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# Substation Asset Management and Condition Monitoring – A SP PowerGrid Case Study

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# OBJECTIVES

- Share and compare traditional maintenance and condition-based maintenance model
- Encourage customers to practise Condition Monitoring to prevent equipment failures
- Share condition monitoring & condition-based maintenance experiences
- Share how to prevent or reduce voltage dip incidents
- Our Way forward

# Impact of Power Outage

# Largest-Ever Blackout Hits Eastern U.S.

Aug. 14, 2003



A huge power blackout hit U.S. and Canadian cities Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, driving workers in New York, in this image from television, into the streets, shutting subways in blistering heat and closing four nuclear power plants in Ohio and New York state. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said there was no evidence of terrorism as a cause. (AP Photo/Courtesy WNBC-NY)

Power outage caused inconvenience to the public



# Largest-Ever Blackout Hits Eastern U.S.

Aug. 14, 2003

Stranding people in sweltering subways and sending office workers streaming into the streets in 90-degree F heat.



The blackout, affecting a large portion of north-eastern United States, caused major disruption of businesses and daily life for millions

Power outage caused inconvenience to the public

# PD failure leading to a fire (15 Feb 2019)

## Carlton Hotel equipment failure leads to power outage

🕒 This article is more than 12 months old

CHOO YUN TING & NG HUIWEN  
🕒 Feb 15, 2019 06:00 am



**First, there was equipment failure at a substation supplying power at Carlton Hotel yesterday.**

Then a fire forced the evacuation of around 1,000 people from the Bras Basah building, while lights went out in parts of Bugis, City Hall, Marina and Somerset.

Shops and restaurants at the likes of Chijmes, Plaza Singapura and The Gateway were hit as power was cut off a little after 1 pm.

While the trains continued to run, stations on the North-East Line - HarbourFront, Outram Park, Chinatown, Clarke Quay, Dhoby Ghaut, Boon Keng and Potong Pasir - were also affected by blackouts.

The power outage, which lasted for 12 minutes from 1.09pm to 1.21pm, was later linked to the fire.

Equipment failure at the electrical substation at Carlton Hotel had led to the power outage and an electricity flashover, or an abnormal electrical discharge.



📷 (Above) Clarke Quay MRT station was one of those affected by blackouts. TNP PHOTOS: KELVIN CHNG, SAHIBA CHAWDHARY



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SINGAPORE





What is the purpose of  
conducting maintenance  
service for switchgear,  
transformer?

# WHAT CAN WE DO ?

## Time Based Maintenance on Switchgears

### Primary Elements

- AC Pressure tests on Circuit breakers
- Insulation tests on power cables and control wires
- Contact resistance tests

### Secondary Elements

- Lubricate operating and link mechanism
- Check control wire for loose connections
- Secondary injection tests

## Time Based Maintenance on Transformers

### Primary Elements

- Dielectric test on oil
- Purify oil in main tank or replace if necessary
- Replace oil in tap changer compartment
- Ratio test on all tap positions
- Insulation resistance test

### Secondary Elements

- Calibrate and check gauges & relays
- Clean cable termination
- Replace all gaskets
- Check control wire for loose connections

## Past Time-based maintenance on Small Oil-Volume Circuit Breaker

- Complete overhaul of circuit breaker



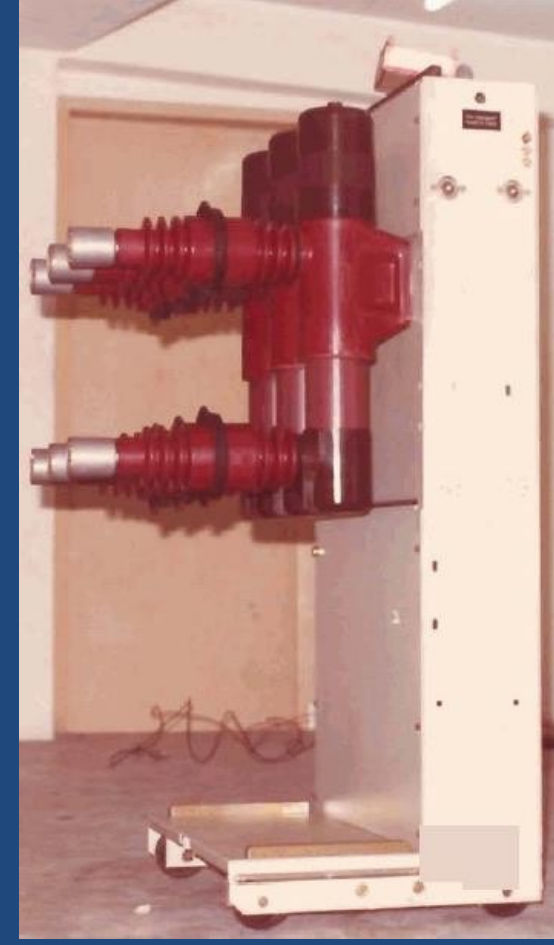
Nameplate and Panel No.  
must be Visible

All indicator LED/ flags must  
be clear and visible

Battery and supporting  
accessories



# Time-based Maintenance 22kV Substation

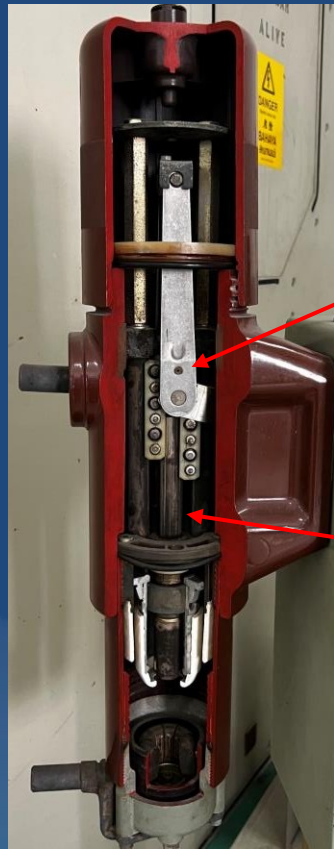


Complete overhaul of circuit breaker



# Time-based Maintenance 22kV Substation

Internal structure of the small oil-volume circuit breaker



Link to high voltage insulating operating arm

High speed pole



Tulip contact



Oil-filled Circuit Breaker

# Time-based Maintenance 22kV Substation Common Defective Components....



Faulty tulip contact assembly

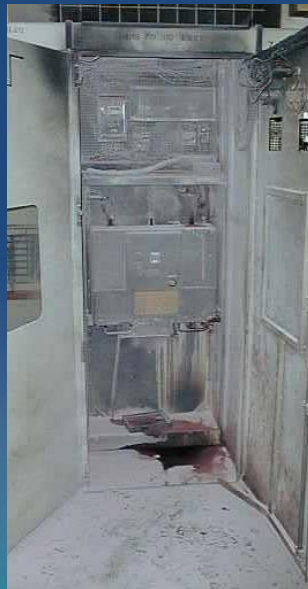


Faulty high voltage insulating operating arm



# Time-based Maintenance

- Uncovered hidden components within circuit breaker & bus-bar
- But It cannot prevent power failures



What do we do in Singapore  
Power?

# Maintenance Development

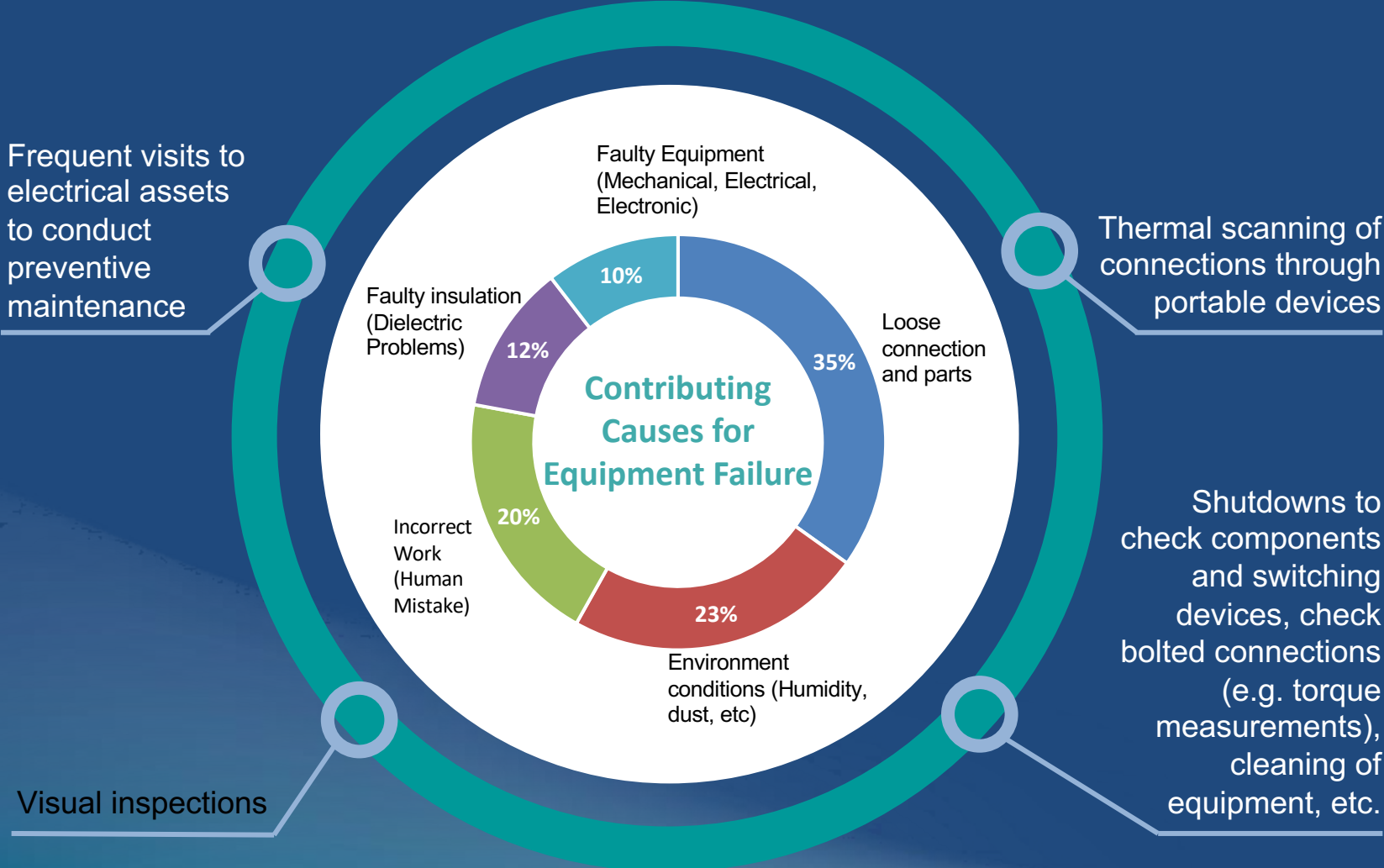


Inspection + Time-based Preventive Maintenance  
(Before 1997)

Predictive Maintenance  
(1998 - 2001)

Condition Monitoring & Condition-based Maintenance  
(Since August 2001)

The most common causes of electrical distribution asset's failures are well-known and operation/ maintenance managers implement several measures to monitor SWGRs, but this implies some challenges too.



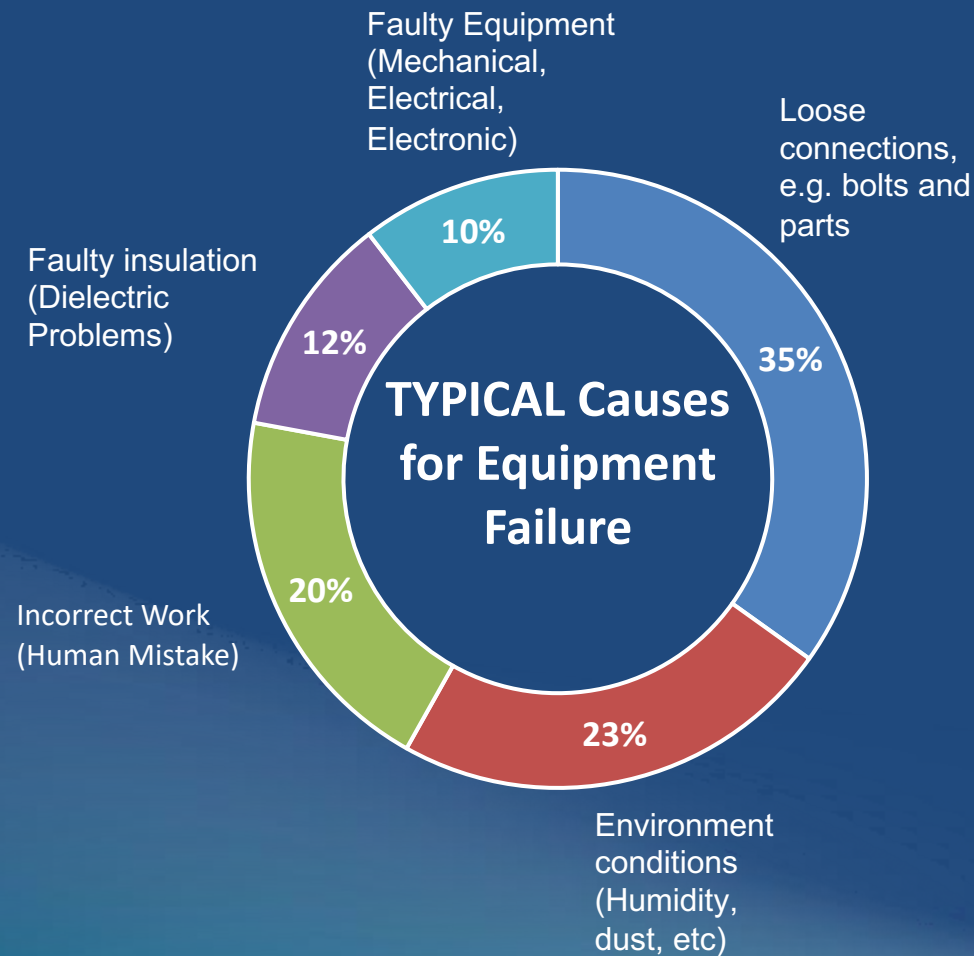
**These measures imply the following challenges:**

- Most of the time manual process, which calls for visit at site.
- Manual data collection and analysis for decision making.
- Dependency on experts with domain critical knowledge.
- Risk of overlooking of gradual degradation or failure not visible at the time of inspection.
- The optimization of OPEX & improved risk management is not taken care of

Source: <https://www.hsb.com/TheLocomotive/ElectricalPreventiveMaintenance.aspx>



# Unplanned Shutdowns can be reduced 85% by using a proper condition monitoring system



## Examples of early failure detection

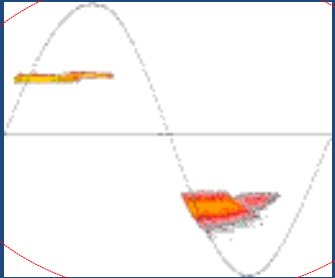
(e.g. slow changes of behavior/ measured values)

- 1 Temperature Monitoring**  
Can detect loose connections (e.g. bolted busbar connections or cable terminations) and insufficient contacting (e.g. withdrawable VCB)
- 2 VCB Monitoring**  
Can detect faulty VCB mechanism / components (e.g. trip coils, spring charge motors, switching time)
- 3 Partial Discharge Monitoring**  
Can detect faulty components / installations (e.g. MV cables, insulators, bushings, voltage transformers)
- 4 Humidity Monitoring**  
Can prevent condensation and corrosion (which might lead to mechanical and electrical failures)

# Condition Monitoring

## Network Health Screening

## Human Health Screening



Network Doctor

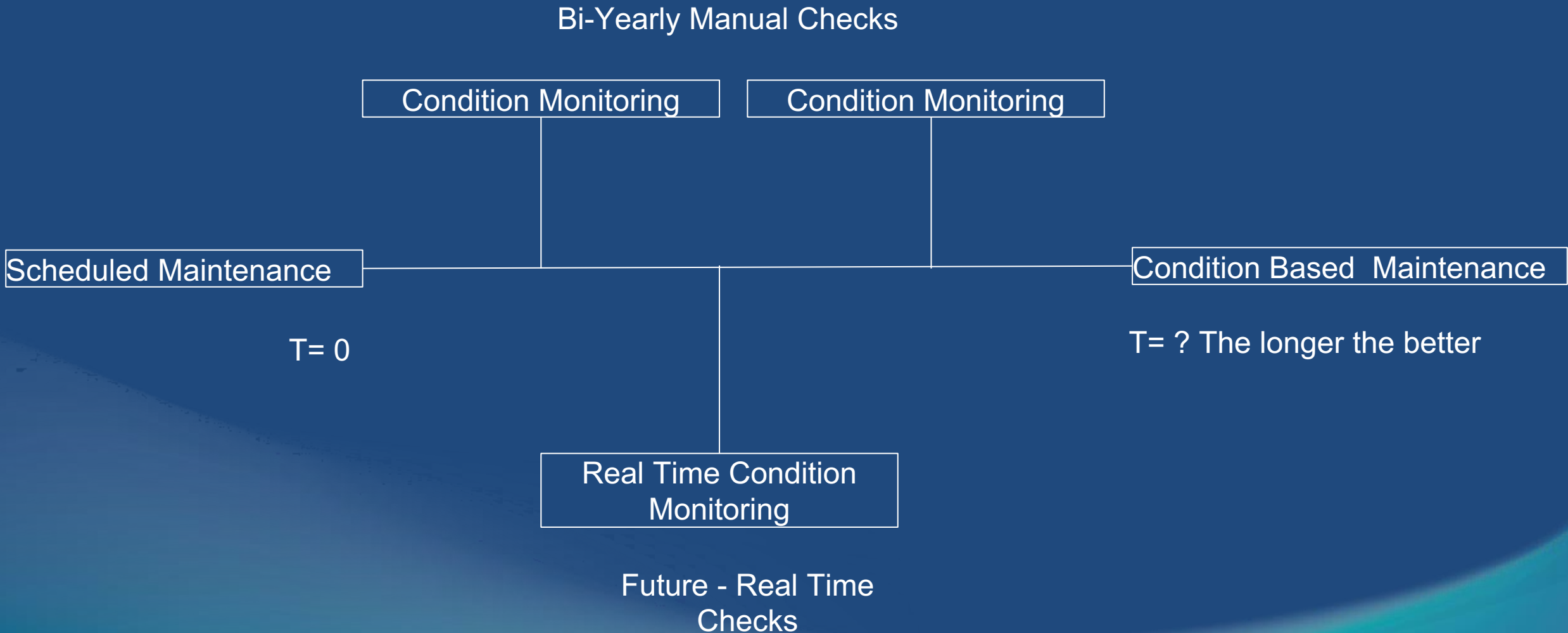


Diagnostic tools for Network Health Screening

Current maintenance model inclusive of

- Inspection
- Time-based Maintenance
- Condition Monitoring
- Condition-based Maintenance

# MAINTENANCE STRATEGY





# Condition Monitoring



Ultrasonic Detection



TEV Detection



Temperature Detection



# Condition Monitoring



Acoustic Partial Discharge detection



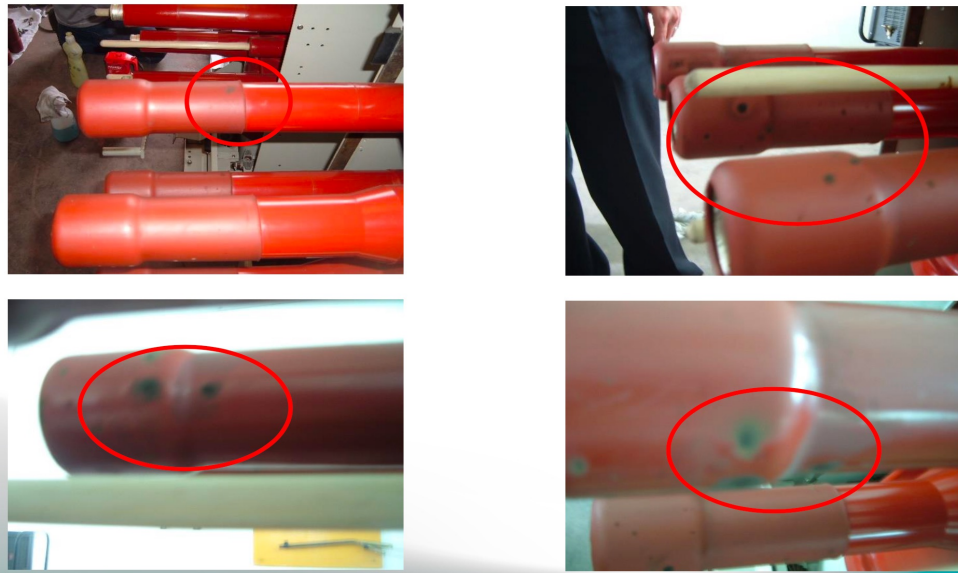
TEV Partial Discharge detection



Hot Spot detection

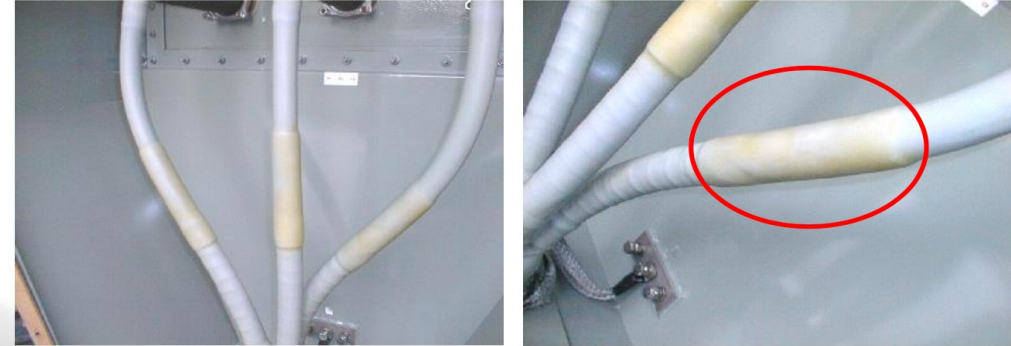


# CONDITION BASED MAINTENANCE



Tracking spots showed high electrical stress at circuit breaker arms

Discovered by condition monitoring  
Transformer: HT 22kV Cable termination



Picked TEV signals

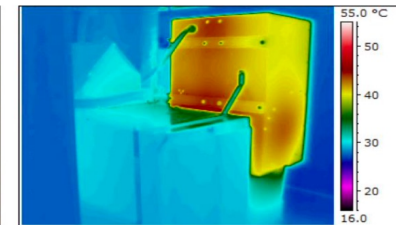
Suspected void discharge

Severe Overheating @ Tap Changer



Broken Metallic Ring at Tap Changer

Abnormal Signal Picked up by Thermal imager – 22kV Switchgear



Right side view of right most bus bar VT - Thermal anomaly

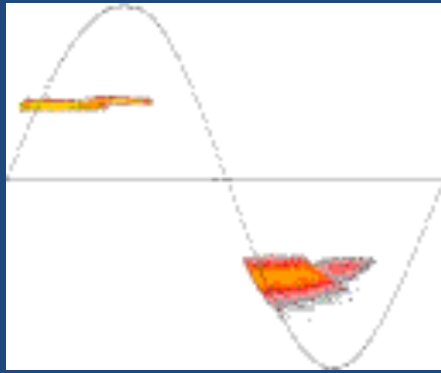
Abnormal Thermal image with high surface temperature due to deteriorated PT



Left side view of left most bus bar VT - Reference Image

Reference image: Normal Thermal image with good PT within the same substation

# Condition Monitoring Tools for Distribution Assets



## Acoustic Instrument

- Air mode
- Contact mode

## Transient Earth Voltage (TEV) Instrument



## Thermal Imaging Instrument





# Outcome of Condition Monitoring

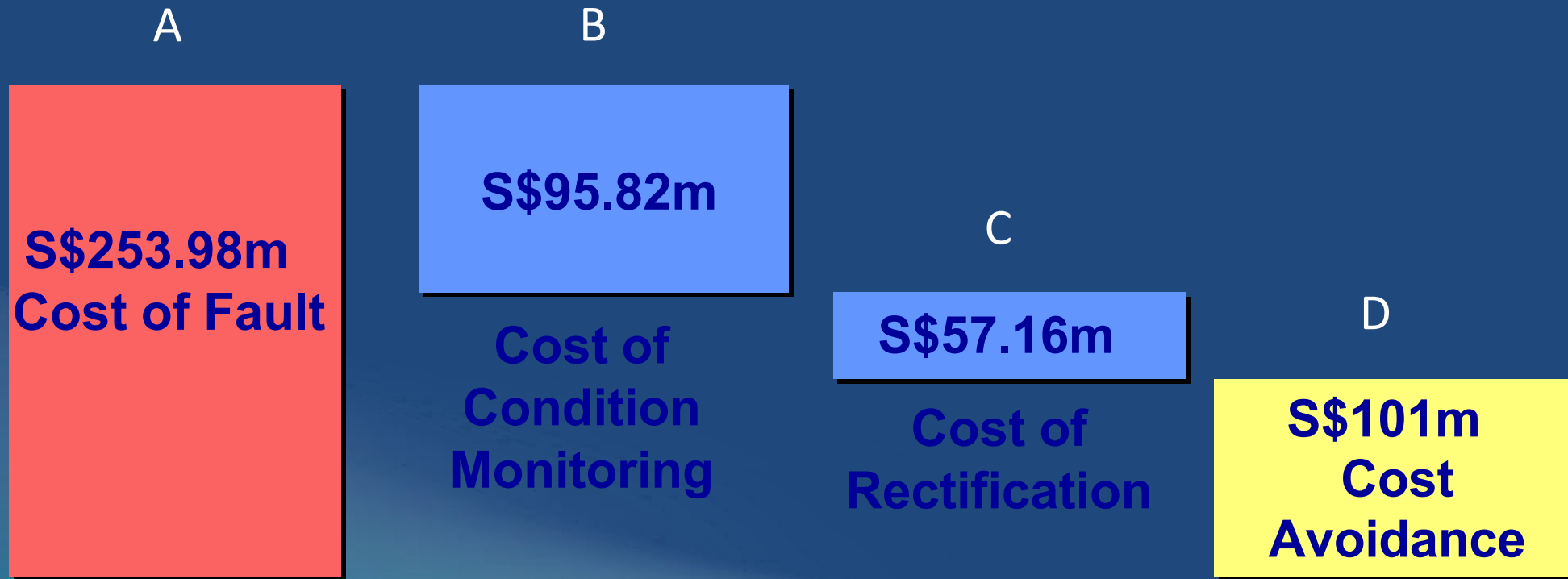
# Network Failures Averted by Condition Monitoring

Network	FY 01/02	FY 02/03	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08	FY 08/09	FY 09/10	FY 10/11	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	Total
400kV	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	5	1	1	0	1	2	7	1	0	3	32
230kV	1	3	0	1	10	7	5	8	5	8	3	2	6	3	1	1	5	0	1	0	2	0	72
66kV	1	3	2	7	6	4	13	5	11	2	5	3	2	1	3	5	8	2	0	0	1	0	84
22kV	27	11	23	31	36	45	11	15	15	40	28	10	20	28	30	18	18	20	36	102	154	166	884
6.6kV	1	5	41	39	3	34	39	14	23	31	21	27	15	39	56	26	33	42	39	44	34	31	637
<b>Total</b>	30	23	67	80	55	93	69	43	55	81	58	42	48	72	91	50	65	66	83	147	191	200	1709*

# Network Failures Averted by Condition Monitoring



Network	400kV	230kV	66kV	22kV	6.6kV	Total
Failures Averted	32	72	84	884	637	1,709



Cost Avoidance  $D = A - B - C$

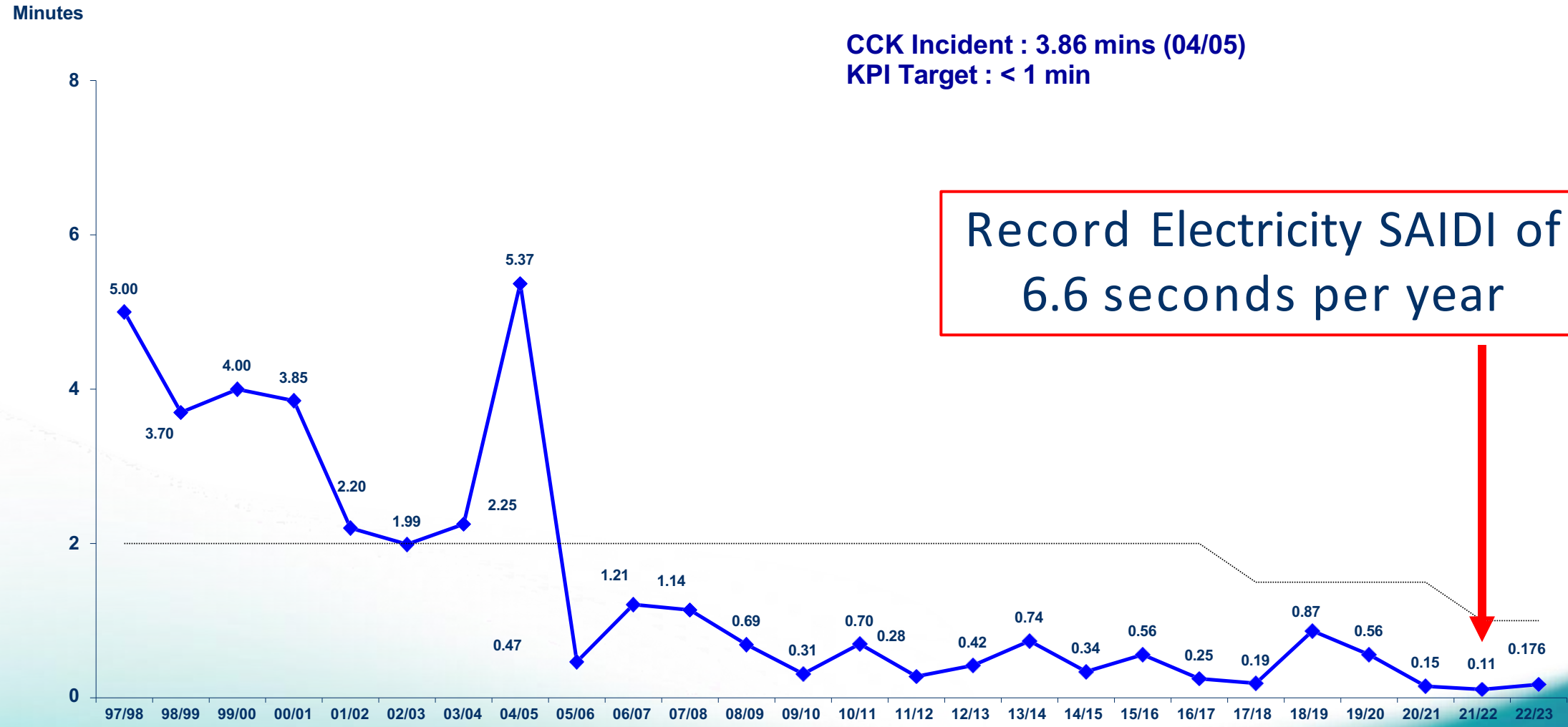
\* Up to 31 Mar 23

# System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) - Elect



CCK Incident : 3.86 mins (04/05)  
 KPI Target : < 1 min

Record Electricity SAIDI of 6.6 seconds per year





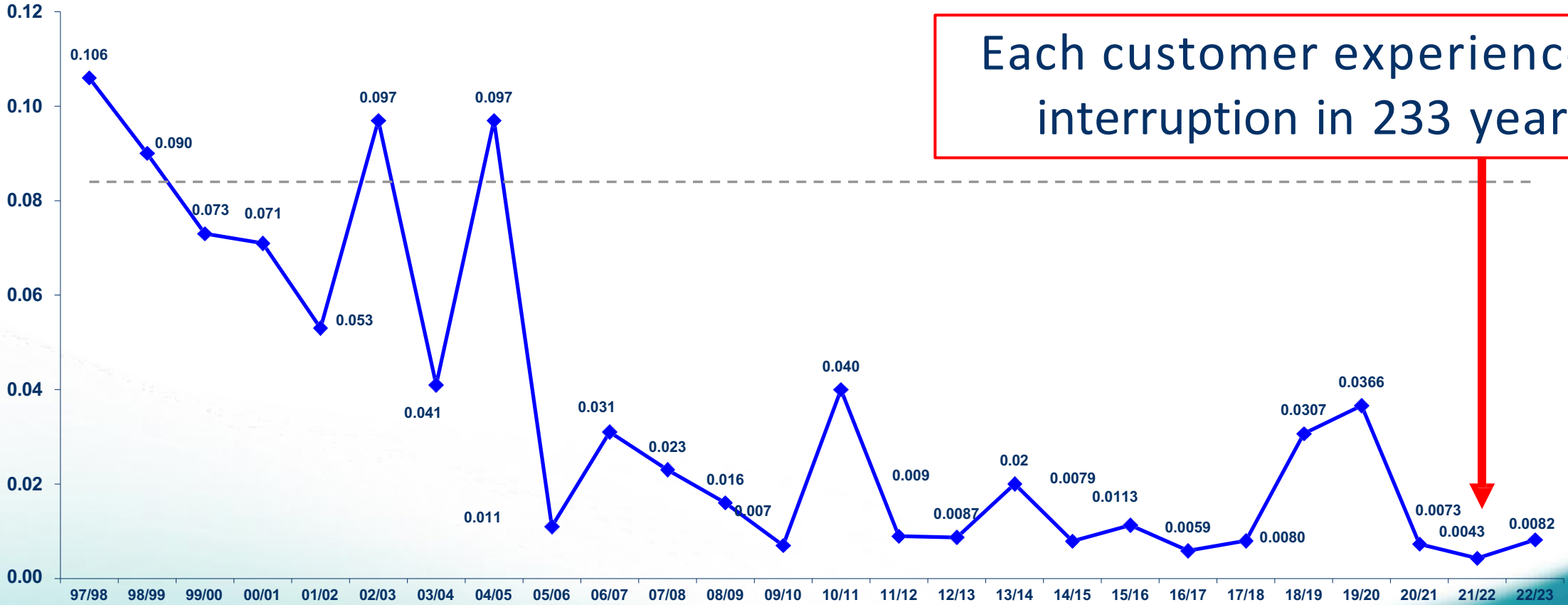
# System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) - Elect



KPI Target : < 0.084

Each customer experiences 1 interruption in 233 years

Interruption

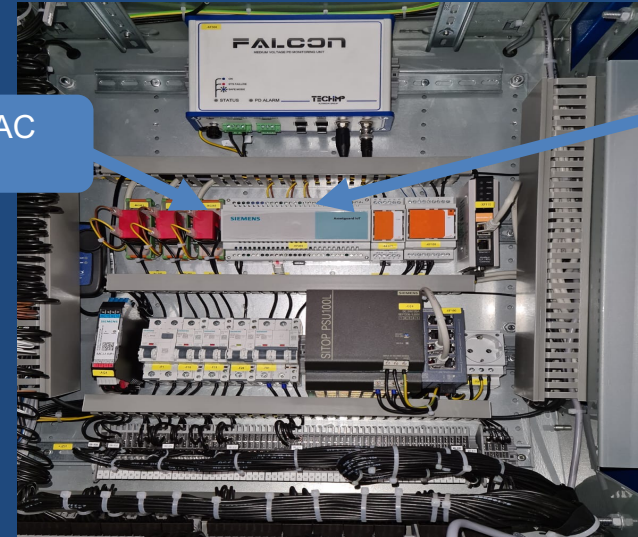


Going Forward

# Condition Monitoring: Circuit Breaker Monitoring

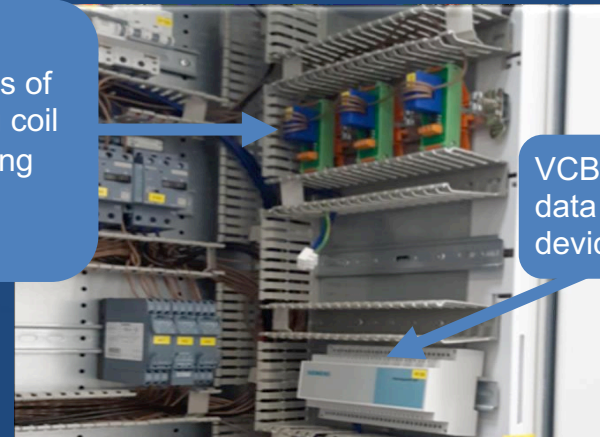
Crucial component monitoring  
(e.g. Circuit Breaker Monitoring)

- Faulty equipment  
e.g. faulty trip coils, VCB  
spring charging mechanism,  
VCB timing
- Electrical Lifetime  
of the main VCB contacts  
based on  $I^2t$
- Mechanical lifetime  
of the VCB based on number  
of operations



CT sensors for AC  
supply

Assetguard IoT -  
VCB monitoring  
data acquisition  
device



Hall Sensors  
(monitor currents of  
trip coil , closing coil  
and VCB charging  
motor)

VCB monitoring  
data acquisition  
device

Hall sensors and VCB monitoring device in LV  
Compartment

# Condition Monitoring: Partial Discharge Monitoring



- Defective components  
e.g. damaged insulators, bushings, voltage transformers
- Degradation of insulating media  
e.g. aging
- Faulty manufacturing  
e.g. sharp edges of busbars instead of rounded edges
- Faulty installation  
e.g. wrong installation of voltage transformers at GIS
- Aggressive environment conditions  
e.g. ingress of dust and moisture

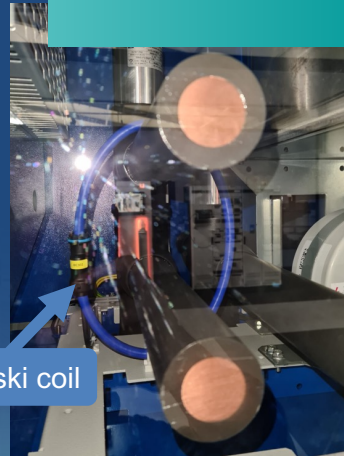


PD Monitoring unit

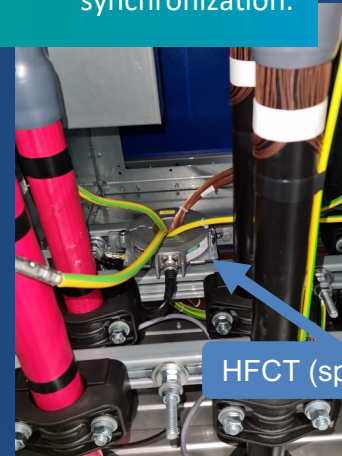


AIS: Same Antennas used to receive temperature values from SAW sensors will be used for partial discharge detection

GIS: Earth screens of all MV cables in a feeder through an HFCT (High-frequency-CT) and one Rogowski coil per busbar section for synchronization.



Rogowski coil



HFCT (split core)



# ROBOTIC INSPECTION



Locate

Mumbai > Kalwa-Substation-H4161 > SWG-NXAIR

Asia/Kolkata 2022-07-29 11:03 AM

Summary

← SWG-NXAIR 2D 3D

SWG-NXAIR

Operation

<p>Asset Information <span>Connectivity</span></p> <p>Inventory Number: DFRT435345357JH</p> <p>Purchase Order: PO-535211071</p> <p>Supplier Name: Siemens</p> <p>Supplier Reference: 330123456FGH7653224</p> <p>Commission Date: Sep 01, 2021</p>	<p>Energy Budget monitoring in FY</p> <p>Budget USD 180000</p> <p>Current USD 25000</p>	<p>Availability in FY</p> <p>80%</p>	<p>Current Health Index</p> <p>Attention Required</p>	<p>CO2 Emission in FY</p> <p>59 t</p>
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Documents

Energy

Health

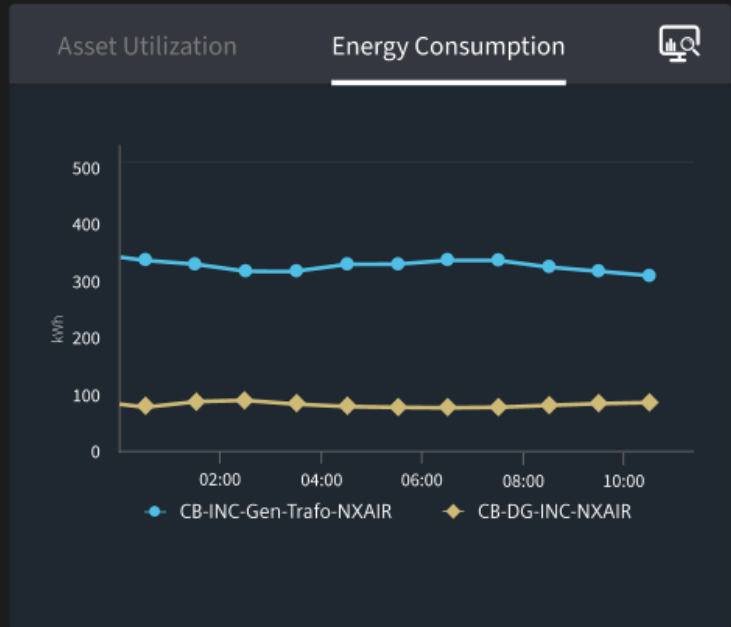
Maintenance

Configure

Notification

Language

Help



Feeder	Panel Number	Status	Availability (%)	Alarms	Health index
CB-INC-Gen-Trafo-NXAIR	01	ON	80%	8	Emergency
CB-DG-INC-NXAIR	02	ON	50%	0	Warning
DIS-TIE-OG-NXAIR	03	ON	50%	3	Emergency
MP-BM-NXAIR	04	ON	80%	0	Emergency
SWDP-OG-Trafo	05	OFF	20%	0	Emergency
BCM-M-M-NXAIR	06	EARTHED	80%	0	Warning
CTR-MOT-OG-NXAIR	07	TRIPPED	50%	1	Normal
CB-TRF-OG-NXAIR	08	EARTHED	50%	0	Emergency
CCP-OG-TIE-NXAIR	09	OFF	20%	0	Emergency
BSP-BSP-NXAIR	10	TRIPPED	80%	1	Warning

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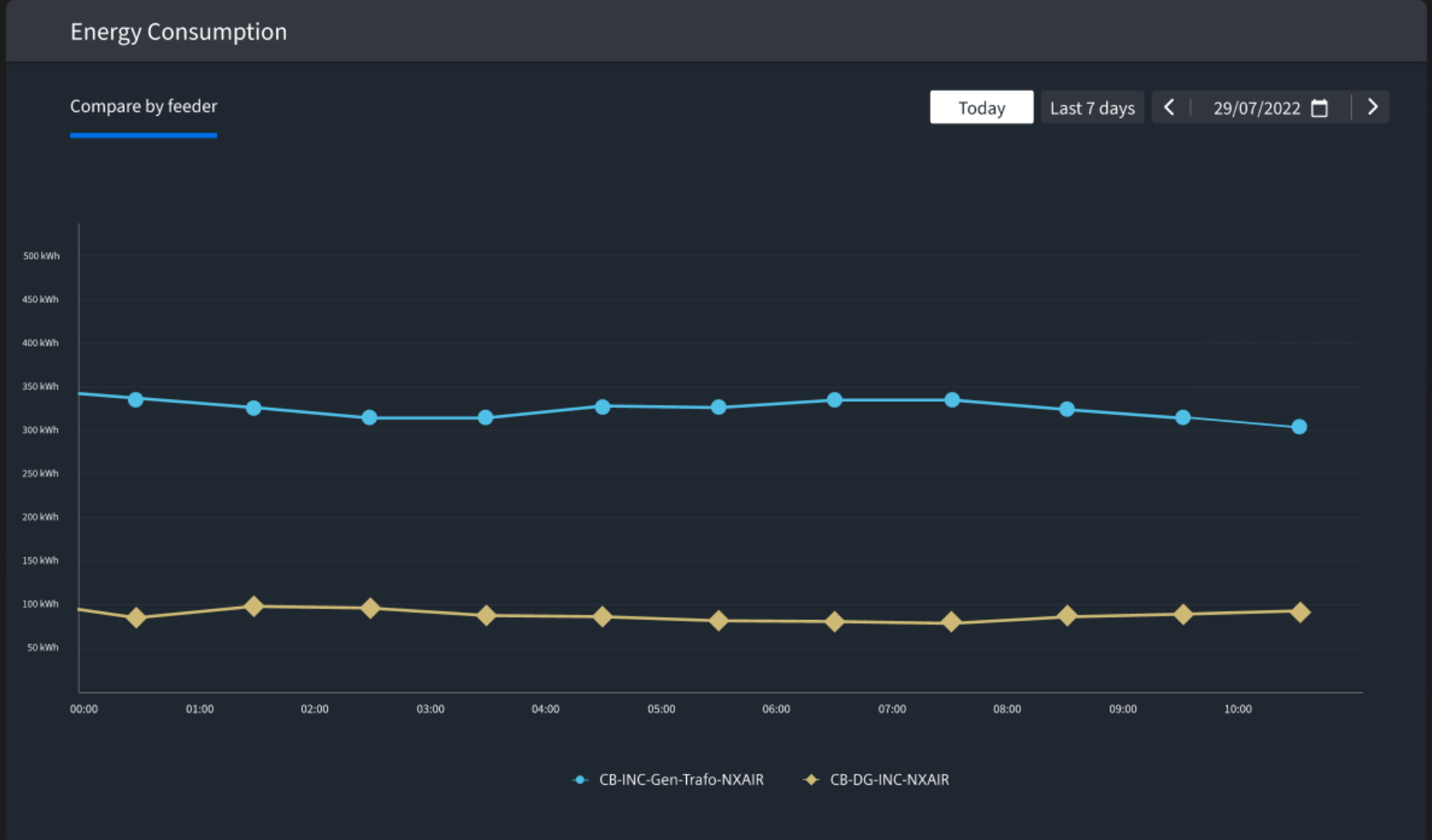
# Energy Monitoring

### Feeder Selection

Kalwa-Substation-H4161

- SWG-NXAIR
  - CB-INC-Gen-Trafo-NXAIR
  - CB-DG-INC-NXAIR
  - DIS-TIE-INC-NXAIR
  - MP-BM-NXAIR
  - SWDP-OG-Trafo
  - BCM-M-M-NXAIR
  - CTR-MOT-OG-NXAIR
  - CB-TRF-OG-NXAIR
  - CCP-OG-TIE-NXAIR
  - BSP-BSP-NXAIR
- SWG-8DB10
- SWG-NXPLUS C
- SWG-8DJH
- Transformer
- SWG-SIVACON S8
- Berlin Substation
- Spain Substation
- France Substation
- Turkey Substation
- Malaysia Substation

**Compare (2)**







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Mumbai > Kalwa-Substation-H4161 > SWG-NXAIR > Conditioning Monitoring Overview

# NXAIR - Condition Monitoring Overview

Kalwa-Substation-H4161

NXAIR

Feeder	Panel No.	Temperature Monitoring			Humidity Monitoring	Mechanical Operation Counter				
		Busbar	Cable Compartment	Bushing		Switching Device	Withdrawal Part	Earthing Switch	Bus Earthing Switch	Busbar
CB-INC-Gen-Trafo-NXAIR	01	Warning	Normal	Normal	Normal	Warning	Normal	Normal	Normal	Emergency
CB-DG-INC-NXAIR	02	Normal	Warning	Warning	Normal	Normal	Warning	Warning	Normal	Normal
DIS-TIE-OG-NXAIR	03	Warning	N/A	Warning	Warning	Warning	Emergency	Emergency	N/A	N/A
MP-BM-NXAIR	04	Emergency	N/A	N/A	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	N/A
SWDP-OG-Trafo	05	Emergency	Warning	N/A	Emergency	Emergency	Warning	Warning	N/A	N/A
BCM-M-M-NXAIR	06	Warning	Normal	N/A	Warning	Warning	Normal	N/A	Warning	Normal
CTR-MOT-OG-NXAIR	07	N/A	N/A	N/A	Normal	Normal	Normal	N/A	Normal	Normal
CB-TRF-OG-NXAIR	08	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency
CCP-OG-TIE-NXAIR	09	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency
BSP-BSP-NXAIR	10	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning

● No Data  
 ● Normal  
 ● Warning  
 ● Emergency



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