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TEK5530 - Measurable Security for the Internet of Things

L5 – Security Semantics

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Overview

- Learning outcomes
- Recap: technology mapping
- Service requirements
  - Functional Requirements
  - Non-functional requirements
  - Security requirements
- Semantic technologies
  - why Semantics
  - elements of semantics
  - examples
- Security Ontologies
  - traditional view
  - Application-oriented view
- Map Security, Privacy, Dependability
- Conclusions

Expected Learning outcomes

Having followed the lecture, you can

- explain components of the Smart Grid (AMS) System of Systems
- can explain the difference between functional, non-functional and security components
- provide examples of security challenges in IoT
- explain the difference between the web, the semantic web, web services and semantic web services
- explain the core elements of the Semantic Web
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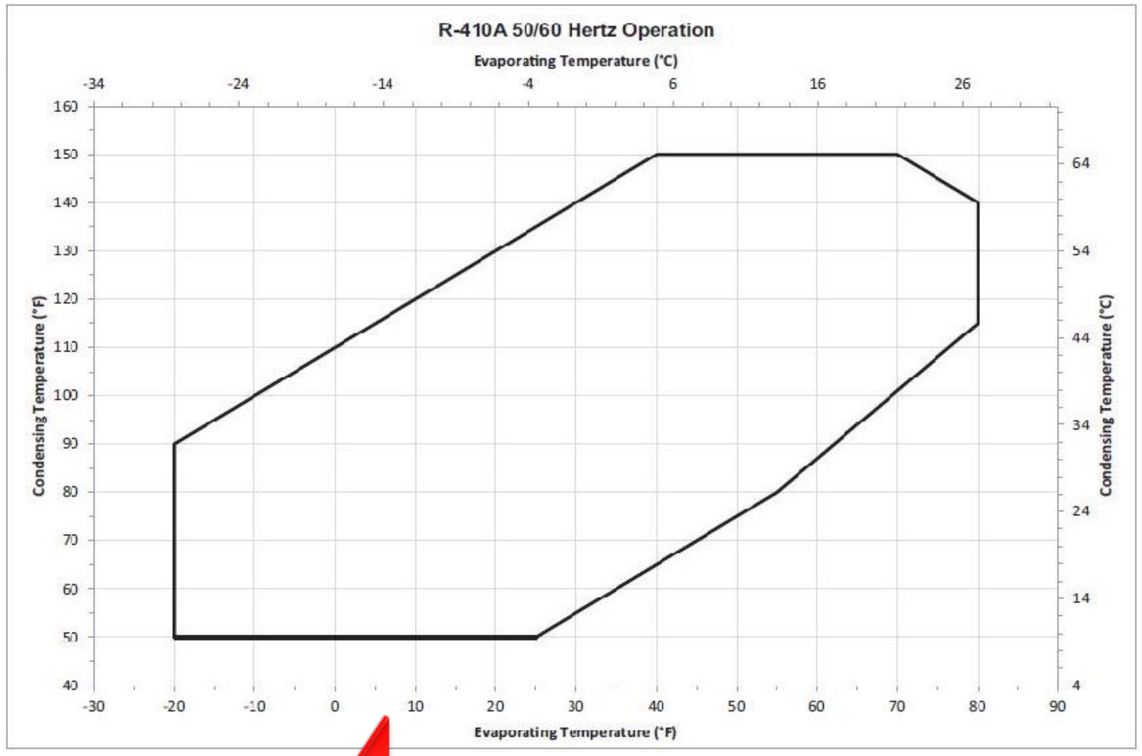
- perform a semantic mapping of s,p,d attributes

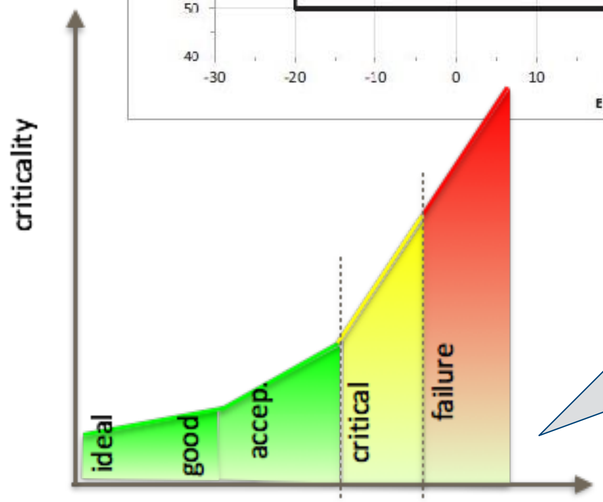
Service Requirements

- Functional Requirements,
  - e.g. report a value
- Non-functional requirements,
  - e.g. perform the operation in less than 0,5s
- Security requirements
  - e.g. ensure the confidentiality of the data

Recap: Conversion and operating envelop

- Operating envelope: the operational parameters where our network can work “well”, depends on the technology and on the task
- For traffic estimation we need it in ”communication” QoS
  - ➡ Bandwidth, delay, jitter, (redundancy)
- Often can be done with simple arithmetic with a certain confidence level

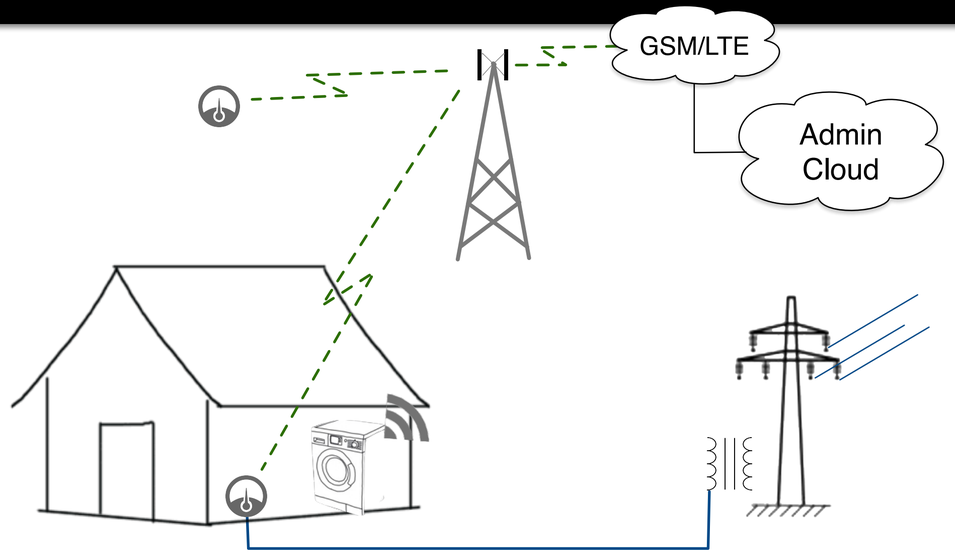


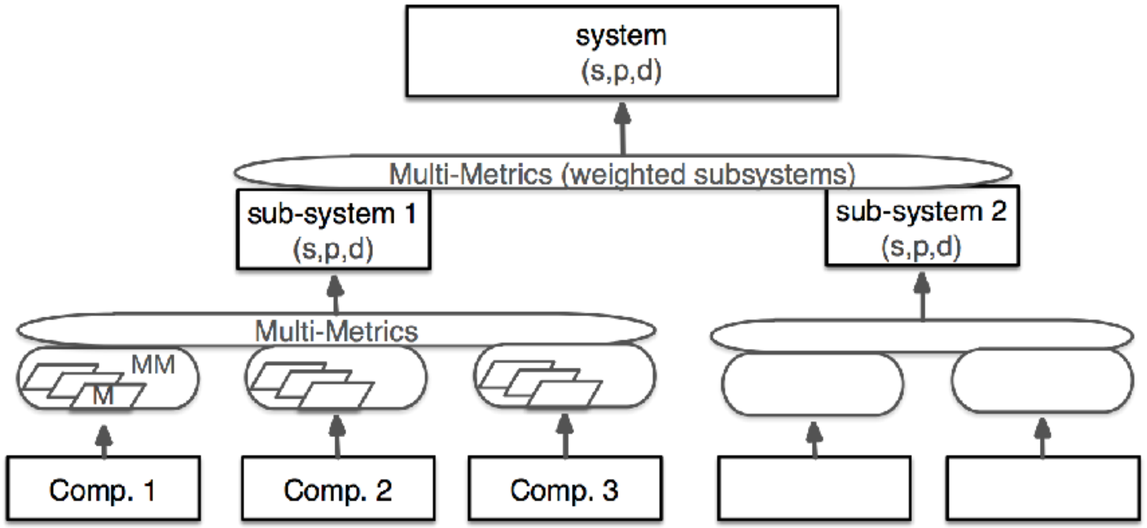


1) How does he Operating Envelope look like applying criticality?
2) How can the criticality be applied for SPD?

Example:
System of Systems

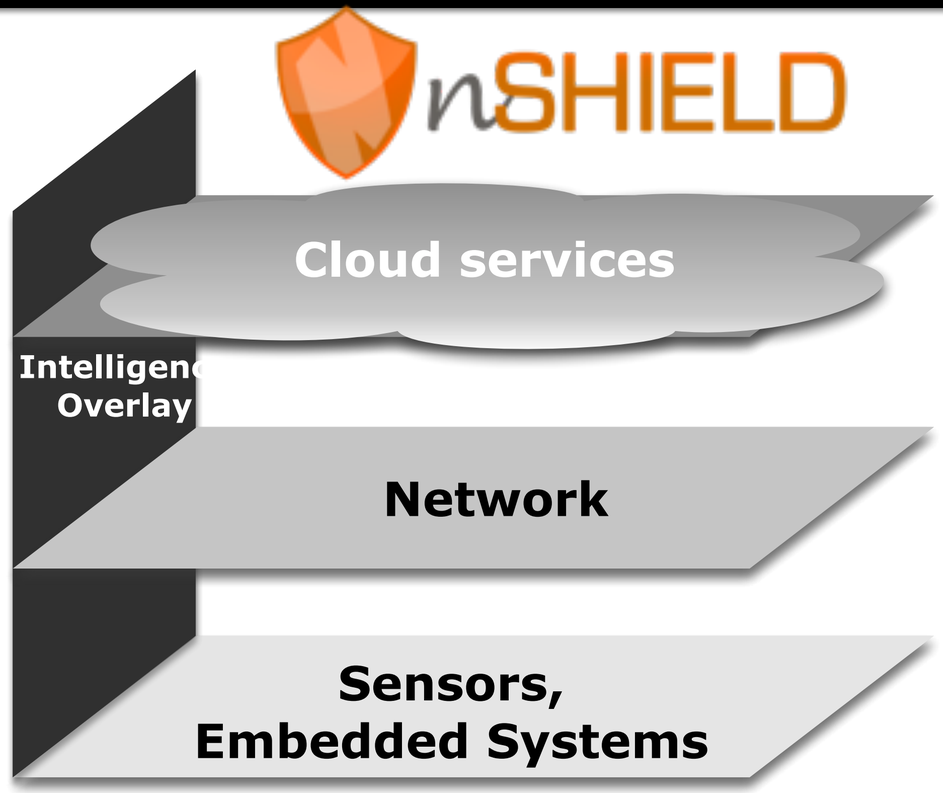
- A system consists of sub-systems
  - Example: Automatic Meter System (AMS) consists of reader (AMR), aggregator, communications, storage, user access
- A sub-system consists of sub-…-system
  - Example: AMR consists of power monitor, processing unit, communication unit
- A sub-....-system consists of components
  - Ex: AMR communication contains of a baseband processing, antenna, wireless link
- Components have parameters
  - Wireless link component: f=868 MHz, output power=?, Encryption=?

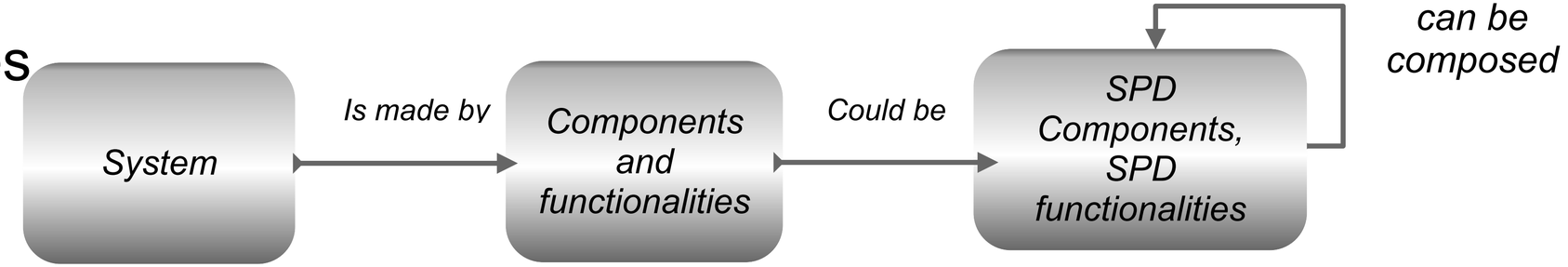




newSHIELD.eu approach

- Security approach by JU Artemis
  - ➡ Industry, National and EU supported (JU) activities
  - ➡ special focus on sensor systems
- Security, here
  - ➡ security (S)
  - ➡ privacy (P)
  - ➡ dependability (D)
- across the value chain
  - ➡ from sensors to services
- measurable security





Examples of
Security challenges in the IoT

- **System**: Intrusion awareness, fault-tolerance, data redundancy and diversity
- **Platform**: Auto start up on power failure, Auto reconfigurable on software failure, Auto synchronization on software failure, End-to-end secure communication, Mal-user detection, Access control for accessing sensor data
- **Middleware**: SPD Audit, Cryptographic Support, Identification and Authentication, Protection of the SPD functionalities, Security Management
- **Hardware**: SPD metrics, Self−recovery from hardware transient faults (through fault−injection), Auto−reconfiguration, Data encryption, Provision of security and privacy services, data encryption/decryption
- **Radio**: Threats tolerant transmission

System components
classified after objective

- Functional components
  - input component (sensors, keyboard, mouse,..)
  - output component (alarm, screen, actuator,..)
  - processing component
  - Storing component (data base, files,)
  - Connection (wireless connection, wired connection)

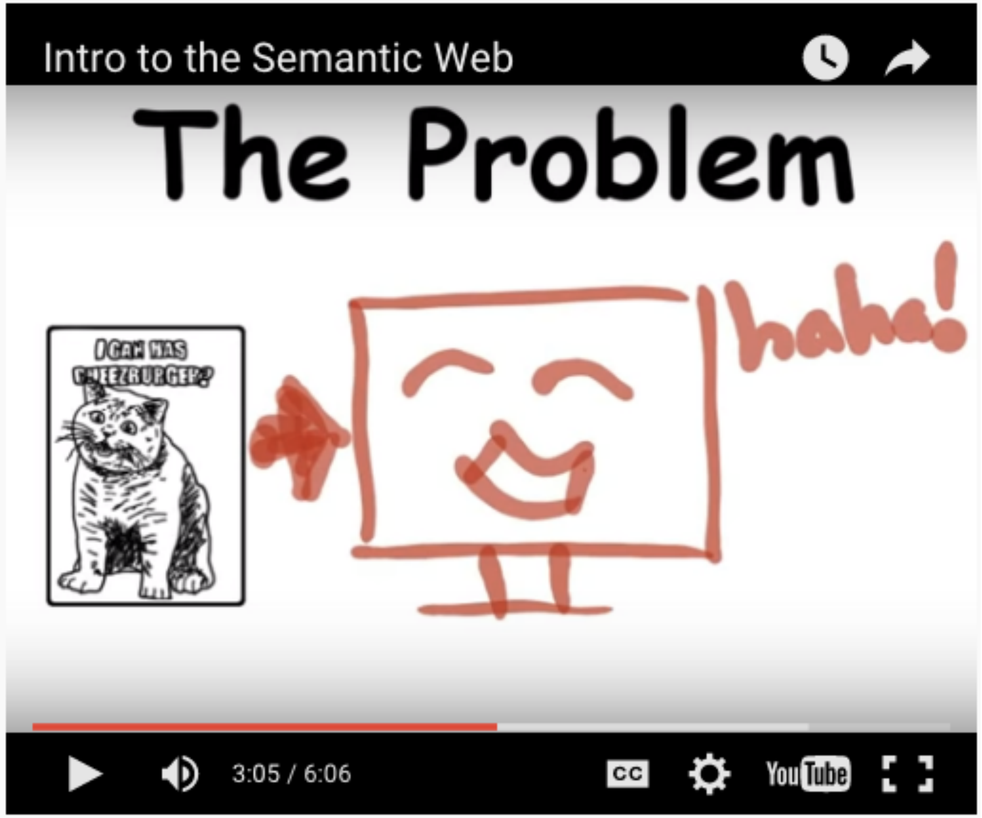
- Security, Privacy, Dependability (SPD) components:
  - Encryption: Encryption algorithm, keys,..
  - Protocols
  - Authentication(mechanism (fingerprint, password, password complexity,.....) .
  - Authorization (privileges, ..)

- Management components (OS, Web server, data server)
- Human component (admin, user, ..).
- Physical component, car being a component in a car factory. (if treated as “sub-system)

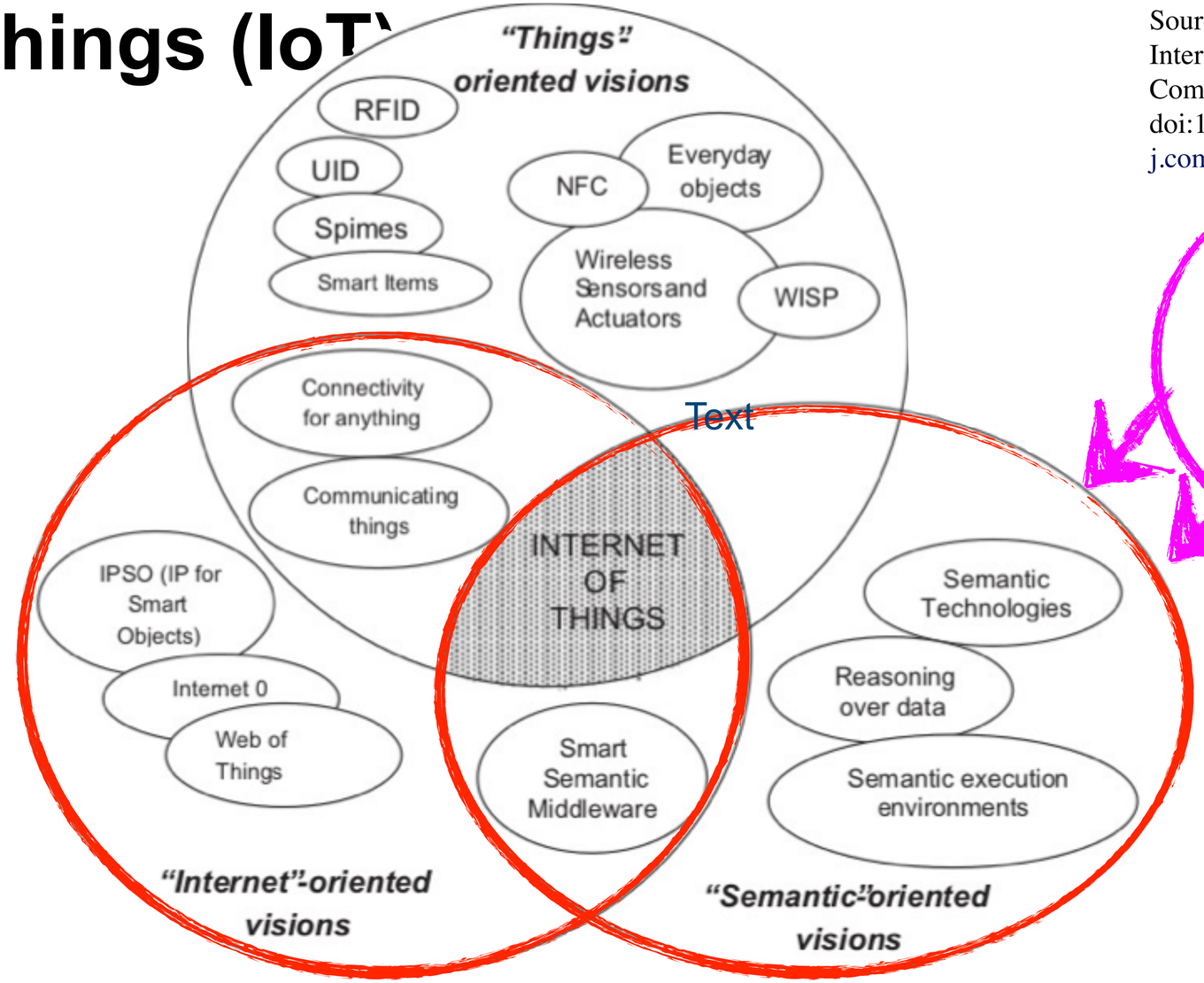
Semantic technologies

- why Semantics?
- Elements of semantics
  - ➡ https://youtu.be/OGg8A2zfWKg

- Watch the video (6 min)
  then we discuss your impressions



The Semantic Dimension of the Internet of Things (IoT)



Source: L. Atzori et al., The Internet of Things: A survey, Comput. Netw. (2010), doi:10.1016/j.comnet.2010.05.010

* security
* privacy
* dependability
  - context
  - content
* personalised

Fig. 1. "Internet of Things" paradigm as a result of the convergence of different visions

Why Semantics?

- Syntax vs. Semantics

Arab

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What do the tags mean for the machine?

Source: Juan Miguel Gomez, University Carlos III de Madrid

Why Semantics?

- Conceptual Level

lunch (.no)

lunch (.es)

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Semantic Web Services

Bringing the web
to its full potential

Dynamic

Web Services
UDDI, WSDL, SOAP

Intelligent Web Services

Static

WWW
URI, HTML, HTTP

Semantic Web
RDF, RDF(S), OWL

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Requirements for Service Evolution

Web services

- Fixed service set, Static service composition, Low degree of automation
- Poor reliability
- Fixed Service Level Agreement

Semantic Web Services

- Flexible services, easy new services
- Alternative service provision
- Global, dynamic services

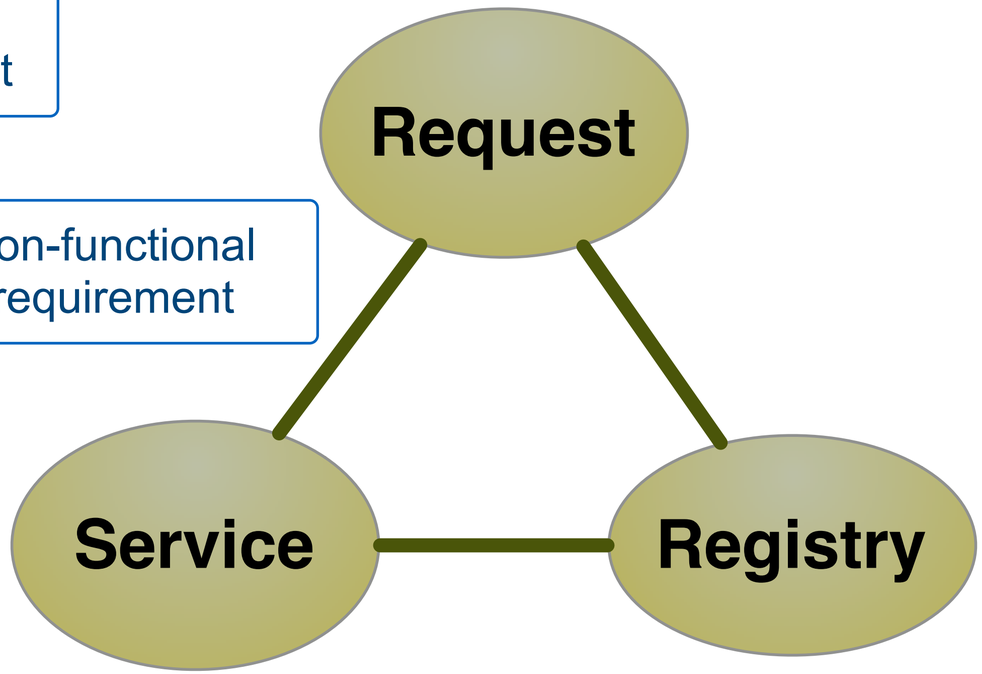
Elements of Web Services

functional requirement

- Service Request
  - want to come to Barcelona University

non-functional requirement

- Services
  - buy a flight ticket (cheap, direct, …)
  - buy a metro/bus ticket



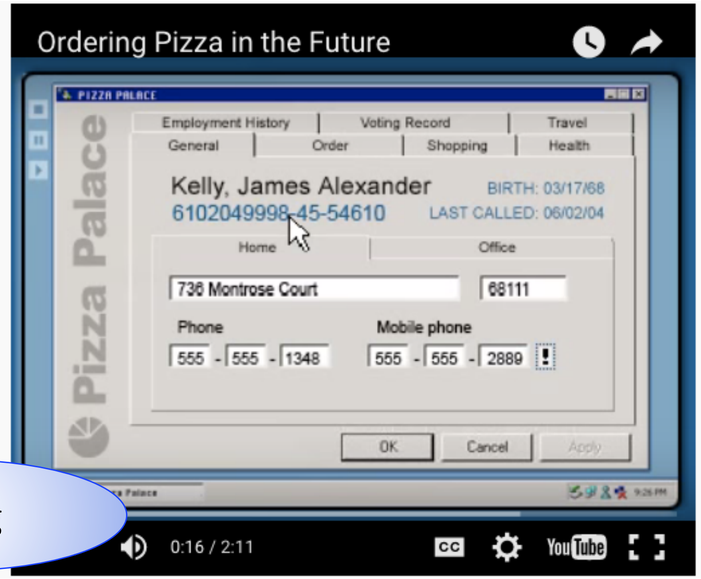
- Service registry
  - link to ticket ordering at norwegian.no

s,p,d requirement

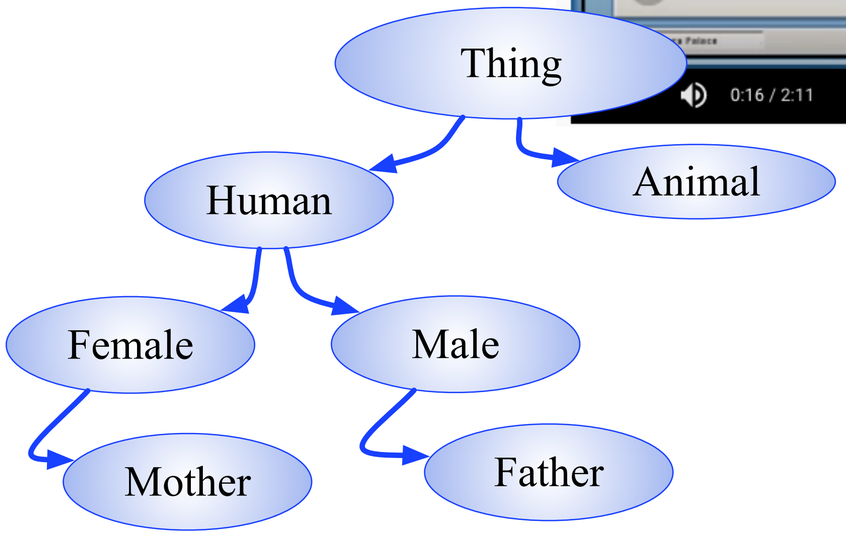
- (Security) - Privacy attribute
  - only use company which does not sell my data

Elements in Semantic Technologies

[Source: Wikipedia]



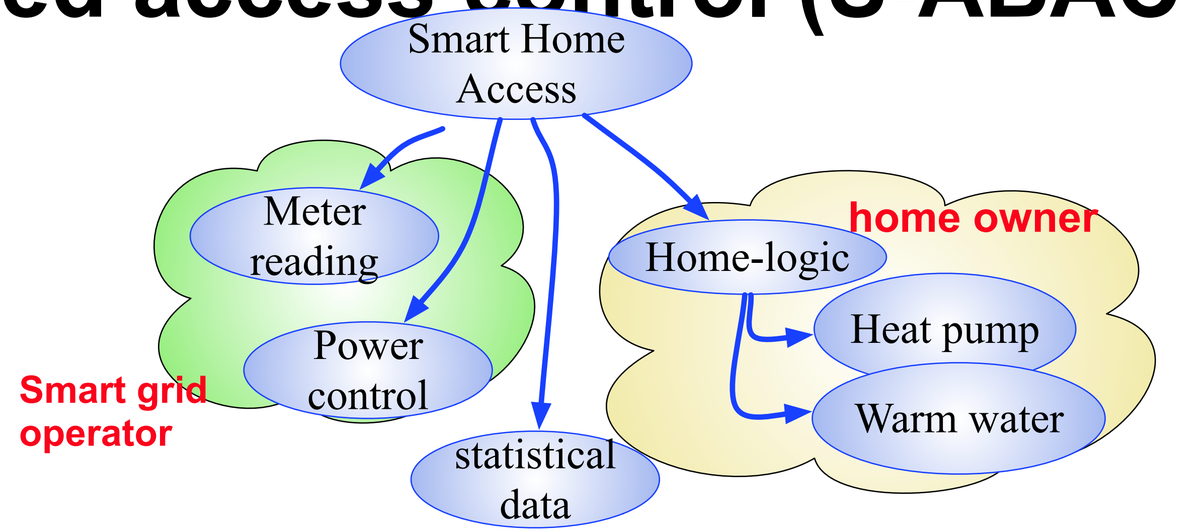
- Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format which is both human-readable and machine-readable.
- RDF - Formal semantics is built upon a W3C XML standard for objects called the Resource Description Framework (RDF)
- OWL - The Web Ontology Language (OWL) is a family of knowledge representation languages for authoring ontologies.
- A semantic reasoner, reasoning engine, rules engine, or simply a reasoner, is a piece of software able to infer logical consequences from a set of asserted facts or axioms.
- Classes (concepts) are abstract groups, sets, or collection of objects (example: human, woman)
- Individuals (instances) are the specific objects, e.g. Josef is a Father
- Attributes (properties) describing objects (individual and classes) in the ontology. Example: Human hasName, Josef has name Josef Noll



further reading:
https://www.slideshare.net/marinasantini1/09-semantic-webontologies?qid=8b178746-ea3c-48db-b4f6-6bc9b0923d9b

Semantic attribute based access control (S-ABAC)

- Access to information
  - ➡ who (sensor, person, service)
  - ➡ what kind of information
  - ➡ from where
- Attribute-based access
  - ➡ role (in organisation, home)
  - ➡ device, network
  - ➡ security tokens
- OWL & SWRL implementation
  - Rules inferring security tokens

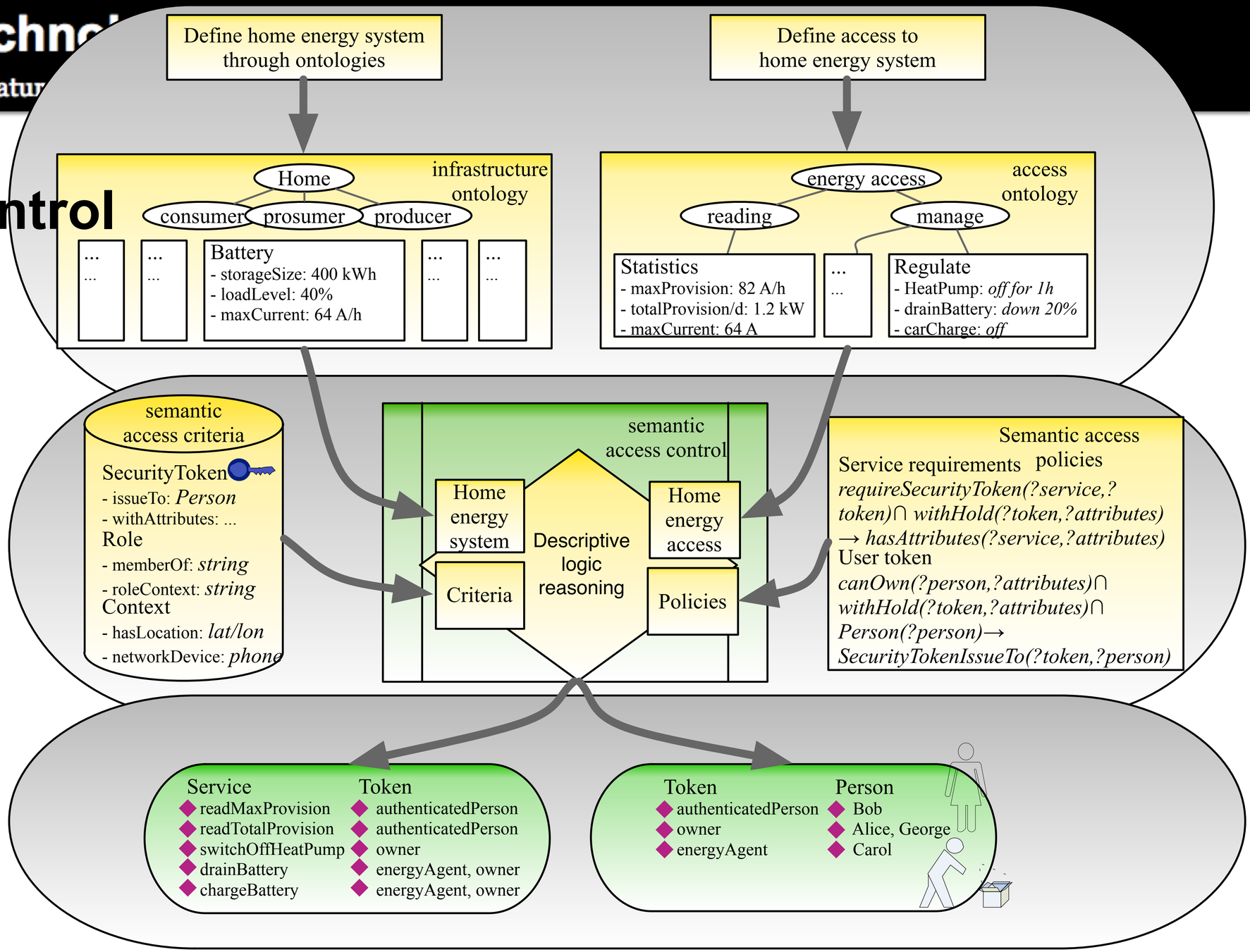


Attributes: roles, access, device, reputation, behaviour, ...

canOwn(?person,?attributes) ∩ withHold(?token,?attributes) ∩ (Person(?person) -> SecurityTokenIssueTo(?token, ?person)

[token]	principal
BasicToken_1	Carol
BasicToken_2	Alice

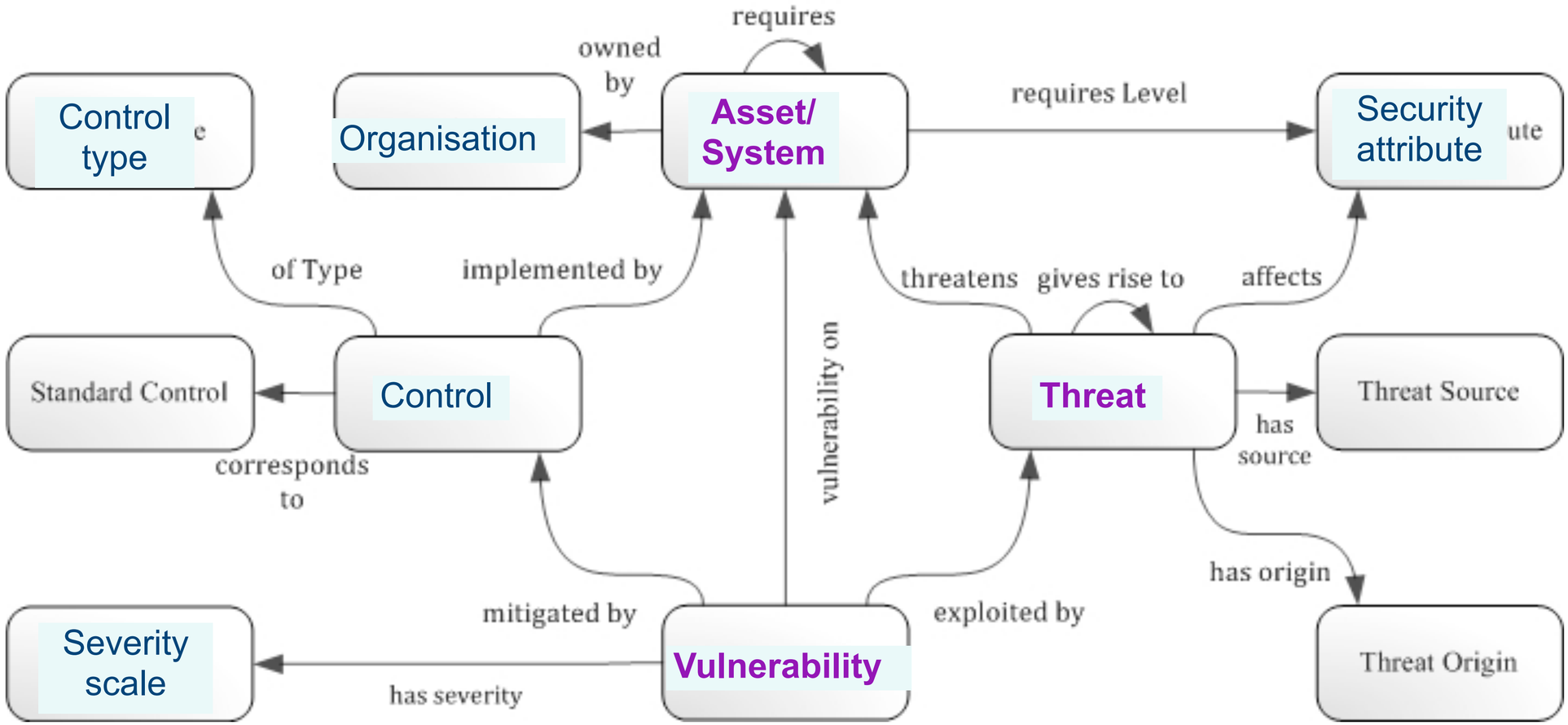
Smart Home: Complex access control



Security Ontologies
- traditional view
- Application-oriented view

Traditional approach

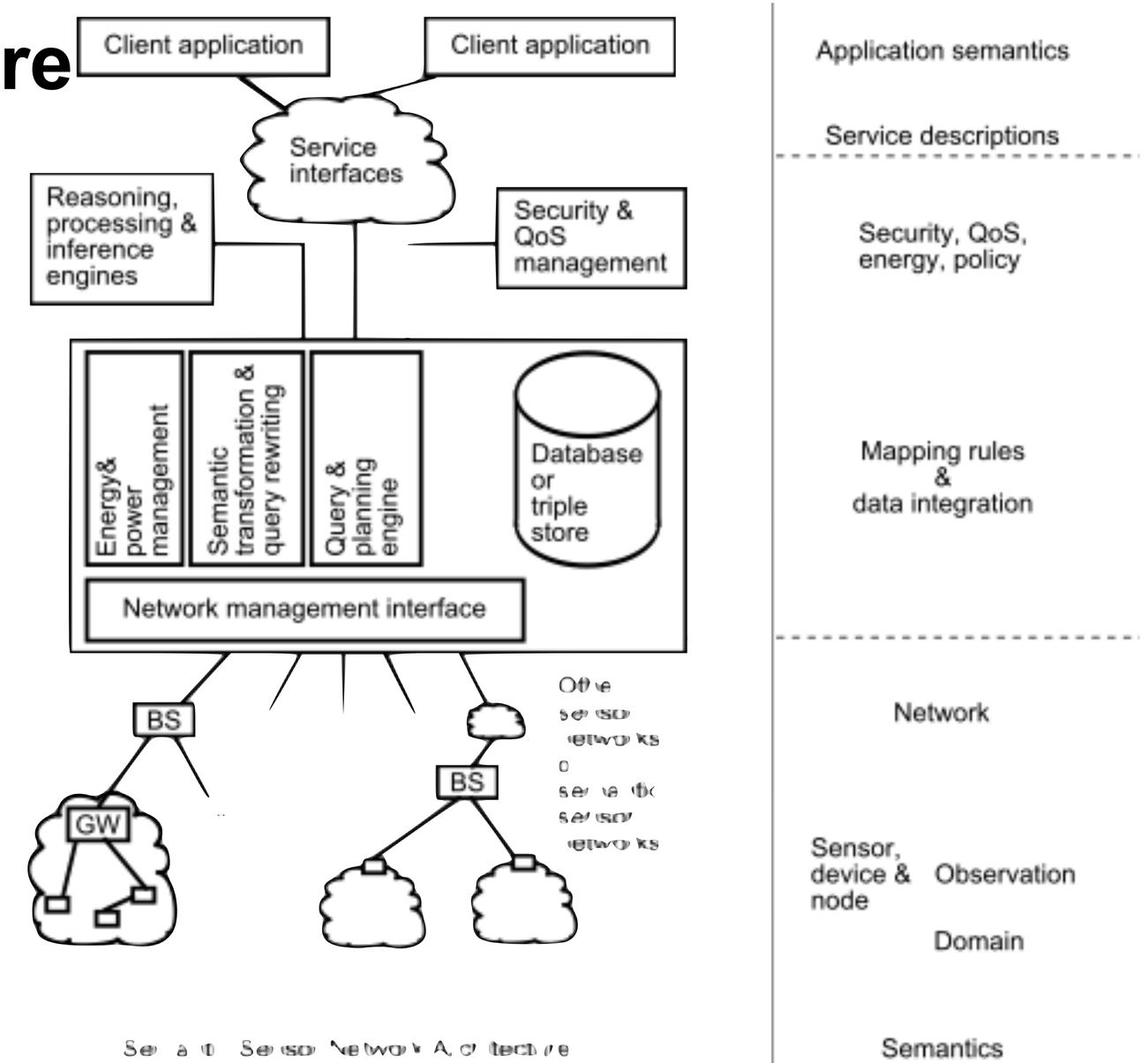
- Combined approach, addressing threat, vulnerability, system impact and control



[source: http://securityontology.sba-research.org/]

Sensor Network Architecture

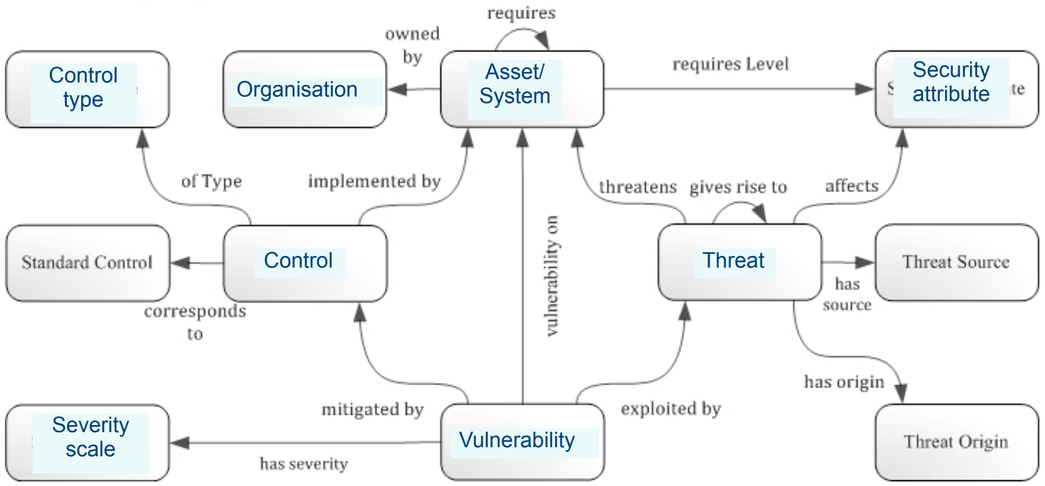
- Semantic dimension
  - Application
  - Services
  - Security, QoS,
  - Policies
  - mapping
- System
  - sensor networks
  - gateway
  - base station



Source: Compton et al., A survey of semantic specification of sensors, 2009

Limitations of the traditional approach

- Scalability
  - ➡ Threats
  - ➡ System
  - ➡ Vulnerability
- System of Systems
  - ➡ sensors
  - ➡ gateway
  - ➡ middleware
  - ➡ business processes



Recommendation:

One ontology per aspect:
- security
- system
- threats
...

Applied security

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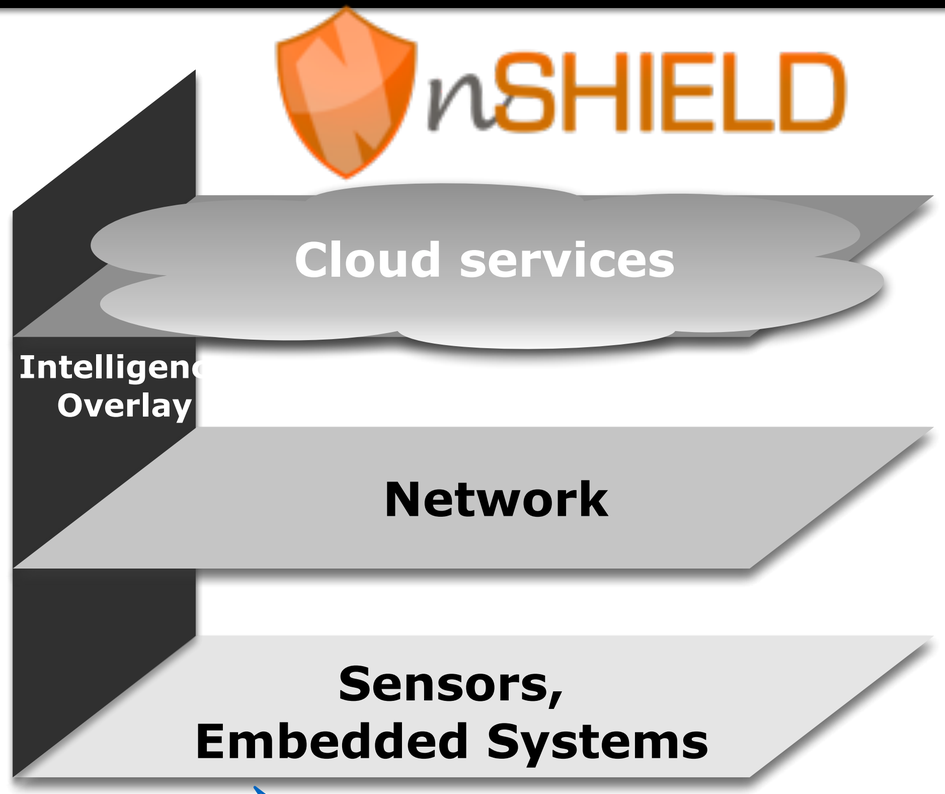
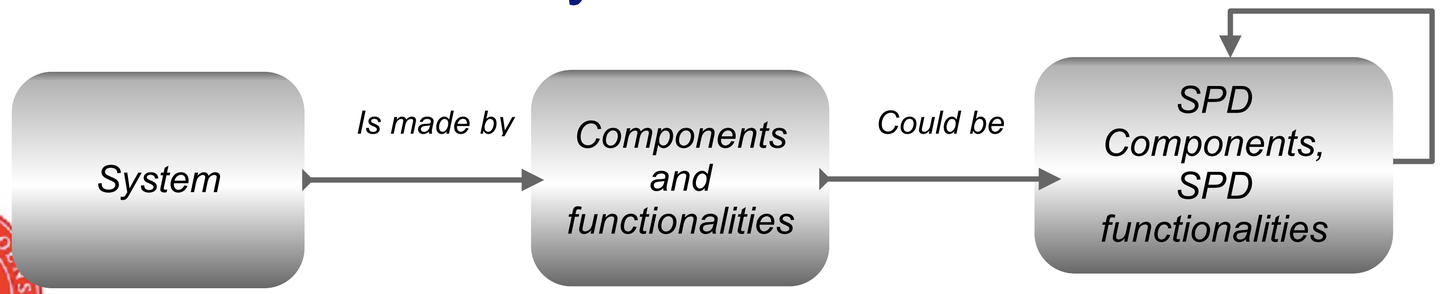
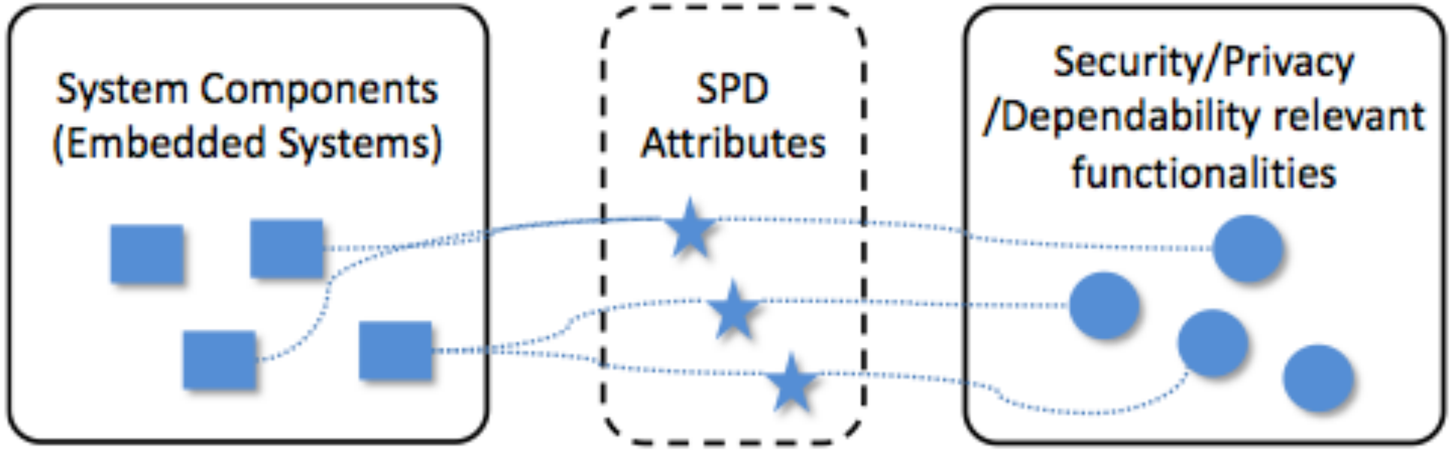


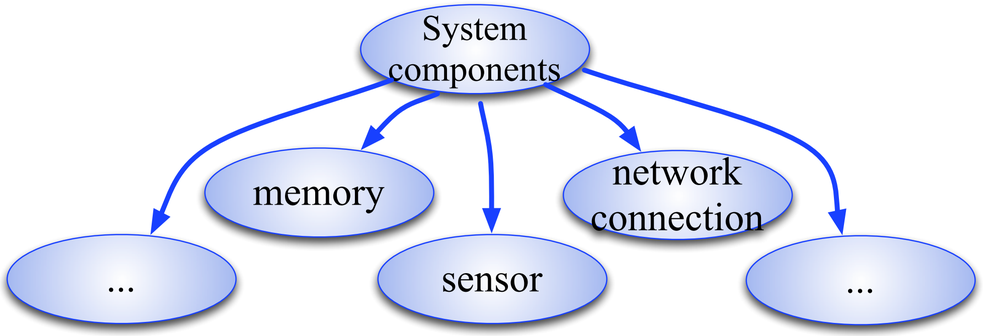


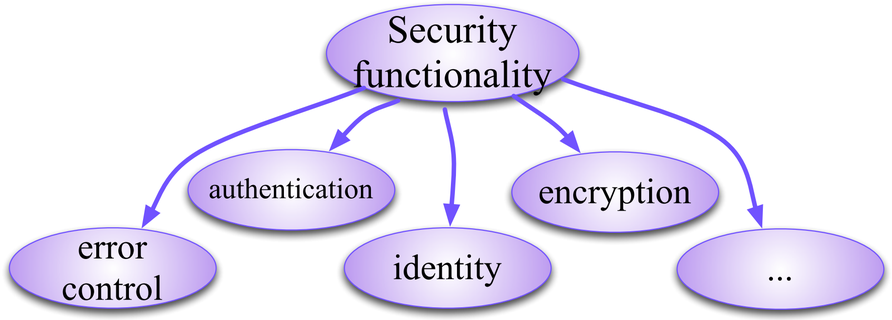
What ontologies are needed?

Security description

- Ontologies for system, security attributes, security functionality







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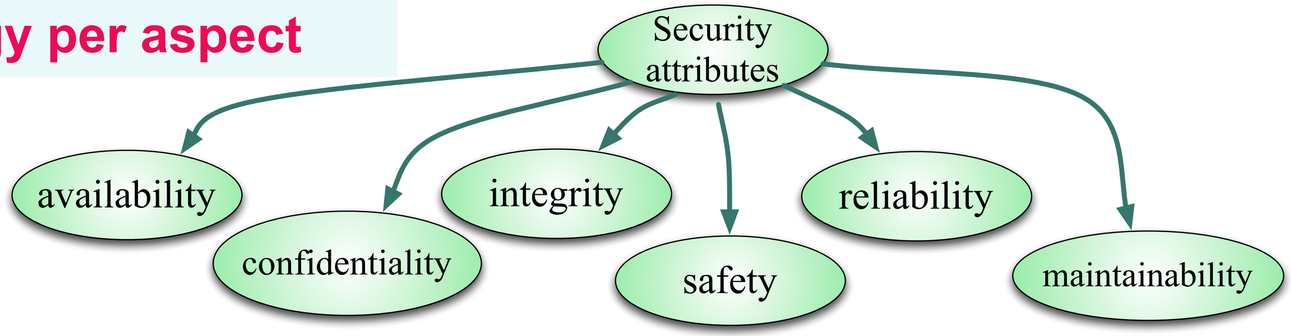
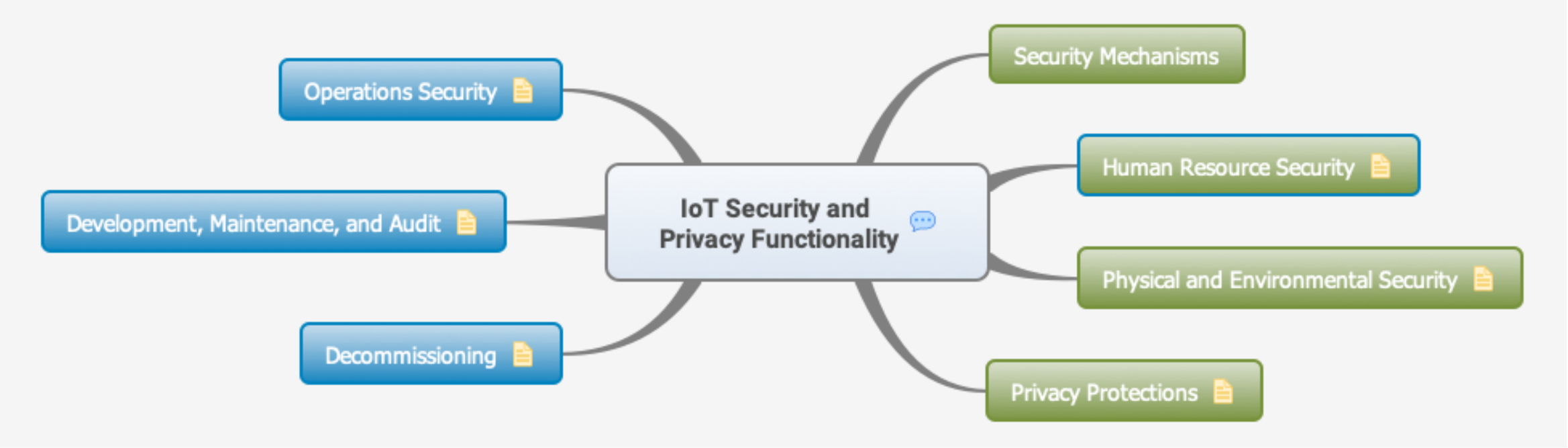


IoT Security & Privacy Lifetime Security

see: SPF.IoTSec.no



[Source: Elahe Fazeldehkordi https://its-wiki.no/images/d/d0/IoT_SecPrivFunc_LifeMap_v2.pdf]

IoT Security - Access control

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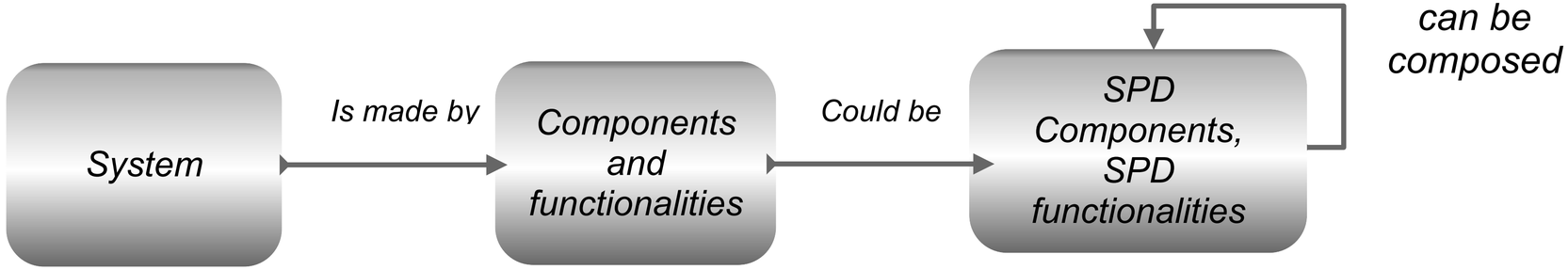
- Security Mechanisms
  - Access Control
    - Accessing Only Authorized Individuals to Collected Personal Information
    - Consider Measures to Keep Unauthorized Users from Accessing a Consumer's Device, Data, or Personal Information Stored on the Network.
    - Secure Authentication/ Authorization/Access Control
      - Requiring Strong Passwords
      - Implementing two-factor Authentication (2FA)
      - Use Personal Identification Numbers (PINs)
      - Use Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)
      - Securing Password Recovery Mechanisms
      - Option to Force Password Expiration After a Specific Period
      - Option to Change the Default Username and Password
      - Using Certificates for Authentication
      - Considering Biometrics for Authentication
      - Considering Certificate-Less Authenticated Encryption (CLAE)
      - User Managed Access (UMA)
      - OAuth 2.0
      - Ensure default passwords and even default usernames are changed during the initial setup, and that weak, null or blank passwords are not allowed.
      - Authentication credentials including but not limited to user passwords shall be salted, hashed and/or encrypted.
      - Protect against 'brute force' and/or other abusive login attempts. This protection should also consider keys stored in devices.
      - Ensure password recovery or reset mechanism is robust and does not supply an attacker with information indicating a valid account. The same applies to key update and recovery mechanisms.

Upcoming lectures

- L6: Multi-Metrics Method for measurable Security



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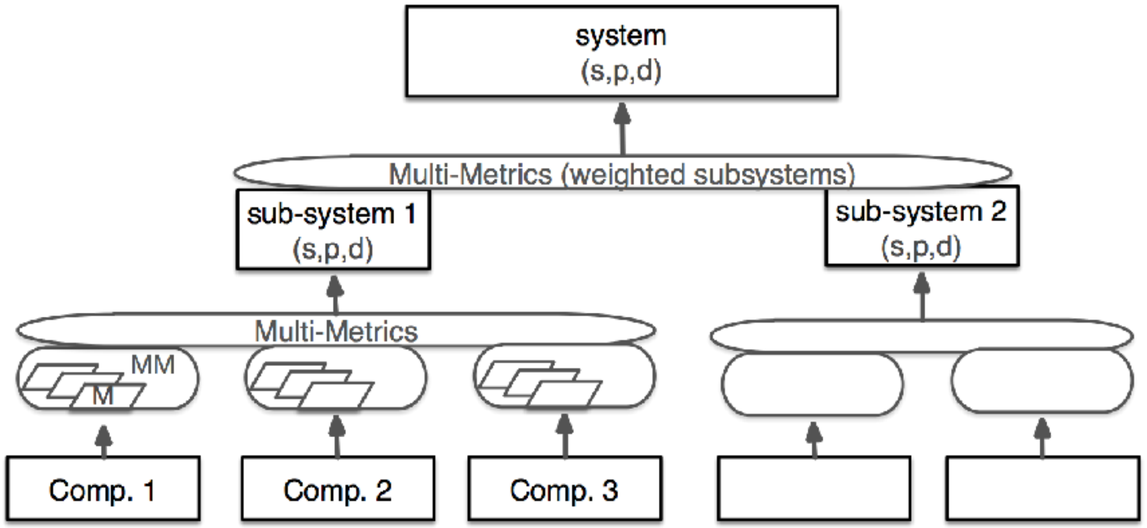

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