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**OPERATING
SYSTEM FOR
SMART SERVICES
IN BUILDINGS**

The domOS Project

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Facts & Figures



- Type **Innovation Action (IA)**
- Call **LC-SC3-EE-4-2019-2020**
Upgrading smartness of existing buildings through innovations for legacy equipment
- Partners **11**
3 SMEs, 1 multinational company, 2 start-ups, 2 regional energy grid operators, 2 universities, 1 not-for-profit research centre
- Dates **Sep. 2'020 – Aug. 2'023**
- Budget **4.973 M€**

Observations

- **Plenty of smart products / services for buildings are available** on the market and deployed by building owners, tenants or facility operators
 - Smart watering system, on-line heat-pump, security & alarming solutions, on-line photovoltaic inverter, light bulbs , coffee machine...



Silo solutions!

Observations



- Why can the deployment of such smart products / services become a problem?
 - **Lack of integration:**
 - Multiple gateways, sensors, in-house communication networks, applications, management procedures, access control schemes...
 - No single point of access
 - **Deployment of cross product / service solutions are impossible or highly complex**
 - Energy management requires the choreography of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid, the battery, the heat pump, the blinds, the lighting...
 - A security service could make use of the electrical load curve, of the blind control system...

Why is Reaching Interoperability Complex

- Interests between stakeholders are many, and sometimes conflicting
- The smart building domain is a domain open to competition
 - No de jure authority



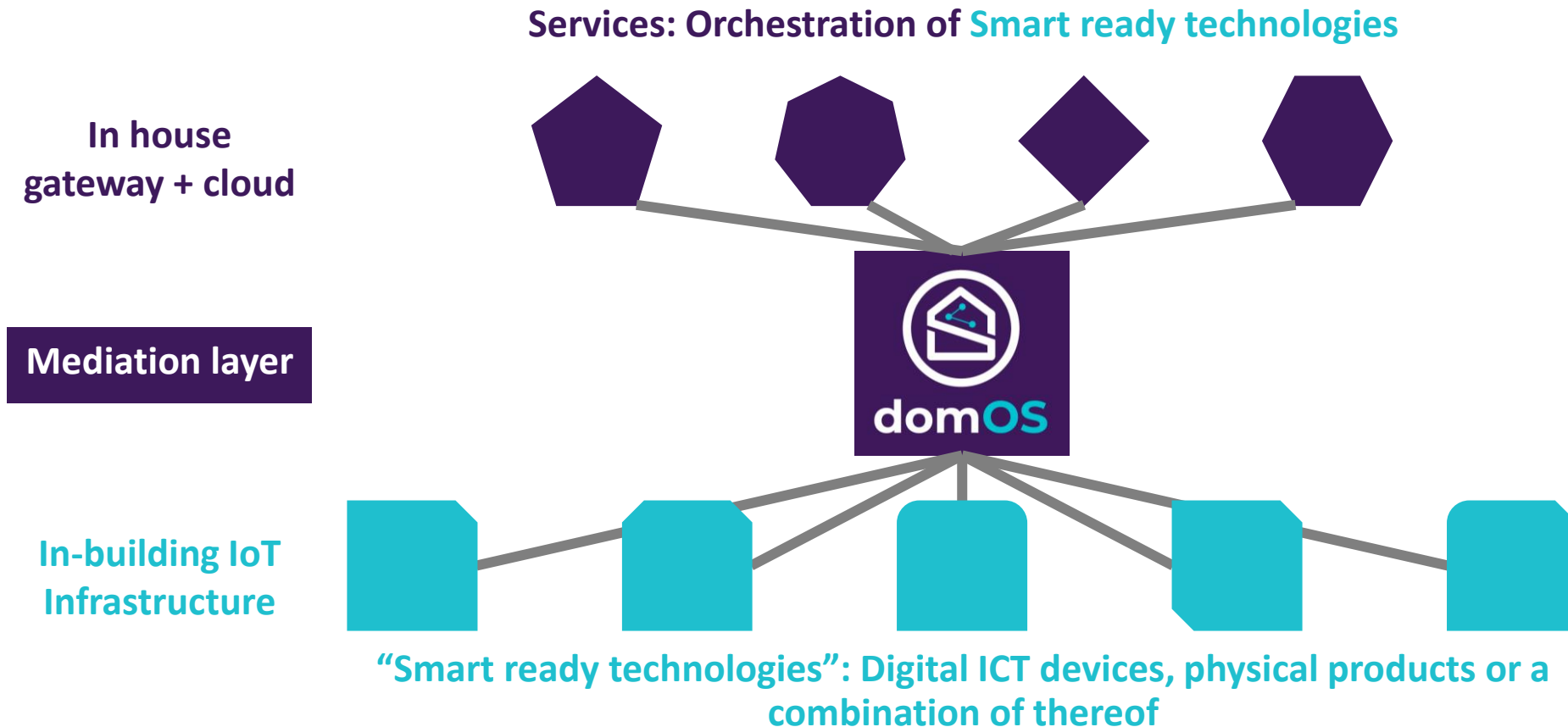
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- The main difficulty is not technical, but organisational
- Be careful: Interoperability requirements can slow down innovation

domOS Vision



- Become an **Operating System** for **Buildings**



Service Prototypes

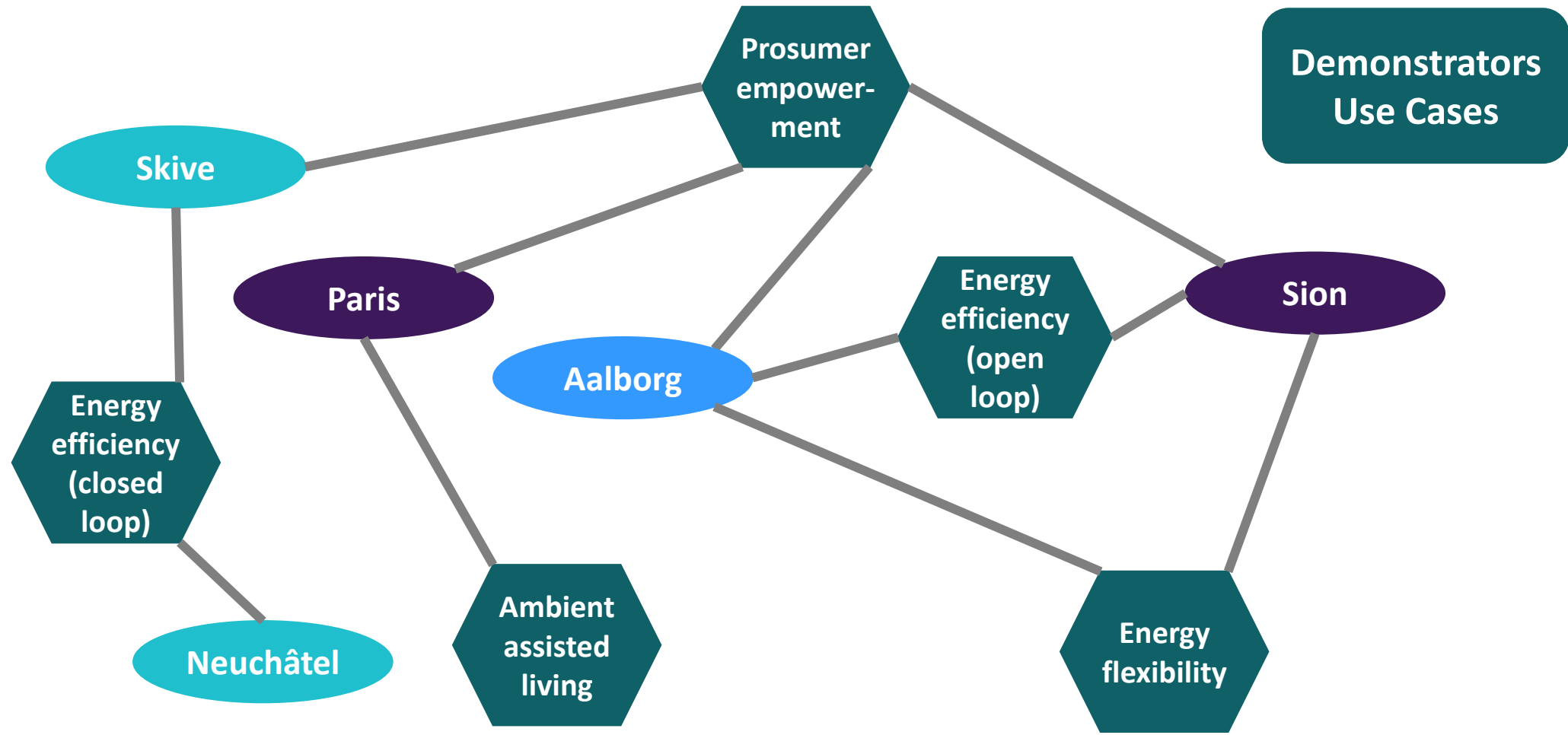


- **Energy flexibility**
 - Integration into electrical grids
 - Peak shaving for district heating
 - Maximisation of self-consumption
- **Closed-loop control for energy efficiency**
 - Minimisation of the temperature of the fluid in the in-building heat distribution circuit
- **Open-loop control for energy efficiency**
 - Analysis of the performance of heating systems
- **Prosumer empowerment**
 - Dashboard service for building occupants
 - Automated coaching on energy consumption
- **Non-energy services, Ambient Assisted Living (AAL)**
 - Warning service based on detection of behaviour deviation for elderly people

Service Prototypes

Mostly residential buildings

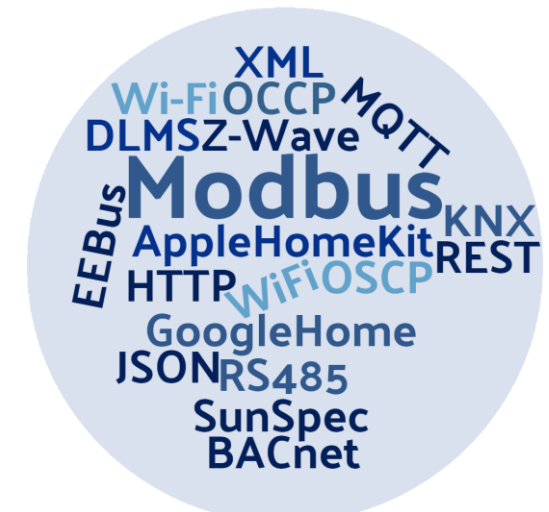
Demonstrators Use Cases



IoT Technology

- **IoT technologies are varied**
 - This will remain
- Vision: **Applications** dispose of:
 - a **coherent access to information elements** in the field
 - Measurements, set points, configuration, status
 - a **coherent access control mechanism**, and
 - Identification for applications
 - a **coherent privacy control mechanism**
 - What application may access what information element

IoT Technology



Approach: Describe the IoT access mechanisms, don't change them

Ontology & Semantics

- IoT technologies provide a technical and syntactic interoperability

- But no **semantic interoperability**

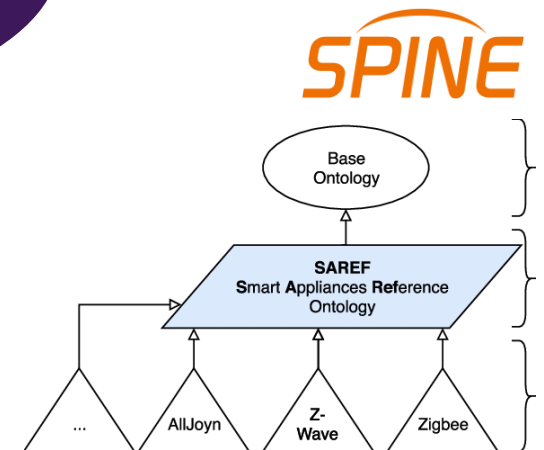
Semantic interoperability:
Give the same name
to the same thing

Ontology & Semantics

- Still required: a **common nomenclature** (ontology) shared by IoT technologies and Services

- W3C WoT Things Description supports *any* ontology

Approach: Test and propose updates to existing ontologies





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