

# Getting to Know the IEC 61850 Family

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# What I hope you get out of this talk

For the technologies defined by IEC 61850:

- ▶ A basic understanding of what they are
- ▶ How all of the pieces work together
- ▶ Potential applications in your system

# Why a new protocol?

## What problem was it designed to solve?

- ▶ Handle all substation data and communications
- ▶ Data
  - ▶ Replace IED-specific point lists with standard data definitions
  - ▶ Exchange “real time” data between IEDs
- ▶ Movement of the Data
  - ▶ Replace terminal-to-terminal wiring and serial comms with a high speed communication network
- ▶ Automation
  - ▶ Provide a “platform”
- ▶ Ancillary services
  - ▶ Configuration, testing, protection, control, environmental, etc.

In essence: Use substation digital technology to the max!

# How this talk will go

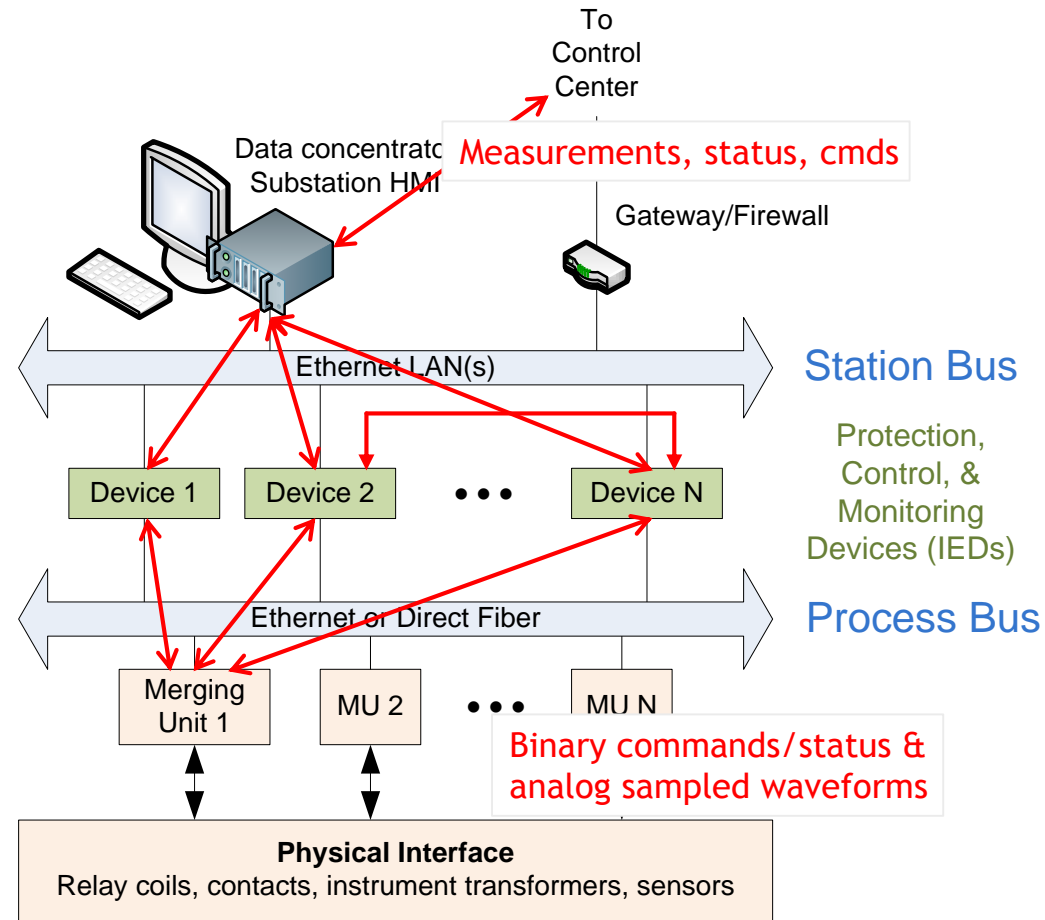
- ▶ All the features of the standard - big picture
- ▶ Data transfer
- ▶ What does the data look like?
- ▶ Configuration
- ▶ Network communication essentials
- ▶ Process Bus alternatives
- ▶ GOOSE Demo

# Much more than a “Protocol”

Big Picture of this “family of standards”

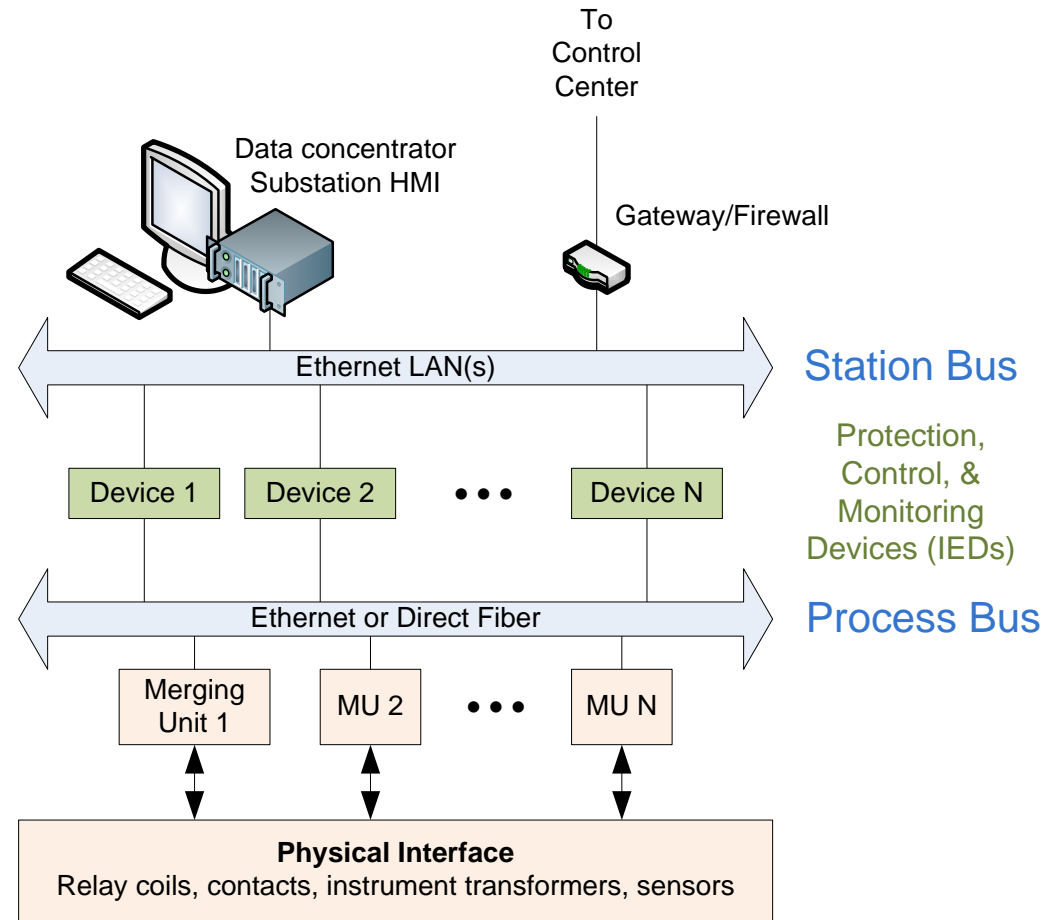
# Architecture

- ▶ **Station Bus**
  - ▶ Relays, meters, data concentrators, RTUs, etc.
- ▶ **Process Bus**
  - ▶ Replace wiring with digitized, high speed data



# Architecture

- ▶ SCADA
- ▶ Instantaneous messaging
  - ▶ “Digital wiring”
- ▶ Configuration
  - ▶ Reduce vendor-specifics
- ▶ Other network services
  - ▶ Configuration
  - ▶ Security
  - ▶ File transfer
- ▶ Substation “hardening”



# Multiple “protocols within the standard”

- ▶ Uses MMS (Manufacturing Message Specification) for communication services
- ▶ Defines many data classes for scores of applications
- ▶ Uses Ethernet extensively and exclusively (ISO and IEEE standards)
- ▶ Merging Units per IEC 61869-9
- ▶ Configuration using XML



# Object-oriented data model

## DNP3 Points List (example: analog points)

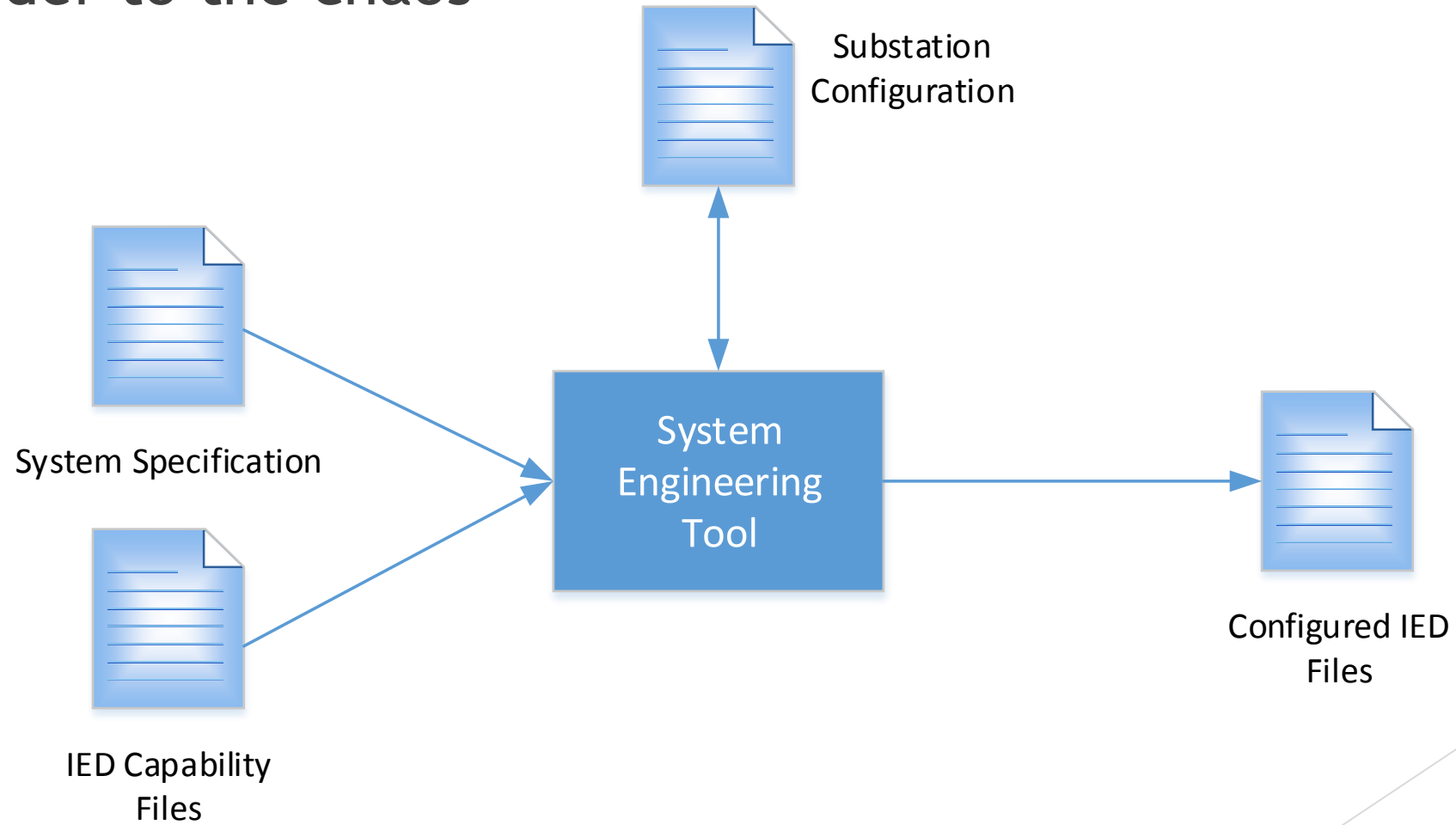
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B Phase Primary Current Magnitude	01	01	2	10	Amps	100
C Phase Primary Current Magnitude	02	02	2	10	Amps	100
3I0 Primary Current Magnitude	03	03	2	10	Amps	100
A Phase Primary Voltage Magnitude	04	04	2	1	Volts	1000
B Phase Primary Voltage Magnitude	05	05	2	1	Volts	1000
C Phase Primary Voltage Magnitude	06	06	2	1	Volts	1000

## Objects

Expression	Type	Value
FM_INST_P_WATTS	MV	
instMag	REAL	0
mag	REAL	0
range	RANGE_T	normal
q	quality_t	
validity	VALIDITY_T	good
detailQual	detailQual_t	
source	SOURCE_T	process
test	BOOL	FALSE
operatorBlocked	BOOL	FALSE
t	timeStamp_t	
db	REAL	100
zeroDb	REAL	2

# Configuration

## Order to the chaos



# Conformance Testing (screenshot from wikipedia.org)

## Standard Documents [\[edit\]](#)

IEC 61850 consists of the following parts detailed in separate IEC 61850 standard documents

- IEC 61850-1: Introduction and overview
- IEC 61850-2: Glossary
- IEC 61850-3: General requirements
- IEC 61850-4: System and project management - Ed.2
- IEC 61850-5: Communication requirements for functions and device models
- IEC 61850-6: Configuration language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs - Ed.2
- IEC 61850-7: Basic communication structure for substation and feeder equipment
  - IEC 61850-7-1: Principles and models - Ed.2
  - IEC 61850-7-2: Abstract communication service interface (ACSI) - Ed.2
  - IEC 61850-7-3: Common Data Classes - Ed.2
  - IEC 61850-7-4: Compatible logical node classes and data classes - Ed.2
  - IEC 61850-7-10: Communication networks and systems in power utility automation - Requirements for web-based and structured access to the IEC 61850 information models [Approved new work]
- IEC 61850-8: Specific communication service mapping (SCSM)
  - IEC 61850-8-1: Mappings to MMS (ISO/IEC9506-1 and ISO/IEC 9506-2) - Ed.2
- IEC 61850-9: Specific communication service mapping (SCSM)
  - IEC 61850-9-1: Sampled values over serial unidirectional multidrop point to point link
  - IEC 61850-9-2: Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3 - Ed.2
- IEC 61850-10: Conformance testing

► How can all vendors possibly read all of these standards the same?  
► Requires a test system to simulate the “environment” of the device  
► Requires the vendor to provide info on “how we did it”  
► Fly in the ointment: Does not necessarily ensure “interoperability” between devices (esp. between different manufacturers)  
► Definitely does not ensure “interchangability”

# Environmental Requirement

## IEC61850-3

- ▶ Temperature range
  - ▶ Operating @ -40°C to 85°C (highest class: Cx)
- ▶ EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility)
  - ▶ IEC 61000-4-X and 60255-5 covering, for example:
    - ▶ Electrostatic immunity
    - ▶ RF and magnetic fields
    - ▶ Fast Transients
    - ▶ Surges and other voltage anomalies
- ▶ Anti-shock and anti-vibration
  - ▶ 50G AS
  - ▶ 5-500 MHz AV

# Related Standards (screenshot from wikipedia.org)

- ▶ IEC 61850-7-410 – **Hydroelectric Power Plants** - Communication for monitoring and control.
- ▶ IEC 61850-7-420 – Communications systems for **Distributed Energy Resources** (DER) - Logical nodes
- ▶ IEC 61850-7-500 – Use of logical nodes to model functions of a substation Automation system.  
[Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-7-510 – Use of logical nodes to model functions of a Hydro Power Plant. [Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-1 – Use of IEC 61850 for the **communication between substations** [Published]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-2 – Use of IEC 61850 for the communication between control centres and substations  
[Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-3 – Using IEC 61850 for Condition Monitoring [Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-4 – IEC 61850 - Network Engineering Guidelines [Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-5 – Use of IEC 61850 to transmit synchrophasor information according to IEEE C37.118  
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- ▶ IEC 61850-90-6 – Use of IEC 61850 for **Distribution Feeder Automation System** [Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-7 – Object Models for Photovoltaic, Storage and other DER inverters [Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-8 – Object Models for Electrical Transportation (E-Mobility [Approved New Work])
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-9 – Object Models for Batteries [Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-90-10 – Object Models for Scheduling [Approved New Work]
- ▶ IEC 61850-80-1 – Guideline to exchanging information from a CDC-based data model using IEC 60870-5-101 or IEC 60870-5-104 [Published]
- ▶ IEC 61400-25 – Application of the IEC 61850 methodology for **Wind turbines**
  - ▶ More Wind turbine standards...
- ▶ IEC 62271-3 – Communications for monitoring and control of high-voltage switchgear (published)

How is data moved from point to point?

# MMS (Manufacturing Message Specification)

## Station Bus

- ▶ Originated in the 1980s - standardized by ISO/IEC
- ▶ Foundation for IEC 61850 process data and supervisory control
- ▶ Provides:
  - ▶ Vendor independence
  - ▶ Network services (client/server, events, file transfer, etc.)
  - ▶ Standard data definitions, structure, and encoding rules
  - ▶ Security mechanisms
- ▶ A general standard designed to be used for specific applications (like 61850)

# GOOSE (Generic Object Oriented Substation Events)

## Station Bus

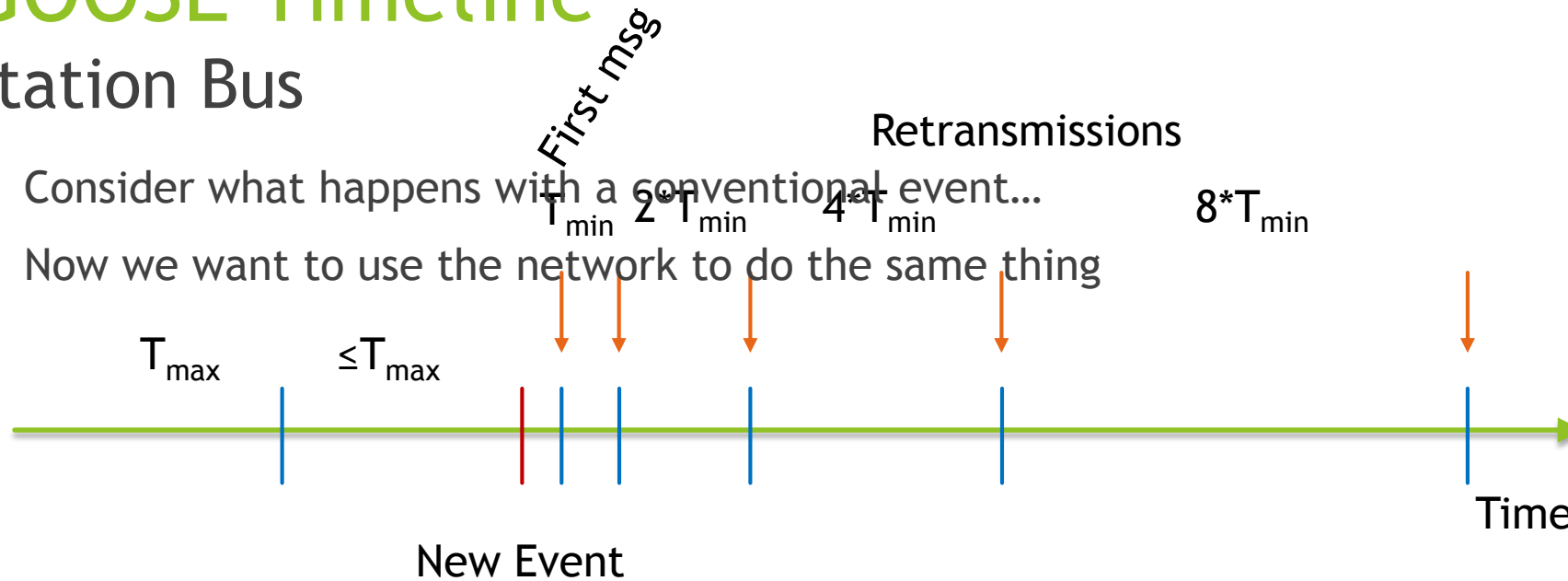
- ▶ Status or analog values (measured values) transmitted on the network
  - ▶ Grouped into “data sets”
- ▶ Directly embedded in Ethernet packets
  - ▶ Multicast or broadcast addresses
- ▶ Uses a “publisher/subscriber” paradigm
- ▶ Takes advantage of VLANs (virtual LANs) to limit broadcast domain
- ▶ Ultra-fast transmit and retransmission for reliable transfer of the message



# GOOSE Timeline

## Station Bus

- Consider what happens with a conventional event...
- Now we want to use the network to do the same thing



- Faster than a wired connection
  - Traditional: Includes time for output relay (8-10ms), input filtering (5-10ms), I/O signal processing(1-50ms)
  - GOOSE: Processor to processor thru a communication stack and network switch

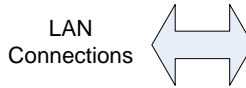
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Objects and nodes and attributes, oh my!

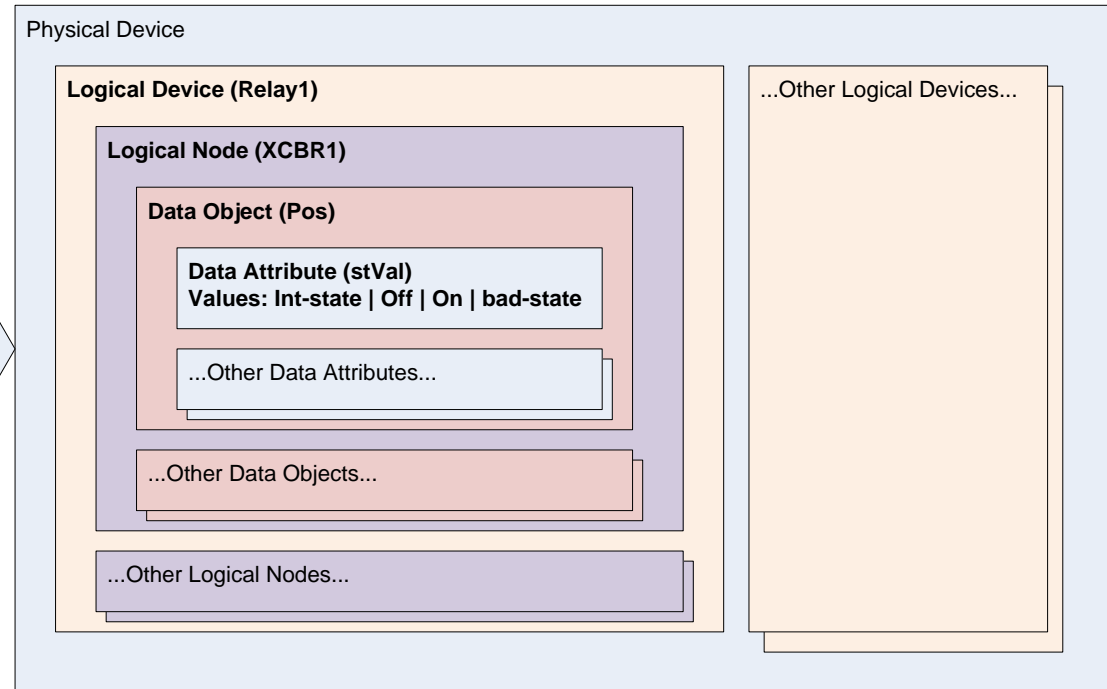
# IEC 61850

## Data model

- Point numbers/names replaced with standard naming convention



- Very structured hierarchy, i.e. classes, std. types
- Data mapped to network services - MMS and Ethernet



Relay1/XCBR1.Pos.stVal

- Terminology

- Physical Device** = the actual computer/box that has a network address
- Logical Device** = collections of logical nodes in one IED
- Logical Node** = defined functions, e.g. XCBR; defined in the standard
- Data Object** = encapsulate properties of the logical nodes
- Data Attribute** = structured and defined data

# Another Data Model Example

- ▶ Logical Node = MMXU1
    - ▶ Polyphase measurement unit
  - ▶ Data Object = Amps
    - ▶ Phase current
  - ▶ Sub-Data Object = phsC
    - ▶ Phase C
  - ▶ Attribute = cVal
    - ▶ Complex value
  - ▶ cVal is a vector\_t type
    - ▶ *mag*, *ang* data values
- MMXU1
    - Volts
    - Amps
      - phsA
      - phsB
      - phsC
        - cVal
          - *mag*
          - *ang*

`Relay1/MMXU1.Amps.phsC.cVal.mag`

# Standardized logical nodes (as of 2012)

LN Group	First Letter Designator	Number of LNs Defined
System	L	9
Automatic Control	A	5
Control	C	6
Decentralized Energy Resources	D	32
Functional Blocks	F	19
Generic	G	4
Hydro Power	H	19
Interfacing and Archiving	I	7
Mechanical and non-electric primary equipment	K	10
<b>Metering and measurement</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>22</b>
Protection functions	P	32
Power quality events	Q	6
Protection related functions	R	12
Supervision and monitoring	S	15
Instrument transformers and sensors	T	37
Wind turbines	W	16
<b>Switchgear</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>3</b>
Power transformers	Y	4
Further power system equipment	Z	25

\* From list compiled by  
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# How configuration works

# Problem to be solved

## Configuration

- ▶ Each equipment manufacturer has a unique program for their device
- ▶ Most equipment manufacturers have multiple programs, i.e. one for each “family” of devices
- ▶ Each device is more or less standalone
  - ▶ No electronic means to tie them together
- ▶ Each configuration tool uses a proprietary means of data transport and structure
- ▶ **Result:**
  - We have to know lots of tools and lots of tool “features”

# Substation Configuration Language

IEC 61850-6

- ▶ Based on XML (eXtensible Markup Language)
  - ▶ Encoding rules, text, computer readable, tagged data, schemas
- ▶ Allows for describing everything in the substation
  - ▶ single line diagrams
  - ▶ functions in devices
  - ▶ much more...
- ▶ 61850 defines mandatory and optional parts
- ▶ 61850 defines default parameters



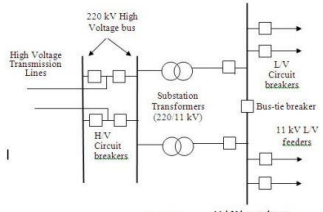
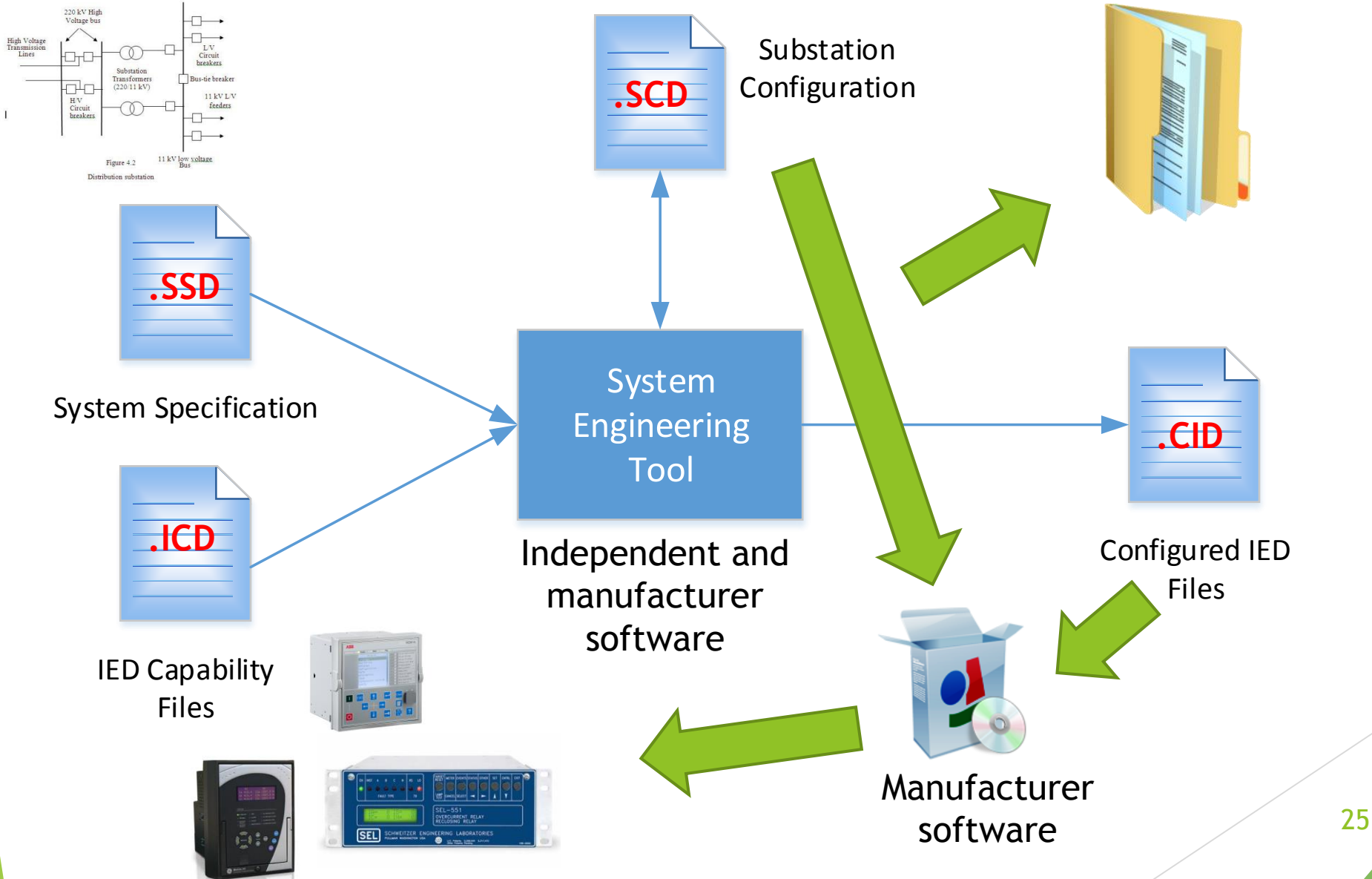


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Distribution substation



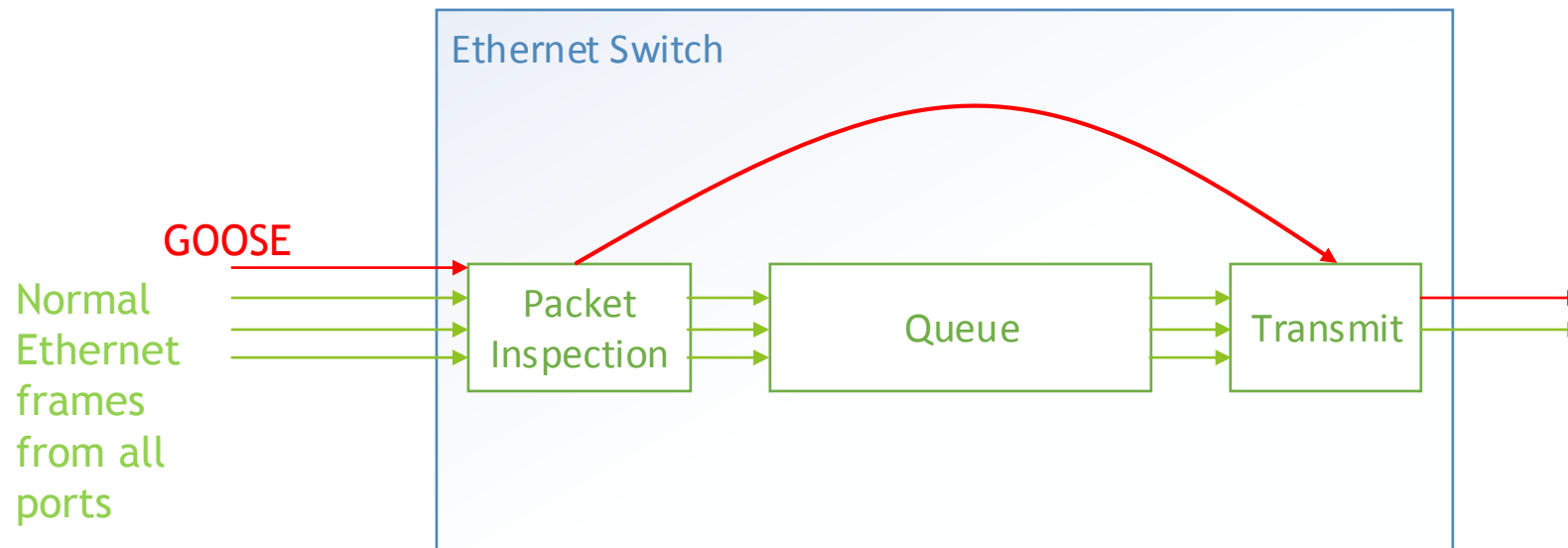
# Network reliability

...and why it is REALLY important for 61850

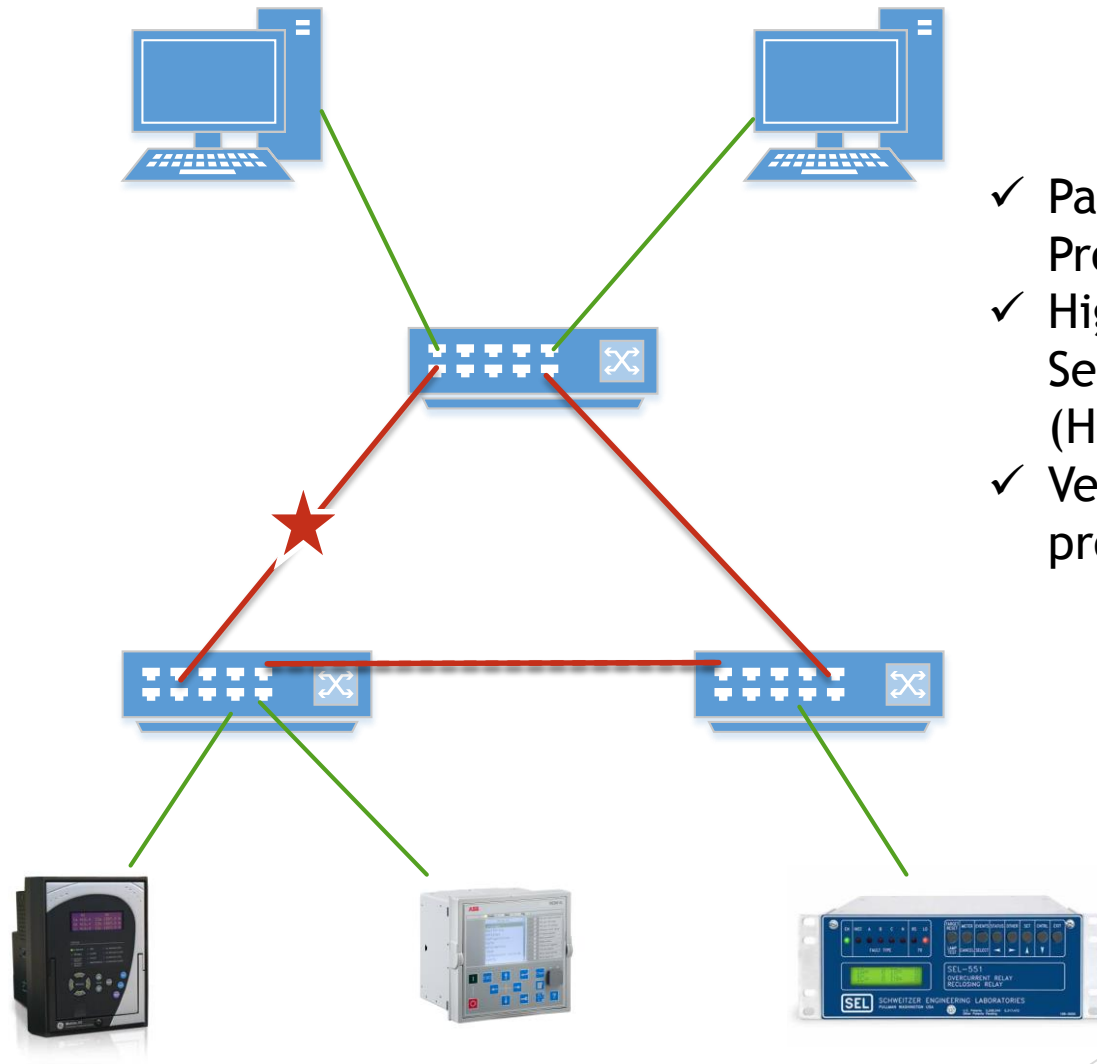
# Important Features of Managed Switches

- ▶ Backbone of the substation network
  - ▶ All data goes through a switch
  - ▶ Route Ethernet packets to one or multiple devices
- ▶ Buffer packets to/from each port
  - ▶ Asynchronous operation = no collisions
  - ▶ Mechanism = Store and forward queues
- ▶ Virtual local area network (VLAN)
  - ▶ A subset of ports - no routing between VLANs at the switch level
  - ▶ Contains broadcast and high-bandwidth apps to this subset
- ▶ Redundancy
  - ▶ Detect and re-route when a link is broken
- ▶ Priority routing
  - ▶ Higher priority, i.e. GOOSE, transmitted before normal traffic

# Prioritizing packets

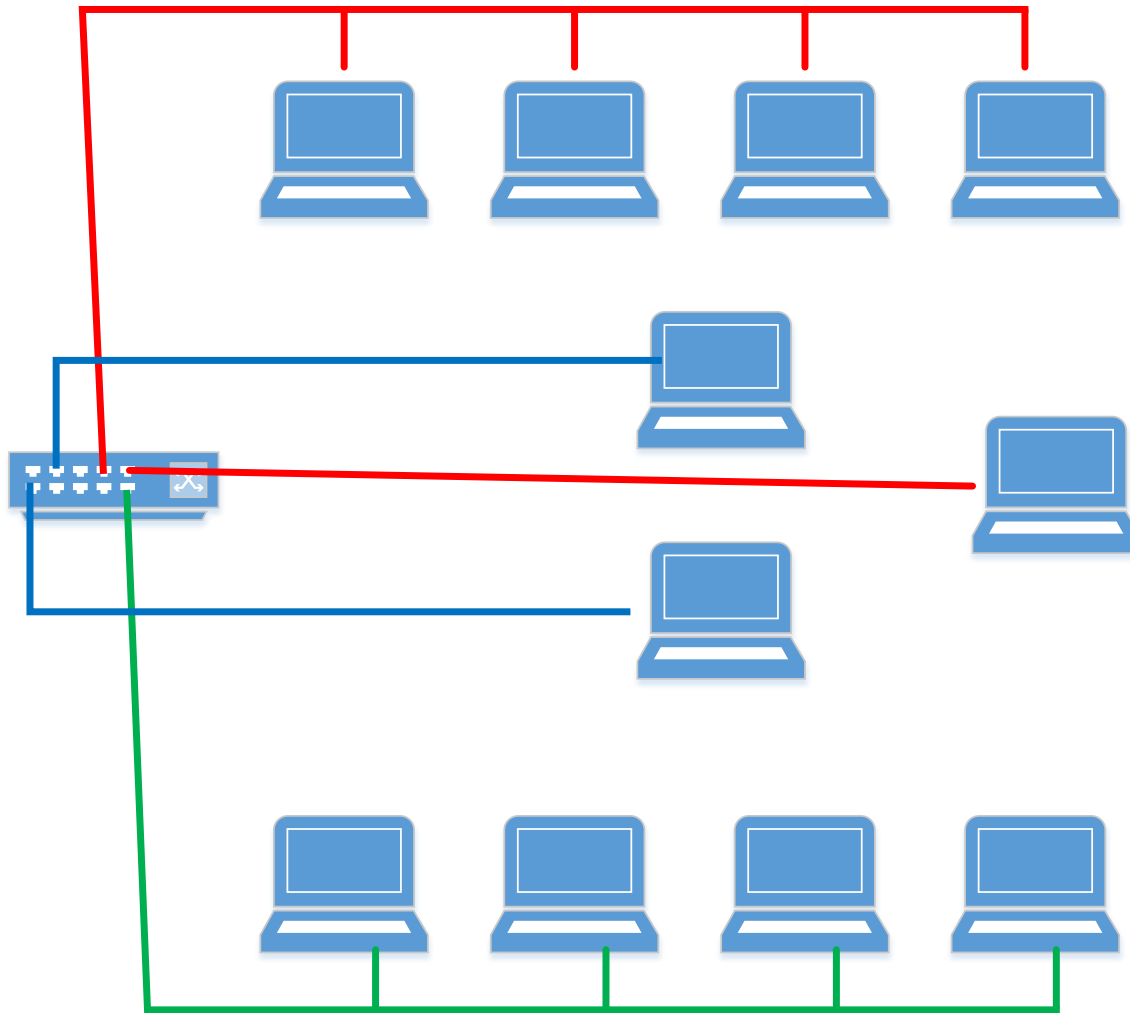


# Redundancy



- ✓ Parallel Redundancy Protocol (PRP)
- ✓ High-availability Seamless Redundancy (HSR)
- ✓ Vendor propriety protocol

# Virtual LANs



- ✓ Limit broadcast domains
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Simplify network design (via multiple switches)

# Process Bus

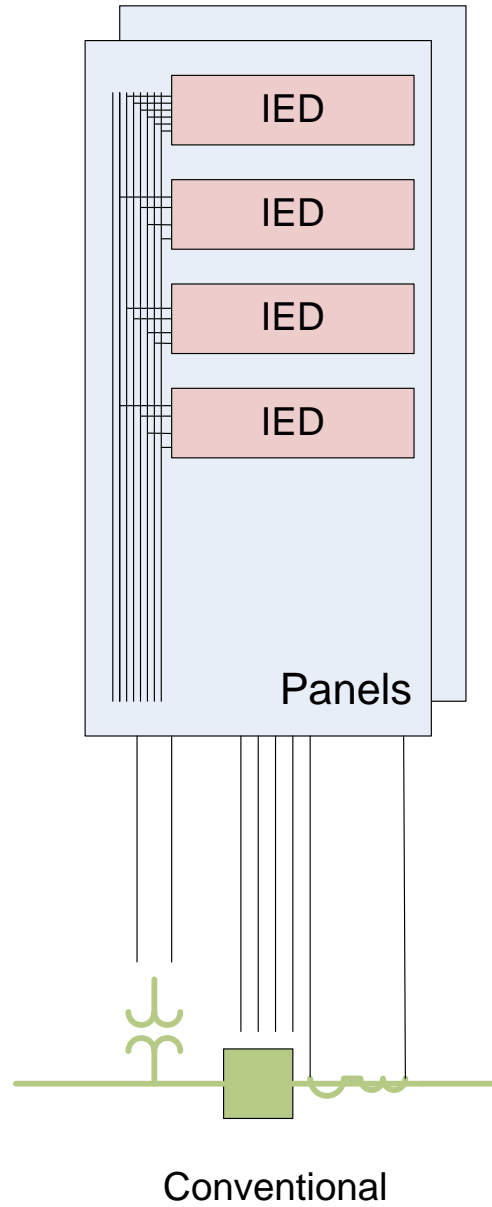
...the final frontier

# Purpose of the Process Bus

- ▶ Process Bus
  - ▶ Purpose: Replace many wires/cables from primary to secondary equipment (relays & other IEDs) with fewer network connections (typically fiber optic)
  - ▶ Added flexibility that comes with a digital solution
- ▶ Two methods
  - ▶ IEC 61850-9-2 LE (ABB, Alston, Siemens)
  - ▶ HardFiber™ (GE)
- ▶ Moves the Analog-to-Digital function from inside the relays to the “process”

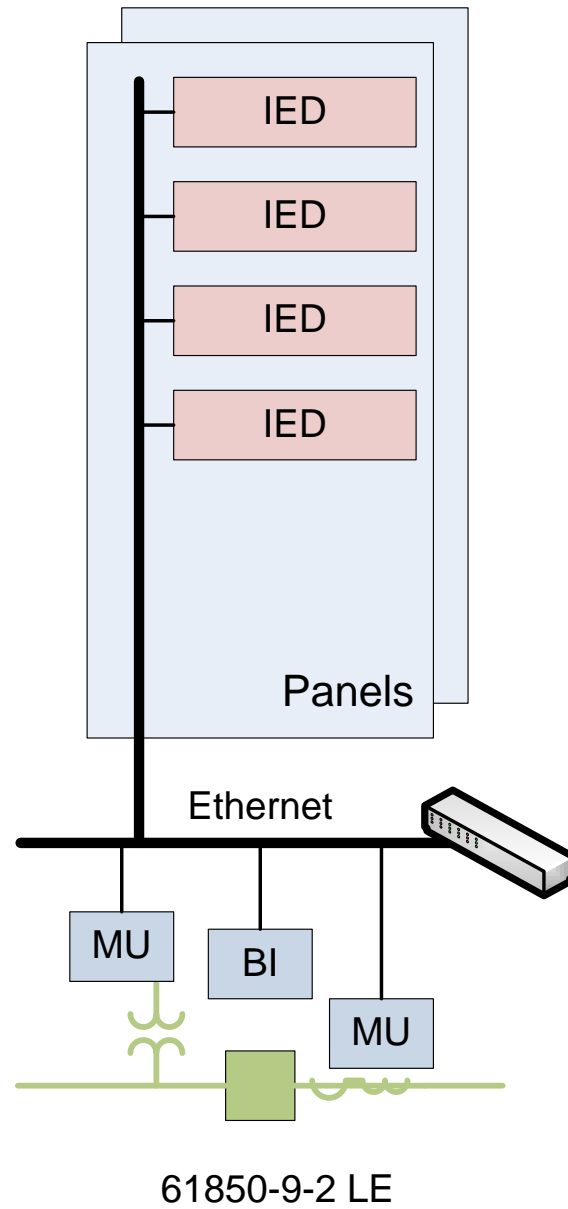


# Conventional

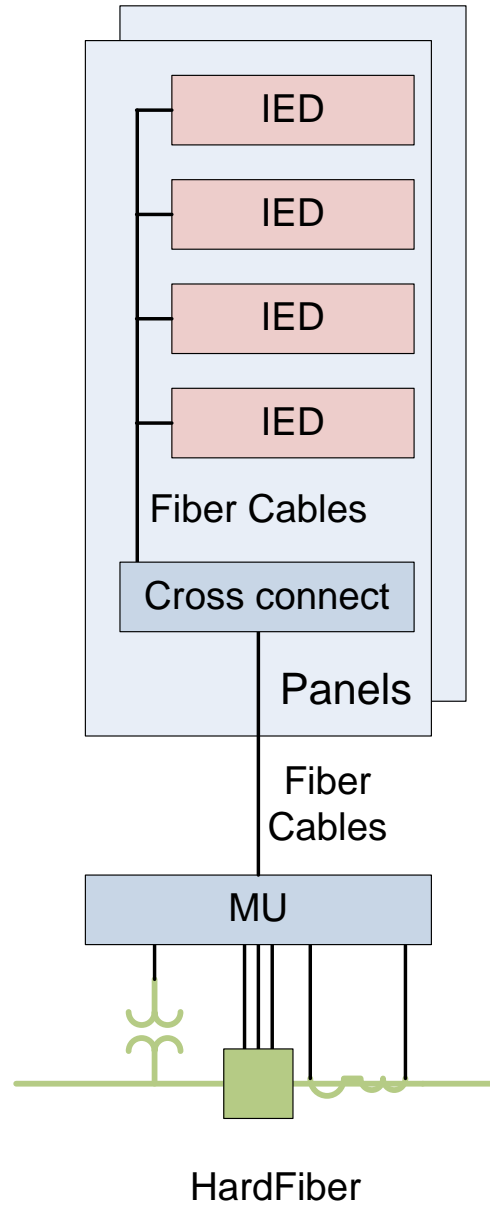


# 61850-9-2

- ▶ MU = Merging Unit
- ▶ BI = Binary I/O



# HardFiber™



# Summary

## The Good and the Bad

- ▶ Good
  - ▶ Simplified design, i.e. fewer wires
  - ▶ Faster and more flexible protection schemes
  - ▶ Standardized configuration
- ▶ Bad
  - ▶ Interoperability (as well as interchangeability) is still a work in progress (and may always be)
  - ▶ Cost
  - ▶ Maintainability

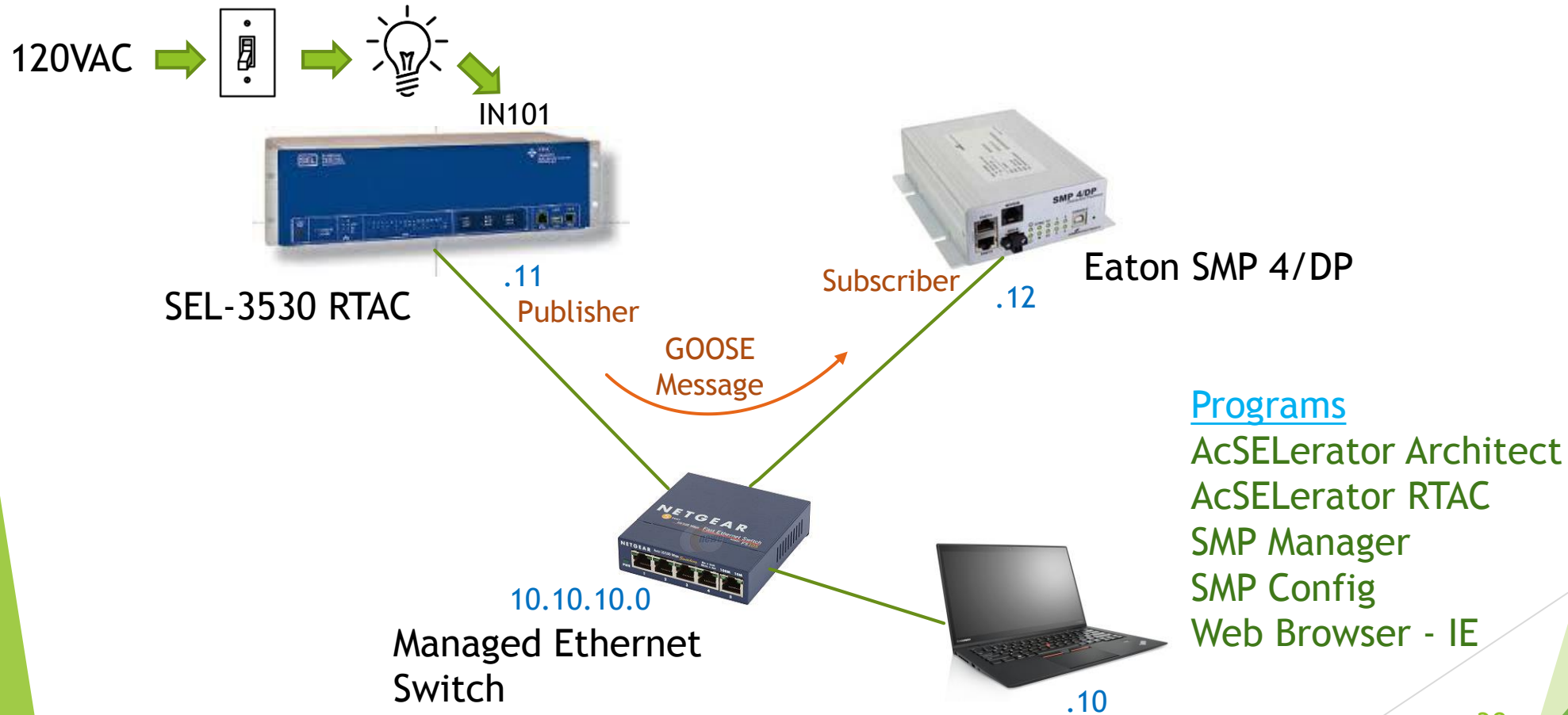
# Summary

## Where to Start?

- ▶ Substation Ethernet - opportunity to access data more efficiently and provides a foundation for the future
- ▶ Consider: Greenfield? Brownfield? Turnkey vs. self-implement?
- ▶ Look into GOOSE messaging - fairly simple and interoperable
  - ▶ Can add some flexibility and remove “out of control” wiring
- ▶ Understand the knowledge requirements
  - ▶ Like any new technology - requires training, testing, people, etc.
- ▶ Press vendors for interoperable adherence to the standards - and have them prove it

# Demo of GOOSE messaging

Leveraging the high speed network



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