

# Advance smart metering technologies and software for precise end-use Identification

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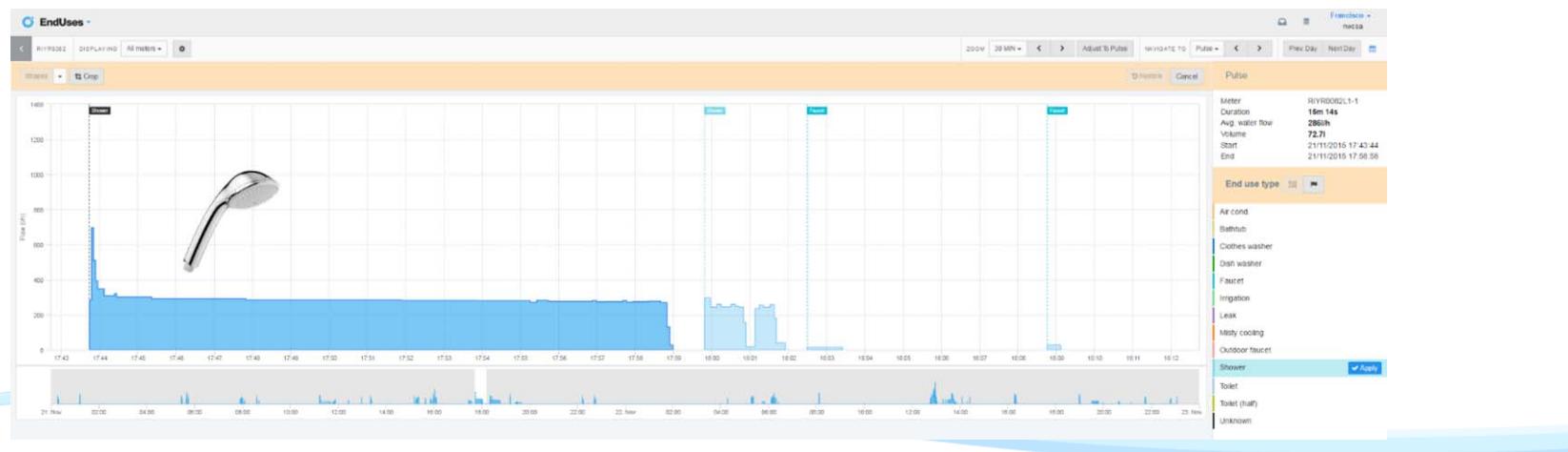
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# Outline

- Hardware

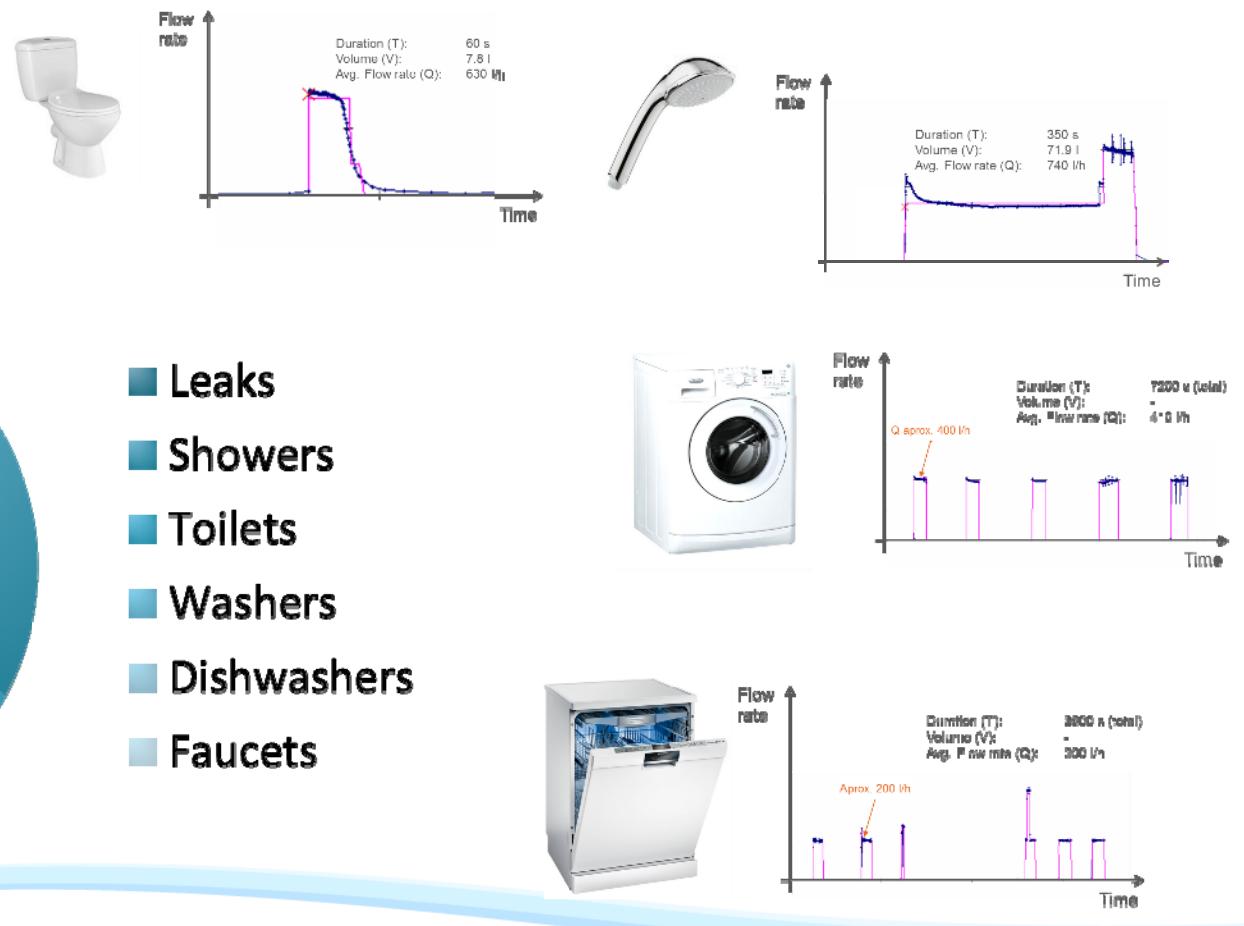
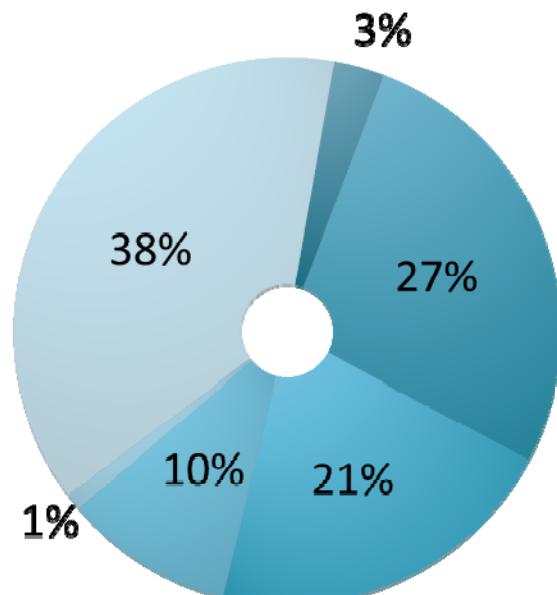


- Software



# Fundamentals of End-Use analysis

- End-Uses analysis disaggregates water consumption into its basic components



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- End-Uses disaggregation:

- It is mainly intended for residential users
- It is based on the intrinsic characteristics of the consumption



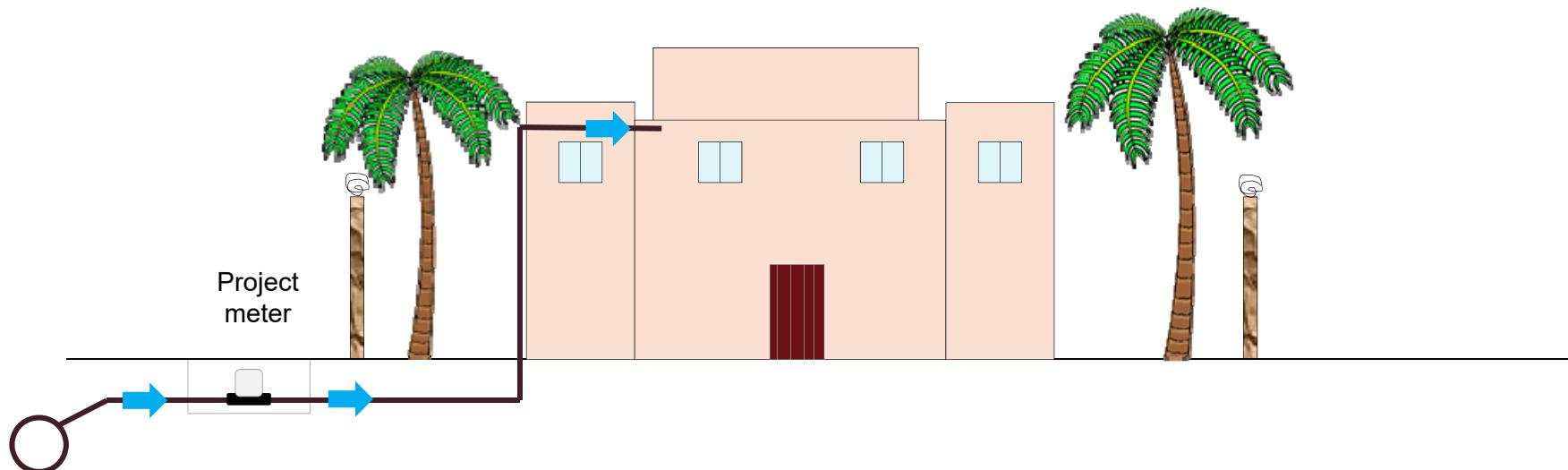
- Reliability of the results depend on:

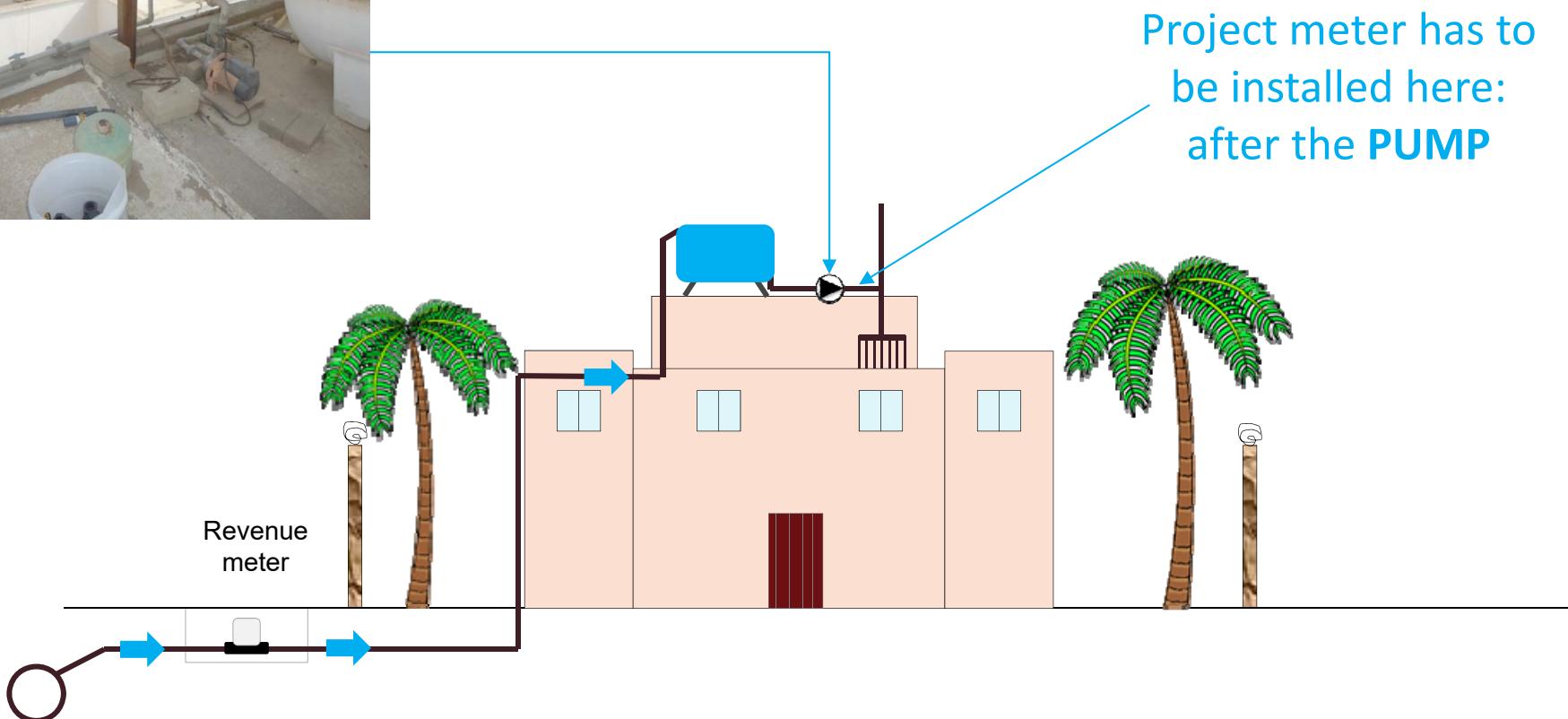


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Most times limited by budget

End-Use disaggregation is not 100% reliable with current technology





# Fundamentals of End-Use analysis

- Limited consumption series

- Limited duration - most times 2 weeks
    - Is this enough to establish changes in behaviour?
    - Is this enough to be reliable?
  - Reduced number of households

# Data-quality for End-Use identification



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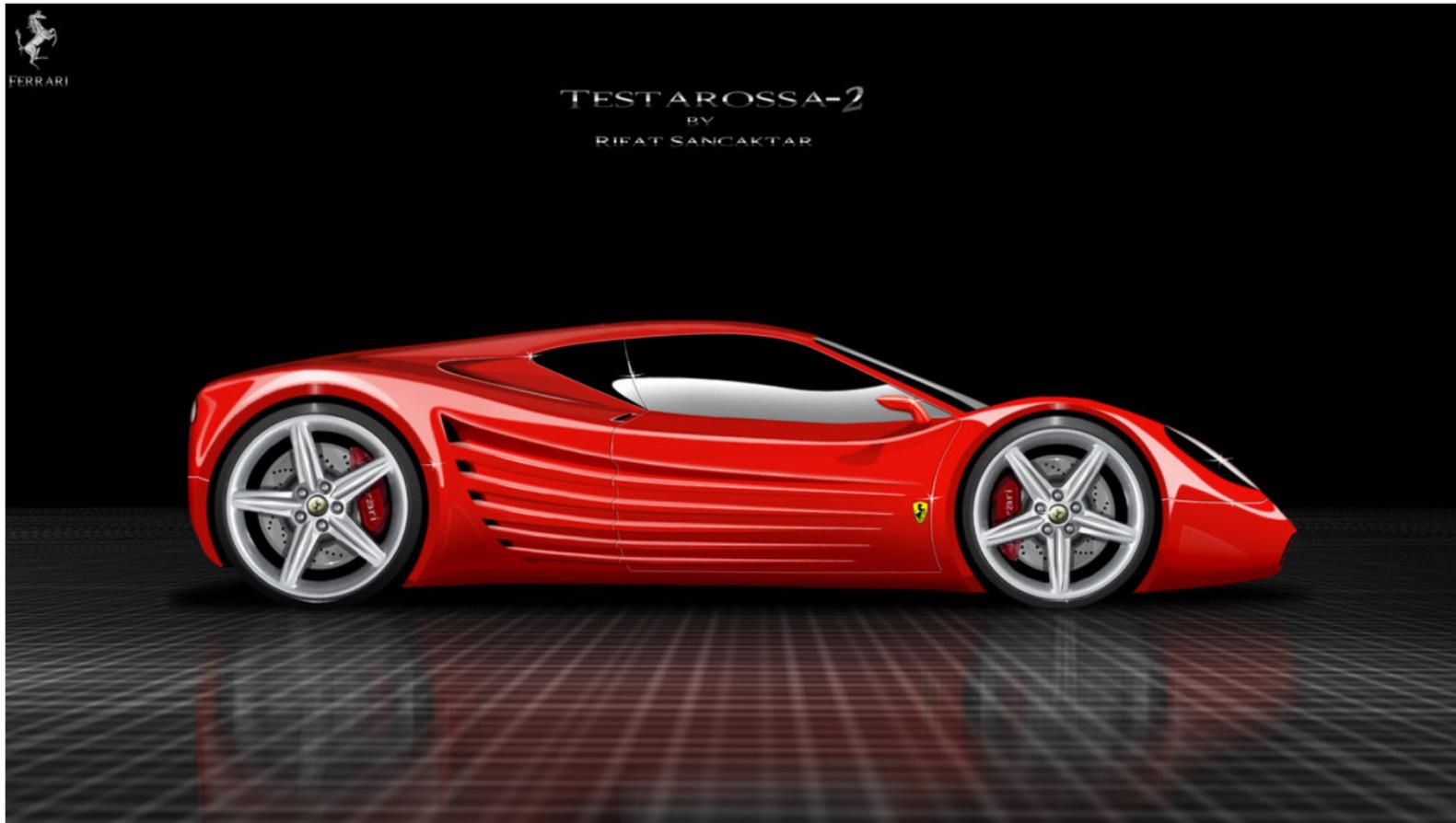
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## ● Metrology of the meter

- Low flows (be careful with using utility meters!)
- High flows
- Frequency response (how fast the meter responds to changes in flow)

## ● Working principle of the meter

- Mechanical: Velocity – Positive displacement



- Non-Mechanical: Ultrasonic – Electromagnetic



Continuous flow measurement

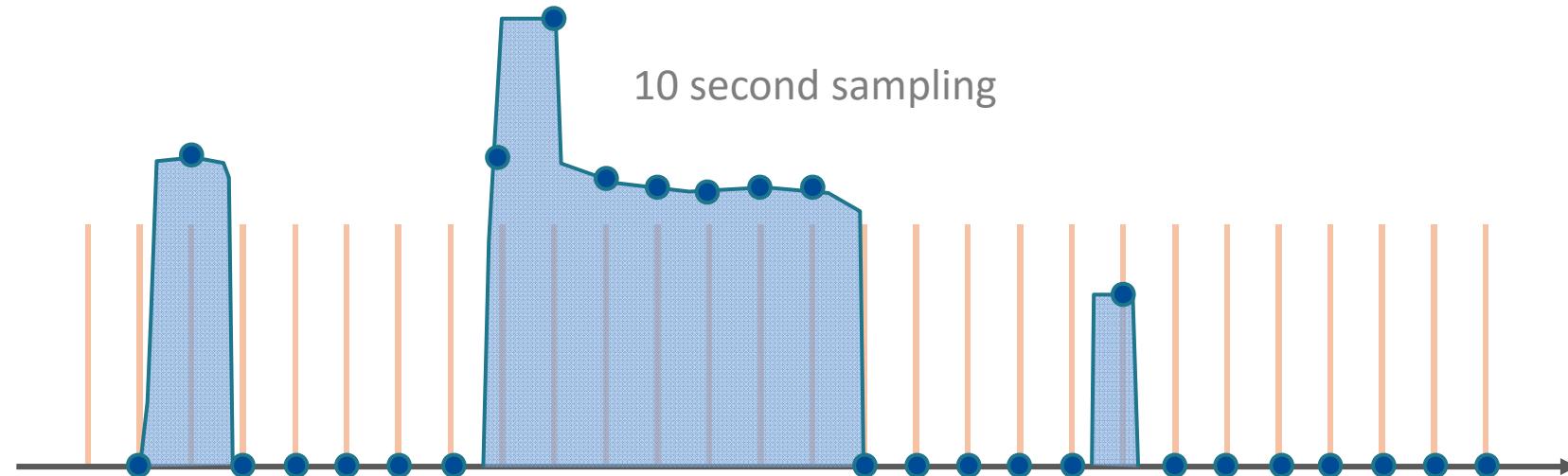
Flow signal is sampled to save battery

Meter measuring capabilities

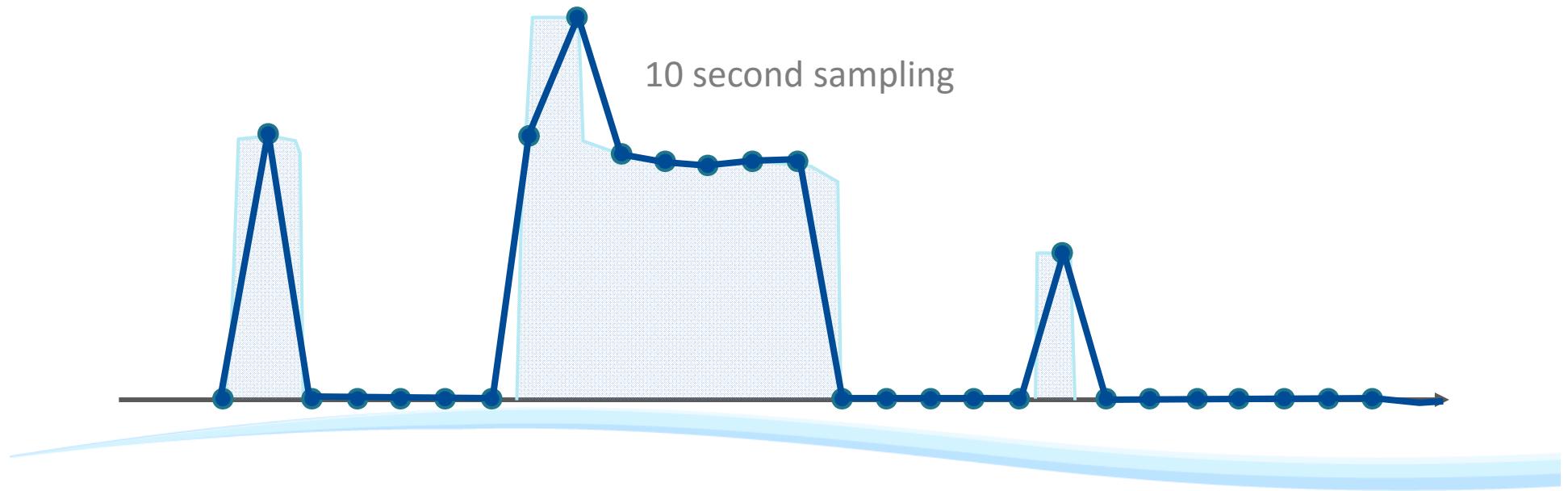
Meter to logger communication

Logger recording capabilities

Software capabilities

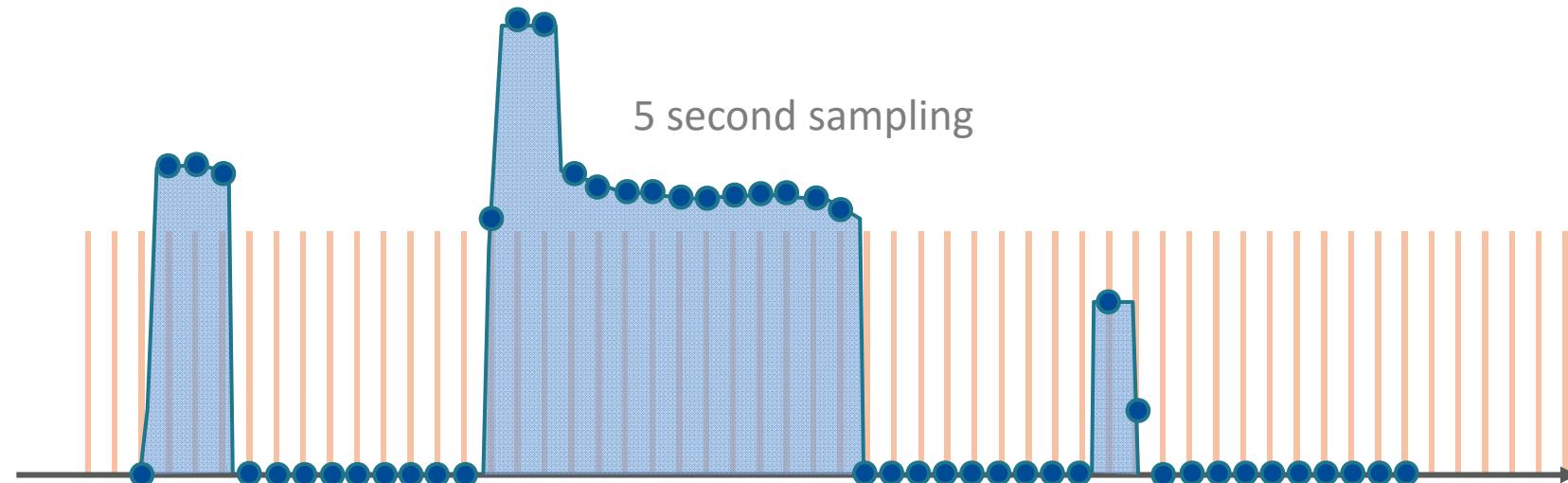
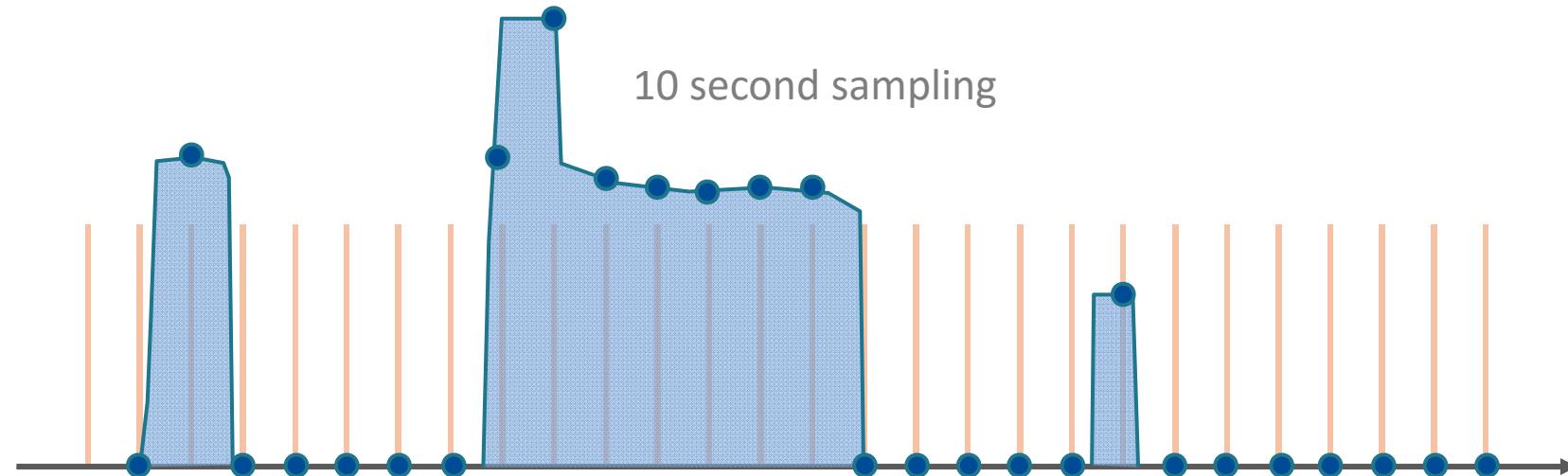


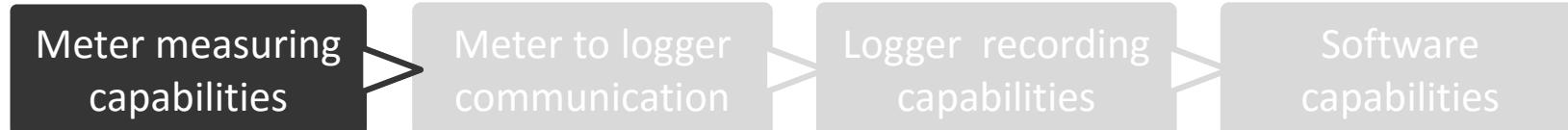
10 second sampling



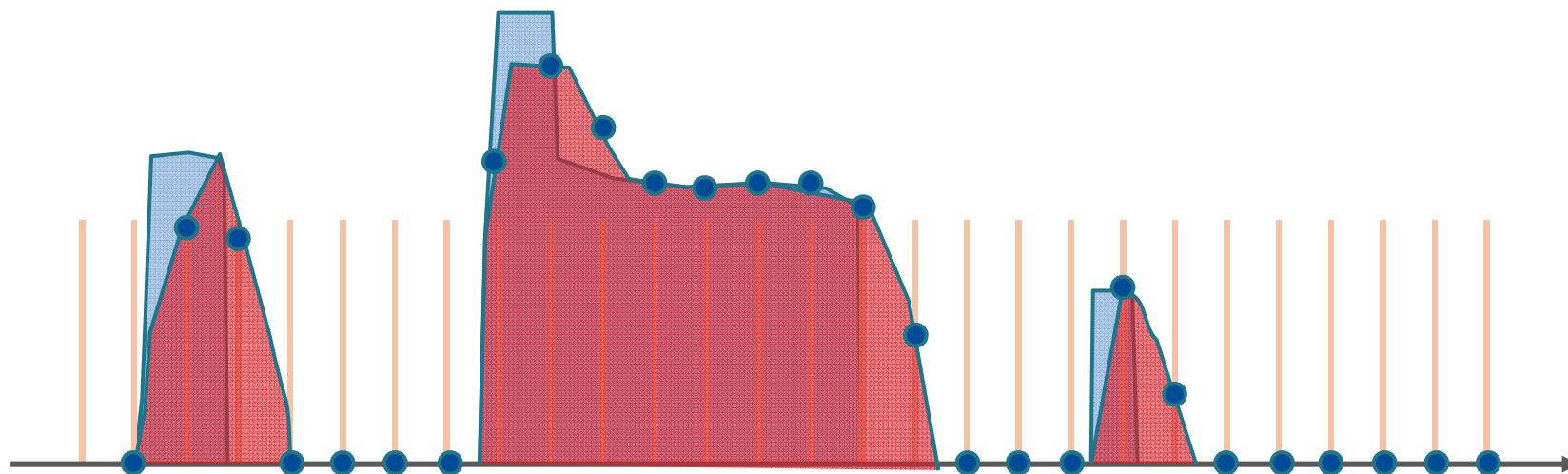
# This is signal sampling!



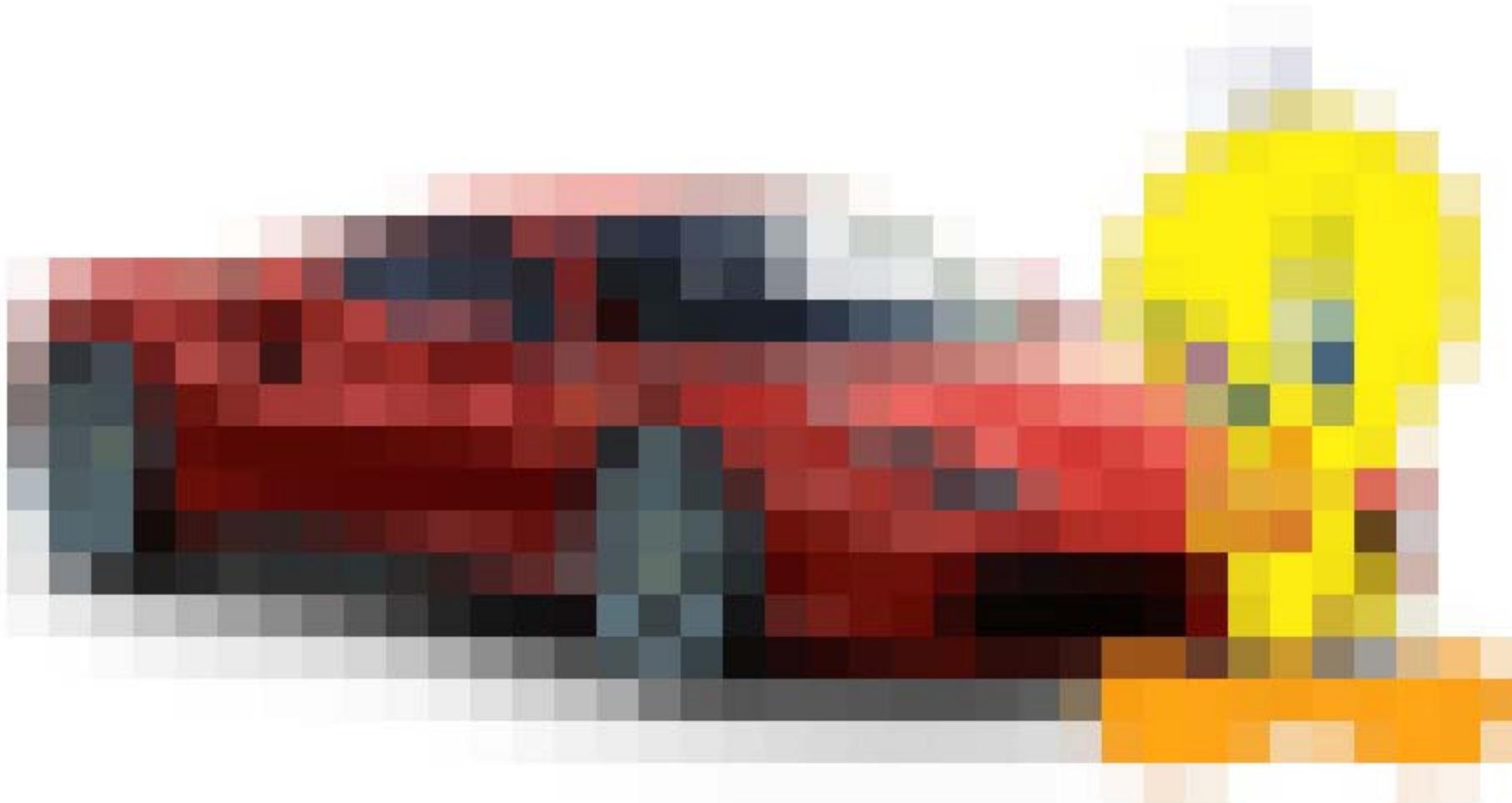




Low frequency response of a meter

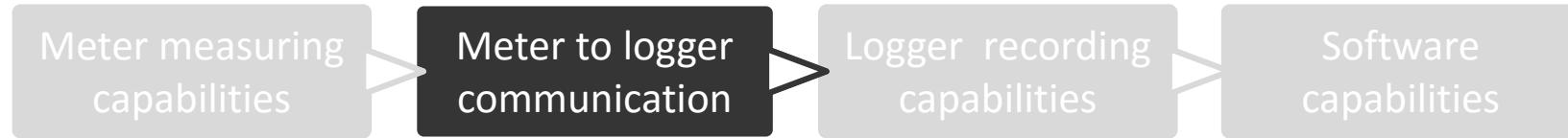


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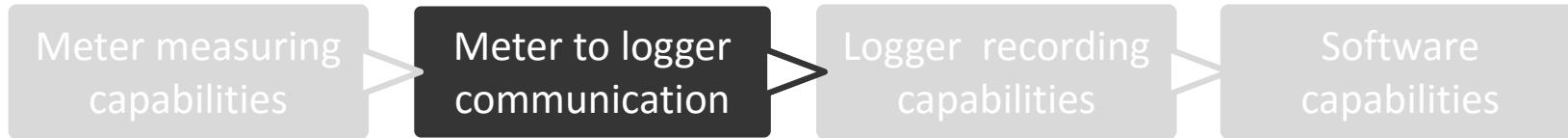


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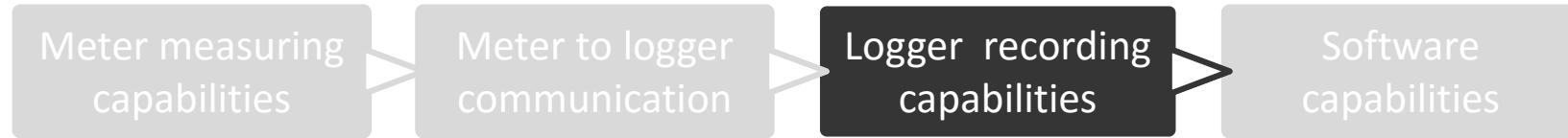




- How consumption data can be extracted from the meters?
- By type
  - Pulse output
    - Mechanical (Reed switch)
    - Non-mechanical (Hall effect)
  - Communication protocol
    - M-BUS
    - Other protocols
  - Analogue output
    - 0-5 V, 0-100 mV, 4-20 mA
- By medium of communication
  - Wired
  - Wireless



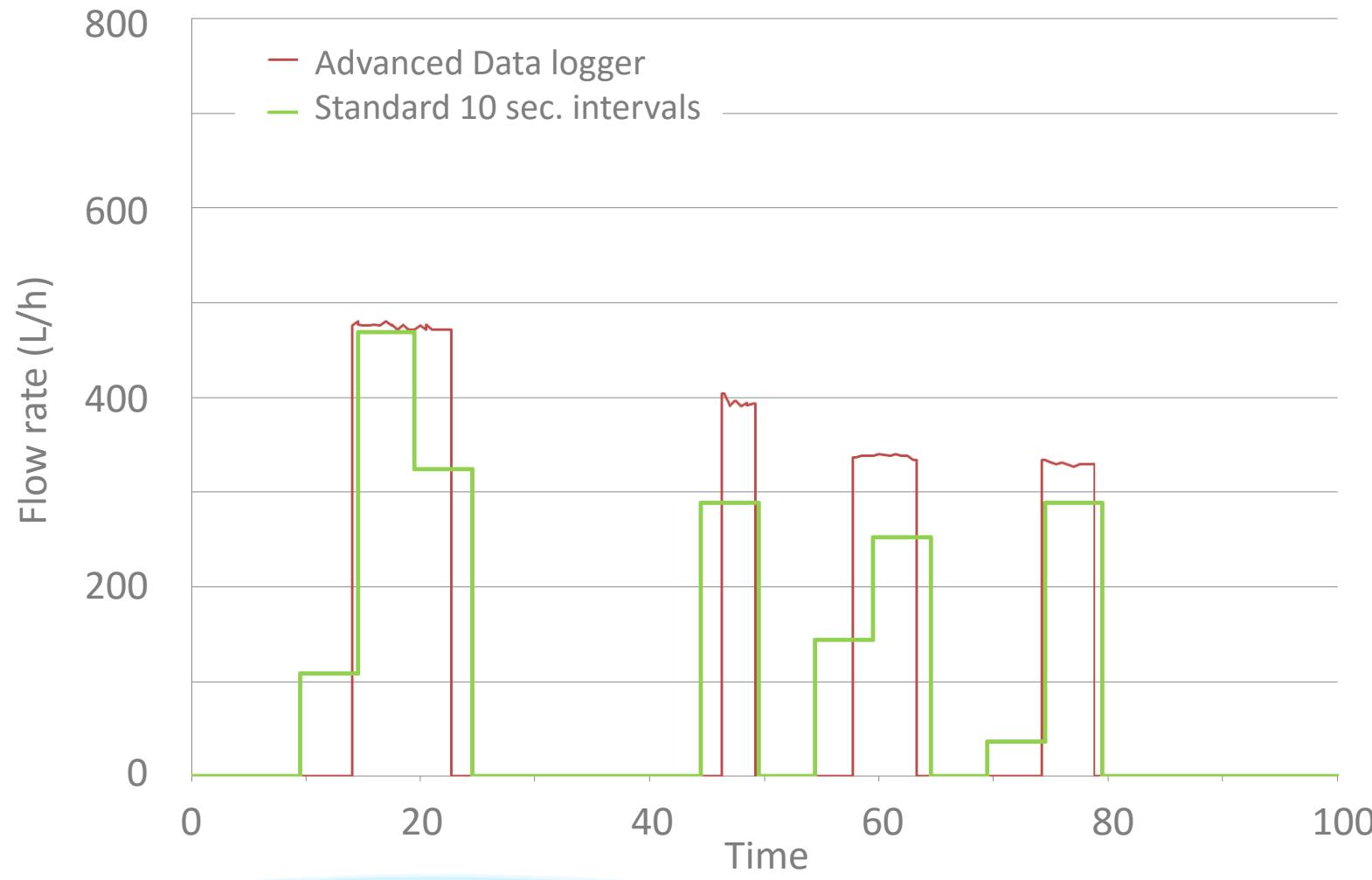
|                | Advantages  | Disadvantages  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Pulse output   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost</li> <li>Volume reading resolution</li> <li>Availability &amp; flexibility</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliability</li> <li>Limited amount information</li> <li>Inverse flow</li> </ul>                    |
| Protocol comm. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absolute readings</li> <li>Additional information</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slow communications</li> <li>Poor volume reading resolution</li> <li>Battery consumption</li> </ul> |



- Memory capacity
- How consumption data is stored in the logger
  - At fix intervals of time
  - Recording the time of occurrence of the pulses

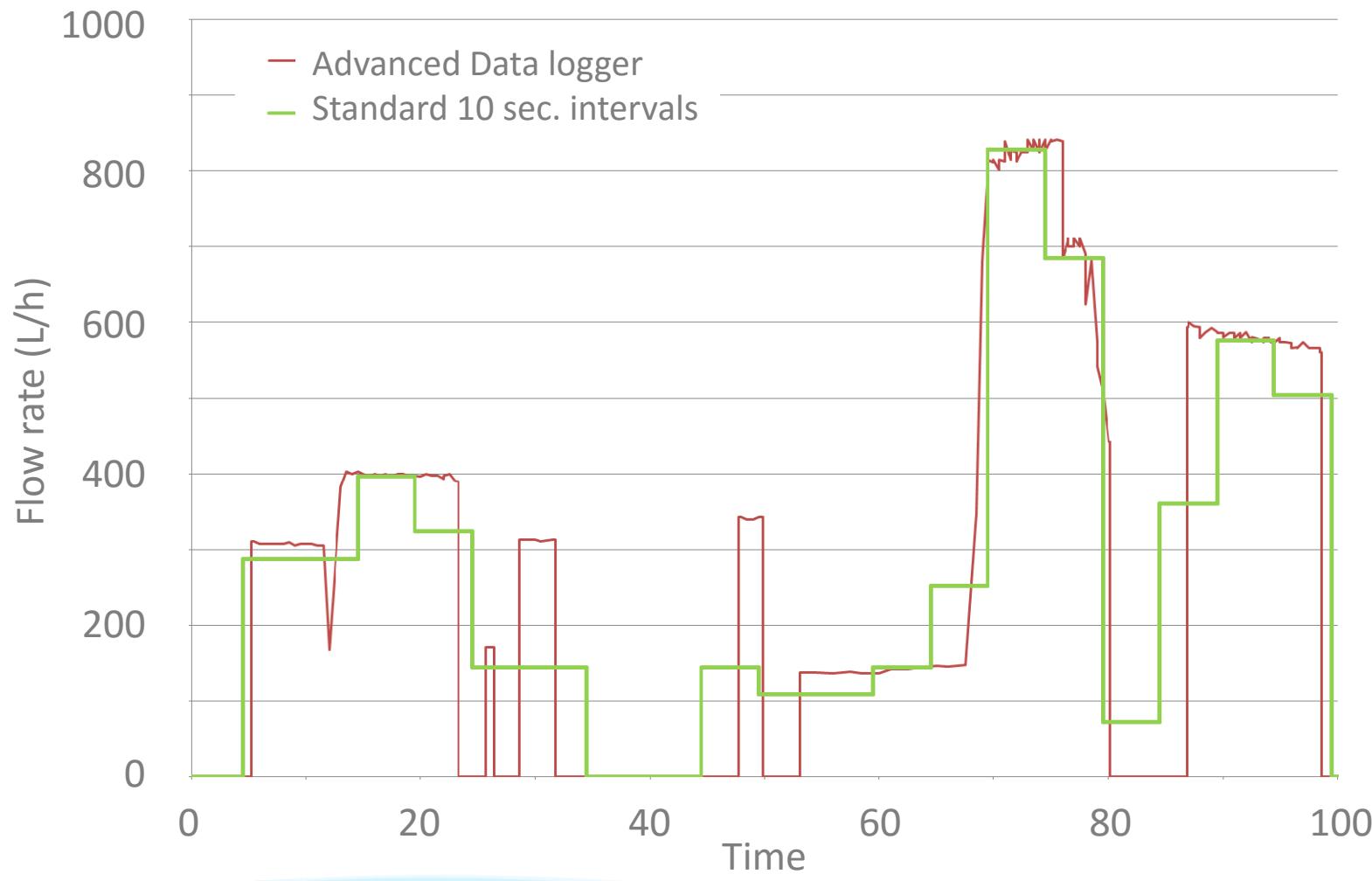


# Flow traces distortion caused by data acquisition equipment



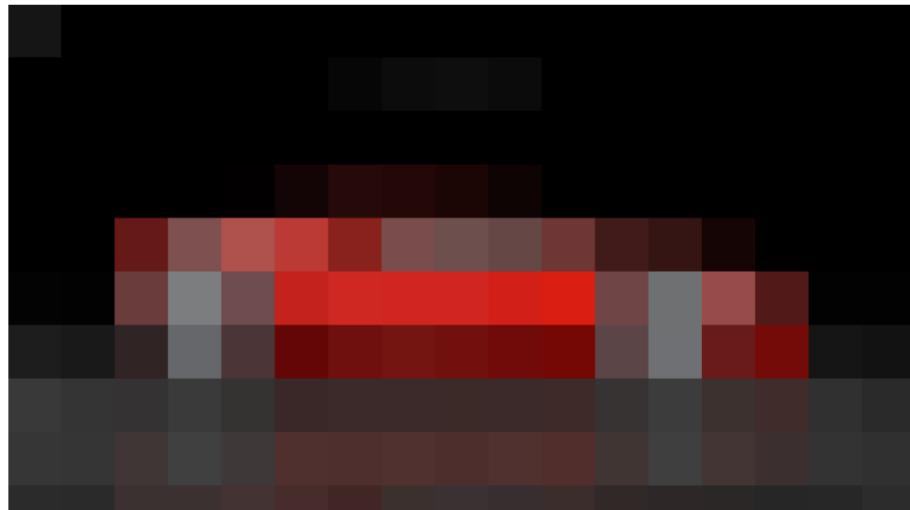


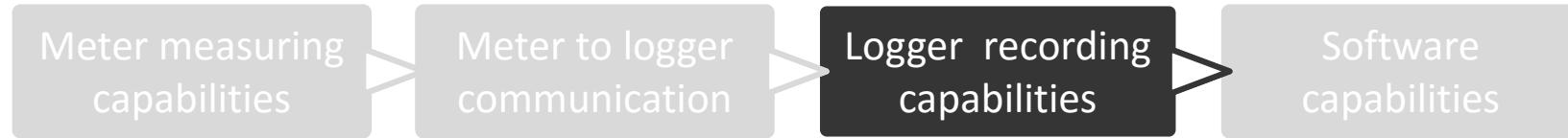
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# How far do we want to go?

- Decide the objectives to define how accurately we need to measure water consumption.





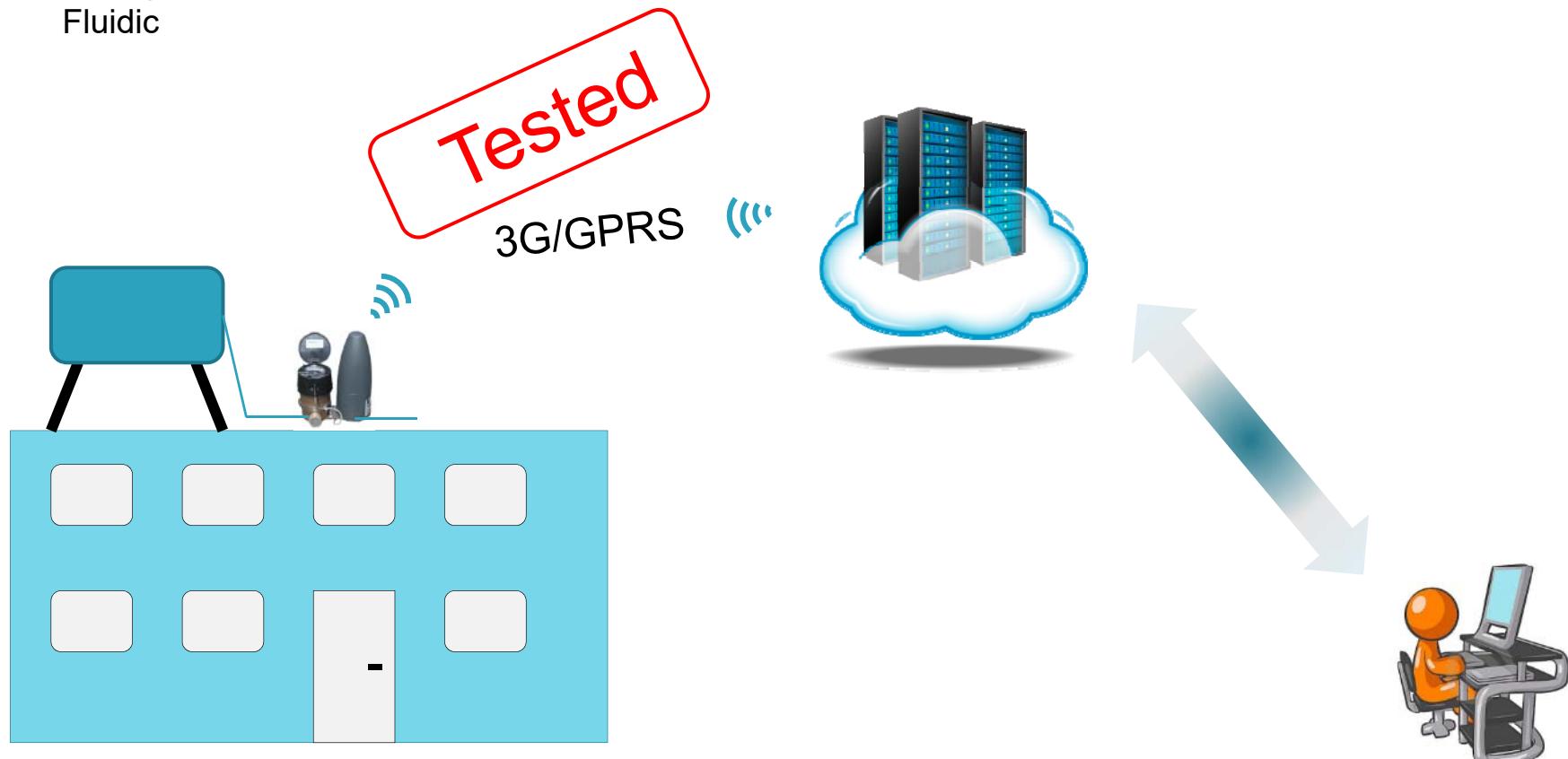
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  - Recording the time of occurrence of the pulses
- Battery duration ← Thinking on the long term
  - Lithium batteries
  - Rechargeable batteries + solar panel
- 3G/GPRS communication
  - More data –higher transmission costs and battery consumption
- Remote configuration capabilities
  - 2-Way communication required

## Option 1

Meter → Reading → Comm. to logger → Recorder → Comm. to server

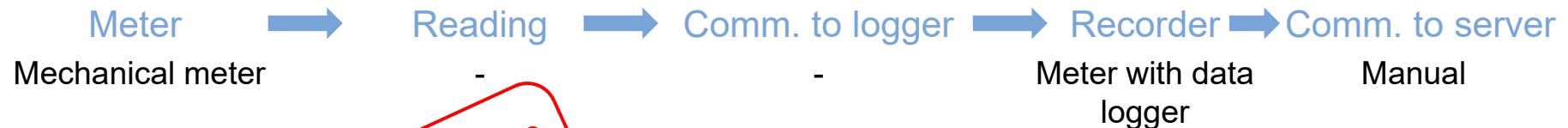
Mechanical  
Ultrasonic  
Electromagnetic  
Fluidic

Pulse emitter  
Wired connection  
Data logger  
3G/GPRS

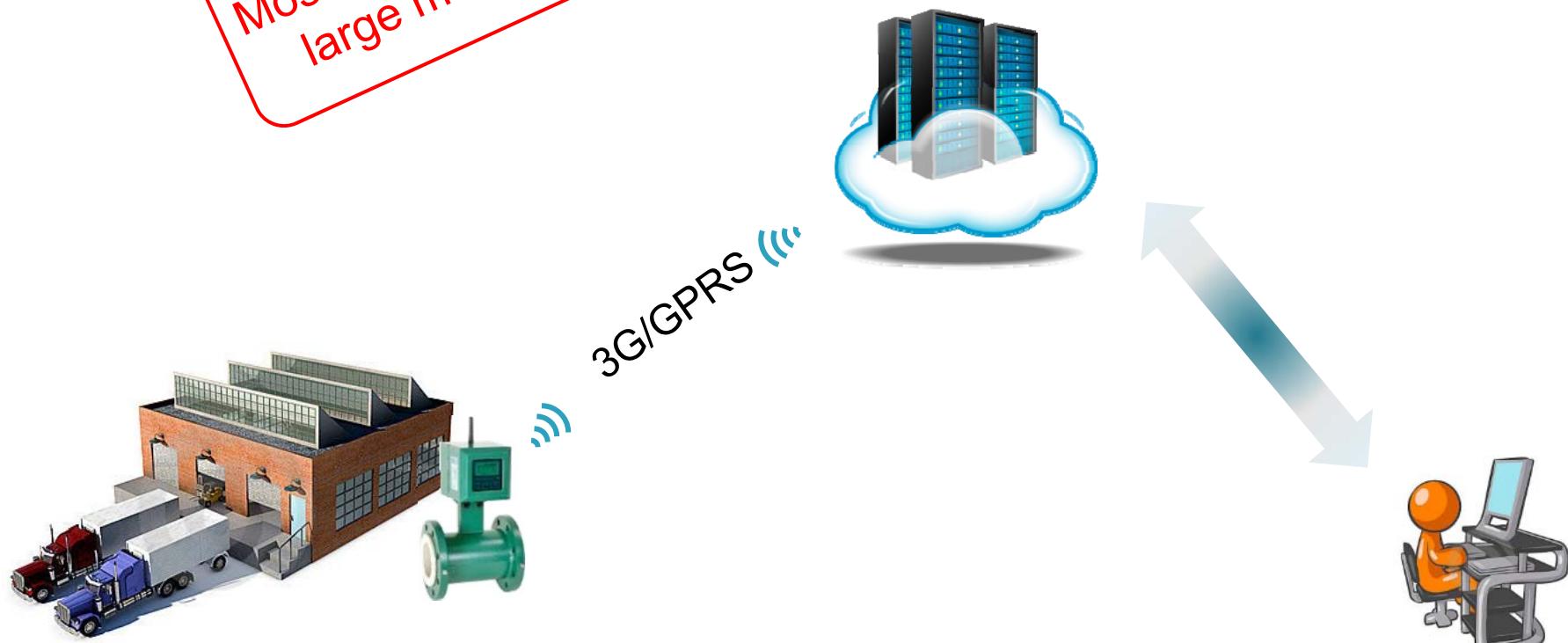




## Option 2



Mostly medium & large meters



## Option 3

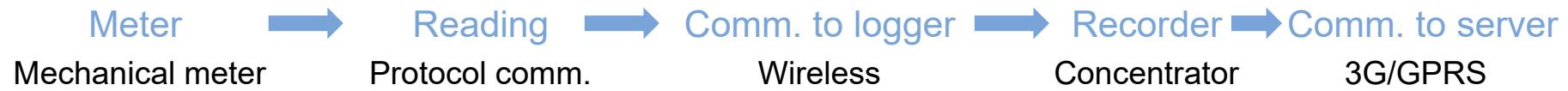


If data does not reach the logger  
It is completely lost

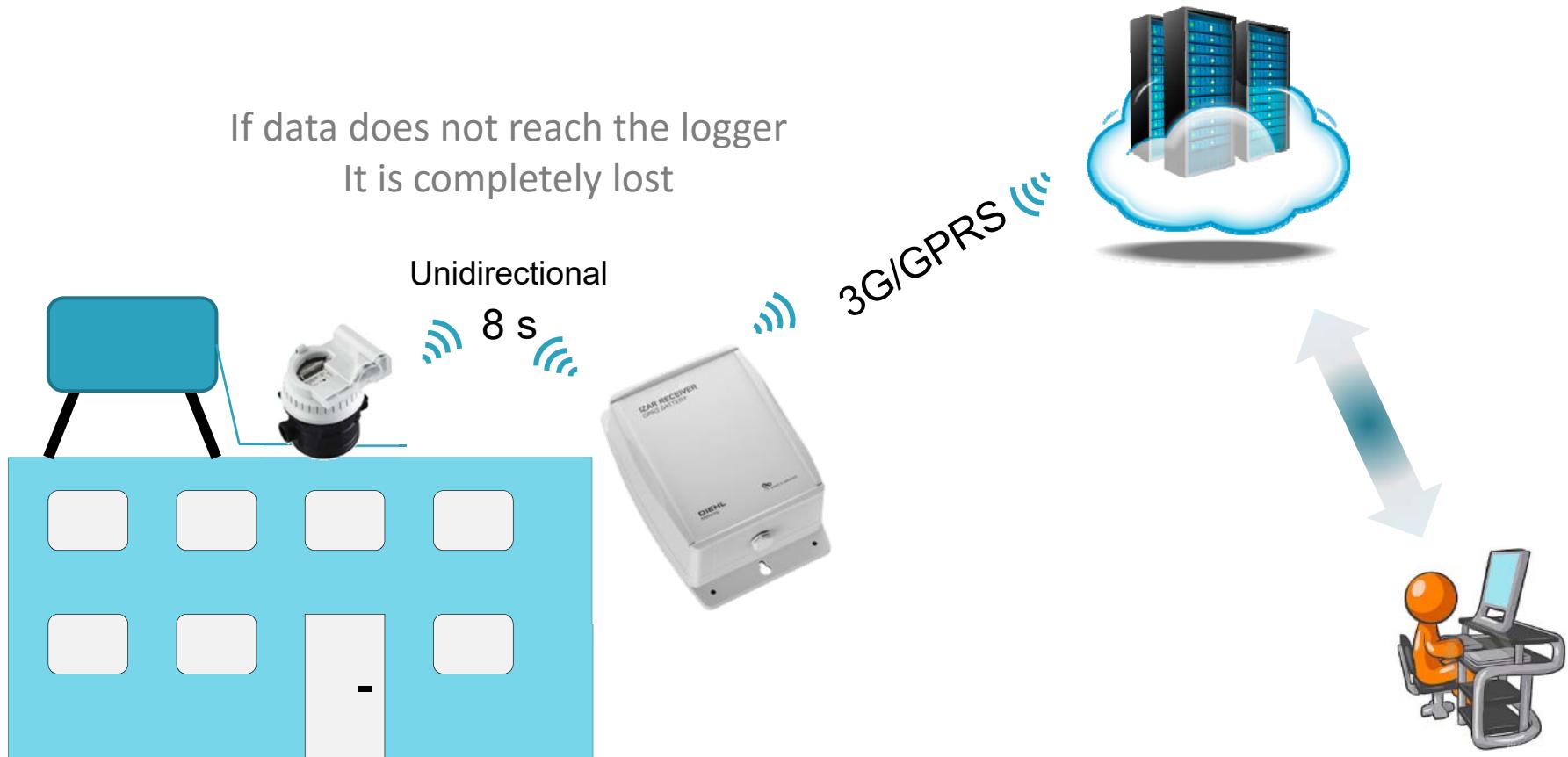


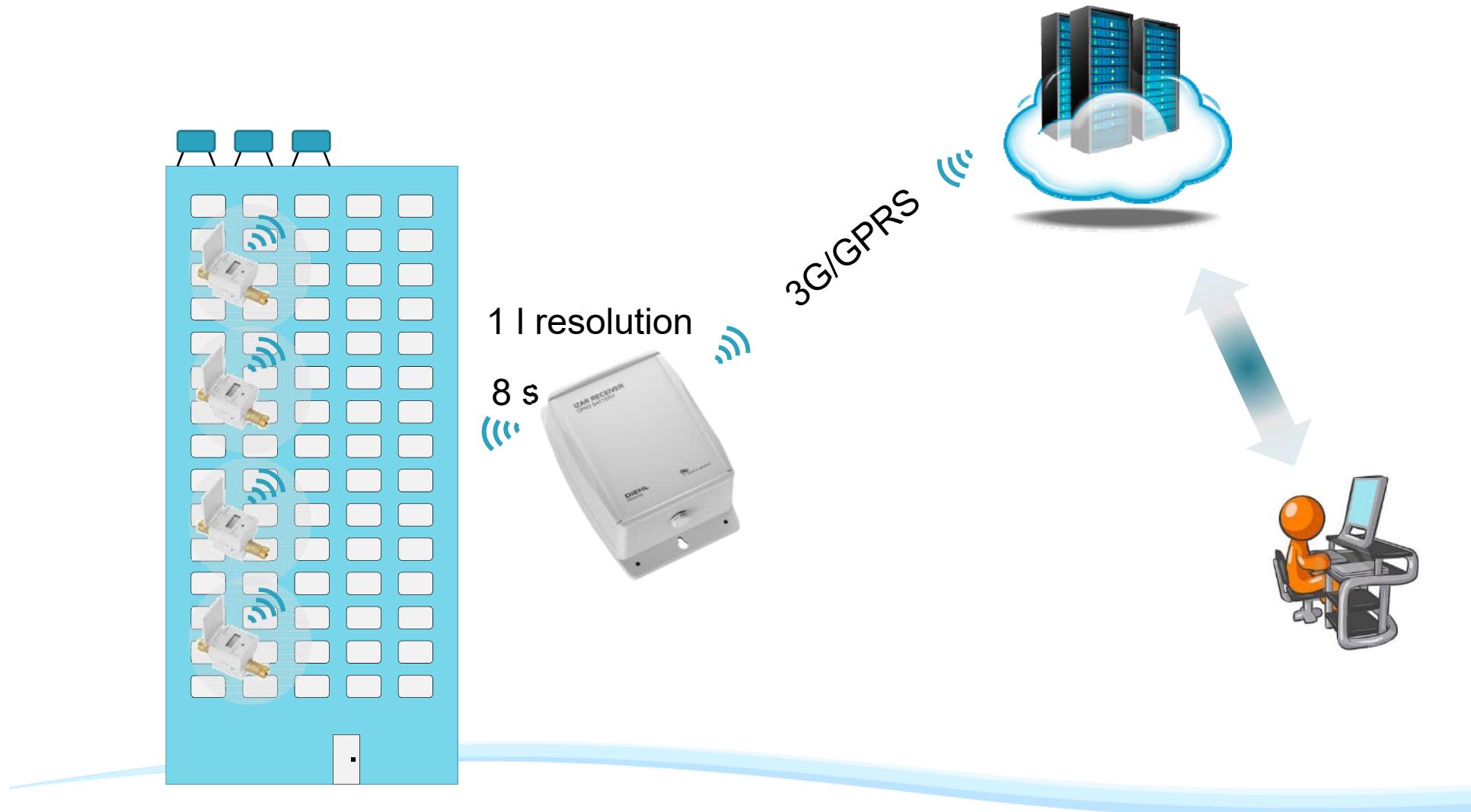
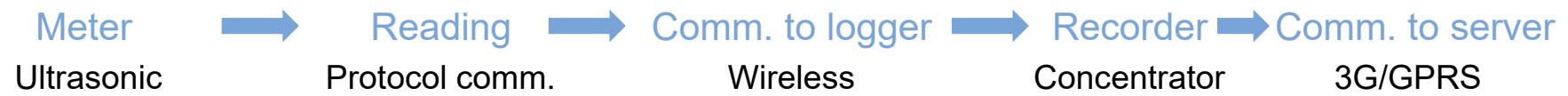


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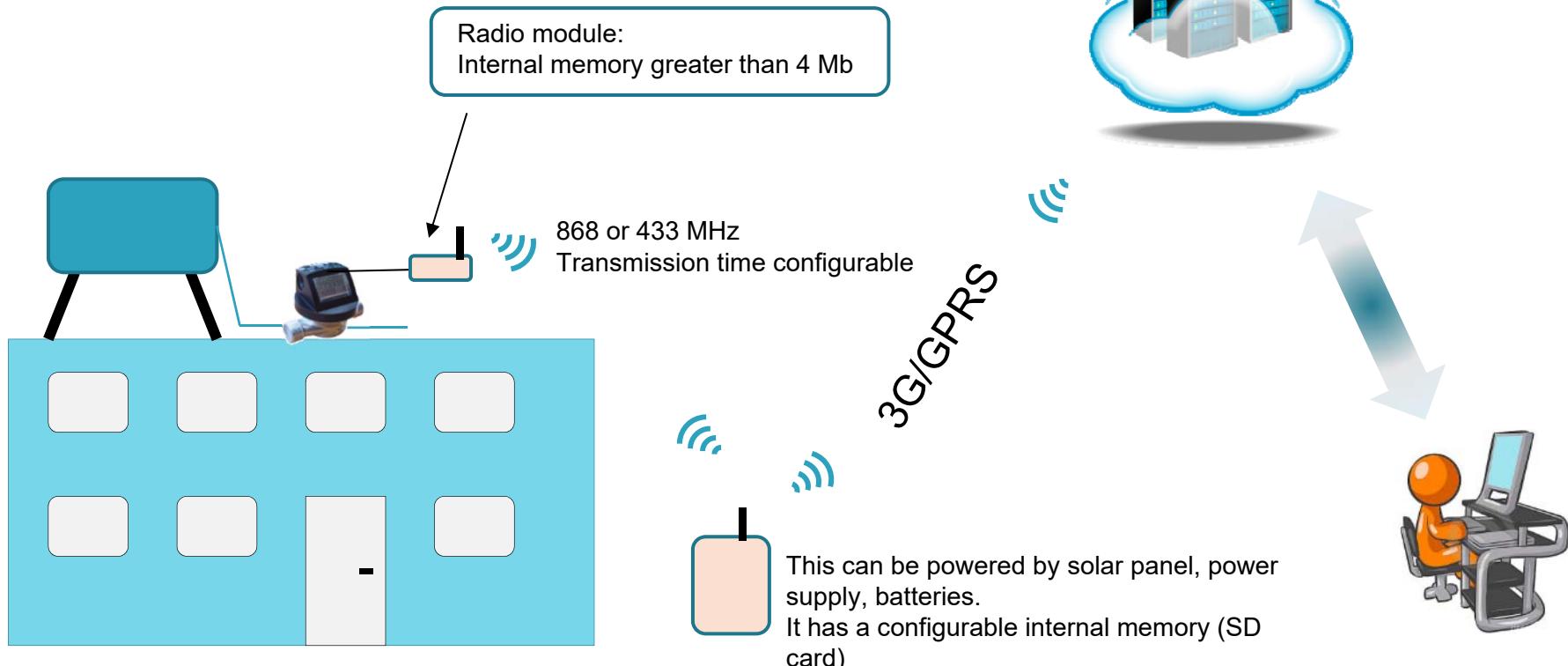
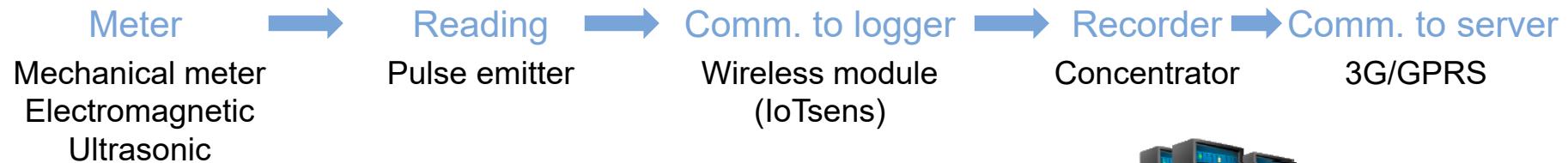
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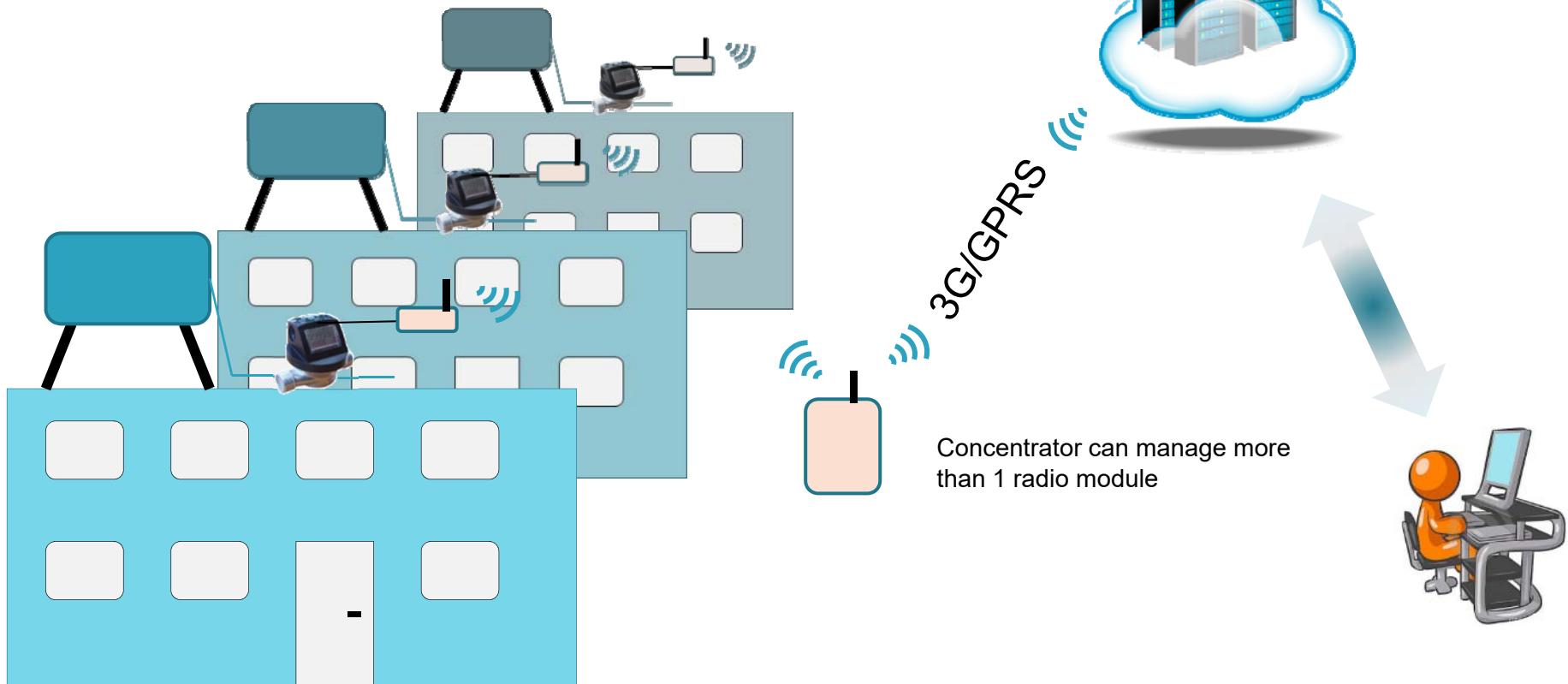
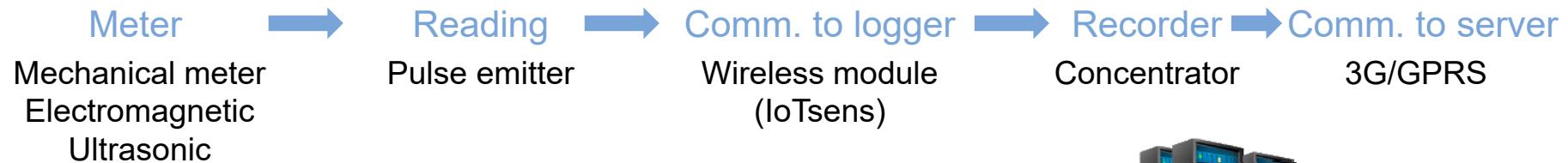


## Option 5





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# Applications

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- Residential customers with more than one meter



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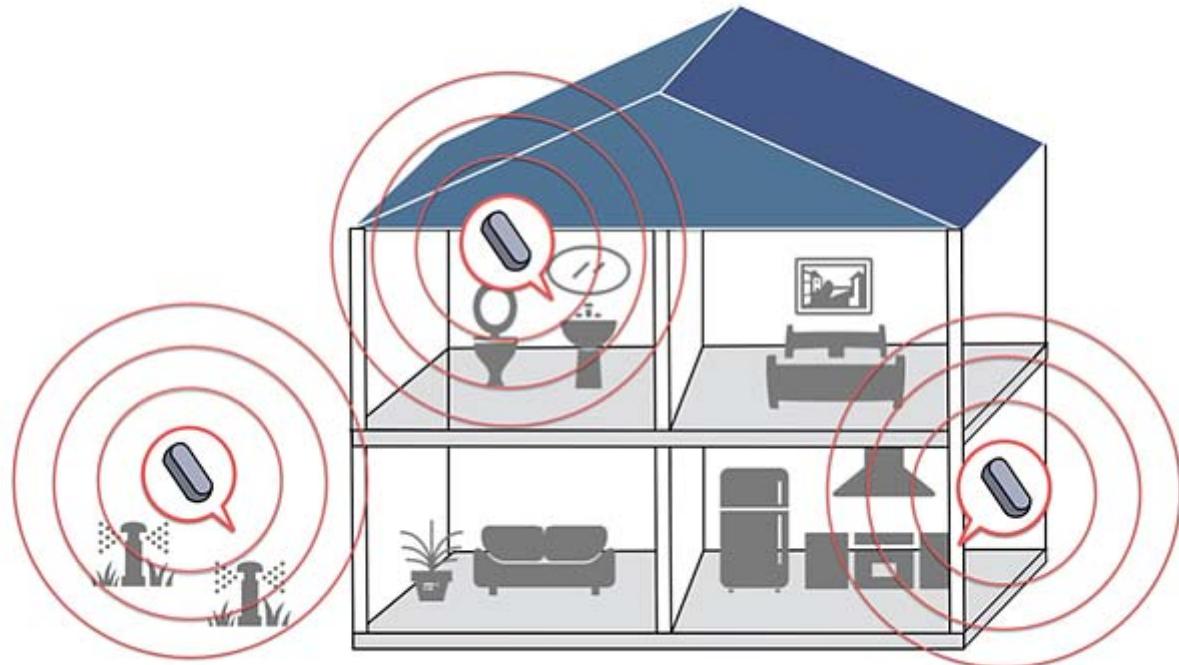
Option 5

- Residential buildings meters installed in apartments
- Residential areas
- Studies on hot-cold End-Uses of water
- Studies for various utilities at once (water + electricity + gas)
- Analysis of non-residential users
  - Flow switches + wireless transmitters
  - Meters at strategic locations
  - Loggers

## Additional hardware available



<http://www.oasys.io/>



# Conclusions on hardware technologies

- Non-mechanical meters commercially available today are not suitable for End-Use studies
- Protocol communications cannot be used
  - Slow
  - Reading volume resolution
  - Battery consumption
- Logger's data storing capacity allows for high freq. readings
- Low cost solutions are becoming available for long term monitoring

Not designed for  
such frequent  
readings!!

# Data-quality for End-Use identification



# Need for a new software tool

## Moving from a PILOT to an EXTENDED study

### Pilot study

Limited number of users

Limited duration of monitoring period

Manual data downloading

Manual processing

High unitary cost

### Extended study

Large number of users

Unlimited duration of monitoring period

Automatic data transmission

Automatic processing

Low unitary cost

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## New requirements

Improved data base structure

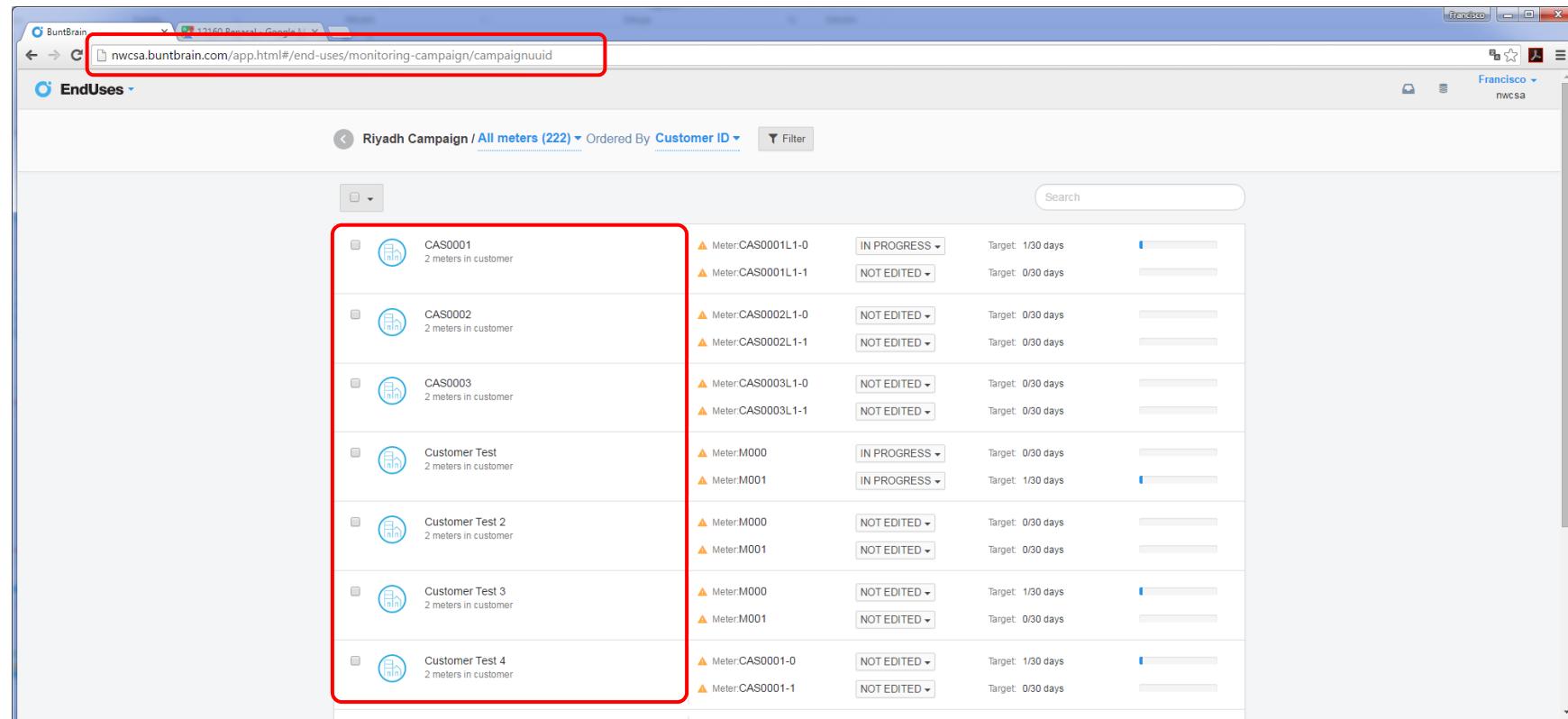
Compatibility with commercial AMR systems

Enlarged and adaptative storage capacity

Automatic processing of flow traces

Automatic reporting

# Multi-user on-line platform



Riyadh Campaign / All meters (222) Ordered By Customer ID ▾

| Customer ID     | Meter ID          | Status      | Target    |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| CAS0001         | Meter:CAS0001L1-0 | IN PROGRESS | 1/30 days |
|                 | Meter:CAS0001L1-1 | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
|                 | Meter:CAS0002L1-0 | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
|                 | Meter:CAS0002L1-1 | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
|                 | Meter:CAS0003L1-0 | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
|                 | Meter:CAS0003L1-1 | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
| Customer Test   | Meter:M000        | IN PROGRESS | 0/30 days |
|                 | Meter:M001        | IN PROGRESS | 1/30 days |
|                 | Meter:M000        | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
|                 | Meter:M001        | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
| Customer Test 2 | Meter:M000        | NOT EDITED  | 1/30 days |
|                 | Meter:M001        | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |
|                 | Meter:CAS0001-0   | NOT EDITED  | 1/30 days |
|                 | Meter:CAS0001-1   | NOT EDITED  | 0/30 days |

# Automatic reporting

BuntBrain 12160 Benasal - Google M Francisco nwcsa

EndUses Riyadh Campaign / DAMR0002

Change status View survey data Export Edit pulses

DAMR0002 2 meters in customer

Meter: DAMR0002L1-0 TO REVIEW Target: 15/30 days  
 ▲ Meter: DAMR0002L1-1 NOT EDITED Target: 0/30 days

Customer overview during campaign

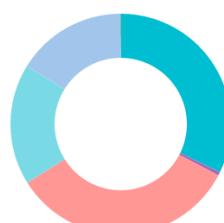
TOTAL DAILY AVG CONSUMPTION 226l

DAILY CONSUMPTION

Survey data

View survey data

End Uses distribution for all meters in customer



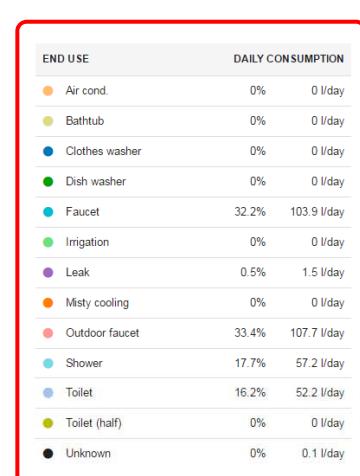
| END USE        | DAILY CONSUMPTION |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Air cond.      | 0% 0 l/day        |
| Bathtub        | 0% 0 l/day        |
| Clothes washer | 0% 0 l/day        |
| Dish washer    | 0% 0 l/day        |
| Faucet         | 32.2% 103.9 l/day |
| Irrigation     | 0% 0 l/day        |
| Leak           | 0.5% 1.5 l/day    |
| Misty cooling  | 0% 0 l/day        |
| Outdoor faucet | 33.4% 107.7 l/day |
| Shower         | 17.7% 57.2 l/day  |
| Toilet         | 16.2% 52.2 l/day  |
| Toilet (half)  | 0% 0 l/day        |
| Unknown        | 0% 0.1 l/day      |

END USE DAILY CONSUMPTION

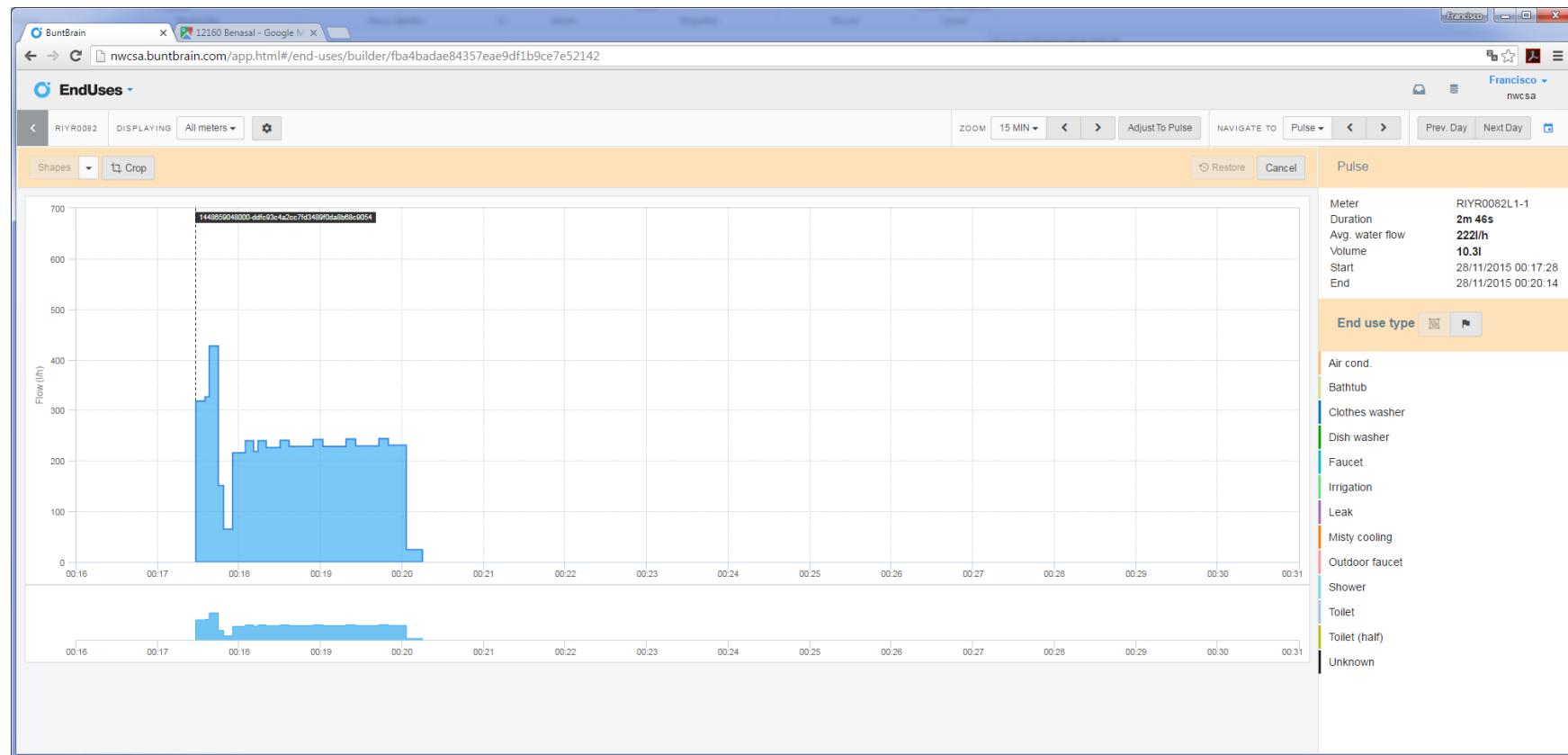
END USE DAILY CONSUMPTION

No data to display

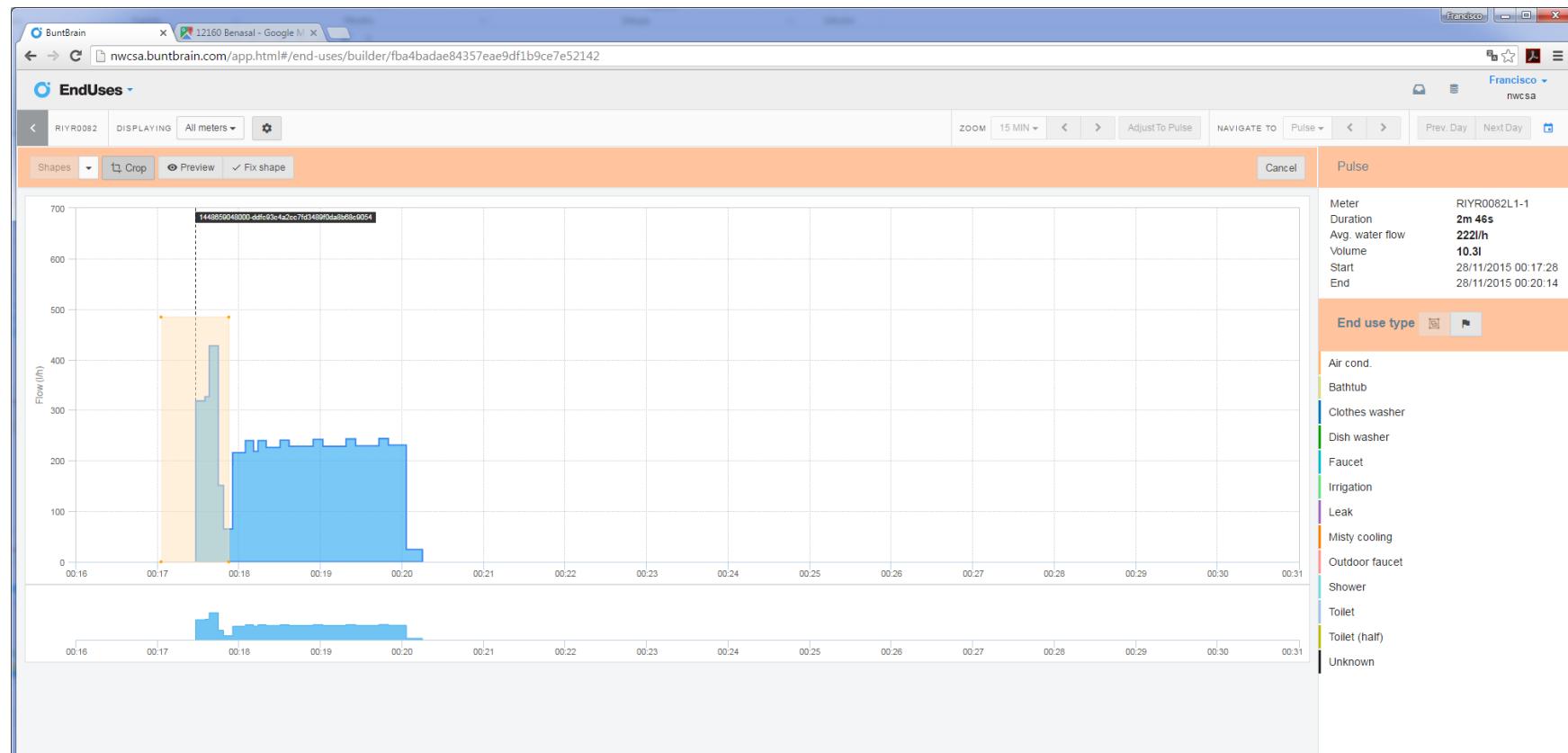
EDIT PULSES Go to last processed date Go to first not processed date Go to first unreliable date



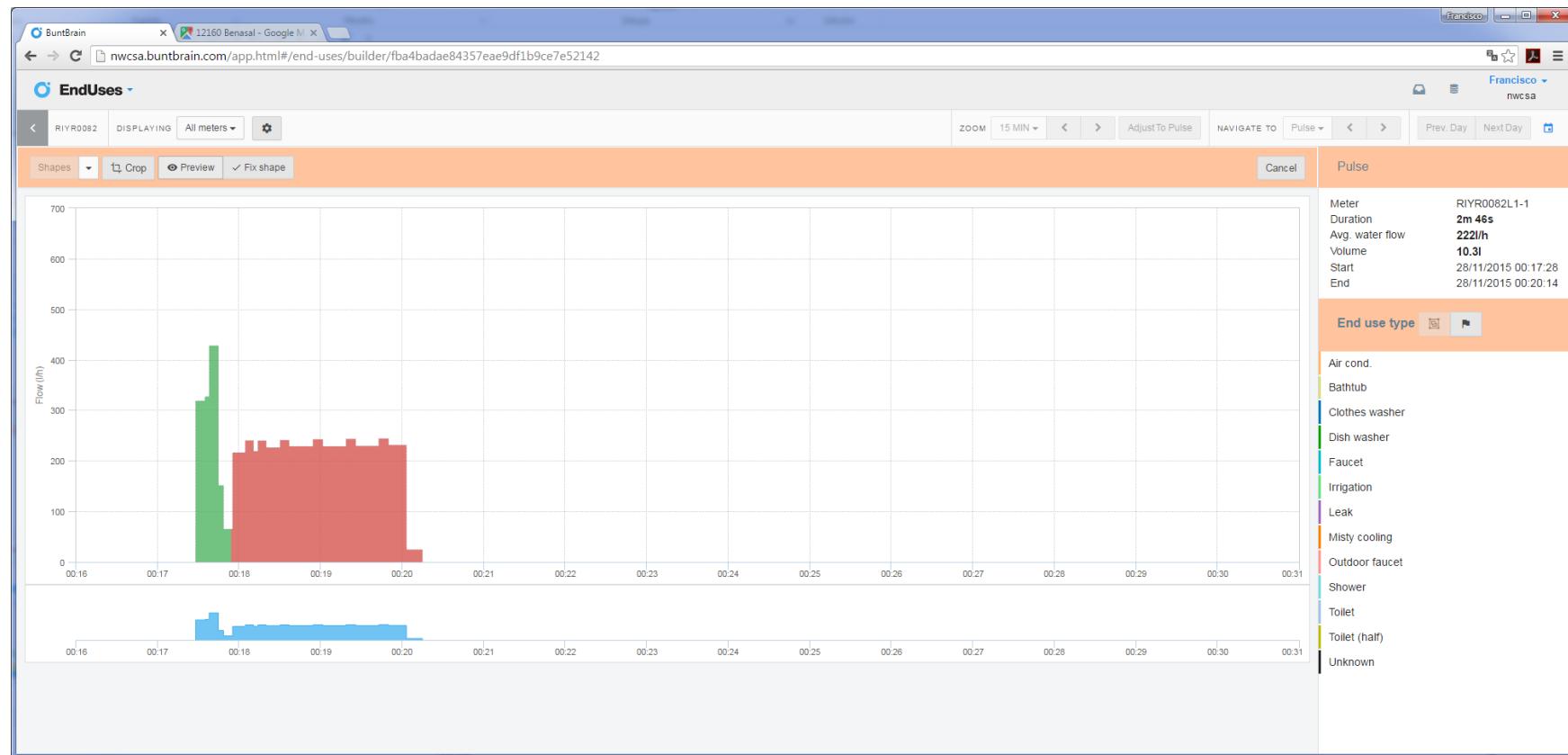

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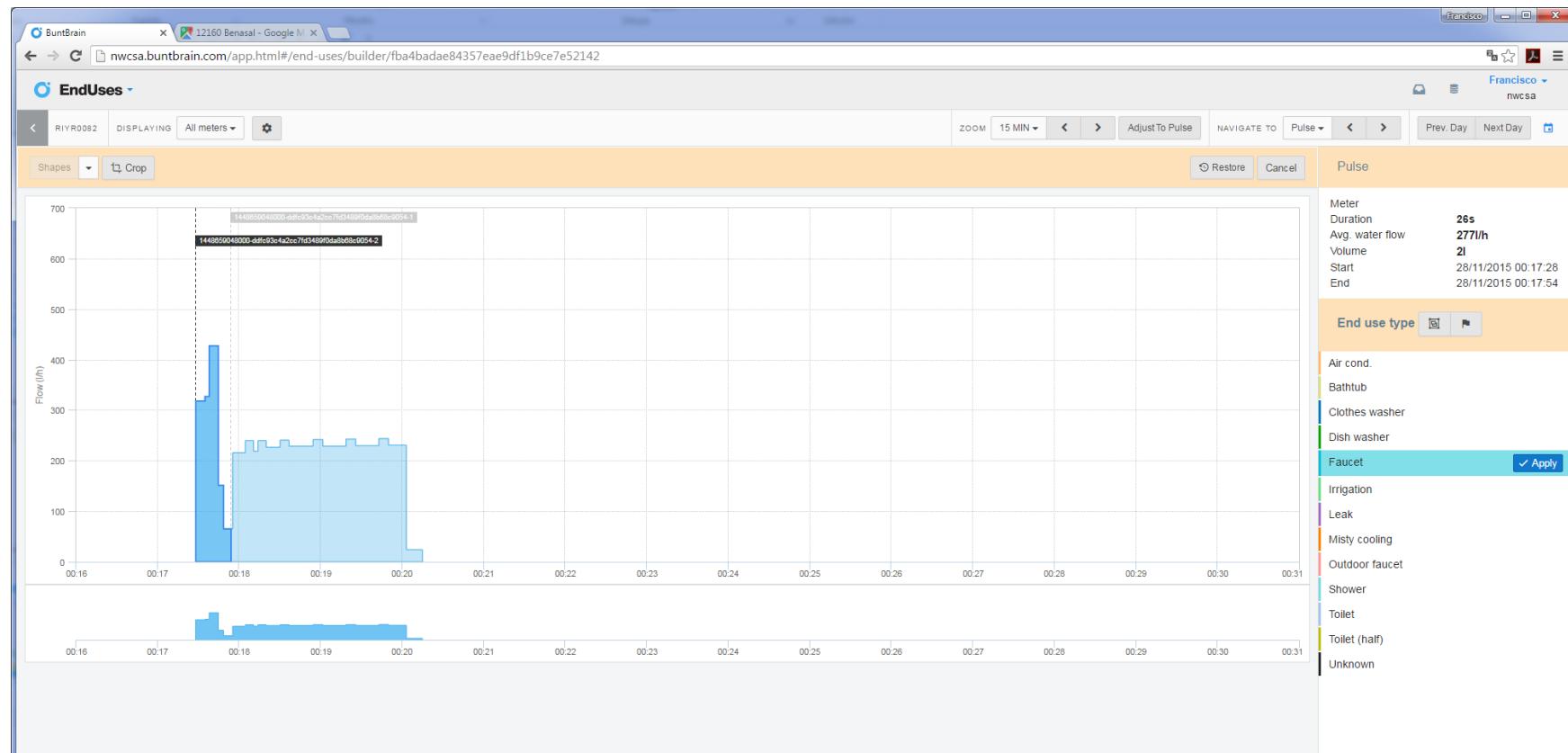
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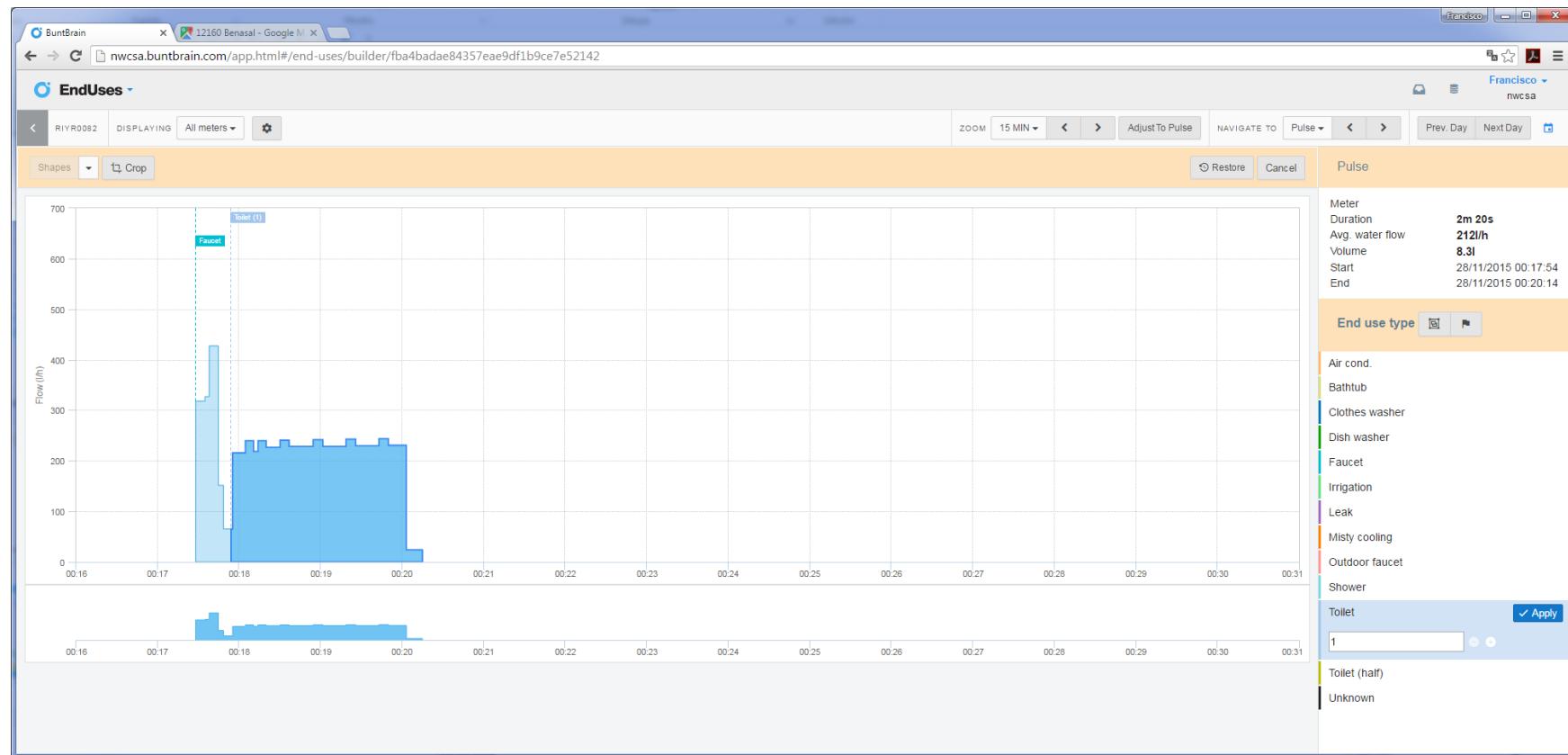
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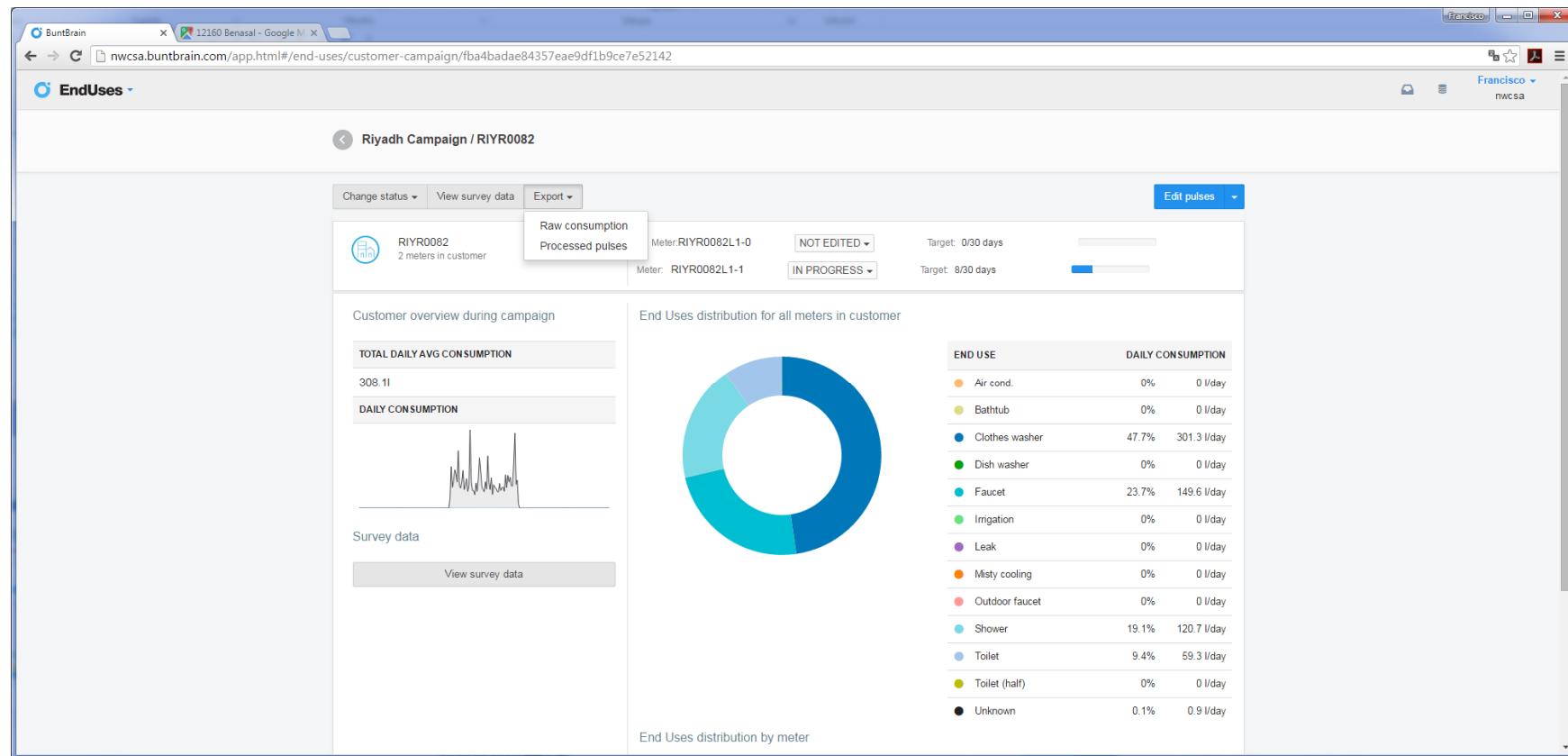
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# Exporting data for analysis



## Additional required features

The software should be capable of simultaneously working with several signals per customer:



Hot and Cold water



Non-residential users with several meters



Drinking and Non-drinking water

## Additional required features

- Pulses should not be recorded as simple rectangular pulses

More sophisticated identification methods can be developed



More accurate results



More storage space is needed



Larger processing capacity



## Conclusions

- Technology has made possible continuous monitoring of customers
- New software tools are needed to process the huge volume of data collected
- Often consumption pulses cannot be treated as rectangular pulses

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