

NB-IoT overview

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely São Paulo, showing a dense urban landscape with illuminated buildings and streets. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the image, centered over a cluster of buildings. The circle contains a faint, stylized graphic of a network or signal. The overall scene is dark, with city lights providing the primary illumination.

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NB-IoT

NB-IoT is a radio technology standard developed by 3GPP which utilizes the licensed frequency band. This means that the development is driven by telecom operators.

NB-IoT, like other LPWAN technologies, is developed for applications that require a combination of long range and low battery power consumption.





Licensed frequency spectrum

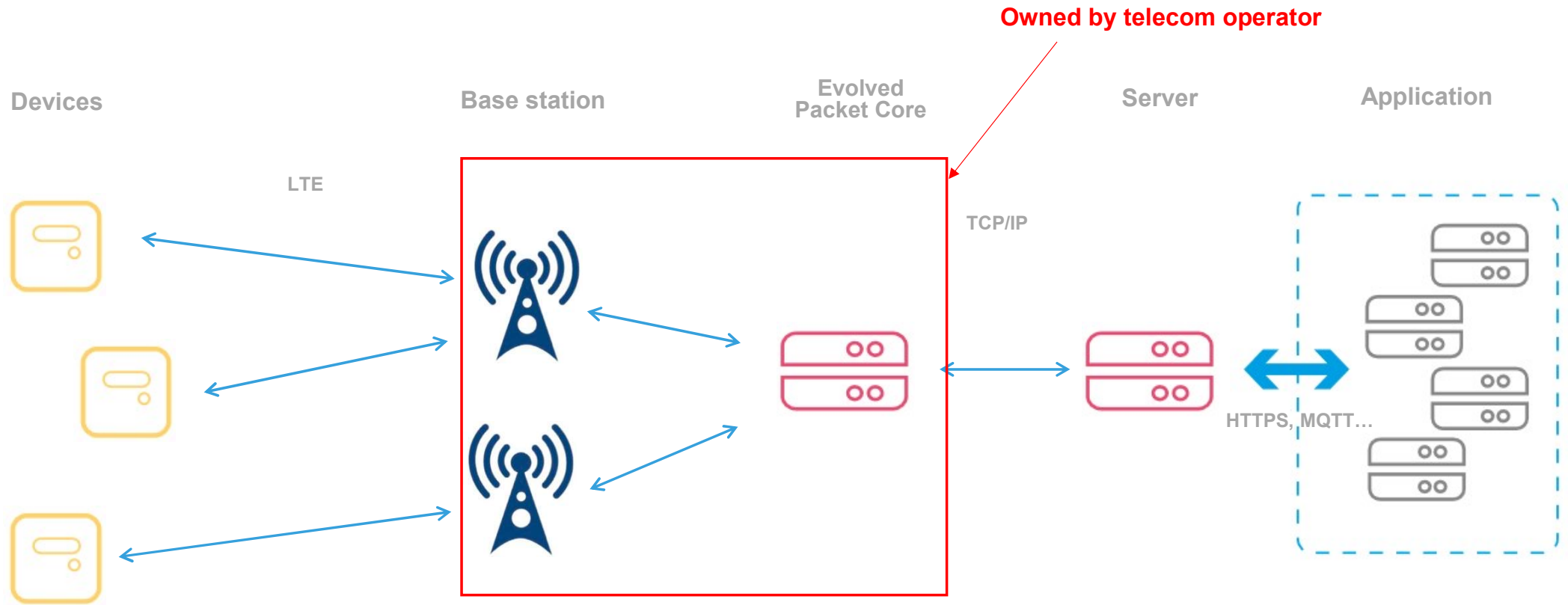
Benefits:

- Licensed company (operator) responsible for optimizing the network performance and minimizing interferences.
- No manual registration in network required (SIM card operation)

Drawbacks:

- Not possible to build your own network. Dependent on operator.

NB-IoT architecture



NB-IoT - Downlink

When connected to a PSU (power supply), the unit can listen continuously.

When battery driven, the unit only listens for incoming downlink messages in direct connection to transmission

CMi6110

Integrated MCM for
L+G UH50/UC50, NB-IoT

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Seoul, showing a dense urban landscape with illuminated buildings and streets. A prominent blue circular graphic with a white dot in the center is overlaid on the image, positioned over a cluster of buildings. The city lights create a bokeh effect in the background.

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Customer benefits

- Customization through several different message formats
- Historical readouts and retries
- Encrypted data
- **Elvaco One-Touch Commissioning for secure and flexible deployment / configuration**
Elvaco OTC App lets you configure the module via the NFC of your phone.
- **Elvaco Evo for decoding, storing and visualization of your meter data.**

Specifications

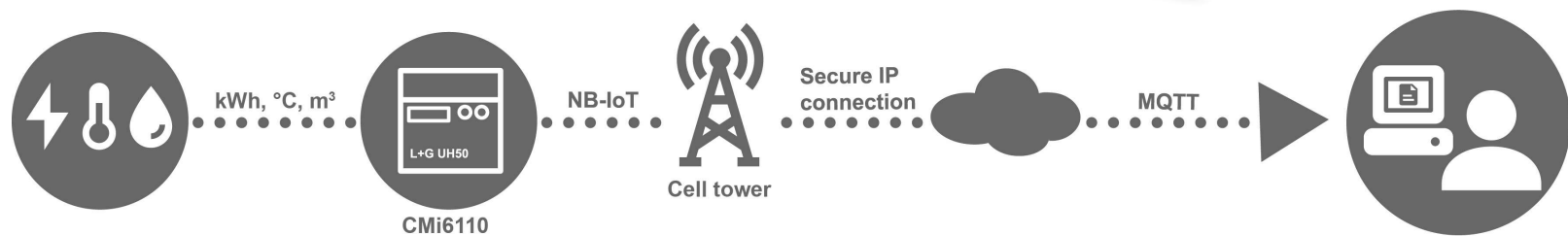
Mounted inside a Landis+Gyr UH50/UC50

(SIM card needed)

Power supply: PSU (Battery Q2)

Antenna: External

Interface:
Android app / NFC
Downlink





Connect a device to the NB-IoT network

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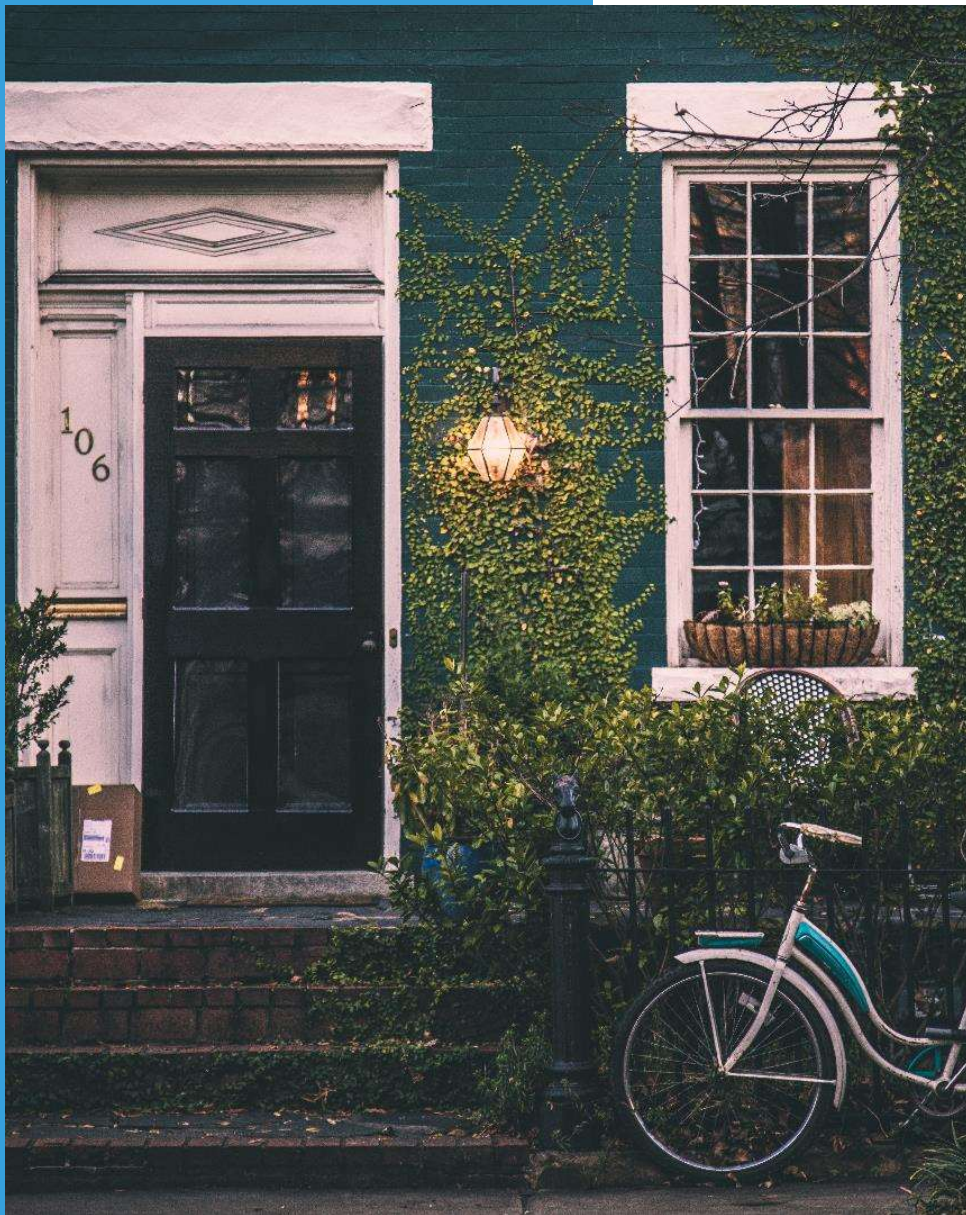
Mount a NB-IoT SIM card in the product.

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Configure the device with the right APN settings and server addresses.

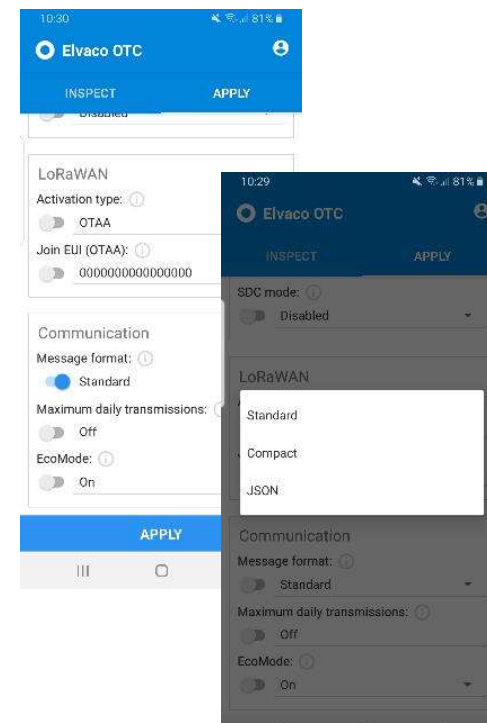
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Activate the device (via push button or Elvaco OTC App.)



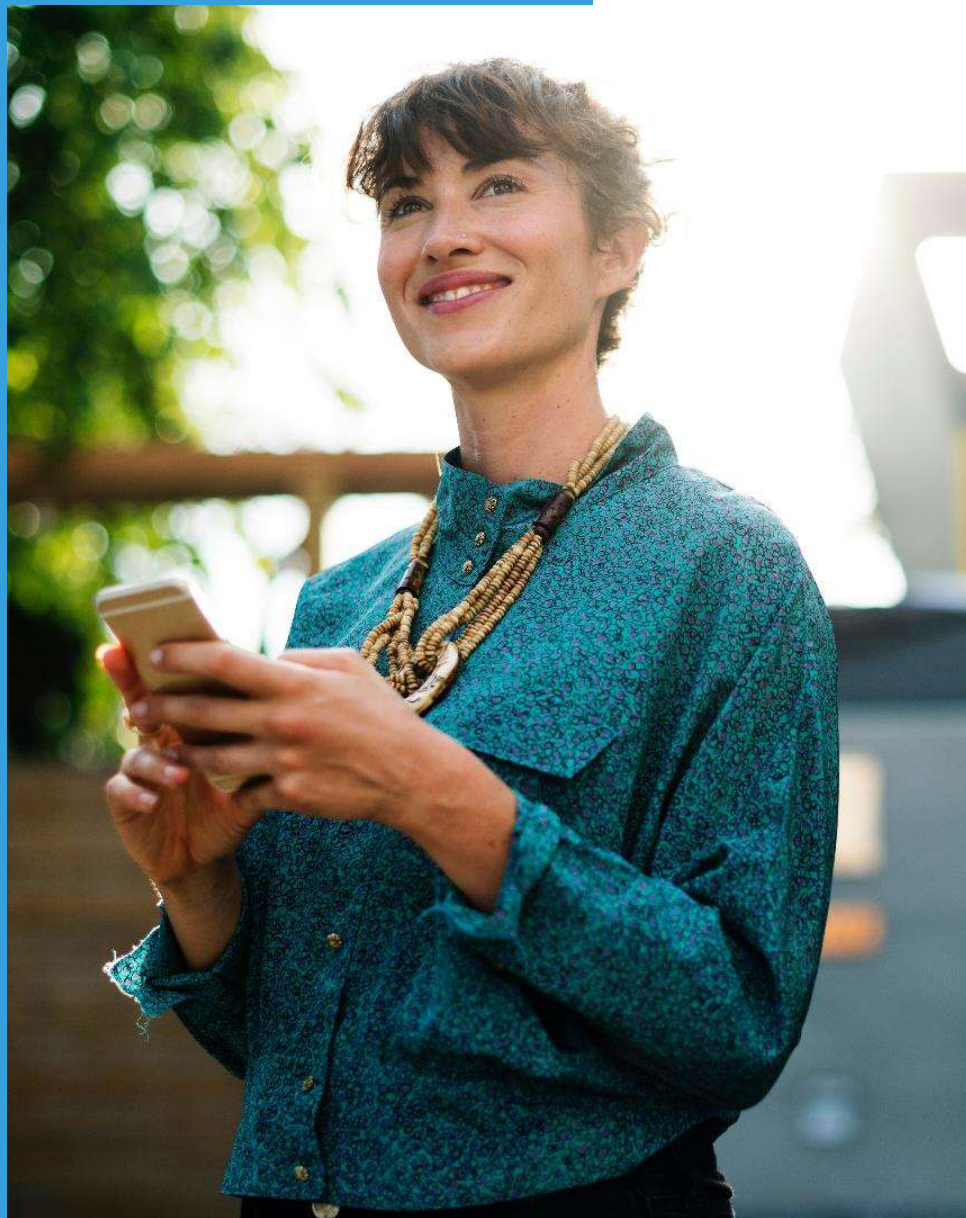
Message formats

- Elvaco products offer a range of message formats to make it possible to customize the payload to the specific demands of your project.



Message format specification

- CMI6110 has support for M-Bus and JSON encoded messages
- The following meter indexes will be collected from the meter and included in the data telegram:
 - *Energy*
 - *Volume*
 - *Power*
 - *Flow*
 - *Fw temp*
 - *Rt temp*
 - *Error flags*
 - *Meter ID (secondary ID)*
 - *Meter date/time*
 - *Tariff 1*
 - *Tariff 2*
 - *Tariff 3*
 - *Error time*
- The following information will be sent once per hour in a status message:
 - *Operation time*
 - *RSSI*
 - *SNR*
 - *Network classification*
 - *Accumulated energy consumption, 24h*



Triggered readouts and retries

- **Retries:** CMI6110 will perform up to three attempts to deliver a message. After three failed attempts, the message will be dropped.
- **Momentaneous readout:** A momentaneous readout can be triggered via the DM system at any time.
- **Historical meter data:** Historical meter data (for a selected time period) can be requested via the DM system. About 20 weeks of hourly values can be stored in the module.



Security / Encryption

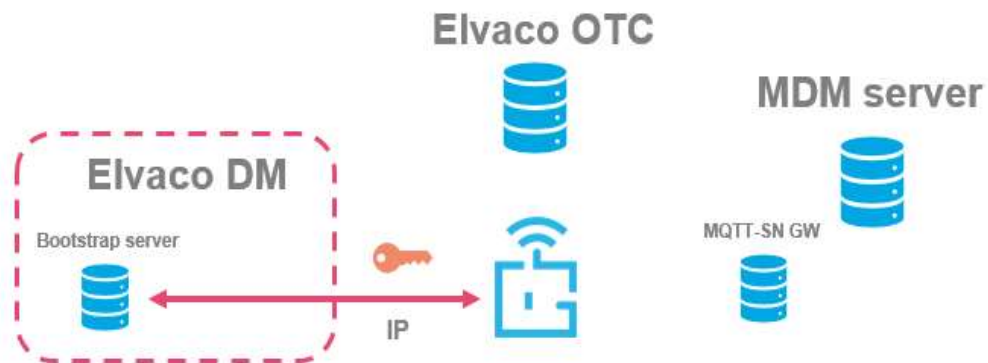
- In the first release, the device will use dTLS encryption (transport layer encryption) when communicating with DM / MDM server.
- In the future, OSCORE will be added as a payload encryption.
- Session keys are generated in an initial handshake process between device and server

Start-up procedure

Step 1: Device is claimed in OTC and pre-shared key is added in the MQTT-SN gateway.

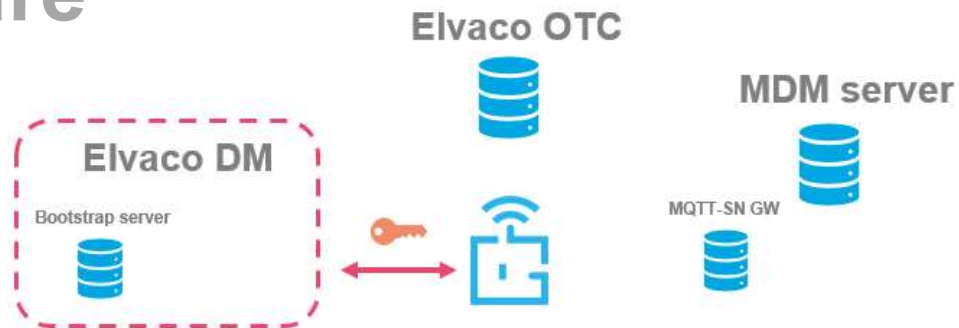


Step 2: Device is activated and connects to a bootstrap server (Elvaco's server by default). It receives a pre-shared key for DM-device encryption and IP address to MQTT-SN gateway.

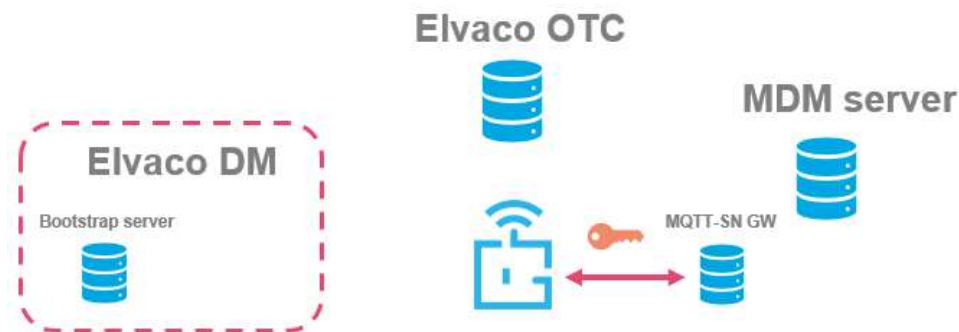


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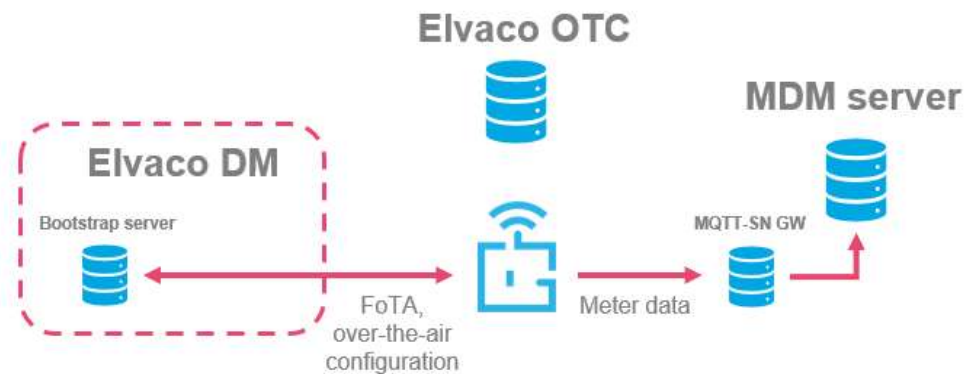
Step 3: Device connects to DM server to generate session key.



Step 4: Device connects to MQTT-SN gateway to generate session key.

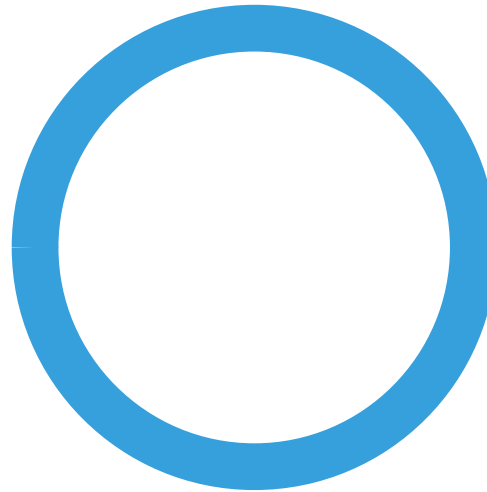


Step 5: Device receives commands/updates from DM server and sends meter data to MQTT-SN gateway



Typical challenges with a traditional process

- No validation of installation, risking a revisit.
- Spending a lot of time on site on configuration.
- **Compromised security**
 - Devices left with insecure default passwords.
 - Passwords/keys are transferred without proper security measures.
 - Third party gains knowledge about keys/passwords as part of their work commissioning products.
- **Manual administration to keep track of where and when devices have been installed.**





One-Touch Commissioning

- Effortless “One-Touch” inspection/configuration via NFC.
- Immediate validation on end-to-end connectivity.
- Secure and flexible commissioning.



Product Migration Plan - Overview

2G (GPRS) PRODUCTS



CMe2100 GPRS
DIN-Rail M-Bus Metering Gateway used for connecting any type of M-Bus slave.

Option 1

REPLACEMENT PRODUCTS



CMe2100 LTE
DIN-Rail M-Bus Metering Gateway used for reading any type of M-Bus slave.

Migration comments

- Identical or better.



CMi2110 GPRS
Connectivity Module used for connecting L+G UH50 heat/cold meter.

Option 1

Option 2



CMi6110 NB-IoT
Connectivity Module used for connecting L+G UH50 heat/cold meter.

Migration comments

- New system integration
- Lower connectivity cost
- Lower bandwidth
- Battery support



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Migration comments

- Keep existing system integration
- Meter must have M-Bus support

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2G (GPRS) PRODUCTS



CMi2130 GPRS
Connectivity Module used
for connecting Itron CF
ECHO II heat/cold meter.

Option 1

Option 2

REPLACEMENT PRODUCTS



CMi6130 NB-IoT
Connectivity Module
used for connecting Itron
CF ECHO II heat/cold
meter.

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New generation of Heat/Cold connectivity modules

Landis+Gyr



UH50 / CMi6110



UH50 / CMi4110



T230/T330 / CMi4111



DIEHL
Metering



SHARKY 775 / CMi6160



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Multical 403/603/803 / CMi6140



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CF ECHOO II / CMi6130



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One platform – Any meter

Elvaco provides world largest portfolio of connectivity modules to all leading meter manufacturers.

- ✓ World class security
- ✓ Digitalized lifecycle
- ✓ Extendable features with firmware upgrade
- ✓ One system integration



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