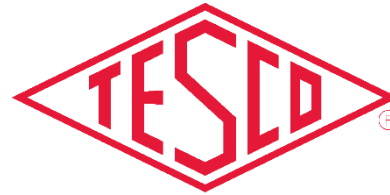


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INTRA-GRID SENSORS AND ATI FOR DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

Distribution Transformer Monitors

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WHAT IS AN INTRA- GRID SENSOR?

A sensor used to provide detailed information about conditions that exist between the distribution transformer and the meter.





WHY DO WE NEED INTRA- GRID SENSORS?

We are now stressing grid assets with increased unplanned burden and never previously conceived pressures.

Many utilities are still without the comprehensive data that will accurately reveal the intra-grid dynamics created by these changes.



DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DER)

Through solar and wind renewables, we are introducing Reverse Energy onto the distribution grids.

The millions of existing transformers were not designed to handle this impact.

While renewables are beneficial, Reverse Energy can produce unstable, and unsafe grid conditions.



DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DER)

Intra-grid sensors accurately measure and report Reverse Energy, and its impacts on the grid.

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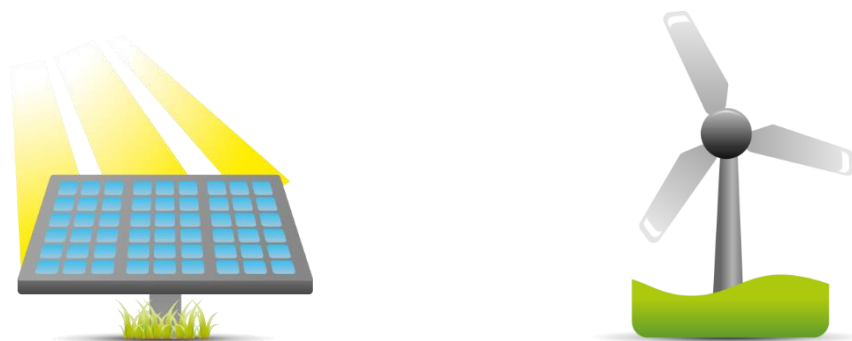
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DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DER)

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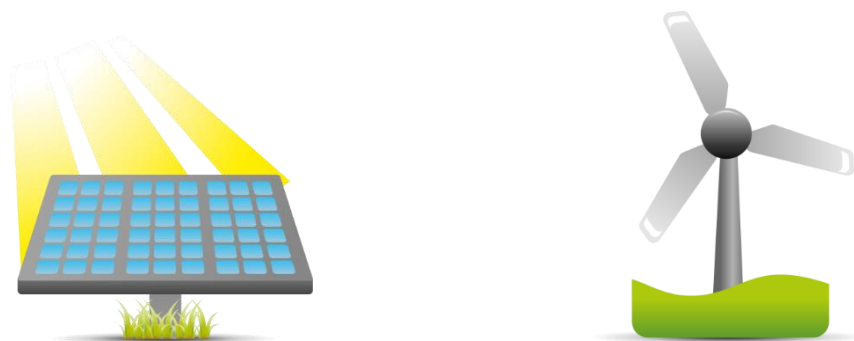
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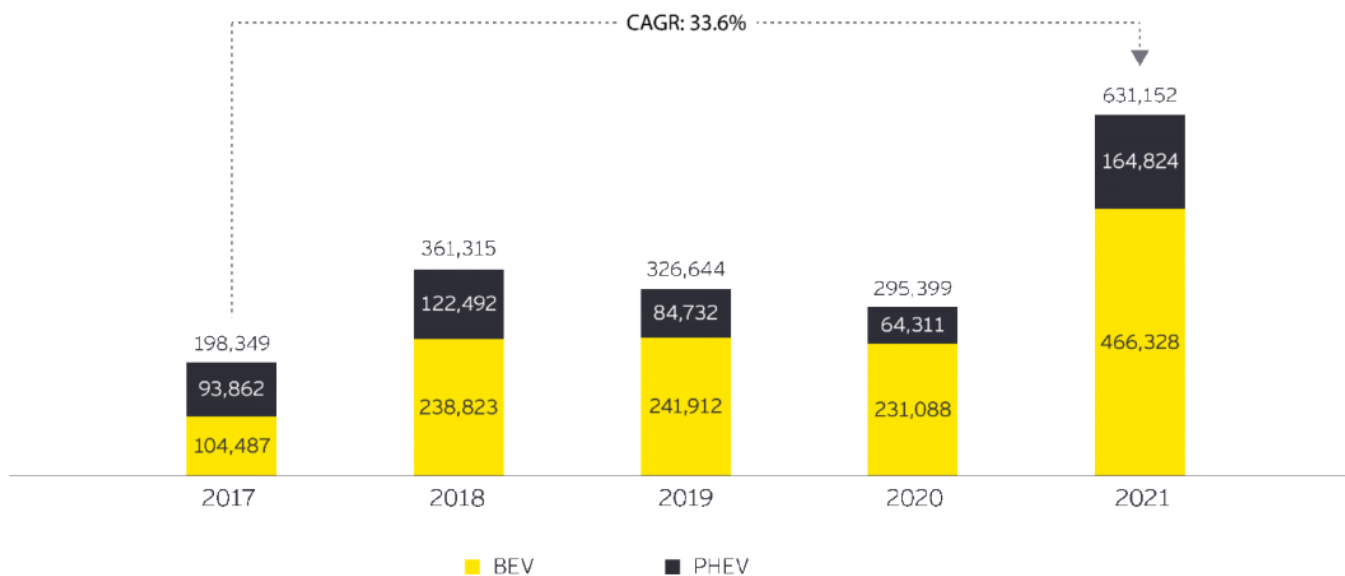
AMI-deployed utilities might think they know Reverse Energy impacts, the truth is they typically do not possess accurate AMI-to-transformer information.

This can leave linemen in a position of not knowing what to expect when they approach DER-active transformers.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

- To date, over **2 million** EV's have been sold in the **US**.
- By 2027, **annual sales** are expected to reach **2 million EV's**.
- Electric cars still make up just **1% of cars** on our roads.
- On average, EV's **cost about \$10,000** more than a standard vehicle.



Source: "Global EV Outlook 2022," IEA.org, IEA EV Data Explorer, May 2022.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Electric Vehicle charging stations create a new, unplanned load on transformers. Each charging station has the capability of adding up to one additional homes' worth of power load on a transformer.

This unplanned loading impacts transformers and may exceed a transformer's designed capacity causing major problems.



ILLEGAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTION

Illegal marijuana grow houses commonly steal significant levels of power from the grid.

Theft occurs simply by tapping power lines in front of the meters.

No endpoint meter (including AMI smart meters) can effectively detect pre-meter power theft.

This means thieves steal as much power as they want, and they steal it indefinitely without fear of detection.



LEGALIZED MARIJUANA

When jurisdictions legalize marijuana, significant unplanned loading hits the respective transformers and the grid.

Legalization permits, in some ways encourages residents to grow marijuana using power-intense hydroponic resources. This unanticipated reality then causes additional strain on the existing transformers and the grid.



According to the US Department of Energy, the average age of existing distribution grid transformer is presently in the range of around 38 years.

The average projected life span of transformers is typically 25 years so many transformers have already eclipsed their intended life span, yet we demand more performance, reliability, and various unintended service capabilities.



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Despite significant Smart Meter penetration, power theft is a perpetual problem. Industry experts suggest that U.S. power theft is in excess of \$6 Billion per year.

The locations of power theft is typically a mystery. If the affected overburdened transformers finally fail, utility operators then learn where the theft is occurring.



METER PROGRAMMING ISSUES

An incorrectly programmed meter can result in significant errors.

For example: a meter programmed for a 200:5 transformer but has a 400:5 transformer will significantly misreport usage.



WHAT ARE SYSTEM LOSSES?

Energy generated by Power Station does not match energy distributed to the consumers.

The difference between generated and distributed energy is known as Transmission and Distribution loss; aka system loss.

System loss is the energy that is generated but not paid for by users.



According to US Energy Information Administration reports, nearly 200 Billion unmetered kWh's are 'leaked' from US distribution grids annually.

This loss represents nearly \$21 Billion that was unmetered but was amortized as electricity cost across rate payer's bills.

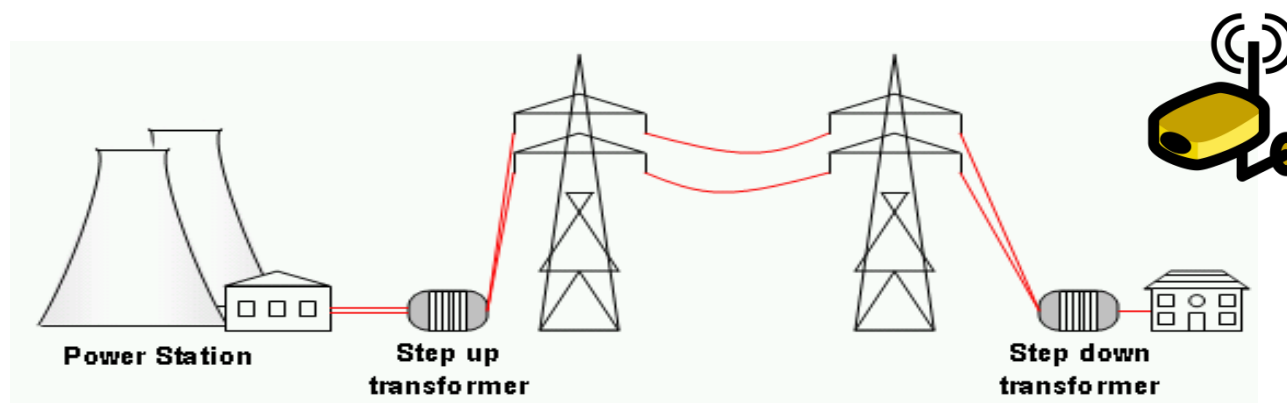
All of this while our government, utilities, and rate payers have been investing billions of dollars in 'smart meters', and other energy efficiency efforts.



Electric distribution grids do not have adequate sensor technology and analytic capabilities to allow utilities to directly reduce system losses.

As a result, a blind spot exists between the substation SCADA and the AMI meter.

Intra-Grid Sensors can provide visibility into this critical area.





THE NEXT STEP IN GRID MODERNIZATION

Advanced Transformer Infrastructure (ATI)

Reliability Improvements

DER & EV Integration

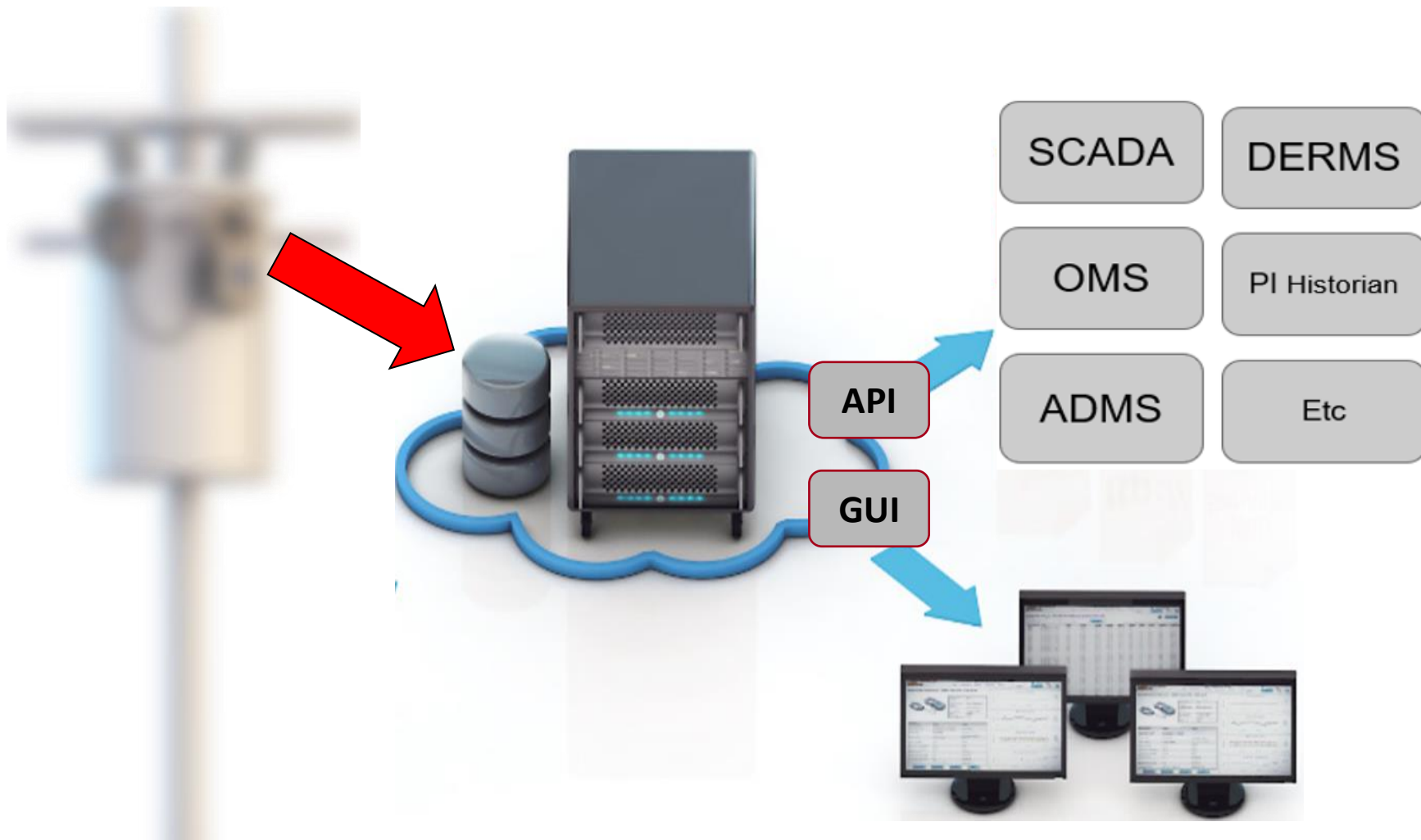
Fire Mitigation

Outage Notification

Voltage Optimization



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ATI Data Value: HECO User Groups

OptaNODE®
HESS



GUI

Graphical User Interface

API

Application Programming Interface

Presently Available API Calls:

1. Transformer Asset Information
2. Transformer Historic Data
3. Outage Notification Data
4. Active Alerts Data
5. Critical Alerts Data
6. HESS API Version



**Hawaiian
Electric**

1. Operations Planning
2. Customer Service – small accounts
3. Customer Service – large accounts
4. Systems Operations
5. Asset Management
6. Distribution Planning
7. T&D Engineering
8. Primary Trouble Calls
9. Standards & Conceptual Engineering





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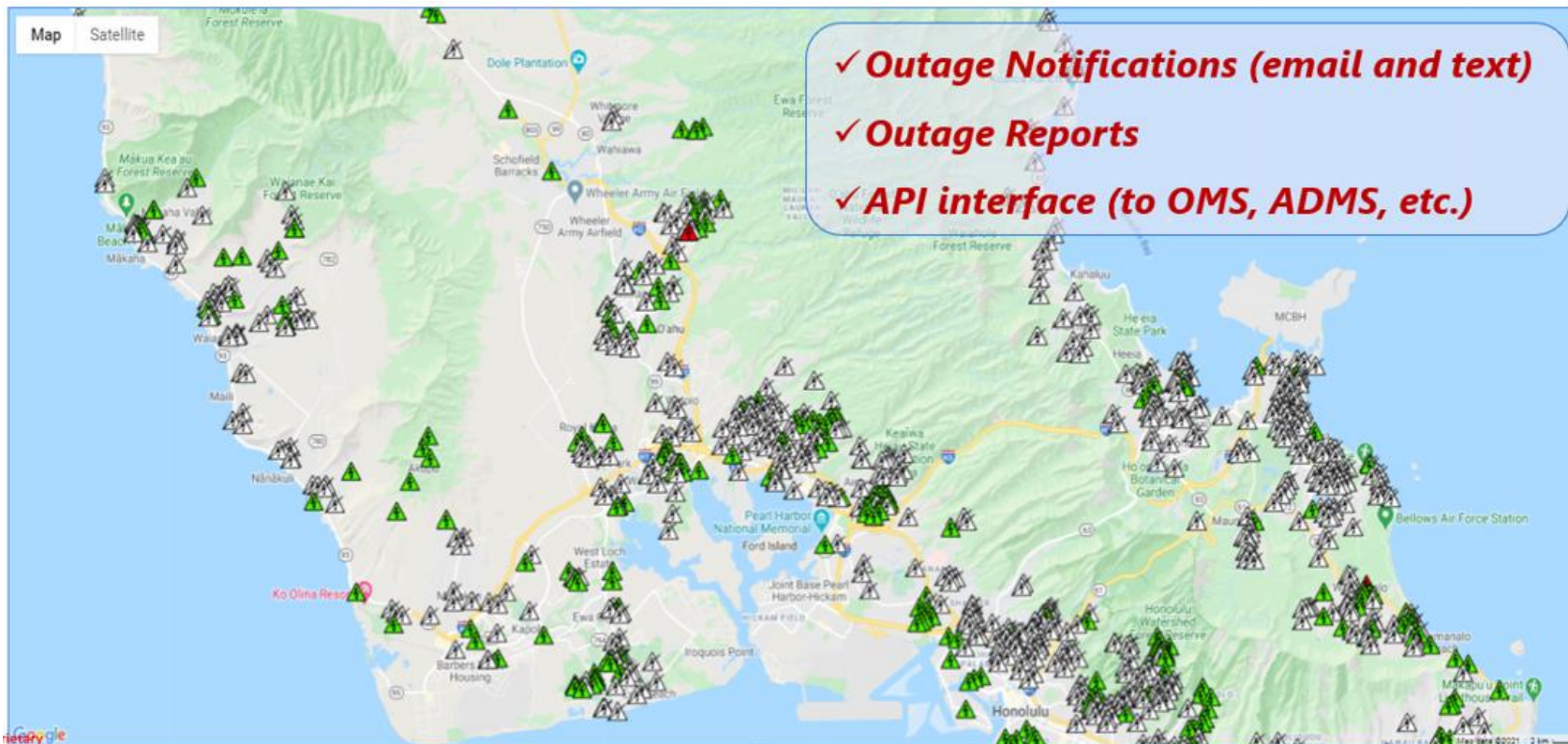
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ATI Data:



Hawaiian Electric

Outage Notification





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Forward & Reverse Energy Impacts

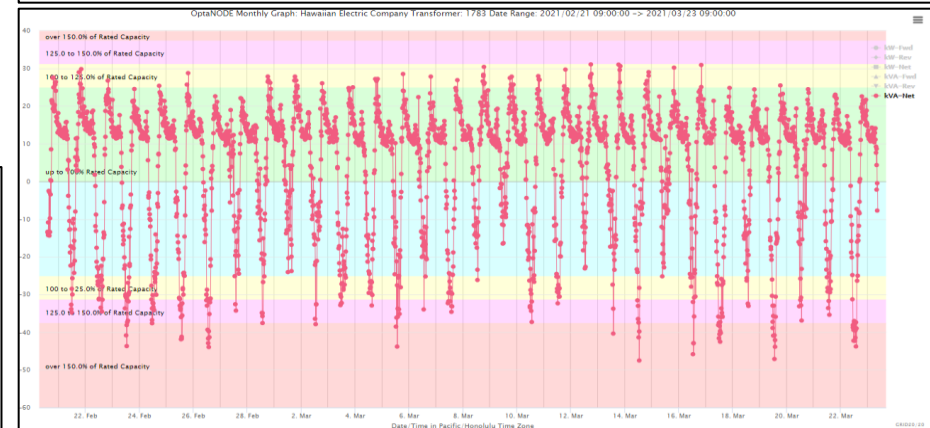
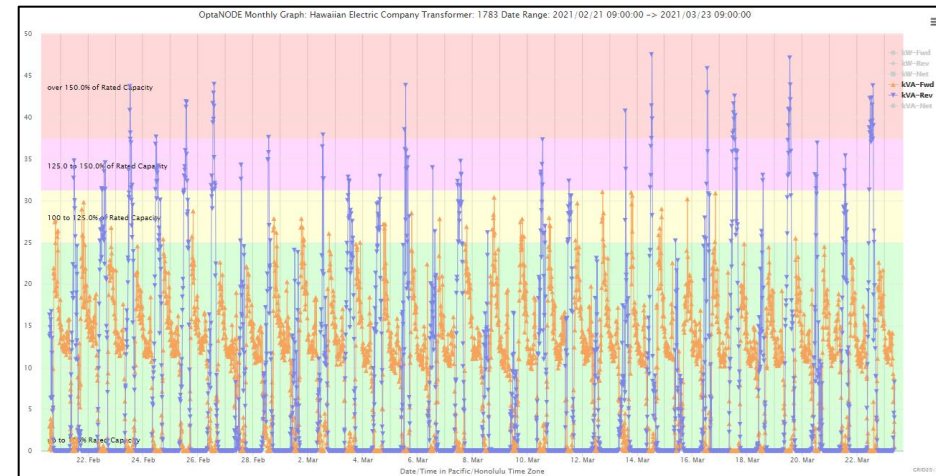
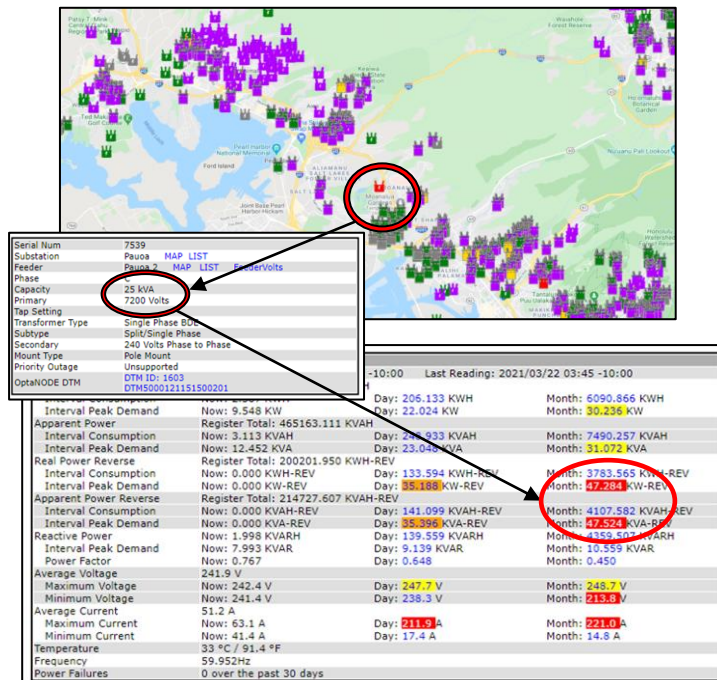
The combination of excessive Delivered & Received Energy can cause Transformer Overload and Premature Failure (i.e., accelerated End of Life & potential Asset Fires)

ATI Systems can also deliver:

Transformer Overload Awareness = Preventive Intervention

Asset Fires/Wildfires Prevention = Reduces Liability Risk

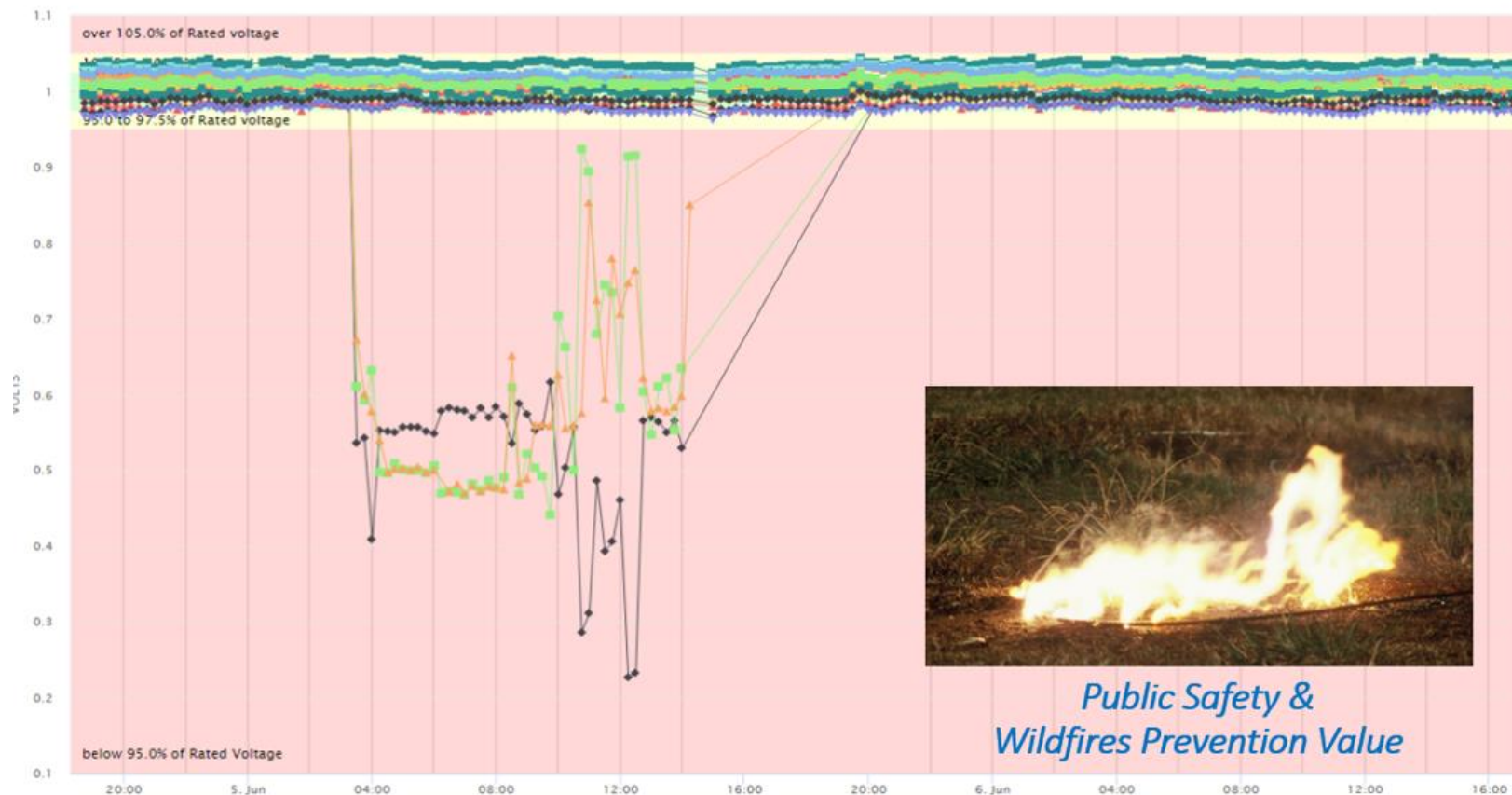
Improved Lineman & Public Safety = Reduces Liability Risk





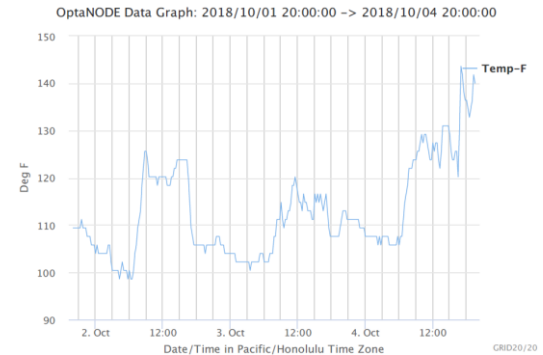
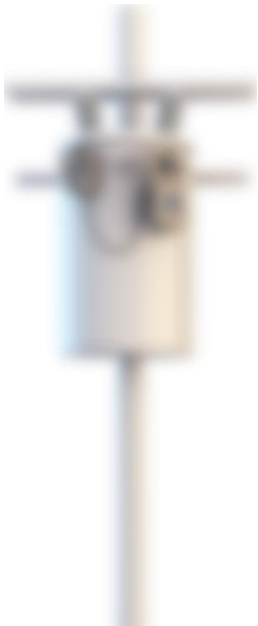
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Primary-side **Downed Conductor Detection**

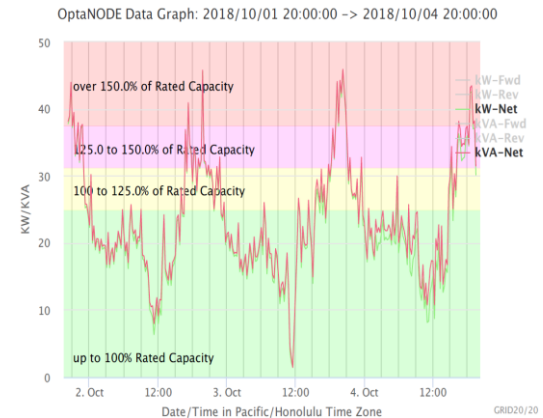
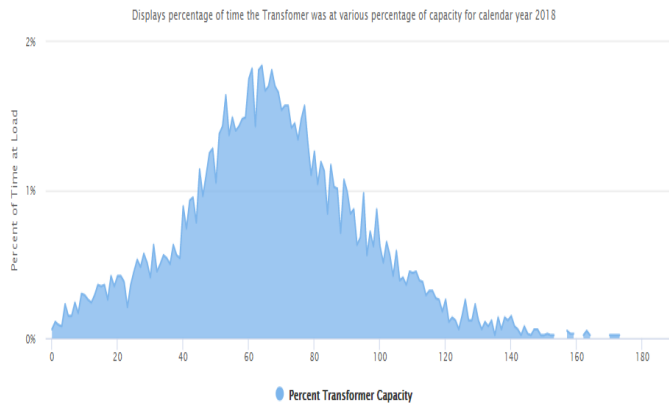




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Percentage of time at various loads





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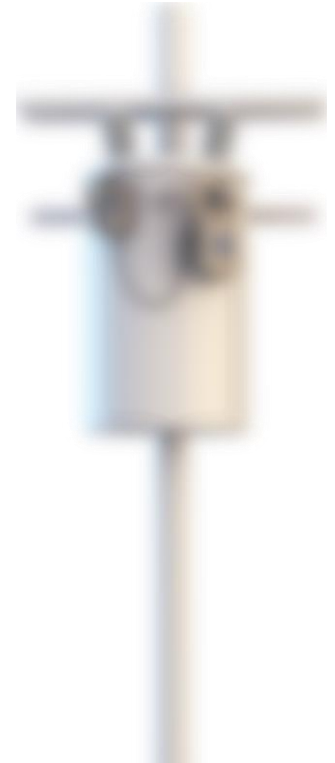


- *Achieve Reliability Improvement**
- *Provide Outage Notifications to Accelerate Restoration**
- *Reveal Unplanned Loading/Overloading**
- *Facilitate Improved Fire/Wildfire Mitigation**
- *Identify Downed Conductor Events**
- *Proactively Identify Failing Assets**
- *Reveal DER-Induced Voltage Fluctuations**
- *Reveal & Document Reverse Energy Entering the Grid**
- *Facilitate Conservation Voltage Reduction**
- *Identify Power Theft, Meter Inaccuracies & Bad Multipliers**
- *Facilitate Safe EV Charging Station & DER Adoption**
- *Identify Improper Tap Settings**



ADVANCED TRANSFORMER INFRASTRUCTURE

- *Identify Harmful Phase Imbalances**
- *Identify Energy Inefficiencies**
- *Assist with Clean Energy/Battery Storage Planning**
- *Reveal GIS Mapping Errors**
- *Provide Automated Alerts = Hands Free Remote Grid Monitoring**
- *Support API Calls**
- *Enhance Microgrids Monitoring**
- *Facilitate Clean Energy Mandates = Reduce GHG Emissions**
- *Reduce Corporate Liability Risk**



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