Blockchain for Energy, Environment, and Utilities

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Topics

- **Business Value of Blockchains**
- Blockchain Characteristics
- Network Governance and Scaling
- Energy & Utility Industry high value use cases
- Final thoughts on IoT integration

As a result of frictions many business transactions remain inefficient, expensive and vulnerable

Time

Many business transactions:

- are time sensitive
- require much settlement and reconciliation time
- are process-delay prone

Cost

Many business transactions:

- include overheads from multiple intermediaries
- are costly to manage and execute
- require extensive documentation

Risk

Many business transactions:

- are ambiguous and non-verifiable
- are prone to errors and tampering
- have no single source of truth

Source: IBM Institute for Business Value analysis

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Aspects of two blockchain types, with hybrids emerging

Main focus of this presentation

Public blockchain

- Permissionless, open access
- Anonymous participants and validators of transactions
- Allows anonymous transactions without need for a trusted intermediary

Business blockchain

- Permissioned access
- Consensus via trusted intermediaries
- Cryptographic database managed and shared by trusted parties
- *Used for enterprise and consortium applications*

Hybrid blockchain

- Built on Public Chain Infrastructure
- Provide technology for permissioned networks

Adapted from: https://www.evry.com/globalassets/insight/bank2020/bank-2020---blockchain-powering-the-internet-of-value---whitepaper.pdf.

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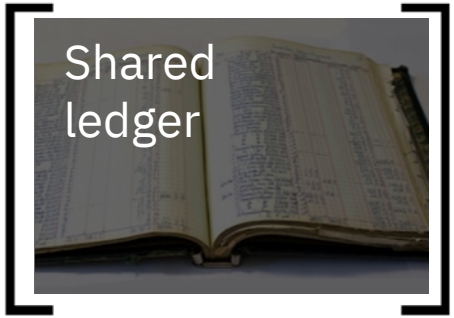
Attributes of blockchain for business

Append-only distributed system of record shared across business network



Business terms embedded in transaction database & executed with transactions

Ensuring appropriate visibility; transactions are secure, authenticated & verifiable

Transactions are endorsed by relevant participants

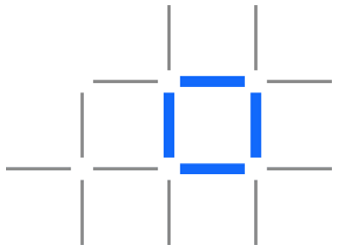
Example network interoperability Projects

HYPERLEDGER
QUILT

Hyperledger Quilt offers interoperability between ledger systems by implementing ILP, which is primarily a payments protocol and is designed to transfer value across distributed ledgers and non-distributed ledgers.

HYPERLEDGER
BURROW

Hyperledger Burrow is a permissionable smart contract machine. The first of its kind when released in December, 2014, Burrow provides a modular blockchain client with a permissioned smart contract interpreter built in part to the specification of the Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM).



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Enterprise Entry Points

Cross-Industry Network

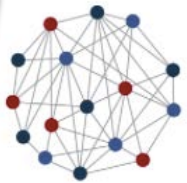
New revenue
New services
New products

Collaborate with non-traditional partners to innovate to build new value propositions, digital platforms and marketplaces

Cost
Innovation
Service

Collaborate with non-competitors to enhance today's differentiating processes B2B-2C

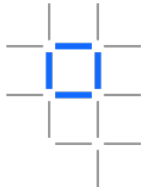
Founder Network



Network of Competitors

Optimize B2B costs
Optimize risk
Optimize capital

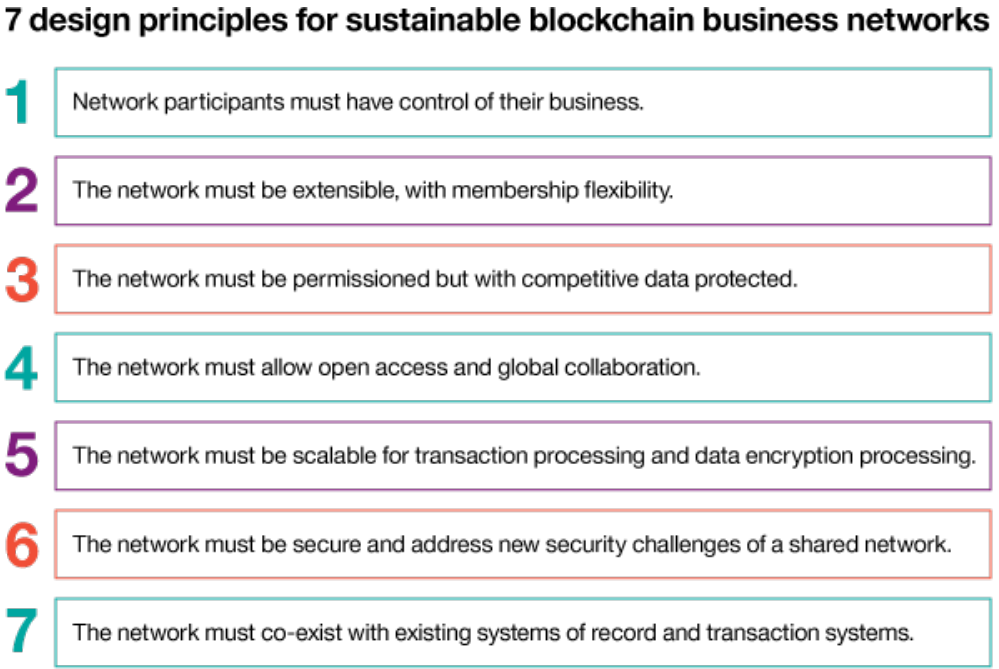
Collaborate with competitors to build market utilities to optimize shared B2B processes



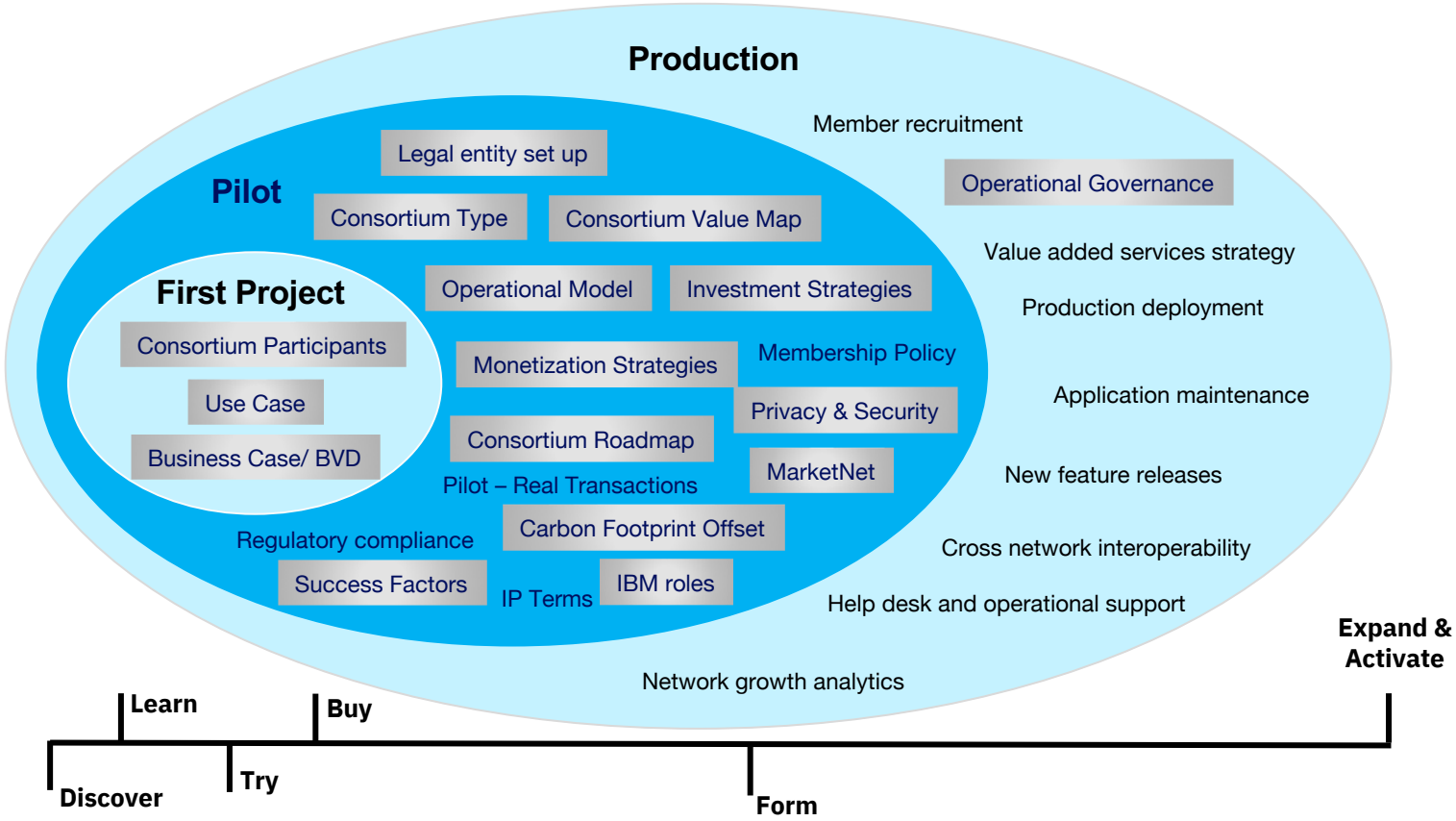
Blockchain for Business – Design Principles

While blockchain technology alone is interesting, many other mechanics of a business network need to be evaluated as well. IBM has 7 key principles for Blockchain Solutions on the Hyperledger fabric:

Consensus models	• What trust system is appropriate for the business network?
Control and governance	• Which entities are allowed to do what? • Who owns and begins the investigative process in the event of a system anomaly? • Are Smart Contracts Legally credible?
Digital asset generation	• Who generates the asset in the system and who governs it?
Authority for issuance	• In a truly decentralized system, the notion of authority simply does not gel. • Who is responsible for governance, culpability, and eventually regulations?
Security considerations:	• How will enterprise security and new security challenges imposed by a shared business network be addressed?



Blockchain Consortium Governance and Operating Model



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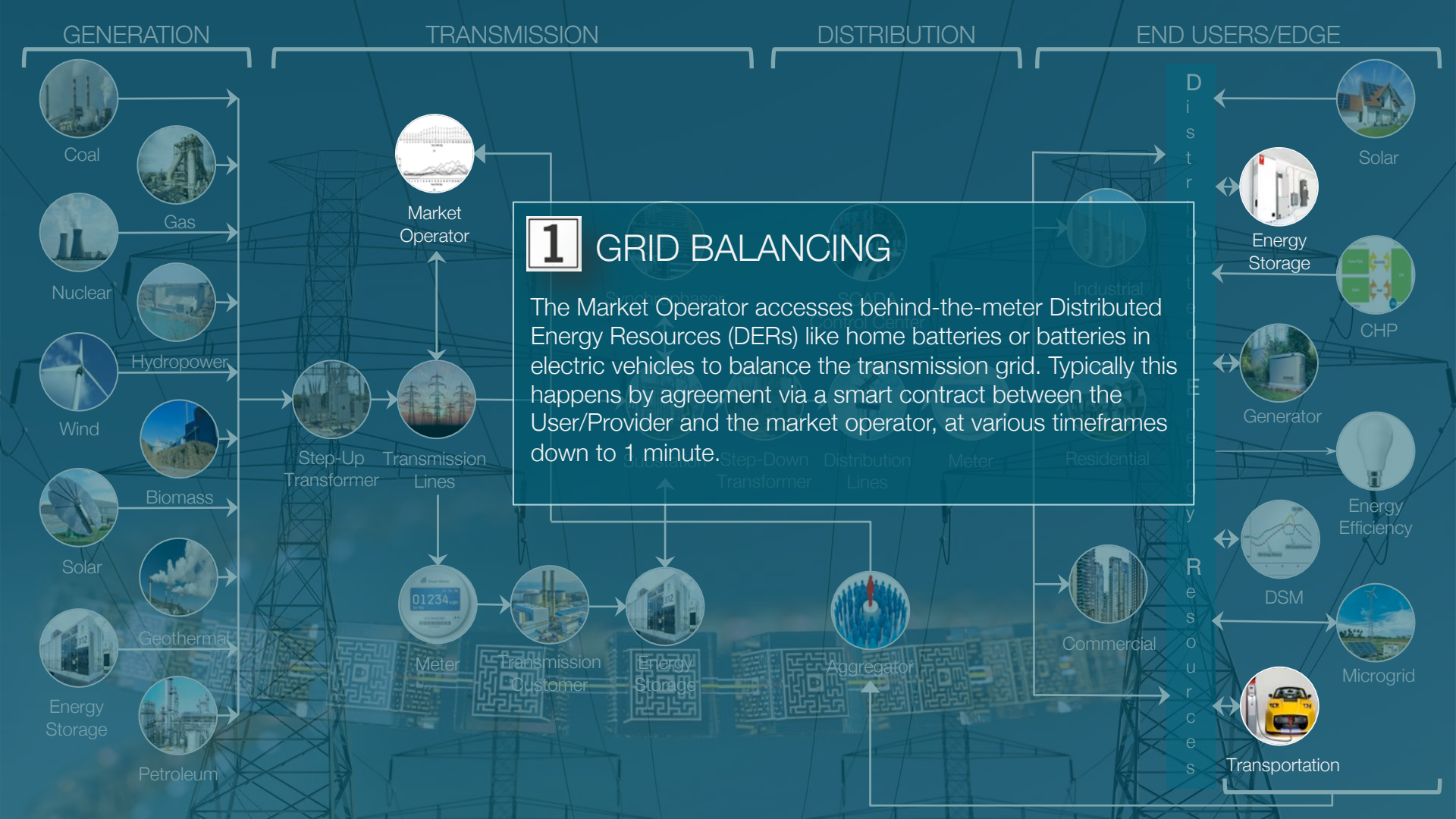
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GRID BALANCING
The Market Operator accesses behind-the-meter Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) like home batteries or batteries in electric vehicles to balance the transmission grid. Typically this happens by agreement via a smart contract between the User/Provider and the market operator, at various timeframes down to 1 minute.

TenneT is unlocking distributed energy resources flexibility via IBM Blockchain

The need:

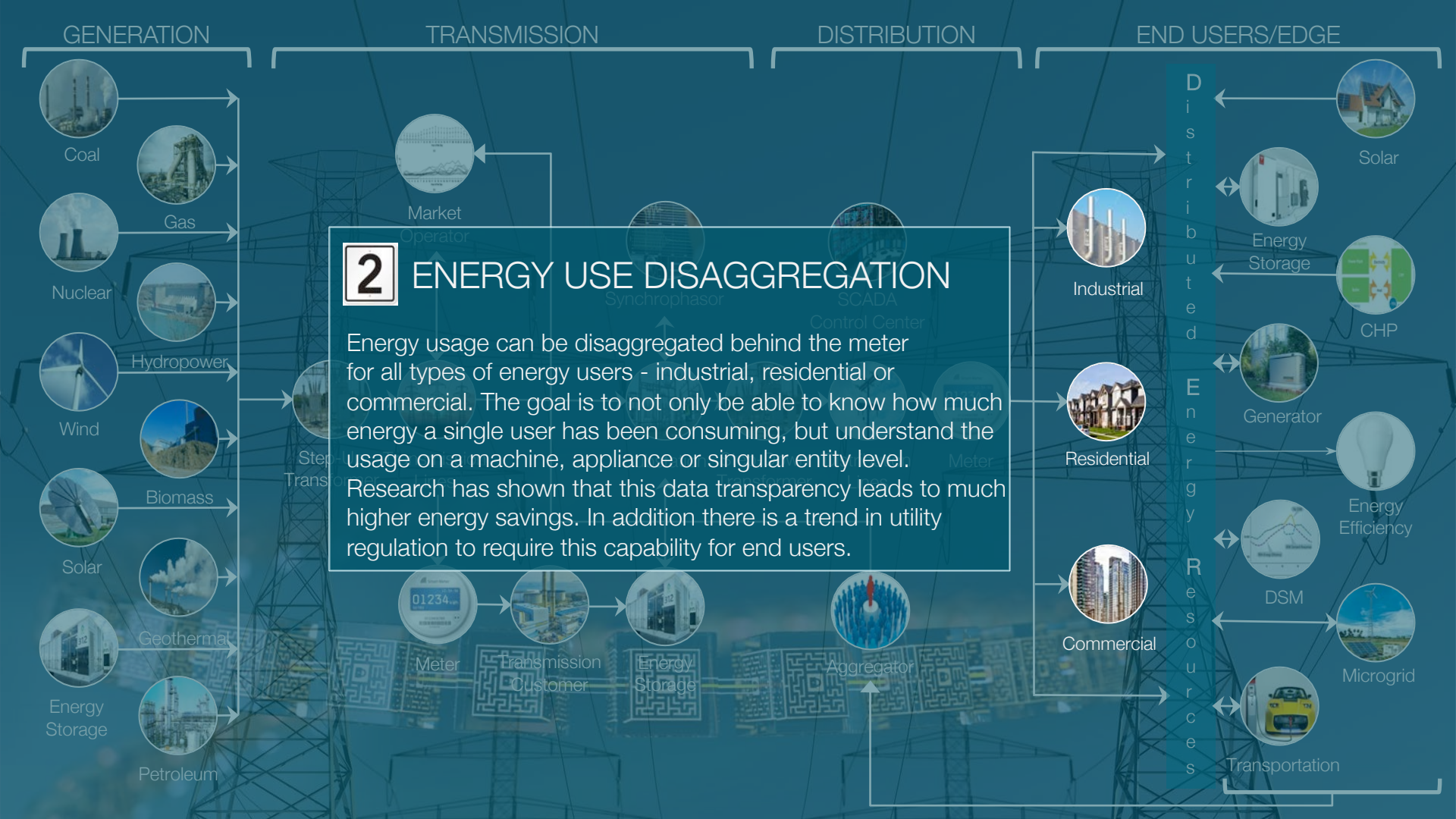
- The electricity grid is becoming more volatile due to the growing share of renewable electricity generation in the overall supply
- TenneT is working to find new ways of maintaining the security of supply

Solution:

- TenneT is exploring the use of a permissioned blockchain network that will use Hyperledger Fabric to integrate flexible battery storage capacity into the electrical grid
- Blockchain enables owners of electric vehicles and residential solar batteries to indicate the available capacity of their batteries available to help TenneT balance grid supply and demand

"These pilot projects are part of TenneT's broader strategy of preparing the electricity system to accommodate the growing volume of renewable energy."

Mel Kroon
CEO, TenneT

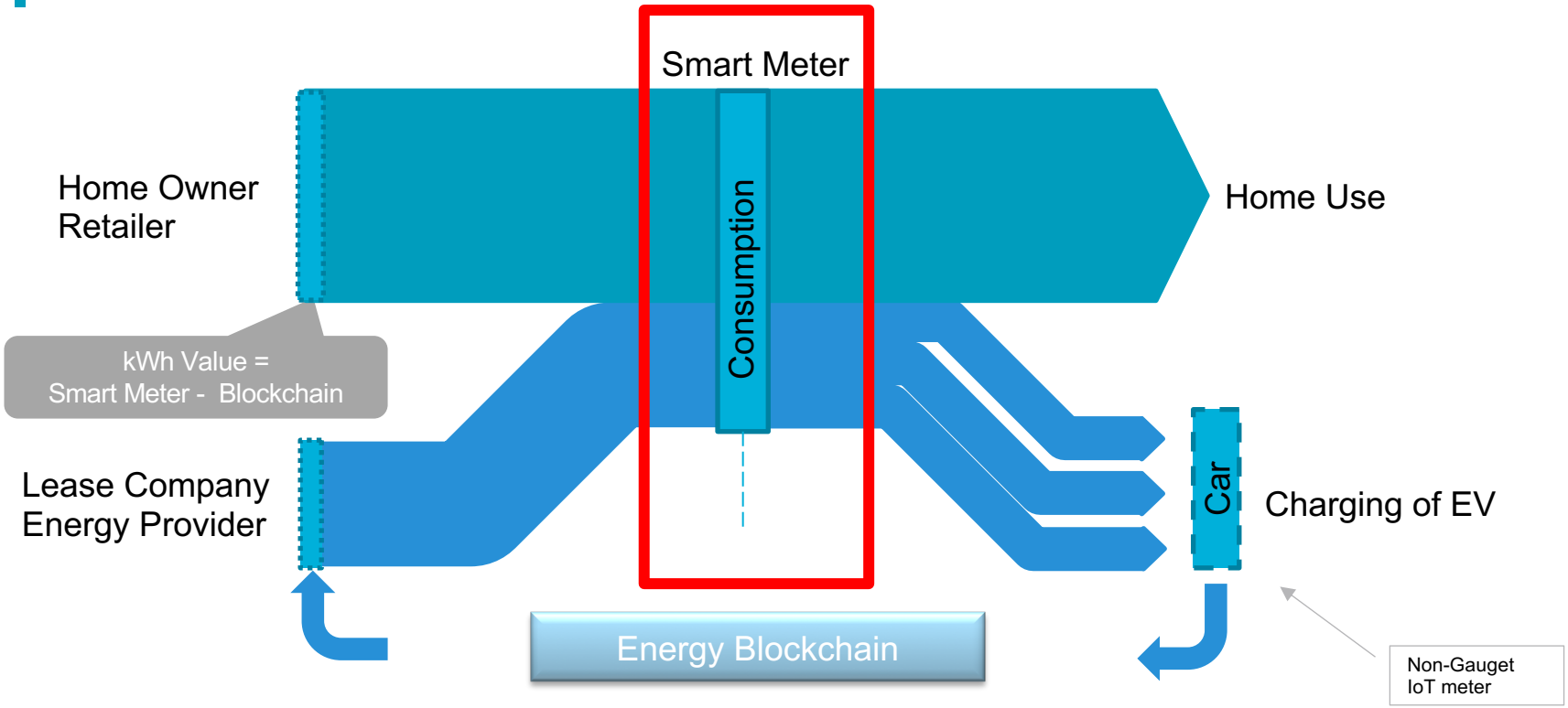


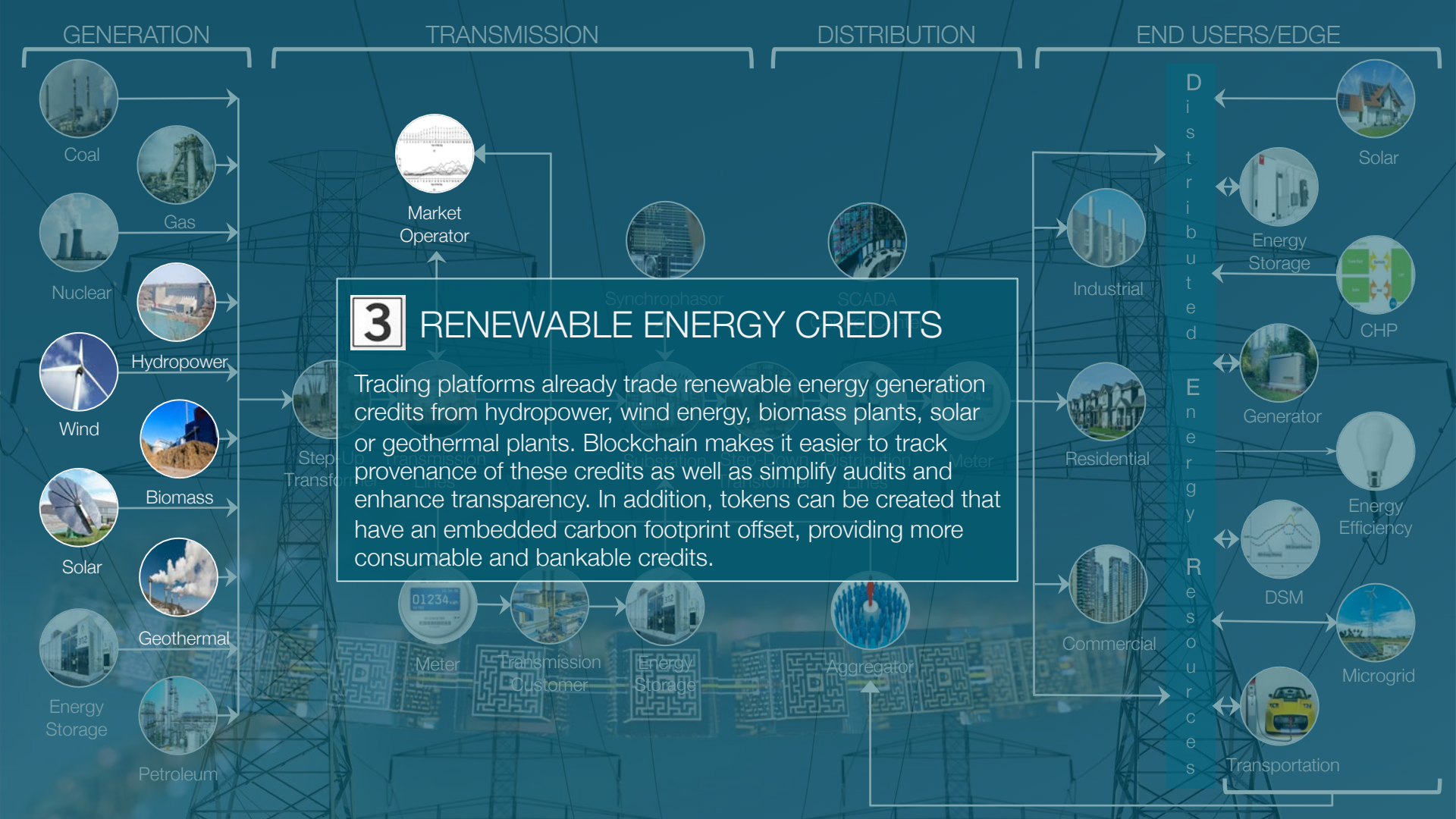
2 ENERGY USE DISAGGREGATION

Energy usage can be disaggregated behind the meter for all types of energy users - industrial, residential or commercial. The goal is to not only be able to know how much energy a single user has been consuming, but understand the usage on a machine, appliance or singular entity level. Research has shown that this data transparency leads to much higher energy savings. In addition there is a trend in utility regulation to require this capability for end users.

Smart Meter
IoT Meter
Virtual Meter

Energy consumption for a given period: Blockchain-based EV charging

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3 RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS
Trading platforms already trade renewable energy generation credits from hydropower, wind energy, biomass plants, solar or geothermal plants. Blockchain makes it easier to track provenance of these credits as well as simplify audits and enhance transparency. In addition, tokens can be created that have an embedded carbon footprint offset, providing more consumable and bankable credits.

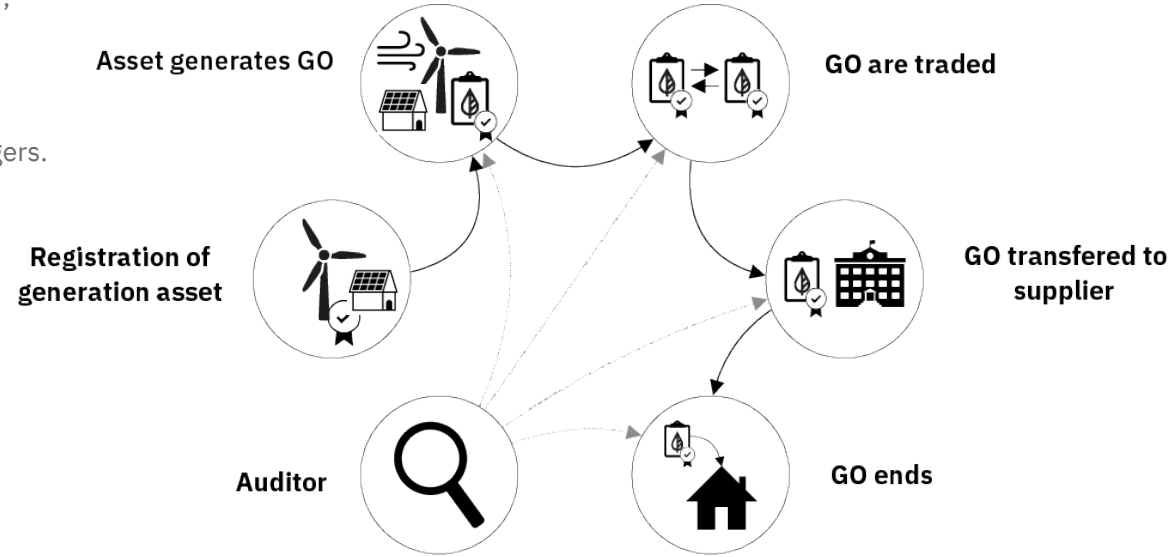
Current Guarantees of Origin processes

The current GO lifecycle is spread across multiple parties, systems and ledgers

Expensive
Every participant keeps
their own ledger, next to the current CertiQ ledger, with their transactions. Not fully-automated processes.

Inefficient
Disputes because organizations use different ledgers.
Corrections of mistakes
Does not scale to small scale assets.

Vulnerable
Non-automated processes require intensive auditing.



Guarantees of Origin processes using blockchain

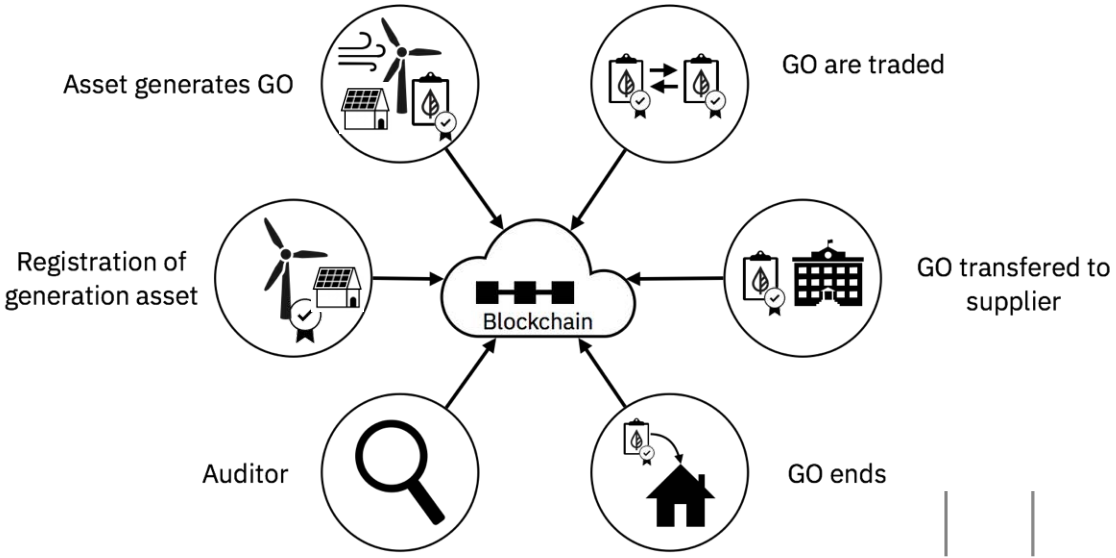
Blockchain captures the end-to-end process in one ledger. All parties work on the same data.

Transparent
Every participant keeps the shared ledger updated with their relevant transactions.

Trustworthy
All participants agree on what information is stored immutably on the blockchain and how.

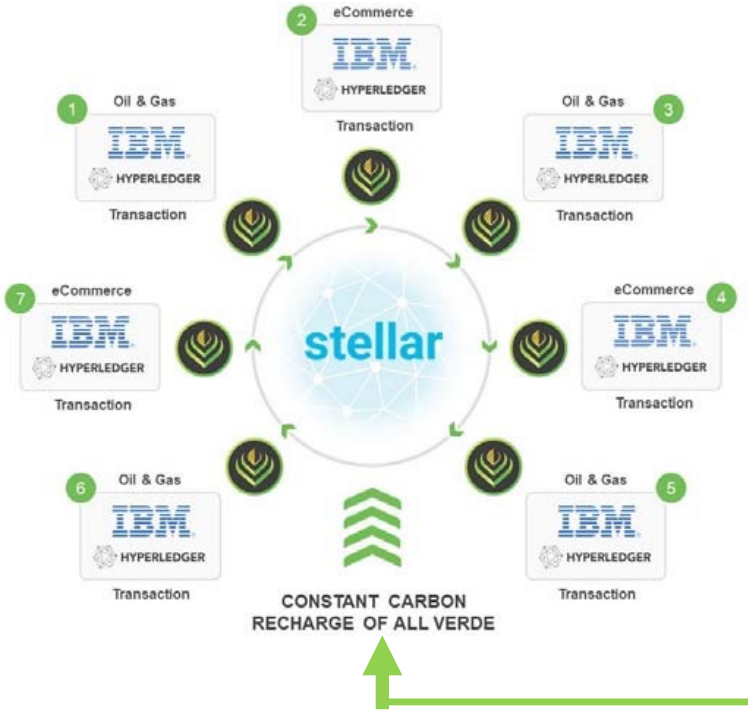
Efficient
All participants share the same source of truth for their operations.

Granular
Smaller decentralized sources of renewable energy can receive GOs cost effectively.



With a private Blockchain, privacy between parties is ensured, and access is secure and controlled.

Veridium “Verde” Carbon Offset Token



Transaction of tokens triggers “emptying and refilling” of carbon bank

Imagine as a “target” network for a variety of green credits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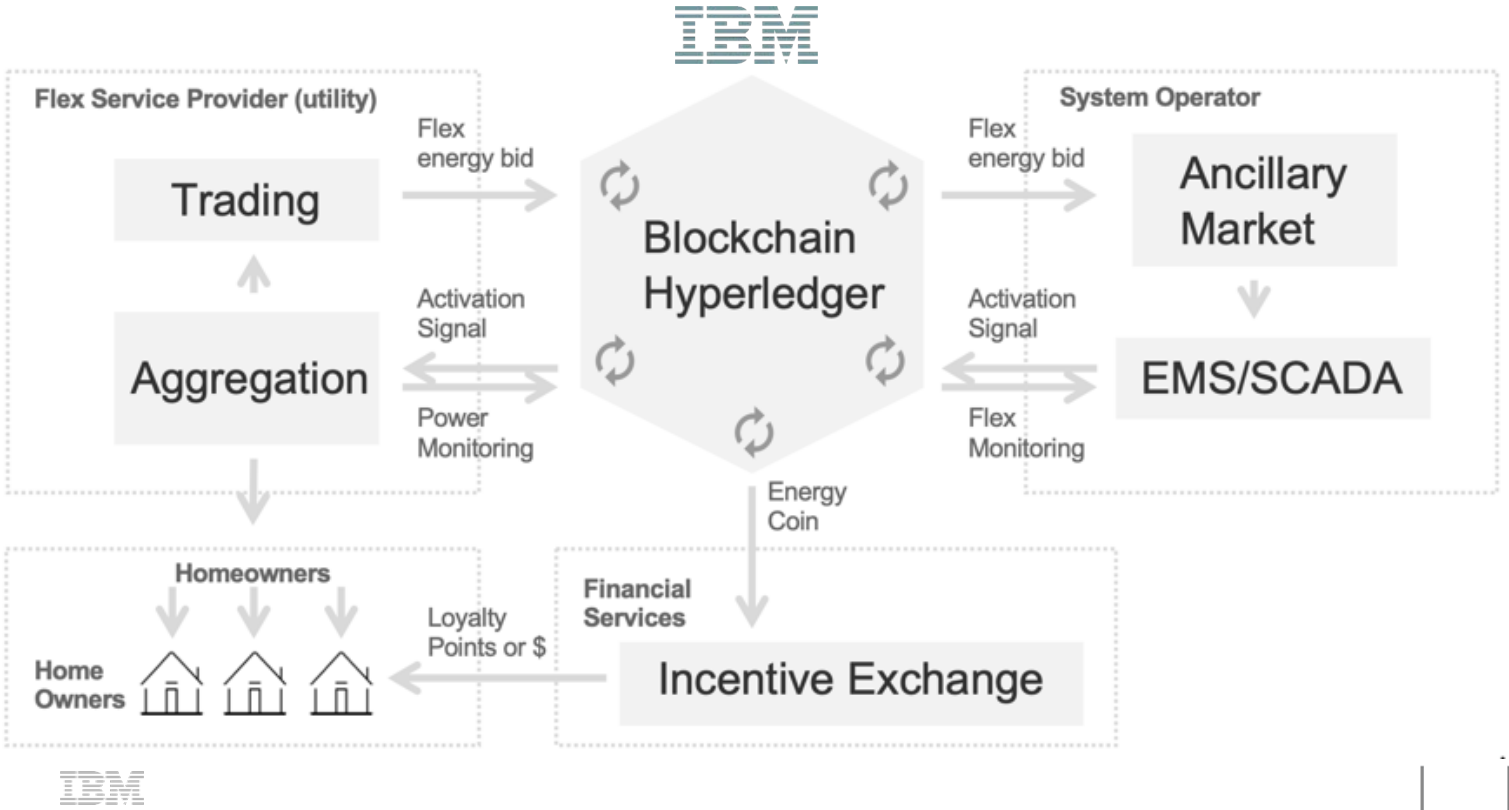
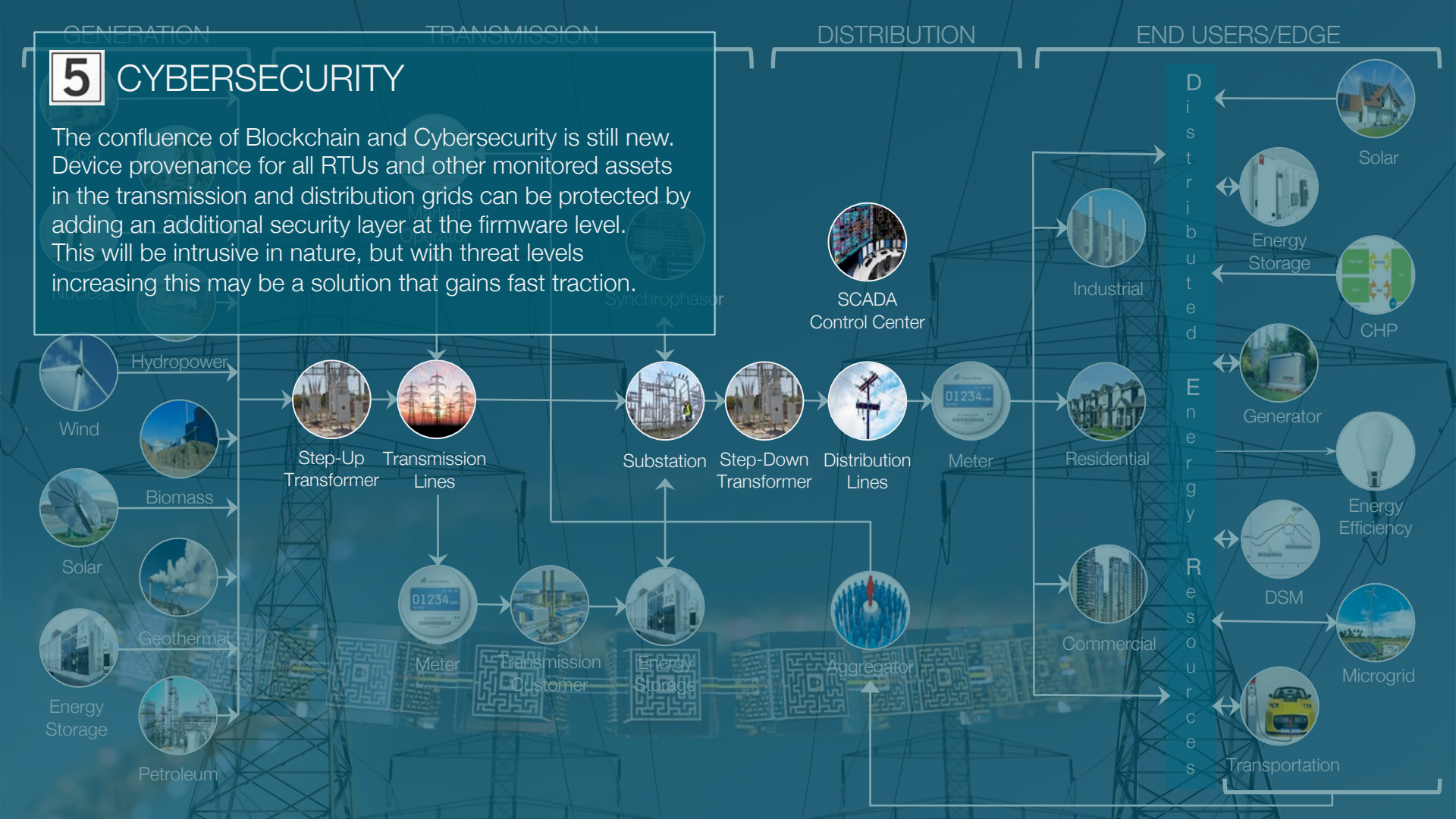
4 PEER-TO-(UTILITY-TO)-PEER TRADING
Peer-to-utility-to-Peer (P-U-P?) energy trading is a novel paradigm of power system operation, where people can generate their own energy from Renewable Energy Sources (RESs) in dwellings, offices and factories, and share it with each other locally.
P-U-P acknowledges that utilities need to be involved in these processes in some way, initially via P-U-P, eventually through a market utility blockchain network. P-2-P could then enhance grid efficiency and eventually, grid stability.

P-U-P First Steps

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5 CYBERSECURITY
The confluence of Blockchain and Cybersecurity is still new. Device provenance for all RTUs and other monitored assets in the transmission and distribution grids can be protected by adding an additional security layer at the firmware level. This will be intrusive in nature, but with threat levels increasing this may be a solution that gains fast traction.
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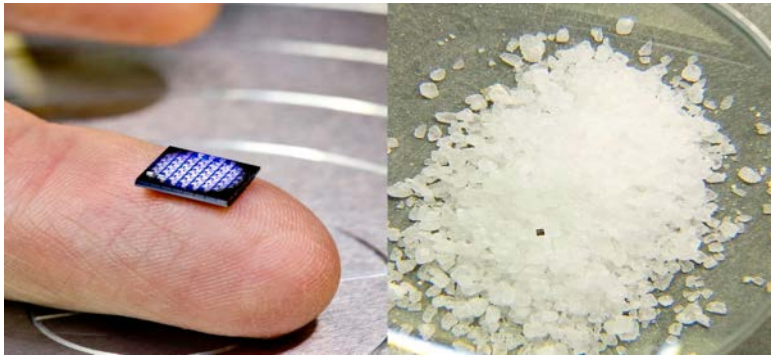
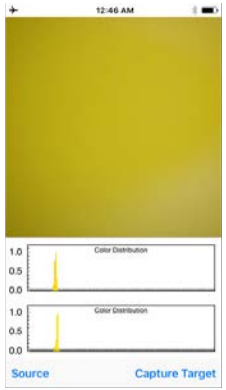
Final thought – Verifying authenticity of assets at source



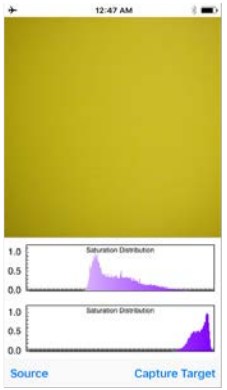
Combining AI and Optical Imaging to codify authenticity for use in verification somewhere else in the blockchain network



Mobil-1 (5w-30)

Image captured with cellphone that has the Verifier installed

Output from Verifier distinguishing different oils, liquids



Sunoco Ultra Premium (10w-30)