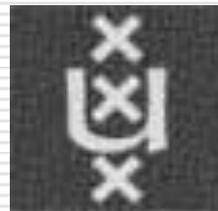


Integration of renewables supply and demand;
social acceptance of crucial smart grid
elements.

*Scale Conflicts about
Distributed Generation*

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Renewable Energy:

"Distributed generation"

- Micro/decentralized generation:
 - * PV (PhotoVoltaics)
 - * micro CHP (biofuels, preferably bio-waste),
 - * onshore wind
 - * geothermal (prudential) hydro (tidal etc)
 - Small scale, spatially dispersed
 - **Spatial claims renewables: "huge"**
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MacKay DJC 2008

- Variable sources
- Power grid applied as 'storage' capacity

Charles D 2009 Science 324: 172-175 "Renewables test IQ of the grid"

Distributed Generation

Ackermann, Andersson, Söder 2004

❖	Combined cycle gas T.	35–400 MW
❖	Internal combustion engines	5 kW–10 MW
❖	Combustion turbine	1–250 MW
❖	Micro-Turbines	35 kW–1 MW
❖	<i>Renewable</i>	
❖	Small hydro	1–100 MW
❖	Micro hydro	25 kW–1 MW
❖	Wind turbine	200 Watt–3 MW
❖	Photovoltaic arrays	20 Watt–100 kW
❖	Solar thermal, central receiver	1–10 MW
❖	Solar thermal, Lutz system	10–80 MW
❖	Biomass, e.g. gasification	100 kW–20 MW
❖	Fuel cells, phosacid	200 kW–2 MW
❖	Fuel cells, molten carbonate	250 kW–2 MW
❖	Fuel cells, proton exchange	1 kW–250 kW
❖	Fuel cells, solid oxide	250 kW–5 MW
❖	Geothermal	5–100 MW
❖	Ocean energy	100 kW–1 MW
❖	Stirling engine	2–10 kW
❖	Battery storage	500 kW–5 MW
❖	V2G (electr vehicle batrteries)	10–100 kW

Definition

❖ **Distributed Generation**

is an electric power source

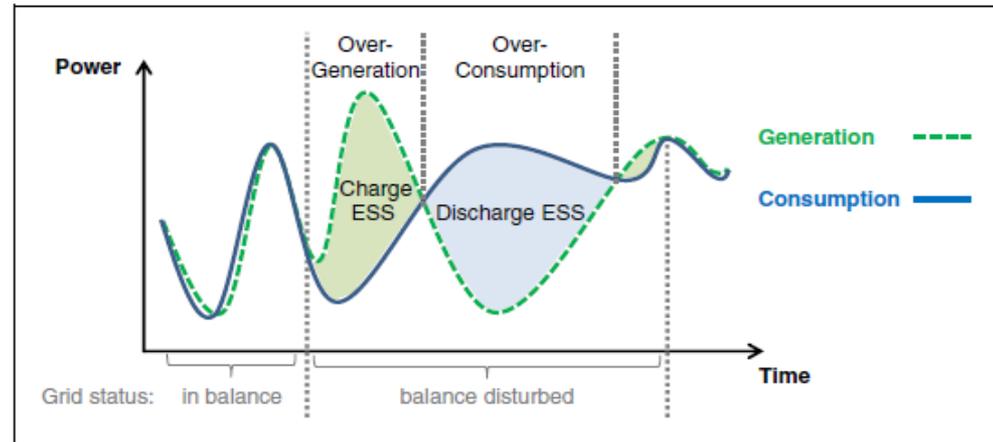
- *connected directly to the distribution network*
- *or on the customer site of the meter.*

Ackermann et al 2004

Feasibility RES requires integration of

- different supply patterns
- and (adapted) demand patterns

- Different patterns of variable supply
- Optimization supply and demand: needs **(micro-)optimization**



- Development of (local) micro-grids,
 - several 'prosumers' in a 'community'
 - load-control (*supporting DG, NOT central*)
 - including local storage (e.g. electr. vehicles)
- Smart meters, including smart regulation (*supporting 'prosumers' and 'micro-grid'*)

Strong pressure on the power grid: towards a "Smart Grid"

- "Power grid consisting of a network of integrated micro-grids that can monitor and heal itself" *Marris E (2008) Upgrading the grid. Nature 454: 570-573*
 - → Fundamental question:
*Which **institutional changes** needed to establish smart micro-grids with renewable DG generation as much as possible?*
 - Who will invest? Who has control about what? Does micro-generation get priority over large-scale unsustainable generating capacity?
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Social acceptance in innovation primarily issue with an institutional character

adapted from Wüstenhagen et al 2007. *Energy Policy* 35, 2386

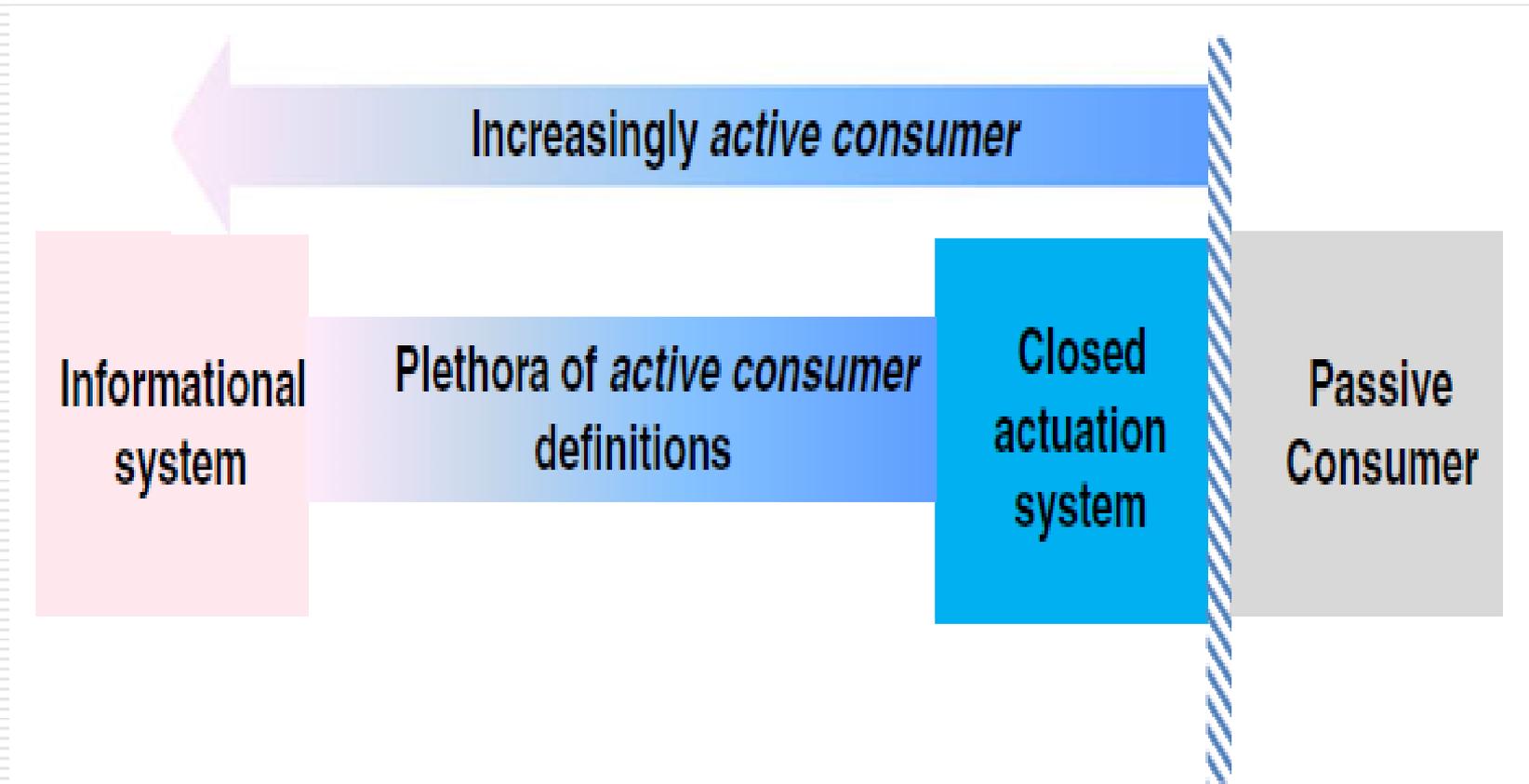
Community Acceptance end users, local authorities, residents → project decision making on infrastructure, investments and adapted consumption; based on trust, distributional justice and fairness of process

Market Acceptance producers, distributors, consumers, intra-firm, financial actors → investing in RES-E and DG infrastructure, using RES generated power

Socio-Political Acceptance
regulators, policy actors, key stakeholders, public
→ craft institutional changes & effective policies fostering market & community acceptance

Acceptance of what?

- key issue: *institutional scale conflict*
 - socio-political and market acceptance of control of increasingly active consumers ('prosumers')
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Institutional lock-in: existing patterns of thinking and behaviour

“Alternatives representing radical technological change **have to come from outside organisations** representing the existing technologies, whereas the **existing incumbents even make efforts to eliminate alternatives** from decision-making processes.”

Lund (2010) *Energy* 35: 4003-4009.

Comparison of 12 decision-making processes in RES projects in 1st country successful in RES implementation

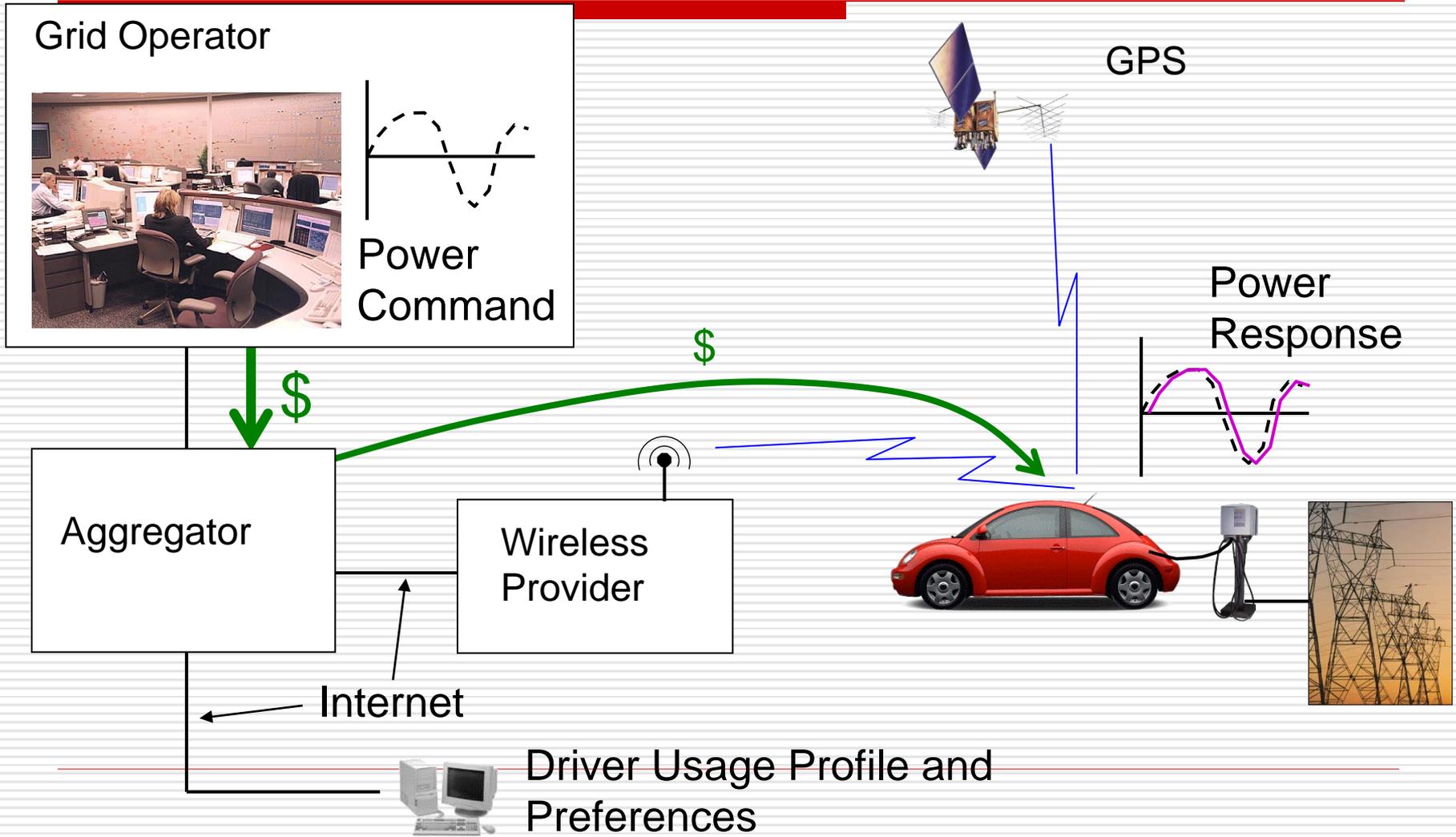
Example V2G integration

- controlled Electric Vehicles charging reduce required transmission capacity
- reduce electricity dispatch costs,
- curtailment of variability renewable energy sources (RES)
- curtailment storing energy by utilizing pumped hydro
- absorbs unserved load.

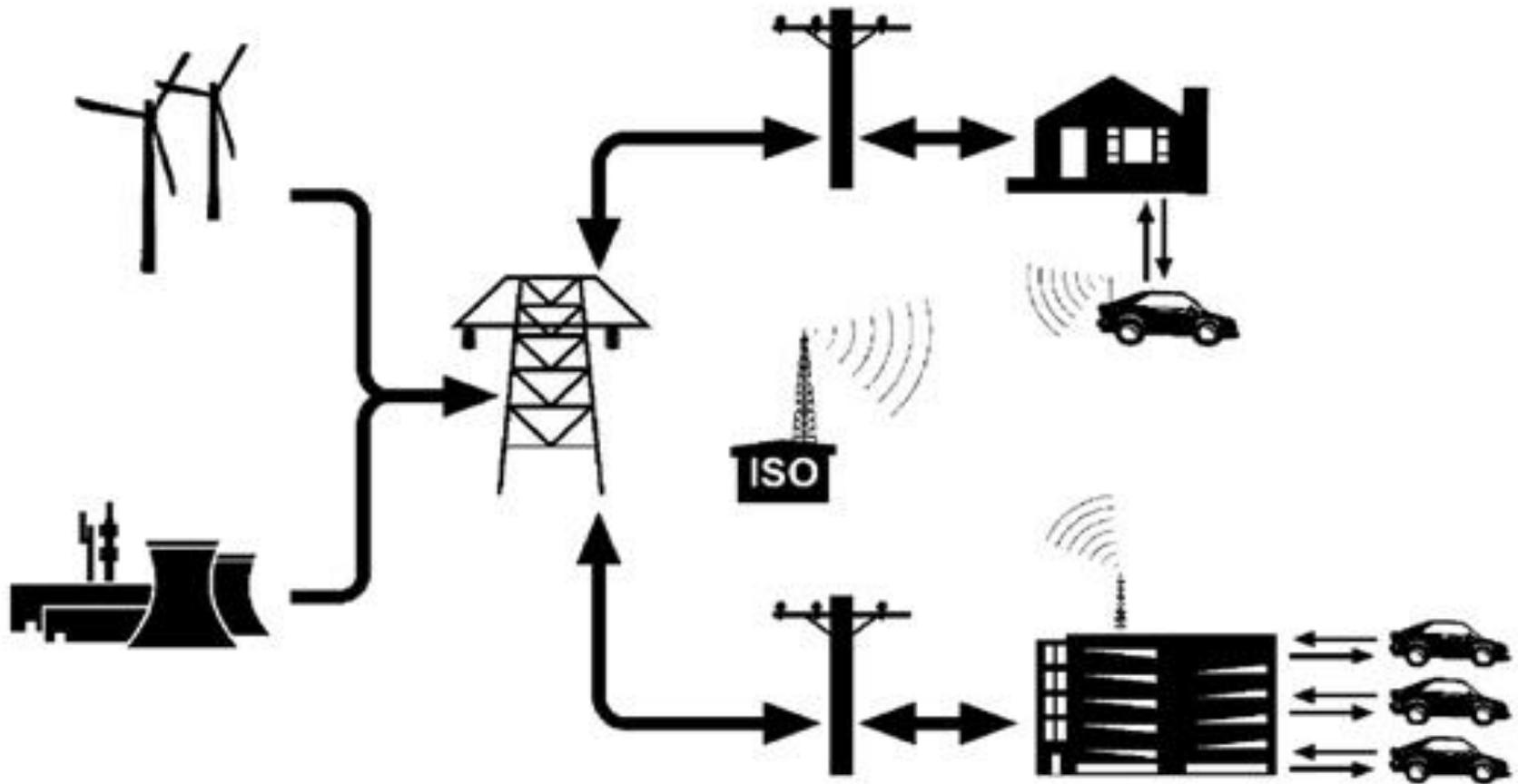
[Verzijlbergh et al, 2014](#)

Grid Regulation with an EV

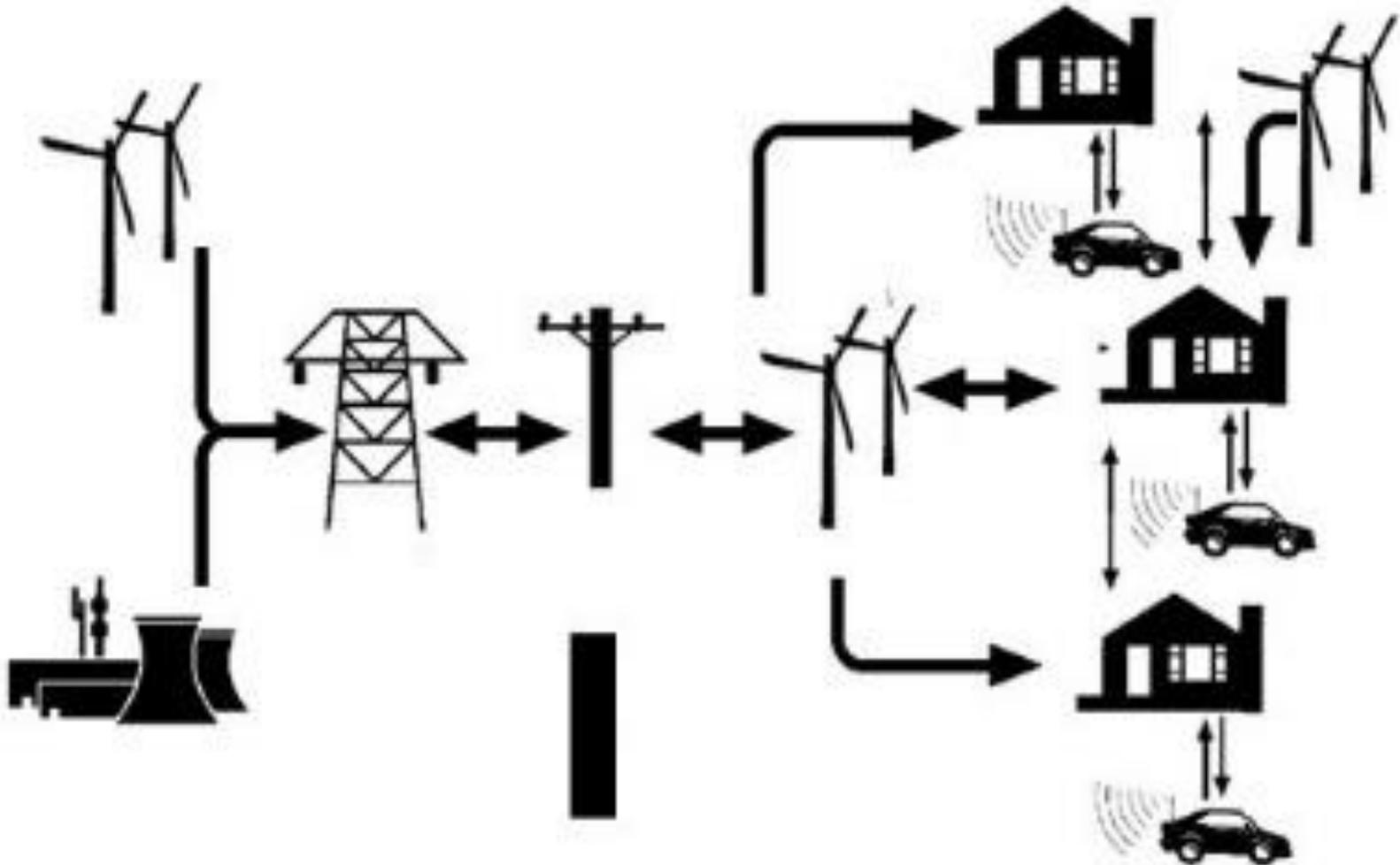
Centralized vision



V2G Centralized vision



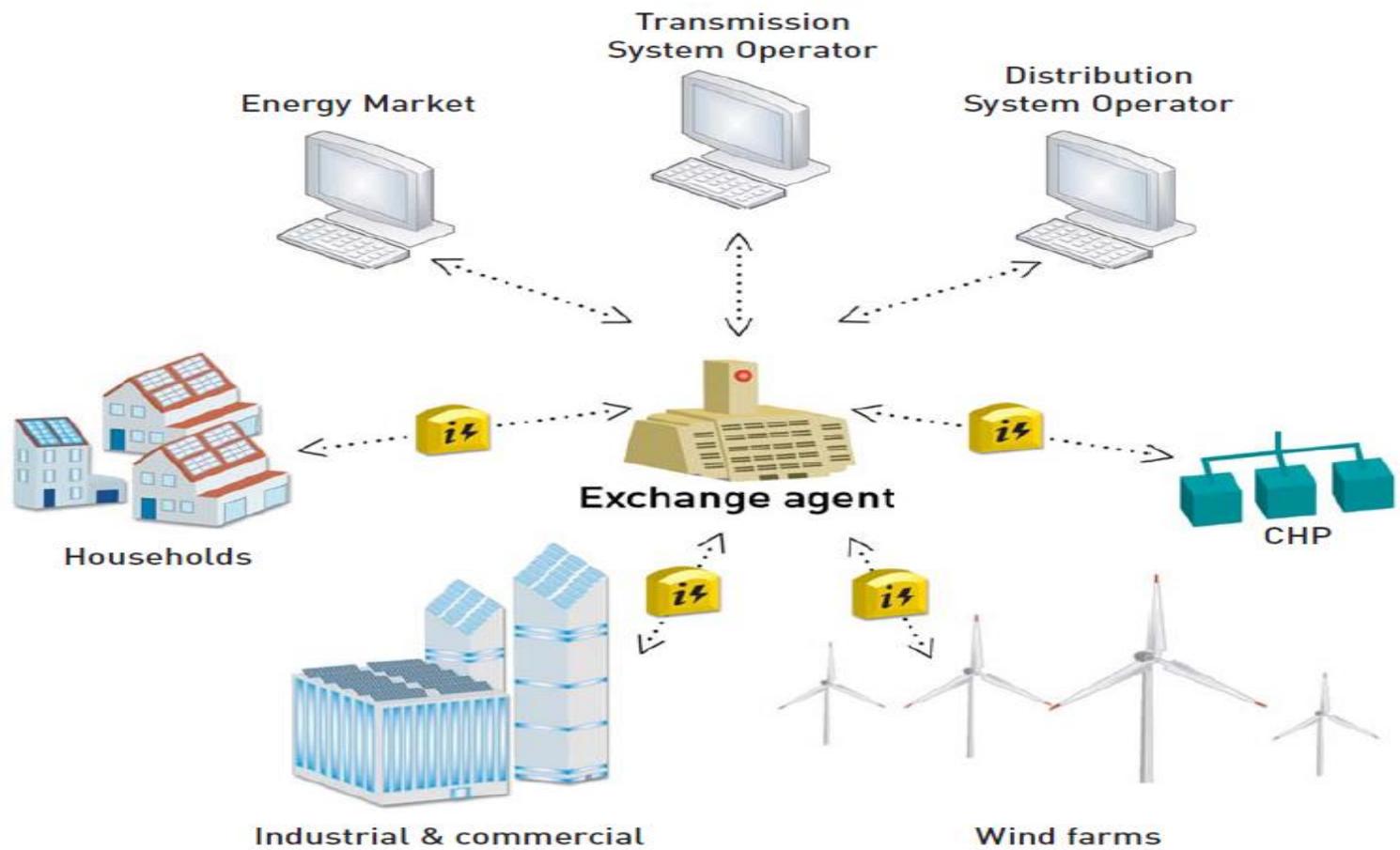
V2G: *Prosumer vision*: storage V2G helps RE integration in microgrid; enhancing acceptance and limiting transmission



EU 'vision' on the 'smart' grid



M. SANCHEZ, 2006

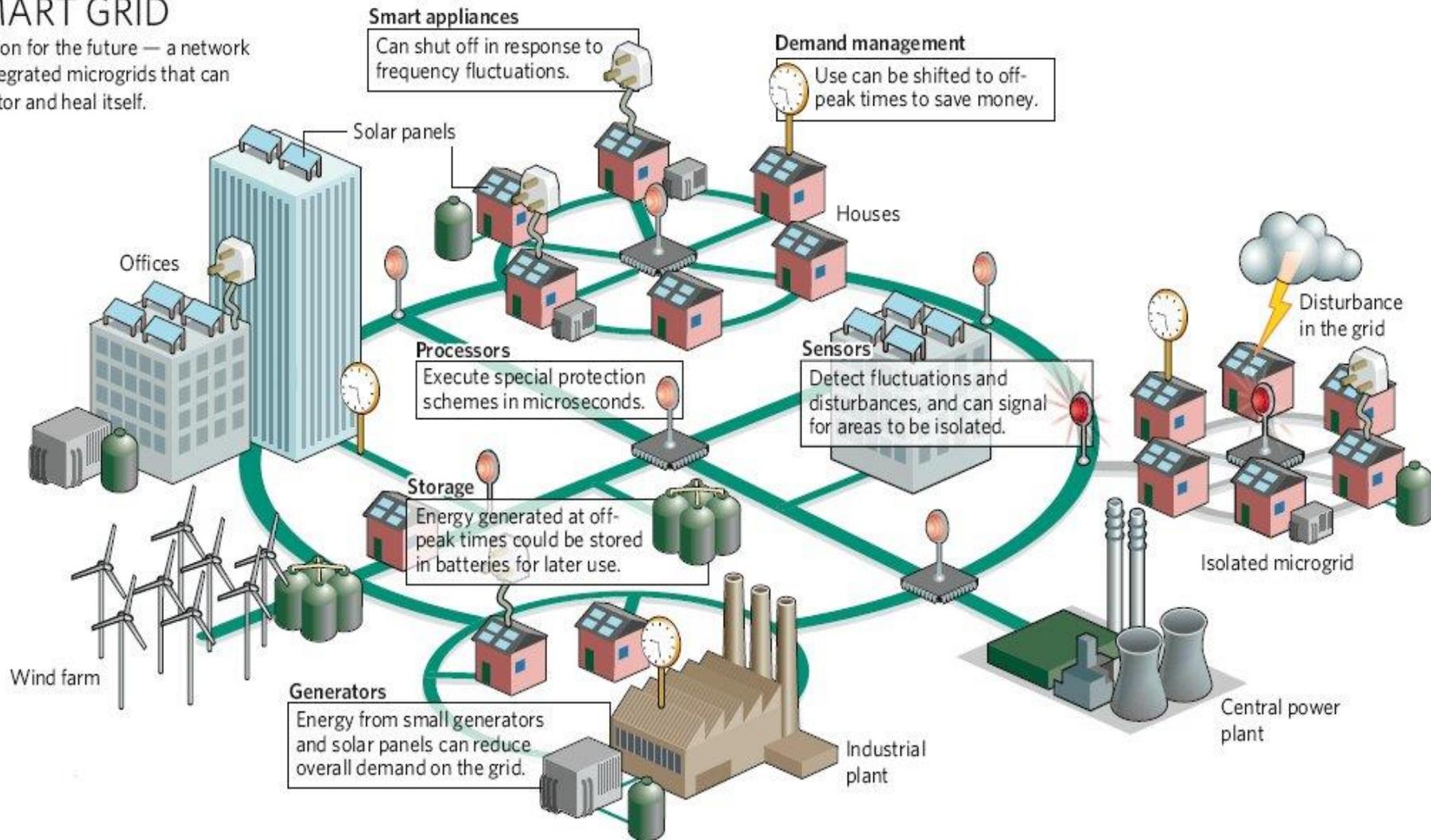


'Smart grid': "...rescaling and distributed generation" ... "integrated micro-grids that can monitor and heal itself"

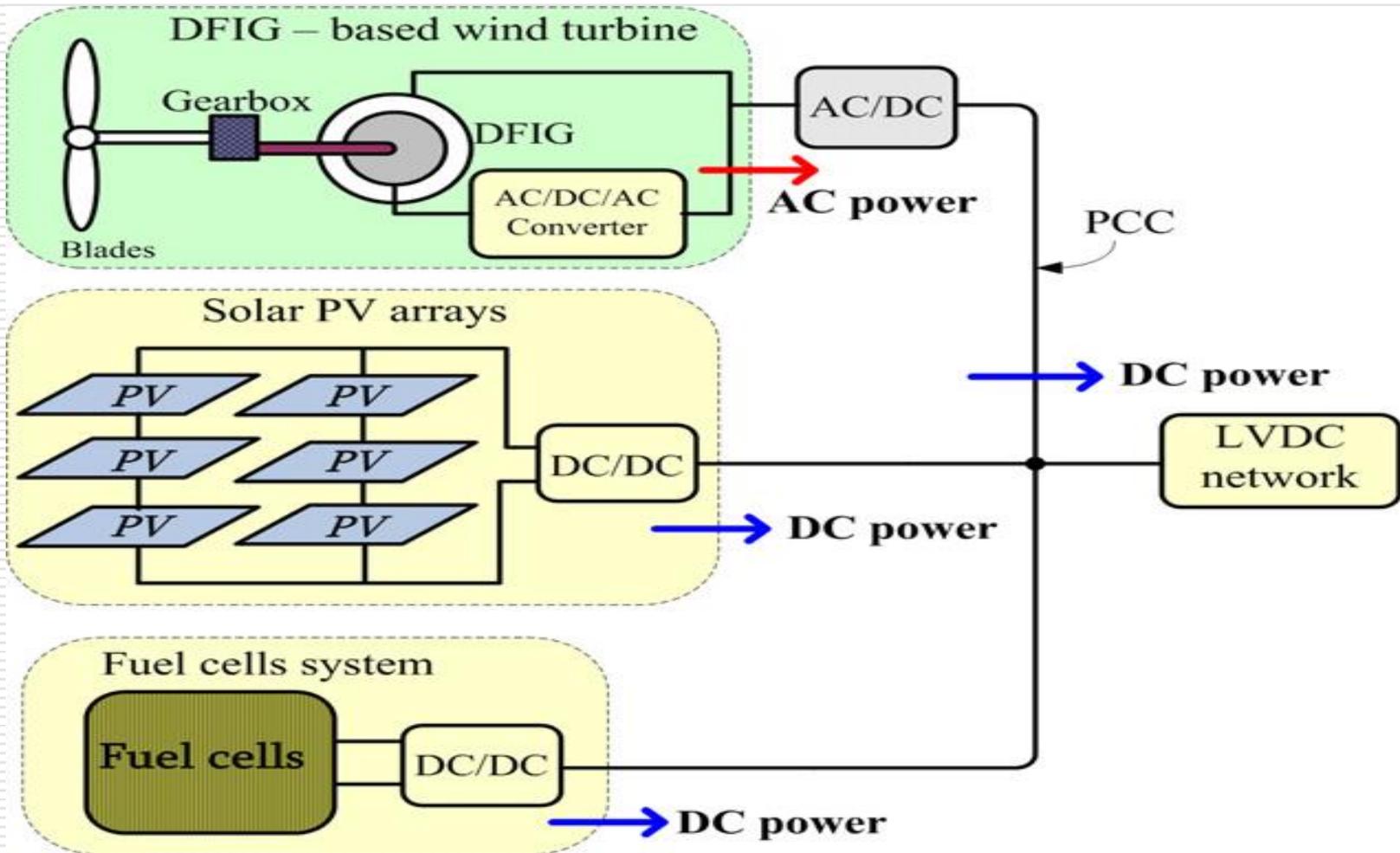
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SMART GRID

A vision for the future — a network of integrated microgrids that can monitor and heal itself.



Example: DG units with LowVoltage DC network [\[Justo et al. 2013, 390\]](#)



Institutional conflict: taxation

- Integrated production/demand
 - Co-operating 'prosumers' (wind, solar, geothermal, storage etc.)
 - Smart meters supporting co-operation and integration → no energy company control
 - Where are the energy-flows taxed?
 - Interest of the state (incumbent/vested interest) in current power supply system
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DG with local storage in smart grid

- When the aim is to maximize IS [information system]-enhanced ESS [electricity storage system] ... most promising to give private households absolute control rights over these systems ... to maximize personal security of supply”

“... policy-makers could impose laws that give distribution system operators control rights over IS-enhanced ESS in private houses....”

- Römer et al, *Electr Markets* in press 2014, p.11
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Thank you

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