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# *Application of High Pressure Water Mist Fire Protection Systems in Data Centres, A Case Study*

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# Introduction

- Danfoss Semco A/S is part of the Danfoss Group
- Formed from two **world leaders: Danfoss & Semco Maritime**
- Global leader in the sales, development, production and service/ commissioning of **certified fixed fire fighting systems**
- Supplier for both the marine and land segment

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Years expertise in  
fire fighting



# Danfoss Semco A/S locations



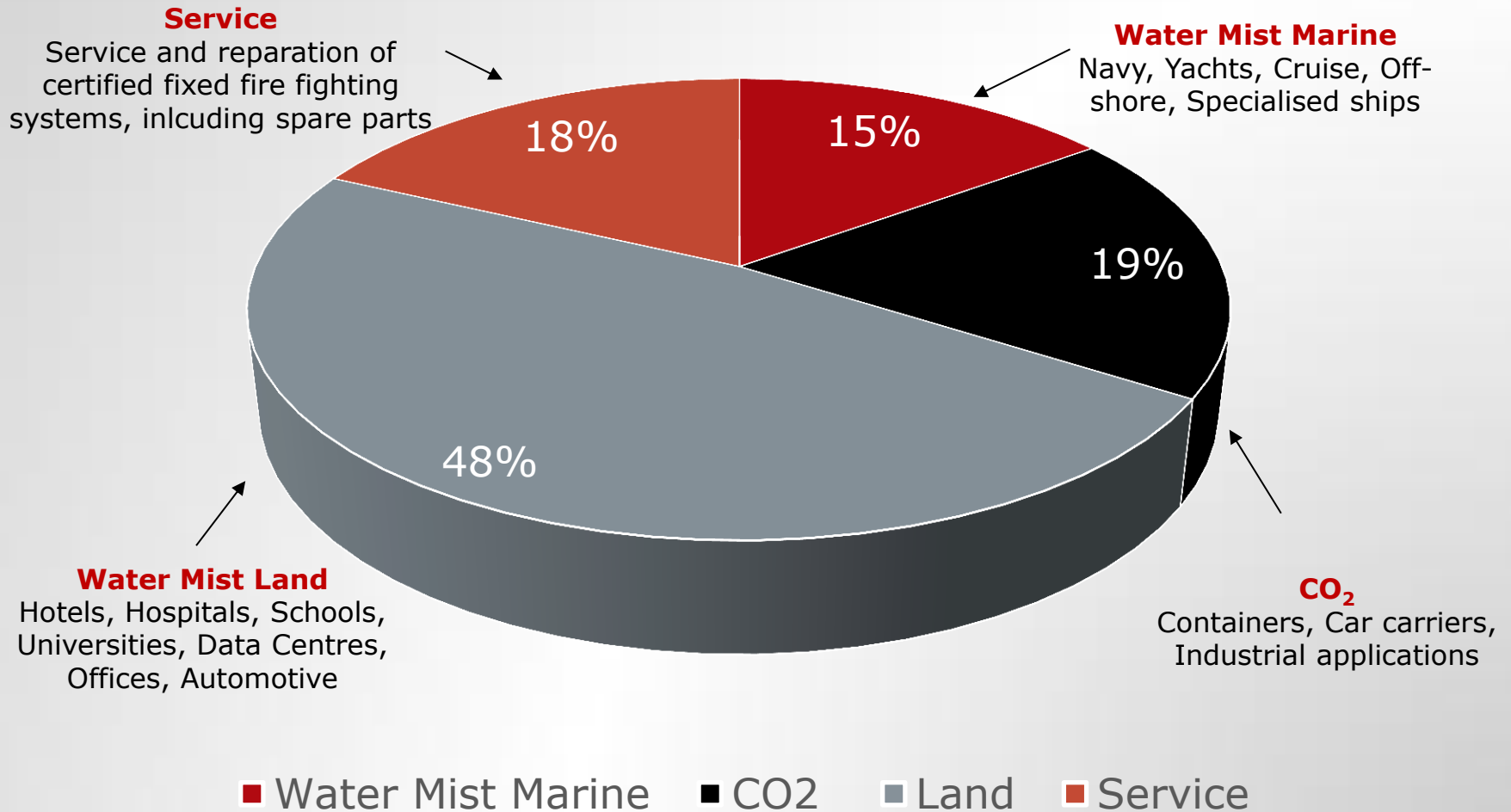
**Odense** (*Sales, Engineering, Production and R&D*)

- High-pressure water mist systems
- Gas based systems
- Foam based systems
- Wet chemicals

**Tianjin** (*Production*) and **Shanghai** (*Sales*)

- High-pressure water mist pump units for the Chinese land market

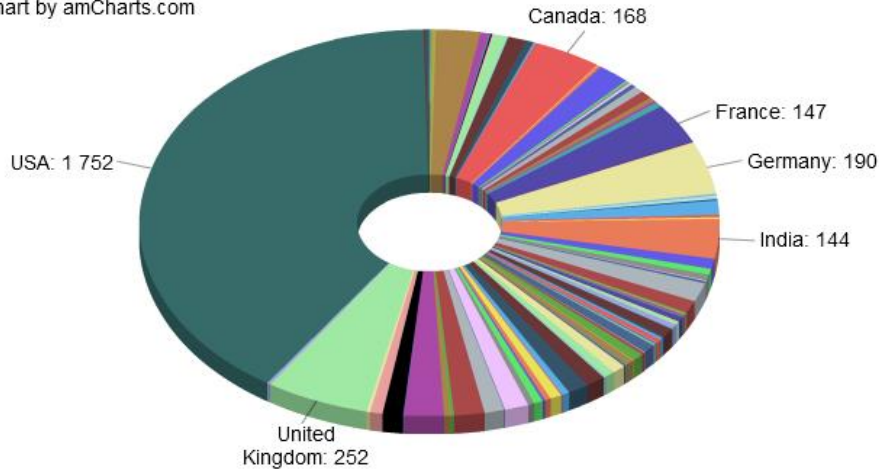
# Business Areas



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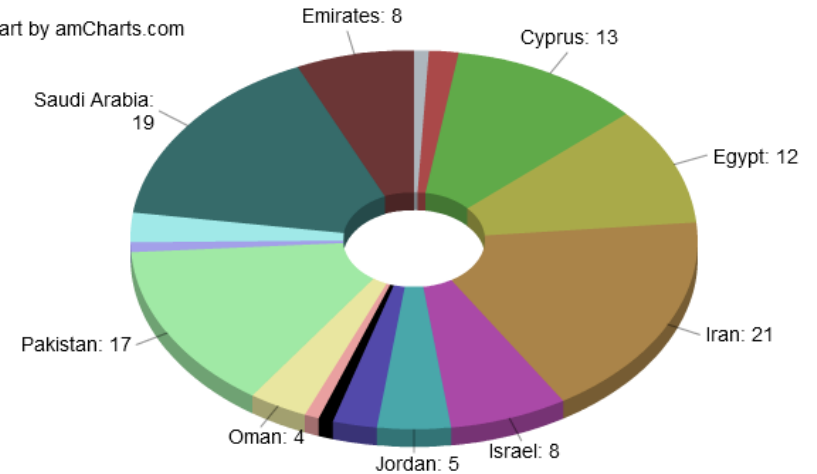
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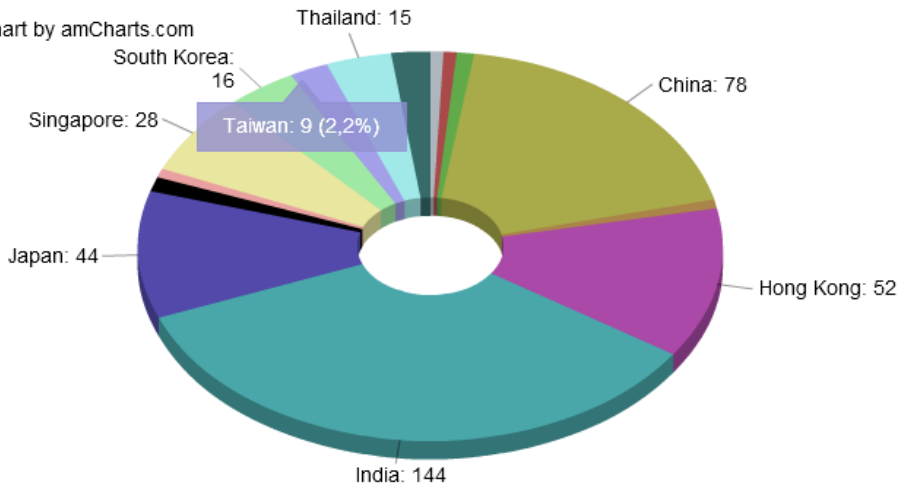
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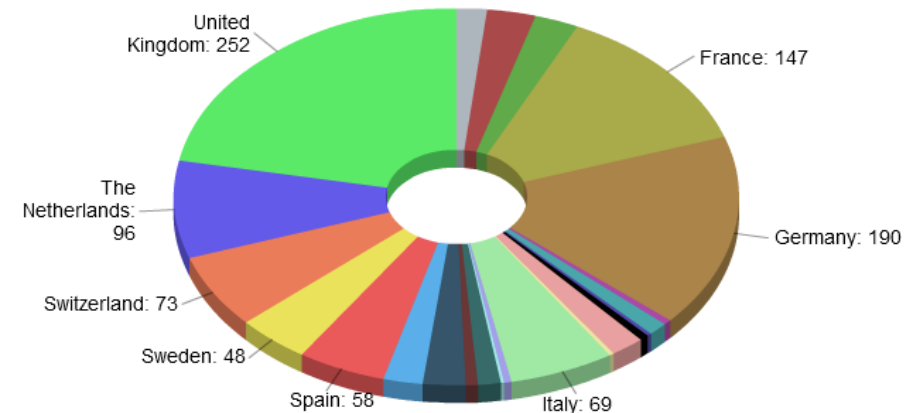
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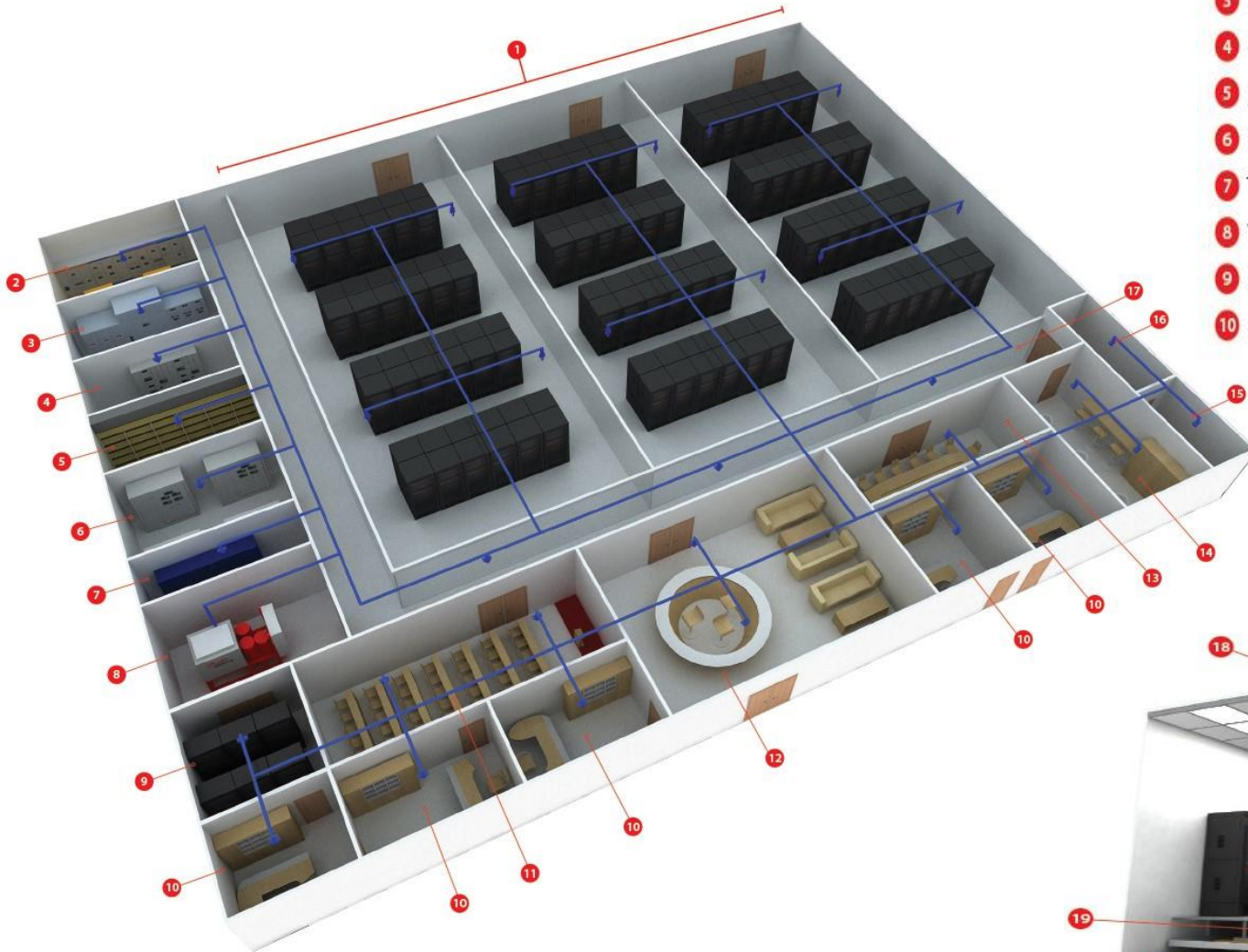


### Europe

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# Why is SEM-SAFE® so **efficient** in data Centre?



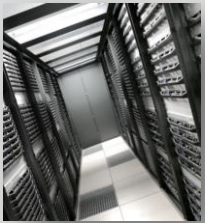
- 1 Data hall
- 2 Transformer room
- 3 Generator space
- 4 Switchgear room
- 5 Battery room
- 6 UPS room
- 7 Technical room
- 8 Water Mist pump room
- 9 Data centre room
- 10 Offices
- 11 Auditorium
- 12 Reception area
- 13 Conference room
- 14 Canteen
- 15 Kitchen
- 16 Storage room
- 17 Corridor
- 18 Above floor application
- 19 Below floor application



Cross section – a zoom on a part of the data hall

# DATA Centre FIRE RISKS

- Fire protection for modern data centres is complex, the protection concept needs to be based on the level of acceptable risk for the data centre user.
- Expected Fire Risks



- Digital Equipment
  - Wire and Cable Containment
  - HVAC Equipment
  - Raised Floors or Suspended Ceilings
  - Other Combustibles (Packaging)
- A comprehensive protection concept should be developed to address expected fire risks, rather than simply meeting local codes and regulations, provides a robust approach to meet these goals.

# CHOOSING THE CORRECT SOLUTION

- There are major conditions to be taken into account in terms of designing a fire protection solution for a Data Centre:
  - a) identify/localise the presence of a fire
  - b) communicate the existence of a fire to the occupants and authorities
  - c) control and finally extinguish the fire
- Prior to selection, the design engineer needs to clarify following hazard influencing aspects...
  - a) Will the data centre have false floors / false Ceilings?
  - b) Will it have high ceilings?
  - c) Will that area be manned or unmanned?
  - d) Will the detection of fire be obstructed in any way?
  - e) Will the water spray be obstructed in any way?
  - f) How to integrate the extinguishing system in the entire fire protection concept (cause & effect integrity...) ?



# Codes and standards

- US Standards :
  - NFPA750
  - NFPA13
  - FM DS 4-2
  - FM DS 5-32
  - FM 5560
  - UL

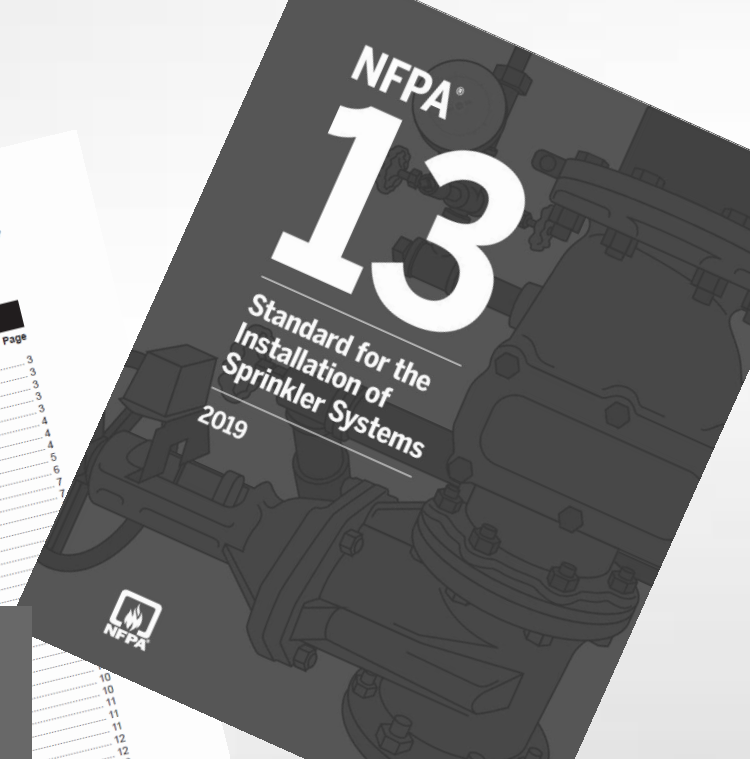
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# Codes and standards

- EU Standards :
  - CEN TS14972 (EU)
  - EN12845 (EU)
  - CEA4001 (Ins)
  - BSI (UK)
  - VDS (Germany)
  - D2 APASAD (FR)

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Gegenstand der Anerkennung  
 Subject of the Approval  
**Hochdruck-Feuerlöschsystem/  
 High pressure extinguishing system  
 "SEM-SAFE"**

Anwendung  
 Use  
**zum Schutz von LH-Risiken und ausgewählten DH1-Risiken gemäß Anlage 3.  
 Risiken gemäß Anlage 3.  
 for the protection of LH-risks and selected DH-1-risks  
 according to enclosure 3**

Anerkennungsgrundlage  
 Basis of the Approval  
**VdS 2344:2014-07  
 VdS 2562:2013-03**

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**Dr. Reiner Mann**  
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**zum Schutz von Gebäudeteilen und Räumen, in den Maschinen  
 betrieben werden; max. Volumen des Schutzbereiches 500 m³  
 for the protection of building parts and rooms in which  
 machines are driven; max. volume of the protection area 500 m³**

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Organization for  
Standardization**







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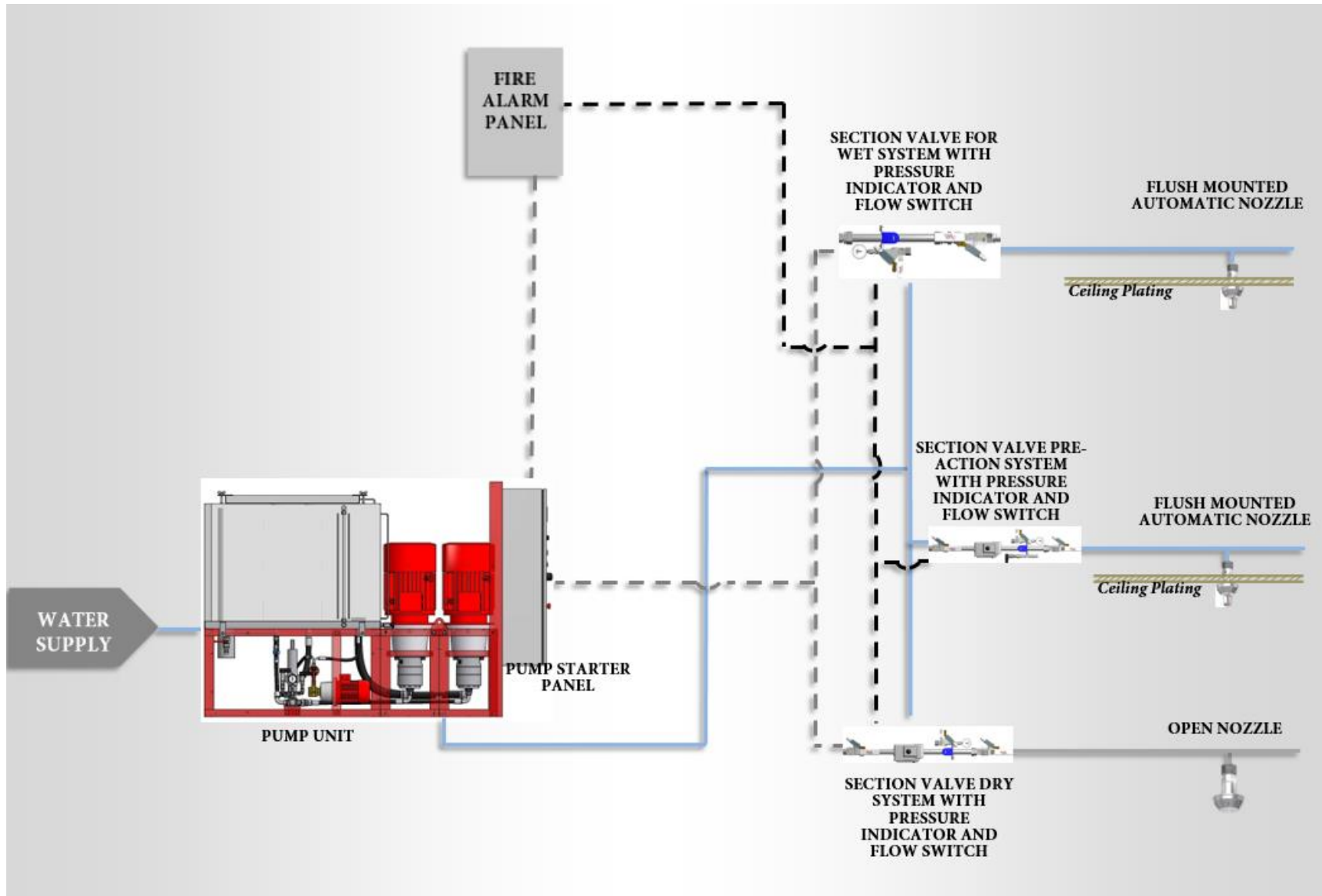
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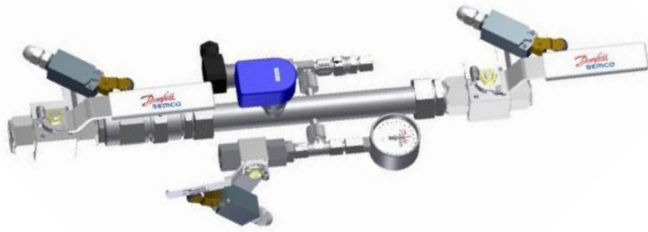

# Data Centre fire protection

Specific for data Centres	Objective HPWM	Principle of protection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>One could consider three major areas of protection of the Data Room:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Floor void</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling void</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Data Hall</li></ul></li></ul>  <p><i>Cross section – a zoom on a part of the data hall</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Data Rooms :</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Extinguishing fire</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration of the system 60 minutes</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Machinery spaces :</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Extinguishing fire</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration of the system 30 minutes</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Public Spaces :</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Offices WET system</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Corridors WET system</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Data Rooms :</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-action system with single or double interlock detection system.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Machinery spaces :</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Total flooding or local application system with a detection system</li></ul></li></ul>

# Principle diagram



# SEM-SAFE® key components



- Compact pump unit
- Highly-corrosion proof valves
- Unique nozzle design



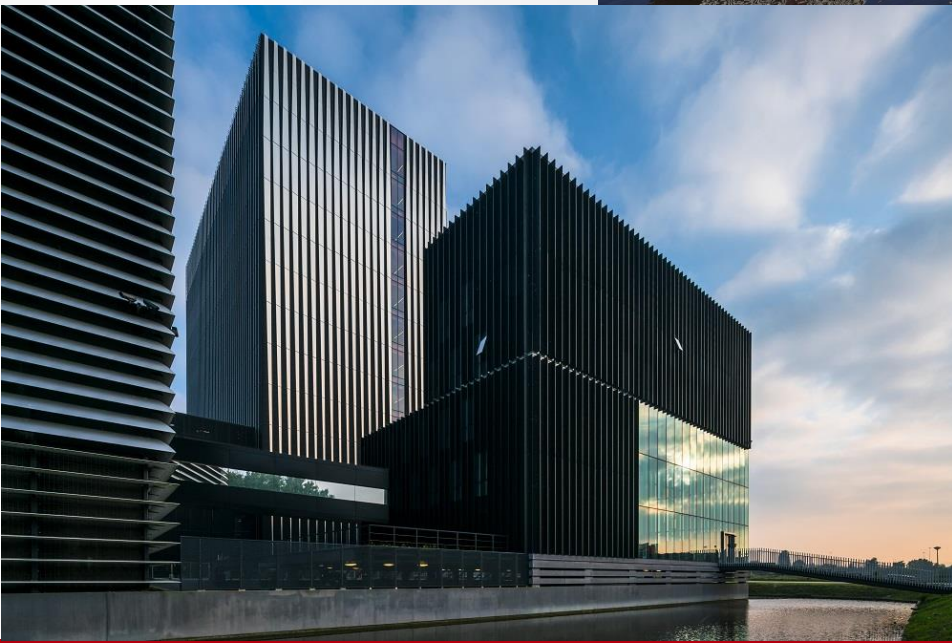
How does it look like in real...?



# Equinix AM4 Data Centre in the Netherlands

„Digital Gateway to Europe“ protected with SEM-SAFE®

- AM4, the new and 4<sup>th</sup> data centre built in Amsterdam by Equinix, makes the invisible visible.
- The tower with a height of 72 meters has been opened in summer 2018 on the Science Park, an academic campus in Amsterdam.



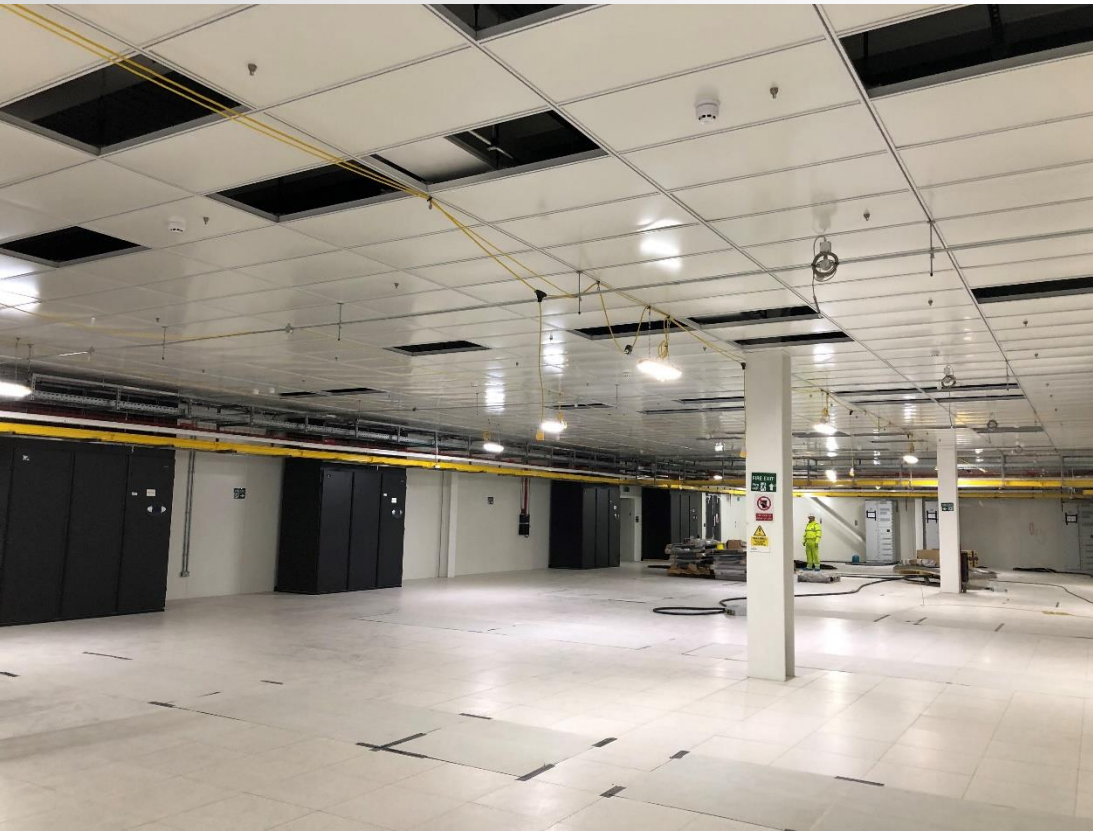
- The new building is Equinix's second data center on the Amsterdam Science Park. The campus processes about 38 percent of all Dutch data traffic.
- In 2012, the first data center (AM3) was opened, with horizontal lamellae which is also protected by SEM-SAFE® High Pressure Water Mist System, and now the tower - AM4 with 24.000m<sup>2</sup> of server space - has been added.
- The buildings are linked by bridges.





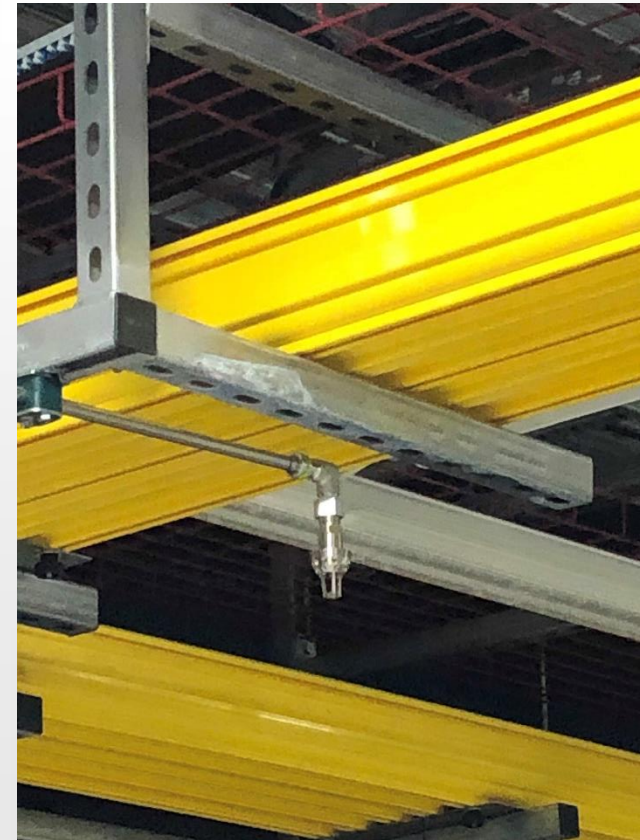
## Building description

- The abstract data cloud is wrapped in an impressive tower where 12-storeys of servers facilitate internet traffic and data storage 24 hours a day.
- The data halls are all protected by a pre-action system.



## Building description

- The halls, divided in 12 floors, will have space for 1,550 cabinets in its first phase and 4,200 when fully built out, with a usable floor space of 24,000m<sup>2</sup>.



# SEM-SAFE® high-pressure water mist system

- The remaining protected areas comprise, corridors, transformer rooms, mechanical plant rooms, switch gear rooms, generator spaces, battery rooms and UPS rooms.
- The SEM-SAFE® high-pressure water mist system consists of:
  - a compact pump unit with 5 high-pressure pumps
  - 35 pre-action/wet/deluge section valve systems
  - a total amount of 906 nozzle heads (closed/open)



# Benefits of SEM-SAFE®

- With SEM-SAFE®, the Equinix AM4 data centre can function even during a fire extinguishing process. Ventilation can run all the time
- No need to seal off and/or evacuate the area. No need for being gas-tight
- Immediately cools the fire
- Harmless to electrical equipment and to human beings
- No over-pressurization of the fire-affected area when the SEM-SAFE® system is activated. No need for fire dampers
- By using a pre-action system, the reliable SEM-SAFE® water mist nozzles activate locally only in the areas where a fire has been detected.
- Additionally, the design of the SEM-SAFE® system is modular thus enabling easy system extension to cover more sections as the data centre gradually expands.
- The small footprint of the SEM-SAFE® pump unit also opens up more space in the Equinix AM4 data centre for other commodities.

# Approvals

- Meanwhile For data Centres in particular, we have recently received the FM Approvals Class 5560, App. ID 3058726
- Additionally, FM HC-1 approval, can be used in corridors and offices approved for 5 m ceiling height for 57°C and 68°C
- Successfully passed FM fire test for machinery spaces.





**Equinix** AM3 Data Centre,  
The Netherlands

**Iliad/Free** France



**Saint Dennis** Data Centre, France



PROJECT NAME	PARTNER	COUNTRY	YEAR (Delivery)
Airbus Sera	Atlantique Automatismes Incendie	France	2018
Data Centre Bruxelles	Sonatech	Belgium	2018
AIRBUS DATA Centre	Sonatech	France	2018

# Our promise

Earn customer loyalty

# Our vision

Be a front runner in fire fighting

# Our position

We engineer a wide range of fire fighting systems across gas and high-pressure water mist applications under the brand name SEM-SAFE®. The SEM-SAFE® fire fighting systems are the optimal solution for any vessels and building type.

# SEM-SAFE® by Danfoss

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