

LoRa Alliance

Smart electricity metering with LoRaWAN® - ready to scale in India



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The LoRa Alliance®









- Global open non-profit alliance launched in 2015
- Develops and maintains LoRaWAN® standards
 - Recognized by ITU as an international standard
- Educates the market about LoRaWAN technology, the latest advancements and deployments
- Develops and maintains the LoRa Alliance certification program





LoRa Alliance® members





LoRa Alliance[®] Ecosystem — present in ISUW exhibition (booth 4&5)



















Modules



Devices



Gateways



Servers



Network Operators



Cloud

Data Management

Platforms/



Solutions



System Integrators





LoRaWAN® is Deployed in Many IoT Vertical Markets













WATER & ENERGIES

Water Metering
Electricity Metering
Gas Metering
Solar Energy
Heating
Grids
Sustainable Resources

BUILDING AUTOMATION

Space Optimization
Energy Optimization
Automated Cleaning
Safety
Environmental
Monitoring

SUPPLY CHAIN

Asset Tracking
Fleet Management
Cold Chain Monitoring
Supply Chain
Monitoring
Intralogistics
Precision Location ID

CITIES

Lighting
Waste Management
Parking
Water Management
Traffic Management

AGRICULTURE

Precision Irrigation
Soil Monitoring
Asset Tracking
Animal Husbandry
Environment
Monitoring

INDUSTRIAL IOT

Oil & Gas
Mining
Smart & Safe Factories
Production &
Manufacturing
Predictive Maintenance
Valve Monitoring





LoRaWAN® key benefits for smart metering

Open network communication technology

- Appropriate for low power consumption devices => long battery life
- Long range communications
- Automated mechanism to adapt the data rates/TX power to the best radio conditions

Embedded two-layer security based on AES 128 bit encryption

Three possible communication classes allowing trade-off between communications latency and power consumption

Large flexibility in the network model between public, private or hybrid networks

Interoperability of devices ensured by unique certification defined by the LoRa Alliance®

Large availability of different and certified LoRaWAN® devices

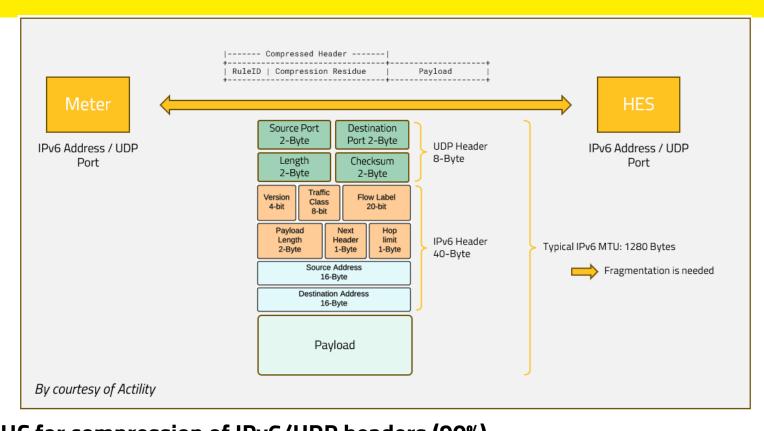




Challenges of DLMS over LPWAN



Large IPv6 headers Heavy payload vs MTU



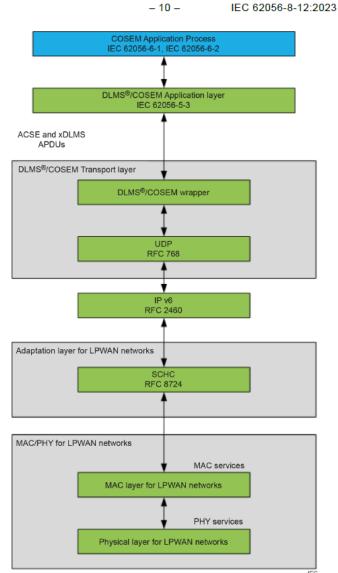


Use standard SCHC for compression of IPv6/UDP headers (90%) and dynamic fragmentation for handling large payload over LoRaWAN constrained MTU and with error acknowledgment to ensure reliable and bi-directional communication Use DLMS in push mode and with pre-association to reduce traffic by 7 times





Standard stack for DLMS over LoRaWAN®





DLMS Profile for LoRaWAN is specified by the DLMS User Association and standardized by IEC (IEC 62056:8:12)





SCHC, for Static Context Header Compression, is an open internet standard for compression and fragmentation specified by the IETF (RFC 9011 and 8724)



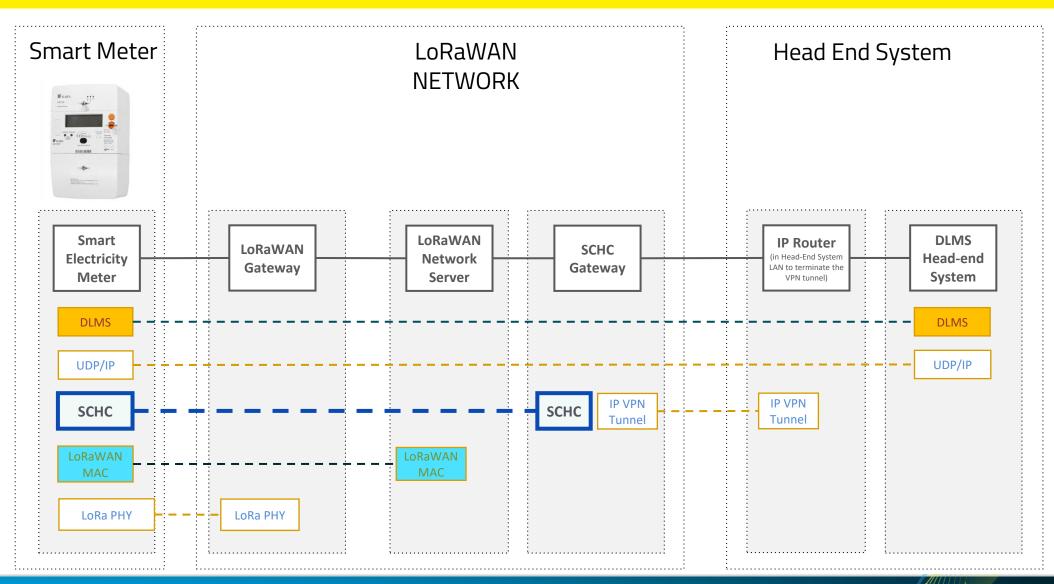


LoRaWAN is a network protocol standard maintained by LoRa Alliance and recognized by ITU-T





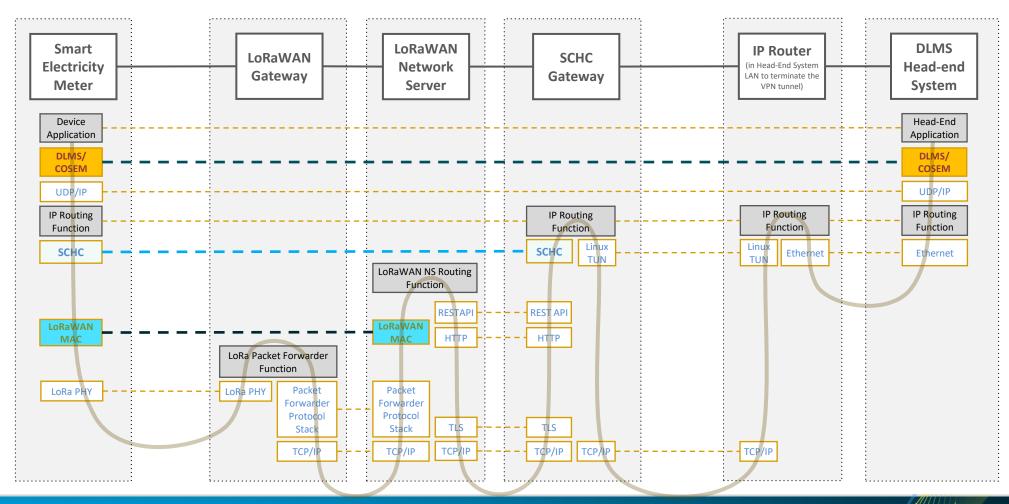
DLMS over LoRaWAN®





Data flow of DLMS over LoRaWAN®

Live demo on LoRa Alliance booth (4&5)





SMART GAS METERING WITH DLMS IN ITALY

- DLMS is required in Italy by regulation of CIG
- Facing obligation to connect all meters and coverage issues
 with NB-IoT in Italy, for its new generation of smart gas meters
 Nimbus, Italgas looked for dual connectivity to ensure all
 meters can be connected.
- Itagas has chosen LoRaWAN because of the open standard and support of DLMS profile, and because of LoRaWAN Relay availability.
- After successful pilot of 30K with SCHC solution of ACTILITY, Italgas will start in H2 2025 a massive rollout of 8 million new smart gas meters in Italy.







https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXSXxtxzR9I

Utility benefits from a smart metering solution featuring DLMS over LoRaWAN and ready for scaling





Certification of smart electricity meter for DLMS over LoRaWAN®

STEP 1: LoRaWAN certification with IPv6 Adaptation layer using SCHC





STEP 2:
DLMS certification using a LoRaWAN testbed with SCHC



Reference links



DLMS profile for LoRaWAN is IEC standard (IEC 62056-8-12) Electricity metering data exchange – The DLMS®/COSEM suite - Part 8-12: Communication profile for Low-Power Wide Area Networks (LPWANs) and in particular LoRaWAN

https://webstore.iec.ch/en/publication/71751



LôRa Alliance Technical webinar explaining how SCHC works and how it can compress & fragment IPv6 and UDP protocols: https://resources.lora-alliance.org/youtube-all-videos-2/augmenting-lorawan-devices-with-internet-protocol-support

Technical specifications from the LoRa Alliance:

- TS010 LoRaWAN® IPv6 Adaptation layer specifications: https://resources.lora-alliance.org/document/ts010-1-0-0-ipv6-adaptation-layer
- TR006 LoRaWAN® DLMS® End-device Monitoring Guidelines: https://lora-alliance.org/resource_hub/tr006-lorawan-dlms-end-device-monitoring-guidelines/
- TR011 requirements for the testbed used for DLMS certification: https://resources.lora-alliance.org/document/tr011-1-0-0-architecture-and-requirements-of-lorawan-testbed-withipv6-adaptation-for-dlms-ua

About SCHC:

- FAQ https://resources.lora-alliance.org/faq/ipv6-lorawan-adaptation-layer-faq
- Laboratory for SCHC of IMT Atlantique University maintains open software for end device: https://lab-schc.fr/





Questions

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