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GSMA SAM (Secured Applications for Mobile)

Merging new standard technologies to empower the next generation of convergence products

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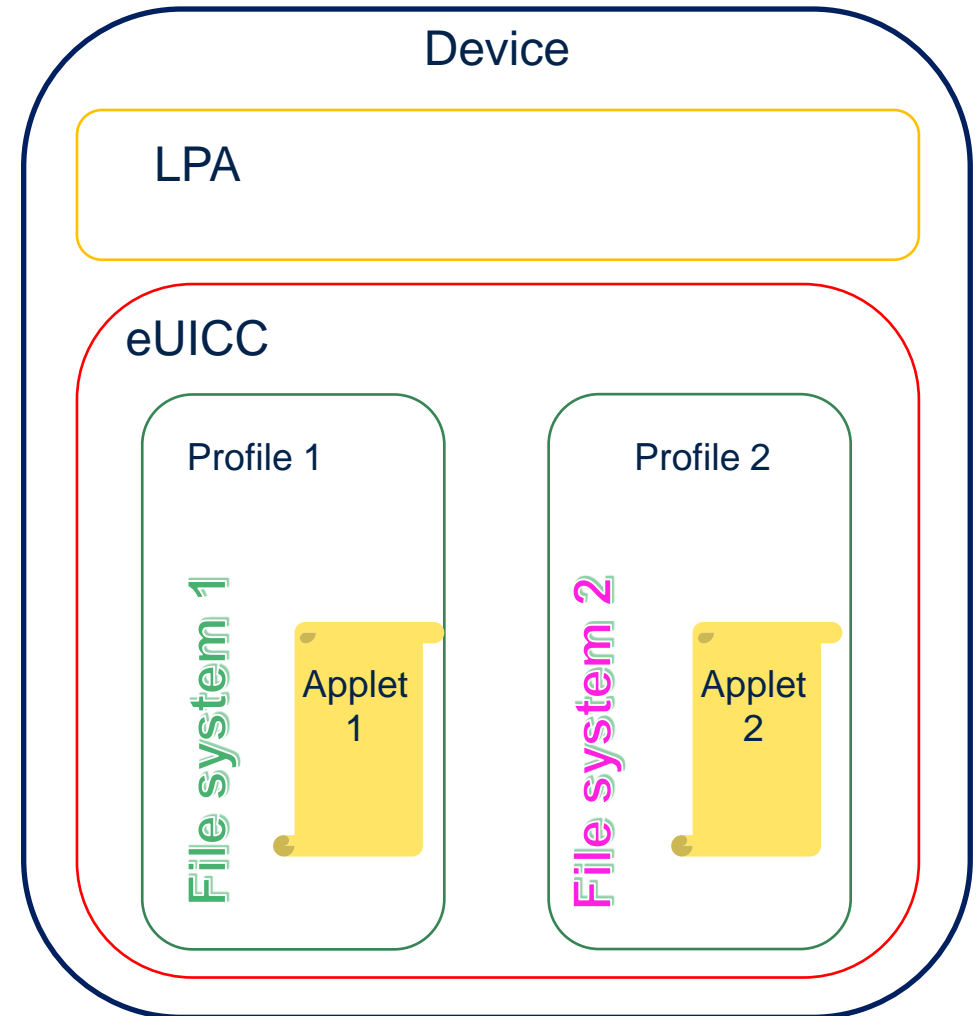
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Technologies optionally to be used in SAM implementations



SAM (Secured Applications for Mobile) is a new standard technology sitting on top of Consumer eUICCs

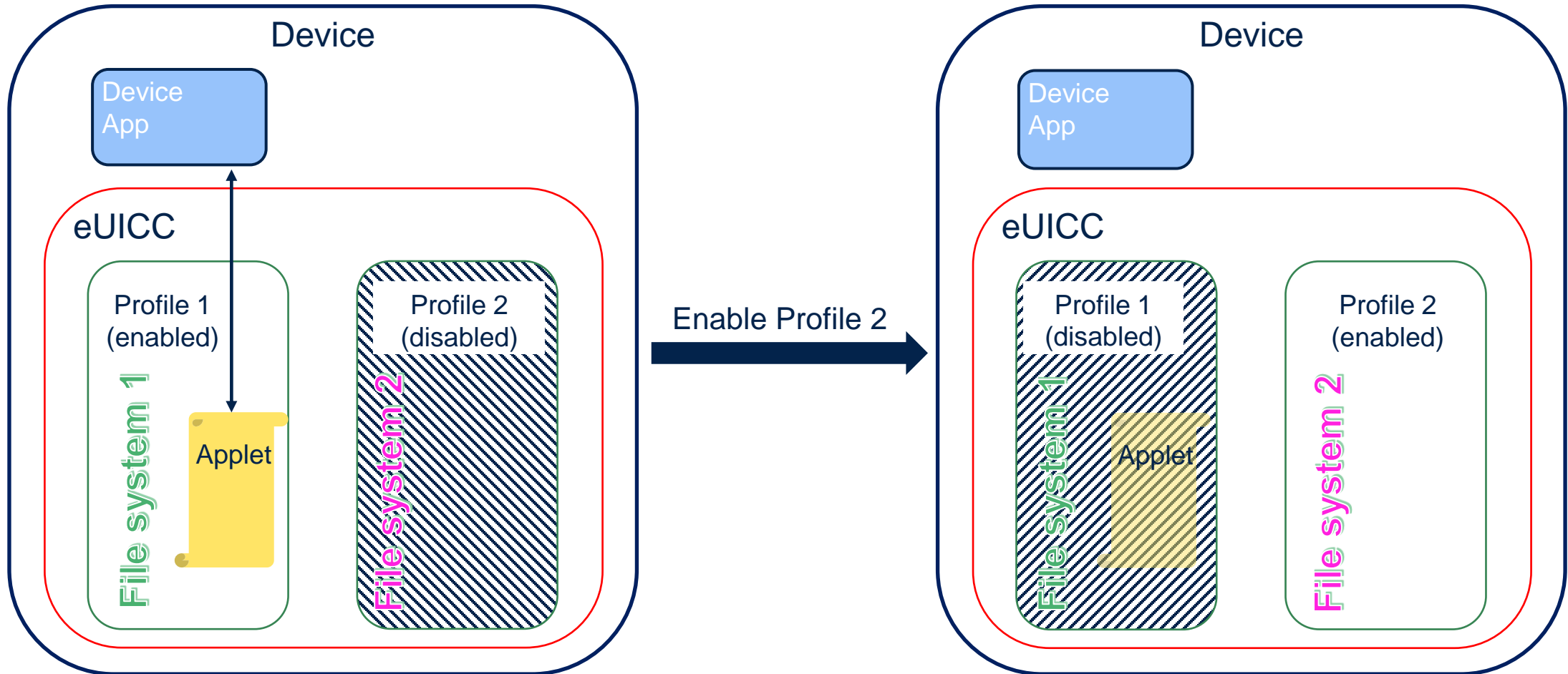
- The eUICC is a SIM that allows a user to switch between different Telecom Operators' Profiles
- SAM allows to implement the eUICC and the Secure Element functionalities on the same physical electronic component
- In the GSMA eSIM specifications, Java Card applets can be downloaded in the eUICC as part of a telecom Profile



Some use cases addressed by GSMA

- Telecom Operator (MNO1) and a bank (Bank A) owned by the same shareholder(s)
 - Due to the shareholding structure, it is important to disassociate the bank account from the telecom Profile: Bank A's customer should be able to use its bank's app even if not (or not anymore) a customer of MNO1
- eGovernment use cases
 - New ID use cases being promoted in some european countries: eGov Root of Trust shall be managed or at least authorised by the relevant Government
- The approved Use Cases list can be found in document SAM.01 v1.0, publicly available at <https://www.gsma.com/newsroom/wp-content/uploads//SAM.01-v1.0.pdf>

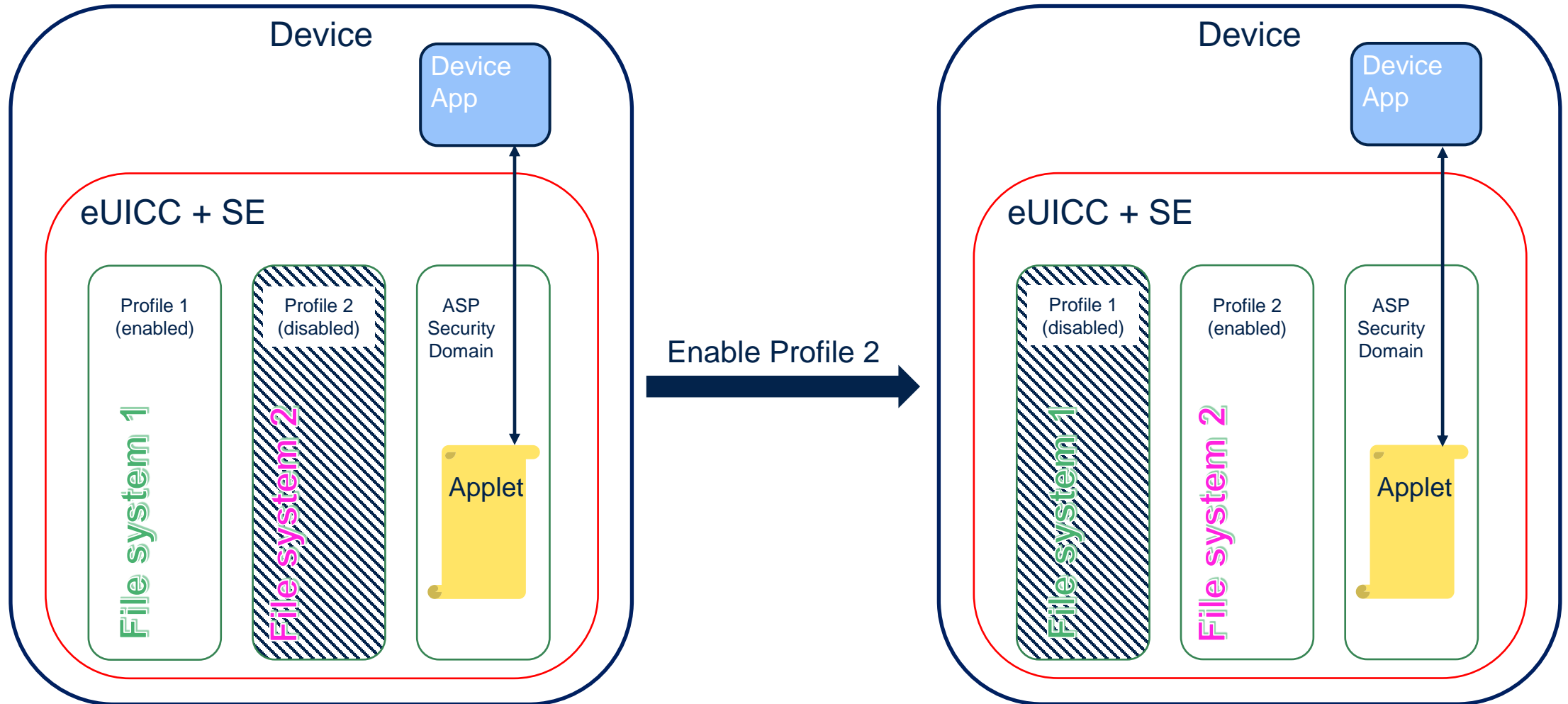
When a Profile is disabled, the applets it contains become invisible to the Device apps.



Profile 1 enabled: services in the applet visible to the Device App and available to the end-user

Profile 1 disabled: services in the applet NOT visible to the Device App and unavailable to the end-user

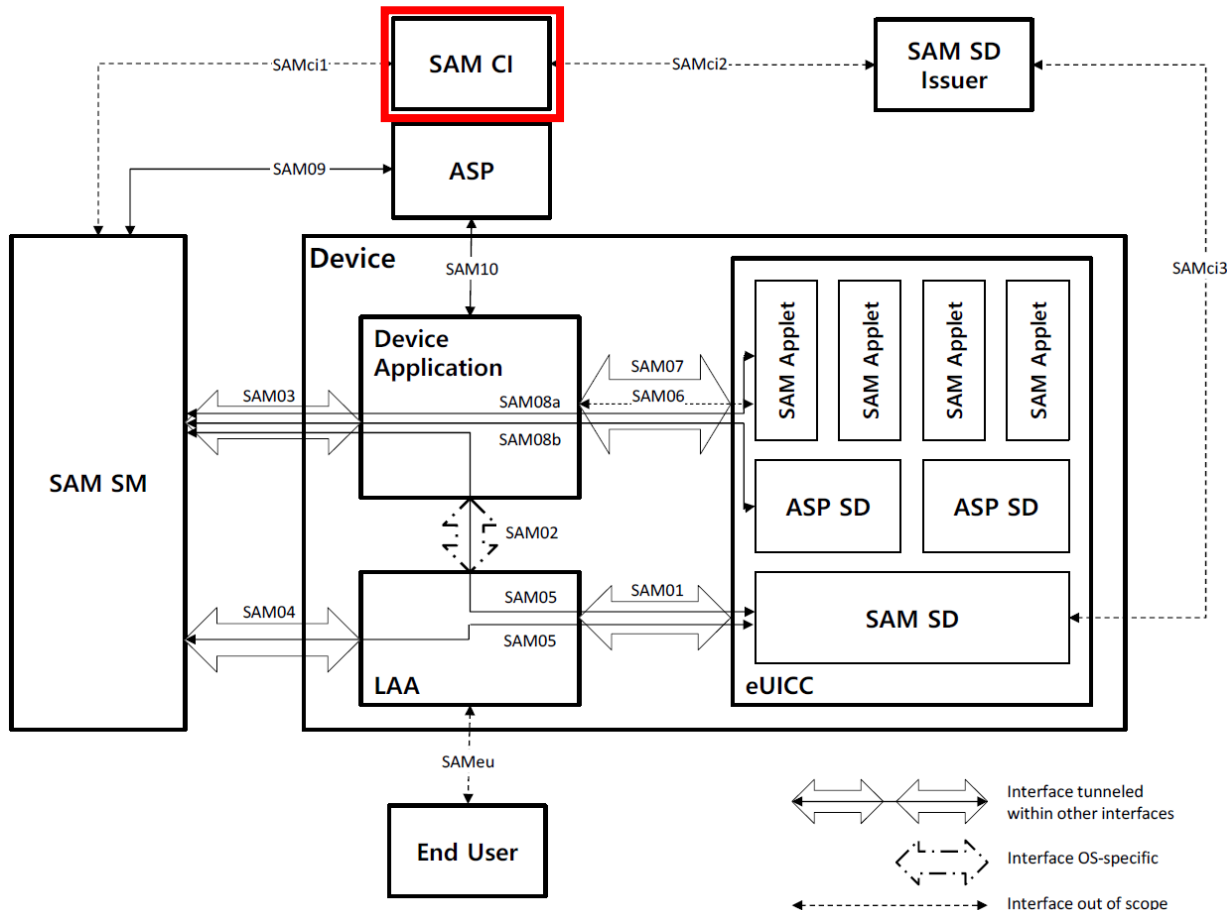
How SAM overcomes limit 1



Profile 1 enabled: services in the applet available to the end-user

Profile 1 disabled: services in the applet keep being available to the end-user

How SAM overcomes limit 2







- Differently from the eSIM architecture, the Root of Trust for SAM is not constrained to be a GSMA Root CI
 - For example, it may be an OEM CI
- Trust model
 - The SAM governance is out of GSMA scope
 - Each SAM Applet chains up to a Root CA domain-specific.
 - For example, for Mobile eID it would be a National Public Administration
- The functional and security certifications are not yet discussed

SAM and Java Card

- Java Card is an essential enabler to develop SAM on top of a eUICC:
 - Services can be administered in an interoperable way only if they are implemented through Java Card applets
 - Applets segregation provided by Java Card is instrumental when dealing with services provided by different Service providers in the same physical chip.

SDOs currently working on SAM

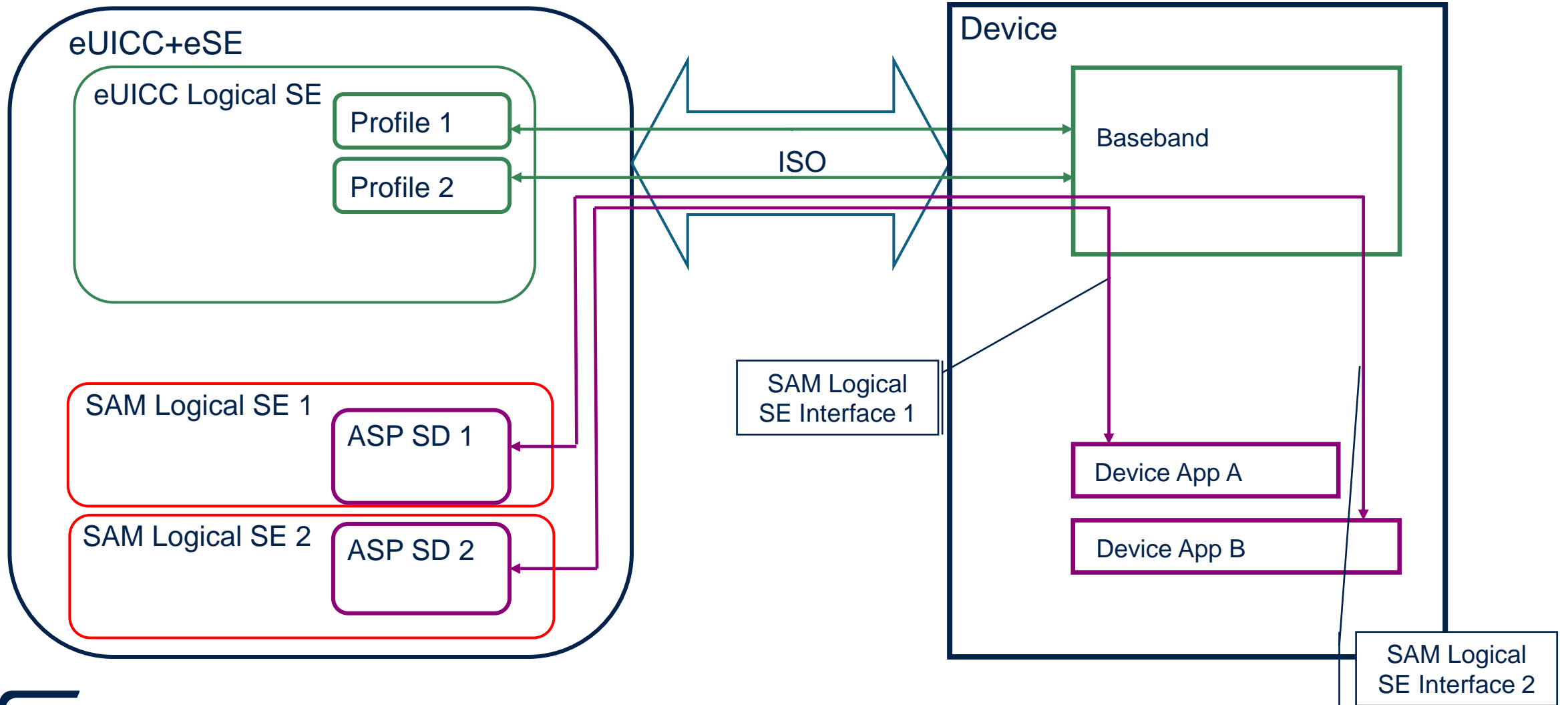
	Current focus	Last updates
	Definition of Architecture and Requirements; Technical Specification defined together with GP	SAM.01 (requirements) approved and published; SAM.02 (Tech Spec) ongoing
	SAM Configuration	SAM Configuration for eUICCs v0.0.0.11 under committee review
	Position Paper on SAM	“Secured Applications for Mobile (SAM): TCA Position Paper” is finalized by the TCA SAM working group. Currently the doc is under the TCA approval and publication process.
	Liaising with GSMA	Eurosmart paper “GSMA SAM solution: opportunities and challenges for mobile identity” published here: https://www.eurosmart.com/european-mobile-identity-recommendations-on-sam-technology/

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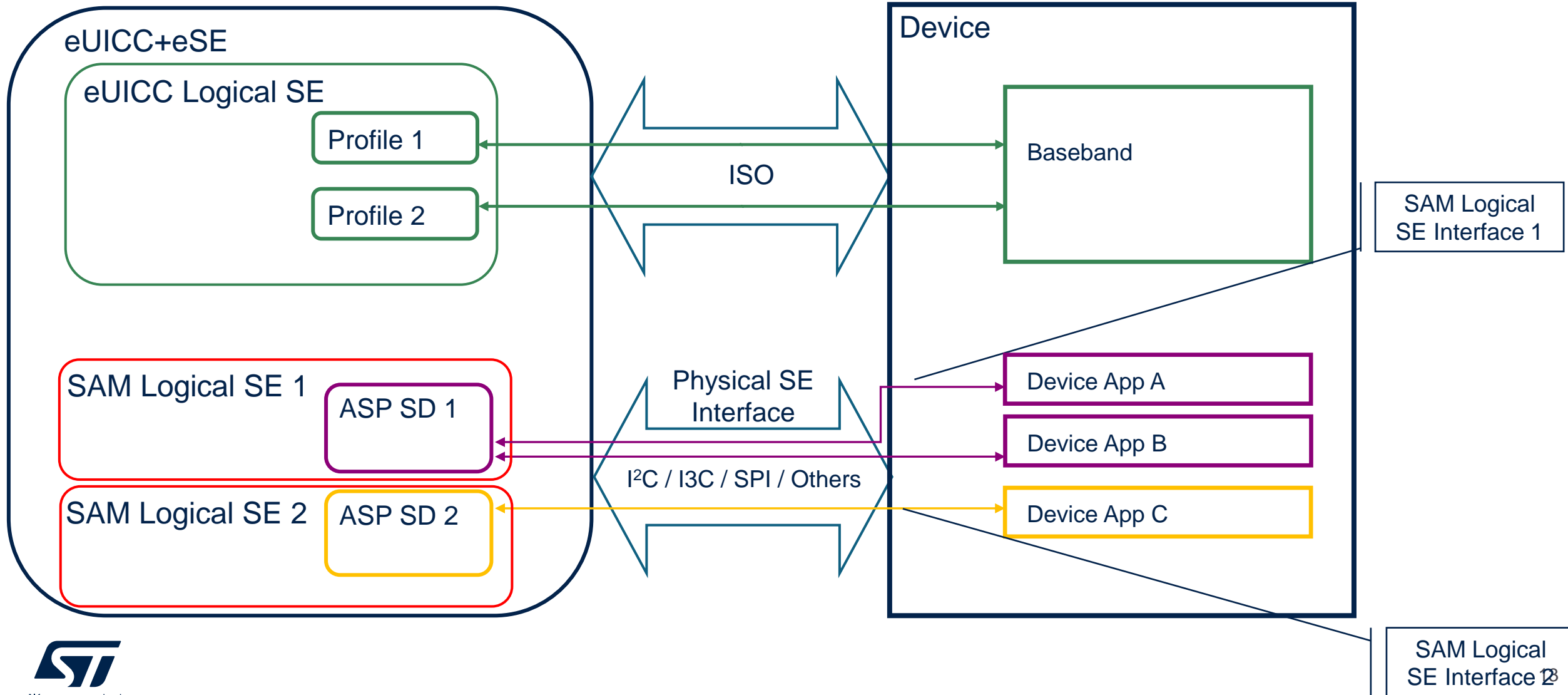
Physical vs Logical SE Interfaces

MLI via ISO

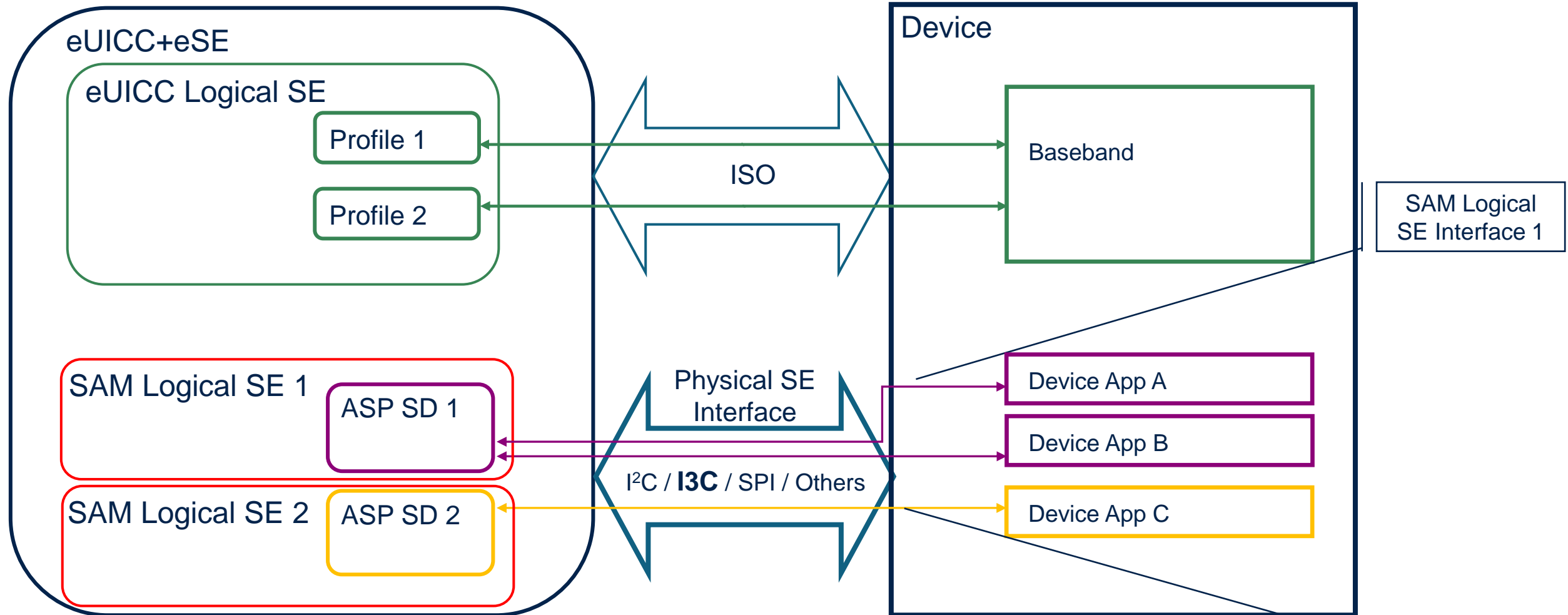


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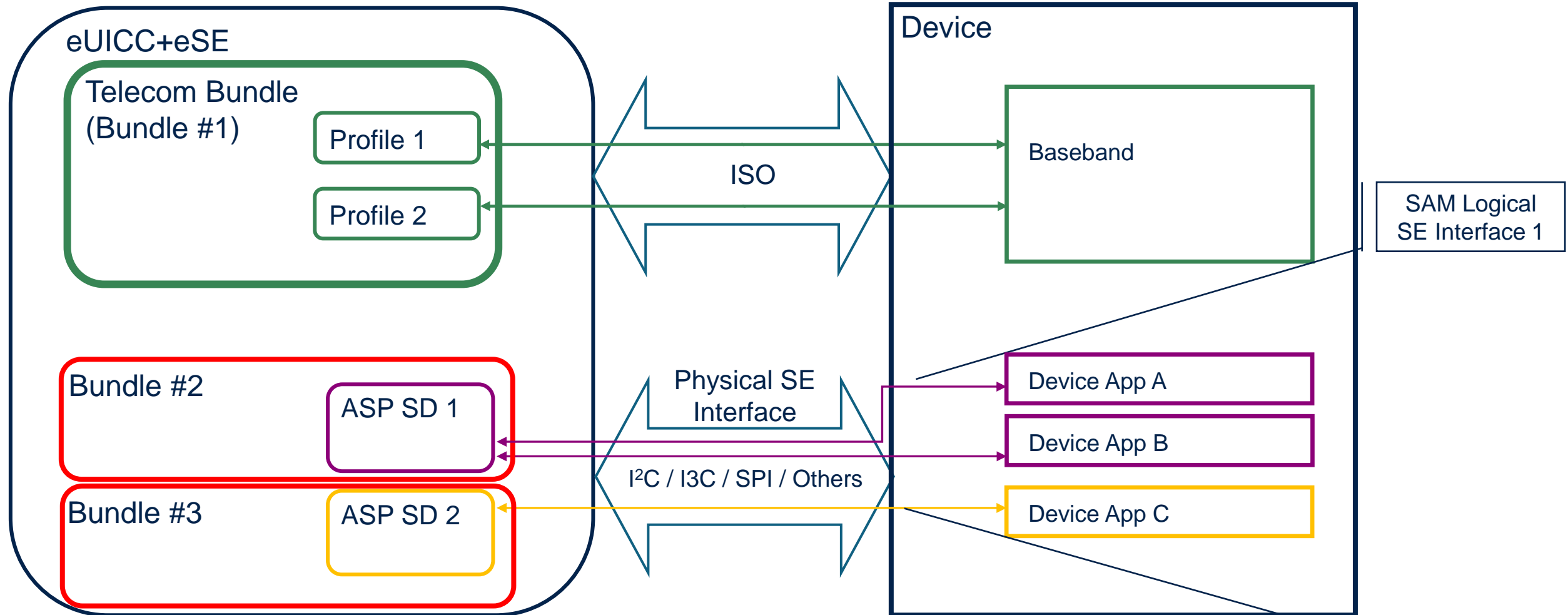
Logical Interfaces over different physical interfaces



Flexibility of this architecture



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Potential Java Card developments

- New physical interfaces, like I3C, are potentially to be considered by JCF
- I3C specifically allows for further potential extensions:
 - The MIPI I3C spec defines the concept of Virtual Target, that can be mapped onto Virtual Secure Element
 - New Virtual Secure Elements can be dynamically downloaded in the field and immediately be accessible on the I3C bus thanks to the "Hot Join" feature defined in MIPI I3C spec.

Conclusion

- Java Card is a fundamental building block for SAM implementations.
- New use cases open opportunities to design Java Card extensions and fulfil new user scenarios.

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