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G3-PLC Implementation & Benefits

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Proven and robust powerline communicat

Objectives

- To support the G3-PLC Alliance in promoting G3-PLC for the African market
- G3-PLC is an open international standard for power-line communications for smart metering
- Three key points are highlighted on the G3-PLC Alliance website:
 - Cost effective
 - Robust
 - Interoperable



Cost effective

Minimizes infrastructure and maintenance costs by communicating over the existing powerlines.



Robust

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Interoperable

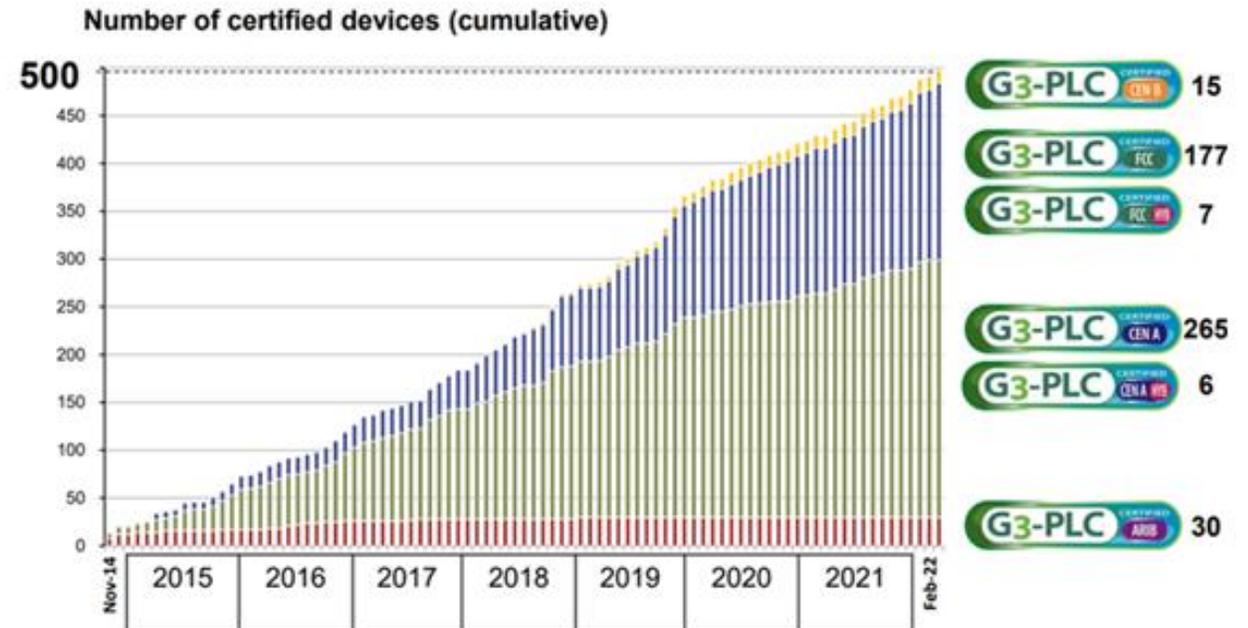
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G3-PLC Technology: Highlights

- **Cost effective:** Minimizes infrastructure and maintenance costs by communicating over the existing powerlines
- **Robust:** Designed for harsh network conditions; G3-PLC robust mode enables communication under noisy conditions
- **Interoperable:** International standard with strong certification program guarantees interoperable solutions
- **Proven:** Over 80 million G3-PLC products in operation in more than 30 countries worldwide

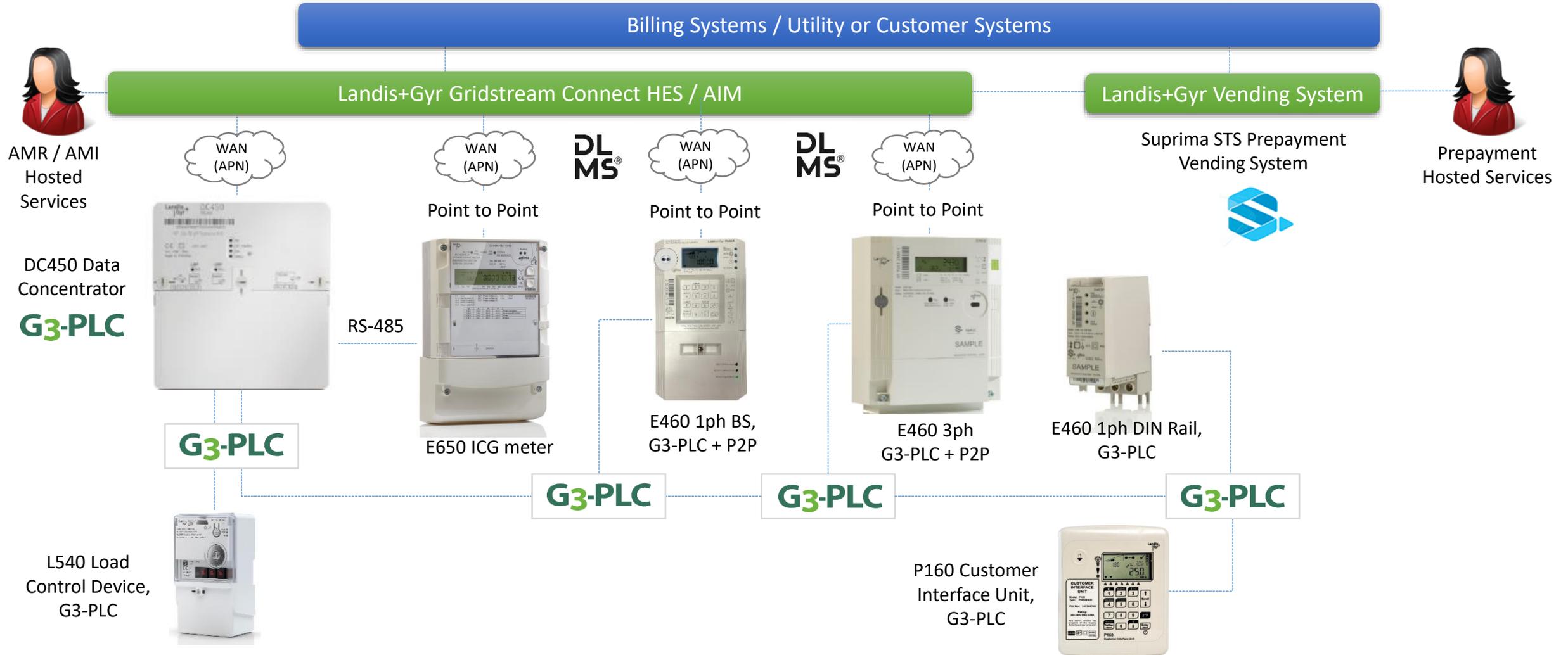
Main Objectives of the G3-PLC Alliance

- Maintain and enhance the G3-PLC standard
- Operate international certification program to enable interoperability amongst different manufacturers
- Promote the value, benefits and applications of G3-PLC technology globally

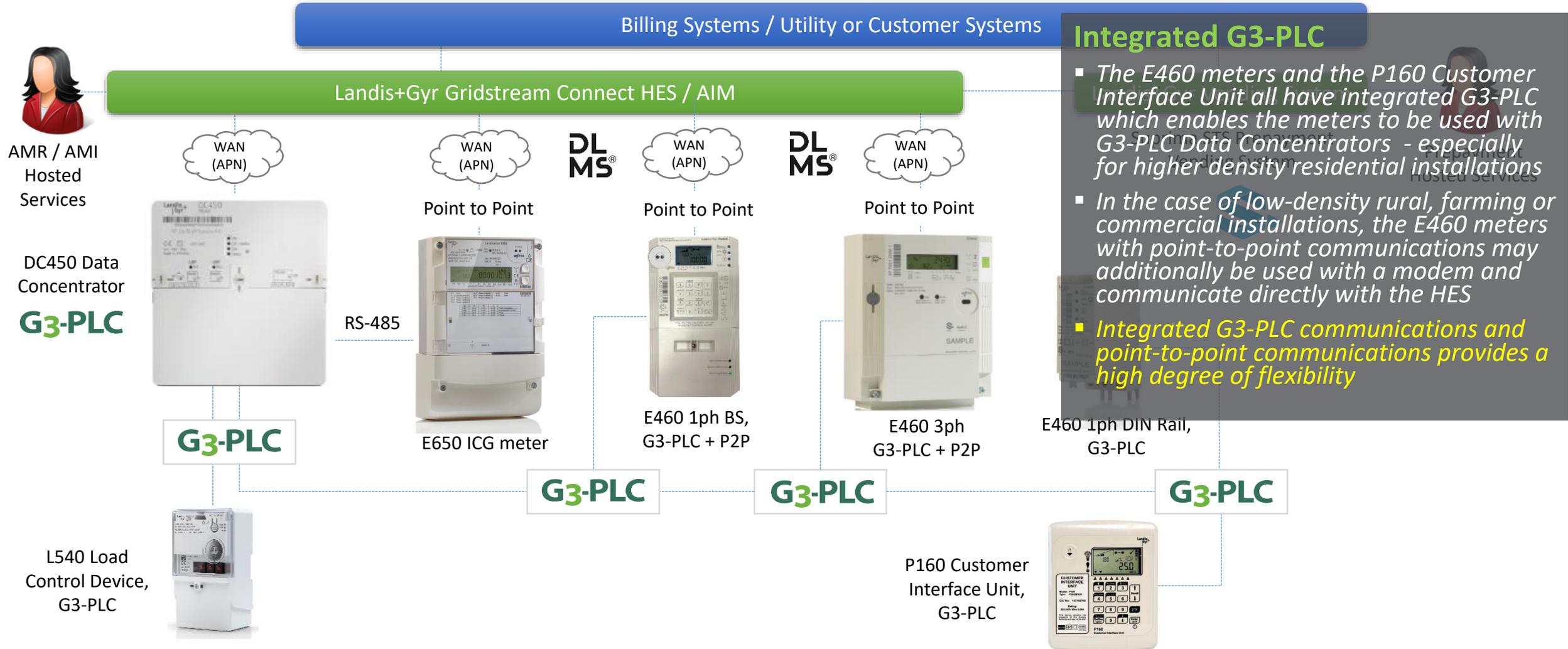


Growth in the use of technology and the G3-PLC certified devices gives peace of mind to manufacturers and utilities

Landis+Gyr Solution Architecture using G3-PLC Technology

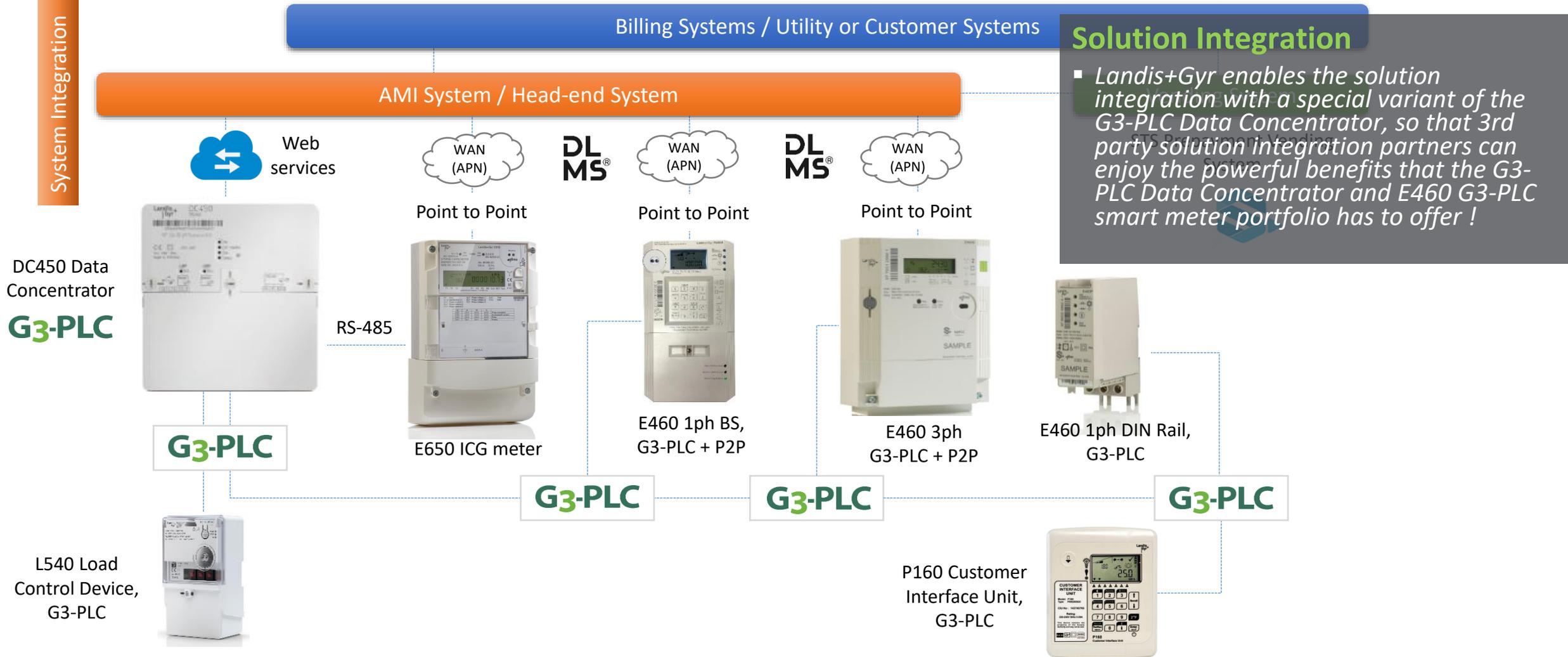


Landis+Gyr Solution Architecture using G3-PLC Technology



Landis+Gyr Solution: 3rd Party System Integration

System Integration



Landis+Gyr Solution: G3-PLC Implementation

Off-line

E460 meter forms its own PAN and the P160 CIU connects to meter PAN – this allows off-line architecture in the absence of a G3-PLC Data Concentrator



On-line

E460 meter joins DC PAN and P160 CIU connects to the meter via the DC PAN and this allows on-line architecture in the presence of a G3-PLC Data Concentrator



Data Concentrator Functionality: G3-PLC

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[Change password](#)
[Logout \(admin\)](#)

- Concentrator
- Certificate
- Broadcast
- PLC
- Date and Time
- Reading Scheduler
- Details Scheduler
- RS485
- Modem
- Ethernet
- Meter Firmware Upgrade
- Alarms
- Events
- Meter Installation

PLC

Status

State
RUNNING

Basic Parameters

PAN ID	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Parallel Requests	<input type="text" value="2"/>
COSEM Communication Timeout (s)	<input type="text" value="65"/>
Band	<input type="text" value="CENELEC A"/>
Current State Alarms Enabled	<input type="text" value="False"/>
Lost Alarm Timeout (min)	<input type="text" value="1440"/>

G3-PLC Configuration

- Landis+Gyr's DC450 enables configuration of various G3-PLC parameters

Topology Views

Landis+Gyr Configuration **Units** Upgrade Service Statistics

Meters

CIUs

Neighbour Table

Path Table

Topology

Route Table

Blacklist

Profile Data

Readout Data

Topology

Show neighbours data

4C475A67242C1DC5 (70000069)
Status: INSTALLED

- ### Topology Views
- *Visibility of the G3-PLC topology*
 - *Node colours indicate communications quality*
 - *Node information includes short address and system server title of the device/s*

Topology Views

Configuration
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✎ Change password

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Topology Views

- G3-PLC technology shows the G3-PLC mesh network, repeating nodes and relationship between nodes
- Each G3-PLC meter has a neighbour table of close neighbouring devices and may select the best [lowest cost] route to the Data Concentrator

Unit Information

All Units	254
Installed Units	251 (98.82 %)
Disappeared Units	0 (0.00 %)
Lost Units	3 (1.18 %)
Deinstalled Units	0 (0.00 %)

Valuable Tools – Communications Quality

Communications Quality

▪ The G3-PLC communications quality is calculated by the sent and received dlms messages between the Data Concentrator and the device

Quality

Mac	Systitle	Serial	Sent	Received	Quality	Status	Last Status Change	
<input type="text"/>								
000F93FFFD46B796	4C475A6603980AA8	60295848	27992	27634	98%	OK	2022-04-24 18:32:03	
000F93FFFD46B798	4C475A6603980AAA	60295850	29478	29077	98%	OK	2022-04-24 18:30:40	
000F93FFFD46B79B	4C475A6603980AAD	60295853	31881	31342	98%	OK	2022-04-24 18:49:58	
000F93FFFD46B7A2	4C475A6603980AB4	60295860	29473	28937	98%	OK	2022-04-24 18:41:36	
000F93FFFD46B7A4	4C475A6603980AB6	60295862	29085	28715	98%	OK	2022-04-24 18:33:31	
000F93FFFD46B7A5	4C475A6603980AB7	60295863	31181	30579	98%	OK	2022-04-24 18:46:31	
000F93FFFD46B7A6	4C475A6603980AB8	60295864	31822	31205	98%	OK	2022-04-24 18:44:16	
000F93FFFD46B7A7	4C475A6603980AB9	60295865	32116	31096	96%	OK	2022-04-24 18:38:38	

Valuable Tools – PLC Utilities

Landis+Gyr Configuration Units Upgrade **Service** Statistics

Logs
Application control
PLC Utilities
Scheduled Tasks
Cron Tasks

PLC Utilities

UNICAST BROADCAST

Connection

Meters 1 selected ▾

Priority 10 ▾

Basic Operations

Release Ping Co. Ping

Meter	Status	Data
000F93FFFD410244	0	501 ms

PLC Utilities

- The Landis+Gyr G3-PLC Data Concentrator provides powerful PLC utilities such as PING to G3-PLC devices for fault finding and network analysis
- PLC utilities also include the ability to construct dlms get, set and action commands to the G3-PLC metering devices

The main customer / utility benefits & value

- **Peace of mind** that the technology is internationally adopted and an open standard for smart meters and smart grids
- **G3-PLC certified** Data Concentrators provide powerful tools and visibility of your metering assets
- G3-PLC provides **robust communications** over existing power-lines, therefore providing cost effective communications in high density residential or commercial environments
- Visibility of topology and communications statistics for fault finding and analysis

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