

The Mechanism of the “Grid Signal Light” as a Part of the Smart Market/Grid System

The Cooperation between Customers, Energy Logistics, Grid and Regulation

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Initial Position

- The “Energiewende” as Driver of Change

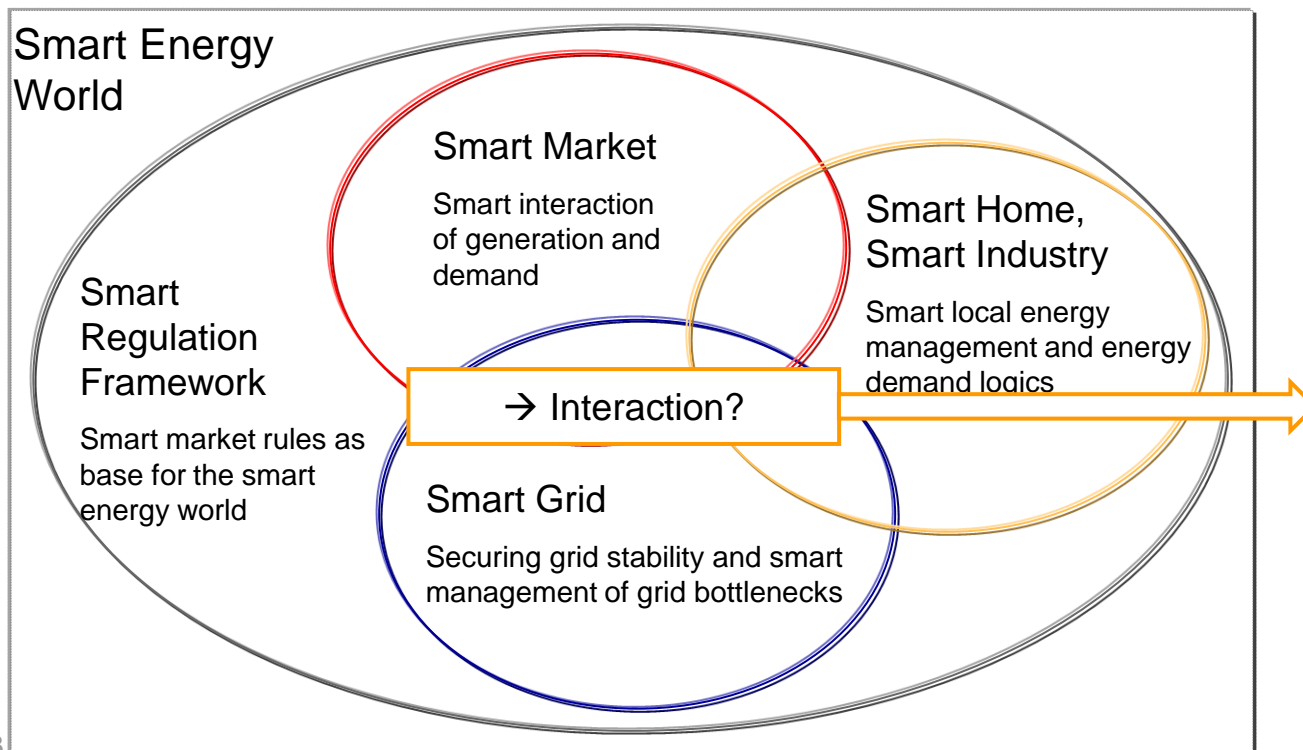
The “Energiewende” requires a modified market design

- › High portion of fluctuating renewable generation becomes the dominating factor in the electricity system
- › This results in the demand for market design for smart grid/smart market with benefit for the energy system
- › Approach to that problem:
 - › Demand response approaches for physical integration of fluctuating renewables
 - › Prevention and management of local grid bottlenecks as well as on low voltage as on medium voltage levels via integration of smart market

Background

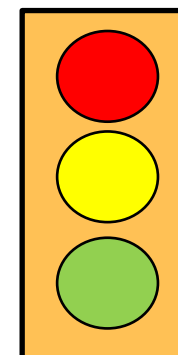
The Players of a Smart Energy World

- › Essential: How can the interaction of the players of a smart energy world be organised?
- › The concept of “grid signal light” is developed to organise the interaction of smart market and smart grid



„Grid Signal Light“

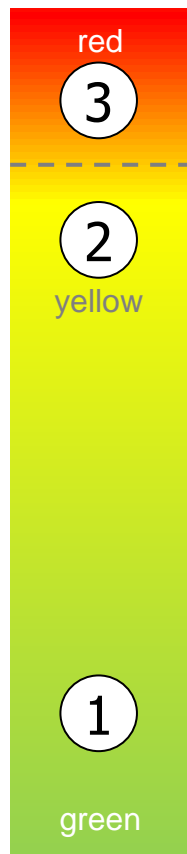
The grid signal light shows the effective system state at the different grid nodes and controls the interaction of the players



Grid Signal Light

Grid Bottleneck Management starts with Approaching the Defined Limiting Values Only

„Grid signal light“



Off-limit condition in grid:
Emergency measures with clear directive/direct
intervention of TSO/DSO
(no „business as usual“)

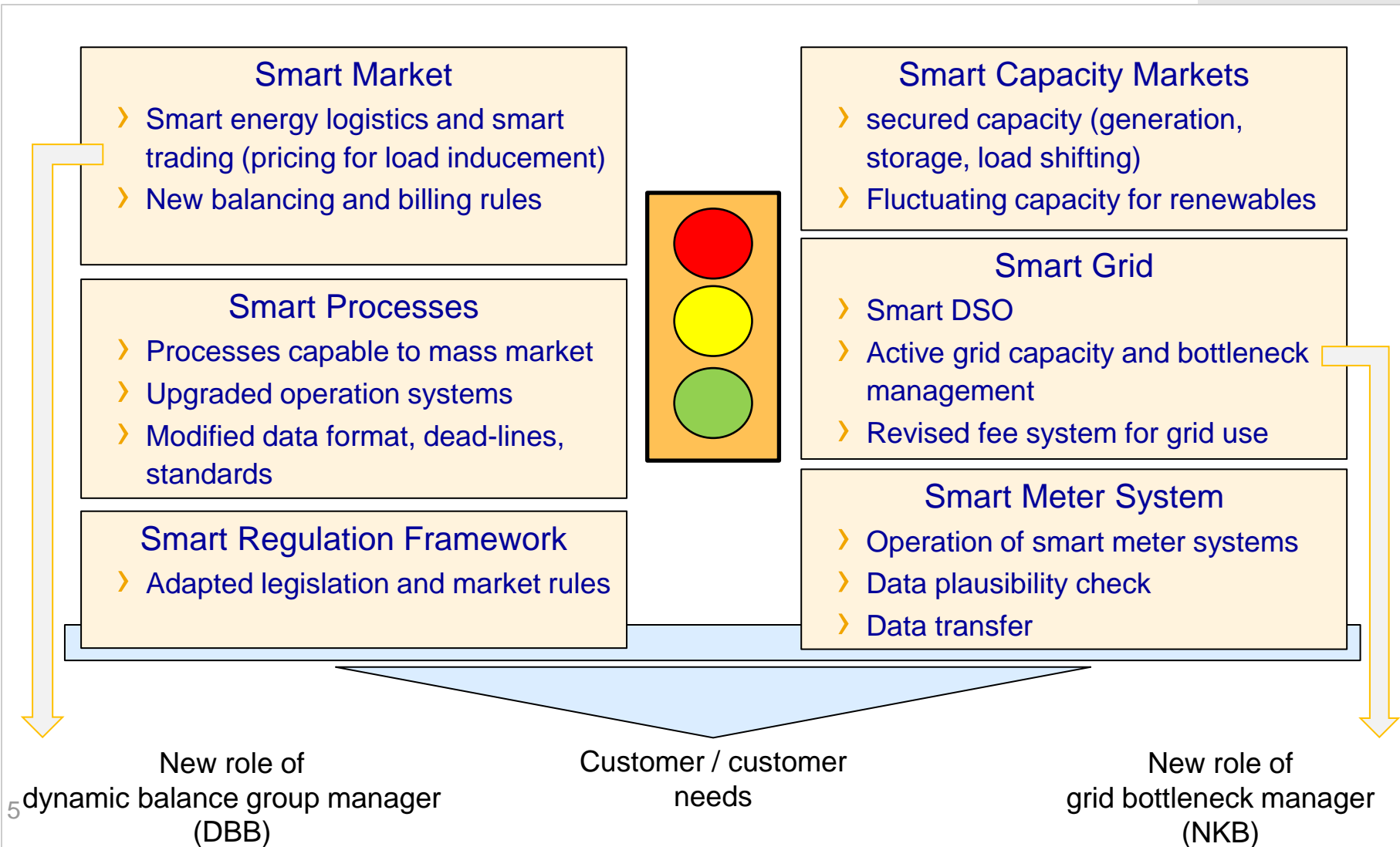
Defined grid limiting value

Approaching the limiting value of grid capacity:
load management e. g. by pricing/control signals of
the supplier (supplier ↔ customer) or controlled by
auctioning of the bottleneck (DSO ↔ supplier)

Far way from limiting value of grid capacity:
load inducement e. g. by pricing/control signals of
supplier (no interaction of DSO)

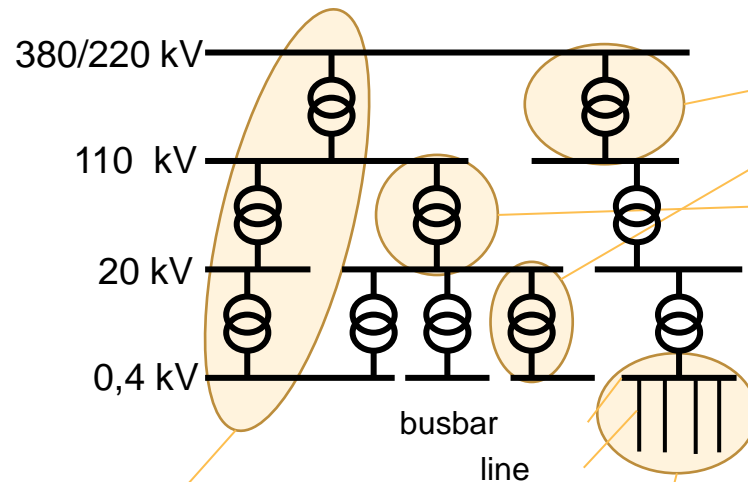
Components of a Smart Energy World

Logic of grid signal light as meta-level



Management / Prevention of Grid Bottlenecks

5 Approaches for Different Voltage Levels (schematic)



„Fire Brigade Approach“

- › Feed in management (§ 13, II)
- › Shedding of grid areas
- › Redispatching of TSO

„Active Grid Management Approach“

- › System service tender by TSO
→ already existing
- › Grid capacity system services
tenders by DSO → new

Active Approaches

„Copper/Technical Approach“

- › Extension of grid capacities in the relevant nodes
- › Specification of technical restrictions

Passive Approaches

„Utilisation Factor Approach“

- › Specification of (dynamic) utilisation factors for prevent bottlenecks

„Black Out Approach“

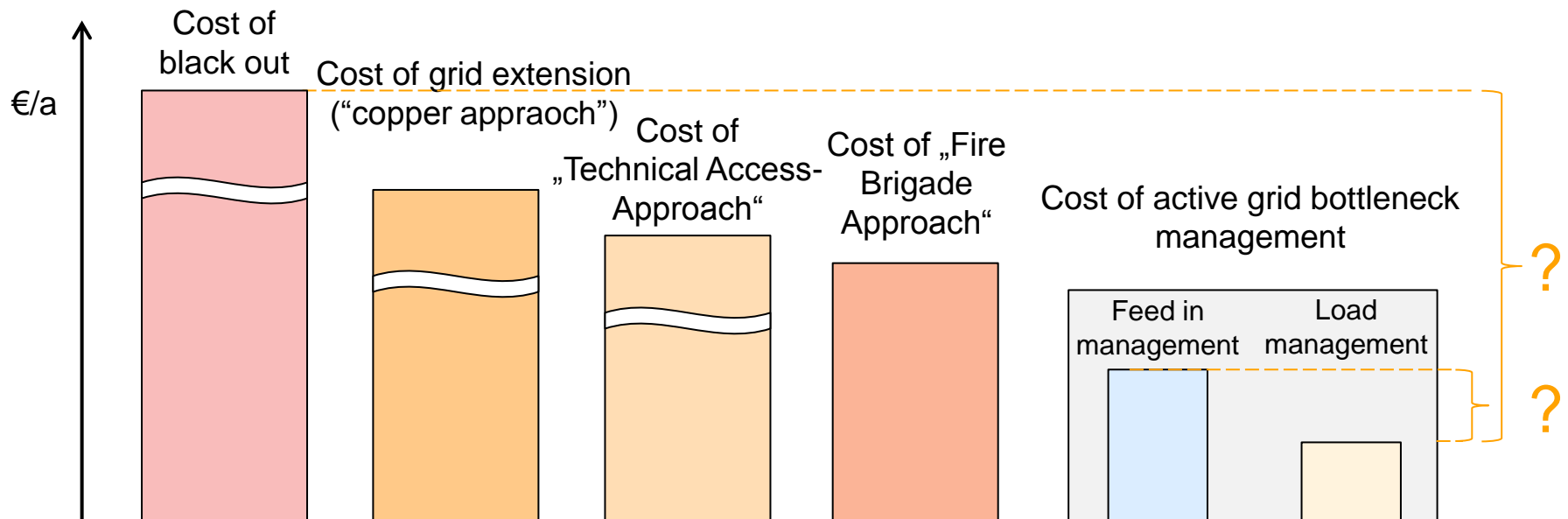
- › Acceptance of black outs
- › Approach is not acceptable

„No Go“- Approach

Approaches for Grid Capacity Management

- Which Approach is Most Efficient?

- › Which approach is economically most efficient?
- › Approach for grid bottleneck management: Grid bottleneck management has to be more efficient than assumed cost of required grid extensions, black out and/or other technical access approache

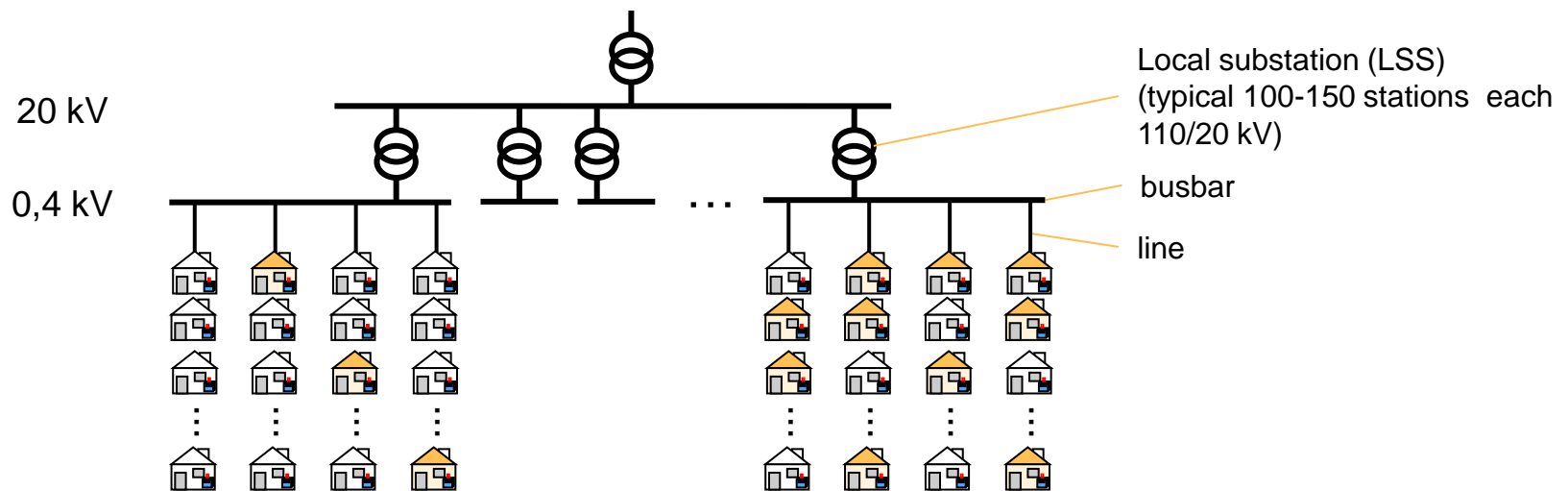


Challenge of Utilisation Factor on Local Substation Level Approach for Green and Yellow Phase?

- › Challenge:
 - › Grid bottlenecks result from high demand of customers especially on low voltage level due to optimisation of smart customers demand on base of market prices (e. g. all smart customers maximise demand in times of lowest prices)
- › Approach:
 - › DSO specifies **maximum specific utilisation factors** for affected local substations or grid clusters: Phase green factor 1, phase yellow specified factor <1
 - › All customers connected to the respective local substation get the same utilisation factor
 - › Factor is fix (always same value) or graduated fix (e. g. during night time higher than during day)
 - › These utilisation factors may be specified dynamically in the future as well, e. g. dependent on temperature, PV feed in or specified by DSO

Challenges of Utilisation Factor on Local Substation Level Approach for Green Phase (Example)

- › Smart customers participating in the system obtain a separate (reduced) grid fee
- › Supplying dynamic balance group manager/supplier has to guarantee maximum acceptable utilisation factors for the DSO via interaction with smart customers
- › Approach leads to avoid yellow and red phase



LSS 1 with 5 smart customers:

- › No demand induced bottlenecks regardless energy logistics
- › Utilisation factor 1

LSS 2 with 30 smart customers:

- › Demand induced bottlenecks depending on energy logistics
- › Utilisation factor < 1

Summary

The introduction of new market rules like the grid traffic light principle enables a successful implementation of the “Energiewende”.

- › Interaction of smart market and smart grid is crucial

Selected changes in the regulation framework lead to the introduction of:

- › A dynamic balance group manager (DBB) as part of smart market functions
- › A grid capacity manager (NKB) as part of smart grid functions
- › Mechanisms of the grid signal light principle and the interaction of DBB and NKB
- › New mechanisms capable of mass market processes for balancing energy as part of smart market functions
- › New grid fee principles as part of smart grid functions

Thank you for your attention!



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