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EEN452 - Control and Operation of Electric Power Systems

Part 7: Current and future trends in power system operation - the path to the smart grid

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After this lecture and additional reading, you should be able to . . .

- . . . motivate the need for smart grids
- . . . give an overview of technologies and concepts needed to establish smart grids

1st question:

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I have no idea.

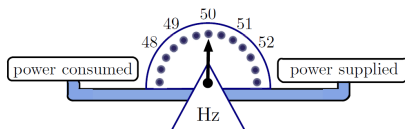
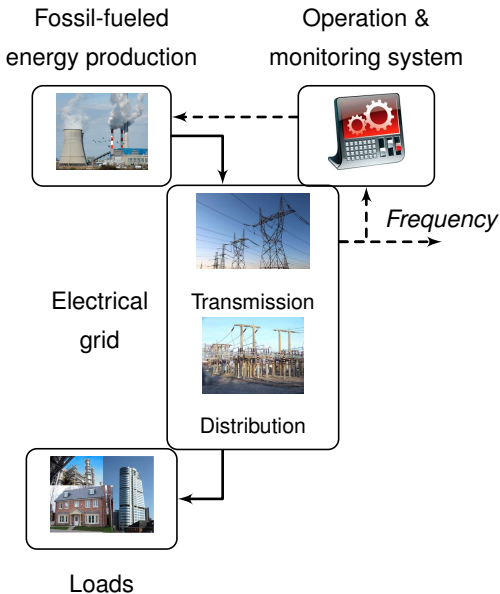
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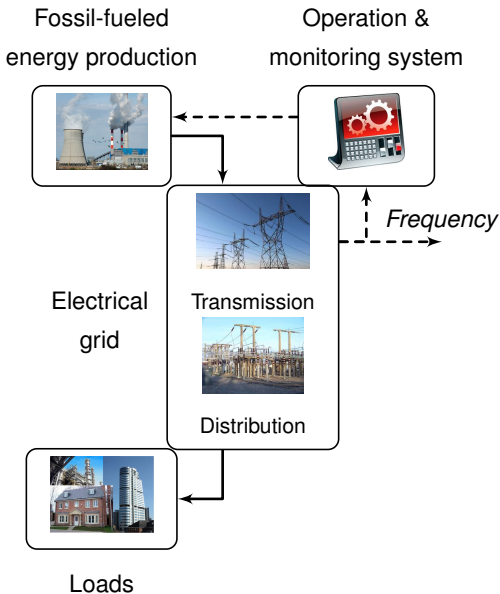
Do you spend any time thinking about
when to use energy?

Of course, not!

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1 The electrical energy system: review of traditional setup



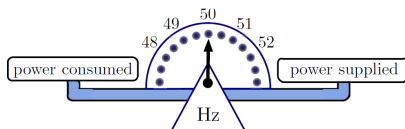
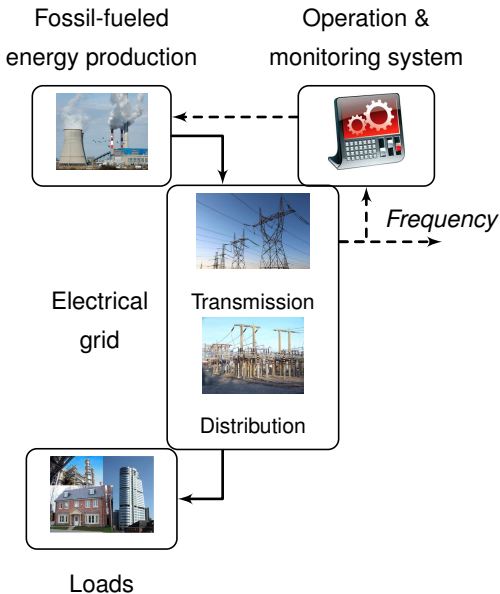


Advantage of fossil fuels:

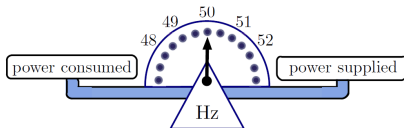
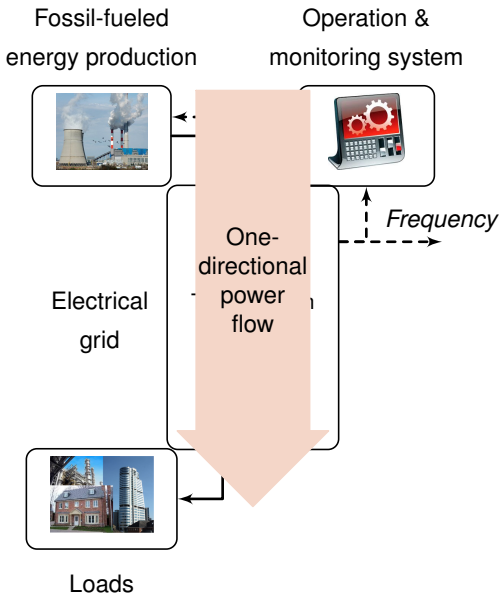
available on demand
whenever required

Production follows demand

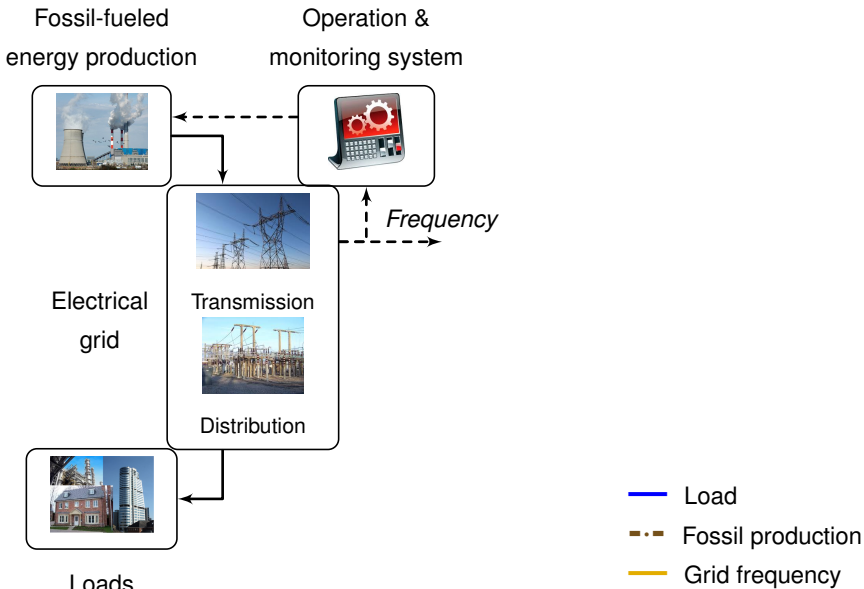
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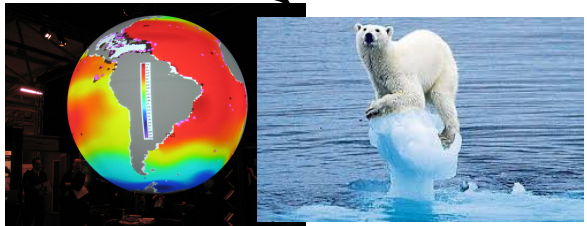


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2 Two major problems with fossil fuels



- 1) Energy generation from fossil fuels highly contributes to greenhouse gas emissions & climate change!
- 2) Fossil fuels are finite!





Onshore wind



Solar power



Offshore wind

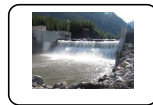
Shift energy production
from fossil to
renewable energy sources!



Marine power



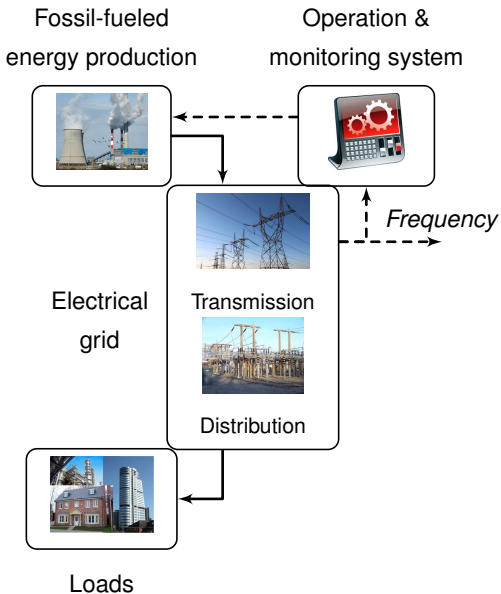
Bioenergy



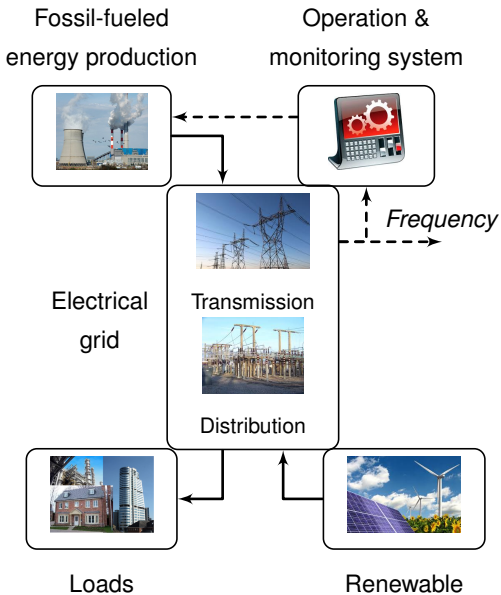
Small hydro
power

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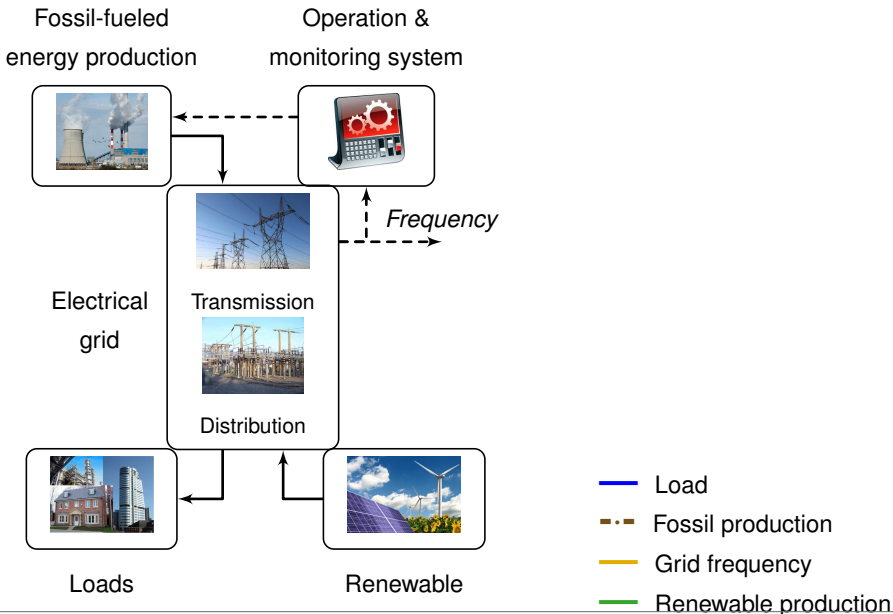
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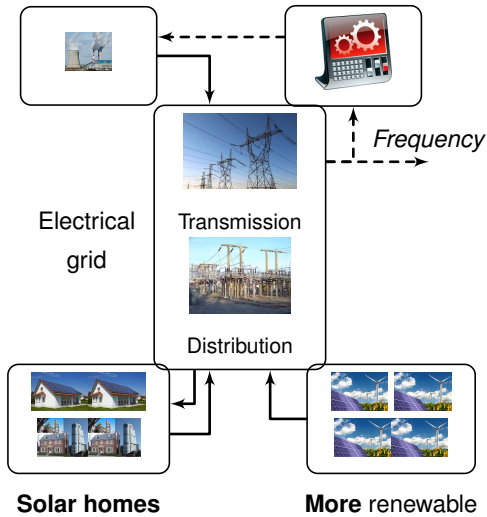
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Less fossil-fueled
energy production

Operation &
monitoring system

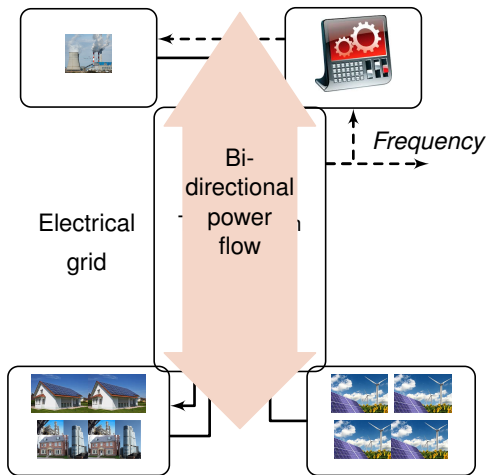


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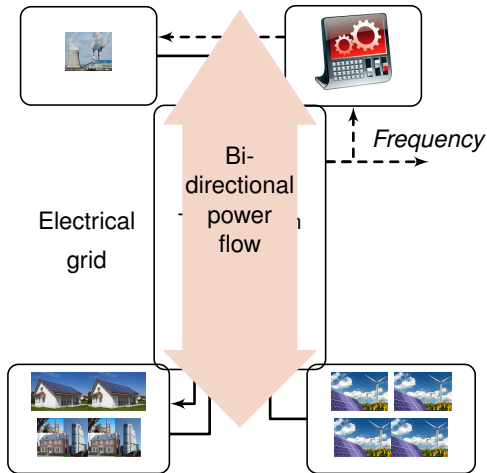
Solar homes

More renewable
energy production

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Renewable energies:

- Depend on natural circumstances, e.g., wind and sun
 - Availability is uncertain & not plannable
 - Fluctuating energy production
- ⇒ Renewable energy NOT available on demand

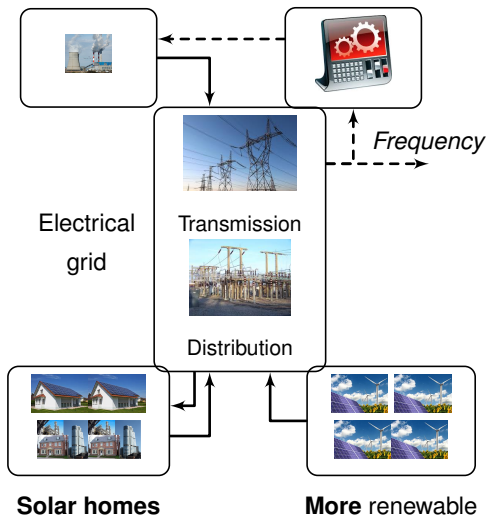
Solar homes
& loads

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- Load
- - - Fossil production
- Grid frequency
- Renewable production

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Demand must follow production

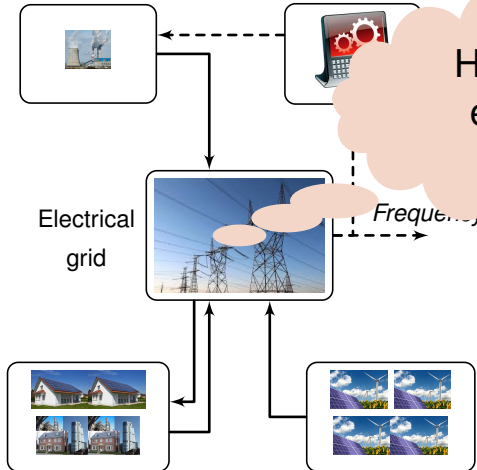
(to certain extent)

⇒ Energy system needs to become more flexible & intelligent

4 The path towards a smart grid system

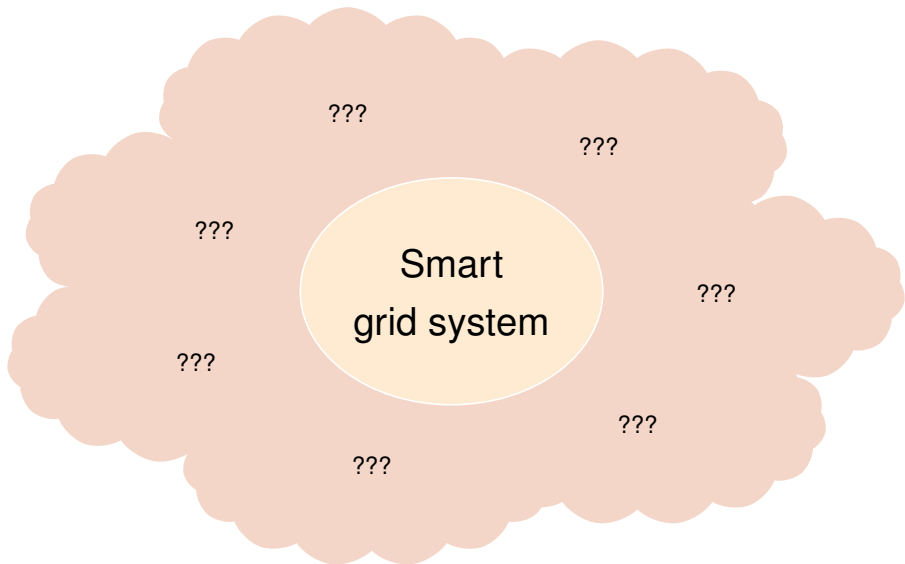
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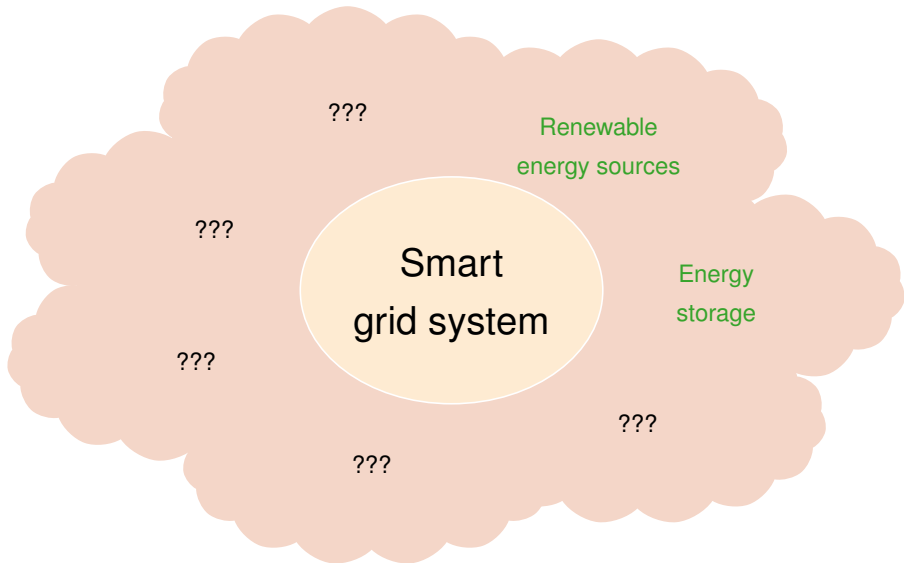
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How to make the
energy system
smart?

4 What are the key smart grid system (SGS) ingredients?





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Energy storage needed to balance fluctuating renewables

Pumped storage hydroelectricity

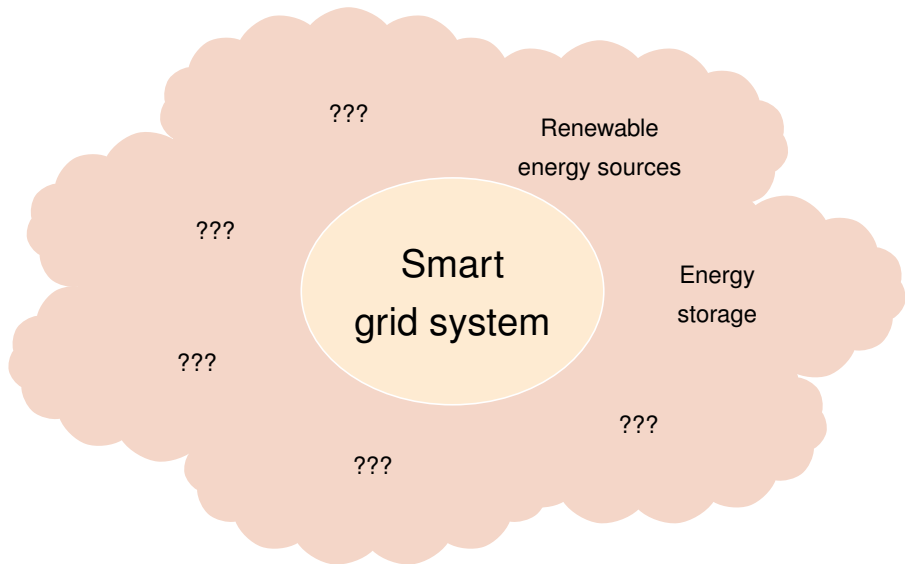


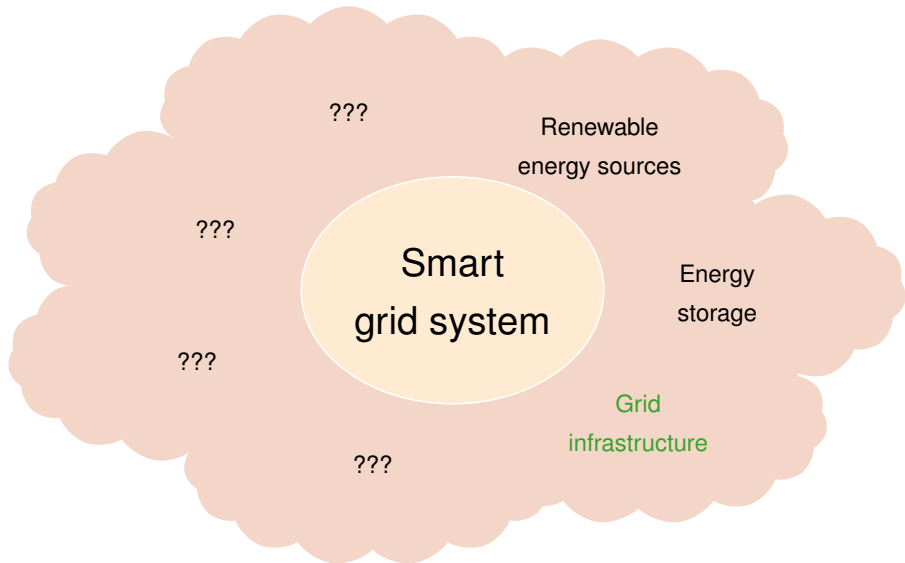
Battery technologies



Flywheel







- Increasing amount of generation in distribution grids
- ⇒ Bidirectional power flow

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Merge electric, heat and transport systems to exploit synergies and increase efficiency

Power-2-gas

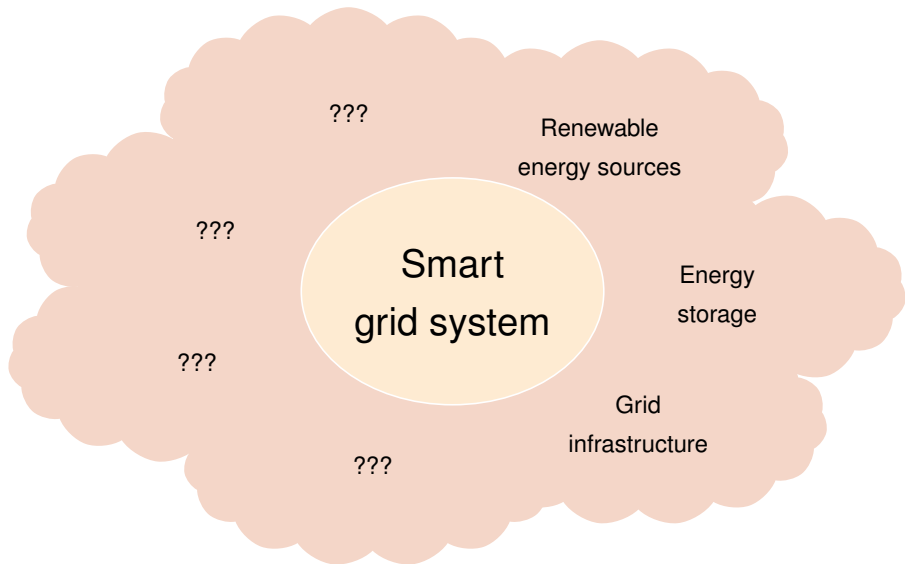


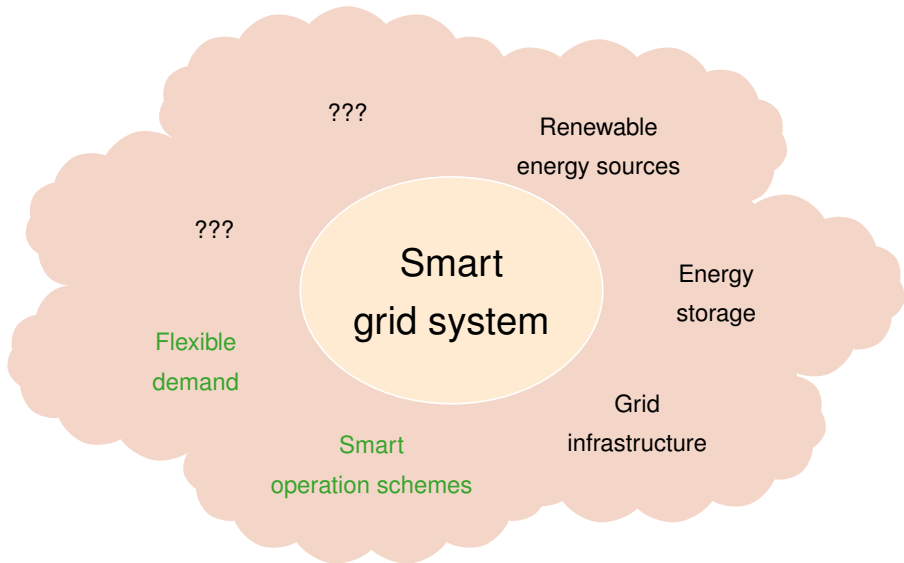
Combined heat & power (CHP) plants



Vehicle-2-grid







Future operation schemes based on
multi-agent approaches

Examples for agents in SGS

Energy producers



Energy retailers



End-users



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Flexible loads

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- Smart meters & smart homes

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Groups of agents

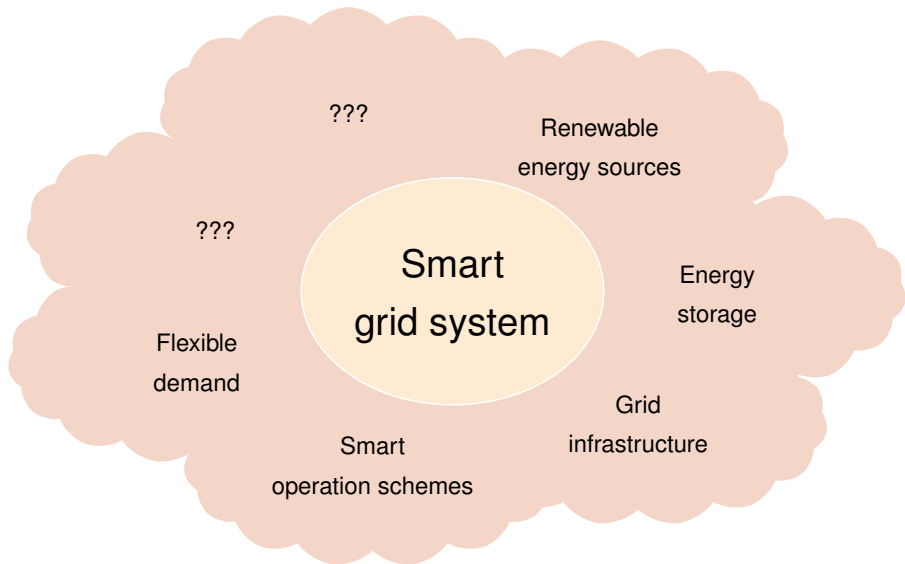
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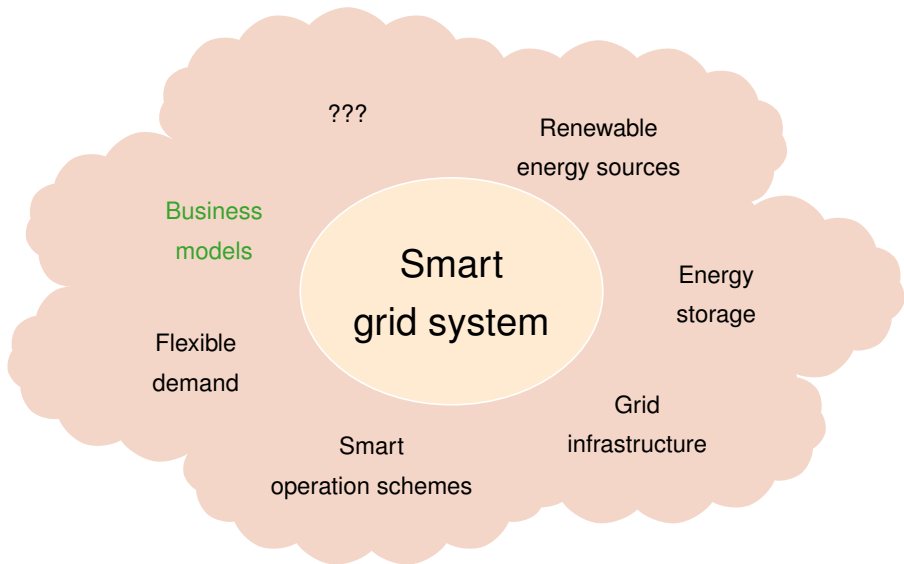
Smart operation schemes

- Virtual power plants
- Microgrids

Flexible loads

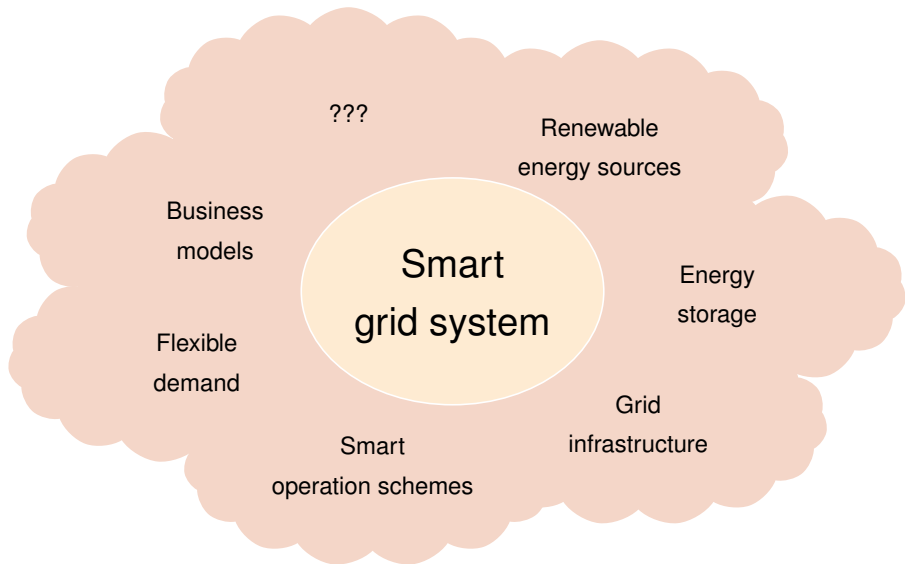
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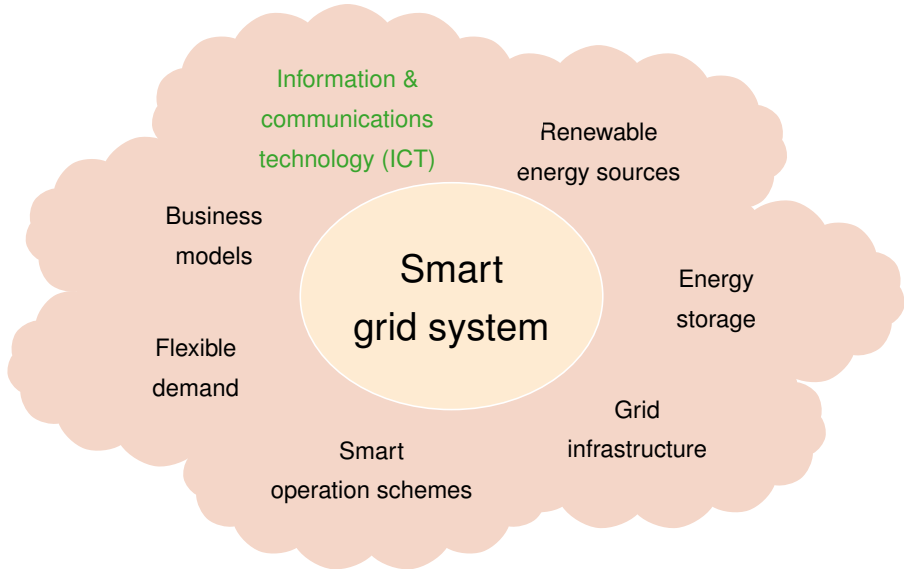


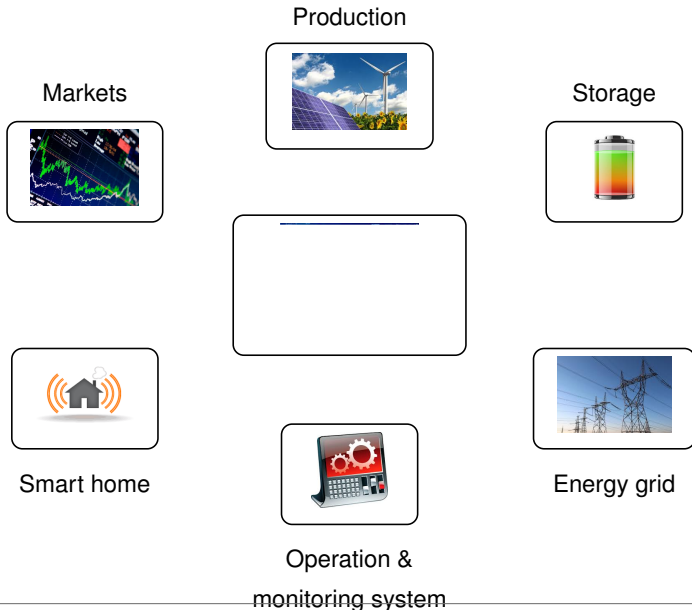


- Business models are key to support. . .
 - . . . investments in new generation and infrastructure
 - . . . changes to consumer behaviour and social acceptance
- Motivate end-users to become prosumers
 - Receive clear benefits (e.g., savings)
 - Variable tariffs
 - More transparent billing
 - Business cases for electric vehicles and smart appliances
- Feasible business models also depend on political framework and regulations

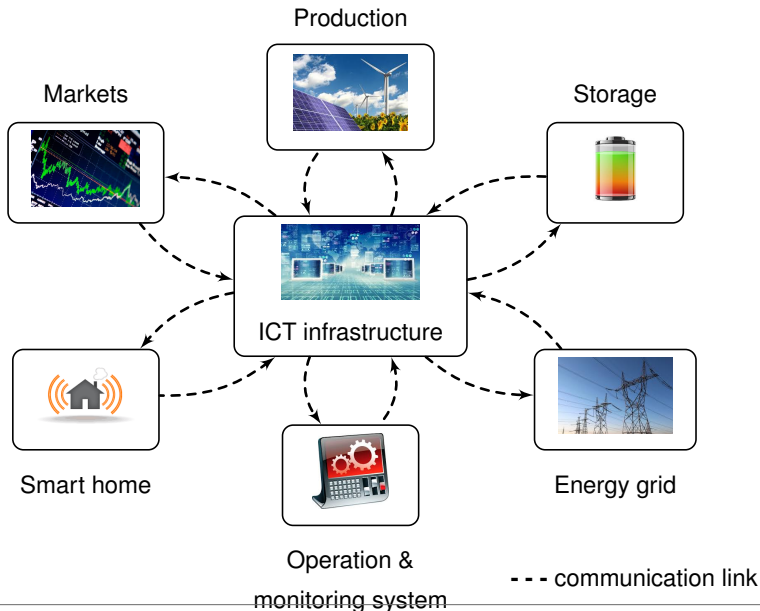


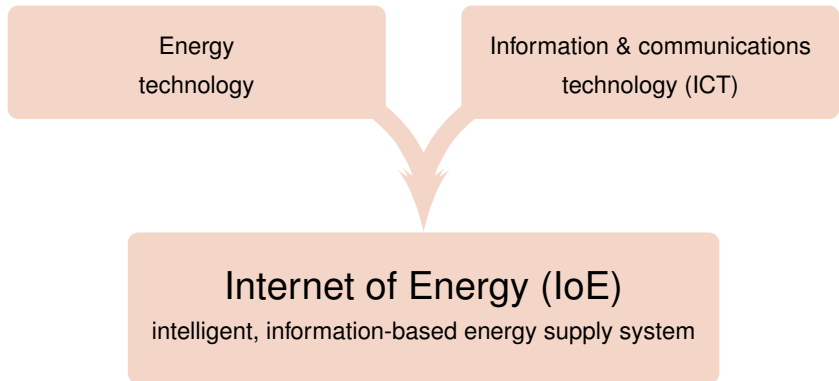


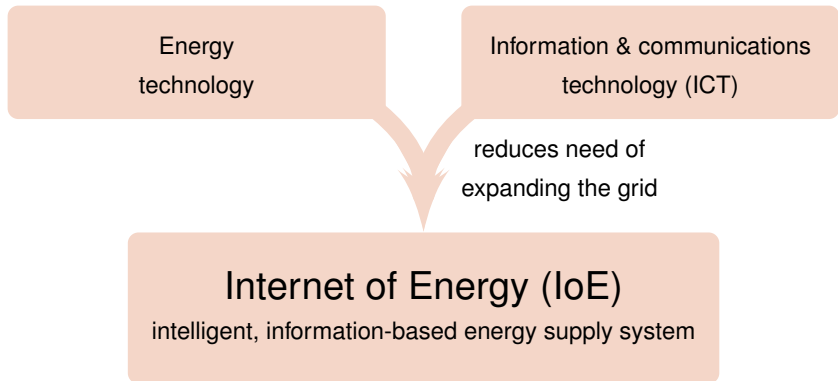


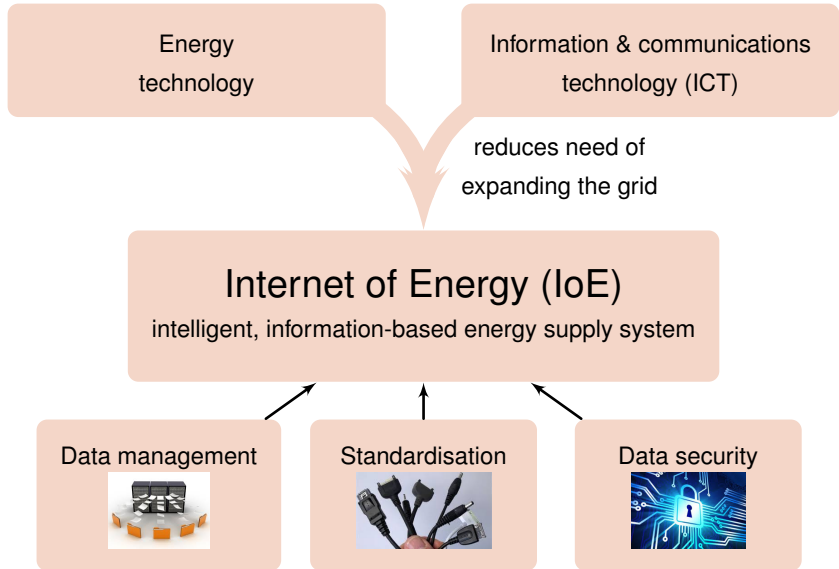


4 Key SGS ingredients - V. ICT

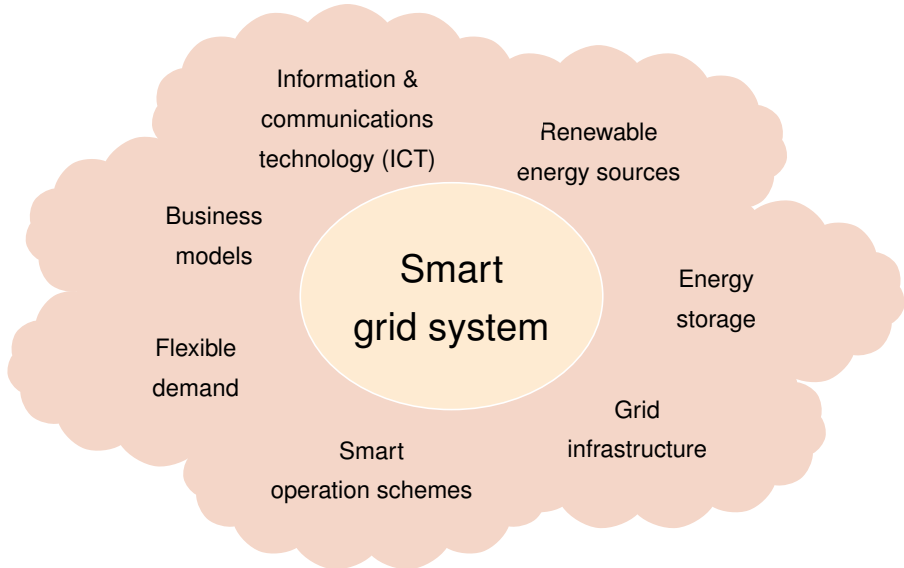








4 Key smart energy system (SGS) ingredients



The smart grid system paradigm

“Demand follows production”

- Key ingredients: ICT, renewables, flexible operation & consumption
- ⇒ Internet of Energy (IoE)
- Many challenging open questions
- Large investments (EU-wide £500 billion by around 2020)
- ⇒ Plenty of exciting & interdisciplinary opportunities

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