

Getting right the communication backbone to address today and tomorrow's Smart Grid applications

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G3-PLC is a protocol for power line communications providing effective, efficient and secure communication

Cost-effective infrastructure		Long range communication	Real-time communication
International open ITU standard	Supports IPv6	Secure	
	High robustness	High data rate	Evolutive
Routing		Plug and play solution	





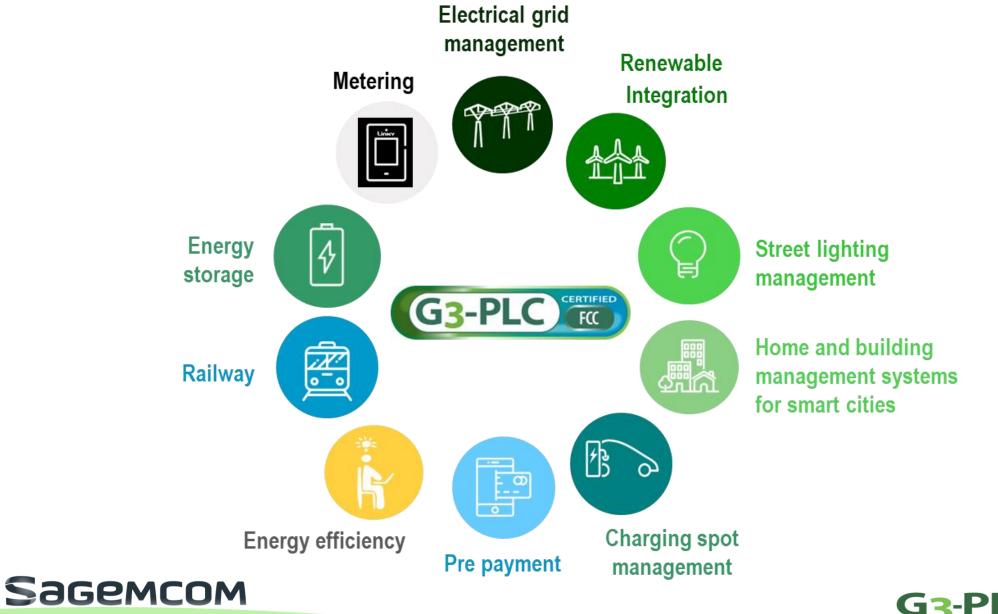
G3-PLC Alliance : a major role in the international development of G3 technology

- The G3-PLC Alliance is a consortium created in 2011 to standardize and promote worldwide the G3-PLC technology for Smart Metering, Smart Grids, Smart Appliances and Industrial Applications
- G3-PLC is an international standard published by ITU and adopted worldwide
- G3-PLC Alliance operates a **certification program** to build **interoperability** among G3-PLC adopters with the involvement of two Labs (TUV-Japan and LAN-France)
- G3-PLC Alliance takes part in the main Smart Grid events in order to promote the values, benefits and applications of the G3-PLC technology which contributes to achieve its rapid adoption





Main G3-PLC applications





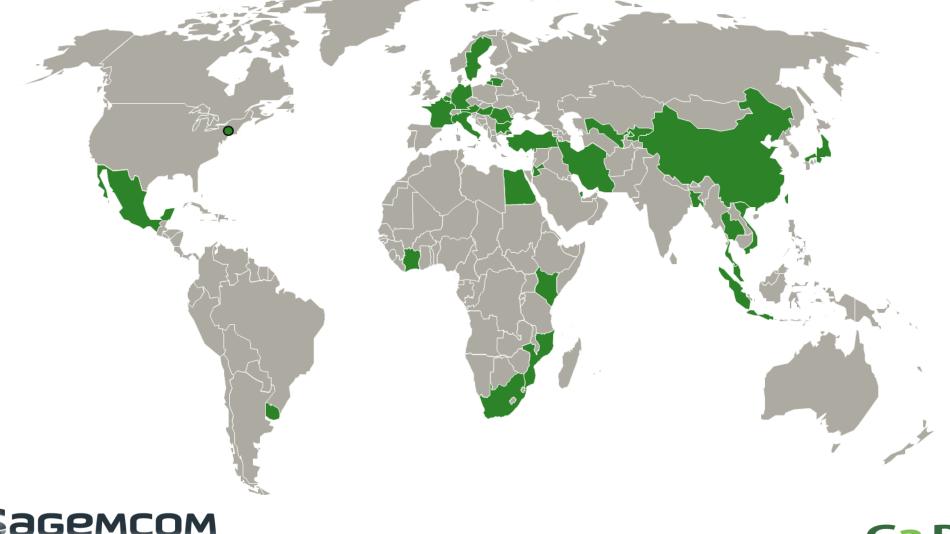
Over 90 members from more then 30 countries today!





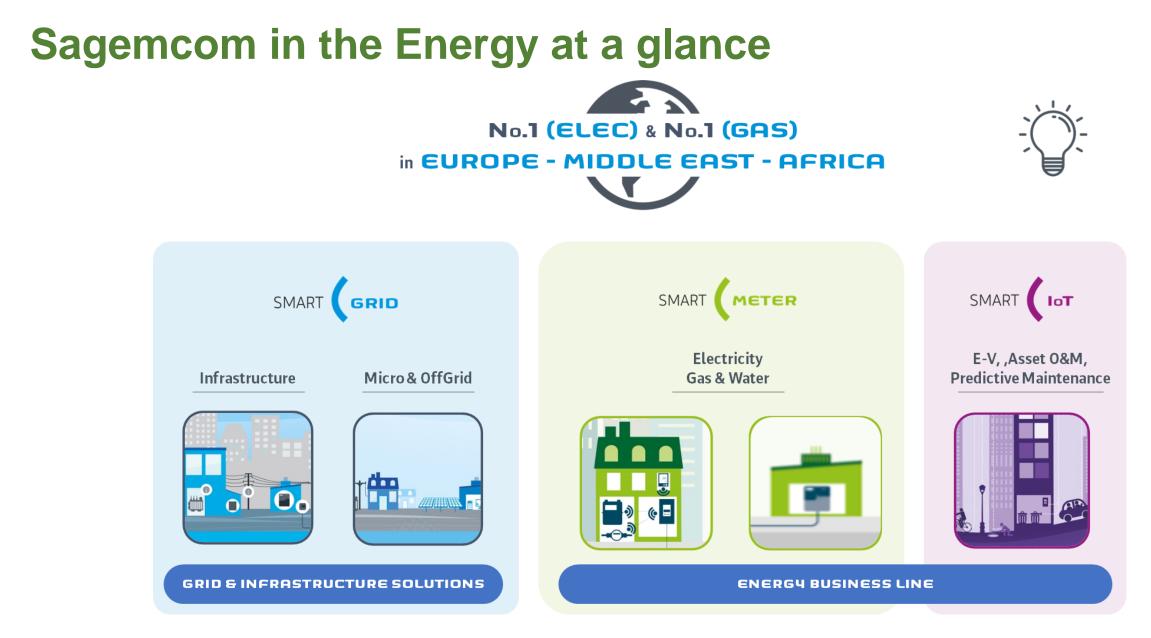
Currently, we have over 30 million G3-PLC products in operation in more then 30 countries worldwide

Known pilots and roll-outs of G3-PLC worldwide





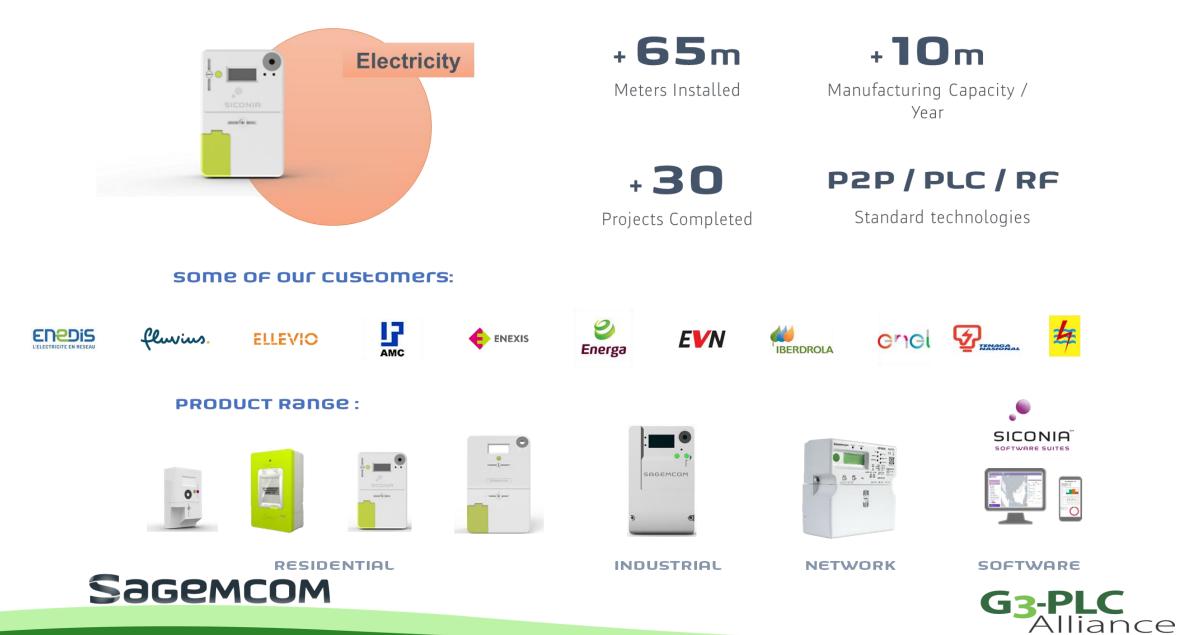




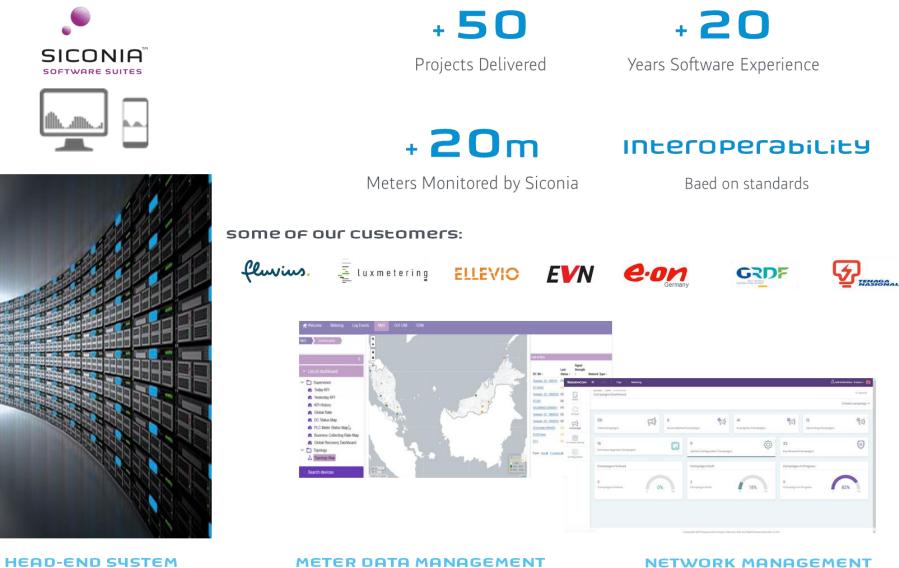




Electricity Metering in numbers



AMI Software Solutions in numbers







Examples of recent developments in G3-PLC applications





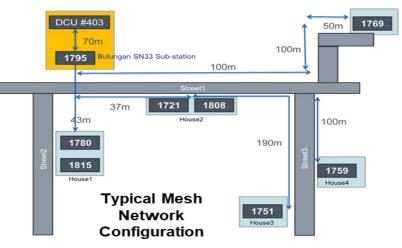
Making use of the FCC Band to improve the robustness





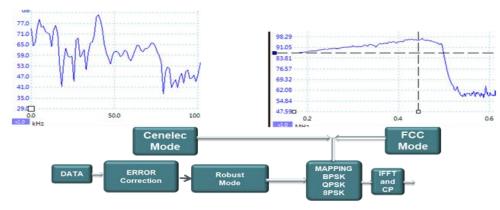


Meter installation



Typical South-Asian overheard electrical distribution network

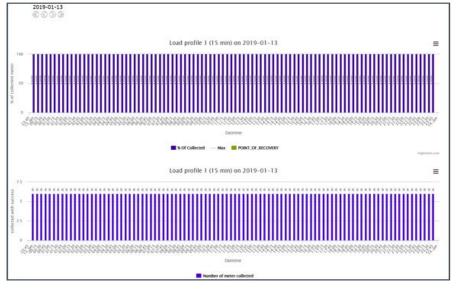
DCU installation in a substation



Sagemcom monitors data and if they are noisy in Cenelec A band for a period of time then the entire network is switched to FCC mode.

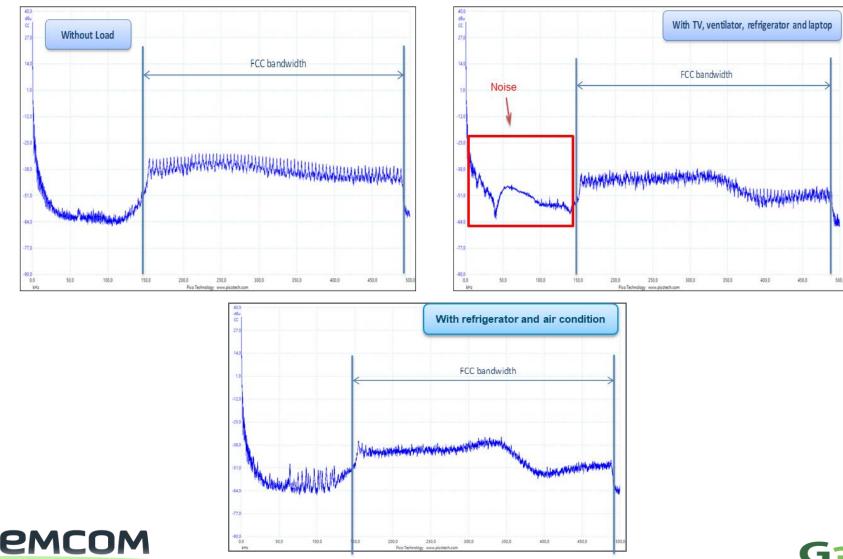


Typical Report of Central System 100% of data collection





Neutralizing household equipment noise



□ Noise effect due to common housholds equipement





Solar panels effect in the field

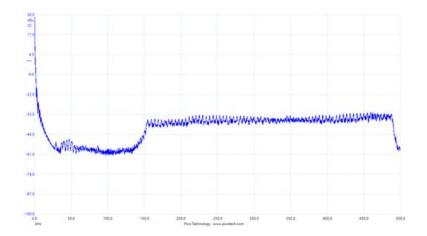
□ Measure as performed with

Spectrum analyser & PLC

sniffer with PV installed \rightarrow the

figures show:

- the PV installation does not disturb the PLC signal
- BPSK modulation is used for communication



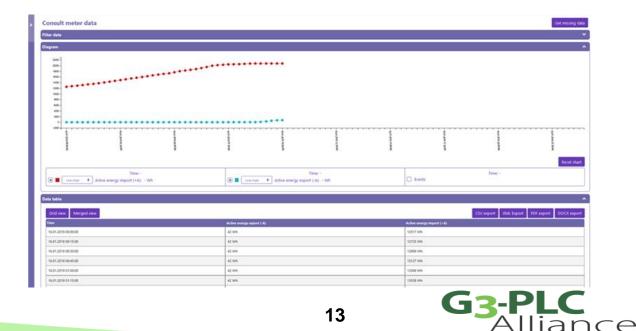
Data available in Central System

Data from the meter connected to PV has been

correctly retrieved \rightarrow this shows :

- PLC communication worked well during both night & day
- Export & Import energy registers have been measured by smart meter

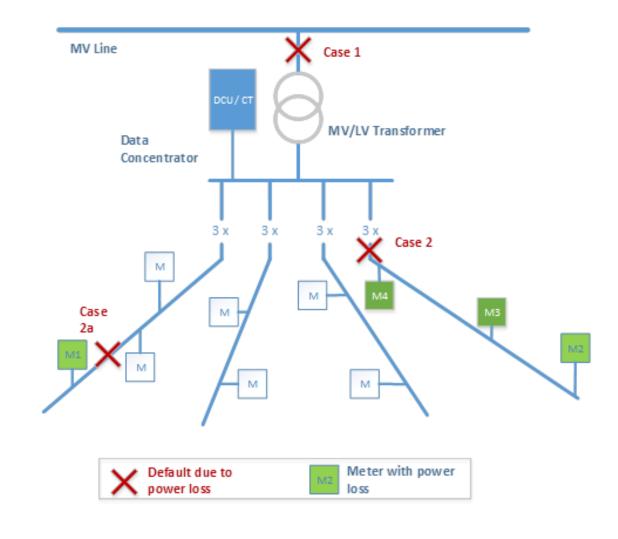




Out Management Notification – Design description

- Due to nature of power outage, several approaches are adapted to monitor and notify power outage by Sagemcom.
- Case 1
 - When the power loss occurs at substation the DCU with CT meter capability detects loss of voltage and current and uses its internal battery power to transmit power outage anomaly through cellular link.
- Case 2
 - Reports power outage within a cluster of meters which is suitable for the feeder outage management and it minimizes power outage report into the few messages.
 - Reduces network flooding from redundant massages.
- Case 2a
 - Uses similar approach as case 2 but detecting single meter.



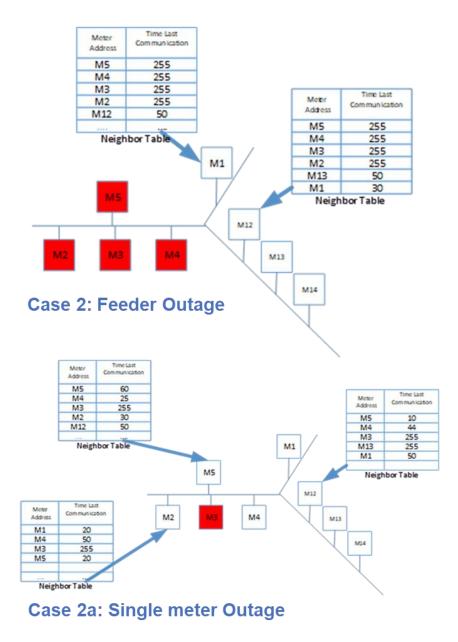




Detecting Case 2 and Case 2a

- G3-PLC uses **distributed mesh routing** where each node has **autonomous awareness** of its surrounding meters condition
- Each meter stores surrounding meter addresses and time lapses from the last communication in its **Neighbor Table**
- When duration of the last communication exceeds the norm, the surrounding Meters report the anomaly about missing meters to the DCU
- Illustration of Case 2 :
 - When duration of the last communication with meters M2,M3,M4 and M5 reaches beyond the norm, Meter M12 and Meter M1 reports the anomaly about these meters to the DCU.
- G3-PLC's autonomous awareness of its surrounding can also monitor each meters condition by including additional steps into their last gasp process
- Illustration of Case 2a:
 - DCU uses this information to initiate route discovery to M3 to verify the lack of communication is not resulted from bad PLC communication.
 - If route discovery failed, the DCU report power outage to head-end system.

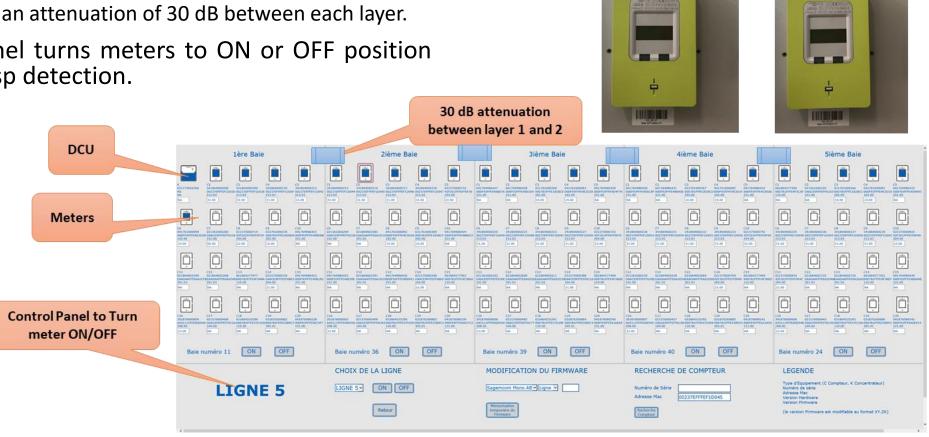






Empirical implementation

- The test is implemented in Enedis Lab for Linky project where there are 120 meters distributed in 5 layers.
 - There is an attenuation of 30 dB between each layer.
- Control Panel turns meters to ON or OFF position for Last Gasp detection.







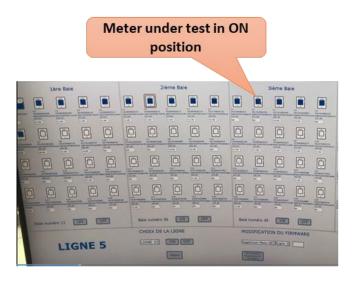


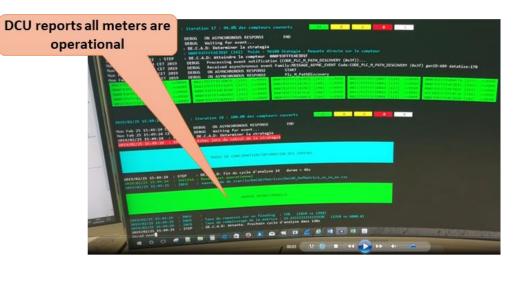
OFF

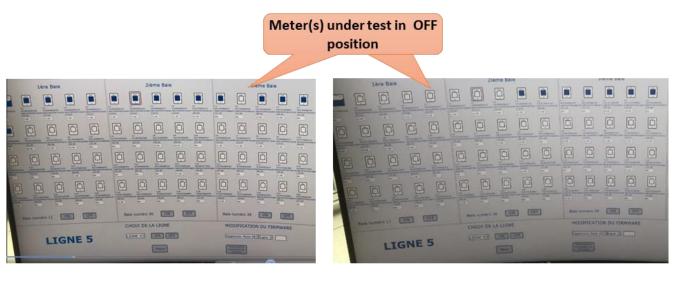
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Lab illustration

- 1.Monitor DCU to report state of all meters
- 2.From Control Panel we turn one or several meters to OFF position







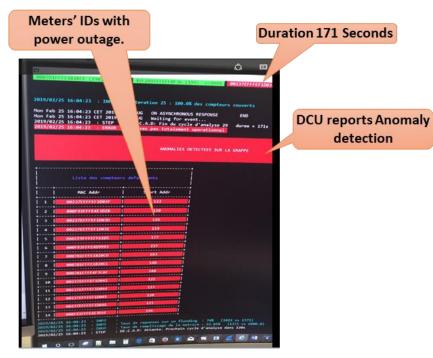


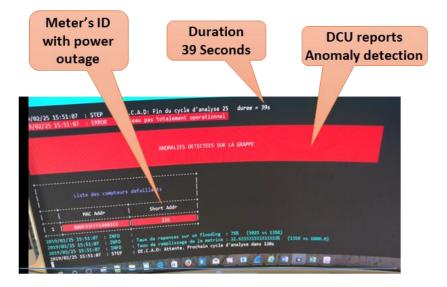




Test configurations

- Upon turning a meter(s) in OFF position. DCU starts receiving anomaly detection from neighboring meters.
 - 1. DCU initiates a route discovery to verify the meter is offline
 - 2. DCU reports anomaly detection





Single Meter Outage Detection



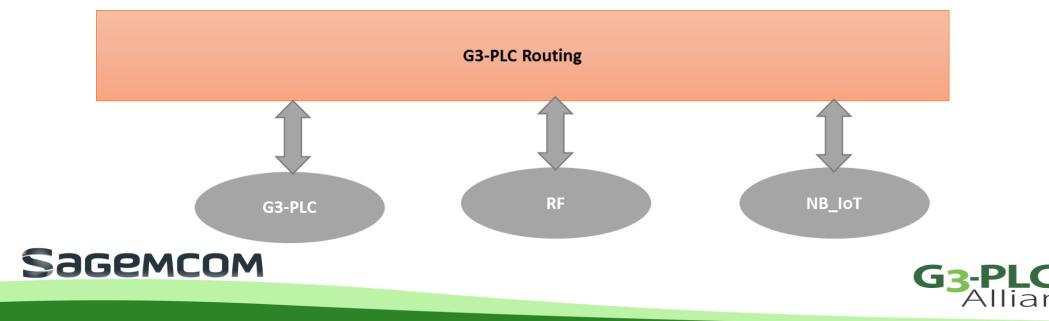
Feeder Outage Detection





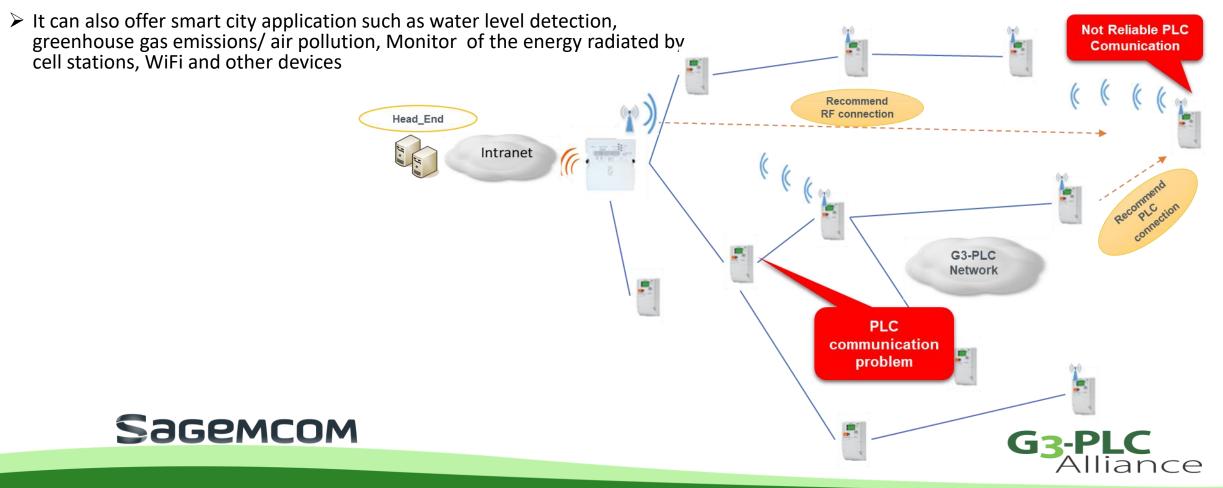
G3-PLC support Multi Communication Devices

- Hybrid Use case
 - More restrictive DSO's requirement
 - KPI reequipment changes from 9x% towards 99+%.
 - Faster response time
- No communication technology can offer a consistent 99% KPI
 - Hybrid solution using two communication can provide higher KPI consistently.
- C3-PLC routing is based on distributed intelligence allowing the support of several commination technologies under single routing platform.
 - Today G3-PLC is supporting PLC and RF SRD simultaneously.



PLC and RF Homogenous Network

- The proposed design adapted RF devices to work seamlessly within G3-PLC network.
- > Network makes the decision to use RF or PLC as best connection to DCU
- It provides higher KPI
- > Offer new services such as establishing multi energy network.



G3-PLC is a powerful communication backbone for the Smart Grid

- G3-PLC has proven its robustness in the 30+ million AMI nodes already deployed worlwide
- Immunity to electrical network signal pertubations has been increased by covering mutliple frequency bands (Cenelec, ARIB, FCC)
- Built-in features are enabled through sophisticated software analysis to address DSOs critical electrical applications (Outage management, Phase detection, Network wiring mapping, ...)
- Its robust routing mechanism enables multiple physical media communication technologies (RF, Cellelular, PLC) to operate simultaniously for mission critical services.



