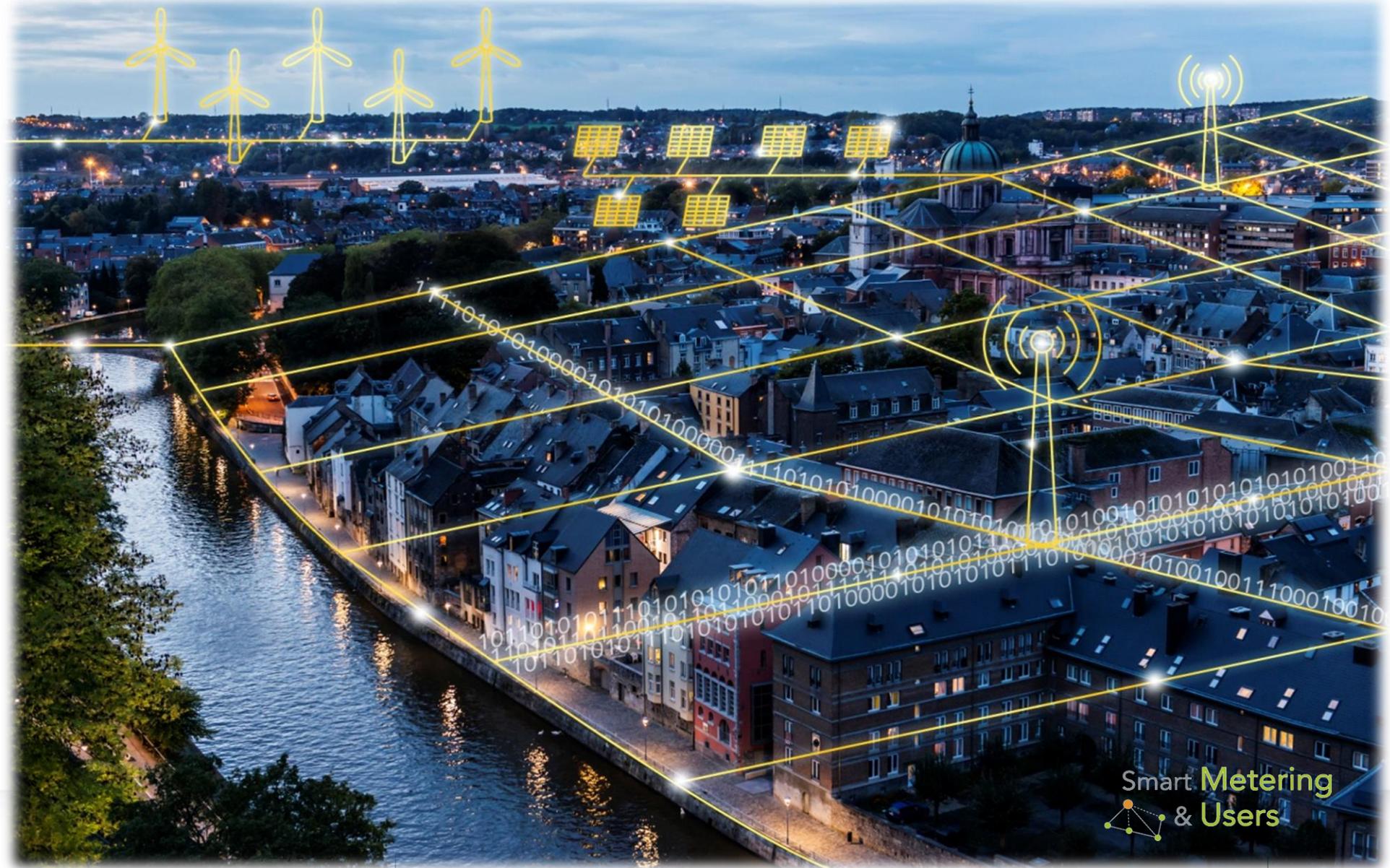


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OPÉRATEUR DES RÉSEAUX GAZ & ÉLECTRICITÉ

SMART METERING PILOT TESTING G3 PLC TECHNOLOGY

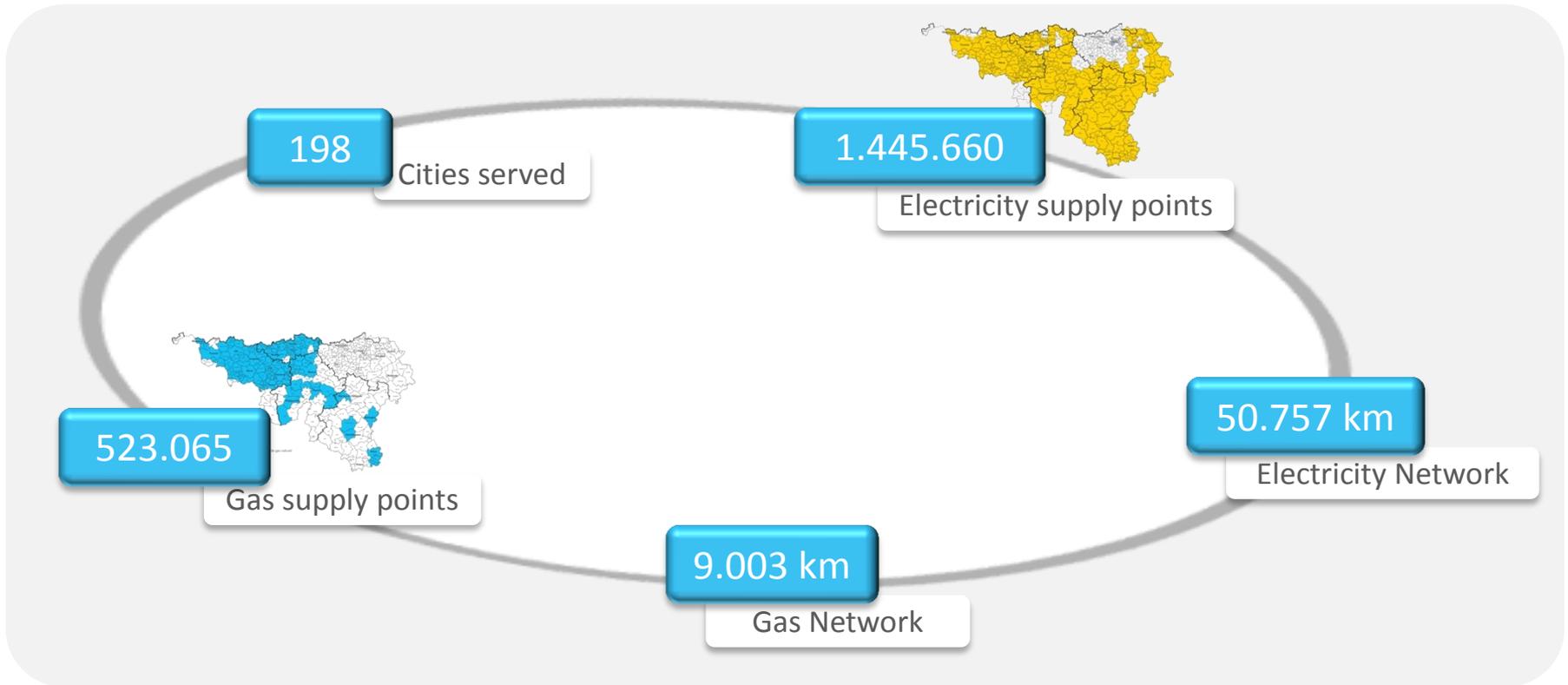


Smart Metering
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Introduction

In a nutshell

ORES is the **main network operator in Wallonia** for electricity, gas and public lighting and is owned at 75% by the municipalities.

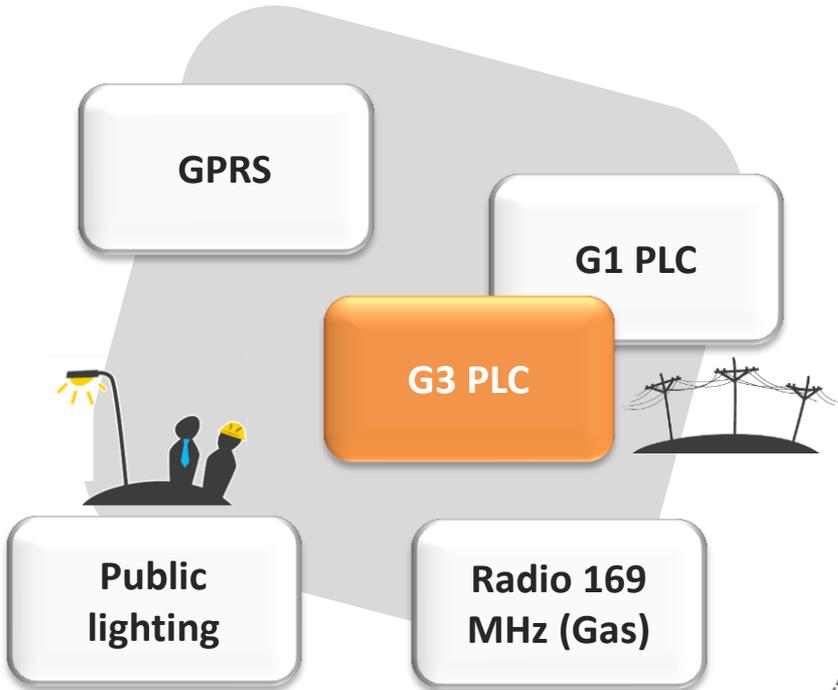


Smart Metering

Pilots launched

Different types of **pilots and collaborations** have been launched so far...

Technology pilots



Collaboration



G3 PLC Pilot

Objectives & limitations

Objectives of the pilot

- Testing bidirectional communication **performance in G3 PLC**
- Testing impacts on performance of a **progressive deployment**
- Identifying impacts of setting up a AMI headend in **ORES IT infrastructure**
- Testing the use **G3 PLC for public lighting**

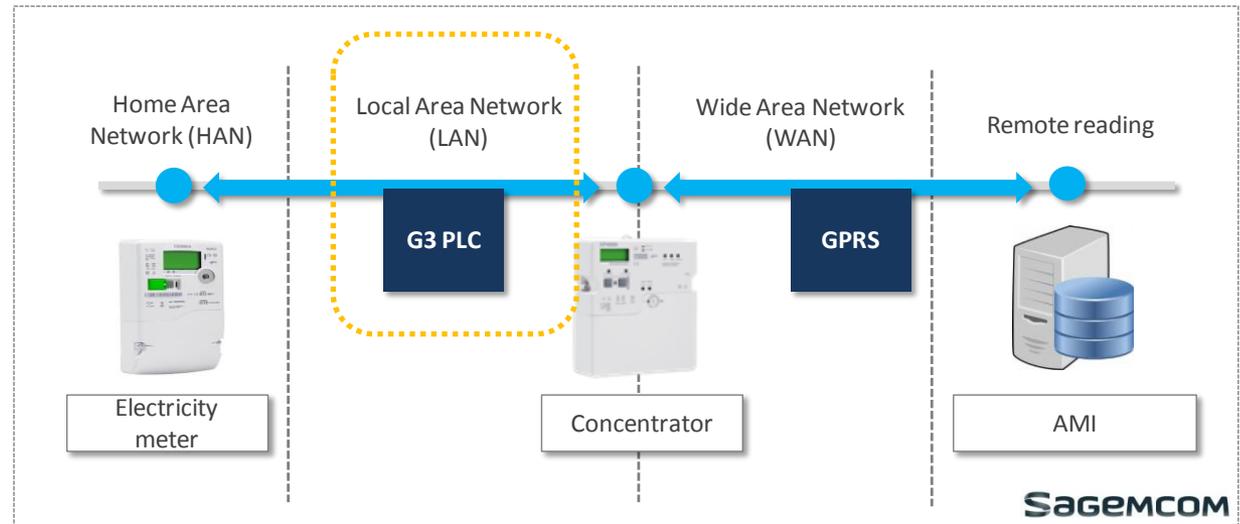
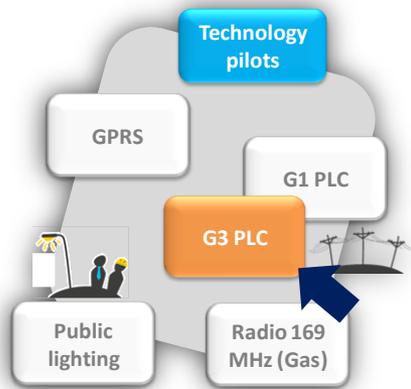


Limitations

- Pilot on a limited volume of substation
- Limited integration with IT (housing of the AMI within ORES infrastructure only)
- Low volumes of deployed meters

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Design solution



- G3 PLC** 
- Interoperability
- Multi-source solution
- ORES electrical network
- Increased immunity to noise perturbation

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Technical performance – High level results

We obtained a **good performance** from both meter reading and broadcasting test.

Meter reading

% installed meters registered in the system



% meters collecting **6 index** per day
(with recovery)



% meters collecting **6 load curve** per day
(with recovery)



Broadcasting test

Polling test every
30 minutes
(simulation
prepayment
meters)

Average
from 7am to 10pm



Average
from 10pm to 3am



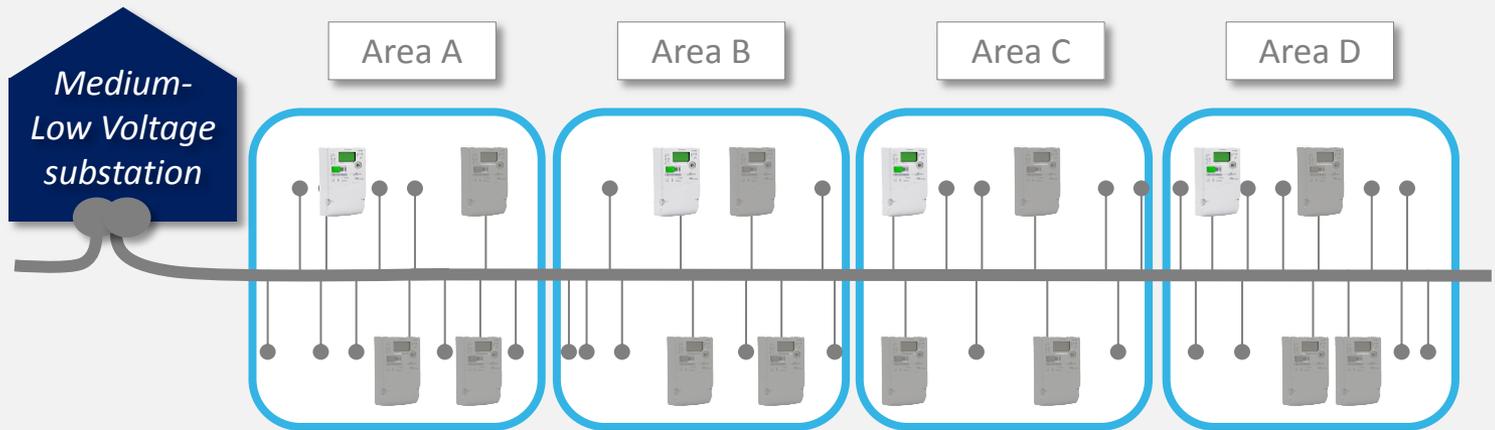
Average
from 3am to 7am



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Deployment strategy

We have tested a **partial deployment of G3 PLC** on a transformer to assess the impact on communication performance.



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Required density of meters on a cabin

A high performance has been obtained with a **density down to 60%** of smart meters installed on a substation.

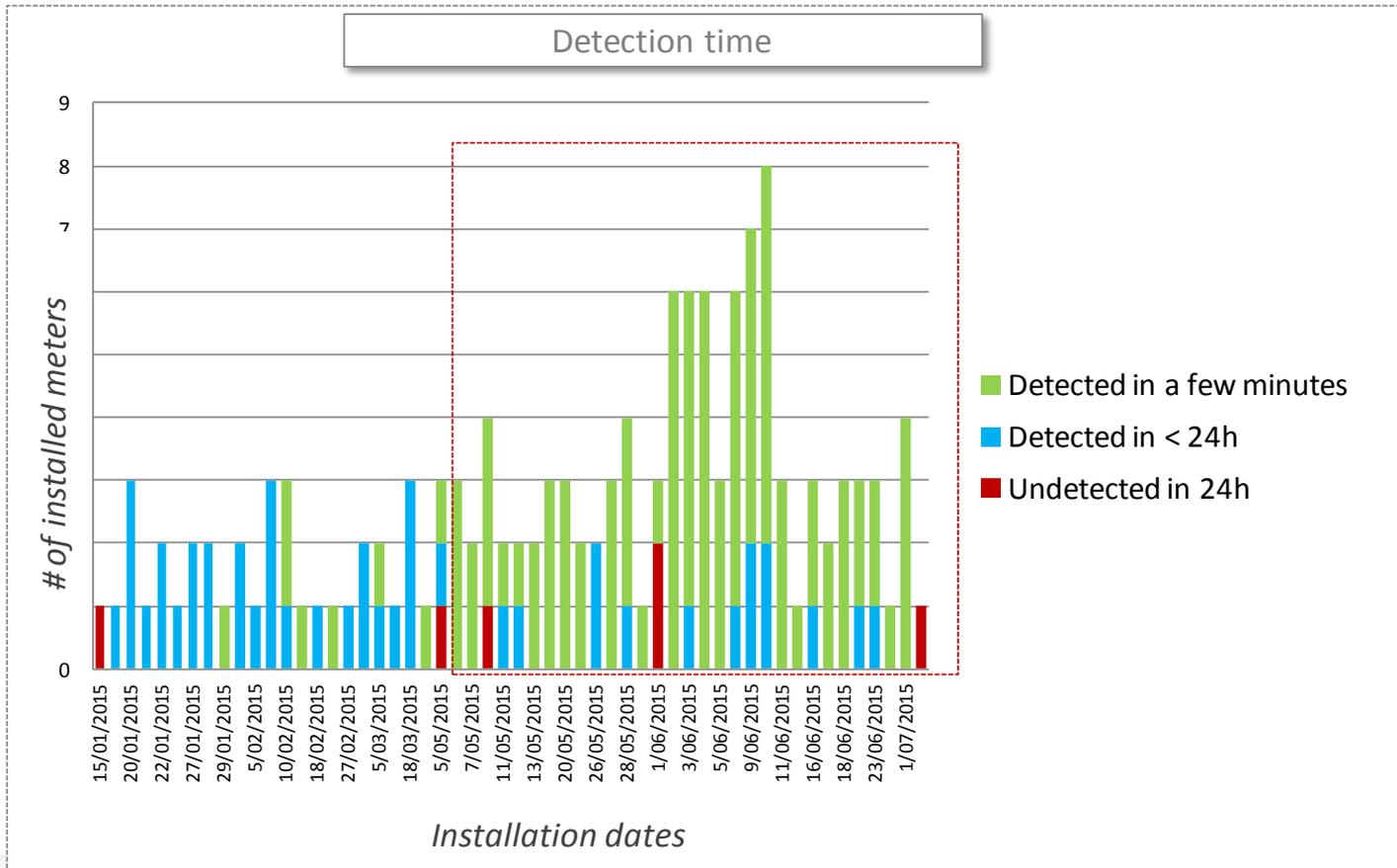
Density < 60%	Density = 60%	Density > 60%
<p>Below 60% of smart meters installed on a cabin, the risk of non communication is rather high and stability of the solution can not be guaranteed.</p>	<p>With a minimum of 60% installed on a cabin, the risk of non communication is minimized but non zero.</p>	<p>With 100% of meters installed on a cabin, the risk of non communication is close to zero.</p>



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AMI – delays of detection

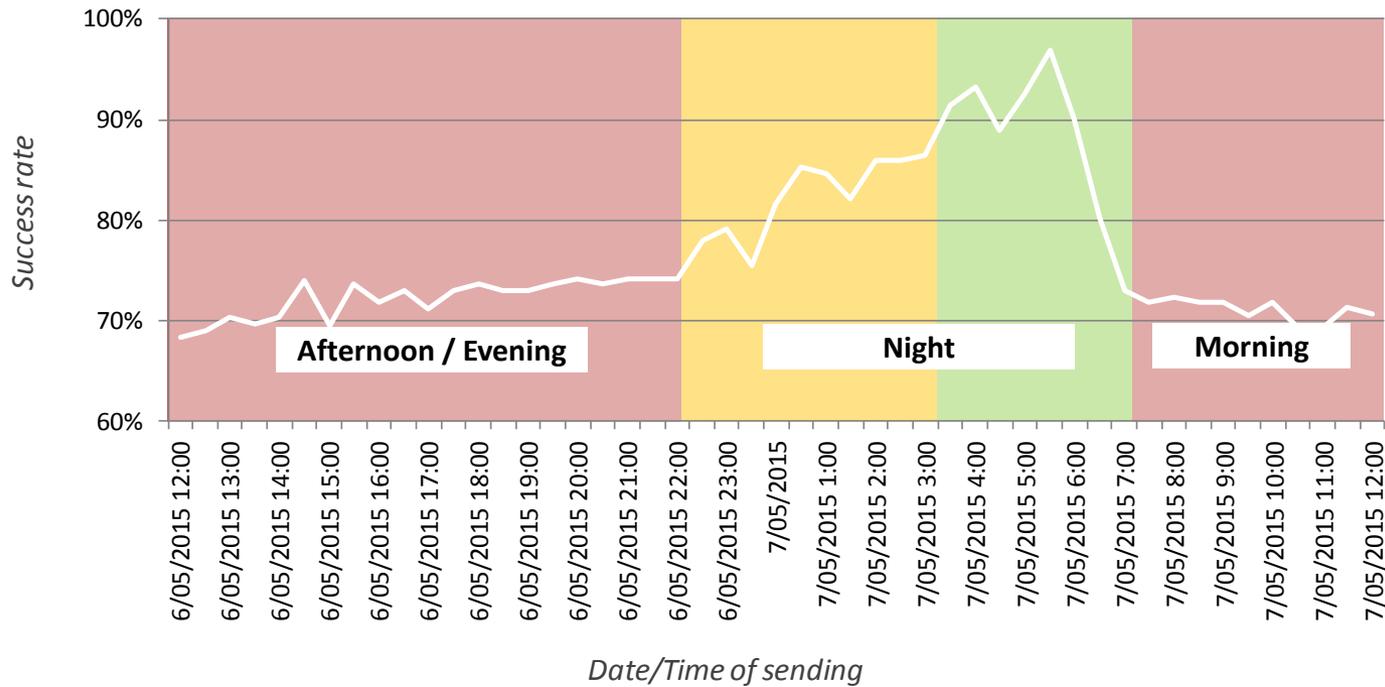
The **more meters installed**, the **faster they are detected** by the AMI.



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Technical performance – Influencing sources

Success rate of instructions sending on a 24 hours timeframe



Analyses

We identified a **negative impact of the domestic equipments** and of the **photovoltaic panels** on the telecommunication performance.

Actions

Continued tests to improving the performance during the day.

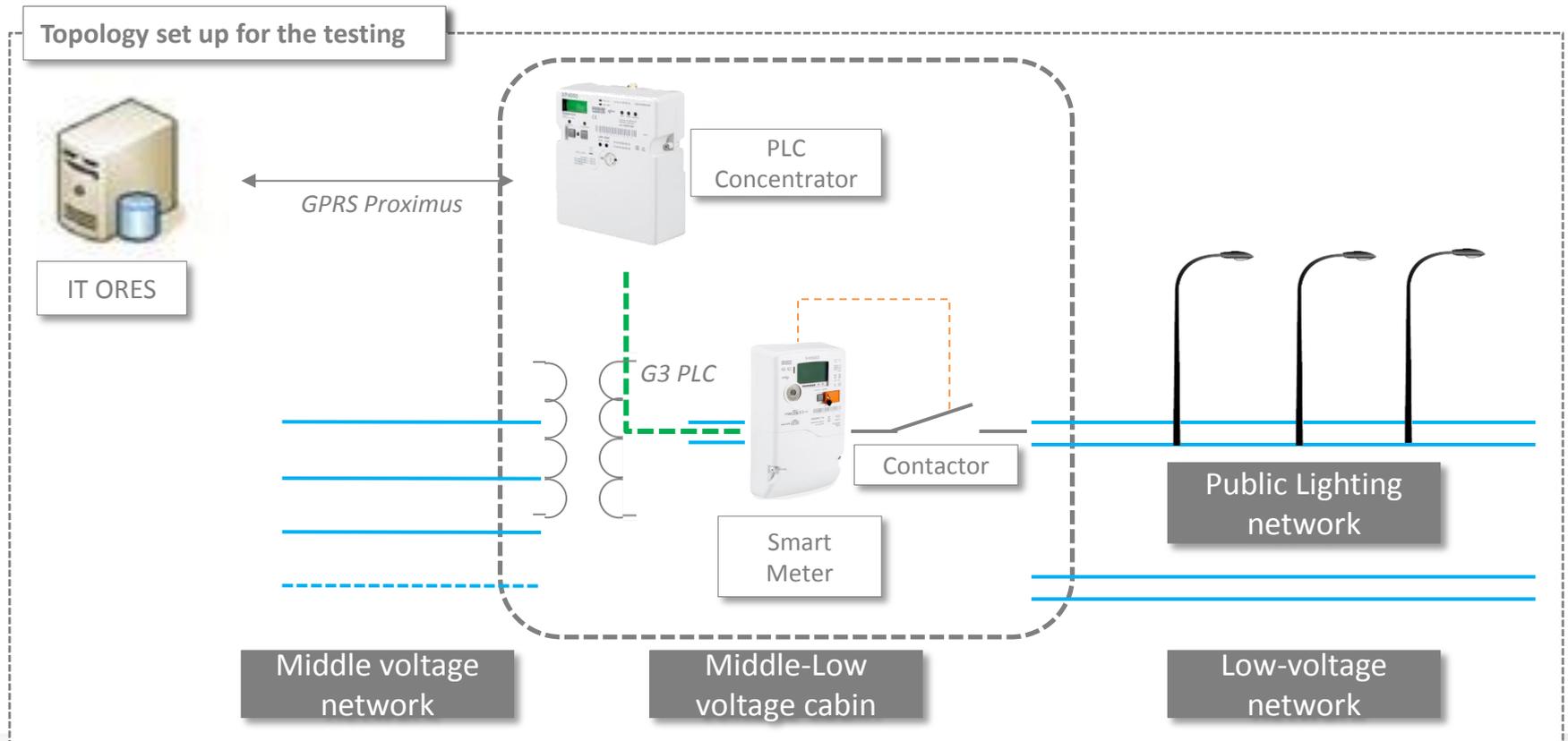
Example:

- Test G3 PLC Load NG
- Test in FCC Band

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G3 PLC for Public Lighting

G3 PLC has been **successfully tested for Public Lighting**. The solution tested looked at replacing the ripple control receiver by a G3 PLC smart meter.



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Next steps

Extend G3PLC tests for smart public lighting (remote control relays, dimming,...)

Adapt the G3PLC solution for Belgian technical specificities (3 wires network)

Investigate the use of G3PLC on FCC band

Test the solution on a larger scale pilot and with the integration with ORES IT systems to prepare for rollout

Analyze furthermore the perturbation generated by PV inverter

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Conclusions

- Our pilot demonstrated that the **performance G3 PLC** in the field is **fulfilling the needs** of ORES
- G3PLC solution also proved to be **robust in terms of noise perturbation** as well as **allowing for a progressive deployment**.
- G3PLC can be used for **multiple DSO applications** : Smart metering, Smart public lighting,...
- G3PLC **is interoperable** and **supported by large industry players** ensuring long term vendor support

Questions

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