

Earth & Current Fault Detection





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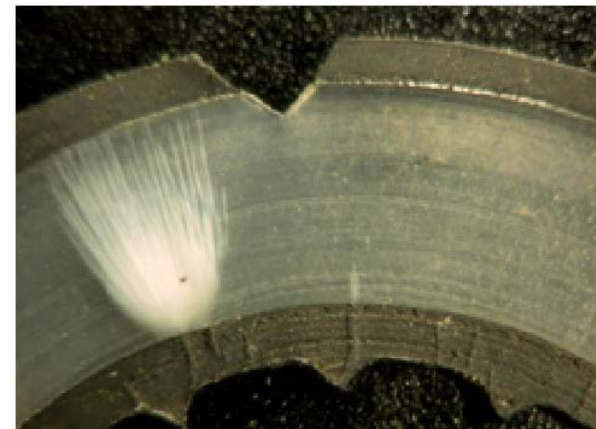
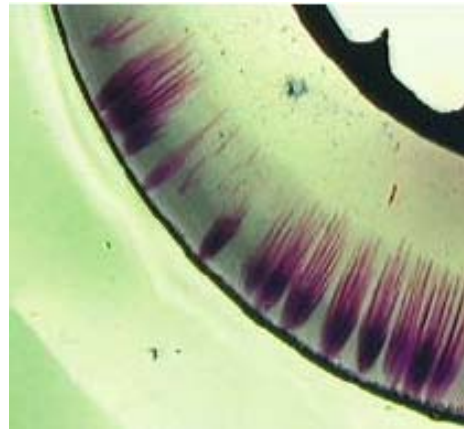
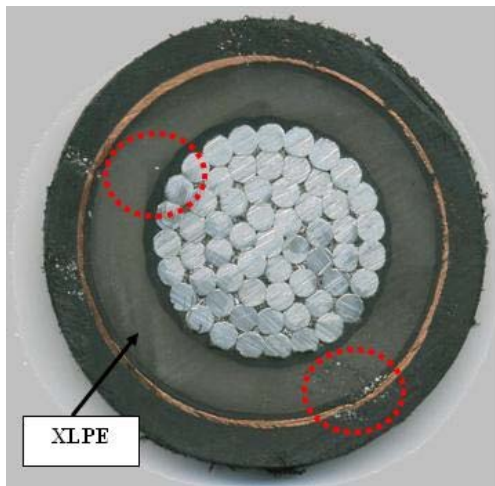
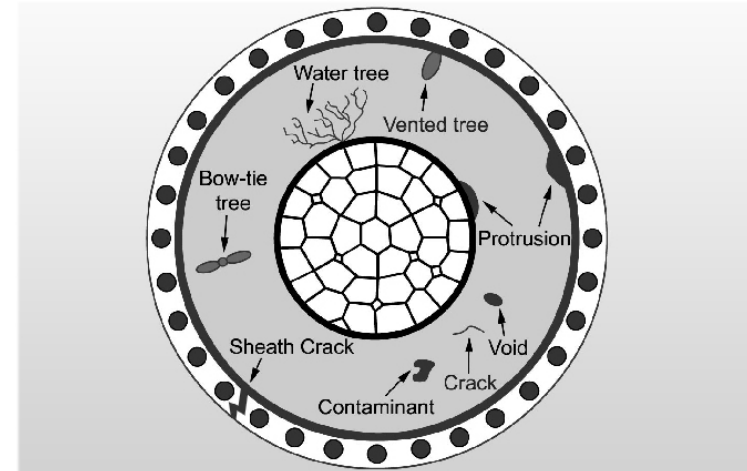
The result is short circuits and power failures.

Power Cable Failures

- Power cables mainly fail because of aging and due to thermal, electrical, mechanical & environmental reasons.
- High temperature, Impulses, bending, vibration, fatigue, water, humidity, chemicals are the factors of failure.
- The most often mechanisms are corrosion, cracking, treeing, etc.

Power Cable Failures

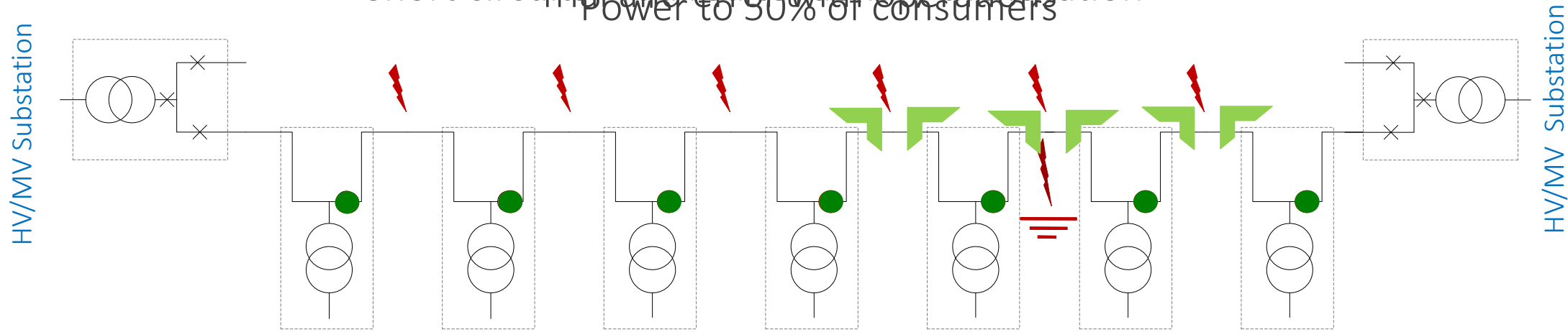
Corrosion
&
Impurities
Treeing





Fault Detection MV/LV substations

Possible Fault Bipoles
 Reroute power in the middle of the line to restore
 Short circuits, regulate power, restore the location
 Power to 50% of consumers





Power grid

Earth fault detection and localization in urban power distribution systems.

In combination with earth ground fault detection relays,

- Seamless connection to SCADA via OPC server
- Earth faults can be located in the first minute after occurrence.
- Significant reduction of the CAIDI and SAIDI reliability indicators



Earth Fault Indicators (EFIs) & Current Fault Indicators (CFIs) detect earth & short circuit faults on underground cables

Each EFI unit has a core-balanced sensor which is fixed around the three phases of the cable. Units that detect a current imbalance due to an earth fault will trip and indicate by either bright LED or a mechanical flag.

CFI units have Phase-Phase short-circuit detection using extra CTs connected around individual phase conductors.

EFIs & CFIs help to quickly identify in which section of the network an earth fault is located, once the network has been tripped by the upstream protection.

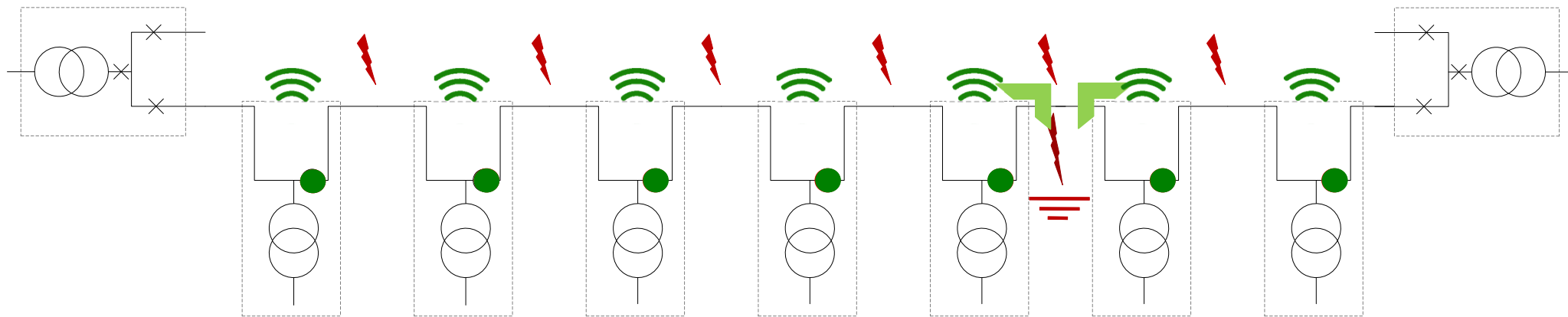
A connected IoT device can transmit the fault indication to a central SCADA system.

IoT connected MV/LV substations Fault Detection



Restoration of power to all customers

HV/MV Substation



HV/MV Substation

IoT Autonomous RTUs

Application: Power grid

SAIFI Improvement

Reduced number of short circuits required to identify the location of the fault.

Reduced stress of network elements (cables & switchgear).

Increased lifetime of switching equipment & cables.

Reduction in infrastructure investments.

SAIDI & CAIDI Improvement

Reduction in the time required to restore power for consumers

Reduction in maintenance crew costs

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Design Principles

Autonomous RTUs are flexible devices allowing any modern power source scheme.

They are designed to operate autonomously using single lithium battery cells achieving maximum reliability, and long term solution robustness with operational lifetime >10+ years.

They can work on mains or photovoltaic power with automatic failover to internal lithium battery on power shortage.

They can be used in hybrid power solutions combining lithium battery for telecommunications with rechargeable power sources for sensor excitation allowing mixed power media applications seamlessly.

Design Principles

We at Infinite believe it is essential that a monitoring RTU connected to an EFI for MV substations operates autonomously and that it should not be connected to mains power.

An autonomous device is designed to be independent of power source and its main function is when there is no power present and it works on battery.

All high reputation manufacturers of such communication devices (Germany, Ireland, UK), for earth fault indication applications also use the autonomous operation technology.

If LV mains power is required to power the RTUs many problems arise.

Design Principles

In case of mains power and rechargable batteries if there is a power supply failure or a blown fuse the device will work on battery, deplete it and stop to function. In this case when it will be required to function due to an earth fault it will not be available.

A device that works continuously connected to LV mains is risking its functionality and availability. If by design it powers the built in communications modem continuously it is prone to halts and errors. Also it is vulnerable to interference, halts due to high currents, transients, coupling and short circuit currents.

The result is it will not be functional when there will be an earth ground fault.

Design Principles

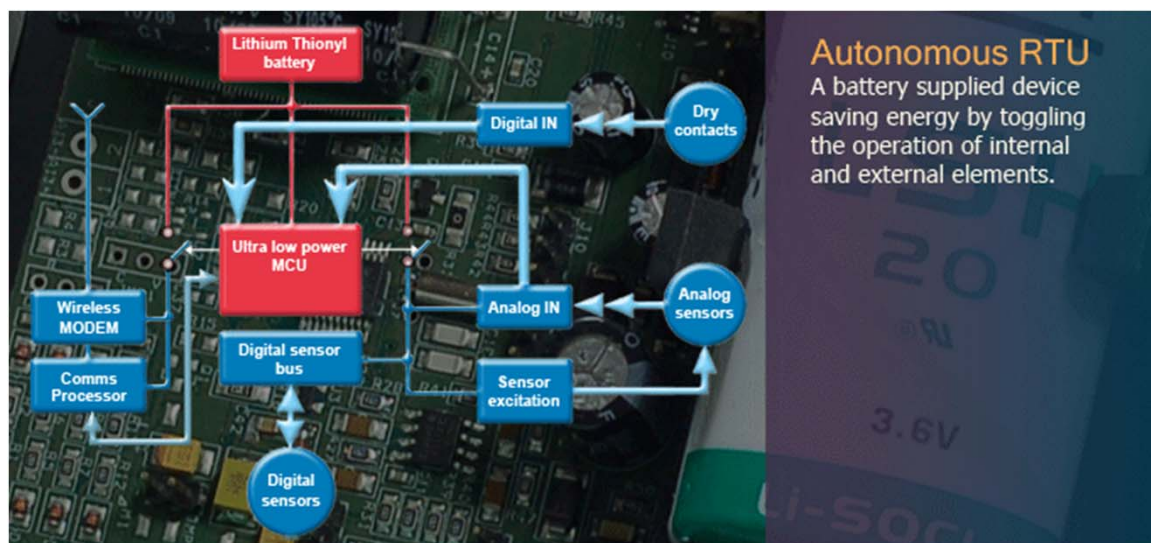
In a high parasitic environment like MV substations, with low mobile network signal the basic principle to assure proper operation and high availability is to operate based on a credible power source such as lithium batteries.

It should be noted that lead acid rechargable batteries require chargers, conditioning and do not last more than 2 years.

Compact design and unmanned operation is essential for high volumes of systems on the field.



Operating principle



Functions:

- Measurement
- Transducer excitation
- Data recording
- Data & alarm transmission

An ultra low power MCU is in continuous operation with two main tasks:

- Performing measurement, data recording and detecting an alarm condition.
- Controlling power of internal and external functional elements in order to extend battery lifetime. The principle is to power functional sections, according to user defined time schedules.

Autonomous RTUs utilize an ultra low power dual processor architecture in order to combine low power consumption with advanced processing and communication characteristics.

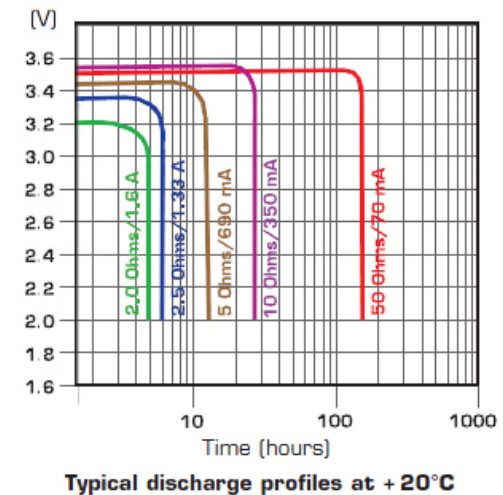


D-size,
Primary lithium-thionyl chloride battery
Nominal voltage: 3.6V,
Capacity: 13.0Ah

System comparison

Subject	Solar powered	Autonomous
Daily energy consumption	2 mAh (An average 2 mA current draw is assumed).	0.03 mAh (2 mA during sampling, 40 μ A in idle state, sampling period at 1 minute).
Maintenance free operation	2-3 years. The rechargeable cell's capacity diminishes over time. Current delivery is reduced due to increase in internal resistance over time.	Up to 15 years. The Lithium Thionyl battery features undiminished voltage level and current delivery during almost 98% of its lifetime.
System power supply	Complex, costly.	Simple, low cost.
Ambient temperature	Frost protection for the solar cell is required at lower temperatures. Solar cell efficiency is lowered and rechargeable battery life is shortened at temperatures over 40°C.	Infinite's autonomous devices operate at temperatures between -20°C and +65°C.
Weather conditions	Smooth operation depends on sufficient sunlight.	Weather independent.
Overall system size	Massive, provoking vandalism.	Minimum sized, compact, unnoticeable.
Minimum sampling period	Down to a few seconds, according to the availability of the renewable energy source.	1 minute (5...15 minutes, typ) for preserving a reasonable battery lifetime.

Lithium Thionyl Battery



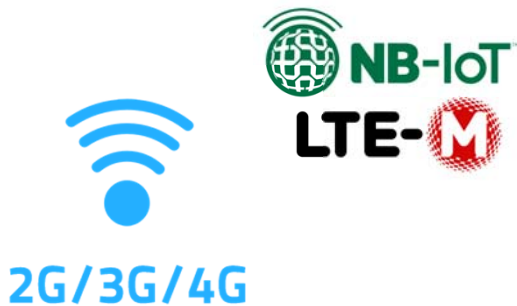


Battery lifetime

BSC-50D RTU/Data logger powered using one 3.6V, 13Ah lithium-thionyl battery

Excitation @3.3V [mA]	Sampling rate [S/hour]	Sampling delay [sec]	Sending rate [hours]	Battery life [Years]
1	4	1	2	4.3
1	60	1	2	4.2
25	4	1	2	4.0
25	60	1	2	2
25	60	1	4	2.3
25	60	1	8	2.5
5	4	1	24	10.4
25	4	1	24	9.0
25	4	5	24	5.4
50	4	5	24	3.6
100	4	5	24	2.1

IoT Autonomous devices



BSC-50D, GSM Alarming RTU

Power supply:	3.6V, 13 Ah Lithium Thionyl battery, D-size 5VDC mains or photovoltaic power
Consumption :	Continuous 18 μ A
Discrete inputs:	4 x Digital inputs, 0-30VDC 1 x Analog input, 0-1VDC, 12 bit resolution 2 x Digital counter, 1 KHz
Transducer excitation	12V/200mA, 5V/200mA
Wireless modem:	Sierra Wireless 2G, 3G, 4G, NBloT, LTE-Cat M1
Antenna	internal or external
Messages:	Data, Alarm
Temperature:	-20°...+65°C, operating
Dimensions:	79.5 x 125 x 61 mm (with cable gland)
Housing:	IP66, IP68 Nema 4x

IoT Autonomous devices



ADS-26x, Sigfox IoT wireless end nodes

Power supply:	3.6V, 13-18 Ah Lithium Thionyl battery, D-size 5VDC mains or photovoltaic power
Consumption :	Continuous 18 μ A
Discrete inputs:	IN1, configurable as: Digital input, 0-30VDC Analog input, 0-1VDC, 12 bit resolution Digital counter, 1 KHz
SDI-12 Bus:	8 Channels, up to 3 sensor support.
RS-485, MODBUS:	8 Channels, up to 3 sensor support, ASCII/RTU.
Transducer excitation	12V/250mA, 5V/200mA
Wireless modem:	Radiocrafts Sigfox RC1,2,4
Antenna	internal or external
Messages:	Data, Alarm
Temperature:	-20 $^{\circ}$...+65 $^{\circ}$ C, operating
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IoT Autonomous devices



Available Q4 2019

ADS-410, Itron IoT wireless end nodes

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Gen 5
Sensor Node



Gen5 Sensor node

The Gen5 Network is the fabric connecting critical infrastructure devices with value-added applications. Itron has successfully architected the Gen5 Network to balance the stringent and competing demands of ubiquitous coverage, high performance, and cost efficiency.

Gen5 Sensor node is a battery powered end node for the Gen5 Network. The device supports serial communications with digital sensors. Communication capabilities include the popular SDI-12 and MODBUS protocols. Additional digital and analog inputs and an internal battery gauge are included. It provides two excitation options for external sensors. The unit uses the Milli 5 module for the connectivity to the Gen5 Network.

Features

- Periodical capture and data transmission of actual recordings to the utility for advanced analysis and applications.
- Alarm messages and periodical Health messages for verifying unit availability.
- Continuous battery gauging with respective data transfer.
- Scaling parameters and alarm limits are user definable.
- Remote configuration of the operation parameters.

Applications

- Environmental monitoring
- Smart grid
- Weather monitoring
- Gas distribution
- Water resources management
- Smart Farming

Technical Specifications

Internal supply	3.6V Lithium Thionyl battery
External supply	5V ±2%
Supply current	Idle: 10µA max. Sampling: 2.7 mA Transmit: 48mA
Data memory	I2C EEPROM
Digital inputs	1, 0-30V, dry contact
Analog input	0-1V, 12bit
Counters	1, 2kHz
SDI-12	Up to 16 channels
MODBUS	RS-485, 8 channels
Sensor	12VDC, 250mA
Excitation	5VDC, 200mA
Battery Gauge	0.17mAh resolution
Communication	GEN5, Milli5 module
Antenna	SMA Jack
Serial interface	USB, 115 kBit/s
Temperature	-40°...65°C, operating
Dimensions	124 x 79.5 x 70 mm
Protection	IP66/67



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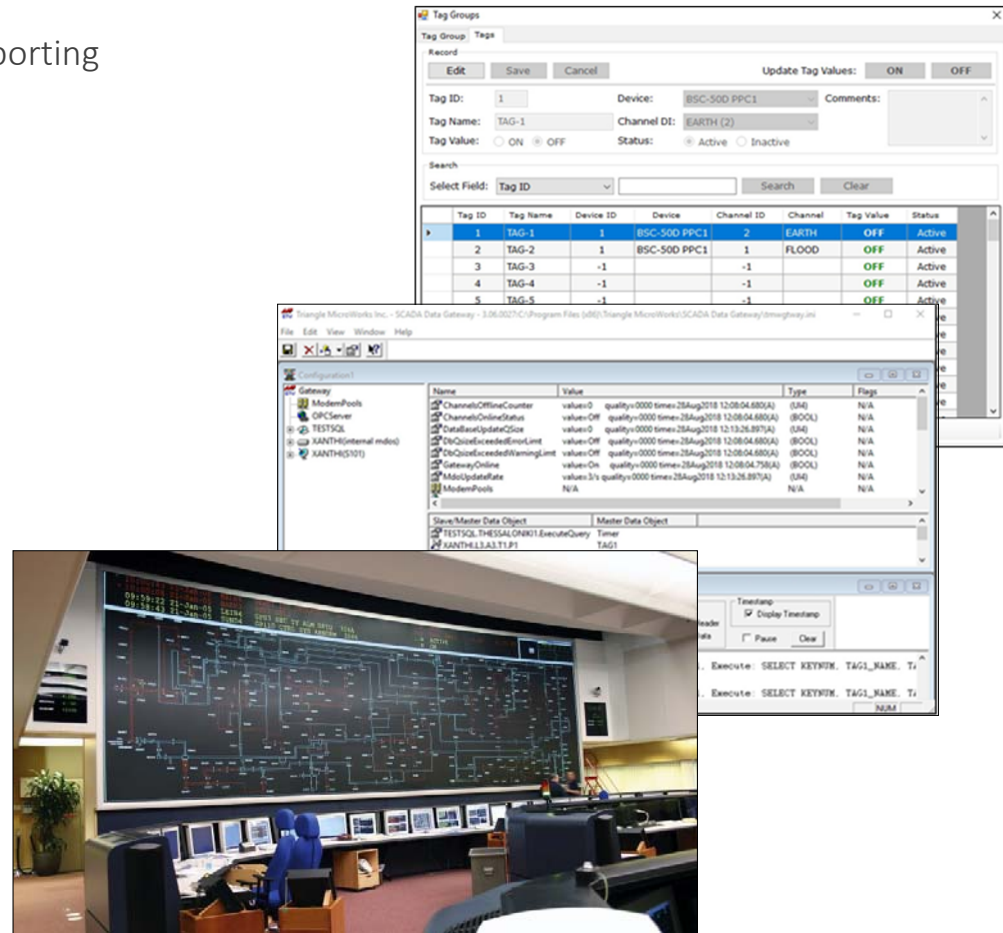
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MSG – Multiprotocol Scada Gateway

The MSG is a modern SCADA communication gateway, supporting multiple protocols,

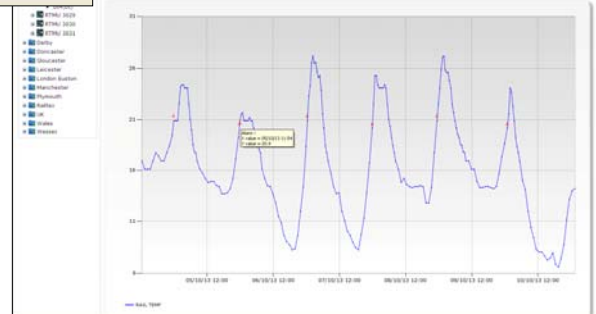
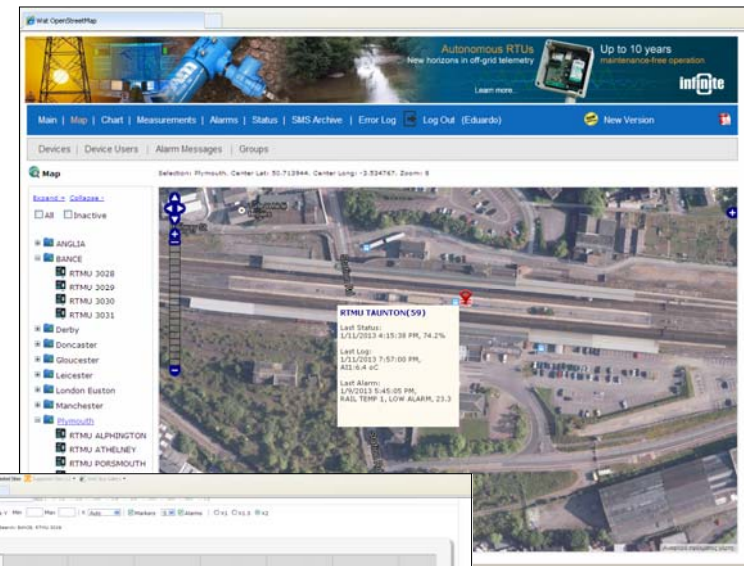
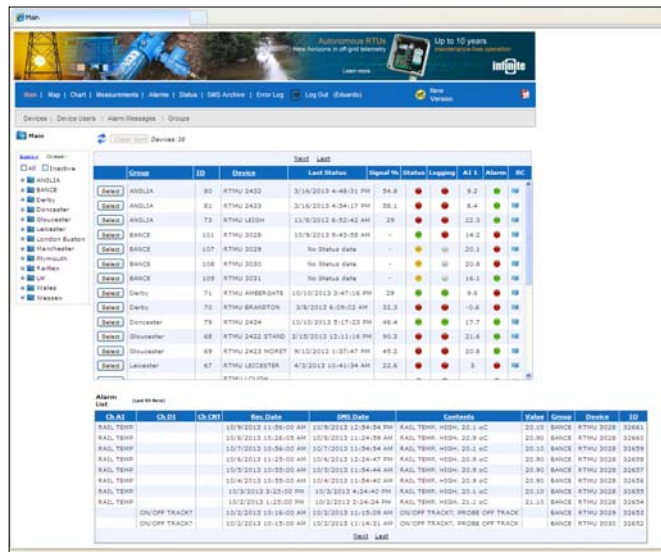
- DNP3 Secure Authentication v5 (SAv5)
- IEC 60870-5-101, 102,103
- IEC 60870-5-104
- IEC 60870-5 Secure Authentication for -101 and -104
- OPC Data Access
- OPC XML Data Access
- OPC Alarms & Events
- IEC 61850
- IEC 60870-6
- Modbus

MS SQL server database backend for Historical data storage and management.



WaT - Web aided Telemetry

Cloud telemetry platform with GIS information



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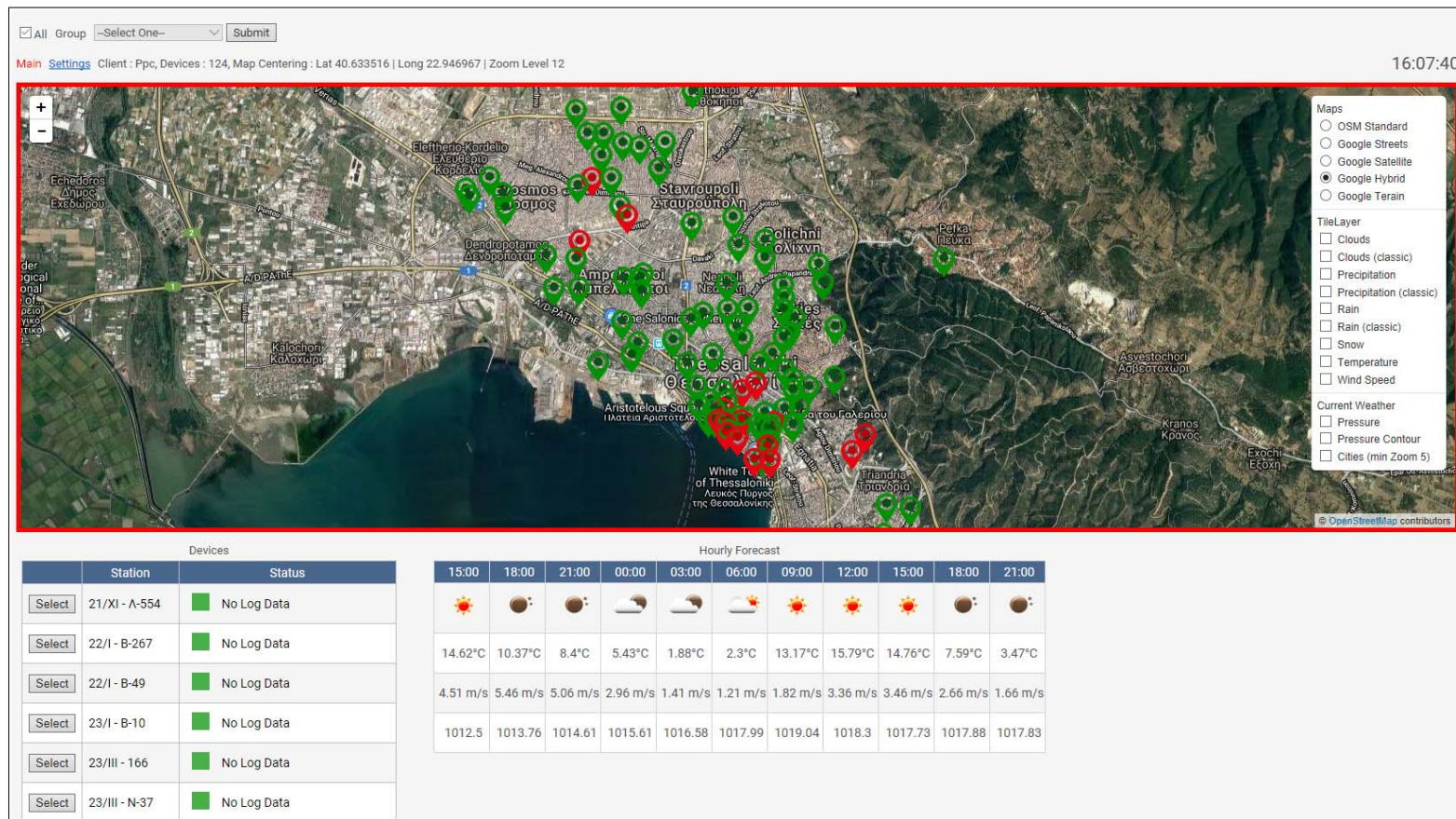
The screenshot displays the WaT web interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Main, Map, Chart, Measurements, Alarm Events, Alarm ACK, Status, GPS, File Archives, and TCP Archives. Below this, there are tabs for Devices, Groups, Server Recipients, Alarm Messages, and Weather. The main content area is split into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Devices', shows a table with columns for #, Status, Alarm, Group, Device ID, Device Name, Phone Number, Type, Latitude, Longitude, Zoom Level, and Show. The right panel, titled 'Map', shows a satellite map of a coastal town with numerous green location markers. The map interface includes a search bar, a date selector (14/02/2017), and zoom controls.

#	Status	Alarm	Group	Device ID	Device Name	Phone Number	Type	Latitude	Longitude	Zoom Level	Show
23/III	Active	22/I	309	B-267	+30698555376	BSC-50-E	40.613761	22.960675	12	Yes	
25/III	Active	22/I	310	B-49	+30698555378	BSC-50-E	40.611438	22.959543	12	Yes	
25/X	Active	23/I	311	B-10	+306979440747	BSC-50-E	40.614305	22.957654	12	Yes	
26/IX	Active	23/III	313	166	+306975850674	BSC-50-E	40.643439	22.946430	12	Yes	
27/IV	Active	23/III	312	N-37	+306975850668	BSC-50-E	40.640908	22.952879	12	Yes	
28/III	Active	24/I	315	O-3	+306979440909	BSC-50-E	40.641245	22.960855	12	Yes	
29/III	Active	24/I	314	N-537	+306975850441	BSC-50-E	40.642286	22.951364	12	Yes	
30/III	Active	25/III	321	702	+30698555349	BSC-50-E	40.634777	22.936283	12	Yes	
31/I	Active	25/VIII	320	B-214	+306979440449	BSC-50-E	40.610653	22.952909	12	Yes	
36/I	Active	25/X	319	PE-81	+306972307079	BSC-50-E	40.501590	22.923310	12	Yes	
22/I	Active	26/IX	318	Z-83	+30698555379	BSC-50-E	40.663834	22.933113	12	Yes	
23/I	Active	27/IV	317	K-577	+30698555337	BSC-50-E	40.581534	22.949494	12	Yes	
24/I	Active	27/IV	322	K-739	+30698555336	BSC-50-E	40.586705	22.953391	12	Yes	
270/XI	Active	270/XI	326	111	+306975850658	BSC-50-E	40.636033	22.947371	12	Yes	
31/III	Active	270/XI	325	130	+306975850666	BSC-50-E	40.634069	22.952770	12	Yes	
31/III	Active	28/III	323	20X	+30698555377	BSC-50-E	40.634371	22.939710	12	Yes	
31/III	Active	28/III	324	581	+30698555372	BSC-50-E	40.637809	22.936708	12	Yes	
32/III	Active	29/III	332	5	+30698555354	BSC-50-E	40.633250	22.940097	12	Yes	



WaTEye - Web aided Telemetry Eye dashboard

Online dashboard with live weather and telemetry data





Internet of Things Networks & Technologies





Case Study City of Xanthi Greece

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