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Managing Information using NGSI-LD API



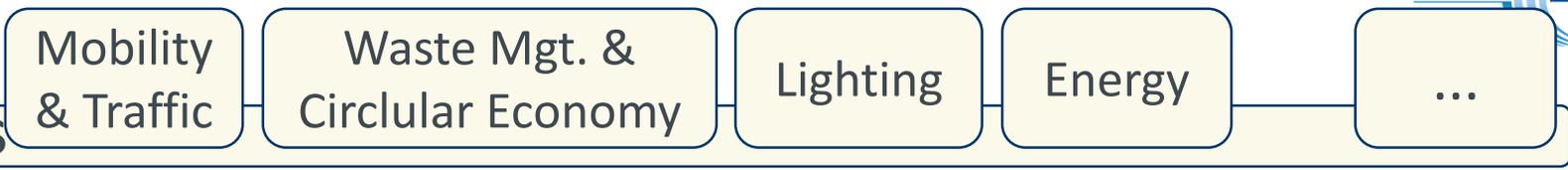
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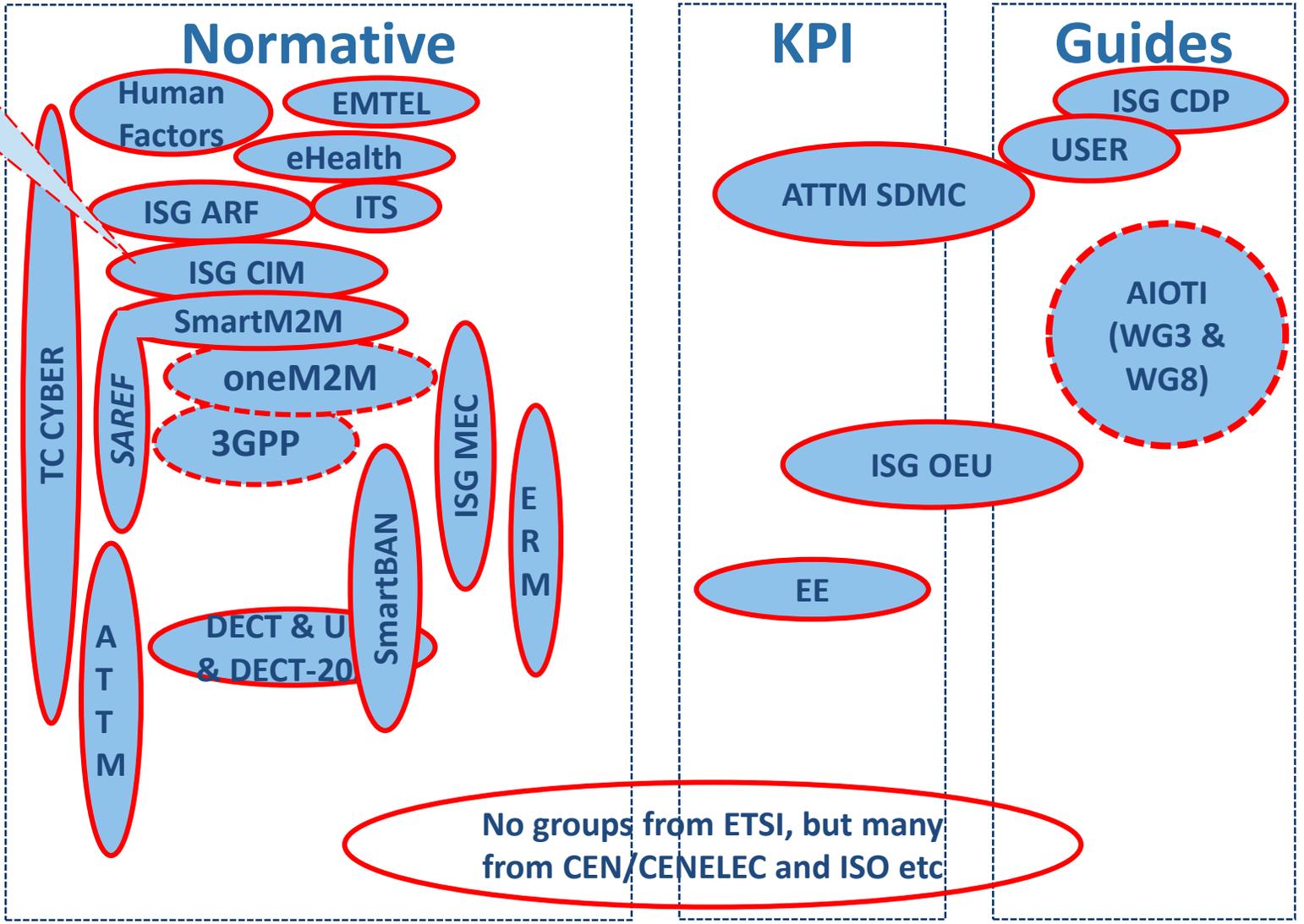
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EXAMPLE MAINS

<i>User Interface</i>
<i>Business Process</i>
Services
Services
Infrastructure
<i>Context Information</i>
M2M
Infrastructure
WAN
Connectivity
<i>Semantics</i>
Gateway / Aggregator
Local Network
IoT Devices
Chipsets
Specs for real-world City Infrastructure (buildings, roads, lampposts etc)



ETSI activities related to IoT (alphabetical links)

[3GPP](#) (3rd Generation Partnership Project)

[ATTM](#) (Access, Terminals, Transmission and Multiplexing)

[ATTM SDMC](#) (Sustainable Digital Multiservice Cities)

[CYBER](#) (CyberSecurity)

[DECT & ULE](#) (Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications)

[EE](#) (Environmental Engineering)

[eHealth](#)

[EMTEL](#) (Emergency Communications)

[ERM](#) (EMC and Radio Spectrum Matters)

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[ISG ARF](#) (Augmented Reality Framework)

[ISG CDP](#) (City Digital Profile)

[ISG CIM](#) (Context Information Management)

[ISG MEC](#) (Multi-access Edge Computing)

[ISG OEU](#) (Operational Energy Efficiency for Users)

[ITS](#) (Intelligent Transport Systems)

[oneM2M](#)

[SmartBAN](#) (Smart Body-Area Networks)

[SmartM2M & SAREF \(*\)](#) (Smart Appliances REFerence Ontology)

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Context Information Management using NGSI-LD API: Introduction, Whitepaper, Use Cases, Specification



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Introduction in 9 Sections

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Whitepaper explains concepts

This whitepaper explains the main concepts behind a new data exchange protocol called NGSI-LD which aims to make it easier to find and exchange information with open databases, mobile Apps and IoT platforms. It fills the gap between brief press releases and detailed specification documents for NGSI-LD API and related use cases .

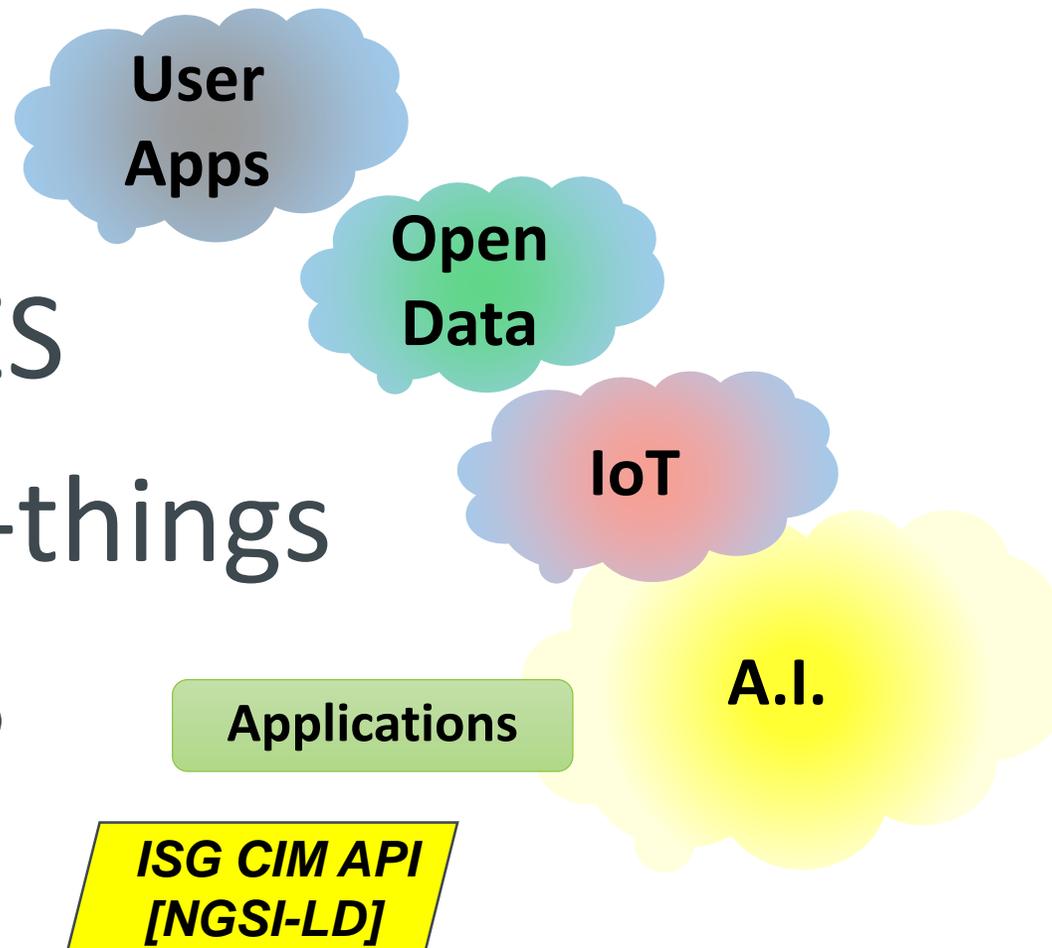
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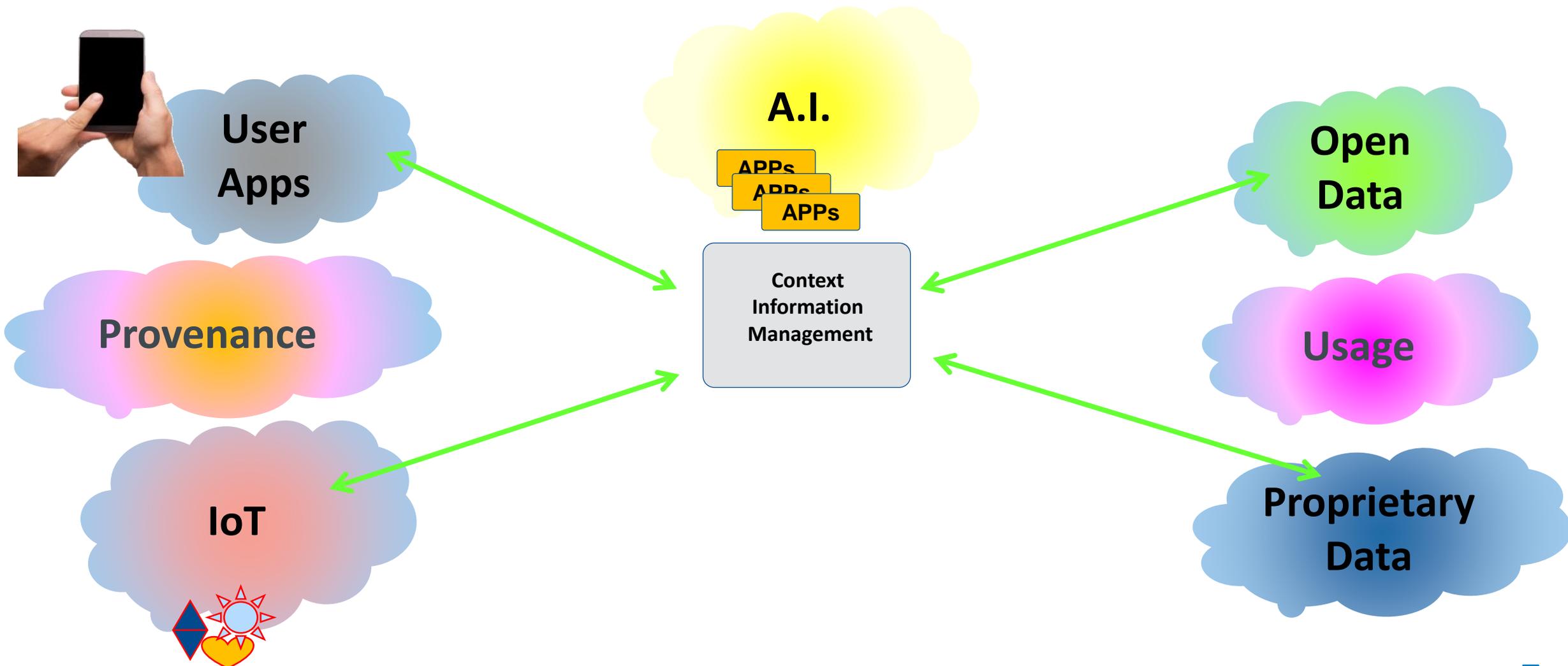
MISSION OF ETSI ISG CIM

ETSI ISG CIM: Mission

... to make it easier
 for END-USERS
 and CITY DATABASES
 and IoT internet-of-things
 and 3rd-party APPS
 to exchange INFO

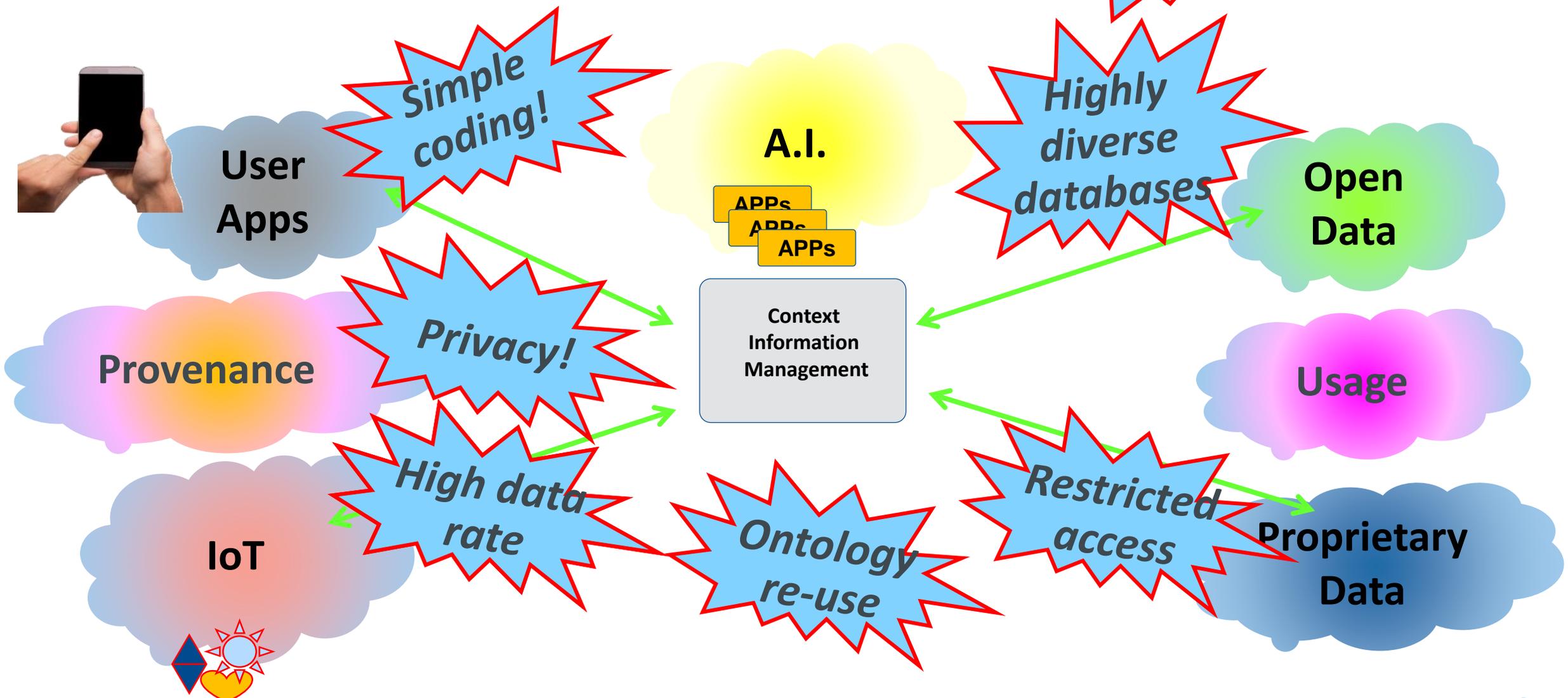


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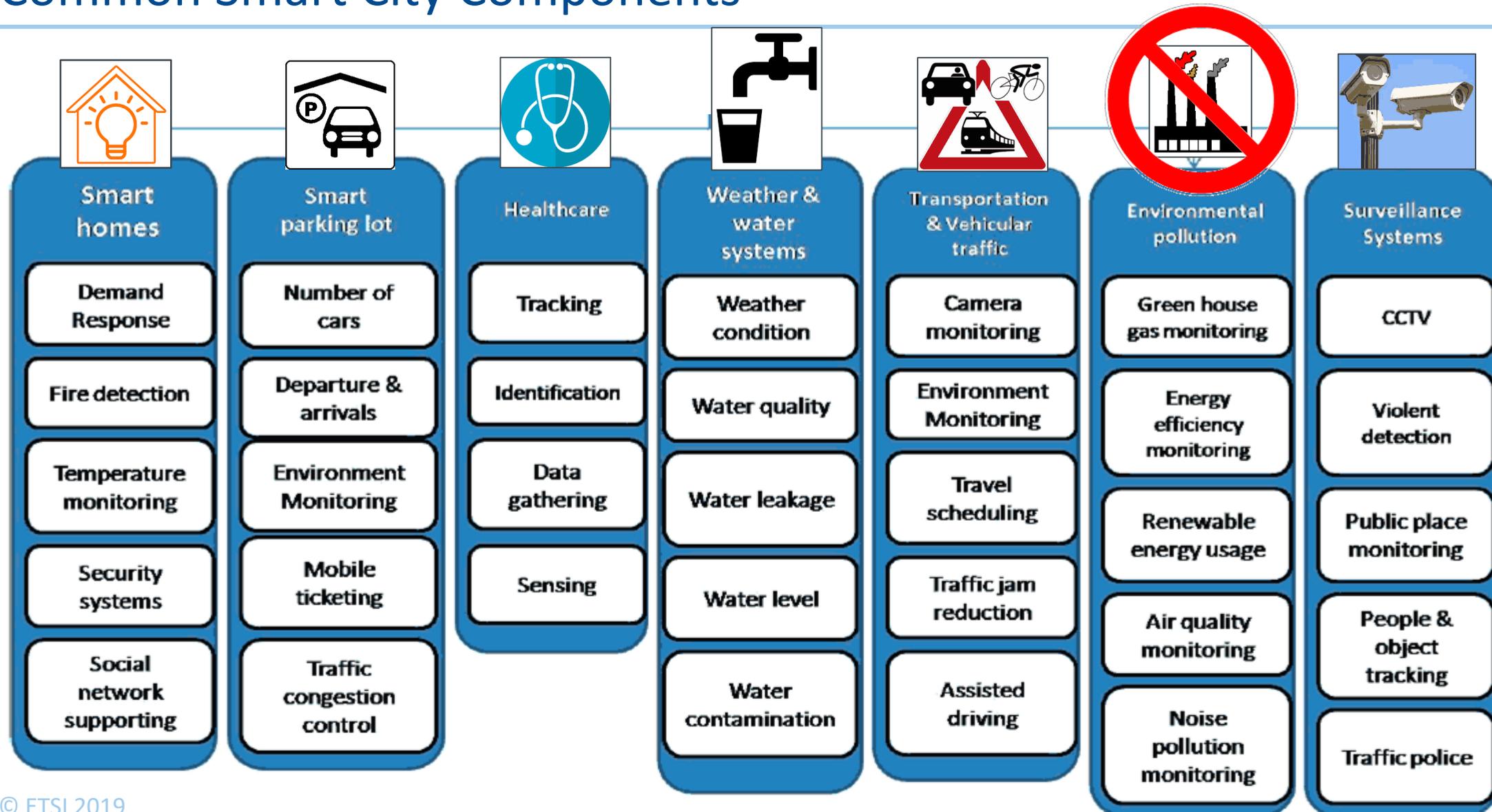
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Solve
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HOW INFO- EXCHANGE CAN HELP CITIES

Common Smart City Components

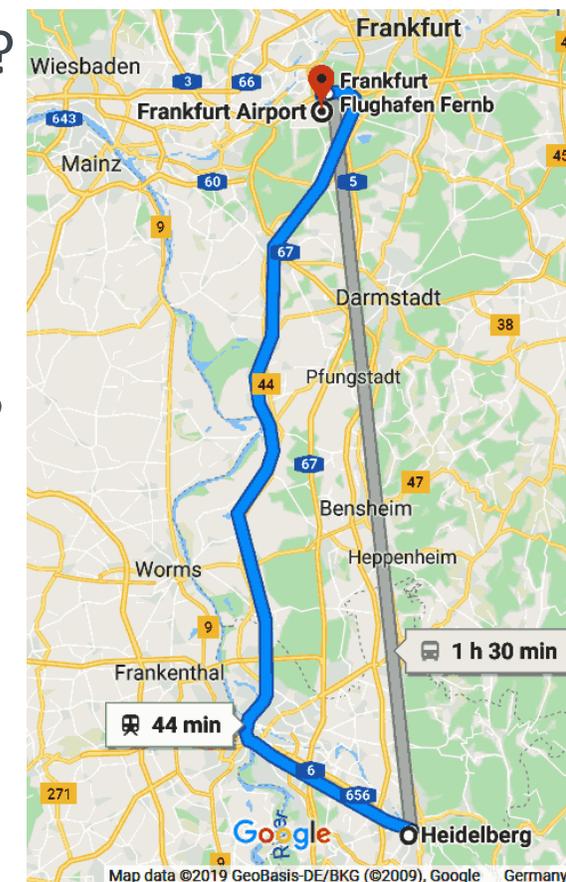


Example: Multi-Modal Transport

Lots of people use Google to find public transport from A → B ?

Why is it so successful?

- ✓ OK, it has good maps ... 😊
- ✓ Google has convinced many/most municipalities to publish transport routes/schedules in a **simple common format GTFS**

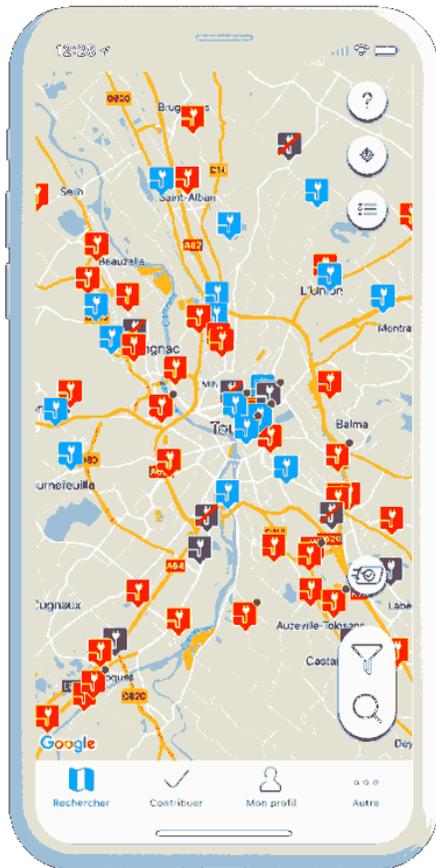


Can ETSI Enable such open systems? e.g. Electric Vehicle charger Maps ?

See commercial examples
<https://chargemap.com>

or

www.zap-map.com/live/

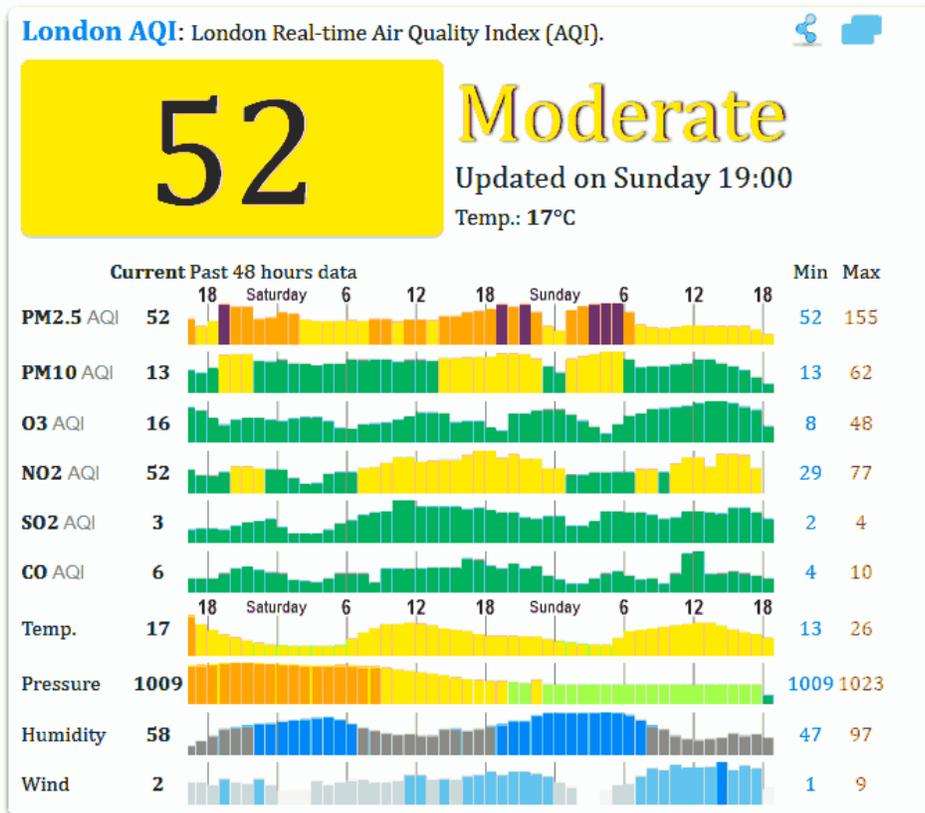


Can ETSI Enable such open systems?
e.g. Environmental Data overviews?



London Air Pollution: Real-time Air Quality Index (AQI)

LONDON | BIRMINGHAM | PARIS | BRUSSELS | ROTTERDAM | CHARLEROI | LOCATE THE NEAREST CITY | SEARCH FOR YOUR CITY



Examples where NGSI-LD could help create open Apps?

e.g. Show the air-pollution geomap near you

e.g. Show the combined traffic/crime/rental "heat map"
to help locate a new apartment
to help city-planners

e.g. Combine public-transport usage data with "special deals"
on tickets data, to help determine optimum usage ?

e.g. Compare hospital admissions data, with weather and pollution data,
to help plan emergency services (i.e. reduce spare capacity,
but make sure surges can be covered)

...

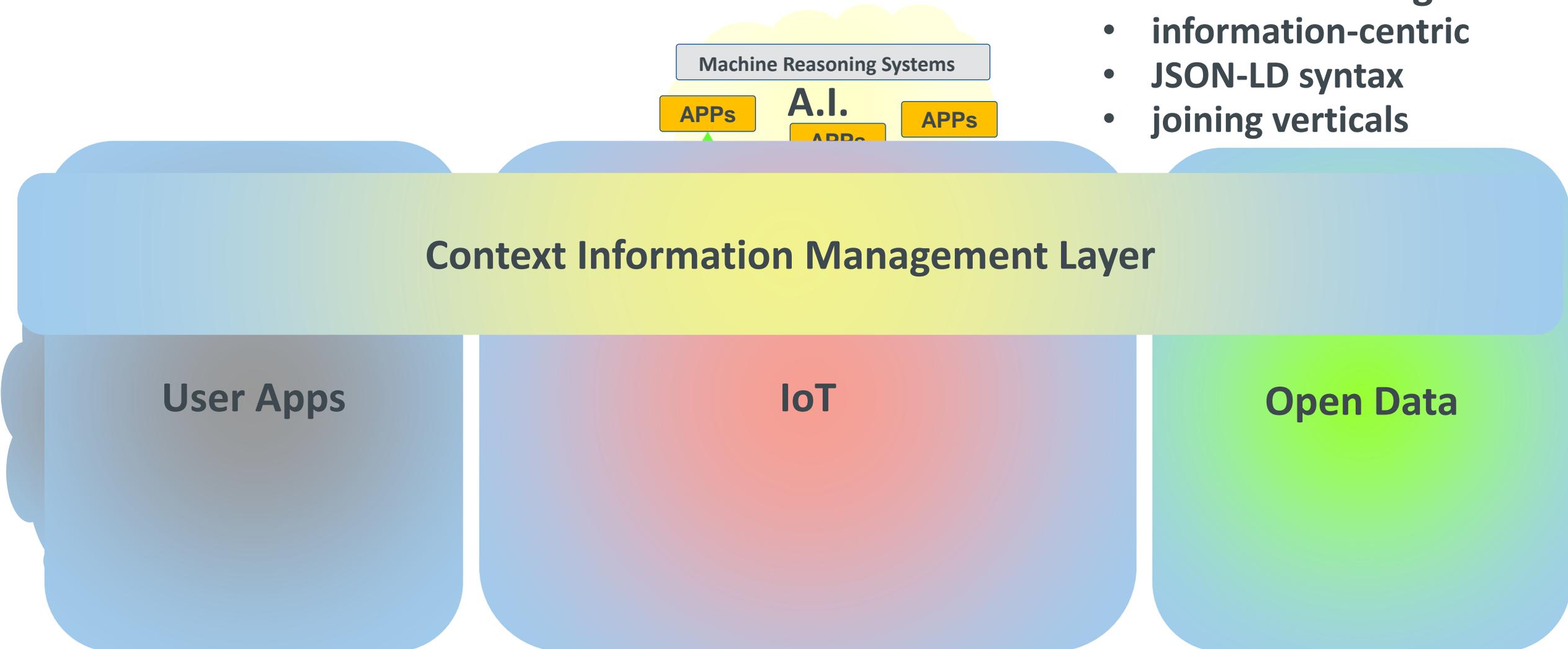
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Context Information Management: Joining Verticals Information-centric with developer-friendly NGSI-LD



NGSI-LD Advantages

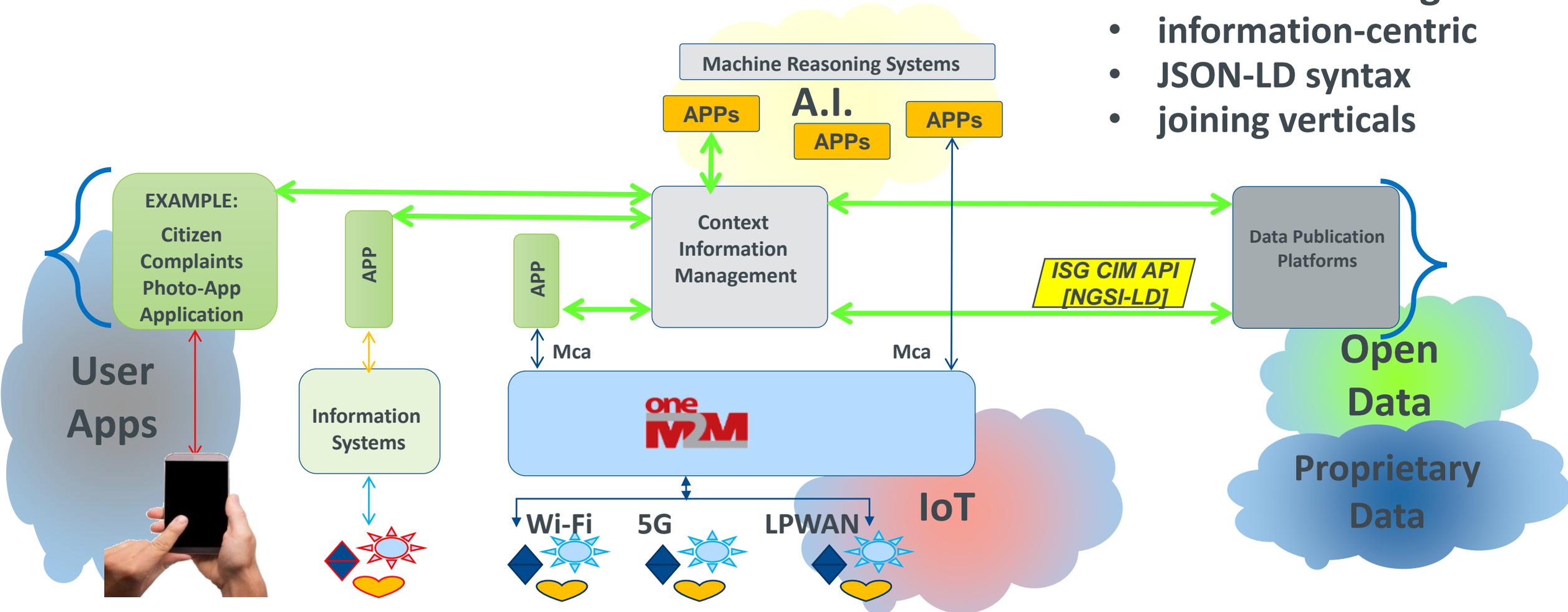
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- joining verticals



Context Information Management Layer: Information-centric with developer-friendly NGSI-LD

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EXAMPLE

For reference only



Notation for instance diagrams

Entity Type

NGSI-LD Categories/classes/types are round-edged rectangles

- ✔ Rdf/rdfs predicates (such as rdf:type rdfs:subclassof) are represented normally, as labels on the corresponding arcs between the instances or classes

Entity Instance

NGSI-LD Entity Instances are solid (square-angled) rectangles with text in bold

- ✔ text attached to the rectangle, not pasted as separate text block



NGSI-LD Relationships are diamonds, optionally with four "buttons"

- ✔ with arc coming in and out
- ✔ relationship should be read as a label attached to the underlying arc (directed edge) of the main graph
- ✔ Use verbs to describe relationships (as in entity-relationship diagrams)

Property

NGSI-LD Properties are ovals

- ✔ with corresponding arc coming in and out
- ✔ Properties can be read as a label attached to the underlying arc (directed edge) of the graph, à la RDF
- ✔ Arc may be omitted if the oval is represented as adjacent to the corresponding entity or relationship, à la property graph

Value

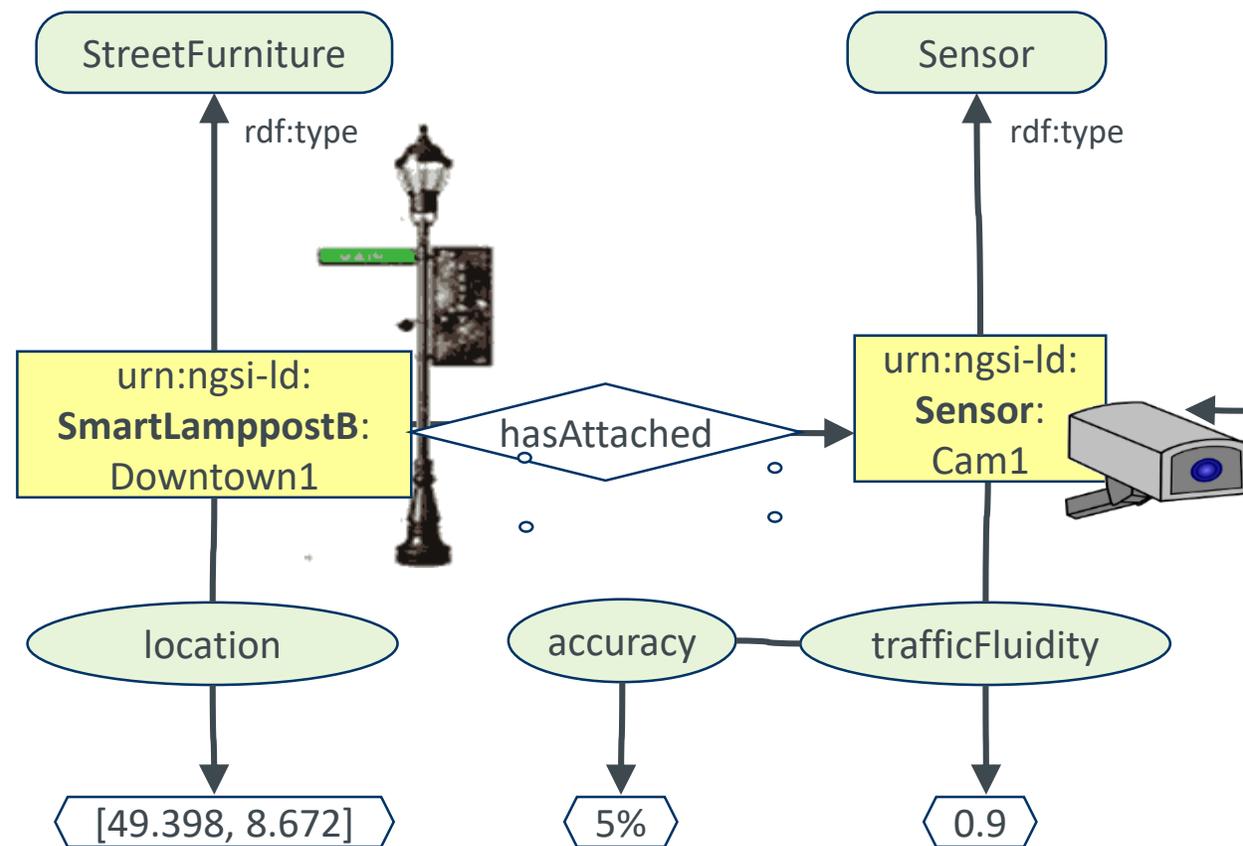
Values are unfilled hexagons, rather long

All elements must have line boundaries for better printing and PDFs.
Any filled colours can be used to aid readability: except Values are white

Example: City Hall has smart lampposts

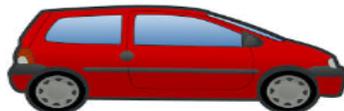


The townhall database has locations and functions of its smart lampposts



Example: Police report an accident

Vehicle



LegalEntity

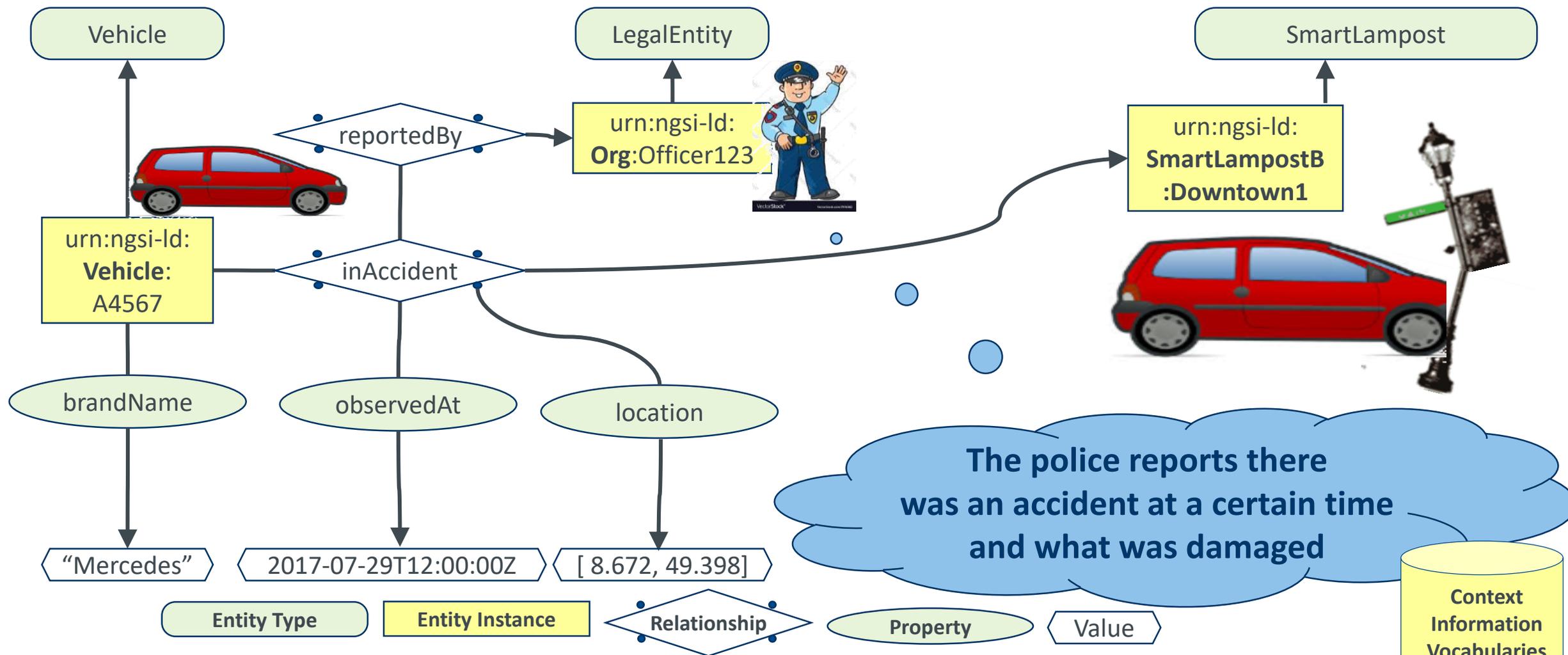


StreetFurniture

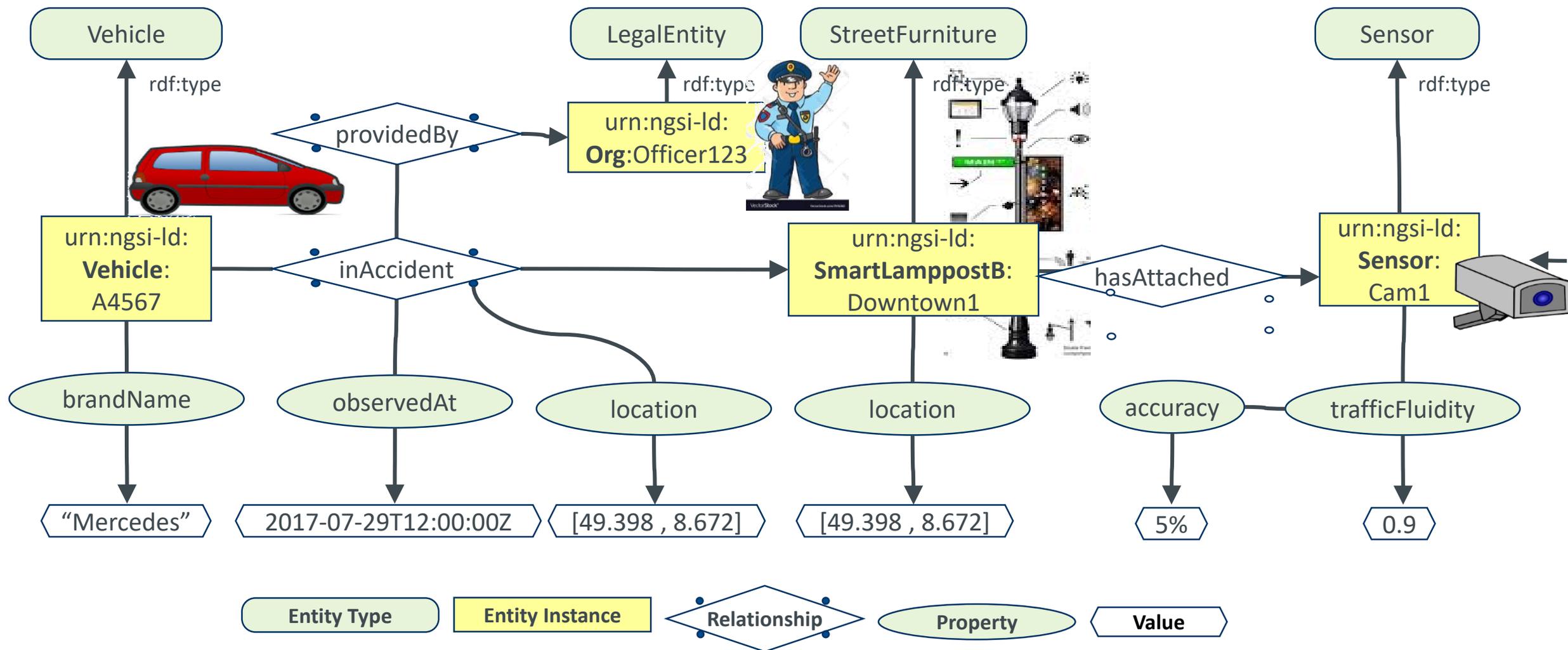


The police reports there was an accident at a certain time and what was damaged

Example: Police report an accident



Example: Combined data Exchange



Example: Data exchange between databases - two non-IoT databases and one IoT



The townhall records smart lampposts in its databases

The town hall records e.g. that a webcam is attached to a specific lamppost and delivers videodata about the street

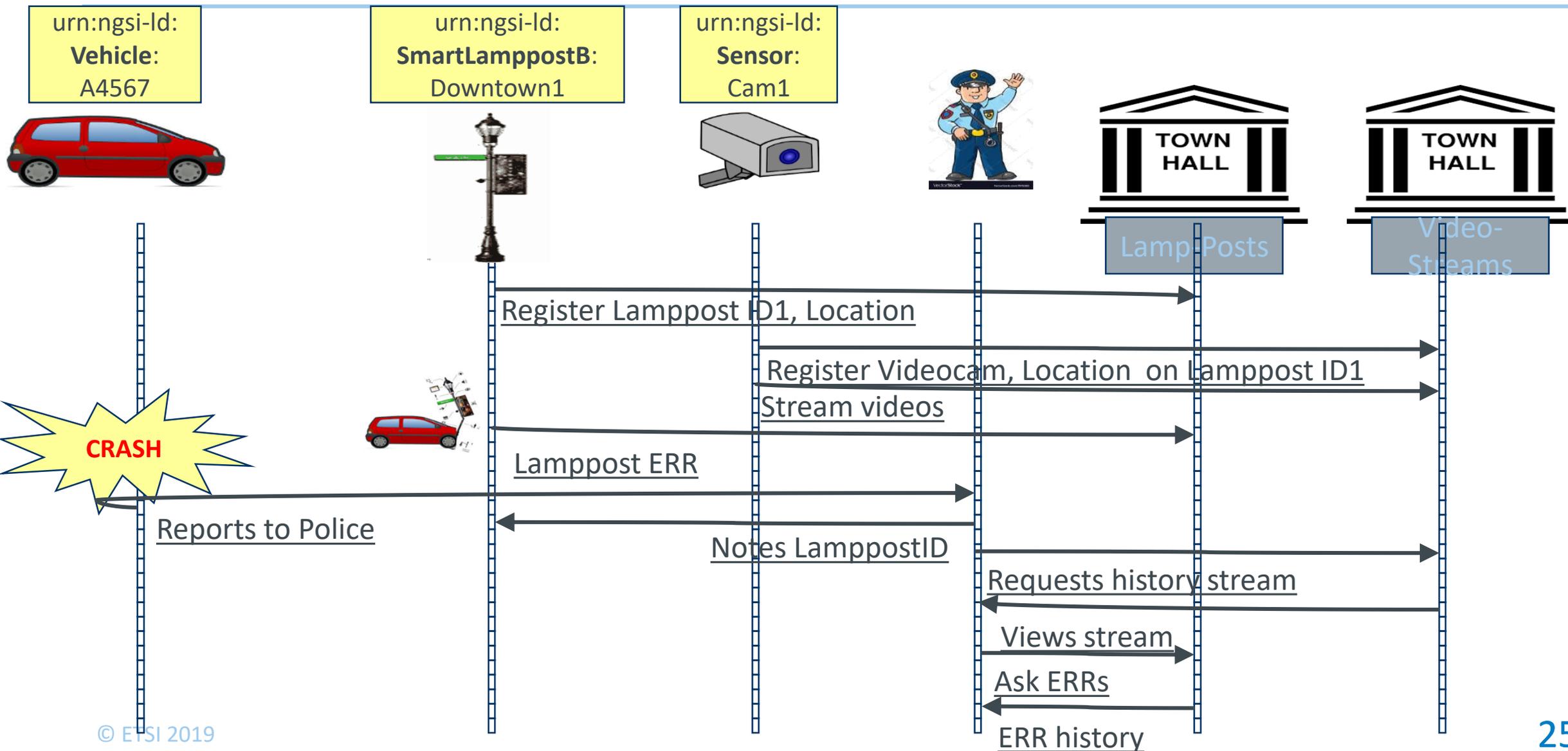
The police department records traffic accidents

A policeman records lamppost at position XY was hit by a car

Townhall can get a notification that a specific lamppost and the data from that lamppost may be affected

Police can query previous data from camera (nearby)

Example: Combined data Exchange: flows



Example: Entity "Vehicle" and its Context in NGSI-LD

```

{
  "id": "urn:ngsi-ld:Vehicle:A4567",
  "type": "Vehicle",
  "brandName": {
    "type": "Property",
    "value": "Mercedes"
  },
  "inAccident": {
    "type": "Relationship",
    "object": "urn:ngsi-ld:SmartLamppostB:Downtown1",
    "observedAt": "2017-07-29T12:00:00Z",
    "providedBy": {
      "type": "Relationship",
      "object": "urn:ngsi-ld:Org:Officer123"
    }
  },
}

```

```

"@context": [
  "http://uri.etsi.org/ngsi-ld/coreContext.jsonld",
  "http://example.org/cim/myUserTerms.jsonld"
]

```

- All terms are defined inside the @context links
- The unique URI of each term is sufficient to guarantee whether two applications are using the same data definitions.

NGSI-LD INFORMATION MODEL

NGSI-LD Information Model

NGSI Entity → Physical or virtual object.

- ✓ It has (one) Entity Type.
- ✓ Uniquely identified by an Entity Id (URI)

Entity has zero or more attributes identified by a name

- ✓ Property --> Static or dynamic characteristic of an entity
 - ✓ GeoProperty (geospatial context)
 - ✓ TemporalProperty (time context)
- ✓ Relationship → Association with a Linked entity (unidirectional)

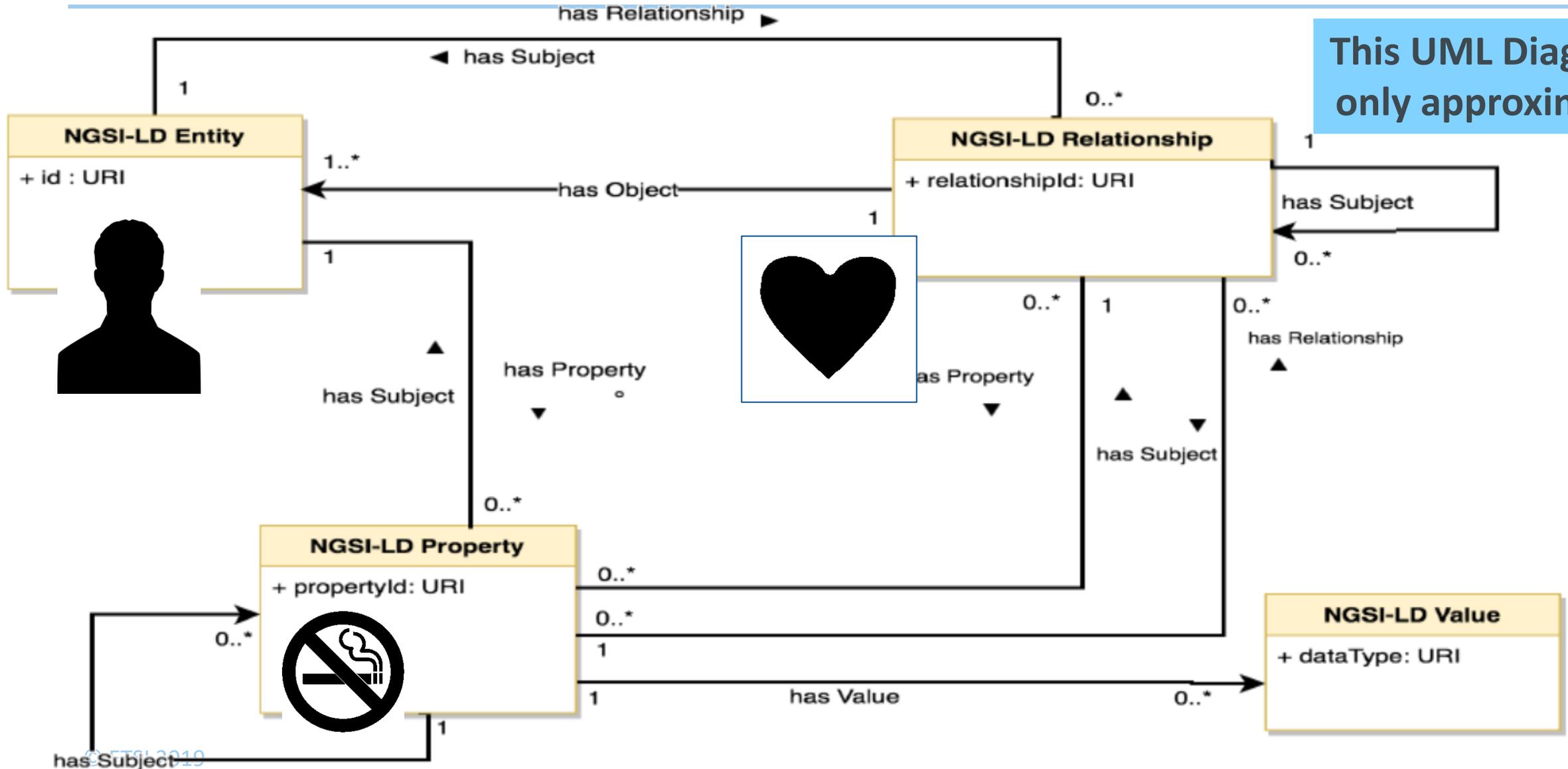
Properties have a value

- ✓ Can be a single value (Number, String, boolean), or complex (Array, Structured Value)

Relationships have an object

- ✓ A URI pointing to another entity (target of the relationship). Target can be a collection.

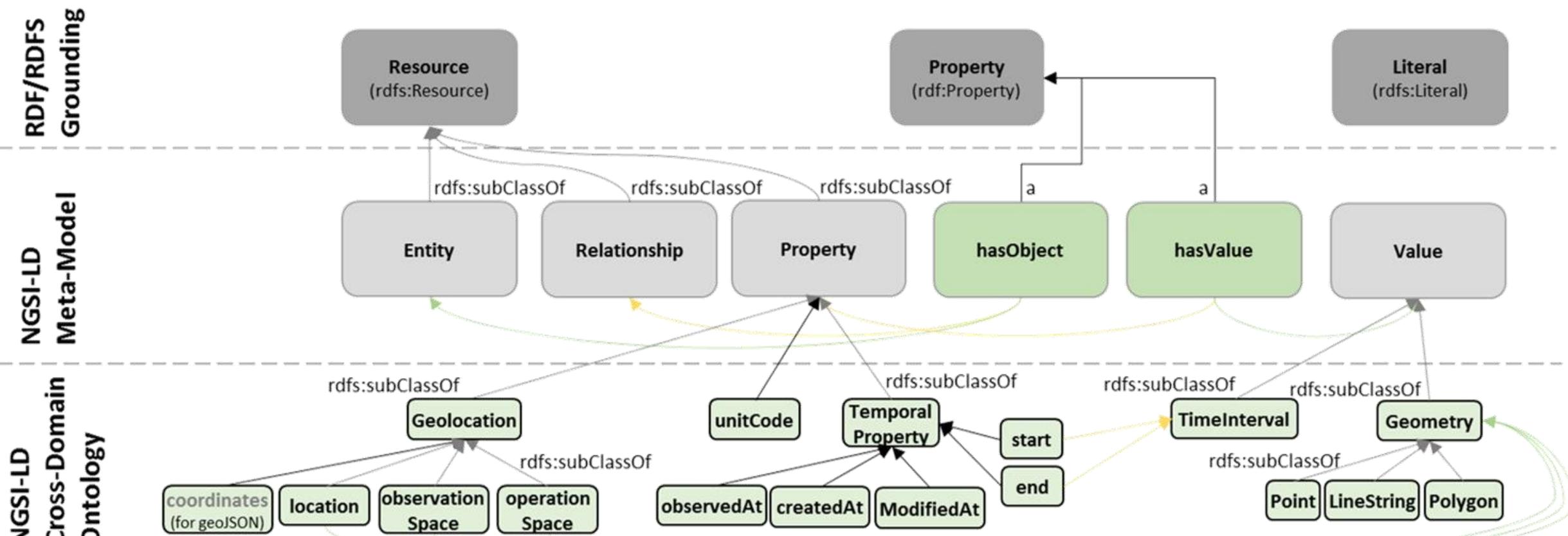
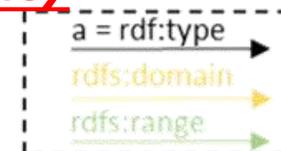
NGSI-LD Information Model: Has Entities, Relationships, Properties, Values



This UML Diagram only approximate

Cross-Domain Ontology provided in NGSI-LD

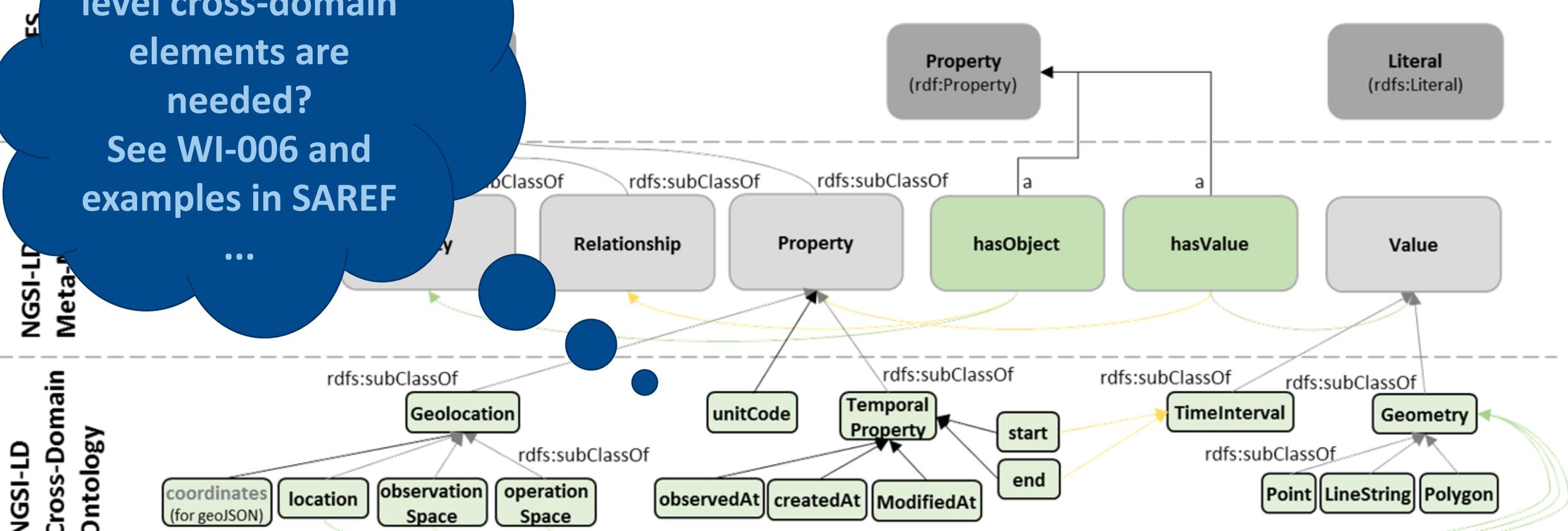
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What further high-level cross-domain elements are needed?
See WI-006 and examples in SAREF



Warning: There is a severe Lack of Meta-data: Provenance, Quality, Licensing



Do you label the source and measurement technique?

Do you use timestamps and geospatial attributes with accuracies?

Do you include a license condition? Or is it "only in the company"?

Do you tag personal information for faster GDPR responses?



Babel: Lack of Domain Consensus

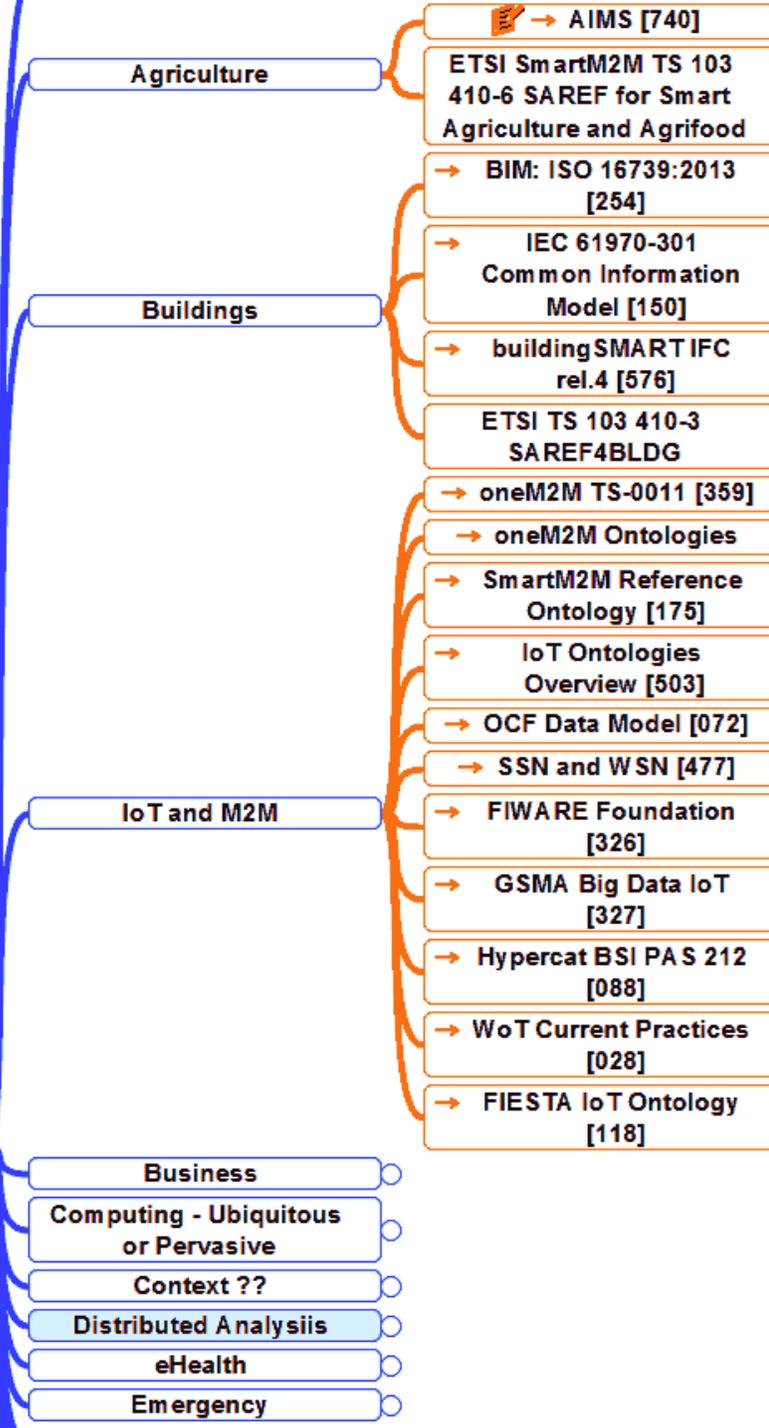
Need consensus in each domain
e.g. Here we see 4 in Buildings
e.g. Here we see dozens in IoT ??

EC has begun regulating to reduce these barriers to trade / efficiency !
e.g. [INSPIRE Directive](#) (deadline 2019)

„To ensure that the spatial data infrastructures of the Member States are compatible and usable in a Community and transboundary context, the INSPIRE Directive requires that common implementing Rules (IR) are adopted

...” [Metadata](#), [Data Specifications](#), [Network Services](#), [Data and Service Sharing](#), [Spatial Data Services](#), [Monitoring and Reporting](#)

Domain Specific Ontologies / Vocabularies



Babel: Thousands of Ontologies

Libraries of thousands of vocabularies/ontologies, overlapping

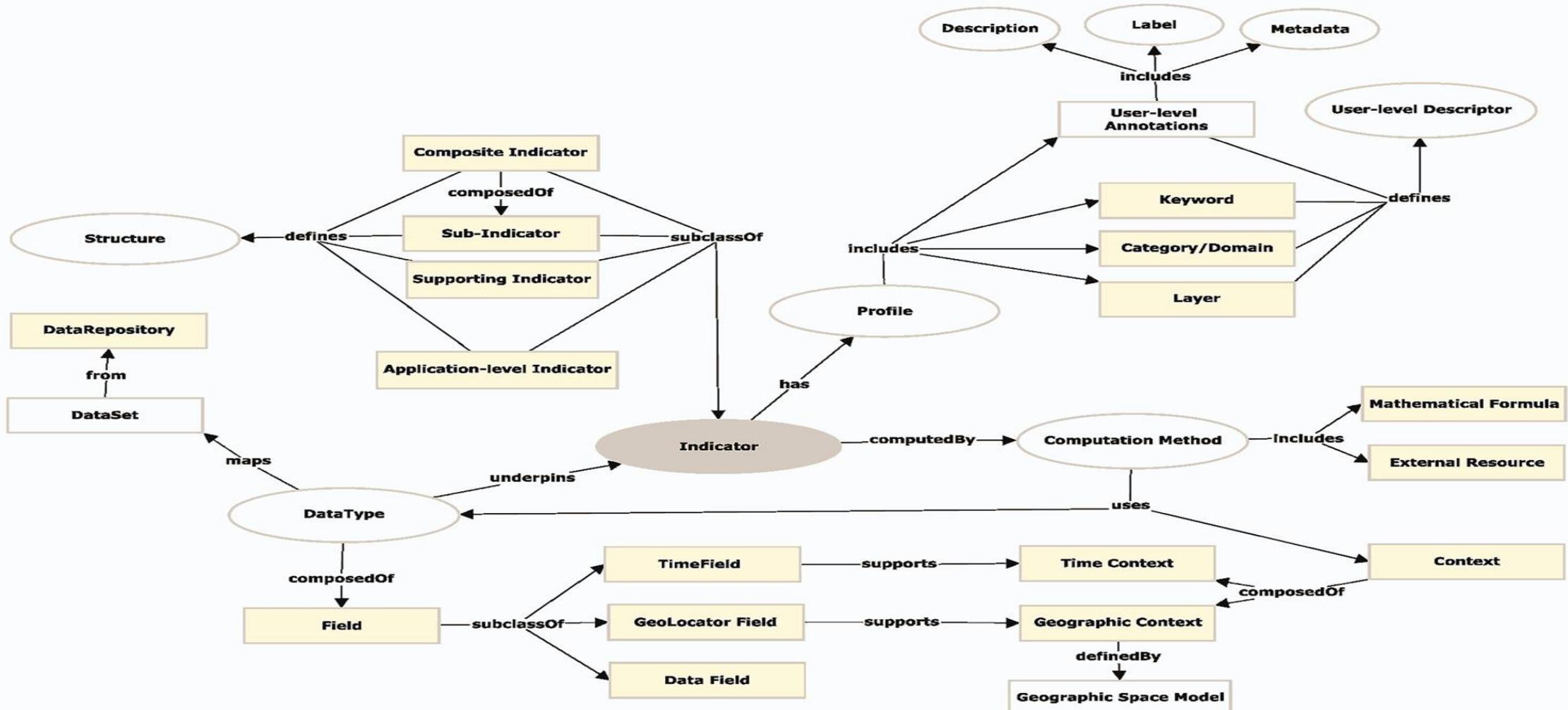
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- ✓ ...

Matching up ontologies is MUCH harder than (re)using same ones !

ETSI SmartM2M has SAREF working to help consolidate/bridge ontologies ...

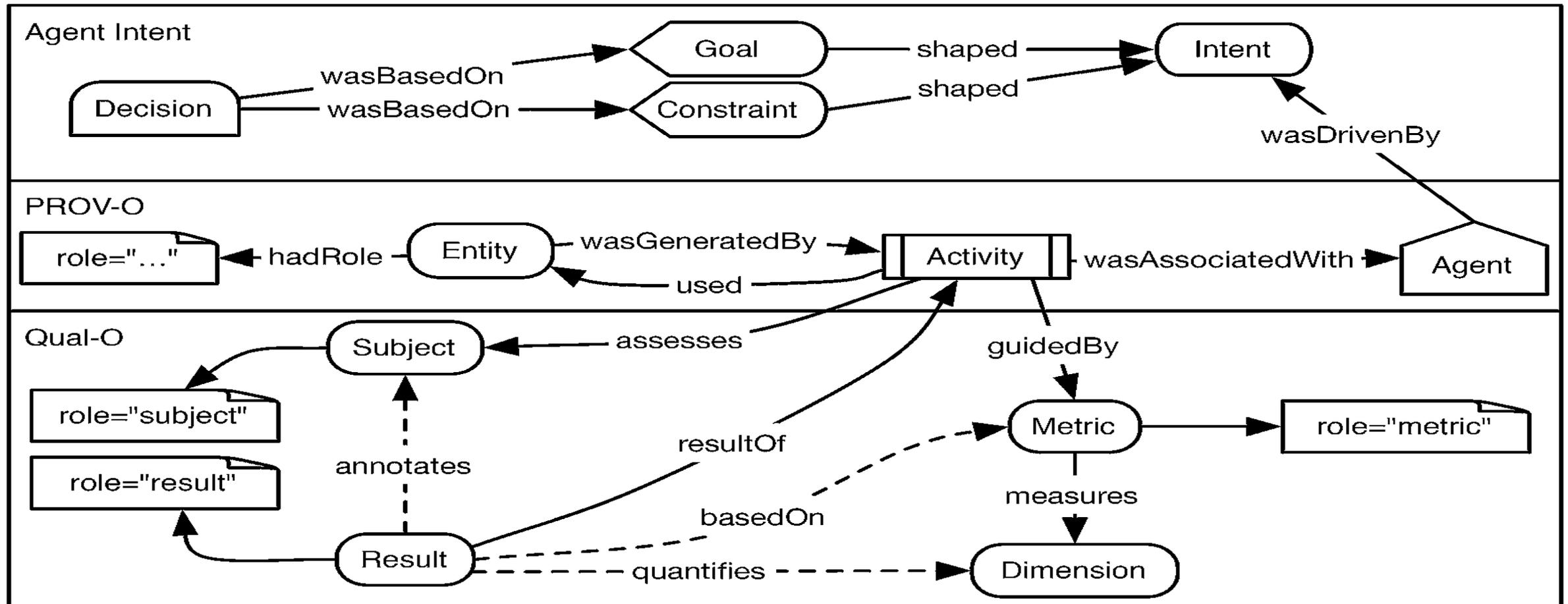
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Example extensible system to model KPIs, including key properties like accuracy



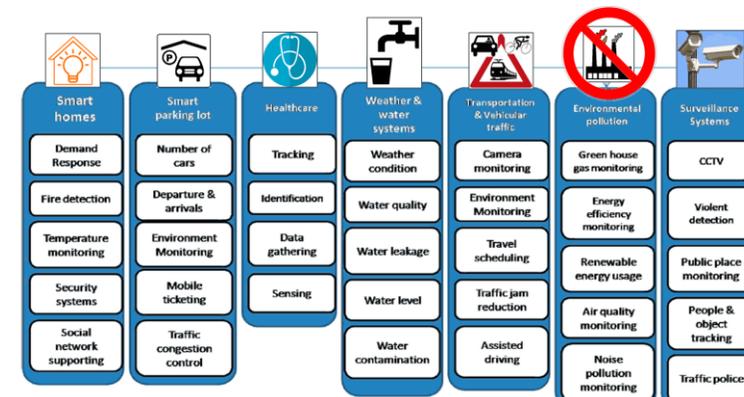
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Example of provenance-aware quality ontology



Conclusions re Information Management

So many Smart City services



"Review of Smart Cities based on IoT", <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/3f4b/5b92464281610010c0c4264462893567e03c.pdf> Energies 2017, 10, 421

So many issues in enabling exchange of meaningful, usable information



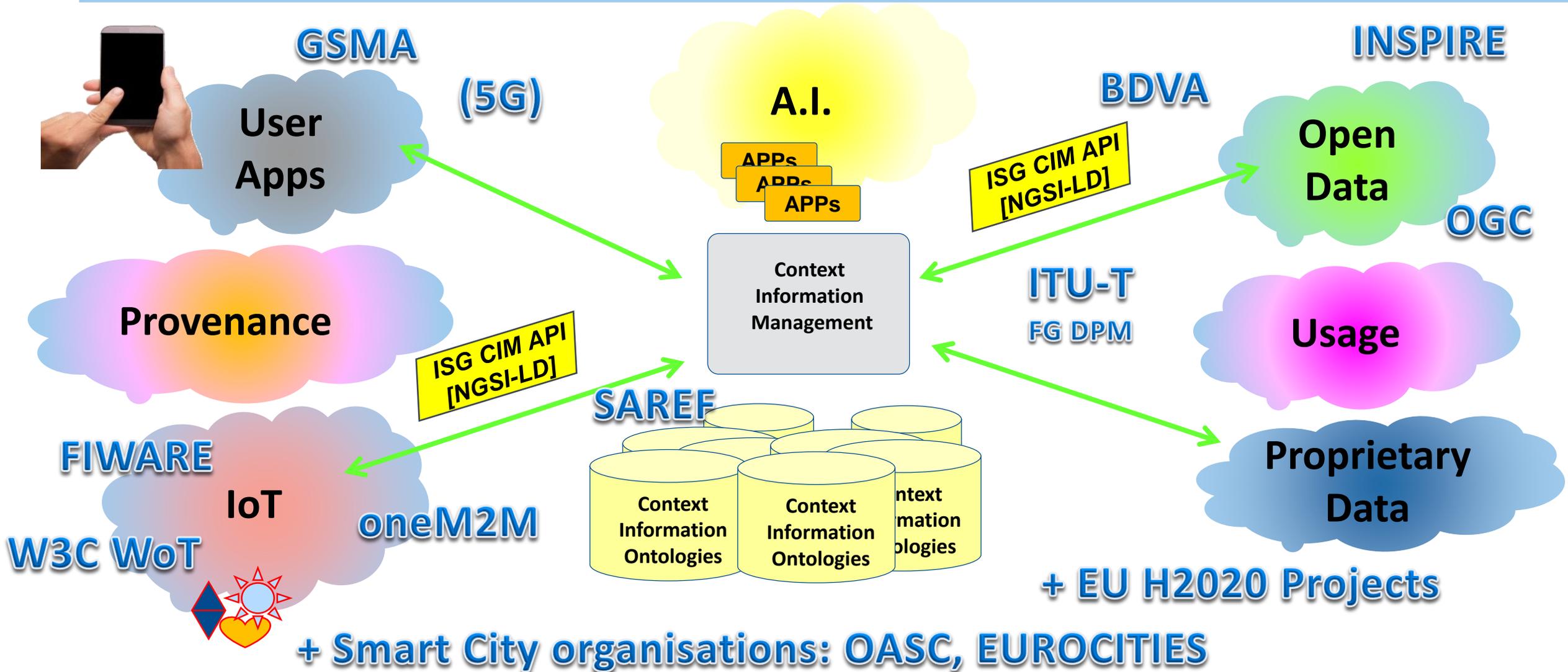
Do not wait for perfection ...

Get started, collaborate, standardize, improve



DON'T GO
ALONE !

ETSI ISG CIM collaborations for Context Information Management





Why do you
need context
information
management
?

A little bit of history ... of Information Management

2 Million BC	First <i>homo erectus</i> ¹ explorers arrive in Europe from Africa
500,000 BC	Heidelbergensis and Neanderthals arrive using “grunts for hunts”
50-70,000 BC	Homo sapiens arrive. About 1000 wild tribes, immigrants and economic refugees roam Europe in groups of 50-200...talking
5500 B.C.	Hieroglyphics developed ² in Upper Nile region
196 B.C.	Rosetta Stone (inscribed in Ancient Greek + Egyptian)
1886	First computation of statistics using punch cards ³ (at the New York City Board of Health, by a small startup later renamed as I.B.M.)
2011	Mobile-phones with Google audio translation software

Sources:

1. Salameh, Elias, Klaus Bandel, Ikhlas Alhejoj, and Ghaida Abdallat. "Evolution and Termination of Lakes in Jordan and Their Relevance to Human Migration from Africa to Asia and Europe." *Open Journal of Geology* 8 (2018): 1113-1132.

2. <https://news.yale.edu/2017/06/20/yale-archaeologists-discover-earliest-monumental-egyptian-hieroglyphs>

3. https://ethw.org/Early_Punched_Card_Equipment,_1880_-_1951

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Conclusions ?

Specialization → globalisation → enormous productivity (and resource consumption)

Globalisation + Digitalization → enormous sharing of virtual goods and services globally

Sharing of digital goods/services → enormous reliance on Information Management

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Sottoportego	path that goes under a building
Canale	broad canal, e.g. Canale Grande
Rio	narrower canal
Rio terra	was once a canal but now a path
Riva	quay
Fondamenta	path along side a canal
Ramo	small street connecting two streets or canals
Calle	used in Venice to denote a street
Ruga	walkway with shop outlets on each side
Salizzata	main paved thoroughfare
Corte	courtyard (usually at end of a street)



Source: <https://www.monasterystays.com/?a=newsletter&id=30>

Learning from history

Sharing of digital goods/services → enormous reliance on Information Management

Information and Context Information changes from tribe to tribe

e.g. across languages, across nations, across vertical application domains ...

Conclusion: we need a GOOD way to share information ... AND context information

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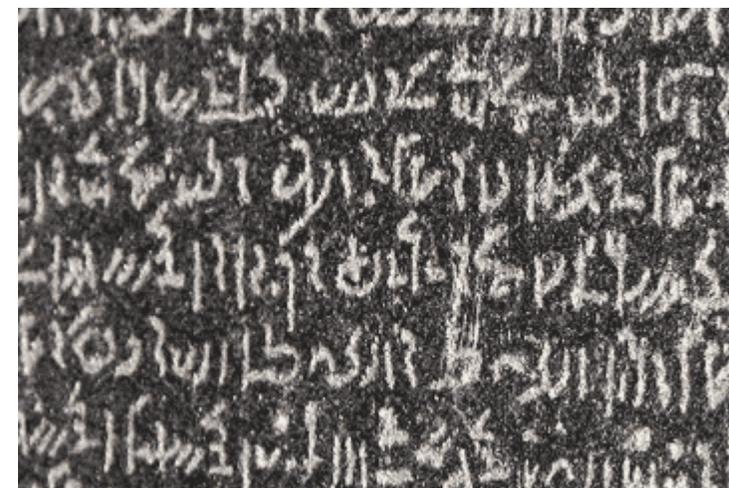
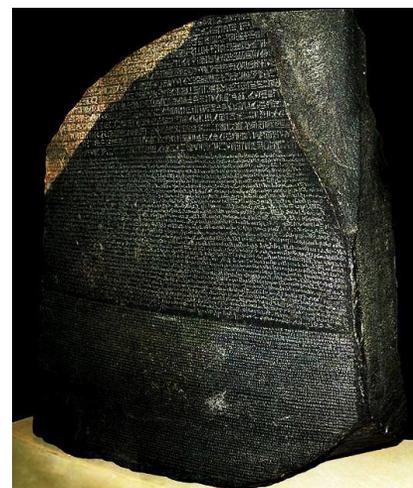
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e.g. did you know, the Rosetta Stone was a declaration of tax-free status for the local temple priests?



Thank You !

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Open pages for consensus material:

<https://docbox.etsi.org/ISG/CIM/Open>

+ visit at: <https://portal.etsi.org/CIM>

The text 'Thank You!' is written in a large, bold, blue, italicized sans-serif font. It is centered over a semi-transparent blue globe that shows the continents of Europe and Africa. The globe is set against a background of a hand holding a transparent tablet with various digital interface elements like a grid, a small square, and a bar chart.

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