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WaveGuide:

Rectangular Waveguide –
a new communication solution for modern
medium voltage switchgear

- Robust system
- Low attenuation
- High bandwidth

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WaveGuide in
an UniGear ZS1
at LyondellBasell
Industries



Air insulated medium voltage switchgear

- Type: UniGear ZS1
- Number of panels: 6
- Rated voltage: 12 kV
- Rated current: 1.250 A
- Rated short-circuit current: 25 kA
- Protection and control relay:
REF542 plus
- Communication: IEC 61850
- Communication system: WaveGuide
- Connection to the control system:
COM615 with Protocol **IEC 60870-5-101**

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WaveGuide WGA631
and REF542 *plus*



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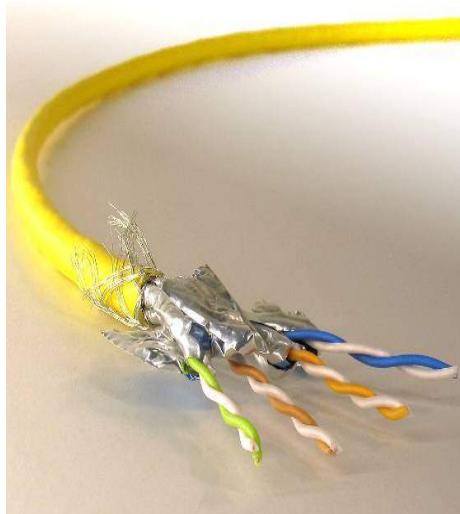


Operator's station

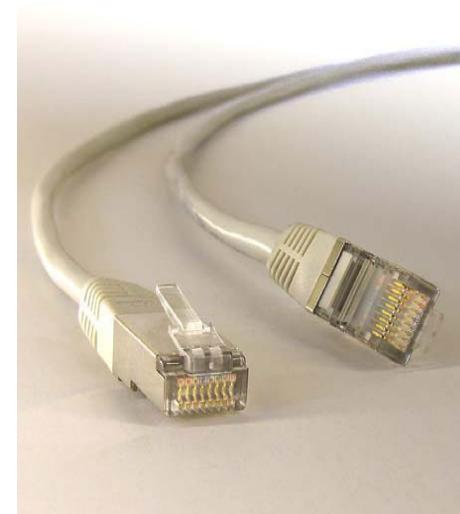
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Single core cable



CAT 7 cable
(twisted pair)



Ethernet cable;
preassembled

Retrospective

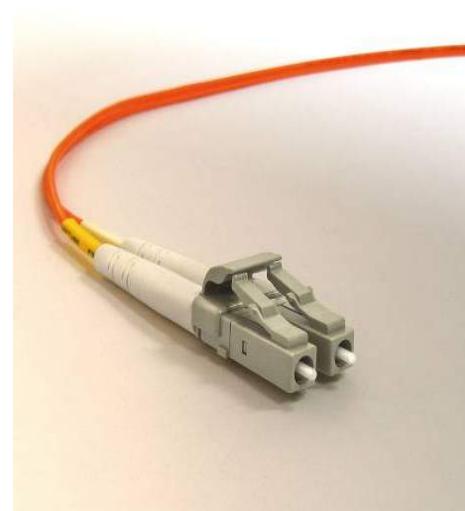
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Coaxial cable



Optical fiber cable

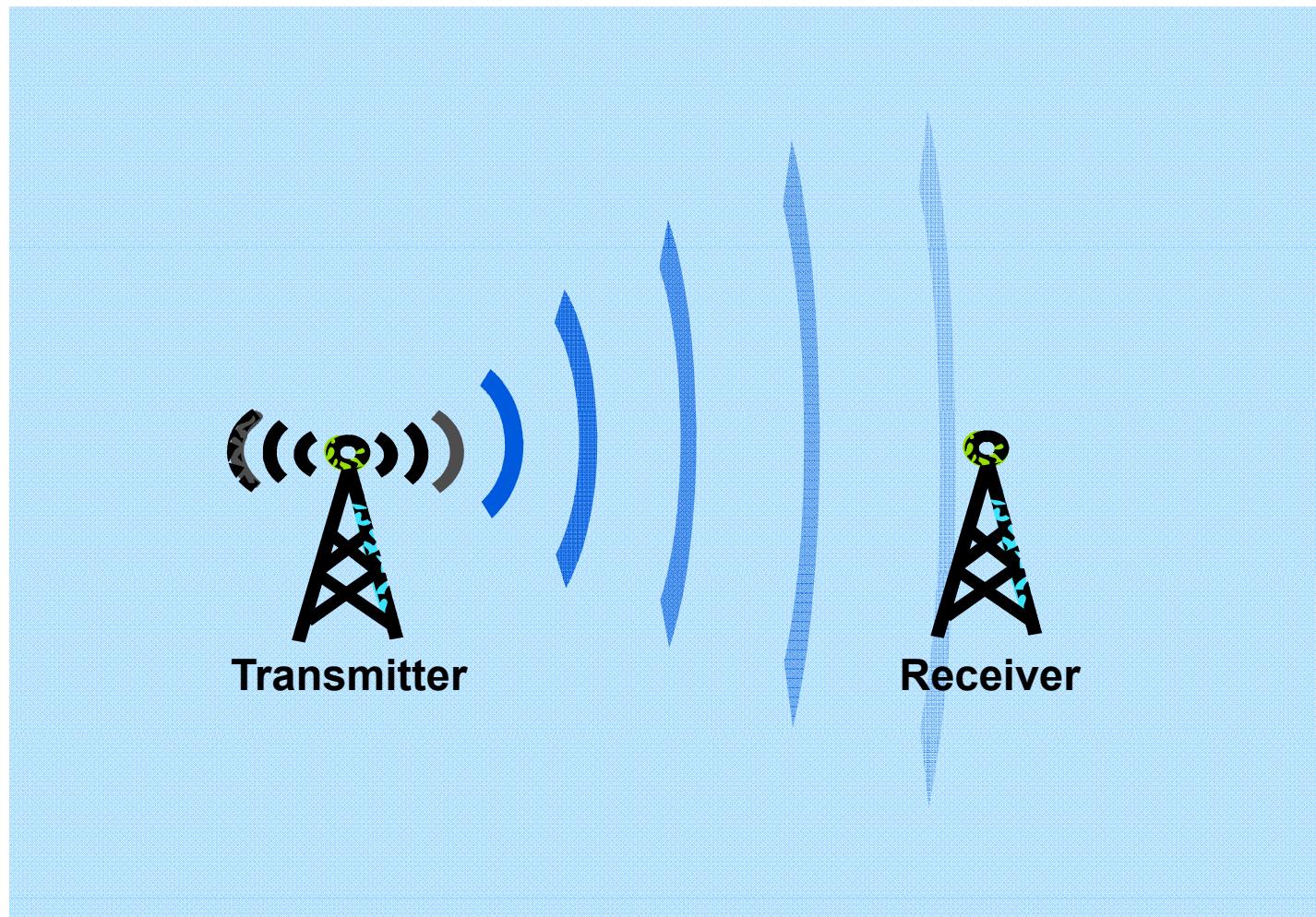


Optical fiber cable;
preassembled
(LC Connector)

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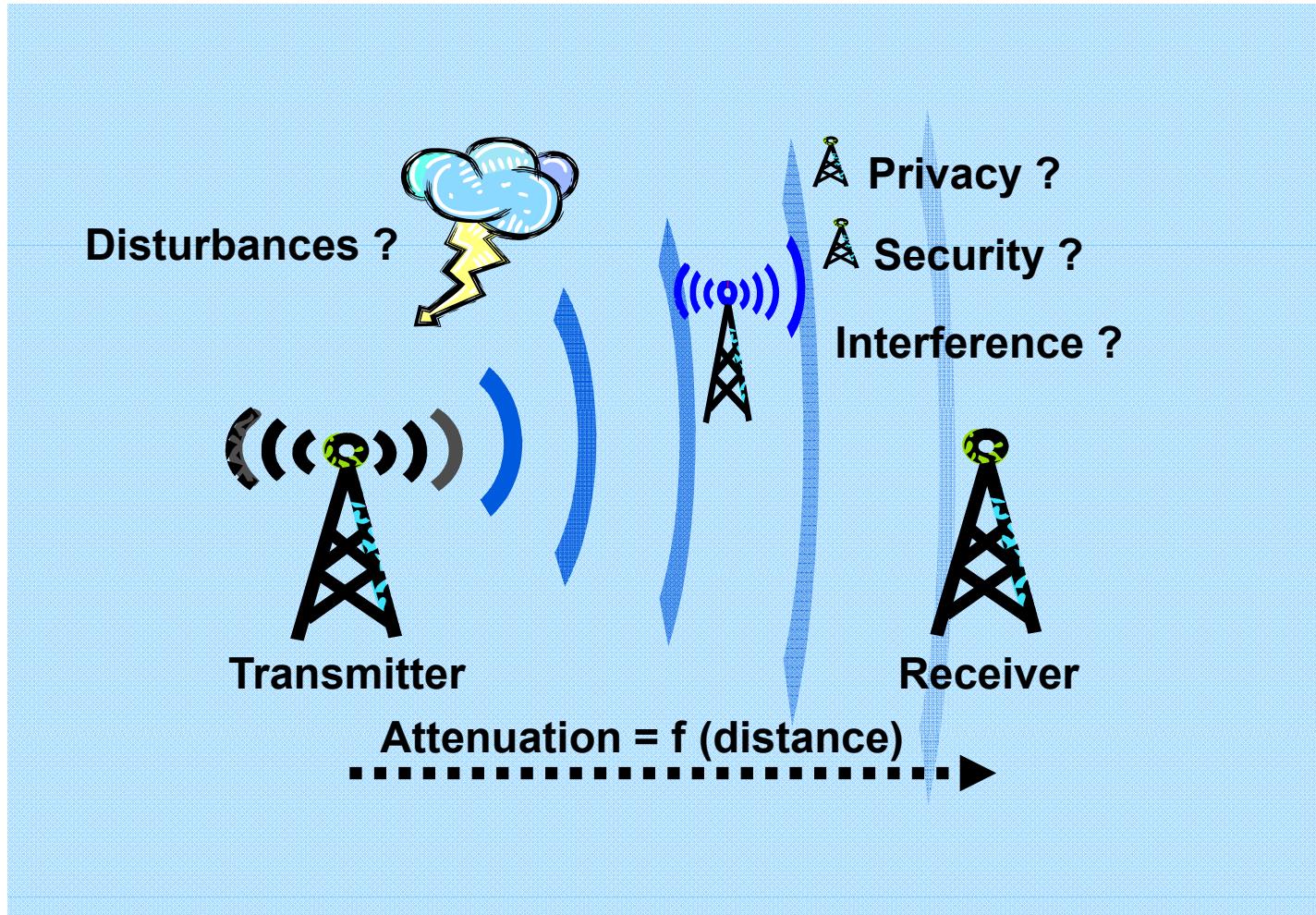
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State-of-the-art: Wireless LAN



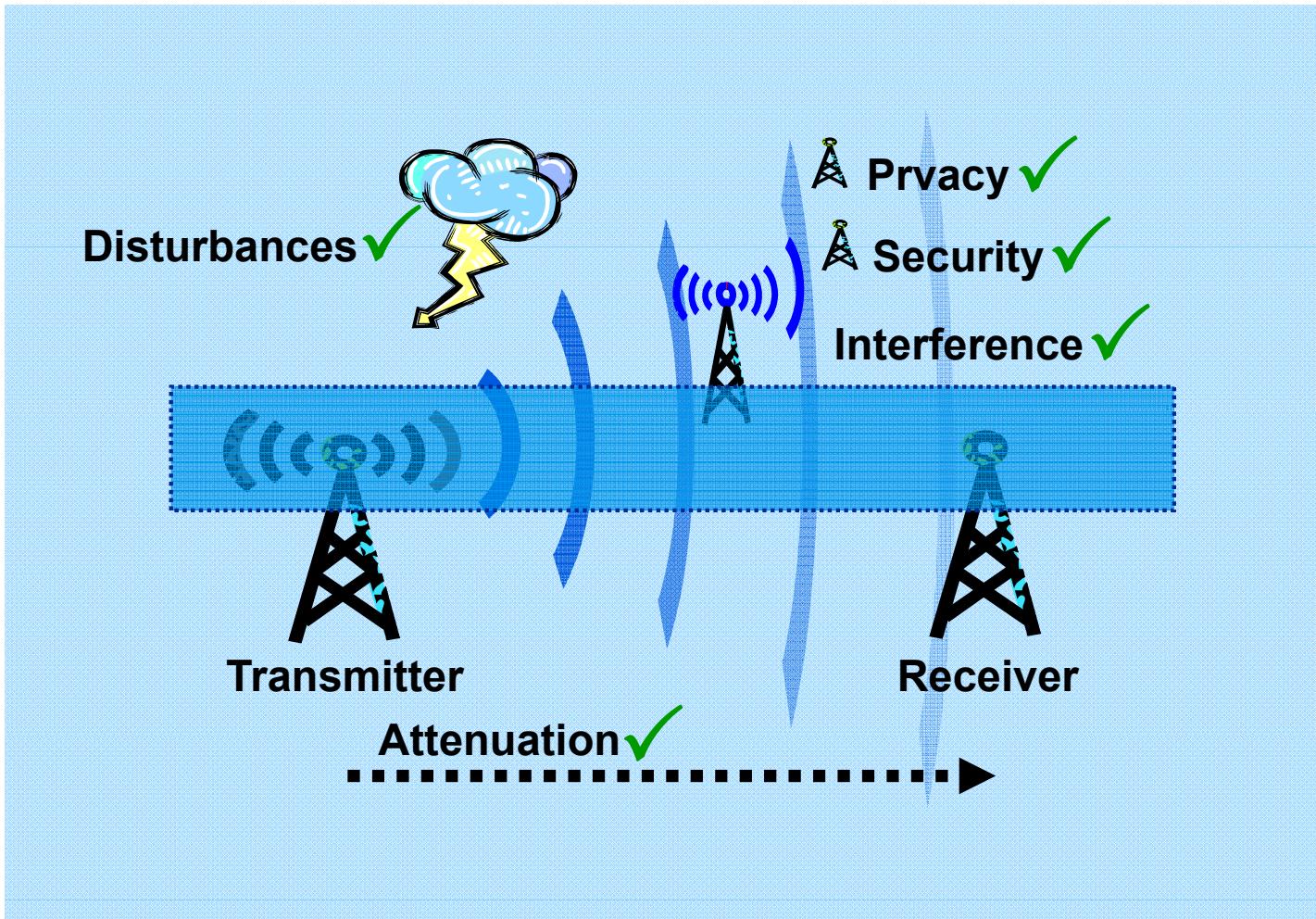
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State-of-the-art: Wireless LAN – risks



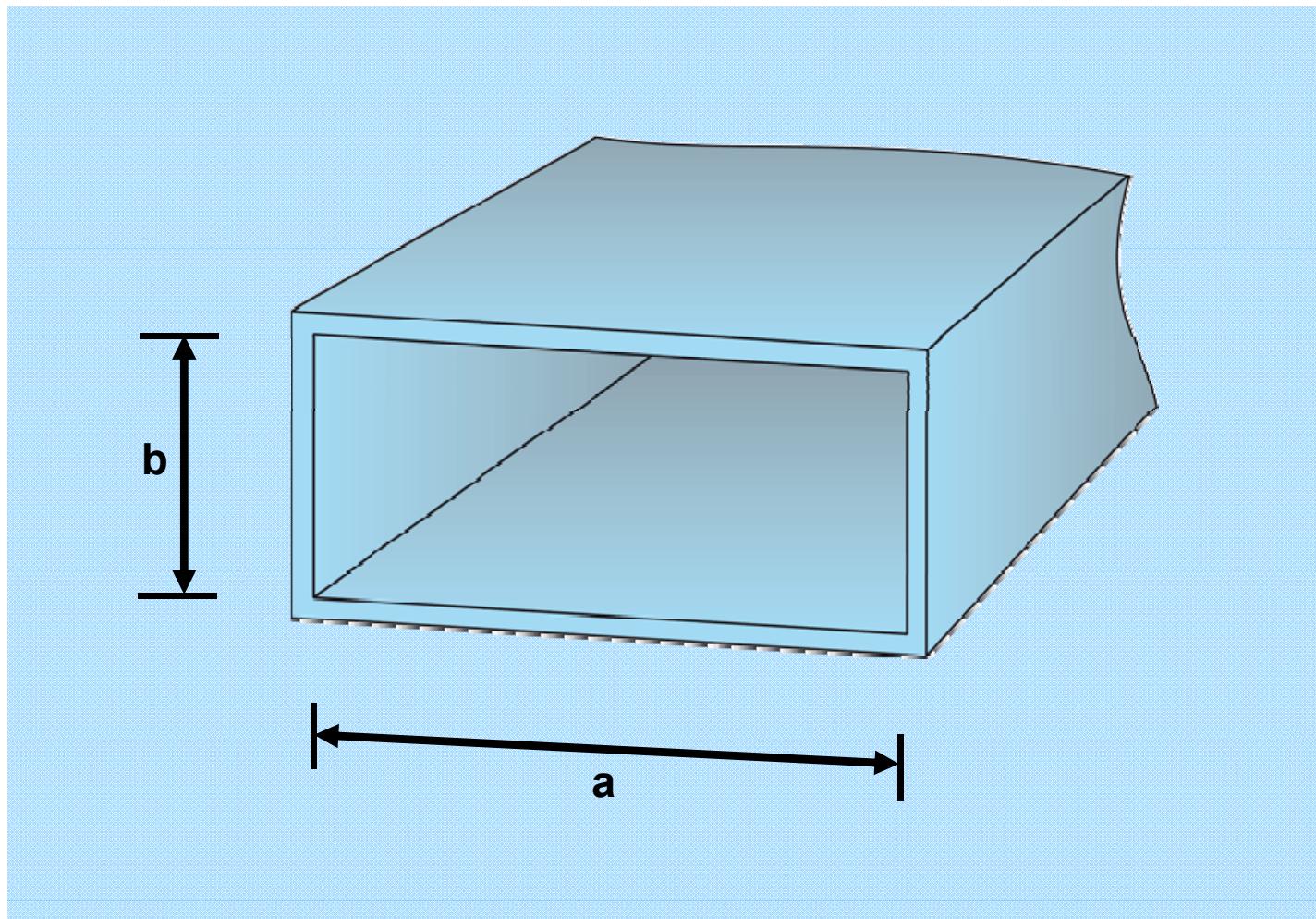
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The solution



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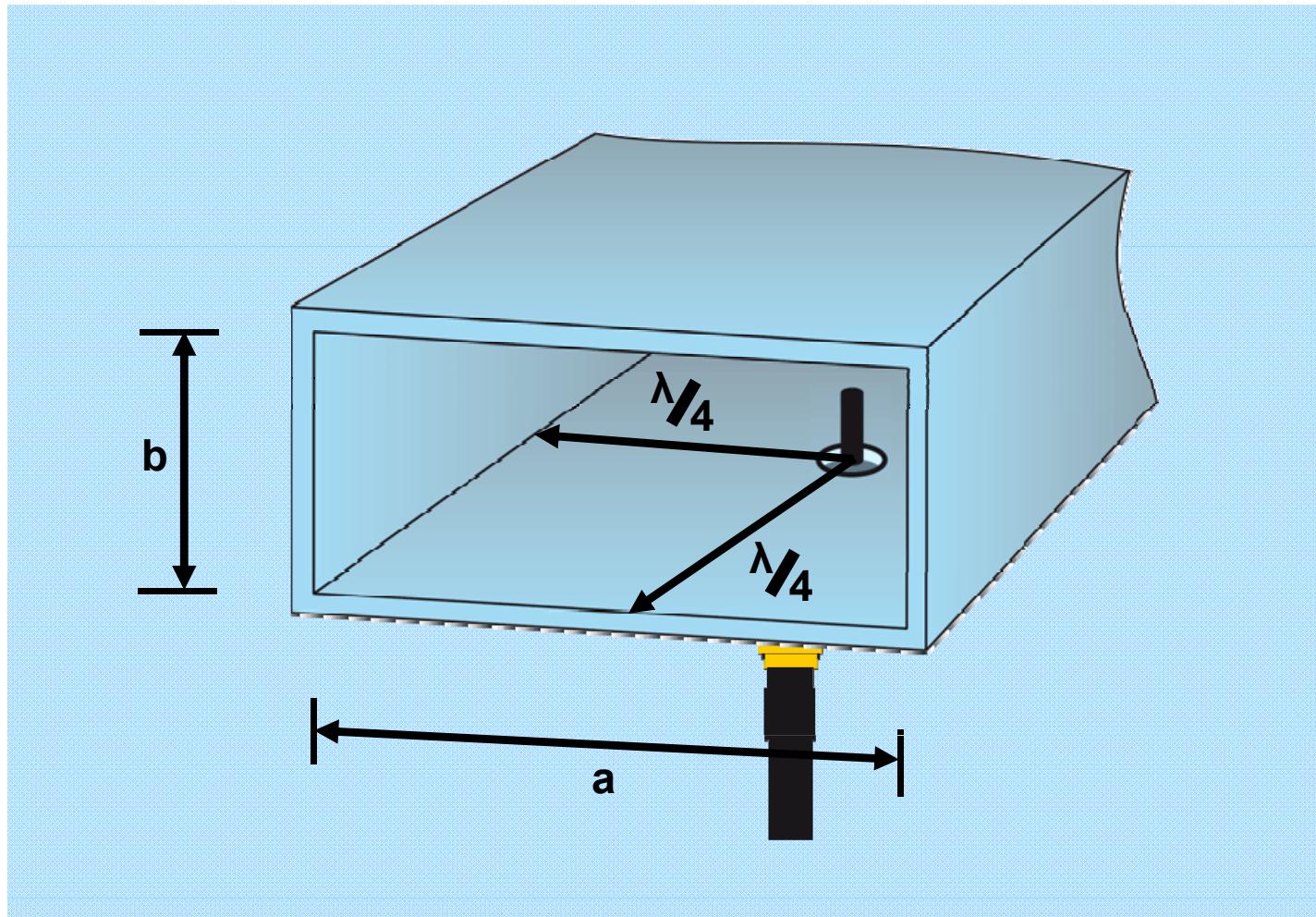


WaveGuides in „everyday“ life:

- Wind instruments
 - Flutes, organ pipes, trumpets, ...
- Microwave ovens
- Transmitters
- Glass fiber cables
- ...

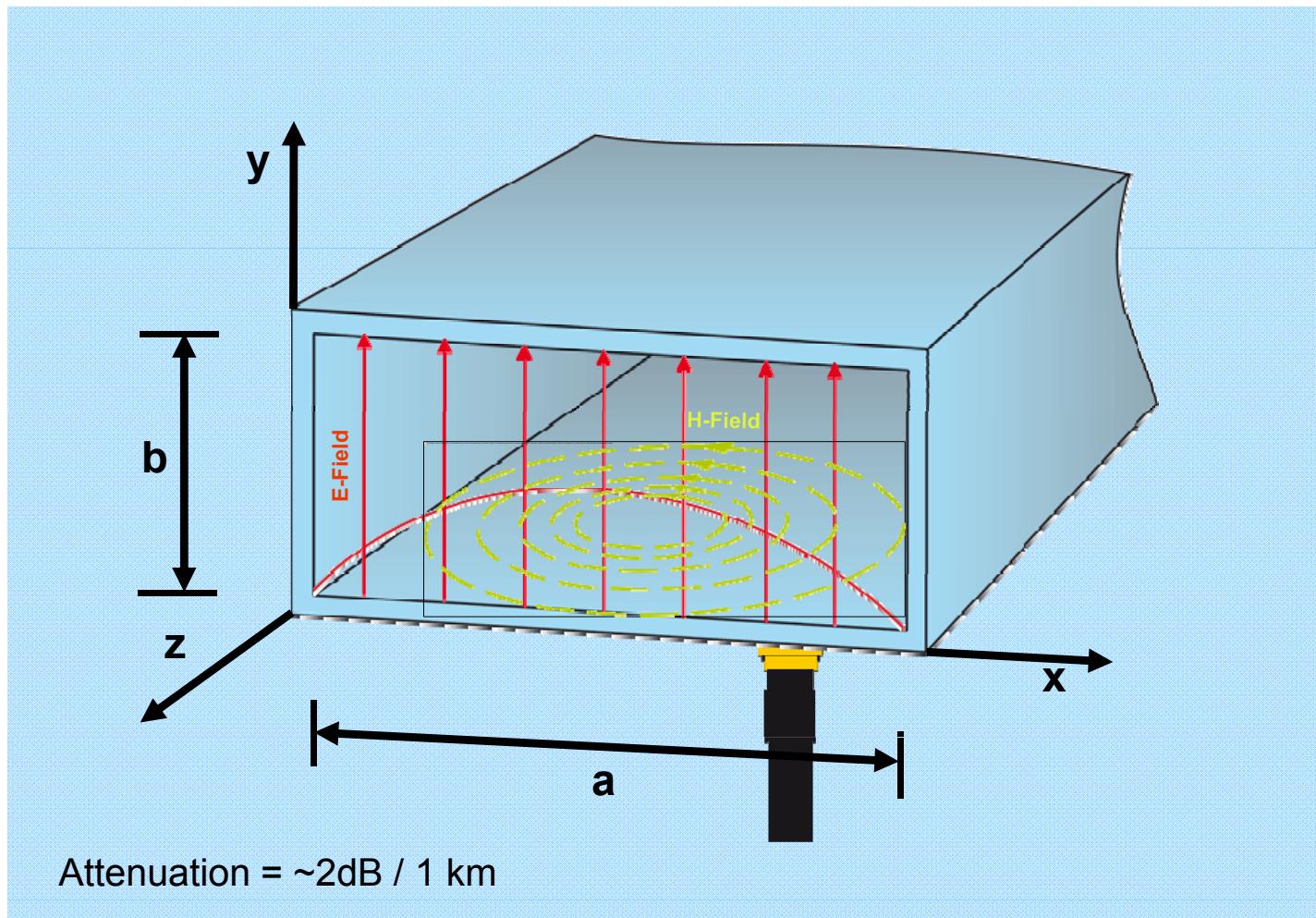
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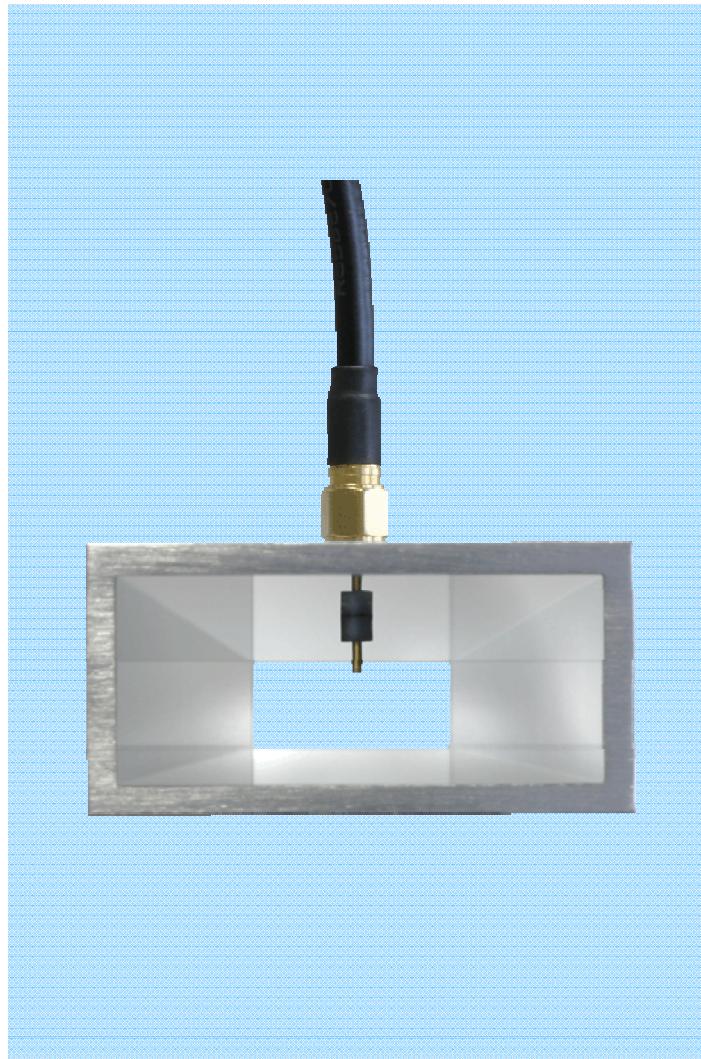


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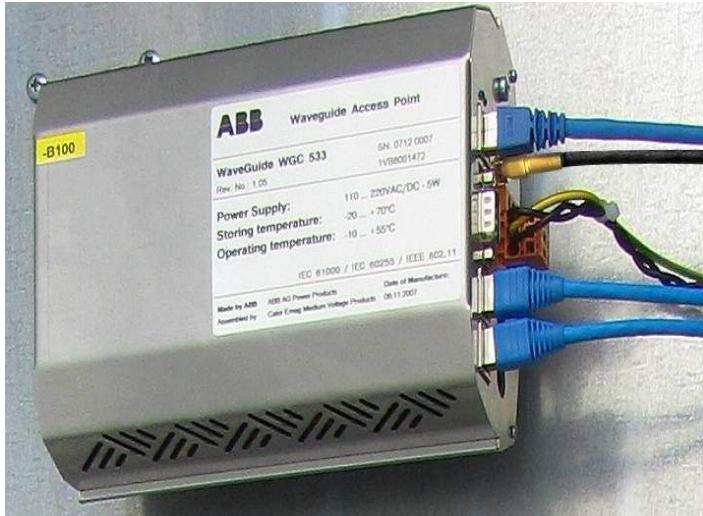


The future has begun:

- WaveGuides as a transmission medium in medium voltage switchgear

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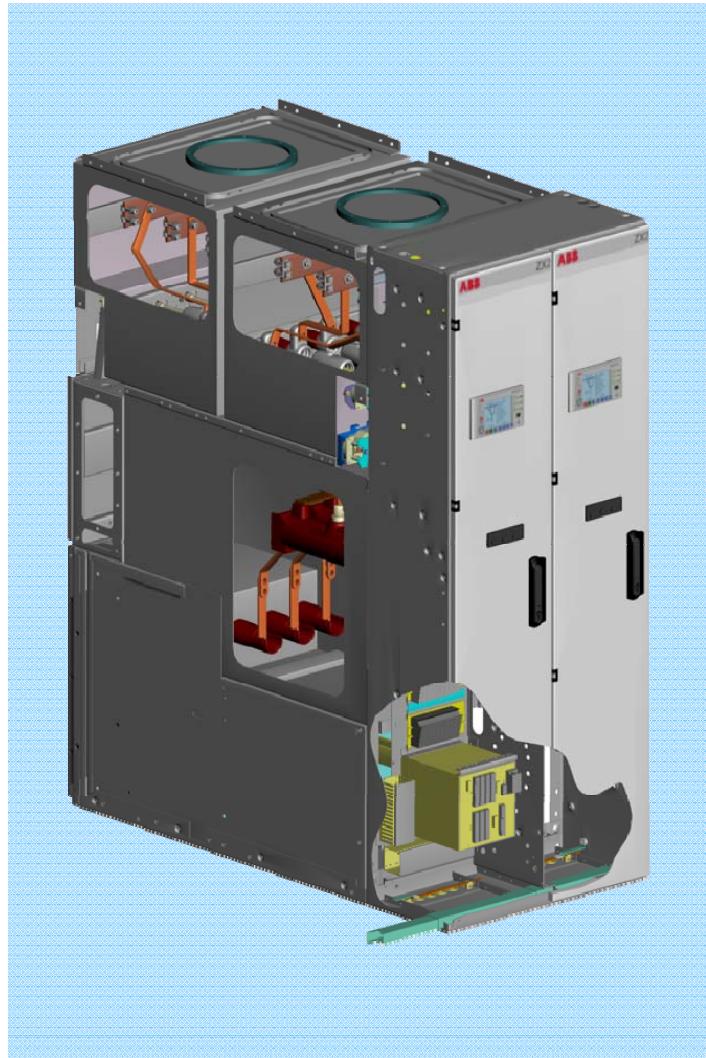
Assembly situation
in a ZS1 UniGear



WaveGuide access point WGA631

- Multi port version
 - 3 x Ethernet, 1 x WLAN
 - Aux. voltage: 110 ... 220 V AC/DC
- Temperature range
 - Operating: -20° C to 55° C
 - Storage: -30° C to 70°C
- Humidity (non-condensing)
 - 5 % ~ 95 % typical

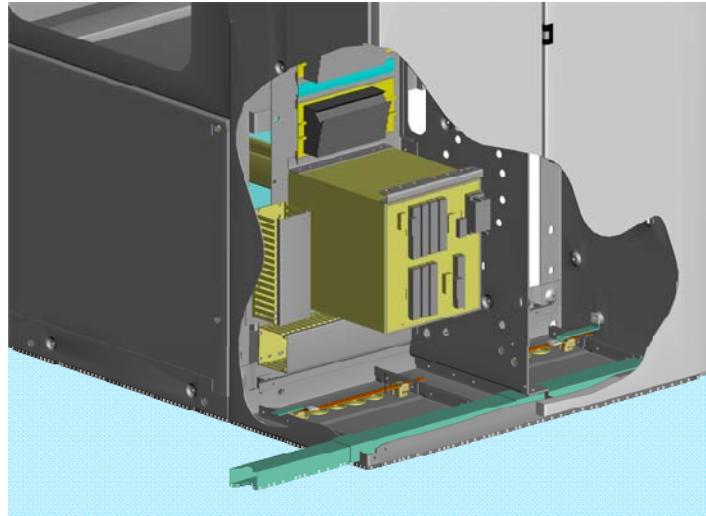
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Installation position

WaveGuide in a gas-insulated medium voltage panel – ZX2 double feeder panel

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Installation position (detail view)

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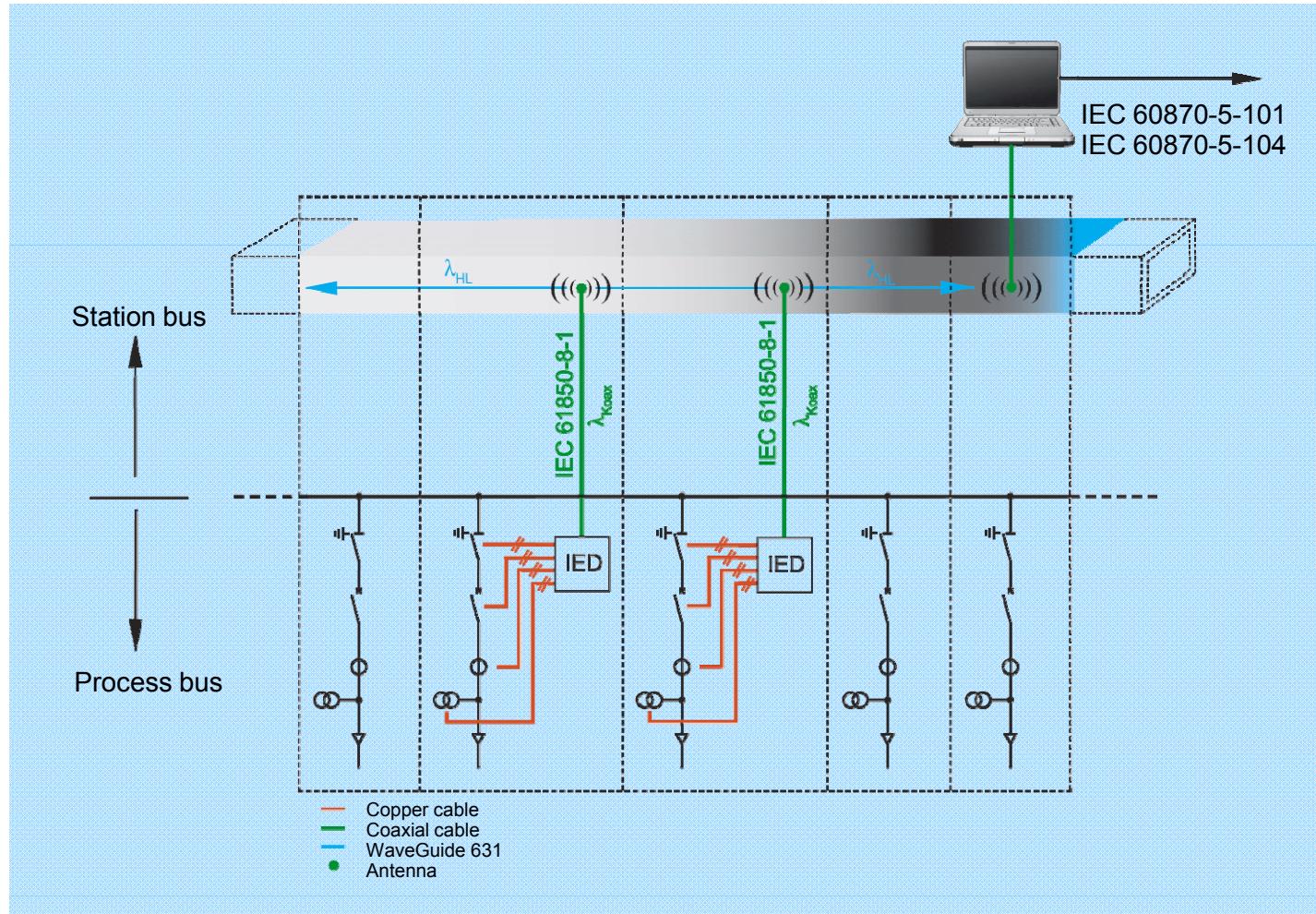
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Comparison: electrical – optical – radio signals

| Transmission media | System-availability | EMC | Thermal influences | Mechanical influences | Assembly work | Expandability |
|--|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Electrical connection (twisted pair CAT 5, RJ 45) | + | -- | + | + | O | O |
| Optical fibers (Multimode 2G 62.5/125 µm) | + | + | O | - | - | - |
| WaveGuide 631 | ++ | + | + | ++ | + | ++ |

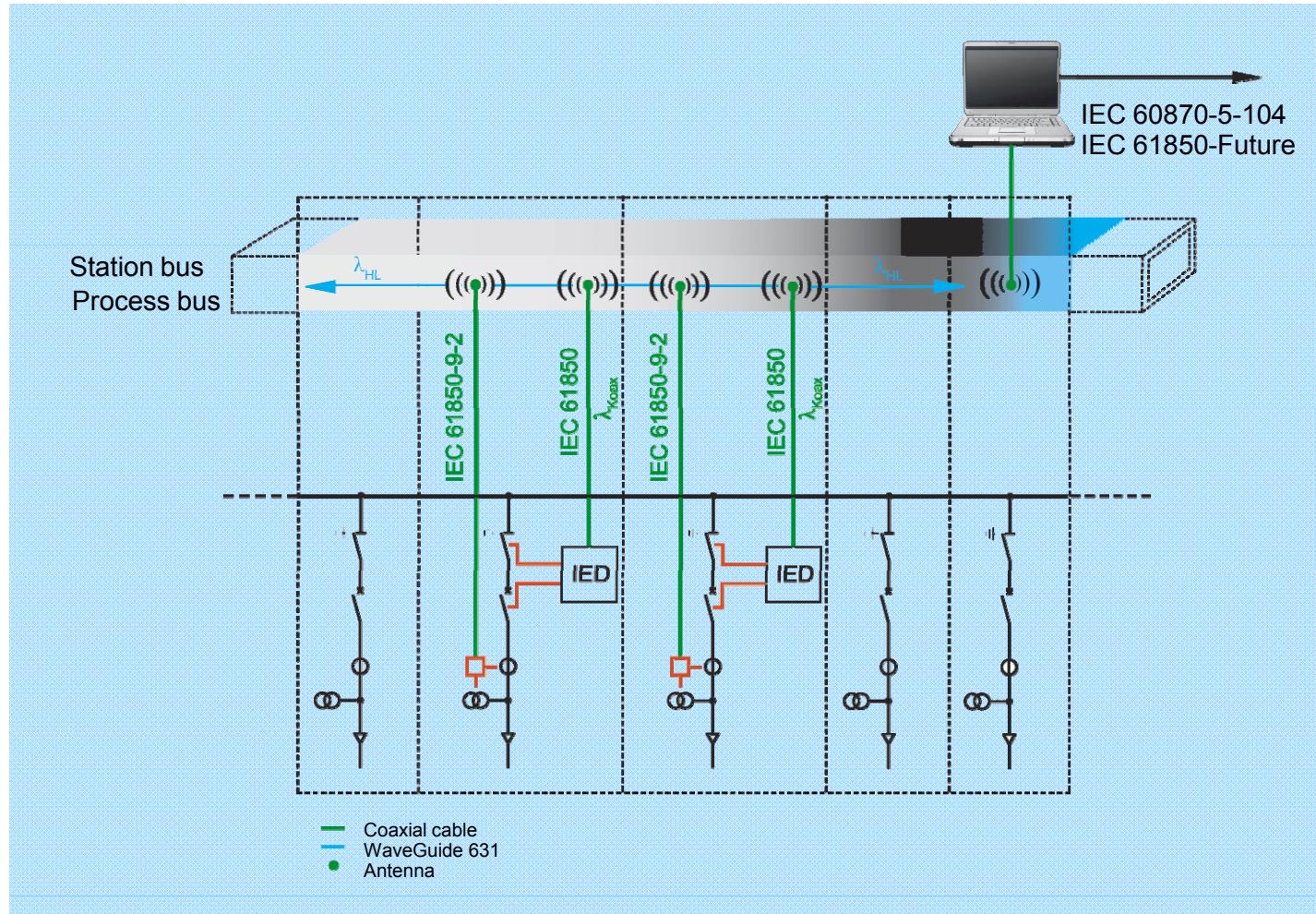
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View of the present

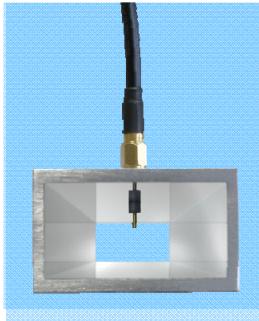


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View into the future

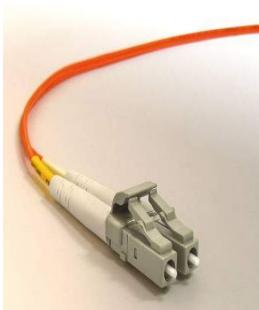


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WaveGuide – benefits

- Communication to IEC 61850
- Control and automation with the necessary safety
- Robust transmission technology by radio signals without electrical or optical links
- High system availability
- Closed system
- Small amount of installation work
- No time-consuming making up of cables
- Easily extendable
- No interference from outside:
 - EMC
 - Thermal
 - Mechanical
- Merging of process and station levels



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