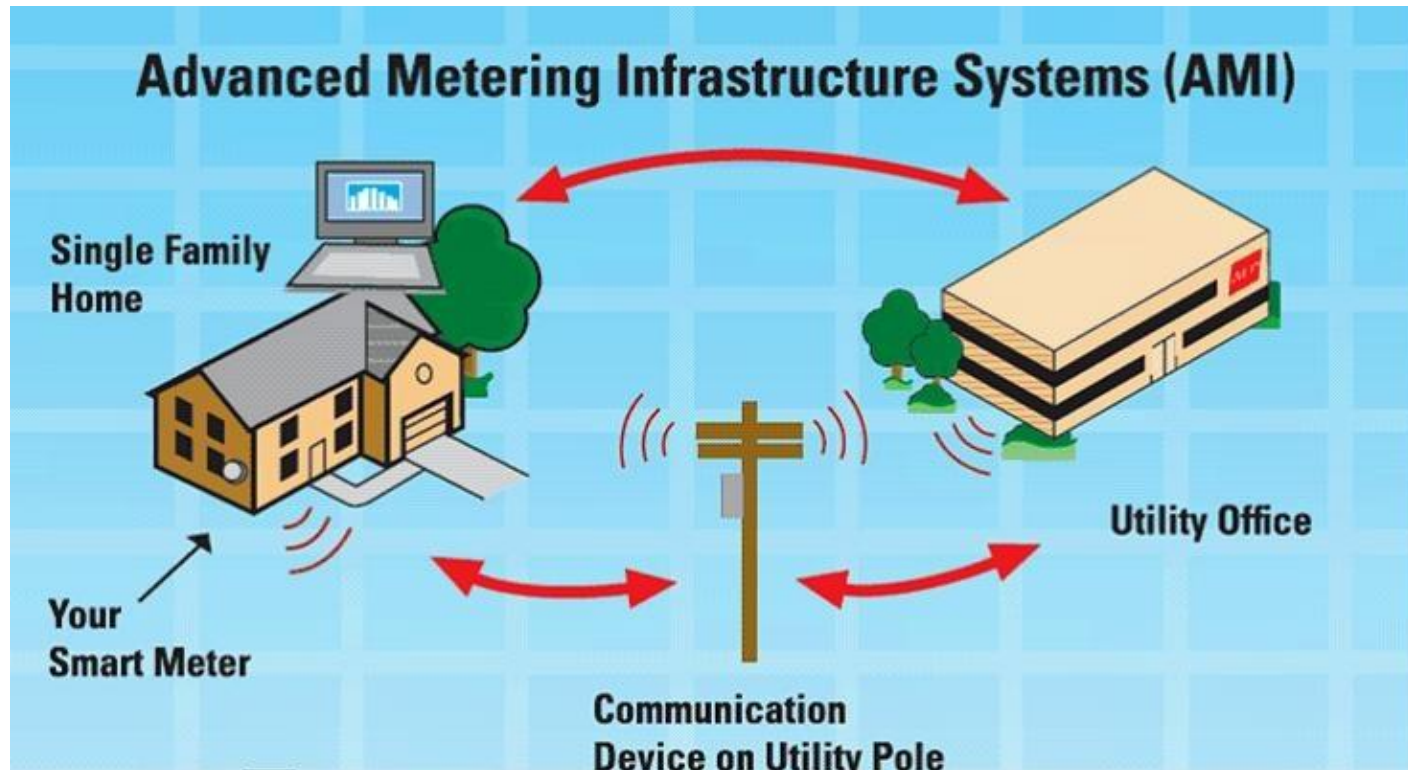


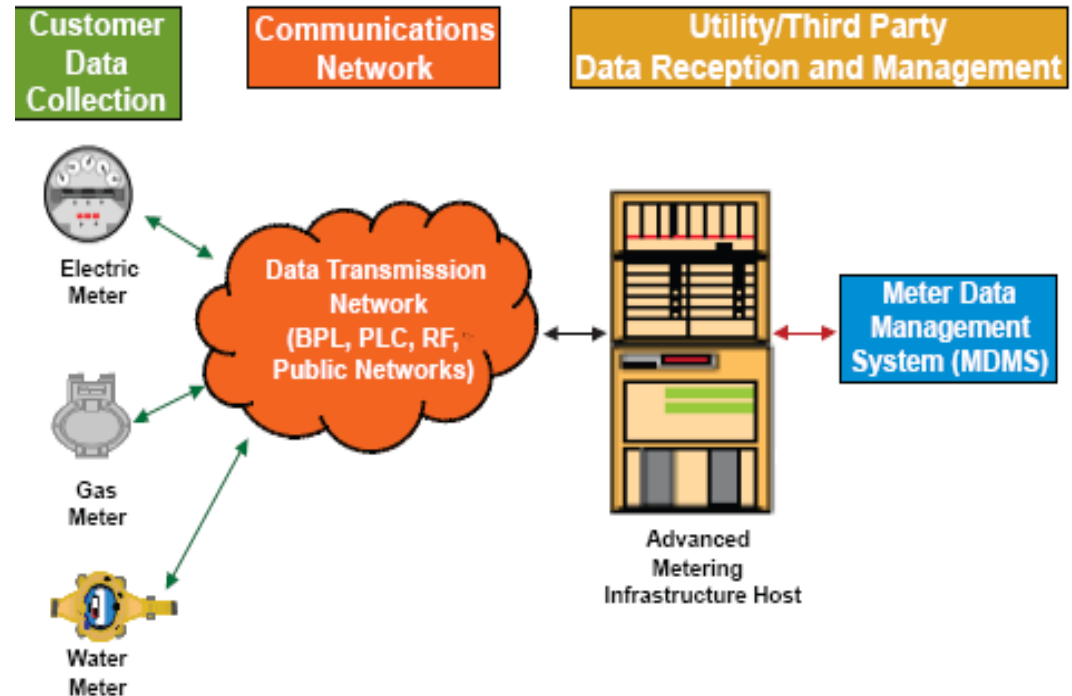
Advanced Metering Infrastructure



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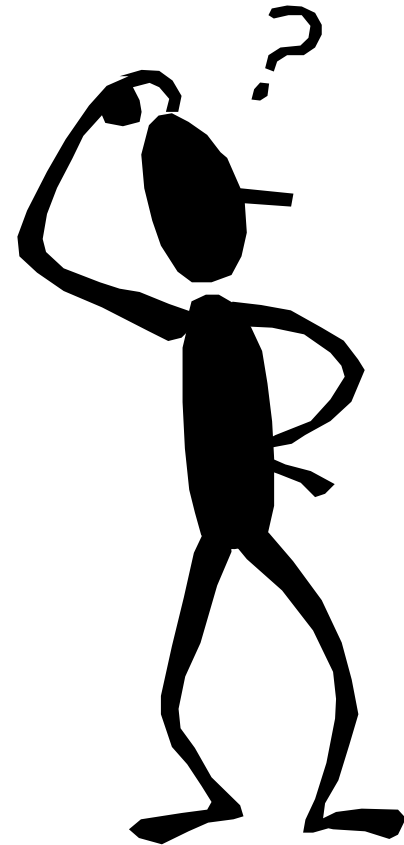
Presentation Overview

1. What is AMI?
2. Why should AMI be implemented?
3. What issues face AMI?



Background: What is the Smart Grid?

- Monitors supply and demand of electricity for users
- Permits users to use more energy when it costs less and to use less energy when it costs more



Smart Grid Background Continued

- Two different concepts
 - Transmission level grid that allows utilities to operate more efficiently
 - The interface between the utility and the customer



Technologies to Implement the Smart Grid

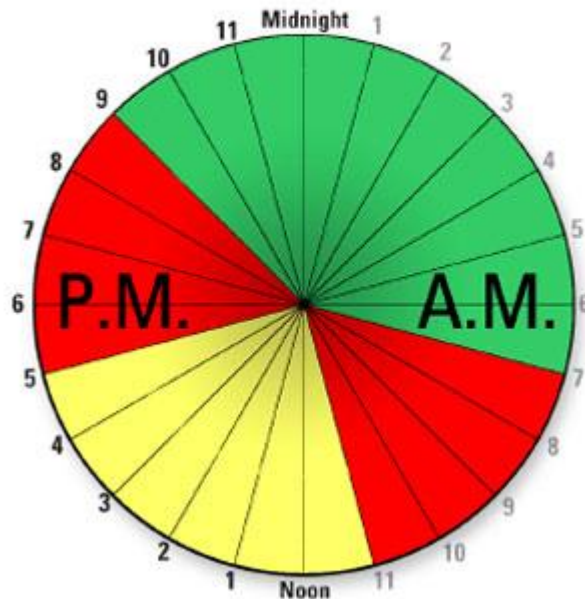
- There are many
 - Visualizing Energy Resources Dynamically on Earth (“VERDE”)
 - Distributed generation
- Most important two here:
 1. Smart Metering
 2. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”)



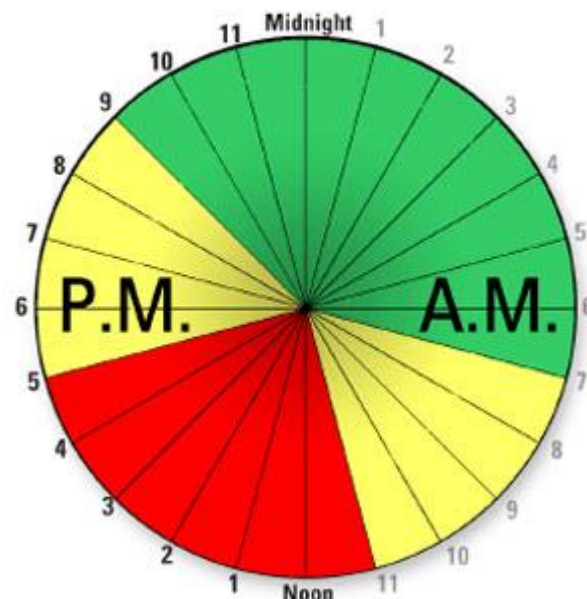
1. Smart Metering

- A very broad concept
 - Combo of metering-related technologies systematically configured to support complex rates
- What are complex rates?
 - Any rate that goes beyond a simple total monthly billing for total electricity consumption

Winter (Nov 1-Apr 30) - Weekdays

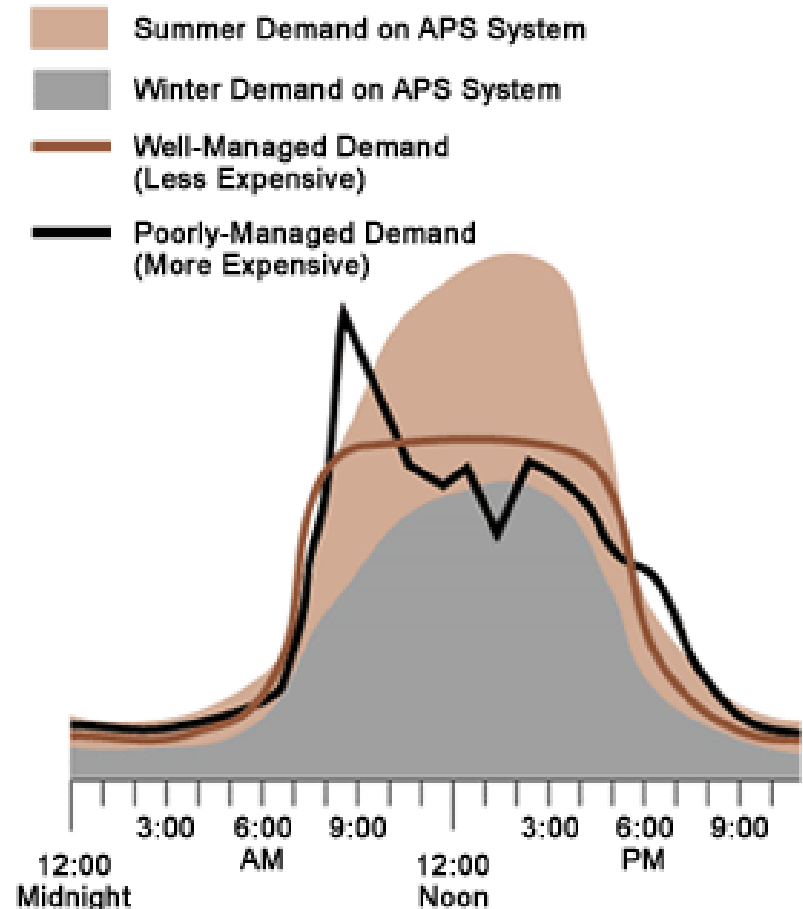


Summer (May 1-Oct 31) - Weekdays



Examples of Complex Rates

- Time of use (TOU) rates
- Demand rates
- Dynamic or peak-sensitive rates



More on Smart Metering

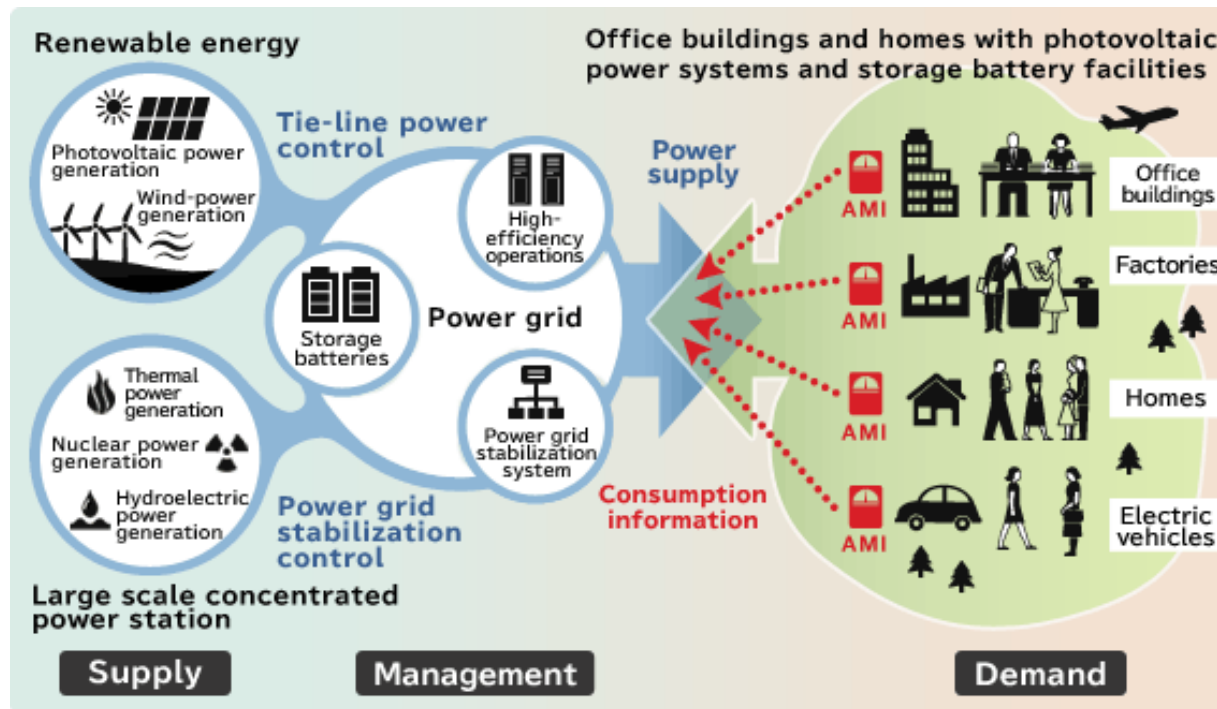
- Traditional meters are manually read on a monthly basis; smart meters are interval meters
 - Allow measurement of usage over much shorter intervals
 - More precise measurement provides greater flexibility and efficiency
- Proliferation almost tripled from 2006 to 2008, to 19M smart meters

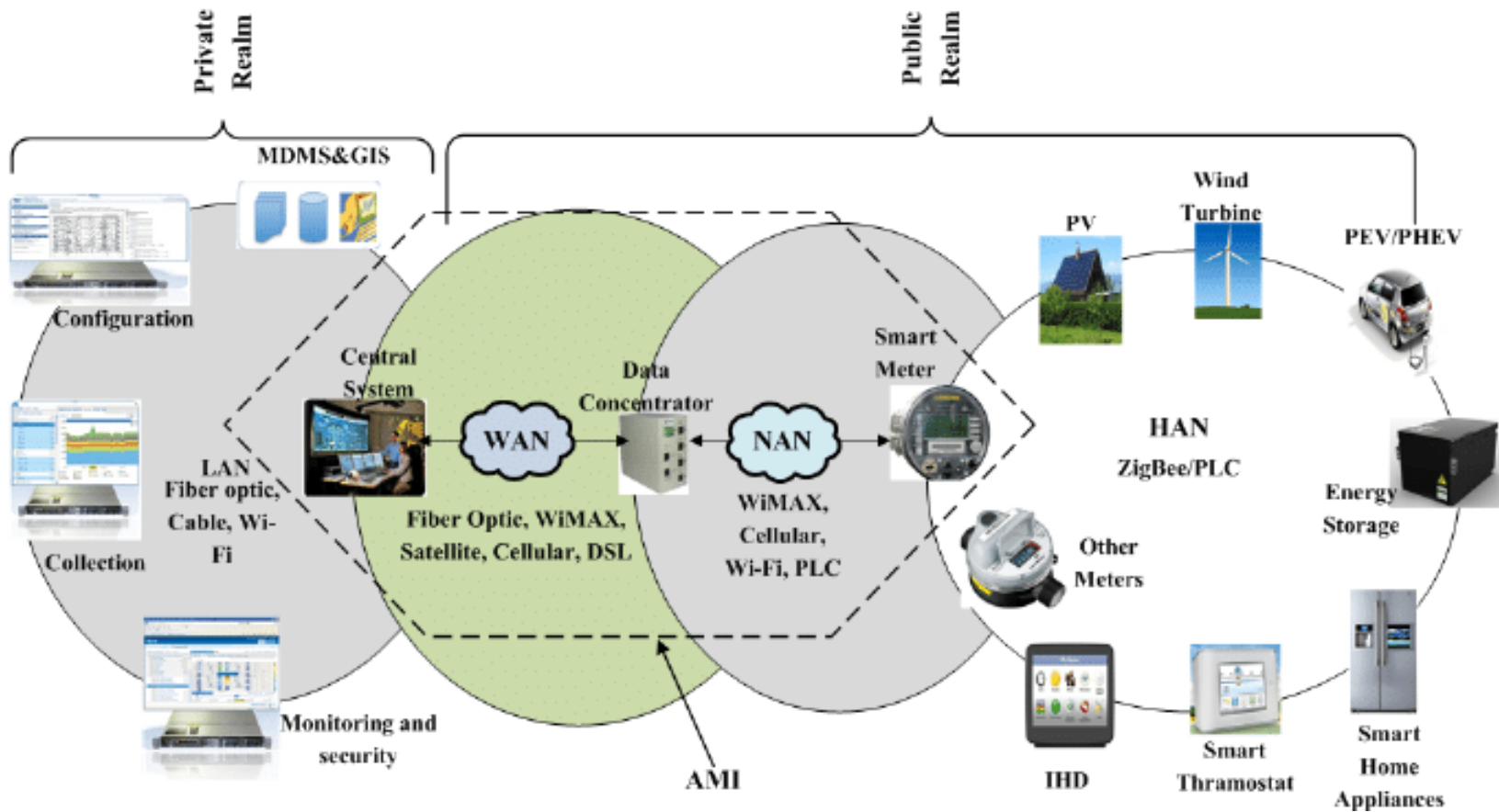
2. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”)

- What is it?
 - Smart meters at the consumer’s location
 - Fixed communication networks between consumers and service providers
 - Data reception and management systems that make the info available to the service provider (meter data management system or “MDMS”)
- MDMS: software applications that receive and store meter data and perform other functions

AMI Definition

- Two characteristics
 - Fixed network systems
 - Capable of supporting complex rates

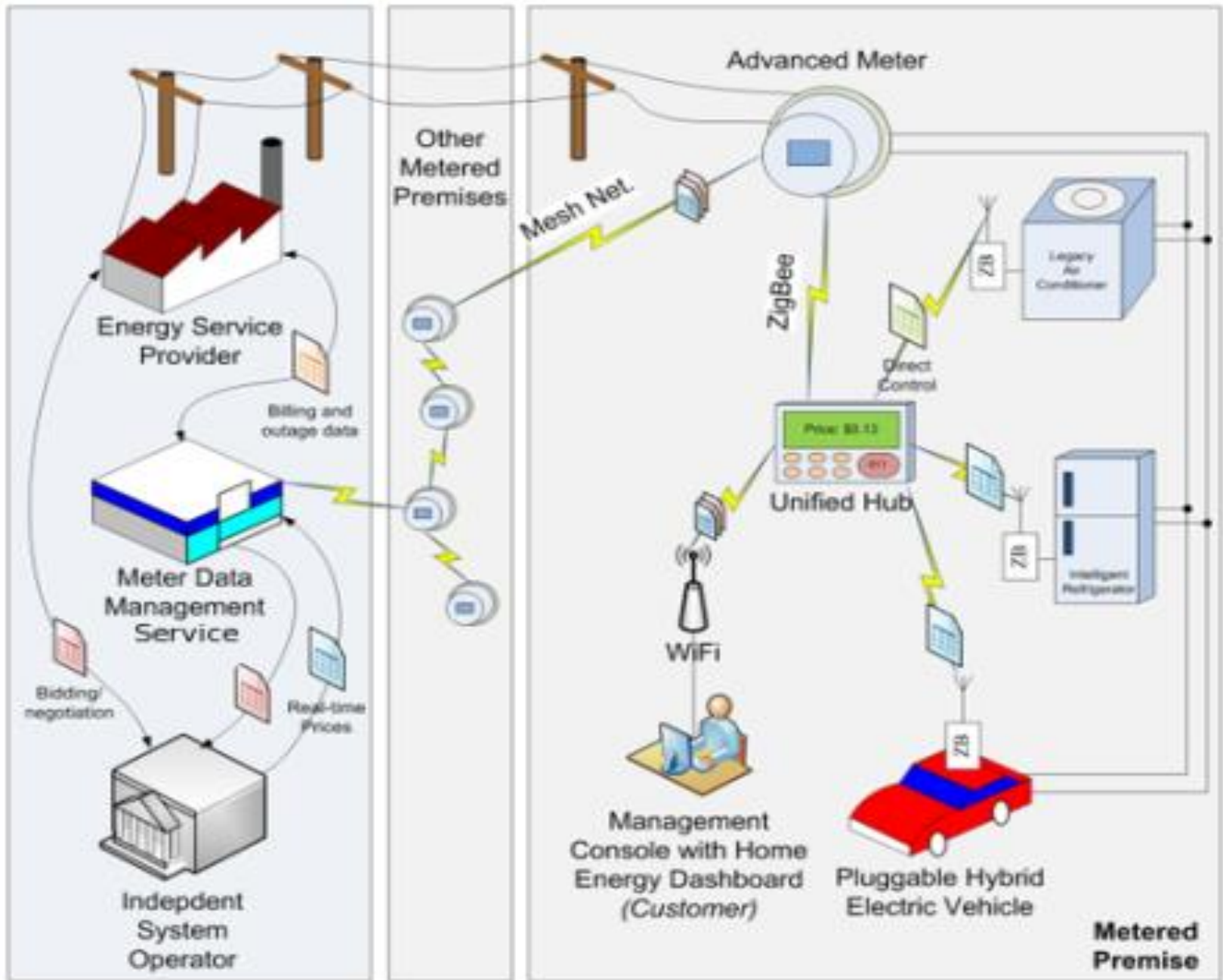




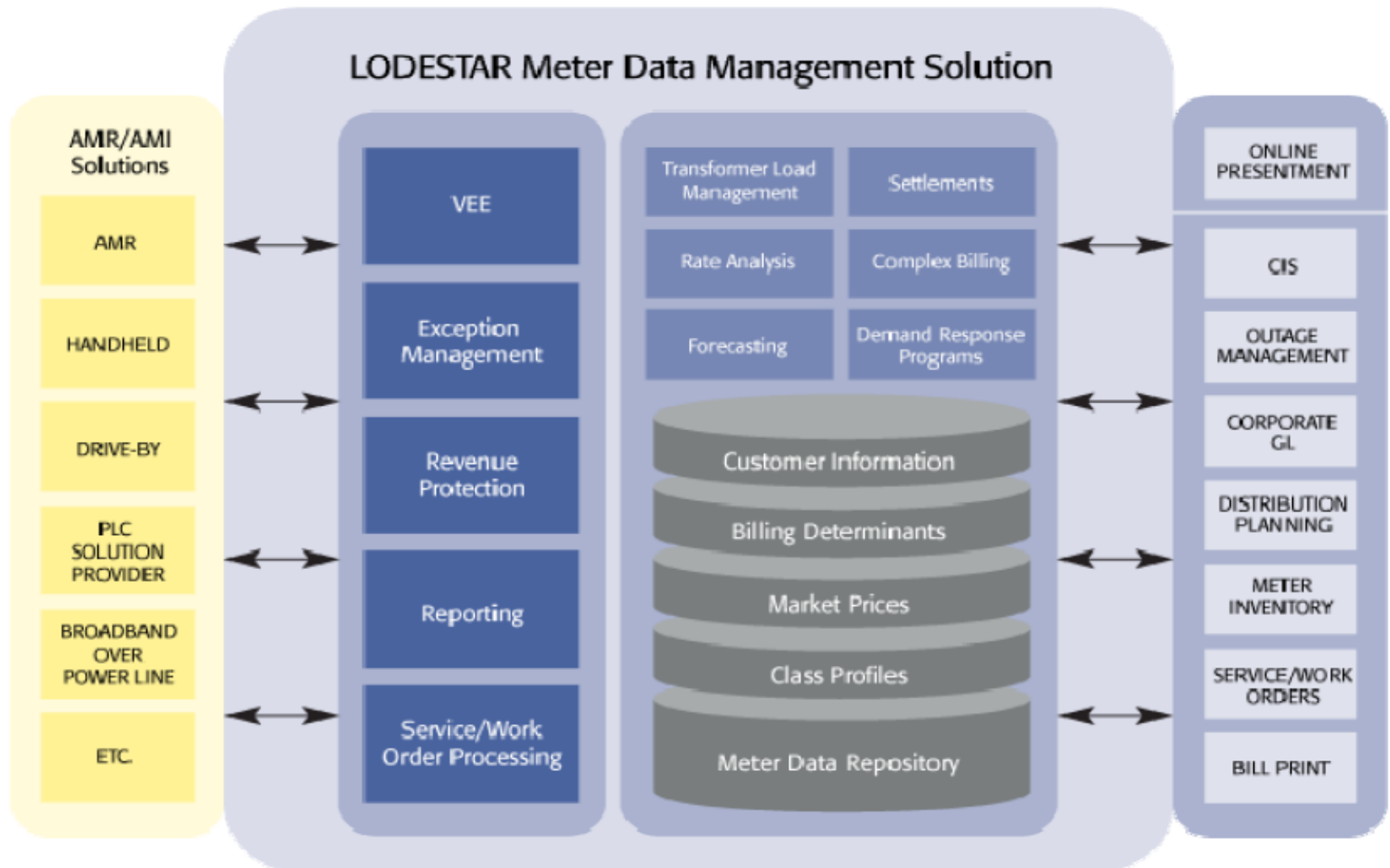
Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) Architecture.

What does AMI do?

- Enables a two-way flow of information between consumers and utilities
- Enables proliferation of demand response
- Allows service provider to control consumers' electricity usage (load control)
- Facilitates Smart Grid deployment and distributed generation



MDMS Concept



Gathering Meter Data for Complex Rates

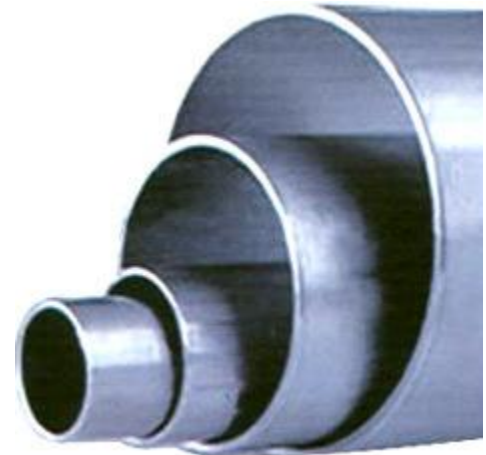
- There are several types of advanced metering, but not all qualify as AMI
 - Standalone meter read locally
 - Standalone meter read remotely over public infrastructure
 - Meter with short-distance communication upgraded to fixed network
 - Private fixed network AMI system

Implementing AMI Fixed Networks

- Options
 - Fixed Radio Frequency (RF)
 - Power Line Communication (PLC)
 - Broadband Over Power Line (BPL)
 - Public Networks
 - E.g., landline, cellular, paging, etc.
- Choice dictated by
 - Benefit to utility
 - Number of customers that will take advantage of dynamic pricing
- First three are the most popular

Data Rate Classes

- Low bandwidth
- Mesh networks
 - Communications from each meter flow through several others on the way to the MDMS
- Full broadband network connections
- More bandwidth equals higher cost
- But also more capability
- Allows for unforeseen value sources



Why implement AMI?

- Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act section 111(d) mandate
 - As amended by § 1252 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
- Each utility must offer each class of customers a time-based rate schedule
- And must provide these rates and meter them for those who request

Why implement AMI?

- Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act section 111(d) mandate
 - Regulators of regulated utilities and unregulated utilities required to “consider and determine” whether smart metering is appropriate
 - If so, these entities must set smart metering standards for the utilities

Determining If Smart Metering Is Appropriate

- Cost-benefit analysis
- Must consider benefits for
 - Customers
 - AND utilities
- Two considerations
 - Metering
 - Programs that allow customers to lessen electricity use

Benefit: Demand Response

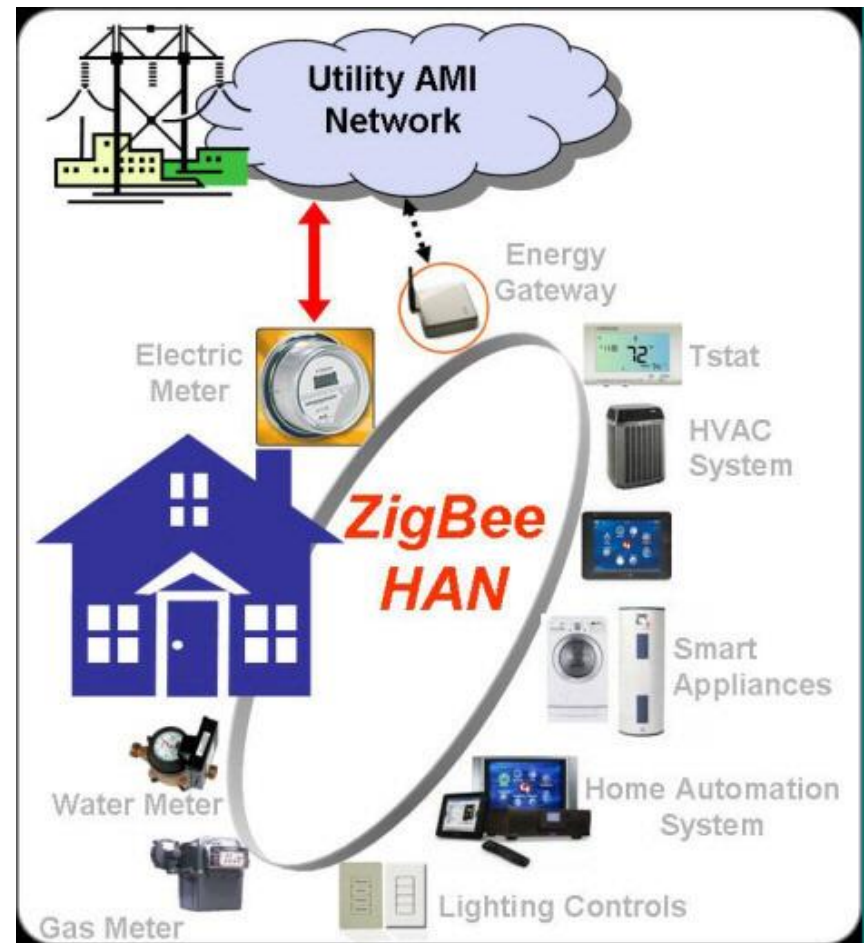
- EPA Act of 2005: US's policy is to encourage demand response
- AMI allows consumers to easily take advantage of dynamic pricing programs
- Utility provides info on electricity price changes to consumers so they may modify their usage
- Allows for peak shaving: reducing electrical demand at times when electricity is most costly to produce
- AMI provides info that incentivizes customers to reduce usage and automates that process, requiring minimal consumer effort

Conventional Methods of Providing Price Info

- Examples
 - Newspaper
 - Audio broadcast radio
 - TV
 - Fax
 - Telephone
 - Email
- A fixed network AMI solution would provide this info to many consumers with comparatively less difficulty

Another Benefit: Load Control

- Home Area Networks
- Homes can respond to electricity supply in order to maximize efficiency through user-set profiles
- Utilities can alter supply of electricity to homes when demand is expected to spike



AMI Proliferation

- AMI accounts for 4.7% or 6.7M of all US electricity users
- Number of installed meters projected to grow to 52M by 2012
- Which electricity generating entities have done the most?
 - Electric cooperatives have highest rate at 13%
 - Investor-owned utilities: close to 6%

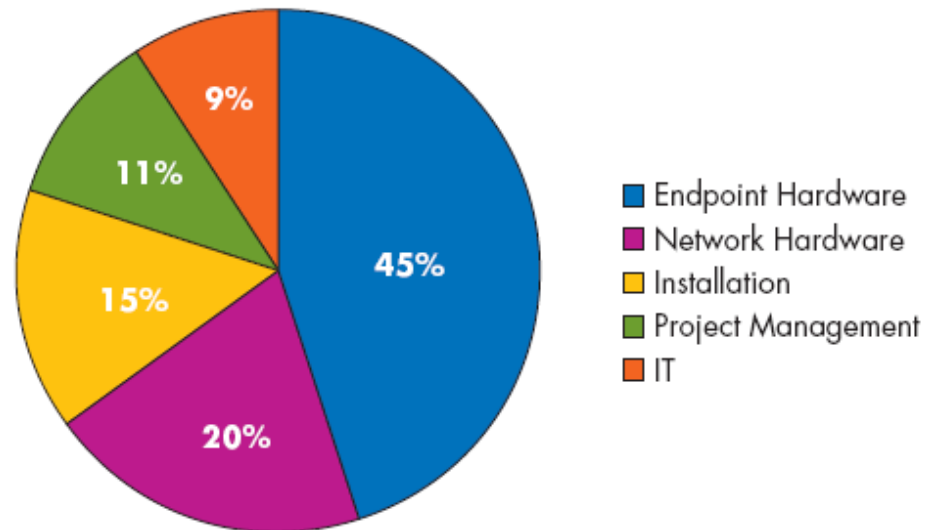


EPRI's Stated AMI Issues

1. Cost-benefit assessment
2. Security
3. Interoperability and standard interfaces
4. AMI specifications
5. AMI and demand response networks

Cost

- Itemization
 - Hardware and software
 - Installation costs
 - Meter data management
 - Project management
 - IT integration



Cost Estimates

AMI System Type	Cost (\$ per meter)
Walk / drive-by (radio)	\$50 - \$90
Radio fixed network	\$100 - \$160
Power line fixed network	\$110 - \$175

Notes

Figures shown include hardware, software, installation, integration with billing only, training, & vendor deployment support.

Costs vary widely; figures shown are approximate, middle-of-range, for estimating purposes only.

Actual values will vary substantially with size of project, geography, customer density, functional requirements, meter inventory, corporate strategy, & many other factors.

Drive-by does not always cost less than fixed network. A power line system may cost less than a radio system.

O&M costs are not shown, vary widely, and appreciably affect annual net benefit.

Product status, risks, performance & other factors vary widely & often have cost & benefit consequences.

Assumptions

Saturation deployment.

Typical mix of single-, network-, & poly-phase meters.

50/50 meter retrofit/replacement.

Cost Estimates

- Hardware and software costs have decreased over time
 - Over the last 10 years, they are 80% of what they were
- 2005-2006: hardware costs were \$76/meter on average
- Capital costs for communications infrastructure
 - About \$125-\$150/meter
- Adding demand response capability increases costs by another \$100-\$350/site

Security Issues

- Privacy
 - Can determine if someone is home
 - Can determine usage patterns
- Exposure to cyber terrorism

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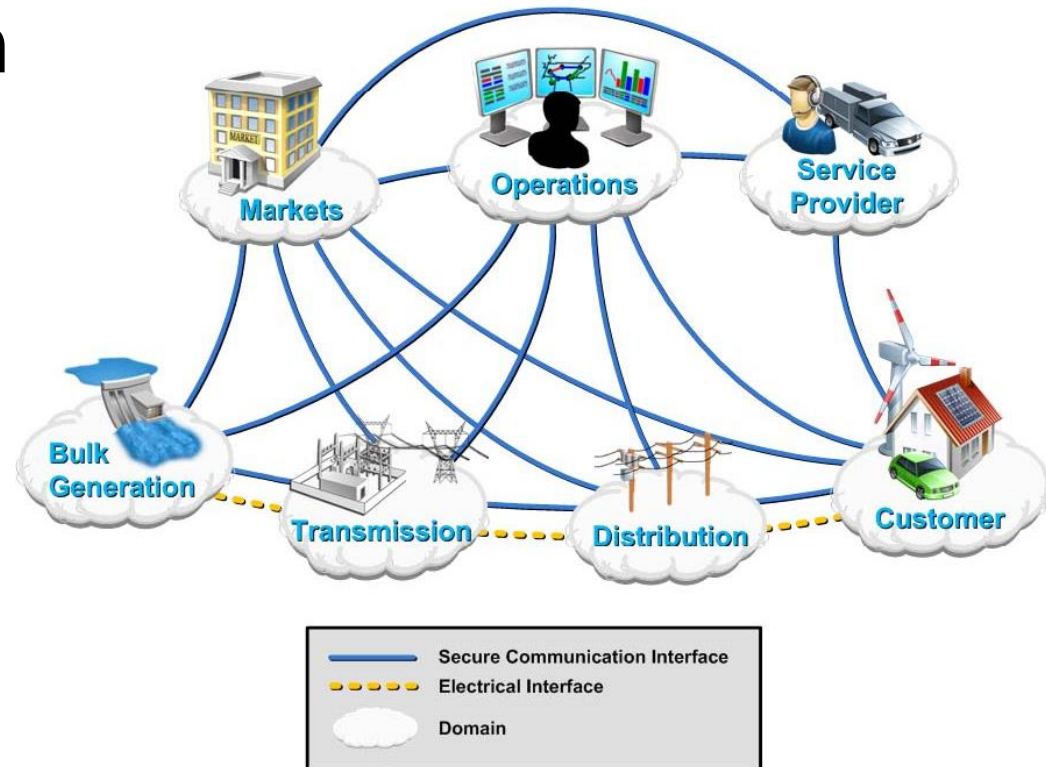
U of I Security Lab Threat Taxonomy

- Curious eavesdroppers
- Motivated eavesdroppers
- Unethical customers
- Overly intrusive meter data management agency
- Active attackers
- Publicity seekers



Standardization

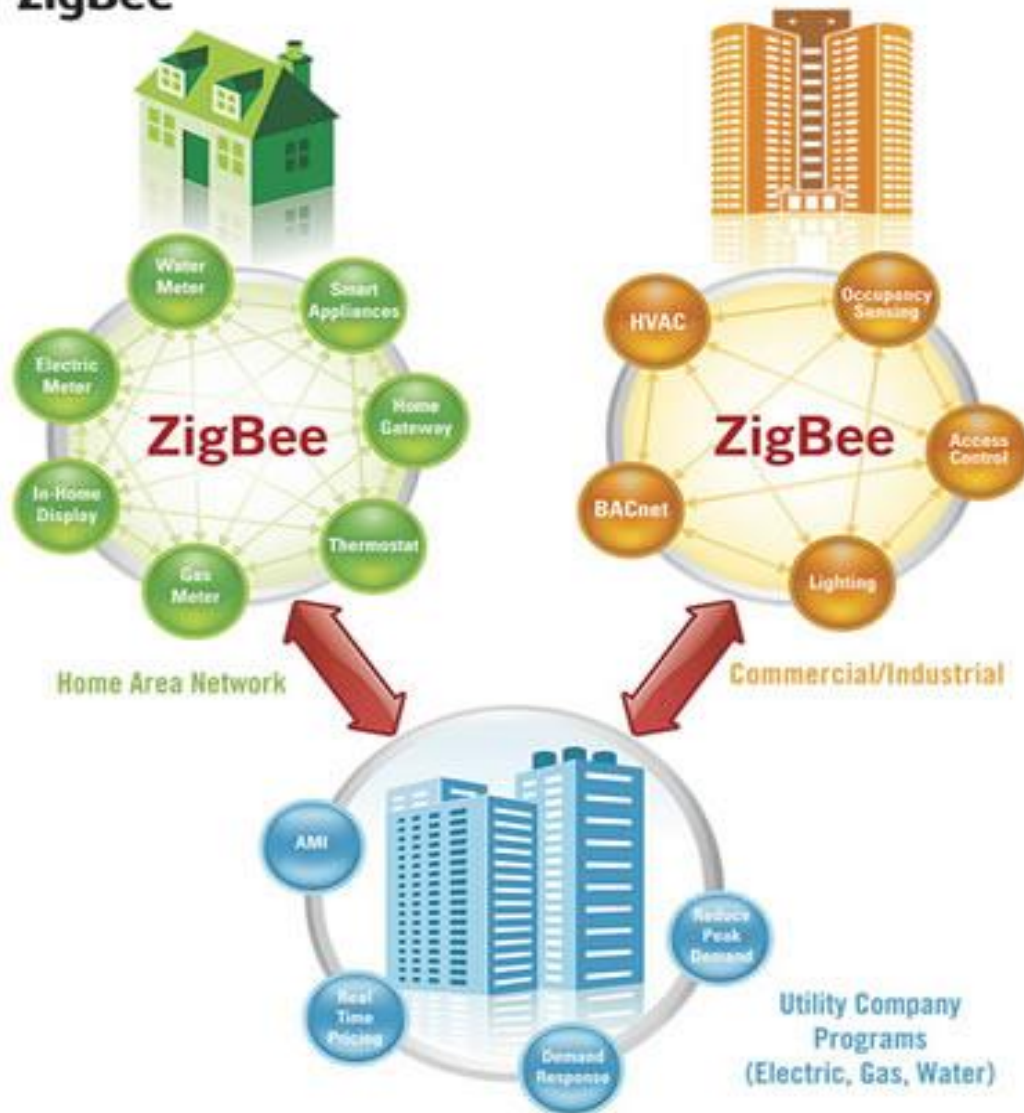
- How do you ensure that everything can communicate in an AMI system?
- Communication protocols amongst
 - Load control devices in HANs
 - Fixed networks





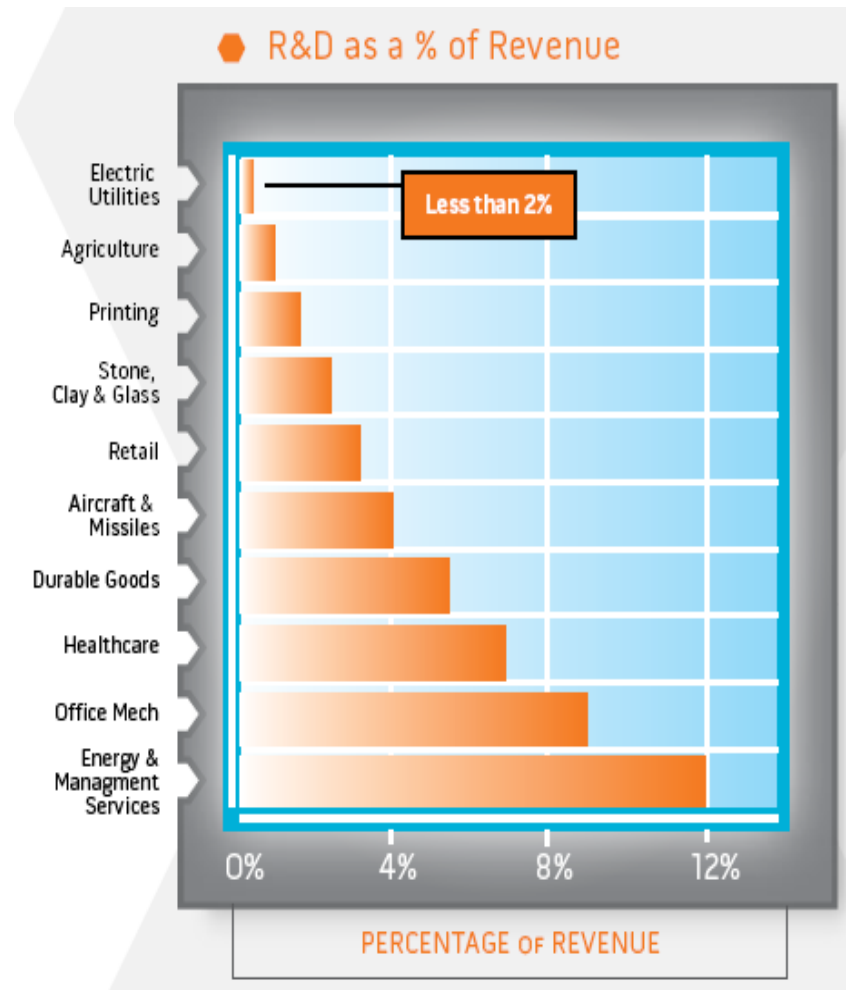
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Conclusion

- AMI faces many challenges but has the potential to greatly increase energy efficiency



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