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Smart Grid – Professional Security Services Perspective

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Smart Grid Topology and Domains

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Domain Model

A smarter grid from generation to power consumers



Generation

- Generation optimization
- Renewable integration
- Distributed generation mgmt
- Microgrids
- Protection & control

Transmission

- Grid diagnostics & visualization
- Reliability & demand forecasting
- Grid protection & control
- Fault detection & restoration
- Wide area measurement system
- Substation digitization
- Transformers & voltage mgmt.
- Distribution & outage mgmt. system
- Geospatial information system

Distribution

- Asset monitoring
- Backup power mgmt. & control
- Energy management system
- Plant load management
- Protection & control
- Sub-metering TOU Reporting

Power Consumers

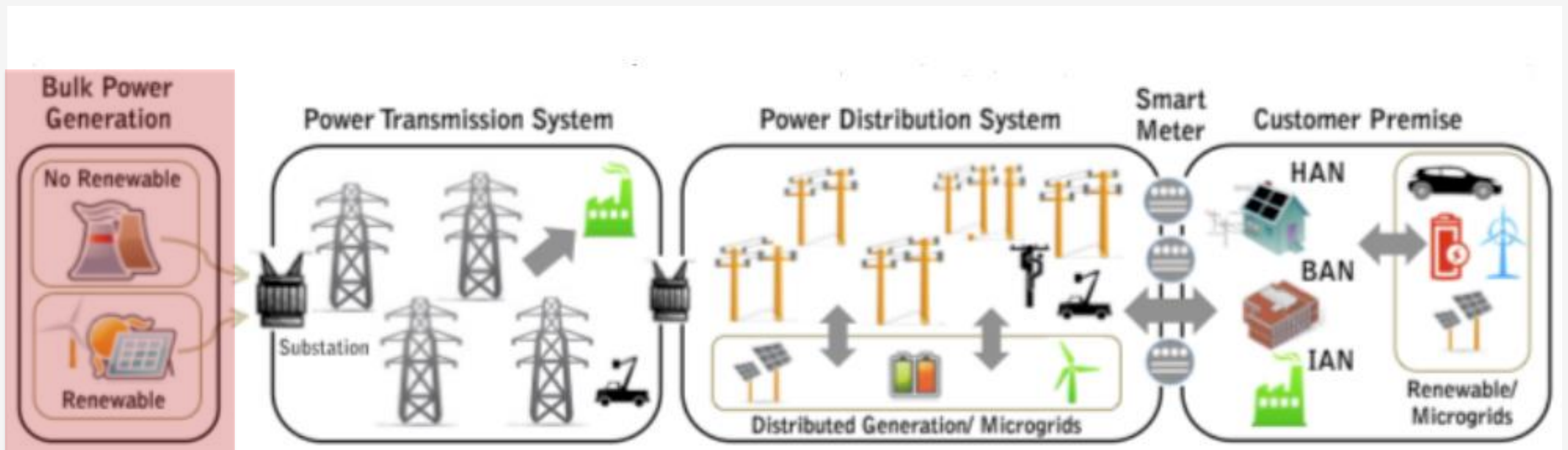
- Smart meters
- Wireless AMI
- Smart appliances

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Generation Domain

- + Backbone/Core networks
- + Utility Local Area Networks
- + Substation Networks

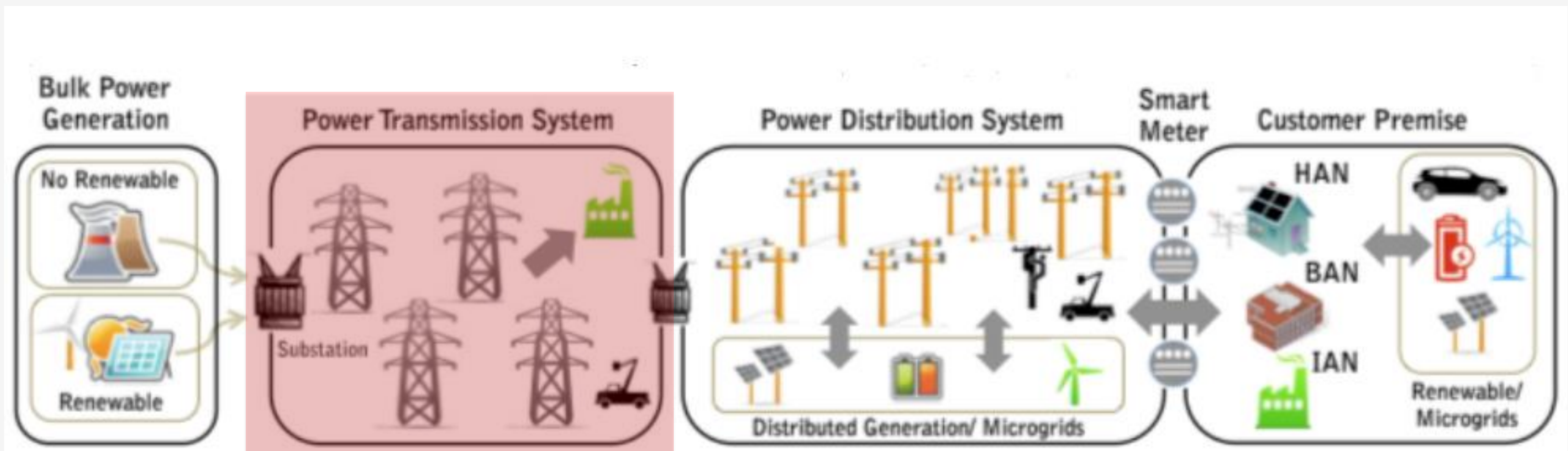


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Transmission Domain

- + Regional/Metropolitan Area Networks (MAN)/PLC
- + TSO balancing supply and demand
- + Substation RTU's connected to SCADA/DMS/EMS

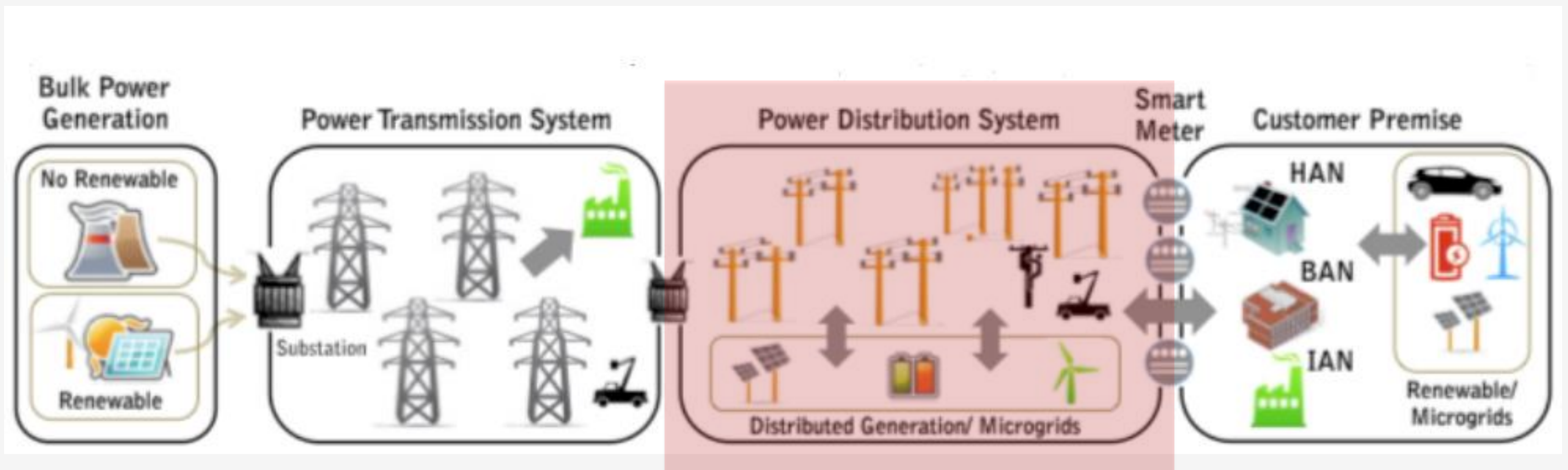


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Distribution Domain

- + Extended/Neighbourhood Area Network (EAN/NAN)
- + Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)/PLC
- + Field Area Network (FAN)



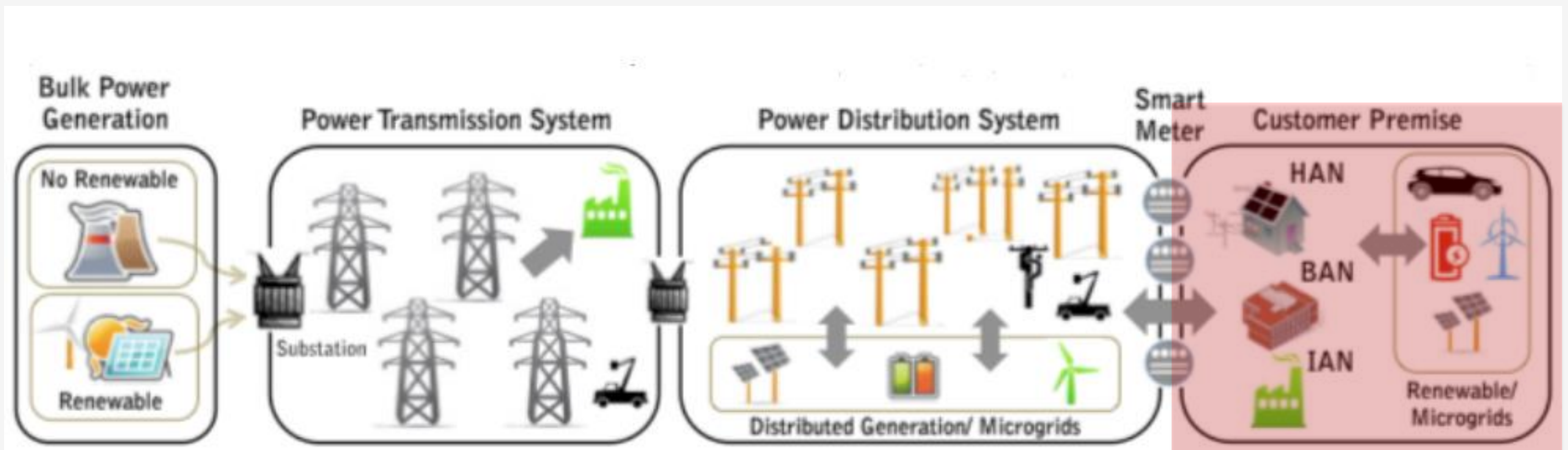
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Customer Premise Domain



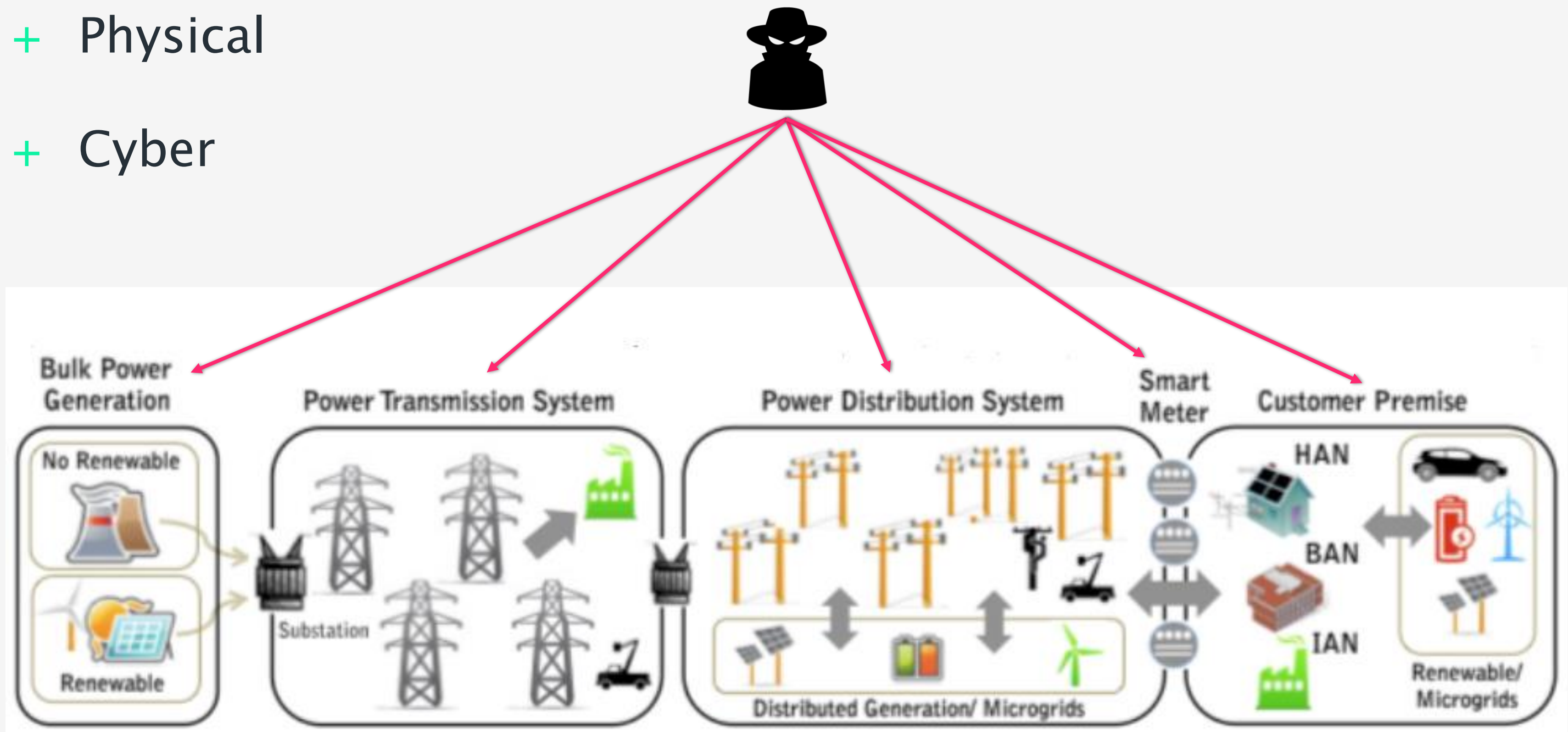
- + Home Area Networks (HAN),
- + Business/Building Area Networks (BAN)
- + Industrial Area Networks (IAN)



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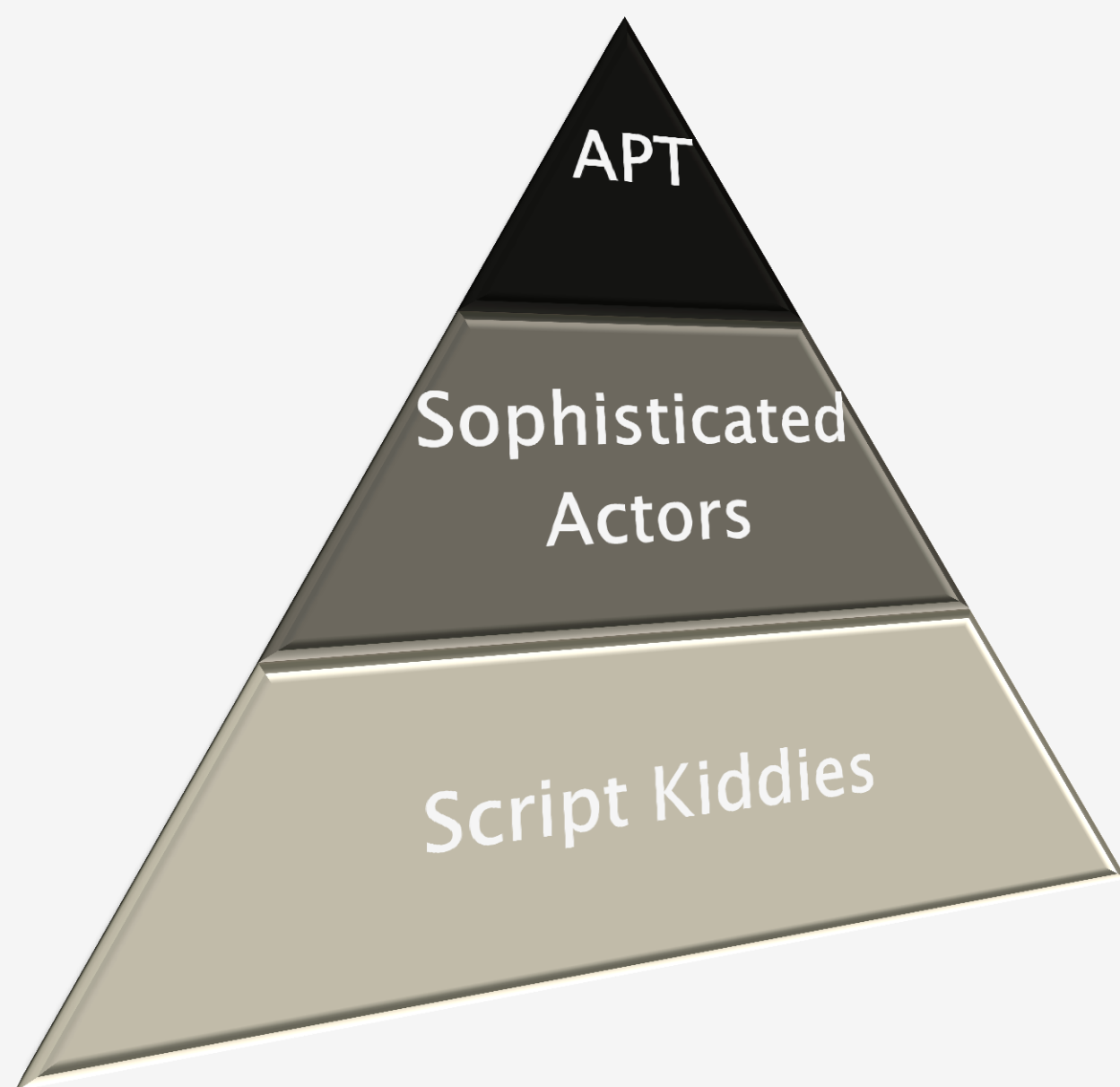
- + Physical
- + Cyber



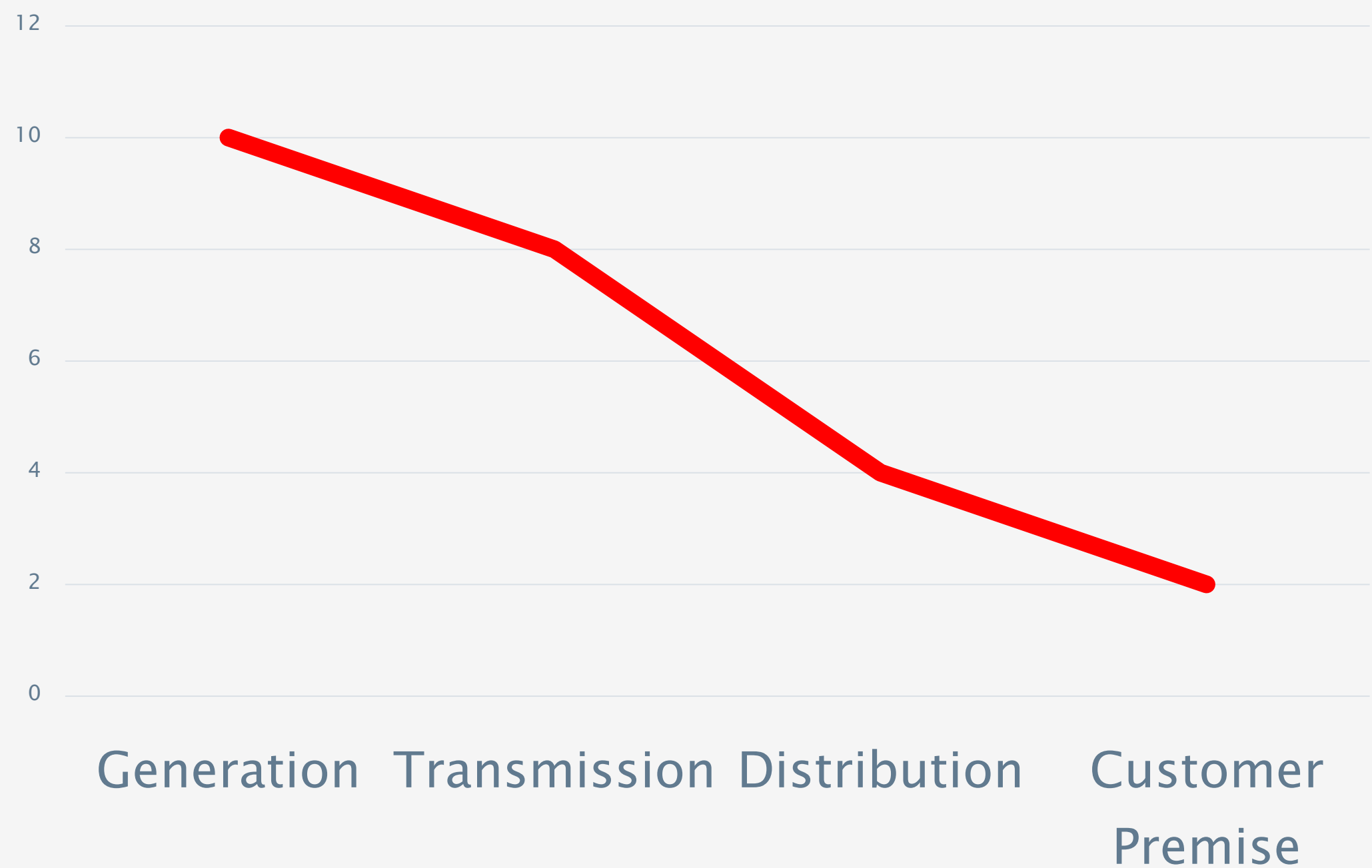
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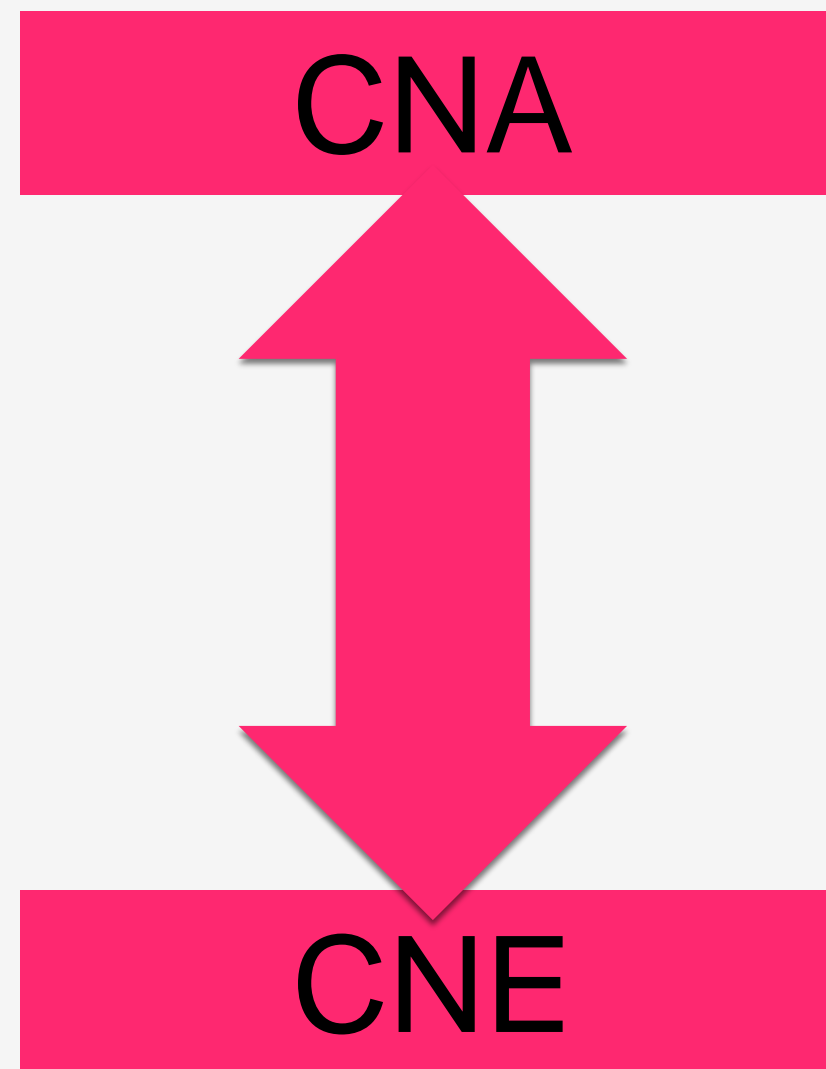
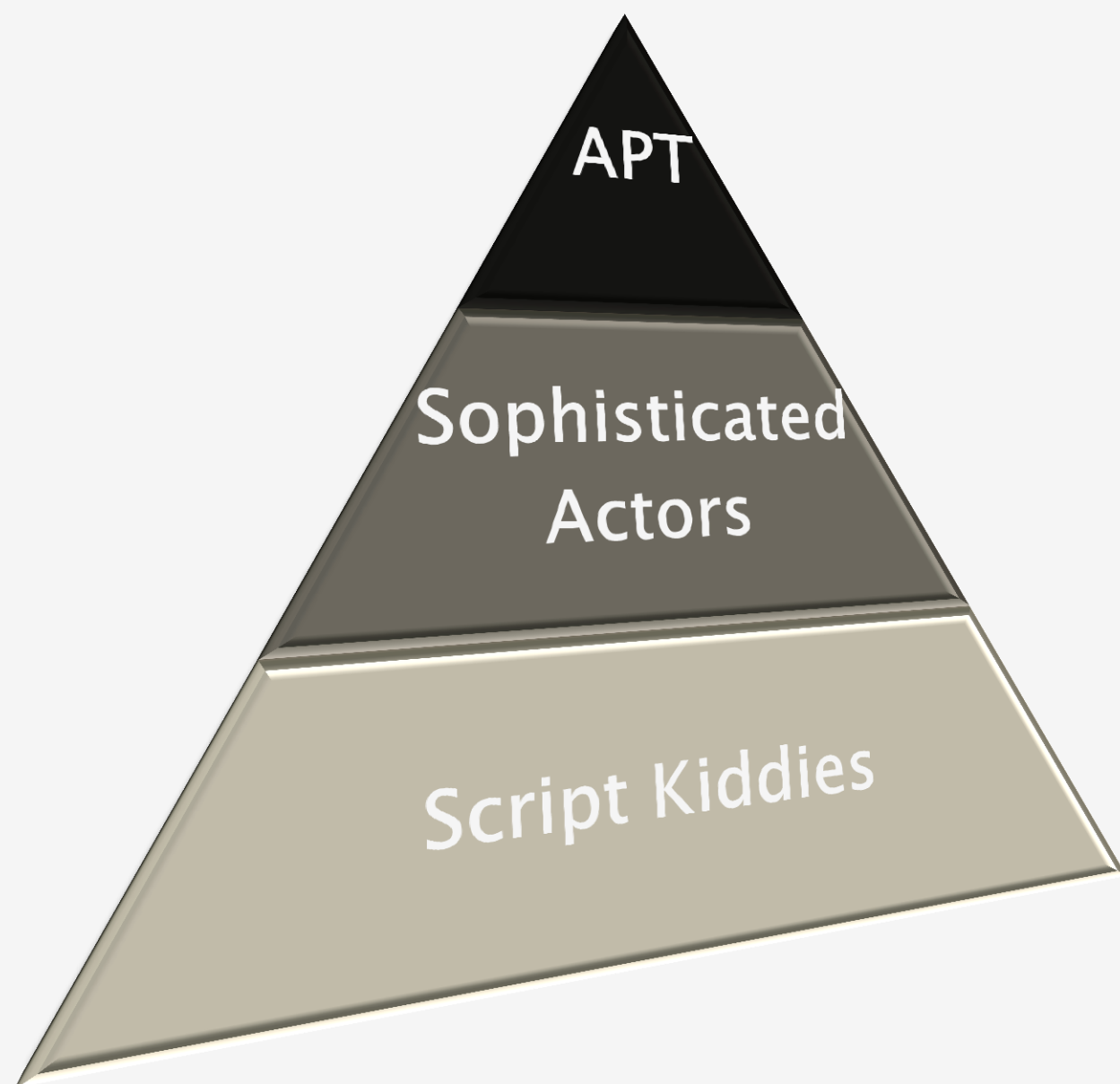


Threat Actor Capability



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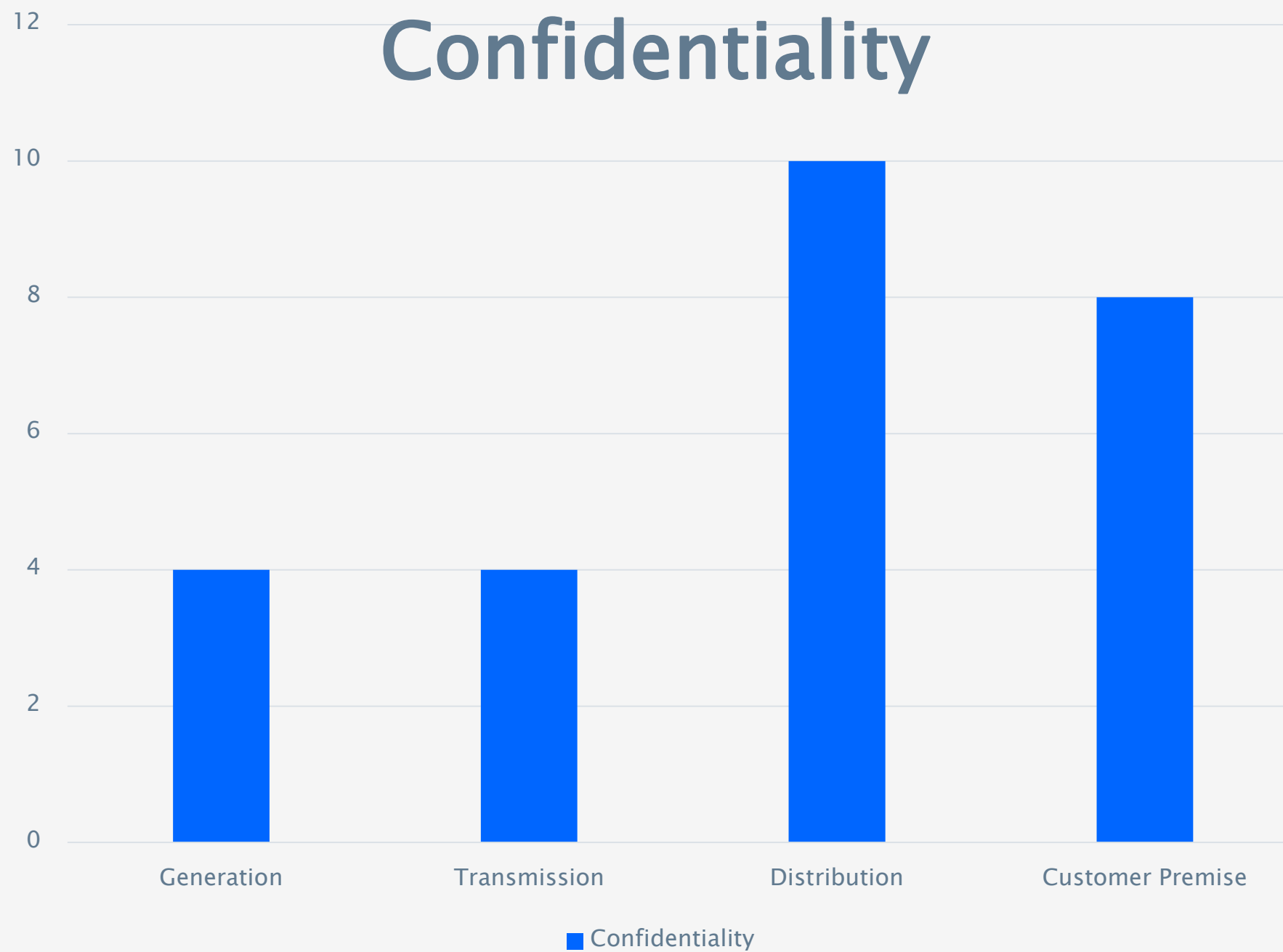
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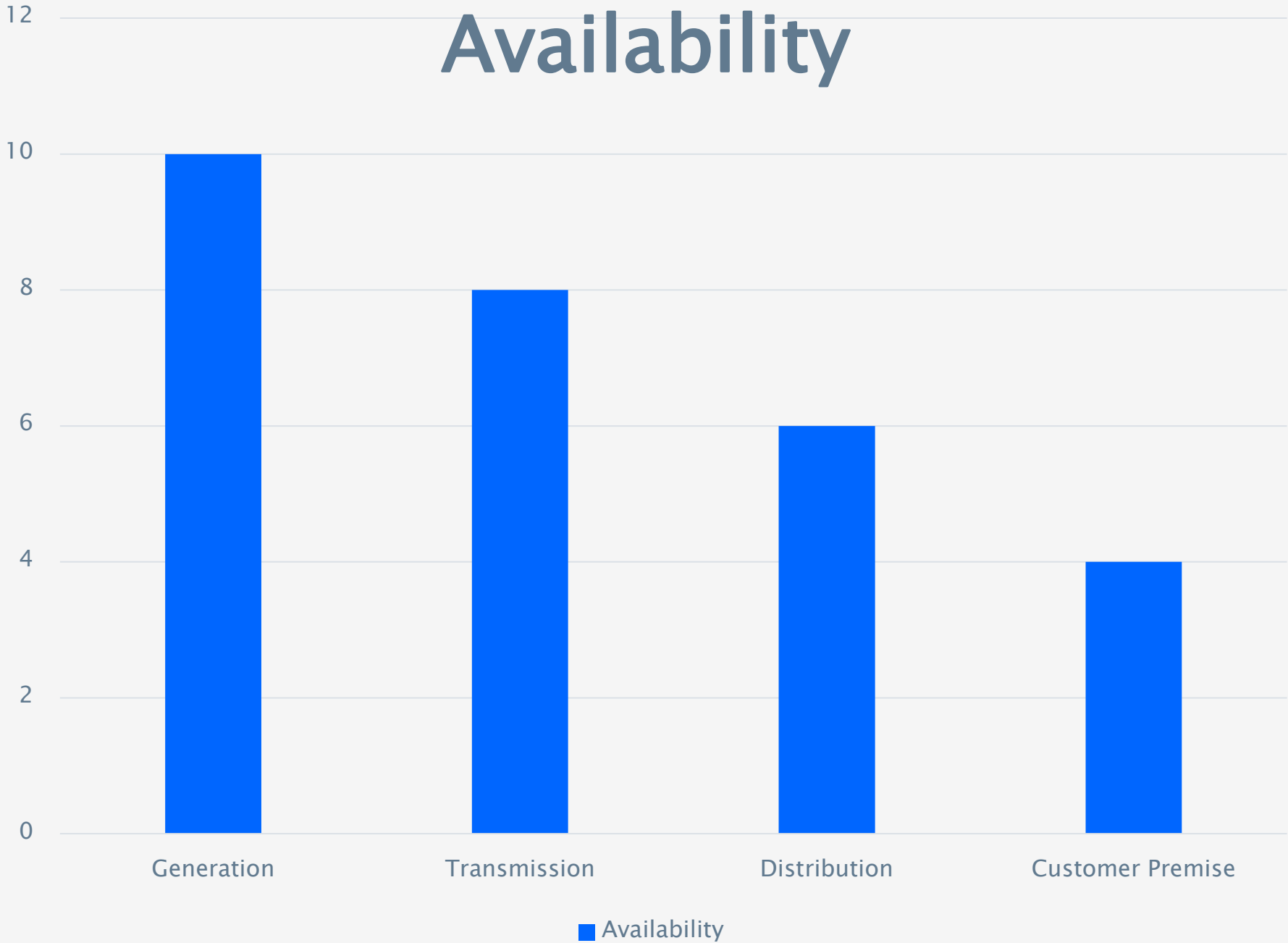
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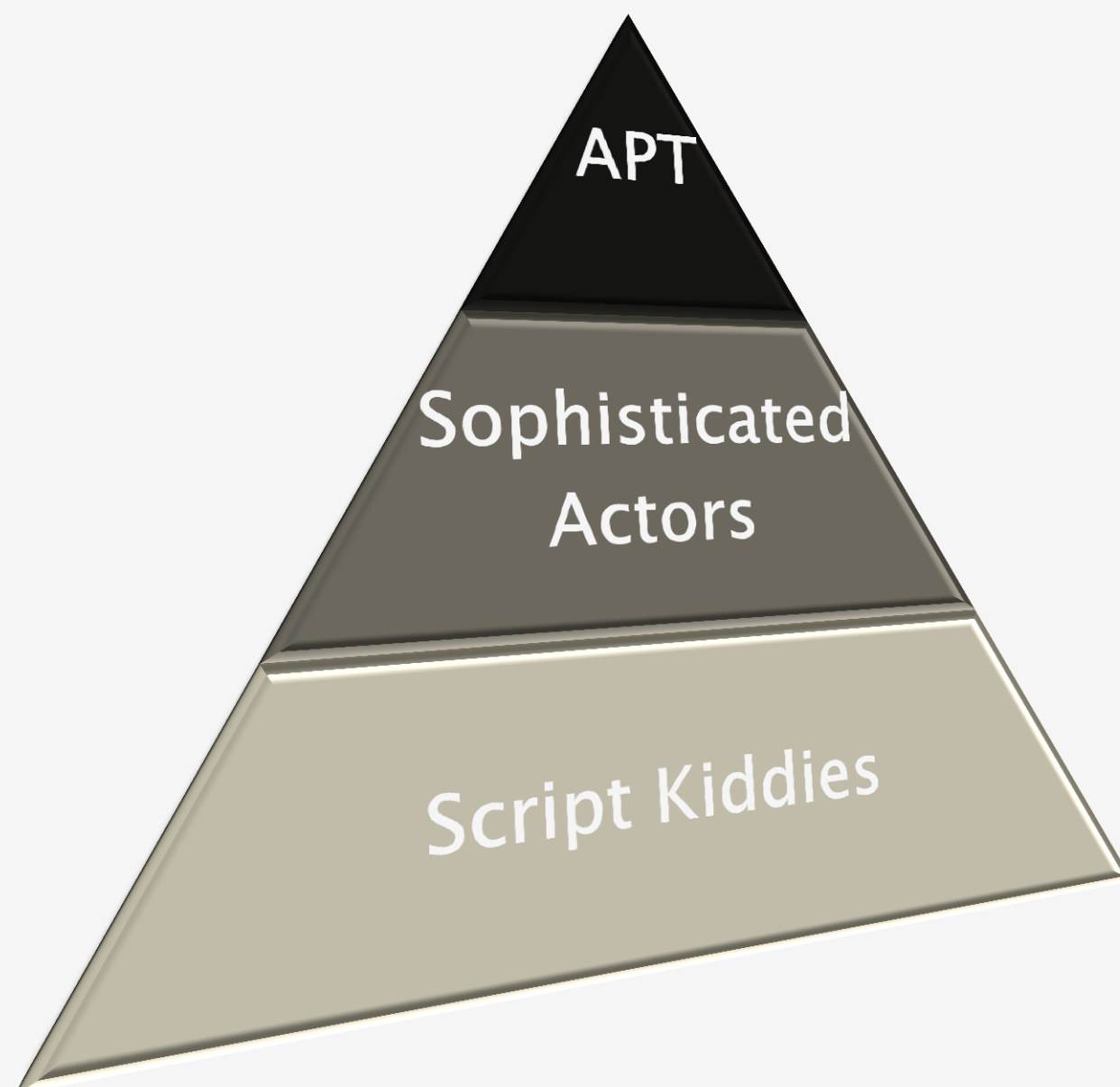
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How?



Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) @

Tactics - The employment and ordered arrangement of forces in relation to each other

Techniques - Non-prescriptive ways or methods used to perform missions, functions, or tasks

Procedures - Standard, detailed steps that prescribe how to perform specific tasks

The term TTP is used to refer broadly to the actions that one might take in a particular problem domain.

Summary

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Smart Grid Cyber Security Strategies

- + Strategies will differ depending on domain/threats
- + Adopt threat-centric approach to cyber-physical security
- + More focus on detection and response
- + Cyber security awareness training
- + All domains face traditional IT security risks (protect)
- + Procurement product evaluations need to include security
- + Security research community needs to focus on developing new tooling

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Questions?