

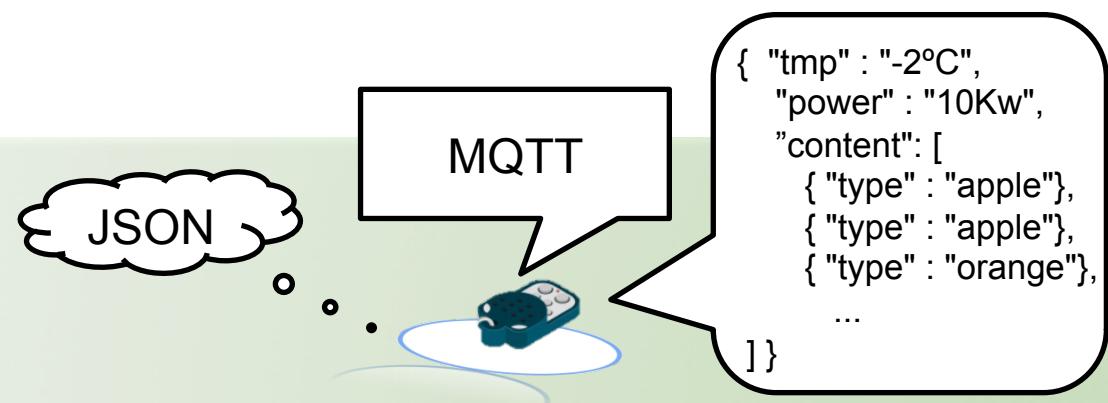


# eWoT: A Semantic Interoperability Approach for Heterogeneous IoT Ecosystems Based on the Web of Things

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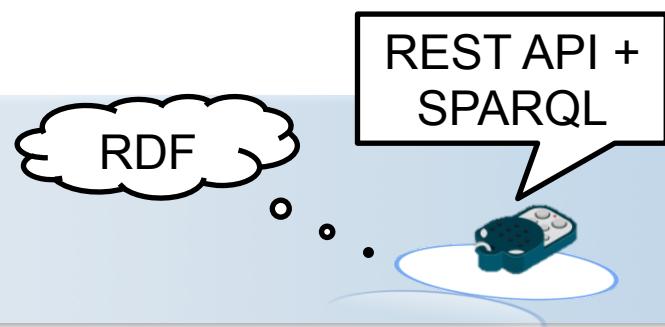
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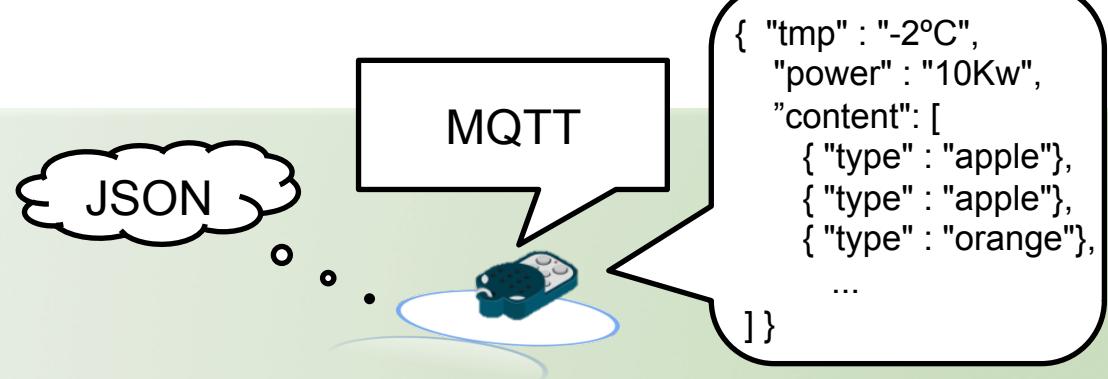


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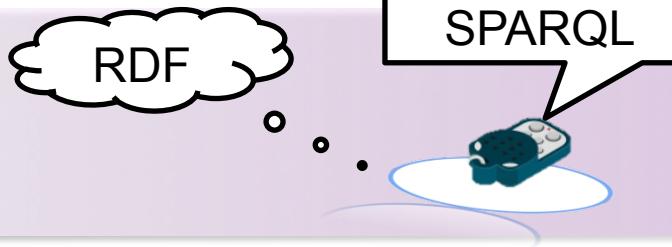
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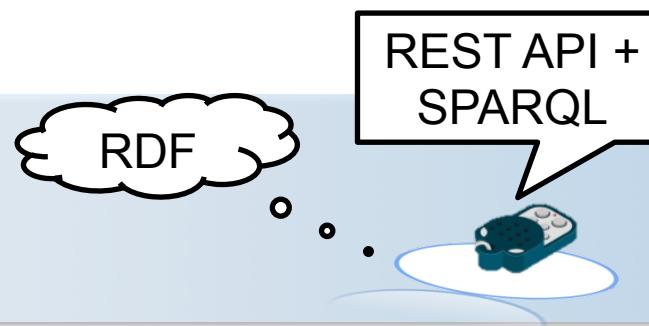
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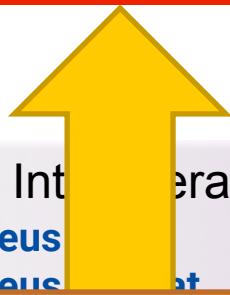
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Automatic thanks  
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Thing Descriptions

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RDF

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SAREF  
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JSON

MQTT

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{ "tmp" : "-2°C",  
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  "content": [  
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# WoT Thing Description (TD)



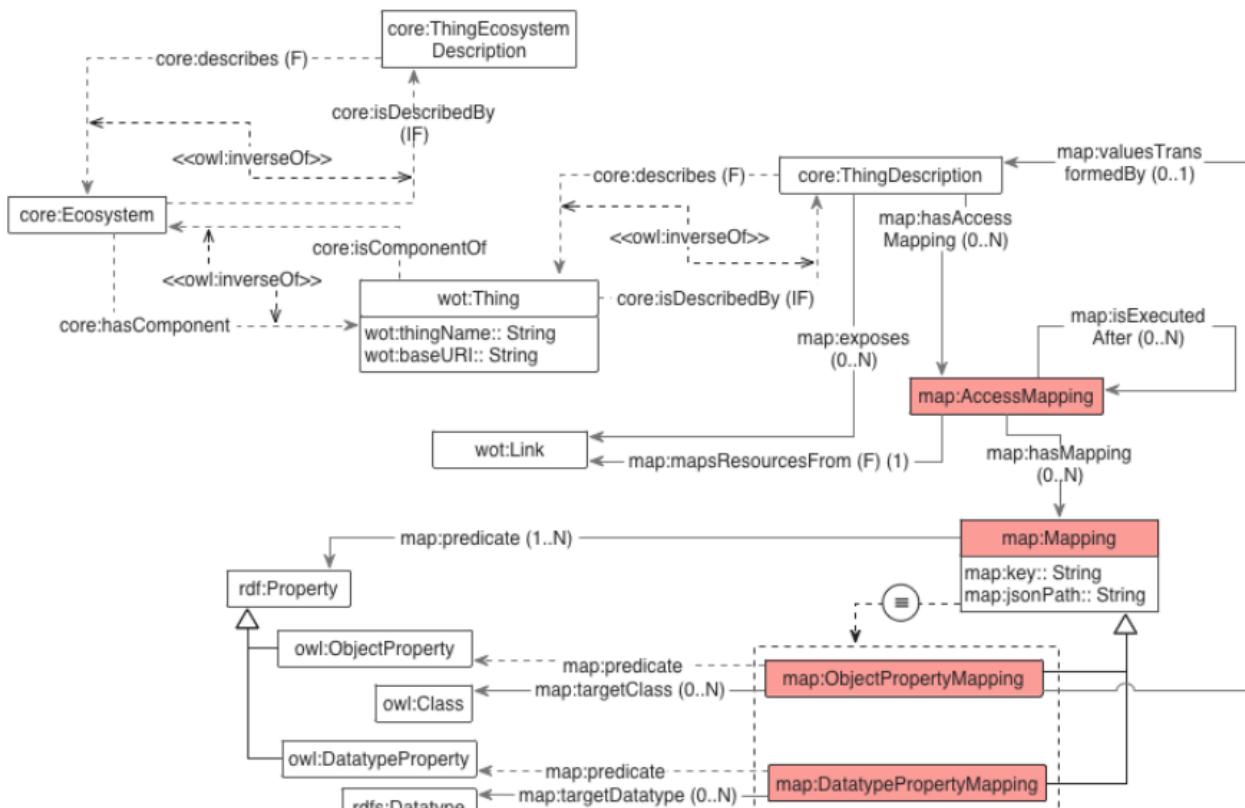
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Ontology:  
 wot: <http://iot.linkeddata.es/def/wot#>

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# WoT-Mappings (WoT-M)



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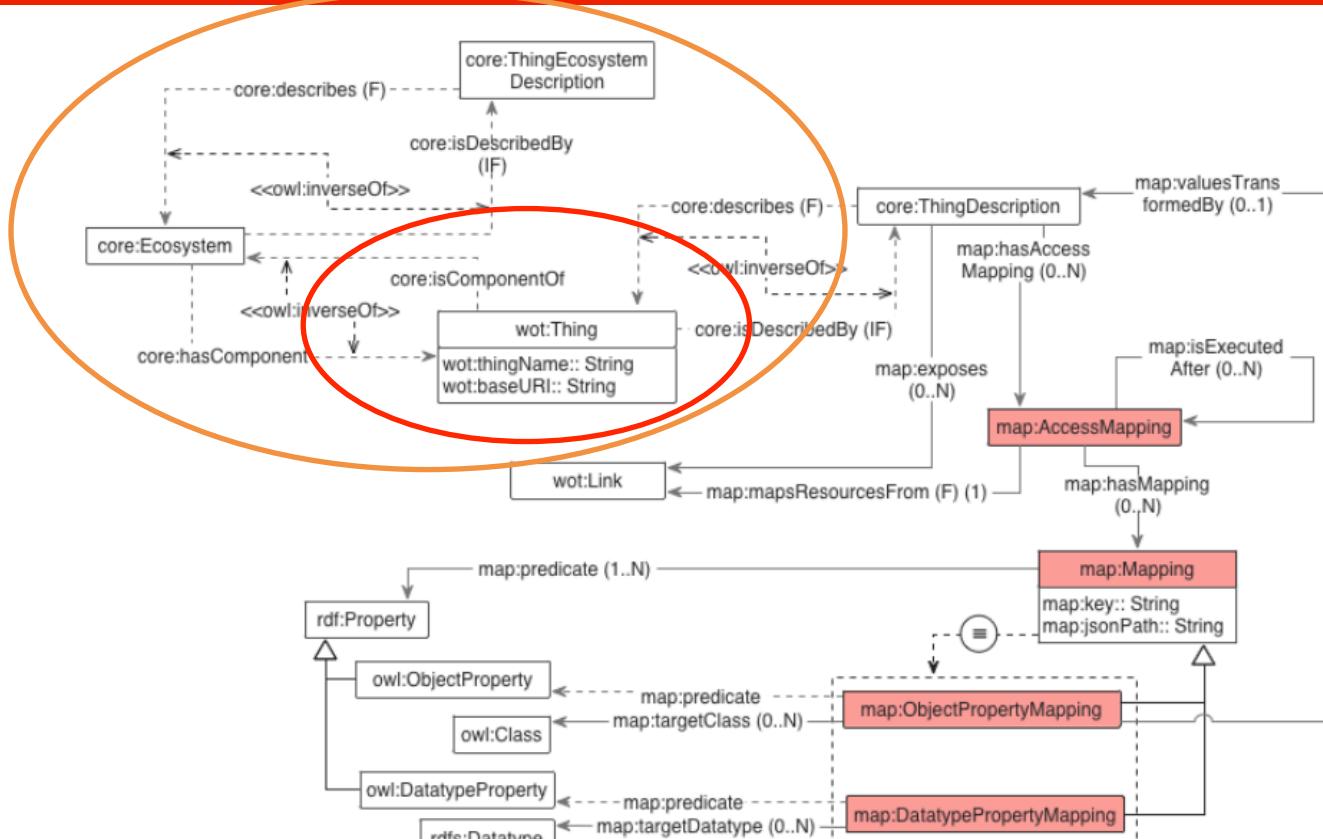
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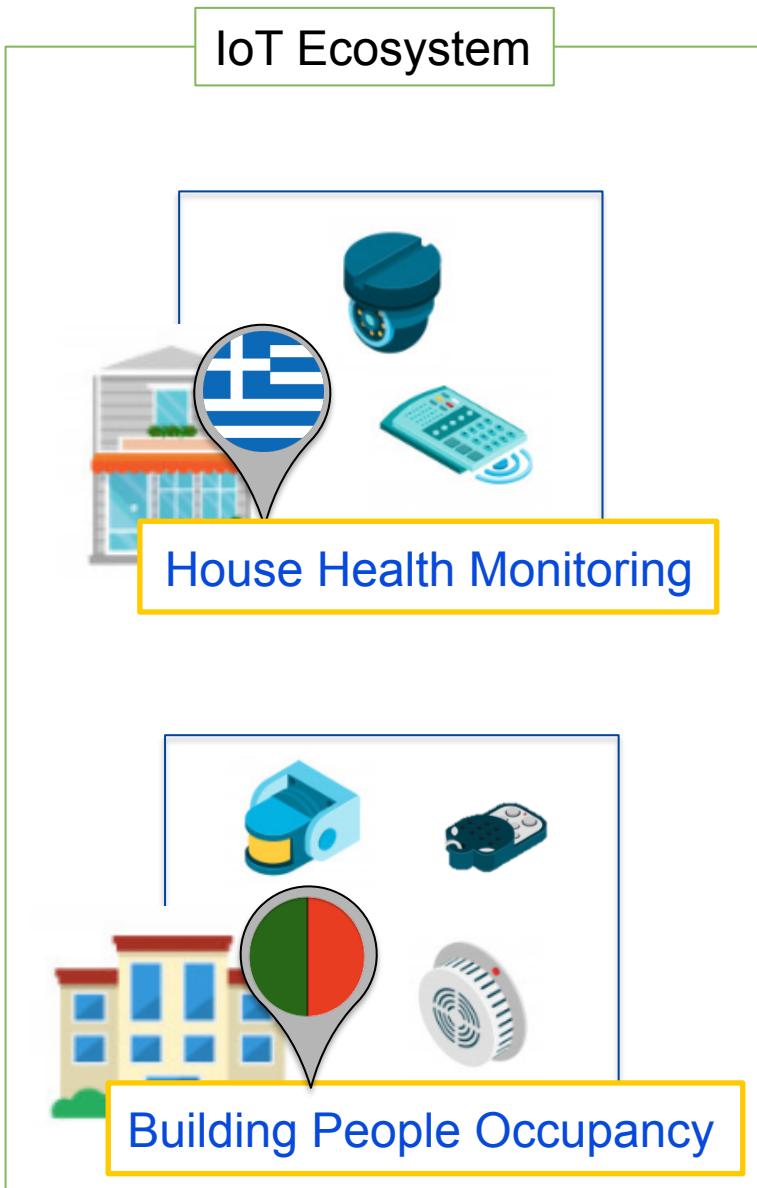
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# The concept of Thing Ecosystem Description (TED)



- TED:
  - Contains several sensors descriptions
    - WoT TD (access)
    - WoT-M (translate)
    - Contextual-data
      - Location
      - City
      - Country
      - Owner
      - ....

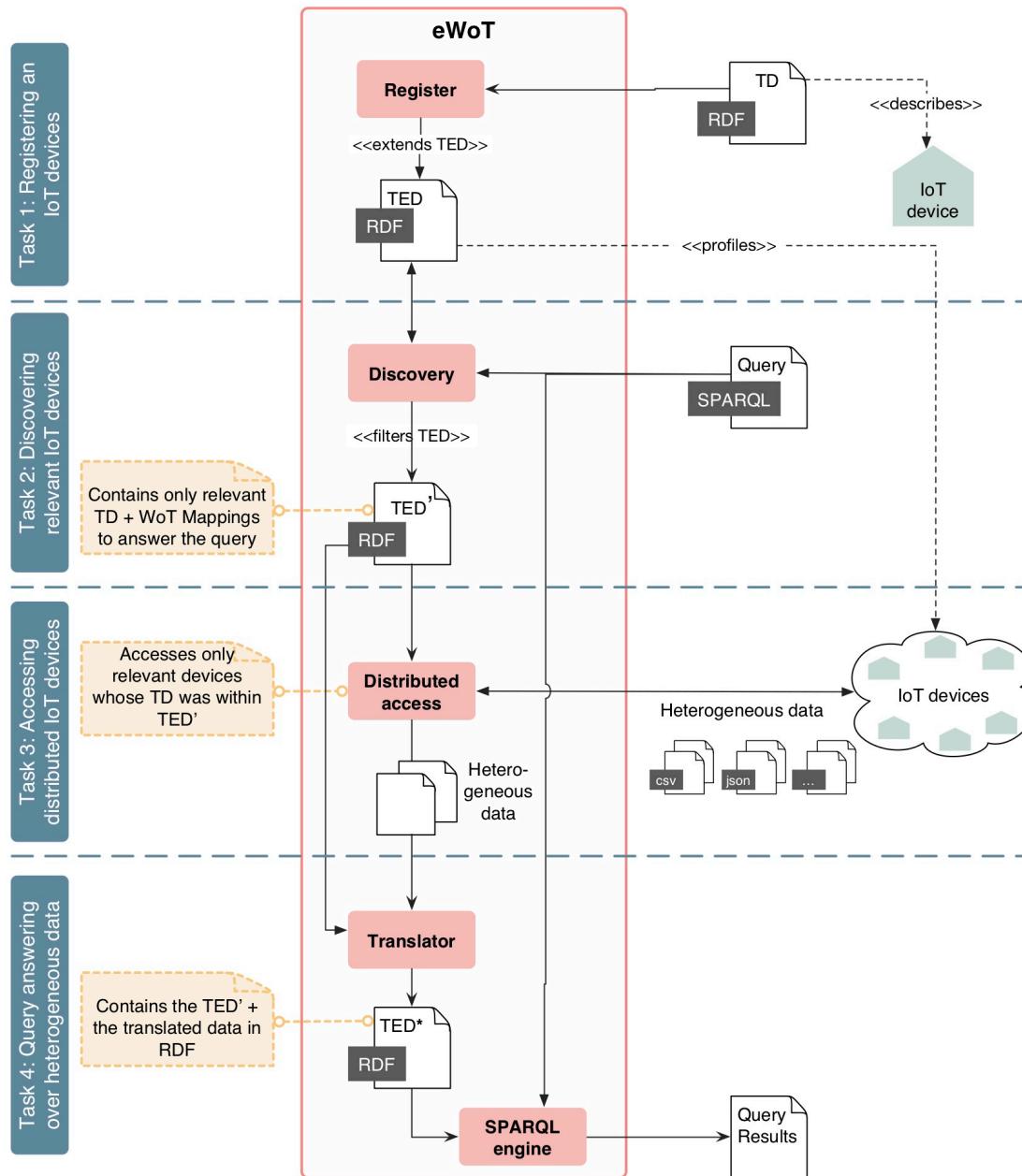
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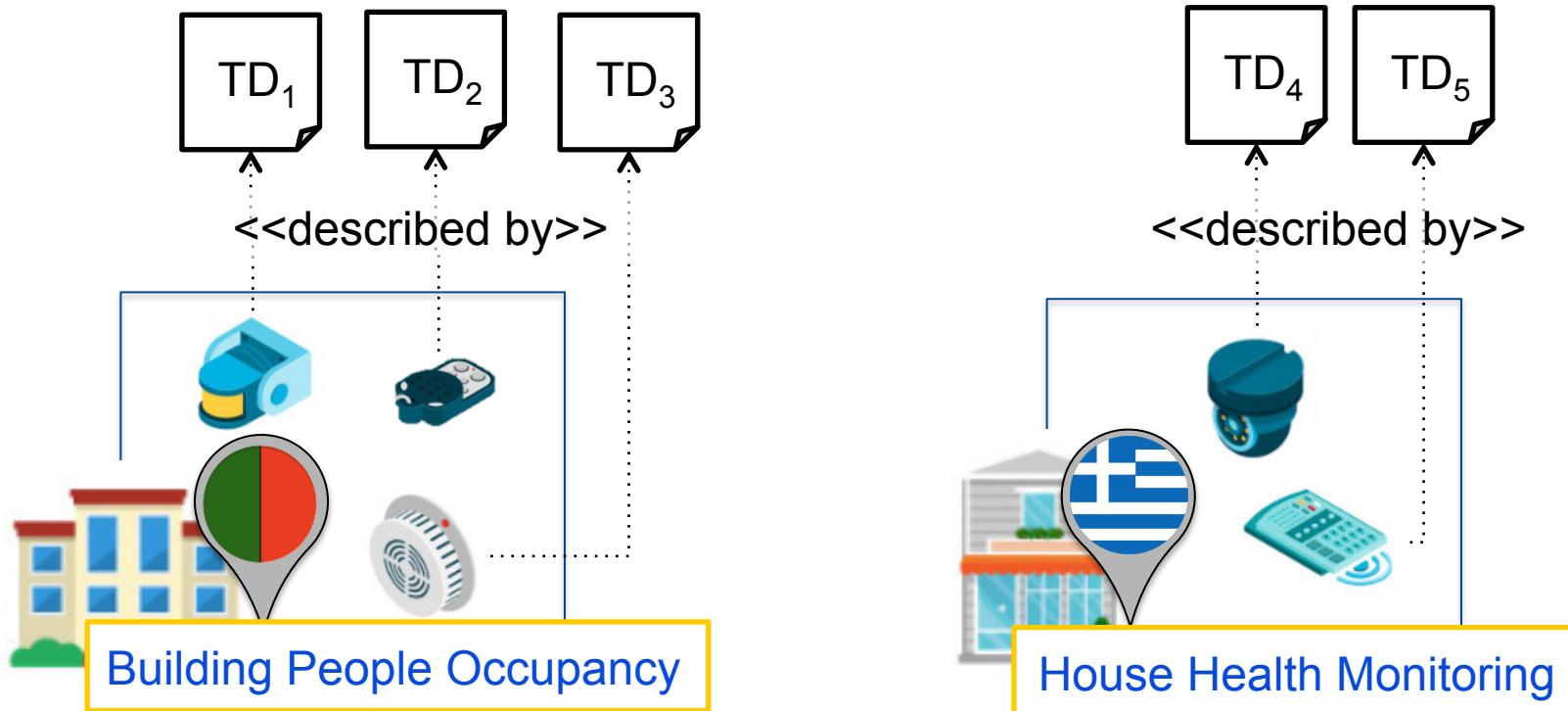
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  - Tasks implemented:
    - Registering new Thing Description
    - Discover relevant Thing Descriptions for a given SPARQL query
    - Distributed access to heterogeneous IoT infrastructures
      - Translation on the fly of their data
    - Solves SPARQL queries using data allocated in the Thing Descriptions, or coming from the IoT infrastructures.

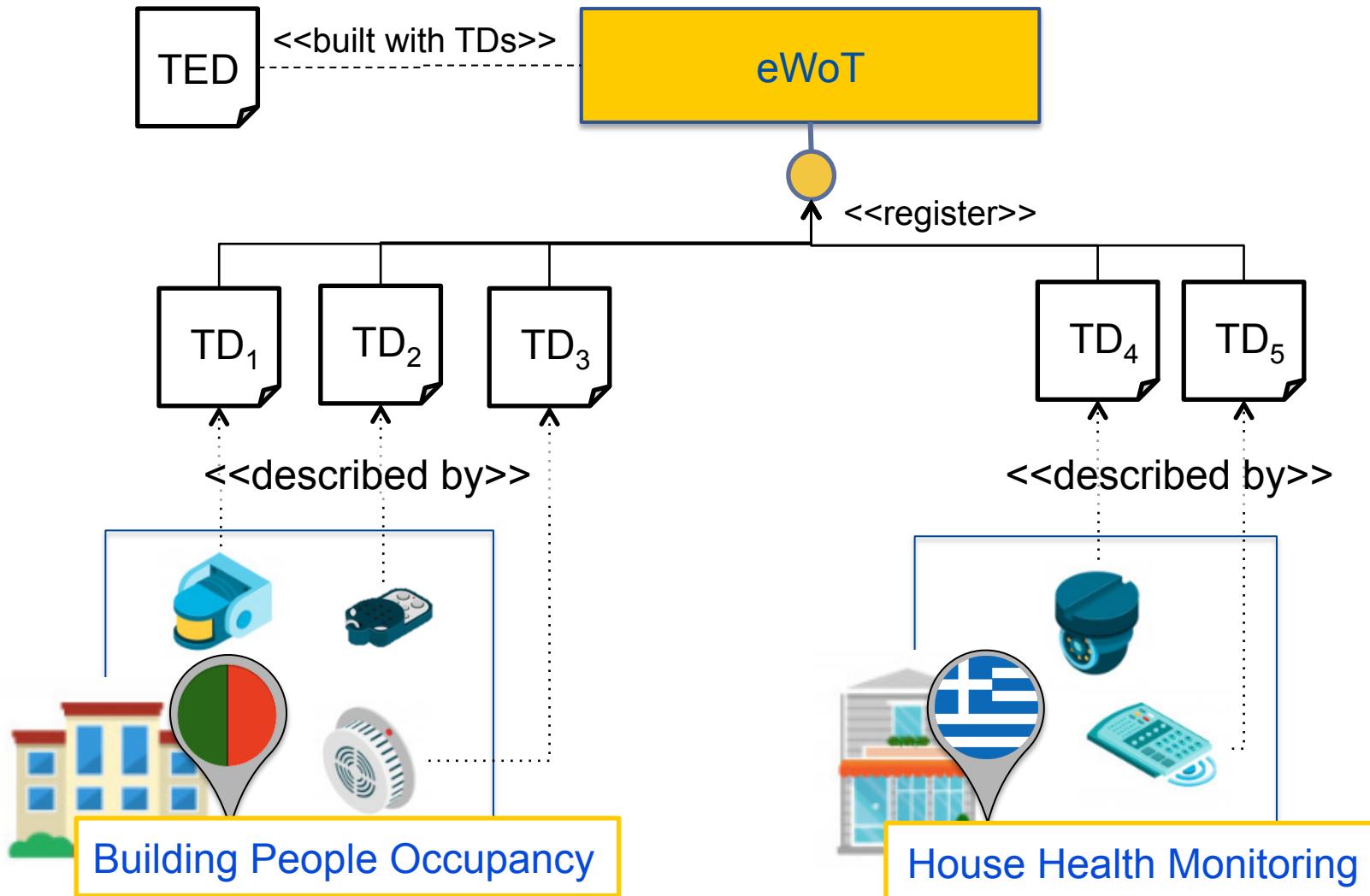
# The eWoT architecture



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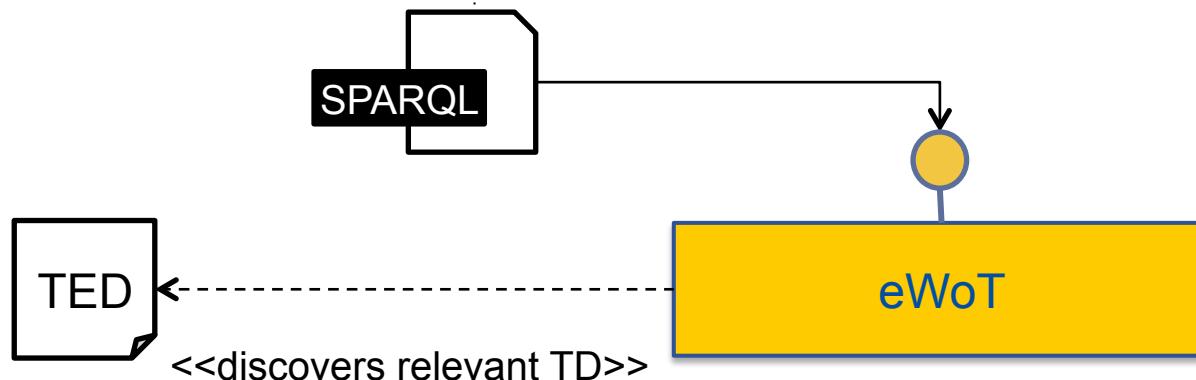
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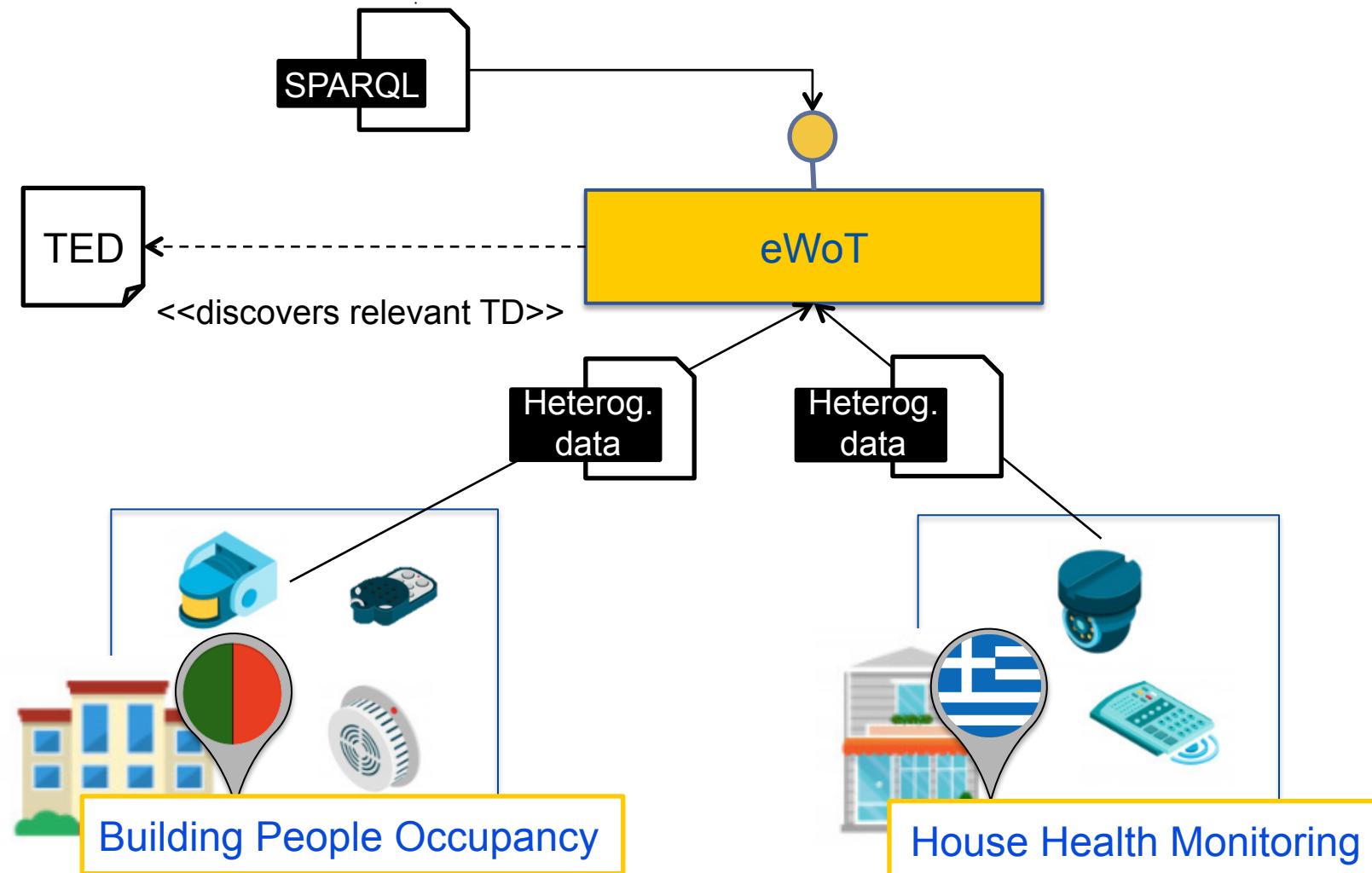
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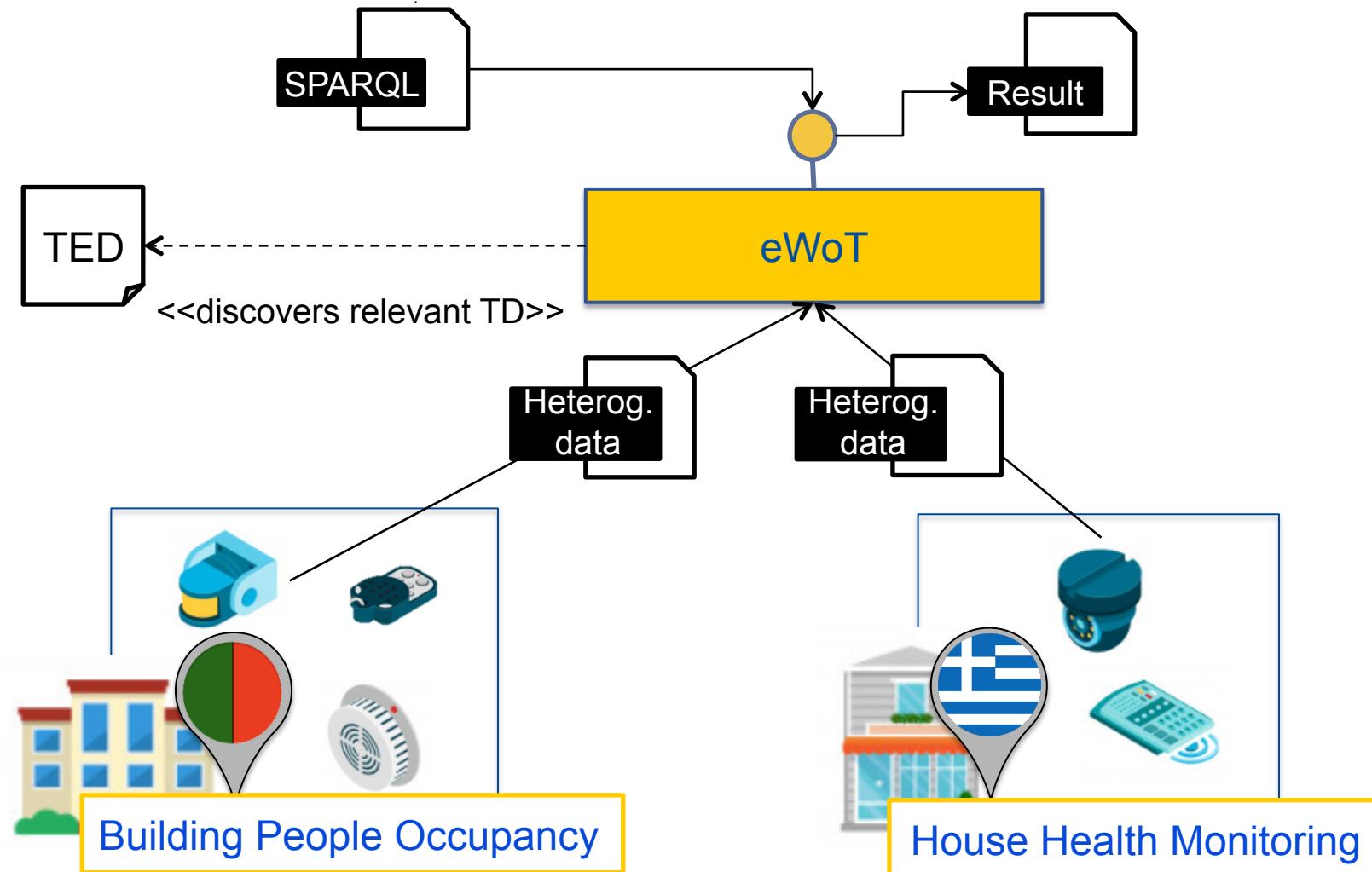


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# Enabling semantic interoperability: discovery + distributed access

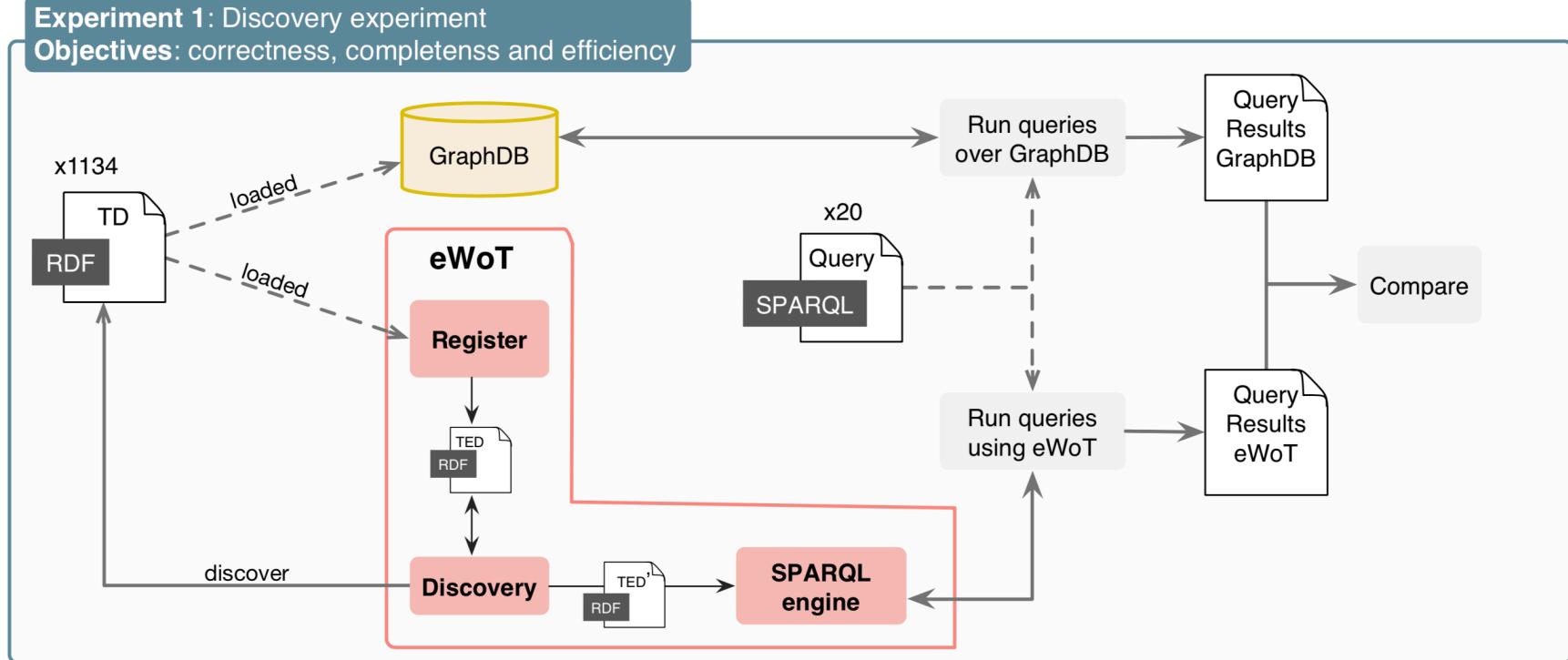
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## Experiment 1: Discovery experiment

**Objectives:** correctness, completeness and efficiency



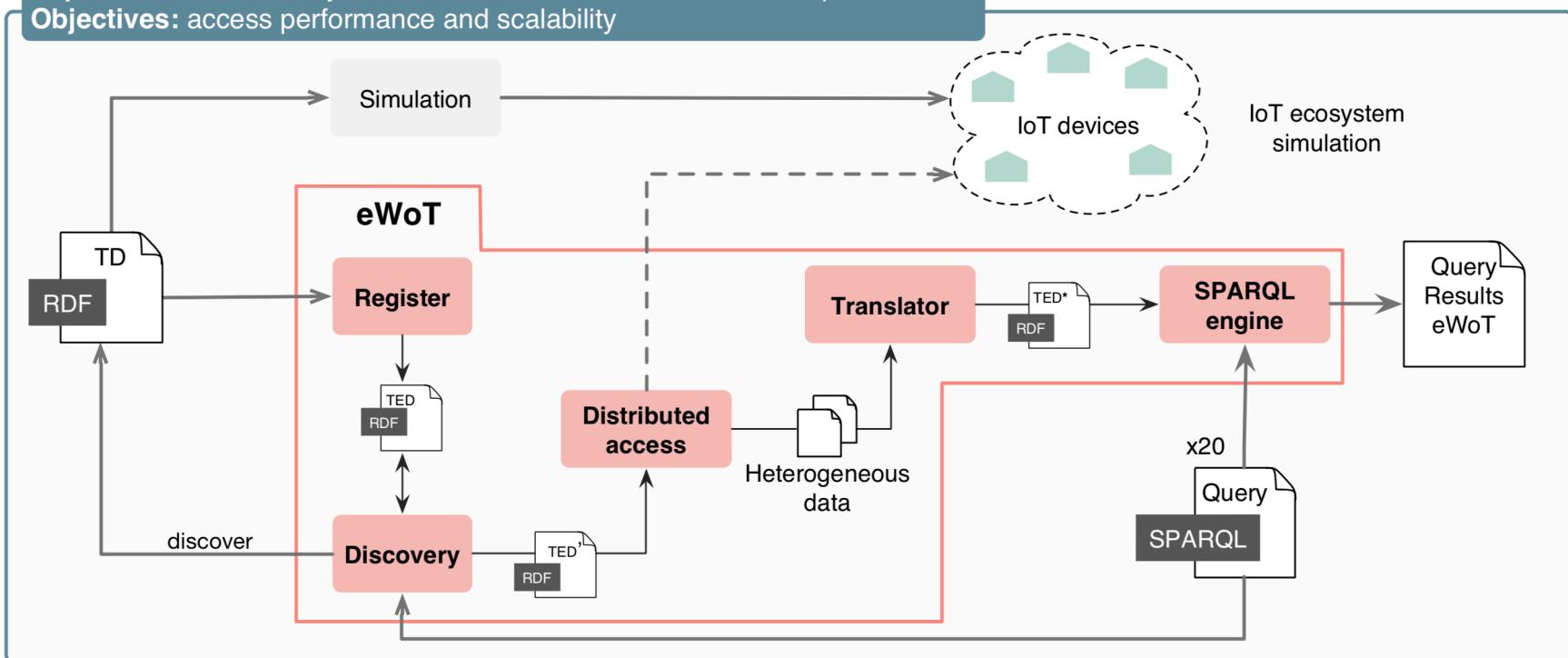
1.300 TDs stored in the GraphDB

# Experiment 1 - Results

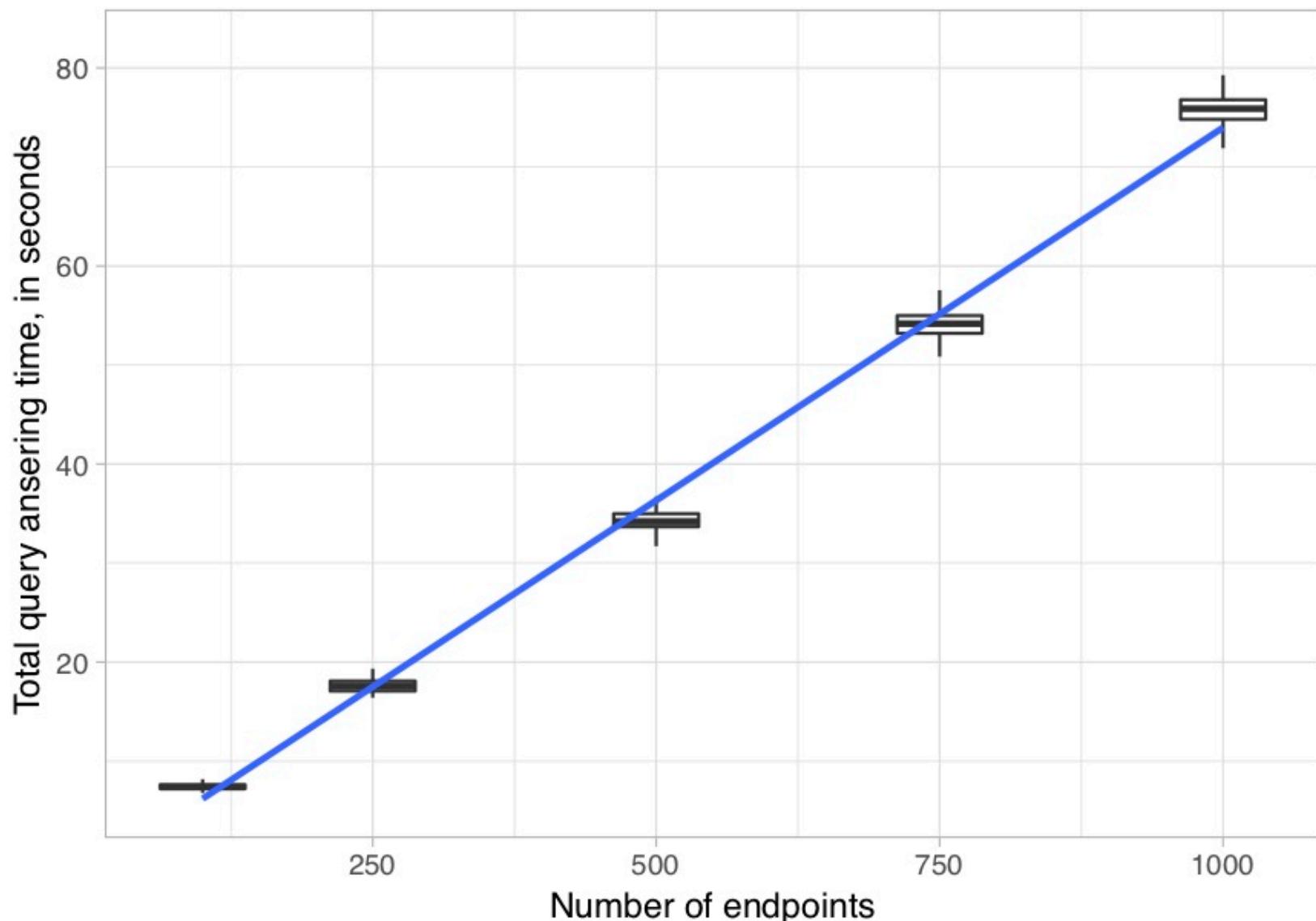
Query	GraphDB		eWoT	
	Answer size	Avg Time (s)	Answer size	Avg Time (s)
Linear 1	1520	0.08	1520	0.13
Linear 2	8832	0.09	8832	0.10
Linear 3	9120	0.10	9120	0.11
Linear 4	9120	0.16	9120	0.17
Star 1	4566	0.11	4566	0.11
Star 2	3603	0.06	3603	0.06
Star 3	5202	0.07	5202	0.07
Star 4	800000	24.78	800000	25.78
Tree 1	39258	0.48	39258	0.57
Tree 2	506529	10.23	506529	9.24
Tree 3	506529	15.48	506529	20.98
Tree 4	800000	35.4	800000	37.89
Cycle 1	259	0.02	259	0.02
Cycle 2	1150	0.10	1150	0.09
Complex 1	852042	25.68	852042	28.73
Complex 2	317040	7.15	317040	13.89
Complex 3	217500	11.80	217500	11.32
Complex 4	215700	6.46	215700	10.84
Complex 5	215700	11.20	215700	10.32
Complex 6	215700	12.12	215700	15.23

## Experiment 2: Discovery, Distributed Access, and Translation experiment

**Objectives:** access performance and scalability



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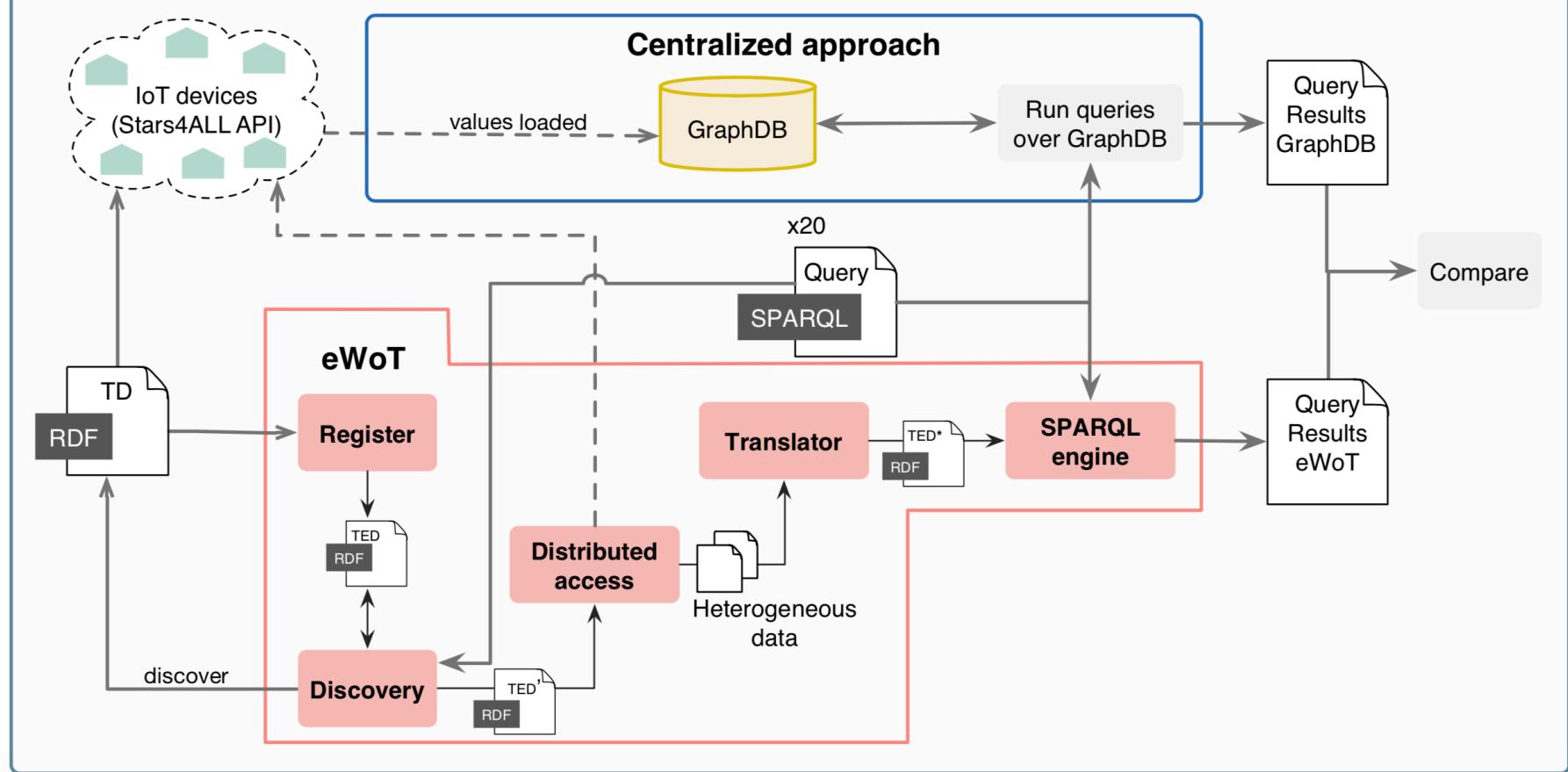
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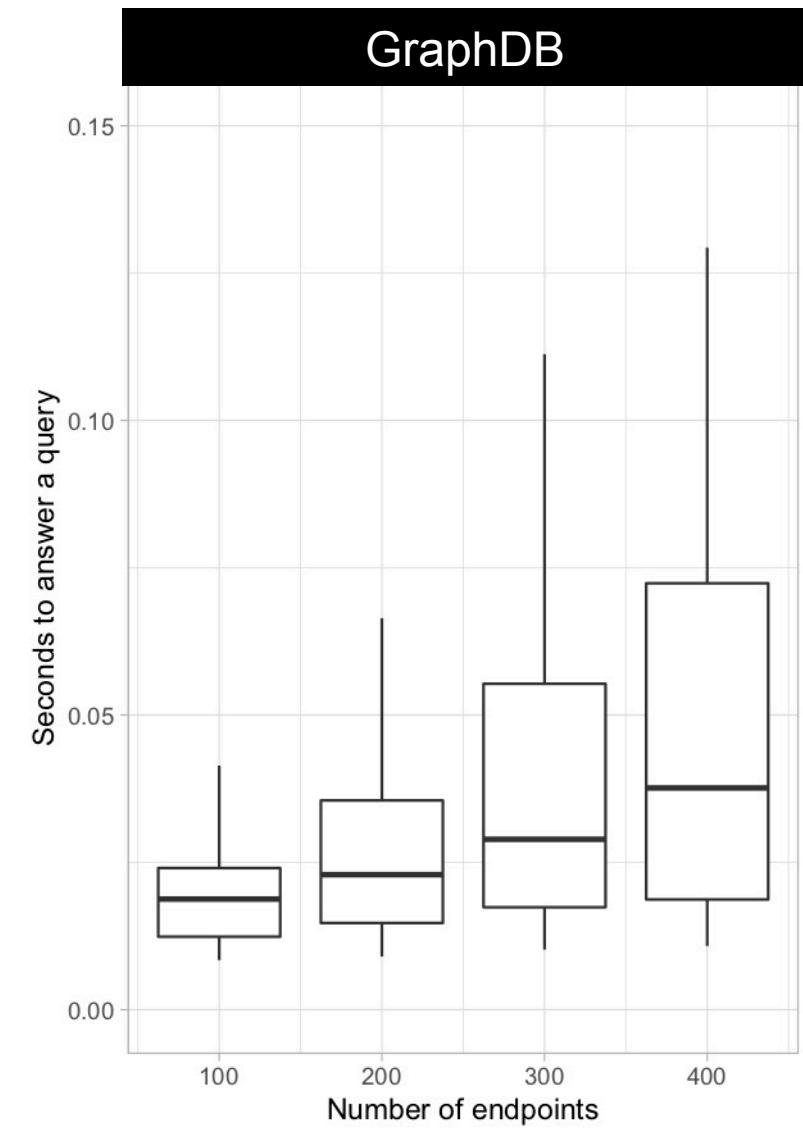
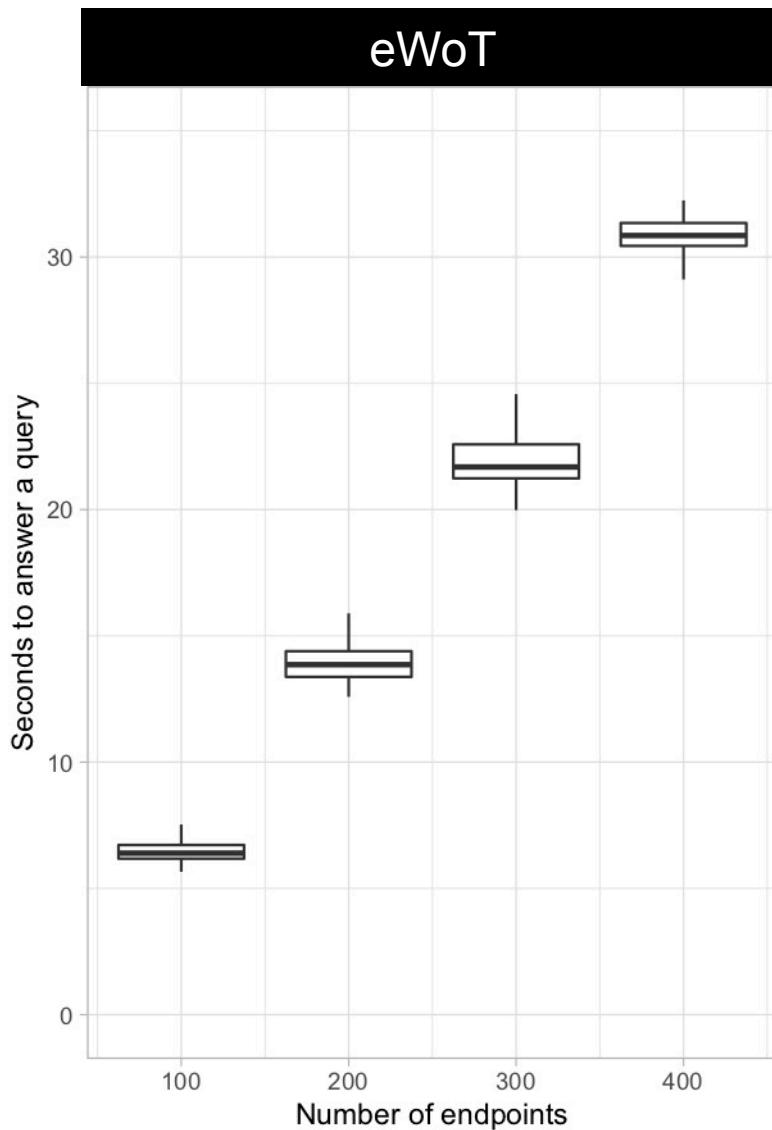
Query type	Query answering time in %									
	100 Endpoints		250 Endpoints		500 Endpoints		750 Endpoints		1000 Endpoints	
	Discovery (%)	Access (%)	Discovery (%)	Access (%)	Discovery (%)	Access (%)	Discovery (%)	Access (%)	Discovery (%)	Access (%)
Complex 1	0.93	0.07	0.94	0.06	0.96	0.04	0.95	0.05	0.96	0.04
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Complex 3	0.95	0.05	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04
Complex 4	0.95	0.05	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04
Complex 5	0.95	0.05	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04
Complex 6	0.95	0.05	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04
Complex 7	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04
Complex 8	0.95	0.05	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04	0.96	0.04
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## Experiment 3: eWoT vs Centralised approach experiment

**Objectives:** test approaches in real world scenario



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- Available at:
  - <https://github.com/oeg-upm/eWoT>



- Implement mappings to translate from RDF to heterogeneous sources
- Improve discovery algorithm to cope with larger scenarios

- European Project VICINITY H2020



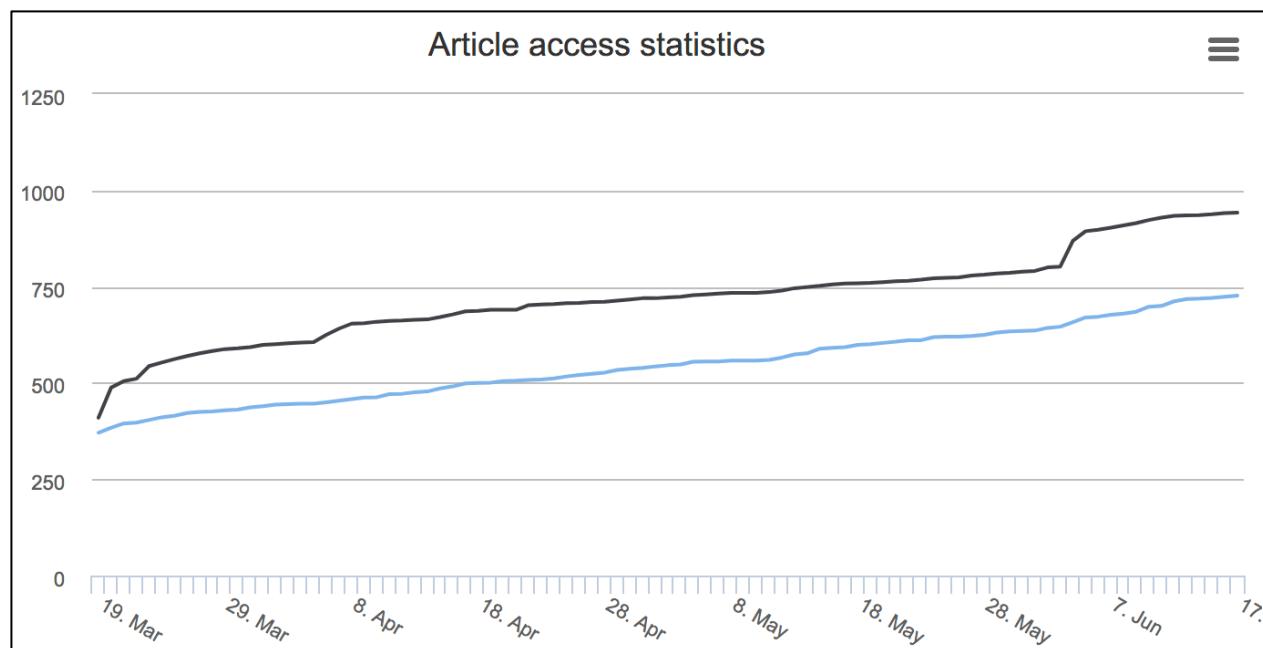
- Partially re-used in the European Project DELTA H20230



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- **W3C Web of Thing:**
  - Discovery working group
  - eWoT discovery algorithm as main contribution
  - Potentially, WoT-Mapping as secondary contributions



- **Specialist Task Force 589:**
  - Semantic Discovery and Query in oneM2M
  - Bringing the whole eWoT approach as contribution
  - Improving current OneM2M semantic discovery with the eWoT discovery algorithm



