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# R#SPACE

## Scope and progress update



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# The path to full IEC 61850 PACS



## SCOPE OF “POSTES INTELLIGENTS PROJECT”

- On site full scale experimentation in **2** substations
- Implementation of enhanced and extended functions
- Monitoring of HV equipment and substation infrastructure
- Implementing the latest technological solutions  
[primary equipment, SAS Information and Communication Technologies]
- **Full IEC 61850 PACS [Station bus, process bus including trip]**
- **Near process SCU, SAMU and MU**
- **Use of LPIT**

## Substantial experience feedback obtained

- specification, design and testing of full IEC 61850 PACS,
- testing of functional protection chains including LPIT,
- features related to life-time maintenance,
- HV monitoring- and control functions.

## References :

DPSP 2016,  
PACW 2016  
Tutorial DPSP 2018  
CIGRE B5 2018  
PAC World Magazine  
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# Introduction – Rte Digital Substation Projects - Postes Intelligents

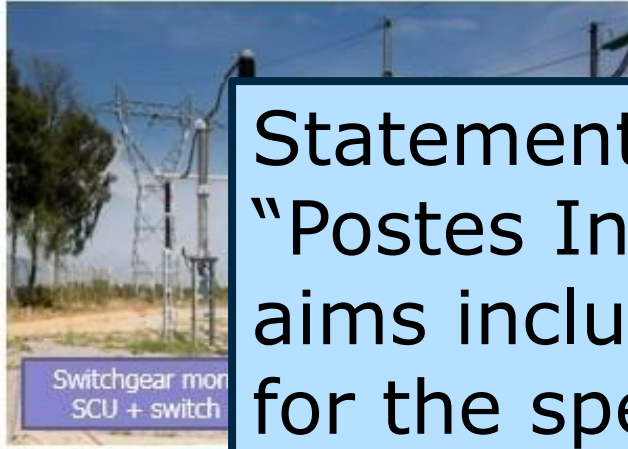
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SF6 monitoring  
in CB



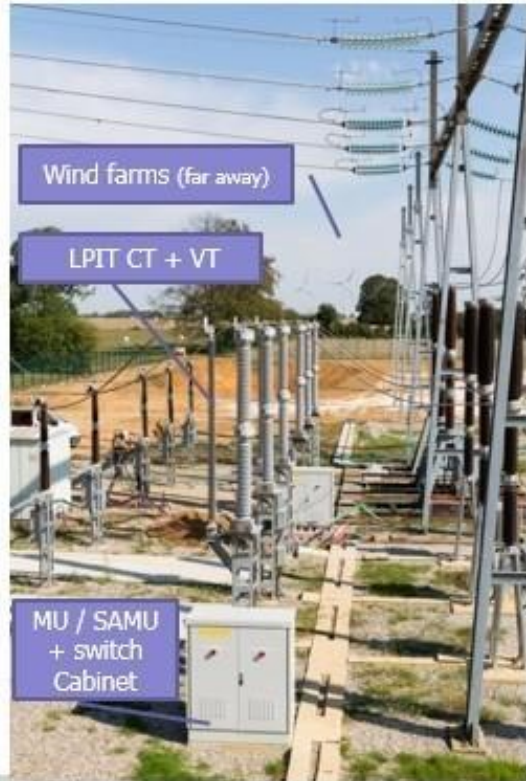
« Poste Intelligent »  
BLOCAUX  
225 / 90 / 20 kV



Switchgear mon  
SCU + switch



Lithium Ion Auxiliary  
Units (+ DSAS Backup)



Wind farms (far away)

LPIT CT + VT

MU / SAMU  
+ switch  
Cabinet



Transformer  
Monitoring + BCU  
+ switch cabinet

Statement 2018:  
“Postes Intelligents” project  
aims include to generate input  
for the specification of the  
next-generation PACS.  
**This aim has been attained.**

What is the next  
step ?



# MAIN DRIVERS FOR RTE TO LAUNCH A NEW GENERATION OF PACS

- Increased insertion of **Renewable Energy Sources** (RES)
  - implementation of more complex and personalised automatons on substation level
  - traditionally workflow of specifying functions and their development by PACS vendors is not well adapted
- Need to Decrease costs in case of **evolutions of substation level functions**
  - automatons, HMI, telecontrol gateway or asset management
  - one single development managed directly considered to be more efficient
- Strategic decision of Rte to **enhance digital applications** throughout all transmission network services and components
- Take advantage of IEC 61850 process bus as a new **PACS process interface**
- Pave the path for an **increased integration of PACS** functions and virtualisation
- Increase and improve
  - remote maintenance,
  - administration
  - supervision



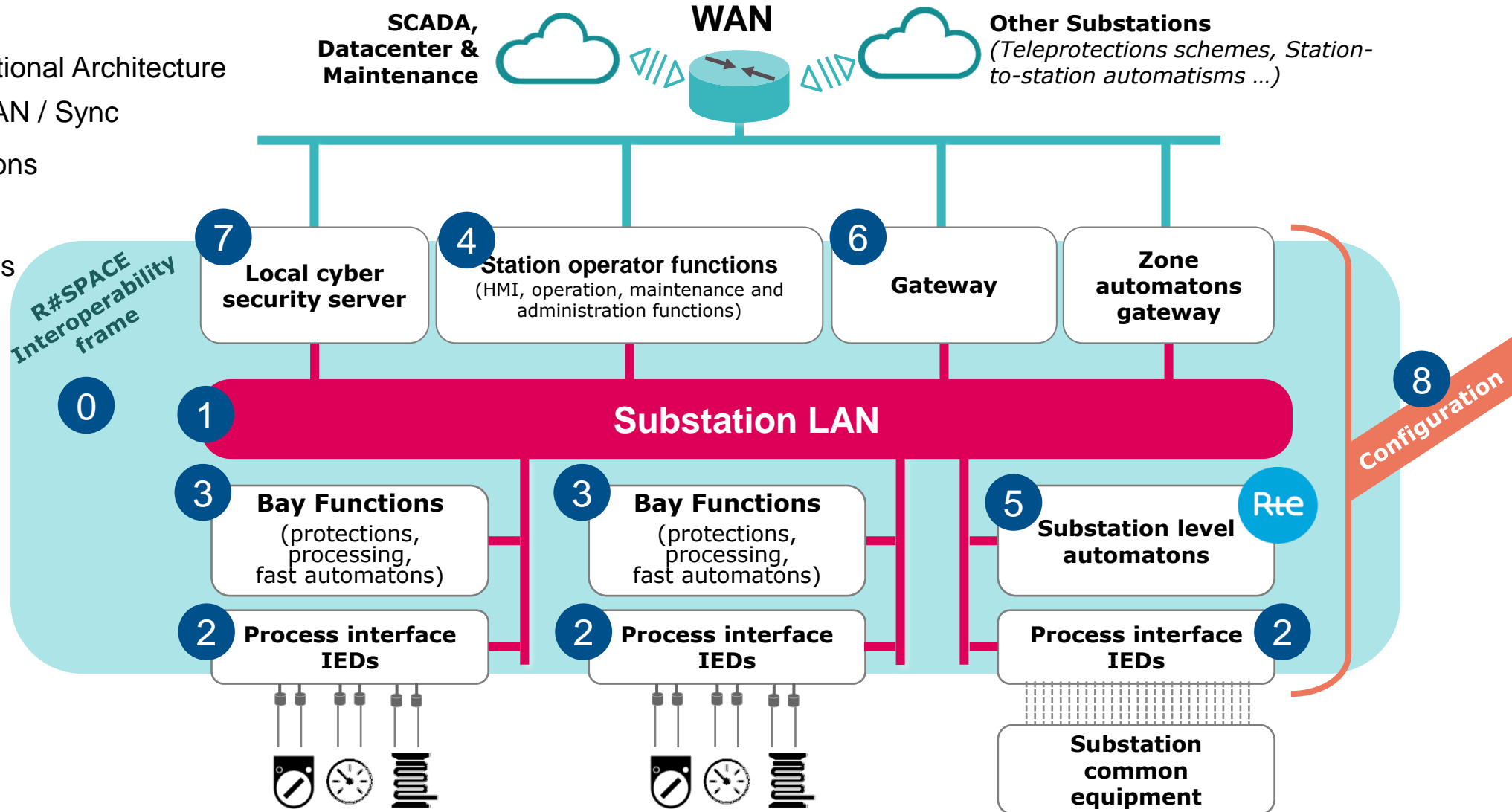
# Rte Digital Substation Projet – R#SPACE

## Technical Lots

- 0. IEC 61850 Model / Functional Architecture
- 1. Physical Architecture / LAN / Sync
- 2. Process Interface functions
- 3. Bay Functions
- 4. Station operator functions
- 5. Automaton
- 6. Gateway
- 7. Cyber security
- 8. Configuration
- 9. Tests / Integration
- 10. System engineering

## Non Technical Lots

- 11. Procurement
- 12. Project management
- 14. Maintenance Process
- 15. Human resources





# R#SPACE - A MODULAR ARCHITECTURE ENABLING FUTURE EVOLUTIONS

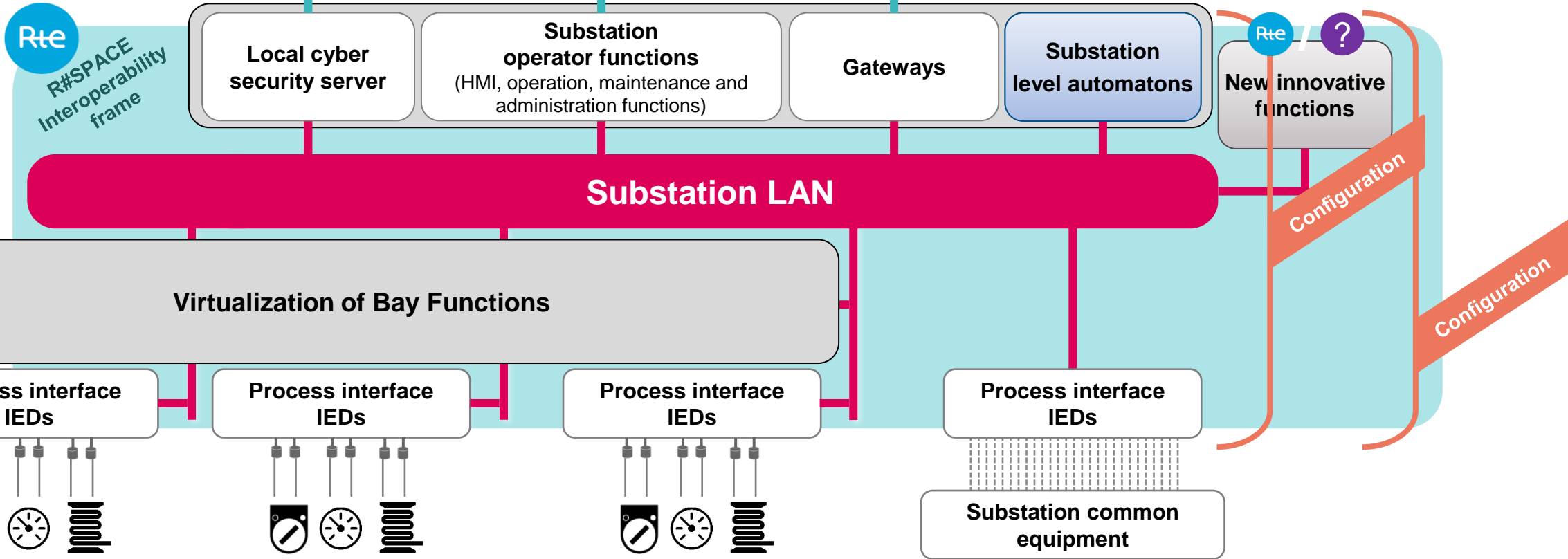


Adding new  
typical and  
innovative new  
functions

SCADA &  
Maintenance  
Datacenter



Other Substations  
(Teleprotections schemes, Station-to-station  
automatims ...)





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# Rte Interoperability framework





# IEC 61850 based function modelling State of the Art and Consequences



- **No method proposed (IEC or UCA) to obtain a IEC 61850 data model starting from a functional specification**
- **Method developed by Rte**
  - Based on Rte PACS functional specifications
  - Take into account signal reference list to describes PACS input/output
  - strictly follow the rules described in the standard fascicules

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## Rte Substation Protection Automation and Control Systems IEC 61850 Model

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Documents de référence : [Doc. de réf.]

Référence fonctionnelle : [Réf. fonctionnelle]

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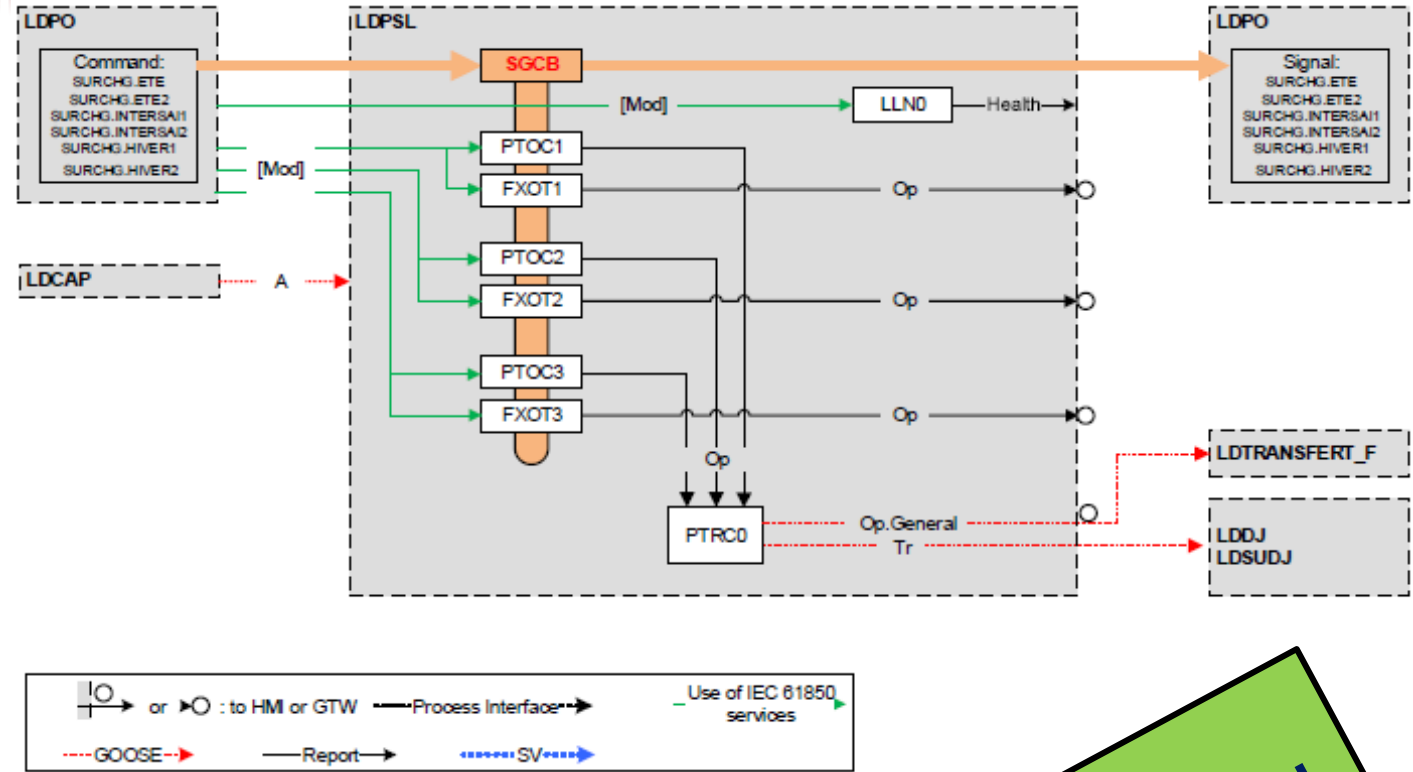
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# Example: Overload function – Static & Dynamic

## Description



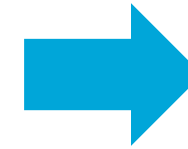
Line overload protection LD (LDPSL)				
LN	DO	CDC	FCS name	Comments
LLNO	Health	ENS	DF.PSL/DF.PSC	
	Beh	ENS	PSL/PSC	Signal "Function activated/deactivated"
	Mod	ENC	PSL/PSC	Command to activate / deactivate the function(ES/HS)
				The SGCB mechanism is used to manage the 6 regimes of the PSL ( Signals: SUR.ETE, SUR.ETE2, SUR.SAI1, SUR.SAI2, SUR.HIV1, SUR.HIV2 ; TC : ETE.TC, ETE2.TC, SAI1.TC, SAI2.TC, HIV1.TC, HIV2.TC)
FXOT*	Beh	ENS		
	Mod	ENC		Command to inhibit threshold* (when set to off)
	Op	ACT.general	AL.SUR.*	Decision to issue an alarm following the detection of overload and the expiration of the alarm threshold (* = 1, 5, 10, 20 or 60 depending on the threshold and configuration)
	StrVal	ASG.SetMag	n.a.	IS* current threshold (same value as for PTOC) The value is managed by the SGCB and varies with the regimes.
	OpDITmms	ING.SetVal	n.a.	Alarm delay Ta* The value is managed by the SGCB and but does not vary with the regimes.
PTOC*	Beh	ENS		
	Mod	ENC		Command to inhibit threshold* (when set to off)
	Str	ACD.general	n.a.	Overload detection (* = 1, 2 or 3 depending on the threshold)
	Op	ACT.general	n.a.	Circuit-breaker trip order sent to the PTRC
	StrVal	ASG.SetMag	n.a.	Current threshold IS* The value is managed by the SGCB and varies with the regimes.
PTRCO	Tr	ACT.general	n.a.	Trip order to XCBR
	Op	ACT.general	DT.SURCHARGE	Tripping decision of 3 phases



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**publicly available**

## Issues & Questions

- Application
  - Semantic definition sometimes too restricted (XCBR)
  - Limited or restricted DOs functionalities (*Str without delay, Op without direction...*)
  - Missing possibility to group different kinds of signal
- Missing use cases
  - live-live recloser mode
  - remote disabling of recloser function case
  - Semantics describing dynamic substation topology
  - Physical I/O Monitoring
  - Shortcomings in available settings
- Method
  - **Creating new LN** preferred to adding new DO into an existing LN



LDGRP

The values of DO **RecCycMod** are indicated in the table below:

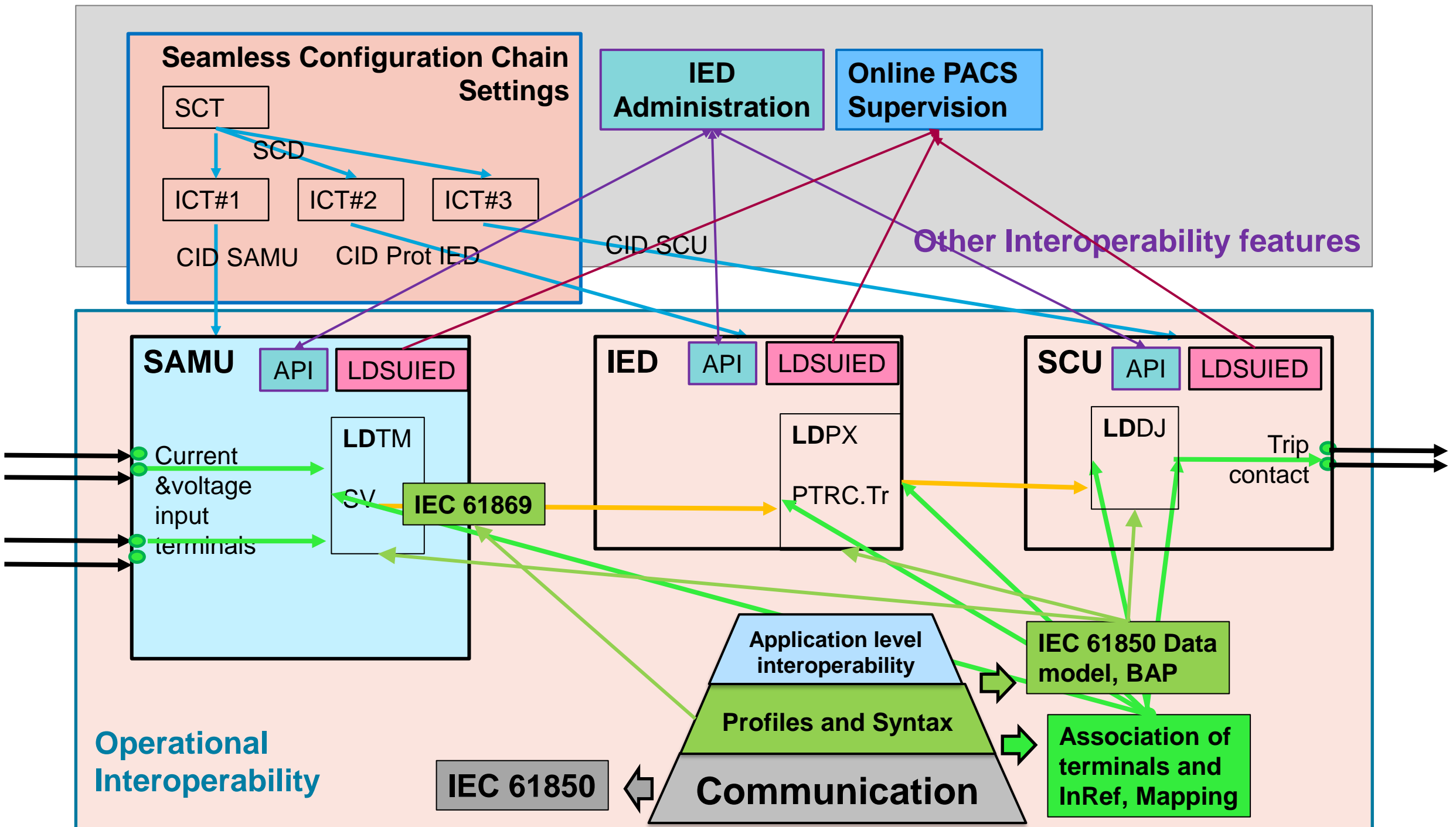
<b>RecCycMod</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
RT criteria	REB	RVB	RVL	RVB+L	REB+RVB	REB+RVL	all

### 11.1 LTED - Topologic

The following table lists the elements mentioned above:

LTED				
Data object name	Common data class	T	Explanation	M-O-C nds/ds
<b>Descriptions</b>				
NamPlt	LPL		inherited from: DomainLN	O / na
<b>Status information</b>				
Beh	ENS (BehaviourModeKind)		inherited from: DomainLN	M / na
Health	ENS (HealthKind)		inherited from: DomainLN	O / na
VolLevelDes	ENS		Voltage Level (1..9)	0
VolLevel	ENS		Voltage Level (<45kV, 45kV, 63kV, 90kV, 150kV, 225kV, 400kV, 750kV, DC)	0
TopoObj	ENS		Topological Element Type (busbar, feeder, coupling, "omnibus", power transformer)	0
TopoObjNum	INS		Topological Element Reference (1..n)	0
FeederTyp	ENS		Topological Element Reference - Feeder (line, Power Transformer, Coil, Capacity, FACTS)	0
SectNum	INS		Topological Element Subset Reference - Busbar Section (1..n)	0
SubSectNum	INS		Topological Element Subset Reference - Busbar Subsection (1..m)	0





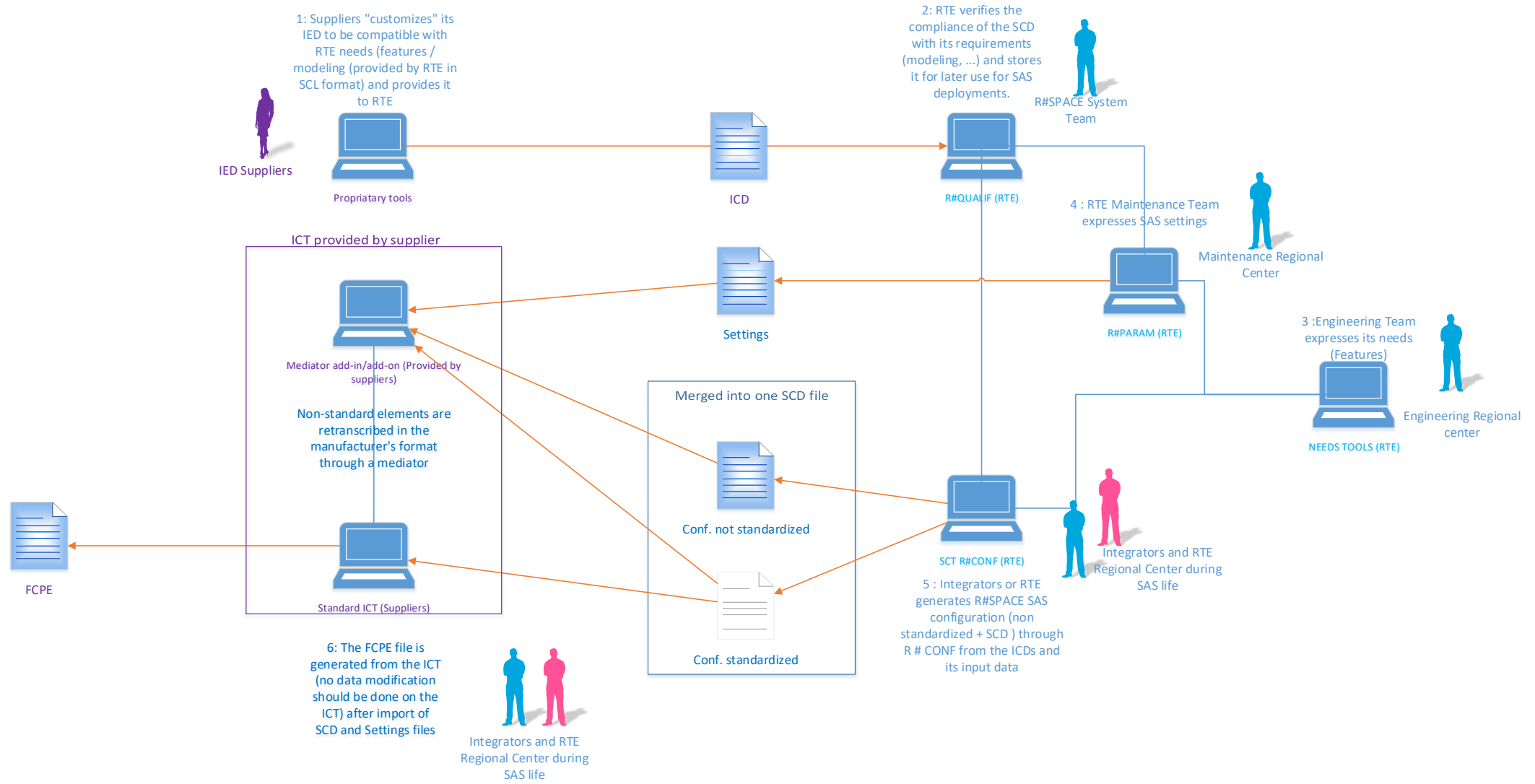


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# Configuration process and tools

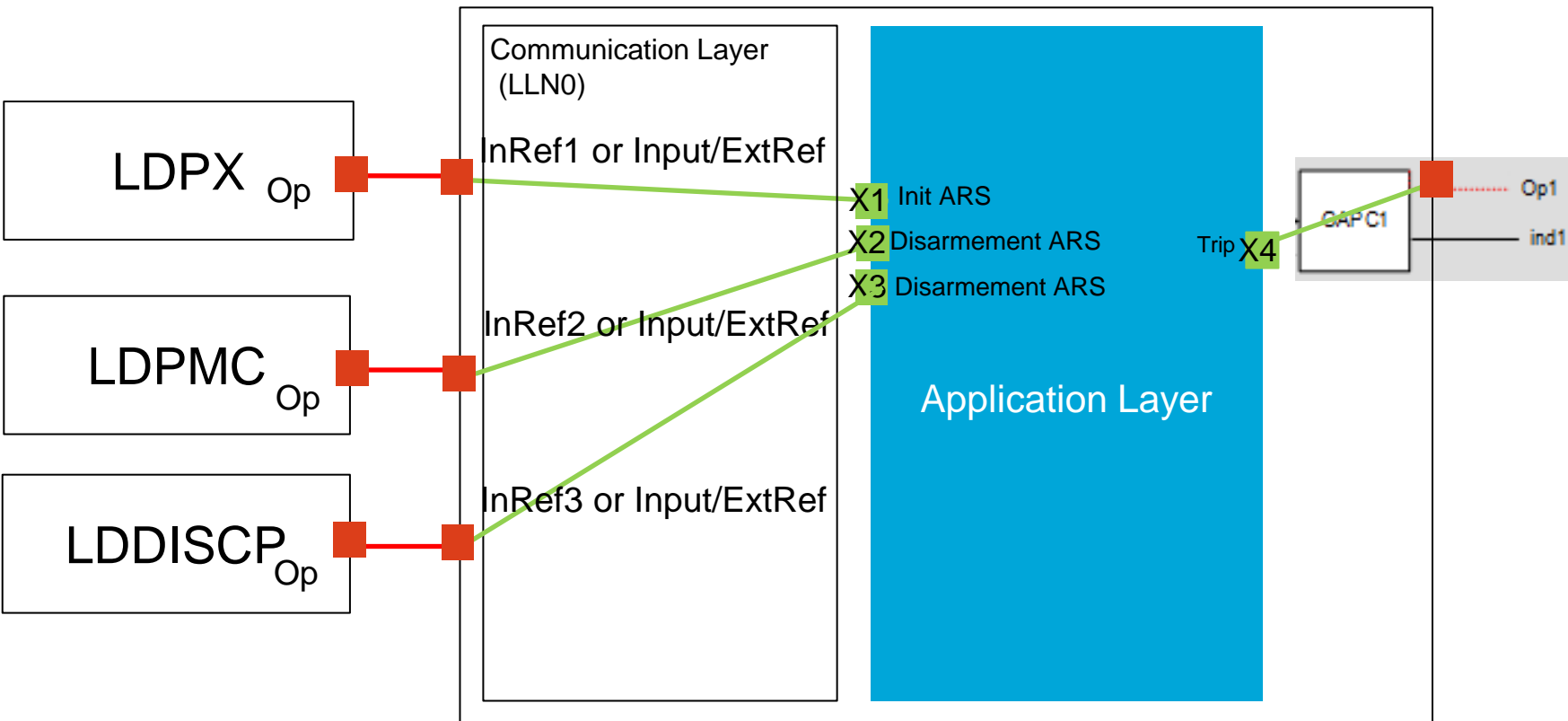


# Configuration Process



Parameters and configuration shall not be changed at this stage of the process (i.e. manual input by user shall not be done)

## LDRS



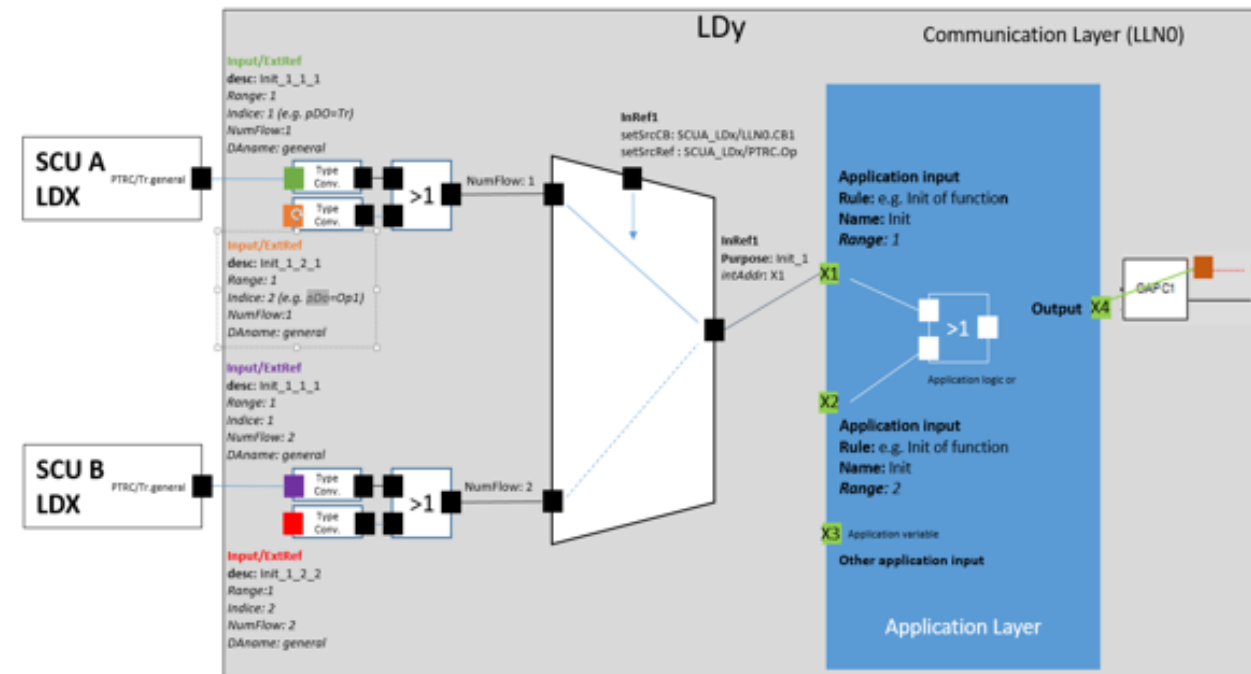
■ 61850 exchange     
 ■ Application variable

- The LD exposes its entries as InRefx ou ExtRef
- Purpose (InRef) and Desc (Input/ExtRef) contains the name of the application signal as defined by RTE in its requirements
- We can now map what we want on an application input
- The mapping can be dynamic by using InRef instead of Input/ExtRef



## Mapping and identification of application inputs

- Use of Later Binding  
(Input/ExtRef based on syntax in **desc** or **purpose** attribute)
- Capacity to map application inputs to several DOs /DAs
- Dynamic subscription of GOOSE and SV using “**setSrcCB**” and “**setSrcRef**” of **InRef**
- Data Type conversion at application level



- Description of the association of IEC 61850 Data Objects with I/O terminals in SCL file required for Binary I/O IED (BIOI) **[discussed in WG 10]**
- Functional Data Objects linked to Data Objects that model the binary outputs. **[LDPI / LDPO attached to IED management function]**
  - Description of the terminals and their configurations
  - threshold voltages for high / low,
  - input mode (active High or Low).
- Mapping tables between Data Object (DO) type (DPC, ENUM, etc.) and input / output.
- Flexible mapping between the functional Logical Devices and the LPD(I/O)

DA Type	DO Type	DO Value(s) leading to contact <b>opening</b>	DO Value(s) leading to contact <b>closure</b>
		OutMod = Active High	
Boolean	any	false	true
DPC	Pos	<b>off</b> / intermediate state / bad-State	<b>on</b>

Mapping of DO to Binary Output for **Pos**

LPDI.Ind of first input	LPDI.Ind of second input	Value of DPC Pos
false	false	intermediate-state
true	false	off
false	true	on
true	true	bad-state

Mapping of Binary Input to DO **Pos**



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# Test System



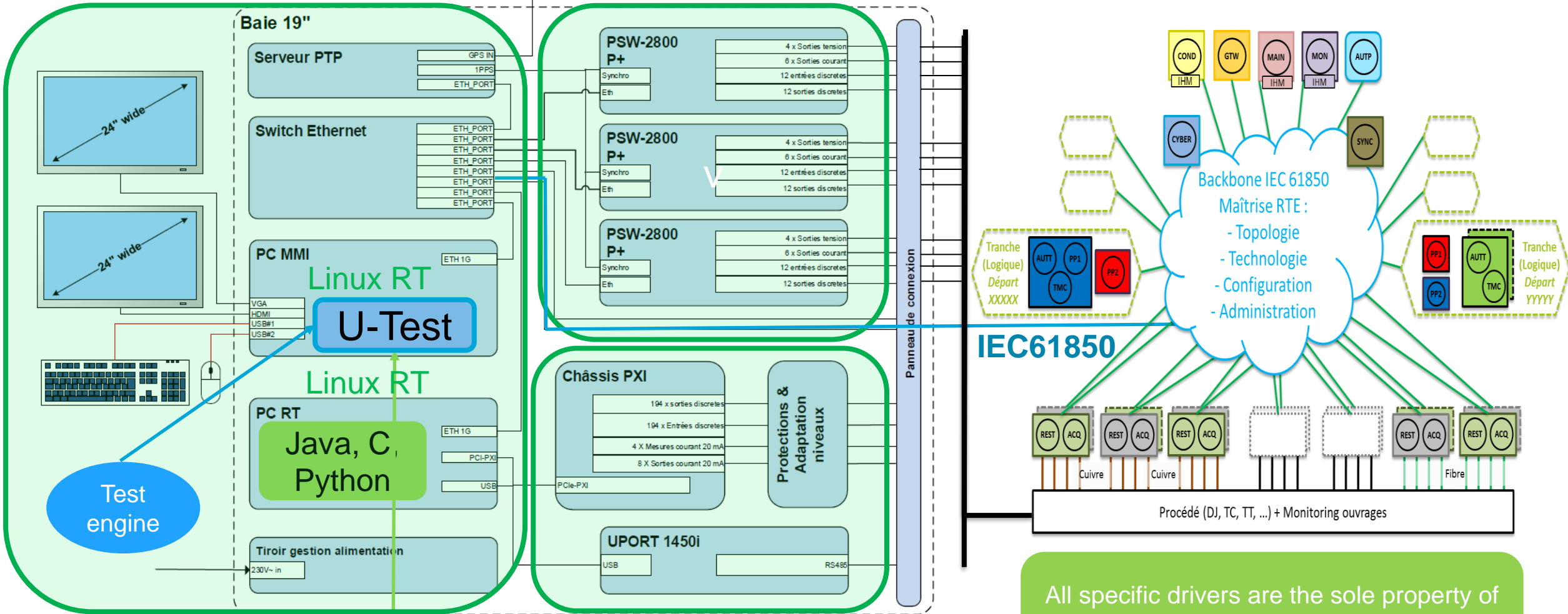


# System Integration Platform (Rte and System Integrator)



## C.O.T.S devices

## Puissance+



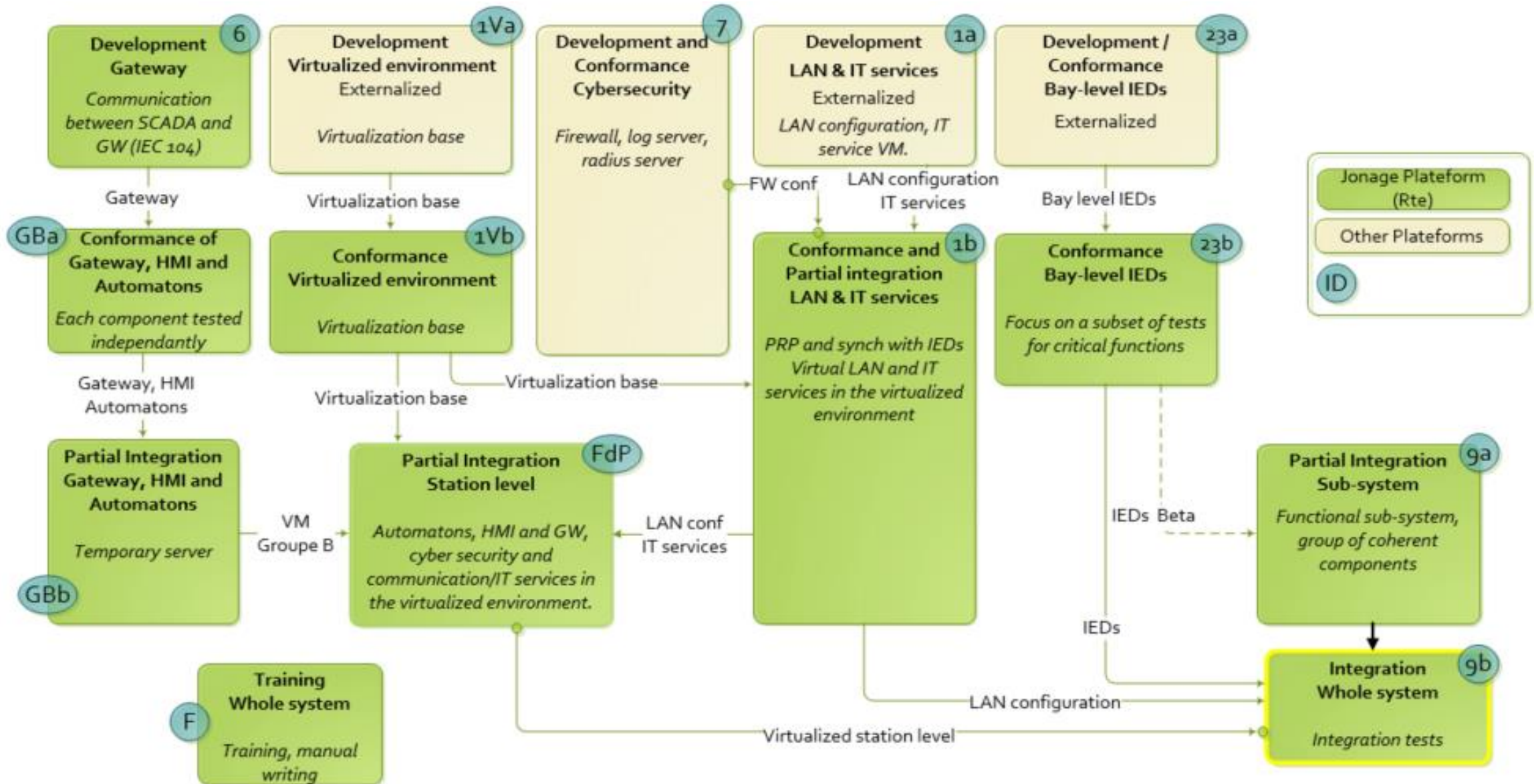
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TEST IEC61850

Property of Rte

All specific drivers are the sole property of Rte. (IEC61850, IEC60870-5-104, modbus, admin protocol)

# Rte Unitary and pre-integration test platforms





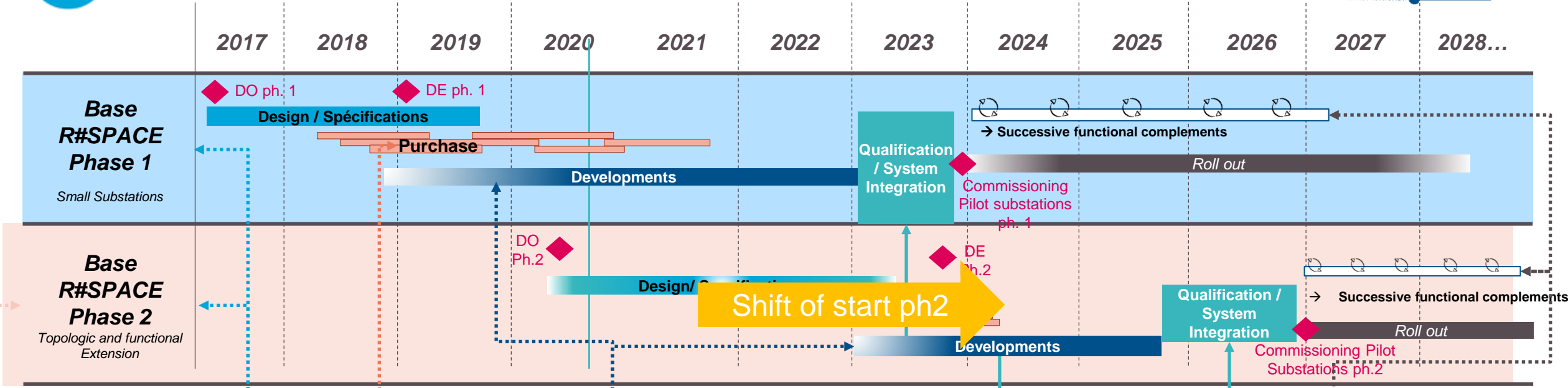
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# Project Progress





# Project schedule



Definition of schedule to confirm feasibility of a multi component interoperable DSAS for small substations with RES injections.

Developments in the framework of external contracts and within Rte (function with high added value)

Separated Qualification of each component, then system integration

Successive extension of scope (iterative / agile)

Phase 2 : adaptation for big substations and extension of scope of virtualization

Multiple tenders : subdivision in components. Aim: identify best suppliers for each component



# Project schedule – Pilot substation

- 63 kV, 1 busbar, 2 feeders, 2 HV/MV transformers
- Availability of qualified components (IED, PIU, HMI, GW, AUT, NW) for integration tests after qualification: > [march 2023](#)
  - Frequent updates due to corrections of errors in several components
  - Difficulty to configure all components with the same SCD file due to evolutions and error corrections in the different ICT and SCT
  - Issues and shortcomings of the test system of the integration platform
- Availability of first PACS and training platform: > [May 2023](#)
  - Additional test capacities
  - Enables parallel testing
  - Several issues detected and addressed during integration and FAT
- SAT > [sept 2023](#)
- Commissioning of first PACS planned for October 2023
  - [Beginning of October](#): Put on hold after detection of instabilities in two components





# Selected issues from pilot substation

## Virtual Infrastructure

- Specific competence required to set up and configure the Virtual Infrastructure and to implement the virtualised components

## Communication network

- Several changes of configuration of switches, mainly due to limitations of components discovered during integration or cyber security constraints
- Separate access points for administration and operational network need to be specified
- Set up of access for remote configuration between substation and maintenance centers

## IED

- Need to have valid SCD files for component qualification tests: schedule, responsibilities for updates, procedures in case of errors need to be clarified
- Issues with the interoperability of interlock check and voltage control for recloser
- Delayed validation of Distance Protection function:
  - June 2023: decision to use of qualified distance protection adding IEDs to the pilot PACS



# Selected issues from pilot substation

## GW

- Problems related to the correct filtering of commands if bay command status is not telecontrol

## Endurance / Stress tests

- Need to perform in early stage stress tests to identify unexpected behavior.  
Example : blocking of digital input of SCU when power off / power on of the IED.
- Need to confirm the stability of the PACS over several weeks, with supervision of all events  
Examples :
  - ✓ occurrences of loss of IEC 104 service of the GW after 1 month of operation,
  - ✓ management of log of IEDs (no FIFO implemented),
  - ✓ unexpected variation of digital input of SCU.



# Next step : Industrial deployment Phase 1

## 2024

- 2 substations scheduled for 2024 with more functions and higher number of feeders
- Complete qualification of all components
- Integration of IEDs interfaced by IEC 61850
  - Teleaction for distance protection
  - Protection IEDs
  - Optical underground line fault identification system
- Development of engineering HMI associated to SCT
- Deployment of data repositories and remote access

## > 2025

- Gradual increase of number of deployed R#SPACE PACS



# Questions ?

