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The 4th Industrial Revolution ("4IR") | *Building the Power Utility of the Future, Today* 

#### Internet of Things based Smart Grid data communication networks

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## What is a Smart Grid?

• "A grid with high school qualification."



- "A grid that knows how to Google."
- "A creative term invented by the IT industry to make money out of the energy industry."
  - *"It's like an IPhone, but bigger and slightly more expensive."*
- "I don't know. Siri what is a Smart Grid?"





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# Why do Municipalities need to think about Smart Grids?



#### energy

Department: Energy REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Strategic National Smart Grid Vision for the South African Electricity Supply Industry



#### **Smart Grid Applications**

Wide-Area Situational Awareness	Electrical Vehicles
Distribution Management	Vehicle to Grid
Distribution Automation	Demand Response Management
Substation Automation	Advanced Metering Infrastructure
Outage Management	Home Energy Management
Mobile Workforce Management	Enterprise Asset Management
Renewable Distributed Energy Resources	Meter Data Management

#### Why haven't our grids changed yet?

Control and Operation

PS29

PS70

PS8

PS15

Distributed Energy

PS16





PS7

PS40

PS50

-PS38

PS54

PS25

rotection a Control Devices

Generation Substation

ulk Storac

Bulk



Service Providers

PS68

Customer Substation

PS12

Distribute

P\$57

DC Loads AC Loads

LEGEND

Domai

Entity









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Source: IEEE 2030



## Can IoT solve our problems ?

## Real world problems







**Applications** 

Data Communication

Devices









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### How could we implement an IoT based Smart Grid design in an electricity distribution network?



Example of a system architecture proposal for an IoT based Smart Grid implementation in an electricity distribution grid



#### **Does it work?**





Section of Cape Town distribution grid chosen a reference model.



Network topology view of data flow during data acquisition.



## What of the Benefits?

 Smart Grids become less hardware dependent

- Smart Grids become very flexible to change
- Less risk "tie-in" to specific technologies.
  - Smart Grids are easier to develop (reduced OPEX)
- Smart Grids are easier to operate and maintain (reduced OPEX)





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## Thank you

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