

# MasterClass on ICT Support for Adaptiveness and (Cyber)Security in the Smart Grid DAT285B

## The “Smart” Grid as Distributed Cyberphysical system

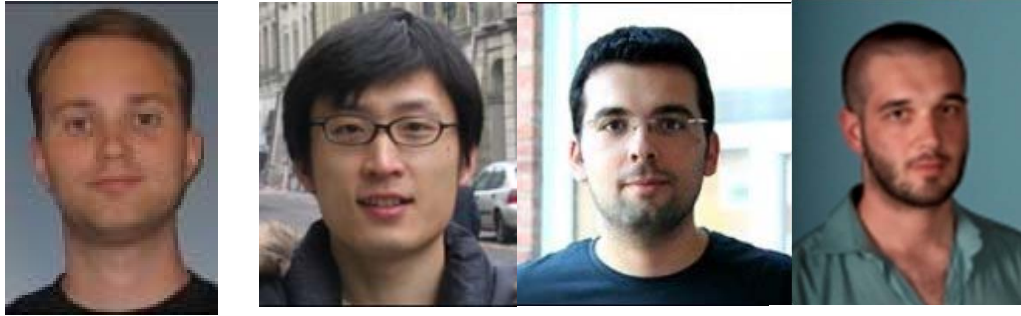
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# Briefly on research + education area of the supporting team

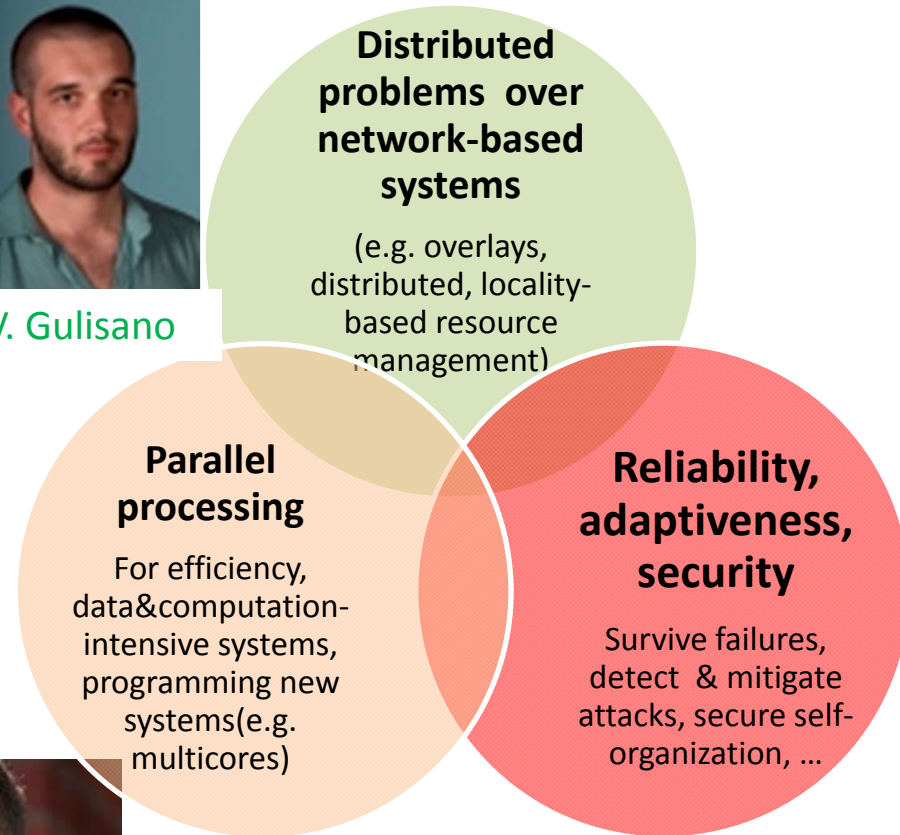


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- Application domains: energy systems, vehicular systems, communication systems and networks

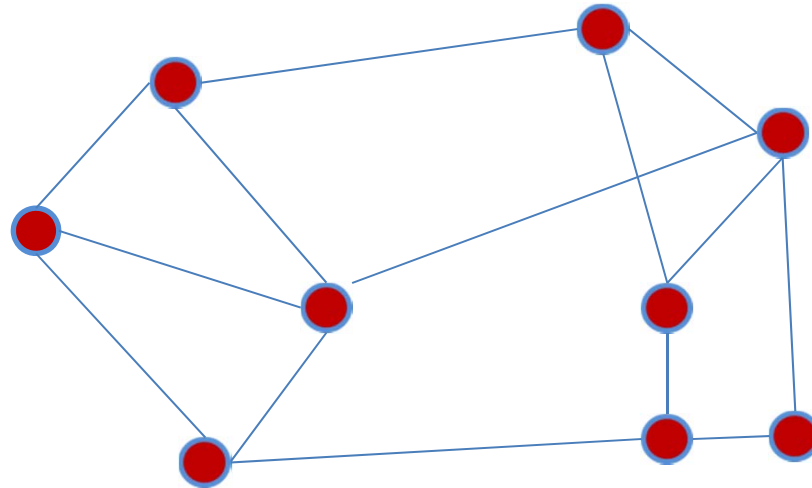


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# A Distributed System

A set of computing&communicating processes,  
collaborating for acheiving local and/or global goals



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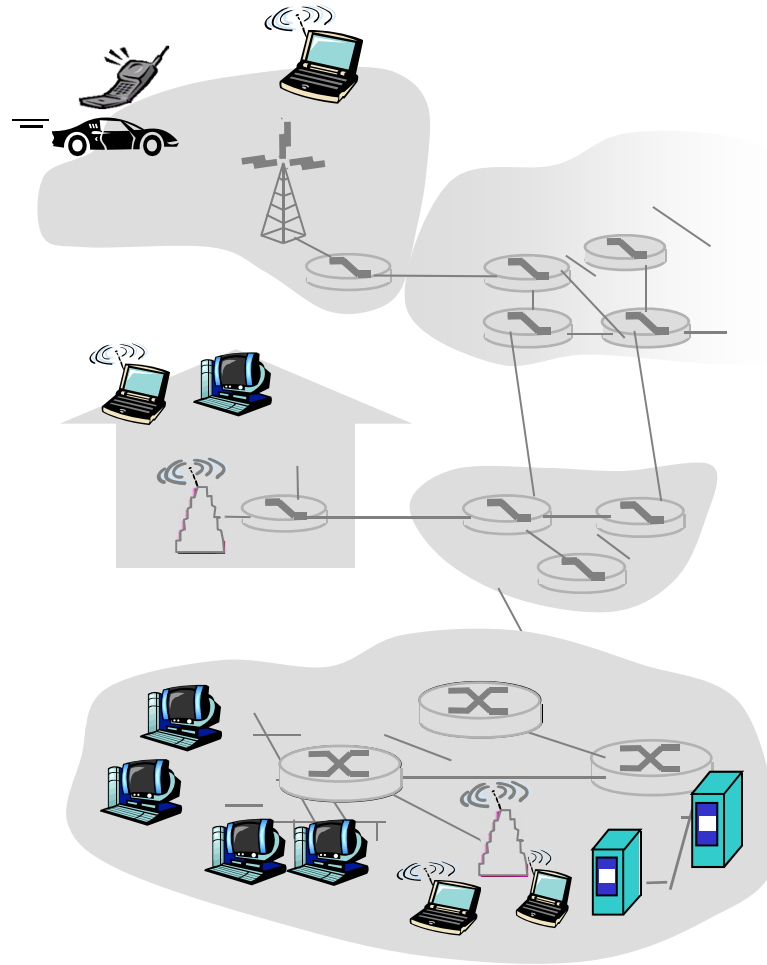


Figure: Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach , Jim Kurose, Keith Ross, Addison-Wesley.

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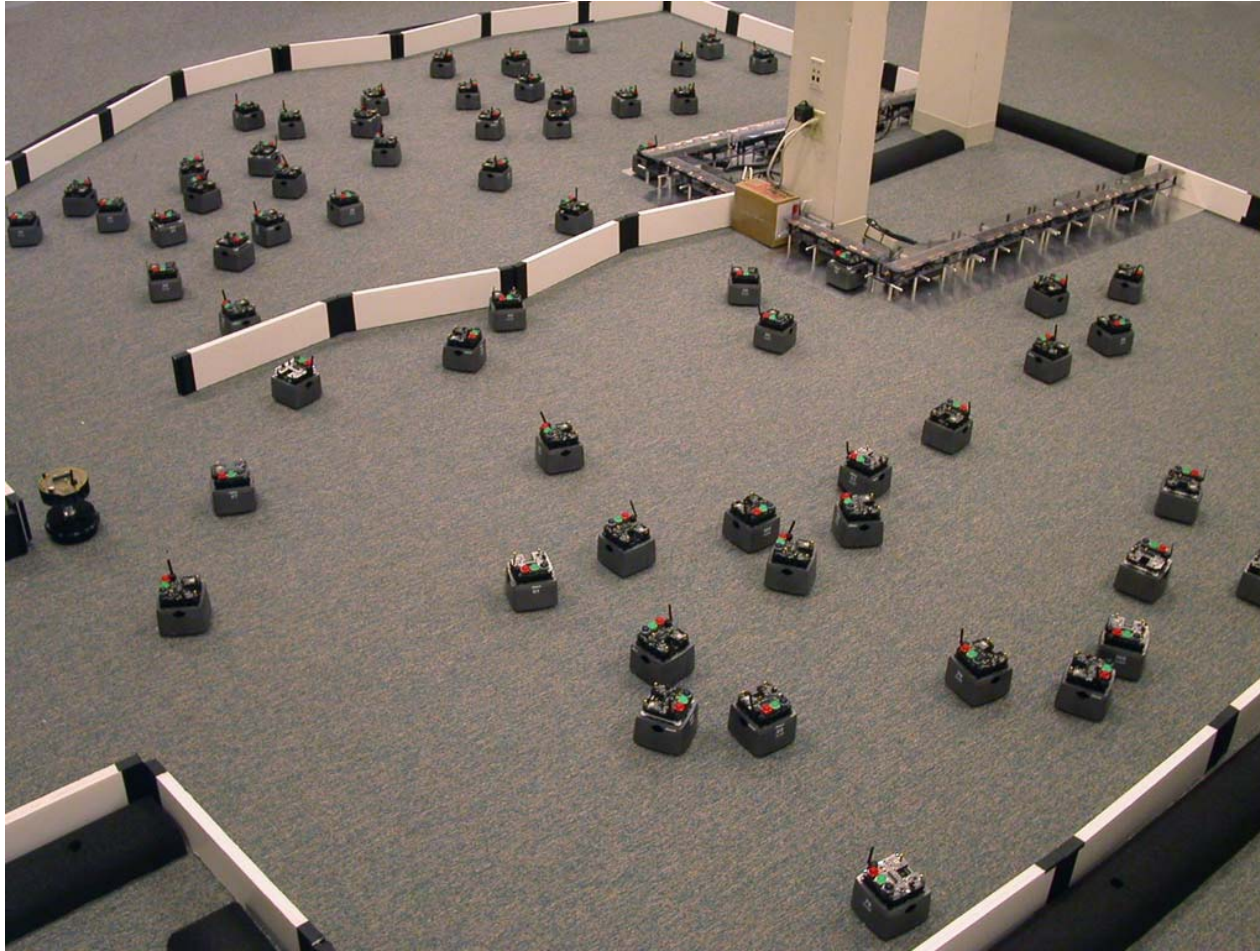


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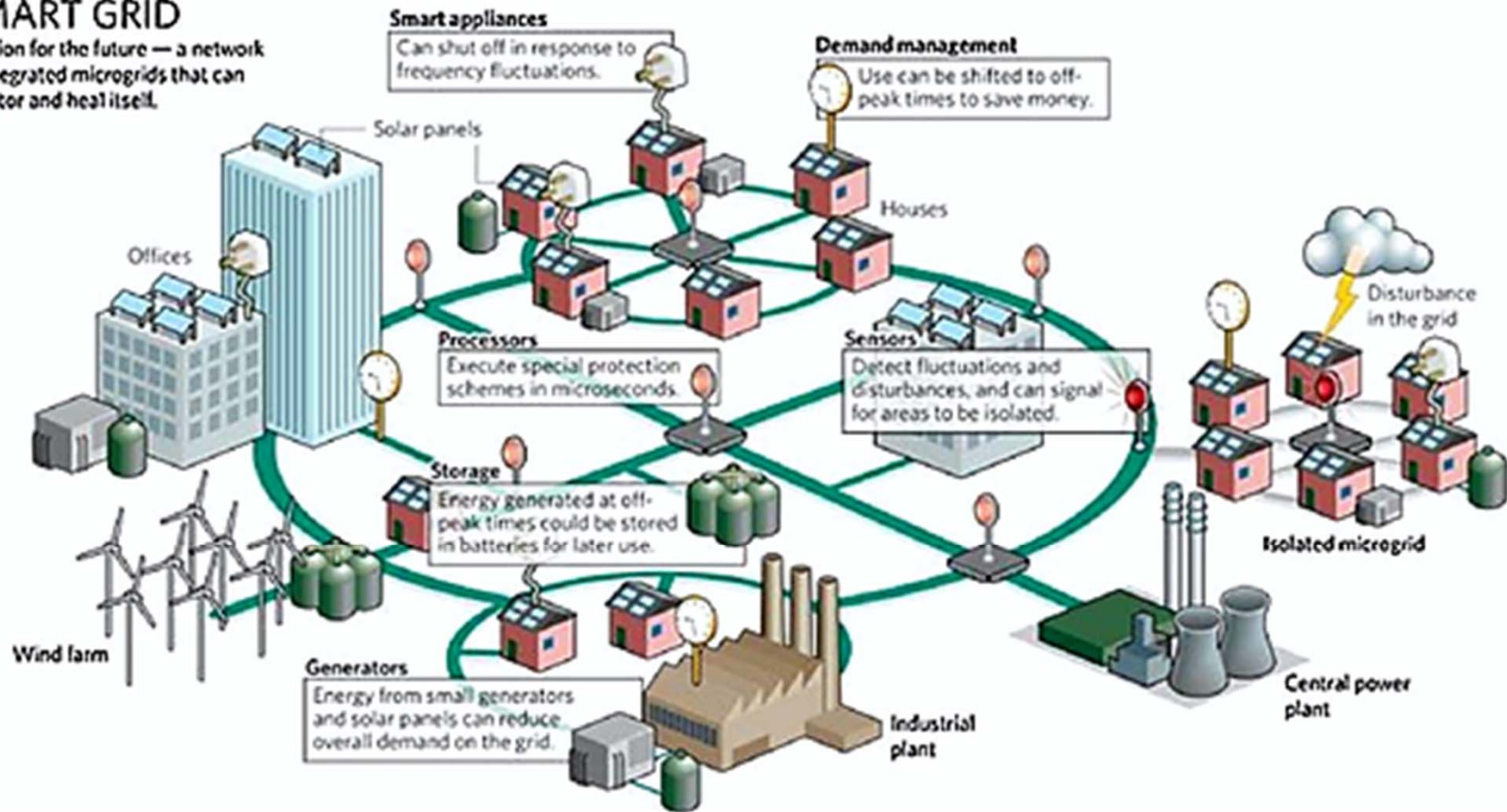




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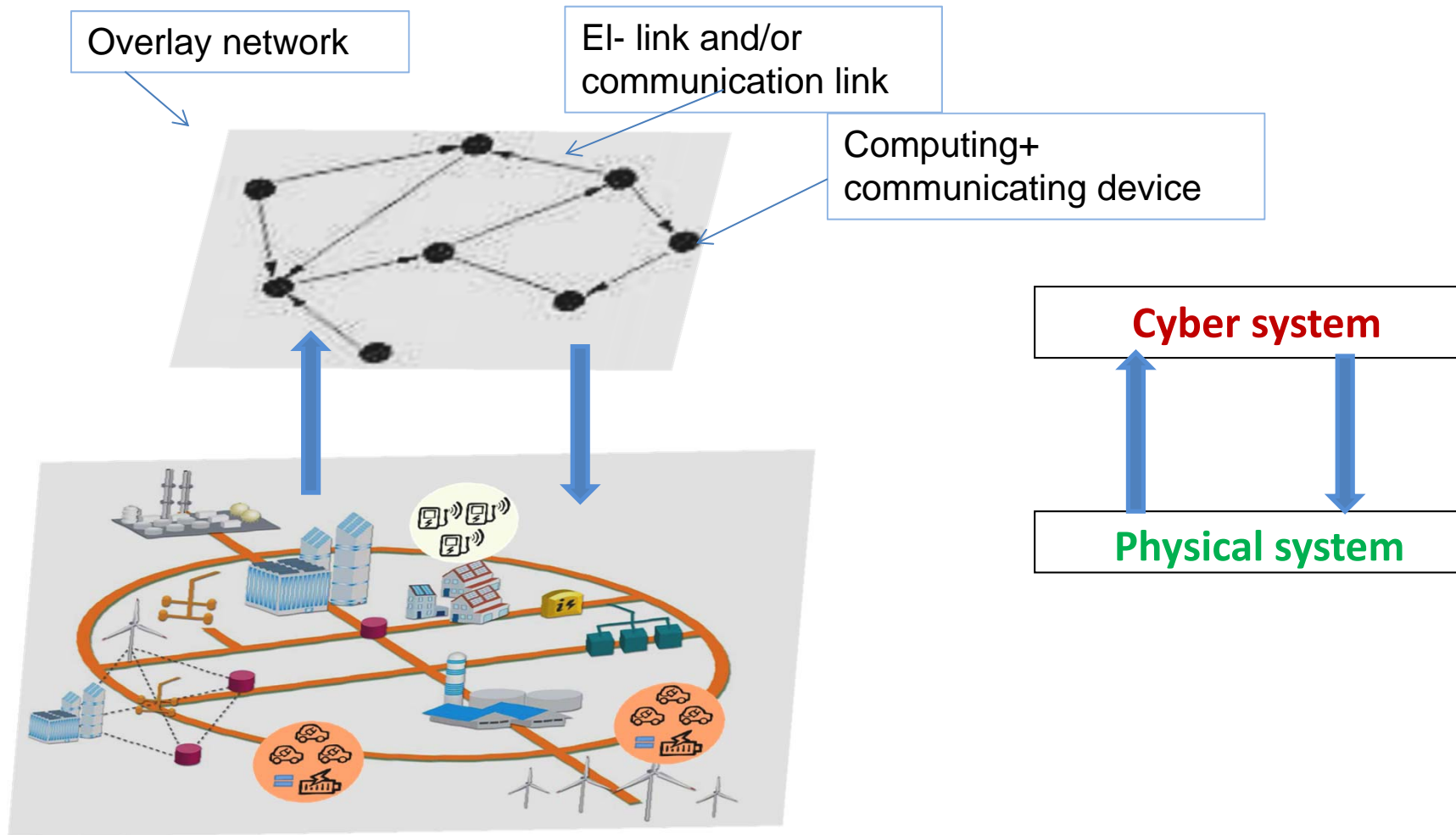
## SMART GRID

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



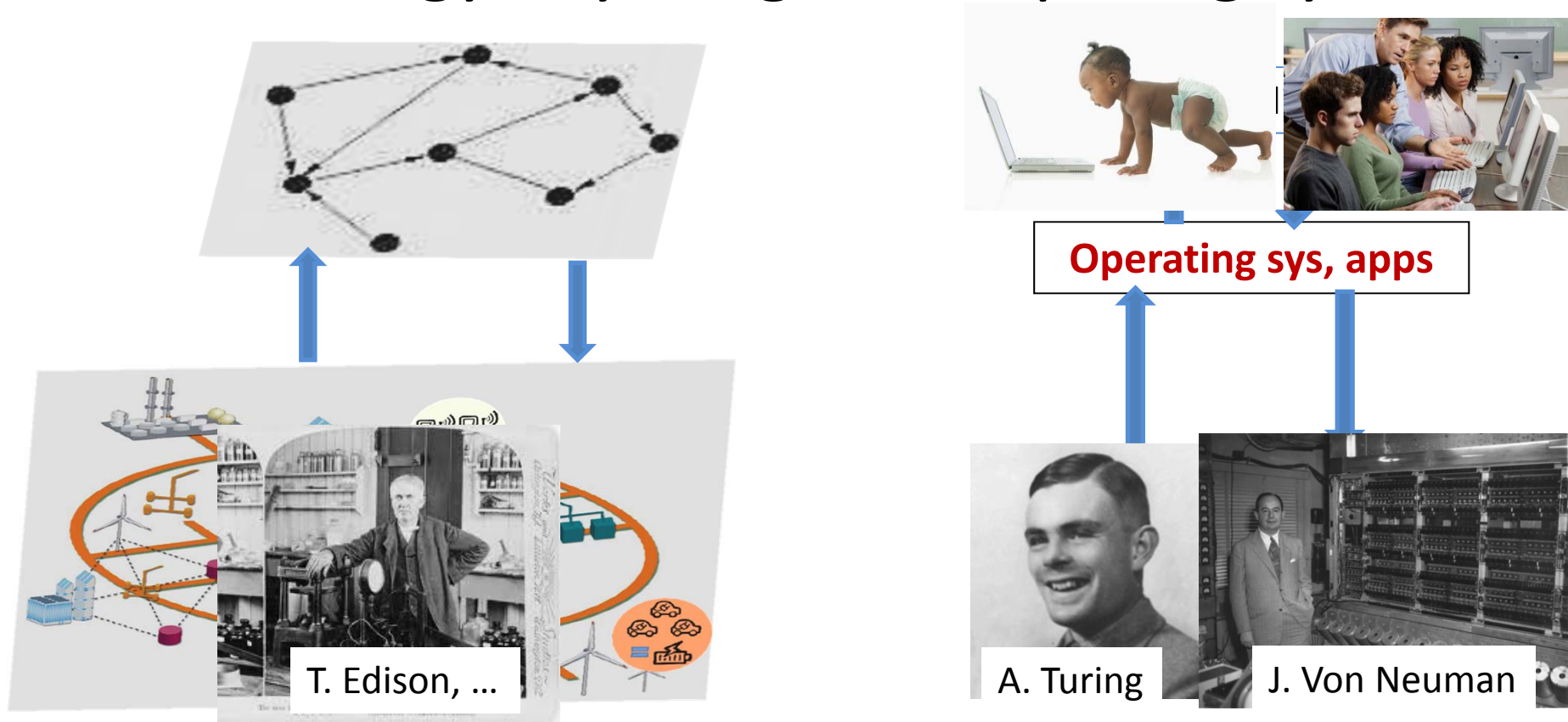


# EI-networks as distributed cyber-physical systems (\*)



(\*) cf also Course Chapter on Cyberphysical Systems, by O. Landsiedel

# An analogy: layering in computing systems

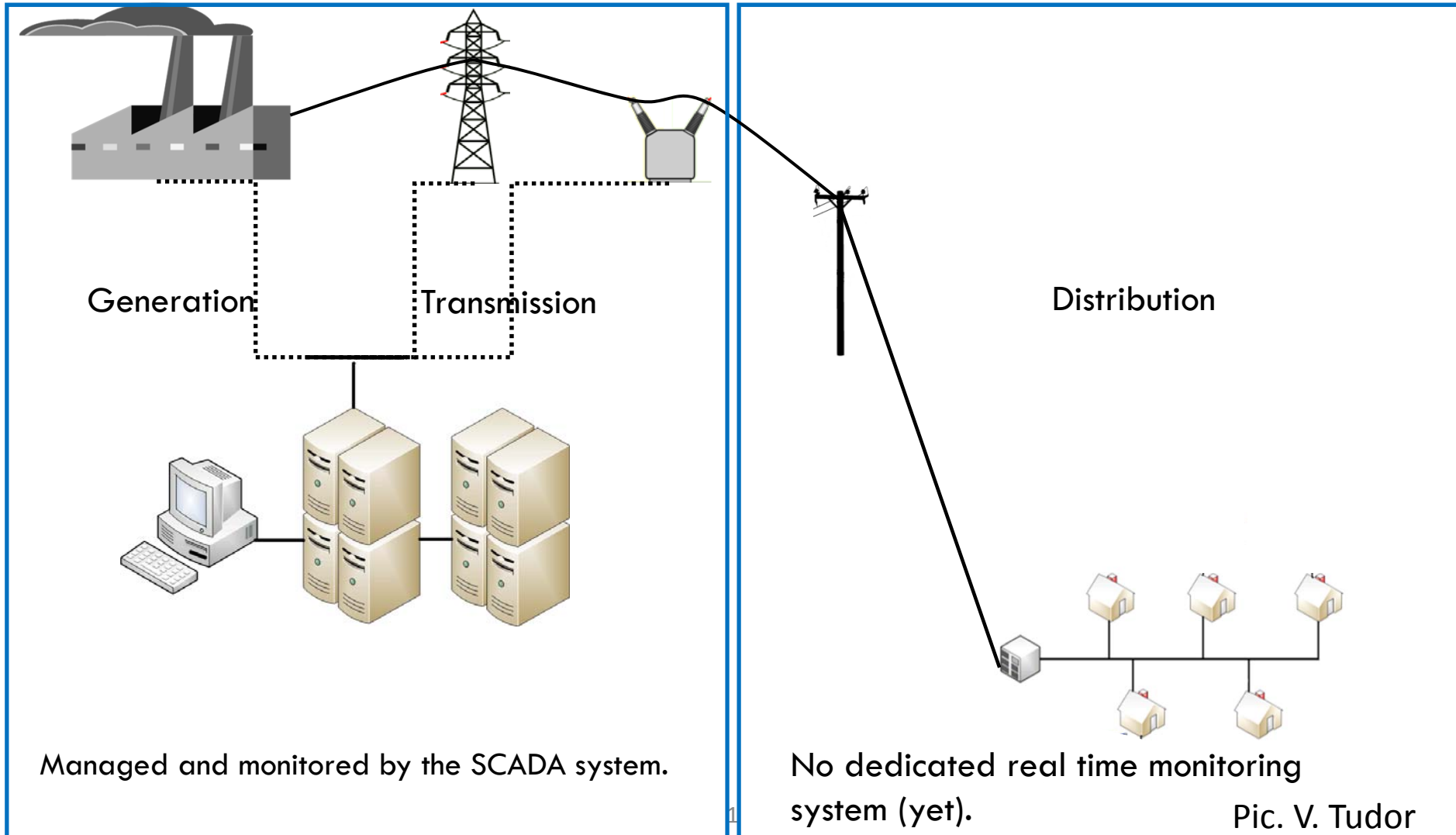


**Similarities:** provide services; shield from hardware/system details; manage resources

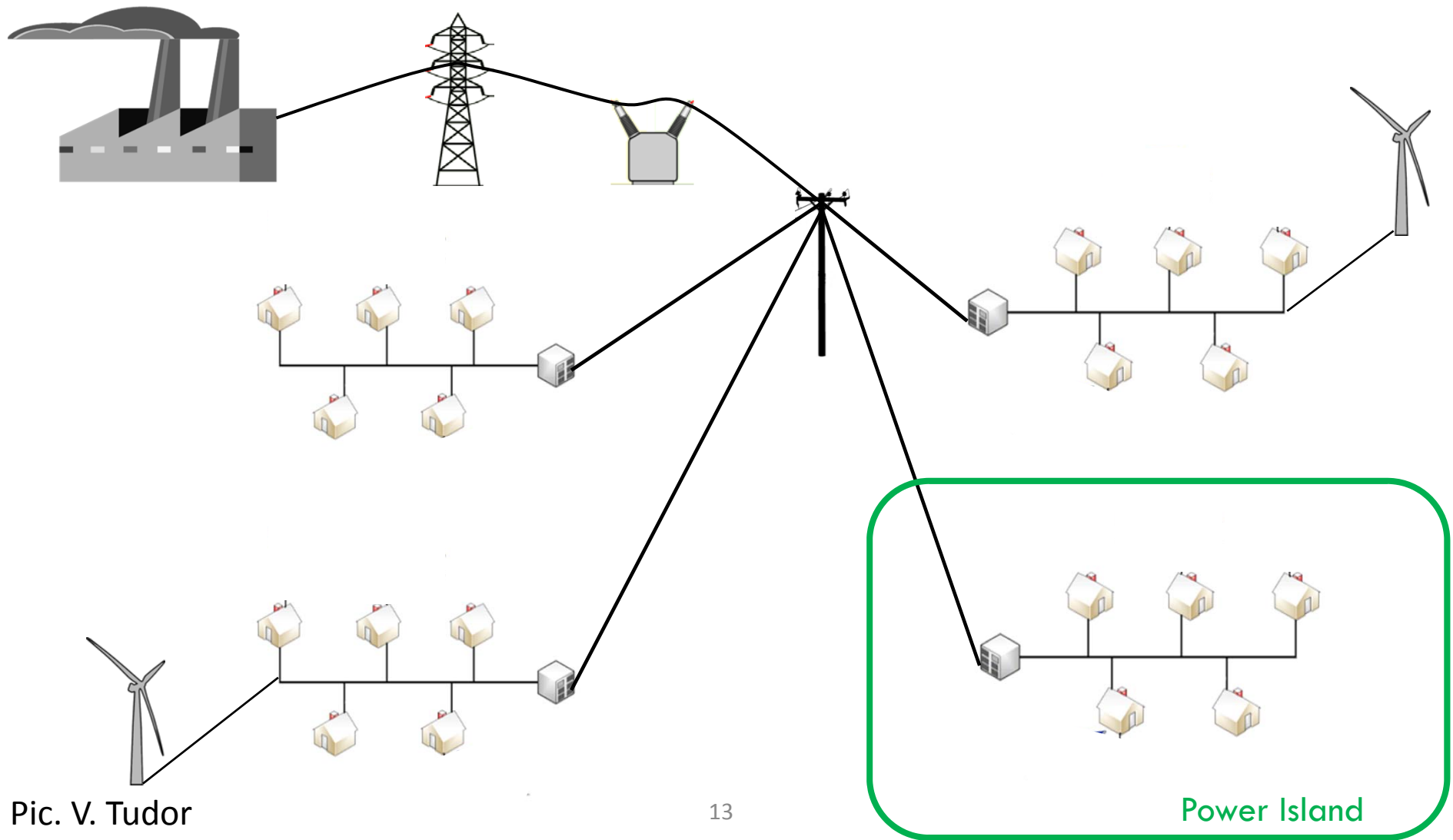
**Differences:** system/"hardware"; distributed; the "user" is part of the "system"; **critical infrastructure!!**

A bit of info on the el-network

# The traditional Electrical Grid



# From centralized to distributed generation

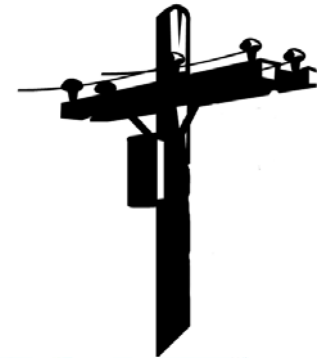


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# One of the enabling components: Smart Meter (Advanced Metering Infrastructure)

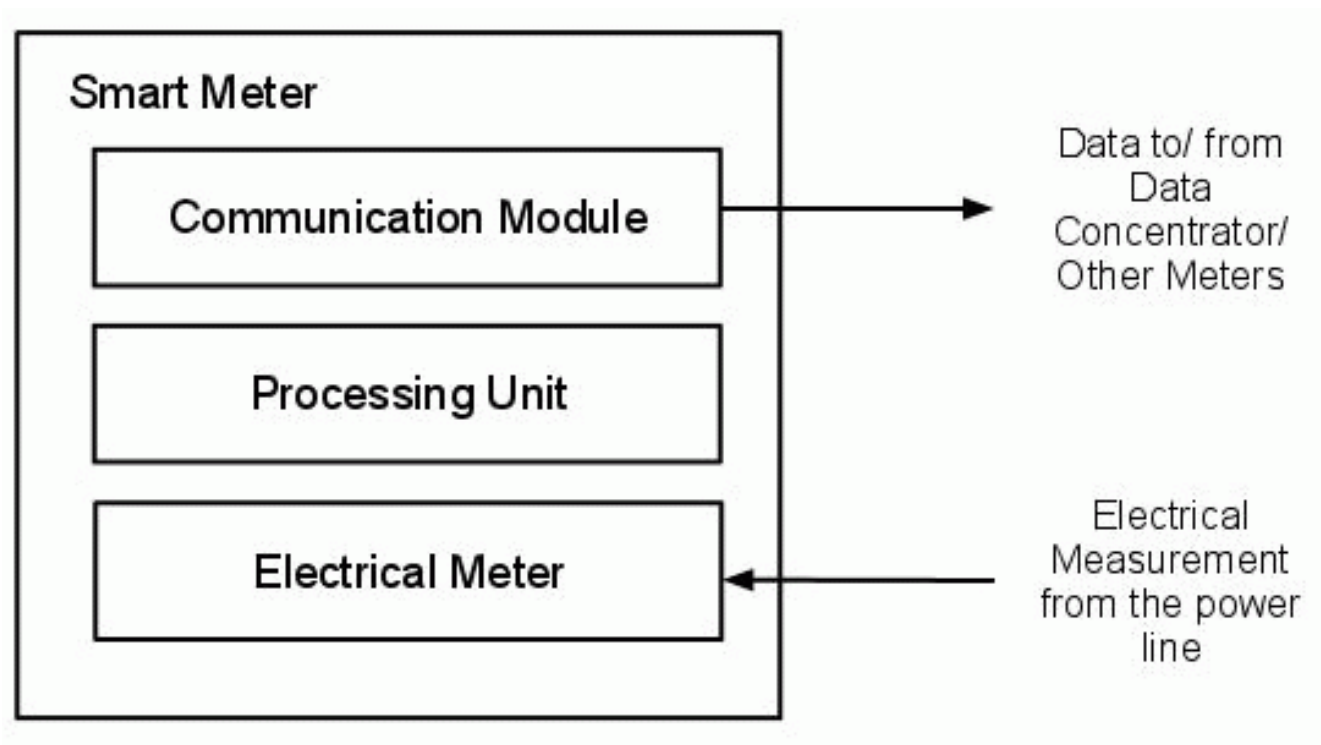
A “Smart” Meter:

- is a small embedded system
- automates (consumption) index readings
- instantaneous consumption
- in-door display
- time of use tariffs
- the base for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure

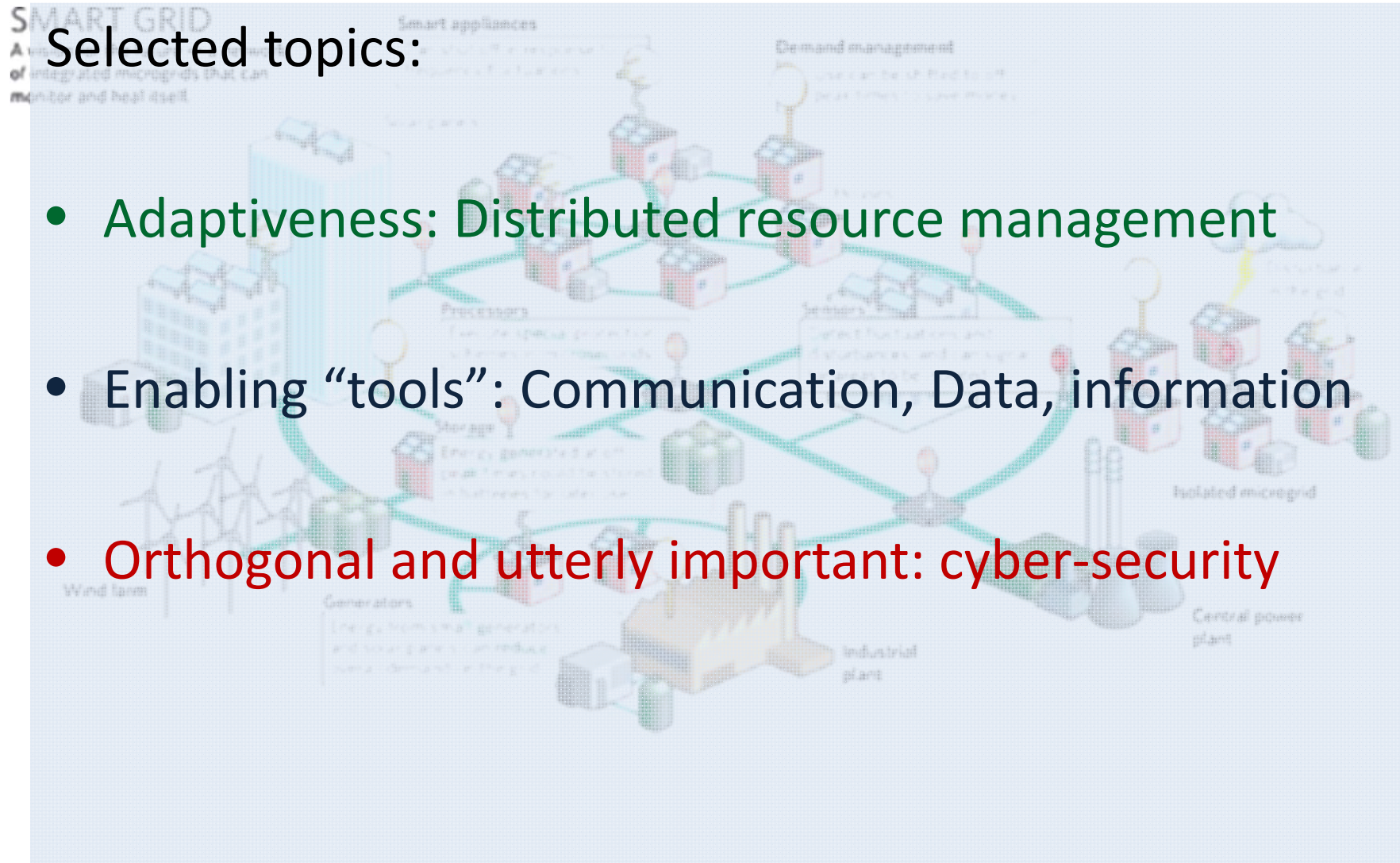




# Smart Meter components



# In the Power Grid cyber-layer



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## Selected topics:

- Adaptiveness: Distributed resource management
  - Demand-side management: load balancing, load shifting (users)
  - Routing, aggregation (network)
- Data, information
- Orthogonal: cybersecurity

# Demand-side management

## household/neighborhood-scale and more

**Problem:** Fine-grained align supply & consumption; continuous decisions based on info on load, availability, constraints, possibilities ((non)shiftable load, thermal or other storage...)





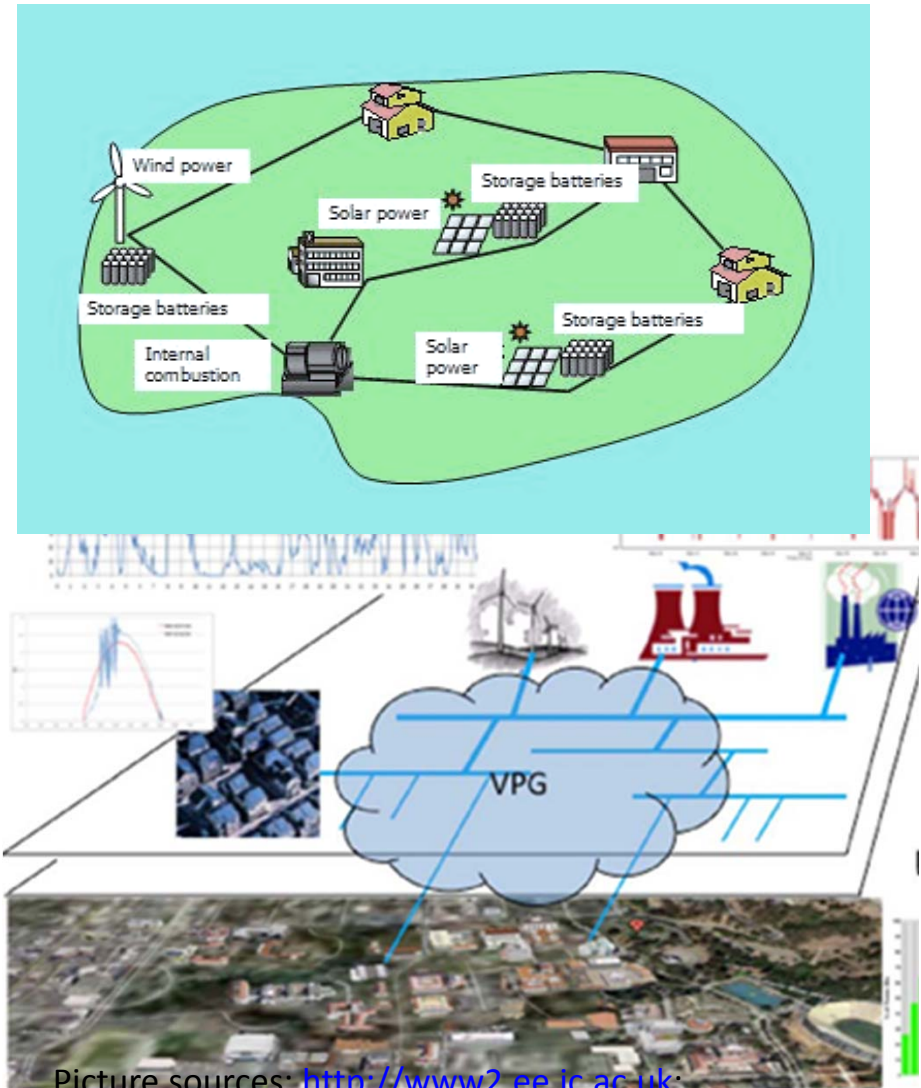
# Vision for microgrids

## for better use of renewables: Virtual Private Grids/microgrids

- communicating supplies and loads
- cooperating for 0-net energy or mixed use of renewable and other sources
- adaptive loads, to draw power when renewables provide it
- ie connect to the **mentioned methods** are for, plus



- **Power routing** ([NKGPLB10] and aggregation
- **Information!....**



Picture sources: <http://www2.ee.ic.ac.uk>;  
Katz et al. Sustainable computing 2011

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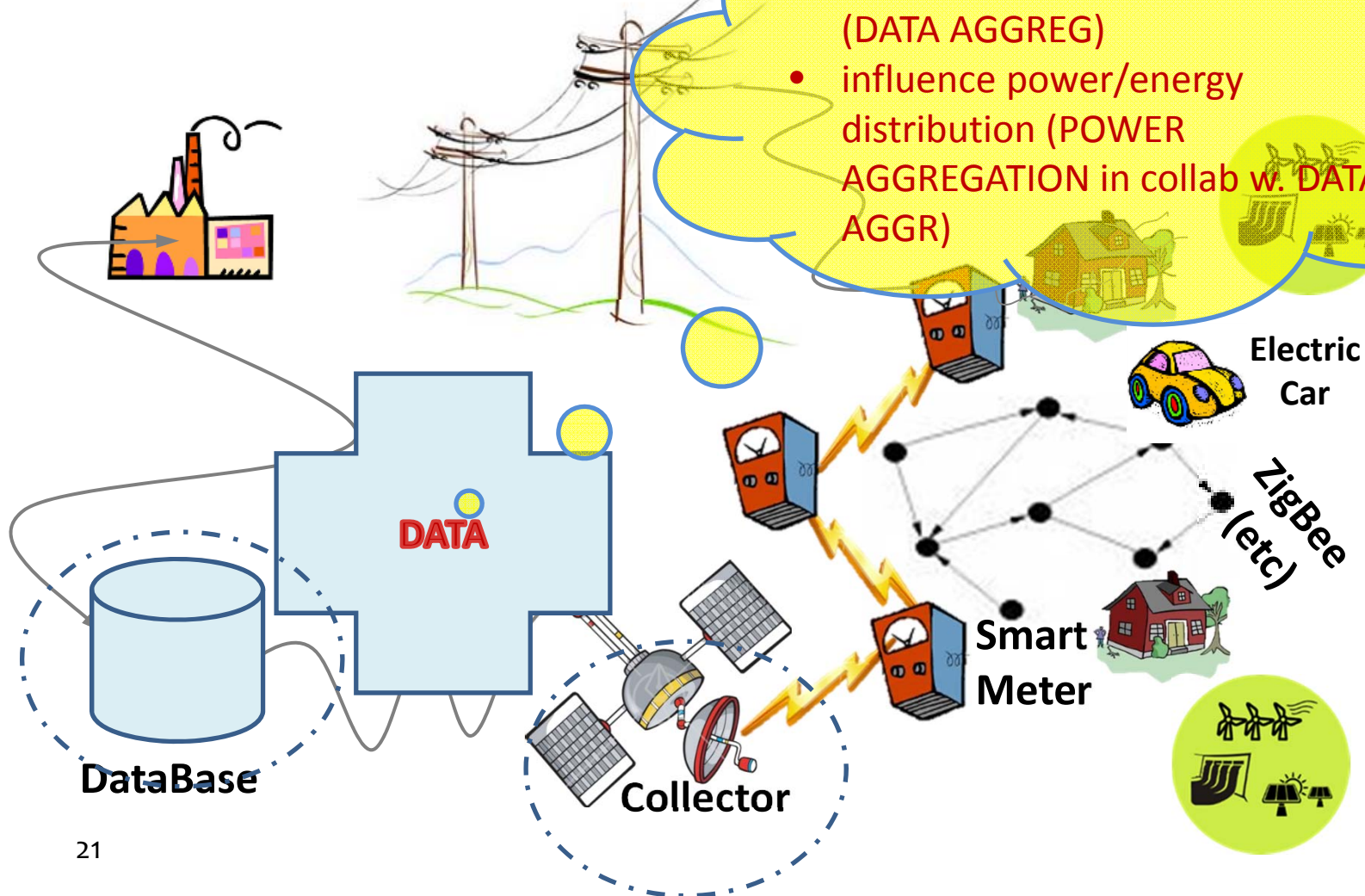
## Selected topics:

- Distributed resource management
- Enabling “tools”: Communication, data, information
  - Distributed sources & processing
  - Monitoring, facilitating resource services
- Orthogonal and utterly important: cybersecurity



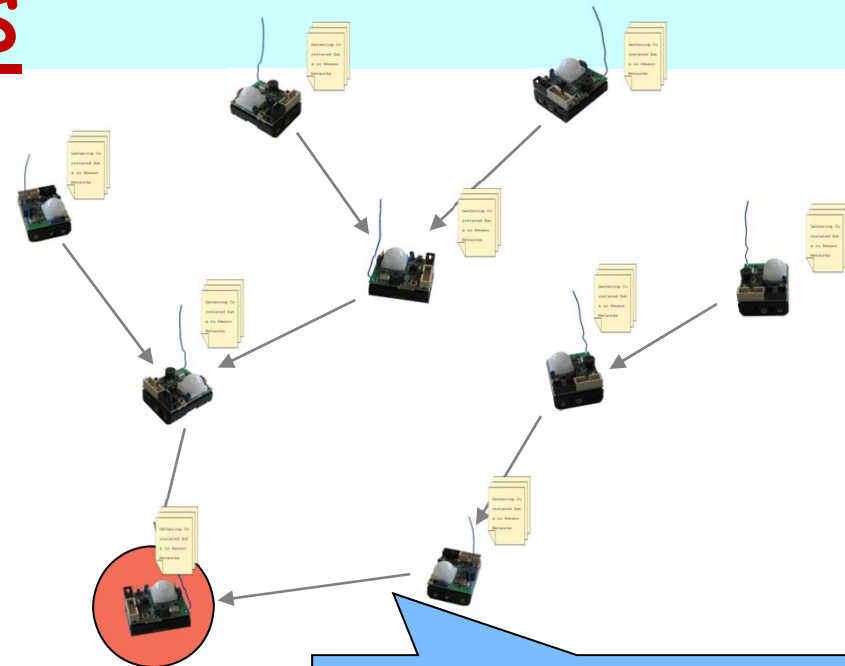
# Information & Communication, Advanced Metering Infrastructure

- Local (info aggregation) "agents" can
- Make sense out of data, Monitor (DATA AGGREG)
  - influence power/energy distribution (POWER AGGREGATION in collab w. DATA AGGR)



# Data gathering/processing in Sensor Networks

- nodes produce relevant information about their vicinity periodically.
- Data is conveyed to an information sink for further processing.
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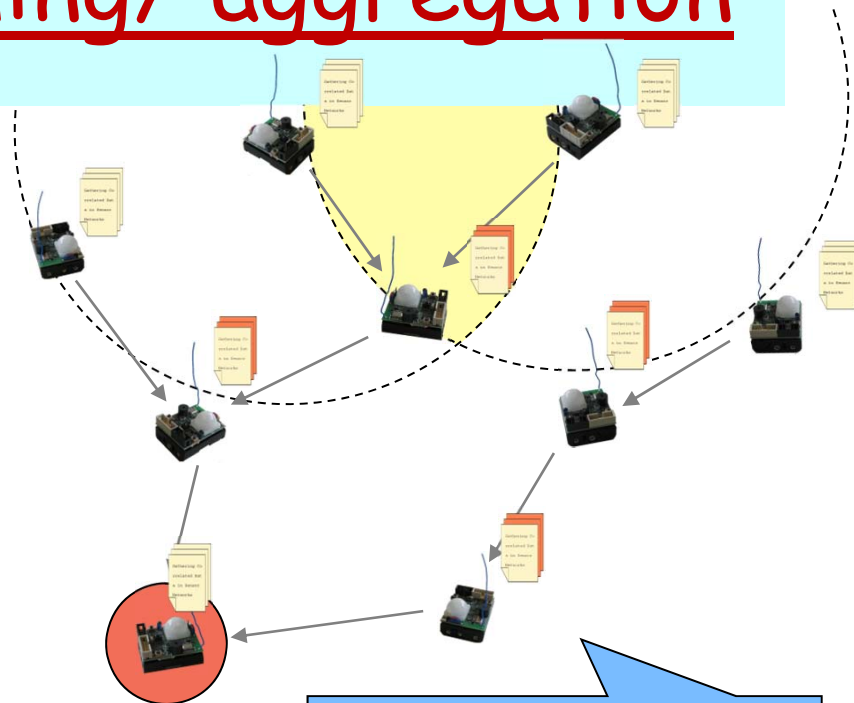


 Routing

# Processing/streaming/ aggregation

- ... data can be processed as it is routed to the collector/aggregator (sink).

➔ In-network aggregation/streaming/processing



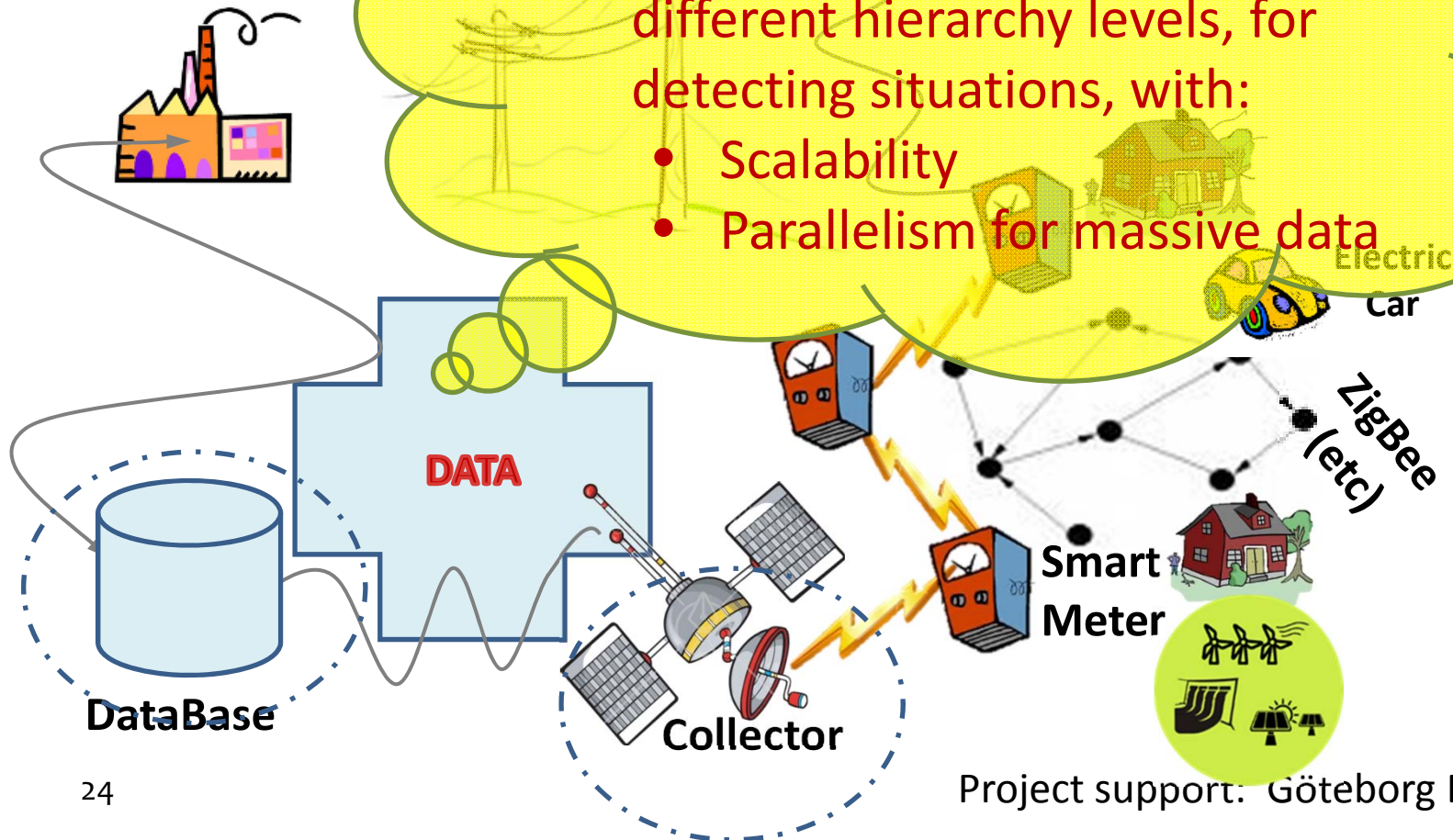
Where/how is u's data processed?

Work with routing, streaming, coding, processing schemes to deliver needed info to the sink (care also for privacy).



# Information/Communication

- Distributed methods for data-network reliability
- Aggregate distributedly, at different hierarchy levels, for detecting situations, with:
  - Scalability
  - Parallelism for massive data



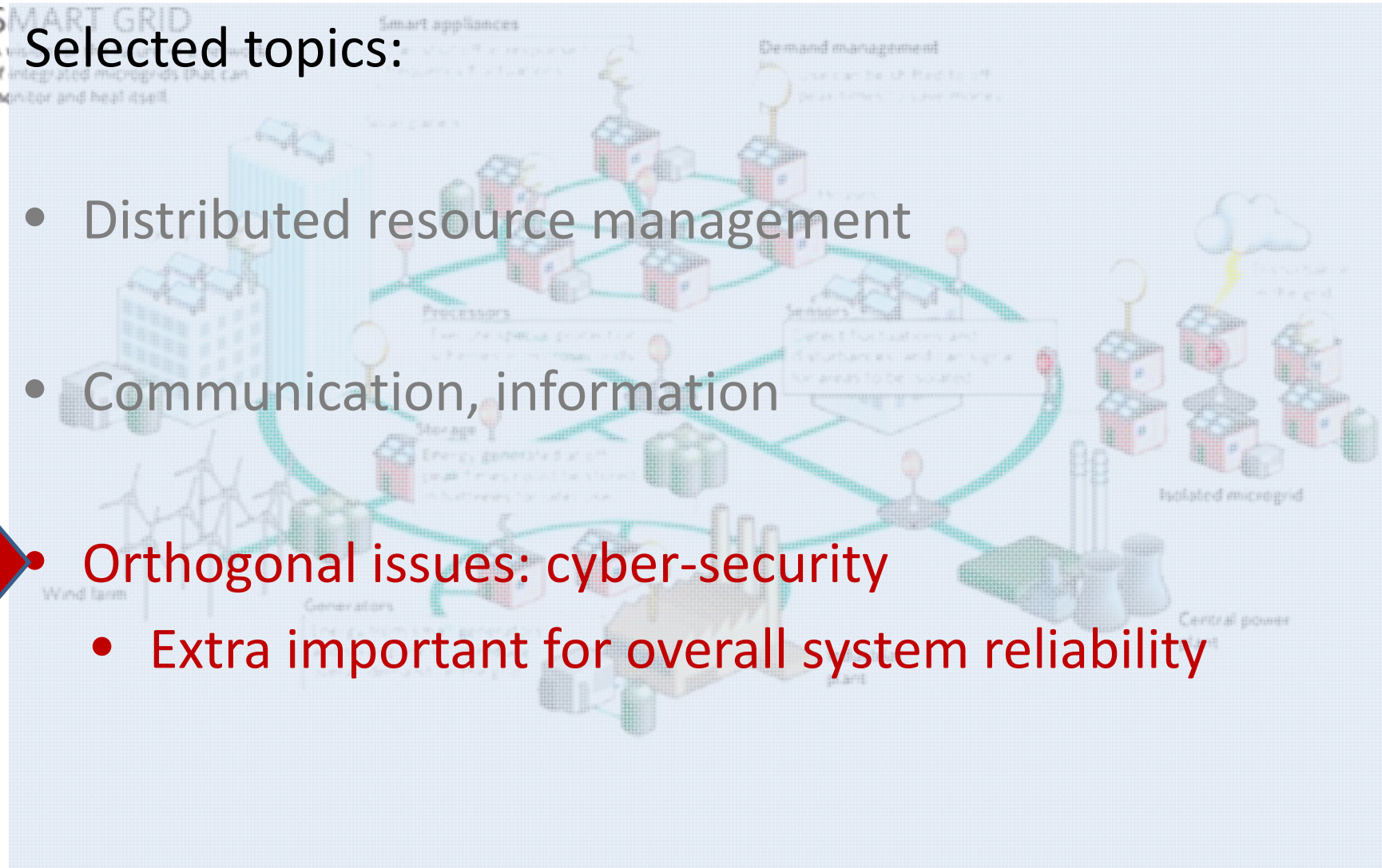


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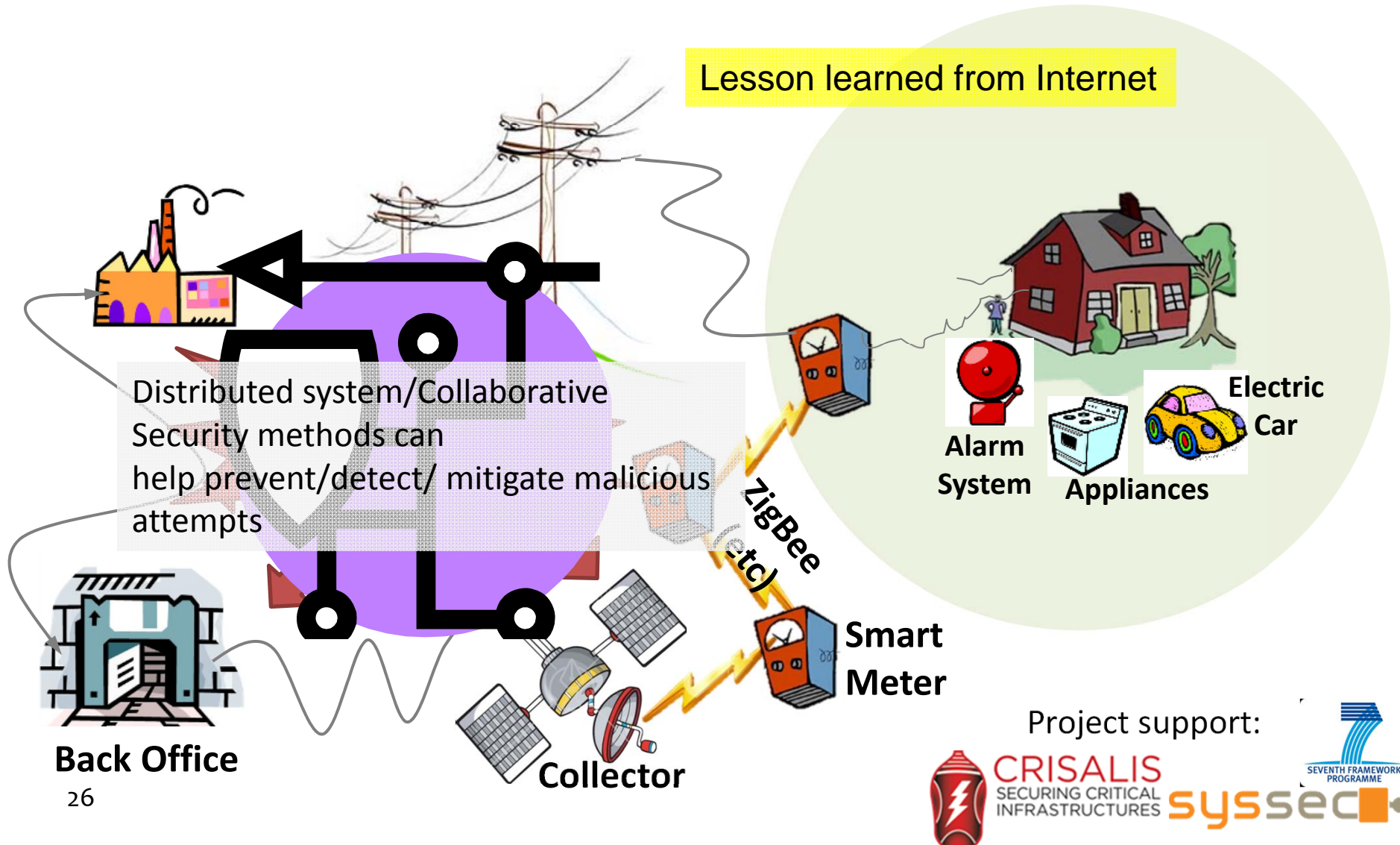
## Selected topics:

- Distributed resource management
- Communication, information
- **Orthogonal issues: cyber-security**
  - **Extra important for overall system reliability**

**SMART GRID**  
A network of integrated microgrids that can monitor and heal itself.



# Imperative to address cyber security from the start! [F10]





# Cybersecurity aspects

## □ Case studies

- Possible to destabilize parts of the system by inappropriate access to e.g. remote on/off possibilities [TKAPS11]

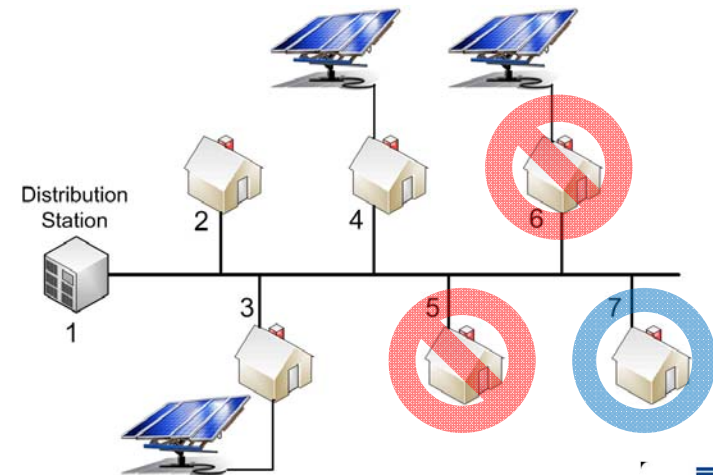
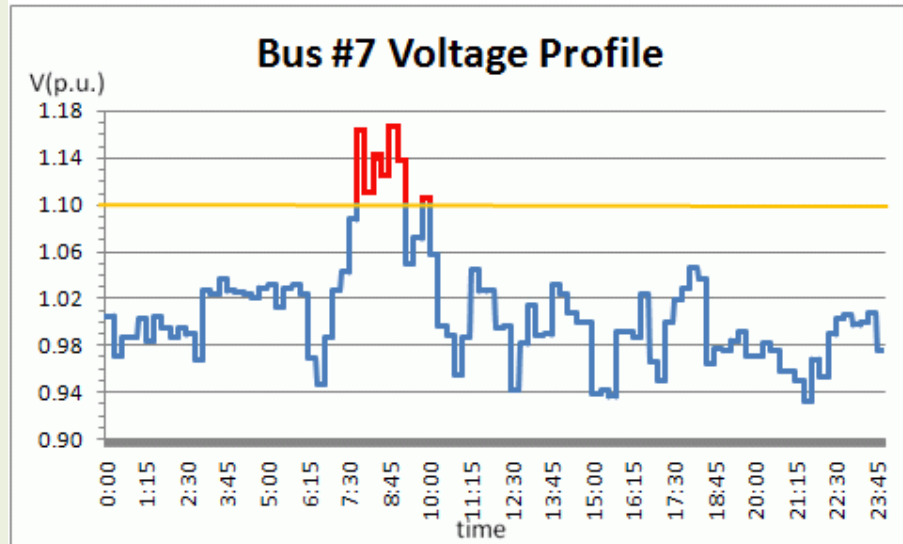
## □ Avoid the Internet examples of defacto standards

- info-security from the start
- Distributed/collaborative security methods can help to deal with scale



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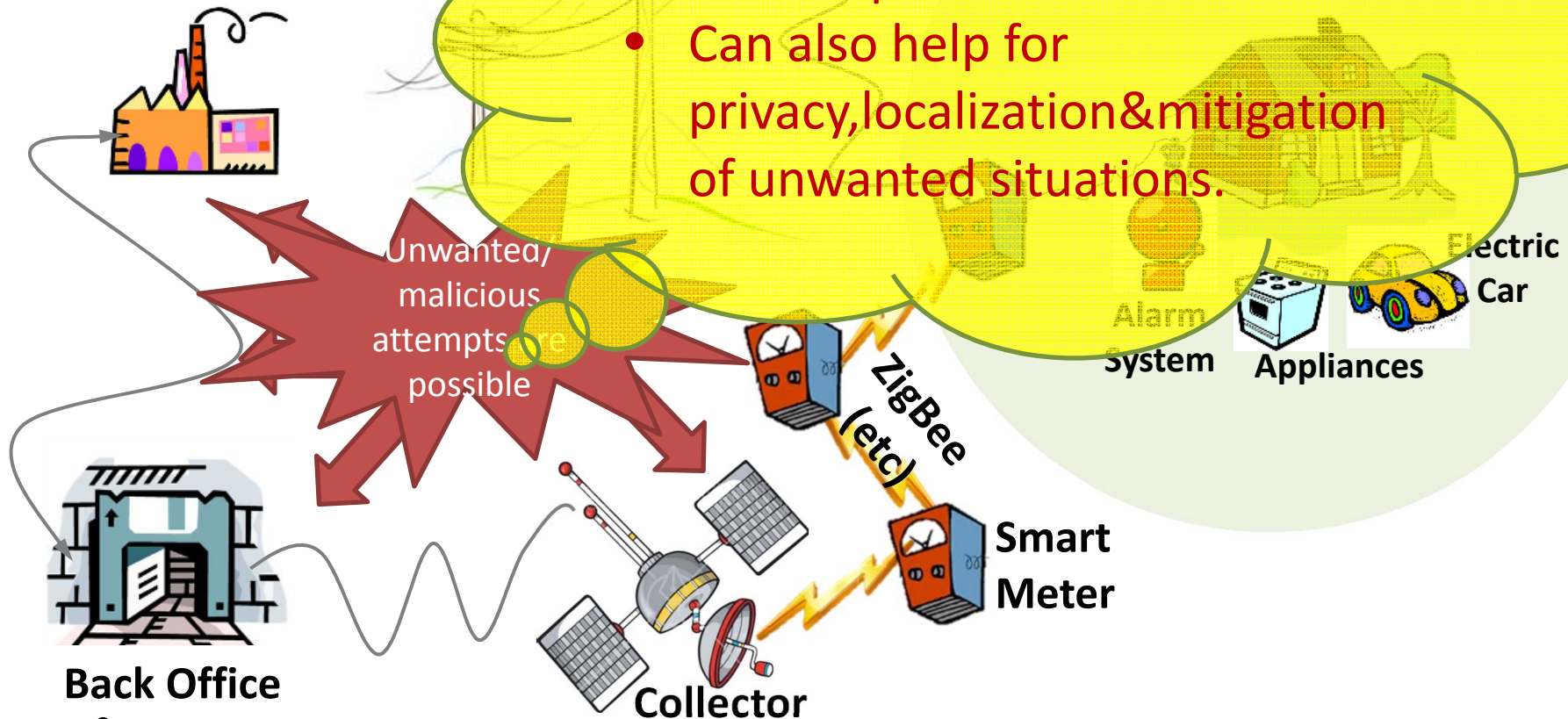


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# One of the ideas/hypothesis: cyber security and distributed information processing

- Recall aggregation at different levels + parallelism:
- Can also help for privacy, localization & mitigation of unwanted situations.



# Strategic relevance for research and education?

*“... area of strategic importance ... advances fast, technologically & commercially...”*

*Cisco expects the Smart Grid communication network will be 100 eller 1000 times larger than the Internet”*

[Vinnova, ”SmartaNät” 2011 ]and references therein

*“... any vulnerability within this software-intensive critical system will attract attention from hostile groups ...”*

[MSB, “If one goes down all goes down?”, 2010]

# Strategic relevance for research and education?

- 
- large investments
  - off-the-shelf info/software solutions are not there

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- careful, informed, multidisciplinary expertise needed in deployment
  - cf. lessons learned from Internet

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- Distributed computing and systems in the core of the cyberphysical infrastructure

# Course/Masterclass: ICT Support for Adaptiveness and Security in the Smart Grid (DAT285B)

- Goals

- students (from computer science and other disciplines) get introduced to advanced interdisciplinary concepts related to the smart grid, thus
- building an understanding of essential notions in the individual disciplines, and
- investigating a domain-specific problem relevant to the smart grid that need an understanding beyond the traditional ICT field.

Two instances of DAT285

- LP2 = Autonomous and Cooperative Vehicular Systems
- *LP4 = ICT Support for Adaptiveness and Security in the Smart Grid*

# Idea

- Based on both the present and future design of the smart grid.
  - How can techniques from distributed systems be applied to large, heterogeneous systems where a massive amount of data will be collected?
  - How can such a system, containing legacy components with no security primitives, be made secure when the communication is added by interconnecting the systems?
- The students will have access to a hands-on lab, where they can run and test their design and code.



# In this course:

## Topics:

- Adaptiveness: Distributed resource management
- Enabling “tools”: Communication, Data, Information processing
- Orthogonal and utterly important: cyber-security

## Structure, todo's:

- Projects
- Guest lectures by the supporting team + industry and related parties
- Self-study and presentations

## How?

- Cf class memo – handover to Magnus here