From Industry 4.0 to Energy 4.0: Future Business Models and Legal Relations

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1. Introduction
"Of the many diverse and fascinating challenges we face today, the most intense and important is how to understand and shape the new technology revolution, which entails nothing less than a transformation of humankind. We are at the beginning of a revolution that is fundamentally changing the way we live, work, and relate to one another. In its scale, scope and complexity, what I consider to be the fourth industrial revolution is unlike anything humankind has experienced before."

1. Introduction

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- Industry in general has recognised that we are at the beginning of a revolution that is fundamentally changing the way we live, work, and relate to one another
- Energy has been key to all industrial revolution so far
- The energy industry may not have fully realised how much the current industrial revolution will be transforming the energy industry
  - At a time, when the energy industry is struggling with the Energiewende
  - At a time, when other industries are already in the process of realising what potential and what risk are associated with Industry 4.0
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Industry 4.0: What is it?

- Buzzword (but not a US invention)
- Term first used in 2011 at the Hannover Fair
  - 2012 to 2013 Working Group on Industry 4.0
    - Chaired by Siegfried Dais (Robert Bosch GmbH) and Henning Kagermann (acatech)
    - Final Report of Working Group presented 8 April 2013 at the Hannover Fair "Recommendations for implementing the strategic initiative INDUSTRIE 4.0"
- Used for the next industrial revolution currently taking place
- 2016 Davos Economic Forum: Fourth Industrial Revolution
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Industry 4.0: What is it?

1. Industrial revolution follows introduction of water- and steam-powered mechanical manufacturing facilities. End of 16th century.

2. Industrial revolution follows introduction of electrically-powered mass production based on the division of labour. Start of 20th century.

3. Industrial revolution uses electronics and IT to achieve further automation of manufacturing. Start of 1970s.


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Industry 4.0 Components

- No clear definition for Industry 4.0
- Industry 4.0 components (based on literature review)

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Source: Hermann/Pentek/Otto, Designing Principles for Industrie 4.0 Scenarios, page 8
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Cyber-Physical Systems

● Definition
  • System composed of physical entities and controlled or monitored by computer-based algorithms
  • Units that bridge the cyberworld of computing and communications with the physical and biological worlds
  • Sensor-based communication-enabled autonomous system

● Examples
  • Medical devices: pacemakers, insulin pumps
  • Critical infrastructure: supervision and control of power plants, oil and gas distribution networks, refineries
  • Automobiles: anti-lock braking system, electronic stability control, fuel injection, emission control
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### Industry 4.0 Design Principles

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Source: [Hermann/Pentek/Otto, Design Principles for Industrie 4.0 Scenarios, page 11](https://example.com)
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What is Energy 4.0?

- Not (yet) an official buzzword of German politics
- Digitisation of the energy sector: The next big thing
- Why?
  - Physical energy world is changing at an unprecedented speed
    - Intermittent renewables
    - Nuclear phase-out
    - Other phase-outs? Lignite, hard coal, oil, gas?
    - New transmission and distribution grids
    - Storage
  - Commercial energy world is changing at an unprecedented speed
    - Unbundling, trading, many new players, new products, etc.
  - Vastly increased and increasing collection and flow of data
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Key Elements of Energy 4.0

- Cyber-physical systems: System composed of physical entities and controlled or monitored by computer-based algorithms
- The energy industry is becoming one big and highly complex cyber-physical system
- Consequence: The energy industry is likely to be seriously affected by all Industry 4.0 developments, with Energy 4.0 in turn materially influencing Industry 4.0
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Energy 4.0 - It is already happening!

- Which current energy developments have nothing or little to do with sensor-based communication-enabled autonomous systems?
  - Generation?
  - Transmission and distribution?
  - Trading?
  - Retail?
  - Consumption?
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It is already happening!

- Which hot Tech & Comms subject has nothing or little to do with energy?
  - Cloud computing?
  - Big data?
  - IT and data security?
  - Smart everything?
  - Internet of things?
  - Outsourcing?
  - Standardisation?
  - Data protection?
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Energy 4.0 Business Models?

- **Missing basis for business models**
  - Technical: "It's never going to work"
  - Regulatory: "Our regulatory framework does not allow this"
  - Commercial: "It's impossible to make money with this"

- **Lack of vision**
  - Google: "Stupid idea to think that you can make money with a free internet search engine"
  - Amazon: "I have a great local bookstore – don't need an internet one"
  - Twitter: "You cannot say anything meaningful with 140 characters"
  - Apple: "I already have a great mobile phone"
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Energy 4.0 Business Models: Convergence

Energy Law Framework
- EnWG, EEG
- BNetzA determinations on data formats and market procedures
- Load management, interruptible loads (AbLaV)
- European law (e.g. REMIT, MiFiD)

Energy Industry
- Trading, Retail Metering
- Grids, Storage
- Generation, Consumption

ICT Law Framework
- Data protection
- Data security
- IT Security Act
- Cloud-Computing
- General terms and conditions
- Electronic signatures
- Telecommunications Act
- Telemedia Act
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Energy 4.0 Business Models

- Huge investments needs (> EUR 1 trillion in energy sector)
- New, smarter technology everywhere
  - Generation, transmission, distribution, storage, consumption, trading, retail, services
- Information and communication technology (ICT) sector experience with quickly changing, disruptive technology
- All Energy 4.0 business models involve substantial ICT element
  - Can and should build upon ICT technical, commercial and legal experience
  - Must be open to questioning conventional energy wisdom
- Challenge for energy companies: ICT as inspiration and/or driver, not subordinate service provider
Today's Conference covers Key Energy 4.0 Subjects

- Data and consumer protection: Dr. Kay Diedrich
- Digitisation of the Energy Turnaround Act: Karsten Bourwieg and Dr. Cornelia Kermel
- Development perspectives for distribution grids: Frank Zeeb
- Protection of critical infrastructure: Prof. Dr. Thorsten Holz and Rainer Stock
- Smart energy: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Wirtsch.-Ing. Thorsten Schneiders
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Today's Conference covers Key Energy 4.0 Subjects – But there's more!

- Digitisation of the energy turnaround is much broader than the "Digitisation of the Energy Turnaround Act"
- Plethora of additional subjects traditionally associated more with ICT than with energy, e.g.
  - Data ownership
  - Protection of intellectual property
  - Outsourcing
  - E-commerce
  - Liability for product and system failure
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From Industry 4.0 to Energy 4.0

- Digitisation of the energy industry will be a key driver of future change
- The energy industry will have to look to the IT and telecommunications industry and other advanced industries for technical, commercial and legal experience
- Energy lawyers will need to better understand legal problems and solutions those other industries can offer
  - No need to reinvent the wheel
  - But have to make wheel work in a heavy duty, high speed scenario, with many quick turns, in often uncharted territory
5. Q & A
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- Matthias is a partner in the International Energy & Utilities Sector Group at our Düsseldorf office.
- He advises German and international clients on energy, regulatory, state aid and environmental law as well public commercial law. He has additional expertise in corporate law and European law, as well as standardisation.
- Matthias advises on infrastructure projects involving conventional and renewable energy regulation, including planning and permit procedures for extra high voltage lines and other industrial installations. He has worked on transactions also in other regulated industries, including healthcare and water. His work includes representing clients before the Federal Network Agency and other authorities in diverse administrative proceedings, before national and European courts and in arbitration proceedings. With his team, he has also advised on the transposition of European law, such as REMIT or MiFiD.
- Matthias is a regular contributor to conventional and online legal publications. He writes the section on permits for conventional power plants and wind farms for the “Berlin Commentary on Energy Law”. He writes on international company law in the “Beck Online Commentary on the Limited Liability Company Act”. He has also published articles about renewable energy, disclosure and information obligations for sellers, on state aid to the coal sector and on the permitting regime for HVDC lines. Matthias also runs the German Energy Blog and frequently speaks at national and international seminars and conferences and teaches energy law in postgraduate courses at FU and TU Berlin.

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- Undersea cables
- IOT / M2M
- Wearable tech
- Smart networks & Smart cities
- 3D printing
- Digital currencies
- Mobile payments & Apps
- Convergence
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- Software patents
- Software screening
- Agile
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