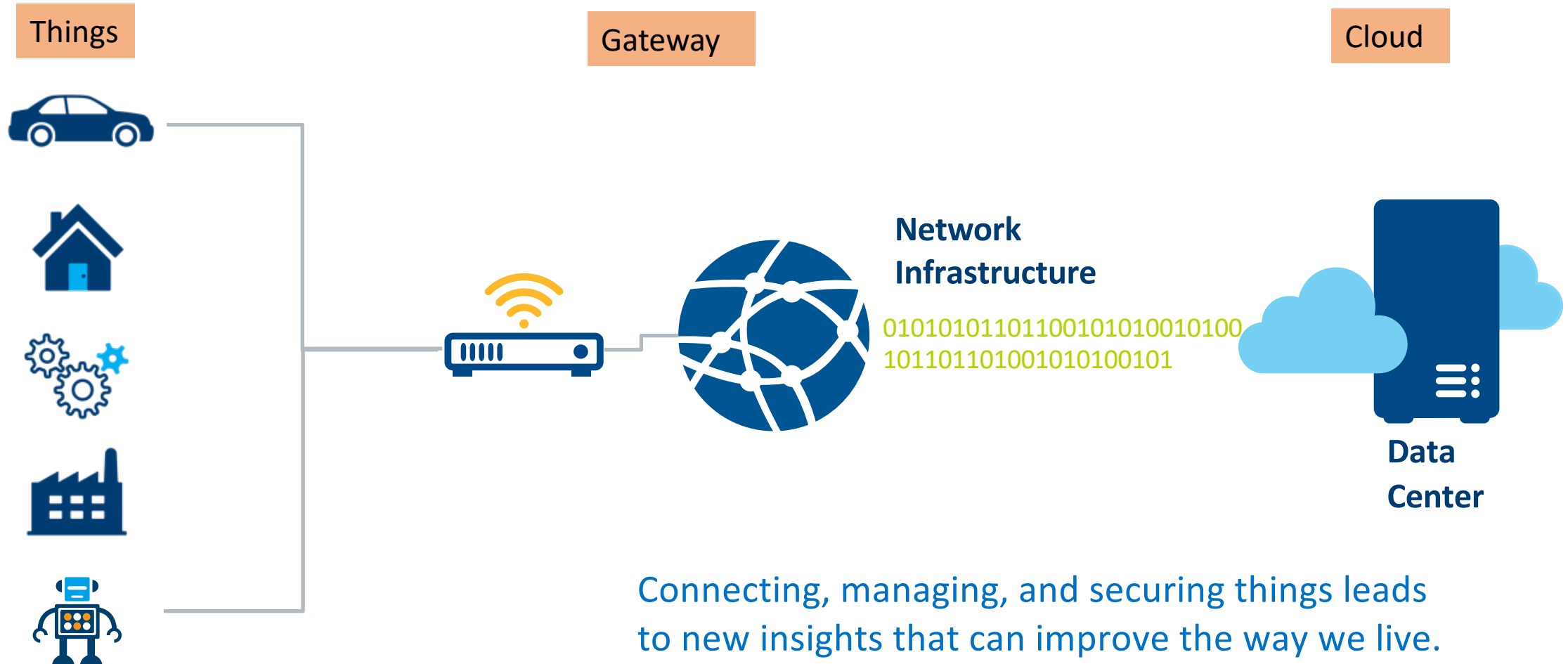# IoT Architecture

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IoT Overview

83B devices will be connected to the Internet by **2024**[1]

Things

Gateway

Cloud

Network Infrastructure

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Data Center

Connecting, managing, and securing things leads to new insights that can improve the way we live.

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IoT Architecture – 3 Layered Approach

Application Layer

Network or Connectivity or Communication Layer

Perception or Physical Layer

Perception or Physical Layer

- Contains sensors, actuators and edge devices
  - Sensors – temperature, humidity, camera, light, hall effect, piezo-electric, sound, touch, soil moisture sensor, EEG sensor, ECG sensor, pulse oximeter
    - Transforms analog signal into digital signal using sensors
  - Actuators – stepper motor, electric motor, infusion pump, temperature valves
    - Transforms digital signals into analog forms using actuators
  - Edge devices – Arduino, Raspberry-pi, Edison
    - Connect to sensors/actuators
- Interacts with the environment to sense the surrounding, collect data and send it to the gateway

Network/Connectivity Layer

- Transmits the data collected by the perception layer to servers, gateways or cloud and vice versa

- Communication protocols
  - Wifi, ethernet, Bluetooth, Zigbee, LoRA, MQTT, Cellular networks,
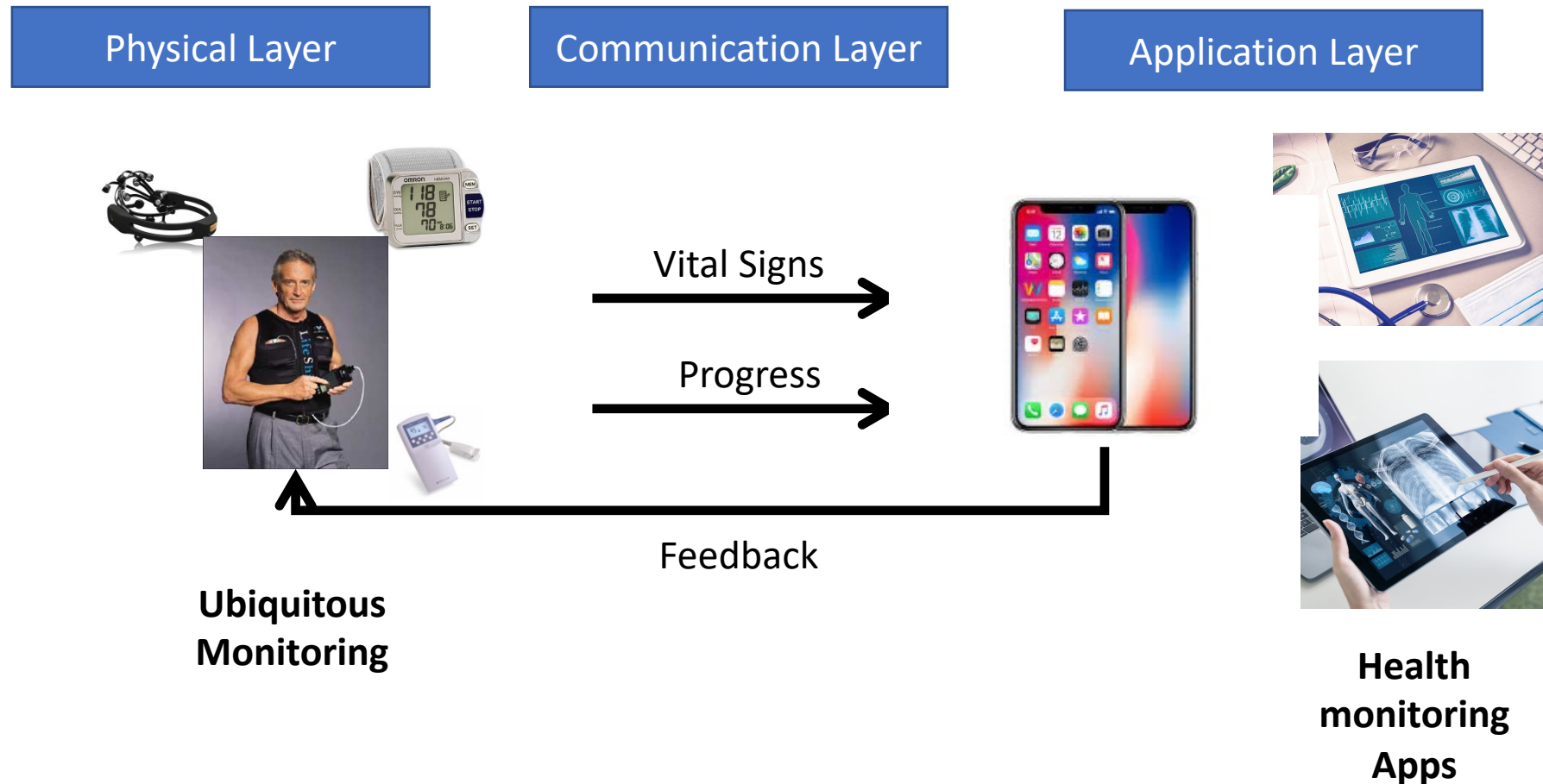
Application Layer

- Provides API to monitor, analyze, visualize and control IoT systems (edge devices/gateways)

- Revolutionizes various vertical markets to address their business needs by supporting mobile applications, different use cases etc

IoT architecture – healthcare use case

• Care any place and any time

Physical Layer

Communication Layer

Application Layer

Vital Signs

Progress

Feedback

Ubiquitous Monitoring

Health monitoring Apps

IoT Architecture – 5 Layered Approach

Business Layer

Application Layer

Processing Layer

Network or Connectivity or Communication Layer

Perception or Physical Layer

Processing Layer

- A software that provides APIs to devices/sensors to connect to gateways

- Analyzes data collected from the perception layer to provide meaningful insights before it gets send to the cloud i.e. computation at the edge
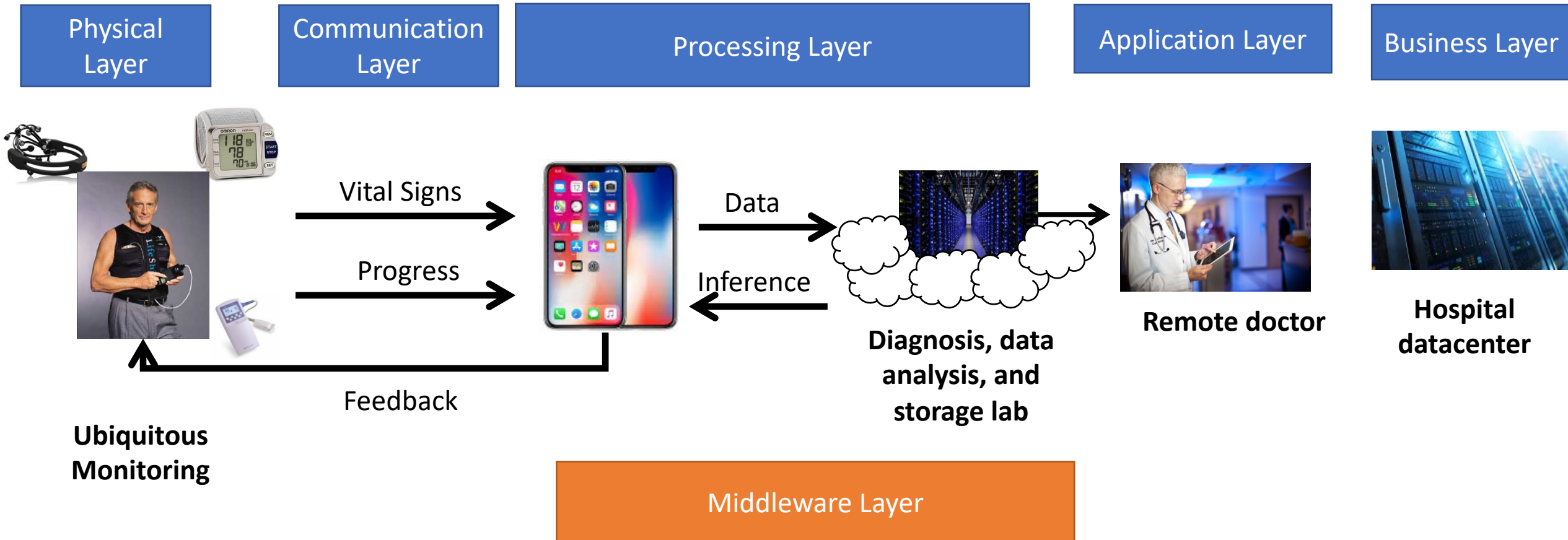
Business Layer

- Uses data from previous layers to take business decisions such as increase in productivity or efficiency or profit

- Makes decisions by analyzing large data from various IoT systems or instances of IoT systems using machine learning techniques

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Middleware Layer

- A software that provides APIs to devices/sensors to connect to gateways and vice versa irrespective of the mode of communication

- Creates an abstraction of the hardware for ease of programming

- Establishes communication with low level hardware as well as cloud

- Device discovery and management

- Scalability

- Big data and analytics

- Security and Privacy
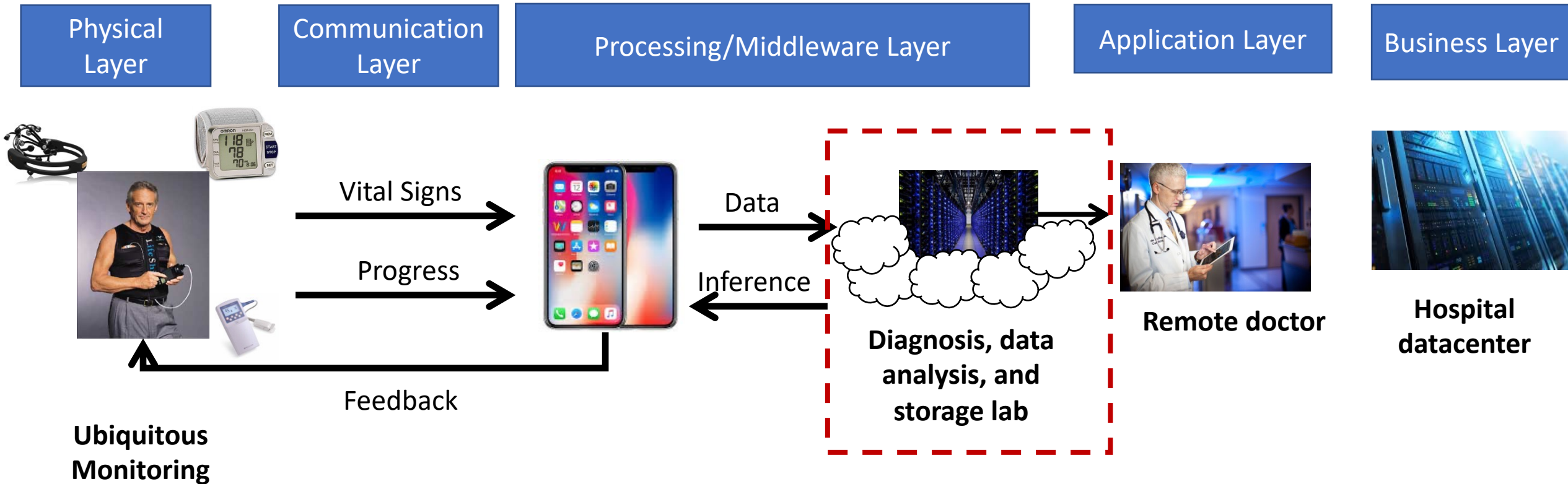
- Context detection

Middleware Layer

- Middleware Classification
  - Event based – e.g. publish/subscribe architecture
  - Service oriented – HYDRA[1] - supports dynamic configuration and self-management
  - Database oriented – considers IoT device network as virtual relational database
  - Semantic – supports various communication protocols
  - Application specific – Trustworthy data manager for healthcare devices, TDM[2]

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IoT cloud centric architecture – healthcare use case

- Care any place and any time

Physical Layer	Communication Layer	Processing/Middleware Layer	Application Layer	Business Layer

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Data

Inference

Ubiquitous Monitoring

Diagnosis, data analysis, and storage lab

**Remote doctor**

Hospital datacenter

Fog Computing

- Also known as edge computing.

- Challenges with communicating and processing data on the cloud
  - ➤ Mobility – network connection interruptions
  - ➤ Reliable and real time actuation - data latency
  - ➤ Scalability – more device, more latency
  - ➤ Power constraints – small IoT devices

Fog Computing

- Collects, analyzes and stores data from the perception layer before sending it to the cloud
- Same as computing on the smartphone in our current healthcare example
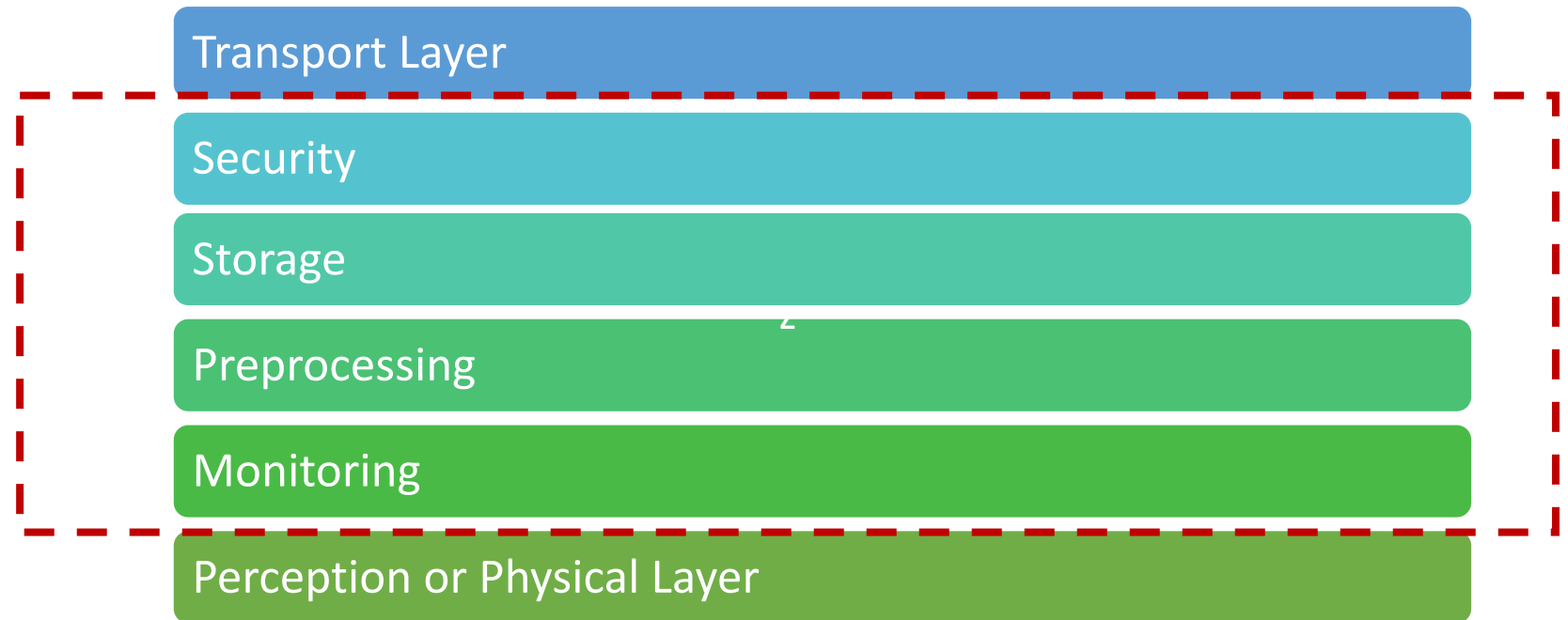
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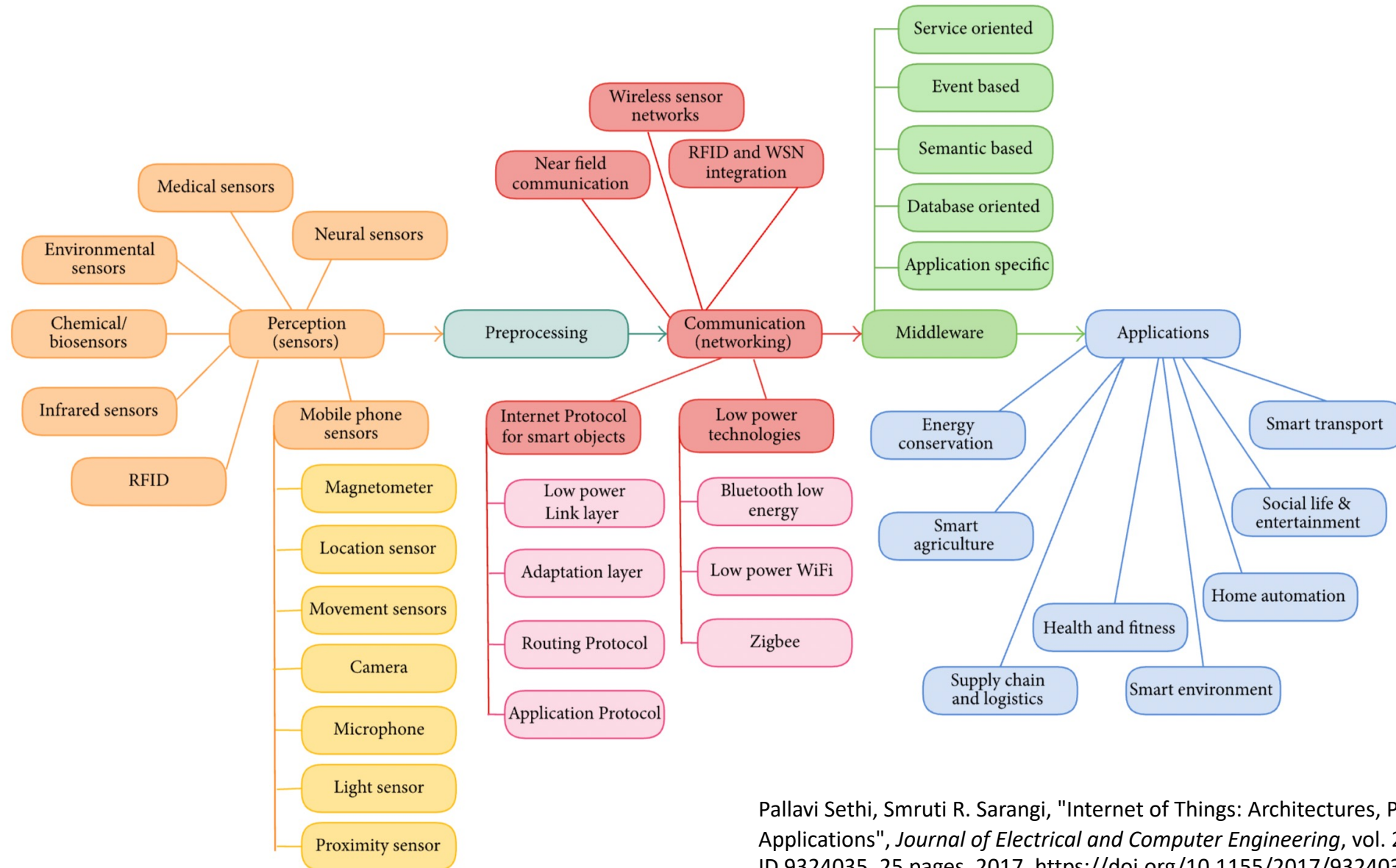
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