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# Boundary Meters and More

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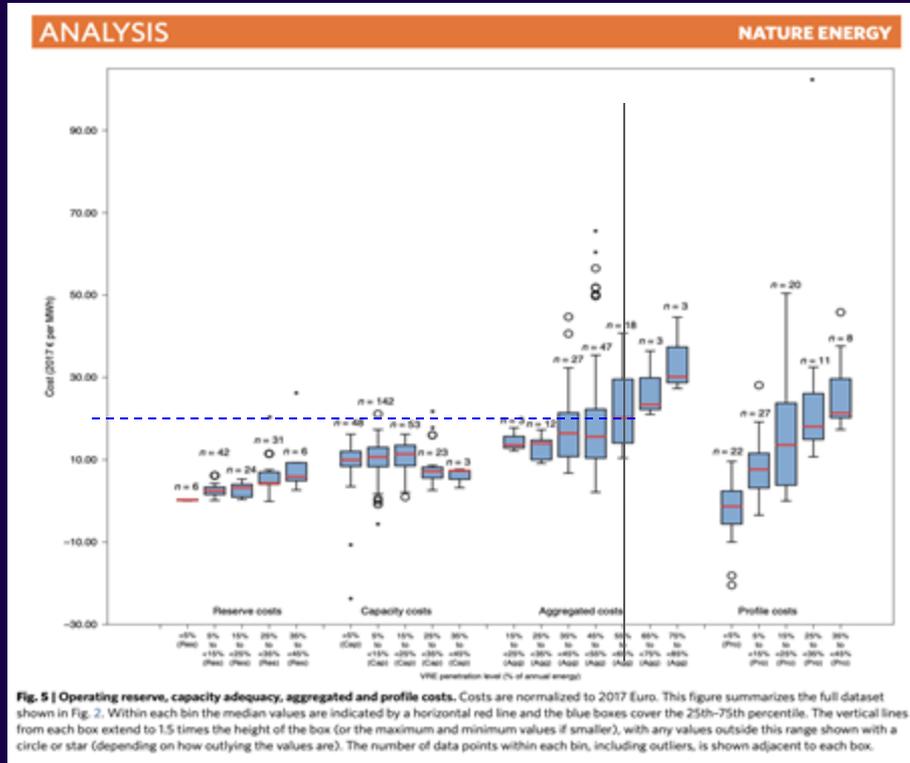


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# A low cost energy system needs smart meters, but DMDs are also an essential part of the mix

- As the penetration of renewables increase, the cost of integrating renewables increases - adding system flexibility helps, but
- **For consumers to receive the full benefit of wholesale arbitrage currently, they need smart meters**
- Smart meter data is often not available in a timely manner
- Beyond wholesale arbitrage, consumer flexibility is remarkably useful and can provide redispatch services (e.g. Balancing mechanism in the UK), and ancillary services.
- **Dedicated metering devices solve some of the problems**, and can provide access to further revenue streams for customers

# As the penetration of renewables increase, the cost of integrating renewables increases



Without flex, once VRES penetration gets above 55% TWh, integration costs increase to around €20/MWh. Total cost of integration driven by

- a mix of factors related to geography and the unit size of VRE generators (**grid costs**).
- unpredictability of output or forecasting errors (**balancing costs**);
- lack of correlation between output and demand, which affects the net load met by non-VRE generation (**profile costs**); and

**Europe is likely to be above 55% VRES penetration in 4 years** (based on expected TWh generated by each source)\*

Source: A systematic review of the costs and impacts of integrating variable renewables into power grids, Philip J. Heptonstall and Robert J. K. Gross, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41560-020-00695-4>, Nature Energy | VOL 6 | January 2021 | 72–83 |

\* Project installed renewable capacity 951 GW, rating 27.5%; 346 GW nuclear and combust, rating 61%

# Flexibility (interconnectors, demand side response and storage), reduce total system cost...

- Flexibility decreases total system cost compared to the low flexibility scenario by up to £10bn per year
- Cost savings driven by lower generation capital costs (don't need as much generation)

Figure 6: Cost saving relative to lowest flexibility scenario, split by cost category (high demand, 5g/kWh carbon intensity)

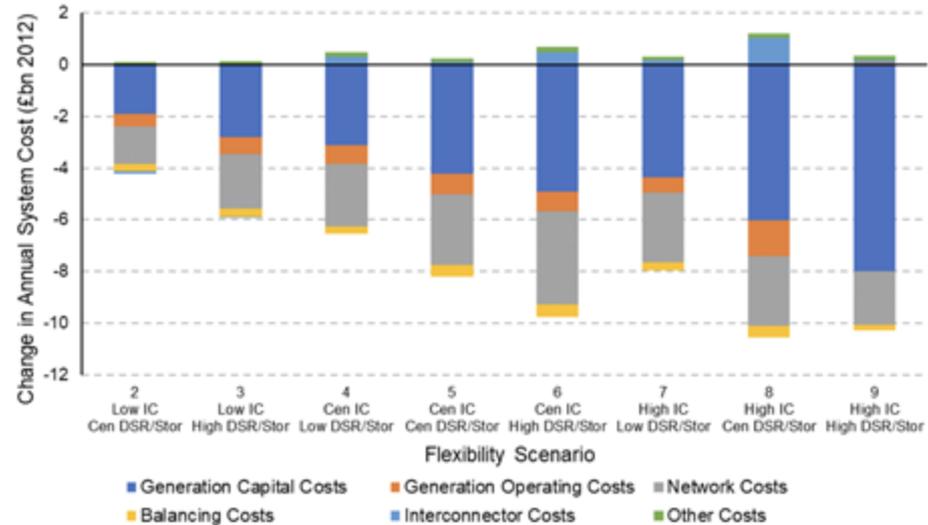
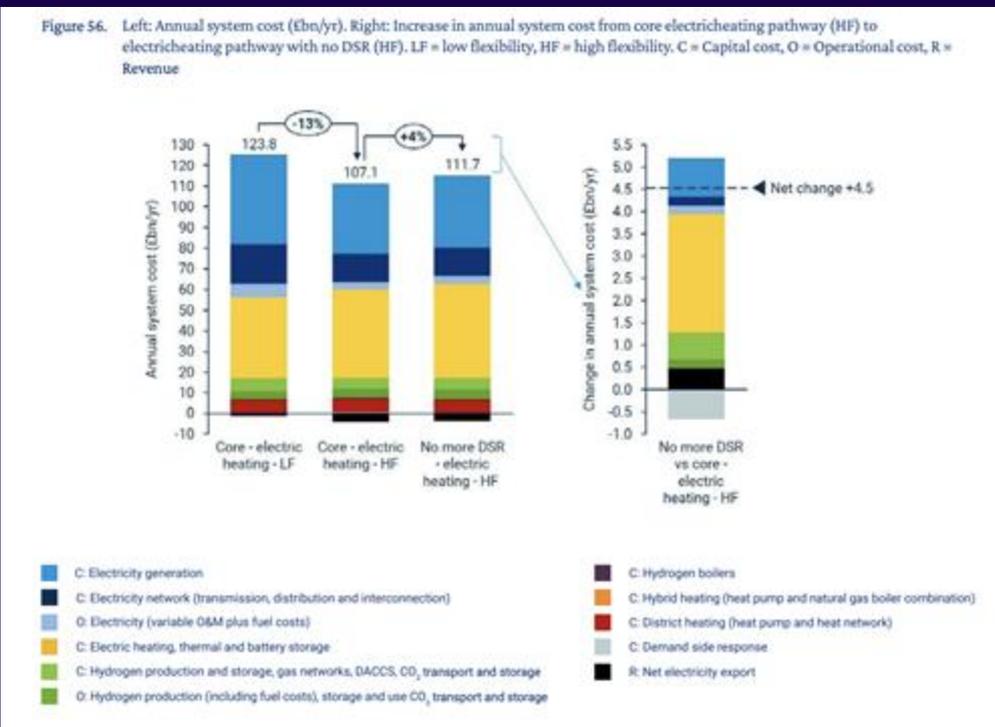


Figure 6 shows the change in annual system cost in each flexibility scenario compared to the lowest flexibility scenario (scenario 1). Results are shown for the minimum cost deployment mix that meets a 5g/kWh carbon intensity in the high demand scenario. Costs are split by category; 'network costs' include both transmission and distribution network costs, 'other costs' include carbon costs and unserved energy costs

# ... but DSR is necessary: without demand side flexibility, could cost around £5bn more per annum in 2050\*



If DSR (smart appliances, I&C DSR, and EV smart charging and V2G) cannot be used in an otherwise high flexibility scenario, **the modelling suggests that the remaining portfolio of technologies cannot replace all of the value DSR delivers**

Smart Meters enable customers to be rewarded for the benefit of better matching their consumption to intermittent renewable generation

- MID Class M compliant
- Can be used for billing and supply

# Smart meter data often has limited availability

- Smart meter data often not available in a timely manner
- Lack of availability limits innovation (e.g. tariff offerings for consumers) and the development of grid insights
- Digitalisation of the energy system requires near real time data sharing. Delays of 24 or 28 hours driven by incumbency and capability gaps
- Data needs to be open and available; **consumers should have the right to share their data with whomever they wish.**



# DMDs solve some of the problems, and provide access to further revenue streams for customers

- DMD provides a clearer, often more frequently available data feed.
- DMDs can reduce system cost where OEM telemetry can be leveraged but DMDs need to be accurate (and it should be possible to use for billing purposes)

If the data collected by sub-meters and meters were available to all on an equal basis (with appropriate consumer consent), then the difference between a sub-meter and a dedicated metering device would be minimal.

However, currently a sub-meter is MID Class M compliant and can be used for billing/supply purposes and are relatively expensive, whereas a DMD cannot (but is more ubiquitous, and comes integrated as part of a device, or as a cheaper add on). The other challenge with many DMD currently (e.g. the DMD of an EV, the EV's telemetry data), is their accuracy - there is currently a significant range in performance.

# DMD data exchange background data

EV telemetry will be determined by the OEM, but there is significant variability

Characteristic	Comment	Range
Frequency Intervals	to understand current charging activity is to be able to monitor and report	1 second (ideal) 1 minute (very good) 15-30 minute (ok - poor)
Frequency of telemetry delivery	For frequency >1 minute, an alternative approach would be to receive a heartbeat to indicate that the vehicle is still in communication with OEM.	1 second (ideal) 1 minute (very good) 15-30 minute (ok - poor)
Accuracy of telemetry		+/- 2.5% (CoP11) (ideal) +/- 10% (good) > +/- 10% (poor)
Reliability		100% Ideal >=95% <98% Good <90% Poor

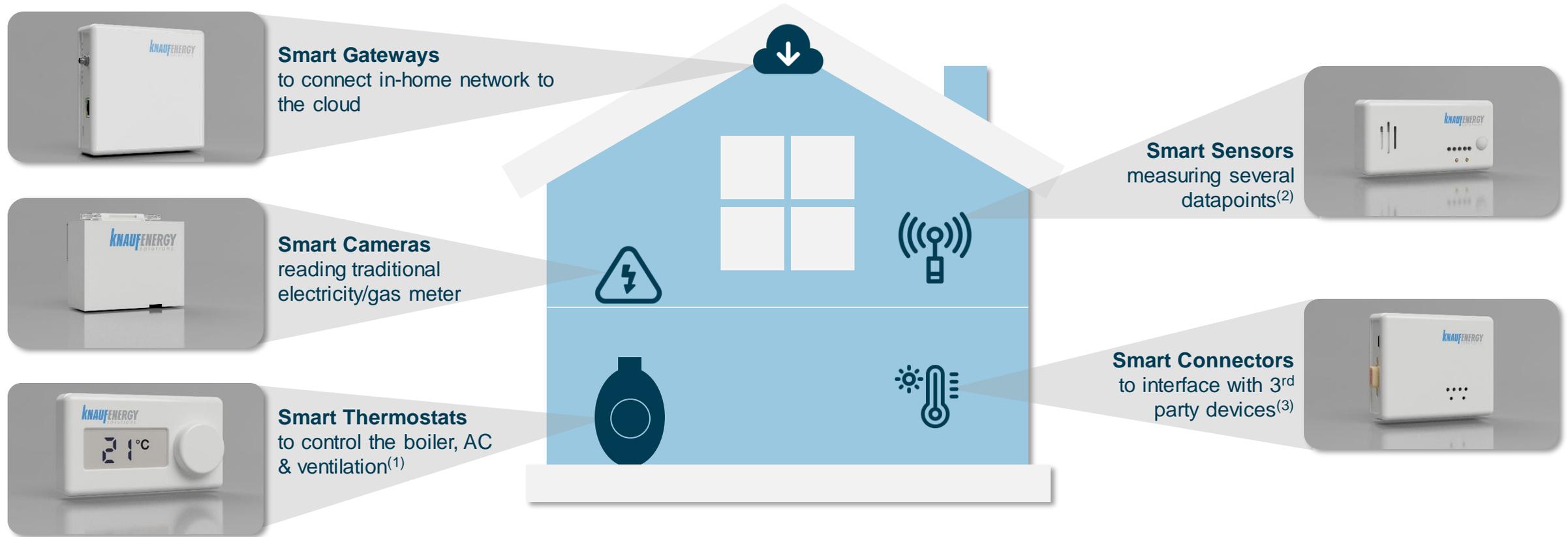


## Because Performance Matters

How Smart Meter Enabled Energy Performance Metrics will Support the Energy Transition

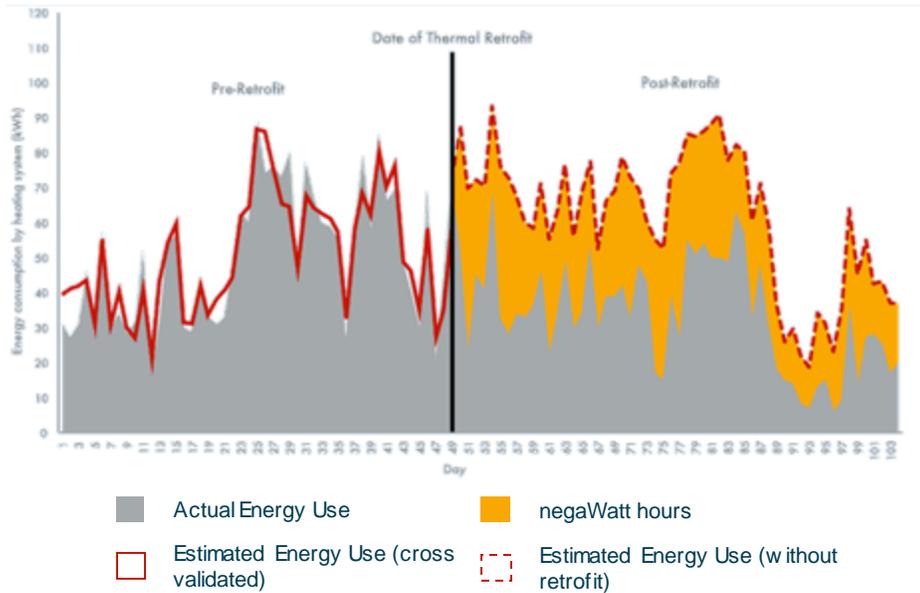


# Smart Meter Data Coupled with Sensor Data

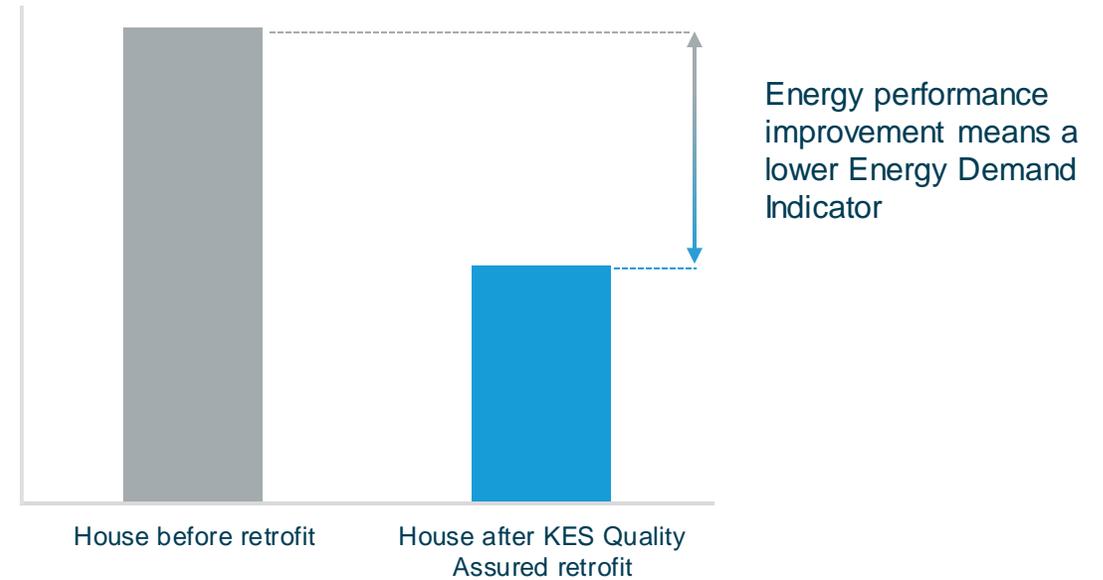


# Data Plus Algorithm Provides Insights

Actual, estimated and saved heating system energy use (trial in UK)



Energy Demand Indicator (kWh/ m<sup>2</sup>)



For the first time proprietary algorithms can measure **real quantum of energy saved by a renovation – NegaWatt Hours (nWh)**

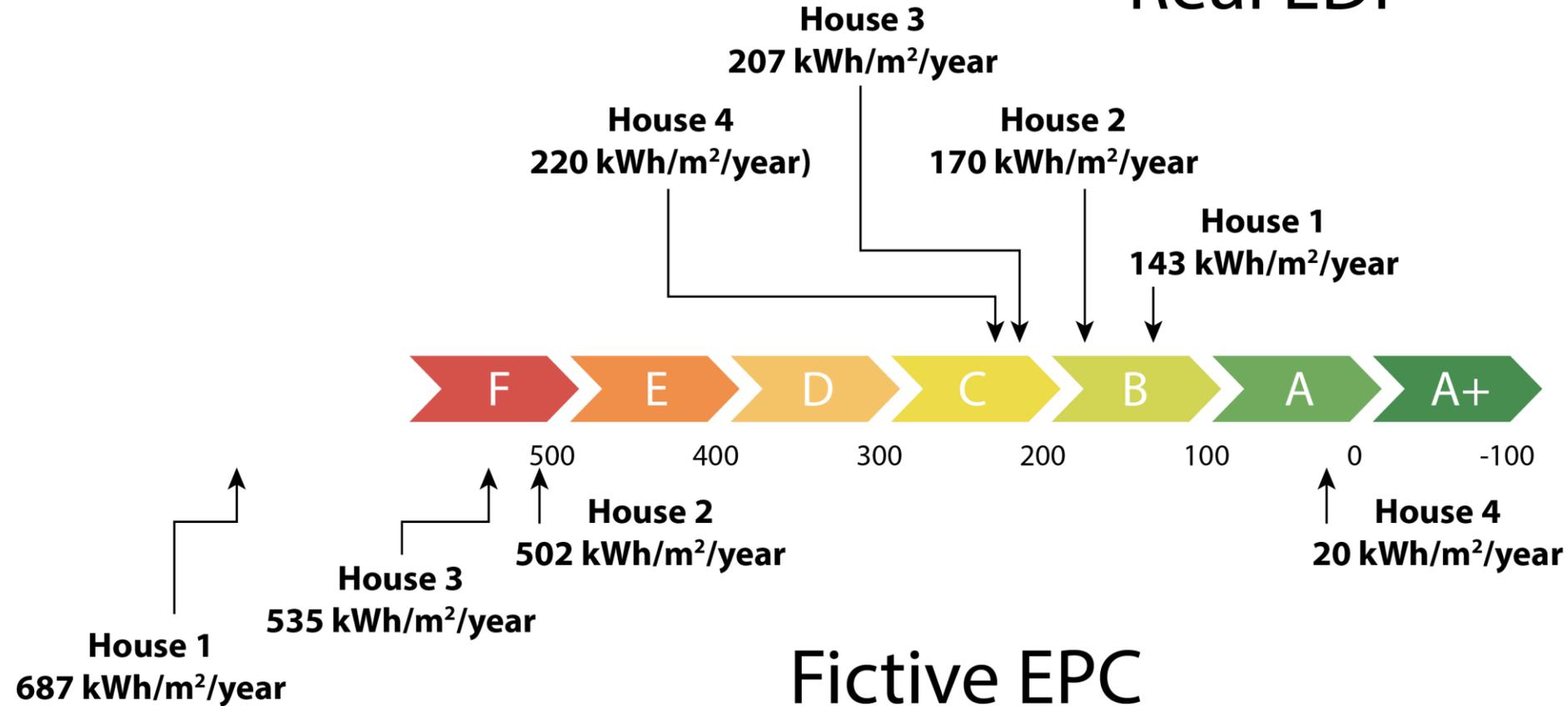
**Energy Demand Indicator (EDI)** is a derivative of the nWh algorithm, providing the first ever **highly accurate 'miles per gallon' energy rating**



KES uses bespoke machine learning algorithms, fed by our proprietary sensors, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> party weather data, to understand **the precise energy dynamics of each and every house**

# Important as Existing EPC's Are Not Fit For Purpose

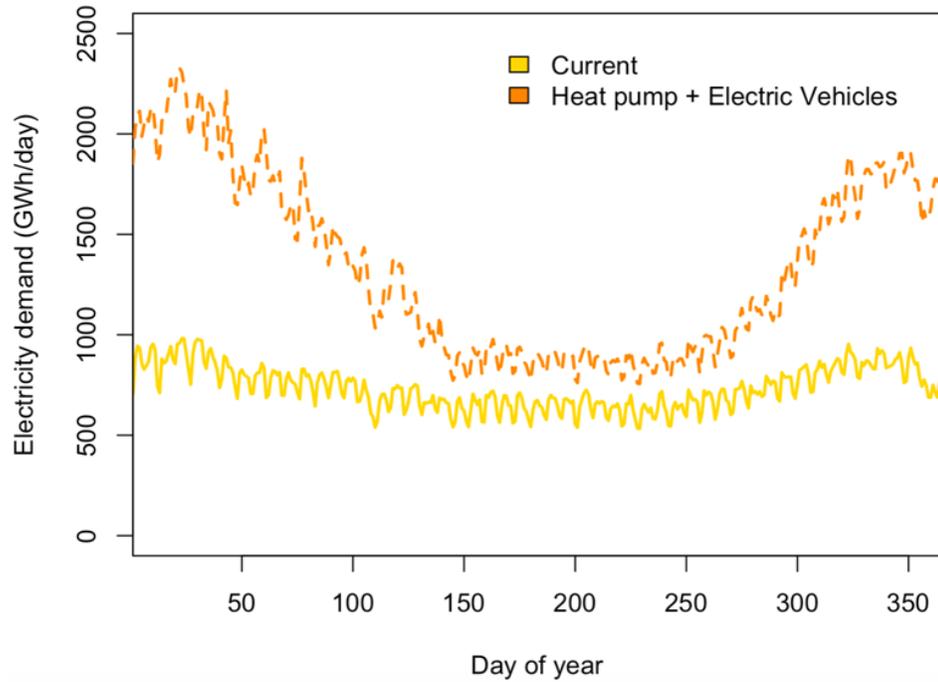
## Real EDI



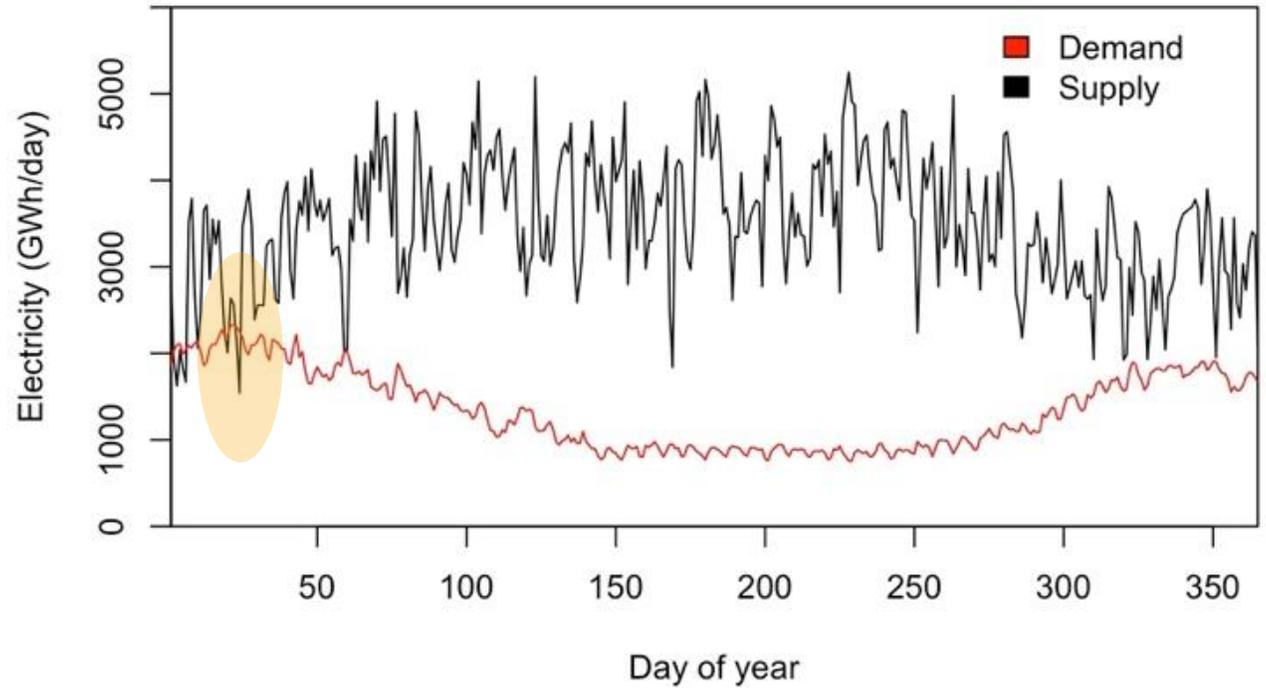
Wrong Rating. Wrong Order. Wrong Scale.

# Electrification Creates Major Challenge

### Electricity Energy Demand (UK)



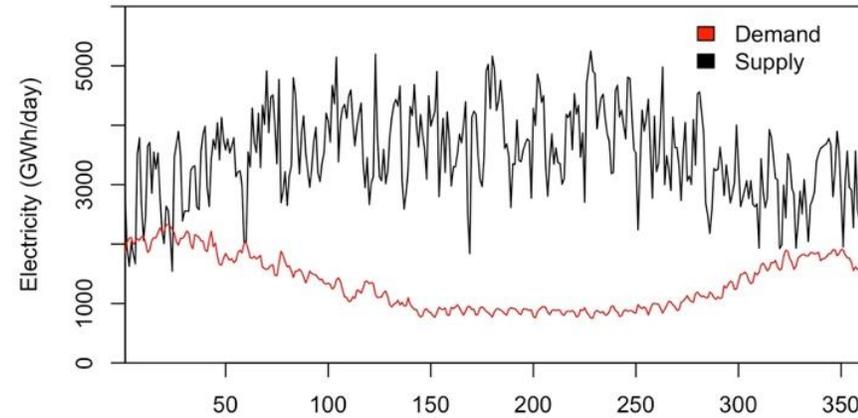
### Electricity generation and demand No Retrofit



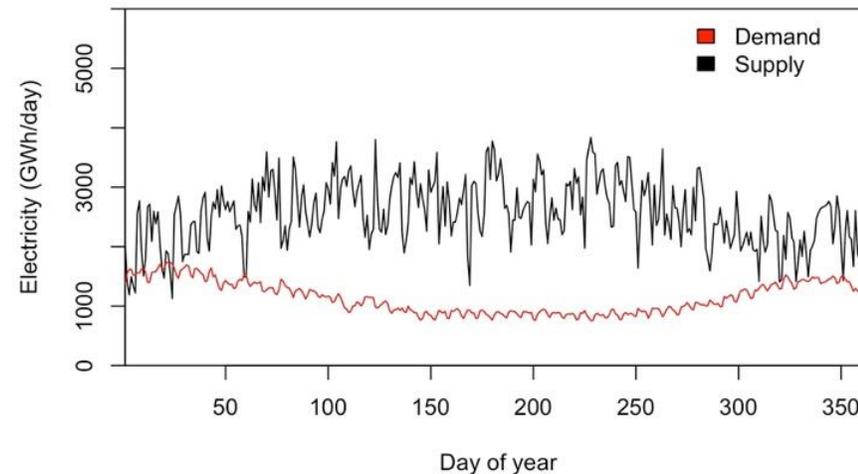
# Energy Efficiency Has Oversized Impact on Capacity

4.7x

Electricity generation and demand  
No Retrofit



Electricity generation and demand  
Smart Retrofit





- **It Is Not the Tech That Matters**
- **It's the Ability to See**



# Next-Gen Smart Meters, Dedicated Device Measurement and Grid Edge Intelligence

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A case study from California



Michael Jary

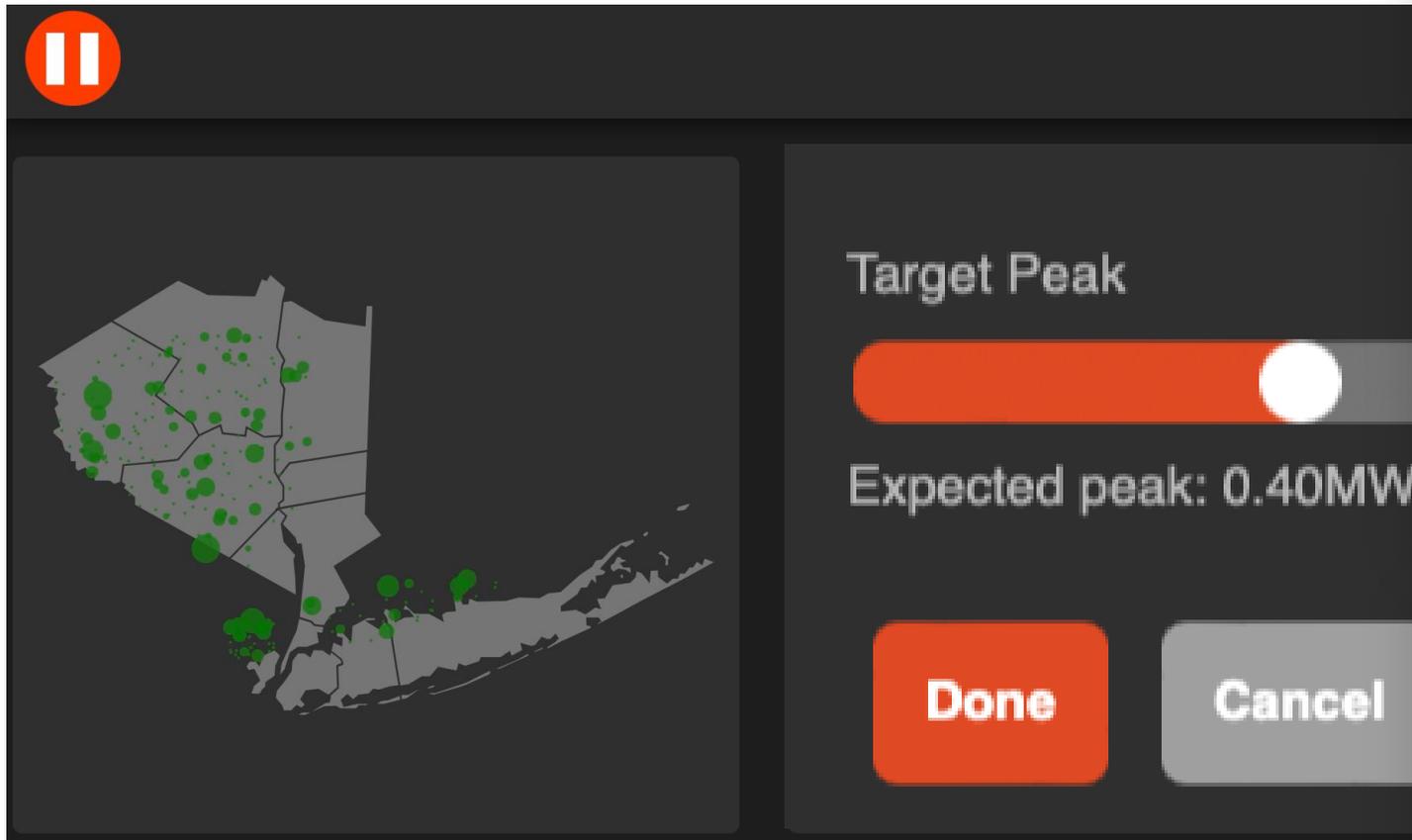
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Next Gen Smart Meter  
+  
Machine Learning  
+  
High Resolution Data  
+  
DMD or Sub-meters





# Using real time device detection to shift load at scale



Target Peak

Expected peak: 0.40MW

Done Cancel

Recipient: House 4122

Hi <user>.

The grid in your area is currently under stress.

Please try to reduce unnecessary consumption at this time, perhaps pause your **Dryer** until 12:00. Delaying your water heating until 12:00.

For every 1KW you turn down for the next 30 mins, we'll reward you with a \$5 credit to your bill.

Recipient: House 30421

Hi <user>.

The grid in your area is currently under stress.

Please try to reduce unnecessary consumption at this time, perhaps pause your **Dryer** until 12:00.

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Recipient: House 21321

Hi <user>.

The grid in your area is currently under stress.

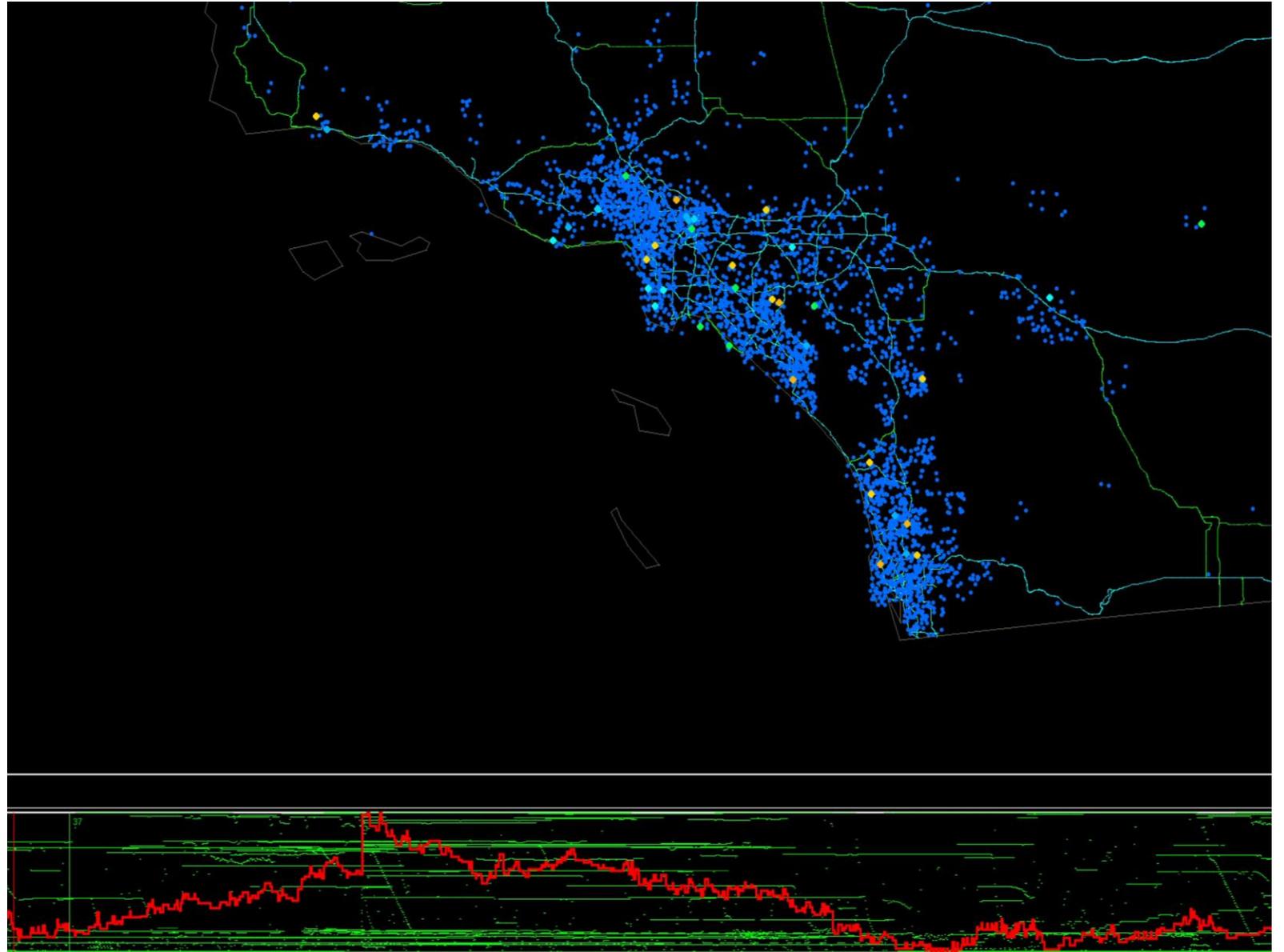
Please try to reduce unnecessary consumption at this time, perhaps pause your **Dishwasher** until 12:00. Delaying your water heating until 12:00.

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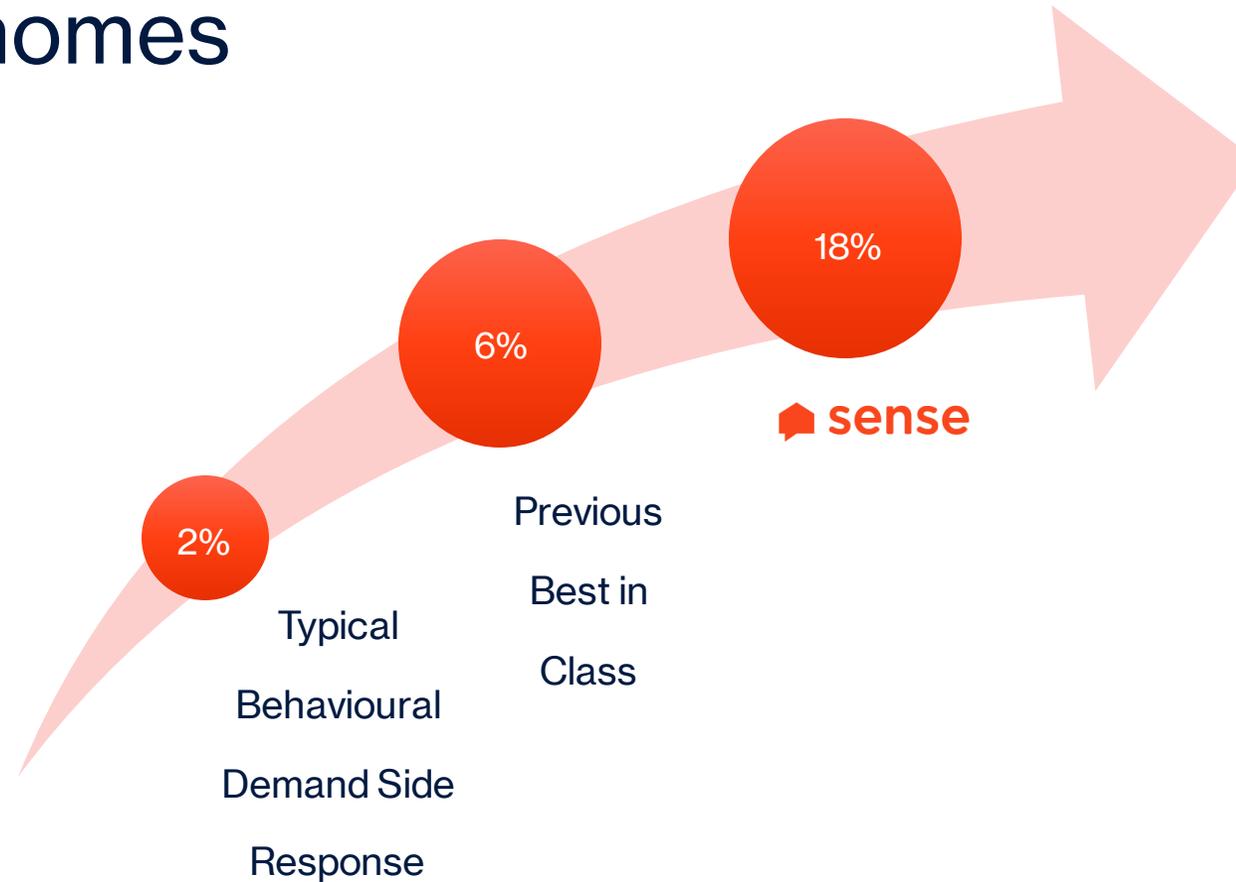
# California Case Study

Using real time  
device detection to  
shift load



# Load shift potential

➔ 1GW for 3m homes



Next Gen Meters + Machine Learning + High  
Resolution Data + DMD =

18%

peak load shifting

5m

Contracted smart meters





Thank you

Sense.com



# Additional Meters – Additional Benefits?

# Business Units



## Perfect Welding

A pioneer in  
welding technology



## Solar Energy

Providing solutions for a  
sustainable future



## Perfect Charging

Balancing sustainability  
and efficiency

# Facts & Figures

1.446

Patents

>7.000

Employees

1,2 Billion €

Turnover

87 %

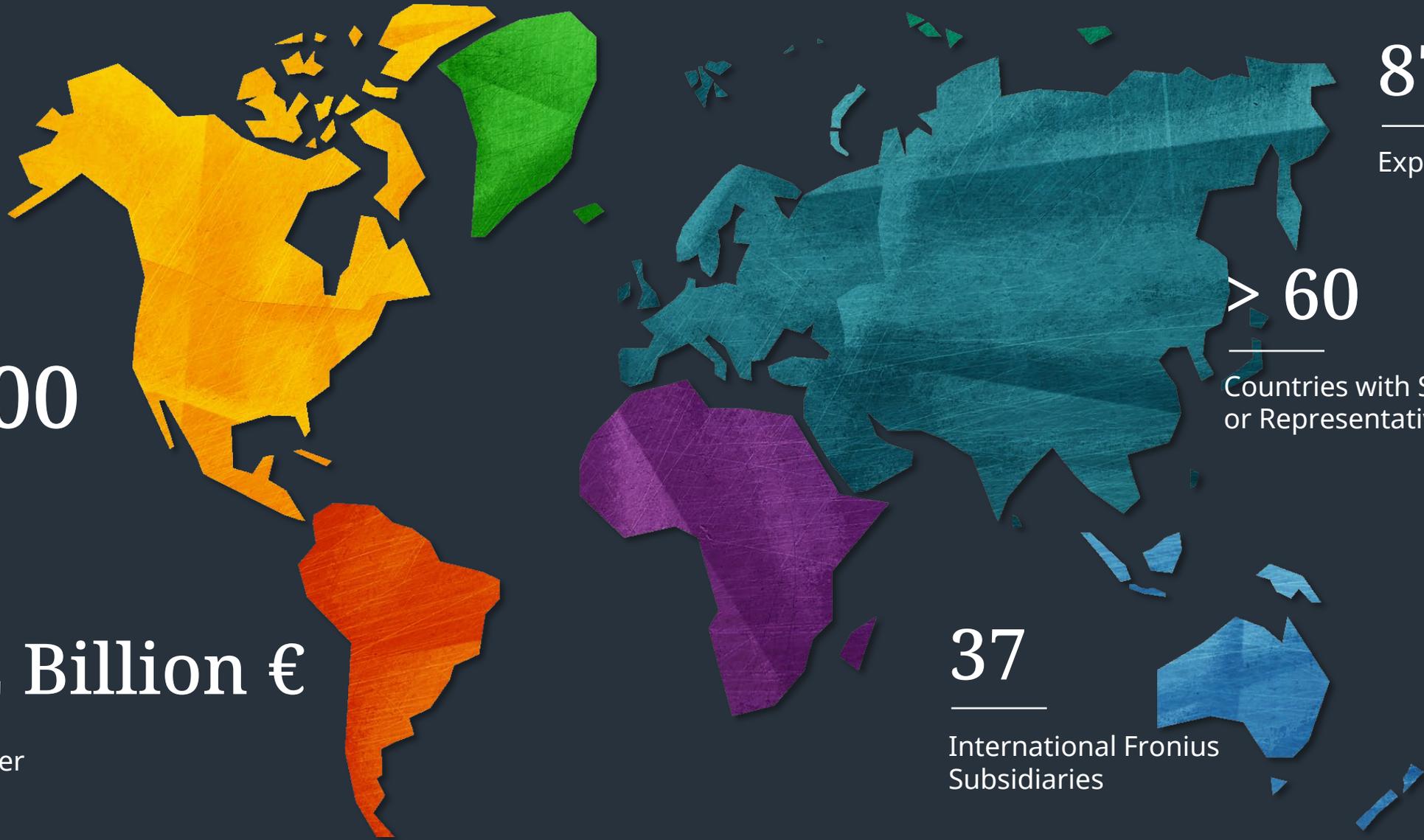
Export Rate

> 60

Countries with Sales Partners  
or Representatives

37

International Fronius  
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# Solar Energy

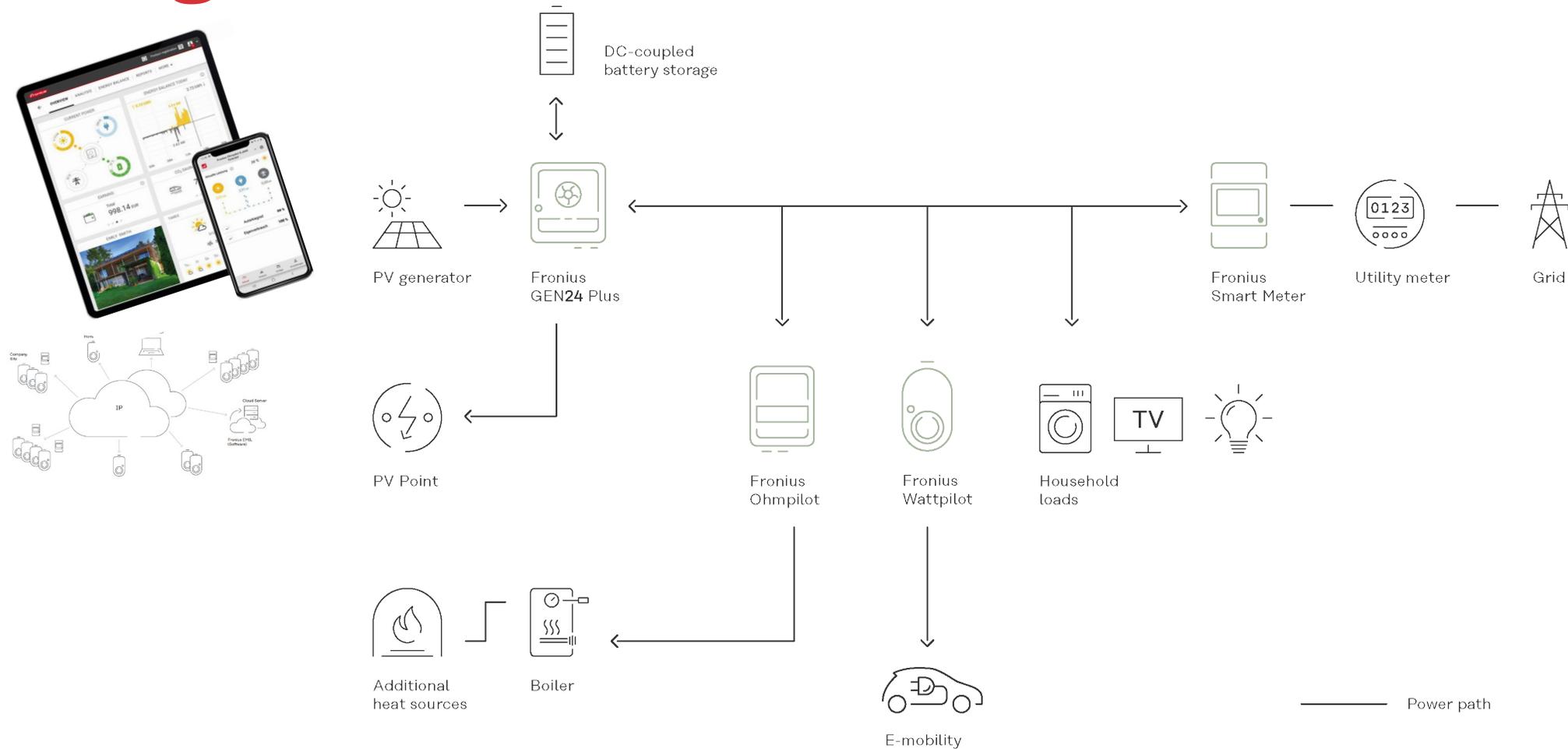
- Founded in 1992
- A pioneer in renewable energy

**Generate distribute, store and consume:** We've been harnessing solar energy for more than **30 years** – around the clock and regardless of the season.

**We are 24 hours of sun.**



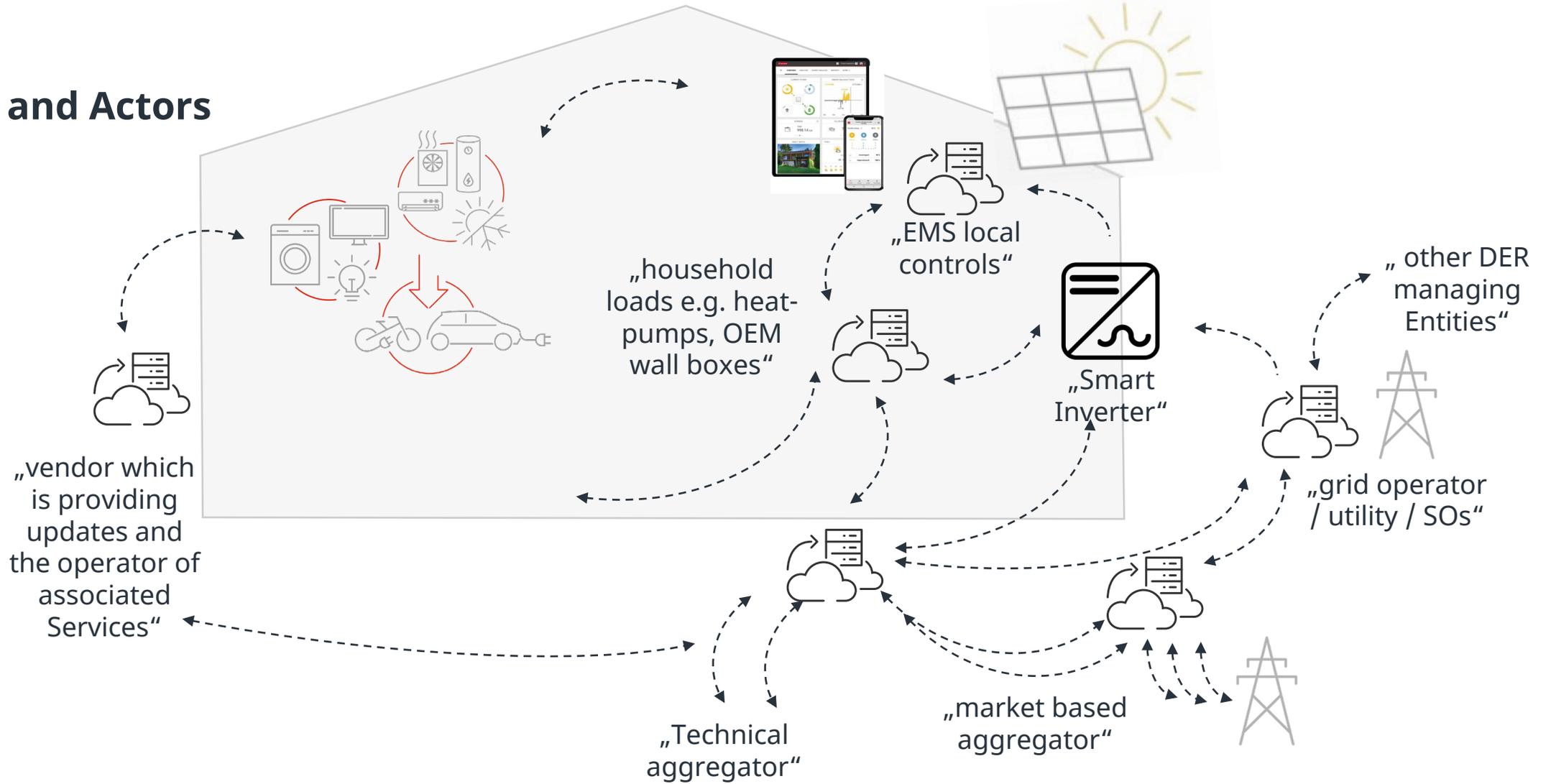
# Holistic energy solutions from a single source



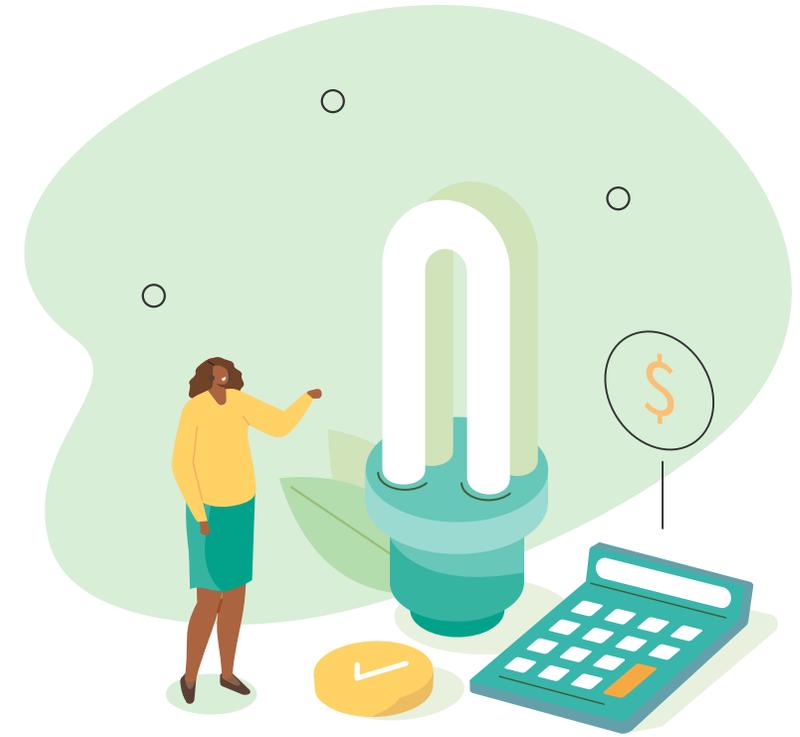
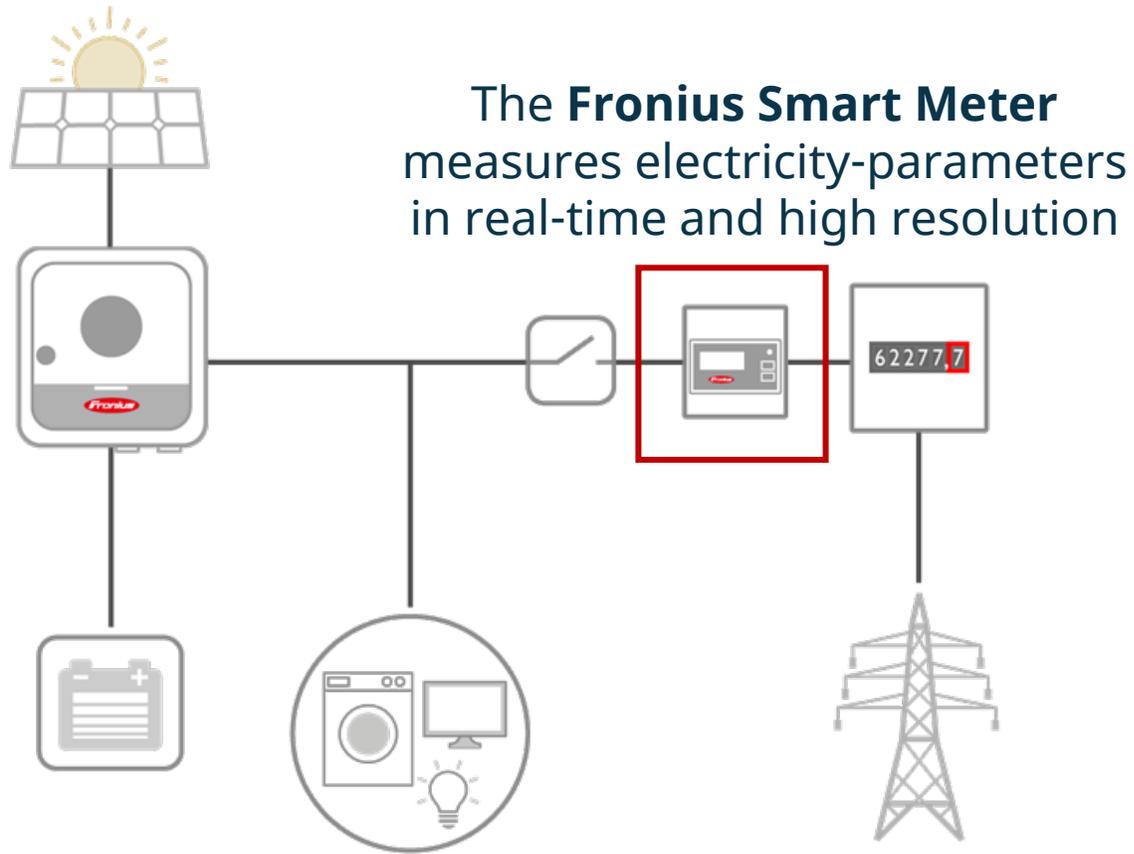
Maximizing the PV self-consumption rate is just the bottom line!

# The inverter is at the center...

## Roles and Actors



# ...but it needs active support



# Why using separate meters?

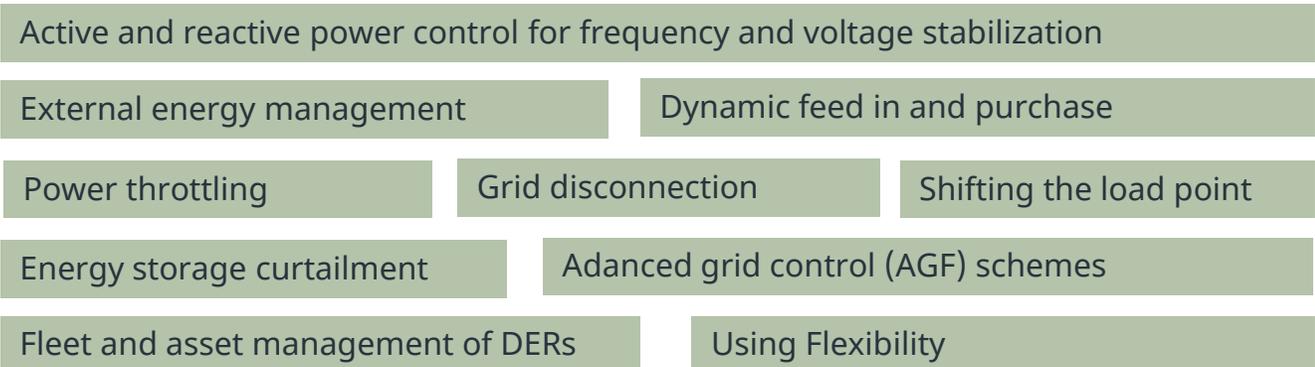
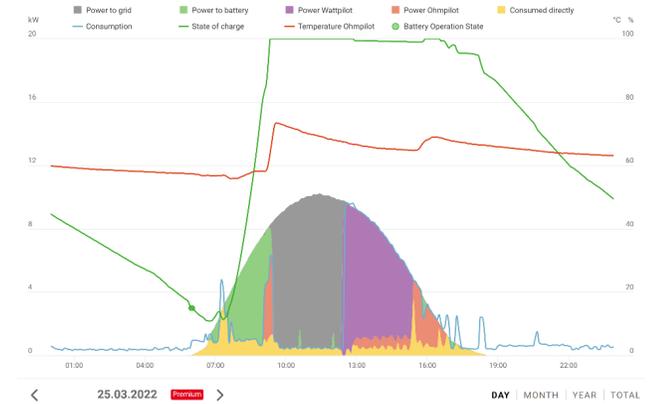
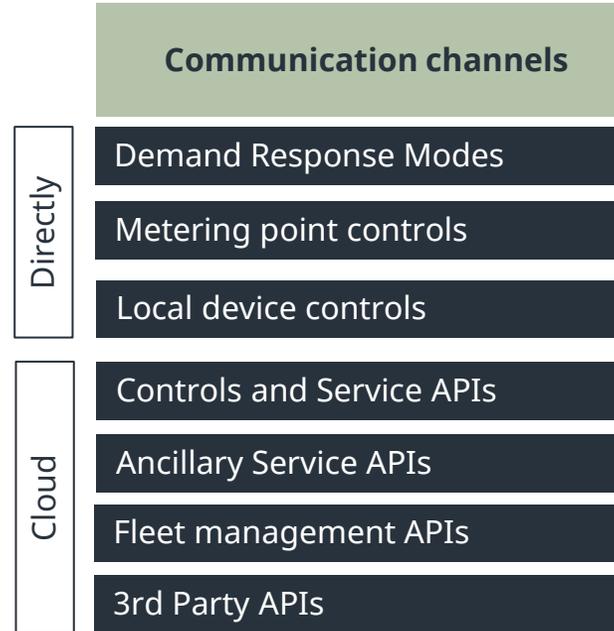
Freedom that pays off

- Grid meters are different, inhomogeneous, technically inconsistent
- Our Smart Meters are intelligent electricity meters
  - Bidirectional to measure energy flows out of and into the grid in real-time and high resolution
  - Worldwide available and easy to install
- Data collection for visualizing (Fronius Solar.web), control, and optimization of energy flows in the home-energy (PV) system
  - Analysis und visualization of consumption and production data, key for monitoring and advice, check on expenses & savings, creating Visibility
  - Using PV energy and flexible tariffs for home appliances, heating, driving or just storing for later use.



# System data-streams

- PV inverter and smart meter are in the center
  - 2+ fully established measurement devices
  - Generating a lot of energy related data
- Multiple communication channels are provided
  - Local APIs for optimization of household loads and EV wall-boxes, heat-pumps, etc.
  - Remote APIs for ancillary services, remote control (advanced grid controls), VPP, monitoring, visualization, etc.
  - O&M channels for support, channel monitoring, device configurations, firmware upgrades etc.
- Platforms are storing/processing data related to device telemetry, customer accounts, geo locations and relevant smart-metering information etc.



# Innovations for Flexible Energy



- The available grid-metering infrastructure is not sufficient for the flexible prosumer and grid of the future
  - Energy has to be controlled in real time and high resolution
  - High diversity of devices and (local) interfaces, significant delays (e.g. 15 min data from the day before)
  - More than just one supplier

**In use at 100 000+ customers**

- Fronius provides technology and services
  - Very well trained partners: our installers know how to install and configure our assets in the right way
  - At least two class 1 meter available (inverter plus dedicated meter). Grid parameters like voltage and frequency are necessary but available to act accordingly.
  - Using new interoperability standards like IEEE 2030.5, we ensure that the data exchange accuracy is insured by a high data granularity.

**Interfaces and data service to control assets available to market players**

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