

IEC 61850 – The Digital Power System



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Agenda

IEC 61850 and the Digital Substation

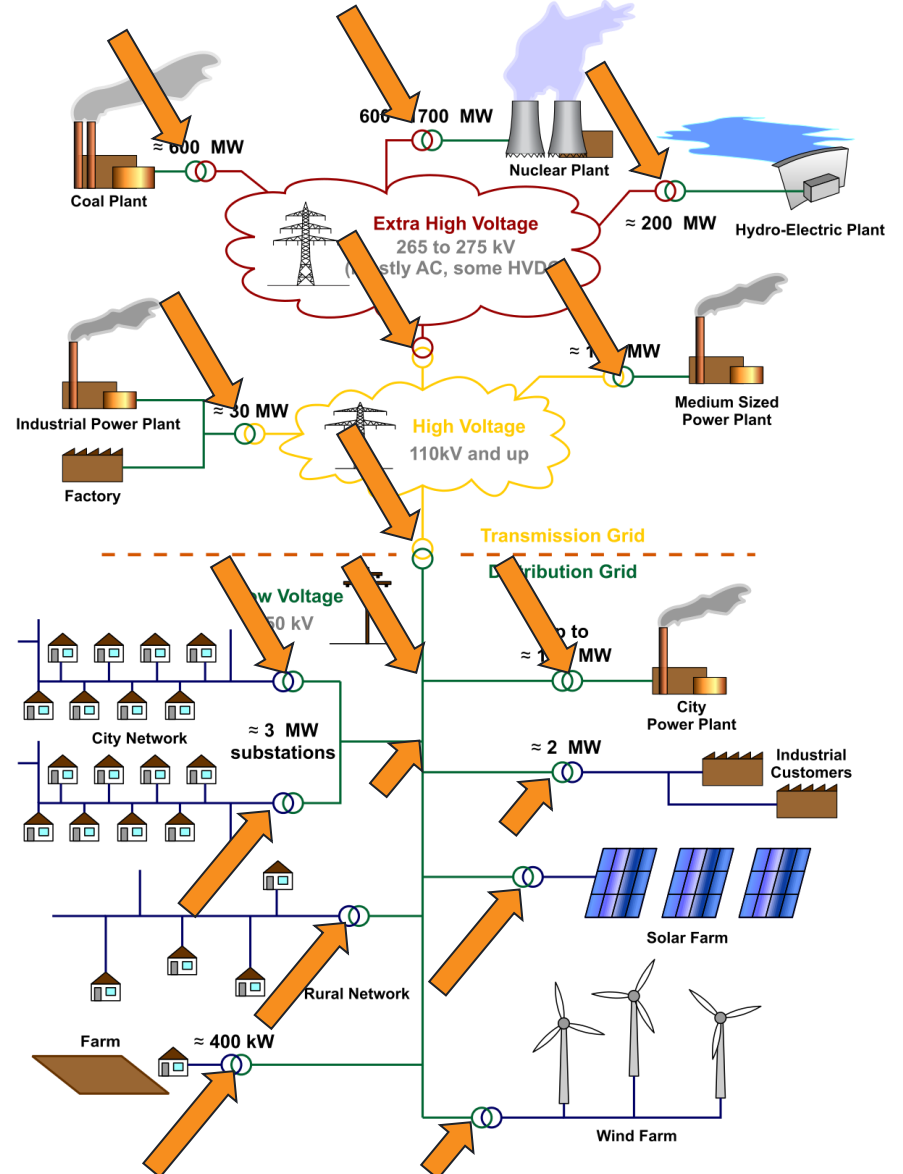
- What is Substation Automation?
- High-Level Review of IEC 61850 and Digital Control
- Communication
- Data Model
- Engineering and Testing Process
- Benefits/risks

Future IEC 61850 Applications

IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

What is a substation?

“A node on the electric grid where power is transformer, flow controlled, and monitored”



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What is automation?

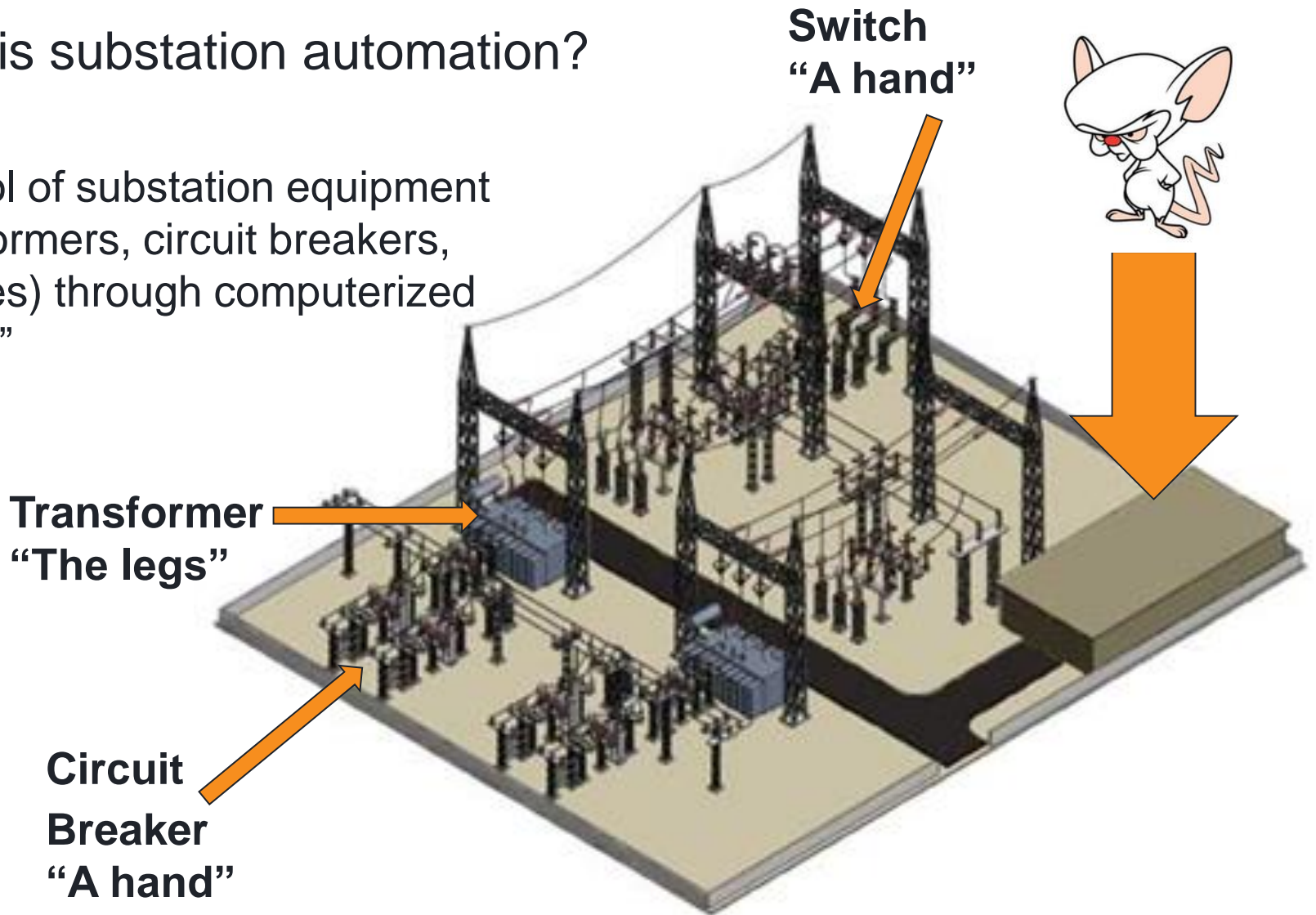
“The use of computers and machines to control mechanisms with minimal human guidance”



IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

What is substation automation?

“Control of substation equipment (transformers, circuit breakers, switches) through computerized system”



IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

IEC 61850 is a standard for substation automation communication

aka – how does “the brain” communicate

Goals of IEC 61850

- A communication protocol designed to model the entire station
“Defines the rules of engagement for communication in a substation”
- Promotion of high inter-operability between systems from different vendors
“Vendor agnostic – same rules regardless of the manufacturer”
- A communication protocol that can be made future proof
“Network based – similar to an office computer network”
- Define testing required to ensure equipment conforms to the standard
“How are you sure that everyone is playing by the same rules”

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The Premise

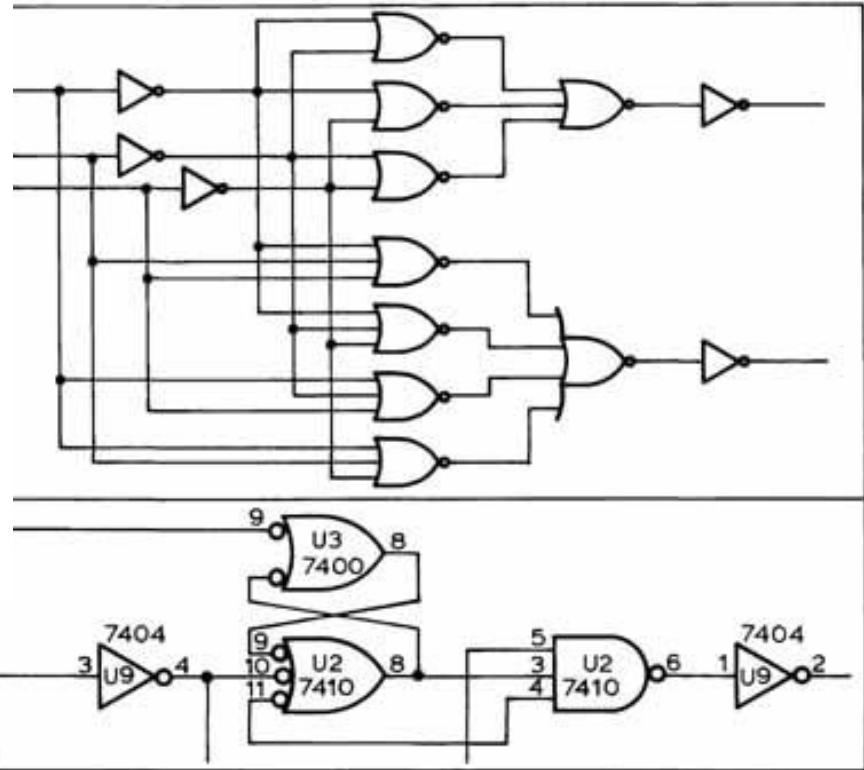
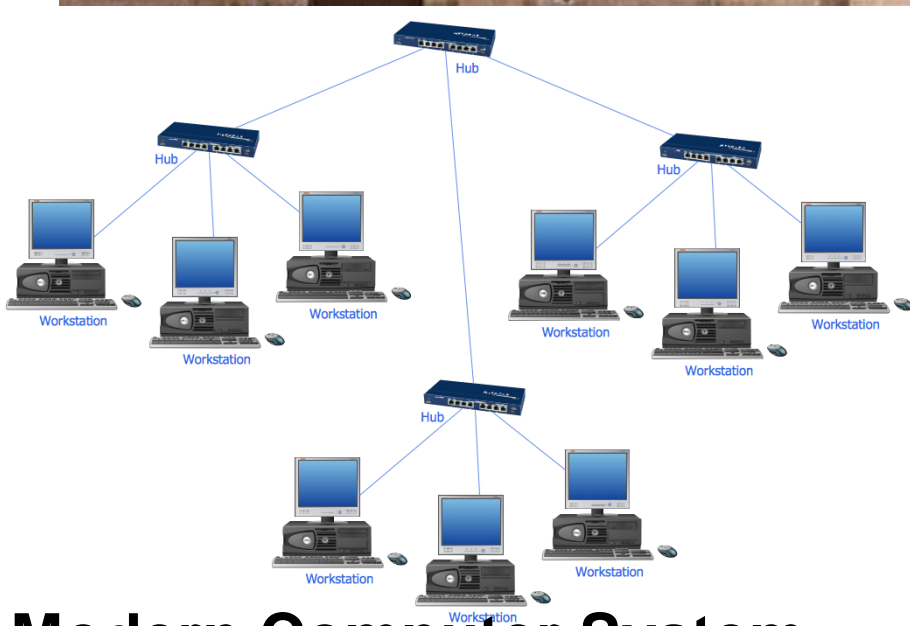
- Non-proprietary, secure, and reliable network communication within a electric substation

Network Based Communication

- Analog (CT/PT) and discrete signals (contacts/trip/close) are transmitted over IT-based networks
- Communication paths “wiring” and logic is defined in software in lieu of physical wiring



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Modern Computer System

Original Computer

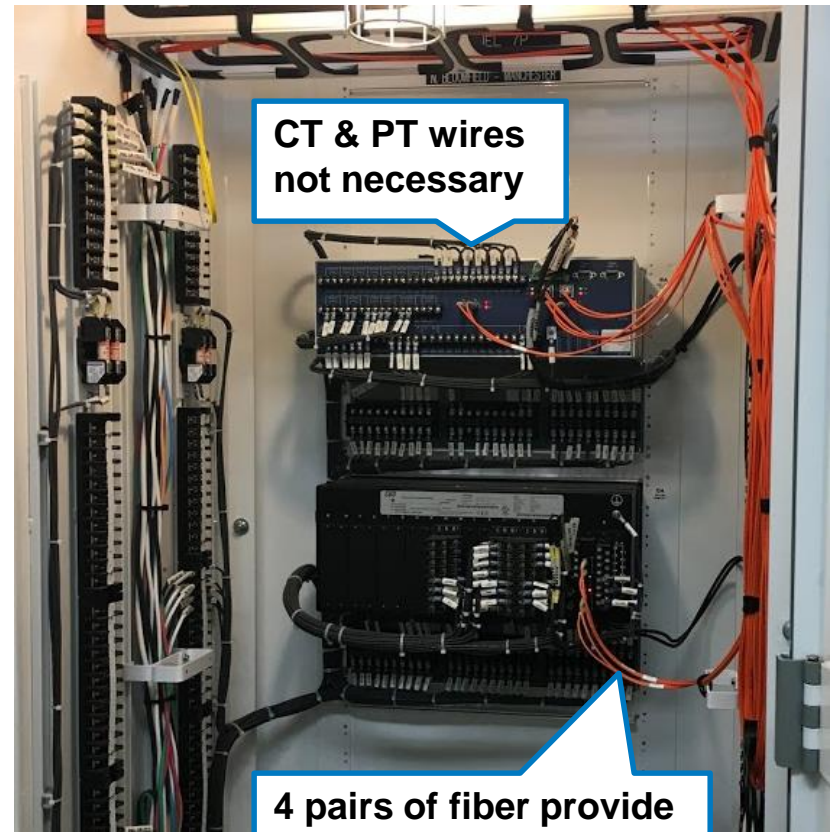
- Digital logic made possible by common programming languages
- Wired logical connections
- Standards enable off-the-shelf products
- Custom design

Conventional vs. IEC 61850 Station

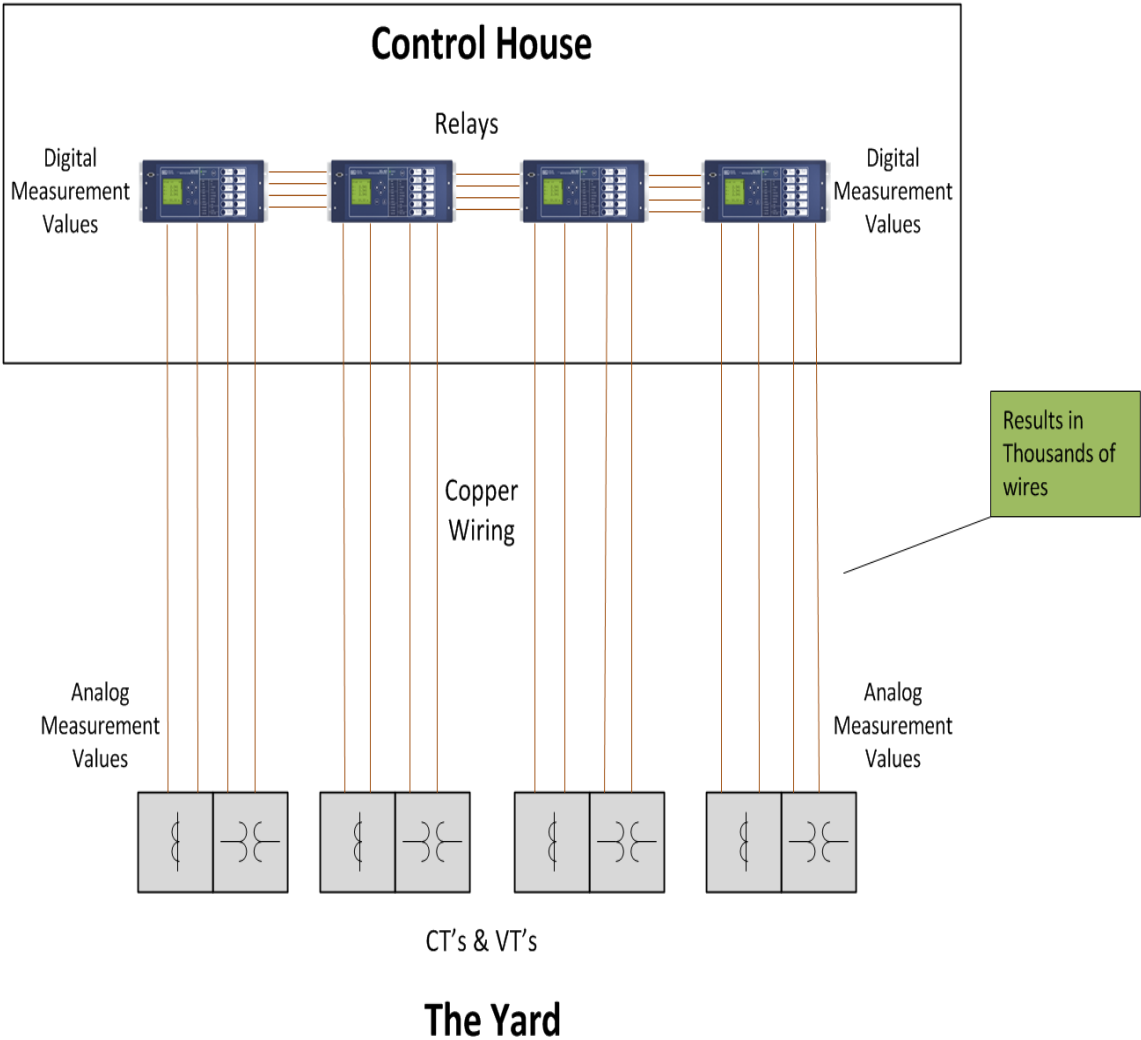
Example of a recently constructed control panel



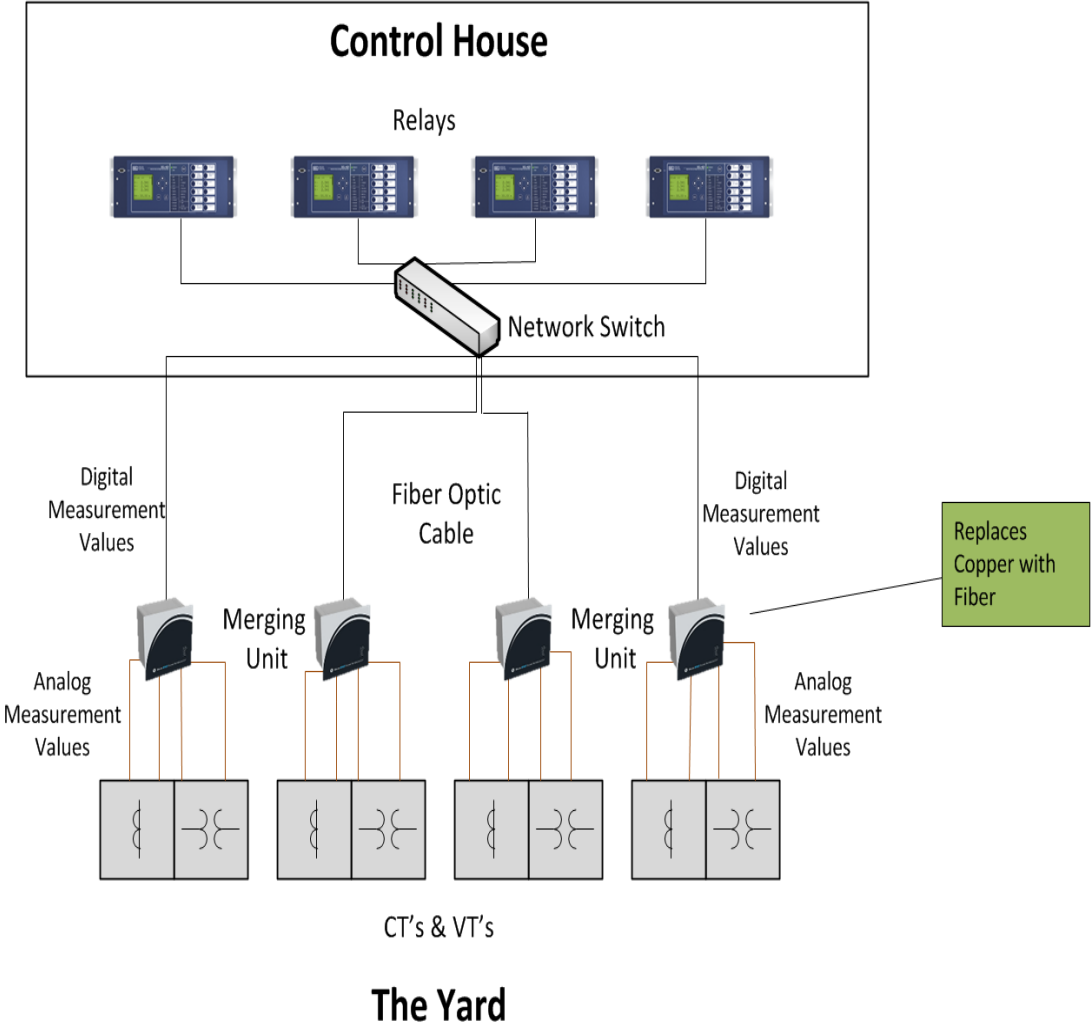
Relay panel with partial 61850 installation



Conventional Substations



An IEC 61850 Approach



Wiring Comparison

Conventional



- Labor intensive and expensive wiring
- Limited performance and data transmission capabilities

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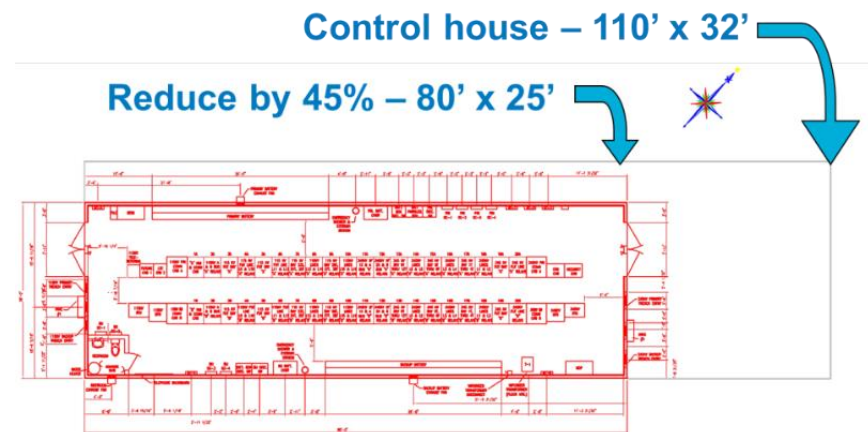
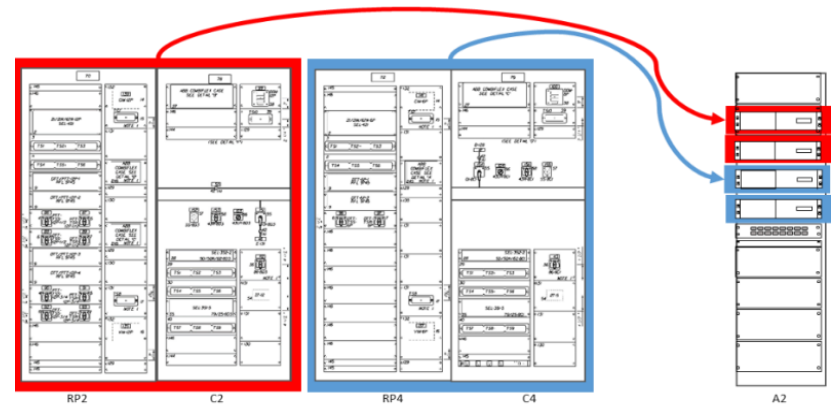


- Simplified and cost-effective
- Enhanced performance and data transmission capabilities

IEC 61850 – Digital Control System

Digital Control/Protection System

- Control is performed over network through digital devices (HMIs, relays, etc.)
- Test switches are not needed in the control house as voltages and currents are converted to digital signals in the yard
- Panel reduction and therefore control house size reduction



Digital Control System Example

Control done via screen, relay, or control center, reducing physical control switches

Tagging done locally at screen or relay, positive confirmation provided to control center

K3024/T1H

LOCAL MODE

0.0 kV — 3024/T1H-E1 — [CLOSED] — 3024/T1H-E2 — 0.0 kV

0 IA
0 IB
0 IC

BREAKER STATUS & ALARM SUMMARY

<input type="checkbox"/> TEST MODE	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOSE COIL 1	<input type="checkbox"/> POLE DISAGREEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOSE RX FAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> LOP	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOSE COIL 2	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTOR CIRCUIT 27DC	<input type="checkbox"/> IRIG-B FAIL (11KA)
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<input type="checkbox"/> VBZ ON			<input type="checkbox"/> LOW SF6 TRIP
<input type="checkbox"/> VCZ ON			<input type="checkbox"/> ANTI-PUMP
<input type="checkbox"/> BKR MAINT. ALM			<input type="checkbox"/> BRK DOOR OPEN

RELAY A TARGETS

<input type="checkbox"/> TRIP
<input type="checkbox"/> BKR FAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> A FAULT
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<input type="checkbox"/> GROUND

In-Use Digital Control System

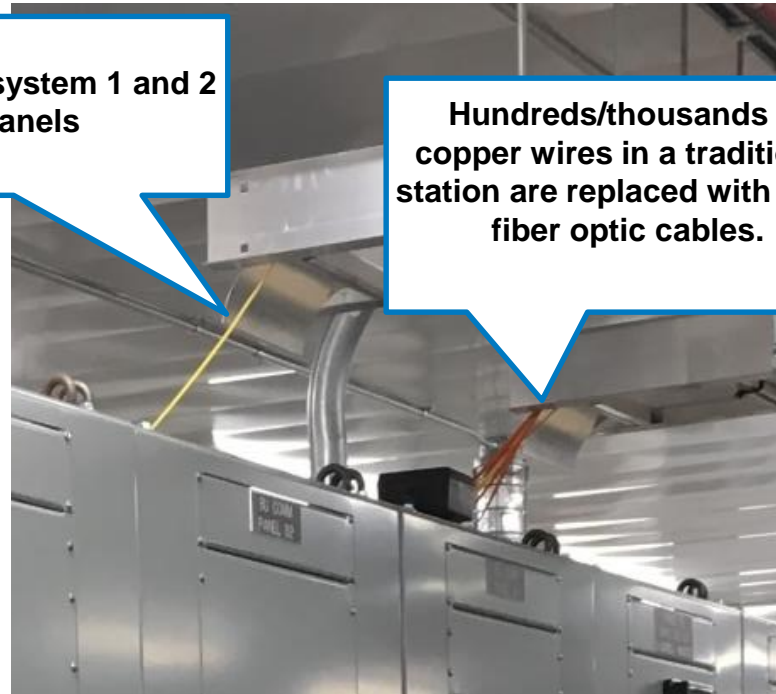
- Breaker Control Screen

IEC 61850 System Example

System 1 relay package for a 345 kV switching station. This control house is smaller than many medium-voltage metal-clads



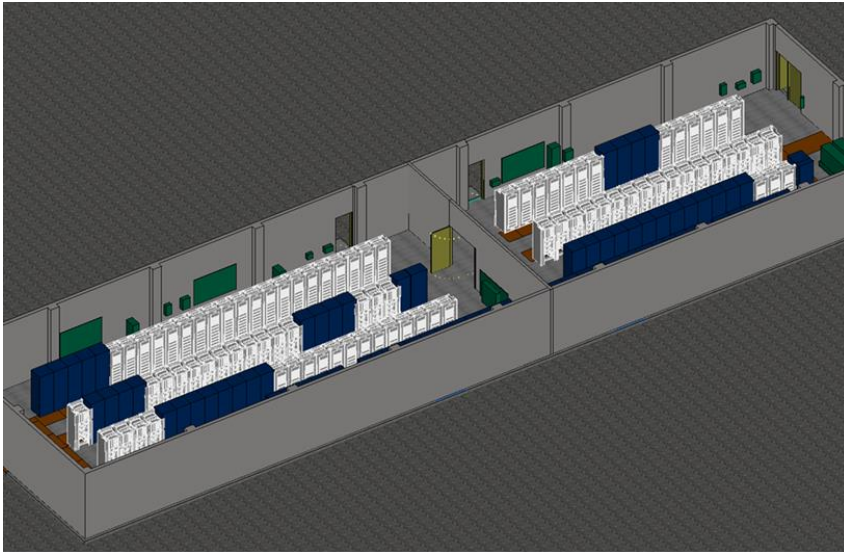
Cabling between system 1 and 2 control panels



Hundreds/thousands of copper wires in a traditional station are replaced with a few fiber optic cables.

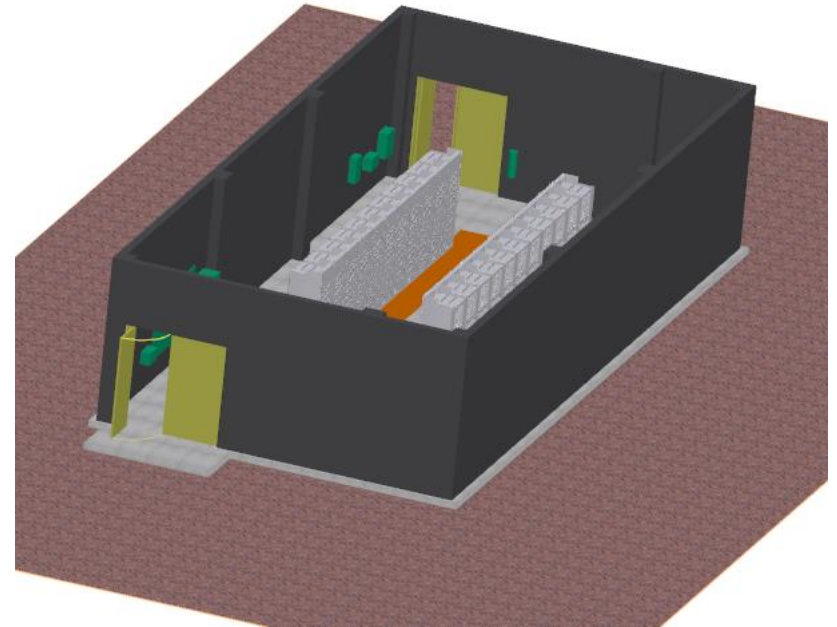
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**Recently constructed
345kV control house**



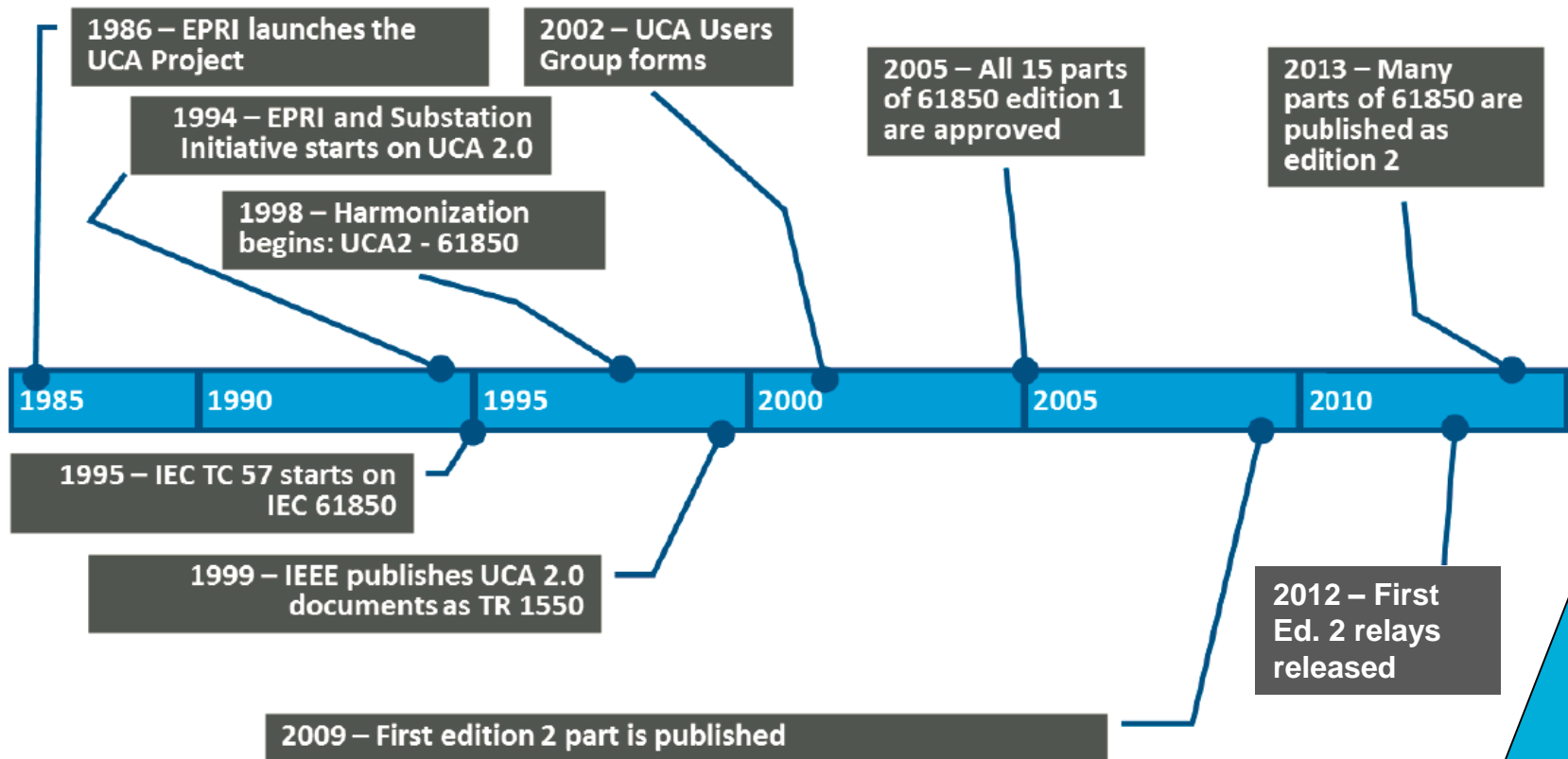
158'-4" x 41'

**Same 345kV control
house using IEC 61850**



~60" x 30'

IEC 61850 – Substation Automation History



Today there are 28 separate documents under IEC 61850 alone, along with supplemental material from IEEE and CIGRE

IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

- What makes IEC 61850 different from other standards:
 - Data mapping of **electric substation** equipment
 - Engineering and testing processes are built into the standard
 - Communication protocols
 - GOOSE - Fast Transfer
 - SMV - Sampled Data
 - MMS – Reporting
 - Each packet has:
 - Quality
 - Time sync
 - Test/Simulation

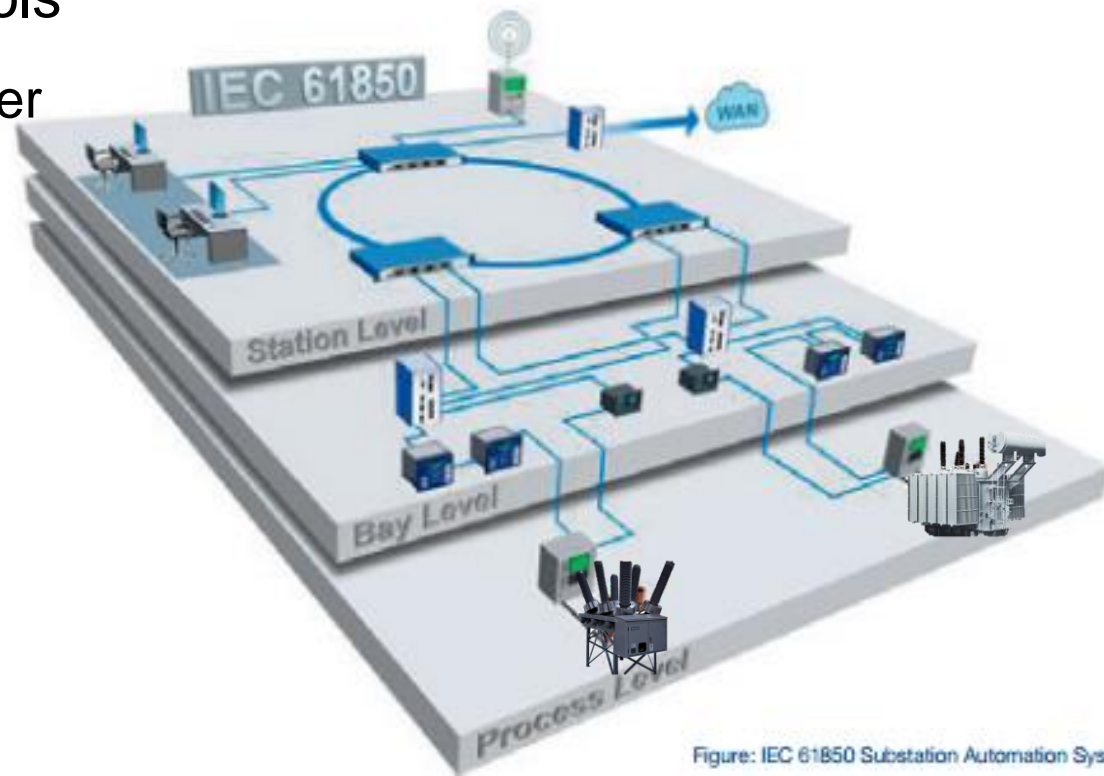


Figure: IEC 61850 Substation Automation System

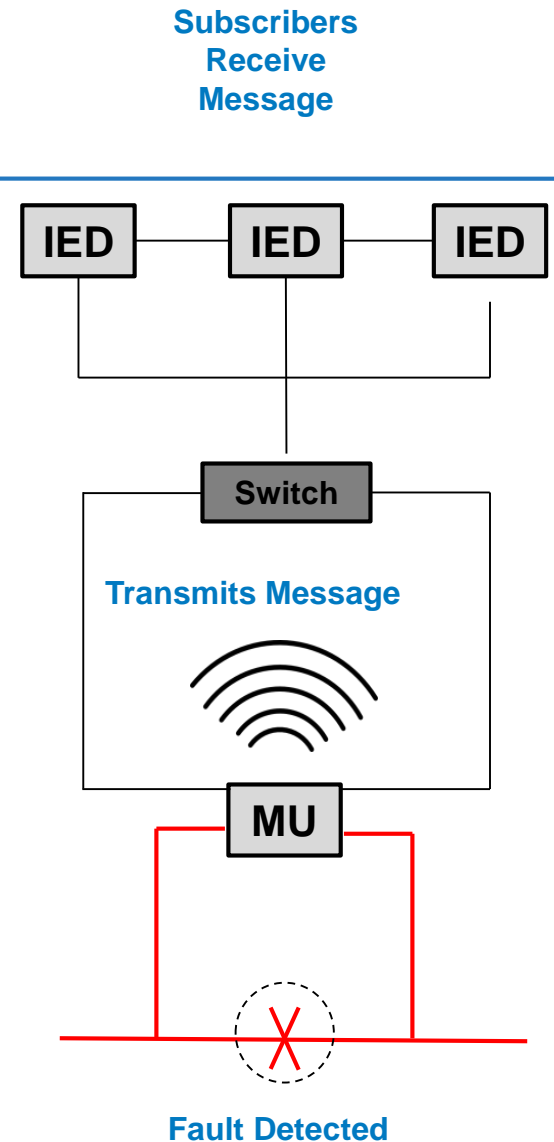
Communication



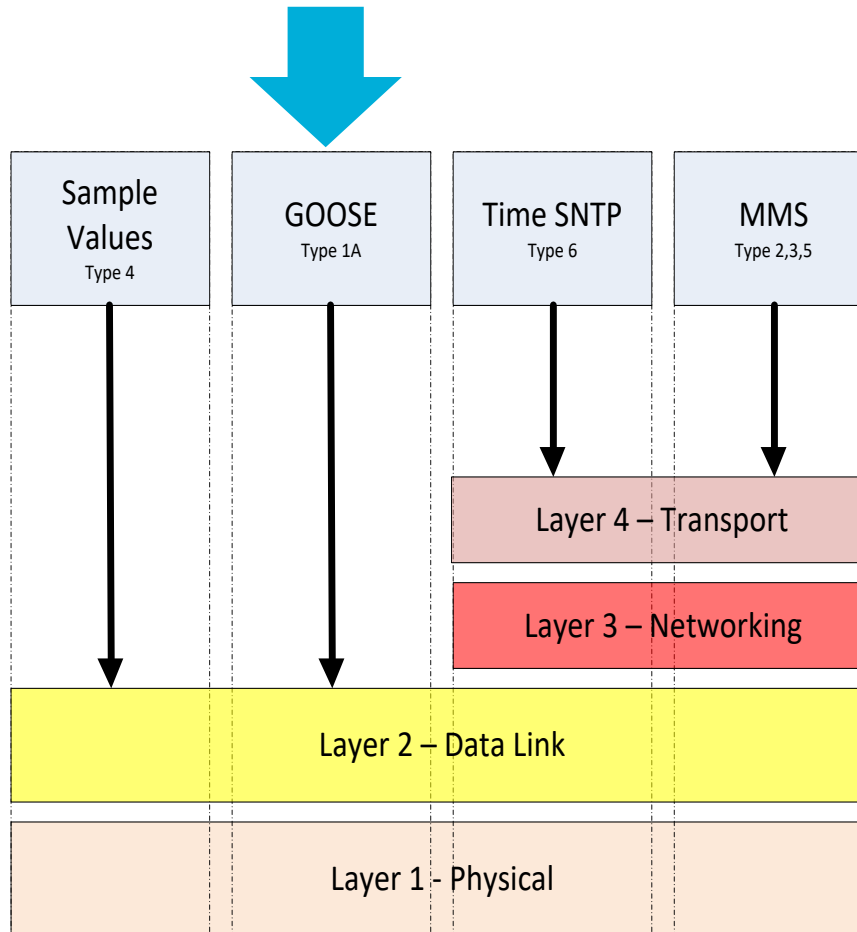
Dial “61850” for help

GOOSE Messaging

- Generic Object-Oriented Substation Event
 - Device to multi-device communication
 - IED transmits message
 - Devices subscribe to message
 - Event-driven message
 - Message sent repeatedly every predetermined interval (~ms)
 - Contains a dataset
 - Think of an “Envelope” not just a “point”



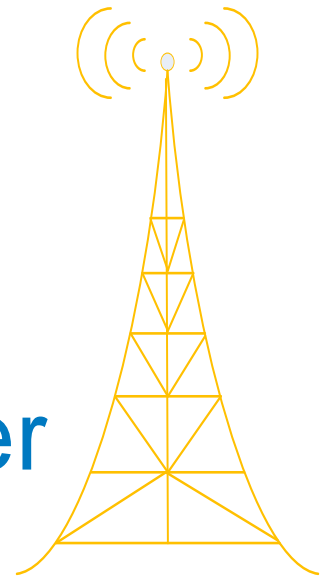
GOOSE – Layer 2



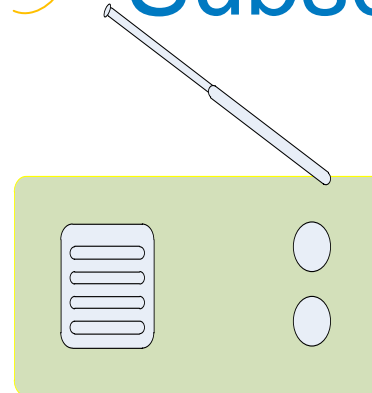
Publisher-Subscriber Model

- Messaging pattern to categorize and filter data
- **Publisher** — sends data to a network
- **Subscriber** — subscribes to a specified type of data

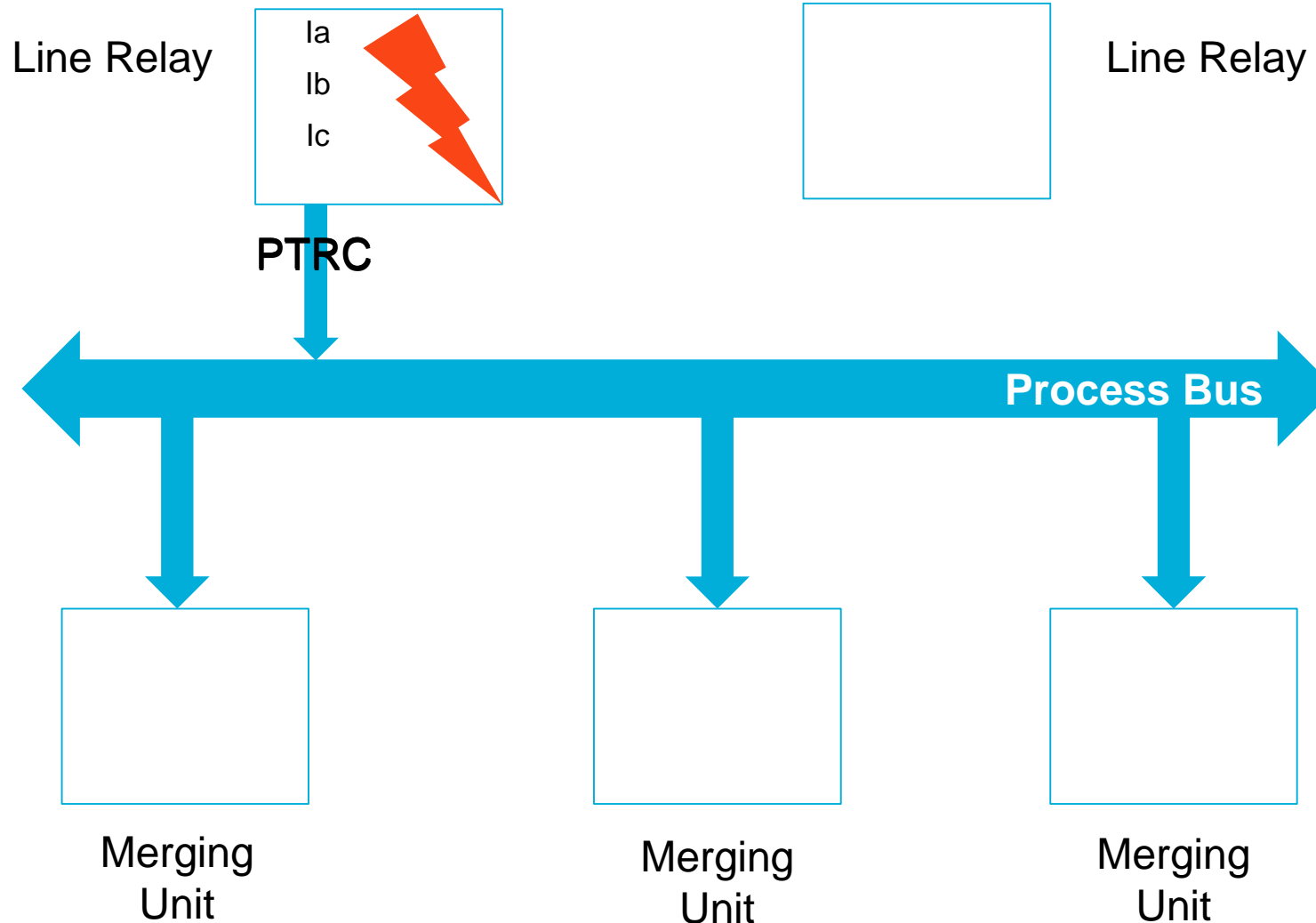
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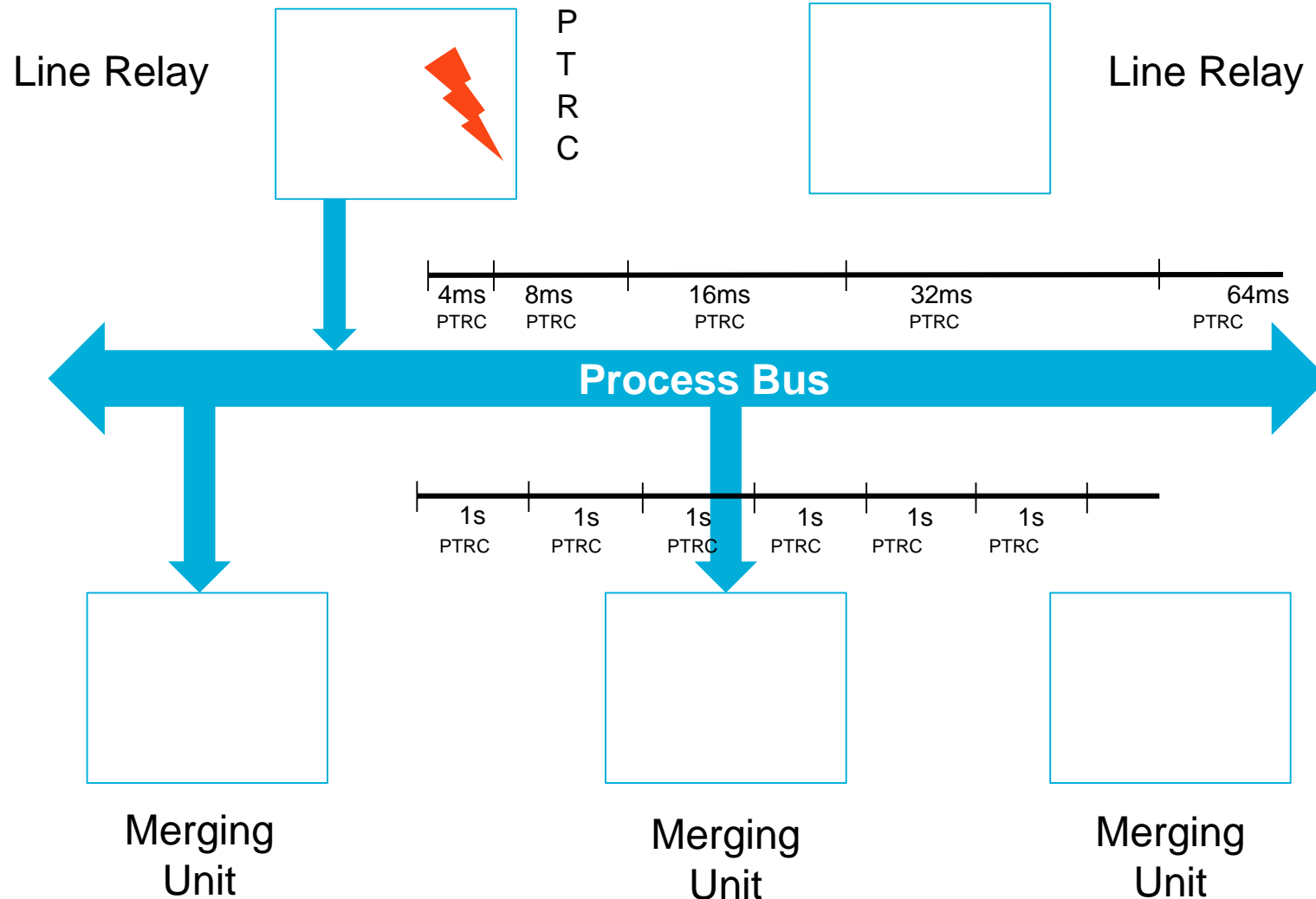
Subscriber



GOOSE – An Event-Driven Message

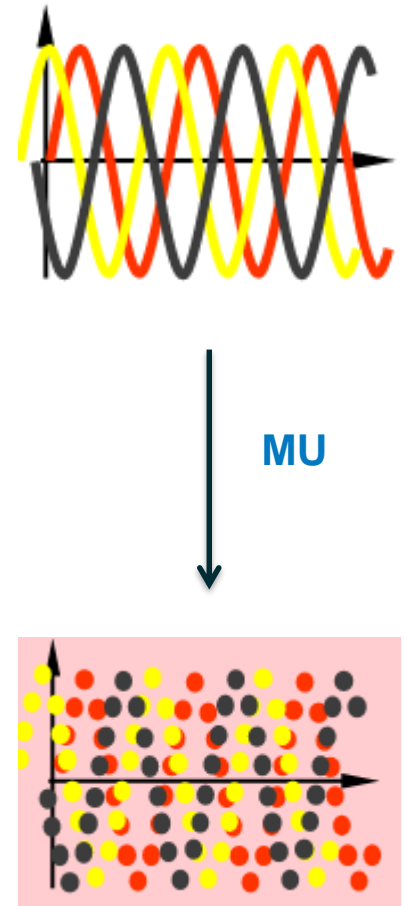


GOOSE on the Process Bus

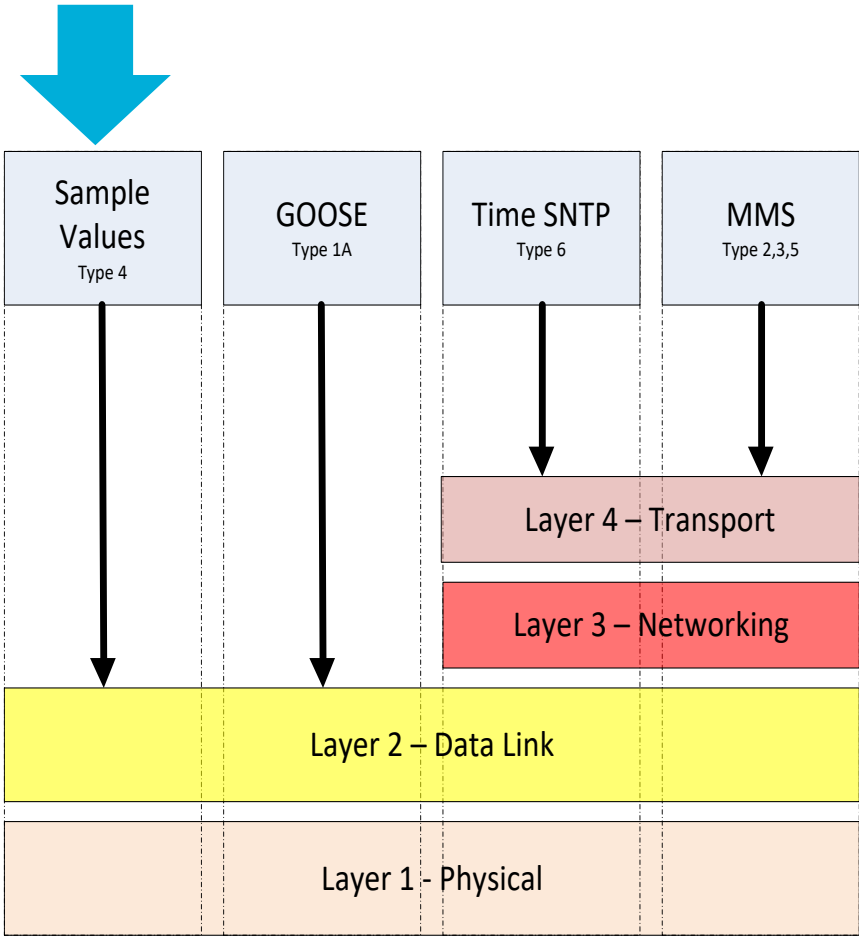


Sampled Values

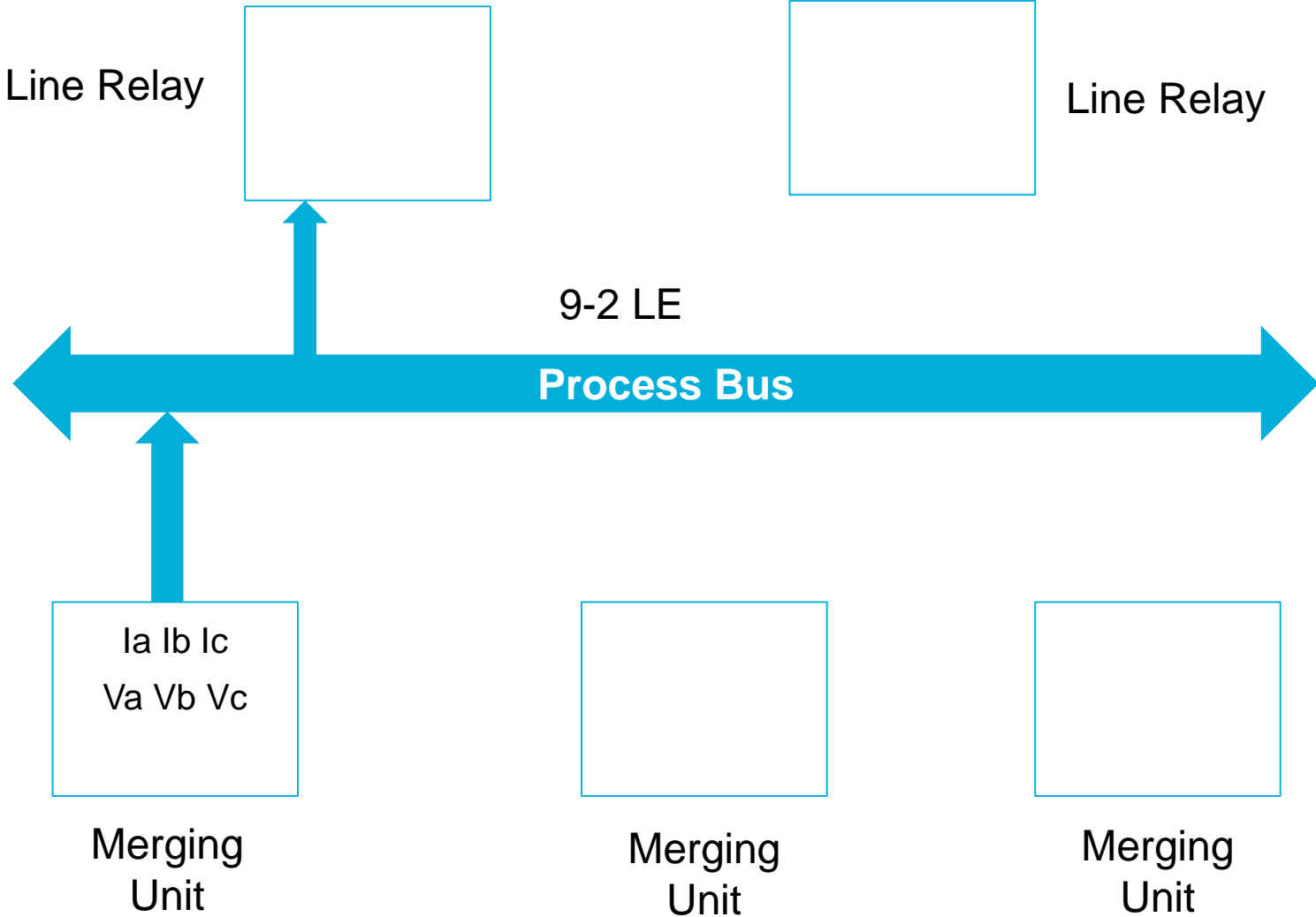
- Time-Sampled Data from CTs & VTs
- Sent from merging units to relays
- Multicast messages sent over Ethernet
- For protection – 80 samples per cycle with 4 currents and 4 voltages in the stream, 256 samples/cycle for metering/fault analysis
- Addressed in IEC 61850 9-2 (clarified in 9-2LE)



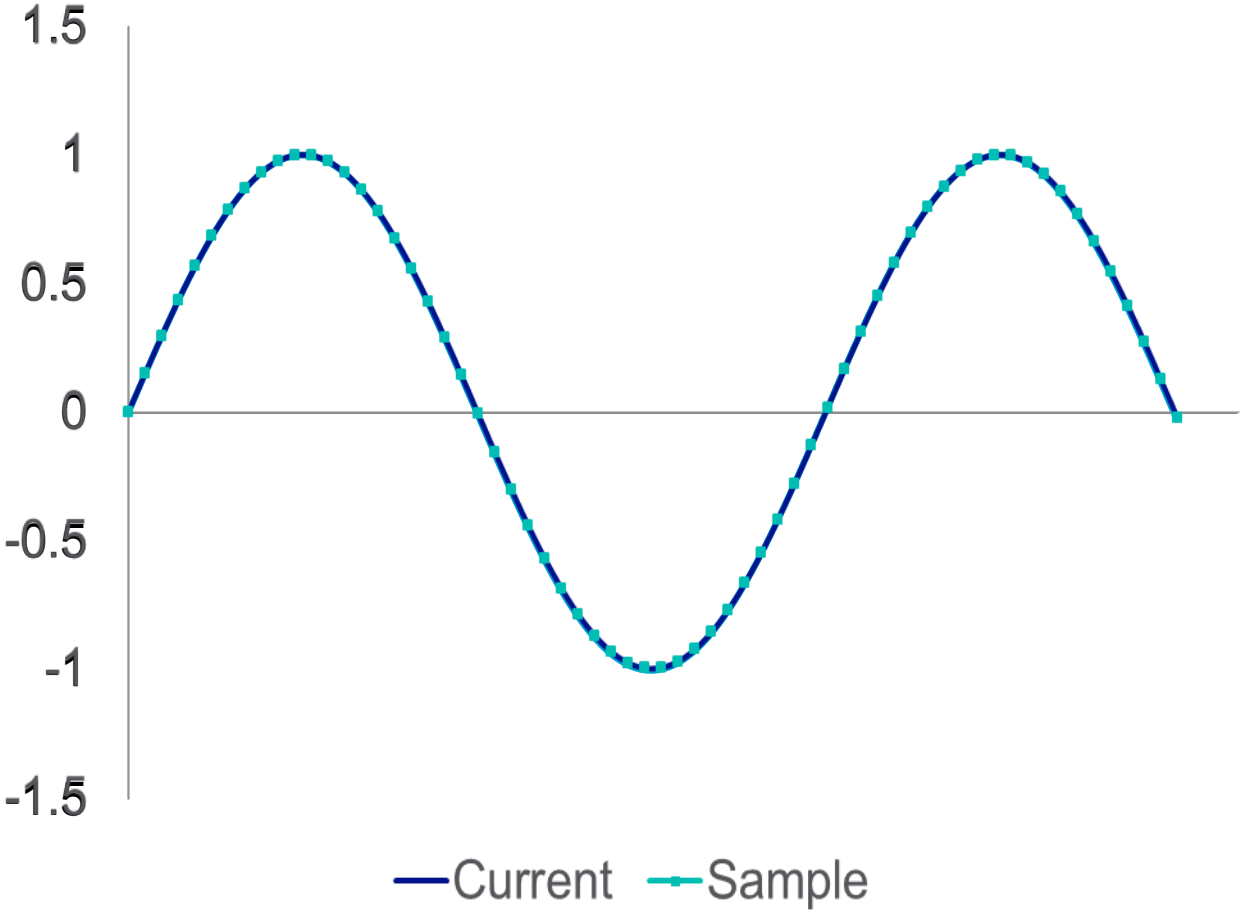
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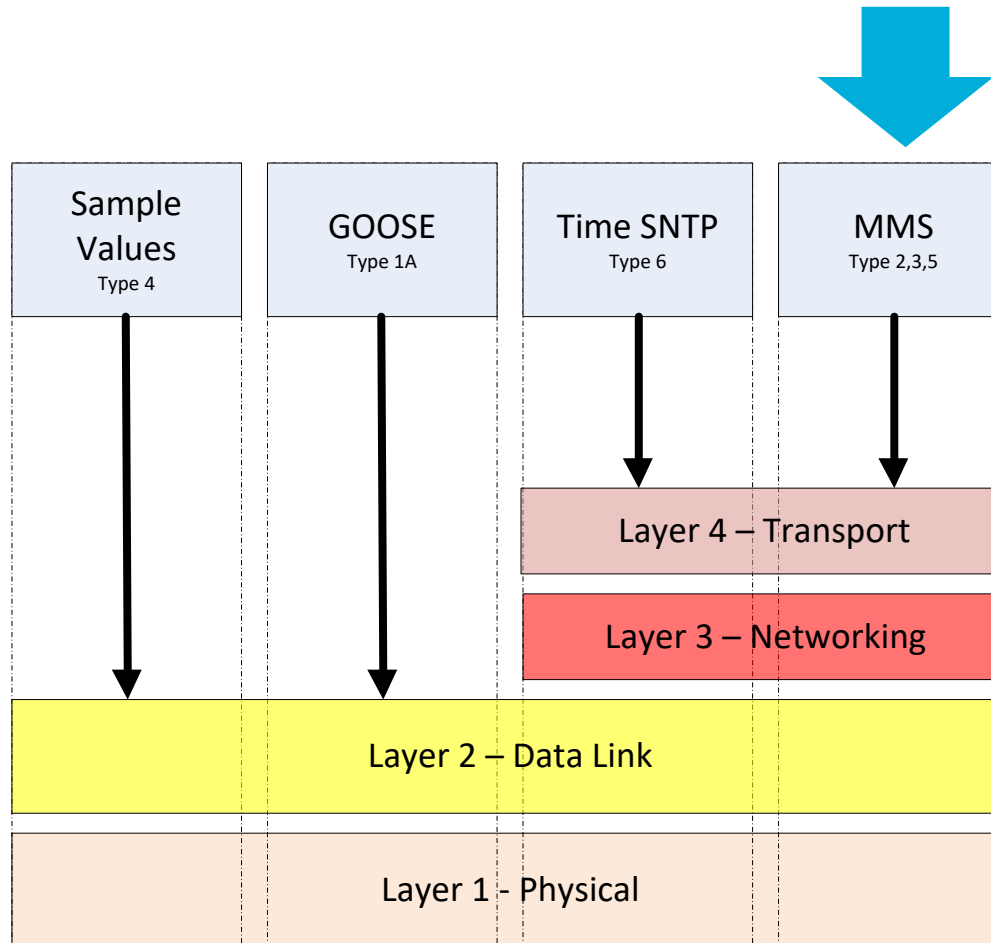
Current Vs. Sample



MMS Reporting

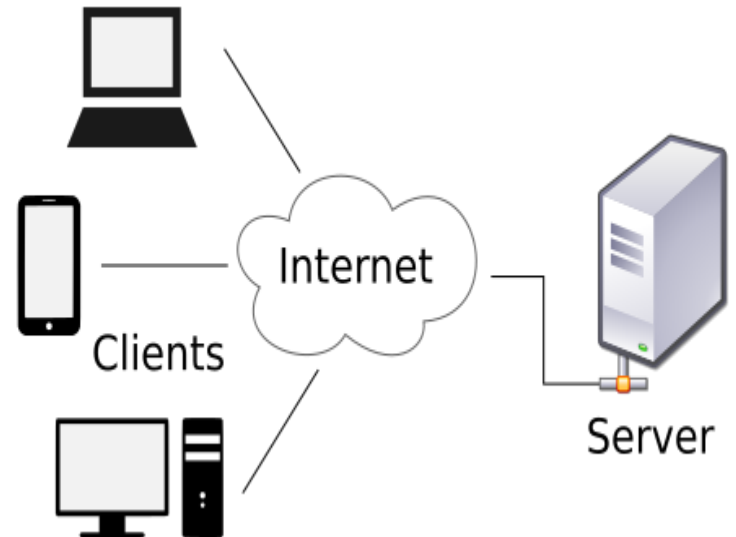
- Manufacturing Message Specification
 - Client-server communication
 - Real-time process data and supervisory control
 - Less “critical” data compared to GOOSE and SMV
 - Device-to-device communication over network
 - Originated in ISO 9506, prior to IEC 61850

MMS – Layer 4

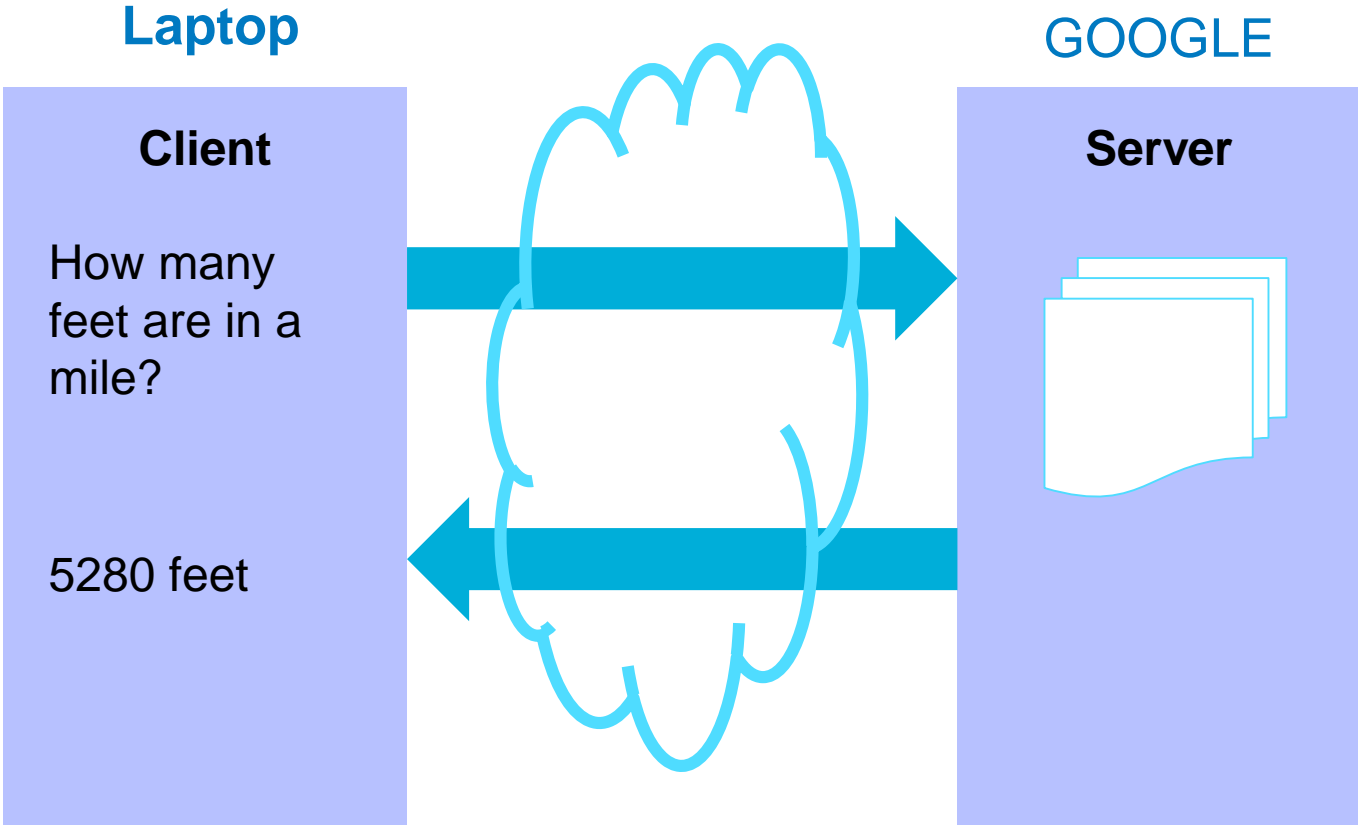


Client-Server Model

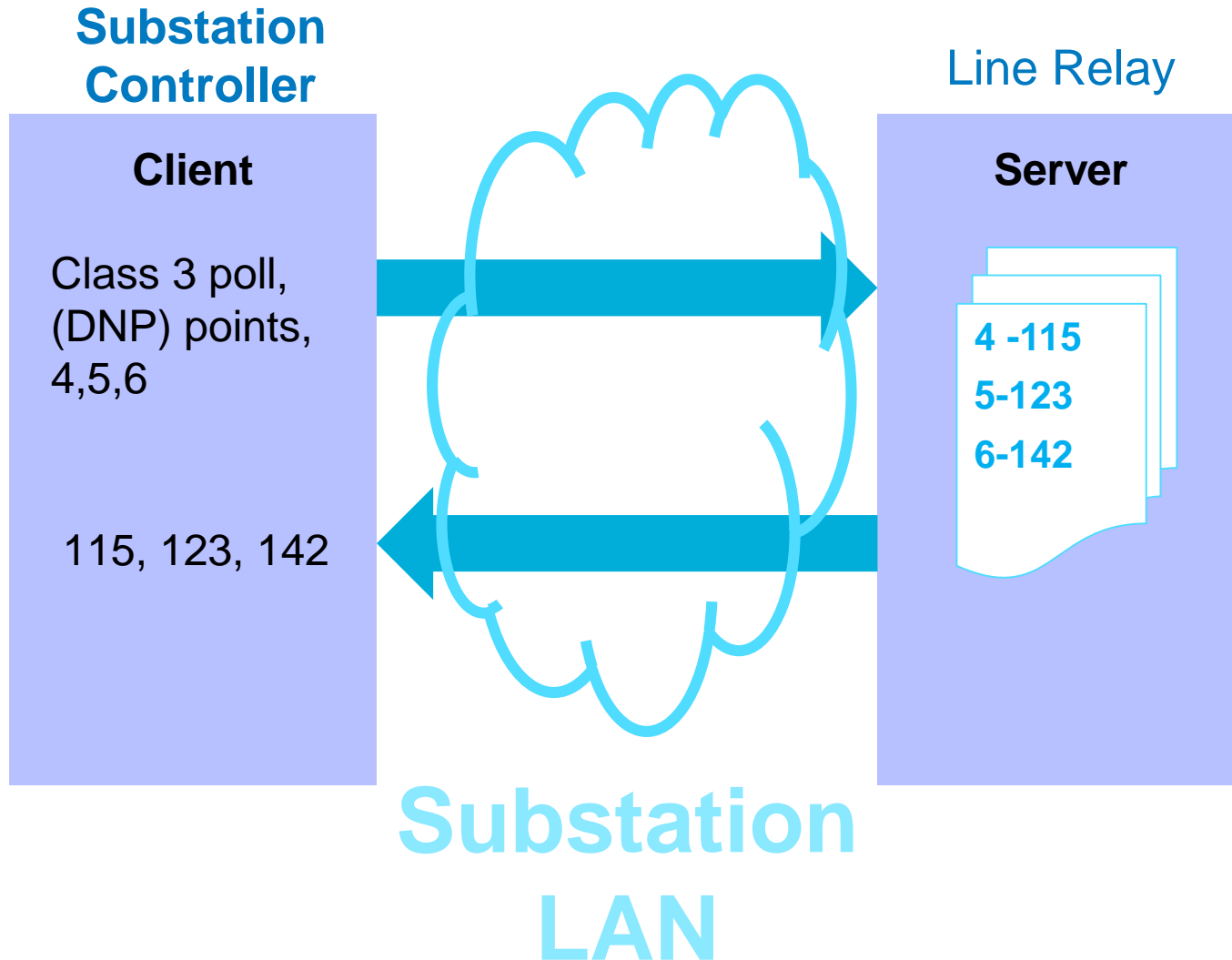
- Communication structure for a network system
- Client – the requestor/initiator
- Server – the provider/servicer
- Request/Response messaging pattern
- IEDs act as clients to other IEDs to obtain data



An Everyday Example



In A Substation Environment



MMS Operation

Type 1 – Fast messages

Type 1A – Trip

→ Type 2 – Medium speed messages

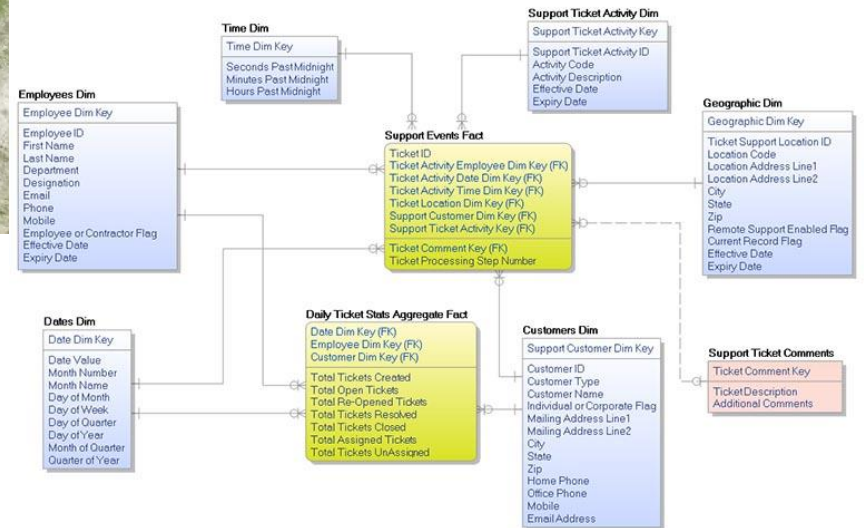
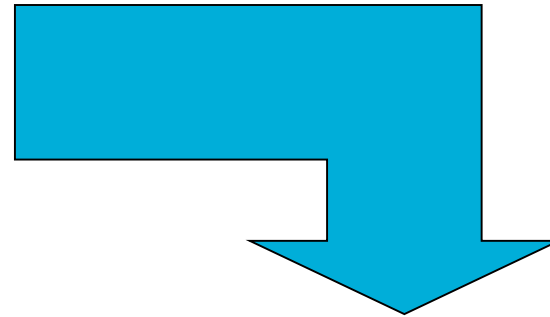
→ Type 3 – Low speed messages

Type 4 – Raw data messages

→ Type 5 – File transfer functions

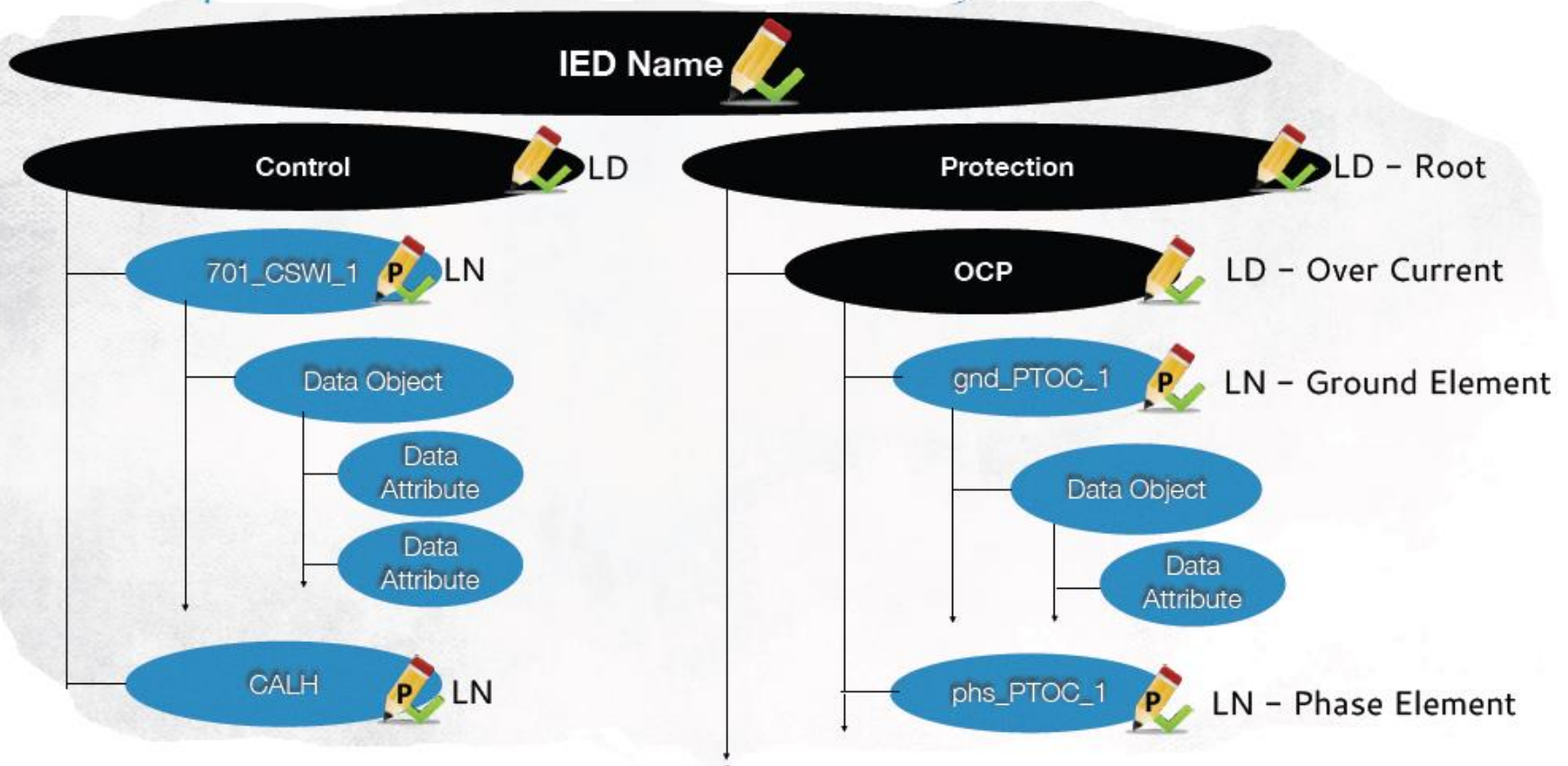
Type 6 – Time synchronization messages

Data Map



IEC 61850 – Data Map

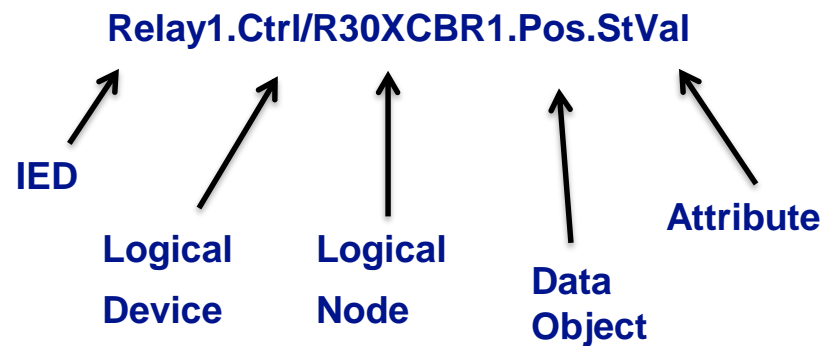
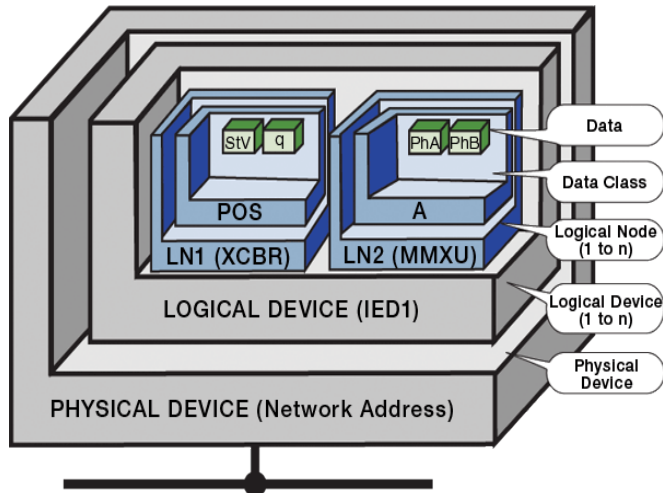
- What is the IEC 61850 data map:



IEC 61850 – Data Map

■ LN Application – Circuit Breaker Status

- The interface to a circuit breaker can be modeled as the logical node **XCBR**
- This Logical Node **XCBR** has a data object **POS** (breaker position)
- Within the data object, there is a data attribute called **stVal** (status value)



IEC 61850 Data Mapping – XCBR Example

XCBR class				
Data object name	Common data class	Explanation	T	M/O/C
LNName		The name shall be composed of the class name, the LN-Prefix and LN-Instance-ID according to IEC 61850-7-2, Clause 22.		
Data objects				
<i>Descriptions</i>				
EEName	DPL	External equipment name plate		O
<i>Status information</i>				
EEHealth	ENS	External equipment health		O
LocKey	SPS	Local or remote key (local means without substation automation communication, hardwired direct control)		O
Loc	SPS	Local control behaviour		M
OpCnt	INS	Operation counter		M
CBOpCap	ENS	Circuit breaker operating capability		O
POWCap	ENS	Point on wave switching capability		O
MaxOpCap	INS	Circuit breaker operating capability when fully charged		O
Dsc	SPS	Discrepancy		O
<i>Measured and metered values</i>				
SumSwARs	BCR	Sum of switched amperes, resettable		O
<i>Controls</i>				
LocSta	SPC	Switching authority at station level		O
Pos	DPC	Switch position		M
BlkOpn	SPC	Block opening		M
BlkCls	SPC	Block closing		M
ChaMotEna	SPC	Charger motor enabled		O
<i>Settings</i>				
CBTmms	ING	Closing time of breaker		O

← This is the breaker position (52a or 52b)


IEC 61850 Data Mapping – Sample of LN

Functionality	IEEE	LN Function	LN Class	LN class naming
Transient earth fault protection		PTEF	PTEF	Transient earth fault
Sensitive directional earth fault	(37) (67N)	PSDE	PSDE	Sensitive directional earth fault
Thyristor protection		PTHF	PTHF	Thyristor protection
Protection trip conditioning		PTRC	PTRC	Protection trip conditioning
Checking or interlocking relay	3	CILO	CILO	Interlocking
Over speed protection	12	POVS		
Zero speed and under speed protection	14	PZSU	PZSU	Zero speed and under speed
Distance protection	21	PDIS	PDIS	Distance protection
			PSCH	Protection Scheme
Volt per Hz protection	24	PVPH	PVPH	Volts per Hz
Synchronism check	25	RSYN	RSYN	Synchronism-check
Over temperature protection	26	PTTR	PTTR	Thermal overload
(Time) Under voltage protection	27	PTUV	PTUV	Under voltage
Directional power / reverse power protection	32	PDPR	PDOP	Directional over power
			PDUP	Directional under power
Undercurrent / under power protection	37	PUCP	PTUC	Under current
			PDUP	Directional under power
Loss of field / Under excitation protection	40	PUEX	PDUP	Directional under power
			PDIS	(Distance) impedance
Reverse phase or phase balance current protection, Negative sequence current relay	46	PPBR	PTOC	Time overcurrent
Phase sequence or phase-balance voltage protection, Negative sequence voltage relay	47	PPBV	PTOV	Oversvoltage protection
Motor start-up protection	48, 49, 51LR66	PMSU	PMRI	Motor restart inhibition
			PMSS	Motor starting time supervision
Thermal overload protection	49	PTTR	PTTR	Thermal overload
Rotor thermal overload protection	49R	PROL	PTTR	Thermal overload
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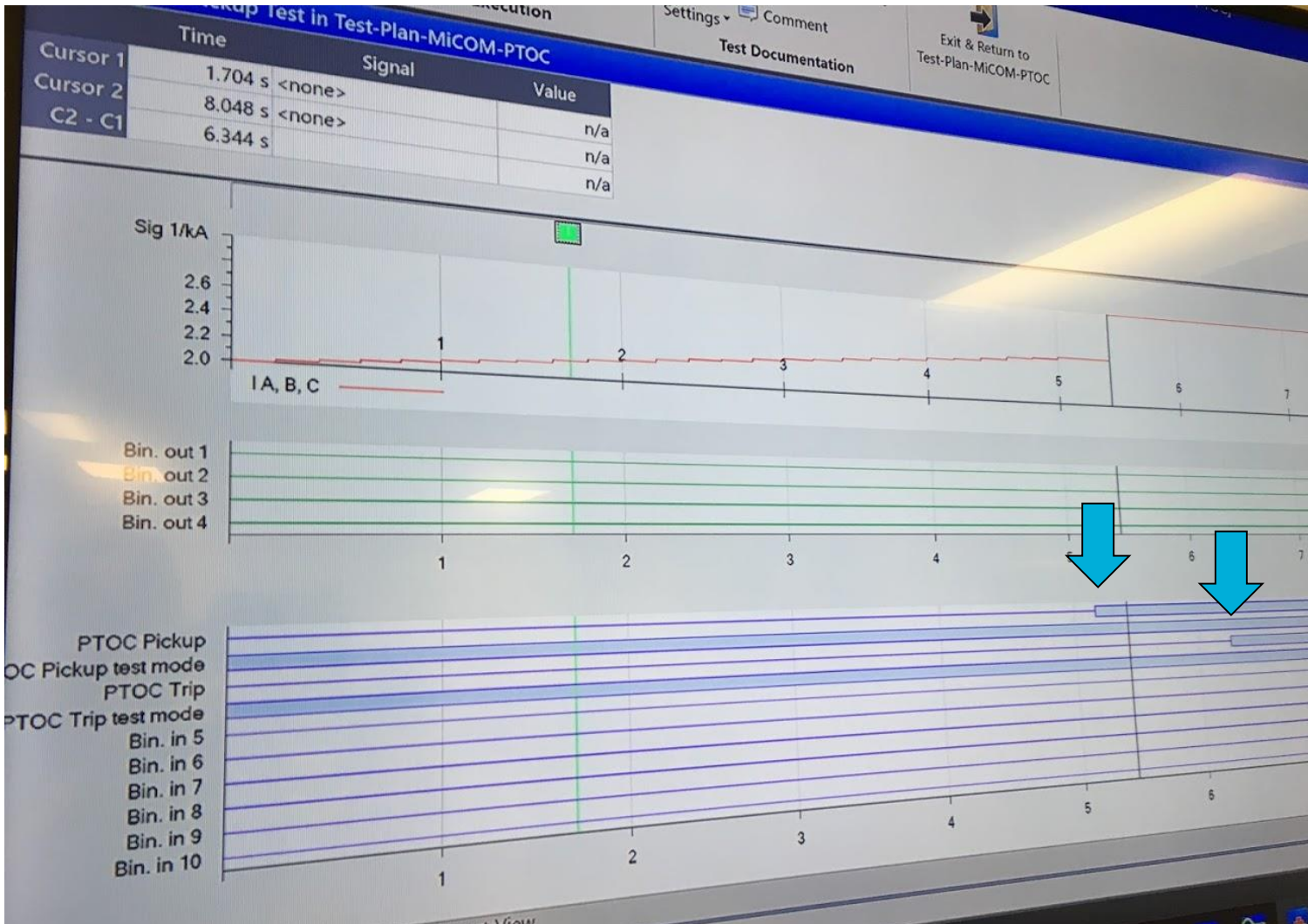
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Str	ACD	Start		M
Op	ACT	Operate	T	M
<i>Controls</i>				
OpCntRs	INC	Resettable operation counter		O
<i>Settings</i>				
TmACrv	CURVE	Operating curve type		O
TmAChr33	CSG	Multiline curve characteristic definition		C
TmASt	CSD	Active curve characteristic		O
StrVal	ASG	Start value		O
TmMult	ASG	Time dial multiplier		O
MinOpTmms	ING	Minimum operate time		O
MaxOpTmms	ING	Maximum operate time		O
OpDITmms	ING	Operate delay time		O
TypRsCrv	ENG	Type of reset curve		O
RsDITmms	ING	Reset delay time		O
DirMod	ENG	Directional mode		O
NOTE TmAChr33 refers to the attribute TmACrv.setCharact = 33 etc.				

The only value which is typically available in a conventional station



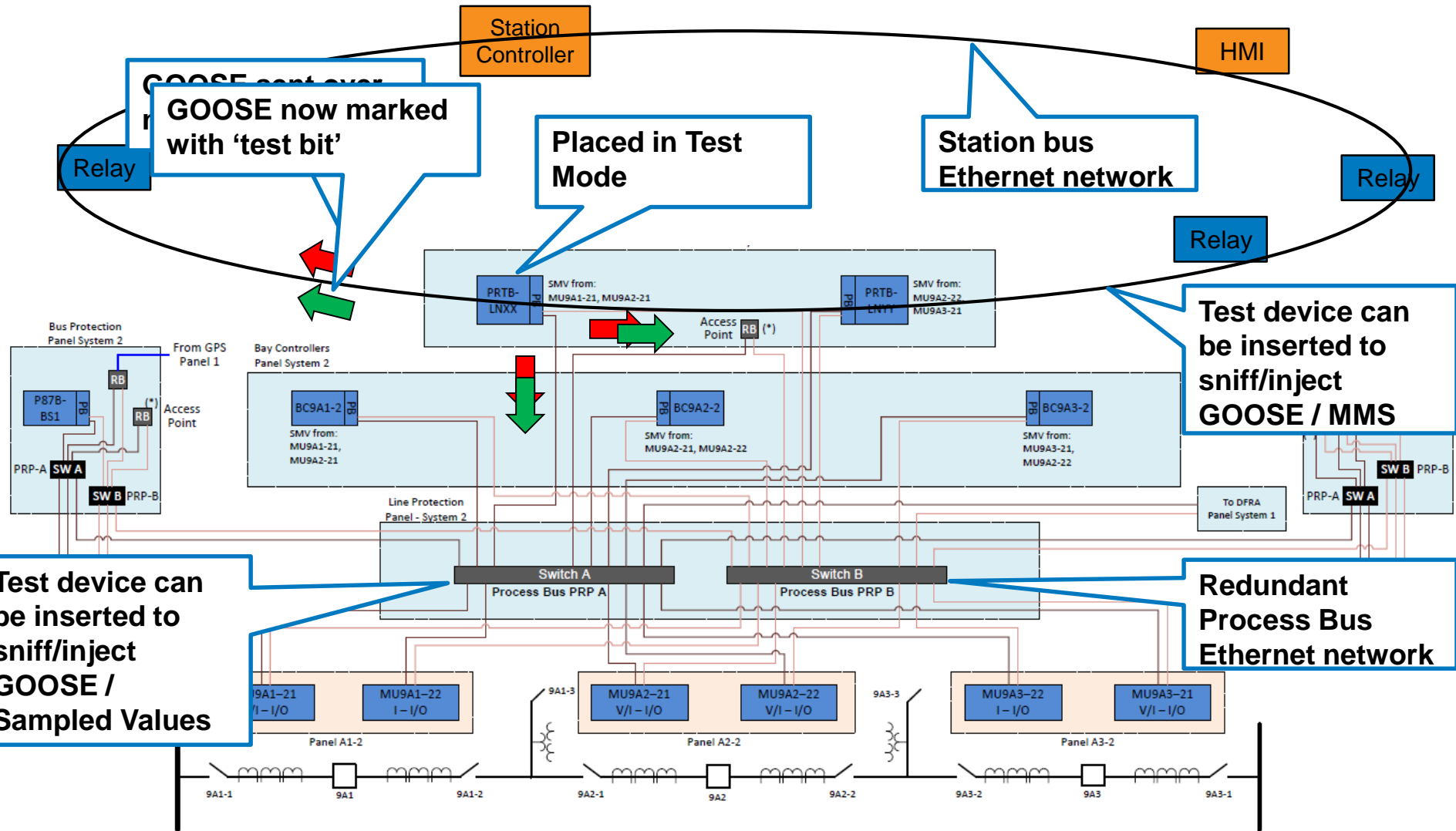
IEC 61850 Data Mapping - Example



IEC 61850 Testing - Example



IEC 61850 Testing Process



IEC 61850 – Benefits

Interoperability

Non-propriety common communication language

Common platform for protection, control, asset management systems

Design Standardization

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Designs are easily reproducible

Flexibility

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Digital Control System

Reduced control building size

Reduced physical wiring

Increased System Visibility

Optimizing on-site maintenance

Easier access to more asset data

Safety

Electrical hazards are remote from operator terminals

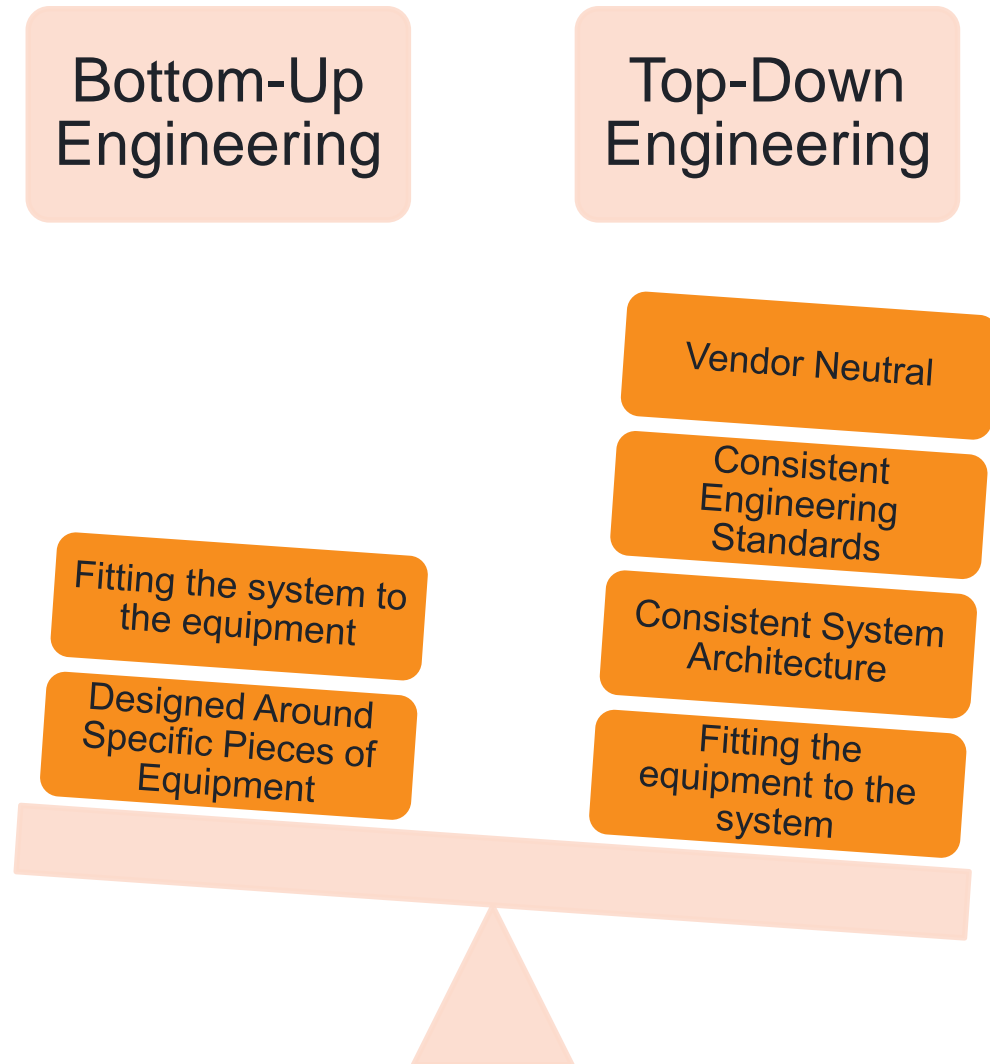
Enhanced tagging control

IEC 61850 File Types and Engineering Process

- The logic that used to be constructed with devices wired in parallel or series is now done via digital programming
- There are various files types, a couple examples:
 - ICD – IED Configuration Database
 - Configuration for a single relay or merging unit
 - SCD – Substation Configuration Database
 - Configured file for entire substation
 - SSD – Substation Specification Database
 - Generic configuration file for the entire substation, can include logic, communication, protection elements, etc.

Engineering Process

- What is a top-down approach?
- Focus on the system objectives not equipment limitations
- Possible because IEC 61850 defines the data map for a substation



Engineering Process

Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up Engineering

- Goal of using a Top-Down design:

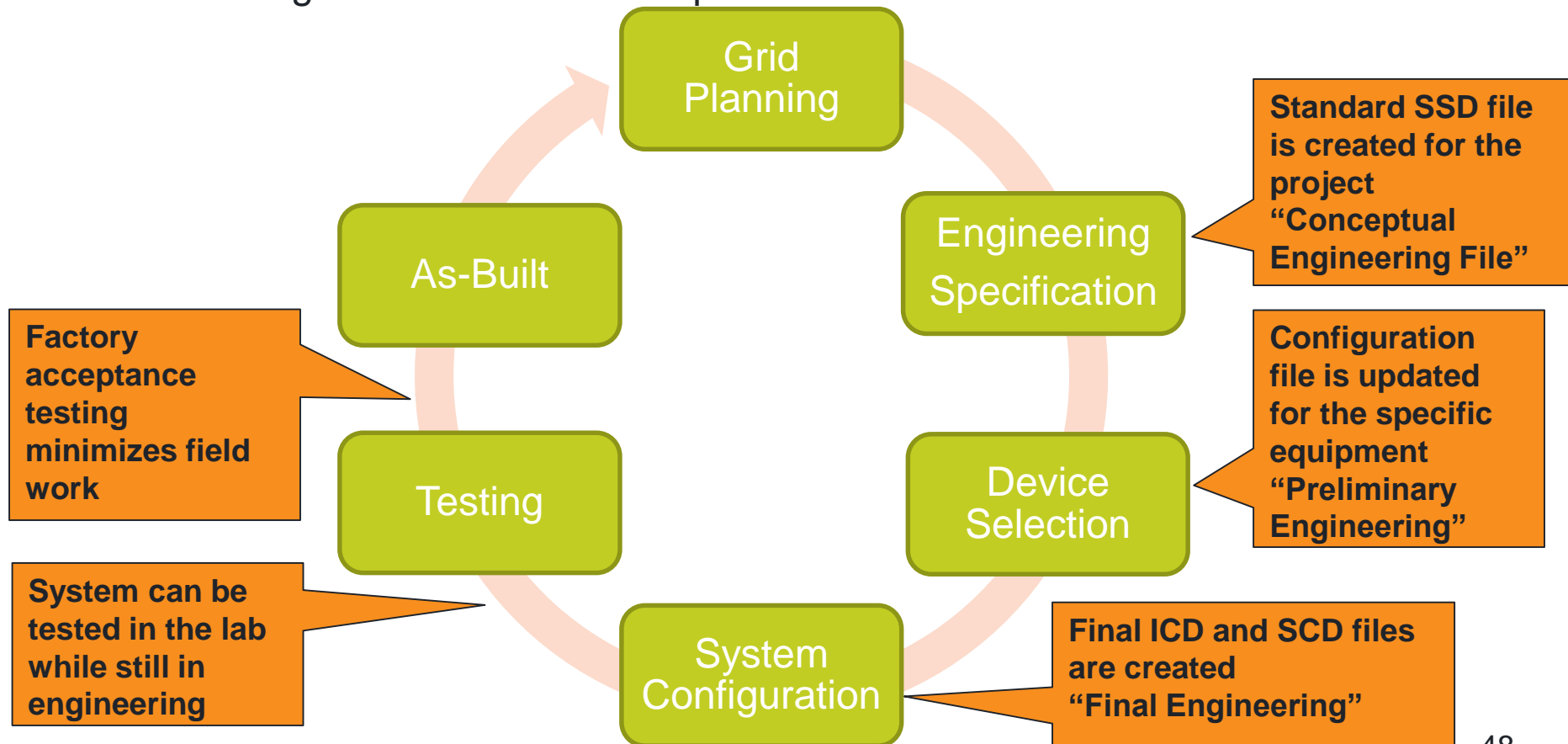
1. Standardized engineering process
2. Repeatability
3. Vendor inter-operability

- Reality:

1. Mix of top-down and bottom-up
2. Standards based on top-down approach, but of the system will need to be customized based on equipment limitations

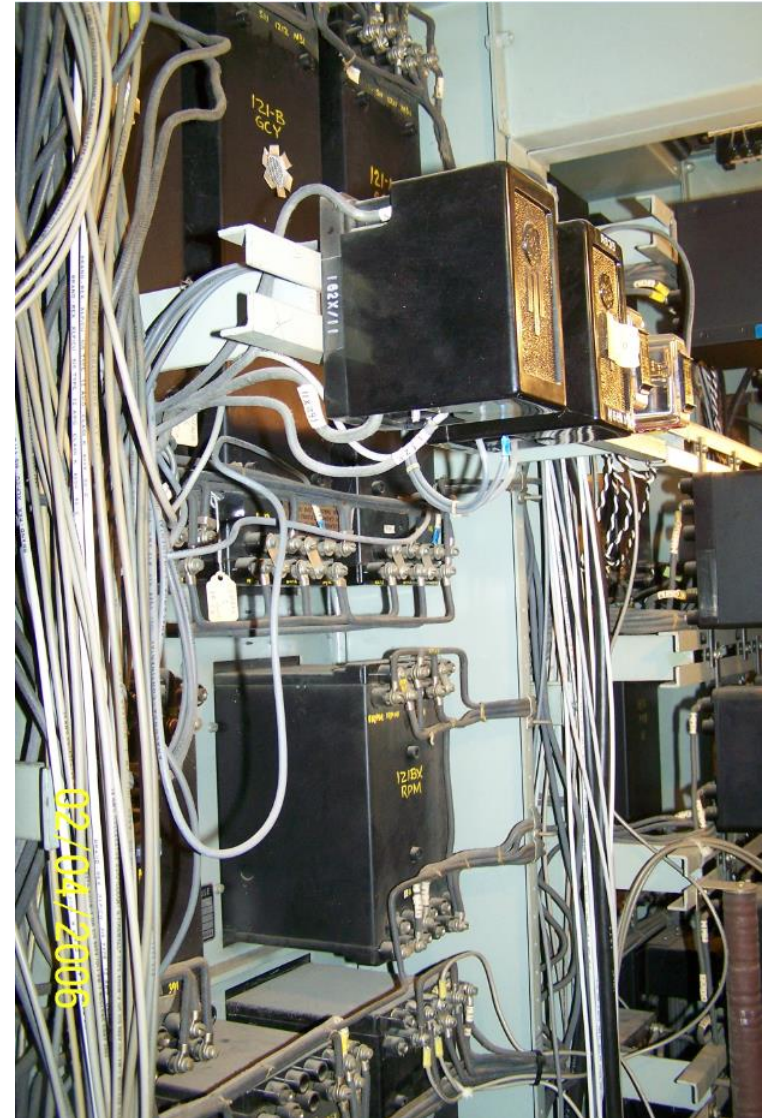
Engineering Process

- Standard and Portable Design
 - National Grid's goal is to create general standards around IEC 61850
 - The design will be tailored for specific installations



IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

- Why would we want to change the status quo?
 - Decreased capital cost
 - Smaller footprint
 - Increased flexibility and visibility
 - Proactive condition-based maintenance and remote access



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IEC 61850 – Risks

Cyber-Security

Network connectivity, all devices connected to the network are potentially accessible

The network can be a single point of failure if not properly designed

Patch management requirements are greatly increased

New Technology

Some concepts are not fully proven in the field

Not all vendors offer compatible products

Limited available workforce

Engineering & Operational Learning

New standards and work methods are required

Cross discipline skillsets are not available for example, most protection engineers are not familiar with VLANS or MAC addresses

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In Summary...

- Packet-based network communication for electric power systems
- Reduced control house size, reduced wiring, standardized design, reduced operational costs
- IEC 61850 considers the entire system lifecycle; engineering, construction, operations
- Potential new challenges that have to be addressed
 - Coordination between engineers and operations is critical

IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

1.) What were the standard committee's goals in the development of the IEC 61850 standard?

■ Answer:

- Data mapping of the entire substation;
- Future-proof communication;
- Vendor interoperability;
- A common means of storing data,
- Defining testing for conformance to the standard

IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

2.) What are some of the advantages in transitioning to an IEC 61850 digital substation?

- Answer:
 - Interoperability
 - Design standardization
 - System flexibility
 - Reduced capital costs
 - Reduced operational costs
 - Increased system visibility
 - Enhanced safety

IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

3.) What are the risks with digital substations?

■ Answer:

- Cyber-security
- New technology
- Engineering and operational learning curve

IEC 61850 – Substation Automation

A couple questions

4.) How are the potential risks with digital substations being mitigated?

■ Answer:

- Design with security in mind
- Compartmentalized networks
- Extensive collaboration between engineering and operations

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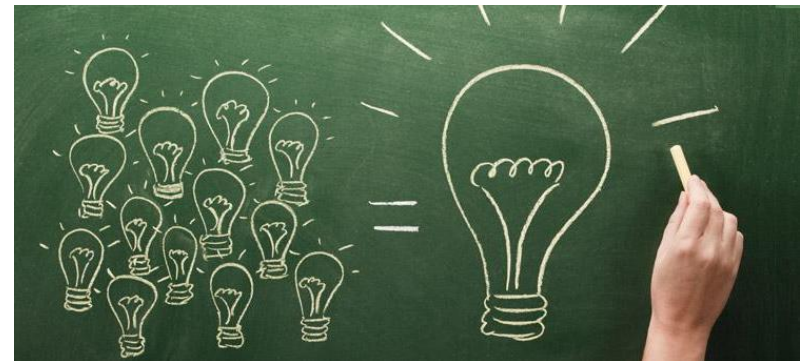
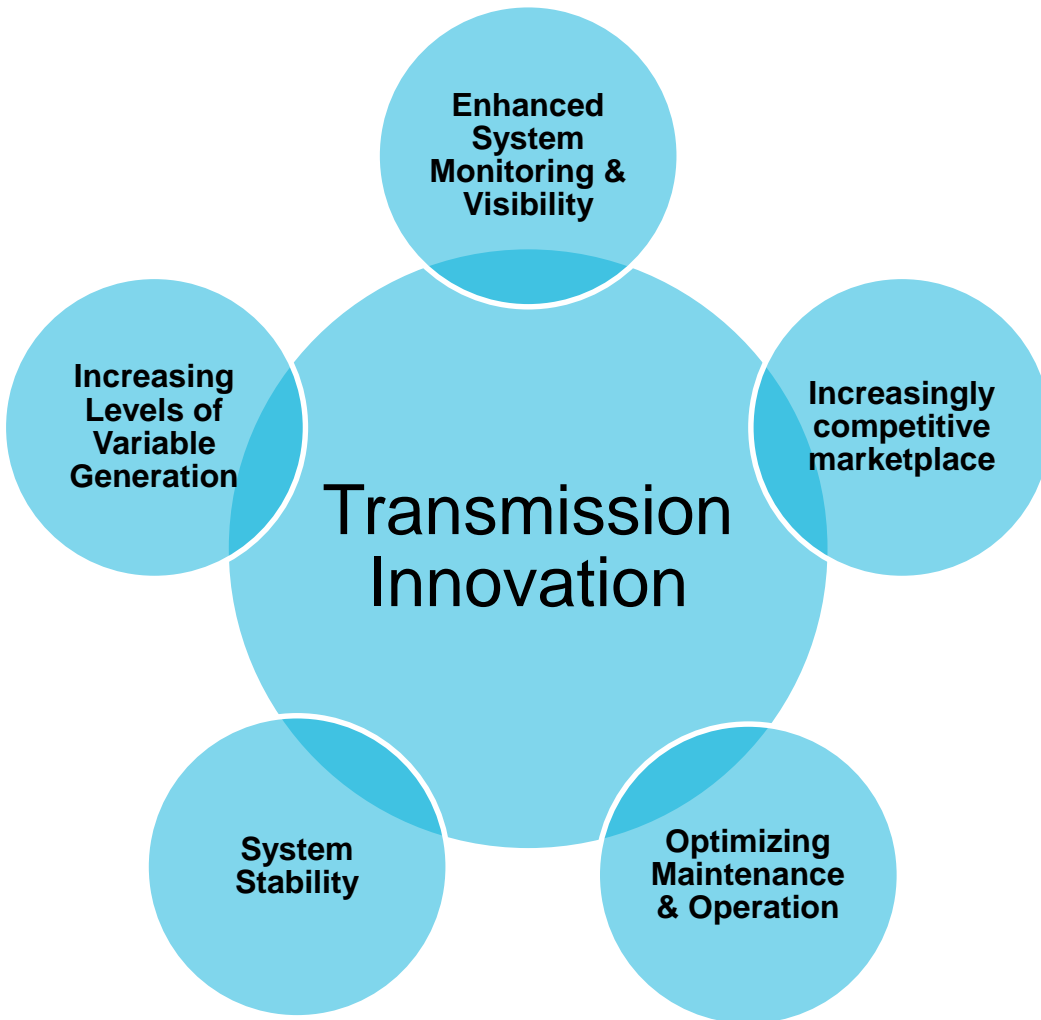
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5.) Does IEC 61850 have a technical, commercial, or organizational impact?

■ Answer:

- All of the above! To fully realize the benefits, transitioning to a digital substation requires complete organizational buy-in

Transmission Innovation – Future of IEC 61850



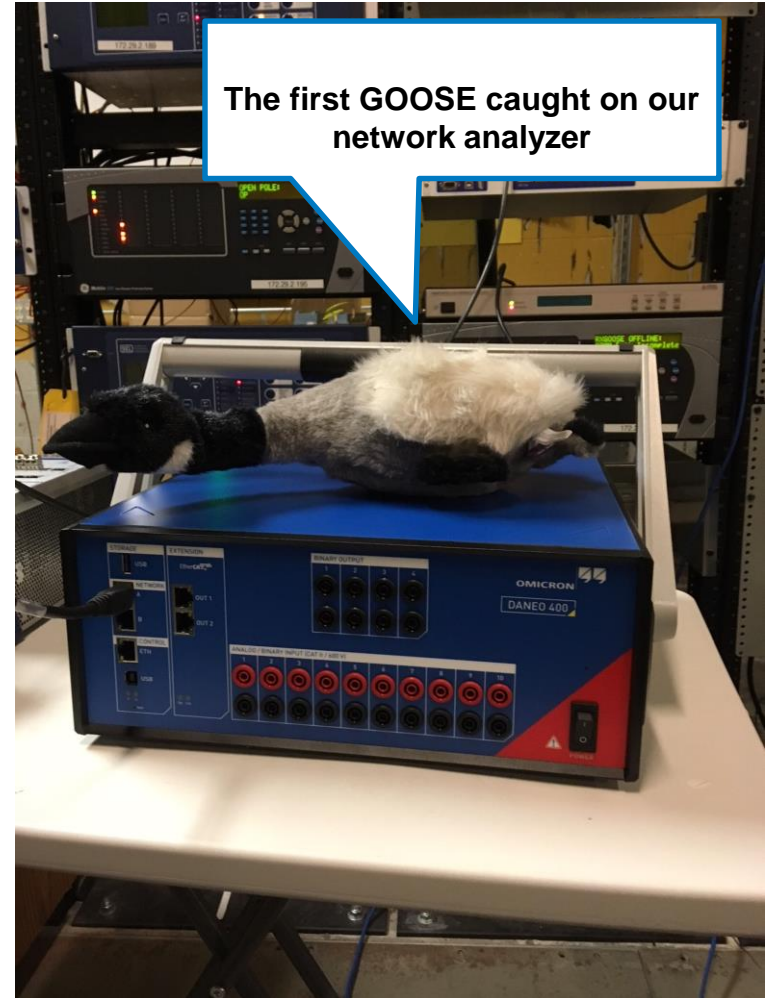
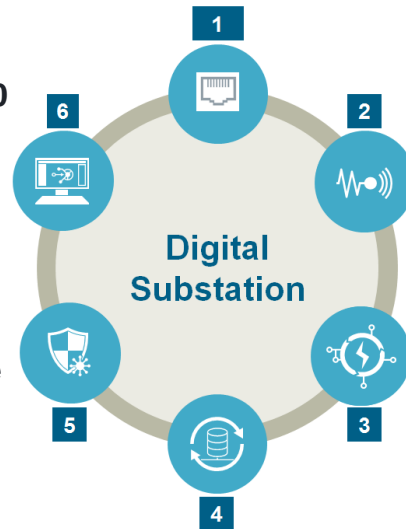
IEC 61850 and the Future

- Flexibility to support the rapidly changing power industry
 - More than one utility is using IEC 61850 to support dynamic relay settings
 - Settings will adjust based on system conditions –
- Automatically generated HMI screens
- Software based design



Thank You

1. Ethernet-based communication on IEC 61850
2. Digitalization of analog protection elements
3. Asset management support
4. Integrated engineering
5. Cyber Security - Prerequisite of any digital substation
6. Network control support



IEC 61850 – Terminology

HMI

Gateway

Relay

Bay Controller

Merging Unit

