
INTEGRATED DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION



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Increased reliability in an integrated SF6 – free compact package

Medium voltage underground distribution stations have progressed from a complex structure to a small compact unit.

Following is the evolution of the technology:

Two-floor civil work building housed incoming overhead lines on the second floor. The first floor housed separate airbrake switches, protection, transformer, and low voltage gear.

One-floor civil work building housed incoming underground lines located in public areas. Building housed separate metal enclosed airbrake switching and protection cells, connected to an oil-filled transformer.

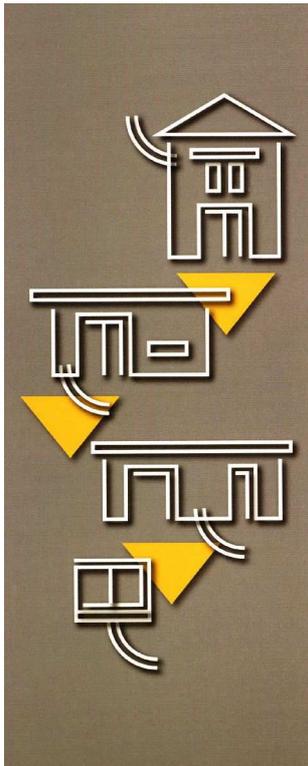
Pre-fabricated structure housed incoming under-ground lines located in public areas. Enclosure housed separate prefabricated metal Modula switching and protection cells filled with SF6 gas, connected to a silicone- or oil-filled transformer.

The integrated distribution substation integrates switching protection and transformation under non-toxic, biodegradable, high fire point, K-class dielectric fluid. Equipment requires no civil work structure as the incoming and outgoing cables are protected from the public with a high security enclosure.

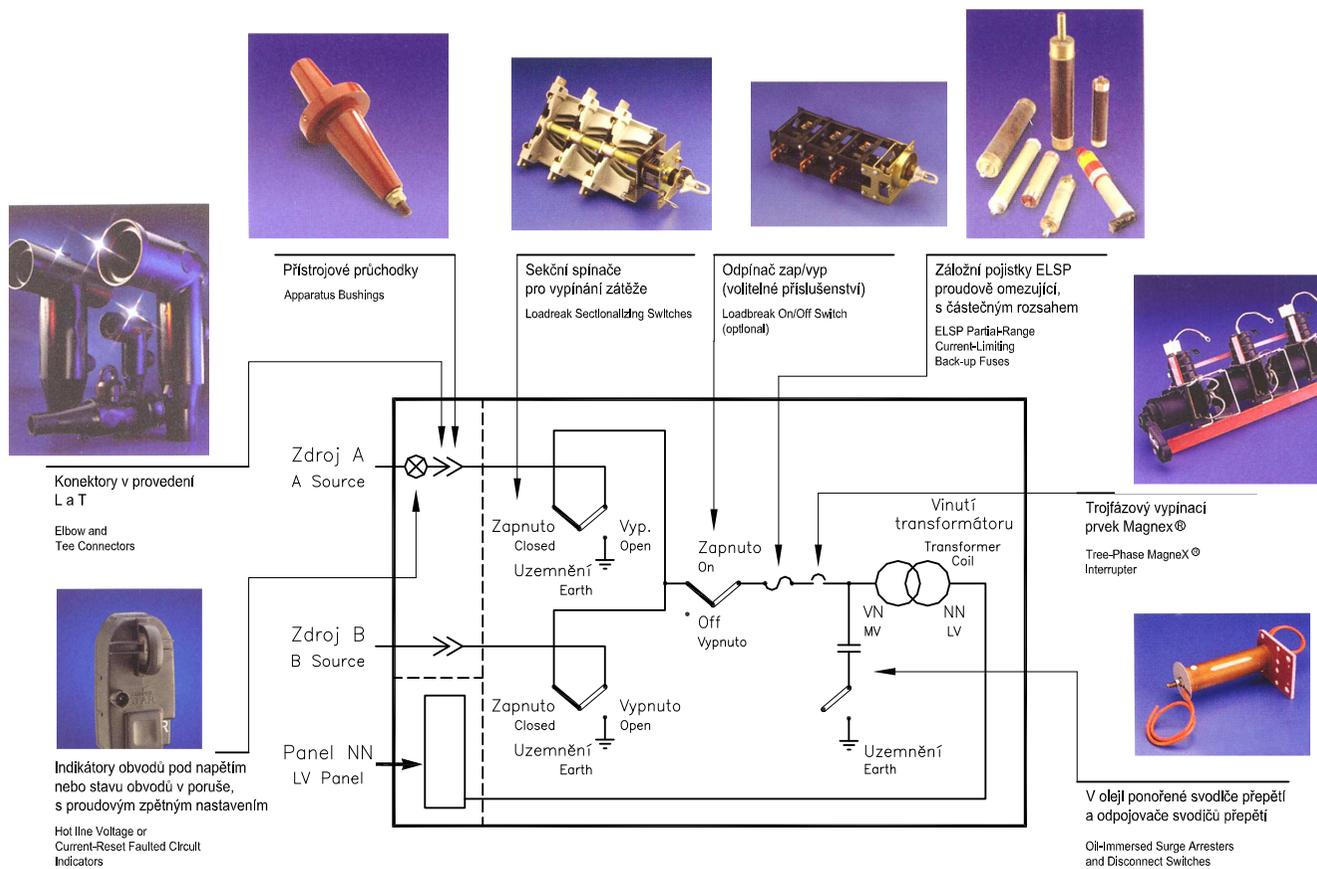
The design offers the following benefits:

- **easy installation**
- **superior transformer protection**
- **increased safety**
- **improved reliability**
- **environmentally friendly:**
 - **SF6-free**
 - **high fire point K-class fluid**

Millions of pad-mounted compact distribution substations have been installed in the last 40 years in the Americas and other countries. The design conforms to American National Standards (ANSI®) which contain strict guidelines to ensure operational and enclosure integrity.



Key Components of the Integrated Distribution Substation



Component	Description	Ratings
1. Deadbreak or Loadbreak Elbow and Tee Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully screened and submersible connection suitable for indoor and outdoor applications Built-in electrical stress control Moulded EPDM rubber construction immune to contamination Built-in capacitive test point allows for easy check of circuit status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous current = 1250 A for 24 kV and 630 A for 36 kV Short- time withstand current (1 s) up to 75 kA Impulse withstand up to 170 kV
2. Deadbreak or Loadbreak Apparatus Bushings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screened deadbreak design for use with liquid-filled equipment Includes screen for controlling electrical stress with earthing plate Made for indoor or outdoor applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous current = 1250 A for 24 kV and 630 A for 36 kV Short- time withstand current (1 s) up to 75 kA Impulse withstand up to 170 kV
3. Loadbreak Sectionalizing Switches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotates to three positions for alternate source, open, and earth selection Silver-plated copper contacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous current = 400 A/24 kV Short- time withstand current (2 s) = 16 kA, (1 s) = 20 kA Short circuit making current (12 cycles) = 16 kA sym.
4. Loadbreak On/Off Switch (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring loaded activating mechanism ensures quick loadbreak or loadmake operation in less than 1 cycle Minimal input torque required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous current = 400 A/27 kV Momentary /10 cycles = 12 kA
5. ELSP Partial-Range Current-Limiting Back-up Fuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hi-amp fuse coordinated with MagneX® interrupter gives full range of fault protection Protects and isolates faulted equipment Efficient energy limiting section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum interrupting current = 50 kA RMS sym.
6. Three-Phase Magnet interrupter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcurrent protective device Protects from damaging overloads, secondary, faults, and high fluid temperature Three-phase gang trip Externally resettable Can be used to turn transformer on and off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous current = 42 A Maximum interrupting current: 8,3 kV = 2500 A RMS sym 15 kV = 1500 A RMS sym 23 kV = 500 A RMS sym 38 kV = 500 A RMS sym (delta connected version only) Impulse withstand up to 150 kV
7. Oil-Immersed Surge Arresters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protects from reflected impulses in cable circuits Non-linear metal oxide varistors provide exceptional surge protection Eliminates the possibility of shortened arrester life due to external contamination, wildlife, vandalism or moisture ingress Cooled by the oil for repeated surge duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominal discharge current = 10 kA for ratings 3-36 kV High current impulse = 100 kA Switching impulse residual voltage 250 A/ 2000 μs duration
Arrester Disconnect Switches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows external means 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable for applications up to 35 kV class, 150 kV impulse withstand

8. Hot Line Voltage Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies energized circuits • Pulsating high intensity LED display • Housed in one-piece weatherproof housing • Used on connectors with voltage test point • Quick and easy installation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voltages: 4,16 to 35 kV • Fault Withstand Capability: 25 kA for 10 cycles • Self powered with minimum of 2400 V on circuit
Current-Reset Faulted Circuit Indicators (for multi-earthed systems)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locates faulted sections of cable • Variable-trip technology • Tough, durable construction – corrosion-proof, damage-resistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fault Withstand Capability: 25 kA for 10 cycles • Trip current: 100 A rise within 6 cycles • Self-powered on 2.0 A continuous current, no battery required
Dielectric Fluid		Typical Values
9. Envirotemp FR3 Fluid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimal safety and environmental choice when compared to mineral oil • Completely biodegradable , seed-based, non-toxic fluid • K-Class, high fire and flash points • Extends insulating paper life by 5 to 8 times • UL Classified and FM Global Approved • Cooper fluid-immersed components have been tested and certified in Envirotemp FR3™ fluid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dielectric Strength = 56 kV • Fire Point = 360°C • Flash Point = 330°C
Mineral Oil (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type II with inhibitors for oxidation stability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dielectric Strength = 45 kV • Fire Point = 165°C • Flash Point = 147°C

IDS – Big Advantages in a Small Space

Cost Savings

- Minimum real estate required
- Minimal civil work needed (no building or vault structure) for outdoor applications
- Integrated single casing from one manufacturer – no need to purchase and stock three separate components
- Minimum installation costs
- Reduced external cabling and connectors
- Envirotemp FR3 less – flammable fluid allows indoor installations without sprinkler or vault requirements

Safety

- Envirotemp FR3 K-Class fluid essentially eliminates transformer pool fires
- Magnex interrupter is an overcurrent protection device that also senses high fluid temperature
- Deadfront with screened connectors eliminates flashover
- Capable of operating under a flood condition
- Integrated enclosure cubicle is aloe access to authorized personnel only

Environmental Benefits

- SF6-free
 - Eliminates ozone depleting SF6 gas used in RMU switching modules
 - Eliminates SF6 arcing by-products
 - 1997 Kyoto protocol – developed countries agreed to reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases, which includes SF6 by 5,2% over the period 2008 - 2012
 - Liquid-filled equipment will help meet this goal
 - Envirotemp FR3 fluid is a renewable seed based oil option which is non-toxic and biodegradable
- Low profile design blends in with the environment

Operational Integrity

- Envirotemp FR3 fluid extends insulation paper thermal life and increases overload capabilities
- Components are assembled and tested as an integral unit under fluid at the factory

Lower load losses due to elimination of cable and connections from each component

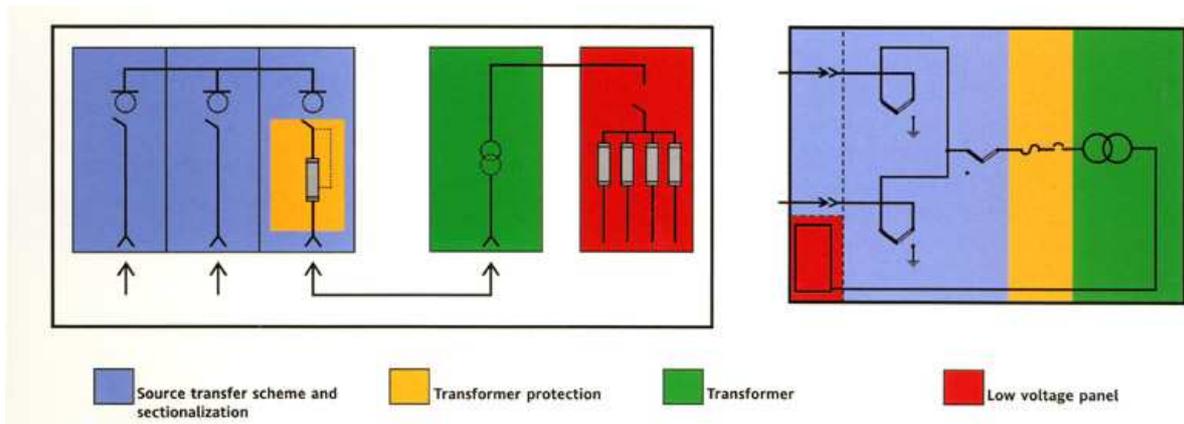
Comparison of a Typical RMU Station to the IDS

Typical RMU MV/LV Substation

Conventional RMU-based MV/LV stations incorporate medium voltage primary switching filled with SF6 gas and overcurrent protection in cells separate from the transformer and cabled/bused to it. The low voltage panel is also housed in a separate cell. To ensure public safety and improve aesthetics, the entire substation is packaged into a kiosk.

Integrated Distribution Substation

The IDS incorporates medium voltage switching, medium voltage protection, transformation and low voltage protection in a single enclosure. The IDS provides a secure, aesthetically pleasing, unit that minimizes costs and drastically reduces space requirements.



Source transfer scheme and sectionalization = schéma přenosu energie ze zdroje a dílčí dělení
Transformer protection = ochrana transformátoru (ELSP Partial-Range Current = Záložní pojistky ELSP)
Transformer = transformátor
Low voltage panel = panel NN