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How Far We Have Come...

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Future Power Grid Initiative

Challenge



Accommodate Millions of Electric Vehicles



Manage Smart Loads



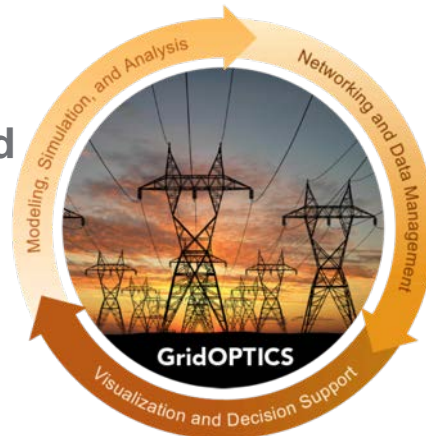
Integrate Renewables



Maintain Reliability

Approach

Modeling and Simulation



Networking and Data Management

Visualization and Decision Support

Impact

- Bridging operation and planning to enable seamless grid management and control
- Integrating transmission and distribution in end-to-end grid modeling and simulation
- Managing large-scale data in real time with high reliability and security

What's In A Name??



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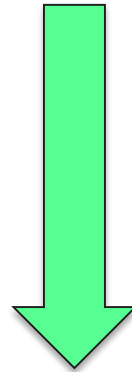
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VOLTRON – Defender of the Universe

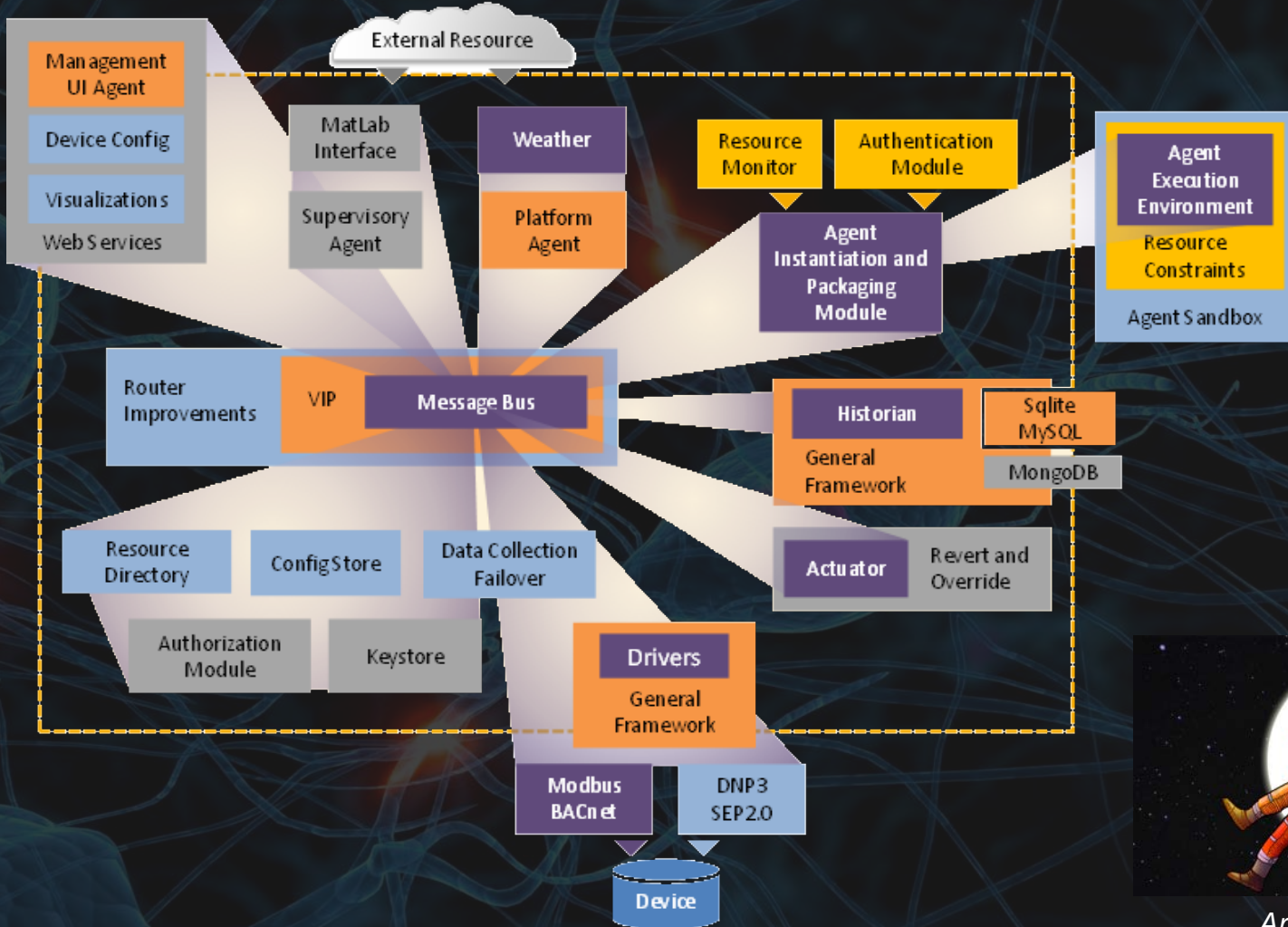


Survey Says.....*VOLTRON*TM

**Intelligent Networked Sensors Capable of Autonomous,
Adaptive Operations in the Electric Power System**



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Art by Ten Hundred

The Genesis of a GREAT Idea!

DISTRIBUTION WORKSHOP



GTT DISTRIBUTION WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2012

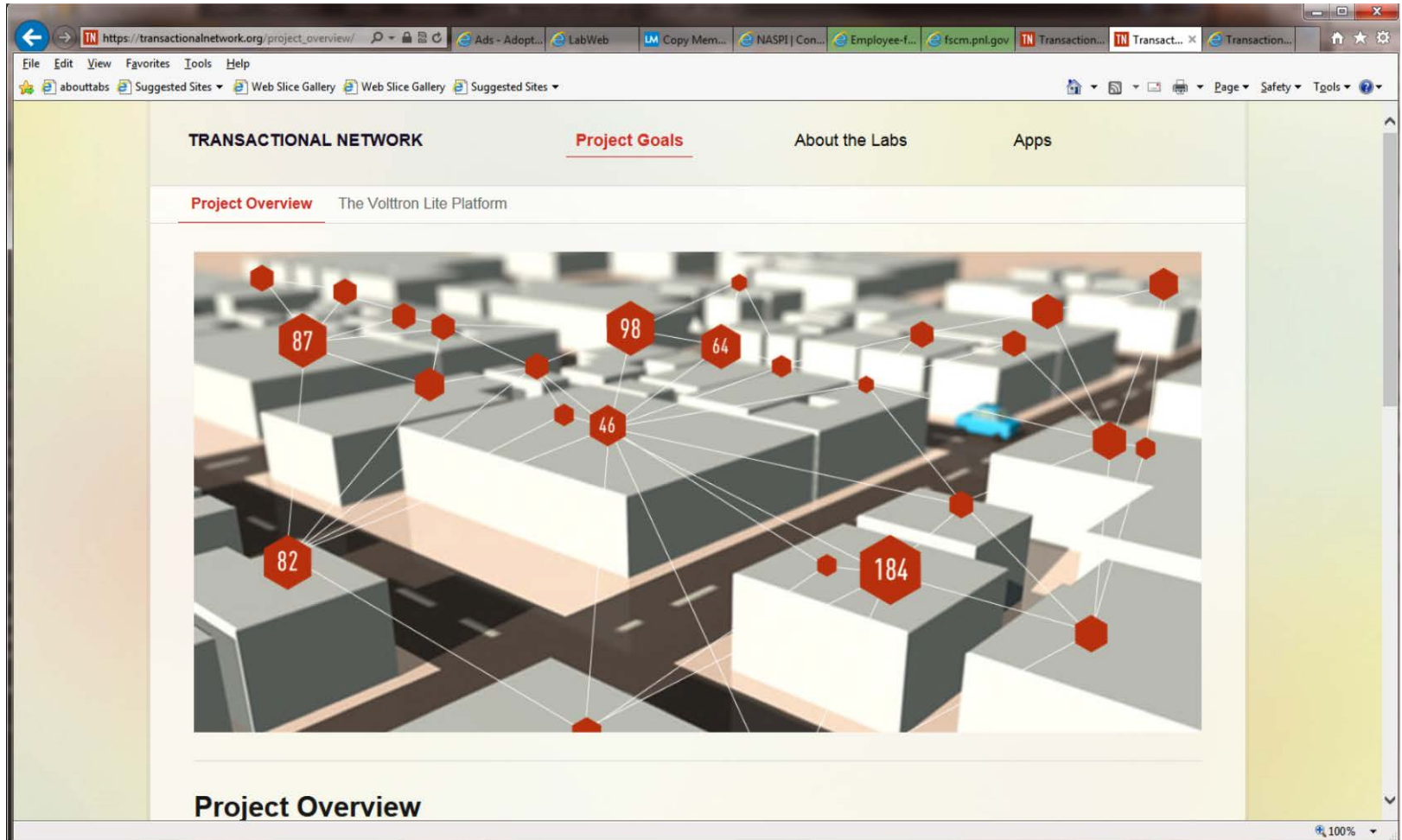
On September 24-26, 2012, the GTT presented a workshop on grid integration on the distribution system at the Sheraton Crystal City near Washington, DC.

This technical workshop was the first in a series addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by the integration of 21st century energy technologies onto the electrical grid.

What Can Building Technologies Office Do?

The Solution.....

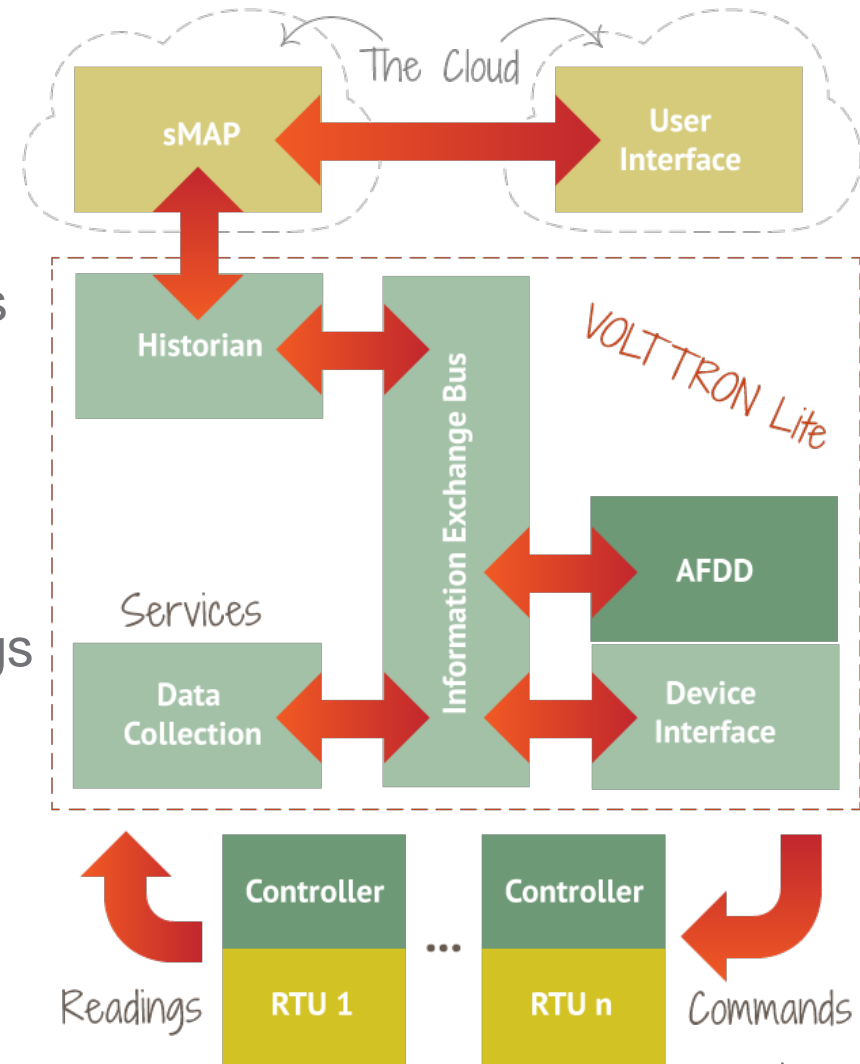
The Transactional Network



The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL https://transactionalnetwork.org/project_overview/. The page features a navigation menu with "Project Goals" selected. Below the menu, the "Project Overview" section is titled "The Volttron Lite Platform". The main content area shows a 3D architectural rendering of a city block with a network overlay. Red hexagonal nodes, some containing numbers (87, 98, 64, 46, 82, 184), are connected by thin white lines, representing a network structure. The browser's address bar and various toolbars are visible at the top of the window.



- The transactional network enables energy saving retrofit solutions AND the networked systems to **transact** with the grid to mitigate variable distributed renewable energy sources
- Initially, the transactional concept is demonstrated using networked RTUs
- In the future, the concept can be extended to network other building systems, interaction between buildings and electric vehicles
- Work is being done at the three national laboratories
 - Pacific Northwest
 - Oak Ridge
 - Lawrence Berkeley

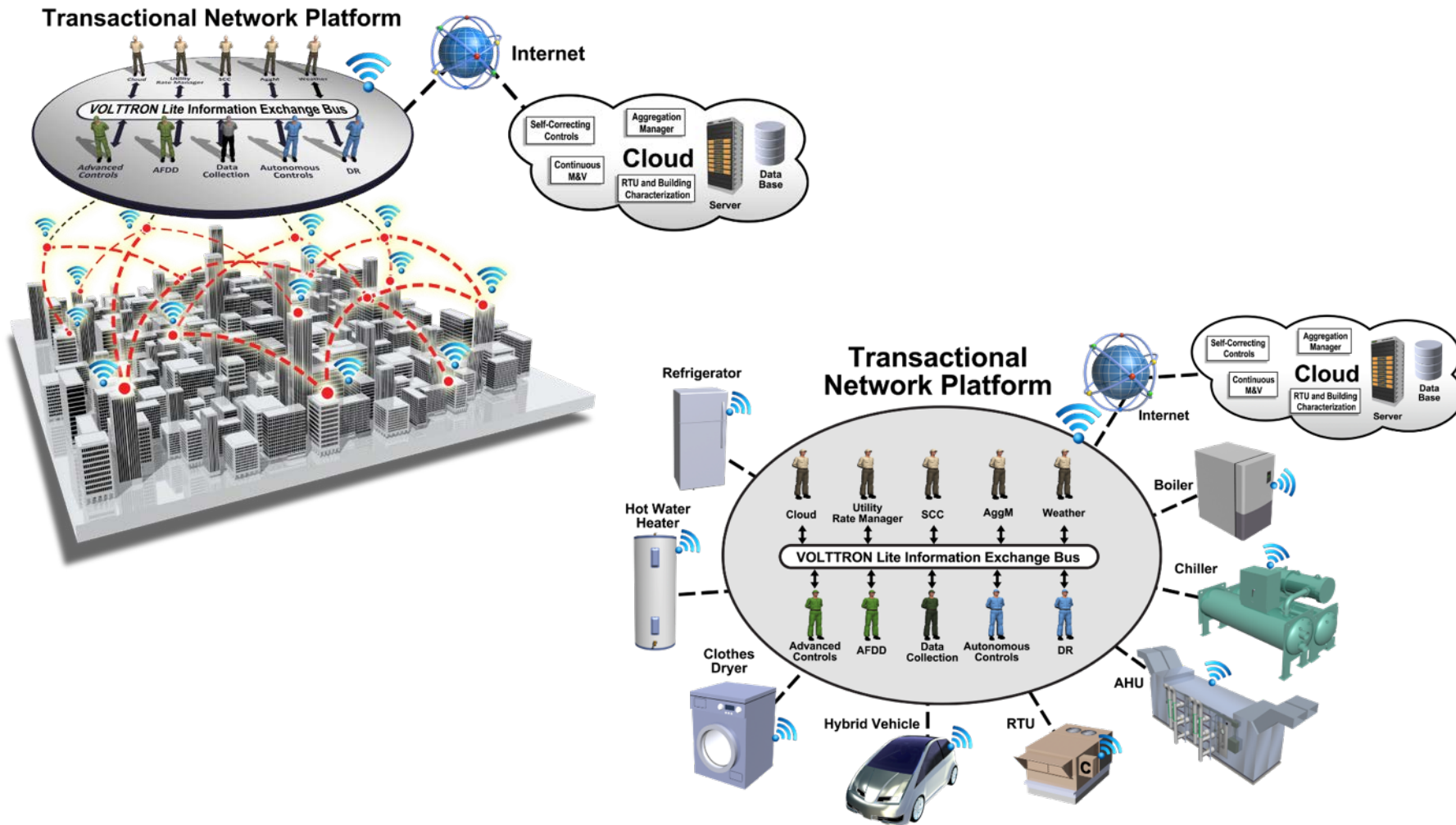


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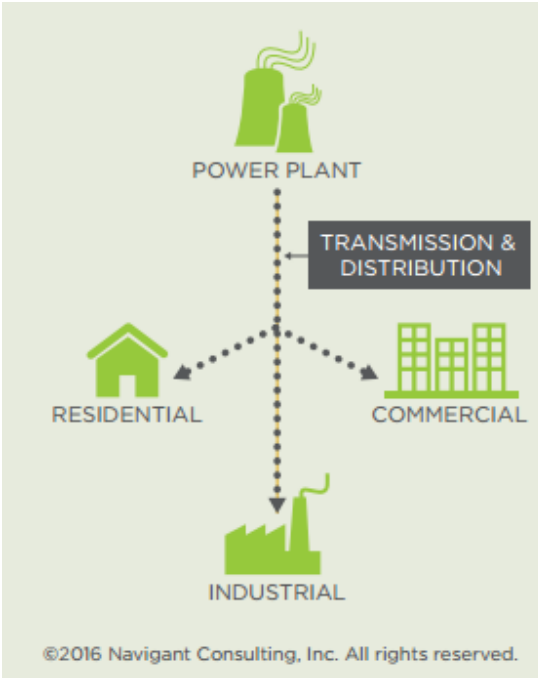
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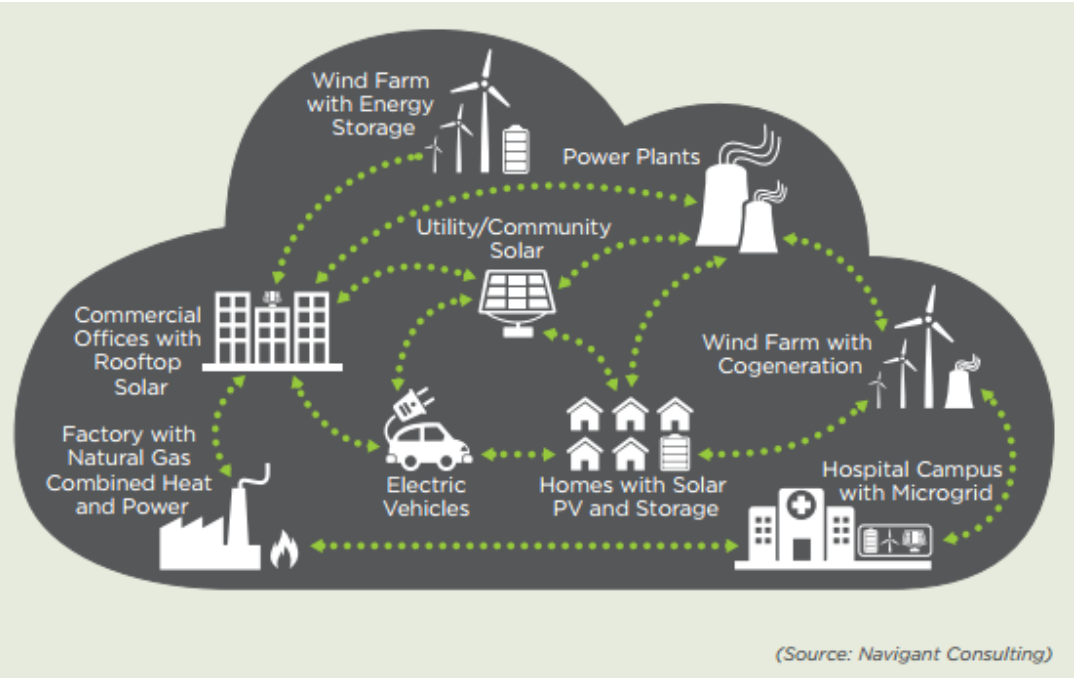
Moving to the New Paradigm

One-Way Power Flows



- Large, centrally located generation facilities
- Designed for one-way energy flow
- Utility controlled
- Technologically inflexible
- Simple market structures and transactions
- Highly regulated (rate base) and pass through

Two-Way Power and Information Exchange



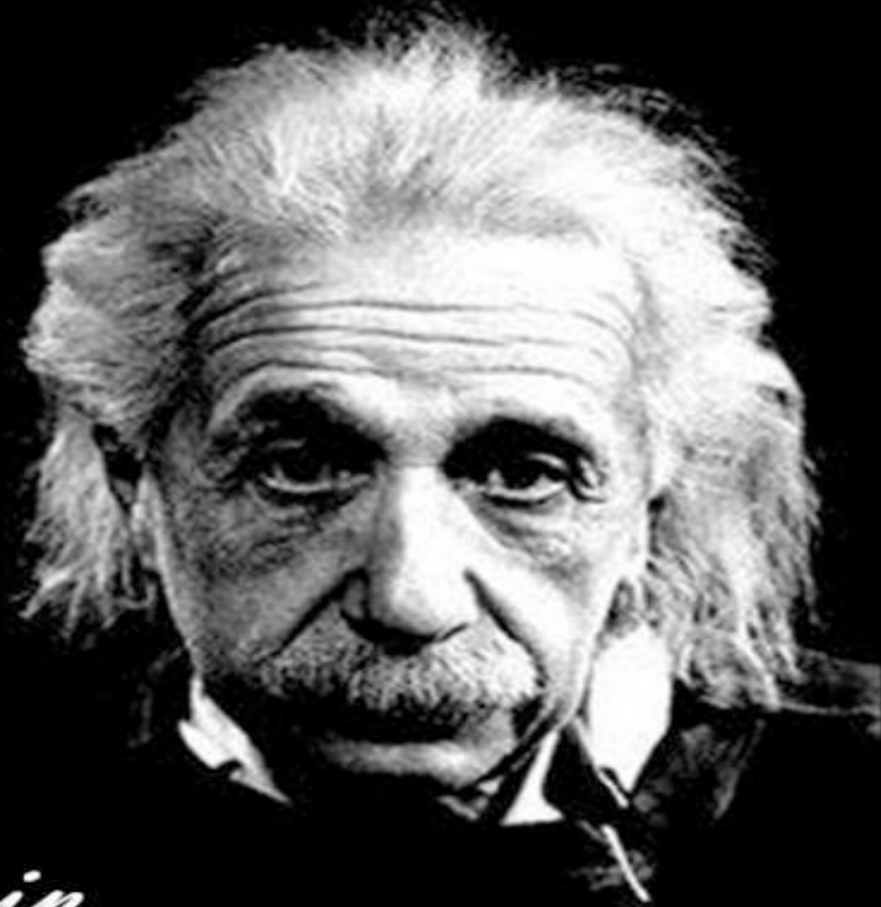
- Distributed energy resources
- Multiple inputs and users, supporting two-way energy flows
- Digitalization of the electric-mechanical infrastructure: smart grid and behind the meter energy management systems
- Flexible, dynamic, and resilient
- Complex market structures and transactions
- Regulation changing rapidly around renewables, distributed generation (solar, micro-grid, storage), net metering etc.



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~ Albert Einstein