

## DIGITAL SUBSTATION WITH SIPROTEC

# Boost efficiency and reliability with SIPROTEC Process Bus

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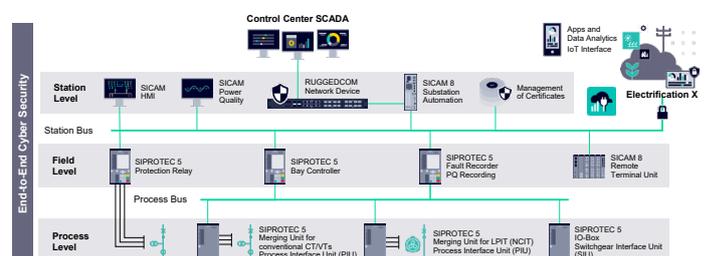
SIPROTEC Process Bus brings intelligence closer to the primary equipment. By placing a Merging Unit (MU) or Process Interface Unit (PIU) near instrument transformers and switching devices, analog signals are digitized at the source and transmitted as Sampled Values (SV) via fiber-optic Ethernet. SIPROTEC 5 bay control units and protection devices use standardized digital data for faster, more flexible, and reliable operation. The MU/PIU acts as a universal interface between primary and secondary systems, supporting conventional instrument transformers and LPIT sensors, and complying with IEC 61869-9 and IEC 61850-9-2.

### Benefits

- Cost savings – Less copper cabling, faster installation, and commissioning
- Accelerated project delivery and minimize outage times – Leveraging modular designs and extensive offsite pre-fabrication reduces on-site installation and commissioning times. This streamlined approach ensures quicker project completion, greater agility for future expansions, and minimal operational disruption
- Optimized design – Smaller CT design due to the shorter distances and thus smaller burdens, less CT cores are required
- Space optimization – Smaller control rooms due to the reduction in the number of required panels
- Interdependency – Interoperable design enables multi-vendor solutions based on IEC 61850 standard
- Simplified Engineering – Typical-based engineering with reusable SV, GOOSE, MMS configurations
- Flexibility and scalability – Easier adaptation to future requirements and integration of a wider range of data sources (independent signal routing)
- Operational safety – Reduces risks from open CT circuits

### LPITs further increase efficiency of Process Bus Solutions

- Space optimization – Reduced space and 90 % reduced weight of instrument transformers
- Wide dynamic range – One LPIT type for protection and measurement across all feeders

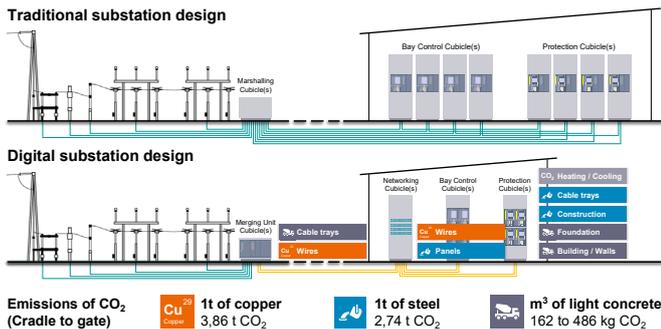


## Driving Sustainability with Digital Substations

Digital substations offer a powerful lever for enhancing environmental sustainability and reducing the carbon footprint of power infrastructure. By transitioning to a process bus architecture, utilities can unlock significant ecological benefits - though the exact impact depends on site-specific conditions.

Key sustainability advantages of digital substations include:

- Space and Material Efficiency – Reduced physical footprint and minimized use of raw materials
- Lower Carbon Emissions – Fewer copper cables and less transport contribute to a smaller carbon footprint
- Optimized Asset Utilization – Intelligent data-driven operations extend equipment life and reduce waste



Sustainability levers of a Digital Substation

## ETH-BD-2FO – The Key to Digital Substation Enablement

The ETH-BD-2FO plug-in module transforms any modular or non-modular SIPROTEC 5 devices into a digital substation ready component with SV publishing and subscribing capabilities.

- Seamless Upgrade Path – Add Merging Unit and Process Bus Client functionality to existing SIPROTEC 5 devices
- Network Redundancy – PRP and HSR (IEC 62439)
- Precision Time Synchronization – Via IEEE 1588, PPS, or IRIG-B for accurate data alignment
- Standards Compliance – IEC 61869-9, IEC 61850-9-2 for SV plus IEC 61850-8-1 for GOOSE and MMS
- Advanced Communication – Routable GOOSE (R-GOOSE) and multiple process bus access points
- WebUI & DIGSI 5 – Easy configuration and engineering
- Reliable Operation – Redundant power supply ensures continuous performance

Siemens process bus solutions align with international standards, delivering real value for smarter, sustainable substations.

## Merging Unit (SV publisher) functionality

Digitize primary data right at the source with SIPROTEC 5. Any SIPROTEC 5 device can act as a Merging Unit, offering unmatched flexibility for both new and existing substations. At the heart of this portfolio is the SIPROTEC 6MU85 – a dedicated, high-performance Merging Unit designed for both conventional instrument transformers and LPTs, built on the proven SIPROTEC 5 platform.

## Why Choose SIPROTEC 5 and 6MU85 for Your Process Bus?

- Sensor compatibility – Conventional CTs, VTs and LPTs
- Fast tripping – Direct “high speed” tripping of circuit breaker < 1ms
- Smart Monitoring & Protection – Includes trip circuit supervision, backup protection, Point-on-Wave (PoW) switching, and CB wear monitoring
- Scalable I/O – Expandable binary inputs/outputs
- Sensor Connectivity – Acquire substation data (pressure, temperatures, tap changers, etc.) via Modbus client
- Rugged design – Operates from -40 °C to +70 °C

## Process bus client (SV subscriber) functionality

Empower your SIPROTEC 5 bay control units and protection devices with advanced Sampled Values (SV) subscriber capabilities - designed for seamless integration, scalability, and high-performance process bus applications.

- Redundant SV Stream Support - Subscribe to redundant SV streams with automatic or manual switchover for maximum reliability
- High Channel Capacity - Handle up to 96 SV channels per SIPROTEC 5 device - ideal for complex bay configurations
- Integrated Disturbance & Power Quality Recording - With the SIPROTEC 7KE85, gain deep insights into system behavior and power quality

## Reliable Sample Synchronization

Accurate time synchronization is essential for SV in digital substations. SIPROTEC 5 offers a flexible and robust approach to ensure precise timing – with or without external time sources.

- Integrated IEEE 1588v2 Grandmaster – SIPROTEC 5 devices can act as PTP time servers, removing the need for external GNSS sources and ensuring independence from weather disruptions, jamming, or spoofing
  - Enhanced Cybersecurity & Reliability – Enables isolated process bus operation, reducing dependencies and boosting system resilience
  - Seamless Time Source Transition – Siemens-specific mode ensures uninterrupted process bus operation during time server transitions, avoiding protection function blocking
  - Flexible Synchronization Options – Supports IEEE 1588v2/PTP, PPS, and IRIG-B to suit various infrastructure needs
- SIPROTEC 5 sample synchronization ensures your digital substation operates with precision, security, and stability – no matter the conditions.

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