

## Towards a Reference Architecture for Large-Scale Smart Grids System of Systems

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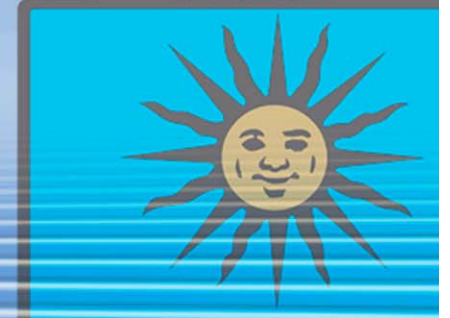
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## ► Introduction

### ❖ Context & Motivation

### ❖ Objective

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❑ Systems composed by other heterogeneous systems  
geographically extended and properly integrated

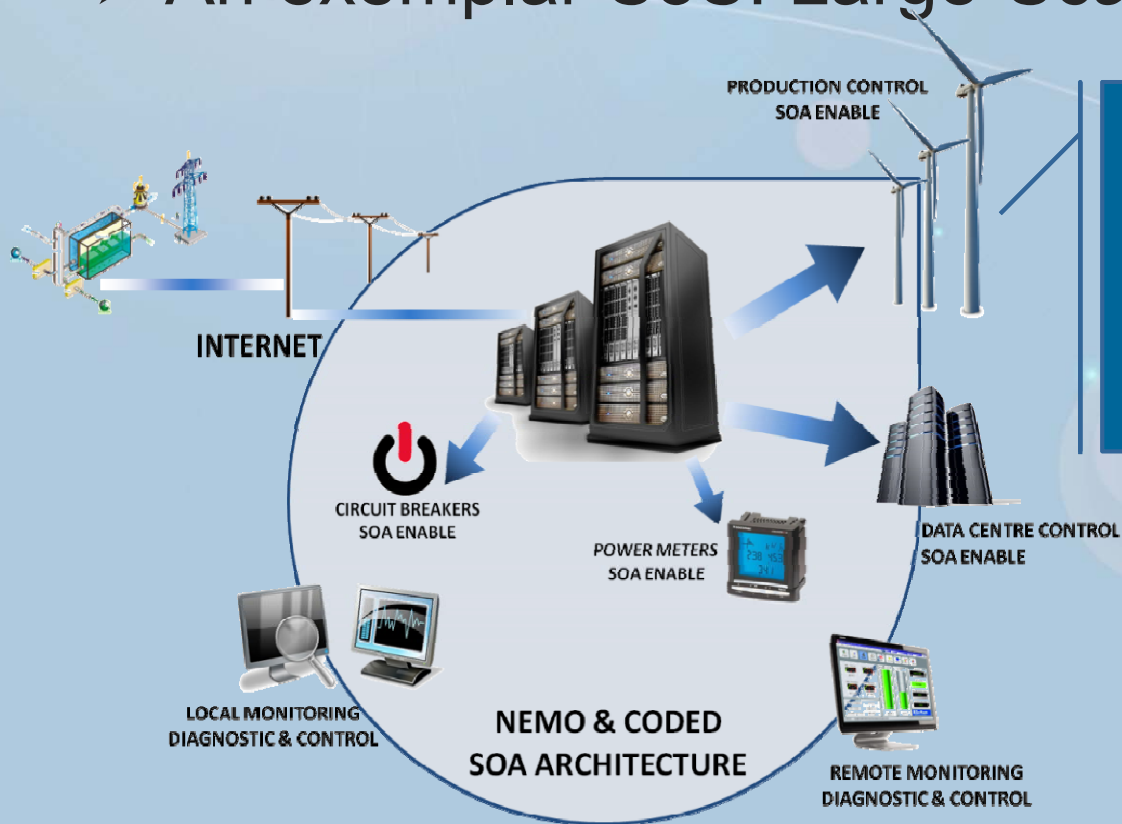






# Introduction

## ➤ An exemplar SoS: Large-Scale Smart Grids



Solution to **integrate distributed and intermittent energy generation** and to increase energy efficiency through the introduction of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

**Smarter and interoperable electricity systems**  
bidirectional communication, intelligent metering and monitoring systems



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# Objective

- One of the main challenges of engineering SoS
  - ❑ The design of their architectural components and interfaces of the SoS guaranteeing interoperability
- Starting from an exemplar SoS could help...
- From our experience:

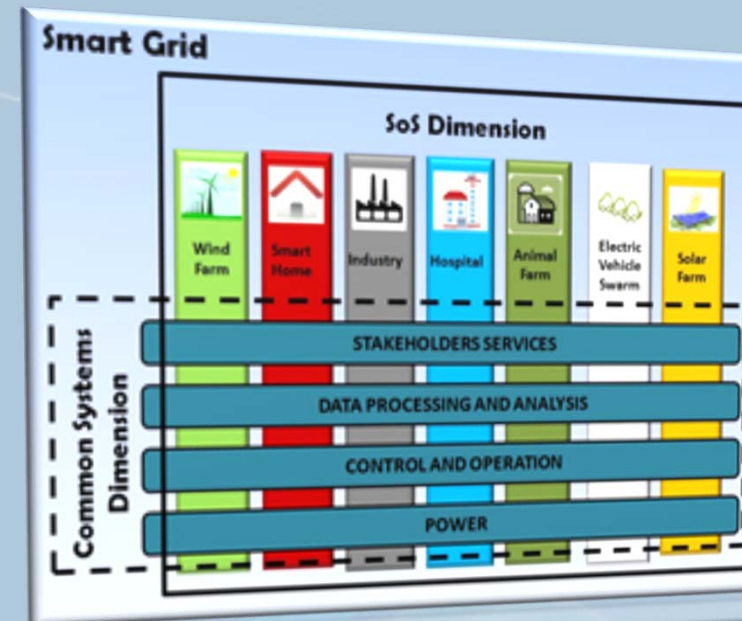


Build a first version of a reference  
architecture for Large-Scale Smart Grids  
SoS.



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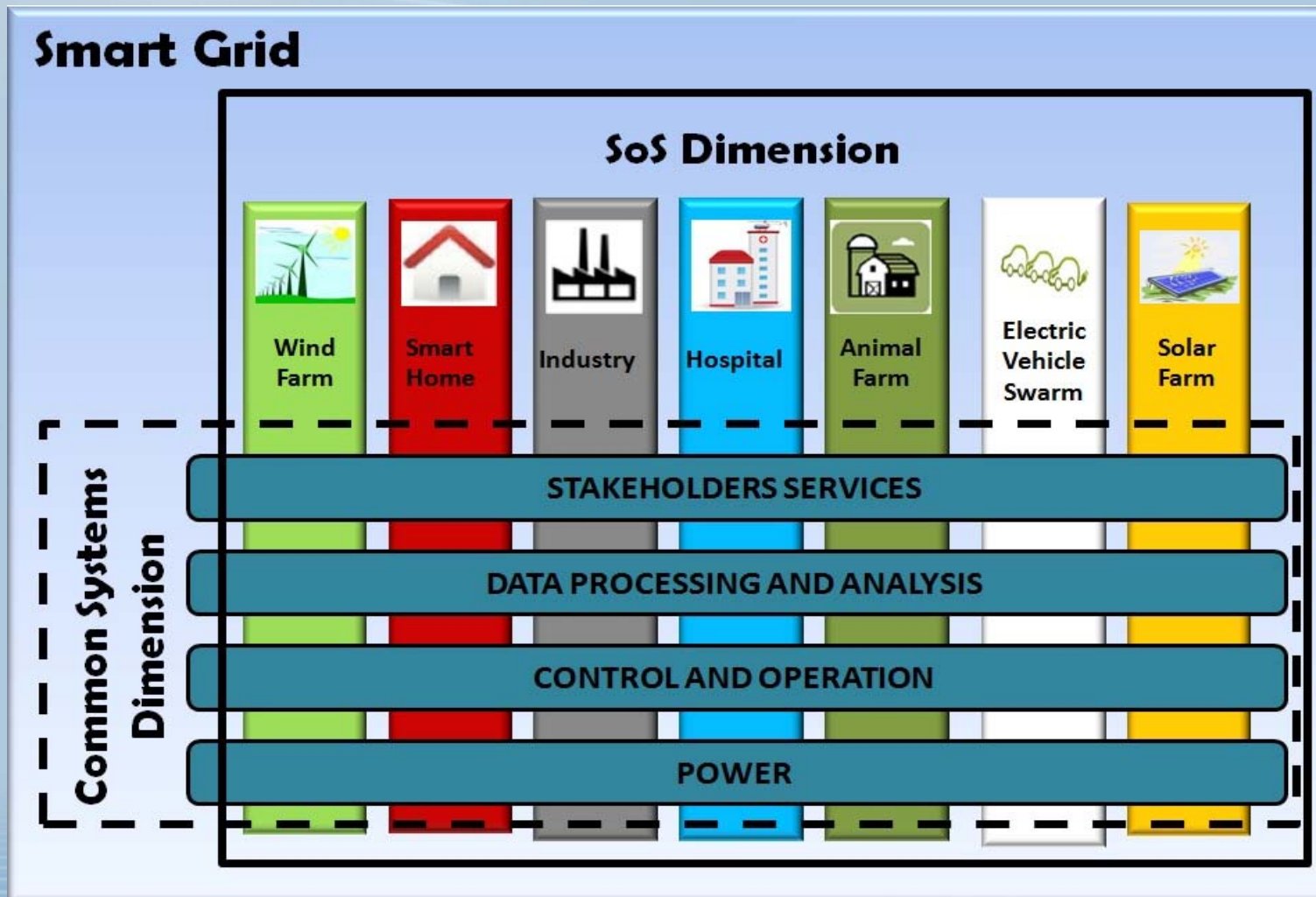




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# Architectural Framework

## ➤ Dimensions





# Architectural Framework

## ➤ Layers

### Smart Grid





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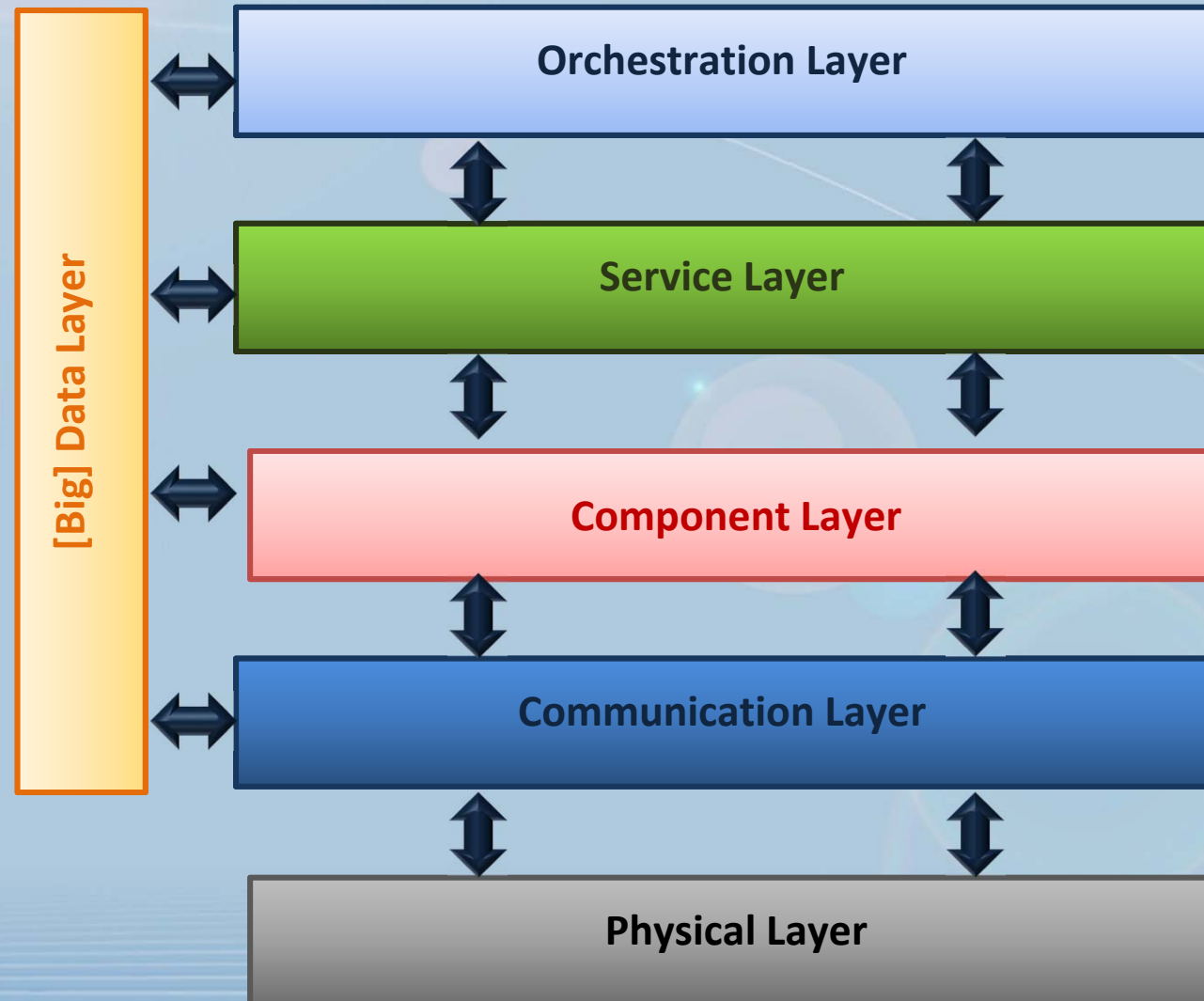
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# Architecture for Large-Scale Smart Grids SoS

- Multi-tiered layered architecture:

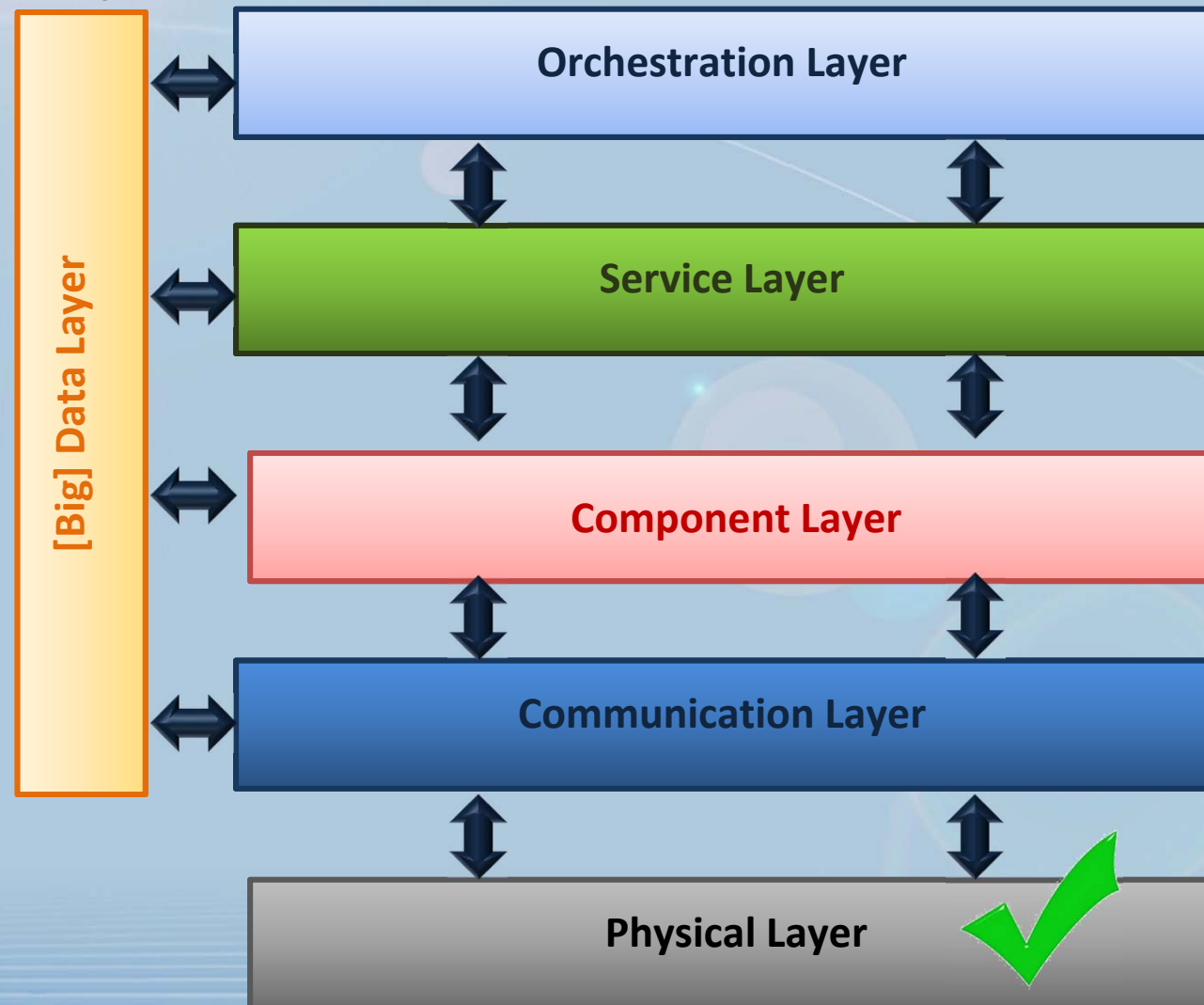






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## ➤ Physical Layer

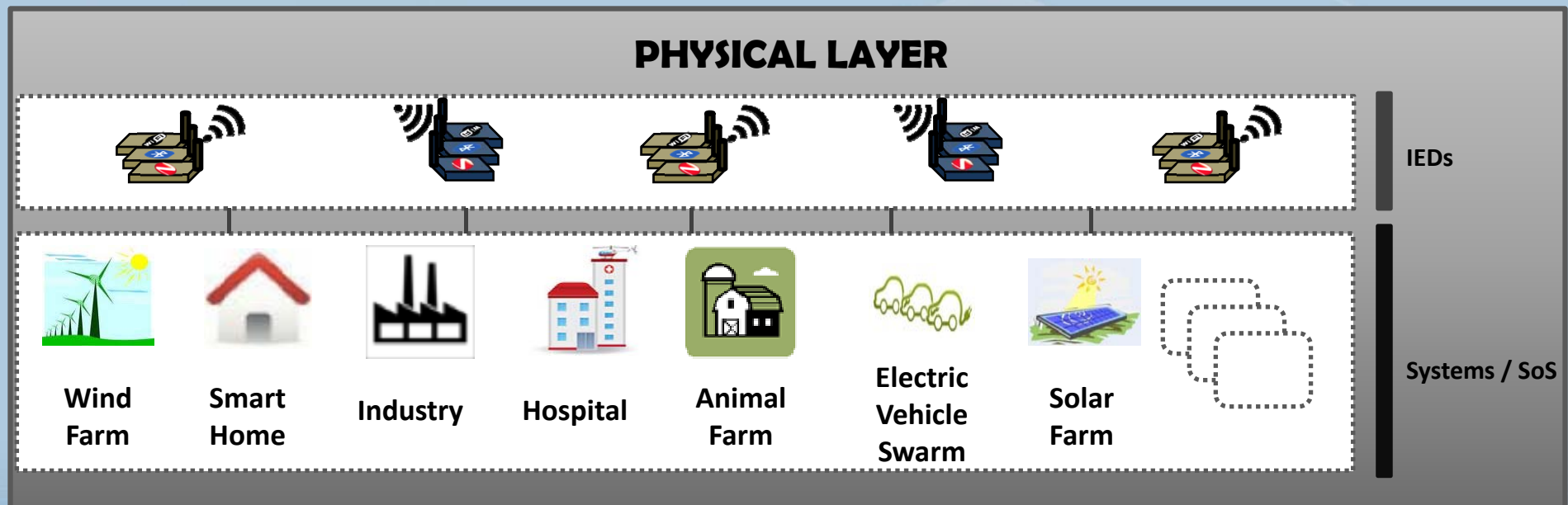




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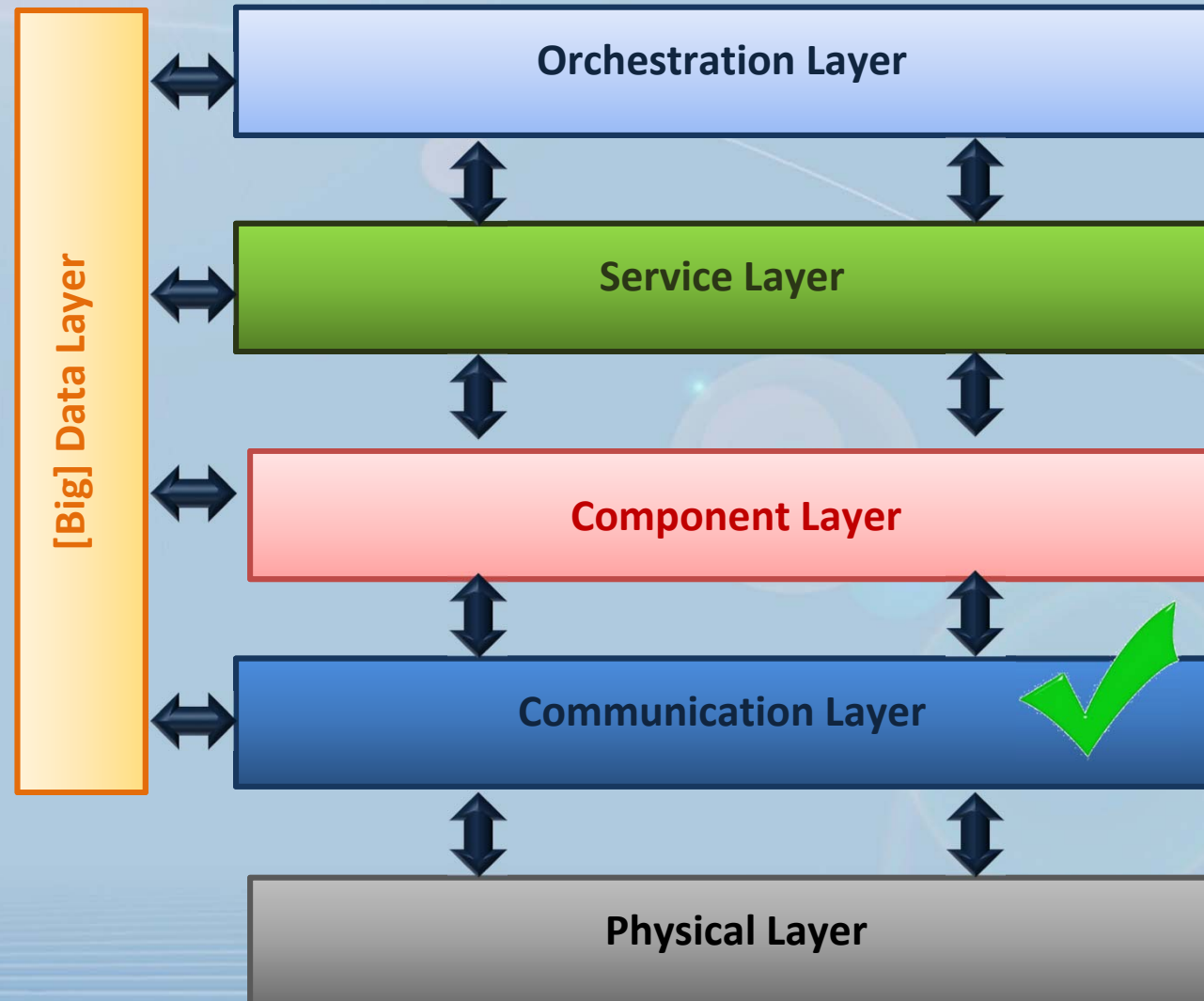
- ❑ SoS are deployed through hundred of IEDs
- ❑ Information is transmitted through different channels and communications protocols





# Architecture for Large-Scale Smart Grids SoS

- Multi-tiered layered architecture:





# Architecture for Large-Scale Smart Grids SoS

## ➤ Communication Layer

□ Enable

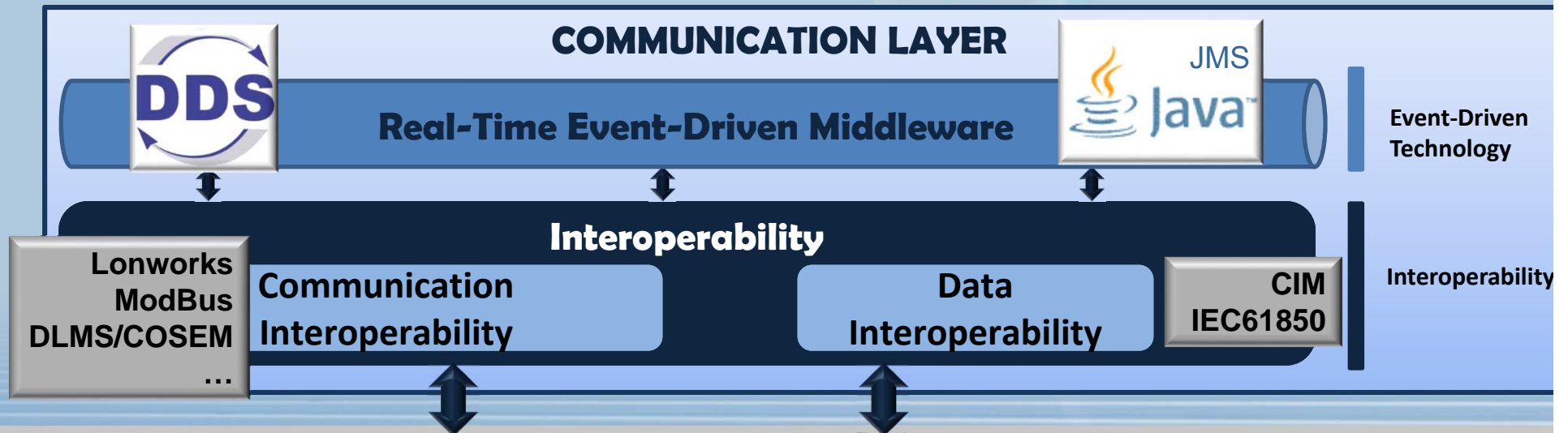
### ❖ Interoperability

- Communication
- Data: Unified Information Model

### ❖ Quasi real time communication

- Data Acquisition and Processing of IEDs
- Loosely coupled
- Highly distributed
- Scalable

**EDSOA:**  
Event-Driven  
Service-Oriented  
Architecture

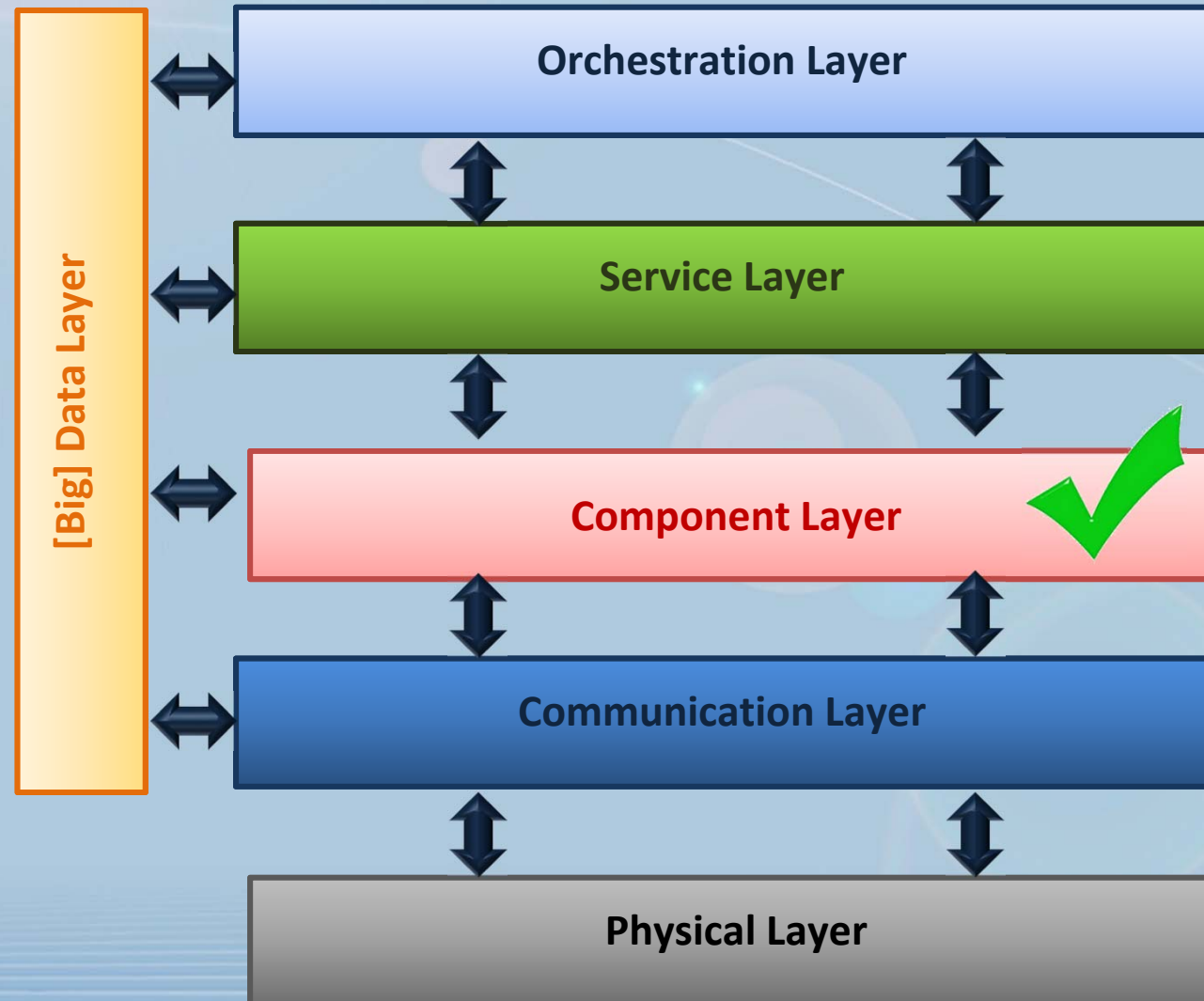






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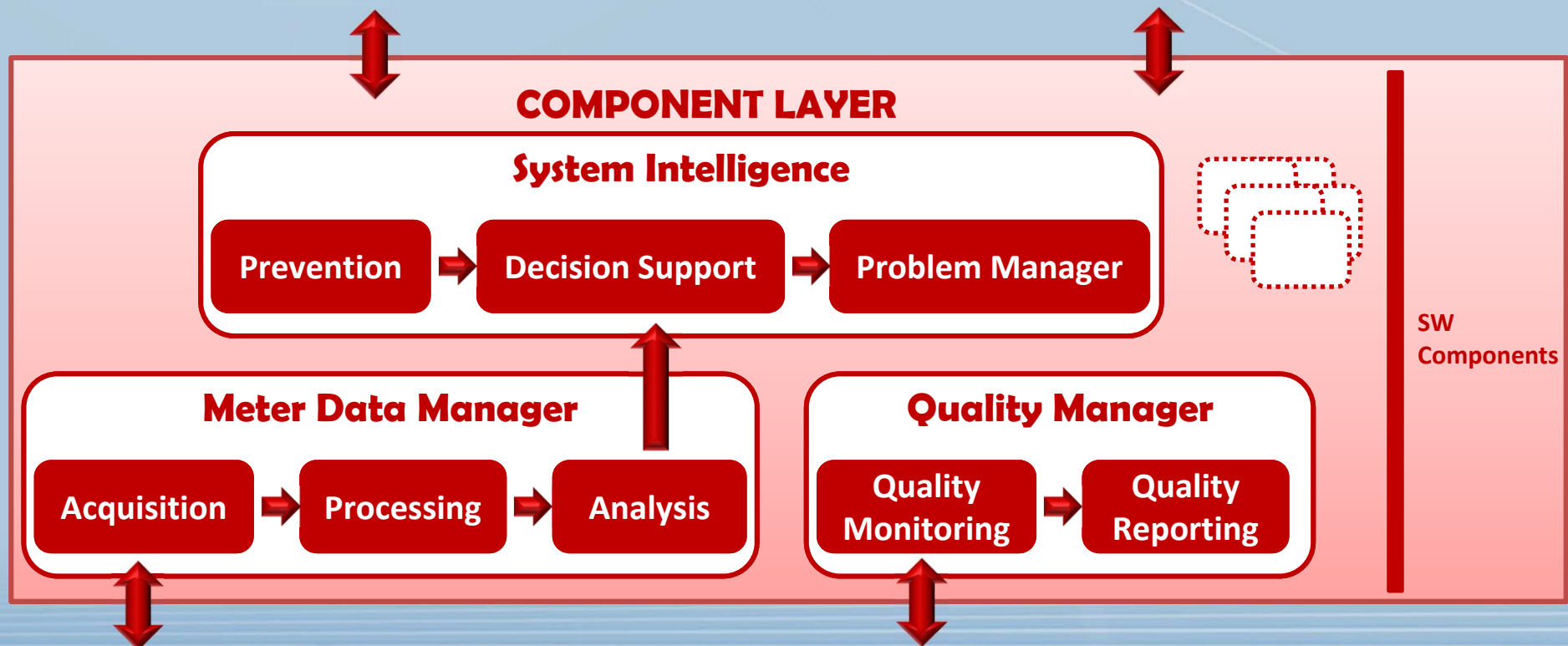




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## ➤ Component Layer

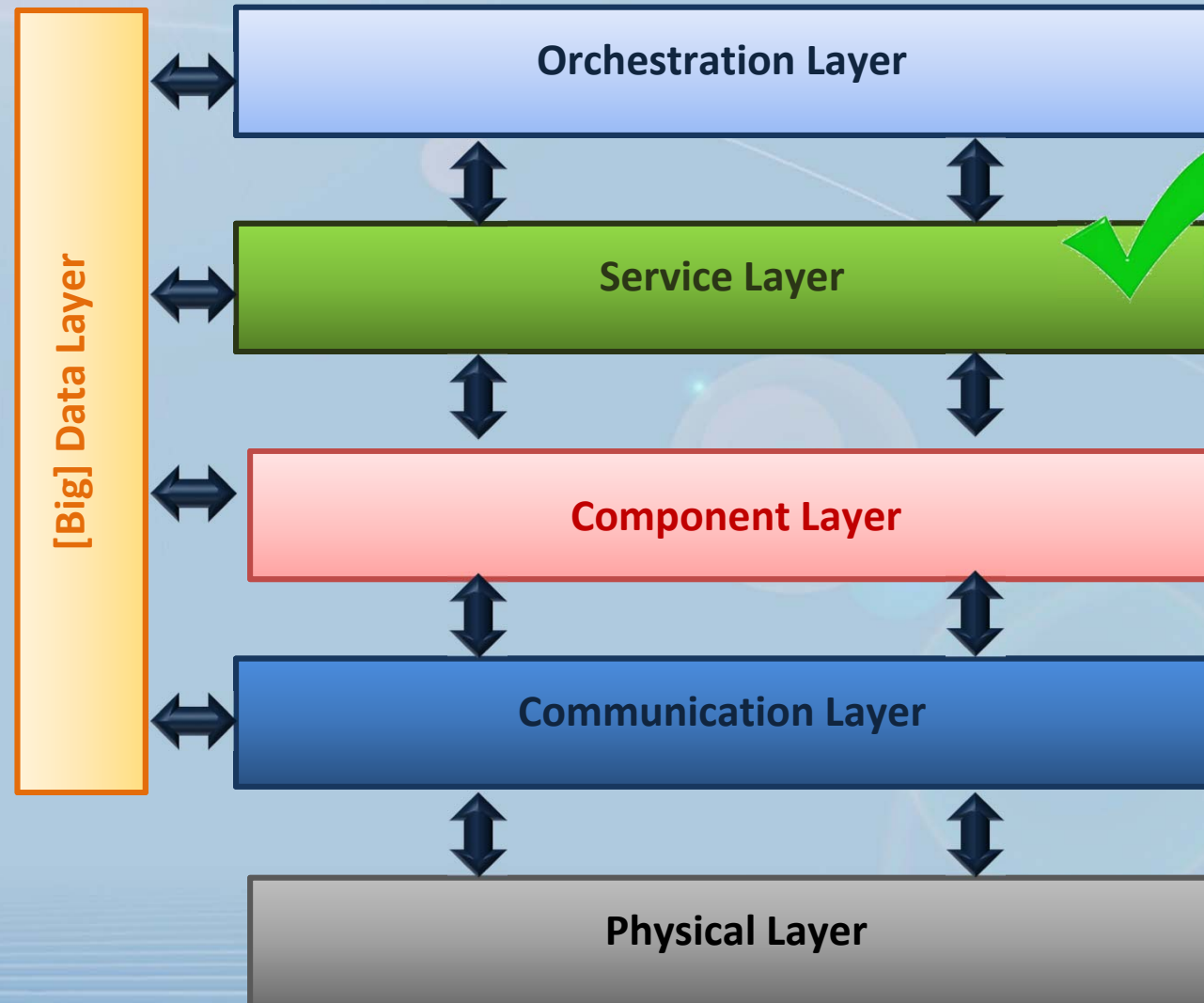
- ❑ Provides services to upper layers
- ❑ Analyzes data and behaviour
- ❑ Provides intelligence to the networks





# Architecture for Large-Scale Smart Grids SoS

- Multi-tiered layered architecture:





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## ➤ Service Layer

- ❑ Publishes software components behaviour
- ❑ Provides services to stakeholders
- ❑ Parametrizes goals and purposes

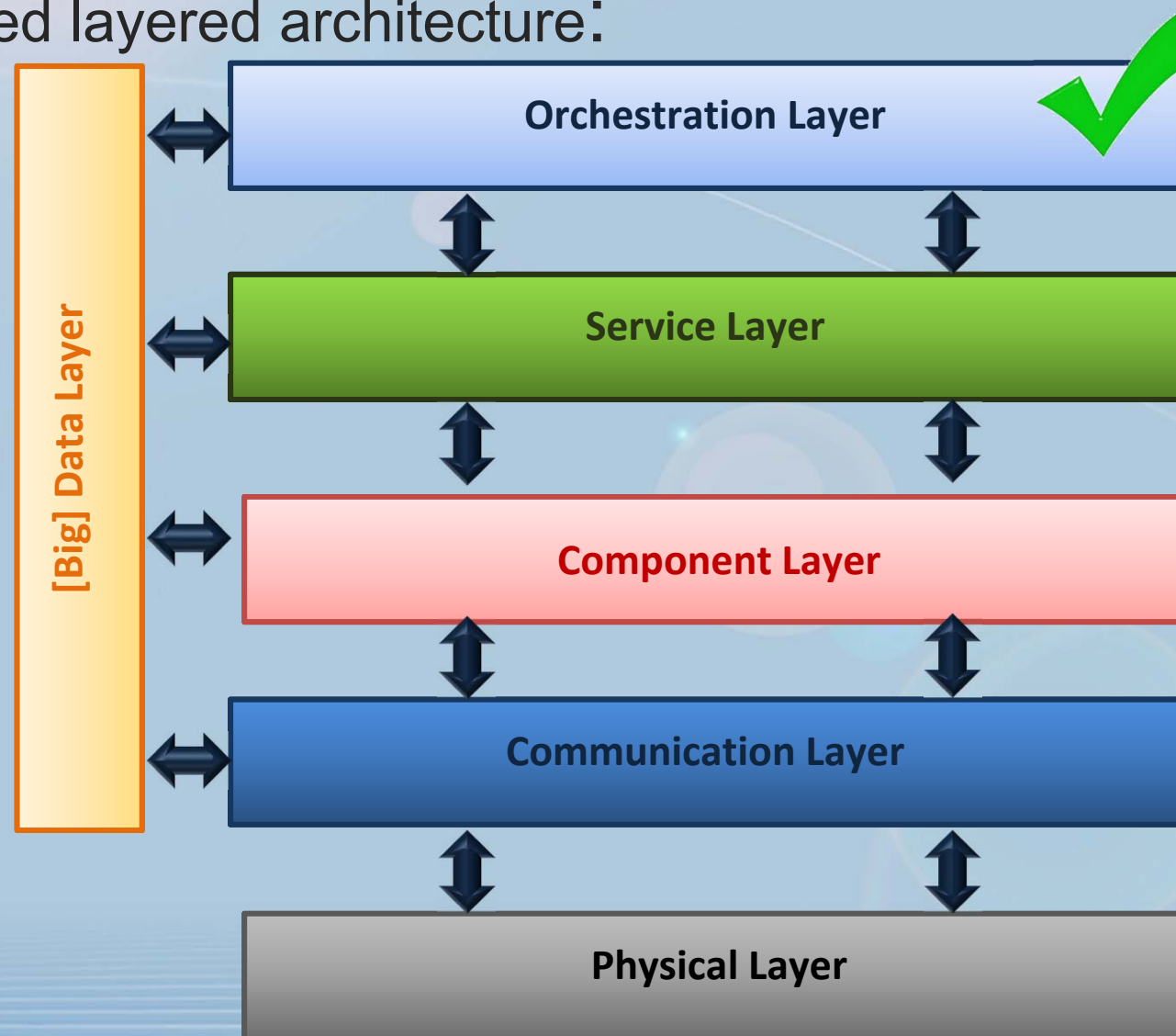






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- Multi-tiered layered architecture:





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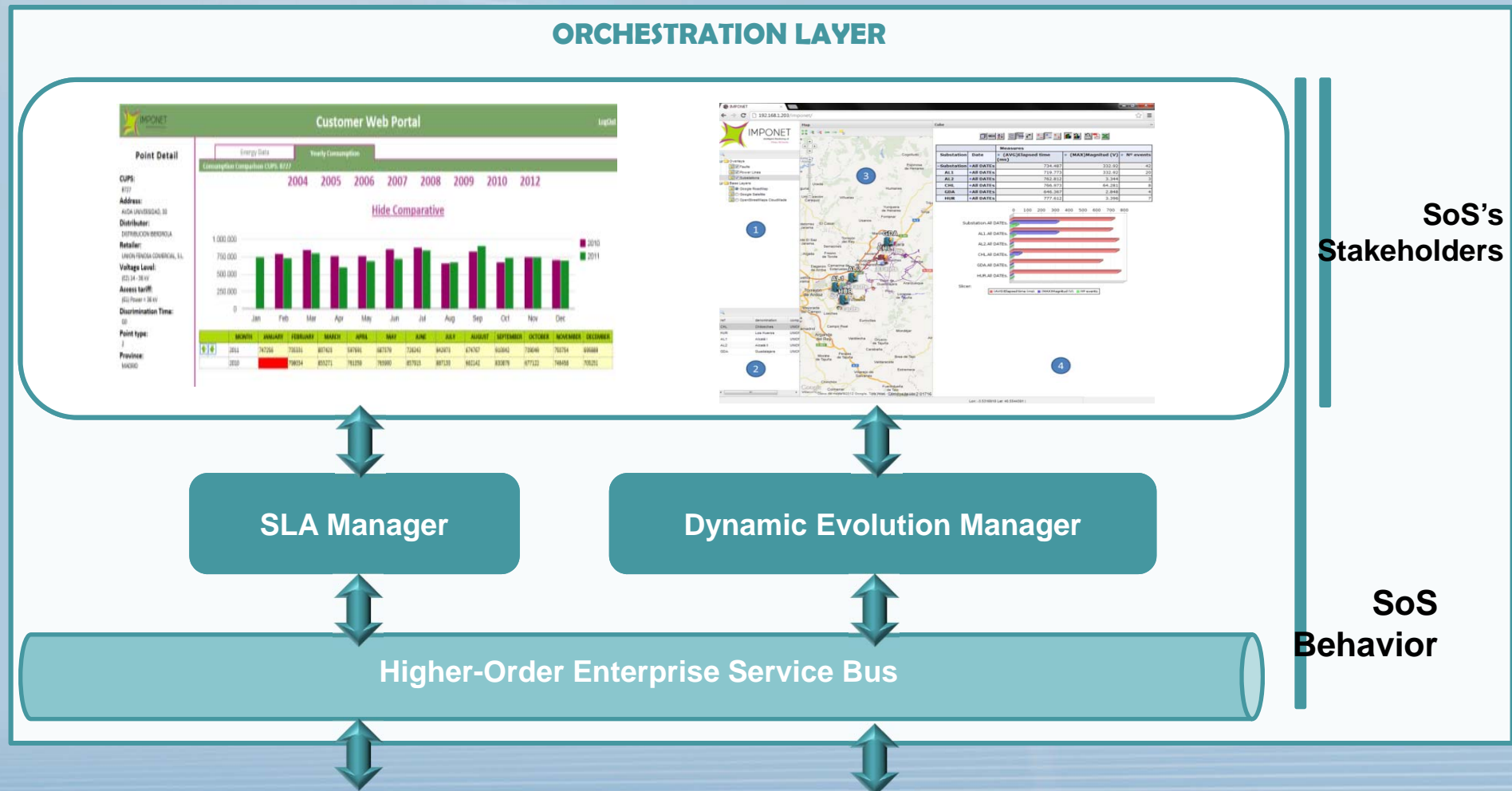
## ➤ Orchestration Layer

- ❑ Implements the behavior that a SoS leverages
- ❑ Complex services → Crosscutting of systems
  - ❖ SLAS
- ❑ Flexible and adaptive
  - ❖ handle continuous and dynamic change



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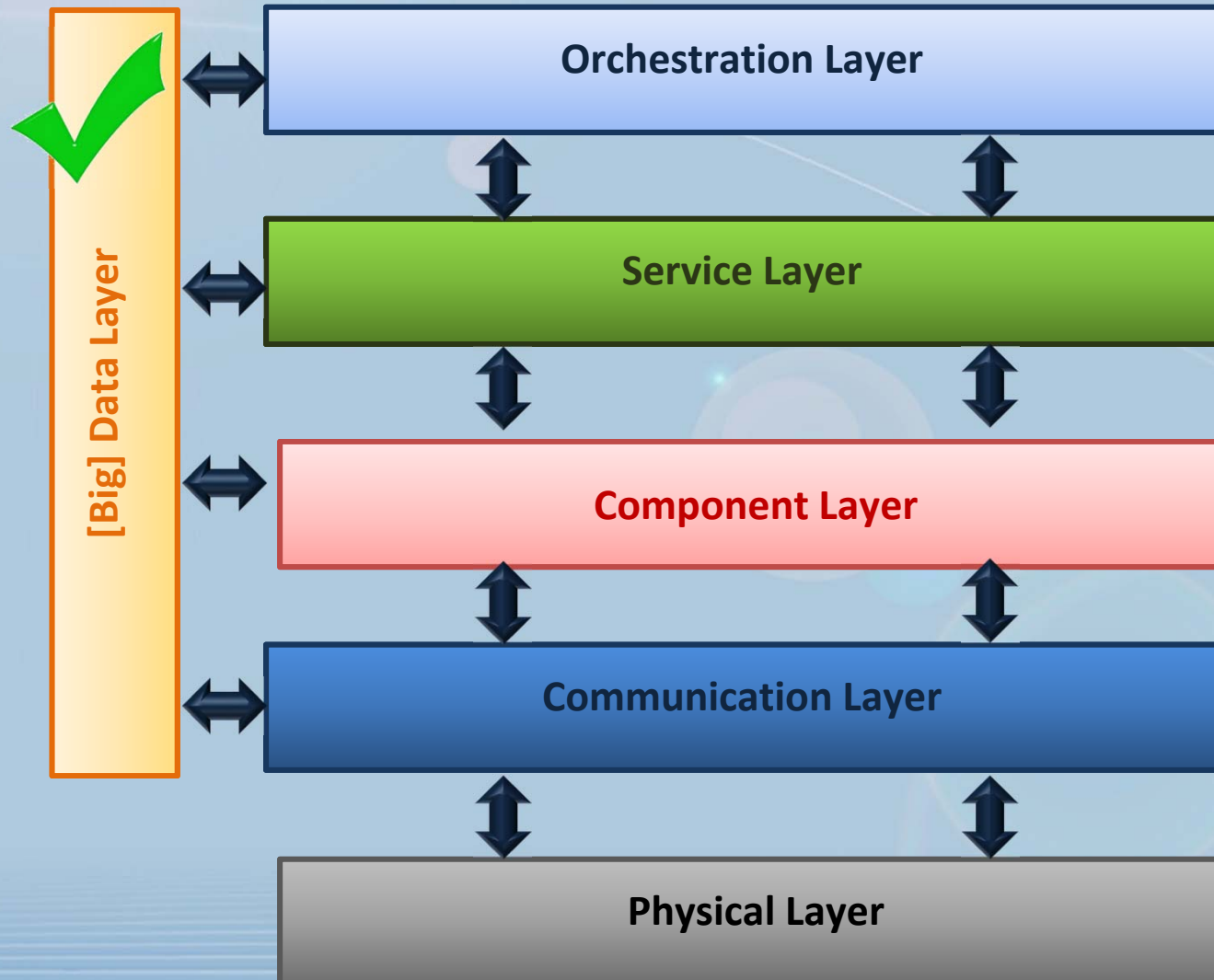
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## Architecture for SoS

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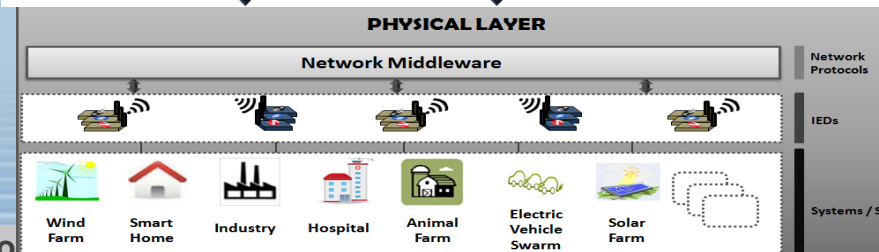
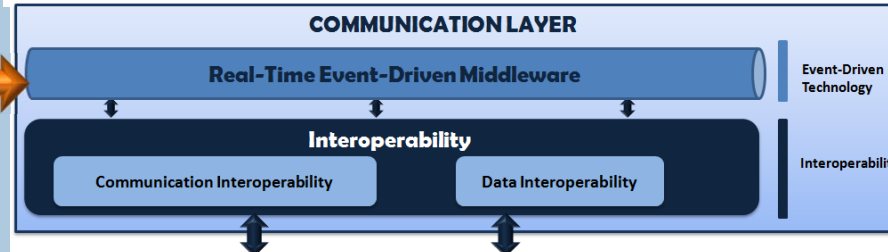
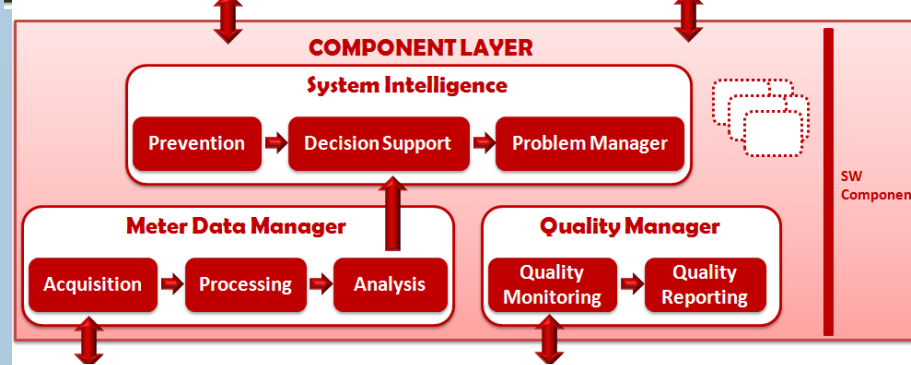
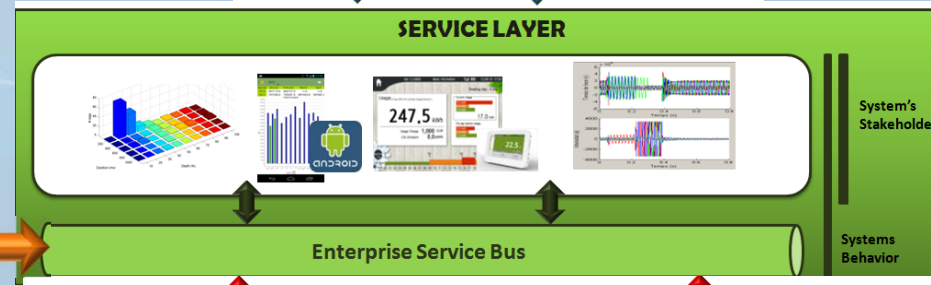
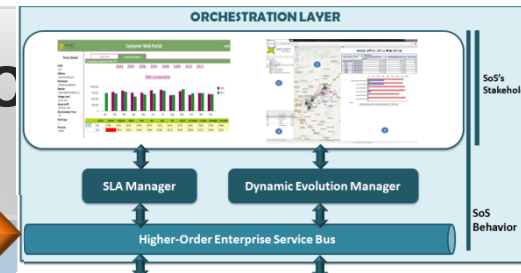
Customer Domain

Operations Domain

Inventory Domain

Measures Domain

Real-Time Data  
Historical Data





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## Conclusions

- First definition of a reference architecture for Large-Scale Smart Grids SoS
  - ❑ Multi-tiered architecture
  - ❑ Based on the Event-Driven SOA paradigm
  - ❑ Main properties: scalable, lowly coupled, open to new functionalities, use of dynamic reconfiguration and standards



## Further Research

- Mechanisms for the management of goals, plans, and variability
- Behavior patterns could be studied and identified to address this variability
- Implement a recommender decision support system for configuring the architecture taking into account the needs of each specific SoS.
- Abstracting the architecture to construct a reference architecture for SoS



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*Thank you very much for your attention*





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