

# חידושים ועדכונים - במתקני חשמל מ"ג: עדכונים רגולטוריים, השפעות סביבתיות ופתרונות טכנולוגיים ליישום בשטח

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מהירים באזור תעשייה כנות  
מחלקות:

1. לוחות וציוד מתח נמוך

א. לוחות וציוד מיתוג

ב. פסי צבירה

ג. תאורת חירום

ד. מערכות גילוי אש

2. לוחות וציוד מתח גבוה (נטולי גז SF6)

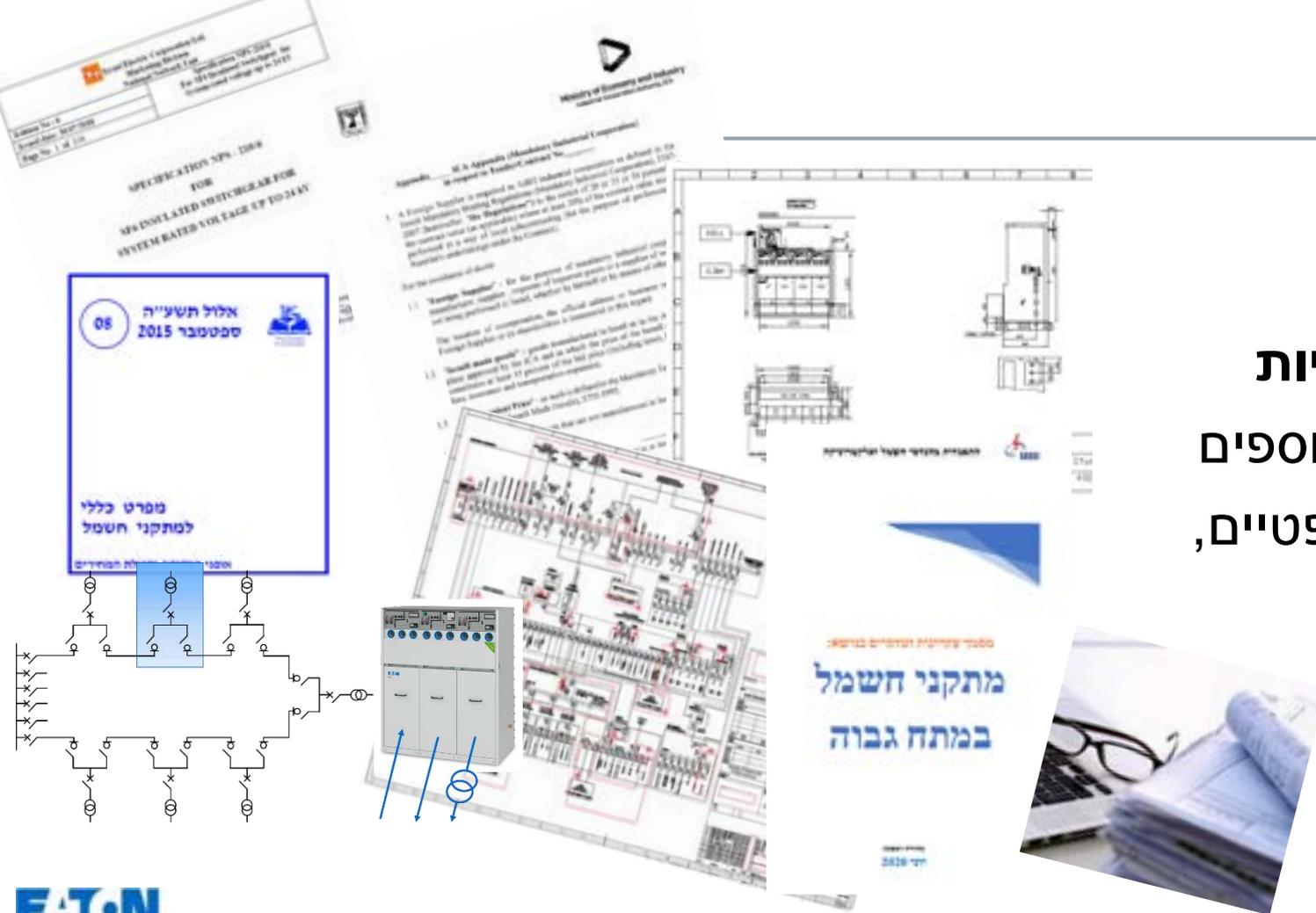
3. ארונות וציוד ל-Data Center ולחדרי IT

4. מערכות גיבוי UPS ואגירת אנרגיה



# מסמכים

- תוכניות
- מפרטים
- כתבי כמויות
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- מסחריים וכו'
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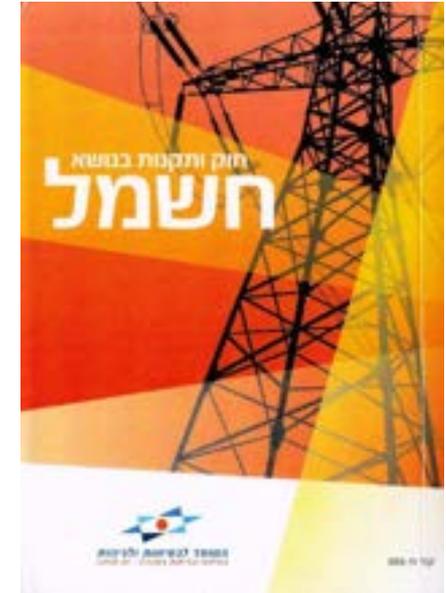
## חובת התקנת לוח

2. כל מיתקן חשמלי יצוייד בלוח, אחד או יותר, בהתאם לתקנות אלה.

## תכנון, התקנה ותחזוקה של לוח תק' תשס"ח-2008

3. (א) לוחות יתאימו לפחות לתקנים שיחולו עליהם במפורש בתקנות לפי החוק.

(ב) לוח יתוכנן בידי חשמלאי בלבד ; לוח יותקן ויתוחזק בידי חשמלאי או בפיקוחו.



# המפרט הטכני – תקנים ובדיקות

## 2. תקנים ובדיקות

2.01 | כל חלקי הלוחות ומרכביהם השונים מנתקים/מפסקים וכו' ייוצרו, ייבדקו, יקוטלגו ויאושרו בתעודות Type-Tested רשמיות בהתאם לדרישות תקני IEC/ EN/ ISO הבאים (במהדורתם האחרונה):

IEC 62271-1	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Common specifications for high-voltage switchgear and control gear standards
IEC 62271-100	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – High-voltage alternating-current circuit-breakers
IEC 62271-102	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches
IEC62271-103	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – High-voltage switches
IEC 62271-200	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – AC metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV

## Xiria

Rated Voltage: 24kV

Rated normal Current: 630A

Loss of service continuity: LSC2B

Partition class: PM

Internal Arc Classification (IAC): AFLR 20kA – 1s

**Xiria complies with the following international standards**

IEC 62271-1

IEC 62271-100

IEC 62271-102

IEC 62271-103

IEC 62271-200

IEC 62271-304

IEC 61869-1

IEC 61869-2

IEC 61869-3

IEC 60529

EN 50181

ISO 9001

ISO 14001

ISO 50001





חברת החשמל

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חטיבת שירותי רשת  
אגף הנדסת רשת  
מח' פיתוח טכנולוגיות רשת

כ"ב אייר תשפ"ד,

30/05/2024

מספר : 737-0000334-2024

**הנדון : מסדר מתח גבוה דגם Xiria תוצרת חברת EATON, הולנד**

### חידוש אישור

סימוכין : מסמך מסי 737-000011-2020 מיום 18/06/2020

הצהרת יצרן בדבר עמידה בתקן

בתמשך למנייתכם בבקשה לתאריך את תוקף אישור לחוות מתח גבוה מדגם Xiria, שהונפק ביום 18/06/2020 לאישור התקנת ציוד מספר 737-000011-2020.

1. הציוד הוא מסדר מתח גבוה מבודד באוויר.

2. המסדר מצויד במפסקים/מנתקים העובדים בריק.

3. מתח העבודה של המסדר הינו 24 ק"ו.

4. זרם העבודה של המסדר הינו 630 א"י.

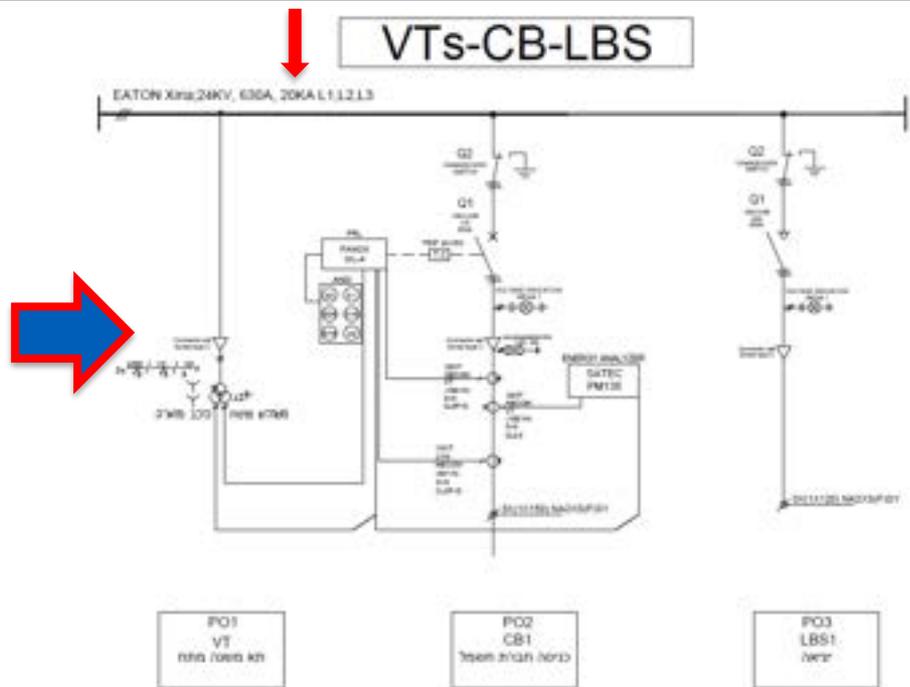
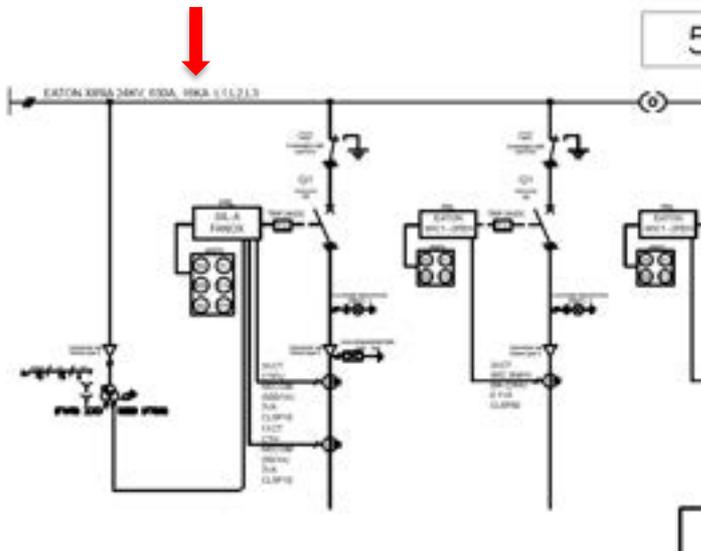
5. משנה המתח מסופק יחד עם הלוח ע"י חברת EATON.

הוצאת אישור לשימוש על מנת להעביר את הציוד לרשת החשמלית של חברת החשמל, על מנת להעביר את הציוד לרשת החשמלית של חברת החשמל.





# 16kA – 20kA



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# SF6 (fluorinated gas)



## APPLICATIONS OF THE GAS

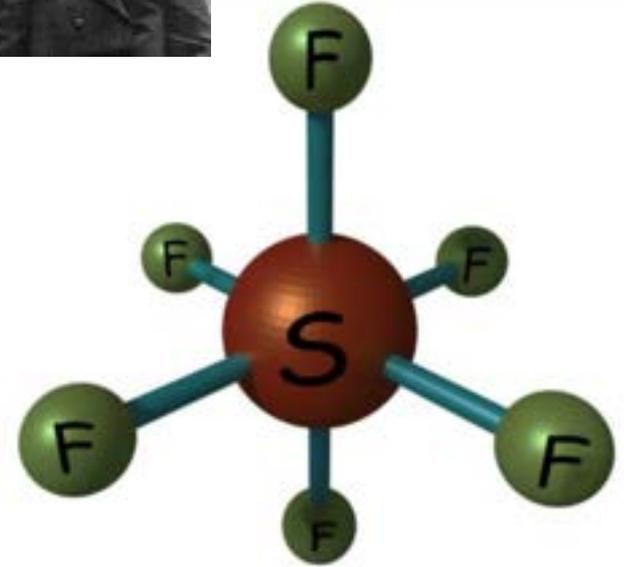
SF<sub>6</sub> is routinely used as an electrical and heat insulator in medium- and high-voltage T&D applications. These include:

- ✓ Circuit breakers
- ✓ Switchgears
- ✓ Power, voltage, and current transformers
- ✓ Gas-insulated lines
- ✓ Capacitors



<https://dilo.com/sf6-gas/useful-information-sf6/properties>

# What is SF<sub>6</sub>?



- First reported in 1900 by French Chemist **Henri Moissan**
- **SF<sub>6</sub> or sulfur hexafluoride** is a human made, colourless, and odourless **gas**.
- Chemically stable, Non-toxic\*, Non-flammable
- F-gases are a range of chemicals involving fluorine which have been used for a variety of things including the manufacture of shoes, tennis balls, and windows, and as a coolant in refrigerators.
- **Good properties as a dielectric insulating medium, prevents voltage electrical breakdown and explosion hazards.**

# SF<sub>6</sub> (Fluorinated gas)



Colorless and odorless



Non-toxic

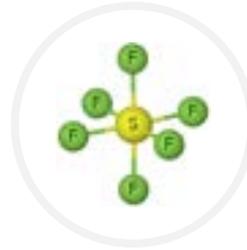


Chemically stable



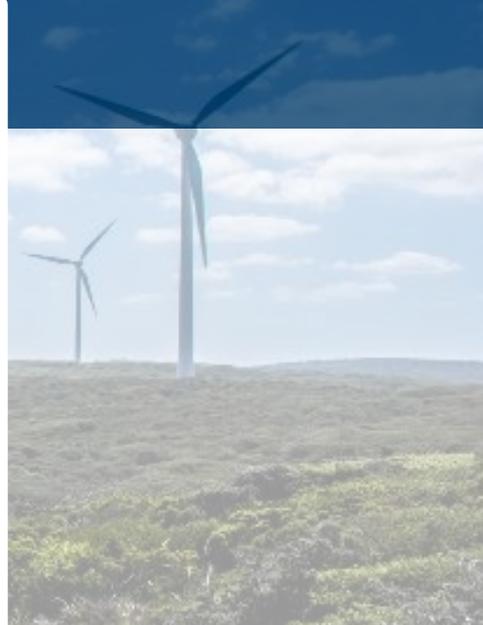
Non-flammable

- **Excellent Dielectric strength**
  - 2.5 times higher than that of air
- **Outstanding Arc quenching**
  - SF<sub>6</sub> is 100x more effective at quenching an arc than air
  - Creates resistance across the arcing contacts and eventually extinguishing the arc.
  - Once the arc is extinguished, sulfur hexafluoride begins to regenerate almost immediately.
- **Great Thermal properties**
  - More effective at dissipating heat than air, nitrogen, or other dielectrics.
  - The volumetric specific heat of SF<sub>6</sub> is 3.7 times that of air, meaning it is more effective at removing heat from the electric equipment



# Challenges in distribution grids

How does the grid look like in 2030?



# Challenges in distribution grids

## EU Green Deal

### The Energy Transition is on full speed



Economic growth + Ongoing sector coupling =

Rise of electrification



Grid connections, Switchgear and circuit breakers



Fossil-powered generation → Mixed green sources of power (including wind, solar and gas)



New legislation  
11 March 2024!



Global installed base of SF<sub>6</sub> growth by 75% by 2030 \*if no legislation

# SF<sub>6</sub> switchgears & GIS/AIS Switchgears

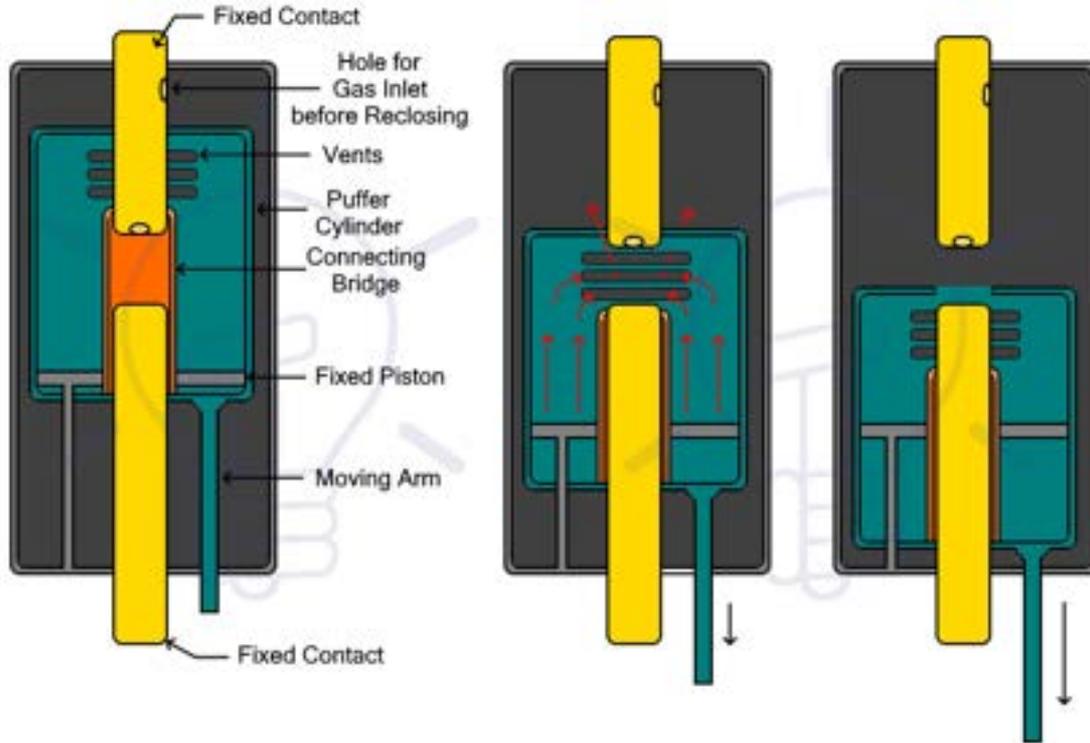


HMH Series  
**Air insulated Switchgear**

URING Series  
**SF gas insulated switchgear**



# SF<sub>6</sub> in High-voltage equipment



Puffer type SF<sub>6</sub> Circuit Breaker

<https://www.electricaltechnology.org/2021/08/sf6-sulphur-hexafluoride-circuit-breaker.html>

# Network design

## Arcs

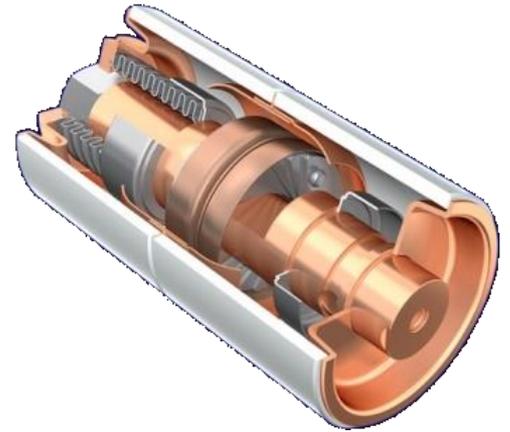
- Switching in vacuum



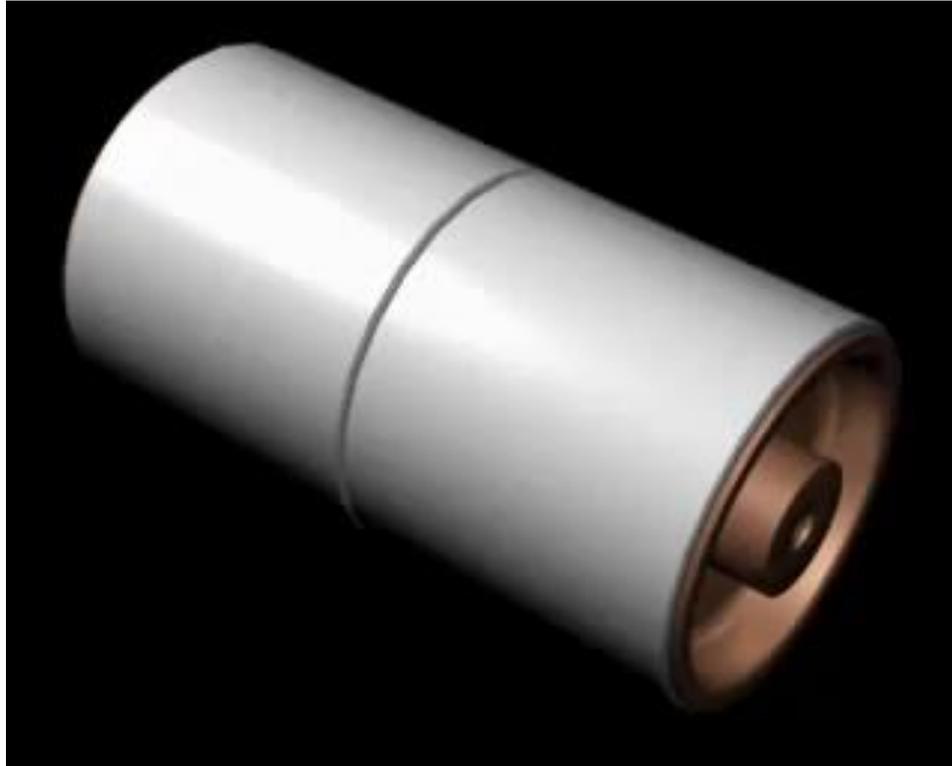
- Switching in oil



- 24kV VB18 interrupter



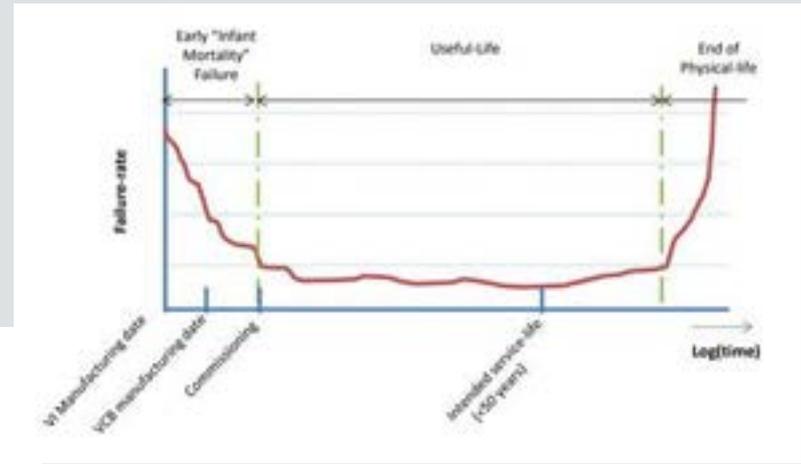
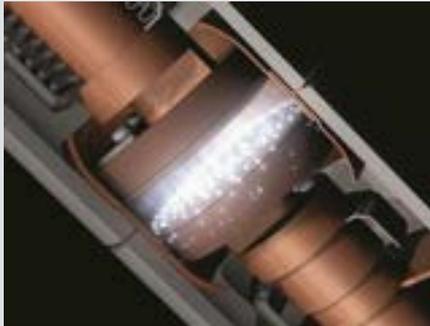
# Eaton Vacuum Interrupters



# Using Eaton Core Technologies

## Vacuum technology

- Safe, compact & reliable construction None
- affected contacts Environmentally friendly
- switching medium 30.000 operations



MTBF Eaton VI > 100.000 year  
Design life  $\geq$  100 year

# Why SF<sub>6</sub> is used in switchgear?

- SF<sub>6</sub> has been widely used in the electrical industry to prevent short circuits and accidents
- When used as an interrupting medium, SF<sub>6</sub> is able to quench the arc
- It is non-flammable, non-explosive, colourless, odourless, and non-toxic\*
- It is effective as an insulating material for medium and high-voltage electrical installations
- SF<sub>6</sub> switchgear falls under three categories:
  - Closed pressure systems
  - Controlled pressure systems
  - Hermetically sealed systems

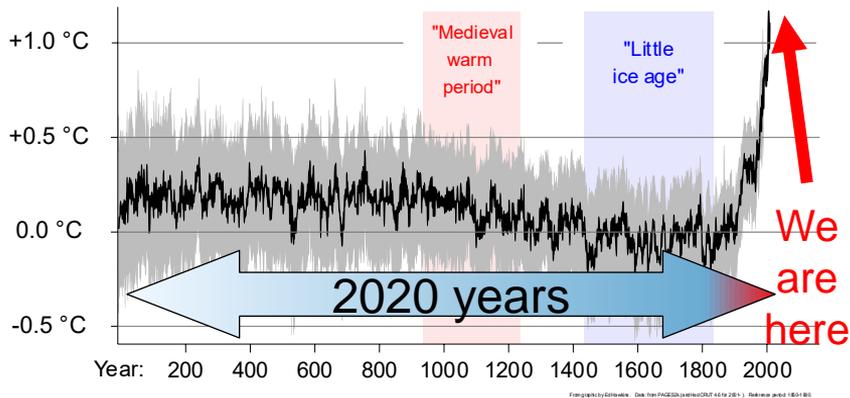
\*Whilst SF<sub>6</sub> is non-toxic, it does not support life and can cause suffocation. Heavy duty switching operations can generate harmful by-products from decomposition.



# Global view on climate and energy

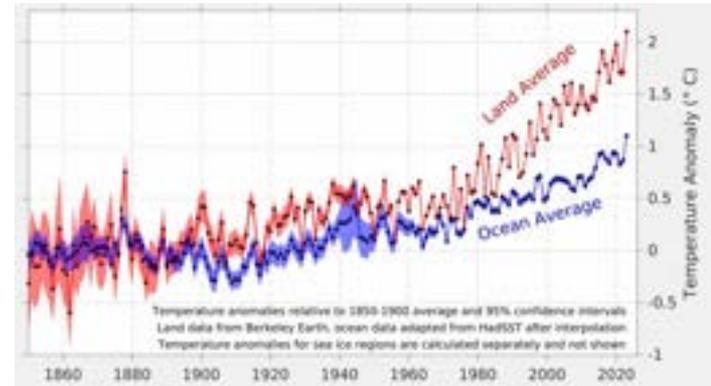
## Motivation: global temperature rise

### Global Average Temperature Change



Source: Global temp. Change: By RCraig09 - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=87832845>

### Land and Ocean Temperatures 1850-2023

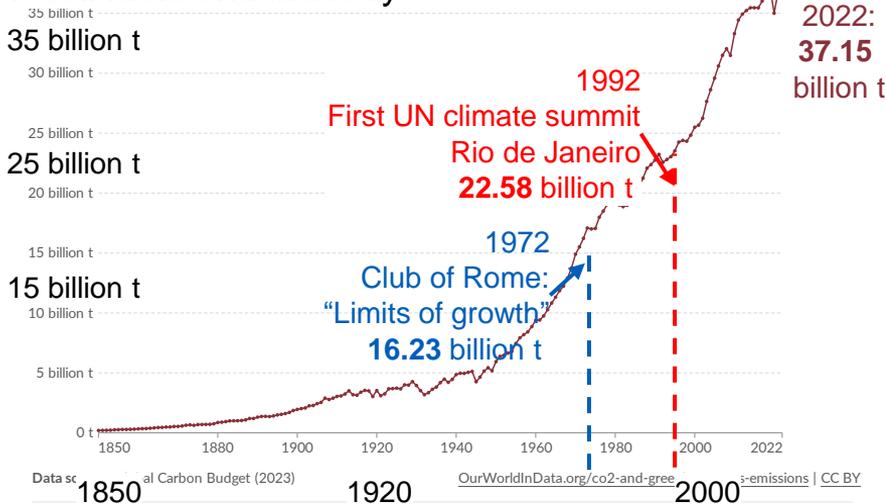


Source: <https://berkeleyearth.org/global-temperature-report-for-2023/>

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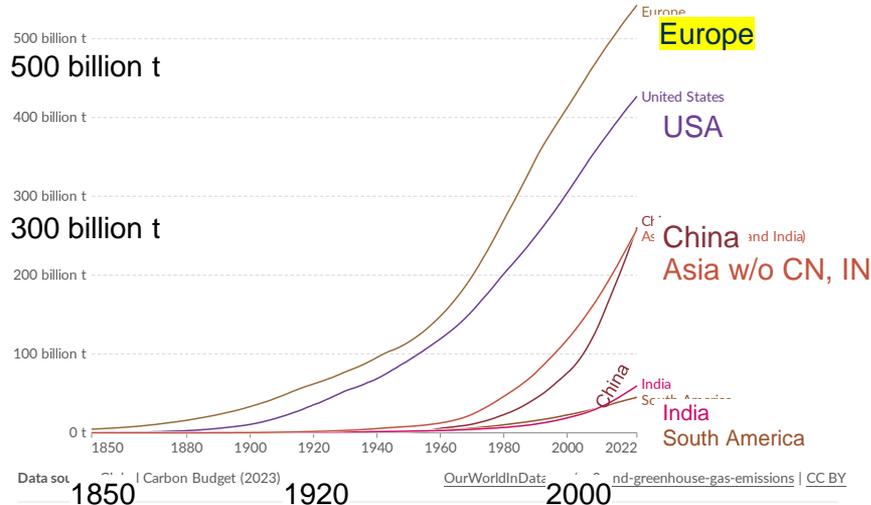
## Motivation: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

### Worldwide **annual** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels and industry



1. Fossil emissions: Fossil emissions measure the quantity of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emitted from the burning of fossil fuels, and directly from industrial processes such as cement and steel production. Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> includes emissions from coal, oil, gas, flaring, cement, steel, and other industrial processes. Fossil emissions do not include land use change, deforestation, soils, or vegetation.

### **Cumulative** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels and industry since 1750



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<https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/annual-co2-emissions-per-country>

<https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/cumulative-co-emissions>

# Motivation: Energy efficiency

## Invest in clean energy and efficiency

- IPCC report 2023
  - Power generation, buildings, industry, and transport are responsible for close to 80% of global emissions
  - One necessary measure is **investment in clean energy & efficiency (2.)**

### 10 key solutions needed to mitigate climate change

-  **1.** **RETIRE** coal plants
-  **2.** **INVEST** in clean energy & efficiency
-  **3.** **RETROFIT** and **DECARBONIZE** buildings
-  **4.** **DECARBONIZE** cement, steel & plastics
-  **5.** **SHIFT** to electric vehicles
-  **6.** **INCREASE** public transport, biking and walking
-  **7.** **DECARBONIZE** aviation and shipping
-  **8.** **HALT** deforestation & **RESTORE** degraded lands
-  **9.** **REDUCE** food loss and waste and **IMPROVE** agricultural practices
-  **10.** **EAT** more plants & less meat

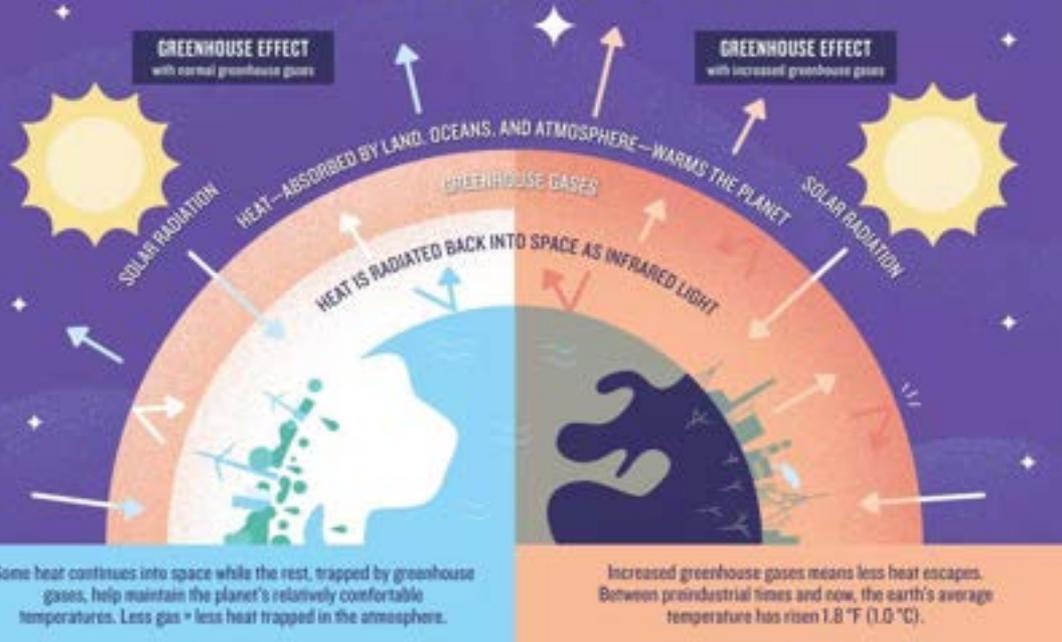
Source: IPCC AR6.  
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 WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE

Source: <https://www.wri.org/insights/2023-ipcc-ar6-synthesis-report-climate-change-findings> and <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/>

# What is a greenhouse gas?

In the last century, human activities such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation have caused a jump in the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The result: extra trapped heat and higher global temperatures.



**Daytime:** the sun shines through the atmosphere, warming the earth's surface.



**Nighttime:** the earth's surface cools, releasing heat back into the air. But some of the heat is trapped by the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.



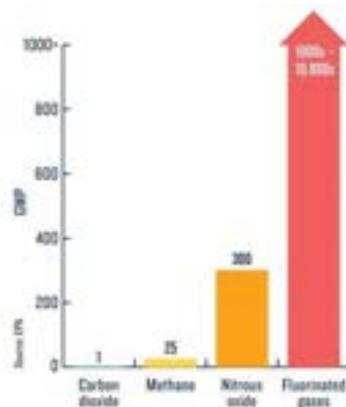
Greenhouse gases act like the glass walls of a greenhouse trapping in the heat.

# SF<sub>6</sub> aka fluorinated gas

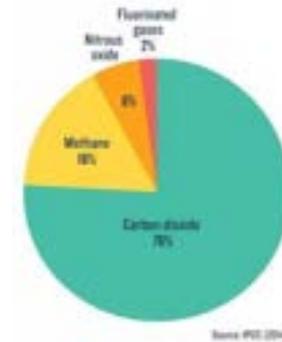
- Over a 100-year period, SF<sub>6</sub> is **23,500** times more effective at trapping infrared radiation than an equivalent amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).
- SF<sub>6</sub> is also a very stable chemical, with an atmospheric lifetime of **3,200 years**.



## HOW GREENHOUSE GASES WARM OUR PLANET



The global warming potential (GWP) of human-generated greenhouse gases is a measure of how much heat each gas traps in the atmosphere, relative to carbon dioxide.



How much each human-caused greenhouse gas contributes to total emissions around the globe.

# Greenhouse gas equivalents



Preventing emission of 1kg (2.2lbs) of SF<sub>6</sub> has the equivalent environmental impact as

5



Removing 5 vehicles from the road for an entire year

11



Preventing the burning of 11 metric tons of coal

54



Eliminating the combustion of 54 barrels of oil

# Greenhouse Gases Global Warming Potential (GWP)

Gas	Common Source or Application	Global Warming Potential (GWP)
Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Fire suppression, carbonated beverages, by-product of fossil fuel consumption	1
Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	Consumed as fuel (also known as Natural Gas)	21
HFC6-152a	Refrigerant, aerosol spray propellant	140
Nitrous Oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O)	Known as 'Laughing Gases, pain relief in dental procedures, car performance, and preservative.	310
HFC-32	Refrigerant	650
HFC-4310mee	Solvent for cleaning process	1,300
HFC-125	Used as a fire suppression agent	2,800
HFC-143a	Refrigerant, aerosol spray propellant	3,800
HFC-236fa	Used as a fire suppression agent, refrigerant	6,300
CF <sub>4</sub>	Refrigerant, electronics fabrication	6,500
C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	Semiconductor fabrication	9,200
Fluoroform (HFC-23)	Semiconductor fabrication, fire suppressant	11,700
<b>SF<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>Electrical Switchgear</b>	<b>25,200</b>

Source: WPD, A Literature Review on SF<sub>6</sub> Gas Alternatives for use on the Distribution Network, 2018 [2]

# SF<sub>6</sub> Toxic By-products

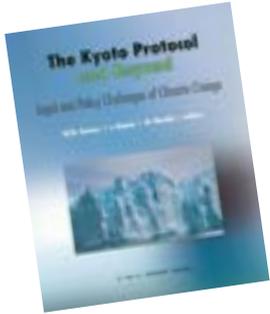
- Reactive decomposition by-products form when SF<sub>6</sub> is exposed to:
  - spark discharges
  - partial discharges
  - switching arcs
  - failure arcing
- Decomposition **by-products** can take the **form of gas or powders**
- If by-products are ingested or inhaled this can cause: eye, nose and throat irritation, **pulmonary oedema**, and other **lung damage**, skin and eye burns, nasal congestion, Bronchitis, rashes



Caution  
SF<sub>6</sub>



# Kyoto protocol sets path for F-Gas regulation



The Kyoto protocol stimulated the European Union to enforce the 2007 F-gas regulation.

Today SF<sub>6</sub> is banned for most industries. Exception is the switchgear industry because in 2014 SF<sub>6</sub> was deemed to have no reliable alternative.

**The switchgear industry and its users are responsible for 80% of total annual SF<sub>6</sub> gas emissions.**

## European Union:

*“No later than 1 July 2023, the Commission shall publish a report assessing whether **cost-effective, technically feasible, energy-efficient and reliable alternatives** exist, which make the replacement of fluorinated greenhouse gases possible in new medium-voltage secondary switchgear and new small single split air-conditioning systems and shall submit, if appropriate, a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend the list set out in Annex III.”*

– **Current F-gas regulation**



# How damaging is SF<sub>6</sub> to the environment?

## The Power and Energy Industry is the Largest Emitter of SF<sub>6</sub> Gas.

1 kg SF<sub>6</sub> = 24,300 kg CO<sub>2</sub>  
= 10,000 liters of burned gasoline

On average 2,5 kg SF<sub>6</sub>  
are used in one  
switchgear

SF<sub>6</sub> lasts in the atmosphere for  
3,200 years after it is released

The power and energy industry is responsible  
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\*Last remaining loophole for SF<sub>6</sub> Gas emissions



Switchgear systems  
(SF<sub>6</sub> switching & insulation)



Sport shoes  
(SF<sub>6</sub> filled bags for shock absorption)



Tennis balls  
(Less pressure loss with SF<sub>6</sub>)



Car tires  
(Less pressure loss with SF<sub>6</sub>)



Double glazing  
(Temperature insulation with SF<sub>6</sub>)

## It is Time to End the Use of SF<sub>6</sub> in Switchgear!

- [IPCC AR6 Report](#)
- ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/573/oj>

# How damaging is SF<sub>6</sub> to the environment?



A rubber balloon filled with SF<sub>6</sub> will expand and ultimately burst, as the smaller and faster-moving O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> molecules diffuse through the rubber skin into the balloon very much faster than SF<sub>6</sub> can diffuse out. SF<sub>6</sub> has been used to inflate car tyres, and Nike employed SF<sub>6</sub> for air cushioning its Air Max shoes from 1978 onwards, as the use of this large molecule minimised leaks from the air cushions in the heel. Though the greenhouse potential of SF<sub>6</sub> was recognised in 1992, it took them nearly 14 years to solve the problem; in the end, Nike used 65 layers of plastic to reduce nitrogen loss, and employed blow moulding to produce the desired product, the SF<sub>6</sub>-free AirMax 360 (photo, left).



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**REGULATION (EU) 2024/573 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**of 7 February 2024**

**on fluorinated greenhouse gases, amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 517/2014**

(Text with EEA relevance)



## מתי יחלו ההגבלות?

תקנות הגז נכנסו לתוקף באירופה 20 יום מהפרסום הרשמי – כלומר הם נכנסו כבר לתוקף ב- **11/3/2024**.

החל מ-	מתח	
1/1/2026	עד 24kV (וכולל)	איסור על התקנת ציוד או לוחות מתח גבוה המכילים גז SF6 / F-gases
1/1/2030	מ- 24kV עד 52kV	איסור על התקנת ציוד או לוחות מתח גבוה המכילים SF6 / F-gases
1/1/2028	מ 52kV ועד 145kV	איסור על התקנת ציוד או לוחות מתח עליון עם F-gases בהם $GWP \geq 1$
1/1/2032	מ 145kV	איסור על התקנת ציוד או לוחות מתח עליון עם F-gases בהם $GWP \geq 1$

\*GWP - global warming potential

# EU Fgas Regulation

2024

Regulation (EU) 2024/573 of the European Parliament and of the council of 7 February 2024

- Leak checks § 5
- Leakage detection systems § 6
- Record-keeping § 7
- Recovery and destruction § 8
- Certification and training § 10
- Control of use § 13

2026

F-gas prohibition in MV switchgear

≤ 24 kV

(1-1-2026)

2028

F-gas phase out of HV switchgear between 52 kV and 145 kV

2030

F-gas phase out of MV switchgear between 25 kV and ≤ 52 kV

GWP values deleted for MV = Full F-gas ban on probation dates (exemptions apply)

## REGULATION (EU) 2024/573 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL Leak checks (*Article 5*)

Electrical switchgear shall not be checked for leaks provided that it complies with one of the following conditions:

- (a) it has a tested leakage rate of less than 0,1 % per year as set out in the technical specification of the manufacturer and is labelled accordingly;
- (b) it is equipped with a pressure or density monitoring device with an automatic alert system while in operation;
- (c) it contains less than 6 kilograms of fluorinated greenhouse gases listed in Annex I.

## High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 4: Handling procedures for gases for insulation and/or switching (IEC 62271-4:2022)

### 3.1.21

#### **sealed pressure system**

volume for which no further liquid, gas or vacuum processing is required during its expected operating duration

Note 1 to entry: Examples of sealed pressure systems are vacuum circuit-breakers or some MV circuit-breakers or MV switchgear with leakage rates  $< 0,1 \text{ %/a}$ .

Note 2 to entry: Sealed pressure systems are typically assembled and tested in the factory.

Note 3 to entry: Expected operating duration starts when the device is sealed.

[SOURCE: IEC 62271-1:2017, 3.6.6.3, modified – Note 1 to entry and Note 2 to entry modified.]

## IEC 62271-4:2022

### 5 Gas handling during normal service life

#### 5.1 Topping-up of gas to the filling pressure/density for insulation and/or switching

This subclause applies to gas compartments of closed pressure systems to assure continuity of service. Usually, the pressure/density monitor generates an alarm/indication due to too low pressure/density. The alarm value shall be proposed by the electric power equipment manufacturer.

##### A.6.14 Gas concentration alarm systems

Gas concentration alarm systems might be installed to monitor the SF<sub>6</sub> concentration in a room. Such alarm systems require detectors with very high long-term stability. The infrared absorption characteristic of SF<sub>6</sub> is used as the basis for most detectors of this type. An infrared source is used to heat a gas sample in a differential pressure-measuring device using a sensitive capacitance transducer. The pressure rise is measured.

Sensitivities down to 10 µl/l (ppm) can be achieved. Automatic functional check facilities can

## IEC 62271-4:2022

### Table A.1 – Measures when working with SF<sub>6</sub> electric power equipment

A notice stating that open fire, naked flames (for example matches), smoking, use of heat engines, heating to more than 180 °C and welding without special precautions **are prohibited because SF<sub>6</sub> decomposes** in the presence of certain metals above the temperature of 200 °C, and will decompose on its own at temperatures above 500 °C, should be displayed. **Electric arcing (through normal operations or interruption of fault currents) causes decomposition. Naked flames can also cause decomposition. Instructions for giving first-aid (see A.2.8) should be displayed while SF<sub>6</sub> is being handled in any location.**

When a gas compartment is opened after the electric power equipment has been in service, **personnel should wear suitable protective clothing in order to avoid contact with the fine solid by-products, which can be present. Particular attention should be given to protecting the eyes and the respiratory tract. Personnel working in or near to opened gas compartments, which have contained normally arced or heavily arced SF<sub>6</sub> should:**

- use suitable tools and handling equipment;
- wear suitable protective clothing (see A.2.5);
- observe high standards of personal hygiene;
- clean themselves and their handling equipment using disposable materials, before leaving the work area;
- remove protective clothing and wash them thoroughly as soon as possible after having left the work area;
- ensure that clothing, tools and components which have been in contact with by-products are securely packed in sealed bags or other sealed containers and are subsequently treated to neutralise any residues.



# IEC 61936-1

Edition 2.1 2014-02

## Power installations exceeding 1 kV a.c. Part 1: Common rules

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## IEC 61936-1 2014

### 8.8.2 SF<sub>6</sub> leakage

Recommendations for use and handling of SF<sub>6</sub> gas are given in IEC/TR 62271-303.

To cover the unlikely event of an abnormal leakage, ventilation shall be provided in the switchgear room and in other accessible locations where the accumulation of gas may present a hazard. In case of outdoor installation, no special precautions are needed.

In rooms with SF<sub>6</sub> installations, which are above ground, natural venting is sufficient, if the gas volume of the largest compartment at atmospheric pressure does not exceed 10 % of the volume of the accessible switchgear room. If this demand cannot be fulfilled, mechanical ventilation shall be installed.

In rooms with SF<sub>6</sub> installations which are below ground on all sides, mechanical ventilation shall be provided if gas quantities which pose an intolerable risk to the health and safety of personnel (see note below) are capable of collecting in terms of gas quantity versus size of the room.

Chambers, ducts, pits, shafts, etc., situated below SF<sub>6</sub> installation rooms and connected to them, shall have the possibility of being ventilated.

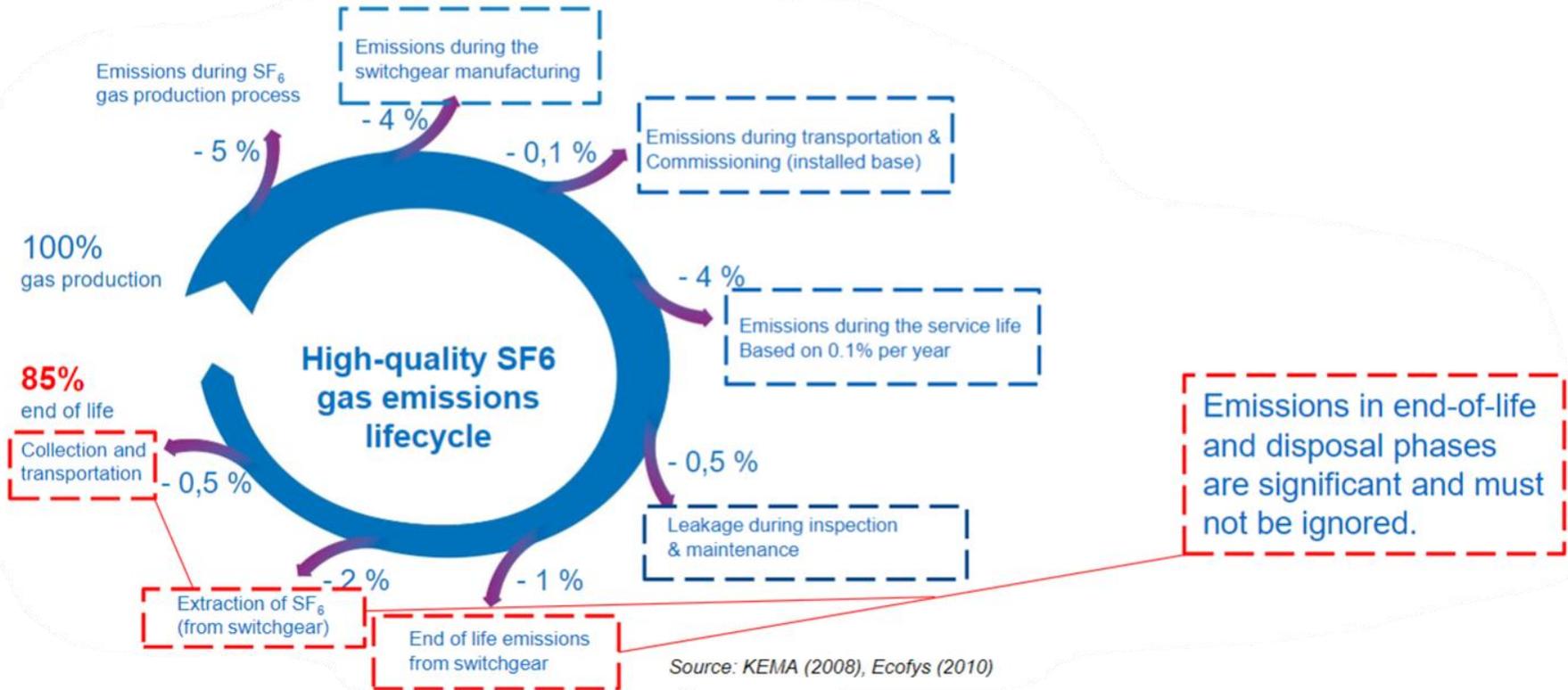
To guarantee that no thermal decomposition of SF<sub>6</sub> present in the atmosphere can occur the

# The Energy Transition is on full speed

- Rise of electrification due to economic growth and ongoing sector coupling
- Move from coal-powered generators to mixed green sources of power including wind, solar and gas
- Increased grid connections and rise in switchgear and circuit breakers
- Global installed base of SF<sub>6</sub> was expected to grow by 75% by 2030



# Leakage during Life Cycle



Source: KEMA (2008), Ecofys (2010)



2024/573

20.2.2024

- תאריך החלת האיסור -ינואר 2026, נוגע לתאריך **הפעלת הציוד** (ולא לתאריך הזמנת הציוד או להעמדת הציוד באתר) – ראו Article 13 - סעיף 9 ע"מ 29 בפרסום הרשמי המצורף, ולכן האיסור יחול גם על שימוש בלוחות שהוזמנו או אף הועמדו באתר (ולא הופעלו) לפני ה 1/1/2026.
- האיסור אינו נוגע לציוד מותקן ומופעל.
- תתאפשר מכירה של ציוד לצורך הרחבת לוחות קיימים או לצורכי תחזוקה, עם זאת סביר שמאחר והרגולציה תשפיע באופן ניכר על יצרני הציוד בחו"ל - זמינות הציוד והמחיר יהיו בהתאם.
- התקנות החדשות מכילות הגבלות ופיקוח הדוק גם על ייצור גזי ה "F", לרבות אופן השימוש בגזים, ההובלה, האחסון, ועד להנחיות ורגולציה בנושא הגריטה בשלב ה"end of live", כך שסביר שיהיו לכך השלכות משמעותיות על זמינותו ומחירו של גז ה-SF<sub>6</sub>.



- (44) The import from and export to a State that is not party to the Protocol of HFCs as well as of products and equipment containing HFCs or whose functioning relies upon those gases should be prohibited as from 2028. The Protocol envisages that prohibition from 2033, and the purpose of its earlier application under this Regulation is to ensure that the global HFC reduction measures of the Kigali Amendment provide the envisaged benefit to the climate as soon as possible.



## הפחתת פליטות גזי חממה בישראל

כדי לצמצם את ההשלכות של שינויי האקלים ולהתייעל בשימוש במשאבים, נוקטים בעולם פעולות ותוכניות להפחתת פליטות גזי חממה, בעיקר על ידי צמצום שרפת דלקים פוסיליים, סוגי דלק שמקורם במחצבים (נפט ותזקיט, גז) והטמעת תהליכי התייעלות בכל מגזרי הפעילות האנושית. ממשלת ישראל התחייבה ב-2021 להפחית פליטות גזי חממה עד 2030 בשיעור 27% בהשוואה ל-2015 ולעמוד באפס פליטות עד 2050 בהשוואה ל-2015. המאמצים הבין-לאומיים להפחתת גזי החממה מתקיימים במסגרת אמנת המסגרת של האו"ם להתמודדות עם שינויי האקלים

נושא יקרים, יחסים בין-לאומיים - נושא משני: הפחתת פליטות (מיסוג) - תאריך פרסום: 27.10.2019 - תאריך עדכון: 09.05.2024

טבלה 15: סיכום דיווחי חברת החשמל למנגנון המקומי הוולונטרי של המשרד להגנת הסביבה הישראלי לשנים 2010 - 2014: פילוח הפליטות הישירות לפי סוג גזי חממה

פליטות גזי חממה (טון שווה ערך פחמן דו-חמצני)					
סה"כ פליטות	SF <sub>6</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>	
34,312,517	49,996	10,684	128,097	34,123,738	2014
38,762,789	51,922	10,904	145,145	38,554,817	2013
46,363,988	50,519	16,770	188,309	46,108,389	2012
40,661,709	50,283	12,178	158,381	40,440,866	2011
39,467,669	33,149	10,930	150,993	39,272,597	2010

## דיון וחשבון סביבתי לשנת 2022



טבלה 17: פירוט מקדמי ההתחממות הגלובלית של גזי החממה השונים כפי שנקבעו במסגרת מתודולוגיית החישוב של המנגנון הוולונטרי:

מקדם ההתחממות הגלובלית GWP			
עד שנת 2013	החל משנת 2014	החל משנת 2020	
1	1	1	CO <sub>2</sub> פחמן דו-חמצני
310	298	265	N <sub>2</sub> O חנקן חת חמצני
21	25	28	CH <sub>4</sub> מתאן
23900	22800	23500	SF <sub>6</sub> גזי חממה שט פלואורית

# What between now and 1-1-2026?

## To consider

- SF<sub>6</sub> insulation is seen as environmental unfriendly. The banked amount adds to CO<sub>2</sub> footprint
- The dismantling cost for SF<sub>6</sub> insulated gear will raise and negatively influence TCO
- Green public procurement in public tenders



# Switching to SF<sub>6</sub>-free - answering challenges



## Challenges

- Product selection
- Migration process



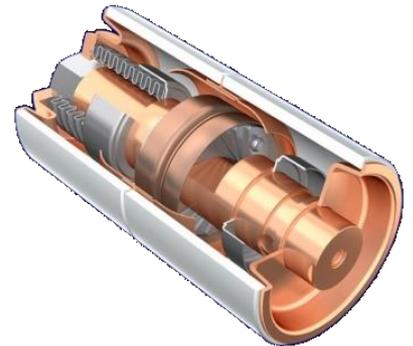
## Roadmap for a smooth transition

- Education and awareness: understand available options considering performance, safety, and cost
- Access to resources: whitepapers, case studies, and expert insights
- Collaboration: engage with SF<sub>6</sub>-free manufacturers and learn from their expertise
- Early adoption: act now

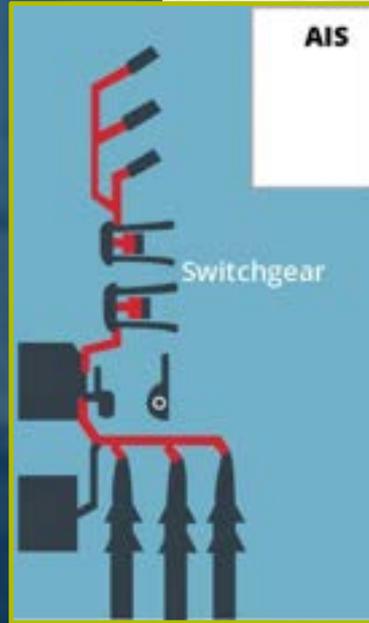
# Alternatives to SF6 GIS



- Conventional AIS (primary switchgear)
- Fluoroketones / Fluornitrilles (GIS) Prohibited PFAS, GWP
- Air (or natural air components) under high pressure (GIS)
- Solid Insulation (SIS)
- Air under Atmospheric pressure (AIR GIS) > Xiria
  - Switching in Vacuum

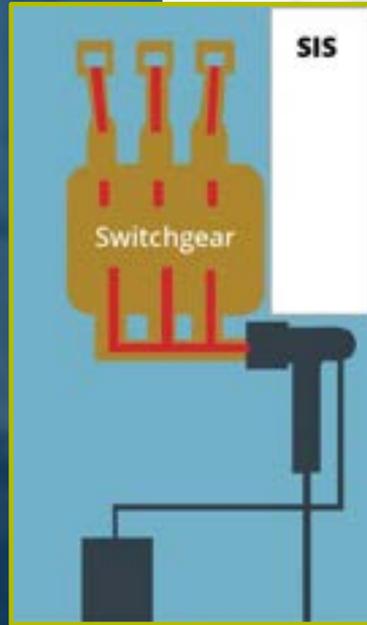


# AIS - Conventional air-insulated switchgear



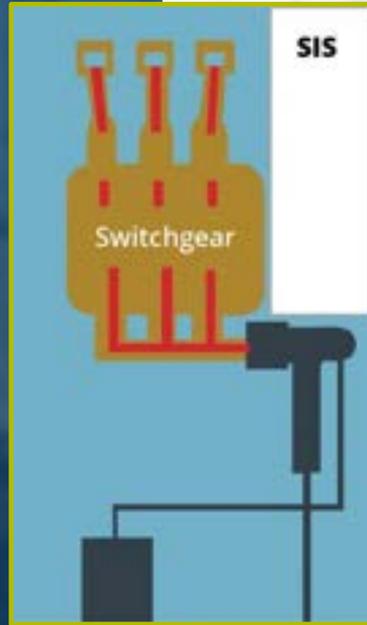
- Mainly for primary switchgear
- Primary insulation medium is Air (surrounding Air)
- No tank / hermetic concept
- More affordable than GIS
- Simpler structures than with GIS
- Withdrawable CBs / other modules
- Less down-time due to fast change of CB possible
- Larger dimensions compared to GIS/SIS (For high currents this difference is small)

# SIS - Solid insulated switchgear



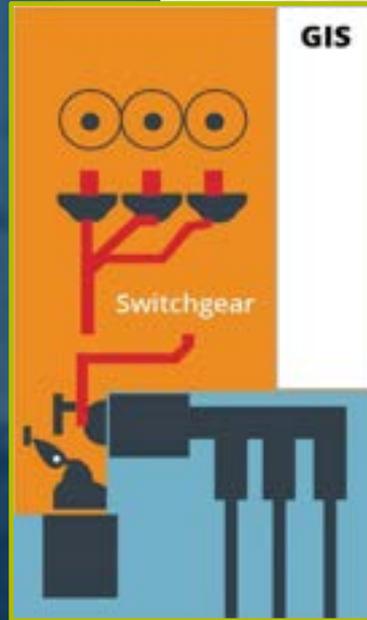
- Primary & secondary switchgear
- Open enclosure / compartmentalized (PM)
- Primary parts are insulated with solid material
- Decreased air gap between phases
- Conductors enclosed in solid materials
- Compact and safe design – requires less space
- More expensive than AIS
- Keeps electrical properties as cast resin is not aging

# SSIS – Shielded or Screened SIS



- Conductive layer outside of the insulating layer)
- Ground shield around each phase of the switchgear
- No exposure to live parts
- The ground layer;
  - minimizes phase-to-phase interaction
  - reduces the likelihood of arc flash
  - helps to protect the insulating material itself
- More expensive than SIS
- The ground shield behaves like a «Faraday cage»

# New GIS – Pressurized air or components of air (Industrial air)



- Secondary and primary switchgear
- Pressurized industrial air (mainly N<sub>2</sub>) or pressurized air
- Hermetically sealed-for-life tank  
(Active/primary parts in the tank require no maintenance)
- Compact design but pressure checks needed
- Operational personnel needs to be certified
- Pressure up to 2.5 bars abs - higher than with SF<sub>6</sub>  
Dielectric properties can get lost when pressure is lost
- Relatively new technology
- If leaking than the dielectrical behavior is on stake  
(Design needs to be verified in the field for long-term behavior)

# Non-pressurized air-GIS



- Hermetically sealed-for-life tank; GIS
- For active/primary parts - no maintenance required
- Compact, safe design and less TCO
- Switching using vacuum interrupters
- Lifetime of more than 40 years
- Proven technology
- No pressure in the tank = no certified operational personnel needed
- Very stable dielectrical behavior, even if the tank would be leaking
- Xiria uses this proven technology
- On the market since 2002

# Ahead of our time



## Eaton – Ahead of Its Time Developing SF<sub>6</sub>-free Switchgear



# F-gas free Solution **Natural Air GIS**

SF<sub>6</sub> FREE

## We make what matters work

- Xiria's sealed for life compartment contains air under atmospheric pressure
- GIS concept prevents primary components from ingress of moisture and dust
- Switching in vacuum will not deteriorate the dielectrical strength of the switchboard
- Proven design, Xiria's are in all kind off applications since 2002 (12kV) and 2003 (24kV)
- No pressure vessel, No additional trainings, no pressure meter



# Sealed-for-Life Enclosure -GIS-

SF<sub>6</sub> FREE

- The sealed compartment is filled with **dry air** and by sealing this compartment the primary parts and tripping mechanism are protected from environmental influences such as moist, dust and any kind of animals or insects
- By means of the sealed compartment the primary parts, switches and circuit breakers are maintenance free
- Where SF<sub>6</sub> insulated switchgear relies on a man-made gas to prevent from an internal arc, this solution is 100% F-gas free. With the benefit of maximised safety for people and the planet, personnel and our environment
- See also our Cired paper 0088 from the conference in 2021

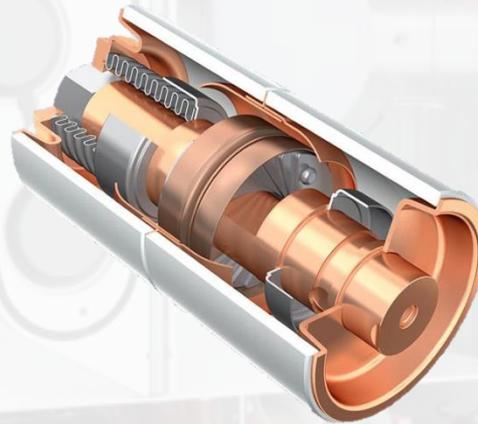


# Core competences

## Safety, Sustainability and Availability

- Arc free design
- Arc proof design
- SF<sub>6</sub> free
- System integration

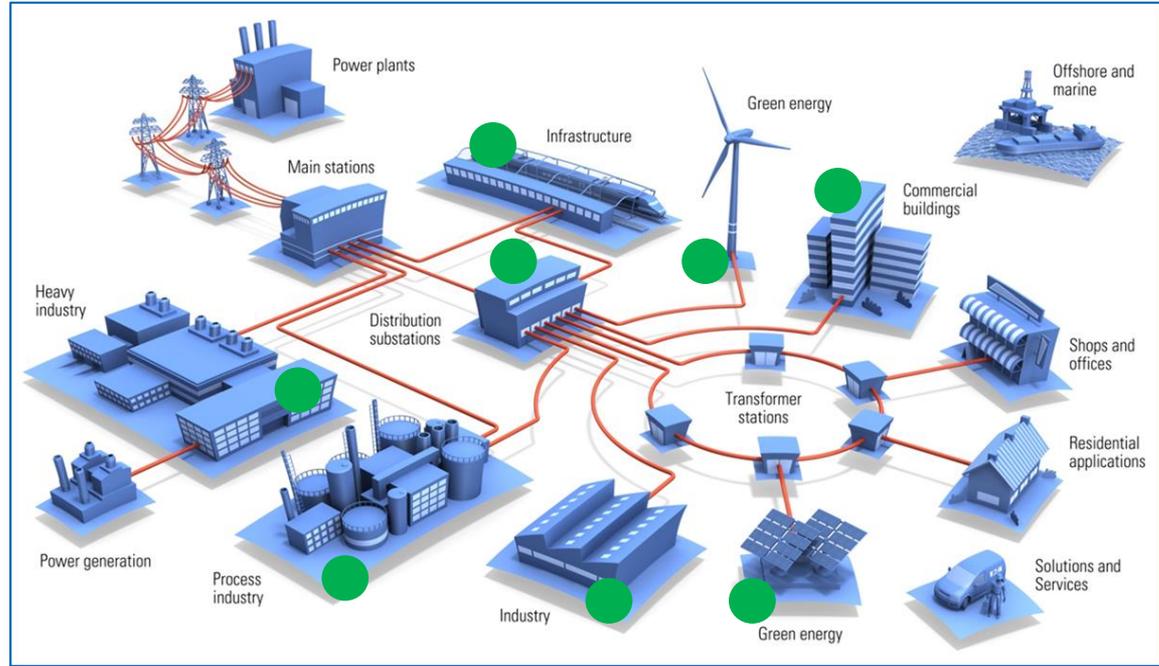
## Vacuum Interrupters



## Solid Insulation & Electrical Field Control



# Xiria for high-end secondary applications

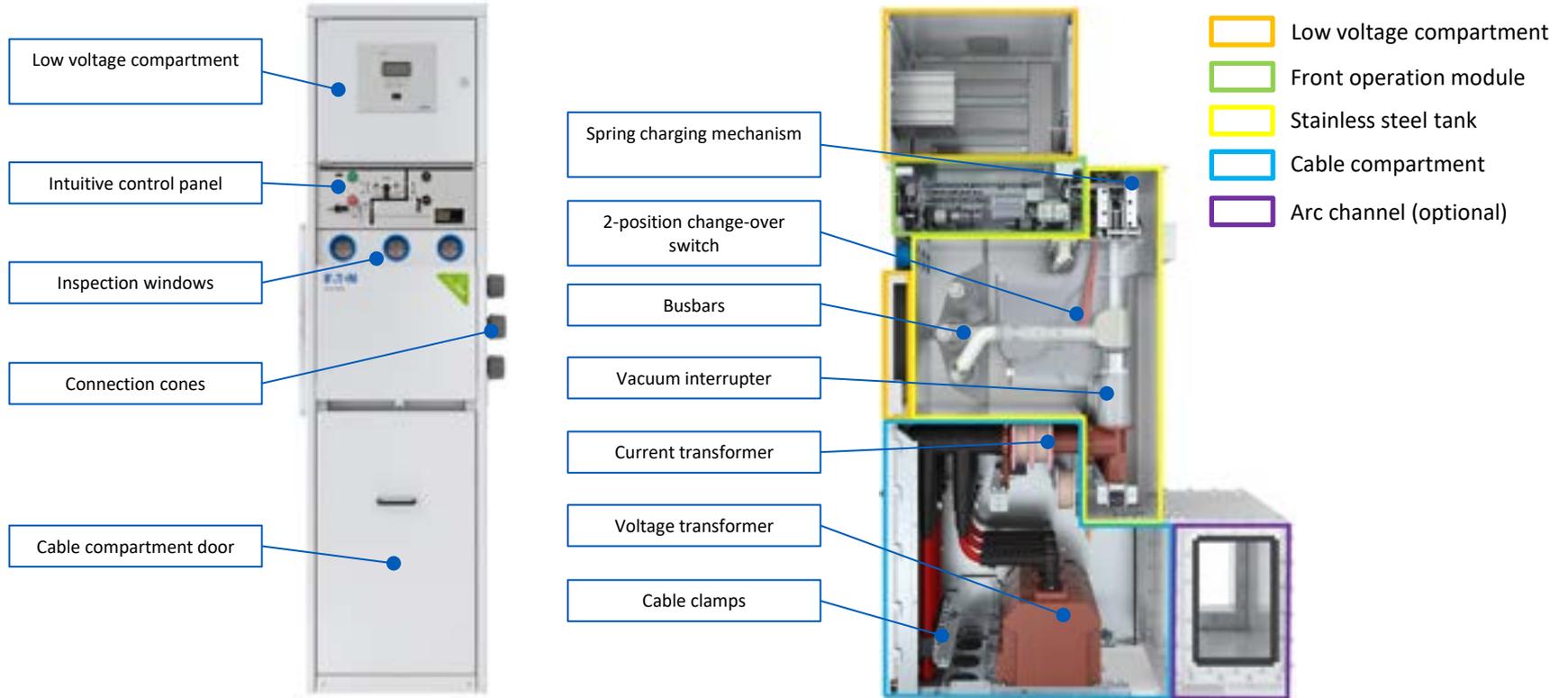


# Xiria NGX

- Single compact **500 mm** wide **extendable** panels
- Rated voltage 24 kV
- Busbar current 1250 A
- Circuit-breaker rating 630 or **1250 A**
- Short circuit rating up to 25 kA - 3s
- Internal arc classification **AFL(R) 25 kA - 1s**
- Loss of Service Continuity LSC2
- Partition class PM
- Robust **auto-reclose** switching mechanism (OCO)
- IEC type tested by STL laboratory **KEMA**, Netherlands



# Xiria NGX basic design



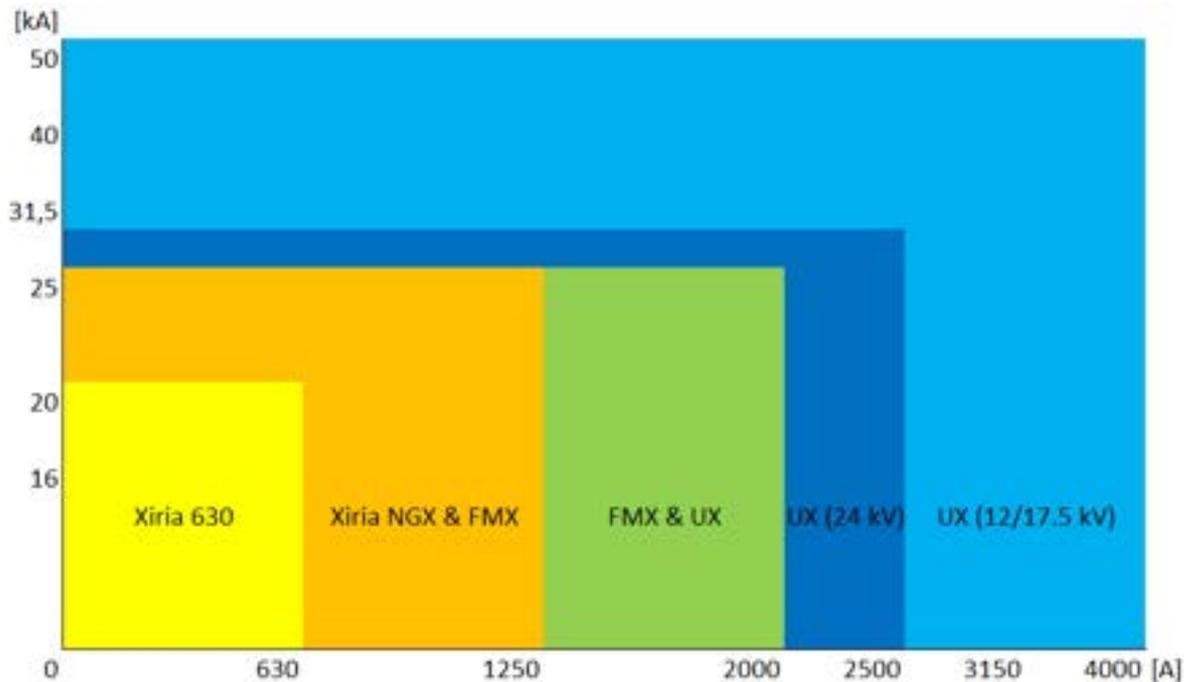
# Product portfolio overview up to 24 kV



Xiria NGX



Xiria 630



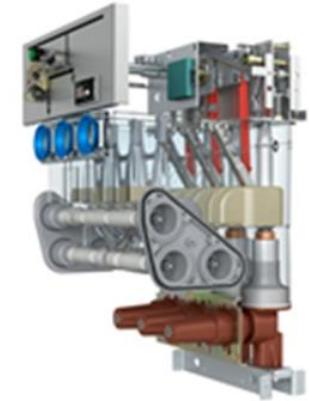
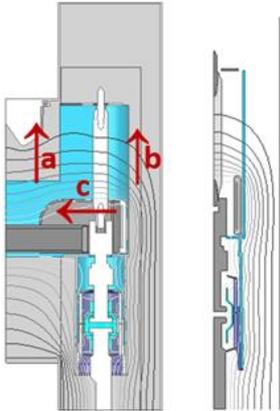
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# The Product Development moves on

- Technologies for higher voltages (38kV)
- Digitalization – Protection – Control
- 24kV -1250A compact SF6 free introduced
- .....



# Further Reading



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### SF<sub>6</sub>-free switchgear

Learn how we've gone green in our environment and discover how Eaton has been producing SF<sub>6</sub>-free switchgear for the past 60 years. It's in our hands to change the world.

Original SF<sub>6</sub>-free switchgear since 1968 Knowledge centre SF<sub>6</sub>-free case studies

#### What is SF<sub>6</sub> gas and how does it impact the environment?

SF<sub>6</sub> or sulfur hexafluoride is a colorless, odourless, synthetic gas. It has a profound chemical robustness that protects it from reaction. Its high dielectric strength, which increases further under pressure, makes it an excellent electrical insulator.

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### The original SF<sub>6</sub>-free company

Eaton pioneered SF<sub>6</sub>-free medium voltage switchgear production in 1968 with Magnefit, a compact solution for distribution system operators. Magnefit used cast resin insulation, enabling the construction of safe and compact green switchgear. Production lines were set up in Spain, South Africa and Australia. Have a look at part of our SF<sub>6</sub>-free journey in the gallery below. All pictures courtesy of H&K, Hoescht Celanese/epa (press fotohistorie.de)

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### Calculate your value

When choosing a switchgear, don't forget about the hidden costs, such as maintenance, upgrading and end-of-life disposal.

If you are curious how the total cost of ownership of our green switchgear compares to SF<sub>6</sub>-gas filled alternatives, check out our calculator.

Coming soon

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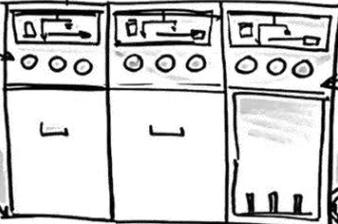


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