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## Project Status Briefing

# NASPInet Specification Project

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# How We Got Here

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- Long-recognized need
  - NASPI's mission
  - DNMTT did extensive preliminaries
- DOE issued competitive solicitation in 2008
  - Administered by NETL
  - Quanta Technology was the successful bidder
- Finished product
  - Specification to be delivered to DOE/NETL for procurement of Phasor Gateways and Data Bus of NASPInet

# Why Is It Important

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- Synchronphasor data are vital for reliable operation of large interconnected power systems
  - Fast post-disturbance analysis
  - Situation awareness to prevent system collapse and blackout
  - Wide-area monitoring, protection and control
- Current infrastructures not sustainable or scalable
  - VPN networks over public internet – security? QoS?
  - ICCP data networks not suitable for carrying Synchronphasor data
- A secure, trusted and QoS guaranteed inter-utility Synchronphasor data exchange infrastructure (NASPInet) is needed

# Project Status Update

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- September 27, 2008
  - Contract awarded to Quanta Technology
- December 15, 2008
  - Conceptual Framework completed
- February 3, 2009
  - Draft specification review
- February 27, 2009
  - Delivery of draft specification
- April 27, 2009
  - Delivery of final specification – completion of project

# Broad Participation Encouraged

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## ■ NETL Electronic Reading Room

➤ <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicitations/NASPI/index.html>

## ■ DNMTT Regular Meetings

➤ Monthly, by conference call

## ■ Utility-hosted Meetings

➤ New Orleans – Dec. 9-10

➤ Los Angeles – Jan. 20

➤ Valley Forge – Feb. 10

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# Goal – Support Broad Range of Phasor Apps

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## ■ Apps that require STREAMING DATA

- Example 1 – Visuals for Transmission Operators
  - Operator display of voltage angle btwn 2 critical points: alarm if angle reaches threshold value defined by planning studies
- Example 2 – Inputs to EMS Tools
  - Voltage magnitude and angle help perfect boundary conditions for state estimator
- Example 3 – Inputs to Wide Area Controllers
  - Receiving voltage measurements from someone else's substation helps me do a better job of controlling an SVC at my substation

## ■ Apps that require ARCHIVAL DATA (data files)

- Example 1 – Data for Post-disturbance Analysis
  - Faster understanding of what caused an event can help save \$ by shortening the duration of sub-optimal generating patterns and can help prevent future events of similar nature
- Example 2 – Data for R&D Purposes
  - Under the right circumstances, providing abundant data to research organizations can lead to breakthrough technology advancements



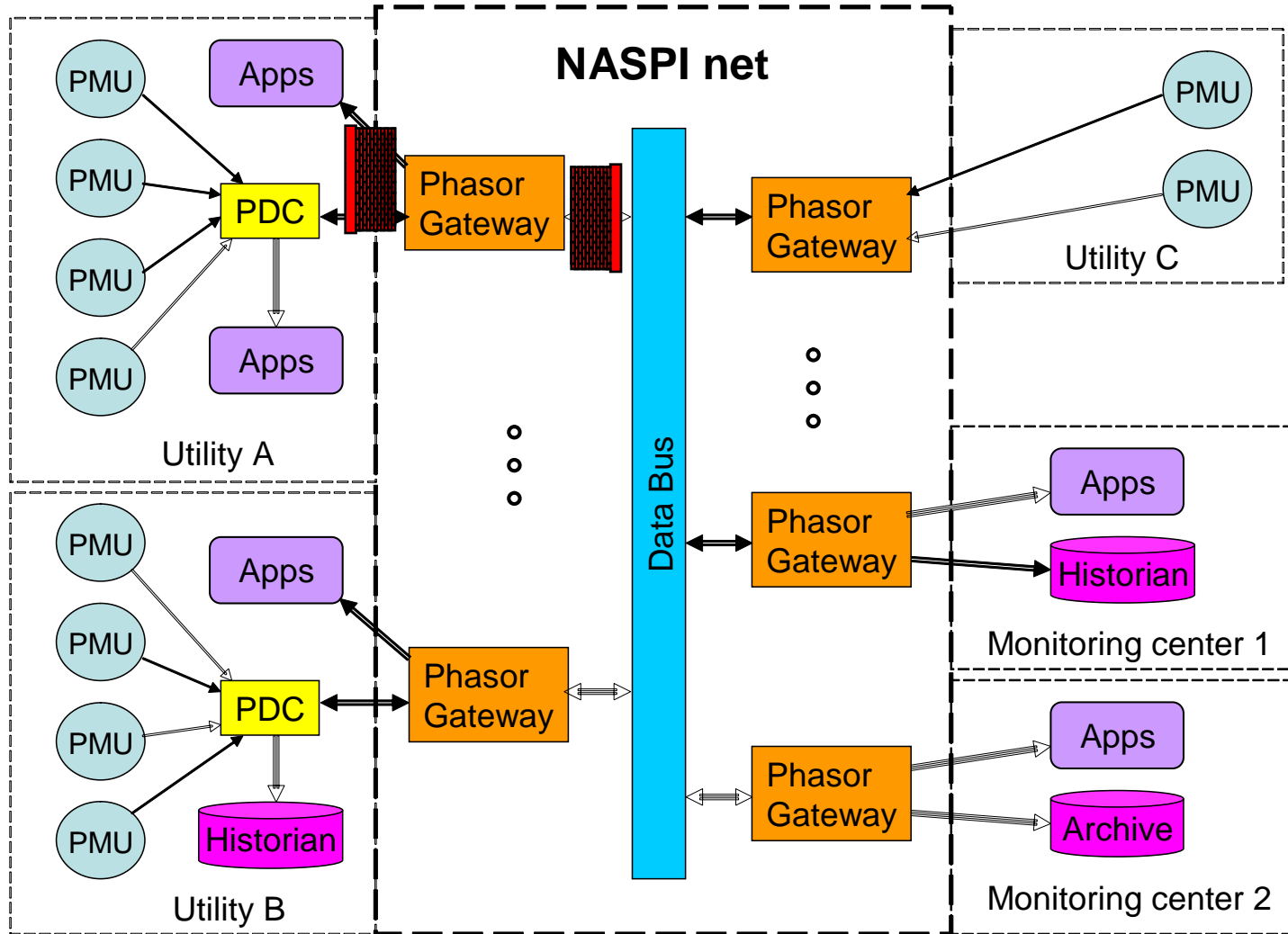
# Classes of Data

NASPInet Traffic Attribute	Real-time streaming data			Historical data	
	<u>CLASS A</u> <u>Feedback</u> <u>Control</u>	<u>CLASS B</u> <u>Feed-forward</u> <u>Control</u>	<u>CLASS C</u> <u>Visualization</u>	<u>CLASS D</u> <u>Post Event</u>	<u>CLASS E</u> <u>Research</u>
Low Latency	4	3	2	1	1
Availability	4	2	1	3	1
Accuracy	4	2	1	4	1
Time Alignment	4	4	2	1	1
High message rate	4	2	2	4	1
Path Redundancy	4	4	2	1	1

Table key:

4 – Critically important, 3 – Important, 2 – Somewhat important, 1 – Not very important

# NASPInet Conceptual Overview



# Additional Goals

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## ■ Security

- CIP compliance on trusted network with robust access control

## ■ Respect for Intellectual Property (ownership of data)

- PMU owners control who gets what data – not a free-for-all

## ■ Broad Industry Acceptance

- Users *want* to use NASPInet because it delivers value

## ■ Ease of Use

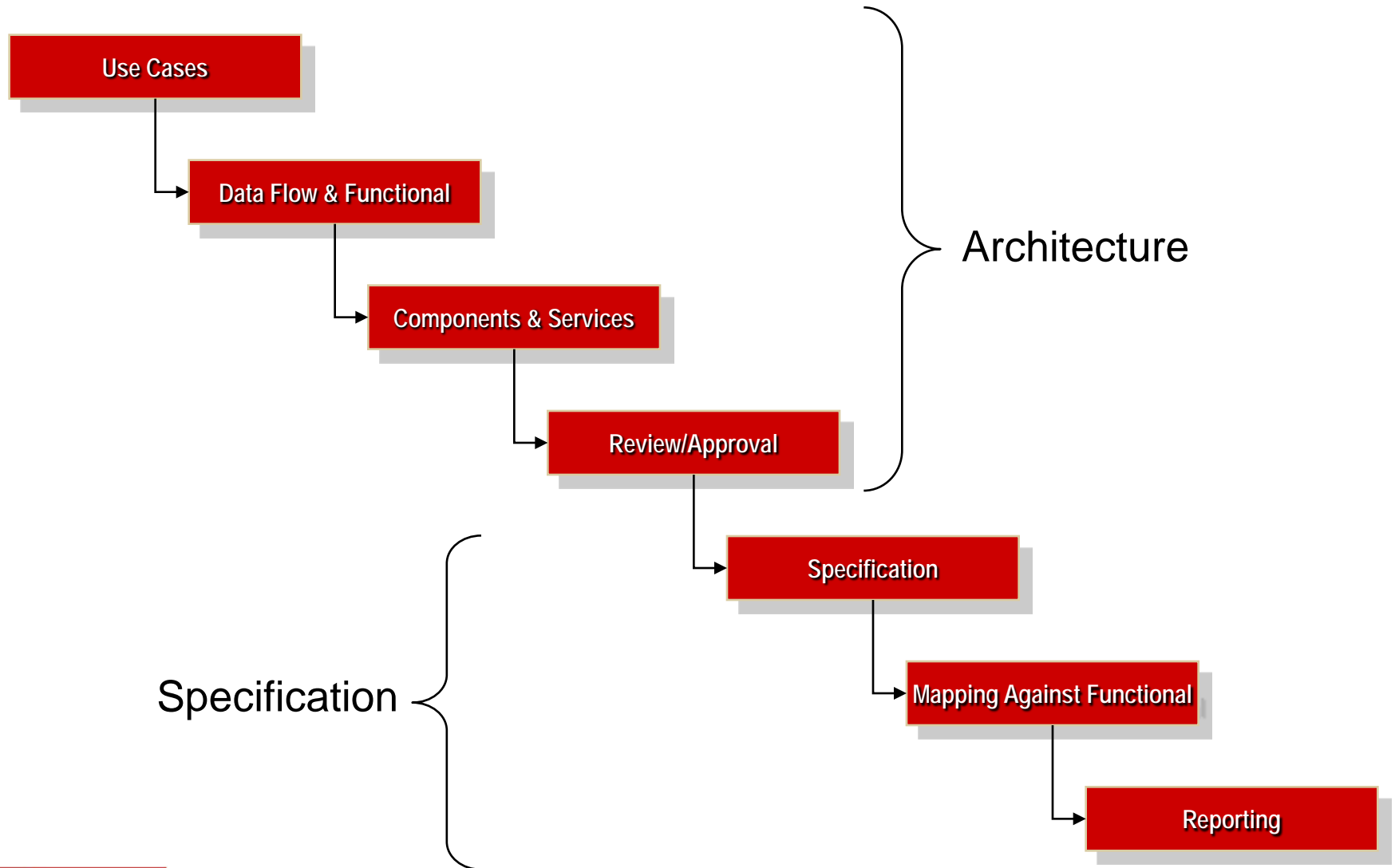
- Low maintenance

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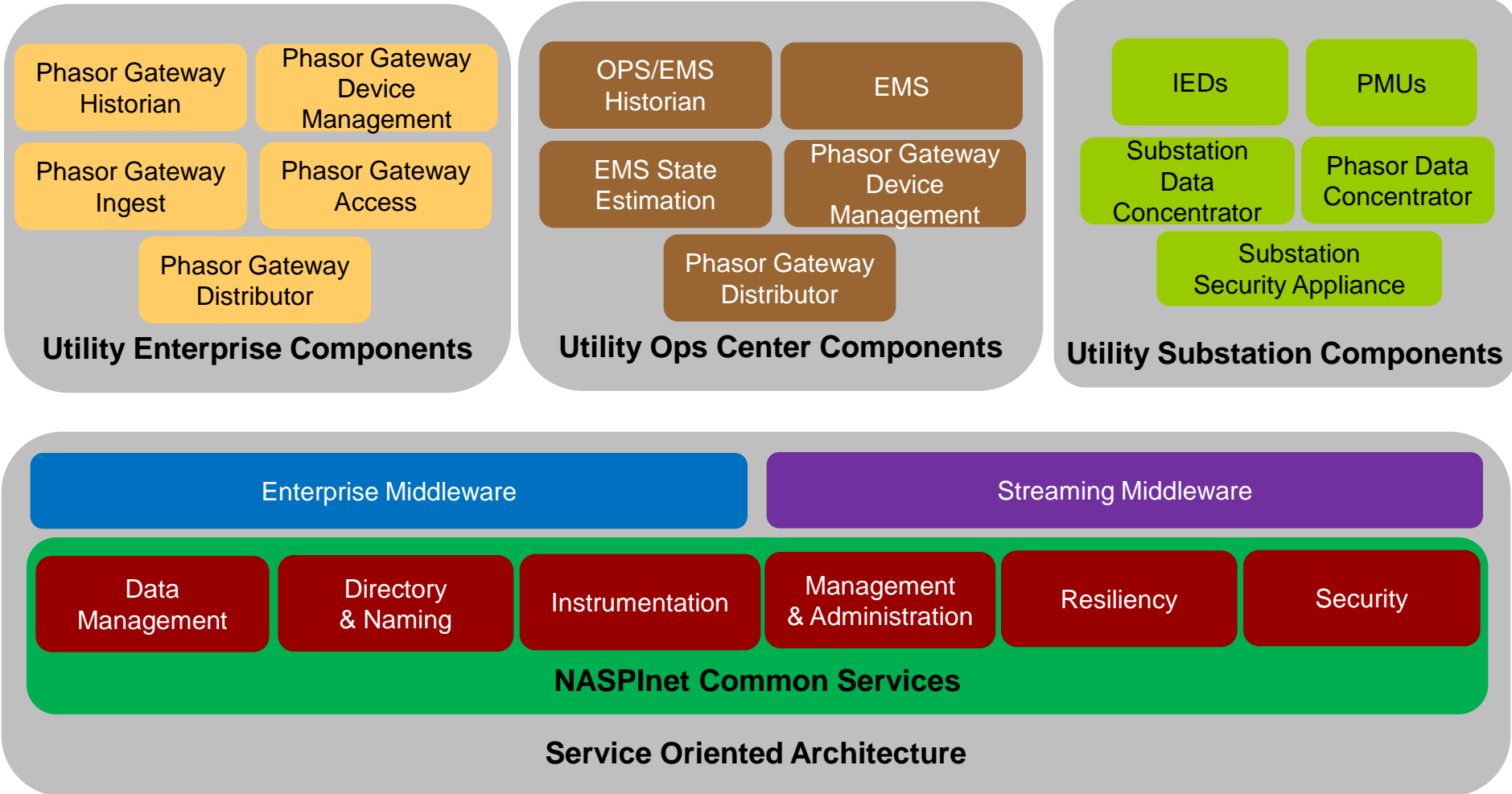
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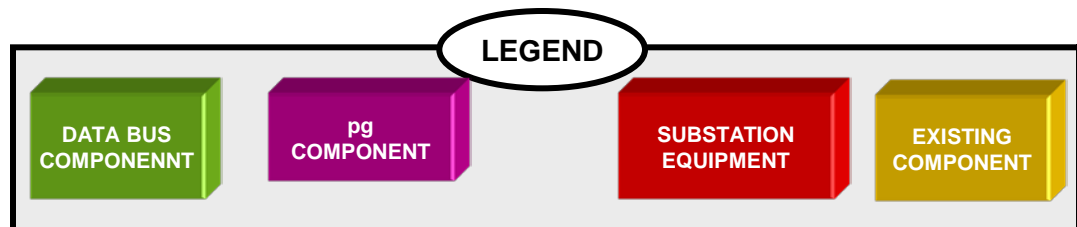
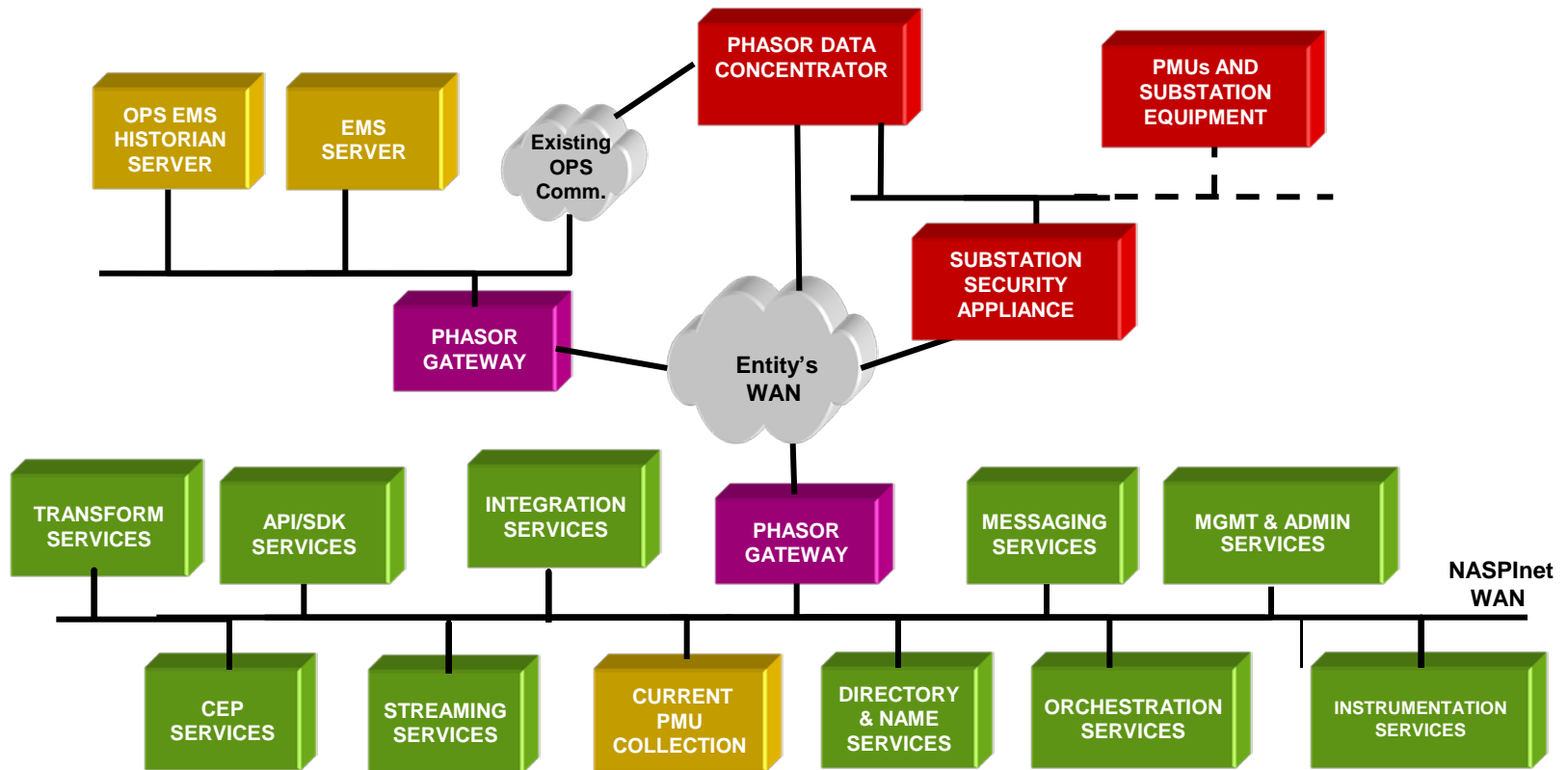
# Architecture Design Methodology



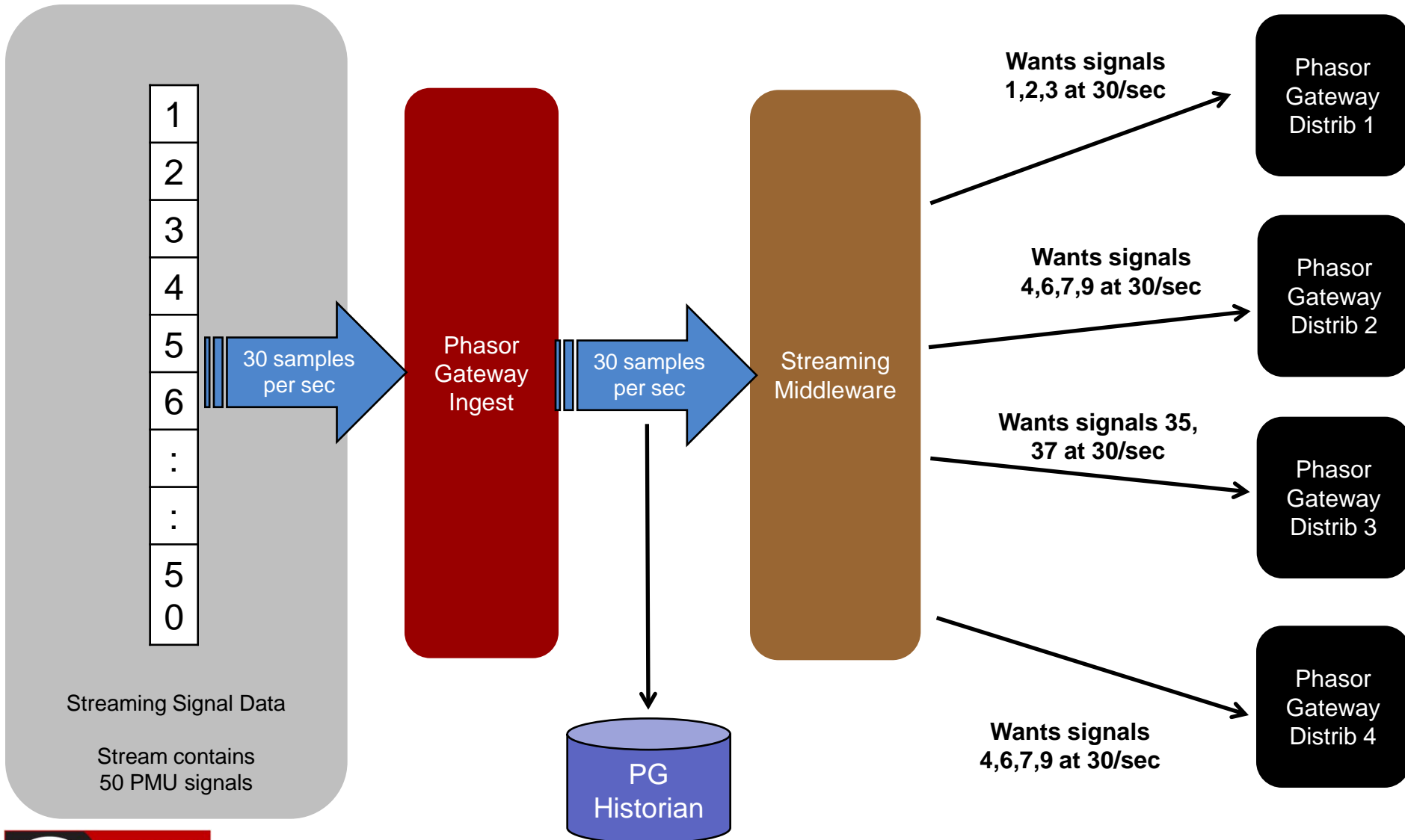
# Conceptual Architecture



# System Component View



# Stream Processing Conceptual Example





# Data Granularity

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- Signal level granularity adopted for final implementation
  - Disaggregate and re-aggregate/reconstituting PMU C37.118 frames required
  - Access control
    - “It’s OK for that subscriber to see my frequencies, but not my currents.”
  - Encryption issues are complex, but solutions are available
- PMU device level granularity for initial implementation
  - Avoid the complexity of disaggregate and re-aggregate/reconstituting PMU C37.118 frames
  - May have penalties to communication bandwidth usage
    - Sending full data frames when only portion of the data is subscribed

# Historical Data Handling

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- Historical data stored external to NASPInet will have
  - Different storage systems (databases, files, etc.)
  - Different data formats
  - Different access methods
- Specify storing historical data in PGs/DB?
  - Will have uniform data storage and access methods with one data format, but
  - It will greatly expand the project scope from “data exchange only” to “data exchange + data storage system”
- Current proposal
  - Use NASPInet as a historical data broker
  - Require PG be customizable on an individual PG basis to interface with each external historical data source

# Quality of Service Management

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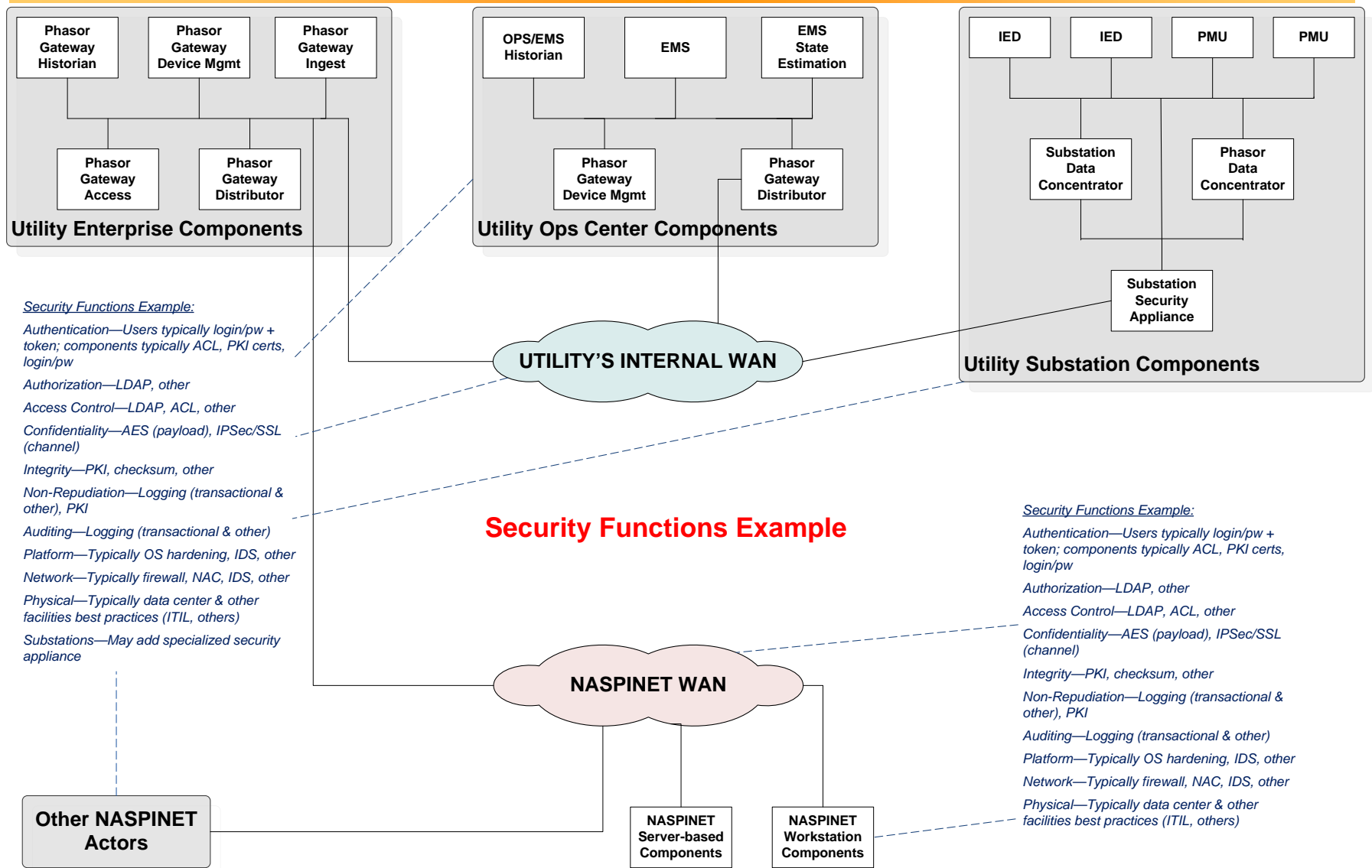
- Delivered via Stream Processing Middleware in the Data Bus
  - Stream Processing Middleware operates above the network layer. The underlying network architecture provides QoS and other mechanisms
- StreamBase – an EXAMPLE of a reference product – built for high volume, low latency, and high availability
  - Field proven in managing financial transactions
  - Benchmarks of up to 500K messages trade messages processed per second, per CPU
  - Assuming conservative performance weighting of ~200K messages/second on a typical rack/blade server of \$20-30K

# System Security

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- Commercial Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), Identity Management (IM), Trust Management (TM), Key Management (KM) components will act as broad enablers in the following areas:
  - Authentication – Multiple factors and contexts, PKI
  - Authorization & Access Control – Role-based, grant by exception
  - Confidentiality – Channel/payload encryption, KM
  - Audit & Compliance – Multi-level logging (transactions, events, user activities, devices, etc.) and incremental penetration testing
  - Non-Repudiation – Multi-level logging, PKI, IM
- Infrastructure – Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Network Access Control (NAC), Information Leakage Protection (ILP), as well as traditional perimeter components (such as firewalls) will act as broad enablers to prevent unauthorized access, changes and usage
- Physical – Industry recognized data center attributes such as Uptime Institute's Level IV Tier classification

# Security Functions – Example



# NASPInet Name Service Method

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## ■ NASPInet name service needs

- Uniquely identify any physical or virtual device and the logical signals that these devices provide across the NASPInet
- Enable applications to find and select any device/signal that they are authorized to see

## ■ Proposed name service method

- Owner registers device and signals provided by filling out a standard form (next slide)
- Unique signal ID assigned by the service for each registered signal
- Entity can map NASPInet signal ID to its own naming convention or notation used in its own systems and applications

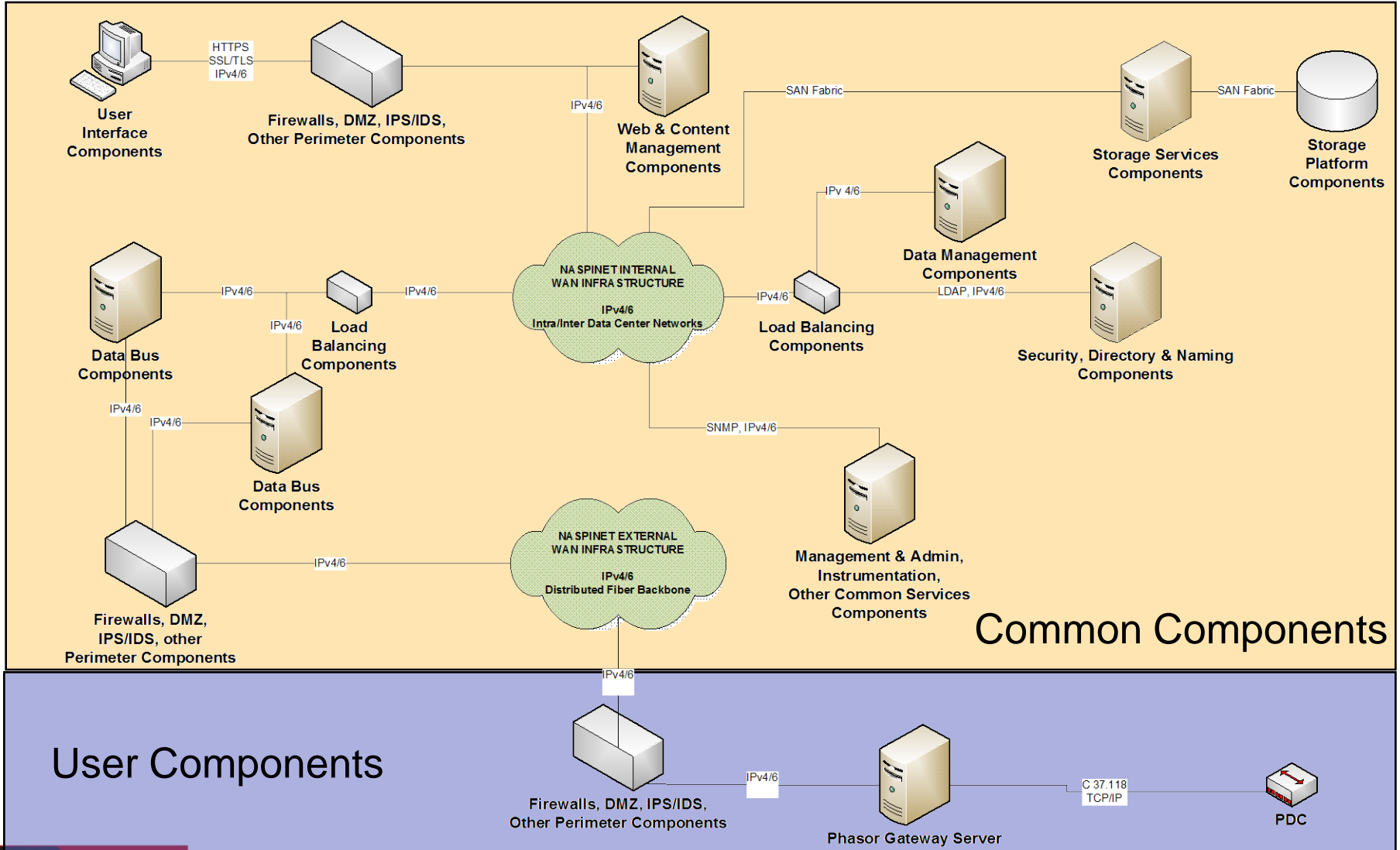
# NASPInet Device/Signal Registration Info

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## ■ Metadata includes

- Physical location of the device (Country, State, Geo-coordinates, etc.)
- Location identification (substation name, building name, etc.)
- Type of device (PMU, PDC, etc.)
- Device identification (device name, sequence number, etc.)
- Device configuration (physical & logical)
- Complete signal description (type of signal, reporting rate, data format, etc.)
- Signal origin (e.g., original PMU signal that a PDC signal is derived from)
- Signal source (measurement CT/PT, source devices, etc.)
- Signal processing methods (if not original signal)
- Signal quality (data class – latency, reliability, etc.)
- Signal access method through P-PG (1-to-1, 1-to-N, etc.)
- Ownership (entity name)
- Name convention used by the device owner
- Universal Name
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# Reference Deployment View





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# Summary

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- **The GOAL of NASPInet**
  - Facilitate a secure and QoS guaranteed phasor data exchange among operating/reliability entities
- **The SCOPE of the NASPInet Specification Project**
  - Develop a conceptual framework of the system
  - Deliver a functional requirement specification that can be used to procure Phasor Gateway and Data Bus assets that meet broad NASPInet requirements
- **The TIMELINE for the Specification development**
  - Draft specification review on February 3, 2009
  - Draft specification delivered to DOE February 27, 2009
  - Completed specification to be delivered to DOE by April 27, 2009



*Questions?*

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