Electrification X
Distribution Grid Monitoring

Distribution Grid Transparency made scalable
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Overview

Distribution Grid Monitoring enables a precise monitoring of all Distribution Grid stations and the street cabinets of the medium voltage (MV) and low voltage (LV) grid. Comprehensive load monitoring of each street cabinet terminal in the low voltage distribution gives insights about the power grid's utilization, the load of critical grid components and especially the identification of bottlenecks in the power supply.

Benefits of Distribution Grid Monitoring

Effectively handle bottlenecks and avoid power constraints

Proactively detect overload conditions in grid components long before they reach failure points

Utilize digitalization and effective data management as a foundation for strategy to redispatch or upgrade the grid where necessary

Reduce time for manual data collection and analysis, and optimize maintenance cycles

Provides valuable insights into the load pattern over time, allowing operators to better understand how power is being consumed and distributed throughout the system

Distribution Station KPIs serve as crucial metrics that enable comprehensive performance analysis of distribution stations across the power network. These indicators provide actionable insights for strategic decision-making and efficient load management, ultimately enhancing operational effectiveness and system reliability

Features

This chapter contains the packages, including features, that can be subscribed to within the feature set Distribution Grid Monitoring.

Feature
Station Monitoring

The DSO Station Monitoring feature delivers comprehensive monitoring capabilities for power distribution infrastructure of secondary distribution automation system, for Distribution System Operators (DSOs). This solution enables real-time visualization of critical network components across Low-Voltage (LV) and Medium-Voltage (MV). Analysis of Key Performance Indicators provides real-time operational visibility, data-driven decision support, enhanced asset management with improved maintenance planning and resource allocation.

**DSO Station Monitoring feature – Low- & Medium-Voltage with SICAM EGS**
SICAM EGS integrates seamlessly with LV HRC fuse link SENTRON 3NA COM to deliver low voltage feeder monitoring per phase in distribution grid stations and LV street cabinets. 3NA COM, communicates over Zigbee with SICAM EGS sends load current and temperature per phase. SICAM EGS is used to acquire, process and monitor currents, voltages and frequency in 50 Hz low-voltage networks and to calculate variables derived from them such as active power, reactive power and aparent power from Low Voltage transformer. SICAM FCM and FCM plus communicates over Modbus, also process electrical parameters current, voltage, frequency, power factor, active power, reactive power and fault current information from Medium Voltage Load Feeders or Ring Feeders. All the data would be transferred to Electrification X from SICAM 8 based GridEdge for monitoring.

DSO Station Monitoring feature – Low- & Medium-Voltage with SICAM CP-801x

Medium-voltage distribution automations have different kinds of distribution feeders Ring Feeder In, Ring Feeder Out, Load Feeder, Transformer Feeder. SICAM CP-801x acquires information from Hardware Inputs of Load Break Switch (LBS) Status & Earthing Condition, Status of Vacuum Circuit Breaker (VCB), Tripping Status of Breaker, Status of Fault Indicating Device (i.e. SICAM FPI), Status of Voltage Detecting Device (i.e. SICAM VDIS/VDIS PRO). Critical electrical parameters from protection relays, low-voltage metering or Feeder Condition Monitoring (i.e. SICAM FCM/ SICAM FCM Plus with SIBushing) devices process current, voltage, frequency, power factor, active power, reactive power and fault current information.

Connection with the temperature sensor in cable terminal identifies local overheating to prevent power outages. Auxiliary alarms from Battery, UPS and other auxiliary devices like motion sensor, temperature and humidity sensor monitored effectively. Integration with 3NA COM in same principle mentioned above. Integration of these datapoints and functions realized with SICAM8 based Gateway CP-801x and SICAM8 based GridEdge. Current and Active Power visualized as a heat map, providing a comprehensive overview of the load pattern over time. This capability provides valuable insights into the load pattern over time, allowing operators to better understand how power is being consumed and distributed throughout the system. This comprehensive data allows for easy identification of areas experiencing high or fluctuating loads, enabling identification of proactive measures to optimize performance, balance loads, and prevent potential issues.

In case of violation of load limit pre-set by the operator, the system will generate an alarm. The affected location will be shown in map / list views, and an alarm will be sent automatically to the operator and/or service crew according to configuration.
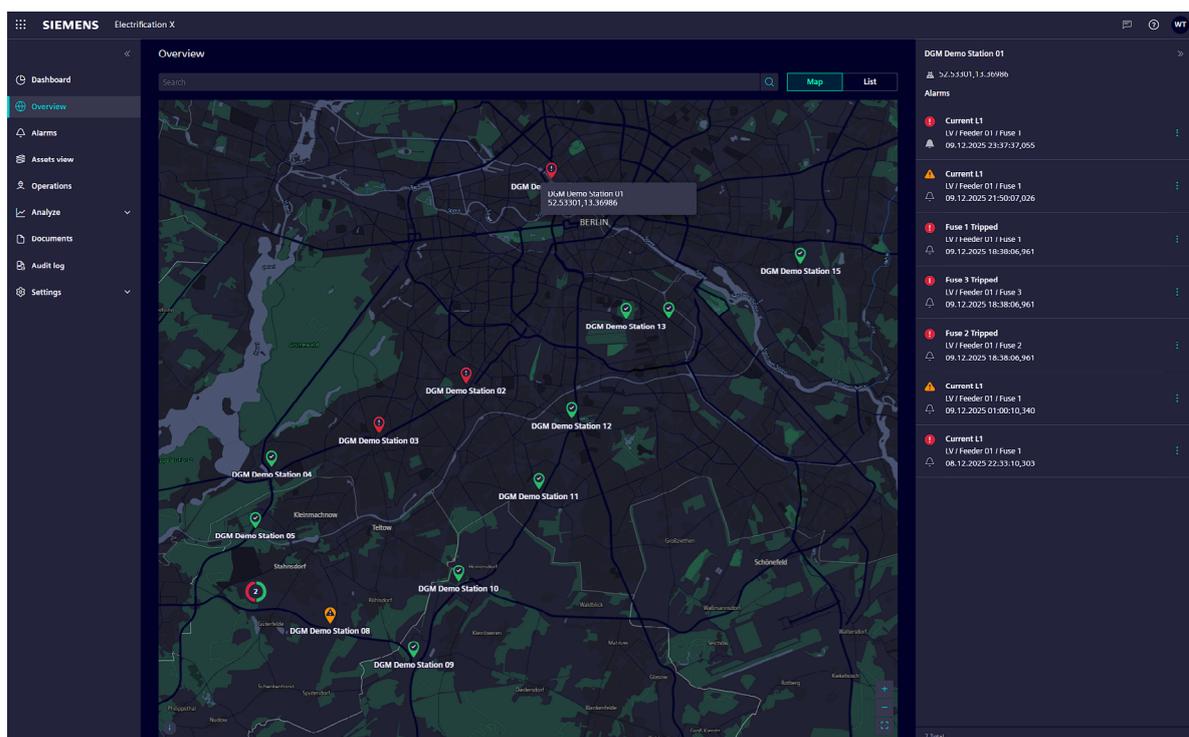

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Map view on a Tablet (as of December 2025)

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Single Line Diagram (as of December 2025)

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Load pattern as heat map (as of December 2025)

Distribution Station – Key Performance Indicator (KPI)

KPI analysis has been performed in Fleet Level and Station Level. Fleet Level refers complete install base in same partition of Electrification X. Station Level refers individual distribution station. Comparison has been done between similar types of assets.

- Assets – Incoming Feeder
- Assets – Transformer
- Assets – Outgoing Feeder
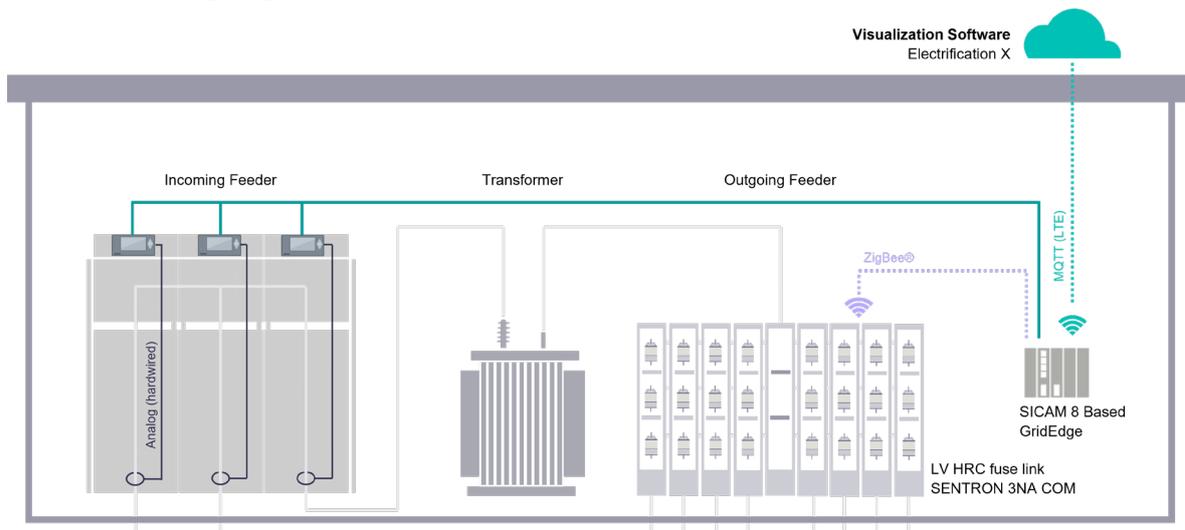
Different types of Charts are selected during analysis. This chart is user selectable based on the Assets, Severity (Normal, Warning and Critical) and total analysis period (Date Range Selection upto 1 year).

Donut Chart: This chart provides no. of assets compared with in particular asset type. Aggregation has been done over a duration of 15 mins (voltage deviation 5mins). In Aggregation duration, the algorithm calculates "Median" and select the pre-defined bin of severity. In total analysis period, if any values reach in highest bin, the algorithm consider this asset in that particular bin of the Donut chart.

Horizontal Bar Chart: The chart presents a hierarchical visualization of assets, prioritized based on their critical bin duration periods. "View All" button provides all the assets ranked from Top to Down. The tooltip displays the relative duration as a percentage (%) of the total analysis period during which the asset experienced a specific severity level.

Table View: This provides analysis of the KPIs in more granular and comprehensive way. Additionally, user can select aggregation duration 5 minutes, 15 minutes and 30 minutes (voltage Deviation 5min only). The total sum of a row of any analysis timeframe will be 100% in ideal scenario (except measurement gap).

Additionally it shows the peak value and the time stamp per asset in the selected date range.

Percentage [%] Duration: It represents the proportional temporal distribution within predefined bins for each Key Performance Indicator (KPI) throughout the analysis time frame.

Congestion

The Congestion KPI supports operators in monitoring and interpreting congestion levels across substations and prevent service disruptions. By leveraging real-time and historical graphical displays of congestion data, operators can detect areas nearing capacity, facilitate timely interventions, and ensure sustained service reliability. All asset types are involved in this KPI.

Assets Incoming Feeder

Compute the congestion by analyzing the rating of Outgoing Transformer of the Feeder. Subsequently, determine the temporal distribution by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period.
Data point used: 3-phase Apparent Power.

Assets Transformer

Compute the congestion by analyzing the rating of Transformer of each phase. Subsequently, determine the temporal distribution by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period. Consider the most affected phase in analysis.
Data point used: Aparent Power L1, Aparent Power L2, Aparent Power L3

Assets Outgoing Feeder

Compute the congestion by analyzing the rating of Fuse. Subsequently, determine the temporal distribution by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period.
Data point used: Current L1, Current L2, Current L3.
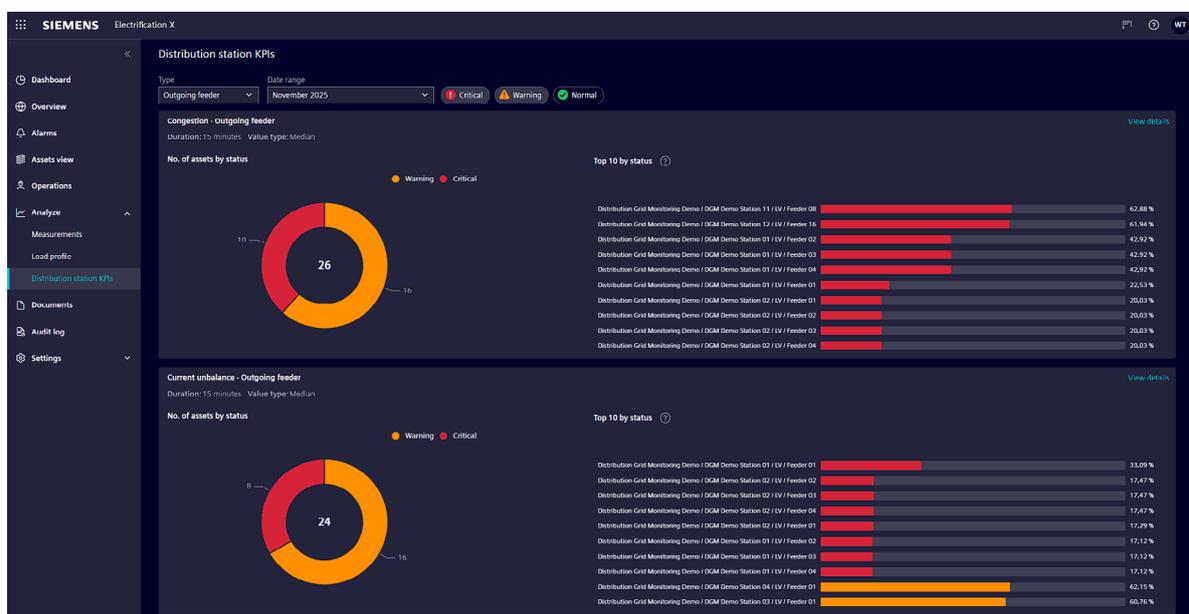
Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs
Congestion: DONUT Chart and Horizontal Bar Chart (as of December 2025)

Severity Bins are designated as

- Normal: 0%-50% (Green)

- Warning: >50-80% (Yellow)

- Critical: >80% (Red)

Temporal distributions of congestions among all assets are further representing in more granular structure and compute based on pre-defined bin as

- 0% to 50%

- >50% to 60%

- >60% to 70%

- >70% to 80%

- >80% to 90%

- >90% to 100%

- >100%

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs, Congestion: Table View (as of December 2025)
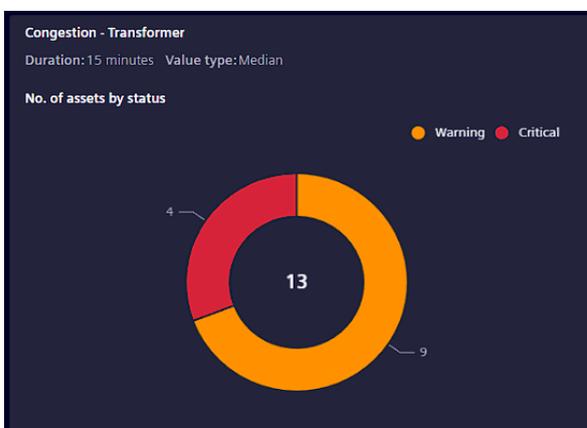
Current Unbalance

The phase Current unbalance KPI monitors the unbalance in current across the 3 phases of a distribution network. For balanced loads, it is ideal for all 3 phases to have equal current. However, variations can occur due to uneven loading, faulty equipment, or network issues. All asset types are involved in this KPI.

Assets Incoming Feeder, Transformer and Outgoing Feeder
Compute the Current Unbalance by analyzing current of each phase of asset. Subsequently, determine the temporal distribution by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period.
Data point used: Current L1, Current L2, Current L3.

Severity Bins are designated as

- Normal: 0%-5% (Green)

- Warning: >5-10% (Yellow)

- Critical: >10% (Red)

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs, Current Unbalance: DONUT Chart (as of December 2025)

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs, Current Unbalance: Horizontal Bar Chart
(as of December 2025)

Temporal distributions of current unbalance among all assets are further representing in more granular structure and compute based on pre-defined bin as

- 0% to 5%
- >5% to 10%
- >10% to 15%
- >15% to 20%
- >20%

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs, Current Unbalance: Table View
(as of December 2025)

Power Factor

The Power factor KPI helps operators monitor the efficiency of power usage across the network by indicating how effectively electrical power is being utilized. It offers both real-time and historical data on power factor variations at different substations or feeder points, facilitating the prompt detection of inefficiencies.

Severity Bins are designated as

- Normal: 1- 0.95 (Green)
- Warning: <0.95 – 0.9 (Yellow)
- Critical: <0.9 (Red)

Assets Incoming Feeder
Determine the temporal distribution of power factor by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period.
Data point used: 3-phase power factor.
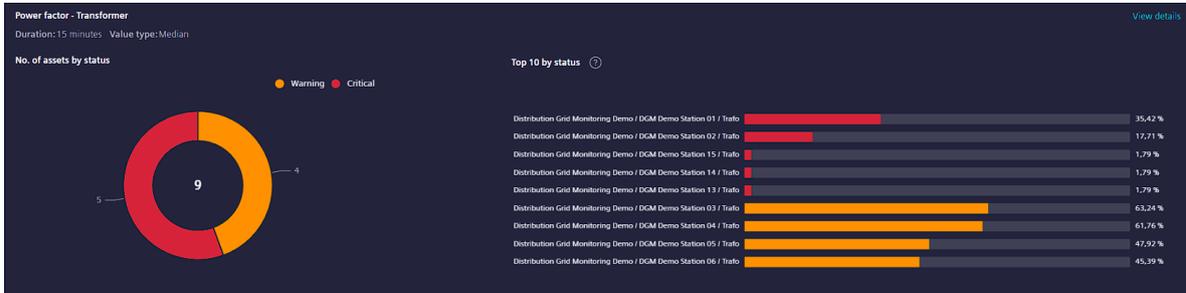
Assets Transformer

Determine the temporal distribution of power factor by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period. Consider most affected phase in analysis.

Data point used: PF L1, PF L2, PF L3.

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs
Power Factor: DONUT Chart and Horizontal Bar Chart (as of December 2025)

Temporal distributions of power factor among all assets are further representing in more granular structure and computer based on pre-defined bin as

- 1 to 0.95
- <0.95 to 0.9
- <0.9 to 0.85
- <0.85 to 0.8
- <0.8

Status	Topology	Name	Type	1 to 0.95 [%]	< 0.95 to 0.9 [%]	< 0.9 to 0.85 [%]	< 0.85 to 0.8 [%]	< 0.8 [%]
	Distribution Grid Monitoring Demo / DGM Demo Station 01 / Trafo	Trafo	Transformer	34.38	30.21	0.00	0.00	35.42
	Distribution Grid Monitoring Demo / DGM Demo Station 02 / Trafo	Trafo	Transformer	52.08	30.21	0.00	0.00	17.71
	Distribution Grid Monitoring Demo / DGM Demo Station 13 / Trafo	Trafo	Transformer	0.74	4.17	0.00	0.00	1.79
	Distribution Grid Monitoring Demo / DGM Demo Station 14 / Trafo	Trafo	Transformer	1.34	4.32	0.00	0.00	1.79
	Distribution Grid Monitoring Demo / DGM Demo Station 15 / Trafo	Trafo	Transformer	7.08	4.61	0.00	0.00	1.79

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs, Power Factor: Table View
(as of December 2025)

Voltage Deviation

The Voltage Deviation KPI helps operators monitor the voltage level and deviation against the rated voltages which are important operational targets. It offers analysis on voltage deviation variations at different substations or feeder points, facilitating the prompt detection of inefficiencies.

Severity Bins are designated as

- Normal: 0-10% (Green)
- Warning: >10 - 25% (Yellow)
- Critical: >25% (Red)

Assets Incoming Feeder
Determine the temporal distribution of voltage distribution by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period.
Data point used: Phase-to-phase A-B, Phase-to-phase B-C, Phase-to-phase C-A
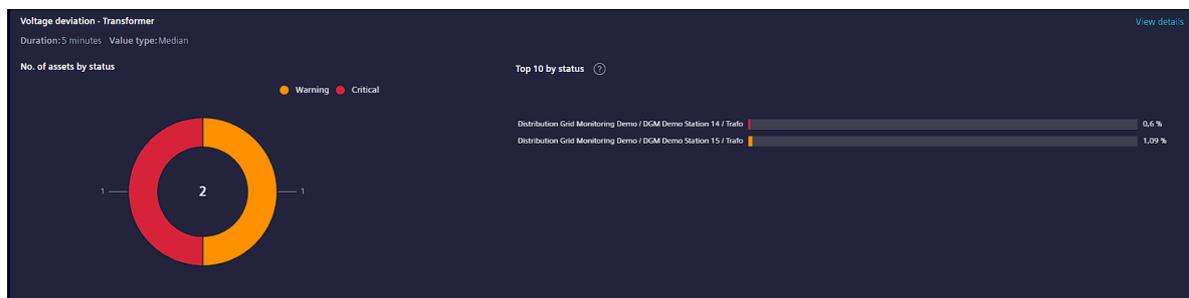
Assets Transformer
Determine the temporal distribution of voltage distribution by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period. Consider most affected phase in analysis.
Data point used: Phase A Phase B, Phase C.

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs
Voltage Deviation: DONUT Chart and Horizontal Bar Chart (as of December 2025)

Temporal distributions of voltage deviation among all assets are further representing in more granular structure and compute based on pre-defined bin as

- 0 to 10 [%]
- >10 to 20 [%]
- >20 to 25 [%]
- >25 [%]

Status	Topology	Name	Type	0 to 10 [%]	> 10 to 20 [%]	> 20 to 25 [%]	> 25 [%]
	Distribution Grid Monitoring Demo / DGM Demo Station 14 / Trafo	Trafo	Transformer	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.60
	Distribution Grid Monitoring Demo / DGM Demo Station 15 / Trafo	Trafo	Transformer	5.95	1.09	0.00	0.00

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs, Voltage Deviation: Table View (as of December 2025)

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Infeed Detection

The KPI Infeed detection provides crucial insights into reverse power flows (indicating generation, as opposed to positive power flow, which signifies consumption) occurring in outgoing feeders – a common challenge in distribution networks with high Distributed Energy Resources (DER) integration. By enabling precise detection and classification of these infeed conditions at the feeder level, this KPI empowers users to identify problematic areas, enabling prioritized operational optimization and proactive grid stability maintenance, ultimately ensuring a more resilient and efficient power distribution system.

Severity Bins are designated as

- Normal: <0 - 50% (Green)

- Warning: >50 - 80% (Yellow)

- Critical: >80% (Red)

Assets Outgoing Feeder

Determine the temporal distribution of power factor by employing predefined classification bins, incorporating aggregated values obtained during the specified aggregation period.
Data point used: Currents of phases A, B and C.
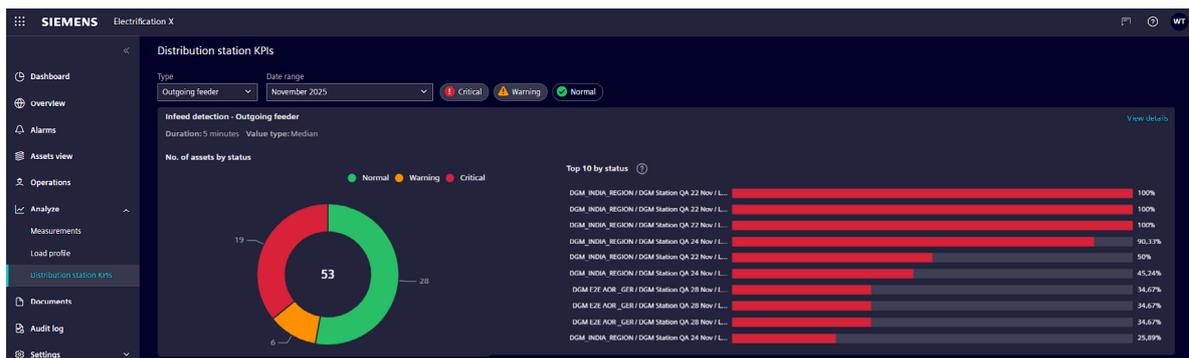
Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs
Voltage Deviation: DONUT Chart and Horizontal Bar Chart (as of December 2025)

Temporal distributions of infeed detection are further representing in more granular structure and compute based on pre-defined bin as

- No infeed
- >0% - <50%
- 50% - <60%
- 60% - <70%

- 70% - <80%
- 80% - <90%
- 90% - <100%
- >100%

Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring: Distribution Station KPIs, Infeed Detection: Table View (as of December 2025)

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Subscription

Standard Subscription Plan	Electrification X - Distribution Grid Monitoring
Functions	All
Subscription metric	DSO Station Monitoring – LV & MV per station per month
Subscription term	Annually, auto-renewal
Billing term	Annually, payment in advance
Upscale	Effective immediately, pro-rated billing
Downscale/Cancellation	Effective with end of subscription term
Connected Devices	To be purchased separately
Permitted Users	Unlimited, Extended Use

The Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring feature set subscription plan is the regular, scalable Offering for this Cloud Service. The subscription term is twelve (12) months with automatic renewal; the Cloud Service fee is paid in advance.
The subscription plan can be upscaled at any time and Cloud Service fees for upscales are calculated on a pro-rated basis. The Customer can also scale down the Cloud Service effective with the end of the current subscription term. The subscription fee will be adjusted for the upcoming billing term. The Cloud Service can be cancelled any time, effective with the end of the current subscription term.

The subscription plan can be purchased in packages per DSO station monitoring feature – LV & MV per distribution grid stations or street cabinets. The subscription plan assumes a distribution grid stations or street cabinets is referring to one unique postal address or geo coordinates.

Extended Use entitles the Customer to authorize its Affiliates and third parties to access and use the Cloud Services in accordance with the rights set out in the Terms and Conditions.

Prerequisites

Electrification X Tenant

The Electrification feature set is operated on an Electrification X Tenant. Therefore, a tenant with an Electrification X Base Package is required. The Electrification X Base Package has a subscription term of 12 month and must be purchased together with the first DSO station monitoring feature – LV & MV per distribution grid stations or street cabinets feature, if not otherwise already available and in operation.

Supported Connected Devices

The Cloud Service is currently compatible with commercially available Connected Devices from Siemens. A description of the available Connected Devices is provided below.

A Connected Device must be purchased and installed on premises at a site specified by the Customer as agreed between the Customer and Siemens to use the Cloud Service. The customer is responsible for installing the Connected Device at the site and any associated costs to perform said Cloud Service in accordance with related Documentation for the Connected Device.

List of supported Connected Devices: SICAM EGS, SICAM CP-801x

For order information, Customer may contact its local sales representative.

Web browser and viewing devices

Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge browsers have been tested and are recommended to be used to access the cloud service. Other modern standard web browsers will likely be compatible. A screen resolution of 1920 x 1080 pixels or higher is recommended for best user experience.

Internet Connection

The bandwidth of Customer's internet connection determines the performance of the Cloud Service.

Ordering

Ordering Process for the Subscription
To order the Cloud Service for the first time, Customer must request a quote from its Siemens sales representative. Depending on the offering either with services, then customer will receive a link to his tenant, or without services, then the Customer will receive a link to the shopping cart. In this case Customer needs to (i) choose the payment options and (ii) accept the Terms and Conditions to start using the Cloud Service. The "Terms and Conditions" consist of the "Supplemental Terms Electrification & Automation", the Base Terms and the General Software and Cloud Supplemental Terms, the Acceptable Use Policy, the Siemens Data Processing Terms, this Product and Service Data Sheet and any other Supplemental Terms which may be referenced in either of the mentioned documents. Customer may upgrade, downgrade, and cancel the Cloud Services directly in the Subscription Manager store https://subscribe.siemens.com.

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Connected Device
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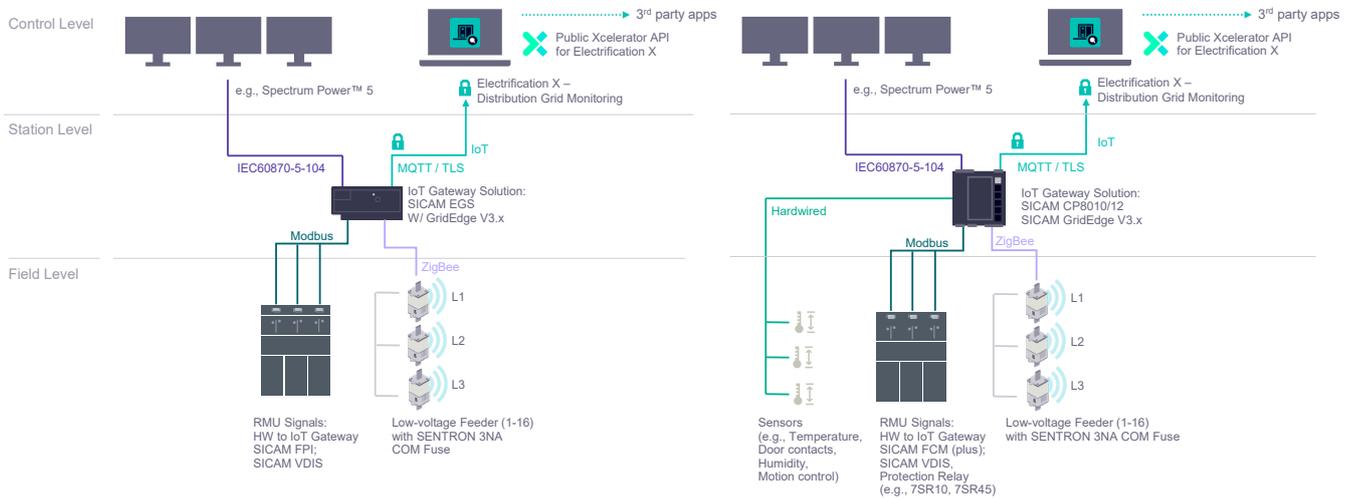
Product Documentation

Technical Documents	Document ID	Document ID German	Document ID English
Building X – Accounts User Guide	A6V12050070		
Building X – Devices User Guide	A6V12050067		
Electrification X – Base Package Operating Manual		E50417-H7500-C200-A5	E50417-H7540-C200-A5
Electrification X – Distribution Grid Monitoring Operating Manual		E50417-H7500-C206-A3	E50417-H7540-C206-A3
Electrification X – Engineering Guide		E50417-H7500-C203-A5	E50417-H7540-C203-A5
Electrification X – Security Manual		E50417-H7500-C204-A5	E50417-H7540-C204-A5

↗ Technical Documents can be downloaded here

Topology

End-to-end cybersecurity

Control Level
e.g., Spectrum Power™ 5

3rd party apps
Public Xcelerator API for Electrification X
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Station Level
IEC60870-5-104
MQTT / TLS   IoT
IoT Gateway Solution: SICAM EGS W/ GridEdge V3.x
Modbus

Field Level
ZigBee
L1
L2
L3

RMU Signals: HW to IoT Gateway SICAM FPI; SICAM VDIS

Low-voltage Feeder (1-16) with SENTRON 3NA COM Fuse

Data communication between the Connected Devices on premise and the Cloud Service requires internet connectivity SICAM EGS (to be provided by the Customer)

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MQTT / TLS   IoT
IoT Gateway Solution: SICAM CP8010/12 SICAM GridEdge V3.x
Hardwired
Modbus   ZigBee

Field Level
L1
L2
L3

Sensors (e.g., Temperature, Door contacts, Humidity, Motion control)

RMU Signals: HW to IoT Gateway SICAM FCM (plus); SICAM VDIS, Protection Relay (e.g., 7SR10, 7SR45)

Low-voltage Feeder (1-16) with SENTRON 3NA COM Fuse

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Both solutions for DSO Station Monitoring low- and medium-voltage offer key benefits whether with SICAM EGS or with CP-801x

Precise monitoring of all distribution grid stations and street cabinets

Instant, easy, remote access to any location any time

Insights into the power grid's utilization, the load of critical grid components

Customer Support

Siemens offers helpdesk support.
Customer may contact its local Siemens representative for support requests.