

## DFG Structure, Funding Programmes and Review Process JST-NSF-DFG-RCN Workshop Distributed Energy Management Systems

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#### Motivation

- Changes in the landscape of generator and power supplies
- Infrastructure
- Need for research?
- Structure
  - What is the DFG?
  - DFG`s Committees
- Funding portfolio
- Review Process
- Funding numbers



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## **Motivation** Changes in the landscape of generator and power supplies

- DFG interest: Basic research without political motives
- ► Need for emerging ideas because of new constrains
- E-consumption vs. new ele.energy generation
- Conservative stable 50Hz-system vs. power electronics and fluctuating parameters in the power grid
- High reliability vs. challenges in control and communication techniques
- Innovative approaches for ele.energy distribution under social and civil aspects
- Need of interdisciplinary research to show new path

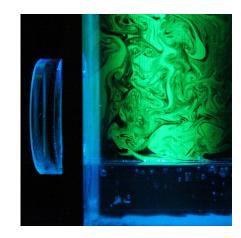






## Motivation Need for research?

- ► Application and development vs. basic research.
- What are the fundamental open questions?
- What are the methodical research questions?
- ► Need for interdisciplinary work?
- ► Need for multi-national cooperation?
- Instabilities in the power grid, just control techniques?
- ► Reliable and secure **ICT** system.





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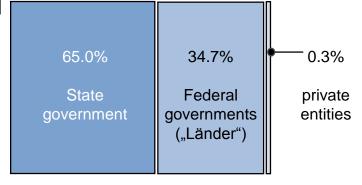
# **Structure** What is the DFG?

#### The DFG is the Germany's largest research funding organization

- ▶ is the **self-governing organization** for science and research in Germany.
- ▶ it serves all branches of science and the humanities.
- ▶ is an **association** under private law.
- its membership consists of German research universities (69), nonuniversity research institutions (16), scientific associations (3)

#### The funds

- the large majority of its funds come from the state and the Federal Governments, which are represented in Grants Committees
- the voting system and procedural regulations guarantee science-driven decisions.





funding of projects in **basic science mostly** without deadlines

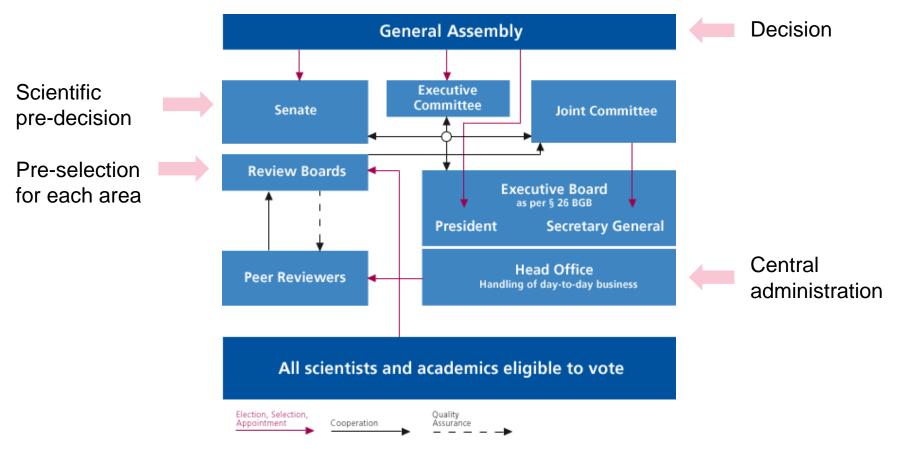
- ensure the best possible support for outstanding scientists and young researchers
- make research funding open to all disciplines in accordance with scientific standards of quality
- keep Germany future-oriented and internationally competitive as a scientific location





## **Structure** Organization and Committees

#### Way of decision making



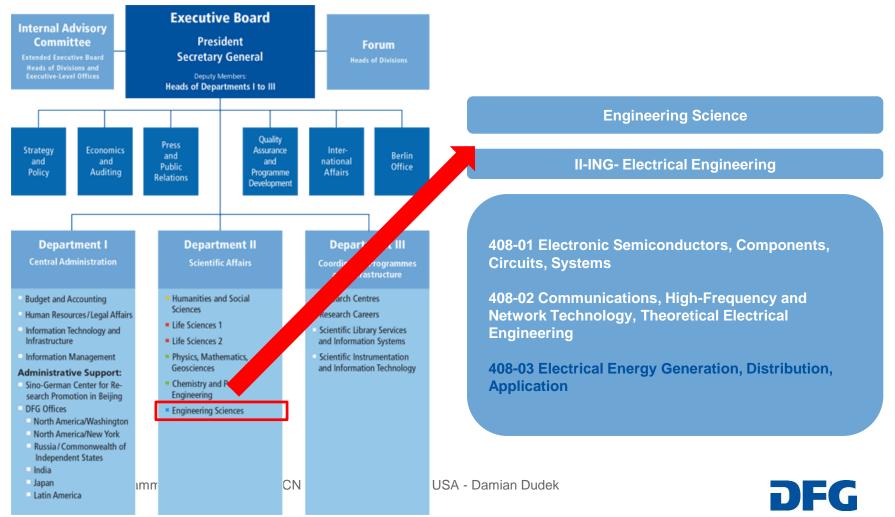
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#### Structure DFG Head Office

#### Organization Chart of the DFG Head Office



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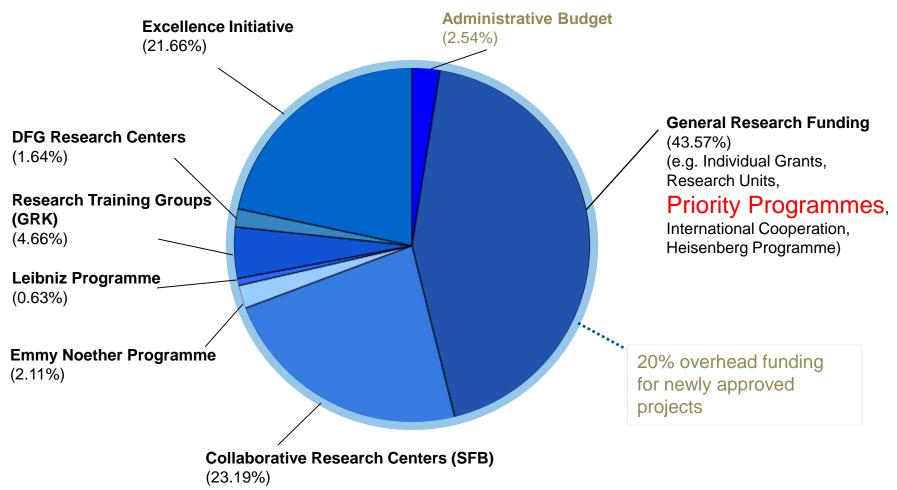
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## **Structure** Funding portfolio and proportion of funding





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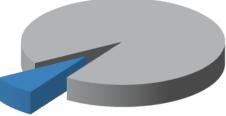
## **Priority Program**

# Priority Program is an coordinated funding programme (Schwerpunktprogramm - SPP)

#### Purpose

- advance knowledge in an emerging field of research through collaborative networked support
- enhanced quality of research through the use of new methods basic science
- added value through interdisciplinary cooperation
- collaborative networked support over several locations national wide
- Eligibility: Researchers at universities and research institutions in Germany (collaboration with partner from abroad is possible)
- ► Funding period: 6 (3 + 3) years
- Funding: individual grants + coordination





**7,5%** of the total funding budget.

## **Priority Program**

#### Procedure

- Open call based on a scientific proposal (concept paper) to one specific topic. Room for proposals with multiple partners. National wide funding of 15... 20 proposals selected form 30....50 submitted applications.
- Deadline for submission of Priority Program -concepts.
- Pre-selection by review panels.
- Decision for the call preparation by the DFG`s senate.
- ► National wide call.

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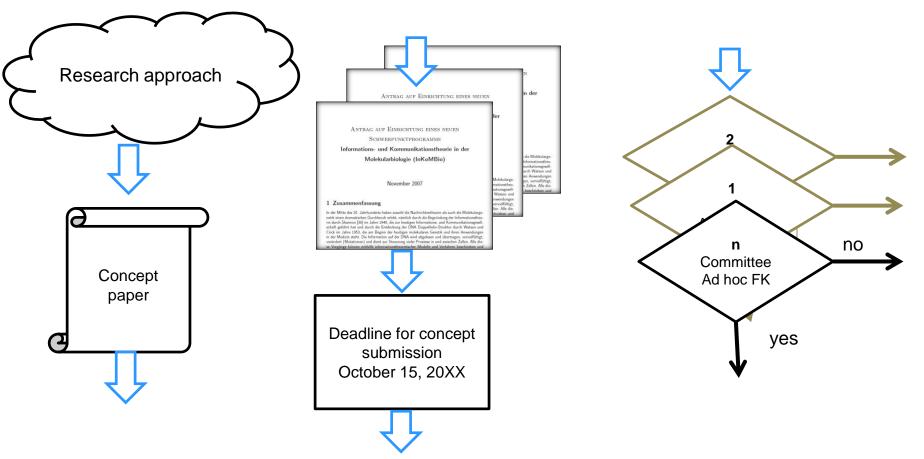
Submission of proposals.





## **Priority Program** Block diagram for evaluation of the concept paper

From the idea to the concept



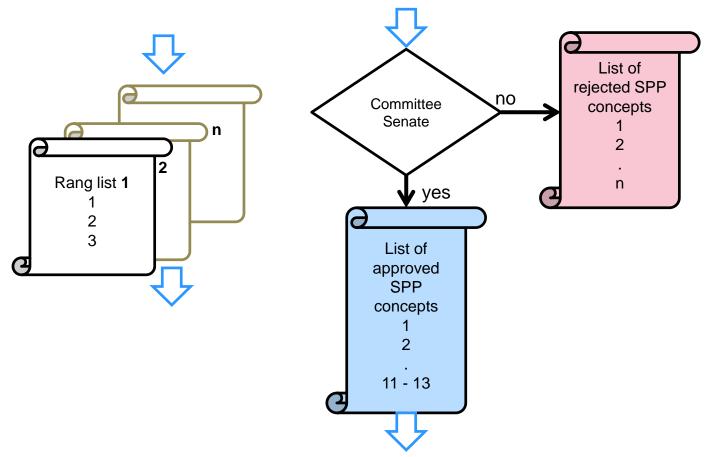
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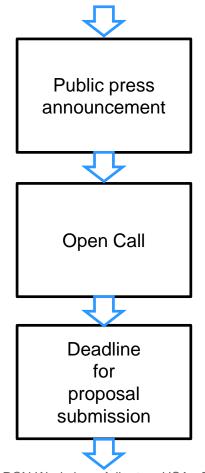
## Priority Program Block diagram for evaluation of the concept paper

Pre-selection and decision for call preparation



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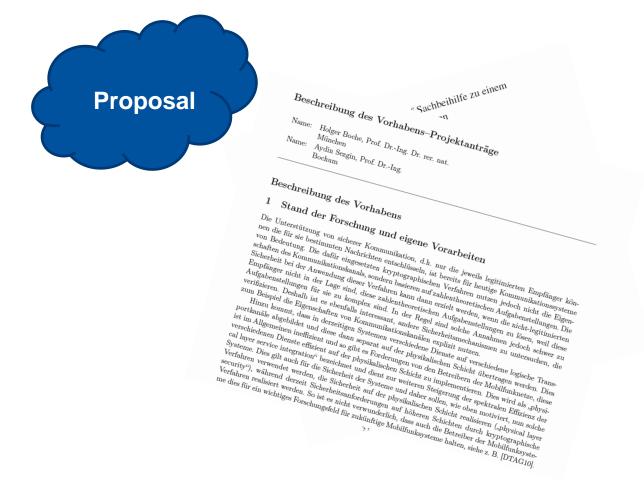
Procedure after approval through the DFG`s senate



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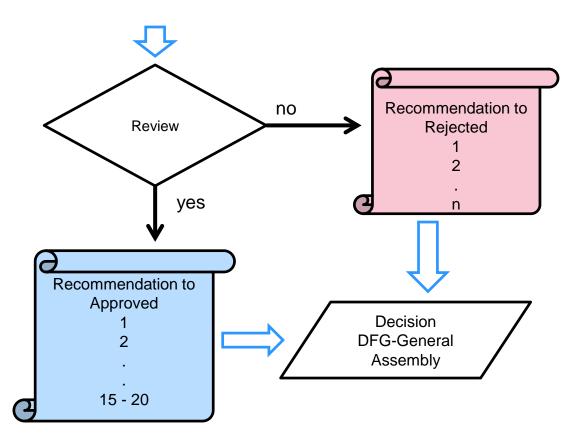
#### **Priority Program**



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## **Priority Program** Block diagram for evaluation of the submitted proposals

Proposal submission, review meeting and evaluation



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## **Priority Program**



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#### **Funding numers** Funding portfolio und general numbers

Number of proposals 2013 (Dept. II)	12.903
Individual Grants	10.378
Research Fellowships	504
Emmy Noether-Programm	237
Heisenberg Programm	144
Koselleck-Projects	29
Clinical Trials	21
Research Units	362
Priority Programmes	1.228

Source: DFG - Förderquotenstatistik 2013

Requested total: approx. 3.4 billion € Funding total: approx. 0.87 billion €



## **Funding numbers** DFG Funding rates and Funding rate in sums

## **Individual Grants**

2013	Funding rate in %	Funding rate in sum in %
	29,6	22,5
2012	Funding rate in %	Funding rate in sum in %
	30,8	23,5
2011	Funding rate in %	Funding rate in sum in %
	34,9	25,6

Source: DFG - Förderquotenstatistik





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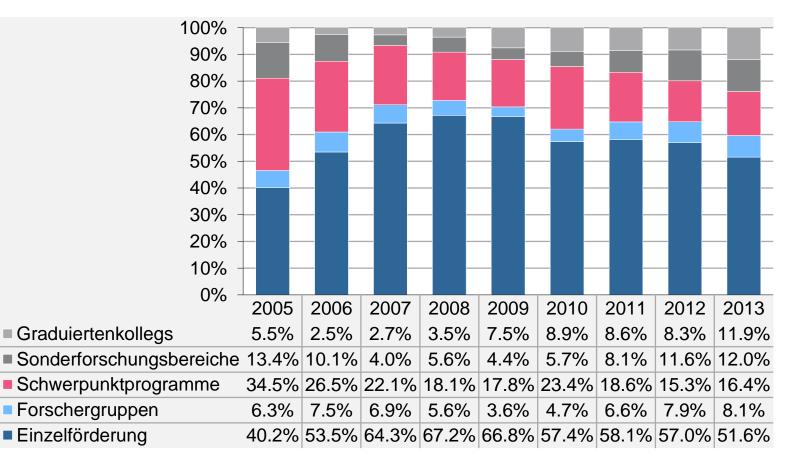
#### For more information

- on the DFG: www.dfg.de/en/
- on DFG-funded projects: www.dfg.de/gepris/
- on over 17,000 German research institutes: www.dfg.de/research\_explorer/



## **Funding numbers** Comparison of funding for different programs

Relative development of total funding in the area of electrical engineering.





## **Timing** From brainstorming to proposal funding

. . . October 15 December ... January March April August October ... November December January

Idea and conception phase

Submission of concept papers

Pre-selection through the internal review board

Decision through the DFG`s senate

Open Call

Deadline for proposal submission

Review meeting and evaluation

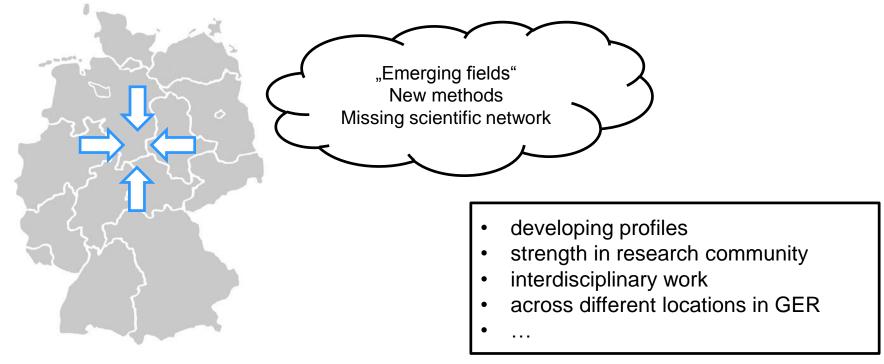
Last decision through the DFG`s general assembly

Start of funding



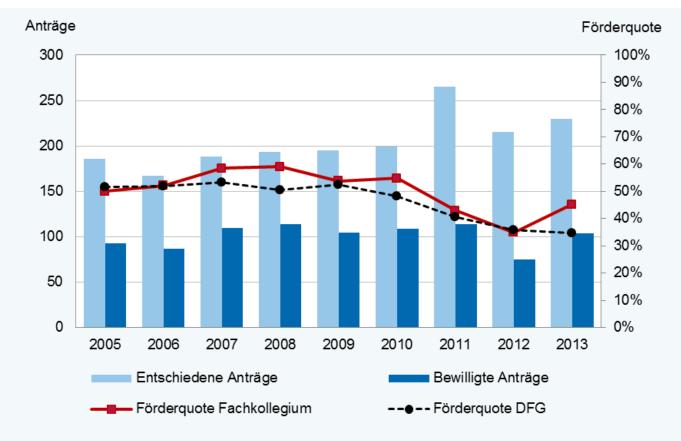
## **Priority Program**

- Research area with huge national / international impact
- Without any political and economical restrictions



#### **Funding numbers** Development of the N of proposals and funding rate in EE

#### Overview of funding rate in the years 2005 – 2013 in electrical eng.



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## Motivation Infrastructure

#### Power transmission grid

- **Power generation:** from nuclear energy to renewable sources
  - large wind farms (north Germany)
  - solar and biomass
- European electricity grid and market
- How to proceed with:
  - "Direct Current (DC) transmission"?
  - Converter technology and implementation with AC/DC links?
  - ICT infrastructure and control systems?

#### Social aspects

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- Costs of infrastructure?
- Public acceptance of innovation?

