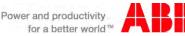


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# IEEE Substations Committee Meeting Substation Concepts for the Future



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#### Reminder

- Anything that is in the world when you're born is normal and ordinary and is just a natural part of the way the world works.
- Anything that's invented between when you're fifteen and thirty-five is new and exciting and revolutionary and you can probably get a career in it.
- Anything invented after you're thirty-five is against the natural order of things.

From the "Salmon of Doubt", by Douglas Adams



#### **Customer Challenges**

#### Environment

- Reduce emission of (CO2,...)
- Surroundings (Sound, visual impact, ..)
- Interior (Personnel safety)
- Exterior (Third party safety)

#### **Electrical dependence**

- Increased customer services
- Reliability
- Political pressure
- Investment decision

Utility

### Profitability

- Reduce maintenance costs
- Reduce outages
- Minimize penalties
- Image



## Vision

# Support end-users rebuilding and reshaping the North American grid for the future, with present and future technologies in mind, based on:

- Safety
  - Less exposed energized (live) equipment
  - More equipment in "dead-front" enclosures

#### Reliability & Availability

- Less "Ad Hoc" reliability estimations
- More sophisticated reliability analysis, incl. economic evaluations
- Increased drive towards Total Cost / Life Cycle Cost (LCC) of ownership

#### Reduced Maintenance

- High performance equipment with minimum maintenance
- Greater withstand against environmental impact
- Reduction of number of components

#### Aesthetic & Environmental Impact

- Continued environmental concerns
- More pressure on the aesthetics aspects

#### Modularity

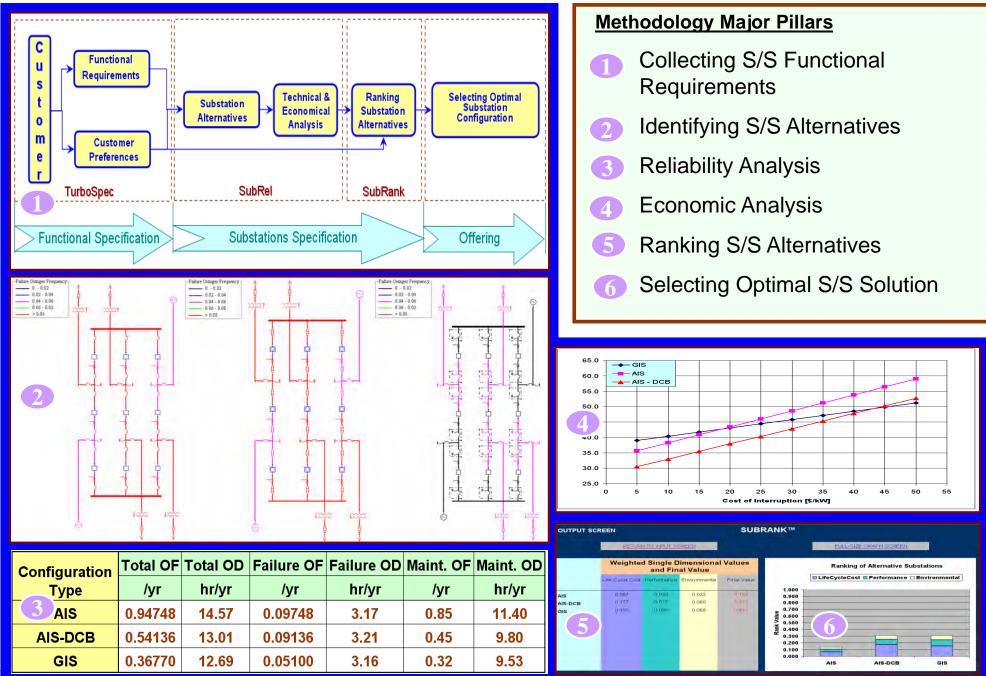
- Factory assembly & testing
- Reduced time on site
- Minimum footprint
  - Continued drive towards smaller & compact substations
- Cost effectiveness

### Safety - Dead front enclosure – AIS S/S



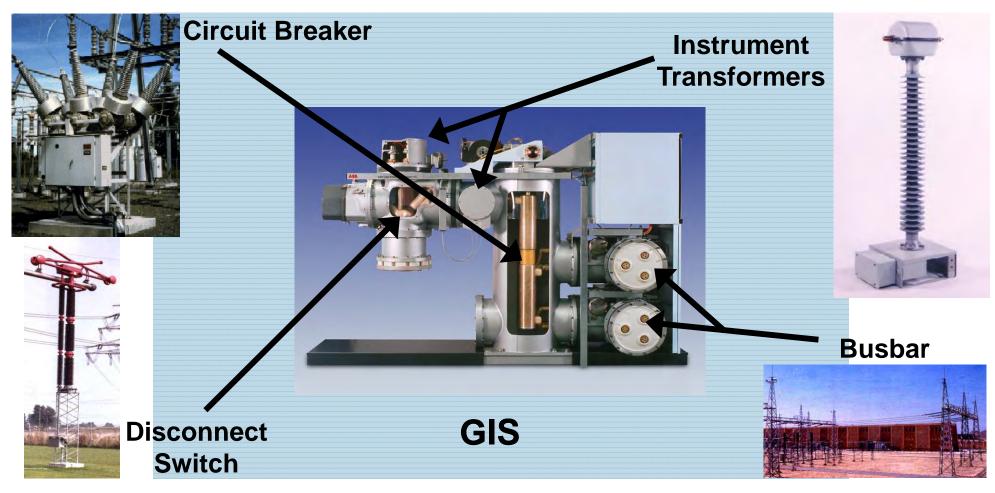


#### **Reliability – Selecting Optimal Substation Solutions**



#### Reduced Maintenance – Change the Component Environment

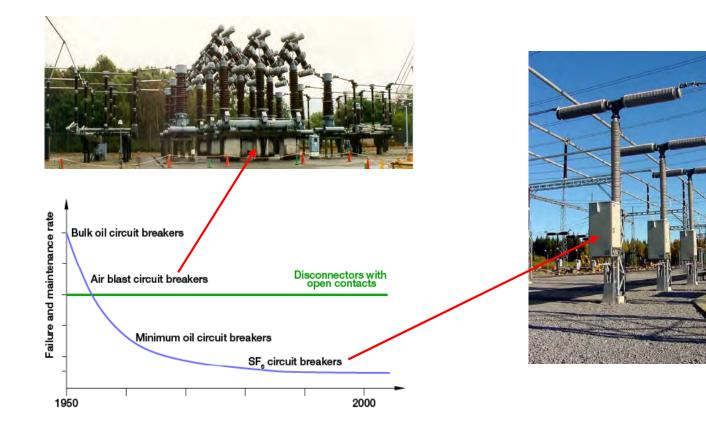
- Gas Insulated Switchgear
  - No exposed components => Inherently safer & less maintenance
  - Fewer components => higher reliability & less maintenance





#### Reduced Maintenance – Reduce / Eliminate Components

- Magnetic Actuators vs. Spring Drive Mechanism
  - 7 vs. 100+ moving parts => less maintenance
  - 100,000 vs. 10,000 operations => longer life
- Elimination of AIS Disconnect Switches
  - Less components => higher reliability & less maintenance





### Minimum Footprint

- Continuous drive towards compact substations:
  - Space savings / utilize available space
  - Cost reductions
  - Minimized aesthetic impact
  - Enabling future relocation



#### Compact Substation – GIS vs. Conventional AIS





### Modular Approach

- Pre-Engineered, Pre-Fabricated and Factory Tested "Modules" with well defined interfaces.
  - Containerized approach, HV (GIS) and MV equipment
  - "Kiosk" approach for protection, control & monitoring systems
  - Benefits:
    - Reduced time on site for construction, installation & testing
    - Factory tested => Reduction of mistakes on site
    - Coincides with "Plug-and-Play" advances in SA
    - Potential for future relocation



#### "Kiosk" approach for Substation Automation system



#### **Optimizes:**

- Design
- Implementation
- Testing of P&C schemes
- while improving reliability

#### Facilitates:

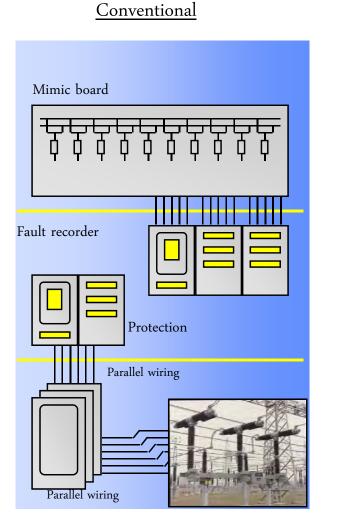
- All intra-panel wiring intact
- Comprehensive FAT process
- SA system tested in the factory
- Transport to site
- Improves delivery quality



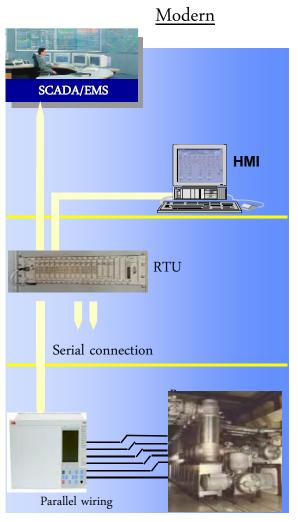


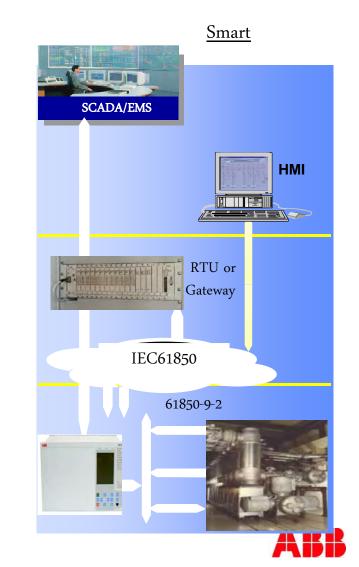
### **Monitoring and Control**

### Substation Automation vs. SCADA system









**Alternative Technologies** 

- Compact Indoor AIS Substations
- Disconnecting Circuit Breaker (DCB)
- GIS
- Hybrid Solutions



### **Pre-Manufactured Indoor AIS Substation**



- High availability (equip. indoor)
- Suitable up to 72 kV
- Small footprint
  - ~100 m<sup>2</sup> (1/3 of traditional)
  - Land preparation minimized, all equipment pre-fabricated
- Short time on site (~2 weeks)
  - 5 days for installation
  - connection to network
  - commissioning
- Low maintenance cost
- Can easily be relocated
- Environmentally friendly
- Personnel and third party safe



**Disconnecting Circuit Breaker (DCB)** 

- What is the purpose of a disconnect switch?
  - Disconnect switches are traditionally used for:
    - Isolating the breaker for maintenance of the breaker itself
    - Isolation of lines, transformers, etc., for operational or maintenance purposes

#### In short - a disconnect switch is used to enable maintenance!







### **Disconnecting Circuit Breaker (DCB)**

- Disconnect switches can be operated by mistake due to
  - Fault in the interlocking logics
  - Fault in CB auxiliary contacts
  - Personnel fault
    - By-pass of interlocking system
    - No interlocking system provided
  - Mechanical problems



- Inadvertent opening will cause arcing, which will not be detected until it strikes to ground or another phase.
  - This can lead to serious primary faults, e.g. faults between bus 1 and bus 2, which will shut down the whole substation
  - This can lead to major trouble for the network and in the worst case a black-out of part or the entire network



### **Disconnecting Circuit Breaker (DCB) - Operation**

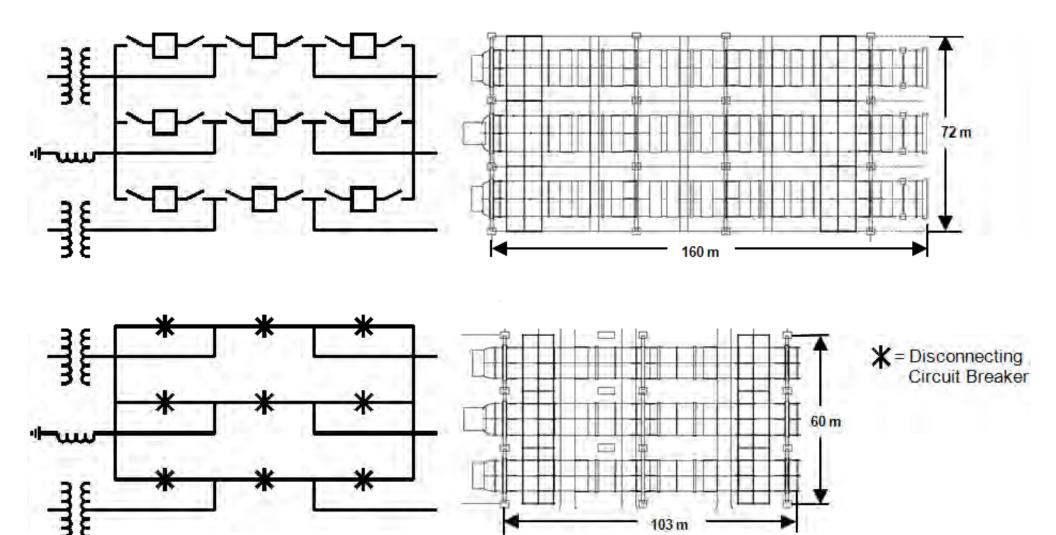
- Four different service positions:
  - Closed (as normal circuit breaker)
  - Open (as normal circuit breaker)
  - Disconnected (mechanical block of operating rod and electrical interlock of breaker mechanism)
  - Grounded
- Visual indication by position of the grounding switch



- Safe operating procedures
- Adaptable to local regulations



Disconnecting Circuit Breaker (DCB) - Savings 400-500 kV: DCB reduce space with ~50%



### **Disconnecting Circuit Breaker (DCB) - Summary**



#### Reduced capital investment cost

Differs from case to case, up to about 10% lower compared to traditional solution

#### Reduced cost for equipment maintenance

Over 50% (disconnect switches require most maintenance)

#### Increased availability, all primary contacts encapsulated in SF6

Unavailability due to maintenance appr. 85-90% less Unavailability due to primary faults 43-50% less This saves outage costs during S/S lifetime and reduce the risk of blackouts.

#### Reduced space

About 30-50% space reduction depending on the S/S configuration. Reduced cost for land and land preparation for greenfield S/S and enables easier rehabilitation of existing S/S.

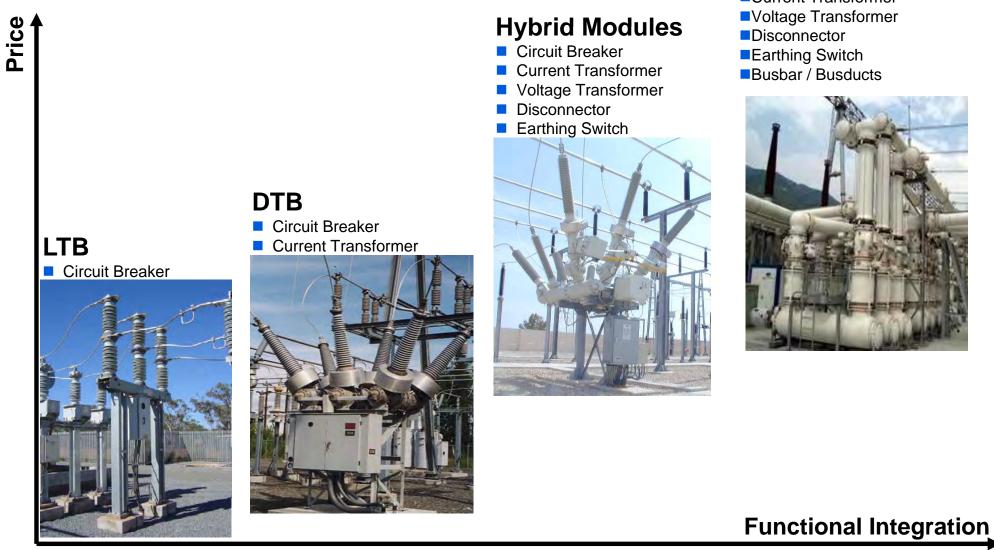
#### Reduced environmental impact

Less concrete, copper, steel and small materials





### GIS and Hybrid AIS / GIS Solutions Functional Integration of SF6 technology Overall description





### High Voltage SF6 Insulated Substations Why using SF6 insulated Technology



- Solution for remote and special locations
- Higher system efficiency



### SF6 Hybrid Solution Mixed Technology System - MTS





- Combination of AIS Substation with enclosed technology
- Up to 60% space saving
- Available from 46 kV to 1100 kV with up to 63 kA and 4000 A
- Gas segregation between circuit breaker and other compartments
- Based on well proven technology
- Realization of all common SLD's such as SBB, DBB, Ring, 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ...
- Circuit breaker tested for LTB-requirement
  - No LTG capacitance required for 63 kA / 60 Hz
  - Tested according class C2 (very low restrike probability) and M2 (10'000 CO operations)



### **Benefits of MTS**



- Combination of the advantages from GIS (high reliability) with those of AIS (short repair time)
  - Repair of "major failures" within 24 h
  - Replacement with a pre-tested spare-pole
  - High reliability due to encapsulated technology
  - High degree of safety
- Substation easy to extend during the whole life-cycle
- Easy combination of Hybrid GIS from different manufactures.
- Combination of Hybrid GIS with other single apparatus (AIS) is possible



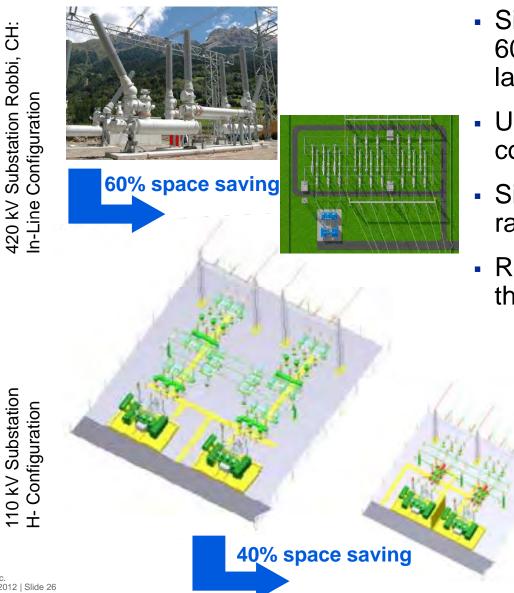
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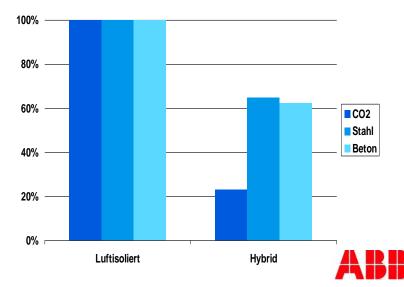
- High Availability and low life-cycle cost for 40-50 year life-time
- All switching equipment within protected and sealed SF6 gas compartment.
- Significant reduction of air-insulated insulators
- No necessity of manual grounding
- Use of composite silicon rubber insulators
- All components are completely factory-tested as one pole assembly
  - Reduced installation time
  - Commissioning time can be reduced to a minimum
- Extremely short project execution time



#### Benefits of MTS **Space Reduction and Environmental Friendliness**



- Significant space reduction of up to 60% to conventional AIS substation layout
- Use of In-line configuration or Uconfiguration (OHL)
- Significant reduction of resources, raw material and energy
- Reduction of CO2 emission during the whole life-cycle process by 77%



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