

## Conclusions

Sanjay Sarma

Dean of Digital Learning, Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

# YOU HAVE JUST SEEN SEVERAL TOPICS COVERING...

Applications

Smart  
Cities

Smart  
Building  
s

Smart  
Homes

Airports

Hospital  
s

Transpor  
tation

System  
Design

Networking

Architecture

Data  
Management

Security

Component  
Technologies

Location

Sensors

Interface  
s

Set-up

Robotics

Vehicles



PROFESSIONAL  
EDUCATION

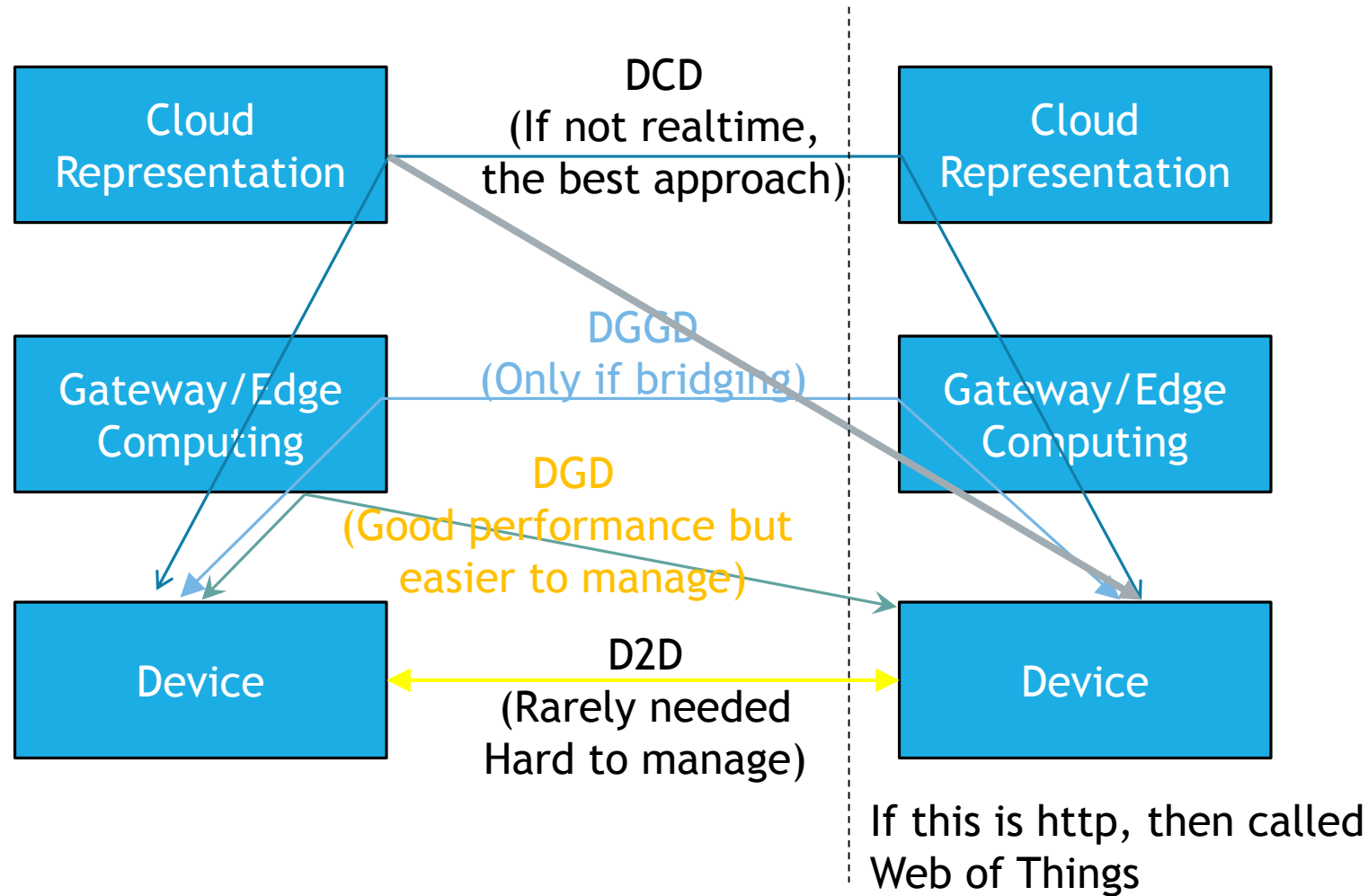


The Internet of Things: Roadmap to a Connected World

© 2016 Massachusetts Institute of Technology



# COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES



# TODAY: WALLED GARDENS

NEST, Home Kit, Smart Hub are independent ecosystems.

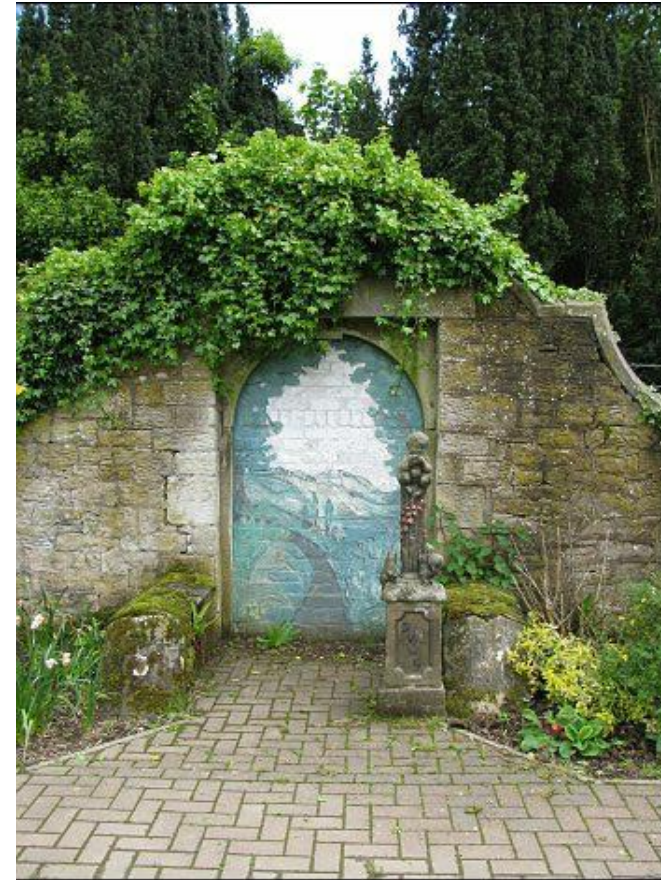
- Industrial the same.

The gardens are expanding at the expense of the device manufacturers:

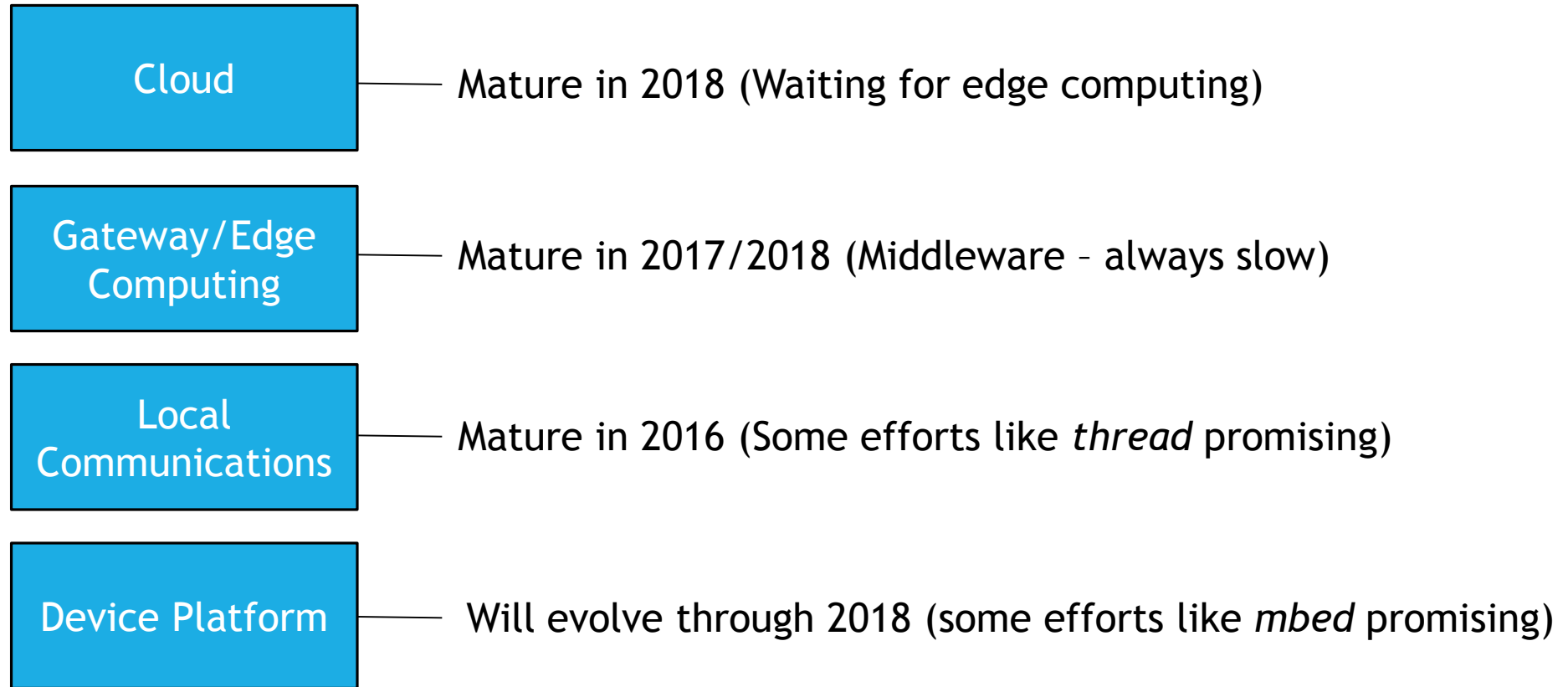
- Jawbone, for example, works with both NEST and Home Kit.

When will the gardens talk to each other?

- The issues are at all layers



# SYSTEM ROADMAP: BEYOND WALLED GARDENS



# SARMA'S VIEW

As I have said, I believe that web standards are the way to go: http, mashups, etc.

- Check out: Building the Web of Things  
Dominique D. Guinard and Vlad M. Trifa.  
ISBN 9781617292682
- (disclosure: Dom's former student)

Lift things to the cloud when possible.

Local controller/gateway for performance

# SO, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

1. Do something.
  - Why? Because IoT is in your future, and IoT literacy is essential.
  - IoT is very *personal* to your company. You need to figure out how it will impact *your* business.
  - If you work with a consultant, find a *process* rather than IT consultant. IT will come later.
2. Build a real system and try to use it.
3. Learn and iterate. Put iteration cycles above “solidity”.

# IF YOU ARE A BEGINNER: WHERE TO START?

## START SMALL AND BE PATIENT

1. Pick a single but complete example pilot
2. Pick something with a clear value proposition
  - Does your plant struggle with the level of a tank?
  - Are there machines that are not turned off at night?
  - *Make sure you pick a failsafe application*
3. Instrument for measurement
4. Do controls - i.e., use actuators
5. Observe and measure
6. Be patient and search for insights



# HOW TO IMPLEMENT

Do it “internally” - but with fresh blood. Not for an enterprise architect.

Pick a non-real-time application

Use off-the shelf technology at the edge

- For example, a Raspberry Pie

Simplify communications

- No point dealing with exotic protocols
- Do that later, but wires OK initially

Implement through the cloud

- Make it easy to configure
- Log data for later analysis
- Perhaps use mashup approach (See, for example, *Building the Web of Things* by Dominique D. Guinard and Vlad M. Trifa.)

# IF YOU ARE A MATURING USER

What is your security policy?

- Have you assessed threats?

How easy is it to maintain your system

- Can you monitor your system easily?
- Can you maintain security when you make changes? (Does your plumber need to be an IT specialist)
- Can you update your system?

What is your architecture?

# IF YOU ARE A PRODUCT COMPANY

Where in the ecosystem will you play?

What is the architecture you should use?

- Security
- Updateability
- Expandability

What is your business model?

- Purchase?
- Subscribe?
- Advertisements?

What

Just do it. Thoughtfully.

# CONCLUSION

# The Internet of Things: Roadmap to a Connected World

# THANK YOU!

## Sanjay Sarma

Dean of Digital Learning, Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

# *the* Internet *f* Things

*Roadmap to a Connected World*

## Thank You!