

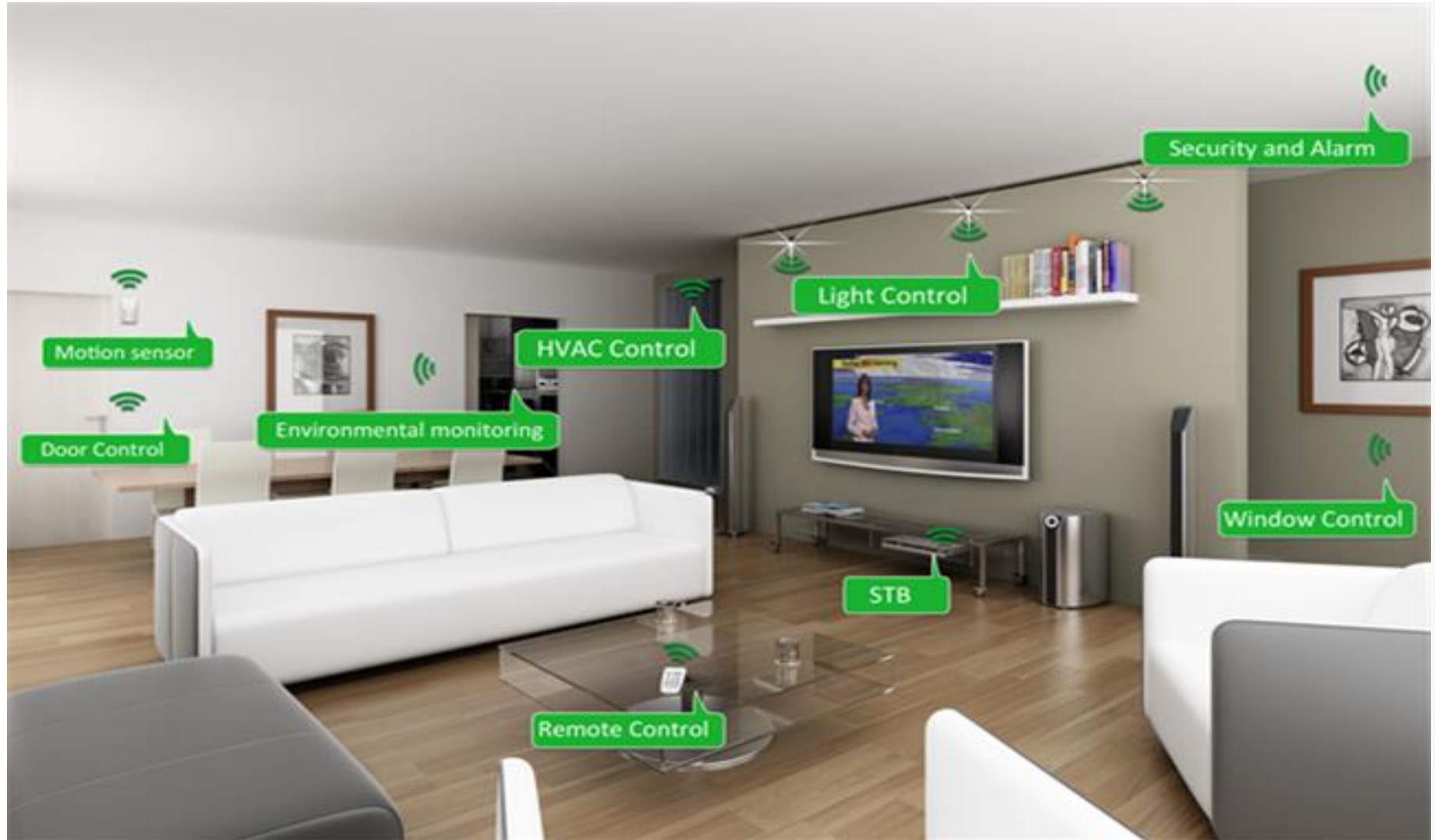
**Access Control Model for Virtual Objects (Shadows)  
Communication for AWS Internet of Things**

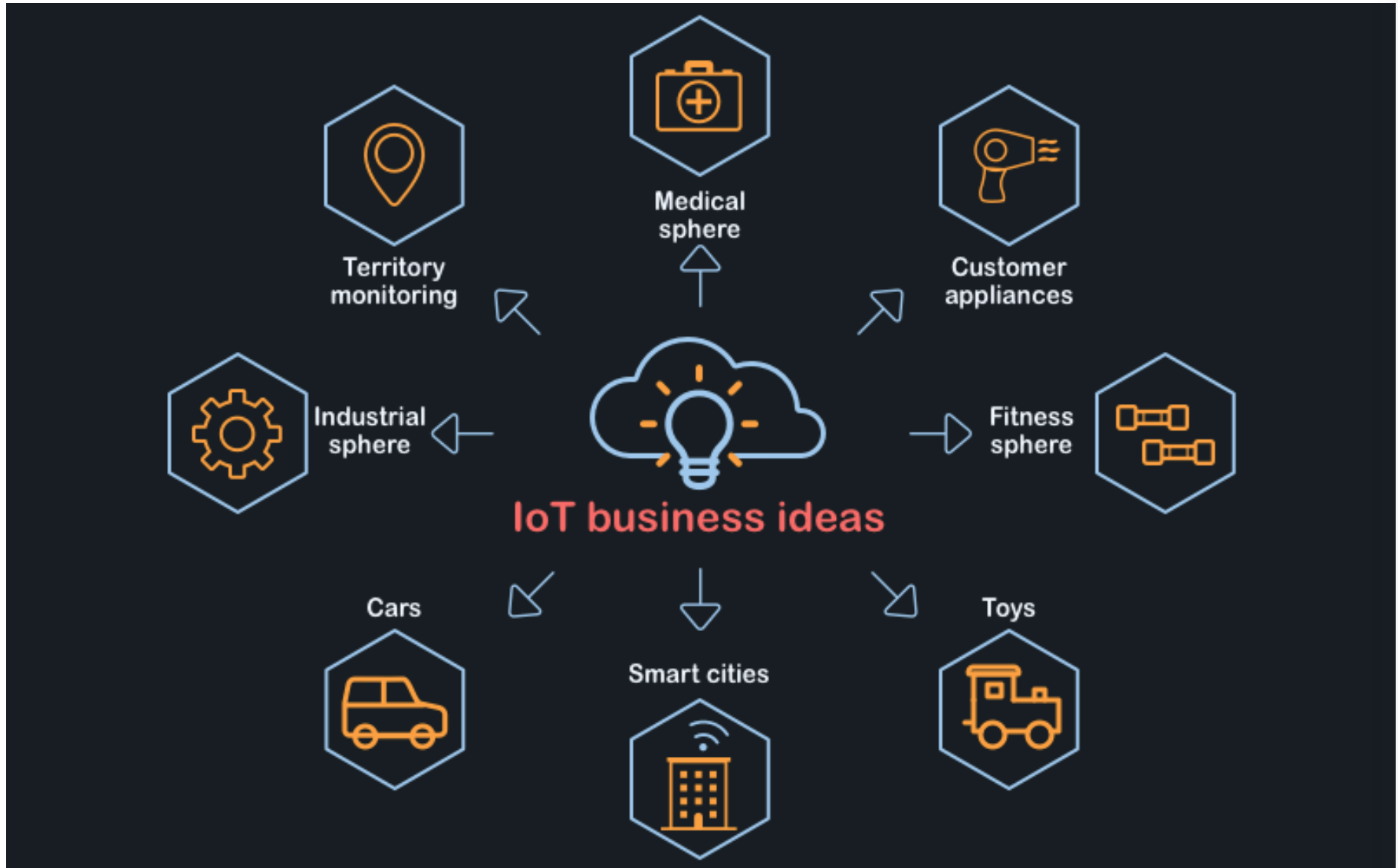
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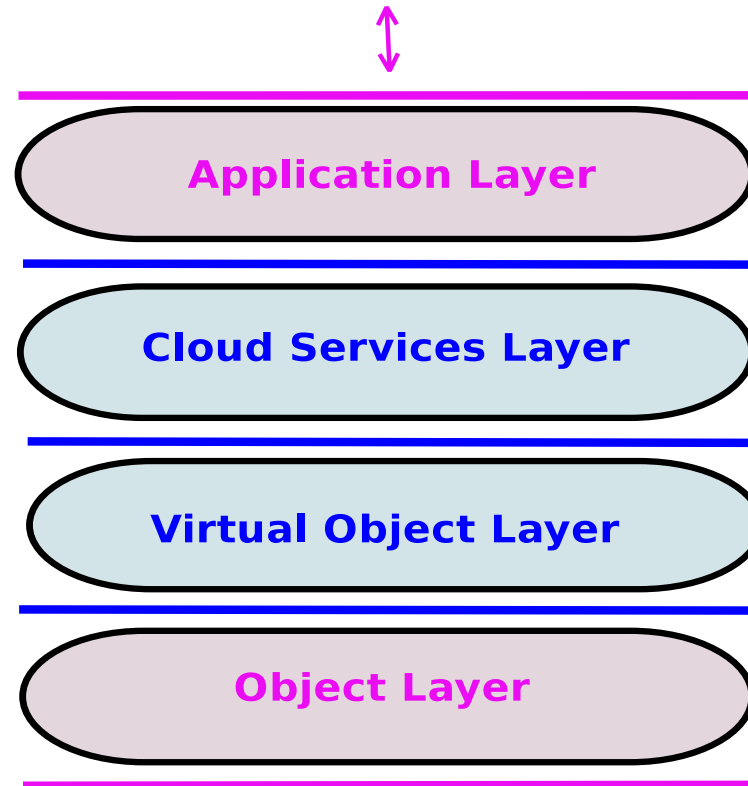




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- **The Object layer:**
  - Physical objects
  - Collect data
  - Communication
- **The Virtual Object Layer:**
  - Presents status of objects
  - Communication
  - O-VO Association

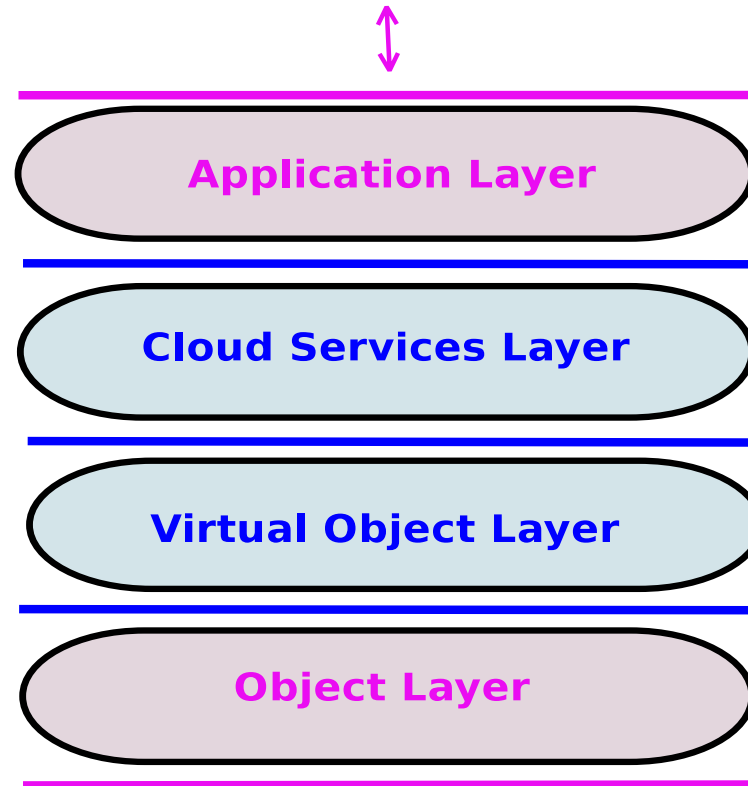
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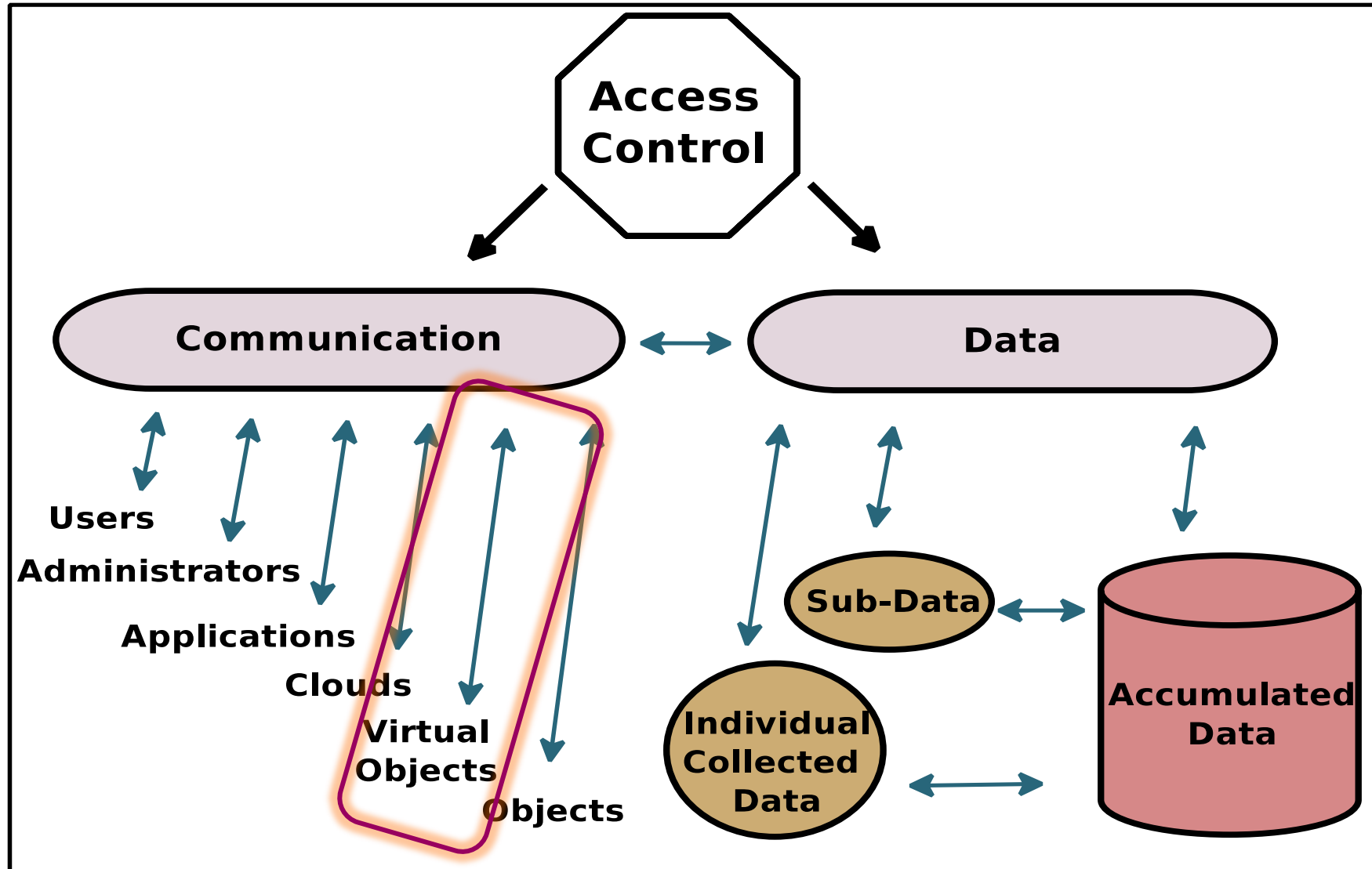
## User Direct Interaction

- **The Cloud Layer:**
  - Big data
  - Functionality
  - Communication
- **The Application Layer:**
  - Interface
  - Users and Admin
  - Generate AC policies

## User and Administrator Interaction



## User Direct Interaction





# Access Control Models for VO Communications in ACO Architecture



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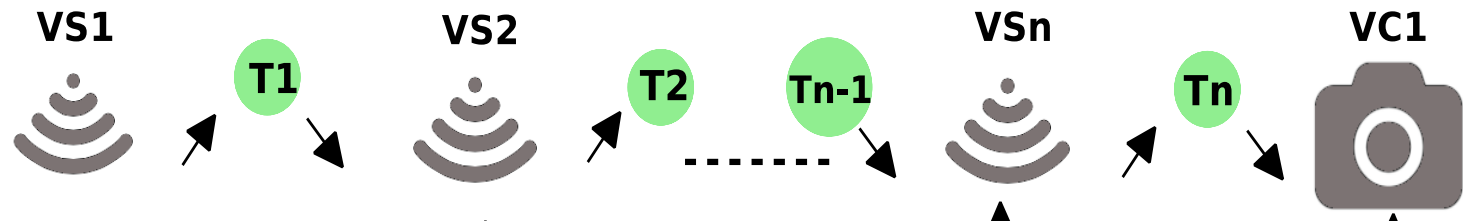
Access control models for VO communication in two layers:

- A. Operational models
  - A. ACL-Cap operational model
  - B. ABAC operational model
- B. Administrative models
  - A. ACL administrative model
  - B. RBAC administrative model
  - C. ABAC administrative model

**Cloud Service layer**



**Virtual Object layer**



**Object layer**



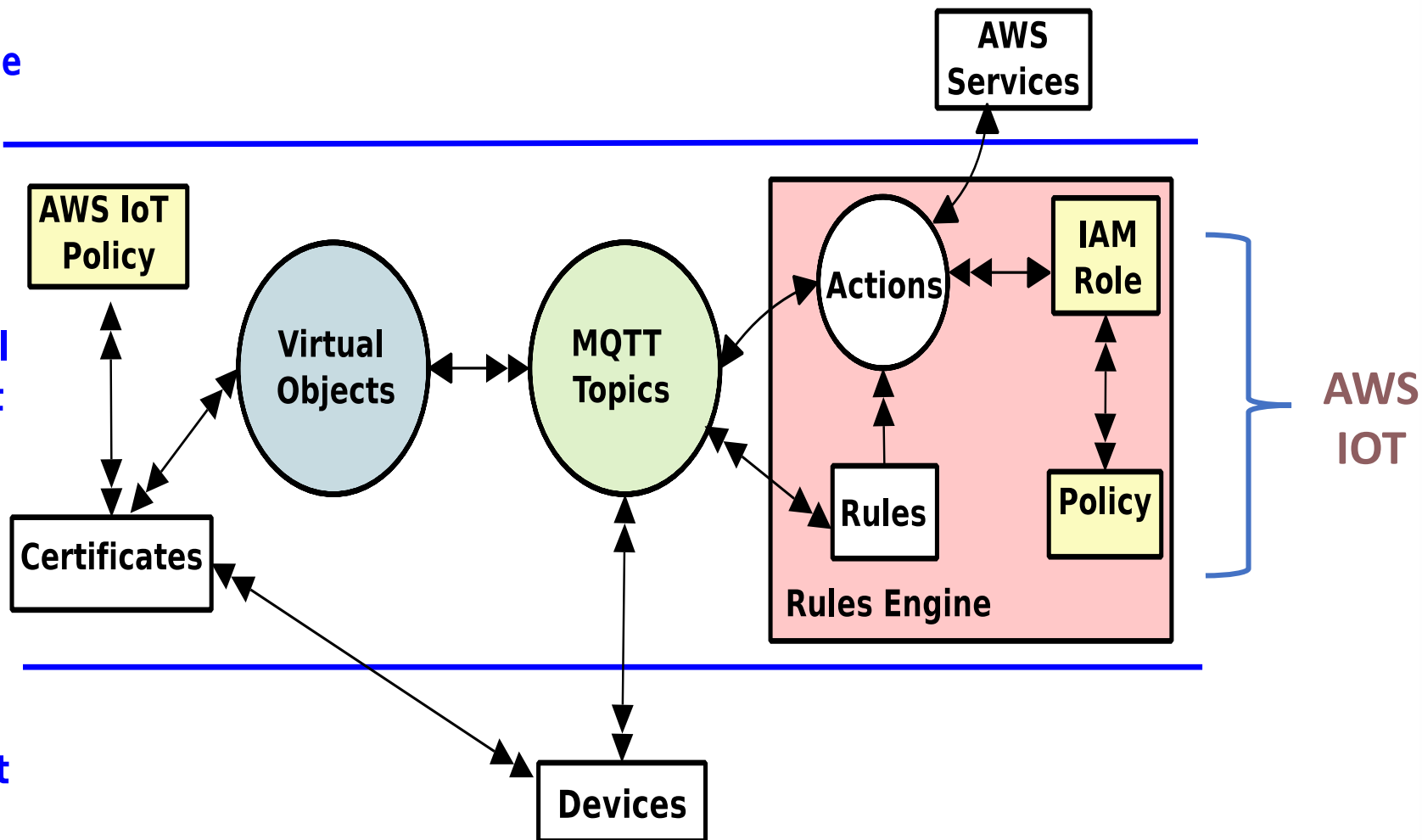
# Access Control Model for VO Communication for AWS IoT



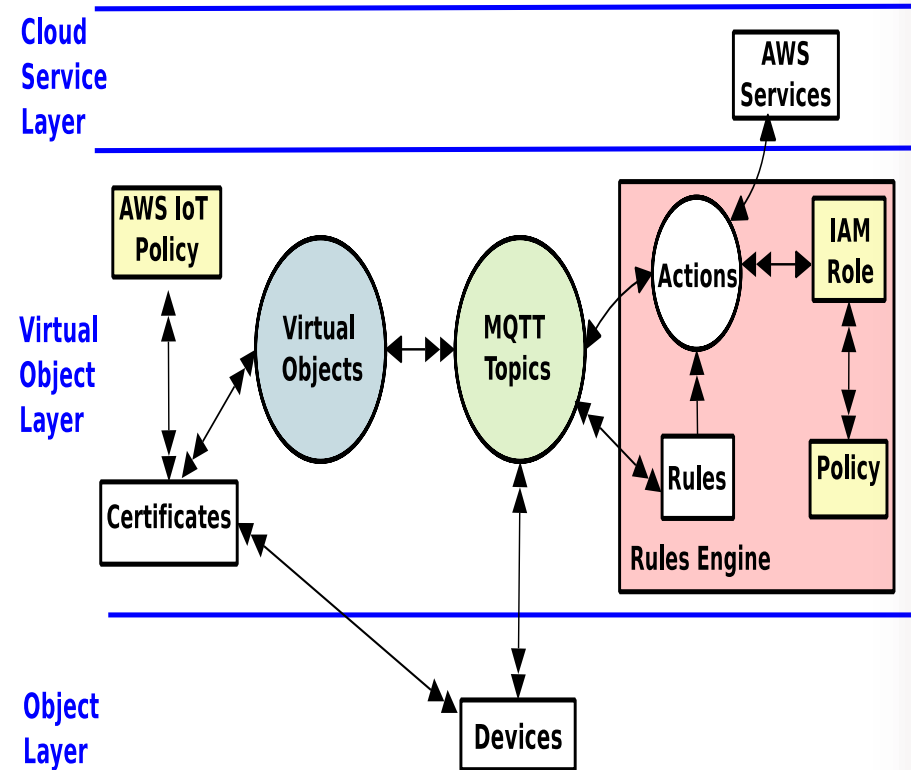
Cloud Service Layer

Virtual Object Layer

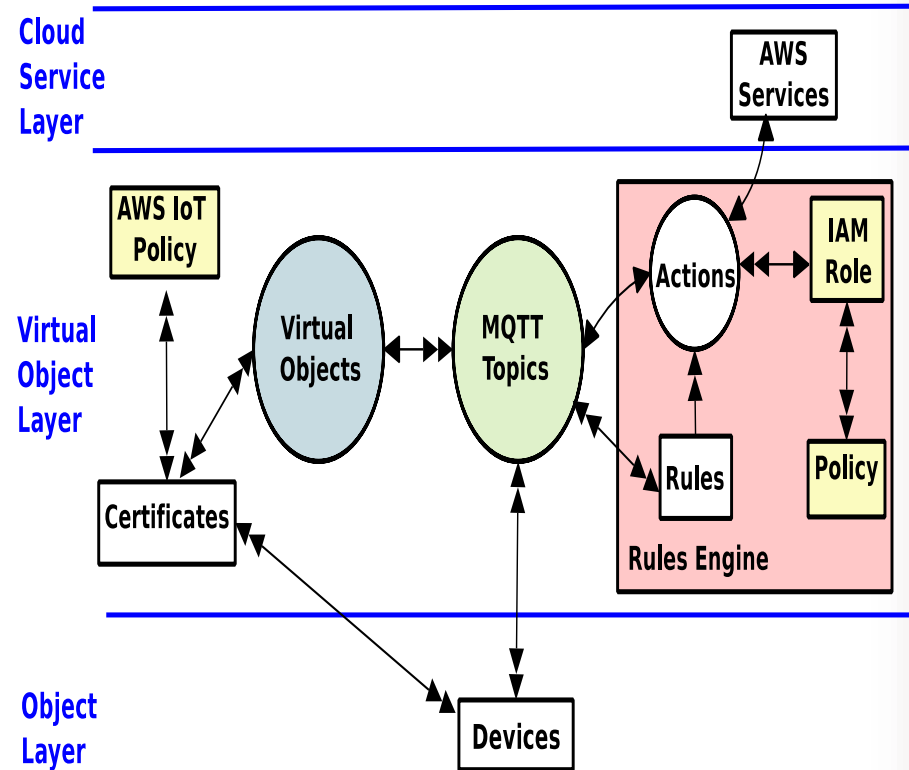
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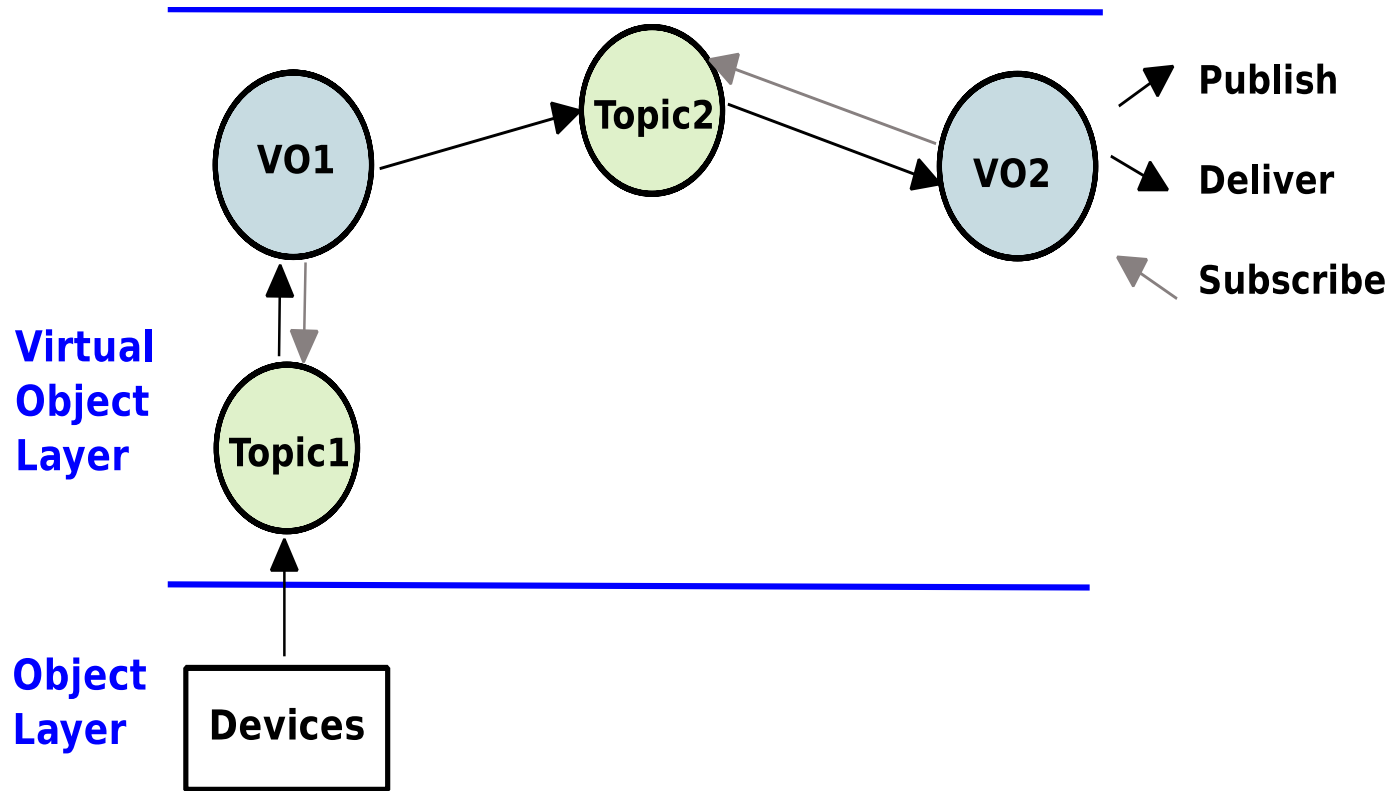


- **Certificates:** An identity for devices authentication
- **AWS IoT policy:** A policy for authorization purpose
- **Virtual objects:** A JSON document that stores information about the current and future status of a device.
- **MQTT topics:** AWS IoT service generates reserved MQTT topics for each created virtual object



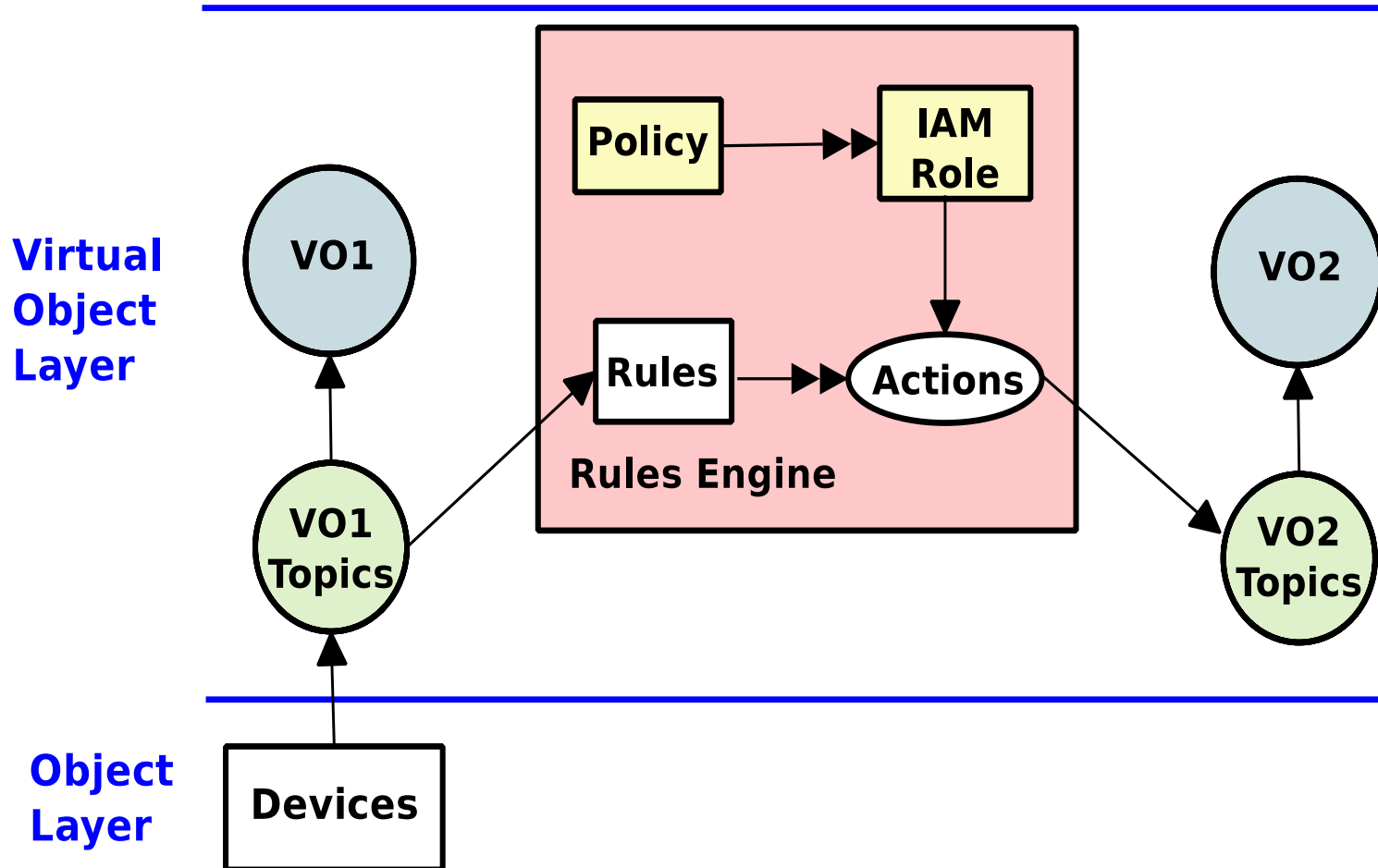
- **Rules:** Recognize and analyze messages that are sent to MQTT topics and trigger actions.
- **Actions:** There are fixed AWS actions that can be selected, such as inserting a message into a DynamoDB table, invoking a Lambda function, and republishing messages to AWS IoT topics.
- **AWS identity and access management (IAM) role:** Actions authorization



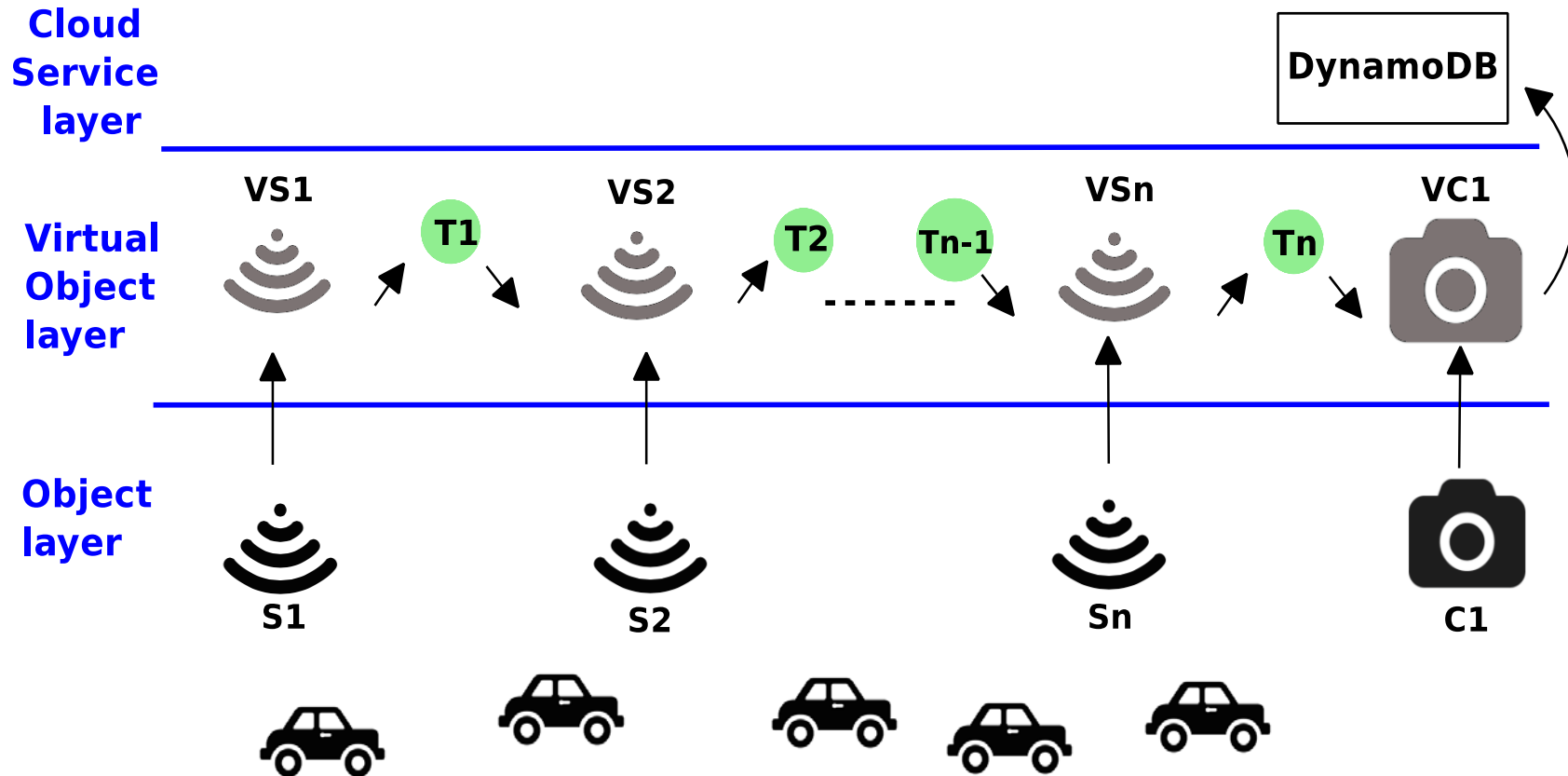


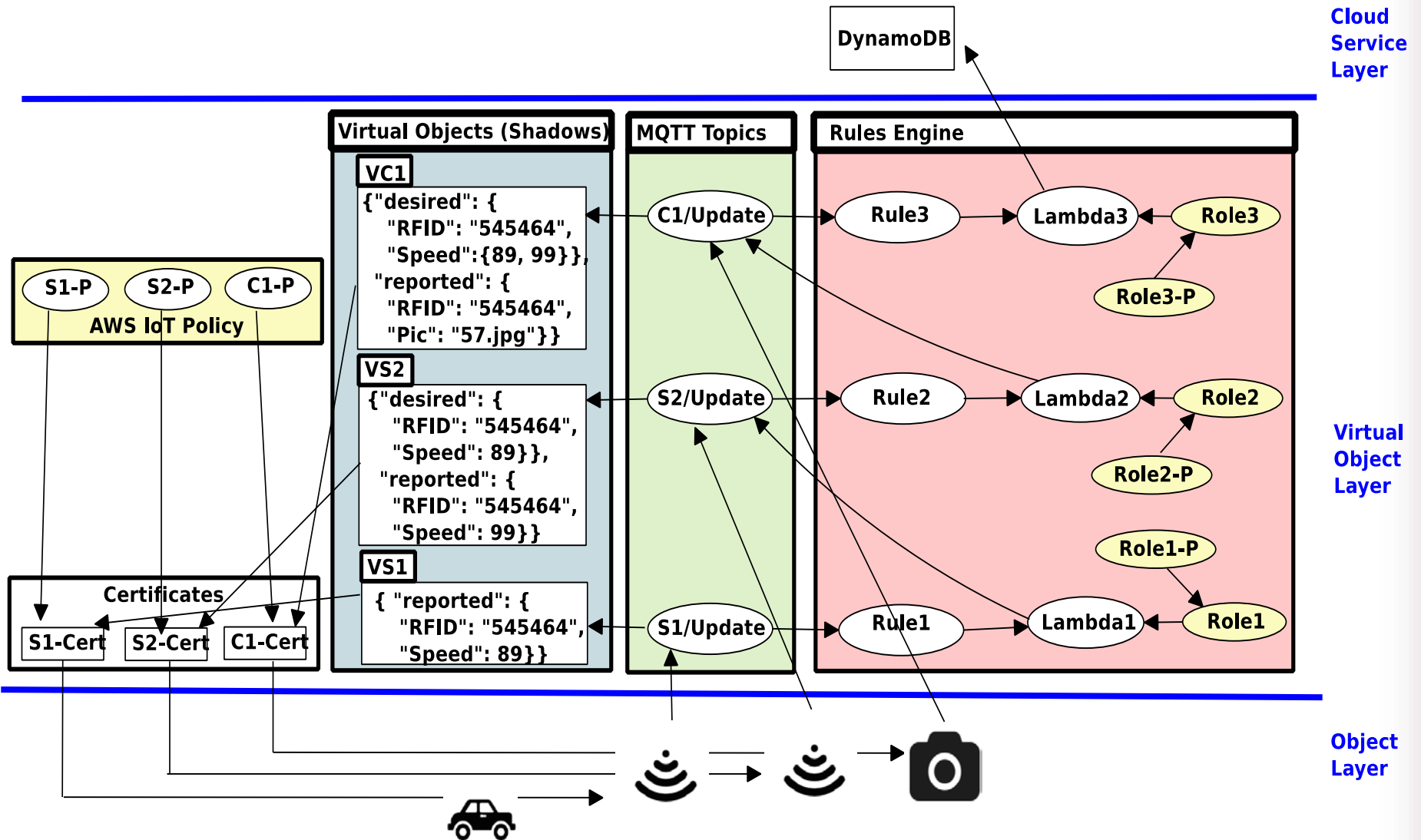
- The communication channel between two VOs is a shared topic



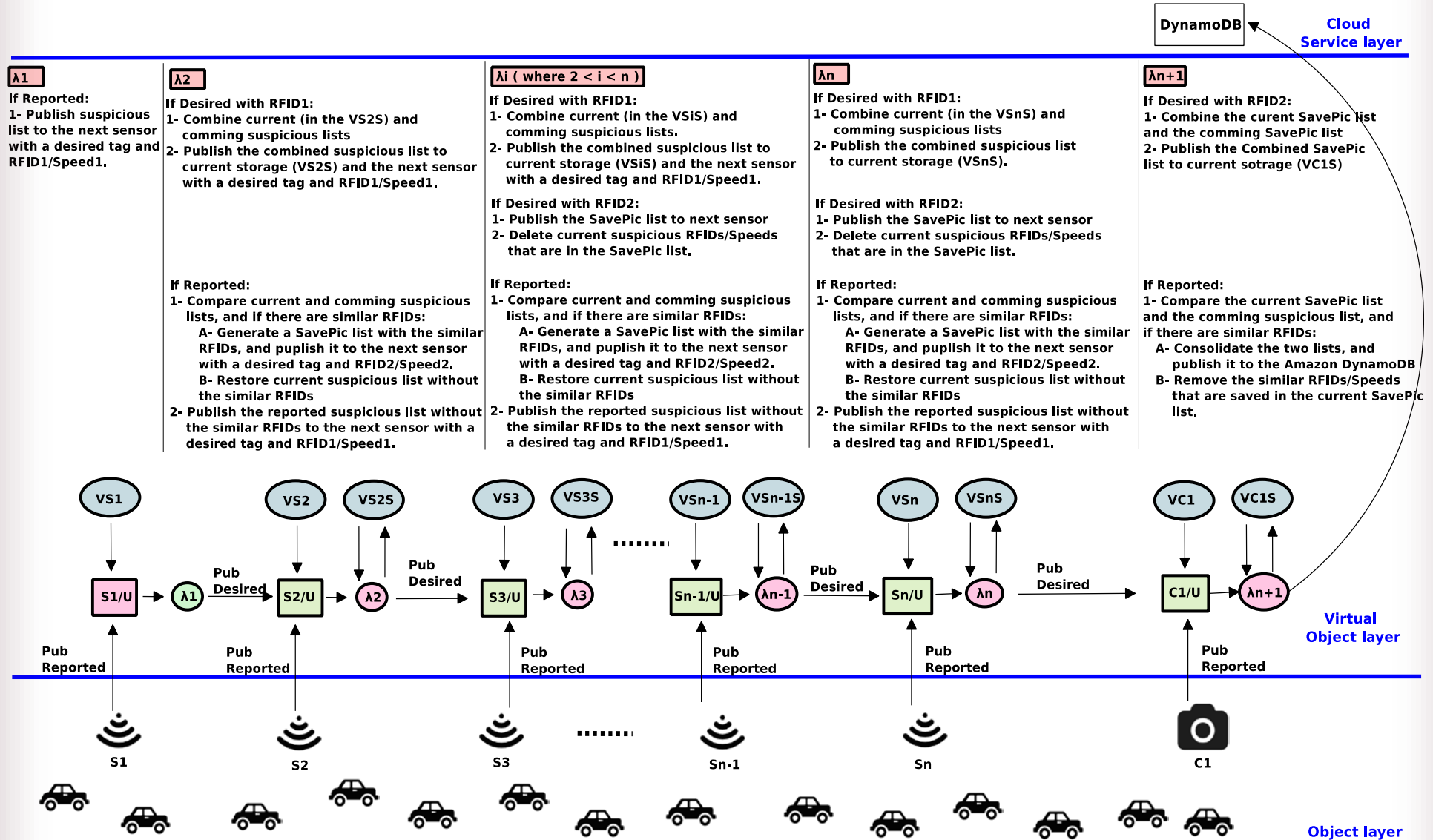


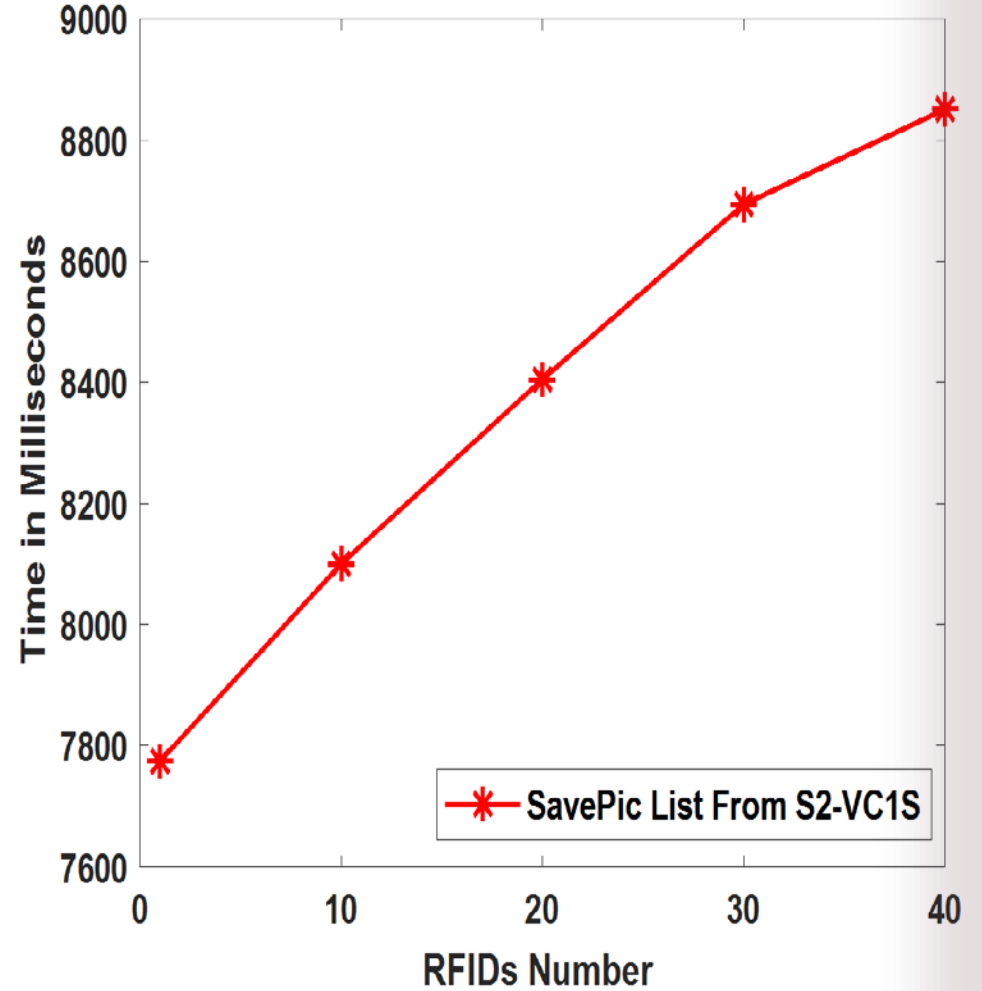
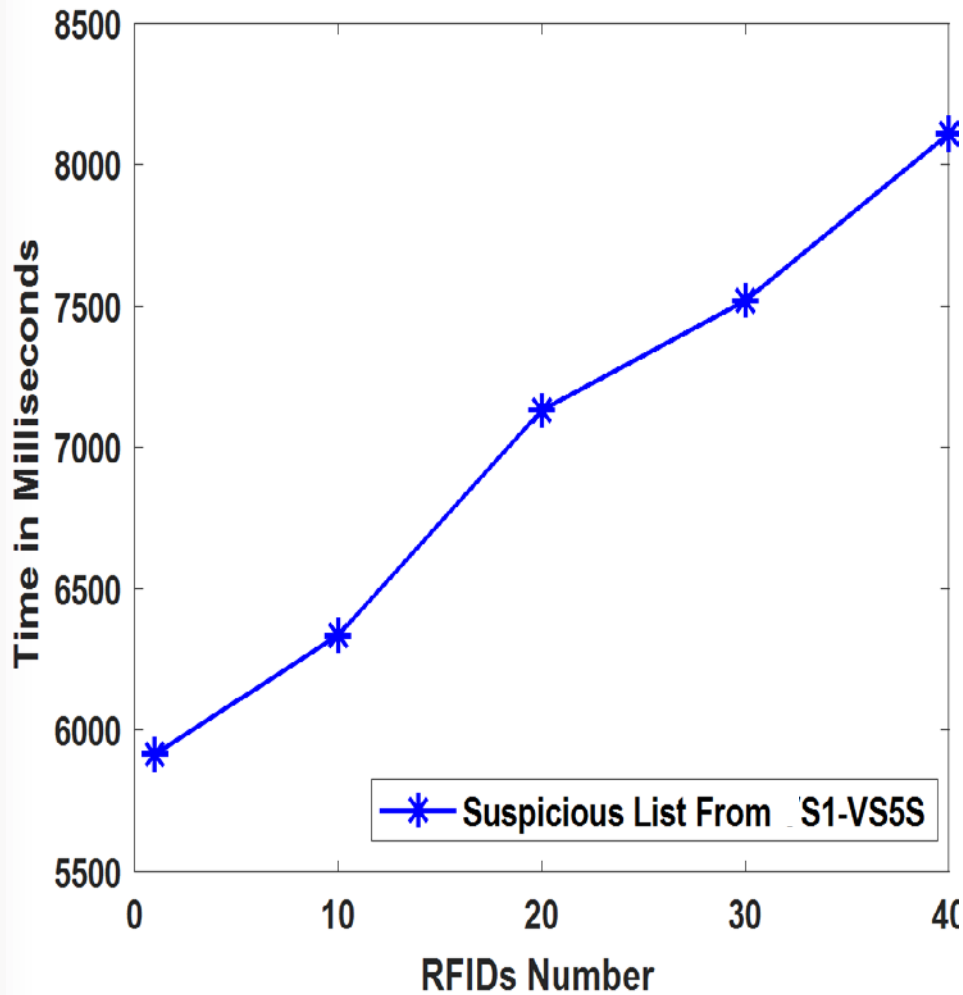
- The communication channel between two VO Topics is the Rules Engine





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      "Action": "iot:Publish",  
      "Resource": "arn:aws:iot:us-west-2:760000000000:  
topic/$aws/things/Camera/shadow/update"  
    }  
  ]  
}
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# Conclusion and Future Work



1. Develop access control models for VO communications for AWS IoT
2. Reconcile the academic access control models within the AWS IoT
3. Implement the sensing speeding cars use case



