• Ten years of standardizing the "Internet of Things" in the IETF
• Thing-to-Thing Research Group

1st W3C IG IoT F2F

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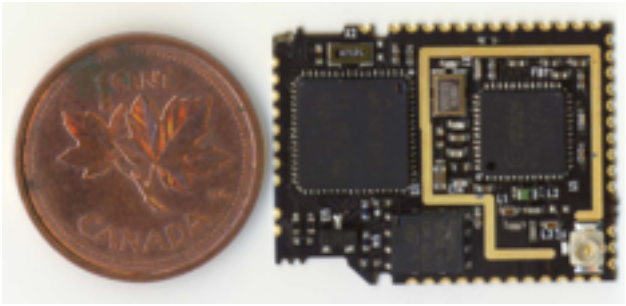
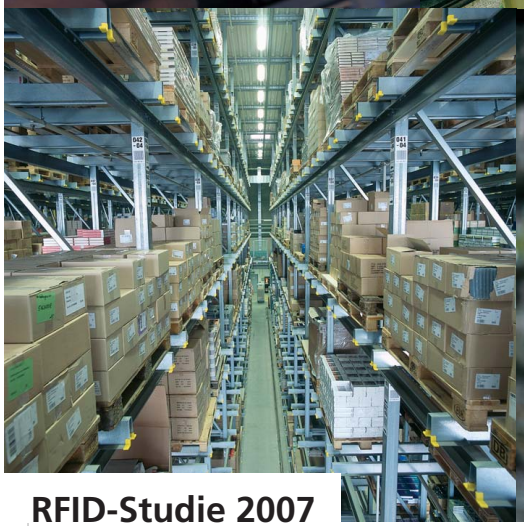
Internet of Things?

- Passive Nodes
  ("RFID")
  Logistics/Supply Chains,
  Payment Cards

- Active Nodes
  ("Smart Objects")

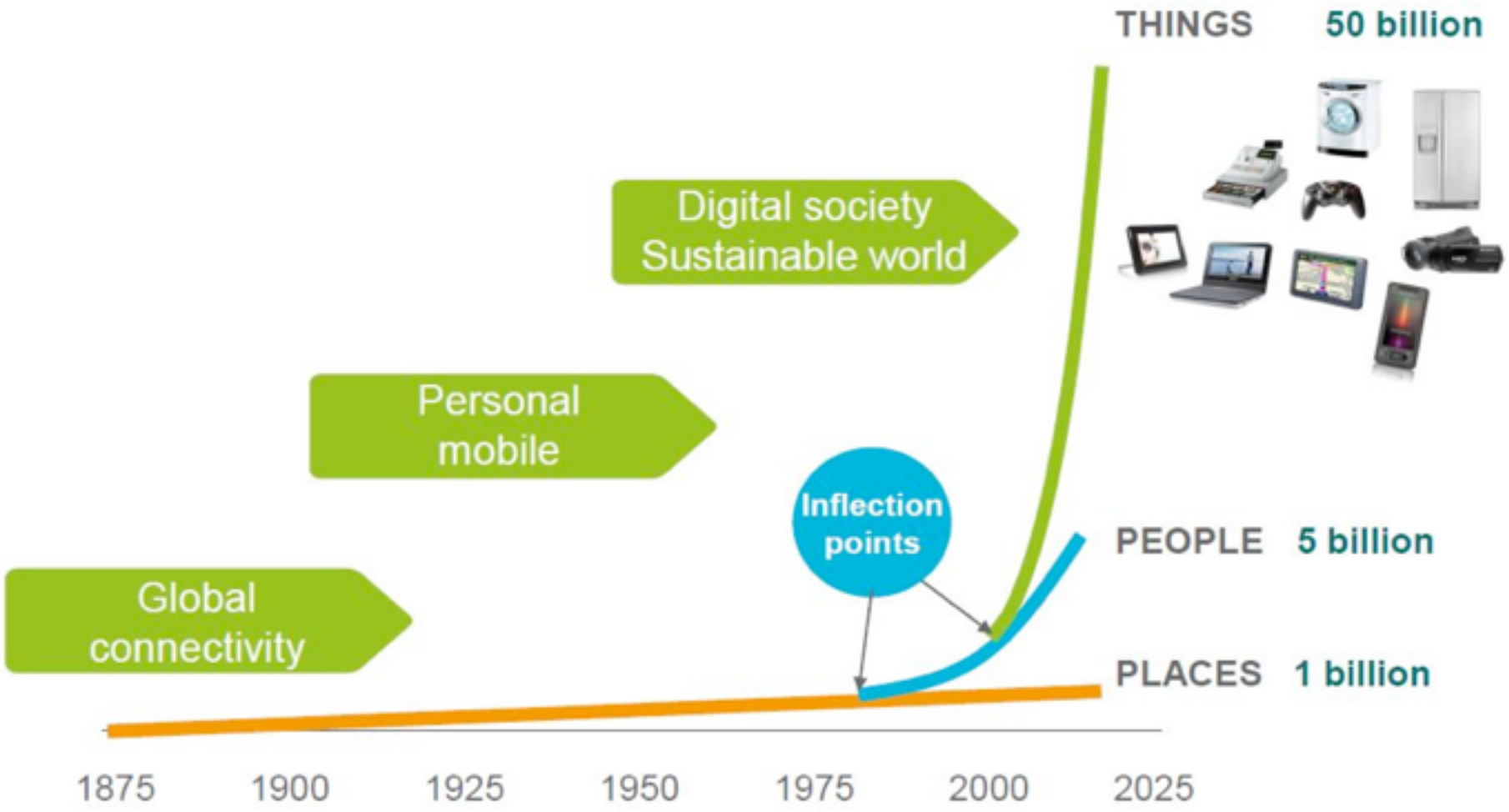




RFID-Studie 2007
Technologieintegrierte Datensicherheit bei RFID-Systemen

Diese Studie wurde im Rahmenprogramm Mikrosysteme 2004-2009 durch das Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung gefördert.

Connecting:
Places → People → Things



Source: Ericsson

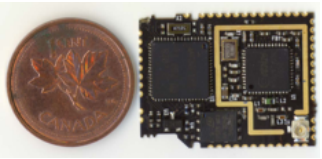
Scale up:

Number of nodes

(50 billion by 2020)

Scale down:

node


CANADA

Scale down:

cost

complexity

cent

kilobyte

megahertz

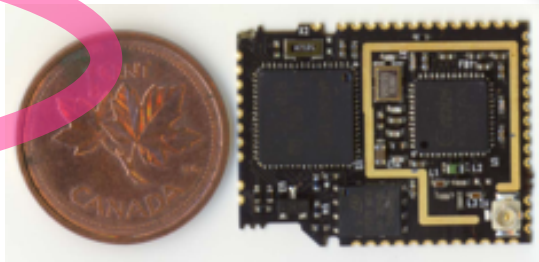
Constrained nodes: orders of magnitude

10/100 vs. 50/250

- There is not just a single class of "constrained node"

RFC 7228

- Class 0: too small to securely run on the Internet
  - "too constrained"
- Class 1: ~10 KiB data, ~100 KiB code
  - "quite constrained", "10/100"
- Class 2: ~50 KiB data, ~250 KiB code
  - "not so constrained", "50/250"



- These classes are not clear-cut, but may structure the discussion and help avoid talking at cross-purposes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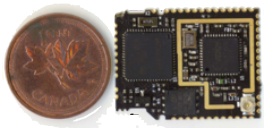

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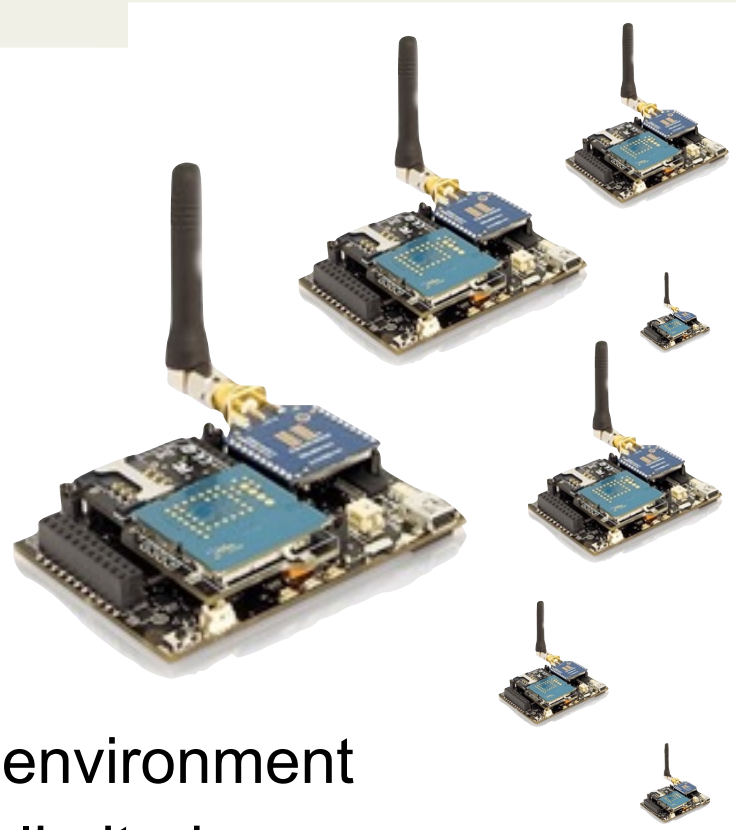
Constrained **networks**



- **Node**: ... must sleep a lot (**µW**!)
  - vs. “always on”
- **Network**: **~100 kbit/s**, high loss, high link variability
- May be used in an unstable radio environment
- Physical layer packet size may be limited (**~100 bytes**)
- “LLN low power, lossy network”

802.15.4 „ZigBee“
Bluetooth Smart
Z-Wave
DECT ULE

Constrained Node Networks

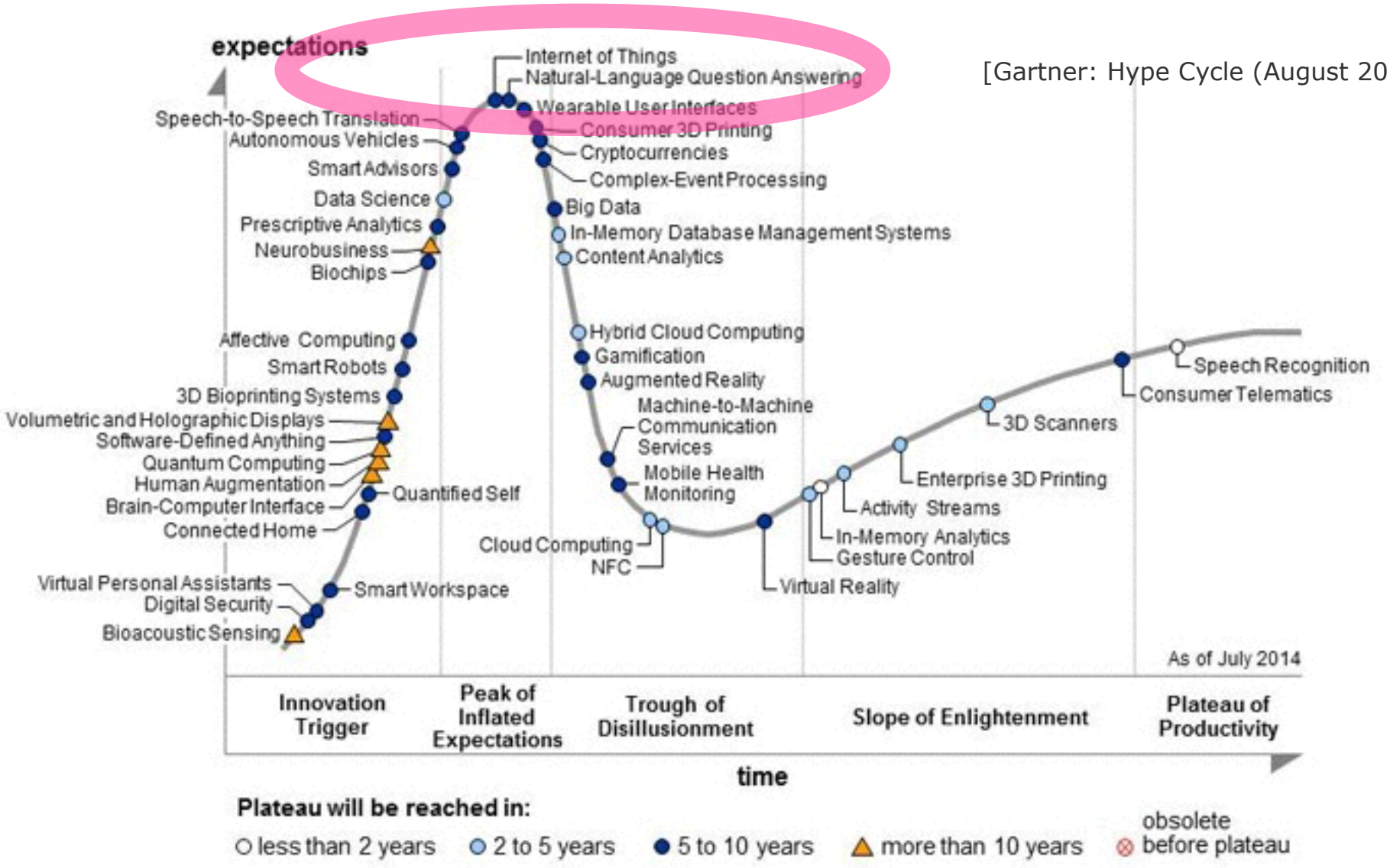
Networks built from
Constrained Nodes,
where much of the
Network Constraints come from
the constrainedness of the Nodes

Constrained Node Networks

Internet of Things	IoT
Wireless Embedded Internet	WEI
Low-Power/Lossy Networks	LLN
IP Smart Objects	IPSO

(Wireless) Sensor Networks	IoT
Motivated by research (clean slate)	Motivated by application (existing ecosystems)
Single-purpose	Multi-application
Highly optimized for that one purpose	Optimized, without premature optimization
Sink routing	Two-way communication (at least possible)
Many attempts at “intelligent” intermediates	Mostly end-to-end
Design for grant proposal	Design for decades (evolution included)

Danger ahead



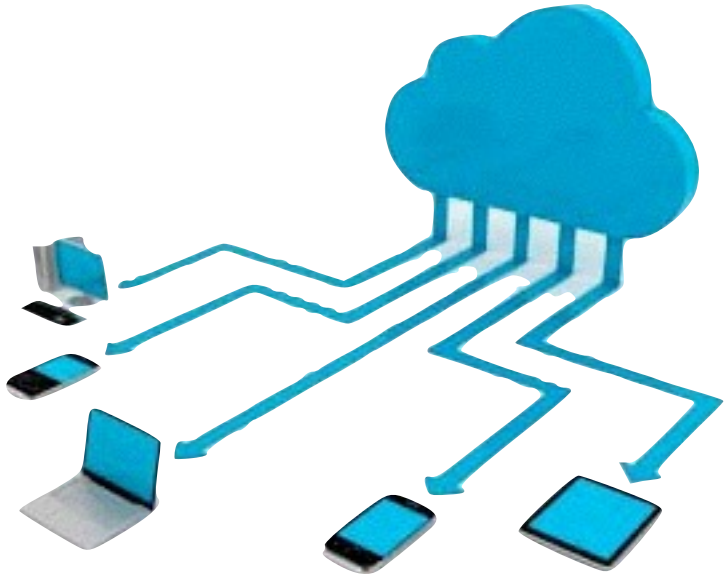
[Gartner: Hype Cycle (August 2014)]

SEND YOUR STATS

Every time you turn on your bluetooth with your mobile phone, the toothbrush sends your stats through Bluetooth local network to your private kolibree account and gives you an access to your progress.

Full use of the KOLIBREE Services requires compatible KOLIBREE Products, Internet access,

Cloud?



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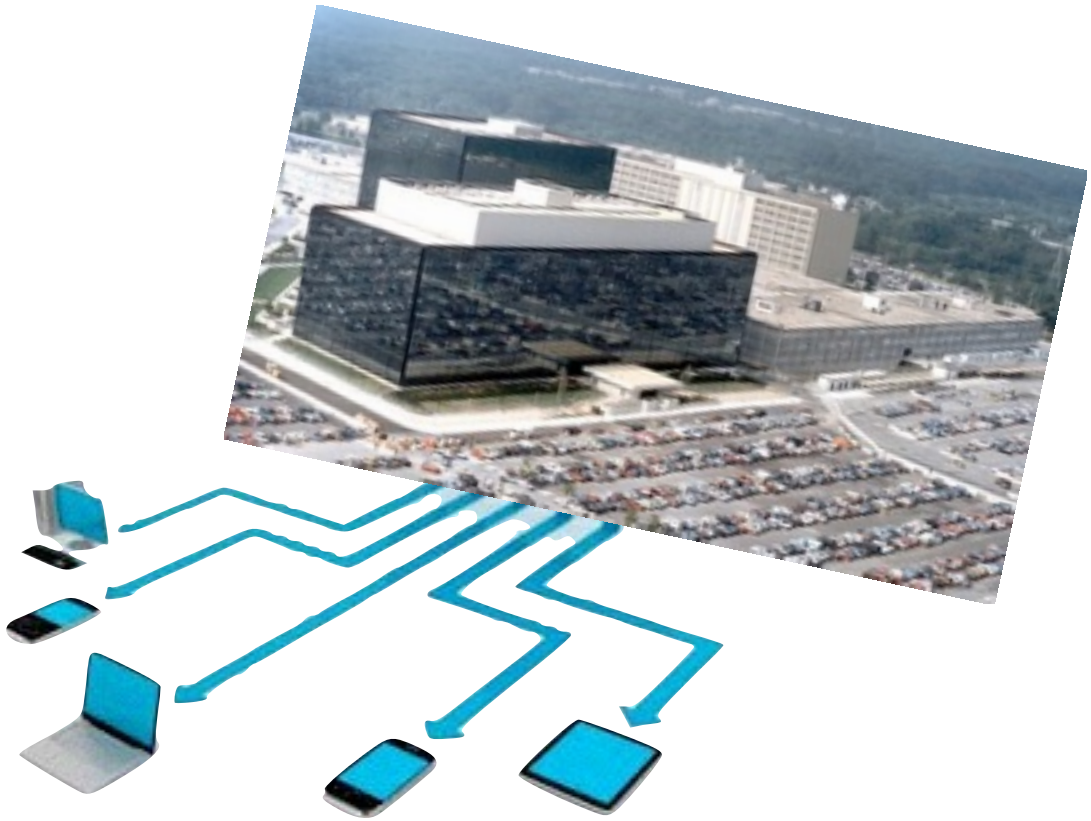


“IP is important”

IP = *Integration* Protocol

But do we **need** all of the baggage?

Or, just because we *can* move it, do we still **want** it?

http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-21769053

Two camps

- IP is too expensive for my microcontroller application (my hand-knitted protocol is better)

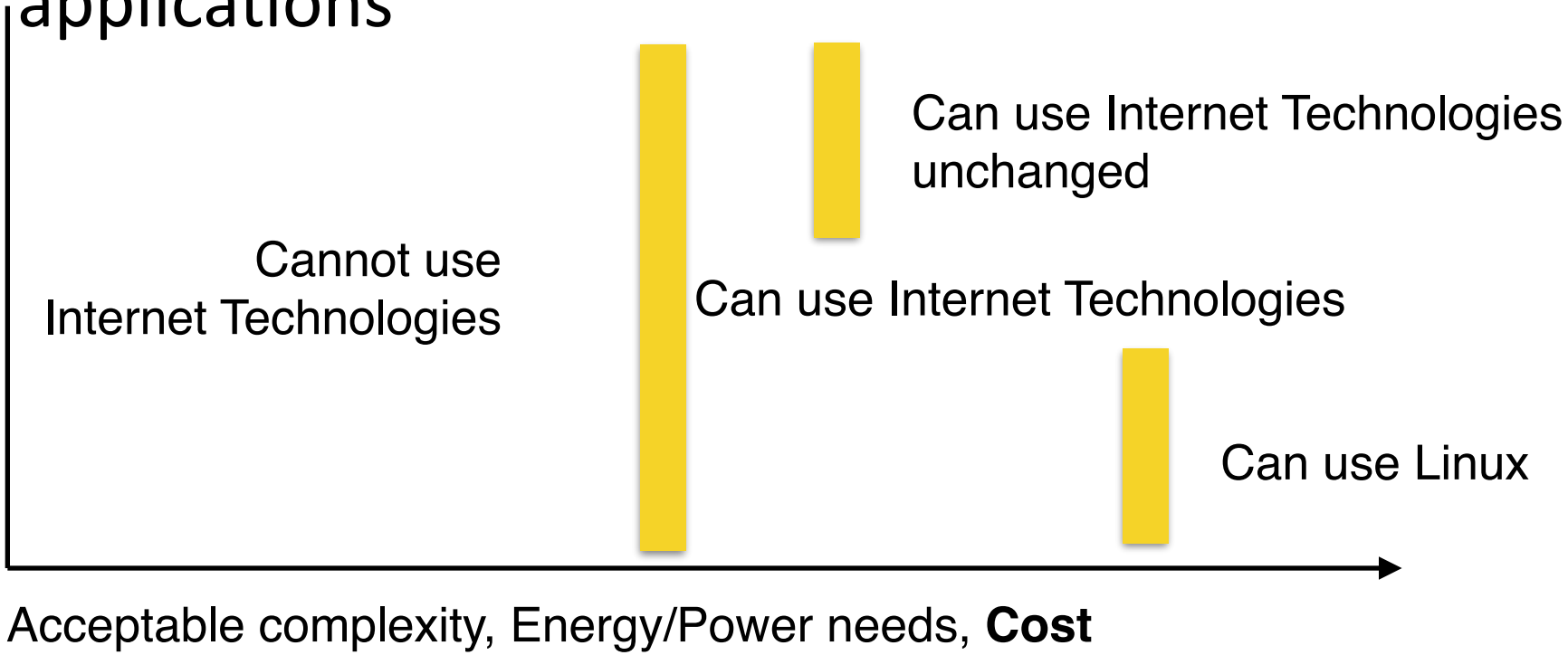
vs.

- IP already works well as it is, just go ahead and use it

- Both can be true!

Moving the boundaries

- Enable Internet Technologies for mass-market applications



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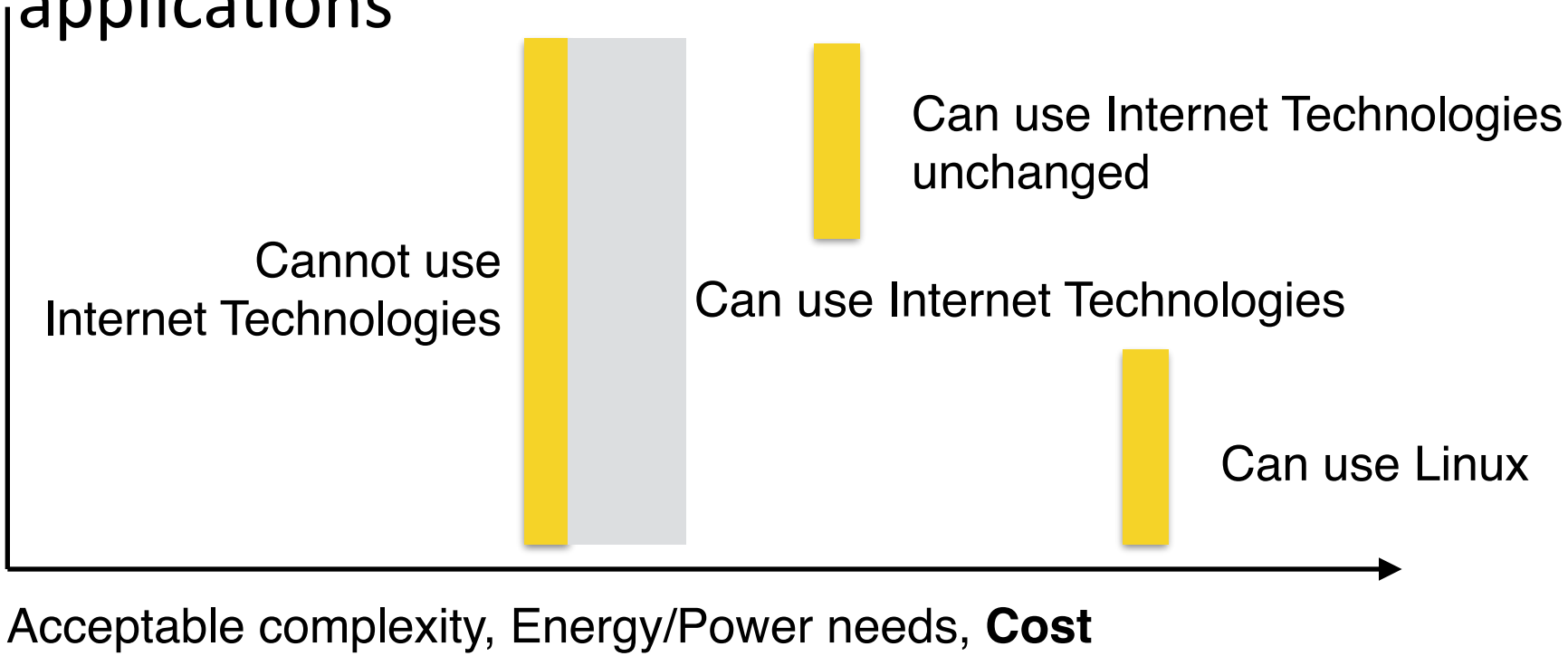

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noun
excessive talkativeness,
esp. on trivial matters

fluff | fləf |

noun
1 soft fibers from fabrics such as wool or cotton that accumulate in small light clumps: *he brushed his sleeve to remove the fluff.*

get rid of:

Garrulity and Fluff

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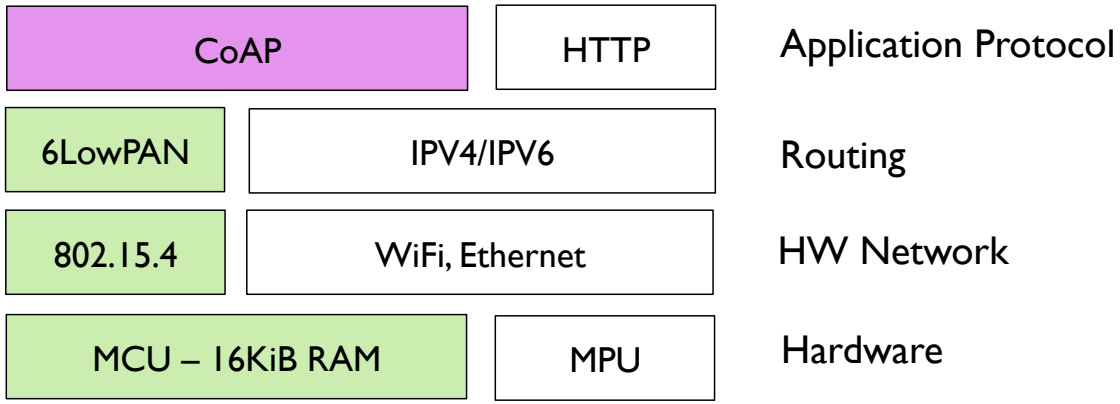
We make the net work

IETF: Constrained Node Network WG Cluster

INT	LWIG	Guidance
INT	6Lo	IP-over-foo
INT	6TiSCH	IP over TSCH
RTG	ROLL	Routing (RPL)
APP	CoRE	REST (CoAP) + Ops
SEC	DICE	Improving DTLS
SEC	ACE	Constrained AA
SEC	COSE?	Object Security

IP on Constrained Devices



ARM

Hype-IoT	Real IoT
IPv4, NATs	IPv6
Device-to-Cloud	Internet
Gateways, Silos	Small Things Loosely Joined
Questionable Security	Real Security
$40+	< $5
W	mW, µW

2005-03-03: 6LoWPAN

- “IPv6 over Low-Power WPANs”: IP over X for 802.15.4
  - Encapsulation ➔ RFC 4944 (2007)
  - Header Compression redone ➔ RFC 6282 (2011)
  - Network Architecture and ND ➔ RFC 6775 (2012)
  - (Informationals: RFC 4919, RFC 6568, RFC 6606)

6LoWPAN breakthroughs

- RFC 4944: make IPv6 possible (fragmentation)
- RFC 6282: **area text state** for header compression
- RFC 6775: rethink IPv6
  - addressing: embrace **multi-link subnet** (RFC 5889)
  - get rid of subnet multicast (**link multicast only**)
  - adapt IPv6 ND to this (➔ "**efficient ND**")

Technology	Traits
IEEE 802.15.4 (“ZigBee”)	Many SoCs, 0.9 or 2.4 GHz, 6TiSCH upcoming
BlueTooth Smart	On **every Phone**
DECT ULE	**Dedicated Spectrum**, In every home gateway
ITU-T G.9959 (“Z-Wave”)	Popular 0.9 GHz @home
NFC	**Proximity**
6lobac	**Wired** (RS485)
IEEE 1901.2 (LF PLC)	Reuses mains **power** lines
Ethernet + PoE	**Wired**, supplies 12–60 W
WiFi, LTE, …	**Power?**

2.4 GHz

6LoWPAN ➔ 6Lo WG

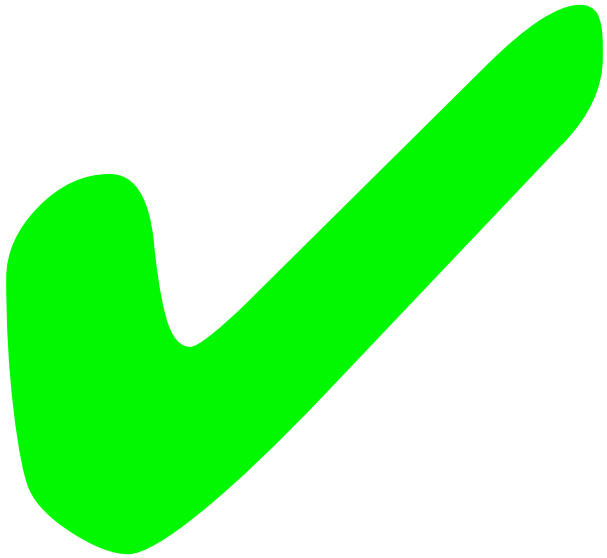
- **GHC** (generic header compression): **RFC 7400**
- 6lowpan **MIB: RFC 7388**

Completed

- 6lo family beyond 6LoWPAN: Completed
  - **BTLE** in rework after BT-SIG changes
  - Other radios: **lowpanz** (Z-Wave), **DECT**-ULE
  - 6lobac: **RS-485** (X.21)

WG document

  - IEEE 1901.2 (low-speed **PLC**)
  - **NFC!**



6LoWPAN =

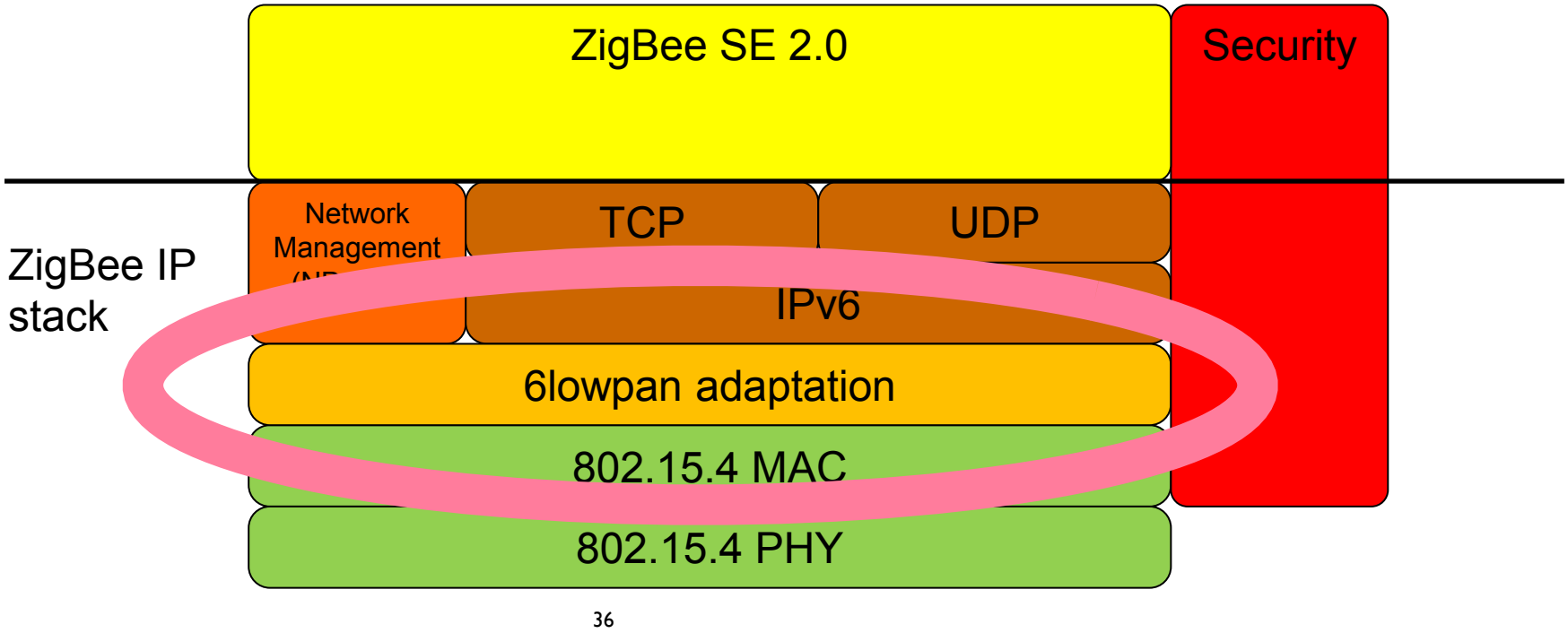
RFC4944

– HC1/HC2

\+ **RFC6282** (6LoWPAN-HC)

\+ **RFC6775** (6LoWPAN-ND)

ZigBee IP stack diagram



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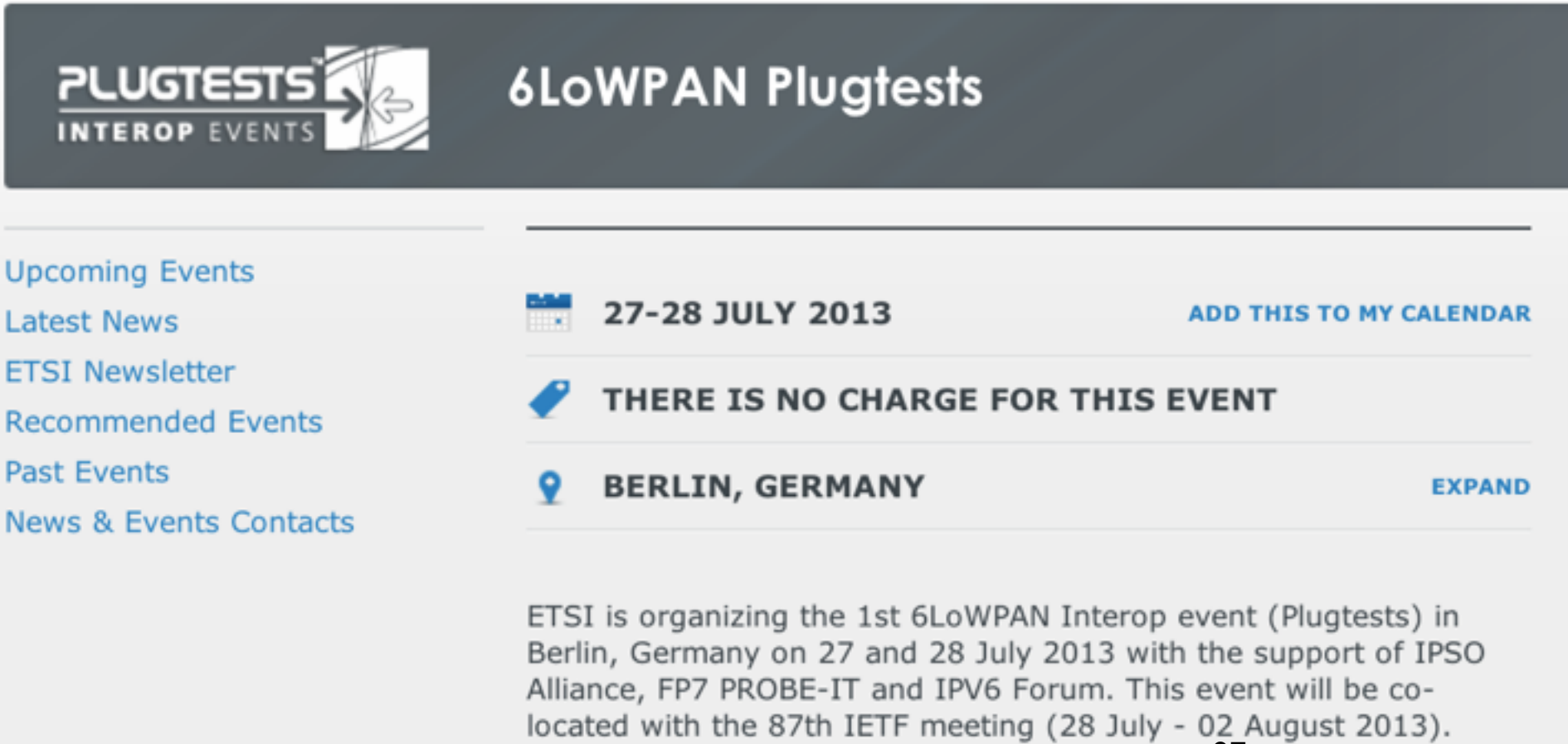
6LoWPAN: 2013 ETSI plugtest

- Before IETF87 (Berlin):
- Free of charge 6LoWPAN plugtest event

http://www.etsi.org/news-events/events/663-2013-6lowpan-plugtests



2008-02-11: ROLL

- “Routing Over Low power and Lossy networks”
  - Tree-based routing “RPL” ➔ RFC 6550–2 (2012)
    - with Trickle ➔ RFC 6206 (2011)
    - with MRHOF ➔ RFC 6719
  - Experimentals: P2P-RPL (RFC 6997), Meas. (RFC 6998)
  - In processing: MPL (Semi-Reliable Multicast Flooding)
  - (Lots of Informationals: RFC 5548 5673 5826 5867 7102 7416)

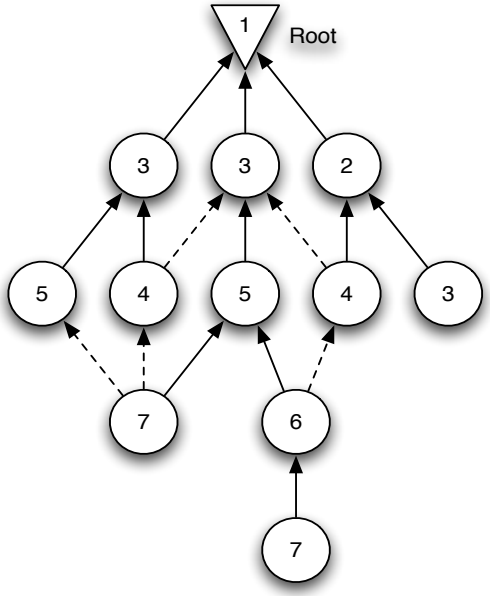
RPL: Routing for CN/N

2012

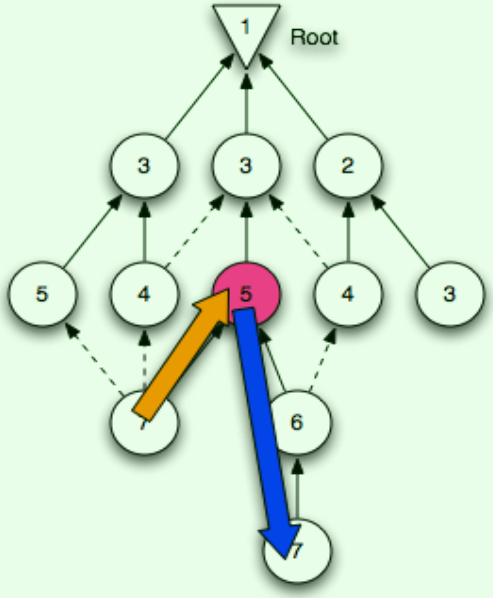
Metrics: e.g., ETX

- **RFC 6550**: Specialized routing protocol **RPL**
  – Rooted DAGs (directed acyclic graphs)

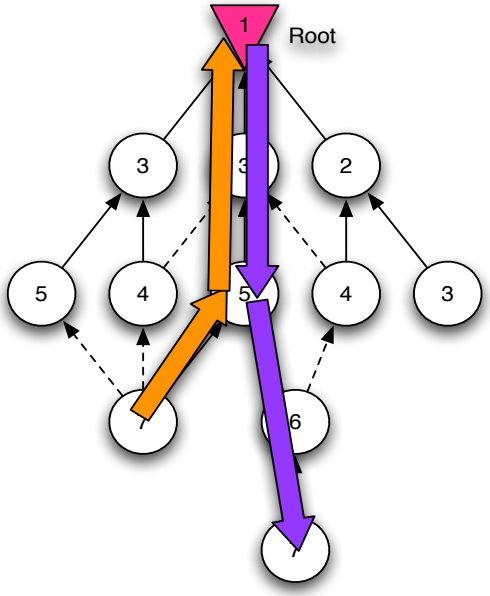
- **redundancies** in the tree help cope with churn
- "**rank**": loop avoidance



- **Storing** Mode: Every router has map of **subtree**



- **Non-Storing** Mode: Only **root** has map of tree



ROLL breakthroughs

- RFC 6206: **trickle** (benefit from network stability)
- RFC 6550: **DODAG** (multi-parent tree)
  - separate local and global repairs
  - embrace the tree
  - non-storing mode: embrace the root

2010-03-09: CoRE

- “Constrained Restful Environments”
  - CoAP ➔ RFC 7252 (~~2013~~2014)
    - in processing: Observe, Block
  - Experimentals: RFC 7390 group communications
  - Discovery (»Link-Format«) ➔ RFC 6690

The elements of success of the Web

- HTML
  - uniform **representation** of documents
  - (now moving forward to HTML5 with CSS, JavaScript)
- URIs
  - uniform **referents** to data and services on the Web
- HTTP
  - universal **transfer protocol**
  - enables a distribution system of proxies and reverse proxies

Translating this to M2M

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New data formats:
M2M semantics instead of
presentation semantics

"Make things
as simple as possible,
but not simpler.

Attributed to Albert Einstein

The **Co**nstrained **A**pplication **P**rotocol

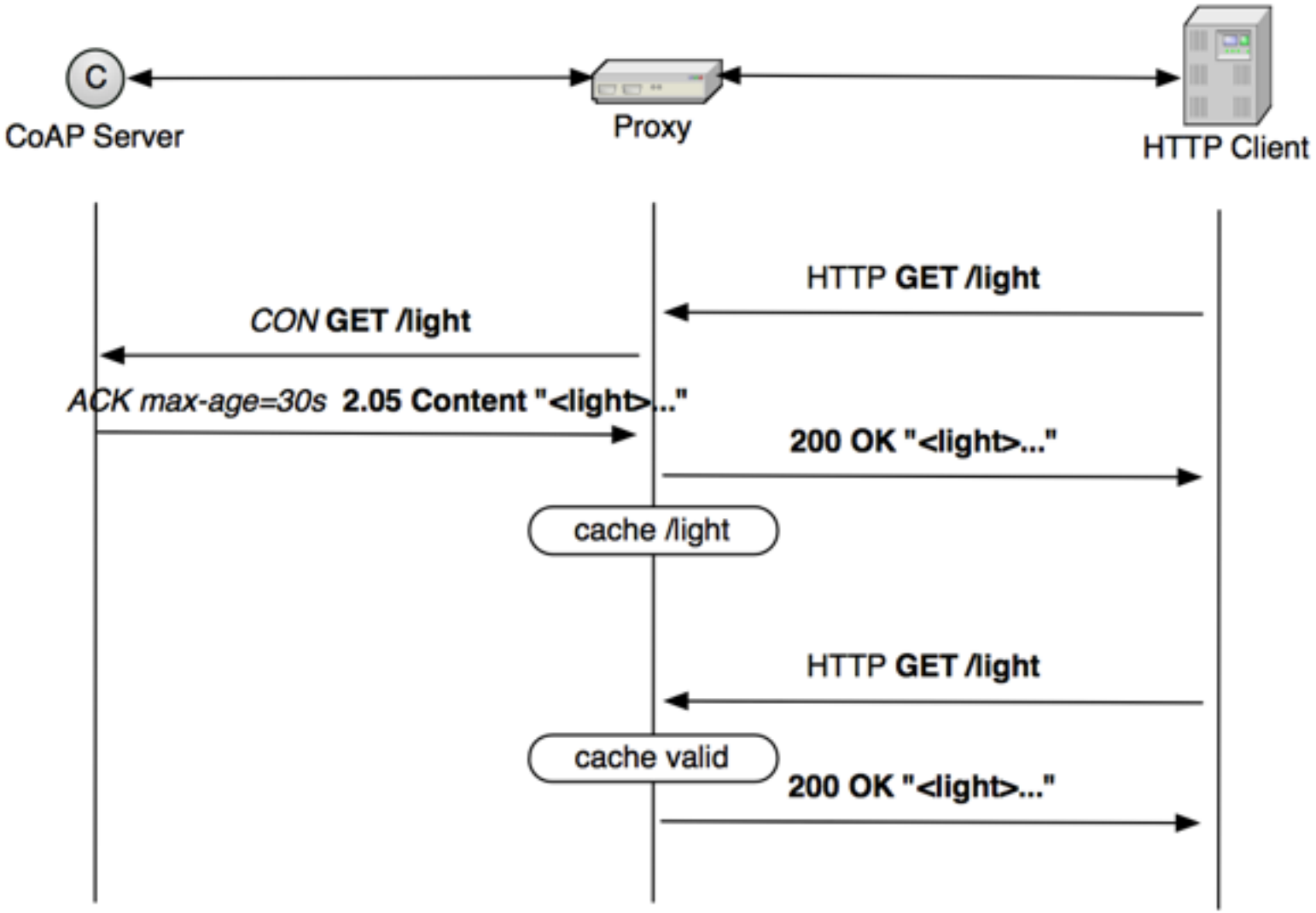
CoAP

- implements HTTP's **REST** model
  - GET, PUT, DELETE, POST; media type model
- while avoiding most of the complexities of HTTP

- **Simple** protocol, datagram only (UDP, DTLS)
- 4-byte header, compact yet simple options encoding

- adds "observe", a lean notification architecture

Proxying and caching



Source: 6lowpan.net

CoRE breakthroughs

- RFC 7252: embrace **REST**
  - but get rid of HTTP **baggage**
  - and extend REST with **Observe**
- RFC 6690: **Web Linking** for discovery: `/.well-known/core`
  - things **self-describe** via a collection of links
  - building **resource-directory** on top of that

Overview | Specification | Implementations | Tools

http://coap.technology

CoAP

RFC 7252 Constrained Application Protocol

"The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) is a specialized web transfer protocol for use with constrained nodes and constrained networks in the **Internet of Things.**
The protocol is designed for machine-to-machine (M2M) applications such as smart energy and building automation."

REST model for small devices

Like HTTP, CoAP is based on the wildly successful REST model: Servers make resources available under a URL, and clients access these resources using methods such as GET, PUT, POST, and DELETE.

Made for billions of nodes

The Internet of Things will need billions of nodes, many of which will need to be inexpensive. CoAP has been designed to work on microcontrollers with as low as 10 KiB of RAM and 100 KiB of code space (RFC 7228).

Well-designed protocol

CoAP was developed as an Internet Standards Document, RFC 7252. The protocol has been designed to last for decades. Difficult issues such as congestion control have not been swept under the rug, but have been addressed using the state

Security is not optional!

- HTTP can use TLS (“SSL”)
- CoAP: Use **DTLS** 1.2
  - Add 6LoWPAN-**GHC** for efficiency
- Crypto: Move to **ECC**
  - **P-256** curve
  - **SHA-256**
  - **AES-128**
- To do:
  - Commissioning models (Mother/Duckling, Mothership, …)
  - Authorization format and workflow
  - Performance fixes (DICE)

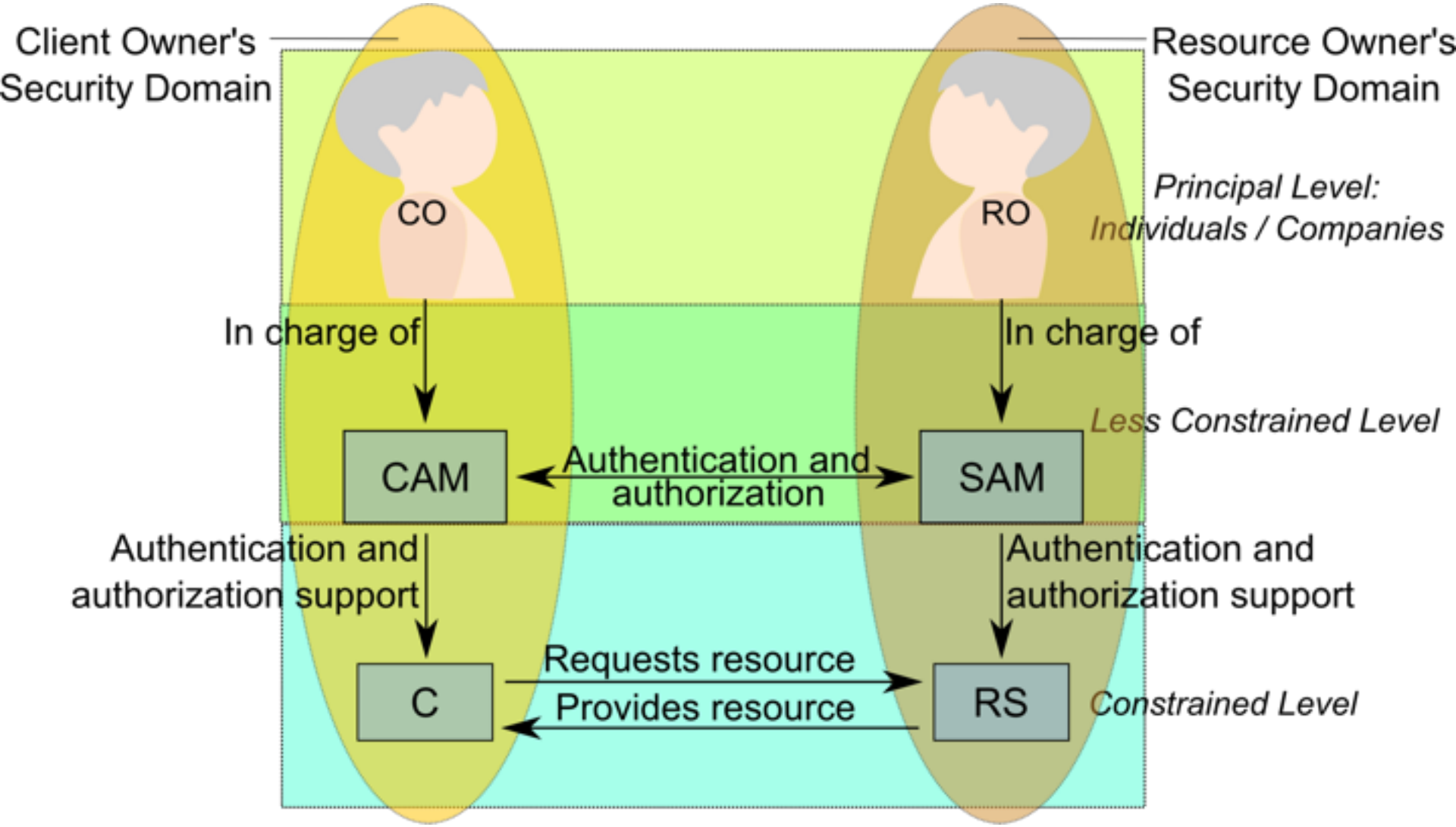
IoT "Security" today

- Thin perimeter protection
- WiFi password = keys to the kingdom
  - Once you are "in", you can do everything
  - No **authorization**
- Doesn't even work for a three-member family…

If it is not **usably secure**,
it's not
the **Internet of Things**

2014-05-05: ACE

- “Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments”
  - currently stuck in “requirements engineering”
  - good formative contributions (e.g., DCAF)


Client Owner's
Security Domain
Resource Owner's
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CO
RO
Principal Level:
Individuals / Companies
In charge of
In charge of
Less Constrained Level
CAM
Authentication and
authorization
SAM
Authentication and
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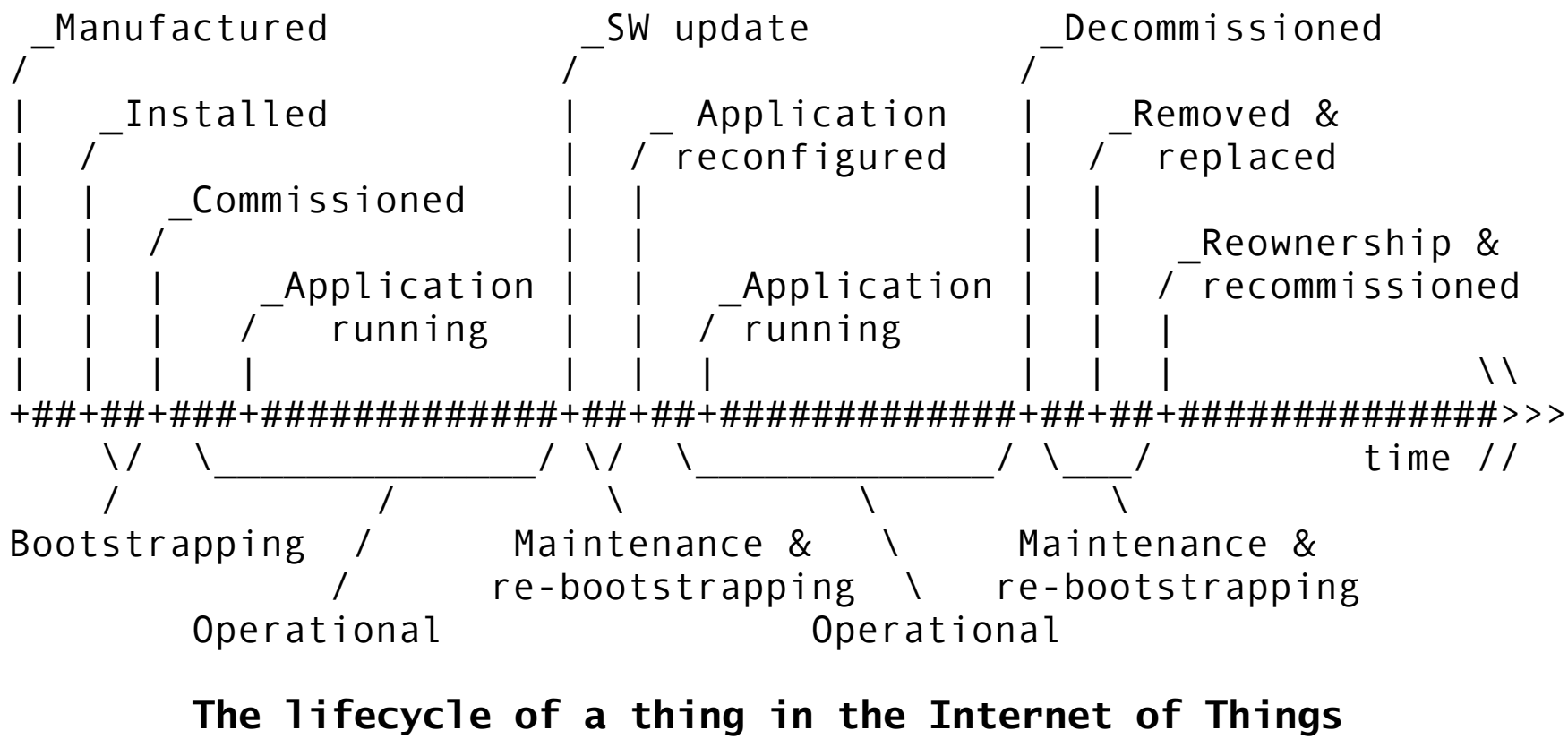
SOLACE: Smart Object Lifecycle Architecture

- Processes for **usably secure** lifecycle (changes of ownership, authorization, privacy, …)



The lifecycle of a thing in the Internet of Things

[draft-garcia-core-security]

2013-09-13: CBOR

- “Concise Binary Object Representation”:
  JSON equivalent for constrained nodes
    - start from JSON data model (no schema needed)
    - add binary data, extensibility (“tags”)
    - concise binary encoding (byte-oriented, counting objects)
    - add diagnostic notation
- Done without a WG (with APPSAWG support)

Data Formats

	Character-based	Concise Binary
Document-Oriented	XML	EXI
Data-Oriented	JSON	???

	Concise (Counted)	Streaming (Indefinite)
Format	[1, [2, 3]]	[_ 1, [2, 3]]
RFC 713*	c2 05 81 c2 02 82 83	
ASN.1 BER*	30 0b 02 01 01 30 06 02 01 02 02 01 03	30 80 02 01 01 30 06 02 01 02 02 01 03 00 00
MessagePack	92 01 92 02 03	
BSON	22 00 00 00 10 30 00 01 00 00 00 04 31 00 13 00 00 00 10 30 00 02 00 00 00 10 31 00 03 00 00 00 00 00	
UBJSON	61 02 42 01 61 02 42 02 42 03	61 ff 42 01 61 02 42 02 42 03 45*
CBOR	82 01 82 02 03	9f 01 82 02 03 ff

Table 5: Examples for different levels of conciseness

http://cbor.me: CBOR playground

- Convert back and forth between **diagnostic notation** (~JSON) and binary encoding

CBOR

Diagnostic →

```
[1, [2, 3]]
```

← 5 Bytes

```
82        # array(2)
   01     # unsigned(1)
   82     # array(2)
      02  # unsigned(2)
      03  # unsigned(3)
```

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CBOR

RFC 7049 Concise Binary Object Representation

"The Concise Binary Object Representation (CBOR) is a data format whose design goals include the possibility of extremely small code size, fairly small message size, and extensibility without the need for version negotiation."

JSON data model

CBOR is based on the wildly successful JSON data model: numbers, strings, arrays, maps (called objects in JSON), and a few values such as false, true, and null.

No Schema needed

Embracing binary

Some applications that would like to use JSON need to transport binary data, such as encryption keys, graphic data, or sensor values. In JSON, these data need to be encoded (usually in base64 format), adding complexity and bulk.

Concise encoding

Stable format

CBOR is defined in an Internet Standards Document, RFC 7049. The format has been designed to be stable for decades.

Extensible

To be able grow with its applications and to

Data Formats

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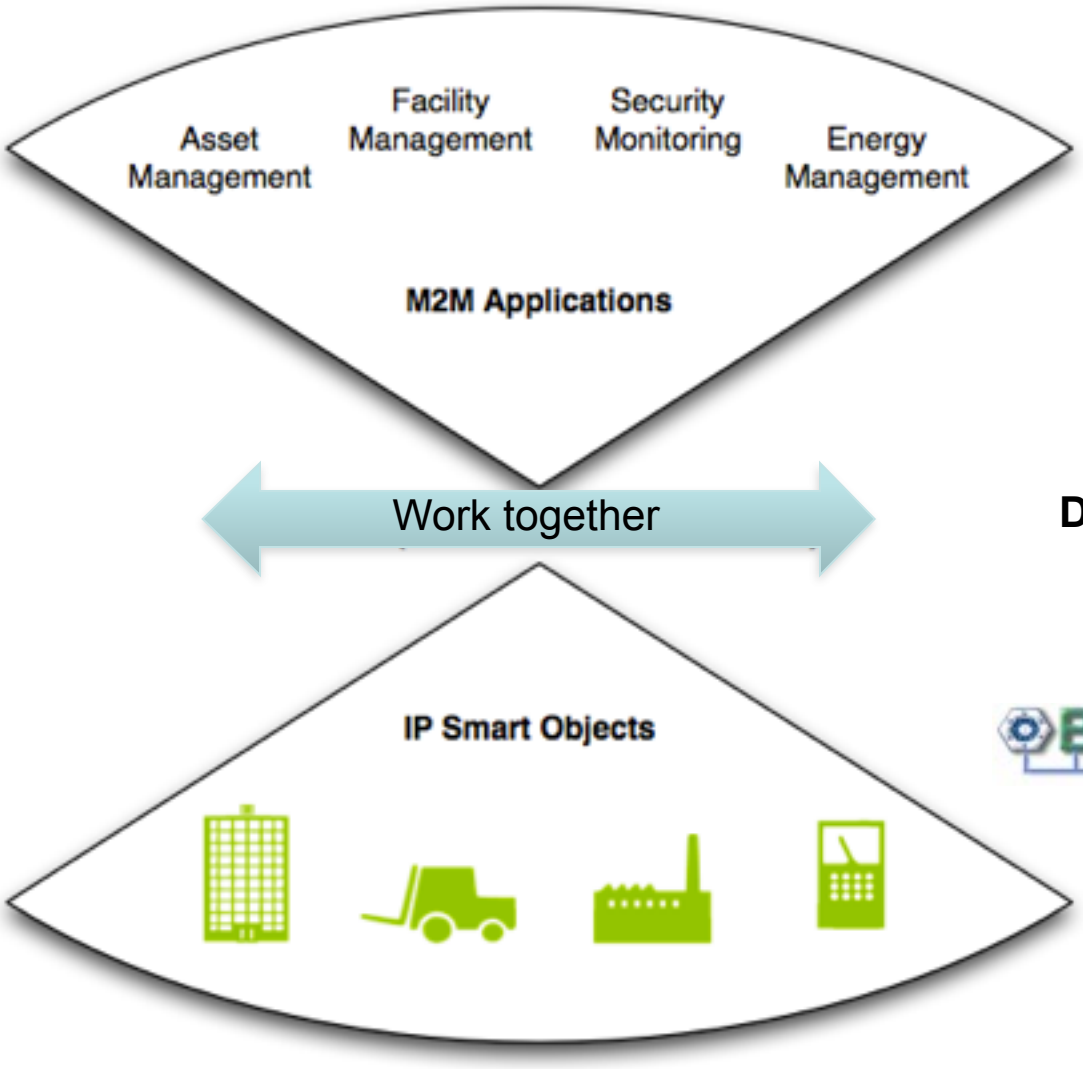
Object Security: **COSE** (CBOR Object Signing and Encryption)

- **JOSE**: JSON Web Token, JWS, JWE, …
  - Data structures for signatures, integrity, encryption…
  - Based on OAuth JWT
  - Encoded in JSON, can encrypt/sign other data
- **COSE: use CBOR instead of JSON**
  - Can directly use binary encoding (no base64)
  - Optimized for constrained devices

The Web of Things



CoRE
Web Linking
JOSE/COSE
TLS/DTLS
SenML
HOMENET
LWIG

Developers

Application Layer Technologies

- The Web of Things: **CoAP** and HTTP
  - Using CoAP for management: OMA LWM2M, COMI
  - Time Series Data: CoAP-Pubsub and XMPP, MQTT
- Data Formats: **CBOR** and JSON
  - Data objects: OMA LWM2M, IPSO Smart Objects
  - Sensor data: SenML (OMA LWM2M)
- Real Security
  - Communications: **DTLS** and TLS
  - Object Security: **COSE** and JOSE
  - Authenticated Authorization: ACE

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IETF and IRTF

- IETF has WGs (working groups)
  - work on short-term **engineering** problems
  - short **bursts** of activity
  - outcome: **specification** (+ maybe informational documents)

- I**R**TF has **R**Gs (research groups)
  - work on longer term **research** problems
  - **persistent** activity
  - outcome: **research**, experimental specifications, taxonomies, architectures, problem statements, use cases, benchmarks, …

IRTF **Thing-to-Thing** Research Group (T2TRG)

- Investigate open research issues in:
  - turning a true “Internet of Things” into reality,
  - an Internet where low-resource nodes (“Things”, “Constrained Nodes”) can communicate among themselves and with the wider Internet, in order to partake in permissionless innovation.
- Focus: issues that touch opportunities for standardization in the IETF
  - start at the adaptation layer connecting devices to IP, and
  - end at the application layer with architectures and APIs for communicating and making data and management functions (including security functions) available.

Why a Research Group now?

- First wave of IoT standards completed by the IETF
- IoT Consortia now forming to build infrastructure and industry agreements around those

➔ New requirements for research:
based on actual usage of the standards now available

Areas of Interest

(to be discussed in formal chartering)

- Understanding and managing the motivation for single-purpose silos and gateways; facilitating a move towards small pieces loosely joined (hence “thing-to-thing”); scaling the number of applications in a single network
- Deployment considerations; scaling considerations; cost of ownership
- Management and Operation of Things
- Lifecycle aspects (including, but not limited to, security considerations)
- Cooperation with W3C, e.g. on data formats and semantics

Areas of Interest (more explorative)

- Operating Things that have multiple masters/stakeholders (including understanding role definitions of devices, owners, operators etc.)
- Exploring the duality of state- and event-based approaches
- Aspects of distribution (cf. “fog computing”); reliability and scalability considerations
- Containerization and other forms of mobile code

“Proposed RG” ➔ RG

- Today, T2TRG is a “proposed RG”
  - Can act like an approved one for a limited time
- Need to work on charter
- Need to find chairs
- No need to rush this — find **our** way first

Prague meeting?

- before IETF93, July 18/19
- Continue on
  - security
  - REST+, management
- These are in overlap with W3C!