

# G3-Hybrid: Two powerful communication technologies in one single solution!

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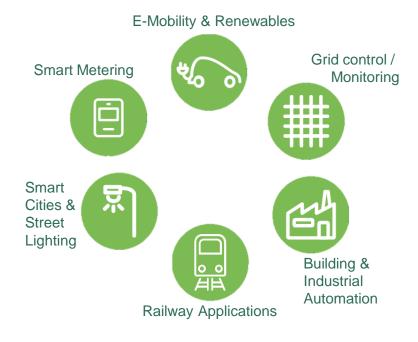
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## G3 provides proven technologies offering lowest total cost of ownership and independency on telco operators

## Cost effective, reliable and secure communication...



#### ... in a wide range of applications



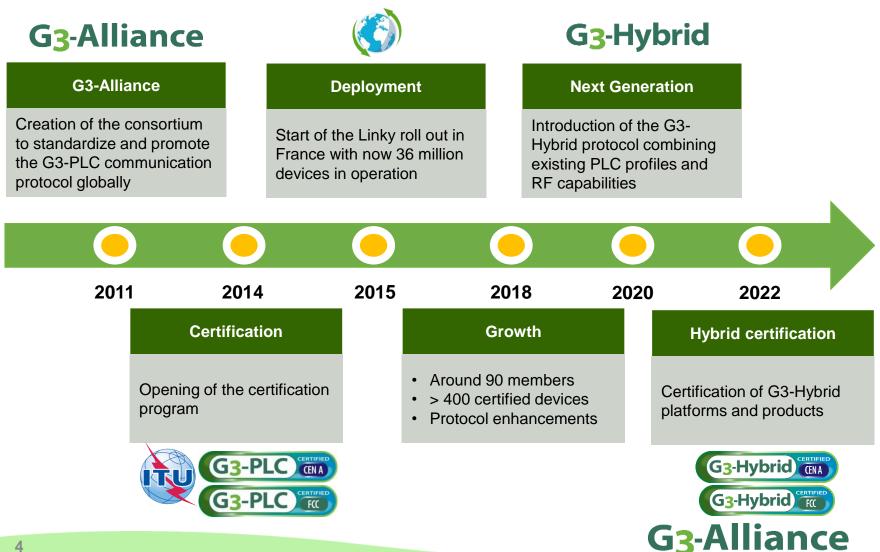


G3-Alliance provides standards-based technologies, designed for harsh network conditions and offering lowest total cost of ownership

#### Five Best Benefits of G<sub>3</sub>-PLC

1	Cost effective	Uses existing powerlines for communication minimizing infrastructure and maintenance costs
2	Secure	• Supports MAC-level security using AES-128 cryptographic engine
3	Robust	<ul> <li>The 'robust' mode improves communication under noisy conditions, operates at very low SNR</li> <li>Self healing and high indoor penetration</li> </ul>
4	Interoperable	<ul> <li>International ITU standard</li> <li>Certification program enabling multi-vendor implementations</li> </ul>
5	Future proof	<ul> <li>End to end IP communication and IPv6 compliant</li> <li>Designed to accept diverse application layers</li> </ul>

#### G3-Alliance: international standards, certified for interoperability



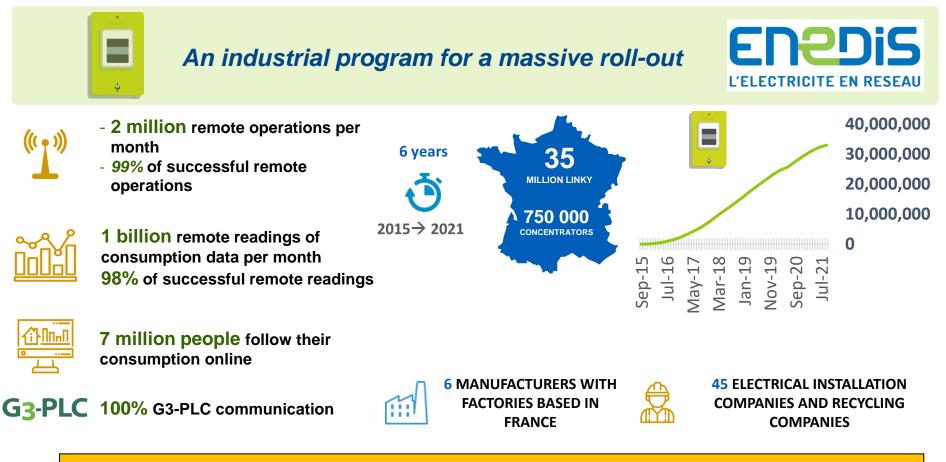
## G3 is a mature technology with over 80 million products in operation in more than 30 countries worldwide

#### Known pilots and roll-outs of worldwide



Introduction to the G3-Alliance

## In France over 35 million G3-PLC meters have been successfully installed by Enedis (part of EDF group)



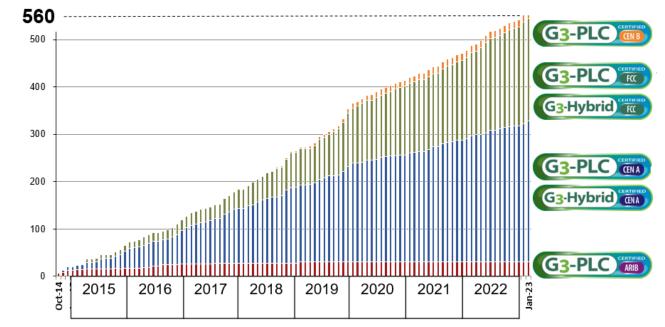
- Linky mass roll-out in France is completed
- Linky roll-out started or is in preparation in French foreign territories such as French Guyana, Martinique, Mayotte, etc. and in Haiti
- Experimentation started in France with the hybrid solution

## G3-Alliance is supported by a international group of 100 utilities and industrial players from over 30 countries



# G3-Alliance operates a successful certification program enabling multi-vendor implementations

- Two certification labs in France and Japan
- Certification covers conformance, interoperability and performance
- Certification for platforms as well as products
- Over 500 devices certified since opening of certification



Number of certified devices (cumulative)

For list of all certified devices: https://g3-plc.com/g3-plc-certification/certified-products/

#### **RF or PLC Communication?**

#### **PLC Advantages**

- Built on existing infrastructure which lowers deployment costs
- Able to communicate with hard-toreach nodes without attenuation
- No line-of-sight limitation (Underground, through walls)
- Not affected by weather

#### **RF Advantages**

- Immune to noise on the lines
- Able to connected isolated meters to the main network
- Mesh RF network can help extend the effective range of the network

### What if you can have both in one?!

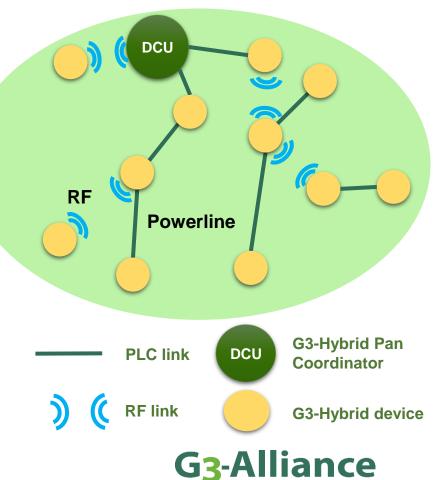
#### Hybrid PLC&RF Advantages

- Maximises coverage and connectivity
- Strongly reduces the complexity of the roll-out and with that the cost
- Increases performance (communication success rate and data rate)

# G3-Hybrid: Two powerful communication technologies in one single solution!

- RF mesh and power line communication in one *single* solution
- Each node can use PLC as well as RF for communication
- The route is built with a hop-by-hop selection of the 'best' channel
- Maximises coverage and connectivity
- Strongly reduces the complexity of the roll-out and the cost
- Open standard adopted by ITU enabling multi-vendor interoperability
- Complies to FCC and regulatory requirements globally
- Fully backwards compatible with G3-PLC

# **G3-Hybrid**



## G3-Hybrid benefits: Maximises coverage and connectivity and strongly reduces the complexity of the roll-out

G<sub>3</sub>-Hybrid

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### **Cost of Ownership**

- Avoids high cost of last 1% connectivity
- Reduces complexity of the roll-out
- No OPEX for using the network

## Flexiblity

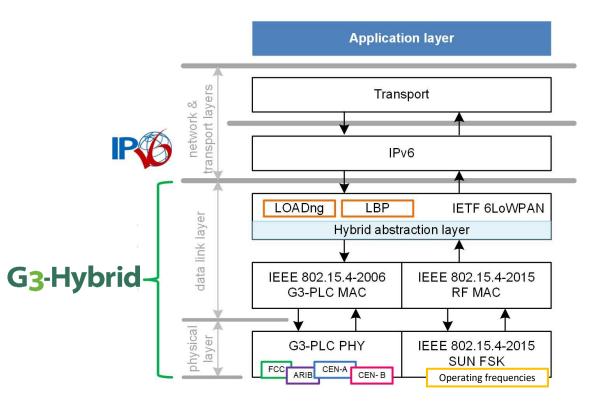
PLC and RF work hand-in-hand and complement each other, maximising coverage and connectivity

#### Performance

- Higher communication success rate
- Higher data rate as more nodes use best available channel
- Opens other IoT applications such as sensors, gas and water meters

## The G3-Hybrid unifies powerline and radio frequency technology creating one, seamlessly managed network using both media

#### Unified G3-Hybrid PLC+RF protocol stack



- Unifies wireless RF and wired power line communication
- One, seamlessly managed network over both media
- The hybrid protocol stack is built using open standards IEEE
   802.15.4-2015 in addition to the existing G3-PLC protocol
- Switching between PLC and RF is decided above the hybrid abstraction layer

## G<sub>3</sub>-Alliance

G3-Hybrid is a full-fledged RF solution with all mechanisms in place to meet regulatory requirements in any part of the world



- Based on open standard IEEE 802.15.4-2020
- Supports a wide range of RF frequencies bands
- Supported mechanisms include:
  - Frequency Hopping
  - Adaptive power control (APC)
  - Duty-cycle handling
- Last gasp mechanism supported
- Certification program includes conformance, interoperability and performance testing
- Interoperable solution enabling multi-vendor implementations

Band designation MHz	Region ( <u>informative</u> )	Local requirements met by G3-Hybrid
863	Europe	$\checkmark$
866	India	$\checkmark$
870	Europe	$\checkmark$
915	North America	$\checkmark$
915-a	North America & Mexico	✓
915-b	Brazil	$\checkmark$
915-с	Australia & NZ	$\checkmark$
919	Malaysia	$\checkmark$
920	Japan	$\checkmark$
920-b	HK, S'ore, Thail., Vietn.	$\checkmark$
915-d	Europe	
915-е	Philippines	Under investigation in WS4
917	Korea	
867	Singapore	
920-a	China	

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G3-Hybrid platforms from 6 international chip manufacturers have already been certified









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Overview of all certified G3-Hybrid platforms is available on our website: <u>https://g3-plc.com/g3-plc-certification/certified-platforms/</u>

# Trials for example in India by Sagemcom show G3-Hybrid is performing well under very harsh conditions (1/3)

- Location represents a challenging environment for both RF & PLC communications:
  - Very high level of PLC noise



#### Sagemcom



# Trials for example in India by Sagemcom show G3-Hybrid is performing well under very harsh conditions (2/3)

- Location represents a challenging environment for both RF & PLC communications:
  - Very high level of PLC noise
  - Obstacles create a very harsh environment for back meters to communicate in RF with the front Meters



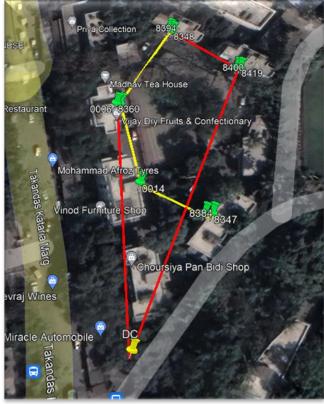
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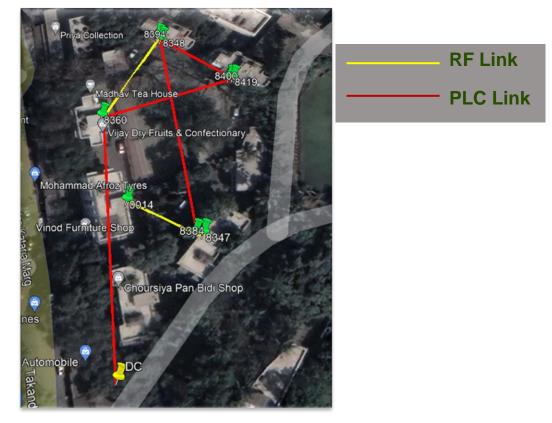
G3-Hybrid: The Ideal Technology - Automatically Adjusts Topology Based on Channel Condition

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# G3-Hybrid is now a global solution and worldwide deployments have started!

Example projects include (see next slides):

- Sagemcom will start deployment of G3-Hybrid in Tunisia at STEG, which is also a member of the G3-Alliance
- Gridspertise started a smart meter pilot in India with G3-Hybrid
- Gridspertise started deployment of G3-Hybrid technology in Latin America in June 2023
- Eastsoft has certified G3-Hybrid chipsets for many RF bands and is successfully deploying G3-Hybrid globally: Middle East, Asia, LATAM, Africa
- G3-Hybrid deployment in mini-grids in Africa started in 2023
- Wasion, a leading meter manufacturer from China and promotor of G3-PLC, also included G3-Hybrid in their product portfolio in 2023
- Kaifa announced to start large scale deployment of G3-Hybrid in Pakistan in 2024

## Sagemcom will start deployment of G3-Hybrid in Tunisia at STEG, which is also a member of the G3-Alliance

 Latest Sagemcom G3-Hybrid meters and Data Concentrators are now in the final stage of G3 certification





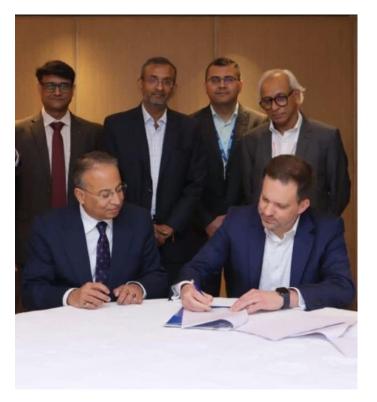


#### Gridspertise started a smart meter pilot in India with G3-Hybrid

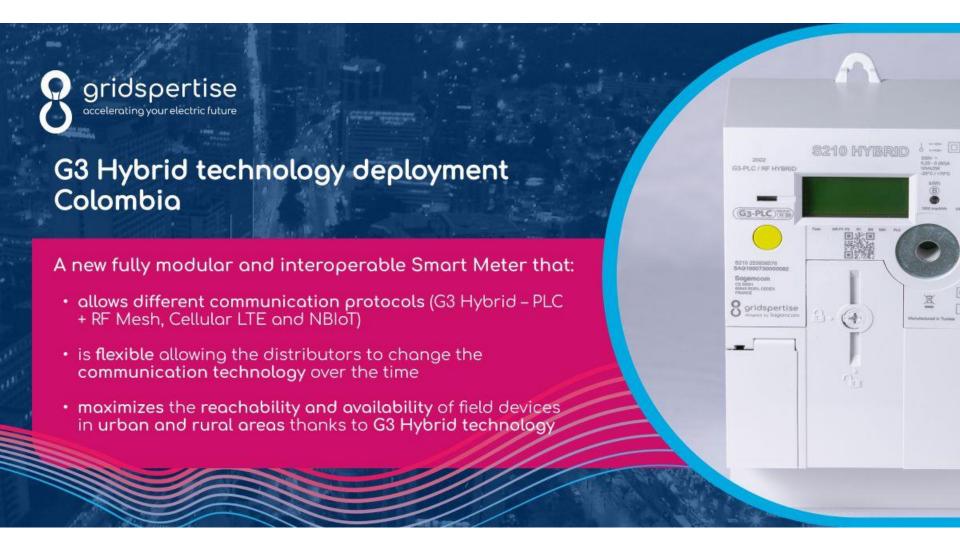
- Gridspertise signed an MoU with Tata Power
- Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (TPDDL), serves 1.9 million customers in North Delhi
- Objective is to deploy smart metering and automation technologies in India's distribution network
- The smart meter pilot project will use G3-Hybrid technology

https://www.smart-energy.com/industrysectors/smart-meters/tata-power-and-enel-group-todeploy-smart-meter-and-automation-tech-in-india/





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### Eastsoft Application of Eastsoft G3 Hybrid Solutions - Saudi Arabia

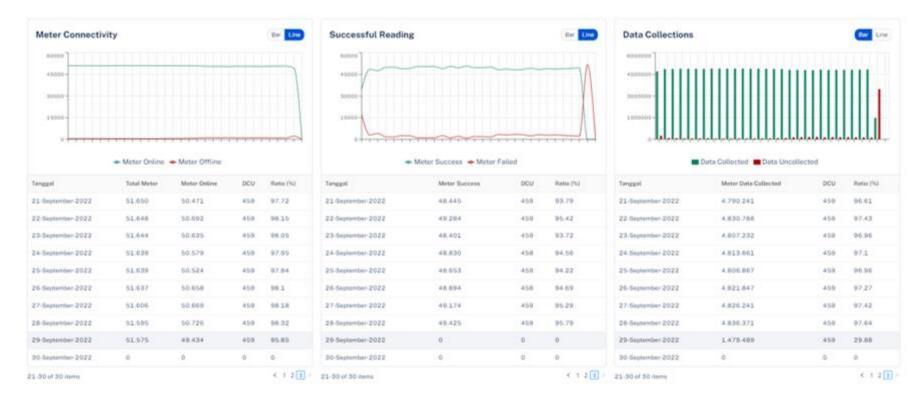


- 2 million G3 Hybrid communication module
- Meter reading across transformer areas
- The success rate is 1.5% higher than the NB solution in the same period.

# Eastsoft has certified G3-Hybrid chipsets for many RF bands and is successfully deploying G3-Hybrid globally (2/4)

#### Eastsoft Application of Eastsoft G3 Hybrid Solutions - Indonesia

- G3 Hybrid
- Success rate 98%

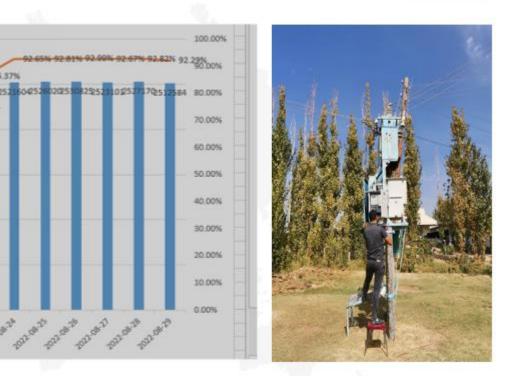




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### Eastsoft Application of Eastsoft G3 Hybrid Solutions - Uzbekistan

- More than 3.2 million G3-PLC modules;
- Always ranked first in all KPIs;
- Excellent on-site communication performance;
- Highly praised by local electricity company.







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### **Eastsoft**. Application of Eastsoft G3 Hybrid Solutions

About 100,000 meters per year;



Success rate 97%;

G3 Hybrid solution was adopted as a technical standard in the bidding process.



Success rate 99%;





- 1.6 million modules for prepaid electricity meters and CIUs;
- Continuously supplying;

Africa



#### G3-Hybrid deployment in mini-grids in Africa started in 2023

- One of the mini-grids is in Nigeria
- The existing generation was removed, and solar arrays and batteries were installed
- In this village around 1700 G3-Hybrid meters are connected



Wasion, a leading meter manufacturer from China and promotor of G3-PLC, also included G3-Hybrid in their product portfolio in 2023



Introduction to the G3-Hybrid - Conclusion

## G3 technology provides a powerful communication backbone for the Smart Grid!

- Standards based and interoperable solution enabling multi vendor implementations
- ✓ Proven robustness in the 80+ million devices already deployed worldwide
- Designed for harsh network conditions thanks to its automatic adaptive modulation, mesh routing and by using different frequency bands
- G3-Hybrid unifies PLC and RF communication maximizing coverage and connectivity and reducing the complexity and cost of the roll-out
- Backed by an international group of DSOs and industrial players to ensure continuity and evolution over a long time



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