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Smart Grids and the Future Electrical Network:

Towards a Smarter, More Reliable and Resilient Power System

> Prof. Neville Watson 21 Nov. 2013

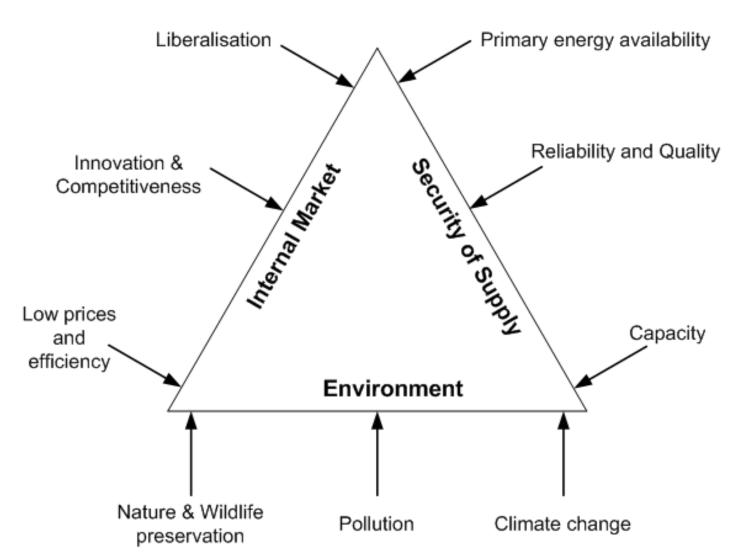
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European Smart Grids Initiative

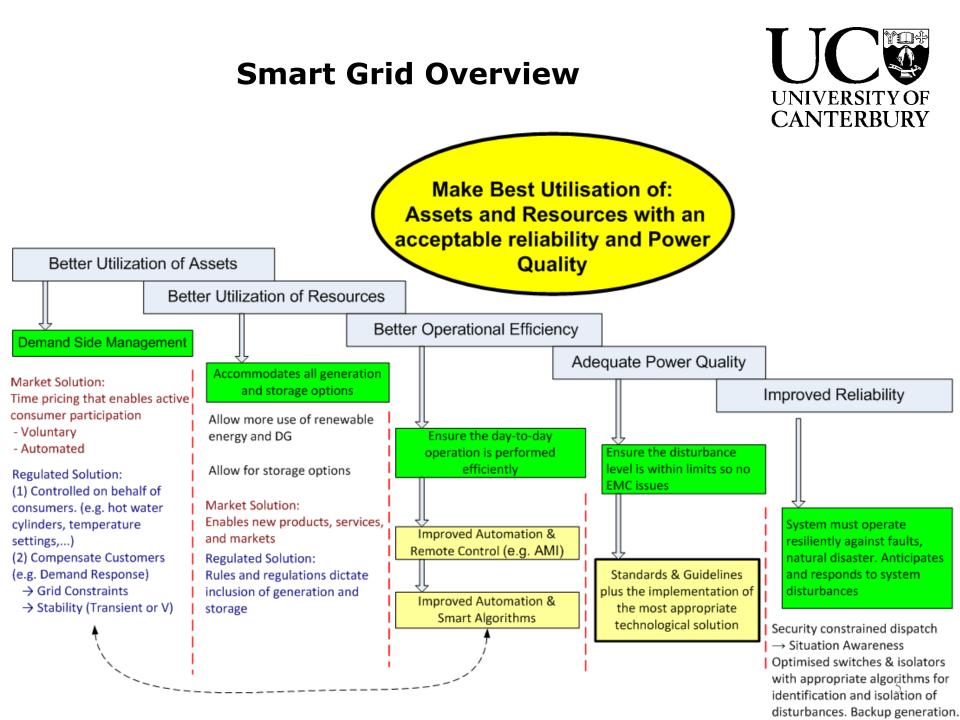


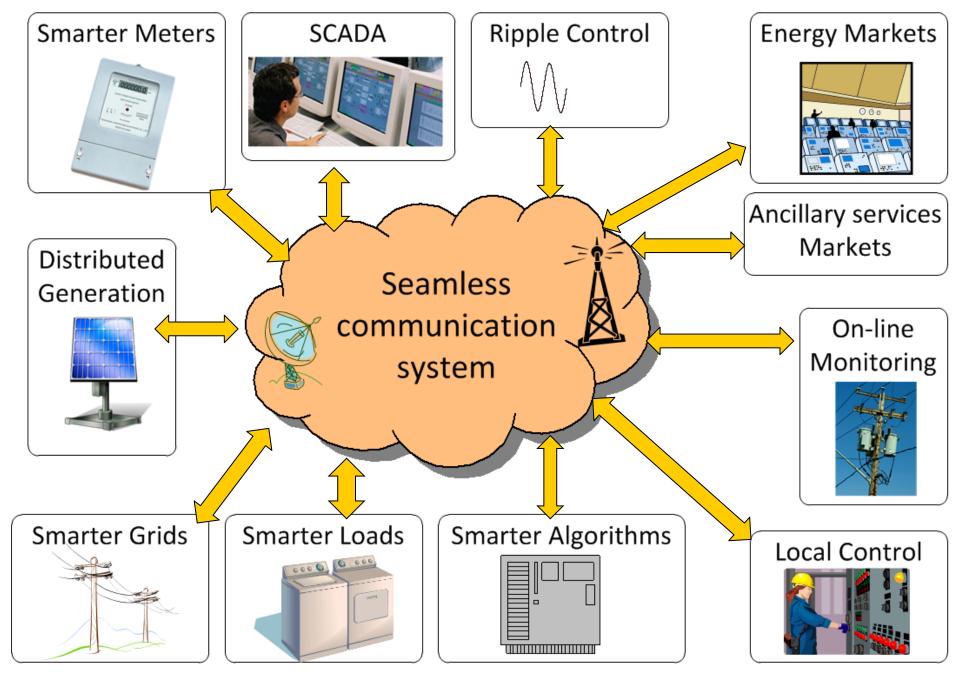




The principal goals of the Smart Grids:

- 1. Enables active consumer participation
- 2. Accommodates all generation and storage options
- 3. Enables new products, services, and markets
- 4. Provides power quality for the digital economy
- 5. Optimizes asset utilization and operates efficiently
- 6. Anticipates and responds to system disturbances
- 7. Operates resiliently against attack and natural disaster





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How Smart is the Existing Grid?



Demand Side Management:

Ripple Control (e.g. Hot Water)

Demand Response – For transmission constraints

Interruptible load - For security of system

Via Pricing – Coincident peak & Capacity Charges

Special Protection Schemes

Run-back schemes – For delaying infrastructure investment

Advanced Metering Infrastructures (AMI)

- There are three major elements to the system:
- A "*smart*" meter
- A communications infrastructure
- A meter data management system (MDMS)





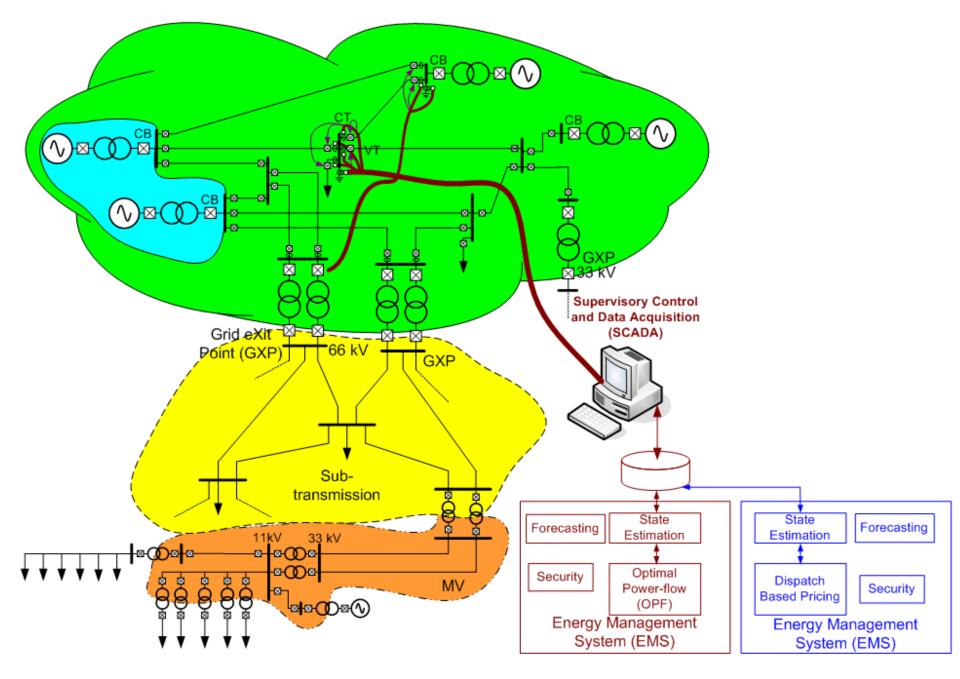




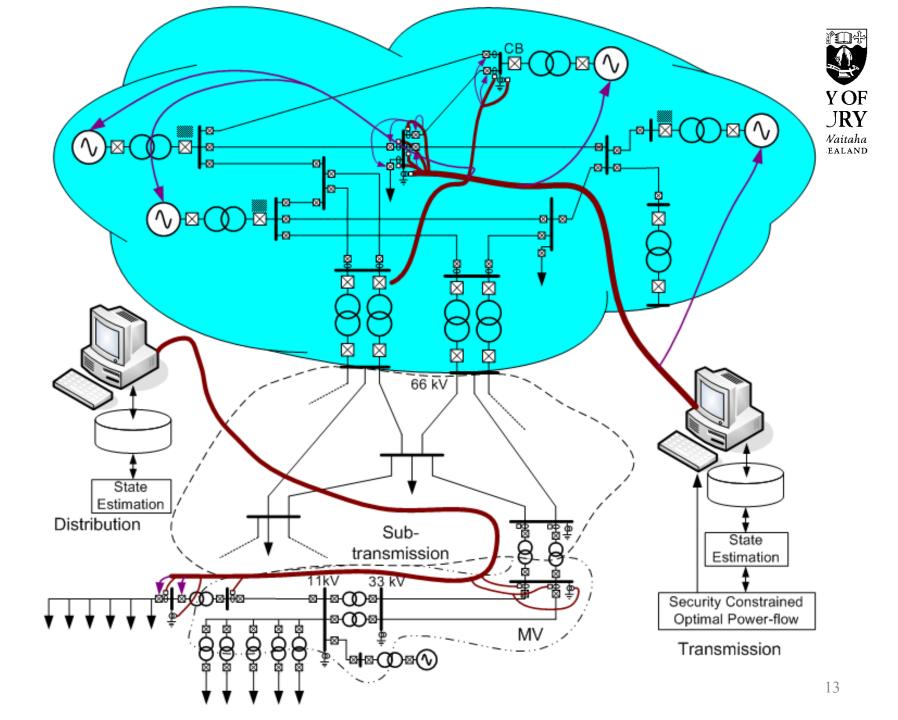
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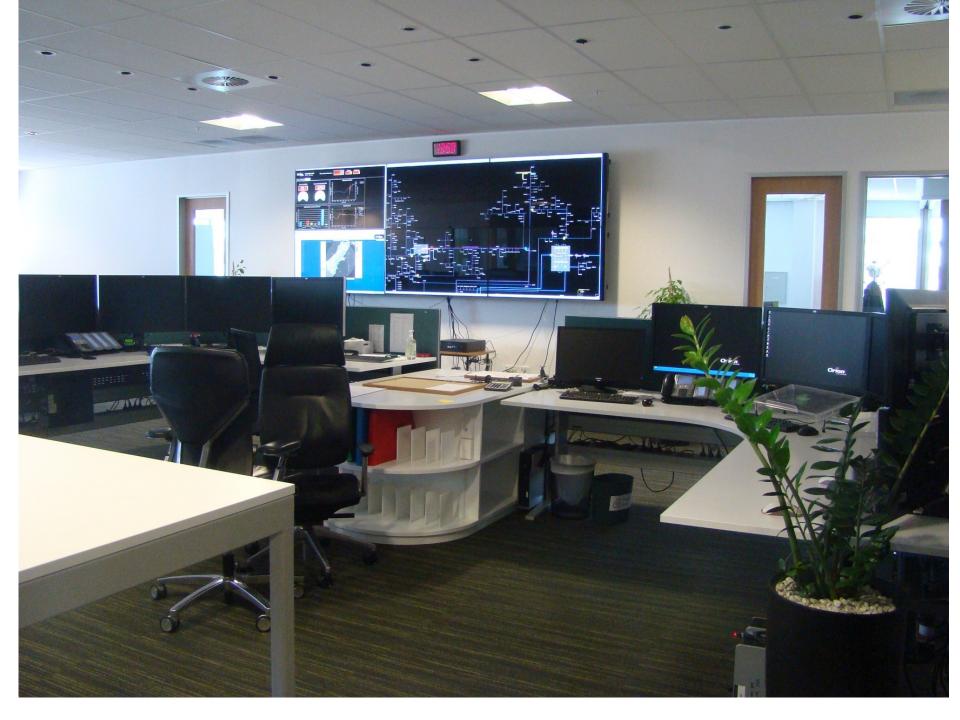


- Accuracy
- Remote readability
- Reliability & Robustness (even with equipment failure)
- Cost effectiveness
- System scalability with no bottlenecks due to number of Customers
- Integration with existing IT.
- Track record and likely longevity of the vendor
- Ability to upgrade and AMI communication infrastructure (mitigating technology obsolescence)









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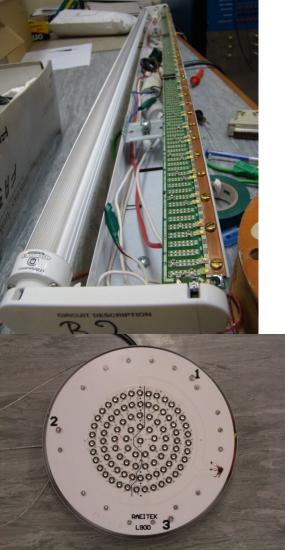
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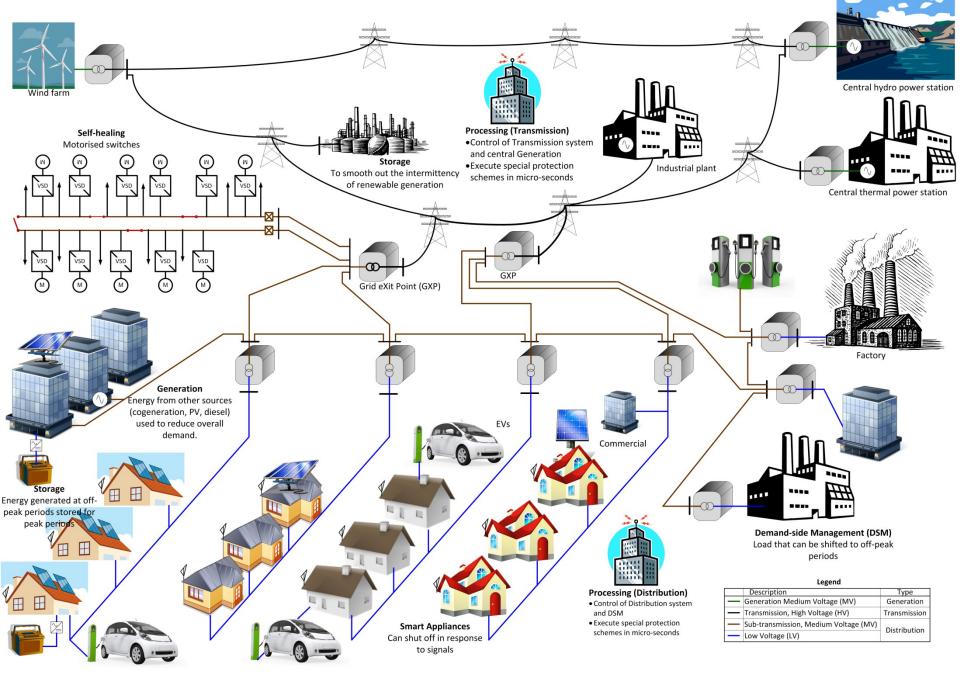


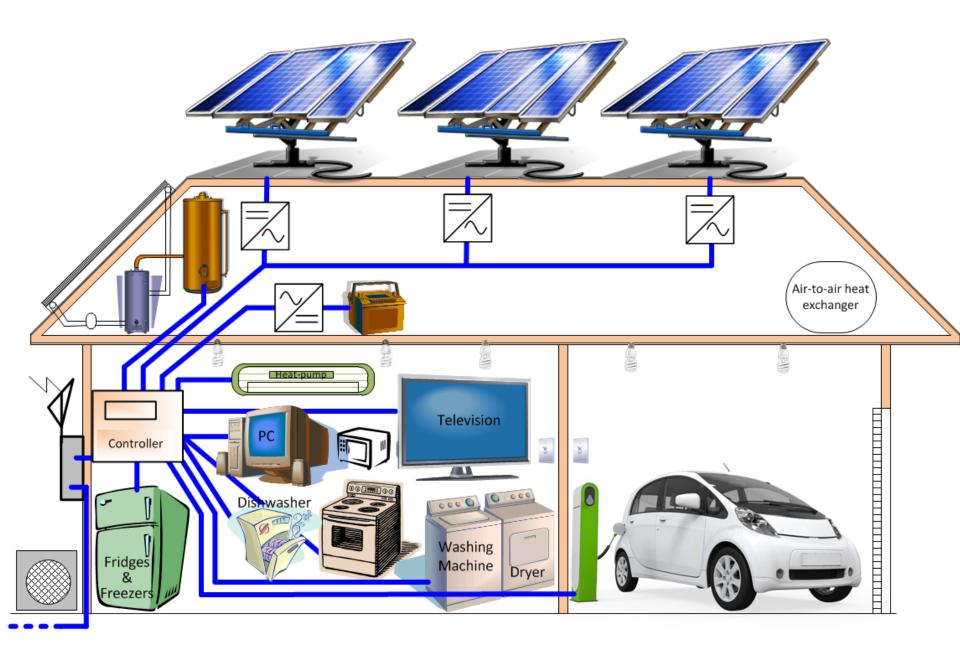






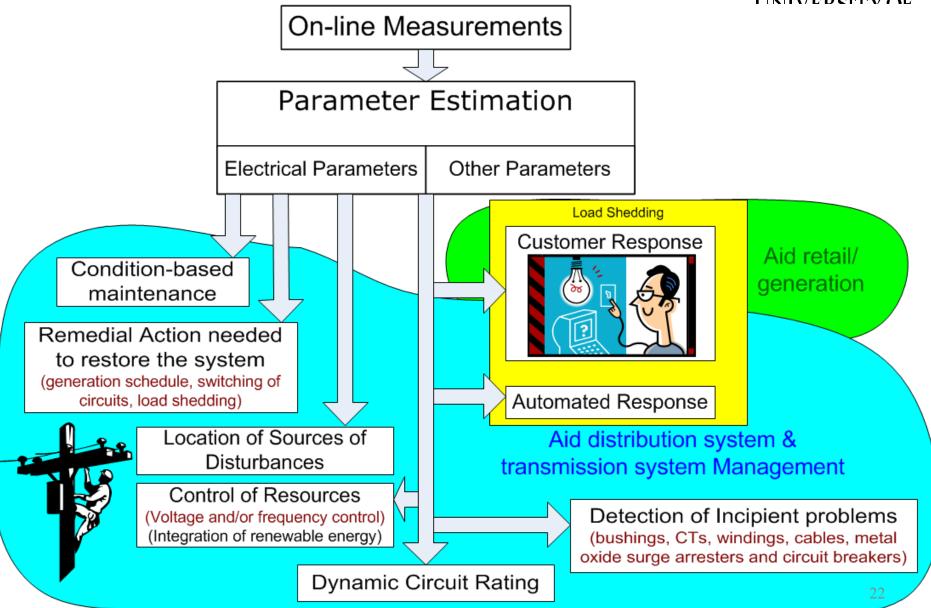












Grid Management

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- 1. Centralized dispatch of generation
- 2. SCADA
- 3. Ripple Control
- 4. Distributed Controllers using local information only

- On-Line Monitoring
- Smarter Metering
- Smarter Grids
- Ubiquitous Communication system









1) Customer participation (give the customers the information and let them respond). e.g. Time of use metering. Needs to be automated

2) Smart algorithms for control in the home/business. Smart algorithm in:

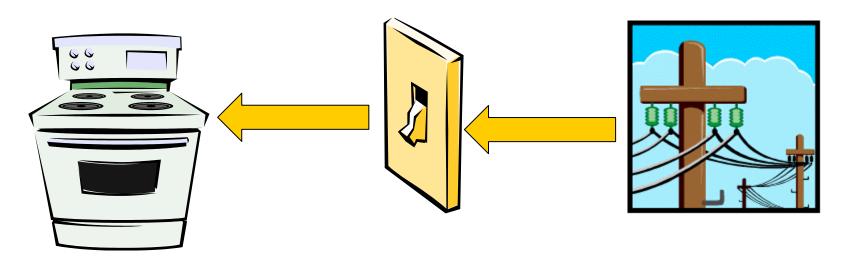
- a) the meter (which communicates with the smart appliances).
- b) the appliances themselves.
- c) home management system.

3) Centrally controlled





- > Presently, any appliance is free to demand power.
- The network has no practical option but to supply, even if it causes an overload of voltage violation.
- Only certain loads can be interrupted to manage demand without customer inconvenience.



Let's Assume ...



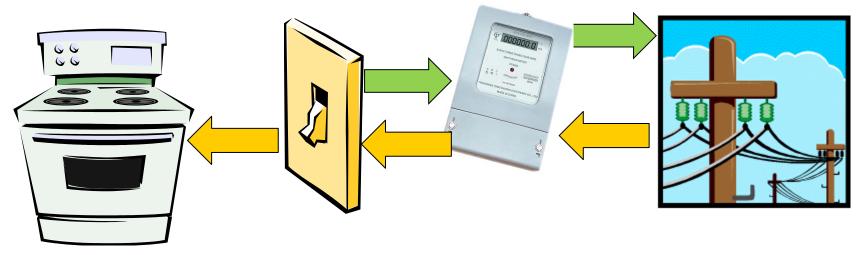
- 1. Each area continues to evolve logically.
- 2. General convergence occurs.
- 3. Platforms emerge (*software, hardware* & *communications*).
- 4. These platforms interconnect smoothly.
- 5. Protocols are not a barrier (*either via suitable* Standards or "Protocol Conversion Service Providers").

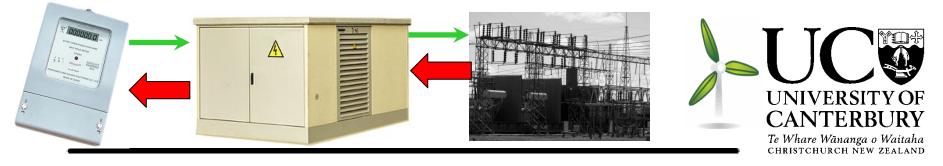
The focus then becomes "Applications"

Agent Based Approach (or Contract Manager)



- Suppose appliances had to request power instead.
- The network could respond with its *terms* to supply.
- These "terms" could vary with time and location, subject to the network's ability to supply.
- Meter becomes a Contract Manager ensuring both customer and utility respect the Contract Terms.
- Manages requests to the network to exceed supply limits without penalty if grid conditions allow.





Same thing next layer up. The local substation also has a "*Contract Manager*" function, to manage its own contract with its neighbours in the grid.

This manages transformer loading and has **its** contract with the *zone* substation supplying it.

And so on, up the line, until the "request to connect" can be either *satisfied* or *denied without penalty*.

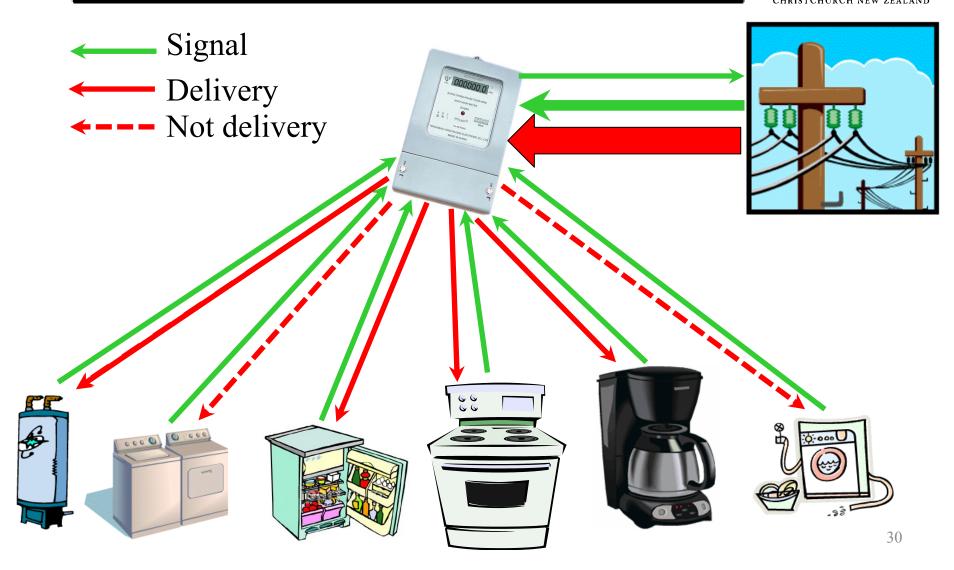
Grid loads manage themselves using customer defined appliance priority to allocate available supply through a *"request to connect"* mechanism.



- Loads and Generators manage themselves
- Information requested & supplied as needed
- "Central dispatch" function is not required
- Dispatch now becomes highly distributed
- Networks become two-way trading grounds
- Well-defined rules of conduct to participate
- The system manages itself via contracts
- No one is "in charge" (just like the Internet)

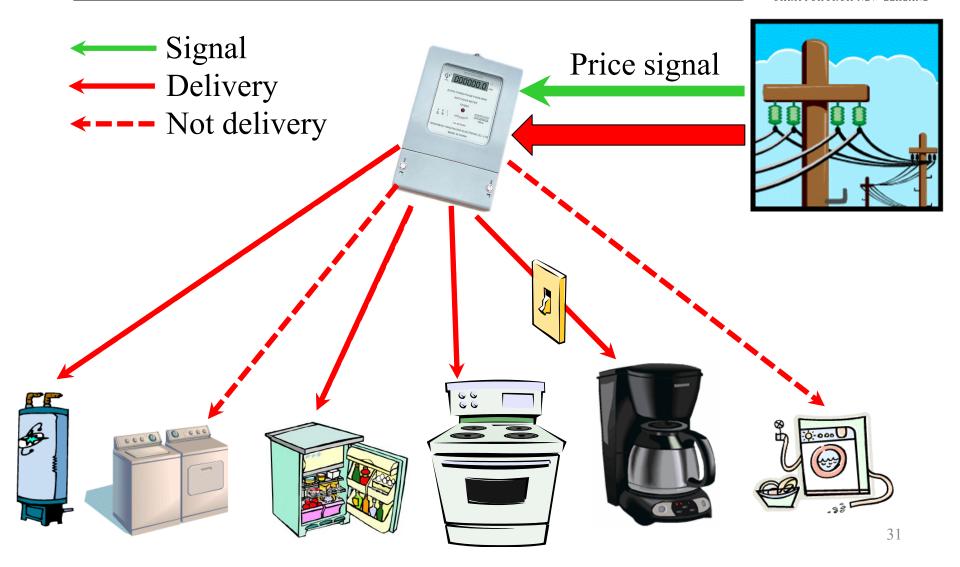
Smart Meter central



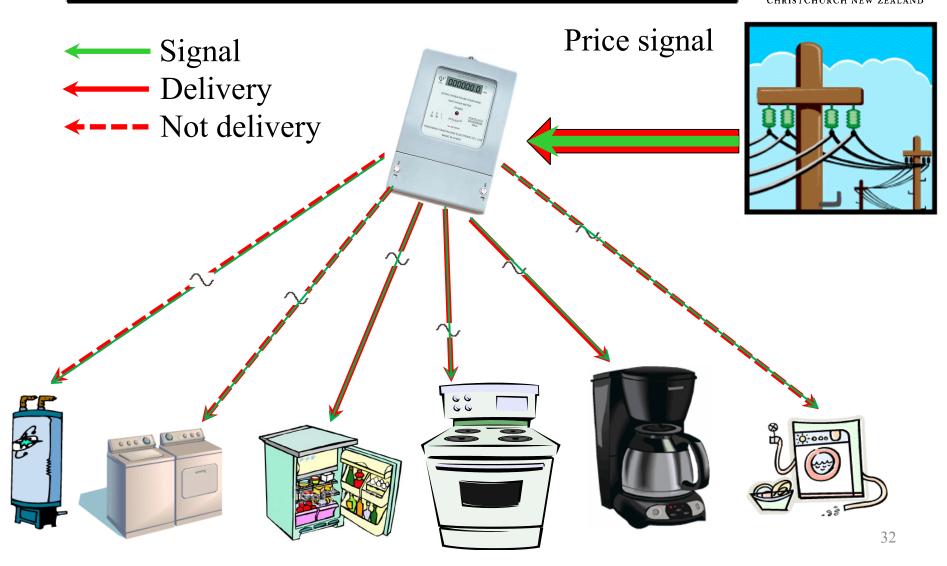


"Smart" algorithm in Meter





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"Smart" algorithm in Appliances

Control of Appliances









Domains



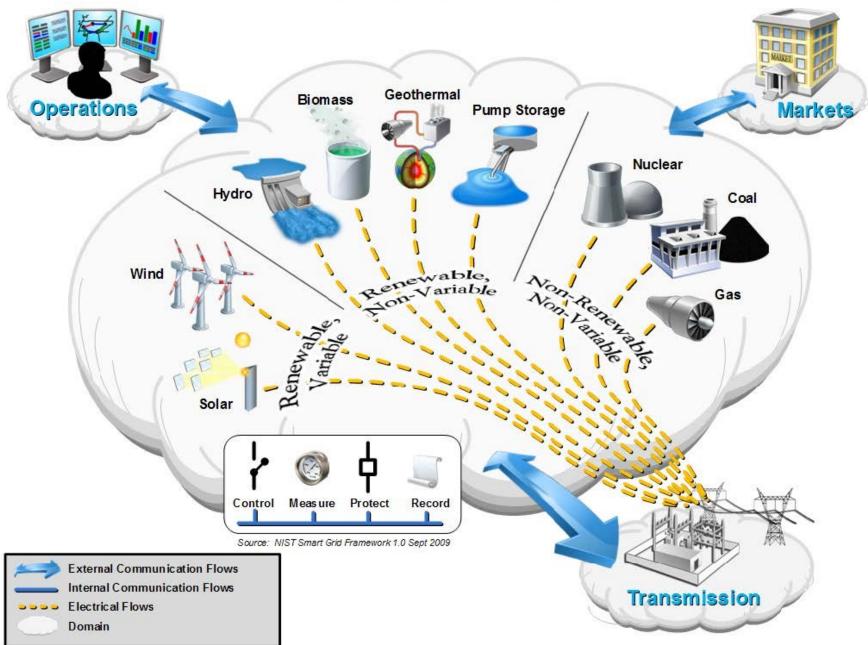
Domain	Description
Bulk Generation	The generators of electricity in bulk quantities
Transmission	The carriers of bulk electricity over long distances
Distribution	The distributors of electricity to and from customers
Customer	The End user of electricity
Operations	The Managers of the movement of electricity
Service Provider	The organizations providing services to the electricity industry
Markets	The Operators and participants in the electricity market

Domains contain many "applications" and "actors"

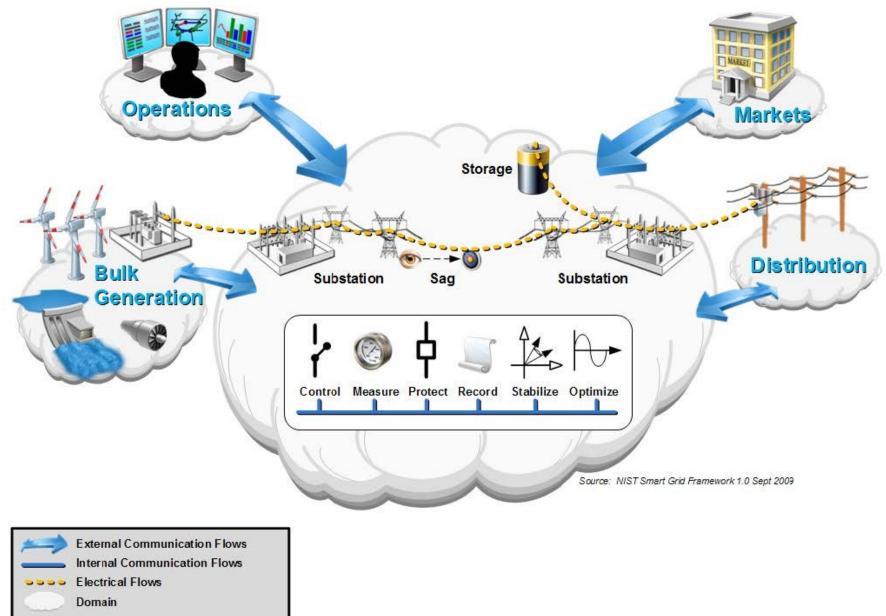
• Actors may be devices, computer systems, or software programs and/or organizations that own them. Actors have the capability to make decisions and exchange information with other actors through interfaces.

• **Applications** are the tasks performed by the actors within the domains

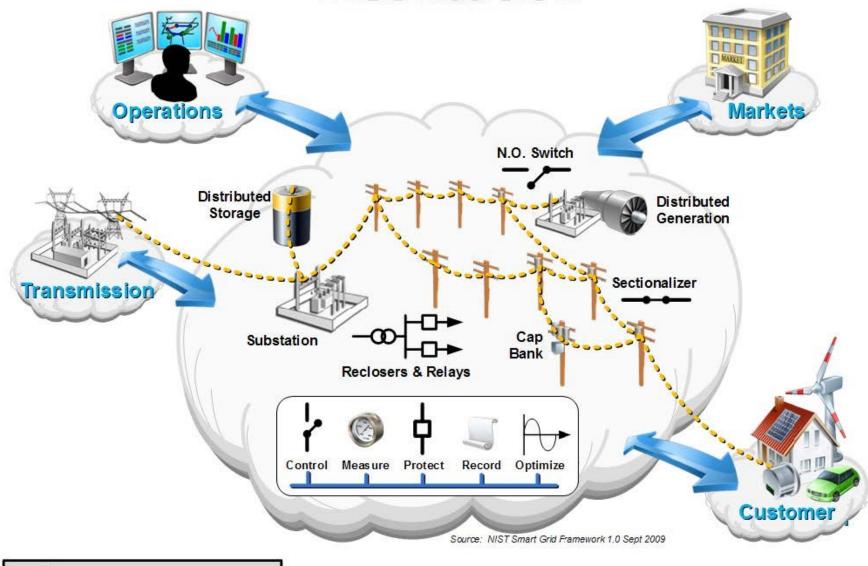
Bulk Generation



Transmission

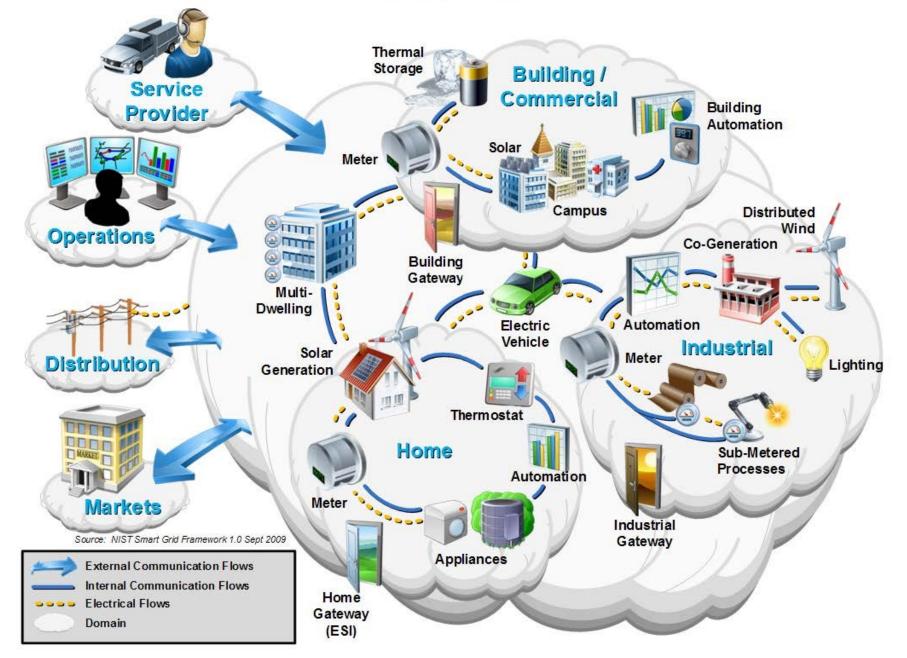


Distribution

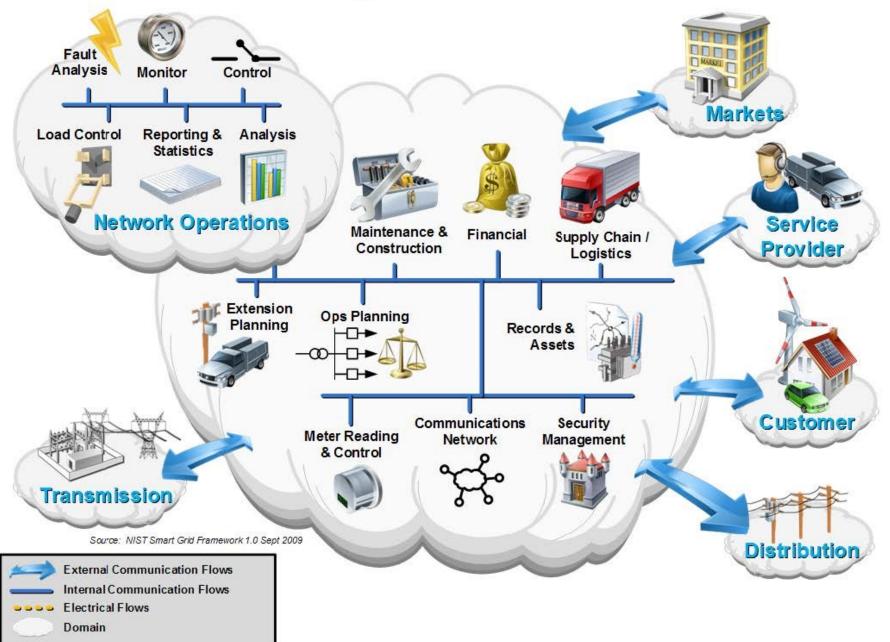




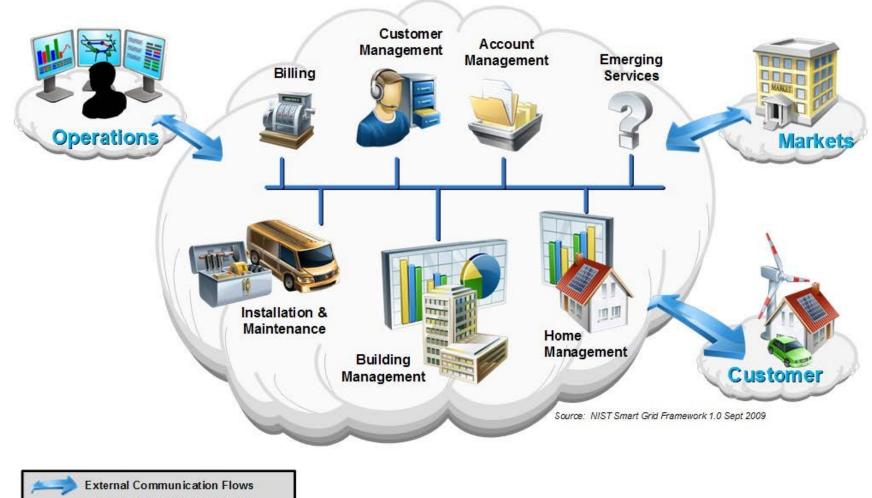
Customer



Operations



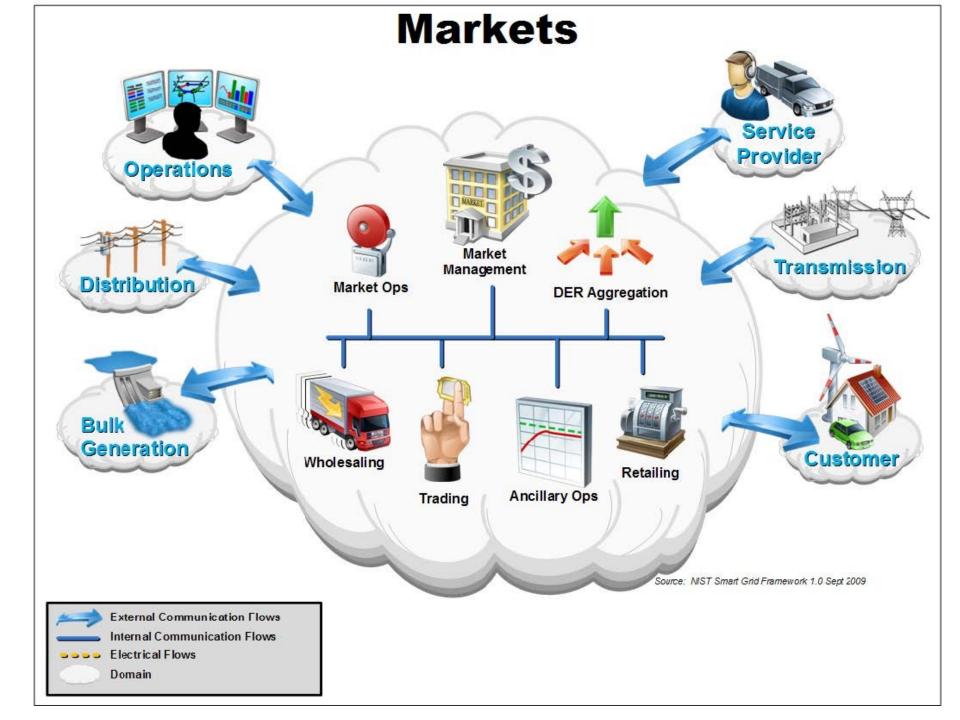
Service Provider



Internal Communication Flows

Electrical Flows

Domain

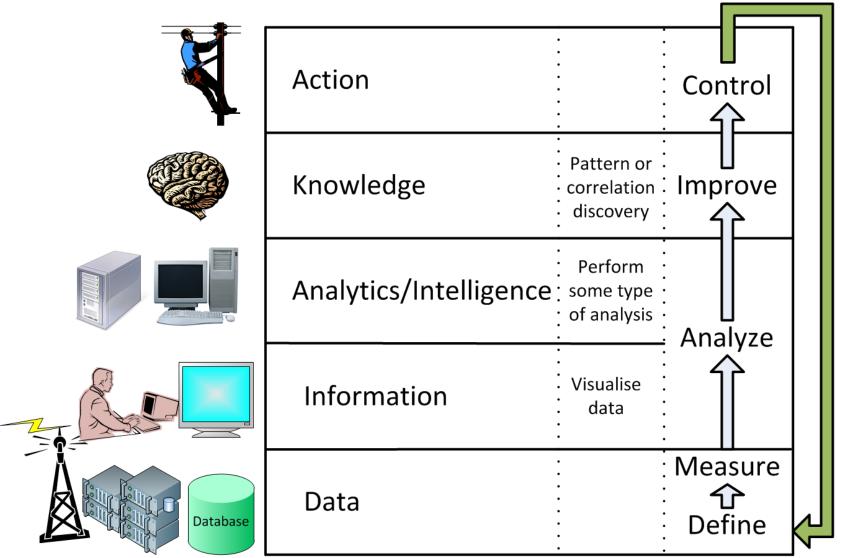


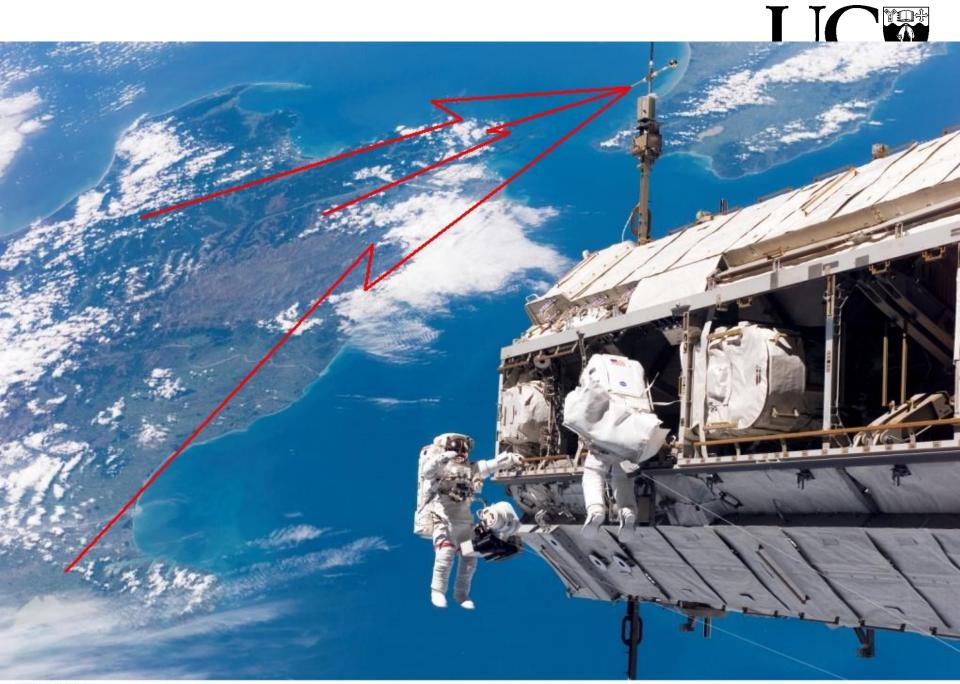
Back-office Applications



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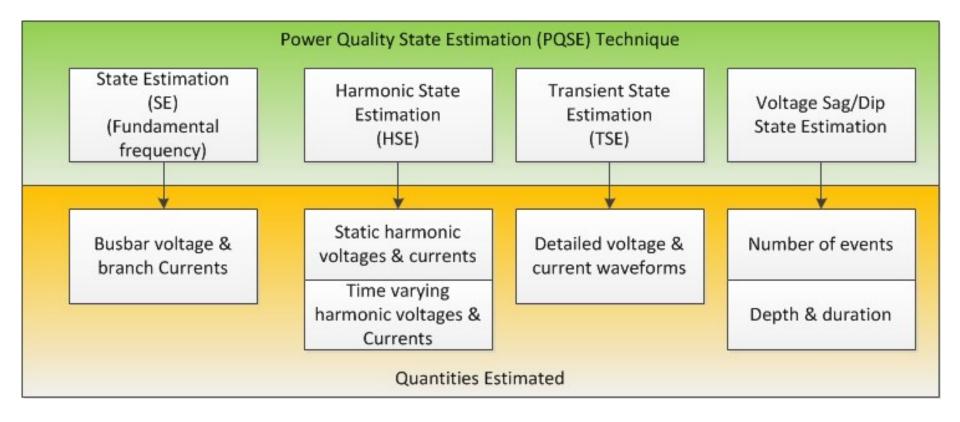
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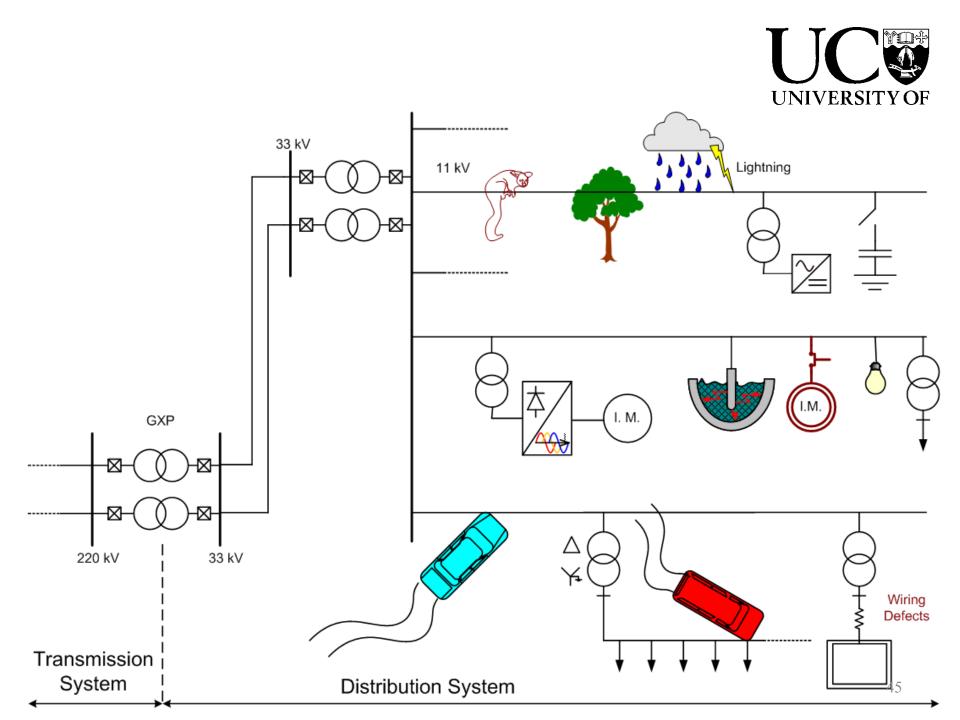




Example of Power Quality State Estimation (PQSE)

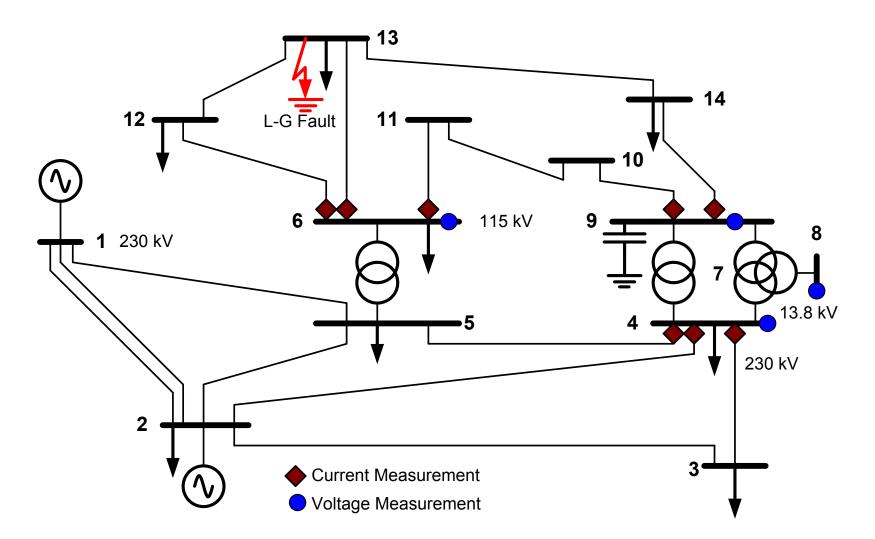






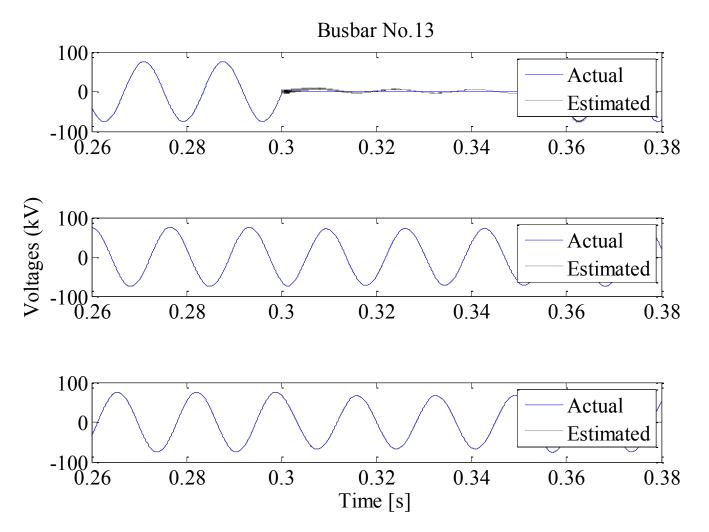
IEEE 14 Busbar Test System





Estimation for Busbar 13



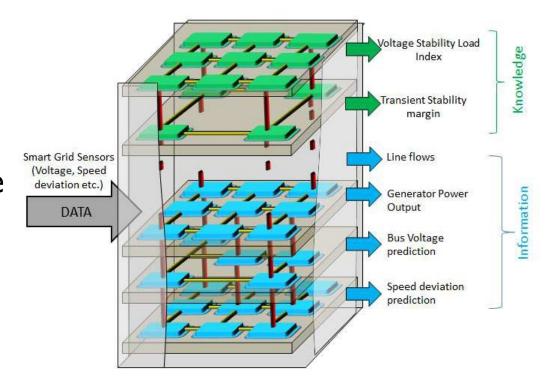




Situation Awareness

Situational awareness, aims to understand the current situation and closeness to boundaries and project how system states are going to evolve in the future.

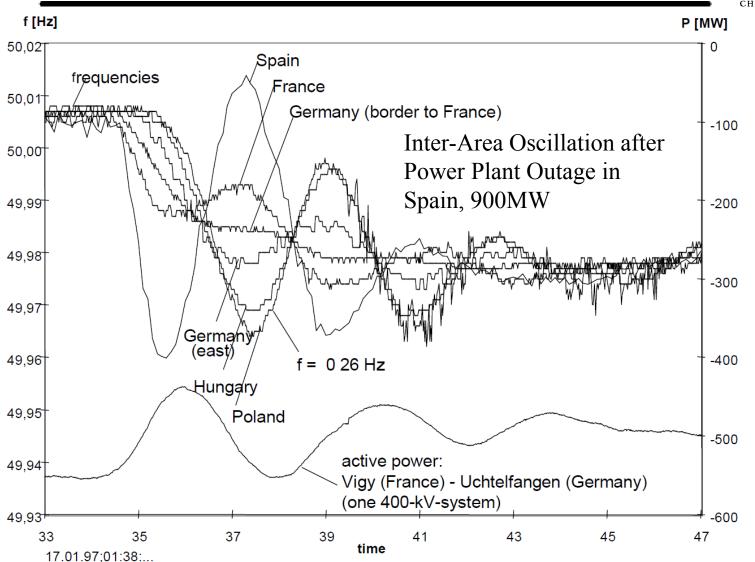
This plays an important role in prevention or mitigation of cascading outages, or unwanted states such as inter-area oscillations.



Inter-Area Oscillations

(using phasor measurement units (PMUs) or synchrophasors)





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Barriers & Risks





Difficulty in developing a realistic cost/benefit analysis, and hence business case, given the high level of uncertainty. \rightarrow Difficult to finance the large-scale roll out of smart technologies. Risks are:

- Stranded assets with newer technologies becoming available.
- Under-performance due to uncertainty in being able to forecast the return on investment. Return can depend greatly on the resulting customers behaviour, which is hard to predict.
- Fragmented electricity industry results in benefits lying in several sectors (not shared).
- Although good (e.g. energy efficiency and promoting sustainability) may negatively impact revenue and incur other costs.



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Trials



Many Electrical Network Businesses are trialing some of these technologies in order to understand how they will influence their system.









Electrical Network Businesses (ENBs) (a.k.a. Lines Companies)

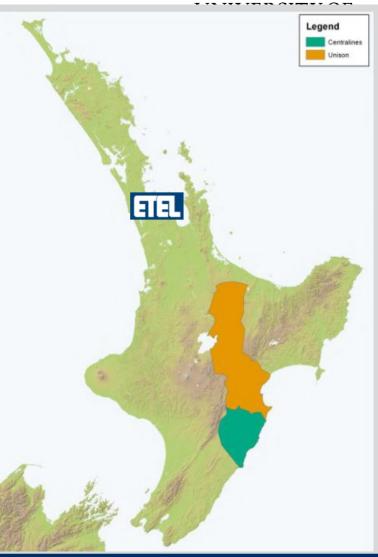


- 1. Network automation (has clearest cost/benefit)
- 2. Upgrade of communications systems
- 3. Reactive power support operated in real-time.
- 4. Fast switching transformers
- 5. Smart metering (issues over functionality and access to the data)
- 6. Distributed Generation (PV and micro-wind in rural)
- 7. Electric Vehicles
- 8. Communication and Data Collection
- 9. Dynamic rating of Cables and transformers
- 10. Energy efficient technologies (e.g. LED lighting)

Unison: An Overview

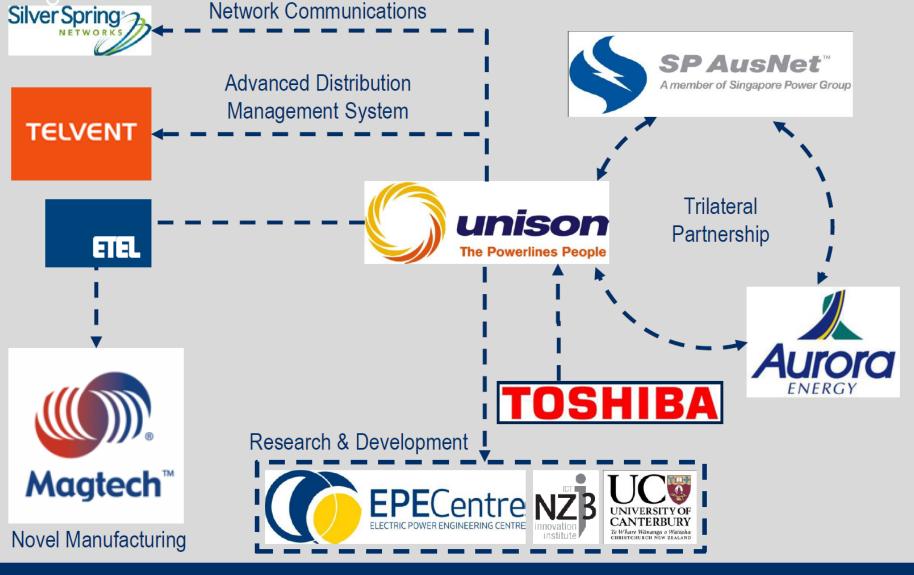
- Unison owns, manages and operates distribution networks in the Hawke's Bay, Taupo and Rotorua (including Centralines under management contract)
- 100% owned by the Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust
- Serving approximately 109,000 consumers
- The Unison Group comprises,
 - Unison Networks Ltd
 - Unison Fibre Ltd
 - Unison Contracting Services Ltd
 - ETEL Ltd (Distribution Transformer Manufacturing Company)
 - Unison Insurance Ltd



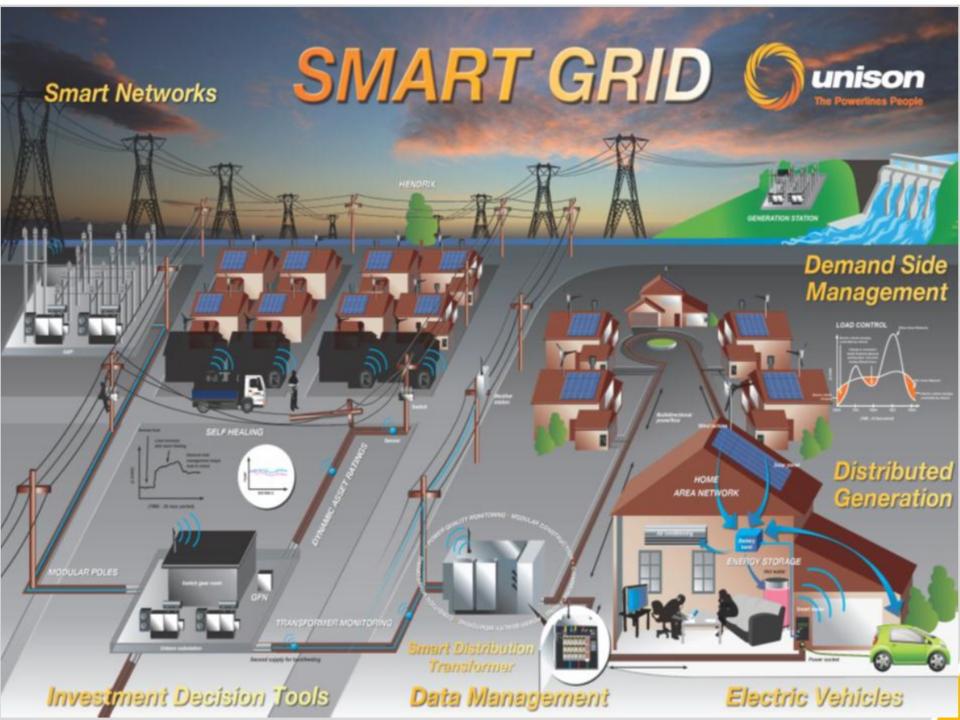


Collaboration and Partnerships









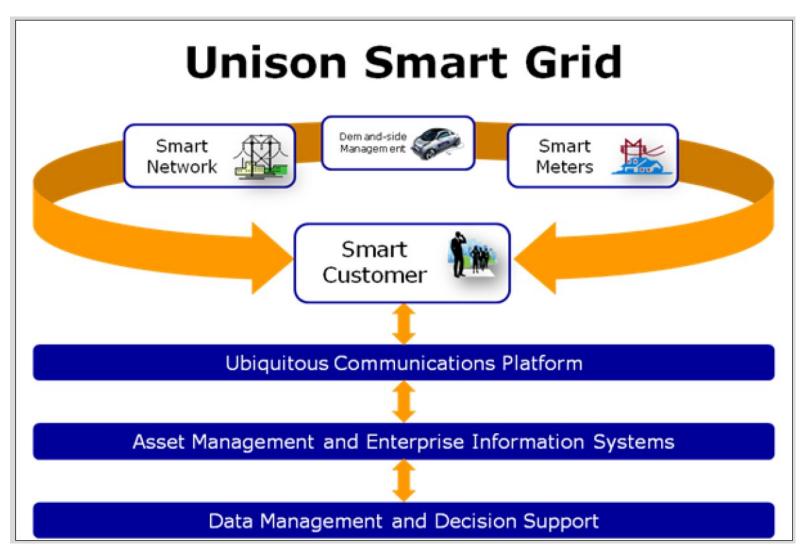






Unison's Smart Grid concept





Time-Frame



Optimisation

2016-2020

Realise in full the potential of the smart grid: increase the efficiency of expenditure on the network, improve quality of supply and enable Unison to become more sensitive to the changing needs of its customers.

Integration Beyond 2020

Achieve asset management excellence with an optimally tuned smart network. Manage network expenditure using tools that provide a direct nexus between expenditure (inputs) and performance (outputs).

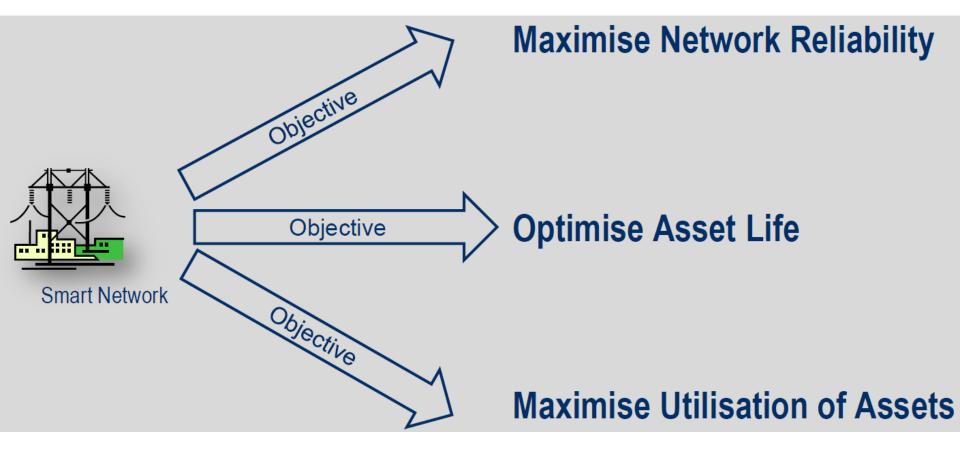
Smart Grid managed according to lifecycle asset management principles

Implementation

2011-2015

Expedited implementation of a smart network without adversely affecting core asset management values, while ensuring fiscal sustainability.







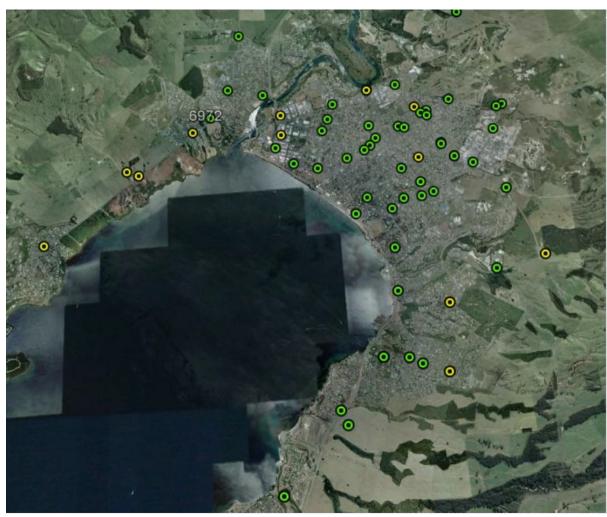
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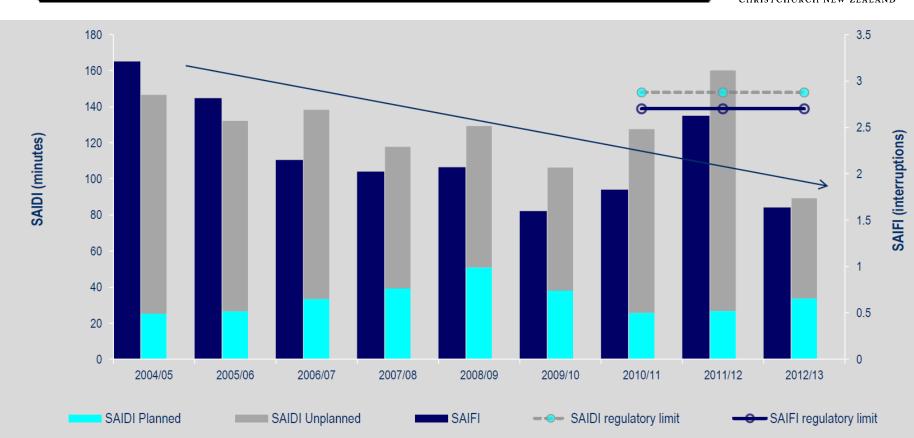
An Example - Self Healing technology

- Installed 40 automated switches in Taupo area
- Self-healing enabled in April 2014
- 9 Fast transfer schemes defers the replacement of 15 Power Transformers over next 10 years (\$7.6million).



Network Reliability benefits Unison Historical SAIDI and SAIFI





- Smart network technology resulted in a 24 SAIDI min saving in 2012/13
- Unison SAIDI minutes to reduce to 55 min p.a. post SG implementation

Communications



Regional Fibre Backbone

Currently: Urban Substations Enabling; High speed backhauling (DA AMI), Engineering Access (Event retrieval), VOIP, Security (cameras), Fast Protection, wireless connection to HQ

Future: Distribution Transformers?

Mesh Radio Network, enabler for:

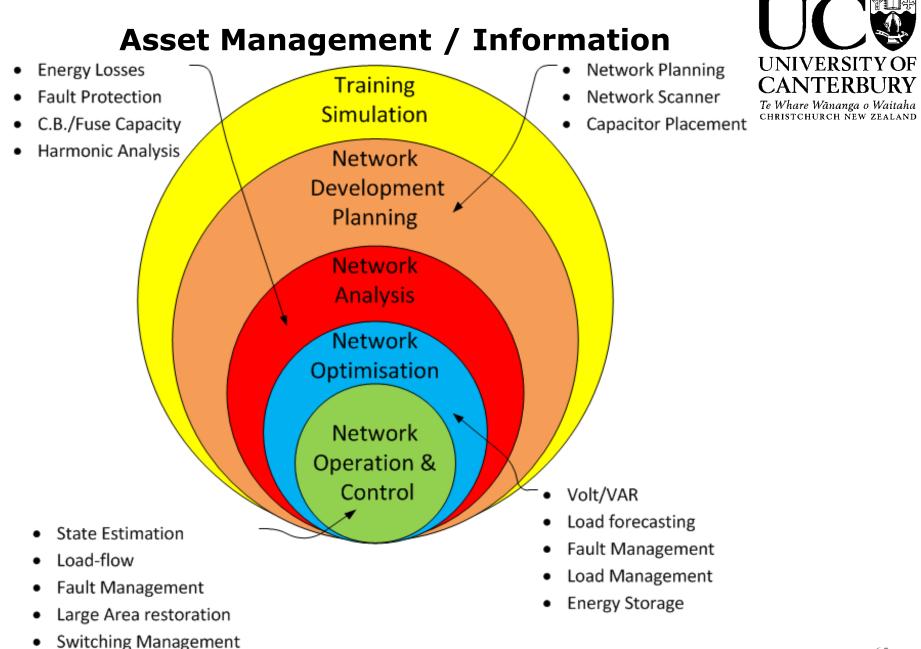
Distribution Automation (DA)

MimoMax, enabler for:

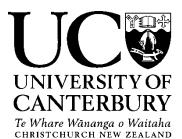
Rural Substations

Devices that require higher data speeds e.g. Reclosers





Research & Development Programme



Drivers:

- Increase Asset Utilisation
- Optimise Asset Life
- Enhance Power Quality

Example Projects:

- UAV/Data Collection
- Asset Intelligence (Condition Assessment, Remaining Life)
- LIDAR integration



Examples

Installing Solar Panels (Voltage/PQ Impact)

- High efficiency panel (20.1%) from Sunpower
- Investigate impact on Network
- 20kW generation at Unison HQ (63 panels)

Buying Electric vehicle (Investment Impact)

- Nissan leaf
- Investigate impact on Network
- Investigate Vehicle to Grid concept

Installing Battery Storage (Mitigation)

- Li-ion battery to demonstrate load shaving
- Lighter and longer lasting than lead-acid batteries

Developing a Control Hub (Load & Voltage Management)

- Amplify benefits by co-ordinating the above technologies
- Algorithms to dynamically control the technologies based on:

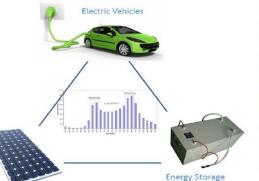
Load Pricing signals Power Quality

Generation









ASSET INTELLIGENCE



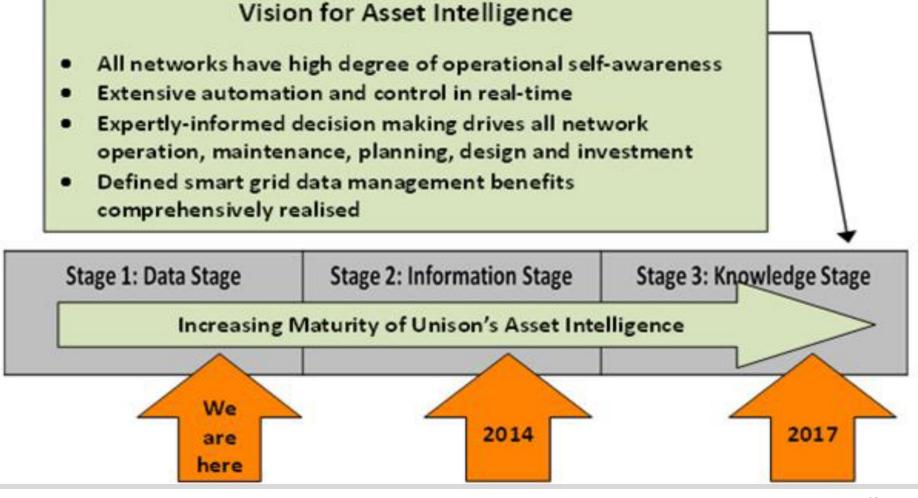
ASSET INTELLIGENCE in the context of a **smart grid**:

- "is the establishment of a computational framework ensuring that well-chosen data streams collected by smart network assets are optimally utilised"
- Purpose : To materialise the stated benefits of the smart grid initiative in full at minimum cost

	Enhanced asset capacity (rating)	0.25
	Extended asset life	0.2
	Optimisation of planned maintenance	0.15



Unison's Vision for Asset Intelligence



All supporting and enabling Life Cycle Asset Management

Asset of the Future should:

- Have complete and independent 'situational awareness'
- Be able to tell the Control Room how much load it can carry, in real time ('dynamic rating')
- Be able to self-diagnose condition and `asset health'
- Be able to tell Asset Managers and Planners:
 - What it's remaining life expectancy is
 - If it is at risk of incipient failure
 - If it is operating sub-optimally, needs maintenance, exactly what and when maintenance is needed (e.g. `I will need an oil change next week')

Algorithm Class: Priorities for Asset Intelligence



1. Dynamic Rating

(a) Be able to tell the Control Roomhow much it can carry and forhow long, in real-time.

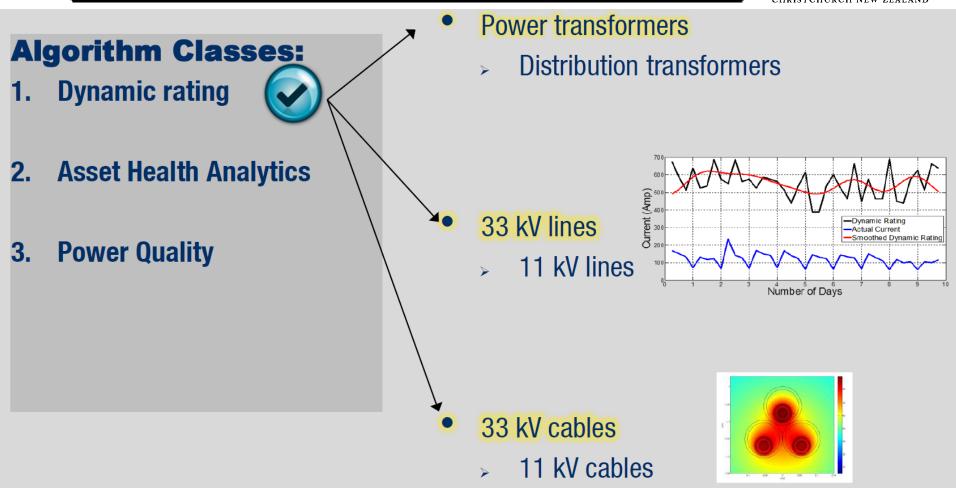
2. Asset Analytics

(b) Provide additional information for Asset Managers and Planners

3. Power Quality

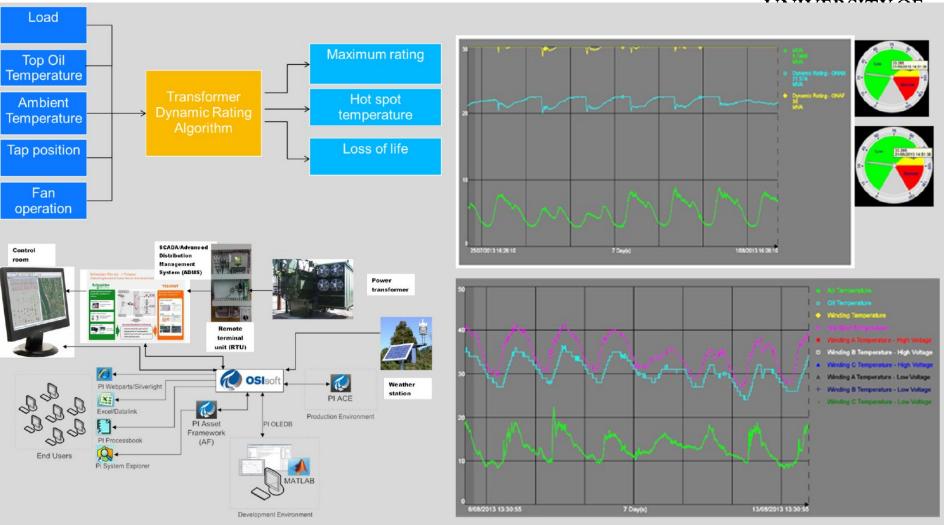
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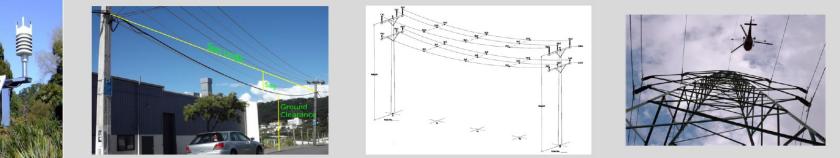
Dynamic Power Transformer Rating





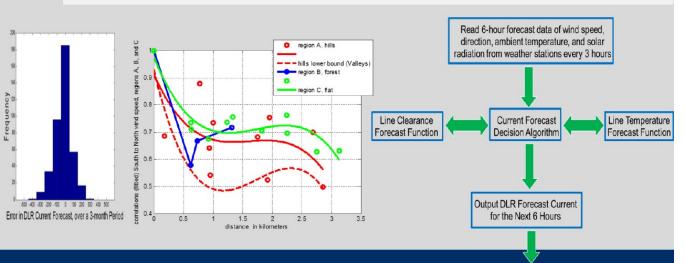
Overhead Lines Rating





$$mc\frac{dT_{av}}{dt} = P_J + P_S - P_R - P_C$$

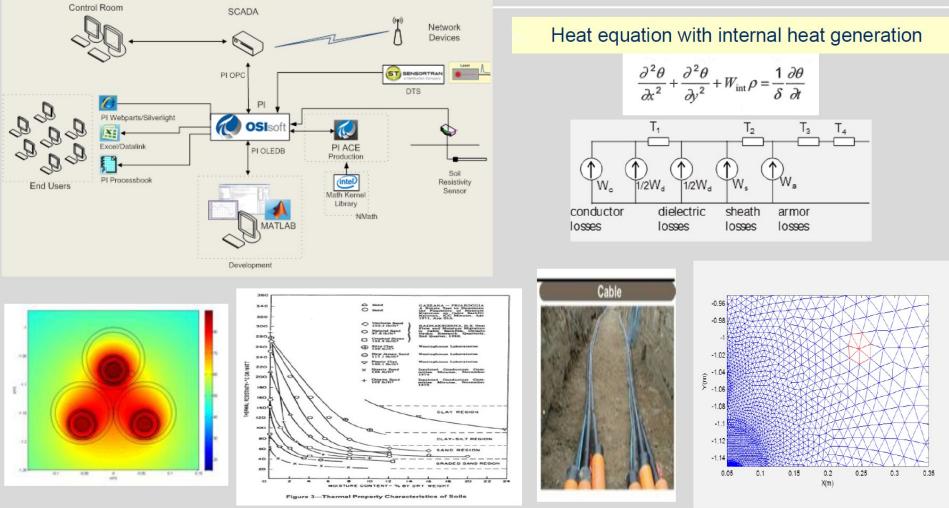
Where P_J is the l^2R or "Joule" heating, P_S is the solar heat gain, P_R is the radiative heat loss P_C is the convective heat loss, m is the conductor mass per unit length, and c is the specific heat capacity.







Underground Cable Rating







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