



# Communication Testing in Simulated IEC 61850 Systems

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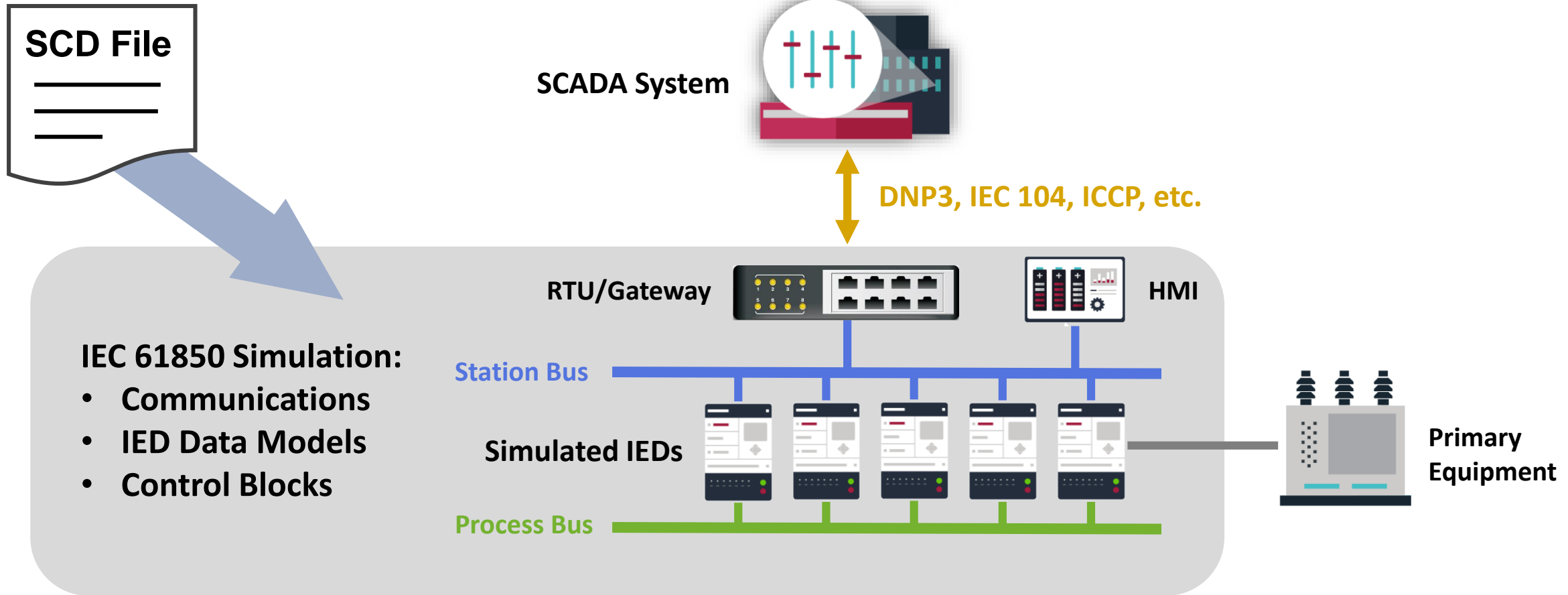
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# Agenda

- **Background on Simulated IEC 61850 Systems**
- **RTU/Gateway Example**
- **IEC 61850 Configuration Example**
- **Network Load Testing Example**

# Background on Simulated IEC 61850 Systems



# Why Test With Simulated Systems?

## Reduce Costs by Testing Earlier

- Discover configuration issues earlier in the engineering process
- Reduced costs by testing before acceptance testing or commissioning

## Test Real Devices in Simulated Systems

- Test before all equipment is setup and configured
- Easily change test configurations

## Reduce Time with Automated Testing

- Create tests that are highly manual in the real system
- Increase test coverage with repeatable and well documented tests

# RTU and Gateway Testing

## Testing Coverage

IEC 61850 Configuration

- Report Control Blocks
- Data Sets

RTU/Gateway Configuration

- Control Mapping
- Point Mapping

SCADA System



Simulated Master

IEC 104

RTU/Gateway



Device Under Test

IEC 61850  
Reports

Simulated IEDs

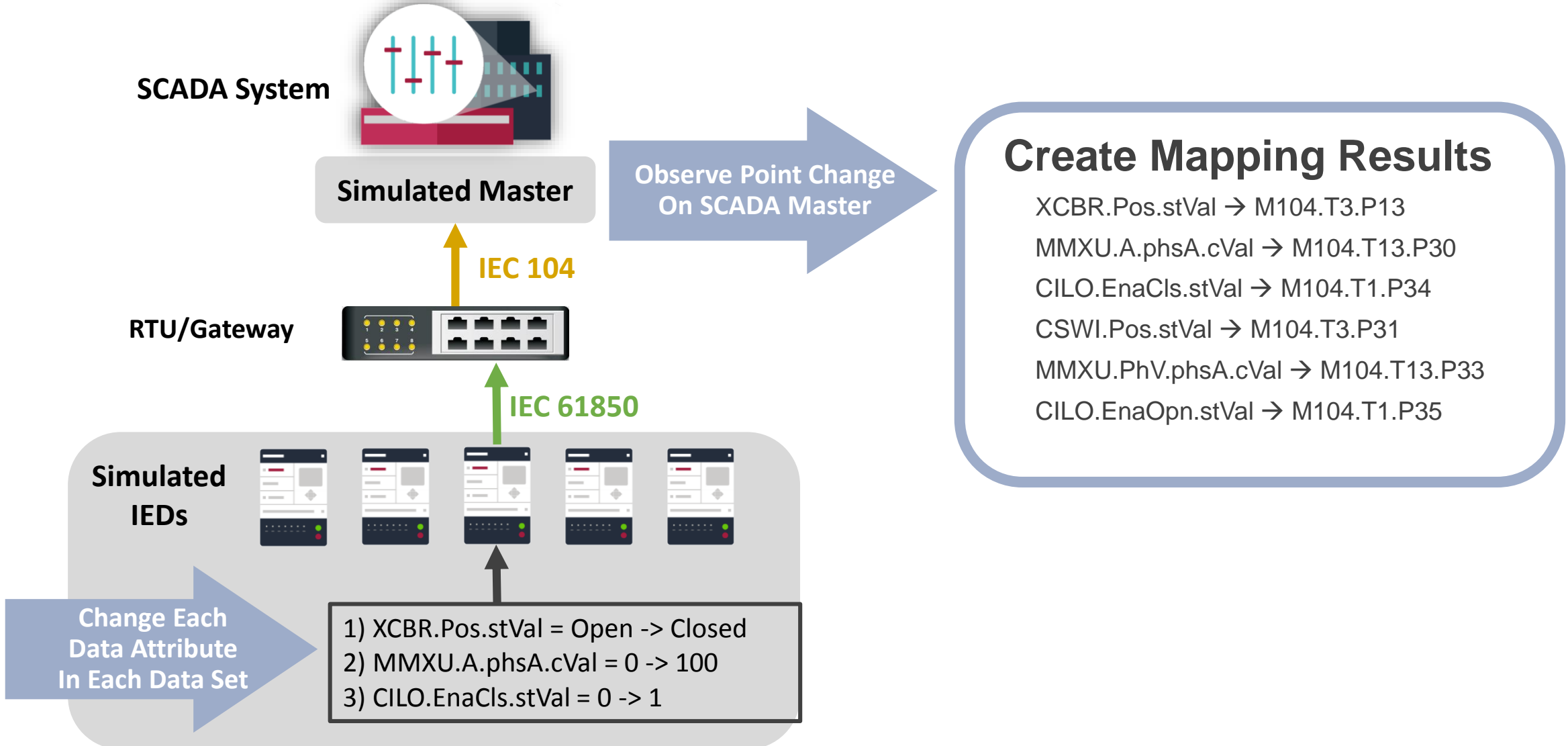


SCD File

Data Sets

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# Automated Point Mapping Test



# IEC 61850 Configuration Testing

## Testing Coverage

IEC 61850 Configuration

- Report Control Blocks
- GOOSE Control Blocks
- Data Models
- External References

Network Configuration

- IP/MAC Addressing
- VLANs

**SCD File**

**Simulated Clients**



**Network Switch**



**Simulated IEDs**

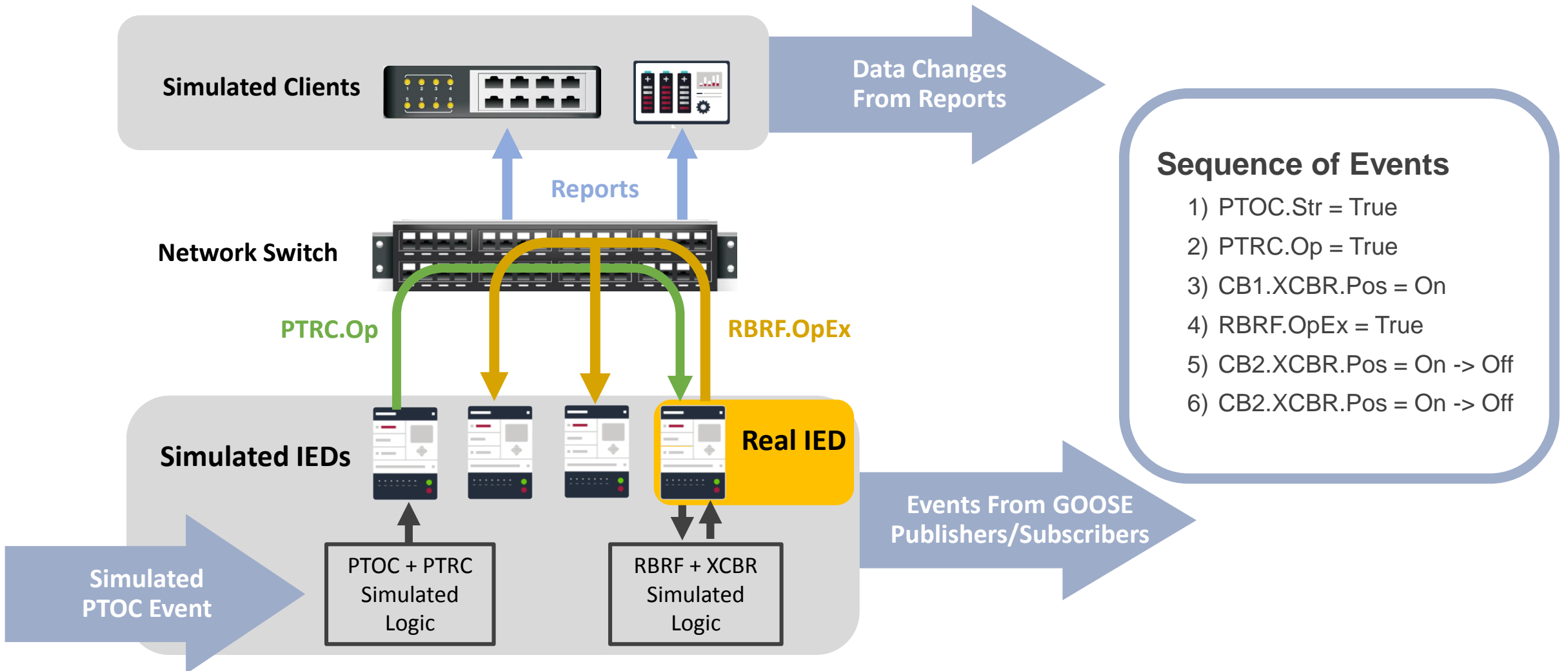


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**Devices Under Test**

- Configuration Tool
- Network Switch
- IED

# Breaker Failure Scenario





# Network Load Testing

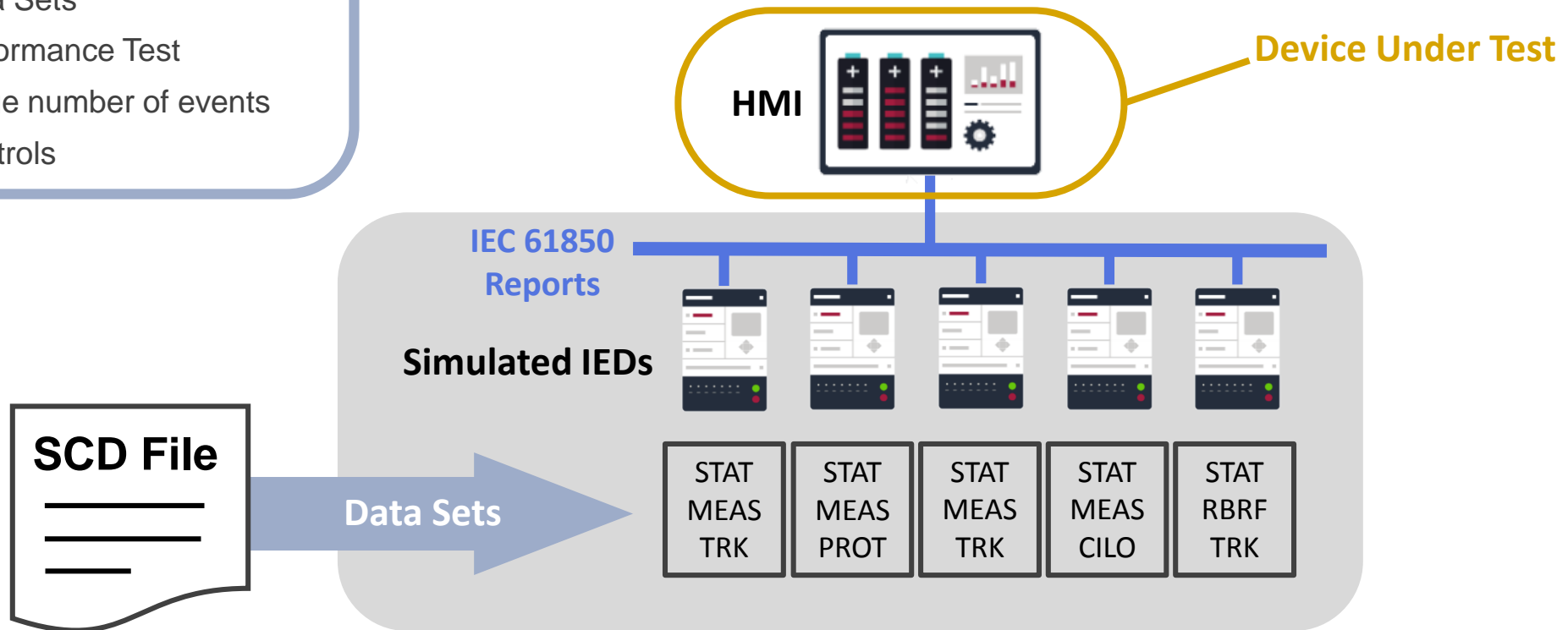
## Testing Coverage

### IEC 61850 Configuration

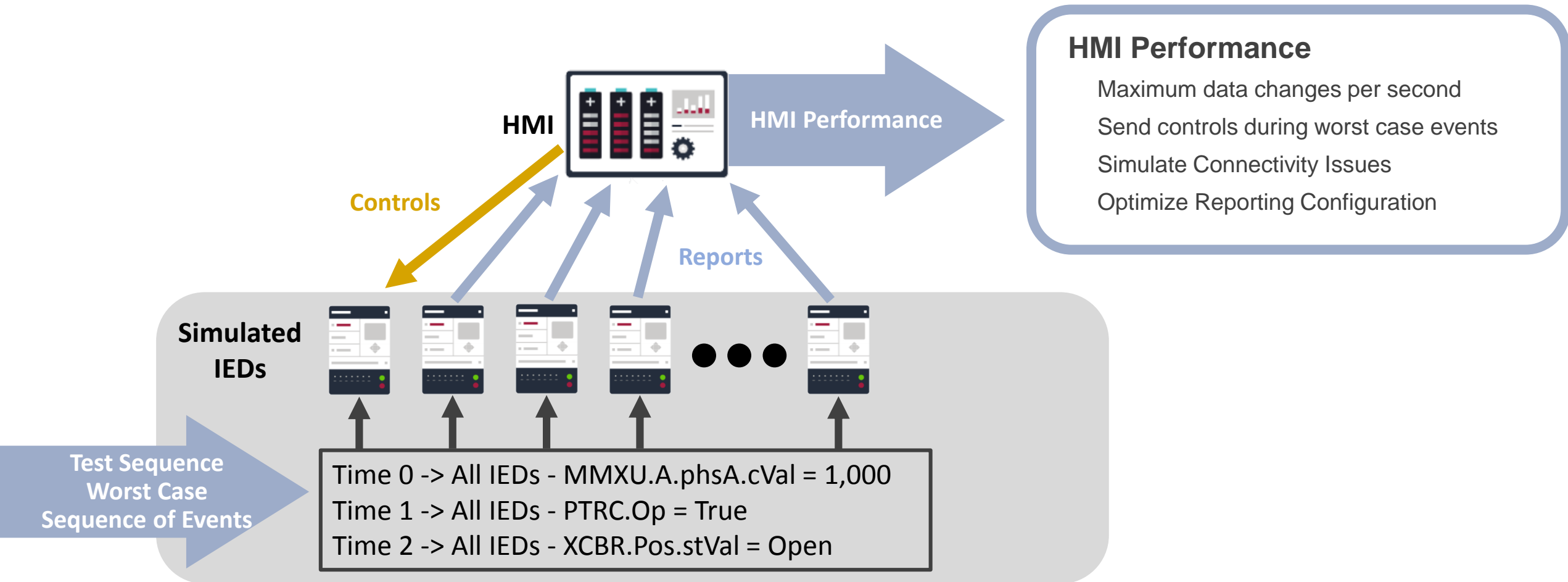
- Report Control Blocks
- Data Sets

### HMI Performance Test

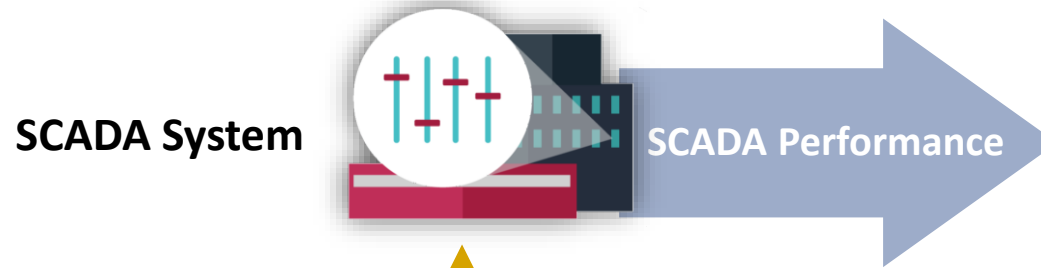
- Large number of events
- Controls



# Worst Case Events for HMI



# Worst Case Events for SCADA



## SCADA Performance

- Maximum data changes per second
- Send controls during worst case events
- Simulate Connectivity Issues
- Optimize Reporting/Control Configuration

IEC 104

## Simulated Gateways



Test Sequence  
Worst Case  
Sequence of Events

All Type 1 -> True  
All Type 3 -> Open  
All Type 13-> 1,000

# Key Takeaways

## Find Issues Earlier

- Discover issues at an earlier stage

## Increase Test Coverage

- Test devices with entire system configuration

## Take Advantage of IEC 61850

- Leverage the value of the system configuration approach (SCD File)

## Tackle The Complexity

- System level analysis is necessary to verify configuration

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