



**VOLTTRON™**

Cloud Analytics & App Platform

**CORAS**Cloud

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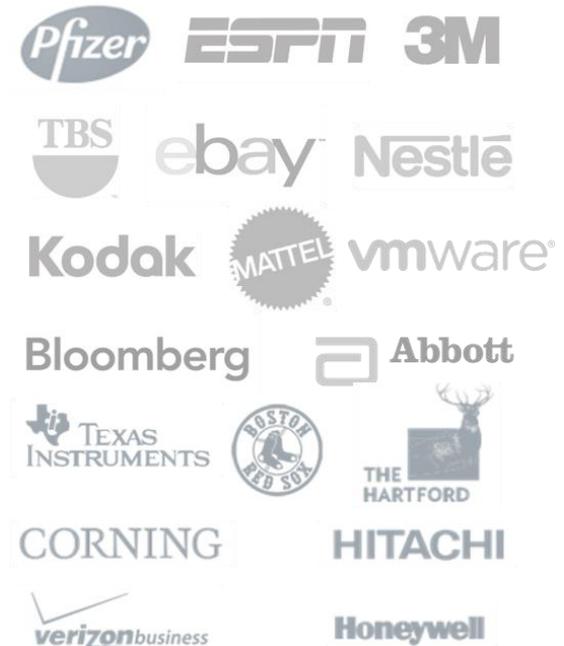
# Introduction to CORASCloud

**CORASCloud products allow customers to visually design, build and share applications that connect to any information source.**

- ❖ **Founded in 2003**
- ❖ **Over 175 customers worldwide**
- ❖ **3 Core Products**
  - **CORASManage** – integrated suite of business and work management apps.
  - **CORASWorks** – app platform that allows customers to visually build and share applications in Microsoft Sharepoint.
  - **CORASNow** – Platform as a service (PaaS) that delivers Software as a Service (SaaS) apps in any cloud (AWS, Azure, etc.) or behind the firewall.

*focus of today's presentation*

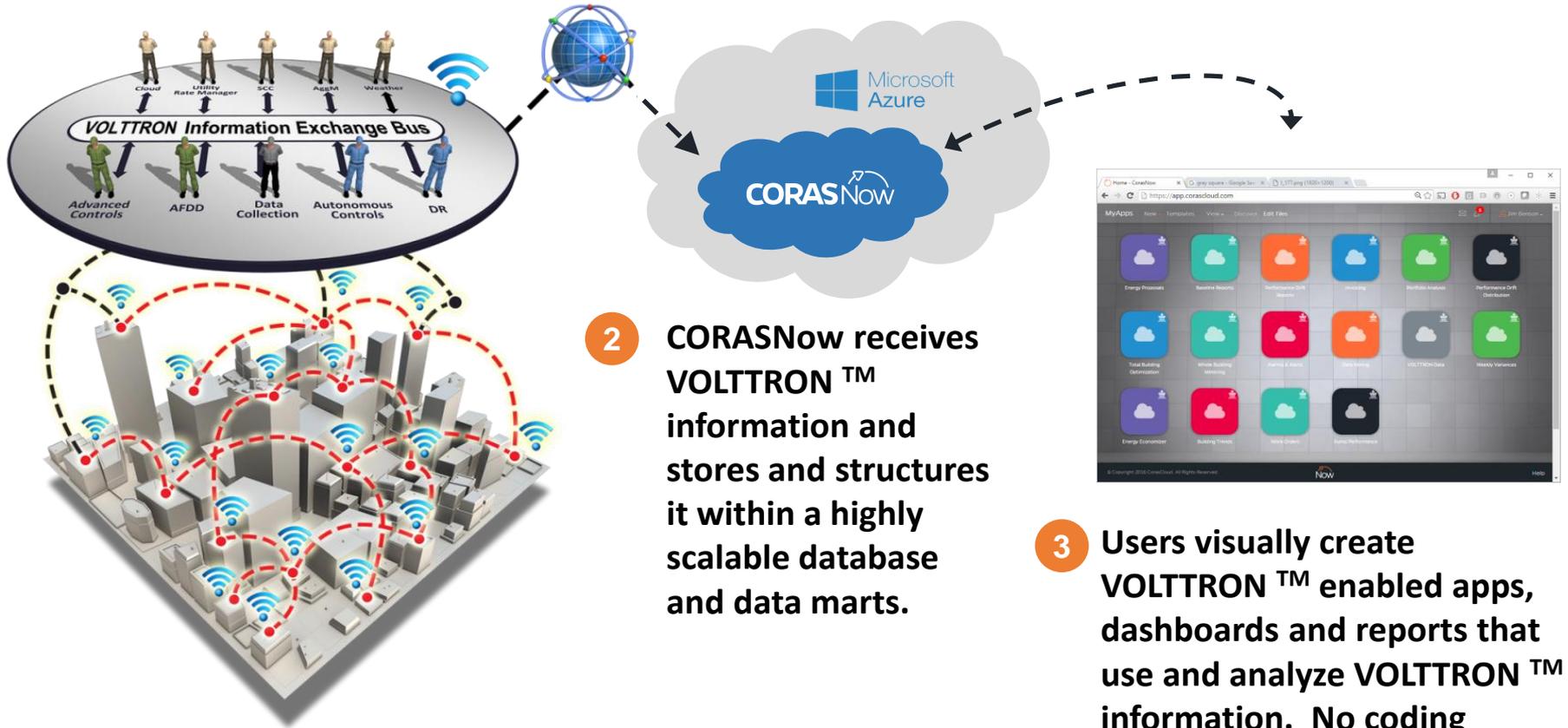
## Snapshot of Customers



# How we got here ...

- ❖ **In May 2016, we were approached by PNNL about piloting CORASNow with VOLTTRON™. Specifically,**
  - establish a secure cloud platform that captures VOLTTRON™ information.
  - build three (3) cloud-based applications that integrate VOLTTRON™ information.
  - integrate and apply select OpenEIS algorithms into applications.
  - document our findings, challenges and recommendations for how to fully operationalize this at a broader scale.
- ❖ **Today ...**
  - VOLTTRON™ information is being securely sent to CORASNow within Microsoft Azure's public cloud.
  - We are receiving ~ 3m VOLTTRON™ records a day (every minute) from 11 buildings and 2,700+ points.
  - Pilot SaaS applications have been created which are using / analyzing VOLTTRON™ information.

# High Level Architecture

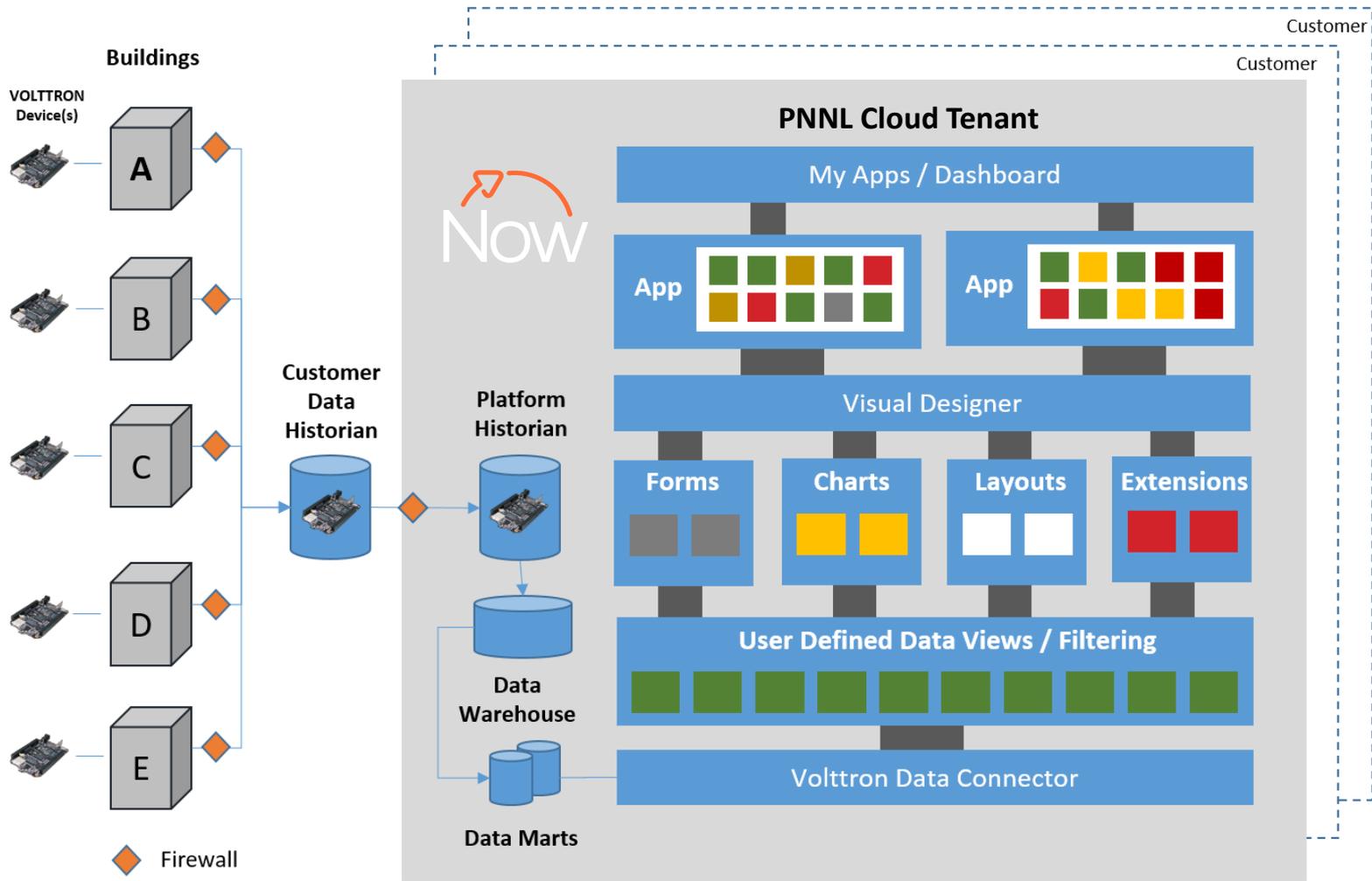


**1** VOLTRON™ information is securely captured from buildings and points and transmitted to CORASNow.

**2** CORASNow receives VOLTRON™ information and stores and structures it within a highly scalable database and data marts.

**3** Users visually create VOLTRON™ enabled apps, dashboards and reports that use and analyze VOLTRON™ information. No coding required.

# Functional Architecture



# Some of the information being captured ...

## ❖ HVAC / AHU

- Zone Temperature / Discharge Temperature
- Outdoor / Indoor / Set Temperatures
- Exhaust / Supply Fan Speeds

## ❖ Hot Water Heater

- Supply / Return Temperature
- Boiler Temperature
- Natural Gas Flow

## ❖ Electric

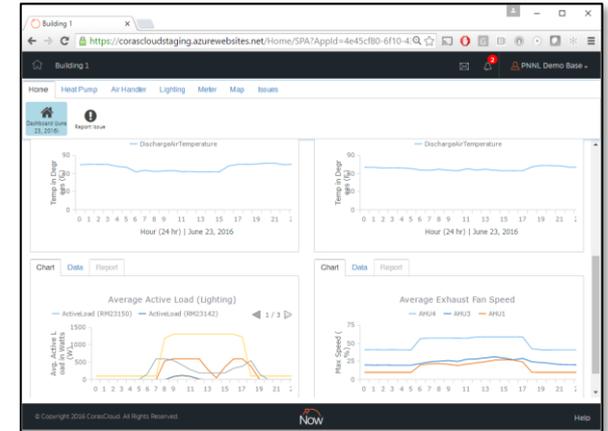
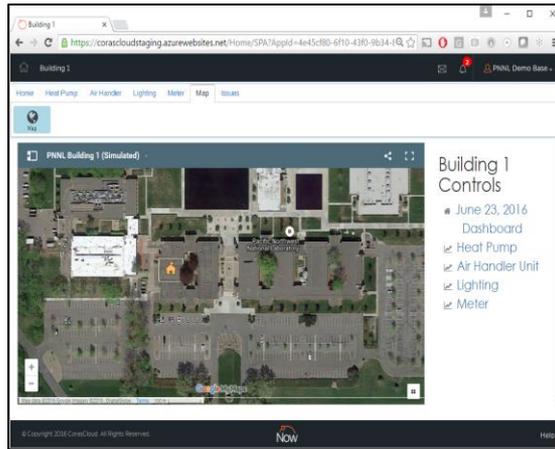
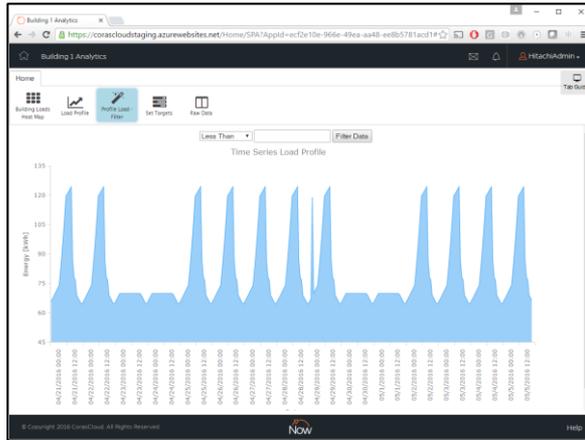
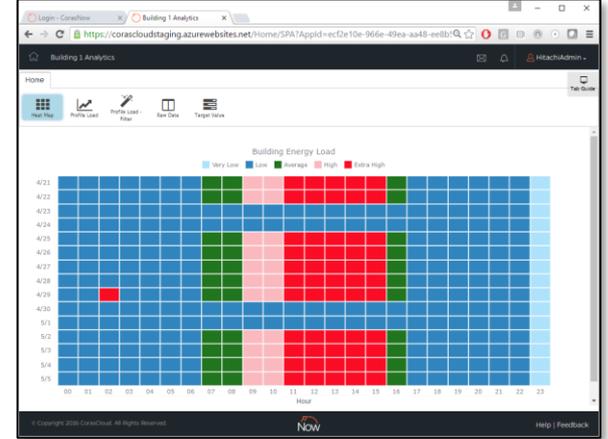
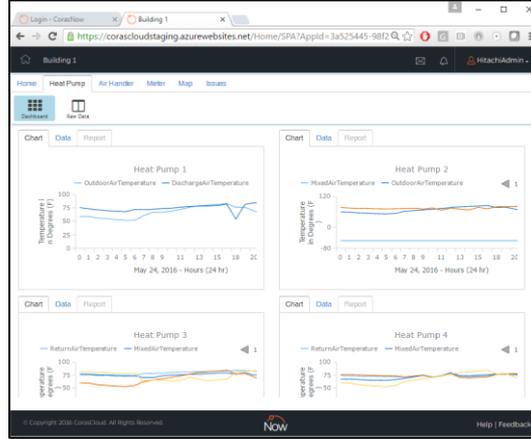
- Whole Building Power / Demand
- Whole Building Apparent Power
- Reactive Power / Demand

## ❖ Lighting

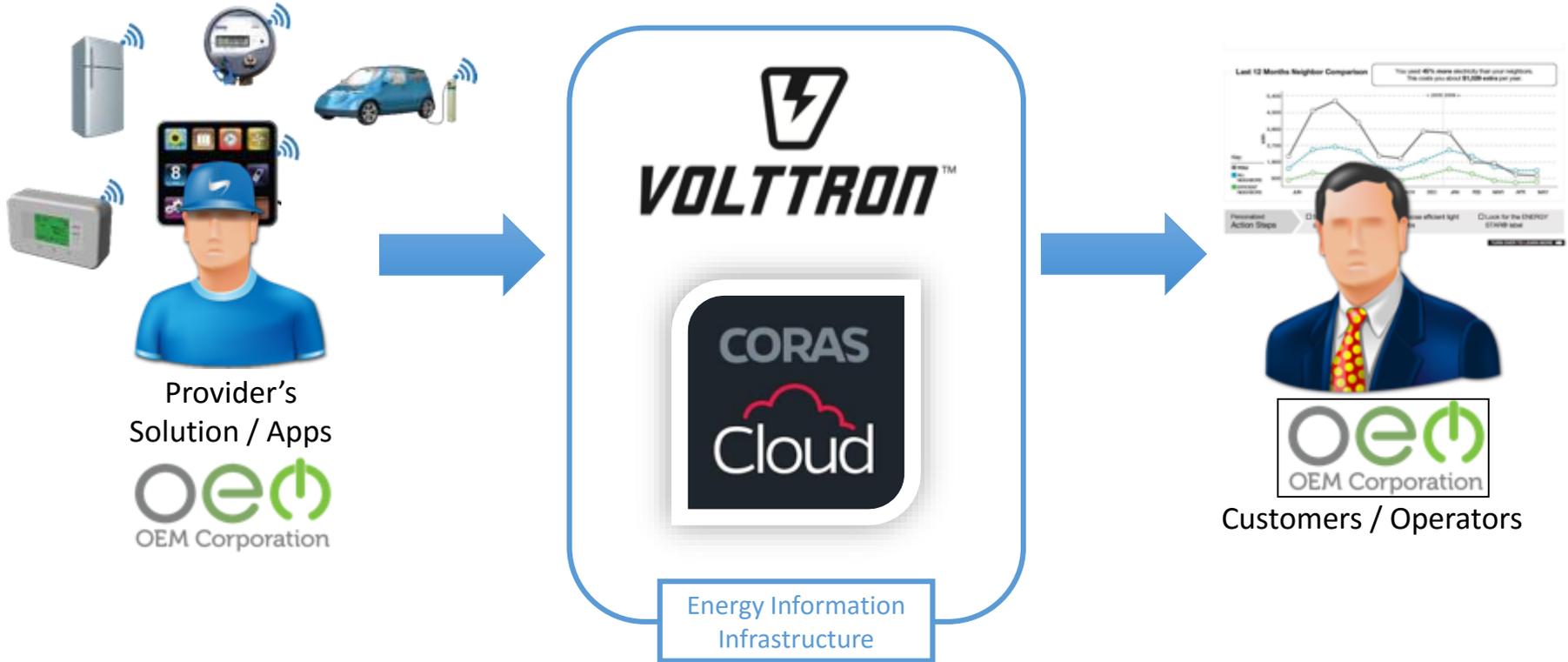
- Active Loads (exterior, corridors, by room, etc.)
- Dimming Output Levels
- Occupancy Status'

*Hundreds of other points are also being collected but do not change often (i.e., set points, valve positions, damper signals, occupancy modes, etc. )*

# App dashboards, reports and analytics



# Emerging business models ...



## From DATA to DECISIONS

*A cloud base energy information infrastructure service to securely integrate with your enterprise and power your customers' business intelligence.*

# Why is this important?

- ❖ **Managing and monitoring energy performance is complex**
  - thousands of controls and systems, dozens of vendors, proprietary interfaces, legacy and modern devices, no consistent standards.
  - expensive management and monitoring systems, high installation and sustainment costs, proprietary hardware sets
- ❖ **Capturing and analyzing energy information is exhaustive**
  - lack of data availability, expensive data acquisition and maintenance costs, complex data integration and harmonization routines, lack of security
  - proprietary taxonomies, lack of standards, expensive hardware and software costs, limited real-time analytics and reporting
  - applications are expensive, outdated, rigid and typically proprietary

*Companies are demanding faster, cheaper and better ways to capture and analyze energy information to support and inform critical business functions.*

# Today's market challenges (and opportunities)

Market Sector	Key Challenges	Example Companies
<b>Equipment System Companies</b>	Need cost effective ways and platforms to collect and analyze information from multiple devices to support energy management portfolio, contracts and cost savings / quality commitments	
<b>Energy Service Companies</b>	Responsible for the performance of energy buildings, portfolios and contracts. Need information from devices to analyze energy performance, make recommendations on improvements, and monitor equipment and trends.	
<b>Energy Finance and Insurance</b>	Need information (beyond utility bills) to understand energy usage to effectively price risk of energy investments. Also, to capture energy variances to ensure investments are performing well.	
<b>Product Manufacturers</b>	Seeking low cost devices and monitoring platform that can be installed on existing controls / IoT to monitor and hedge against control failure and performance. It's cheaper to replace before it fails.	
<b>Utilities</b>	Seeking new ways to complement existing revenue channels / product offerings (i.e., curtailment programs, transactional grid, energy reduction, etc.).	

Risk Management / Monetization of Value Streams

# Challenges and lessons learned ...

## ❖ **Data. Be careful what you ask for.**

- We went from 0 – 3million records overnight. Now, extrapolate that for 3 months! Measure and monitor what your business needs and when they need it, avoid collecting points you don't need. More data means more cost and latency in analytics and apps.
- SQL (relational) vs. NoSQL (non-relational) or both?
- Data Processing. Create data cubes / marts to simplify analytics and reporting.
- Some networks are within your control, others are not. Plan that all networks are not reliable and build in controls that let you know when you're not receiving VOLTTTRON™ data.
- Balance server side analytics versus client side. Browsers only have so much memory and when plotting 1,000 points you can quickly run out of resources.

## ❖ **Real-time versus Offline analysis.**

## ❖ **Platforms are cool, but apps and algorithms show the value of VOLTTTRON™**

# Questions ...

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