

M2M:

Machine-to-Machine (M2M) refers to networking of machines(or devices) for the purpose of remote monitoring and control and dataexchange.

- Term which is often synonymous with IoT is Machine-to-Machine (M2M).
- IoT and M2M are often used interchangeably.

Fig. Shows the end-to-end architecture of M2M systems comprises of M2M area networks, communication networks and application fomain.

An M2M area network comprises of machines(or M2M nodes) which have embedded network modules for sensing, actuation and communicating various communication protocols can be used for M2M LAN such as ZigBee, Bluetooth, M-bus, Wireless M-Bus etc., These protocols provide connectivity between M2M nodes within an M2M area network.

- The communication network provides connectivity to remote M2M area networks. The communication network provides connectivity to remote M2M area network. The communication network can use either wired or wireless network(IP based). While the M2M are networks use either proprietary or non-IP baed communication protocols, the communication network uses IP-based network. Since non-IP based protocols are used within M2M area network, the M2M nodes within one network cannot communicate with nodes in an externalnetwork.

- To enable the communication between remote M2M are network, M2M gateways are used.

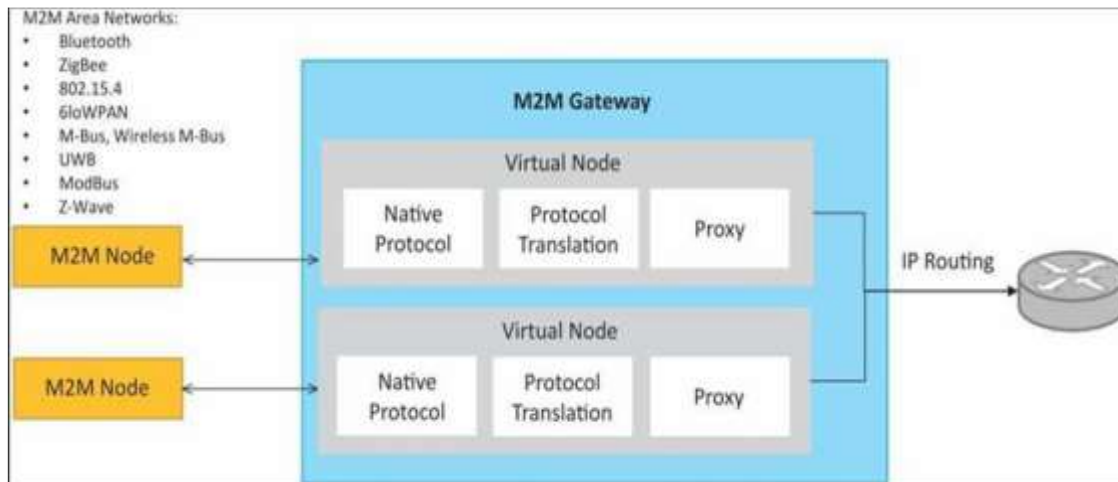
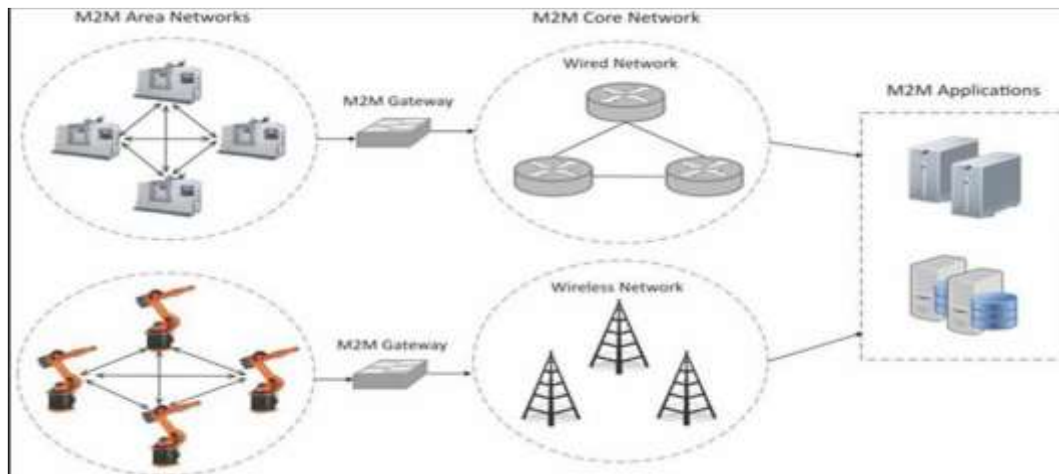


Fig. Shows a block diagram of an M2M gateway. The communication between M2M nodes and the M2M gateway is based on the communication protocols which are naive to the M2M are network. M2M gateway performs protocol translations to enable Ip-connectivity for M2M are networks. M2M gateway acts as a proxy performing translations from/to native protocols to/from Internet Protocol(IP). With an M2M gateway, each mode in an M2M area network appears as a virtualized node for external M2M area networks.

Differences between IoT and M2M

1) Communication Protocols:

- Commonly uses M2M protocols include ZigBee, Bluetooth, ModBus, M-Bus, WirelessM-Bustec.,
- In IoT uses HTTP, CoAP, WebSocket, MQTT, XMPP, DDS, AMQP etc.,

2) Machines in M2M Vs Things in IoT:

- Machines in M2M will be homogenous whereas Things in IoT will be heterogeneous.

3) Hardware Vs Software Emphasis:

- the emphasis of M2M is more on hardware with embedded modules, the emphasis of IoT is more on software.

4) Data Collection & Analysis

- M2M data is collected in point solutions and often in on-premises storage infrastructure.
- The data in IoT is collected in the cloud (can be public, private or hybrid cloud).

5) Applications

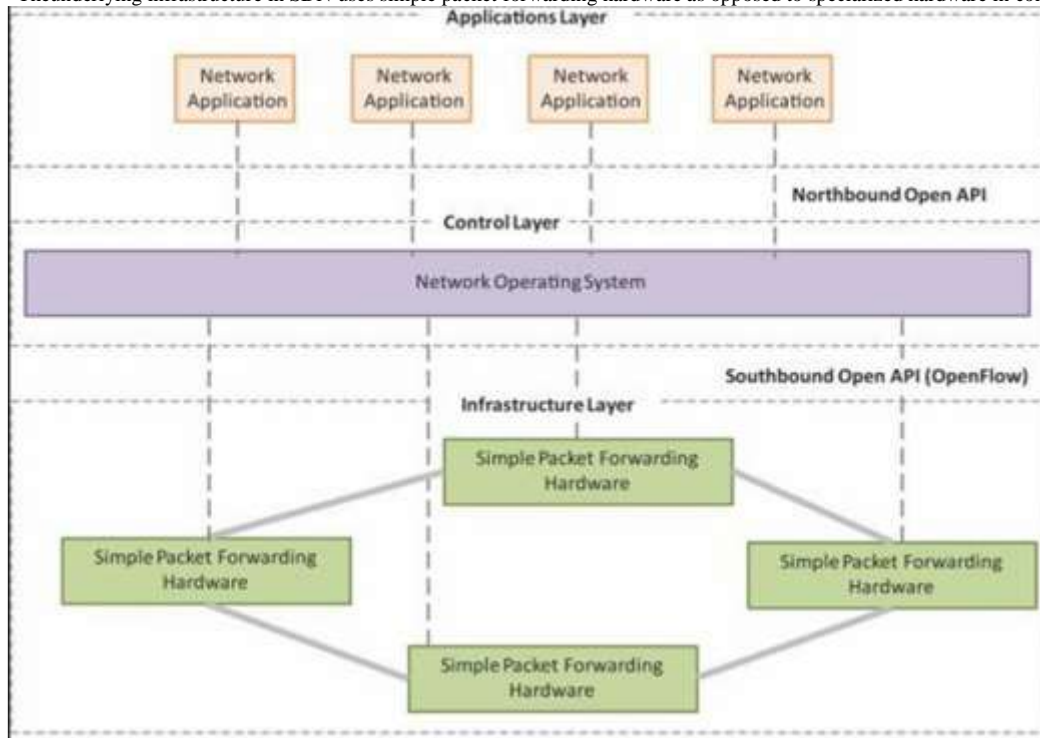
□ M2M data is collected in point solutions and can be accessed by on-premises applications such as diagnosis applications, service management applications, and on-premise enterprise applications. □

□ IoT data is collected in the cloud and can be accessed by cloud applications such as analytics applications, enterprise applications, remote diagnosis and management applications, etc. □

SDN and NVF for IoT

Software Defined Networking(SDN):

- Software-Defined Networking (SDN) is a networking architecture that separates the control plane from the data plane and centralizes the network controller.
- Software-based SDN controllers maintain a unified view of the network
- The underlying infrastructure in SDN uses simple packet forwarding hardware as opposed to specialized hardware in conventional networks.



SDN Architecture

Key elements of SDN:

1) Centralized Network Controller

With decoupled control and data planes and centralized network controller, the network administrators can rapidly configure the network.

2) Programmable Open APIs

SDN architecture supports programmable open APIs for interface between the SDN application and control layers (Northbound interface).

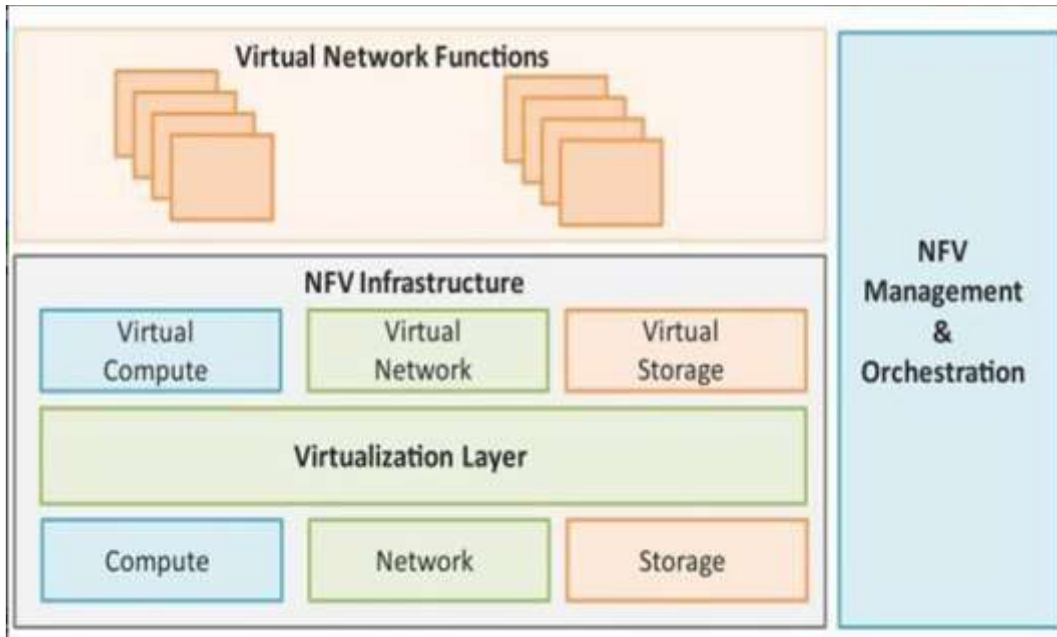
3) Standard Communication Interface (OpenFlow)

SDN architecture uses a standard communication interface between the control and infrastructure layers (Southbound interface). OpenFlow, which is defined by the Open Networking Foundation (ONF) is the broadly accepted SDN protocol for the Southbound interface.

Network Function Virtualization(NFV)

• Network Function Virtualization (NFV) is a technology that leverages virtualization to consolidate the heterogeneous network devices onto industry standard high volume servers, switches and storage.

• NFV is complementary to SDN as NFV can provide the infrastructure on which SDN can run.



Key elements of NFV:

NFV Architecture

1) Virtualized Network Function(VNF):

VNF is a software implementation of a network function which is capable of running over the NFV Infrastructure (NFVI).

2) NFV Infrastructure(NFVI):

NFVI includes compute, network and storage resources that are virtualized.

3) NFV Management andOrchestration:

NFV Management and Orchestration focuses on all virtualization-specific management tasks and covers the orchestration and life-cycle management of physical and/or software resources that support the infrastructure virtualization, and the life-cycle management of VNFs.

Need for IoT Systems Management

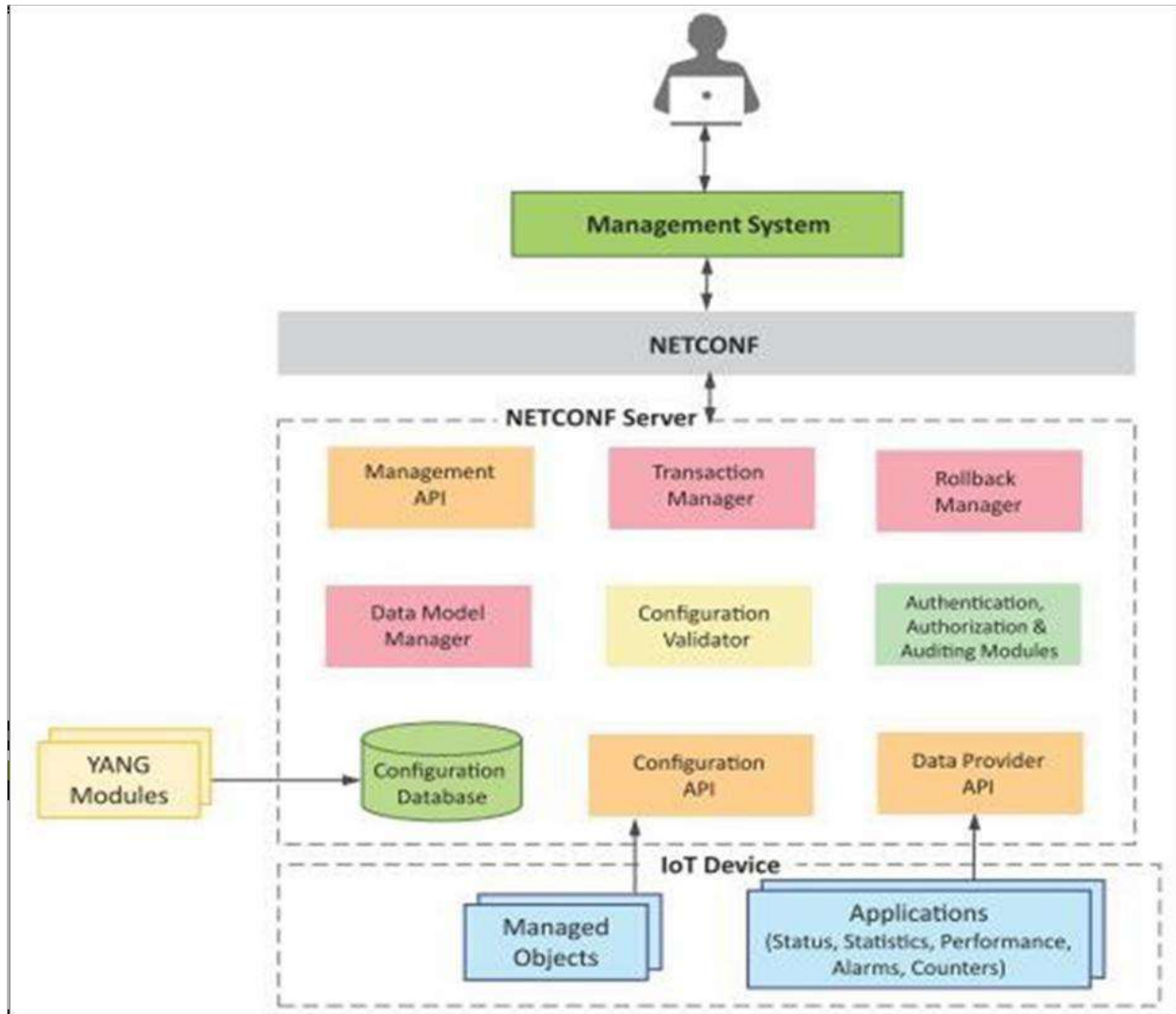
Managing multiple devices within a single system requires advanced management capabilities.

- 1) **Automating Configuration** : IoT system management capabilities can help in automating the system configuration.
- 2) **Monitoring Operational & Statistical Data** : Management systems can help in monitoring operational and statistical data of a system. This data can be used for fault diagnosis or prognosis.
- 3) **Improved Reliability**: A management system that allows validating the system configurations before they are put into effect can help in improving the system reliability.
- 4) **System Wide Configurations** : For IoT systems that consist of multiple devices or nodes, ensuring system wide configuration can be critical for the correct functioning of the system.
- 5) **Multiple System Configurations** : For some systems it may be desirable to have multiple valid configurations which are applied at different times or in certain conditions.
- 6) **Retrieving & Reusing Configurations** : Management systems which have the capability of retrieving configurations from devices can help in reusing the configurations for other devices of the same type.

IoT Systems Management with NETCONF-YANG

YANG is a data modeling language used to model configuration and state data manipulated by the NETCONF protocol. The generic approach of IoT device management with NETCONF-YANG. Roles of various components are:

- 1) ManagementSystem
- 2) ManagementAPI
- 3) TransactionManager
- 4) RollbackManager
- 5) Data ModelManager
- 6) ConfigurationValidator
- 7) ConfigurationDatabase
- 8) ConfigurationAPI
- 9) Data ProviderAPI



- 1) **Management System** : The operator uses a management system to send NETCONF messages to configure the IoT device and receives state information and notifications from the device as NETCONF messages.
- 2) **Management API** : allows management application to start NETCONF sessions.
- 3) **Transaction Manager**: executes all the NETCONF transactions and ensures that ACID properties hold true for the transactions.
- 4) **Rollback Manager** : is responsible for generating all the transactions necessary to rollback a current configuration to its original state.
- 5) **Data Model Manager** : Keeps track of all the YANG data models and the corresponding managed objects. Also keeps track of the applications which provide data for each part of a data model.
- 6) **Configuration Validator** : checks if the resulting configuration after applying a transaction would be a valid configuration.
- 7) **Configuration Database** : contains both configuration and operational data.

8) **Configuration API** : Using the configuration API the application on the IoT device can be read configuration data from the configuration datastore and write operational data to the operationaldatastore.

9) **Data Provider API**: Applications on the IoT device can register for callbacks for various events using the Data Provider API. Through the Data Provider API, the applications can report statistics and operationaldata.

Steps for IoT device Management with NETCONF-YANG

- 1) Create a YANG model of the system that defines the configuration and state data of the system.
- 2) Complete the YANG model with the '_Inctool' which comes with Libnetconf.
- 3) Fill in the IoT device mangement code in the TransAPImodule.
- 4) Build the callbacks C file to generate the libraryfile.
- 5) Load the YANG module and the TransAPImodule into the Netopeer server using Netopeer managertool.
- 6) The operator can now connect from the management system to the Netopeer server using the NetopeerCLI.
- 7) Operator can issue NETCONF commands from the Netopeer CLI. Command can be issued to changew the configuration dsta, get operational dat or execute an RPC on the IoTdevice.