Smart grid technology is currently entering the electrical market by the deployment of smart meters. Electric vehicles introduce new challenges on the grid capacity but also may support grid stability. Volatile renewable energy challenges grid stability. Wind power electricity produced at shore regions has to be transported to industrial regions by high-capacity power links. Local photovoltaic sources may make residents independent for some time periods. The new power grid becomes smart, when all prosumers can communicate fastly, with low latency, securely, and reliably.

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