#### EVs in infrastructure systems perspective

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## Consequences of electric mobility

- New routines for drivers
- Impact on infrastructure
  - Transport
  - Energy
- Complex adaptive system



## History of the energy infrastructure

- 1882 : First electricity infrastructure comes up in New York
- Single coal fired generator lights up
  59 homes
- Soon similar systems in major cities around the world
- Entire urban areas linked with a multiplicity of simultaneously operating generators



## History of the energy infrastructure

- Isolated grids linked up
- System extended to connect power facilities which were -:
  - Progressively larger
  - More remote
- Today : National and transnational power systems



## Current scenario of electricity infrastructure

- Fossil fuels dominance being eroded
- Renewable energy sources, mainly :
  - > Hydropower
  - > Biomass
  - Wind & solar
- Decentralized power generation



### Energy infrastructure constantly evolving

- Historically, **not designed** as an integrated system
- Rather, evolved into large-scale integrated system
- Constantly adapting to changing -:
  - Societal preferences
  - User needs
  - Economic conditions
  - Technological innovation

#### Socio –technical systems

#### Physical dimension &

#### Social dimension

### Energy infrastructure constantly evolving



• Vertically integrated companies

• Often public or private monopolies

• **Regulation** to safeguard public values

#### Value chain disintegration

#### Vertical unbundling

• New players enter the scene

*Competition in:* 

- Generation
- Supply

Monopolistic system operators:

- TSO
- DSO

## Need for institutional change

- New technologies change electricity system behavior – variability of renewable energy sources
- Changing roles of electricity consumers – prosumers, EV-bound services
- EVs can endanger stability of grid
- New practices and rules needed → institutions



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#### Complex Adaptive Socio-Technical Systems

- **Co-evolution** of social and technical systems, in constant interaction
- Institutions shape interactions between social and technical systems
- Path dependencies
- Emergent behavior
- Government role  $\rightarrow$  limited yet crucial

#### Impact of EVs on electricity infrastructure



#### **Possible solutions**





- Grid capacity expansion (expensive)
- Controlled battery charging = Smart charging
- Incentive to user
- Rewarded for flexible load pattern

#### Roles & responsibilities





Energy supplier

#### Network operator

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### Actions needed ..... and fast

- Resolve who builds and operates charging infrastructure
- Demand flexibility → real time interaction with end-users
- Smart grids needed



#### Conclusions

- Large-scale adoption of electric mobility affects the physical infrastructure: both energy and transport infrastructure
- Intensive ICT-enabled interaction between transport & energy infrastructure
- Social (sub)system of the infrastructure undergoes major change
- New actors with new roles and interests
- Resistance from established actors need to adapt
- Government → both established actor and agent of change at same time

# Thank you for your attention !