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## **Our Low Carbon Future: Getting There and Empowering Consumers to Participate**

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# Outline

- Getting to a low-carbon future
- Smart grid: what is it and what will it enable?
- Feedback and consumer behavior
- Industry/EPRI smart grid demonstration projects

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- Collaborative approach
- Over \$355M annual funding
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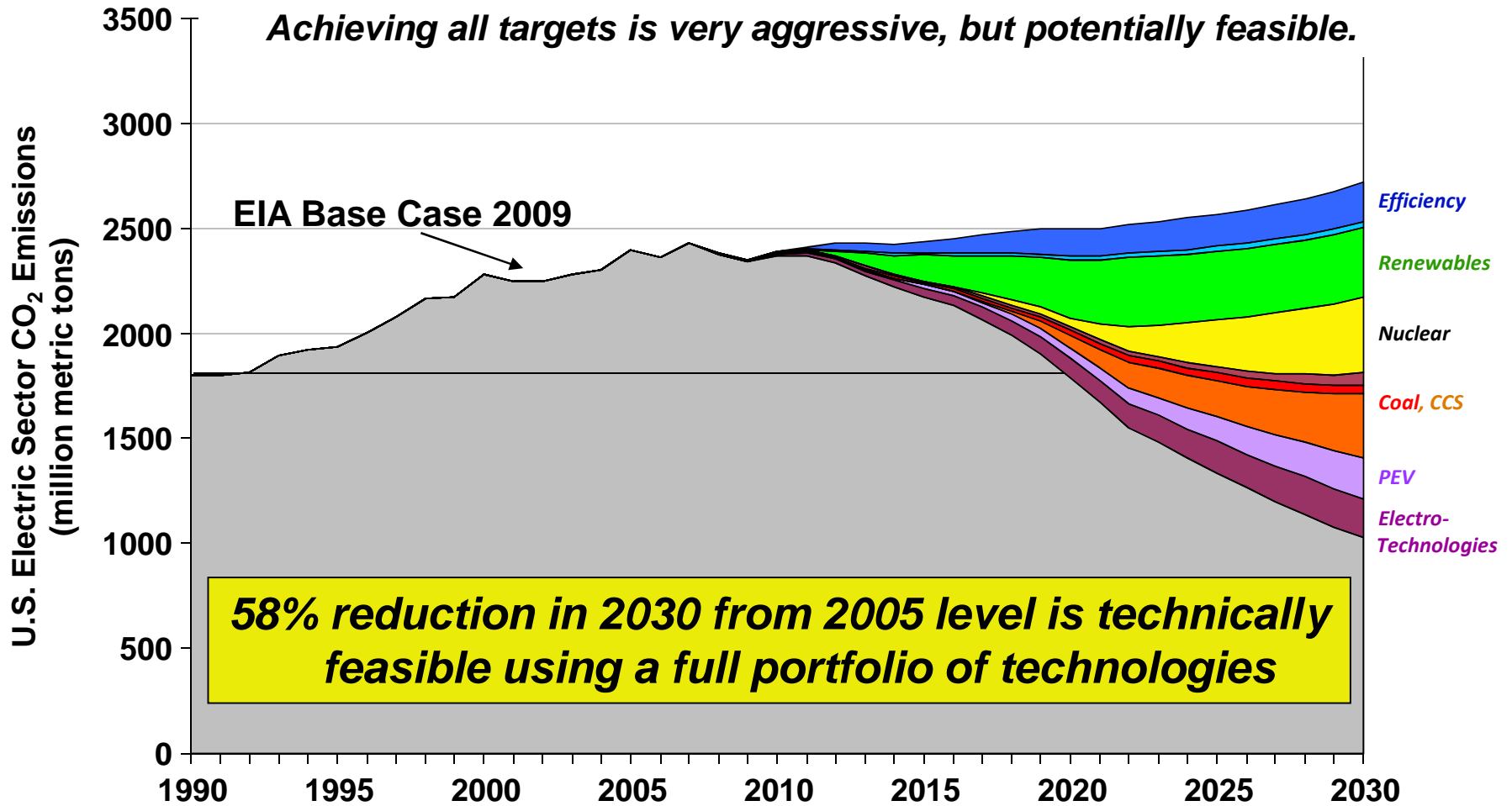


# Getting to a Low Carbon Future

# A Low Carbon Future Needs A Full Portfolio of Technologies

## EPRI Prism: Technical Potential to Achieve CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions

*Achieving all targets is very aggressive, but potentially feasible.*



# 2009 Prism Technology Targets

	<i>Technology</i>	<i>EIA AEO Base Case</i>	<i>EPRI Prism Target</i>
	Efficiency	Load Growth ~ +0.95%/yr	Load Growth ~ +0.47%/yr
	T&D Efficiency	None	20% Reduction in T&D Losses by 2030
	Renewables	60 GWe by 2030	135 GWe by 2030
	Nuclear	12.5 GWe New Build by 2030	No Retirements; 64 GWe New Build by 2030
	Fossil Efficiency	40% New Efficiency	50% Efficiency for 75 GWe Existing Fleet 49% New Coal; 70% New NGCCs by 2030
	CC	None	90% Capture for All New Coal + NGCC After 2020 Retrofits for 60 GWe Existing Fleet
	Electric Transportation	None	PEVs by 2010; 40% New Vehicle Share by 2025 3x Current Non-Road Use by 2030
	Electro-technologies	None	Replace ~4.5% Direct Fossil Use by 2030

**Enabled by Smart Grid**



# Smart Grid: What is it and what will it enable?

# What is Smart Grid?

**Two-way flow of electricity and information in an automated electricity delivery network**

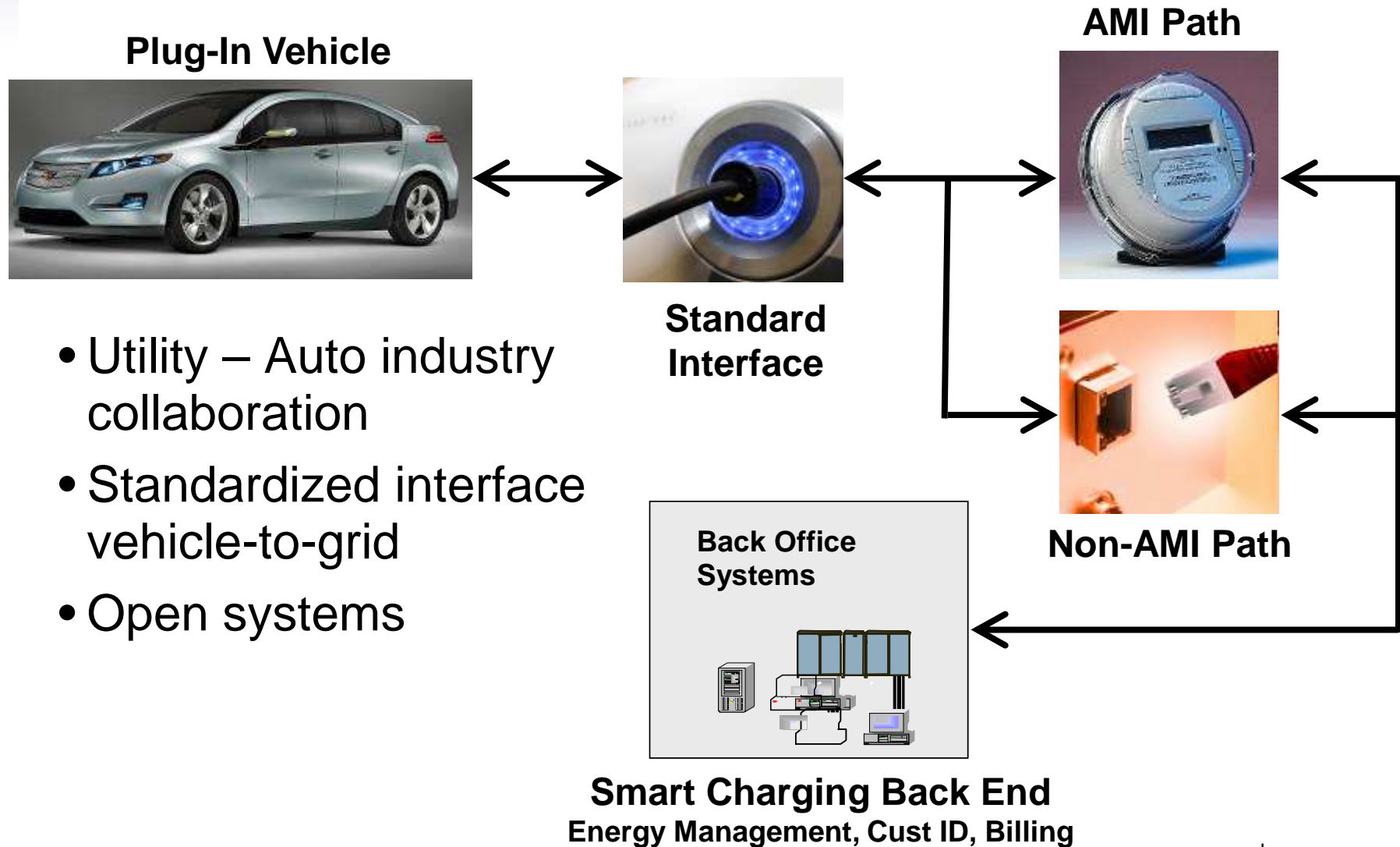
- Engaging consumers
- Enhancing efficiency
- Ensuring reliability
- Enabling renewables

Highly Instrumented with Advanced Sensors and Computing

Interconnected by a Communication Fabric that Reaches Every Device

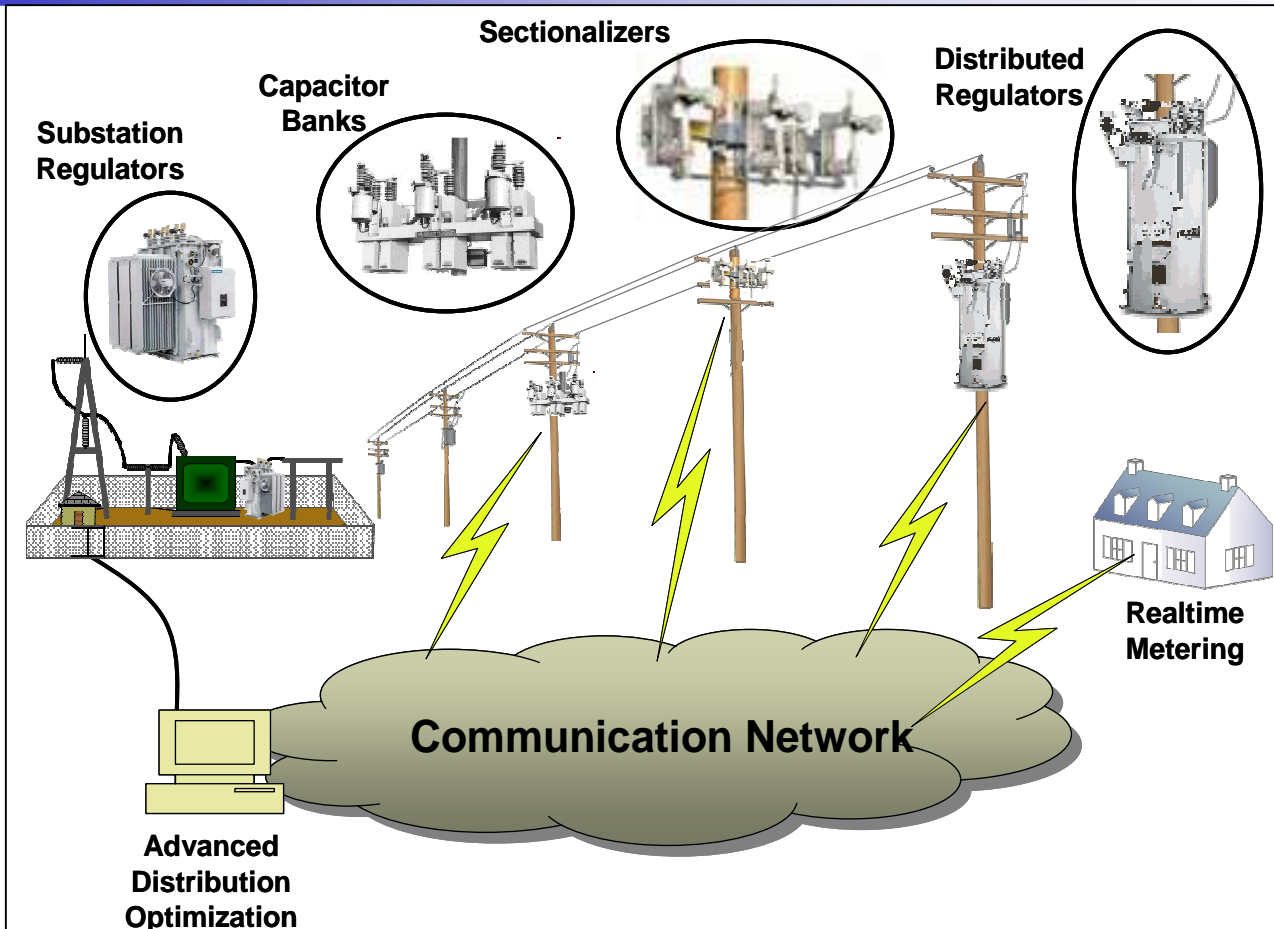


# Enabling PHEV Through Smart Charging



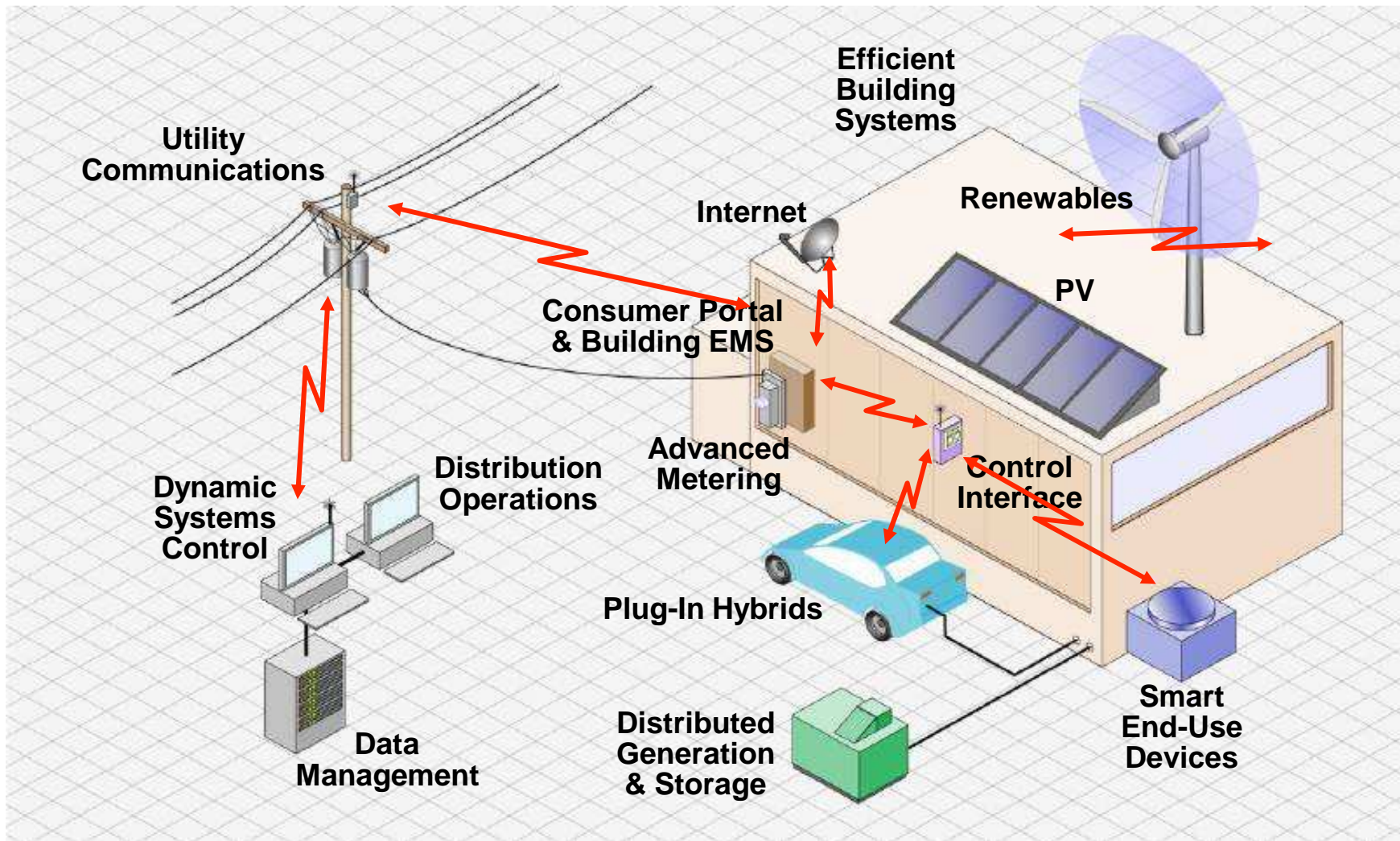
- Utility – Auto industry collaboration
- Standardized interface vehicle-to-grid
- Open systems

# Reducing Energy Usage and Peak Demand by Optimizing Distribution System Operation



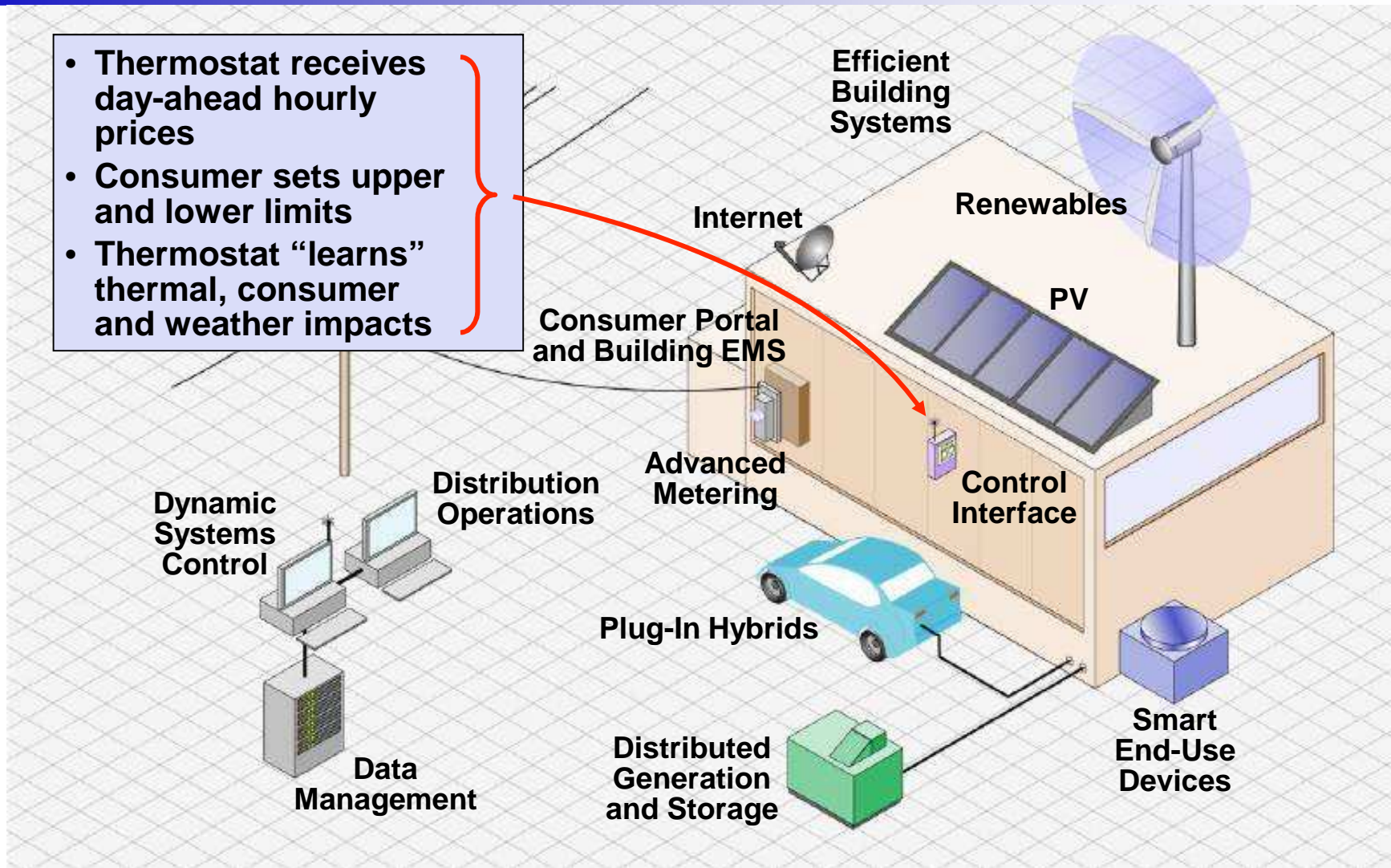
**Devices, Sensors, and Communications and Controls Will Enable Voltage Optimization**

# The Smart Grid: Empowering Consumers through Dynamic Energy Management

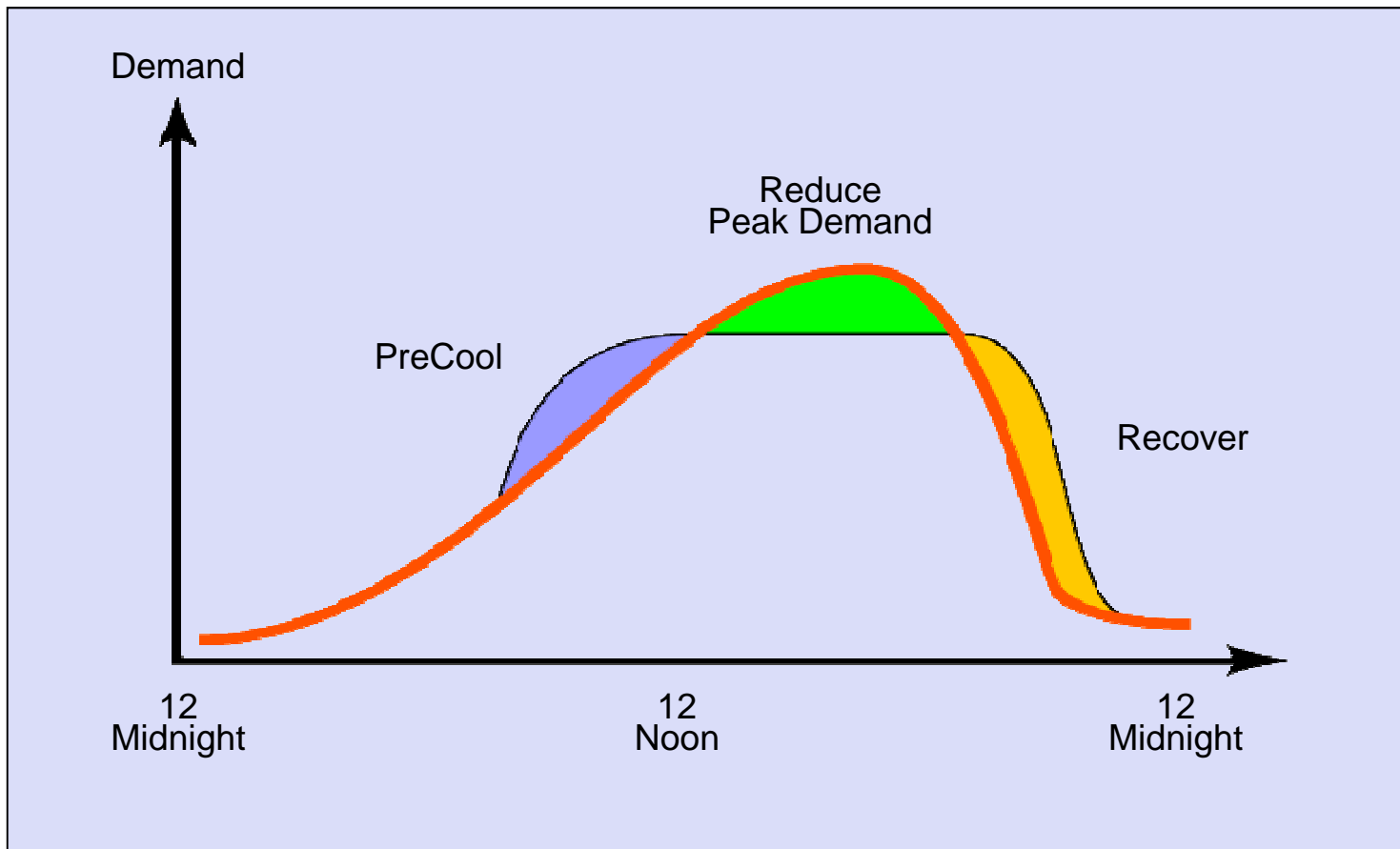


# Prices to Devices: Tomorrow's Smart Pricing

- Thermostat receives day-ahead hourly prices
- Consumer sets upper and lower limits
- Thermostat "learns" thermal, consumer and weather impacts

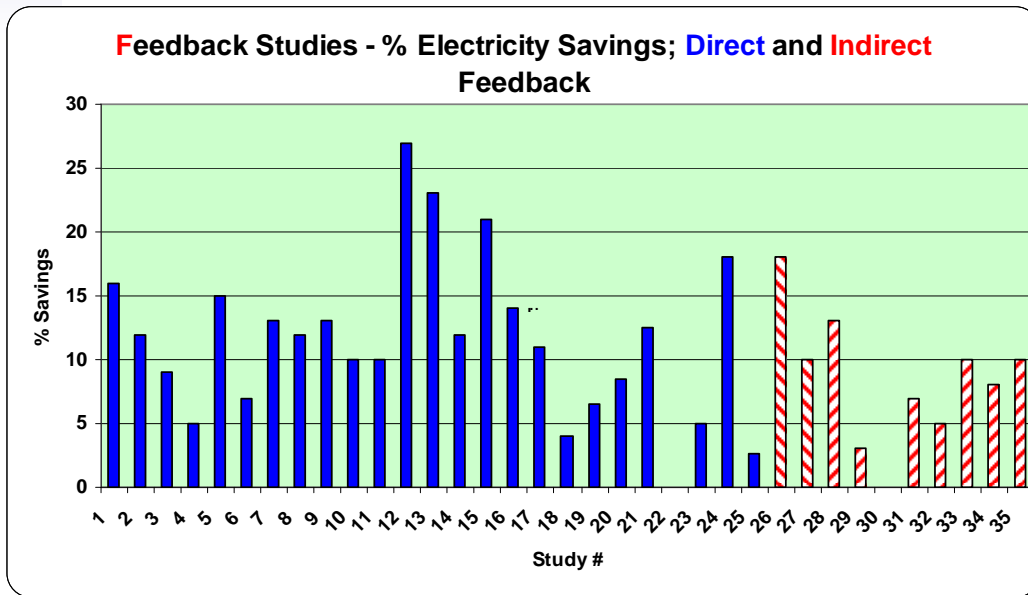


# Reducing Peak with Prices to Devices



Reduce peak while maintaining comfort and productivity

# Smart Grid Can Provide Feedback Enabling Consumers to be More Efficient



**Feedback studies have resulted in a range of results**



**EPRI research will help quantify feedback benefits**

# Electricity Related Apps – More Will Come!



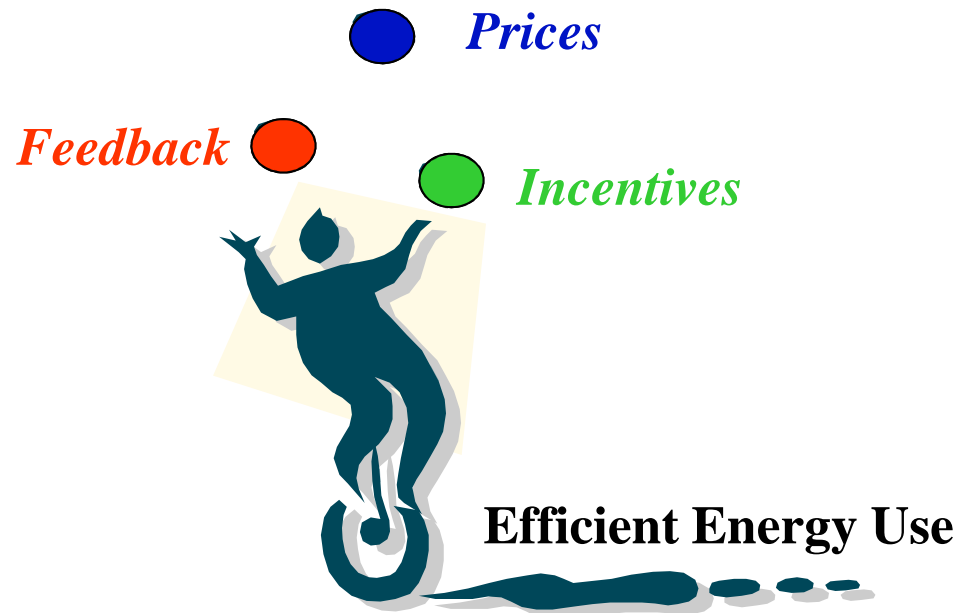


# Feedback and Consumer Behavior



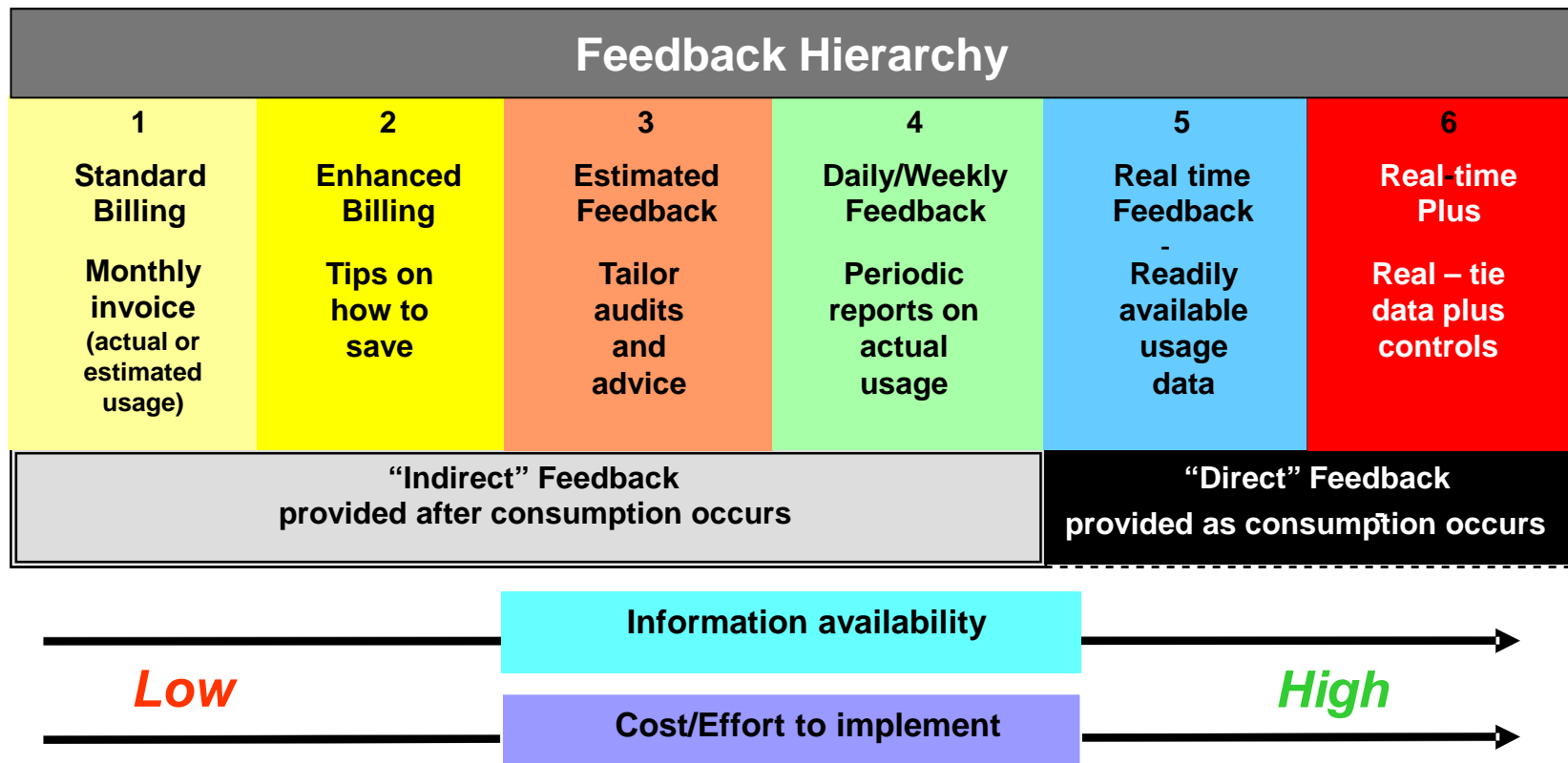
# Feedback Defined and Characterized

- What is feedback?
  - “A process whereby the results of action serve continually to modify further action.”
    - Webster’s Pocket Dictionary, 1997



# EPRI Synthesized Feedback and Developed Framework in 2009

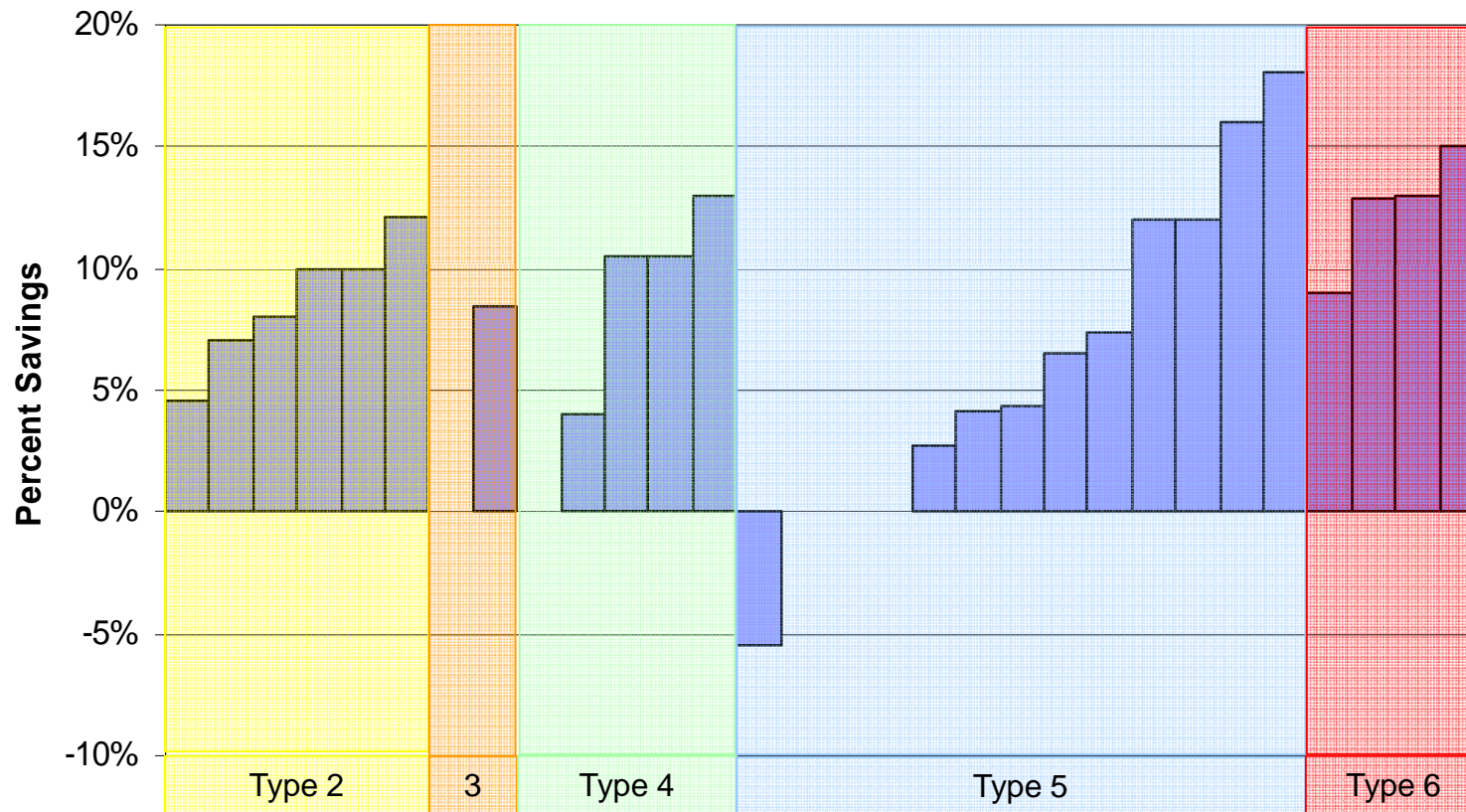
- Darby provided an important distinction; indirect vs. direct
- EPRI added a functional hierarchy



EPRI Report 1016844: Residential Electricity Use Feedback: A Research Synthesis and Economic Framework

# Research Revealed A Range of Results

Average Conservation Effects



# The State of Feedback Research

**Our understanding of how feedback influences electricity consumption is incomplete**

## Extensibility

Can the results be extended to other markets and circumstances reliably?

- **Pilot scale**
- **Sampling frame**
- **Feedback Mechanism**
- **Technology scope**

## Veracity

Have feedback impacts been characterized fully and separately?

- **Persistence**
- **Characterization**
- **Verification**
- **Price effects**

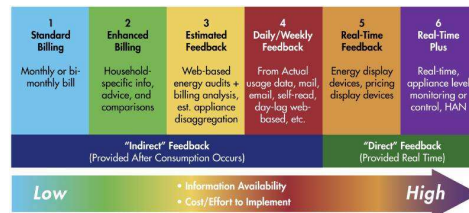
## Cost-Effectiveness

Are the results robust and comprehensive enough to support tests of program efficacy?

- **Awareness**
- **Willingness to pay**
- **System and societal value**

# Feedback Body of Research Looks Promising, But Questions Remain

- Results promising, but wide ranging: -6% to 18%
  - Includes older studies, smaller sample sizes...
- Characterization is incomplete
- EPRI literature review revealed research gaps:
  - Sample sizes
  - Persistence
  - Feedback types (relative impact)
  - Pricing interactions
  - Demographic distributions



# Considering In-Home Devices Studies (Category 5)

- Review of 7 studies
  - Connecticut Power & Light, Dominion Virginia Power, Energy Trust of Oregon, Hydro One (4 studies), Massachusetts
- Of 5 with known numbers:
  - 0 to 6.5% overall energy savings (kWh)
  - Average: 3.8%
  - All the same device (Blue Line PowerCost Monitor)
  - Pilot sizes:
    - 350 to 30,000
  - Analysis sample sizes:
    - 153 to ~1,000

# 2009 Highlights: Pilot Numbers Growing, Guidance Of Value

- Identified 36 utilities with pilots (detailed overview of nine)

2 Enhanced Billing	3 Estimated Feedback	4 Daily/Weekly Feedback	5 Real-Time Feedback	6 Real-Time Plus
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- Many more...
- SG stimulus funding recipients
- EPRI efforts: SG demos, feedback collaborative
- How are they addressing the research gaps?
  - Size and rigor
  - Persistence
  - Relative value of different feedback types
  - Dynamic pricing interactions
  - Demographic variations



# New EPRI Report: Feedback Research Design Protocols

## Objectives

- Facilitate design and implementation of feedback research
- Develop three protocols
  - Research design
  - Analysis
  - Documentation
- Protocols will:
  - Be based on accepted principles of sound experimental design
  - Allow for the pooling of results
    - Address key research gaps collaboratively, not “one-off”
  - Provide approaches for understanding what and how behavior change occurs
- Represents 1<sup>st</sup> phase of EPRI’s effort to develop a feedback research collaborative



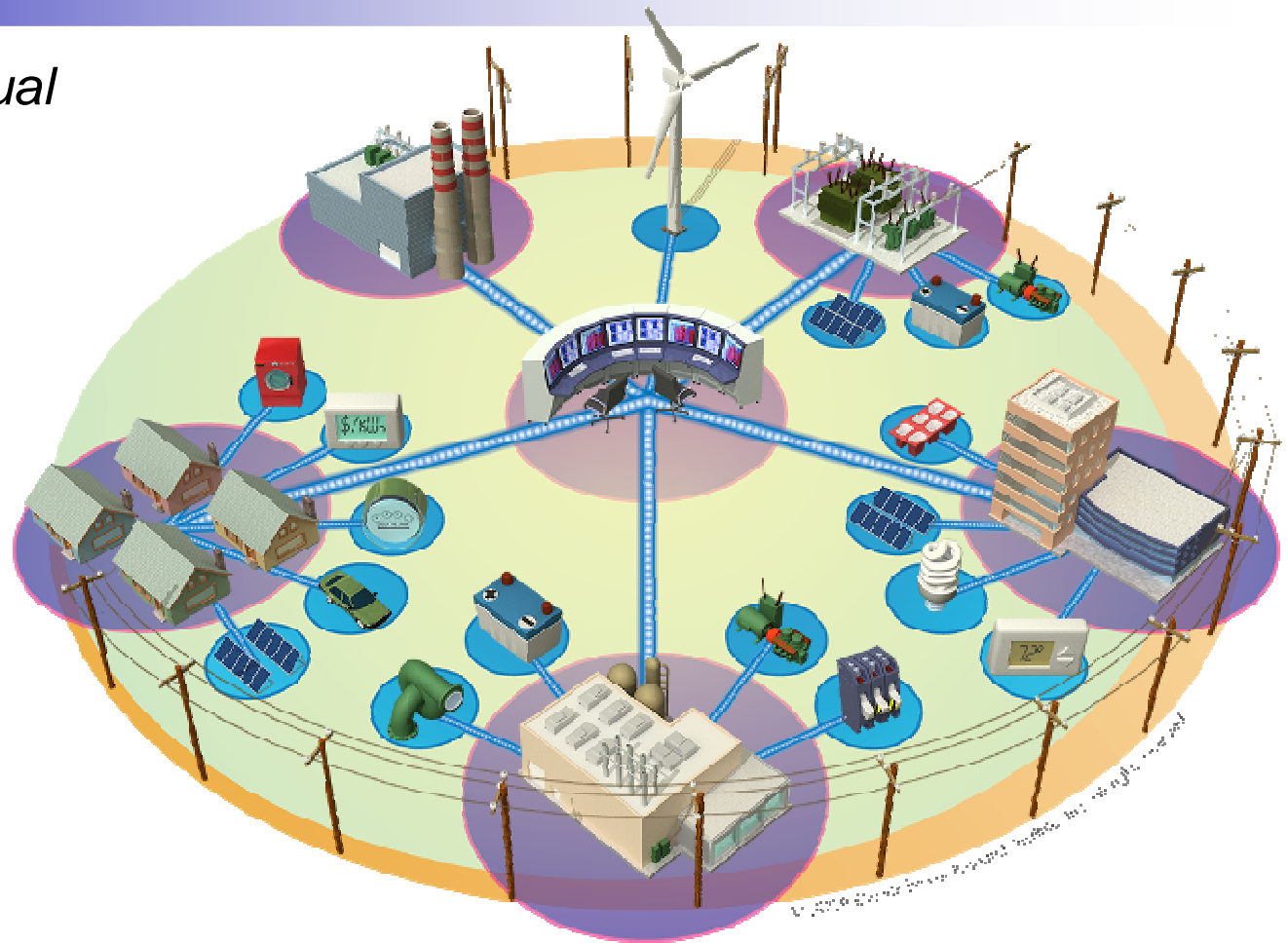




# Industry/EPRI Smart Grid Demonstration Projects

# Learning from Industry/EPRI Demonstrations

- Deploying the *Virtual Power Plant*
- Demonstrate integration and interoperability
- 8-10 regional demonstrations
  - Multiple levels of integration
  - Multiple types of distributed energy resources and storage



# Exelon (ComEd/PECO) Smart Grid Demo Project

## Exelon Smart Grid Strategy

### ComEd – Customer Application Pilot

Arguably most comprehensive customer behavior study ever, includes “opt-out” sign-up

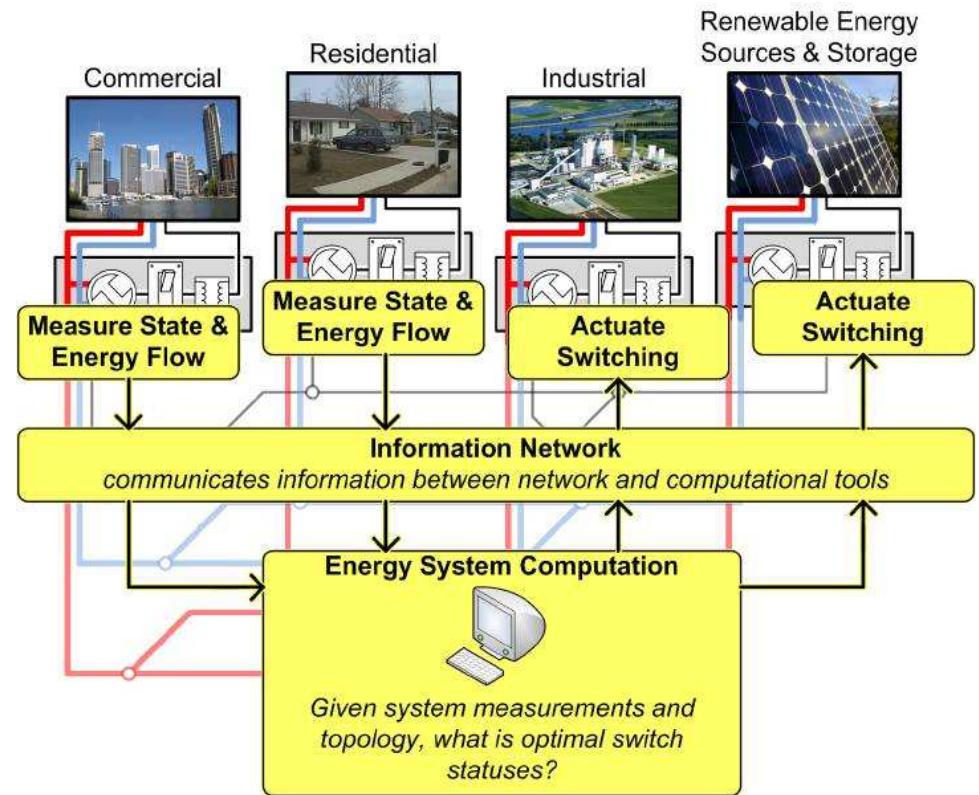


		In-Home Technologies			
		Simple →		Sophisticated	
R A T E S	Flat	X	X	X	X
	↓	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
		Dynamic	X	X	X

**Study Groups**

### PECO Smart Campus – Drexel University

#### Microgrid

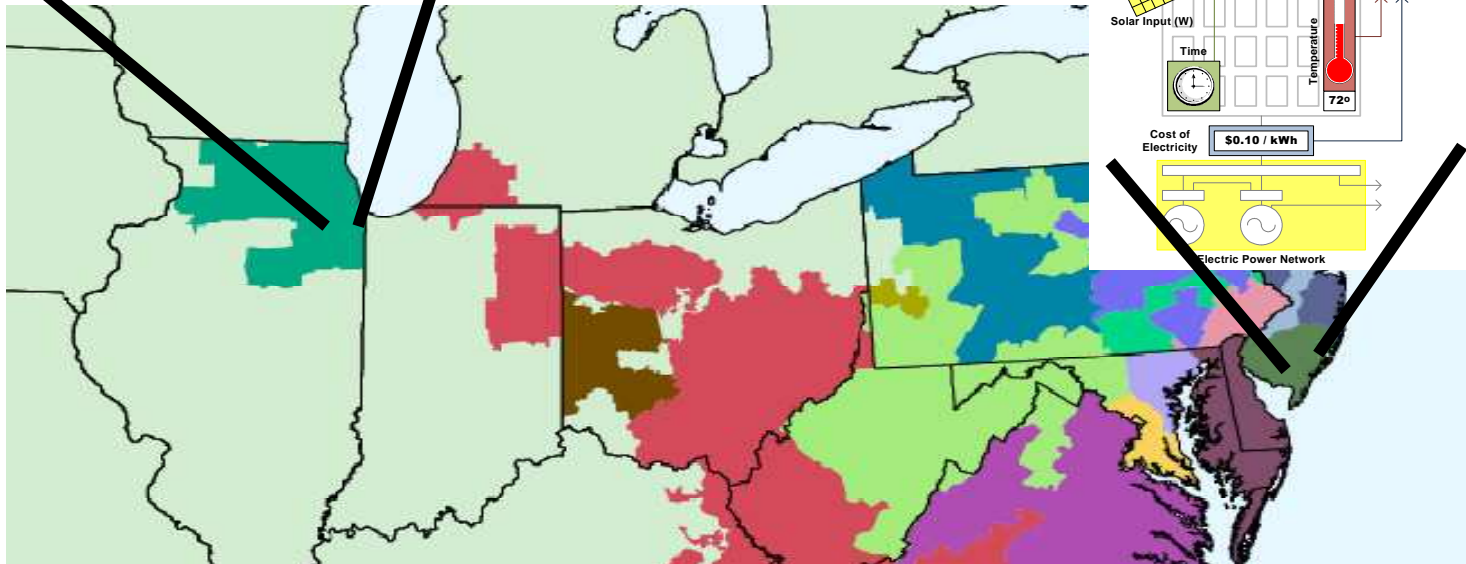
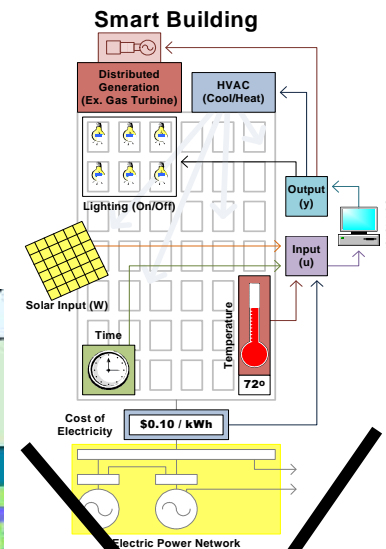


# Exelon (ComEd/PECO) Project Locations

## ComEd Customer Application Pilot



## PECO – Drexel Smart Campus Project

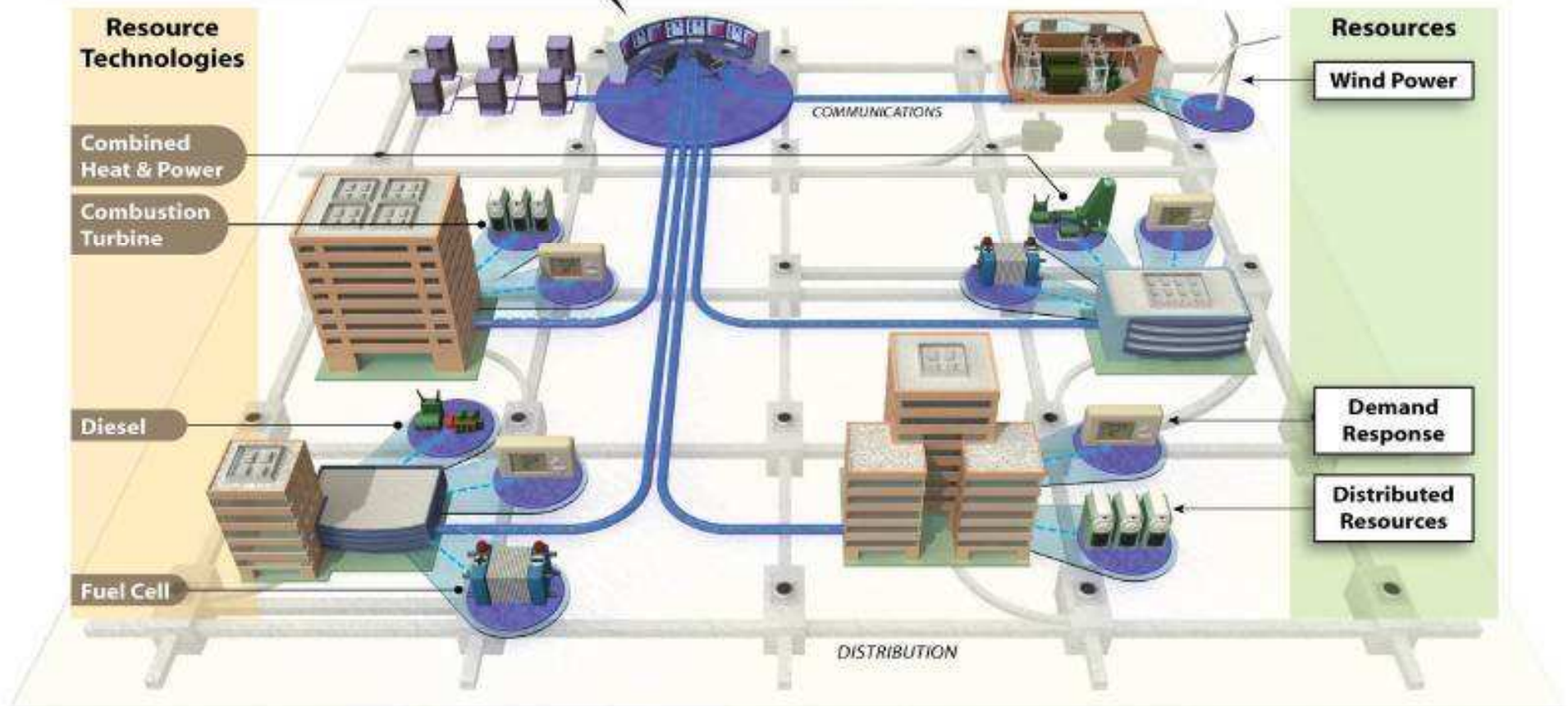


# Con Edison

## Interoperability of Demand Response Resources

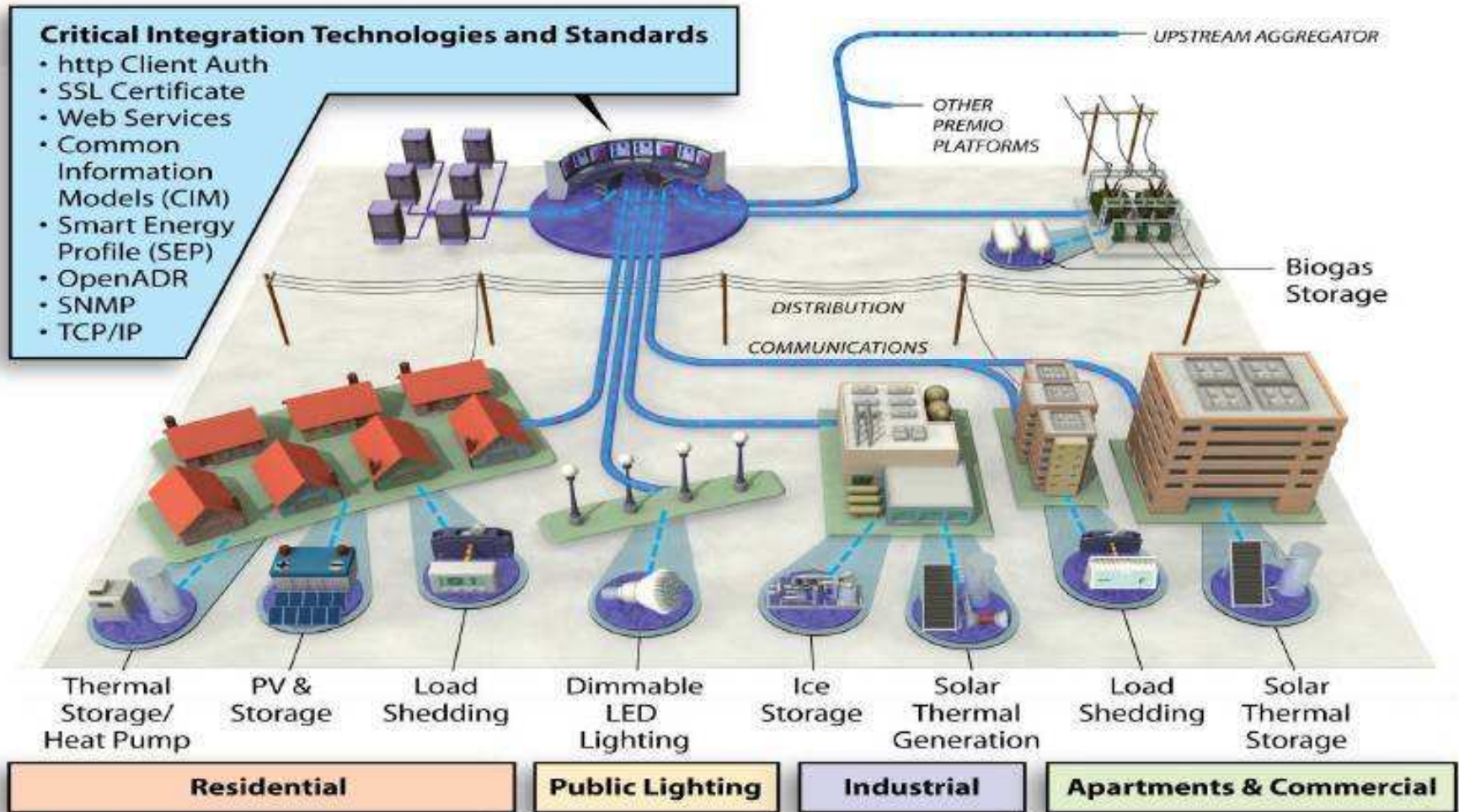
### Critical Integration Technologies and Standards

- IEC 61850
- DNP 3.0
- MODBUS
- Zigbee
- GridAgents

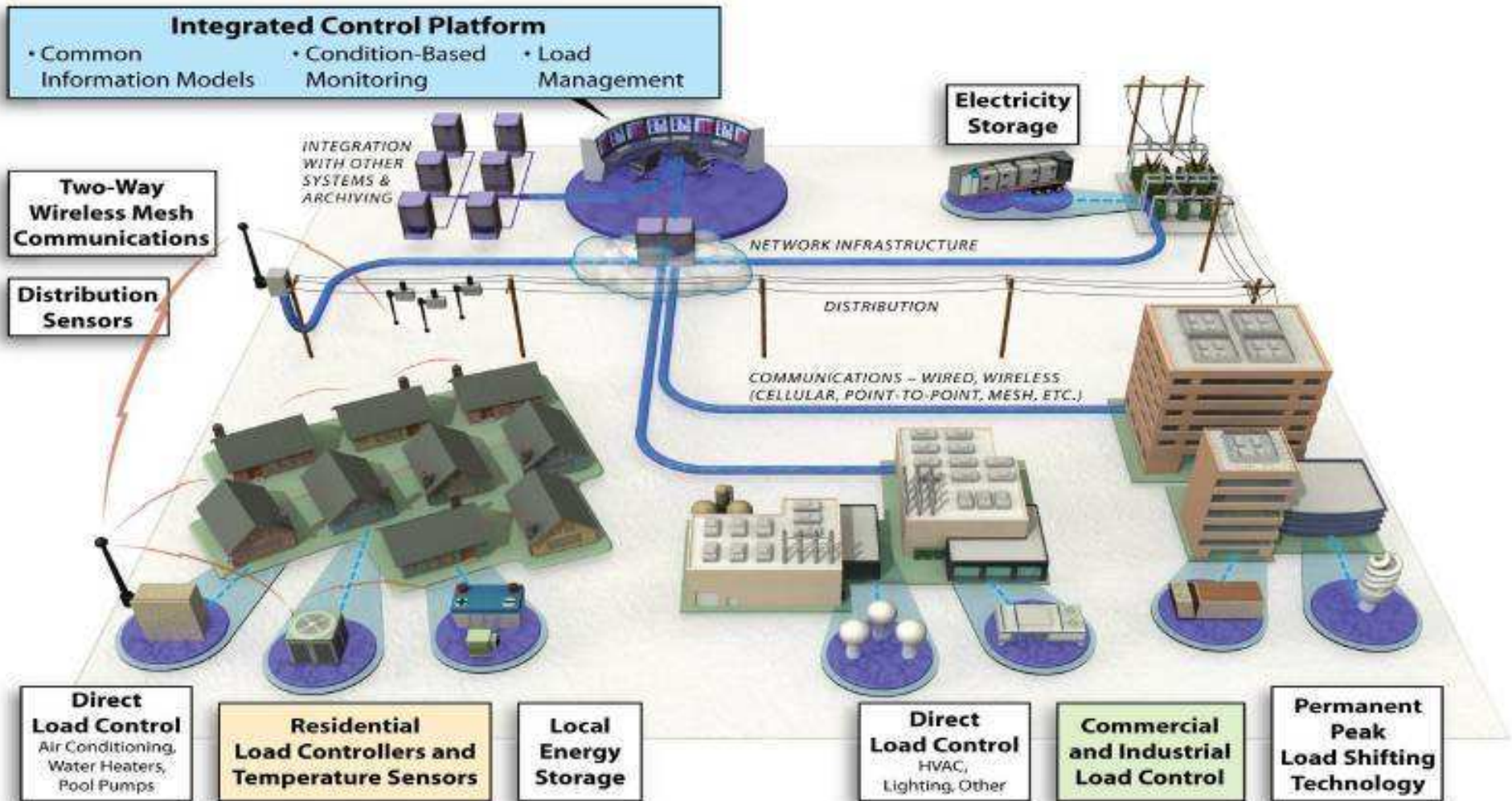


# Electricité de France (EDF)

## PREMIO: Distributed Energy Resources Aggregation & Management



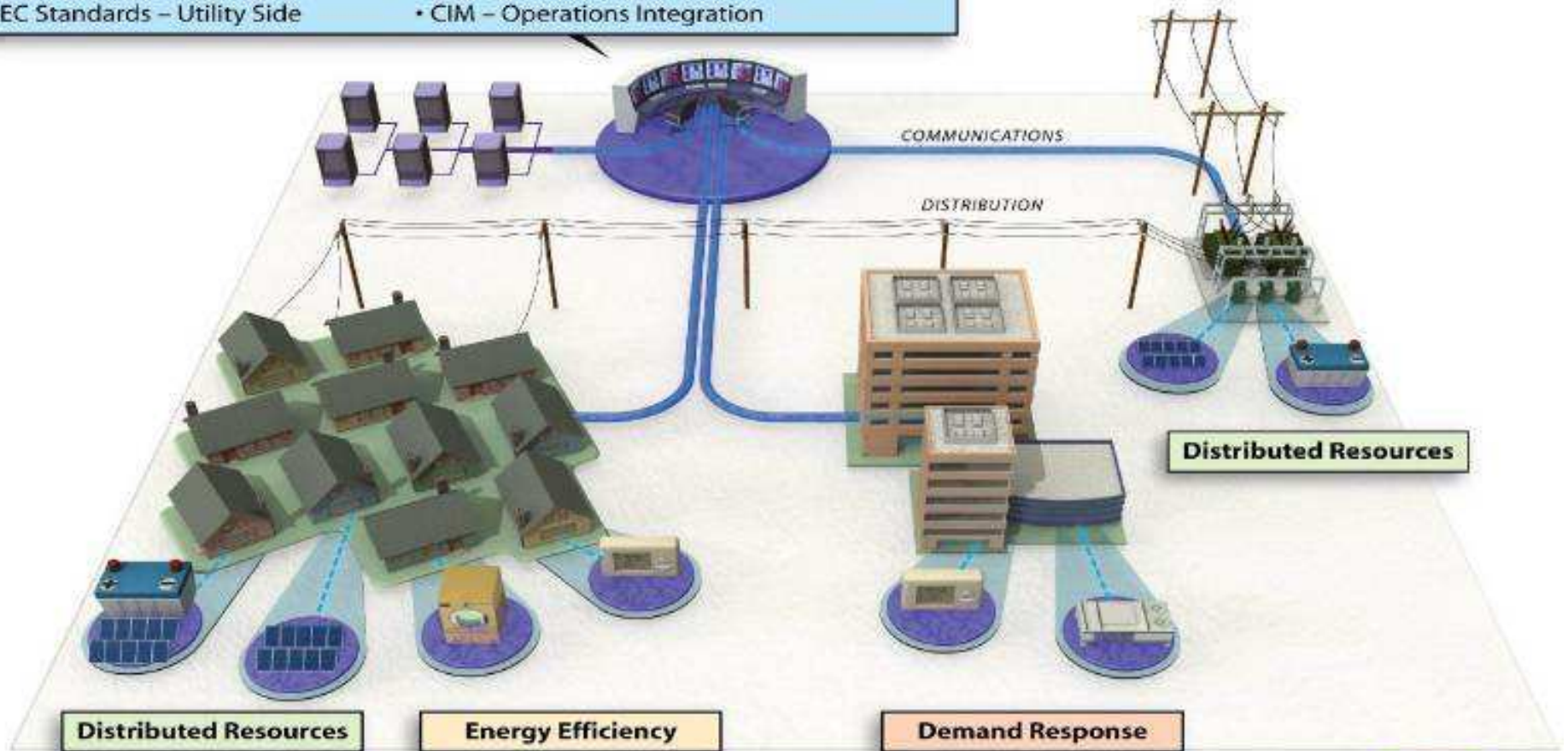
# FirstEnergy / Jersey Central Power & Light Integrated Distributed Energy Resources



# Public Service Co. of New Mexico High-Penetration PV thru Grid Automation and Demand Response

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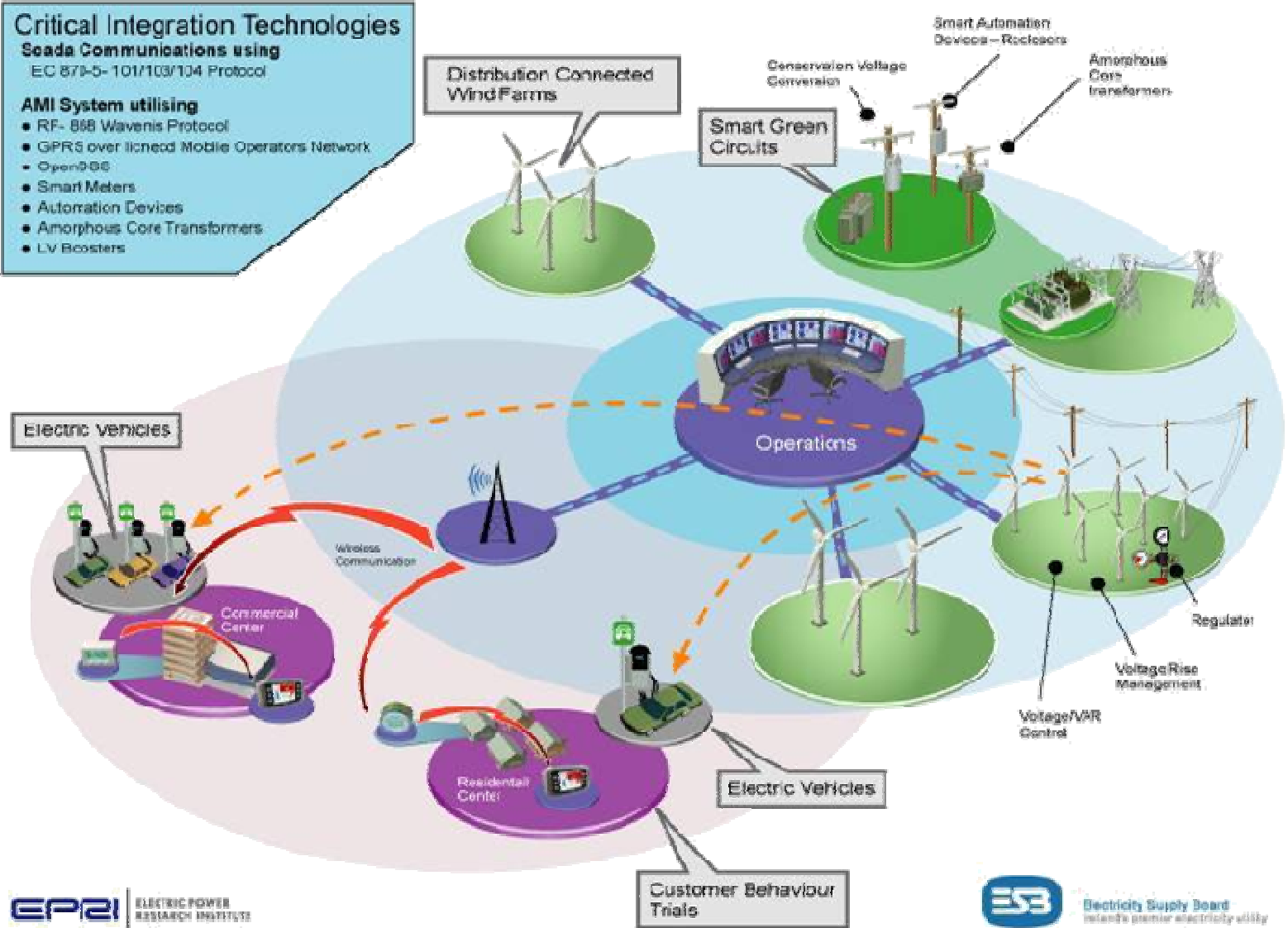
- Intelligrid-Based Use-Case Analysis
- IEC Standards – Utility Side
- Zigbee/Homeplug, BACNET – Customer Side
- CIM – Operations Integration



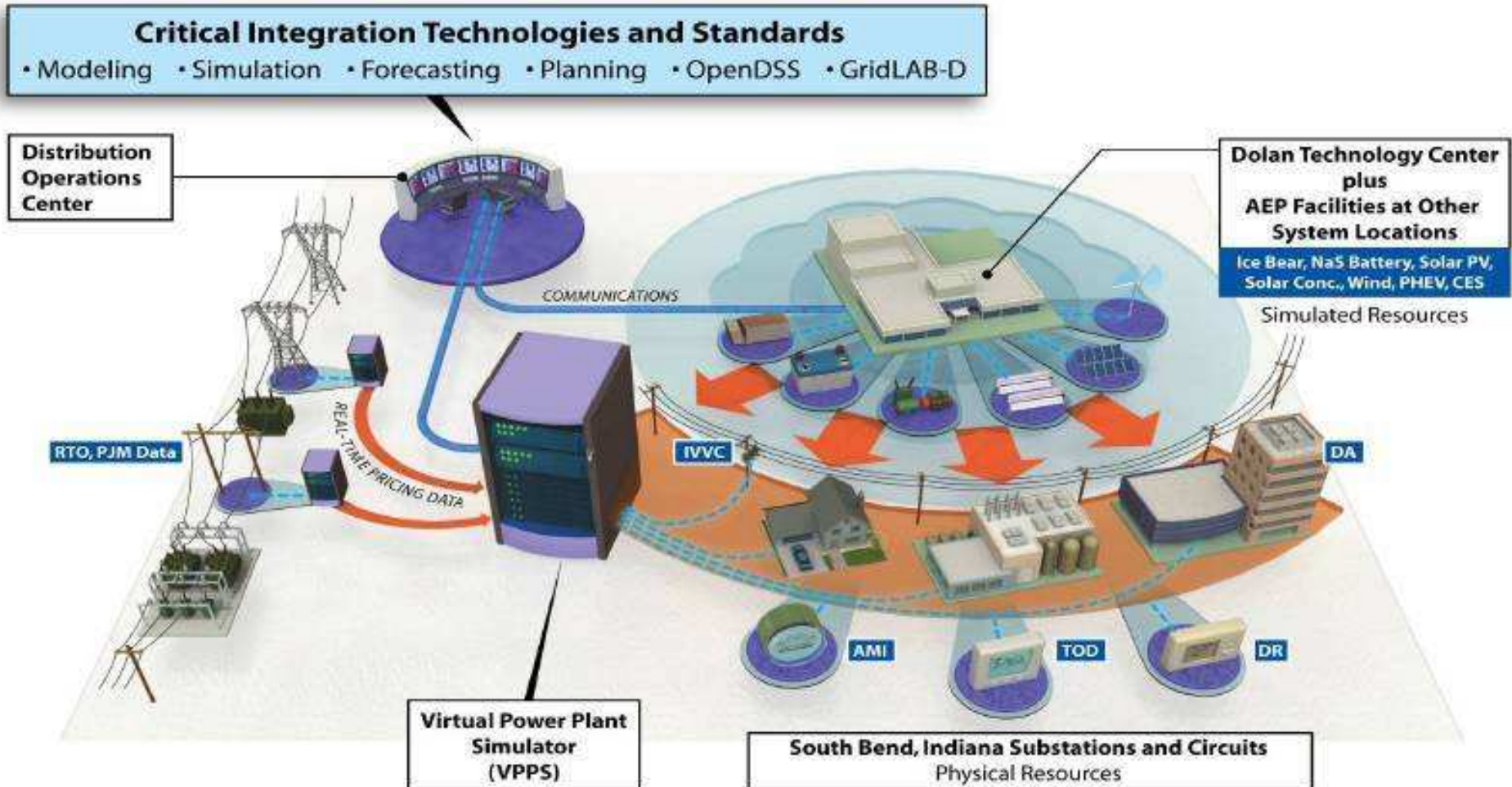


# ESB Networks (Ireland)

## A Roadmap for Smart Grid Networks



# American Electric Power Virtual Power Plant Simulator



# KCP&L Smart Grid Demo Project

## The Green Impact Zone

### Project Summary

A Concentrated Smart Grid and Energy Efficiency Demonstration Area

#### • Smart Customer

- Energy Display
- Thermostats
- H-EMS Portal

#### • Efficiency Programs

- Residential Rebates
- C&I Rebates
- Other

#### • Distributed Generation

- Solar Demonstration

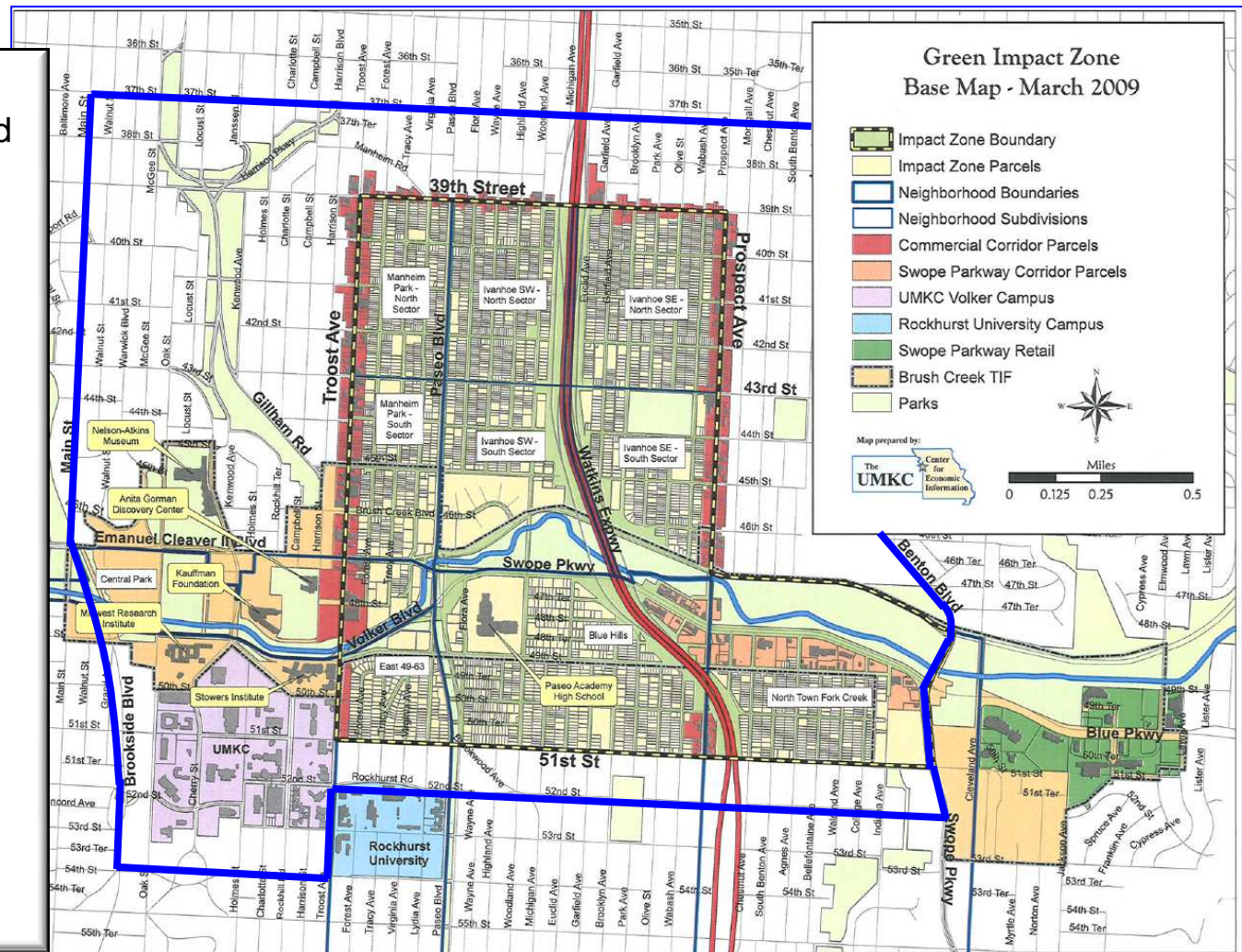
#### • AMI

#### • Distribution Automation

#### • Smart Substation

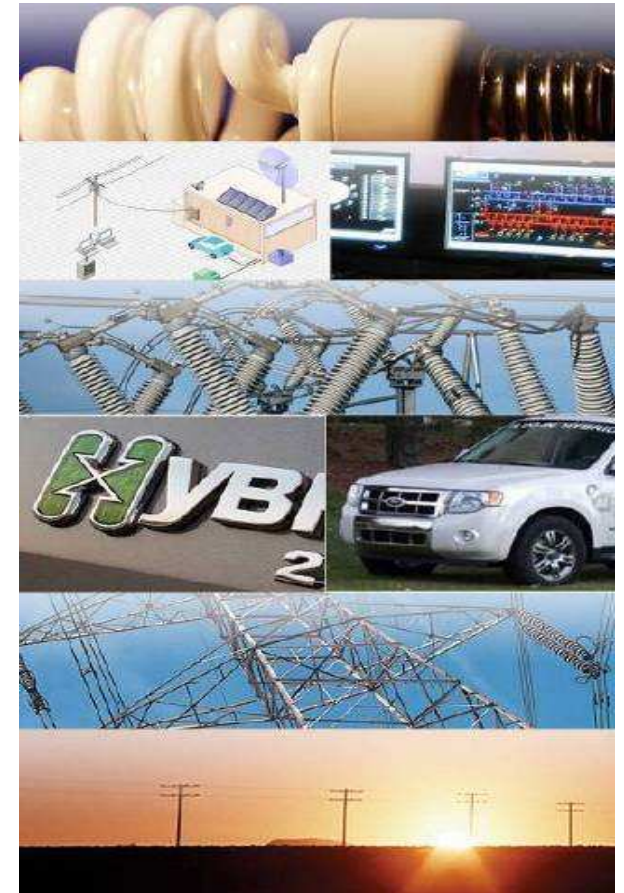
#### • Distributed Storage

- Bulk Battery

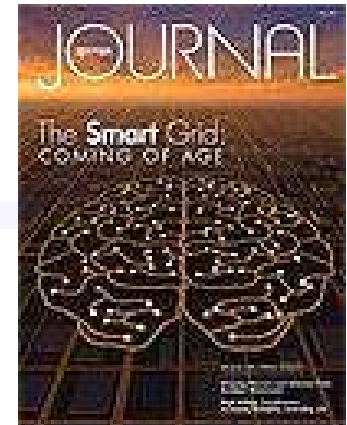


# Conclusions

- Electricity technology is key to our low carbon future
- The smart grid is an enabler of innovation
  - Low-carbon options
  - Customer empowerment
- Effects of feedback on consumer behavior appear positive; more work is needed
- R&D and demonstrations are critical to getting to our low carbon future



# Resources



## *The Power to Reduce CO2 Emissions: The Full Portfolio 2009 Technical Report*

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