

From innovation to operational assistance

IEA seminar SMART Metering

Responsibilities in the unbundled Electricity market.

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Introduction





From bill data collection

to

energy efficiency support

Rationale

- Technology can do it
- Cost reduction by merging functions

Scope = residential customers

Society challenge \Leftrightarrow Business model



Smart Meter responsibilities

- The business model
- Drivers for smart metering
- Interfaces
- Experience in Europe
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The basic metering business model





DNO or metering company (third party)

Suppliers (liberalized)



Who will facilitate energy efficiency?

The DNO's mission:

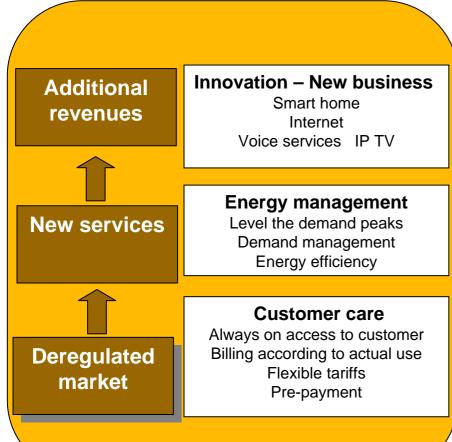
Develop, maintain, operate, give access to the distribution grid.

Energy efficiency in the customer premises is (generally) beyond the scope of network operation.

Smart meters ⇔ energy efficiency:

- = Tools provided by the DNO's
- = Tools to be used by commercial (liberalized) actors





Automated meter management Cost reduction for meter reading

Remote switching /configuration of

customers
Detection of energy theft
Detection of technical losses
Shorter process meter to bill

Distribution optimized investments

Improved load shedding
New maintenance philosophy
Improve network quality
Improve SCADA DMS functions
Fault detection and localisation

Regulated market



Improve process



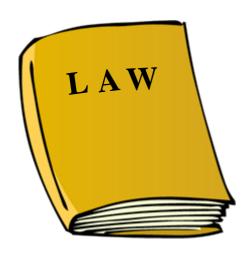
Cost reduction



The drivers for Smart Metering



- Cost reductions (?) depends on the rules of the game!
- Technology
 Antiquated metering infrastructure
- Distribution grid management and operation



- Regulation
- Energy efficiency directive §13
- Energy management
- Facilitation of market functioning
- Smart grid component
- Power quality monitoring



Costs

AMM costs are strongly influenced by

- The customer density and network structure of distribution company
- Good organizing of metering processes
- Rate of readings annually (e.g. obligation to read every month)
- Additional features such as DSM, Power Quality monitoring and network monitoring

Typical life cycle cost: **200 €/ meter**



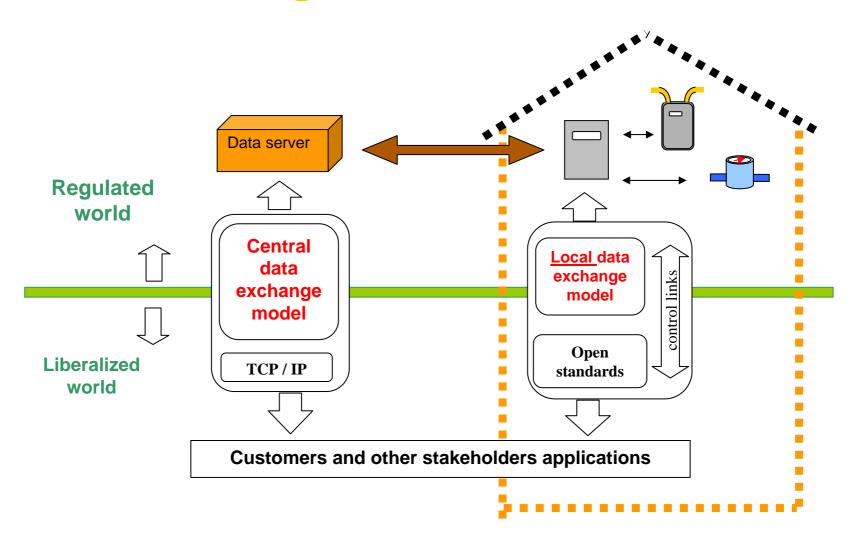
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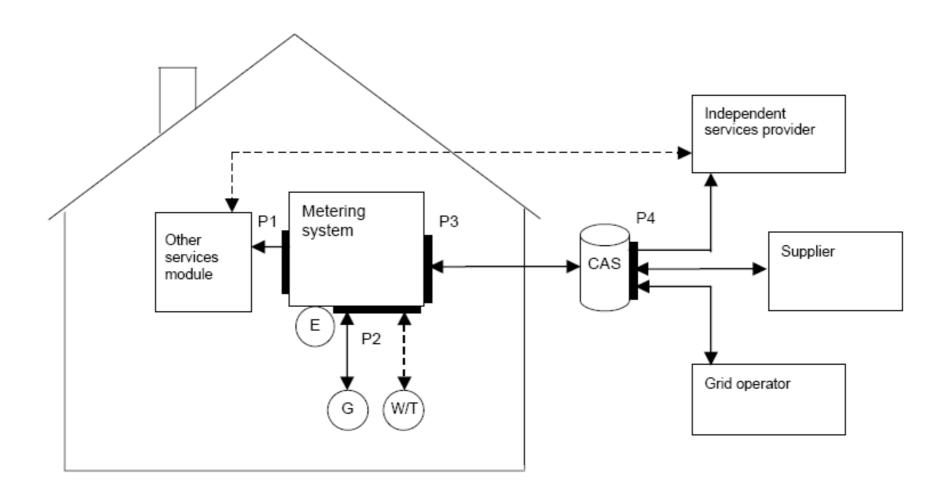


Data exchange



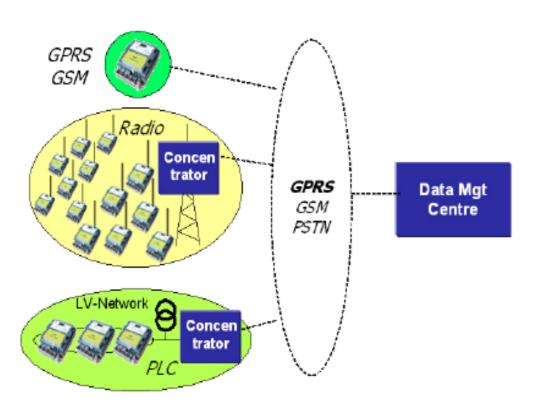


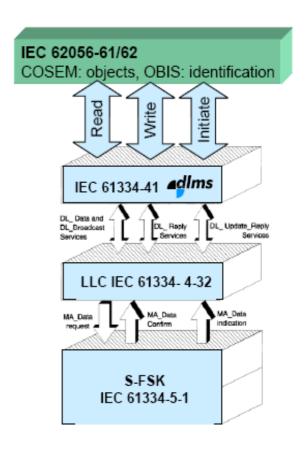
NL Technical agreement





Interoperability = open standards







The meter as communication platform?

Power Line Communication

PLC solves the last mile problem
PLC is economically attractive for high
densities and mass roll-out

Physical channel: CENELEC band A 9 – 95 kHz

poor signal / noise ratio => 2kbs

sometimes fading out

short range => repeaters

is ok for daily reading, but

not at all comparable with today's media!



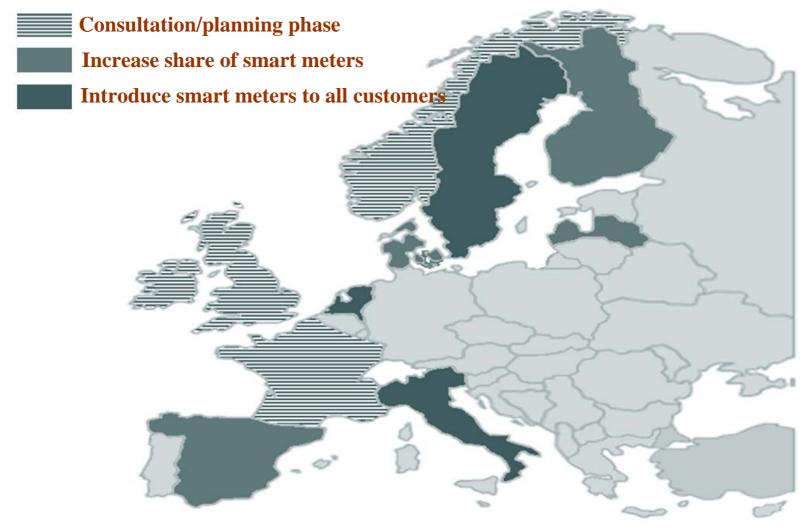
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Situation in Europe





The situation in Europe

Norway

- Mandatory hourly metering for customers > 0.1 GWh (2005)
- Voluntarily installations at app. 10 DSOs

Denmark ~ Norway

Finland

- Mandatory hourly metering when main fuses of over 3 x 63 A
- Voluntarily installations

Sweden

- Mandatory hourly metering with one 63A fuse (2006)
- From 01.07.09 all metering points should be read monthly and the Final customers should be invoiced based on their real consumption.



Austria

- Public consultation running
 - Regulator in favour of AMR
 - In depth position paper and detailed cost analysis to come
 - Data access must be guaranteed

Netherlands

Smart meters for every dwelling within 3 years

UK

Initiatives for testing the benefits for energy efficiency

France

The regulator has published his views on advanced metering (sept 2007).

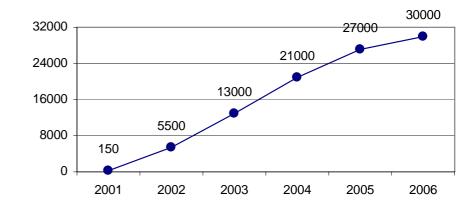


Italy

- Decree in 2006
- Obligatory installation level at end of 2008:25% and at end of 2011:95%
- Incentive for AMM supported power quality monitoring (from 2008)
- Issues under discussion:
 - Data access
 - Performance requirements
 - Interoperability (e.g. for demand management)
 - Extension to gas



Examples in Europe

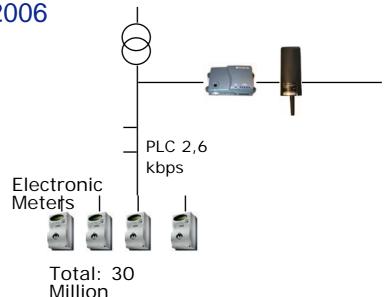


ENEL

- Kick-off in October 1999
- 30 million meters installed in 2006
- 70 €/ meter

New development

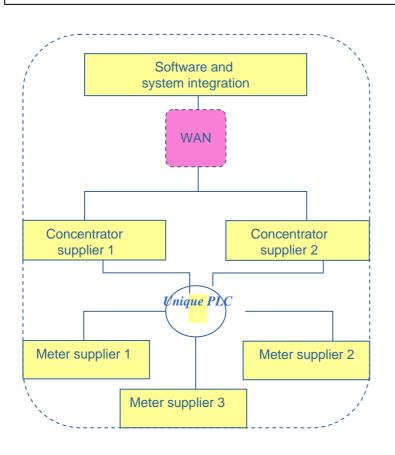
- Bidirectional single phase meters (for µDG)
- Massive GPRS communication introduction
- Multi metering (gas, water, heating, etc.)
- Customer VAS (Value Added Services) & Home Display





EDF France - 35 million meters

Starts with Pilot of 300 000 residential meters - end of deployment in 2010 -



Focus on

- PLC technology
- Inter-operability
- Economical optimisation



About the local interface

Netherlands NTA 8310:

Every 10s: indexes (registers), actual power, status, and short messages (<1024 char.) - unidirectional

France – CRE

Every ~1s: indexes (registers), actual power, status, tariff info, pieces of load curve, voltage deviations

- unidirectional -

Locally, the meter is "streaming" out essential data.



Situation in Europe – lessons learned

Quoting the Austrian regulator:

- High expectations but practical experience limited
- Regulated metering prevails over liberalized meter services
- Experience in frontrunner countries such as Italy, Sweden or the Netherlands shows that appropriate regulation is a prerequisite to initiate a large scale smart meter roll-out.
- Smart regulation
 - Metering model and organisation is key to successful smart meter introduction
 - Data access for third parties must be guaranteed (central registry)
 - Meter access (price signals, tariffs, power reduction/disconnection) needs to be organised



The risks for the DNO's

- Problems with communication services
- Risks associated with soft- and hardware vendors

Stranded costs if investments do not fulfil the external requirements for at least 15 years



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Conclusion

- The Smart meter is a data server
- For the user,
 - the bulk of the data is to be accessed by Internet
 - the real time data requires a local interface
- Agreement on the information exchange through the local interface is necessary.



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