

Industry engagement in developing ITU-T standards

- *A personal experience from the perspective of Q14/15*

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Objectives

- **To share the experience of industry engagement in the ITU-T standardization process**
 - From the perspective of the Rapporteur of ITU-T Q14/15
 - 1997 - 2023
- **To strengthen the cooperation and collaboration in worldwide ICT standardization**
 - ITU-T has many existing processes to enable industry engagement
 - Q14/15 is a driving force of agile industry engagement
 - The information & data modeling process used by Q14/15 supports fast turn-around & in-depth discussion (not just paper recommendations)
- **To bridge standardization gaps and speedily deliver ITU standards meeting ICT needs**

Industry engagement

- **It is necessary throughout the standard development lifecycle**

- For exchanging
 - Input, result, view, comments, concerns, ...

- **Mechanism**

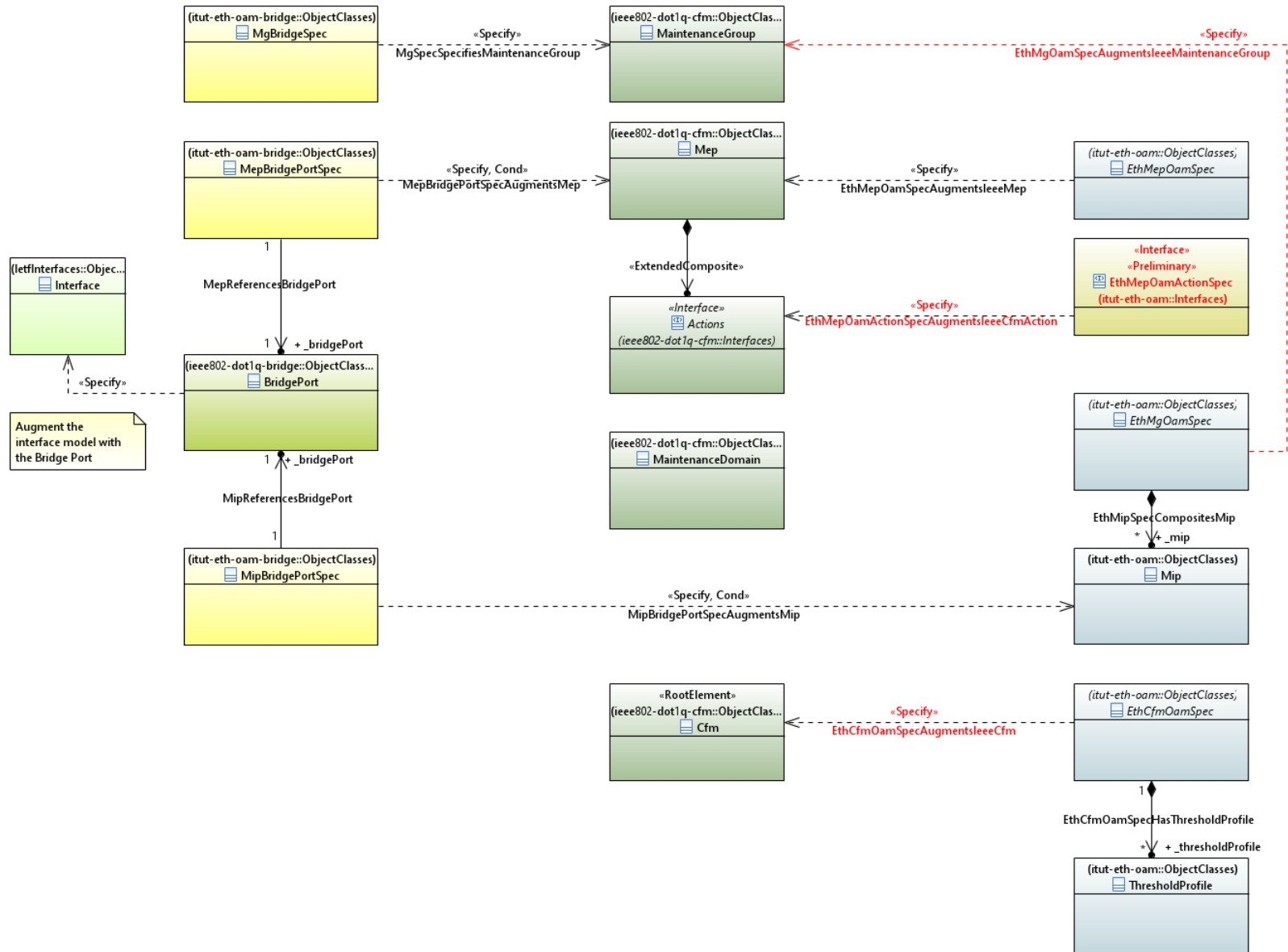
- Liaison statement (LS)
 - Normally at the plenary meetings and interim meetings
 - Long-standing mechanism,
 - E.g., In the early 2000, Control plane signaling
 - Q14/15: G.7713 (12/2001) & G.7713.2 (03/2003) – ASON DCM signaling requirements
 - with IETF CCAMP WG: RFC 3473 (01/2003) – GMPLS RSVP-TE
- Representatives/ Liaison Rapporteur (LR)
 - 1997-2000, Representative to: SG4 (TMN)
 - 2001-2004, Representatives to: SG4 (TMN), IETF (TNM, CCAMP, Routing, GSMP)
 - 2005-2008, Representatives to: SG4 (TMN), SG13 (NGN), TMF (MTNM), IETF (TNM, CCAMP, Routing), OIF (Networking & Software)
 - ...
- Joint workshops
 - Joint IEEE 802 and ITU-T Study Group 15 Workshop
 - Long-standing collaboration and coordination between IEEE 802 and ITU-T Study Group 15 through discussion and information exchange on topics of common interest.
 - The 9th Joint Workshop in July 2024

Additional engagement initiatives (1)

- **IM-DM (Information model – Data model) modelling coordination**

- Q14/15 Track-a Monthly eMeetings
- Invited entities:
 - IEEE 1588, IEEE 802.1, IEEE 802.3, ONF, MEF, IETF (CCAMP, TEAS, NETMOD, IVY), BBF, TM Forum
- Interworking topics addressed
 - IEEE 802.1Q Connectivity Fault Management (CFM) with
 - G.8052.1 Ethernet OAM
 - IEEE 1588 Precision Time Protocol (PTP) with
 - G.7721.1 Synchronization management & Q13/15 Recs
 - BBF Access nodes [TR-383] alarm management using RFC-8632 with
 - G.8052.1 Ethernet AM
 - IETF MPLS Static LSP YANG model with
 - G.8152.2 MPLS-TP Linear protection YANG model
 - IETF NETMOD YANG versioning, L1/L2/L3 YANG models

Interworking of G.8052.1 OAM with IEEE 802.1Q CFM

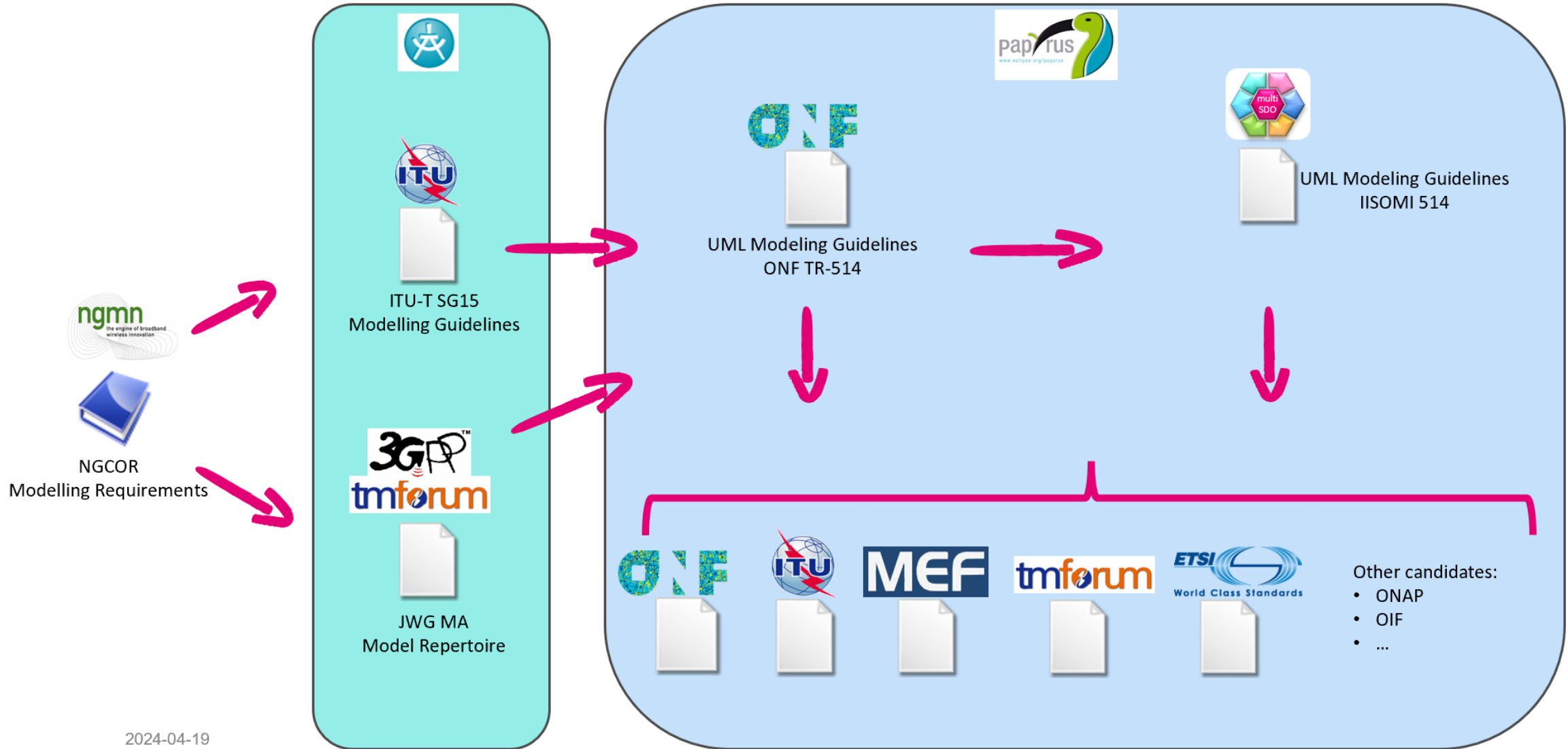


Additional engagement initiatives (2)

- **IISOMI (Informal Inter-SDO Open Modelling Initiative)**

- Open-source project, weekly eMeetings since 2014, UML model designers from various SDOs,
- Develop guidelines and tools for a harmonized modeling infrastructure
- MC interface **protocol-neutral guidelines**
 - UML Modelling Guidelines ([ONF TR-514 v1.3](#))
 - UML Profiles and Style Sheets
 - Papyrus Guidelines ([ONF TR-515 v1.3](#))
 - GenDoc Guidelines
- MC interface **protocol-specific guidelines**:
 - UML to YANG Mapping (Guidelines [ONF TR-531 v1.1](#))
 - UML to ProtoBuf Mapping (Guidelines [ONF TR-544 v1.0](#))
 - UML to OpenAPI Mapping (Guidelines [ONF TR-543 v1.0](#))
- **UML to YANG Mapping Tool**
 - Open-Source Tool [xmi2yang](#)
 - Initially developed in the ONF open-source project “EAGLE”
 - With requirements from IISOMI, including active participants from ONF TAPI, ITU-T SG15 Q14/15, MEF, TMF, ...
 - Mapping Guidelines (rules): ONF TR-531 v1.0
 - Programming language: JavaScript
 - Running environment: node.js (downloadable from: <https://nodejs.org/en/>)
 - Validate the YANG codes at <http://www.yangvalidator.com/> and get also the YANG Tree.
 - Has been heavily used by ITU-T Q14/15 and ONF TAPI for generating YANG codes for UML models

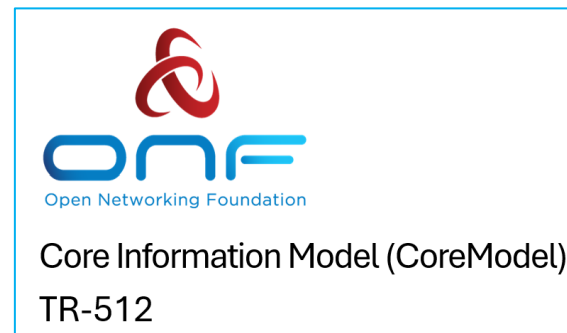
UML Modeling Guidelines evolution



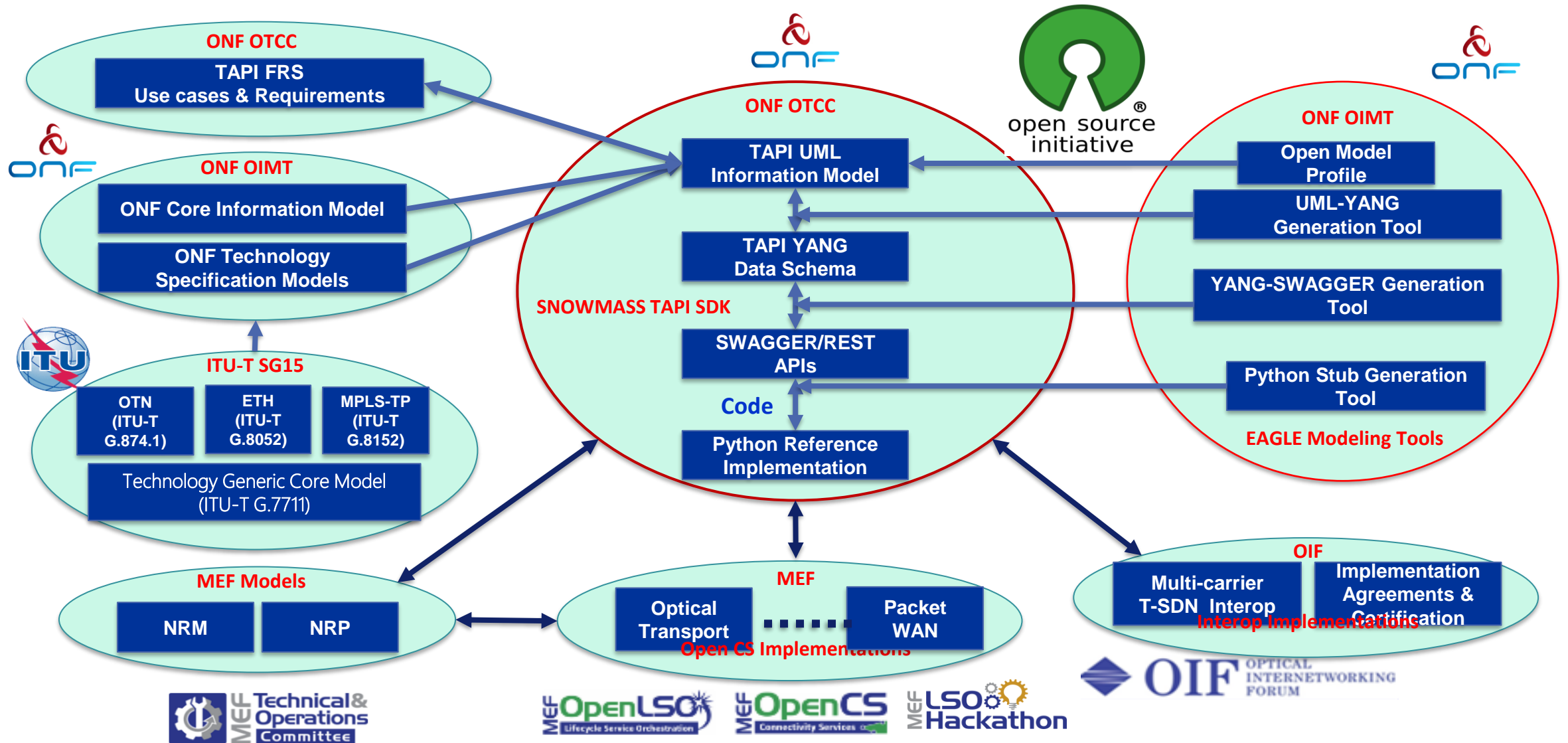
Additional engagement initiatives (3)

- **Core Information Model: G.7711 – ONF TR-512**

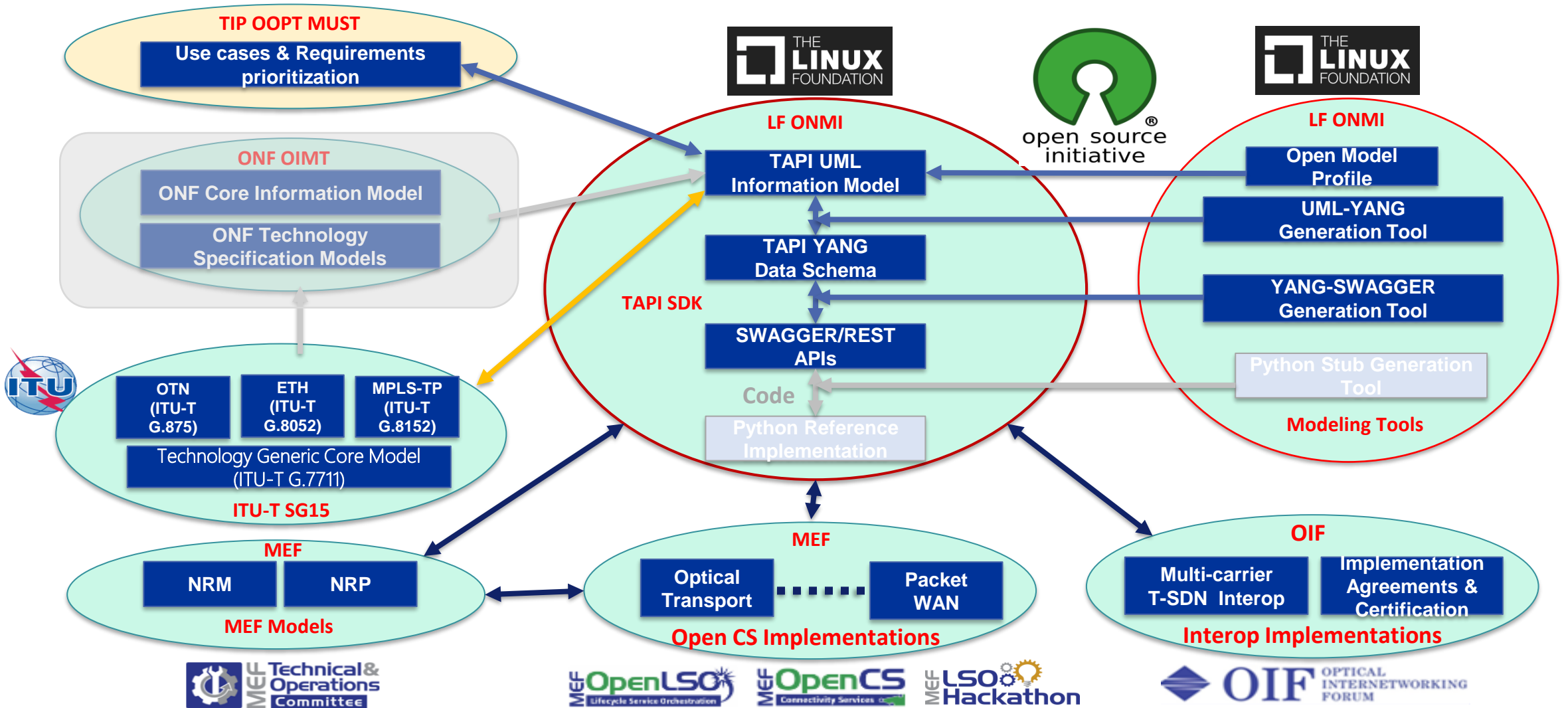
- ITU-T SG15 has been in close collaboration with ONF OIMT since 2014 in the development of the Control Architecture and Core Information Model.
 - Formal exchange via liaison statements
 - Participation in numerous face-to-face meetings and weekly multiple conference calls by individual experts who are members of both ONF and ITU-T.
- This close collaboration has resulted in close alignment of the Core Information Model in Recommendation ITU-T G.7711 with the Core Information Model in ONF TR-512
 - G.7711 v4.0 (02/2022) with ONF TR-512 v1.5 (09/2021).
 - Planned: G.7711 v5.0 (2025) with ONF TR-512 v1.6 (01/2024)
- As a result of the recent merge of the ONF projects into the Linux Foundation, the ONF OIMT team has ceased operating on 31st January 2024.
- Future evolution of the Core Information Model will continue in ITU-T SG15.



Influence Across Standards and Open Source (original)



Influence Across Standards and Open Source (current)



The value of having a slightly more rigorous process than is found in the open-source community would be a bonus.

- *Sustainability: GenDoc no longer maintained*
- *Traceability: Multiple tracks of xmi2yang*
- *Security: Wiki site protection*
- *...*

Thank you

Backup

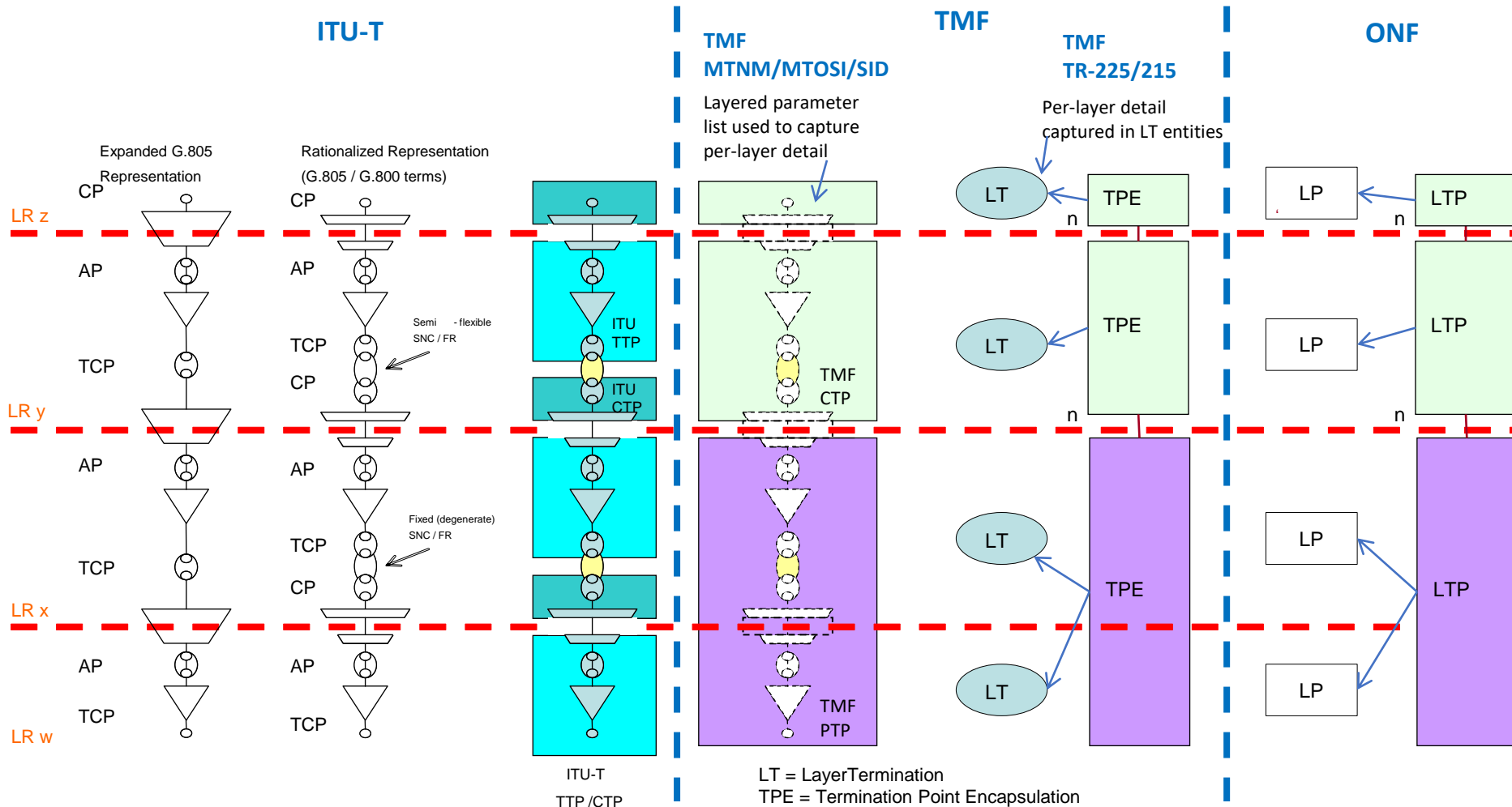
Background – Q14/15 standards

• Q14/15 Mandate & Scope

- Management & control (MC) of transport systems and equipment
- Technology architecture & function → MC requirement, information model, data model

	Generic	SDH	Media (L0)	OTN (L1)	Carrier Ethernet	MPLS-TP	MTN	Sync	MC	
Q10 Q11 Q12 Q13	Architecture	G.800 G.805	G.803	G.807	G.872	G.8010	G.8110.1	G.8310	G.7701 G.7702 G.7703	
	Interface, Equipment Fn	G.806	G.783	G.698.1-4	G.709.x G.798.x	G.8013 G.8021 G.8023	G.8112 G.8113.x G.8121.x	G.8312 G.8312.x G.8321	G.8260 G.826x G.827x G.781 G.81x	
Q14	Mgmt/Control Requirement	G.7710	G.784	G.876	G.874	G.8051	G.8151	G.8350	G.7721	G.7713.x G.7714.x G.7715.x G.7716 G.7718
	Information Model	G.7711	G.774.1-10 (CMISE)	-	G.875	G.8052	G.8152	-	G.7721.1	G.7719
	Data Model	-	-	-	-	G.8052.x	G.8152.1 G.8152.2	-	-	-

Derivation of LTP (Logical Termination Point) & LP (Layer Protocol) from Functional model



Information Model evolution

- Formal UML model
- Concepts
- Network Technology Definition

