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😊 Combination of Smart Home Platforms and Machine Learning

- Middleware only use static rules, machine learning alone can not be used easily at runtime
- Very few approaches integrating both, and none uses Open Source Middleware Platforms

State-of-the-art: Middleware Platforms

openHAB

Written in Java, based on Eclipse Smarthome. Concepts: Thing, item, type



Home Assistant

Written in Python. Concepts: state object, event, zone, scene



ioBroker

Written in JavaScript. Concepts: Adapter, instance, (UI) object



FHEM

Written in Perl. Concepts: Devices, events

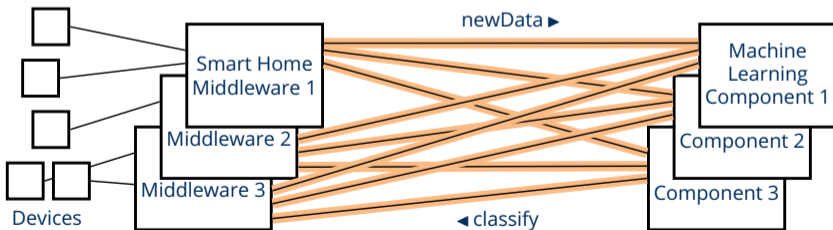


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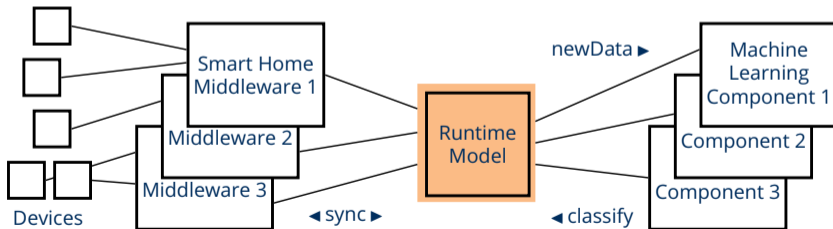


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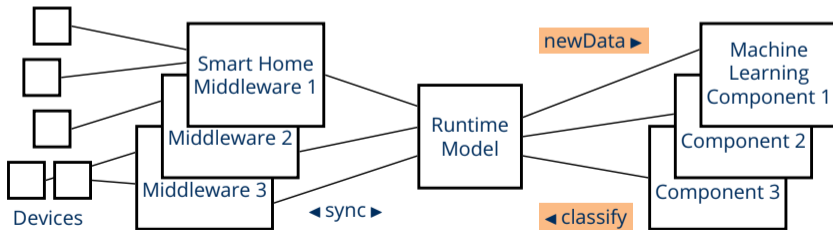


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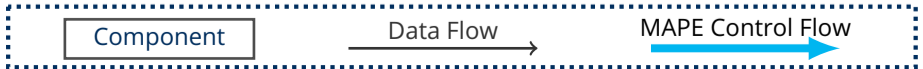
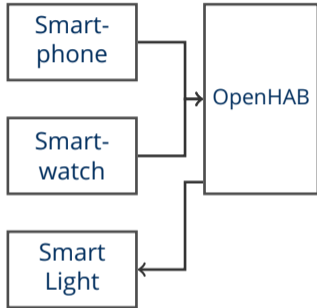
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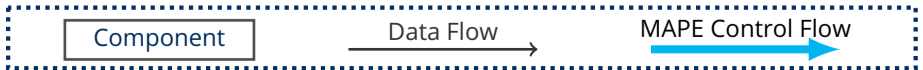
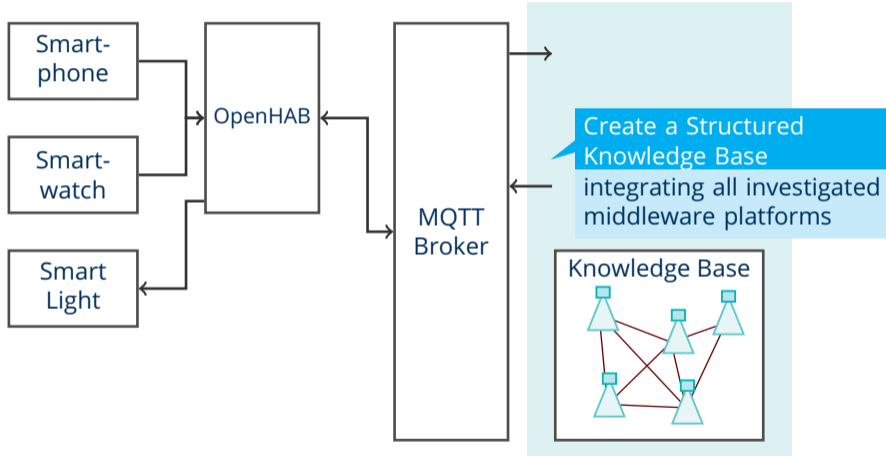
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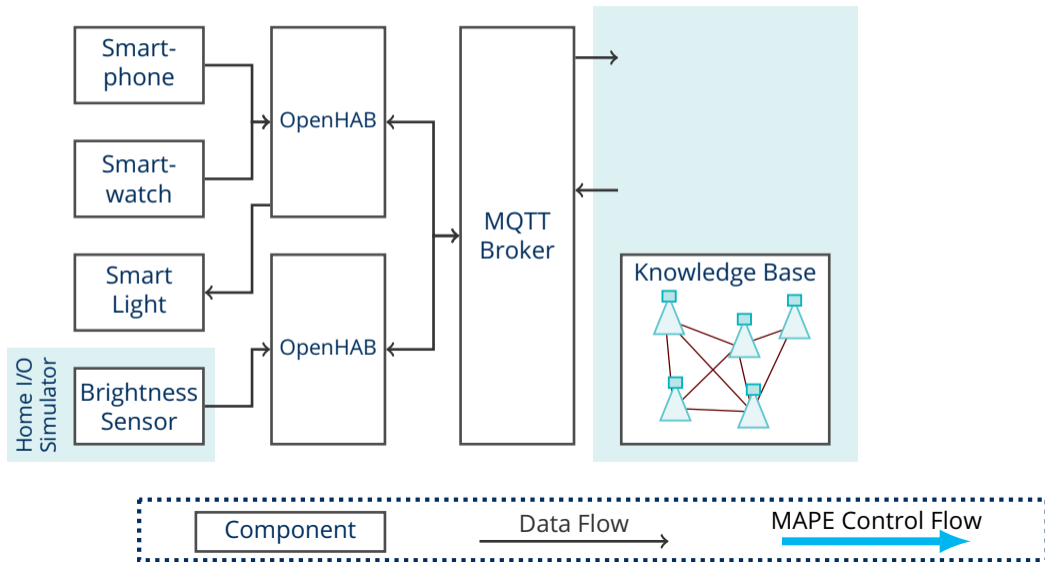
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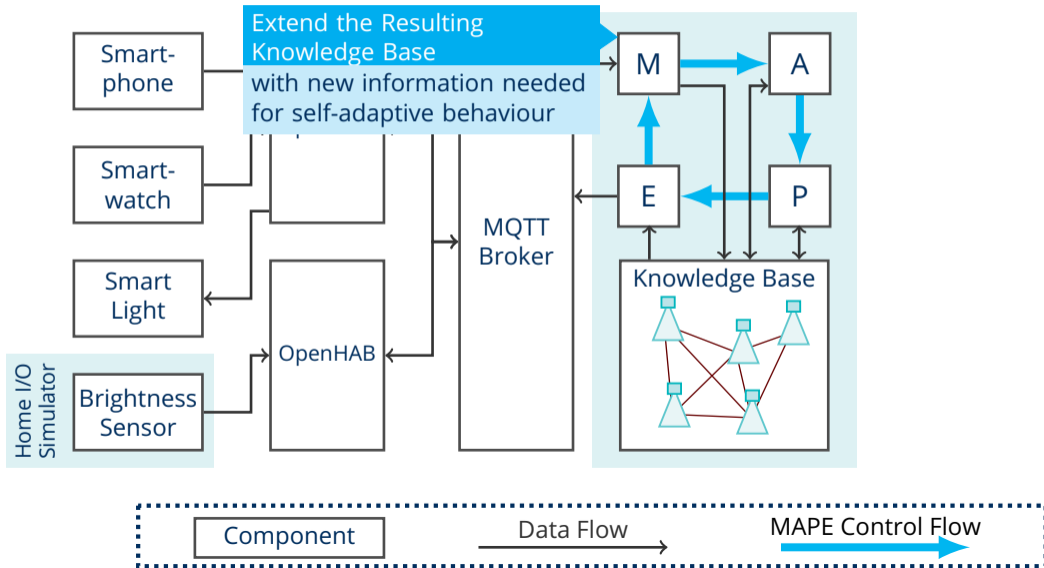
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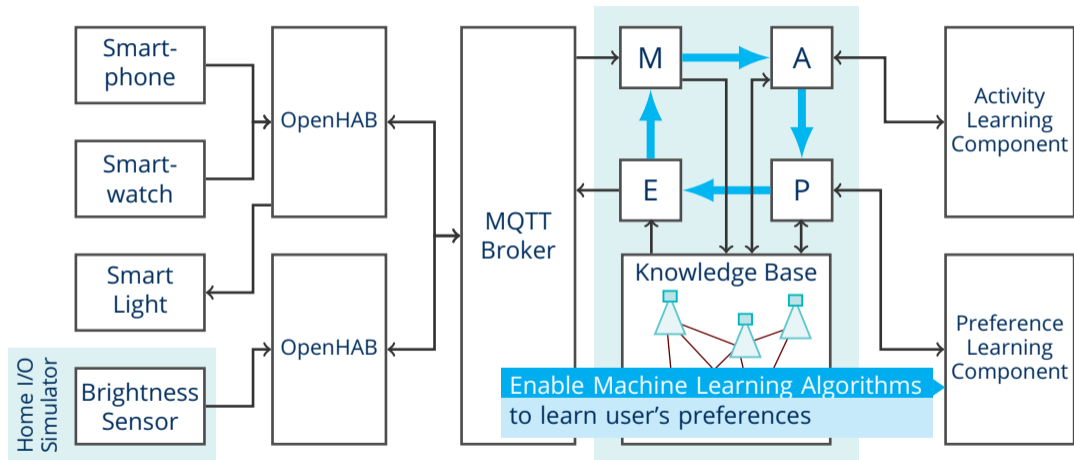
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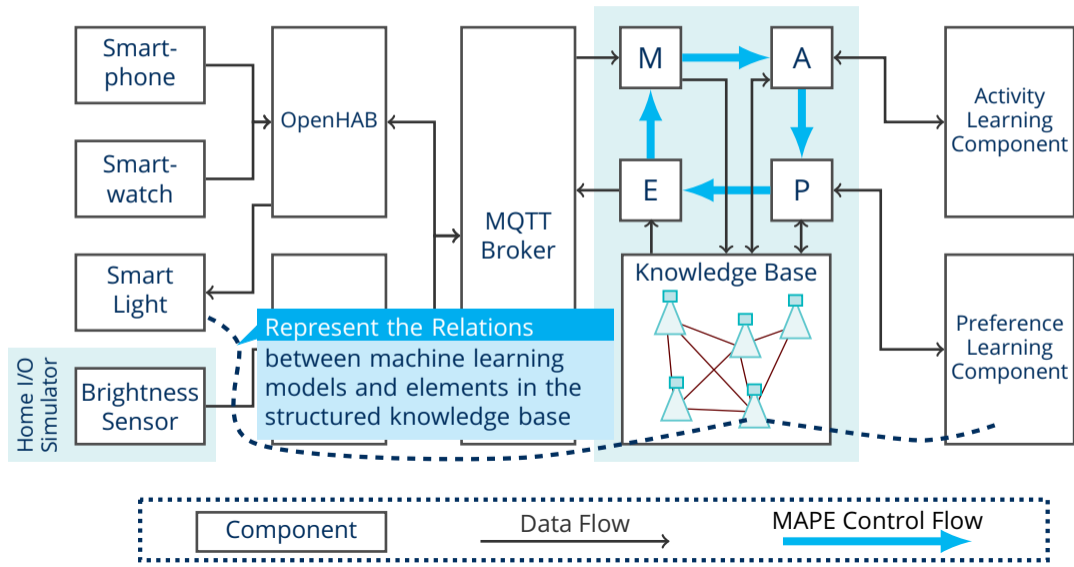
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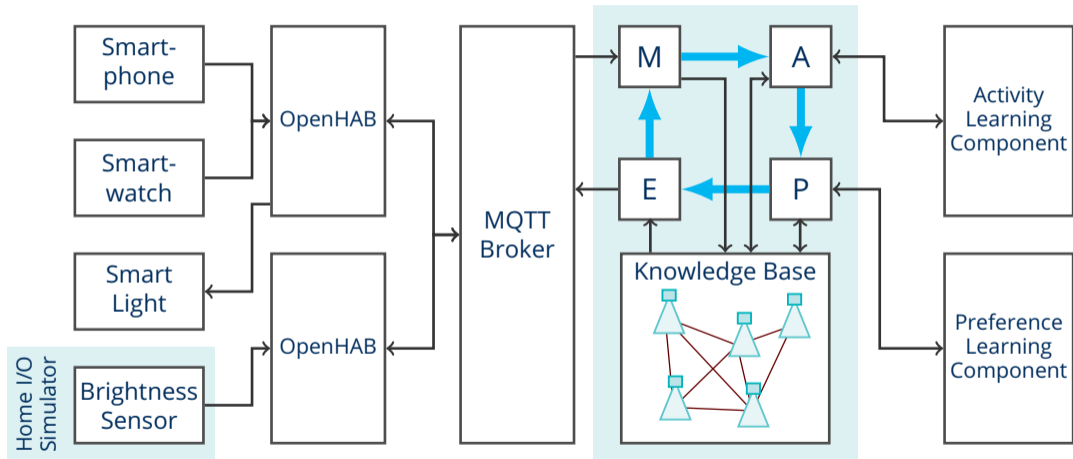
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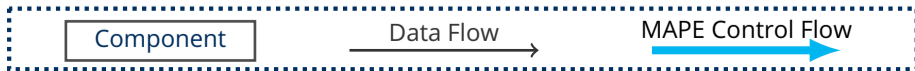
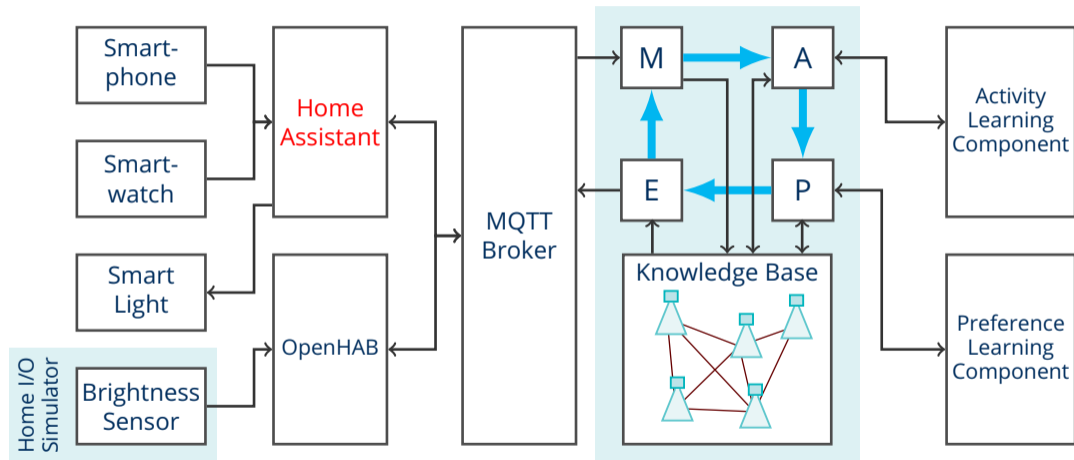
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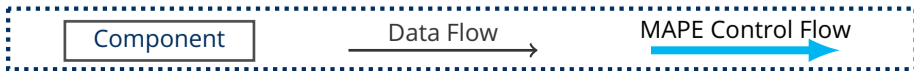
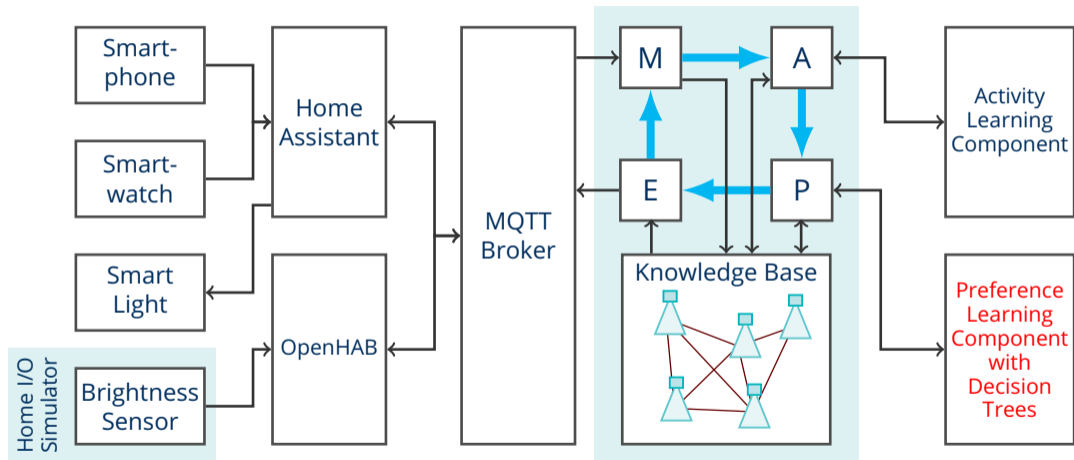
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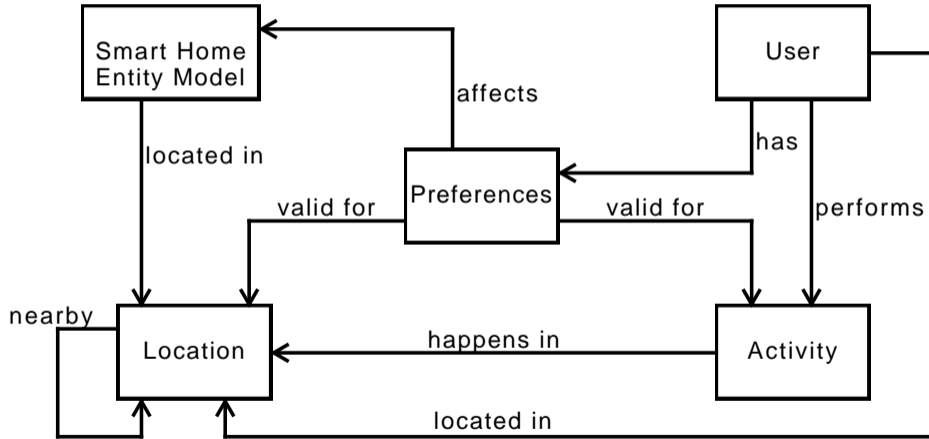
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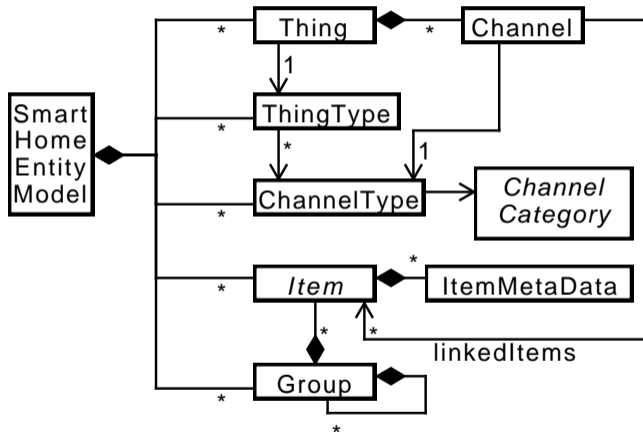
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    ItemCategory* /ActivityItem:Item/ ;
2 ThingType : DescribableModelElement ::= Parameter* ;
3 rel ThingType.ChannelType* -> ChannelType ;
4 abstract Item : LabelledModelElement ::= <_fetched_data:boolean>
    MetaData:ItemMetaData* [ItemObserver] ;
5 rel Item.Category? -> ItemCategory ;
6 rel Item.Controlling* <-> Item.ControlledBy* ;
7
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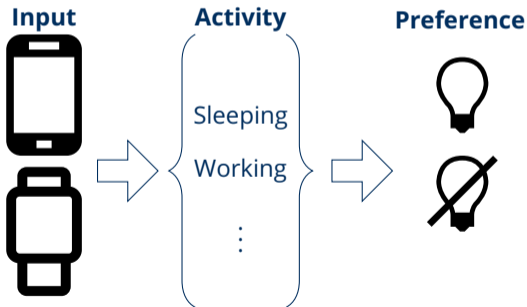
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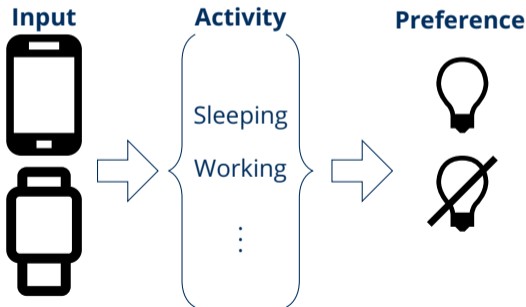
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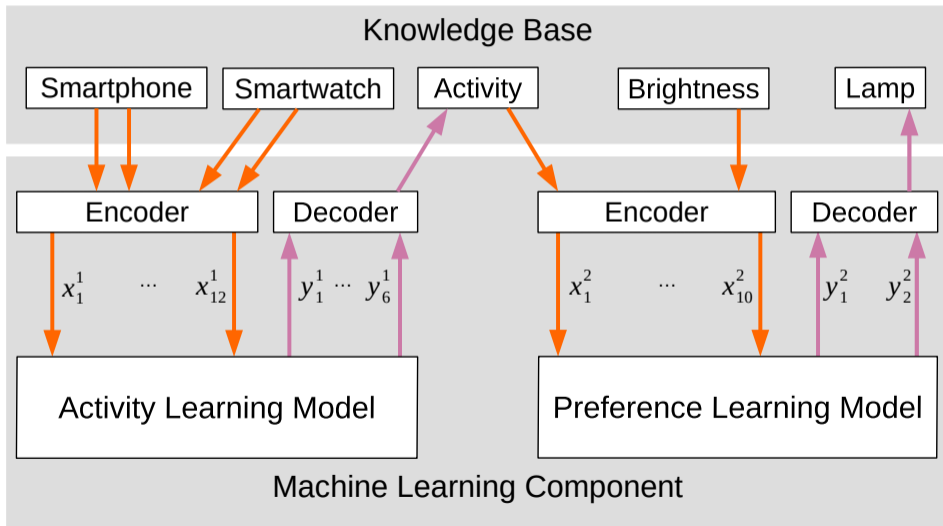
Adapters

Connecting Knowledge Base and Machine Learning Models

 **Encoder** to transform entity states to input variables

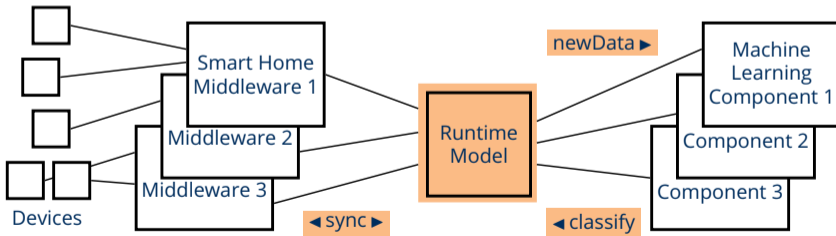
 **Decoder** to interpret classification result

Evaluation (2/2)



Contributions

- Definition of structured model to describe smart home entities and related aspects
- Integration of model in Smart Home Middleware: Prototype using openHAB
- Integration of model with Machine Learning Algorithms: Prototype using Neural Networks
- DSL to load and serialize runtime model



Future Work

↔ Further decouple tasks of encoder and decoder

Two tasks: Feature selection and mapping between models

☀ Handle Interference of preferences of multiple users

Define order for application of preferences

📱 Challenges in user experience

Design UI explaining system behaviour, capture intend of user changes

👉 Specifications and proof of invariant

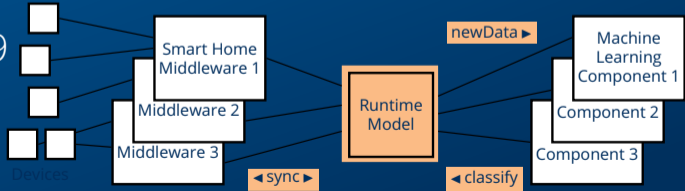
Use knowledge base to ensure consistent, predictable behaviour

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