



Smart Energy

Electricity usage and demand side management in households

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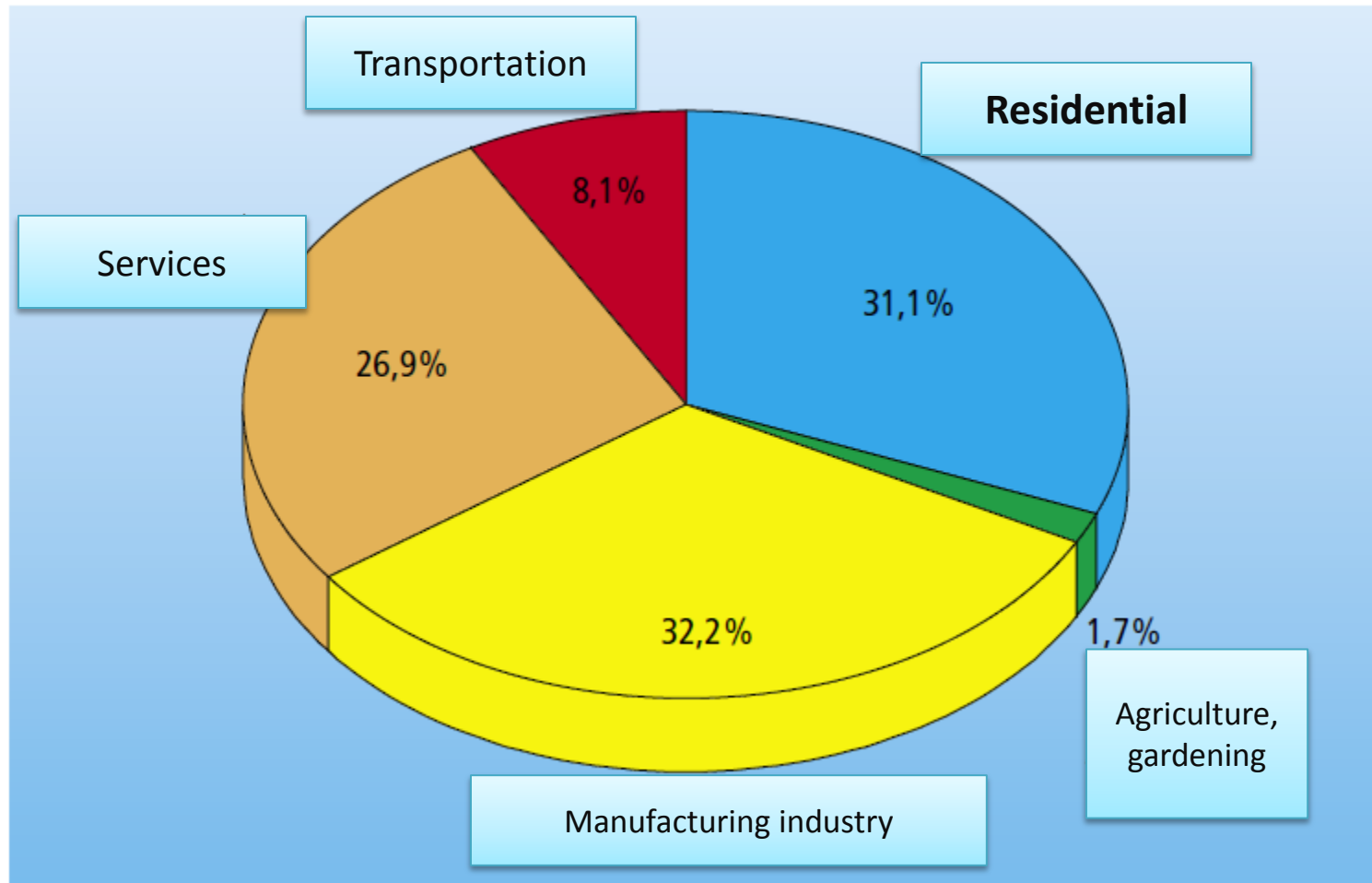
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0. Energy statistics and overview of the grid

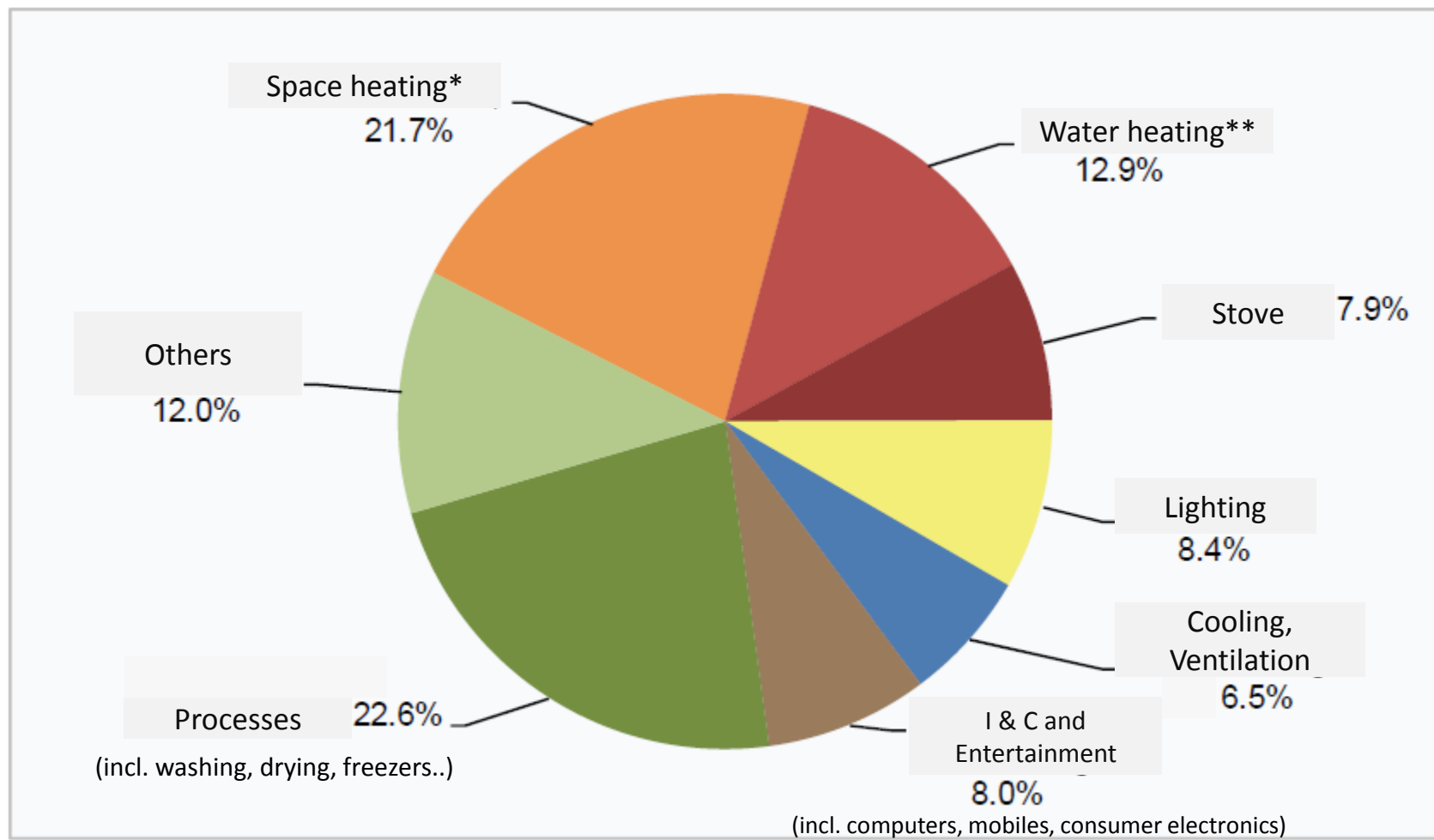
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Electrical Energy usage in Switzerland according to **sector**



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Electrical Energy usage in Switzerland in **residential sector**

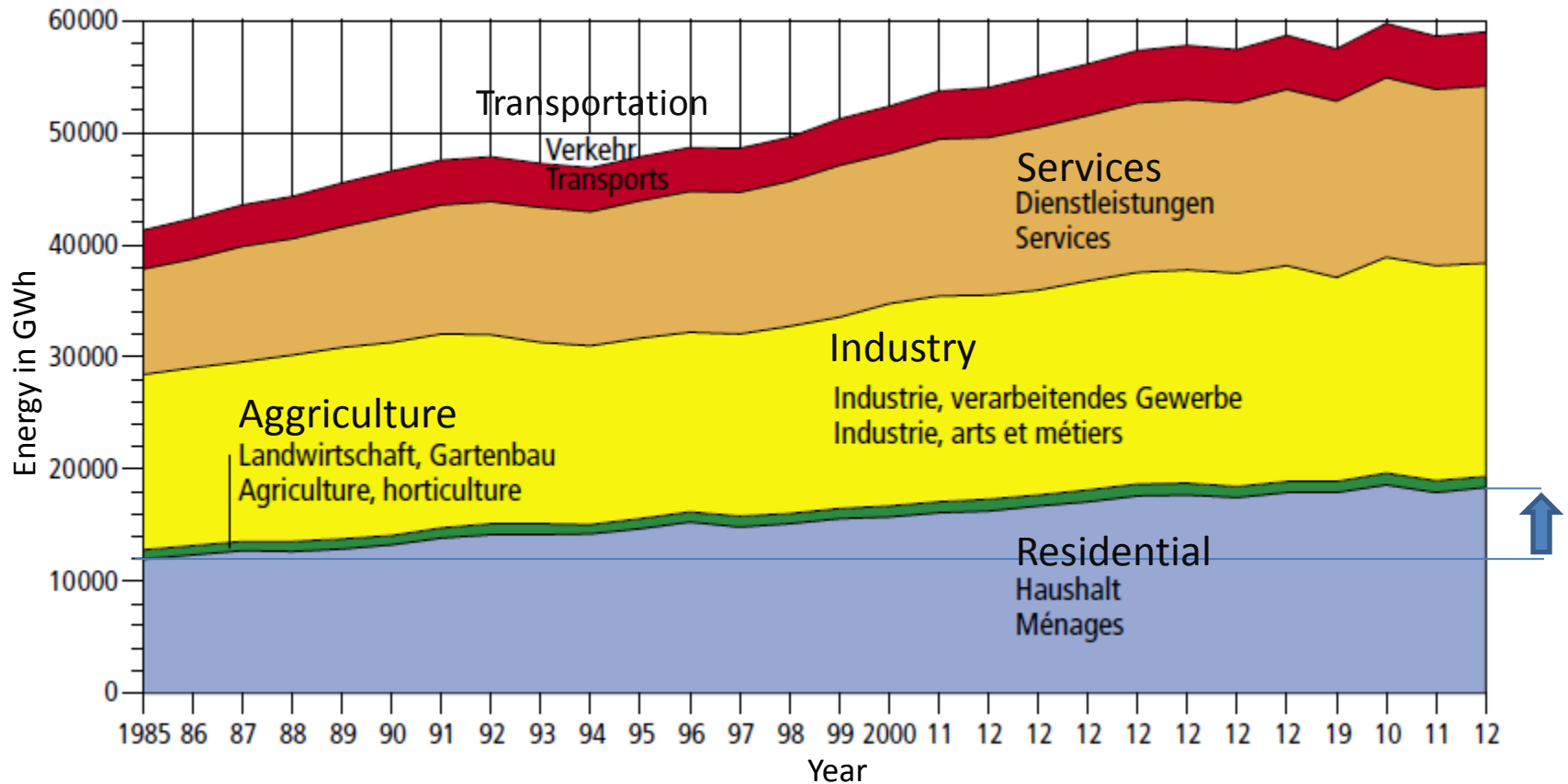


* Electricity only accounts for 8% of total energy used for space heating - rest comes from fossil fuels.

** Electricity accounts for 25% of total energy used for water heating.

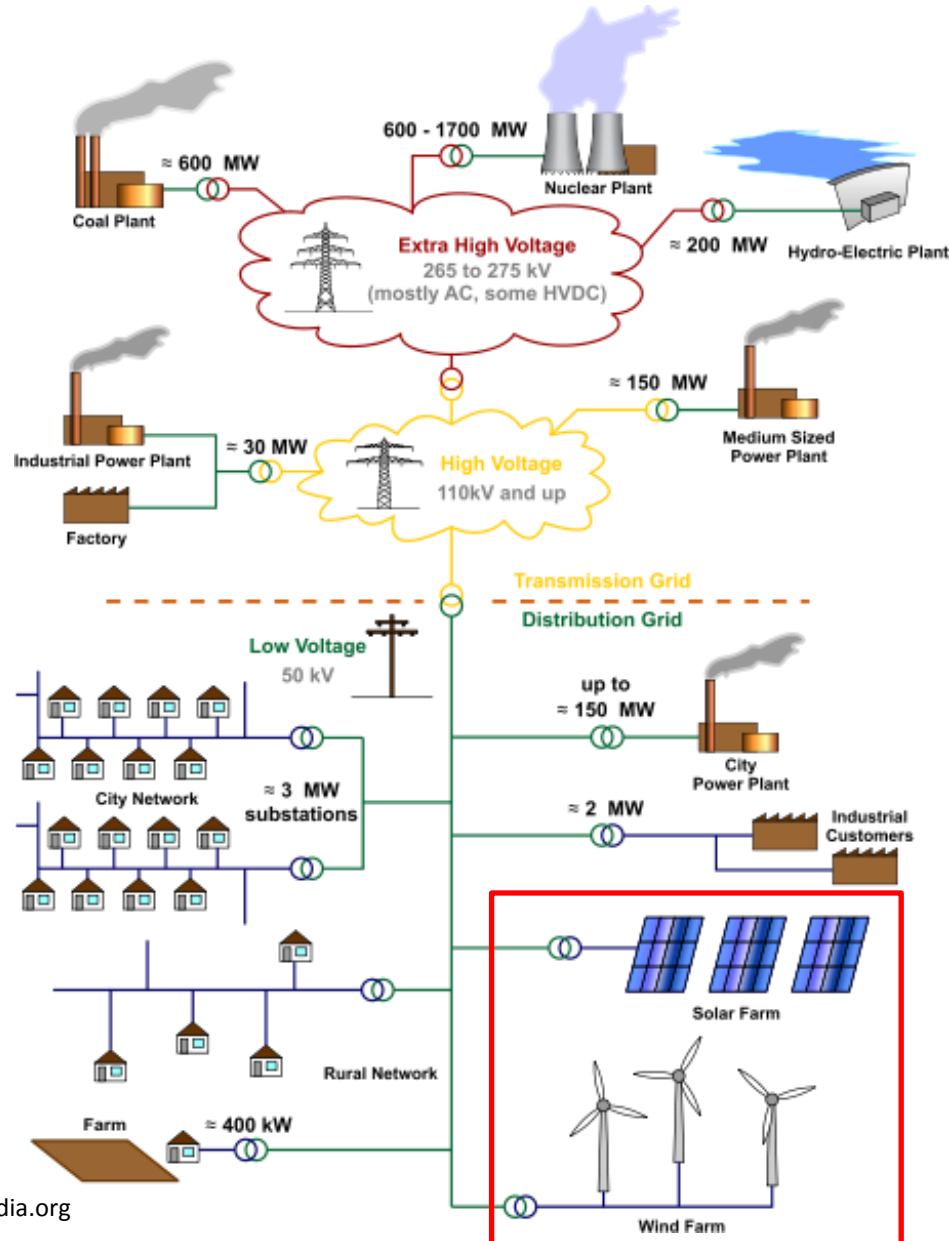
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Change in Electrical Energy usage in Switzerland over the last two decades



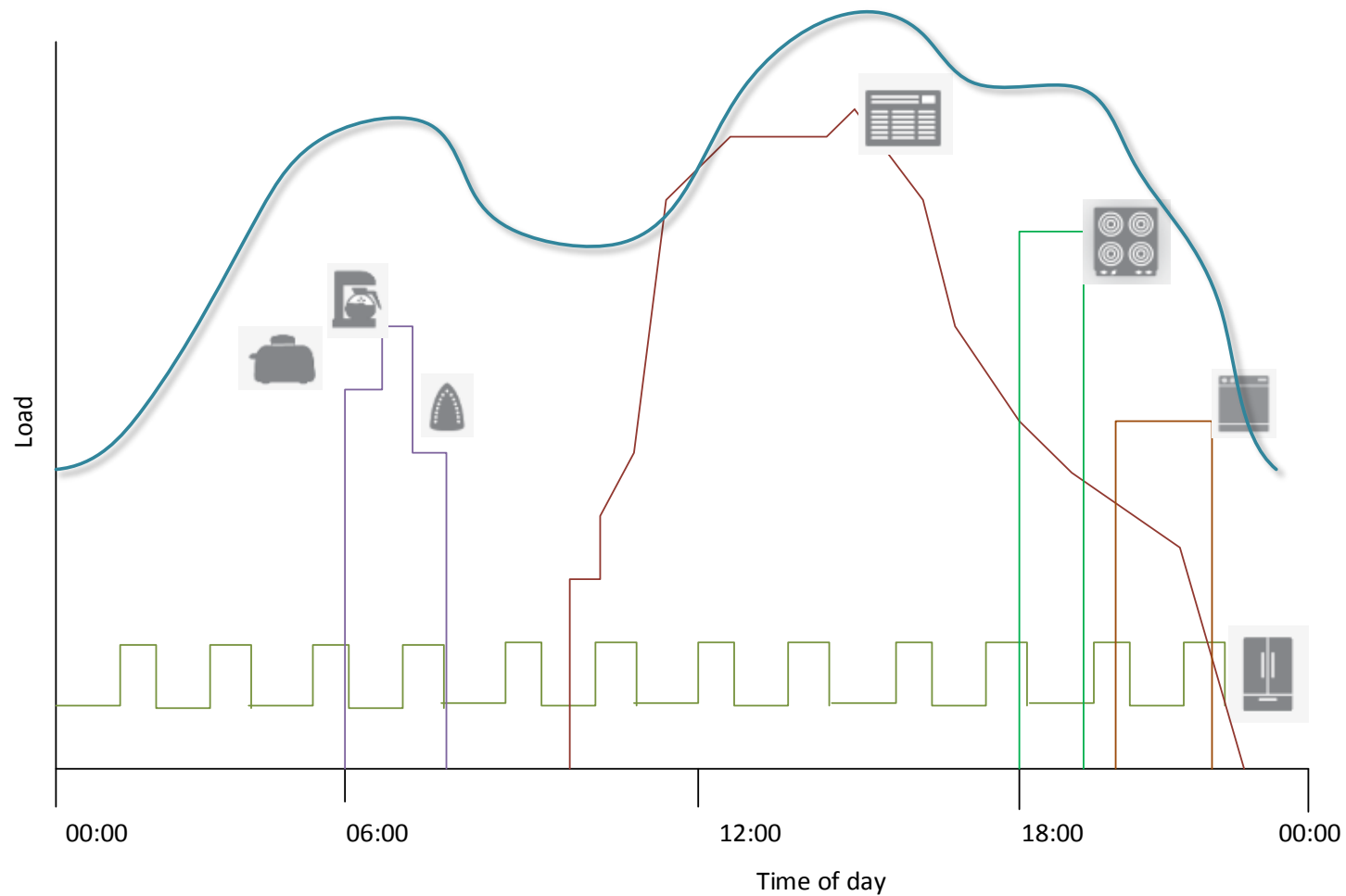
Residential sector has shown a significant rise in consumption – part of this has been attributed to population growth and partly to increase in per-head consumption.

The Heterogeneous Grid



1. Peak Load

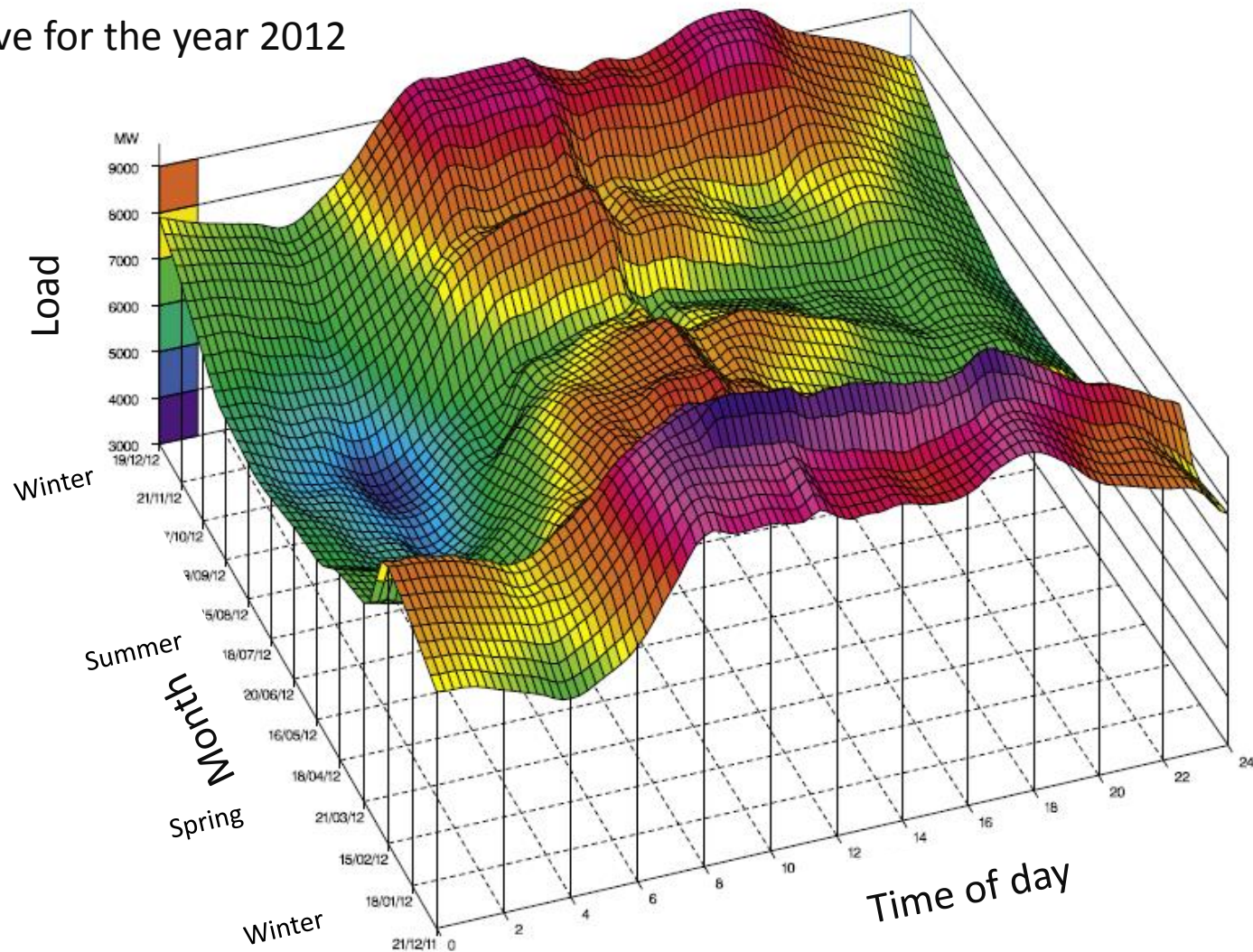
The Load Curve



The load curve as seen by the electricity supplier is a result of stochastic processes!

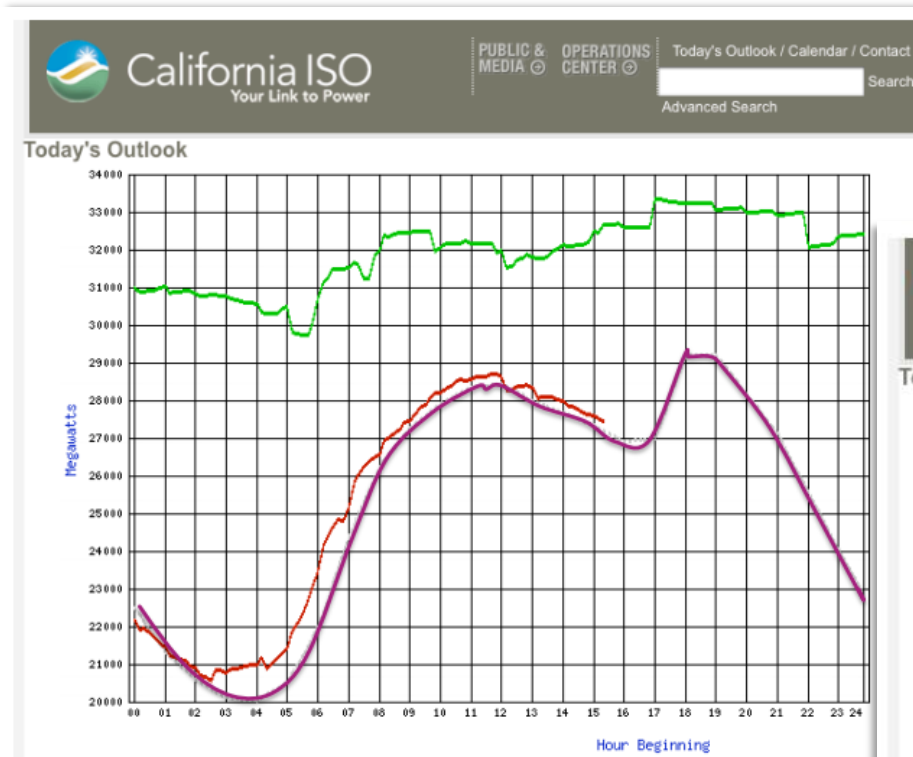
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Load curve for the year 2012



Peak Load

Dangerous peak!



— Resource Forecast
— Demand Forecast
— Actual Usage



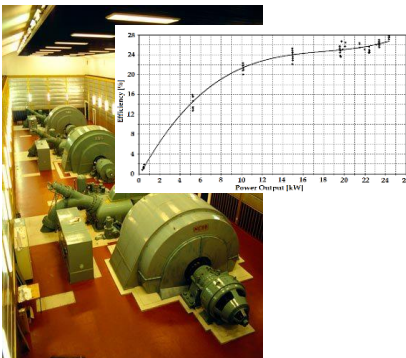
Catering for Peak Load



Generation capacity needs to be sized for peak-load. This results in redundant capacity (nearly 50% in the U.K., for example)



Distribution grid needs to be sized for peak-load. Also, makes energy economics sub-optimal.



Below optimum operation of the generator due to part capacity.

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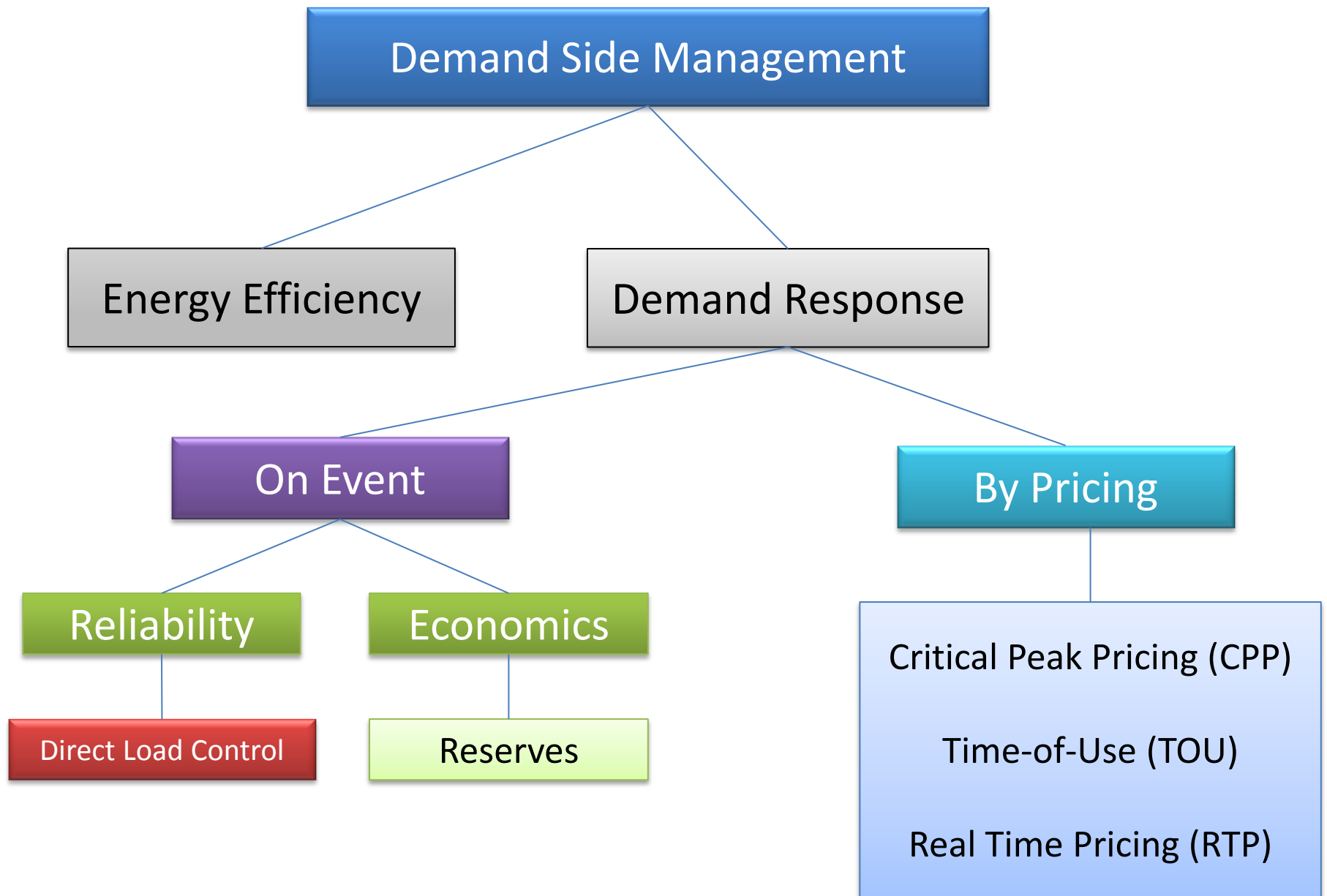
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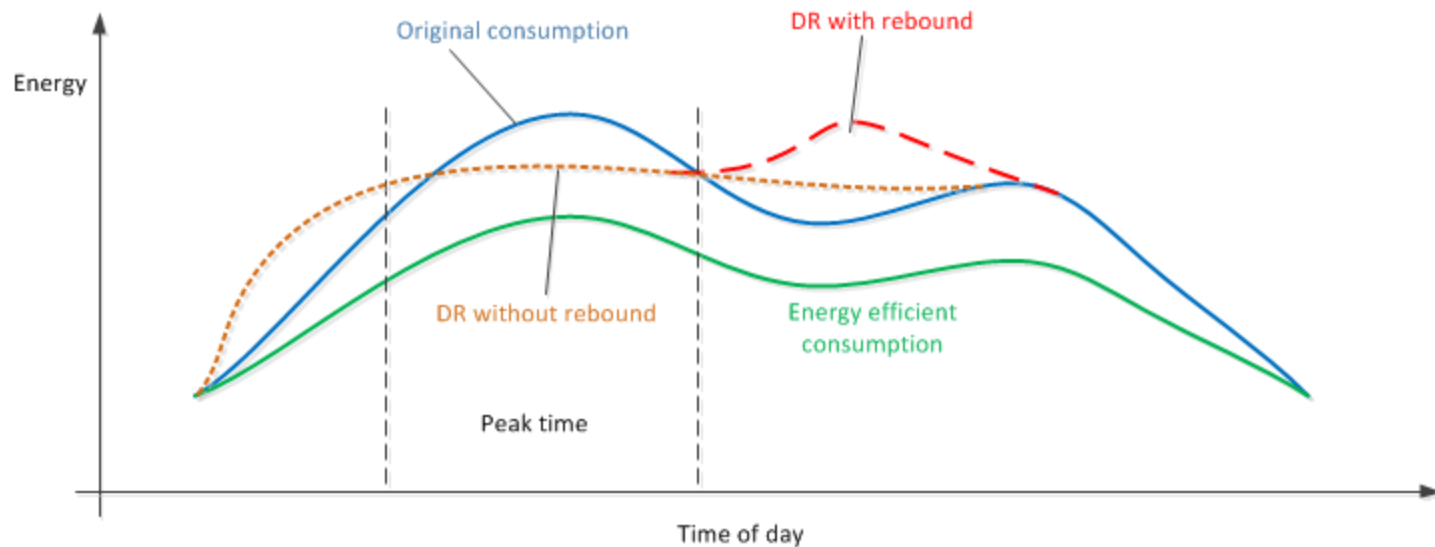
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2. Demand-Side Management

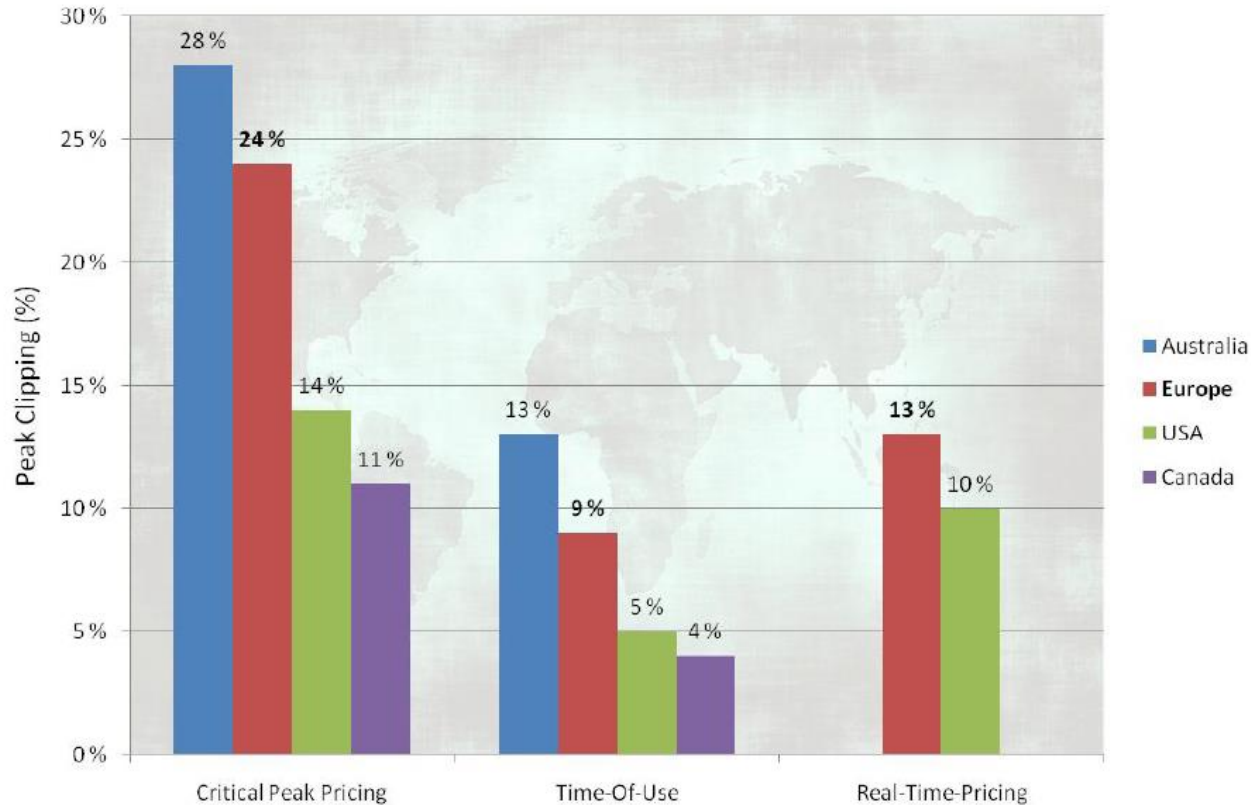


Demand Response



Price Based Demand Response

Effect of dynamic pricing on residential consumption



Example: In Kanton Zug – Off-peak tariff = 10 Rp /kWh, Peak = 21 Rp / kWh

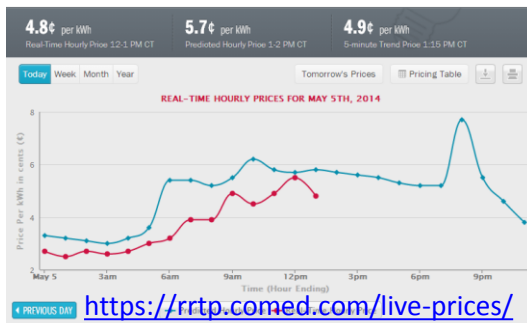
Automation to support Dynamic Pricing



Many newer household equipments like dishwasher or air-conditioners have the ability to program timed operations.

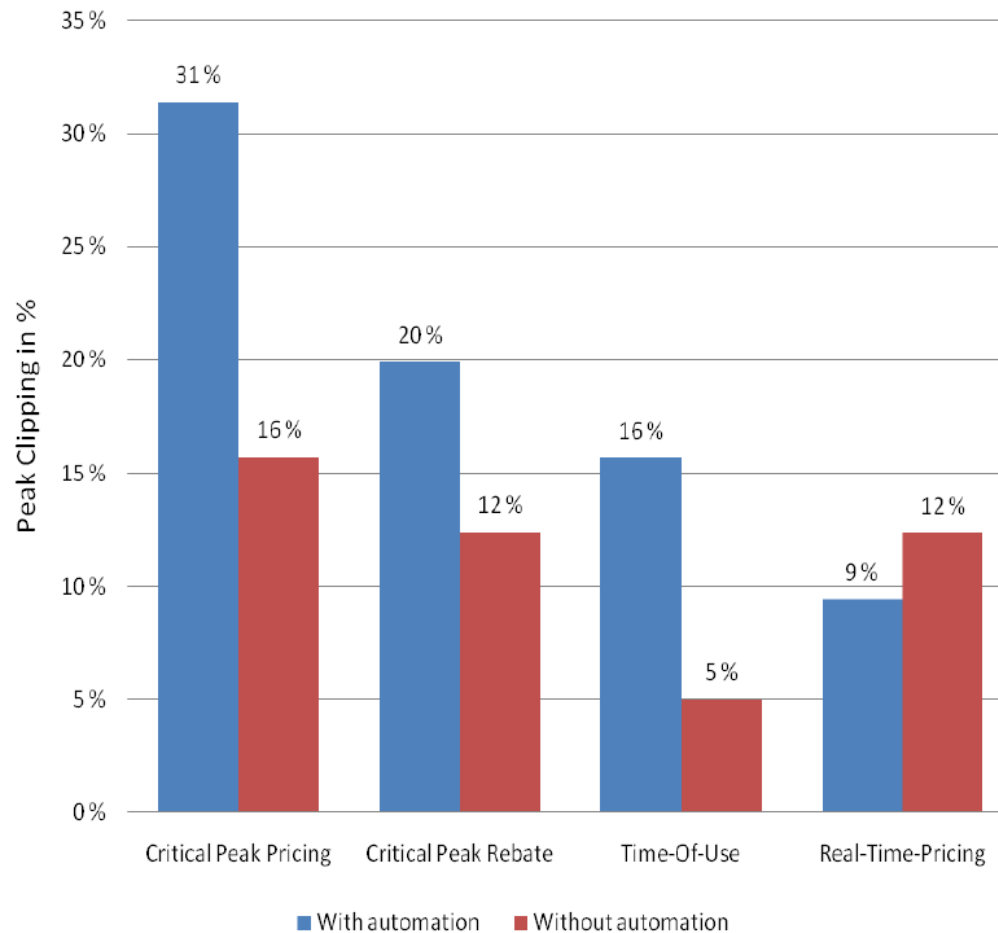


High end solutions use a logic controller to schedule the operation of pumps, heaters etc. based on pricing signals.



Real-time pricing is not so common in household. Some utilities have started offering it along with switching controllers for air-conditioning and e-car chargers.

Effect of automation on peak clipping



Direct Load Control



Source: Landis & Gyr, Switzerland

Ripple control (Rundsteuerung)

Overlays audio frequency signal on supply

Example : EWZ (Zürich) uses 375 and 1600 Hz with “Decabit” encoding (detailed information in www.rundsteuerung.de)

- + Simple, proven technology
- No feedback
- Limited granularity of control
- Limited data content



Image Source: www.wikipedia.org

Direct appliance control

Limited to using ripple control, proprietary radio signals

- Very limited technology options!



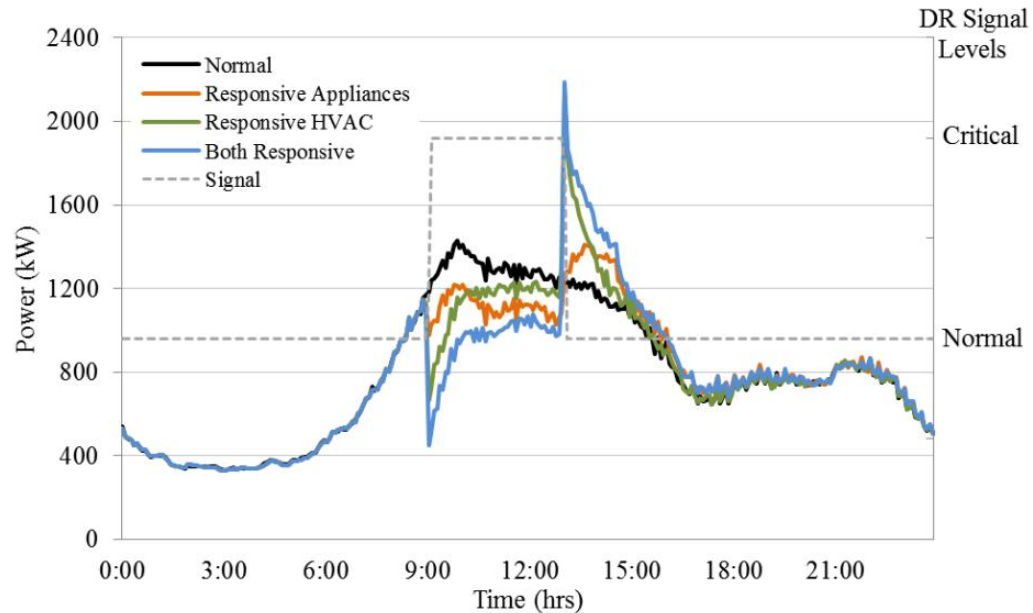
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SmartThermostat

Based on openADR specification (ecobee, Honeywell) for implementation in California.

- + Strong data exchange schema
- Not a widely known or accepted standard

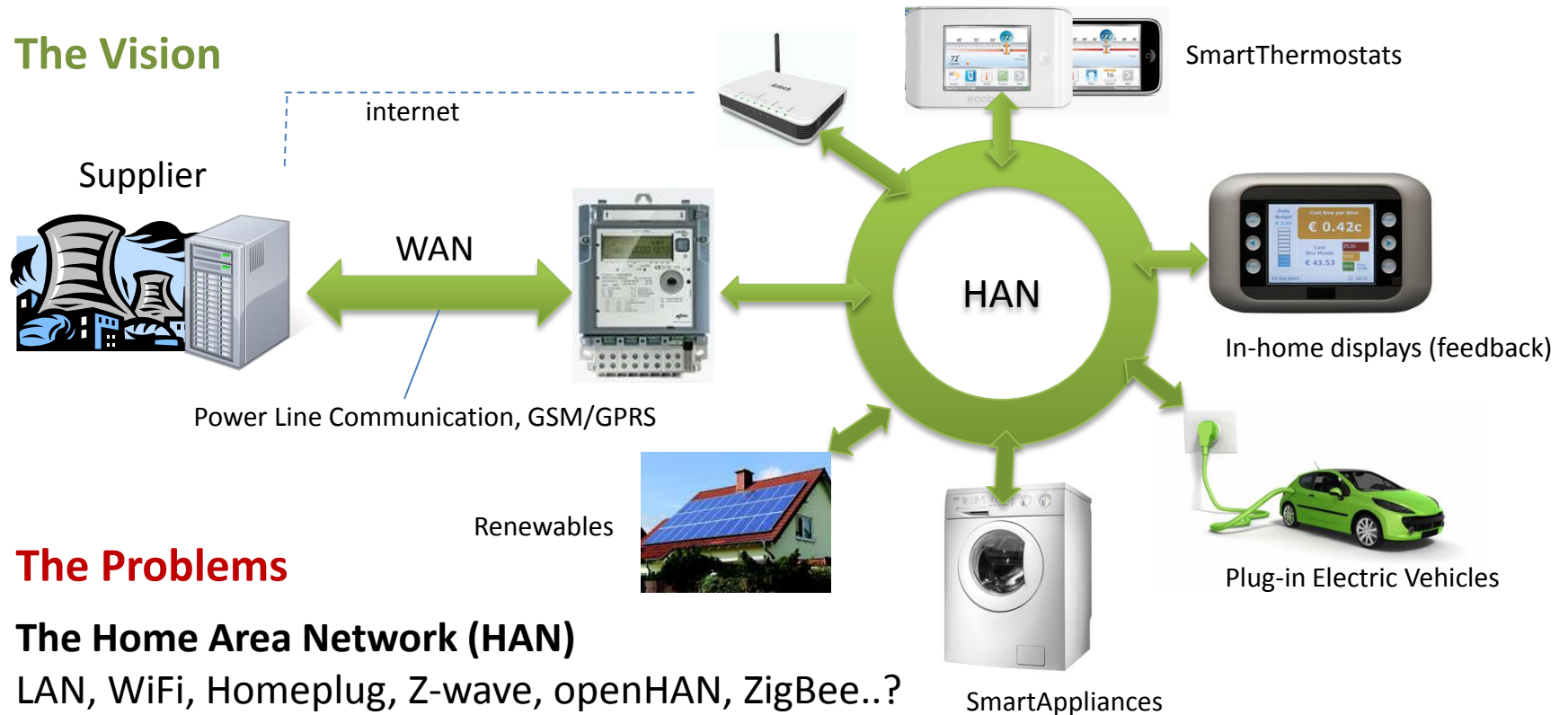
Rebounds can be terrible!



Automated Demand Response needs to be *Smart!*
(Adaptive, collaborative, intelligent appliance level algorithms..)

Technology support for DSM

The Vision



The Problems

The Home Area Network (HAN)

LAN, WiFi, Homeplug, Z-wave, openHAN, ZigBee..?

Application protocol

openADR, ZigBee SEP, ...?

Application protocols need to model user needs and behaviour (like need for override)

Challenges to Demand Side Management

*The role of DR in the international electricity arena remains rather small, with 2008 peak load reductions reaching an average of just 2.9% in European countries and around 5% in the U.S. **

1. Awareness – lack of feedback
2. Lack of usage data
3. Response Fatigue
4. Low potential savings
5. Implementation cost
6. Lack of standards and interoperability
7. Behavioural issues

Strompreise Basis			
Das Preismodell "Basis" bezeichnet die Strompreise ohne Leistungsmessung, die üblicherweise bei Privat- und Kleingewerbekunden mit einem Strombezug unter 20'000 kWh pro Jahr zur Anwendung kommen.			
Grundpreis pro Monat	CHF	ohne MwSt.	mit MwSt.
		7.00	7.56
WasserStrom Basis Hochtarif	Rp./kWh	21.20	22.90
WasserStrom Basis Niedertarif	Rp./kWh	10.40	11.23
NaturStrom Basis Hochtarif	Rp./kWh	23.00	24.84
NaturStrom Basis Niedertarif	Rp./kWh	12.20	13.18
GrauStrom Basis Hochtarif	Rp./kWh	21.00	22.68
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*Kim, Scherbakova "Common failures of demand response" Energy, 2010 Elsevier

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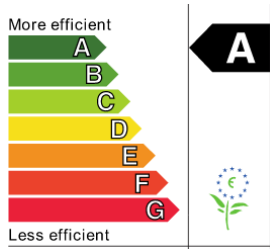
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3. Achieving energy savings in homes

How do we achieve energy savings in households?



1. Use energy efficient appliances, curtail usage.



2. Provide feedback so that the user adopts energy-efficient behaviour

Energy usage feedback



Too less, too much, too late, too simple, too complex, irrelevant, abstract..
..and rarely right!

Key findings about feedback

Effective when it is..

- provided frequently, as soon after the consumption behaviour as possible.
(example: what if you oven told you how much energy was used in baking)
- customized to the household's specific circumstances.
(example: south facing apartment?)
- provided relative to a meaningful standard of comparison.
(example: compare a family household with the like)
- **with appliance-specific consumption breakdown (some studies).**



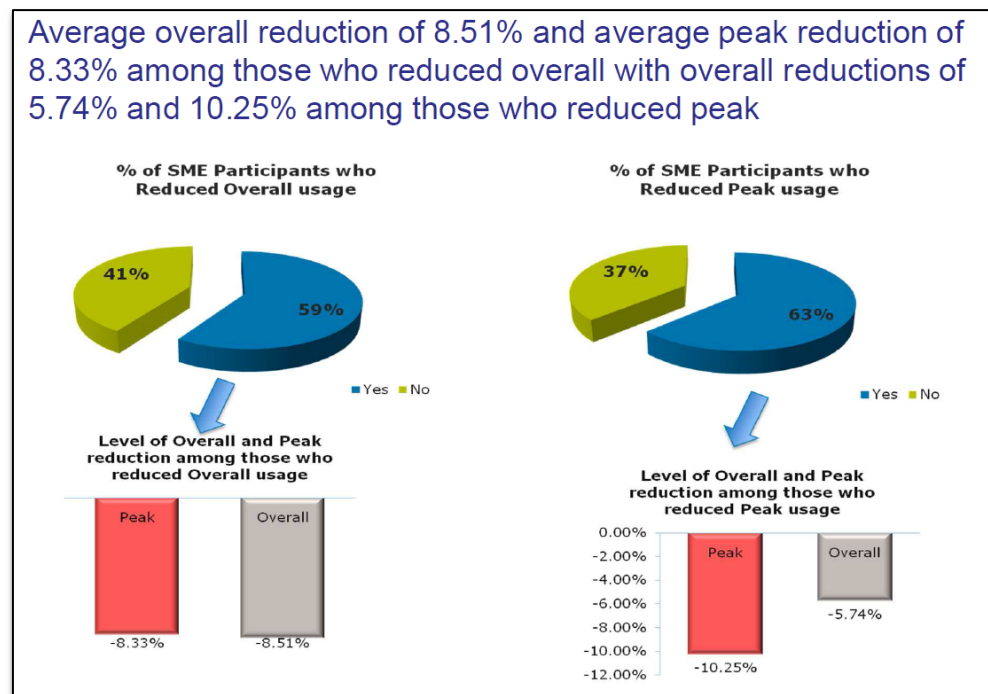
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Energy savings – mixed results

SmartMeter deployment in the United States has not resulted in any noticeable reduction in consumption in households.

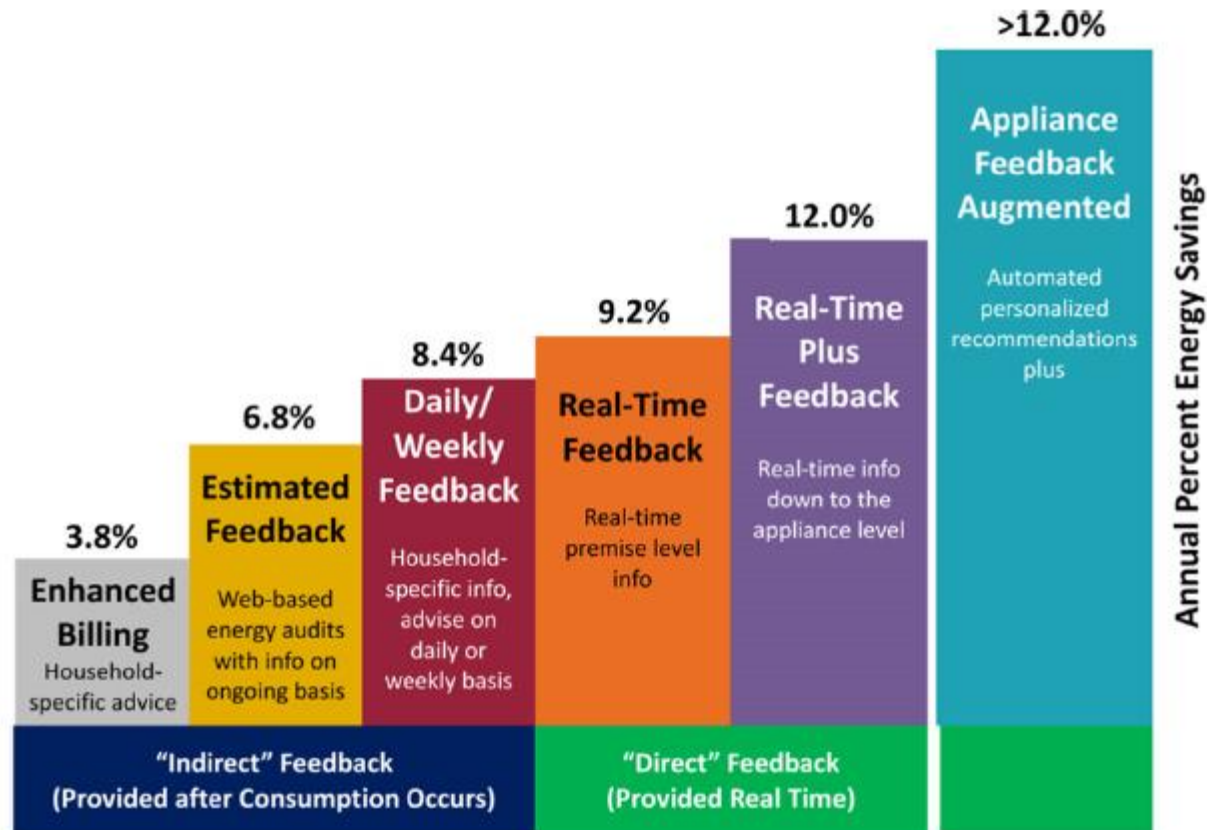
(as of 2011 there were 37 million SmartMeters in operation)

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From: «Ireland's SmartMeter rollout trial», SEAI, 2011

Feedback – the more the better?



Appliance level data has proved to be the key in providing effective feedback.

The use of appliance level data

Appliance level feedback coupled with suggestions and goal setting was found to be more effective than feedback with just aggregated information.



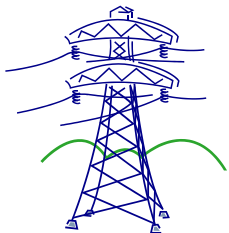
Consumer: Reduction in consumption due to feedback.*

Example: "Using the right temperature for ironing can save energy! (last month you consumed 24 kWh in ironing)"



Appliance Manufacturers: Redesign, improve standards, marketing

Example: "How to combine steam and heat for lower energy consumption?"



Energy Supplier: Targeted marketing and load prediction

Example: "Offer lower rate to owners of electric heating systems if they decrease setpoint during night"

*Also for appliance health monitoring, security [Hart]³¹

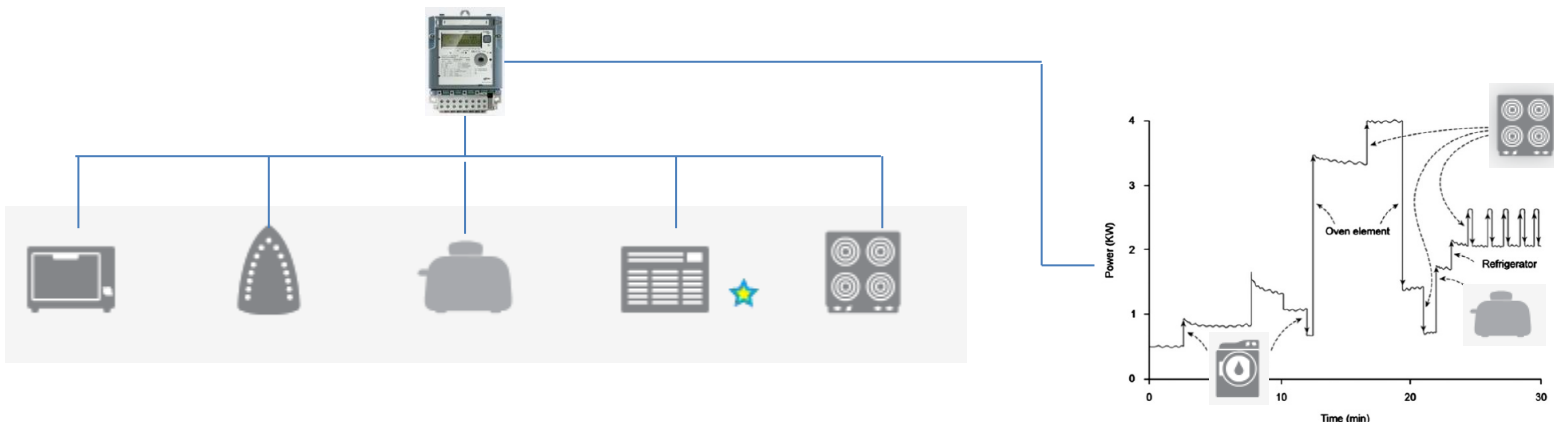
5. Getting appliance level energy data

How do we get appliance level data?

Intrusive : Measure at each appliance



Non-Intrusive: Deduce from total load measurement



Intrusive Monitoring

Monitoring at the power outlet



- + The only available option for end users
- Expensive (for complete coverage of appliances)
- Difficult to install on modular kitchen appliances
- Not available for large currents
- Proprietary communication protocols



SmartAppliances

- + **The ideal place – the appliance knows its state best!**
- Hardly any manufacturers
- Increased cost
- Lack of standards

Non-intrusive Monitoring

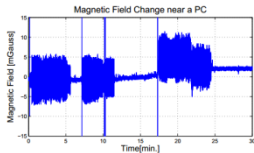


Most centralized meters provided by the electricity supplier are now some form of electronic devices with some communication interface (but slow)



Gradually there is a move towards adopting a more capable hardware (SmartMeters)

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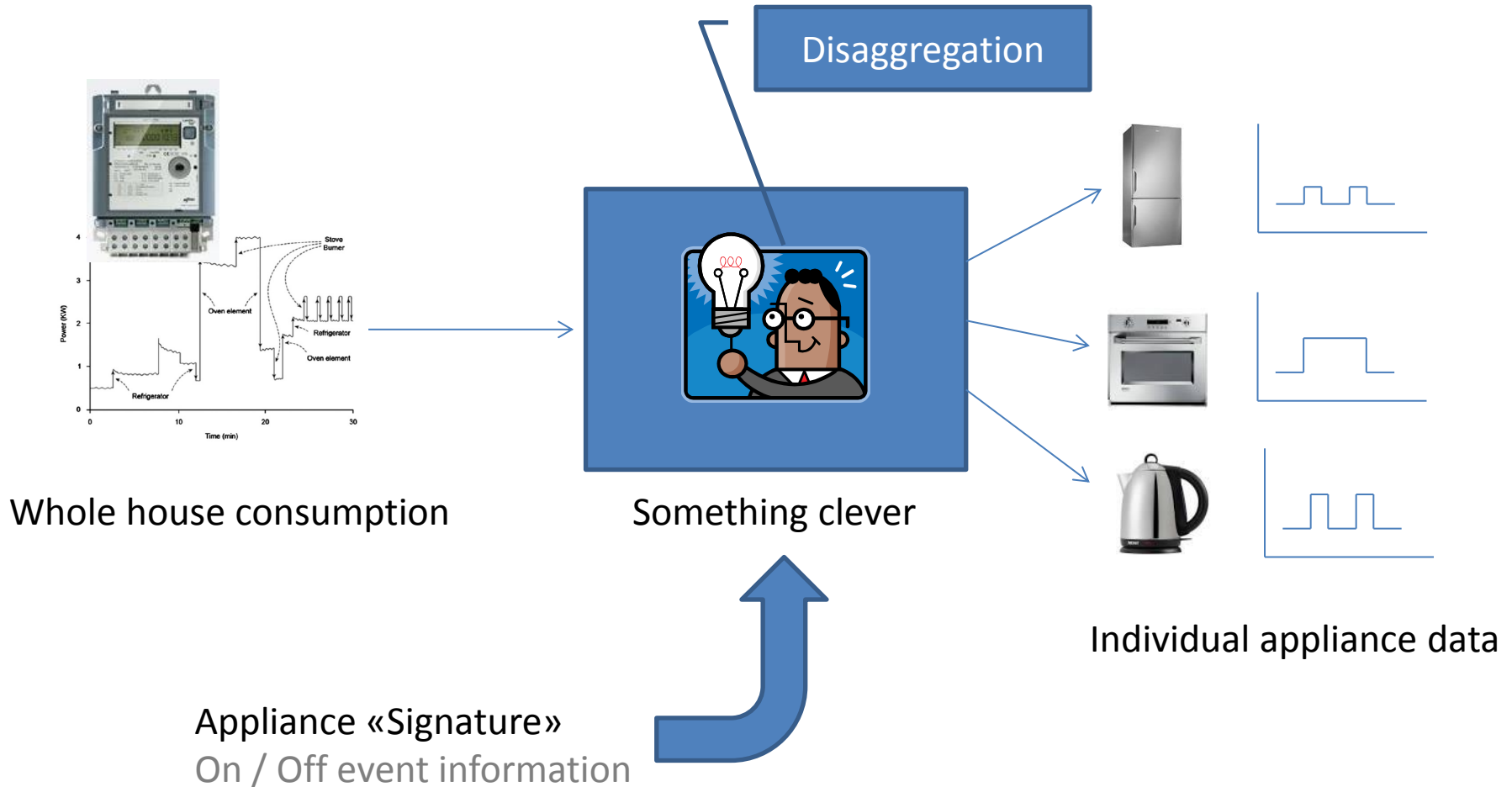
Appliance usage can be deduced by observing changes in electromagnetic fields in the home environment.



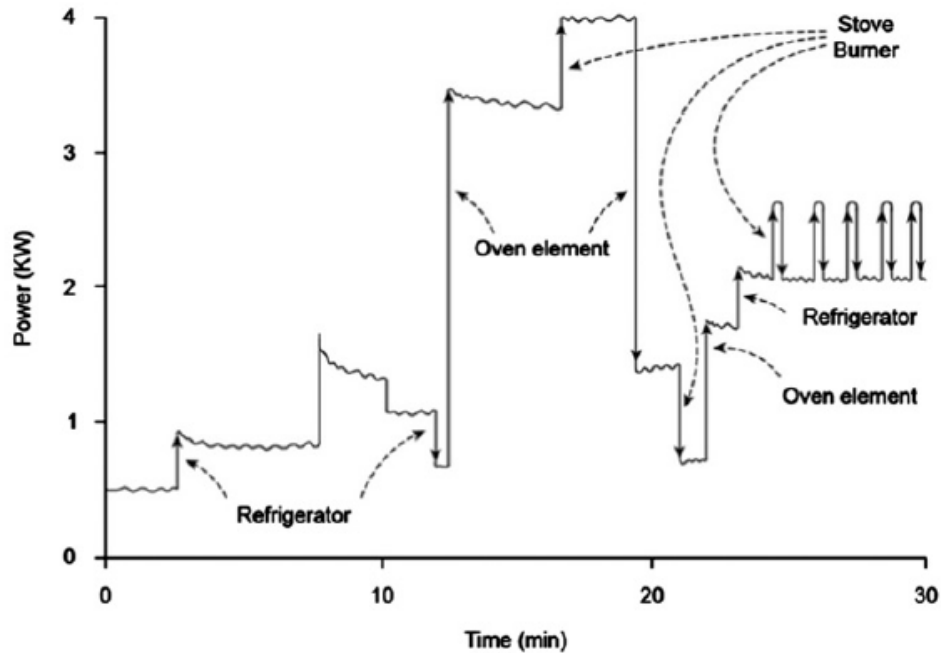
Sensors around home (light, sound etc.) can be used to deduce behaviour and hence energy consumption.

Getting appliance-level data

Non-intrusive appliance load monitoring

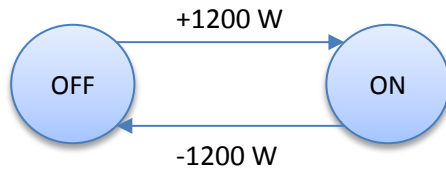


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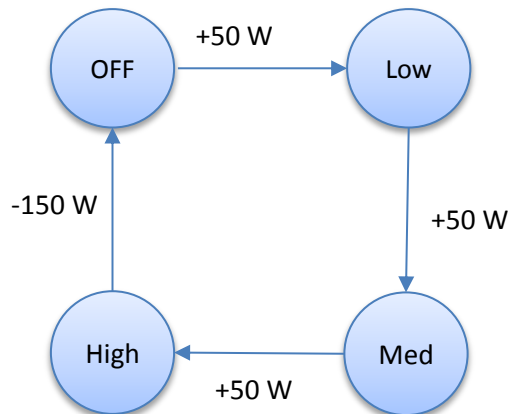


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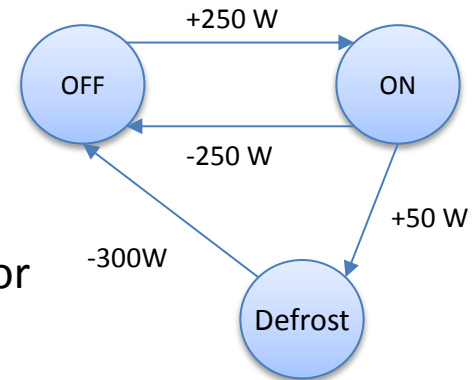
Appliance States



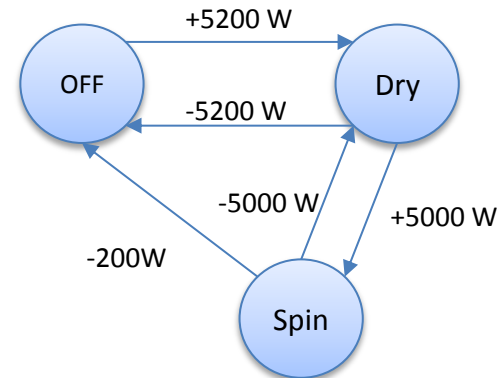
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3-way Lamp



Refrigerator



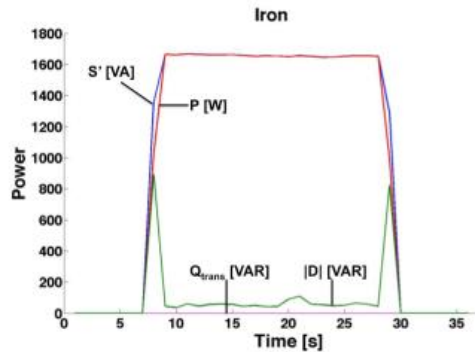
Clothes dryer

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“Signature” Types

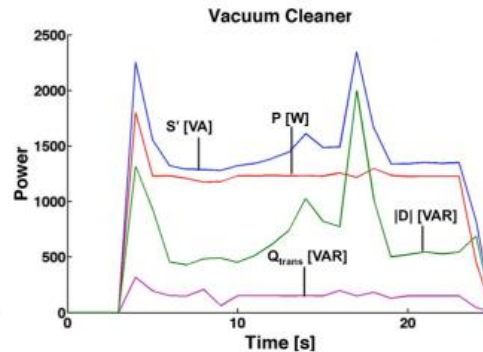
Steady-State

Power, Current..



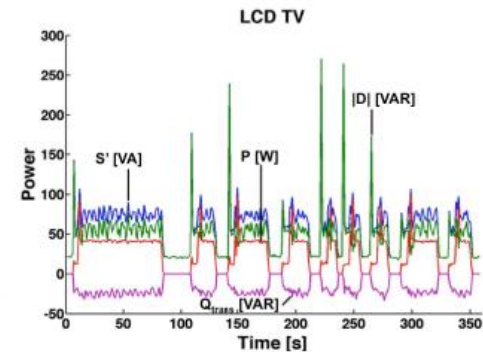
Partly Transient

Shape, size, duration..



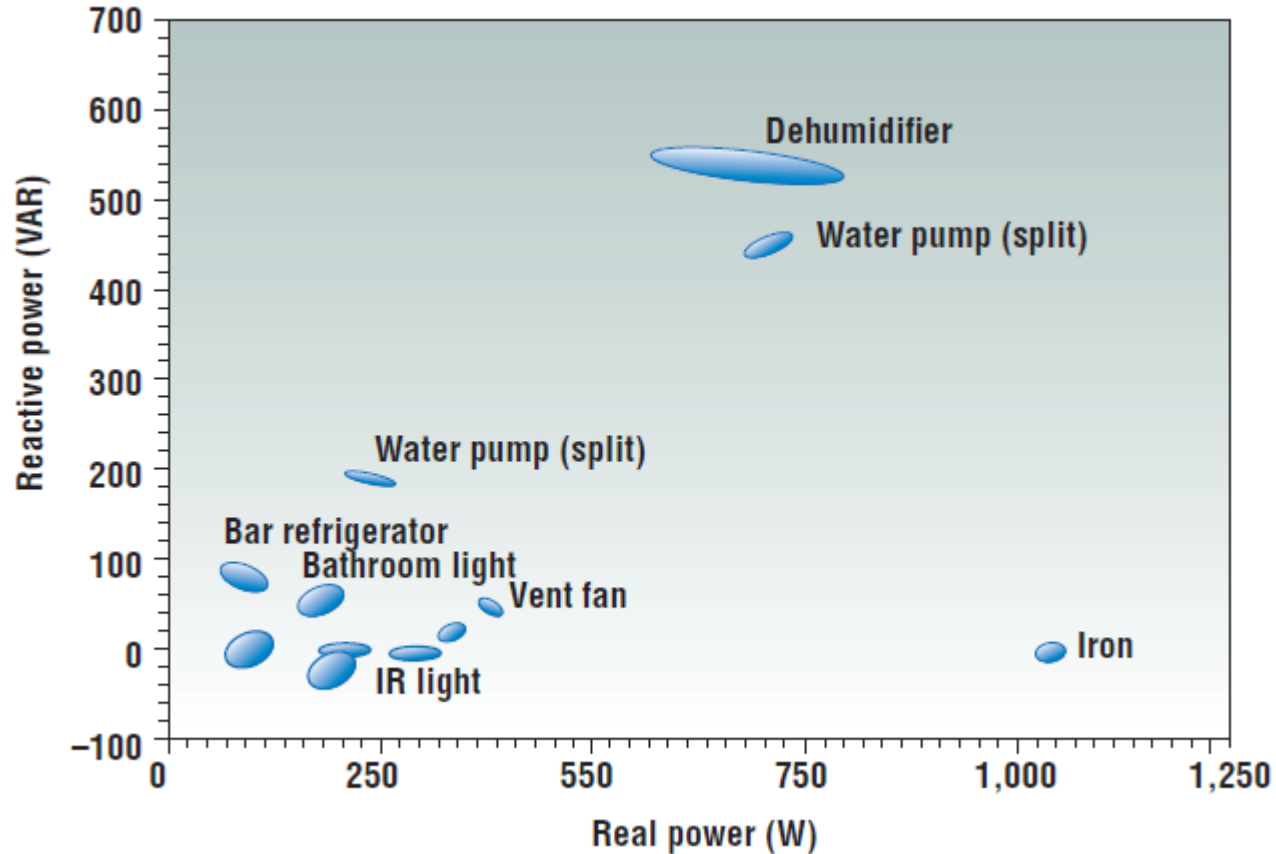
Transient

Frequency spectrum



Disaggregation

Monitored parameters – how power vectors help



Disaggregation

Where to perform?



On the SmartMeter hardware

- + Reuse of hardware (processor, memory..)
- + Measurement data can be sampled in high frequency
- Requires firmware to be updated (on existing meters)
- Manufacturer specific solution

On a gateway device

- + Independent of meter manufacturer
- + Can be upgraded flexibly
- Network interface bottleneck for measurement
- Not all meters might have high-speed interface



On a Cloud Server

- + Higher computing power (for more clever algorithms)
- + Easy to upgrade
- Transfer of measurement data over internet
- Privacy issues



At the Utility (via WAN)

- + No internet connectivity required (no additional hardware)
- Slow communication channel

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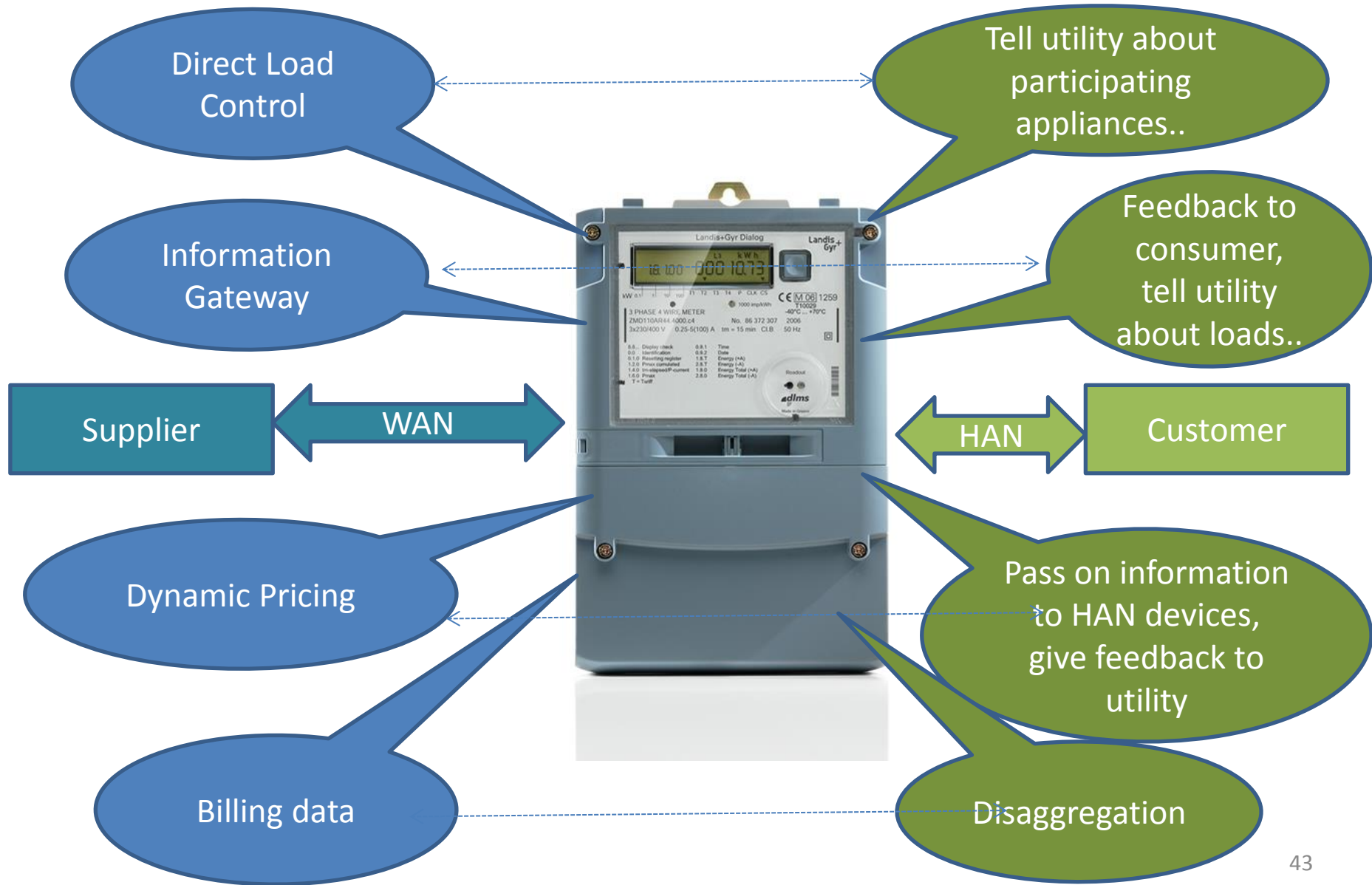
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SmartMeter as Gateway



Why SmartMetering is not yet a success?

- Utilities have largely used it for the purpose of «Automated Meter Reading» (AMR)
- Feedback without specific information, suggestions and goal-setting is only marginally effective.
- SmartMeter cannot be smart on its own – it needs to be a part of SmartEnergy system!

Energie
«Intelligente» Stromzähler der CKW sind ein Flop
Publiziert: 13.01.2014 Drucken E-Mail

LUZERN - LU - Intelligente Stromzähler - so genannte Smart Meters - kommen im Kanton Luzern nicht gut an. Die sollen das Stromsparen fördern: Die Kunden haben mit den von den Centralschweizerischen Kraftwerken (CKW) verteilten Geräten den angestrebten Effekt aber

'Smart' Electric Utility Meters, Intended to Create Savings, Instead Prompt Revolt
By MATTHEW L. WALD
Published: December 13, 2009

WASHINGTON — Millions of households across America are taking a first step into the world of the “smart grid,” as their power companies install meters that can tell them how much electricity they are using hour by hour — and sometimes, appliance by appliance. But not everyone is happy about it.

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Customers in California are in open revolt, and officials in Connecticut and Texas are questioning whether the rush to install meters benefits the public.

Some consumers argue that the meters are logging more kilowatt hours than they believe they are using. Many find it unfair that they will begin to pay more for the new meters through higher rates, when the promised savings could be years away.

Gary Kazanjian for The New York Times

The New York Times

zu einer besseren Installation der n Häusern wären die Kunden wohl zugänglicher.

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Example: PG & E spent nearly \$2.2 billion in SmartMeter rollout in Bakersfield CA, but failed to provide its customers information on dynamic pricing it implemented via SmartMeters. As a result, customers were not aware that they were using power during peak tariffs!

Privacy Issues

RefuseSmartMeters.com

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- SAY **NO** to increased utility costs
- SAY **NO** to required appliance change outs
- SAY **NO** to invasion of privacy
- SAY **NO** to remote shut downs
- SAY **NO** to uninsurable consequences

SMART METERS ARE NOT UL APPROVED!



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[refusesmartmeters.com]

Conclusion

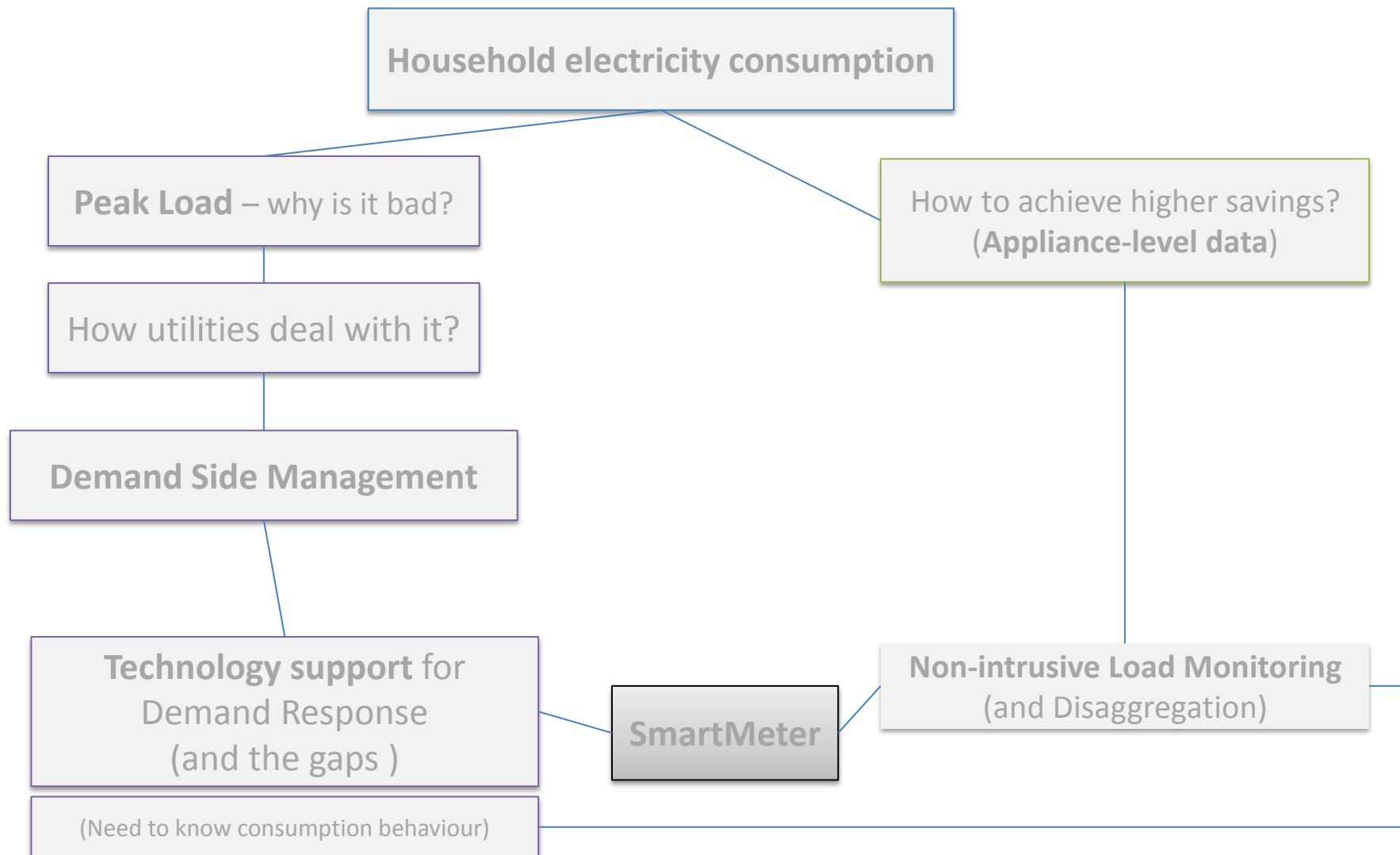
Demand Side Management is an interesting mix of energy management and information technology.

There is an exciting possibility to achieve energy savings in households by cleverly applying pervasive computing.

Existing elements like SmartGrid, SmartMetering and SmartAppliance need to function coherently – which would then lead to the state of **SmartEnergy**.



We are done!



Backup: Everything Smart

Origin

OLD ENGLISH

smeortan

GERMAN

schmerzen

→ smart

Old English *smeortan* (verb); related to German *schmerzen*; the adjective is related to the verb, the original sense (late Old English) being 'causing sharp pain'; from this arose 'keen, brisk,' whence the current senses of 'mentally sharp' and 'neat in a brisk, sharp style.'

Translate smart to

Choose language



Use over time for: smart



Backup: Privacy Issues

Zuger Datenschutzler

Warnung vor «Nebenwirkung» intelligenter Stromzähler

Schweiz 24. April 2013, 14:43

Zunehmend sollen auch in der Schweiz Haushalte mit intelligenten Stromzählern ausgerüstet werden. Doch die «smarten» Geräte können ungewollt viel preisgeben.

(sda) Der Datenschutzler des Kantons Zug, René Huber, mahnt im Umgang mit sogenannten Smart Meters zur Vorsicht. Das ständige detaillierte Erfassen des Stromverbrauchs mache das Leben im einzelnen Haushalt weitgehend durchsichtig. Die Daten müssten laut Huber anonymisiert werden.

Der transparente Tagesablauf

Familie Müller pflegt kurz nach 7 Uhr morgens aufzustehen, Herr Meier trinkt gern einen Tee oder eine heisse Milch, bevor er um 23 Uhr 30 das Licht löscht, Frau Schmid hat häufig spätabends Besuch und macht zweimal im Jahr mehrere Wochen Ferien.

Solche und ähnliche Erkenntnisse ermöglichen die neuen digitalen Stromzähler, die nun auch im Kanton Zug Einzug halten sollen – die sogenannten Smart Meters. Die Informationen werden den einzelnen Kunden gleich mitgeteilt. Ziel ist, Strom zu sparen. Allerdings sei damit auch das «gläserne Leben» vorprogrammiert, meint der Zuger Datenschutzler warnend. Obendrein sei der Spareffekt minimal.

Daten erfassen aus der Ferne

Es sei verständlich, dass die Wasserwerke Zug (WWZ) auf das «Fernablesen» umstellen und nicht mehr in jeden Haushalt einen Stromableser schicken wollten, sagte Huber zur Nachrichtenagentur SDA. Den WWZ sei auch nicht an den privaten Details gelegen – «die WWZ sind kein Daten-Krake»: Aber wo Daten erhoben würden, würden sie auch ausgewertet.

Zuger Smart Meter App

von magspin ag

Öffnen Sie iTunes, um Apps zu kaufen und zu laden.

[Mehr von diesem Entwickler](#)



[In iTunes ansehen](#)

Gratis

Kategorie: Wirtschaft

Erschienen: 21.11.2012

Version: 1.2

Größe: 4.5 MB

Sprachen: Deutsch, Englisch

Entwickler: magspin ag

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Kennzeichnung: 4+

Kompatibilität: Erfordert iOS 5.0 oder neuer. Kompatibel mit iPhone, iPad und iPod touch. Diese App ist für iPhone 5 optimiert.

Kundenbewertungen

Wir haben noch nicht genügend Bewertungen erhalten, um einen Durchschnittswert für die aktuelle Version dieses Artikels anzeigen zu können.

Weitere iPhone Apps von magspin ag



[magspin dashboard](#)

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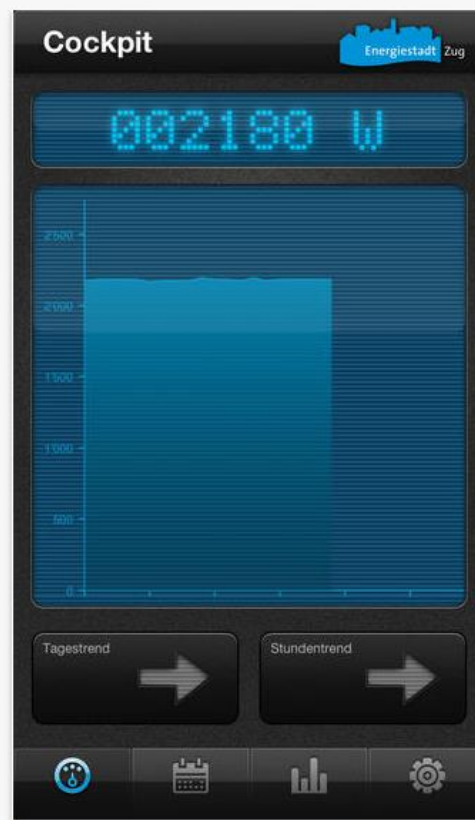
Die Smart-Meter-App der Energiestadt Zug und der Wasserwerke Zug AG (WWZ) ist Ihr Energieportal für zu Hause.

Damit haben Sie Ihren aktuellen Stromverbrauch immer im Blick und erhalten Statistiken zu Ihrem Energiekonsum der

[Zuger Smart Meter App Support](#)

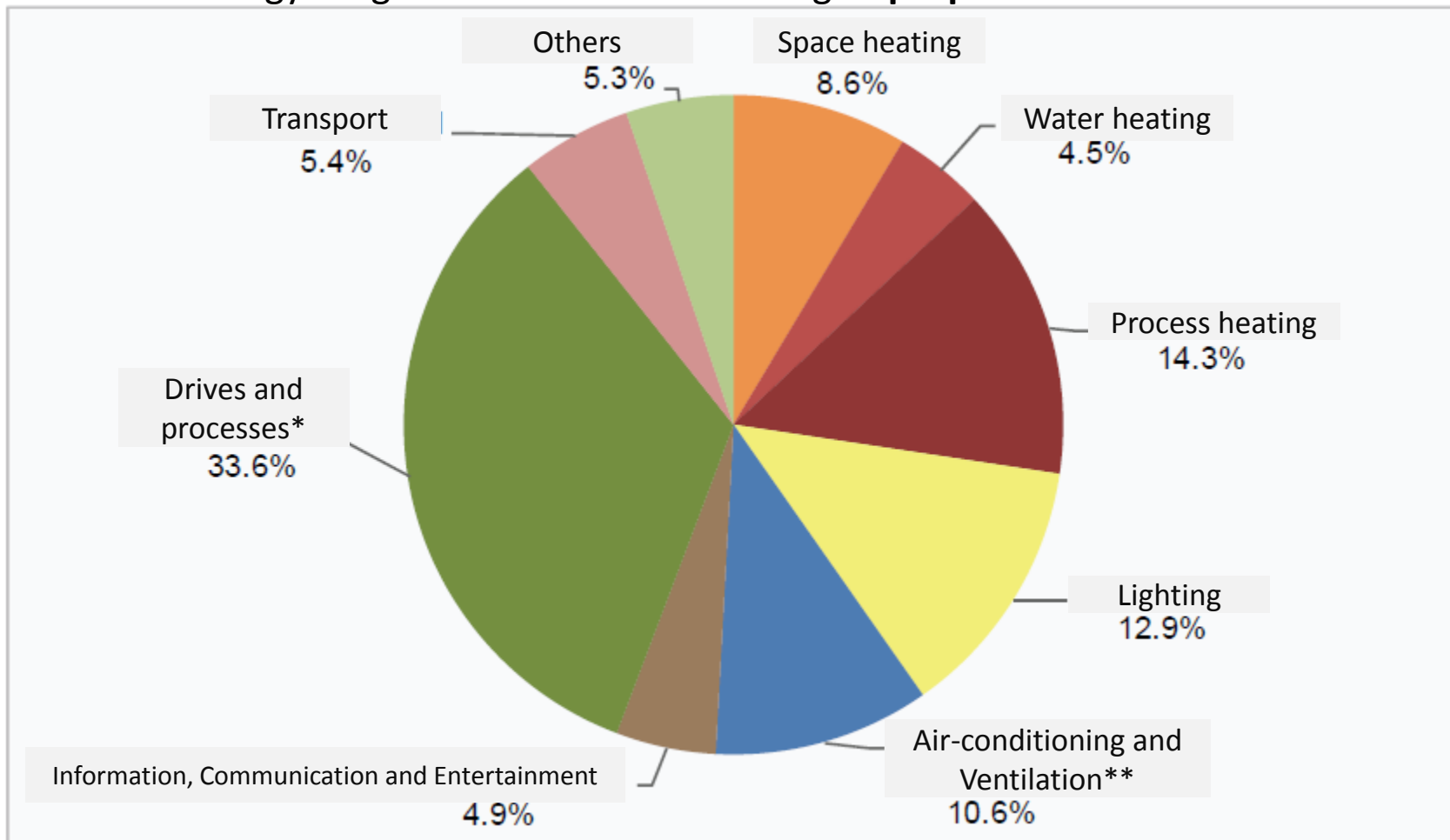
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iPhone Screenshots



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Electrical Energy usage in Switzerland according to **purpose**

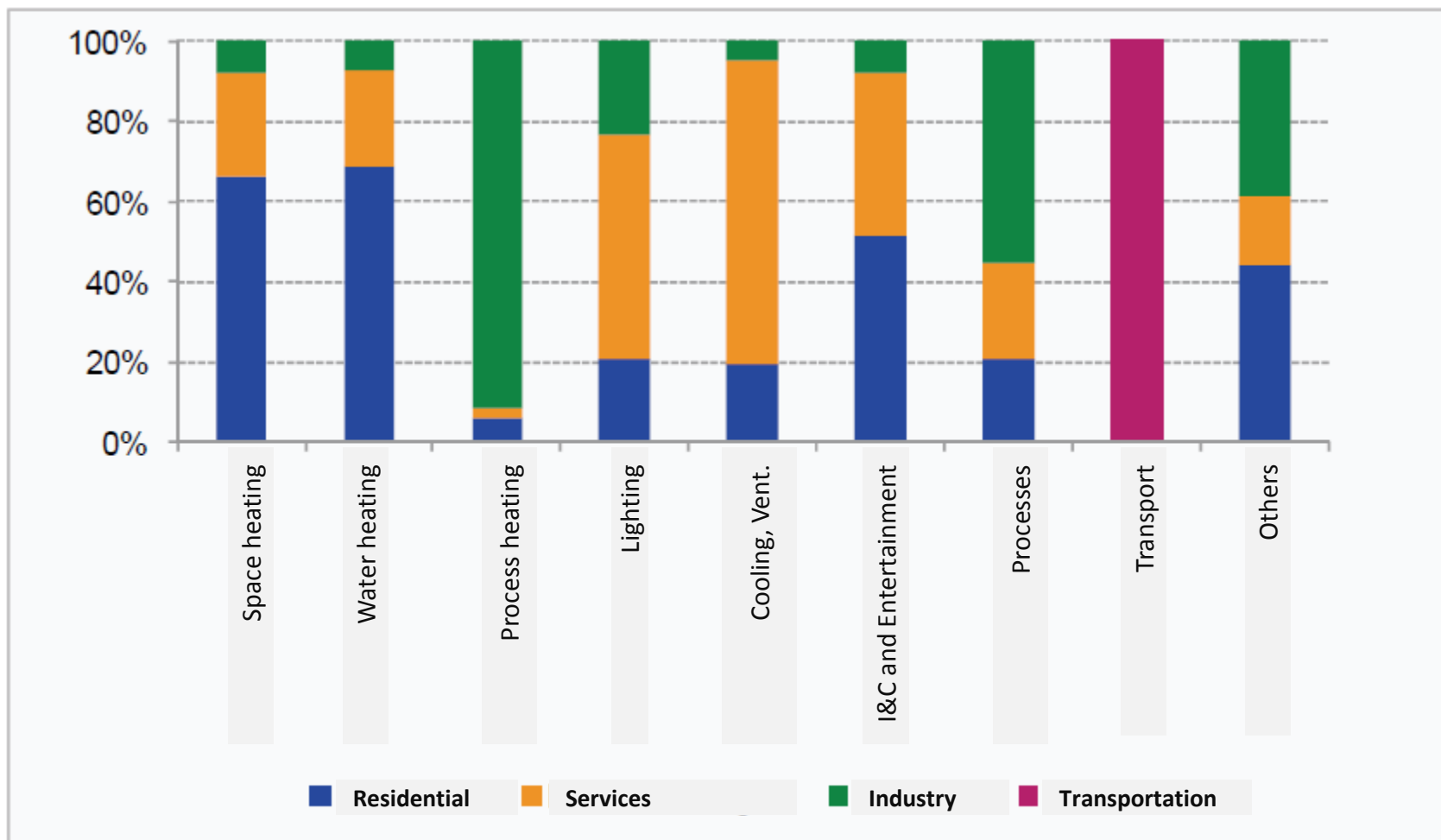


*Includes washing, drying, freezing, cooling, electrical tools, industrial manufacturing, water purification and agricultural equipment.

**Includes cooling for data servers

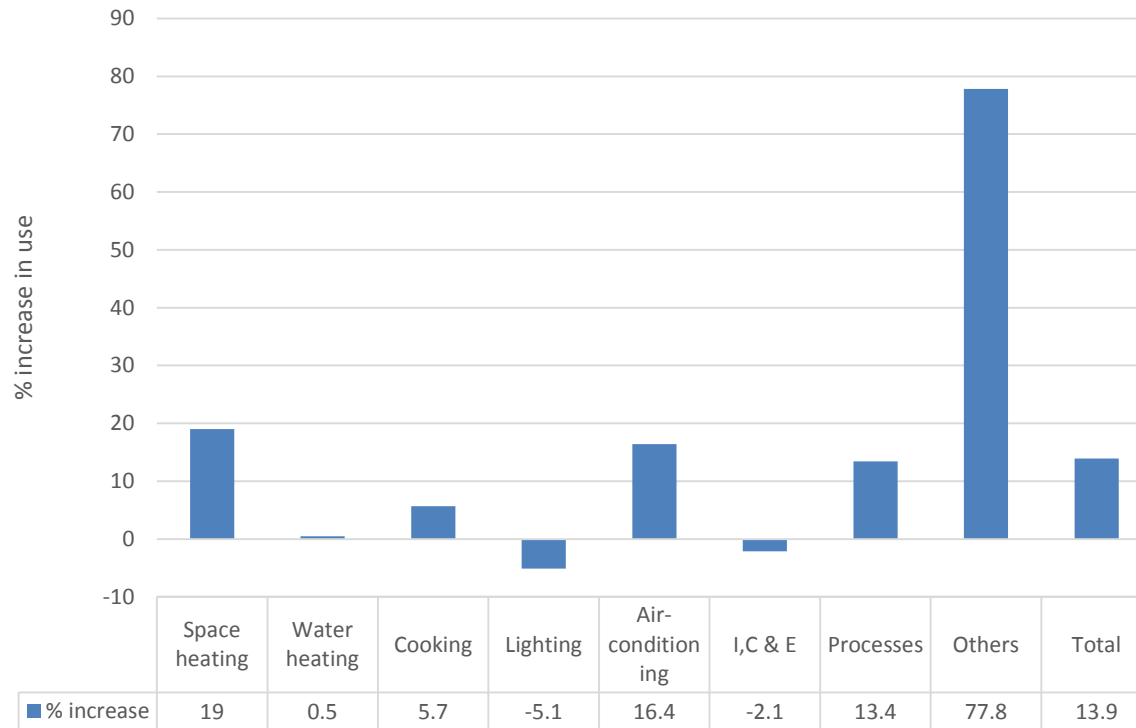
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Electrical Energy usage in Switzerland according to purpose across sectors



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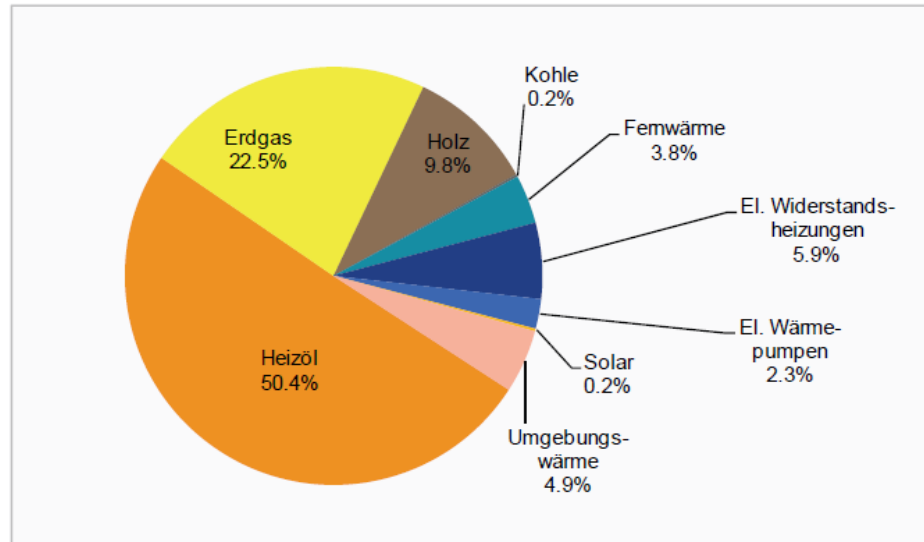
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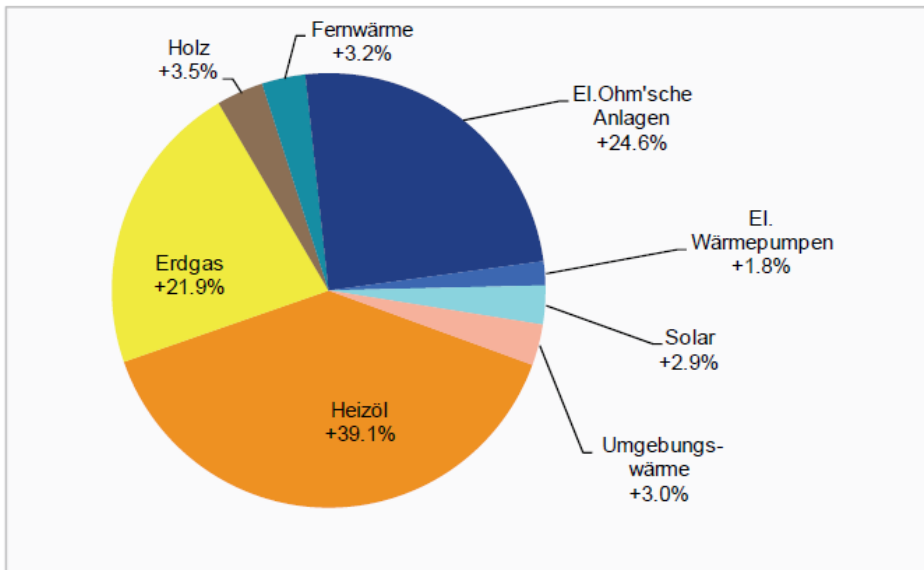
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Energy source - households

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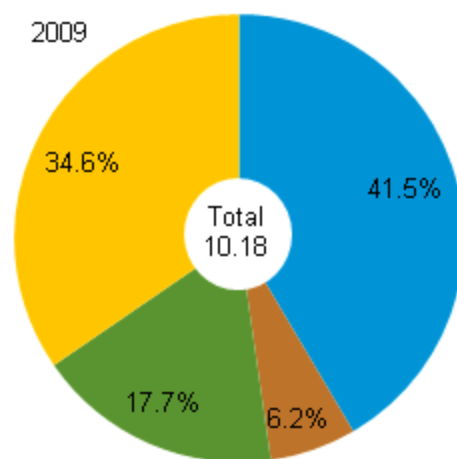
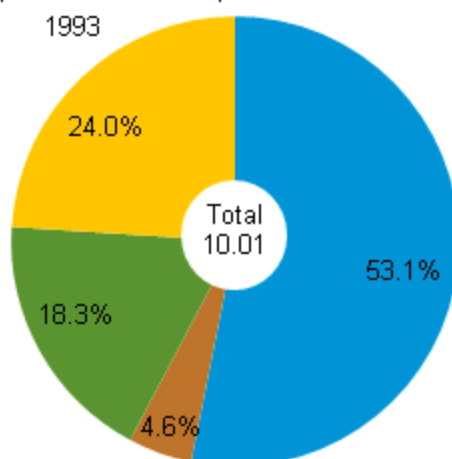
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Energy Statistics

Electrical Energy usage in the U.S.A in **residential sector**

Energy consumption in homes by end uses
quadrillion Btu and percent



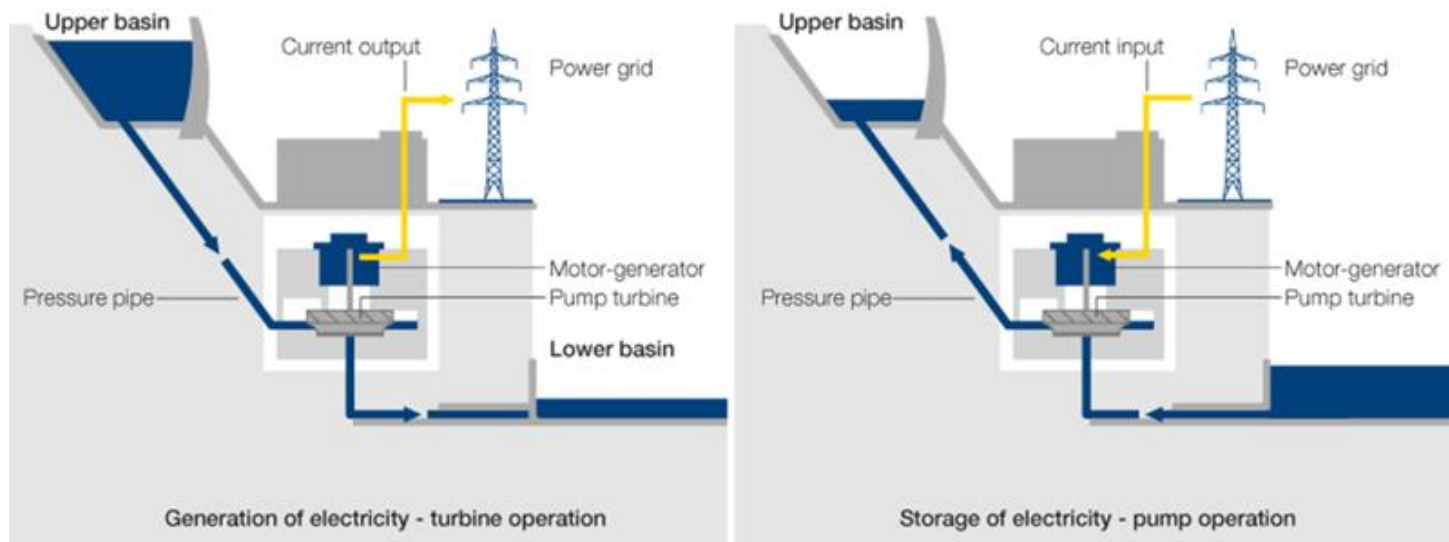
■ space heating ■ air conditioning ■ water heating ■ appliances, electronics, and lighting

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Residential Energy Consumption Survey.

Note: Amounts represent the energy consumption in occupied primary housing units.

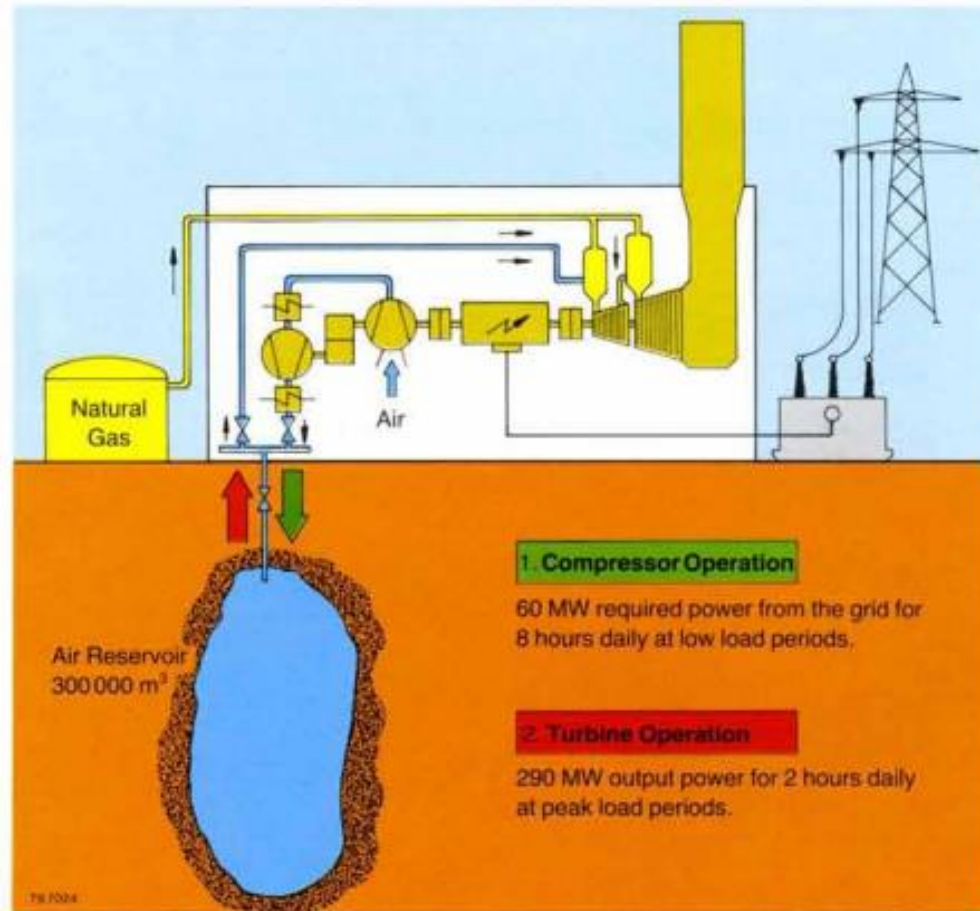
Storage

Centralized Storage – Pumped Storage



Storage

Centralized Storage – Compressed air



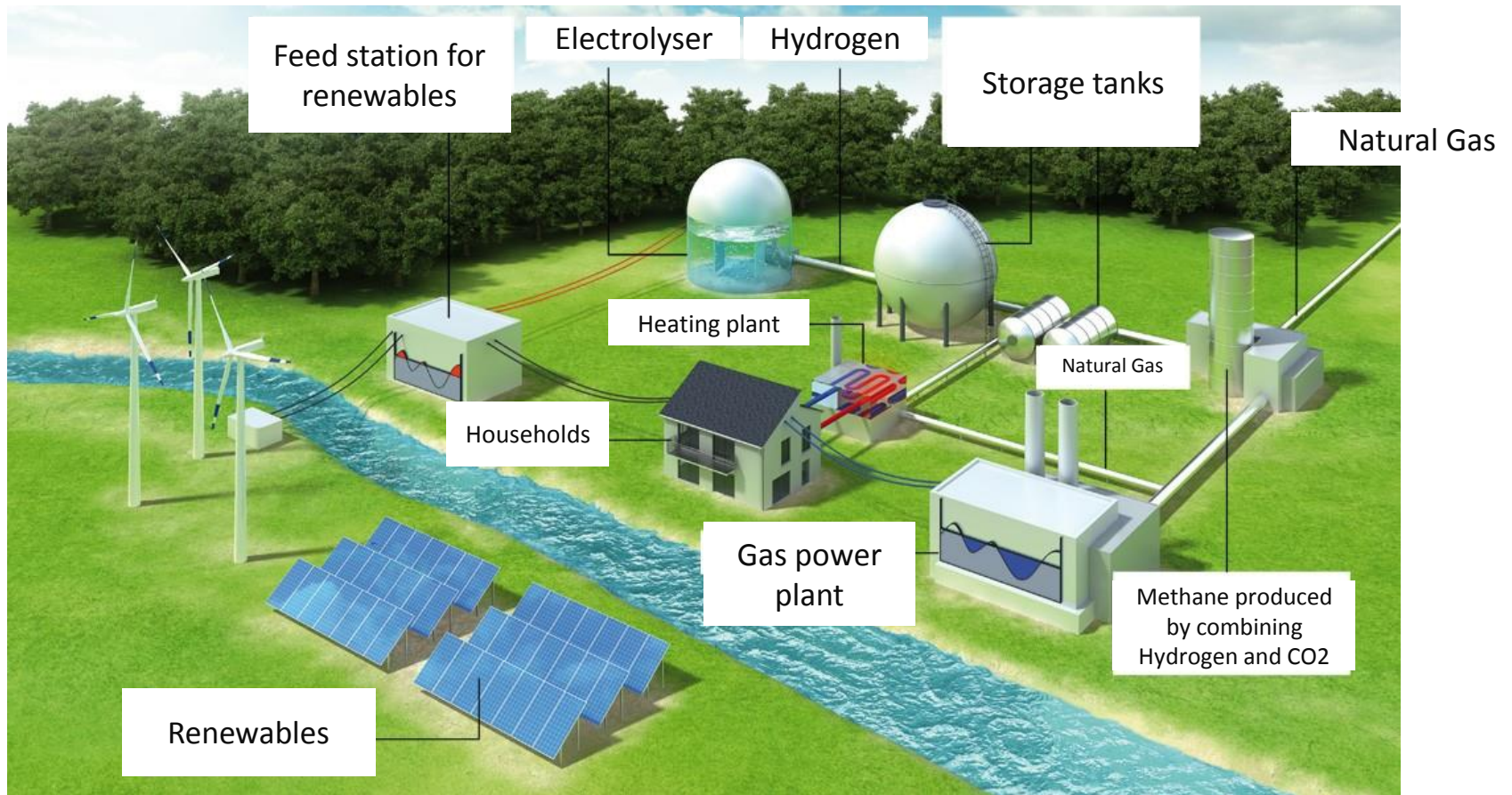
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Centralized Storage - Batteries



Storage

Centralized Storage – Power-to-Gas



Storage

Distributed Storage



Using Plug-in Electric Vehicles (PEVs)



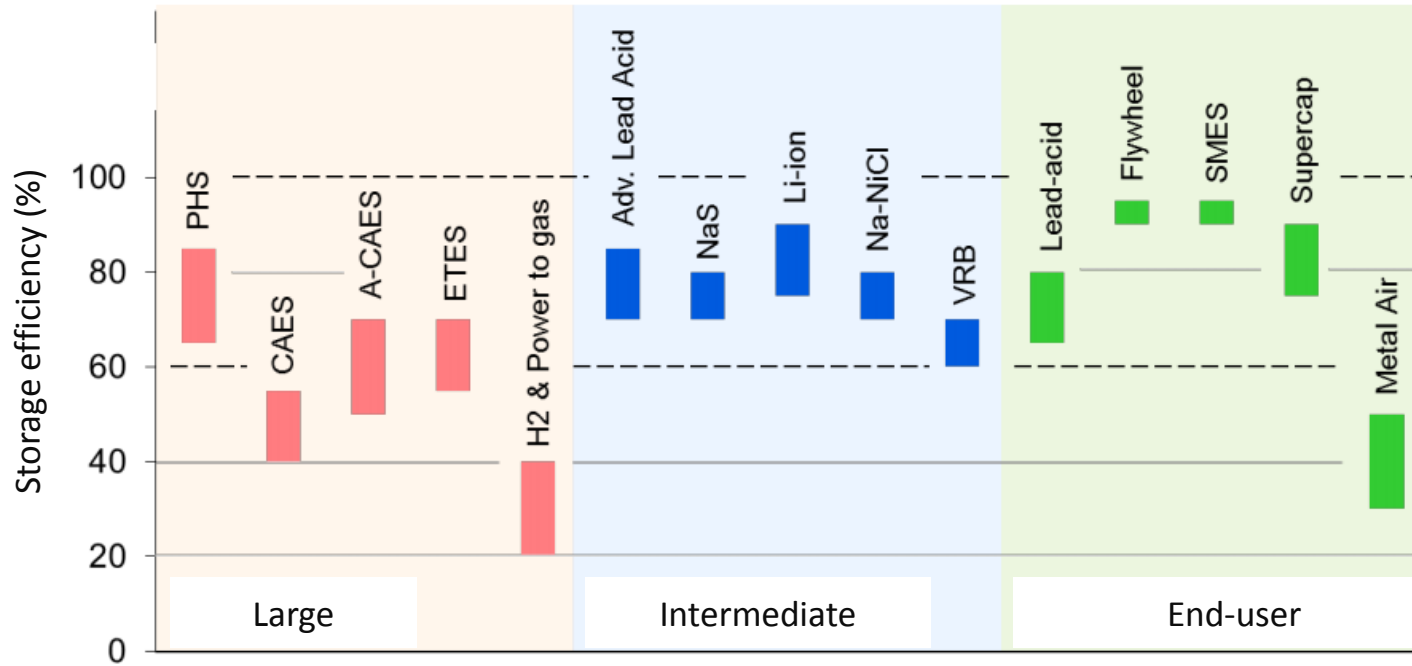
Battery (Li-ion) Storage (also coupled with solar generation)

- + Can be used to improve quality of supply
- Expensive
- Needs to have intelligent charging method and tariff plans

Storage



Storage is not only expensive, but also inefficient



PHS: Pumped hydraulic storage

CAES: Compressed air energy storage

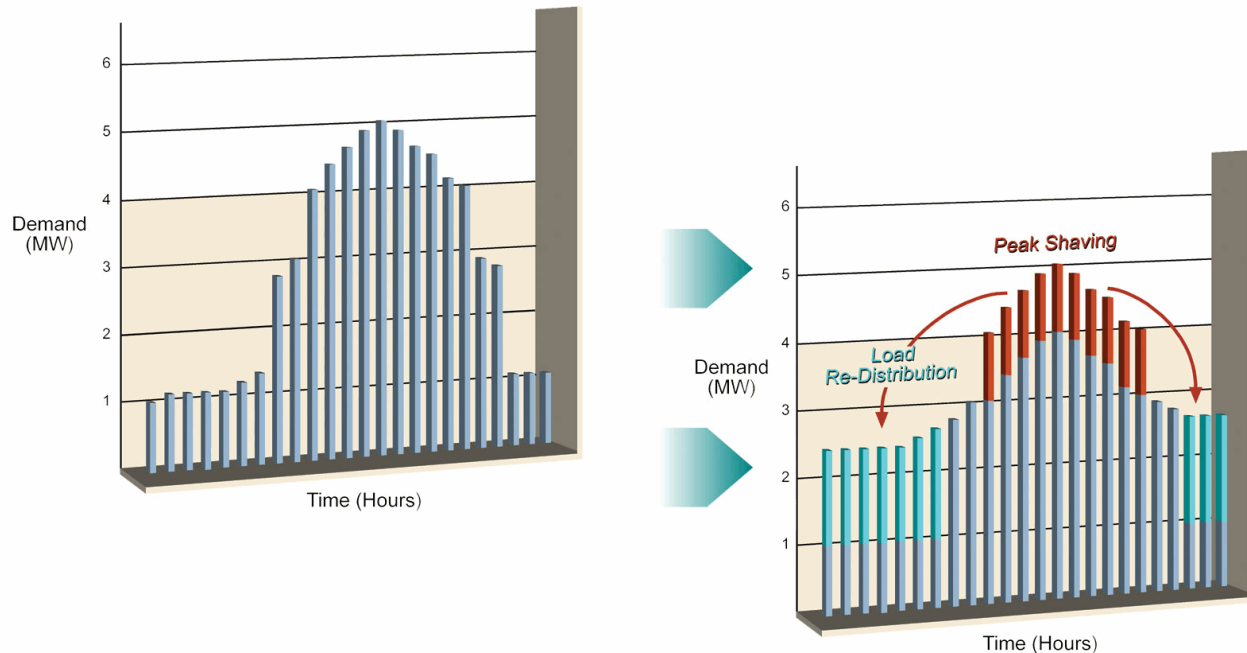
A-CAES: Adiabatic compressed air storage

ETES: Electro-thermal energy storage

VRB: Vanadium redox battery

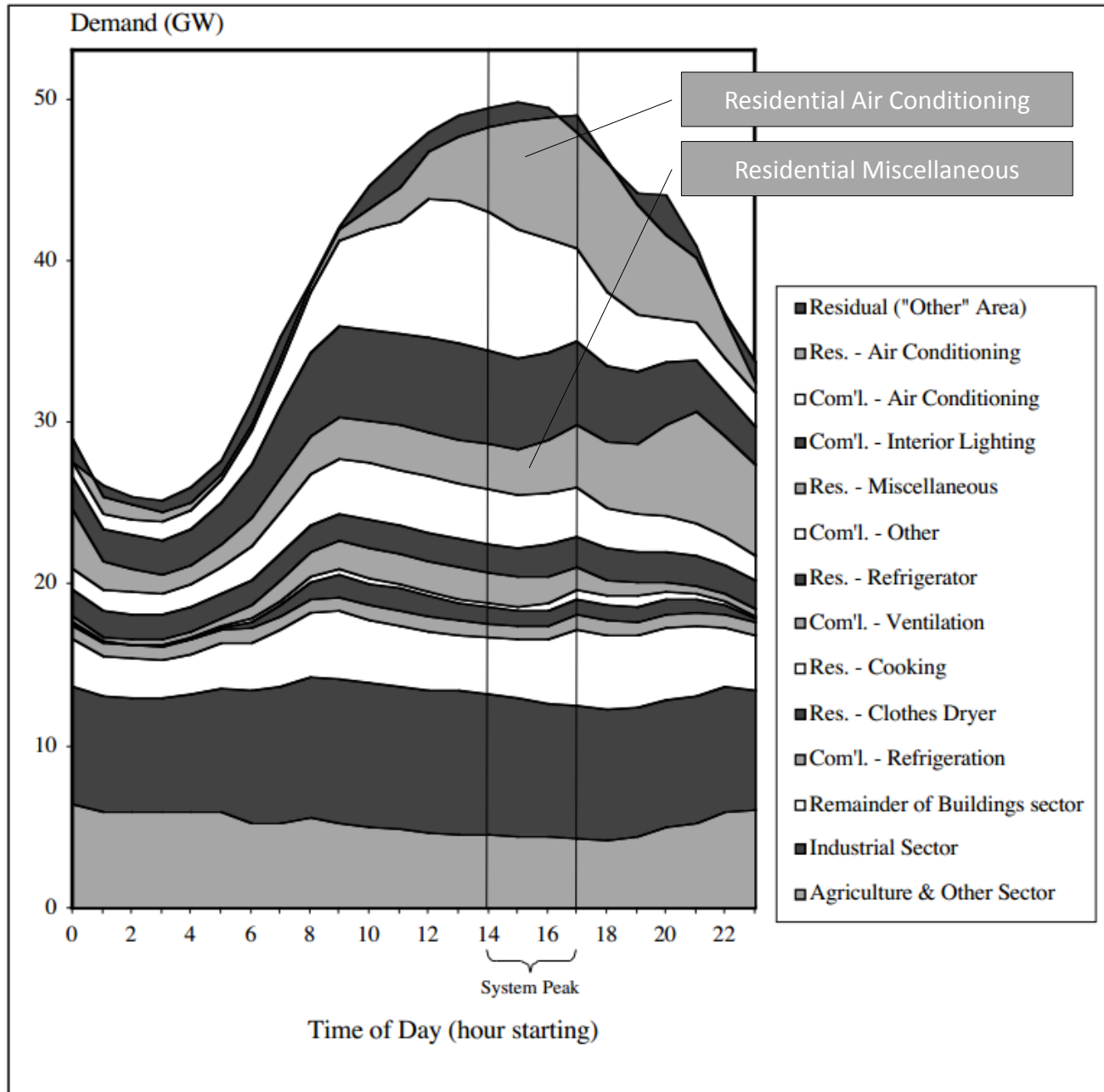
SMES: Superconducting magnetic energy storage

Redistributing the peak



Encourage consumers to shift their usage – either by price incentive or direct load control (also with some incentive)

Distribution of load causes during the peak period



Demand Response

Other uses



Helps reduce electricity price by having predictable transactions on the energy markets



Helps integrate renewable resources like wind and solar power

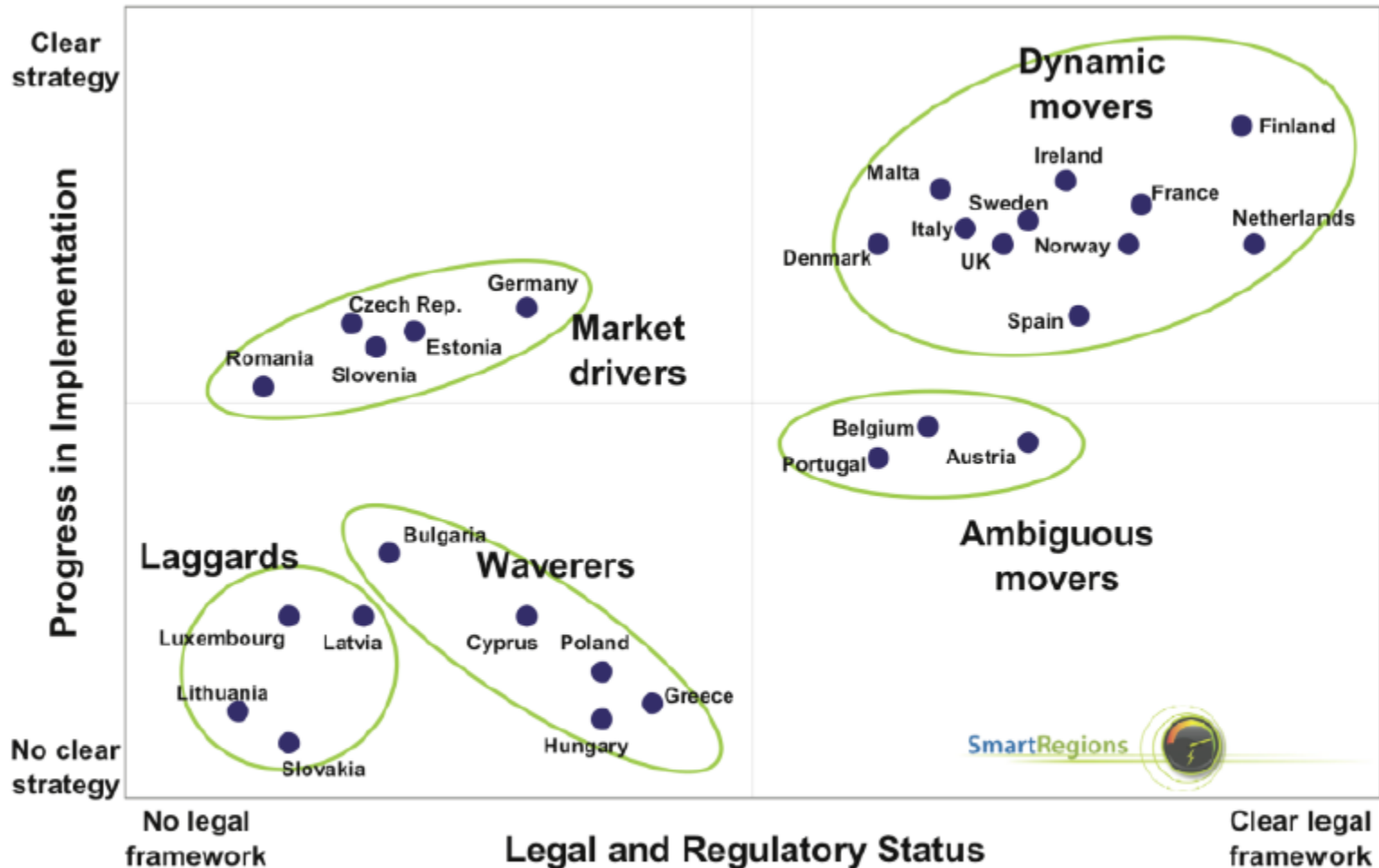


Improves the grid quality (reliability)



Provides flexibility to the supplier

Backup



Savings Potential

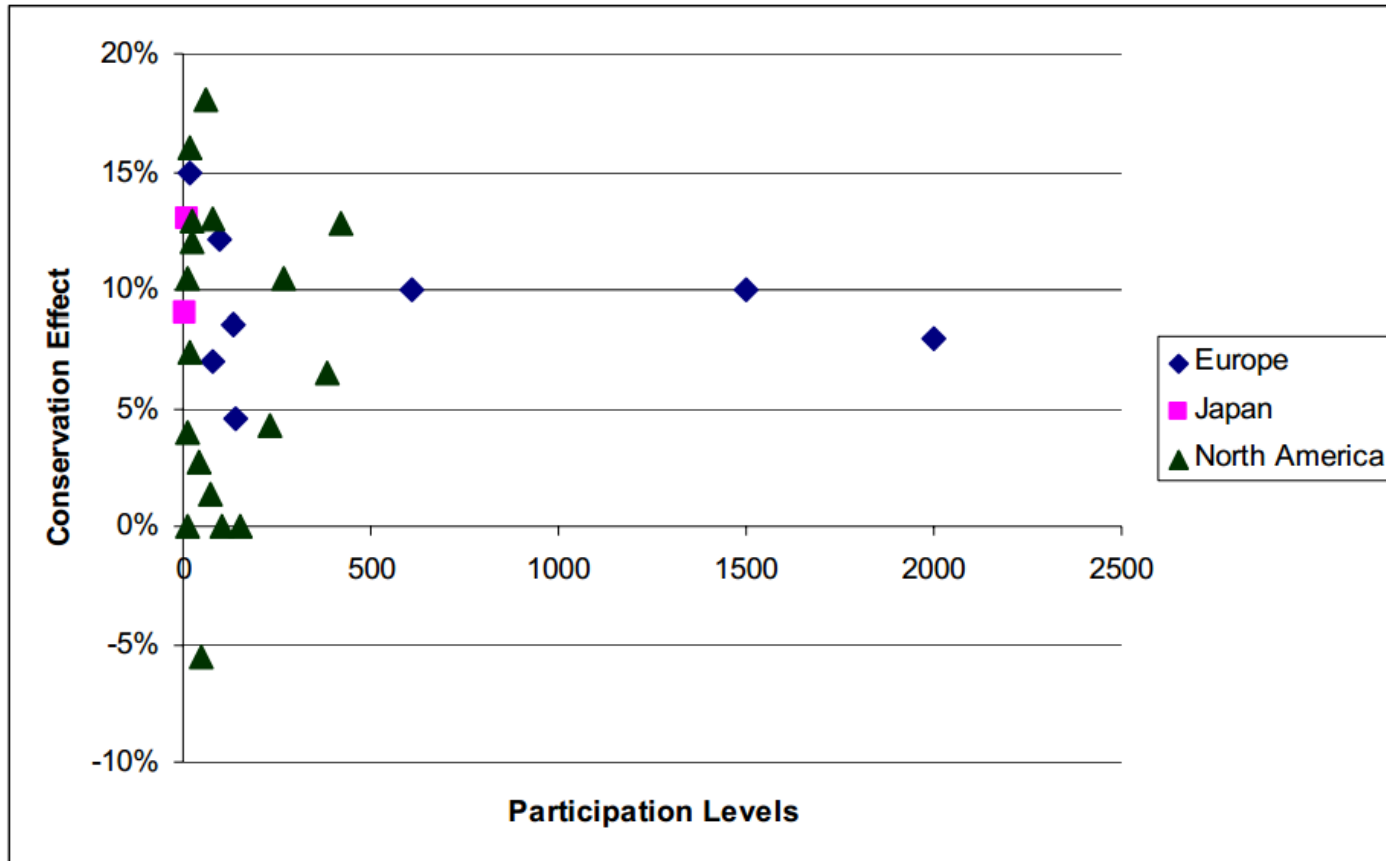
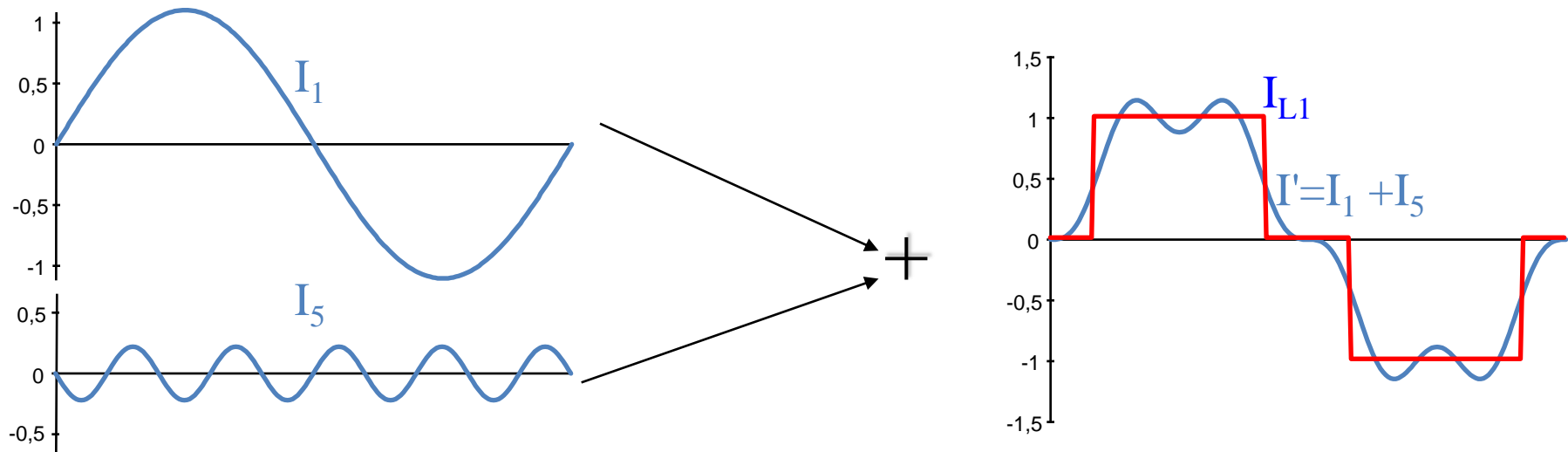


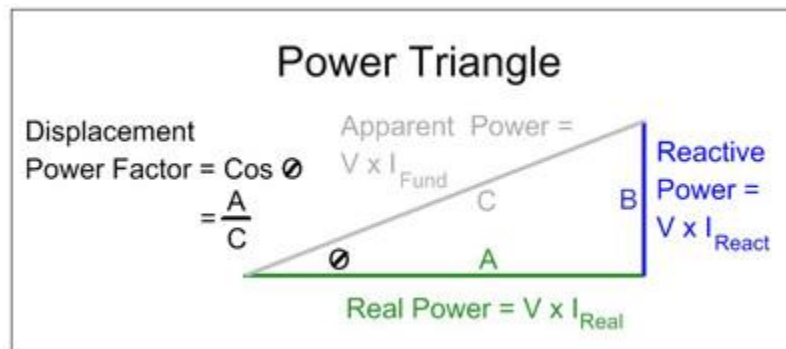
Figure 3-1
Range of study participation levels

From: Neenan, B., Robinson, J., 2009. Residential Electricity use Feedback: A research Synthesis and Economic Framework

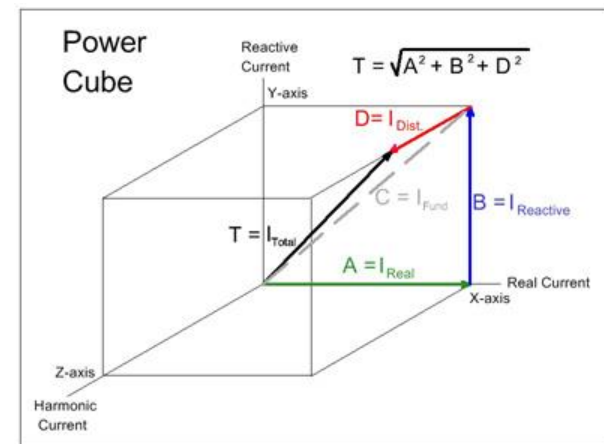
Influence of harmonics



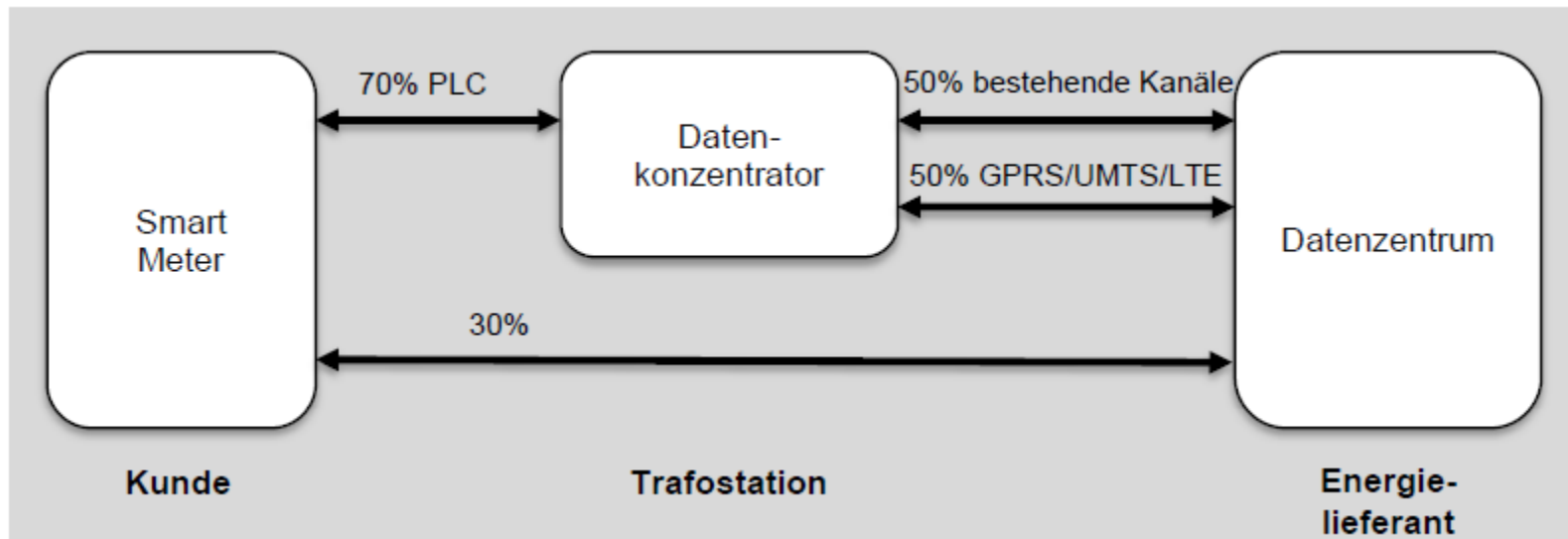
Source: Power Systems Training, ABB Limited



Source: www.home-energy-monitoring.com



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What exists - Meter to Utility

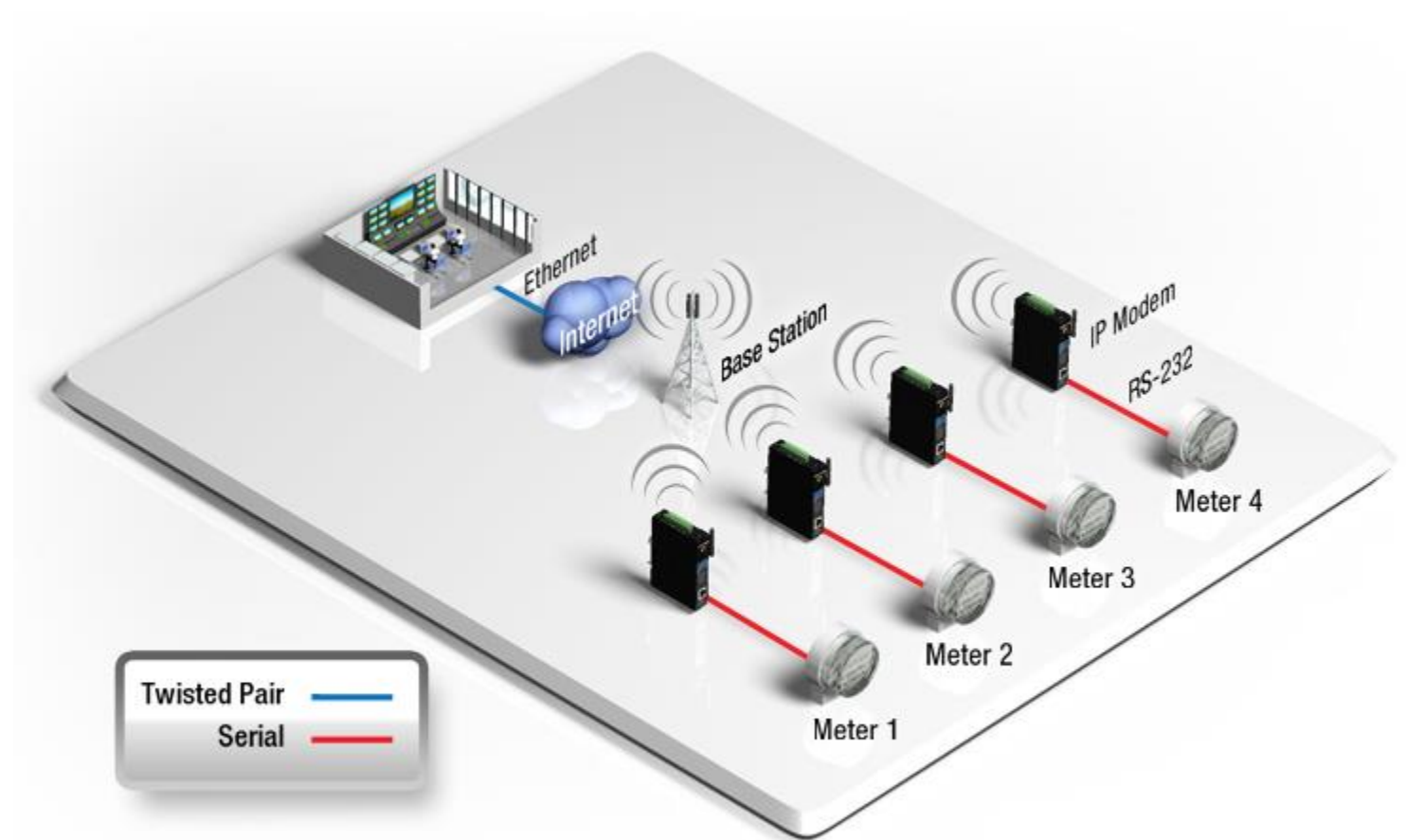
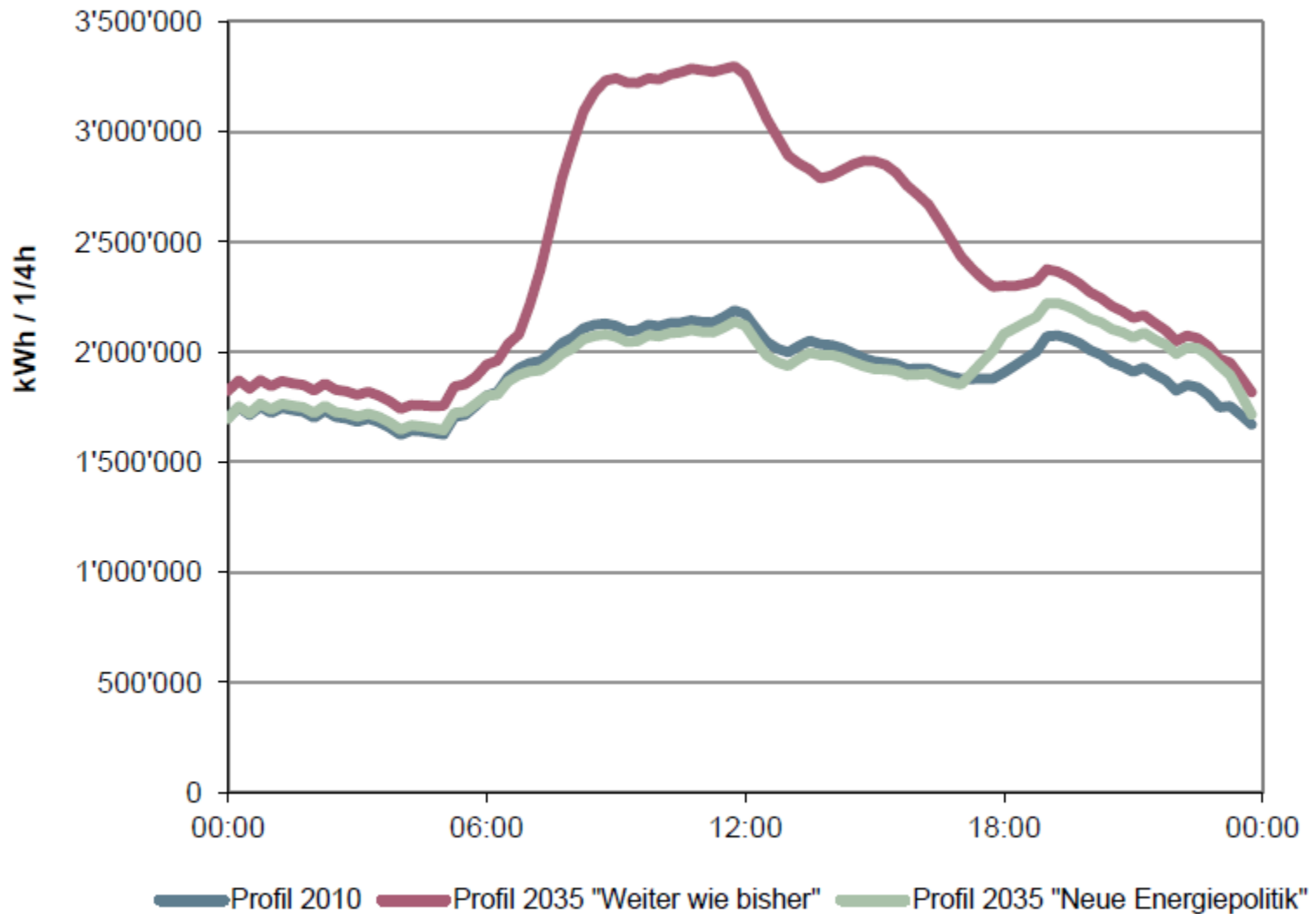


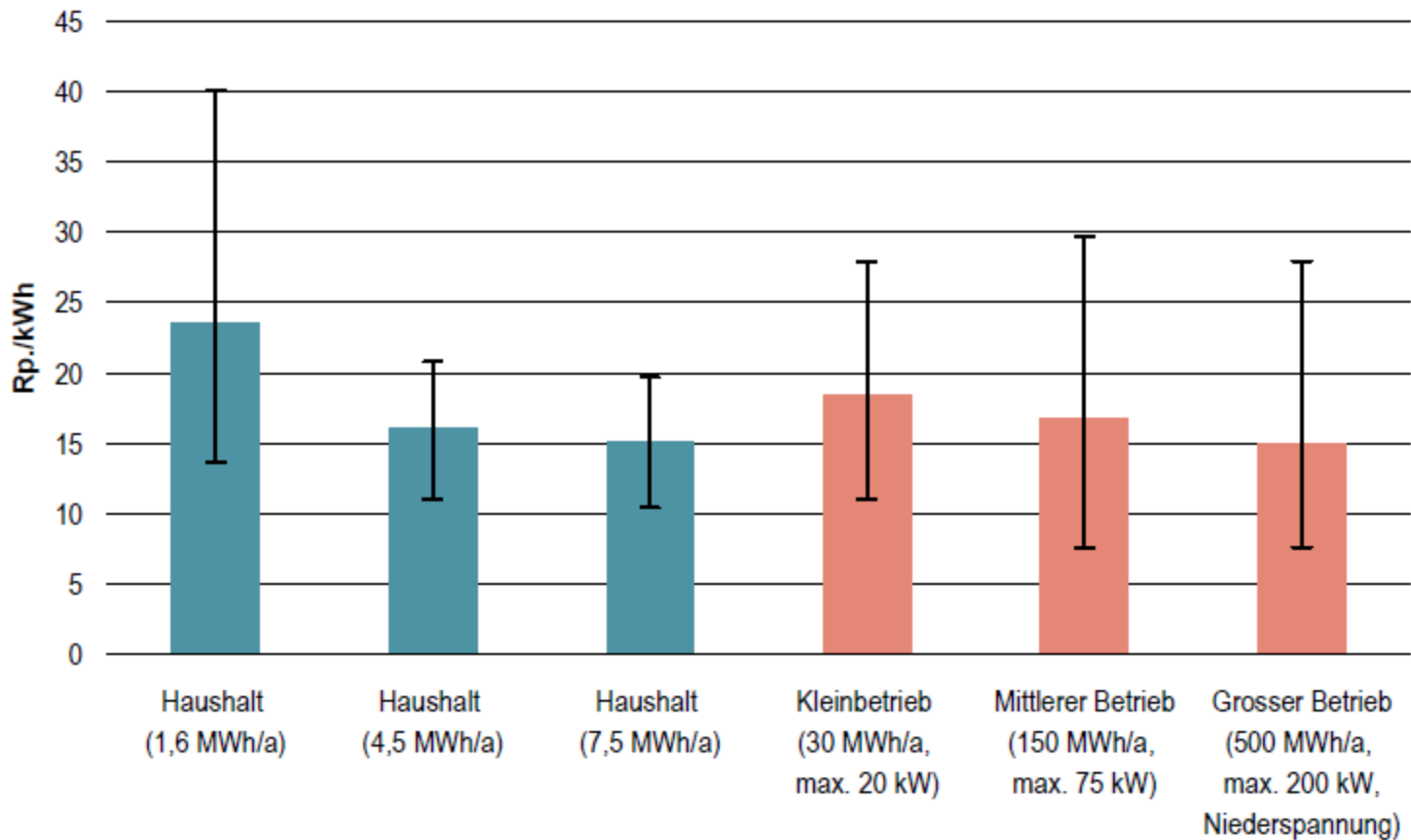
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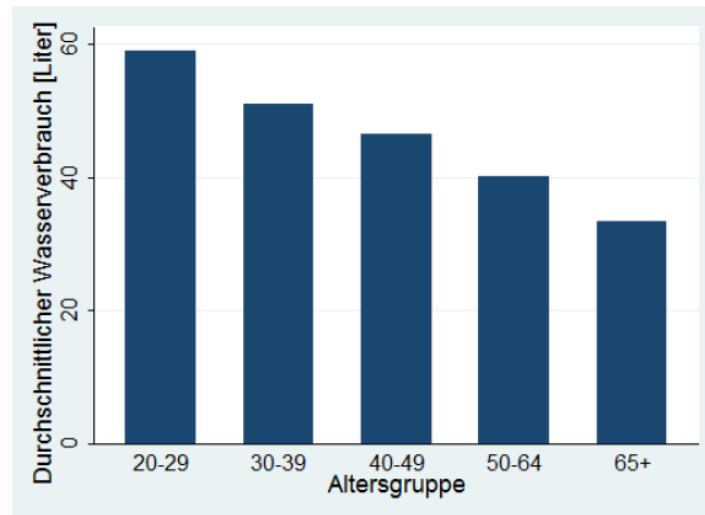
«Elektrizitätstarife in der Schweiz im Jahr 2009»



Backup: Usage data



Messgrösse	Durchschnittswert
Wasserverbrauch	46 Liter
Energieverbrauch (ohne Verluste) ⁴	1.6 kWh
Flussrate	11 Liter / Minute
Dauer (reine Duschzeit)	4:10 Min:Sek
Dauer Unterbrechungen (z.B. Einseifen)	34 Sekunden
Wassertemperatur	36°C



Backup: Communication infrastructure for AMR

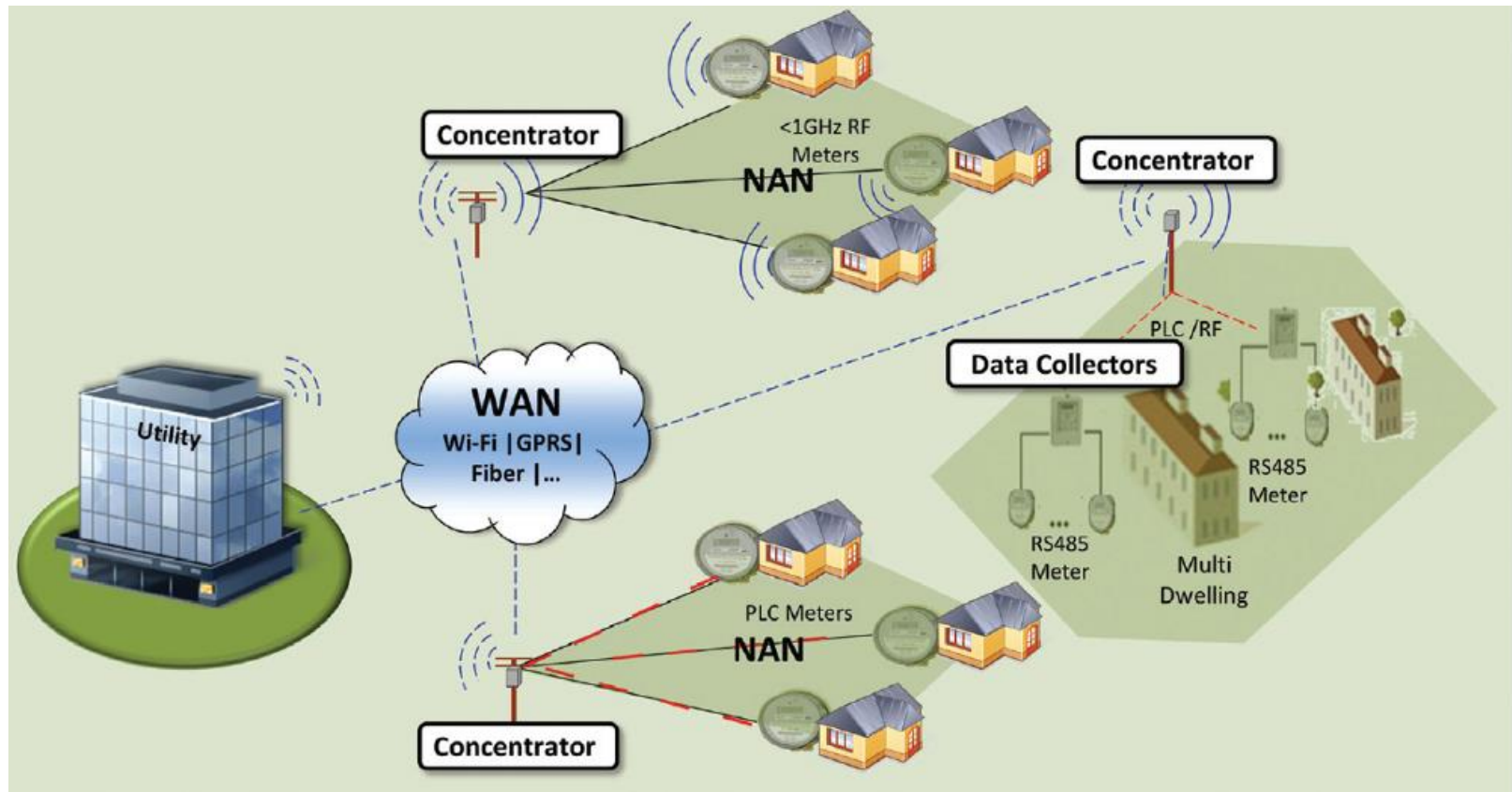
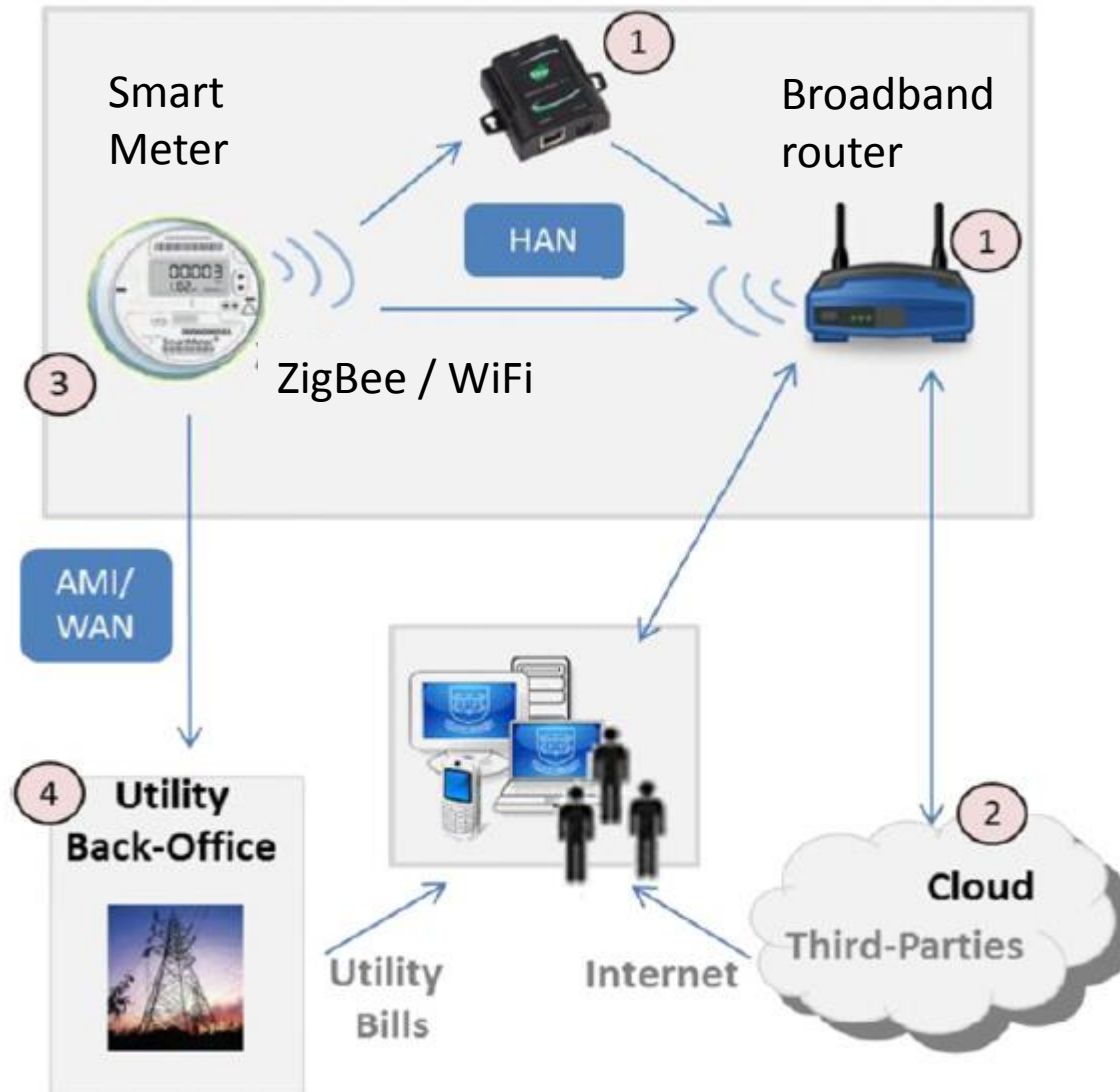
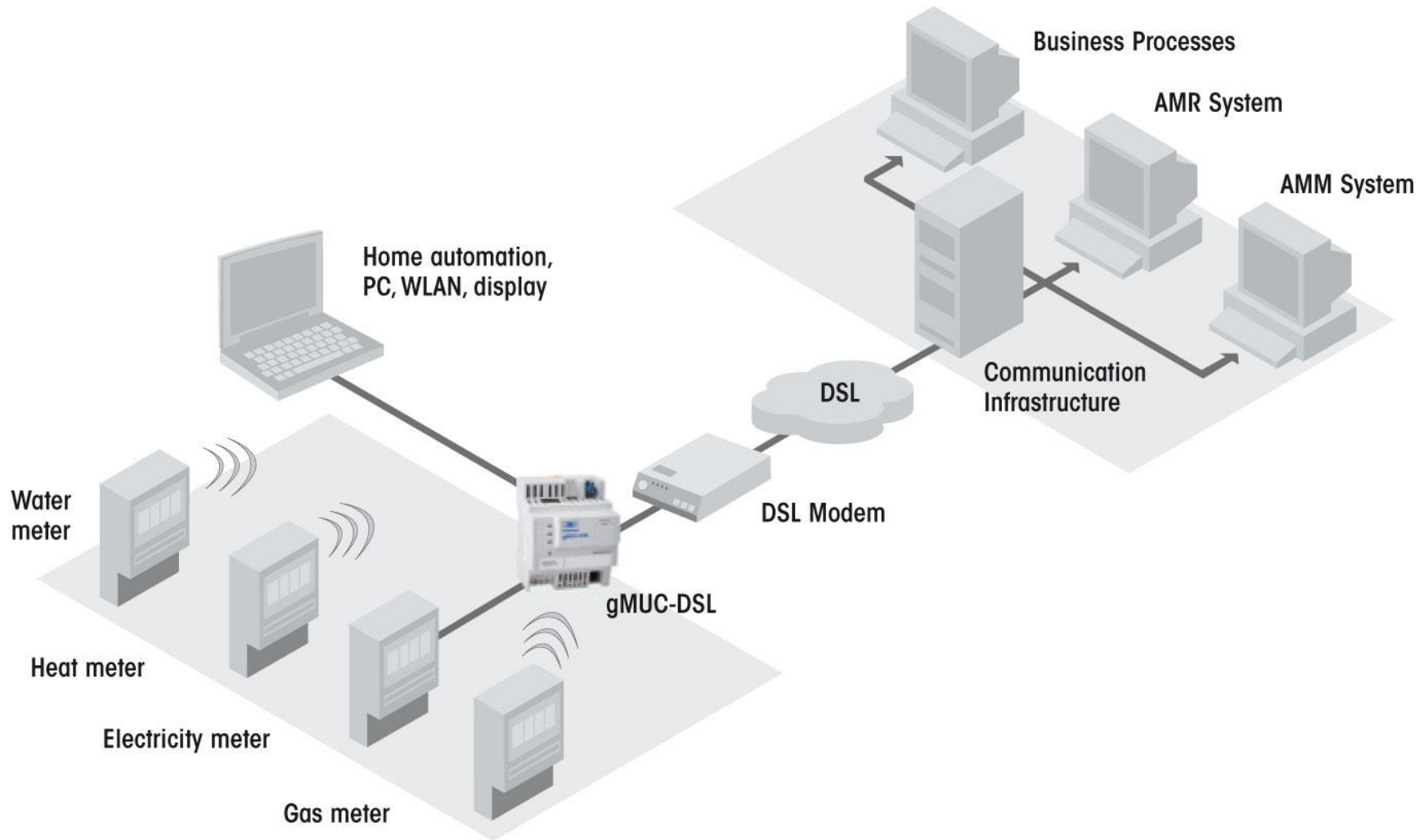


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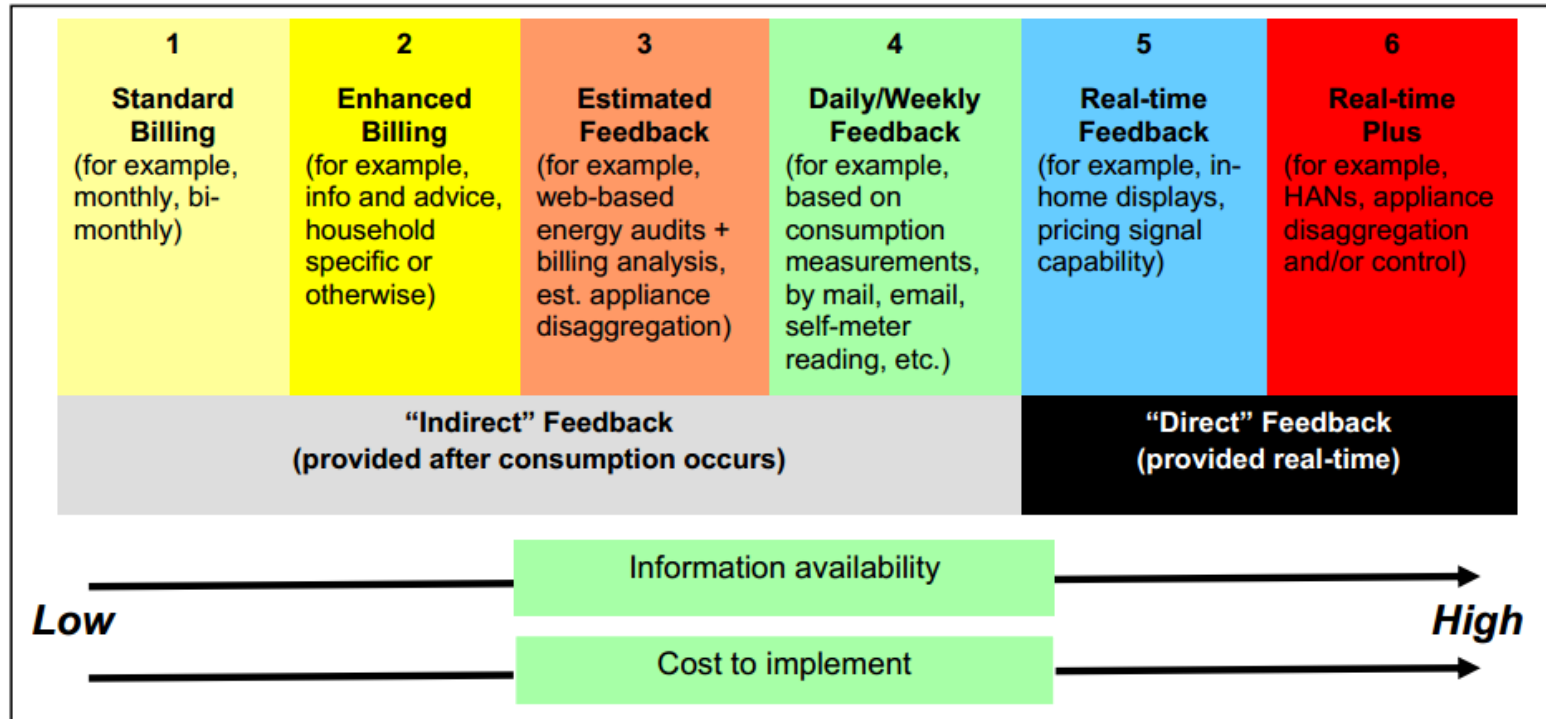
Data Integration



Meter to Utility via internet



Energy savings – types of feedback



Disaggregation

Monitored parameters

Current + Voltage

Real and Reactive Power

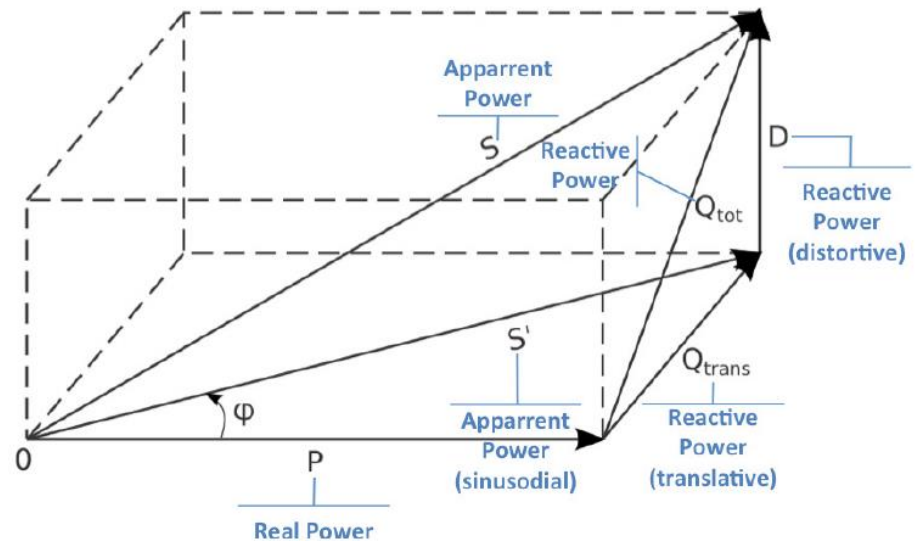
Electromagnetic emissions

Appliance states

Power line harmonics

Environmental data

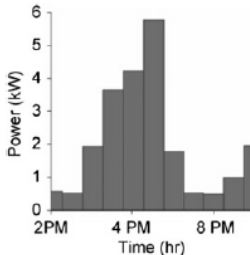
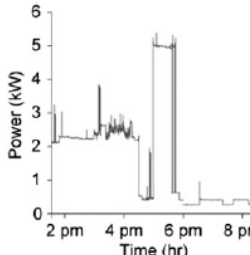
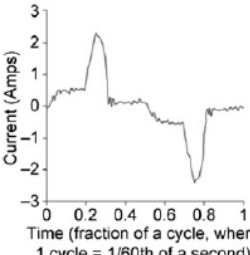
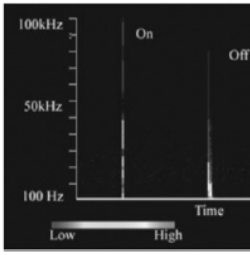
*Behavioural data
(context, opportunistic sensing)*



Disaggregation

Note: Improve the slide with better graphics, or move to backup!

Frequency of measurement

1 h–15 min	1 min–1 s (1 Hz)	1–60 Hz	60 Hz–2 kHz	10–40 kHz	> 1 MHz
 <p>Power (kW) Time (hr)</p>	 <p>Power (kW) Time (hr)</p>	—	—	 <p>Current (Amps) Time (fraction of a cycle, where 1 cycle = 1/60th of a second)</p>	 <p>100kHz 50kHz 100 Hz Time Low High</p>
<p>Visually observable patterns; duration and time of appliance use</p> <p>Differentiates ~3 general categories: loads that correlate with outdoor temperature, loads that are continuous, and loads that are time-dependent</p>	<p>Steady state steps/transitions of power</p> <p>Top < 10 appliance types: refrigerator, ACs, heaters, pool pump, washers, dryers etc.</p>	<p>Steady state steps/transitions of power</p> <p>10–20 appliance types</p>	<p>Current and voltage, providing low order harmonics</p> <p>Not known, see text for more details</p>	<p>Current and voltage, providing medium order harmonics to identify type of electrical circuitry in appliance</p> <p>20–40 appliance types: toasters, computers, etc. along with larger loads identified at lower frequencies</p>	<p>Current and voltage, providing very high order harmonics to identify both transients & the background noise of appliances</p> <p>40–100 specific appliances: e.g., differentiates between 2 lights; requires separate power consumption data stream</p>

Disaggregation

Factors influencing the algorithm

Frequency of measurement

Monitored parameters

Measurement resolution

Performance

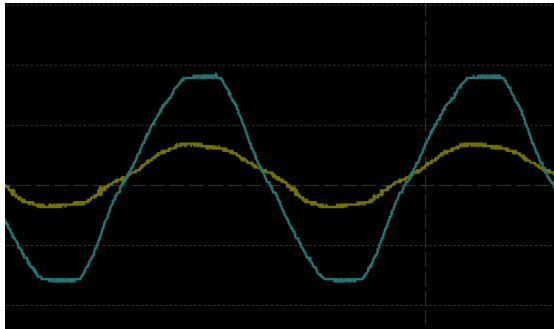
Number of appliances detected

Fraction of power explained

Accuracy of power measured

Disaggregation

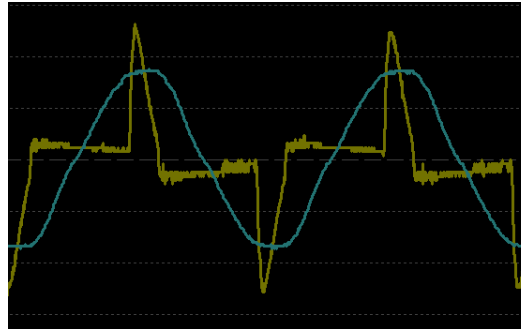
Measurement frequency



“Pure” resistive load

Filament bulb

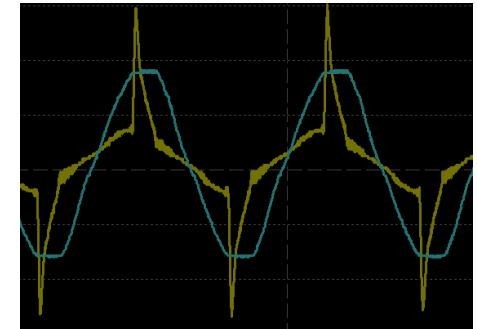
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Load with harmonics

Laptop Charger

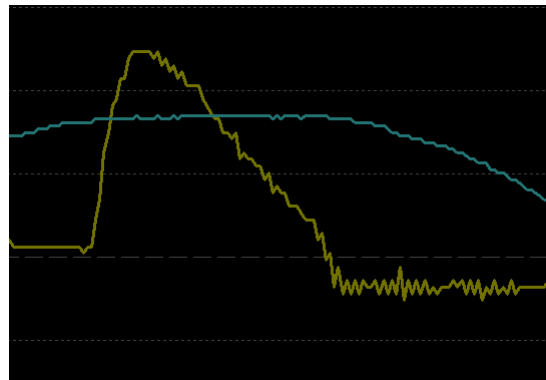
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Aggregate waveform

Both together

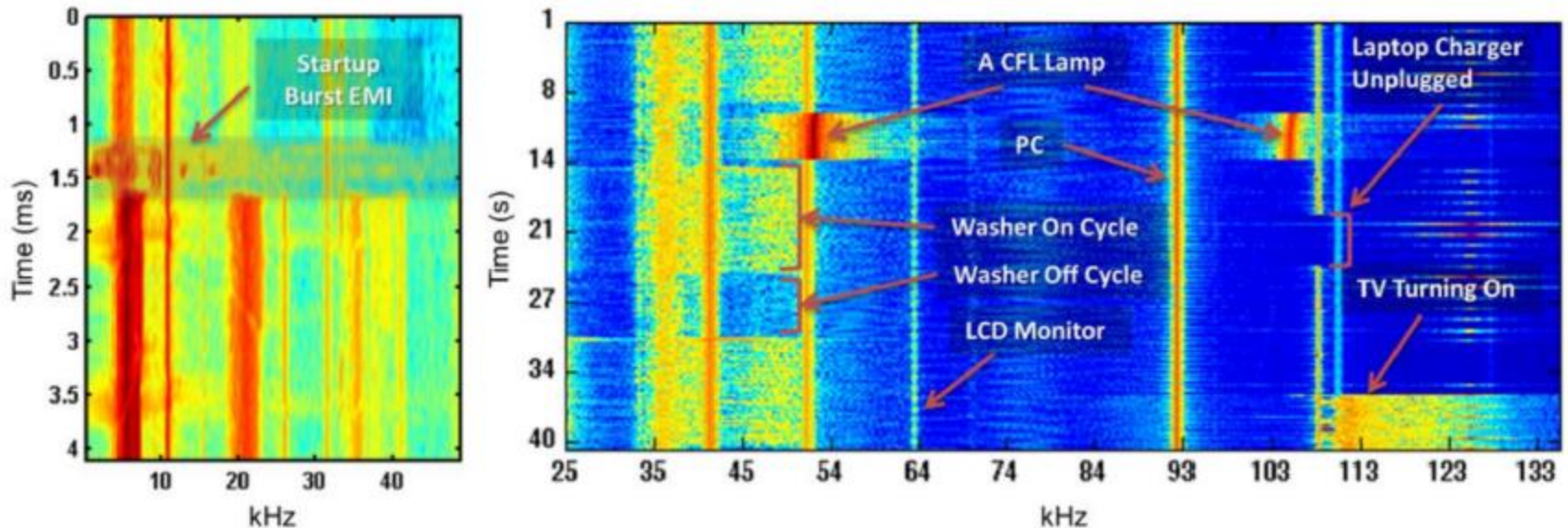
If we measure less than the fundamental supply frequency, then we cannot distinguish appliances.
Higher the better! (but more expensive!)



Example: Measuring at 1 MHz we can even distinguish between two laptop chargers!

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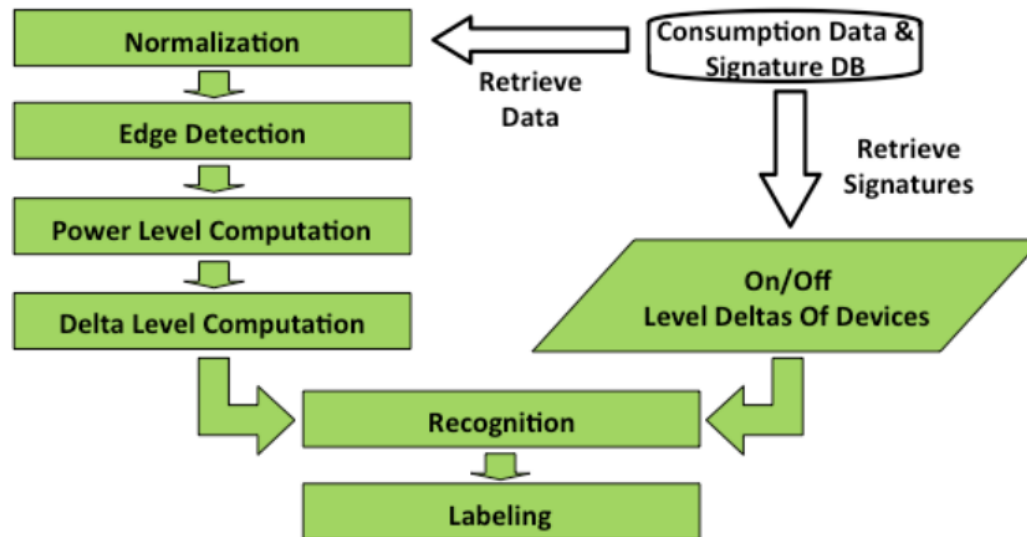
Frequency of measurement – spectral analysis



Almost prohibitive cost of hardware, but high resolution data – can even distinguish between two CFL lamp of same type!

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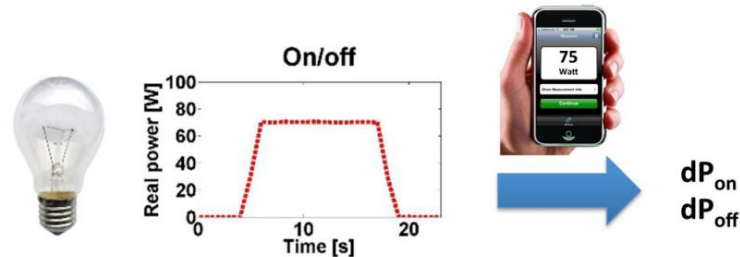
Algorithms



- **Recognizing state changes (clustering) and then matching it to a library content**
- Machine learning, sparse coding
- Neural algorithm
- ...

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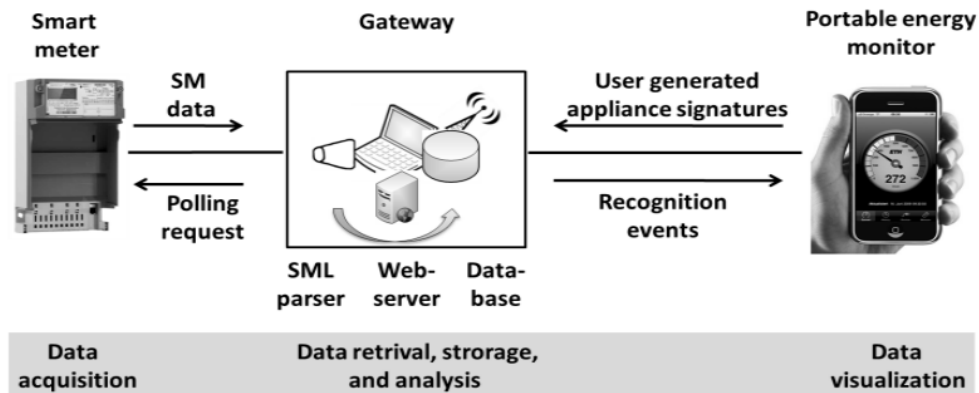
Signature Training



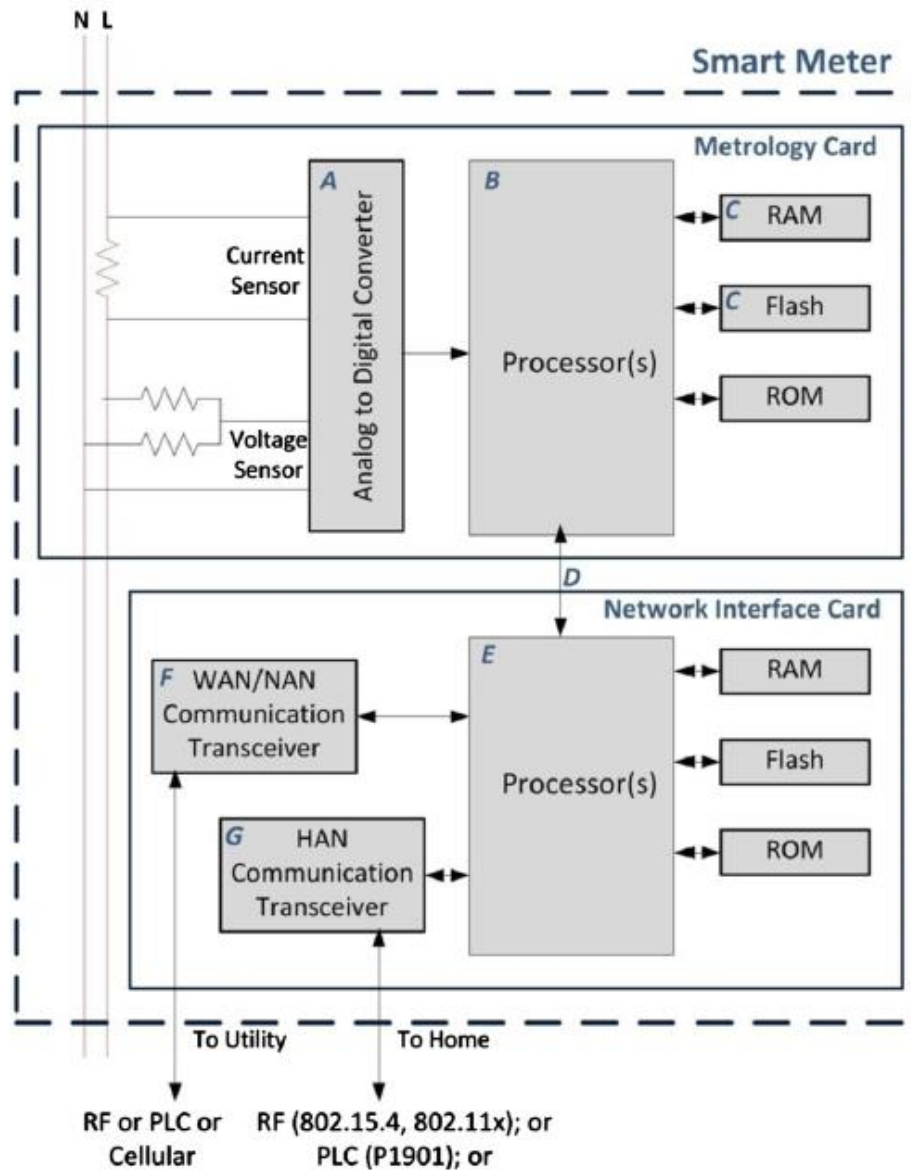
User-friendly signature acquisition process with the help of the measurement feature of the user interface.



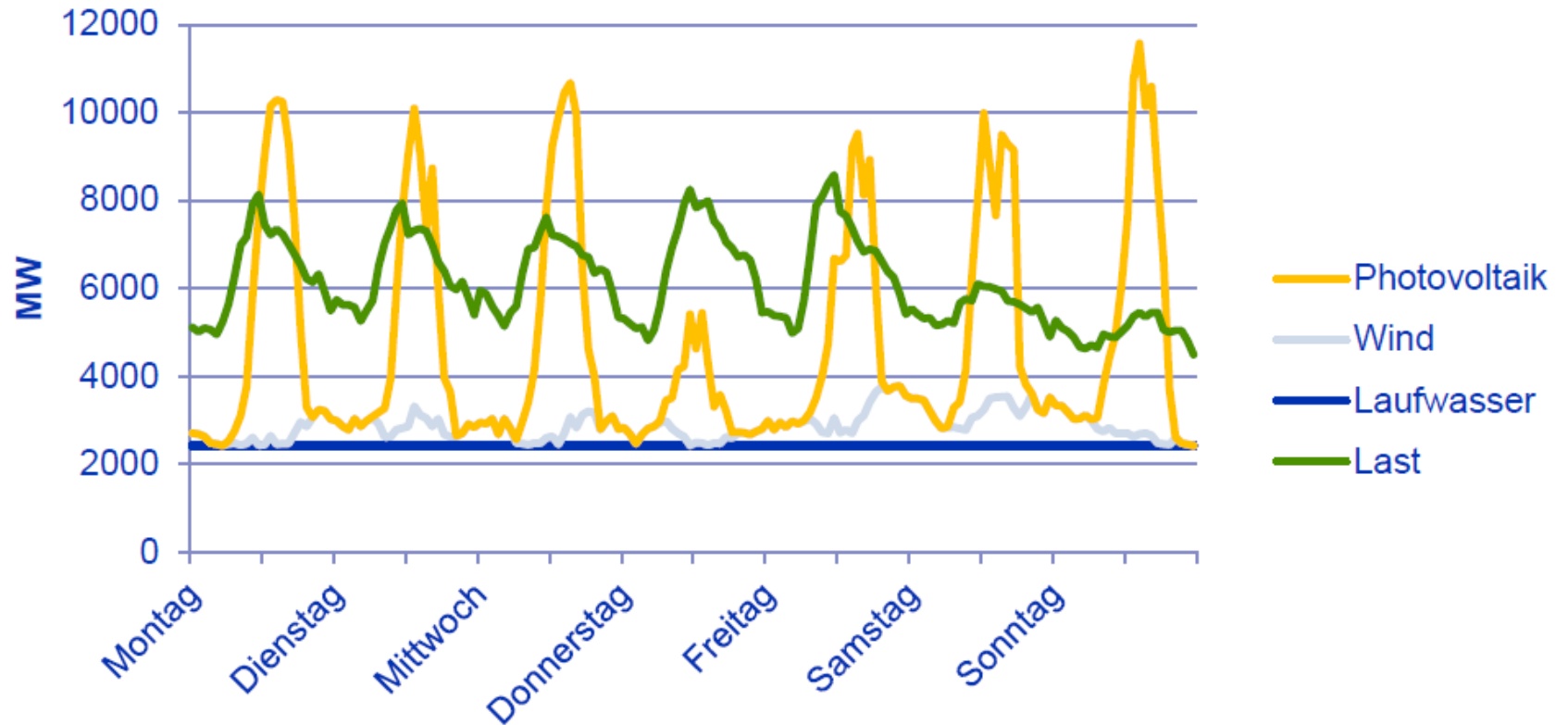
User process to measure the power consumption of an individual appliance (e.g., an office flood light).



SmartMeter



Backup: Energy 2050



Direct Load Control (DLC) + user acceptance *

2008 update to California's Building Standard (Title 24) required new homes and retrofitted homes to install programmable communicating thermostats (PCTs), which receive wireless signals allowing utilities to control temperature during grid emergencies

Public outcry!

January 4, 2008

Who Will Control Your Thermostat?

By Joseph Somsel

*"There is nothing wrong with your thermostat. Do not attempt to adjust the temperature. We are controlling your power consumption. If we wish to make it hotter, we will turn off your air conditioner. If we wish to make it cooler, we will turn off your heater. For the next millennium, sit quietly and we will control your home temperature. We repeat, there is nothing wrong with your thermostat. You are about to participate in a great adventure. You are about to experience the awe and mystery which reaches from the inner mind to... SACRAMENTO!"**

[http://www.americanthinker.com/2008/01/who_will_control_your_thermost.html]



Sensors – Advanced communication equipment on the grid, including sensors, enable utilities to monitor, identify and quickly correct problems. Increased reliability of power is the result.

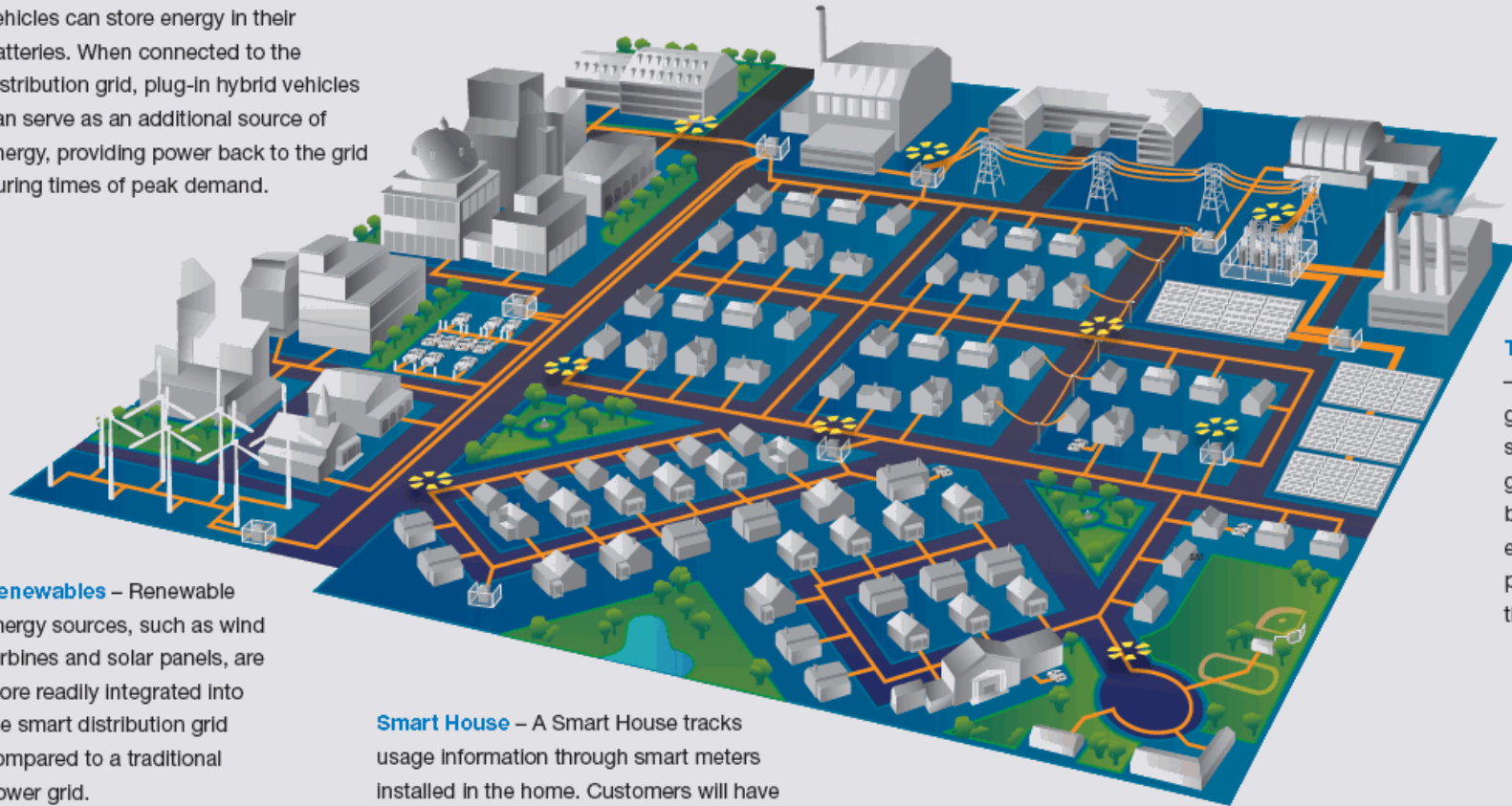
Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles – Plug-in hybrid vehicles can store energy in their batteries. When connected to the distribution grid, plug-in hybrid vehicles can serve as an additional source of energy, providing power back to the grid during times of peak demand.

Renewables – Renewable energy sources, such as wind turbines and solar panels, are more readily integrated into the smart distribution grid compared to a traditional power grid.

Smart House – A Smart House tracks usage information through smart meters installed in the home. Customers will have a variety of options through which they can interface with to learn about the most cost-efficient energy usage patterns. Increased information empowers consumers to reduce their energy use.

Traditional Generation

– Over time, traditional generation assets such as coal-fired generation plants will be offset by renewable energy sources in providing energy to the distribution grid.



Source: Nationalgrid.com

The next 40 minutes...

