



# Optimal Allocation of Resilience Resources for Strategic Communication-aware Restoration of Smart Distribution Grids

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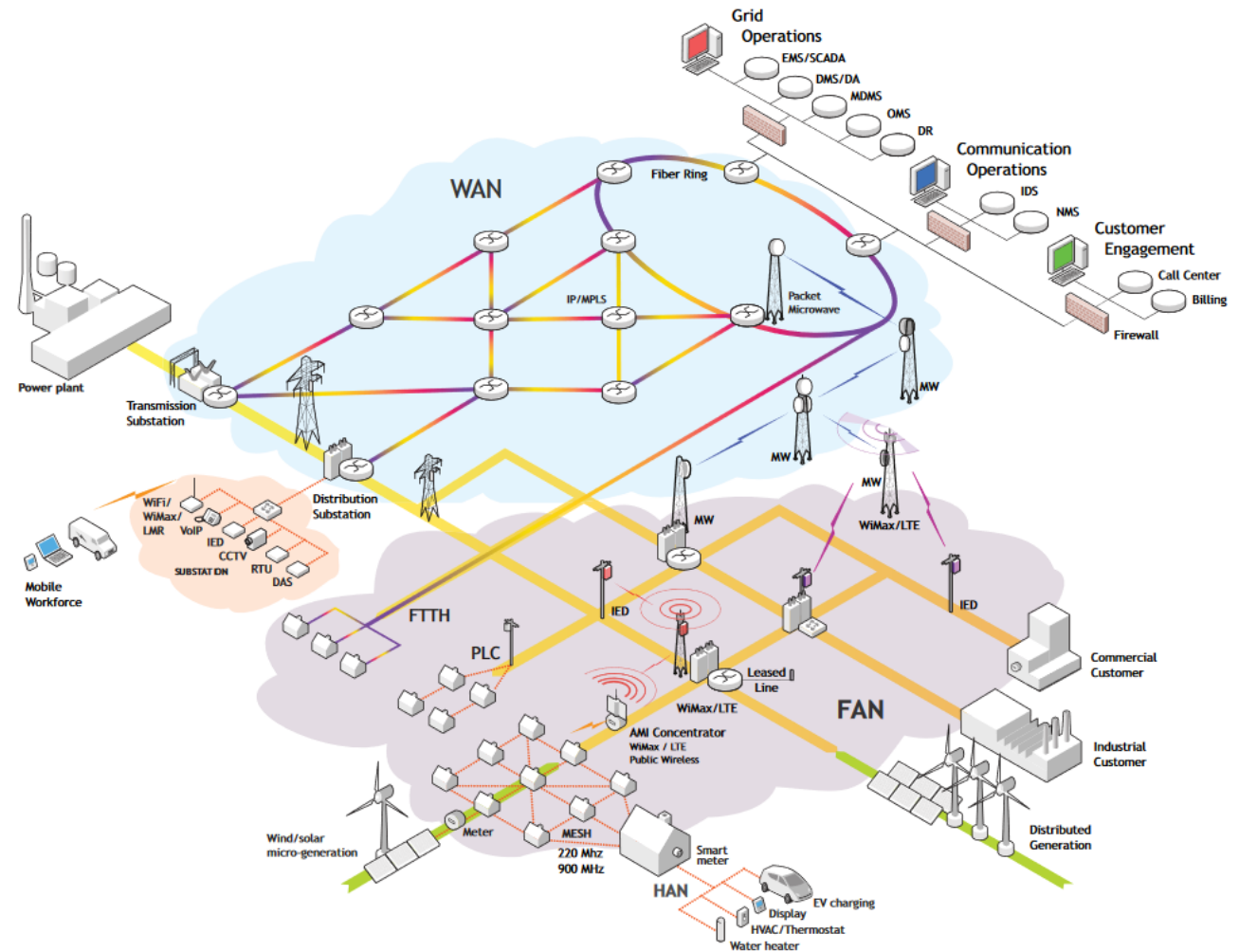
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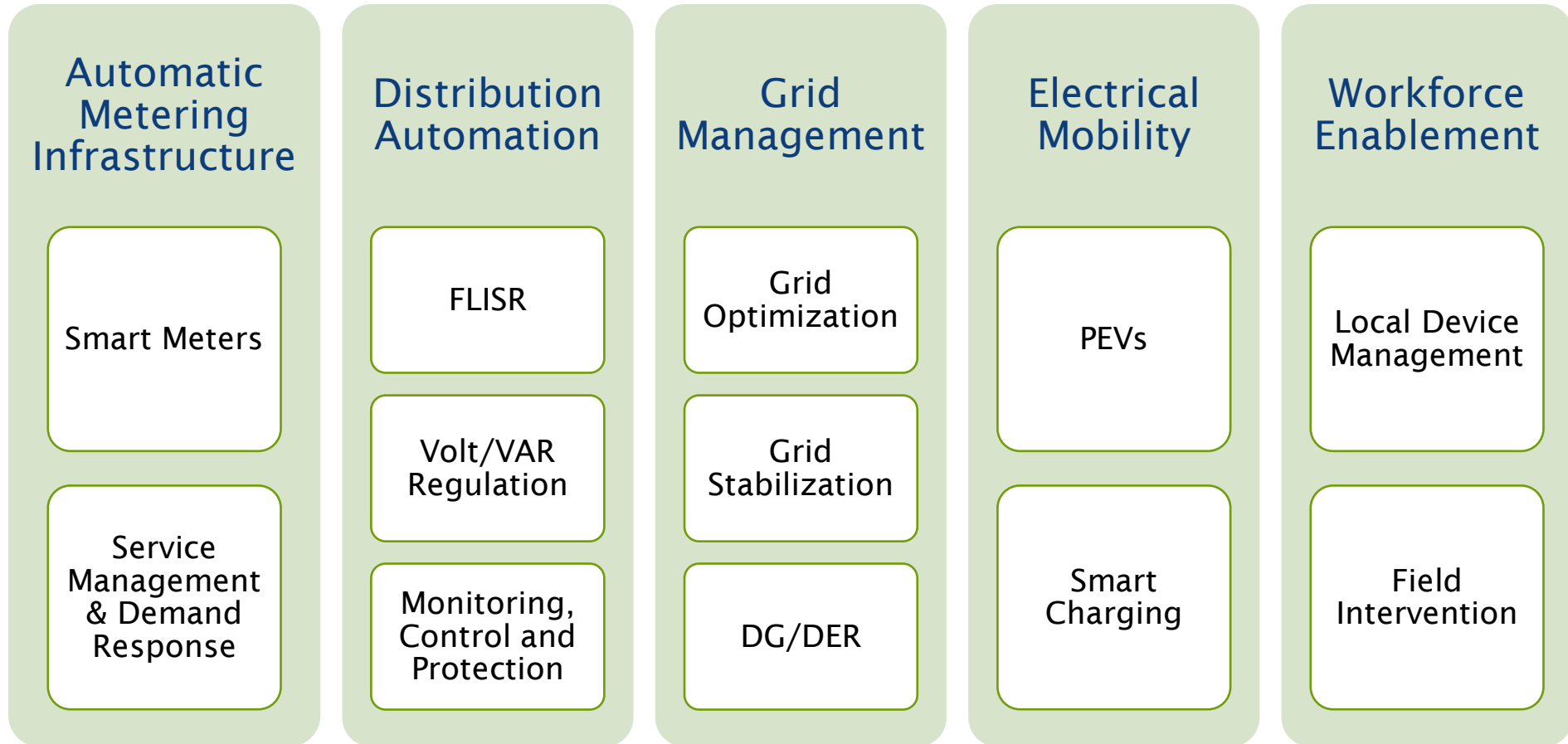
## Smart Grids

- Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are present at all levels of the smart grid
- Heterogeneous technologies serve different functions of the grid
- Power-ICT interdependencies drive the operation of the power system, especially in case of extreme events



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## Smart Distribution Grids

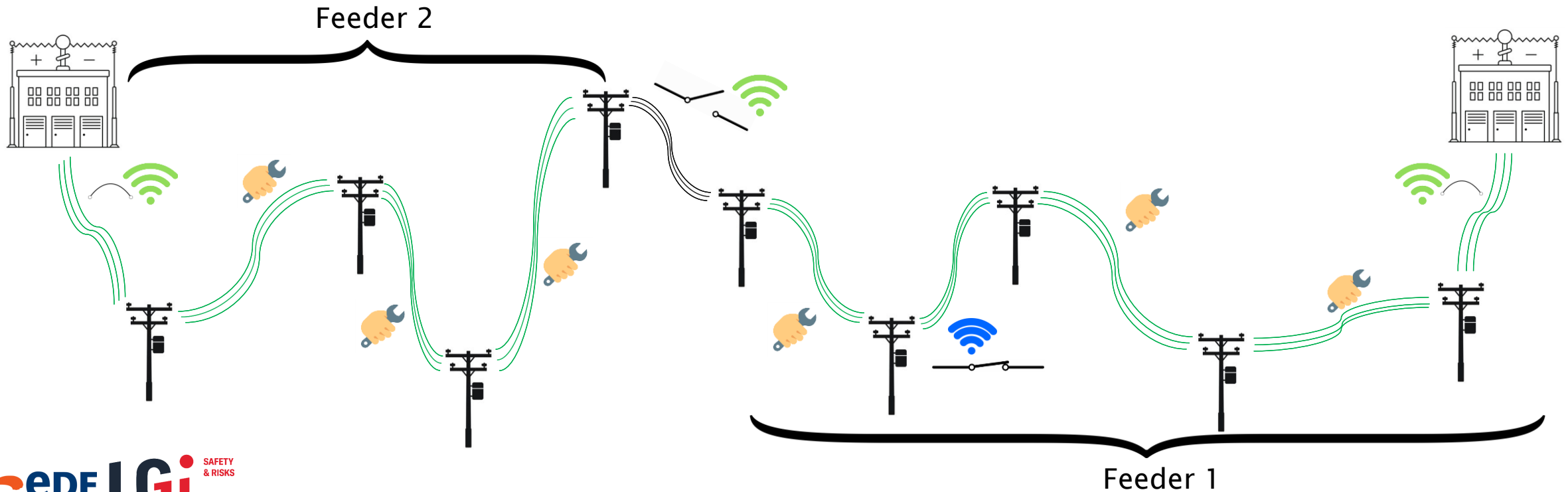


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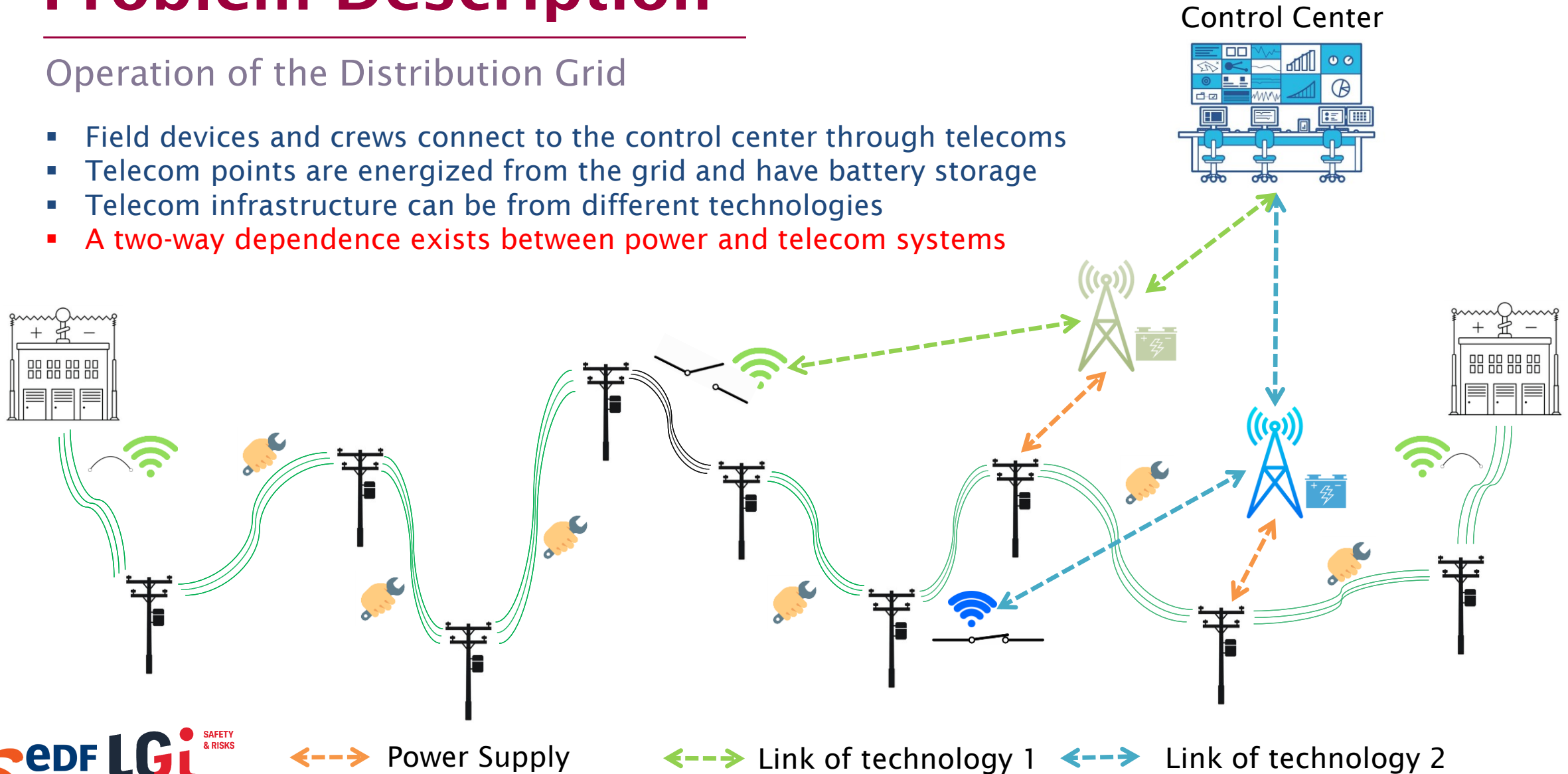
- The distribution grid is a meshed network, which is operated radially
- Power lines have either manual or remote switches
- Two feeders are joined with a normally open Tie-switch
- Field devices connect to the control center



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- Field devices and crews connect to the control center through telecoms
- Telecom points are energized from the grid and have battery storage
- Telecom infrastructure can be from different technologies
- **A two-way dependence exists between power and telecom systems**

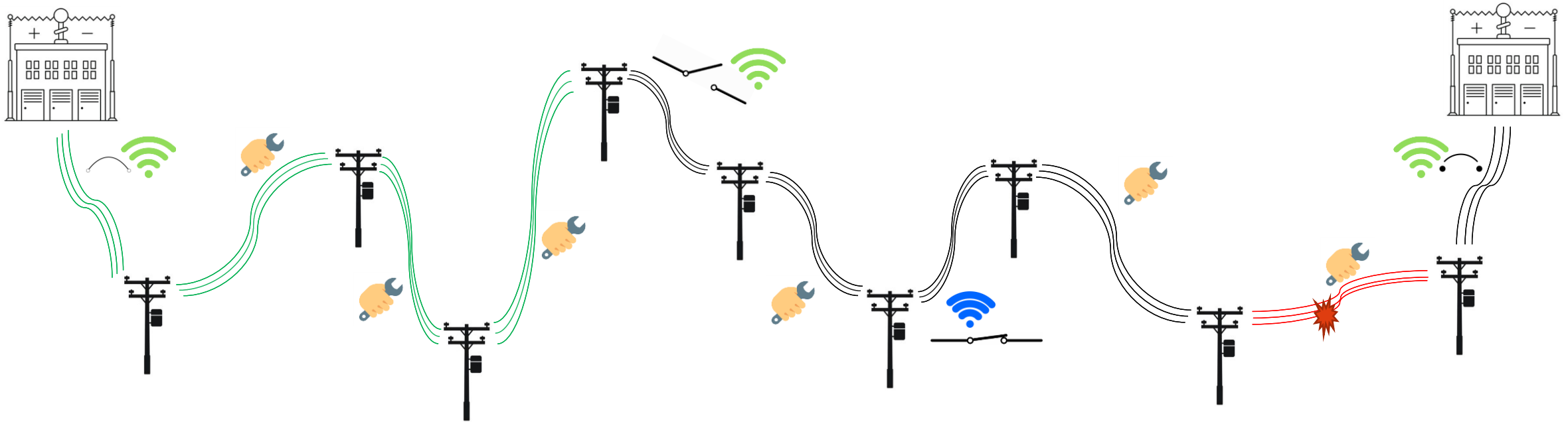




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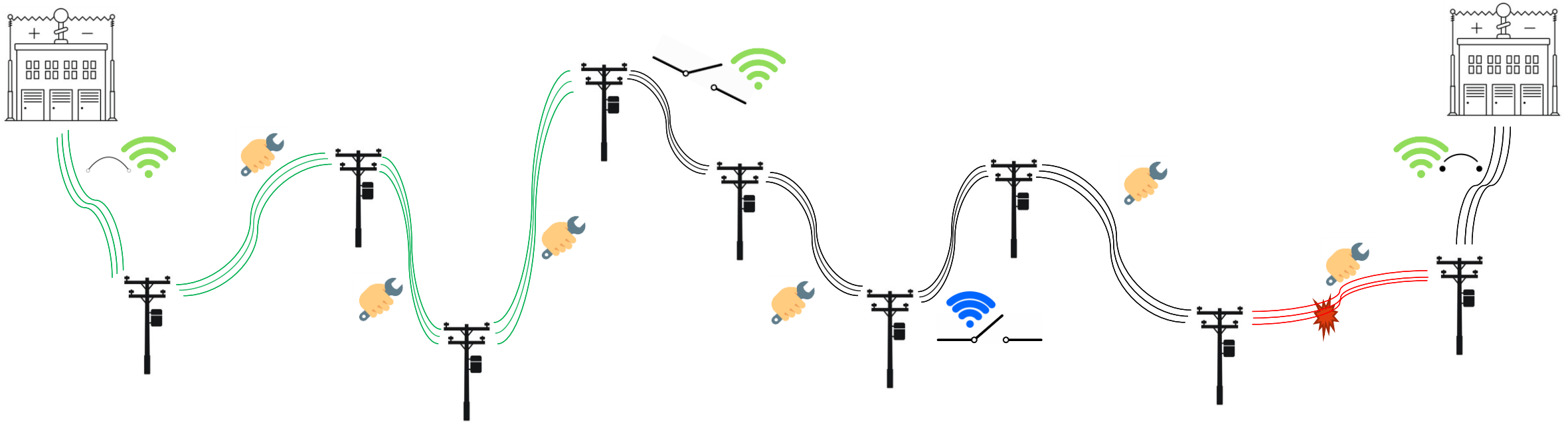
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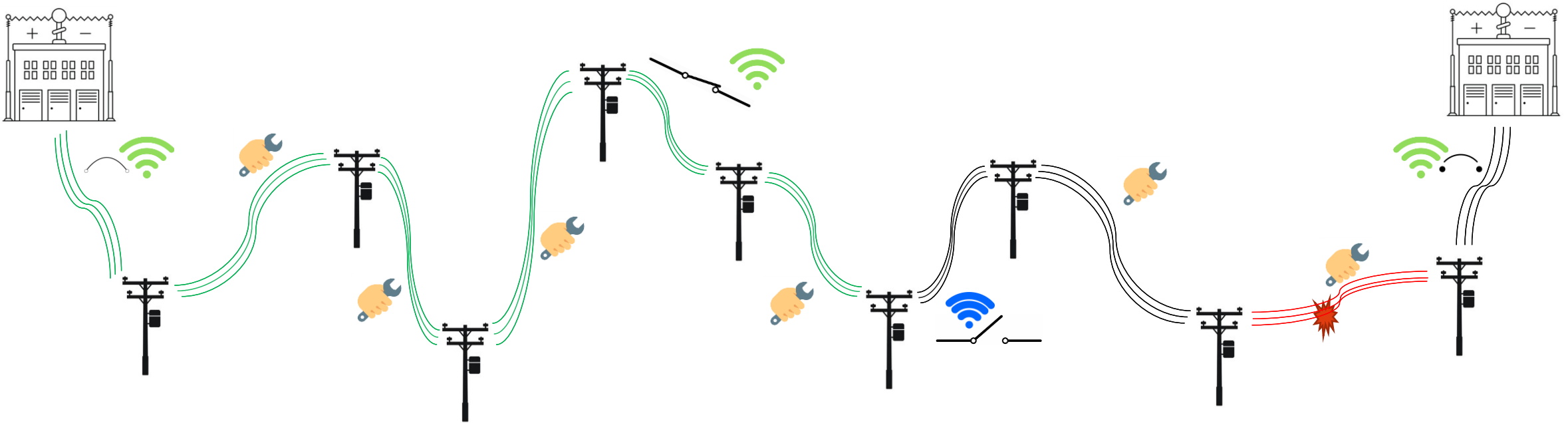
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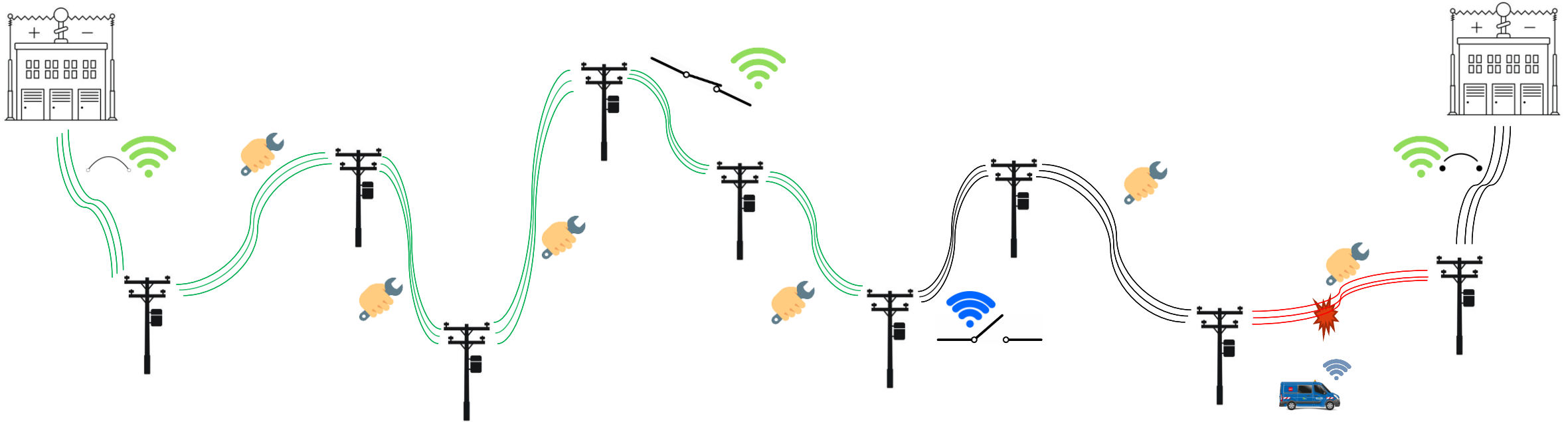
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- Actions: Use available resources to recover unserved loads, e.g., remote/manual switches, repair crews, distributed generators

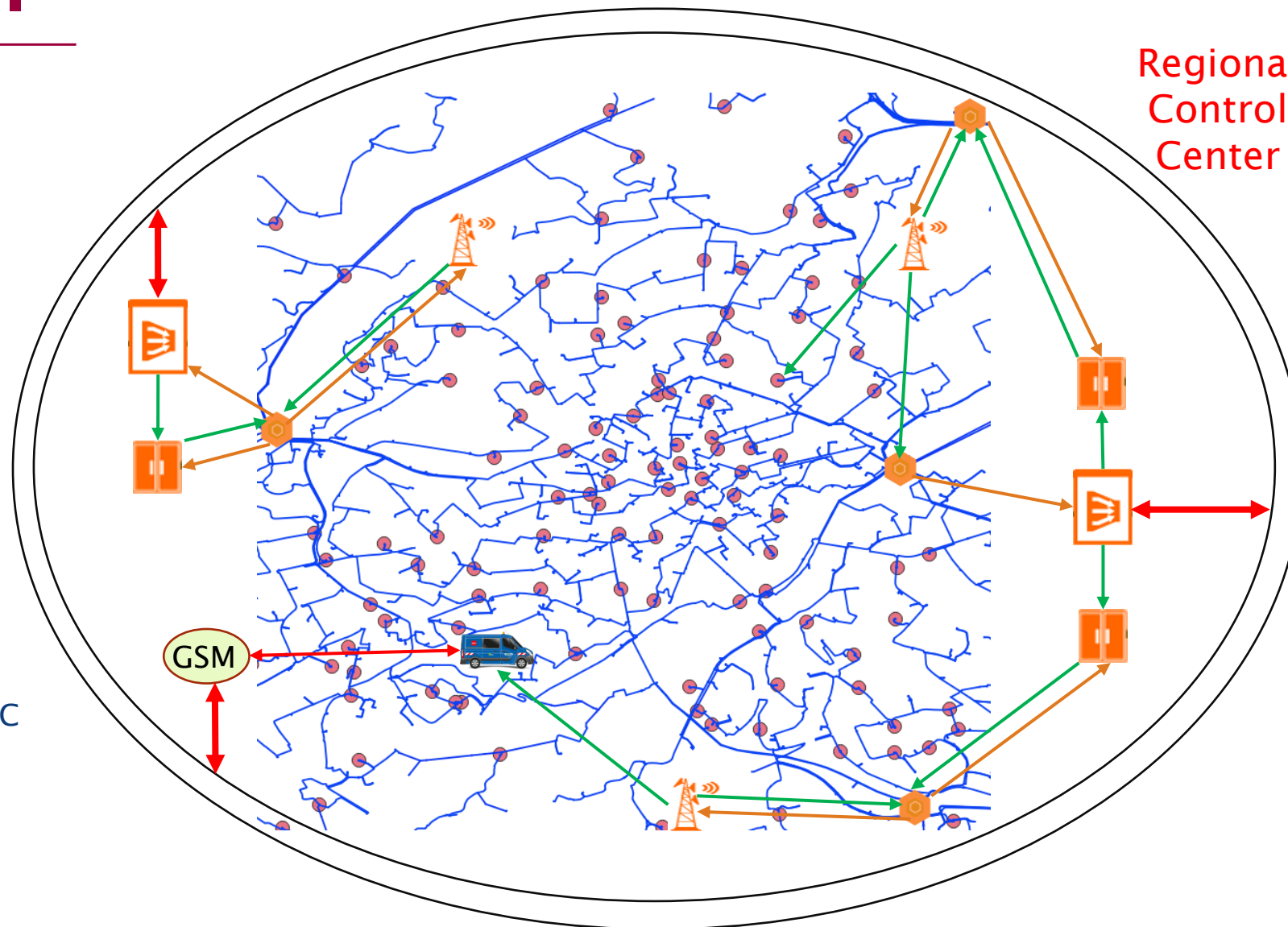


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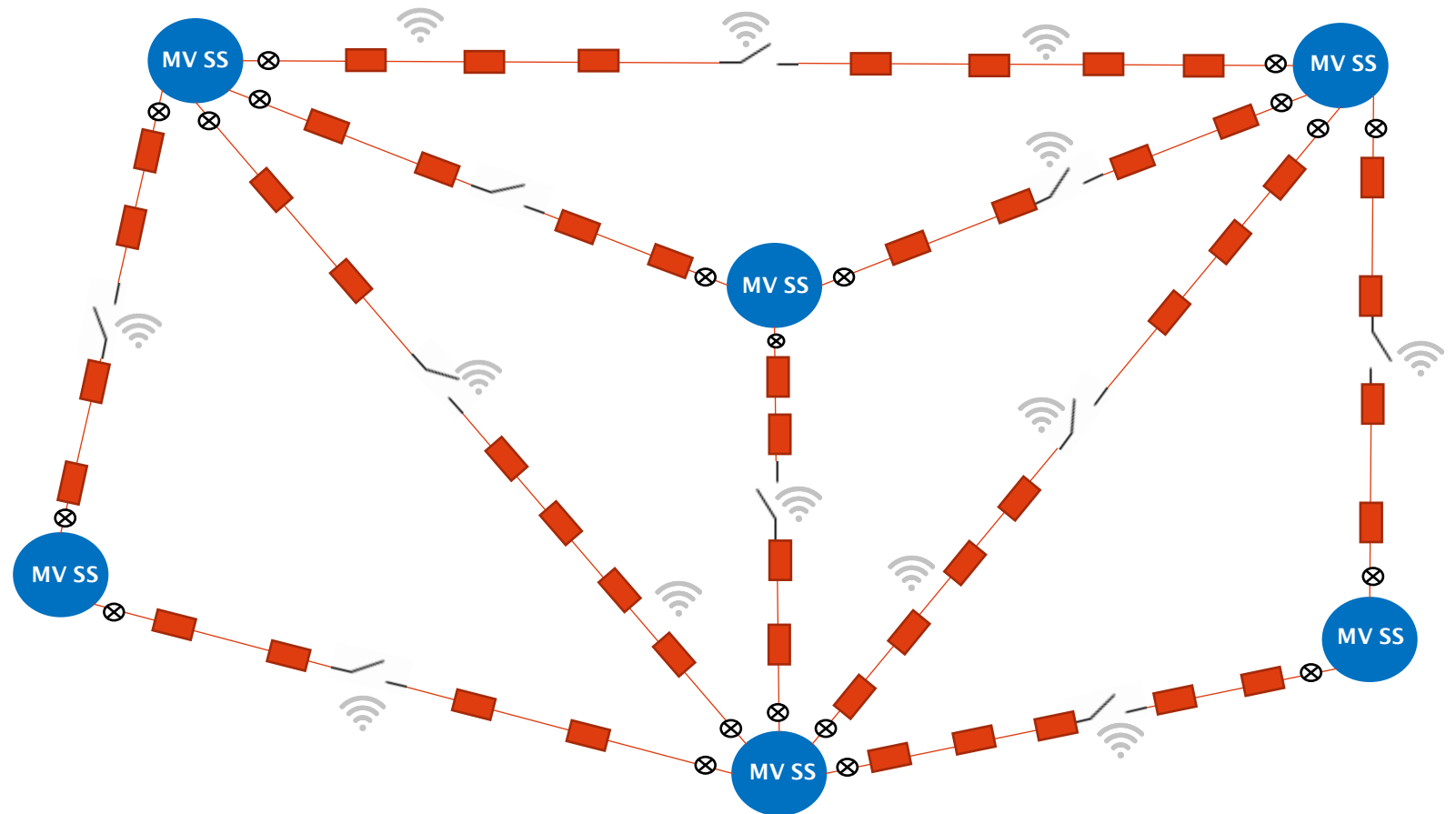
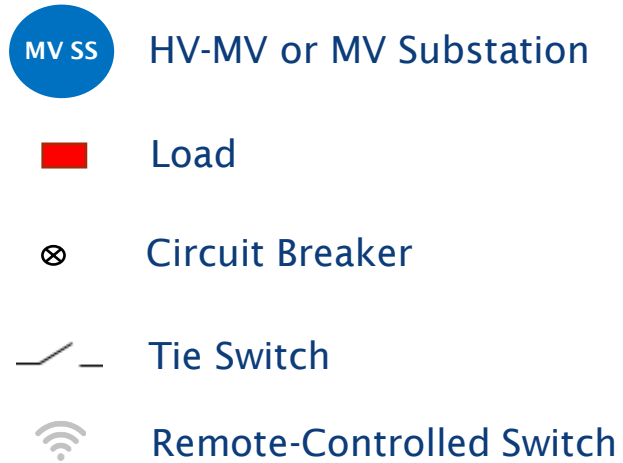
## Network Setting

-  HV-MV or MV Substation
-  Switches
-  Wired aggregation point
-  Wired access point
-  Wireless site - Secondary
-  Power supply
-  Telecom service
-  Information Exchange with CC
-  Intervention Crew



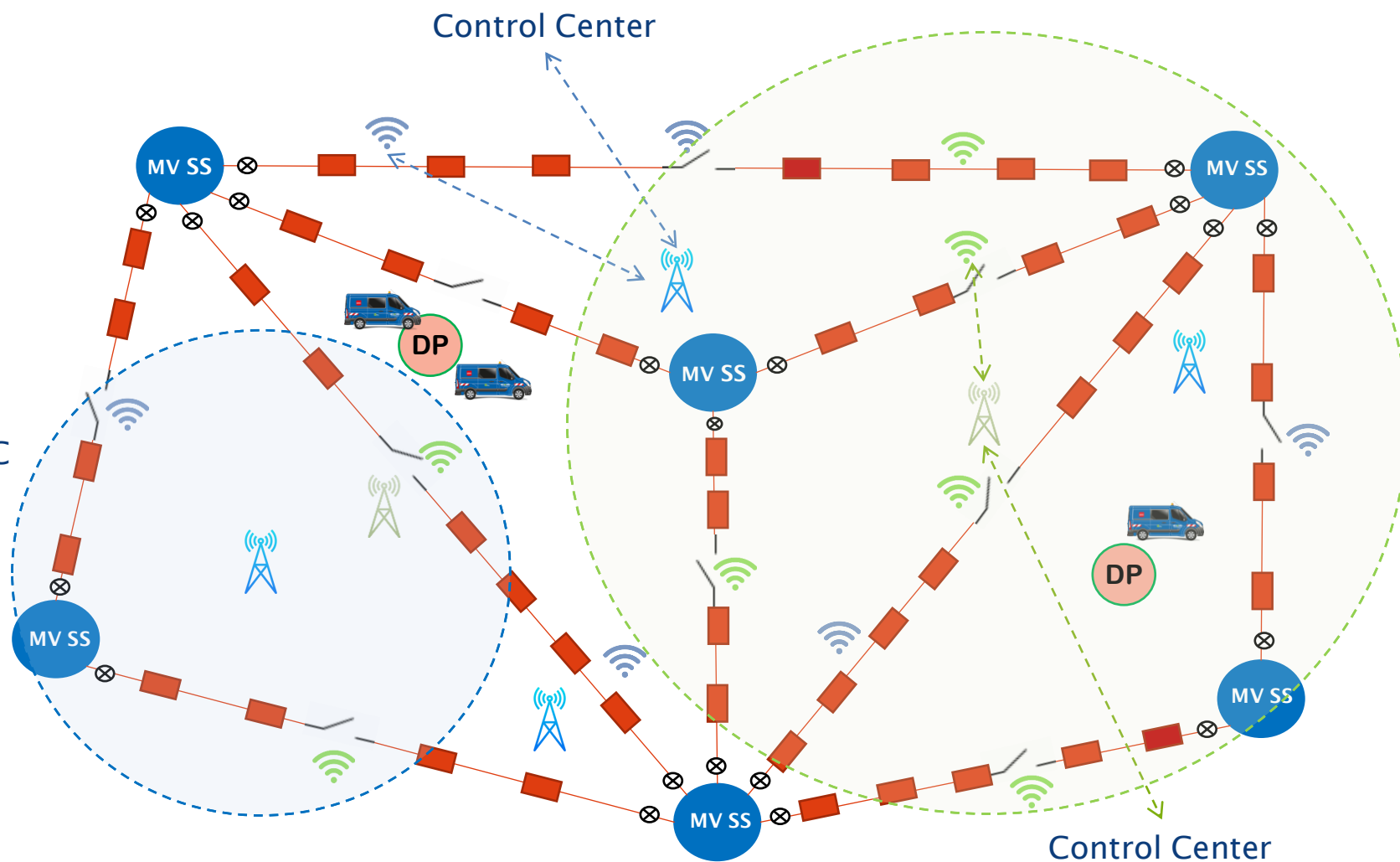
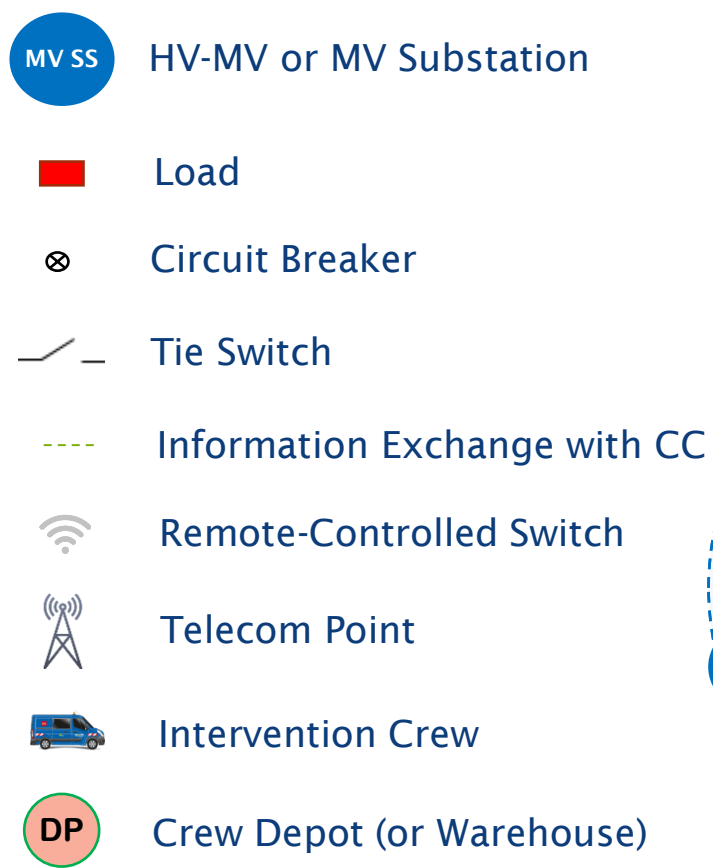
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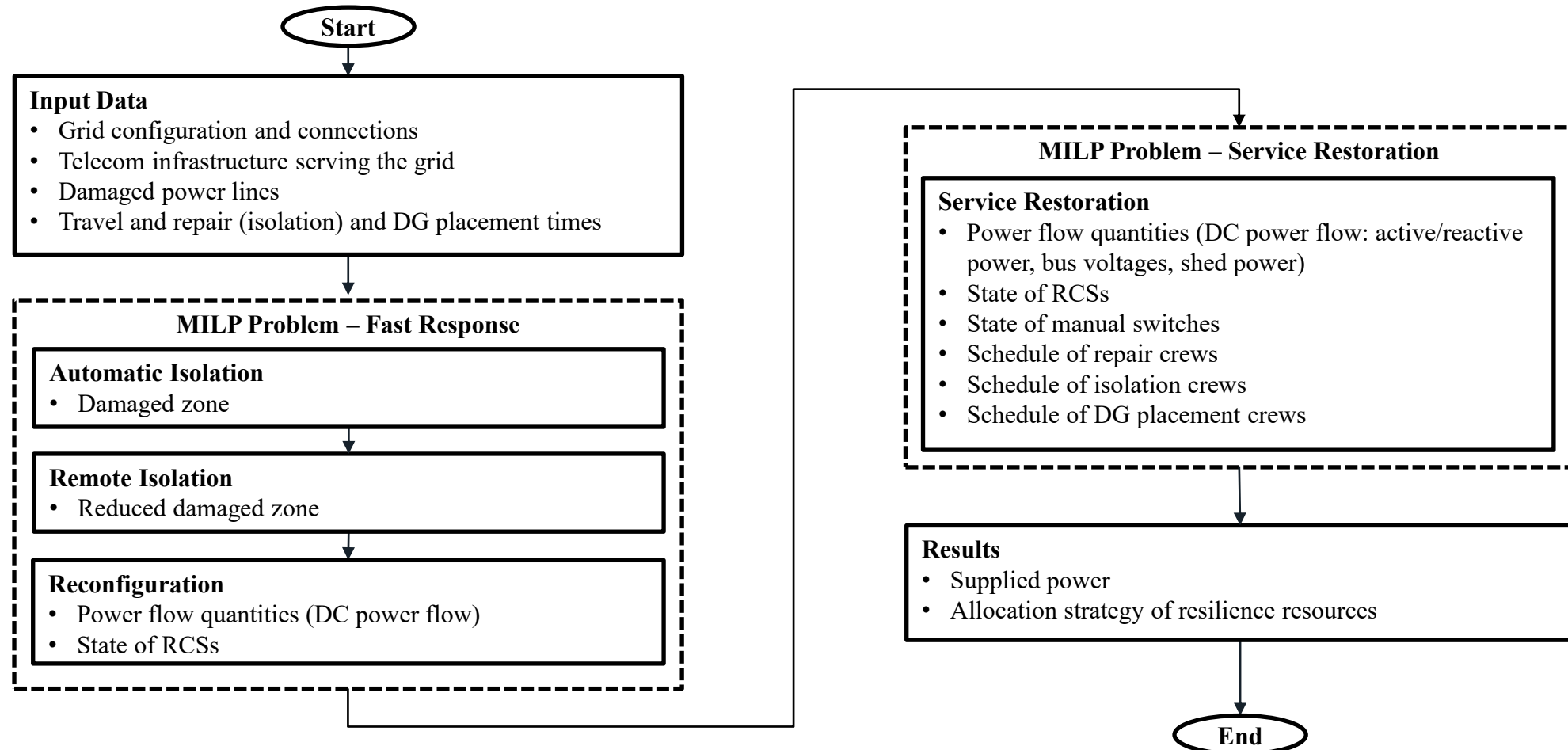
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## Proposed Approach



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## Optimization Formulation: MILP

Objective:

$$\min_{p,d,sw,c,a,y,T,E,w} \left[ \alpha \sum_{\forall t} \sum_{\forall i \in N \setminus S} C_i^{ns} \cdot p_{i,t}^{ns} + \beta \sum_{\forall t} \sum_{\forall l \in L} C^{sw} \cdot w_{l,t} + \gamma \left( \sum_{\forall (dp,k,l,t)} C_i^{rc} \cdot rc_{l,t}^{dp,k} + \sum_{\forall (dp,k,l,t)} C_i^{mc} \cdot mc_{l,t}^{dp,k} + \sum_{\forall (dp,k,n,t)} C_i^{gc} \cdot gc_{n,t}^{dp,k} \right) \right]$$

Subject to:

Topological and physical constraints of the grid, Impact of damage scenario, Interdependence constraints

Where:

- $p_{i,t}^{ns}$  : Non-supplied power to node  $i$  at time  $t$
- $a$  : Availability of line  $l$  at time  $t$
- $y$  : Connection state of loads
- $p$  : Active/Reactive power, node voltages
- $T$  : State of telecom services
- $sw$  : State of the switches
- $C$  : various costs
- $rc, mc, gc$  : planning of crews

→ Goal: Find the network configuration and intervention planning that optimize the system resilience with minimal costs

# System Model

## Key constraints

- Routing and scheduling

$$rc_{l,t+\tau}^k + rc_{m,t}^k \leq 1, \quad \forall m \neq l, \quad \forall \tau : 0 \leq \tau < TT_{l,m}^{rc}$$

$$gc_{l,t+\tau}^k + gc_{m,t}^k \leq 1, \quad \forall m \neq l, \quad \forall \tau : 0 \leq \tau < TT_{l,0}^{gc} + TT_{m,0}^{gc}$$

- Task completion

$$a_{n,t}^{dg} \leq \frac{\sum_{\tau=0}^t gc_{n,\tau}^k}{GT_n}, \quad \forall k$$

- Battery of telecom access points

$$E_{i,t} = E_{i,t-1} - p_i^{disc} \cdot (1 - y_{i,t-1}^e) \cdot b_{i,t-1}$$

- Power supply to telecom points

$$\frac{1}{M} \cdot (1 - f_i) \cdot (E_{i,t} + y_{i,t}^e) \leq T_{i,t}^e \leq M \cdot (1 - f_i) \cdot (E_{i,t} + y_{i,t}^e)$$

- Telecom service of power nodes

$$sw_{l,t-1} \leq sw_{l,t} \leq sw_{l,t-1} + ss_{k,t}^c a_{i,t}^e, \quad \forall l \in L^{cb}$$

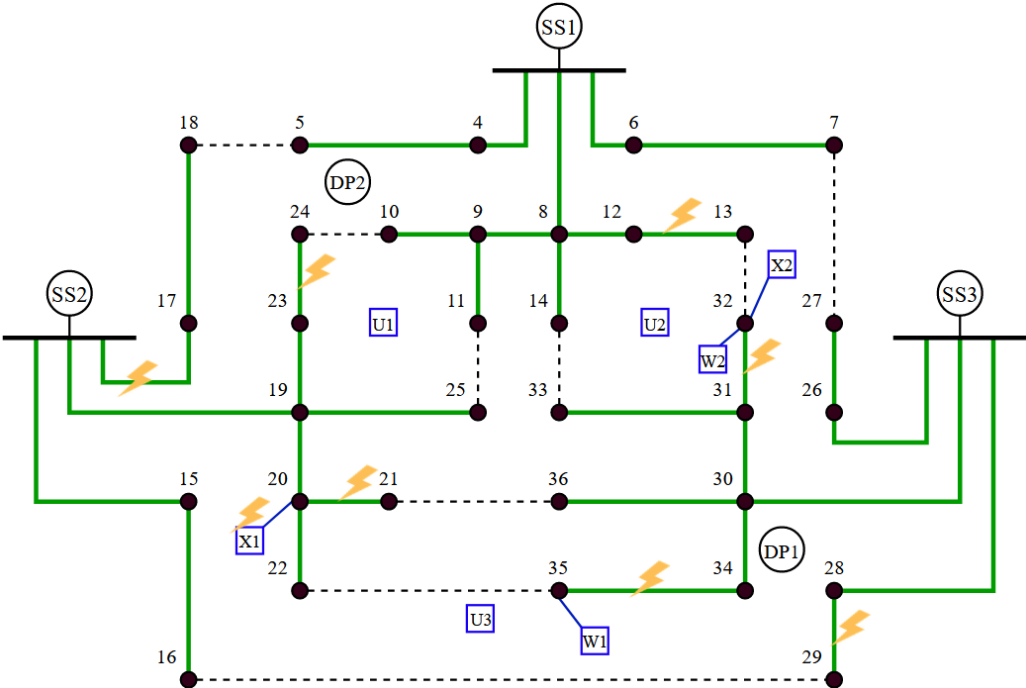
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# Simulation

## Network Setting

- Failure scenario in 7 power lines and one telecom access points (X1)
- Power lines contain either remote or manual switches
- Configuration: 3 HV/MV substations, 33 MV buses, 42 power lines
- Access points have battery capacity of 3 hours

Telecom Point	Number	Power Supply
Aggregation Point	1	Node 9
Fixed Access Point (X)	2	Node 32, Node 20
Wireless Access Point (W)	2	Node 32, Node 35
Utility-owned telecom point (U)	3	
Depot	2	



Depot	Repair Crews	Manual Isolation Crews	DG Placement Crews
DP1	2	1	1
DP2	2	1	1

# Results

## Result 1

- Only automatic recloser, circuit breakers and remote switches are used for fast reconfiguration
- The optimization is conducted in the reconfiguration phase ( $t = D$ )
- The result from this stage is taken as input to the restoration stage
- Networks with underground (U) lines perform better due to improved isolation

Figure 1.  
Evolution of  
supplied power  
during fast  
response

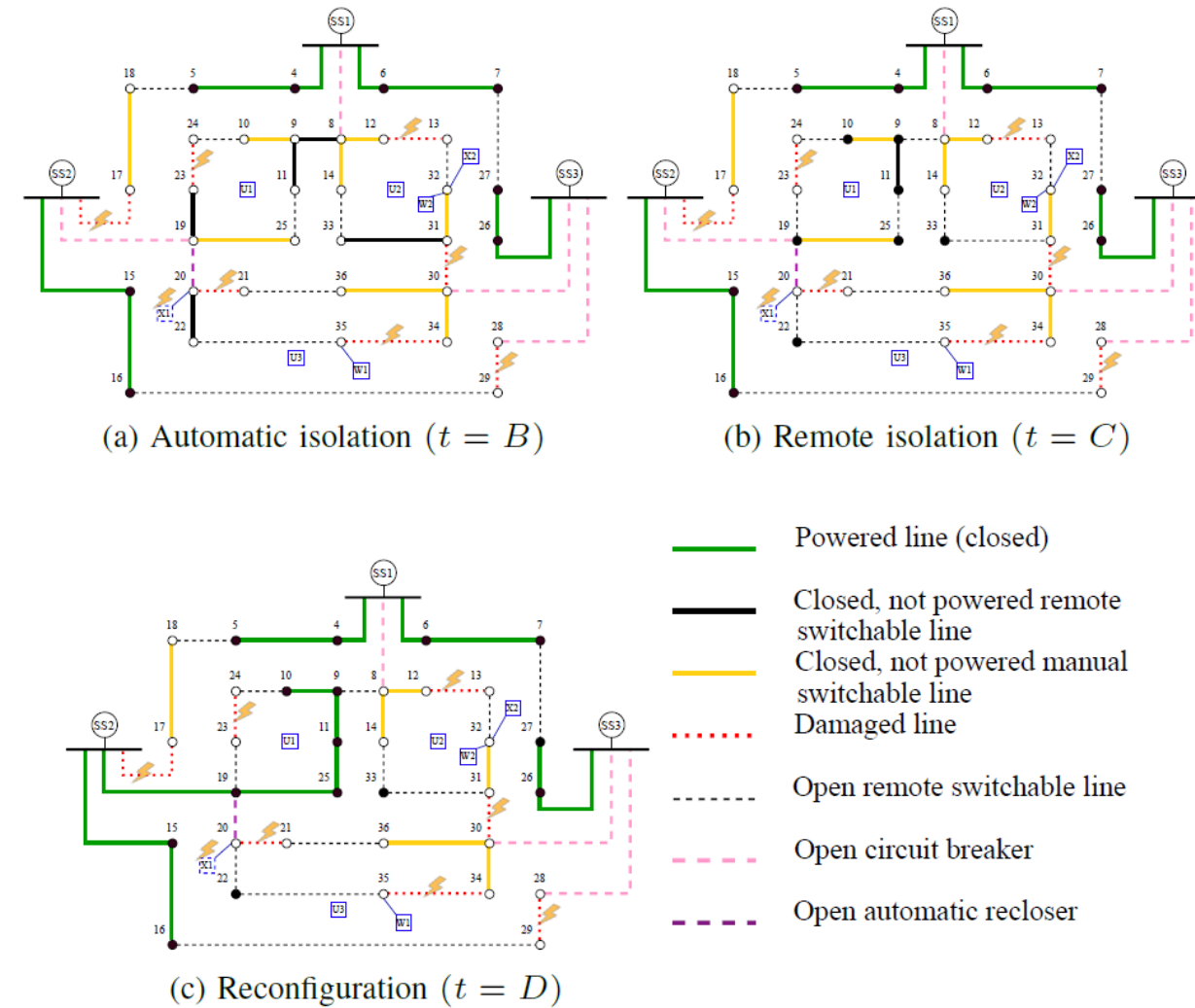
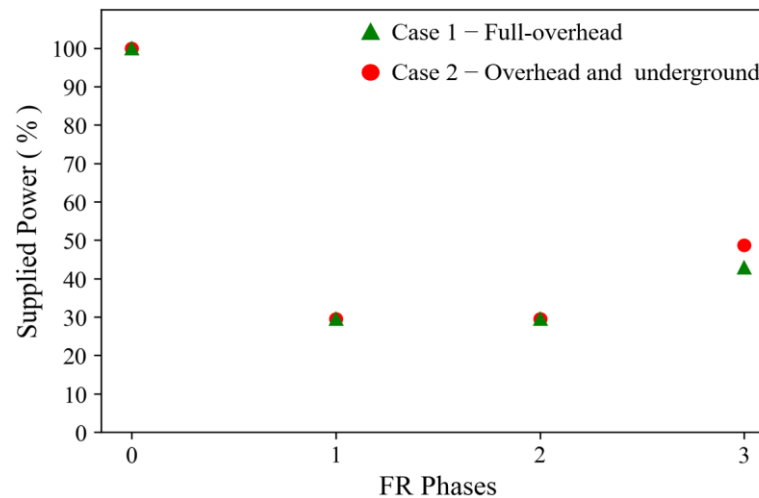


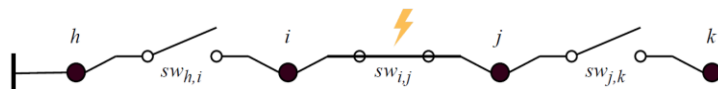
Figure 2. Illustration of fast response phases

# Results

## Result 2

- Neglecting the state of the telecom infrastructure overestimates the recovery capabilities
- Considering the evolution of **telecom state** during an extreme event and the **coordination of resilience levers** makes it possible to follow a better recovery strategy
- Networks with underground (U) lines once again perform overall better due to improved isolation

Overhead  
lines



Underground  
lines

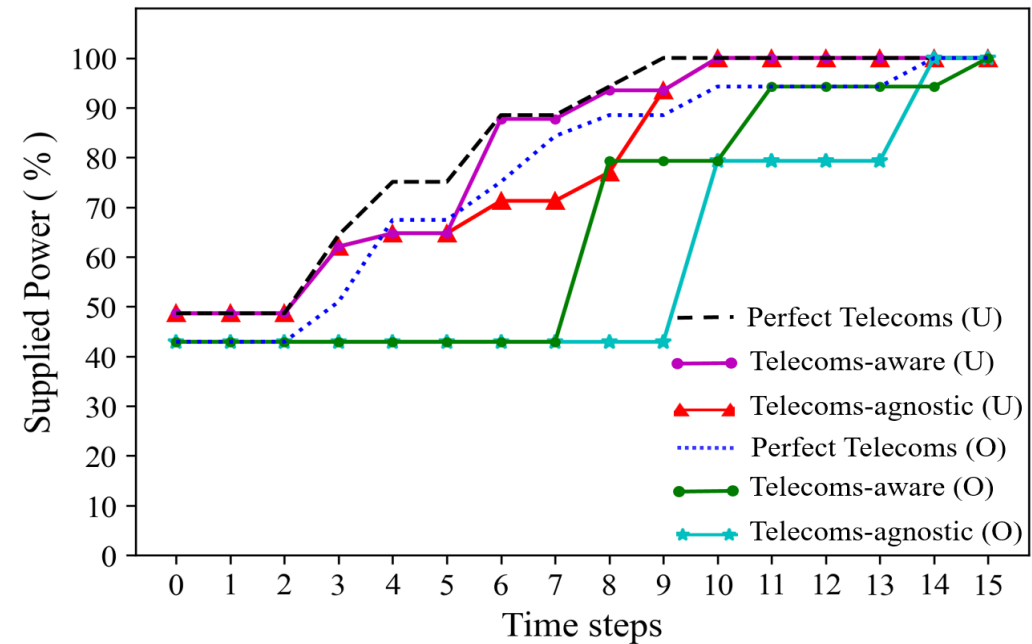
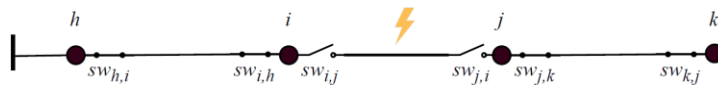


Figure 3. Evolution of supplied power during service restoration

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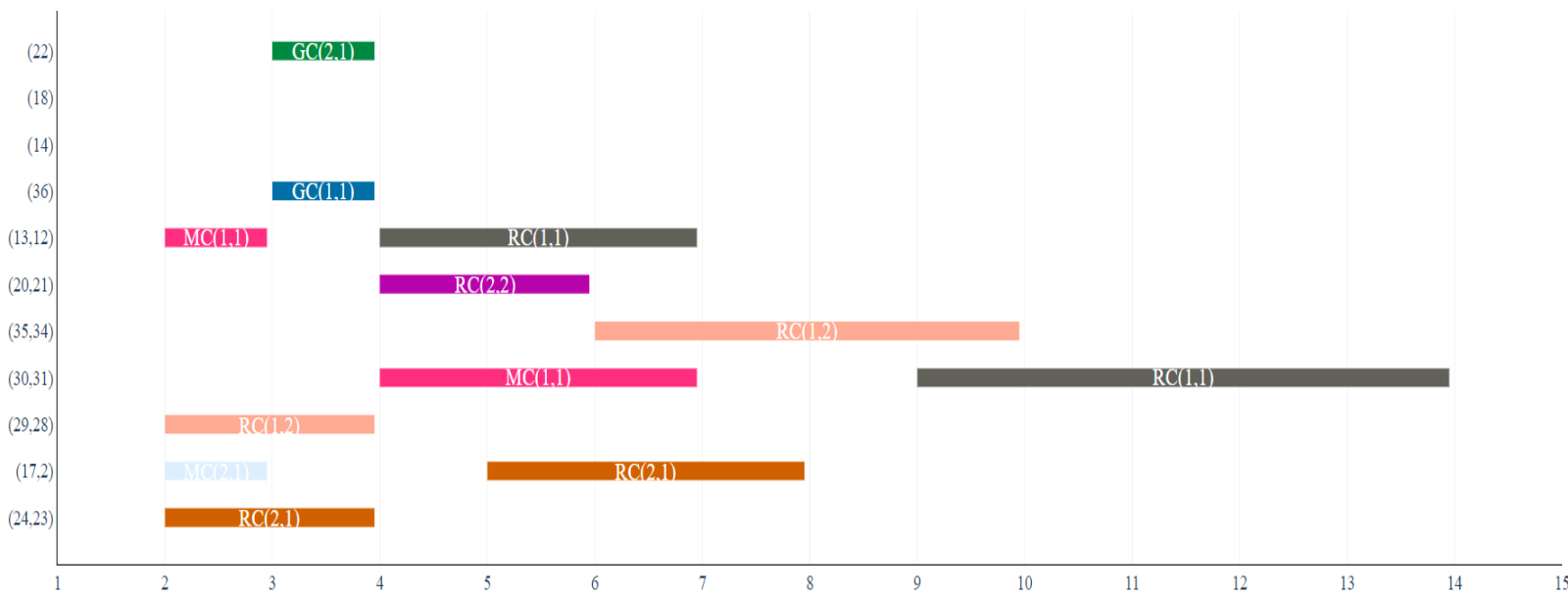
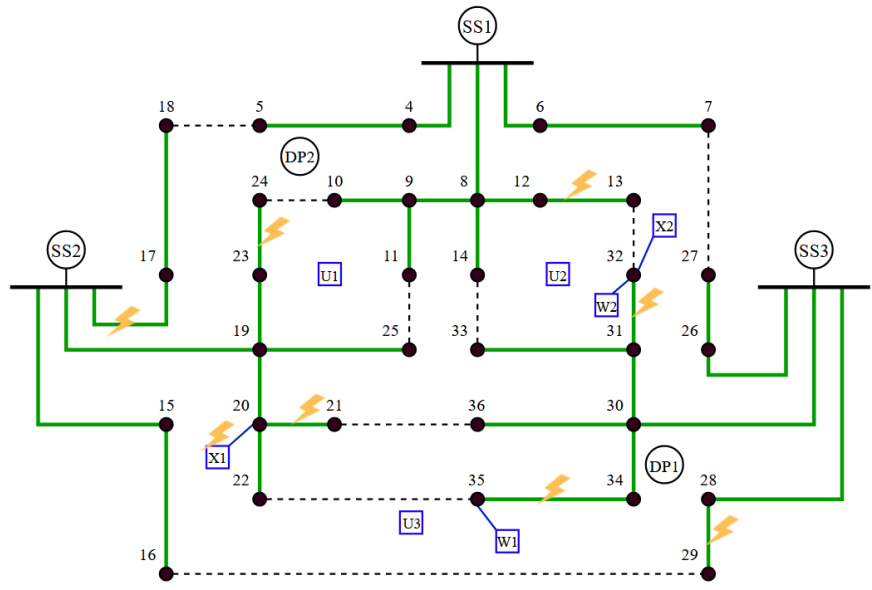


Figure 2. Crew Schedule – Telecom-agnostic case



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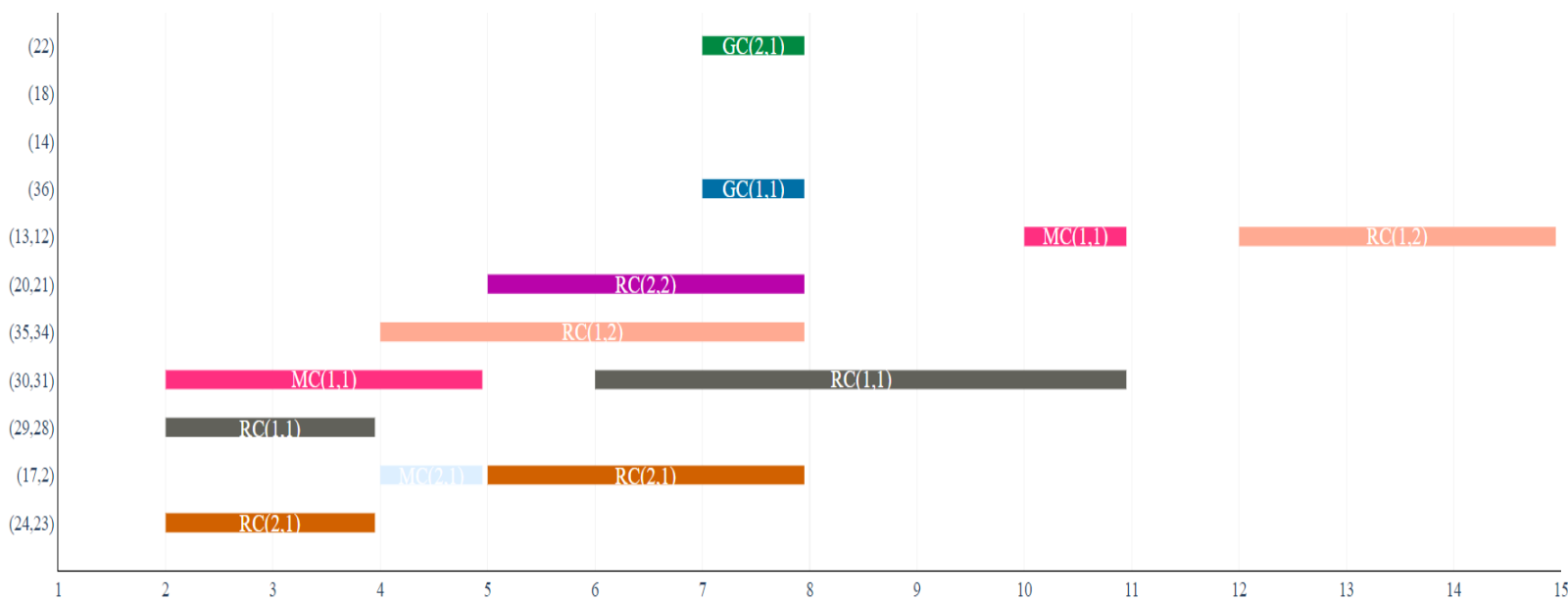
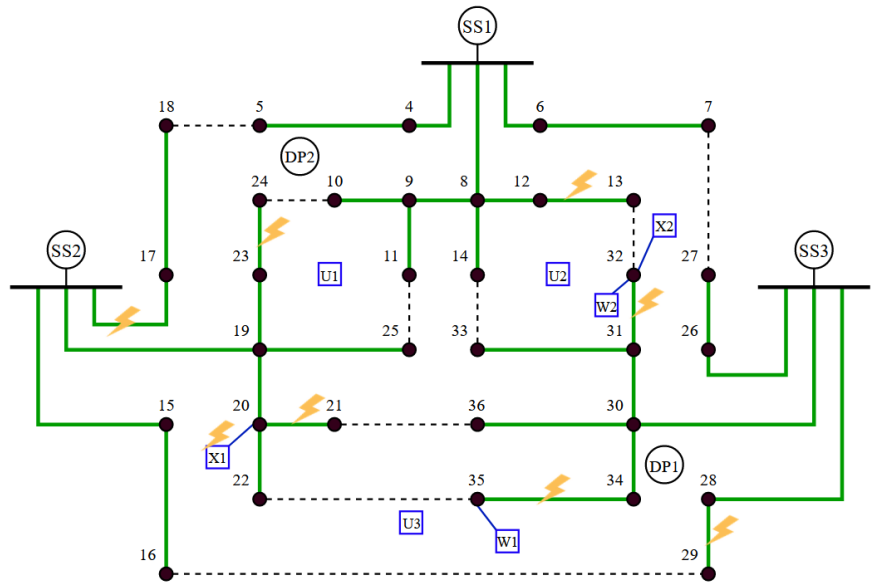


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## Major contributions

- A DSR co-optimization model is proposed to find optimal recovery strategies while leveraging information on the **availability of telecom assets**
- The co-optimization captures various **interdependencies**: between power and ICT networks, among resilience resources, and within public-private telecoms
- Different grid architectures including the two broad families of **overhead and underground** networks are considered, which allows minimal model changes for configuration evolution
- A simplified formulation is proposed for radiality conditions, and a realistic **multi-feeder network** is constructed to validate the proposed model.
- Fast moving isolation crews are introduced to allow highly flexible recovery

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## Current Work

- The power flow model is linear, which is very informative for the “system level” view required for resilience assessment. Nevertheless, for a finer description of the interdependent network, the model must above all be completed for the telecom layer
- Introduce telecom intervention crews into the model
- The complexity of the model remains acceptable (in the order of a thousand nodes), but can be enhanced by working on a low-complexity solution for the MILP

# Related Works

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