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## Next Generation Sensors: Power Industry

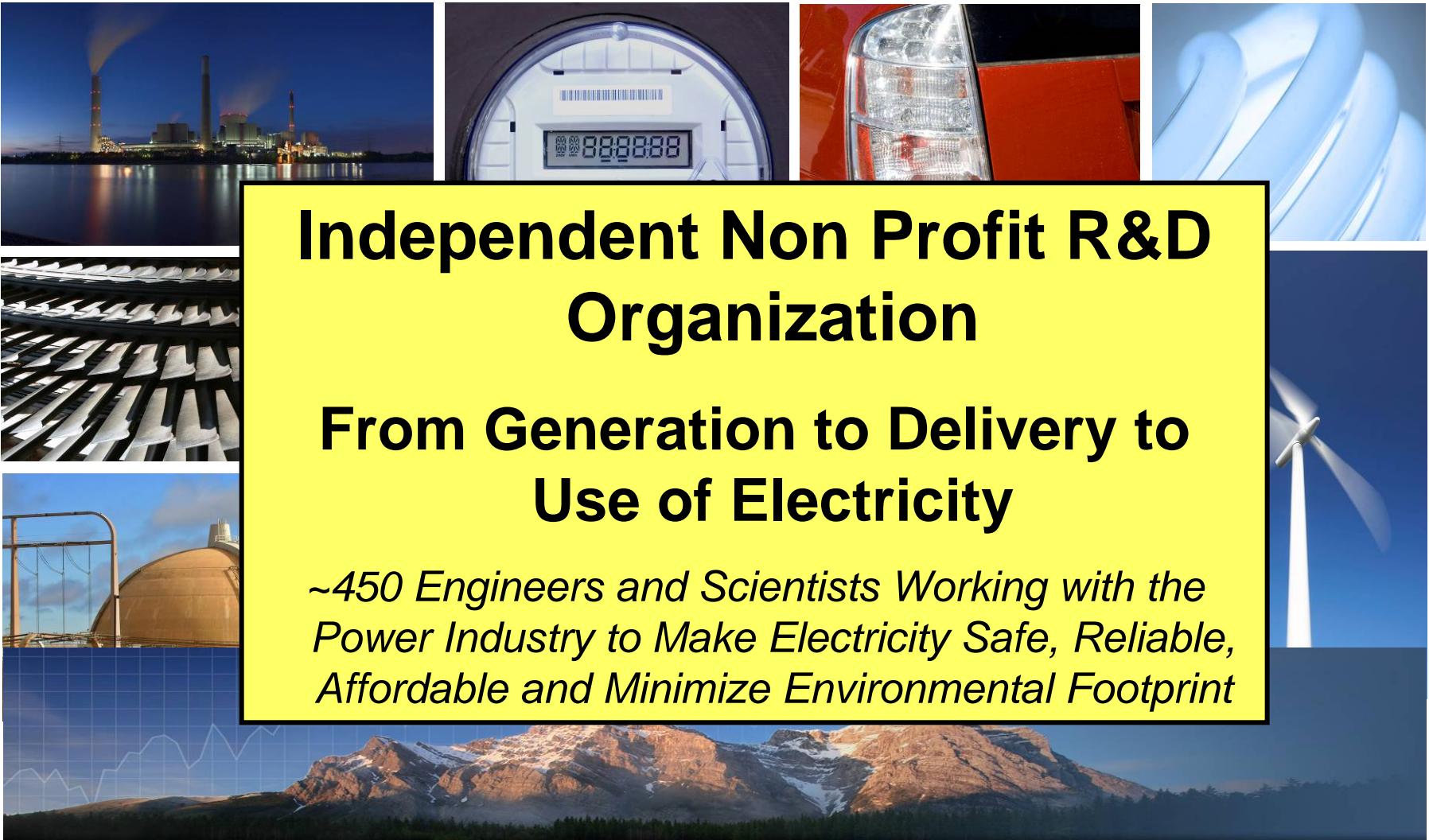
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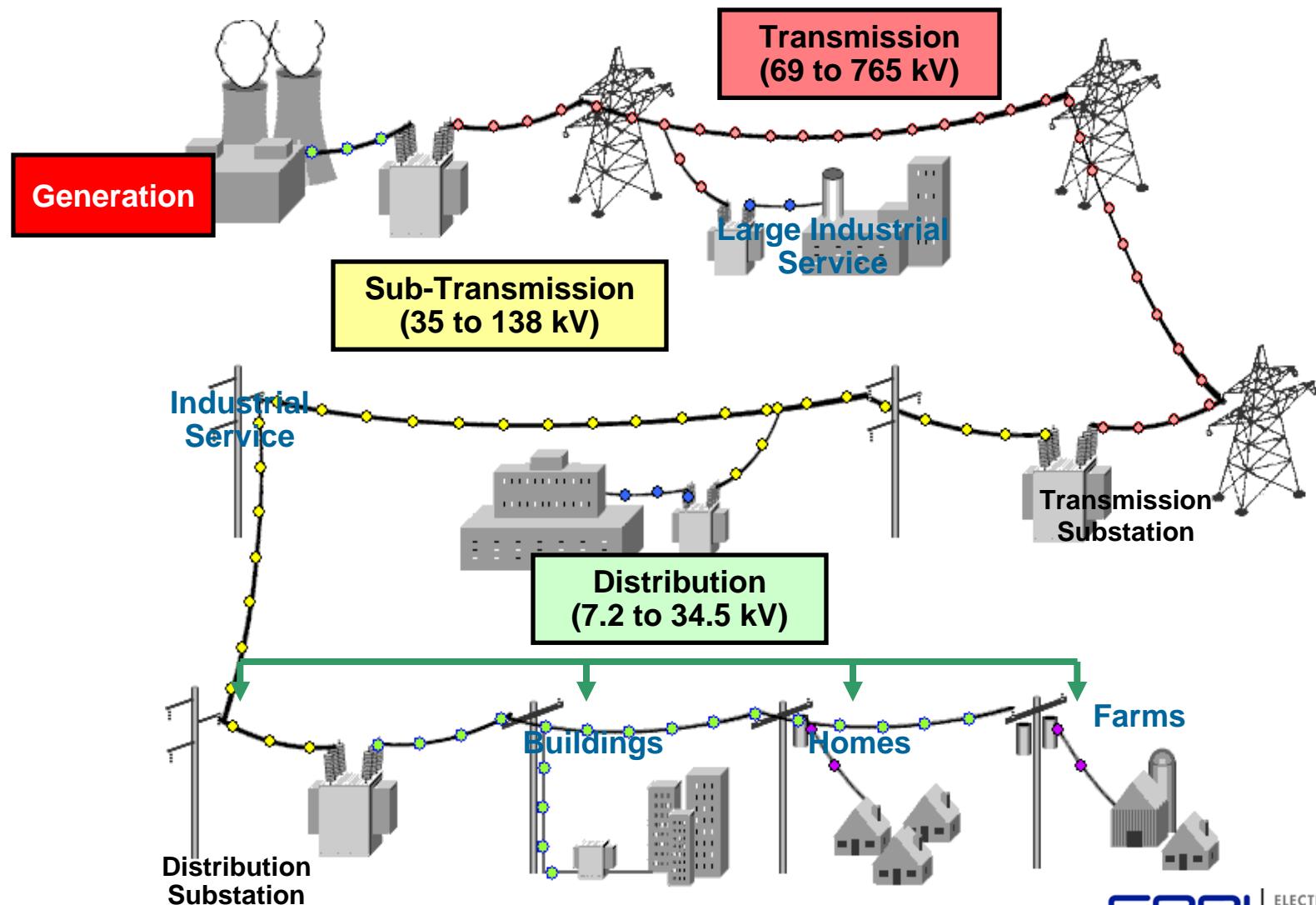


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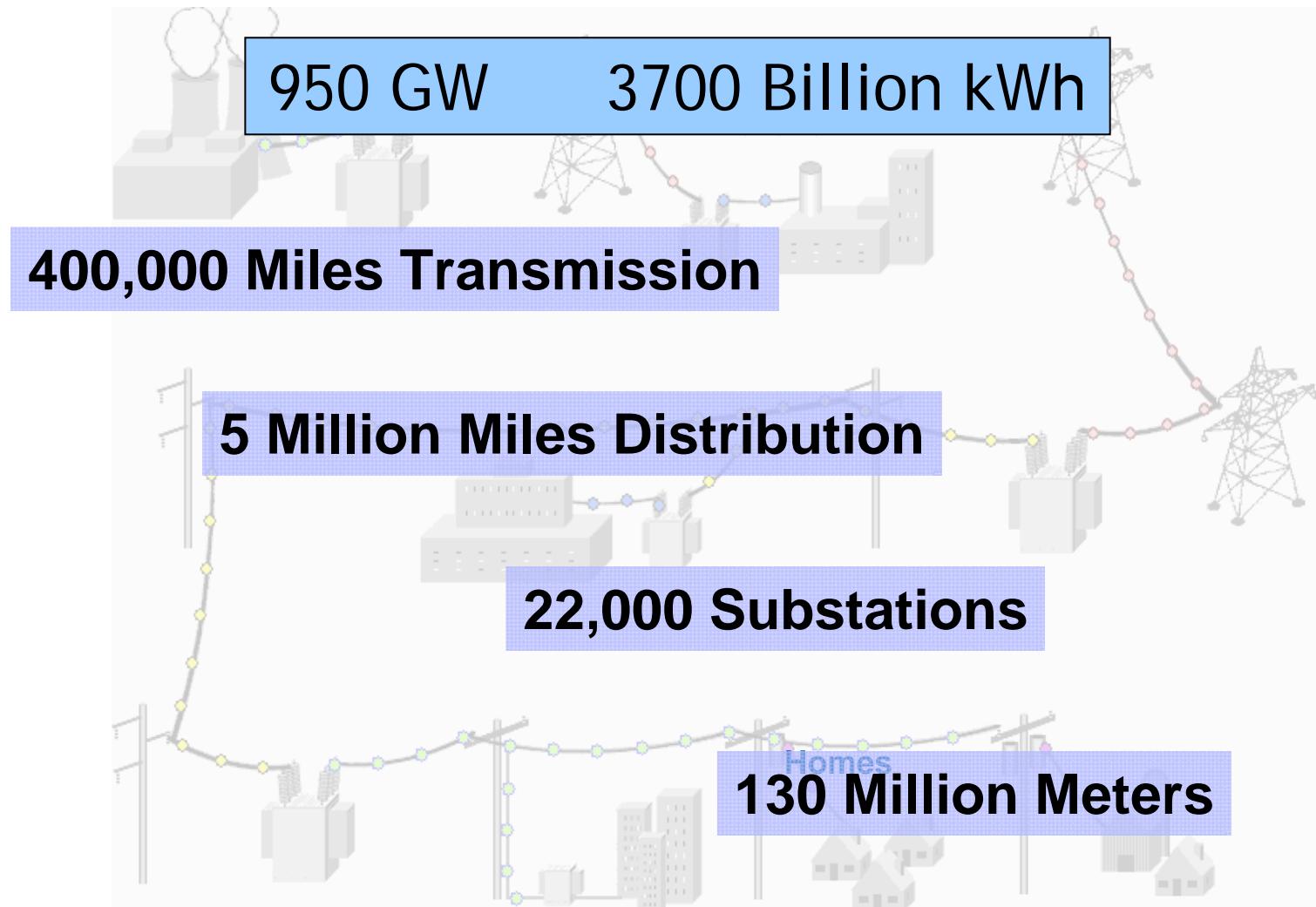
**From Generation to Delivery to Use of Electricity**

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

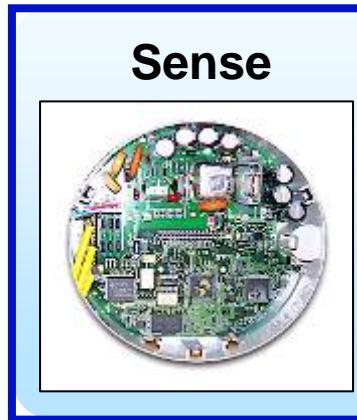
# The Power Sector



# The Power Sector: Facts



# The Evolving Smart(er) Grid



**Communicate**



**Compute**



**Control**



**Power Plants**



**Transmission**



**Substations**



**Distribution**



**Consumers**

## Sensors

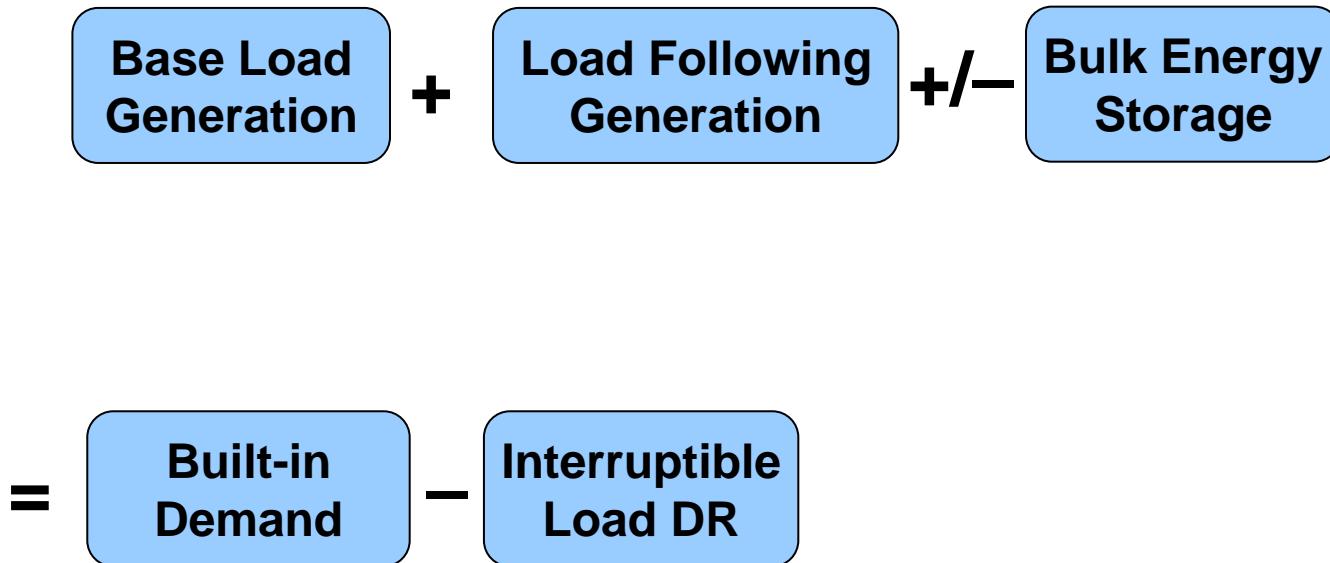
**A Key Component of the Evolving Smart(er) Grid**

# Examples of Future Sensor Needs for the Smart(er) Grid

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

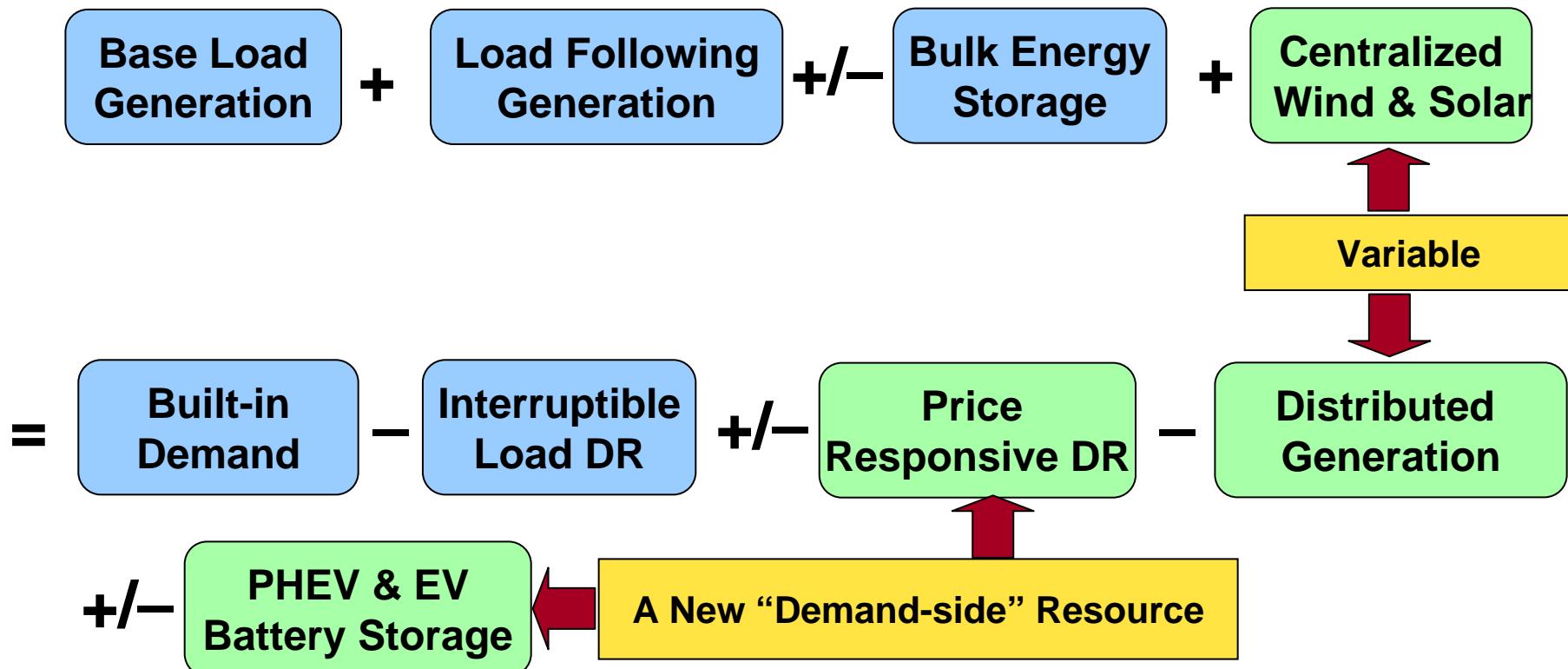
# Operating Today's Grid

**Balancing Forecastable Demand-side Resources  
with Dispatchable Generation**

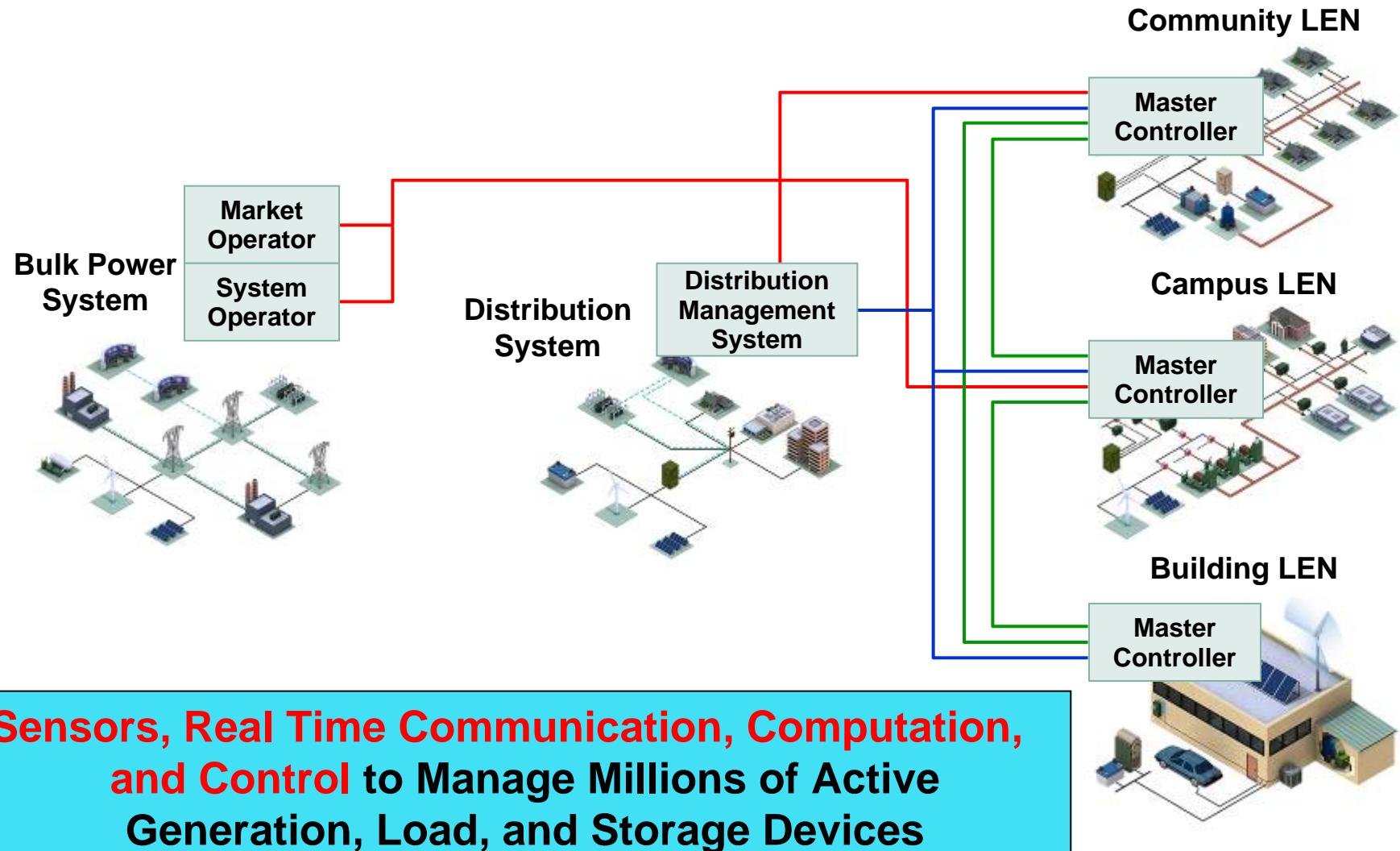


# Operating Tomorrow's Grid

## Balancing Unpredictable Demand-side Resources with Variable Generation



# Innovation: Tomorrow's Grid Operating System



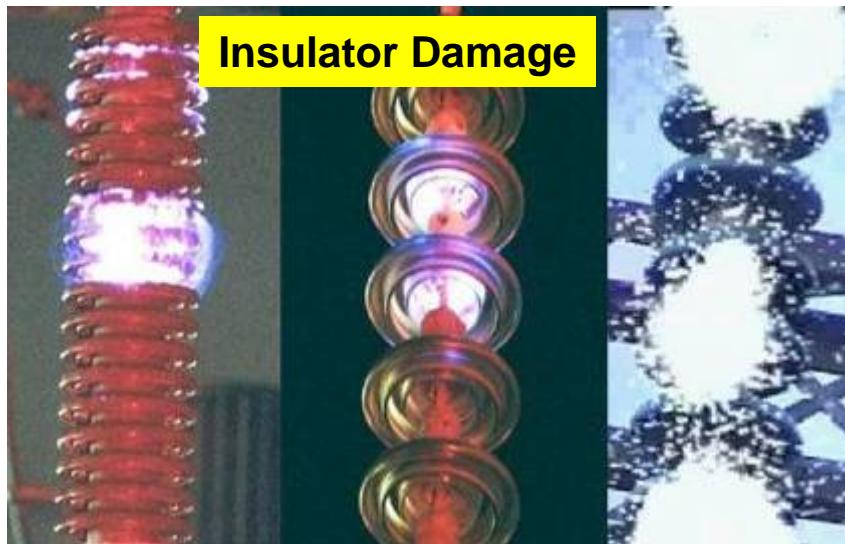
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# Reliability of Transmission Infrastructure



# Aging Infrastructure



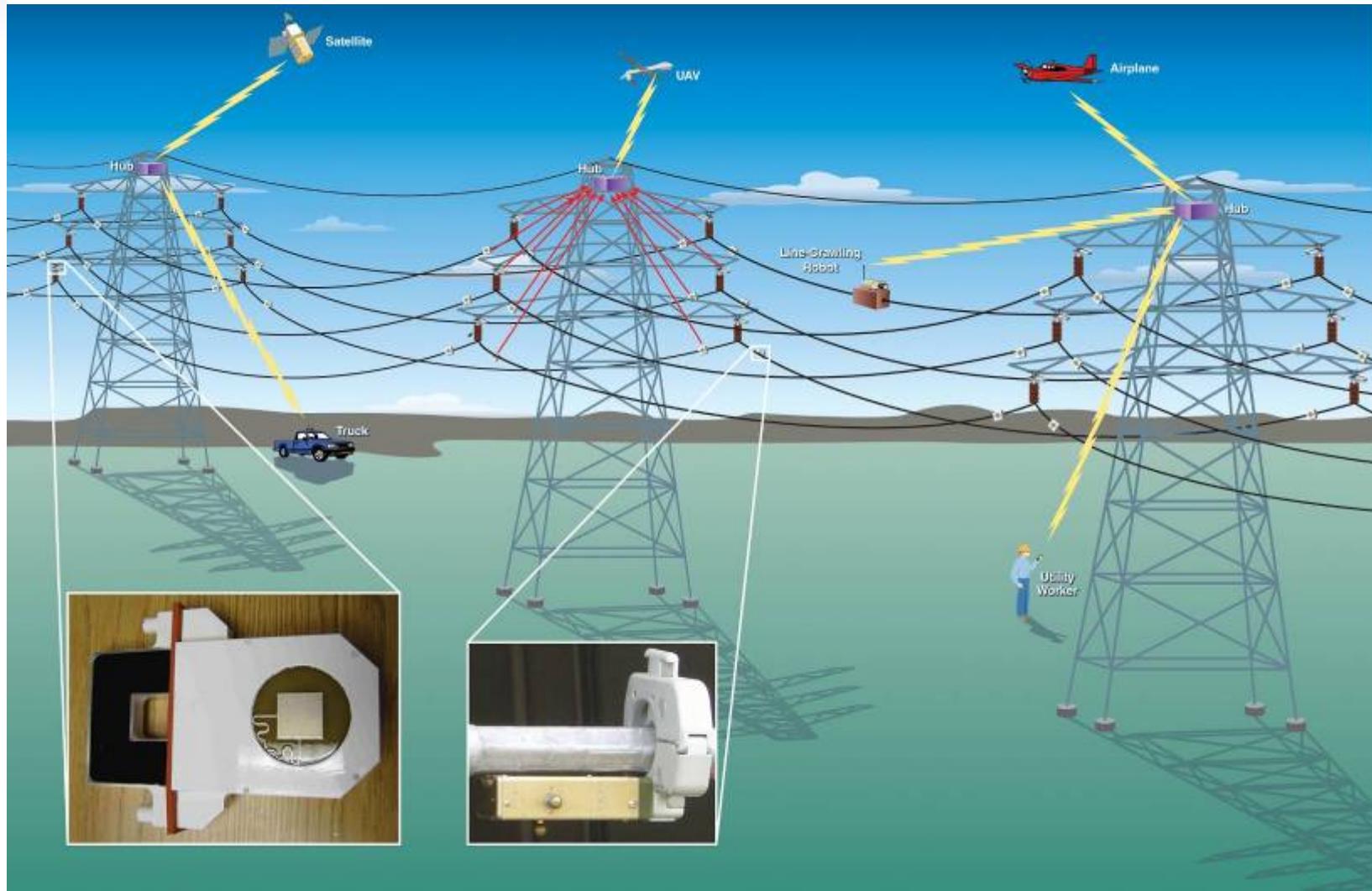
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Ground Line**



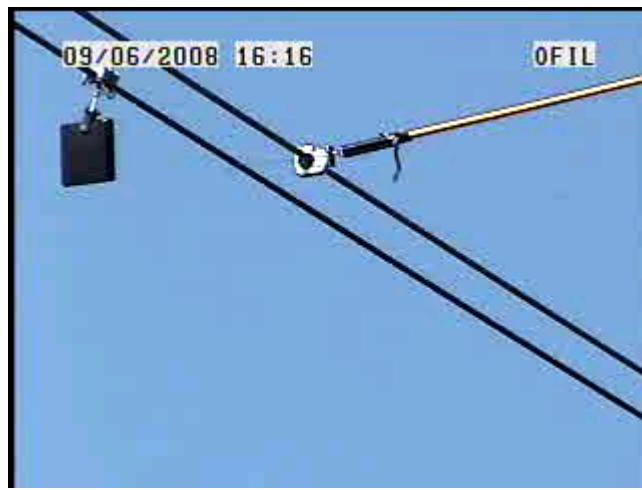
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# Transmission Line Inspection of the Future



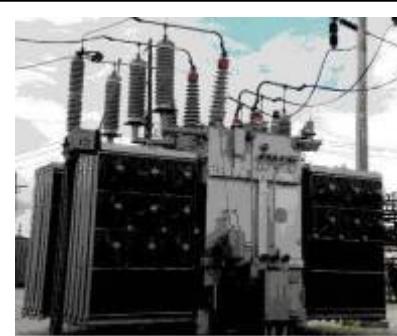
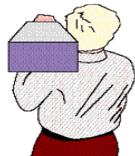
# Sensor Challenges – Packaging / Live Working Installation



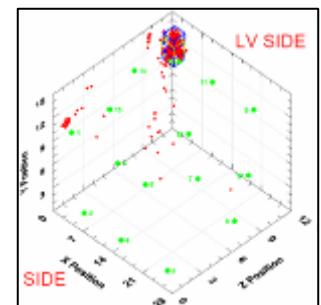
# Substations - A Key Infrastructure for the Power Industry



Past

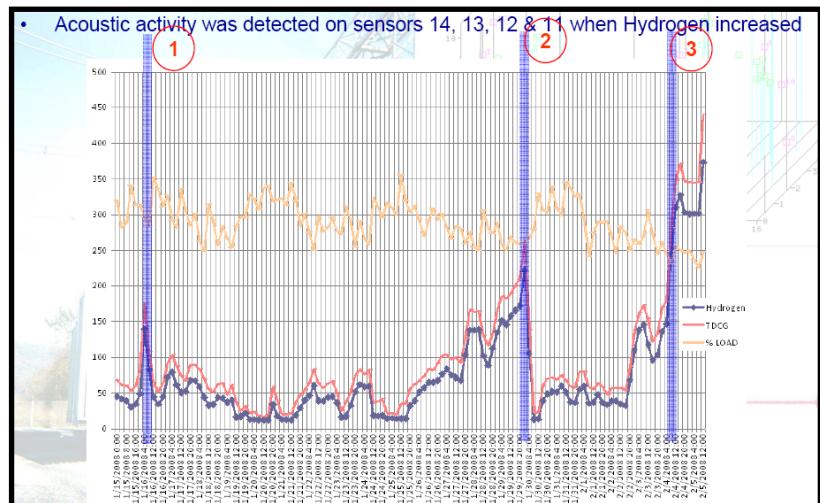
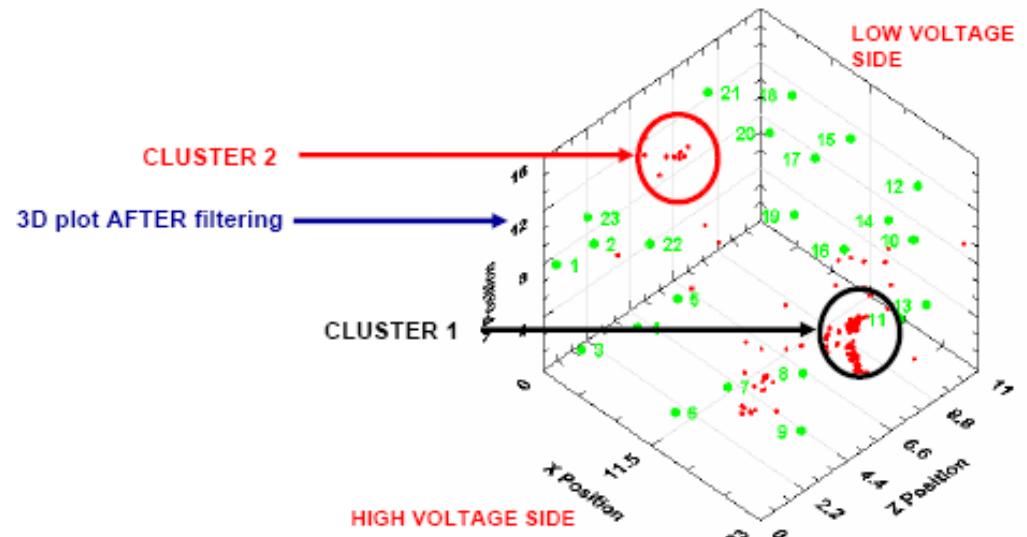


Present to Future...

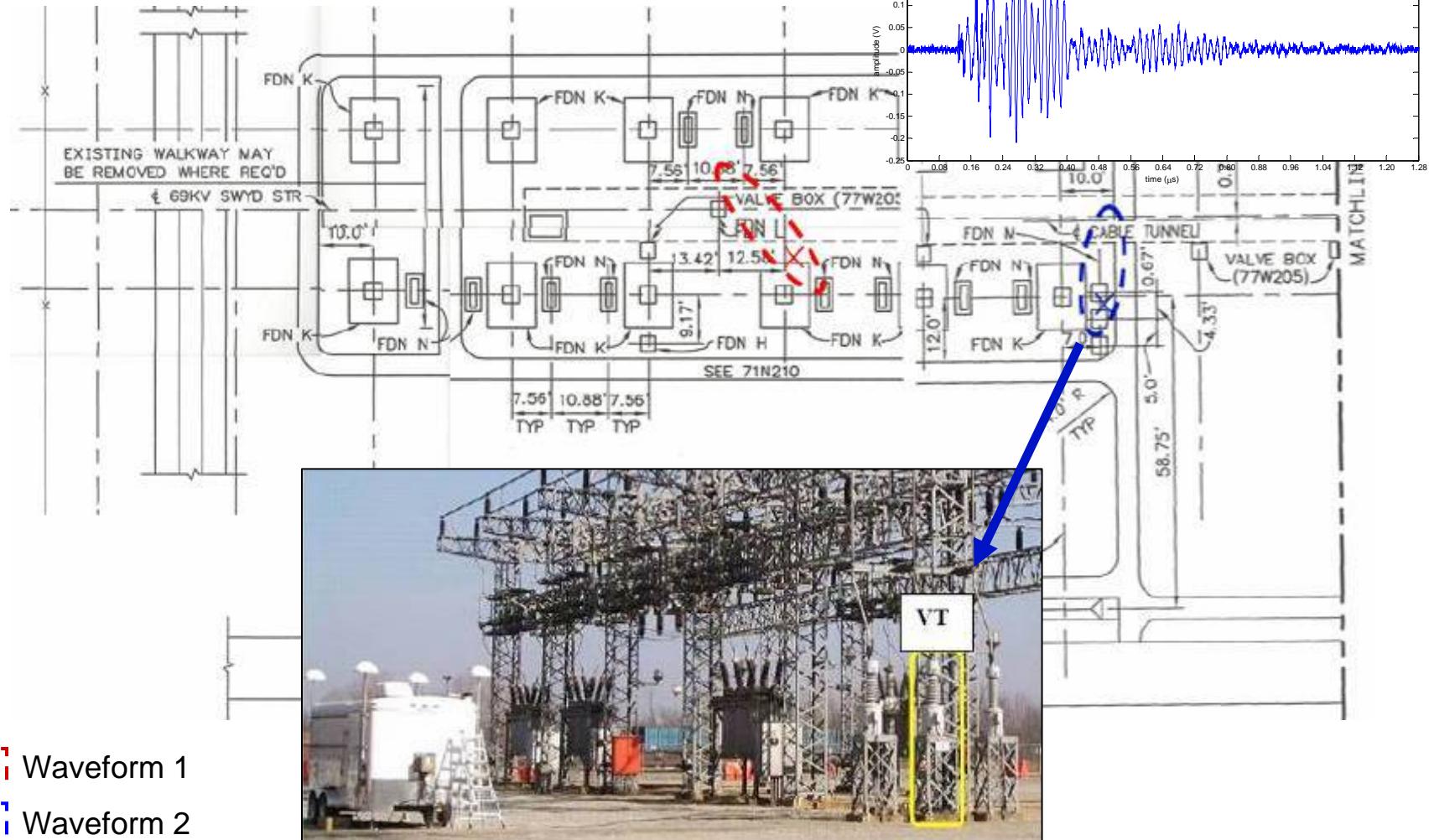


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# 3D Acoustic Emission for Transformers



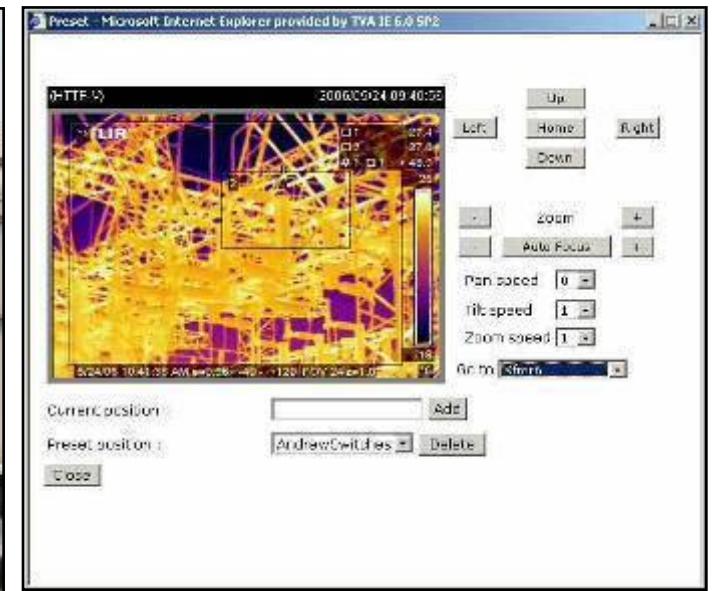
# Antenna Array – Discharge Location



Waveform 1

Waveform 2

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



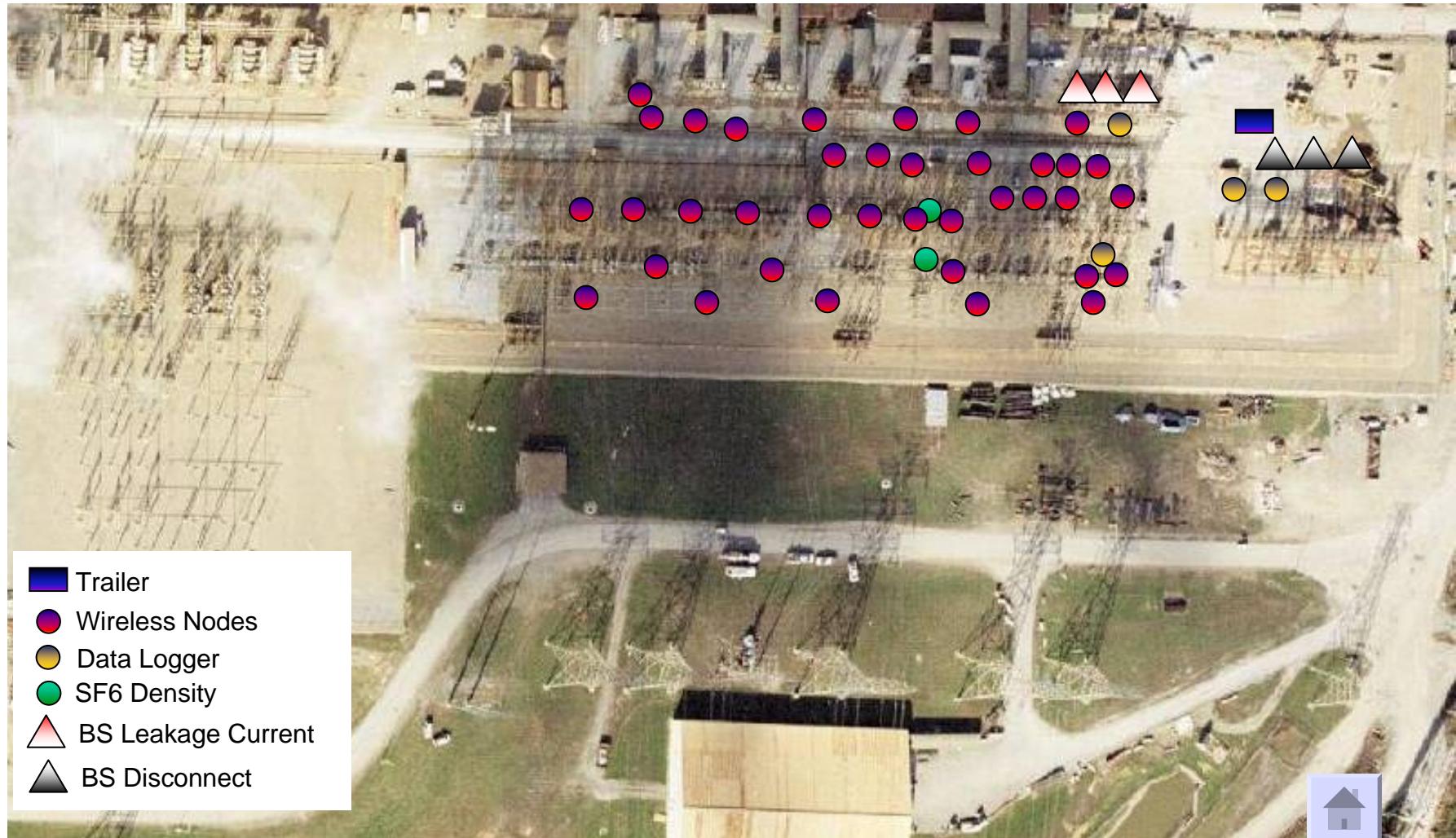
High accuracy loggers used for calibration of remote sensing

# Substation Wireless Sensor Research

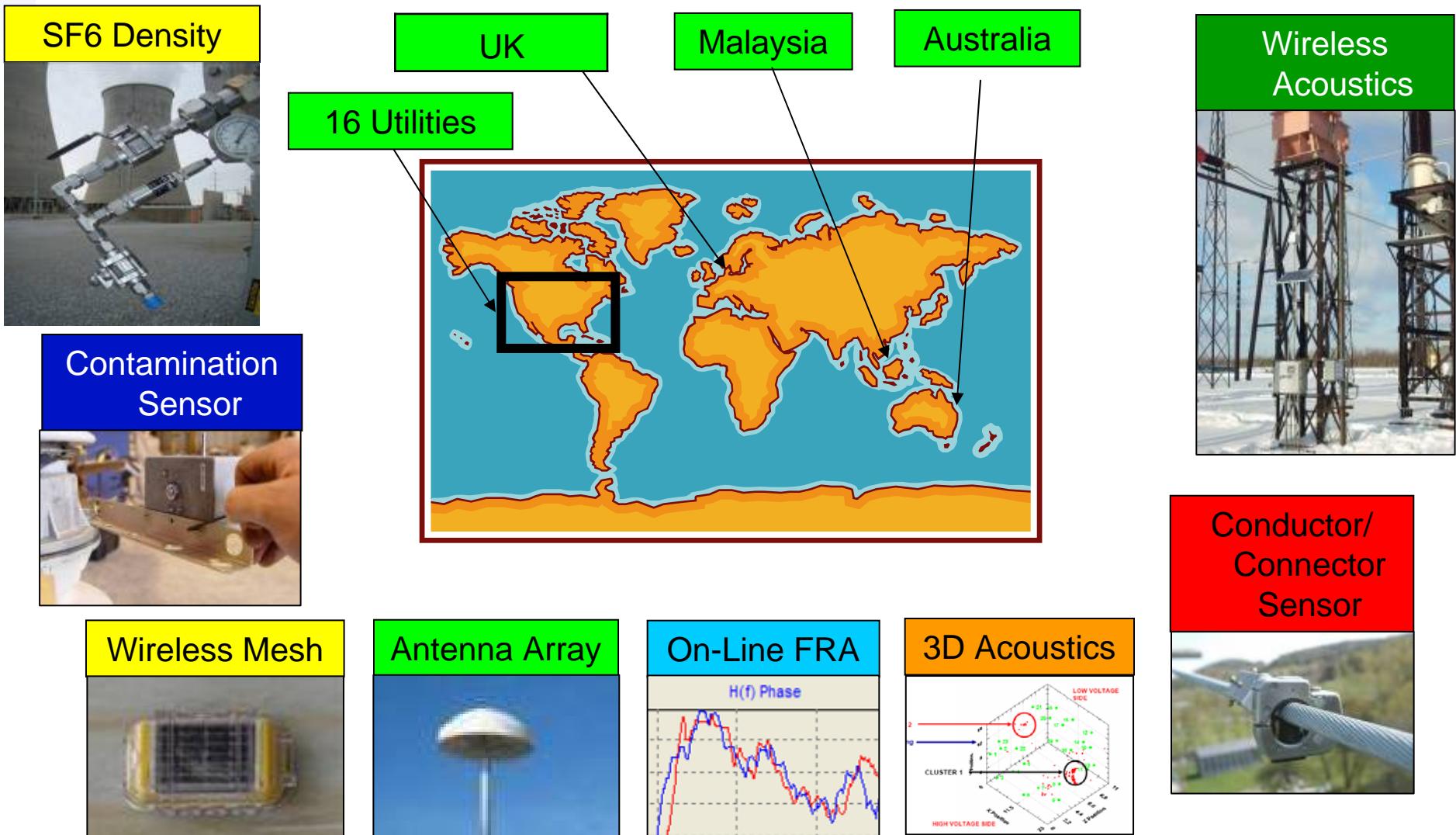
## Vibration Power Harvesting



# Wireless Mesh Sensors



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



# 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