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Smart management of power cable transmission networks

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- A new approach on asset management
- Introduction to Partial Discharges
- Solutions overview
- Experience and Success cases



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Smart Asset Management

Provides **advanced Condition Assessment technologies** to achieve:

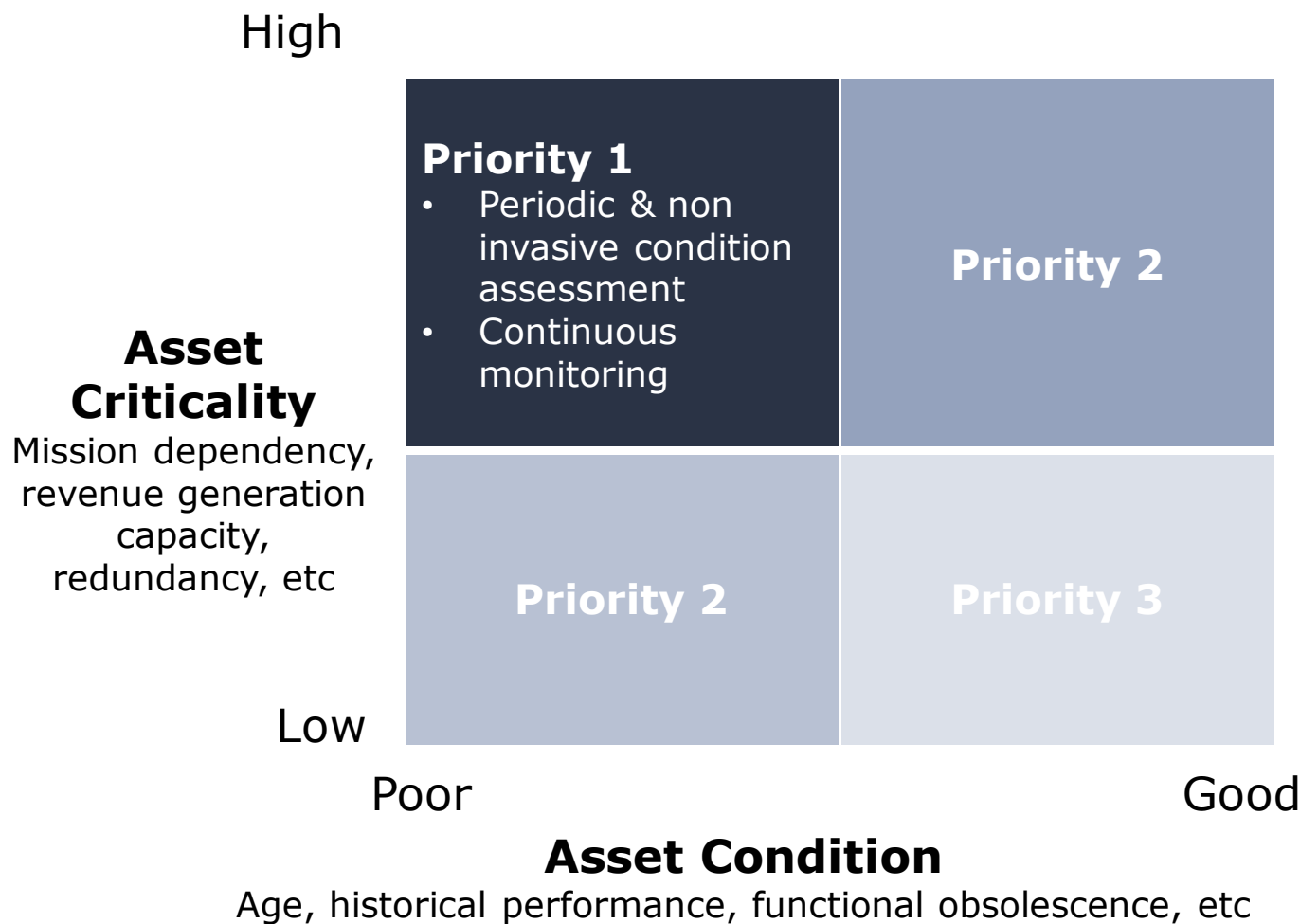
- **Increased reliability:** mitigation of operational risks and no false positive
- **Increased safety**
- **Increased power transmission**
- **Reduced maintenance cost and enviromental impact**
- **Increased support to owner on Risk-based decisions**



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Asset Management approach



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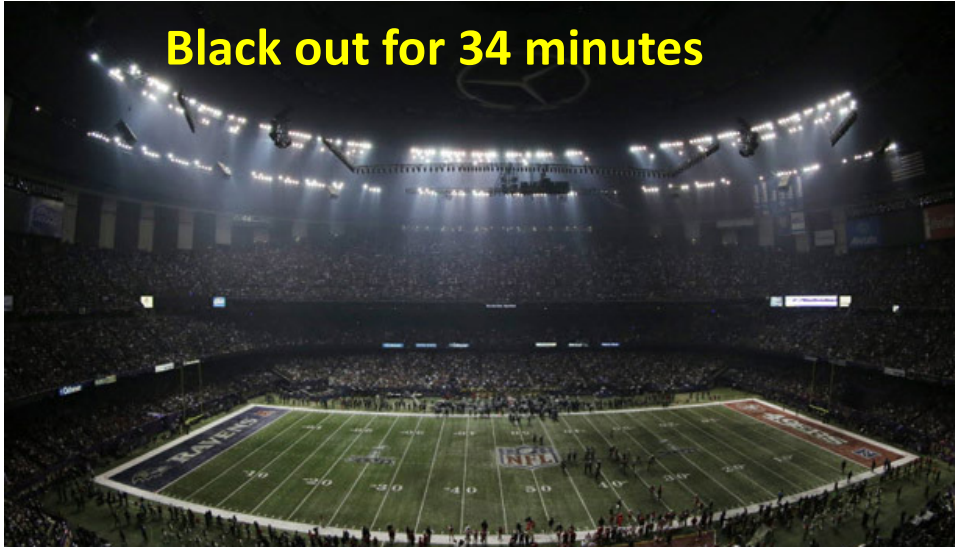




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When Condition Assessment would have helped...

Black out for 34 minutes



The 2013 Super Bowl was played in New Orleans and was watched by **115.5 million live** around the world

Suffered a **34 minute delay** due to a **power outage** caused by a MV switchgear problem



Players killing time on the field

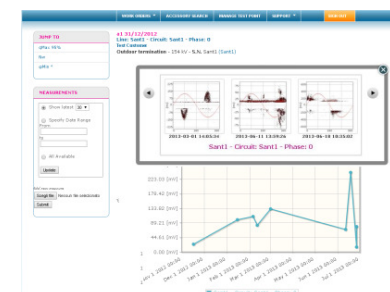
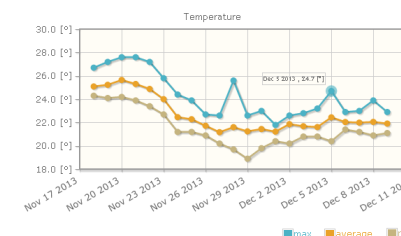


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Asset key Parameters for condition-assessment

What shall be monitored:

- Partial Discharges
- Temperatures (linear sensing or concentrated)
- Pressures (for FF cable systems)
- Currents (sheath currents)
- Voltages
- SVL status
- Floodings in link boxes or in man holes
- Humidity, Smoke, Intrusions
- Others

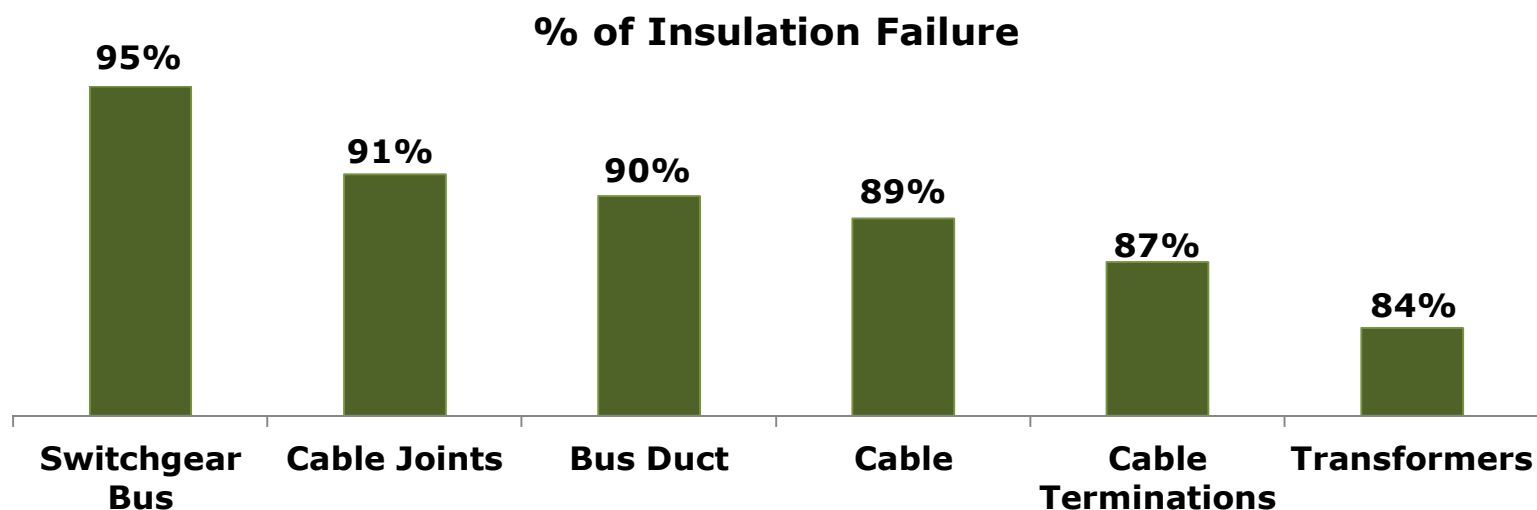




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**More than 80% of disruptive failures in HV/MV assets
are related to Partial Discharge (PD) activity**



Source: 493-1997 - IEEE Recommended Practice for the Design of Reliable Industrial and Commercial Power Systems (Gold Book)

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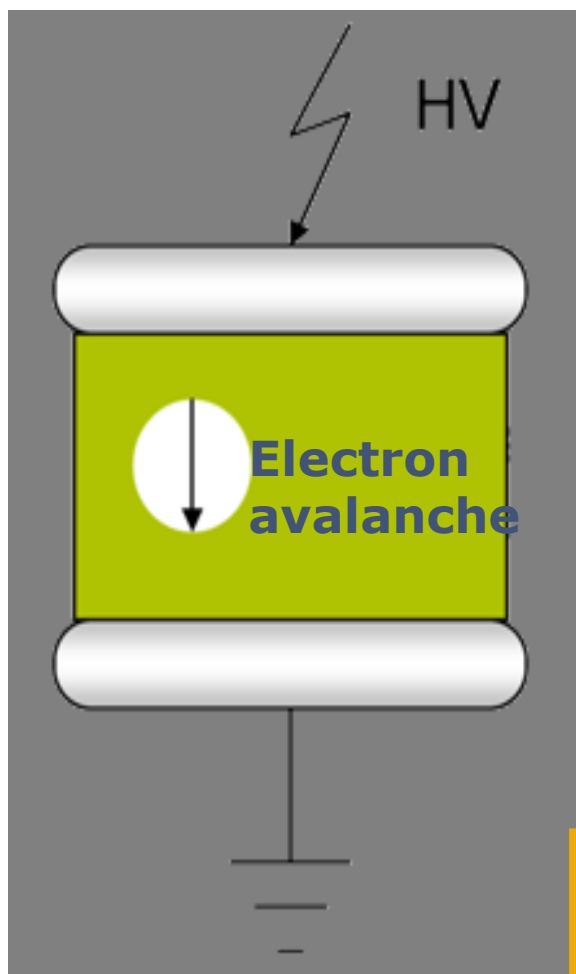
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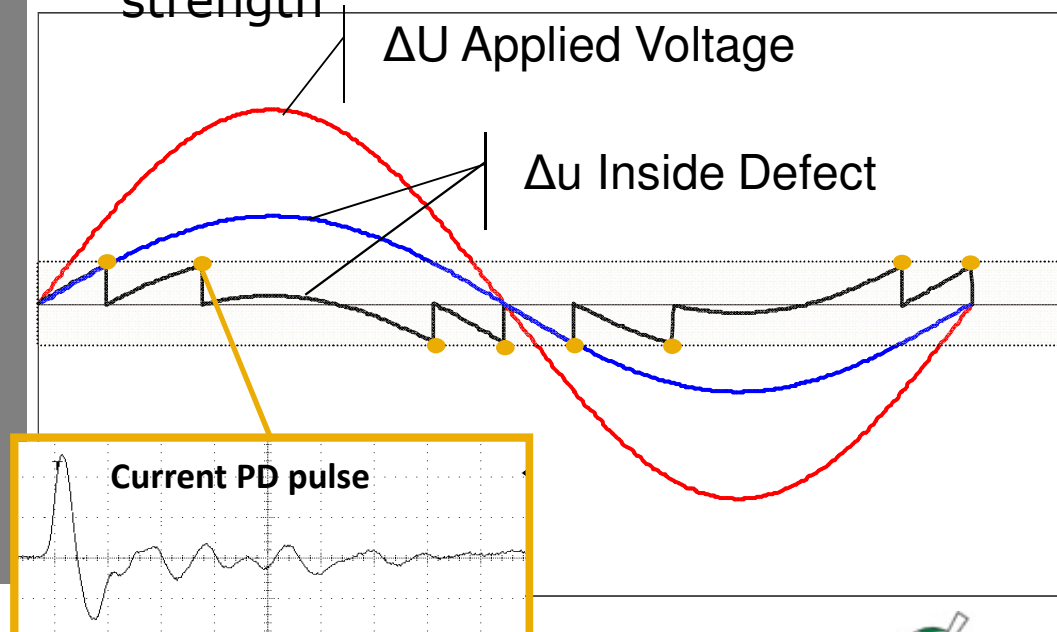
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What is Partial Discharge



- **Definition:** electrical discharge that bridges only a small portion of the insulation between two conducting electrodes
- PDs occur where the electric field strength exceeds the breakdown strength

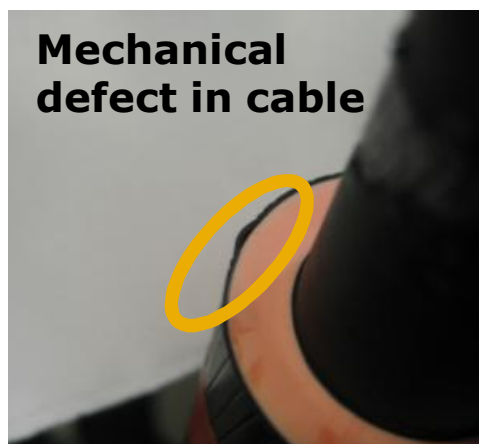
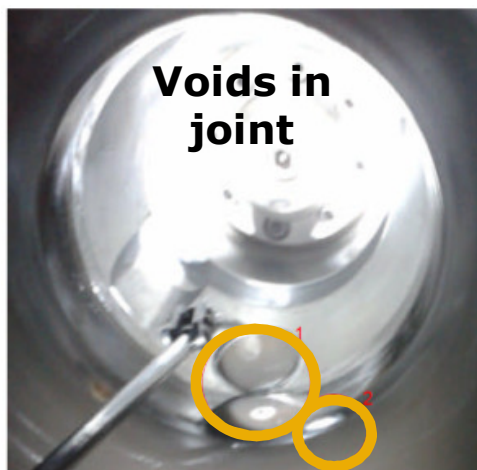




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Partial Discharge Causes



Detachment in joint



PD treeing in termination



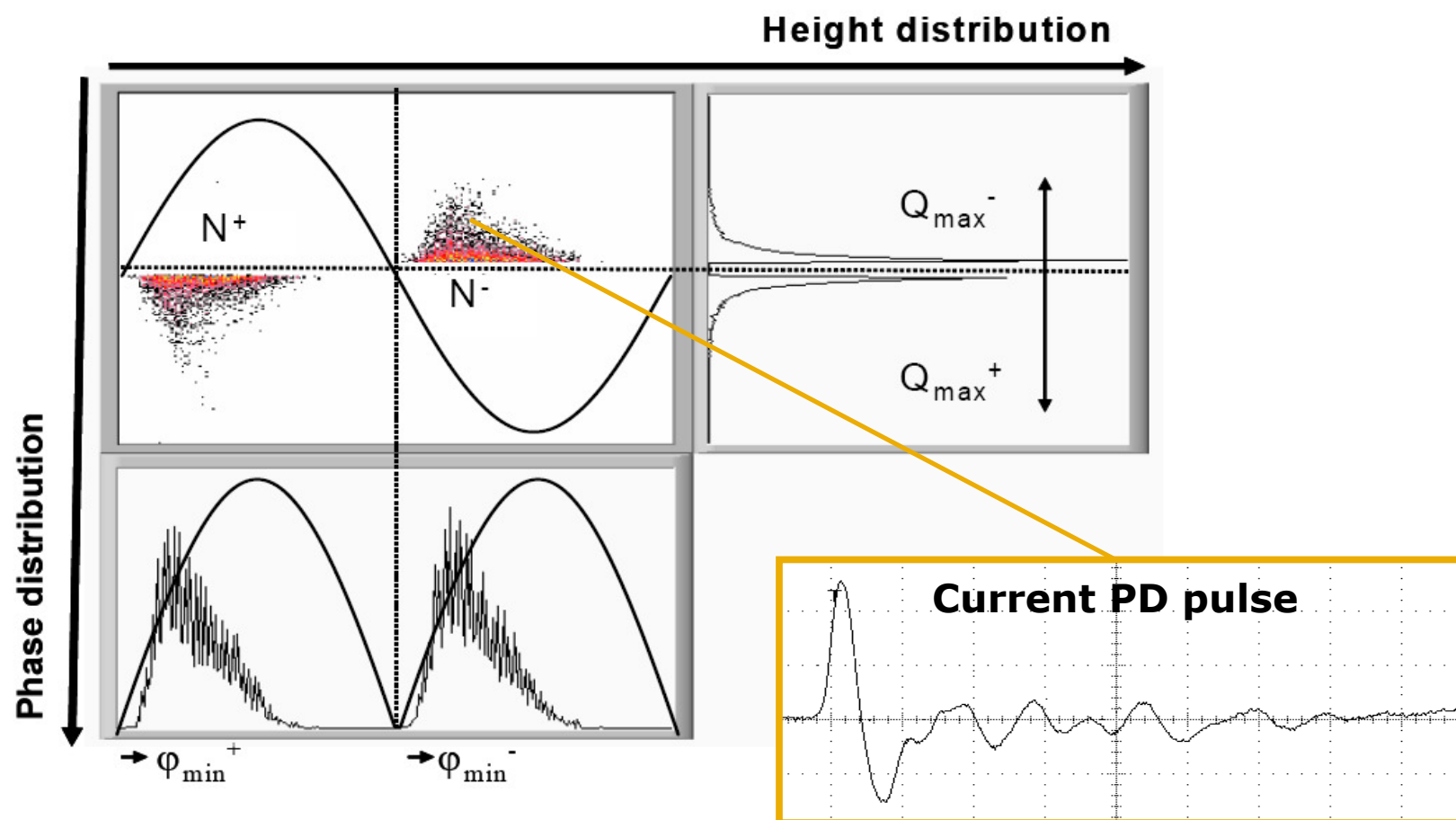
- **Voids** within solid insulation
- **Contamination by particles**
- **Irregularities** (e.g. sharp points)
- **Gas bubbles** in liquid insulation
- **Floating particles** in gas insulation
- **Mechanical defect or damage** in insulation materials



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Advanced diagnosis requires the complete PD pattern



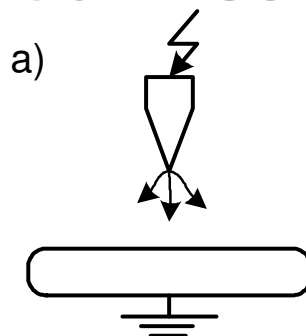


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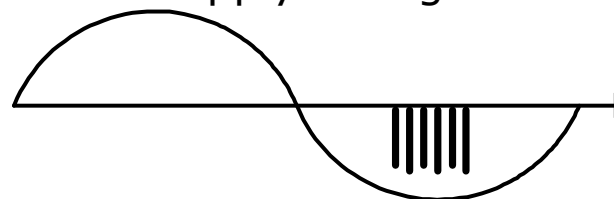
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Type of Partial Discharge

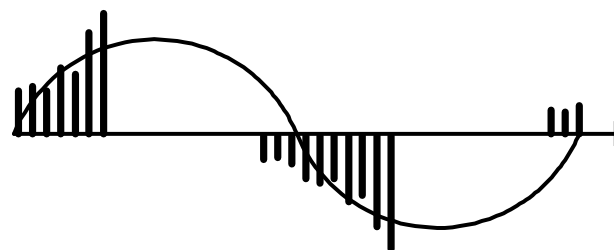
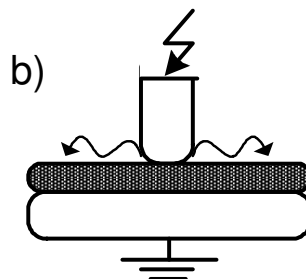
Corona



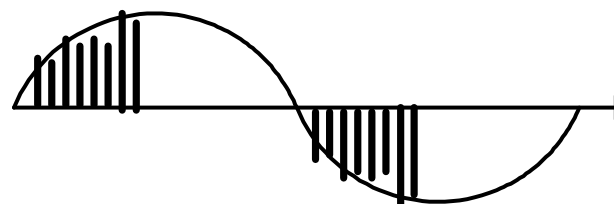
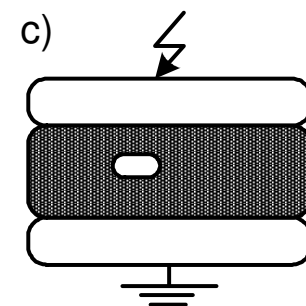
Typical position compared with
supply voltage



Surface
discharge



Internal
discharge



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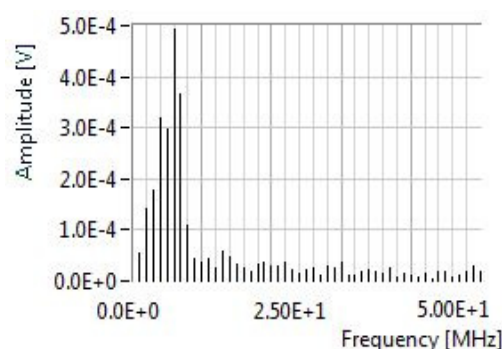
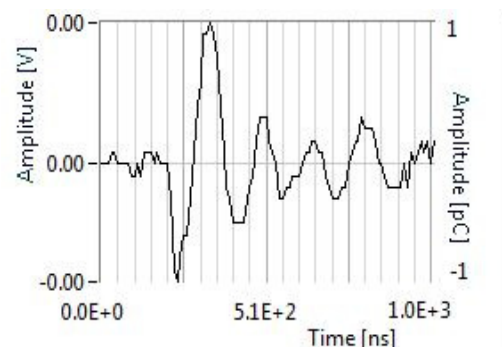




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PD pulse typical frequency content

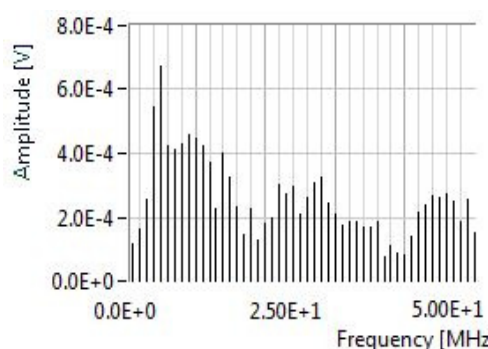
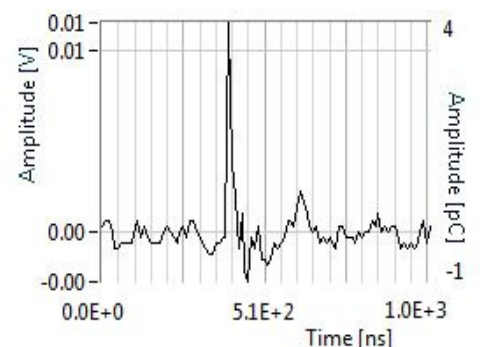


“Slow” pulses

Duration > 1 μ s

Spectrum < 20 MHz

Typically surface PD

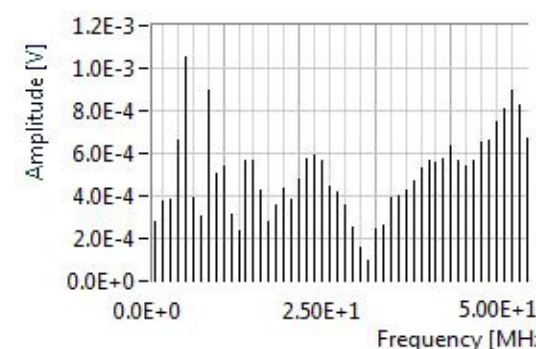
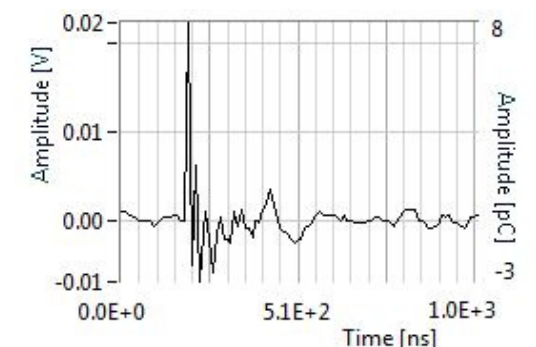


“Middle-fast” pulses

Duration < 1 μ s

Spectrum < 40 MHz

Typically corona PD



“Fast” pulses

Duration < 100 ns

Spectrum < 80 MHz

Typically internal PD

Source IEEE Transaction on Dielectric and Electrical insulation papers

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Tools for asset management

**Portable for spot PD
measures**



**Grids for continuous
monitoring**



**Wings sensors for PD
and temperature**



**DLog for monitoring of
analog signals**



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1. Portable Differential EM Field PD sensor



PD instrument with:

- **Electro-magnetic field sensor**
- **Portable**
- **Wireless**
- **Galvanic isolation**
- **100MHz bandwidth**
- **Two outputs: PD pattern and AC synch.**
- **0,5pC sensitivity**



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1. Portable Differential EM Field PD sensor



Key advantages

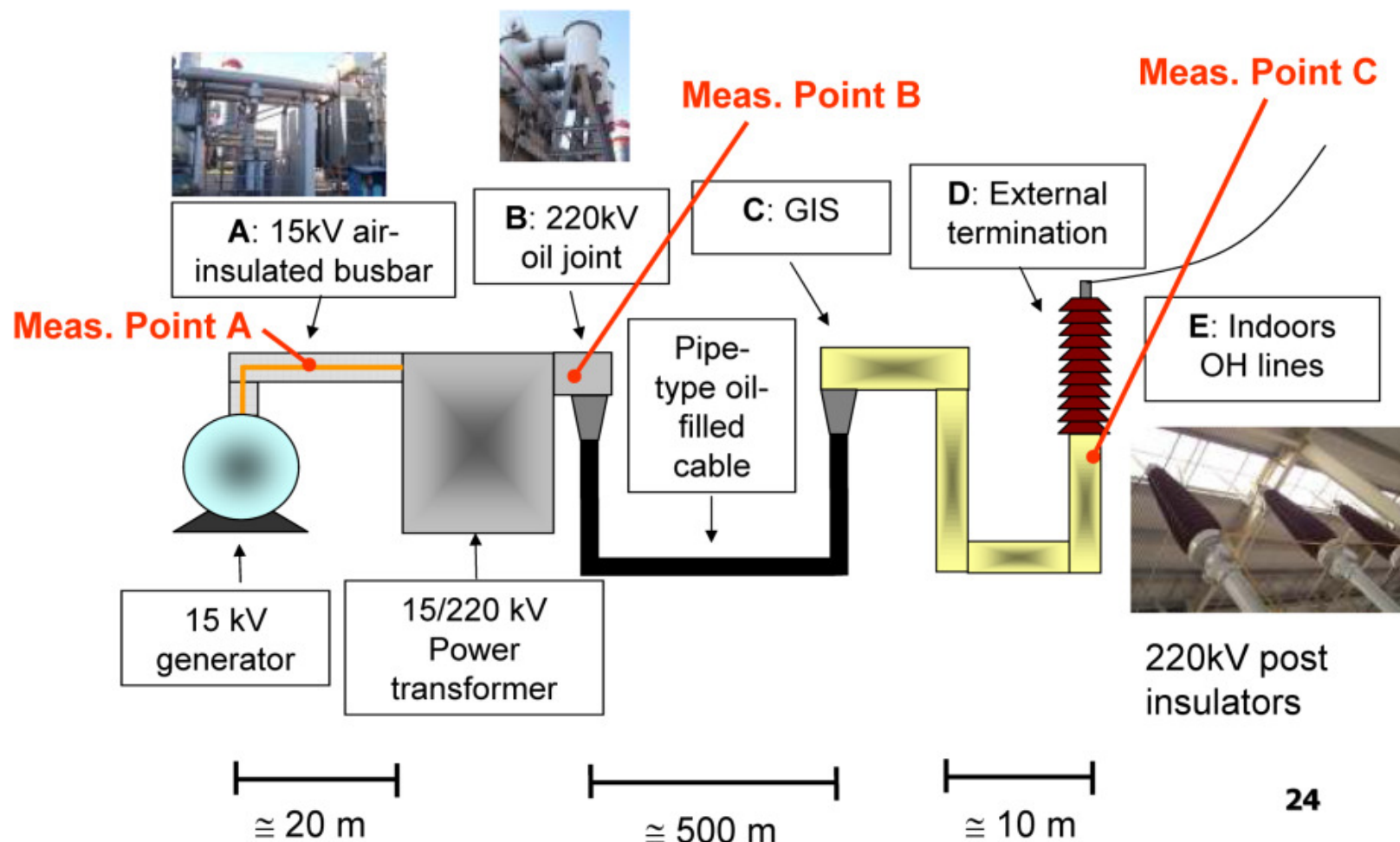
- **Maximum safety** for operators thank to the galvanic isolation
- **Accurate and reliable diagnosis** thank to the complete PD pattern acquisition
- **No supply interruption**
- **Maximum flexibility** to test several components with one device



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Why a portable instrument for PD measurements?



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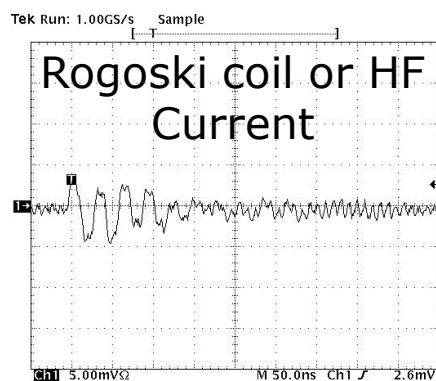
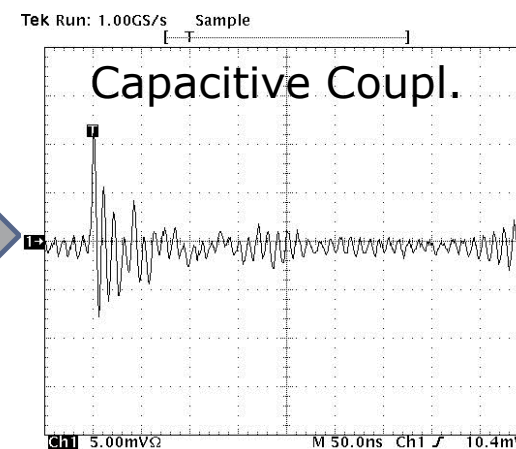
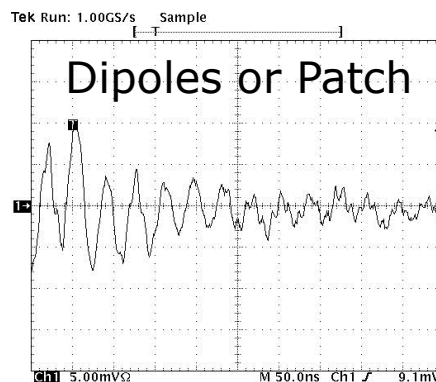
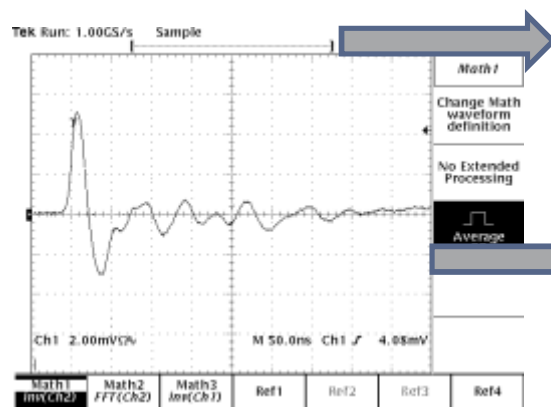
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The sensor matters

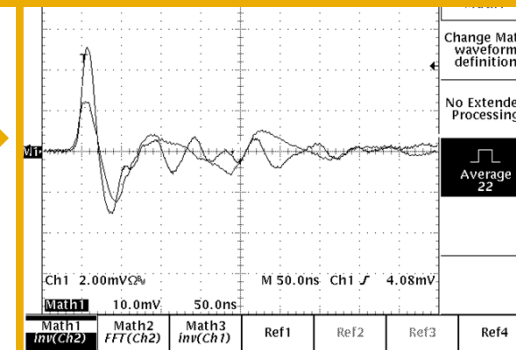
PD pulse

Adapted circuit 50Ω



Accurate PD pulse reconstruction up to 100MHz

Differential EM field sensor

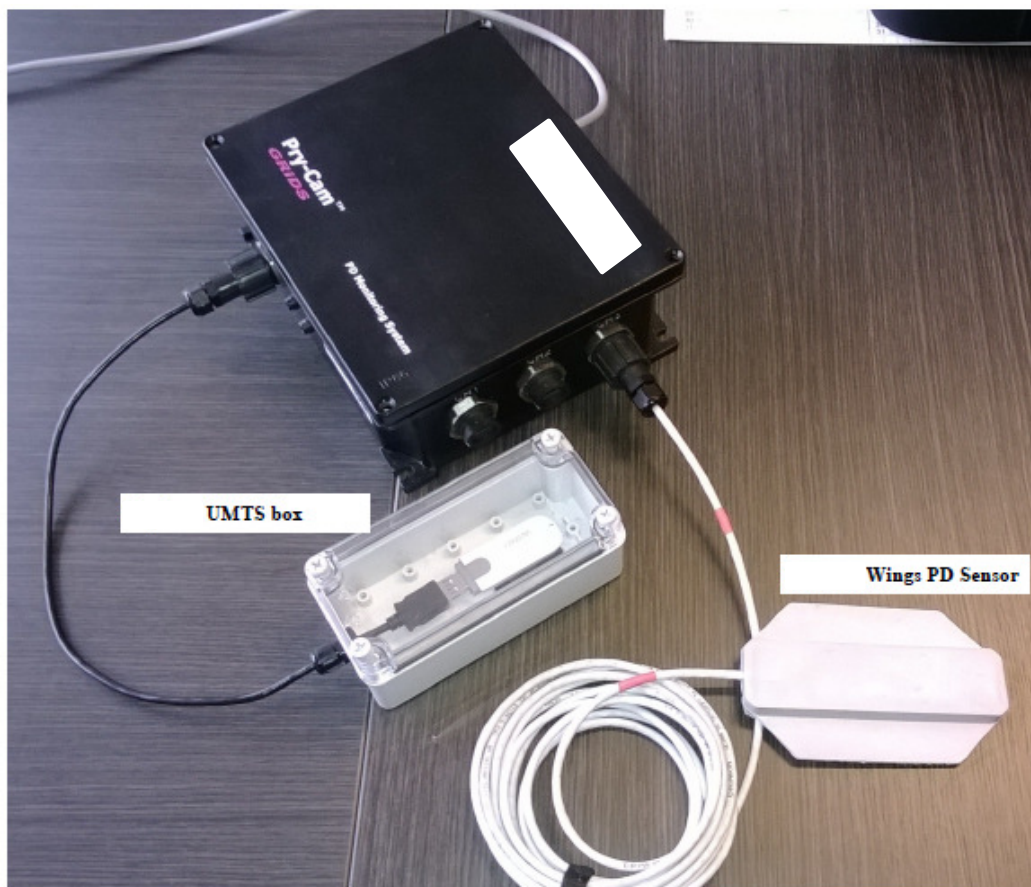




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2. Grids permanent monitoring



**Monitoring system
with:**

- Continuous monitoring of PD, temperature, current, etc
- Installation without service interruption
- Galvanic isolation
- 50MHz bandwidth
- 1pC sensitivity



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2. Grids permanent monitoring



Optional LV aux supply

- Energy Harvester Device
- External battery
- PV panel

Possibility to harvest power from HV cable sheath



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3. Wings Sensor



Wings sensors

- **PD, temperature and current** measurement
- **Easy-to-stick** on any components **without service interruption**
- Suitable for retrofitting

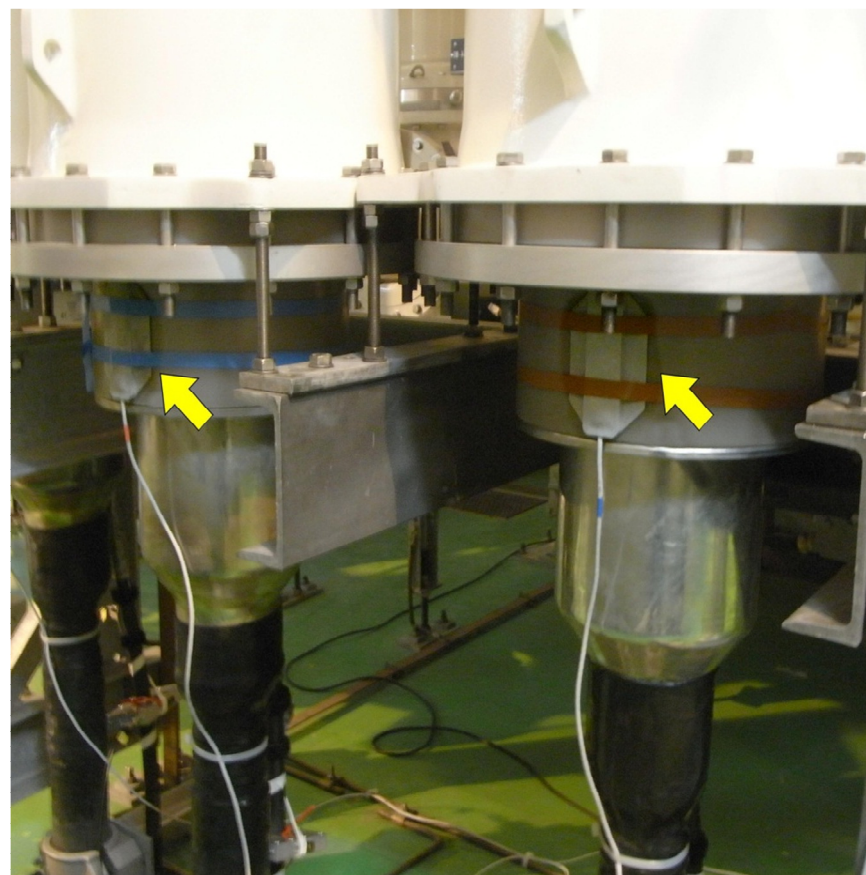


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3. Wings Sensors

Wings sensors on power cable **Wings sensors on GIS terminations**



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3. Wings Sensors



Wings PD sensors stuck
and covered with tape

Plastic conduit for sensor
cables to ground level



Sensor cable connectors
protection at ground level

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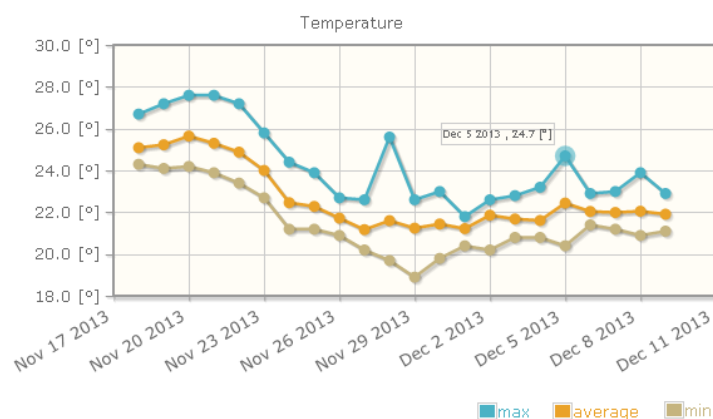




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4. DLog for other key signals monitoring



Product features

- **inputs for analog signals**
(e.g. temperature, pressure, current, voltage)
- **digital inputs or outputs**
- **Remote monitoring and processing**

Key advantages

- **Continuous tracking key parameters**
- **Advanced alarm functions**
- **Installation without service interruption**

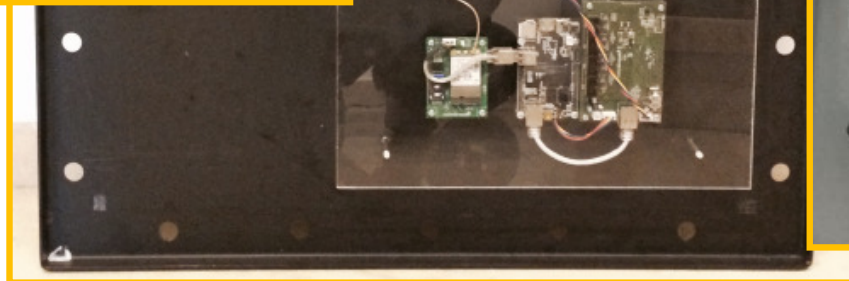


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Tool for asset management: Smart LinkBox

Remote monitoring of key parameters: Screen Currents, SVL State, PD, internal flooding



Self-powered!



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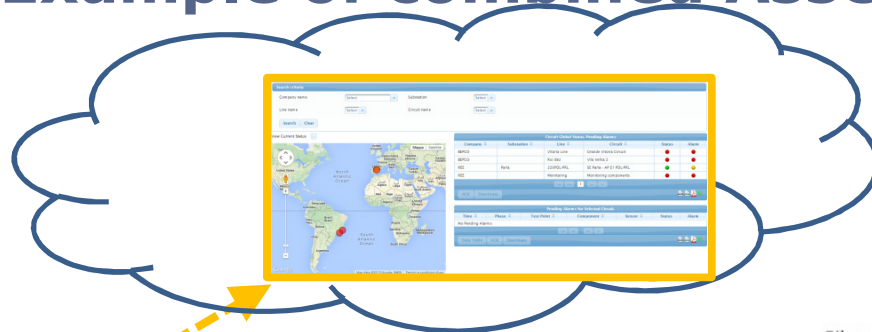




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Example of combined Asset Monitoring

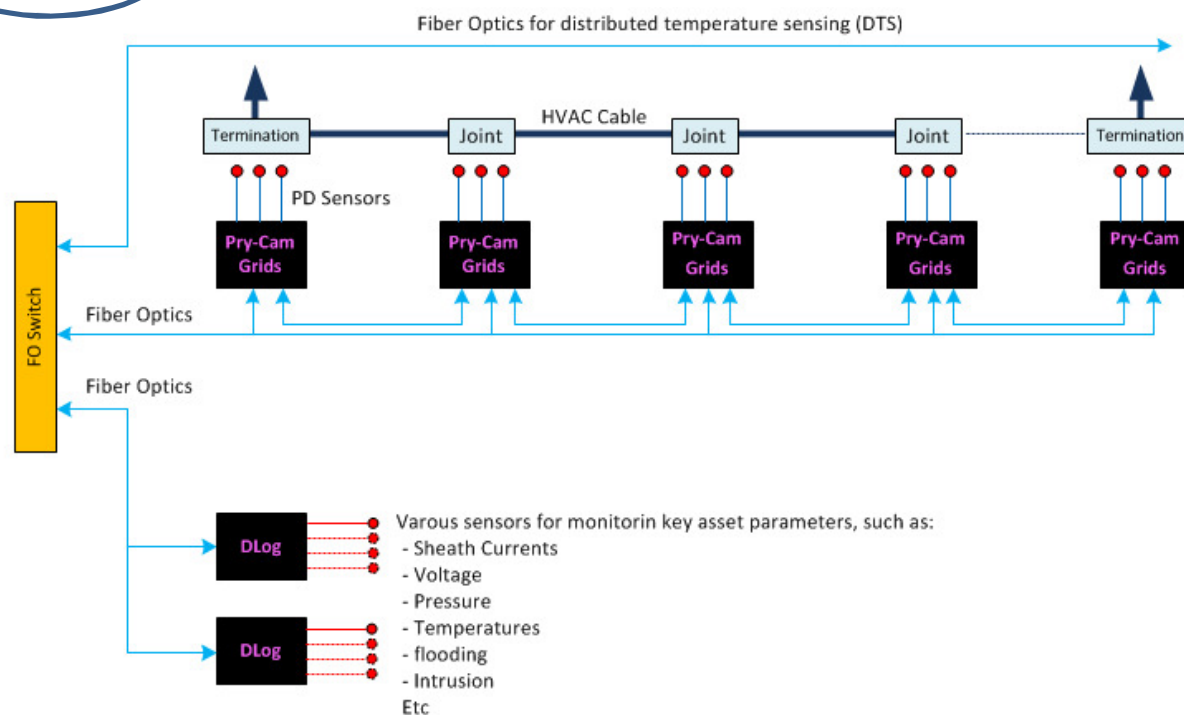
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Asset Management common Platform



Pry-Cam Asset Management Local Server



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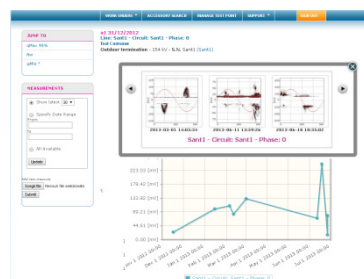
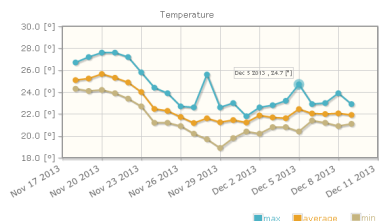
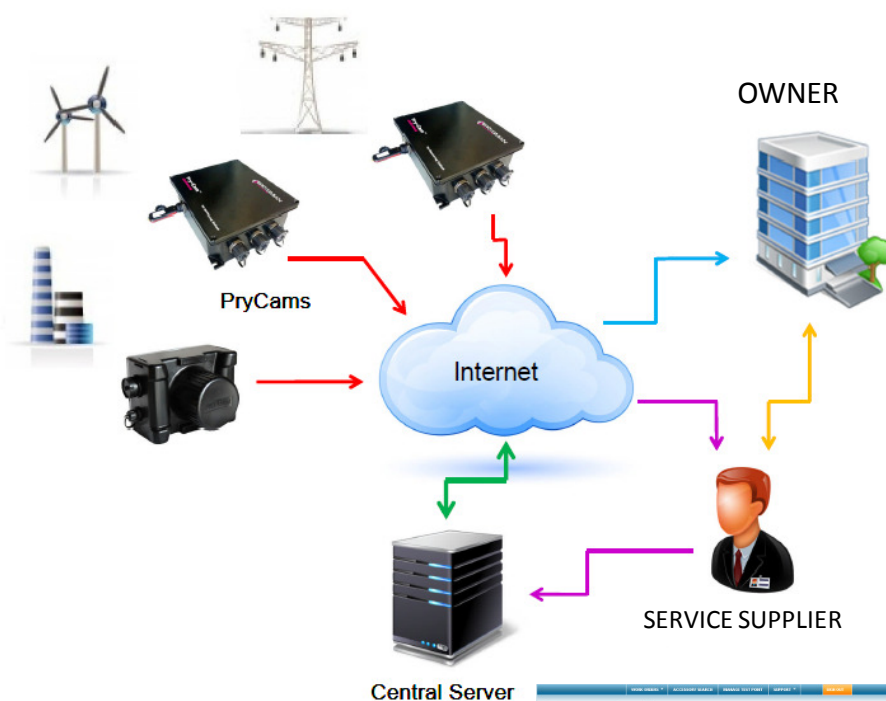




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Asset Management Web Platform



Key advantages

- **Remote monitoring**
- Data storage and protection
- **Remote support from service supplier**
- **Processing tools:**
 - Trendings
 - Alarms
 - Remote diagnosis
- **Integrated asset supervision:**
 - PDs
 - Currents, Voltage
 - Temperatures, Pressures
 - Humidity, Smoke, Floodings, Intrusions
 - Others

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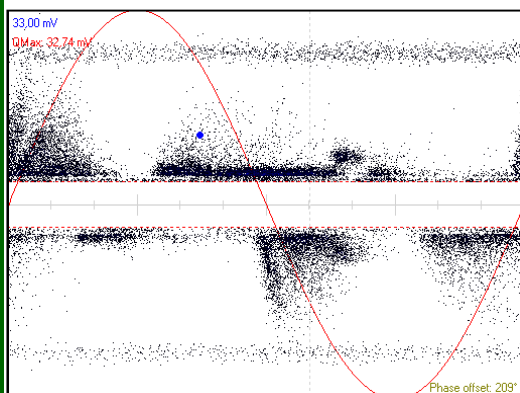


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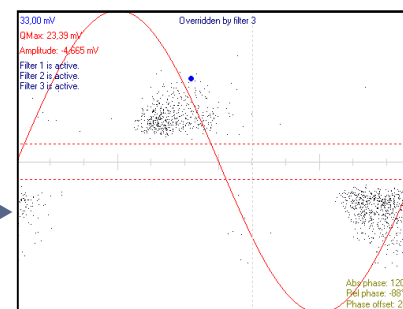
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PD separation & classification

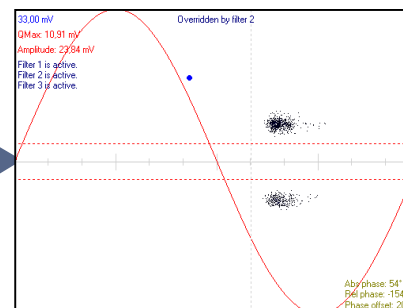
Complete PD pattern



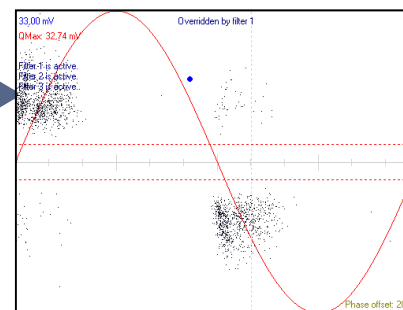
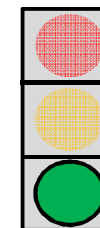
**Advanced
algorithm
for PD
separation**



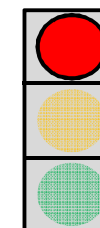
Surface
PD on
another
phase



Corona



Internal
PD on
joint





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Experiences



- More than 20,000
PD measurements
- More than 60
permanent PD
monitoring systems
In different
countries:

- Italy
- Spain
- UK
- France
- Middle East
- USA
- Canada
- Brazil
- Mexico
- Argentina
- Korea
- Turkey
- Netherlands

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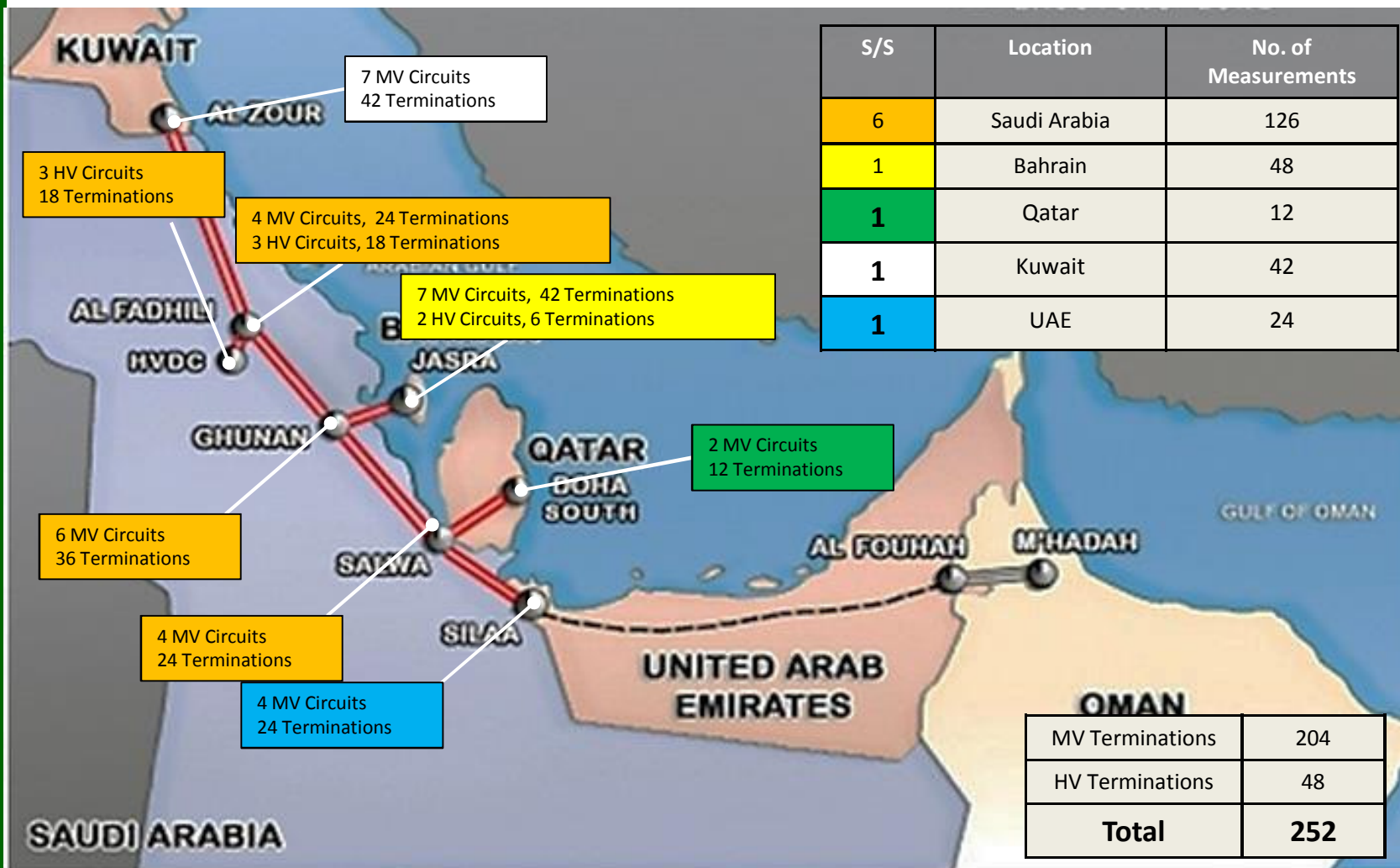


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Experience case in Middle East (one shot)





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Experience case in UK - PD Monitoring on 400kV OF cable systems



PD monitoring on 2 critical & old circuits

- 400kV OF
10km
- 400kV OF 6kV
- 23 Grids systems
with 200 Wings
sensors
- 3G/UMTS
connectivity

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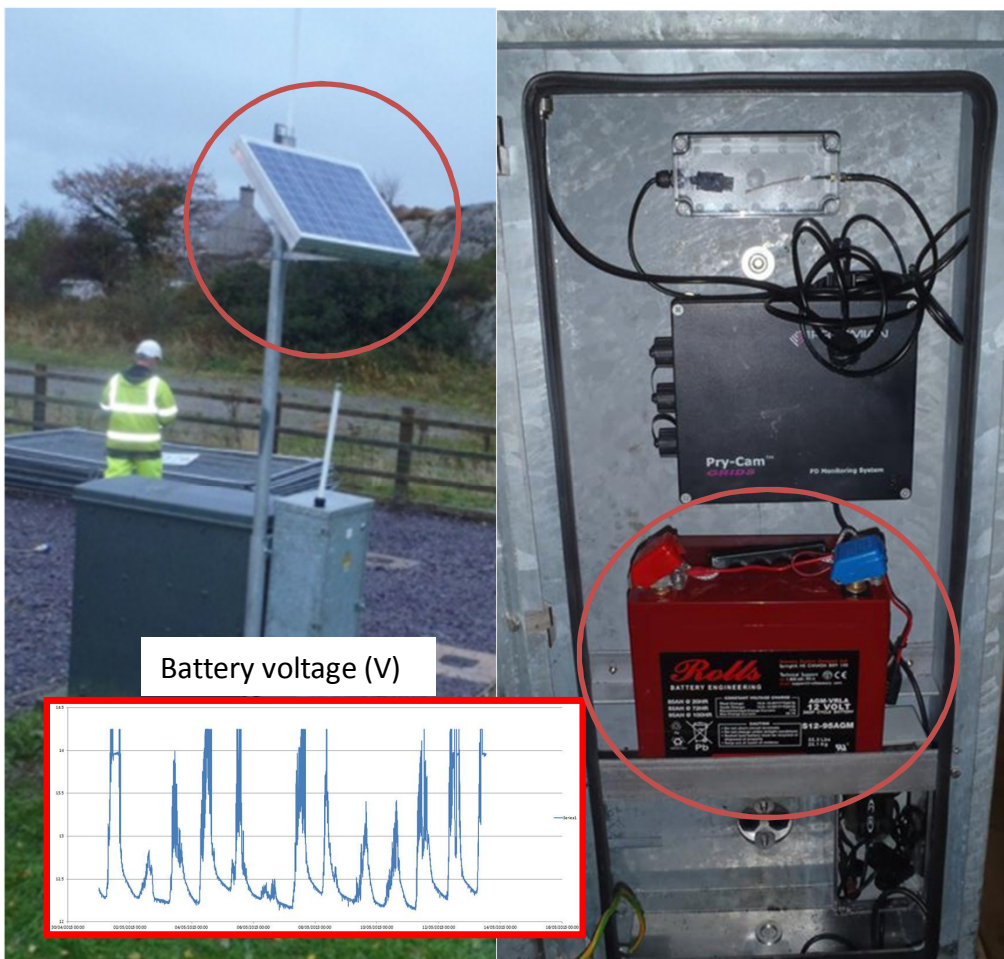




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Experience case in UK - PD Monitoring on 400kV OF cable systems



- 3G/UMTS connectivity
- Data sent to Web Server
- Power supply with battery+PV panel

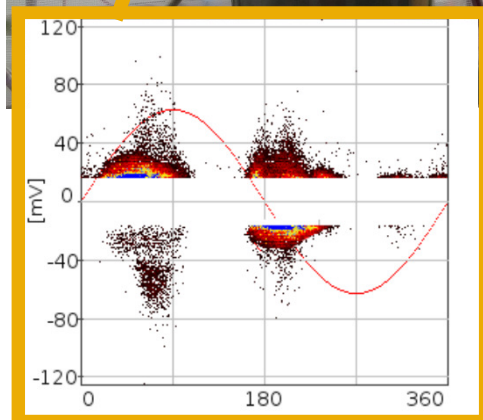
Thanks to the low
power demand of
the measurement
system



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Success case in UK – PD detection on OF termination in Nuclear Power Station



- OF Termination having high levels of dissolved gas
- Potential loss of generation and explosion risk

Results with portable differential EM field PD detector:

- Internal PDs found on phase B in few minutes
- Faults prevention
- No supply interruption

Investigation showed that papers were loose/unwinding

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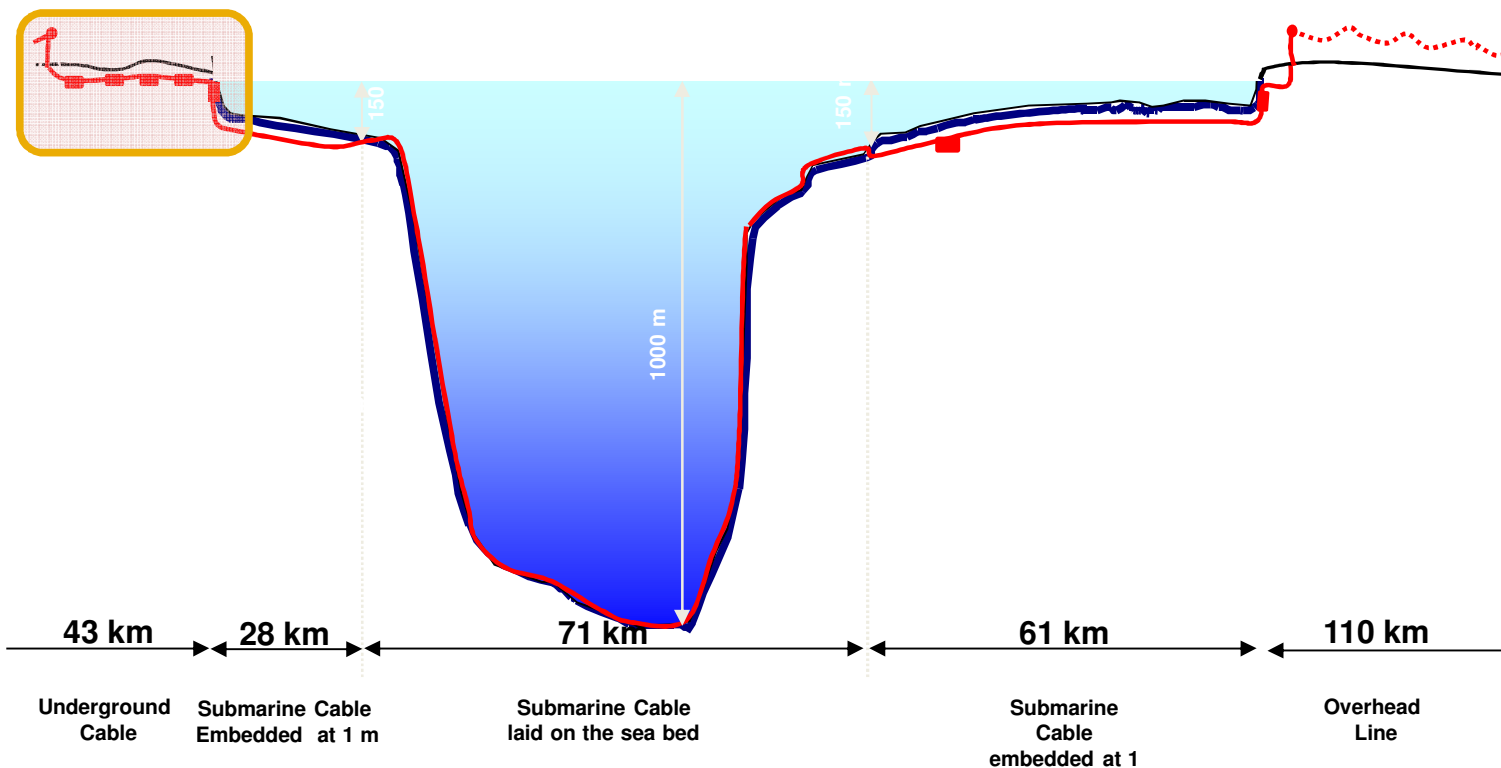


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400 kV HVDC OF/Mass Impregnated (Italy)

Pressure and temperature monitoring on land oil filled cable system



Problems to be solved:

- Analog Pressure monitoring out of order
- Not real time temperature monitoring

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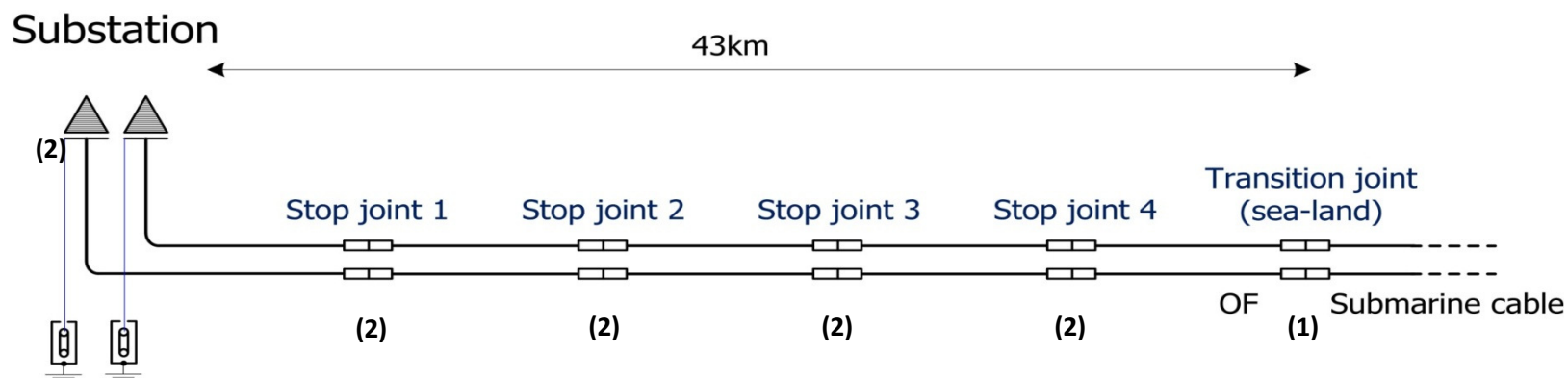


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Pressure and temperature monitoring on land oil filled cable system



Pressure monitoring on every hydraulic circuit (1)
Hot spots temperature monitoring (1)
Temperature real time monitoring on straight joints (2)

- (1)** - On transition joints, stop joints and outdoor terminations
- (2)** - Several straight joints (33 in total) are present between stop joints; only on some of them the temperature is monitored

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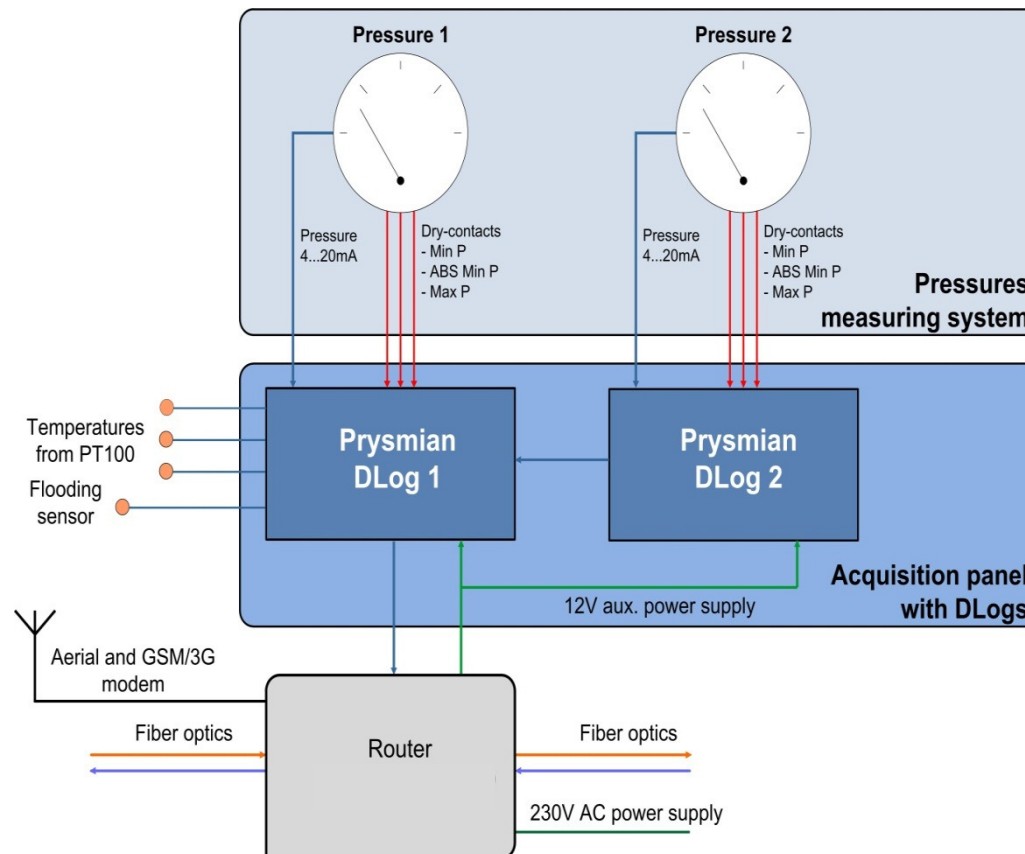




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400 kV HVDC OF / Mass Impregnated (Italy) State of the art solution



Acquisition panel

- High performance data logger
- Fibre optic connectivity to local server



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400 kV HVDC OF / Mass Impregnated (Italy) Asset Management Server



- Analog pressure monitoring
- No temperature monitoring



Real-time pressure and temperature
monitoring from local server

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Succes case in Canada Comparative PD Tests



- Performance of the smart asset management compared with previous measurements
- 12 Dry Gel Terminations investigated

Results with portable differential EM field sensor:

- More accurate and reliable diagnosis
- No supply interruption
- 80% time saving
- Robust noise rejection
- **No false positive**

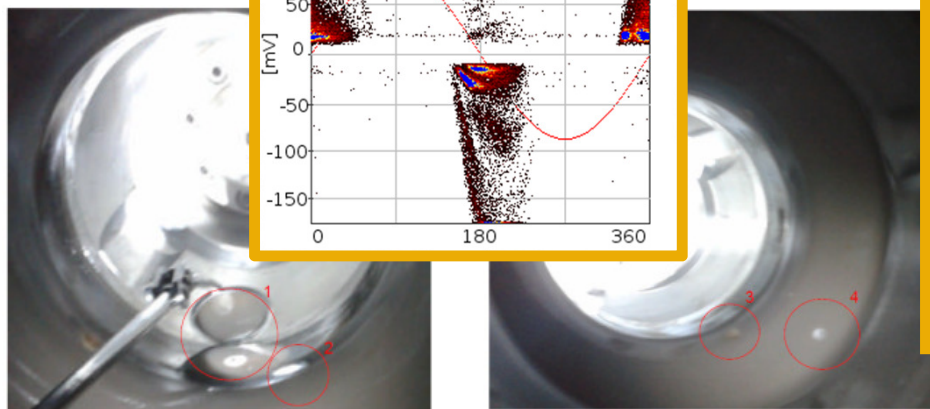
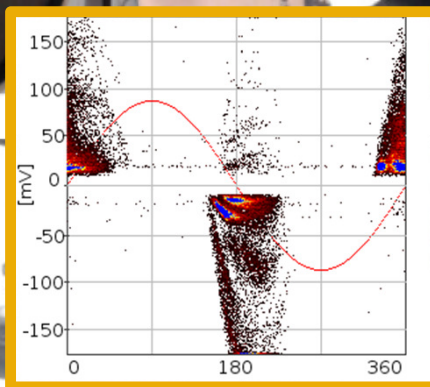


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Succes case in Spain

PD detections on HV terminals



- 6 HV terminations investigated

Results with portable differential EM field sensor:

- Accurate and reliable diagnosis
- Detection of PDs on 2 terminations
- Faults prevention
- No false positive

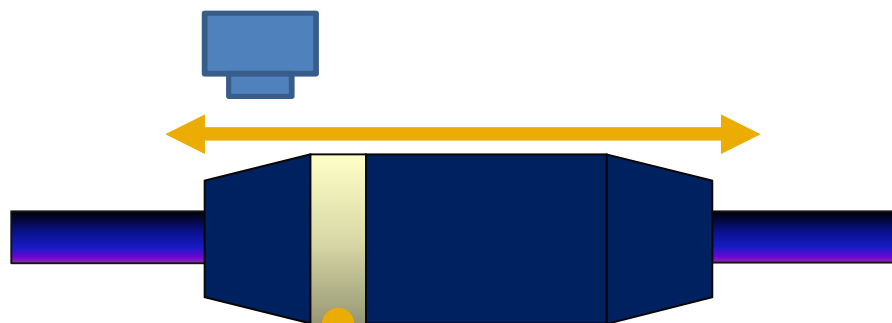


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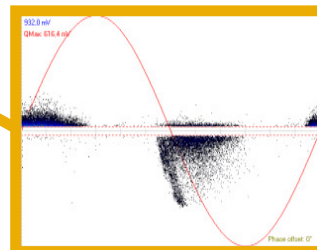
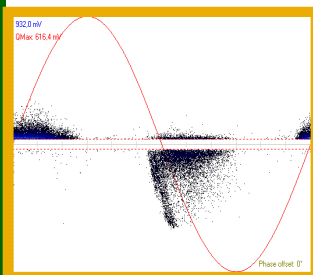
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Succes case in Italy

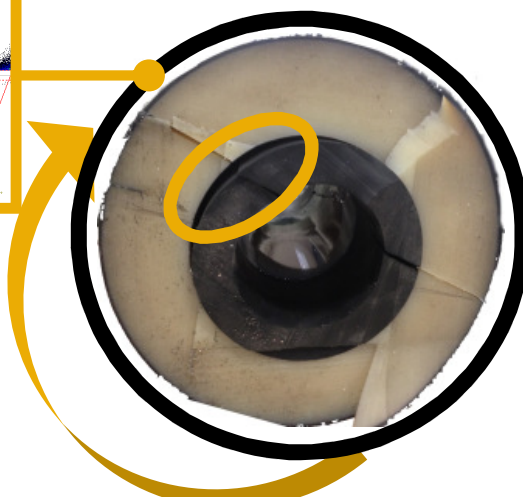
Damage localization on Joint



MAX PD pulse amplitude



- HV joint
- PD measurements along and around the joint by simply moving the Pry-Cam



Results with Pry-Cam:

- Accurate defect localization

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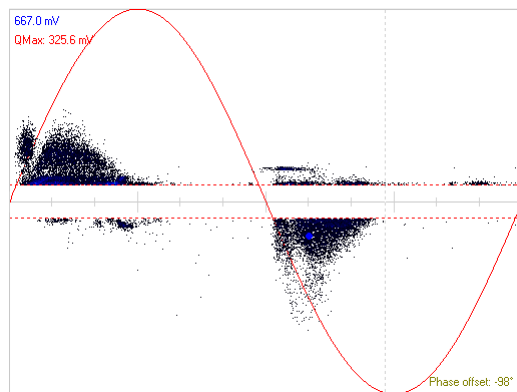




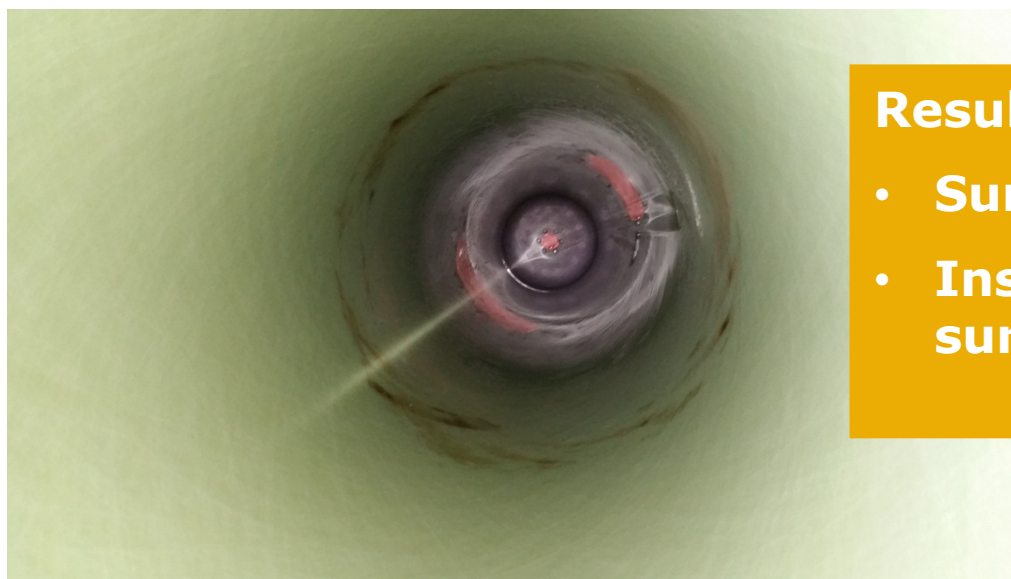
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Success case in Latvia



- 330 kV oil termination investigated under owner request



Results with Pry-Cam:

- Surface PDs detected;
- Inspection confirmed surface PDs activity



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Conclusions

- Smart Asset Management is helping system operators and utilities to:
 - Increase reliability and safety
 - Decrease maintenance costs
 - Take risk-based decisions
- There is a strong correlation between disruptive failures and PDs
- On-line PD monitoring is crucial for fault prevention and risk based maintenance
- Actual state-of-the-art of technologies and huge amount of experiences are now available for network asset management optimization

Thank you