



# Convergence of DA & AMI

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# AMI and DA Convergence

## Smart Grid Challenge

A utility's distribution system is controlled by switchgear which includes reclosers, sectionalizers, capacitor bank controllers and voltage regulators

- Installed in Substations and along the Distribution Feeder
- The Distribution Feeder is the "challenge"
  - Many switchgear elements are controlled by intelligent electronic devices (IEDs)
  - Automatic control of the distribution network elements is typically done using a dedicated SCADA system
  - Today monitoring & control of remote IEDs requires:
    - Site visits by a technician
    - Installation of a private or public network

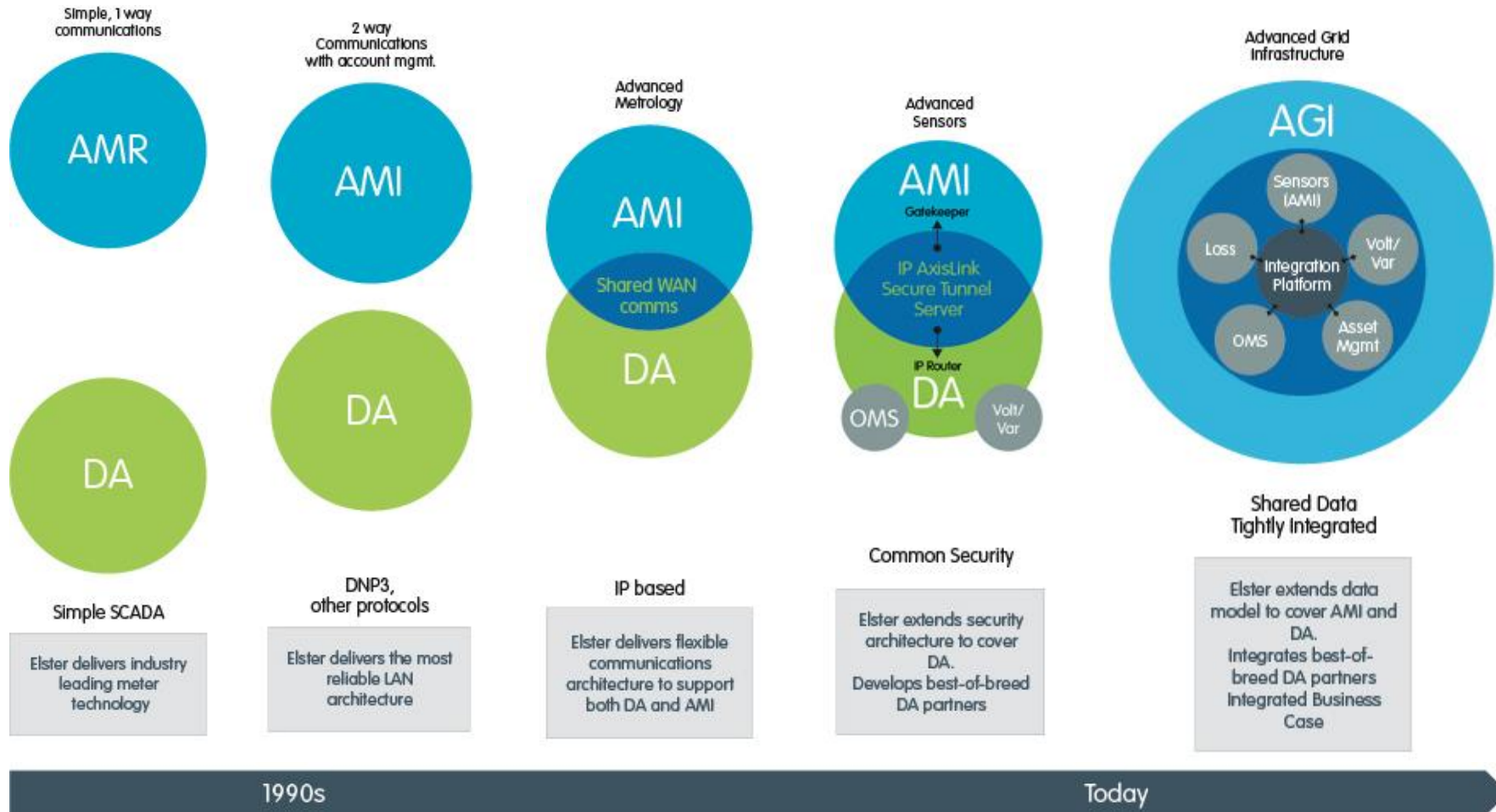


Most solutions today are expensive and insecure

# AMI and DA Convergence



## Evolution



# Converging AMI with DA Drivers

## Extending Visibility and Control

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Visibility

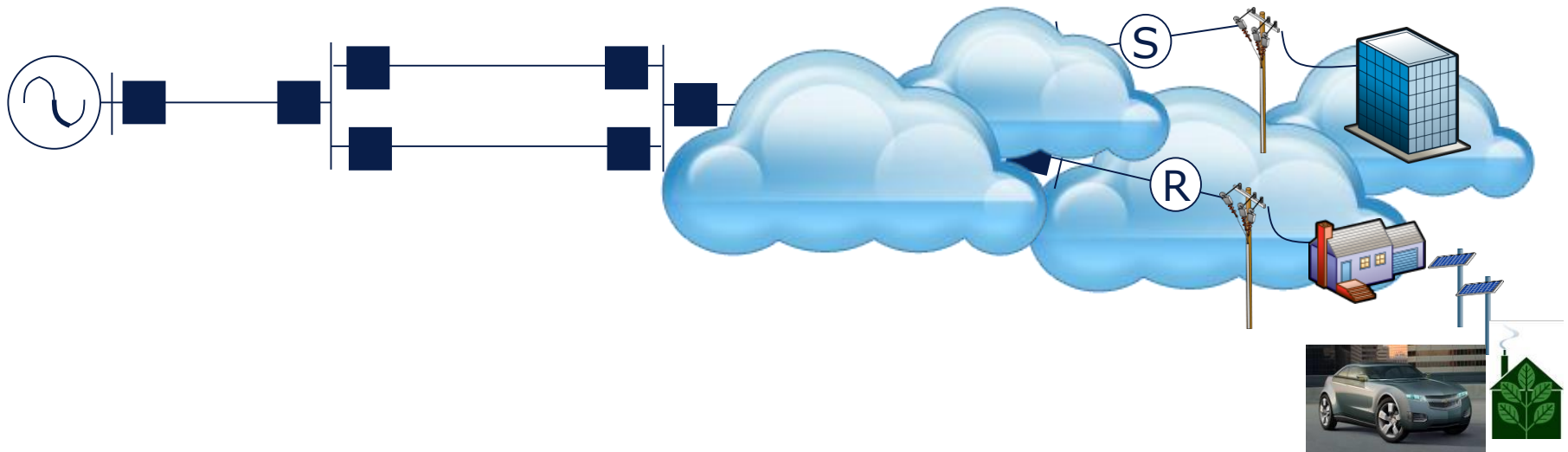
Utility has little or poor visibility  
beyond the distribution  
substation

Generation

Transmission

Distribution

Customer Premise



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## Smart Grid Evolution

- Remote visibility and control of a distribution feeder system is a key component of an integrated Smart Grid
- Key Smart Grid challenges include:
  - Integrating stranded remote distribution components on the feeder into the existing SCADA systems
  - IED interoperability based on industry protocol standards
  - Integrated security



# Converging AMI with DA Drivers

## Distribution Automation Benefits

### Benefits:

- Reduced operation and maintenance costs
- Improved reliability
- Power quality
- Improved information and control
- Increased network visibility



***Better service!***



# AMI and DA Convergence

## Advanced Grid Router Roles

### IP Router functional requirements include:

- Leverage one WAN/FAN for both AMI and DA communications
- Provide a secure, encrypted, and authenticated communications
- Standards based interfaces to field network DA and AMI devices

### Plus...

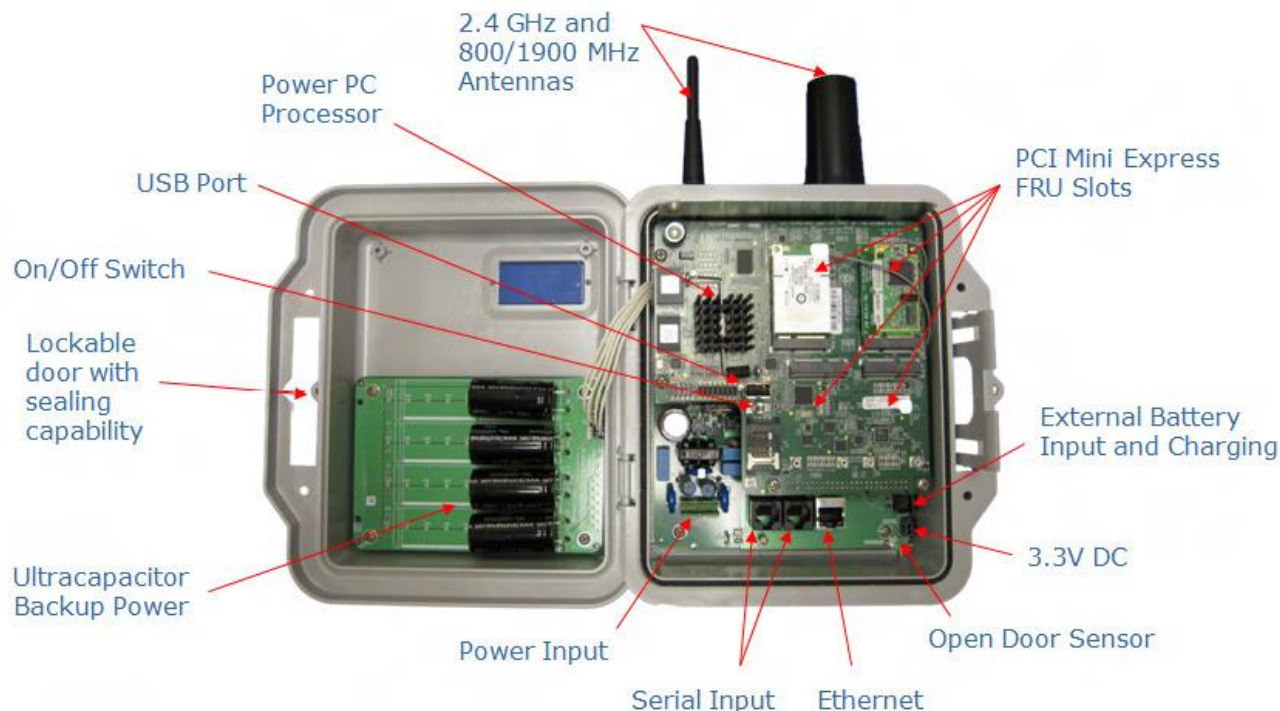
- Support for AMI & DA protocol routing (i.e., DNP 3.0, C12 protocols)
- Legacy DA device support including Discrete Input/Output control for existing and new equipment (RS232, Ethernet)
- Hardened form factor for outdoor feeder and 3<sup>rd</sup> party DA enclosure installations with battery backup

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## Advanced Grid Router Examples

### Itron

- GridRouter – Includes Linux-based O/S Software Developers Kit
- Supports IPv6, ZigBee & WiFi interfaces, Open O/S





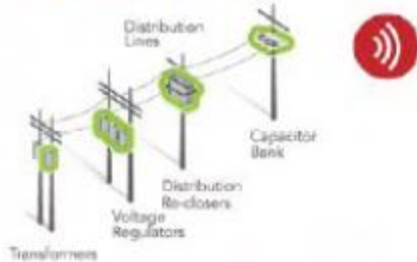
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## Advanced Grid Router Examples

### Metering



### Distribution Automation



### Home Area Network



LAN  
802.15.4  
Ethernet  
RS232/485  
Wi-Fi

WAN  
HSPA  
EVDO  
iDEN



GridRouter™



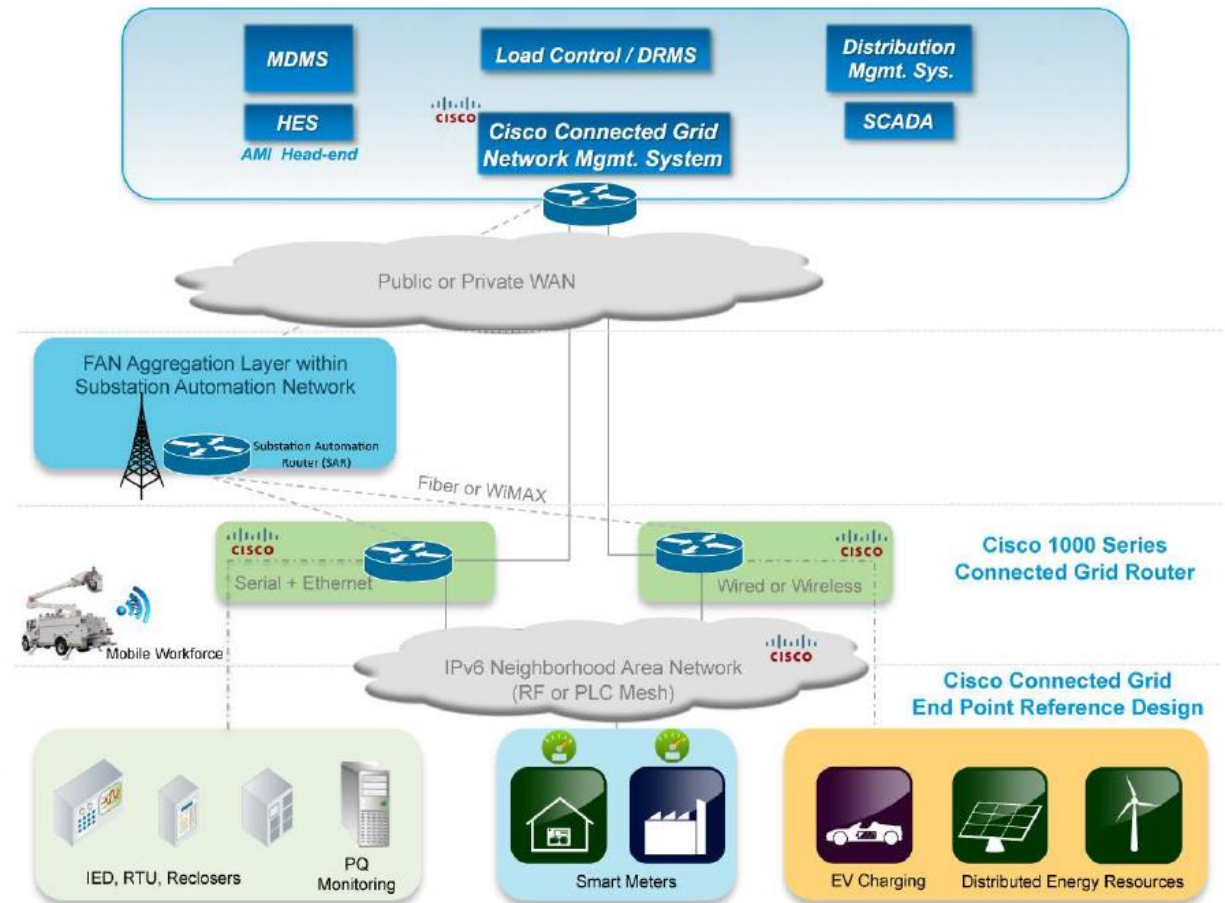
### Utility Back Office



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## Advanced Grid Router Examples

Cisco 1000 series grid router network



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## Advanced Grid Router Examples

ABB - Tropos wireless mesh WiFi grid router



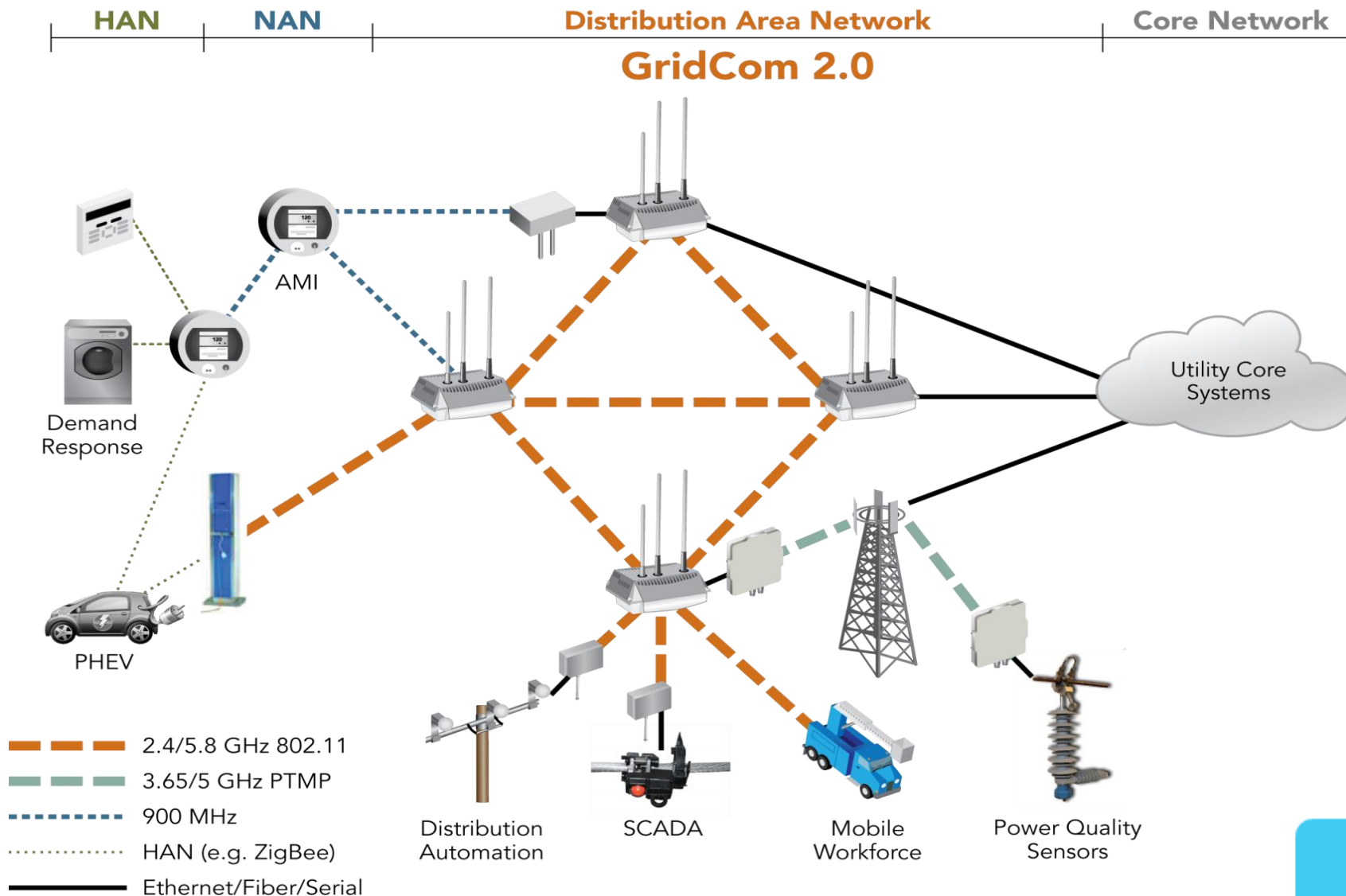
**Tropos 1410**  
**Wireless Mesh Router**  
**& Wireless Bridge**  
**for field area networks**

### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- ❖ 802.11b/g/n wireless mesh routers and bridges
- ❖ IPsec VPN and firewall in every device
- ❖ Ethernet or serial device connectivity
- ❖ DNP3, Modbus, SEL Mirrored Bits and IEC 61850 support
- ❖ Stand-alone and embedded versions
- ❖ Tropos Control network management

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## Advanced Grid Router Examples



# DA – AMI Network Convergence

## Advanced Grid Router Examples

*Robust, centralized wireless network management*

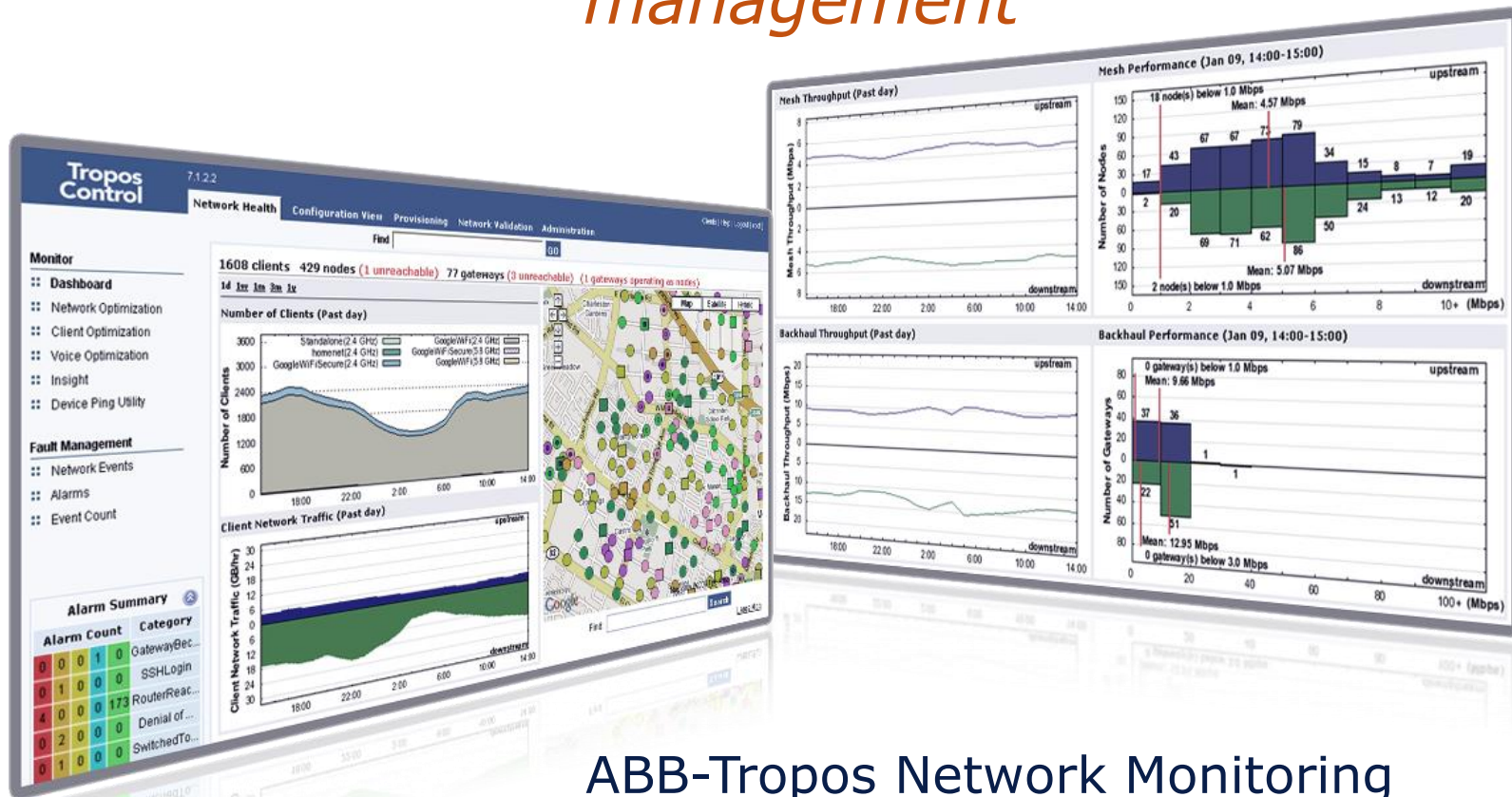


ABB-Tropos Network Monitoring

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## Advanced Grid Router Examples

### Silver Spring Networks

- Supports device-to-device routing using a WAN Access Point coupled with DA bridges

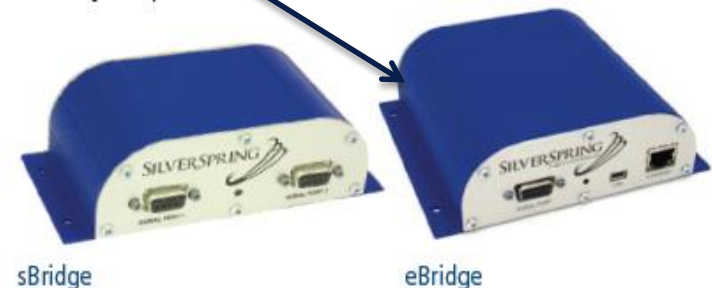
#### Features

- Two-way 902-928 MHz FHSS communications
- One-watt transmitter
- Dynamic IP-based network discovery
- Time synchronization and management
- Continuous neighbor monitoring and route calculation
- Supports device-to-back office and device-to-device routing
- Over-the-air firmware upgrades
- Power outage and restoration notification and products

WAN Access Point



DA Bridges

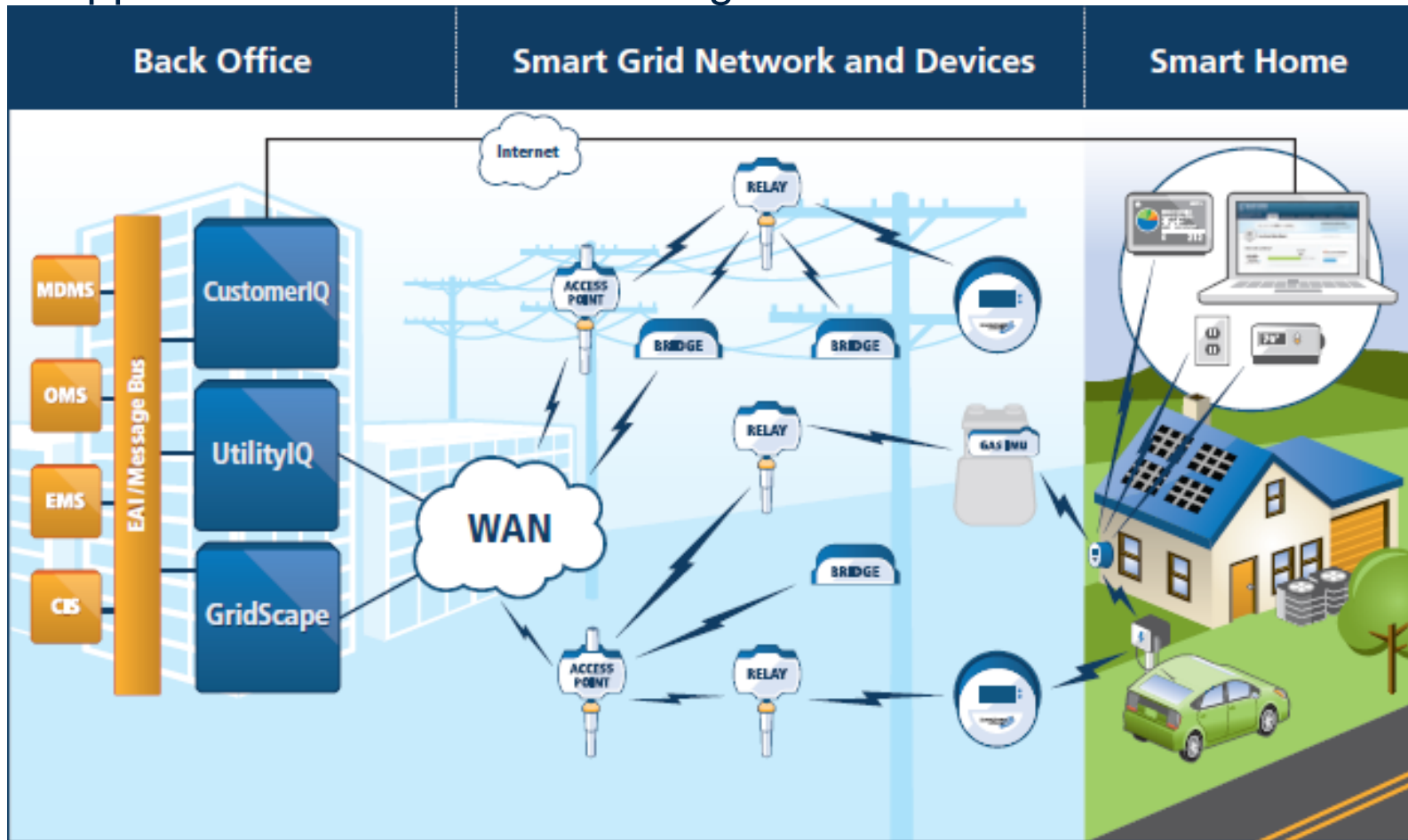


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## Advanced Grid Router Examples

Silver Spring Network & application management

- Supports device-to-device routing



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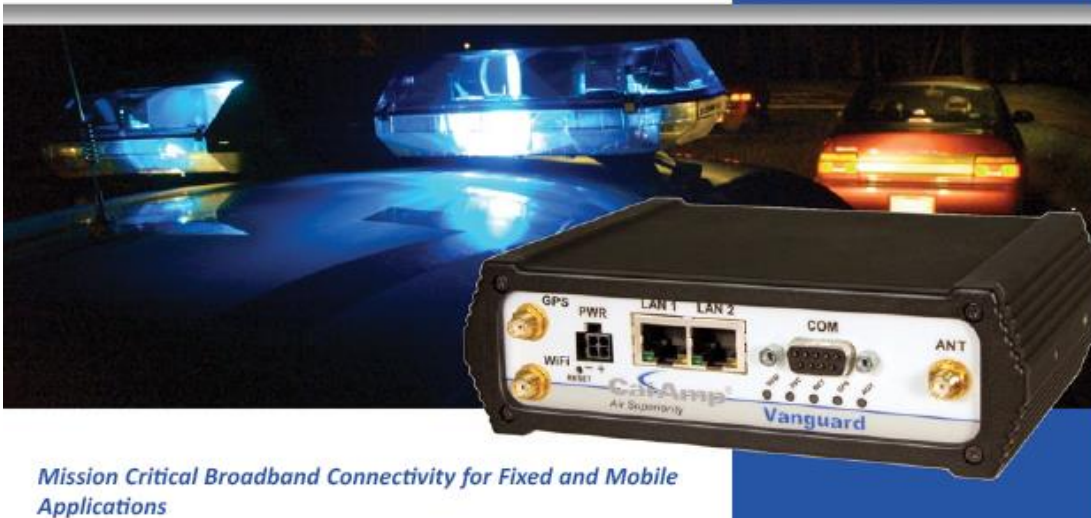
## Advanced Grid Router Examples

### CalAmp

- Open Linux O/S
- Hardened communication platform
- Device-to-device routing
- Integrated Discrete Inputs/Outputs

Vanguard™  
3G CELLULAR BROADBAND ROUTER

CalAmp®



*Mission Critical Broadband Connectivity for Fixed and Mobile Applications*

### Experience *The Advantage*

- Internal web configuration, diagnostics and OTA updates
- Auto redial (always-on connection)
- ODP partitioned flash for custom applications
- GRE and IPsec tunneling, local IP, VPN client and WAN gateways
- Internal serial port for embedded devices
- Optional local and remote GPS for AVL and local mapping
- Wi-Fi option with tethered connectivity



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## Advanced Grid Router Examples

Siemens – RuggedCom grid routers & IEEE802.16 WiMAX radios

- Hardened communication platform
- Internal web configuration
- Device-to-device routing



**Ruggedcom RX1400  
Intelligent Node**



RuggedMAX™ WiN7200 is a long range, secure, IEEE 802.16e-2005 mobile WiMAX broadband wireless platform

### RUGGEDCOM

RX1400 is a compact Layer 3 integrated switch and router – ideal for large scale, hierarchical networks, capable of transporting data from both modern Ethernet-based IEDs and from legacy or low cost serial IEDs.

# EnergyAxis IP AxisLink Platform

## IP AxisLink Router/Gatekeeper/Gateway



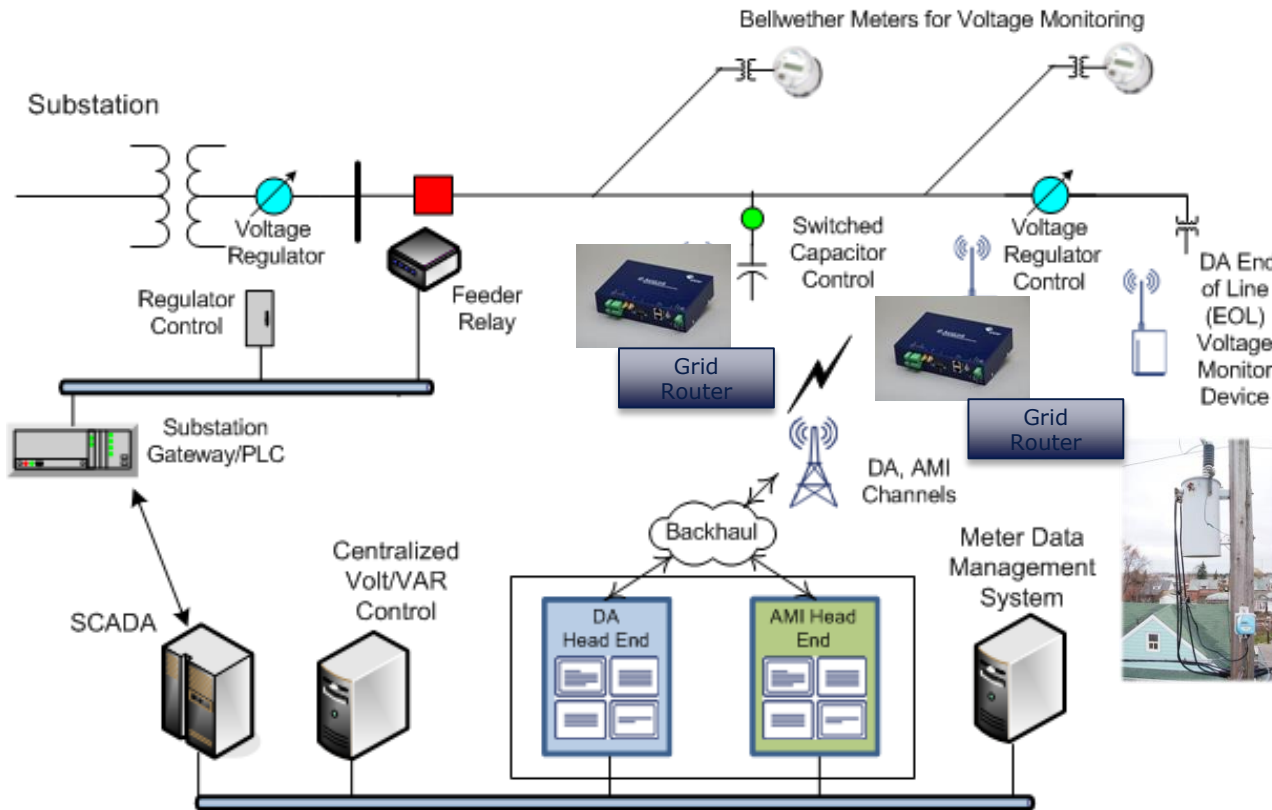
*Install at DA control devices such as reclosers, load tap changers and capacitor bank controllers*

### Benefits:

- **Interoperable:** routes/tunnels industry standard IP-based & DA protocol messages
  - TCP/IP, UDP/IP, DNP-IP, Modbus-IP, IEC 61850
- **Adaptable:** supports legacy equipment with serial and discrete I/O control via DNP
- **Integrated security**
- **Connectivity:**
  - Ethernet, wireless
  - 3rd party radios

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## Scenario Examples

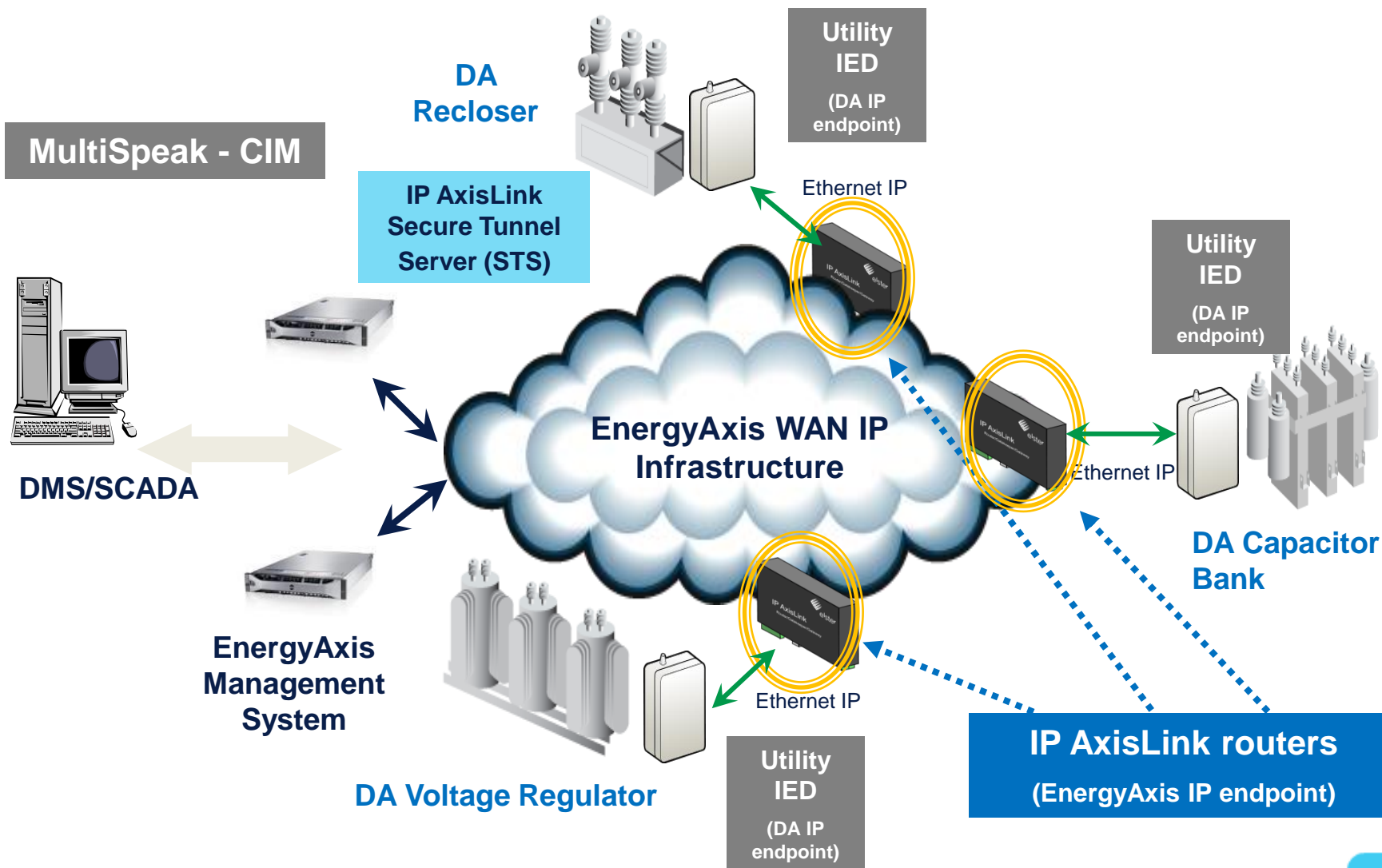


## Volt/VAR with Bellwether Metering

- Bellwether meters provide voltage data to AMI head end via AMI network
- AMI head end receives voltage data from bellwether meters and EOL transformer monitors forwards this data to the target Distribution Management System application(s).
- Secure Capacitor and Voltage Regulator Control communications provided by AMI grid routers via a shared DA-AMI WAN backhaul

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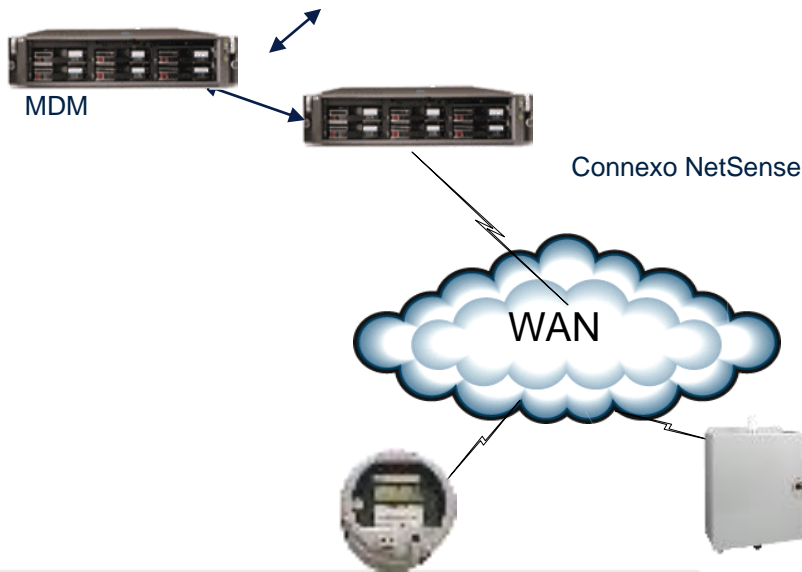
## EnergyAxis IP AxisLink



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## Transformer Life Analysis

To Billing and Customer Information Systems



Issue: Utilities have little visibility down to transformers.

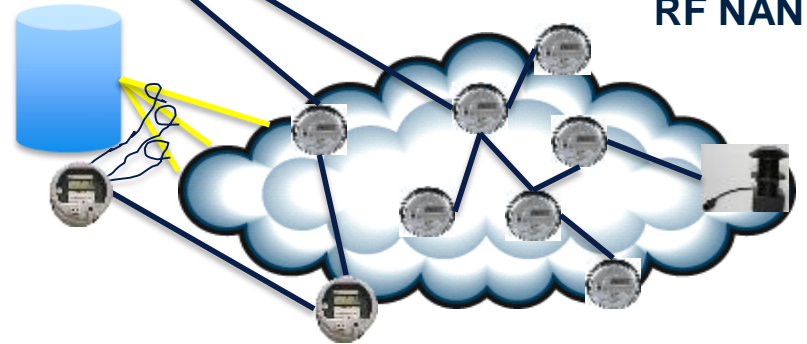
Problem: An emergency replacement of a transformer can cost up to \$10,000, while a scheduled maintenance replacement is only \$1,000.

Solution: Meters can be used as sensors. Meters on homes can be summed to get virtual transformer loading. Meter on the transformer can get actual loading (Rogowski coil sensors)

Transformer monitoring can:

- Be used to calculate shortened transformer life due to overloading
- Can be used to rebalance transformer loading

Transformer



Note: The same transformer sensing capability can be used for theft detection.

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## Transformer Asset Management

### LV AGI Node

#### Distribution Transformer Monitoring

- Monitors distribution transformers
- Monitor voltage, transformer loading, outage



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## Transformer Asset Management

### LV AGI Node

#### Features

- Integrated with Alpha metering platform
- Standard product supports EA AMI LAN
- Fully integrated voltage and current metering
- Continuous current measurement range – Up to 1000A
- Safely and accurately measures 240 V distribution transformer secondary
- Adaptable current sensor assembly with integrated voltage attachment
- Flexible mounting options



A3 Multiplatform  
Package



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## Transformer Life Analysis

### Transformer Life Impact - Summary Stats

Heat Wave Week in July 2010

Transformer Rating:	75.0 KVA
Peak Demand:	133.2 KVA
Peak Demand:	119.88 KW
Overload:	48 %
Load Factor Rating:	0.59
Use Factor Rating:	1.78
Outages:	0
Total Outage Time:	0.0 Minutes

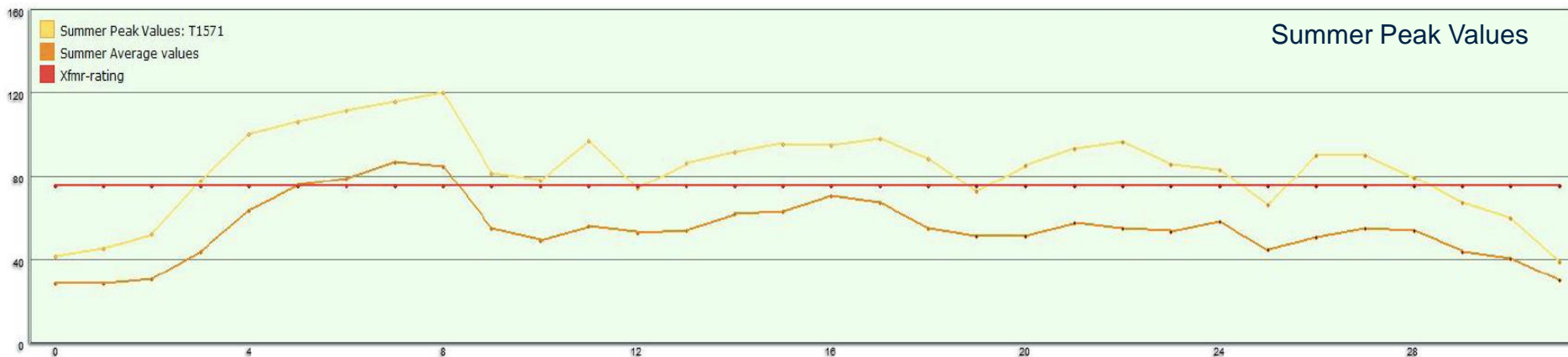
Another Week in July 2010

Transformer Rating:	75.0 KVA
Peak Demand:	100.27 KVA
Peak Demand:	90.24 KW
Overload:	12 %
Load Factor Rating:	0.5
Use Factor Rating:	1.34
Outages:	0
Total Outage Time:	0.0 Minutes

**Loss of Life: 6.45 %**

**Loss of Life: 0.0 %**

*\*Based on IEEE C57.92-1981 as a starting point*

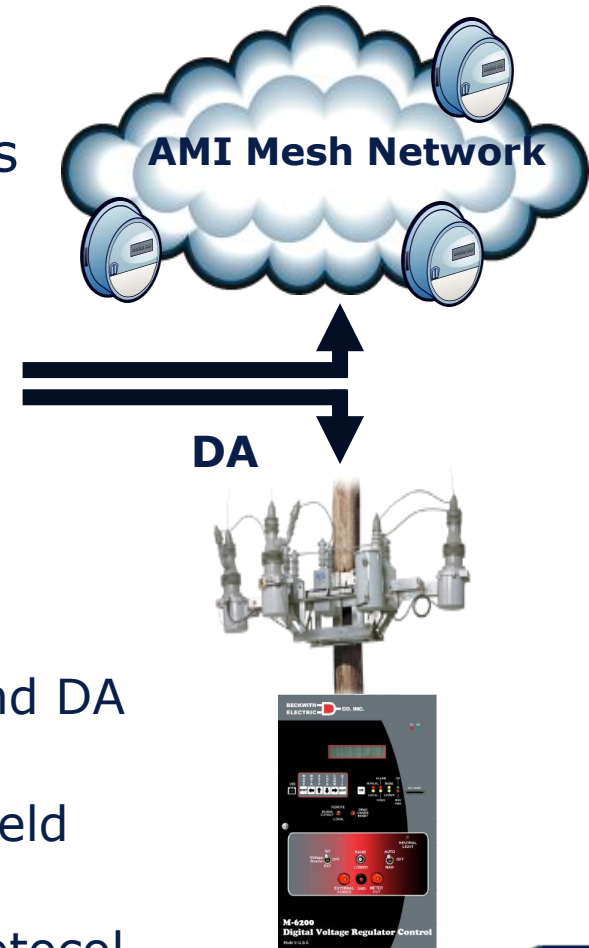
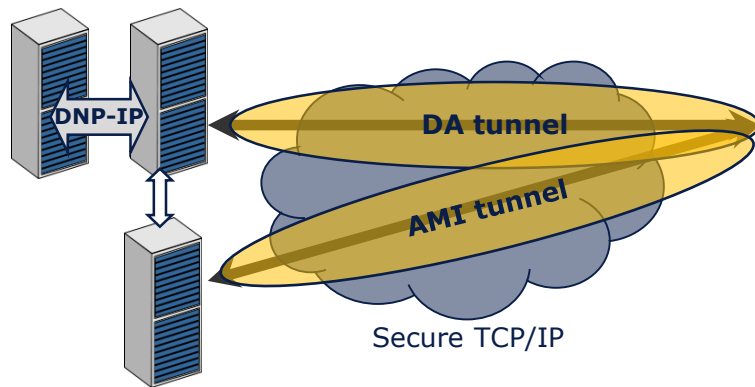




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## EnergyAxis IP AxisLink

Integrated SCADA and AMI IP-enabled routers



- Leverages one WAN solution for both AMI and DA communications
- Provides multiple secure IP connections to field network DA and AMI devices
- Provides support for combined AMI & DA protocol routing (i.e., DNP 3.0 and C12 protocols)

# EnergyAxis IP AxisLink

## Feeder Fault Detection

- Integrated within AMI communication infrastructure
- FCI fault information can be passed from AMI head-end to external OMS or DMS applications
- Improves reliability with fast, effective fault location and isolation
- Utilizes the IP AxisLink platform to monitor FCI status



Wireless Fault  
Circuit Indicator  
(FCI)

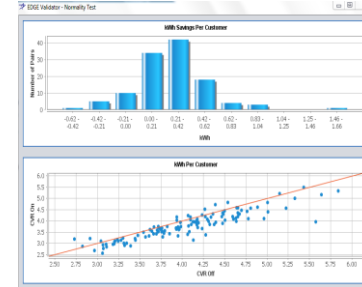
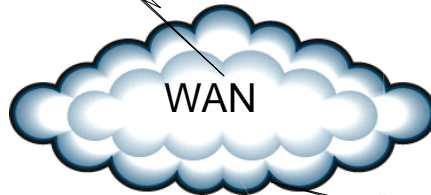
### IP AxisLink field device



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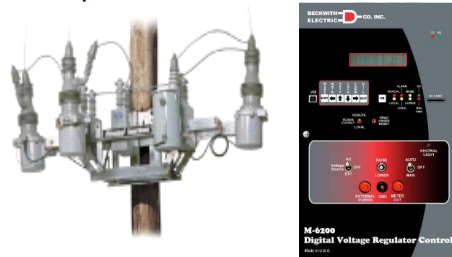
For conservation voltage optimization / reduction

To Billing and Customer Information Systems

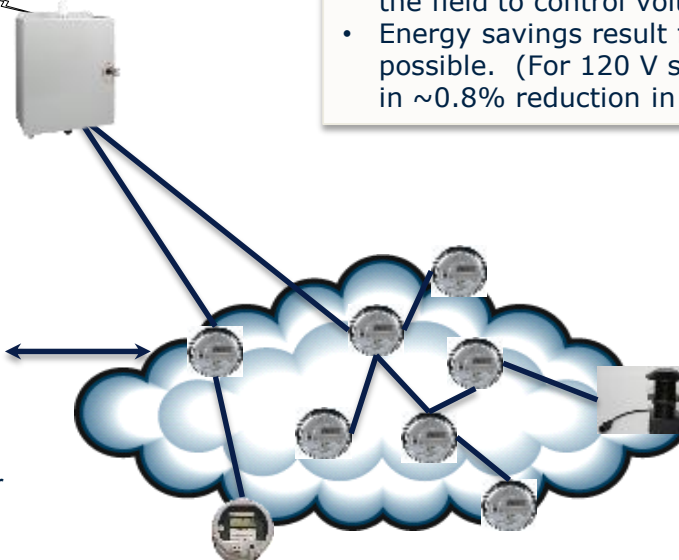


- Voltage management solution uses voltage data from key monitoring points along the feeder
- Elster network is used to communicate with IEDs in the field to control voltage.
- Energy savings result from lowering voltage where possible. (For 120 V systems, 1V reduction results in ~0.8% reduction in energy)

SCADA control system:  
control load tap changers,  
voltage regulators  
capacitor banks



Edge Router



RF NAN

# Thank you



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