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## Microgrids

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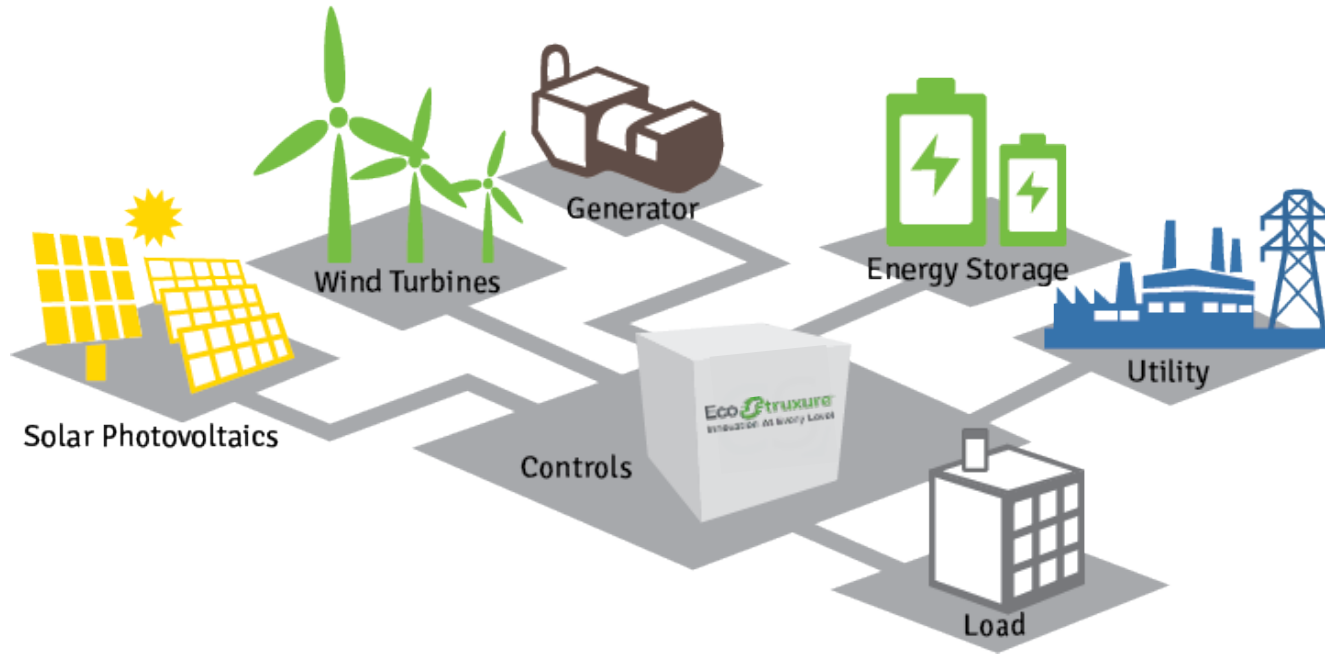
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## Overview

# What is a Microgrid?

An **integrated energy system** consisting of **interconnected loads** and **distributed energy resources**...



...which as an integrated system can be **controlled as a single entity** and operate in **parallel with the grid** or in an intentional *islanded* mode.

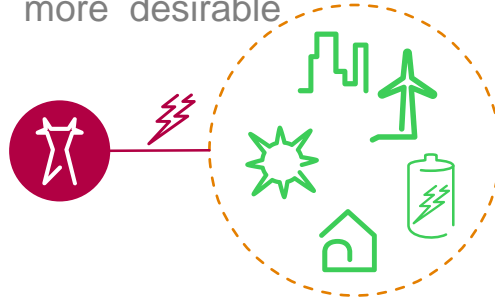
# Types of Microgrids

On-site renewables, energy storage and power generation facilities utilized in parallel with grid



**Grid-tied**

Microgrid will generate energy from local sources in the case of a grid outage OR other external event which makes local energy more desirable



**Island-mode**

Microgrid will generate energy from local source



**Off-grid**

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## Drivers

# Energy Transition – Global Electricity Demand

40% increase by 2030 – IEA

18% population growth by 2030 – 7.1b

Global urbanization

Access to energy for developing countries

Increasing electrical appliances

Increased electrical usage –cars/heating



# Energy Transition – CO2 Emissions & Fossil Fuel Reduction

CO2 emissions from electricity generation account for 45% of world energy related emissions

Depends on quantity of electricity produced and mix of generation

Quantity – expected to increase as related to demand

Mix – move to cleaner sources





# Energy Transition – Resiliency

Developed countries

Aging power grid/infrastructure

Little resilience for disruption/instability

Power outages >1h increasing

US blackouts -\$100b p.a. – 68% - 73%  
weather related disruptions



# Energy Transition – Access to Energy

17% global population do not have access to electricity (2013)

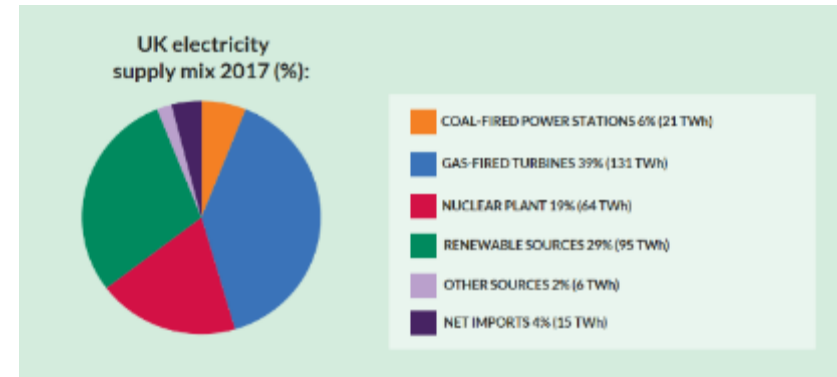
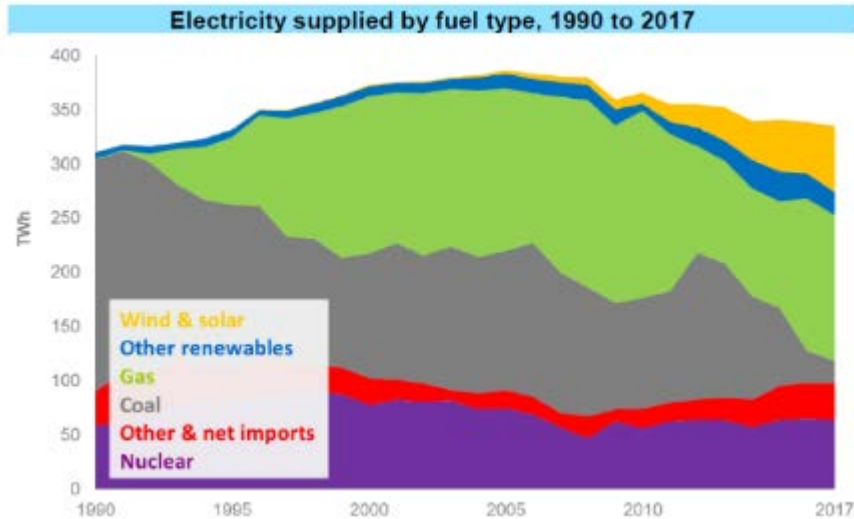
Unreliable/poor supply

95% sub-Saharan Africa and developing Asian countries – rural areas

UN Millennium Development Goal – productive use of energy leading to improvement in living conditions



# UK Energy 2017

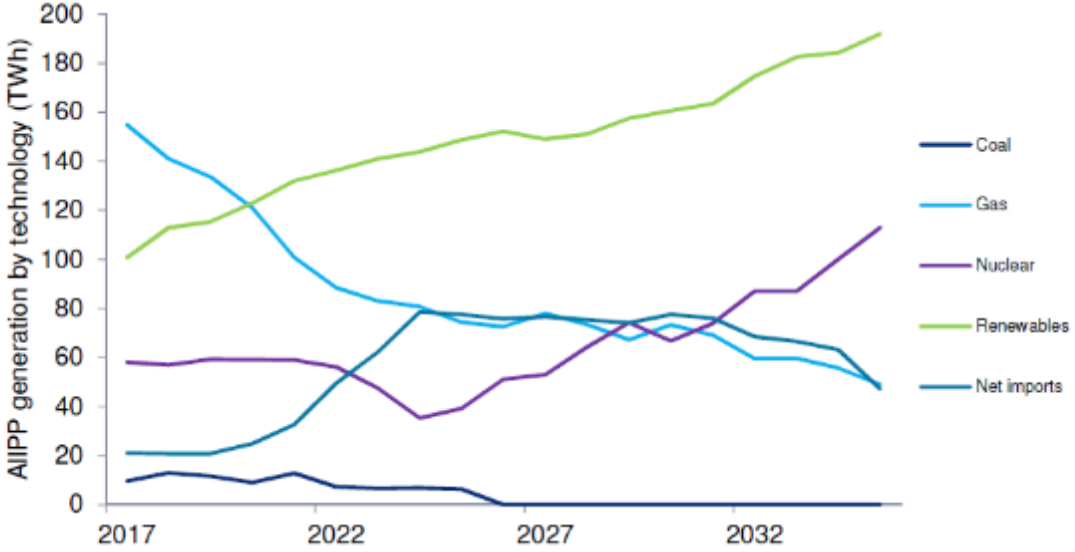


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# Projected UK Energy Mix



Ref: Updated Energy and Emissions projections 2017, BEIS, January 2018

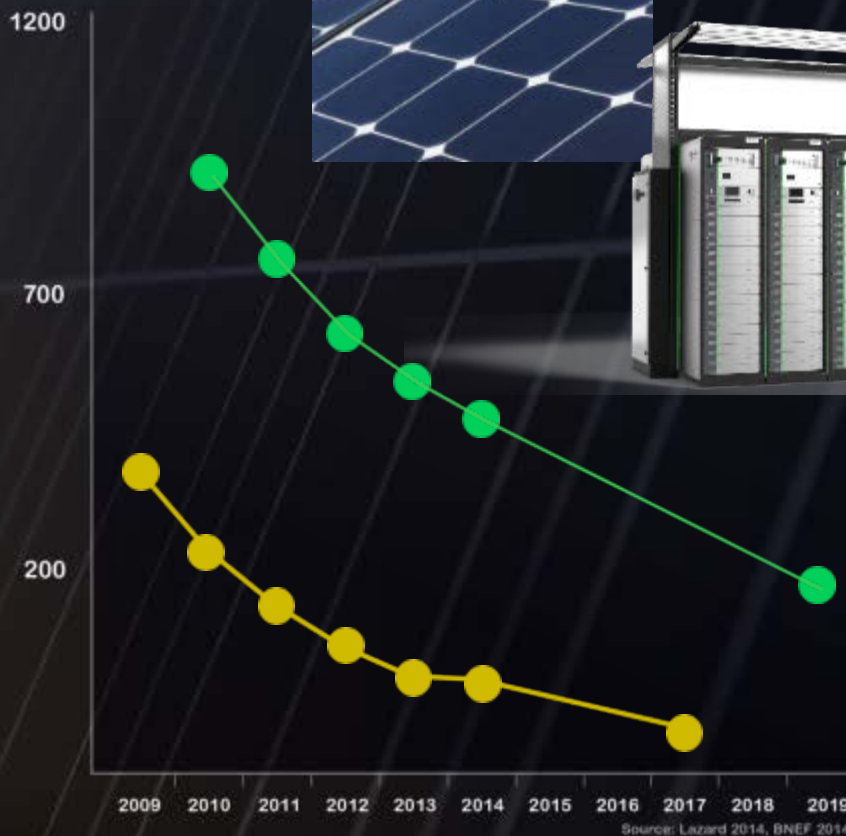


# Declining cost of Renewables and Storage

solar cost has decreased by 80% in the past 7 years

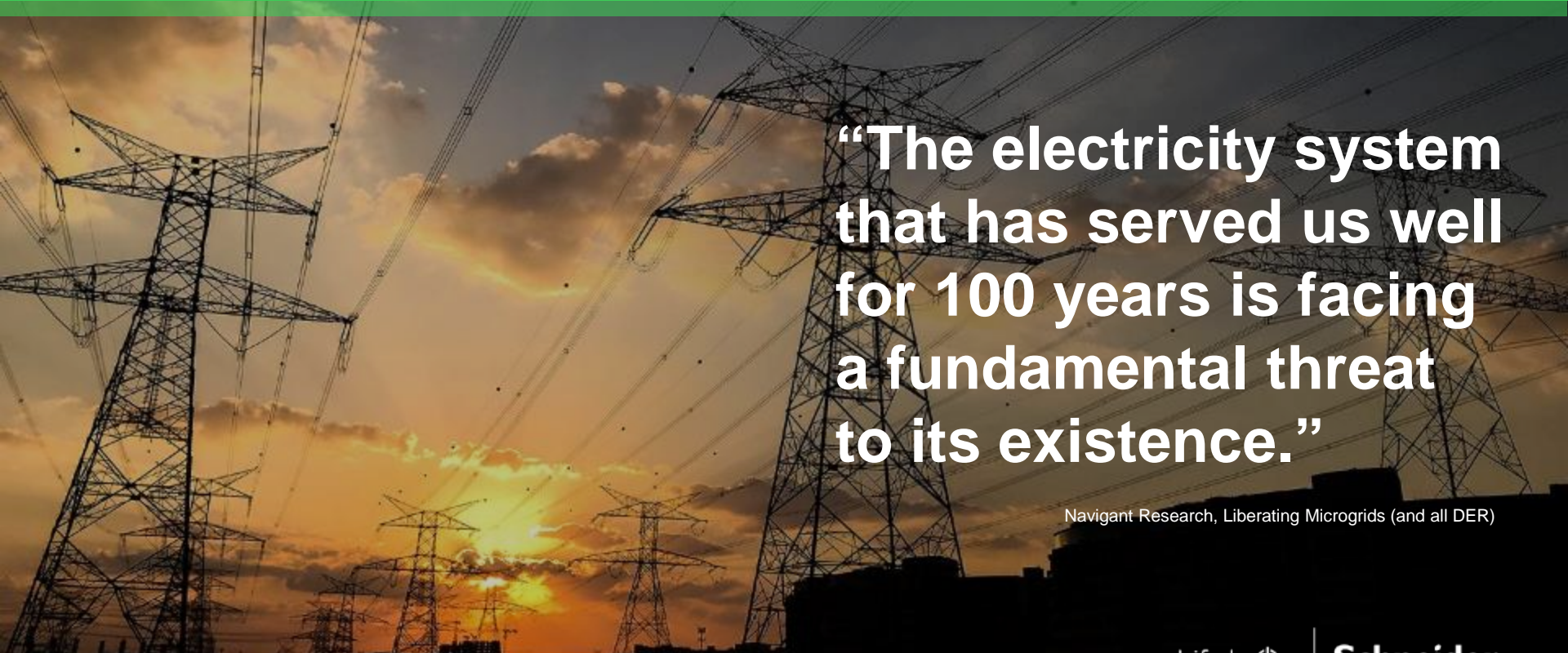
Solar and Storage costs are diving as we speak – both dropping by a factor of 5 in the past 4-5 years.

- Li-Ion Battery Costs (\$/kWh)
- Solar PV LCOE (\$/MWh)



Source: Lazard 2014, BNEF 2014

# On the brink of disruption



**“The electricity system that has served us well for 100 years is facing a fundamental threat to its existence.”**

Navigant Research, Liberating Microgrids (and all DER)

# Changing Landscape

**2017**

***Saturday 25 March*** - The transmissions system demand in Great Britain was for the first time ever lower during the afternoon than it was overnight due to **high solar PV generation**.

***Friday 21 April*** - Britain went a full day **without using coal power** for the first time since the industrial revolution.

48% electricity generated from fossil fuel – 75% in 2010

**Q2 2018**

Renewable energy generation - 31.7% total generation capacity.

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# From simple and linear



Centralized  
generation



Transmission &  
distribution



End-use  
consumption



# Added distributed energy resources



Centralized generation



Transmission & distribution



End-use consumption



Distributed energy resources

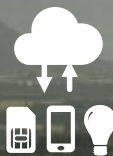
# To increasingly complex and multidirectional



Centralized generation



Transmission & distribution



End-use consumption



Distributed energy resources





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## Potential Applications

# Different applications, customers, geographies and market dynamics

Working around the same value proposition to different market categories



## Prosumers

- Commercial buildings
  - Research/business campus
  - Hospital
  - Data Centre
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- Minimize energy bills
  - Higher integration of renewable energy
  - Greater resiliency

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# Different applications, customers, geographies and market dynamics

Working around the same value proposition to different market categories



## Smart Districts

- City campuses
  - Eco districts
  - Small municipalities
  - Green villages
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## Remote Communities

- Islands
- Remote villages
- Communities
  
- High integration of renewable energy to minimize fuel dependency
- Minimizing environmental and energy costs
- Can benefit from microgrid optimization and management technologies

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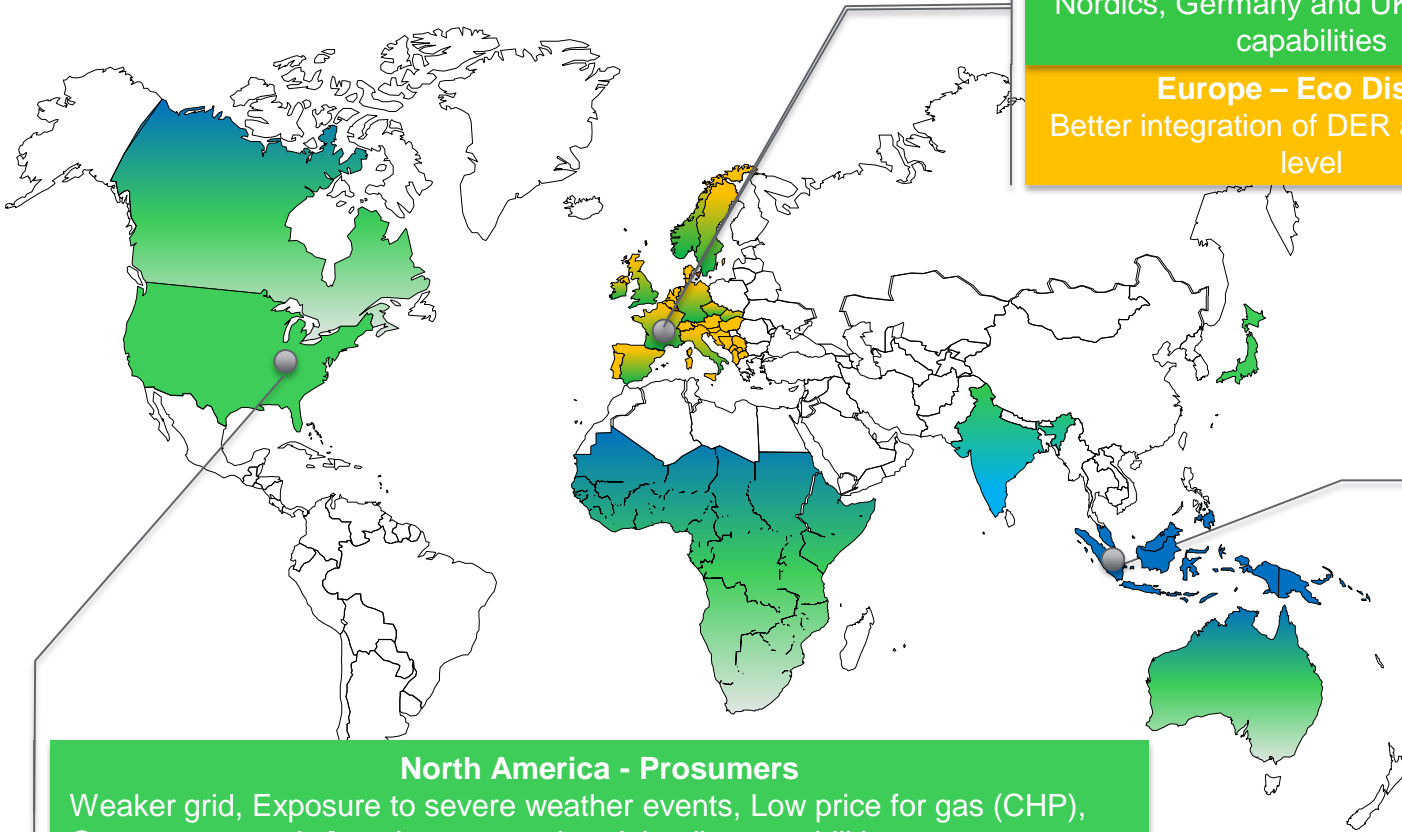
## Remote Sites

- Military bases
  - Mines
  - Industrial sites
  - Resorts
  - Isolated buildings
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- High reliability for energy
  - Integration of low carbon renewable energy
  - Optimisation of both cost and environmental benefit

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# Geographical dynamics & priority



**Europe – Prosumers**  
Strong grid, more and more DER to integrate, looking for new services  
Nordics, Germany and UK – Islanding capabilities

**Europe – Eco District**  
Better integration of DER at the district level

Prosumers

Remote Microgrids

Eco District

**North America - Prosumers**  
Weaker grid, Exposure to severe weather events, Low price for gas (CHP), Government push & end-user appetite - Islanding capabilities

**Asia & Pacific – Remote Microgrid**  
Access to Energy, Alternative to diesel generation, weak or no grid



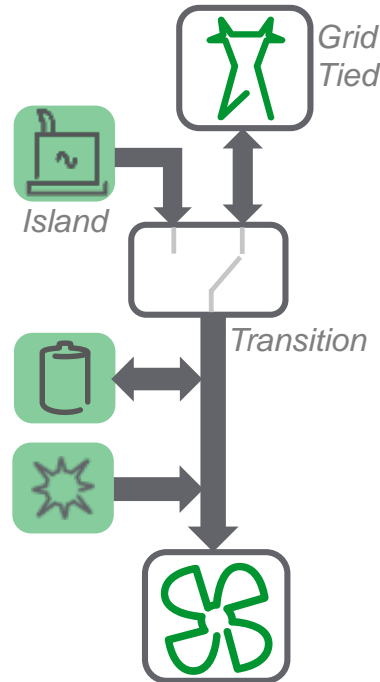
# Microgrids “Treble Triplet”

“Its about making wise choices at the intersection between energy smartly acquired, locally produced and efficiently consumed!”

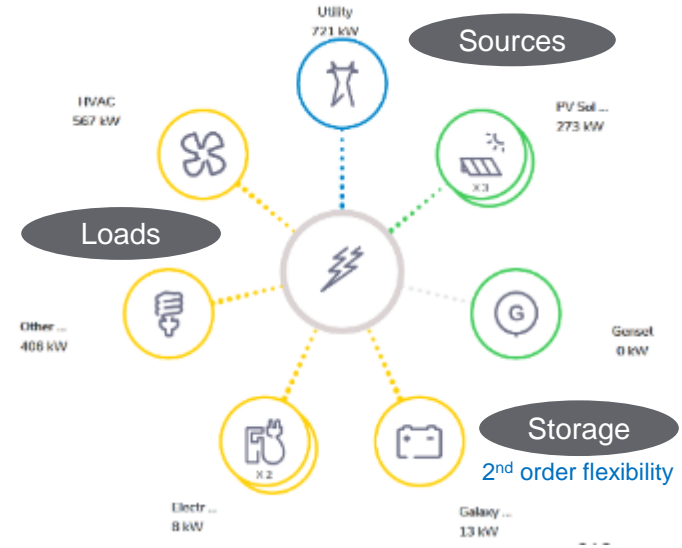
## Prosumer Outcomes



## Power System Architecture & Operating Modes



## Energy Flexibilities & Optimization



# Microgrid Advisor and Onsite Controls



- > **Predictive** DER management
- > Forecast when to **produce, store or sell** energy
  - > Data storage and **reporting**
- > **Cloud-based Accessible** from anywhere
  - > Interfaces with energy markets
  - > Weather forecasts (DTN)



Client Constraints



Weather forecast



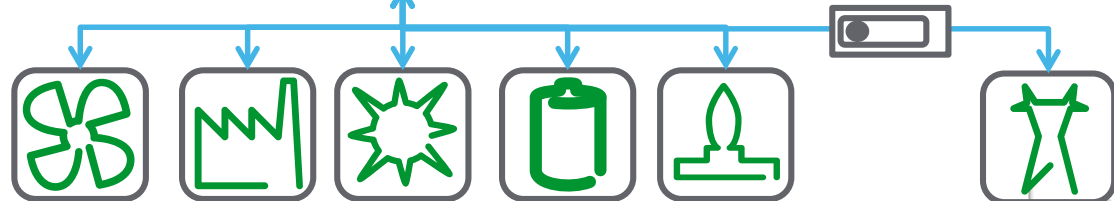
Energy market pricing



Demand response requests



- > Reactive DER management
- > Ensures microgrid real time stability & reliability
- > Manage of connect/disconnect from the grid
- > Optimize energy production & use



# Microgrid Requirements

## Cloud services

- Ancillary services
- Optimization Services

## Supervision, HMI & Data Management

- Data Management
- Communication
- Remote and local Interfaces

## Microgrid control

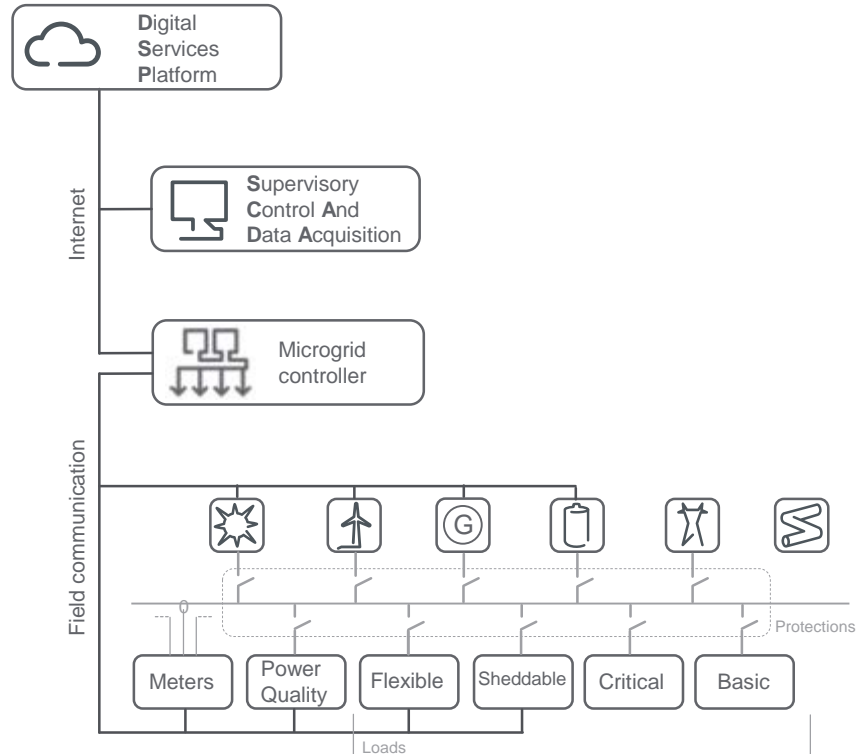
- Energy Management execution
- Power Management

## Distributed Energy Resources

- Gensets, CHP, inverters for storage, PV or wind

## Protections & Metering

- Protection schemes
- Loads flexibility management
- Power Quality & Metering



# Sheddable loads

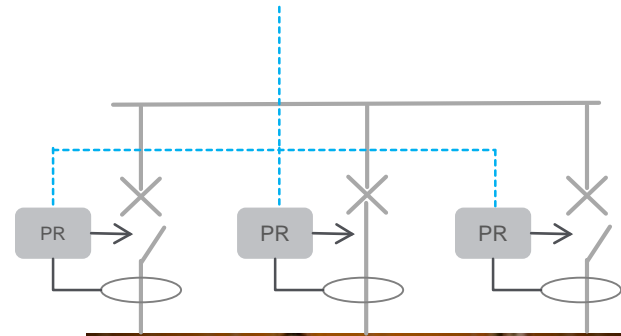
Load preservation system = load shedding

In case of islanded mode from the utility, local generation is usually not sufficient to feed the total loads site.

- This is the purpose of the Load Preservation System (LPS) or Load shedding system to maintain the critical loads up and running.
- This functionality is implemented as part of the MicroGrid controller.
- Critical and non critical loads have to be determined
- Switches have to be replaced with circuit breaker for faster reaction to load preservation orders
- The LPS System usually only open breakers. Reclosure of breakers is usually a manual operation.



Microgrid Controller



# Engineering studies

## Microgrid technical & economic sizing

- Bidirectional energy flow – protection relays for grid/island mode
- Local flexible loads sizing, power supplies, including renewable sources and storage according to the Microgrid power requirements
- Goal is to define the best configuration (Genset, PV, storage, biomass,etc) in order to minimise the LCOE (Levelized Cost of Electricity) – installed cost/lifetime energy generated
- Fault levels
- Harmonics – battery/PV inverters
- Switching speeds – battery UPS
- Protection and discrimination modelling
- Load shedding - critical and non critical loads have to be determined

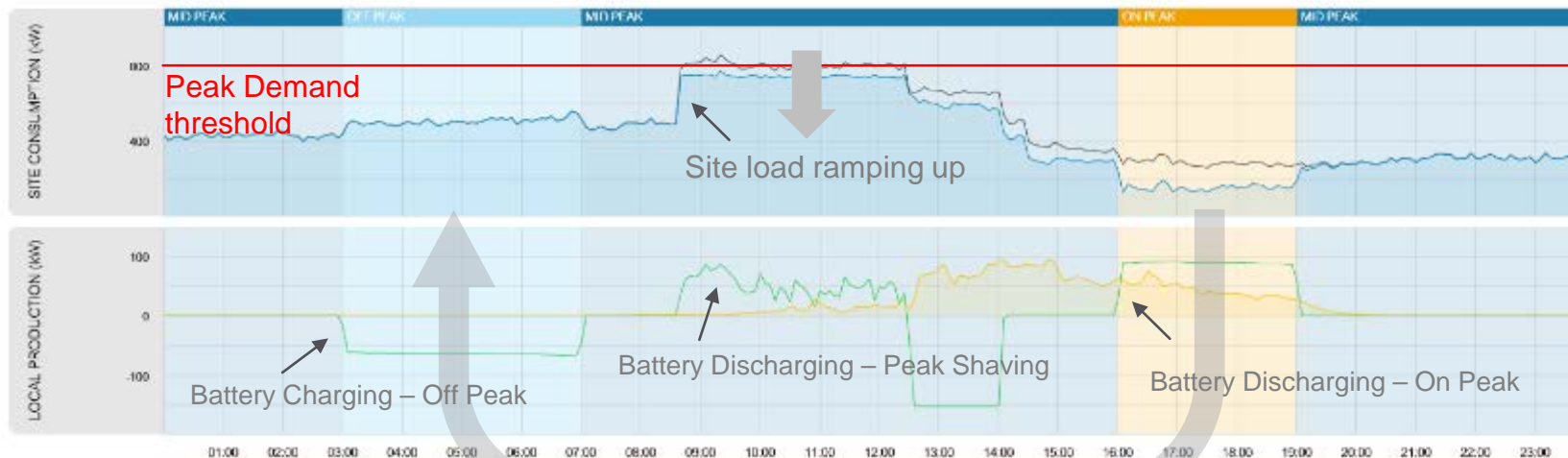
# Forecasting and Optimisation

## When to consume, produce, store, or sell energy

Example 1: Charge an energy storage system during “off peak” period and discharge during “on peak” period

Example 2: Discharge energy storage to avoid Peak Demand Charges

- Remote Monitoring of DER
- Tariff Management
- Demand Control
- Self Consumption
- Demand Response
- Island Mode



— Solar PV — UPS Storage — Utility kW — Site kW

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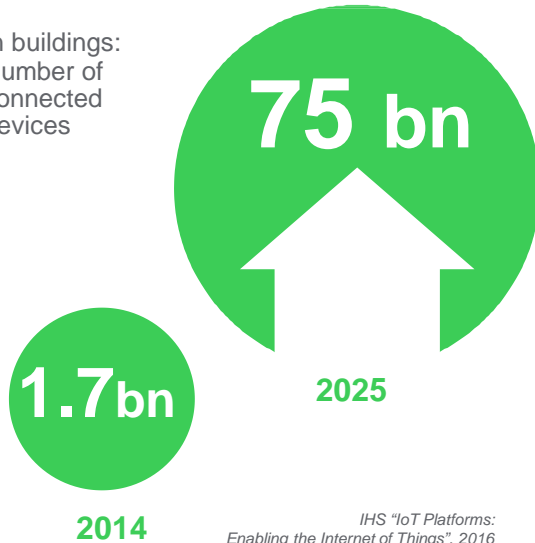
# Digitisation

# Accelerating the transformation

## Digitization

of data

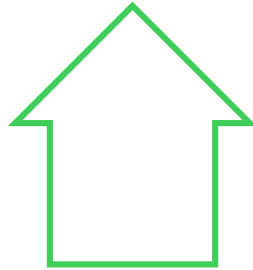
In buildings:  
Number of  
connected  
devices



## Decentralization

of assets

### Corporate investment

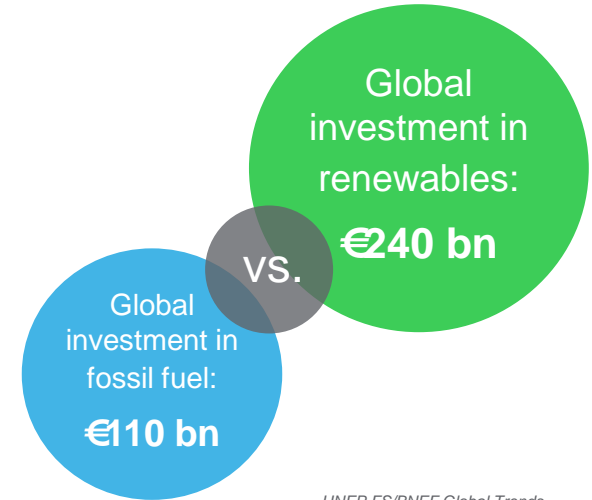


Over **55%** of companies now  
have on-site generation

Bloomberg New Energy Finance

## Decarbonization

of grid



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# The 3Ds – A Common Theme

The screenshot shows a webpage with a dark background and a grid of four articles. The articles are titled: 'Decarbonisation', 'Decentralisation', 'Digitisation', and 'Democratisation'. Each article has a small image and a brief text snippet. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'CONTACT', 'SOLUTIONS', 'SERVICES', 'PARTNERS', 'PRESS', and 'CAREERS'.

The screenshot shows a webpage with a dark background and a large, stylized image of a city at night. The main text reads 'Decarbonisation, decentralisation, digitisation: the changing energy landscape'. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'CONTACT', 'SOLUTIONS', 'SERVICES', 'PARTNERS', 'PRESS', and 'CAREERS'.

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# Technology is the solution.

## Technology Dimension

Biotech

Neurotech

Nanotech

+

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## Human Factor

Decentralisation

Demographics.

Social connection

Democratisation

Computing Power.

Sensors.

Communications

Renewable Energy.

Energy Storage

Robotics & Drones

Mixed Reality

Simulation

Blockchain

3 D Printing

Data – Insights.

- Cheaper Faster more powerful.

- Cheaper smaller more powerful.

- 5G Wireless – Fiber

- Clean, Cheap Energy

- Clean, Cheap reliable Energy

- Automation of physical work

- Simulation, Modeling

- Digital Twin, Modeling

- Speed & security of transaction,

- Fast, Flexible Manufacturing

- Making the unknown known.

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# Case Study

## Boston One Campus

**Type:** Schneider Electric NAM HQ, R&D center, islandable

**Location:** Boston, USA

**Size:** 1 MW

**Completed:** 2017

### Customer pain point

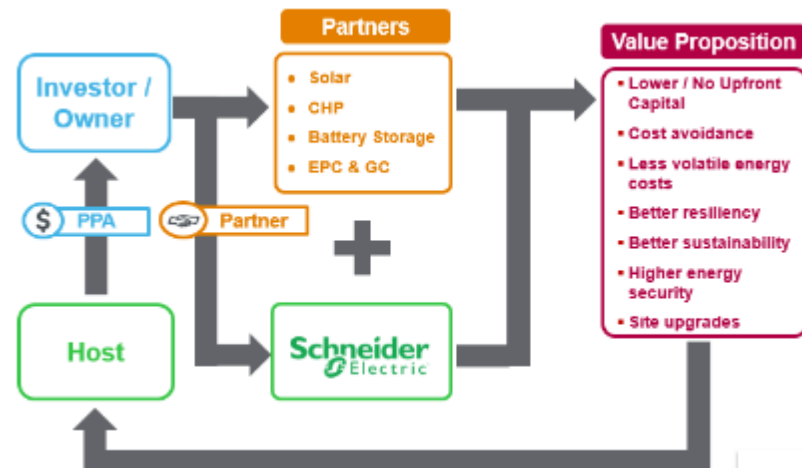
Energy reliability, renewable integration, willingness to demonstrate microgrid technologies, to develop and test them + creating new business model

### Solution

Microgrid as a service business model with Duke energy, delivering advance microgrid solutions with no upfront cost

### Scope

- EcoStruxure™ Microgrid Operation and EcoStruxure™ Microgrid Advisor provided by Schneider Electric
- DER: PV from REC solar, Energy Storage, EV charging Stations



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## Summary



## Microgrid - A local, interconnected energy system within clearly defined electrical boundaries

- Incorporates loads and decentralized energy resources, including storage
- Multiple energy sources
- Grid connected or off grid mode
- A single entity with its own independent control in both modes
- Power range from several kW to multiple MW, voltage range up to MV