

Review of: "Internet of Things in Smart Grid: A Comprehensive Review of Opportunities, Trends, and Challenges"

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The paper "Internet of Things in Smart Grid: A Comprehensive Review of Opportunities, Trends, and Challenges" offers a detailed examination of how the integration of the Internet of Things (IoT) is transforming smart grid systems. The authors effectively lay out the foundational concepts of IoT and smart grids, highlighting the synergy between these technologies. By enabling real-time monitoring, predictive maintenance, enhanced demand response, and the seamless integration of renewable energy sources, IoT stands out as a game-changer for smart grids. The discussion on these opportunities is thorough and well-supported by real-world examples, making a compelling case for the adoption of IoT in the energy sector.

In exploring current trends, the paper delves into edge computing, advanced analytics, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technology. These trends are not only relevant but also critical in addressing some of the limitations of traditional smart grid systems. The emphasis on edge computing, for instance, underscores the need for reducing latency and bandwidth usage, while the potential of AI and advanced analytics in deriving actionable insights from vast amounts of IoT data is convincingly presented. The inclusion of blockchain technology as a means to enhance security and transparency within smart grids reflects the paper's forward-thinking approach.

However, the paper also does not shy away from addressing the significant challenges that accompany IoT integration in smart grids. Issues related to security and privacy, interoperability, scalability, and regulatory frameworks are discussed in detail. While the paper provides a comprehensive overview of these challenges, it occasionally lacks the technical depth that could further elucidate complex issues, particularly in the realm of security. Despite this, the paper remains a valuable resource for stakeholders in the energy sector, offering a balanced perspective that combines both theoretical and practical insights into the future of IoT-enabled smart grids.