



# KNX city

Part 5: Introduction KNX city

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# KNX has its focus in the building...

... but considers Smart Grid and city issues

- Smart cities require buildings that interact with the city
  - Different fields need to interact. Examples:
    - „Energy generation“ affects buildings, e.g. decentralized generation on roofs of “buildings”.
    - “Mobility” effects “buildings”, e.g. charging of electric vehicles
    - The building affects the “City”, e.g. by feeding in surplus energy into the grid.
- Only systemic solutions lead to sustainable cities
- **KNX city sets a new focus with existing KNX technologies**



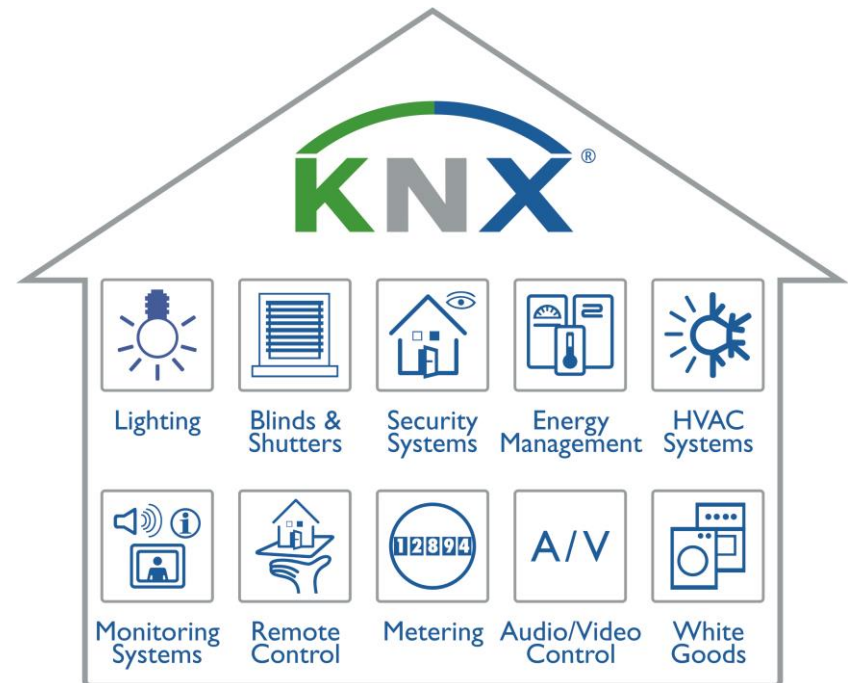
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# KNX Solutions

classic applications

## ■ KNX offers total building controls

- Lighting
- Blinds & shutters
- Security systems
- Energy management
- HVAC Systems
- Monitoring systems
- Remote control
- Metering
- Audio/Video
- White goods



# KNX city

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## ▪ Definition of KNX city solutions:

- KNX city solutions are solutions which are implemented in buildings and which provide in aggregation over the total city an appreciable contribution to the sustainability of cities.
- KNX city solutions interact with the outside of the building
- KNX city solutions provide energy management systems for buildings, which are designed to optimize the energy efficiency of the entire city rather than to optimize only the building efficiency
- KNX city solutions combine single solutions to an entire solution as puzzle stones to an assembled puzzle

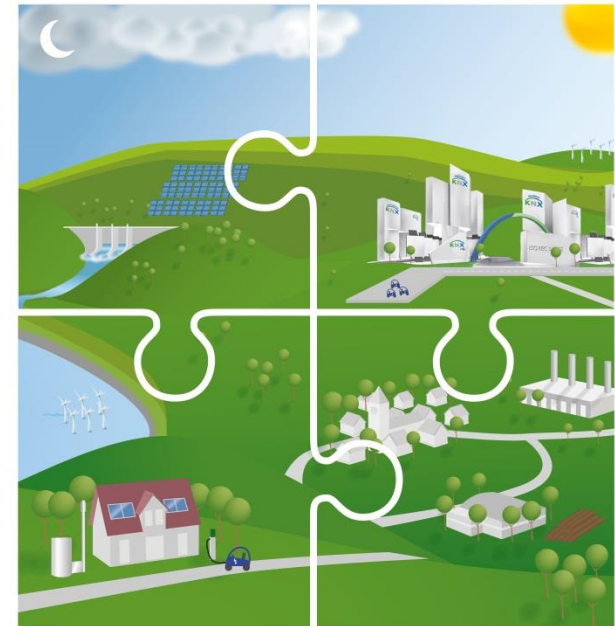
# Sustainable cities and Smart Grids...

...require more than single solutions

## A “Single solution” doesn’t meet city sustainability objectives

KNX city solutions shall

- ...be combined
- ...interact with the city
- ...offer interfaces to the city
- ...focus on the total building environment
- ...involve all fields which affect living
- ...



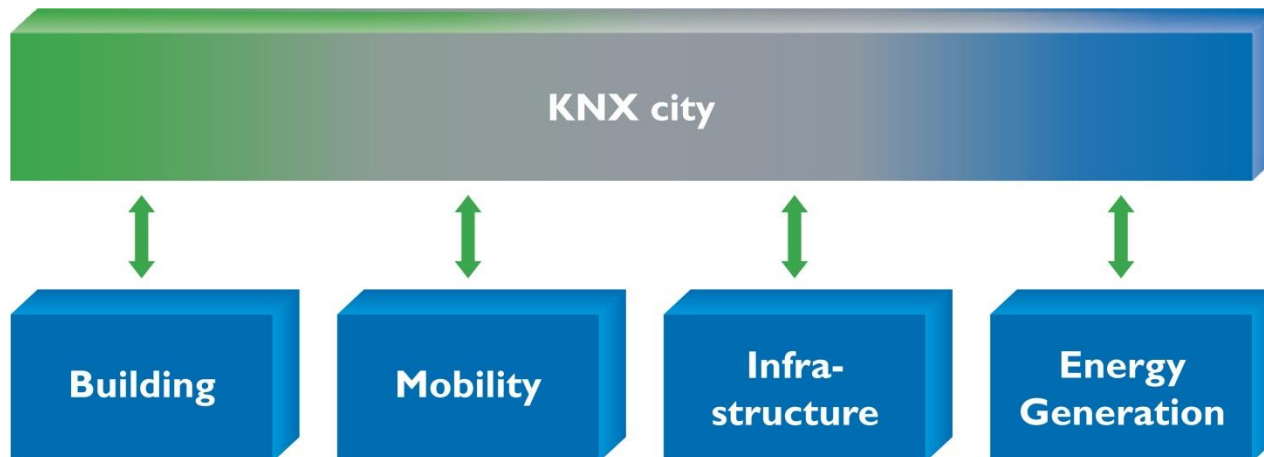
➔ **Systemic approaches which consider the interaction of different fields are necessary**

# KNX city project

Solutions for sustainable cities

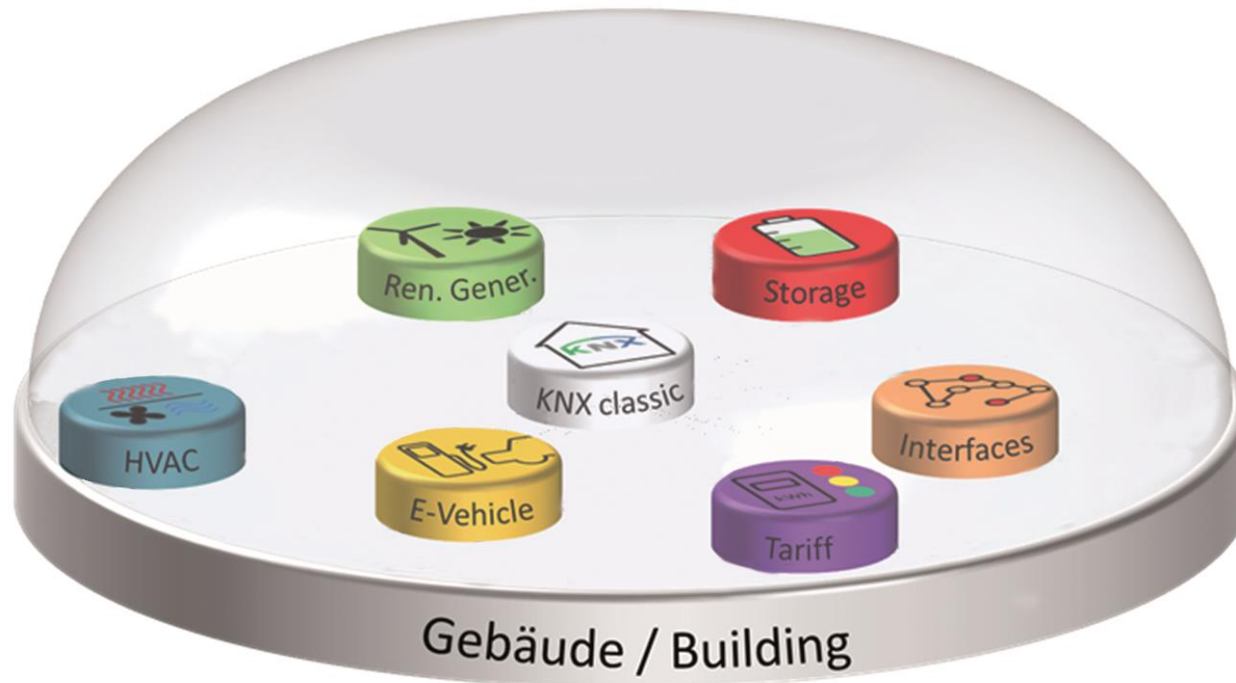
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The KNX city initiative brings mobility, building, infrastructure and energy generation together



# KNX in the building

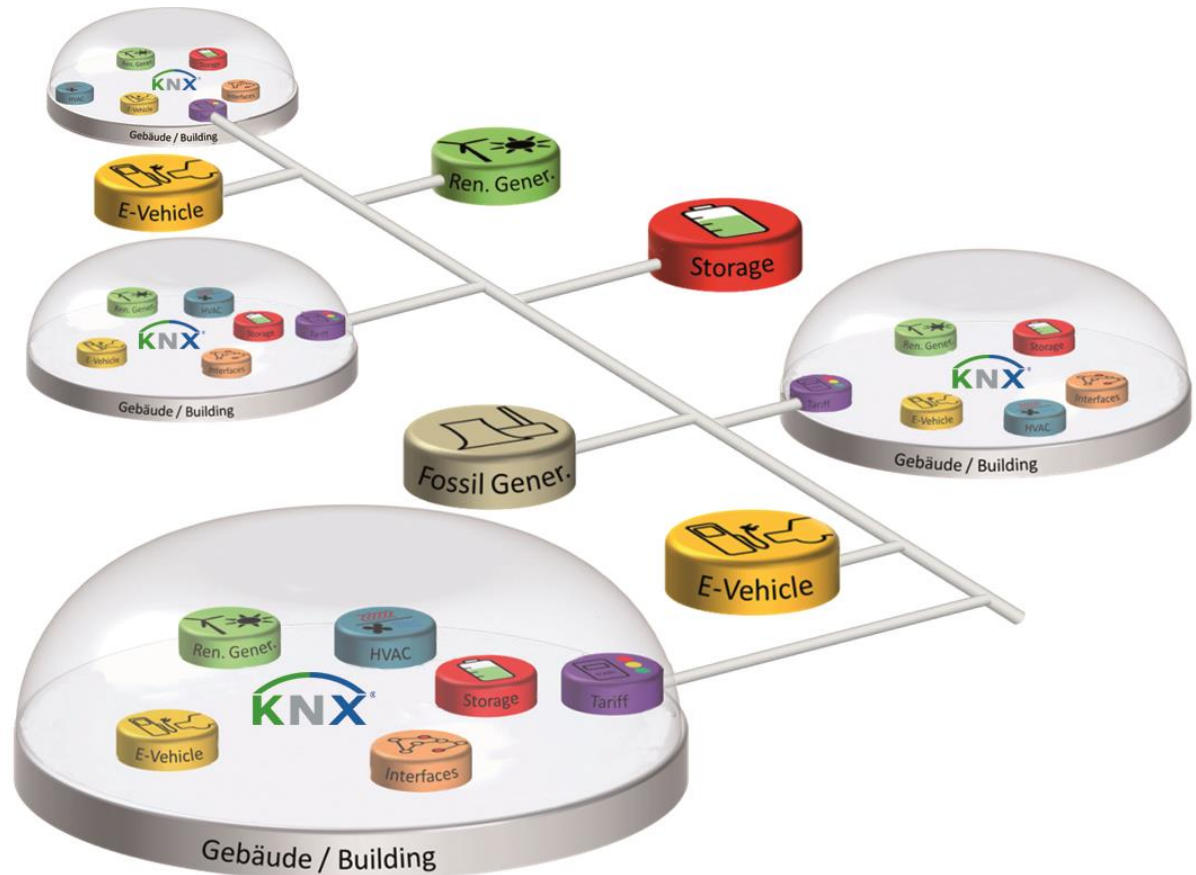
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# KNX Smart Grid

## Smart Community

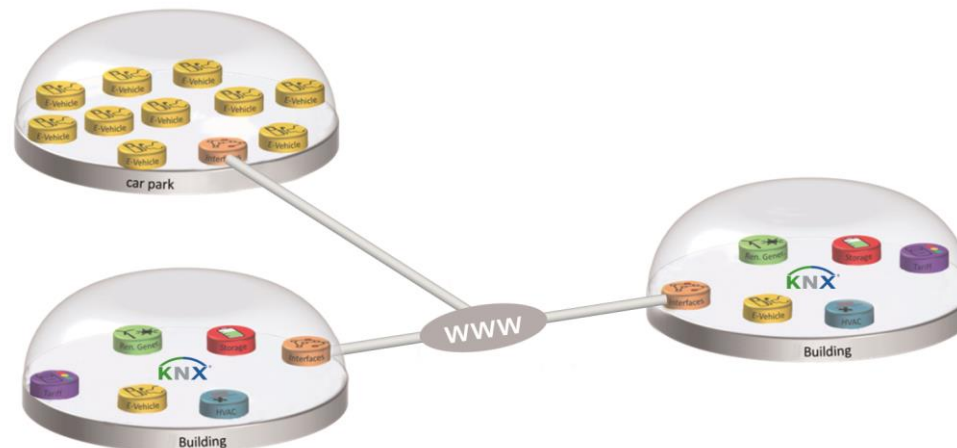
- KNX provides the in-house communication
- KNX provides the communication between distributed facilities
- KNX provides interfaces to the Smart Grid





# KNX city distributed facilities

- KNX offers communication by twisted pair, IP and radio frequency
- Buildings can be connected to each other over distances by IP as if they were one building
  - Distributed facilities
  - Energy management over distances
  - Balancing of generation and consumption of different buildings.



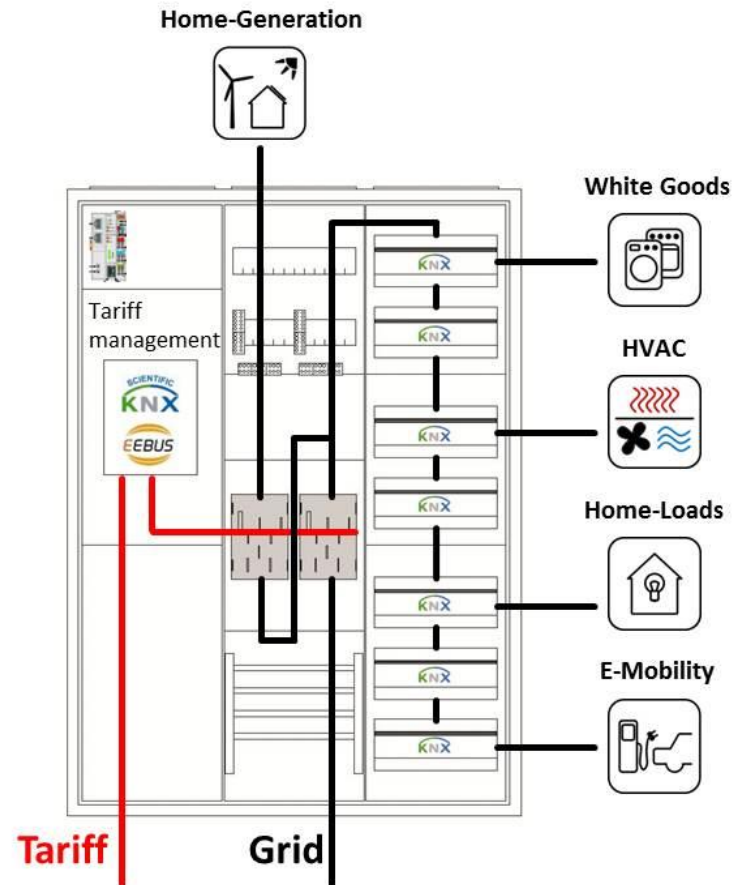
# KNX city application: Building

## City load management

- Tariff or Setpoint Curve is received by a KNX load manager

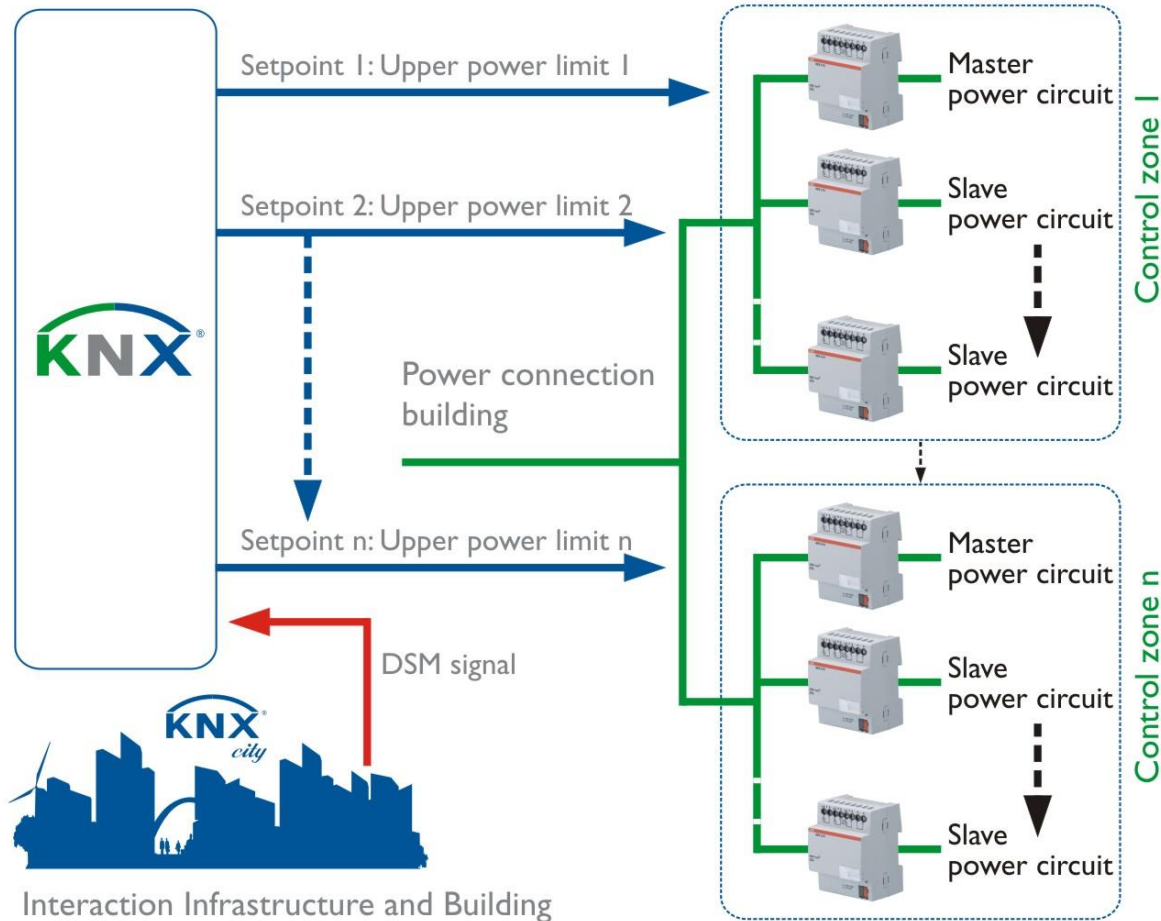
### KNX solutions:

- Demand Side Management
- Demand Response
- HVAC automation
- White goods automation
- Decentralized energy generation management of e.g. photovoltaic



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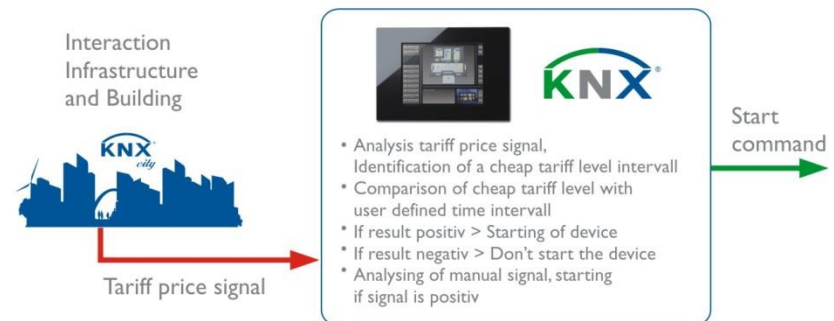
## City load management



# KNX city application: Building

## City load management

- Demand Side Management in dependence of an incoming signal from the city
- The signal can depend from...
  - ... the amount of renewable energies which generate currently power
  - ... situation of the power plants
  - ...
- This KNX city solution helps...
  - ...to consume generated surplus energy from renewable energies
  - ...to compensate a lack of renewable generation
  - ...to reduce peak loads occurring in the power grid

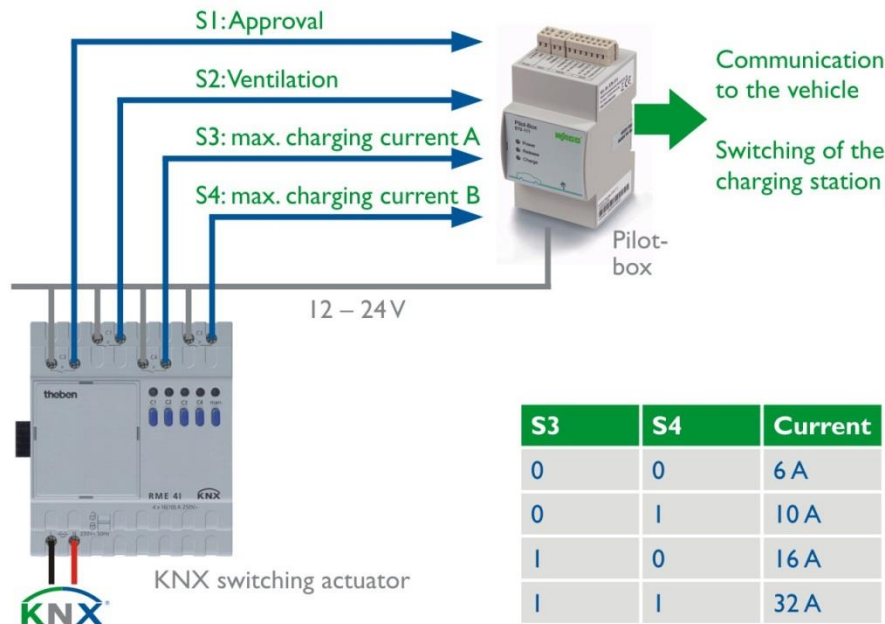


# KNX city application: Mobility

## Connectivity of Electromobility to KNX

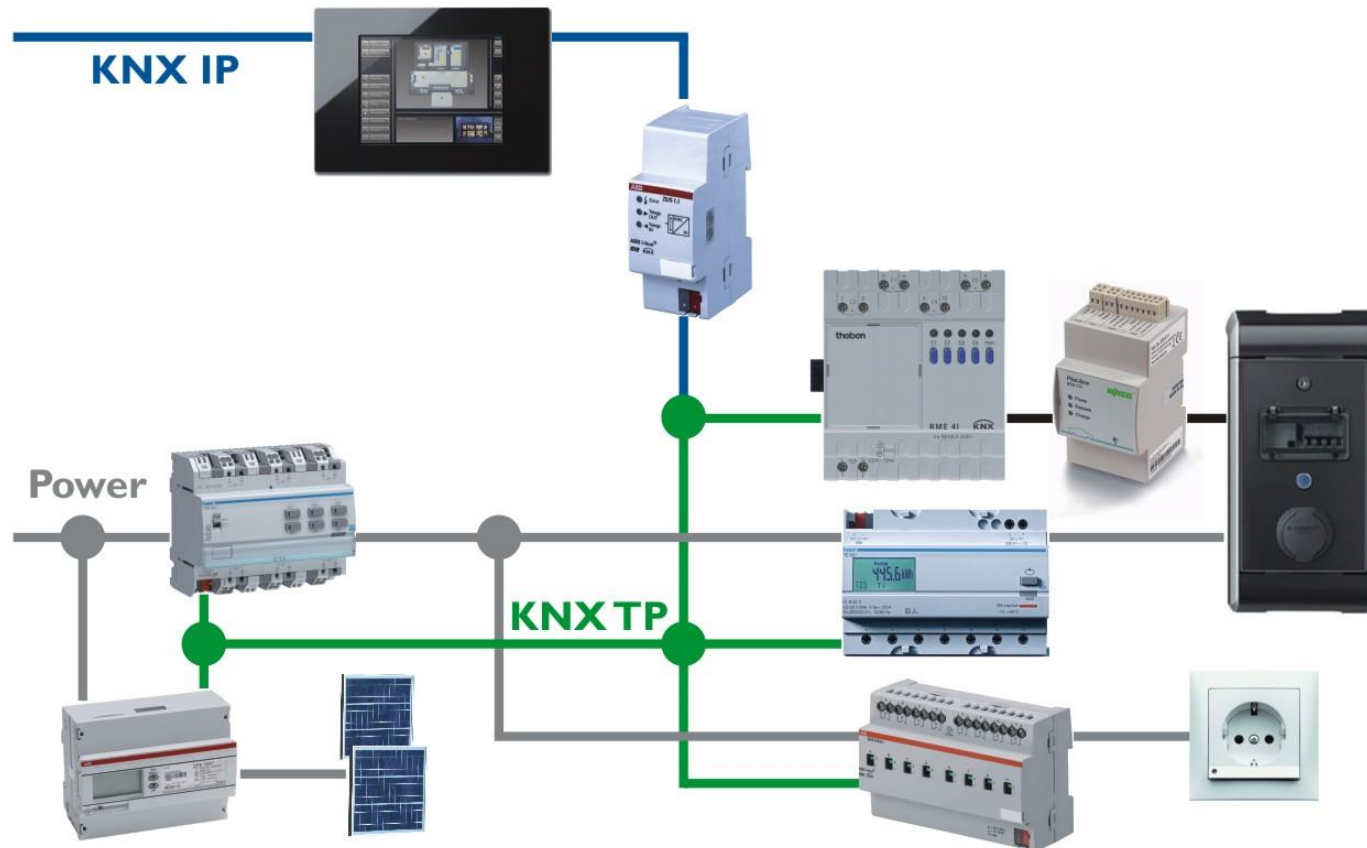
- **KNX can charge electric eCars intelligently**

- Variation of the charging current and thereby the power
- Demand Side Management with eCars
- Predominant charging of eCars with generated energy from renewable energies such as the own photovoltaic system



# KNX city application: Mobility

## Connectivity of Electromobility to KNX



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## Connectivity of Electromobility to KNX

Interaction  
Infrastructure with Building  
and Mobility



Tariff price signal

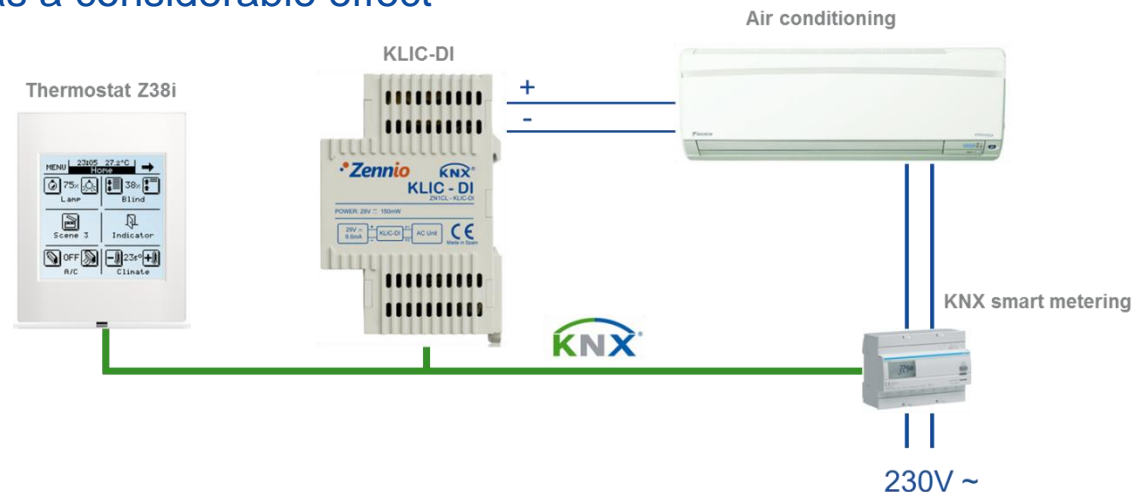
Starting  
charging power



# KNX city application: Infrastructure

## City air conditioning control

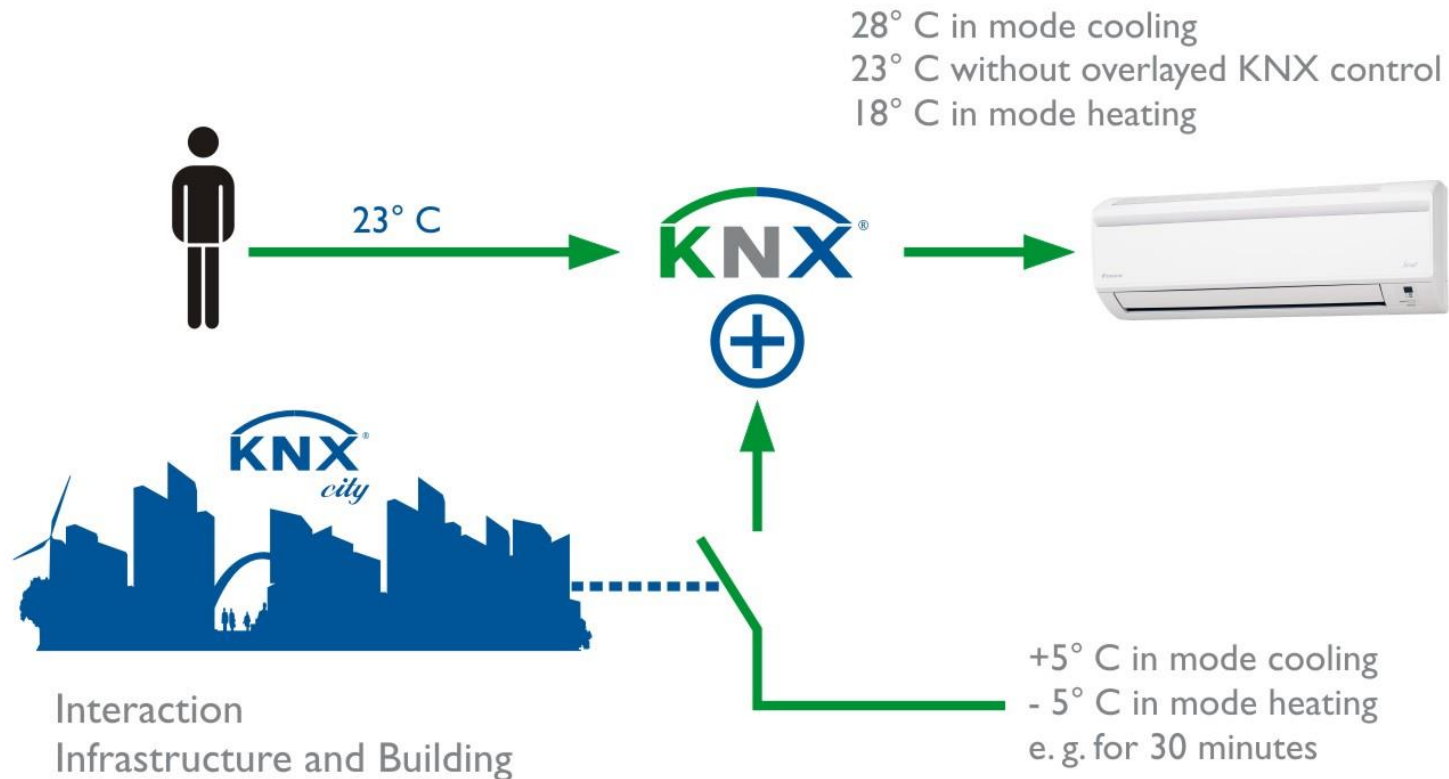
- A high amount of air conditioning systems can lead to peak loads in cities
- A central setpoint temperature control could reduce the peak load, when it occurs by...
  - Increasing the setpoint temperature for a short time period leads to a load reduction in that period
  - The benefit can not be noticed in one building, but in aggregation in the city it has a considerable effect





# KNX city application: Infrastructure

## City air conditioning control



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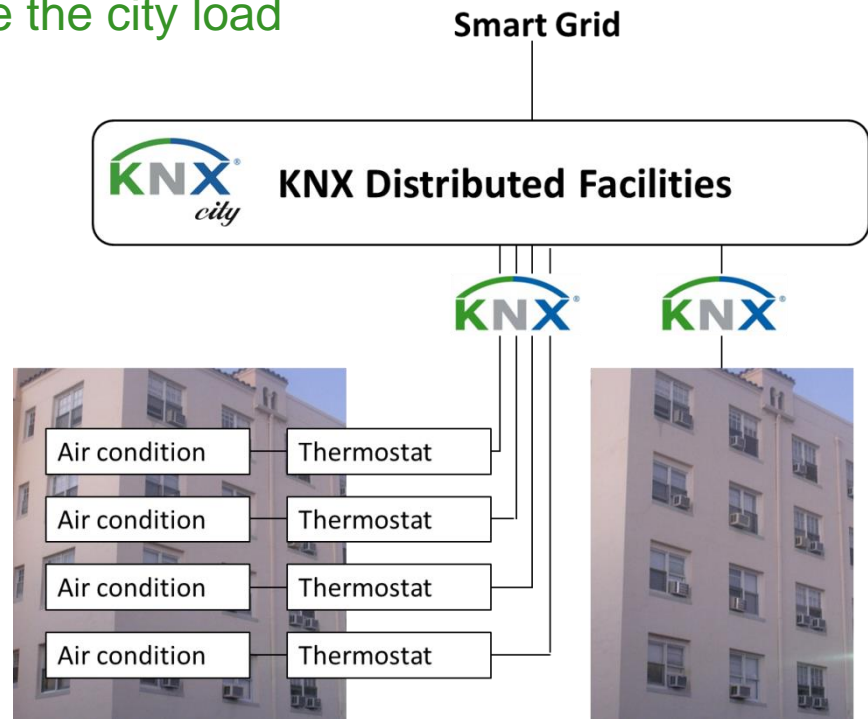
## City air conditioning control

### Air conditioning

- The load can vary between 2kW to 4kW, depending from the outside temperature
- KNX Thermostats can shortly stop cooling or change the cooling temperature in order to reduce the city load

### Used technologies

- KNX air condition control
- KNX city distributed facilities



# KNX city application: Infrastructure

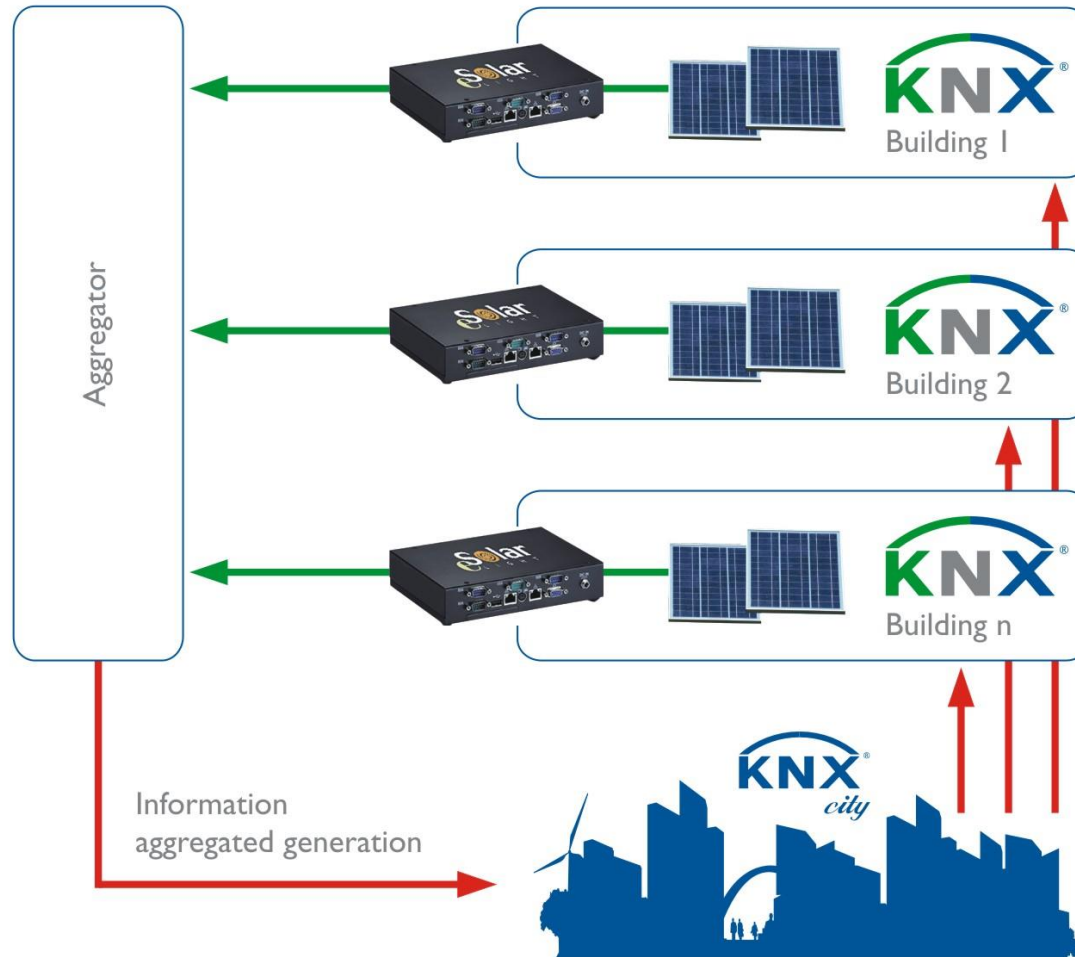
## City air conditioning control

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- Peak loads can be reduced
- User acceptance is provided due to the fact that temperature changes in short timed will not change the room climate
- Stabilizes the power supply
  
- This KNX city solution helps...
  - ...to avoid peak loads
  - ... to save energy
  - ...to overcome shortly occurring bottlenecks in the power grid
  - ... to compensate a lack of renewable generation

# KNX city application: Energy Generation

## City energy generation management



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## City energy generation management

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- Energy generation management helps to make the unpredictable power generation of renewable energies more transparent
  
- This KNX city solution helps...
  - ...to avoid voltage-level violations in low voltage grids
  - ... helps cities and utilities to implement demand side management solutions
  - ...to avoid voltage-level violations in low voltage grids because the utility can react in time

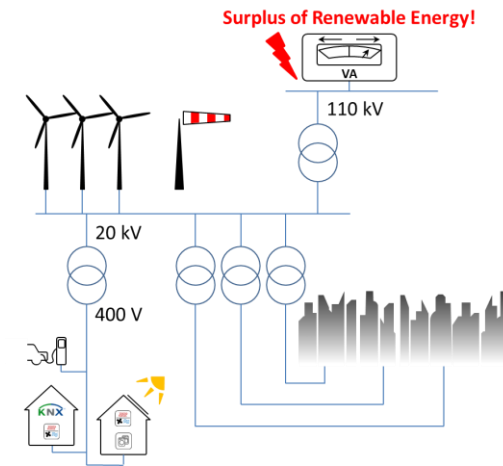
# KNX city Energy management

What KNX can do for the Smart Grid and the city

## Surplus of renewable energies

- KNX starts loads for consuming the surplus of energy
- Automatically or manually
- Tariff controlled by utility

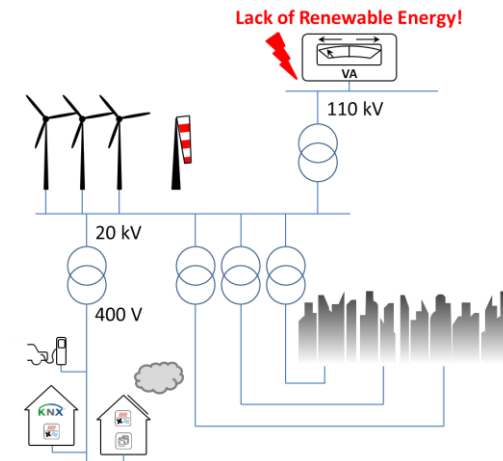
➔ **KNX helps to buffer renewable energies**



## Lack of renewable energies

- KNX stops loads for reducing the total city load for a short time

➔ **KNX helps to cope with the lack of renewable energies**

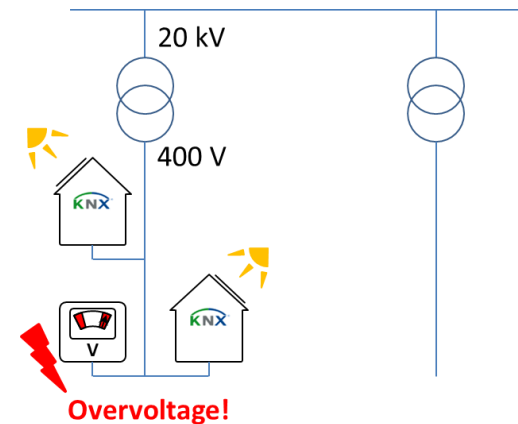


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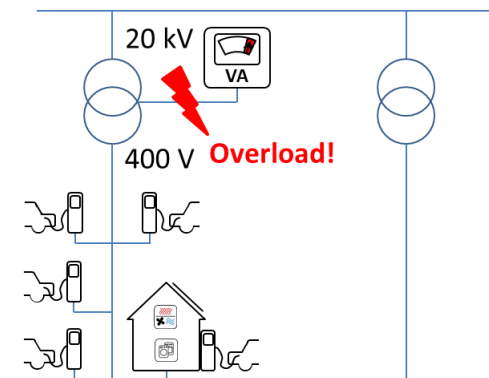
## Local overvoltage

- Results from high generation of decentralized renewable energies
- KNX increases loads
- ➔ Voltage gets stabilized



## Peak Load

- Voltage drops
- KNX decreases loads
- ➔ Voltage gets stabilized



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