



LoRaWAN and Public Key Cryptography

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Simple. Affordable. Transformative.



Agenda

LoRaWAN Architecture

Public Key Cryptography

Public Key Infrastructure

Further Explorations

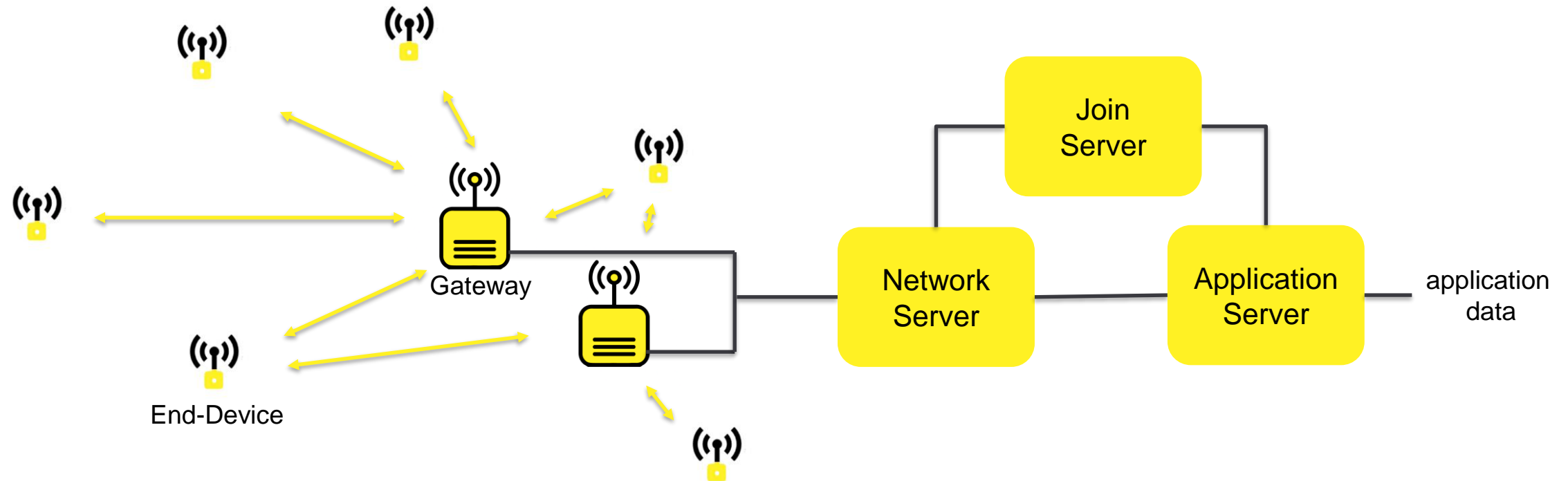
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LoRaWAN® Technical Architecture



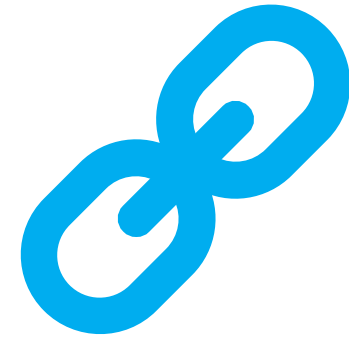
LoRaWAN is secured



**End-to-end
encryption**



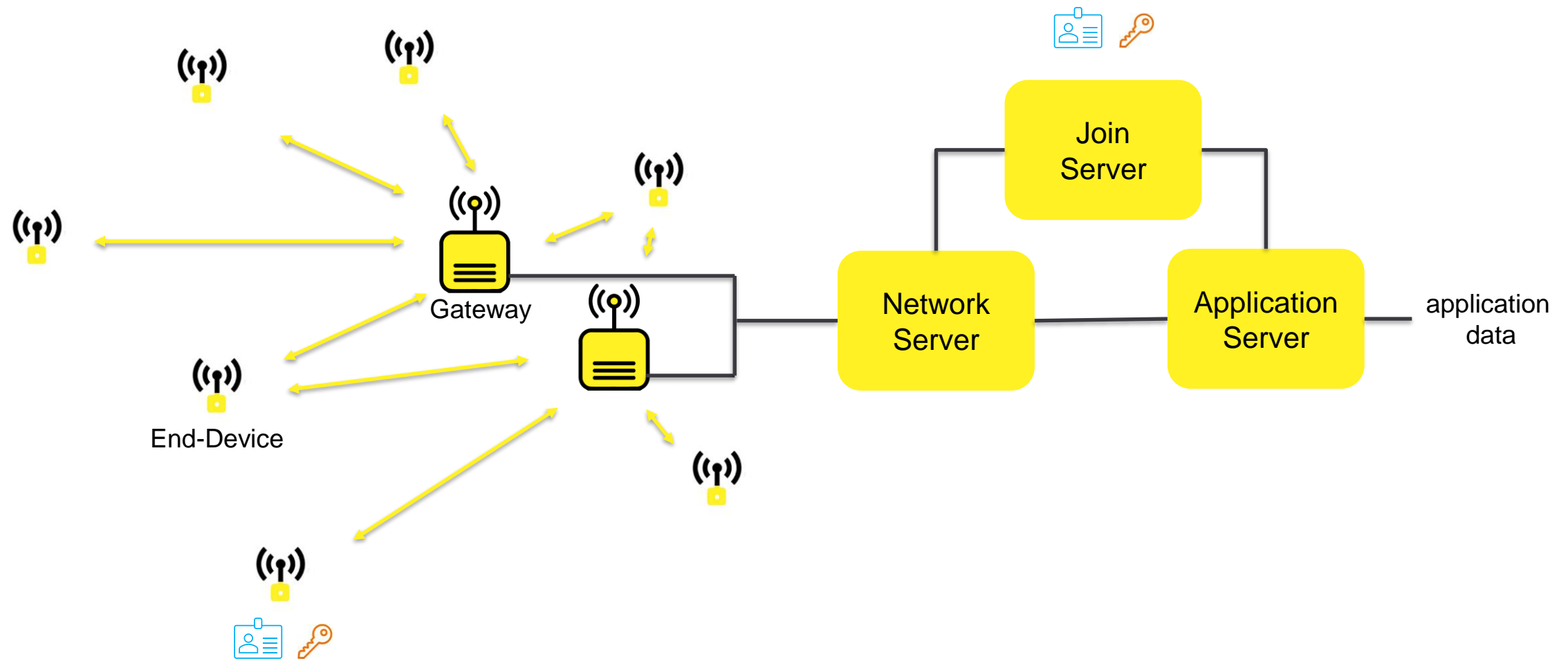
**Frame
authentication**



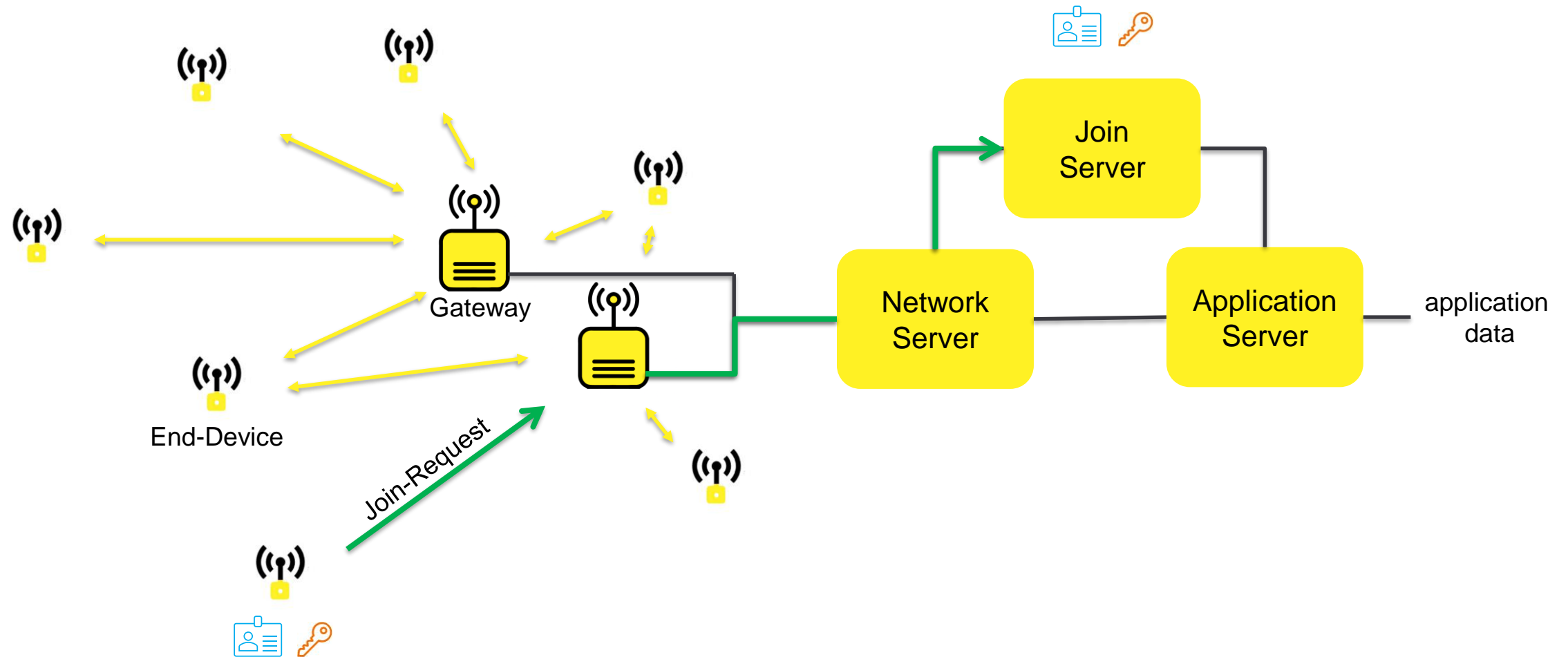
**Join
Procedure**

AES-128 cipher + Crypto agility

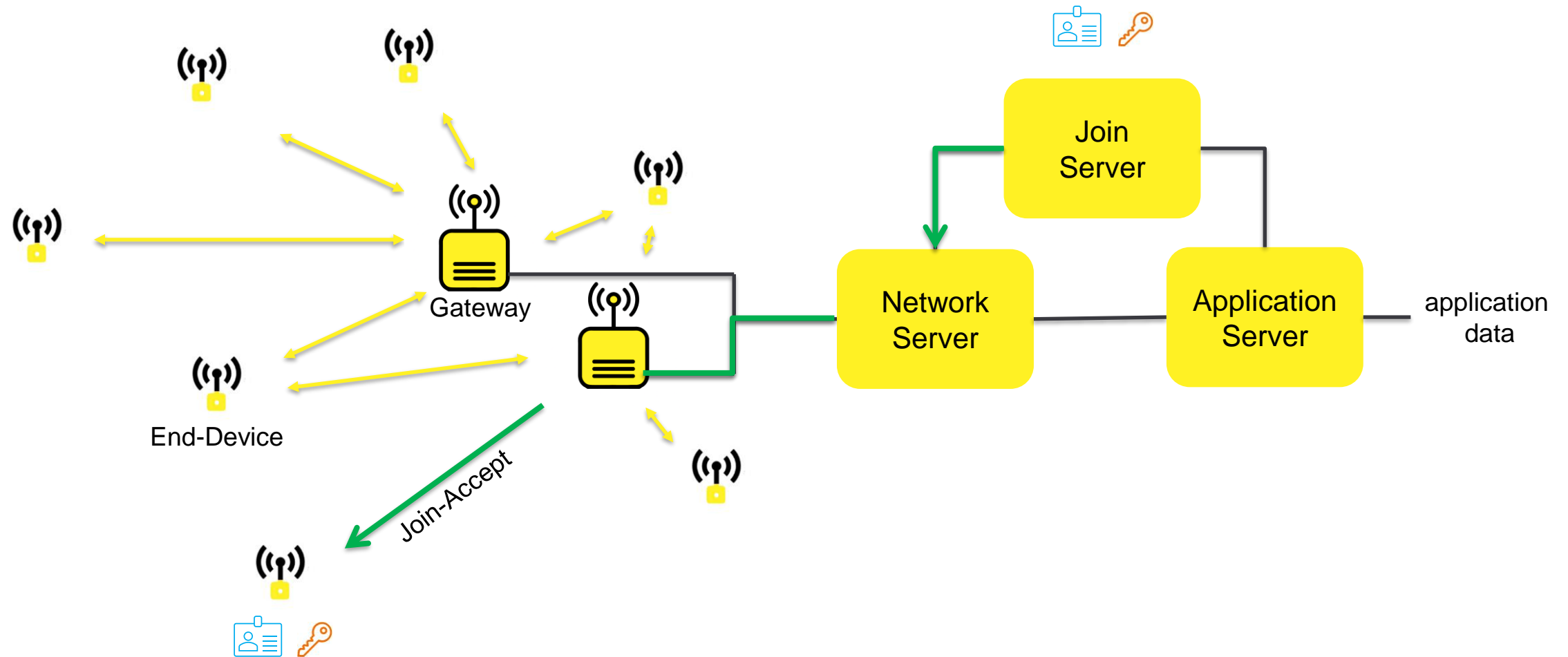
LoRaWAN Join Procedure



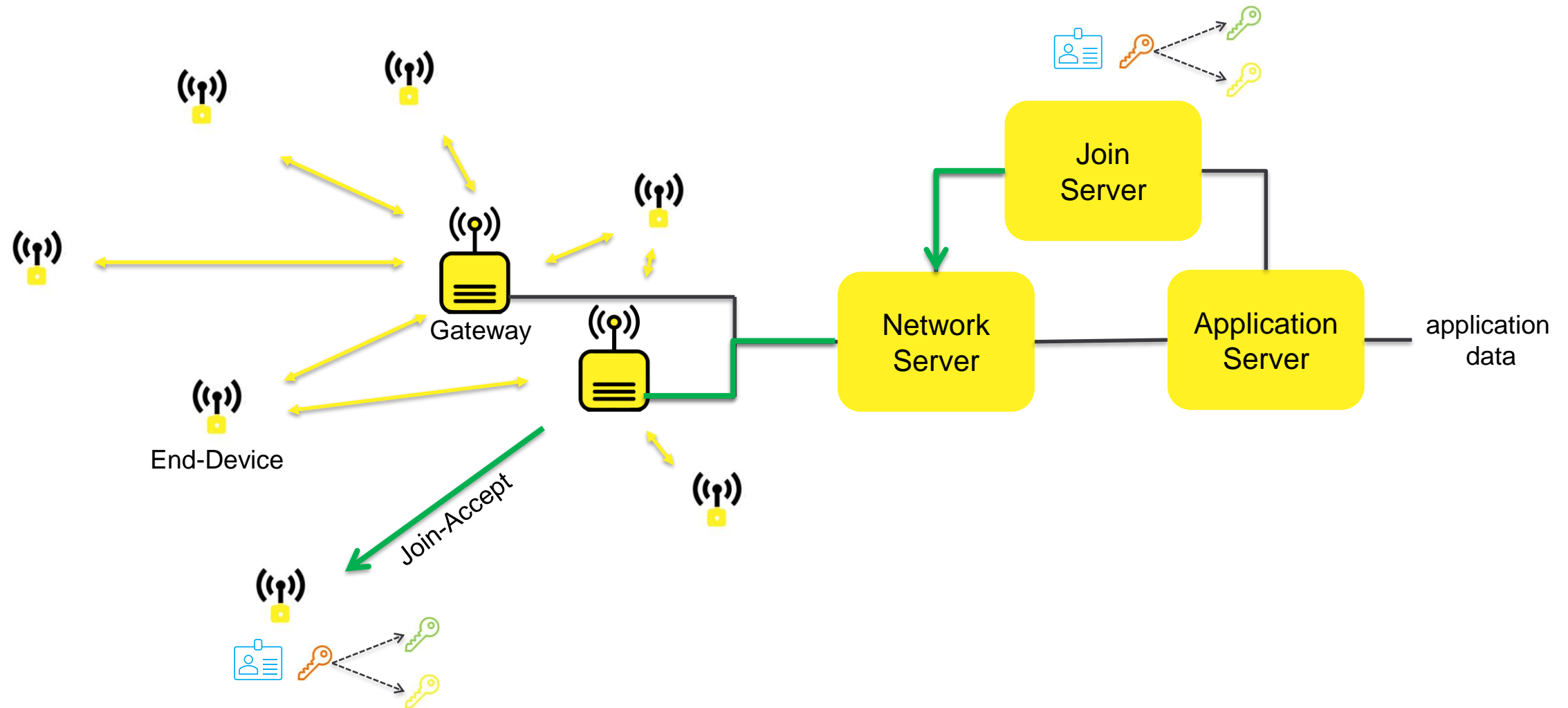
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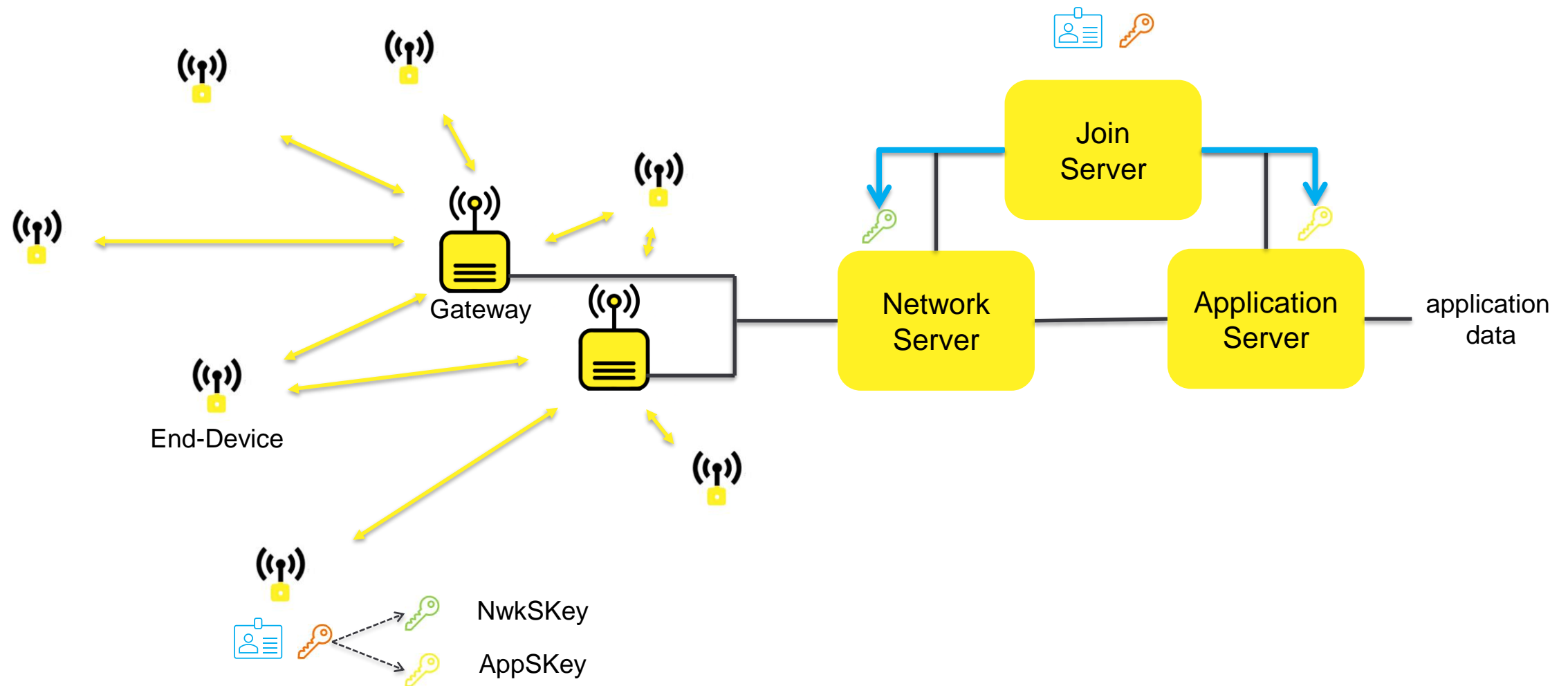
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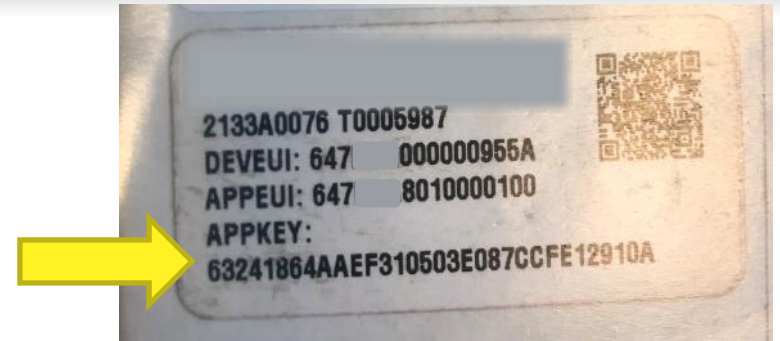
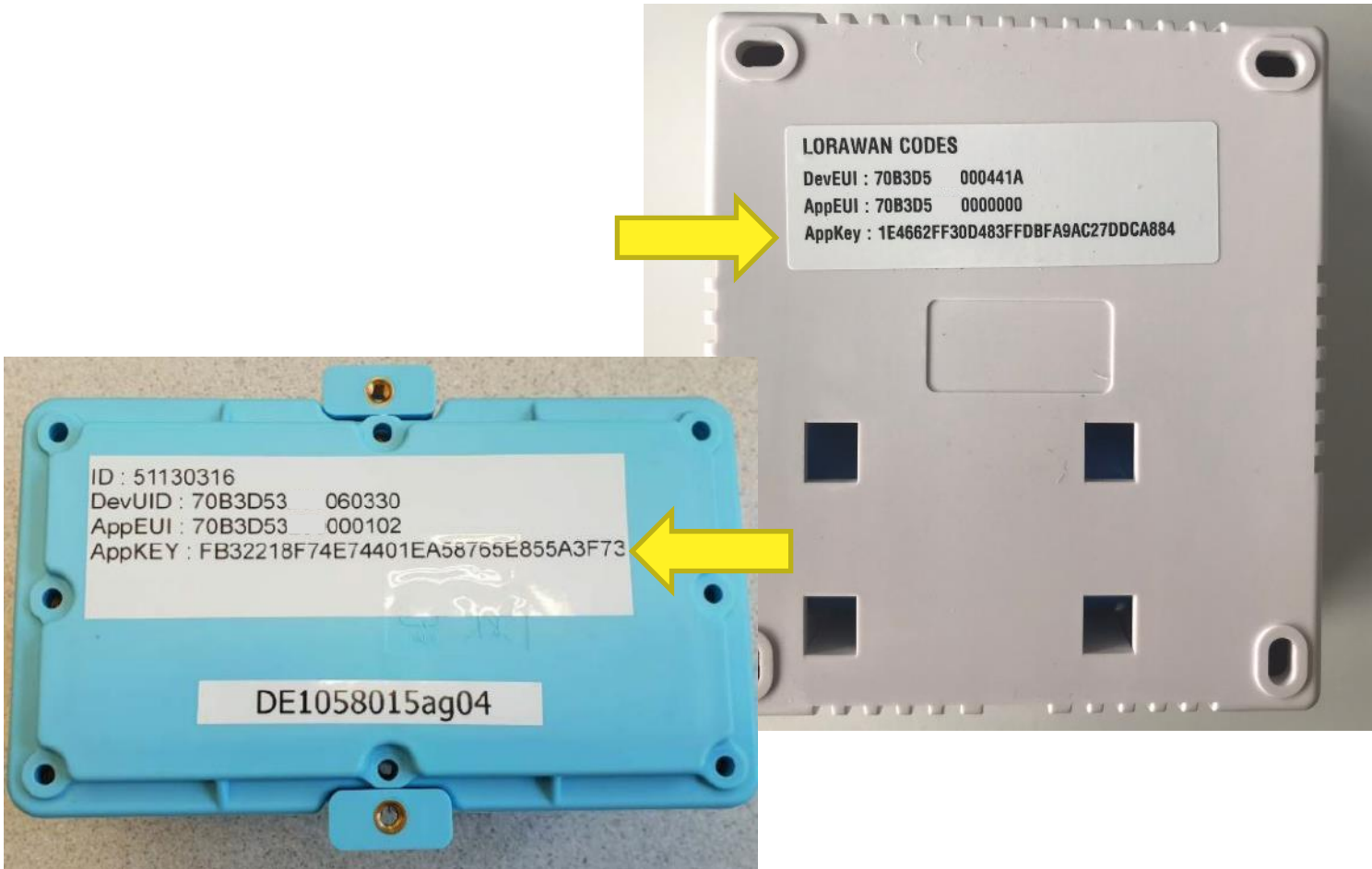
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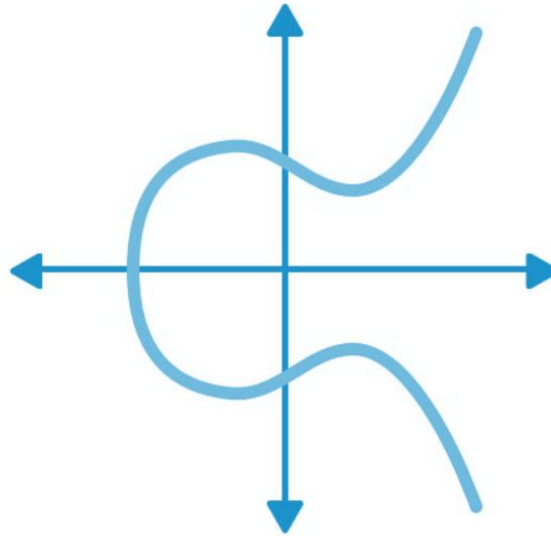
LoRaWAN Provisioning is Complex



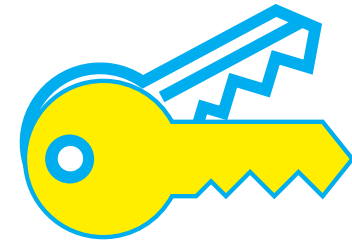
Public Key Cryptography in LoRaWAN



**LoRaWAN Root key
agreement**



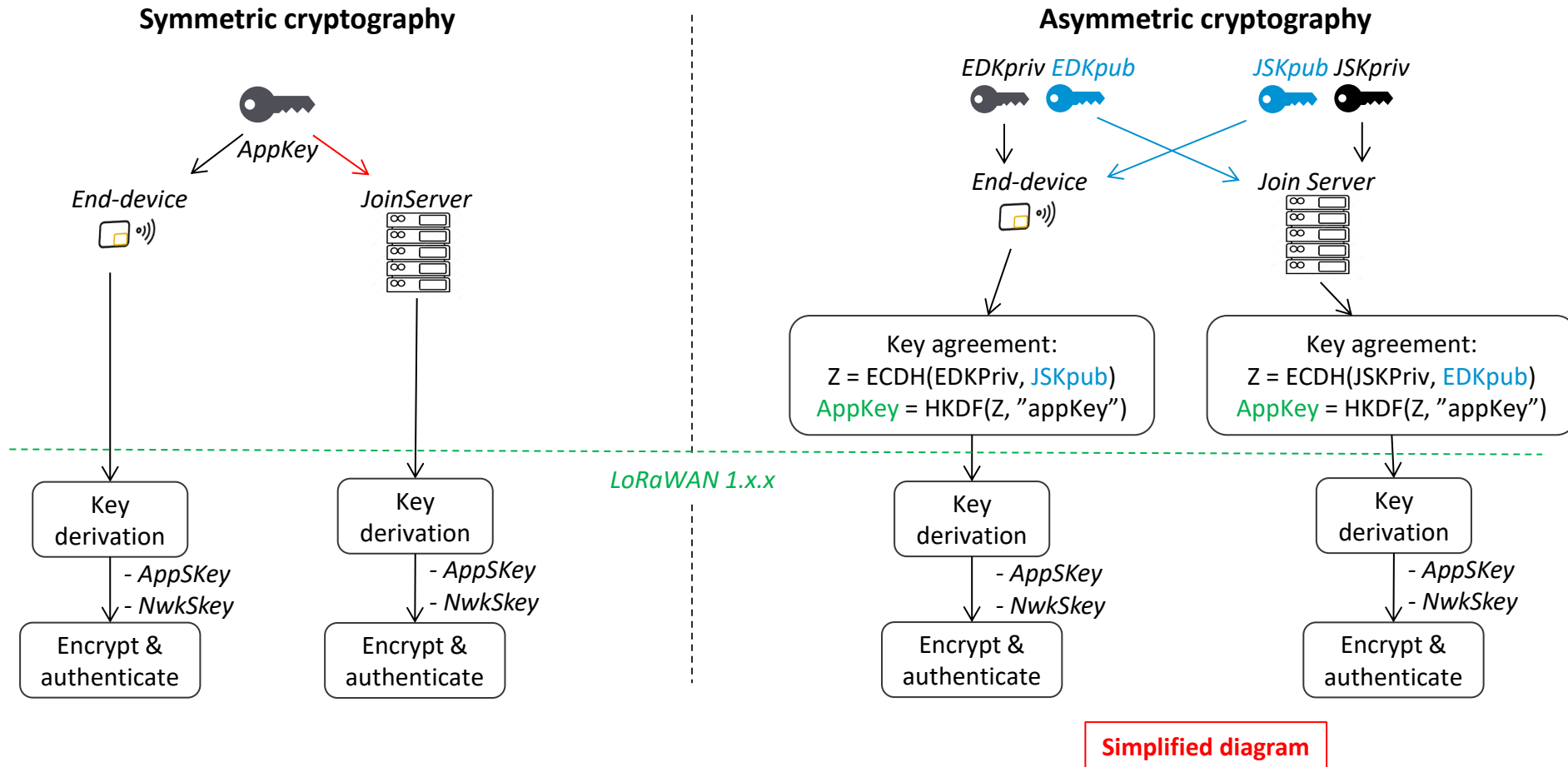
**Elliptic Curve
Cryptography**



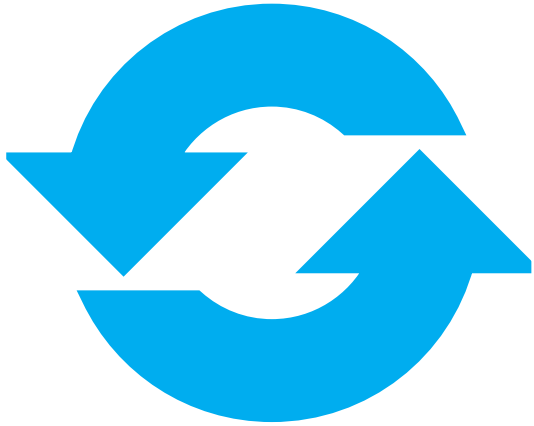
**Asymmetric
Cryptography**

ECDH

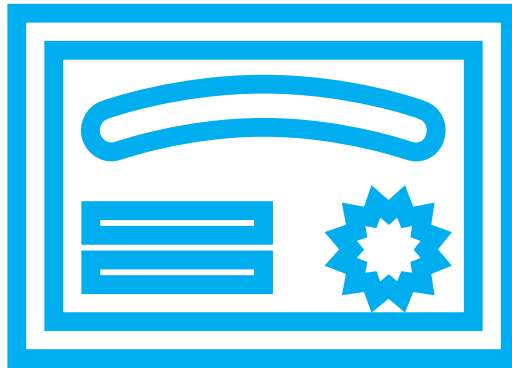
LoRaWAN Root Key Agreement



Public Key Infrastructure



**Join Server Key
Update**

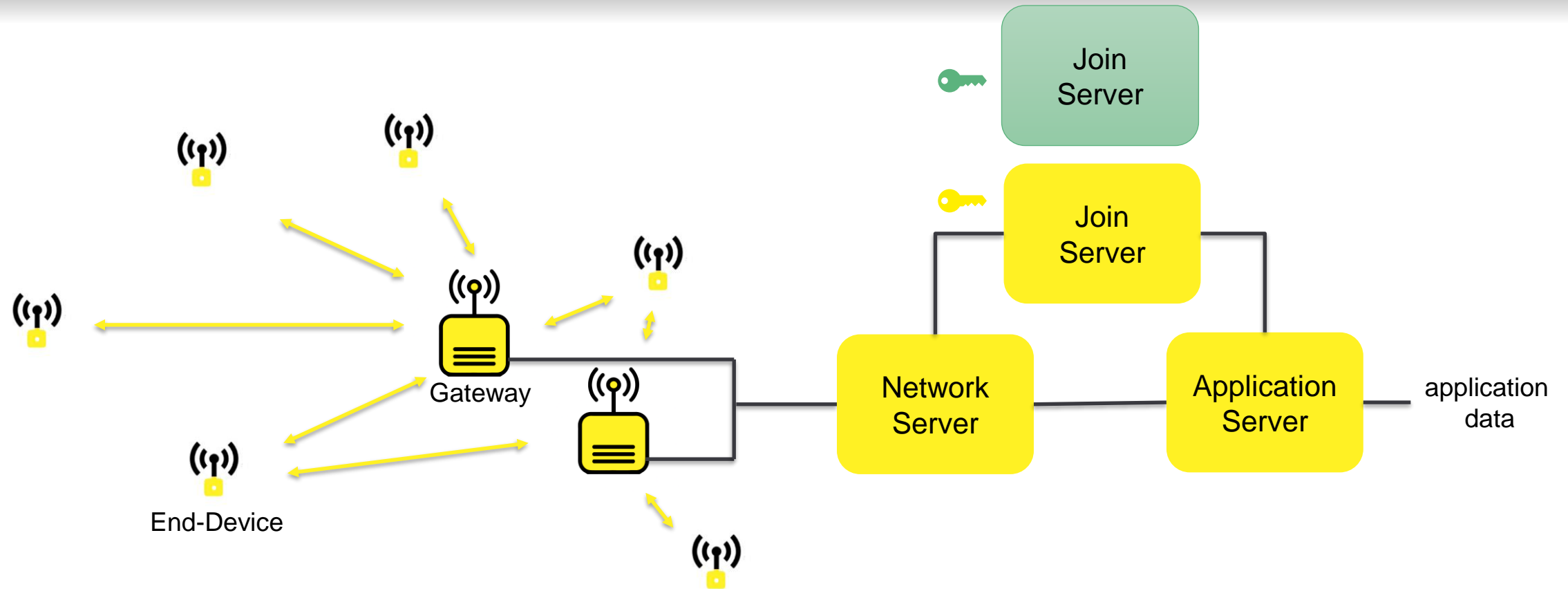


Certificate

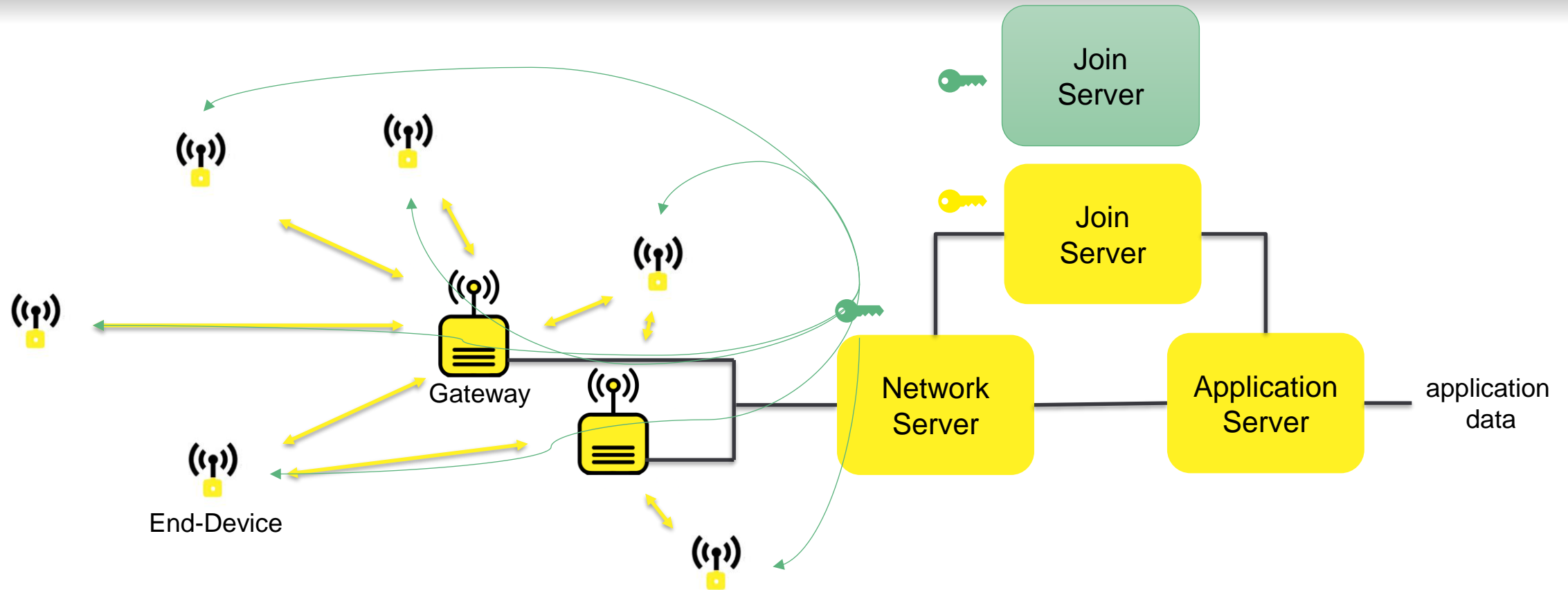


DNS

Join Server Key Update

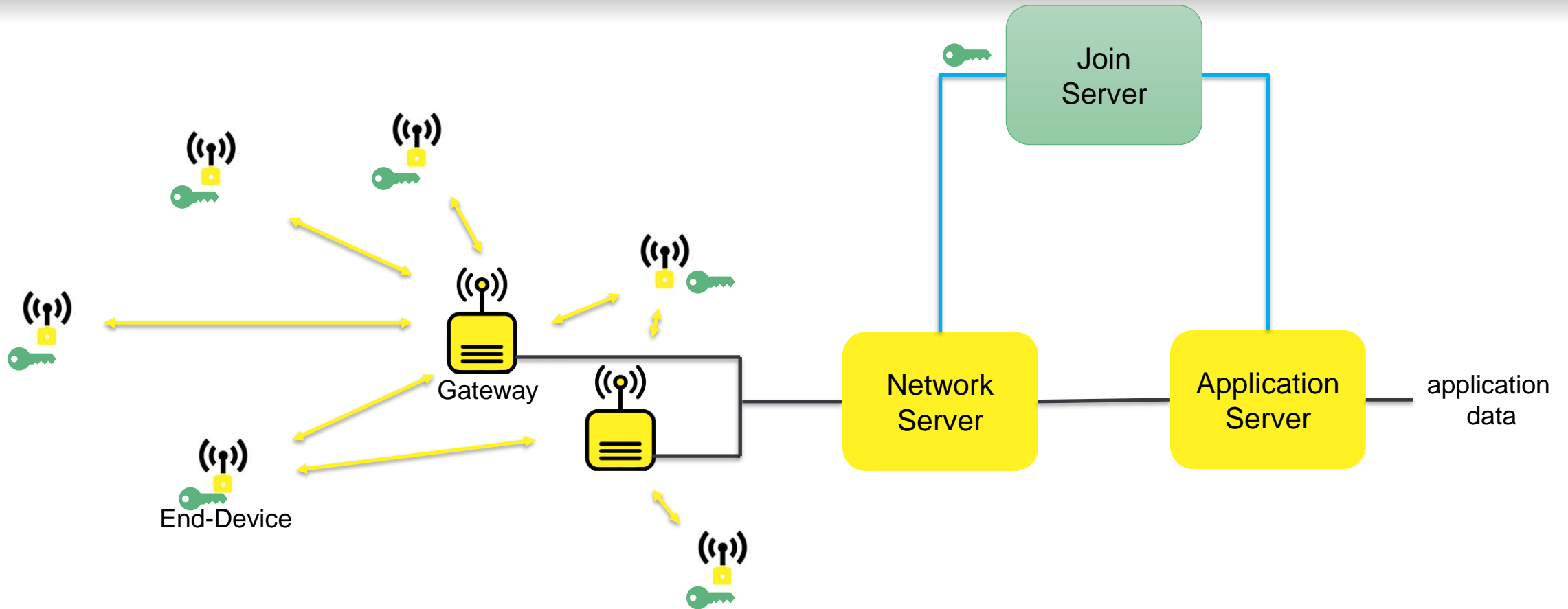


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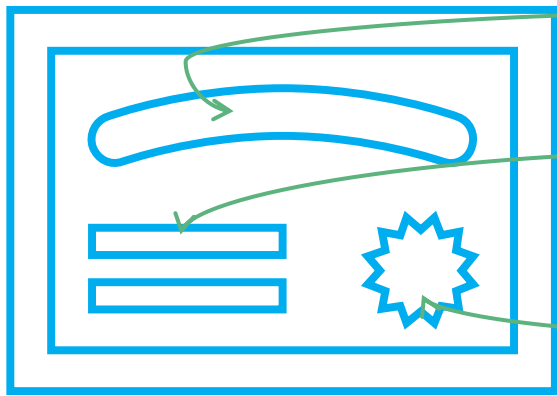
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IoT Certificates



Name: EUI

Public Key

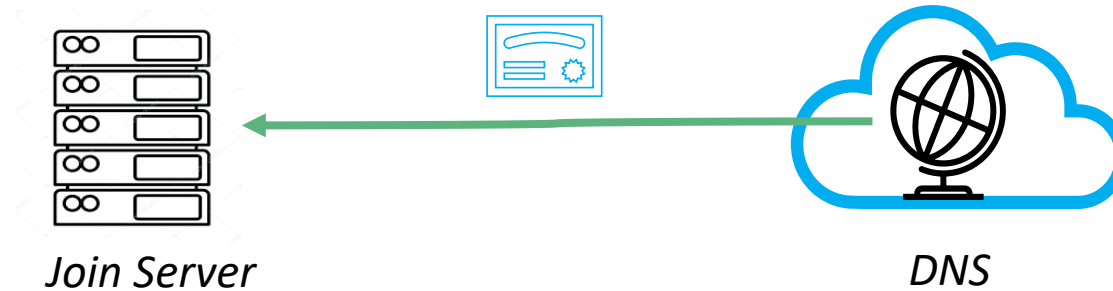
**Signature of
Authority**



- CBOR Encoded X.509 Certificates (C509 Certificates) [draft-ietf-cose-cbor-encoded-cert](#)

**RFC7925 profiled
C509 certificate
Typ. 140B**

Domain Name System (DNS)



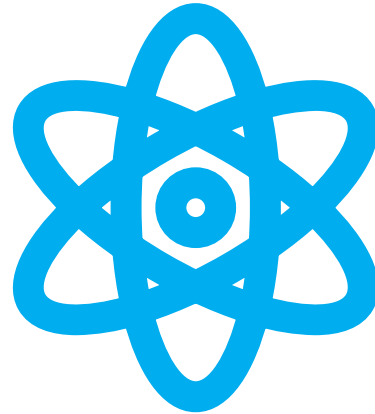
- DNS DANE / DANCE: store certificate, key or hash in a DNS record
 - [draft-ietf-dance-client-auth](#) + RFC6698 (DANE)

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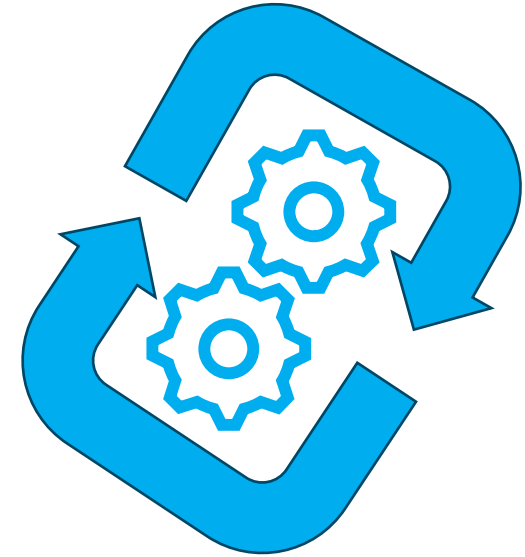
Further Explorations



Ephemeral keys

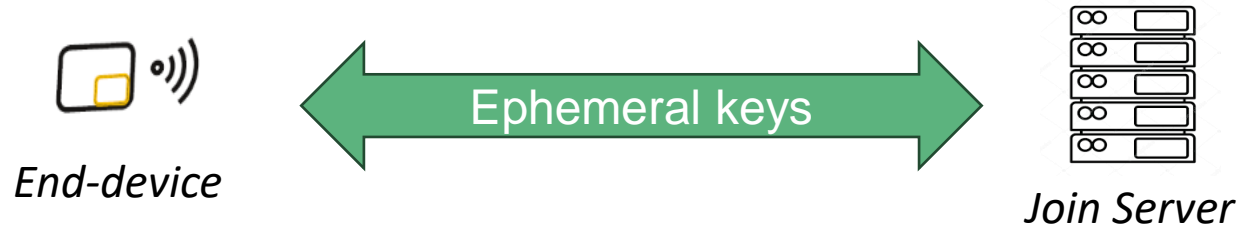


**Post Quantum
Cryptography**



Crypto Agility

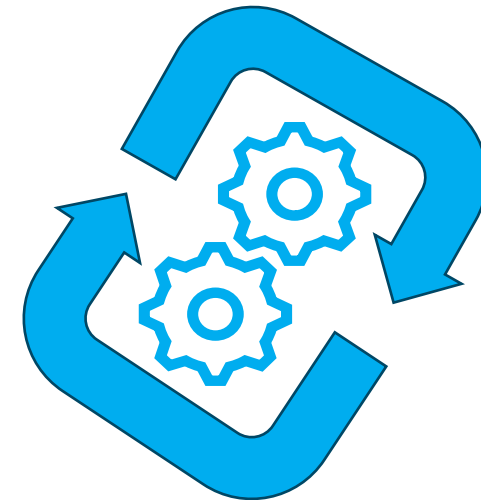
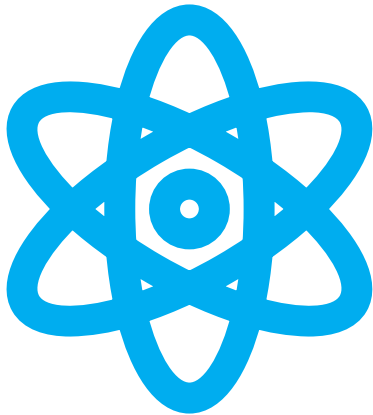
Ephemeral Keys – ECDHE



- Exchange of authenticated ephemeral keys, *i.e.*, **certificates**
- Forward secrecy: previous communication are not compromised, even if secrets leaks

Post Quantum Cryptography

- Elliptic Curve Cryptography is considered weak with quantum computers
- Current status
 - PQC algorithms are in construction
 - Public keys are larger than ECC
- Crypto agility allows to get ready when switching to quantum resistant keys.



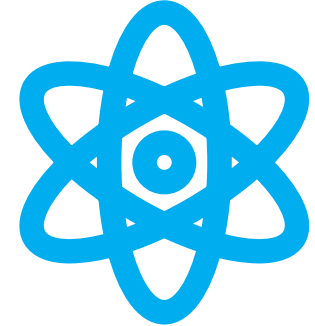
Conclusion



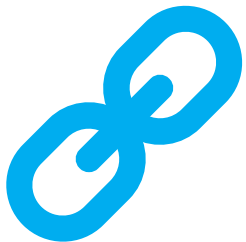
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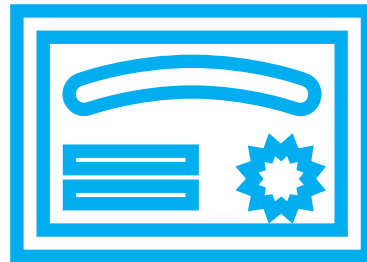
**Key agreement
using Public Key
Cryptography**



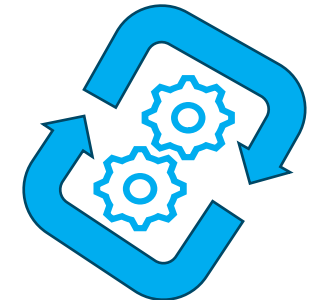
**Post Quantum
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Join Procedure



Certificate



Crypto Agility