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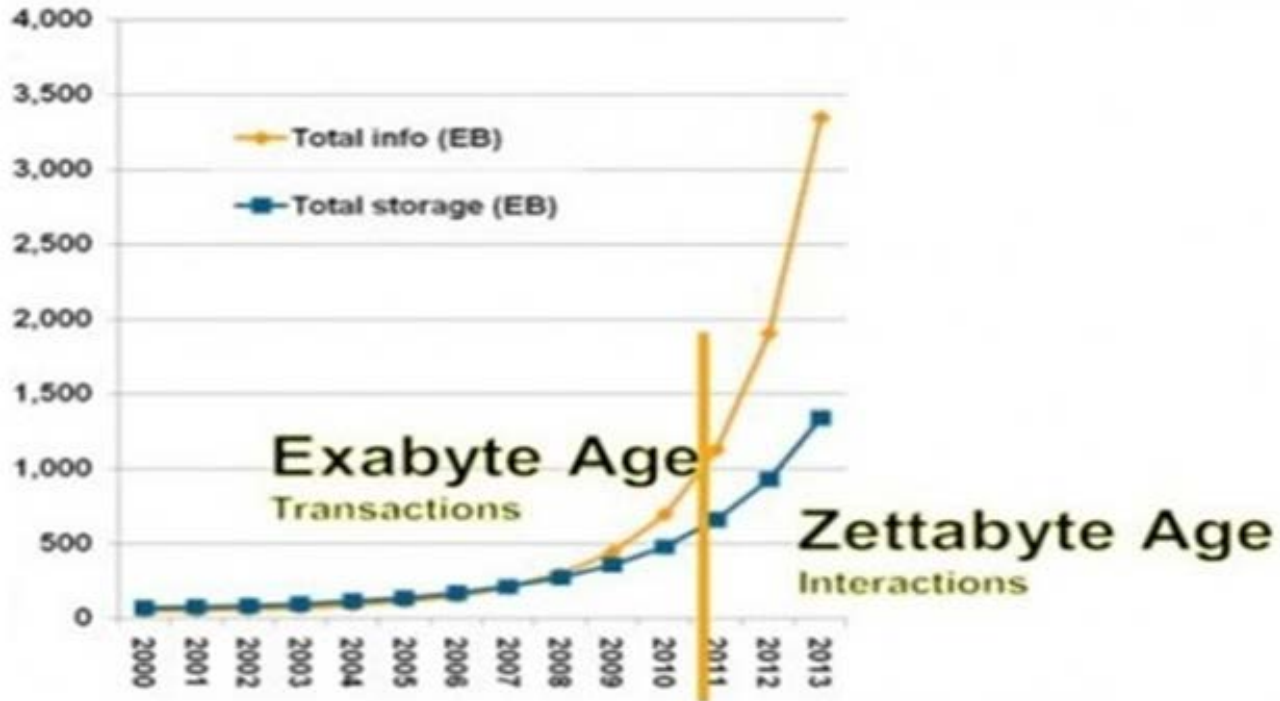
Ontologies, Applications, and Future Directions

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Once upon a time, there was the Web



One Zettabyte (ZB) = 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 bytes = 10^{21} bytes.
 Based on IDC and UC Berkeley data growth estimates.



... and then it grew (ca. 2012)

Who or what is the culprit?



twitter



You Tube



flickr

facebook

Pinterest

User generated content, new types of media, etc.

A cross-country flight from New York to Los Angeles on a Boeing 737 plane generates a massive **240 terabytes** of data

- *GigaOmni Media*



What happens when all **THINGS** go online?
(*sensors, devices, and appliances begin to publish data*)

How are **machines** supposed to **make sense** of this noisy, ambiguous, heterogeneous, deluge of **data**?



**Semantic
Web**



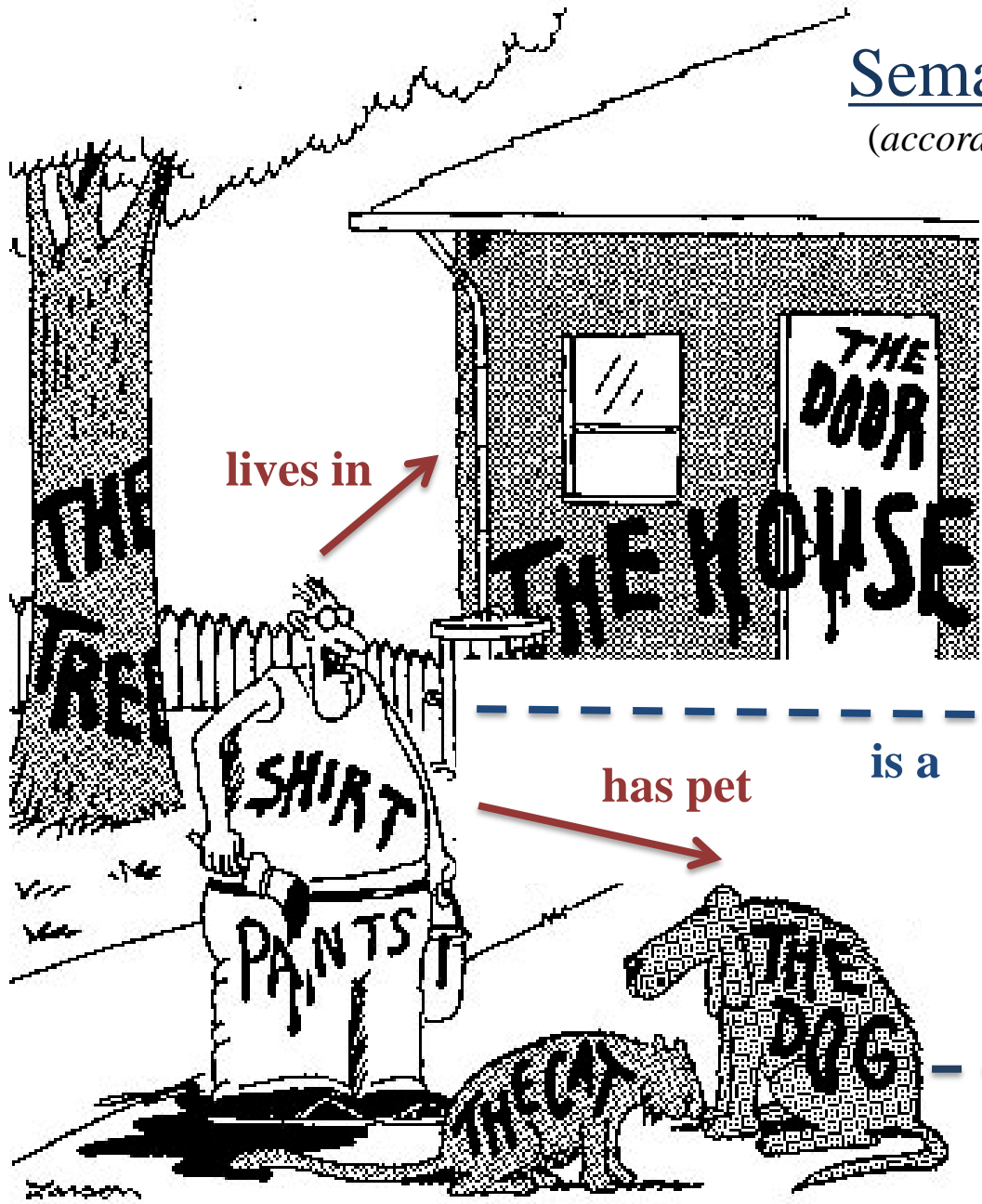
RDF



OWL

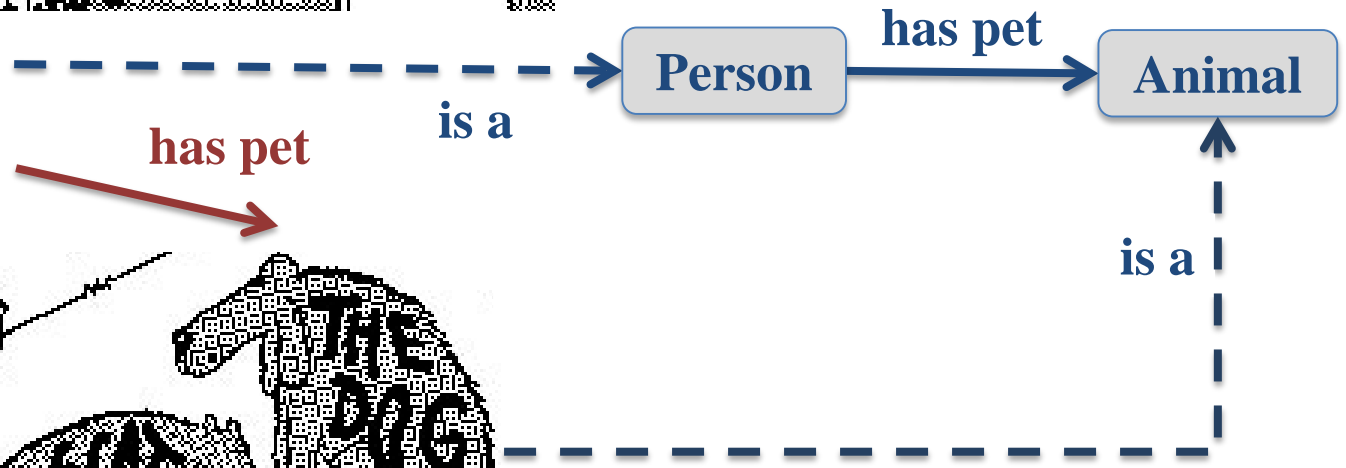
Semantic Web

(according to Farside)



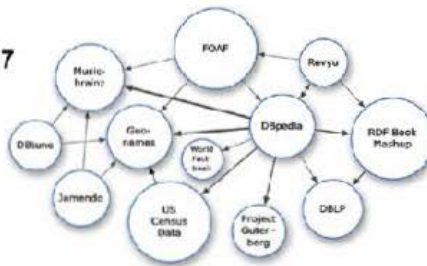
Concrete Facts
Resource Description Framework

General Knowledge
Web Ontology Language

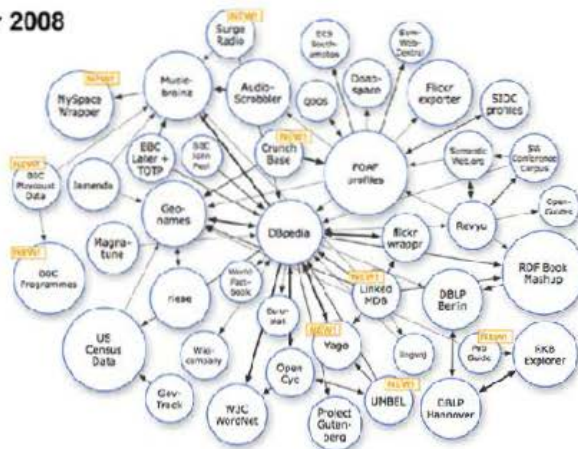


“Now! – That should clear up a few things around here!”

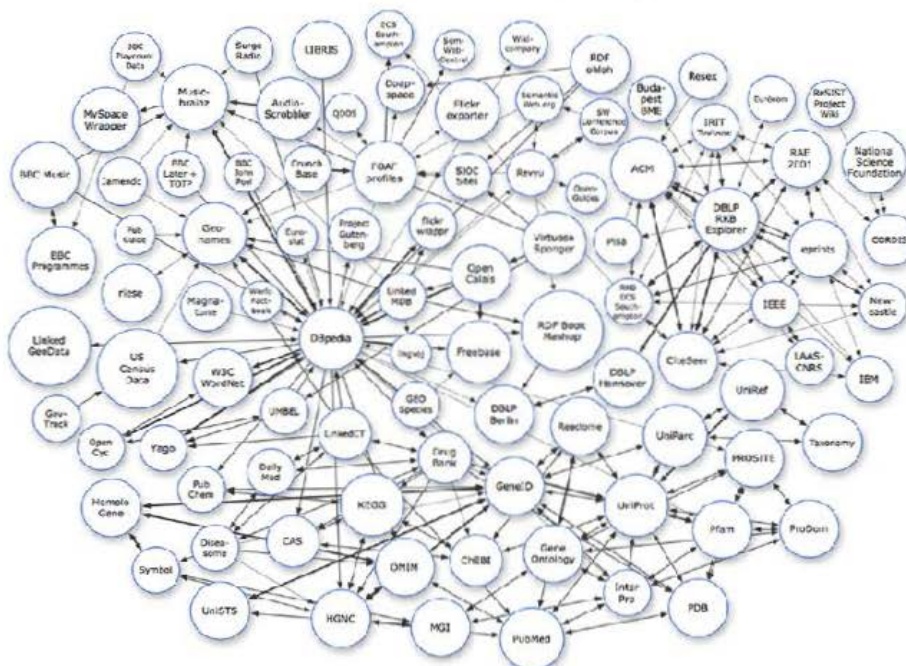
May 2007



September 2008



July 2009





SW is now moving from academia **into industry**



The New York Times





 Watson



Apple
Siri

In the last few years, we have seen **many successes** ...

 Knowledge Graph

"Strings to Things"

News for **venice italy**

[Tomado tears through parts of **Venice, Italy** \(VIDEOS\)](#)

[Washington Post \(blog\)](#) - 16 hours ago

A rare tornado (or waterspout, when over water) swept over several islands (Lido, Sant'Elena and Sant'Erasmo) off **Venice's** lagoon earlier ...

[Italy putting brakes on excitement](#)

[London Free Press](#) - 14 hours ago

[Italy could be hit by Spanish contagion](#)

[Economic Times](#) - 1 day ago

[Venice - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venice

Venice (**Italian:** Venezia [veˈnɛttsja] (listen), **Venetian:** Venexia [veˈnesja] is a city in northeast Italy sited on a group of 118 small islands separated by canals ...

↳ [History of the Republic of Venice - Venice, Los Angeles - Grand Canal](#)

[Venice Vacations, Tourism and **Venice, Italy** Travel Reviews ...](#)

www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g187870-Venice_Veneto-Vacations.h...

Venice Vacations: With 130000 reviews of **Venice, Italy** travel resources, TripAdvisor is the source for Venice information.

[ItalyGuides.it: Virtual tour of **Venice, Italy** - travel information and city ...](#)

www.italyguides.it/us/venice_italy/venice_travel.htm

Venice tourism and travel information: transport, attractions, maps, travel advice, pictures, audio guides, airport information, activities, hotels and more in **Venice**, ...

[Official website of the Municipality of **Venice** - Comune di Venezia](#)

www.comune.venezia.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/EN/.../1

Official website of the Municipality of **Venice, Italy**. News, information and tools available to citizens and visitors.

Venice



Venice is a city in northeast Italy sited on a group of 118 small islands separated by canals and linked by bridges. It is located in the marshy Venetian Lagoon which stretches along the shoreline between the mouths of the Po and the Piave Rivers. [Wikipedia](#)

Area: 159 sq miles (412 km²)

Weather: 72° F, Wind E at 5 mph, 50% Humidity

Local time: 12:13pm Wednesday (CEST)

Points of interest



Grand Canal of Venice



Piazza San Marco



Saint Mark's Basilica



Rialto Bridge



Doge's Palace

[Report a problem](#)



Sensor systems are too often *stovepiped*



We want to set this data free

With freedom comes responsibility

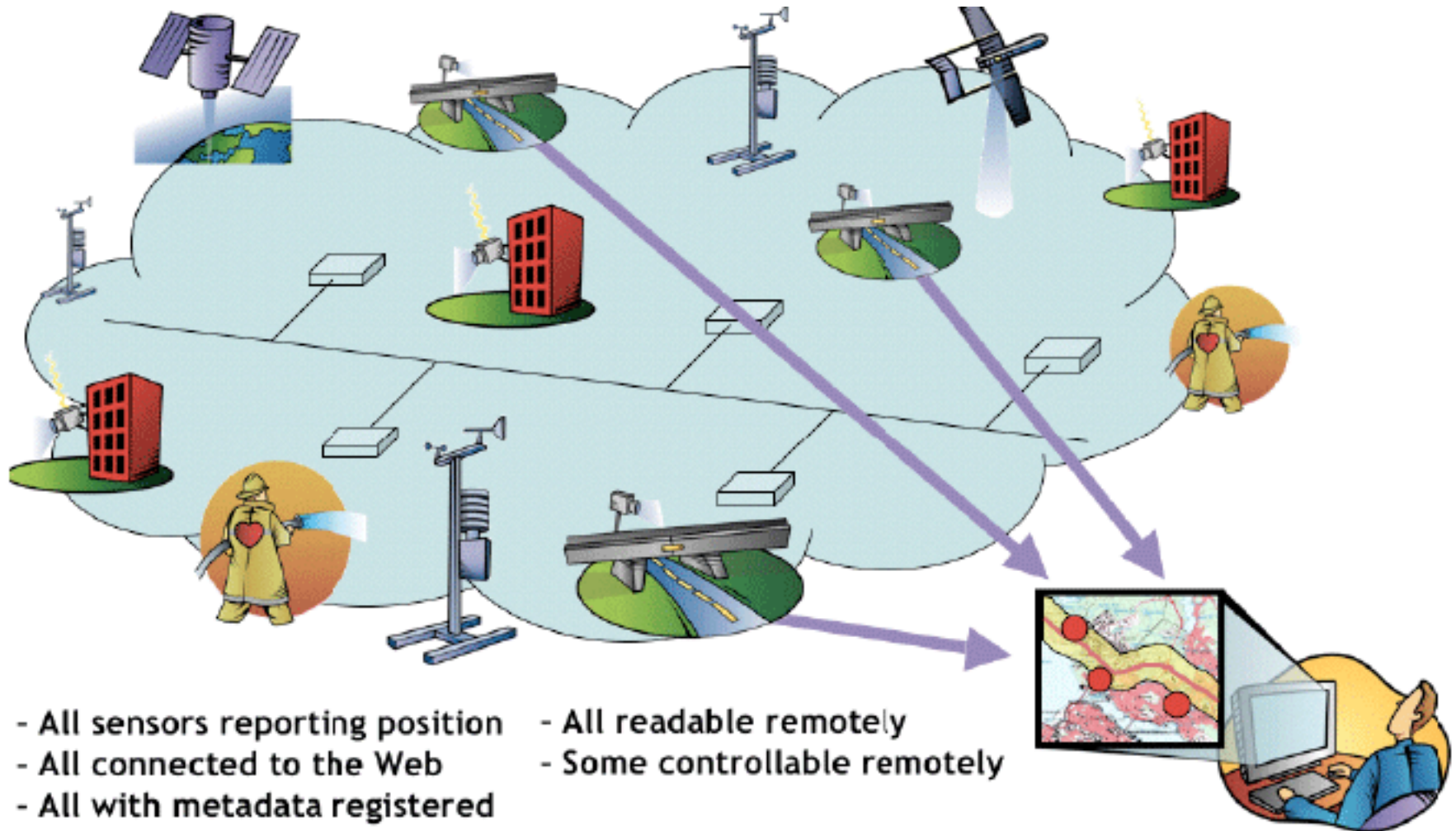
1. discovery, access, and search
2. integration and interpretation

free as a
bird.

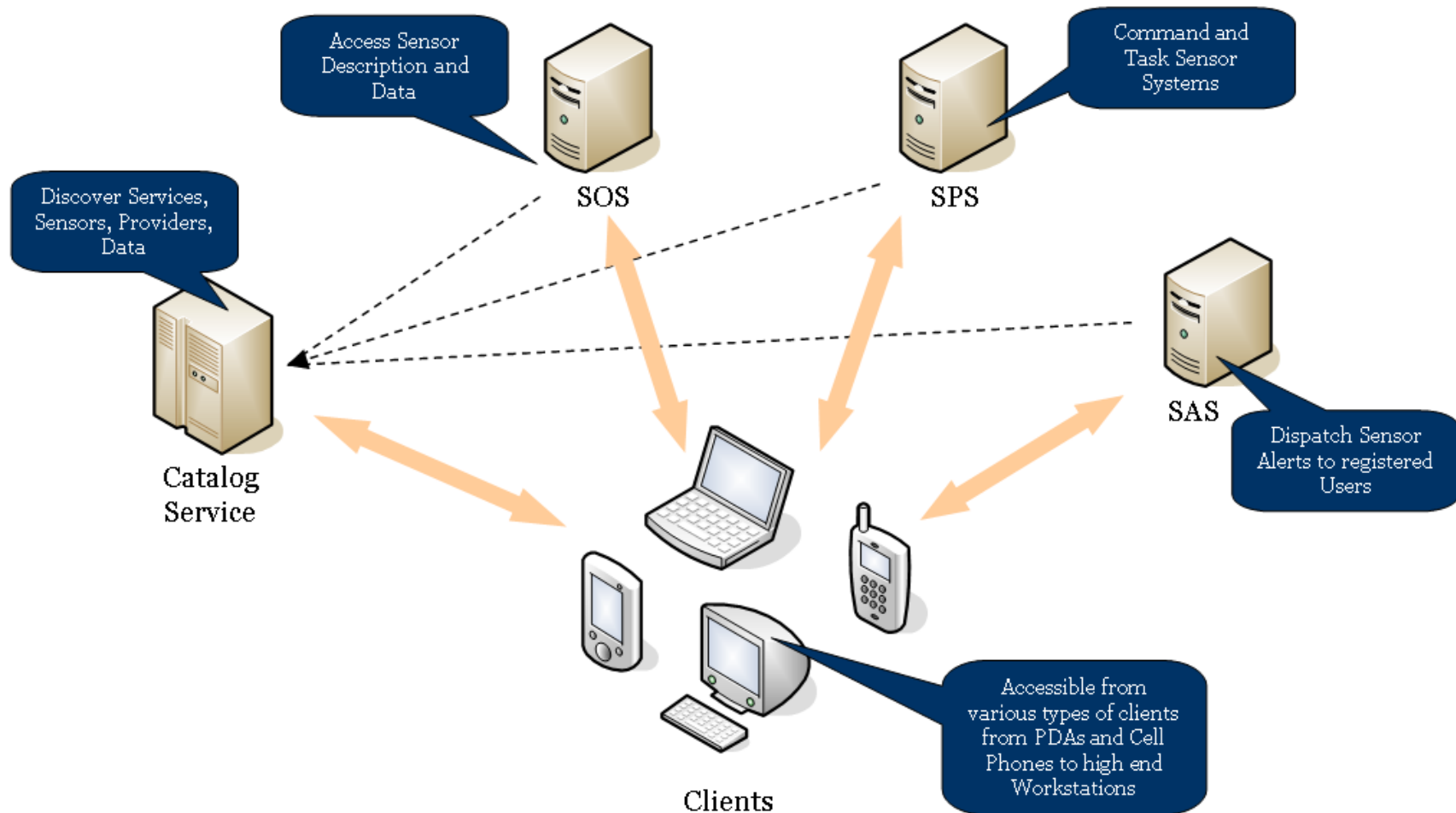
*Vous avez vu dans les journaux
la manière touchante dont les
habitants de Kicco ont pu
congéner leurs rêves les plus chers*



Introducing the **Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)**



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- 2. integration and interpretation**

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So, again ...

How are **machines** supposed to **make sense** of this noisy, ambiguous, heterogeneous, deluge of **data**?



Semantic Sensor Networks (SSN)



**Semantic
Web**



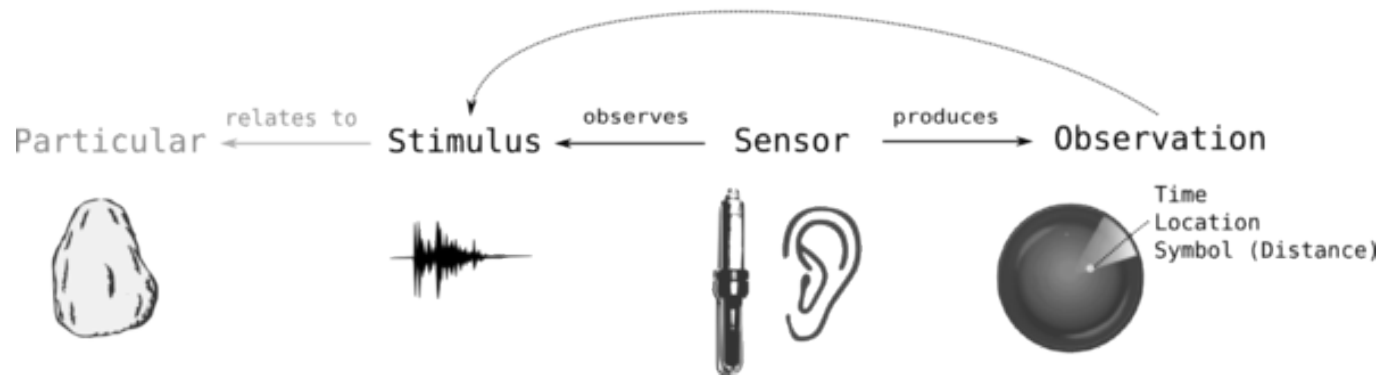
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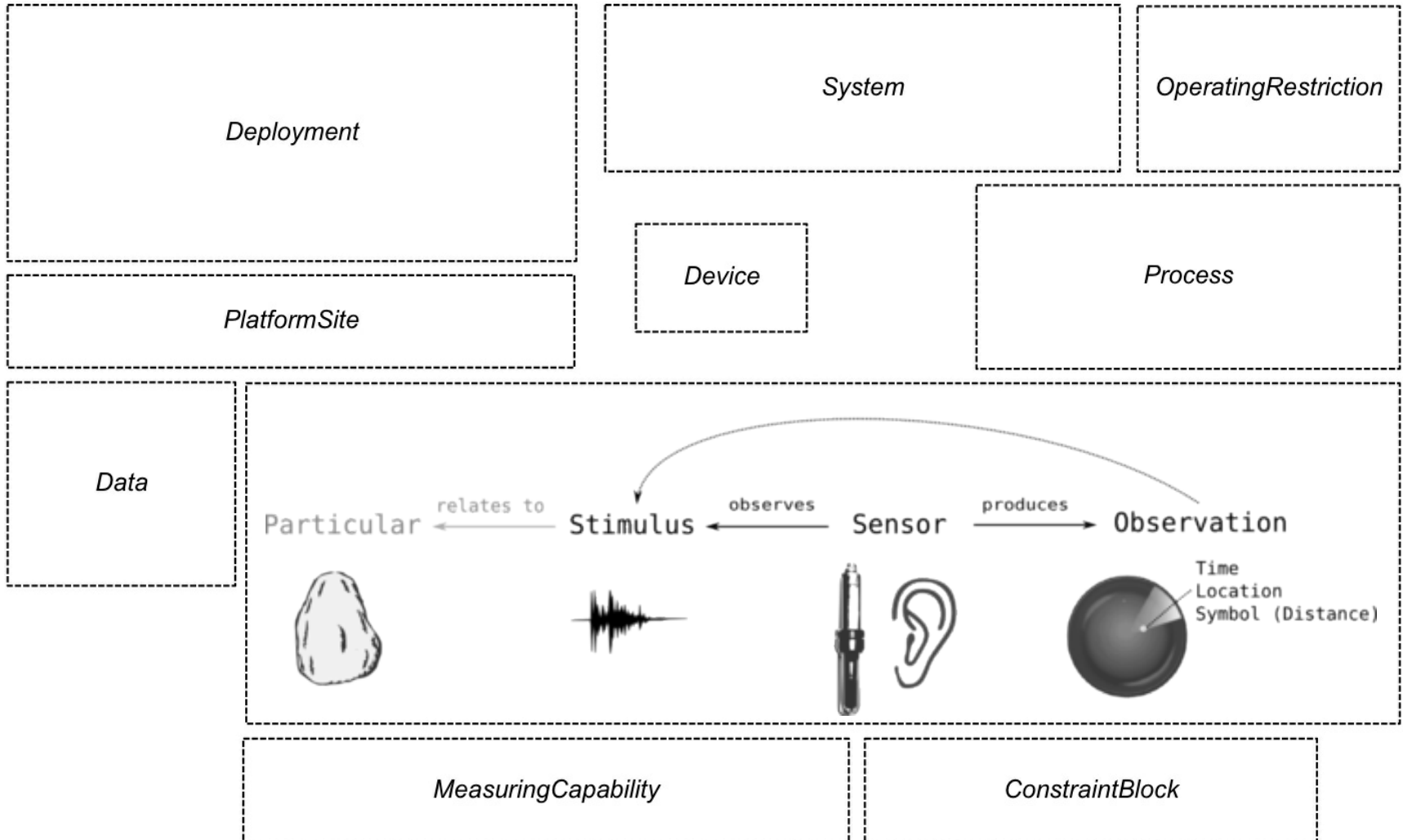
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SSN Ontology

(i.e., General Sensor Knowledge)

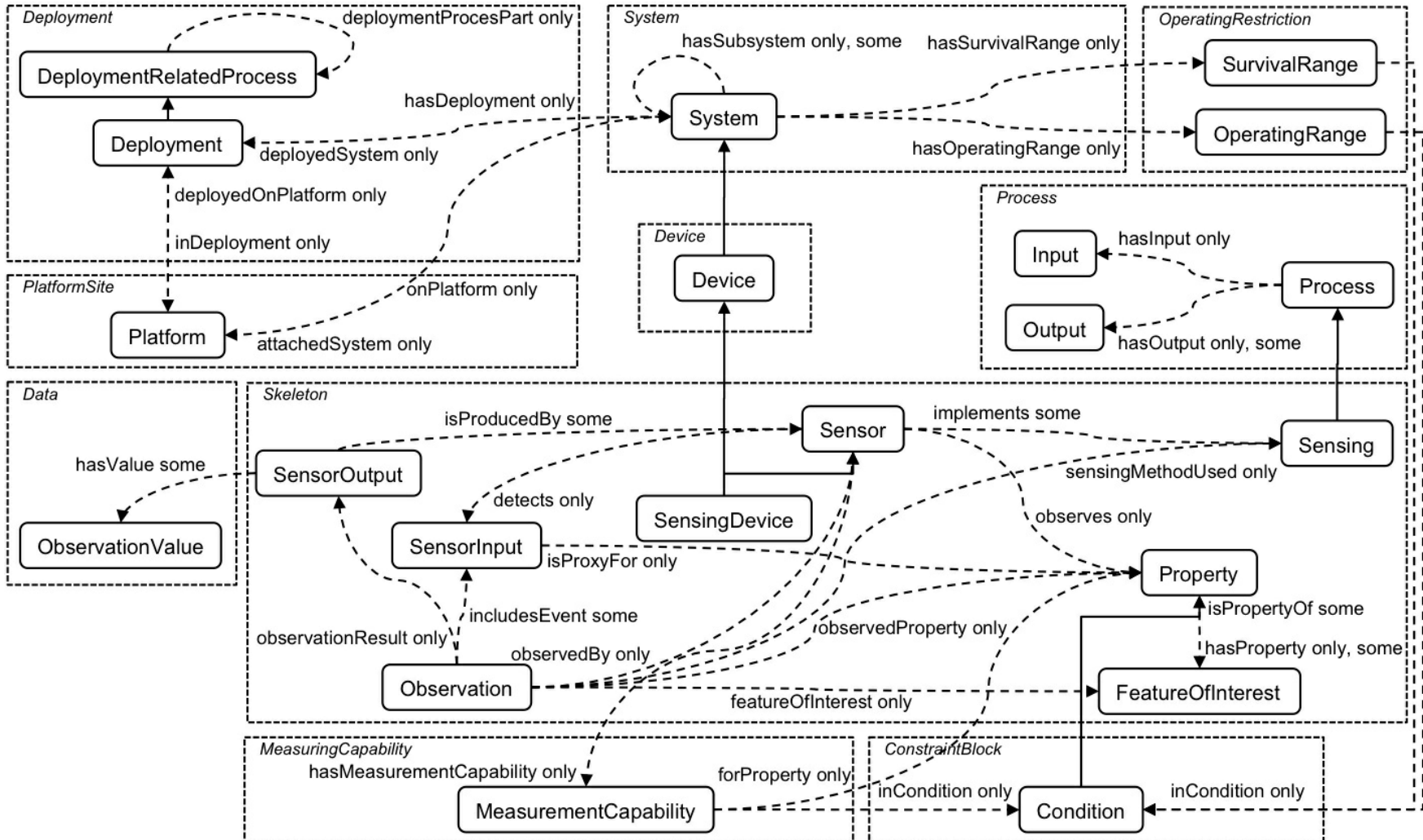


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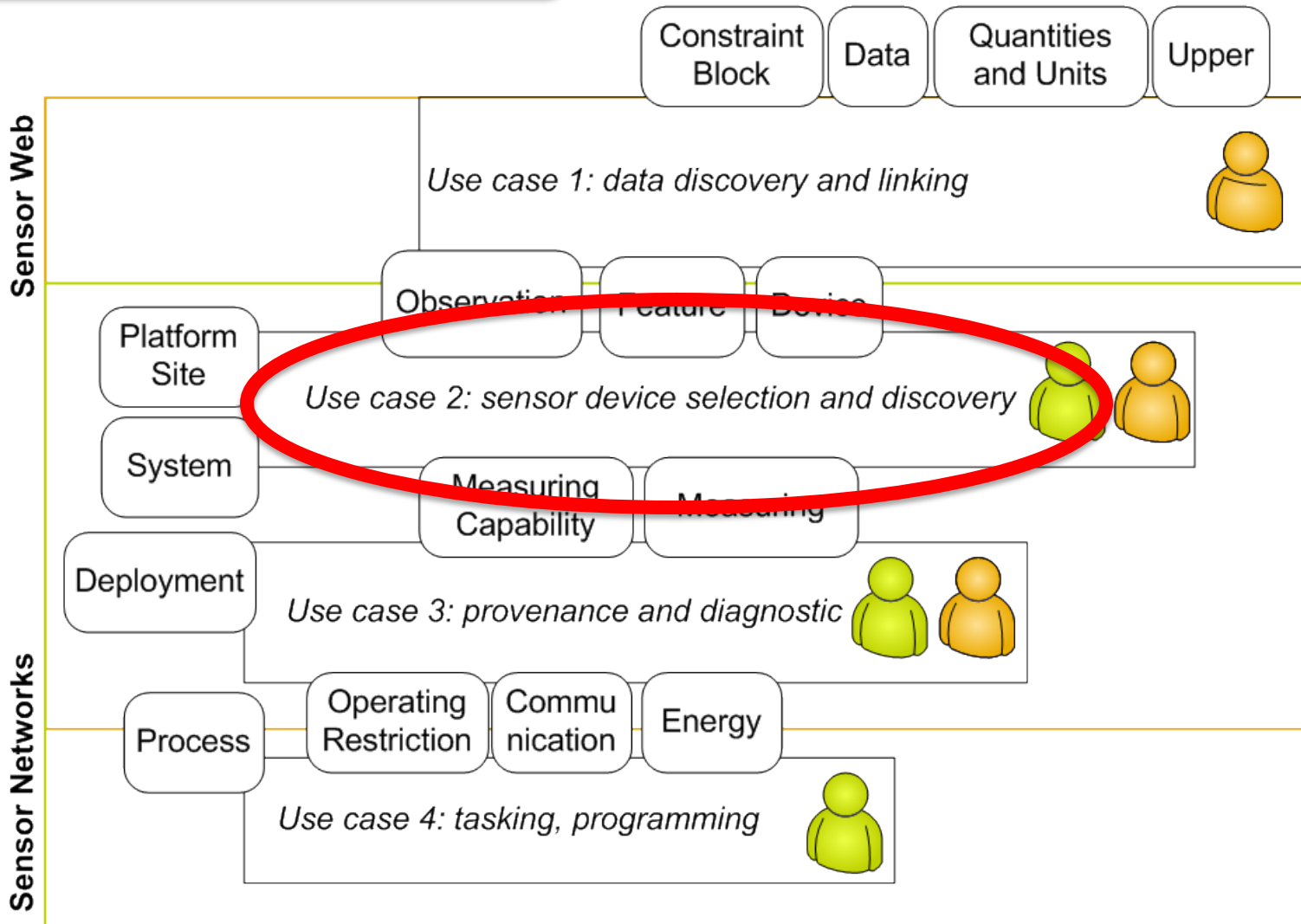
Semantic Annotation of SWE (backwards compatible)

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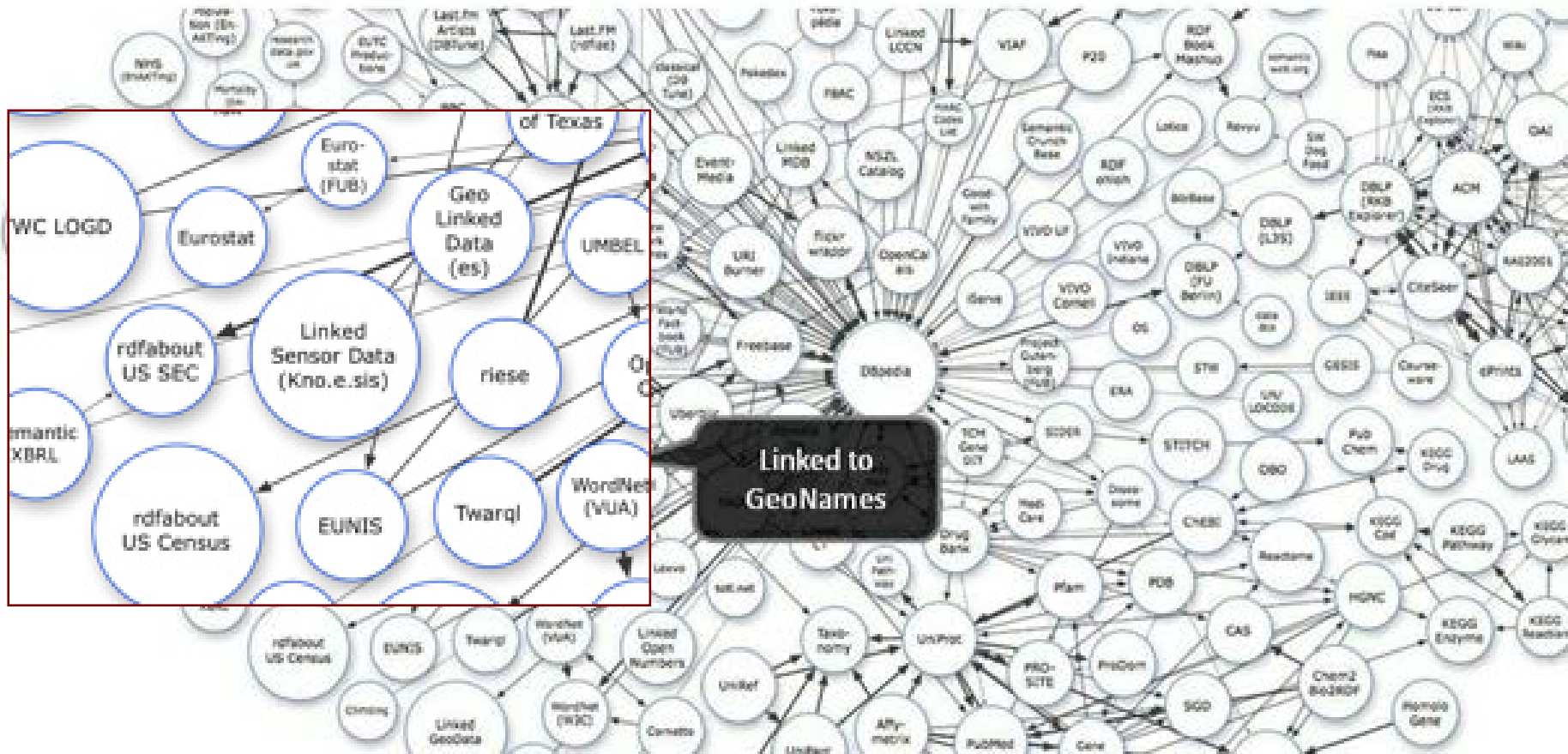

Adoption of SSN



SSN Use Cases



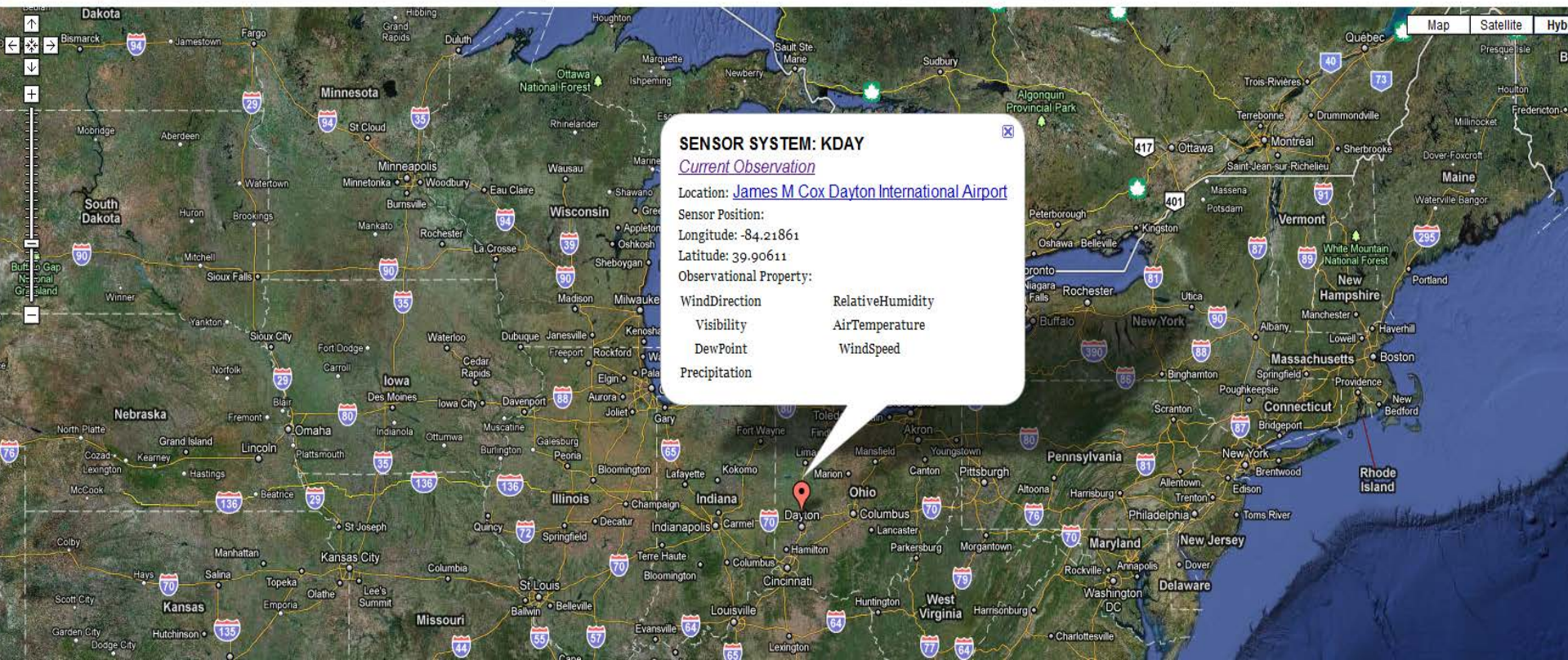
Linked Sensor Data (~2 Billion Statements)



Sensor Discovery Application

Query w/ location name to find nearby sensors

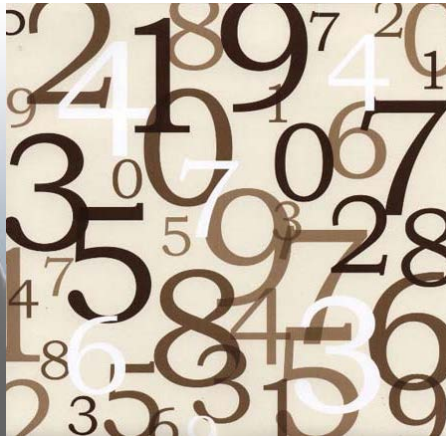
Search



SENSOR SYSTEM: KDAY
Current Observation
Location: **James M Cox Dayton International Airport**
Sensor Position:
Longitude: -84.21861
Latitude: 39.90611
Observational Property:
WindDirection RelativeHumidity
Visibility AirTemperature
DewPoint WindSpeed
Precipitation



Interpretation (or abstraction/explanation)
of sensor data



Applications of **SSN** + *intellego*

"to perceive"

Weather

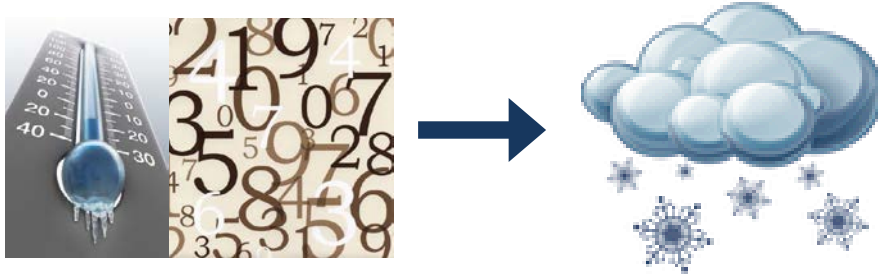


Rescue

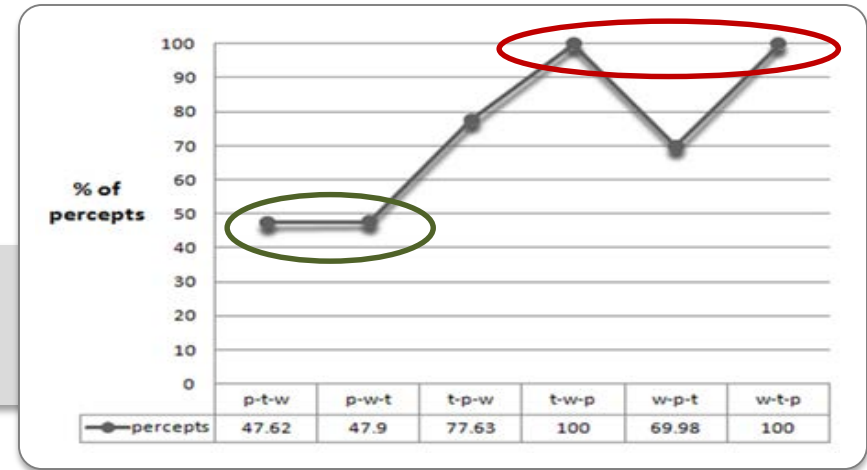


Healthcare

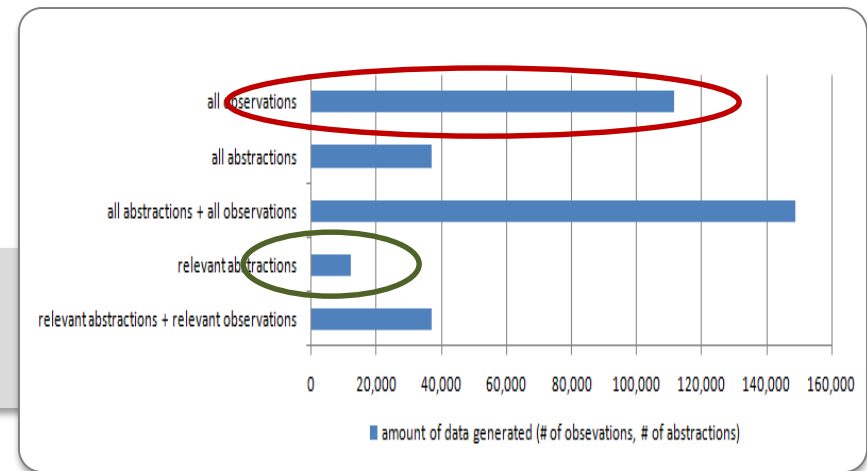




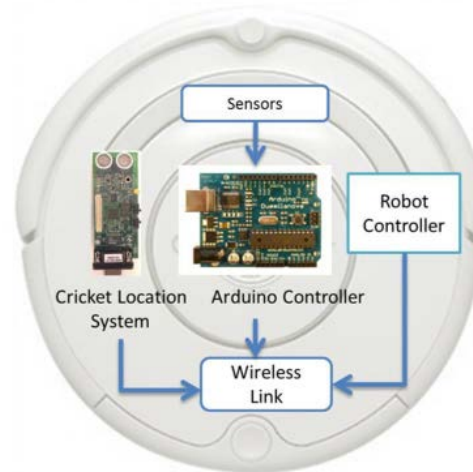
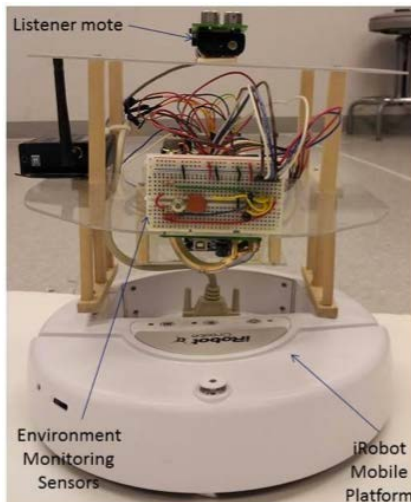
50% savings in sensing resource requirements during the detection of a blizzard



order of magnitude resource savings between storing observations vs. relevant abstractions

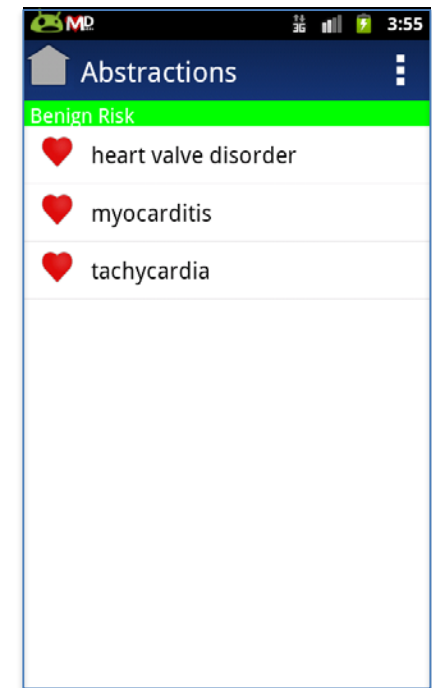
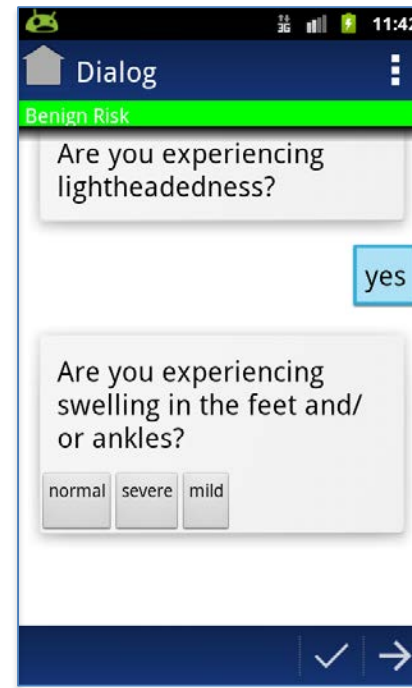
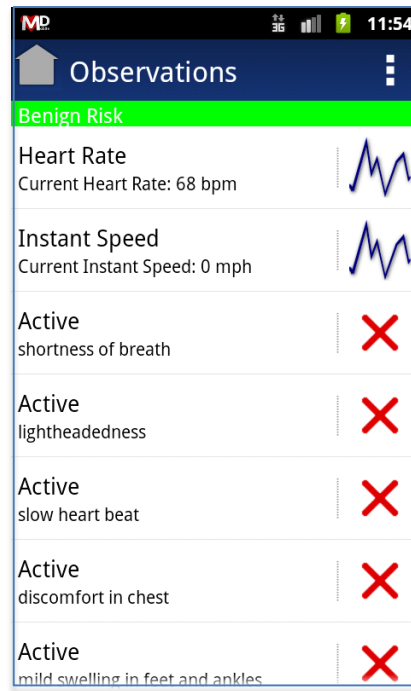
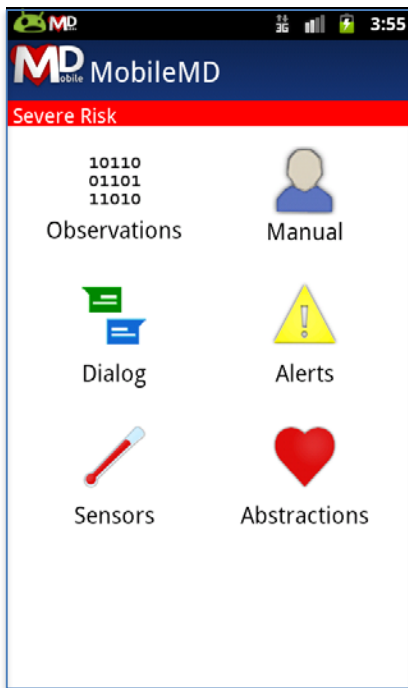


SECURE: Semantics-empowered Rescue Environment (detect different types of fires)

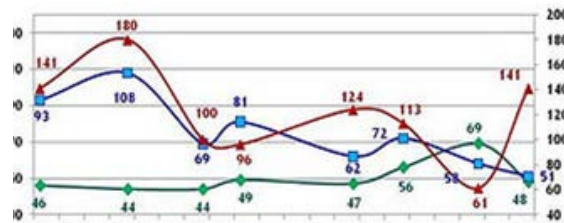




Mobile app to help reduce re-admission of patients with **Chronic Heart Failure**



Passive Monitoring Phase



Observed Symptoms

- Abnormal heart rate
- Clammy skin

Possible Explanations

- Panic Disorder
- Hypoglycemia
- Hyperthyroidism
- Heart Attack
- Septic Shock

Electronic Medical Record

- Patient has history of Heart Disease

Health Alert

- Check phone for instructions

Active Monitoring Phase



Are you feeling lightheaded?

yes

Are you have trouble taking deep breaths?

yes

Do you have low blood pressure?

yes

Have you taken your Methimazole medication?

no

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- ~~Heart Attack~~
- ~~Septic Shock~~

Electronic Medical Record

- Patient has history of Hyperthyroidism
- Patient has prescription for Methimazole

Health Alert

1. Take medication: Methimazole
2. See doctor: how about Tues. @ 11am?

In the next century, planet earth will don an electronic skin. It will use the Internet as a scaffold to support and transmit its sensations. This skin is already being stitched together. It consists of millions of embedded electronic measuring devices.

Neil Gross, The Earth Will Don an Electronic Skin, BusinessWeek, Aug. 1999

Thanks.



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