

Power quality

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Why address power quality?



Because

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Ensuring the **safe** operation of equipment or entire production



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Ensuring **the reliability** of equipment/operation/product



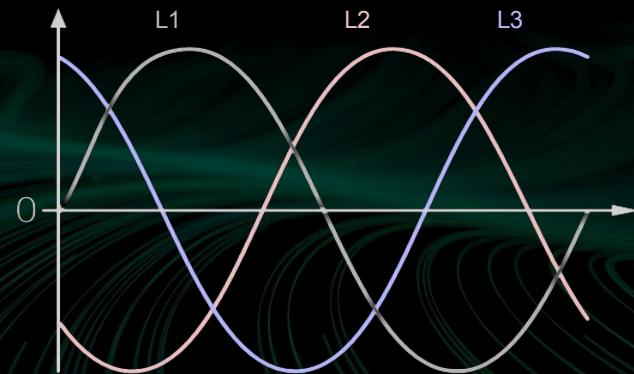
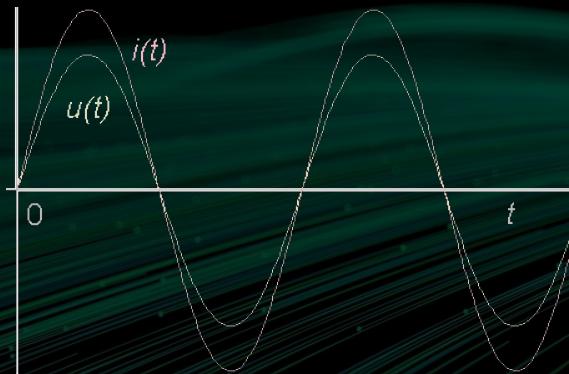
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Ensuring **economic efficiency**



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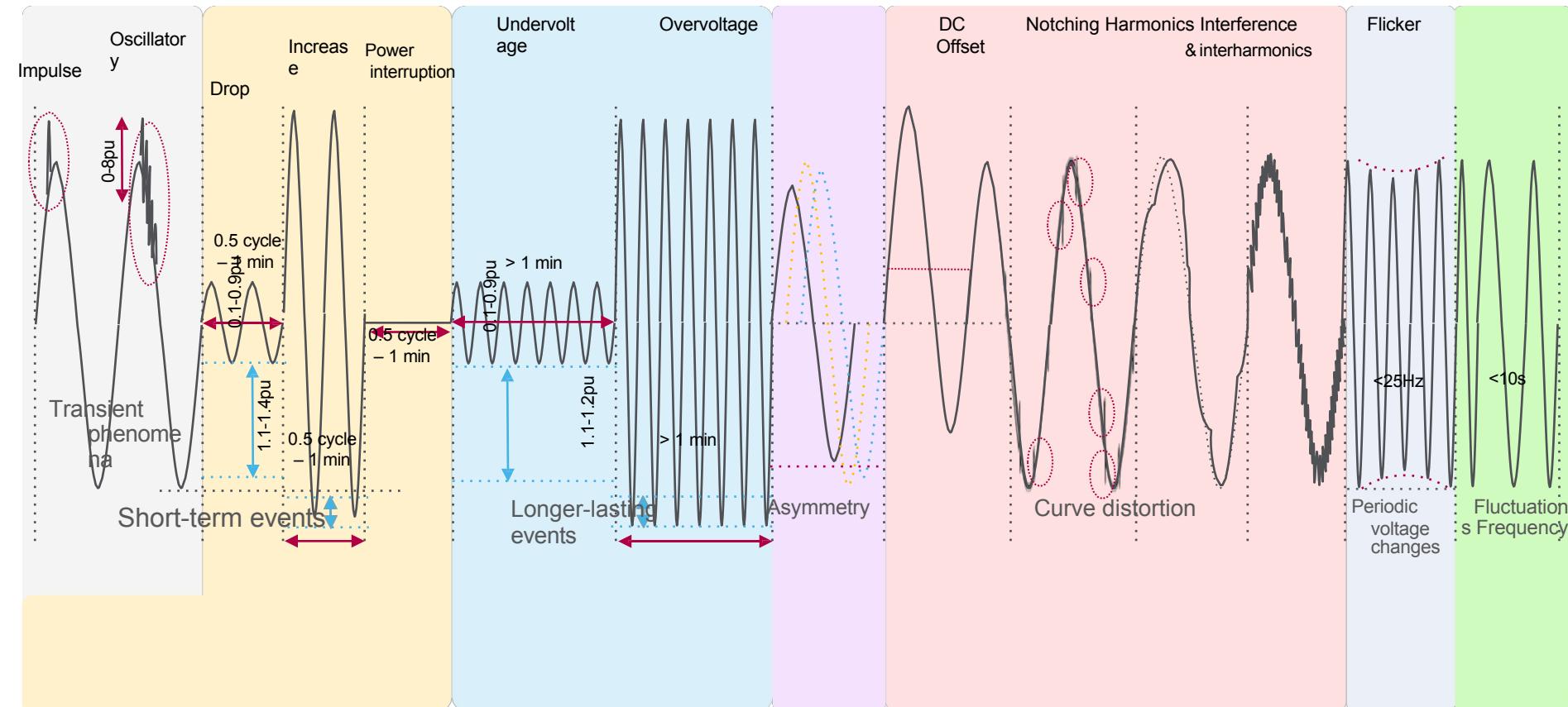
What would it look like in an **ideal** world?



- ✓ **Nominal voltage and frequency**
- ✓ **Sinusoidal (harmonic) voltage and current waveform**
- ✓ **Zero phase shift of voltage and current**
- ✓ **Symmetry and balance of three-phase system**

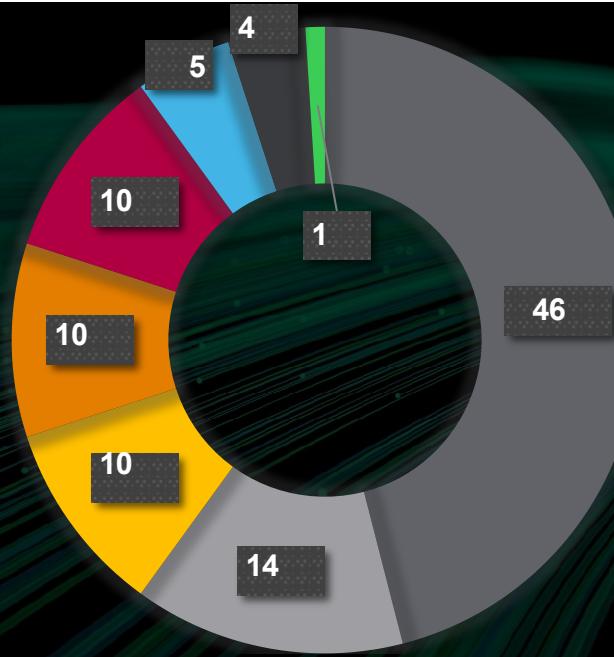
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What does it look like in the **real** world?



- Short-term drops (Sags/Dips) Overvoltage and undervoltage
- Short-term increases (Swarms) Transient events
- Harmonic distortion Frequency fluctuations Imbalance
- Voltage fluctuations

Why address power quality?

What can indicate a **problem** with grid quality?

- Flashing lights
- **Random tripping of circuit breakers**
- Malfunctioning regulators
- **Transformer humming**
- Overheating of electrical cables
- **Reduced motor life**
- Unexpected shutdown of equipment
- **Data loss**
- Circuit board faults
- **Reduced capacity of electrical system distribution**
- **Contactor failure**
- Network communication problems



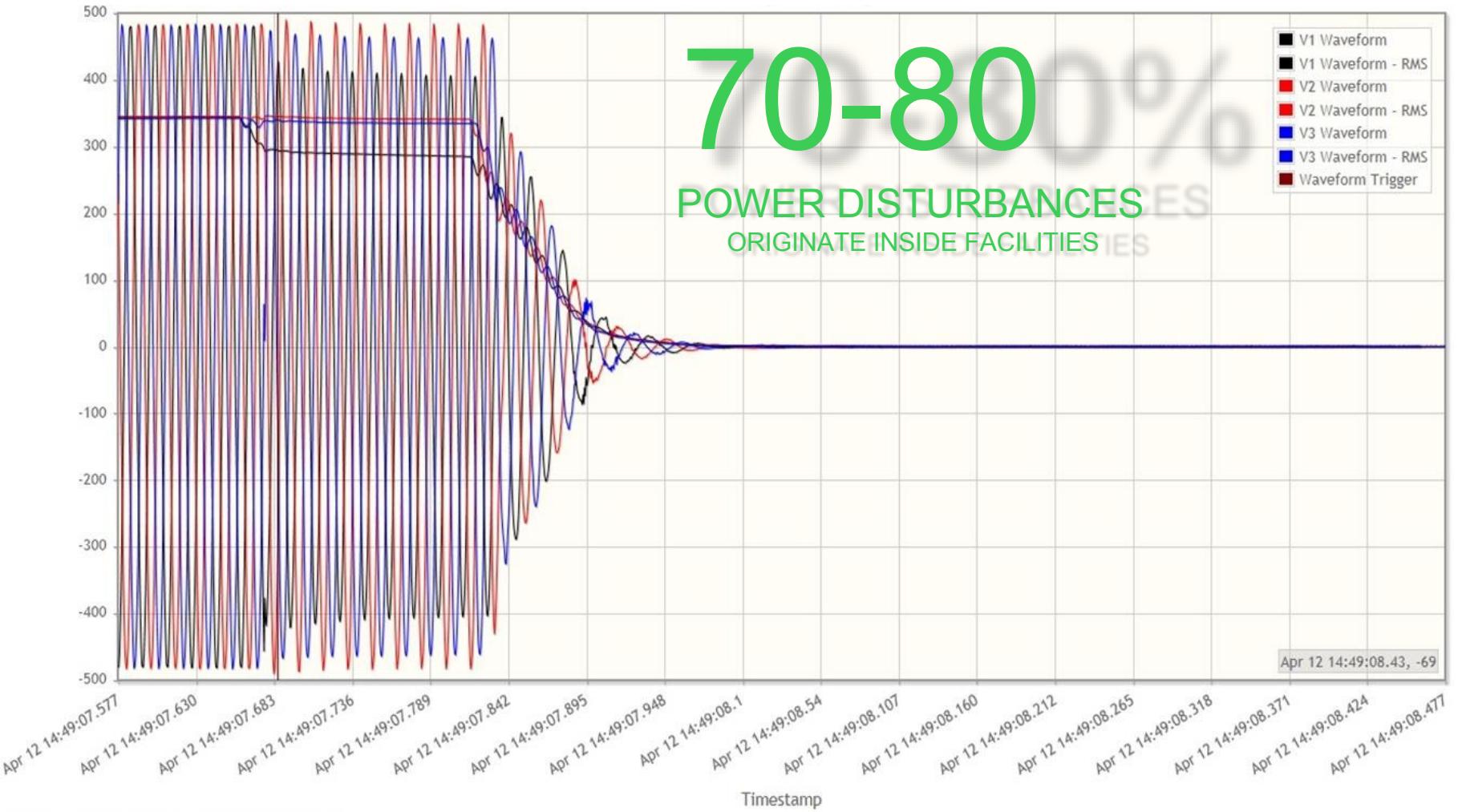
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Can we afford **to lose** power?

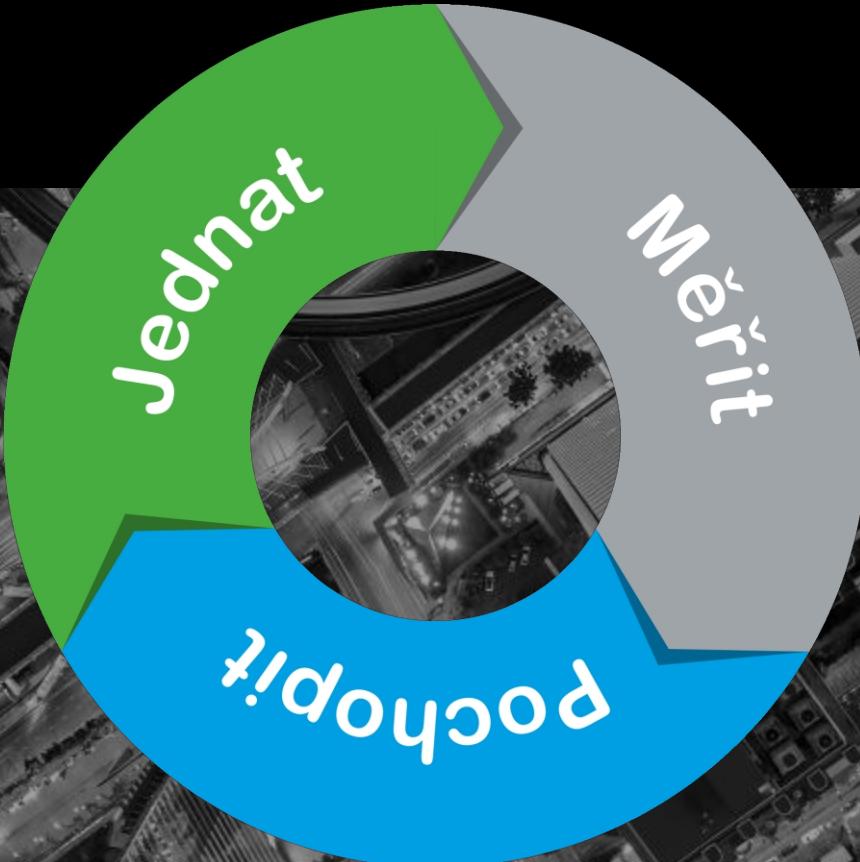
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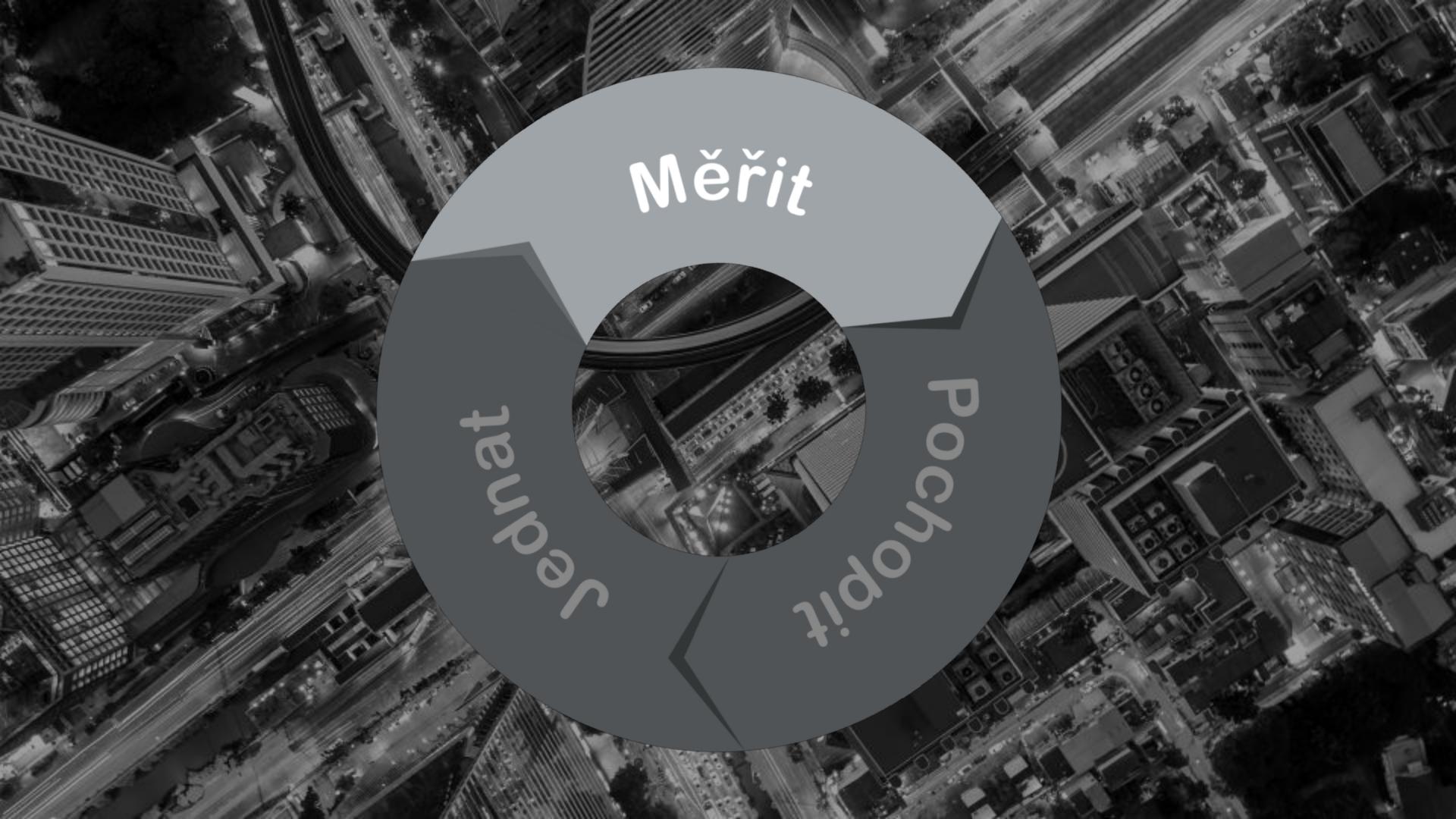
Semiconductor manufacturing	3.8	M€/unit
Hospitals	85	k€/employee
Stock exchange	6	M€/h
Data center	750	k€/year
Telecommunications	30	k€/min.
Heavy industry	35	k€/unit
Glass industry	250	k€/unit





How to improve power quality?



The background of the image is a black and white aerial photograph of a city at night. The city is densely packed with buildings of various heights, and the streets below are filled with the lights of moving vehicles, creating a sense of urban activity and complexity.

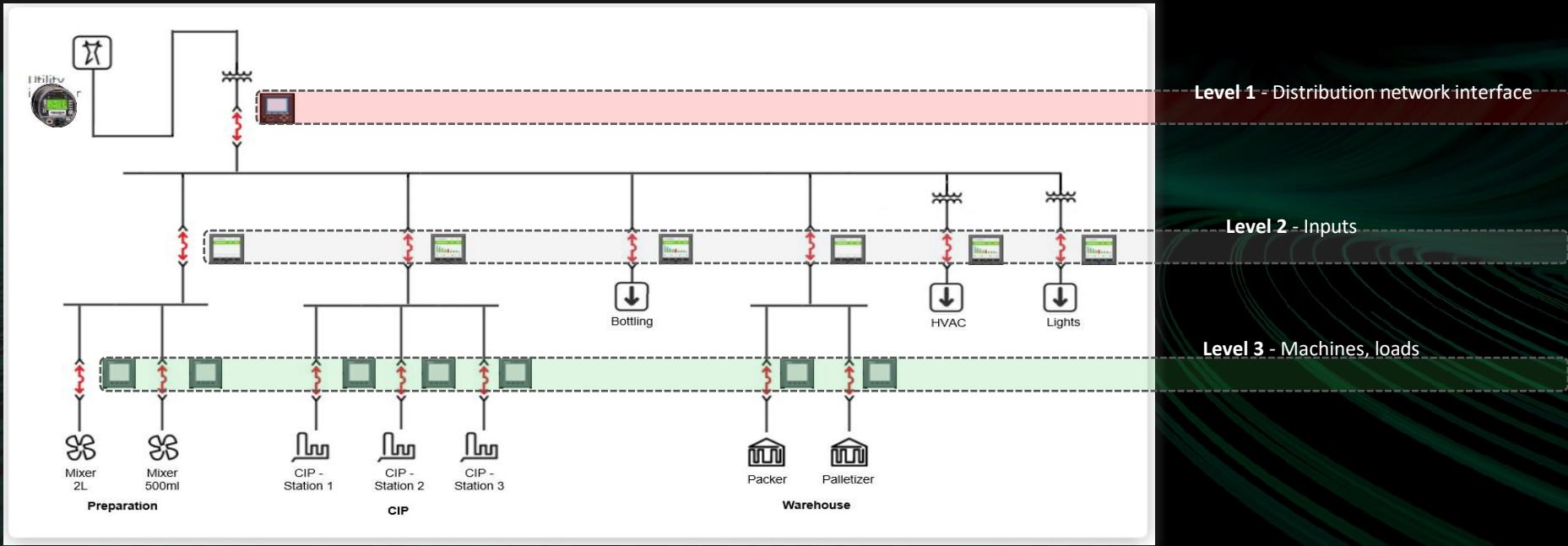
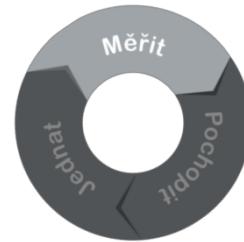
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Continuous energy quality monitoring

→ for **immediate** detection and correction You won't miss a fault.



Audit and temporary measurement of electrical energy

Flexible, strategic for identifying specific problems on specific **devices** or **locations**.

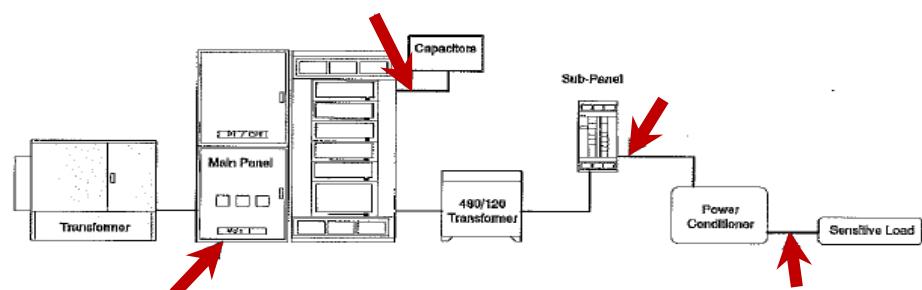
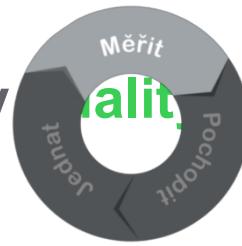
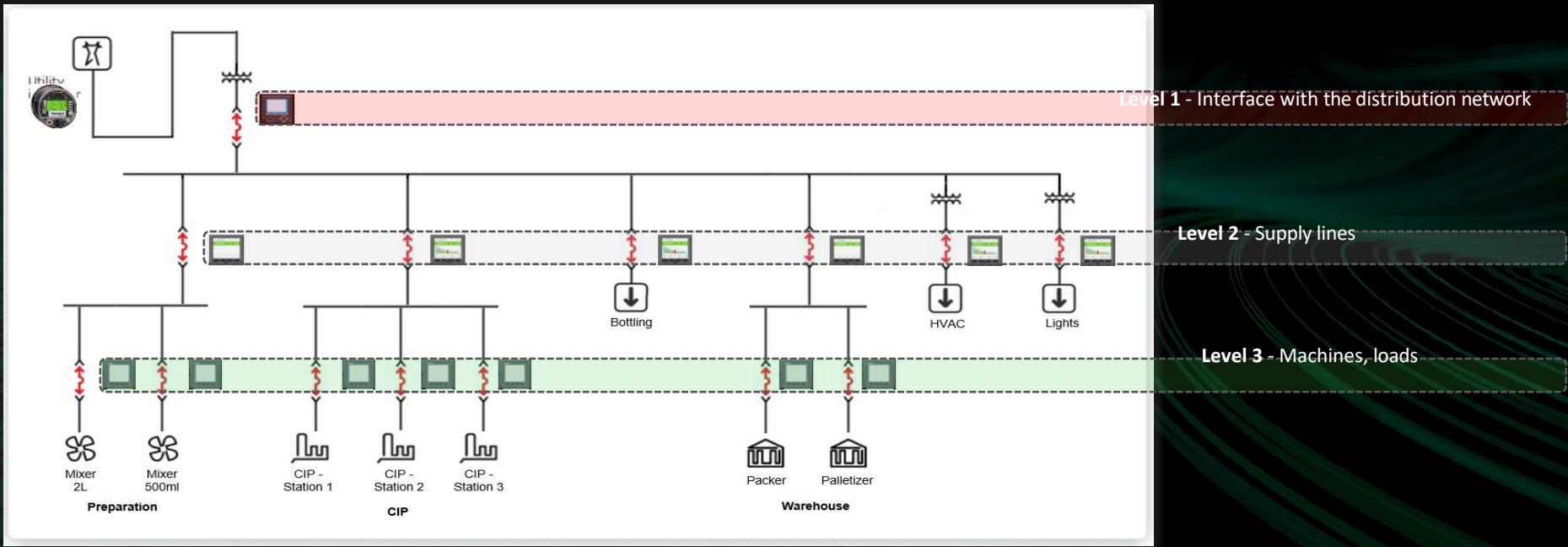
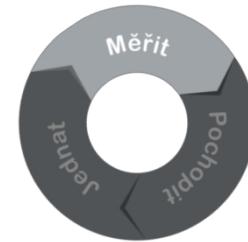


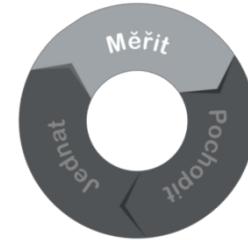
Figure 21—Suggested monitoring locations on typical low-voltage system
(Arrows point to suggested location of probes.)



What, where, and how to measure?



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Phenomena and faults	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Transient phenomena	✓	✗	✗
Flicker	✓	✗	✗
Disturbance Direction Detection	✓	✓	✗
Outages, wave capture	✓	✓	✗
Sudden voltage drops and surges, wave capture	✓	✓	✗
Overshoot/undervoltage, wave capture	✓	✓	✗
Frequency fluctuations	✓	✓	✗
Imbalance (voltage & current)	✓	✓	✓
Harmonics (voltage & current)	✓	✓	✓

Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Zapuštěná montáž do panelu a/nebo montáž na DIN lištu



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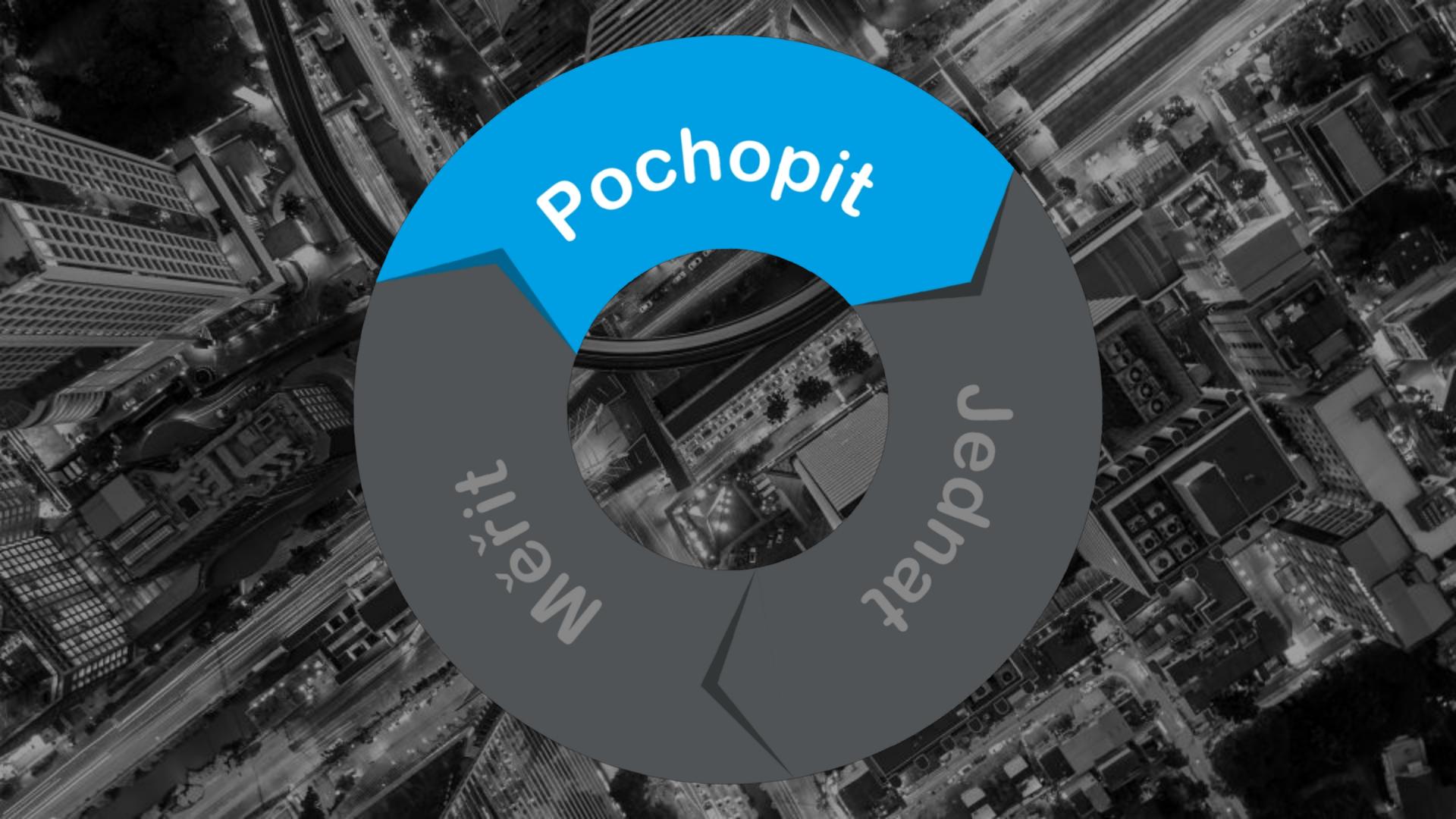
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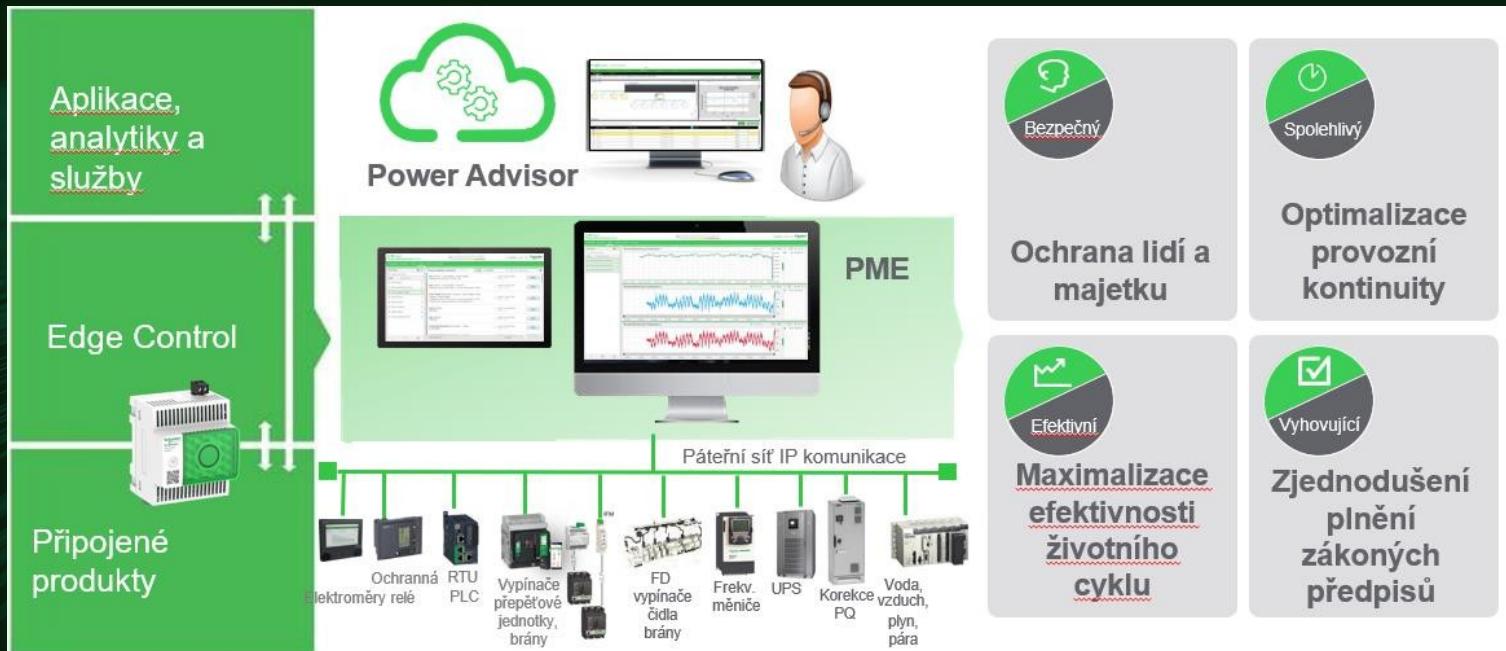
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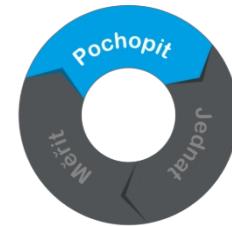


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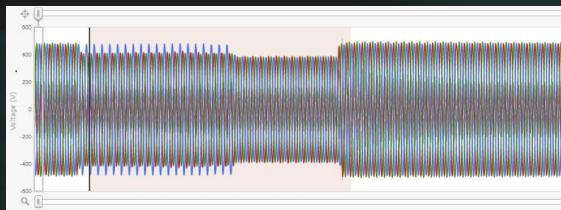




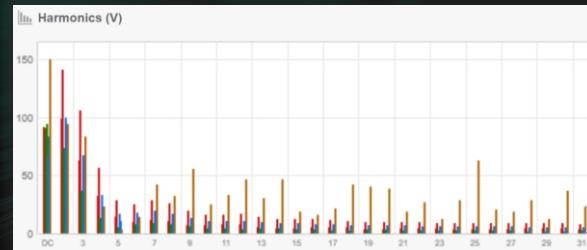
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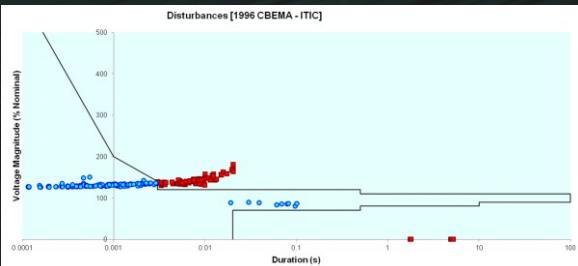
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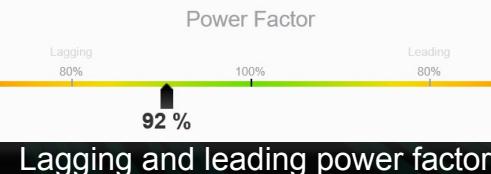
Spectral display of harmonics



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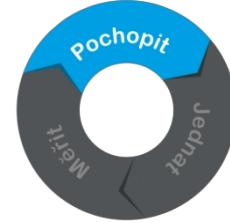
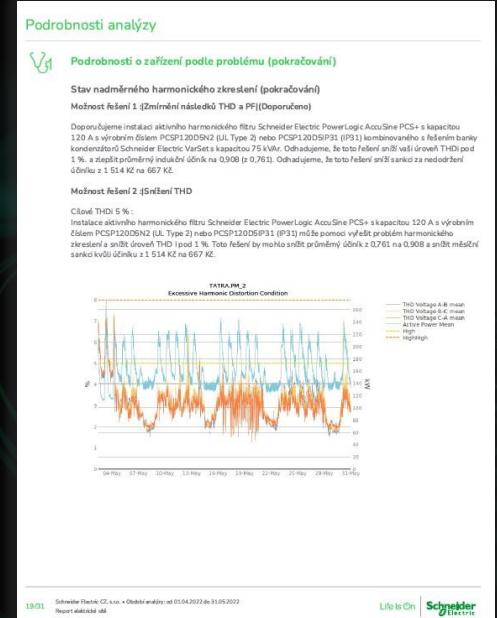
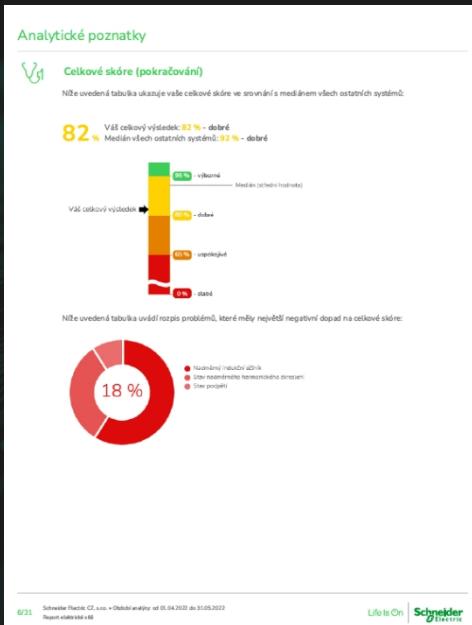
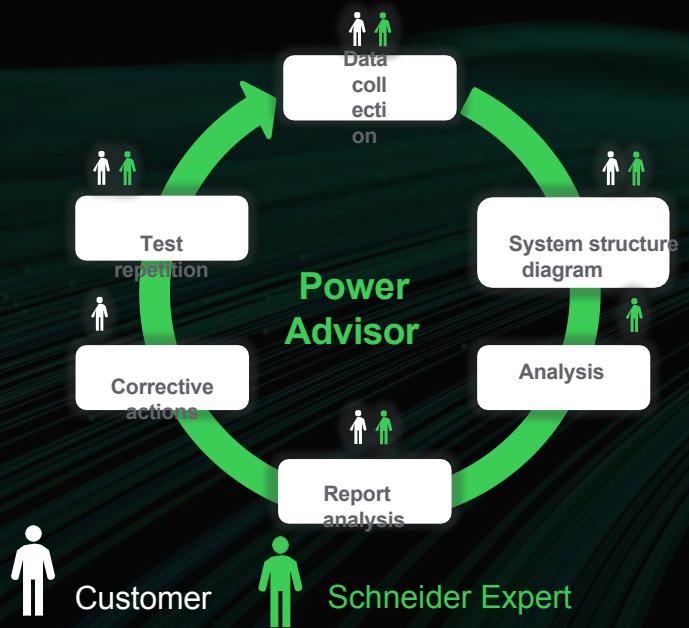


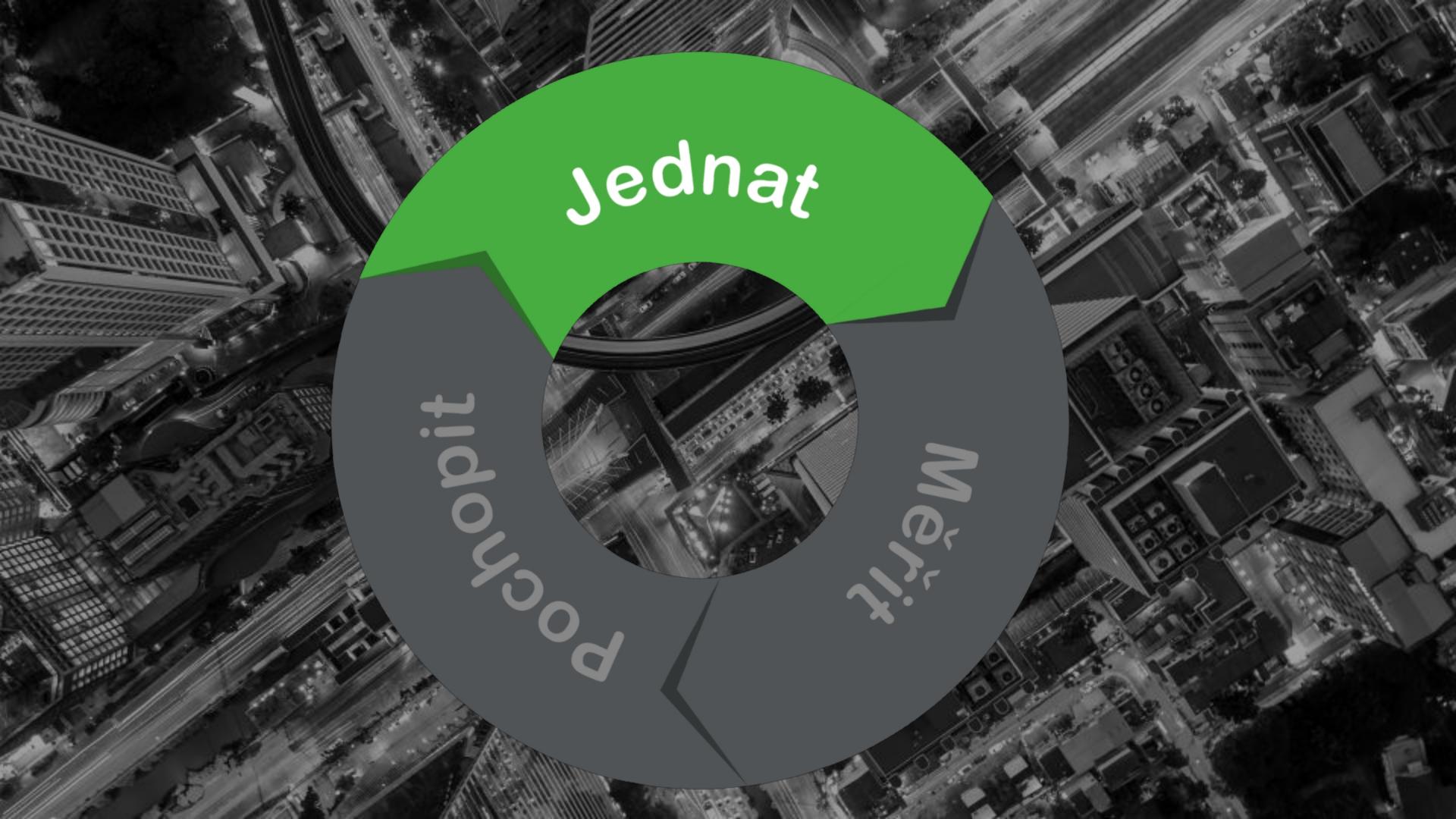
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A grayscale aerial photograph of a city at night, showing a dense network of streets, illuminated buildings, and infrastructure.

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Power factor compensation

Basic concepts – active, reactive, and apparent power



Active power P [W]

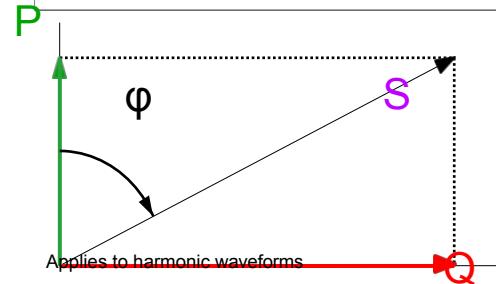
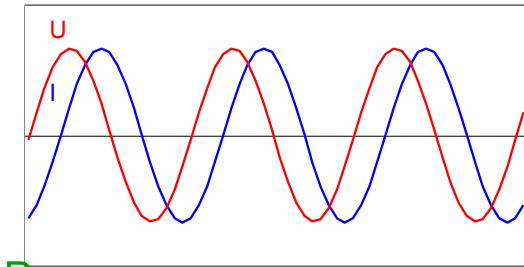
- Part of the power transformed into actual **mechanical** power, **heat**, or **light**

Reactive power Q [var]

- Part of the power **required for the operation of electrical machines and equipment**, e.g., powering magnetic circuits (does not perform work but enables it)

Apparent power S [VA]

- Total** power supplied from the grid required for the operation of the equipment (used to dimension transformers, conductors, etc.)





Power factor compensation

Why is it advantageous to deal with **power factor correction**, i.e., **reactive power**?

1 Economic savings

- ✓ Elimination of **penalties** for reactive power ($\cos\phi > 0.95$)
- ✓ Reduction of **losses** in transformers and conductors = reduction of operating costs by up to 10%

Example:

Reduction of losses on a 630 kVA transformer with losses $P_W = 6,500 \text{ W}$ at an actual power factor of 0.7. With correction, we achieve an actual power factor of 0.98. Losses are reduced by 3,316 W, which is almost 50%.

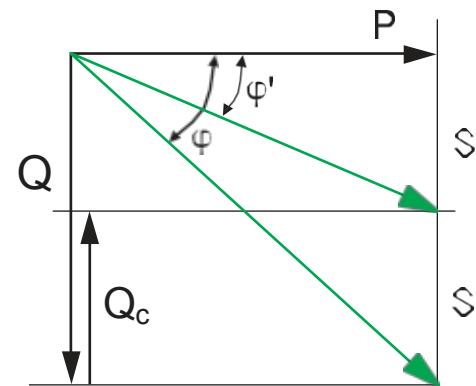
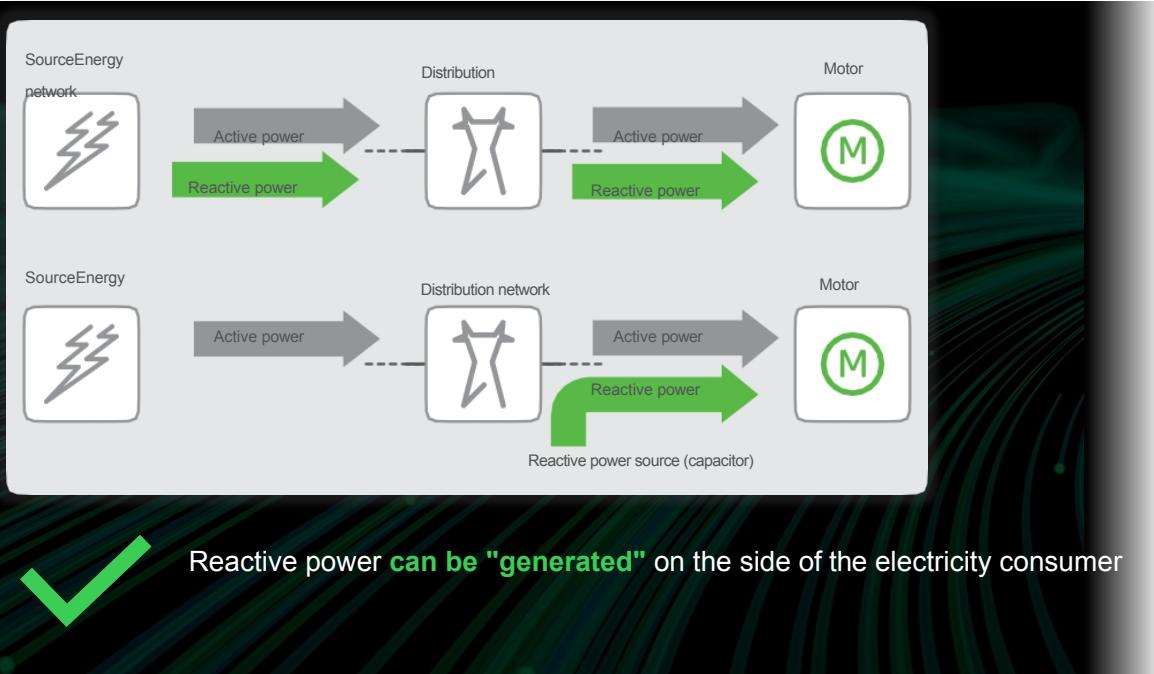
2 Increase in available **power** in the installation

Power factor	Increase in available power	Power factor	Cable cross-section factor
0.70	0	1.0	1.0
0.80	+14%	0.80	1.25
0.85	+21	0.6	1.67
0.90	+28%	0.40	2.50
0.95	+36%		
1.00	+43		



Power factor compensation

What is the technical solution for improving efficiency?





Power factor compensation

When is it appropriate to consider an **active** filter for compensation?

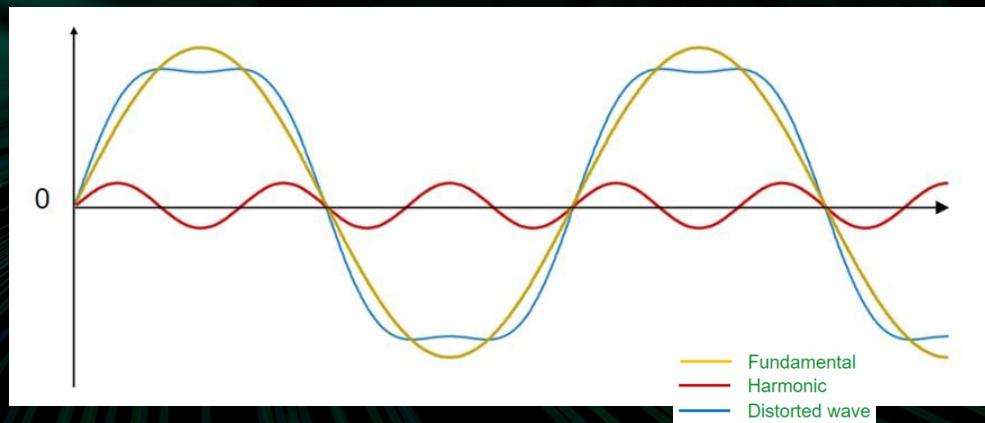
- 1 If there are "high" harmonics in the network $\text{THDu} > 7\%$
- 2 → for dynamic and precise compensation for **rapid** load **changes**
Cranes, lifts
- 3 When **resonance** problems are imminent
- 4 If **the capacitive nature of the load** is a problem
E.g., server farms or UPS outputs



Harmonic components of current and voltage

What are harmonics?

- Voltage or current sinusoidal (harmonic) waves
- **Multiples of the fundamental frequency**
- They are caused by **non-linear loads** consuming **non-harmonic current**
- This results in current/voltage distortion and so-called **deformation power**.





Harmonic components of current and voltage

Total harmonic distortion THD

Ratio of the effective value of **the sum of** all harmonic components up to a specified order (50 recommended) and effective values of **the basic component**.

$$THD = \sqrt{\sum_{h=2}^{h=H} \left(\frac{Q_h}{Q_1} \right)^2}$$

Table 1—Voltage distortion limits

Bus voltage V at PCC	Individual harmonic (%) $h \leq 50$	Total harmonic distortion THD (%)
$V \leq 1.0$ kV	5.0	8.0
$1 \text{ kV} < V \leq 69 \text{ kV}$	3.0	5.0
$69 \text{ kV} < V \leq 161 \text{ kV}$	1.5	2.5
$161 \text{ kV} < V$	1.0	1.5 ^a

^aHigh-voltage systems are allowed to have up to 2.0% THD where the cause is an HVDC terminal whose effects are found to be attenuated at points in the network where future users may be connected.

IEEE 519 source

Harmonic components of current and voltage



Examples of **non-linear** appliances



Residential sector

- Television
- Microwave oven
- LED lights, fluorescent lights, dimmers



Office buildings

- Laptops, PCs
- Printers, servers, etc.
- Battery chargers, UPS



Industry

- Welding machines
- Arc and induction furnaces
- **Frequency converters**



Harmonic components of current and voltage

Electrical installation "problems"



Additional heat

- Reduces load capacity
- Unwanted tripping of circuit breakers



Damage to equipment

- Electrical machines, electronics, computer technology, etc.



Interaction with compensation

- Compensation capacitors respond to all frequencies
- Capacitor overheating
→ Activation of protective elements in capacitor stages
- Causes resonance
→ Harmonic amplification



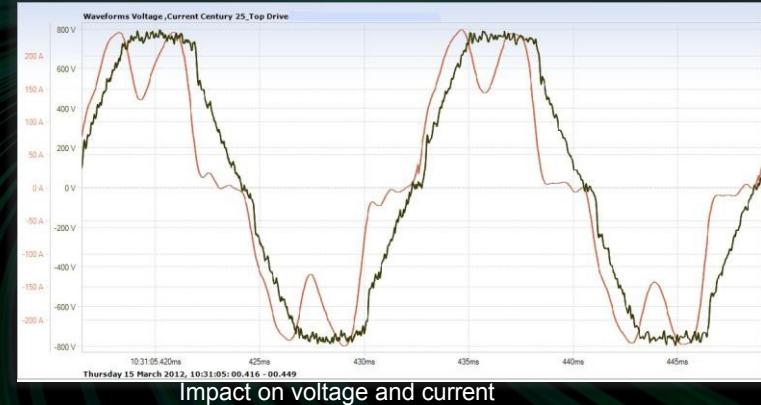
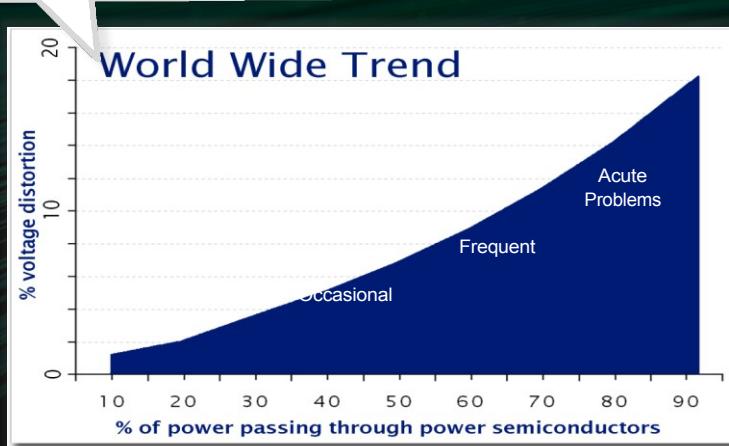
Harmonic components of current and voltage

Development of power electronics



“Currently, 30% of all electrical energy passes through power electronics between production and consumption. **In 2030, this share will increase to 80%.**”

- U.S. Department of Energy





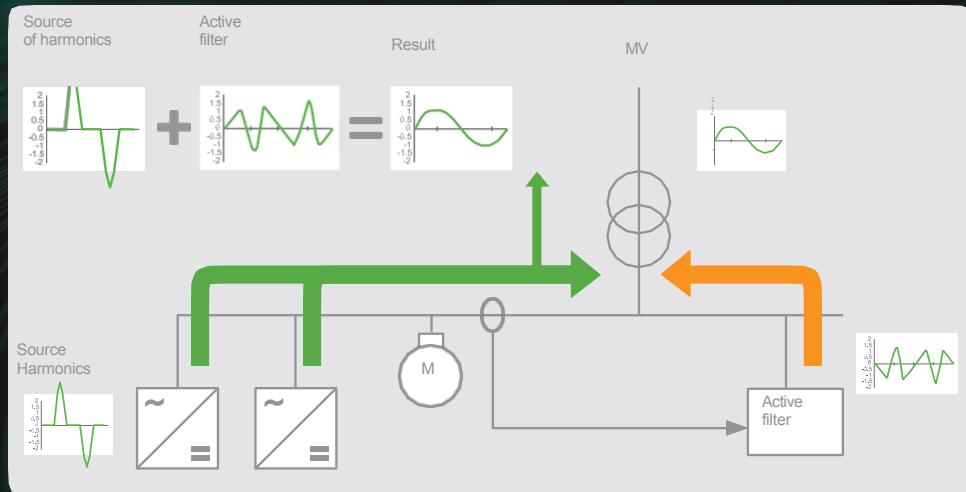
Harmonic Elimination

Fortunately, this can be remedied by addressing the cause → **Active filter**

An **active filter** is a device that uses power electronics to **limit** or **eliminate** harmonic distortion of current (voltage) in a given electrical installation.

Principle of operation

- Measures harmonics drawn from the load
- Generates the same waveform in real time but with the opposite polarity.
- Thanks to its principle, it can also solve power factor correction.

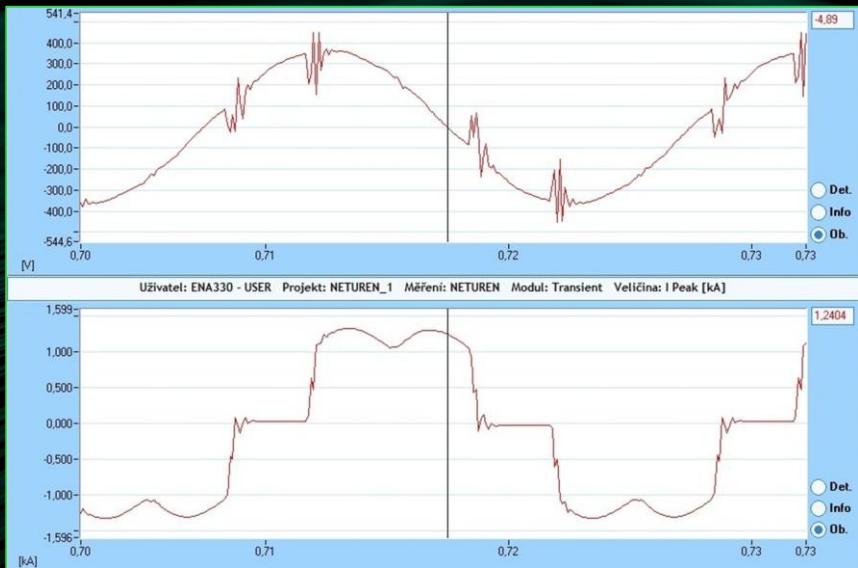




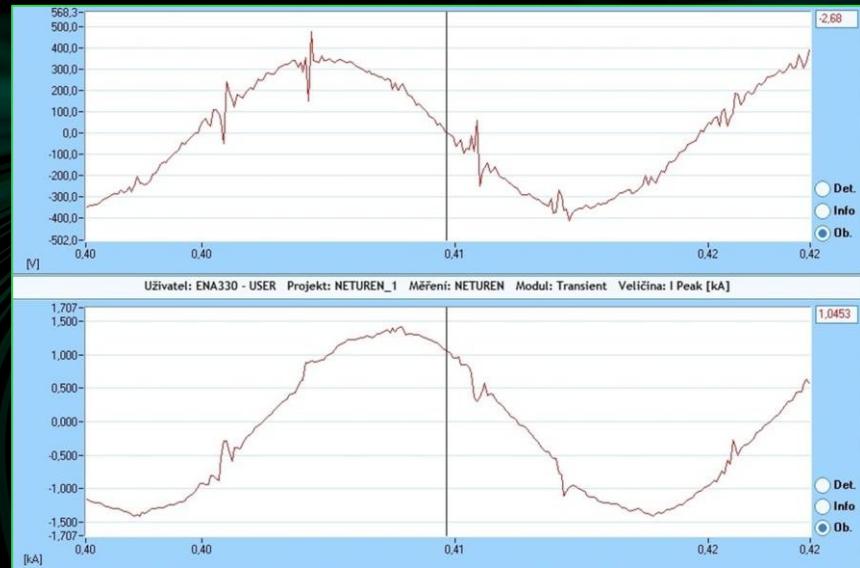
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Measurements before filter installation and compensation



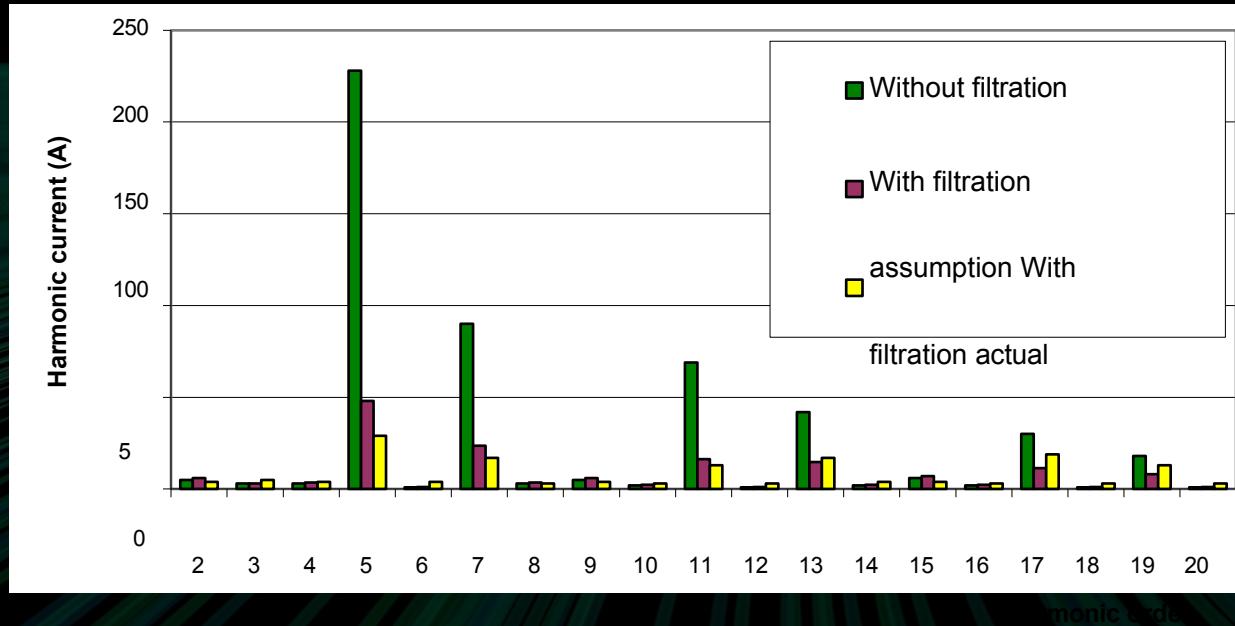
Measurements after filtration without compensation





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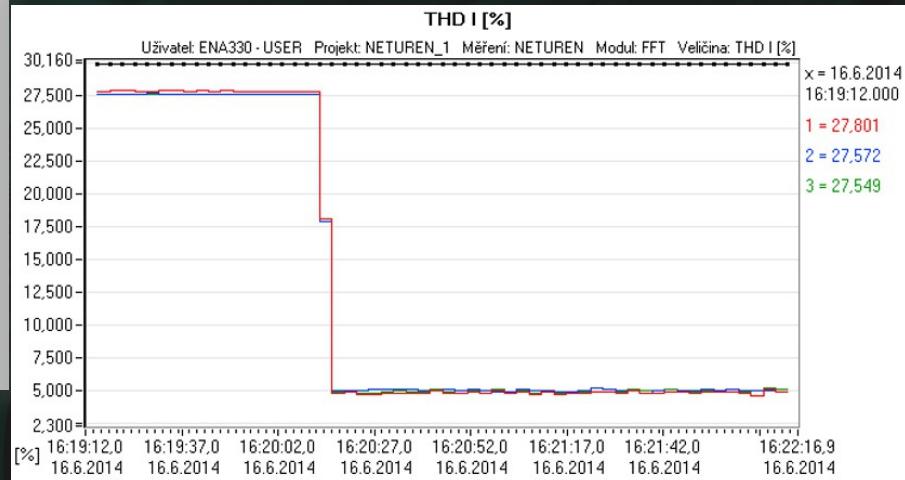
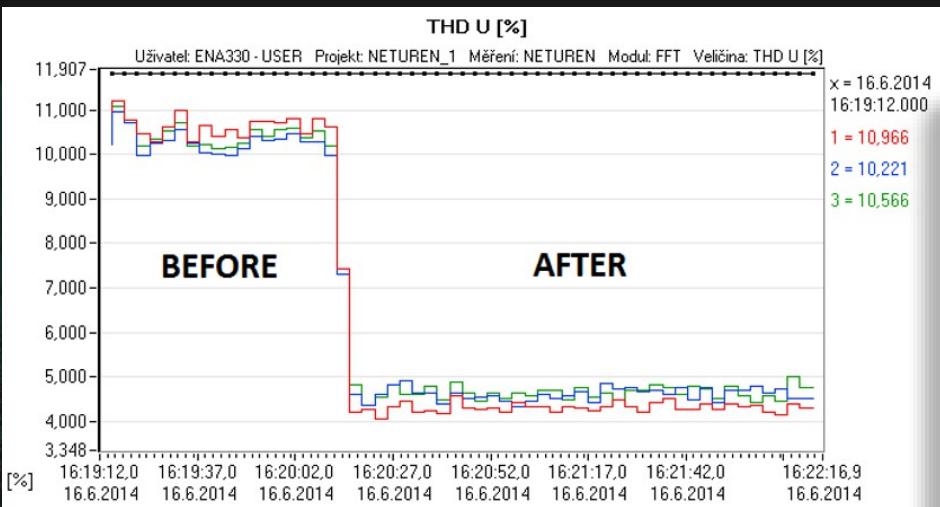


$$h = kp \pm 1$$

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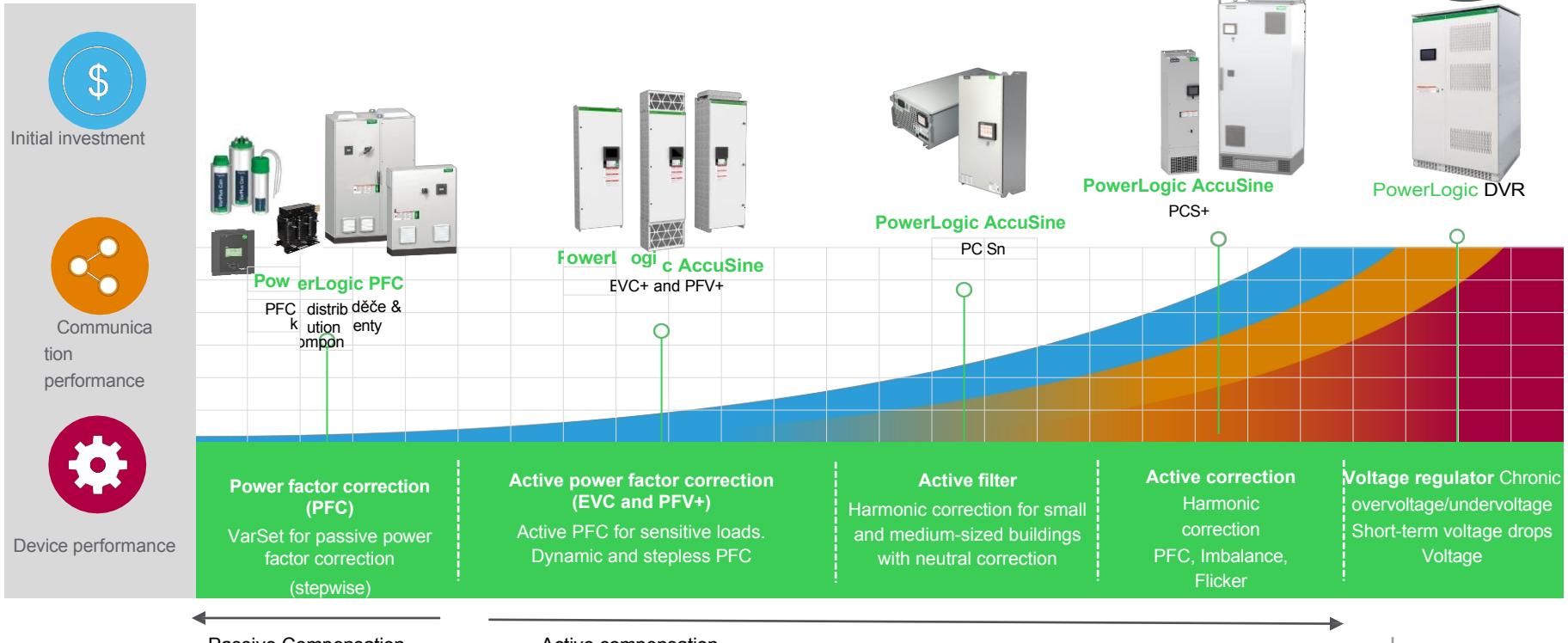


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Mounting type

- ✓ Wall
- ✓ Free-standing

Design

- ✓ Protected (covered)
- ✓ Unprotected

Compensation type

- ✓ Fixed
- ✓ Automatic



AccuSine+ (PCS+/PFV+)

Heavy industry and critical applications

PFV+ is only for active compensation and cannot eliminate harmonic currents

Wall mounting



IP00



IP20

208 – 480Vac
60, 120, 200,
300A

Free-standing



IP31

208 – 480Vac
60, 120, 200,
300A



IP54

208 – 480V
60, 120, 200,
300A



IP31

690V
40, 80, 133, 200A



IP54

690V
40, 80, 133, 200A

AccuSine+ (PCSn)

Commercial buildings, data centers, etc.



For switchboards



IP00

208 – 415Vac
20, 30, 50, 60A

Wall mounting



IP20

208 – 415Vac
20, 30, 50, 60A

19" rack mounting



19" rack module

208 – 415Vac
20, 30, 50, 60A

AccuSine (EVC+) Active compensation



Commercial buildings, light industry

Wall mounting



IP00

208 – 480Vac
75kVar, 100kVar



IP20

208 – 480Vac
75kVar, 100kVar



IP31

208 – 480Vac
75kVar, 100kVar

Our offer

for PQ Challenges in Modern Electrical Networks

Power Solution	Power factor correction												
	Power factor correction	Power factor = 1	Capacitive power compensation reactive power	Power factor correction in one	Fast correction <20ms	Stepless() compensation	Phase harmonics	Harmonics in neutral conductor	Network symmetry	Short-term undervoltage	Sudden overvoltage	Flicker	Long-term undervoltage and overvoltage
 PowerLogic PFC	✓												
 AccuSine PFV+/EVC*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	
 AccuSine PCSn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
 DVR										✓		✓	✓
 AccuSine PCS+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	

 Green cells represent 60% of problems encountered

*EVC+ can eliminate harmonics up to the 15th order

Dynamic Voltage Restorer (DVR)

Basic definition of DVR

What is a DVR?

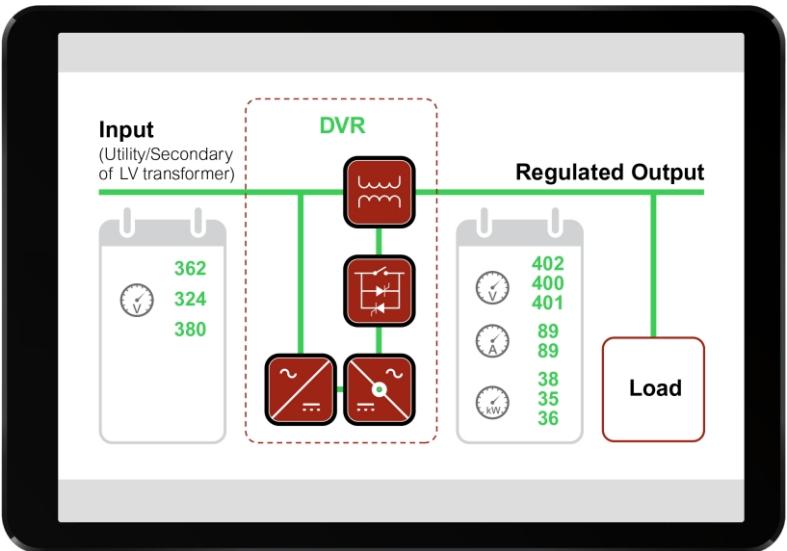
- A voltage regulator that allows short-term voltage drops and chronic problems with undervoltage/overvoltage.

Where to install a DVR?

- A voltage regulator needs to be installed either at a critical load or at the input of the distribution system to the premises.

What does a DVR do if there is no problem (voltage fluctuations)?

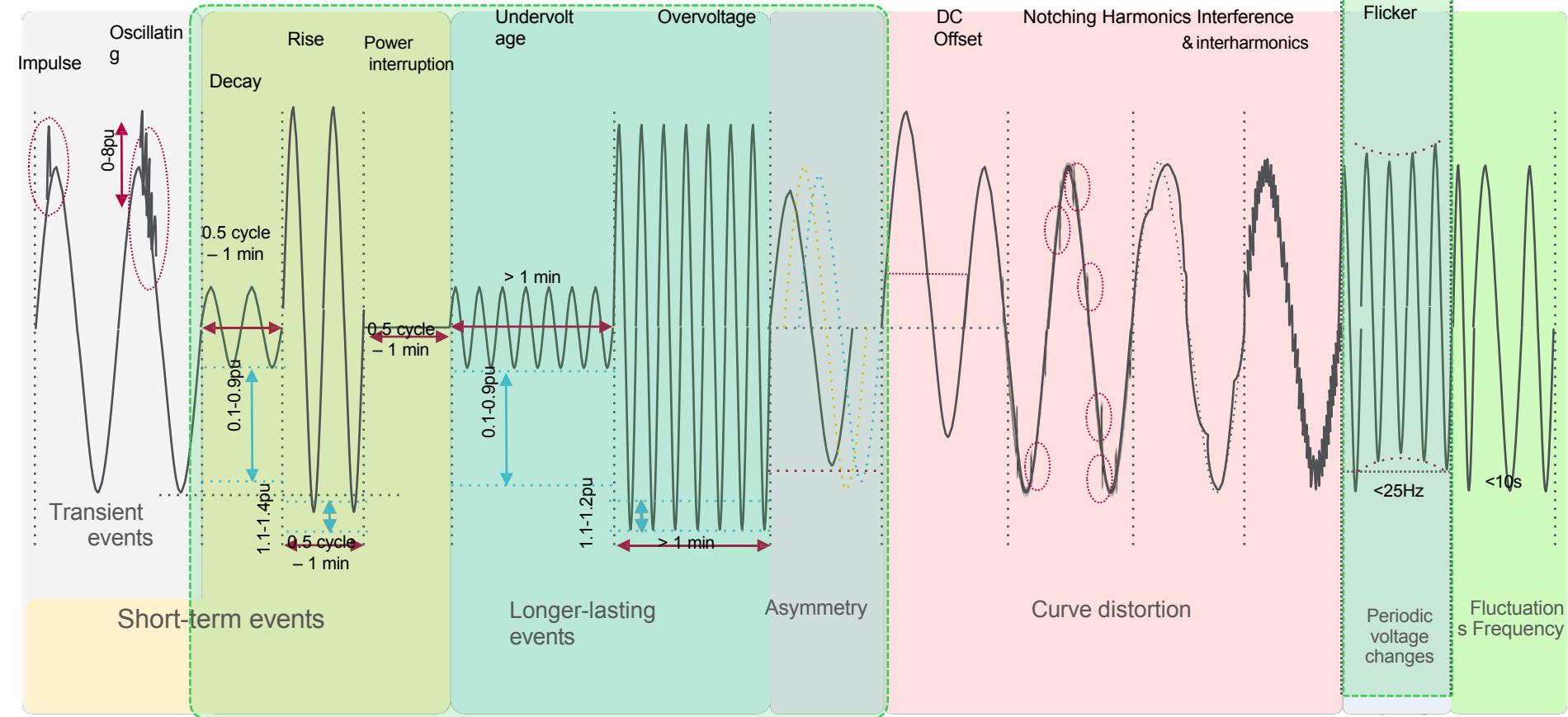
- During normal operation, the DVR remains connected to the network and provides minimum voltage to compensate for drops caused by device and transformer losses.



Where can DVR help us?

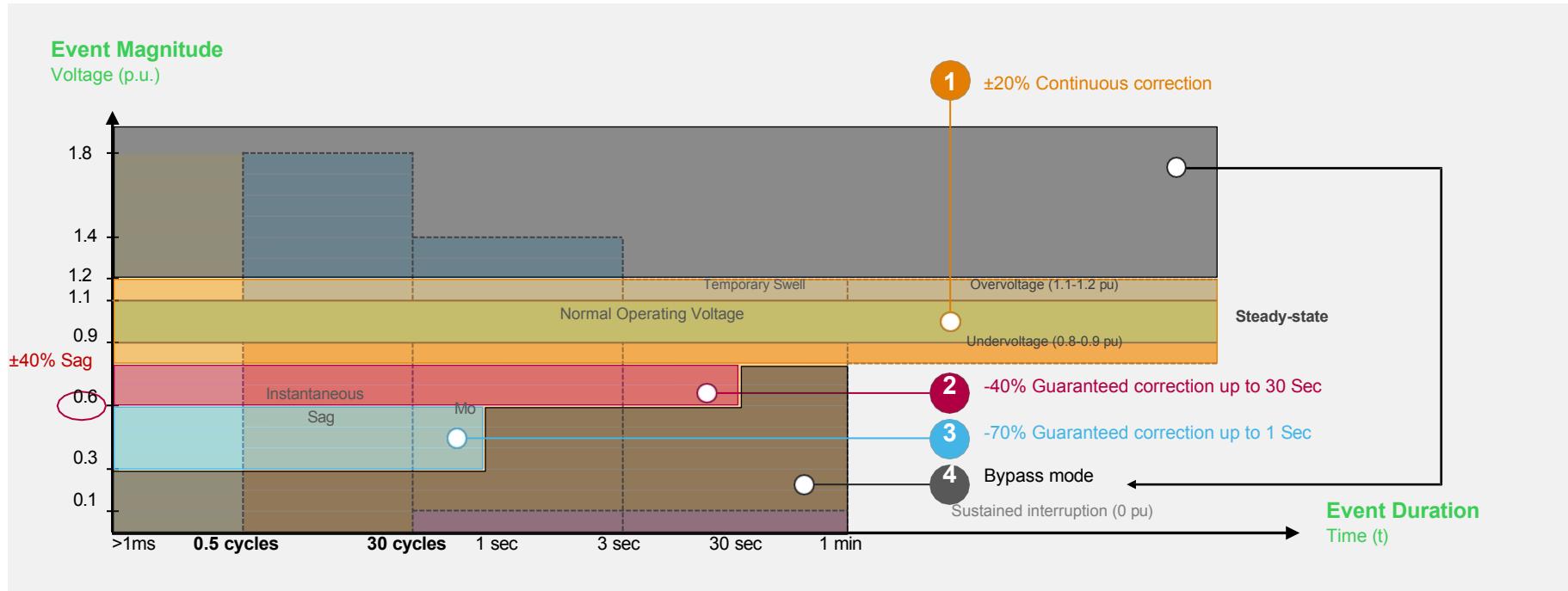
DVR coverage

CoverageDVR



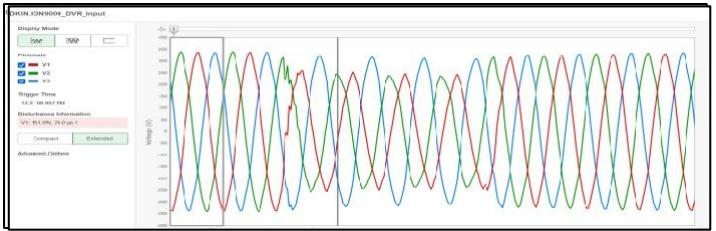
Working range

- 40% voltage drop

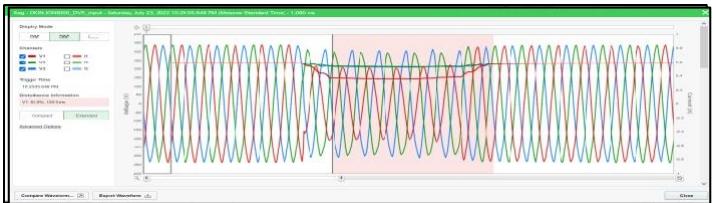




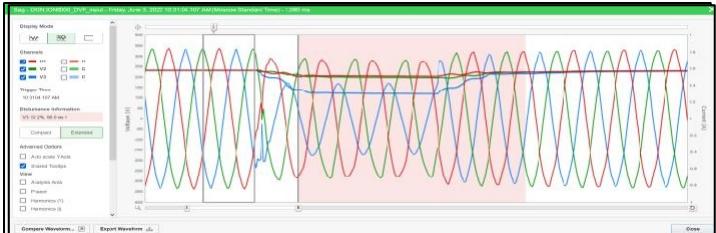
DVR Input: Sag: 70.8% of Nominal Voltage



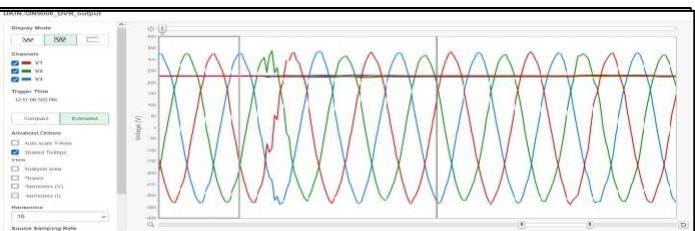
DVR Input: Sag: 62.8% of Nominal Voltage



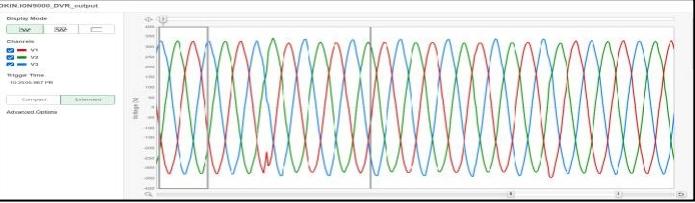
DVR Input: Sag: 52.2% of Nominal Voltage



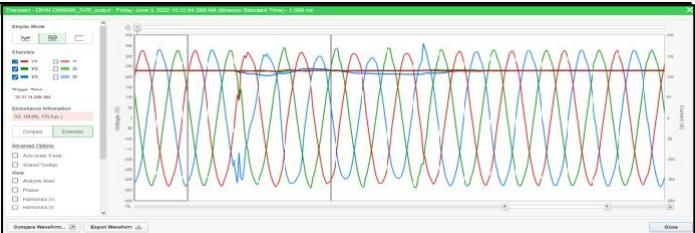
>>> DVR Output



>>> DVR Output



>>> DVR Output



PowerLogic DVR

Scope and structure of the offer





Dynamic Voltage Restorer (DVR)

Quick recap

- Always ready - no recharging or resetting required
- Low investment costs and very low operating costs - High efficiency up to 98%
- No batteries or energy storage required
- Continuously monitors input voltage for voltage changes
- Only activates in the event of power quality incidents, otherwise remains inactive
- Corrects voltage drops until the rated voltage reaches 95%.
- Provides balanced sine wave output and corrects phase shift during fluctuations.



Further information and documentation?



Application description: power quality monitoring

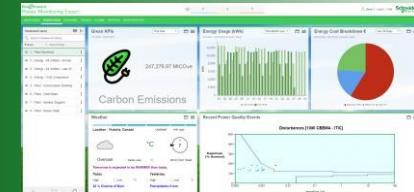


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How to improve power quality?

