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# Smart Sensor and Actuator Standards and Interoperability for IoT, IIoT & CPS

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1. **Sensors & Actuators Are Used Everywhere in IoT/IIoT/CPS Applications**
2. **What Are IoT/IIoT/CPS Requirements for Sensors and Actuators?**
3. **What Are Smart Sensors and Actuators?**
4. **IEEE 1451 Interface Standards for Smart Sensors & Actuators, and Networks**
5. **Key Takeaways**

# 1. Sensors & Actuators Are Used Everywhere

## Aerospace



## Automobile



## Global Warming & Environmental Monitoring

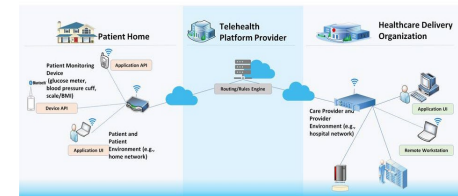


## Smart Cities

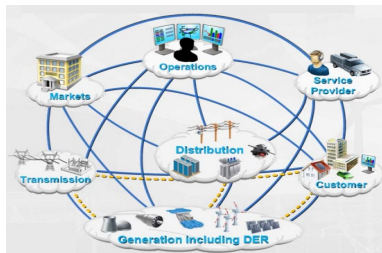


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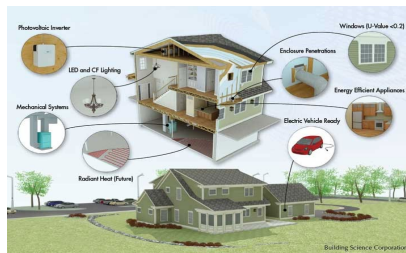
## Health Care



## Smart Grid



## Smart Home and Building



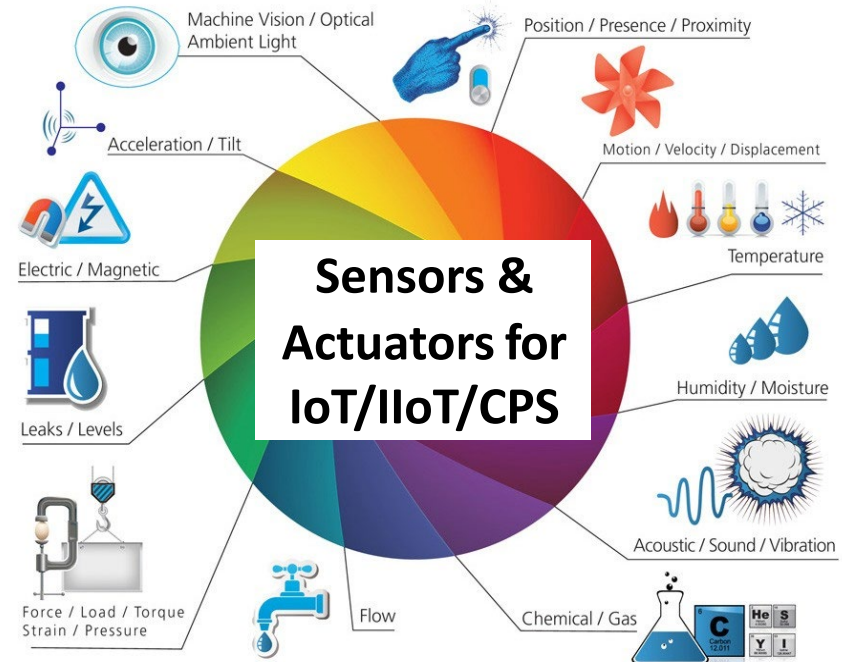
## Industrial Automation/Manufacturing



# 2. What Are IoT/IIoT/CPS Requirements for Sensors & Actuators?

## IoT/IIoT/CPS Requirements for Sensors and Actuators:

- Sensing/actuation capability
- Uniquely and globally identified
- Internet or network access
- Security and Privacy
- Time-aware & synchronization
- Location-awareness
- Self-description/identification
- Edge computing with AI
- Network communication protocols and interfaces to achieve interoperability



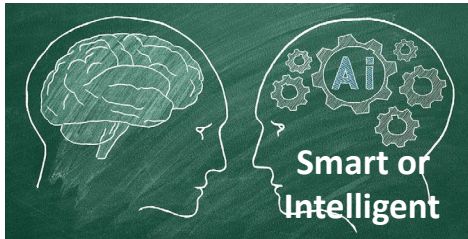
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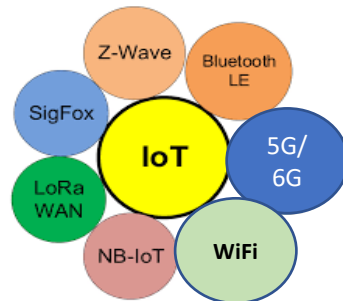
# 2. What Are IoT/IIoT/CPS Requirements for Sensors & Actuators? (Cont'd)

## Sensors and Actuators:

- Should be smart and intelligent enough using edge computing and AI
- Should adopt various standards:
  - Global identity
  - Security
  - Time synchronization
  - Network communication protocols and interfaces to achieve interoperability and plug & play.



Source:  
<https://www.industryweek.com/operations/continuos-improvement/article/21170962/dumb-smart-or-intelligent-whats-really-relevant-in-the-factory>



Standards

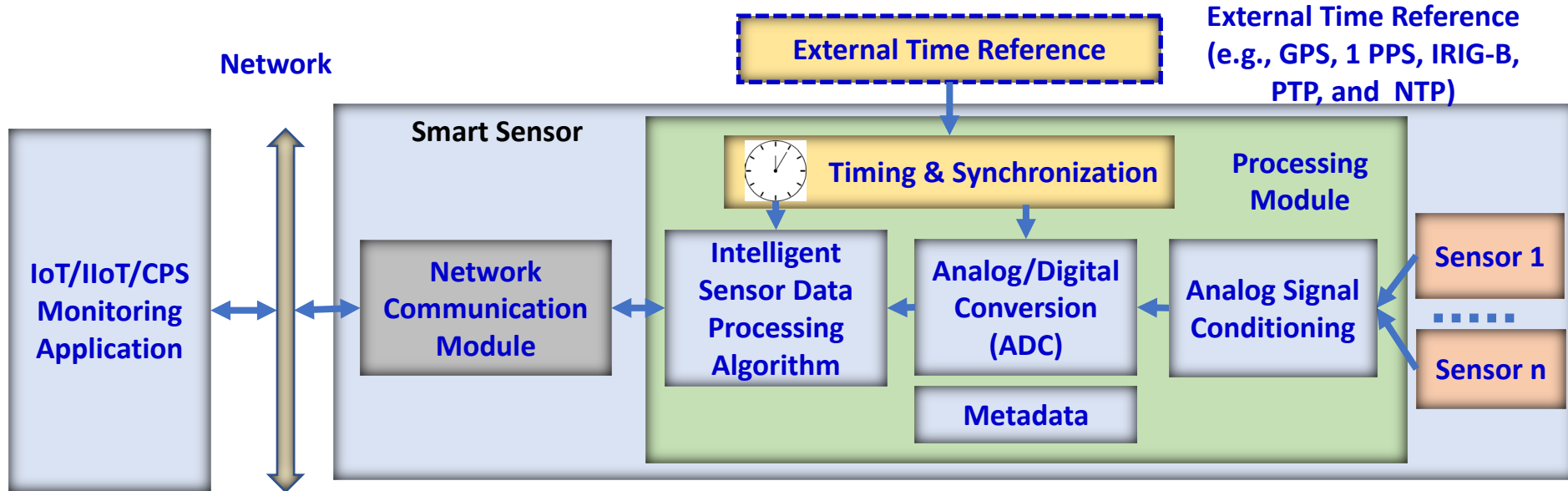


## Plug & Play



# 3. What Are Smart Sensors and Actuators?

## What Is A Smart Sensor?

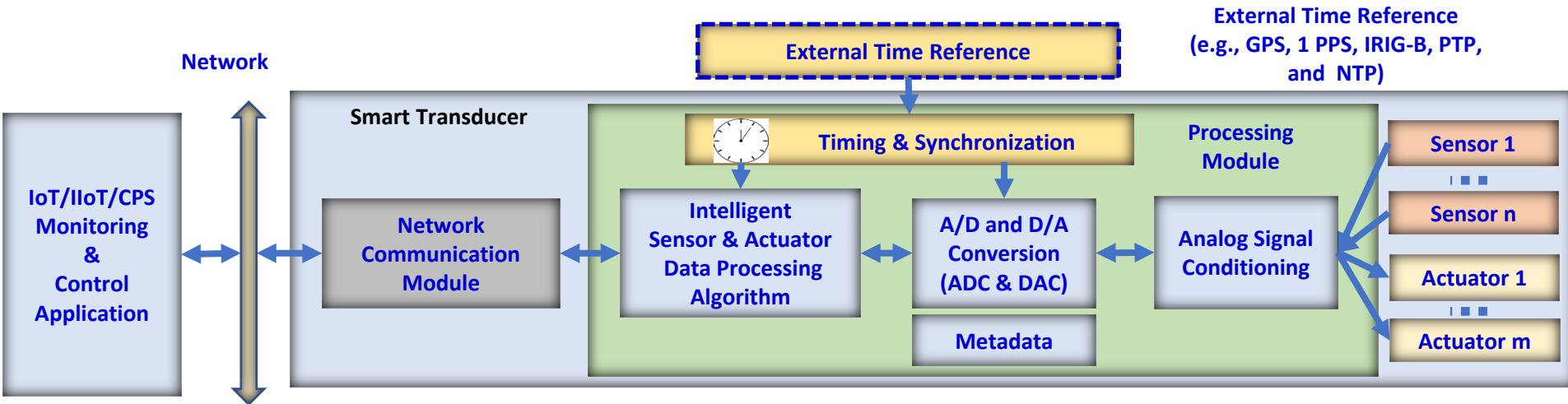


### Smart Sensor Capabilities:

- Sensing
- Signal/Data Processing & Conversion
- Time & Synchronization
- Metadata
- Network Communication

# 3. What Are Smart Sensors and Actuators? (Cont'd)

## What Is A Smart Transducer (Sensors and/or Actuators)?

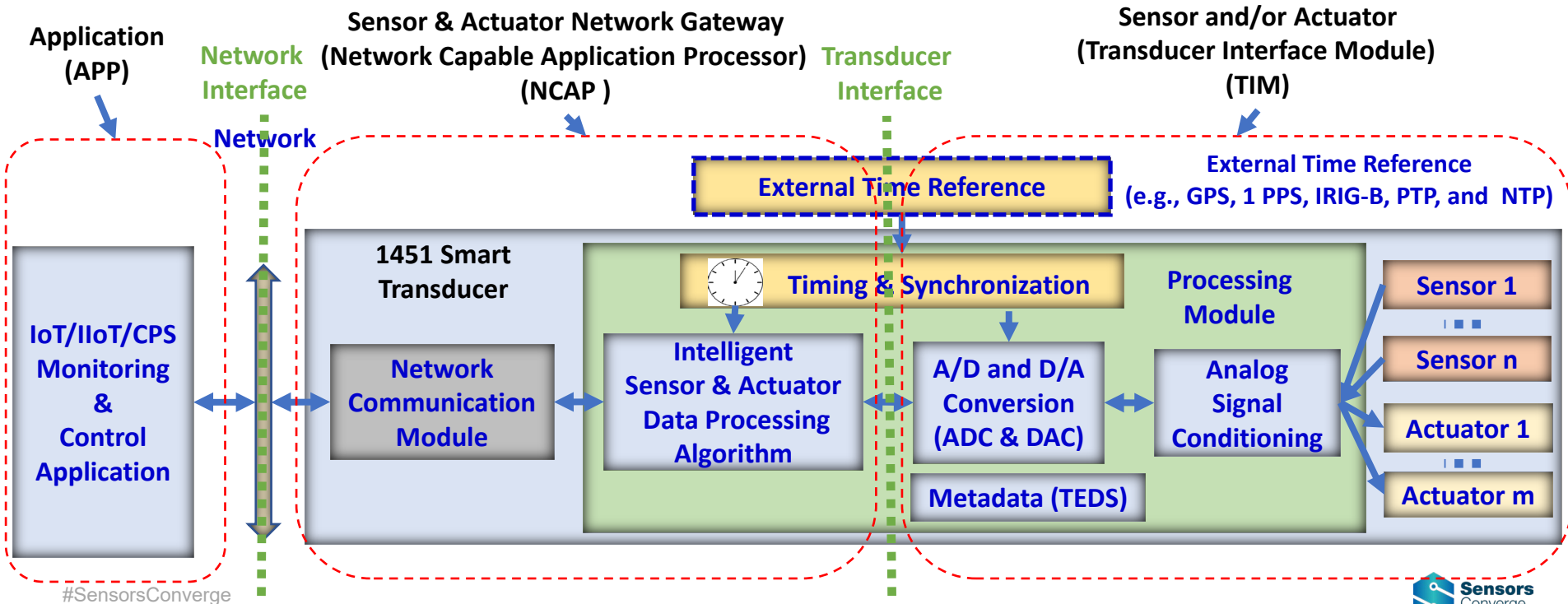


### Smart Transducer (Sensor and/or Actuator) Capabilities:

- Sensing and/or Actuation
- Signal/Data Processing & Conversion
- Time & Synchronization
- Metadata
- Network Communication via Network Interface

# 4. IEEE 1451 Interfaces Standards for Smart Transducer (Sensor & Actuator) Networks

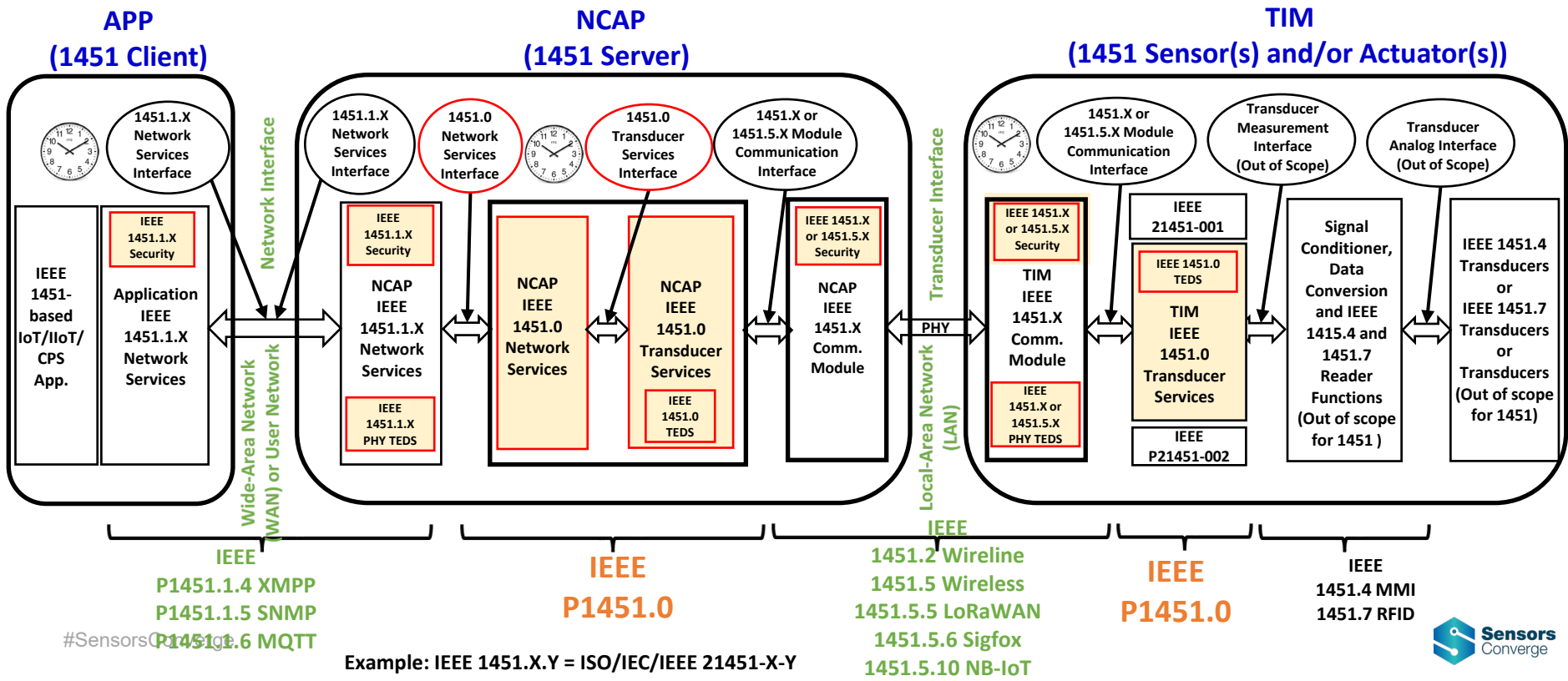
## IEEE 1451-based Smart Sensor Networks





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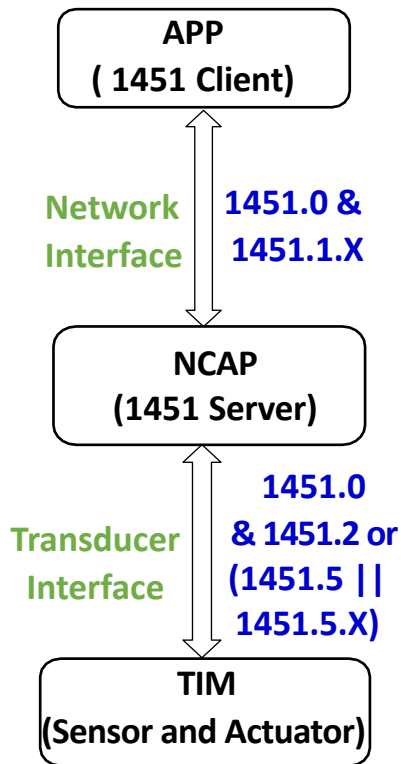
## Reference Architecture for the Family of IEEE 1451 Standards



# 4. IEEE 1451 Interfaces Standards for Smart Transducer (Sensor & Actuator) Networks (Cont'd)

## IEEE P1451.0 Standard Defines:

- Three devices: APP, NCAP, and TIM
- Network services command and reply messages between APPs and NCAPs
- Transducer services command and reply messages between NCAPs and TIMs
- Universal Unique Identification (UUID) for `appId`, `ncapId`, and `timId`
- Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS)
- Security for WAN, LAN & WLAN
- Time Synchronization for WAN, LAN & WLAN



P1451.0/D6, May 2023  
Draft Standard for a Smart Transducer Interface for Sensors and Actuators--Common Functions, Communication Protocols, and Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) Formats

1 **P1451.0™/D6**  
2 **Draft Standard for a Smart Transducer**  
3 **Interface for Sensors and Actuators--**  
4 **Common Functions, Communication**  
5 **Protocols, and Transducer Electronic**  
6 **Data Sheet (TEDS) Formats**

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## Universal Unique Identification (UUID)

- The UUID establishes uniqueness by assembling an identification number comprising of **manufacturer location and specific information, year and time of manufacture.**
- **UUID for APP (appId), NCAP (ncapId) and TIM (timId)**

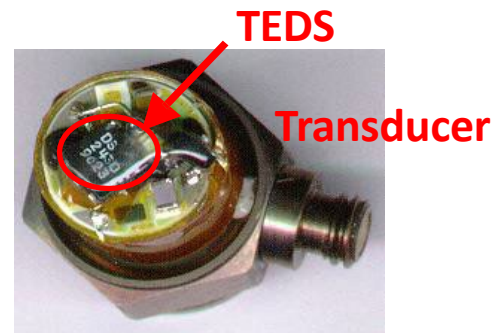
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  OctetArray   geolocation;      // 6 bytes  (48 bits)
  OctetArray   manufacturer;     // 3 bytes  (24 bits)
  UInt16       year;             // 2 bytes  (16 bits)
  OctetArray   time;            // 5 bytes  (40 Bits)
};
```

Smart Sensor  
with UUID

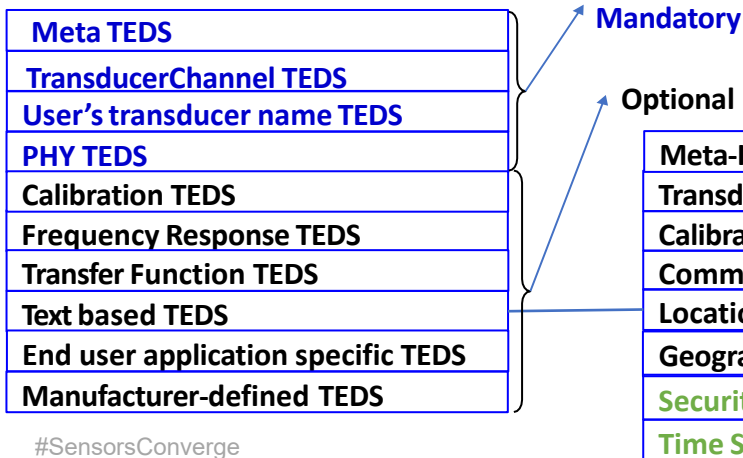


# 4. IEEE 1451 Interfaces Standards for Smart Transducer (Sensor & Actuator) Networks (Cont'd)

- **Transducer Electronic Datasheet (TEDS):** a memory device attached to the transducer in a TIM, stores **transducer identification, measurement range, calibration, location, user and manufacture-related information.**
- **Self-description and Self-identification**



## IEEE P1451.0 TEDS Classification:



Meta-Identification TEDS
TransducerChannel Identification TEDS
Calibration-Identification TEDS
Commands TEDS
Location and Title TEDS
Geographic Location TEDS
Security TEDS
Time Synchronization TEDS

```

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  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  targetNamespace="http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1451/0/1451HTTAPI"
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# 4. IEEE 1451 Interfaces Standards for Smart Transducer (Sensor & Actuator) Networks (Cont'd)

## Security & Security TEDS for IEEE 1451.0-based Sensor Networks

### Security Policy:

- Encryption
- Authentication
- Authorization

### Define Six Levels of Security:

N: none

A: Encry

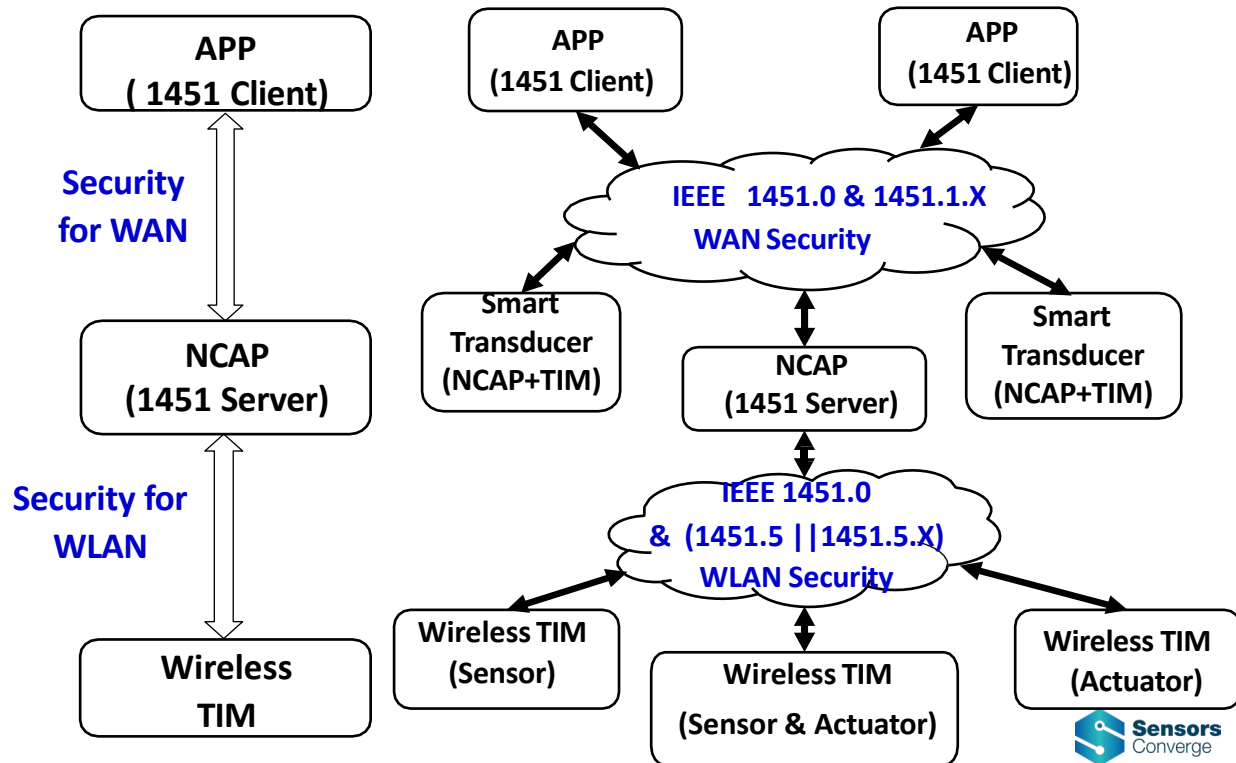
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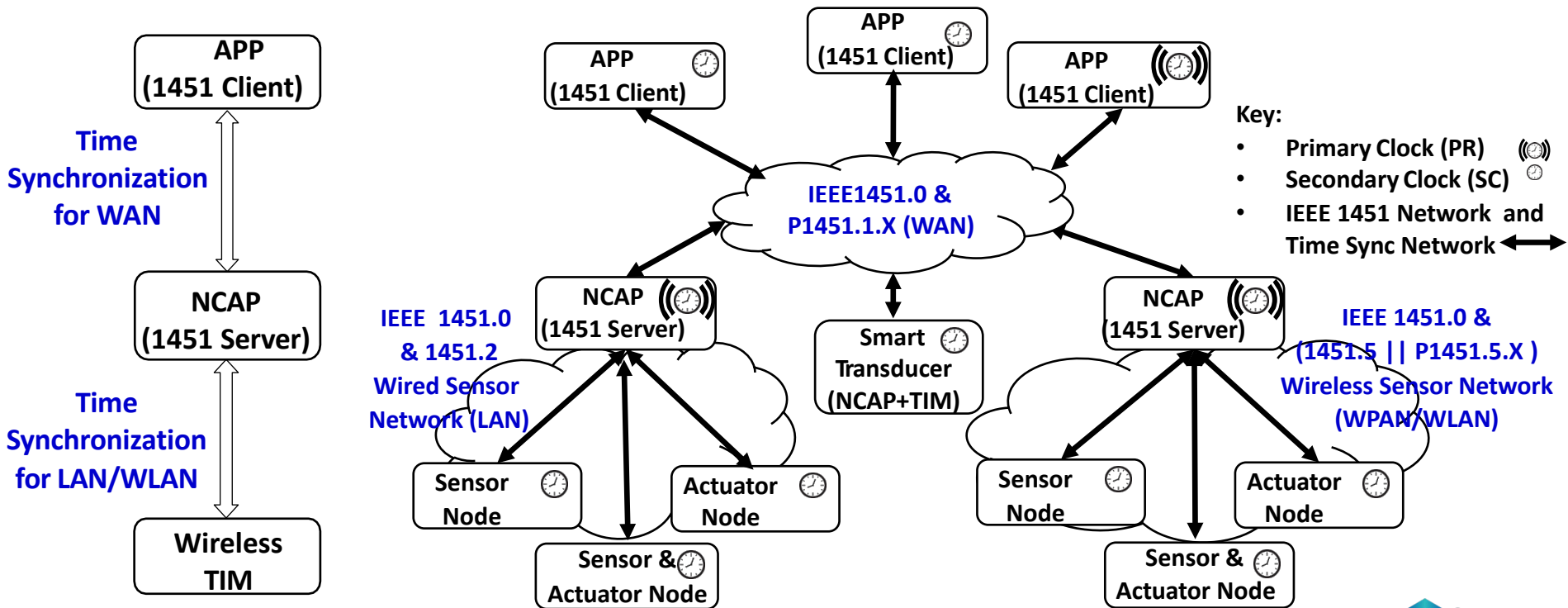
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## Time Synchronization and TimeSync TEDS for IEEE 1451.0-based Sensor Networks

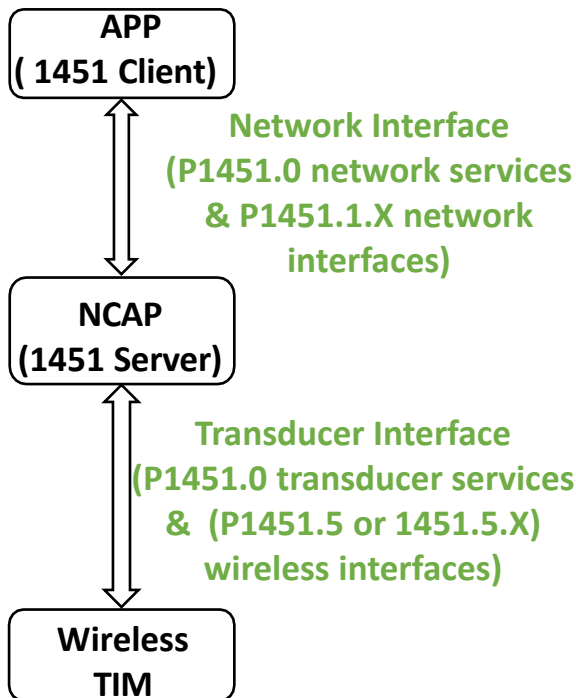




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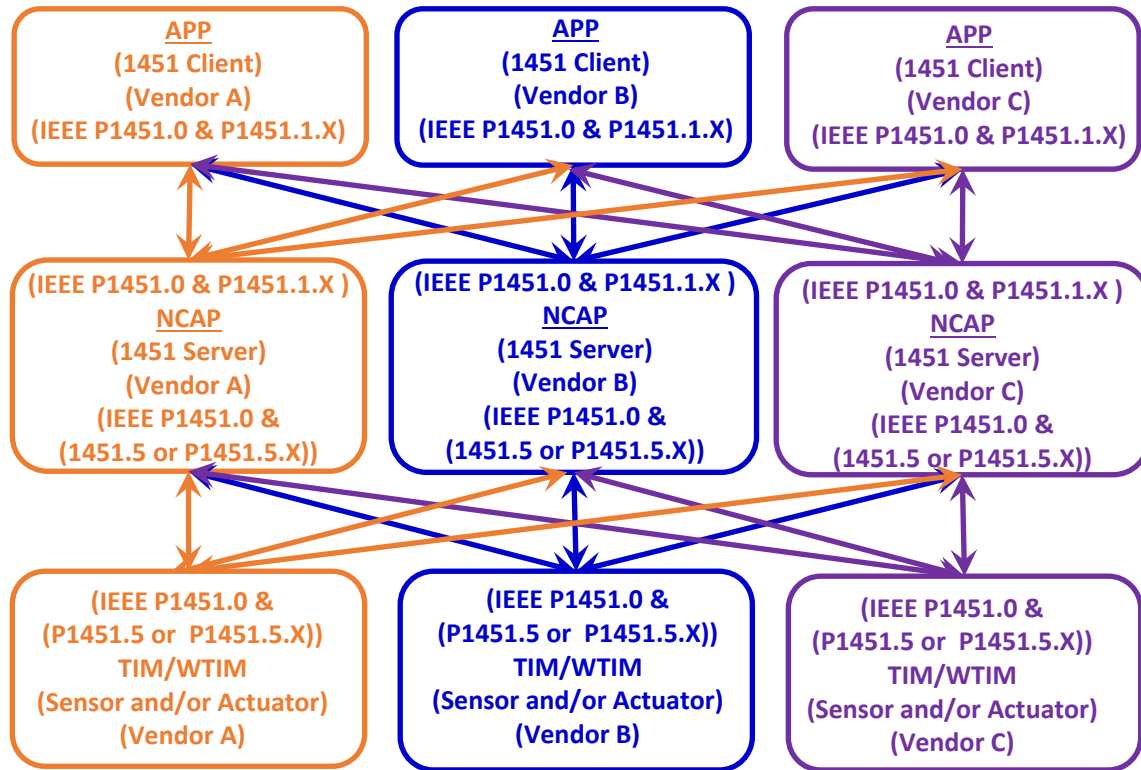
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### Two level standard interfaces:



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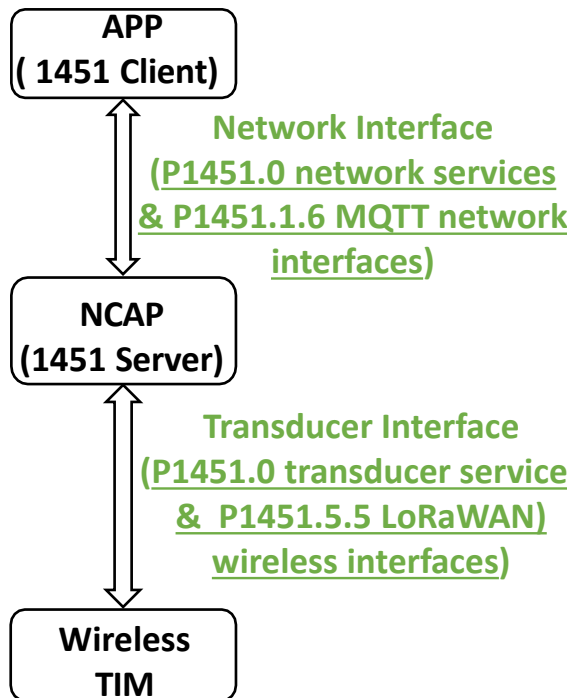
## Two Levels of Interoperability



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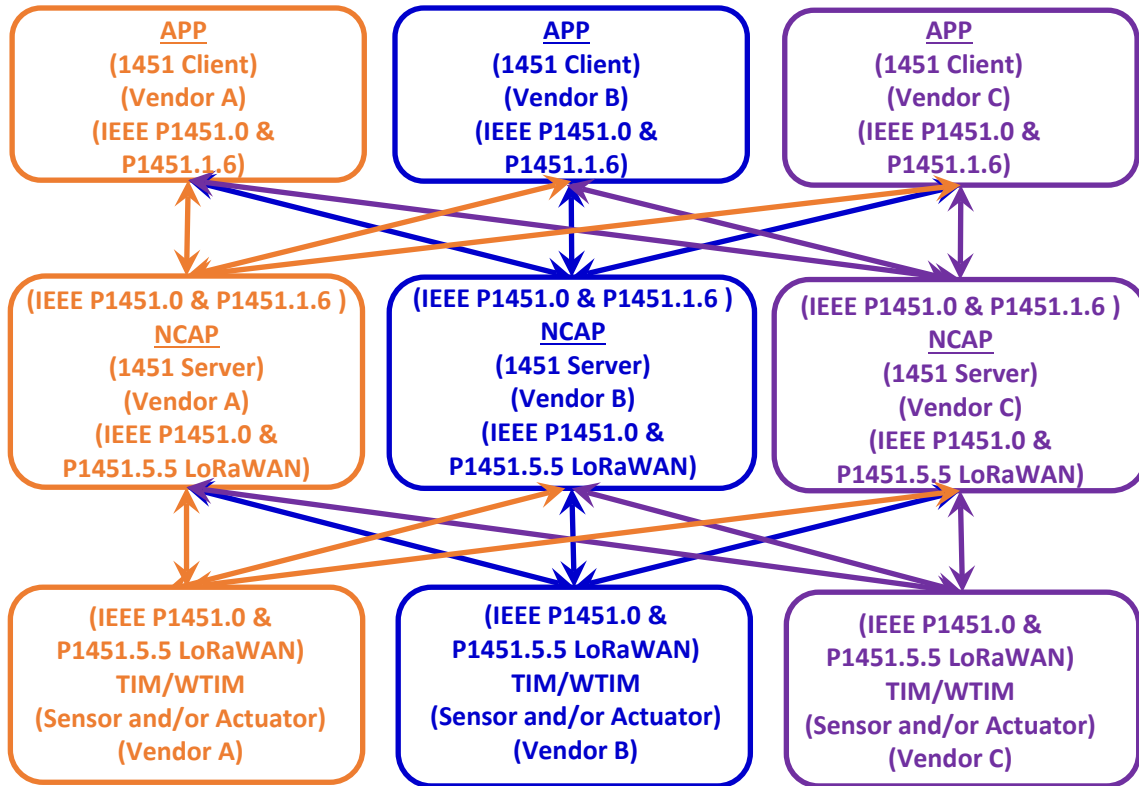
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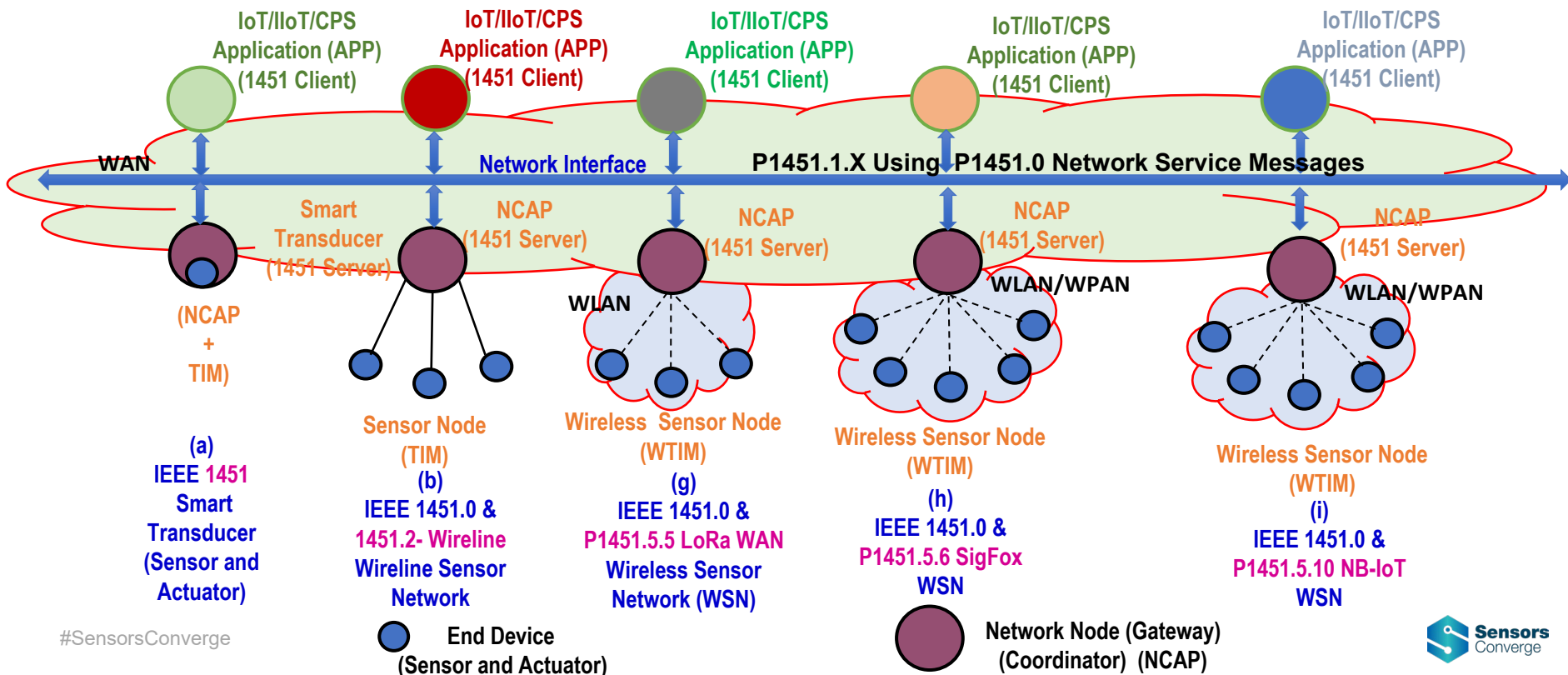
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### Example of Two Levels of Interoperability



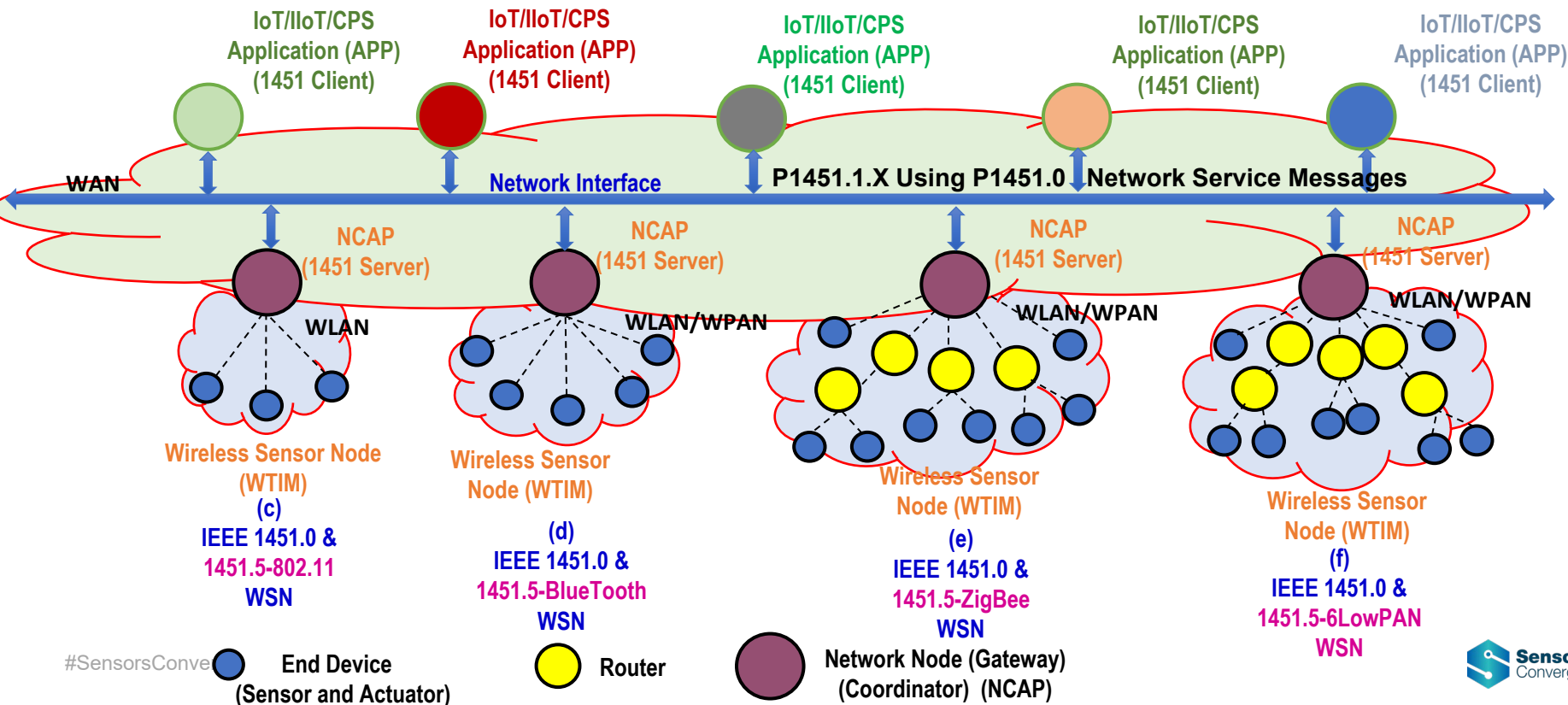
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## Deployment of IEEE 1451-based Smart Sensor Networks for IoT/IIoT/CPS Applications



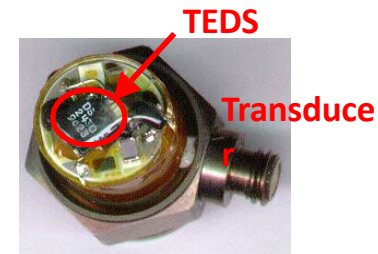
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# 4. IEEE 1451 Interfaces Standards for Smart Transducer (Sensor & Actuator) Networks (Cont'd)

## Benefits of IEEE P1451.0 to Manufacturers and End Users



### Benefits of IEEE 1451 :

- **Sensor data interoperability** (network and sensor levels) and **plug-and-play**
- **Global Identification** using **UUID**
- **Self-description & self-identification** of sensors or actuators based on **TEDS & UUID**
- **Security** for **WAN (network interface)**, **Wireless LAN (WLAN) (transducer interface)**
- **Time synchronization** for **WAN, LAN & WLAN**
- **Long-term self-documentation** based on **TEDS**
- **Reduce human errors** (no need to enter data manually)
- **Ease field installation, upgrade, and maintenance** based on **TEDS, Plug & Play**
- **Reduce the total-life cycle costs** of sensor networks
- ...

# 5. Key Takeaways

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## IEEE 1451 Standards Support:

- ✓ **UUID for APP, NCAP, and TIM**
- ✓ **TEDS (Metadata)**
- ✓ **Network services (messages) and transducer services (messages)**
- ✓ **Security for WAN, and WLAN**
- ✓ **Time synchronization for WAN, and LAN & WLAN**
- ✓ **Sensing and actuation functions for IoT, IIoT and CPS**
- ✓ **Wireline and wireless sensor networks for IoT/IIoT/CPS**
- ✓ **Standards-based sensor data interoperability and plug & play**

## A strong business case for using IEEE 1451 standards:

- ✓ **Reduce human errors by using TEDS**
- ✓ **Improve (enhance) and maintain sensor measurement accuracy by using calibration TEDS data**
- ✓ **Ease field installation, upgrade, and maintenance (by plug & play)**
- ✓ **Reduce the total life-cycle costs of sensor networks**



# Questions?

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# What Is Interoperability?

Interoperability (according to IEEE):

The ability of two or more systems or components to **exchange information** and to **use the information** that has been exchanged.

Interoperability :

The ability of two or more systems to **exchange information** and to **use the information** that has been exchanged through a standard communication protocol in order to achieve the specific functions or goals.



# What Are Challenges of Sensors & Actuators in IoT/IIoT/CPS Applications?

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- **Various wireline and wireless connectivity**
- **Wireless network performances (e.g., bandwidth, latency, packet loss )**
- **Spectrum coverage, sharing, and interference**
- **Cybersecurity and privacy**
- **Scalability**
- **Power consumption/energy efficiency**
- **Time synchronization**
- **Standardization & interoperability**

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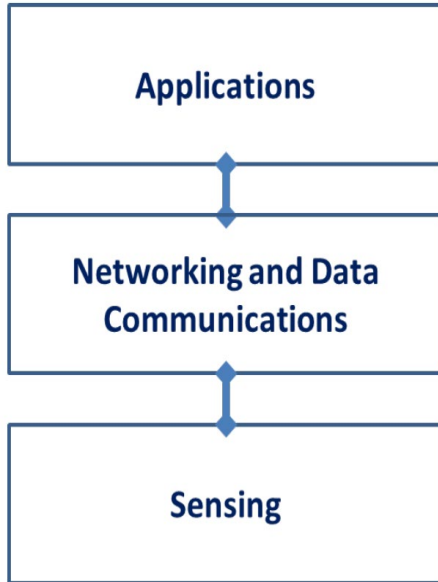
## Standardization & Interoperability

- 1. Heterogeneity of standards and protocols**
- 2. The lack of standard implementation**
  - Limited resources to implement standards
  - Lack of implementing standards for some emerging technologies and new applications
- 3. Lack of standards harmonization**
- 4. Interoperability test and plugfest**
- 5. Lack of fundamental methodologies and software tools**
  - Interoperability modeling
  - Interoperability measurement and assessment

# Sensors & Actuators Are Used Everywhere

*Internet of Things (IoT)* is a network that connects uniquely identifiable “Things” to the Internet. (IEEE)

## IEEE IoT Architecture

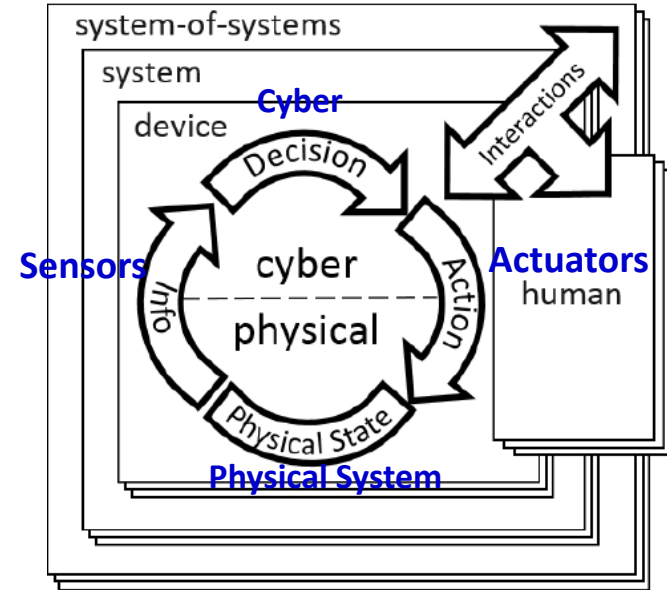


## IoT vs CPS:

- **IoT** is mainly concerned about unique identification, connecting with the Internet and accessibility of “things.”
- **CPS** is mainly concerned about the collaborative activities between cyber and physical system through sensing and actuation
- **CPS** uses **IoT** systems to achieve the collaborative work of the distributed systems.

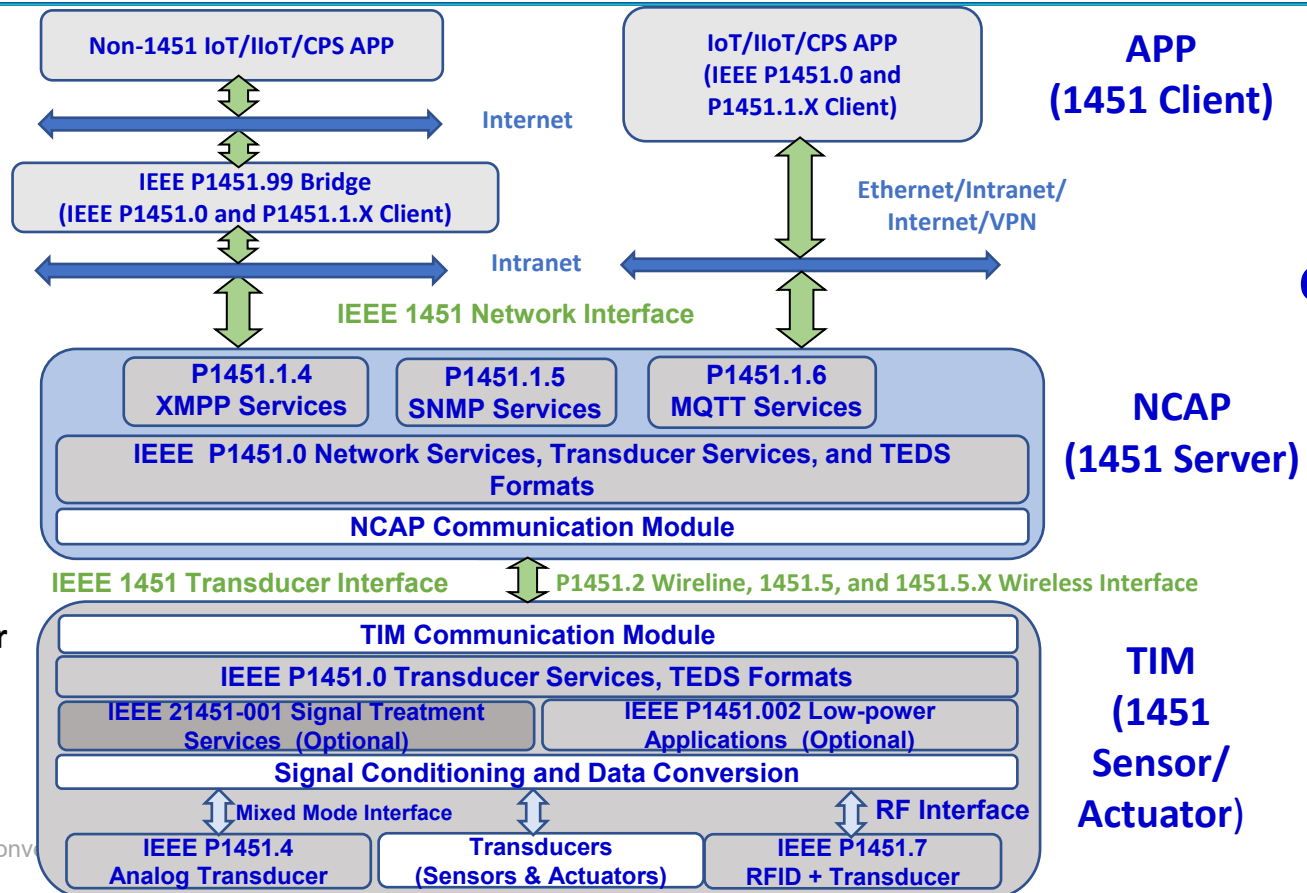
*Cyber-physical systems (CPS)* are smart systems that include engineered interacting networks of physical and computational components. (NIST)

## NIST CPS Conceptual Model





# IEEE 1451 Interfaces Standards for Smart Transducer (Sensor & Actuator) Networks



**APP  
(1451 Client)**

**NCAP  
(1451 Server)**

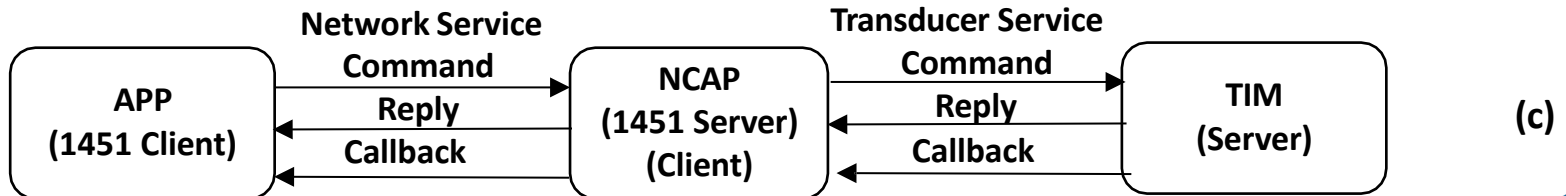
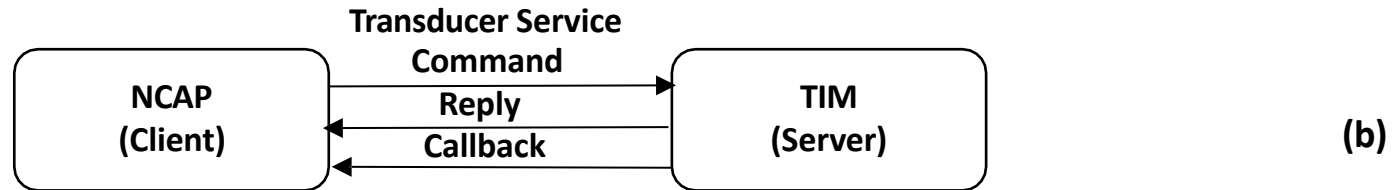
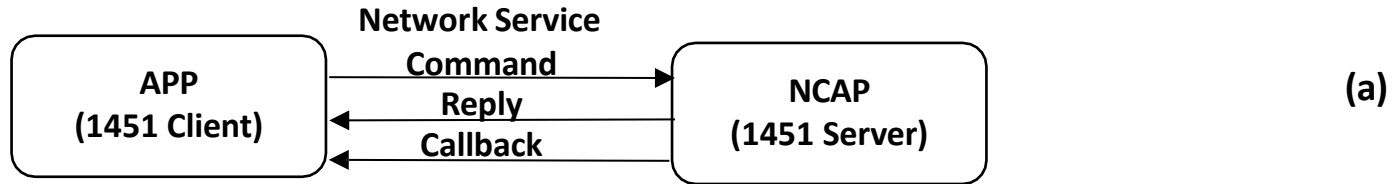
**TIM  
(1451  
Sensor/  
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**Communications  
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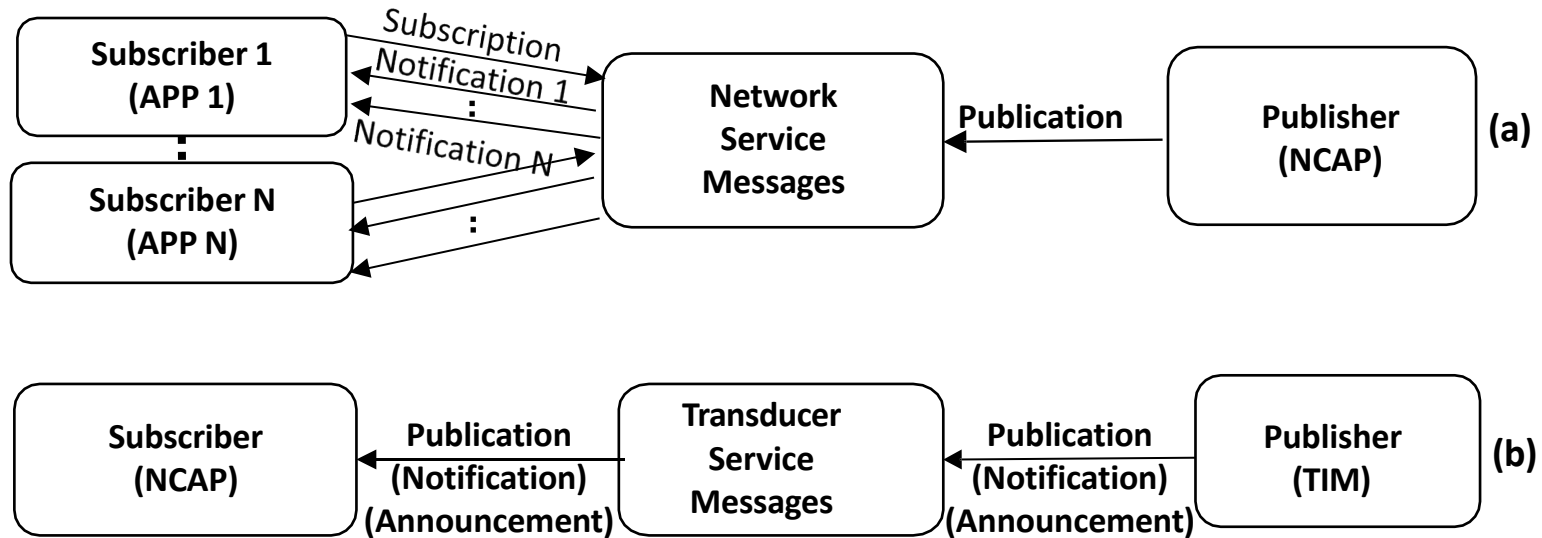
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## IEEE 1451.0 Client-Server Communication Model



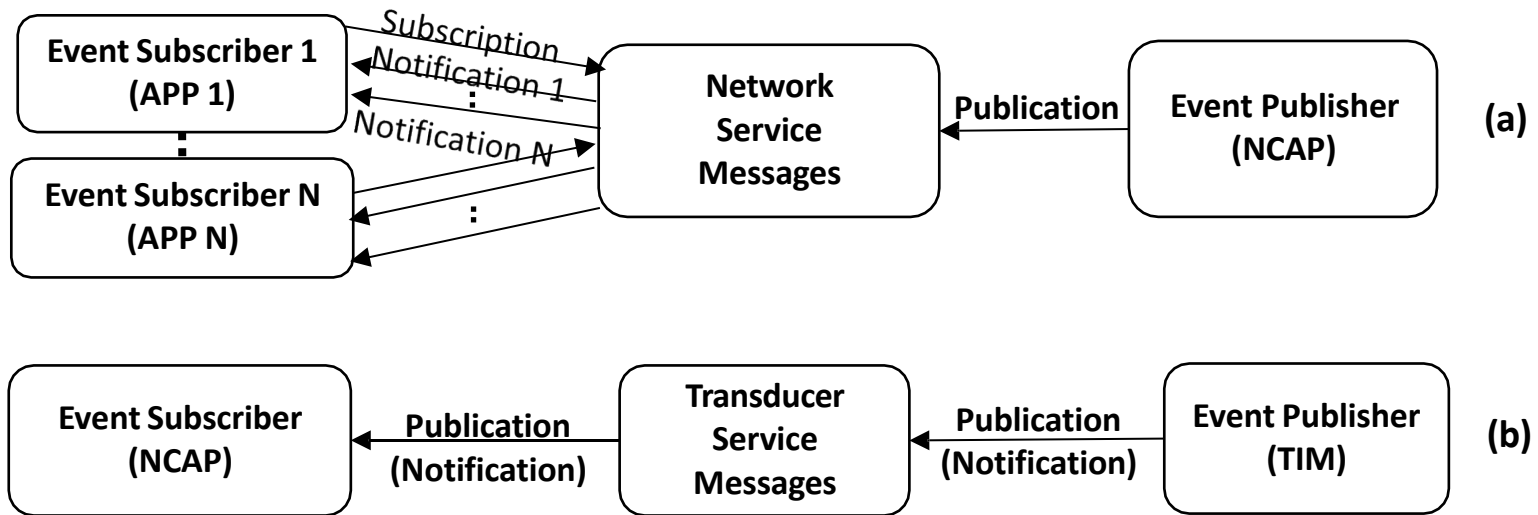
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## IEEE 1451.0 Publish-Subscribe Communication Model



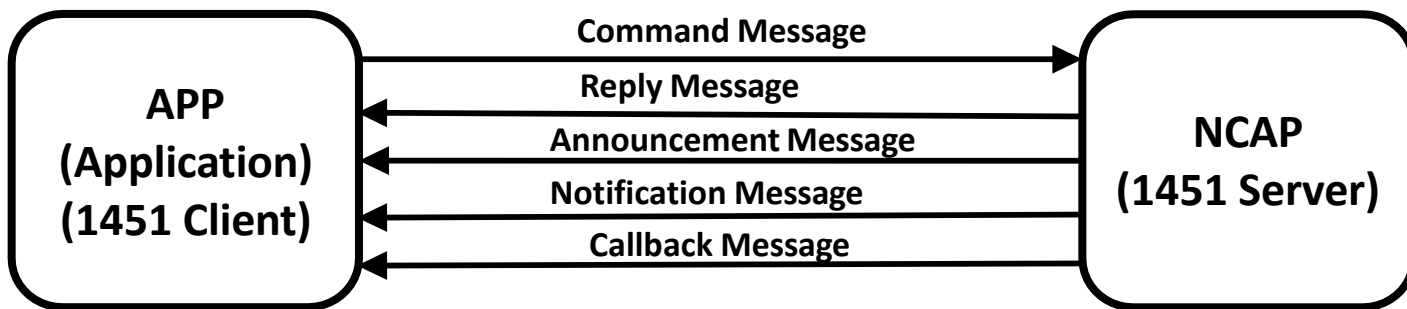
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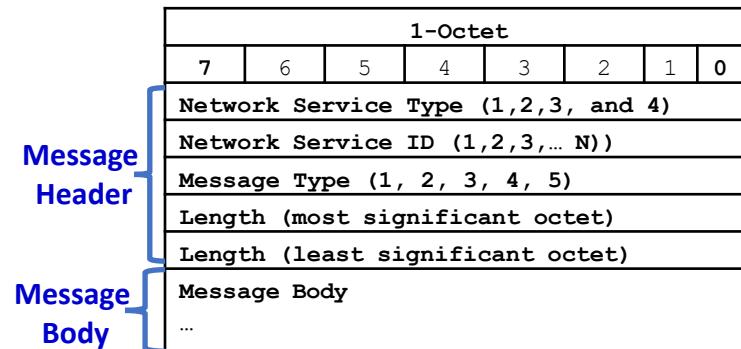
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## IEEE P1451.0 Network Services & APIs



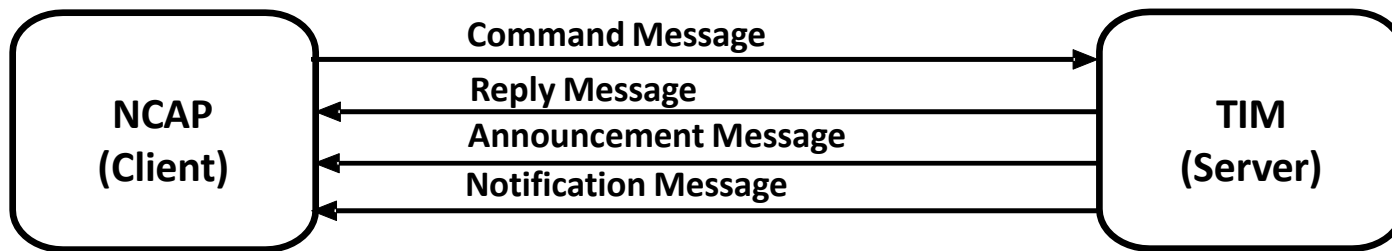
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Reserved	0
Discovery services	1
Transducer access services	2
TEDS access services	3
Event notification services	4

Message Type Name (Meaning)	Message Type (Enumeration)
Reserved	0
Command	1
Reply	2
Announcement	3
Notification	4
Callback	5



# IEEE 1451 Interfaces Standards for Smart Transducer (Sensor & Actuator) Networks

## IEEE P1451.0 Transducer Services & APIs



Transduce Message Type (Meaning)	XdcrMsgType (Enumeration)
Command	1
Reply	2
TIM Announcement	3
TIM Notification	4
Reserved	5-127
Open to Manufacturer	128-255

Message Section	1-Octet							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Message Header	Command class Id (1)							
	Command function Id							
	Transducer Message type							
	Length (most significant octet)							
Message Body	Length (least significant octet)							
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UUID: timId</li> <li>• Destination or Source TransducerChannel Number (UInt16)</li> <li>• Message type-dependent information. (Message class, function, msg type-dependent octets)</li> </ul>							
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