



# Smart Grid Vision for Computing

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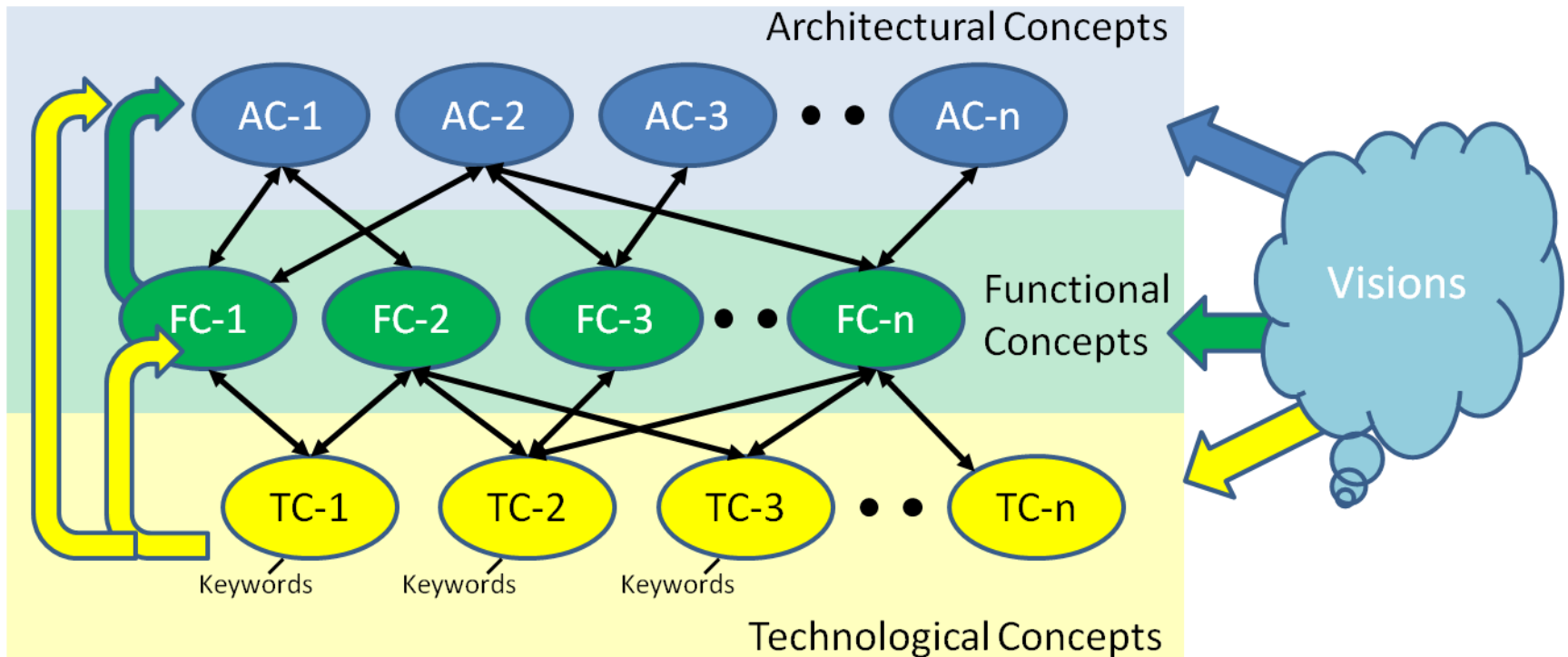
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# Smart Grid Vision Project (SGVP)

- **Objective** - Develop a “Smart Grid Vision” Report (May 2013)
  - Role of Computing, 2030 and beyond
  - Incorporate futuristic concepts
- **Purpose** - Stimulate research and development, education, standards
- **Project Groundrules and Assumptions**
  - There are no wrong visions for the future
  - Not bounded by current understanding of technology
  - Not constrained by today’s policies and practices
  - Not driving toward a common end vision – not an engineering exercise
  - Visions may be complimentary or co
- **Project Team Leadership**
  - Dr. William Sanders (UI-UC)
  - Dr. Andreas Tolk (ODU)
  - Dr. Dave Cartes (FSU)
  - Dr. Joe Chow (RPI)
  - Dan McCaugherty (Athena)
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# Project Approach

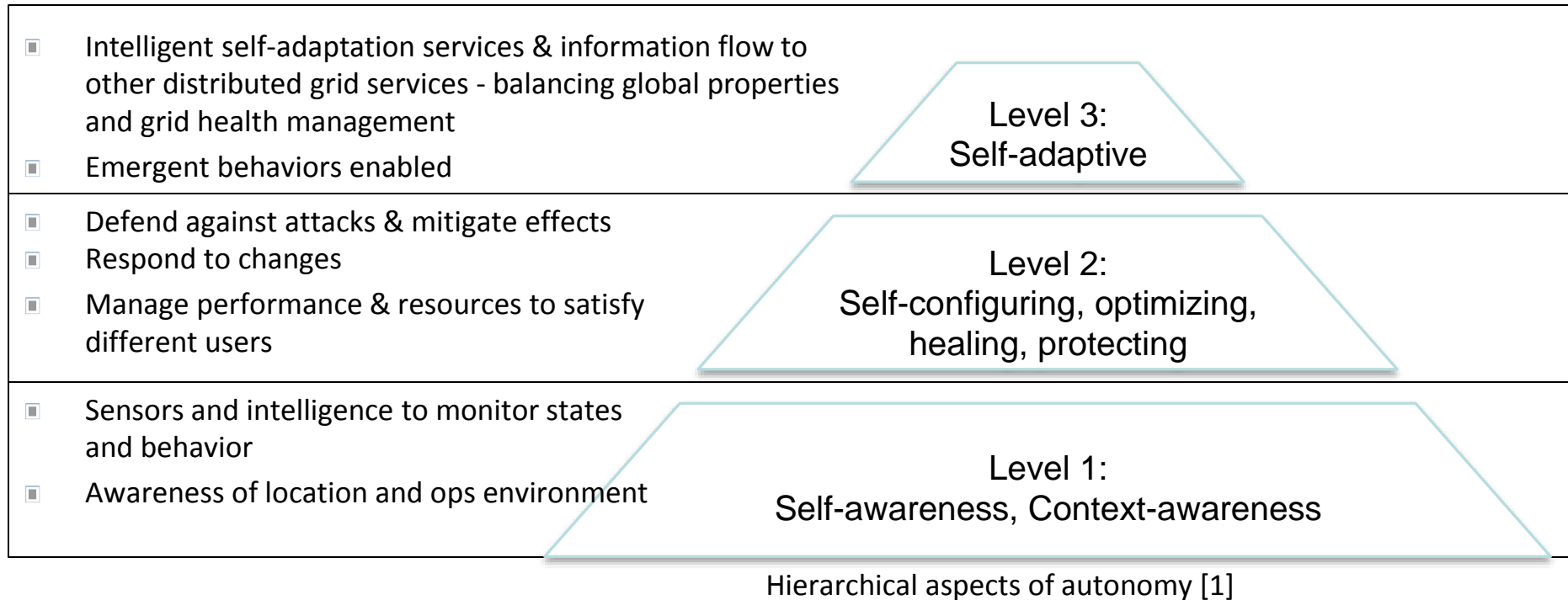
- Elaborate Visions in three Concept Tiers – Architectural (AC), Functional (FC), and Technological (TC)
- Visions along lower Tiers often stimulated higher Tiers



# Architectural Concepts (11 Total)

- **Supply Side (4)**
  - Renewable resources
  - Energy storage & balancing
  - Integrated islands
  - Isolated islands
- **Demand Side (4)**
  - Utility demand response
  - Aggregated local energy
  - Self-owned base energy
  - Electric transportation
- **System Concepts (3)**
  - Coherent system operations
  - **Complex autonomous adaptive systems**
  - System and cyber security

# Complex Autonomous Adaptive Systems



- [1] Salehie, M., Tahvildari, L. 2009. "Self-adaptive software: Landscape and research challenges." *ACM Transactions on Autonomous and Adaptive Systems (TAAS)* 4, no. 2.

# Functional Concepts – 27 Total

## Performance (12)

- **Operations, monitoring, and control subtopic (8)**
  - Bulk system transmission dynamic operations
  - Operations congestion detection
  - Power flow forecasting in distribution networks
  - Direct load control events
  - Island-to-island stable power flow control
  - Automated grid load flow coordination
  - Process coordination of industrial manufacturing
  - Commercial and industrial building coordination
- **Planning, analysis and simulation subtopic (4)**
  - Bulk system transmission planning
  - Asset management and maintenance
  - Resilient systems
  - Command, control, and automated functions

# Functional Concepts – 27 Total

## Systemic (8)

- Cyber Security Subtopic (5)
  - Information security
  - Control security
  - Privacy
  - Supply chain resilience
  - Intrusion tolerance
- Software/Systems Engineering Subtopic (3)
  - Unsupervised autonomy
  - Social nodes
  - Autonomous validation

## Enabling (7)

- Comm. & Networks Subtopic (3)
  - Intelligent devices/nodes
  - Converged communications
  - Hardware/Software refresh
- Visualization and Data Mgt Subtopic (2)
  - State awareness
  - Failure awareness, restoration
- Markets and Economics Subtopic (2)
  - Wholesale power market
  - Dynamic demand side markets



# Unsupervised Autonomy

- **Self- optimization**: Context awareness to make prioritized-based optimization decisions in seconds or minutes, without human interaction.
- **Self-protect**: Provide resiliency against malicious attacks by virtue of better physical and IT security protocols.
- **Self-configure**: Balance distribution of renewable resources and energy storage.
- **Self-optimization and reconfiguration**: Energy users can actively participate and tailor their energy consumption based on individual preferences (price, environmental concerns, etc.).
- **Self- adaptation**: Improve market efficiency by making product types (energy, ancillary services, risks, etc.) available to market participants of all types and sizes.

## Technological Concepts

Technological Concepts	1: Self-integrating systems and standards	2: Distributed multi-agent architecture	3: Virtual computing architecture	4: Messaging-oriented middleware	5: Market-inspired (transactive) control	6: Monitoring and control/modeling and simulation tools	7: Information processing for control, protection and performance qualification/performance monitoring	8: State estimation analysis algorithms	9: Contingency, preventive and corrective control analysis	10: Stochastic analysis for system operations, planning, forecasting	11: Prognostics and asset management	12: Visualization	13: Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, fast mathematics and high-performance computing	14: Internet and real-time systems	15: Software verification and validation	16: Trusted component validation	17: Portable identity – bidirectional authentication support	18: Hierarchical sense making	19: Massive parallel pattern detection	20: Patterns for implementing agile self-organizing security	21: Information security technology
<b>Functional Concepts</b>																					
1: Information security	x															x	x	x	x	x	x
2: Control security																x	x	x	x	x	x
3: Privacy	x															x	x				
4: Supply chain cyber resilience in software and hardware			x	x										x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
5: Automated intrusion tolerance															x		x	x	x	x	x
6: More dependence on unsupervised autonomy	x	x			x		x								x	x	x		x	x	
7: Social nodes	x	x	x	x	x									x		x	x		x	x	
8: Smart Grid autonomous validation	x	x													x	x	x		x	x	
9: Proliferation of intelligent devices and nodes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x			x	x	x	x		x	x	
10: Secure converged communications				x										x	x	x	x	x		x	x
11: Smart Grid hardware and software refresh														x							x
12: State awareness						x	x	x	x	x		x	x					x	x	x	
13: System failure awareness, emergency response and system restoration	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x						x	x	x	
14: Wholesale electric power market policy, operation and design					x					x				x	x						
15: Emergent dynamic demand side markets		x			x					x				x	x						
16: Bulk system transmission dynamic operations		x	x	x	x	x		x				x	x		x						
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21: Automated grid load flow coordination		x	x	x	x	x	x					x			x						
22: Advanced process coordination of industrial manufacturing		x	x	x	x	x	x					x		x	x						
23: Commercial and industrial building coordination		x	x	x	x	x	x					x		x	x						
24: Bulk system transmission planning						x				x			x								
25: Asset management and maintenance		x		x						x	x		x		x						
26: Resilient systems		x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x		x	x	x					x	
27: Advanced command, control, and automated functions		x			x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x						

# Technological Concepts (21 Total)

- **Distributed System Architecture (4)**
  - Self-integrating systems and standards
  - Distributed multi-agent architecture
  - Virtual computing architecture
  - Messaging-oriented middleware
- **Computer Applications (7)**
  - Market-Inspired (transactive) control
  - Monitoring and control/modeling and simulation tools
  - Signal processing for control, protection and performance qualification/performance monitoring
  - State estimation analysis algorithms
  - Contingency, preventive and corrective control analysis
  - Stochastic analysis for system operations, planning, forecasting
  - Prognostics and asset management

# Technological Concepts

- **Information Science (4)**

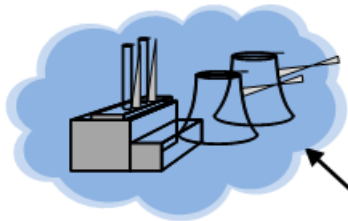
- Visualization
- Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, fast mathematics and high-performance computing
- Internet and real-time systems
- **Verification and validation**

- **Cyber Security (6)**

- Trusted component validation
- Portable identity – bidirectional authentication support
- Hierarchical sense making (HSM) and collaborative HSM agent networks
- Massive parallel pattern detection
- Patterns for agile self-organizing security
- Information security technology

# Distributed Multi-Agent Architecture

Power Grid



Extra High Voltage



Wind farm

Bottoms-Up *organic* control

- Individual needs negotiated
- Regional imbalances smoothed
- Power flow checked against stability constraints

High Voltage

Aggregation

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Medium Voltage

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Consumer/Producer Agents

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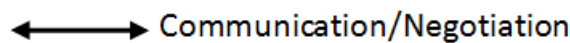
Consumer/Producer Agents

Low Voltage

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Consumer/Producer Agents

Local optimization coordinated step-wise up, forming ever-larger networks



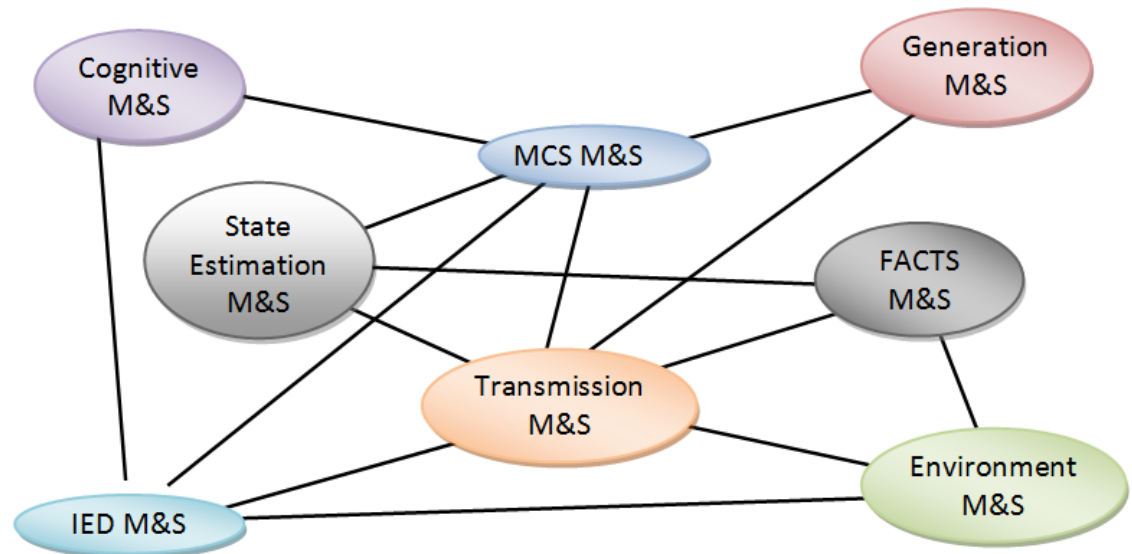
# Monitoring and Control/Modeling and Simulation (M&S) tools

## Problem:

- Proprietary M&S tools do not interact
- Difficult to leverage integrated M&S component capability for dynamic SCADA system simulation

## Future Vision:

- Standard data exchange formats
- Scalable fidelity
- Accommodate third party M&S tools (e.g., state estimation)
- Grid device vendors supply compatible models
- Uses – grid design, planning, operations



# Verification and Validation

- Future Smart Grid is beyond the scale of existing high integrity systems
- Traditional **specify -> build -> test -> deploy** approach not applicable
  - Systems configurations evolve in real time
  - Control is adaptive to environment and configuration
- V&V and deploy sequence:
  - New system component in passive mode and provides behavioral characteristics
  - Component behaviors evaluated. If pass - incorporated into system model
  - System behavior re-verified using updated system model
  - If system behavior passes, component becomes active participant
- Models of system element behaviors subject to formal methods
  - Use of domain specific modeling languages
  - Computational intelligence needed to guide the verification mechanism
- Continuous run-time verification needed for adaptive elements
  - High performance simulations constantly evaluating emergent behaviors

# Future Work

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- Smart Grid Computing Roadmap
- Re-address the visions in 2 to 5 years
  - Impact of emerging sciences
  - New smart grid concepts



# Roadmap Approach

- **Step 1: Establish roadmap for each of the 7 Functional Vision Subtopics**
  - Identify dependencies and order of events (technologies, standards, etc.) to achieve vision states across:
    - Near: 0-5 Yrs
    - Mid: 5-10 yrs
    - Far: 10+ years
  - Filter out technologies that will emerge independent of smart grid needs
- **Step 2: Identify strategic technology progression**
  - Identify most impactful technologies that require smart grid driven influence
  - Establish time-phased investment priorities

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