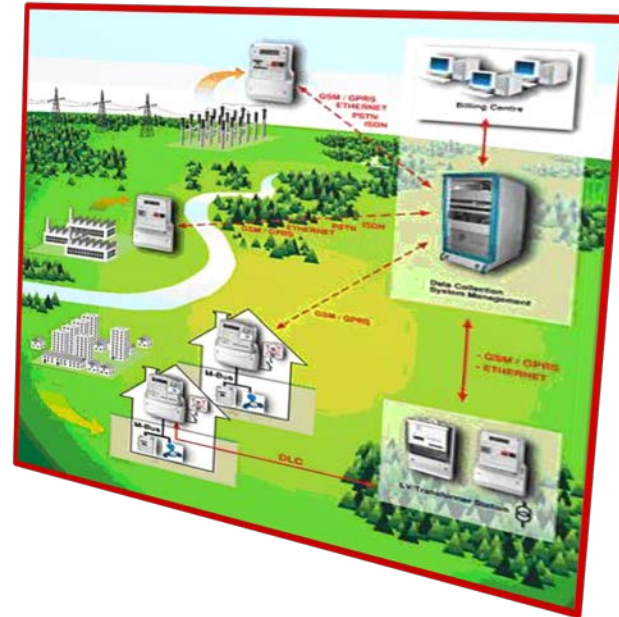


# Smart Metering for renewable energies – 1) requirements, 2) capabilities 3) and correct use



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***Renewable energy panel***



✓ To show modern grid capabilities especially renewable



✓ To show the smart meter capabilities



# The objective of this presentation:



- ✓ To show the grid requirements from metering systems
- ✓ To map renewable requirement to meter capability



- ✓ To explain the new measurement problems of these new requirements and provide a simple solution

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- ✓ To demonstrate to renewable engineers **what can smart metering provide them and how can it save you money and increase their profits**



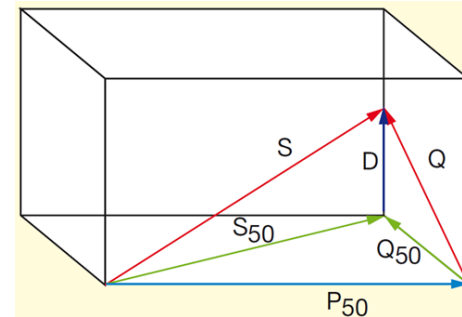
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- ✓ To explain how common metrology standards do not cover the new requirements and introduce new standards that does, and new verification that does cover them



### IEEE 1495



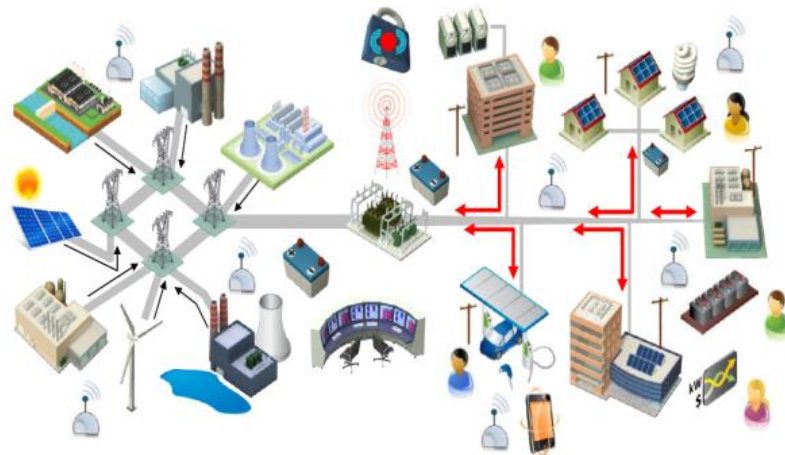
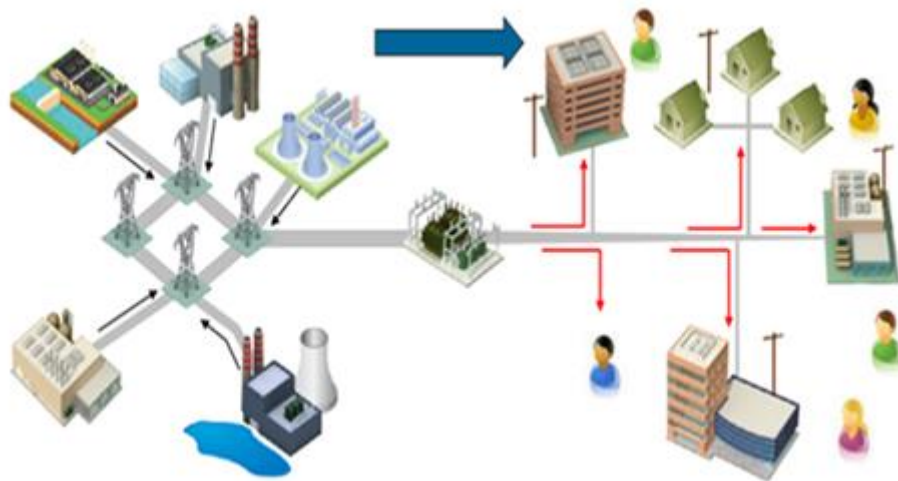
- ✓ To explain some methods of correct field energy and power quality measurement



# The grid is changing – how?



Transformation of the Power System – New Resources, Communication, and Control at all Levels



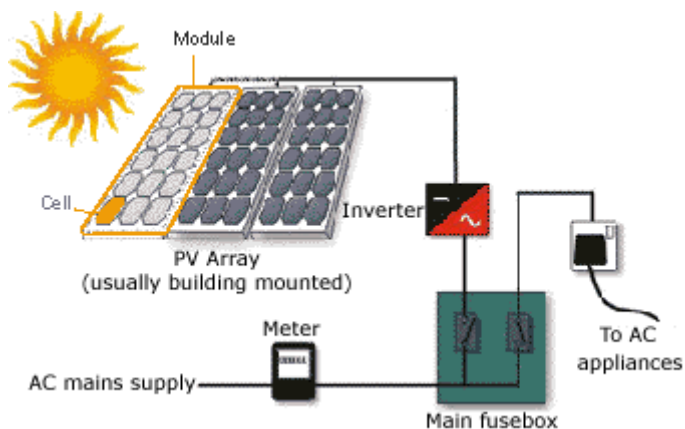
New Opportunities and Challenges Require Integrated Approaches with New Methods, Tools, and Collaborations

- ✓ **Bi-directional energy flow:** consumers are also producers – renewable energy generation
- ✓ **Remote meter reading, smart meter**



# The grid is changing – how?

- ✓ **Distributed** energy generation
- ✓ **Renewable** energy



# What can smart metering provide renewables

## #1<sup>st</sup> solution

- Load and price forecasting 30 days ahead



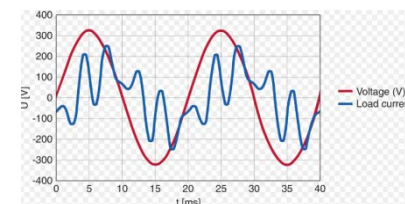


# The grid is changing – how?

The meter has changed: **a smart meter**

## Smart meter capabilities:

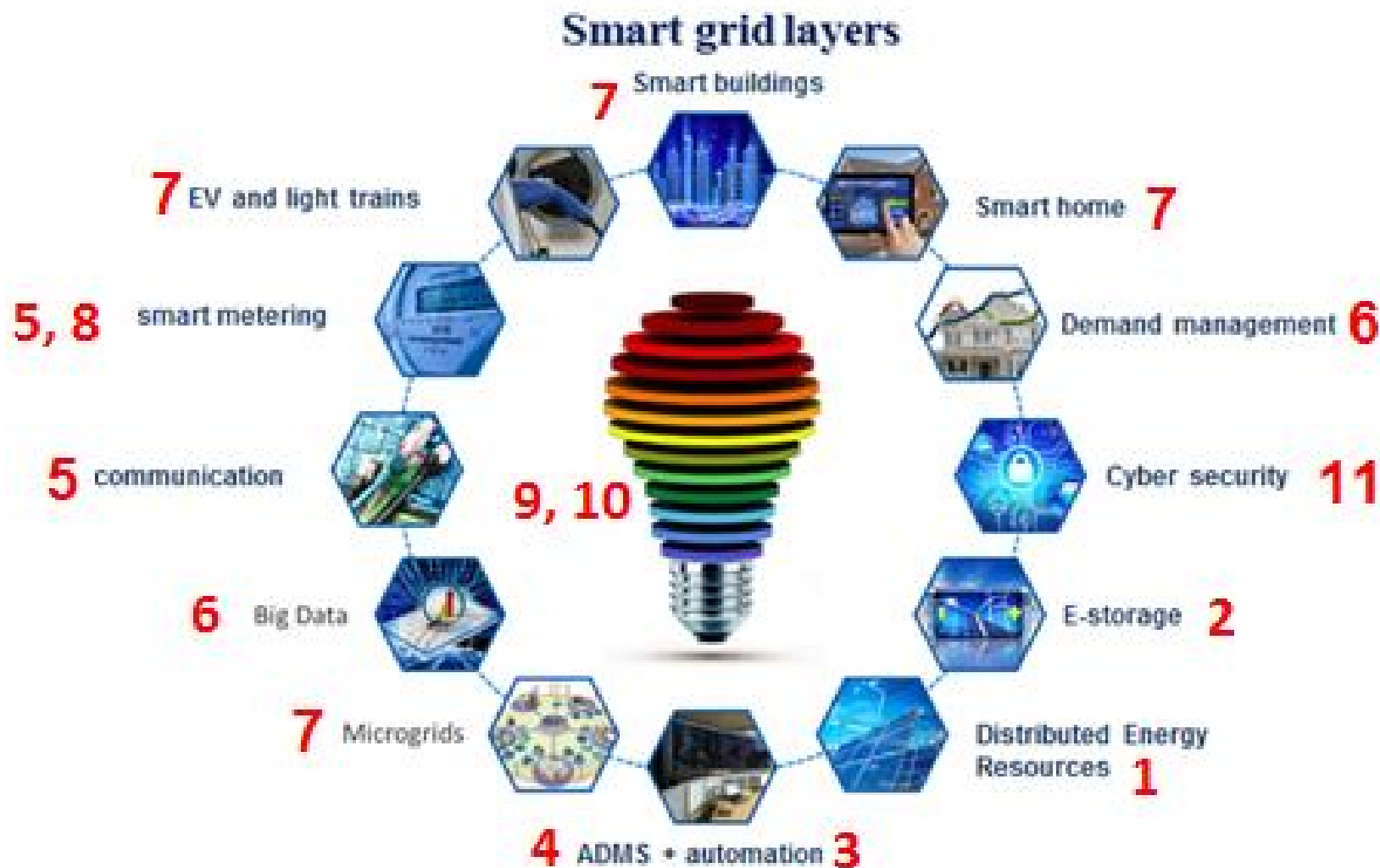
- ✓ Remote meter reading
- ✓ 15min load profile – periodic energy consumption
- ✓ Electricity events logging
- ✓ Power quality logging according to standard (EN 50160)



# The grid is changing – how?

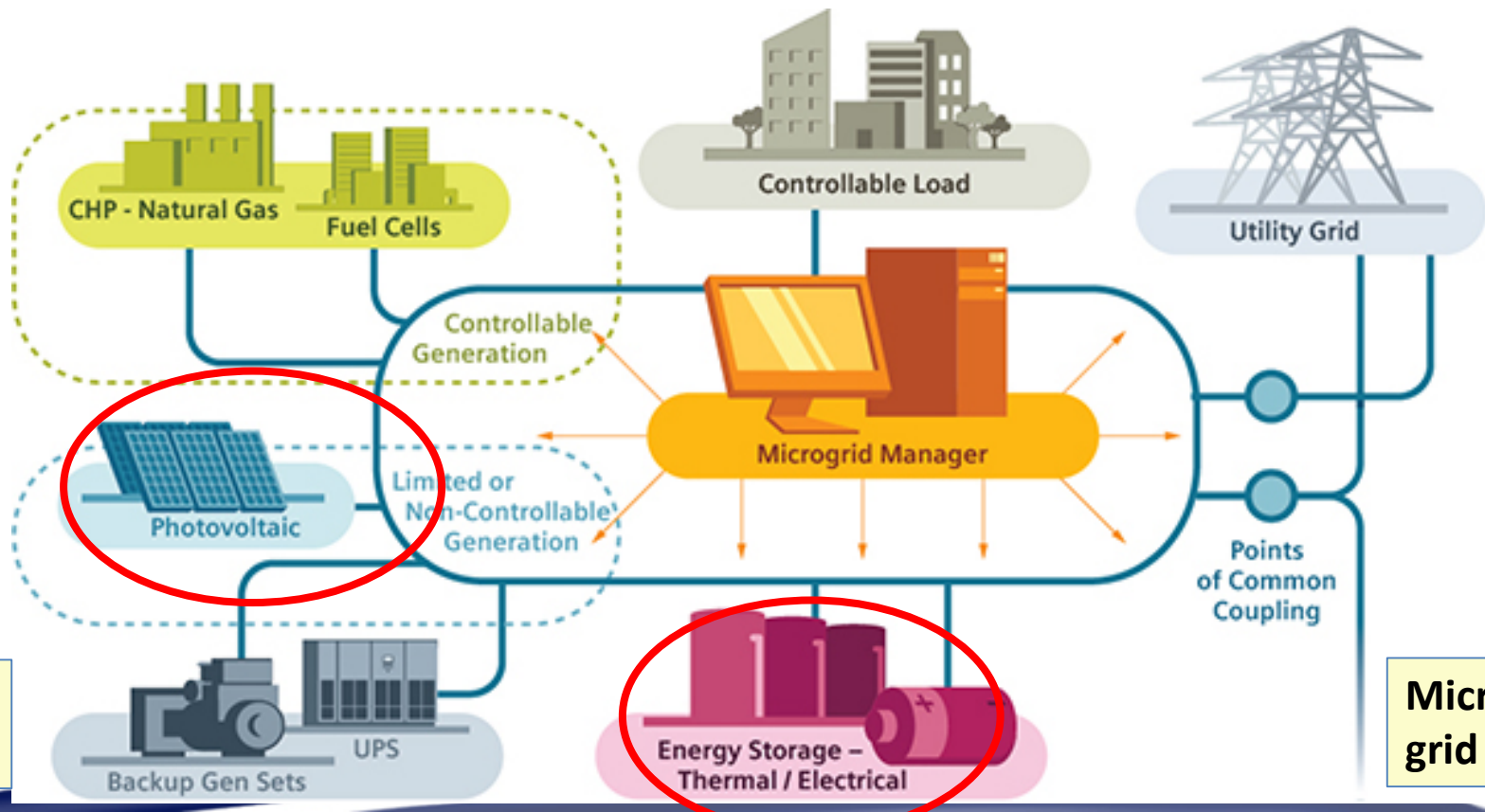


- ✓ New modules enter the grid



# The grid is changing –how?

- ✓ New renewable modules enter the grid
- ✓ By 2050 technology will enable >80% renewables
- ✓ Renewables enable a Micro-grid: an autonomous grid



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# The grid is changing – how?

- ✓ Smart metering offers a lot of operational benefits for renewables. **Benefits = cost saving**



## Operational efficiency and grid optimization

Reduction of grid energy losses: technical, non-technical  
Volt/ VAR control (voltage regulation, reactive energy compensation)  
Monitoring, control, and cybergrid security (logistic and human) asset management

## Minimization of ecological footprint

Reduction of carbon dioxide and air pollution

## Merging generation and E-storage technology

Combine all generation technologies  
Assist reduction of Generation  
E-storage  
EV

## Demand management

Peak load flattening  
Avoid/postpone generation investments  
Avoid expensive fuel usage  
System survivability  
Customer collaboration into the electric grid

## Self-healing capability

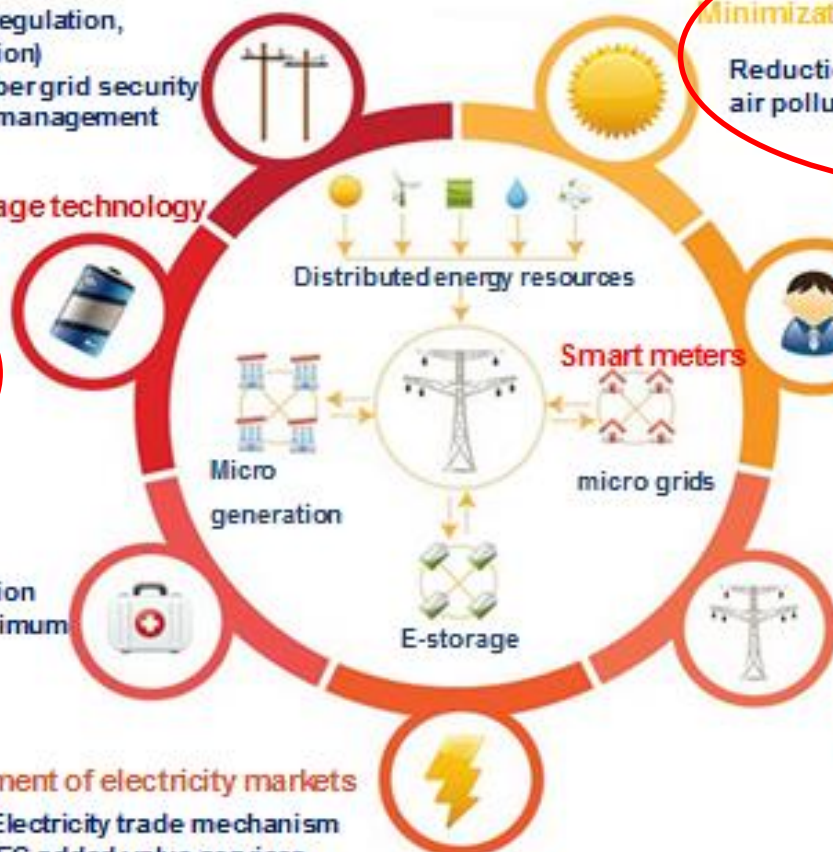
Fast failure location and isolation  
Return from power time at minimum duration  
Micro grids

## Development of electricity markets

Develop Electricity trade mechanism  
Develop IEC added value services

## Provision quality and reliability

Avoid losses for IEC and consumers  
Improvement of reliability indicators  
Withstand universal regulation



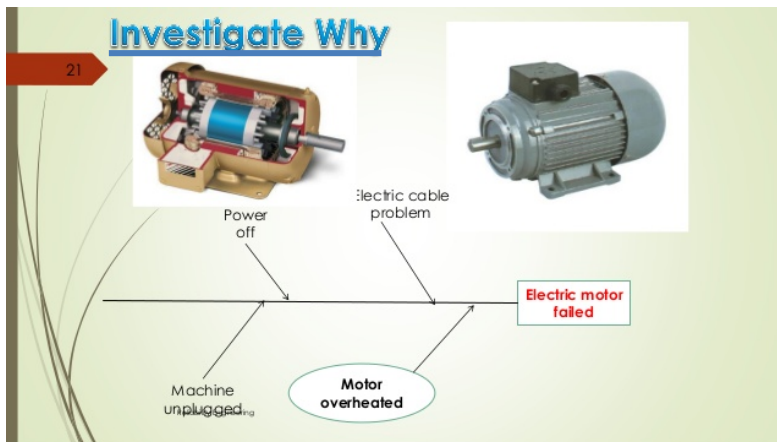




# What can smart metering provide renewables

## #2<sup>nd</sup> solution

- if you are worried about and not from:  
**Fraud detection**, and technical/non-technical loss detection
- **Diagnosis and Early detection** of electric devices failures  
From **outside the farm and in advance**

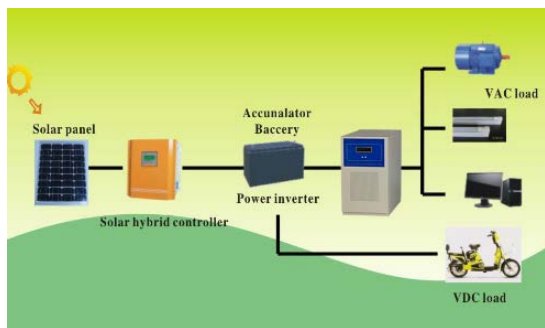
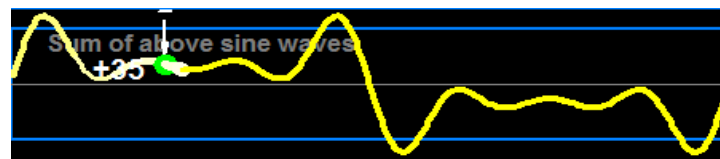


**IEC application**  
**Behind the scenes**



# The grid is changing: harmonics

- ✓ Renewables insert **converters**. Converters are **H**armonic **G**enerating **L**oads (HGL-s)
- ✓ HGL-s may cause large **inaccuracy** at energy metering  
This should be properly **designed and validated**
- ✓ Conventional metrology **standards** does not sufficiently validate this phenomena – written for conventional meter



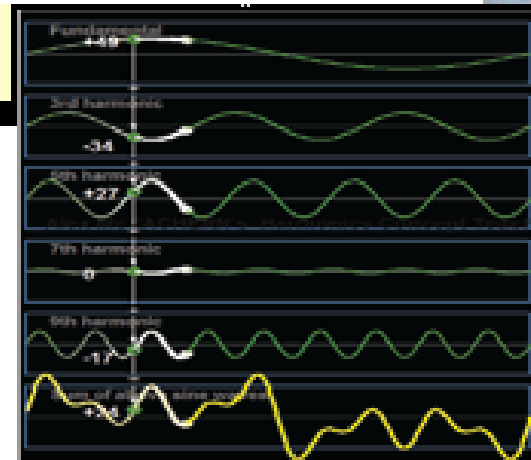
# Problem of accurate energy measurement with harmonics

## Active energy



## Reactive energy

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Q &= \sum_{n=1}^N V_n I_n \sin(\varphi_n) \\ Q &= \int_0^T v(t) i(t - T/4) dt \end{aligned} \right\}$$



## Simple solution:

✓ Use meter designed according to **IEEE 1459, or DIN 40110-1,3**

✓

Or:

✓ validated at lab according to the standard



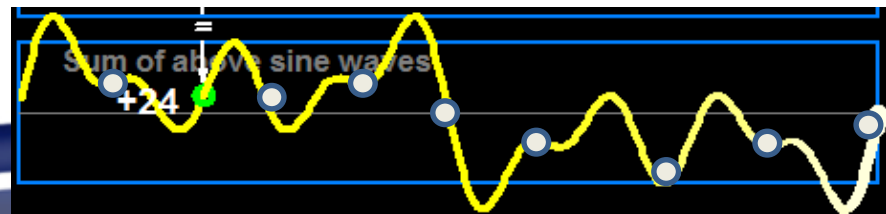
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# New requirements from metering systems that did not exist before



## Measurement challenge due to entry of prosumer:

- ✓ **Dynamic measurement range enlargement:** Generation energy level (1-500MWatt) is much higher than consumption (100kWatt)
- ✓ Sensitivity to ultra low power gives rise to measurement **quantum effects** that disrupts energy metering
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic problem: Renewable energy insert harmonics: conventional digital meters are **not always sensitive** to harmonics.





## Solution:



- ✓ Good quality meters are sensitive to larger dynamic range **1kWatt-500MWatt**
- ✓ Good quality meters + designed according to **IEEE 1459 or DIN 40110-1,3**



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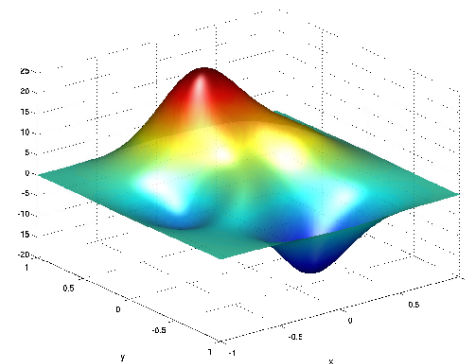




# Optimize your Renewable cost-benefit



#3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> benefits: **optimization**



you may receive as a result of metering:

✓ Load and price forecasting **30 days ahead**

✓ **Extending battery life** – a key technology to **E-storage** and enabling micro-grid

Optimizing correctly

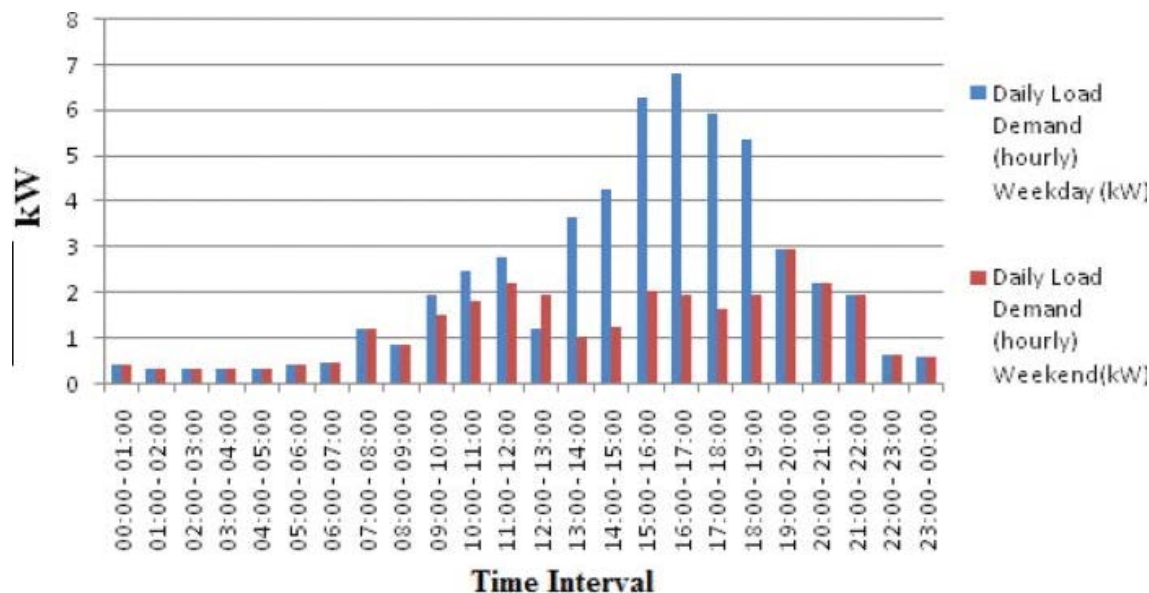


✓ Liberalized market: Optimization of selling electricity to the **provider**

# New requirements from metering systems that did not exist before



- ✓ Load profile - a new feature: accurate energy **quarterly hourly** measurement from prosumers



- ✓ Problem: meterology **standards** handle only bi-monthly billing registers
- ✓ How to guarantee accurate measurement?





# New requirements from metering systems that did not exist before **energy balance**



Large solar arrays. We want to perform both (1) quarter-hourly billing (2) an **energy balance** of separate fields/farms to the grid collected energy



How do we make sure that all meters are measuring

- 1) **simultaneously**
- 2) **and accurately**

# Problem of energy balance using array of meters

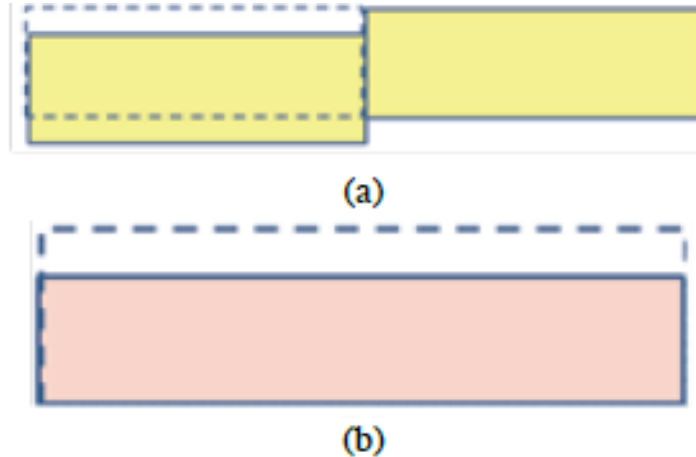


Fig. 3. (a) relative view of two periods of two slightly miss-synchronized meters. Yellow rectangles represent actual time of two meters on simultaneous time. The dotted line represents a hidden assumption that both times are simultaneous. (b) A partially filled minimal quanta registered by meter.

## Solution:

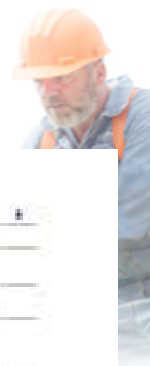
✓ synchronize all meters to **a single source**

SNTP – **S**erver **N**etwork **T**ime **P**rotocol

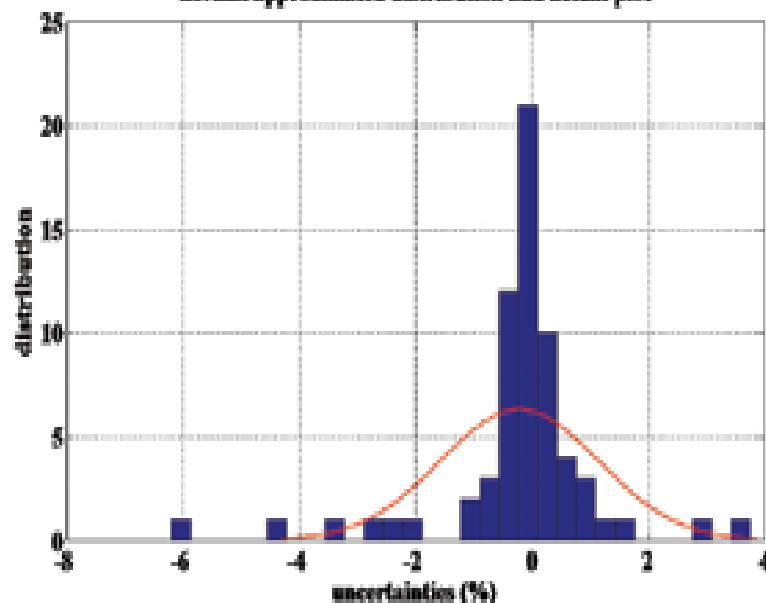
Either:

PC simple computer or accurate clock server

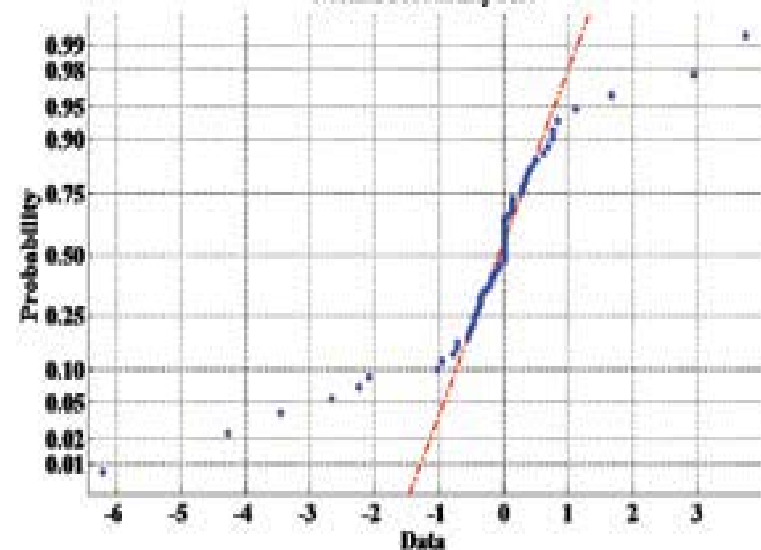
# Accurate synchronization of meters



normal approximated distribution and actual plot



Normal Probability Plot



# New requirements from metering systems that did not exist before – correct functionality

- ✓ Besides accuracy there is issue of **measurement correction**: measurement that is suitable to a prosumer – producer/ consumer situation:
- ✓ Separation of **active import/export energy consumption**: Arithmetic measurement and not the traditional vector measurement
- ✓ Correct **tariff** measurement
- ✓ Electricity **events logging**
- ✓ ::

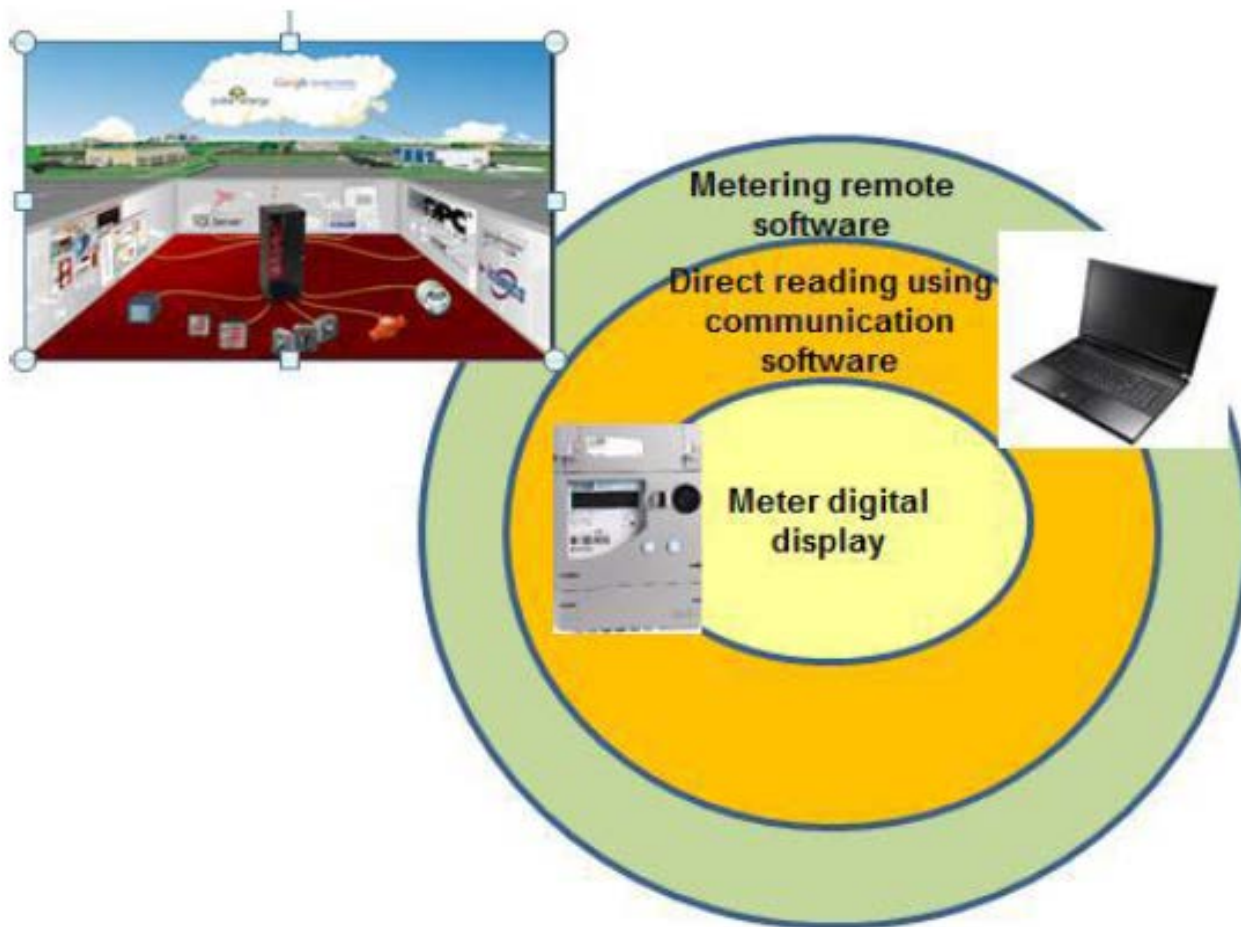




# New requirements from metering systems that did not exist before



✓ Metering scope is much wider





# Recommended Solution to all these problems is simple

## Accuracy of measurement:

Paper on issue

- ✓ Use a meter that is designed in accordance with standard **IEEE 1459, or DIN 40110-1, 3**
- ✓ Or: **validated at lab** in accordance with these standards

## Correction of measurement:

Paper on issue

- ✓ Use a meter that is certified **logo** according to standard DLMS/COSEM (IEC 62056)

Or:

PLC meters: prime+T5 or IDIS or G3 **logos**



Or go to a meters **functional validation** lab  
Specializing at these standards



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### Summary of benefits:

- ✓ **1<sup>st</sup> benefit:** load and price hourly forecasting 30 days ahead
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> benefit:** technical/non technical loss detection
- ✓ **3<sup>rd</sup> benefit:** optimization of E-storage lifespan and of selling renewable energy

# Thank you

