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Next Generation Sensors: **Power Industry**

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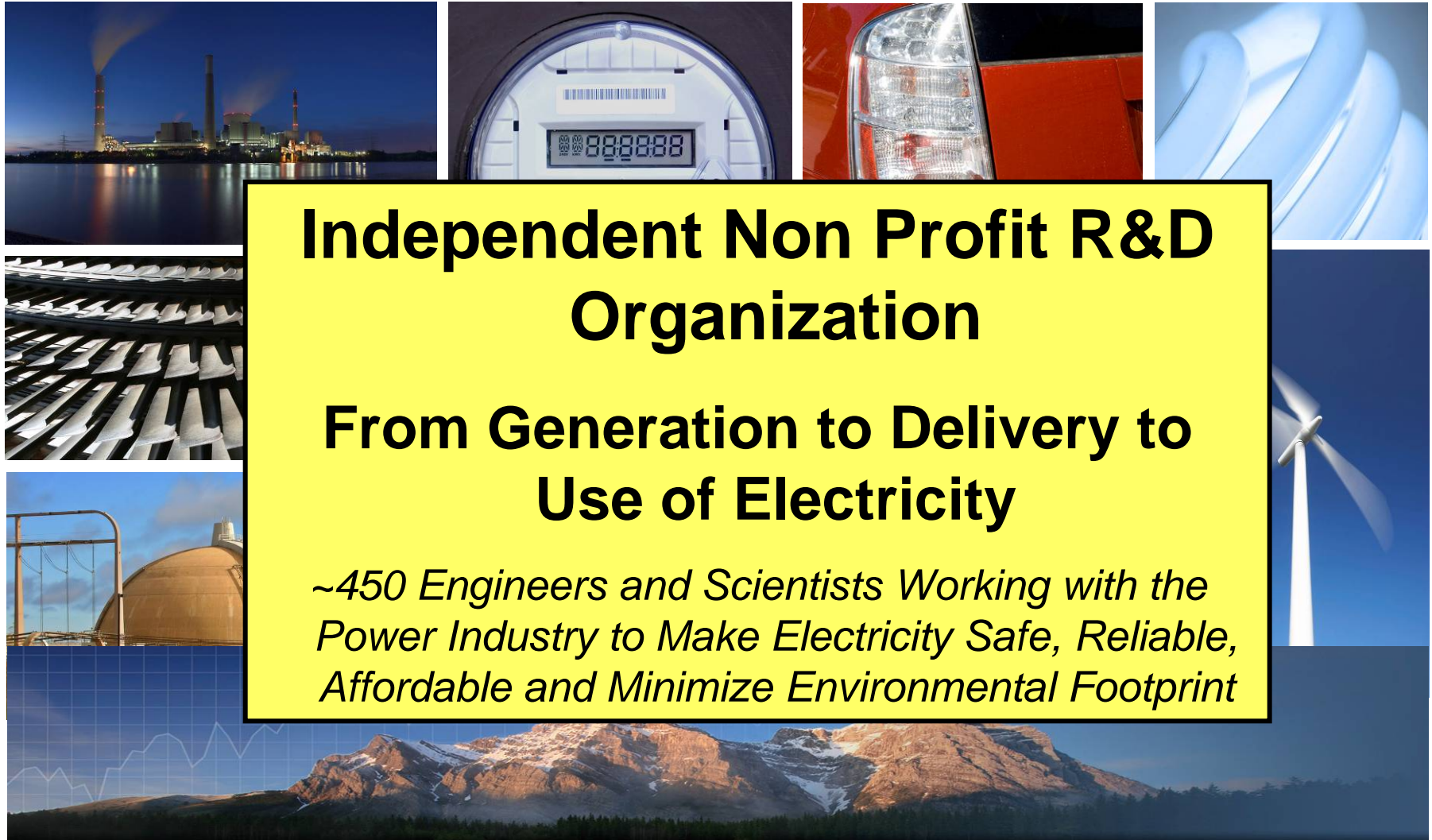
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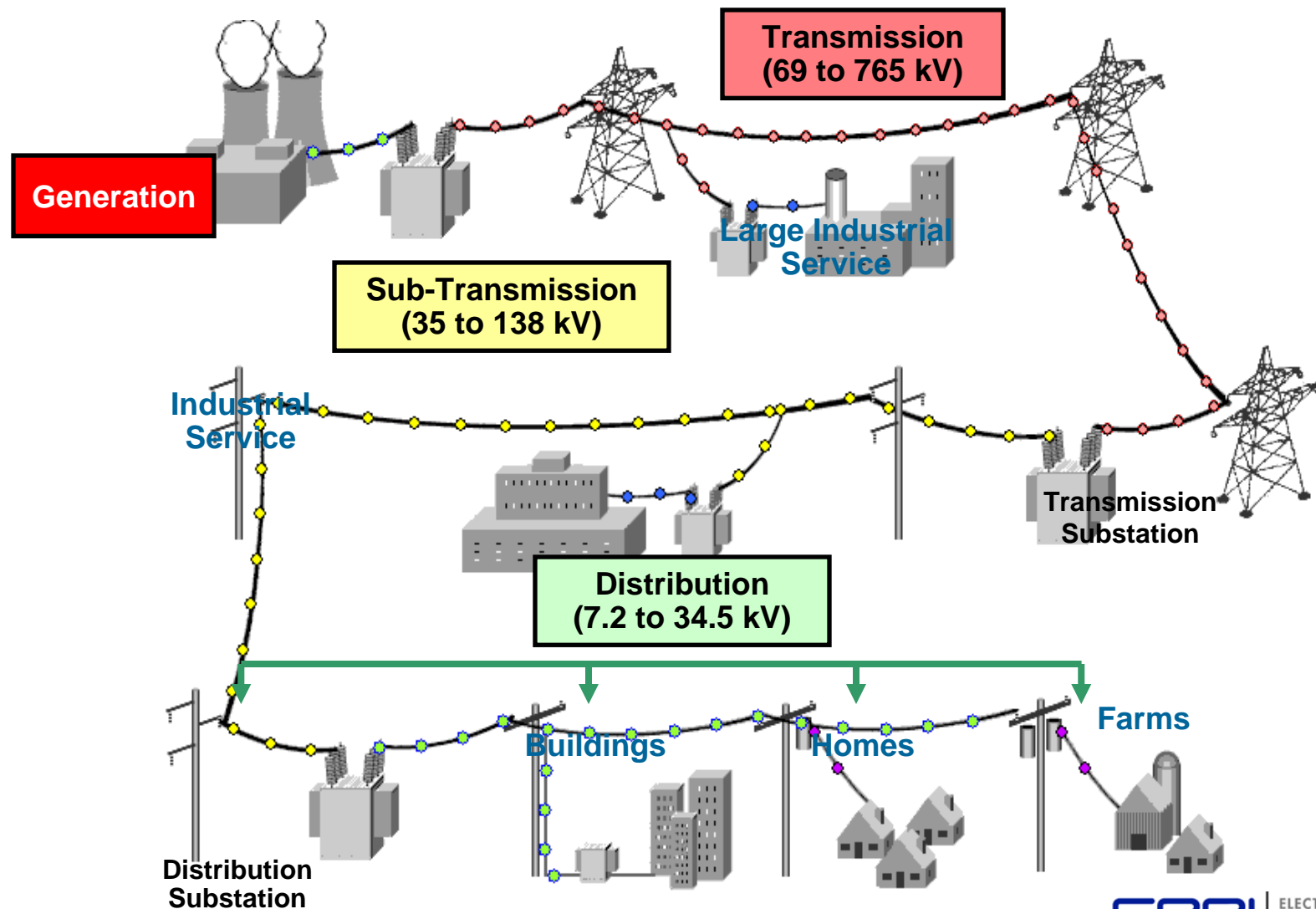


Independent Non Profit R&D Organization

From Generation to Delivery to Use of Electricity

*~450 Engineers and Scientists Working with the
Power Industry to Make Electricity Safe, Reliable,
Affordable and Minimize Environmental Footprint*

The Power Sector



The Power Sector: Facts



950 GW 3700 Billion kWh

400,000 Miles Transmission

5 Million Miles Distribution

22,000 Substations

Homes
130 Million Meters

The Evolving Smart_(er) Grid

Sense



Communicate



Compute



Control



Power Plants



Transmission



Substations



Distribution



Consumers

Sensors

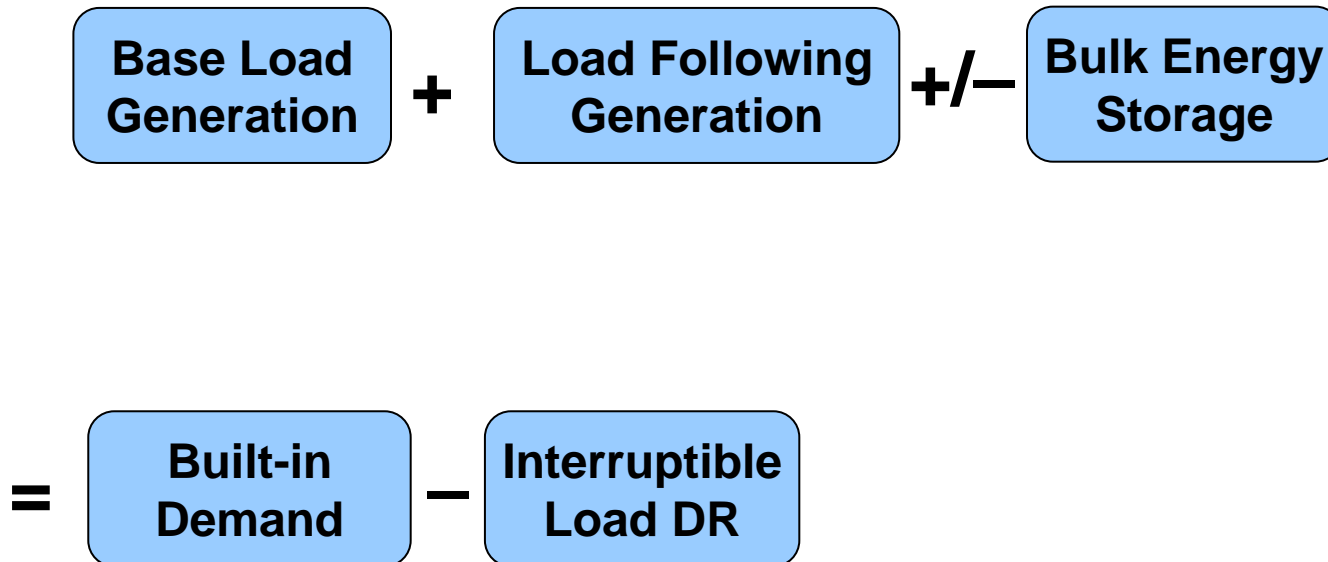
A Key Component of the Evolving Smart_(er) Grid

Examples of Future Sensor Needs for the Smart_(er) Grid

- **The Next Generation Grid Management Systems**
- **A Reliable Power Delivery Infrastructure**

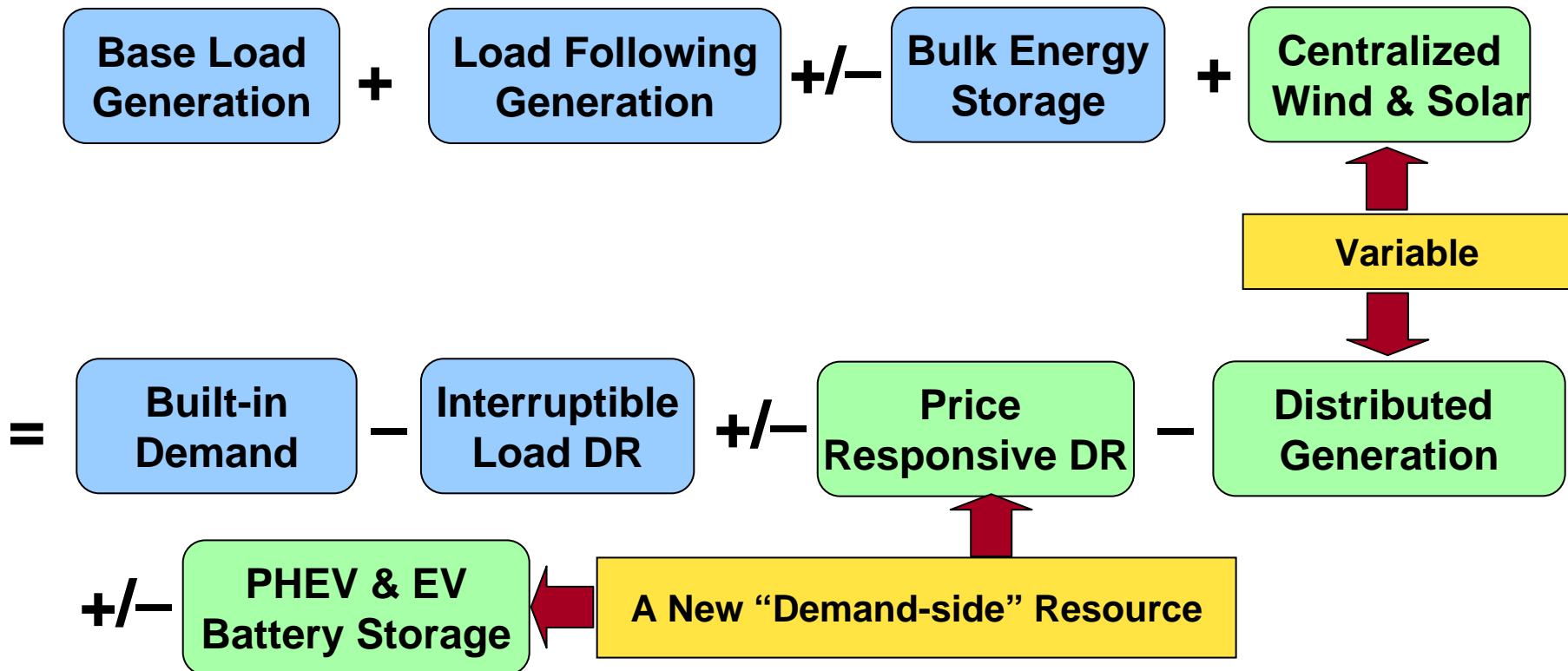
Operating Today's Grid

Balancing Forecastable Demand-side Resources with Dispatchable Generation

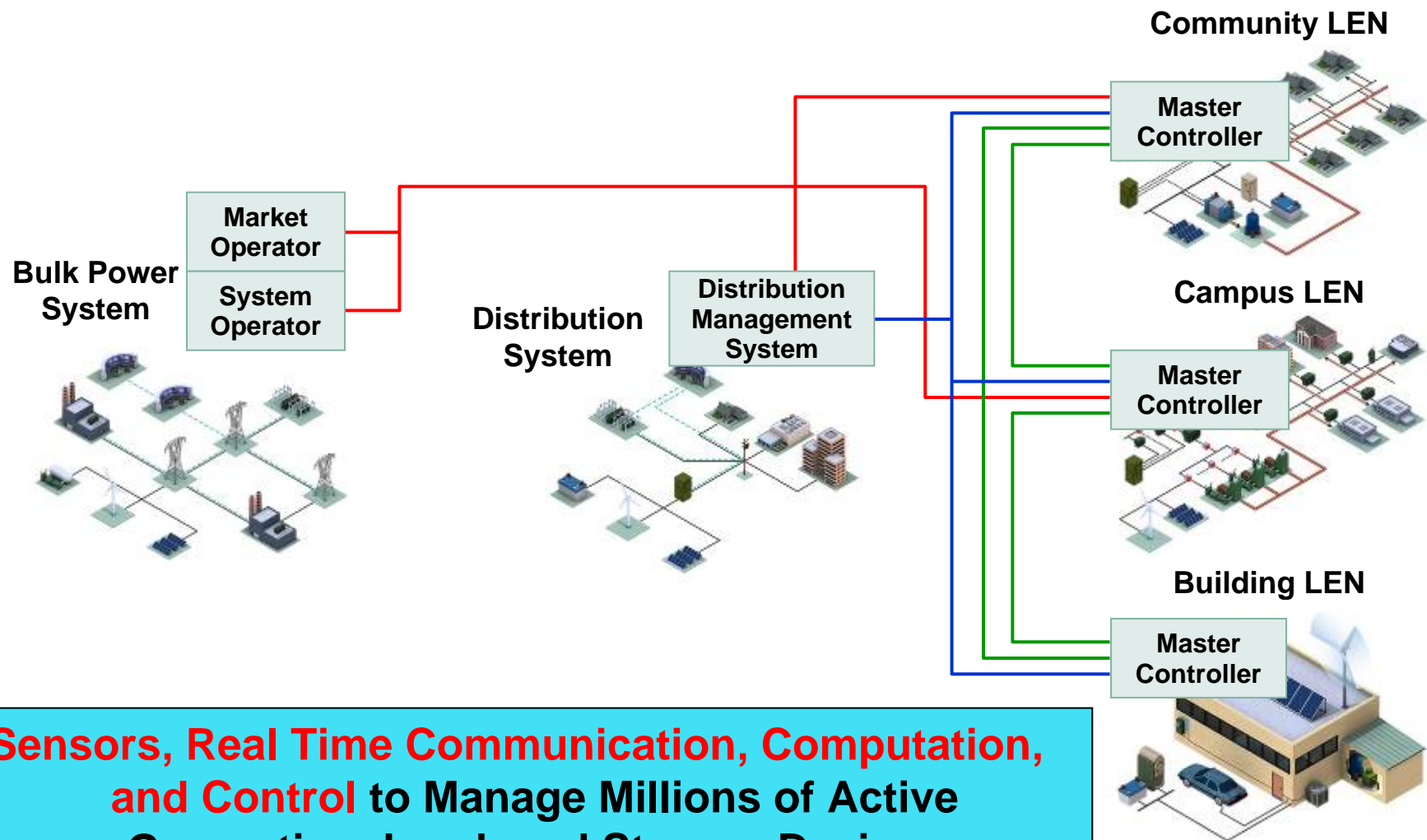


Operating Tomorrow's Grid

Balancing Unpredictable Demand-side Resources with Variable Generation



Innovation: Tomorrow's Grid Operating System



Sensors, Real Time Communication, Computation, and Control to Manage Millions of Active Generation, Load, and Storage Devices

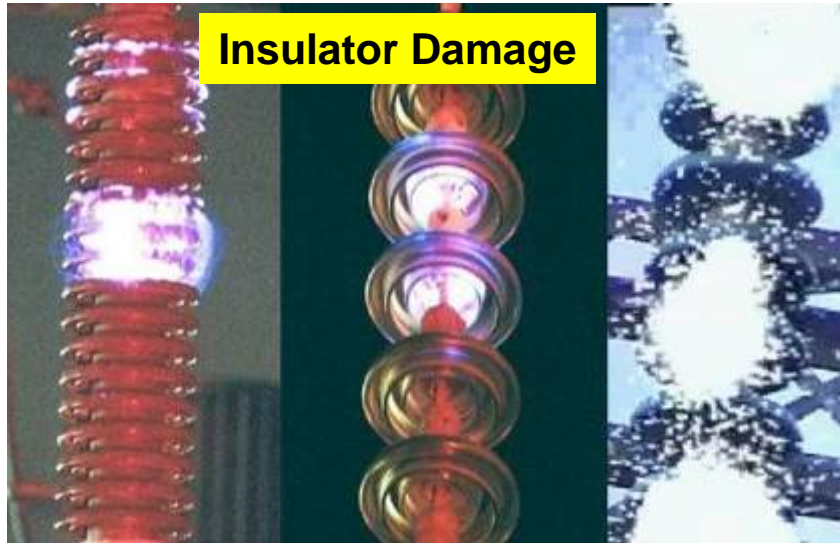
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Reliability of Transmission Infrastructure



Aging Infrastructure



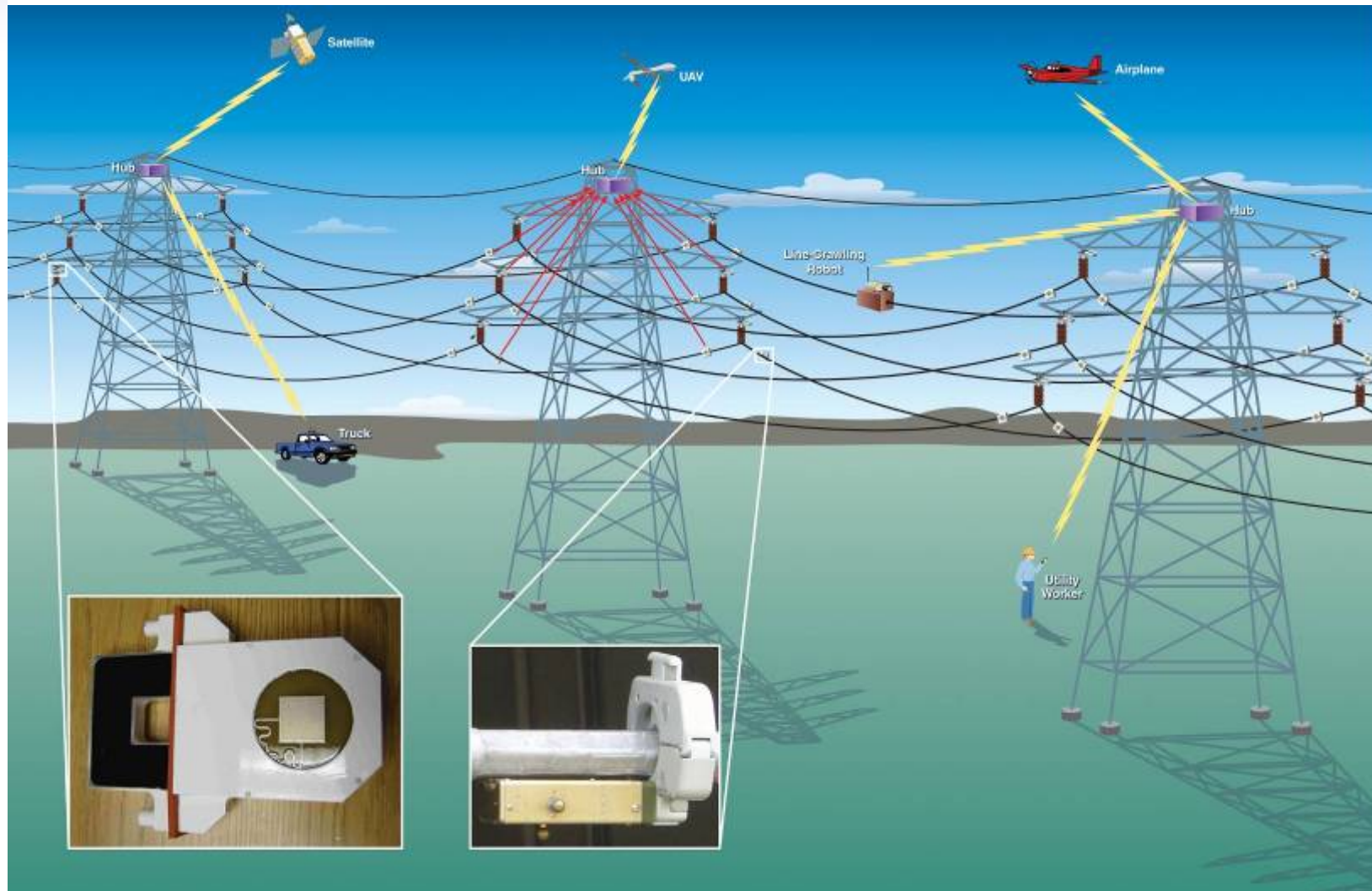
Corrosion Above
Ground Line



Corrosion Below
Ground Line



Transmission Line Inspection of the Future



Sensor Challenges – Packaging / Live Working Installation

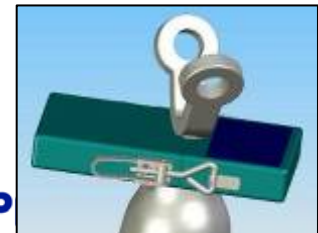
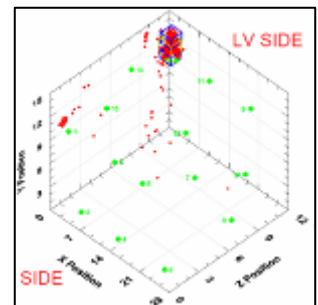
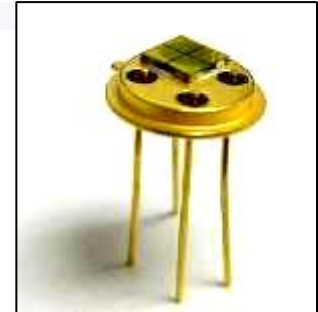


Substations - A Key Infrastructure for the Power Industry

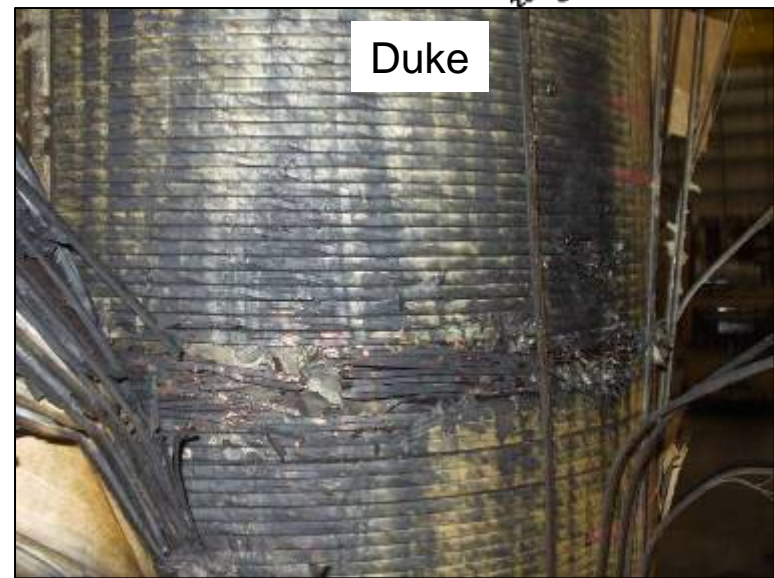
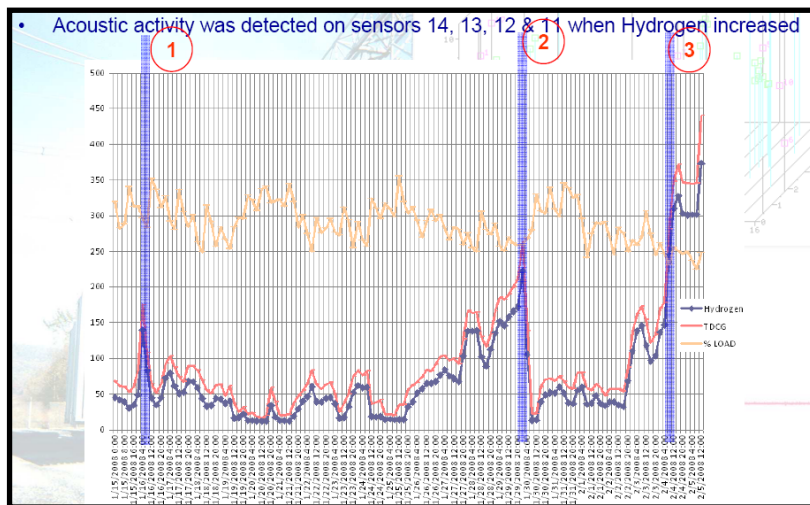
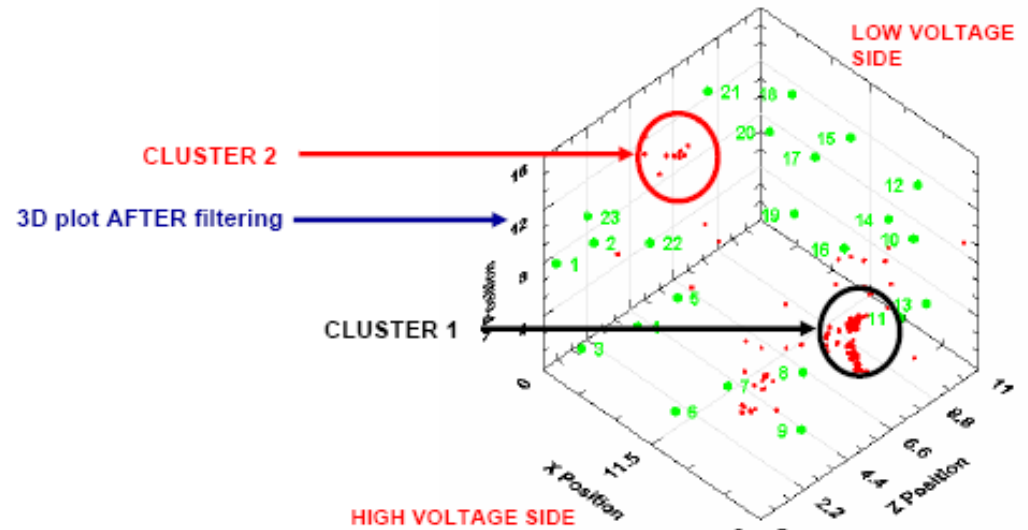
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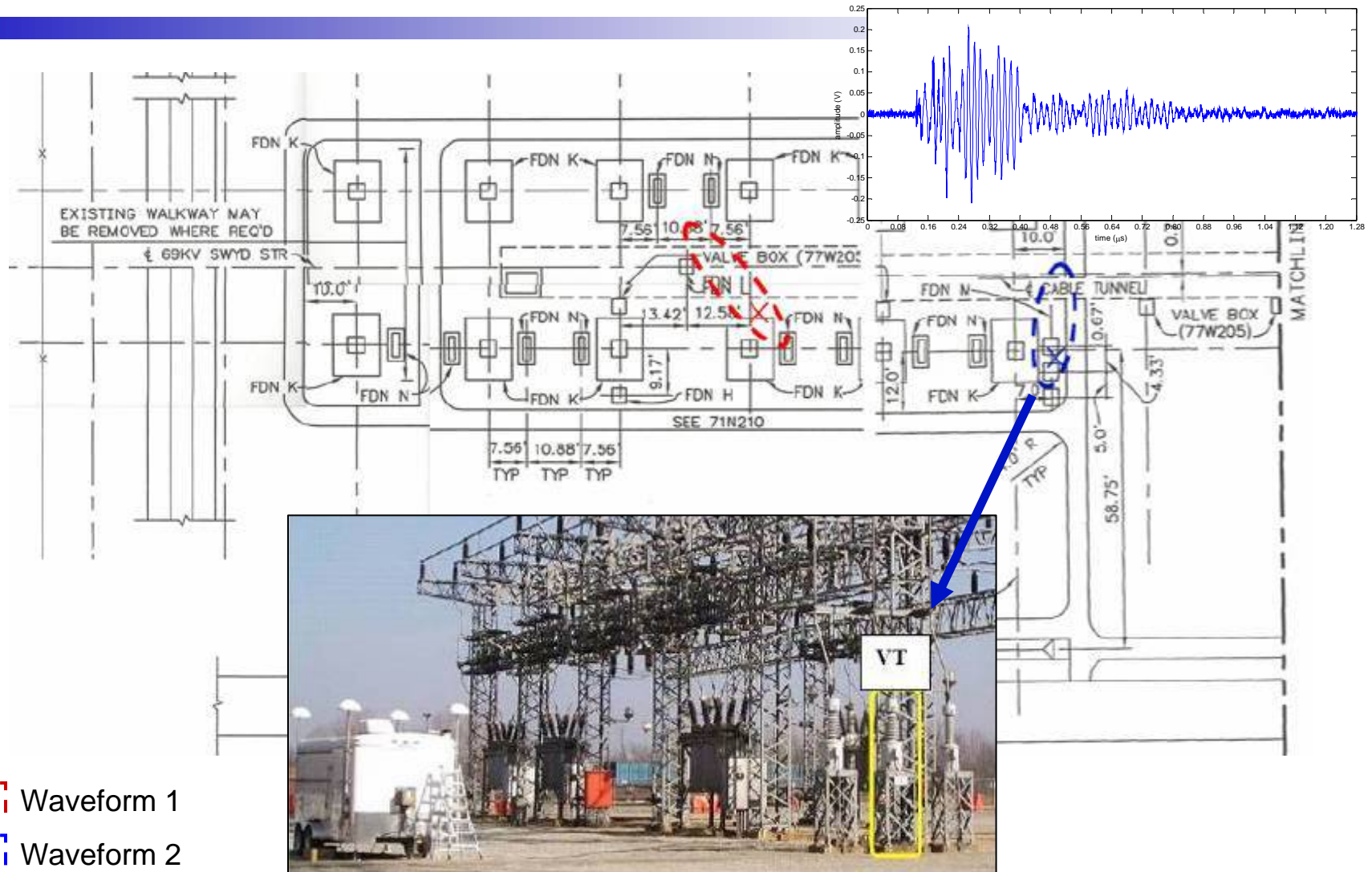
Present to
Future...



3D Acoustic Emission for Transformers

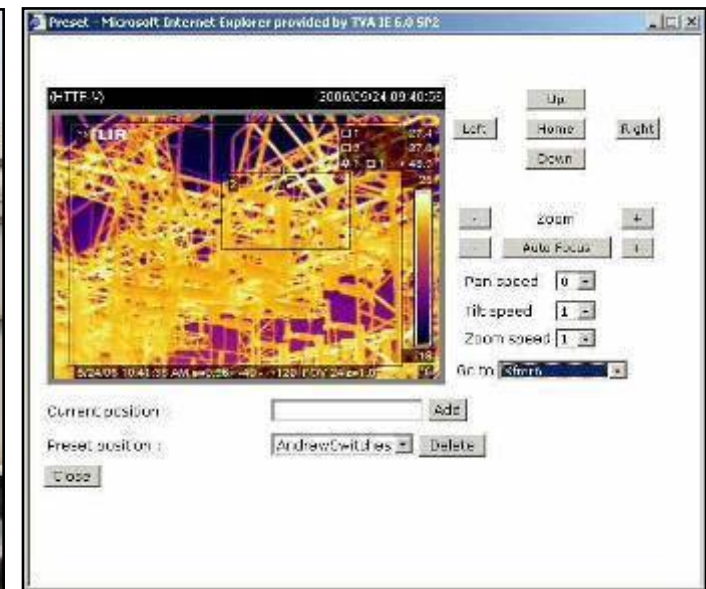


Antenna Array – Discharge Location



- Waveform 1
- Waveform 2

Integrated Monitoring & Diagnostics Algorithm development for on-line IR analysis



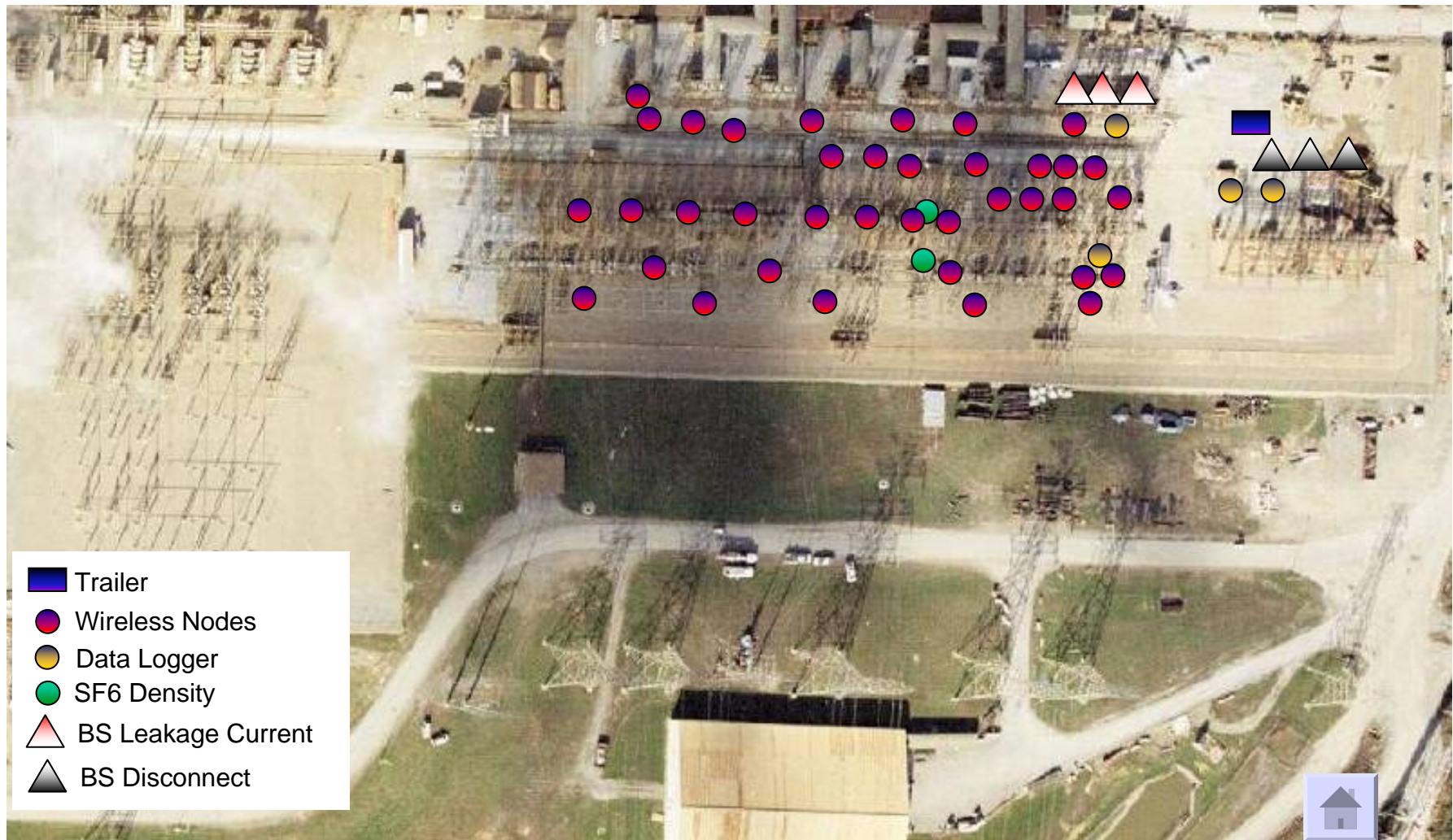
High accuracy loggers used for calibration of remote sensing

Substation Wireless Sensor Research

Vibration Power Harvesting



Wireless Mesh Sensors



Field Deployment of Emerging Sensor Technologies – 19 Utilities: 26 Sites.....Get the Algorithms Right!!

SF6 Density

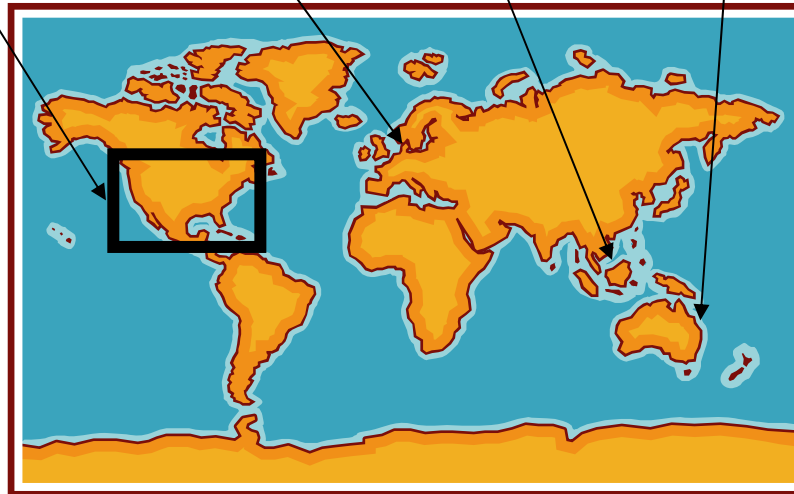


UK

Malaysia

Australia

16 Utilities



Wireless Acoustics



Contamination Sensor



Conductor/
Connector
Sensor



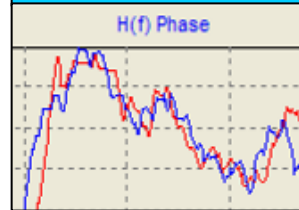
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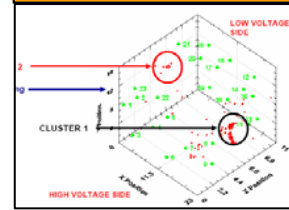
Antenna Array



On-Line FRA



3D Acoustics



Summary

- Unique needs for sensor technologies in power sector
 - Low cost & maintenance need
 - More reliable than the infrastructure
 - Wide geographical coverage
 - Power harvesting
 - High electrical and magnetic field
 - Uncontrolled environment
- Communication is an enabler
- We soon will be blinded by sensor data.....converting data to information to actionable decision