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Smart control of energy distribution grids over heterogeneous communication networks

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Agenda overview

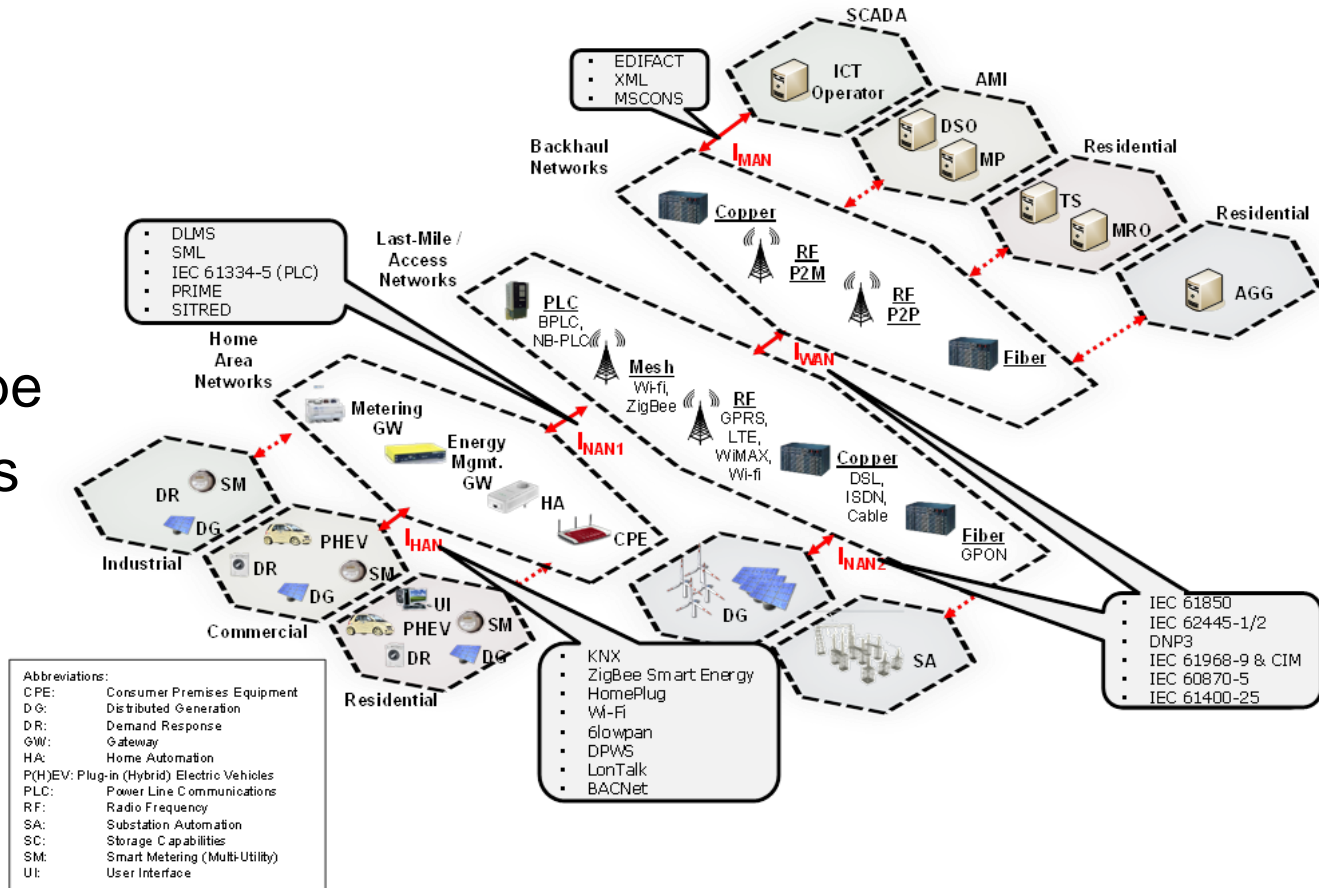
- Background of the project
- Objectives and overall approach for the project
- System scope, use cases and architecture
- Fault management architecture
- Fault management approach

Partners



Background

- Use Cases in Future Smart Grid
 - distribution grid scope
 - many different actors
 - renewable energy resources
 - use of existing communication networks



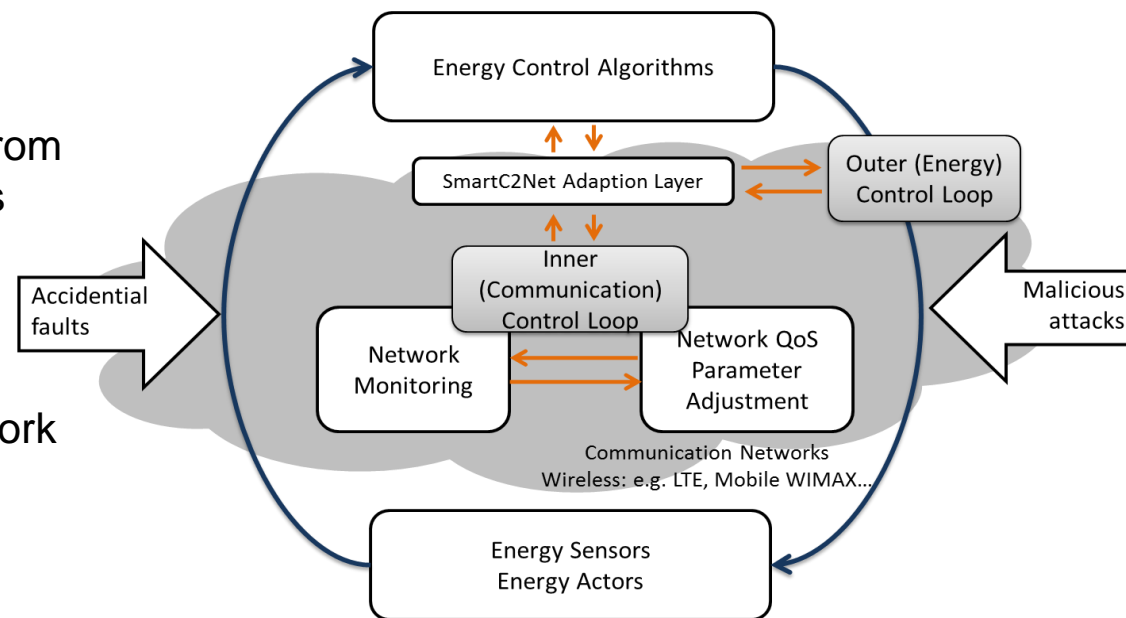
- Complex Network Architectures with many protocols
 - Complex information flow management
 - Hard to ensure reliable data transport
 - Exposed to cyber attacks

SmartC2Net approach and objective

Enable **robust smart grid control** utilizing **heterogeneous third-party communication infrastructures**.

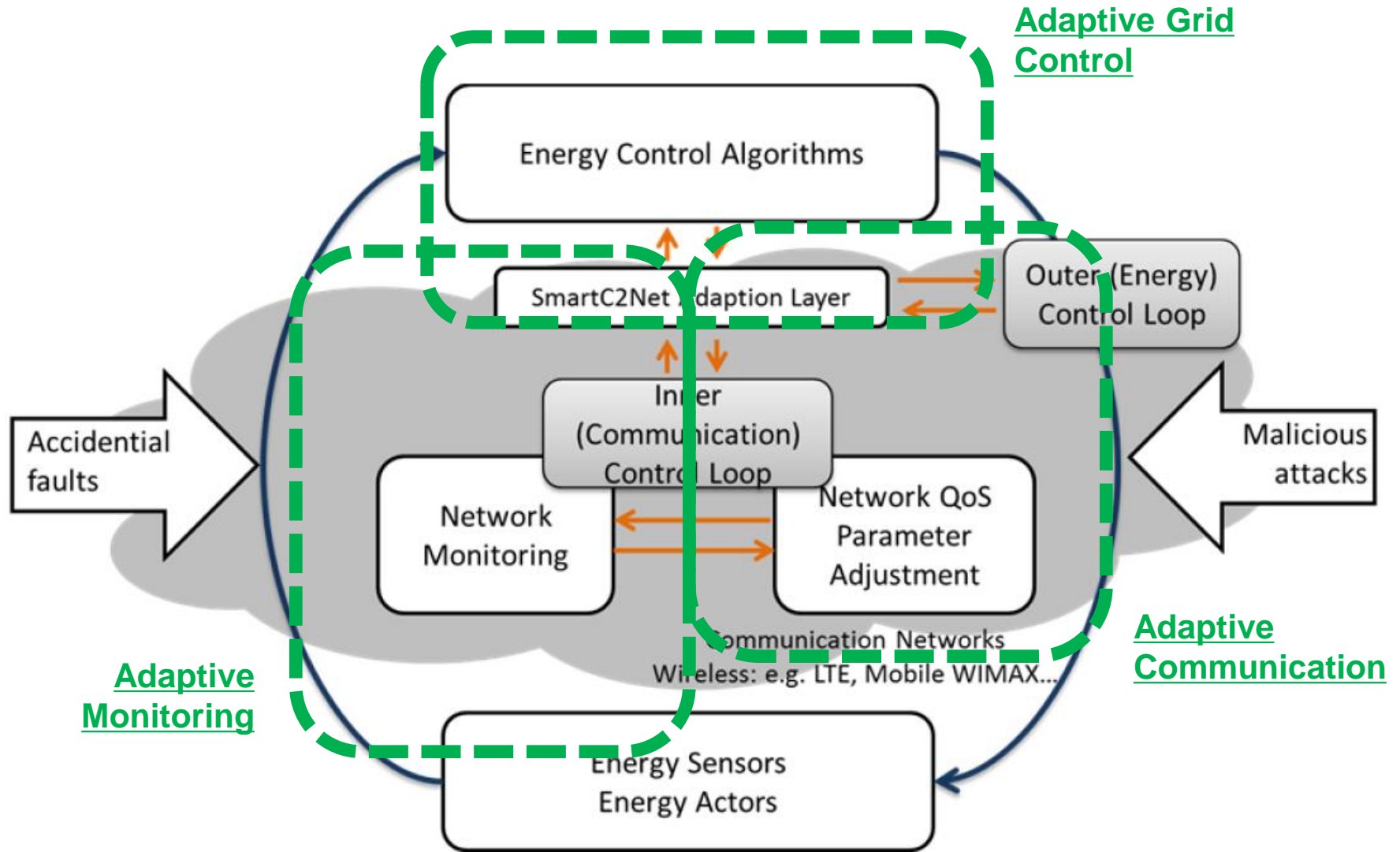
Robustness and interoperability target:

- Variability of network performance impacting
 - (a) quality of the input data obtained from energy related information sources
 - (b) timeliness/reactivity of the performed control actions (downstream communication).
- Security threats due to additional network interfaces and the use of off-the-shelf communication technology.
- Seamless information exchange for heterogeneous infrastructures using IP based middleware functions for adaptive management and control.



→ Optimize interplay between two control loops

SmartC2Net context



Challenge

- Exploit heterogeneous telecommunication means
 - Exploit wireless communication means
 - Reduce cost of installation
 - Tackle performance issues
 - Deploy countermeasure against cyber-security attack
- Provide grid control functionalities at LV level
 - As for now no control at LV is deployed, especially for faults management

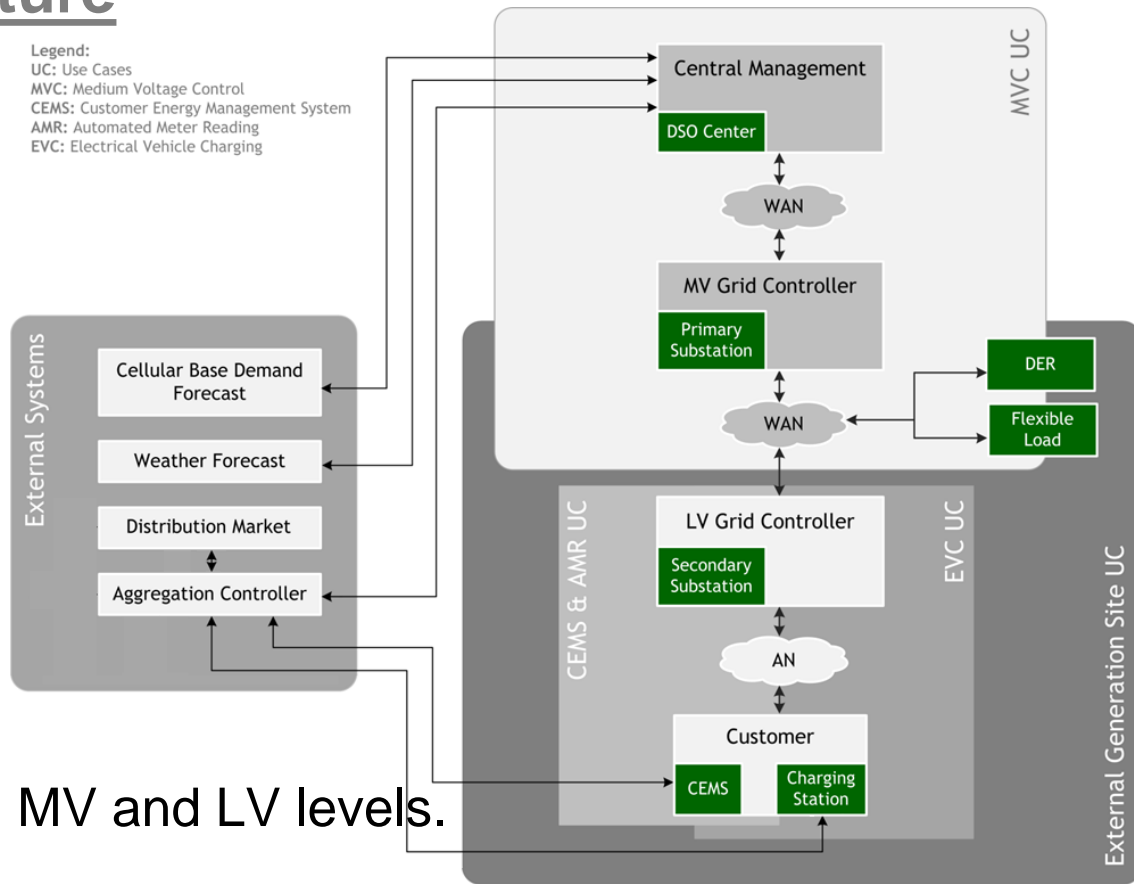
System scope and architecture

Architecture

- Hierarchical control layers
- Logical/physical components/interfaces
- Communication networks and protocols

Global aim:

- Manage energy flexibility on MV and LV levels.

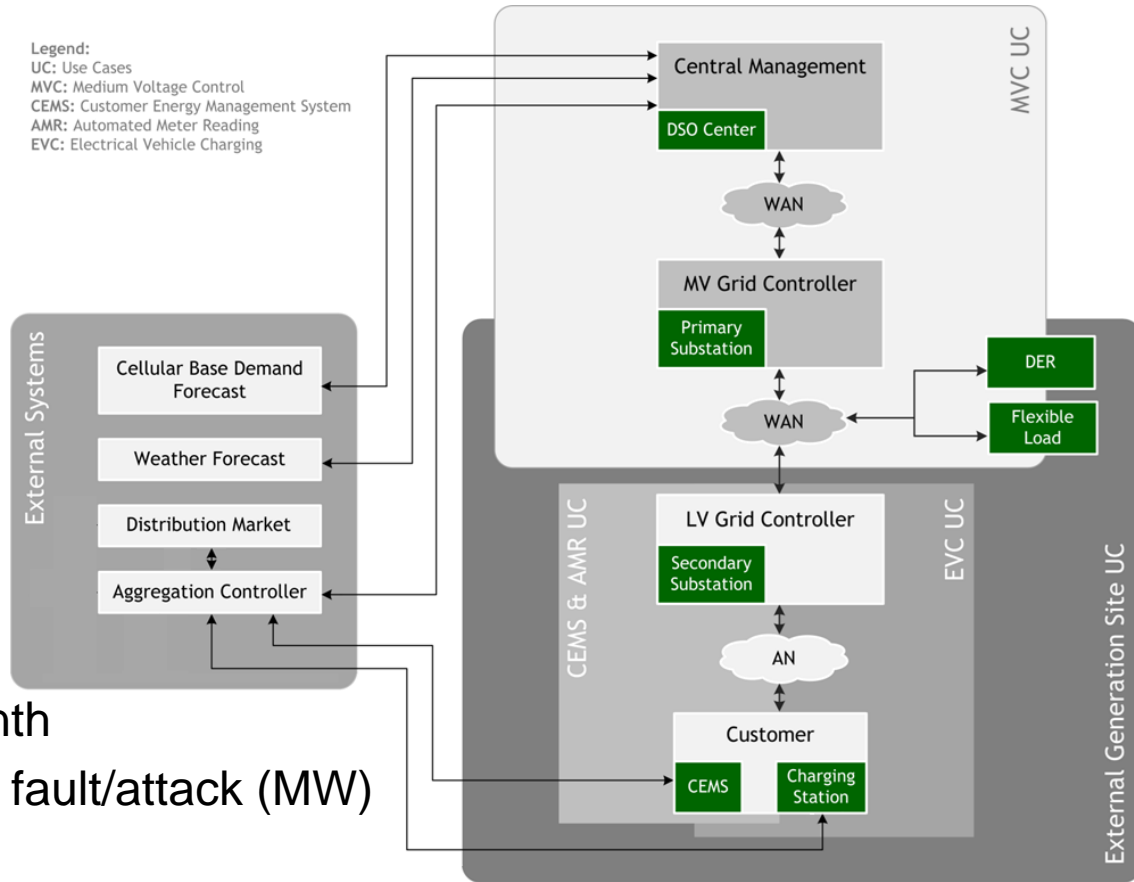


-> Aim at MV level:
 - Power quality
 - Loss minimization

-> Aim at LV level:
 - Power quality
 - Energy flexibility

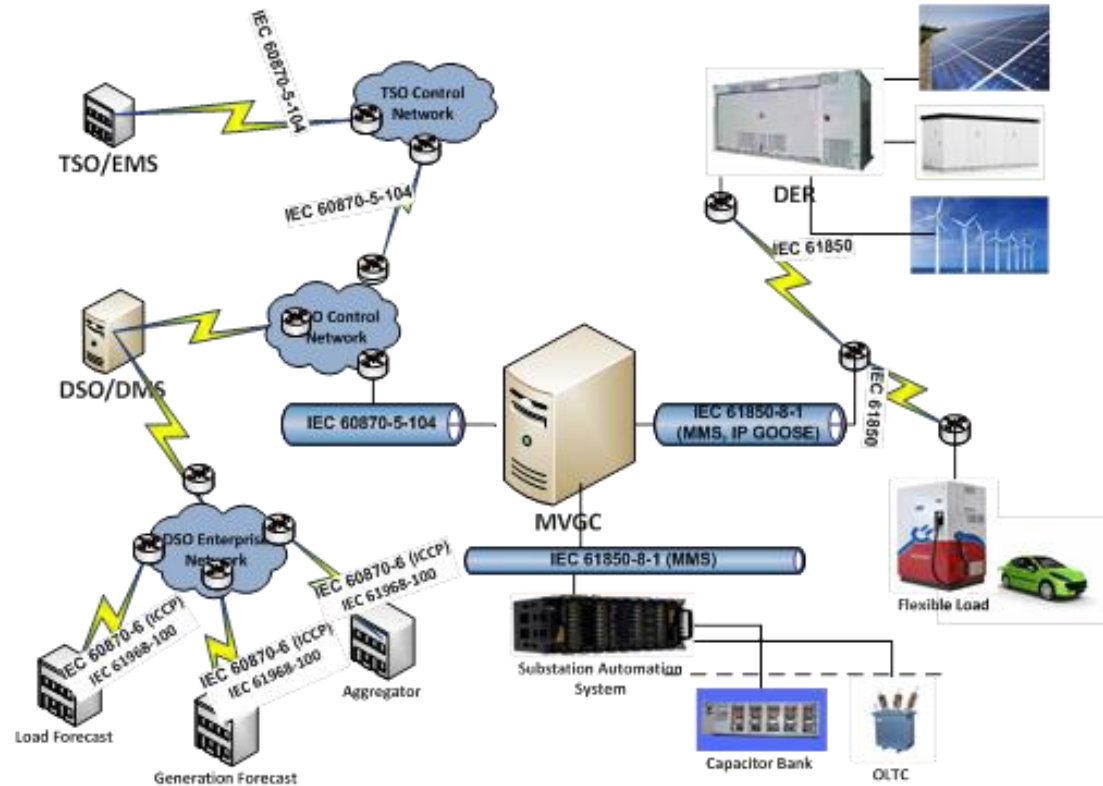
Use cases and architecture

- 4 Use Cases
 - Synthetic views
 - Actors
 - Detailed IEC templates
 - Information flows
 - Control steps
 - Requirements
 - KPIs
 - E.g. Energy saved per month
 - Size of the grid affected by fault/attack (MW)
 - Power Loss
 - Voltage limit excess



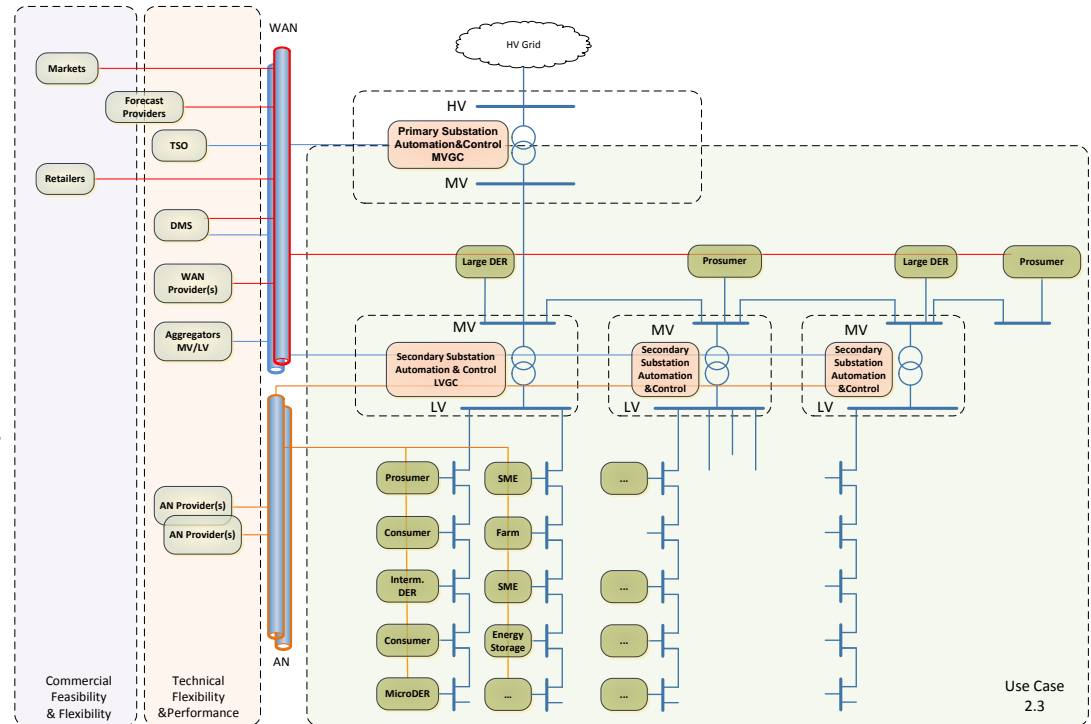
Use Case: Medium Voltage Control

- Address the communication needs of a Medium Voltage Control (MVC)
 - Connection with Distributed Energy Resources (DERs).
- Definition of an ICT architecture suitable for security analysis.



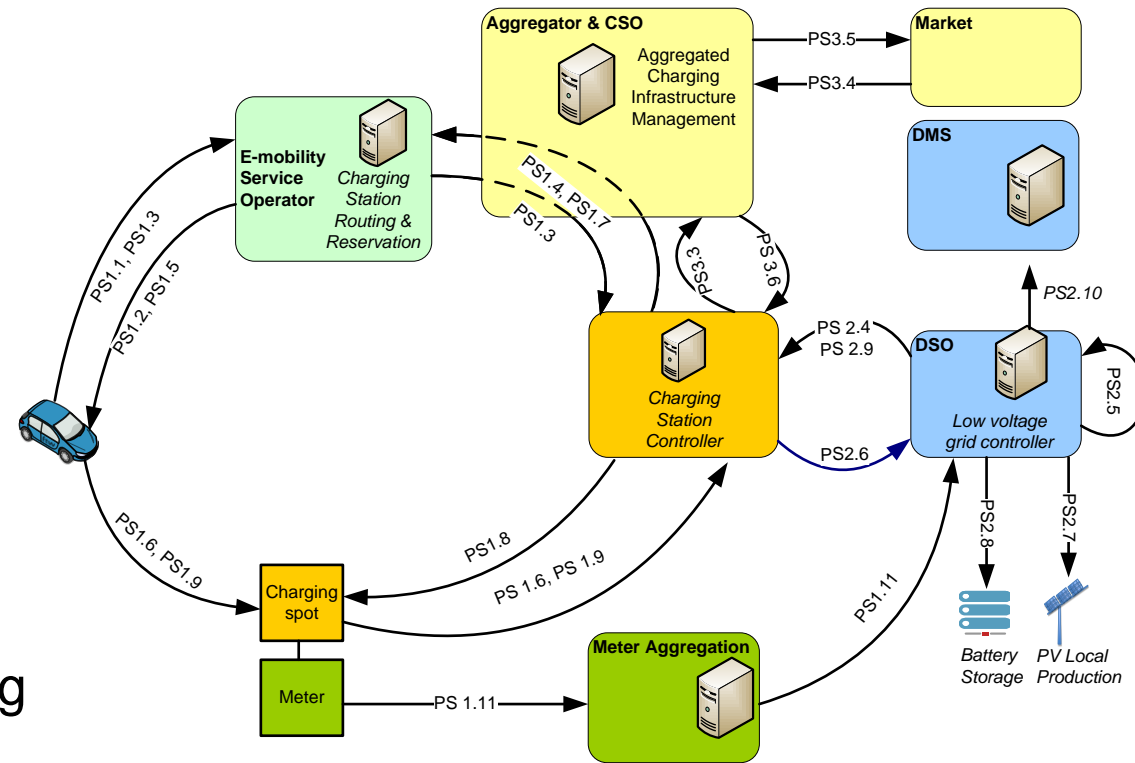
Use Case: External Generation Site

- Improve LV grid operation
 - Low voltage (LV) grids are exposed to new load scenarios due to DER.
 - New high consumer demands from Electrical Vehicle (EV) mobility.
- Automation and control techniques for future LV grids
 - Enables the DSO to utilize the flexibility of the LV grid assets
- The objective is to demonstrate the feasibility of distribution grid operation over an imperfect communication network



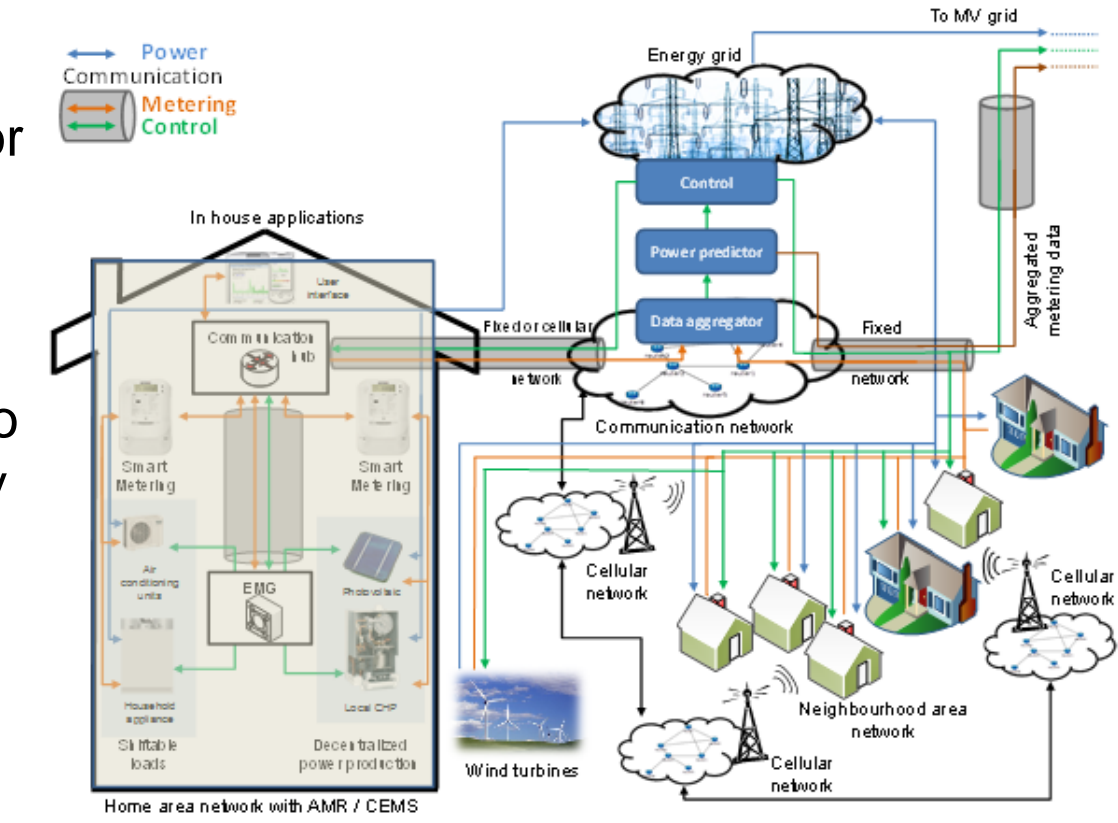
Use Case: Electric Vehicle Charge

- Satisfy charging demands of arriving EVs
 - Generated and stored energy is efficiently used
 - The grid is not overloaded.
- Enable electrical vehicle charging to become a flexible consumption resource
 - To balance energy and power resources in the LV grid
- Enable interoperation between new actors (e.g. CSO) and existing one (e.g. DSOs).
- Enable DSOs to monitor state of low voltage grid under EV load conditions.



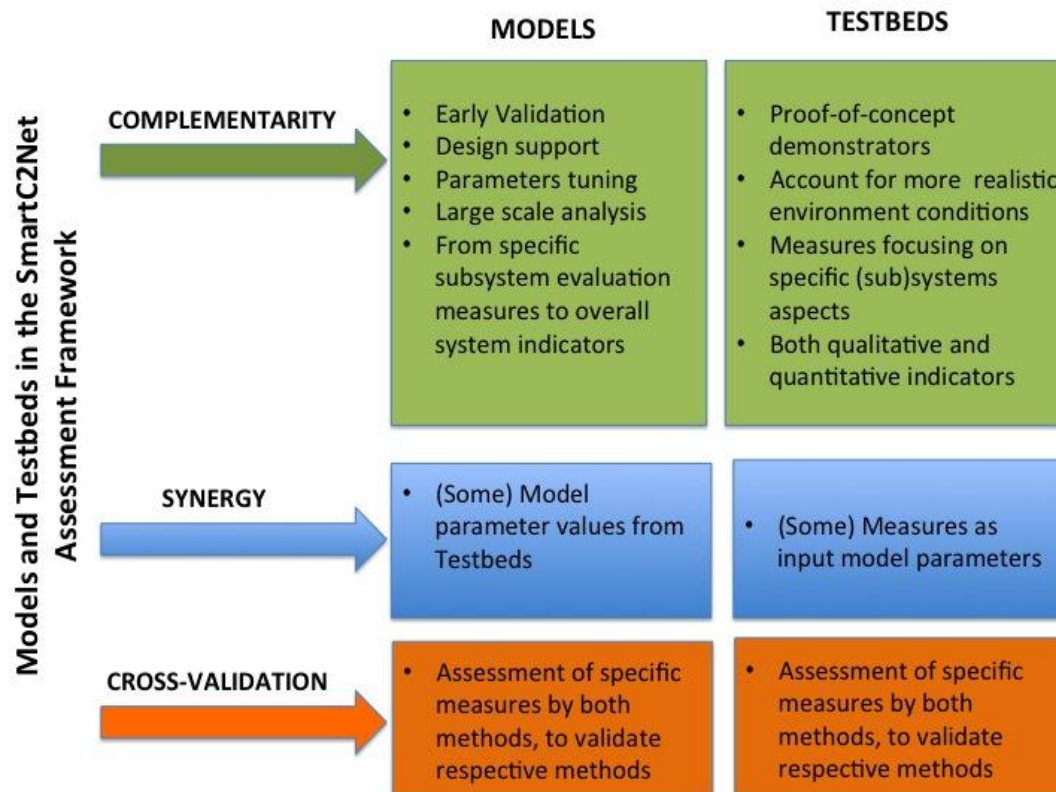
Use Case: CEMS & AMR

- Collection and transmission of aggregated data from the households to the energy utilities/meter reading operators for billing and accounting
- Improve distribution grid stability
 - Aggregate information of energy consumption in order to balance the distribution grid by enabling direct demand side management
 - Reduce energy costs for consumers by shifting flexible loads to less expensive time slots or improve utilization of local energy resources



Evaluation of project outcome

- **Model-based analysis**, to address early stage assessment of QoS and resilience indicators, *considering faults and interdependencies effects*, and to conduct *large-scale analysis* of QoS parameters of different technologies approaches adopted/developed in the project
- **Testbeds-based analysis**, exploited as *proof-of-concepts demonstrators* for the project technologies in a wide range of relevant scenarios



Coordinated assessment plan:

Complementarities exploited both inter- and intra-approaches; e.g:

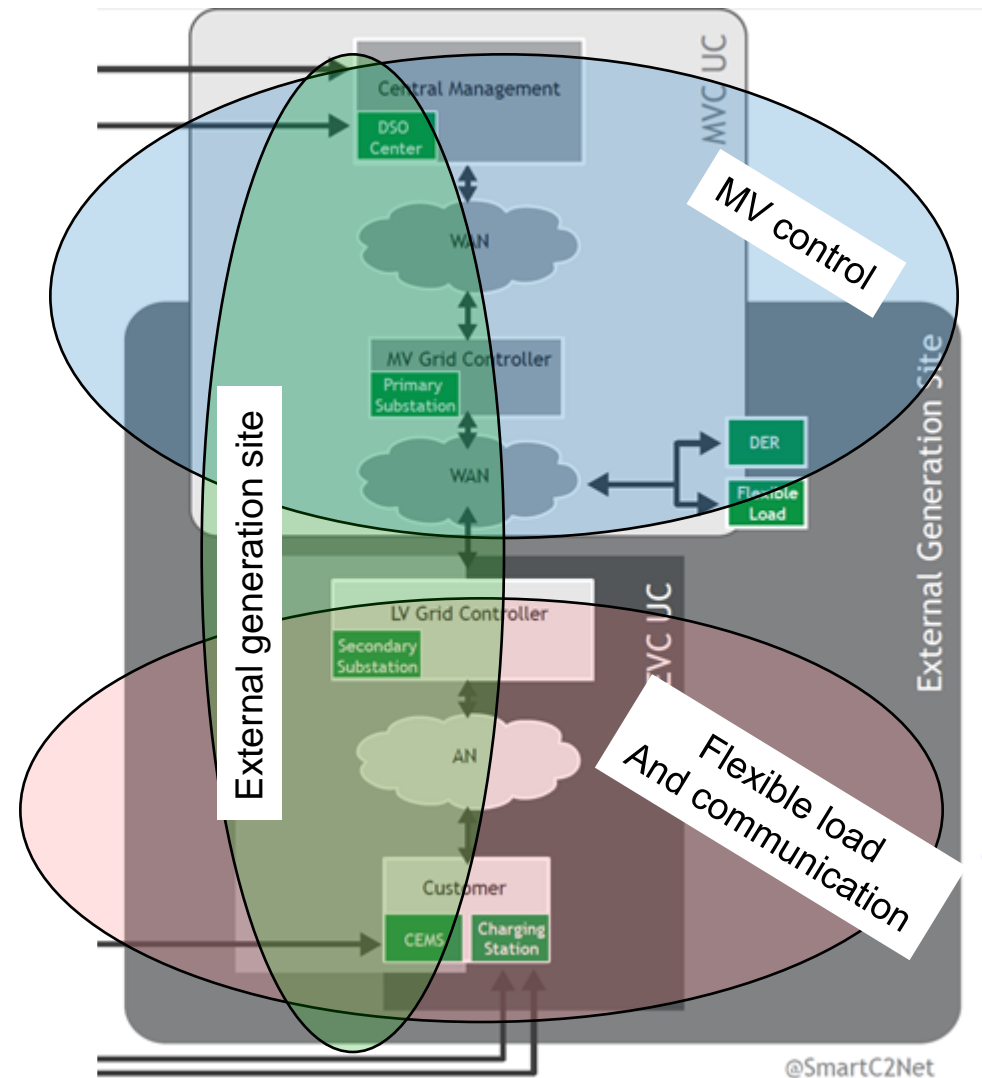
- complementarities among the 3 testbeds
- between state-space modelling and simulation

Identification of measurements assessable through testbeds and relevant as input to models

Identification of Metrics for cross-validation

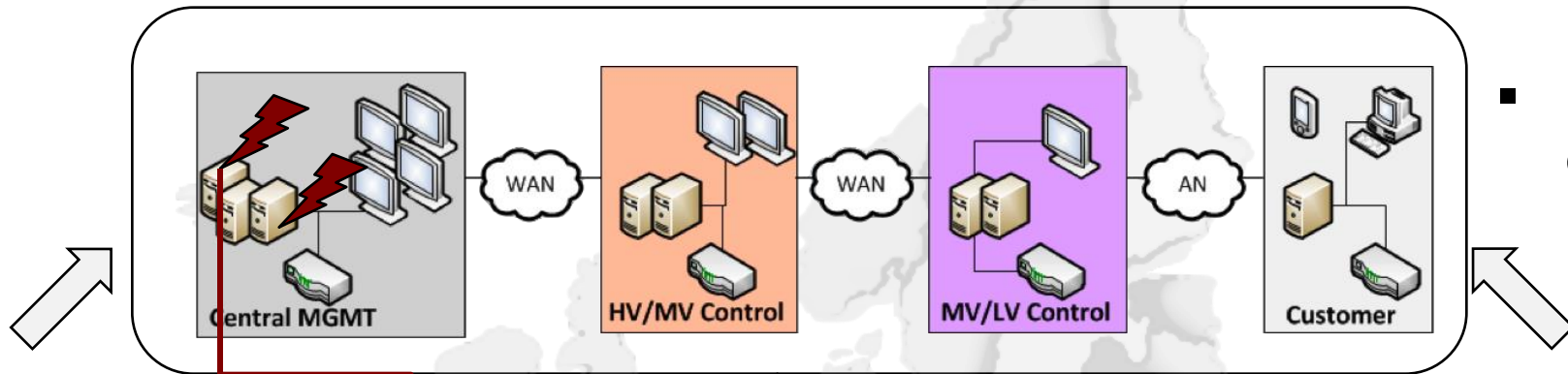
Overview of the three test beds

- MV control
 - MV control
 - Cyber attacks
 - Fully simulated
- External generation site
 - LV/MV grid control
 - Network performance adaptation
 - Both simulated and emulated
- Flexibility load and communication
 - LV Flexible load control
 - Network failure and adaptation
 - Fully simulated



ICT and Grid Cascading Failure

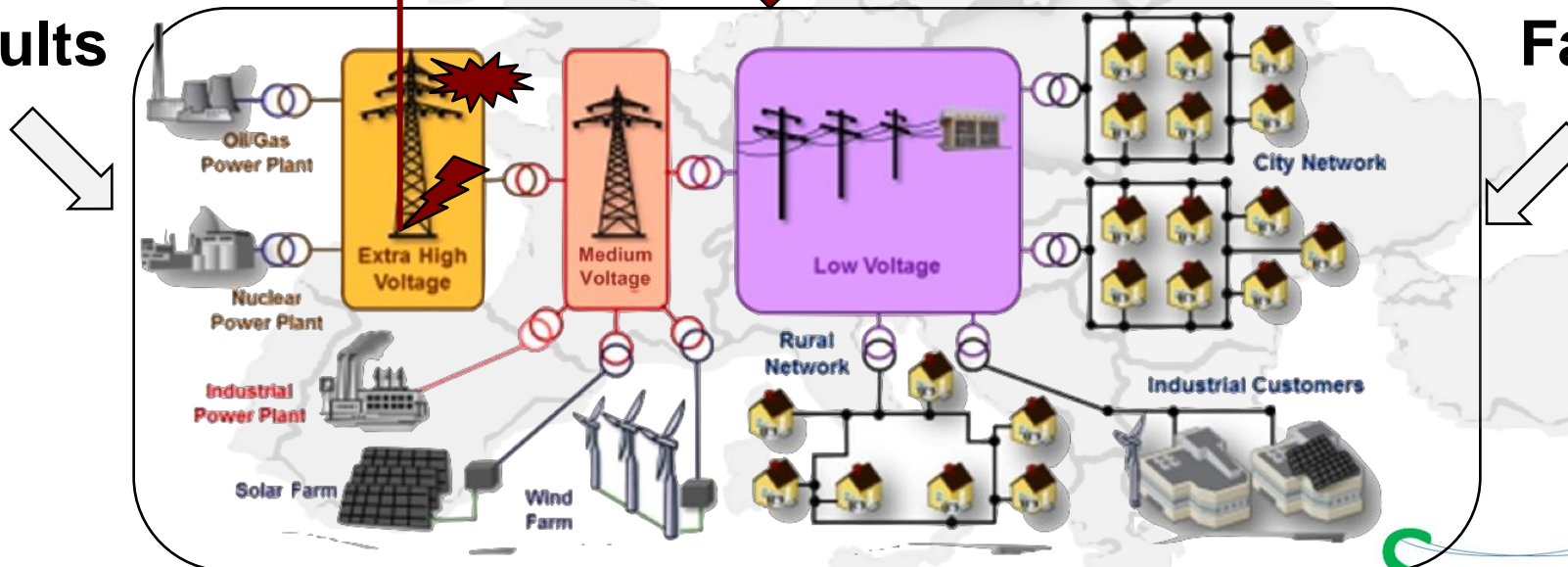
- **Multiple faults**
 - grid and control
- **Intra & Inter domain propagation**
 - e.g., '03 Blackout



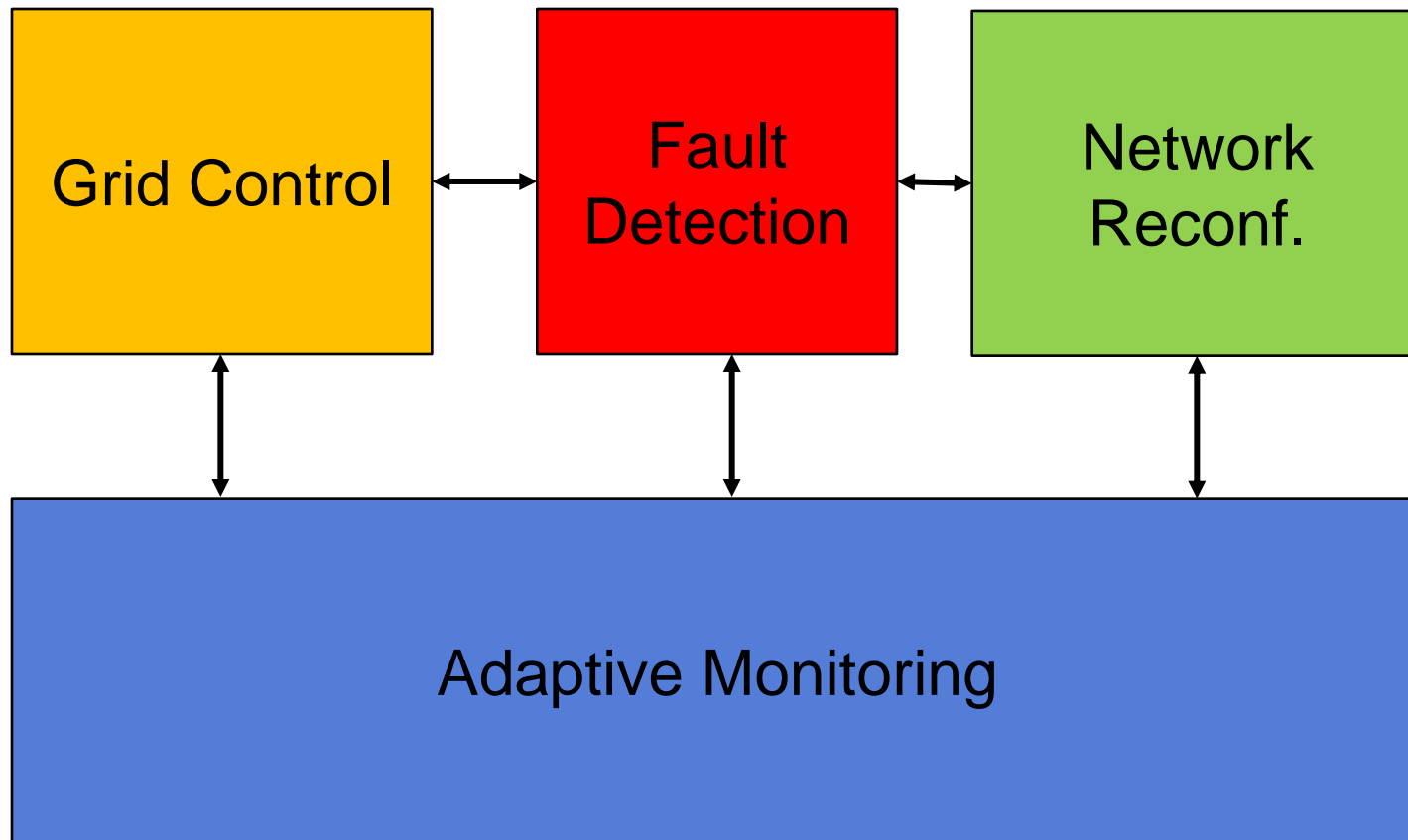
Accidental Faults

Interdependences

Malicious Faults



Fault Management Architecture



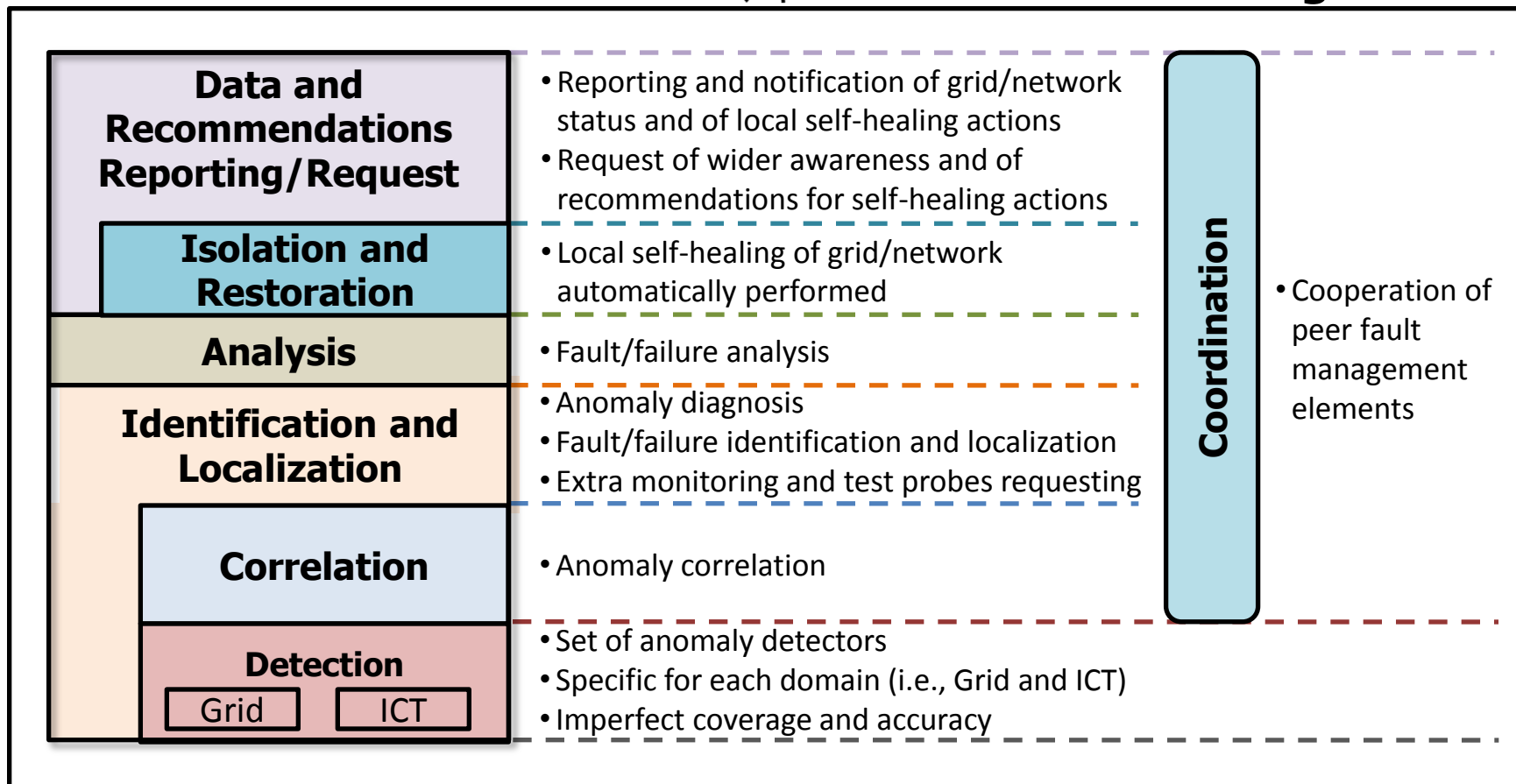
Fault Detection & Diagnosis aims

- The focus is on:
 - Identifying which faults have occurred when QoS levels dramatically decrease.
 - Localize these faults.
 - Recovery actions can be initiated.
 - Prediction to foresee network fault scenarios before they occur and lead to disruption of the grid control

System-wide Recovery and Reconfiguration



Fault Management



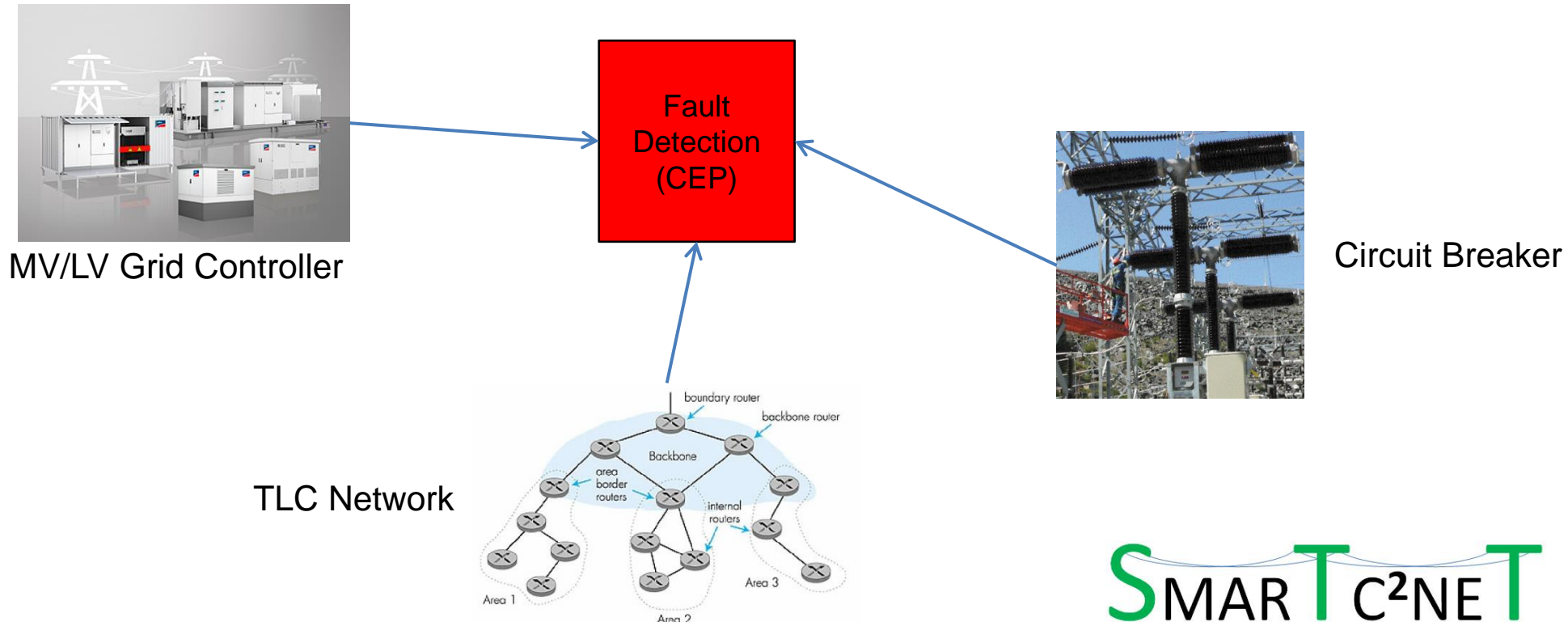
Adaptive Monitoring

Fault Detection

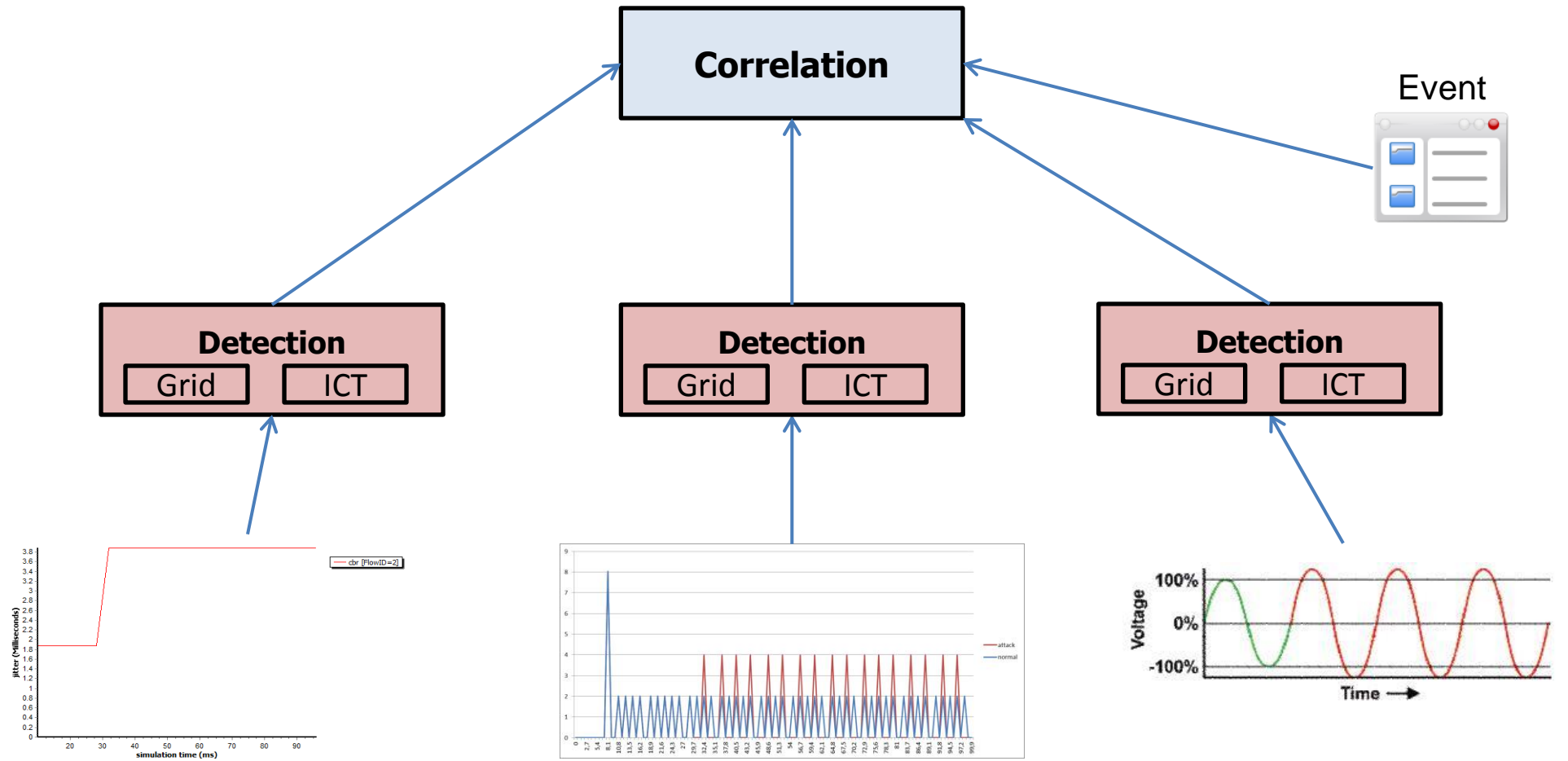
- Complex Event Processing (CEP) technology
 - It allows an efficient management of the pattern detection process in the huge and dynamic data streams.
 - It is very suitable for recognizing complex events and situations online.
 - It allows **fusion of information** generated by heterogeneous sensors supporting the goal of this work (i.e. Network sensors and Grid sensors)

Fault Detection

- CEP consists of the processing of events generated by the combination of data from multiple sources and aggregated in *complex-events* representing situations or part of them
 - Processing data coming from both grid and ICT domain can help to improve the fault diagnosis, because of their interdependencies.

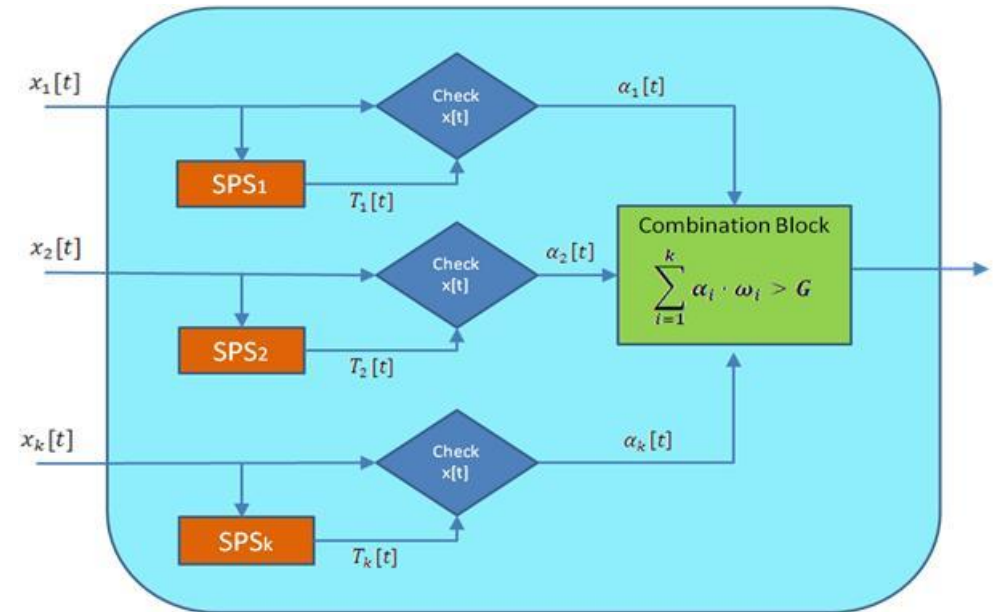


Fault Detection



Detection [1] [2]

- Data samples are checked against their prediction Statistical Predictor and Safety Margin (SPS)
- If exceed the threshold then a flag is raised
- Combination block combines flags coming from several indexes α_i , each one weighted with weight ω_i



$$T_i^l[t+k] = x_i[t] - P[t+k] + SM[t]$$

$$T_i^u[t+k] = x_i[t] + P[t+k] + SM[t]$$

Correlation

- Correlate anomaly events which are detected in order to make fault diagnosis easier.
- Which anomaly/ies should be correlated?
 - Interested failure models are needed and should be developed!
- First of all failure scenarios that are relevant should be identified

Challenging failure scenarios

- Main/MV Circuit Breaker:
 - CB failure
 - CB controller failure
 - Possibility to have cascading failure
 - Remote commands not executed
- Grid fault detector:
 - Unexpected Fault notification (False Positive)
 - Missed fault notification (False Negative)
 - Babbling failure
- Assets Communication Means:
 - Connection lost
 - Latency not satisfying requirements
 - Packet error rate exceeding the allowed one.
 - Etc..

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Thank you!

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Backups

Overview of test bed components

- Pro's:
- Realistic test environments for validation
 - Expertises at each test site fully utilized
 - Safe; no customers gets hurt
 - Feedback on practical limitations

- Con's:
- Limited numbers of assets per test bed
 - Time consuming
 - Difficult to change directions if needed

