

Addressing Challenges in Modern Grid Integration

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EVERY CONNECTION COUNTS

SMART GRID SOLUTIONS

**GRID CONNECTIVITY
+ RELIABILITY**



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1 Introduction to TE Connectivity & Kries Energietechnik

2 Customer Challenges in Grid Integration

3 Achieve Grid Digitalization – Key Steps

4 Our Solutions for Underground and Overhead Grids

5 Key Takeaways

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ENERGY BUSINESS UNIT

CUSTOMERS RELY ON US TO INNOVATE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY NETWORKS AND KEEP THE POWER ON.



3100

EMPLOYEES
DEDICATED TO ENERGY

\$917M

ENERGY GLOBAL
REVENUE FY24

PARTNERING IN

130+

COUNTRIES



WORLD's top
Utilities, EPCs
and OEMs

Sales figures based on actuals exchange rates.

Introduction to Kries Energietechnik



- Founded in **1994**
- **Pioneer in smart grid** systems that help maximize uptime for power grids around the world.
- Built on a **deep culture of quality and innovation**
- **Complete offering** for automation, transparency and efficiency of distribution grids for increased uptime
- **2020: Collaboration** between Kries Energietechnik & TE Connectivity
- **2023: Acquisition of Kries Energietechnik**



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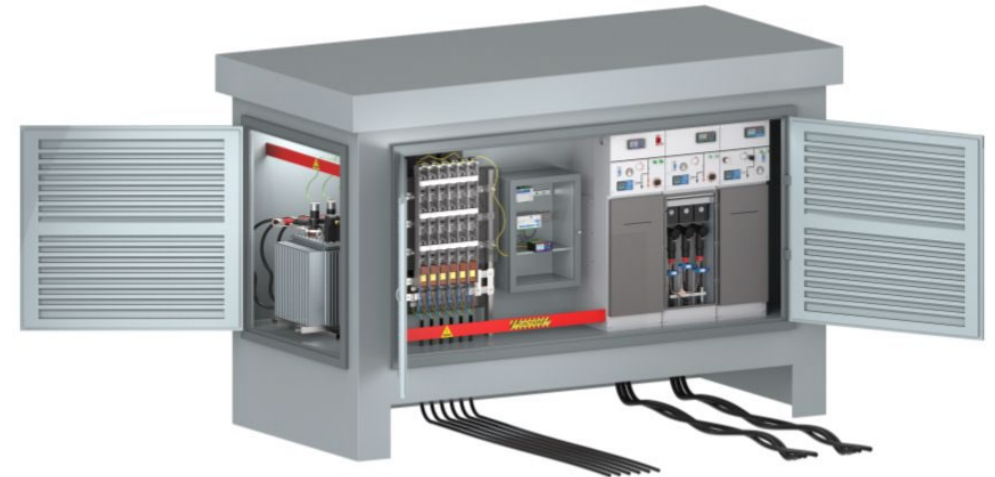


Power Presence in Distribution Networks

Reliable power presence is only possible through the combination of smart components.

Distribution networks are changing:

- More intelligence in the secondary substation.
- More intelligence in the feeders.
- Intelligence through combination of VDIS, fault indicators and smart sensors.



Enhancing Grid Reliability Every Step of the Way

As your global partner, we deliver solutions to prevent faults through reliable connections, advanced insulation, smart devices, and expert training. In case of outages, our fault detection and automatic switching technologies ensure quick restoration and seamless network automation.

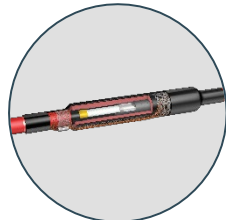
Prevent.



Professional Services



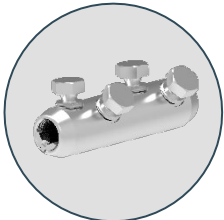
Wildlife & Asset Protection



Jointing Technologies



Switchgear Connect



Mechanical Connectors



Insulators & Arresters

Detect & Locate.



Overhead Fault Current Indicators



Local Underground Fault Indicators



Substation Feeder Control Units



Advanced Substation Feeder Control Units

Predict.



Voltage Detectors CAPDIS



Voltage & Current Detectors KFDI

Customer Challenges in Grid Integration

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Challenges of Today's Distribution Networks

Digitalization in distribution networks → Digital Substations

Distribution Networks are Changing:

- *Distributed generation (Renewables)*
- *Complex/Interconnected grids (Urbanization)*
- *Increased demand on electricity (Electrification)*

Consequences:

- **System stability**
- **More frequent faults**

Possible Solutions:

1. More copper → Network expansion
2. More intelligence → **Digitalization**

Visibility (Monitoring):

1. Presence of Power
2. Detection of Faults
3. Monitoring of Power flow (U/I/P/etc.)



DIGITALIZATION PROVIDES THE RIGHT TOOL TO MANAGE TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS

Unplanned Outages for Utilities

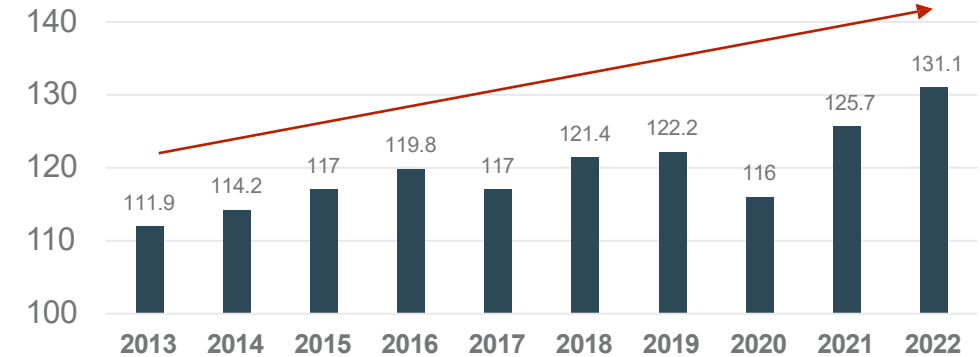
Overhead lines are vital for connecting the network, facilitating power flow from generation to transmission and distribution.

However, these lines remain highly susceptible to weather conditions and animal-related disruptions, making reliability a constant challenge.

Grid monitoring solutions enhance reliability by quickly identifying faults across large networks, both overhead and underground. This allows utilities to restore power efficiently, minimizing the impact of unplanned outages.

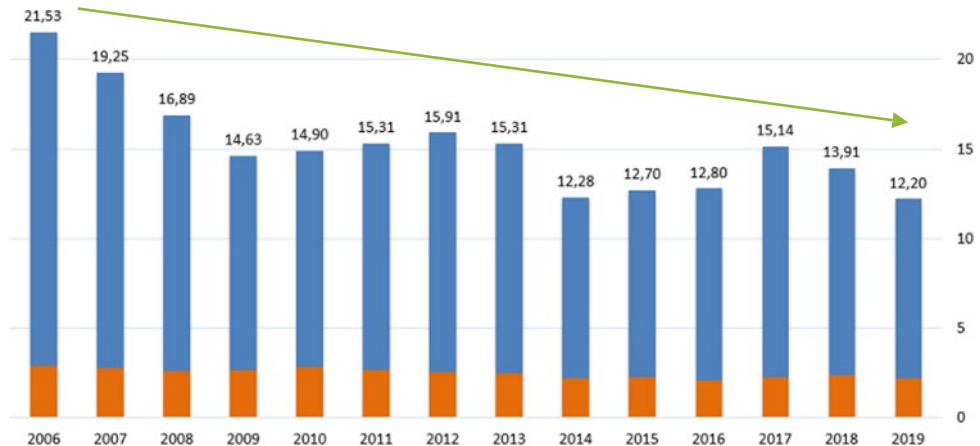
CONVENTIONAL GRID

Average duration of total annual interruptions in electricity service in the United States (largely overhead lines)* - **minutes per year**



SMART GRID

Average duration of total annual interruptions in electricity service in Germany (largely underground networks)* - **minutes per customer**



*Source: US Energy Information Administration, Annual Electric Power Industry Report

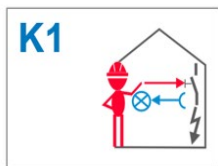
Digitalization Roadmap

From Local Indication to Network Automation

> 2 hours

Downtime

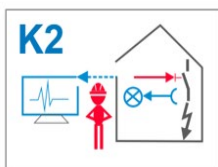
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K1

Local Indication (K1)

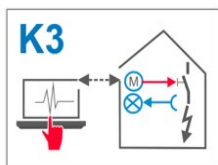
Faults are recorded on site and displayed in the station.



K2

Remote Monitoring (K2)

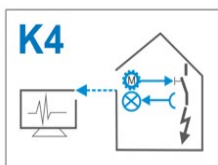
Information on faults and load profiles are transmitted remotely.



K3

Remote Monitoring & Operation (K3)

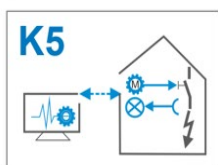
In addition, switching operations are remote-controlled.



K4

Nodal Automation (K4)

In the event of a fault, switching and enabling at the node is carried out automatically.



K5

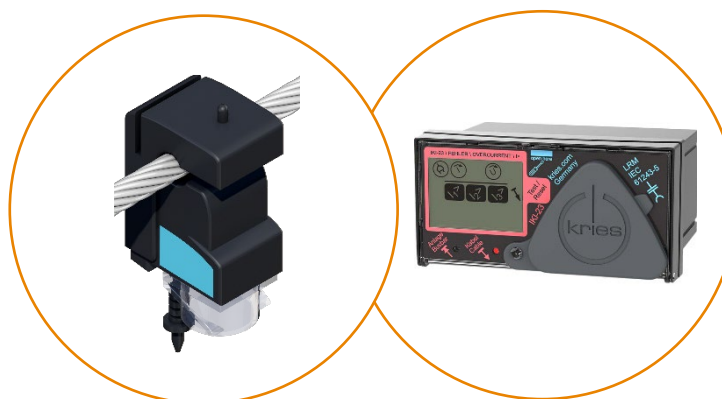
Network Automation (K5)

Distribution network sectors are operated automatically via algorithms (self-healing)

Detection and clearance of failure often result in outages over hours
dependent on the failure detection method and the level of digitalization

Achieve Reliable Power Supply - Key Focus

To build a smart grid and improve the reliability of your power system, it's essential to implement solutions that address the following three key aspects.



Power Presence

Ensuring operator safety
Protecting your assets

Fault Detection

Minimizing downtime (SAIDI)
Reducing economic impact

Network Automation

Future-proofing grids
Building resilient networks

Power Presence Visibility

Enhanced safety for operators
and equipment

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Improving Safety for Operators

Permanently installed Voltage Detection and Indicating Systems (VDIS) offer improvement over current procedures for confirming proper de-energization.

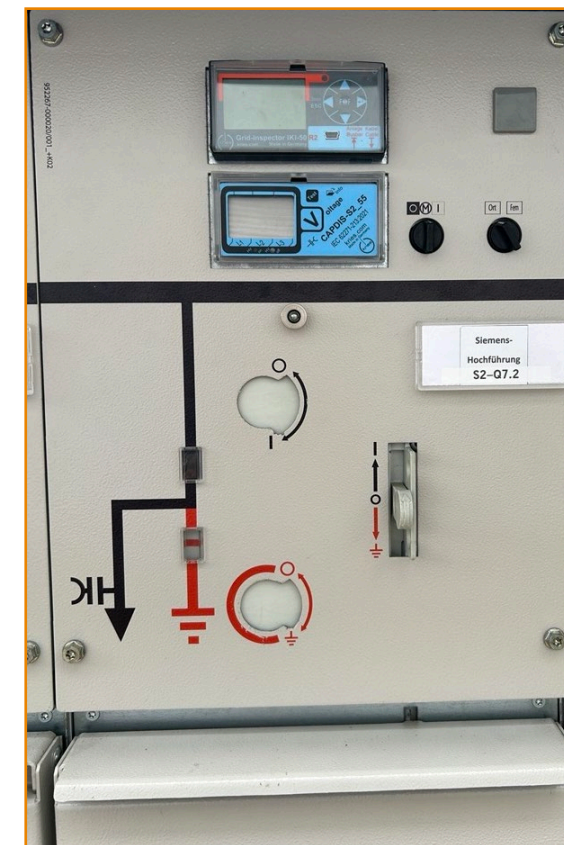
Today, the operator needs to use a hot stick with a voltage detector. It is the most common method today, and yet, very dangerous as the operator is potentially exposed to an immediate arc flash hazard.

TOMORROW, VDIS CAN BRING YOU:

- **Improved reliability**
- **Improved safety:** eliminating the operator's exposure to potential hazards
- Ability to check for voltage presence and phasing at included test points



Operator using a hot stick with a voltage detector in an AIS



Permanent Voltage Detection and Indicating System on a GIS

Voltage Indicators And Detectors

The TE Connectivity (TE) Kries CAPDIS is an integrated voltage testing system designed to detect the absence of voltage in medium-voltage distribution networks ranging from 1 to 52 kV and is engineered for new or retrofit installations.

Features & Benefits

- No battery required
- Three-phase indication
- Integrated self-test
- No maintenance required
- Partial discharge detection (CAPDIS R5)
- Remote signaling (in combination with IKI-Line)



CAPDIS S1 R4.5

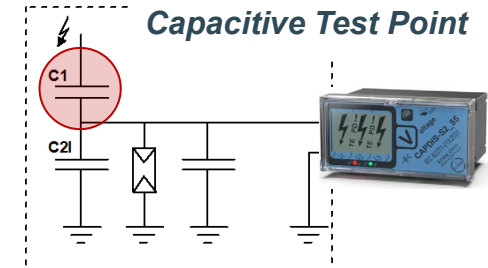


CAPDIS S2 R4.5



CAPDIS Sx_55 R5

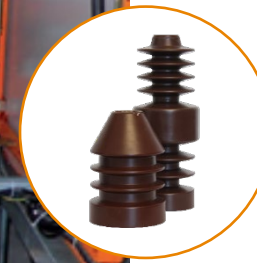
Where to measure voltage presence?



Cable Accessories



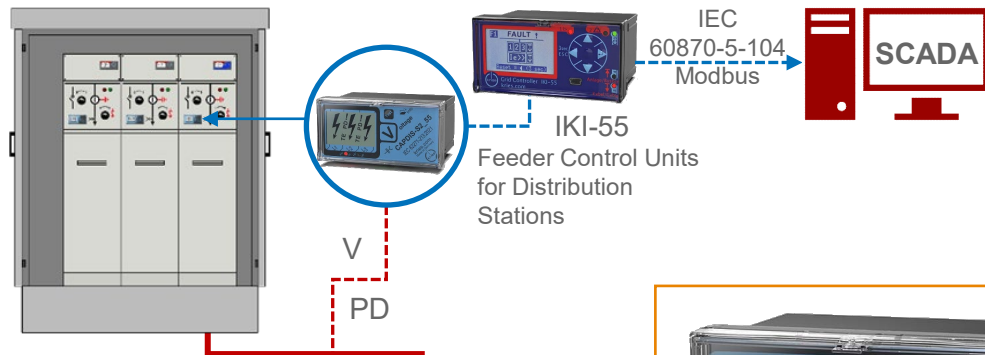
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Capacitive Sensors

Maximize grid reliability and safety with advanced precision voltage detection

Voltage Indicators And Detectors



CAPDIS-S1+ (R4.5)

Capacitive Voltage Detecting Systems

IEC 62271-213, IEC 60255-1
1..52 kV (Medium-voltage)
50 Hz, 60 Hz
Adjustable C2 capacitor
Self-test button
No battery required
Broken lead detection



CAPDIS-S2+ (R4.5)

Capacitive Voltage Detecting Systems
with Relay Contacts

IEC 62271-213, IEC 60255-1
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50 Hz, 60 Hz
Adjustable C2 capacitor
Self-test button
No battery required
Broken lead detection
2 relays contacts
LED



CAPDIS-S1_55 (R5)

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CAPDIS-S2_55 (R5)

Capacitive Voltage Detecting Systems
with Relay Contacts for Protection
Applications, with Partial Discharge
Detection

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Application for LV and HV :

Capdis-Sx_LV

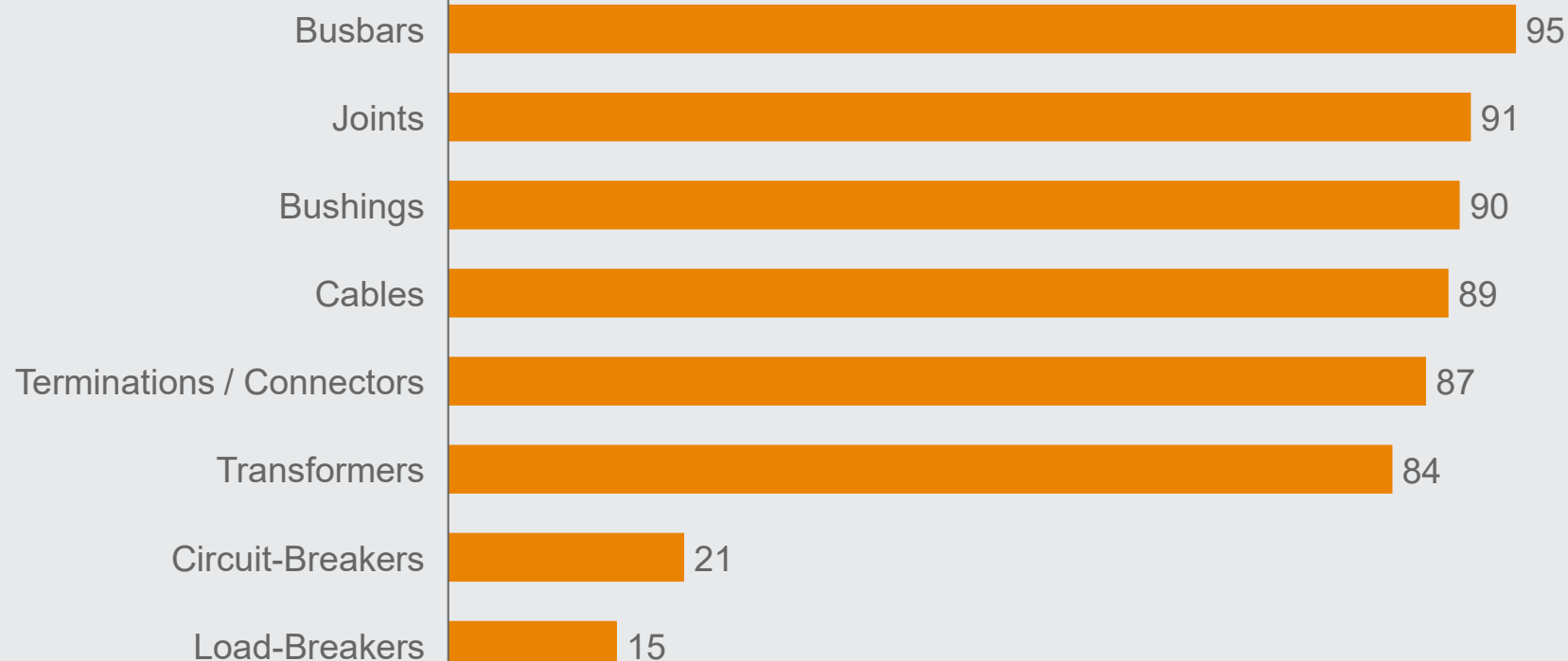
0,1..2 kV (Low-voltage)

Capdis-Sx_HV

53..480 kV (High-voltage)

Insulation Losses = Root Causes for Failures

In IEEE Goldbook Table 36 the failure-frequencies due to insulation losses - (i.e. Partial Discharge) for individual components are listed:



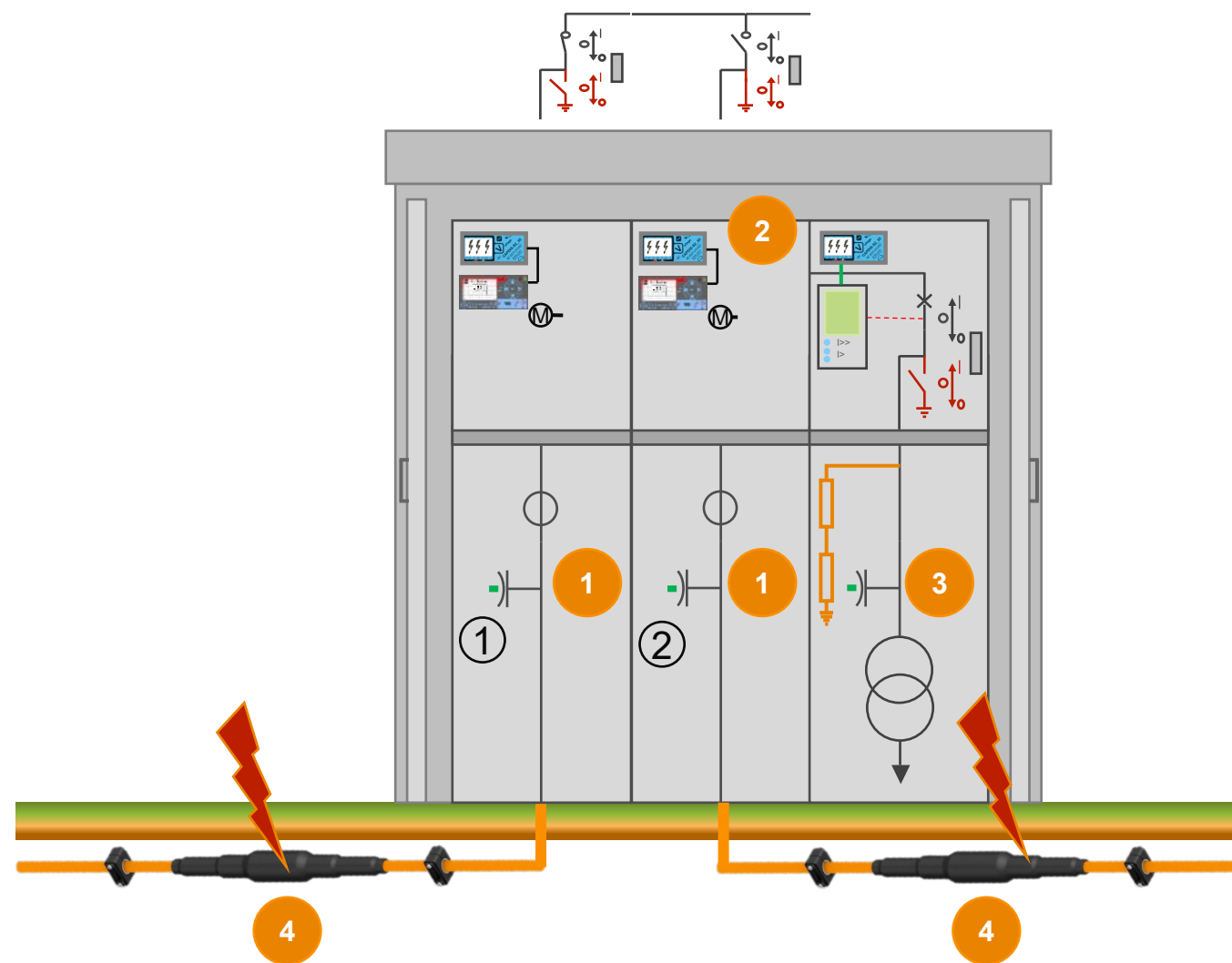
Example: 84% of Transformer failures are related to insulation losses



Voltage Detection and Partial Discharge Indication

TE Kries CAPDIS R5 can detect partial discharges within switchgears in:

1. Cable terminations / elbows
2. Busbars
3. Transformer
4. Adjacent splices



Improving Reliability in Underground Networks

Fault passage indicators for detecting & locating faults in underground networks

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The Real Cost of Power Outages

\$10 000 USD

Average replacement cost
of a single medium voltage joint

\$100 000 USD

Average cost of an outage
per hour

\$18B USD

Estimated lost economy annually
due to animal-induced outages

Utilities face expensive lawsuits for the wildfires they cause.

The commonly reported causes are avoidable:

- Electrocuted wildlife, 10-12%
- Vegetation & conductor clashing, 15-30%

**The cost of a failed transformer
can easily reach hundreds of
thousands of dollars.**

Sources: 1. [Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Southern California Edison Company, 2019.](#) 2. [Bushfire Mitigation Plan. AusNet Services, 2019.](#) 3. [The Rand Group LLC, 2021.](#) 4. [Utility Products, 2020.](#)

Reliable Fault Detection with our IKI-Line

Directional **short-circuit detection**

Directional **earth-fault detection**

Directional **static earth-fault detection**

Directional **transient earth-fault detection**

Earth-fault detection via
pulse-detection

Transient
disturbance

Partial Discharge
with CAPDIS (R5)

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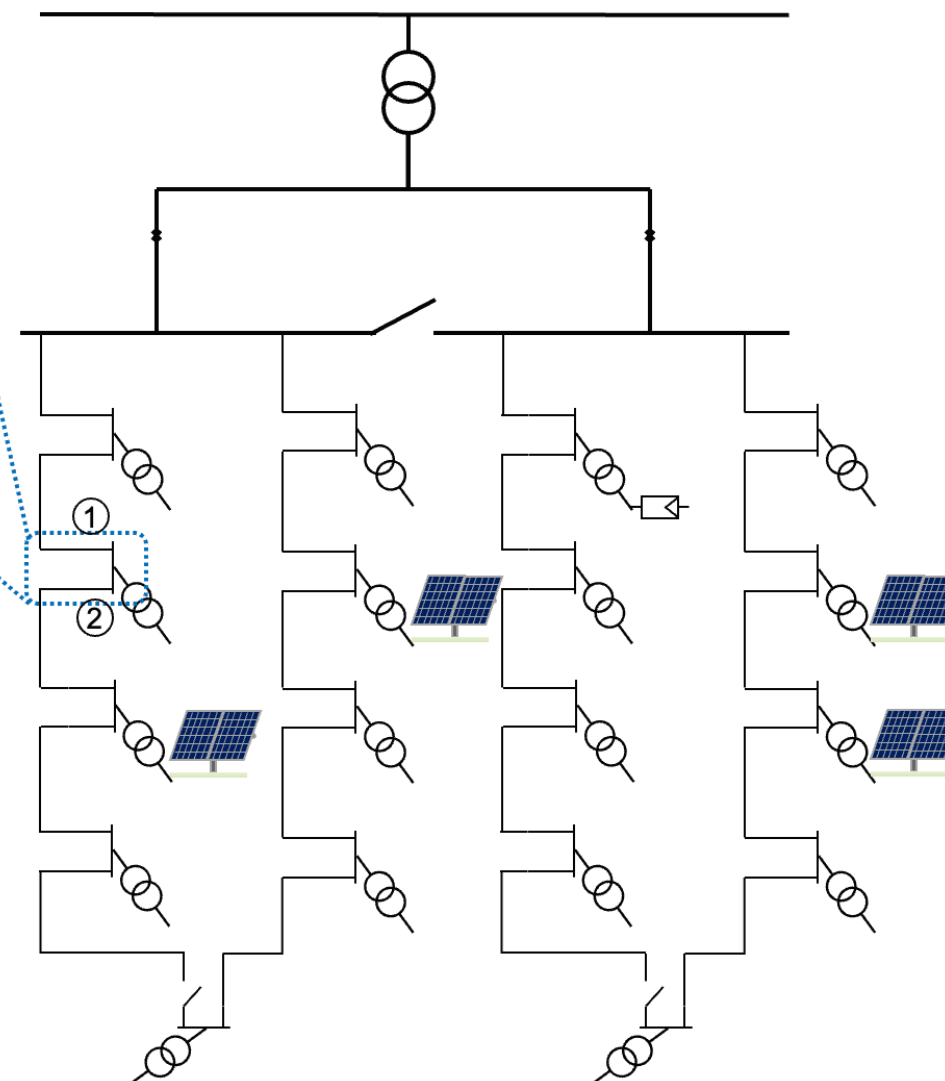
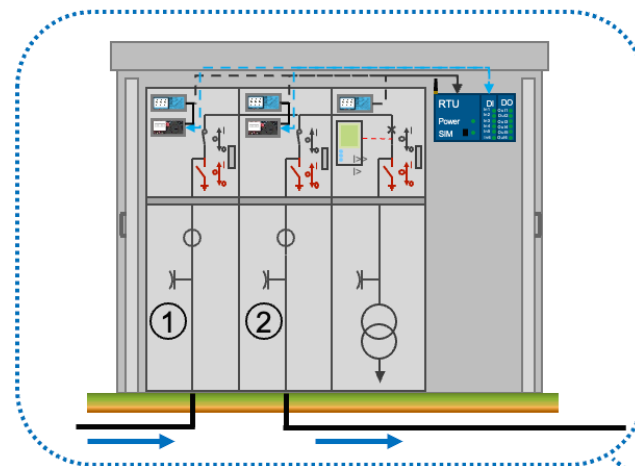
Why Directional Fault Detection and Load-Measuring?

General conditions:

Multiple energy sources lead to different load flow directions.

Challenge in the event of faults:

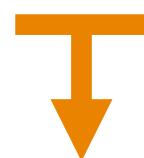
Fault current can flow in different directions.



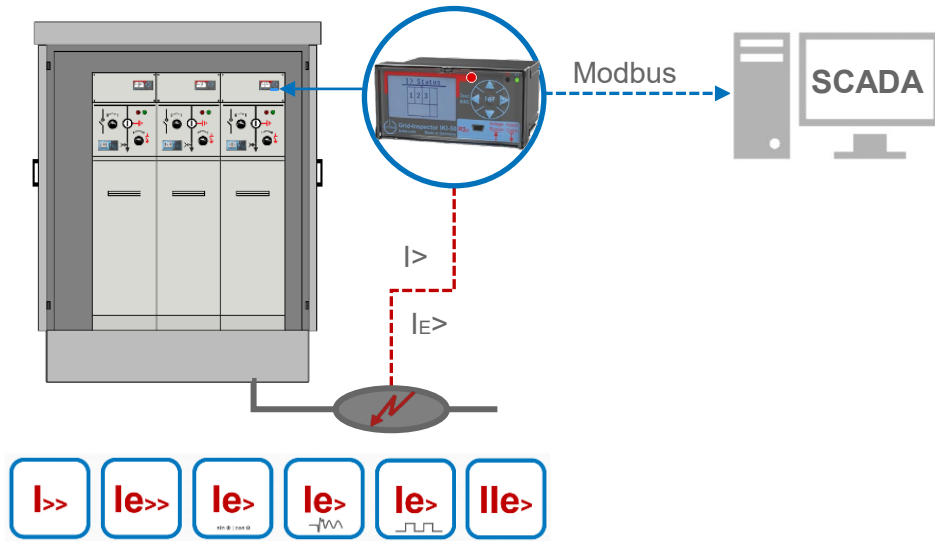
Fault in direction
of the **busbar**



Fault in direction
of the **cable**



Evolution of Underground Fault Passage Indicators



IKI-10
Earth short-circuit indicator,
flag + LED

Indication and signalling of earth
short circuit



IKI-20
Short-circuit / earth short-
circuit indicator

Detection, indication and remote
signalling of short circuits /
ground short circuit



IKI-23
Universal fault indicator, directional

**The complete fault detection,
indication and remote signalling
with all proven fault detection
algorithms for all network**

**Directional short-circuit / earth
short-circuit detection**

Directional static ground fault
detection (wattmetric method)
Directional transient ground fault
detection (wiper method)
Earth fault detection via pulse
locating suitable for all neutral point
treatments
Modbus



IKI-50
Universal fault indicator for
intelligent distribution substations

Early fault detection
of transient disturbances partial
discharge trend detection together
with CAPDIS-S2_55 (R5)

Load flow measurement
Voltages, Currents, powers,
frequencies, cos-phi, . . .
Momentary and average values
Limit monitoring

Network automation
Extensive logic functions freely
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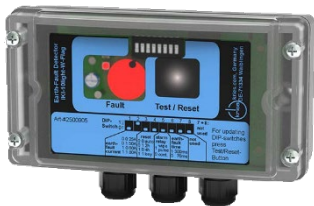
Grid Analysis
Disturbance records
PQ evaluation

Fault Indicators for Underground Distribution Lines

Our IKI-10, IKI-20 and IKI-23 are fault indicators designed for switchgears and underground grids from 3 to 52 kV. Efficient fault detection and immediate response are essential for maintaining the reliability of your power grid.

BENEFITS // IKI-10 Light

- Ideal for single-phase underground power grids
- Detection, indication and remote signaling of earth faults
- Signalization via integrated bright LED, external LED blinker or mechanical flag
- Integrated battery buffer in case of power loss
- Reset by time or via supply voltage



IKI-10 Light



IKI-20



IKI-23
(Directional fault Indication)

BENEFITS // IKI-23

- For both single-phase and three-phase grids
- **Directional and non-directional fault detection with CAPDIS**
- Transient disturbance for insulation problems in cables
- Integrated diagnostic function
- Event memory



Increase grid reliability and minimize downtime by monitoring faults and earth faults.

Reliability for Overhead Distribution Networks

Fault passage indicators for detecting & locating faults in overhead networks

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Outages Cannot Be Completely Eliminated

Yes, outages will keep happening.

All overhead lines are exposed to:

- Forces of nature (wind, lightning, ice)
- Vegetation contact
- Wildlife intrusion
- Vehicle collisions
- Wildfires
- Equipment failures / aging infrastructure

Outages be reduced with protective equipment or practices, but not completely eliminated.



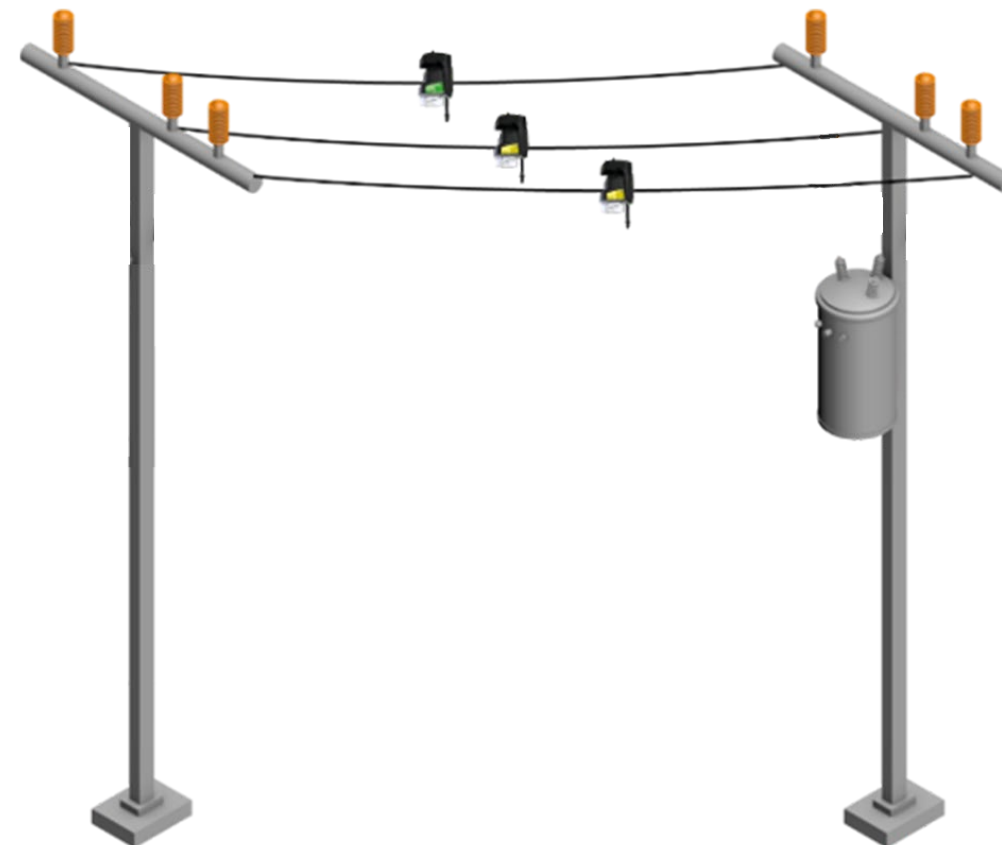
Benefits of Fault Current Indicators

A **fault indicator** is a device placed directly on the overhead conductor which provides **visual or remote indication of a fault on the electric power system**.

Fault is located between the last indicating and the first non-indicating fault indicator.

How is a fault indicator used?

- Troubleshooters will see if the **fault indicator is flashing**.
- **Communicating fault indicators** can also notify Operations, Engineering, or SCADA master system.

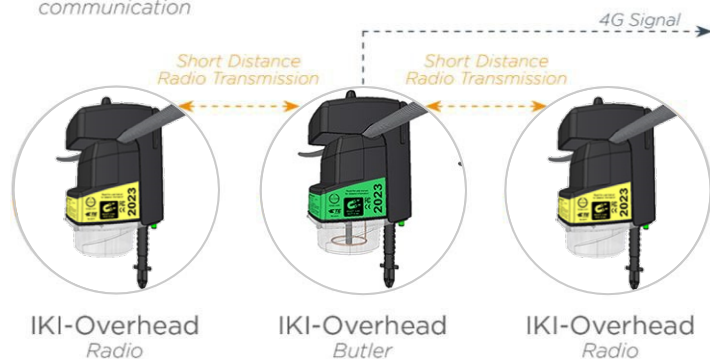


Local and Remote Indication Systems



IKI-Overhead
Without
communication

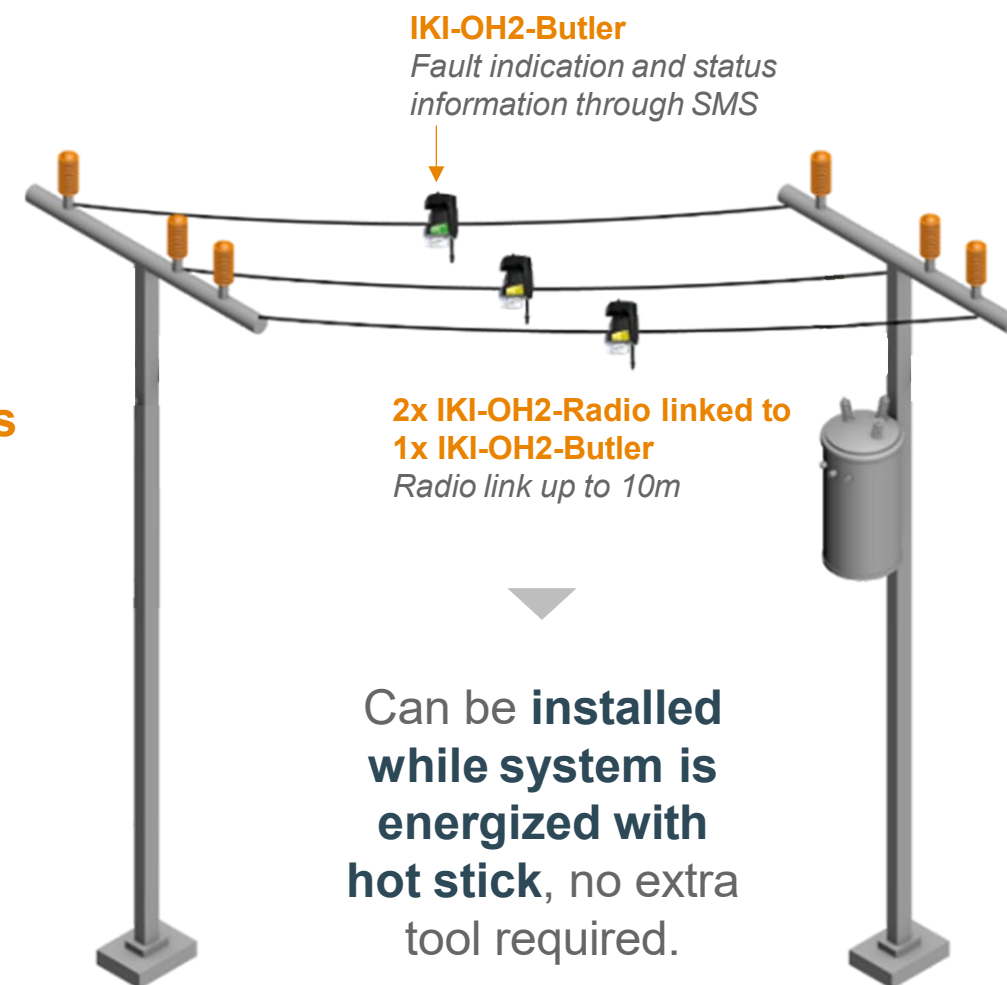
1. LED strobe-only devices, for local visual indication.



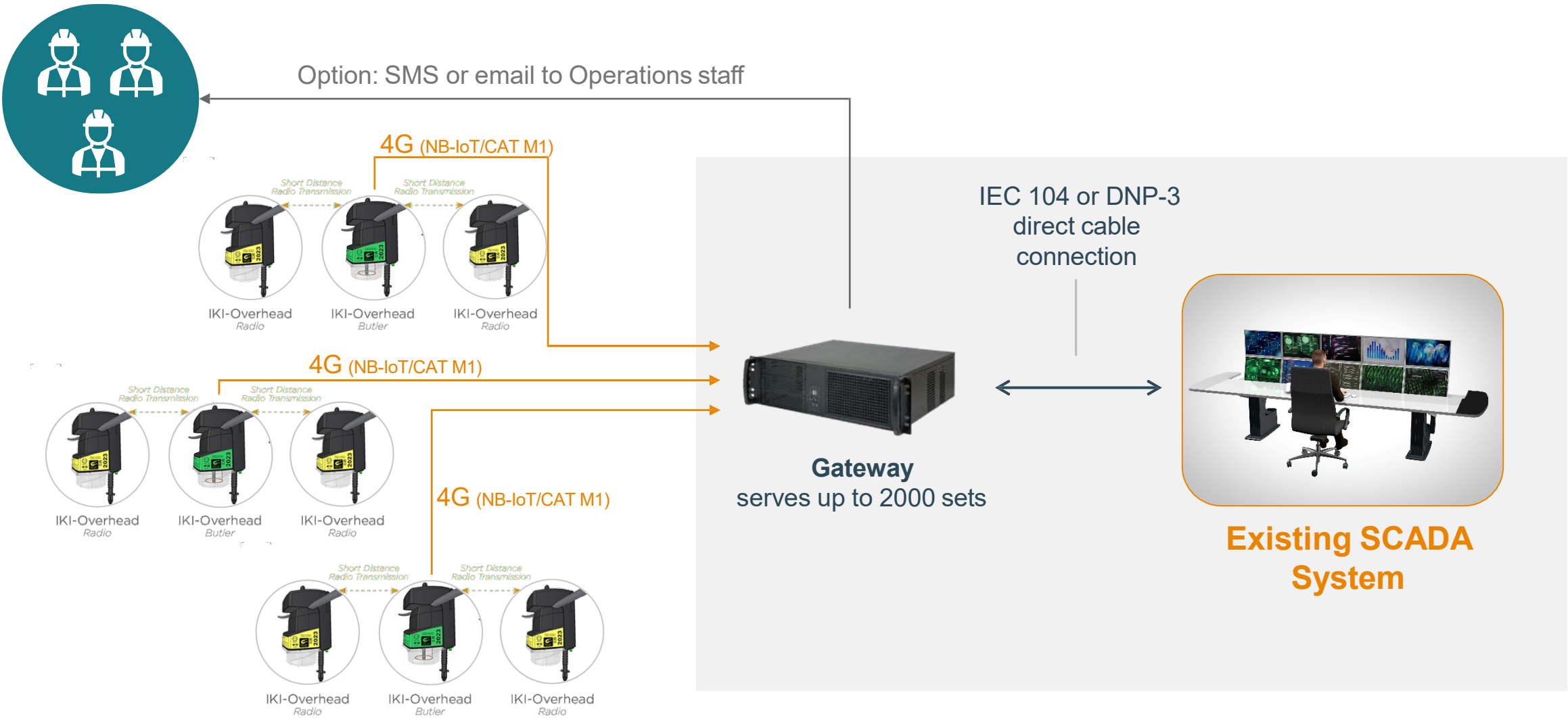
2. Communicating devices
With SMS/TCP over 4G (NB-IoT/CAT-M1)

Fault Detection:

- Overcurrent detection: Auto, 200 A, 400 A, 600 A
- Asymmetry of current
- di/dt detection (change rate of current over time)



Device Integration with SCADA



Use Case: Long Circuits

Challenges

 May take **hours to find fault**: time is money!

 May have **multiple branches**.

Solution

- **Segment circuit into smaller parts** with fault indicators.
- **One set breaks circuit in half**, cutting inspection time in half.
- **Add more fault indicators** to further reduce time to find fault proportionally.



Use Case: Difficult to Access Areas

Challenges



May require **walking out circuit**



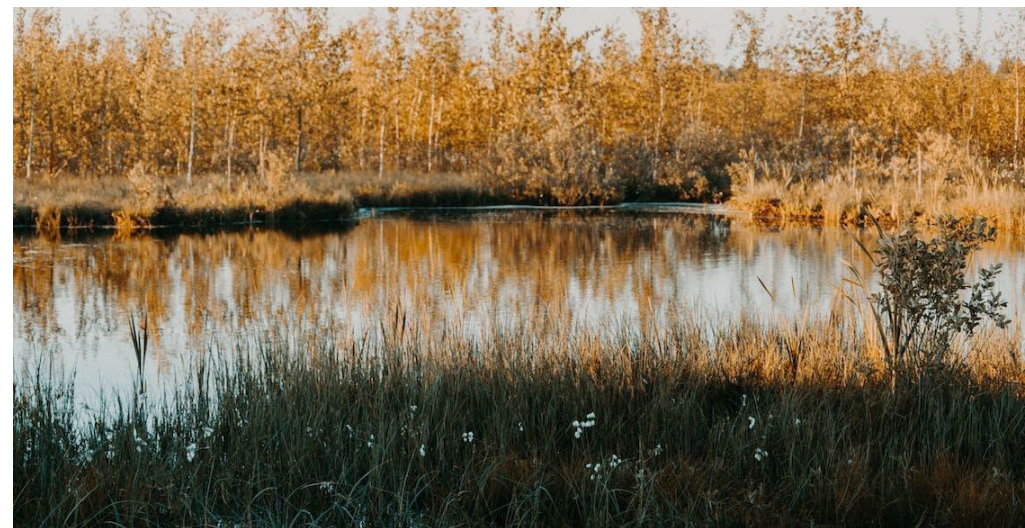
May require **special vehicle** or boat



May require **long drive** to access



Rivers, swamps, rear easements, fenced property



Solution



- Place **fault indicators** on **source edge** of difficult area.
- If fault indicators **not flashing**, no need to enter.

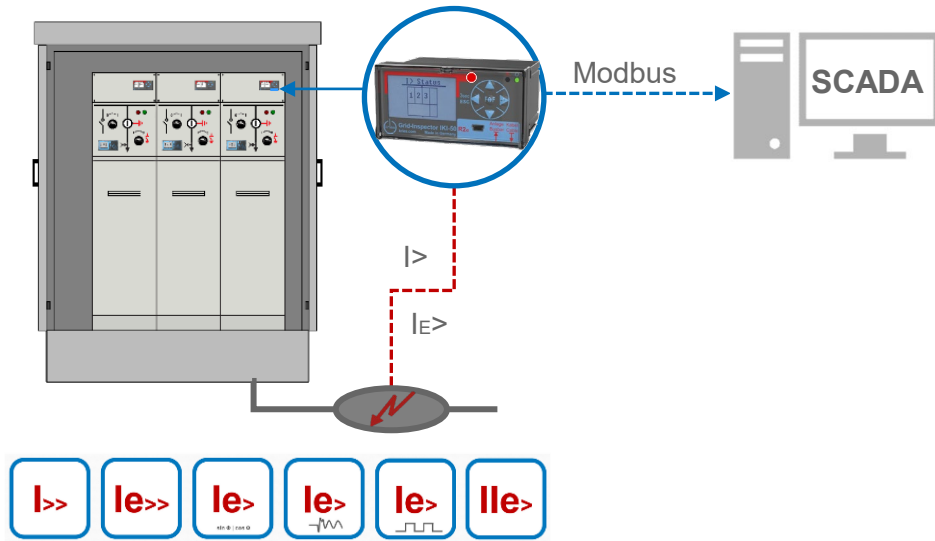
Increasing Intelligence in Underground Grids

Advanced fault passage indicators (FPI)
as the backbone of digital RMU

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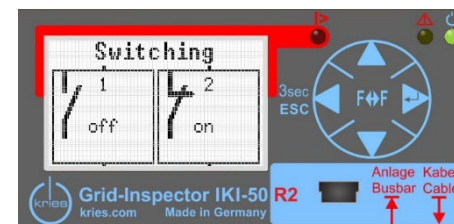
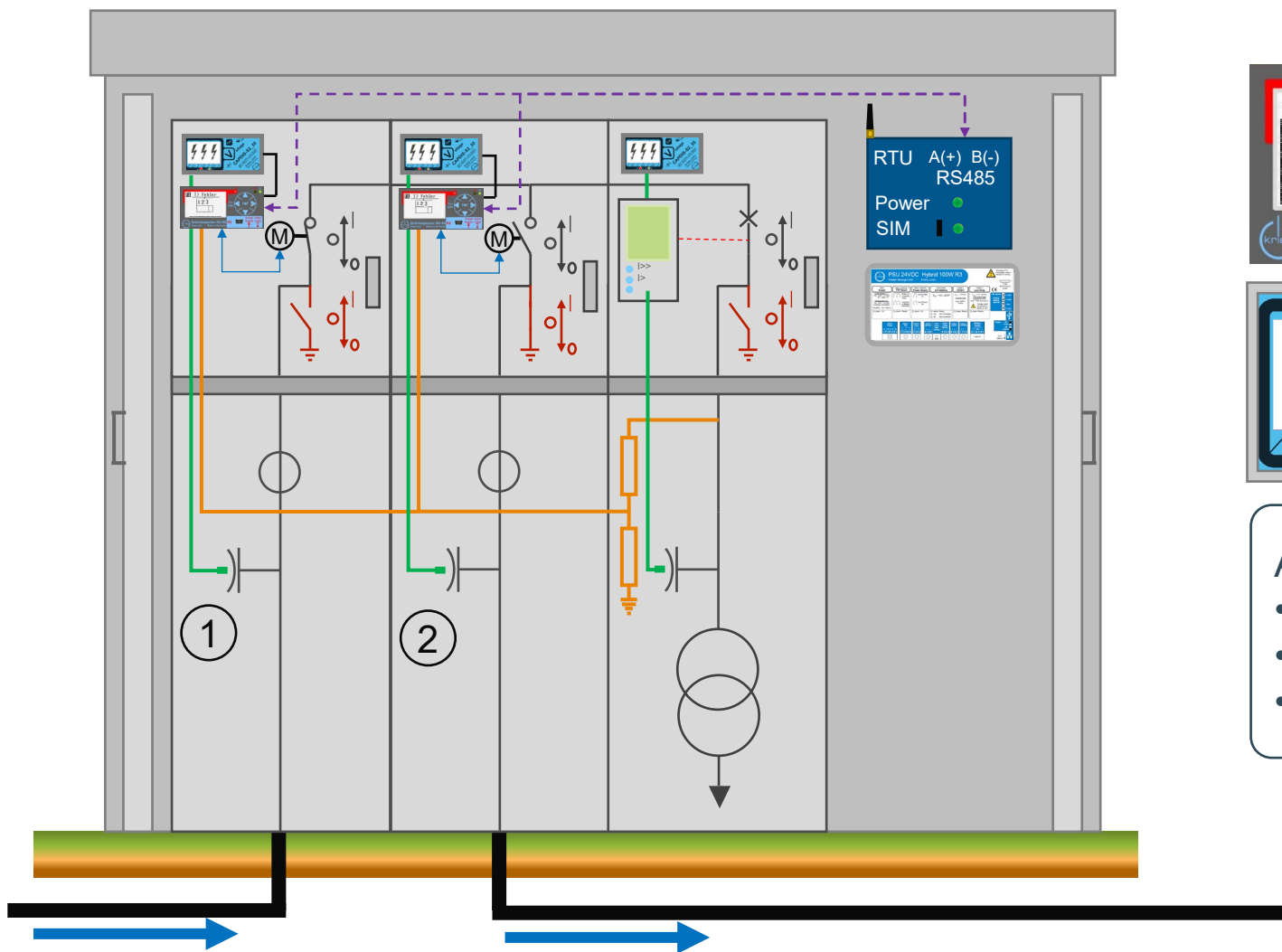
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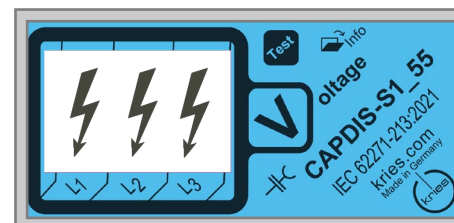
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Intelligence per Feeder for RMU to Achieve Flexibility and Scalability



Fault detection
Power flow monitoring
Automation (logic / control)



Power presence
Failure prediction

Applications:

- GIS
- AIS
- Retrofit



U-sensors
I-sensor
PD-sensor

CAPDIS + IKI = Grid Intelligence



CAPDIS-S1
Voltage Indication



CAPDIS-S2 (R5)
Voltage Indication & Partial Discharge Detection



IKI-23

→ Local Indication



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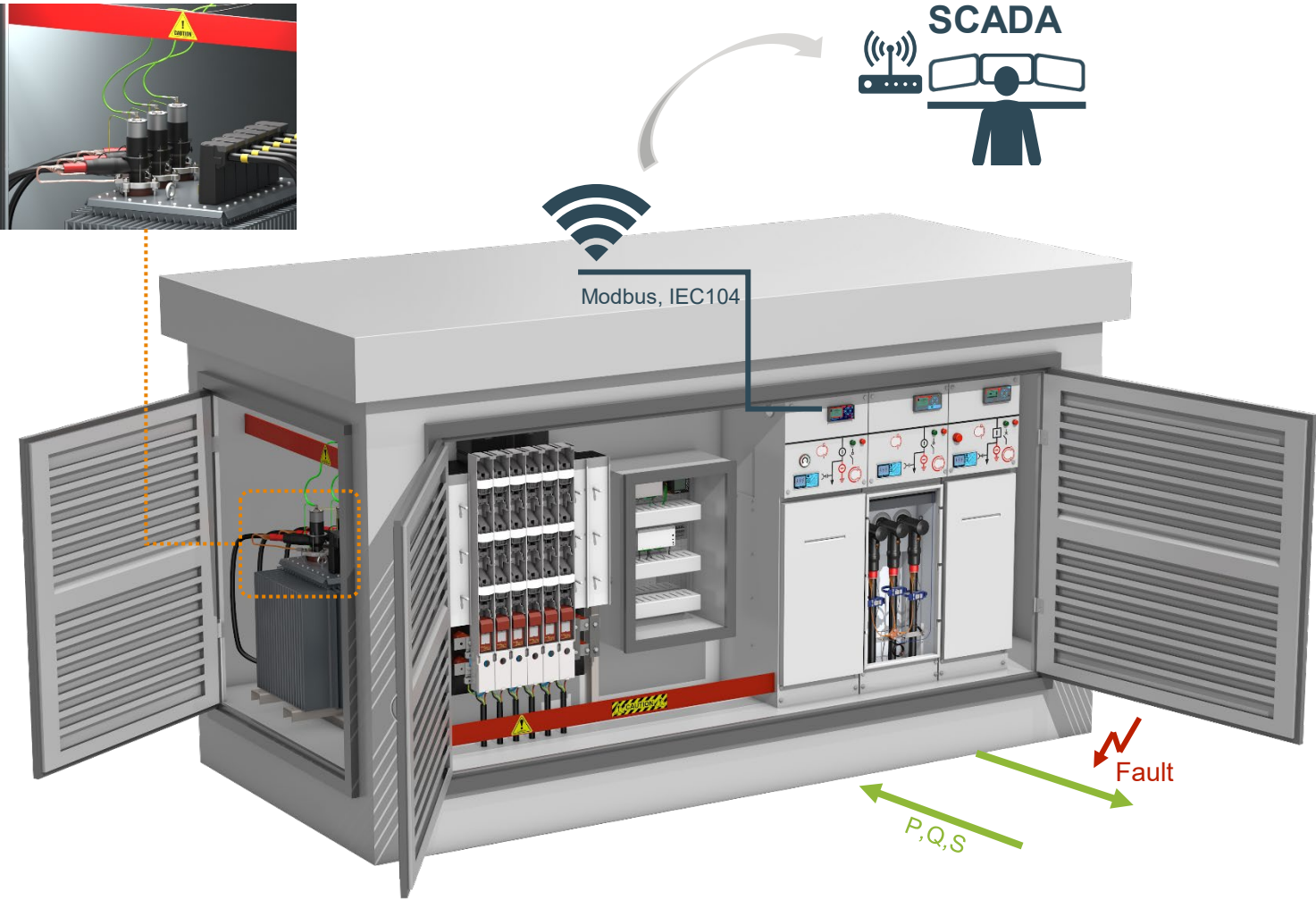
→ Remote Monitoring
→ Remote Control (switching)



IKI-55

→ Remote Monitoring
→ Remote Control (switching)
→ Automatic Switching

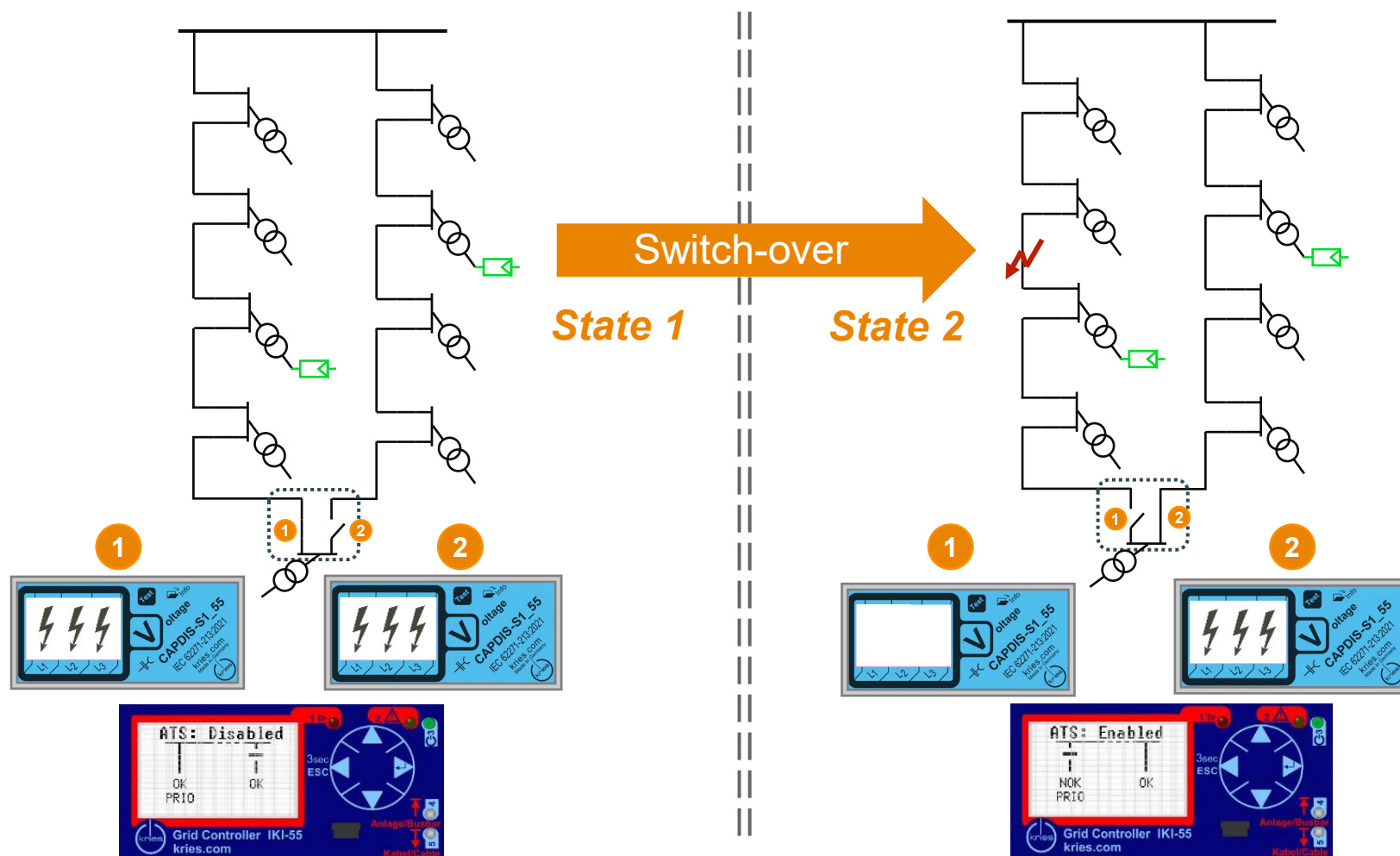
Advanced FPI for Smart Secondary Substation



Functionalities	IKI-50	IKI-55
Directional fault detection	✓	✓
Failure prediction (+ CAPDIS-S2_55 R5)	✓	✓
Power flow monitoring	✓	✓
Remote signalling	✓	✓
Remote control	✓	✓
Communication interface	✓	✓
Precise voltage measurement and cross- calibration	✓	✓
Network interface	-	✓
Power grid analysis (PQ, Disturbance recorder)	-	✓

Use Case: Automatic Transfer Switch

Downtime reduction at NOP and VIP using Capdis & **IKI-55**



ATS configuration and commissioning



Intelligence for Retrofit - Kries Feeder Inspector (KFDI)

A Comprehensive Plug & Play Solution

Complete solution for monitoring the condition of feeders in distribution networks and offshore installations. Ideal for modernization projects, new switchgear installations, and transition cabinets, **the KFDI provides critical insights to enhance grid performance and reliability.**

With its **Plug & Play design**, the KFDI is user-friendly - **simply connect the sensors to the main terminals for seamless setup.** Its innovative housing, equipped with magnets, ensures a quick, safe, and hassle-free installation process.



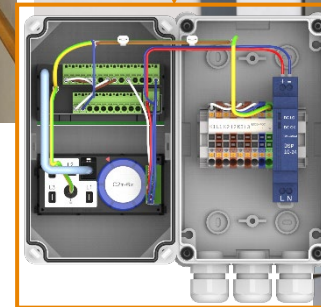
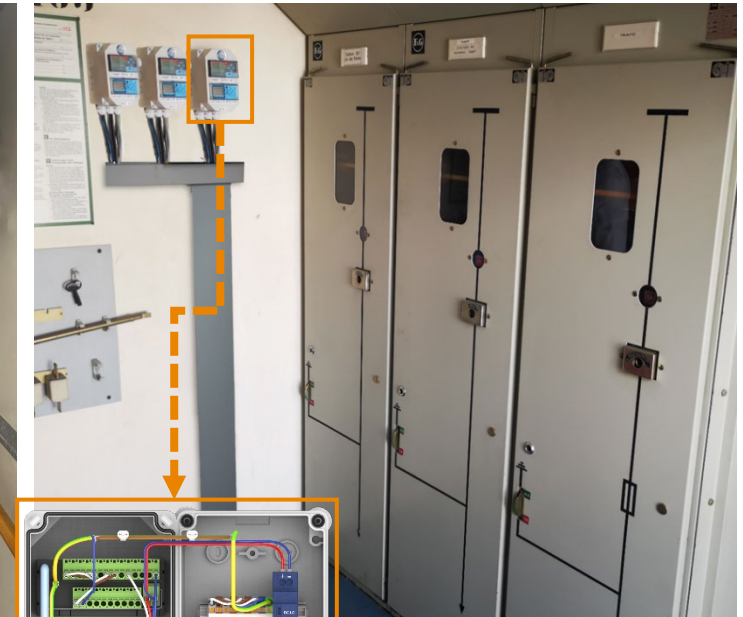
Voltage sensor



Current sensor



Partial discharge sensor



Digitalization level



Industrie



Utilities



Offshore

Key Takeaways from Today's Webinar



Distribution power networks are changing as a result of transition to renewable sources of power.



Digitalization provides the right tool to overcome these challenges.



Reliable supply of power remains a key area of focus for network operator.



Combining VDIS, FPIs and the right sensors offers an effective solution for achieving the ideal level of digitalization, enabling reliable and intelligent power grids.

But there is a lot more we can do to make your grid more reliable!

Q&A

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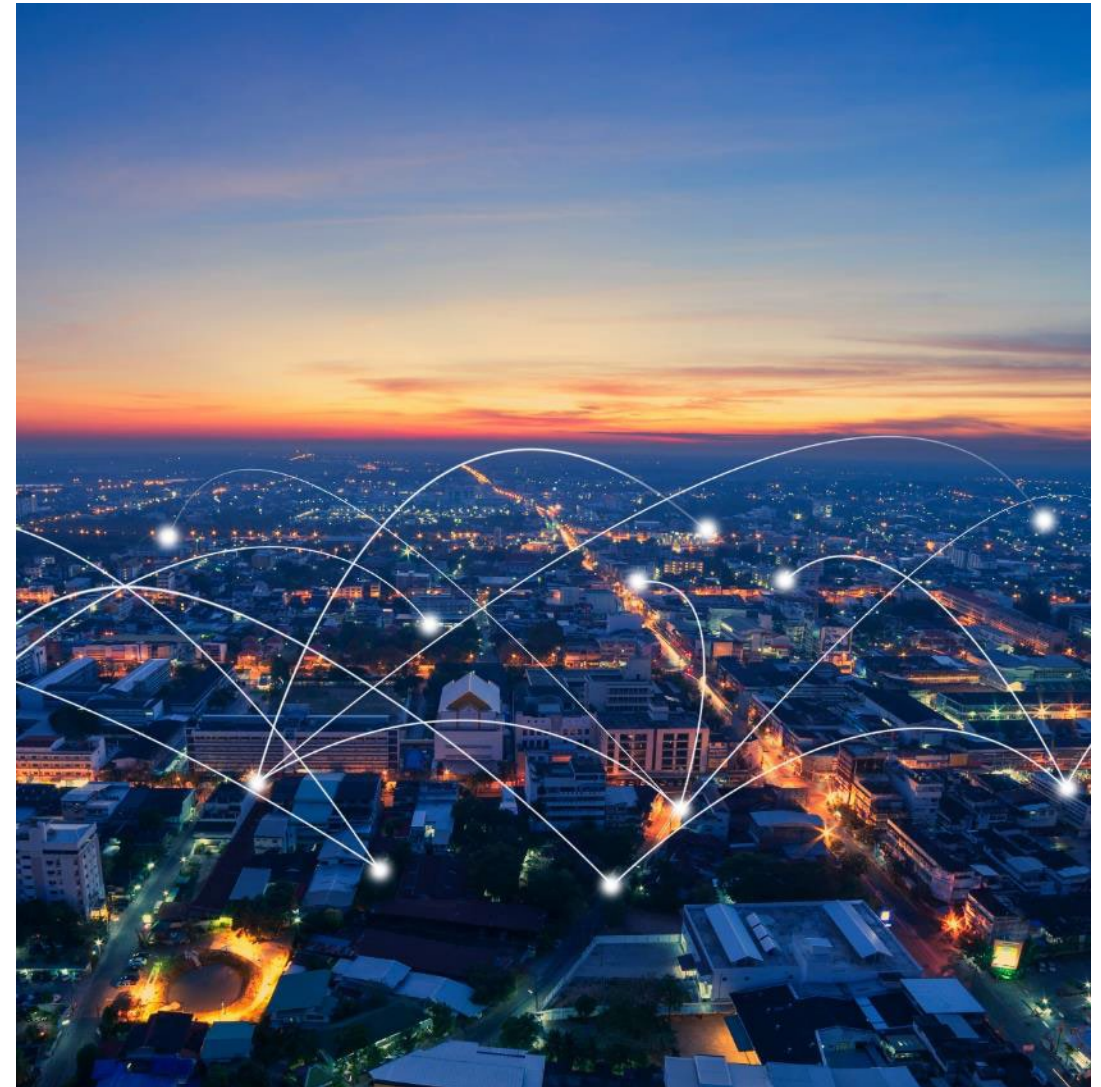
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