

Digital Energy

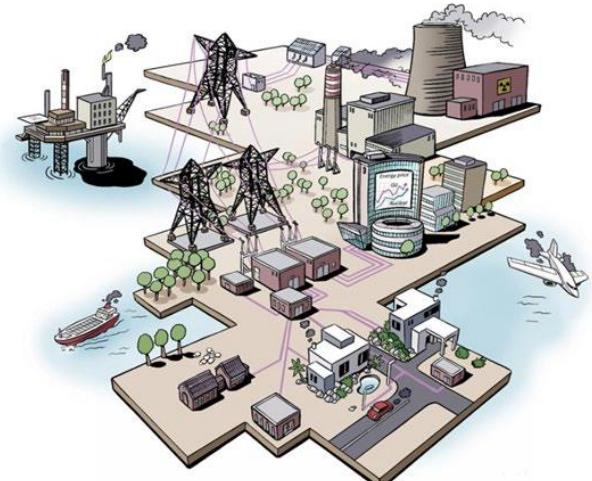
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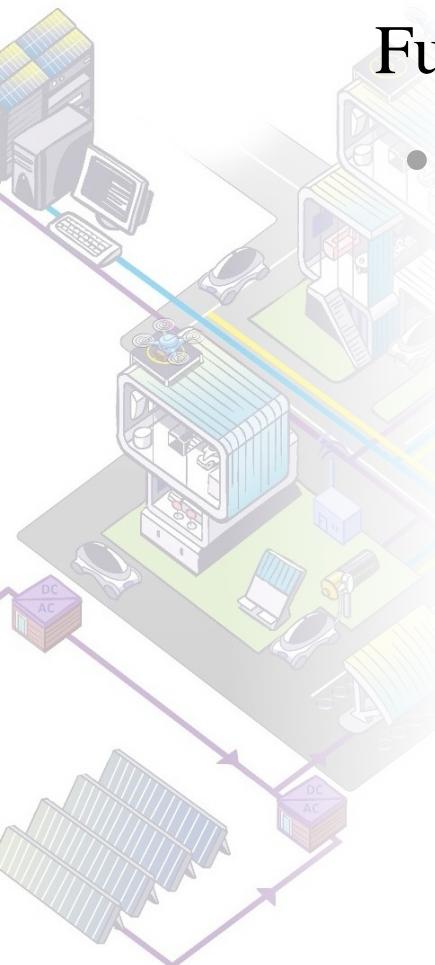
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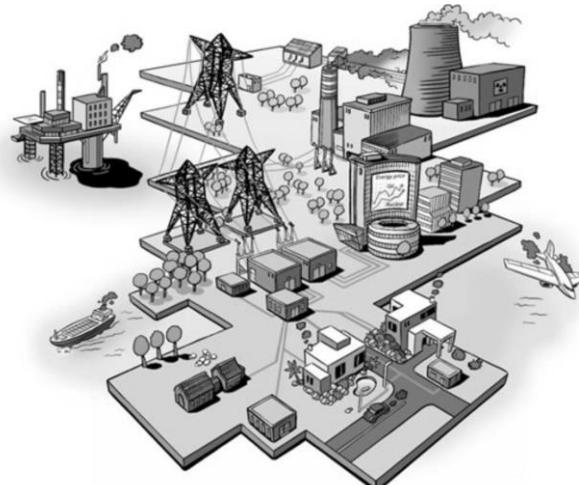


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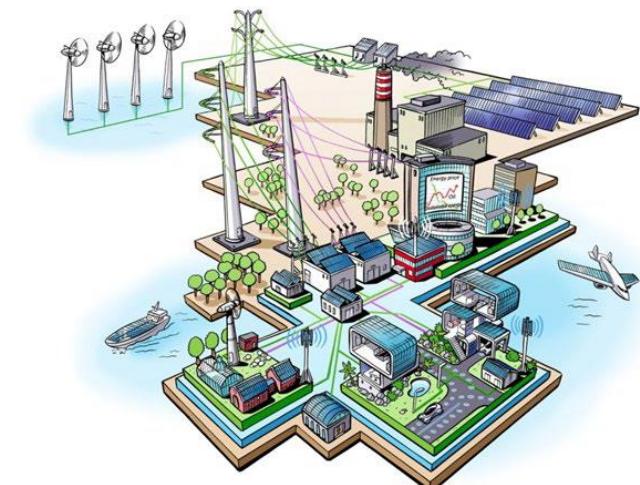
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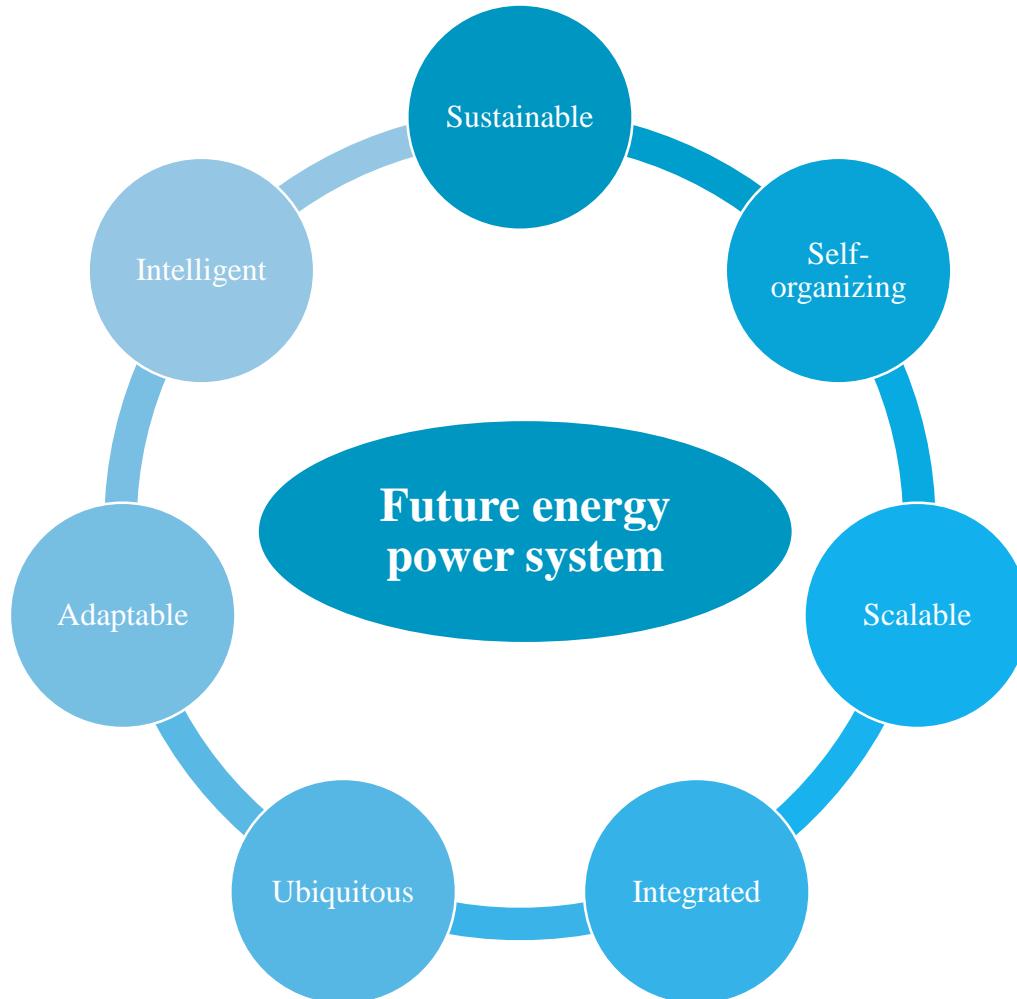
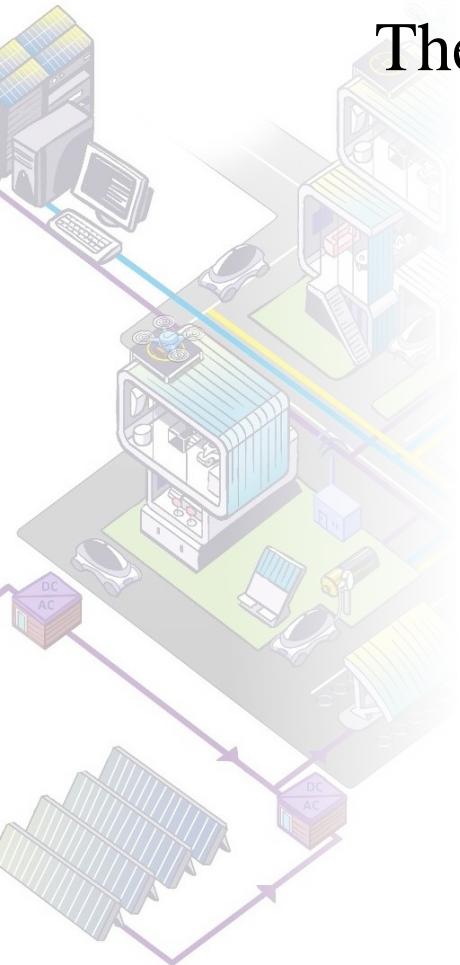


- Future energy framework:
 - Facilitate easy, fair, and efficient
 - Energy generation
 - Energy consumption
 - Energy storage
 - Decentralised flexible operation
 - Peer-to-peer energy trading
 - Modular power systems
 - Intelligent control



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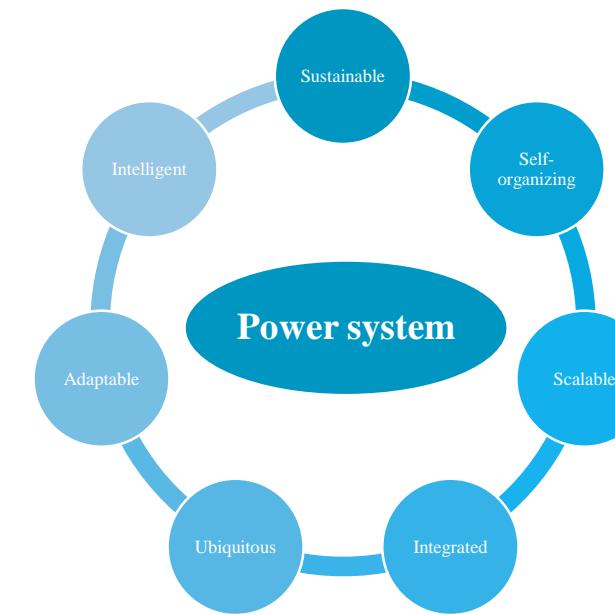


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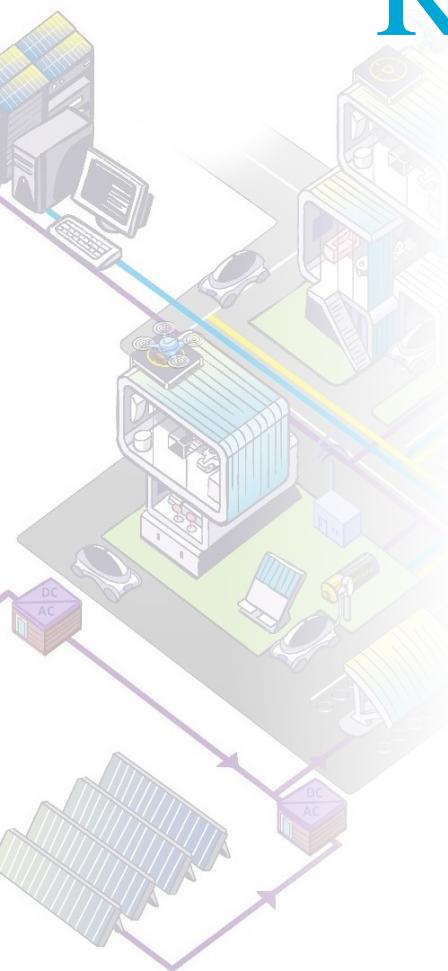
- Digital energy framework:
 - Decentralised exchange of energy
 - Inclusive, affordable, secure and fair system
 - Local energy supply/demand balancing
 - Peer-to-peer energy trading
 - Internet resemblance



Research question

How do we create a sustainable, self-organizing, scalable, integrated and ubiquitous digital energy system that can adapt to various technological, organizational and societal constraints?

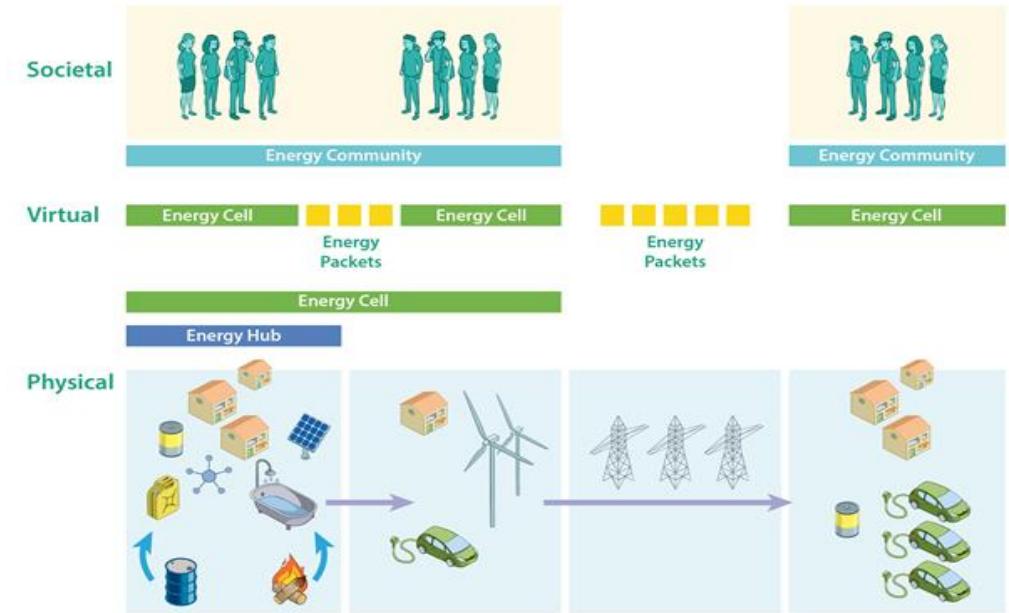
- Framework:
 - Inclusiveness
 - Resilience
 - Fairness
 - Affordability
 - Preparedness
- Flexibility:
 - Disconnect physical layer - service layer



Research proposal

Research program

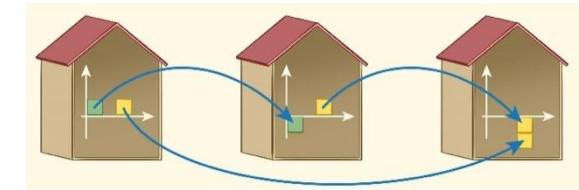
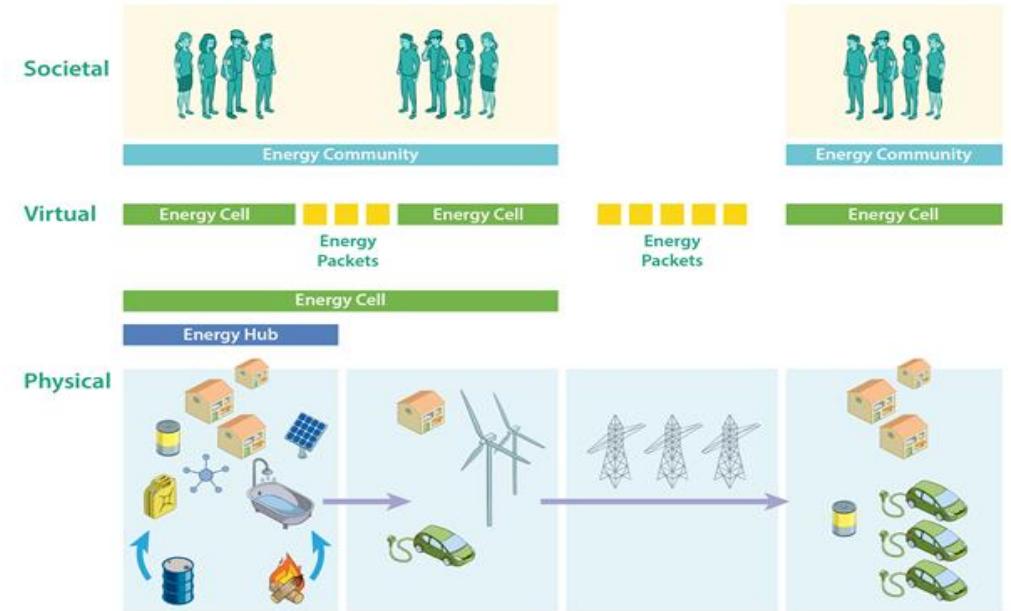
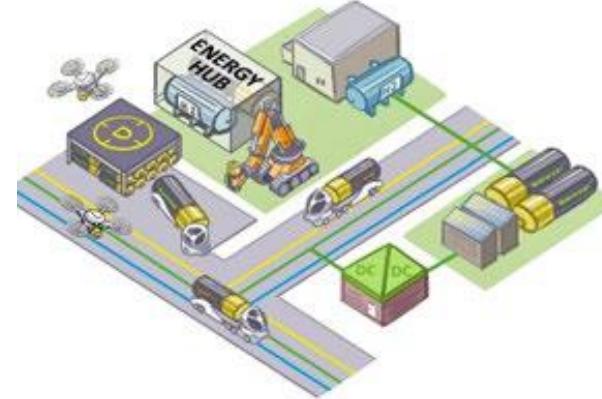
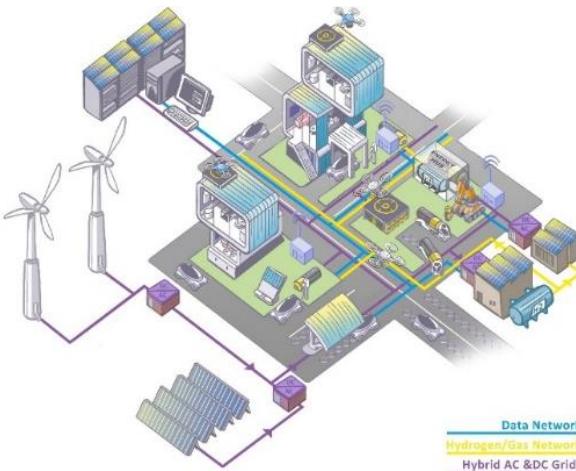
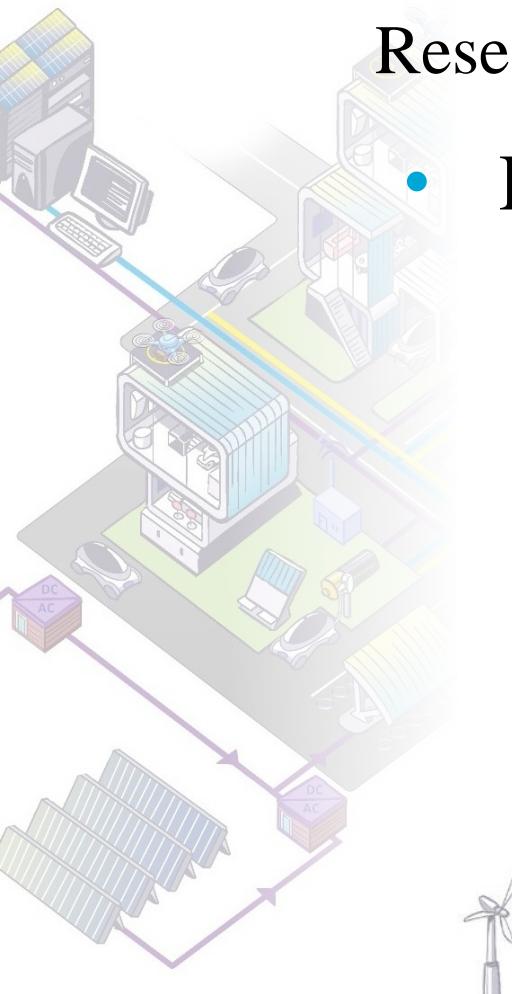
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 - Energy conversion hubs
 - Energy packets
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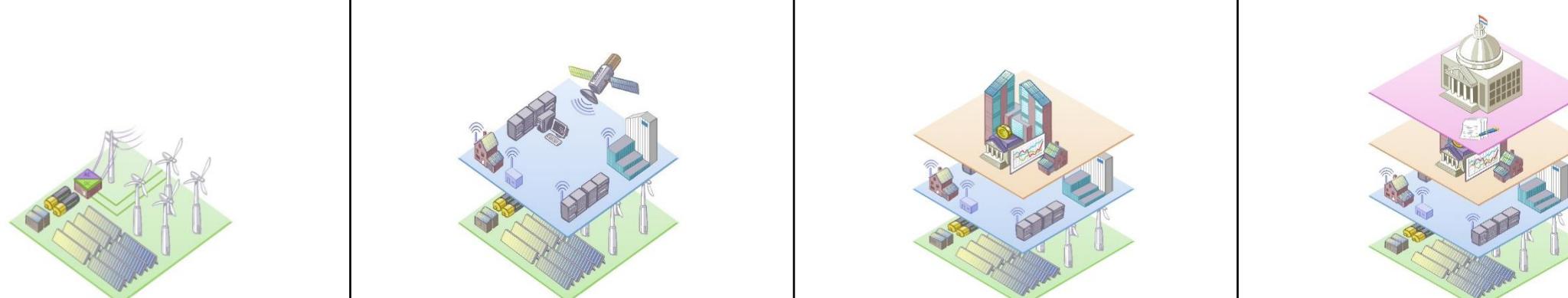
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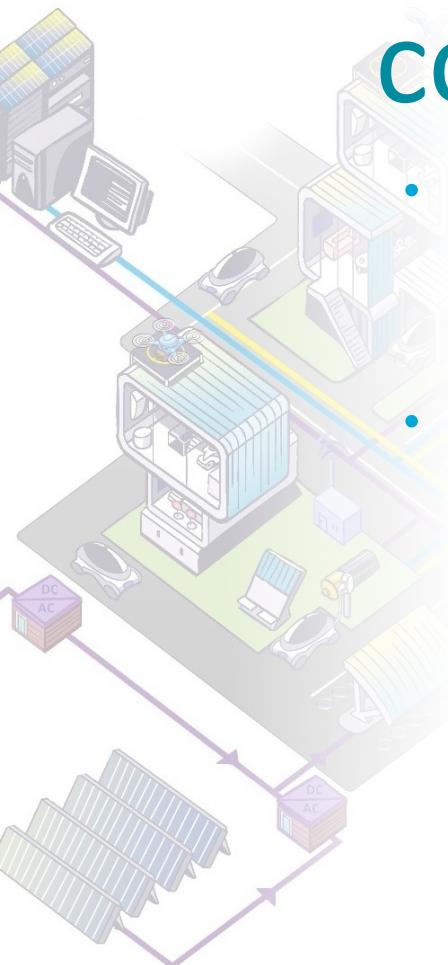
Research aspects

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WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4
Intelligent Hardware	Planning and operation	Market, transition and risks	Social acceptance and energy communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexible solar• Modular energy conversion• Intelligent energy storage• Power routing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtualisation of energy assets• Planning and coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced network models• Market mechanisms• Cyber risk and resilience• Technology and institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal challenges• Ethical challenges• Behaviour challenges• Societal challenges



Intelligent hardware for generation, conversion, storage, and transport



- Ambition:
 - intelligent hardware that enables and facilitates the physical formation of digital energy concepts (energy cells, energy conversion hubs, virtualization, energy communities).
 - Design and development of intelligent components.
 - Combine digital- and novel power technologies structure for the emerging electrical energy system will be dominated by power electronics
- Scientific challenges:
 - **Flexible solar based energy generation**
 - Reconfigurable, intelligent PV module
 - Shade-resilient PV modules
 - **Modular and flexible energy conversion**
 - Scalable, adaptable, robust, reliable, cost-effective, flexible ac/dc energy conversion.
 - Novel converter topologies, the utilization of new semiconductor devices, and innovative control strategies
 - Partially rated power flow controllers with implemented methods will guarantee resilience and reliability and allow (inter-)cell power flow optimization
 - Reliability models and data of power electronics, predictive maintenance
 - Advanced converter control algorithms will provide the necessary flexibility to operate in different scenarios of faults and disturbances.
 - **Intelligent integrated storage systems**
 - intelligent and reconfigurable storage packs with AI-empowered battery management systems; electricity used for heat storage (heat pumps) and hot water for local community; business model for storage, markets and regulatory structures
 - Integral approach for short and long term (seasonal) storage. Flexible and adaptive coordination methods within energy cells and energy conversion hubs.
 - Flexible and portable storage connection – storage on demand. This “storage on wheels” or “storage with wings” will offer flexibility and deliver storage in packages (digital energy) with fast reaction time and create a new way of “wireless or cableless” energy transfers
 - **Power Routing**
 - Flexible dc Interlinks and parallel ac/dc links work in a decentralized manner. Concept of re-configurable power router with control of energy flow.
 - Dc link technologies that will revolutionize the exchange of energy between grids by drastically improving redundancy, flexibility and efficiency.

Research consortium

- Research consortium:
 - 6 research organisations
 - 5 universities
 - 14 research groups



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- State of the art facilities:
 - Electrical Sustainable Power Lab
 - RTDS Laboratory
 - Power Electronics Lab
 - Power Quality Laboratory



Research team

- Team:
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 - 44 Senior researchers
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	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4
PhDs	10	11	12	11
Postdocs	5	4	4	1
Visitors	3	3	3	3



