

Microgrid Testbed

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1. Energy Issue in Korea

-Demand side: 『Energy Saving』 / -Supply side: 『Decarbonization, Decentralization』



[source: IEA2007, IPCC2007]

“積塵成山”

“泰山不讓土壤”

“Many a mickle makes a muckle”

“Little drops of water make the mighty ocean”

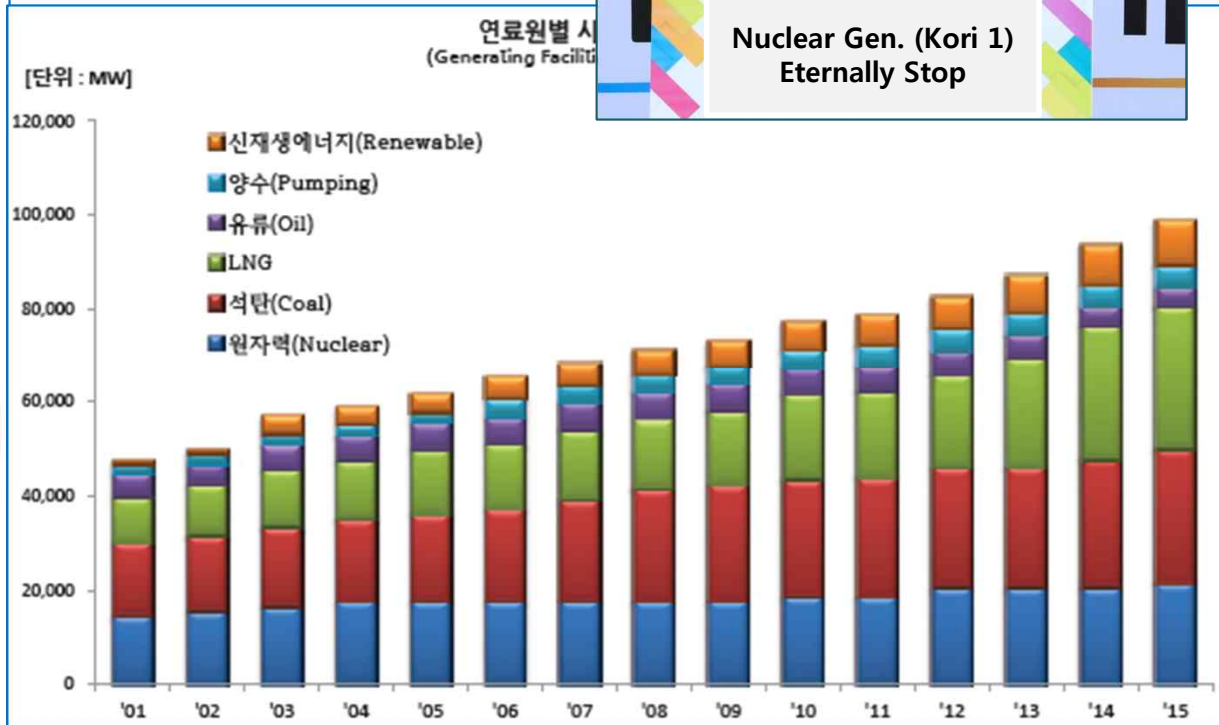
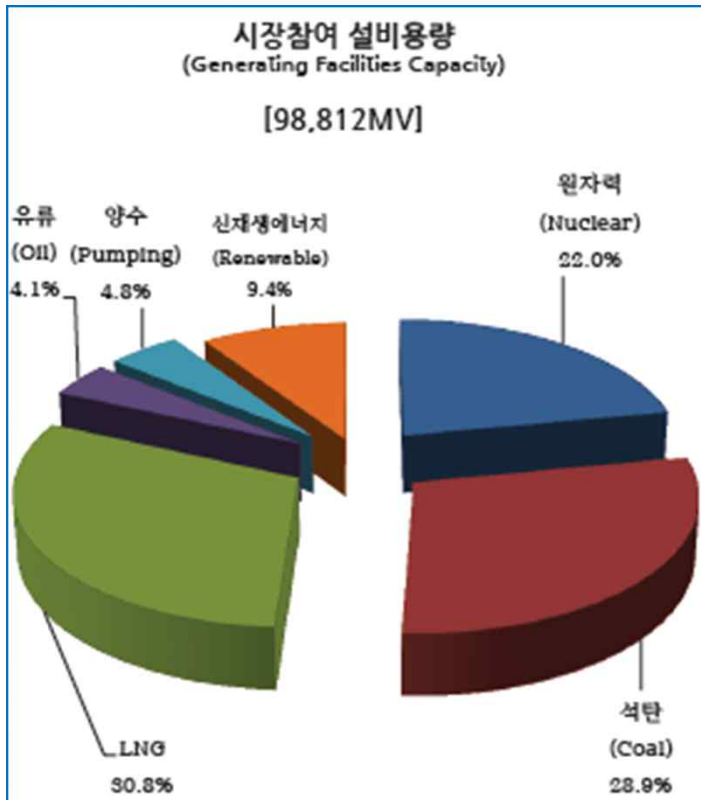
Energy efficiency,
Reasonable
consumption



Expand DER
(Distributed
energy resources)

1. Energy Issue in Korea

Energy source change : Nuclear/Coal → Renewable with ESS



[Generating Facilities Capacity by Fuel Type, '15. Korea]

2. Wind of Change/Requirement

Energy ICT Platform based on ICBMS (IoT/Cloud/Big Data/Mobile/Security)

Social Factors

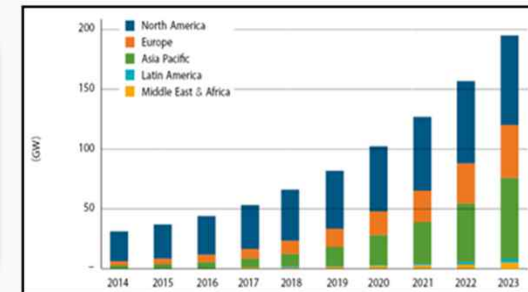
- Improving the QoL → increase energy demand, require high quality
- Decarbonized Power plant → difficulty in supply-oriented supply & demand planning and deployment
- Increasing energy efficiency → need to optimal energy supply & demand planning/Demand side management

Environmental Factor

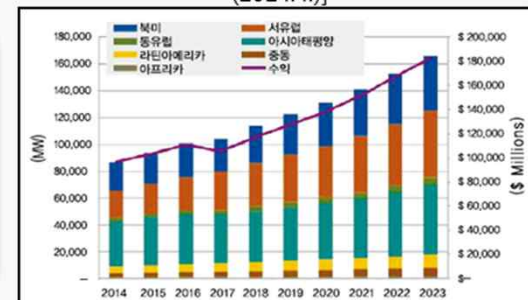
- Global action to reduce greenhouse gas emission → increase electric vehicle (EV), Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)
- Continuous increase of energy demand → demand for consumer, building energy efficiency
- Centralized power generation → distributed generation, energy service based on hyper-connectivity/intelligence

Technical Factors

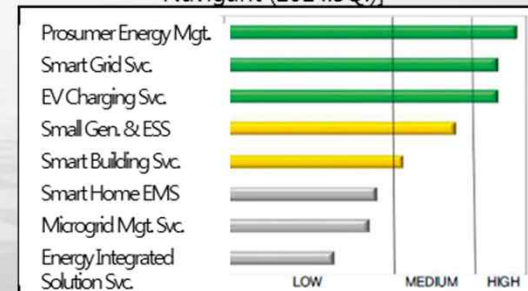
- Difficulty in demand forecasting & increase in DERs → need to deal with uncertainty, system instability
- Interconnect with DERs → need to integrate various energy resources/optimal operation
- Passive consumer → Active consumer, Transformed into Market Participants, E-Prosumer



[Demand Response Market Forecast, Navigant (2014.4.)]



[Distributed Energy Resources Global Forecast, Navigant (2014.3Q.)]

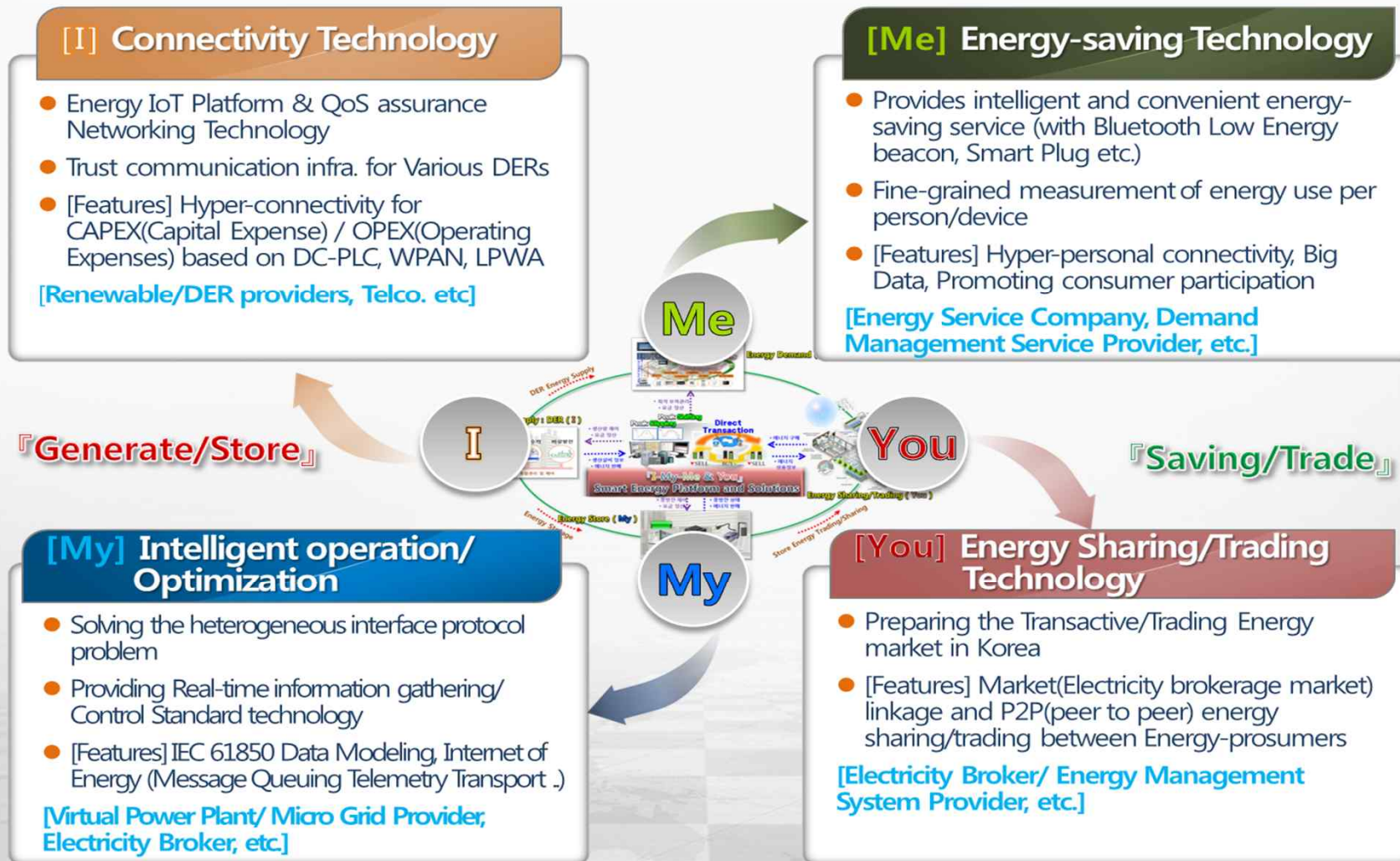


[New business models for energy sector, IDC (2015.10.)]

3. Energy ICT R&D

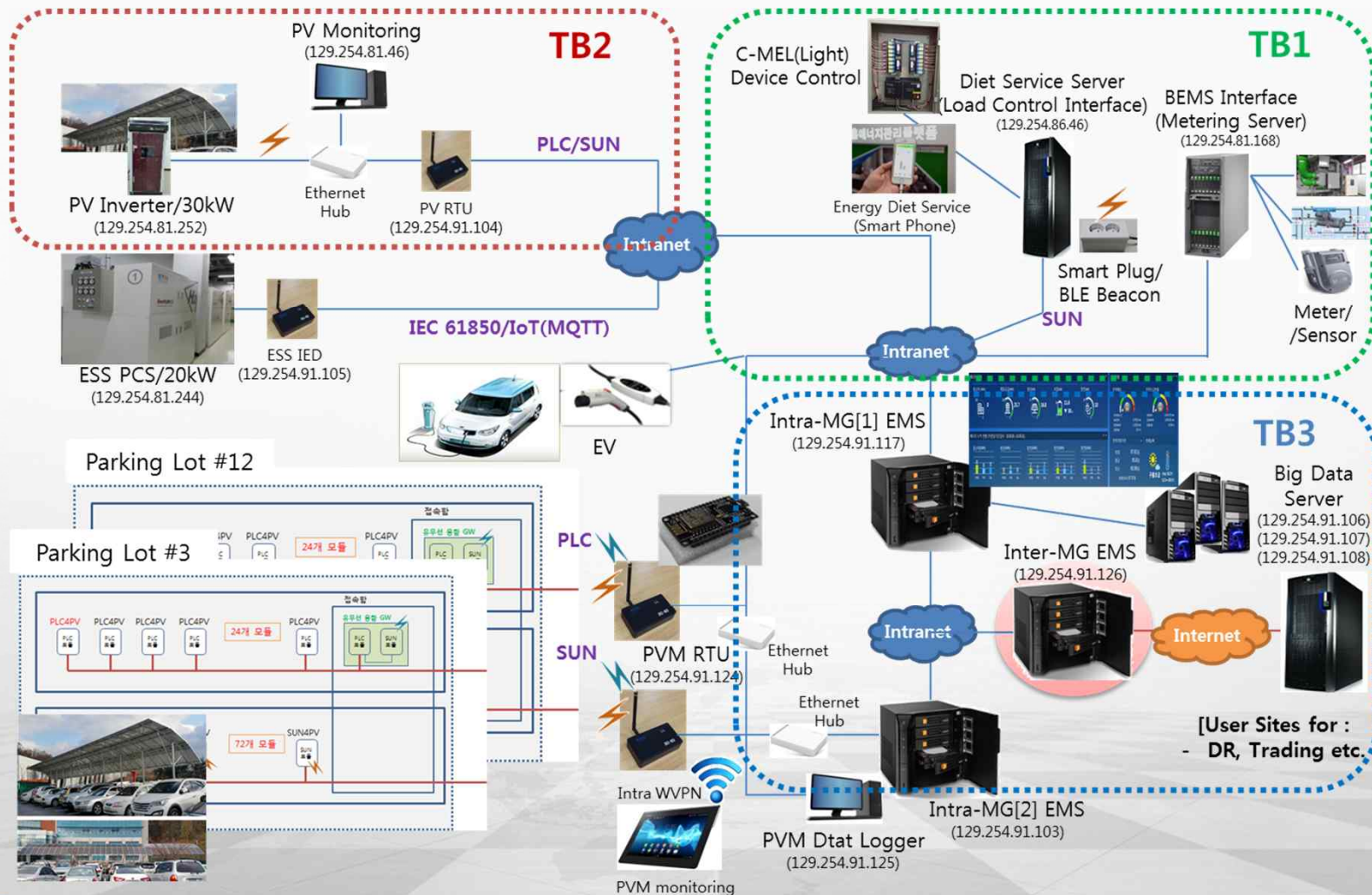
ETRI Approach

『I(Produce Energy)—My(Own Energy)—Me(Energy Saving) & You(Brokerage/Trading)』 Smart Energy Platform



4. Microgrid Testbed : ETRI

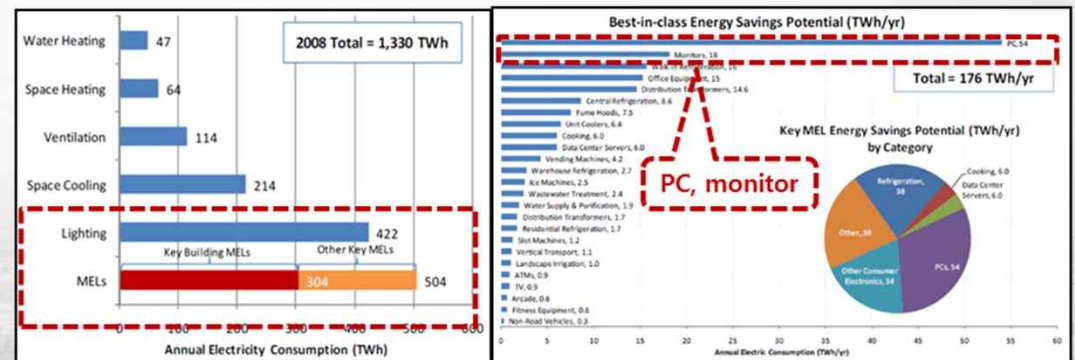
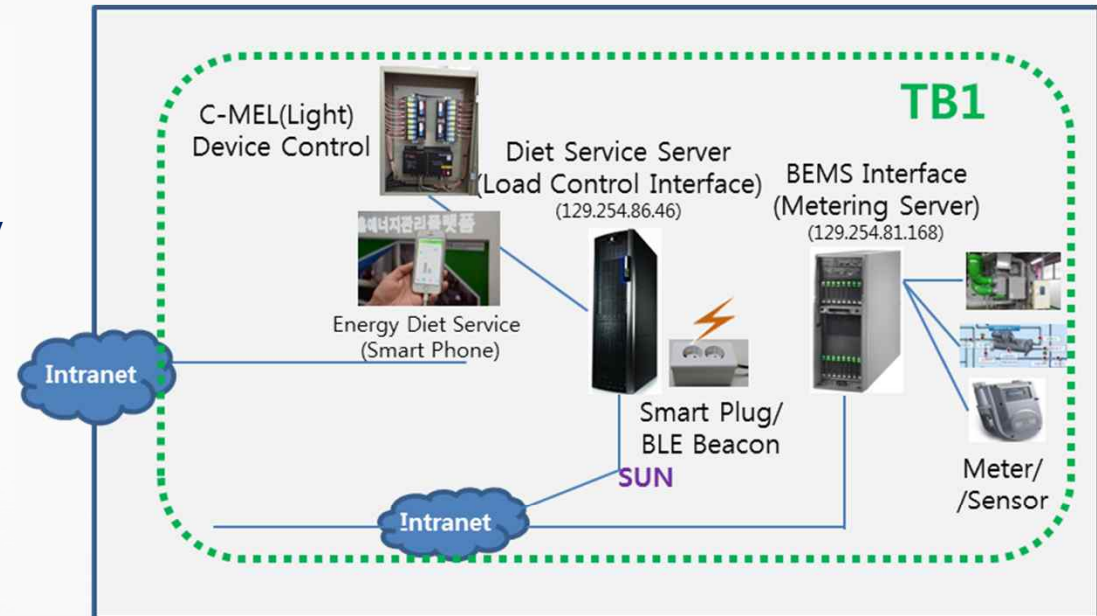
Microgrid : a small network of electricity users with a local source (DER) of supply that is usually attached to a centralized national grid



4-1. Testbed 1 : Energy Diet with Smart Plug

『Energy Diet Service with Smart Plug』

- Backgrounds
 - Relatively high energy-use intensity of commercial building
 - Highest energy savings potential of PCs, monitors, and lights in office
 - People' mindset: conserving energy is inconvenient and requires a sacrifice without a reward.
- Energy Diet Service with Smart Plug
 - Focuses on energy savings of PC, monitor, and light in office
 - Provides intelligent and convenient energy-saving service without user intervention
 - Provides fine-grained energy management service
 - Provides automated reward management service to motivates users to save energy



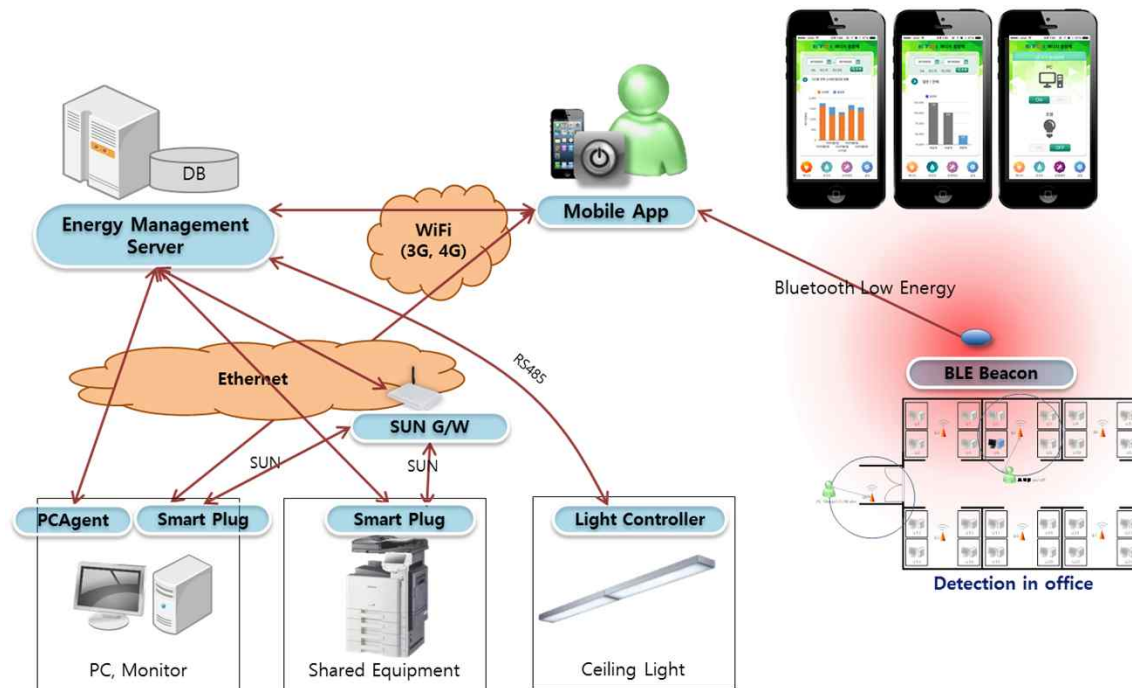
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『Energy Diet Service with Smart Plug』

Goal

- To manage and reduce energy consumption in a convenient and fine-grained manner in an office environment
- To promote energy savings through automated reward management

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4-1. Testbed 1 : Energy Diet with Smart Plug

『Energy Diet Service with Smart Plug』

Features

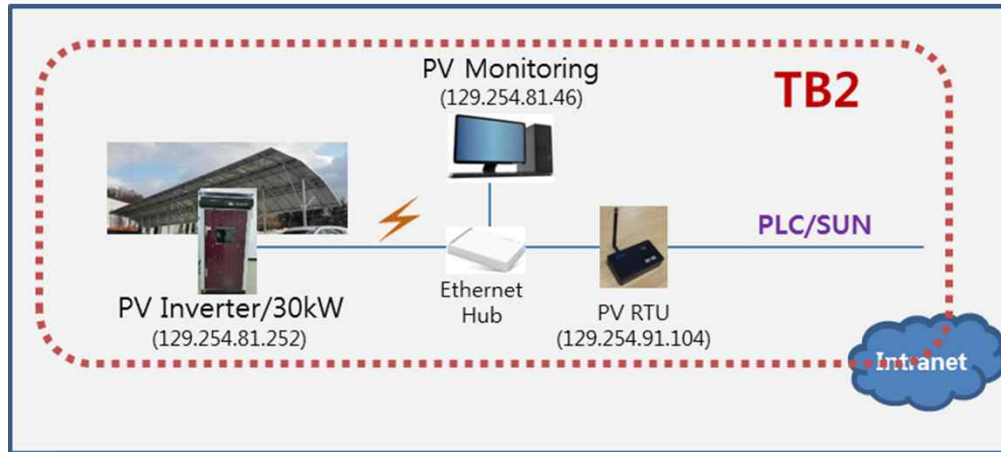
- **Fine-grained Energy Management**
Smart Plug with Low power/high reliability sub-GHz wireless Network (SUN)
Energy consumption monitoring of individuals or each device
- **Convenient, Intelligent Energy Saving**
Energy saving without user intervention
Automated power control of individual's PC, monitor, shared office equipment and ceiling light according to user's movement
- **Automated Reward Management**
Estimating user's effort to save energy: turning off PC and monitor, taking stairs

Benefits

- **Low-cost, user-friendly energy saving service**
Low-cost to build infrastructure, Energy management service for users
- **Positive motivating the behavior of energy saving**
Mindset modification to save energy in office

4-2. Testbed 2 : Renewable Energy Monitoring

『DC-PLC and Sub-GHz Technologies for Renewable Energy Monitoring』



- System Configuration
 - 30kW Photovoltaic (PV)
 - Low-cost PLC modules covering 4-panels at a time
 - Low-cost wireless Sub-GHz modules for monitoring at panel level
 - RTU for gathering monitoring data
 - Ethernet hub for sending data to cloud
 - PC for displaying the monitoring data



- User-friendly Remote Monitoring
 - Easy monitoring through consumer devices including PC and smart-phone
 - Achieving quick detection of faults of a renewable resource causing energy production reduction
 - Possible to reduce whole-life cost

4-2. Testbed 2 : Renewable Energy Monitoring

『 DC-PLC and Sub-GHz Technologies for Renewable Energy Monitoring 』

Goal

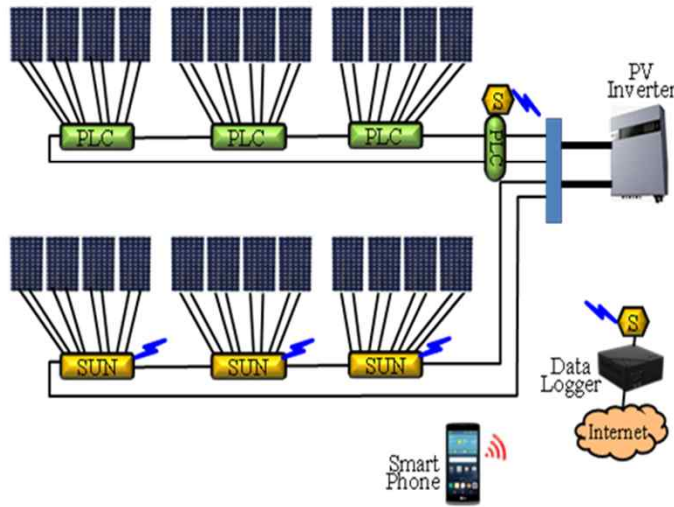
- Renewable Energy Monitoring at Module-level
Based on Low-Cost DC-PLC and Sub-GHz Technologies
for Improvement of Maintenance Efficiency

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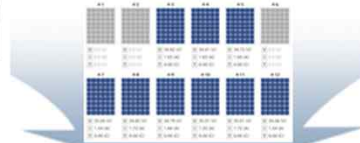
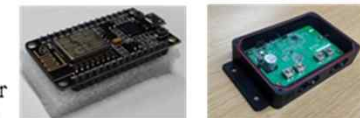
Great Expansion of Renewable Resources
→ Massive Installation at Module-level



Low-Cost DC-PLC and Sub-GHz
→ Suitable for Monitoring at Module(Panel)-level



User-friendly Monitoring at Module-level
→ Obtaining Efficient Maintenance



4-2. Testbed 2 : Renewable Energy Monitoring

『DC-PLC and Sub-GHz Technologies for Renewable Energy Monitoring』

Features

- **Based on DC-PLC and Sub-GHz Communications**
Requiring no additional communication-line → Easy to apply to conventional renewable resources
- **Using Low-Cost Techniques and Covering 4 Modules at a Time**
Obtaining high cost-efficiency suitable for renewable resources with rapid growth
- **Supporting Module-level Monitoring**
Detecting quickly faults reducing energy production → Improving maintenance efficiency

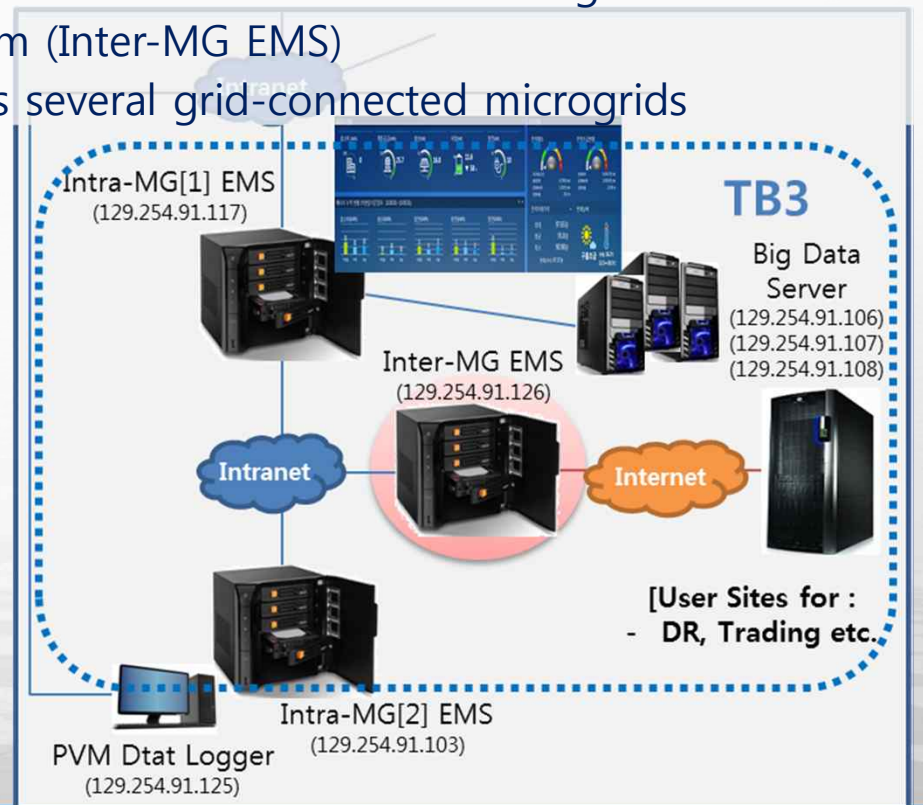
Benefits

- **Providing Infrastructure for Hyper Connectivity and Energy Information through Wired/Wireless Communication Convergence Technology**
Providing monitoring technology based on wired/wireless communication for various environment such as region/property/scope/QoS
- **Enhancement of Maintenance of Distributed Energy Resources and Upgrading of Added-Value Creation**
Providing maintenance upgrade by achieving efficient upkeep through module-level monitoring
Building a premium (value-added) renewable energy infrastructure for Chinese low-priced PV system

4-3. Testbed 3 : DER Optimal Operation

『Energy Storage System (ESS) Optimal-Economic Scheduling』

- Microgrid Energy Management System (MG EMS)
 - Objective: Data Collection, Visualization, Analysis, and Management
- Individual Microgrid Energy Management System (Intra-MG EMS)
 - Energy management system that manages DERs in the individual microgrid
- Multi Microgrid Energy Management System (Inter-MG EMS)
 - Energy management system that manages several grid-connected microgrids
- Energy Storage System (ESS)
 - Enables load shifting based on its energy storing capability
 - Helps to reduce power usage cost of the grid-connected microgrid under the time-of-use (TOU) price plan
- ESS Optimal-Economic Scheduling
 - Minimizing the electricity bill by controlling the ESS optimally



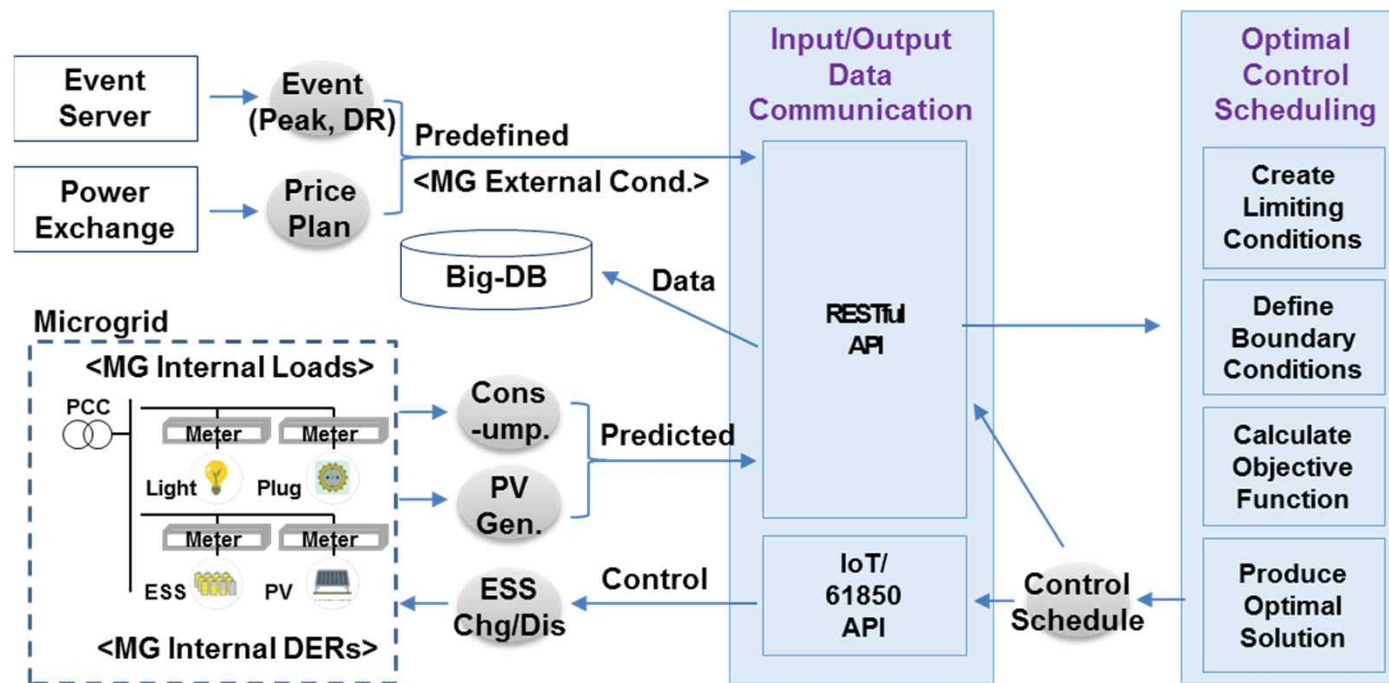
4-3. Testbed 3 : DER Optimal Operation

『Energy Storage System (ESS) Optimal-Economic Scheduling』

Goal

- DER Optimal Control Scheduling Technology that improves the DER power usage and reduces the grid power usage cost through the optimal control for DERs in the grid-connected microgrid

Config.



4-3. Testbed 3 : DER Optimal Operation

『Energy Storage System (ESS) Optimal-Economic Scheduling』

Features

- **DER Optimal-Economic Control**
Optimal control scheduling for the ESS within the grid-connected microgrid to maximize its economic profit
- **Considering the Internal Conditions of the Grid-Connected MG**
Optimal control scheduling that is subject to the internal conditions of the microgrid such as the load power consumption, PV power generation, and ESS energy/power capacity
- **Considering the External Conditions of the Grid-Connected MG**
Optimal control scheduling that is subject to the external conditions of the microgrid such as the price plan, peak control event, and DR event

Benefits

- **Microgrid Side: Improved DER Usage**
Maximized DER power usage as a result of the optimal control
- **Microgrid Side: Cost Reduction**
Reduced grid power usage cost through the optimal control of DERs
- **Grid Side: Power Demand Reduction during Peak Hours**
Reduced power demand during peak hours as a result of the microgrid economic scheduling

