



FUNDAMENTALS OF THE SMART GRID

Utility Telecom Networks



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From a local electricity incumbent, EDP has grown into a global energy player with strong presence in Europe, Brazil and considerable investments in the USA

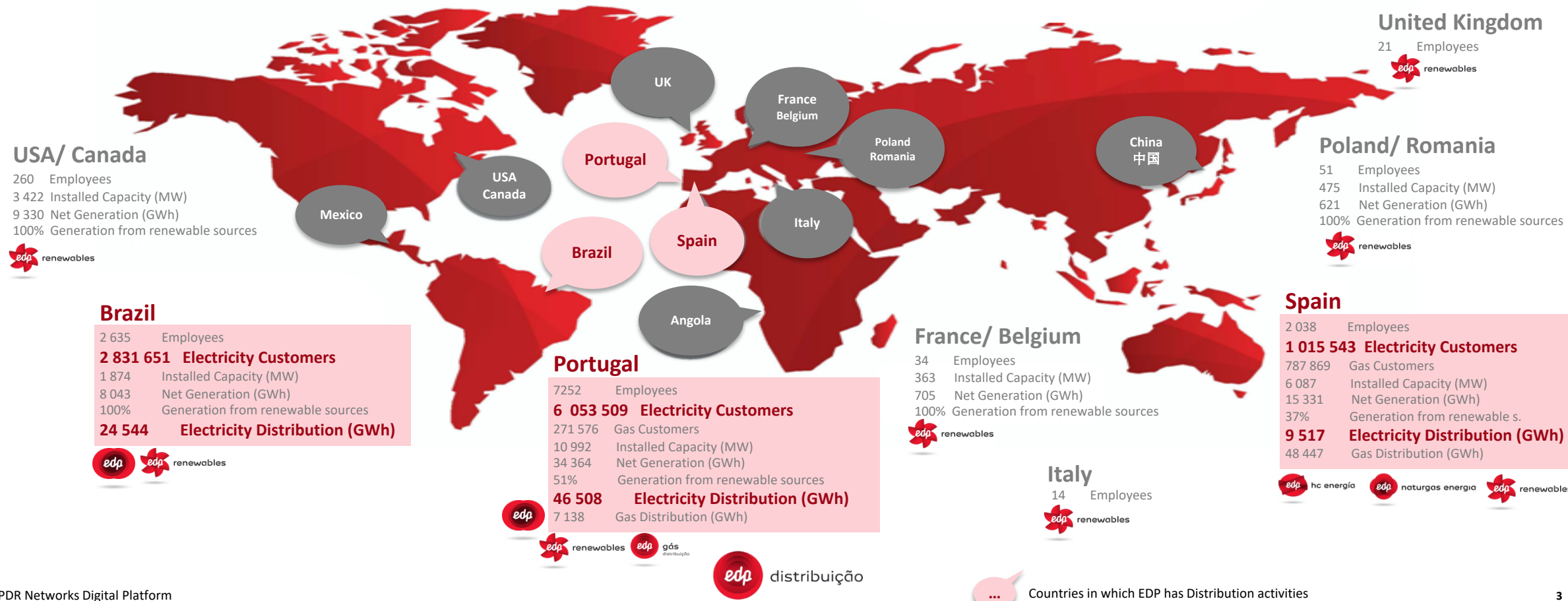
EDP Group – overview

Top position in Electric Sector in Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes

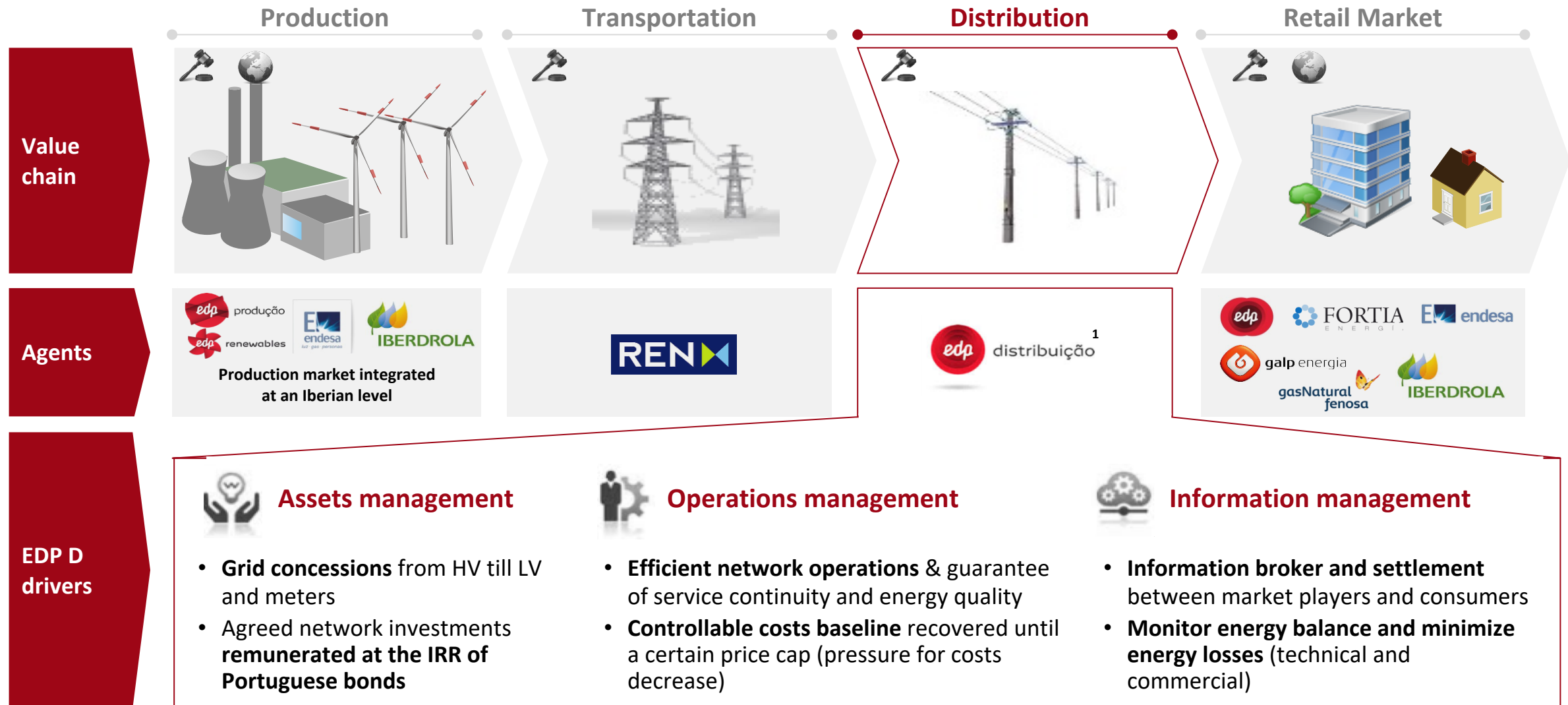
#3 World wind energy company

#1 Europe hydro project (+3,5 GW under development)

#1 Portugal industrial group



The Portuguese National Electricity System includes EDP Distribuição (EDPD) as the main electricity distribution company



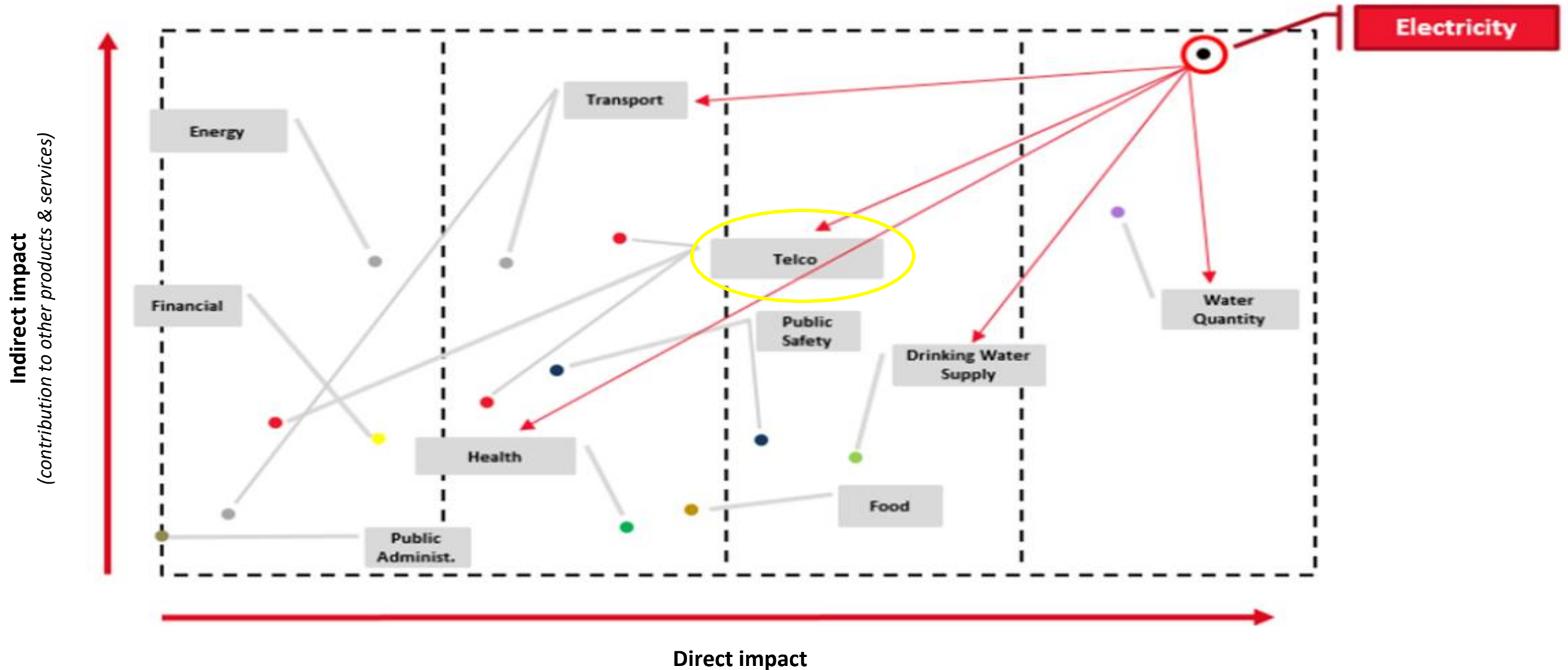
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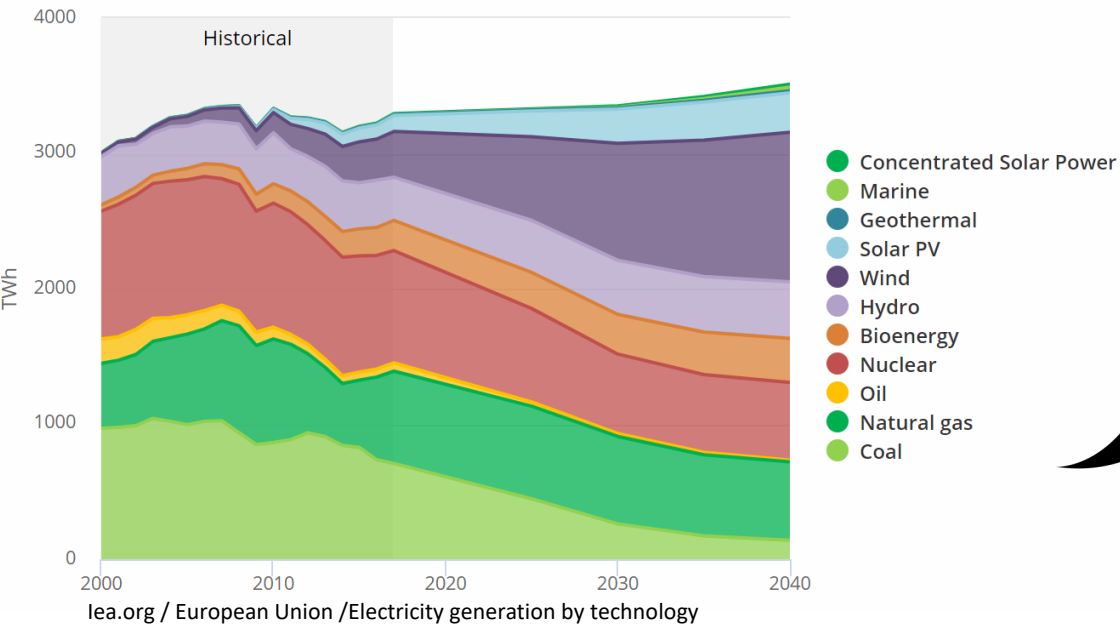
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Our society dependence on Electricity is increasing significantly, with several critical sectors depending almost exclusively on it (Telecommunications, being one of them)



Accomplishing Affordable, Secure and Sustainable Energy by transforming the Electric System, orchestrating new sources and dynamic demand side by deep digitalization



Economic growth is still correlated with energy consumption, does requiring structural transformations to increase energy efficiency, to electrify the economy, and source energy from renewable sources

EU's energy strategy is made up of five dimensions: security, integrated energy market, efficiency, decarbonising, R&I and competitiveness.



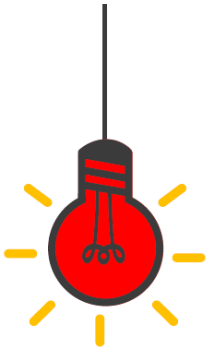
Main goal

- EU transition to become a low carbon economy



Package aims

- Energy Efficiency
- Lead in renewable energy
- Involve consumers

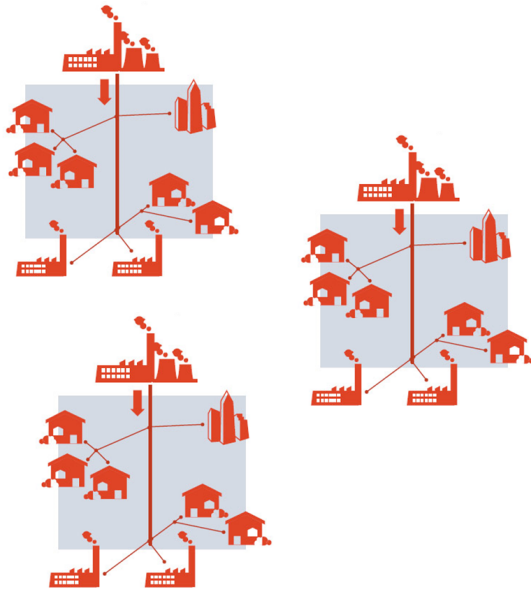


Domains

- Energy market design
- Security of supply
- Governance
- Renewable energy
- Efficiency

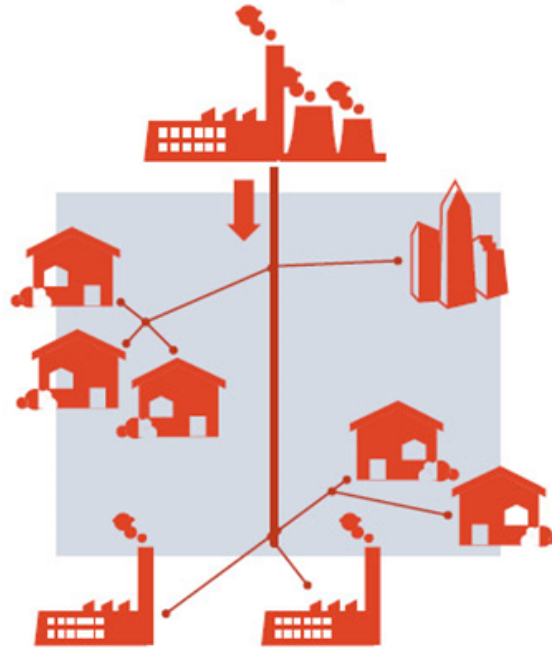
Grid transformation needs to accelerate to meet the requirements of an All-Electric Society, sustainable, secure and decarbonized, a journey from One-Way to Grid of Things

1850s.. 1950s



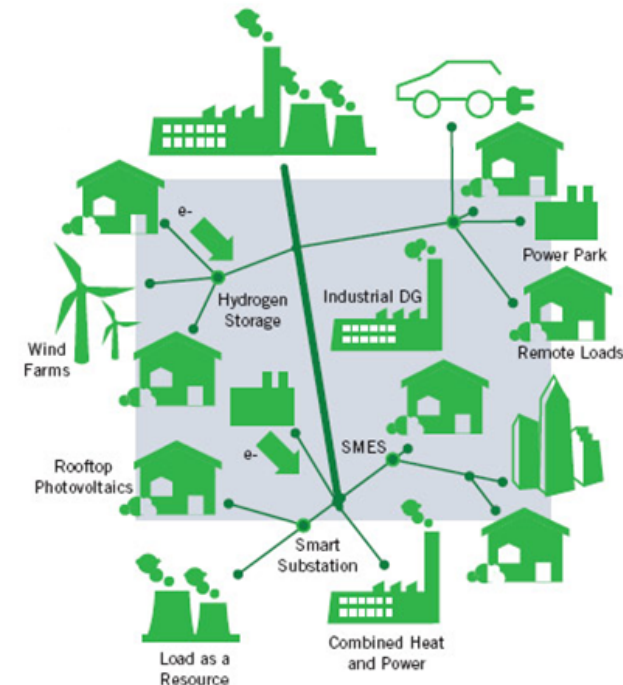
- Localized Generation and Consumption
- Unidirectional Flow
- Small Scale
- Generation follows demand

1950 to 2010



- Centralized Generation
- Unidirectional Flow
- National Wide Grids
- Generation follows demand

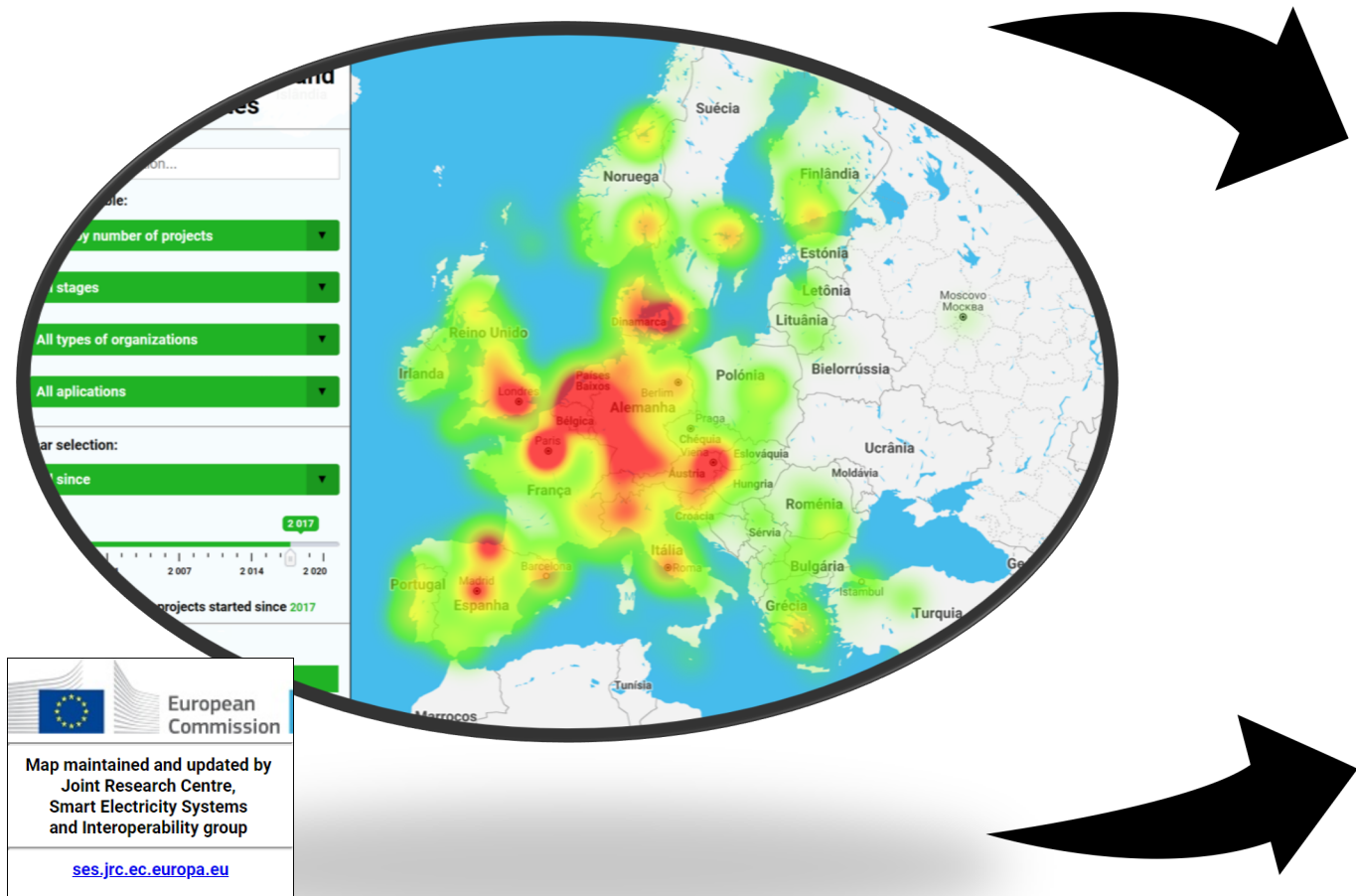
From 2010 ...



- Distributed Generation
- Bidirectional Flows
- Demand mobility
- Demand follows generation

Fonte: IEEE

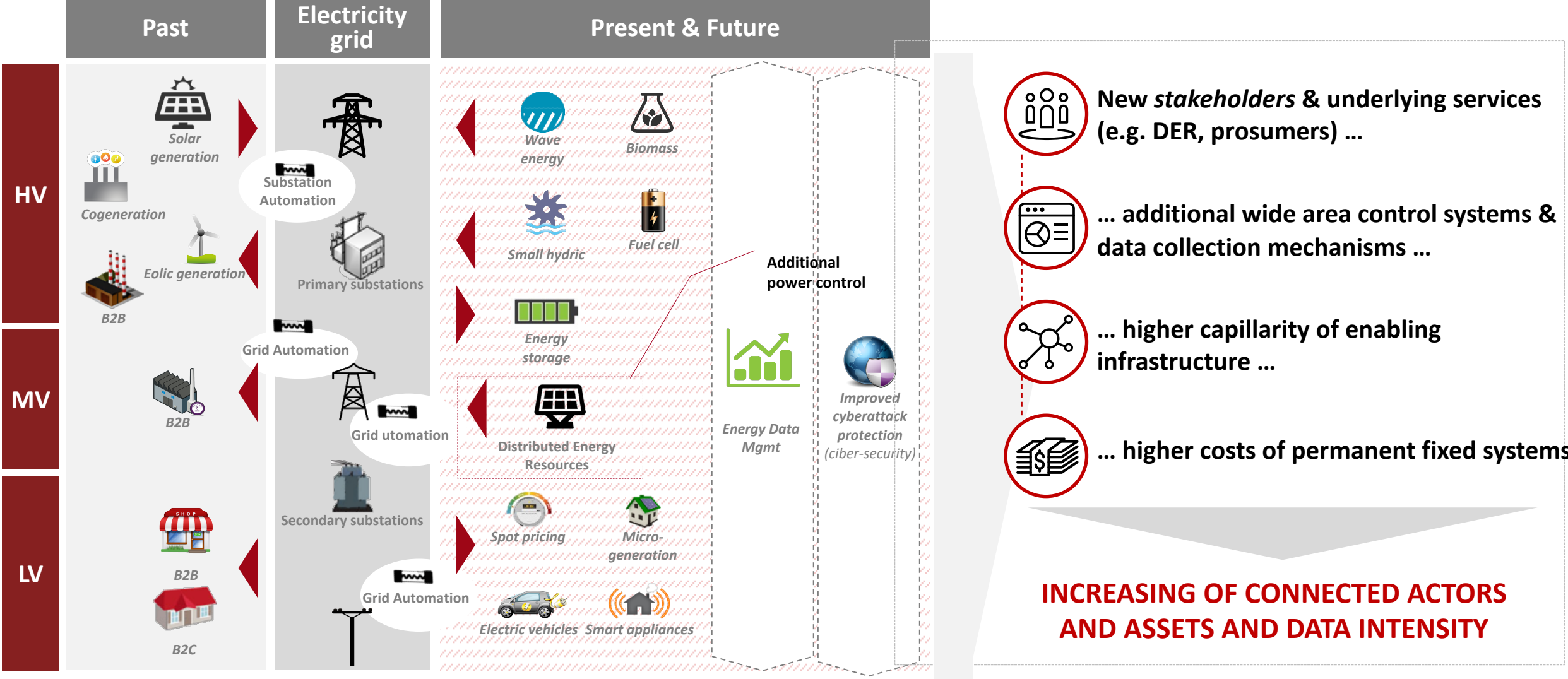
In support of transformation, EU Smart Grid projects portray the dependency on performant, reliable and pervasive connectivity services



- Total Coverage of System Actors and Assets
- Adequate performance profiles
- Need for Contracts and governance
- Standard Interfaces
- “quality and performance of communication as a big technical barrier”

Application	Communication Delay (msec)	Data Rates
State Estimation	100	136.8 Kbps
Generator Synchronization	50	91.2 Kbps
Intelligent Scheduling	50	300 Kbps
Islanding	50	10 Kbps
Oscillation control	200	27.4 Kbps

The number and variety of information transactions will increase, demanding pervasive and permanent information flows

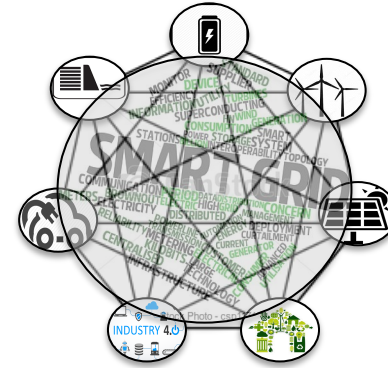
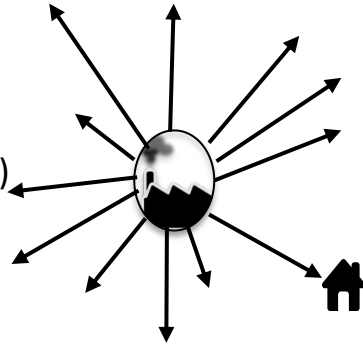


- New stakeholders & underlying services (e.g. DER, prosumers) ...**
- ... additional wide area control systems & data collection mechanisms ...**
- ... higher capillarity of enabling infrastructure ...**
- ... higher costs of permanent fixed systems**

The inclusive Smart Grid ecosystem, with dynamic Supply/Demand adjustments and efficiencies is supported by a new Market Design requiring real time information

From Centralized, nuclear & fossil fuel

- Supply follows demand
- One way flow (Bulk Gen-transport – Distrib – consume)
- Transport/Distrib capacity for peak
- Predictability of consumption
- Demand Curtailment



- Demand follows supply
- Further electrification society and economy
- Two way flows (prosumers)
- Virtual Power Plants aggregates multiple micro generations
- Storage and flexibility
- Micro Grids

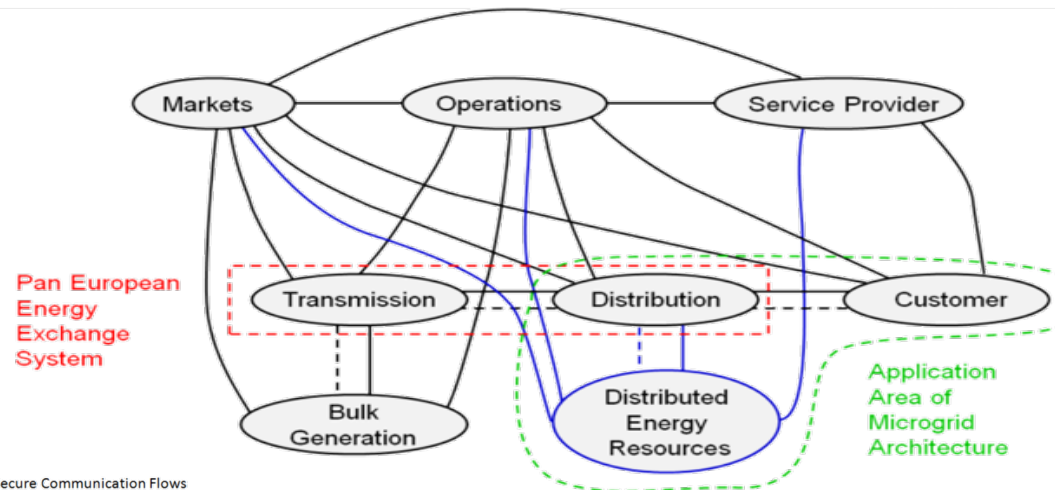
To a sustainable system, with a new market design and the emergence of 3D Utilities

Operations: Stable and safe operation of the power system (Grid, Meters, Systems, ...)

Customers: generation, consumption, storage, flexibility

Markets: Flexibility, Capacity, Energy

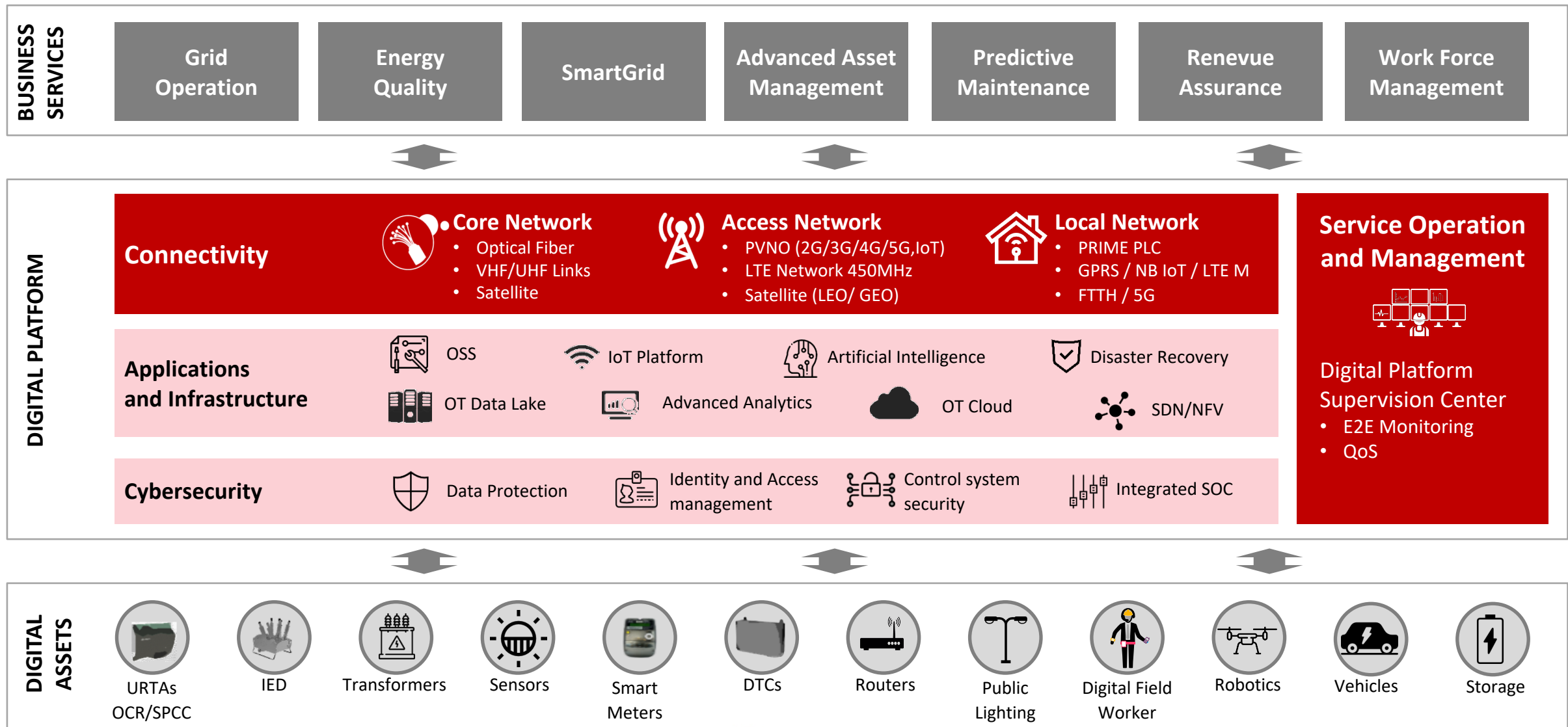
Service: Trading



CEN-CENELEC-ETSI Smart Grid Coordination Group
EU Conceptual Model



This always-on Grid ecosystem demands for an Operation and Assurance framework that integrates and manages a complementary and diverse technology and services portfolio



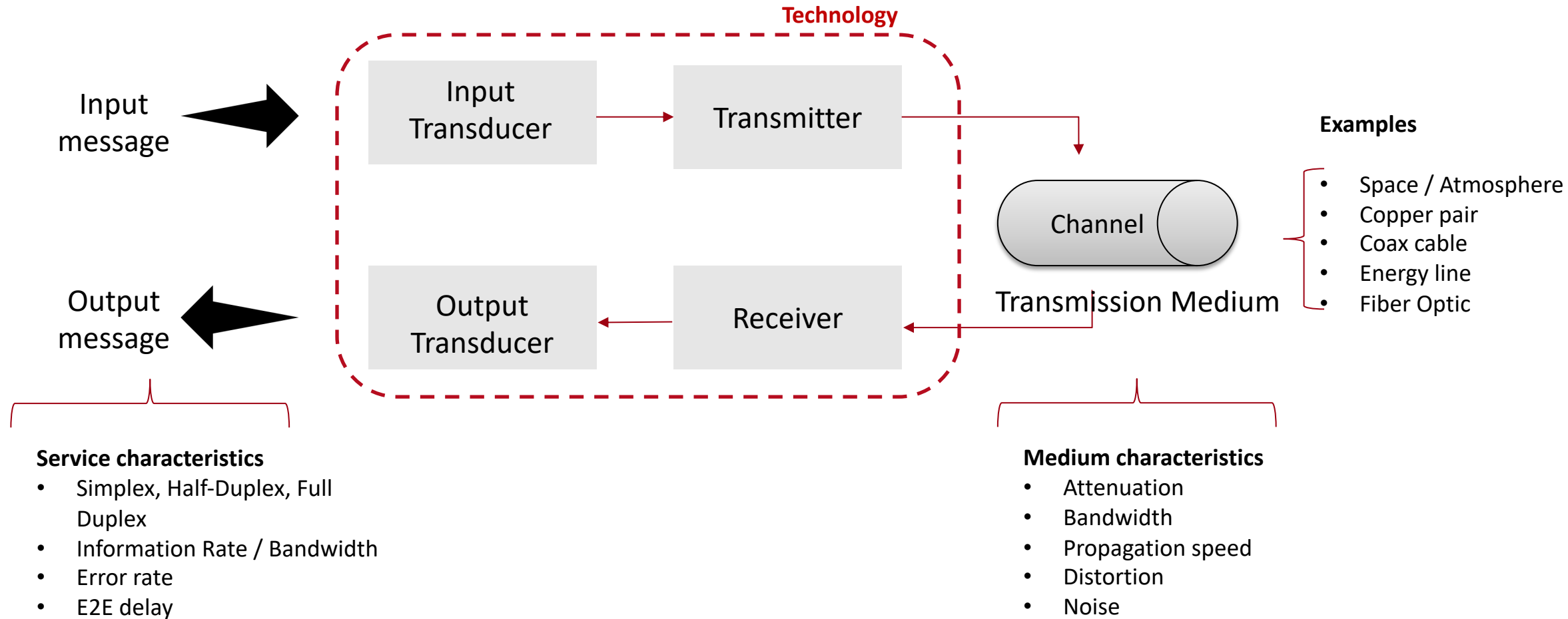
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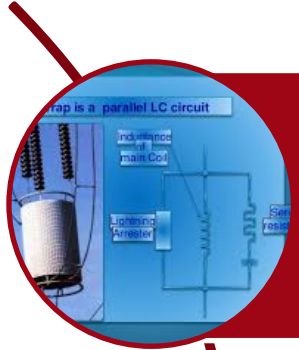


The choice of Communication Technology/media takes into account the fundamental characteristics of systems and existing transmission medium



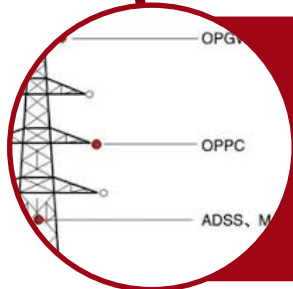
Connectivity requirements and geographic ubiquitous led Utilities to leverage energy related assets in coordination with the offers from service providers

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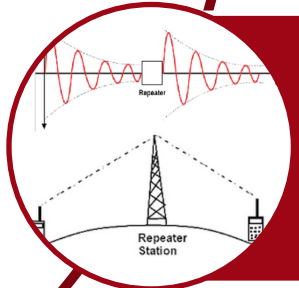
Powerline Systems

- > Coupling to energy cable
- > Higher frequencies ($> 50 \text{ Hz}$, $< 300 \text{ kHz}$)
- > Analogue and Digital Systems



Fiber Cables

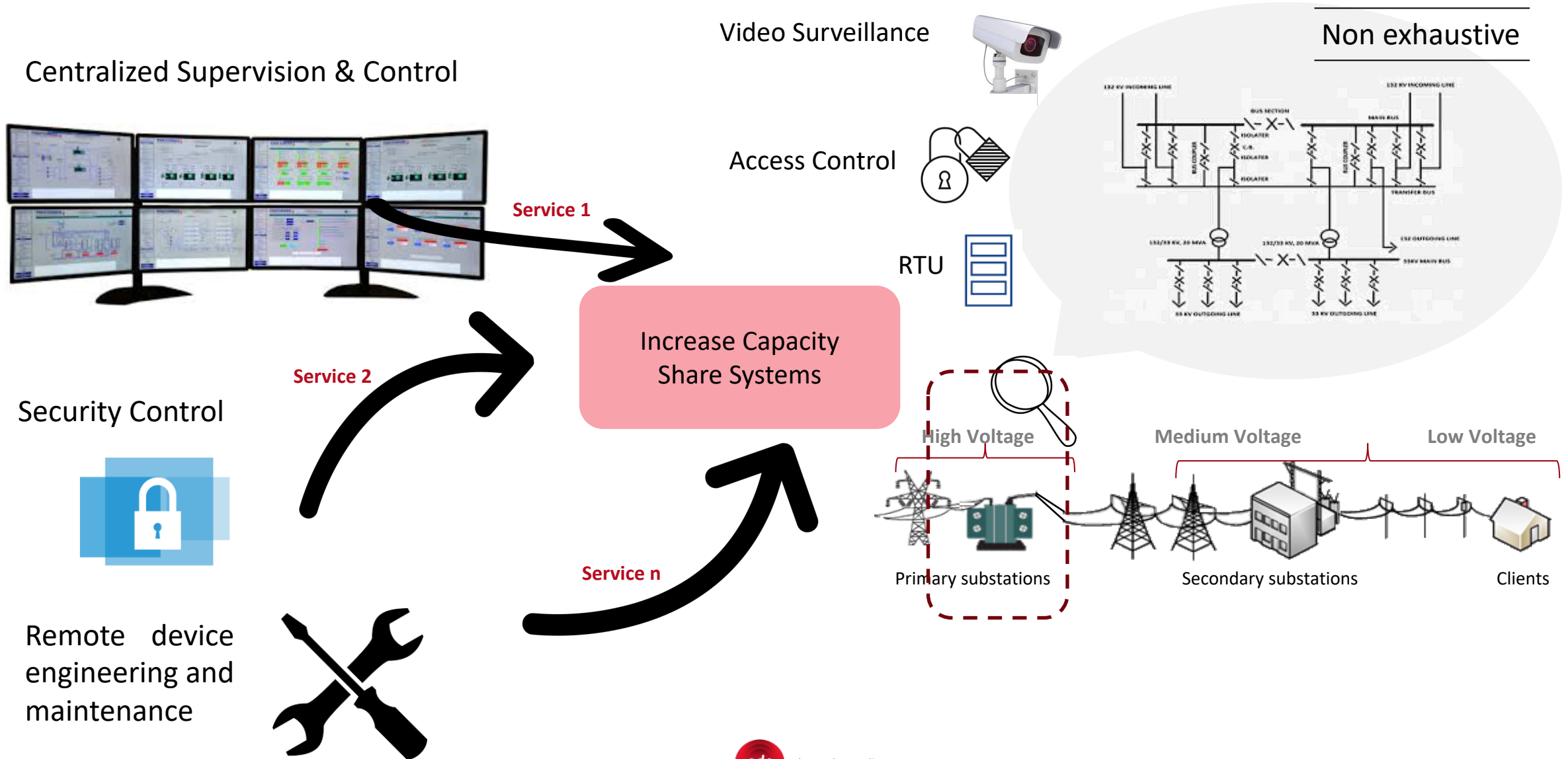
- > Support fiber cable along the power lines
- > Take advantage of corridors and low incremental investment
- > Higher bandwidth systems and possible fiber rent



Radio Systems

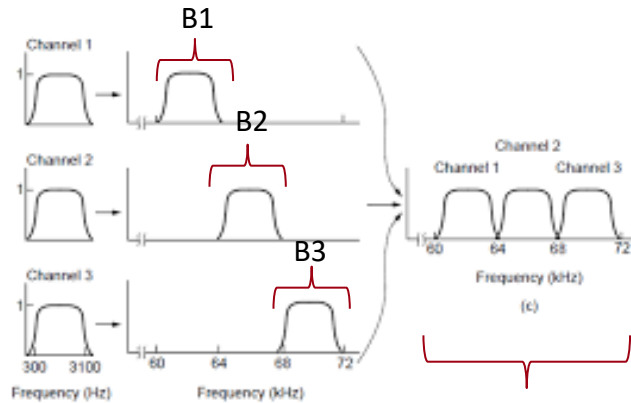
- Own site and private repeater sites
- Licensing spectrum for private Radio Systems
- Point-to-point higher bandwidth / Lower bandwidth for multipoint geographical coverage

Available bandwidth needs to be “Shared” between services, supporting the growth of services per site and usage profiles that portray Grid’s digitalization



Sharing capacity or bandwidth in a multi-service platform resulted as the only viable technical and economic solution, leading to multiplexing technics

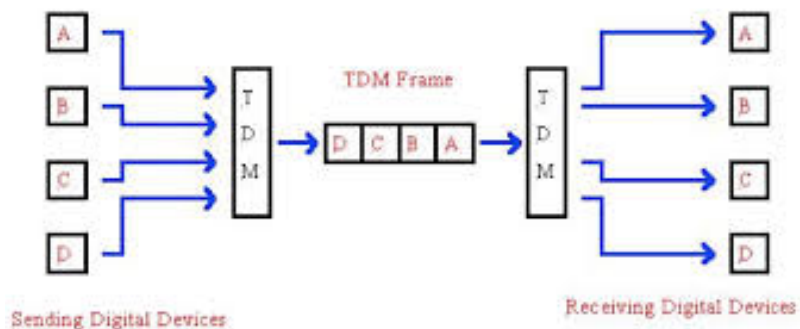
Frequency Multiplex (FDM)



System Bandwidth > B1 + B2 + B3

- Each service is coded into a basic frequency band (Channel)
- Channels are tuned into non overlapping frequency slots
- Channels are combined up to the system carrier capacity

Time Divison Multiplex (TDM)

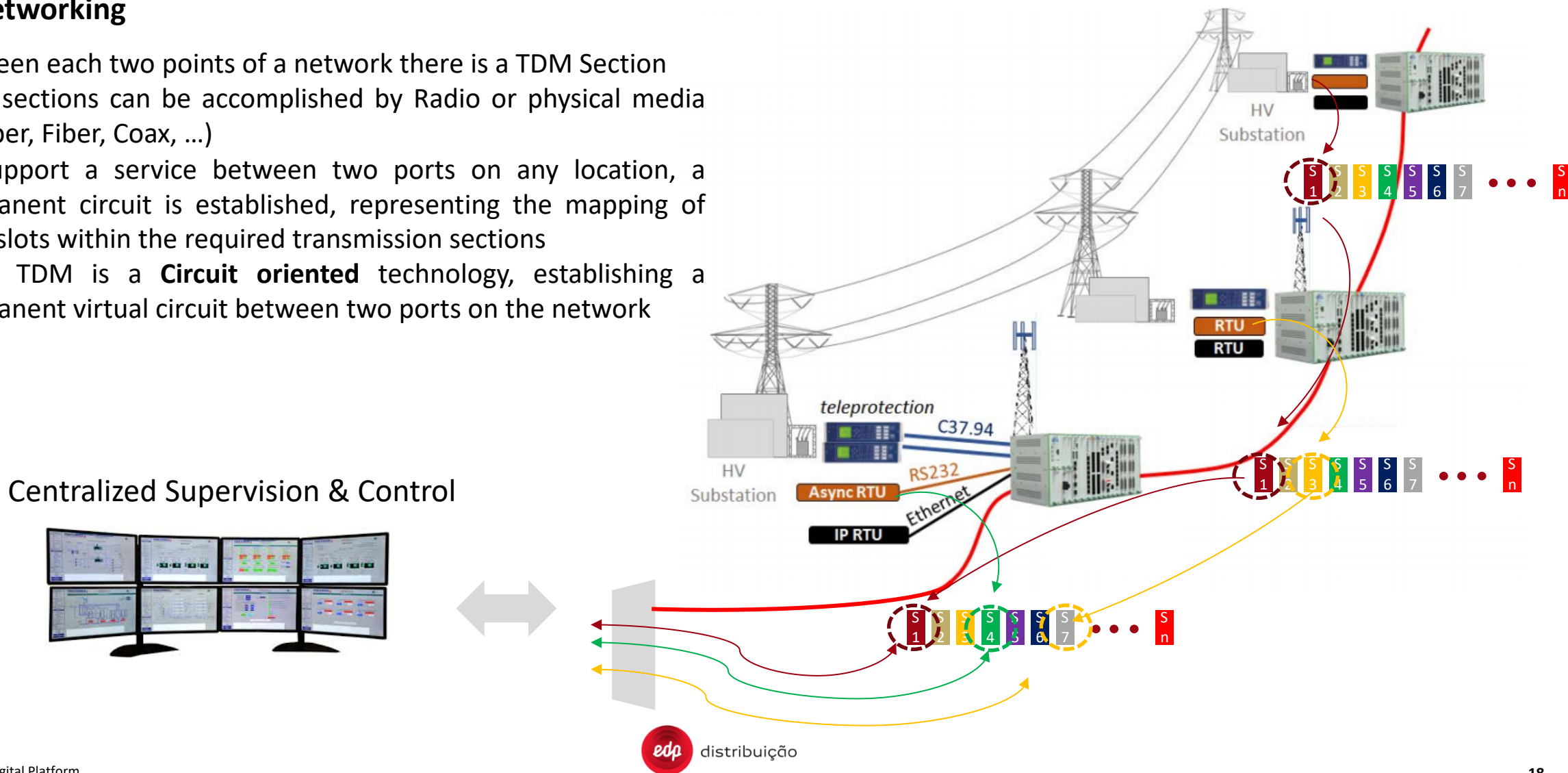


- Each service is coded into a basic Time-slot (Channel)
- Time-slots are serialized and mapped into a higher speed time-slot frame (TDM Frame)
- Service time-slots are added up to TDM Frame capacity
- TDM Frame corresponds to the rate transmitted

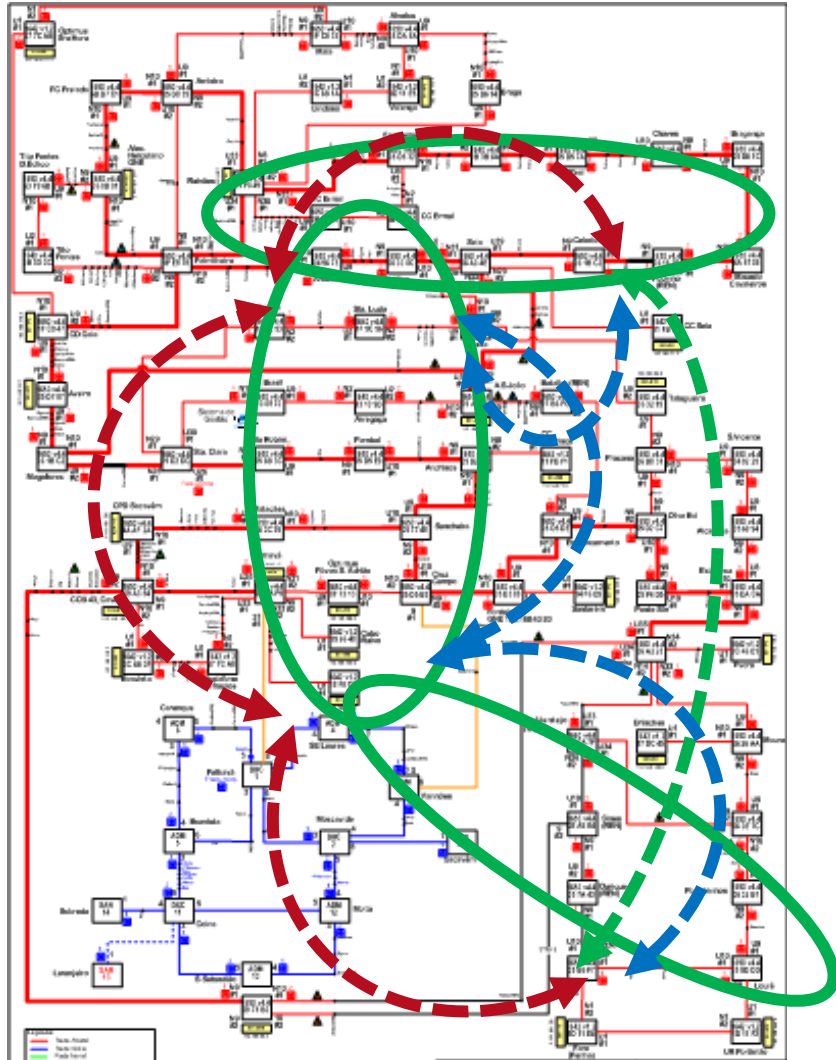
Due to lesser complexity and cost, higher capacity systems (Radio or Fiber) adopted TDM multiplexing, giving rise to TDM networks

TDM Networking

- Between each two points of a network there is a TDM Section
- TDM sections can be accomplished by Radio or physical media (Copper, Fiber, Coax, ...)
- To support a service between two ports on any location, a permanent circuit is established, representing the mapping of time slots within the required transmission sections
- Thus, TDM is a **Circuit oriented** technology, establishing a permanent virtual circuit between two ports on the network

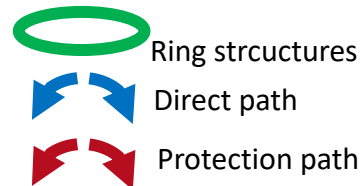


TDM networks scaling is operational and economically challenging, namely resulting from dedicated bandwidth, further amplified by static additional resources for protection paths



For each port-to-port connectivity service:

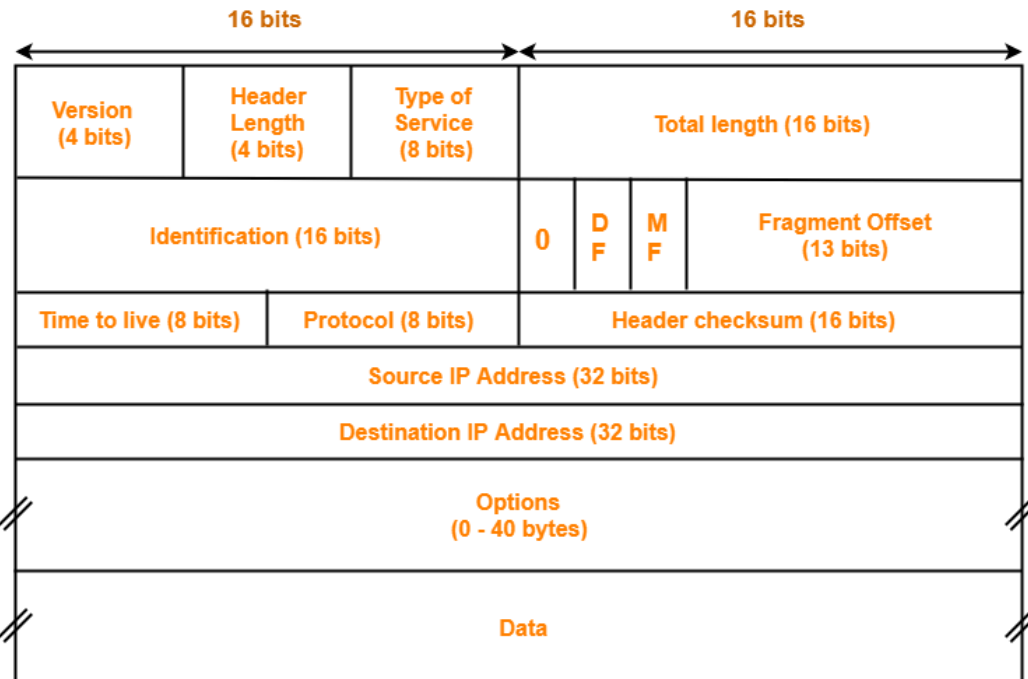
- Map service through the TDM ring sections
- Allocate bandwidth (static and permanent)
- Sections can be accomplished by Radio or physical media (Copper, Fiber, Coax, ...), some are low bandwidth
- Protective path implies additional permanent resources
- High peak bandwidth services with a low average requirement, starve existing infrastructure all along circuit paths (Worker & Protection)



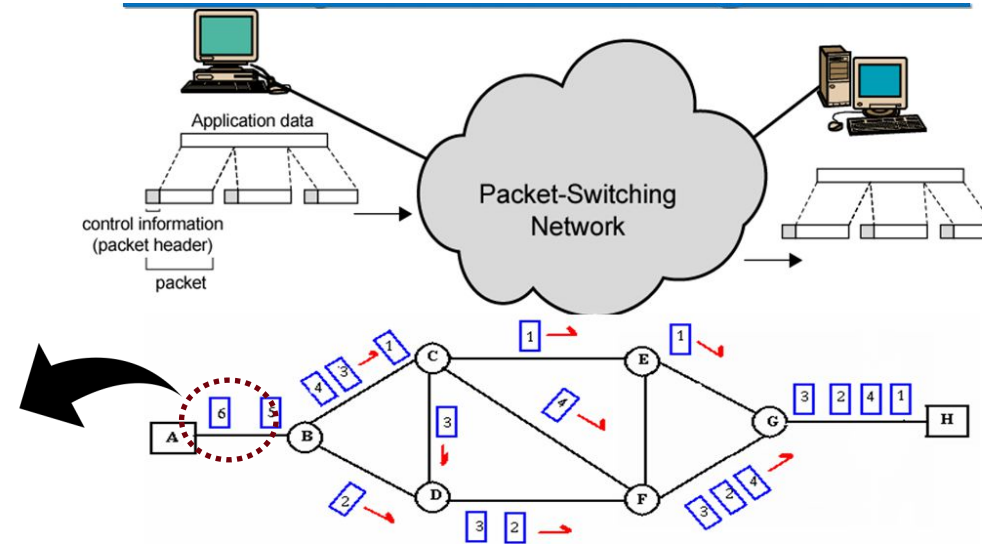
Packet Networks transformed the TDM paradigm, packetizing data and working at packet granularity, trading time predictability for maximum traffic flexibility

Information to be transmitted is packetized:

- Packets can vary in size
- Original data is fragmented
- Packet is transparent to payload
- Many paths may be used in a single communication, routing each packet on a best available path at the time

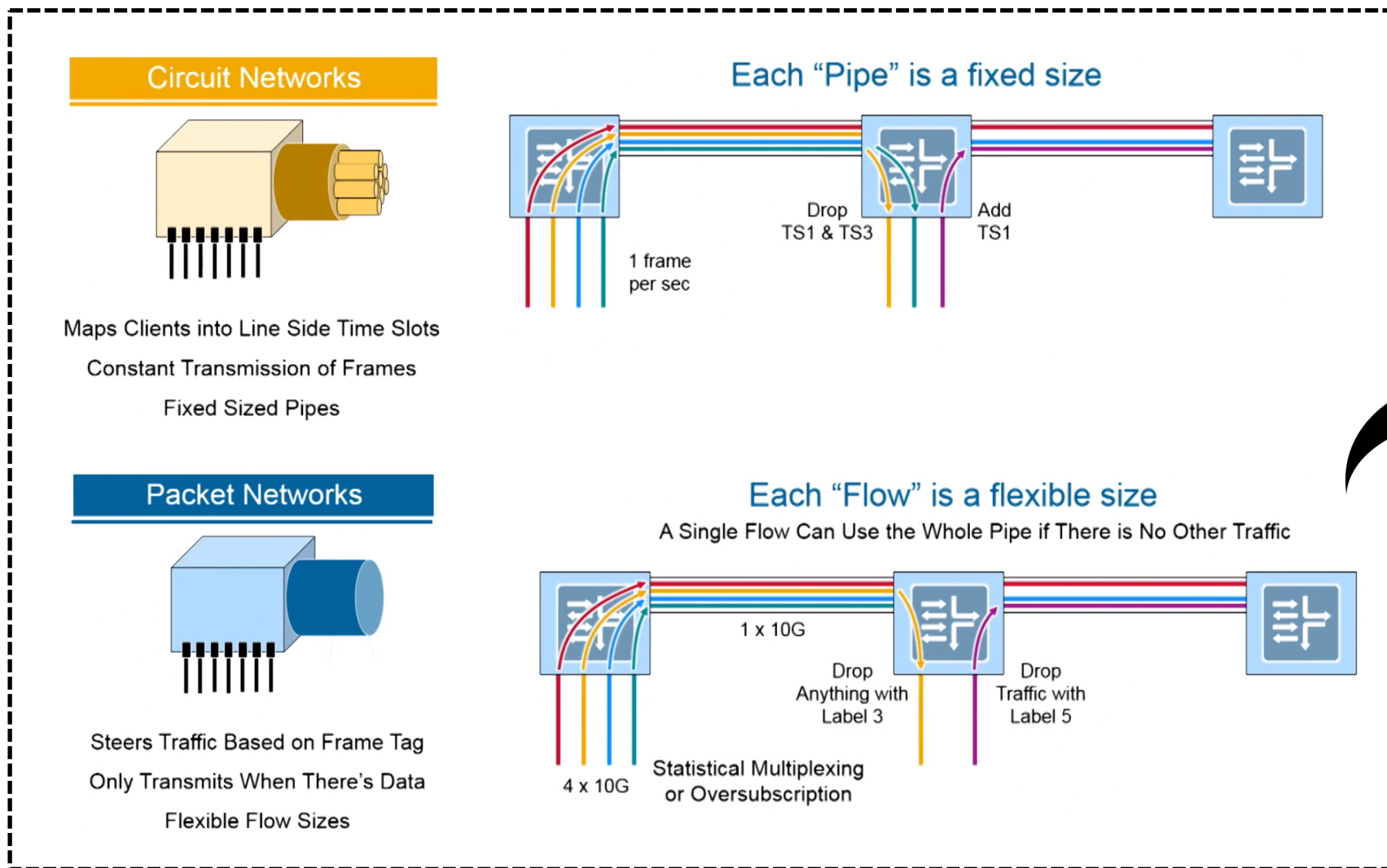


IPv4 Header



- Datagram upto 65.535 bytes (IPv4)
- TOS bits used for priority and QoS
- CRC for packet error detection
- Time to live, avoids packet to “wander” in case of malfunction
- Each packet includes addressing, control and security information
- During peaks, packets may be delayed

Packet Networks can overbook bandwidth based on it's statistical BW usage profile, managing effective resource allocation and optimizing when possible packet overhead



Data flows can be optimized based on link quality, MTU and overhead.

Example:

A High quality link (low error) should Support higher MTU (Ethernet Max transmit unit is 1500 Bytes)

An IPv4 Packet, requiring TCP and GRE Tunnel could use a PDU of:

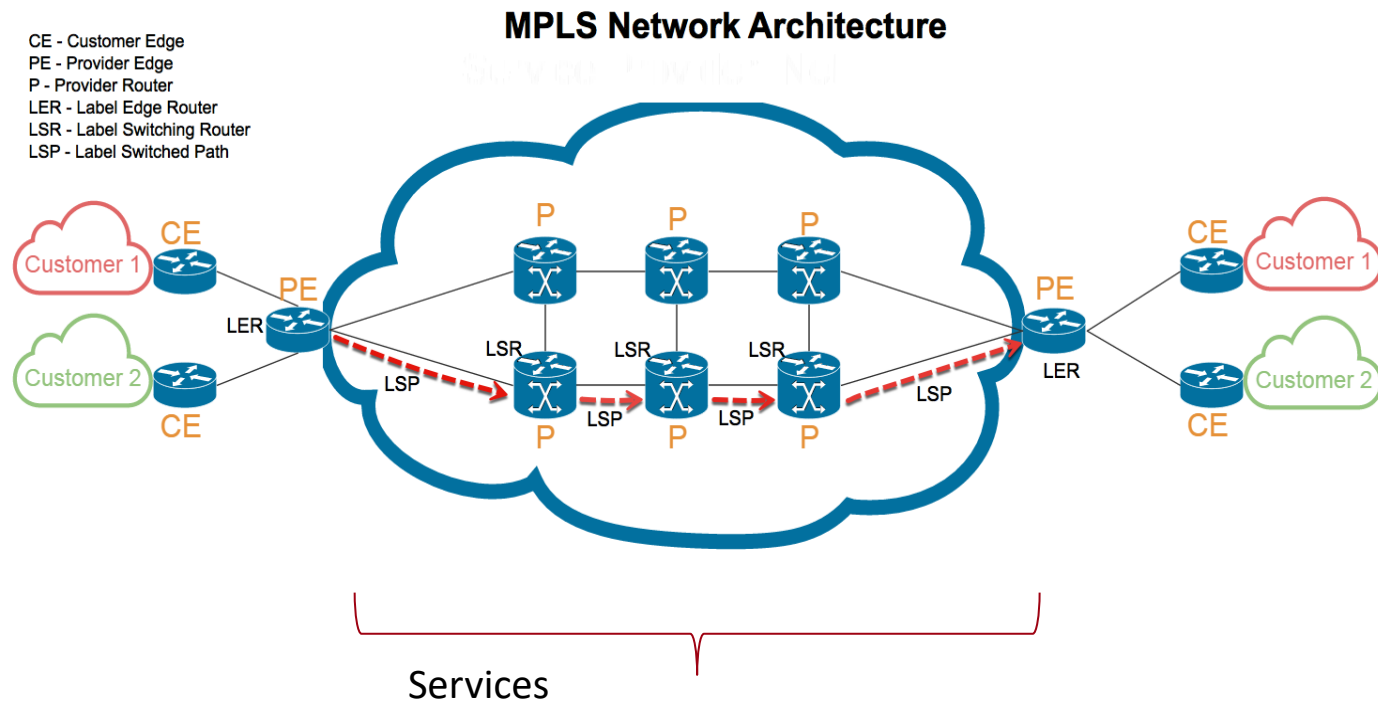
1500B
- 20B IPv4
- 4B GRE
- 20B TCP
= 1456B

From Coriant: Understanding Circuit Switched Networks vs Packet Switched Networks

With IP mass adoption, IP-MPLS technology established Wide Area Network scalability with multi-service and adequate traffic control capabilities in multitenant environments

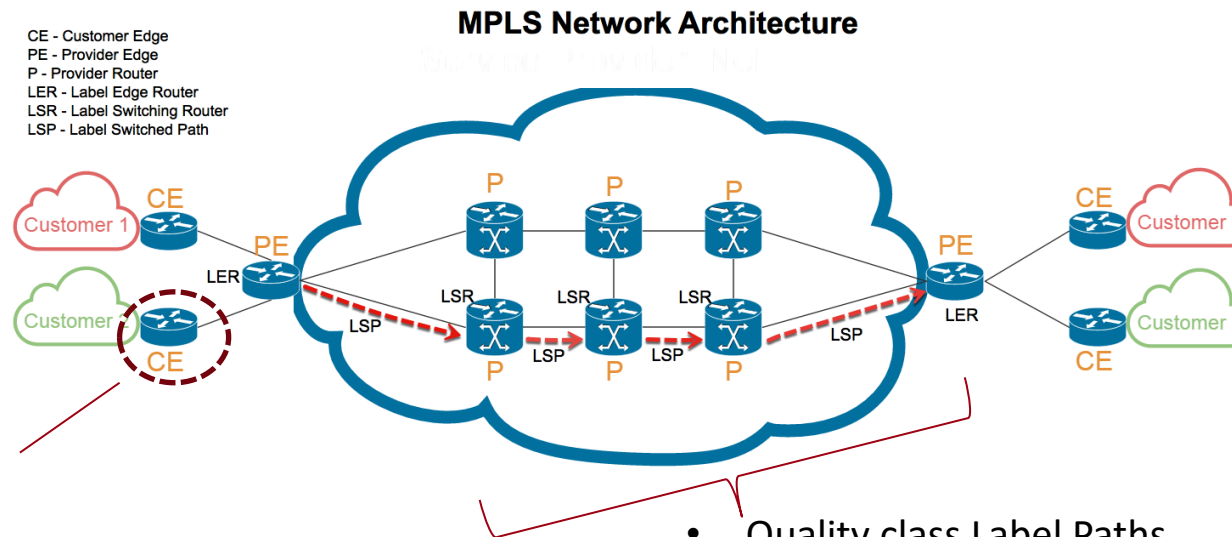
IP-MPLS network basics:

- IP-MPLS encapsulates any protocol packet and assigns a Label according to destination port
- Network switches packets based on labels at the HW level with much faster throughput (no routing lookups per hop)
- Label Switch paths are determined by more efficient label routing protocols
- Packets with same origin and destination follow the same Label Switch path
- Label switch paths can be defined to be symmetrical for both directions
- Paths can manage traffic requirements and protection paths can be predetermined



- L3 VPN, private IP networking, user edge routers apply IP routing and private IP addressing as if in a completely segregated environment
- L2 ELAN, for ethernet services
- Circuit emulation and pseudowires, transparent transport and TDM emulation

IP-MPLS further develops traffic engineering capabilities that combined with QoS provisions can ensure reliable and predictive traffic behavior between ports



Ingress

- Traffic classification and mapping to transport services
- Traffic shaping / Rate enforcement
- Minimum rate

- Quality class Label Paths
- Pseudowires
- Predetermine protection paths for fast reroute (< 50ms)

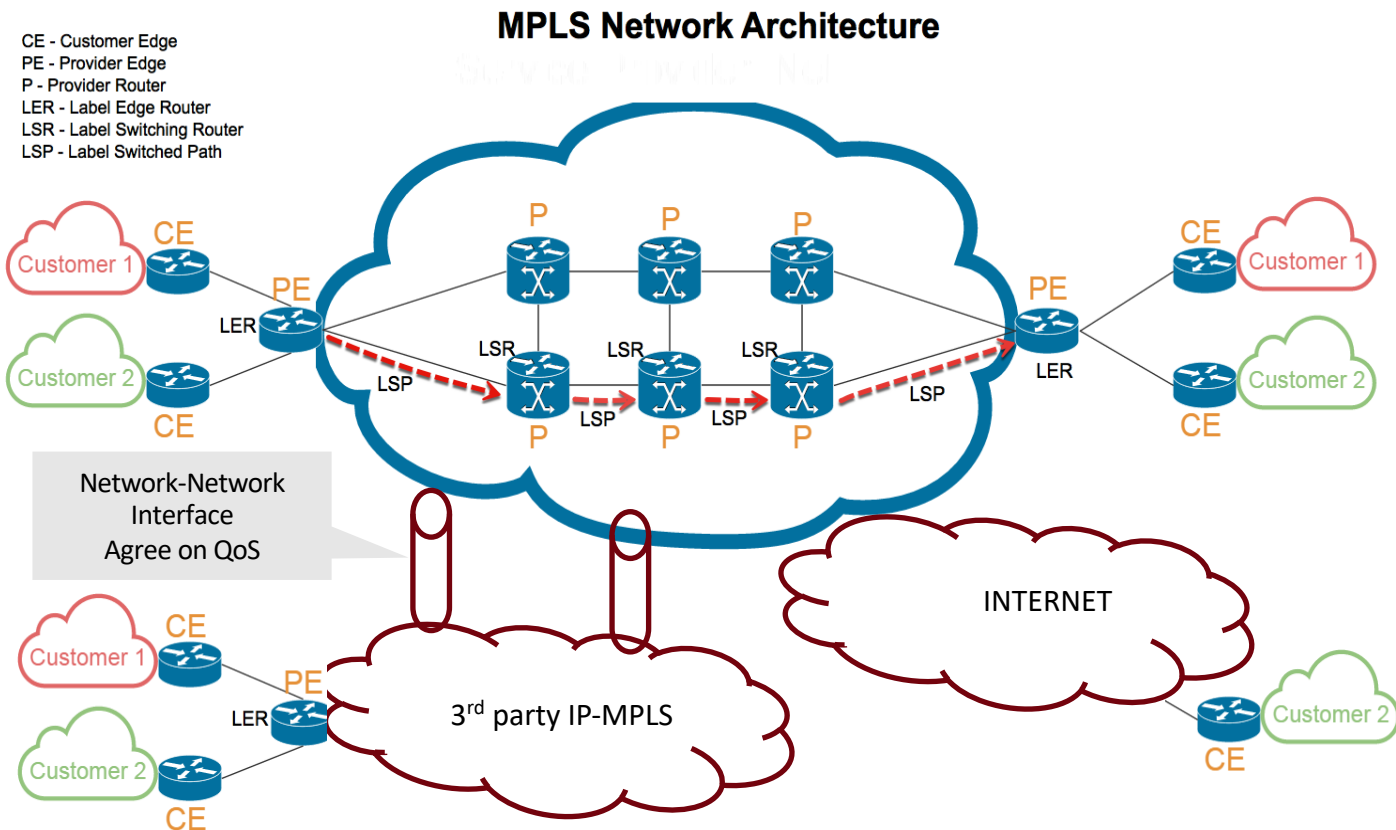
Traffic Engineering

- Label routing with QoS constrains ...
- Reserve resources for specific LSP (RSVP-TE)
- The ability to control where and how traffic is routed on your network, to manage capacity, prioritize different services, and prevent congestion

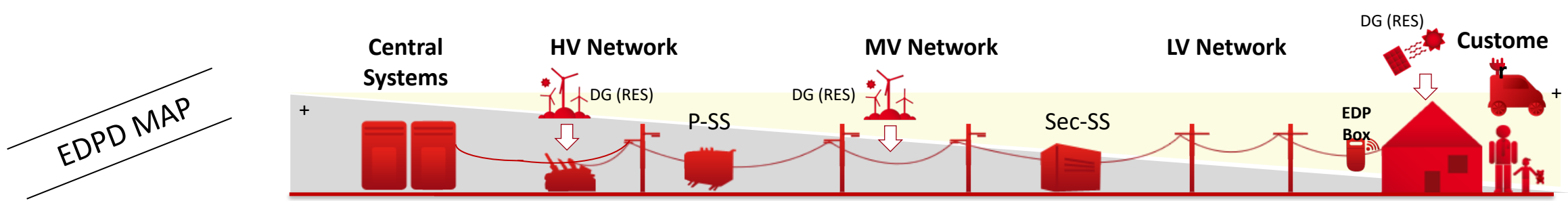
Private IP-MPLS network can extend its reach by contracting external MPLS services or by using the Internet for lower cost and guarantee of QoS extensions

Standardization, wide adoption by service providers, and IP capabilities enable global connectivity and networking:

- By establishing proper Network-to-Network interfaces, reflecting agreed QoS requirements, services can transverse multi IP-MPLS Clouds
- MPLS transport capabilities are transparent to end services
- Traffic can be tunnelled for additional security within external MPLS networks
- Internet and security tunnels can further extend the reach of IP services, not assuring QoS parameters



Utilities have prioritized fiber and high bandwidth systems as their communication core, and wireless communications, for their wide geographic reach networks (Access)



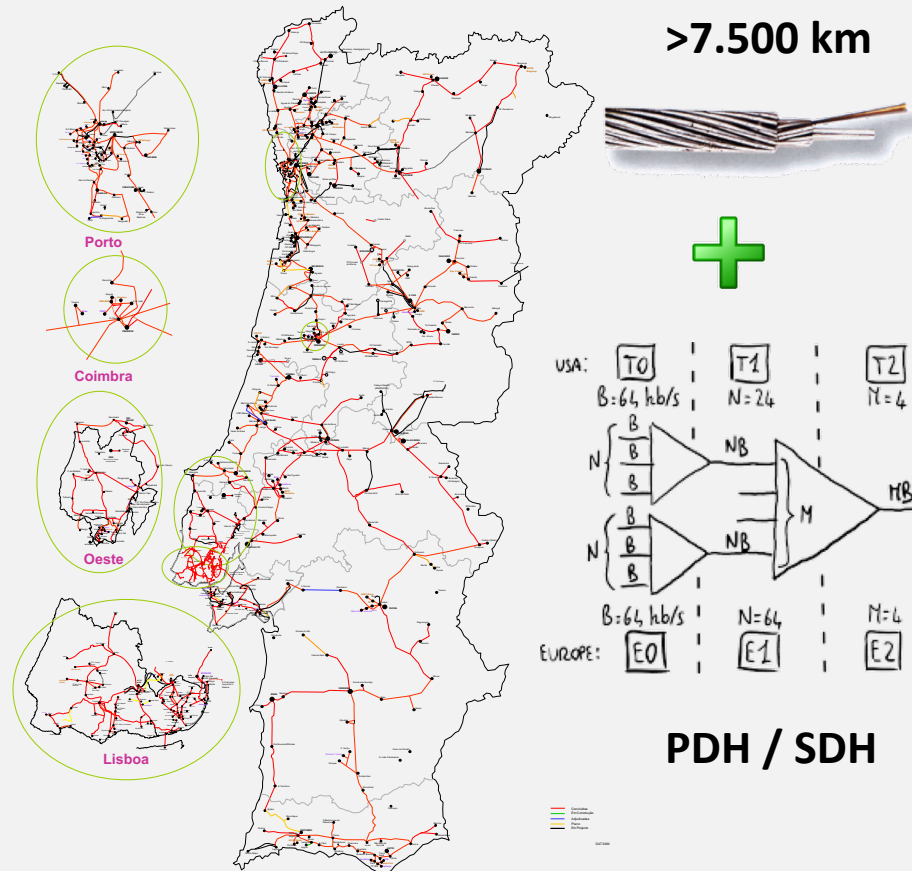
		Core Network (Dispatch – P-SS)		FAN (P-SS – Sec-SS)		NAN (Sec-SS - Customer)	
Tech	BW						
Power Line	Low	HV Coupling (< 90's)				LV Coupling	
Fiber Cable	High	HV Lines (> 90's)					
Radio ≥ UHF	Med	Pt-2-Pt		Cellular Tech.		Cellular Tech.	
Radio - VHF	Low			Multipoint			
Copper Cable	Med	Pt-2-Pt (< 80's)		Pt-2-Pt			

Fiber and TDM technology came to constitute the early foundation of utility digital backbones, supporting connectivity for Primary Substations and main control nodes

90's - 00's Vision...

- Digitalization will increase beyond analog and NB current systems (Analog radio UHF/VHF; Powerline HV)
- More control and management capabilities will be necessary
- QoS metrics will be more demanding

...led to Fiber and PDH/SDH investments...

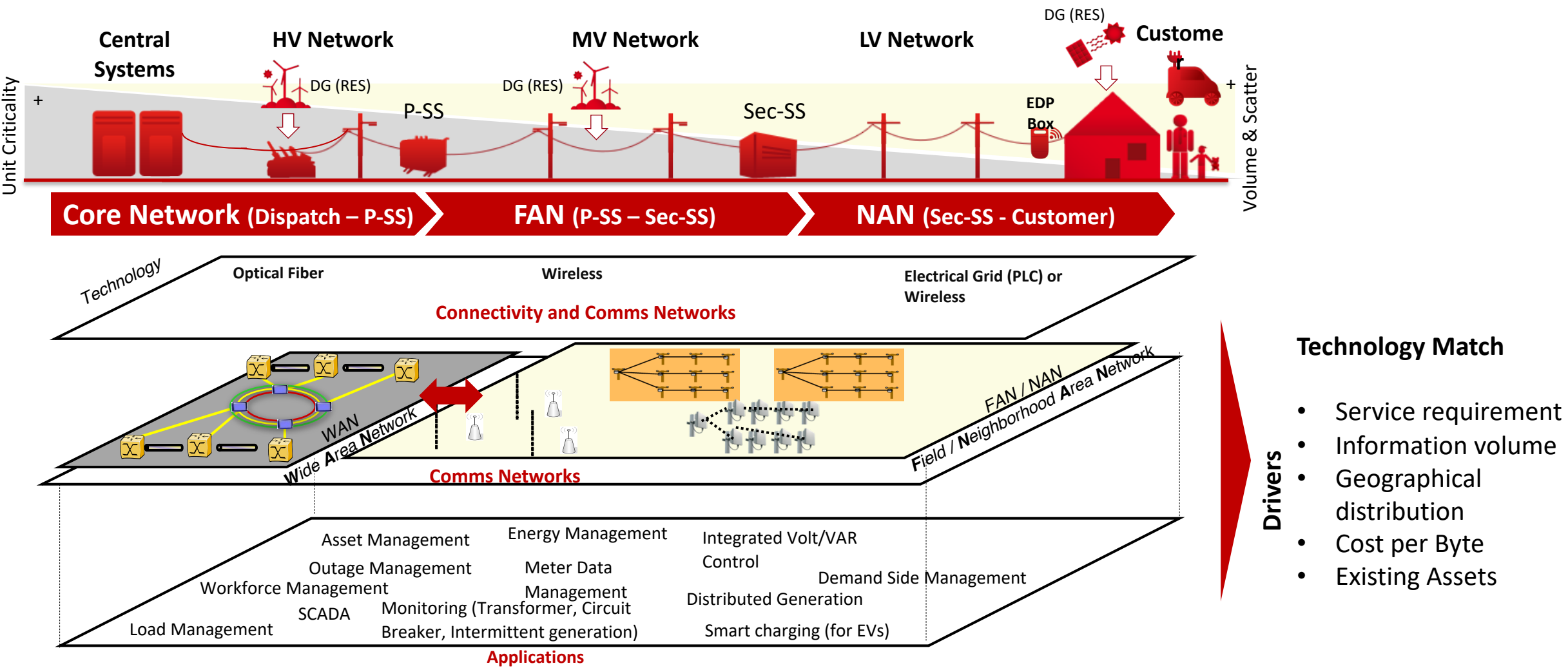


...with several limitations

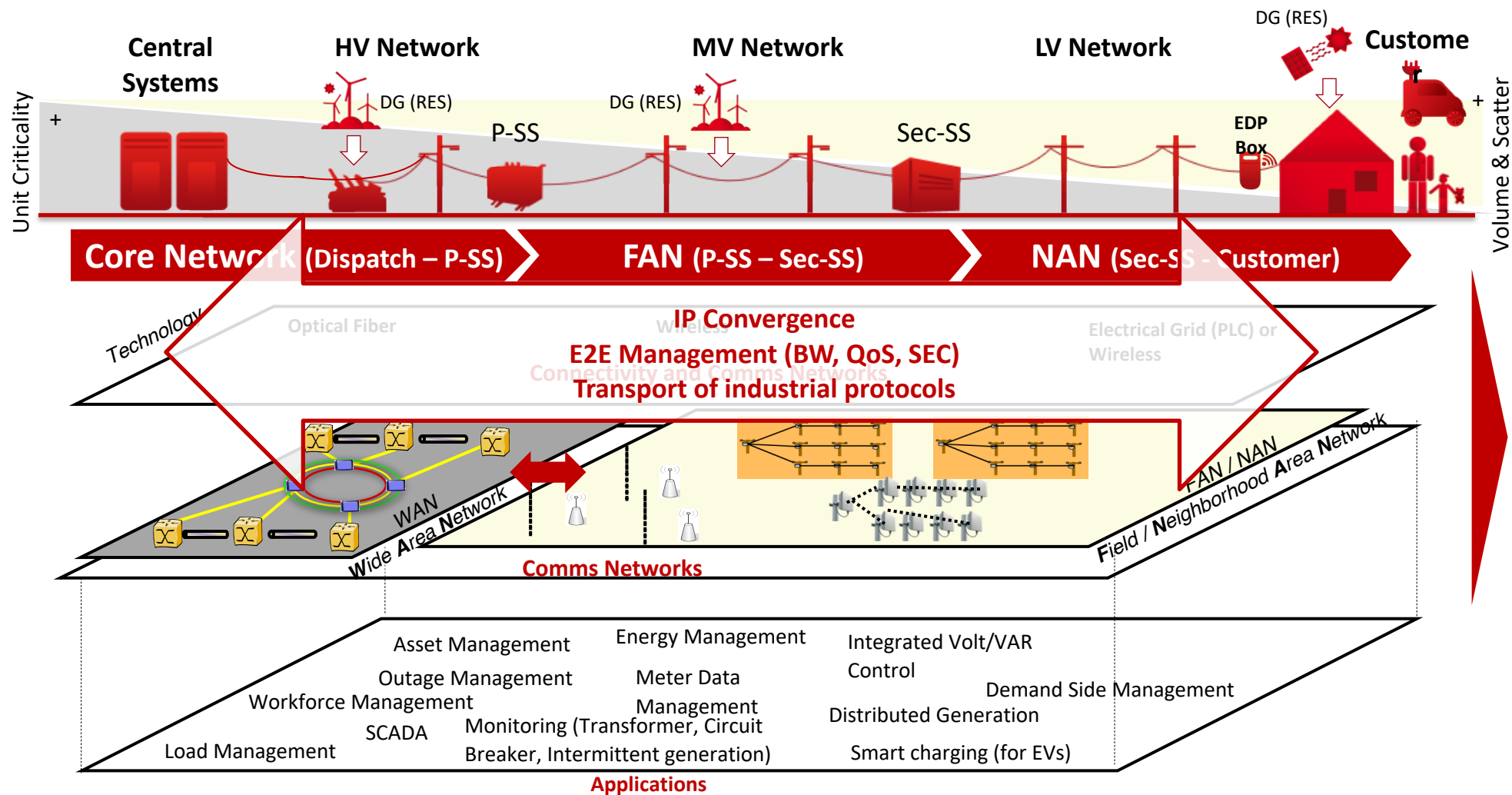
- EoL technology
- Several TDM legacy Islands
- Static and dedicated bandwidth allocation
- Service BW \leq 2Mbps
- Point-to-Point
- Limited/Complex Multi point setup
- Not all traffic protected

EDPD case

An advanced transversal and integrated telecommunications infrastructure, ie a Connectivity Platform, is a main pillar of the Smart/Digital Grid



Packet networks and IP protocols enable the connectivity convergence of an heterogeneous industrial and all-connected environment



Ethernet & IP are today's networking defaults:

- Focus on segregation and security
- VPN/eLAN for private domains
- Unified management

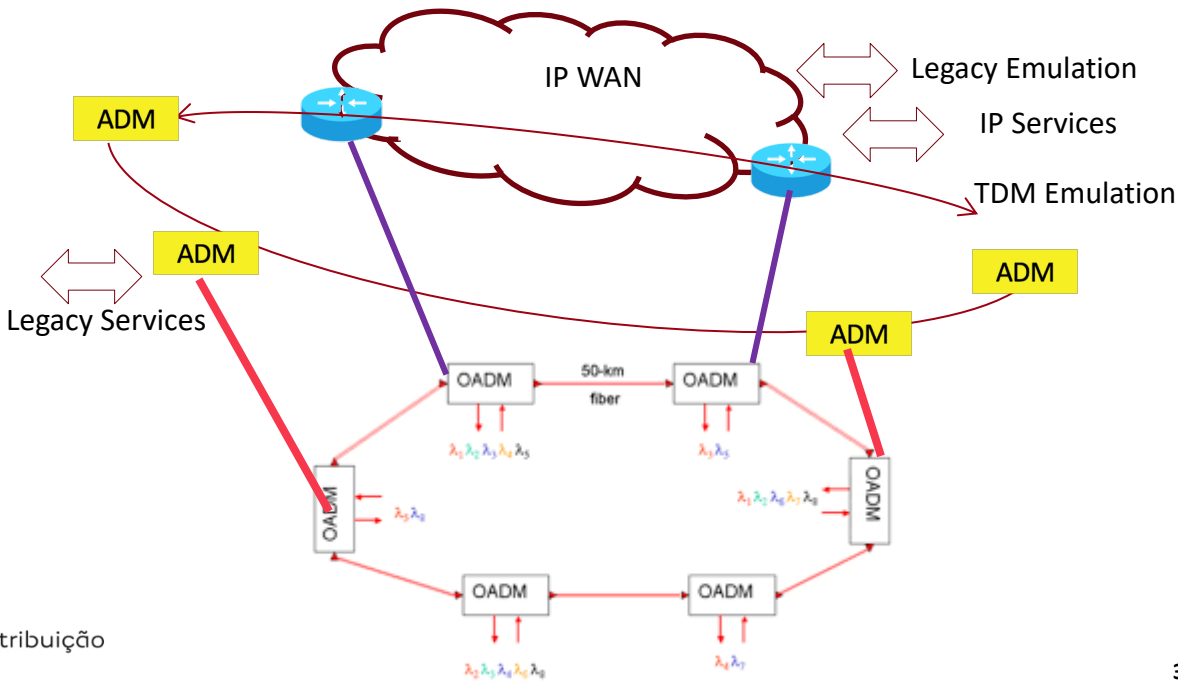
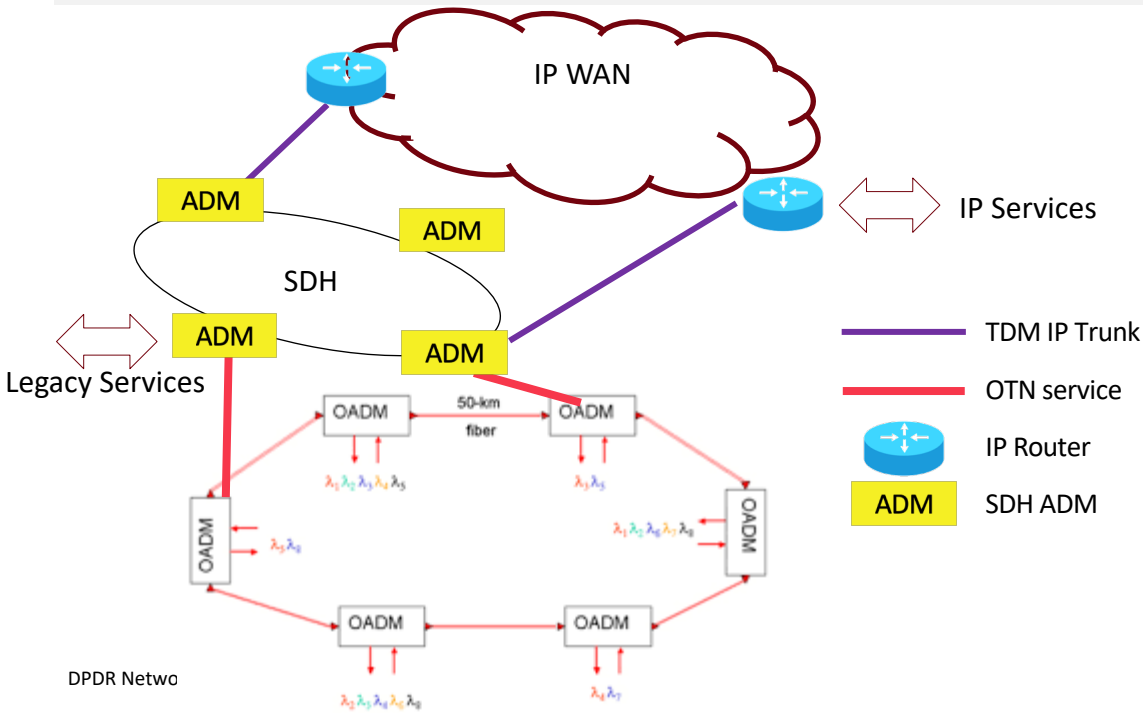
Transition from TDM to Packet can be phased, evolving from IP overlays to IP Core supporting TDM emulation for legacy services and TDM network sections

IP Overlay

- Create IP Highlands to address specific nodes requiring IP connectivity
- When applicable, consider IP trunks supplied by TDM systems, extending the IP reach
- SDH can support L2 PtP, facilitating the transition

IP Core

- Emulate PtP TDM services over IP
- Consider a suitable optical core, for high bandwidth IP trunks and legacy TDM
- Start islanding TDM aligned with legacy TDM clients and respective life cycle



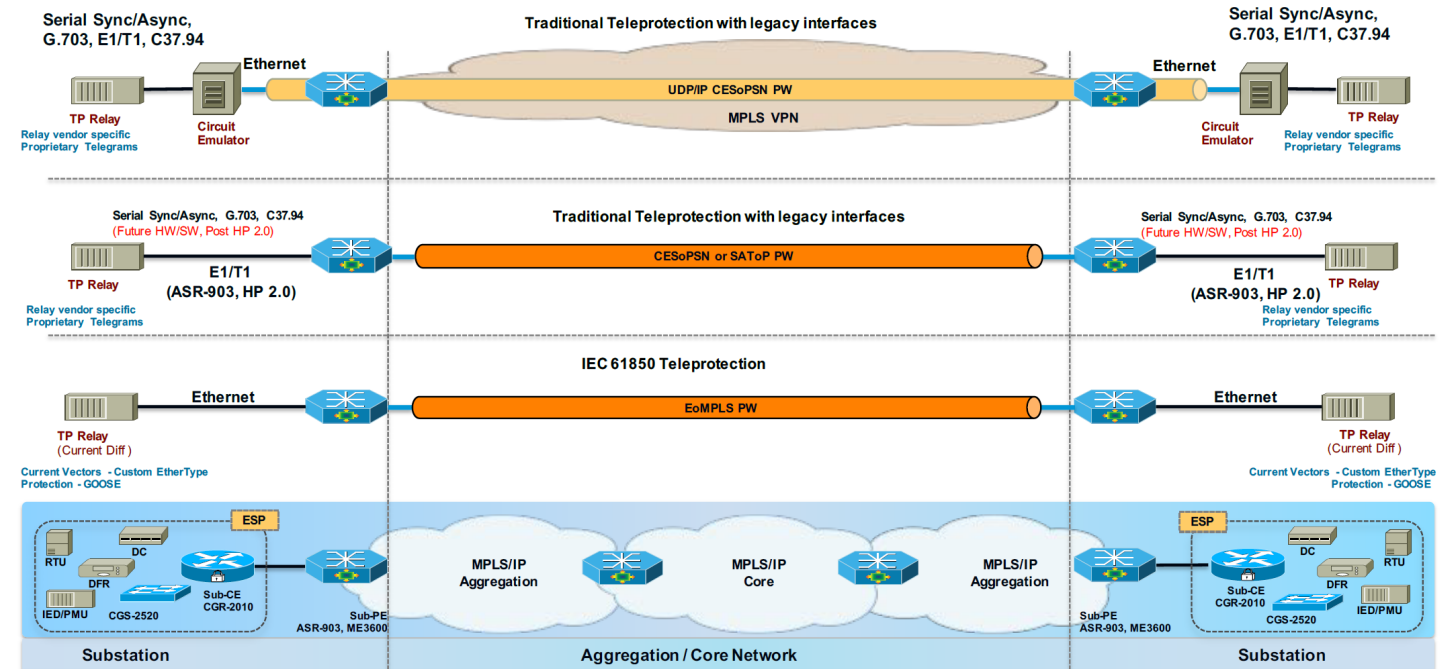
Supporting critical and QoS sensitive services often demands for a detailed revision of the underlying functional and technical capabilities, testing and migration planning

Teleprotection Use case

- Point-to-point connection
- Functional requirements demand for very low latency and jitter
- Legacy systems using direct dark fiber or 2Mbps TDM links

To investigate & consider

- Detailed specs of teleprotection equipment
- How teleprotection detects and signals link impairments
- Detection and consequences of connectivity QoS breach
- Product evolution and options



- Get teleprotection and IP vendors involved / Setup Labs and stress tests
- Plan teleprotection evolution to L2 compatible models
- Setup high quality label paths, with resource reservation
- Priority to teleprotection vendor options for digitizing modules
- Use GPS high resolution time source tags to reinforce time marking

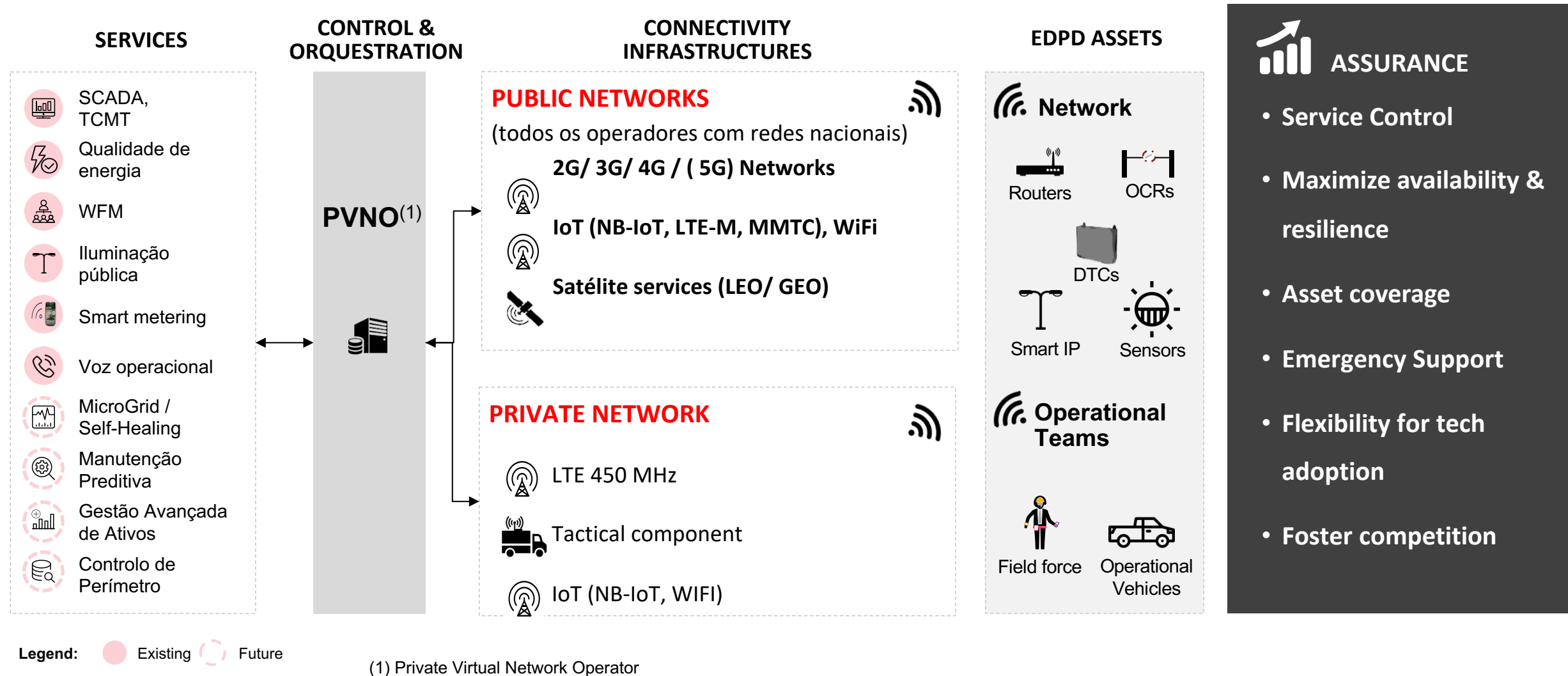
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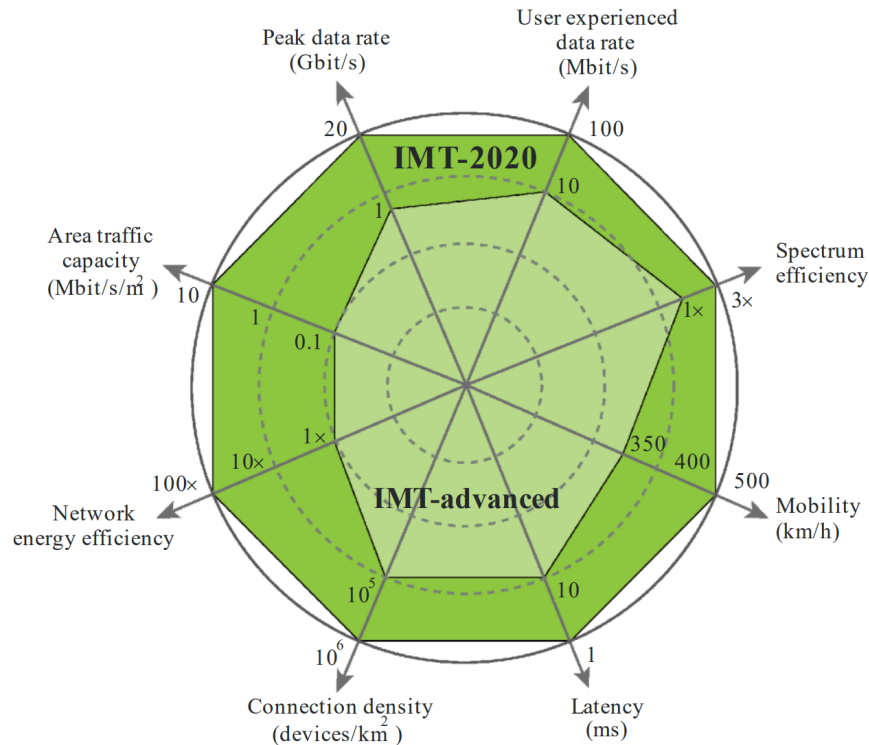


Mobile networks will play an increasing role in an all connected environment, reinforcing IP and Service management orientation by Utilities



5G addresses the implicit and pervasive connectivity of a digital society, matching human centric and machine type communications requirements

5G VERTICAL SUPPORT



Rec. ITU-R M.2083-0

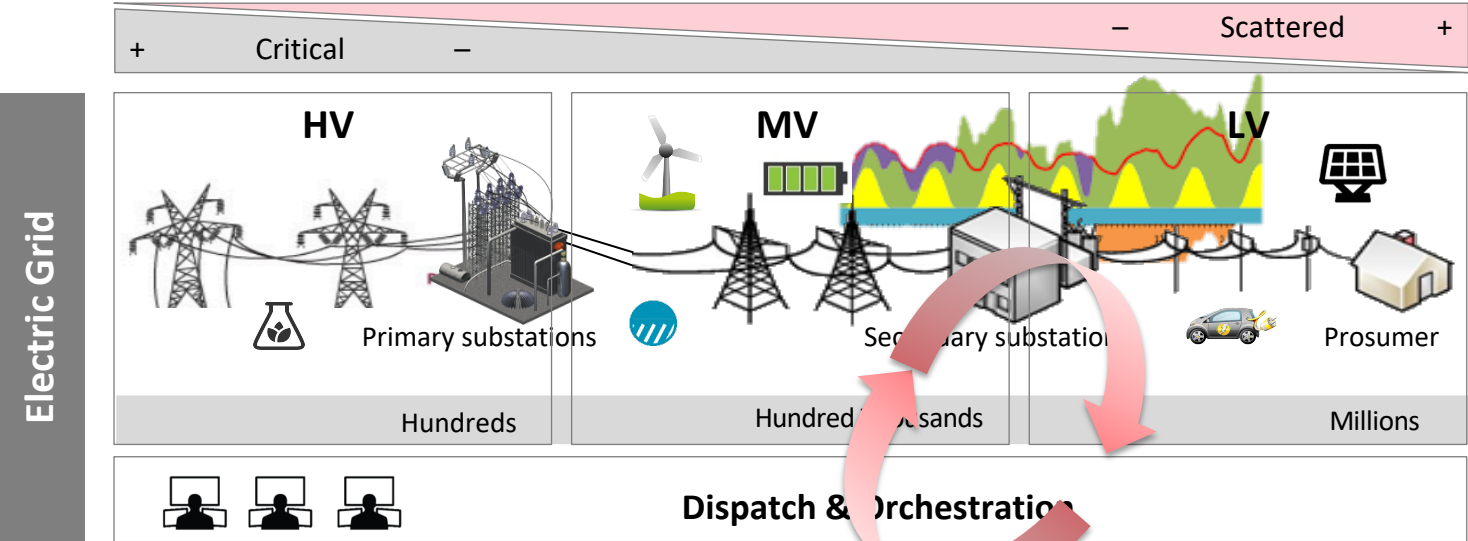
Enhanced of key capabilities from IMT-Advanced to IMT-2020

Besides the enhanced Mobile Broadband capabilities 5G shall support next level of human connectivity in an all-connected world of humans and objects:

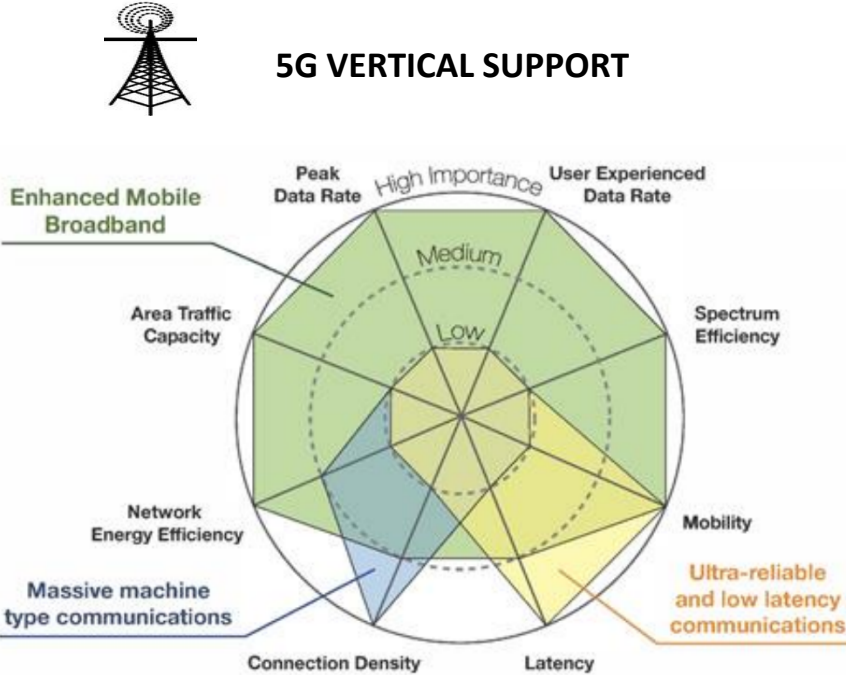
- Foster the 4th industrial revolution, enabling reliability and latency-critical communication between machines, or among machines and humans, in industrial environments;
- Enable the transformation of the automotive sector and transportation in general, allowing for advanced forms of collaborative driving and increased efficiency in railroad transportation;
- Revolutionize health services;
- Supporting **Smart Grids and Smart Cities**, improving the quality of life through better energy, environment and waste management;

As so, 5G capabilities resonate with Smart Grids requirements, raging from massive machine type connectivity to Ultra reliable Low latency for Energy orchestration processes

EDP Distribuição infrastructure ecosystem



Market Enabler	Enabling Local Energy Grids		Enabling Flexibility Management	
	Device to Device Comms		Orchestration of Supply/Demand	
	Loads & Producers Local Self-Balancing		Real Time Flexibility Market	
	Decentralized Grid Control		Smart Contracts	
	BlackStart from Islanded LEN		Balance & Settlement Improvement	



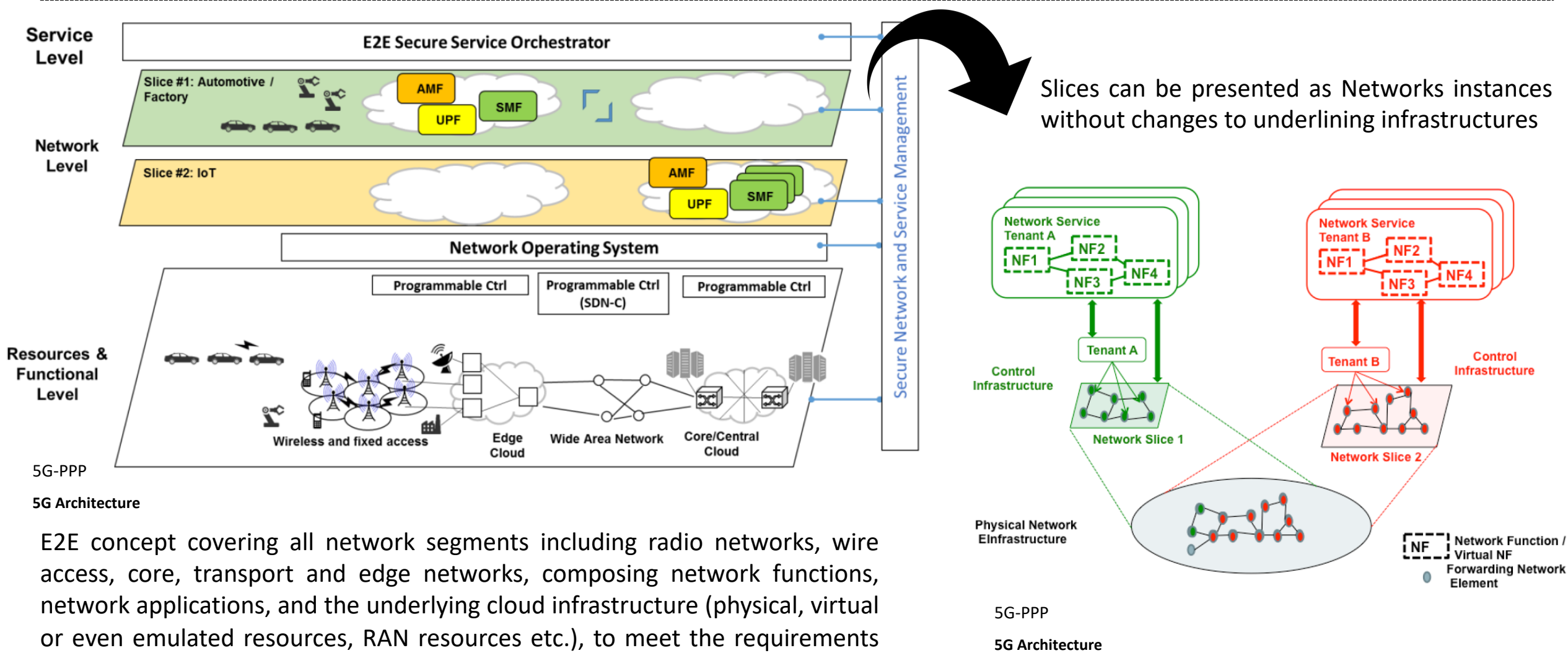
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5GPP- 5G Empowering Vertical Industries

As seen in TDM to IP transition, 5G “Slicing” brings dynamic system multiplexing to Mobile Networks, tailoring network and services to Vertical’s requirements



E2E concept covering all network segments including radio networks, wire access, core, transport and edge networks, composing network functions, network applications, and the underlying cloud infrastructure (physical, virtual or even emulated resources, RAN resources etc.), to meet the requirements of a specific use case

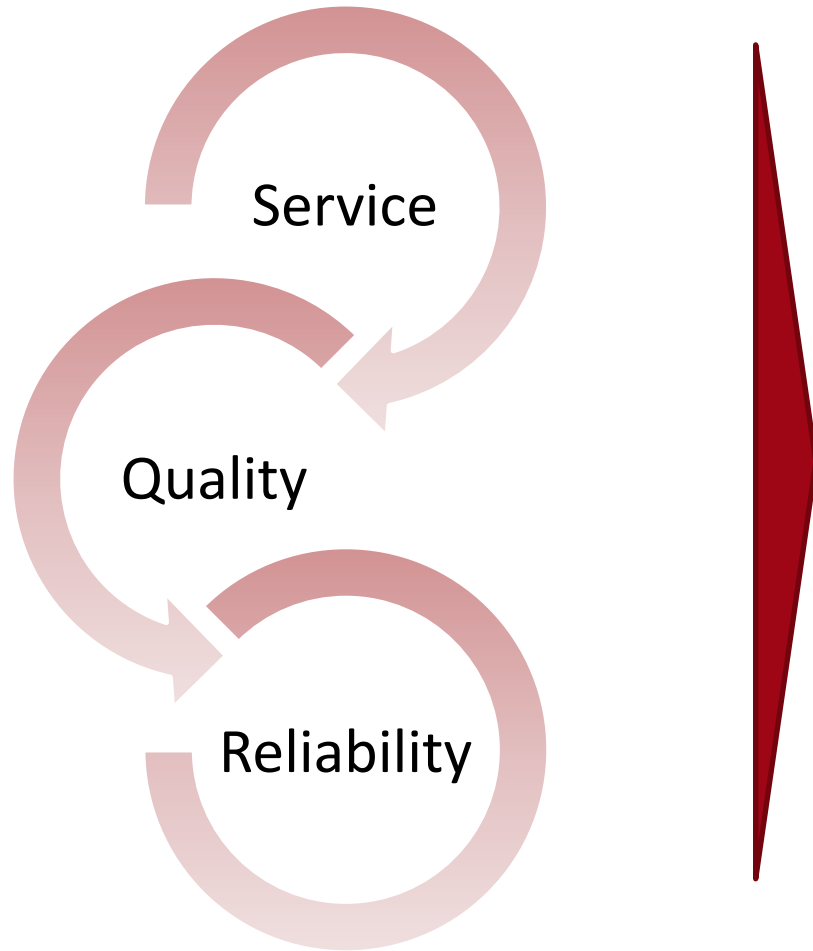
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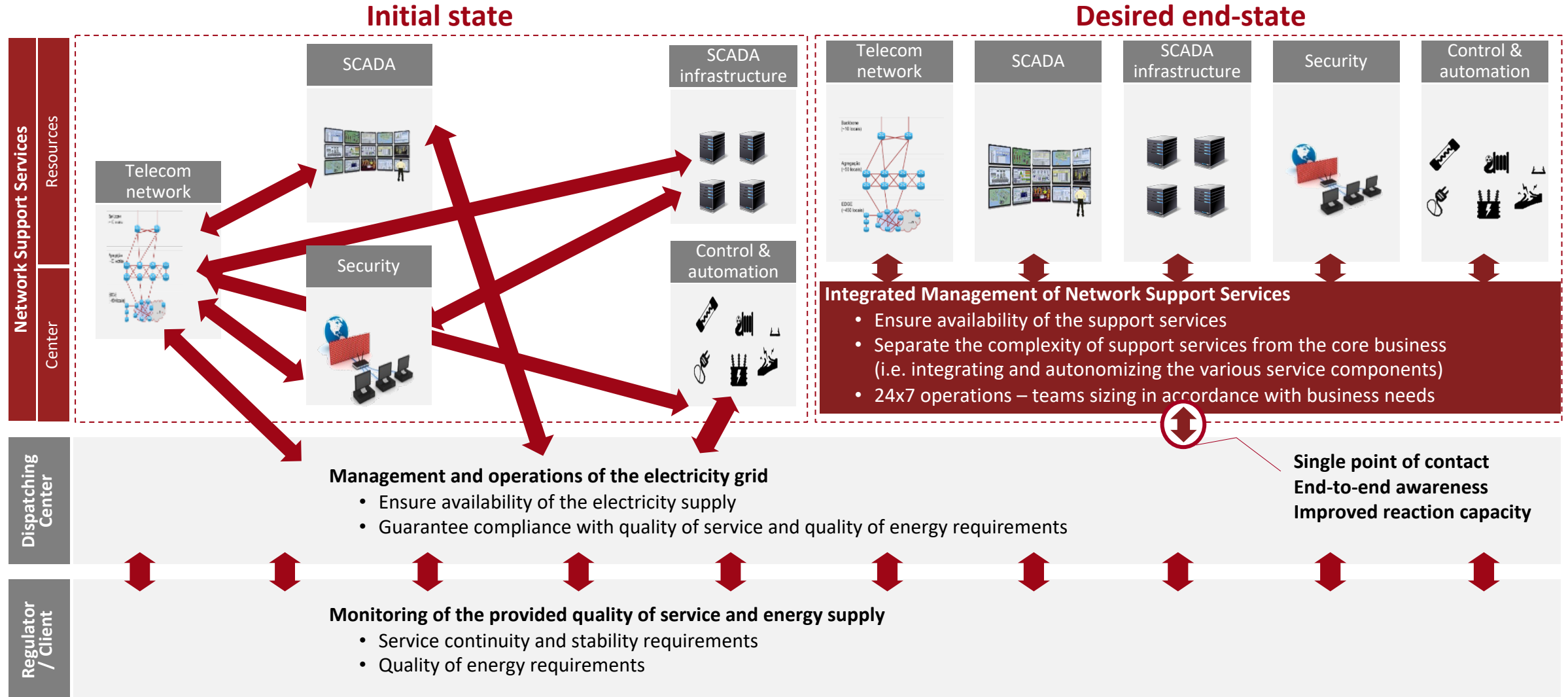
- Service management framework
- Staff and core competencies
- Develop OSS platform
- Define operational procedures
- Proactivity and continuous improvement



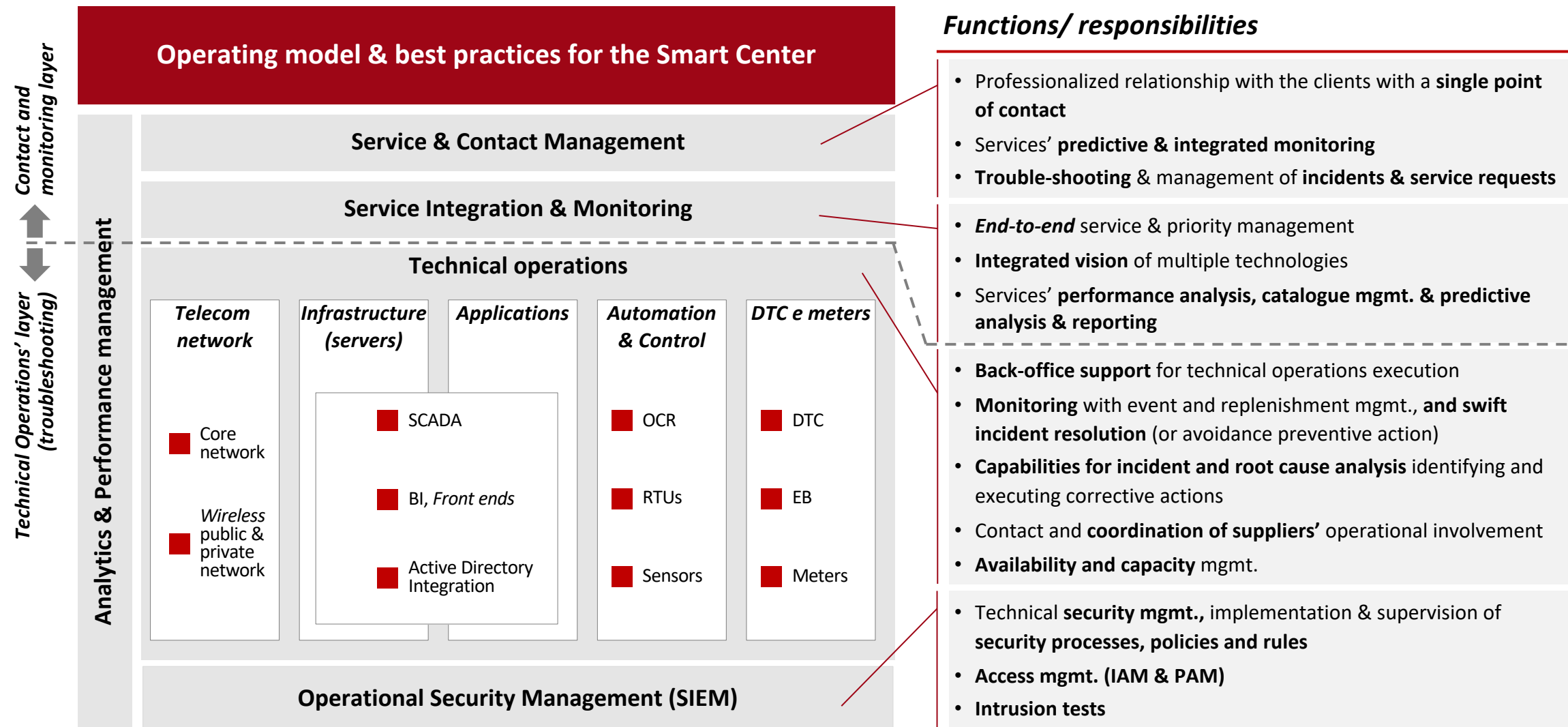
Service excel / Benchmark

- Availability
- Time to provision
- Number of service impact
- Track and benchmark Totex

Service Assurance and Cybersecurity Capabilities need an integrated operational and security management practice, with improved global awareness



EDPD realized the need to address E2E service assurance, developing an operational framework for it's NOC/SOC, responsible for service continuity and quality improvement



The threats within the Digital Grid are real. The root causes for blackouts are no longer exclusively physical or normal operative failures

- 3 DSOs compromised
 - 250.000 people affected
 - 1 to 6 hours to recover
- ... and it could have been worse!

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Hundreds of thousands of homes were left in the dark in what security experts say was a first for hackers with ill intent.

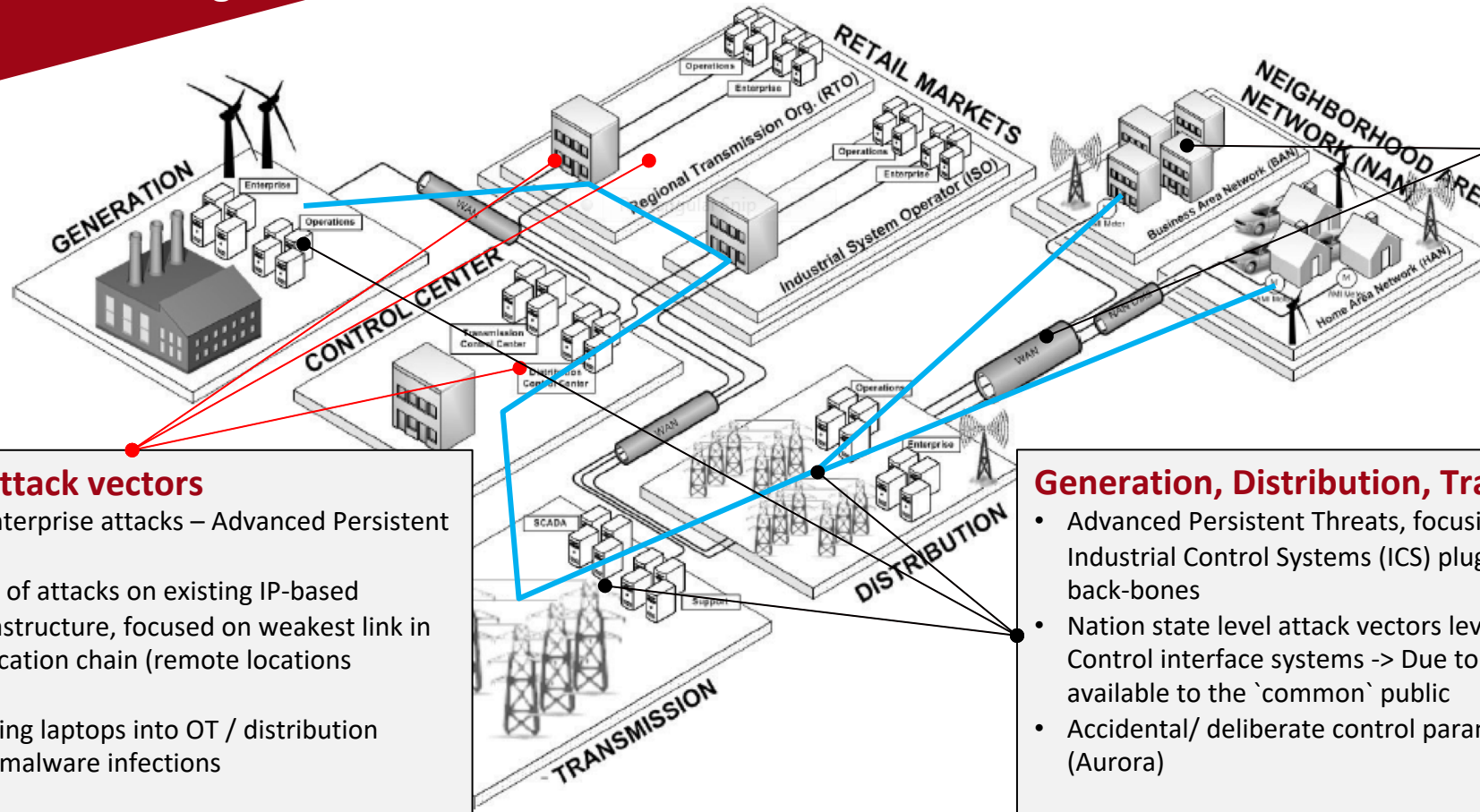
The Age of Hacker-Caused Blackouts Is Upon Us

A malware attack left thousands of homes without power in Ukraine and this is only the beginning.

Internal and external threat actors may impact all components from generation to distribution, with attack vectors changing on a regular basis

Growing cybersecurity significance in energy

Main energy ecosystem attack vectors, needing close monitoring



Enterprise attack vectors

- Traditional enterprise attacks – Advanced Persistent Threats
- Full spectrum of attacks on existing IP-based (control) infrastructure, focused on weakest link in the communication chain (remote locations preferred)
- Engineers taking laptops into OT / distribution stations with malware infections

Advanced Meter Infrastructure

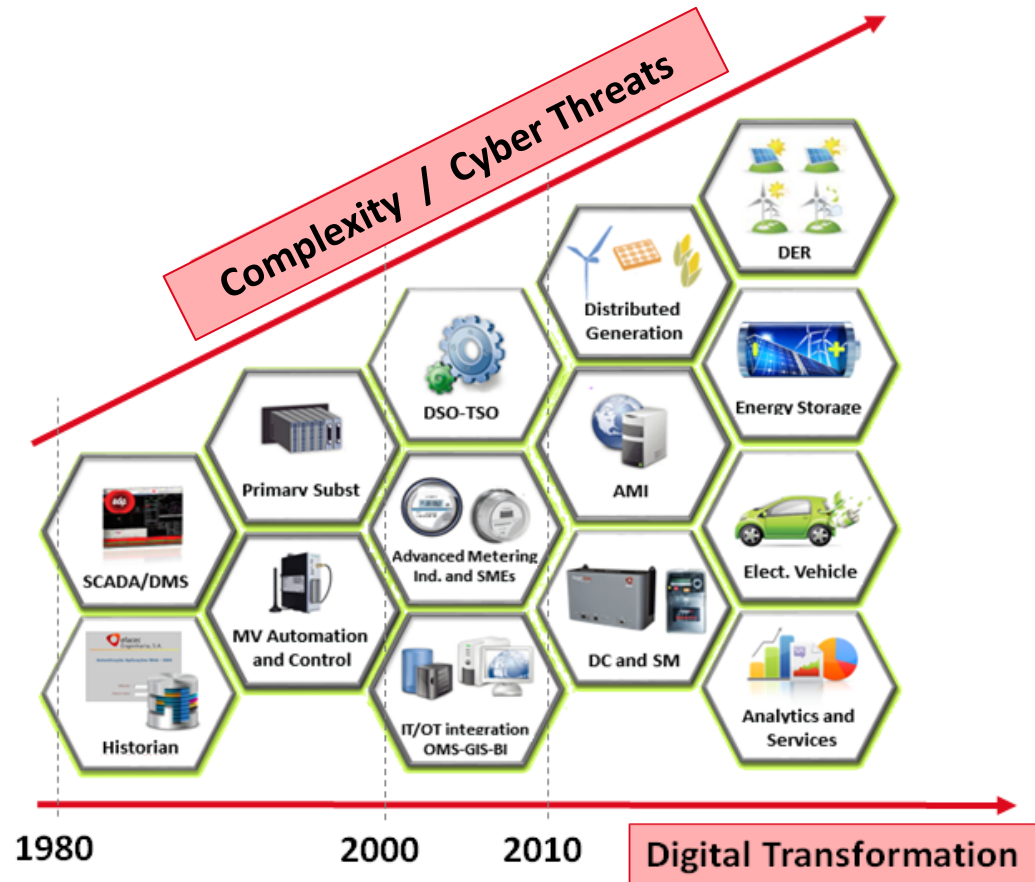
- Meter tampering, meter data fraud
- IP-based threat vectors, partially combined with mobile attacks
- Gateway-level attacks

SMARTGRID connectivity to internet through smart thermostats!

Generation, Distribution, Transmission

- Advanced Persistent Threats, focusing on SCADA and Industrial Control Systems (ICS) plugged into IP back-bones
- Nation state level attack vectors leveraging Process Control interface systems -> Due to stuxnet also available to the `common` public
- Accidental/ deliberate control parameter changes (Aurora)

Digital Grids have no physical boundaries, they're heterogeneous and decentralized, entirely changing the landscape of a Critical Information Infrastructure



Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everywhere• Multiple connections• Millions of Nodes
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple Standard protocols & networks
Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complex and highly Interconnected
Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hundreds in&out• Remote Access
Security Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perimeter Security• Defense in depth• Something different



Challenges of Future EC Regulation

- Network Information Security (NIS) Directive
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Taking operations as foundation for quality and compliance (configurations, SW, FW, ...), 5 specialized security oriented domains provide a higher level of security.

Security Operations integrated in the Digital Platform of Supervision Center



Monitoring &
Detection

Incident
Response &
Recovery

Continuous
Sec. Operations

Technology

&

People

&

Processes

Identify

Protect

Detect

Respond

Recover

Continuous Audit

Identification of vulnerabilities and fast remediation



Implementation of ISO 27001 certification

Establishes the requirements to define, implement, maintain and continuously improve Security



Yearly Cyber security Projects

Cyber Risk Assessment (Business focused investments)



Awareness and training at all levels of the organization are key in implementing robust and reliable cybersecurity strategies

Imperatives for cybersecurity at EDP Distribuição

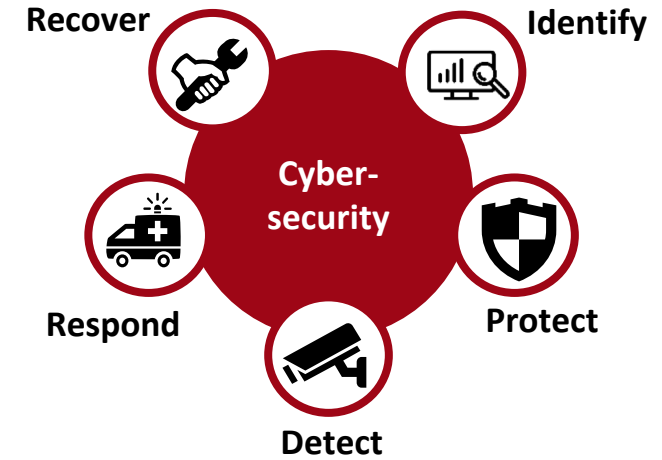
- Introduce security requirements on most future tenders – ICS and SG
- Maintain an active involvement and cooperation in European Initiatives and Groups



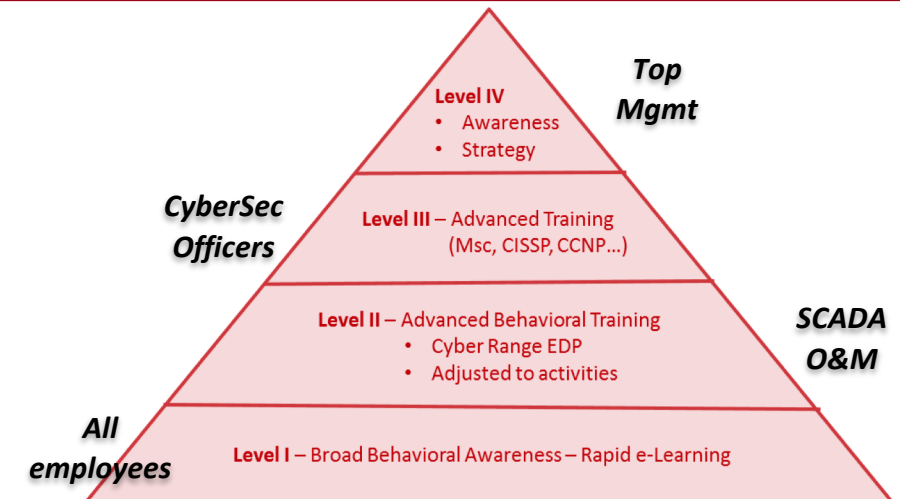
- Ensure the alignment of Cybersecurity Strategy with the NIS and GDPR
- Improve the SOC as a key factor for Cyber Security
- Keep investing in Cyber Security to prevent its uncertainty...

Training and awareness program on cybersecurity for Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)

Develop cybersecurity incident response capabilities
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... applied at all levels of the organization

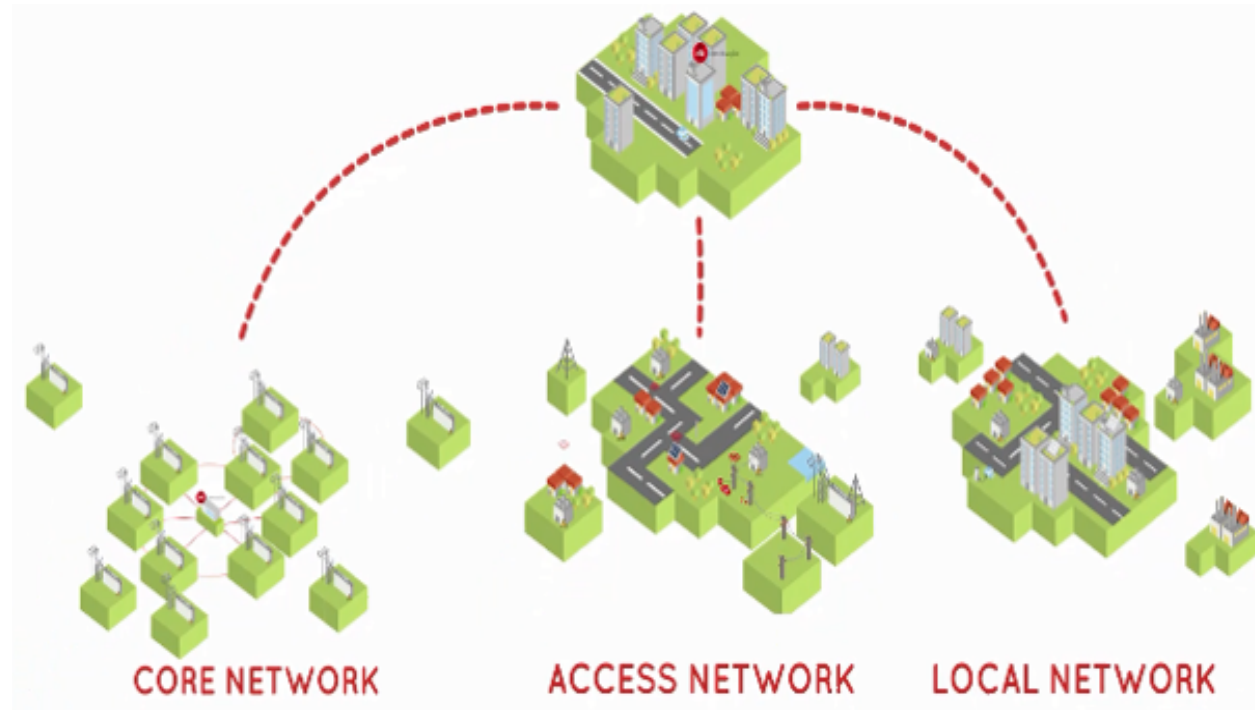


Agenda

1. EDP in brief
2. Electricity, challenges and Smart Grids
3. Communications in Utilities
 - Technologies and medium
 - TDM technologies
 - Packet networks
 - Transition and special services
4. Assurance and Security
 - PVNO - Multi sourcing
 - Private Networks & Spectrum
5. Final remarks



It's more than technology, being core to modern Grids, Utilities need robust frameworks for Service Assurance, Security and efficiency, in what led EDP to its "The Connect Program"



Final Remarks

Challenges and Concerns

- I** Smart Grids entail an all connected environment with multiple permanent data transactions
- II** IP and mobile wireless technologies play an increasing role in digitalization, facilitating the IoT of everything, and the applicability of authentication and security mechanisms in scale
- III** Standardization is addressing special vertical requirements, promoting convergence of technologies used in Public and Private Networks
- IV** Smart Grid connectivity services will involve a multitude of technologies and suppliers, requiring appropriate skills and staffing for utilities to drive their priorities and responsibilities
- V** Regulator engagement and cross sector alignment is of utmost importance
- VI** Private network components will maintain an essential role in assuring adequate business continuity and complementing market “holes”
- VII** Connectivity/digital assurance are new Utility’s Core assets, requiring adequate skills and staffing



Thank you for your attention

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