

AUTOMATED TRACKING SYSTEM OF GOODS FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SEGMENTS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

MSc Research Proposal

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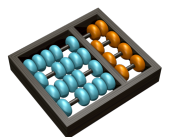
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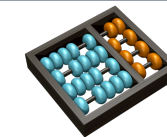
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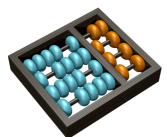




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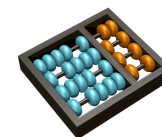
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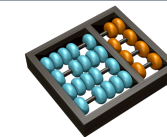
- Scope of the research is focused on wholesale and retail segments:
- There are many systems available in the industry. Some of these key system features are:
 - Store floor automation
 - Allocation of employees
 - Flow of information
 - Reduction of levels of exposure rupture
 - Correct pricing of items
 - Receiving goods
 - Inventory control
 - Replacement of products
- Main goals:
 - Maximize sales
 - Improve shopping experience to the end customers
 - Minimize losses



INTRODUCTION (cont.)

- Known issues:
 - Semi-automated processes
 - Bottleneck
 - Security
- Research goal
 - Deploys passive sensors network
 - Automatically monitor merchandises
 - Extend available tasks
 - Enhance productivity
 - Enhance security
 - Minimize losses

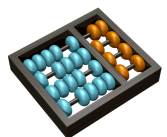




LITERATURE REVIEW

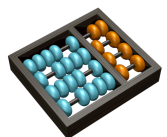
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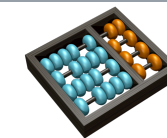
- Business case: Amazon Go[1]
 - Grocery store does not have a checkout point
 - Clients collect their required merchandise and leave the store
 - Charges are directly addressed to their Amazon account
- Architecture of these systems is complex
 - Sensors connected to wireless/ wireline networks
 - Provide indoor location of the products and information about their availability
 - Data is sent out to a core location
 - Automated tasks are generated



LITERATURE REVIEW (cont.)

- Indoor localization of the goods is key for the whole process[5]
- Diversity of indoor active and passive sensors
 - Camera
 - RFID tags [6]
 - Printed sensors [7]
- Wireless networks
 - Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)
 - Geomagnetic-Based Positioning System
 - Ultra-Wideband (UWB)
 - Wifi [8]
 - ZigBee [9]
 - Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) [10]
 - Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

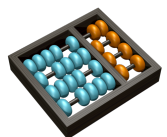


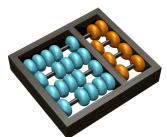
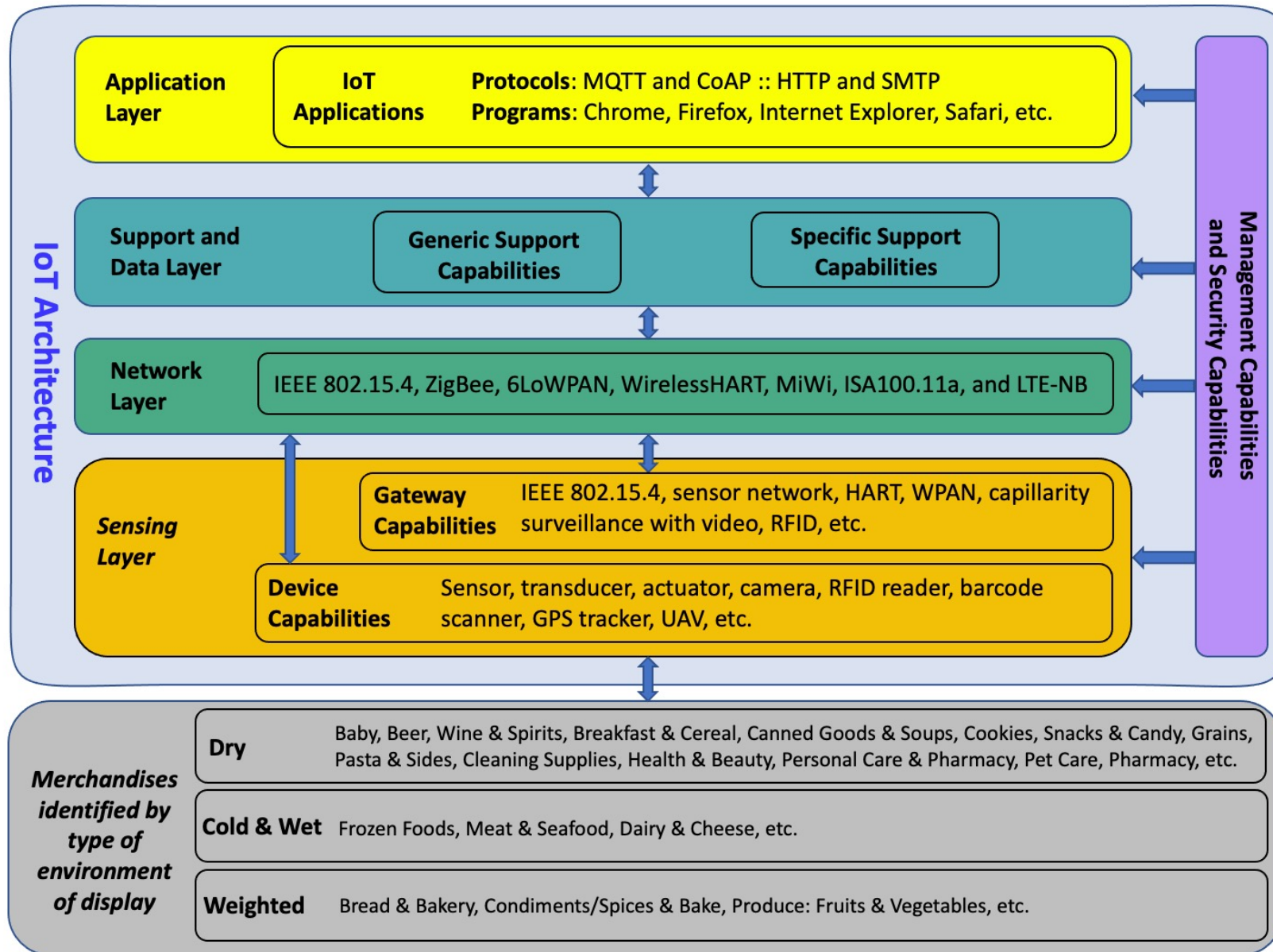


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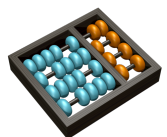
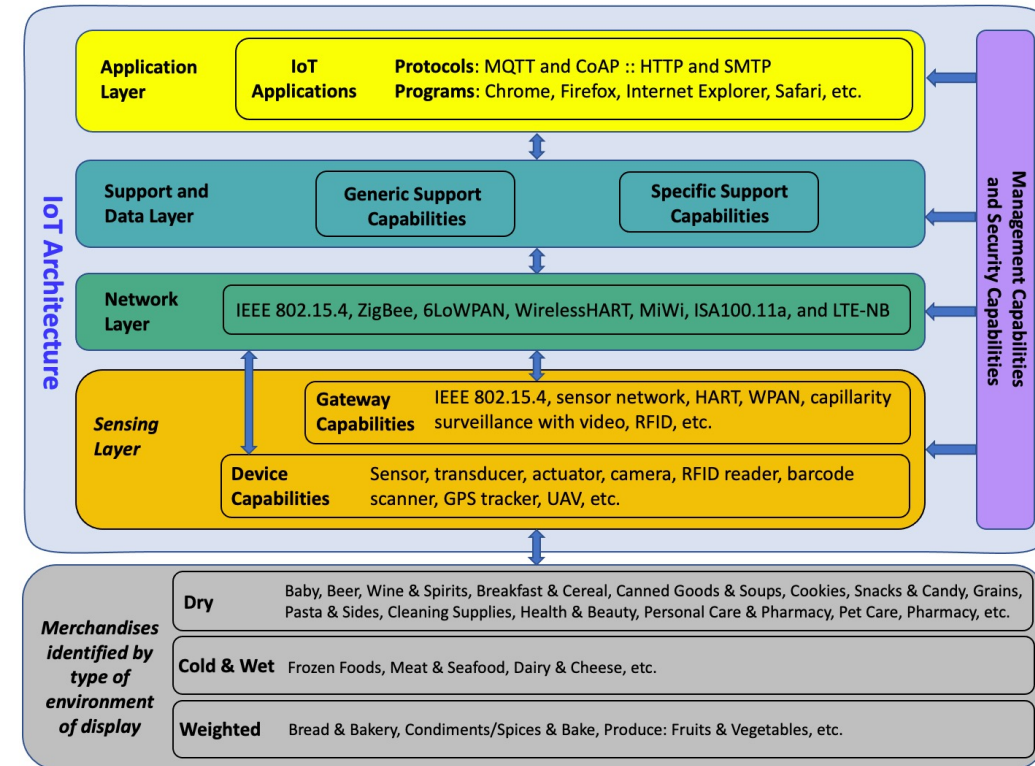
- Proposed design is based on the following IoT architecture layers
 - Sensors
 - Network
 - Support and Data
 - Application
 - Management and Security
- These modules are assembled as shown next





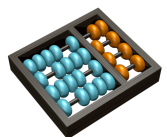
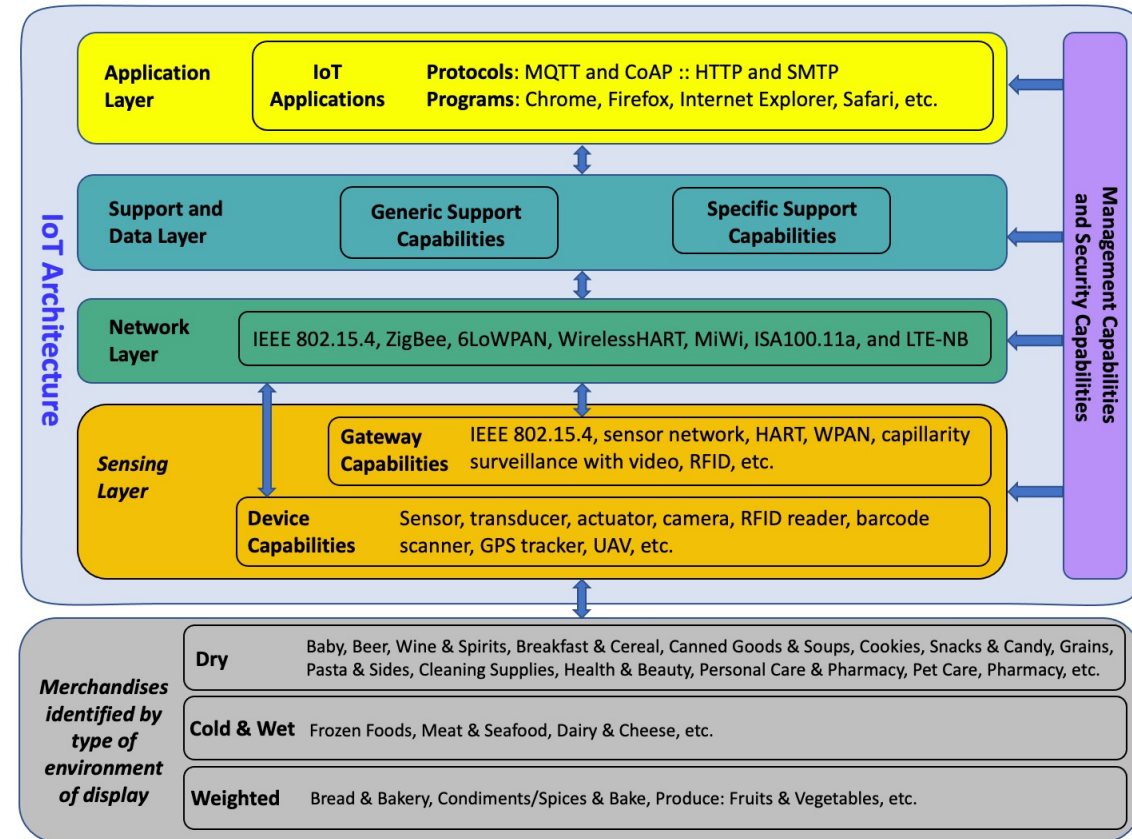
SYSTEM OVERVIEW – SENSOR LAYER

- Responsible for the interface between the merchandises and the wireless segment of the network layer
- Standard supermarket has an average of 50,000 products or SKU's [12]
- One-on-one match with the number of sensors physically attached to these products
- Merchandises are resting on the shelves or in movement inside the carts
- Geographic position are tracked
- Passive sensors (tags) should be inexpensive



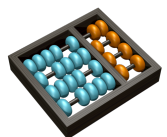
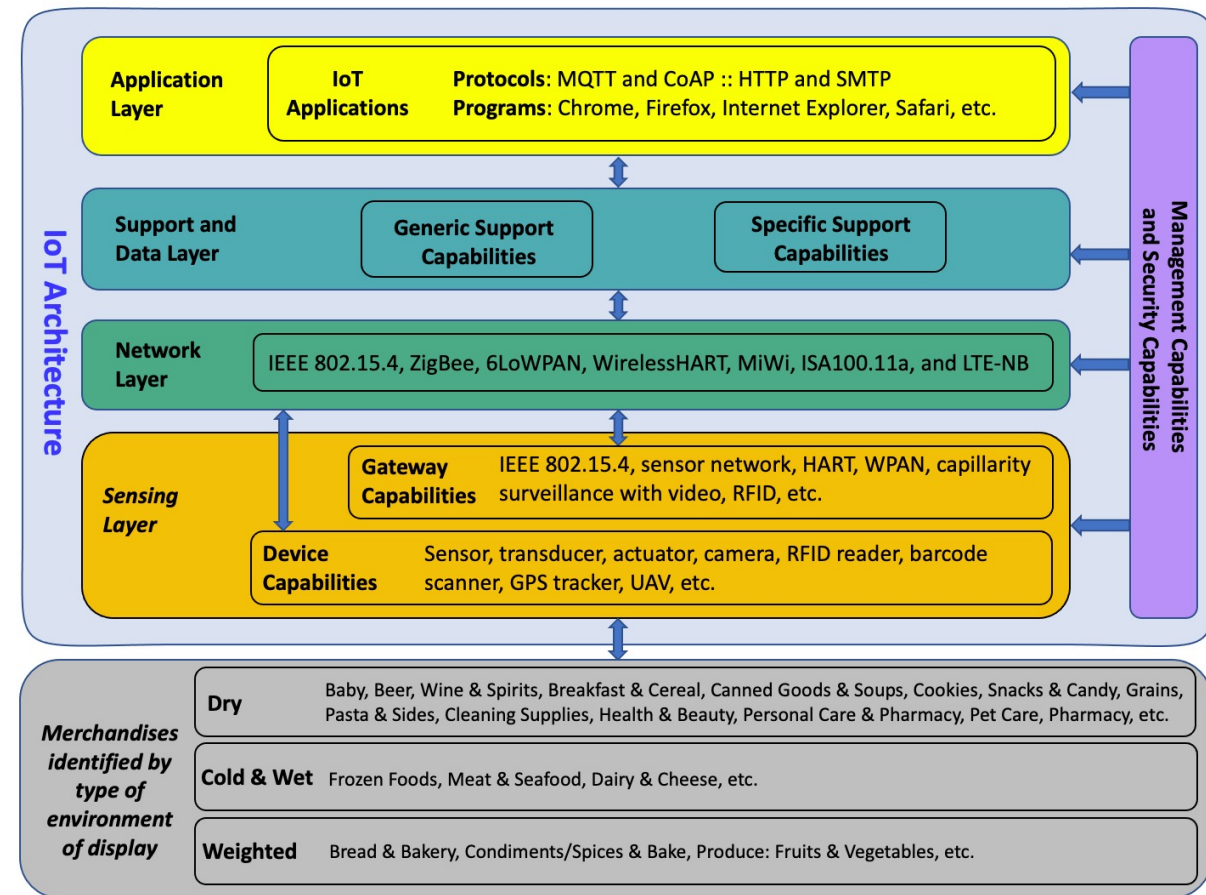
SYSTEM OVERVIEW – SENSOR LAYER (cont.)

- Passive sensors must have low-power consumption
- Passive sensors must be reachable by the wireless network
- The tag has a unique



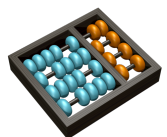
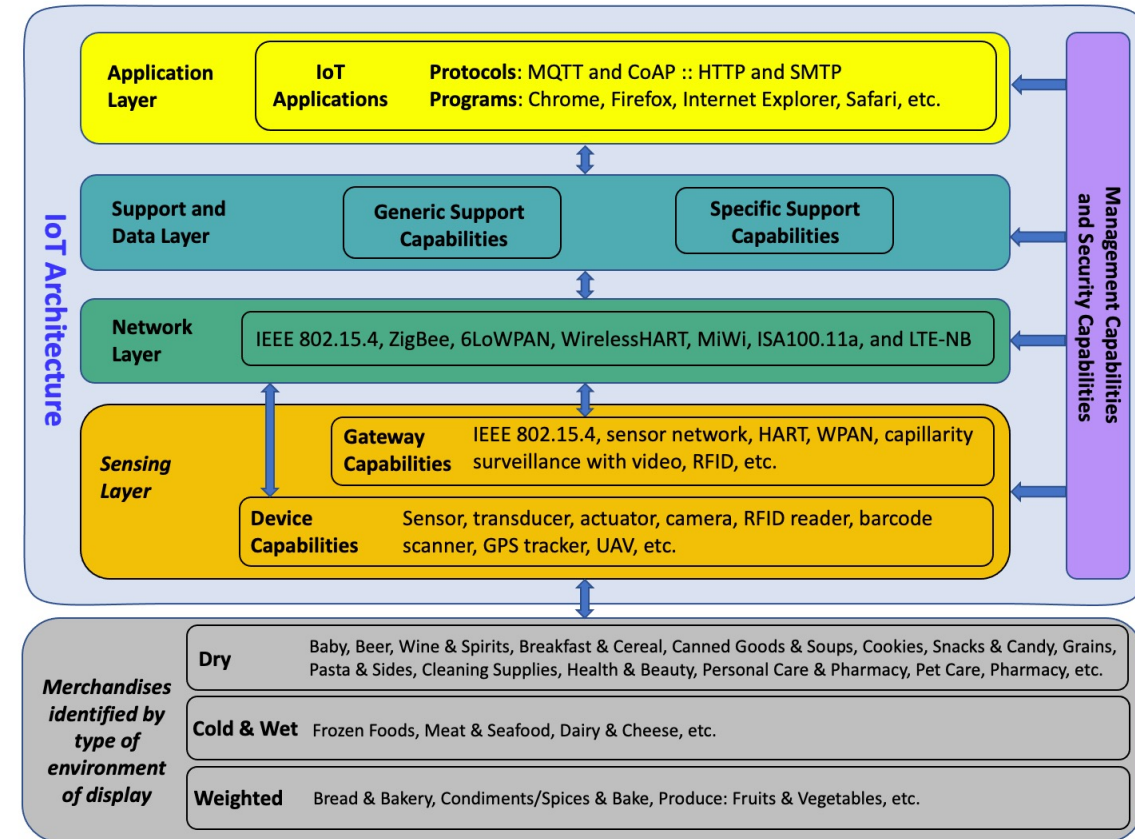
SYSTEM OVERVIEW – NETWORK LAYER

- Main challenges to overcome in this layer
 - Deal with a large concentration of sensors
 - Products position
 - Products can also be stored on upper shelves
 - Products can be inside of carts
 - Positioning algorithms are key for location tracking



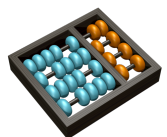
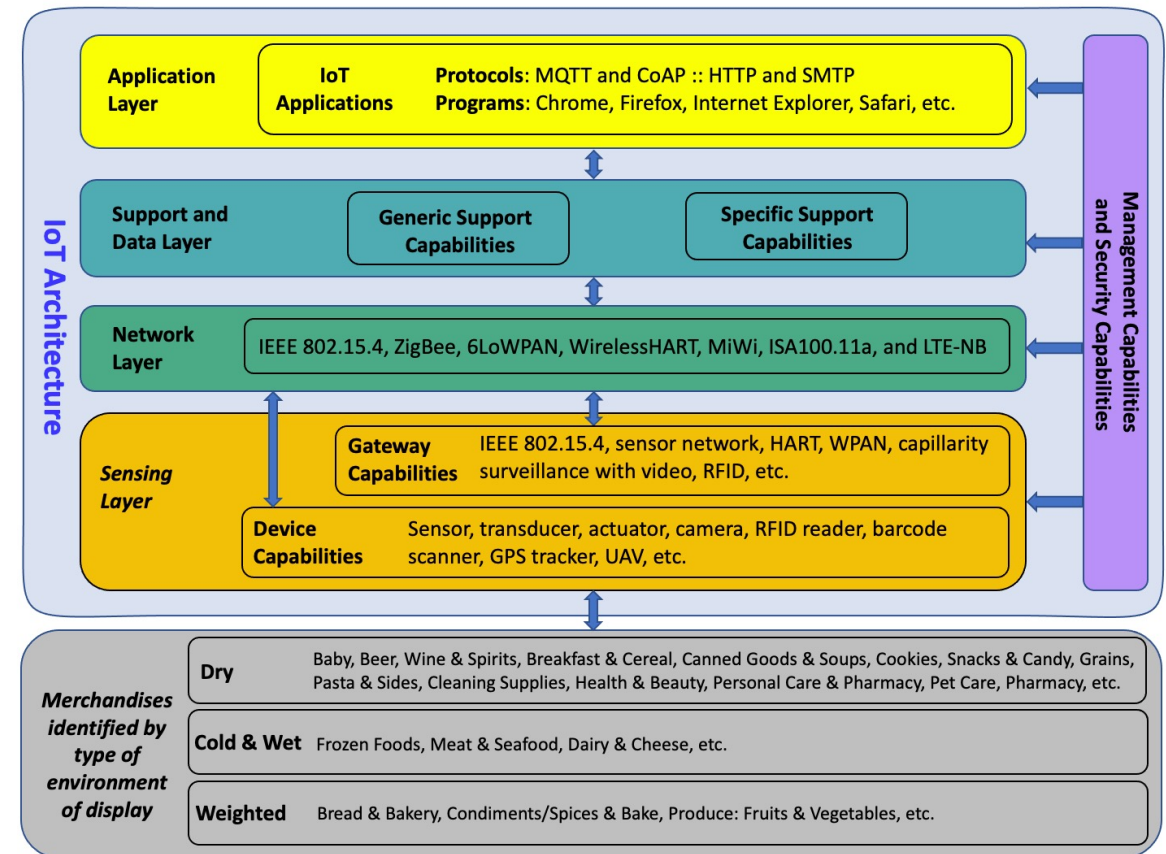
SYSTEM OVERVIEW – NETWORK LAYER (cont.)

- Wireless network must be designed to provide a strong and reliable connection
 - Line of sight condition
 - Propagation phenomena affect the signal strength
 - Shadow areas
- Latency
 - Massive data processing
 - Middleware devices



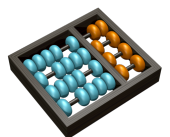
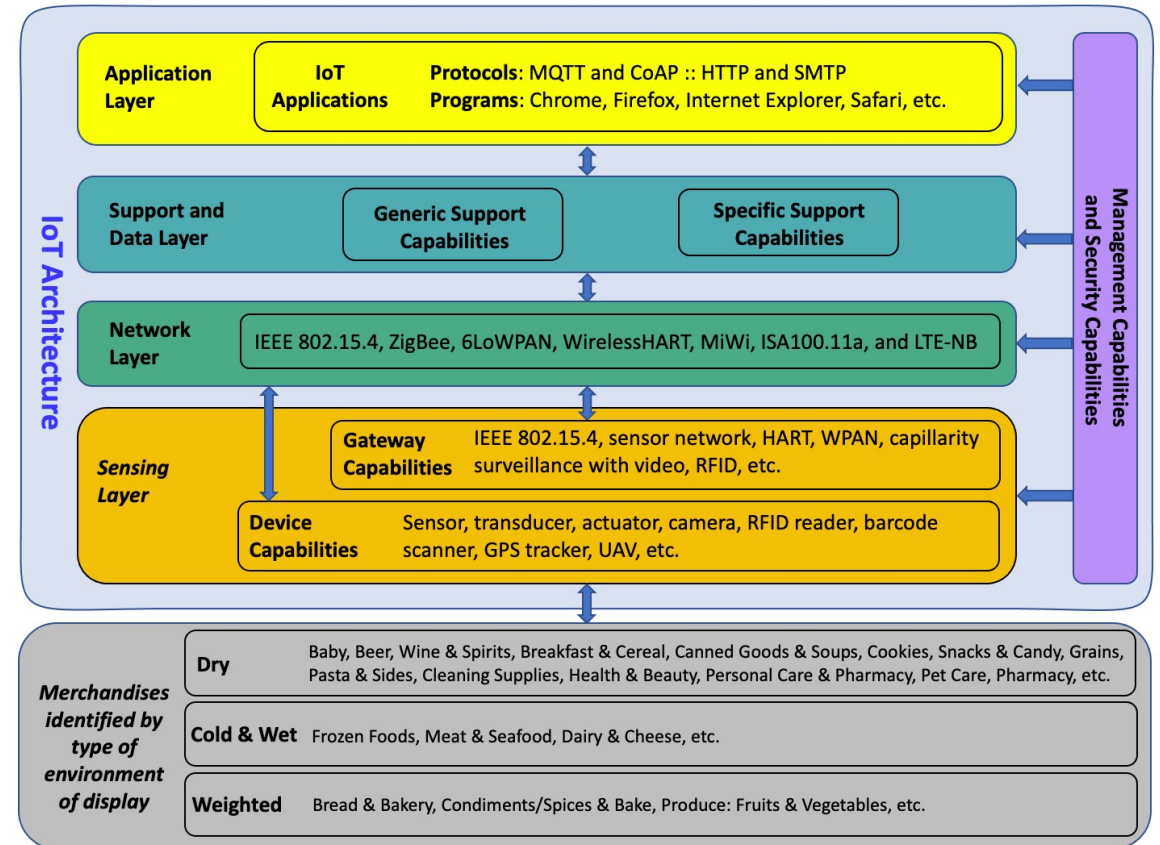
SYSTEM OVERVIEW – SUPPORT AND DATA LAYER

- Generic support capabilities
 - Data processing or
 - Data storage
- Specific support capabilities
 - Requirements of diversified applications
 - Various detailed capability groupings



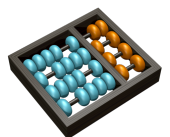
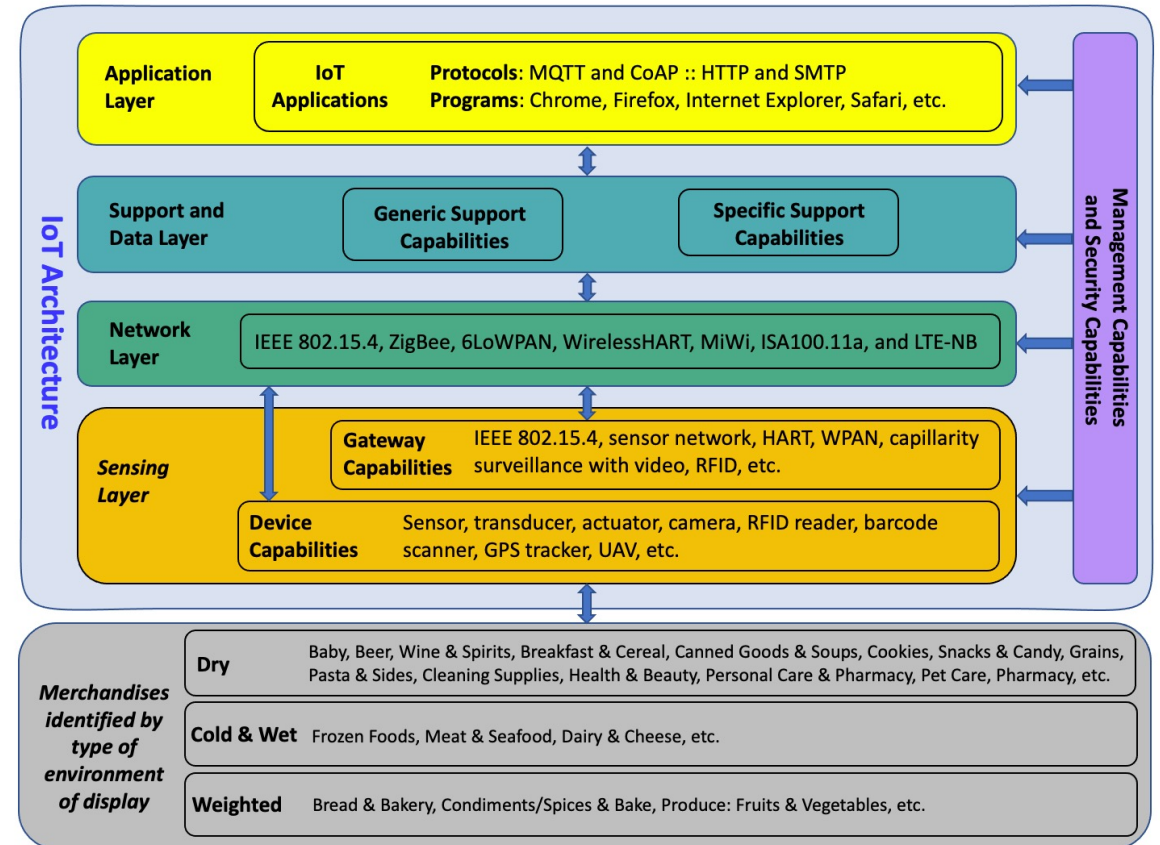
SYSTEM OVERVIEW – APPLICATION LAYER

- Contains IoT applications
 - Protocol definition
 - Program definition



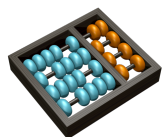
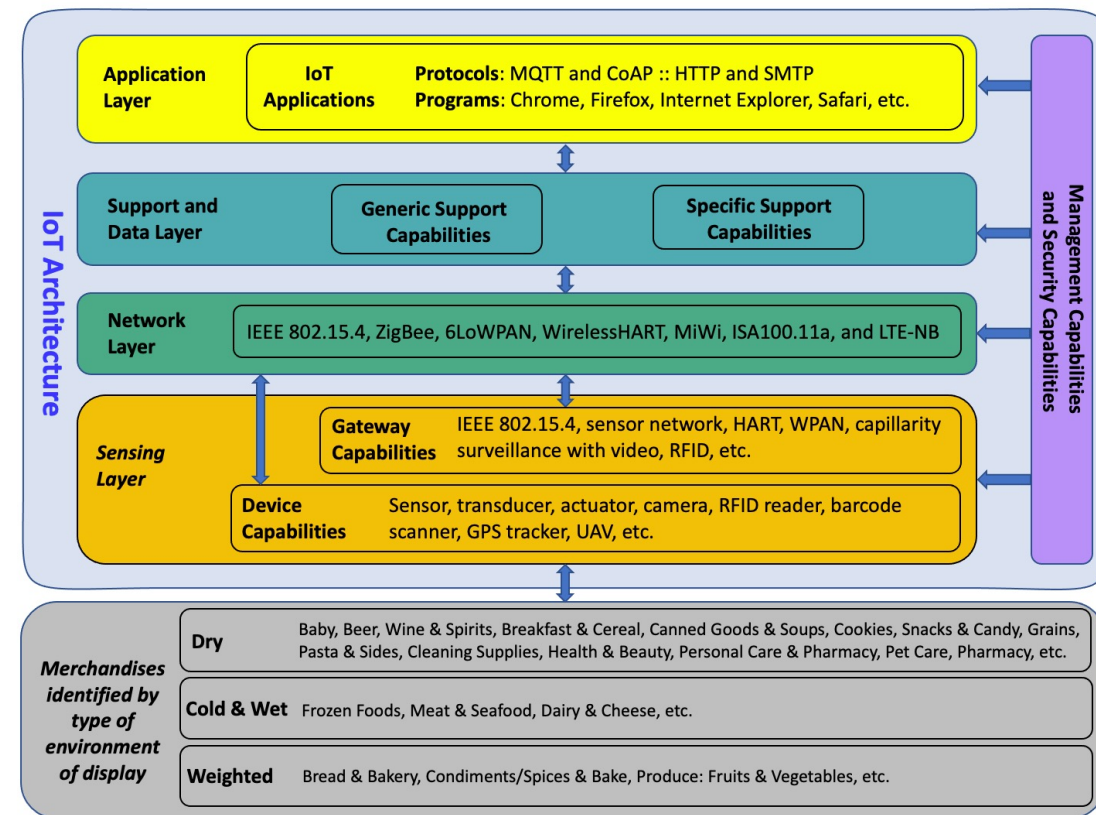
SYSTEM OVERVIEW – MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES LAYER

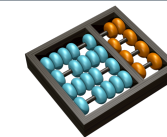
- IoT management capabilities
 - Traditional fault
 - Configuration
 - Accounting
 - Performance and security (FCAPS) classes
- Generic management capabilities
 - Device management
 - Local network topology management
 - Traffic and congestion management
- Specific management capabilities
 - Application-specific requirements



SYSTEM OVERVIEW – SECURITY CAPABILITIES LAYER

- Generic security capabilities are independent of applications
 - Application layer
 - Network layer
 - Device layer
- Specific security capabilities are closely coupled with application-specific requirements

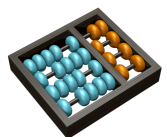




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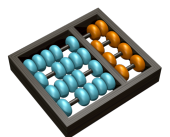
RESEARCH PROPOSAL – PROOF OF CONCEPT

- Build up environments to validate the architecture technical performance
 - Small Environment ≤ 100 SKUs
 - $100 < \text{Medium Environment} \leq 30.000$ SKUs
 - Large Environment > 30.000 SKUs
- Main features validation
 - Tag localization and navigation
 - Tag information storage and update
 - Tag insertion/ deletion
- This project requires stakeholder sponsorship



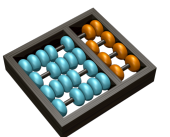
RESEARCH PROPOSAL – ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS

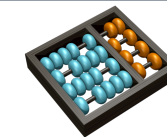
- Documentation
- Results
- Publication



RESEARCH PROPOSAL – CONCLUSION AND FURTHER RESEARCH

- Architecture technical performance
- Cost of the entire network vs. standard labor operation
- Cost-benefit analysis and user experience
- Further research
 - Integration with legacy systems
 - Attached passive sensors

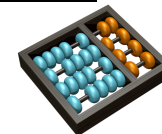


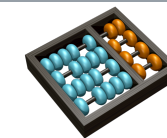


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Wireless Standards																								
Passive Sensor																								
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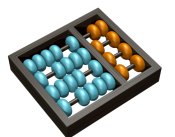




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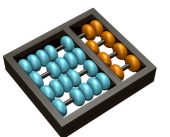
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