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Pressure and Temperature Measurement

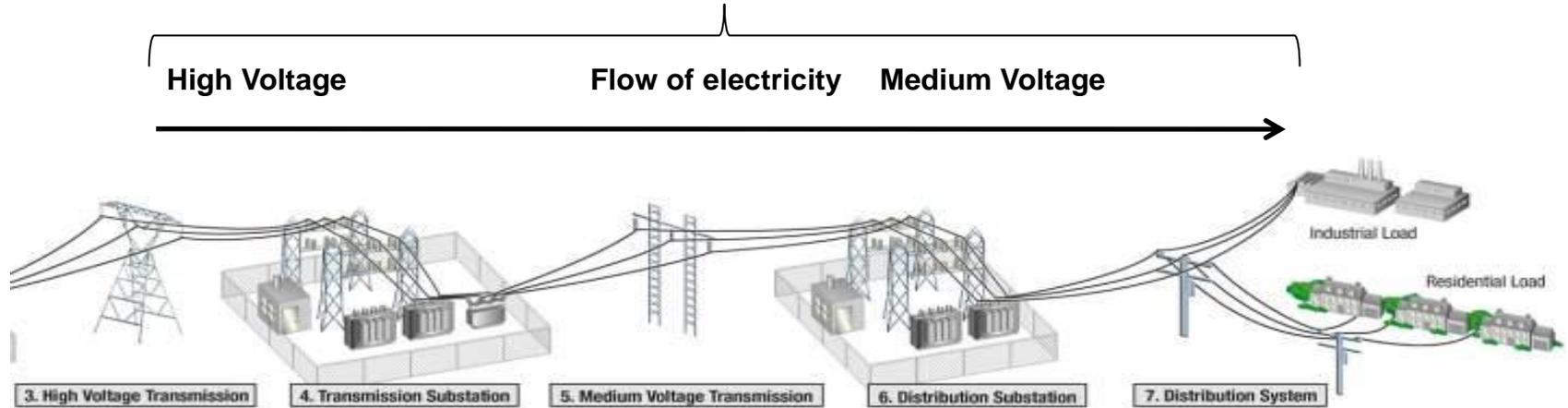
Mitigating Potential SF<sub>6</sub> Leaks  
Through Early Leak Detection

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Who we are and what we do ...

# We take care of your assets

## Transmission & Distribution



### ■ Gas Density



### ■ Valves



### ■ Gas Analytics



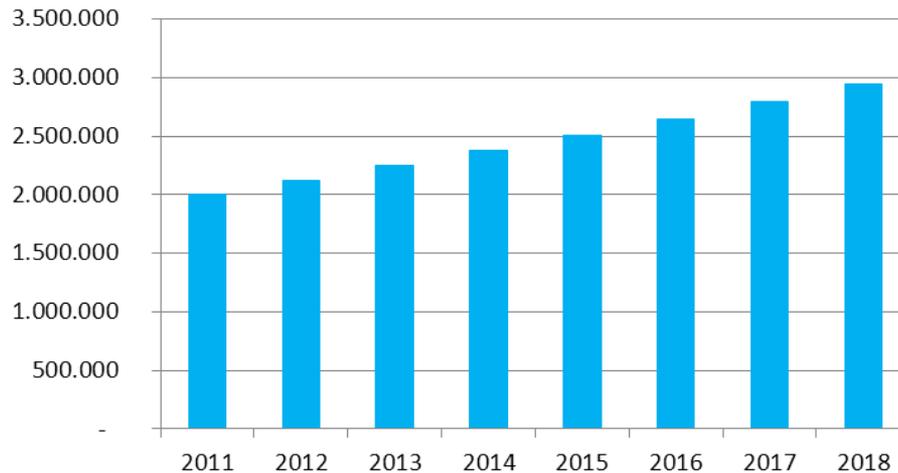
### ■ Gas Handling



# Gas zones in Service

WIKA has equipped more than 1,000,000 gas tanks worldwide with:

- 750.000 Gas Density Monitors
- 200.000 Gas Density Indicators
- 50.000 Gas Density Switches
- 25.000 Gas Density Transmitters



## ■ Baseline banked SF<sub>6</sub> in electrical Equipment

- At least 2,0 Mio. Gas zones are in service
- Average fill pressure = 6 bar (abs)
- Average Density = 40 g / l or 40 kg / m<sup>3</sup>
- Average Volume Gas Zone = 700 l

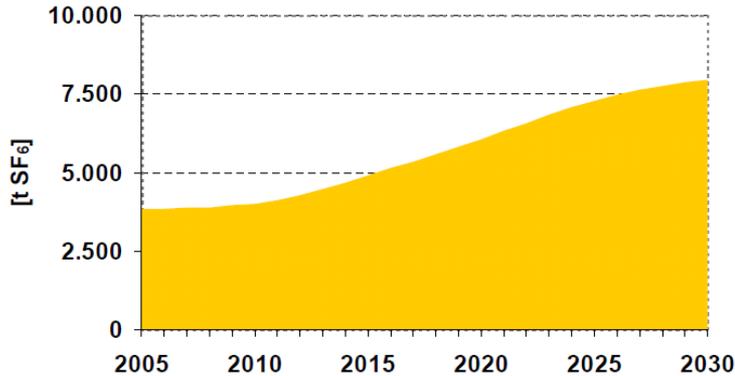
## ■ Conclusion

- Mass per Zone = 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup> x 0,7 m<sup>3</sup>
- Mass per Zone = 28 kg/Gas zone
- Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = Zones x Mass
- Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 2,0 Mio. Zones x 28 kg/ Gas zone
- Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 56.000.000 metric kg
- **Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 56.000 metric tones**

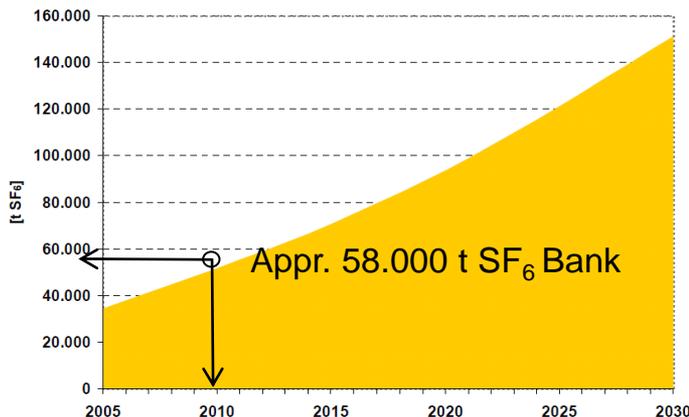
**Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 56.000 metric tones equal to 1.276.800.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.**

# Global annual consumption of SF<sub>6</sub>

Annual consumption & projection for the electric industry



Projection: Aggregated SF<sub>6</sub> bank development



## ■ Estimated SF<sub>6</sub> mass in the equipment

- *Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 58.000 metric tones*
- *Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 1.322.400.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.*

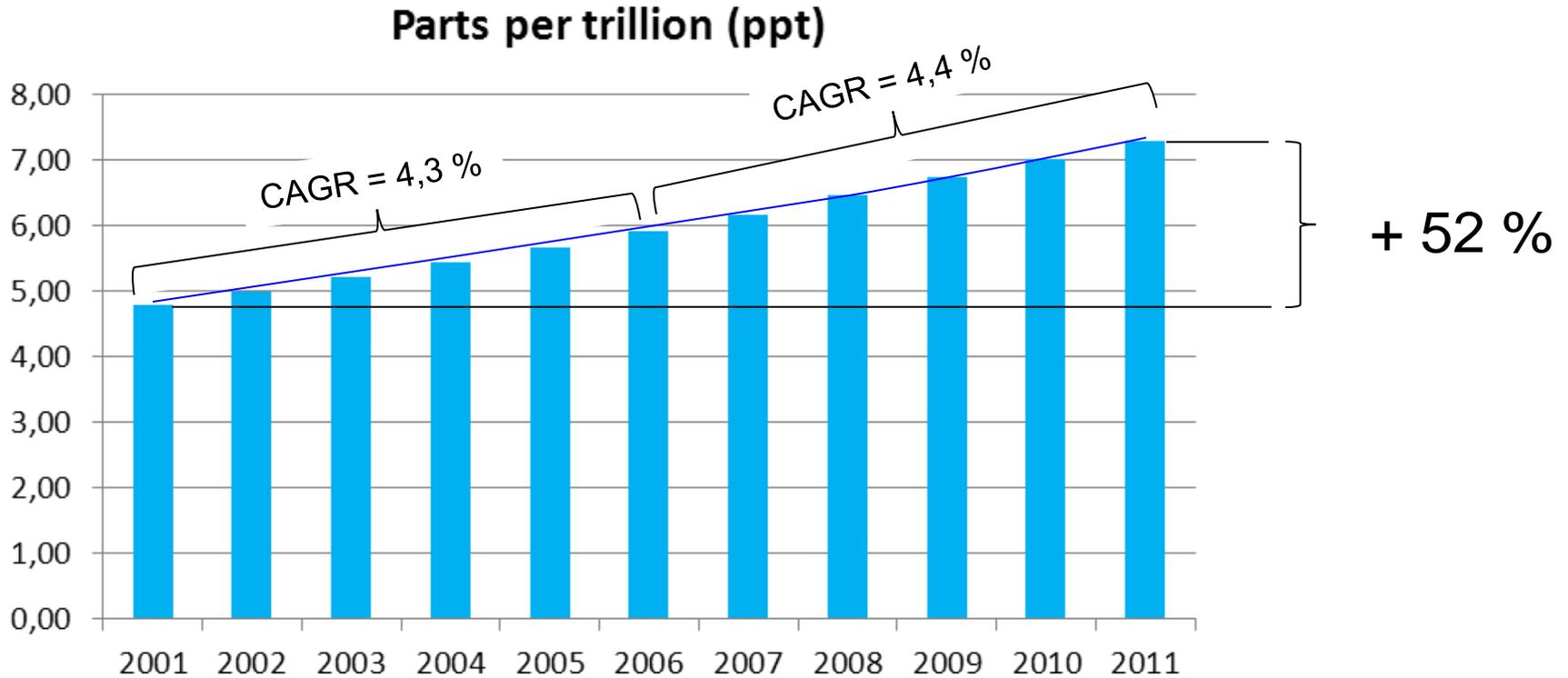
## ■ Some simple figures

- *10 % of Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 132.240.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.*
- *2,5 % of Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 33.060.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.*
- *1 % of Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 13.224.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.*
- *0,5 % of Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 6.612.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.*

## ■ Conclusion

- *Proactive leak detection reduces the contribution to CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions even more*
- *More precise methods for leak detection allow emission reductions*

# Global SF<sub>6</sub> Concentration



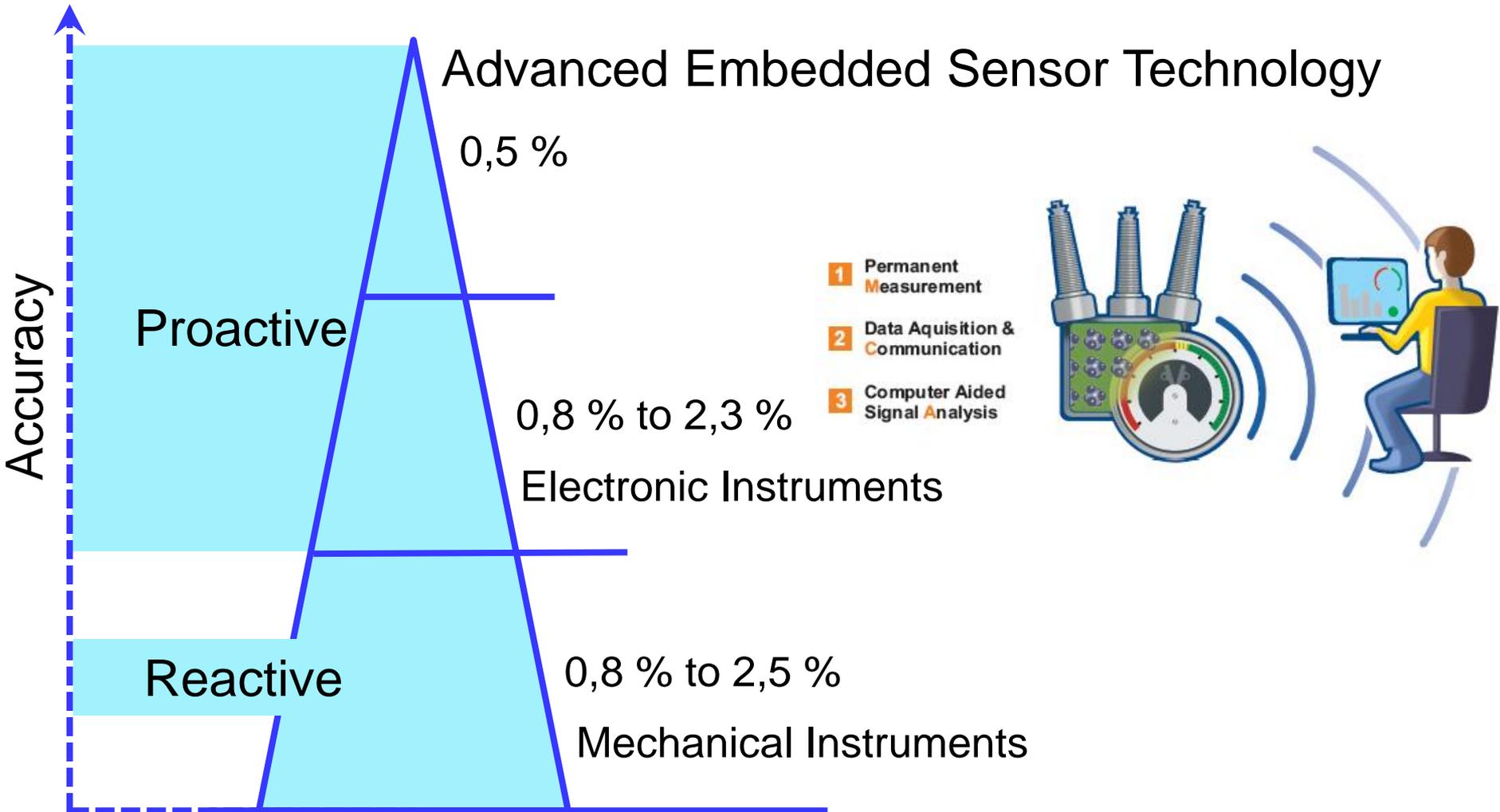
**CAGR % ....Compound average growth rate**

Source: Sulfur hexafluoride data from the NOAA/ESRL halocarbons in situ program. Sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) hemispheric and global monthly means from the NOAA/ESRL. Recent data (less than 1.5 years) are considered preliminary. Average Values are calculated based on the global monthly means.



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# SF<sub>6</sub> Emission Pyramid



## Why going online ?

# Benefits of SF<sub>6</sub> online monitoring as part of a proactive strategy

## ■ Predictive Maintenance

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- Keep equipment in safe condition
- Proactive maintenance strategies vs. reactive strategies from online monitoring ensure that switchgear is in safe condition
- Detect issues during warranty period and get them fixed
- Prepare Pareto profiles of top leakers to optimize maintenance strategies and avoid any potential issues of non switching

## ■ Simplified emission reporting

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- Accurately capture SF<sub>6</sub> gas usage across entire gas tank fleet online and in near real time providing fully auditable system
- Avoidance of human error or poor calibration of weighing equipment as part of the reporting process
- Improve ecological and environmental standing
- Know precisely how much gas is needed to fill any given tank (no over fill or under fill)

## ■ Multiple parameter sensors are essential for a proactive CBM strategy

- Transmitters with integrated pressure, temperature & moisture sensors minimize overall costs for the monitoring
- Digital Communication saves costs for wiring significantly

# Why advanced sensor technology ?



## ■ Humidity (One Embedded Sensor)

- ⇒ *Root Cause (Humidity / Oxygen / Energy)*
- ⇒ *Dielectric Strength influenced dramatically*
- ⇒ *Acidic Atmosphere (SO<sub>2</sub>, HF, SOF<sub>4</sub> ...)*

## ■ Pressure (One Embedded Sensor)

- ⇒ *High Precision Sensor 0,06 % FSD*
- ⇒ *High Sampling Rate allow identification tanks effected by PD events*
- ⇒ *Basis of the density calculations*

## ■ Temperature (Three Embedded Sensors)

- ⇒ *2 Temperature sensors exposed to the gas*
- ⇒ *1 Temperature sensor close to ambient*
- ⇒ *Thermal Image (Thermodynamics)*

## ■ Density (calculated; Density = F (p,t))

- ⇒ *Operational Safety*
- ⇒ *Early / Proactive Leak Detection*

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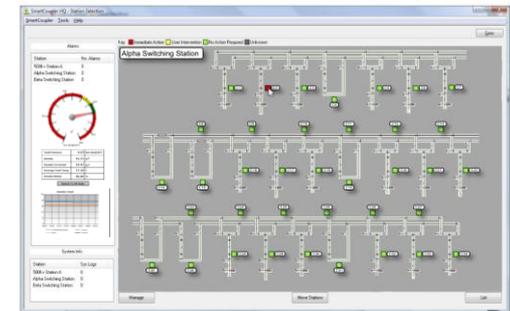
# Proactive Emission Monitoring

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- 1 Permanent Measurement
- 2 Data Acquisition & Communication
- 3 Computer Aided Signal Analysis



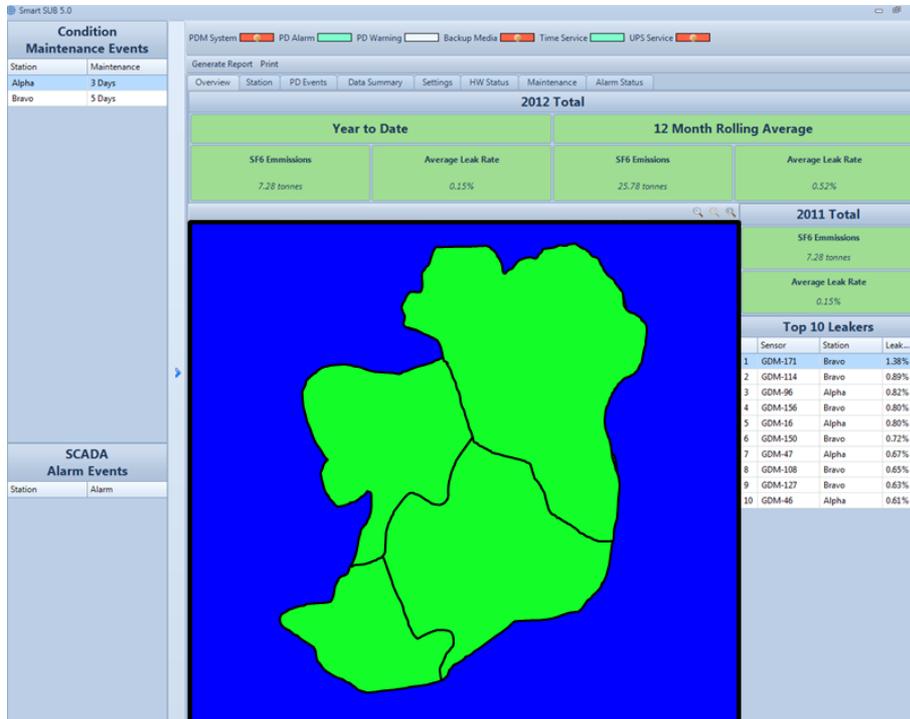
- *Combined Gas Density-Humidity Transmitter, digital, MODBUS, (Option: DNP 3.0) - RS485*
- High Accuracy of the density signal 0,5 % of full scale over a wide temperature range
- Excellent Long-term Stability
- Early Leak Detection (Operational Safety)
- Leak Trending (Maintenance & Emission Reporting)
- Early Moisture Detection (Operational Safety)

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# Nationwide Emission Reporting



Pressure and Temperature Measurement



## ■ Precise Information

- ⇒ Density
- ⇒ Humidity

## ■ Early Leak Detection

- ⇒ Reduces Emissions
- ⇒ Allow planned outages

## ■ Software

- ⇒ Modular Concept
- ⇒ Software Platforms

## ■ Reporting

- ⇒ Substation Level
- ⇒ Utility Level
- ⇒ Nationwide Level

Advanced embedded Sensor technology SOP (start of production) in spring 2013

Samples are currently tested in pilot substations worldwide

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## Identify & Fix



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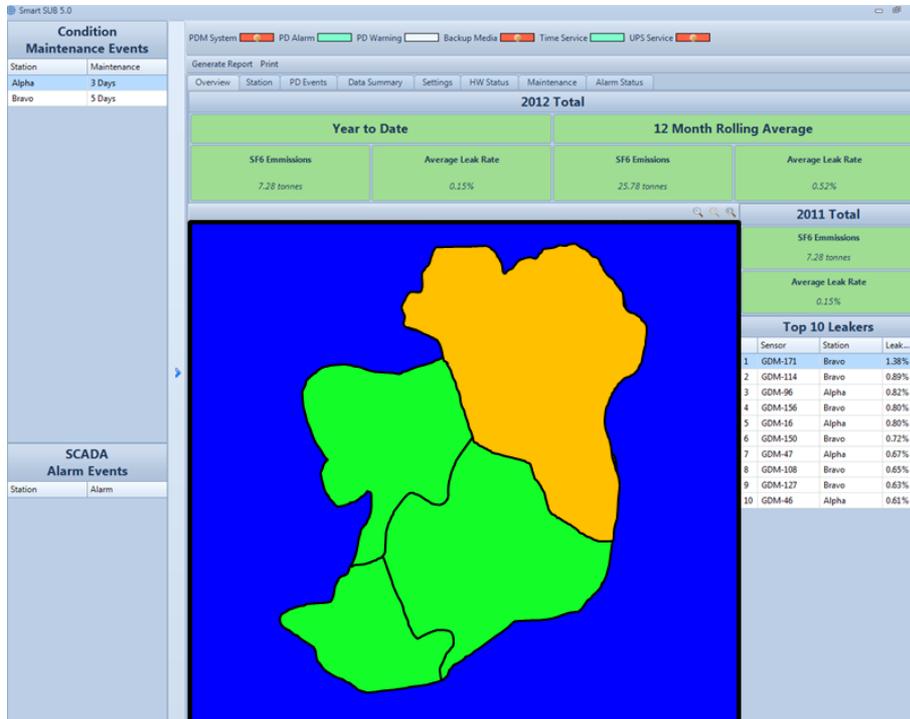
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# Measure



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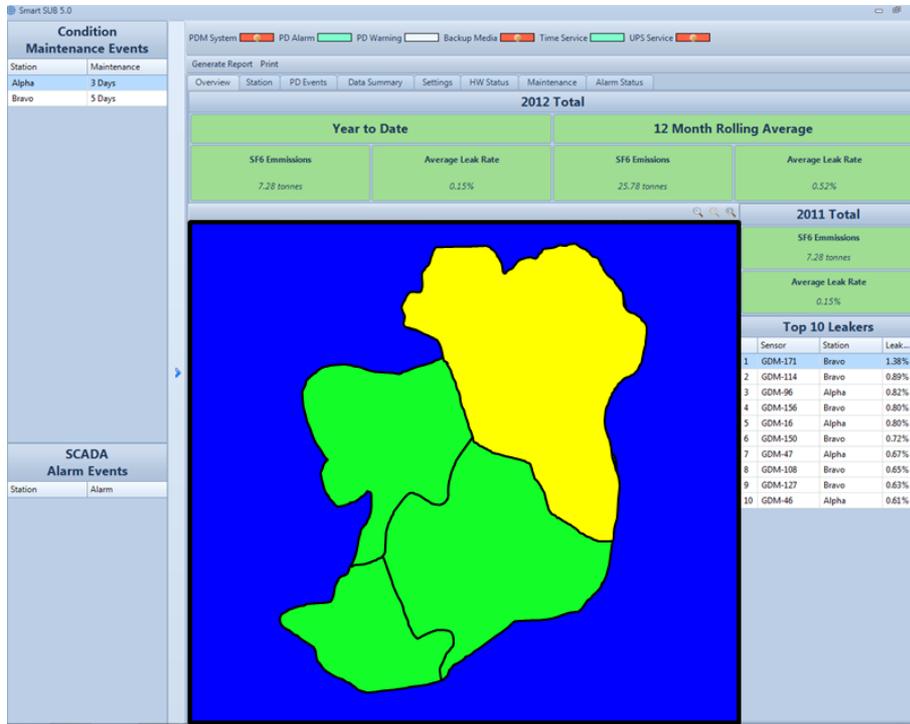
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## Control the corrective action



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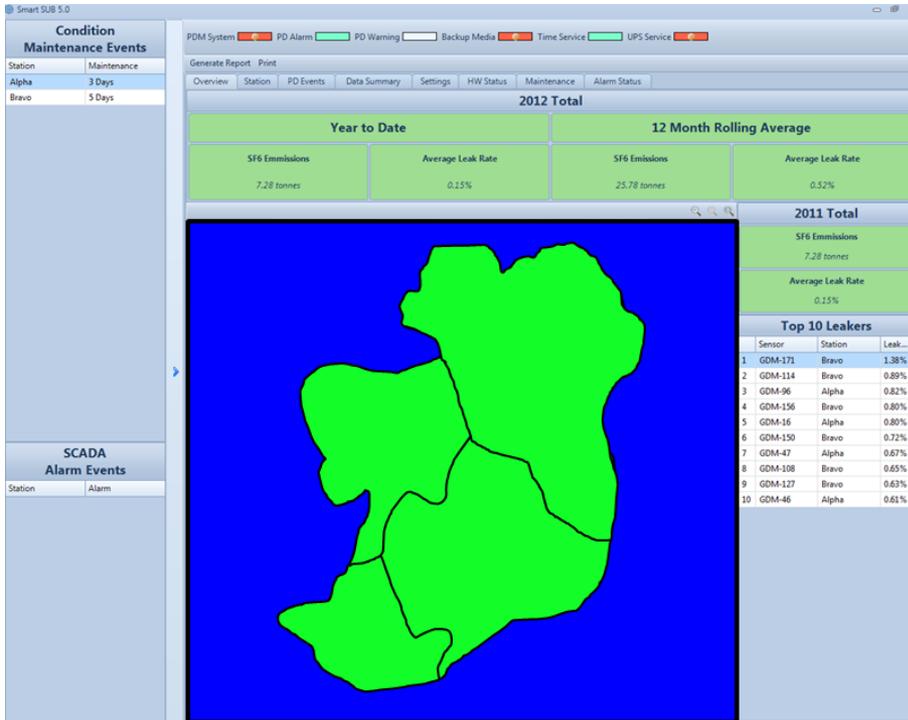
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# Zero Emission Initiative



Pressure and Temperature Measurement



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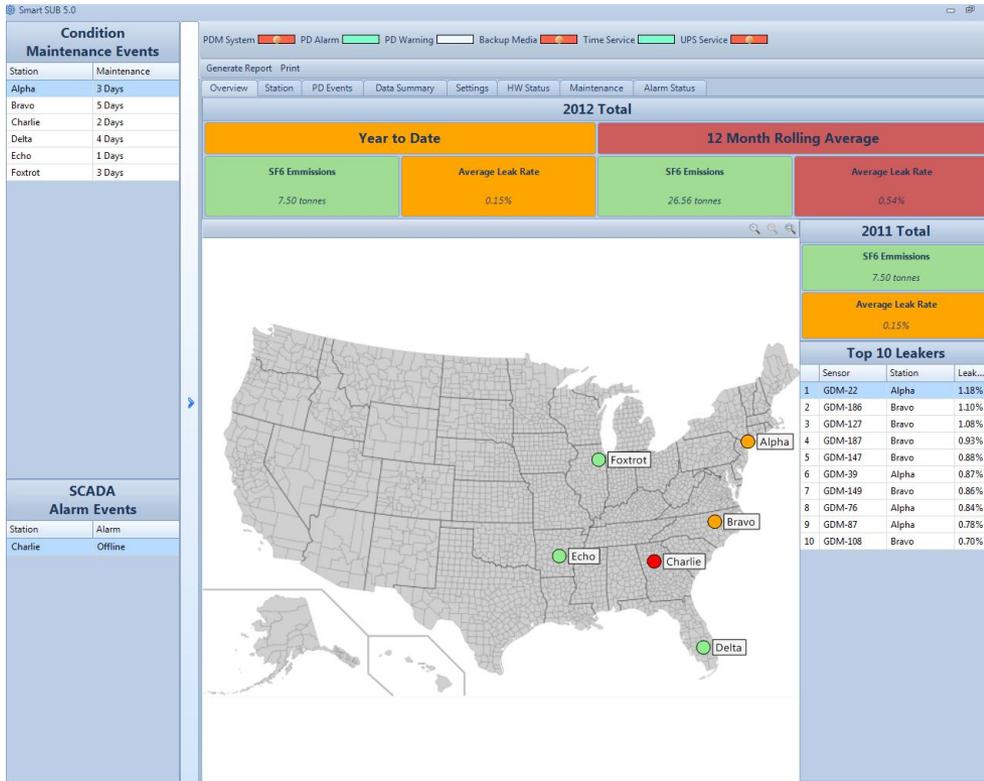
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## Zero Emission Initiative - USA



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Samples are currently tested in some pilot substations around the globe

Precise Information is mitigation potential !

## Conclusion

### ■ Precise Information

- ⇒ *Density (early leak / emission reporting – Fix it now and not later)*
- ⇒ *Humidity (additional Information = asset protection)*

### ■ Significantly improve the accuracy of the reporting

- ⇒ *In all levels of the reporting scheme*

*Example:*

*(Based on Bank SF<sub>6</sub> = 1.276.000.000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> eq. ; see page 4)*

*Accuracy of the reporting is based on the instrumentation (gauges, leak detectors, transducers, scales, cameras)*

*A threshold of 10 % of the nominal density means: 132.240.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq is emitted before you act.*

*2,5 % Accuracy allows reporting in a level of ±33.060.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.*

*0,5 % Accuracy allows reporting in a level of ± 6.612.000 metric tones CO<sub>2</sub> eq.*

Thats all - Thank you

# Questions ?



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