



## Session 5.1

# Thermal Monitoring and Dynamic Ratings

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**Celsius**

**Enhanced Real-Time  
Cable Temperature  
Monitoring**



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**electricity  
north west**

Bringing energy to your door



# Celsius

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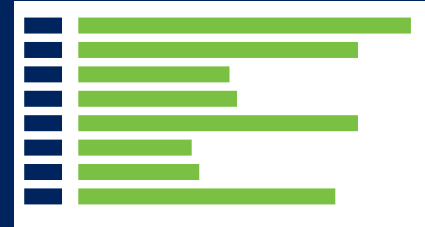
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# Celsius



Introduction

Project overview

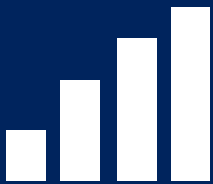


Progress and next steps

Questions & answers



## Leading work on developing smart solutions



Deliver value from existing assets



Customer choice



Five flagship products (second tier/NIC)

£42 million

**C2C**

**SMART STREET**

**Celsius**

**CLASS**

**RESPOND**



Awarded: 9th December 2015

Go live

Monitoring installation  
Mar 2017

Monitoring trial  
Mar 2018

Thermal ratings tool stage 1  
Oct 2018

Retrofit cooling installation  
Jun 2018

Cooling trial  
Jun 2019

Thermal ratings tool stage 2  
Jan 2020

Closedown  
Mar 2020



Investment

£5.5 million

Up to £583m across GB by 2050



Financial benefits

RICARDO-AEA

ASH  
CREATIVE WIRELESS ELECTRONICS

Impact Research

UK Power Networks  
Delivering your electricity

# Partners and roles on project



Supply complete retrofit monitoring solution

Provide ongoing support throughout installation, commissioning and operation of the retrofit thermal monitoring workstream



Analyse trial data  
Develop methodologies to understand relationship between asset temperature, load characteristics and surrounding environment

Determine impact of cooling technologies

Develop tool and spec for low cost temperature sensor

Recommendations for BAU rollout



Work with ASH, Ricardo-AEA and Electricity North West to develop retrofit thermal monitoring solution

Participate in evaluation and selection of retrofit cooling techniques



Facilitate customer focus groups

Develop customer communication materials

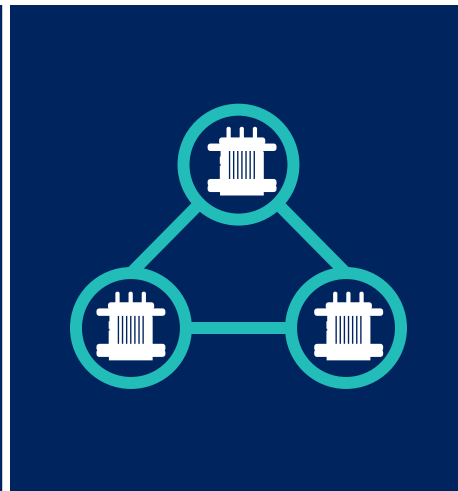
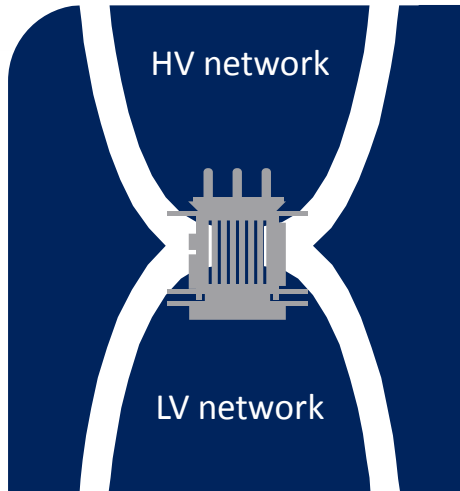
Lead the customer survey engagement



Peer review of the analysis methodology of the retrofit temperature sensor part of the project

An investigative study on the impact of Celsius on the lifetime health of network assets

# The problem



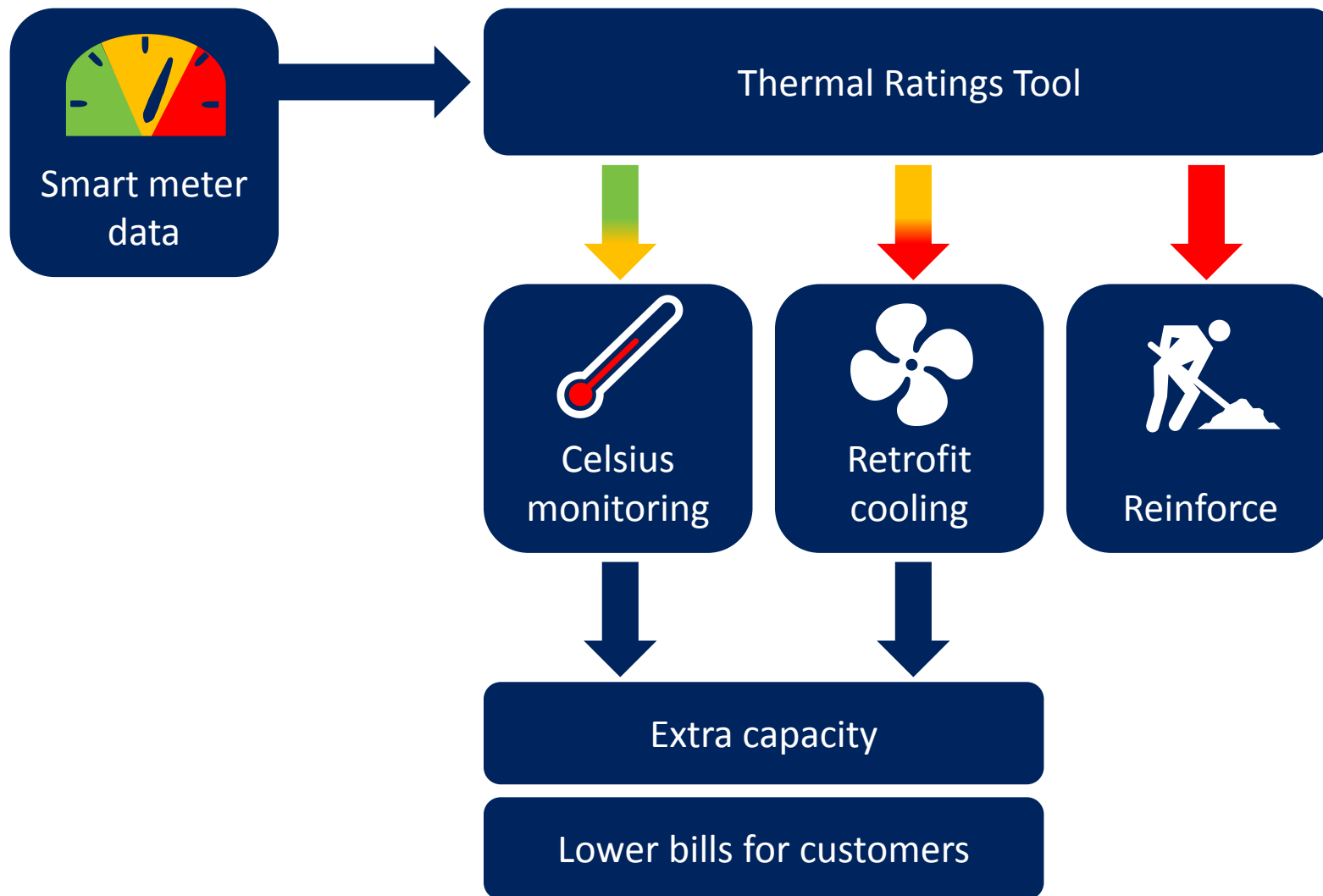
Objective is to maximise power through transformer

Assets have nominal thermal rating  
Ratings =  $^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Ratings **K** amps

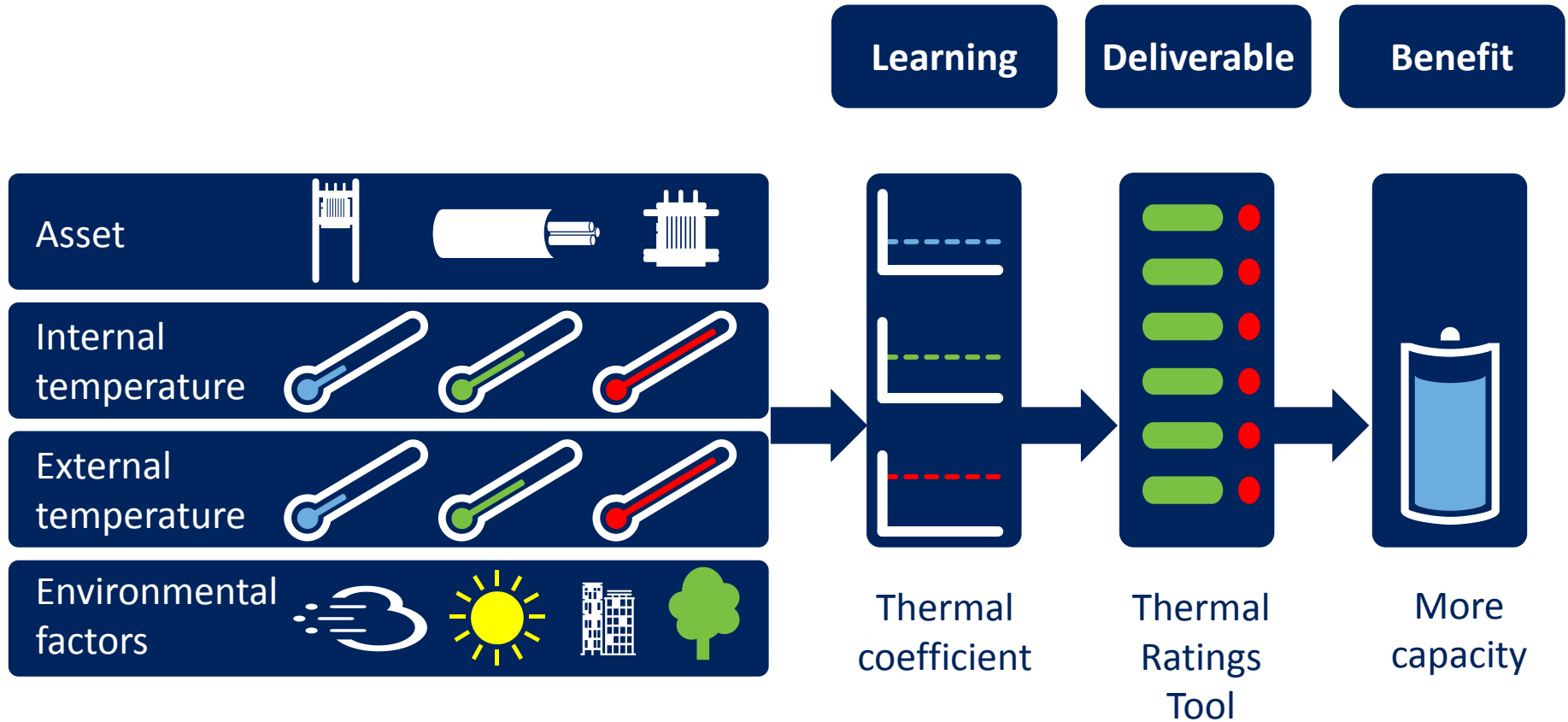
Diverse range of environments  
Small changes in environmental factors can result in very different actual ratings

Assumed thermal ratings can lead to capacity being under-utilised or unnecessary risk

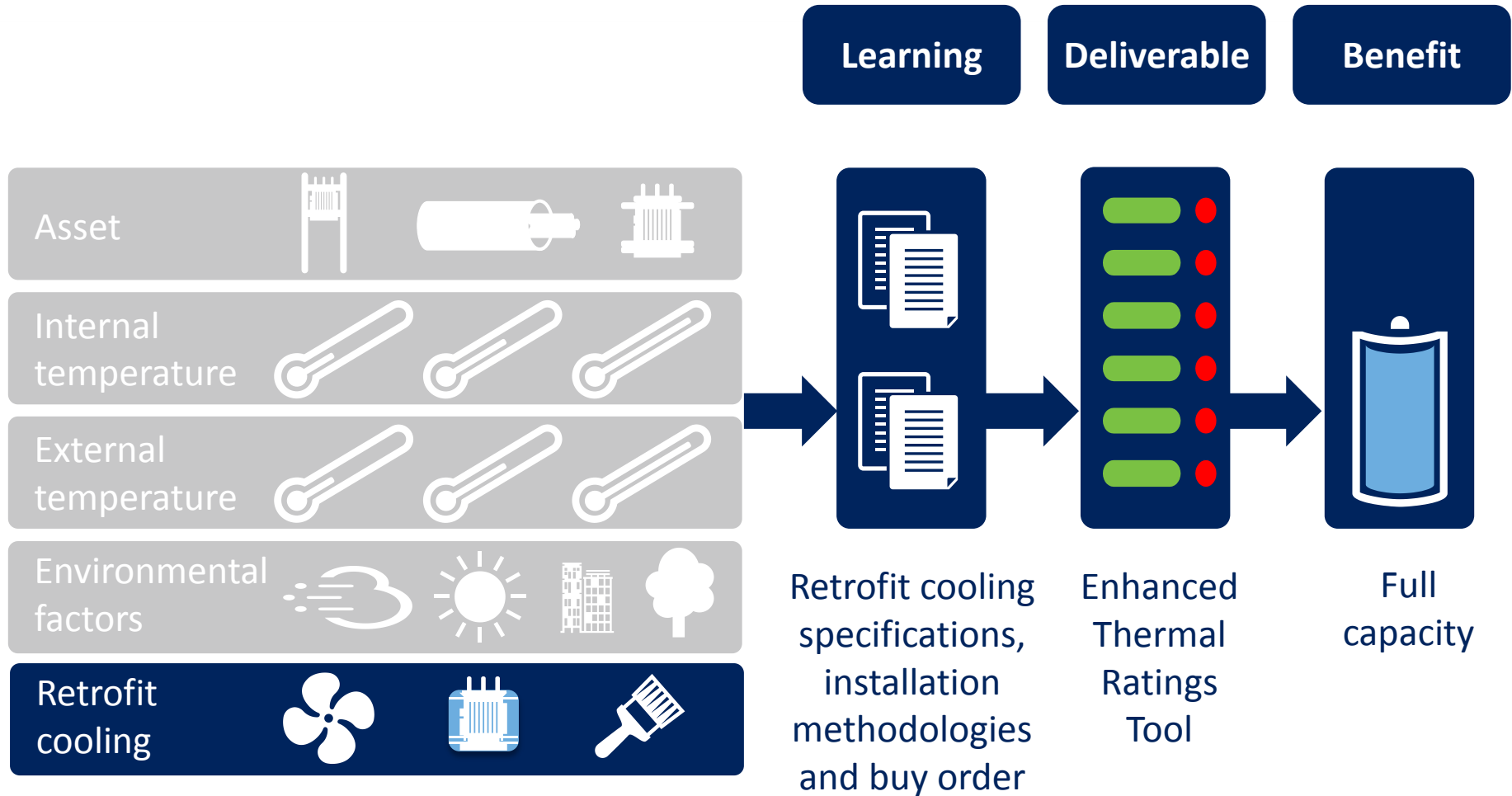




# Step 1: Fit thermal monitoring



# Step 2: Retrofit cooling





## Thermal analysis (step 1)



Internal asset  
temperature

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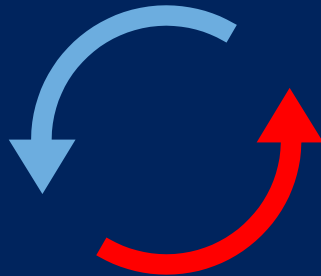
Thermal  
coefficient

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External asset  
temperature

## Thermal flow study (steps 1 & 2)



Research into heat and air flows for  
optimal substation design

## Asset health study (steps 1 & 2)

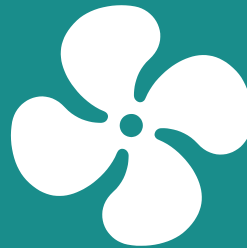


Examines effects of increased load  
and cooling techniques on assets



520 substations

Enough substations to represent 80% of GB substation population



100 cooling technique sites

Subset of 520 substations – enough sites to adequately trial all techniques



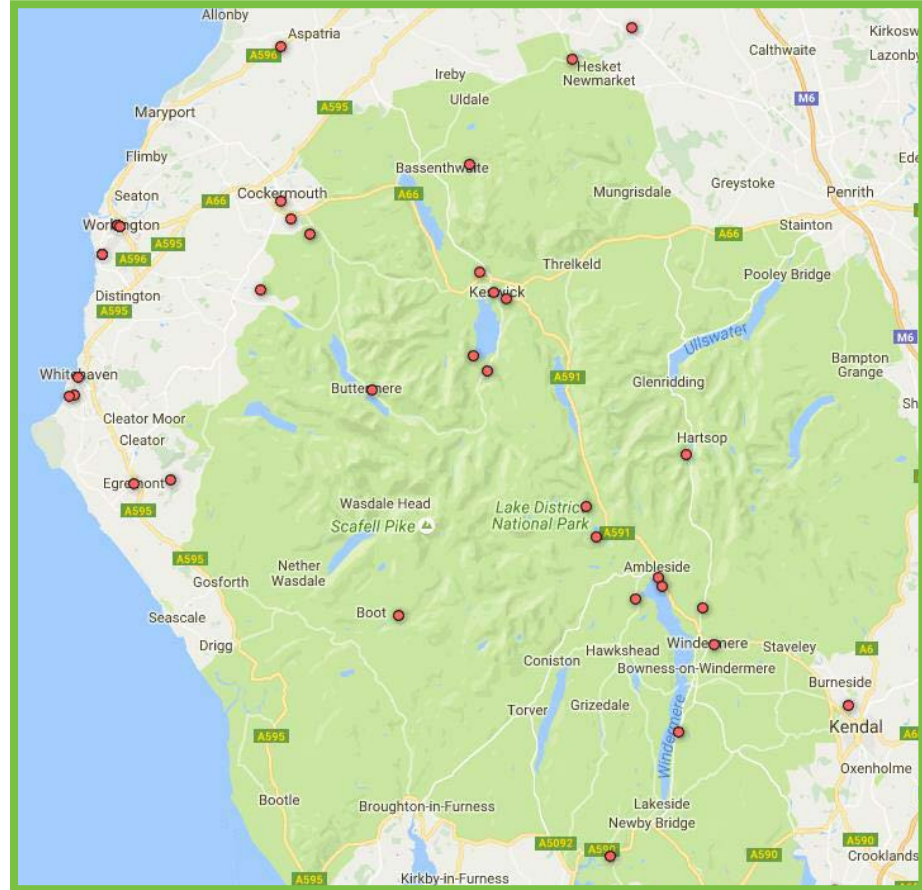
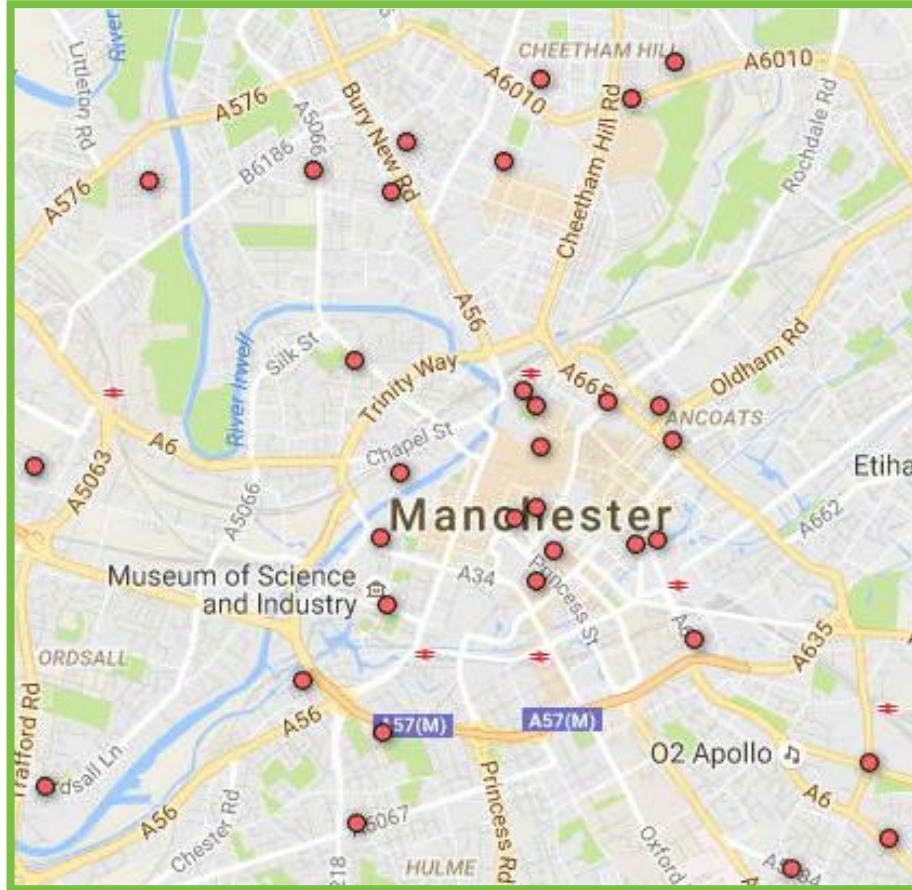
Four year project

To enable trials to take place during all seasons and to trial all cooling techniques

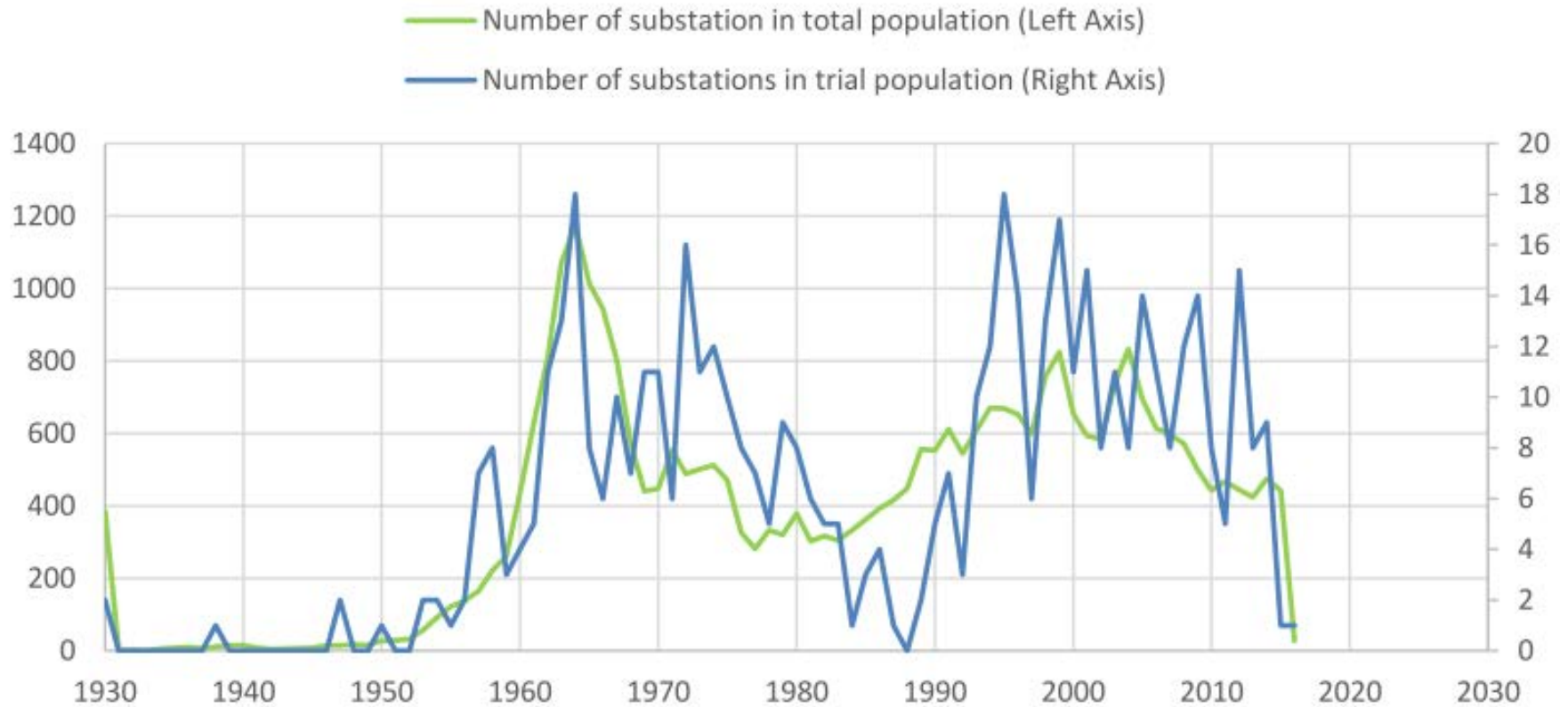
# Site selection map



# Site selection – rural and urban



# Site selection







CELSIUS: Site List Help

IN PROGRESS

**DENE RD**  
ID: 171526  
Location: DIDSBURY In progress >  
Monitoring: Type 1  
Region: Manchester (South)

**Ash Wireless**  
ID: 1  
Location: Southampton In progress >  
Monitoring: Type 1  
Region: Manchester (South)

**TOWNEND FM M6  
SUPPLIES\_11**  
ID: 660360 In progress >  
Location: Lowther

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CELSIUS: Hubs and Sensors Help

**Sensor Positions**

**144409FA9D0E**  
Component: Transformer  
Type: Single Temperature Sensor----- >  
Position: Top Oil Temperature -  
Face 1

**0818D700CF9B**  
Component: Transformer  
Type: Single Temperature Sensor----- >  
Position: Bottom Oil Temperature -  
Face 1

**0F15832CF100:0**  
Component: LV Board  
Type: Hex voltage flying lead ----- >  
Position: Voltage Phase 1

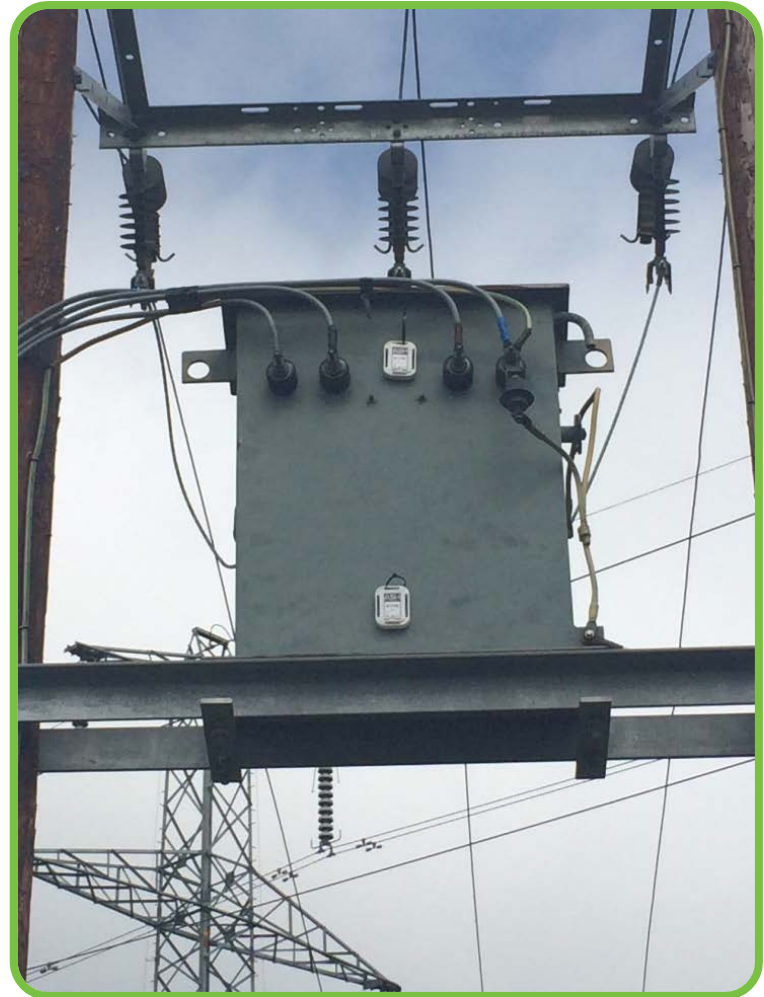
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**Hub**

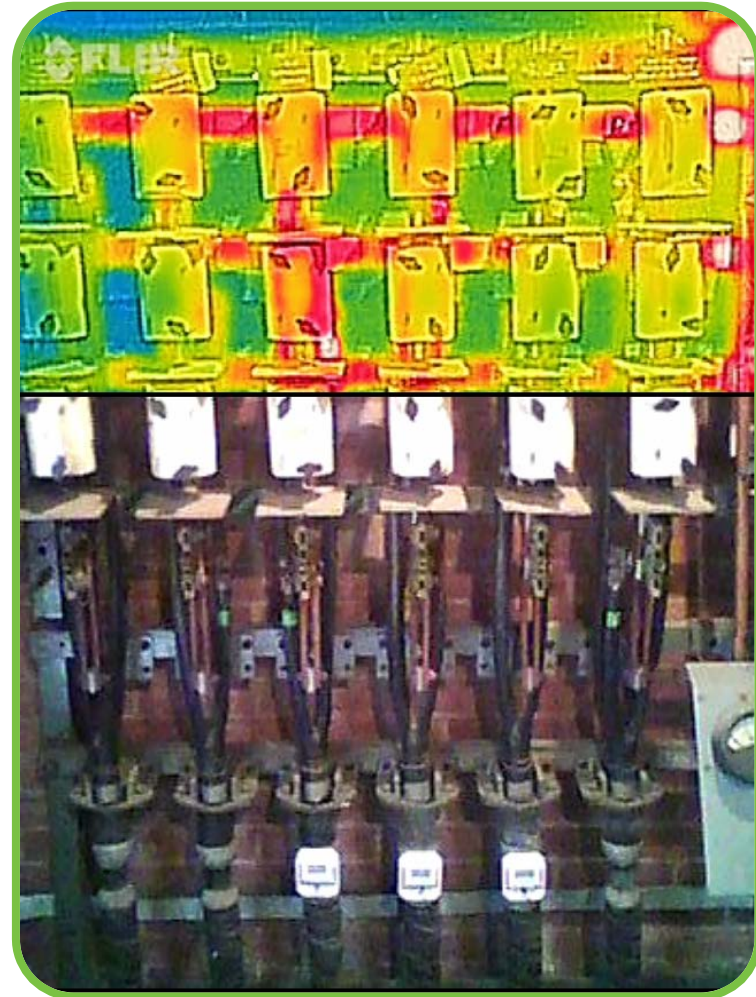
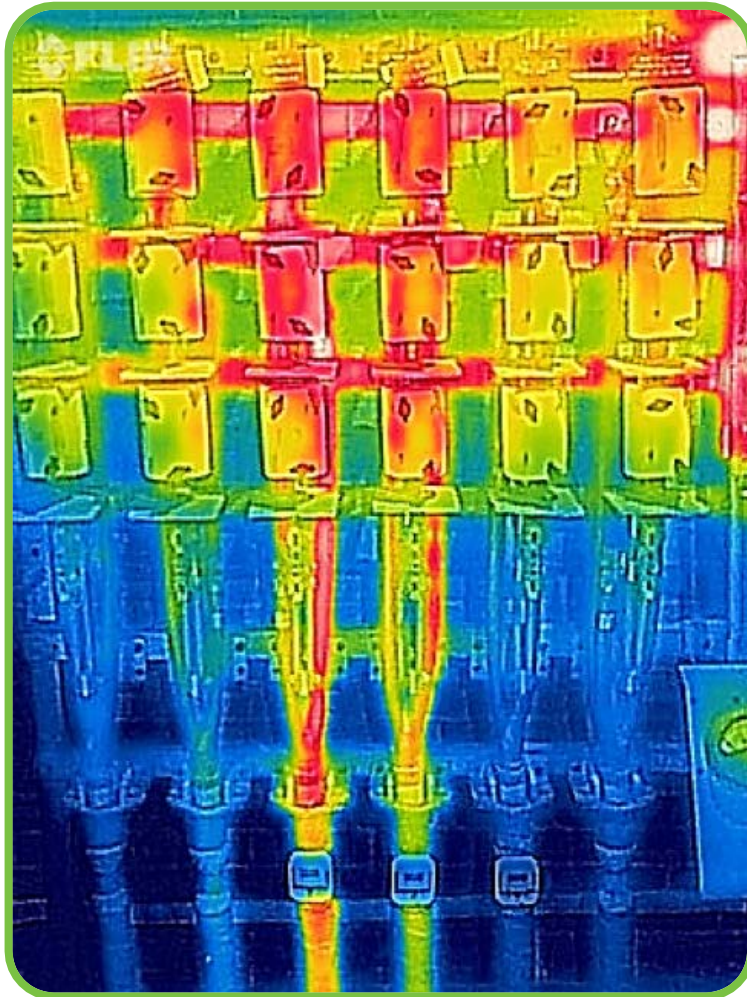


**Wireless sensor**



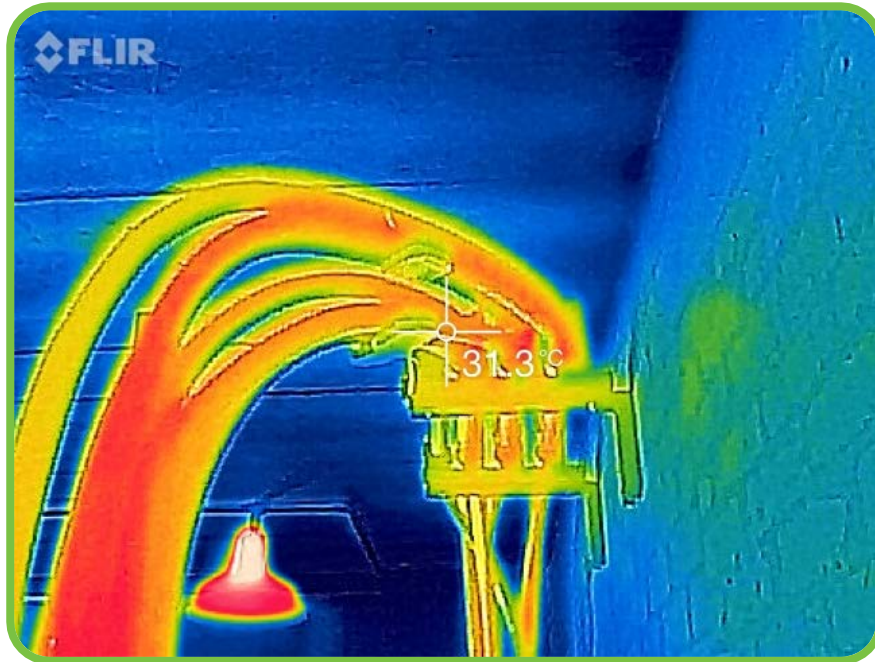


## LV board with three sensors





## Transformer singles





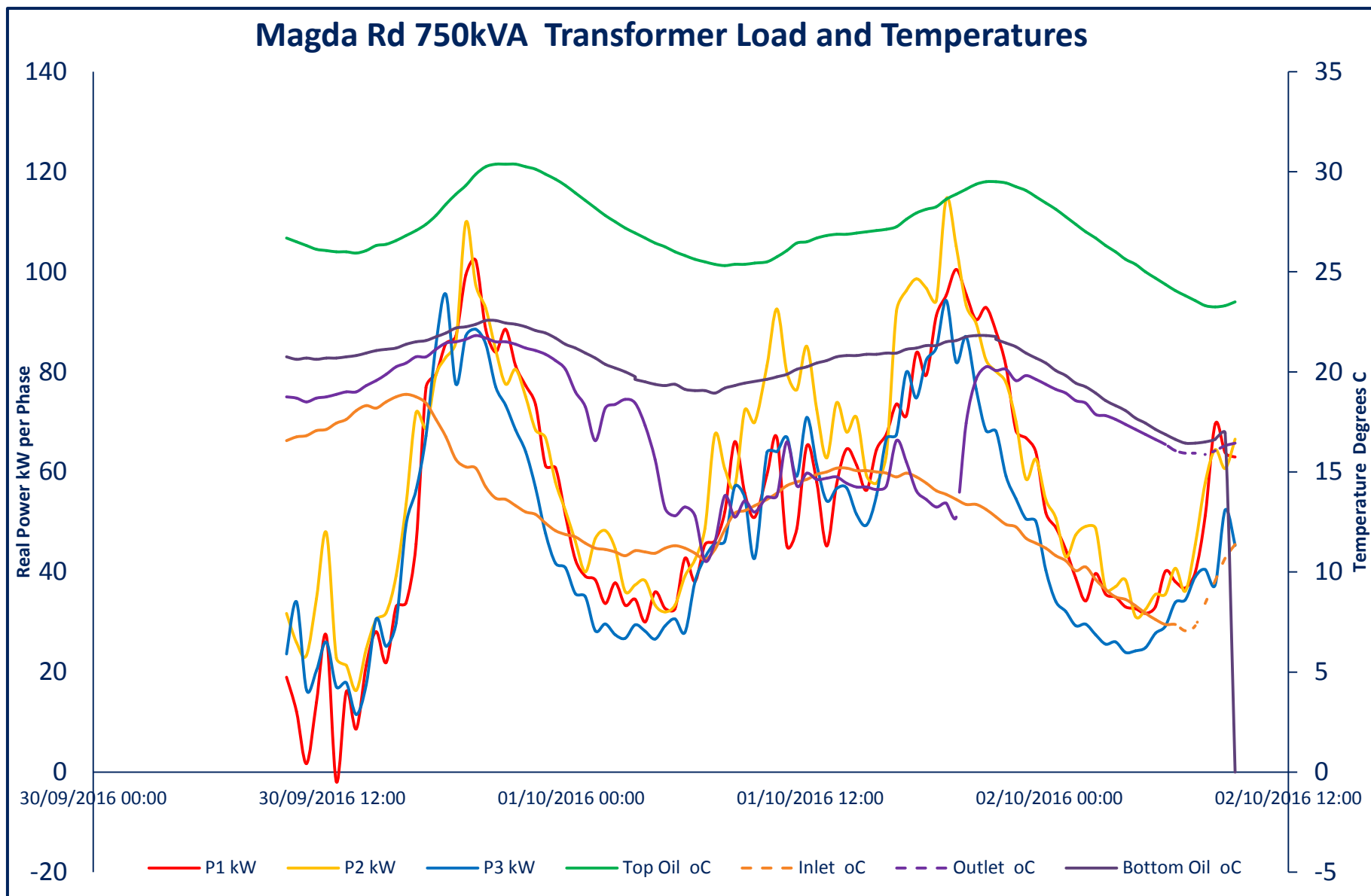
## Ventilation








## Transformer







	Traditional	Celsius
	Traditional replacement of ground-mounted transformer is expensive	Low cost options to release capacity as and when required
	Complex and time-consuming	Simple and quick to deploy
	Highly disruptive	Minimal or no disruption to customers





Customers in the Celsius trial areas will find the implementation of innovative retrofit cooling techniques as acceptable as traditional reinforcement

Customers who are educated as to the need for and benefits of Celsius are significantly more likely to find it acceptable



Customer engagement plan



Baseline survey



Test survey



Focus groups

Website



Video/  
podcasts

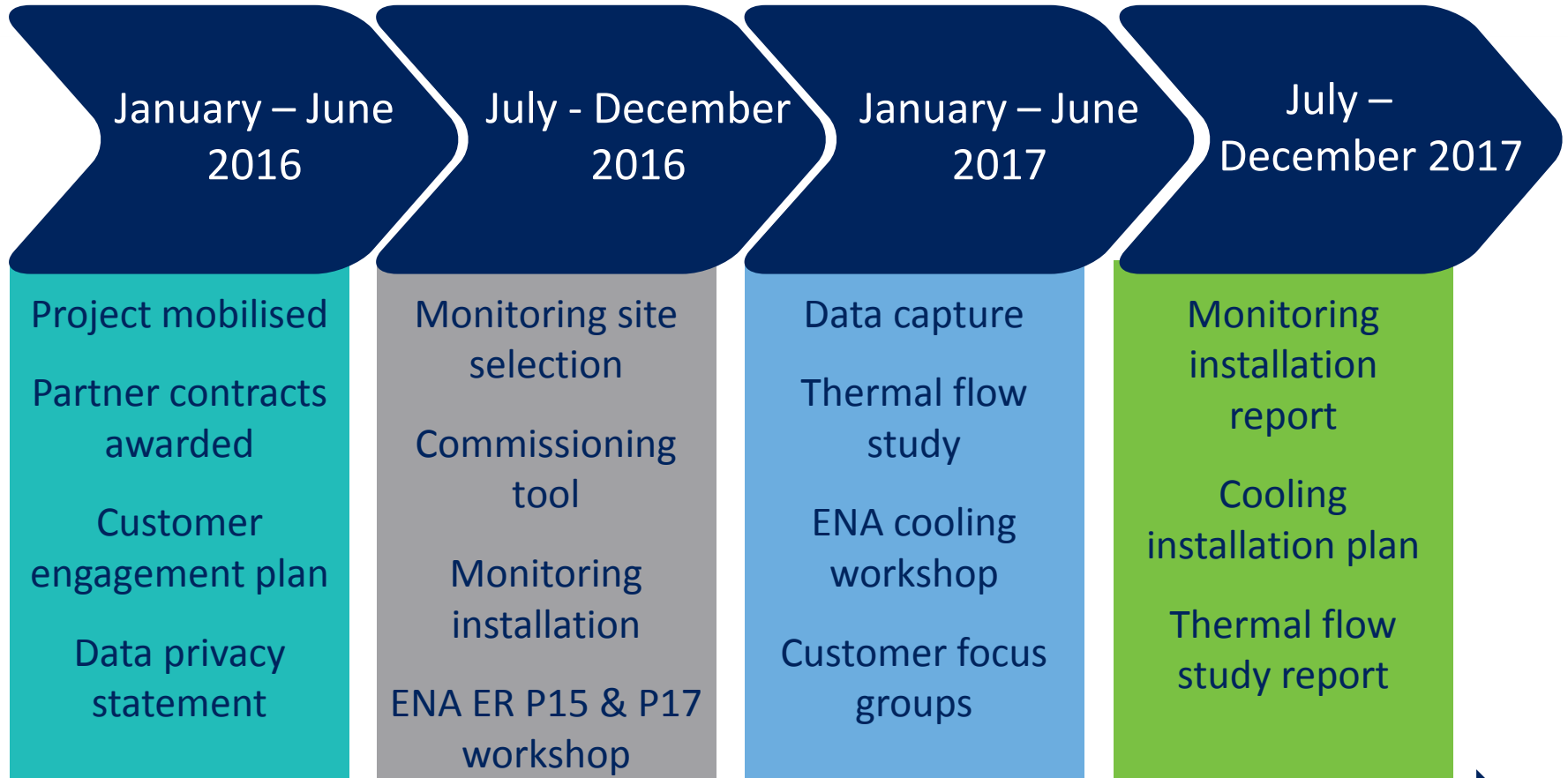


Customer mailing



Social media





Knowledge sharing and dissemination

Installation of temperature and  
power monitoring equipment at

## 520 LV substations

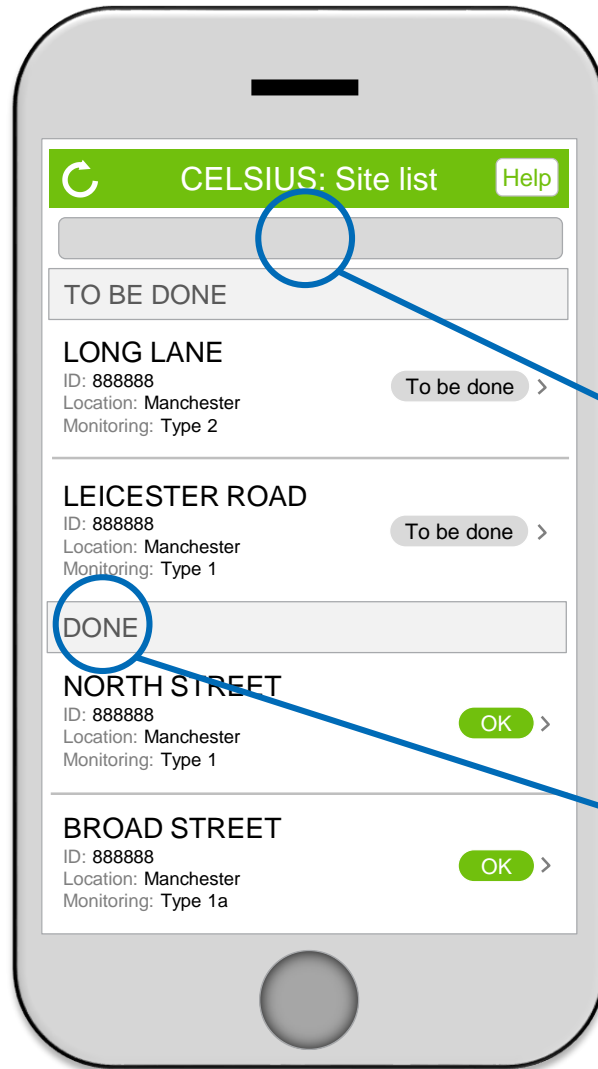
Monitoring can be installed

**quickly, safely, and easily,**

without outages

and commissioned with the help of a

**mobile phone app**



Sites are

**selected on the app**

to begin commissioning

**Search**

for the right site

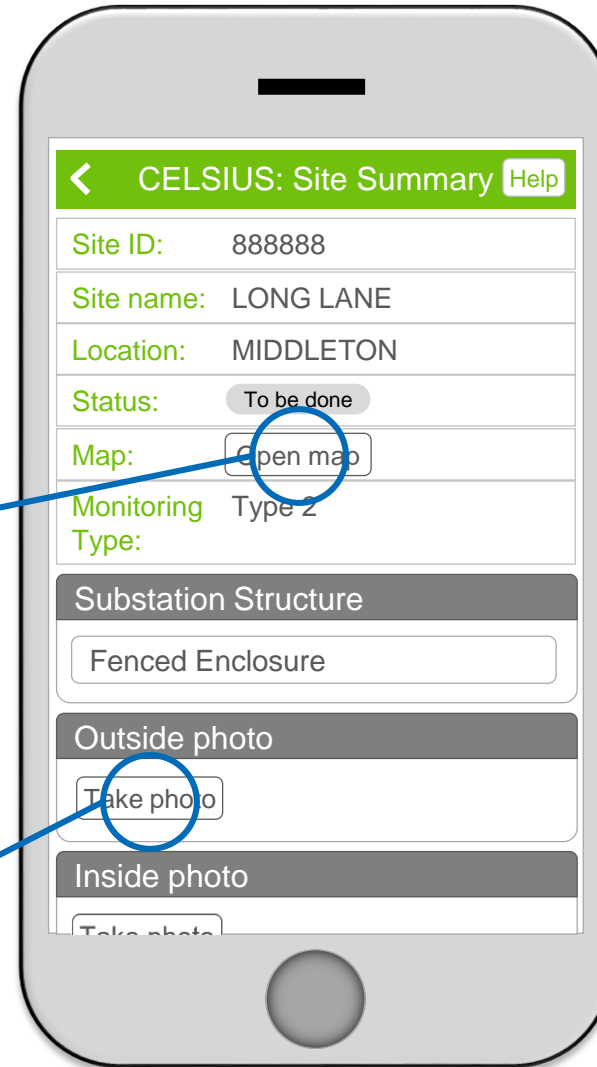
Listed by  
**installation progress**

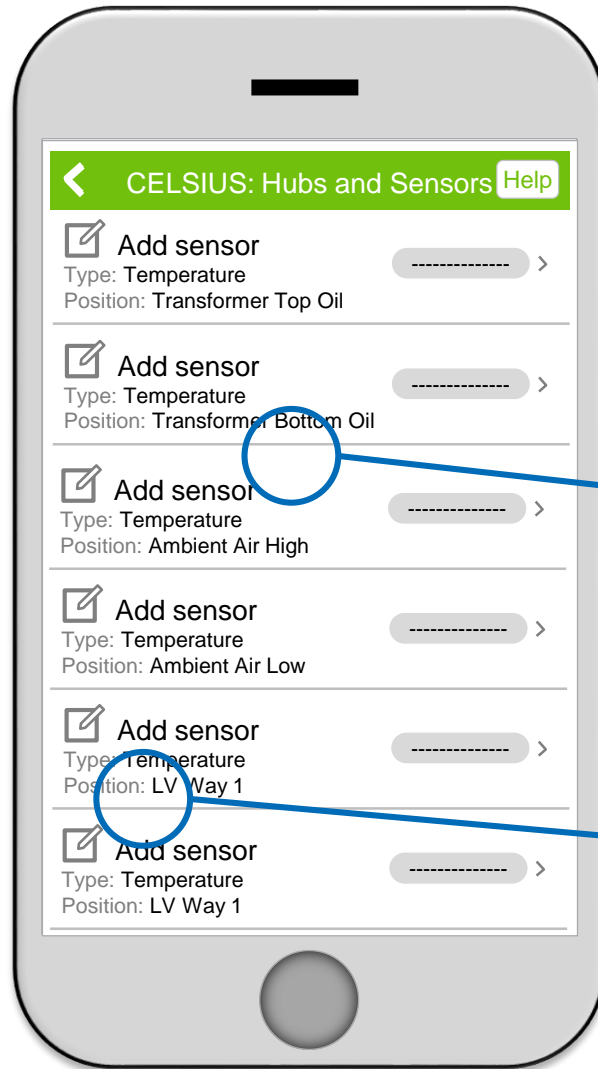
### Site information

is entered and checked

Map of site location  
to help navigation

Site photographs and  
thermal images  
are taken



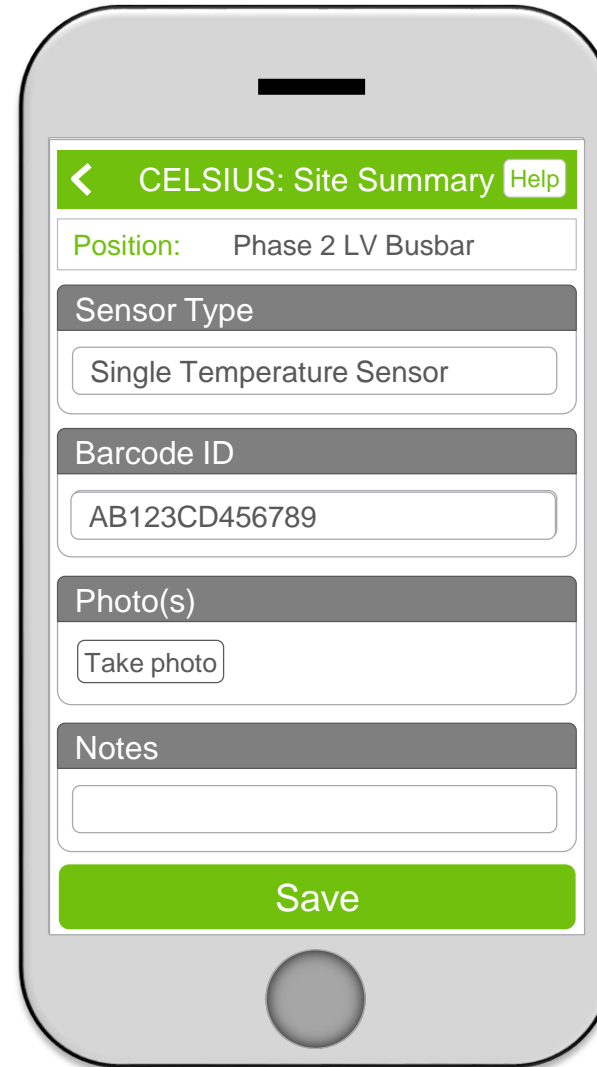
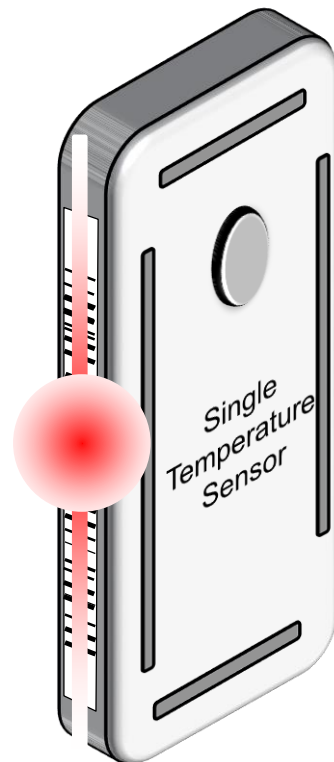


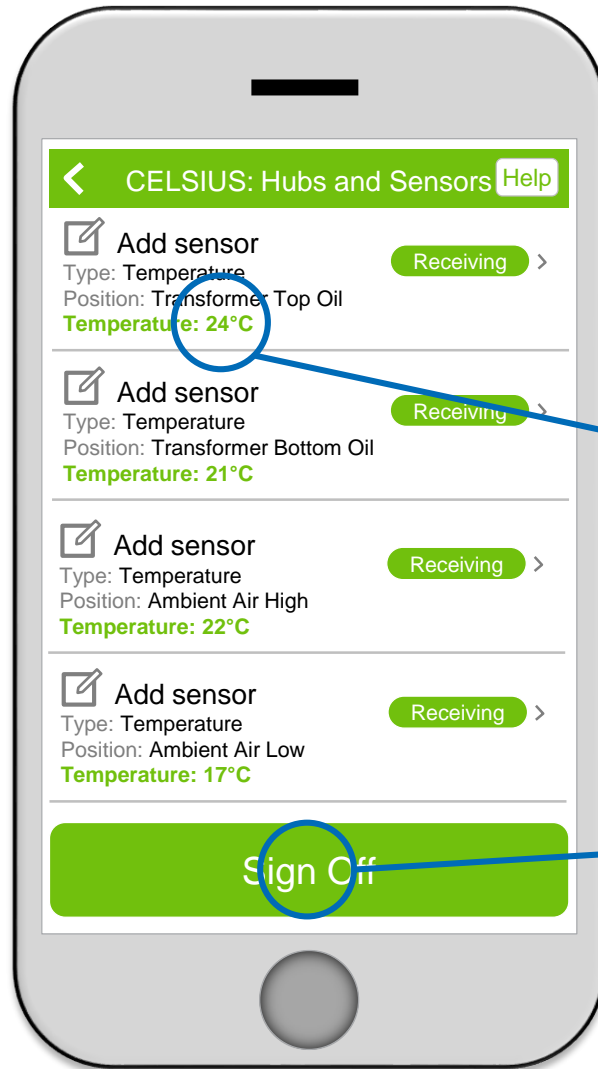
Monitoring equipment  
can be installed  
and commissioned

List of required  
Equipment and  
sensor positions

Each position is selected  
to install the equipment

Sensors are added by entering details, and scanning the barcode





Working sensors  
are indicated in the list

Initial sensor readings  
can be checked

Sign off  
the installation





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