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Watchdog & SDN Projects

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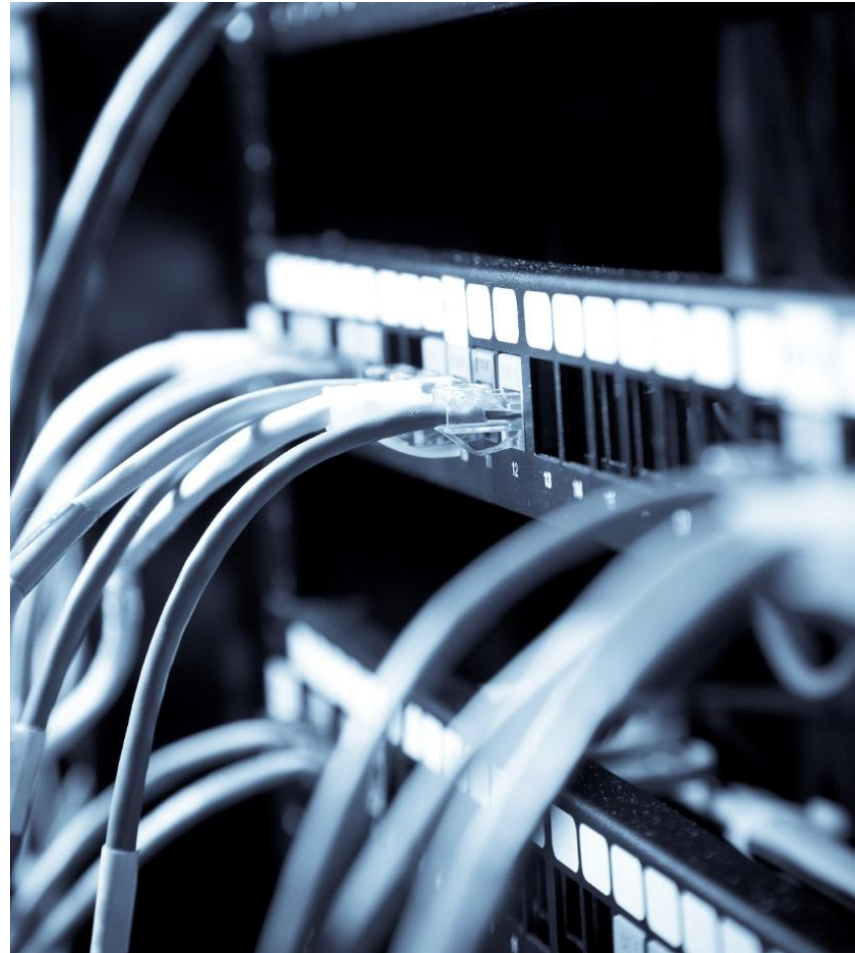
CEDS Roadmap

- **Watchdog Project**

- Topic Area 5: Secure Communications
 - Network access control
 - Multilayer packet inspection
 - Identify and contain unauthorized communications
 - Whitelist deny-by-default

- **SDN Project**

- Topic Area 2: Sustain critical operations while responding to cyber-intrusion
 - Greater situational awareness
 - Disruptionless change control
 - Scalable and cost effective IDS/IPS solutions



Summary: Watchdog & SDN Projects Completed and Commercially Released!

- **Objective**

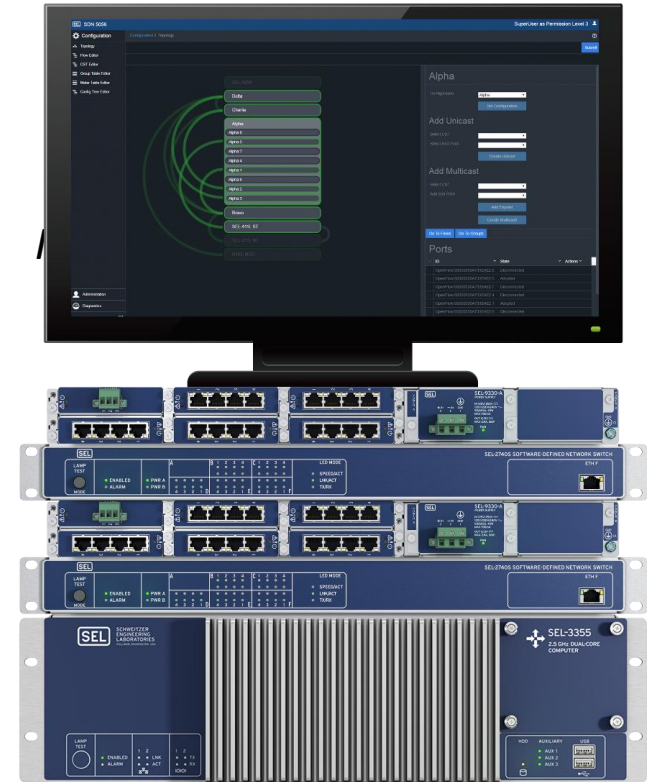
- All networks become deny-by-default whitelisted proactive traffic engineered
- Economical solution for multilayer packet inspection providing LAN traffic filtering

- **Technical Approach**

- Collect industry needs both technical and business
- Research best solutions – SDN
- Design, develop, test, release

- **World's First OT SDN Solution!!**

- <https://selinc.com/products/2740s/>
- <https://selinc.com/products/5056/>



- **Performers:** CenterPoint, PNNL, Ameren, UIUC, Oregon St, SEL

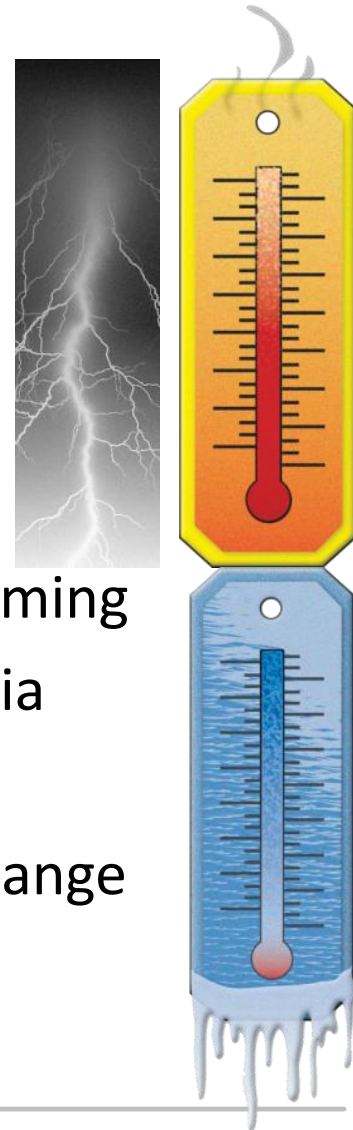
Technical Approach and Feasibility

- **Normal Approach**

- Watch and react to bad traffic
- Signature or configuration updates
- Single point in communication path

- **Watchdog & SDN Approach**

- Only allow approved traffic proactive flow programming
- Only allow approved clients multilayer match criteria
- Integrate in appliance already needed, SDN switch
- Changes only needed when protocols or devices change



Advancing the State of the Art

- **Better situational awareness**

- OpenFlow counters
- Packet and path-level control

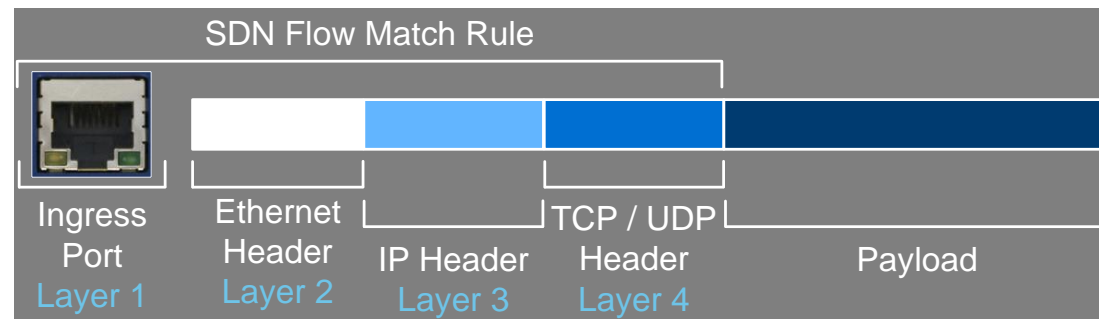


- **Stronger cybersecurity**

- Multilayer packet inspection at each hop
- Removal of vulnerable control plane
- Secure the control plane through TLS
- Simplified IDS/IPS architectures and loads through table miss entry

- **Greater performance**

- Fault heal times <100uS
- Maximize switch efficiency
- Disruptionless scalability



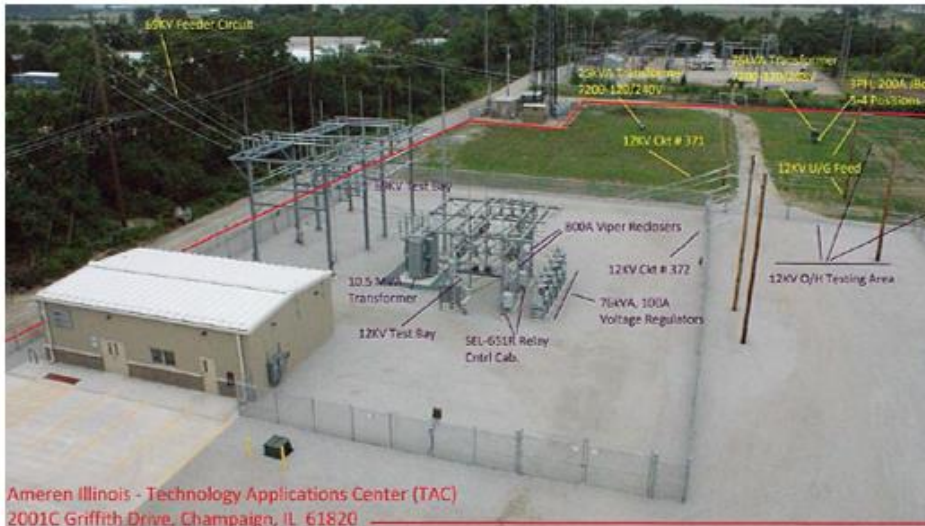
Technical Achievements

- **Developed and commercially released the SEL-2740S**
 - World's first OT SDN switch
- **Developed and commercially released the SEL-5056**
 - World's first OT SDN flow controller
- **Designed to open source standards maximizing interoperability and scalability**



Validated Technology

- Supporting the technical and business needs
- Improving reliability at the same time as cybersecurity

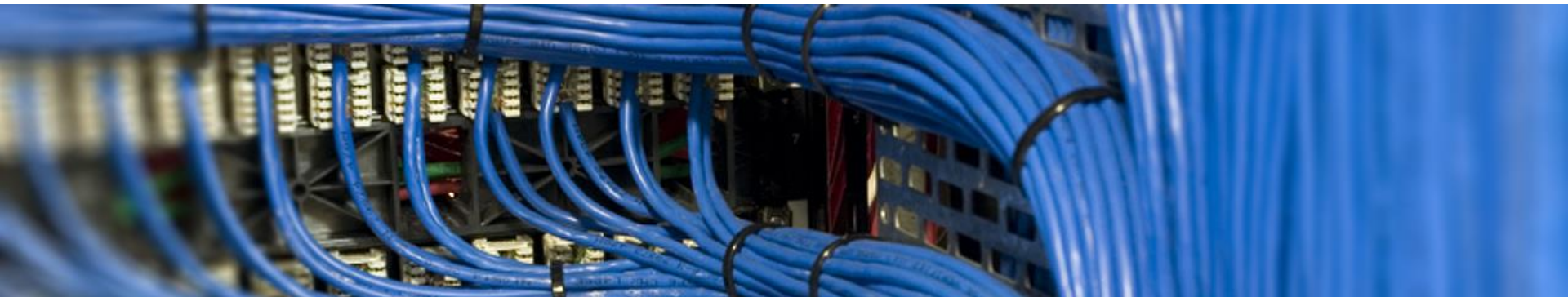


SEL completes successful onsite testing of first substation software-defined network

Ameren onsite validation exceeds expectations

Conclusions: Watchdog & SDN Projects

- **Met every task and deliverable in project objectives**
- **Resulted in world's first OT SDN solution**
- **Greatly improves cybersecurity, reliability, performance, and usability of control system Ethernet networks**
- **Redefines what is possible on Ethernet networks**
- **Being deployed now at many critical infrastructure organizations ranging from DoD to Industrial to Electric to O&G**



Next Steps

Poster Session for Details

Chess Master Project

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