

### **Grid Automation**

**Evolution of Distribution Protection & Switching** 

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## **Agenda**



- Overview of MV distribution circuit
- Technology Evolution of MV Protection and Switching
- Applications
- Questions

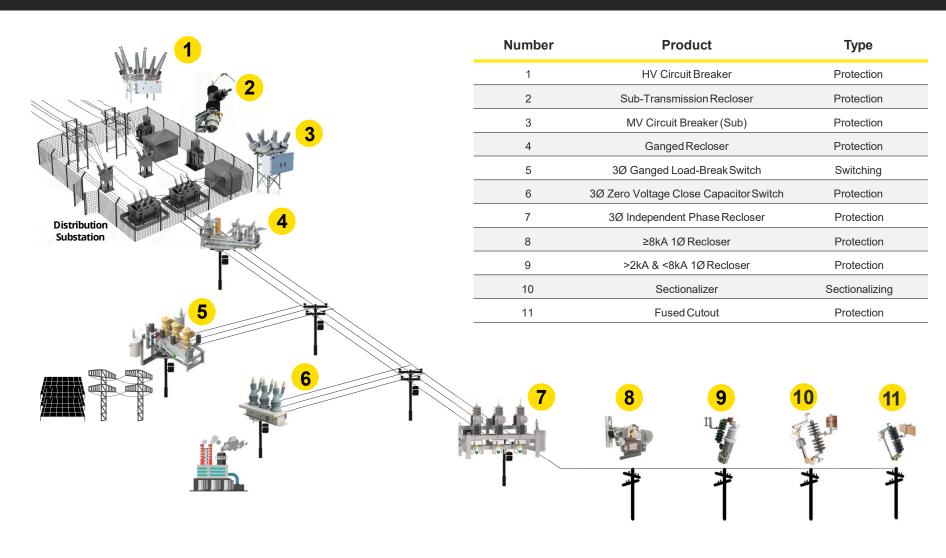
#### INTRODUCTION

# Medium Voltage Distribution Products

Overview of MV Distribution Switching & Protection Products

### **Distribution Overview**





**Improved Reliability & Visibility** 

# **Technology Evolution**

Advances in Distribution Protection & Switching

## **Protection Devices by Current Class**









800A

400A - 600A

40A - 200A

- Three Phase Oil-Filled Hydraulic Recloser
- Substation Protection
- Primary Feeder Protection

- Single Phase Oil Filled Hydraulic Recloser
- Lateral Protection

- Expulsion Fusing
- Mid-End Lateral Protection

## **Evolution of Three Phase Reclosers (800A Class)**





#### **Oil-Filled Recloser**

- Oil Interruption
- Oil Insulation
- High Maintenance & High Inventory



#### Electronic Ganged Recloser

- 800A, 16kA
- Solid dielectric interruption
- Overmolded (CEP) insulation
- Low Maintenance & Low Inventory
- Paired with SEL or Beckwith Control



### Electronic Triple-Single

- 800A, 16kA
- Solid dielectric interruption
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## **Evolution of Single Phase Reclosers (400-630A Class)**





#### **Oil-Filled Recloser**

- Oil Interruption
- Oil Insulation
- High Maintenance & High Inventory

## Integrated Control Vacuum Recloser

- 400A 630A, 8kA-12.5kA
- Solid dielectric interruption
- Overmolded (CEP) insulation
- Line-Powered
- Embedded control
- SCADA capable





## **Evolution of Mid-End Lateral Protection (40-200A Class)**



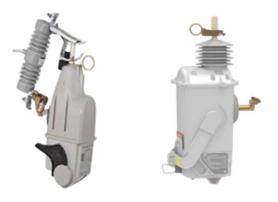


#### **Fuses**

- Expulsion Fusing
- One time use
- No data
- Always requires a truck roll

## Cutout Mounted Reclosers

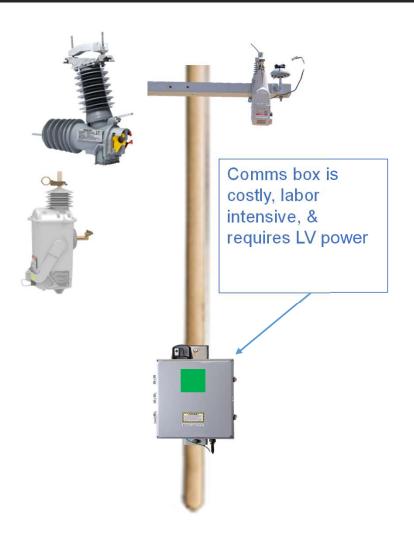
- 40A, 100A, 200A up to 8kA (Typically 6.3kA)
- Solid dielectric interruption
- Line-Powered
- Embedded control
- SCADA capable

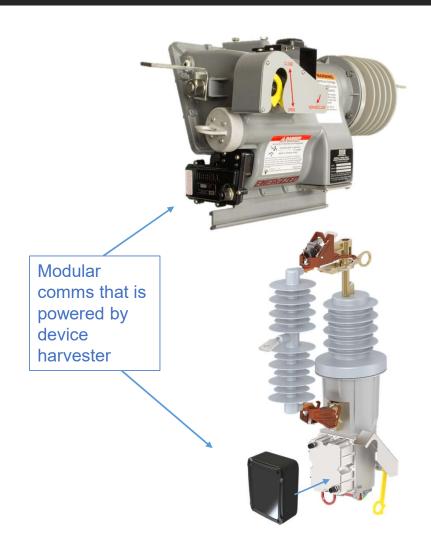




## **Evolution of Lateral Communications**







## **Evolution of Load Break Switches**





#### **Air-Break Switch**

- Manual operation
- No communications
- No SCADA control

### Integrated Air-Break Switch Solution

- Air-Break Switch with motor operator
- Line post sensors
- SCADA capable via RTU



### **Evolution of Load Break Switches - Continued**





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- Line post sensors
- SCADA capable via RTU

### Solid Dielectric Load Break Switch

- Vacuum interrupters
- Maintenance Free
- Compact (relative to AB)
- Integrated sensing
- Controller preference (SEL, Beckwith)









## **Applications**



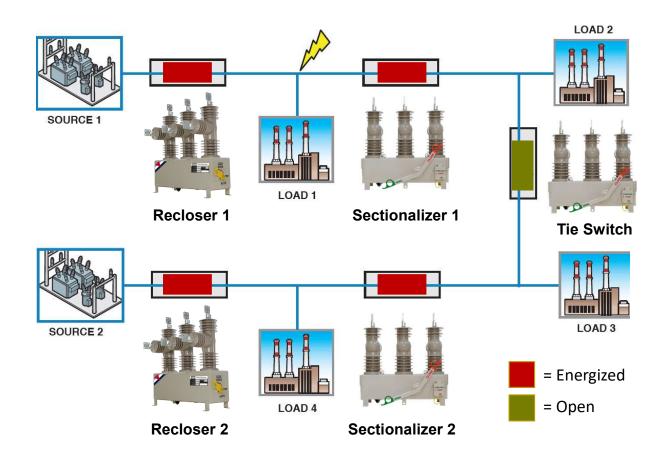
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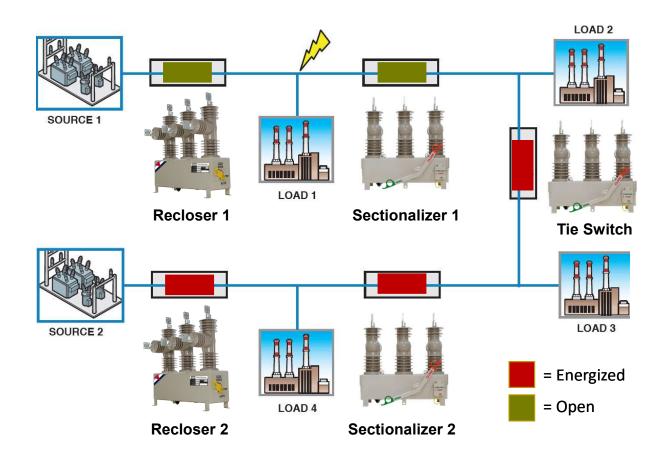
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