



Digital Substation

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Topics

- **Today's computerbased solution**

- **Digital substation**

What is it?

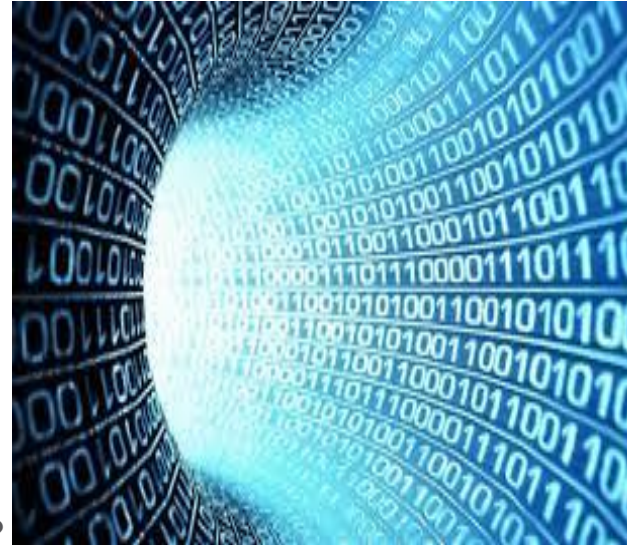
Key Aspects

- **R&D project**

The project team

Why digital substation in Statnett?

Challenges in new technology



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- M.Sc from NTNU Electric power systems (Energi og miljø)
- Trainee in Statnett since august 2016
- Focus areas: Fault analysis, power system protection and control
- Currently working in the Digital Substation (DSAS) R&D project



The R&D unit in Statnett

- Strategic tool to find a way for future corporate strategies
- Focus on improving safety, cost and time efficiency
- Estimated 861 million Euro in potential saving last 10 years
- Working with all parts of Statnett's organization. Involving 130 people (2016) to ensure right focus and easy implementation of new solutions and technology

Some of our projects and focus areas:



Voltage upgrading



Probabilistic security of supply



Full digital substation



Environment & Society



Next generation control center



Machine learning for system unbalances



Composite towers



Pre-fabricated steel foundation

Colleagues in the digital substation project



Rannveig Løken –
Project manager



Nargis Hurzuk –
Project engineer

+ other internal resources from
Drift og marked, IKT og
Teknologi og utvikling



We are Building important competence
for the future digital grid

Projects partners

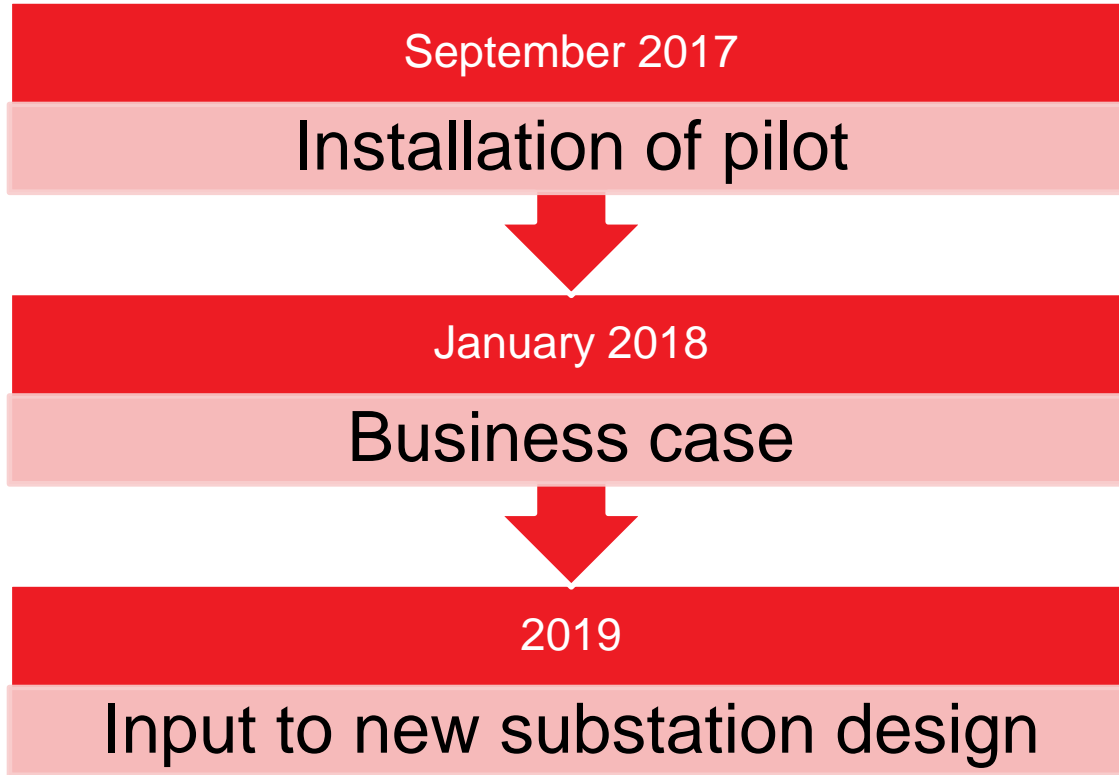


Why digital substaion?

- HSE
- Cost
- Time
- Functionality



Project progress

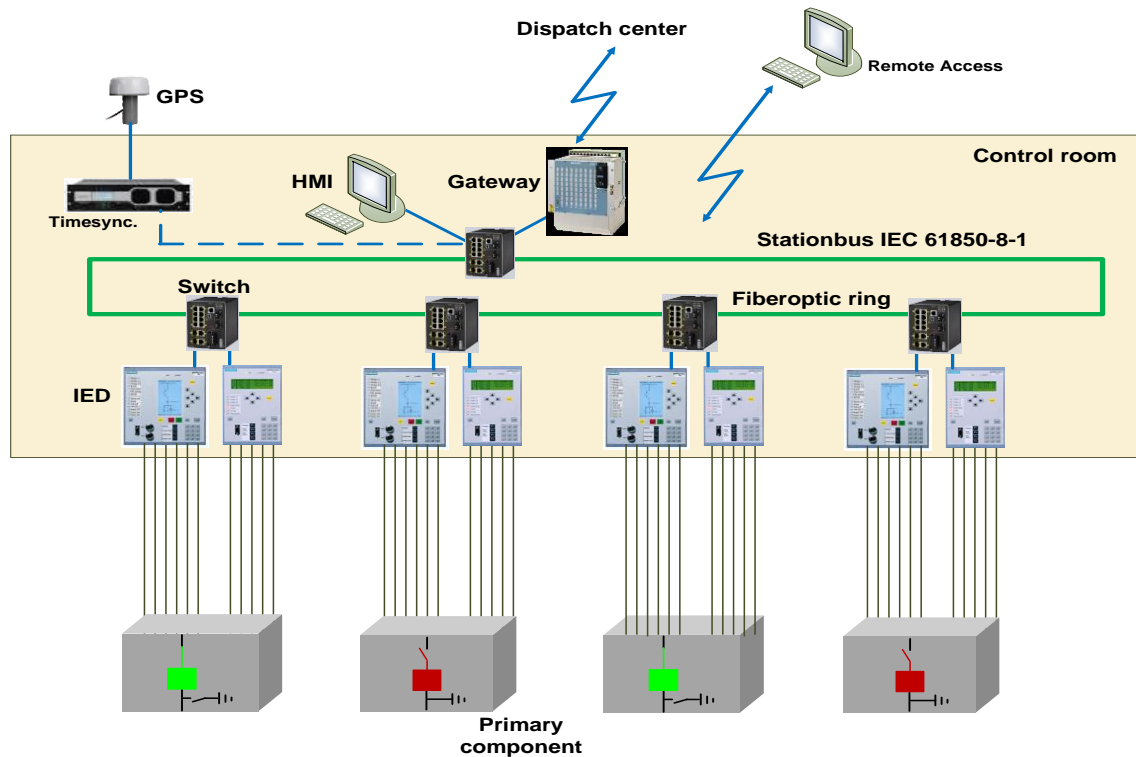


Some of the project objectives

- Gain experience from operation of digital substation pilot
- Develop next generation control system
- Develop collaboration between disciplines such as ICT and power engineering
- Develop competence
- Verify maturity of technology



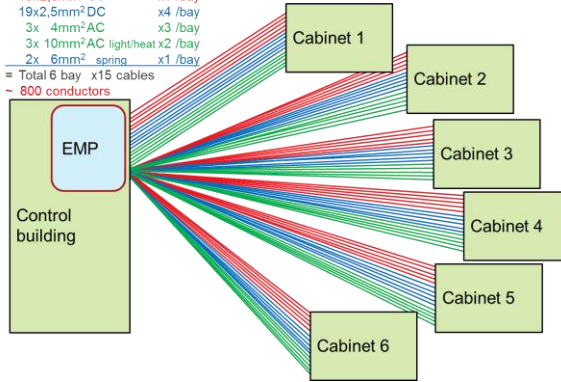
Today's computer based solution in Statnett



Major Leap in communication design

Example Current design (bay to control building):

4x 4mm² CT x4 /bay
 19x2,5mm² VT x1 /bay
 19x2,5mm² DC x4 /bay
 3x 4mm² AC x3 /bay
 3x 10mm² AC light/heat x2 /bay
 2x 6mm² spring x1 /bay
 = Total 6 bay x15 cables
 ~ 800 conductors



Conventional design:

App. **800** power & signal conductors

- from bay to control room

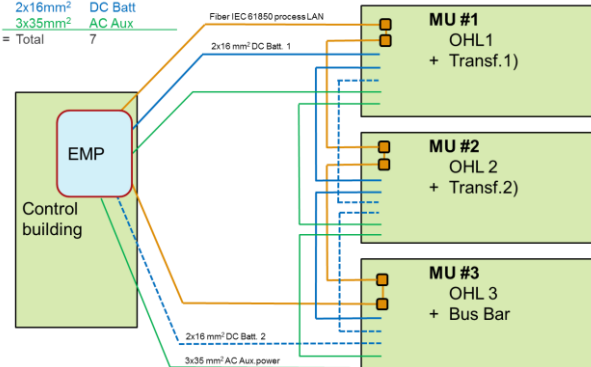
Process bus: Maximum footprint reduction potential (Ring structure):

7 powercables & fibers

- from bay to control room

Example future design (6 bays to control building)

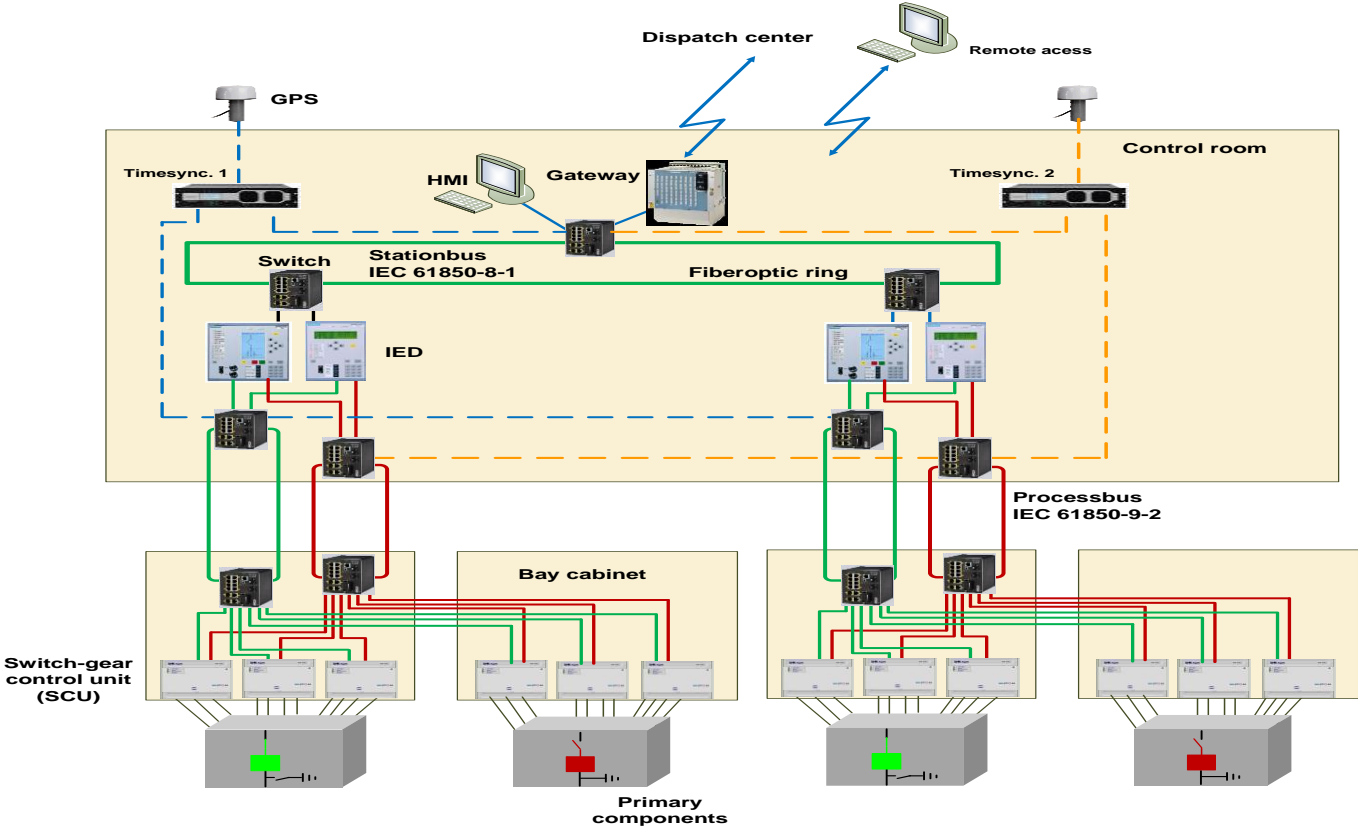
2x fiber 61850-9-2 proc.buss
 2x16mm² DC Batt
 3x35mm² AC Aux
 = Total 7



What is the essential of a digital substaion?

- All measuring is digitized *in or close to* the primary equipment in the bay – Sampled measured values (SMV)
- All breaker control commands and signals to/from the bay is digitized with process bus based on IEC 61850-9-2 - GOOSE

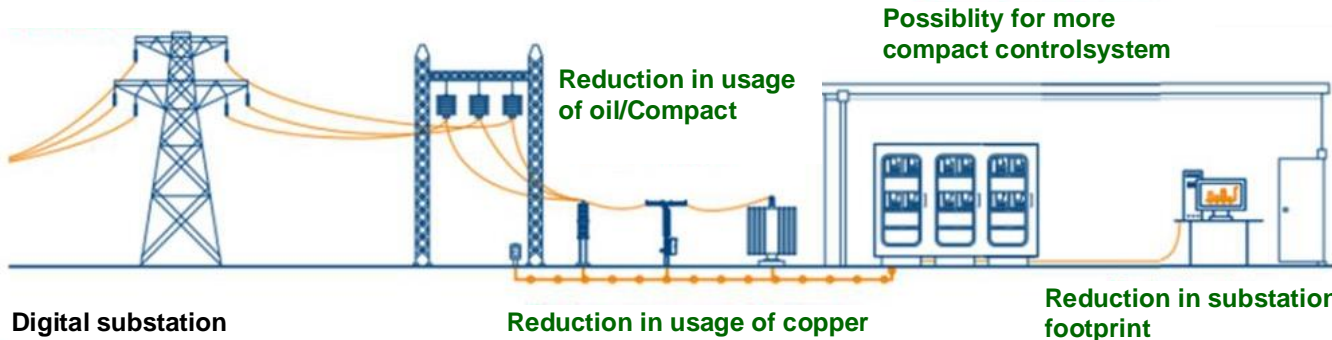
Digital substation with process bus



Simplified section of conventional and digital station

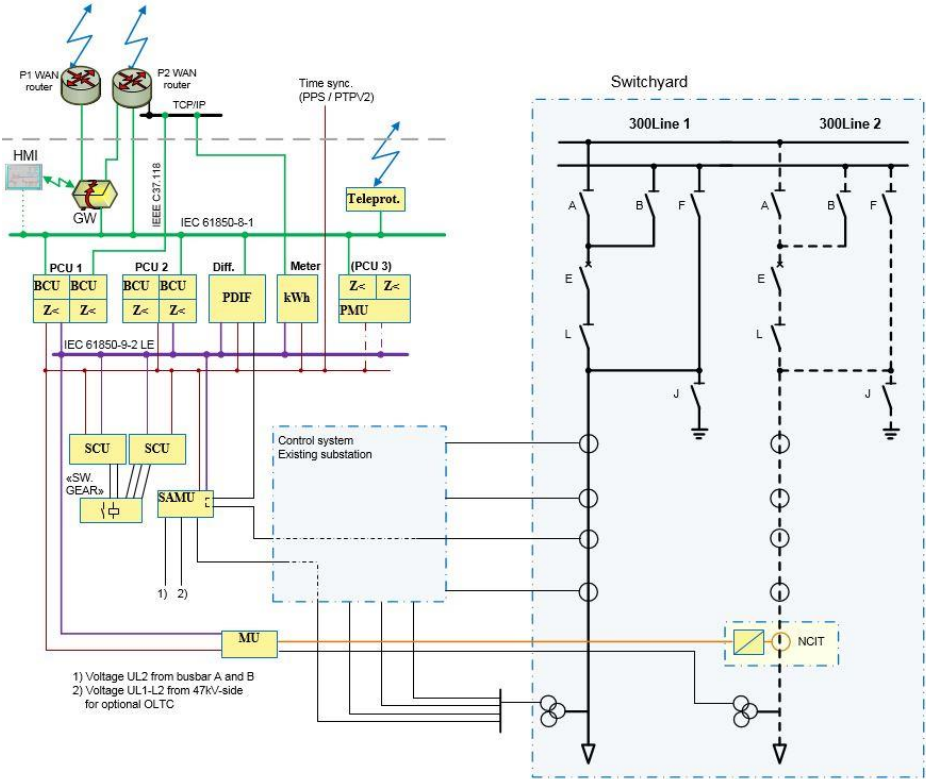


Conventional Substation



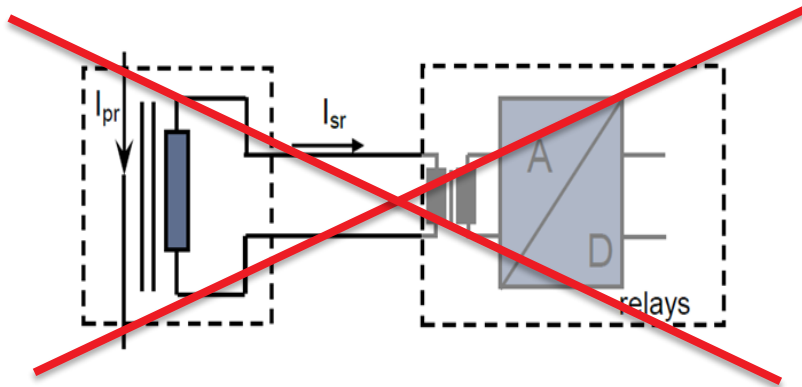
Digital substation

Digital Substaion pilot



Digital Substation pilot – some key aspects

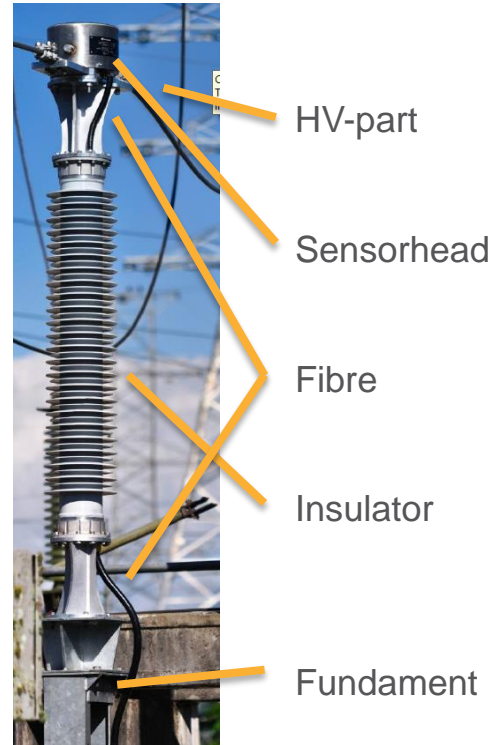
- Protection and Control IEDs without Input transformers, low-pass filter, converter and binary I/O-compact
- Elimination of CT secondary circuits with NCIT
- Protection and control for more than line in one IED/protection relay



Process bus in digital substaion pilot

- Critical signals are digital
- GOOSE and sampled measured (SMV) using IEC protocol 61850
- VLAN
- Time synchronization – PTP
- Redundancy - PRP
- IT security

Optical current transformer-NCIT



HSE:
Elimination of secondary
current circuit

Optical sensor – faraday
effect

Free of magnetic
saturations effects

Lower weight -transport
Reduction in in usage of oil
and gas- 80%

Reduced substation
footprints

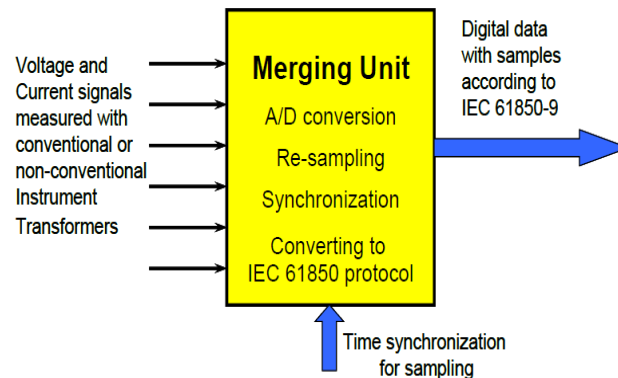
Merging Unit(MU)

From Optical/Analog to IEC 61850-9-2 (process bus)



Stand Alone Merging Unit(SAMU)

From Analog to IEC 61850-9-2 (process bus)



IEDs in the pilot (PCU1)

- Protection and control unit
- Distance protection for 2 lines
- Bay control unit (Objektmaskin) for 2 lines
- Autoreclosure (IKA) for 2 lines
- Fault and disturbance recorder for 2 lines
- All functions in one IED
- Based on 7SA87 -Siemens



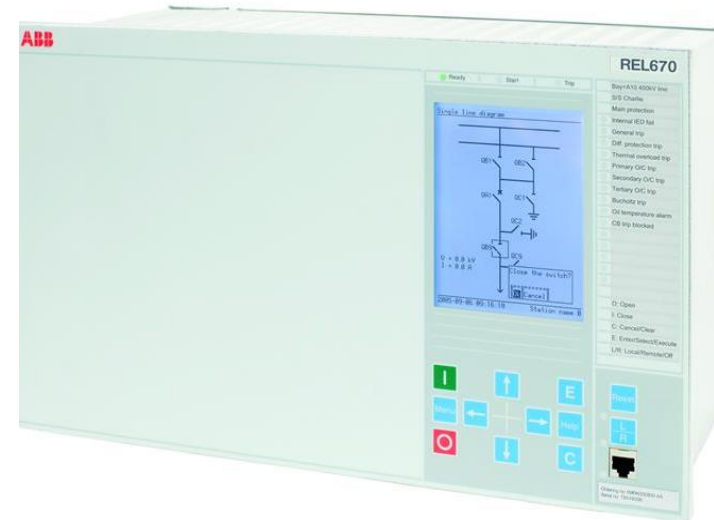
IEDs in the pilot (PCU2)

- Based on SPRECON supplied by Jacobsen Electro/Sprecher Automation
- Industry based LINUX computer hardware instead of supplier IED
- Distance protection for 2 lines
- Bay control unit (Objektmaskin) for 2 lines
- Autoreclosure (IKA) for 2 lines
- Fault and disturbance recorder for 2 lines
- All functions in one IED



IEDs in the pilot (PCU3)

- Protection and control unit (PCU)
- Distance protection for 2 lines
- Fault and disturbance recorder for 2 lines
- Phasor measurement unit (PMU)
- Based on REL670 from ABB
- All functions in one IED



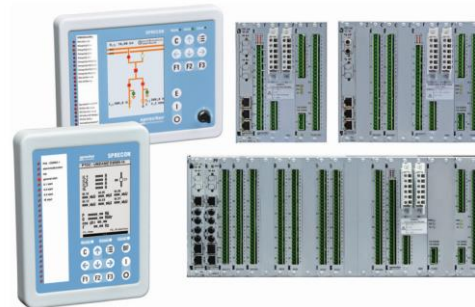
Pdiff. -DANEØ 400

- Continuous comparison of currents from conventional and optical power measurement
- Fault and disturbance recorder



SCU- Switchgear Control Unit

- I/O for converting analog values to IEC 61850 telegrams
- I/O for converting IEC 61850 telegrams to analog values
- Fault and disturbance recorder



Publications

- NEF teknisk møte (may 2017)
- PAC world (june 2017)
- Cigre (august 2018)



Expected benefits

- Improved personal safety
- Reduction in cost connected to copper cables
- Reduction in cost for IEDs through omission of analog measuring inputs and binary I / O
- Takes less space both indoors and outdoors
- Reduced time required to build and test facility
- Greater degree of self-monitoring that provide better quality of utility
- Easier data retrieval from the primary facility for maintenance purposes
- Improved ability to perform remote access / remote diagnostics providing reduced operating costs
- Reduced electromagnetic interference due to transition to the fiber optic connectors

Some challenges

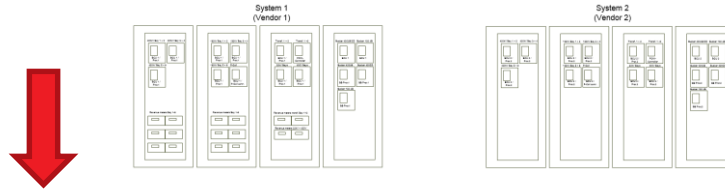
- Regulatory Compliance – Accredited measurement circuit control, EMP protection and demands for redundancy/duplication
- Climatic conditions / life of IEDs in the field, working out in the field
- Commercial availability of components (NCVT)
- Properties in protective function entrusted to NCIT?
- Interoperability between components of different vendors
- ICT security and control of accesses
- Competence building - Organization change
- Time synchronisation for SMV is crucial

Control system in digital substation – step 1 and 2

- Substation control system today



- **Digital substation Step 1** – Greater degree of integration –This R&D project



- **Digital substation Step 2** –Greater degree of integration –Future?



Questions?





Thank you for your
attention!

The future is electric
(and digital)