



IoT quel avenir et horizon dans la recherche

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Project ITEA2 Usenet 2007-2010 (silver award ITEA2)

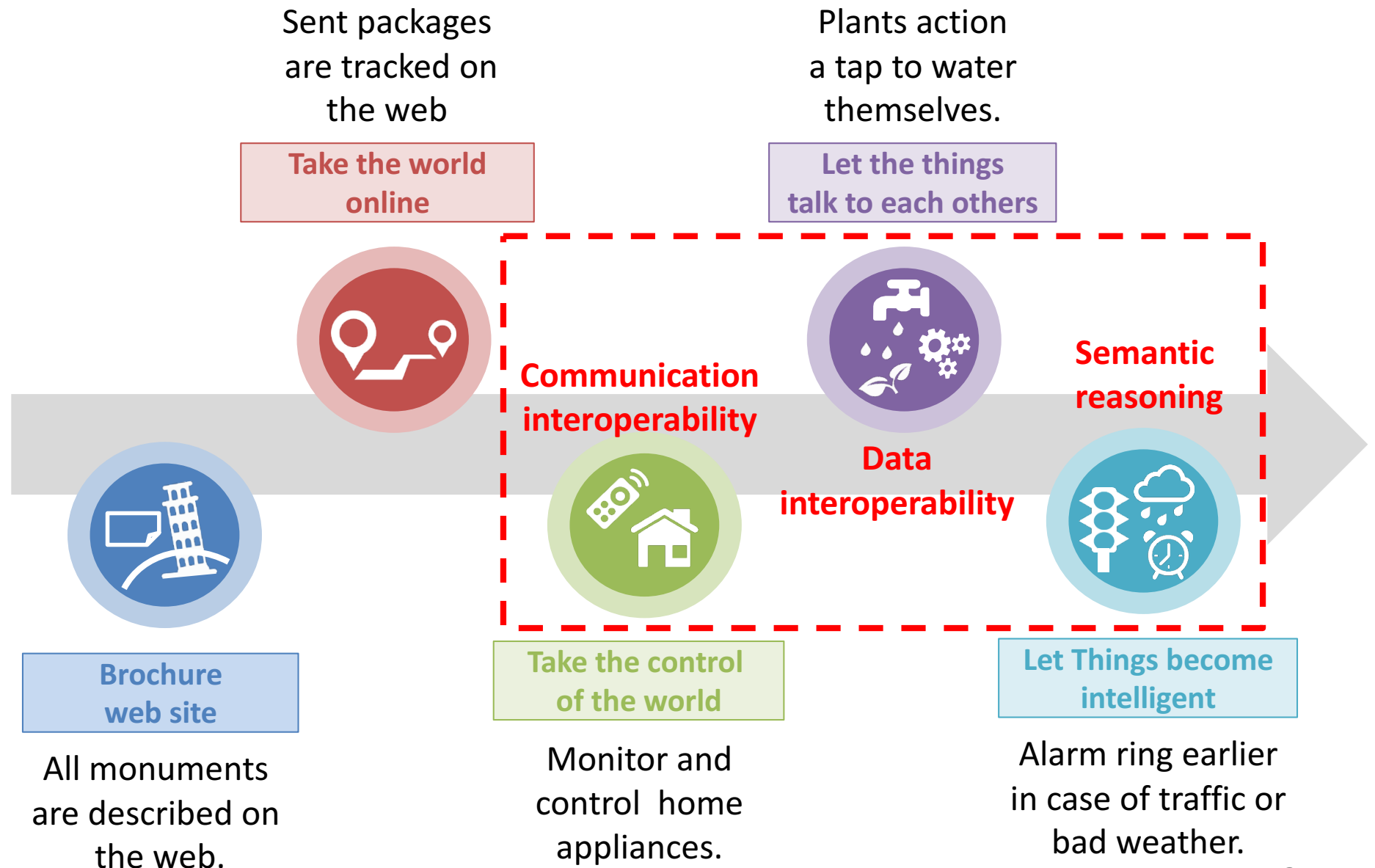
Project ITEA2 A2NETS 2011-2015

Project open source Eclipse : om2m.org

Standardization activities in M2M groups

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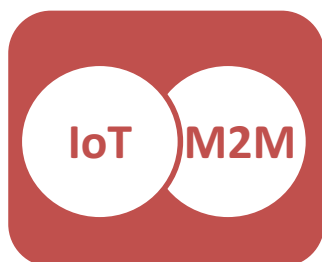
The evolution of IoT



IoT vs M2M

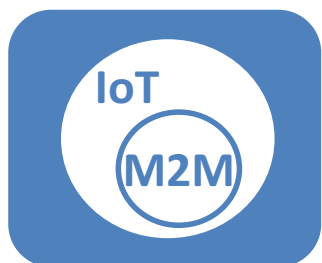
M2M paradigm

The ability of machines to communicate with other devices without human interventions.



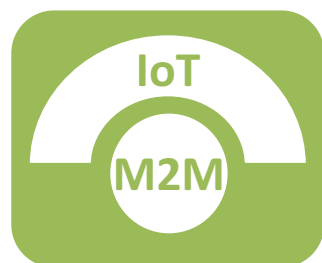
M2M as an industrial environment

- M2M: based on industrial protocols, closed solutions.
- IoT: common usage applications, open solutions for mass.



M2M as a subset of IoT

- M2M: connects devices, electronic sensors, RFID tags.
- IoT: connects general things, animals, peoples.

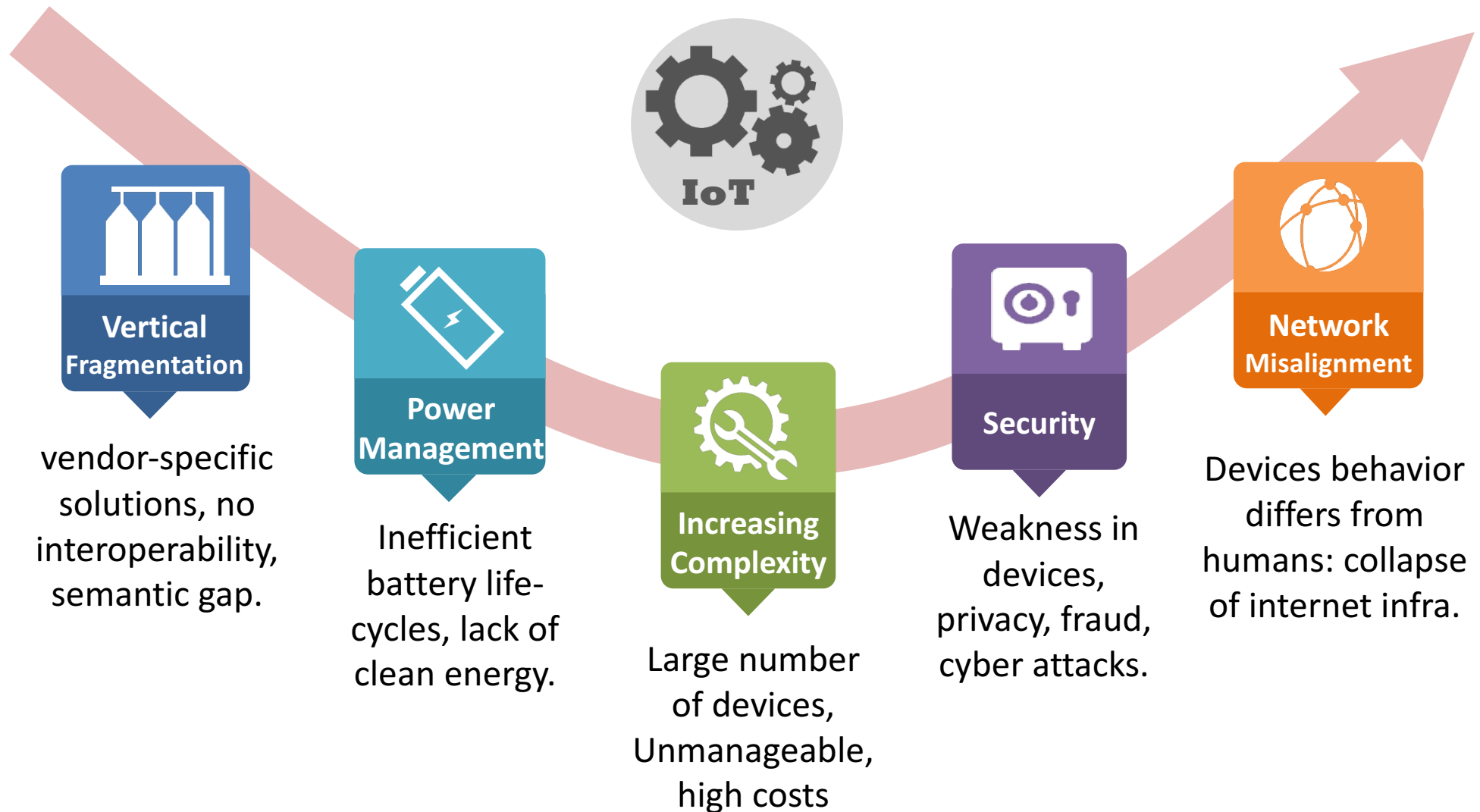


M2M as the kernel of IoT

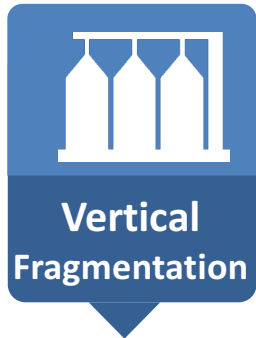
- M2M: plumbing of IoT, required connectivity for things.
- IoT: depends on M2M, not possible without it.

**Adopted
definition**

IoT/M2M main challenges*



*M2M Communications A Systems Approach. David Boswarthick, Omar Elloumi, Olivier Hersen (Wiley April 2012)



- **Common services & horizontal architectures**
- **Semantic Interoperability: Communication, Data levels**



Energy Saving & Harvesting:
Device-level,
Protocols-level,
Application-level



- **Autonomic Management**
- *Scalability & virtualization*
- *Dynamic deployment & discovery*
- *Model-based design & mgt*
- **Data Analytics & ML**

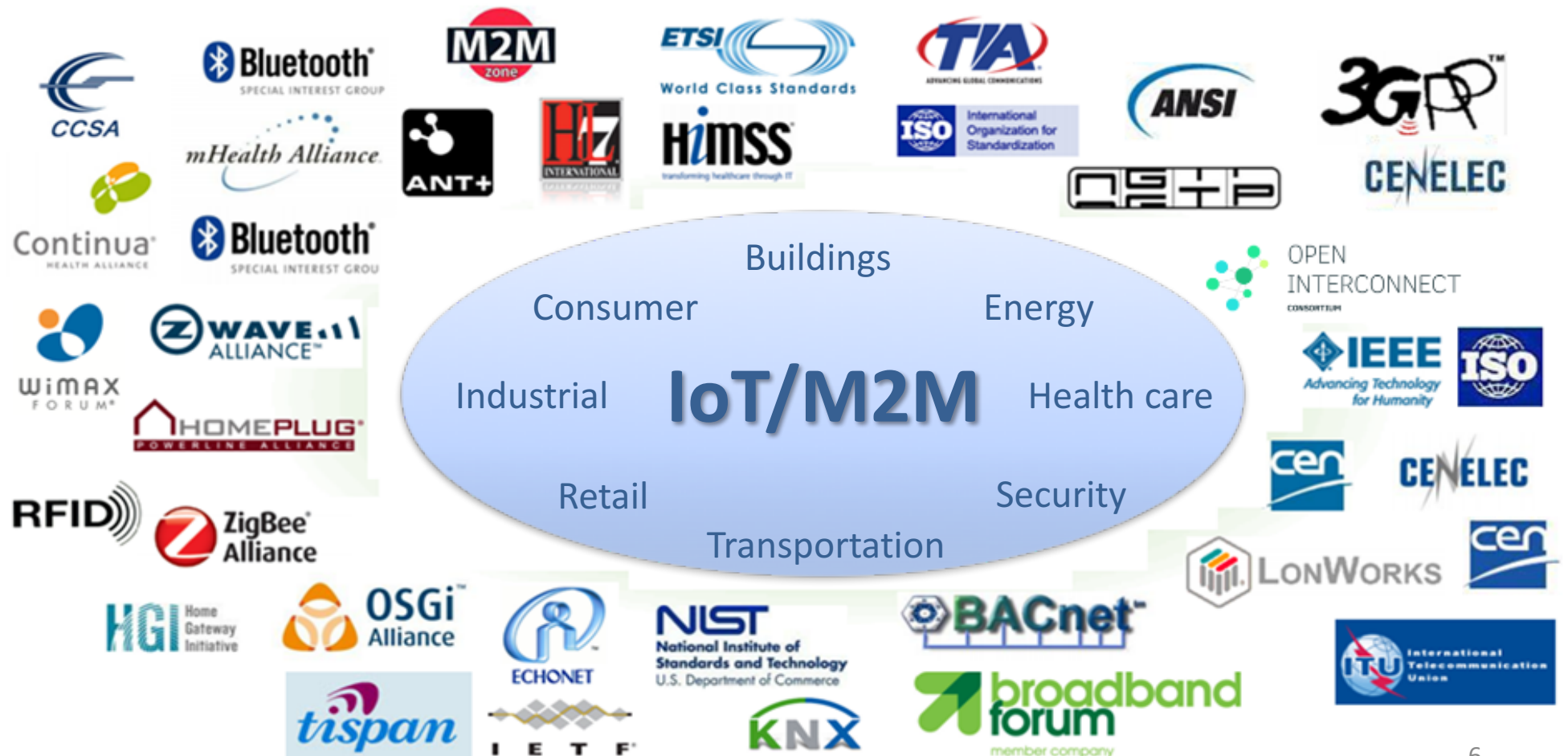


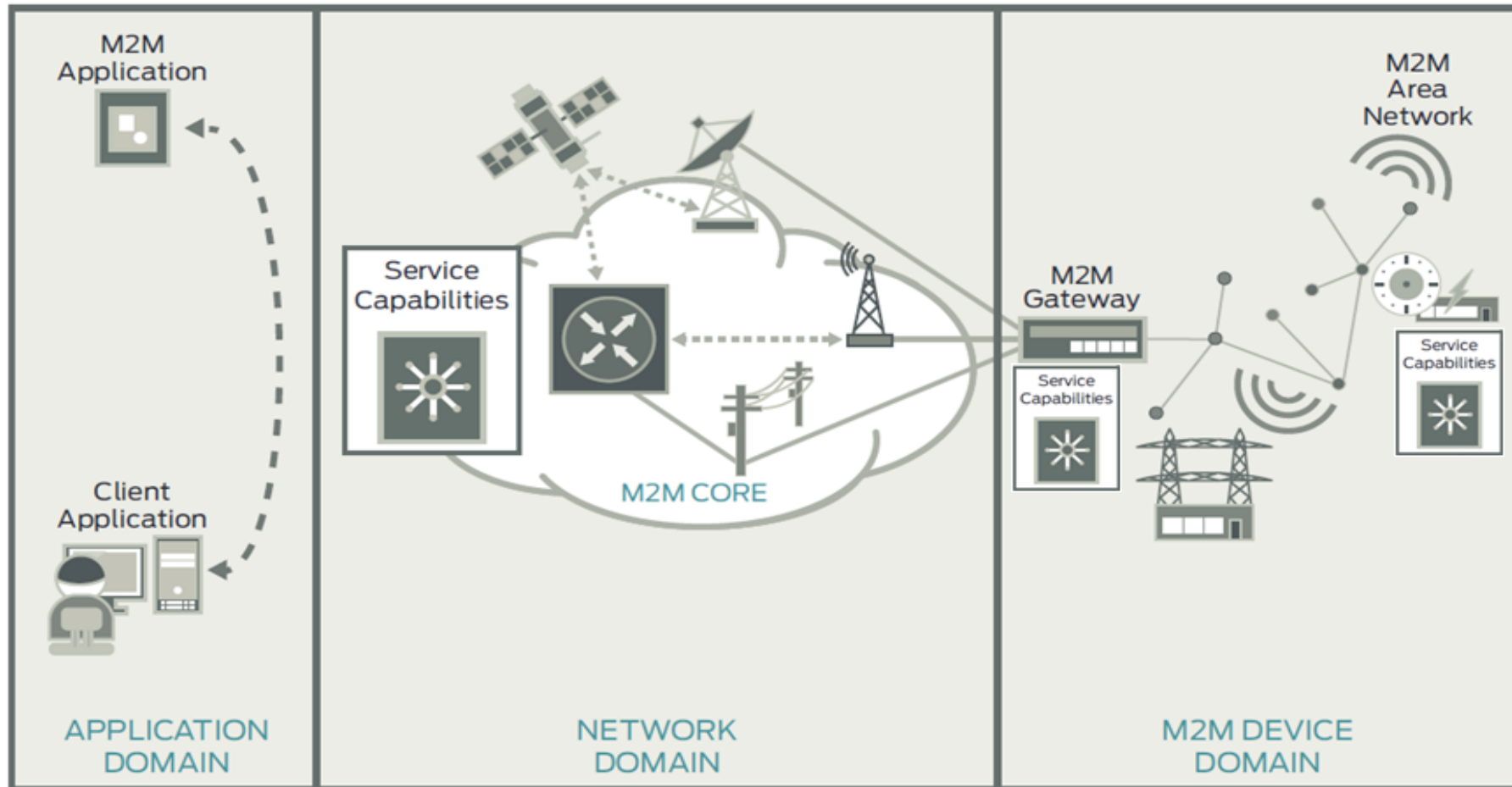
Authentication,
Authorization,
Accounting



- **Softwarized & Virtualized Networks: SDN, NFV, LPWAN (LoRa, NB-IoT), Sliced Networks (5G)**
- **Data filtering**

- 143 organizations around the world are involved in IoT/M2M standardization according to the Global Standards Collaboration M2M Task Force.

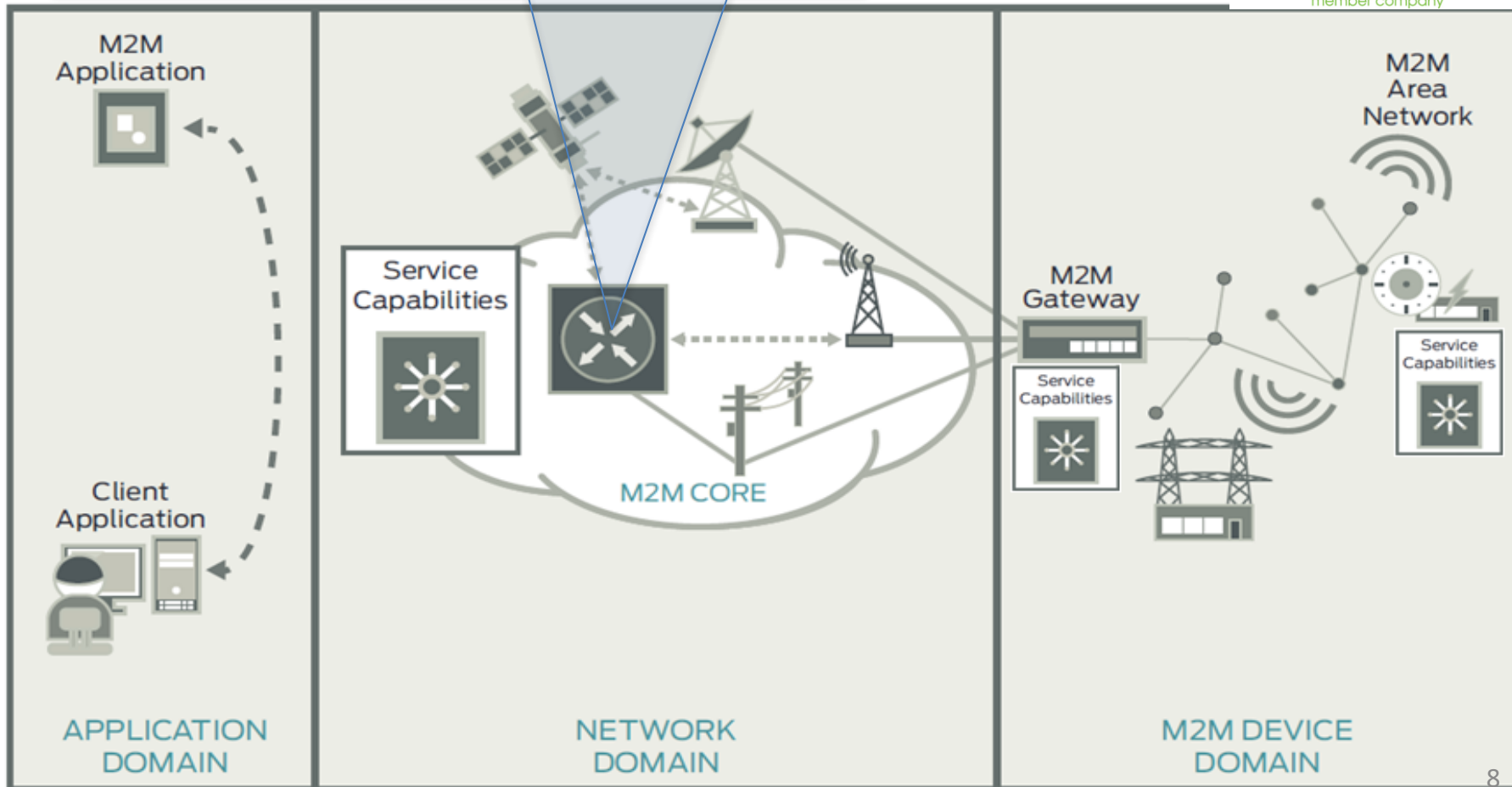




Source: <http://www.etsi.org/technologies-clusters/technologies/m2m>

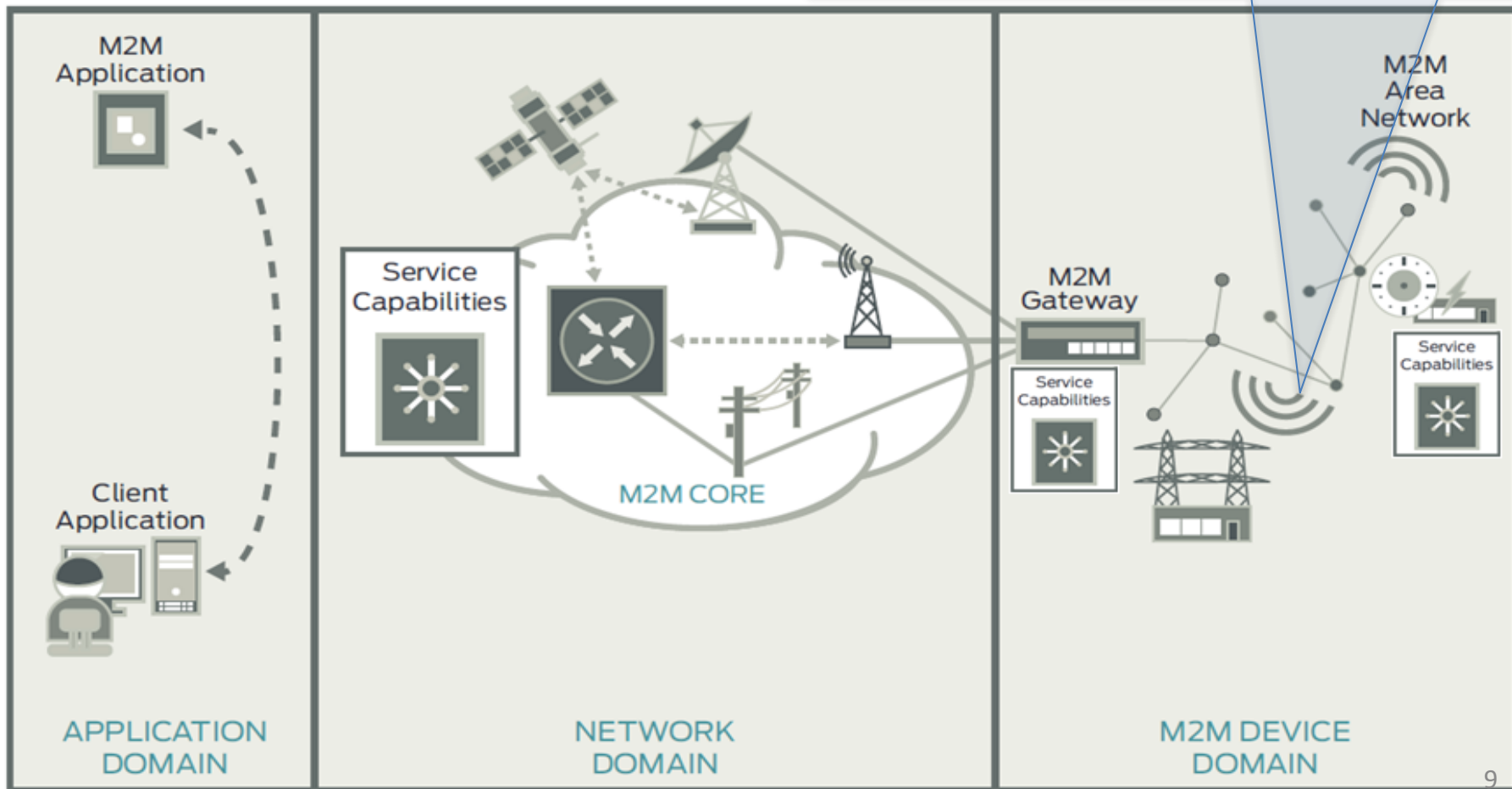
Standards for Wide Area Networks
(3GPP; LPWAN: LoRa, NB-IOT)

Target: protect networks against negative effects of M2M traffic (huge number of devices, non-human new traffic ...)



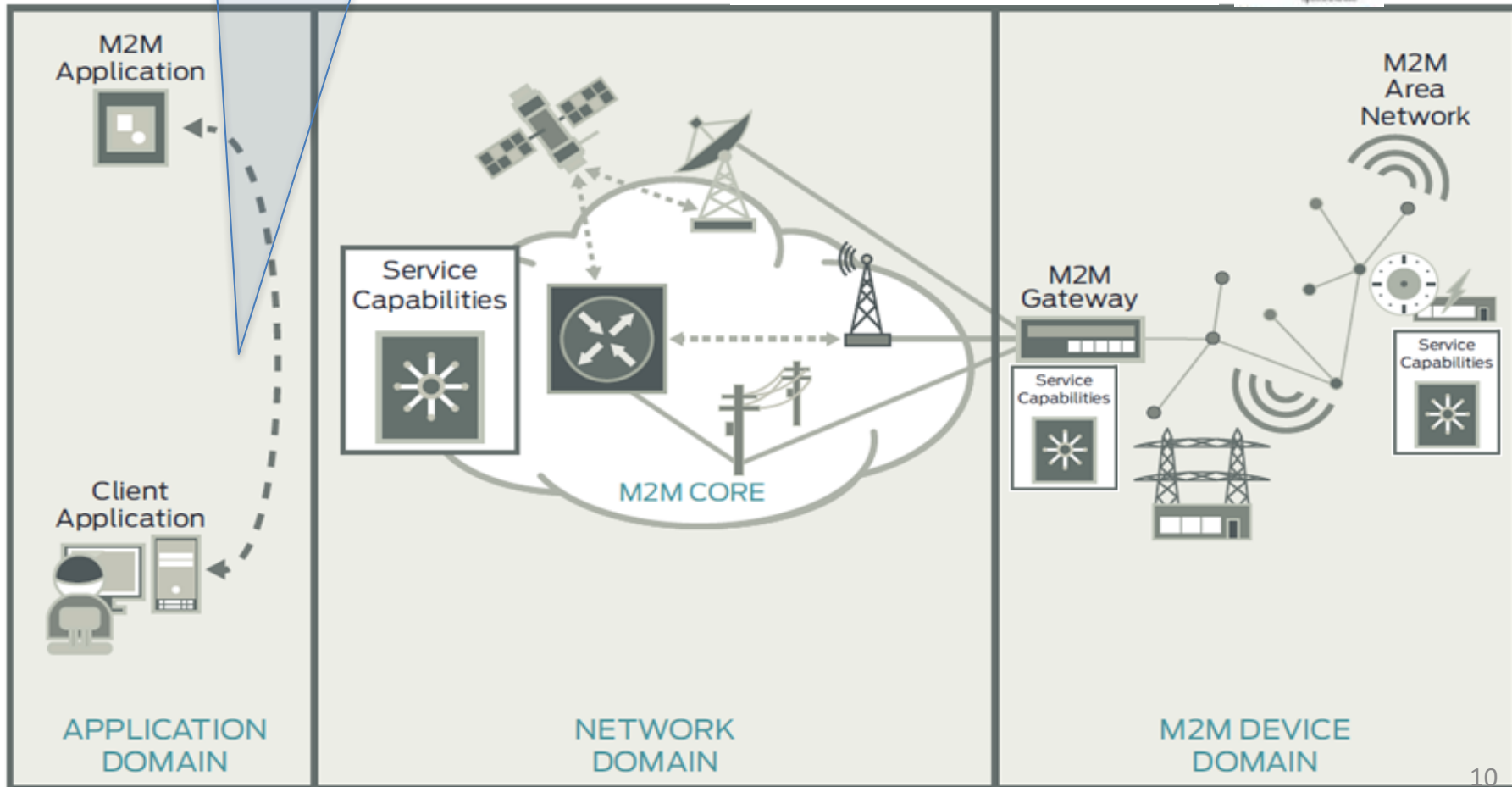


Standards for Local Area Networks (ZigBee, Bluetooth, PLC, etc.)
Target: foster use of LAN technology by supporting a diverse ecosystem of service providers and device manufacturers.



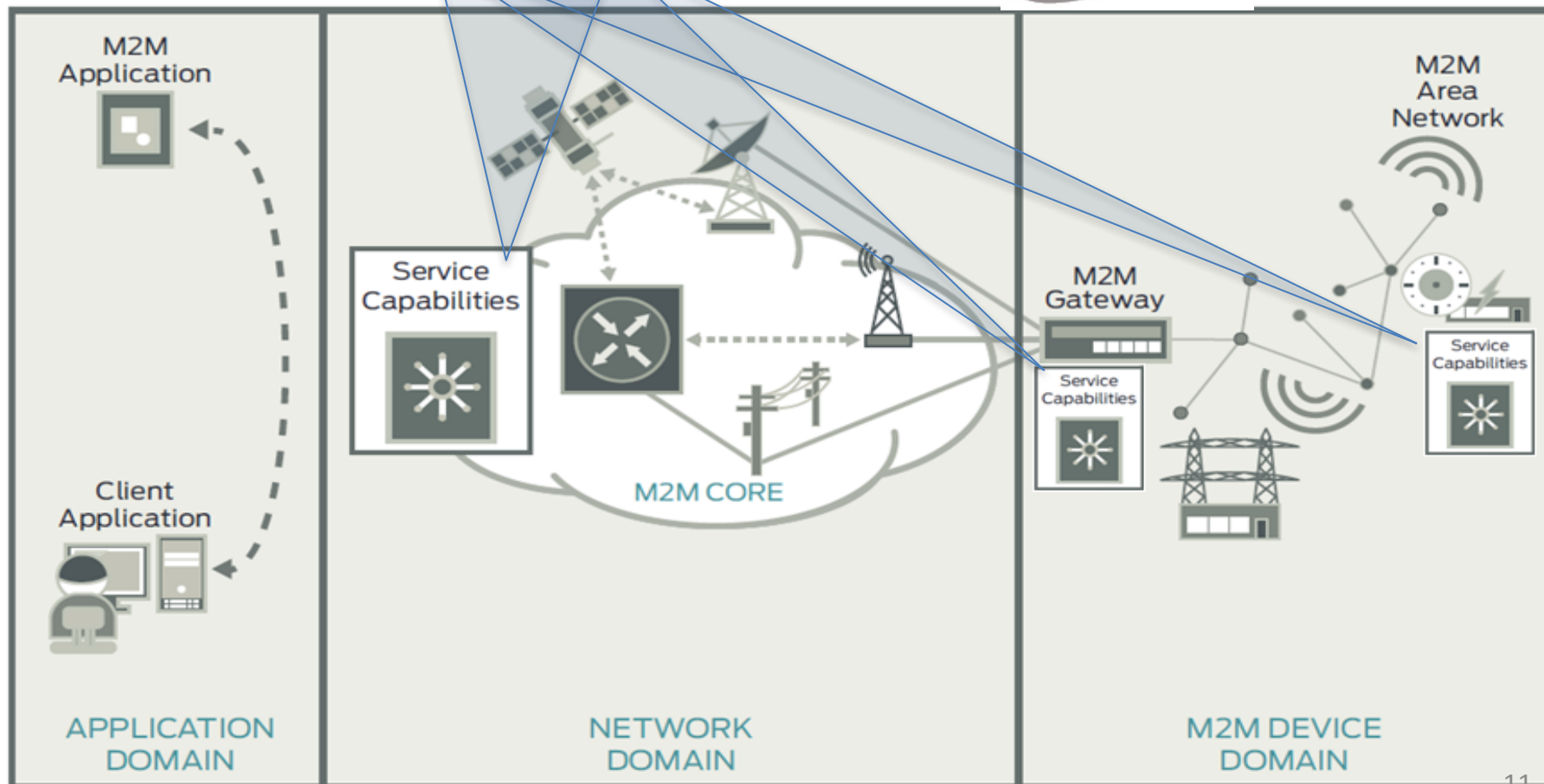
Standards for vertical Industrial applications

Target: enable interoperable, cost-efficient Solutions.

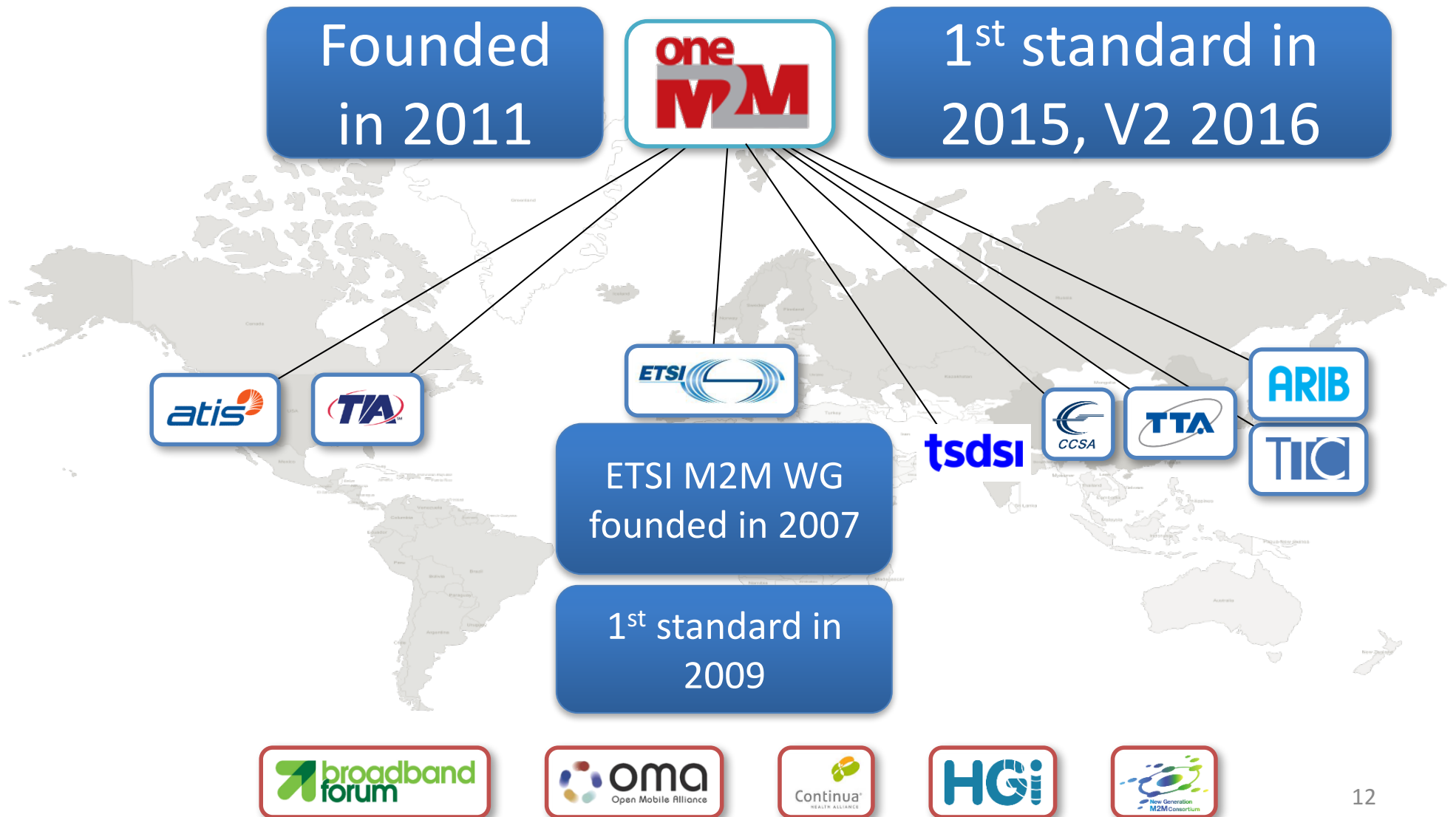


Standards for IoT/M2M Service capabilities:

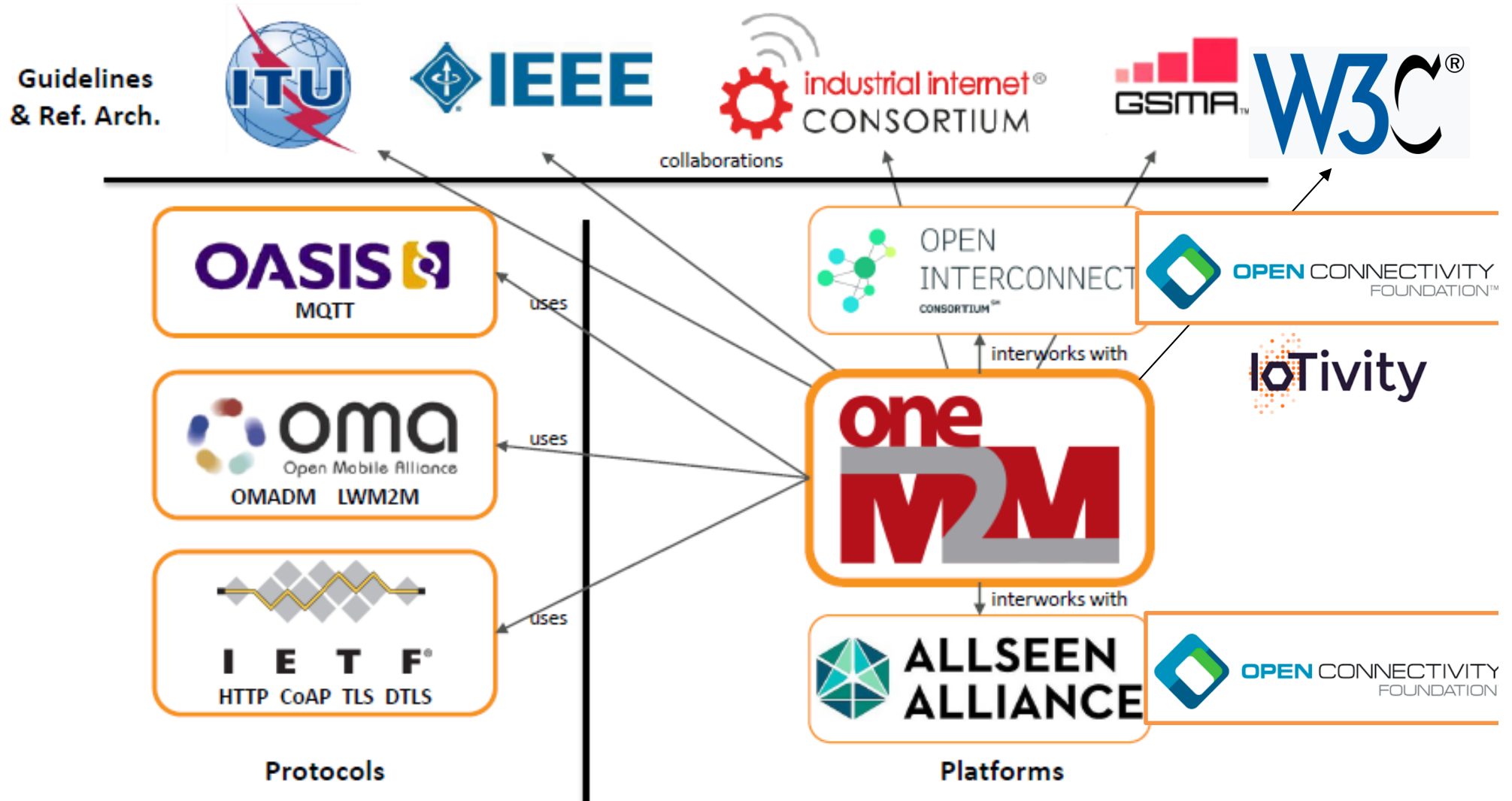
Target: end-to-end enablement across servers, gateways, and devices.
Standardized service interfaces.

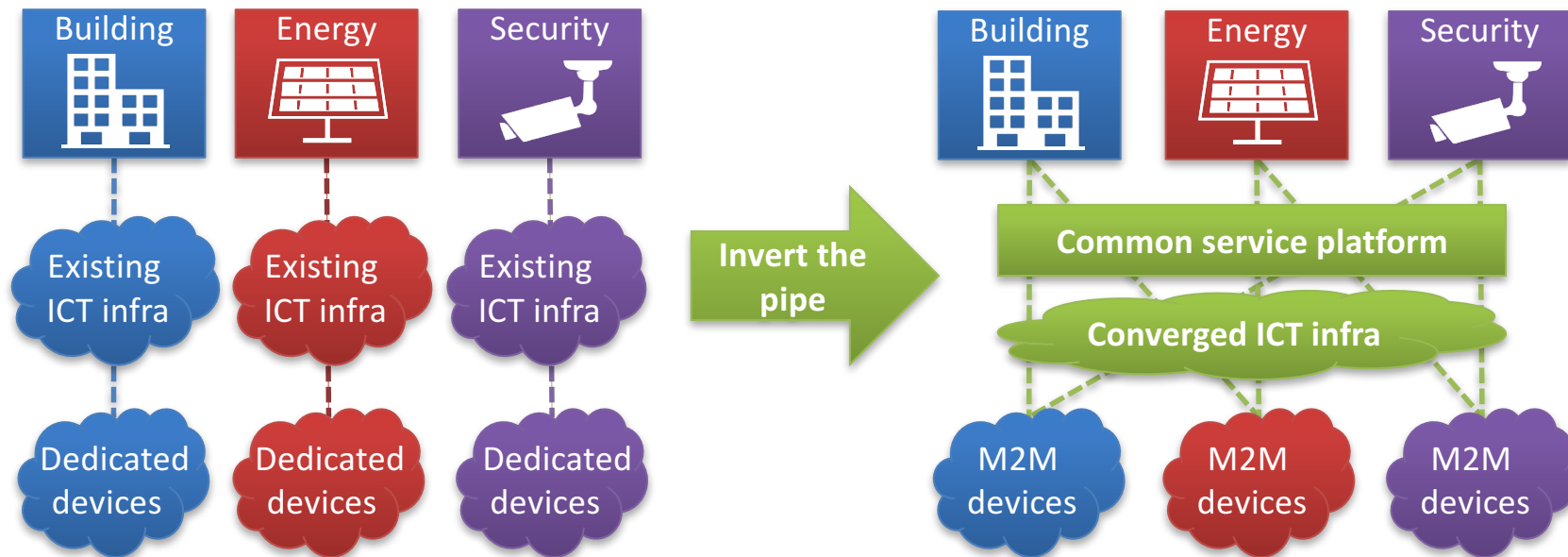


The international standardization initiatives



oneM2M liaisons





Interoperability solutions

- Standards: ETSI SmartM2M, oneM2M, LWM2M, etc.
- Research projects: IOT-A, openIoT, BETaaS, etc.

Discussion and strategy

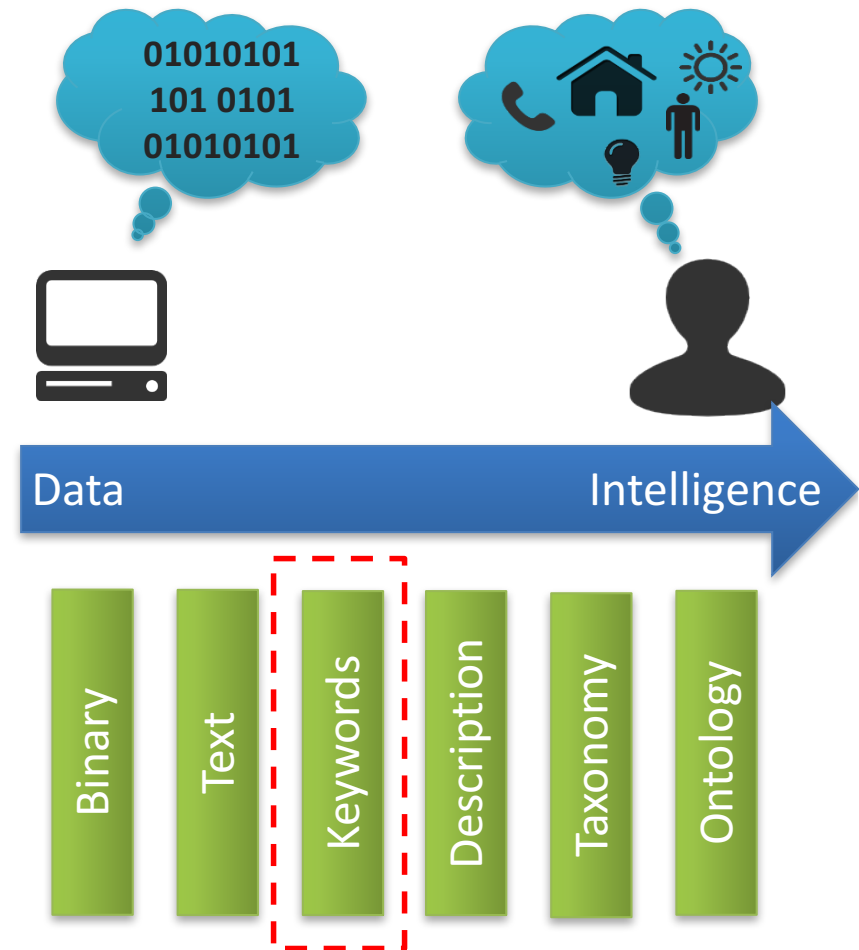
- Horizontality requires standards:
- Int. oneM2M, EU SmartM2M.
- Extend oneM2M to overcome challenges.

Interoperability in IoT standards:

- Resources description and discovery are based on keywords (labels).
- Applications use their own vocabulary (beforehand agreement between designers)
- Limited to some interworking use cases (based on specific format).

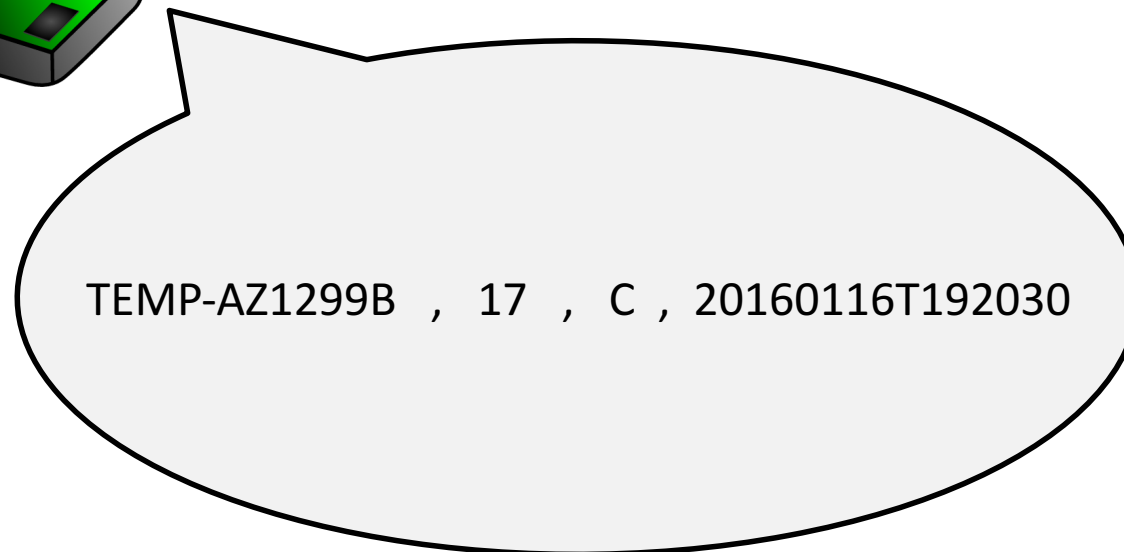
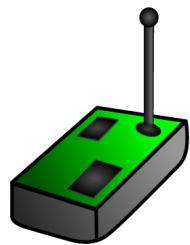
Towards a common vocabulary for IoT

- Managing devices with high degree of automation.
- The need for semantic to describe specific domains.
- Easily discover, interpret and share data between vertical applications.

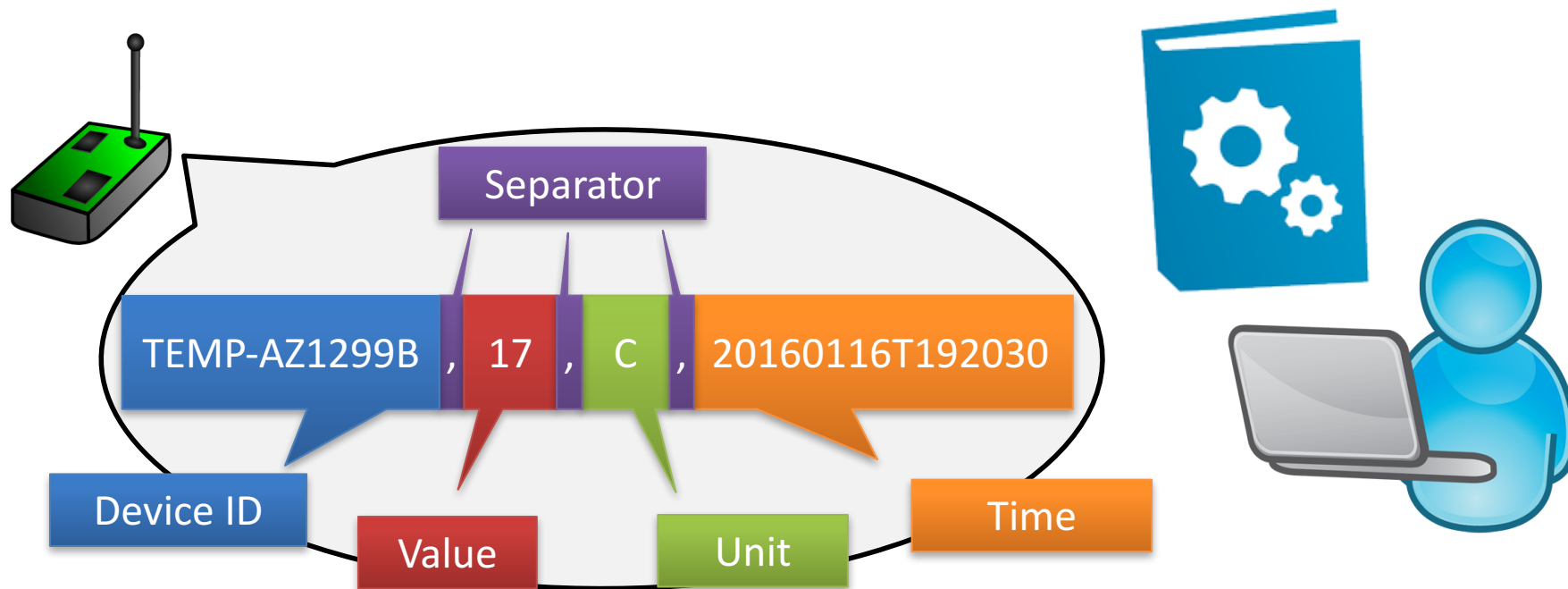


IoT Standards interoperability
is based on keywords

- oneM2M Release-1 ensures interoperability at the level of communications.
- Data is treated as black boxes. The content is opaque and applications have to a-priori know how to interpret the data.
- The device is programmed or configured for certain consumers. No data interoperability.

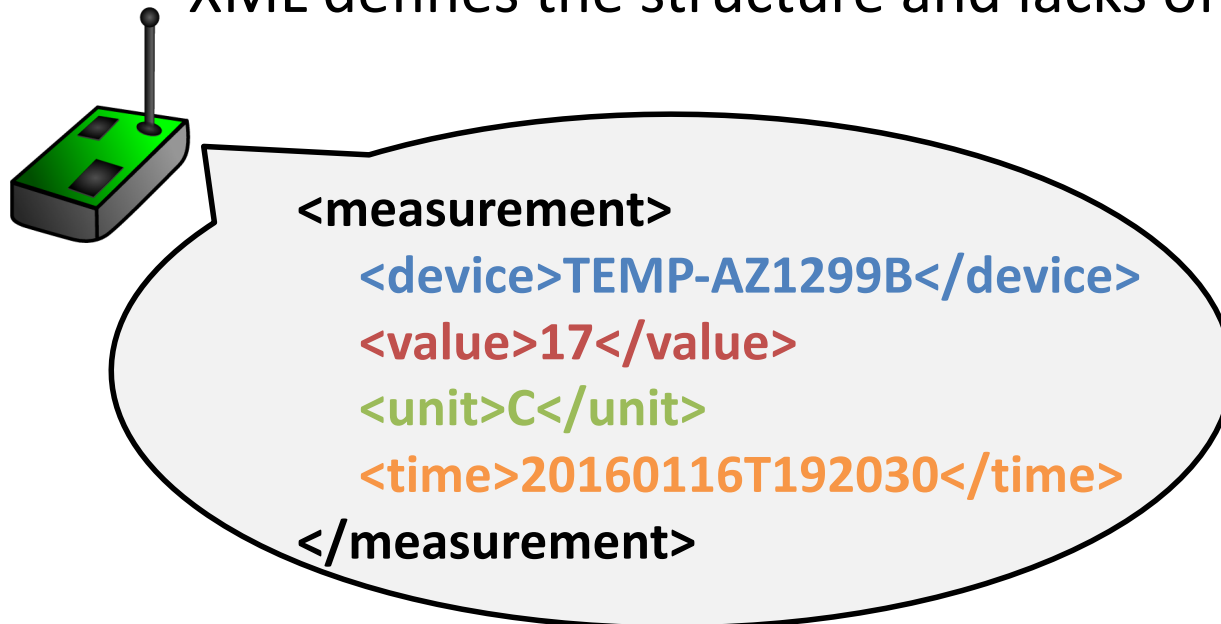


- It is required by applications to learn information model of each device before using it.
- Hard to integrate and to deal with existing legacy devices.
- Can work in small and closed environments. But does not scale!



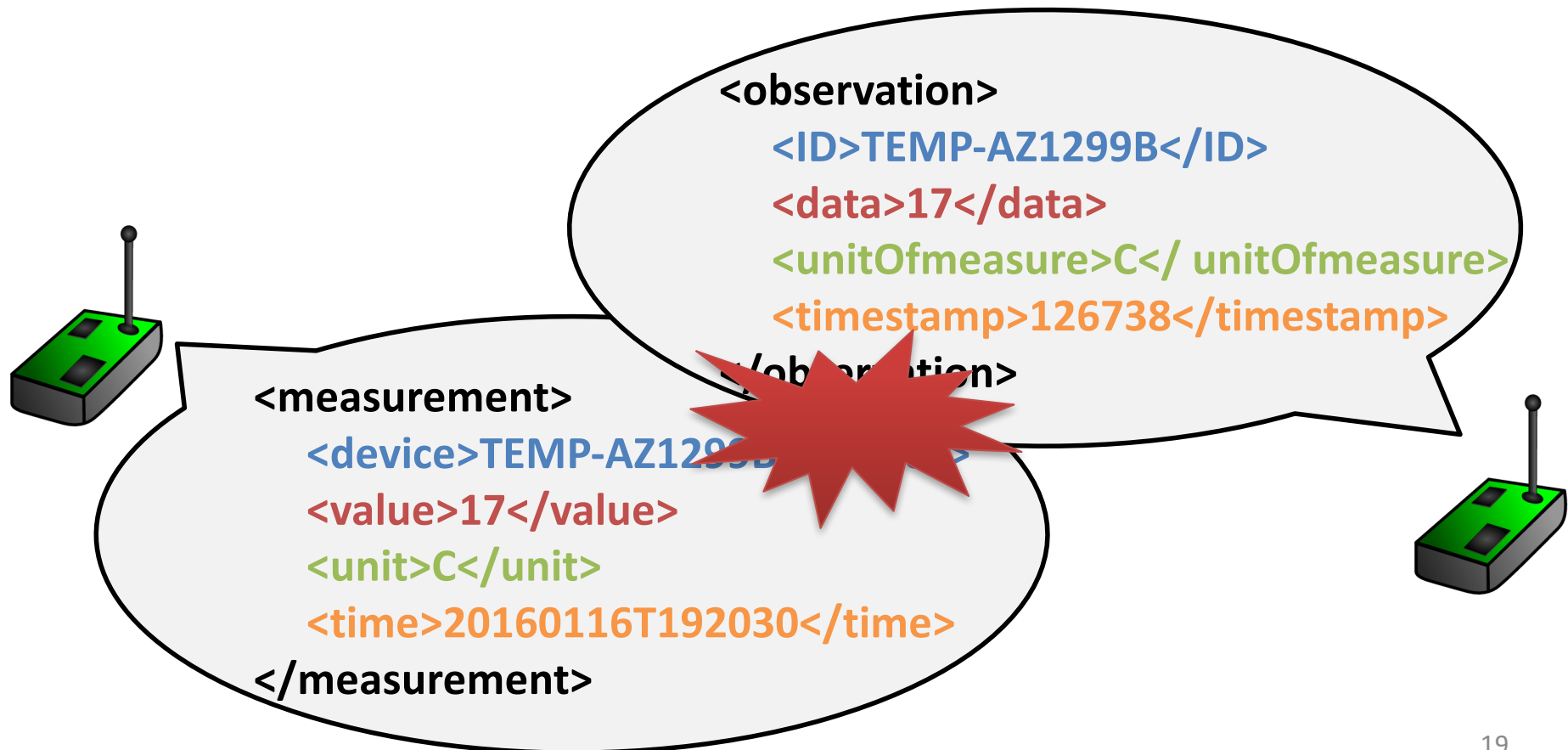
Can XML/JSON do the job ?

- Human can understand XML/JSON Documents.
 - Intuitively clear for human.
 - Tag names provide semantic meaning since they are domain-terms.
- Machines do not have intuition.
 - Tag names do not provide semantics for machines.
 - XML defines the structure and lacks of semantic model.



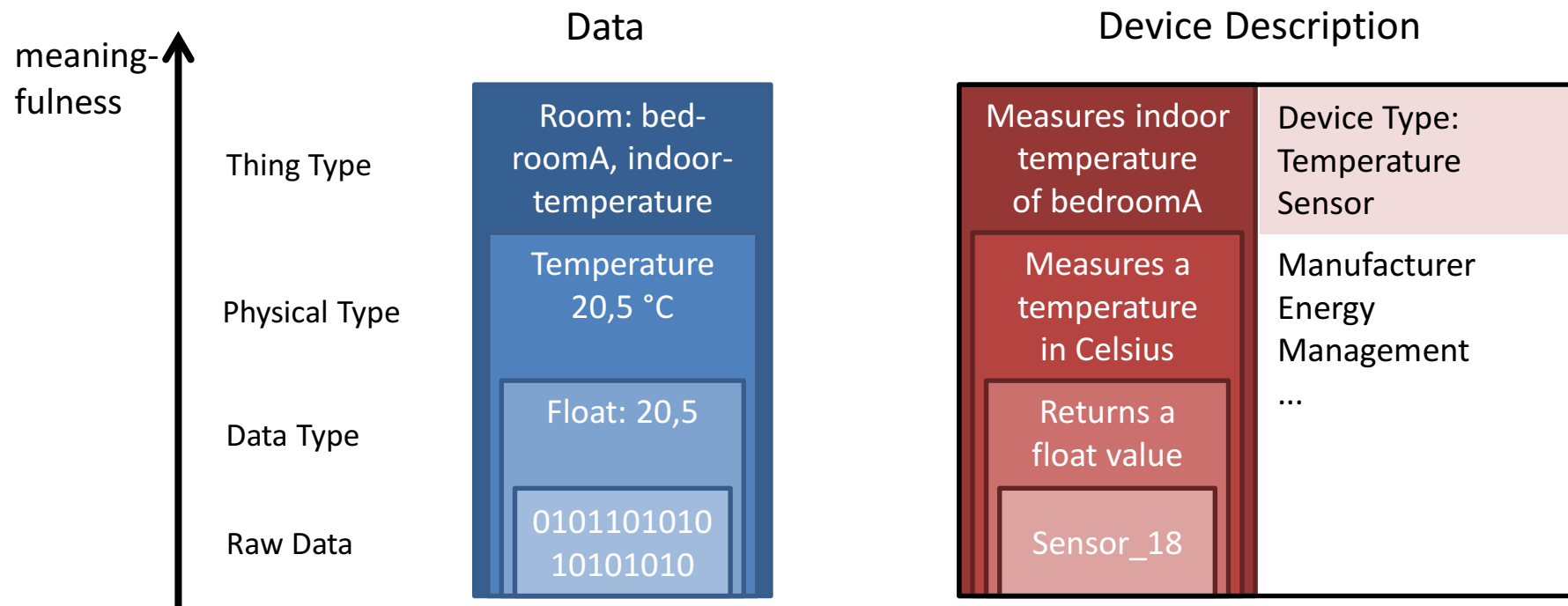
Semantic gap between machines

- Which words shall we use to describe a given set of concepts?
- A common vocabulary is required for IoT to bridge the semantic gap between machines.
- Semantic techniques must be used.



Levels of meaningfulness

- There is not just one single level of semantics that could be attached to a raw data element.
- Different levels of meaningfulness can be identified to describe data and device descriptions.



Reference Ontologies for IoT*

- Existing IoT ontologies:
 - IoT ontology (VTT Fi, Univ. Piraeus Gr), SAREF (ETSI EU), OWL-IoT-S (Univ Galway IR, Univ Surrey UK), IOT-lite (W3C, H2020-FIWARE, H2020-FIESTA), Spitfire (FP7), SSN (W3C), OneM2M base ontology (OneM2M), IoT-O (LAAS, IEEE comm Magazine — Communications Standards Supplement, December 2015)
- Associated IoT Concepts:
 - Actuator, Action, Service, Sensor, Observation, Energy, Lifecycle, Device

*IoT-O, a Core-Domain IoT Ontology to Represent Connected Devices Networks. Nicolas Seydoux, Khalil Drira, Nathalie Hernandez, Thierry Monteil. EKAW: Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management pp 561-576, Springer 2016

IoT-O ontology for semantic IoT interoperability

Associated approach:

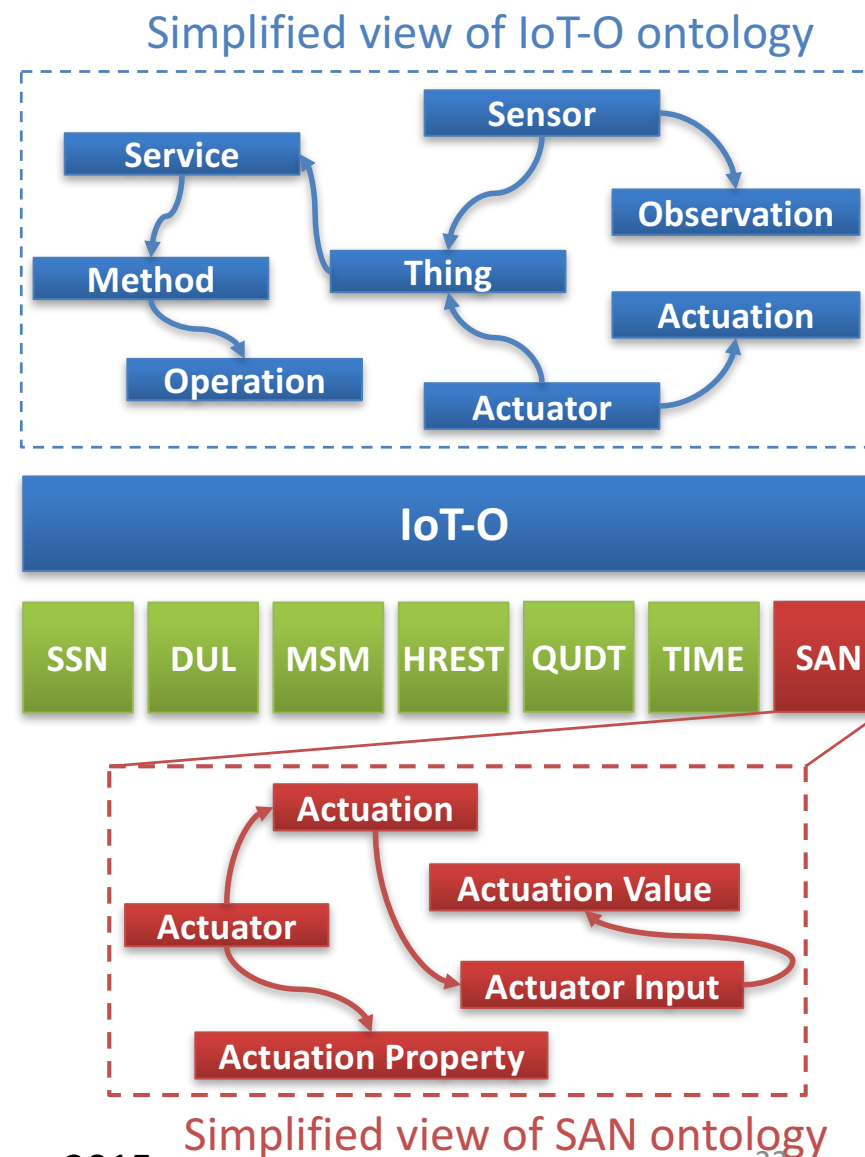
- Reuse existing ontologies (Reduce ambiguity)
- Add new concepts and relationships only when needed.

The example of IoT-O*

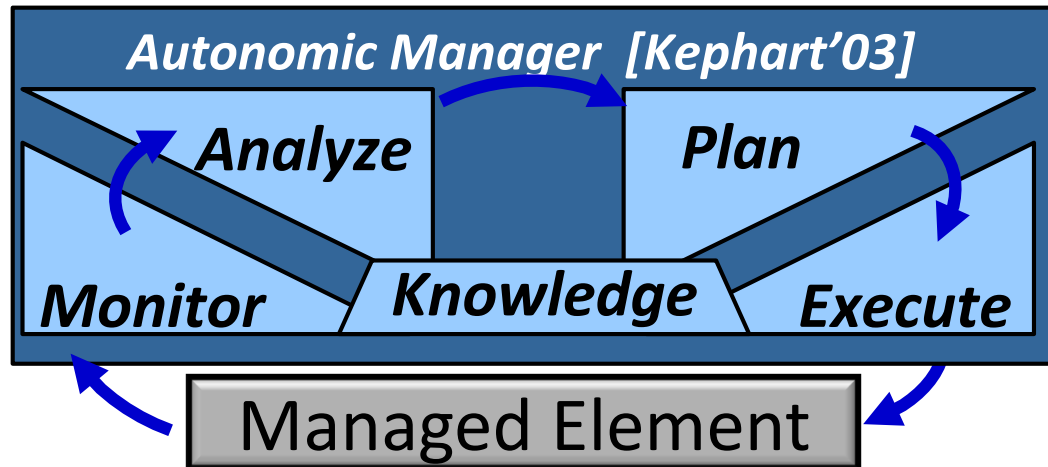
- Merging and linking popular ontologies (SSN, QUDT, MSM, etc.)
- Defining SAN, the Sensor Actuator Network ontology.

To represent:

- Device information (type, location, etc.),
- Device generated or received data (measurement, timestamp, etc.),
- How to manipulate the device (web service, method, URI, etc.)



* BenAlaya et al. IEEE Communication Magazine Alaya Dec. 2015



Existing solutions

- Address specific problems (vertical), focus on one MAPE-K step.
- How different models are shared between MAPE modules ?

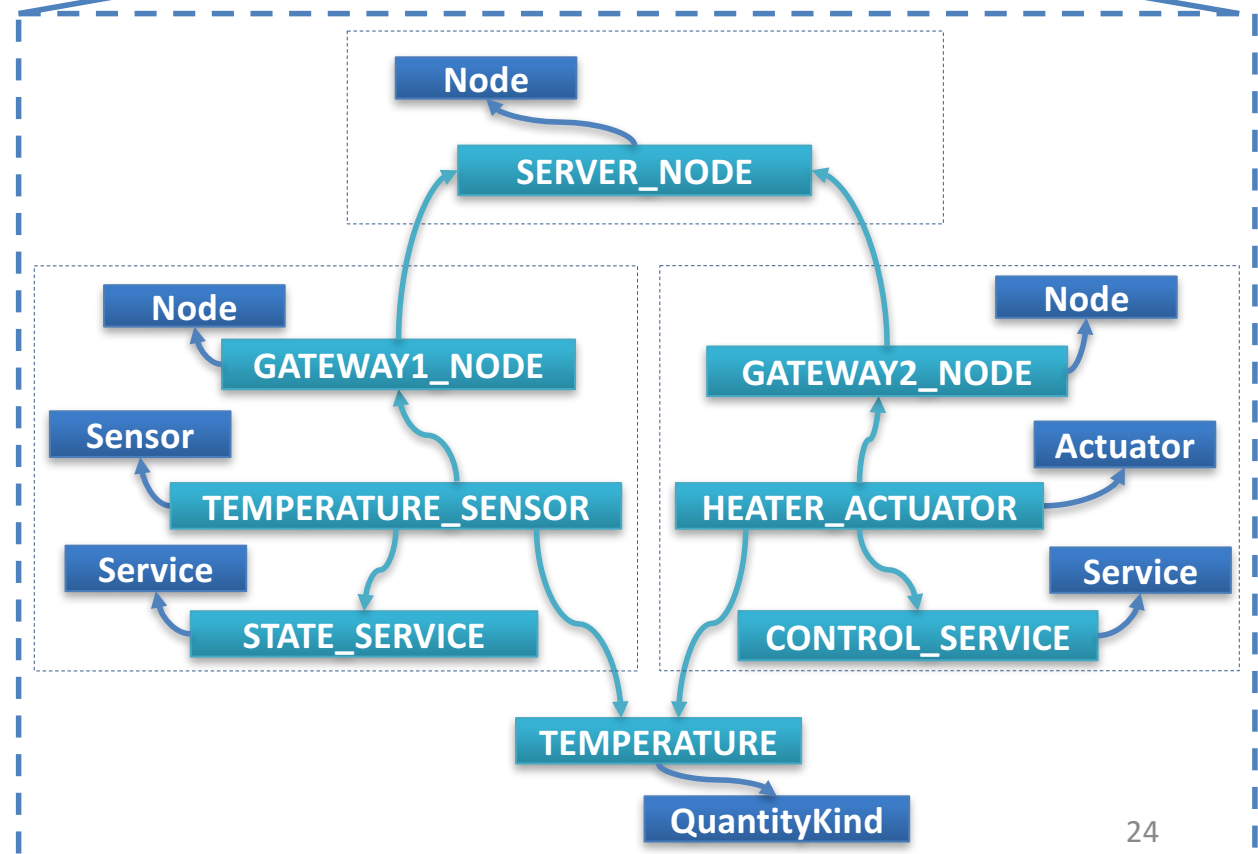
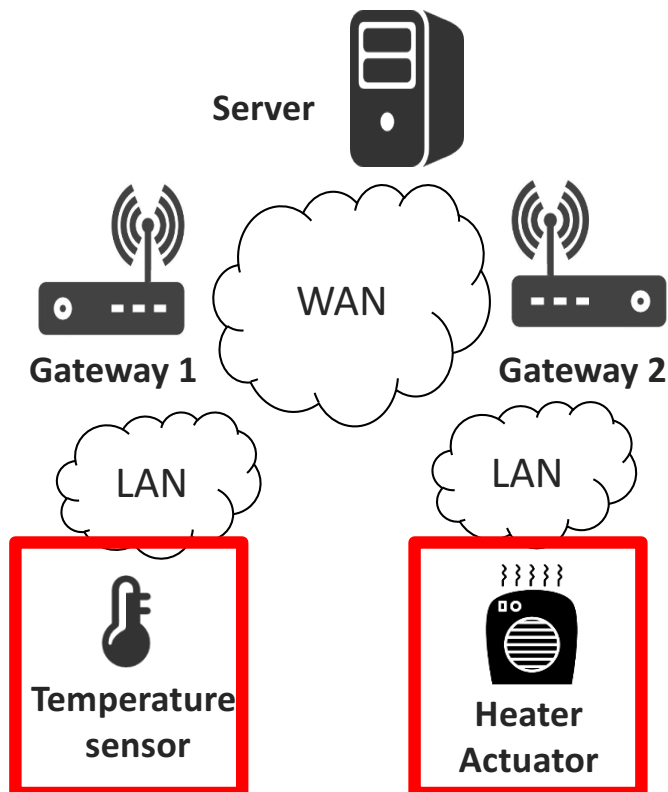
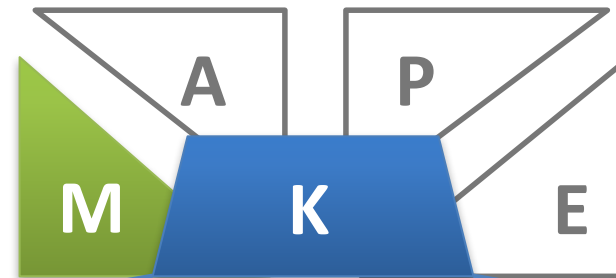
Challenges:

- Generic solutions for autonomic management of IoT systems.
- Ontology for semantic reasoning: self-configuration of devices

Self-configuring IoT devices based on semantic reasoning

1. Monitoring

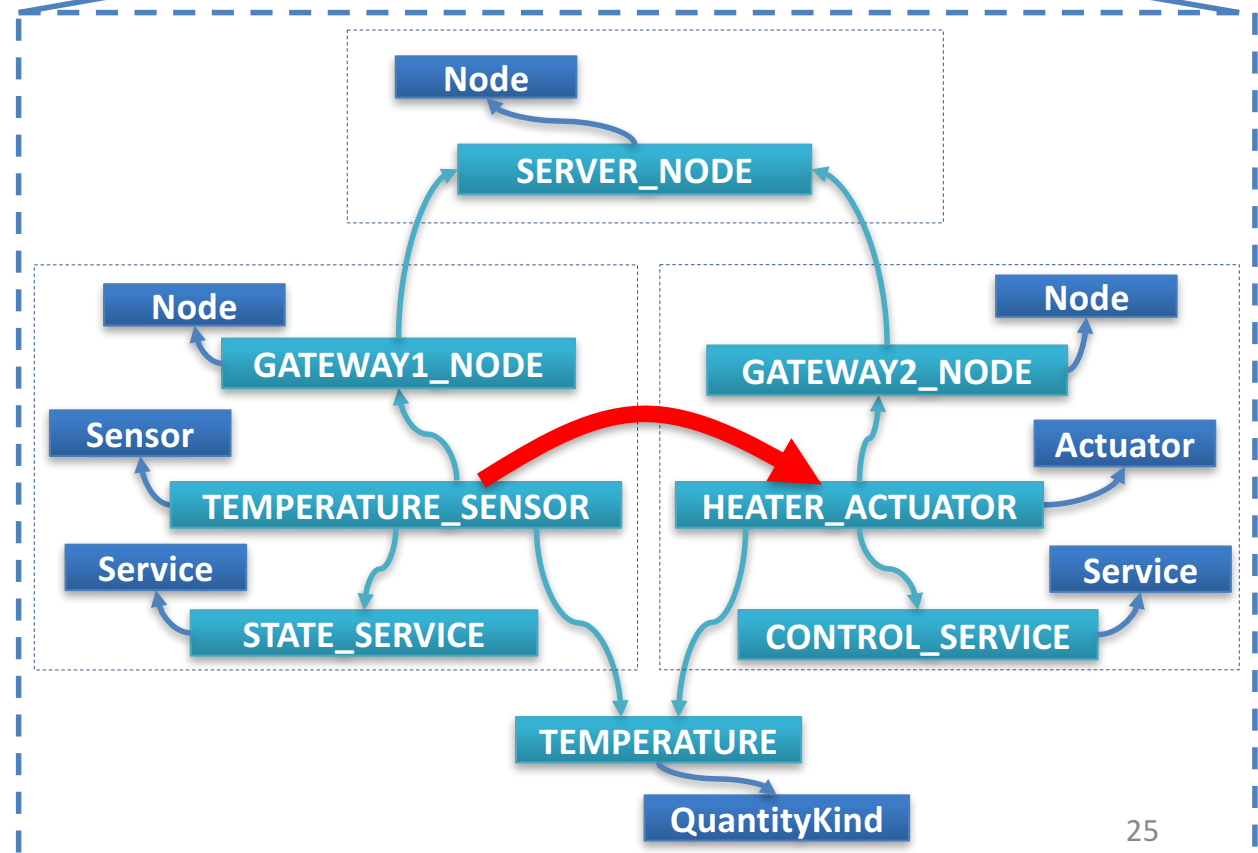
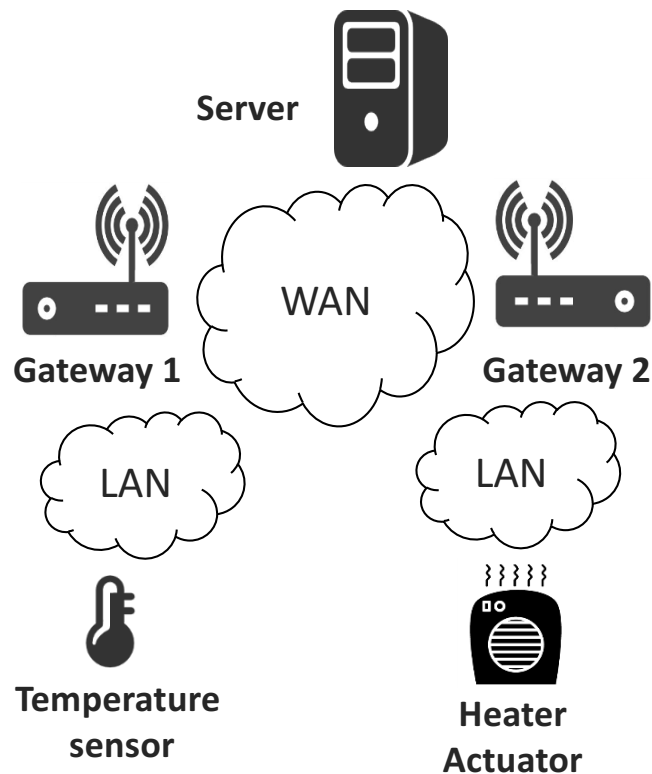
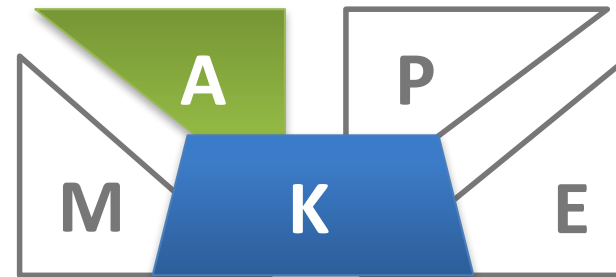
- Runtime discovery of M2M entities and update of the IoT-O ontology instance.



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2. Analyzing

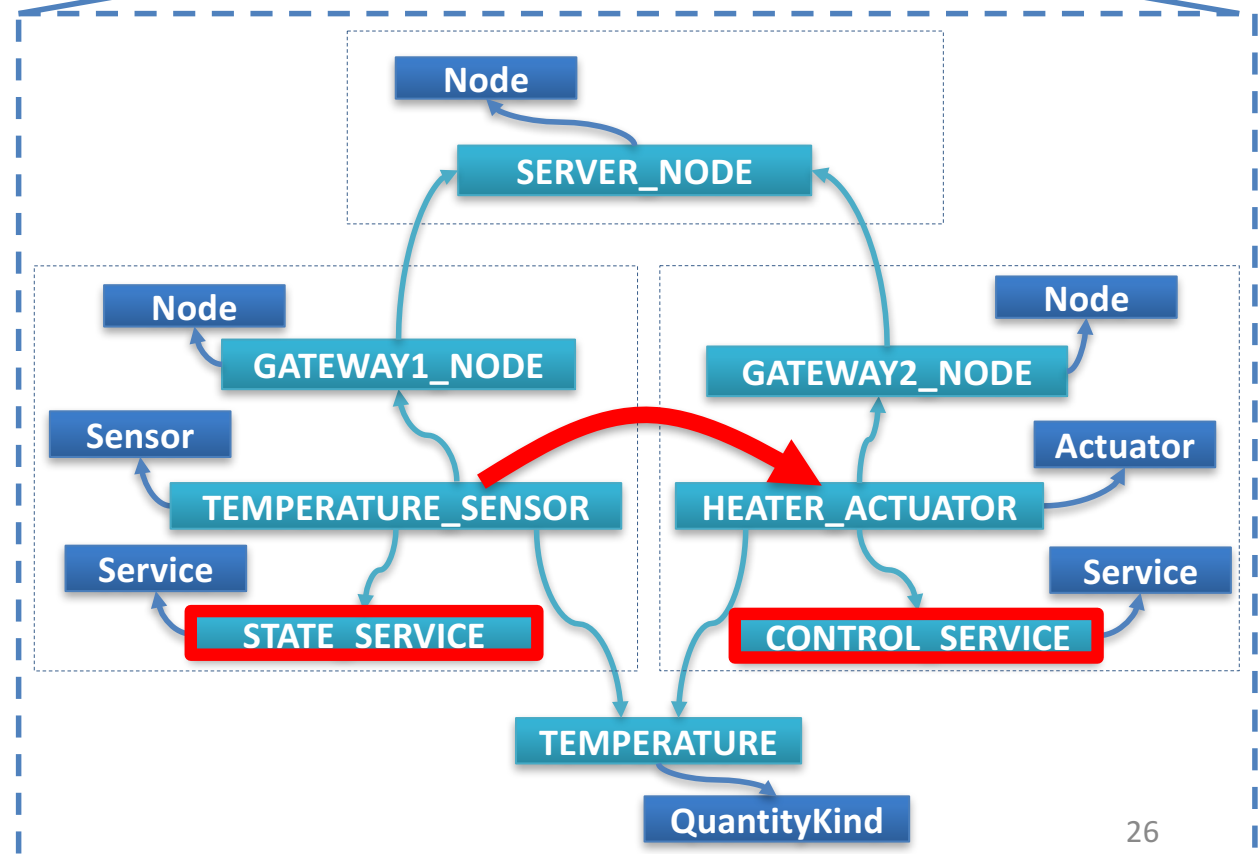
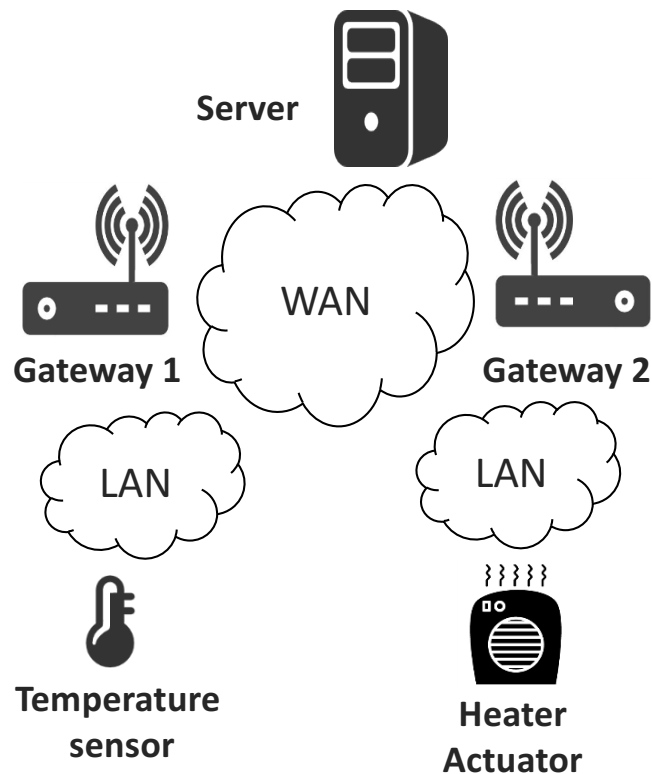
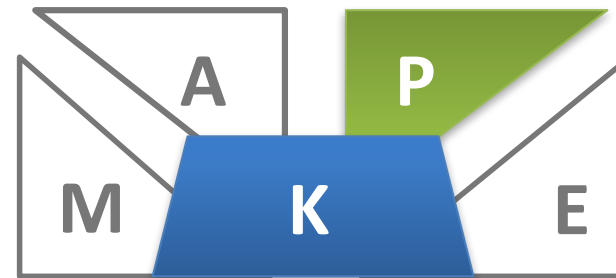
- Apply semantic rules to find relevant matching between devices and applications.



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3. Planning

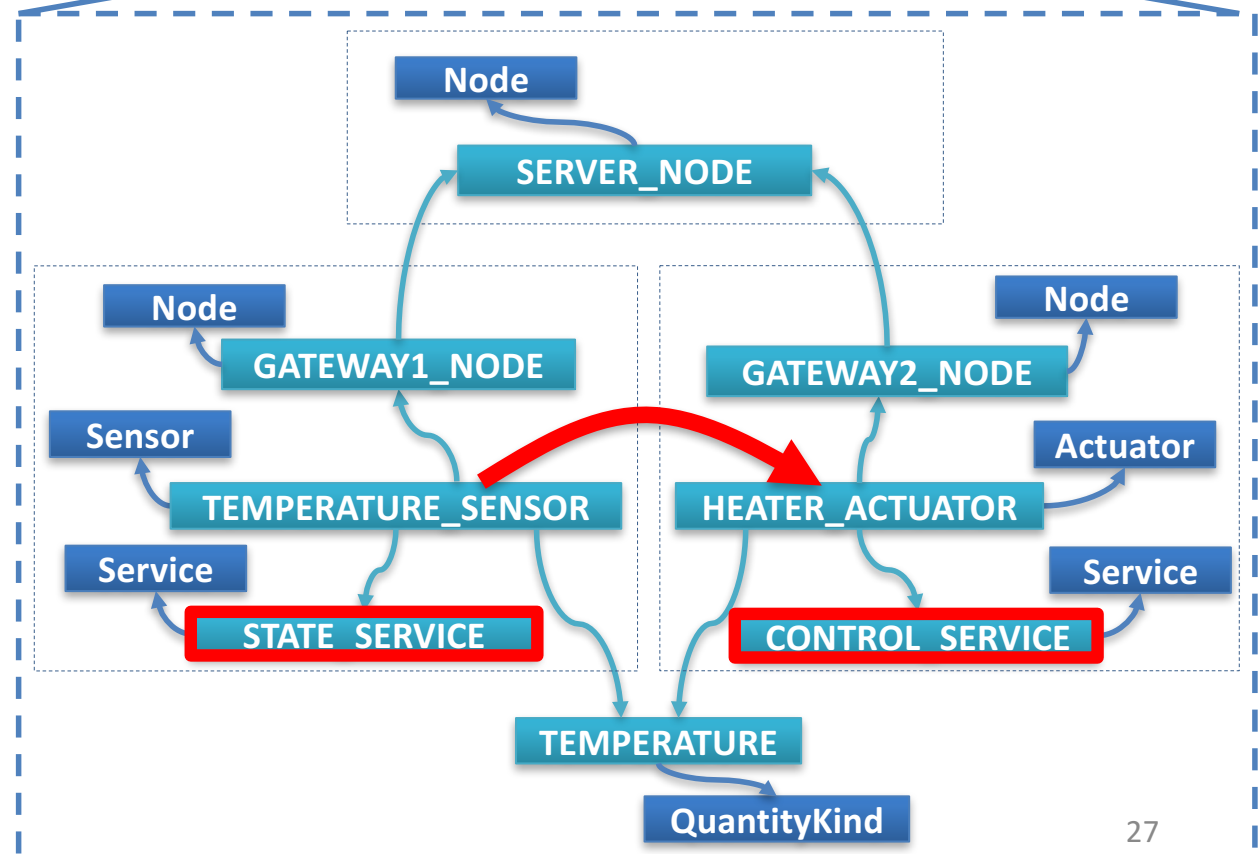
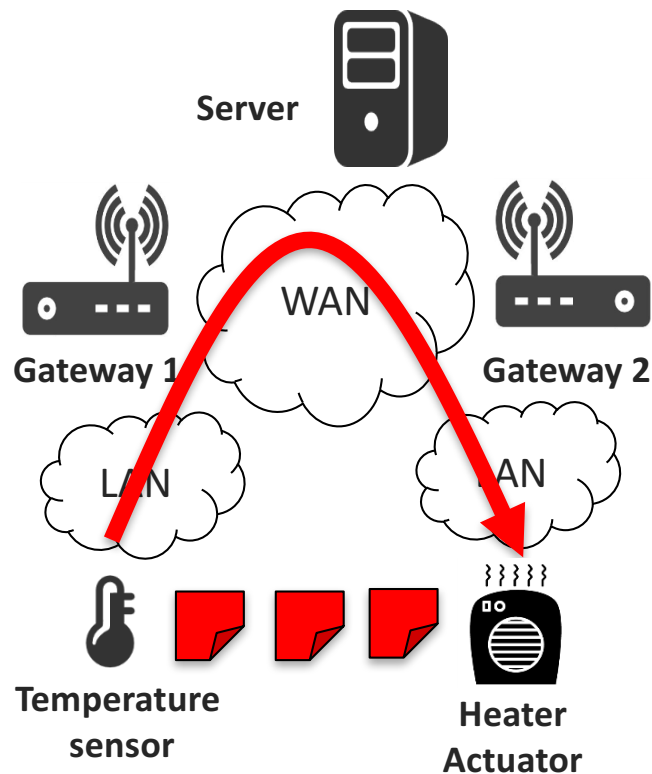
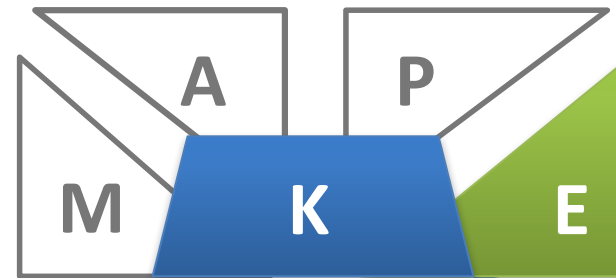
- Query the ontology instance to find service operations of matched devices to create actions.



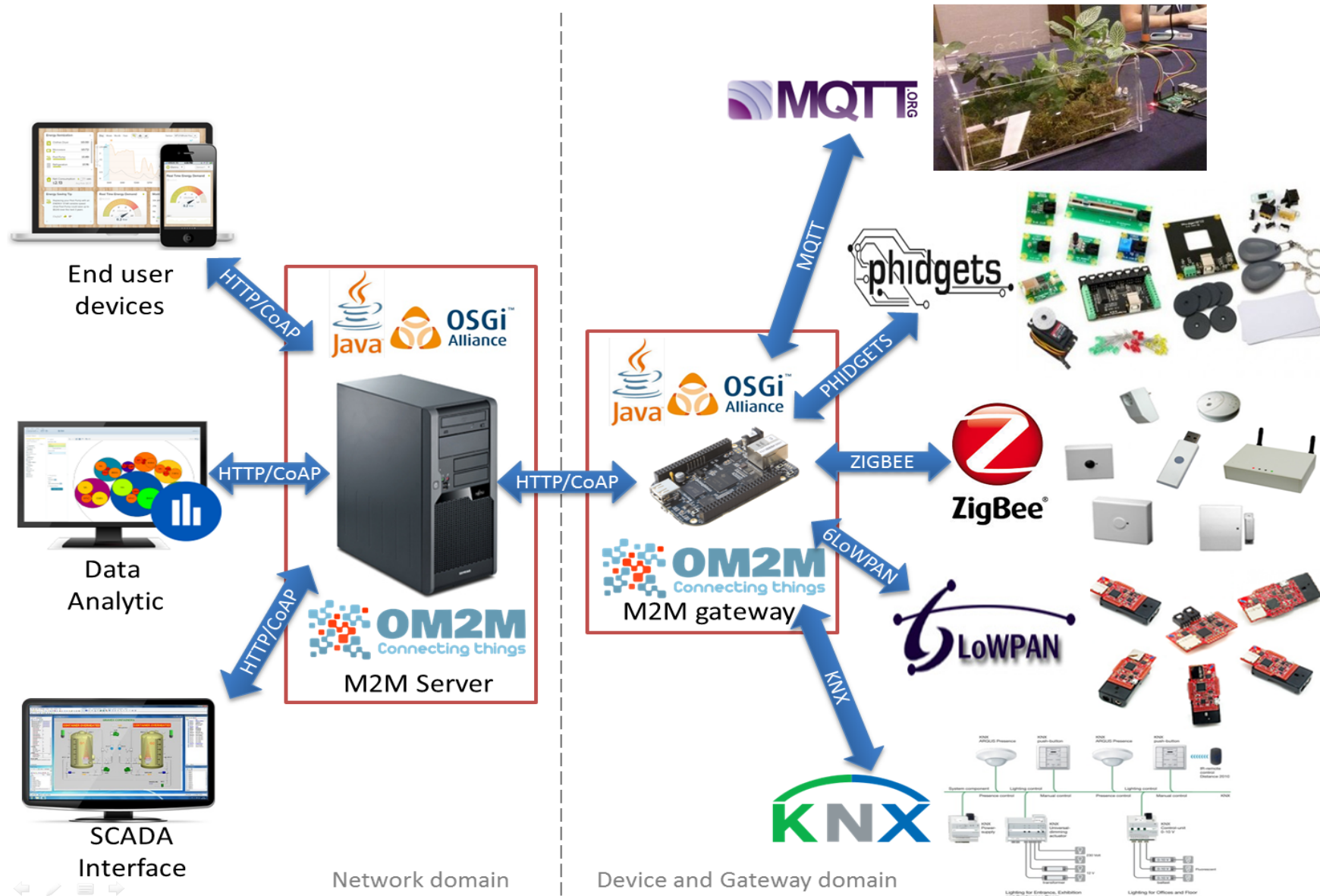
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4. Executing

- Convert actions to HTTP requests and create required device subscriptions on the platform.



OM2M: horizontal IoT service platform (om2m.org)



Conclusions: The statement

- Semantic interoperability: ripe standards for:
 - Communication level: converging initiatives:
 - Main telecom SDOs (USA/Canada, EU, China, S. Korea, Japan, India) have merged their efforts in a unique international standard: oneM2M
 - Other alliances and foundations: Allseen/Alljoin and OpenConnectivity/lotivity have also merged
 - Data level: ontology now considered in international standards: oneM2M base ontology, ETSI SAREF ontology
- Design Complexity:
 - Efforts still required in:
 - Autonomic and Cognitive Computing for IoT services and applications: Machine Learning, semantic and automated reasoning, dynamic reconfiguration and adaptability
 - Needs for Solutions in: model-based engineering

The emerging directions

- New Technologies can leverage IoT mass deployment:
 - Towards secure/decentralized/efficient/transparent IoT platforms based on blockchain technology (e.g. platforms: ethereum, distributed block-chain based cloud storage: storj.io)
- We can anticipate the emergence of new extended IoT applications:
 - New Blockchains-IoT smart applications: “from self-driving to self-renting cars” (ride sharing and private transportation platforms: e.g. Slock.it)
- Expected Social/economic impact:
 - Automated management with smart contracts will lead to: Democratization of IoT-based individual economic activities: No need for third party (Banks) -Middlemen (Amazon, AirB&B, Drivy) in distributed transactions.



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