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Context Information Management at ETSI ISG CIM
using NGSI-LD and Property Graphs



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Overview

- Mission of ETSI ISG CIM
- NGSI-LD Information Model
- NGSI-LD API
- NGSI-LD Data Models from different Domains
- NGSI-LD Usage: FIWARE Generic Enablers

MISSION OF ETSI ISG CIM

European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)

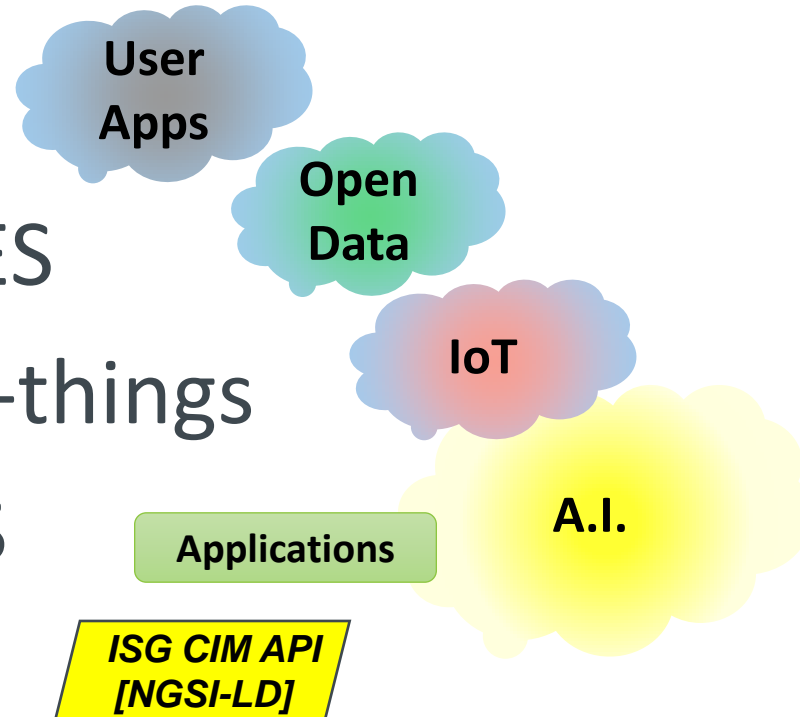
- ETSI produces globally-applicable standards for Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)
- It is officially recognized by the European Commission as a European Standards Organization
- Industry Specification Groups (ISG) allow participation of non-ETSI-members

ETSI ISG for cross-cutting Context Information Management (ETSI ISG CIM)

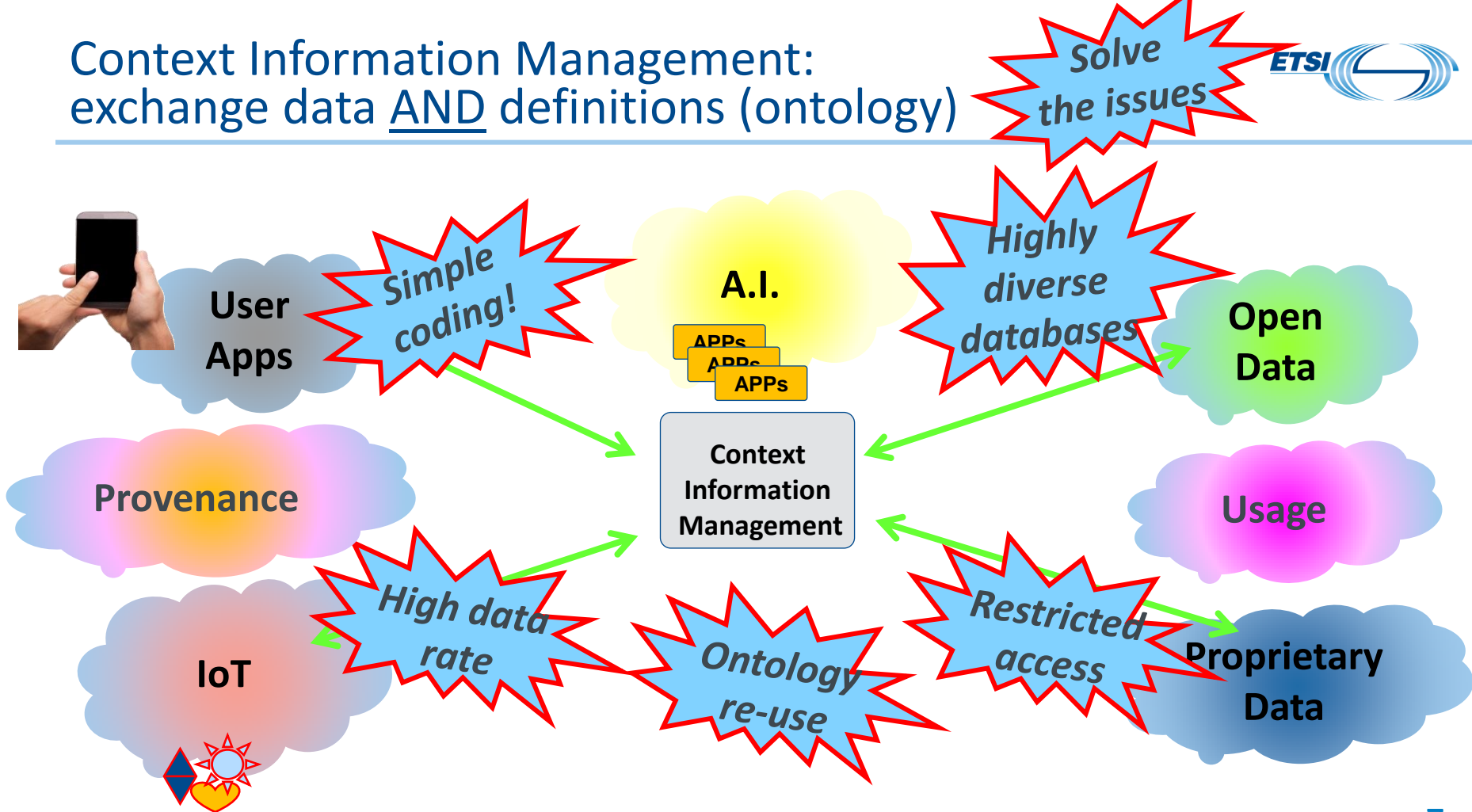
- Established in 2017 for duration of two years
- Recently extended for two more years until 2021
- Chairman: Lindsay Frost (NEC)
- Currently 22 Members (= ETSI Members) + 8 Participants
- **Evolution of NGSI Context Interfaces → NGSI-LD**

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



Context Information Management: exchange data AND definitions (ontology)



High-Level Design Goals of NGSI-LD

■ *Evolution of OMA/FIWARE NGSI Context Interfaces*

■ Put NGSI-LD Information Model on a solid conceptual grounding

- Property graph model
- Enable semantic concept definitions
- Enable linking to existing information

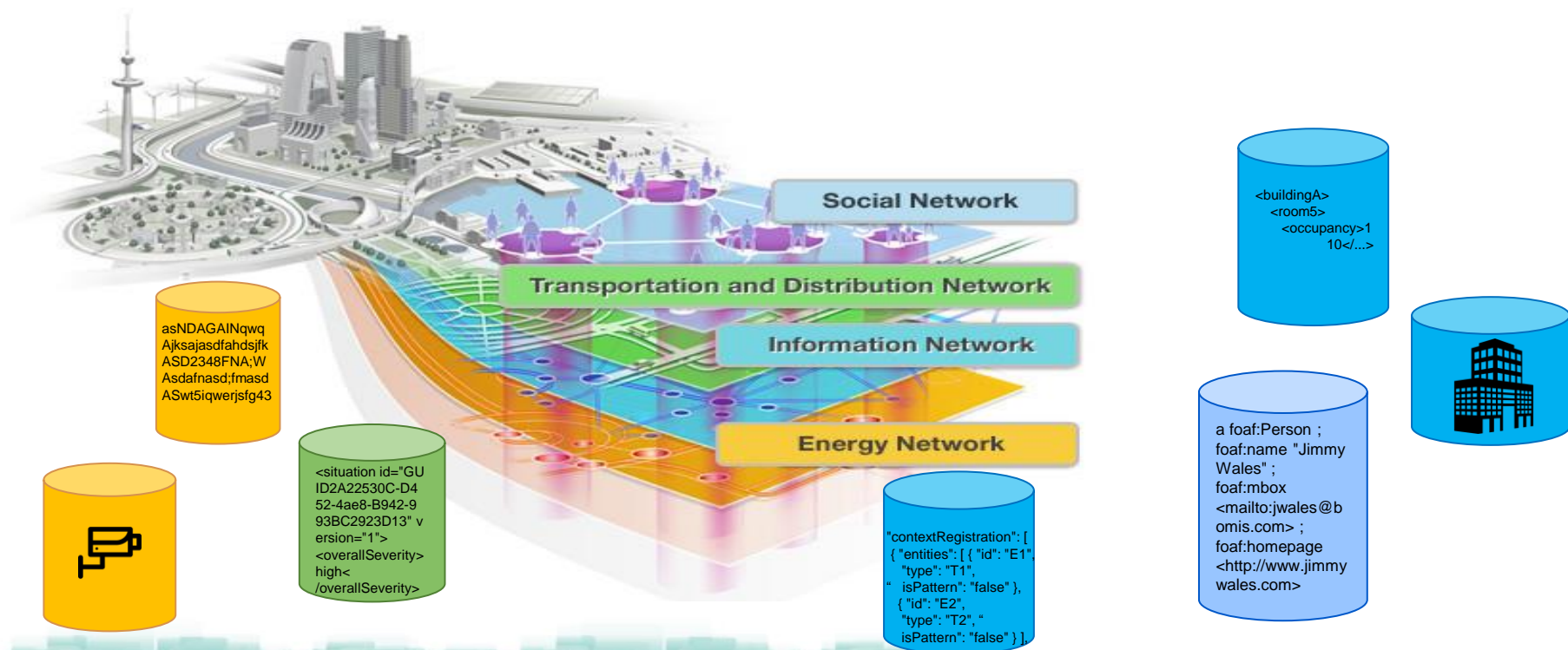
Linked Data

■ Enable applications to specify WHAT information they require (based on the NGSI-LD Information Model) – including *geographic scoping* and temporal interface

■ Support central as well as distributed and federated NGSI-LD system architectures with arbitrary information distribution

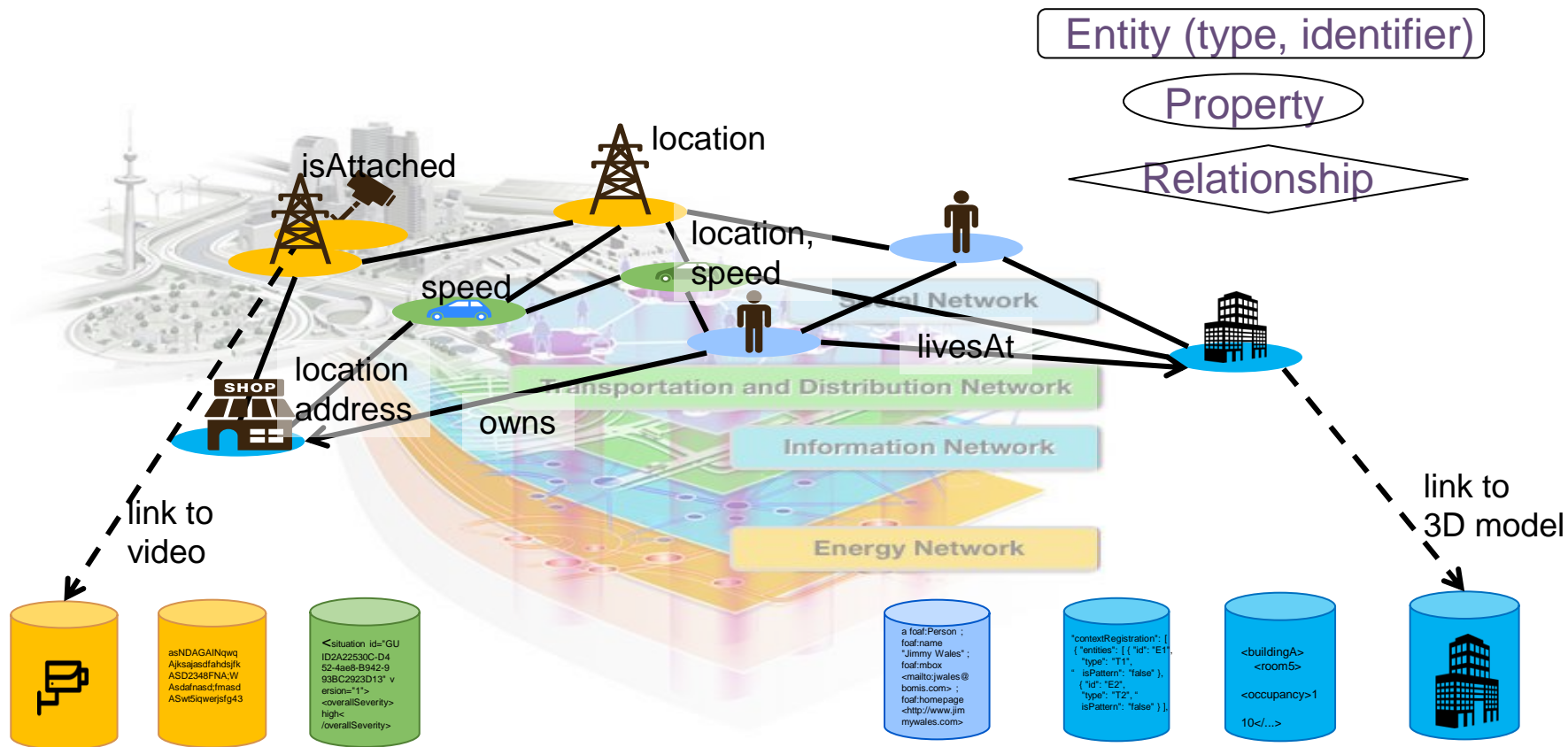
NGSI-LD INFORMATION MODEL

Use Case Example: Smart City Information



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NGSI-LD Information Model



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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

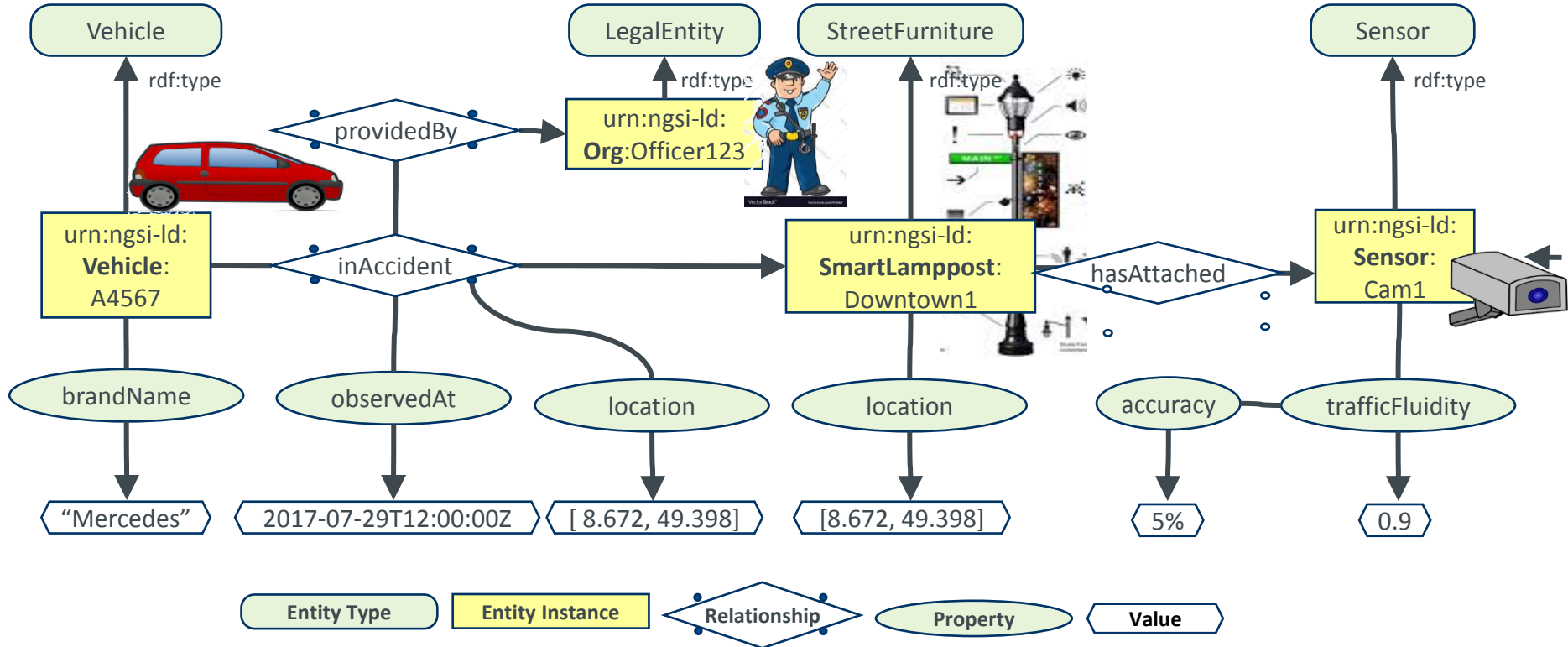
- ✓ Can be a single value (Number, String, boolean), or complex (Array, Structured Value)

Relationships have an object

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

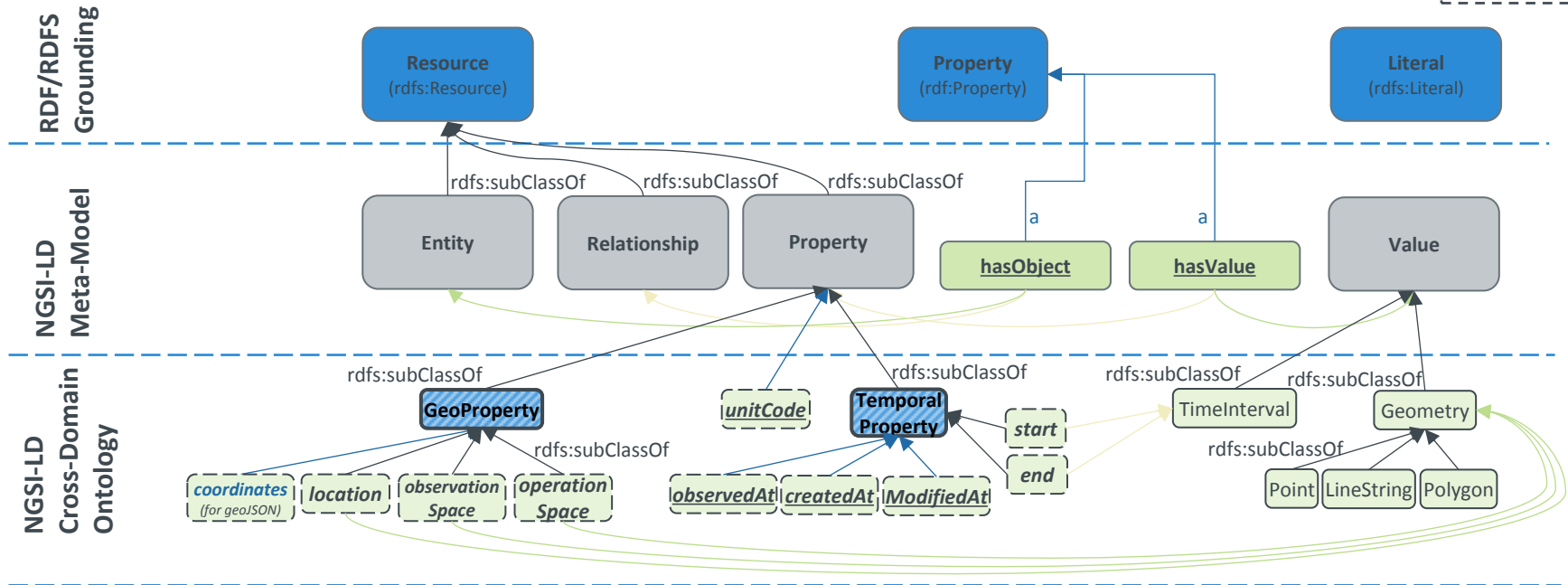
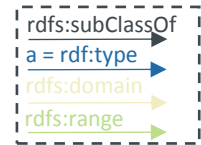
Properties and Relationships can again have properties and relationships

Example: NGSI-LD conceptual property graph



NGSI-LD Information Model – RDF Grounding

Need geospatial and temporal elements to be uniquely defined for interoperability

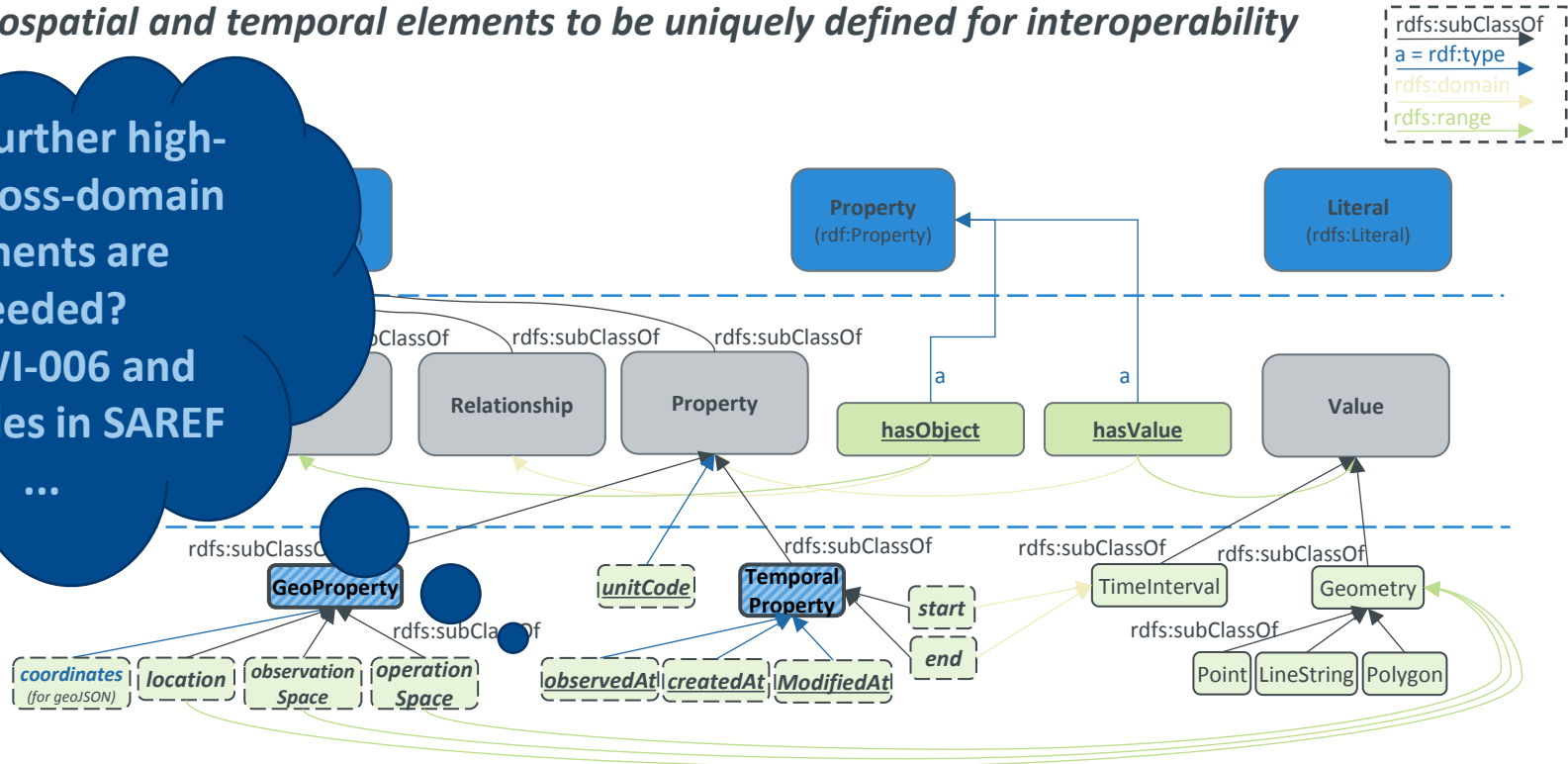


NGSI-LD Information Model

Need geospatial and temporal elements to be uniquely defined for interoperability

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

NGSI-LD
Cross-Domain
Ontology

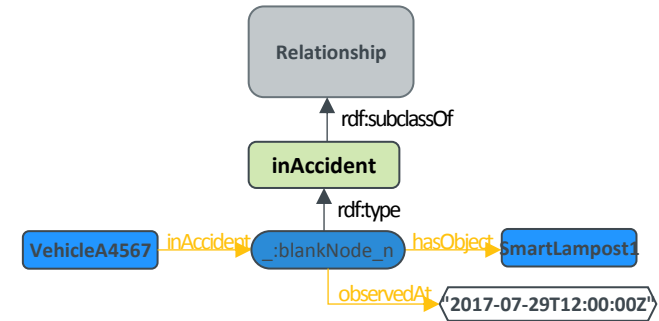


JSON-LD Representation of NGSI-LD – Example

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

"@context": [
 "http://uri.etsi.org/ngsi-ld/v1/ngsi-ld-core-context.jsonld",
 "http://example.org/vehicle/my-user-terms-context.jsonld"
]

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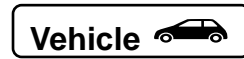
NGSI-LD Semantic Grounding

Concepts



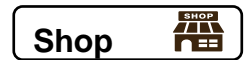
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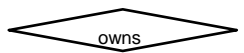
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Shop

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owns

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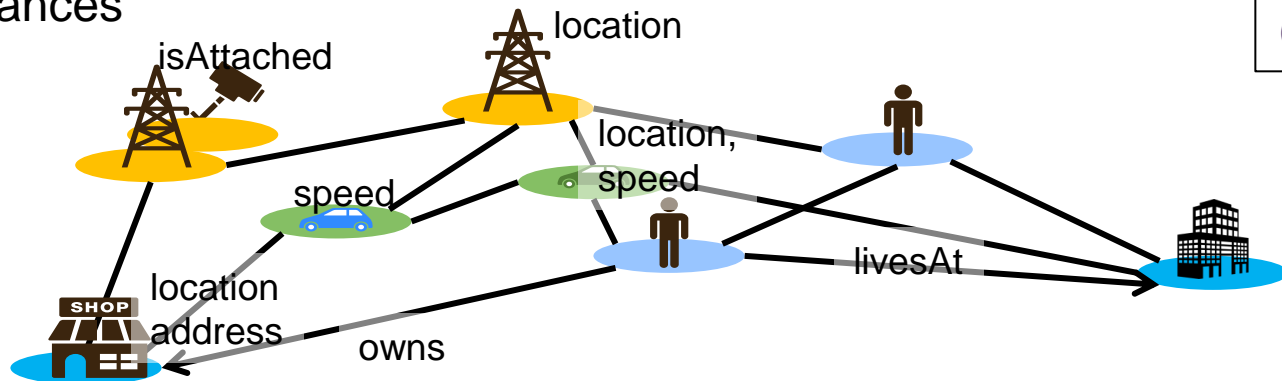


location

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In NGSI-LD Mapping
through JSON-LD
@Context

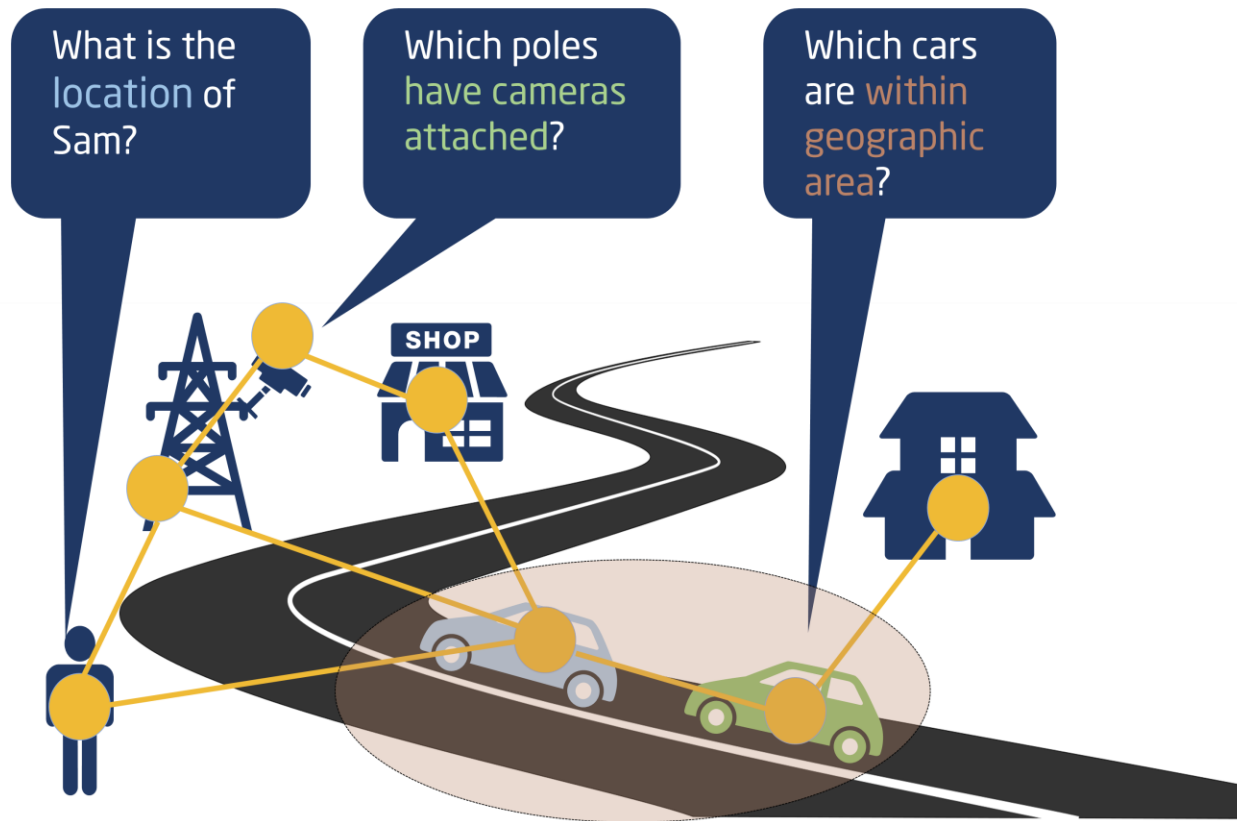
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NGSI-LD API

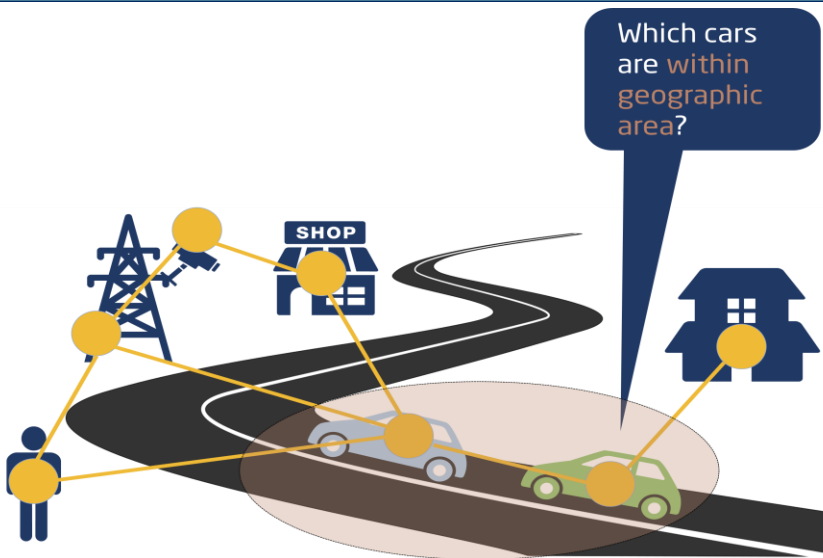
NGSI-LD API Features



NGSI-LD Features

- **Knowledge graph:** Entities have Properties and Relationships
- Annotated Properties and Relationships
- Synchronous query and asynchronous subscription/notification interaction
- Filtering & paging
- **Geographic scoping**
- Temporal queries
- Support for centralized, distributed and federated architectures

NGSI-LD Example: Geographic Query



Which cars
are **within**
geographic
area?

```
GET /ngsi-ld/v1/entities?type=https://forge.etsi.org/gitlab/primerContext/StoreOntology/Car&geoproperty=location&georel=near;minDistance==1500&geometry=Point&coordinates=[57.4874120,20.2845608]
HTTP/1.1Host: cema.nlehd.de:3001
Content-Type: application/ld+json
Accept: application/ld+json
```

...
"id": "urn:ngsi-ld:Car:HD-B1234",

"type": "Car",

"location {

"type": "GeoProperty",

"value": {

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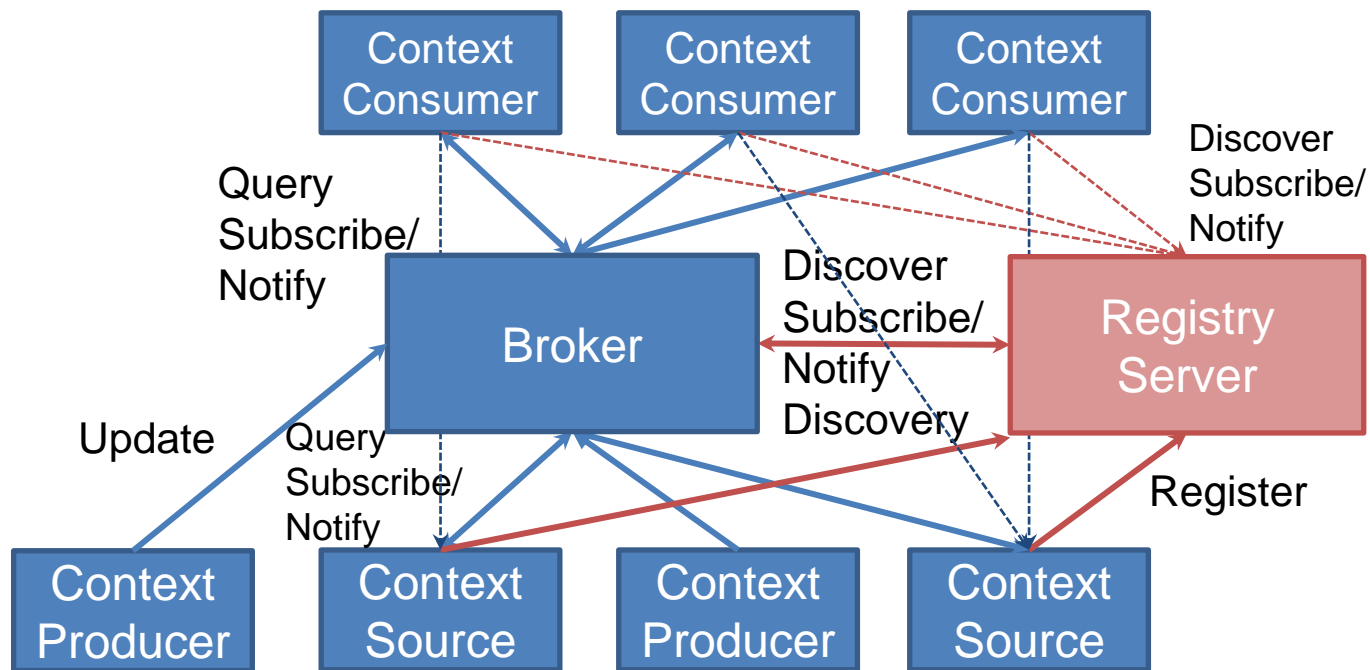
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...

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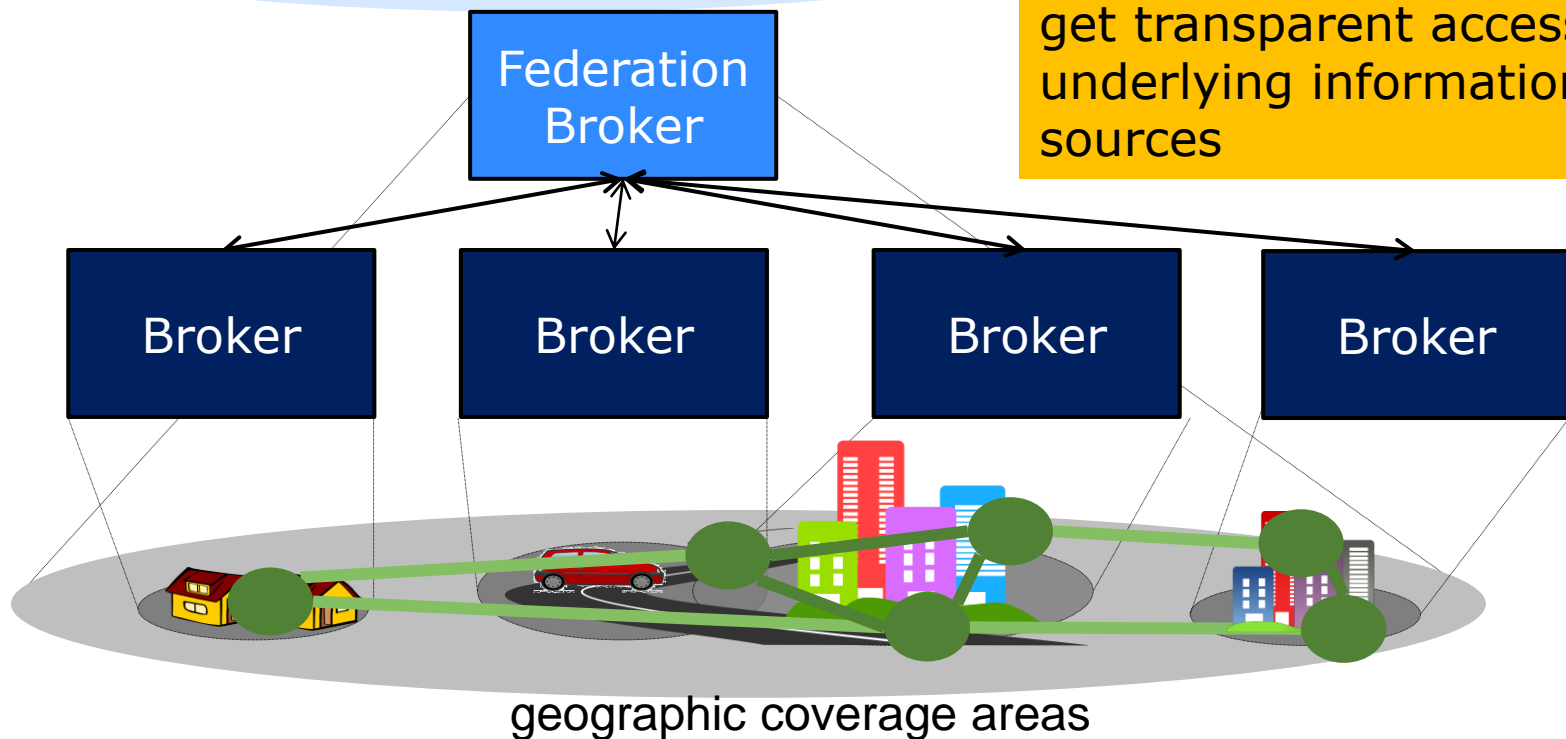
Logical NGSI-LD Architecture



Federation Concept



Federation: Applications get transparent access to underlying information sources



NGSI-LD Data Models

GSMA, OASC & FIWARE

NGSI-LD Data Models

NGSI-LD requires models defining entity types with their properties and relationships

Existing NGSI-LD Data Models



IoT Big Data Harmonised
Data Model



FIWARE Data Models

Organizations planning to recommend/adopt data models



The [FIWARE Foundation](#) and [TM Forum](#) – the global not-for-profit association focused on digital transformation – announced a joint collaboration program to support the adoption of a reference architecture and compatible common data models that underpin a digital market of interoperable and replicable solutions for smart cities.

GSMA IoT Big Data Harmonised Data Model

Recogniser Input	This entity contains a generic model for an input to an AI/ Machine Learning based image/audio recogniser Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.
Recogniser Result	This entity contains a generic model for the resulting outputs from an AI/ Machine Learning based image/audio recogniser where multiple features are processed. Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.
Recogniser Simple Result	This entity contains a generic model for a simple result output from an AI/ Machine Learning based image/audio recogniser Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.
Road	This entity contains a harmonised geographic and contextual description of a Road. Roads are made up of one or more RoadSegment entities. This entity is primarily associated with the Automotive and Smart City vertical segments and related IoT applications. Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.
Road Segment	This entity contains a harmonised geographic and contextual description of a RoadSegment. A collection of RoadSegments are used to describe a Road. This entity is primarily associated with the Automotive and Smart City vertical segments and related IoT applications. Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.
Smart Meter	This entity contains a harmonised description of a Smart Meter, generally applicable for Smart Homes, Industry, Cities and Agriculture. It is designed to be a base for smart meter observations Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.
Smart Meter Observed	This entity contains a harmonised description of a Smart Meter Observation, generally applicable for Smart Homes, Industry, Cities and Agriculture. Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.
Subscriber	This entity contains a harmonised description of a subscriber to a service. This entity is primarily associated with the Smart Home/ Smart Buildings vertical segments and related IoT applications. Specification .	Context example.	Entity example.

Excerpt of Road Example

```
"@context": [
  "https://forge.etsi.org/gitlab/NGSI-LD/NGSI-LD/raw/master/coreContext/ngsi-ld-core-context.json",
  "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/GSMADeveloper/NGSI-LD-Entities/master/examples/Road-context.jsonld"
],
"id": "urn:ngsi-ld:Road:19b6f4b7-a9b4-4114-8391-3133bf96aedc",
"type": "Road",
"createdAt": "2017-01-01T01:20:00Z",
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"source": "https://source.example.com",
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"entityVersion": 2.0,
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  "value": "United Kingdom"
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"roadSegments": {
  "type": "Relationship",
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  ]
},
"roadClass": {
  "type": "Property",
  "value": "Motorway"
},
}
```

IoT Big Data Harmonised Data Model Version 6.0, 29 October 2018

<https://www.gsma.com/iot/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CLP.26-v6.0.pdf>

<https://github.com/GSMADeveloper/NGSI-LD-Entities>

FIWARE Data Models



ALERTS

Alerts Events related to risk or warning conditions which require action taking.

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PARKS & GARDENS

Data models intended to make an efficient, effective and sustainable management of green areas.

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DEVICE

IoT devices (sensors, actuators, wearables, etc.) with their characteristics and dynamic status.

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TRANSPORTATION

Transportation data models for smart mobility and efficient management of municipal services.

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ENVIRONMENT

Enable to monitor air quality and other environmental conditions for a healthier living.

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POINT OF INTEREST

Specific point locations that someone may find useful or interesting. For instance, weather stations, touristic landmarks, etc.

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INDICATORS

Key performance indicators intended to measure the success of an organization or of a particular activity in which it engages.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

Enable efficient, recycling friendly, municipal or industrial waste management using containers, litters, etc.

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CIVIC ISSUE TRACKING

Data models for civic issue tracking interoperable with the de-facto standard Open311.

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STREET LIGHTING

Modeling street lights and all their controlling equipment towards energyefficient and effective urban illuminance.

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PARKING

Real time and static parking data (on street and off street) interoperable with the EU standard DATEX II.

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WEATHER

Weather observed, weather forecasted or warnings about potential extreme weather conditions.

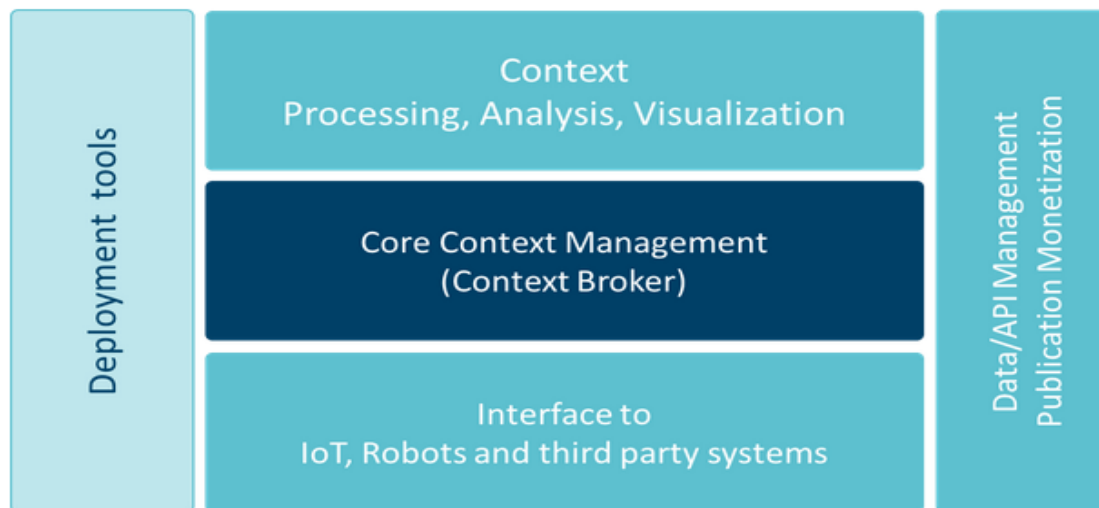
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<https://www.fiware.org/developers/data-models/>, partially based on schema.org

NGSI-LD Usage

FIWARE Generic Enablers

- FIWARE: Core platform of Future Internet PPP, 2012-2016
- Today: Framework of Open Source Platform Components, managed by FIWARE Foundation
- Core component: **FIWARE Context Broker** implementing **NGSI**, currently NGSIv2 -> evolution towards **NGSI-LD** in 2019
- **Plus:** Rich suite of complementary FIWARE Generic Enablers

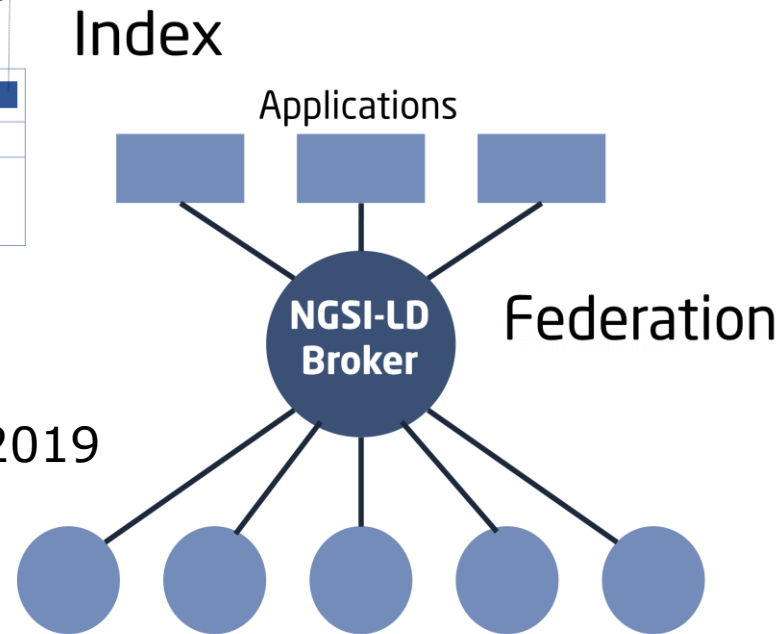
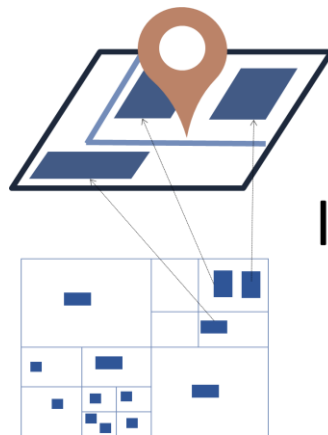


Source: FIWARE

- Supports NGSI-LD API
- Efficient geographic queries
- *Temporal queries (later 2019)*
- More deployment options and better scalability

- Indexing
- Distribution
- Federation

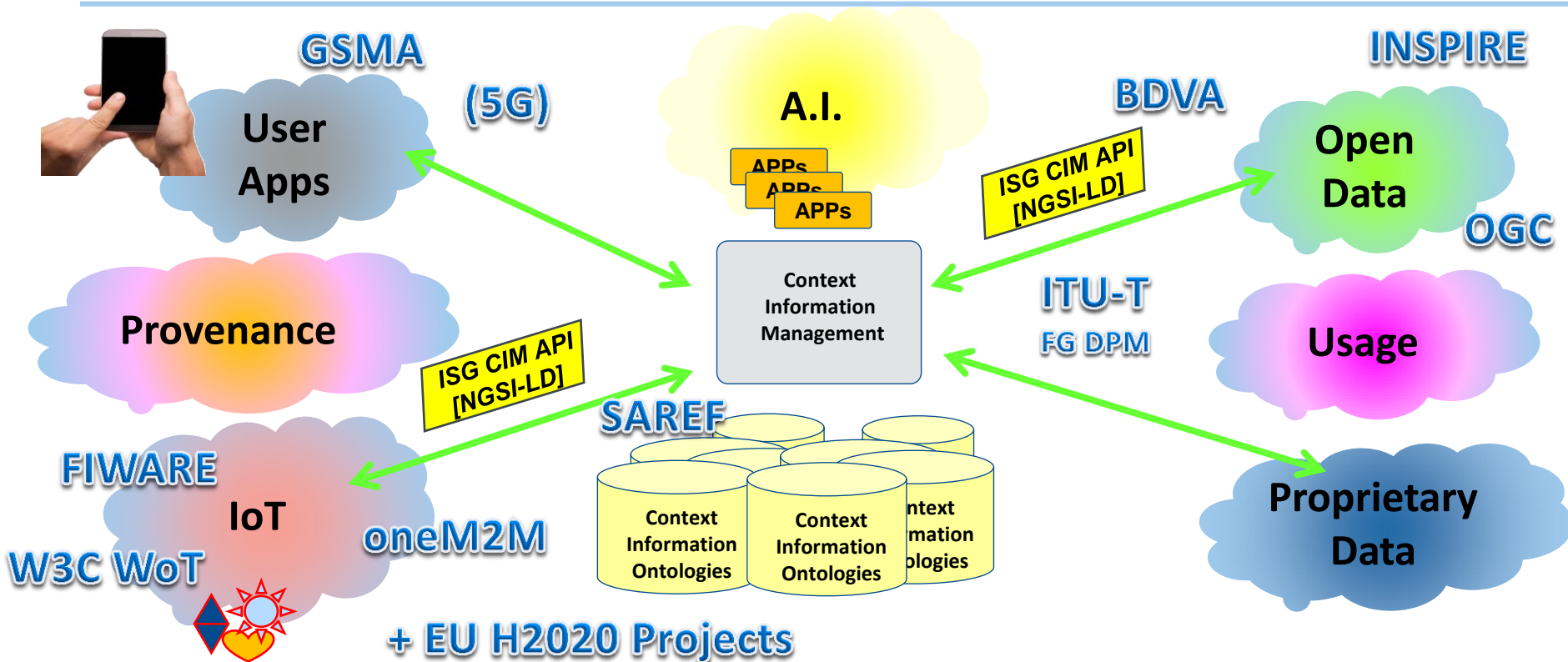
- Modular & micro-service based
- Experimental version available from April 2019
- Complete version later in 2019 (*current plan*)



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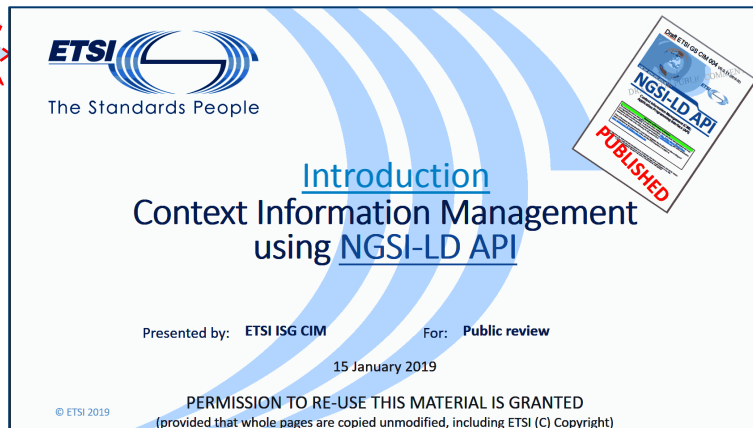
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ETSI ISG CIM collaborations for Context Information Management



NGSI-LD API: Introduction, Whitepaper, Use Cases, Spec

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Introduction
Context Information Management
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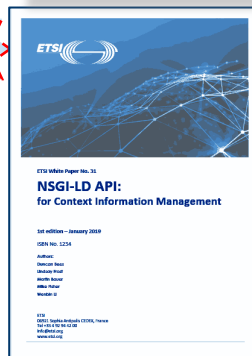
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NSGI-LD API:
for Context Information Management

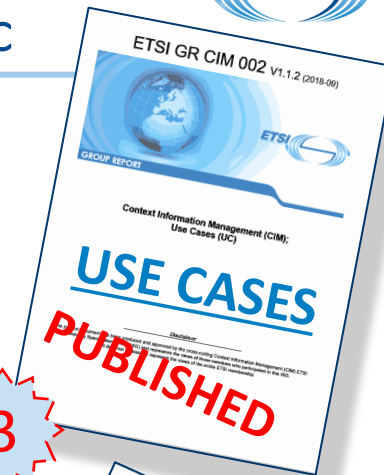
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Whitepaper explains concepts

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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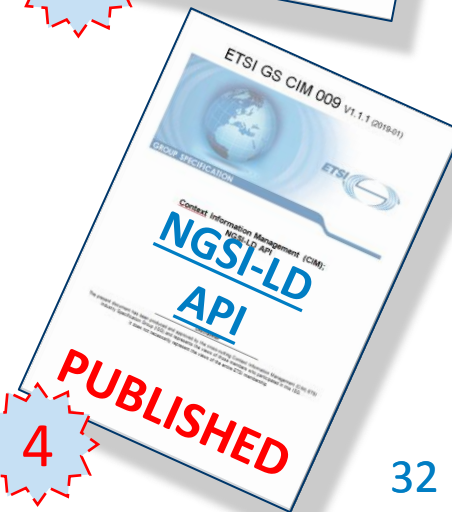
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USE CASES

Context Information Management (CIM);
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