Intelligent Selection Guide for Distribution Network Automation

AI Overview

Effective distribution network automation requires selecting interoperable, high-performance devices, ensuring secure and low-latency communication, and integrating AI-driven monitoring for optimized grid operations.

Key Principles for Equipment Selection

1. Device Interoperability and Protocol Support Modern DNA systems must handle multiple communication protocols. Devices should support IEC 61850, DNP3, Modbus TCP, and allow protocol conversion at terminals to ensure seamless integration between substations, field devices, and control centers . Main station-terminal communication typically uses IEC 60870-5-104 or DL/T 634.5104, while terminal-device interfaces may require protocol translation for legacy equipment . 2. Environmental Adaptability Distribution network devices often operate in harsh conditions, with temperatures ranging from -40℃ to 75℃ and high humidity. Equipment should be rated for outdoor deployment, with low failure rates under extreme conditions . 3. Business Stratification and Latency Requirements Critical services like differential protection require end-to-end latency below 12ms, while high-bandwidth applications such as video surveillance demand robust throughput (e.g., 16Mbps per 4G LTE modem for 16 cameras), . Network design should separate control commands from monitoring data to prevent delays exceeding ±50ms.

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