

Movement to the full Digital Substation

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Why Digital - Wiring, wiring, wiring.....



- Safety issues – equipment isolation, touch and step potentials, EMC
- Copper – raw material cost has increased 400% in 10 years
- Material cost – cubicle wiring and test costs, labour cost per wire end termination
- Schematic design - verification cost, excessive on-site work content
- Civil work costs – trays, troughing, cable access/egress...
- Maintainability cost

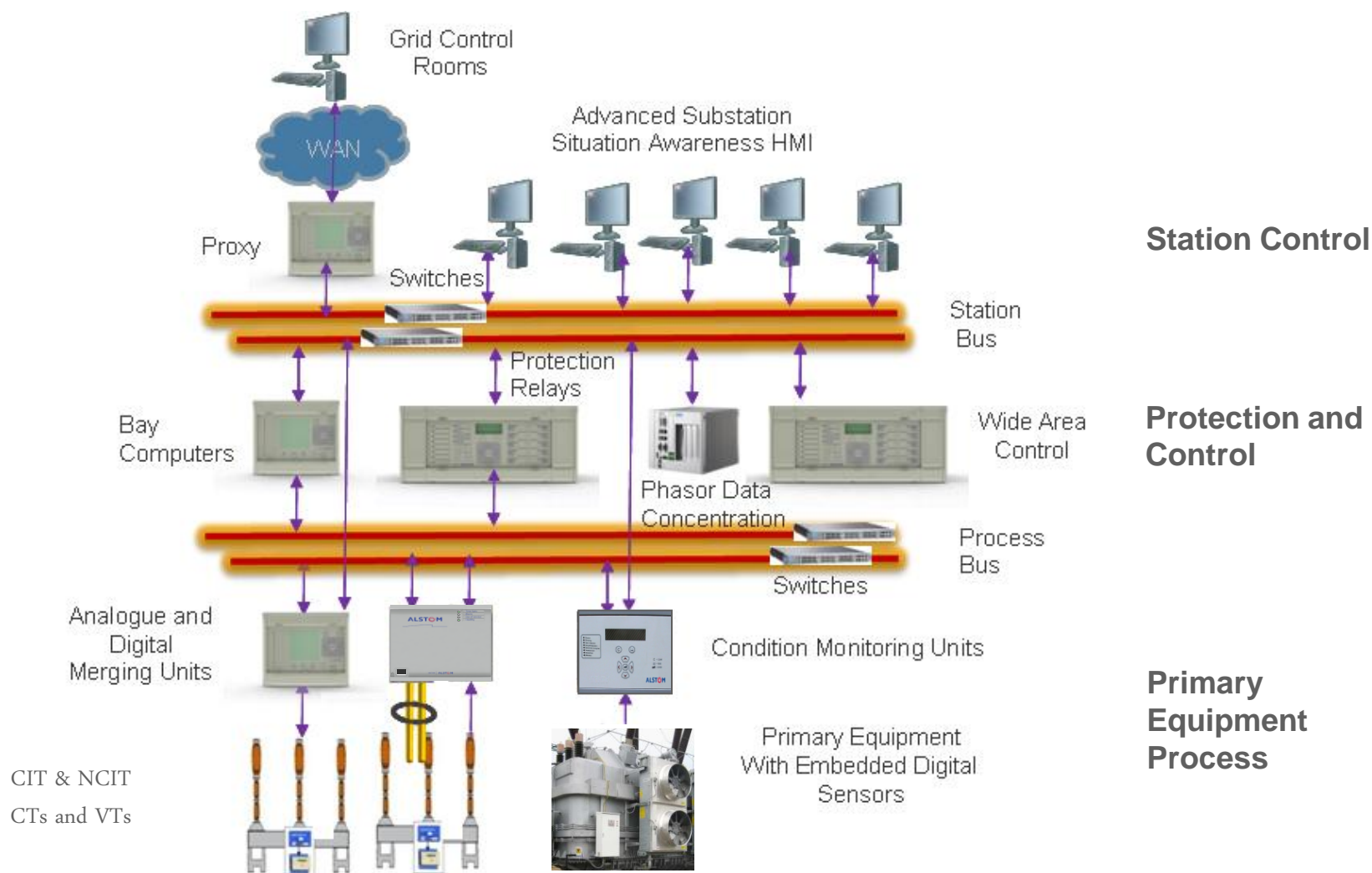
What is a Digital Substation?

Digital substations are those which have embedded processing intelligence in order to implement part of their operational duties, and as such typically exceed the capability of their analogue predecessors. The intelligence adds:

- Ease of use
- Asset management
- Modularity
- Vendor interoperability
- Real time awareness

Realized by digitizing the data related to the primary process at the point where it is measured

The Digital Substation – Architect Levels



Key Drivers

Improved Safety

- Eliminate open circuit CTs

Asset Optimisation

- Intelligent monitoring of equipment

Reduced Maintenance Cost

- Condition-based maintenance

Optimisation of New Investments

Increased Reliability and Availability

extensive self-diagnosis capability, **redundancy**

Why install a digital substation?

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Key Drivers

Standardisation and Interoperability

- Multi Vendor

Ease of Refurbishment

- Refurbish with minimum primary outage

Improved communication capability

- Data available to all levels

Environmental Responsibility

- Wiring is reduced by typically 80%.

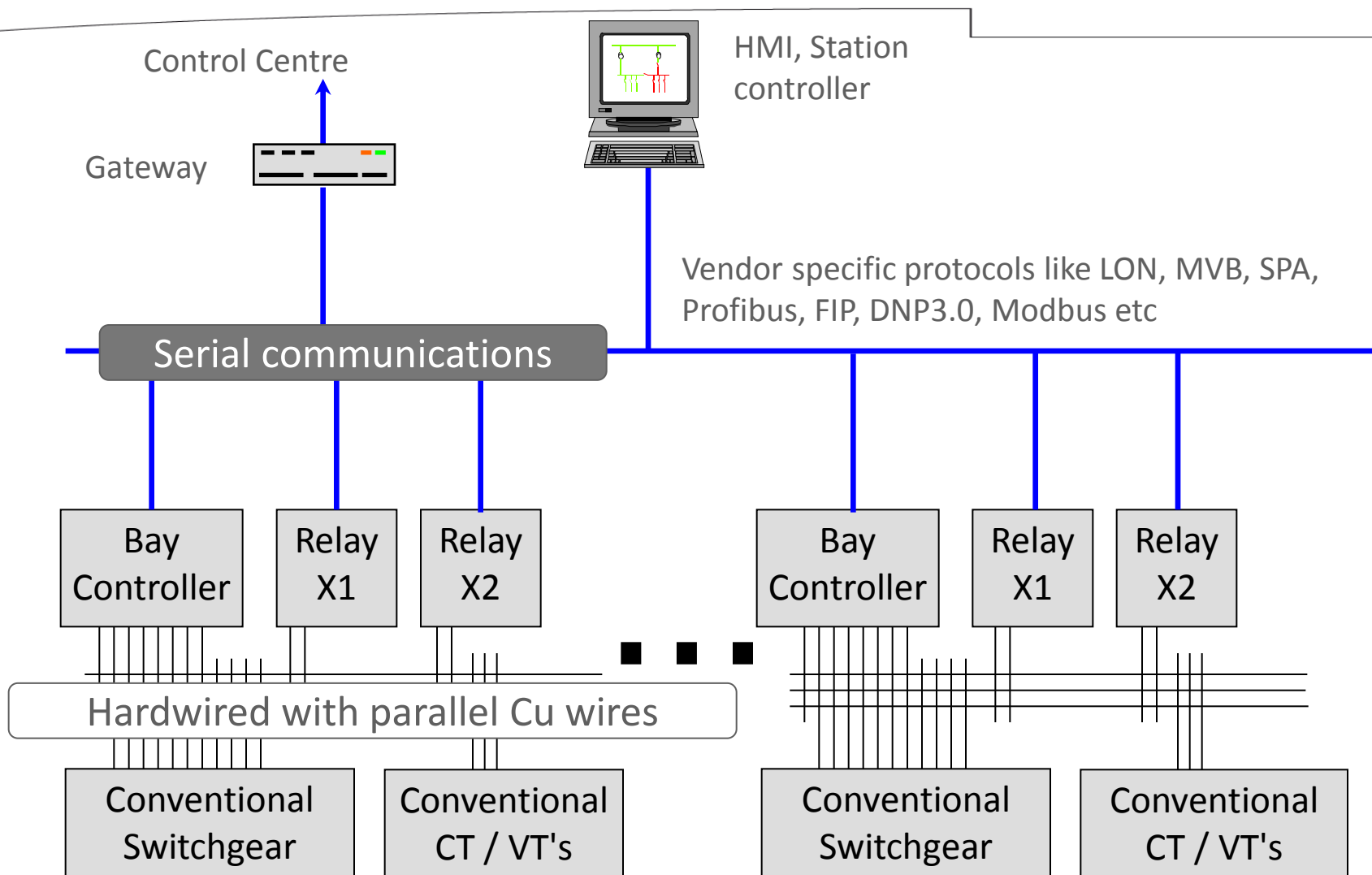
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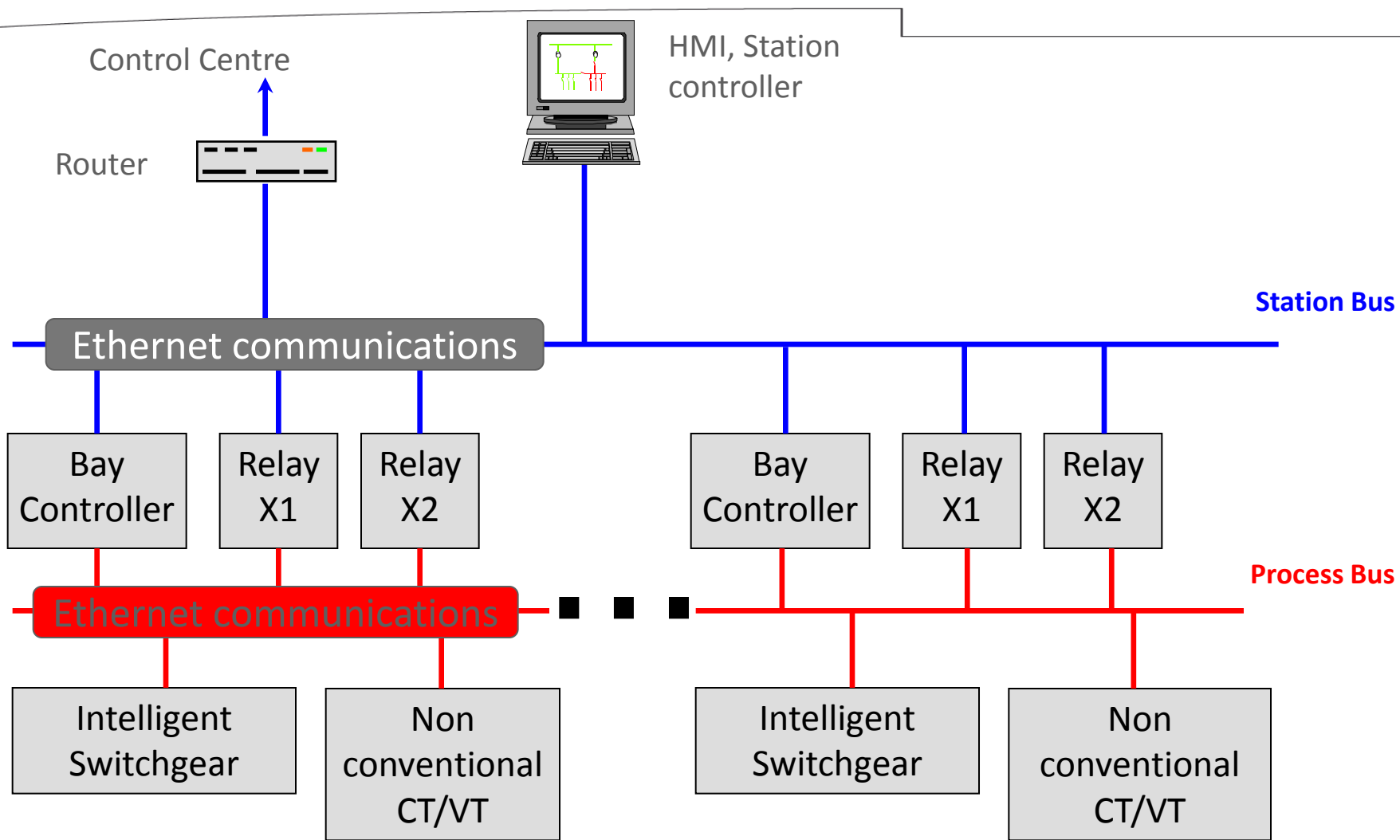
Technology Enablers and Standards

- Ethernet (typically 100Mbit/s, moving towards 1Gb)
- IEC 61850
 - IEC 61850-8-1 and GOOSE Service
 - IEC 61850-9-2LE for Sample Values
- IEC 62439-3
 - PRP for redundant star architecture
 - HSR for redundant ring architecture
- IEEE C37.118 – phasor measurement
- Precision time synchronising (μ s)
 - GPS (1pps)
 - IEEE 1588
- **Non Conventional CTs (NCIT) & Merging Units (MU)**
- Cyber security

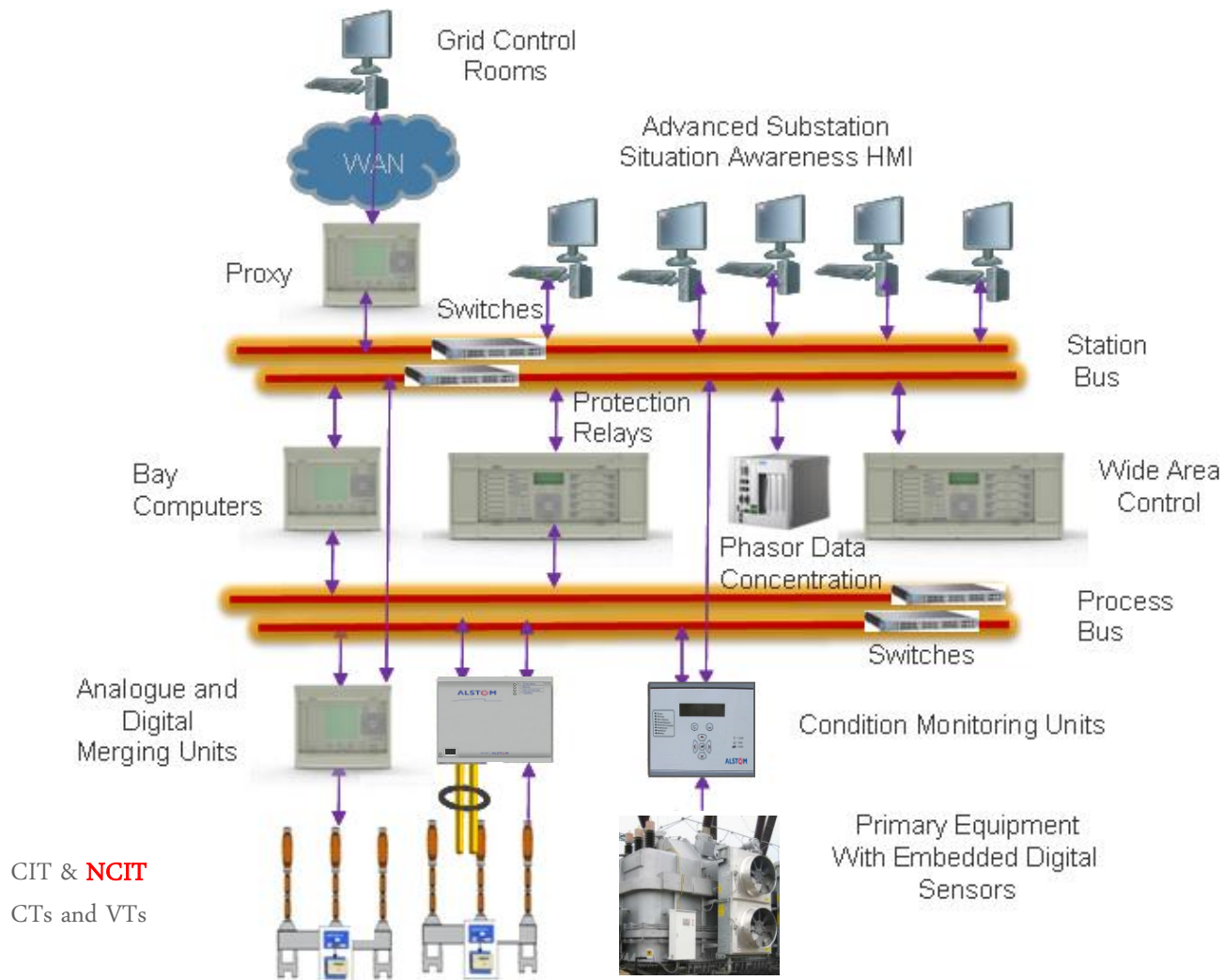
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The Digital Substation



Enablers

- Ethernet
- Redundancy
- 61850
- Station Bus
- Process Bus
- Precision Timing
- NCIT/MU
- Cyber Security

CIT & NCIT
CTs and VTs

NCIT Advantages

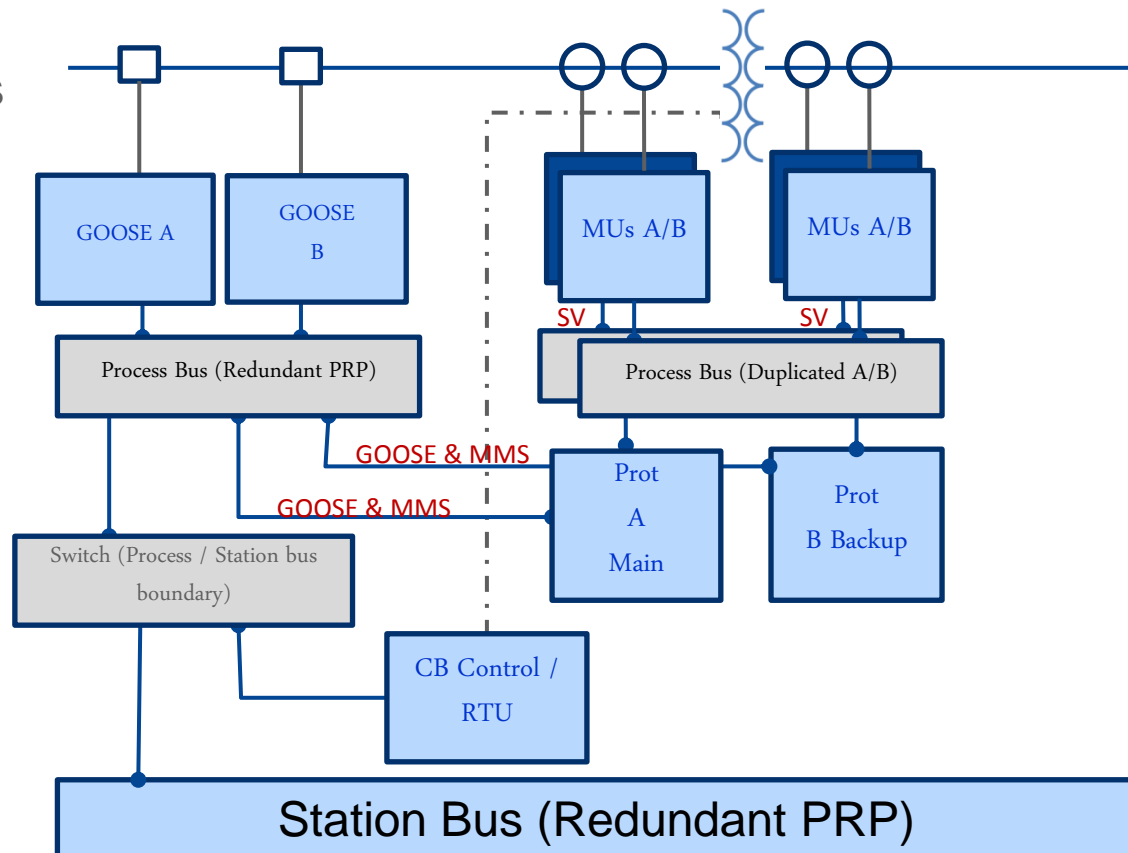
- **Cost Savings** (*particularly at voltages above 200kV*)
 - Compact and lightweight primary current and voltage transformers
 - Space-efficient, easily transportable
- **Digital Standard IEC 61850-9.2 - Interoperability**
 - Interoperability between conventional CT/VTs, other vendors supporting IEC 61850-9.2, and test equipment
 - Ease of integration in the Total Digital Substation.
- **Safety - Reliability - Availability**
 - No explosion risk
 - No wired cross-site CT connection
- **Measurement Improvement**
 - No saturation, no ferroresonance, accurate transient response
 - High bandwidth: Wide dynamic range for Protection short circuits, whilst retaining accuracy for low-current Measurement
- **Exploitation Ease**
 - Ethernet distribution of sampled analogue values to multiple devices
 - Ease of extension or modification without affecting physical wiring
 - Measurement class accuracy and Protection dynamic range

Digital Substation Challenges

- Redundancy
 - Extends to communication network
 - Same considerations as with “traditional” substation
- Testing
 - How to isolate and test
- Precision Timing
 - Common time source needed

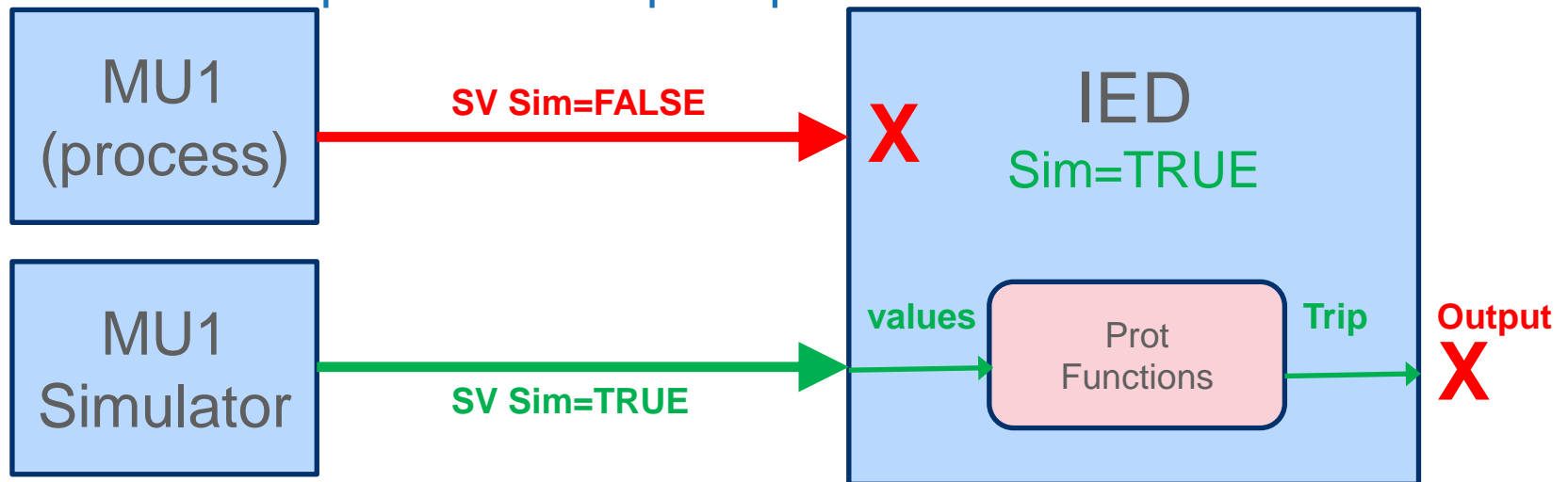
Architecture Redundancy Considerations

- There are numerous ways to increase the reliability and availability of a digital substation through redundancy
 - Redundant sensors
 - Redundant IEDs
 - Redundant networks



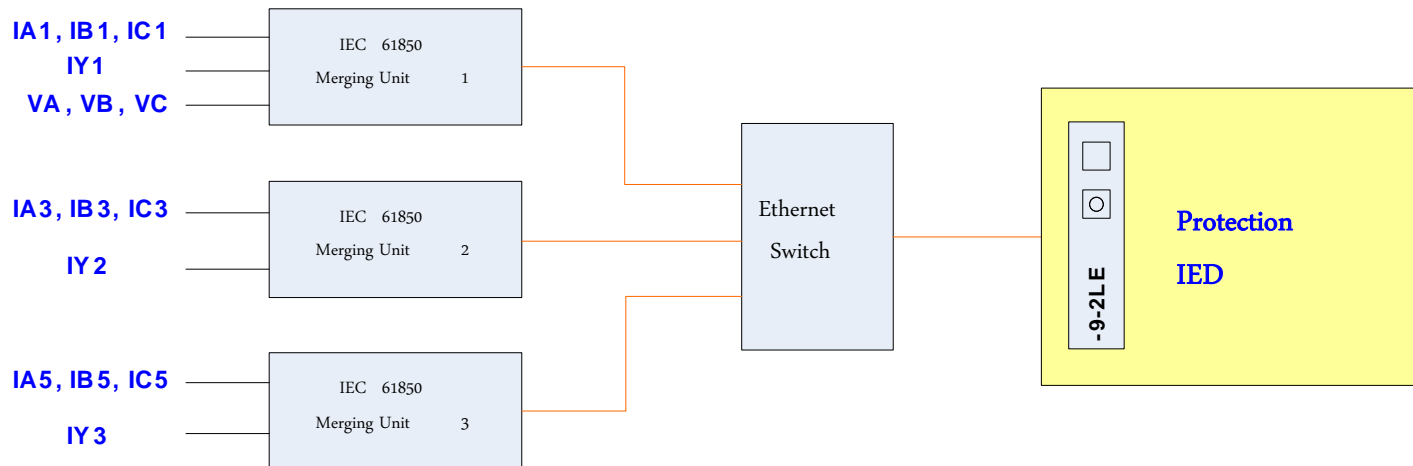
SV considerations – isolation and testing

- Set IED into 'Simulation' mode
- IED processes SV frames with Test/Simulation indication set
 - Does not operate IED trip outputs



Merging Unit considerations – SV delays

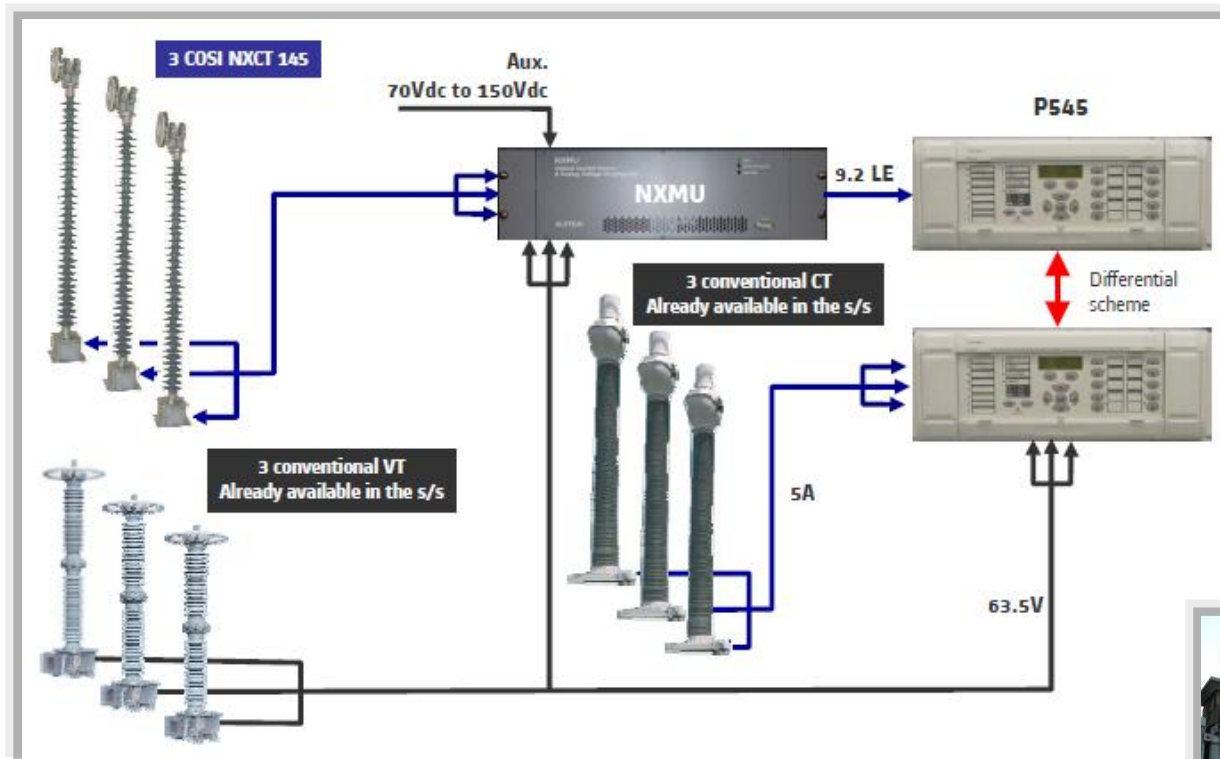
- Different delay in samples from different MUs
 - could be from different vendors



Merging Unit considerations – SV delays

- Need each MU to be accurately synchronized
 - 1 PPS, IEEE 1588 PTP
- IED processes global/local synchronization indication for SV received
 - Adapts protection functions – e.g. inhibits current differential
 - Alarms on loss of synchronization
- IED should align SV according to maximum time delay between subscribed Merging Units

Pilot Projects



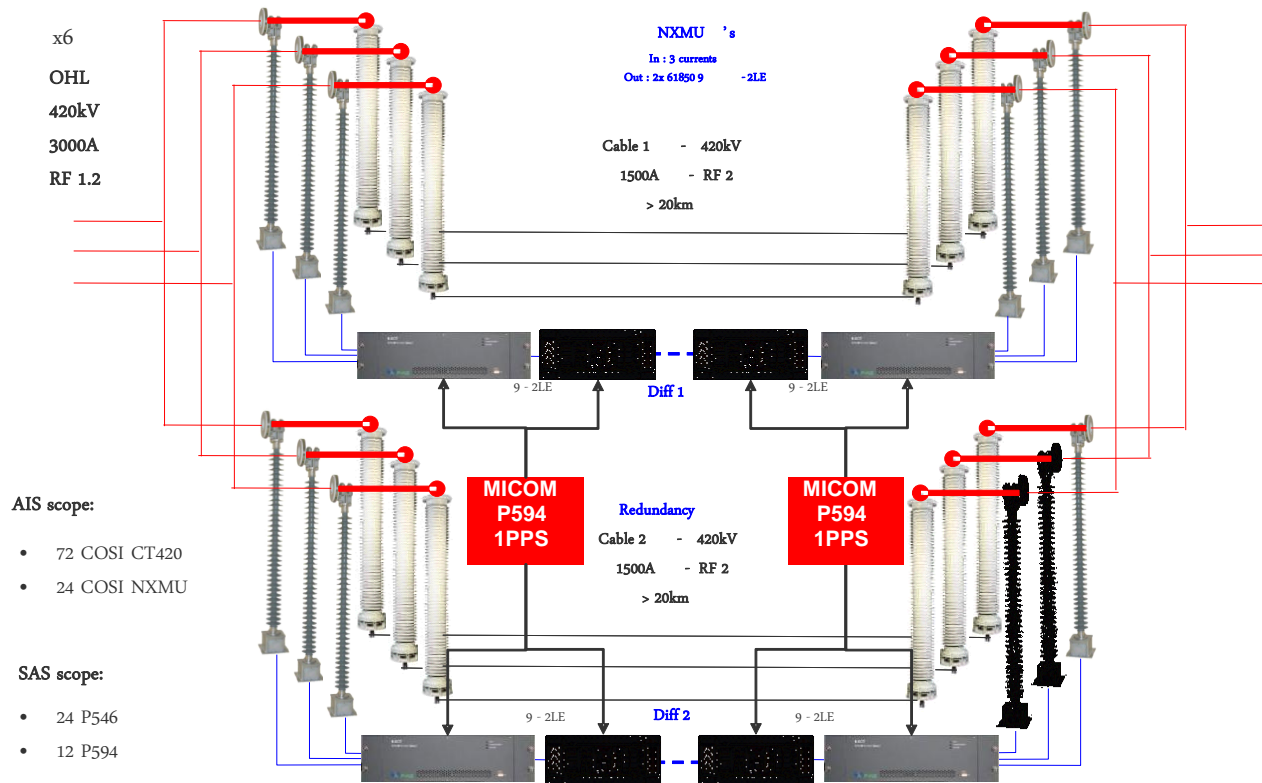
ENDESA substation:
SE Llobregat
145kV

Pilot Project – ENERGIENET, Denmark

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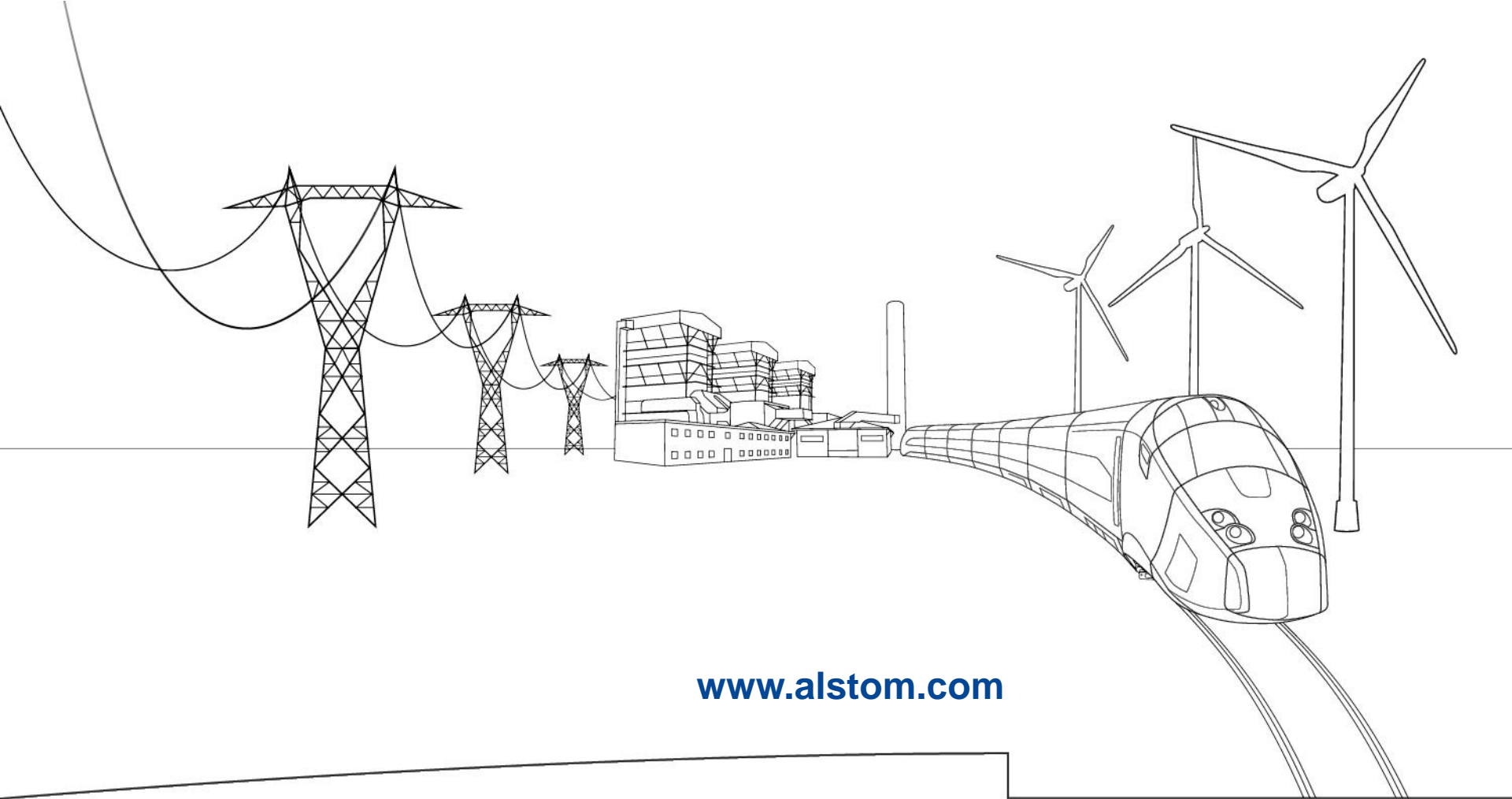
— Full digital solution

6 Underground 420 kV Cables differential monitoring



The Digital Substation: Conclusion

- **The Digital Substation requires:**
 - A common, coherent solution integrated using modern communication architectures
 - An optimized solution for customers, with reduced costs of ownership and higher performance
- **This is supported by the application of IEC 61850 within the substation :**
 - Digitization of data at source
 - Implementation of “real-time” communications
 - Integration of all control, measurement, protection and monitoring functions
 - Test features



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