



# ISS4E

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# ISS4E vision

To apply our expertise in **Information Systems and Sciences** to find **innovative solutions** to problems in **energy systems**

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# Current and Recent Projects

# Electric vehicles

- **Car pools** to reduce range anxiety (Carpenter)
- Optimal charging of vehicle **fleets** (Zarkoob)
- **Distributed** optimal charging (Ardakanian)
- **App**-based telemetry (Carpenter)

# Smart homes and buildings

- Temperature **setpoint** market (Singla)
- Smart **appliances** (Srikantha)
- Home peak load **prediction** (Matharu/Gao)
- Analysis of home load **seasonality** (Rezaei/Adepetu)
- Automatic **clustering** of home loads (Matharu/Ardakanian)
- Optimal **scheduling** of home storage (Carpenter/Singla)

# Smart homes and buildings (contd.)

- Personal **thermal** comfort (Gao)
- **Regression models** for building loads (Case)
- Per-panel solar load **monitoring** and **anomaly** detection (Hu)
- **Private** storage and analysis of home meter data (Matharu)
- Optimal battery sizing to deal with **outages** (Singla/Ghiassi)

# Distribution network

- Optimal **storage** location (Shpungin)
- Optimal load scheduling in **microgrids** (Kogan)



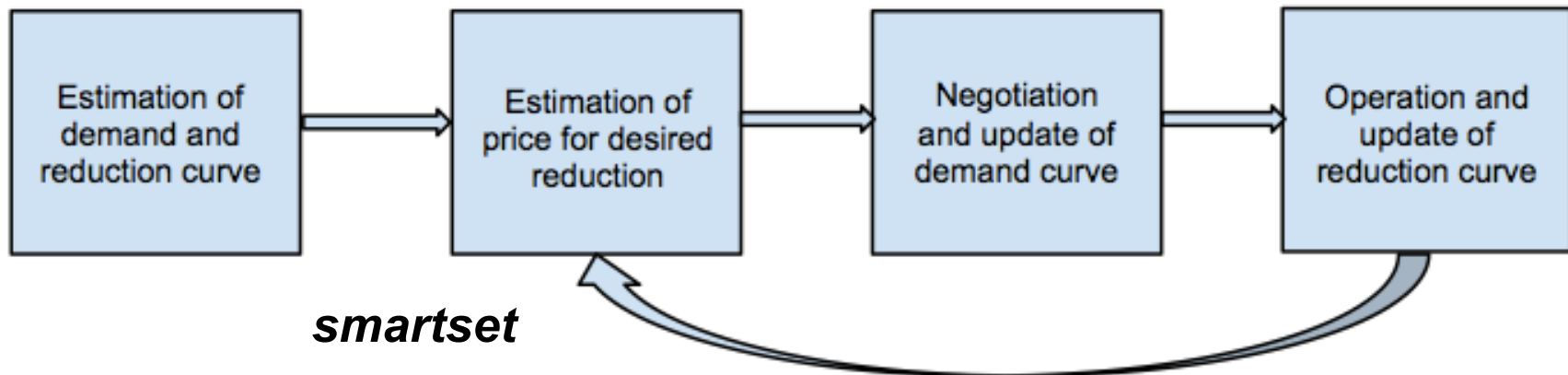
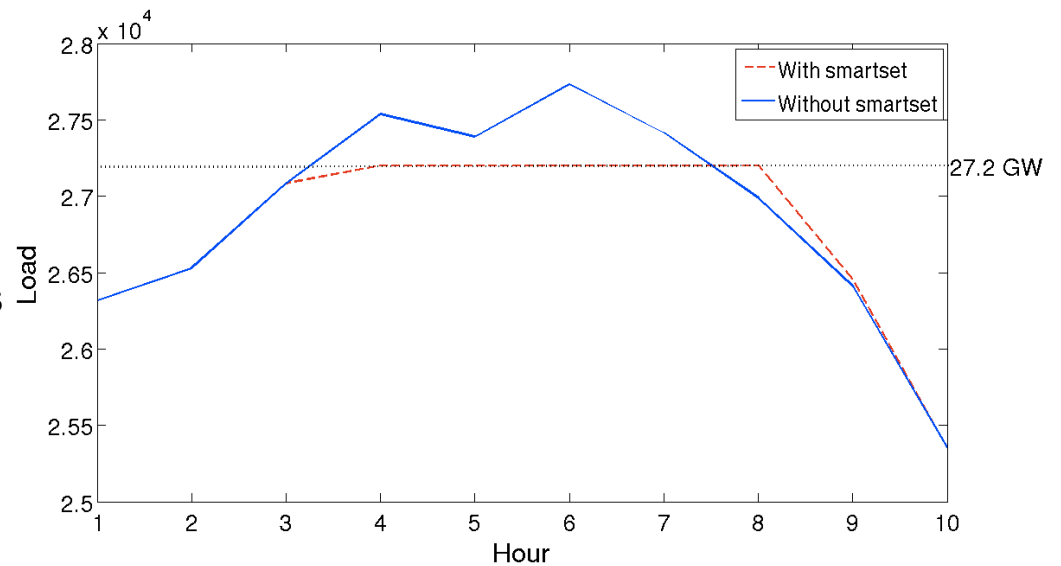
# Generation

- **Firming** up solar power (Ghiassi)

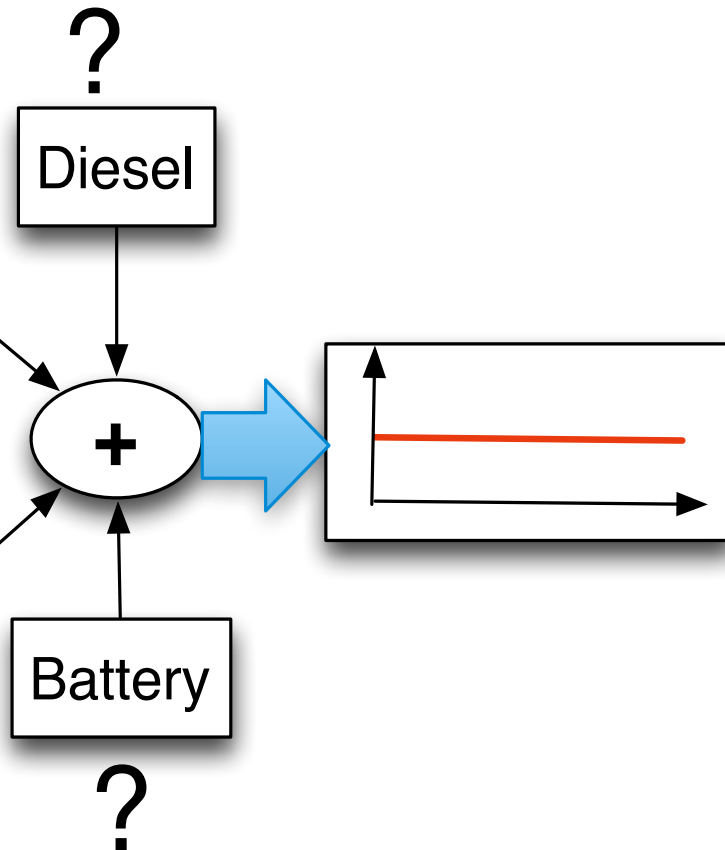
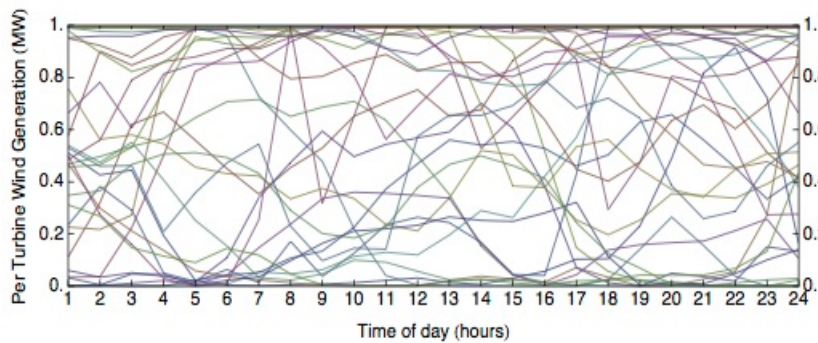
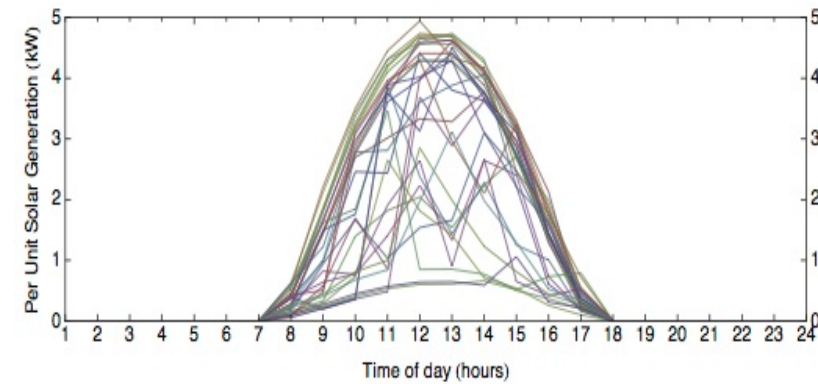
# SAMPLE PROJECTS

## Demand Response through a Temperature Setpoint Market in Ontario

- Ontario has peak load for a few hours in summers
- Peak load reduction possible by increasing thermostat during peak hours
- Payment of \$2 per hour of setback can reduce operating costs by \$688 million over 20 years



# Firming up Intermittent Energy Sources



# Personal Thermal Control System

## Objectives:

- Measuring human thermal comfort automatically
- Saving electricity bill without affecting comfort

We use Kinect to detect activity and clothing



The system learns the user prefers warmer condition

- Senses environmental conditions
- Detects human activity and clothing
- Learns personal thermal preference

# Personal Thermal Control System

The system can learn the insulation factor of a house, and hence make the optimal thermal control sequence accordingly



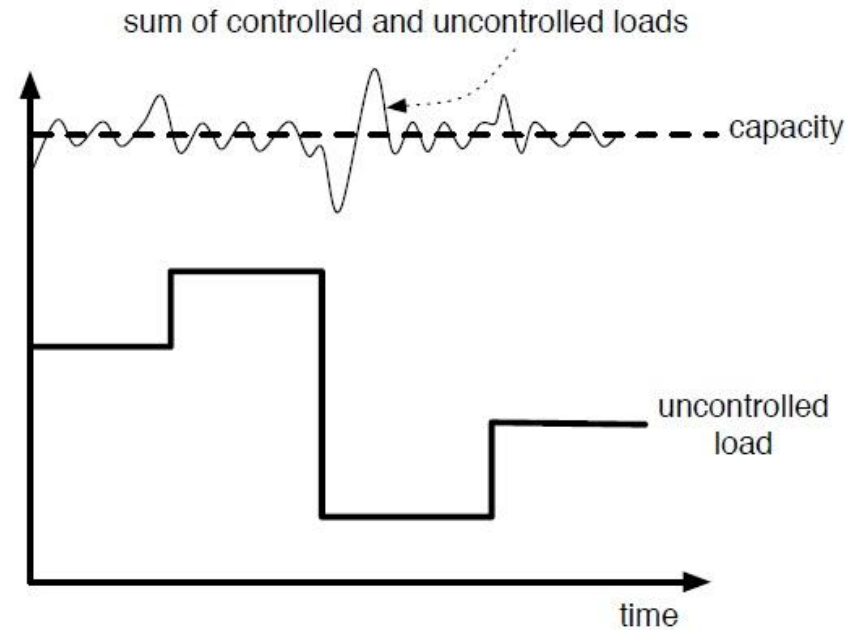
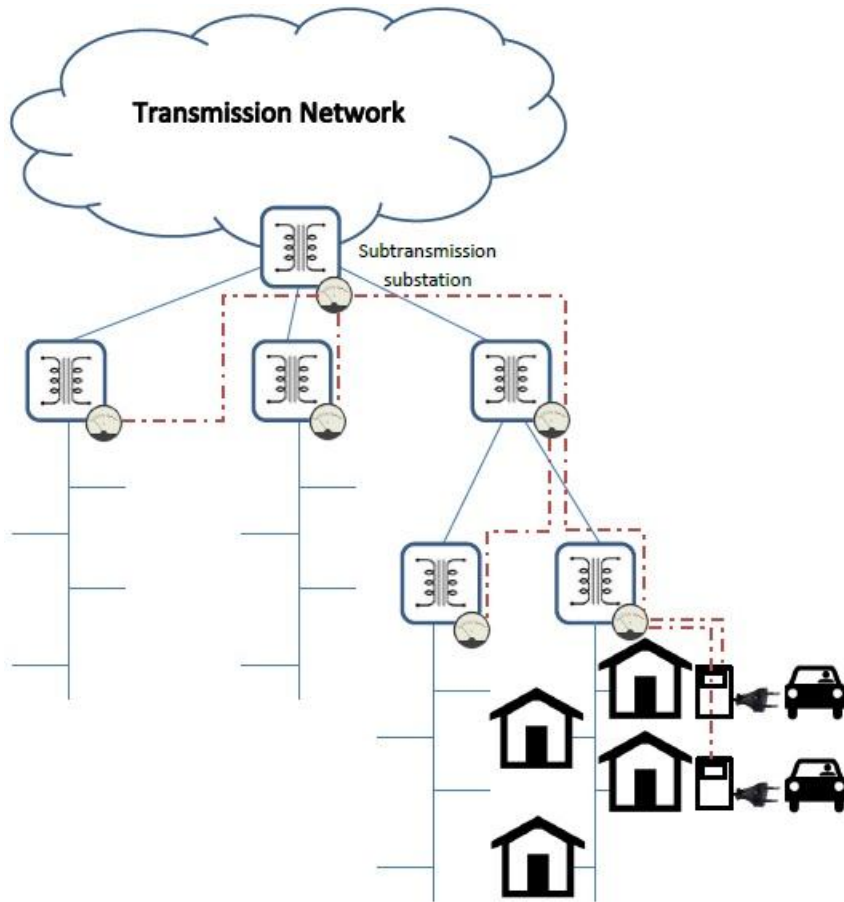
It gives energy saving tips to human:  
wear your coat to save \$15 per month



- Learning based home modeling
- Human in the loop control

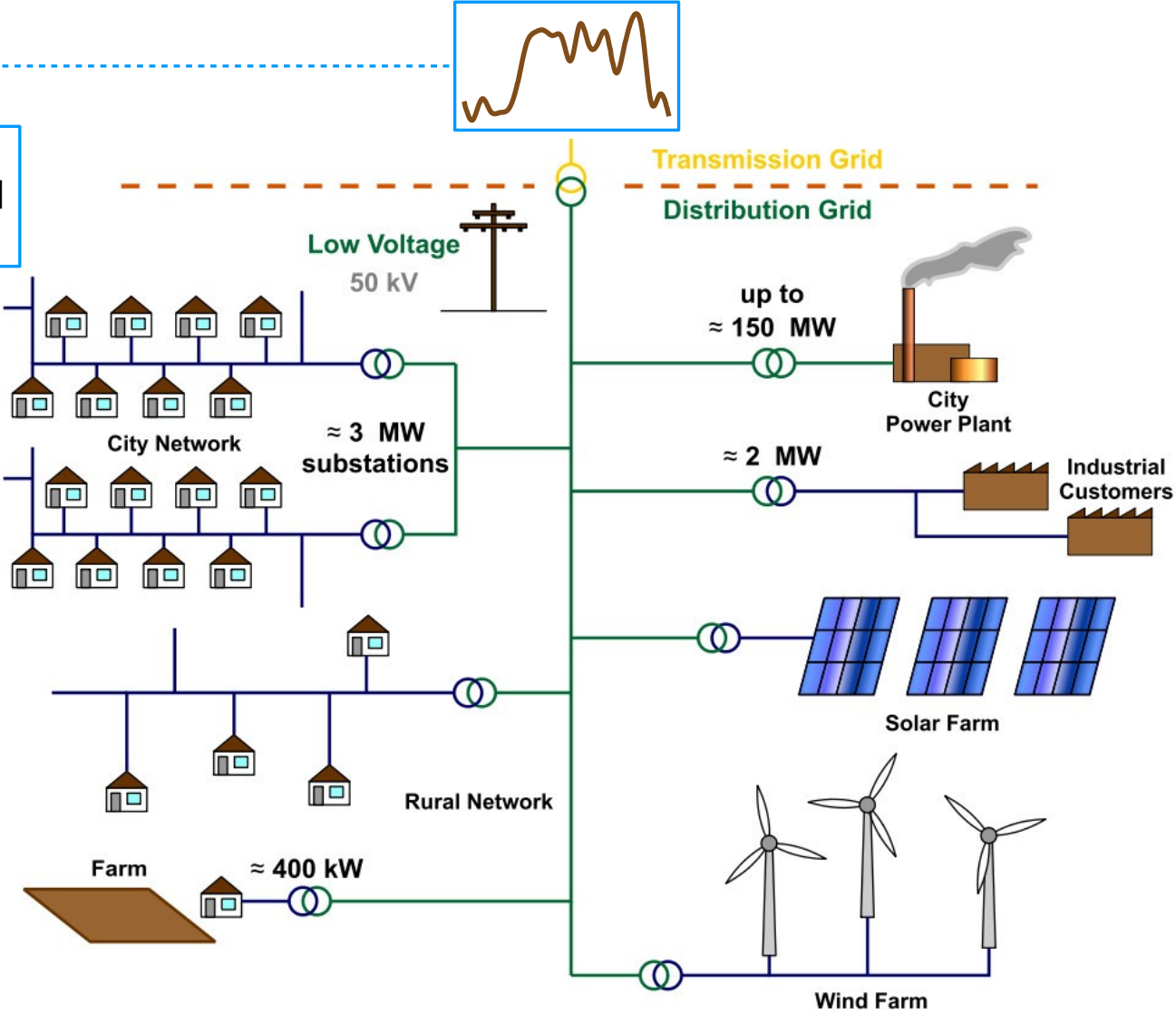
# Real Time Distributed Congestion Control for Electrical Vehicle Charging

## Smart Grid Architecture



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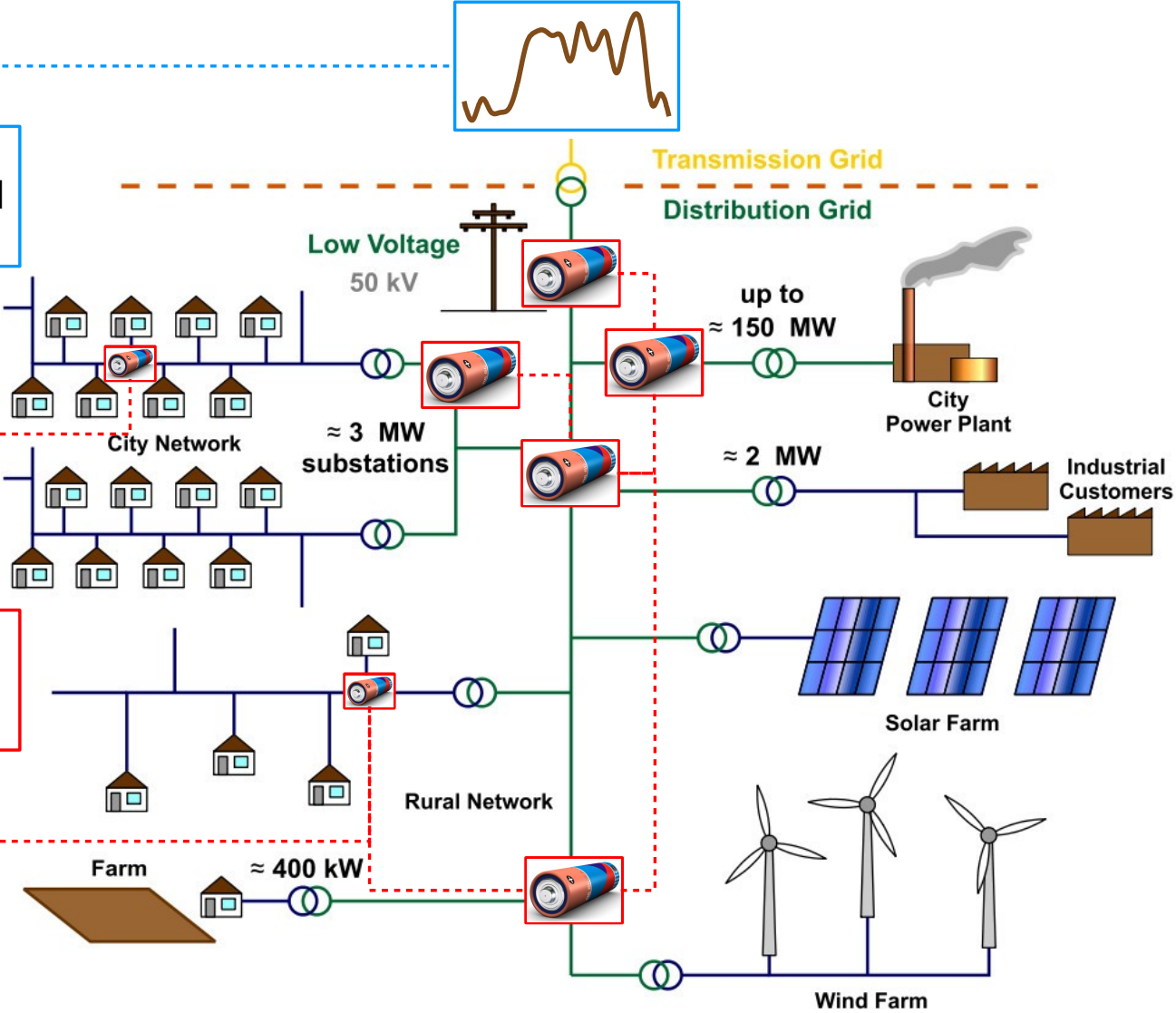




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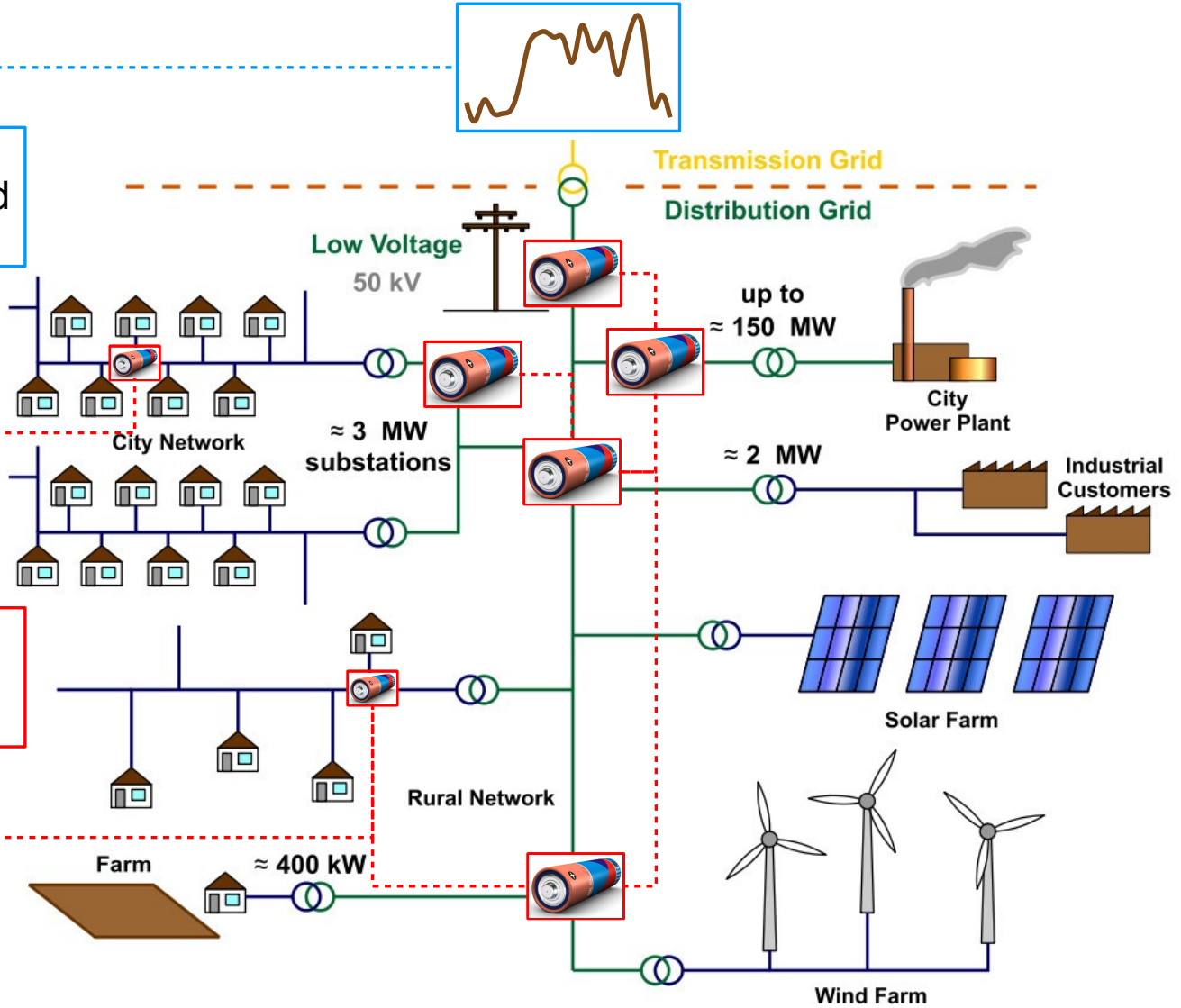
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*placement*

*sizing*

*scheduling*



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*Area summary*

The screenshot displays the DNOT software interface with several key sections:

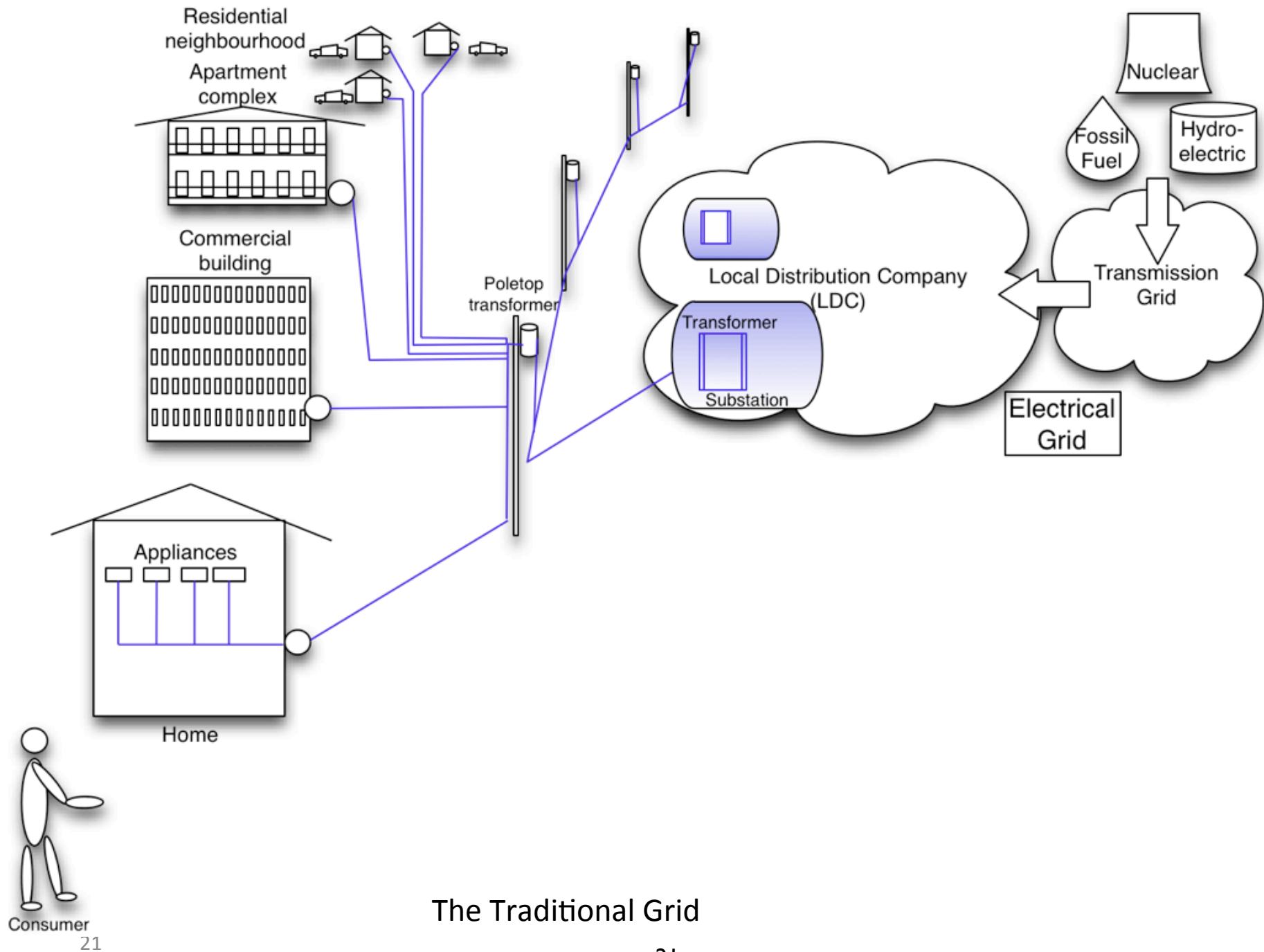
- Distribution network:** Shows overall statistics such as S (KWh): 1000.0, Max: 3543.11, and Usage: 1000.00/1000.0.
- Feeder:** Lists details for Feeder 1 through Feeder 4, including S (KWh), E, Max, LP #, and Usage. Feeder 1 usage is highlighted as 0.00/200.0.
- Load point:** Shows details for LP 1 and LP 2, including S (KWh), E, Max, H #, and Usage. LP 1 usage is highlighted as 25.83/30.0.
- Generation settings:** A red-bordered box highlights the settings for zones, feeders, load points, and customers.
- Scenario settings:** Includes options for scenario duration, storage efficiency, and storage units capacity.
- Solution summary:** Provides a high-level overview of the optimization results, including customer count, peak load changes, and total storage capacity.

*Storage usage*

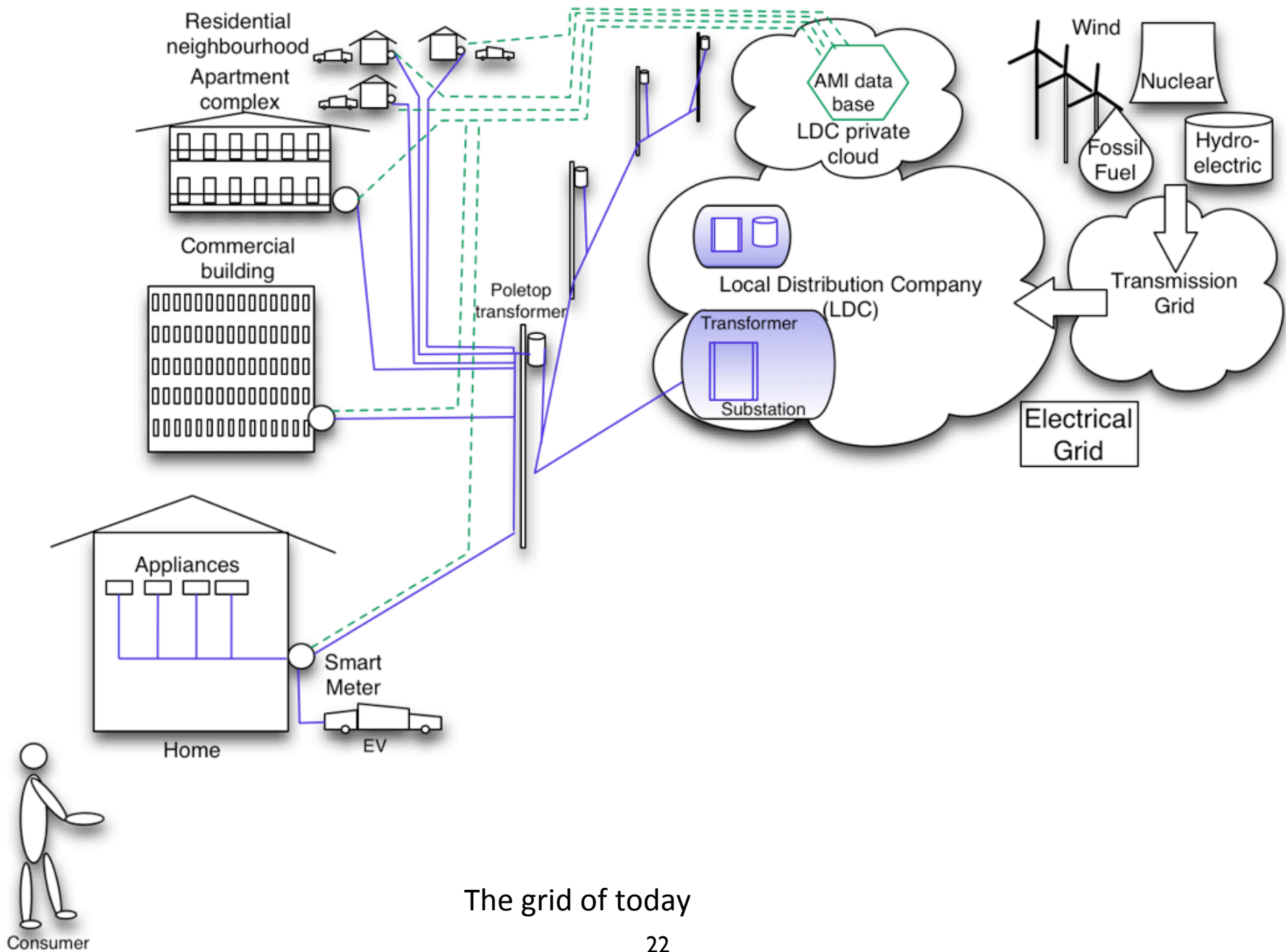
*Solution summary*

*Generation settings*

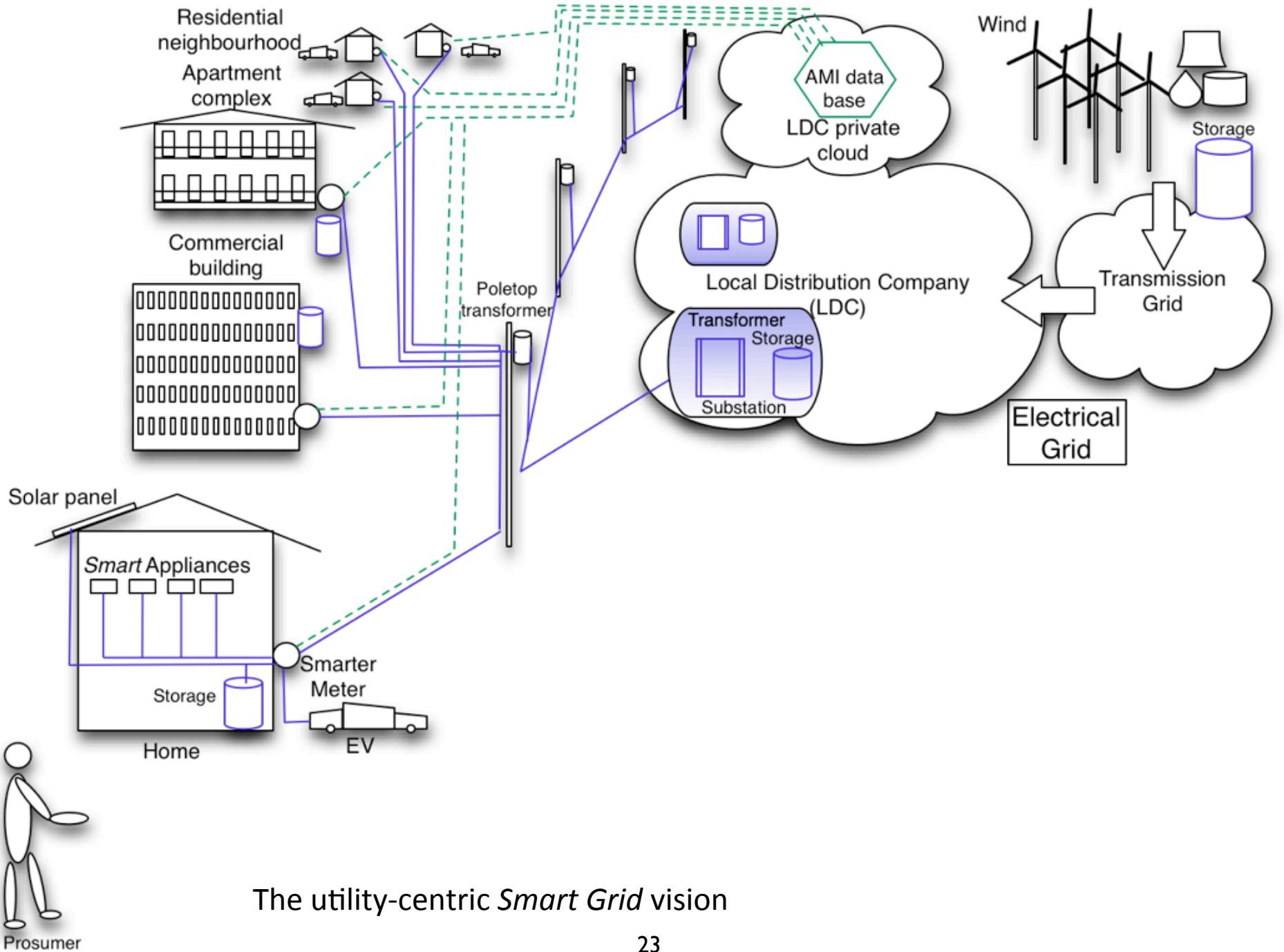
# Consumer-centric Smart Grid



The Traditional Grid



The grid of today



The utility-centric *Smart Grid* vision

