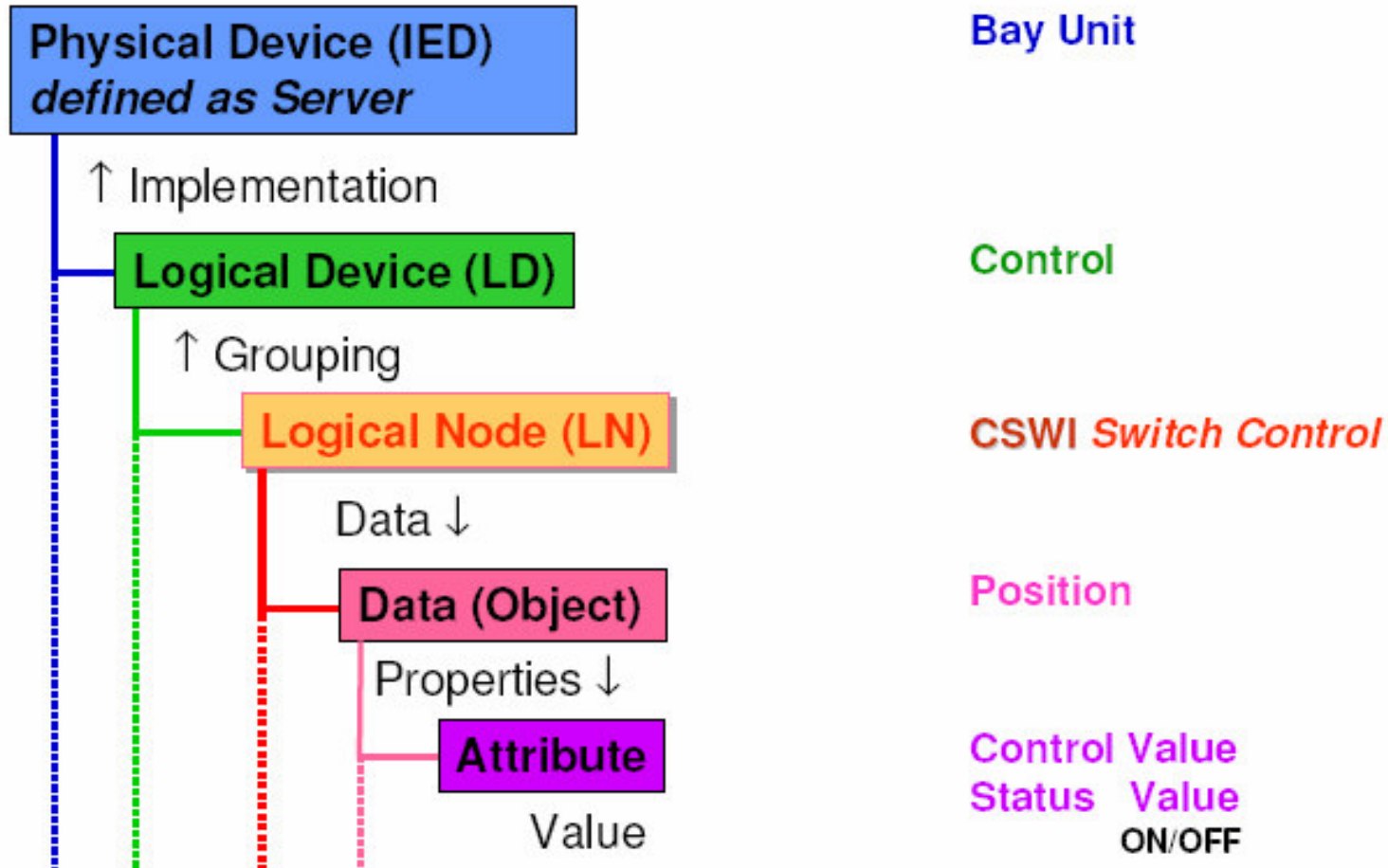
**Split!**

**COMMUNICATION**  
messages,  
telegrams, frames  
on the wire  
...

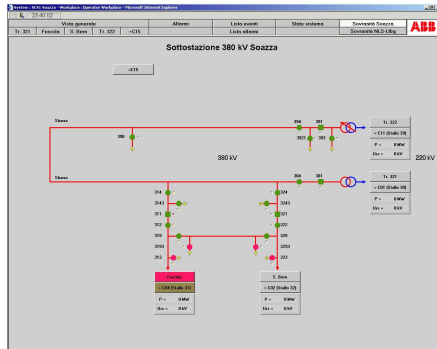


# Data modeling hierarchy

IEC 61850-7



# Example: Modbus and IEC 61850



## Modbus

- Position QA1      DA:12, 1x2347, latch reset 0x2454
- Trip DistanceProt.    DA:42, 1x1827, CD bit 1x1828
- Frequency          DA:12, 4x0488
- Close CB          DA:12, select 0x4096, close 0x4098



## IEC 61850

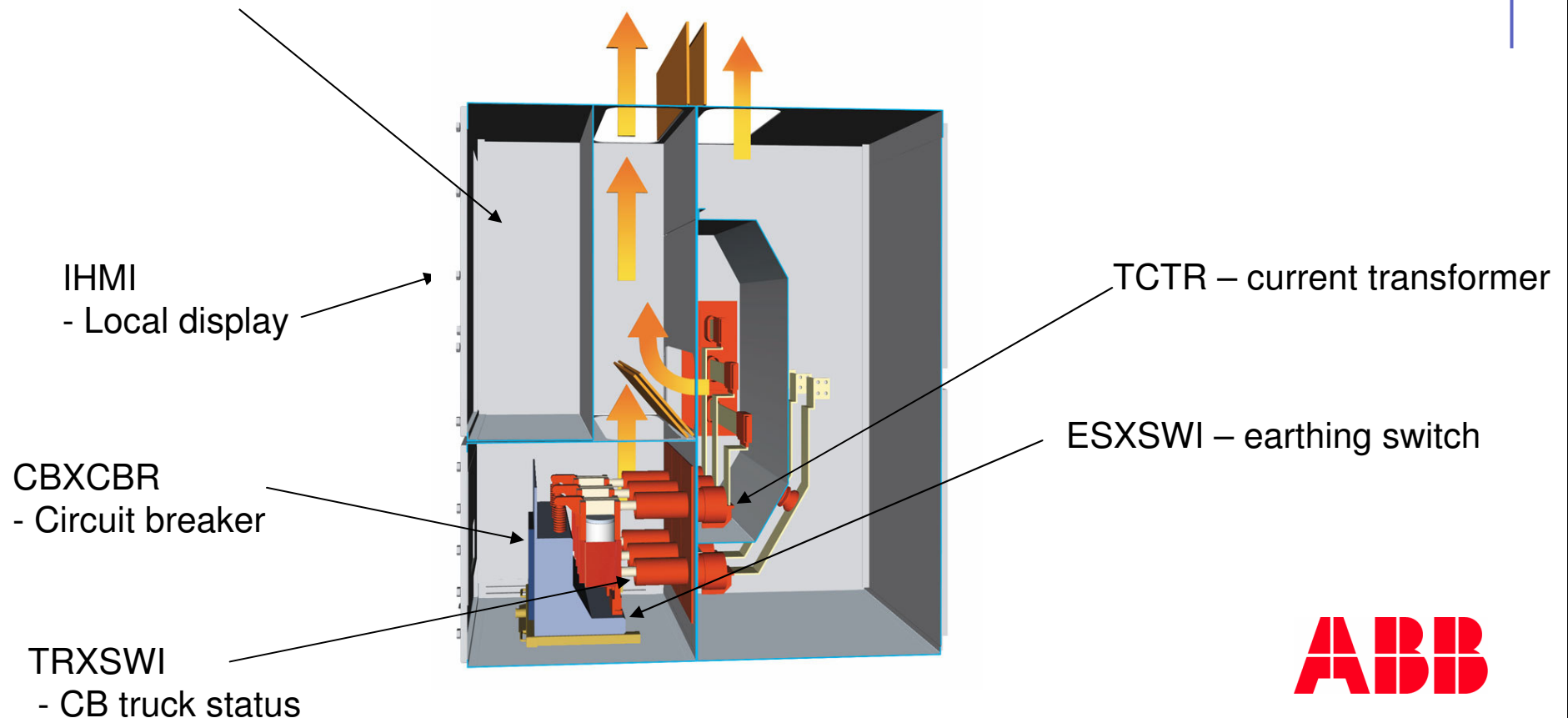
- Position QA1      E1Q1KA1.Ctrl/QA1CSWI1.Pos.stVal
- Trip DistanceProt.    E1Q1FA1.Prot/PDIS1.Op.general
- Frequency          E1Q1KA1.Ctrl/MMXU1.Hz.mag.f
- Close CB          E1Q1KA1.Ctrl/QA1CSWI1.Pos.ctVal

Voltage Level    Bay    IED    Log. Device    Log. Node    Data/Attribute



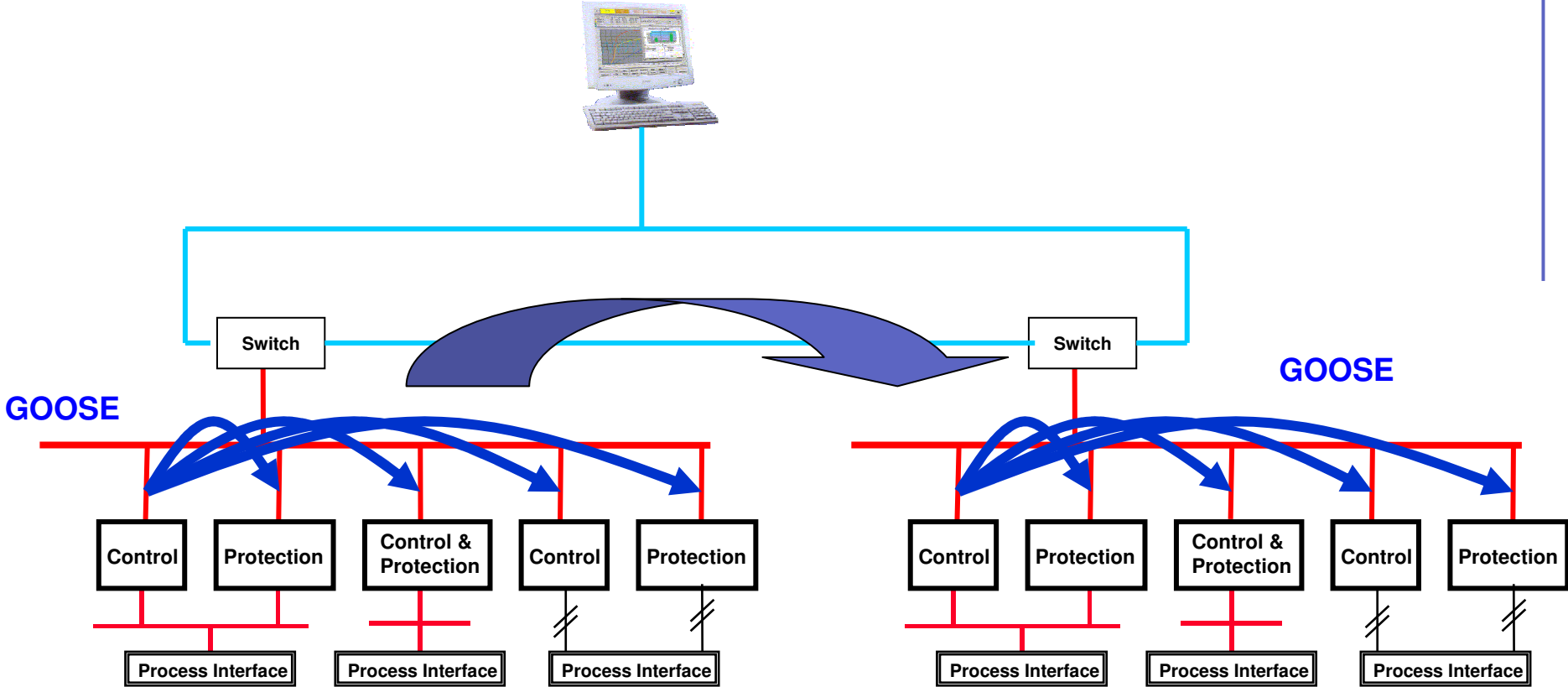
# IEC 61850-7 modeling example – real world

EFPTOC – earth fault protection  
PHPTOC – 3phase over current protection  
INPHAR – motor and trafo inrush detector  
CBCSWI – breaker control  
CBCILO – breaker interlocking  
IMMXU – current measurement





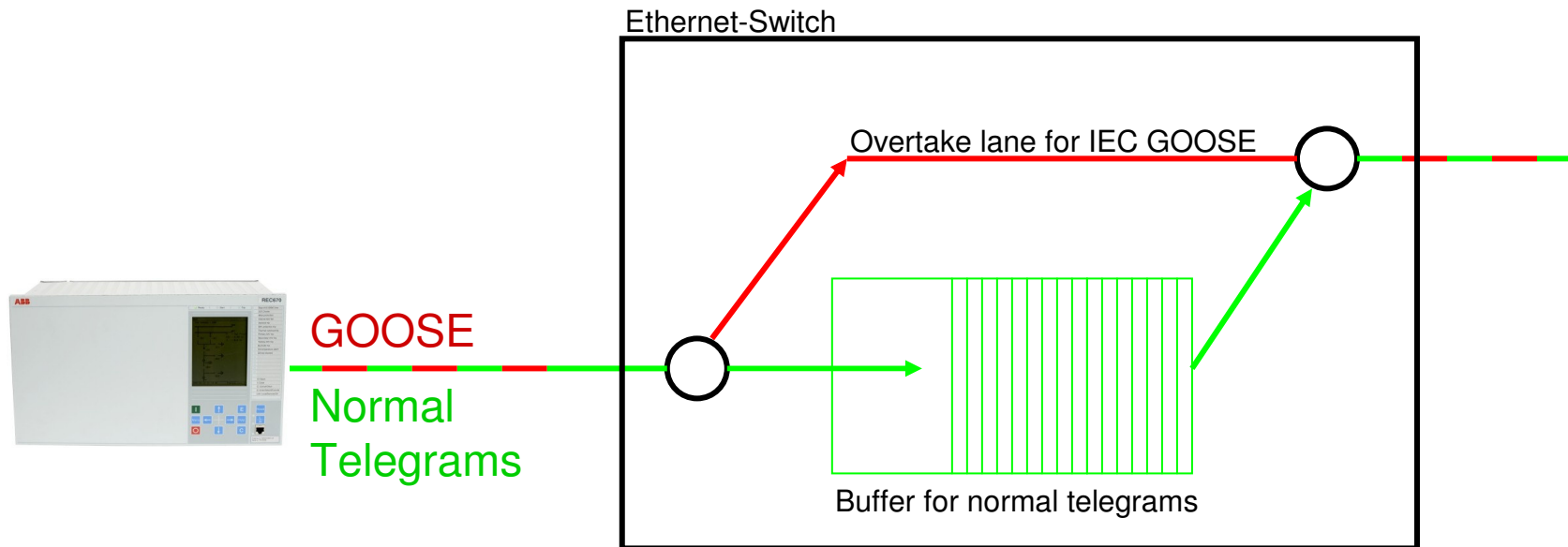
# Horizontal communication: GOOSE



GOOSE: Generic Object Oriented Substation Event



# IEC 61850 GOOSE - Priority tagging



- IEEE 802.1p CoS (Class of Service) extensions to Ethernet is specified to be used for GOOSE and SMV
  - To fully utilize these advantages, network infrastructure must support this

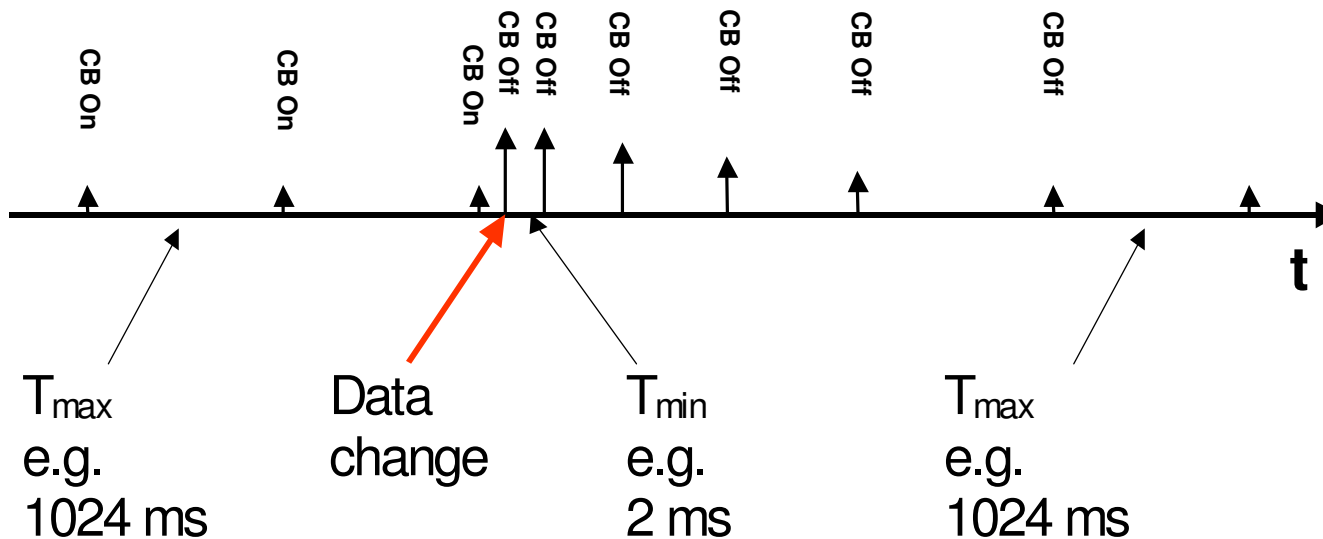
# Comparison traditional wiring vs. GOOSE

	Traditional way		IEC 61850 with GOOSE
-	Requires $N*(N-1)/2$ links for N relays.	+	Relays share common network making sophisticated protection schemes possible.
-	Requires filtering on links to prevent false trips.	+	Number of links for N relays is N.
-	Reprogramming can require rewiring.	+	Relays send their status to all other relays at once using GOOSE.
-	Don't know if links are working until you use them.	+	Status exchanged continuously.
+	Educated engineering, testing and commissioning personnel is not needed	+	Reduction of wiring costs
+	Accepted solution in every market	+	More flexible programming is independent of wiring
+	Wire will be always wire --> unlimited lifecycle	+	Reliability: Link status known before use.
		+	Higher performance with more data.
		-	Higher investment to network components is needed (not always true, since You often have the network anyway)
		-	Education of engineering, testing, and commissioning persons



# Power of GOOSE services

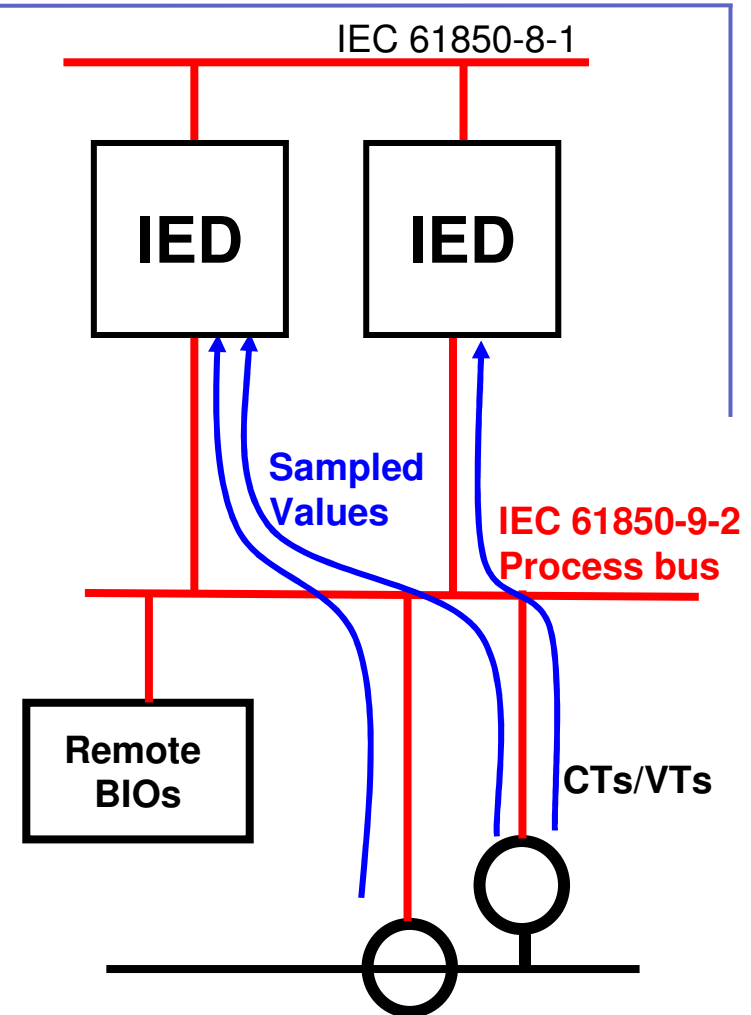
- GOOSE (Generic Object Oriented Substation Event)
  - System-wide data distribution
    - Device to device exchange of IED binary status information
  - Based on subscription/publisher mechanism
  - Mechanism:



# Sampled measured values

IEC 61850-9-1, 9-2

- A method for transmitting sampled measurements from transducers
- Enables sharing of I/O signals among IEDs
- Supports 2 transmission methods:
  - Multidrop point-to-point service (USVC) over serial links
    - Predefined format and content
    - One direction (sensor – IED)
  - Multicast service (MSVC) over Ethernet IEC 61850-9-2
    - Information content is fully configurable
    - Status and configuration information can be accessed from IED



# IEC61850-6, SCL - Goals within IEC61850

- *To be able to exchange the device descriptions and system parameters between tools of different manufacturers in a compatible way, IEC 61850-6 defines a substation configuration language (SCL)*
- Goal of IEC61850
  - Interoperability of IEDs from different manufacturers: process - bay, bay - station, MV bays - trafo - HV bays, Control - Protection
- An IED has to know about its environment: other IEDs, connection to the plant, communication capabilities
  - => **SCL describes binding of IED to plant and communication system**
- Simple devices may be preconfigured, online configuration needs a kind of directory for ALL devices, engineering offline without IED manufactured
  - => **SCL describes device capabilities**





## IEC61850-6, SCL – file types

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- .ICD file - IED Capability Description
  - For data exchange from the IED configuration tool to the system configuration tool
- .CID file - configured IED description
  - For data exchange from the IED configuration tool to the IED. It describes an instantiated IED within a project. The communication section contains the current address of the IED.
- .SSD file - system specification description
  - For data exchange from a system specification tool to the system configuration tool. Describes the single line diagram of the substation and the required logical nodes.
- .SCD file - Substation Configuration Description
  - For data exchange from the system configuration tool to IED configuration tools. This file contains all IEDs, a communication configuration section and a substation description section. Also for system products.



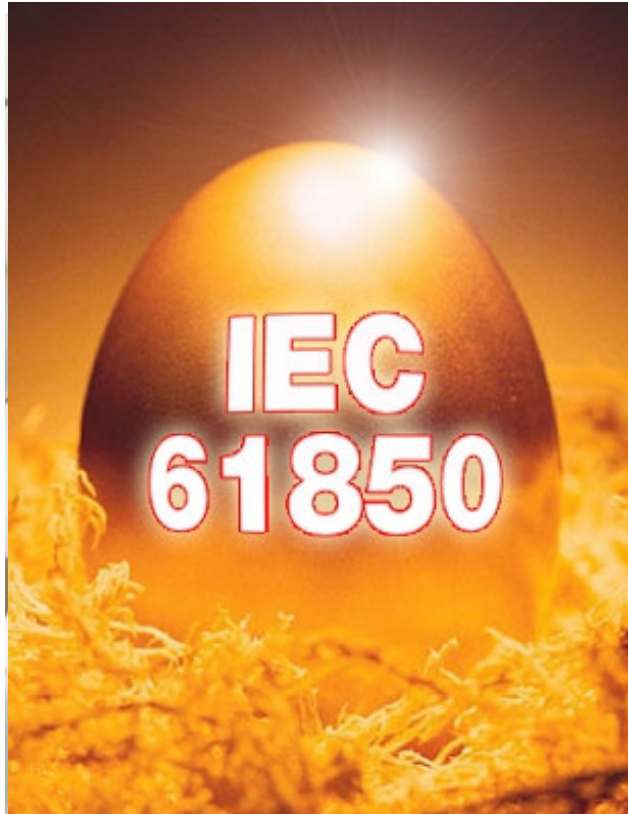
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# Benefits of IEC 61850



*"Combining the best properties in a new way..."*

- Cost savings on substation automation system deliveries
  - Efficient device integration and system level engineering
  - Simpler wiring
- Support for new type of applications
  - Standardized high performance communication between bays
  - High performance process bus to connect intelligent sensors reducing system costs
- Future-proof applications
  - Application configuration withstands changes on communication systems
- Better connectivity and interoperability between devices and systems from different vendors
- Standardized, controlled way to define extensions to the system



# Benefits of IEC 61850

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- The tragedy of Automation:  
“There are no benefits without additional costs”
- It is not only account’s view how to properly justify benefits of IEC 61850
- Keys to Successful Justification
  - Identify all the benefits (obvious).
- Identify **ALL** the costs:
  - Equipment purchase
  - Engineering
  - Installation
  - Commissioning
  - Utilization
  - Future upgradeability



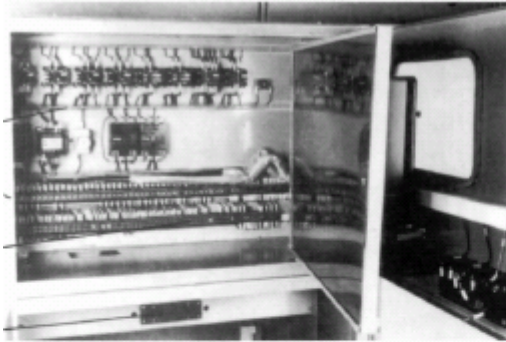
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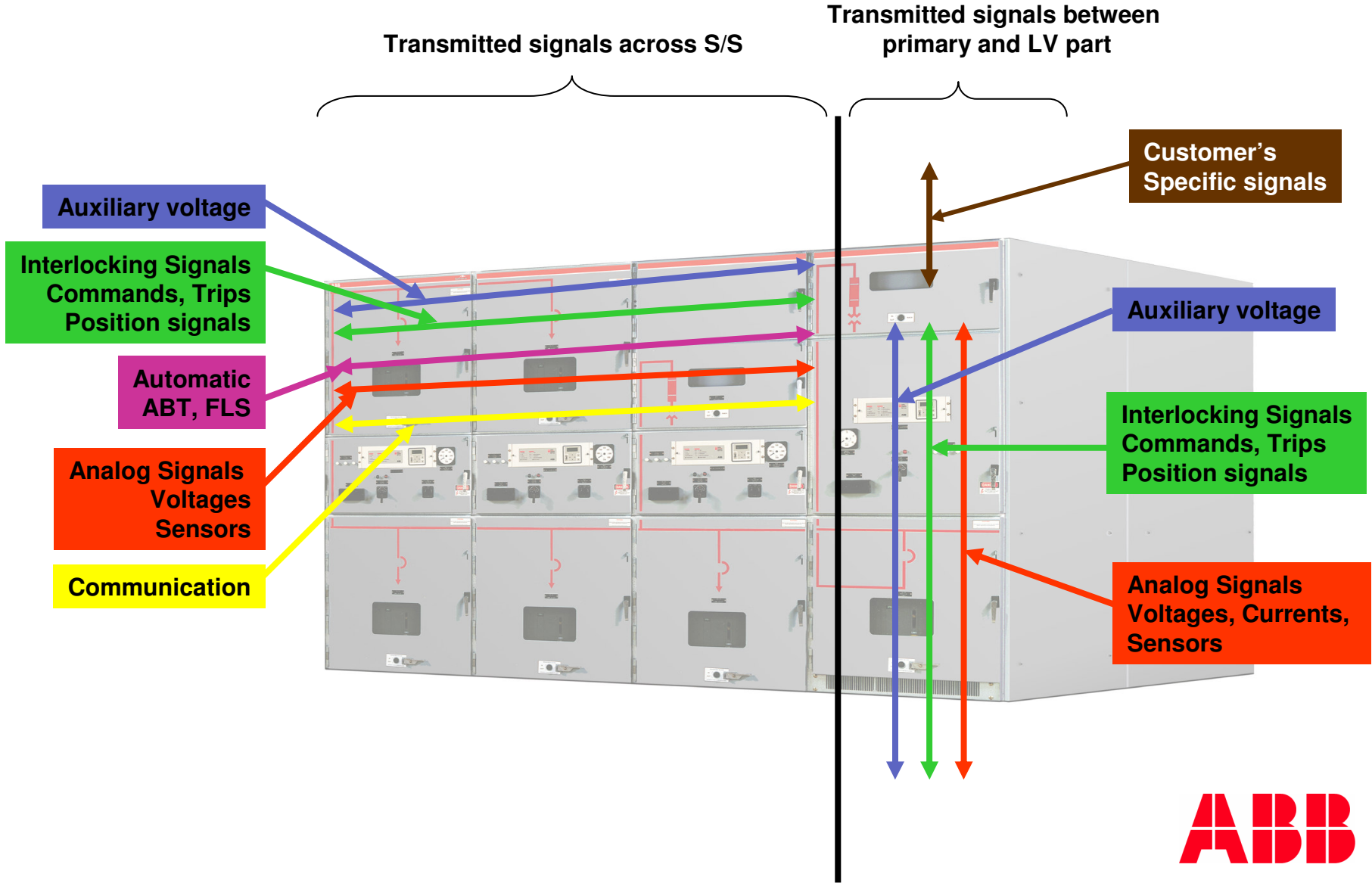


- Market pressure
  - Reduction of delivery time
  - Lower price
  - More functionality
  - ...
- Slow changes in primary technology, fast changes in secondary technology
- IEC 61850 and Ethernet technology is a next step in Switchgear business
- IEC 62271-3 , Digital interfaces based on IEC 61850



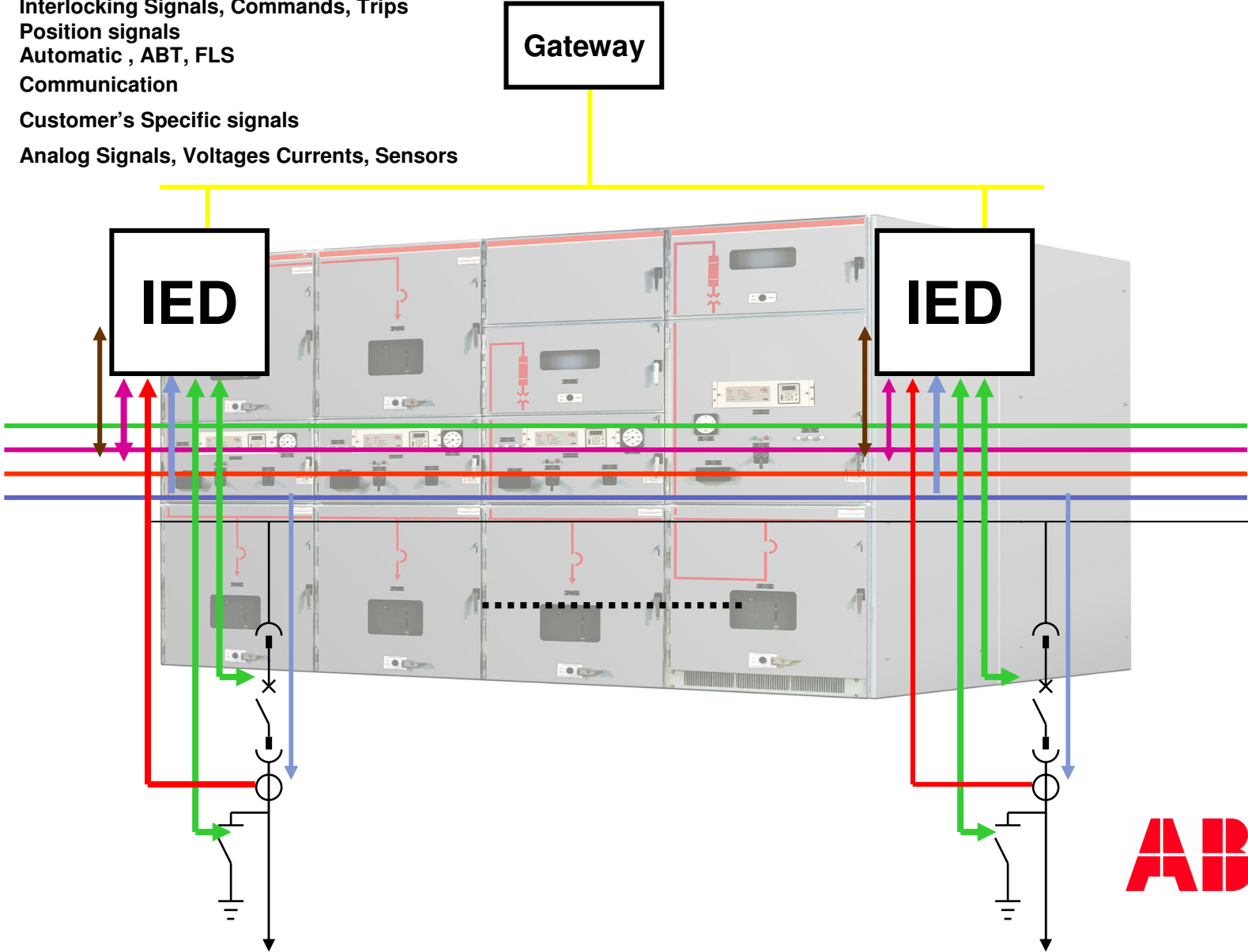


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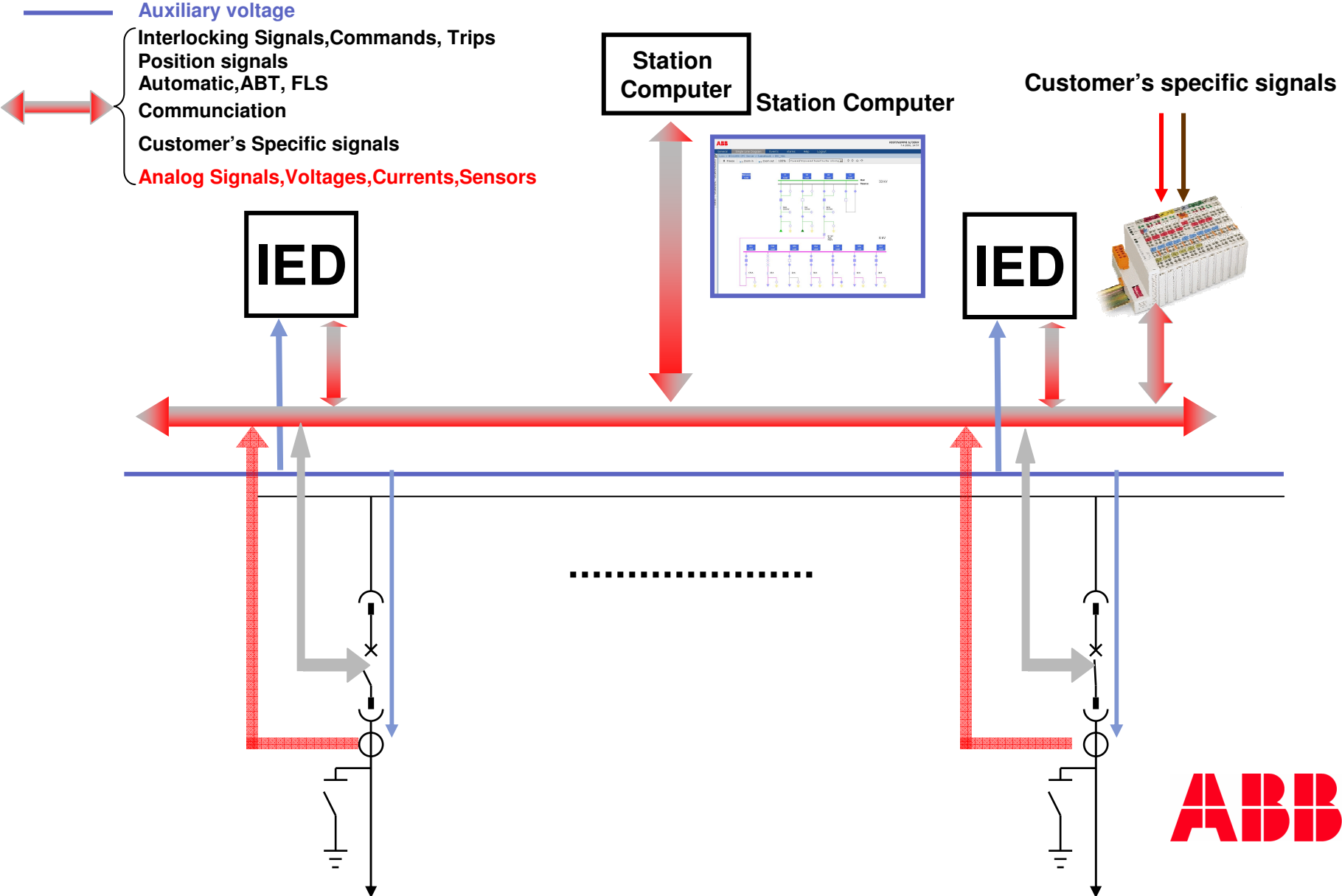


# Conventional MV Architecture

- Auxiliary voltage
- Interlocking Signals, Commands, Trips  
Position signals
- Automatic , ABT, FLS
- Communication
- Customer's Specific signals
- Analog Signals, Voltages Currents, Sensors



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# IEC Working groups TC 57



**Working groups of the technical committee 57 in the IEC**  
IEC TC57 is responsible for communication in “Power Systems”

- **WG 3:** Telecontrol protocols
- **WG 10:** Communication standards for substations: Functional architecture and general requirements
- **WG 11:** Communication standards for substations: Communications within and between unit and station levels
- **WG 12:** Communication standards for substations: Communications within and between process and unit level
- **WG 13:** Energy management system application program interface (EMS - API)
- **WG 14:** System interfaces for distribution management (SIDM)
- **WG 15:** Data and communication security
- **WG 16:** Deregulated energy market communications
- **WG 17:** Communications Systems for Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
- **WG 18:** Hydroelectric power plants - Communication for monitoring and control



*Only WG10 is active at the moment, since standardization work is ready for most of the parts*

*Oct '05: WG10, 11, 12 have merged to one WG10*



# UCA User's Group International

- UCA International Users Group = non profitable / non-IEC organization to:
  - Maintain the standard
    - GoE (Group of Experts) analyzing the input = "Tissues"
    - Voting procedure for "Tissues"
    - Collect input/resolve and feed to IEC -> Amendments, new editions
  - Develop testing procedures
    - UCA UG Conformance Test Procedures
  - Accredit test centers
    - KEMA in Netherlands is a accredited test center (see certificate of SPA-ZC400) – class A certification
    - ABB SVC centre Baden – class B certification
    - AEP – class B certification
  - Develop implementation guidelines
    - "9-2 light"
  - Anybody can participate!



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- All major SA vendors promote new standard actively
- Hundreds IEC 61850 based SA systems are already commissioned
  - ABB – more than 250 projects from Utility customers and more than 50 projects for Industrial customers
- Interest on the electrical utilities varies – conservative business
  - Some wants to try, some wants to wait, some require today
- Extension of IEC 61850 Models for
  - Hydro Power plants IEC 61850-7-410
  - Power Generation
  - Wind Power IEC 61400-25
- Next extensions already proposed e.g. Low voltage switchgears



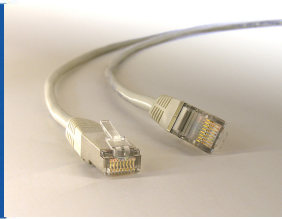


- Larger industrial customers require IEC 61850 already today, e.g. O&G, Pulp&Paper
- Standard is not that easy and unambiguous
  - Expectations and interpretations vary
- Topics not settled – at least on a standard way
  - Redundant communication, redundant Ethernet – IEC 62439
  - How to verify interoperability – conformance can be verified e.g. by KEMA – class A certificates, ABB and AEP – class B certificates
  - Physical media (electrical, optical, connectors)
  - Information security

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# Why Ethernet in Distribution Automation?

- Ethernet is the prevalent communication technology
  - Most of the competing technologies, even technically better have failed to enter market
- A lot of applications, a lot of protocols, a lot of components available on the free market
  - Cost savings and better functionality and performance than proprietary communication solutions for automation
- Unlike the traditional serial communications, the Ethernet link can be shared
  - Most of the applications can run on same Ethernet backbone of the plant
- Whole automation community is going for Ethernet based solutions
  - E.g. DA: Modbus/TCP, DNP 3.0 over LAN/WAN, IEC 61850, ...



# Ethernet challenges in Distribution Automation

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- Environmental
  - Even the components meant for industrial use, will not fulfill “by default”, requirements for DA
  - EMC, ambient temperature, power supplies
- Availability
  - Some applications require high availability
- Time synchronization
  - Some, especially emerging applications require very high accuracy time synchronization
- Cyber Security
  - Common technologies are more open for attacks and other vulnerabilities of this kind



# Communication trends in DA

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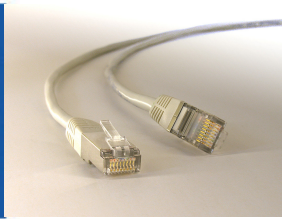
- All trends showing success of Ethernet!
- IEC 61850 – the communication standard for DA
  - Standardization ready not until 2005
  - Booming globally in Utility sector
    - Several major utilities standardized use of IEC 61850
  - High interest on Industrial Electrification
    - Petrochemical, Pulp&Paper, ...
- DNP over LAN/WAN
  - Mostly asked by old DNP 3.0 users in ANSI markets
- Modbus/TCP
  - The common nominator for all types of systems – but only a fallback solution



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# Ethernet setups for IEC 61850 based systems

- IEC 61850 does not mandate system topology or even physical layer – it says just *Ethernet*
  - Topology and cabling can be freely chosen
  - High availability redundant solutions are not yet standardized
- Aspects to consider
  - Geographical layout
  - EMC requirements
  - Amount of devices
  - Availability of the system – Ethernet Redundancy
  - Connectivity of existing non-IEC 61850 devices



# Comparison of *tree* and *ring* architectures

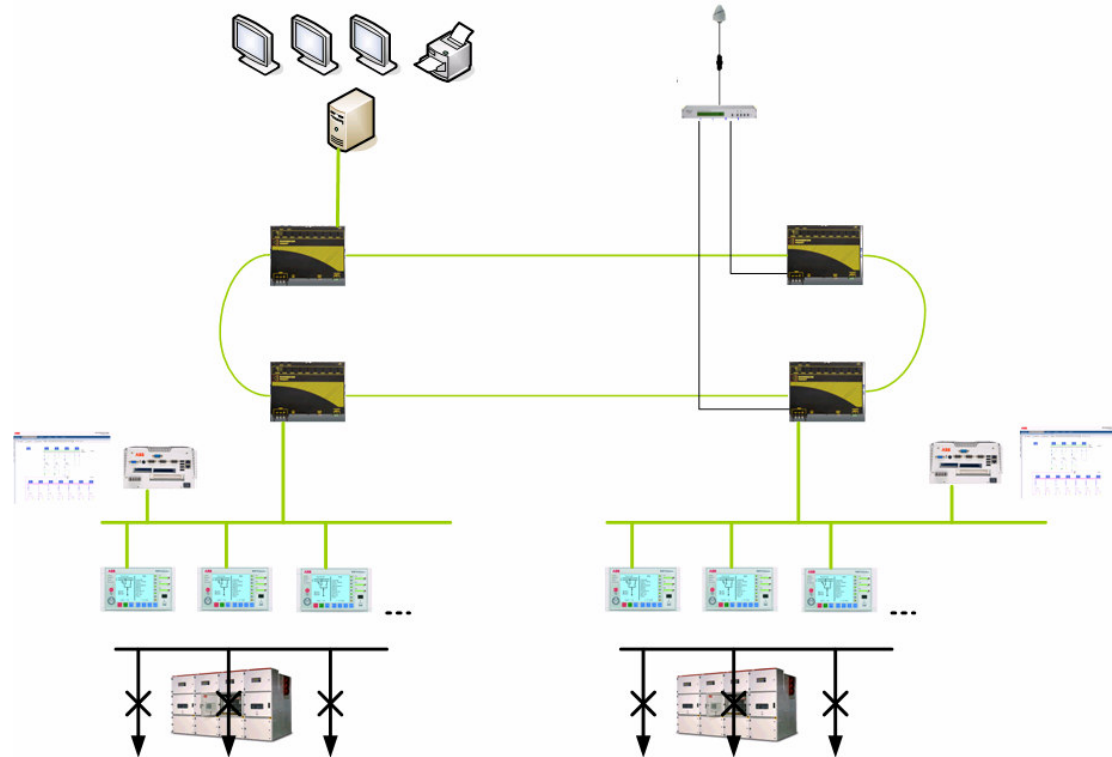
Criteria	Tree	Ring	Remark
<b>Cost</b>	Higher -	Lower +	Depends on geographical layout
<b>Availability</b>	Lower --	Higher ++	Applies backbone only
<b>Worst case load</b>	Lower +	Higher -	Load can be controller by report buffering, E.g. GOOSE can be run with priority
<b>Response time for real-time applications</b>	Higher +	Lower -	E.g. GOOSE has to pass all switches in ring, adds $n \cdot 100 \mu\text{s}$

- Most often the optimal topology is combination of stars and rings



# Examples, large systems interconnected

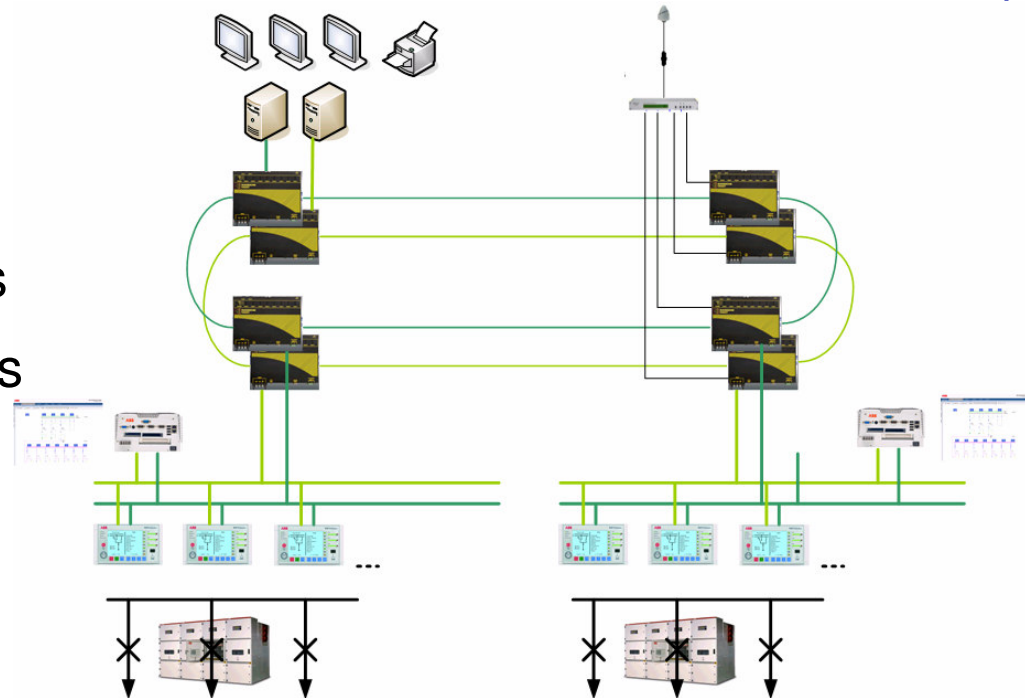
- Single ring backbone
  - Network redundancy is given by selection of proper switch, RSTP
  - Lower cost
  - High reliability than star configuration
  - Optical/Galvanic – both are possible
  - Projects with few 100s of IEDs



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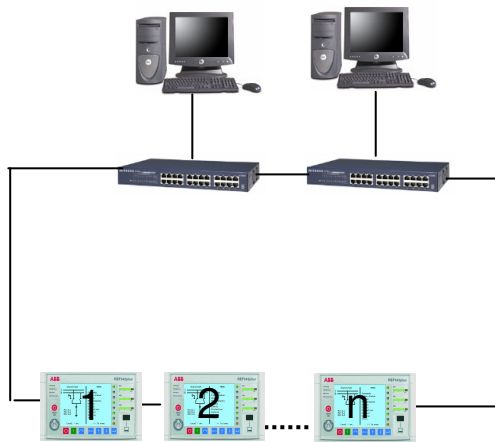
When redundancy **required**:

- Redundant ring topology
  - Network backbone redundancy is given by selection of proper switches
  - High reliability – but requires specific features from IEDs
  - Optical/Galvanic – both are possible
  - Projects with few 100s of IEDs

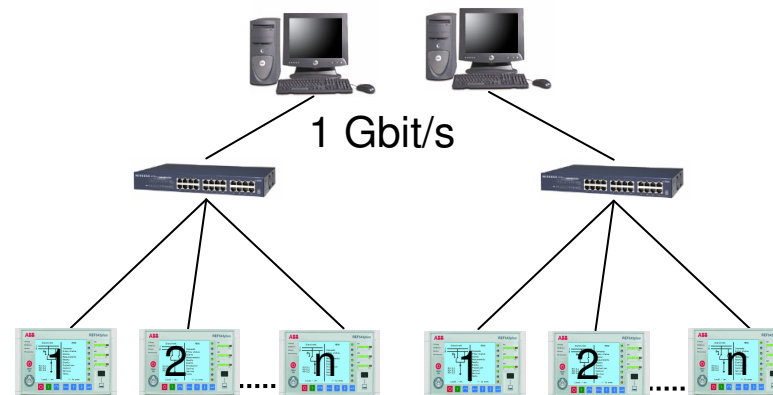


# Examples: smaller systems

- Ethernet loop, devices having integrated switches
  - Cost efficient – in best case no external switches needed
  - Loop concept is suitable for low-end IEDs due to the worst case load capacity
  - One node in maintenance + one node failure = complete system failure



100 Mbit/s available for whole network



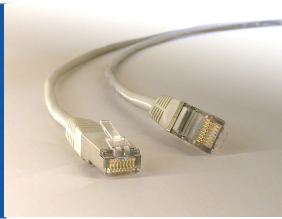
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