



Dissolved Gas Analysis

The Health Indicator for Oil Immersed Transformers

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What is DGA

- It is the most effective tool for advanced detection of almost all types of incipient fault inside an oil filled transformer.
- In a live transformer, Gases in oil always result from the decomposition of electrical insulation materials (oil or paper), as a result of faults or chemical reaction in the equipment.
- Different gases are generated at different situations and a particular fault can be detected by analysing the fault gases dissolved in the oil.





Why DGA is Essential

- The most reliable and proactive method for identification of fault inside a transformer at an early stage of development.
- Used world wide since 1960s.
- To reduce risk to the unit Plant outage
- To reduce risk to the system it is connected -Interruptions / shutdown
- To reduce risk to the company Loss of property / brand name
- To reduce risk to the personnel Injury / Loss of human life (internal / external)





When to Conduct DGA

- □ In the factory
 - After high voltage and temperature rise test
- At site
 - After high voltage testing
 - Immediately before commissioning
 - Within two days after commissioning
 - After one month of commissioning
 - Before lapse of warranty period
 - After any major fault
 - Periodic checking / online arrangement
- At the end of life (Academic purpose)

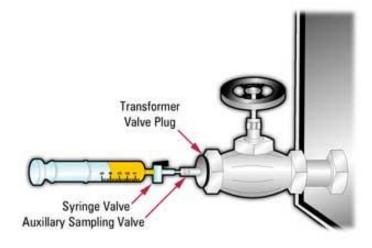




Sampling Method



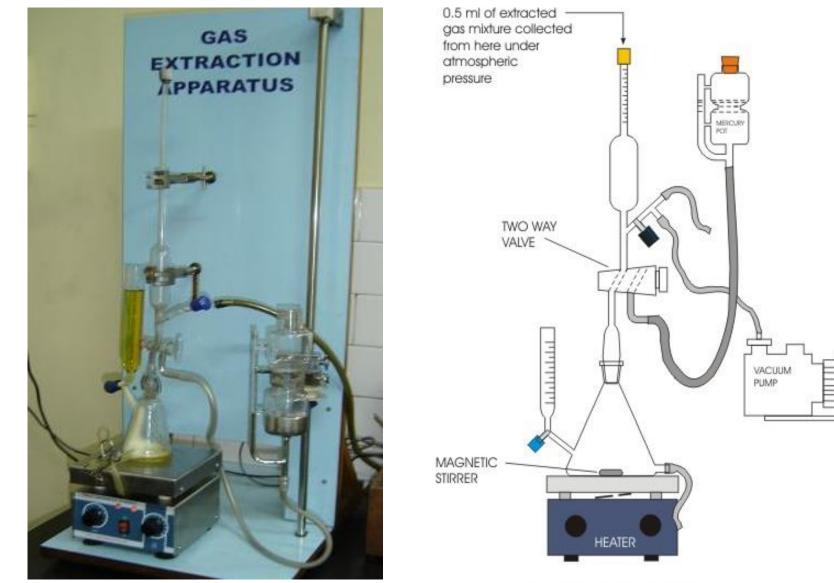






Gas Extraction



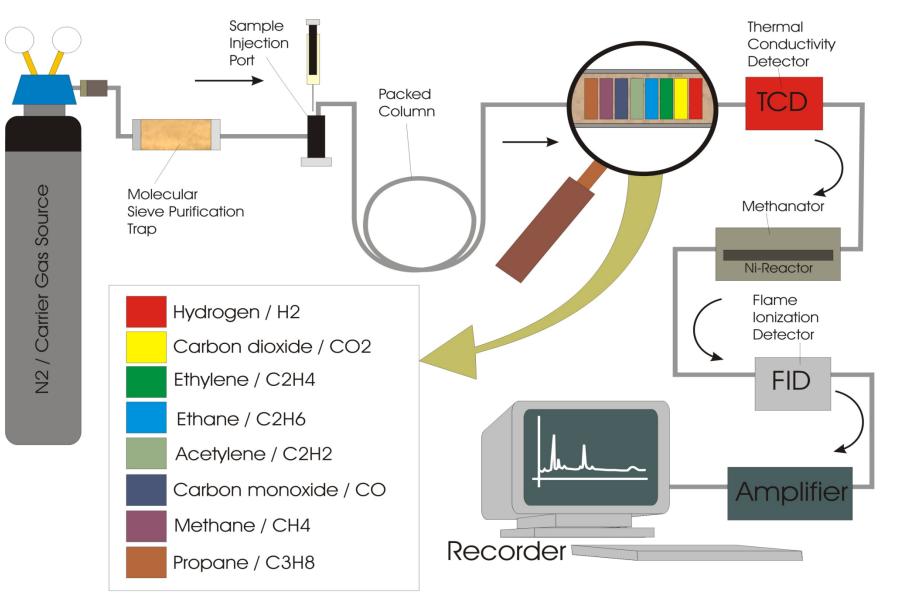


GAS EXTRACTION APPARATUS



DGA Process



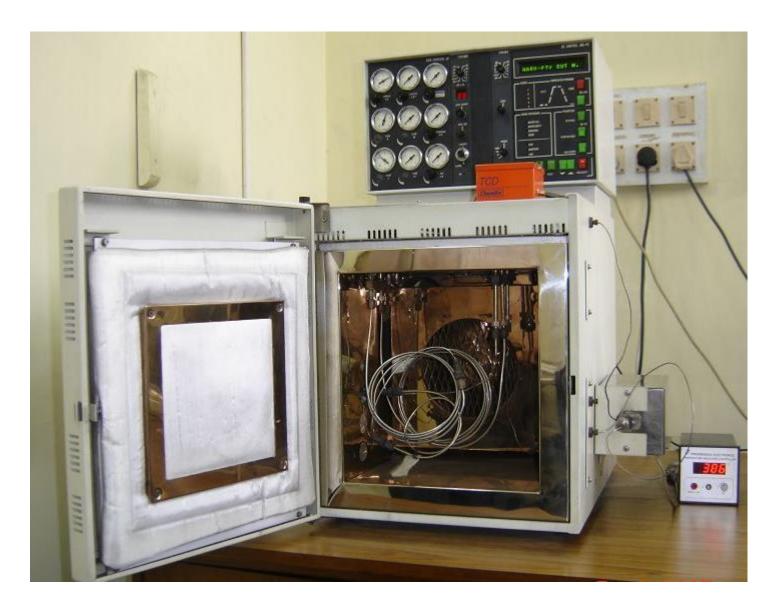


TYPICAL GAS CHROMATOGRAPHIC SYSTEM



Gas Analyser

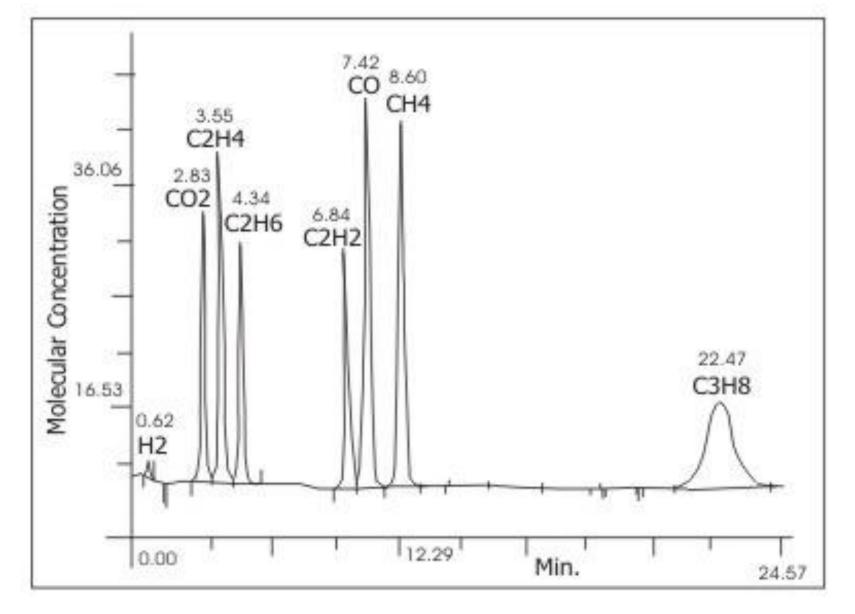






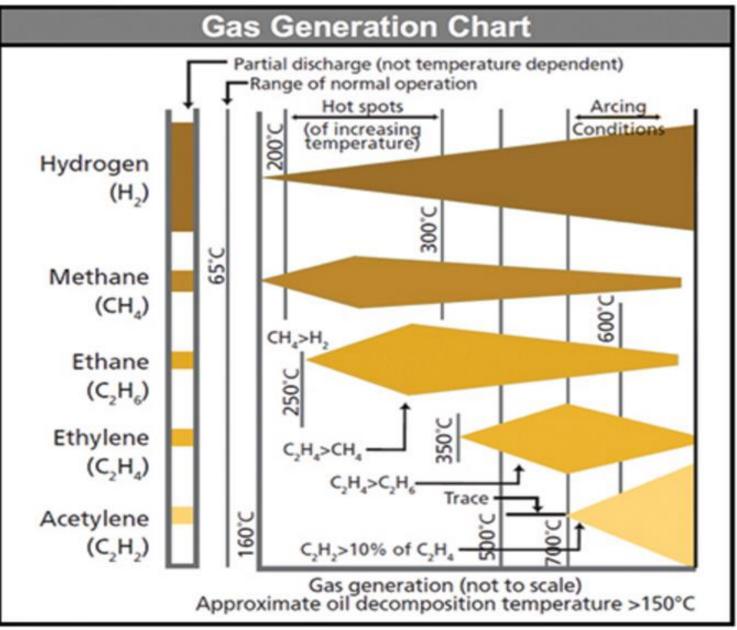
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Interpretation Techniques

Technique - 1 : Permissible concentration of gases in a healthy transformer

Actual concentrations of different gases for various ages of transformers vary very widely as a result of different operational methods and transformer designs. The normal concentrations (or norms) for healthy transformers of various ages are based on the rich experience of the leading utilities on the globe.

Gas (in ppm)	< 4 Years of service	4 to 10 Years of service	> 10 Years of service
Hydrogen (H ₂)	100 - 150	200 - 300	200 - 300
Methane (CH ₄)	50 - 70	100 - <mark>1</mark> 50	200 - 300
Ethane (C ₂ H ₆)	30 - 50	100 - <mark>1</mark> 50	800 - 1000
Ethylene (C ₂ H ₄)	100 - 150	150 - 200	200 - 400
Acetylene (C ₂ H ₂)	20 - 30	30 - 50	100 - 150
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	200 - 300	400 - 500	600 - 700
Carbon Di-oxide (CO ₂)	3000 - 3500	4000 - 5000	9000 - 12000





Technique - 2 : Total Combustible Gas (TCG) Method

Probability of any incipient fault can be anticipated from the total concentration of dissolved combustible gases i.e. by adding the concentrations of H₂, CH₄, C₂H₆, C₂H₄, C₂H₂ and CO.

Combustible Gas (in ppm)	Transformer Condition
0 - 500	Satisfactory.
500 - 1000	Decomposition of oil in excess of normal aging; needs monitoring.
> 1000	Significant decomposition of oil; needs close monitoring.
> 2500	Substantial decomposition of oil; needs inspection to detect fault.

Technique - 3 : Key Gas Method

Gas	Nature of Fault
Methane (CH ₄) & Ethane (C ₂ H ₆)	Gradual overheating.
CO ₂ or CO or both	Transformer overloaded or operating hot.
Ethylene (C ₂ H ₄)	Hot spots in overheated joints, core bolts etc.
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Overheating involving cellulose insulation.
H ₂	Corona discharge, electrolysis of water or rusting.
H ₂ , CO ₂ or CO	Corona discharge involving cellulose or severe overloading.





Technique - 4 : Dornenberg Ratio Method

CH ₄ / H ₂	C_2H_2/C_2H_4	C_2H_6/C_2H_2	C_2H_2/CH_4	Indication
> 1.0	< 0.75	> 0.4	< 0.3	Thermal decomposition
> 0.1	> 0.75	< 0.4	> 0.3	Electrical discharge
< 1.0				
< 0.1	Not significant	> 0.4	< 0.3	Corona

Technique - 5 : Roger's Ratio Method

Ratios of gases calculated and are codified as 1, if the ratio is >1 and as 0, if the ratio is <1

CH ₄ / H ₂	C_2H_6/CH_4	C_2H_4/C_2H_6	C_2H_2/C_2H_4	Indication
0	0	0	0	If $CH_4 / H_2 \le 0.1$ then P.D., otherwise normal
1	0	0	0	Slight overheating (< 150 °C)
1	1	0	0	Overheating (150 - 200 °C)
0	1	0	0	Overheating (200 - 300 °C)
0	0	1	0	General conductor overheating
1	0	1	0	Circulating currents and / or overheated joints
0	0	0	1	Flashover without power follow-through
0	1	0	1	Tap-changer selector breaking current
0	0	1	1	Arc with power follow-through or persistent arcing





Technique - 6 : IEC Ratio Method

Ratios of gases calculated and are codified as mentioned in the chart.

	C_2H_2/C_2H_4	CH ₄ / H ₂	C_2H_4/C_2H_6	
Ratio of gases				
< 0.1	Code 0	Code 1	Code 0	
0.1 to 1	Code 1	Code 0	Code 0	
1 to 3	Code 1	Code 2	Code 1	
> 3	Code 2	Code 2	Code 2	
				Indication
Code :	0	0	0	Normal
Code :	0	1	0	Partial discharges of low energy density
Code :	1	1	0	Partial discharges of high energy density
Code :	1 → 2	0	1 → 2	Discharges of low energy
Code :	1	0	2	Discharges of high energy
Code :	0	0	1	Thermal fault of temperature (< 150 °C)
Code :	0	2	0	Thermal fault of temp. (150 - 300 °C)
Code :	0	2	1	Thermal fault of temp. (300 - 700 °C)
Code :	0	2	2	Thermal fault of temperature (> 700 °C)





DUVAL TRIANGLE (IEC 60599-2007-05)							
PD	ZONE	FAULT INDICATION					
80 20	T1	Thermal fault, ≤300 °C					
T2 40 5"	T2	Thermal fault, >300 °C, ≤700 °C					
3" 40 - 60	тз	Thermal fault, >700 °C					
	D1	Discharges of low-energy					
20 - D1 D2 DT T3	D2	Discharges of high-energy					
80 60 40 20	DT	Combination of thermal faults and discharges					
← C ₂ H ₂ [%]	PD	Partial discharge					



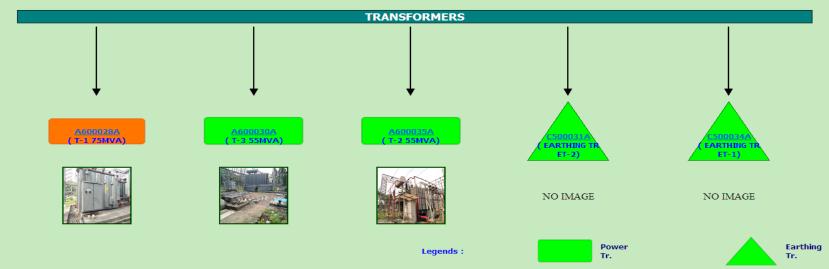
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DGA DASHBOARD

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			UTH WEST ZOI	NE			
SUBSTATION							
CHAKMIR S/S	MAJERHAT_S/S						
RECEIVING STATION							
SOUTHERN B(S							
DISTRIBUTION STATION							
AKRA D/S	ALIPORE D/S	BARISHA D/S	BEHALA D/S	BEHALA NORTH D/S	BHOWANIPORE D/8	BUDGE BUDGE D/S	EUDGE EUDGE SOUTH D/S
DIAMOND CITY WEST DS (SARSUNA)	EDEN CITY D/S	ELSIN ROAD D/S	GANGARAMPORE D/S	GARDEN REACH D/S	HIDE ROAD D/S	KIDDIRPORE D/S	MAHESHTOLA D/S
MAJERHAT D/S	PRINCE ANWAR SHAH D/S	RAJA SANTOSH ROAD D/S	SIRITY D/S	SOUTHERN D/S	TARATALA D/S	THAKURPUKUR D/S	TOLLYGUNGE NORTH D/S

Station : SOUTHERN R/S Zone : SOUTH WEST ZONE







DGA DASHBOARD - GENERAL INFORMATION

Asset No.	4	A600030A
Asset Category	;	132/33 kV POWER TRANSFORMER
Asset Name	;	SOUTHERN R/S T-3 55MVA
Make	;	CA PARSONS
Capacity (MVA)	;	55
Voltage Ratio	;	132/33
1st Comm. Date	;	22/08/1996

DGA DETAILS

Status as per Last DGA Values : GREEN

Total Records Found : 33

Sample ID	Sampling Date	CH4	C2H6	C2H4	C2H2	H2	CO2	CO	Sampling Reasons	Tick to Select	•
238118	12/12/16	3	1	3	0	9	5640	213	ROUTINE SAMPLING		Ш
226734	24/06/16	2	0	2	0	3	3005	222	ROUTINE SAMPLING		
219364	07/03/16	2	1	1	0	13	3571	127	ROUTINE SAMPLING		
200217	05/09/15	1	0	1	0	17	2419	85	ROUTINE SAMPLING		
171224	21/01/15	2	0	1	0	0	1050	41	ROUTINE SAMPLING		
147188	16/06/14	3	0	0	0	6	5126	238	ROUTINE SAMPLING		
116264	18/11/13	2	2	3	0	1	4462	155	ROUTINE SAMPLING		Ŧ

Show Interpretation

Show Trend Analysis

Close



Show Duval Triangle

Show Trend Analysis



DGA INTERPRETATION REPORT

Asset Category Asset Name	: 132/33 kV POWER TRANSFORMER : SOUTHERN R/S T-3 55MVA	Capacity (MVA) : 55 Voltage Ratio : 132/33			
Sampling Date	: 12/12/16 Sample ID : 238118	1st Comm. Date : 22/08/1996 Status as per the Current DGA Values : GREE			
IEC Reference : <u>(View Guid</u> Thermal Fault of Low Temperature < 150 degO assessed as Condition - 5	C2H2/C2H4 : 0.0 ~ 0 CH4/H2 : 0.33 ~ 0	ROGER'S Ratio : (View Guidelines) Ratios : NOT FOUND CH4/H2 : 0.33 ~ 0 C2H6/CH4 : 0.33 ~ 0 C2H4/C2H6 : 3.0 ~ 2 C2H2/C2H4 : 0.0 ~ 0 Condition :			
DORNENBERG Ratio : <u>(Viev</u> NOT FOUND	v Guidelines) Ratios : CH4/H2 : 0.33 C2H2/C2H4 : 0.0 C2H2/CH4 : 0.0 C2H2/CH4 : 0.0 C2H6/C2H2 : 0.0 Condition :	KEY GAS METHOD : (View Guidelines) Values (ppm) : CH4 : 3 C2H6 : 1 C2H4 : 3 C2H4 : 3 C2H2 : 0 H2 : 9 CO : 213 Condition : AMBER			
COMBUSTIBLE GAS METHO Satisfactory.	D : (View Guidelines) Total (ppm) 229 Condition : GREEN Condition : GREEN PERMISSIBLE CONCENTRAT GAS METHOD : Age as on GAS Limit (> 1 H2 200-3 CH4 200-3 C2H6 800-1 C2H4 200-4 C2H2 100-1	date of sampling : 20 yrs 10 yrs) Value (ppm) 300 9 300 3 000 1 400 3			

600-700

9000-10000

CO

CO2

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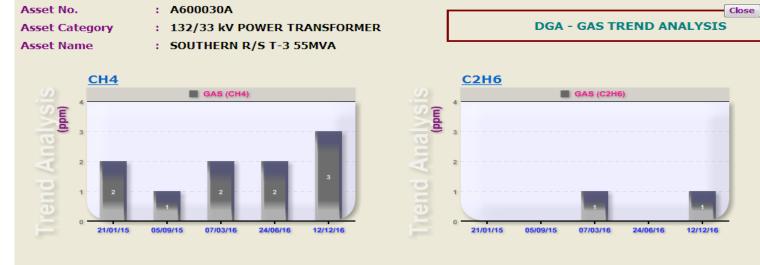
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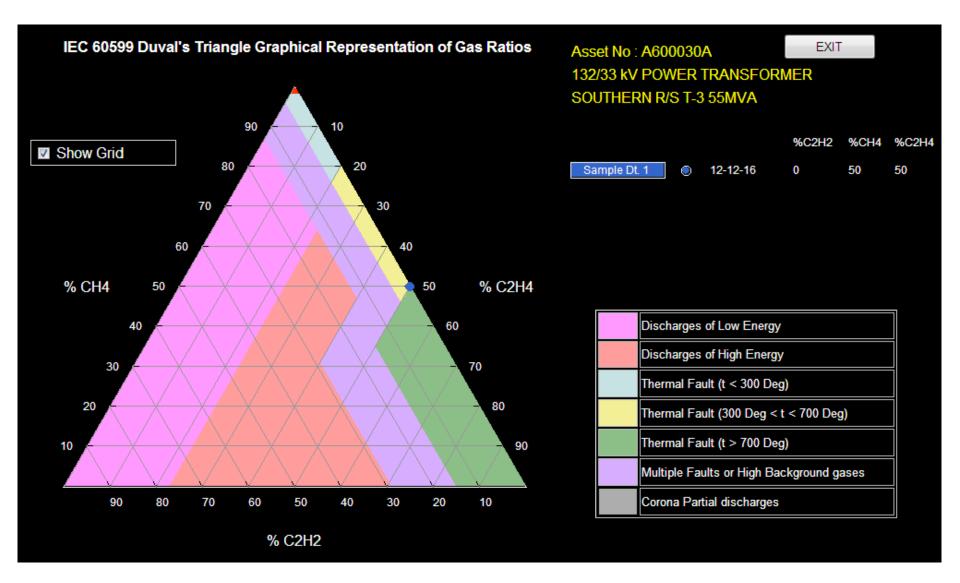
















DGA Case Studies





Case – 1 Transformer No. T-2 at Rashbehari Distribution Station

Capacity: 16 MVA

kV: 33/11-6

Commissioned on: 27/3/02

History: The transformer was uprated by replacing core and providing new winding and commissioned on 27/3/02. DGA results of samples taken at different times are:

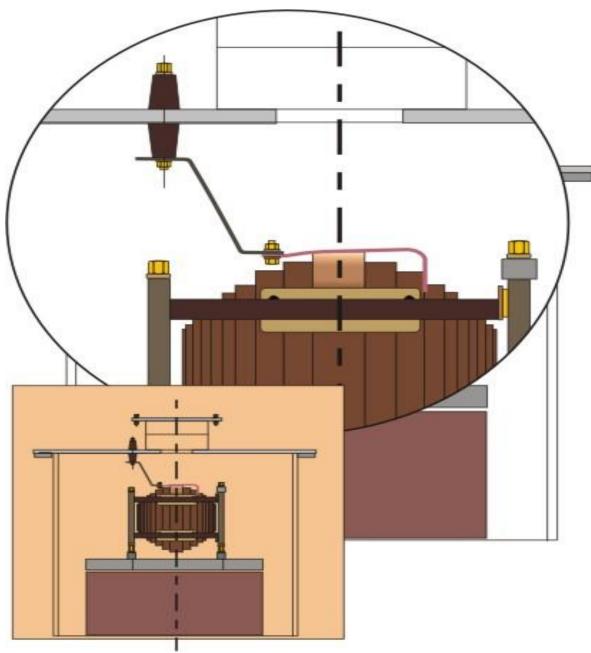
Date	H ₂ (ppm)	CH₄ (ppm)	C₂H ₆ (ppm)	C ₂ H ₄ (ppm)	C ₂ H ₂ (ppm)	CO (ppm)	CO ₂ (ppm)	Remarks
26/3/02	0	0	0	0	0	2	148	Before pre-comm. h.v. test
26/3/02	0	0	0	0	0	4	157	After pre-comm. h.v. test
27/3/02	0	0	0	0	0	6	188	Pre-comm. check
27/3/02	0	0	0	0	0	10	241	Post comm. check
27/5/02	90	244	86	370	0	13	181	Monitoring after 2 months
19/8/02	73	297	114	445	0	14	146	Close monitoring
30/12/02	84	483	184	729	0	27	297	Close monitoring
13/5/03	204	475	241	265	1	58	620	Close monitoring

Since the concentration of different gases were increasing rapidly and interpretation by the different methods were indicating some internal abnormality, as indicated below, the transformer was taken out of service on 28/10/03 and sent to the repairer's works for internal inspection.

Interpretations as per	Sampling on 13/5/03				
Permissible concentration of gases	H_2 , CH_4 , C_2H_6 and C_2H_4 are exceeding limit.				
Total combustible gas	1244 ppm; indicating significant decomposition of oil.				
Key gas method	H_2 & CH ₄ along with C ₂ H ₆ and C ₂ H ₄ ; indicating sparking or other minor fault causing breakdown of oil.				
Dornenberg ratio	>1, < 0.75, >0.4, <0.3; indicating thermal decomposition.				
Rogers ratio	1, 0, 1, 0; indicating circulating currents and / or overheated joints.				
IEC ratio	0, 2, 1; indicating thermal fault of temperature (300 - 700 °C).				











Case -2 Transformer No. T-1 at Auckland Square Distribution Station

Capacity: 20 MVA

kV: 33/11-6

Commissioned on: 03/07/95

History: The Transformer tripped through the operation of Buchholz and Differential Relays on 22/09/2009. All conventional LV & HV tests, including sampling of trapped gas in Buchholz Relay, were carried out for the Transformer but no abnormality was found. The Transformer was re-commissioned. Post tripping oil sampling was carried out for DGA, which showed abnormally high concentration of Hydrogen (H₂) and Acetylene (C₂H₂) gases in the oil, compared to the previous test results suggesting 'High Energy Arcing within Oil inside the Transformer'.

The Transformer was then subjected to more frequent monitoring through DGA on daily basis for the next 9 days till 01/10/2009 and oil samples were taken in various conditions of the Transformer i.e. running the Transformer both in On-load and Off-load conditions for prolonged period to observe whether load had any adverse effect on the Transformer, owing to development of any high-resistance spot/joint on the conducting path. Nevertheless, the DGA results showed similar high concentrations of Hydrogen (H₂) and Acetylene (C₂H₂) irrespective of the loading conditions suggesting presence of persistent 'High Energy Arcing within Oil inside the Transformer'.

Date	H ₂ (ppm)	CH₄ (ppm)	C₂H ₆ (ppm)	C₂H₄ (ppm)	C ₂ H ₂ (ppm)	CO (ppm)	CO ₂ (ppm)	Remarks
14/07/2009	17	41	34	5	0	482	4005	Routine Test
22/09/2009	<mark>92</mark>	65	41	35	<mark>89</mark>	550	4374	Post tripping
23/09/2009	<mark>272</mark>	70	34	34	<mark>110</mark>	491	3832	On load
24/09/2009	<mark>356</mark>	88	40	43	<mark>132</mark>	524	4910	On load
27/09/2009	<mark>284</mark>	80	41	33	<mark>125</mark>	537	5267	No load
28/09/2009	<mark>298</mark>	93	41	34	<mark>124</mark>	555	4929	No load
29/09/2009	<mark>247</mark>	74	34	26	<mark>102</mark>	442	4169	On load
01/10/2009	<mark>399</mark>	81	37	38	<mark>105</mark>	509	4639	On load

The corresponding DGA results are, as follows:











<u>Case – 3</u> Transformer No. T-3 at East Calcutta 132/33 kV Substation

Capacity: 75 MVA

kV: 132/33

Commissioned on: 05/02/2000

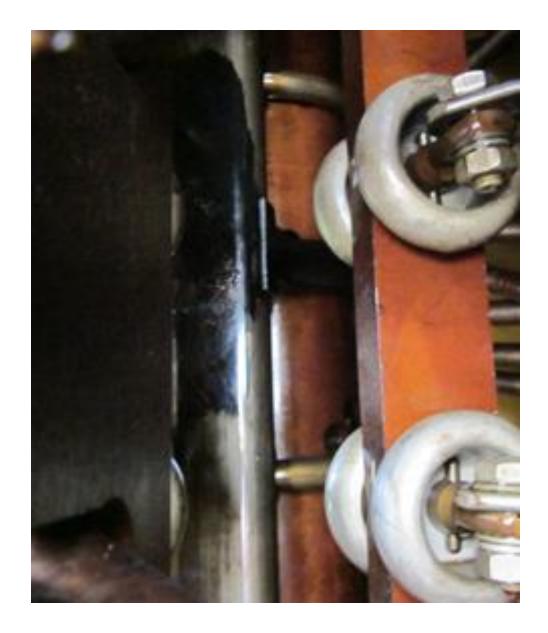
History: The transformer was initially commissioned as T-1 at Kasba Receiving Station and subsequently relocated to East Calcutta S/S as T-3 on 09/02/2012. A few days after re-commissioning as East Calcutta S/S T-3, the transformer tripped by operation of Buchholz relay. Although no visual defects were observed and test results also found satisfactory, high gas content was detected in DGA (see the results obtained on 17/02/12). Subsequently, inspection of active parts carried out after draining of main tank oil, when blackening of odd tap collector contact (on center tube) was observed due to excessive heating. The same was developed due to inadequate pressure of the sliding contact. After shifting the contact to the even tap collector ring, winding resistance measurement carried out and the transformer was energized after satisfactory completion of high voltage tests. Dissolved gas content was monitored very closely for the next few days and finally on 01/03/12, the transformer put on load.

Date	H ₂ (ppm)	CH₄ (ppm)	C ₂ H ₆ (ppm)	C₂H₄ (ppm)	C ₂ H ₂ (ppm)	CO (ppm)	CO ₂ (ppm)	Remarks
13/8/2012	54	66	6	81	0	690	1786	Routine test
1/3/2012	138	75	8	117	46	69	786	Close monitoring
23/2/2012	143	79	9	123	85	55	579	Close monitoring
22/2/2012	53	56	8	105	71	32	627	Others
17/2/2012	272	61	4	59	68	40	311	Post Tripping
9/2/2012	8	0	0	0	0	8	152	Post Commissioning













Thank You

We will now analyse the Questions, still remained Dissolved in your minds



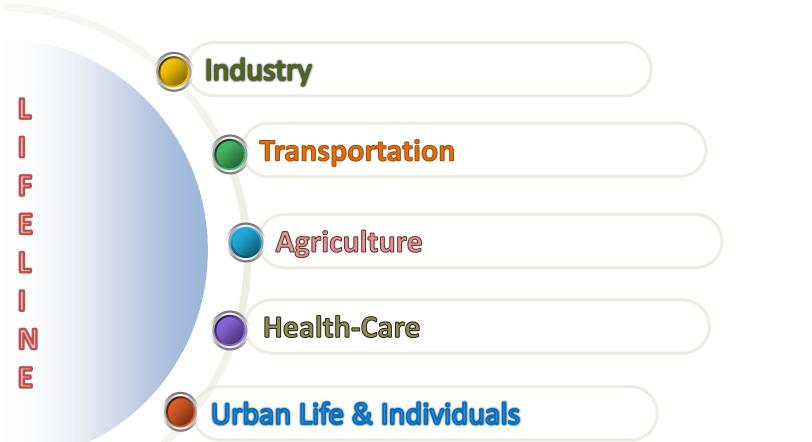


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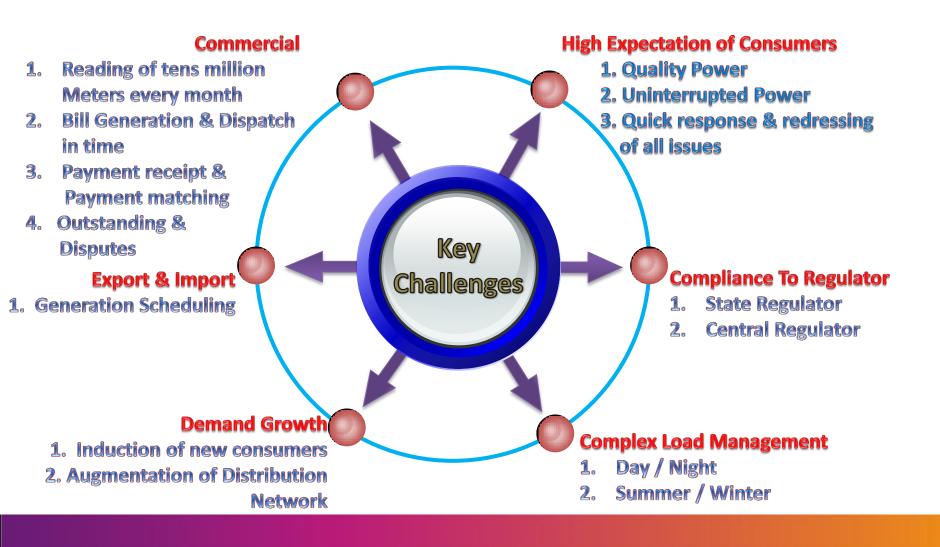
Communication in Power Utilities

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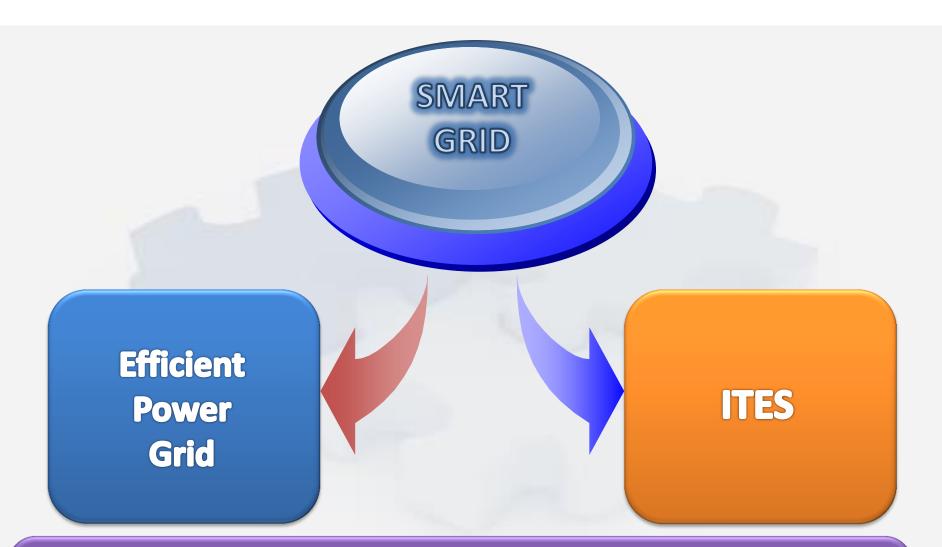
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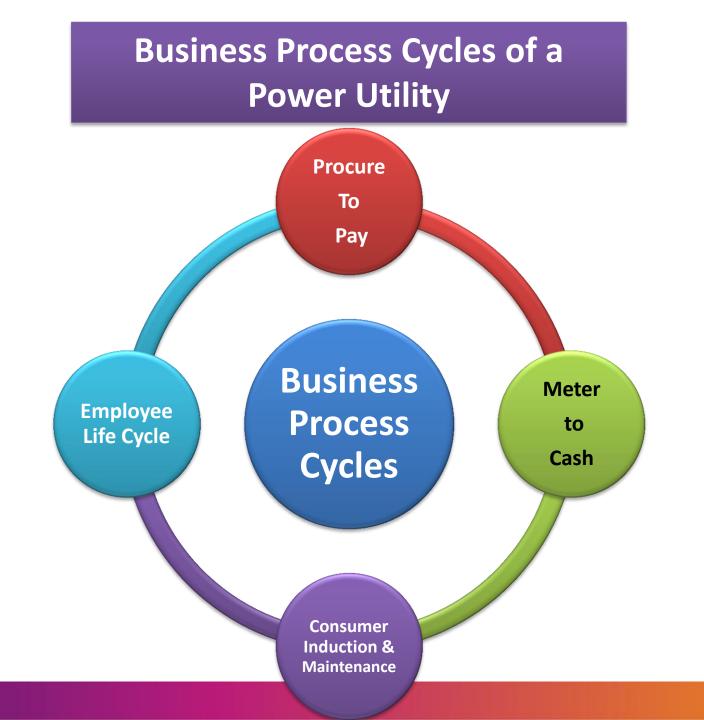
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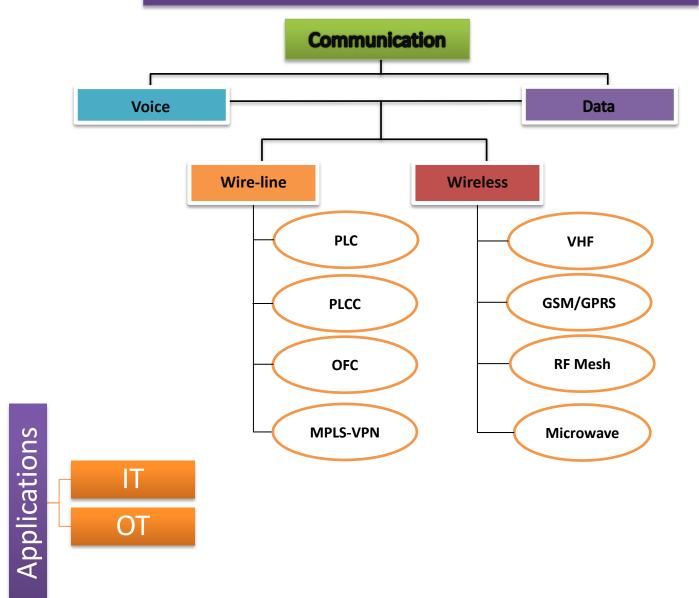
Solution



The Smart Grid sits at the intersection of Energy, IT & Telecommunication Technologies



Communication Systems



Wire-line Media

PLC

- Good solution for applications with low bandwidth requirement
- Not preferable due to reliability based on overhead transmission cables

PLCC

• Not considered in applications of Power Utilities

OFC

- Most reliable and available means of Wire-line Communication Solutions
- High Bandwidth can support any application

MPLS-VPN

- Service Provider dependent
- Can be integrated over long distances

Wireless Media

VHF

- Most popular method of Communication in Power Utilities
- Used for Relaying Alarm Reception in Substations

GSM/GPRS/3G/4G

- Available option for Last-mile Communication Solutions in AMR and DA
- Low Reliability
- Service Provider Dependent

RF Mesh

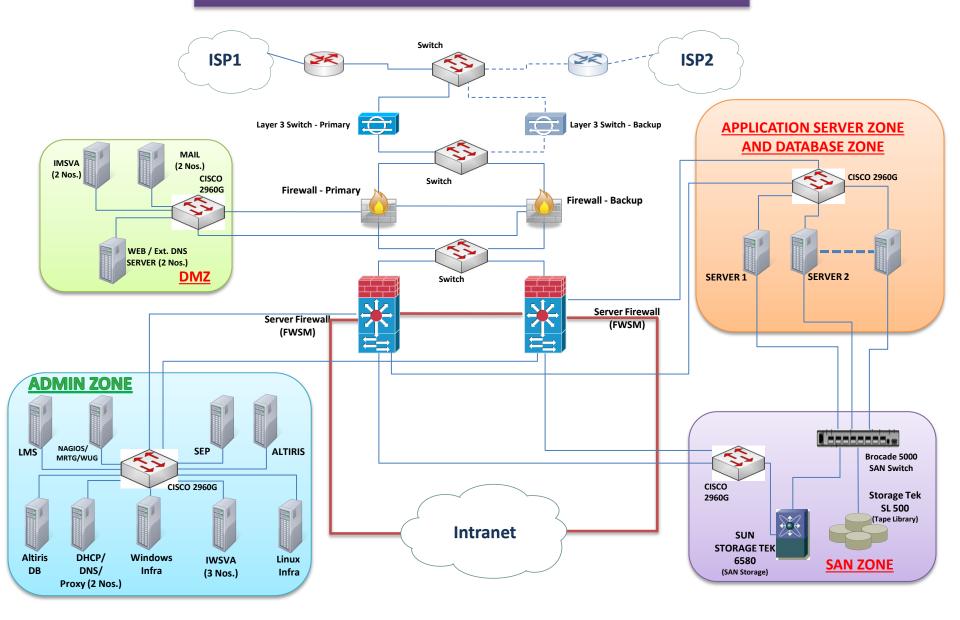
- Emerging Technology among Power Utilities around the World
- Considered for Street Lighting/Switching, AMI and DA
- Availability is based on Frequency Band used

Microwave

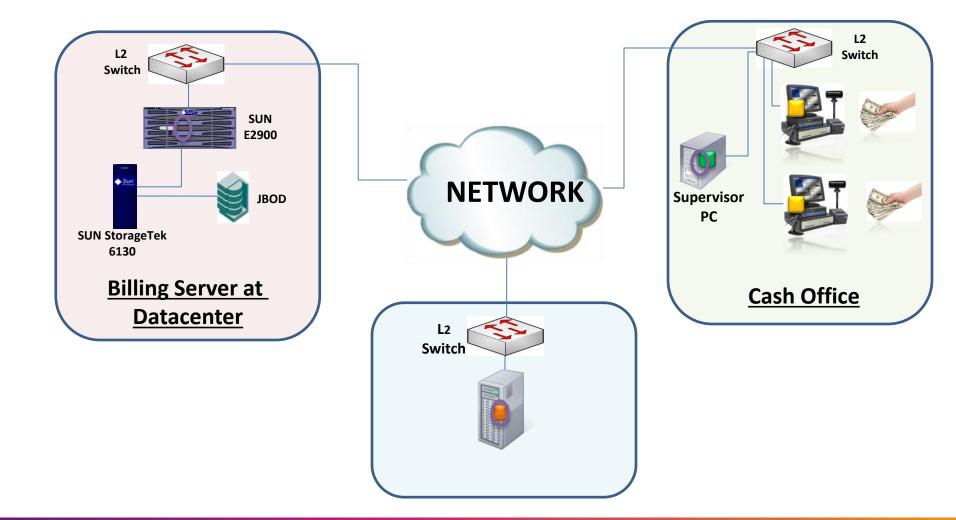
- Regulatory Compliances involved
- Reliability low due to Interference
- Limited Availability of Frequency Spectrum for Power Utilities

Communication in IT Network

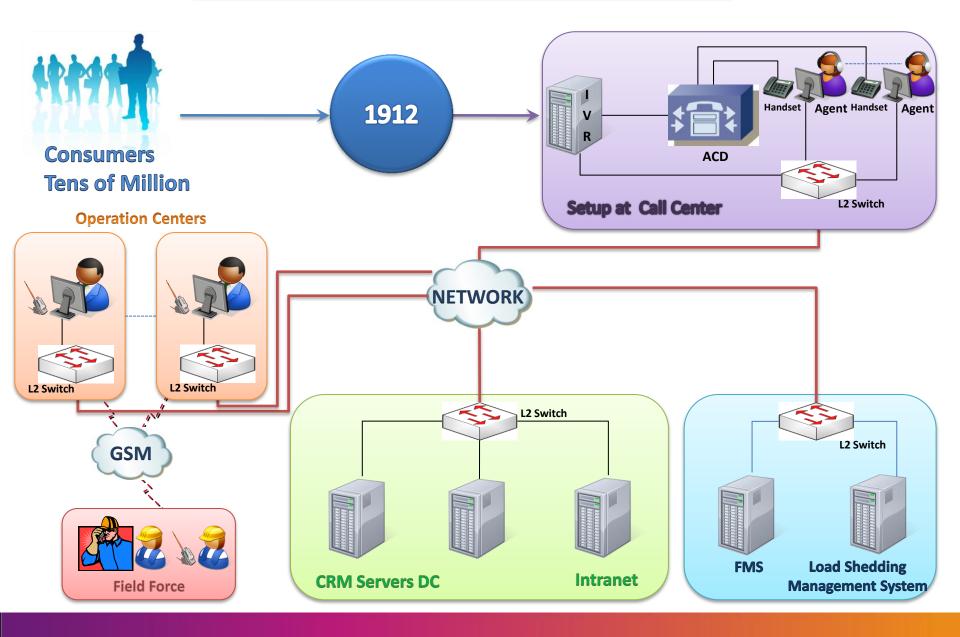
Network Architecture at Data Center



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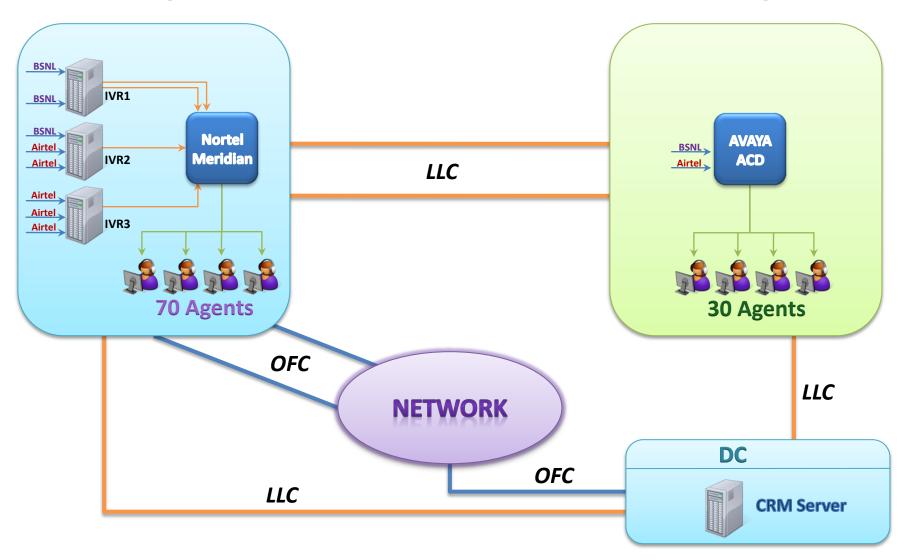
Data Connectivity for CRM and Call Centre



Voice Connectivity for CRM and Call Centre

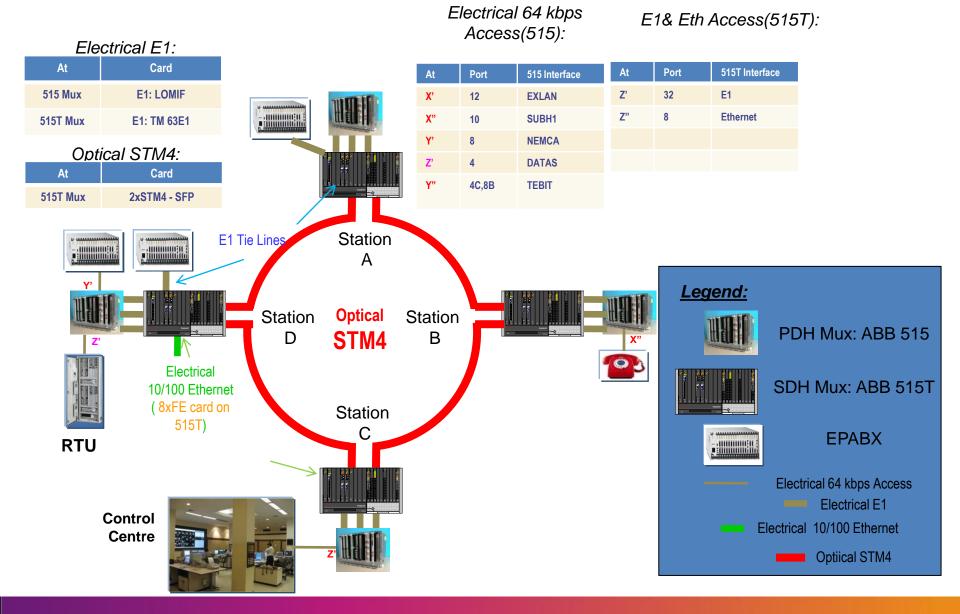
Primary Site

Secondary Site

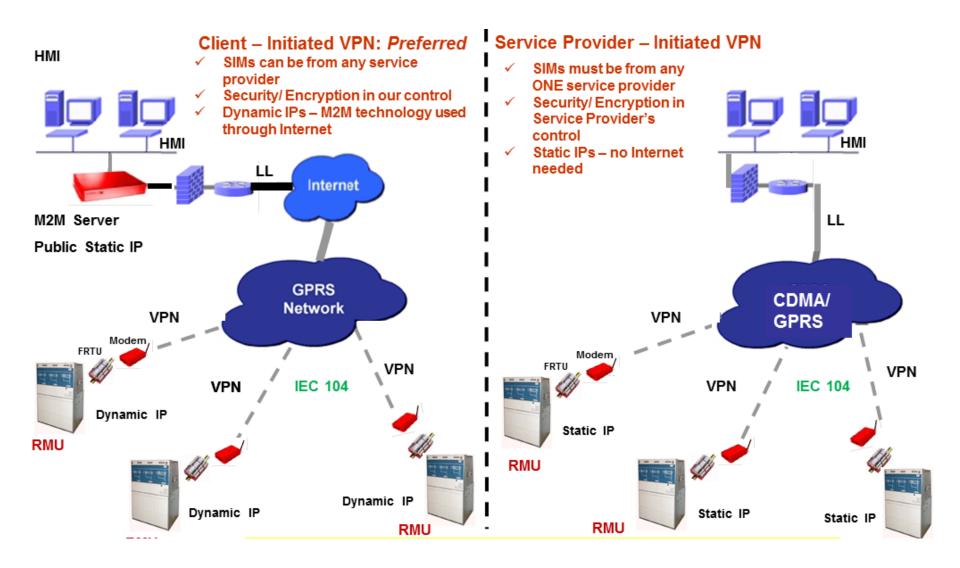


Communication in OT Network

Communication Backbone over SDH for OT



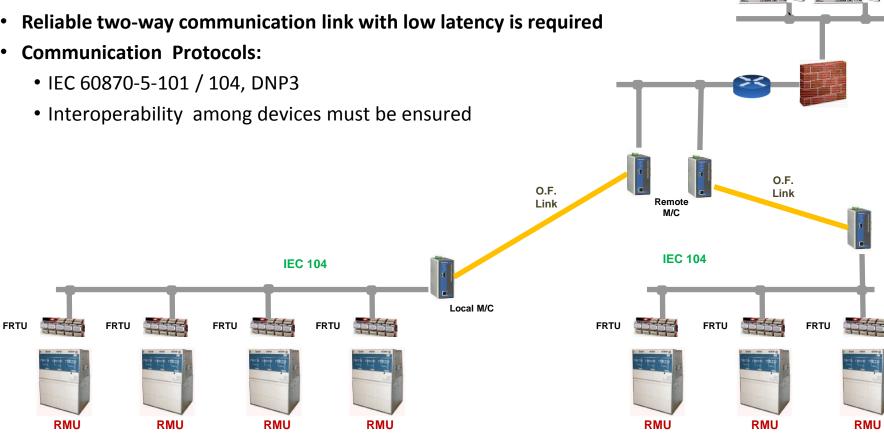
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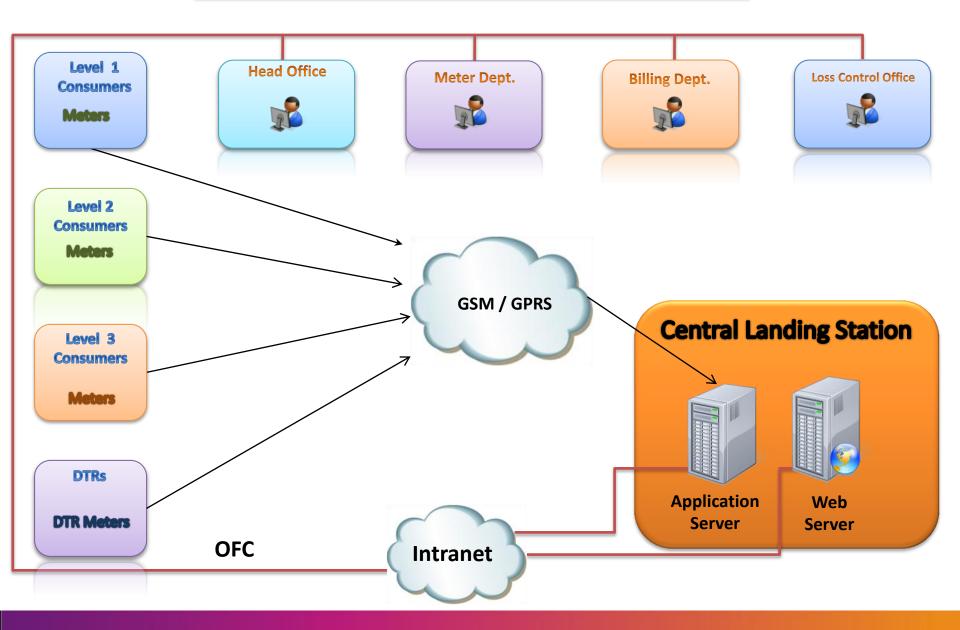
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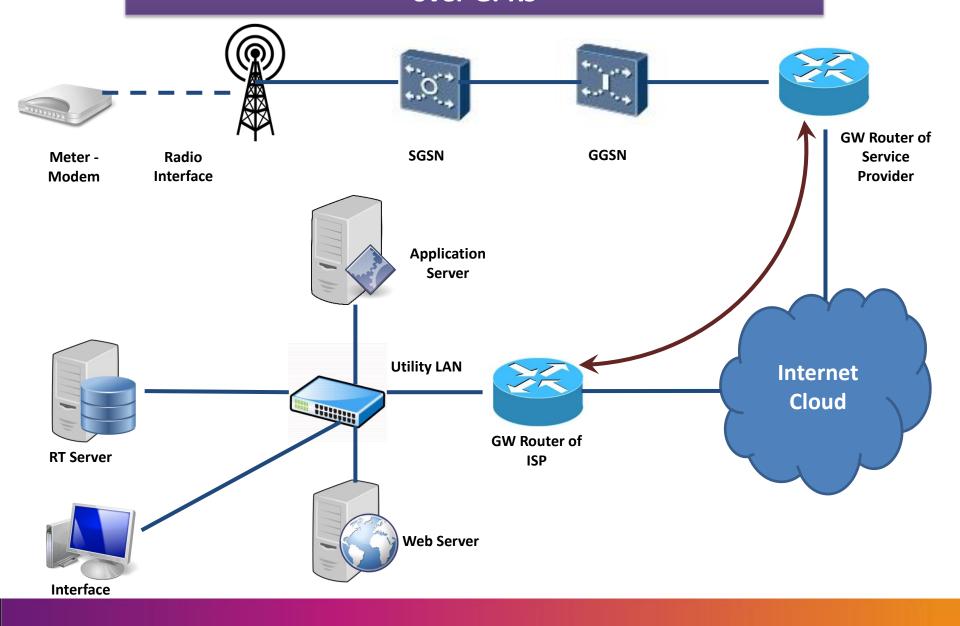




Communication Schematic for AMR System

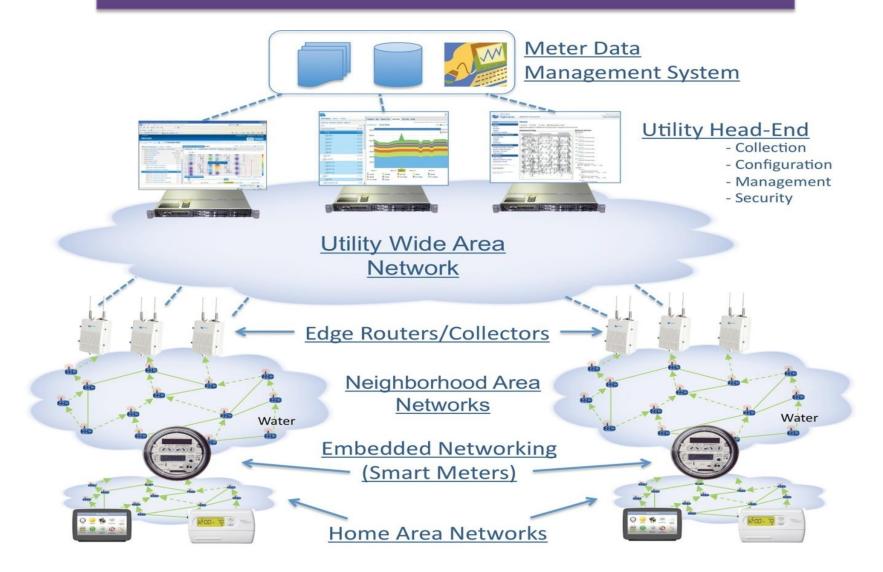


Network Infrastructure for Metering Data Management over GPRS



Future Roadmap in Communications

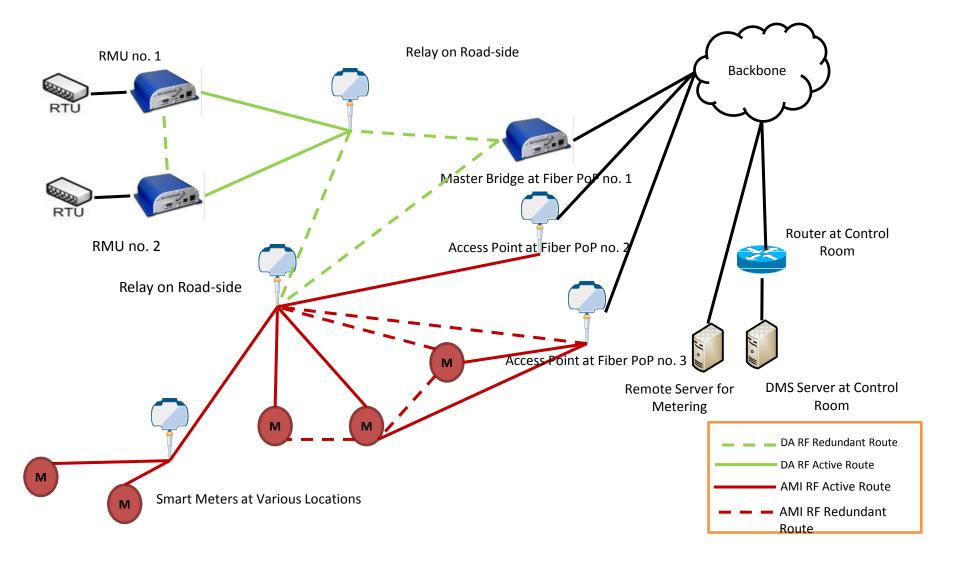
Concept of Smart Metering and Communication Networks involved

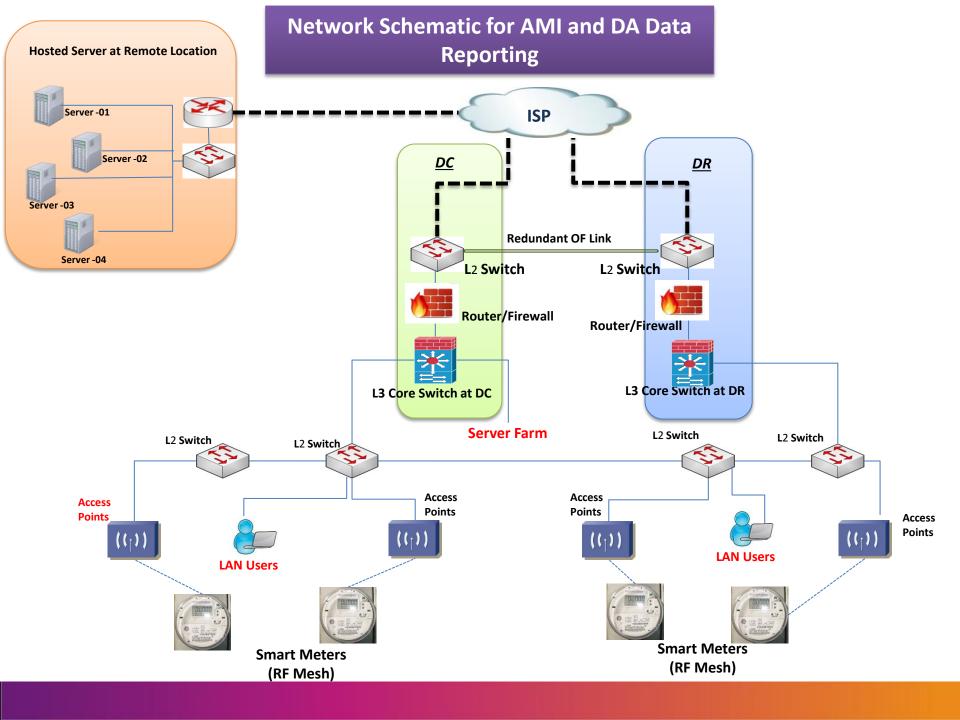


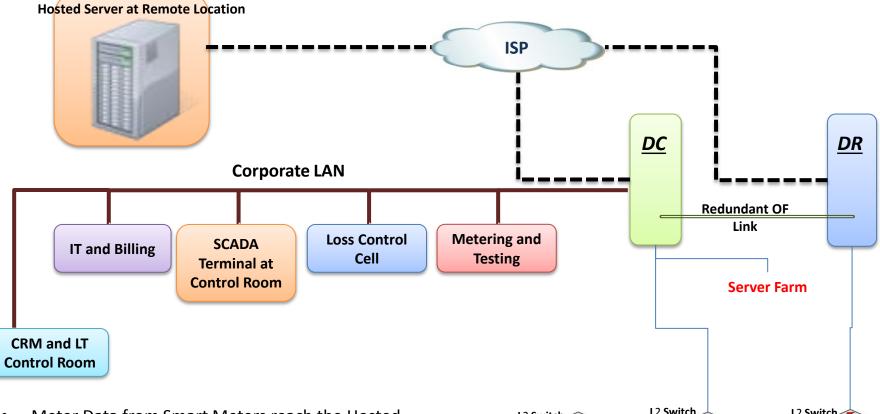


AMI & DA over Wireless Communication Network Schematic

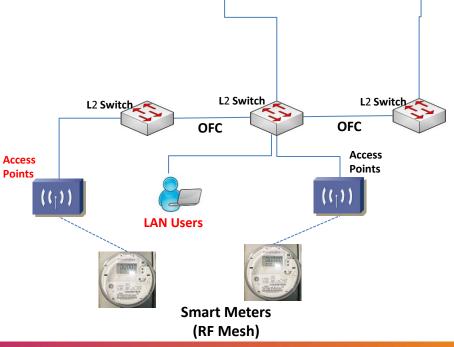






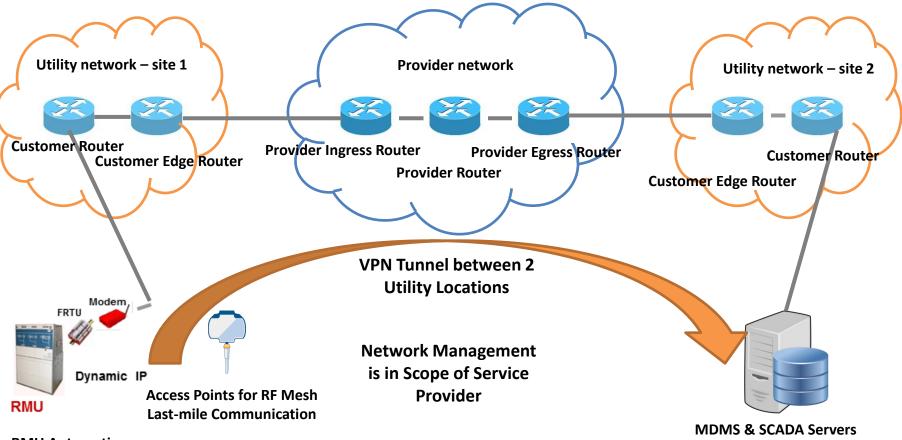


- Meter Data from Smart Meters reach the Hosted Server at remote Location via Access Points over RF and via ISP over OFC based Backbone Network
- The same data is fetched from the Hosted Server by the specific users in the Corporate LAN Bus via the same VPN setup
- DA data reports directly to SCADA Terminal at Control Room via OFC based Backbone Network





Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) as a Backhaul Communication Solution



RMU Automation

Power System Protection Schemes

Optical Fiber based Line Differential Protection



Based on digital communication channels such as optical fibers, SONET network, etc.

Compare current flow in & out line terminals

Easy to discriminate internal & external faults

High dependability – instantaneous trip for all internal faults High security – no operation for external faults





Differential Function

- Responds to the sum of all the currents of its zone of protection
- Sum equals zero under all events except for internal faults

Features

- Used in Protection of 33 kV, 132 kV and 220 kV Transmission Circuits in CESC
- Mainly optical fiber based
- Protective Relays also capable of Fault recording, and other analysis

Communication

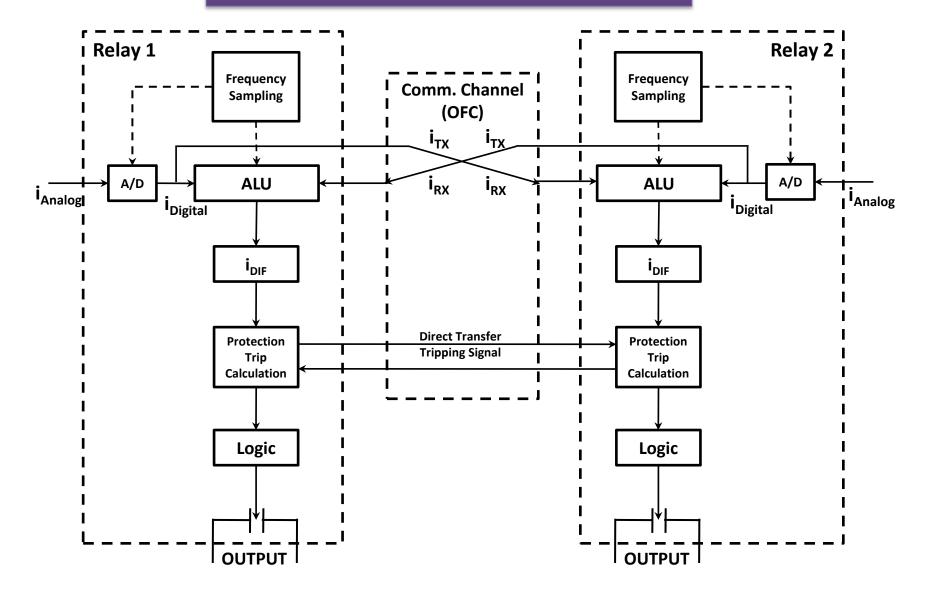
- Ideally connected in a point-to-point mode
- Can be multiplexed over a network if dedicated channels cannot be spared (IEEE C37.94)
- Ideally 64 kbps channels allotted for Communication
- Maximum Distance Supported 60 km in 1330 nm Single Mode

Relay Operation

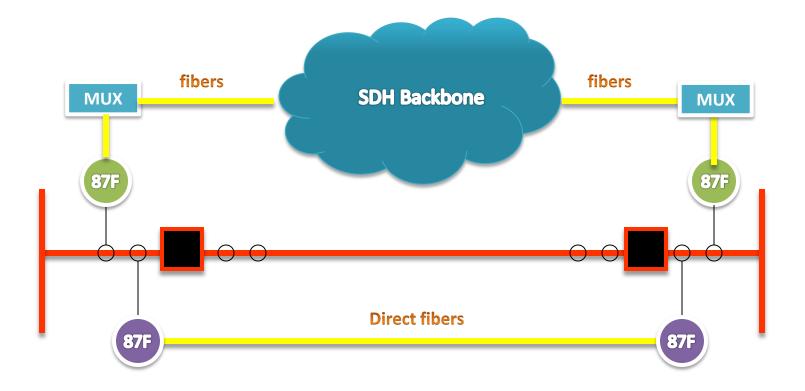
- Numerical Relays capable of sampling analog current input from CTs in zones
- Sampled data transmitted over OFC to remote peer Relay
- Relay receives full set of data from Remote peer Relay
- Operates autonomously
- Issues Direct Transfer Trip signals to Remote peers for tripping of both CBs
- Synchronised via GPS

Optical Fiber based Line Differential Protection – Numerical Relay Function











Distance Protection



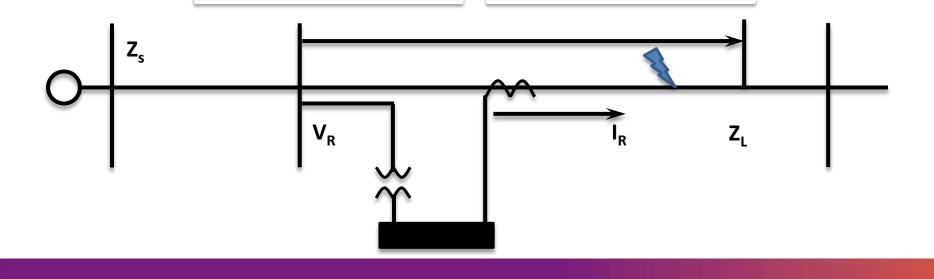
Uses both Current and Voltage to determine if a fault is within the relay's set zone of protection

Settings based on positive and zero sequence transmission line impedance

Measures phase and ground fault loops

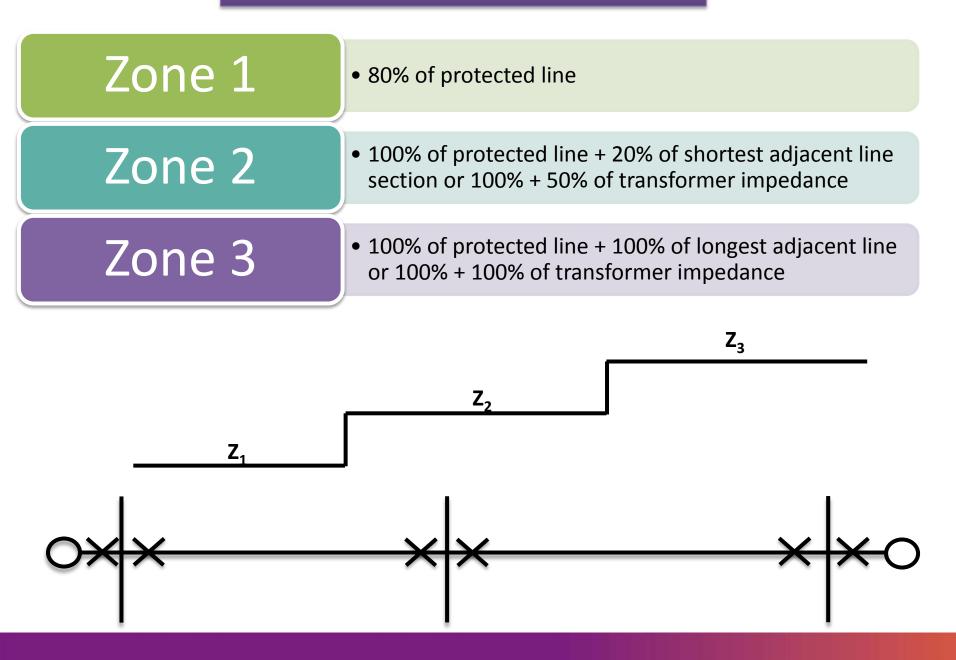
Impedance zone has a fixed impedance reach

Greater instantaneous coverage



Zones of Distance Protection





Lockout Scheme – Contact Transfer



