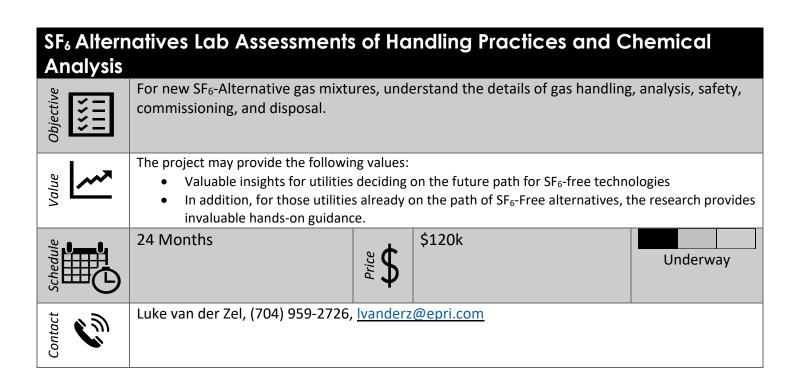
Rapidly learn about the range of SF6-free breaker technologies in a realistic research substation environment. The project may provide the following values: • Valuable guidance to utilities making decisions on which technology to select. For utilities that have already selected a technology the research provides valuable insights on commissioning, maintenance, gas handling, safety, and performance. • 12 months of realistic substation testing on vacuum, CF-FN, and other SF6-Free technologies 24 Months Luke van der Zel, (704) 959-2726, wanderz@epri.com Luke van der Zel, (704) 959-2726, wanderz@epri.com







SUBSTATIONS (P37) SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECTS

Novel SF6 Leak Sealing

Objective



The objective of this project to apply a novel approach to SF6 leak sealing from bolts and flanges in a disconnect switch. This approach uses off the shelf items that can be easily applied and removed without takin and outage.

Value



The key benefit to EPRI members would be to helping reduce SF6 emission and improving the reliability of the system. The ability to address the leak sealing issues without having to take an outage.

chedule Chedule Schedule is determined on contract execution



TBD based on scope



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Switching Safety and Reliability





Safety and reliability of the power grid are at the top of every utility's list of concerns. To meet this challenge, personnel who prepare and review switching orders or perform switching in the field must be vigilant and properly trained to prevent switching errors and near-misses and avoid error-likely situations. Switching errors can create unexpected power interruptions to customers and hazardous situations for utility personnel and the public. Although some utilities have achieved very low error rates, others can benefit from further improvements and EPRI research.

Value



Benefits may include: improvements to worker safety and reliability, reductions in unscheduled outages, enhanced operating efficiency, and compliance with regulatory requirements. EPRI R&D may also be able to help uncover and mitigate latent switching errors. Project deliverables and discussions seek to avoid unwanted power interruptions and hazardous situations for both utility personnel and the public.

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Annual membership



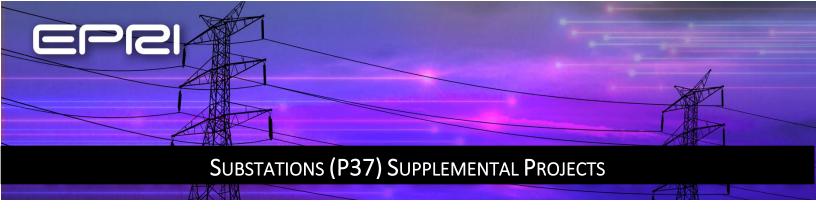
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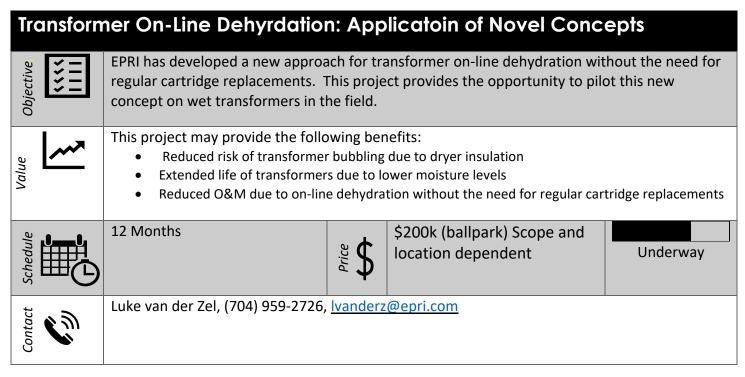
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Research, specify, and test emerging 3D scanning tools for substation use cases: Site Analysis and Planning, Substation Design, Construction, and Inspection and Maintenance These tools allow utilities to digitize the physical environment with greater speed, accuracy, and quality than traditional methods. This project can potentially provide the following benefits: Research technology to reduce O&M, improve reliability, and situational awareness. Safe, rapid, and low-cost experimentation in EPRI's lab/substation environments. Collaboration and experience in a rapidly changing technical area 24 Months Dexter Lewis, (205) 332-5963, dlewis@epri.com





Implementation and Maintenance Guide for Protection and Control Systems in IEC 61850 Substations Provide application guide to implementation and maintenance of new protection and control of the provide application guide to implementation and maintenance of new protection and control of the protection and control o

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Provide application guide to implementation and maintenance of new protection and control designs based on the IEC 61850 standard and digital substation technologies.

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The project may provide following values:

- Guide new protection and control (P&C) design based on the IEC 61850 standard and digital communication technologies such as GOOSE message
- Develop testing and maintenance approaches for new P&C design in IEC 61850 digital substation
- Hands-on technology transfer and knowledge preparation for field implementation

Schedule

24 Months



\$80k

Underway

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EPRI U for Transmission





The objective of this project is to provide high-quality, foundational technical training for engineers, as well as a system of record for both the utility and the individual.





EPRI intends to offer high-quality training material to better meet the needs of utilities by providing instruction on a variety of transmission-related topics. Professional development hours granted upon completion of the training will help engineers meet requirements for their certifications and career advancement.



Annual membership



\$5k-\$35k

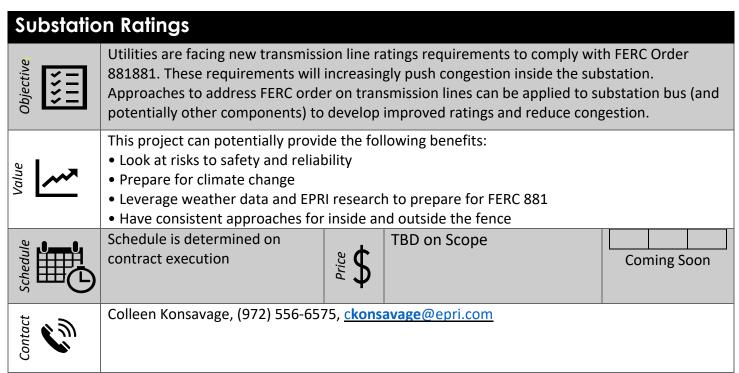
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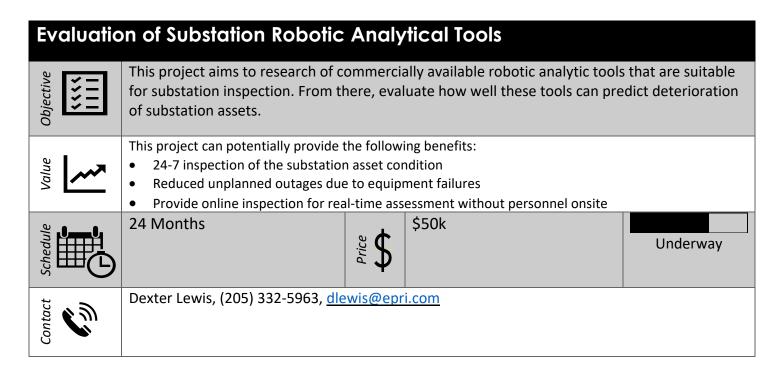
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Screen a population of substations to identify structures or components that require maintenance operations and align the corrective action with the service environment. All of these new learnings are intended to increase grid reliability, increase public safety, and allow the utility to manage costs more efficiently. 24 Months Scope Dependent Dead Murray, (704) 595-2624 nmurray@epri.com





Technology Assessment and Demonstration of Process Bus and Non-Conventional Instrument Transformer – Phase 2 Provide guidance on how to apply process bus and fiber optic technologies to digitalize the interface between switchyard equipment and protection & control systems in substation control house. The research may provide members with the following benefits: Copper reduction and cost saving Safety improvement Reduce vulnerability to EMP or EMI Storm hardening Enhance condition-based maintenance 24 Months Dr. Yuchen Lu, (704) 595-2692, ylu@epri.com





Life Extension Guidelines Applicaton to HVDC Converter Stations & FACTS Technologies

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To assess service life of converter station components and provide recommendations including converter transformers, valves and valve hall, controls and cooling systems, and filters.

The benefit of the projects are as follows:

- Statistical life spans of components
- Converter Station on-site evaluation
- A technical report with recommendations whether to repair or replace
- Economic benefits by extending the life of Converter Station Equipment



Schedule is determined on contract execution

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\$50 to \$100k (scope dependent)

Underway

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SUNBURST Node Installation





The objective of the project is to construct and deploy one SUNBURST node for data collection at a utility's transformer of interest.

This data is needed and used for continuing research studying the cause, effects, and potential mitigation of GIC on electrical power systems. This is accomplished via SUNBURST Network membership (EPRI Project 1-003679).

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The data collection and research on GIC in transformer neutrals continues as EPRI helps improve understanding of the effects of GIC on the grid for both its members and society. It should be noted that the solar cycle lasts for approximately 11 years, and EPRI and its members have committed themselves to continued long-term study of GIC and the impacts it may have on the grid.



Schedule is determined on contract execution

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\$30K

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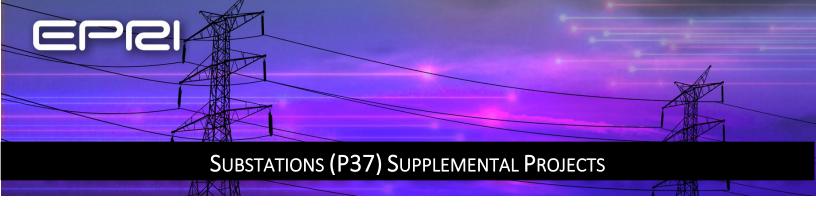
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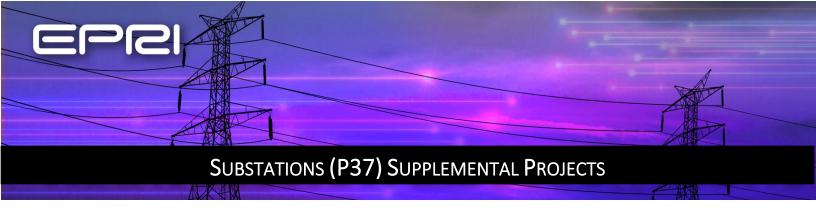
Substation Seismic Studies	
Objective <pre></pre>	Perceived deficiencies in IEEE Standard 693, Recommended Practice for Seismic Design of Substations standards, and equipment testing procedures lead to the creation of this supplemental project, which focuses on analyzing and quantitatively evaluating improvements in substation equipment resiliency due to seismic activity by conducting tests in a lab environment for various substation equipment. In this project analytical models are also developed based on the test results, so that different earthquake scenarios could be studied using the models.
Value	These evaluations are meant to help qualified products to have higher probability of surviving earthquakes. As a result of this research and development, it is expected that repairs of damaged equipment, and duration of power interruptions, will be reduced. These enhancements may improve the reliability, safety, and affordability of electric power supplies.
Schedule	Ongoing project; with annual supplemental funding. \$30K/year Underway
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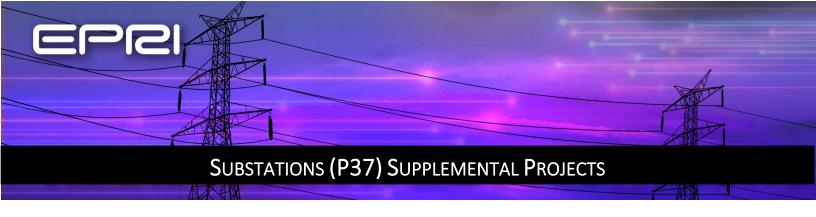
The objective of this phase of research is to understand the cause of the substation grid degradation, to locate suspect areas of corrosion and to provide environmental data supporting asset management decisions. If successful, the resulting methodology and monitoring approach may: • Enable visualization of present condition of the ground grid and location of specific areas where degradation may have caused ground grid deterioration. • Provide knowledge necessary to develop triggers and alarms for maintenance actions. • Track the condition of the ground grid, trend grid deterioration over time and compare the extent of deterioration to baseline such as design standards, thereby allowing for forecasting and budgeting for future remediation and/or ground grid enhancements.

Complete – still accepting funders

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The project objective is to evaluate the features and limitations of each inspection tool or technique and provide an understanding of the optimal construction standard and environment for implementation. The project scope is to evaluate technologies, categorize them as a screening or a predictive technology, and then assign levels of accuracy, risk, and cost to implement. The benefits of the project are as follows: Each utility may then implement these technologies in the proper conditions to understand if the asset is structurally sound. This new learning may increase transmission grid and substation reliability, reduce risk of structural failure to the utility and increase safety to the public and utility workers. Scope dependent Neal Murray, (704) 595-2624 nmurray@epri.com



Substation Sensor Demonstration Project The project allows for collaborative, accelerated learning, and in some cases accelerated development, of new and emerging sensors in substations through real-world deployments in participant's sites. The benefits the project provides are as follows: An efficient collaborative approach where the results from one utility demonstration are shared with all members Value A systematic approach where well-defined test protocols are applied A utility-specific plan on how to transition sensors into utility communications infrastructure An increased understanding of the application of sensor data and the benefits that can be derived 1 Year of Monitoring Scope Dependent (flexible) Underway Luke van der Zel, (704)595-2726, lvanderz@epri.com