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# **Hybrid approaches based on Computational Intelligence and Semantic Web for distributed Situation and Context Awareness**

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## □ Situation Awareness

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- ✓ *Some Definitions*
- ✓ *Research Trend, the comprehension of their meaning, and the projection*
- ✓ *Research Focus, Significance and Objectives*
- ✓ *Research Status of some variable has changed, such as time, or some*

### ➤ Theoretical and Technological Foundations

- ✓ *Situation/Context Awareness and Semantic Sensor Web*
- *It is also a field of study concerning the perception of the environment*
  - *From Semantic Sensor Data to Situation/Context Awareness*
- ✓ *Ontology-based Situation Theory*
  - *From a Fuzzy Extension of Situation Theory to Fuzzy Situation Theory Ontology*

## □ Context Awareness

- *refers to the idea that computers can both sense, and react based on their environment.*
  - *f-SPARQL*
  - *f-SPARQL facilities for Clustering and Classification*

### ➤ Proposed Approaches & Research Objectives

- ✓ *CoMSA* *Devices may have information about the circumstances under which they are able to operate and based on rules, or an intelligent stimulus, react accordingly.*
- ✓ *SbESA*
- ✓ *CAPSD*

### ➤ Architectural Overviews and Application Scenarios

- ✓ *Adaptation interfaces to the set of application-relevant data, increase the*
- ✓ *precision of information are needed, discover services, make the user*
- ✓ *Context Awareness in Healthcare*

### ➤ Conclusions

# Research Trend

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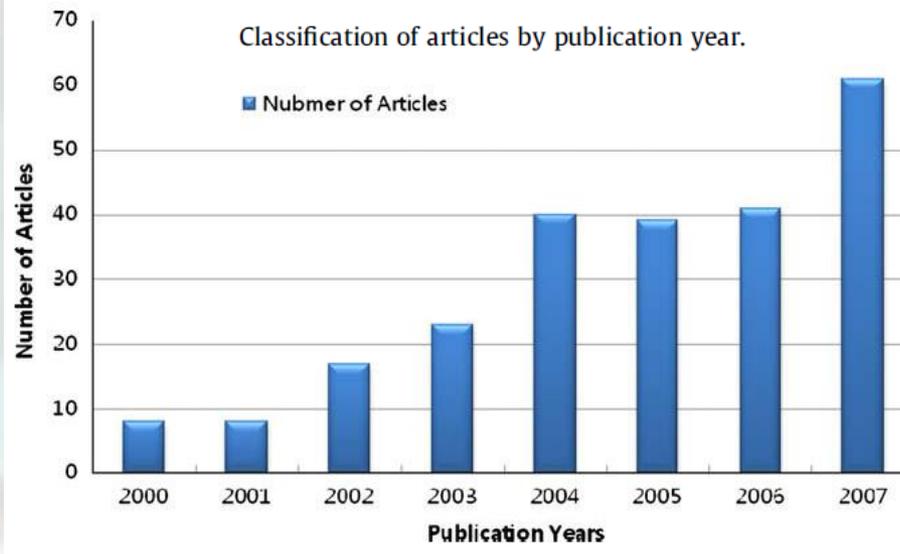
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Classification of articles based on the journal.

Journal articles	Number of articles
IEEE Pervasive Computing	23
Personal and Ubiquitous Computing	10
IEEE Internet Computing	6
Wireless Personal Communications	5
IEEE Intelligent Systems	5
Mobile Networks and Applications	5
IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering	4
The Others	139
Expert Systems with Applications	10
Computer Communications	6
Journal of Systems and Software	6
Pervasive and Mobile Computing	5
World Wide Web	5
IEEE Wireless Communications	5
Interacting with Computers	4
Total	237

Classification of articles by publication year.

Online database	Number of articles
IEEE Xplore	74
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Ingenta Journals	18
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- The research studies in Situation/Context Awareness have highlighted that the main issues related to these areas are:
  - ✓ the need to support the acquisition and aggregation of dynamic environmental information from the field;
  - ✓ the lack of formal approaches to knowledge representation and processing;
  - ✓ the lack of automated and distributed systems to support the reasoning through software special purpose.
- The thesis, the proposed approaches are based on distributed Context and Situation Awareness and proposes to apply them in order to achieve
  - ✓ semantic web technologies and languages;
  - some related research objectives such as:
    - ✓ computational intelligence methodologies and techniques;
    - ✓ Knowledge Representation;
    - ✓ multi-agent distributed paradigm.
    - ✓ Semantic Reasoning;
    - ✓ Pattern Recognition;
    - ✓ Information Retrieval.

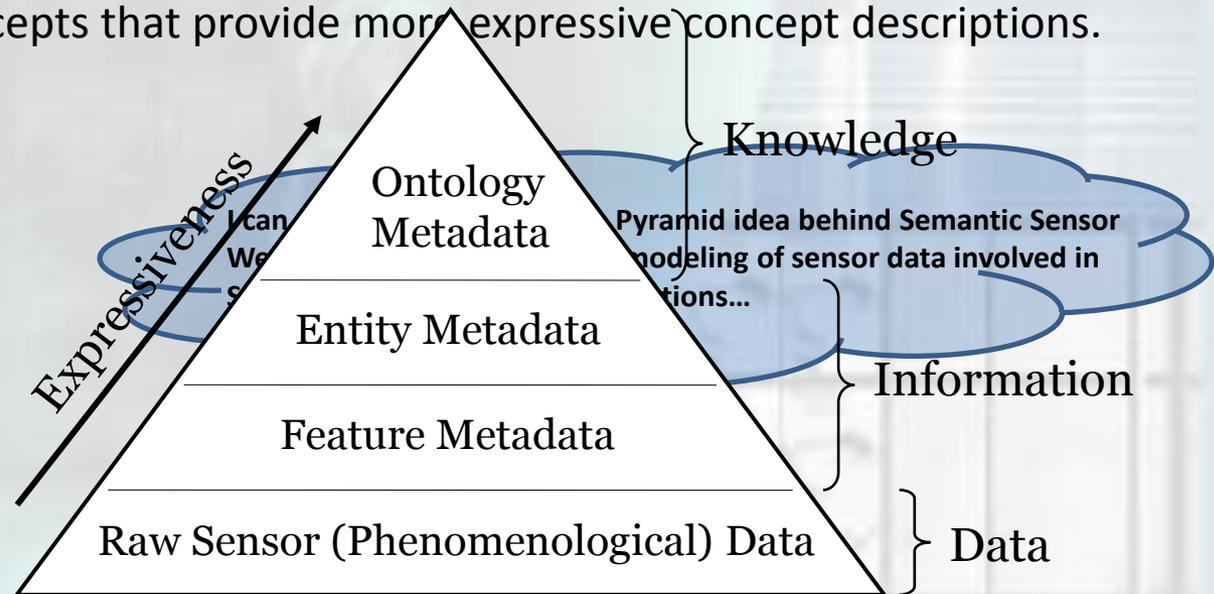


# Situation/Context Awareness and Semantic Sensor Web

## ➤ Semantic Sensor Web

- ✓ the idea is to add semantic annotations to existing standard Sensor Web languages in order to provide semantic descriptions and enhanced access to sensor data;
- ✓ this is accomplished with model-references to ontology concepts that provide more expressive concept descriptions.

## Sensor Data Pyramid



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# Ontology-based Situation Theory

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- In ST (introduced by Barwise and Perry, 1983), information about a situation is expressed in terms of infons.

- ✓ Infons are written as

$$\sigma_i \equiv \langle\langle R, a_1, \dots, a_n, \varphi \rangle\rangle$$

- To capture the semantics of situations, ST provides a relation between situations and infons.

- ✓ This relationship is called the supports relationship and relates a situation with the infons that “are made factual” by it.
- ✓ Given an infon  $\sigma$  and a situation  $s$  the proposition “ $s$  supports  $\sigma$ ” is written as

$$s \models \sigma.$$

- A formalization of Barwise’s situation semantics in terms of an ontology, with some parts using mathematics and rules, has been named STO (M. Kokar, C. J. Matheus, K. Baclawski, 2009).

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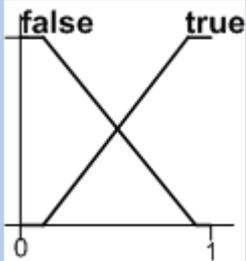
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# From a Fuzzy Extension of Situation Theory to Fuzzy Situation Theory Ontology

- I propose a fuzzy extension of semantics related to Situation Theory, namely, Fuzzy Situation Theory Ontology (FSTO).
  - ✓ FSTO meta-model for SA can evolve in a natural way towards the approximation and uncertainty modeling.

Thus, in my interpretation, the polarity of an *infor*  $\sigma_i$  supporting a situation  $S_j$  can be one of the terms defining a linguistic variable expressing *infor*'s truth. For instance, let us say



$(\text{InforTruth}, \mathfrak{S}(G), [0..1], G, M)$

- $G$  is the grammar generating terms in  $\mathfrak{S}(G)$
- $M$  is the semantic rule which associates each linguistic value with its meaning.

The definition of the context free grammar  $G$  involves  $(\text{true}, \text{false})$  as primary terms, a finite number of hedges (*more of less, quite, really, ...*) whose evaluation in  $M$  is performed by means of concentration and dilation, the connectives *and* and *or*, and the negation *not*.

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As a result, an infon  $\sigma_i$  supporting a situation  $s_j$  is written as:

$$\sigma_{i,s_j} \equiv \langle\langle R_i, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \tau_{\sigma_{i,s_j}} \rangle\rangle \text{ with } \tau_{\sigma_{i,s_j}} \in \mathfrak{S}(G)$$

stating that  $R_i(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is  $\tau_{\sigma_{i,s_j}}$  in  $s_j$ .

By adopting this modeling approach, the semantic of *support* proposition  $\models$  can be stated as

$$s_j \models_{ext} \{\sigma_{i,s_j}\} \Leftrightarrow \forall i : R_i(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \text{ is } \tau_{\sigma_{i,s_j}}$$

This interpretation lead us to define a modeled situation occurrence as the evaluation of a corresponding fuzzy control rule:

$$\text{IF } R_1(a_{1,1}, a_{1,2}, \dots, a_{1,n_1}) \text{ is } \tau_{\sigma_{1,s_j}}$$

AND ...

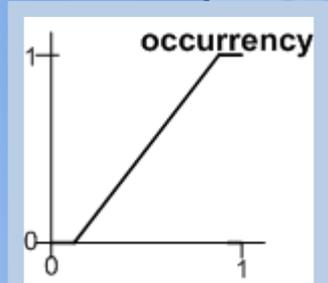
$$\text{AND } R_i(a_{i,1}, a_{i,2}, \dots, a_{i,n_i}) \text{ is } \tau_{\sigma_{i,s_j}} \text{ THEN}$$

$s_j$  is occurring

otherwise formalized as:

$$\mu_{occ}(s_j) = \bigwedge_i \mu_{\tau_{\sigma_{i,s_j}}}[R_i(a_{i,1}, a_{i,2}, \dots, a_{i,n_i})]$$

where  $\bigwedge$  is a suitable t-norm operator and *Occurrency* is a fuzzy set.



# SPARQL

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- SPARQL (pronounced “sparkle”, a recursive acronym for SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language) is an RDF query language, that is, a query language for databases, able to retrieve and manipulate data stored in Resource Description Framework format.

- ✓ Querying RDF Graph
- ✓ Set of triples



- ❖ SPARQL syntax is similar to SQL
  - SPARQL allows users to write unambiguous queries

## SPARQL QUERY

```
PREFIX cd: <http://example.org/cd/>
SELECT ?title ?year
FROM <http://cd.com/listacd.ttl>
WHERE {
    ?title cd:year ?year.
    FILTER (?year > 2000).
}
```

# f-SPARQL

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query  
f-SPARQL



result  
transformation

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```
#top-k FQ# WITH 10
FCL service:<./fcl/service.fcl>
SELECT ?individual ?evaluation ?Fqscore
FROM <file:./ontology/service.rdf>
WHERE {
  ?individual<http://www.corisa.it/service#evaluation>
  ?evaluation WITH 1.
  FILTER ( ?evaluation > sevice:evaluation:good WITH 0.5 ).
}
```

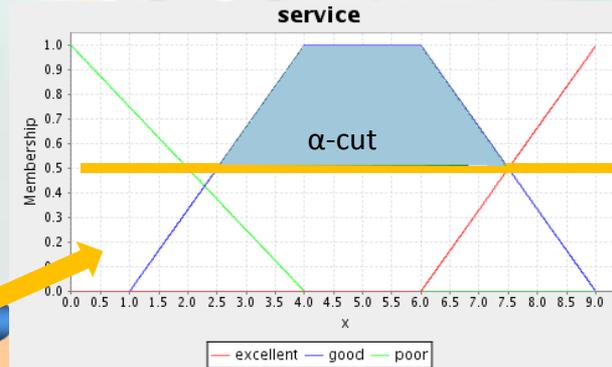
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```
SELECT ?individual ?evaluation ?Fqscore
FROM <file:./ontology/service.rdf>
WHERE {
  ?individual<http://www.corisa.it/service#evaluation> ?evaluation .
  FILTER (( ?evaluation > 2.5 ) && ( ?evaluation < 7.5)).
}
```



f-SPARQL extension

**Fuzzy Clustering and Classification of Ontology Concept Instances**

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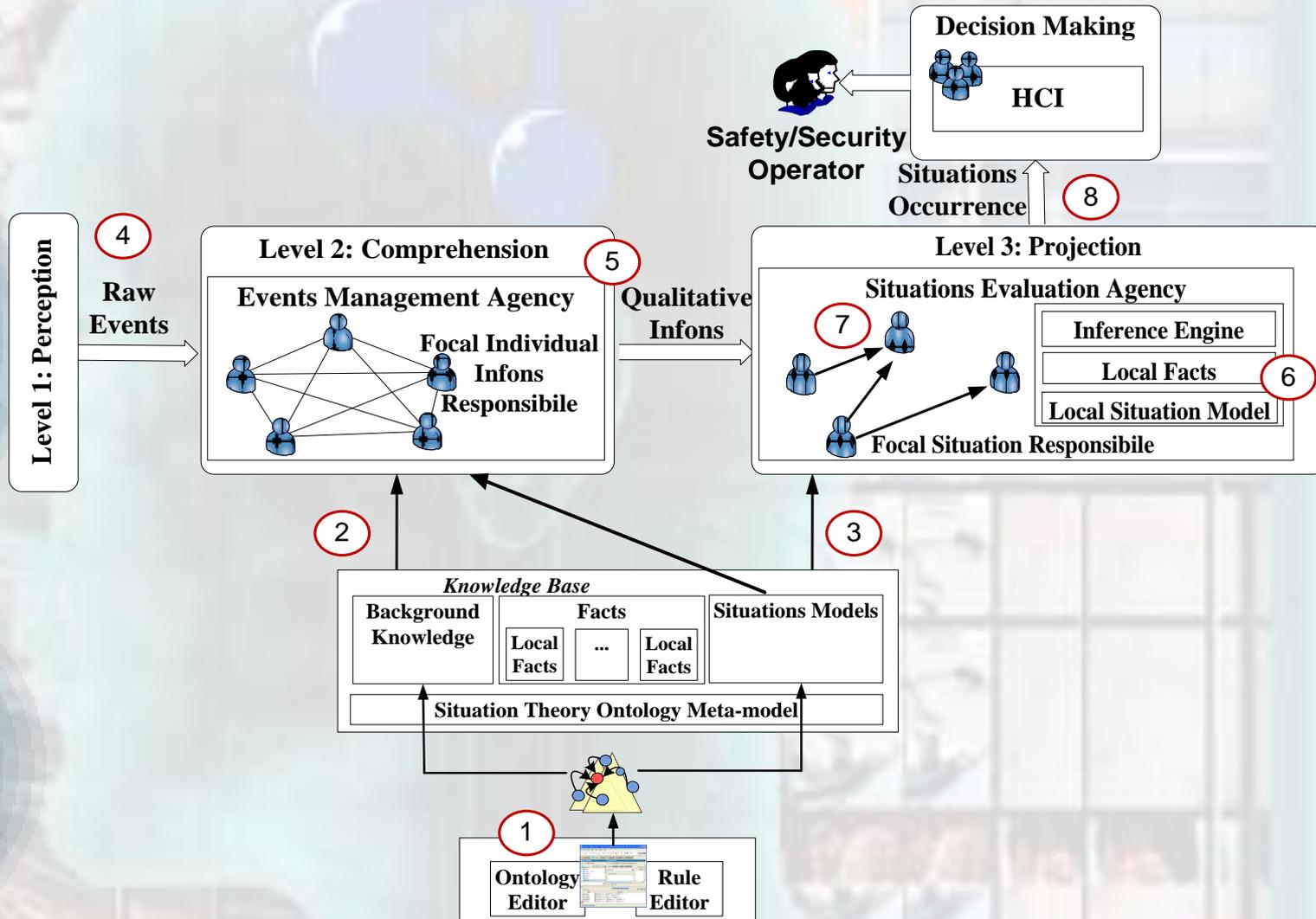
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# Situation Awareness and Airport Security

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- New types of threats (terrorism, organized crime, etc.) can make risky the normal conduction of airport operations.
- So, it is necessary to achieve a common enhanced situation awareness involving:
  - ✓ Relevant data sharing;
  - ✓ Qualitative data sharing;
  - ✓ Collaborative decisions.
- **Specific Goal:**
  - ✓ support security operators in the detection of critical situations in the internal areas of the airport;
    - Intelligent Decision Support System;
    - **CoMSA.**

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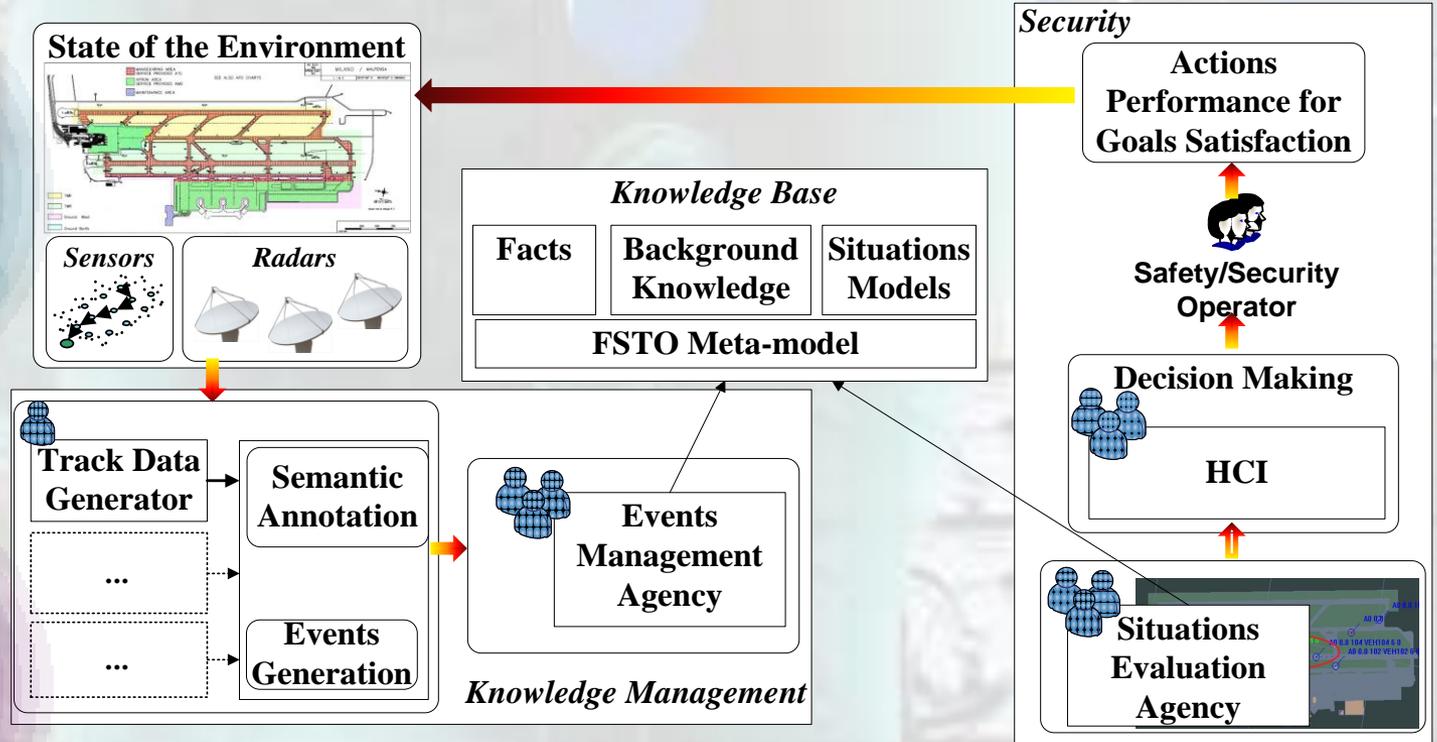
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# Simulation Results

## ➤ SIMULATOR: ASAS (Airport Security Agents System)

Test Case	No. Sweep Radar	Duration (min.)	Max No. Traces	No. Anomalies and Conflicts
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Operator GUI Console

```
1-19T22:58:45]Potentially Danger Situation 3 is occurring: potential conflict involving 153 and 145 at EM_35L on 35L is occurring

1-19T22:58:45]No more asserted that Potentially Danger Situation 3 is occurring: potential conflict involving 153 and 145 at EM_35L on 35L is occurring
```

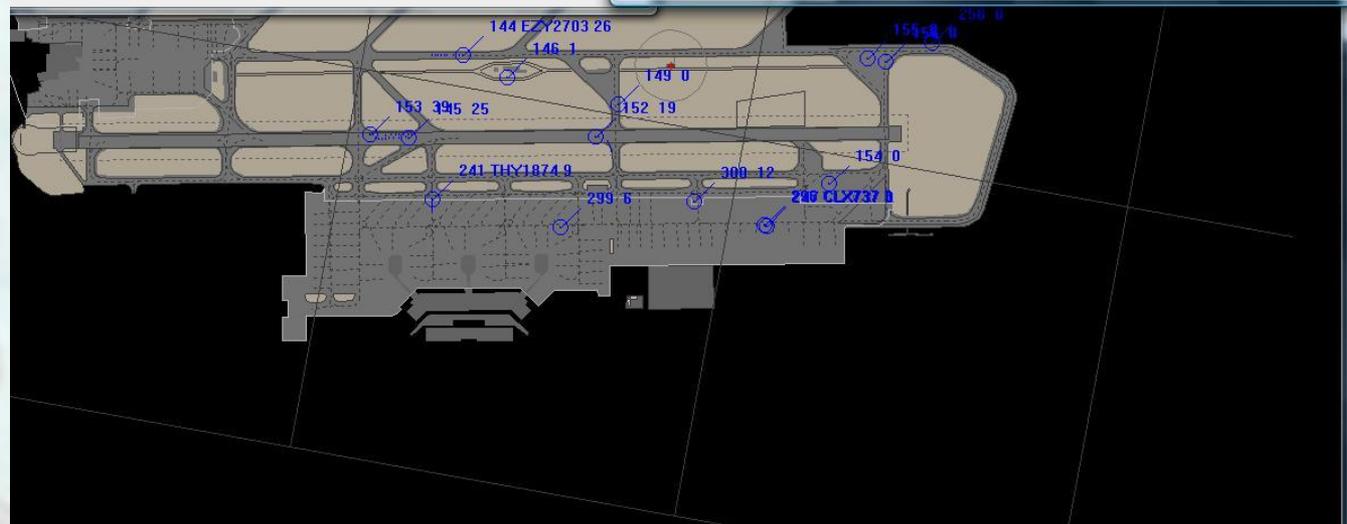
Exit

apt-saw-rma@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE - JADE Remote Agent Management GUI

File Actions Tools Remote Platforms Help

- APT-MAS-KNOWLEDGE-MANAGEMENT-CONTAINER
  - 35LEventsMonitor@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE
  - BA\_35LEventsMonitor@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE
  - BE\_35LEventsMonitor@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE
  - BW\_35LEventsMonitor@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE
  - CONTROL\_TOWEREventsMonitor@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE
  - DE\_35LEventsMonitor@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE
  - DM\_35LEventsMonitor@PC-JDOM:21099/JADE

name	address	state	owner
NAME	ADD...	STATE	OWN



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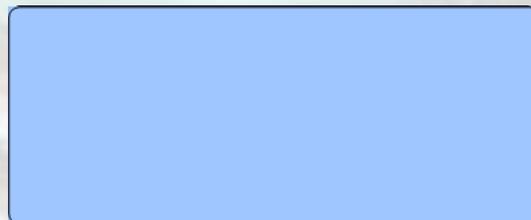
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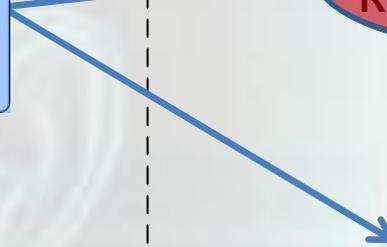
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Knowledge Representation

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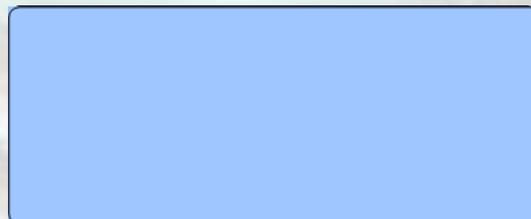


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# SbESA

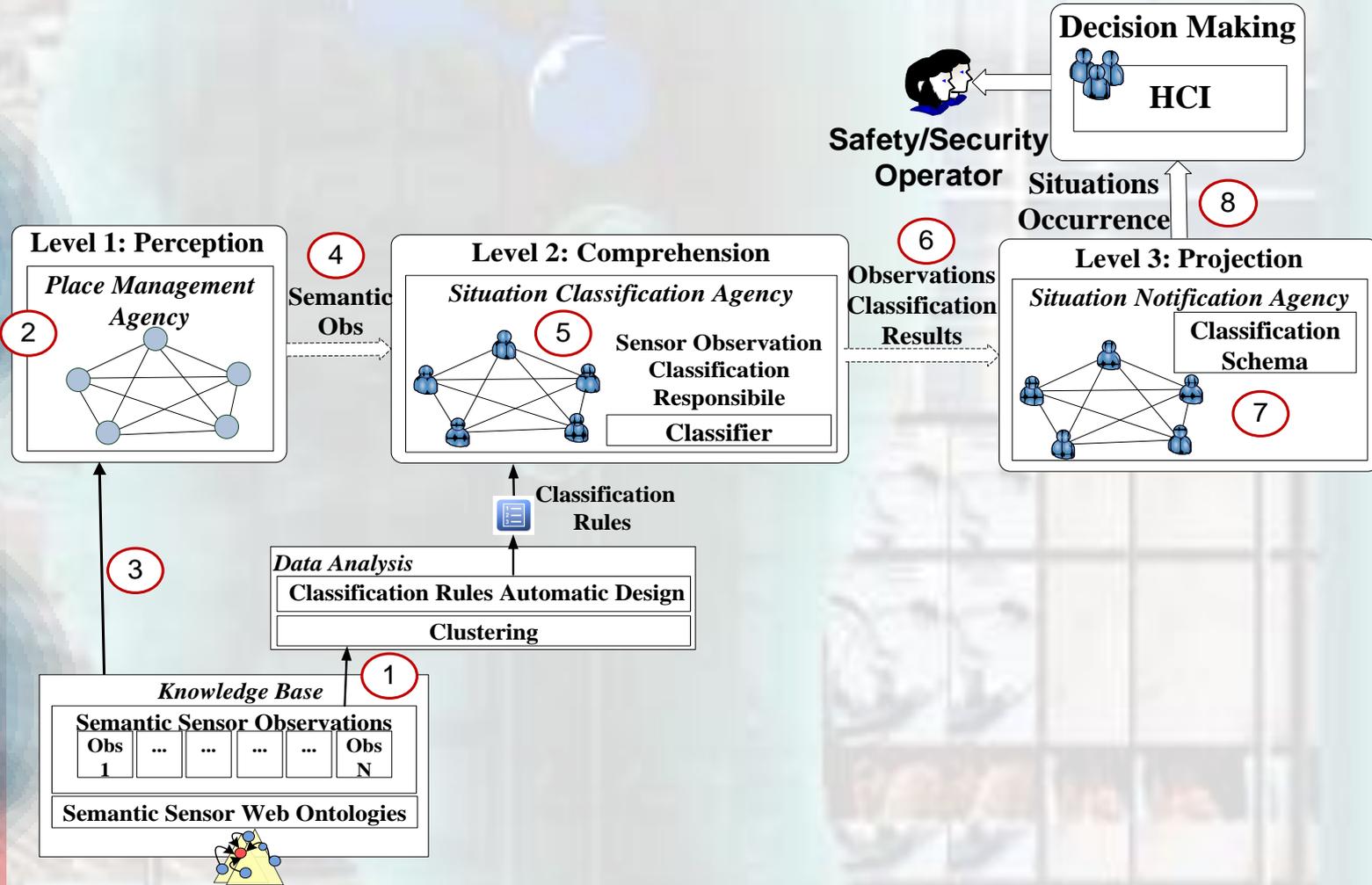
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- Smart Grids paradigm is expected to support the evolution of traditional electrical power systems.
- In particular, the constant growth of grid complexity and the need for supporting rapid decisions require paradigms:
  - ✓ more scalable and flexible;
  - ✓ proactive;
  - ✓ self-healing.
  
- **Specific Goal:**
  - ✓ support the evolution of traditional electrical power systems toward web energy networks composed by distributed and cooperative energy resources;
    - A situation aware distributed and cooperative monitoring system.
    - **SbESA.**

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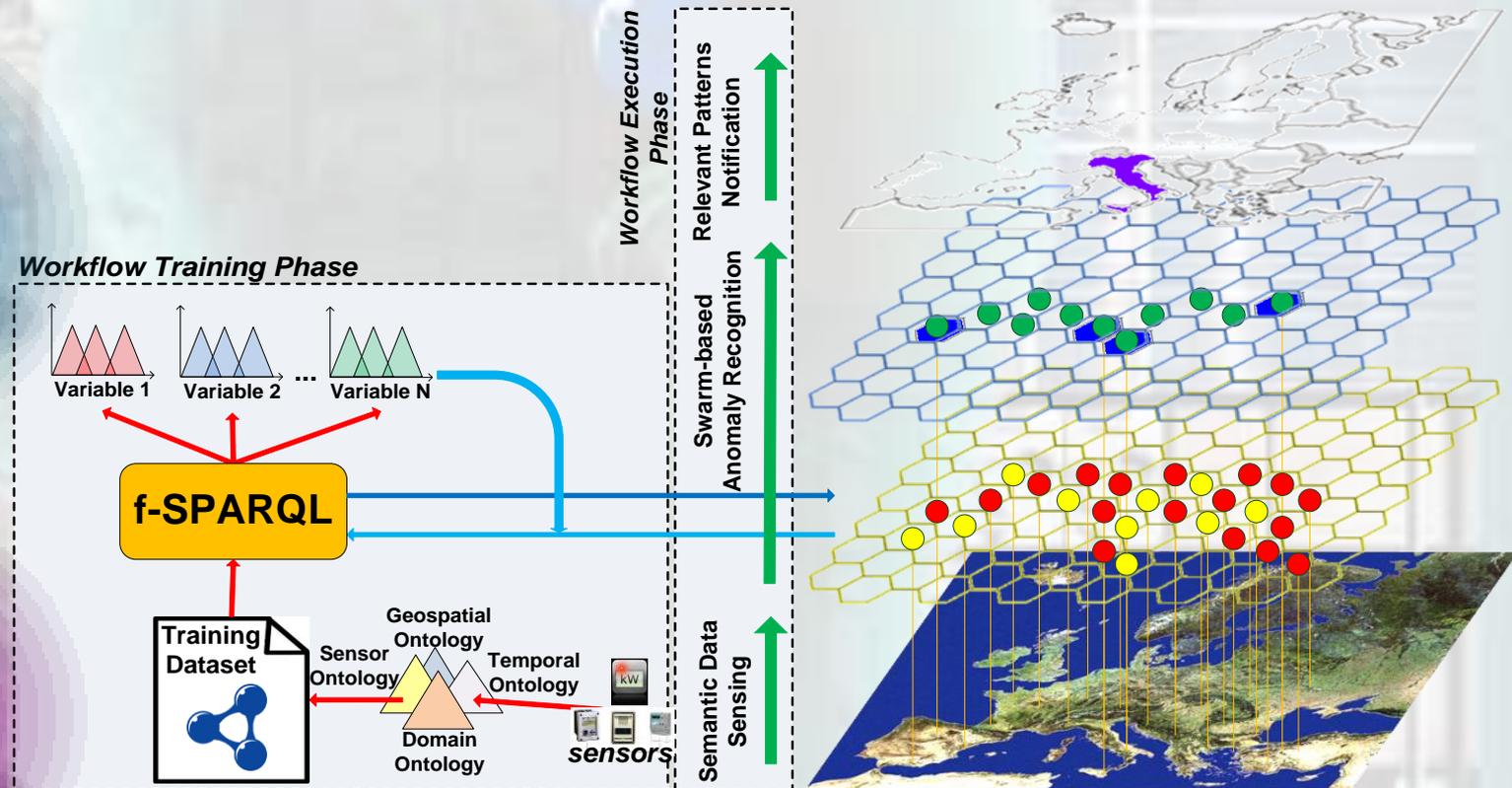
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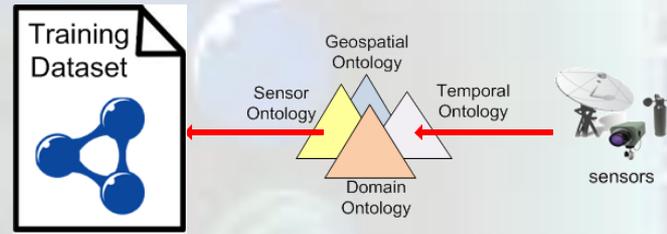
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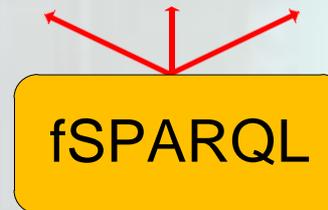
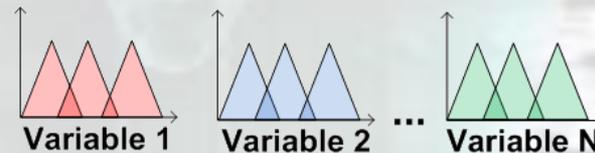
# Workflow Training Phase

## ➤ Building of training dataset



## ➤ Clustering of sensor observations

- identification of events that may occur in the system



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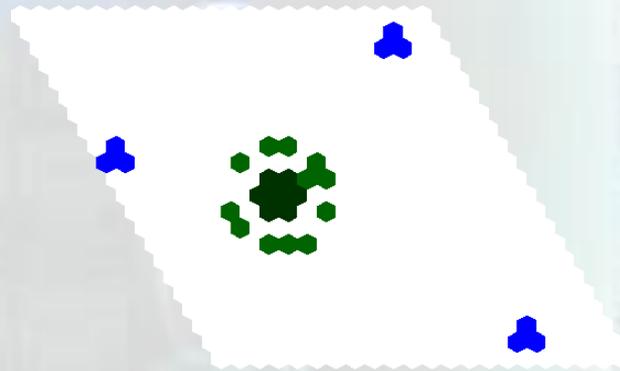
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# Workflow Execution Phase

- Swarm behavior exploiting ant foraging metaphor



- It foresees the employment of four populations of agents

## Legend

- **Finder Agents**
- **Detector Agents**
- **Classifier Agents**
- ⬡ **Place Agents**

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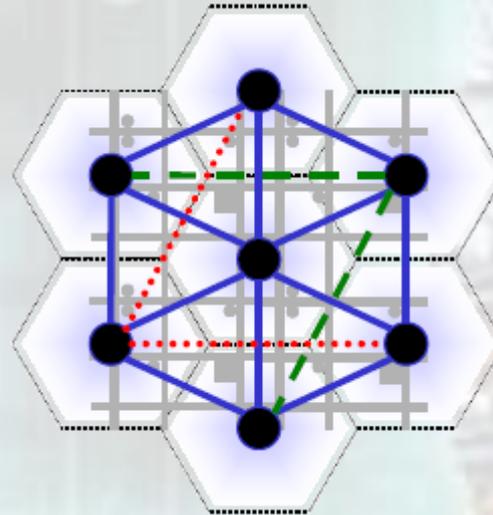
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# Workflow Execution Phase – Place Agents

- These agents provide infrastructure services in order to manage the pheromone properties (such as concentration, evaporation, and propagation) on each node of the network.
- They also implement pheromone's logics as well as operations of data sensing.
- Moreover, they provide topological information and manage the interactions between neighboring agents.



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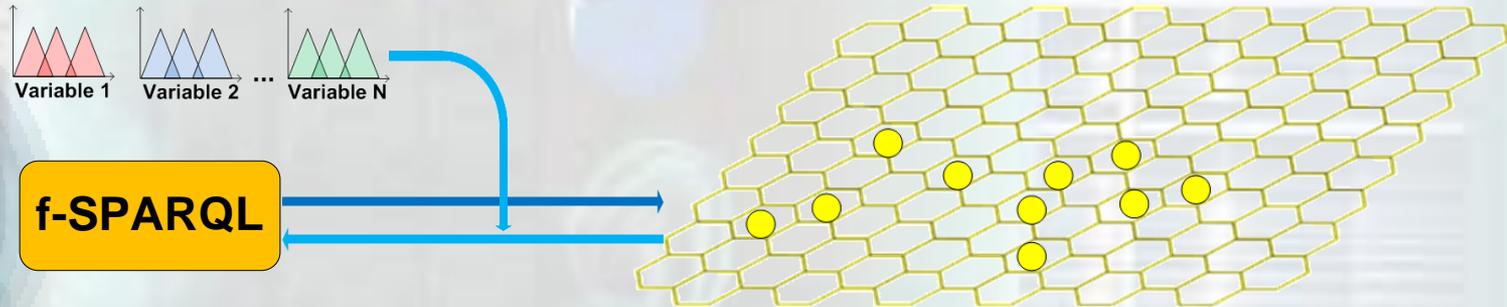
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# Workflow Execution Phase – Finder Agents

- These agents move in the environment in a totally random way, trying to estimate clusters density, which can be interpreted as a measure of not anomaly for clusters.



- Each Finder Agent maintains a vector with as many cells as clusters;

	Vector		Cell Data		New Vector
Cluster1	15	+	0.1	=	15.1
Cluster2	18		0.3		18.3
Cluster3	1		0.6		1.6

- Then, Finder Agents on the same cell will periodically exchange among themselves the information contained in their arrays, with the aim to refine the search.

	Vector FA <sub>A</sub>		Vector FA <sub>B</sub>		Vector FA <sub>A</sub> & FA <sub>B</sub>
Cluster1	15.1	→	10		12.55
Cluster2	18.3		10		14.15
Cluster3	1.6		1		1.3

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# Workflow Execution Phase – Detector Agents

- These agents cooperate in a stigmergic way (i.e. through the release of pheromone) and their aim is to identify local anomalies;
  - ✓ Detector Agents, on their side, firstly contact a Finder Agent present in the same place in order to get the density vector.

$$densitydegree_{cluster\ r_i} = \frac{density_{cluster\ i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n density_{cluster\ j}} \quad anomalydegree_{cluster\ r_i} = \max_{0 \leq j \leq n} \left\{ densitydegree_{cluster\ r_j} \right\} - \left\{ densitydegree_{cluster\ r_i} \right\}$$

	FA Vector
Cluster1	12.55
Cluster2	14.15
Cluster3	1.6

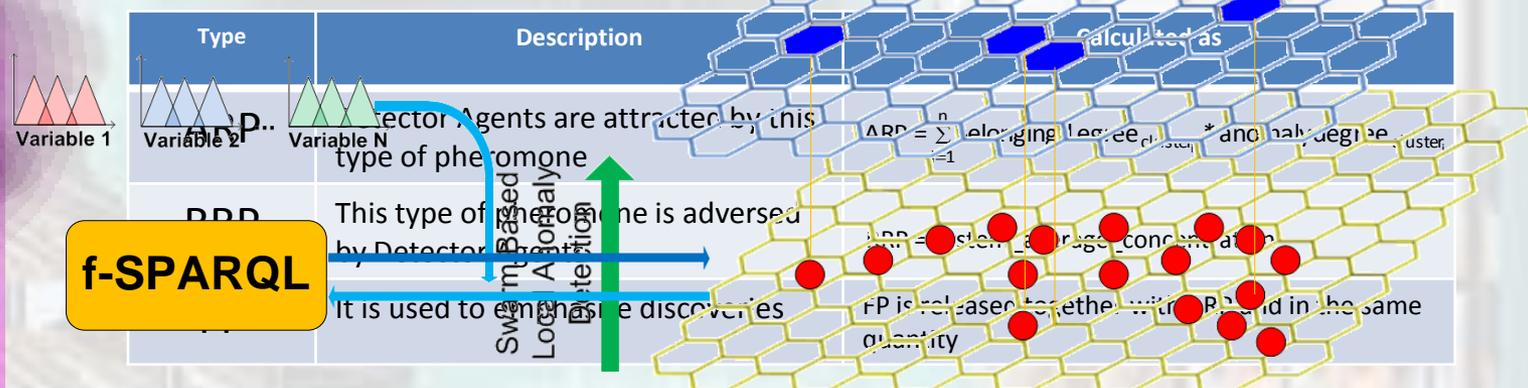


	DA Density Vector
	0.45
	0.5
	0.05



	DA Anomalies Vector
	0.05
	0
	0.45

- The release of pheromone by Detector Agents depends on the previously calculated anomaly vector. In particular, an Agent Detector will drop three types of pheromone:



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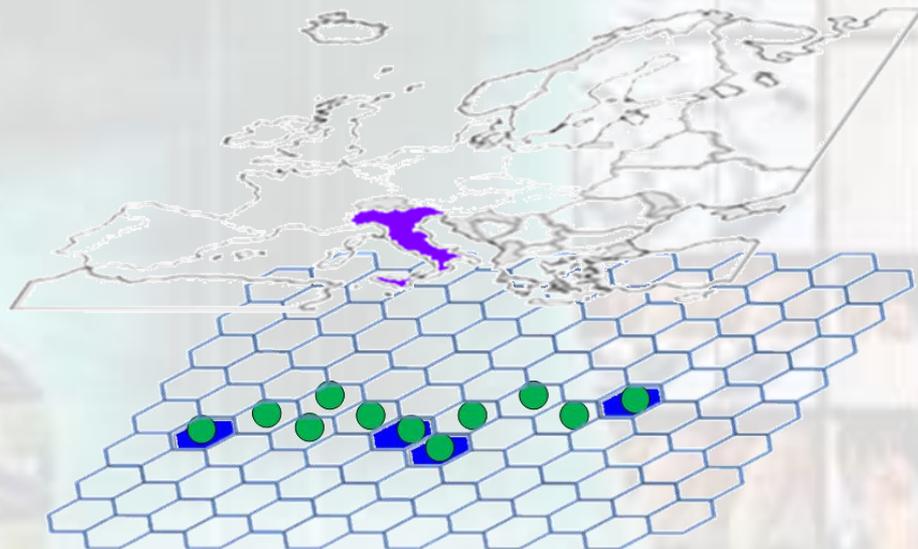
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- They classify anomaly sensor observations detected in the previous phase highlighting the most important ones.
  - ✓ They release Classification Pheromone (CP), which spreads and evaporates slowly.
  - ✓ The population of Classifier Agents moves into the environment following FP trails released by Detector Agents and according to their classification scheme, which can be local or distributed.
- The concentration of CP, released on the nodes, will depend on both the concentration of FP and the confidence that the Classifier Agents have in having found a pattern;
  - ✓ confidence increases as its classification scheme proves to be exact.

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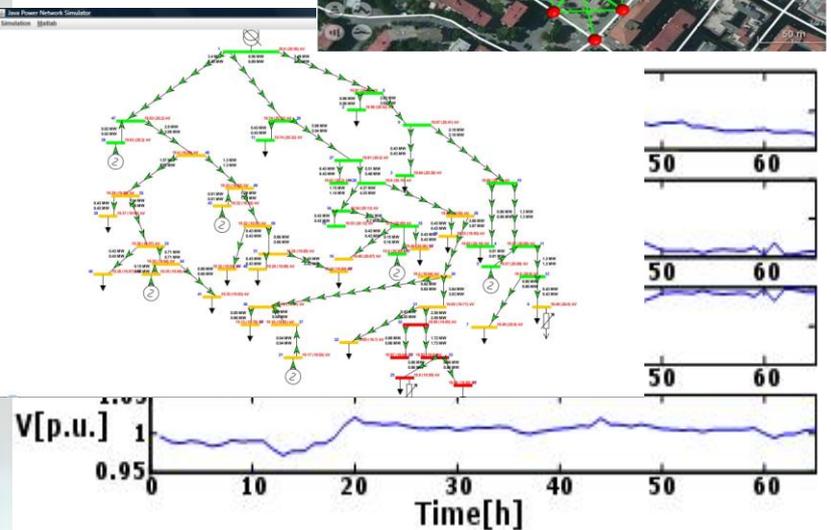
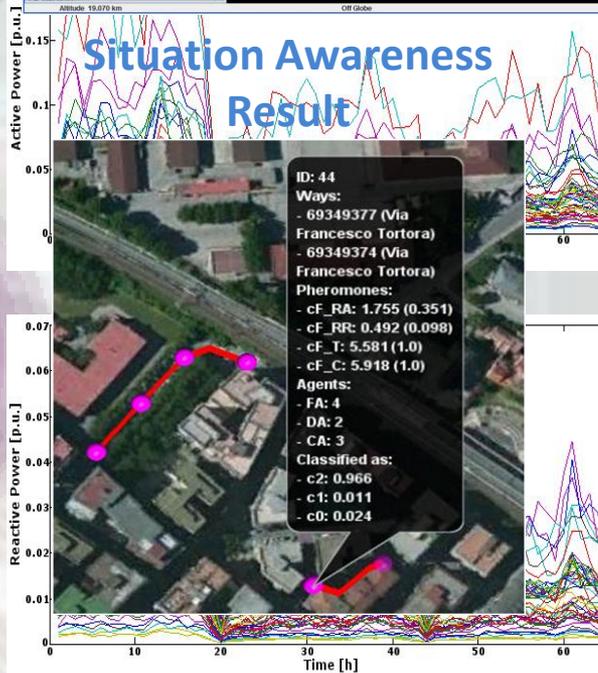
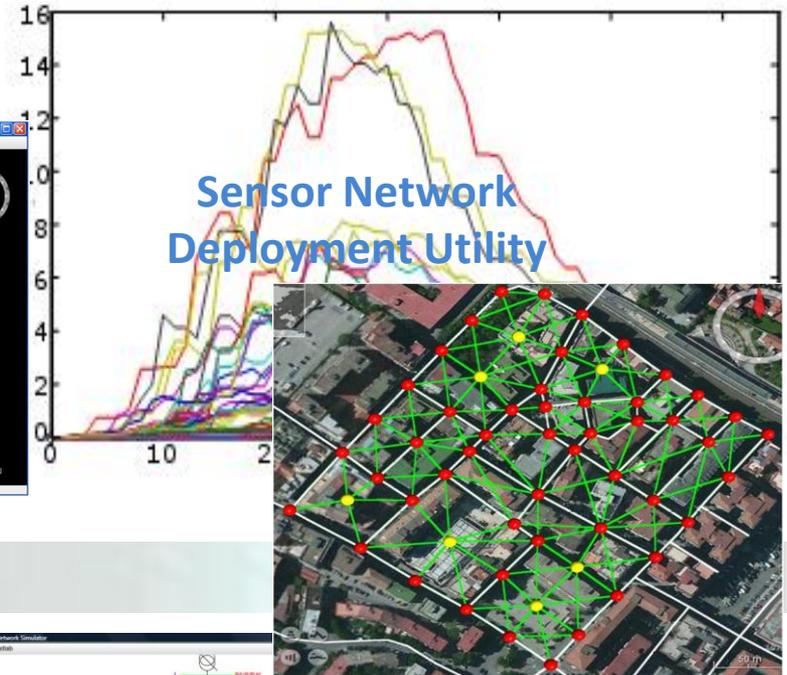
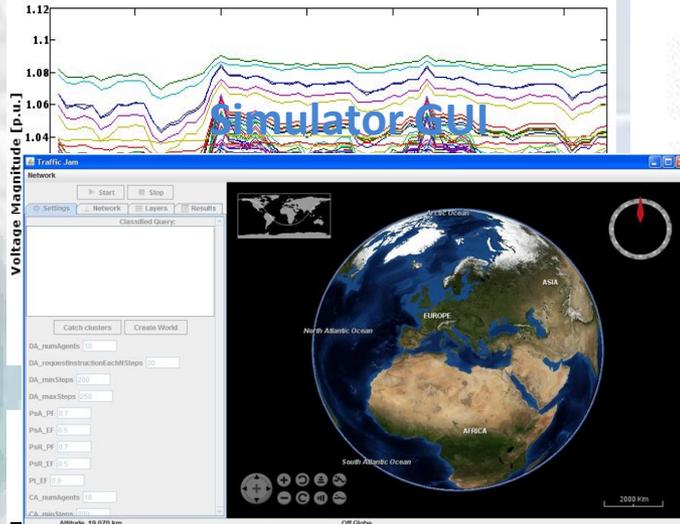
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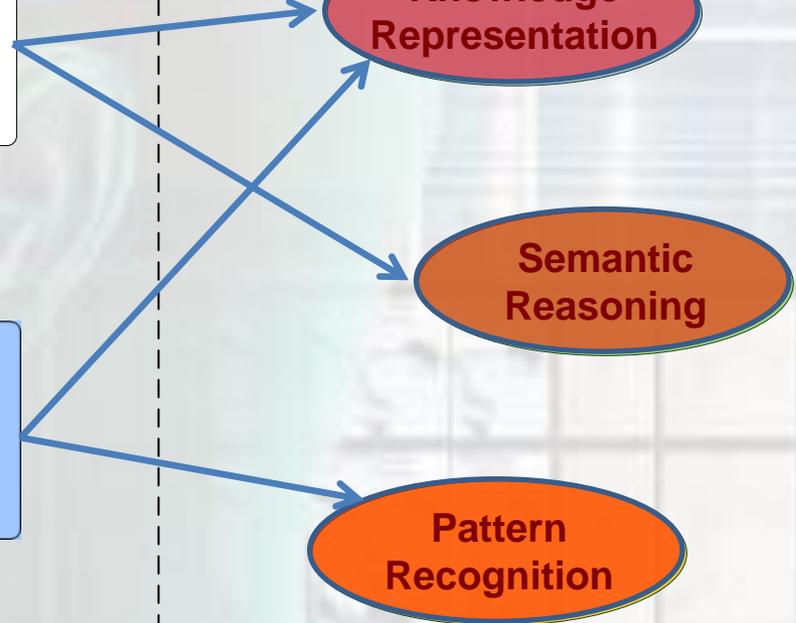
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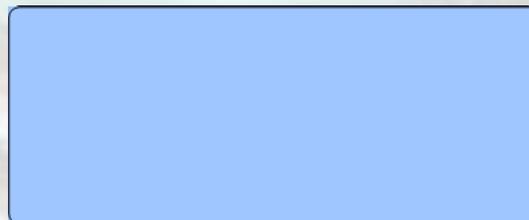
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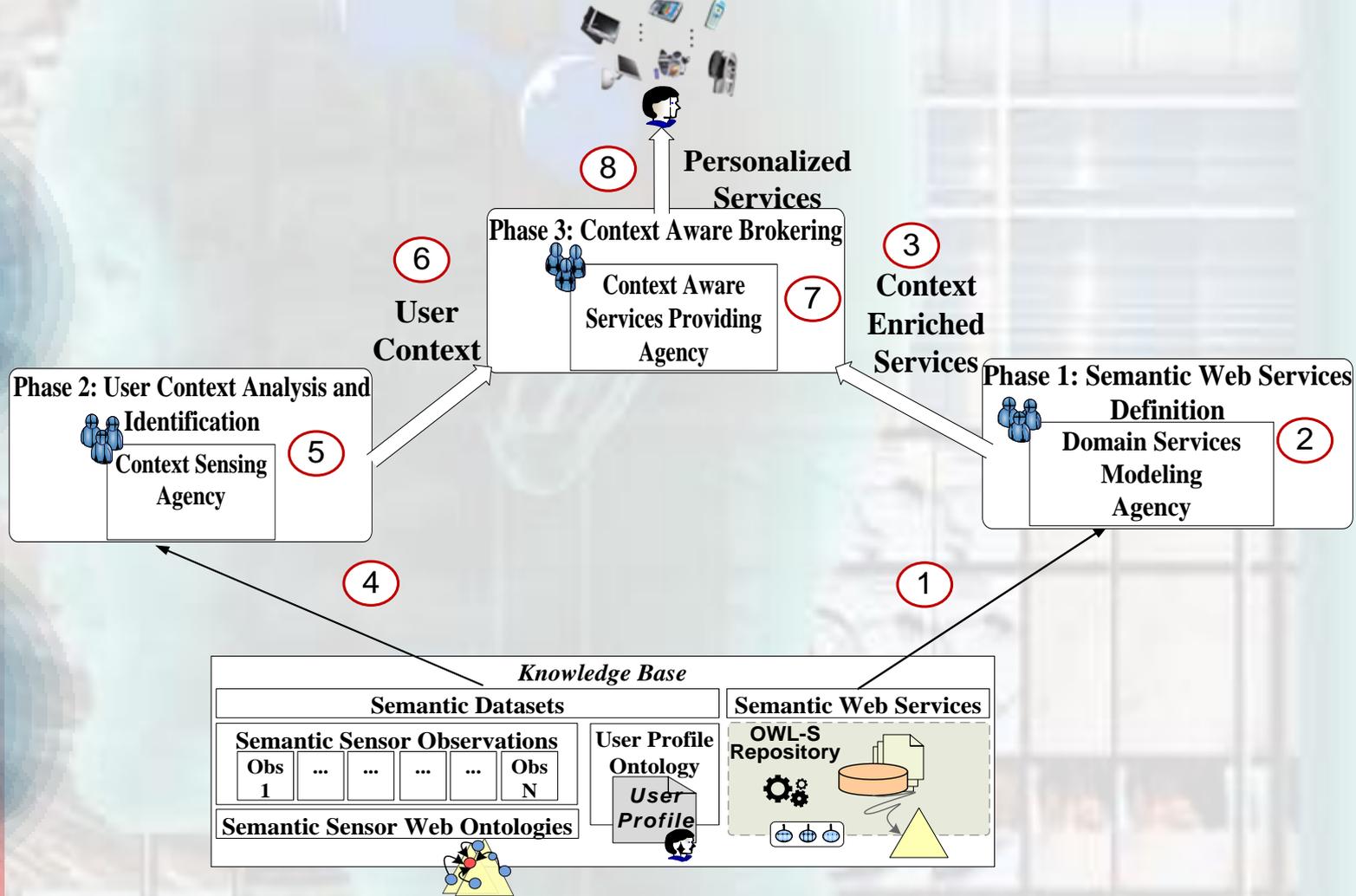
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- The rapid worldwide deployment of Internet and sensor technologies is the enabler of a new generation of healthcare applications;
  - One of the main problems in this domain is the healthcare personalization;
  - To achieve healthcare personalization, factors such as individual's lifestyle, surrounding situations, device capabilities, event of happenings, etc., should be taken into account.
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- **Specific Goal:**
    - ✓ support the personalized providing of healthcare services by exploiting user's context information.
      - An Enhanced Context-Aware System for the personalized providing of Healthcare Services;
      - **CAPSD.**

# Architectural Overview

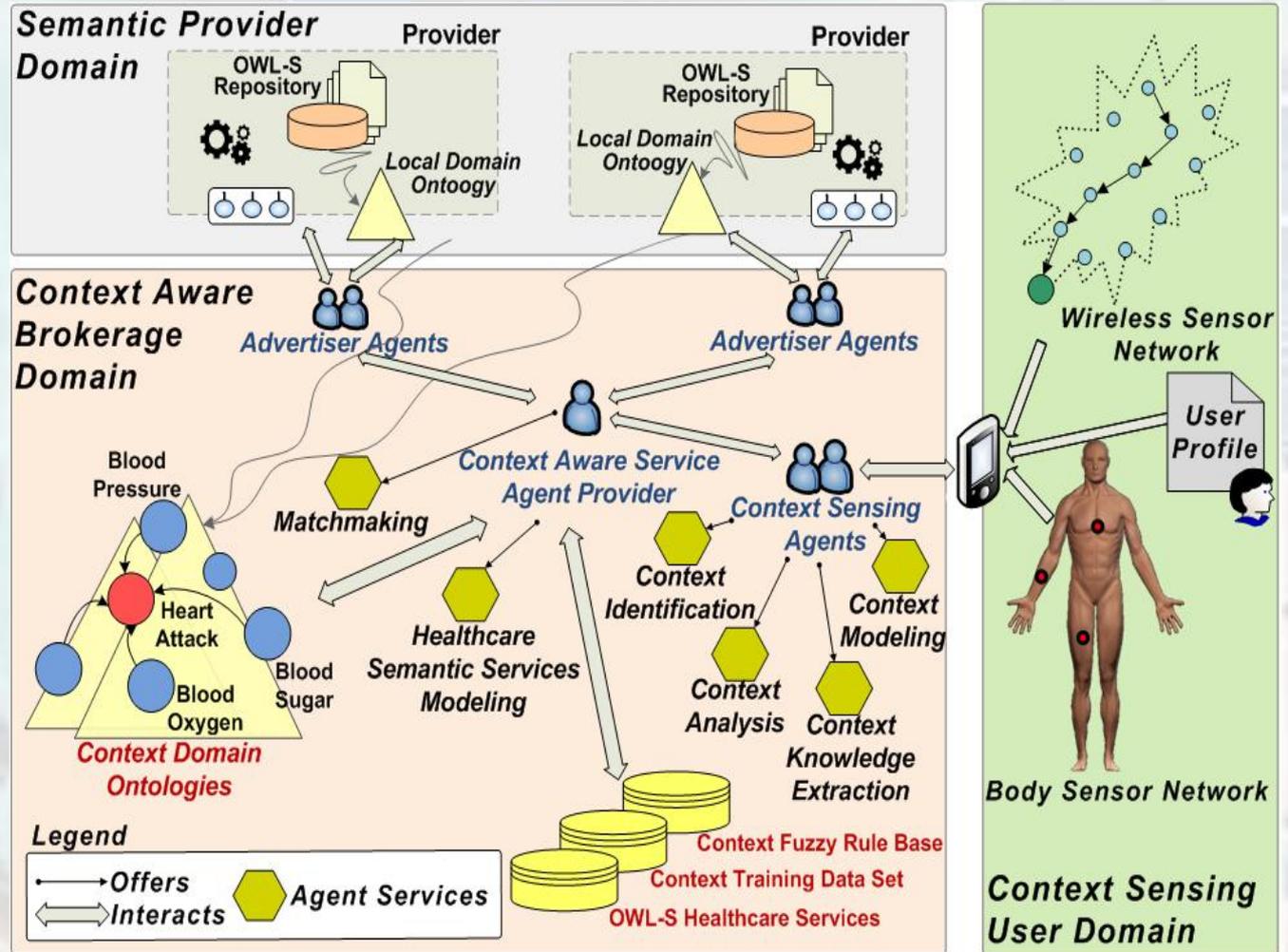
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# Context Sensing Agents Workflow

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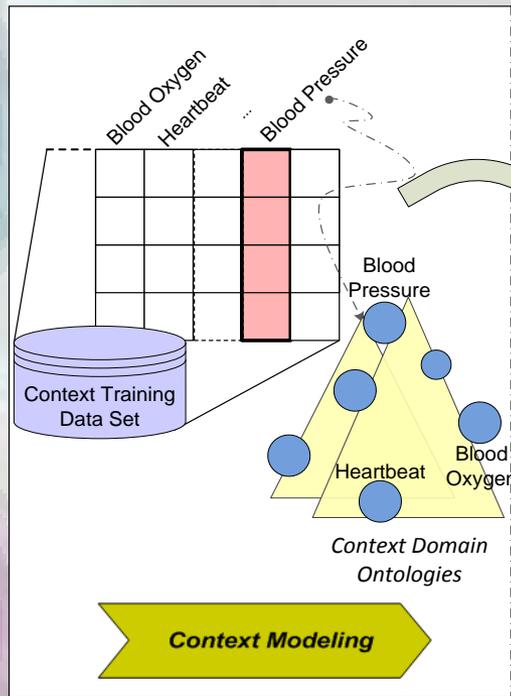
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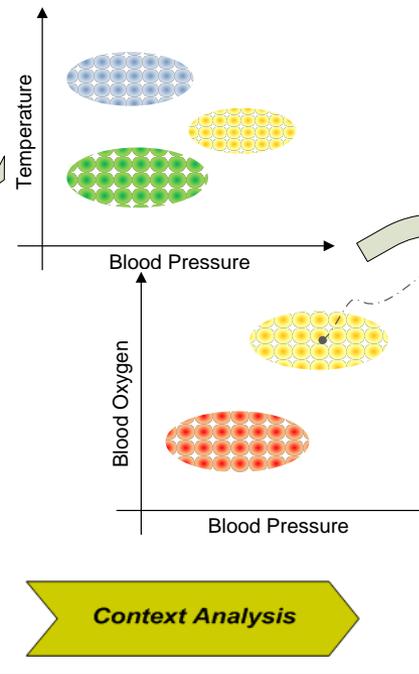
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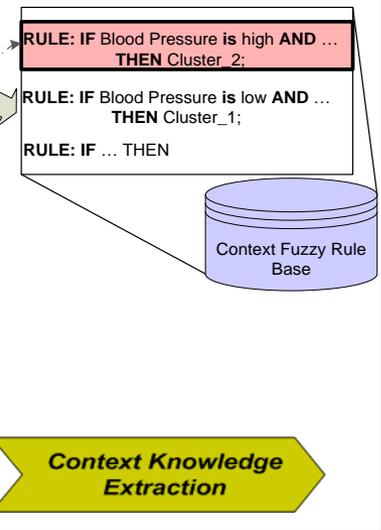
## Features Selection



## Fuzzy Clustering Execution



## Fuzzy Classifier Design



## Context Training Phase

# Context/Service Matchmaking Workflow

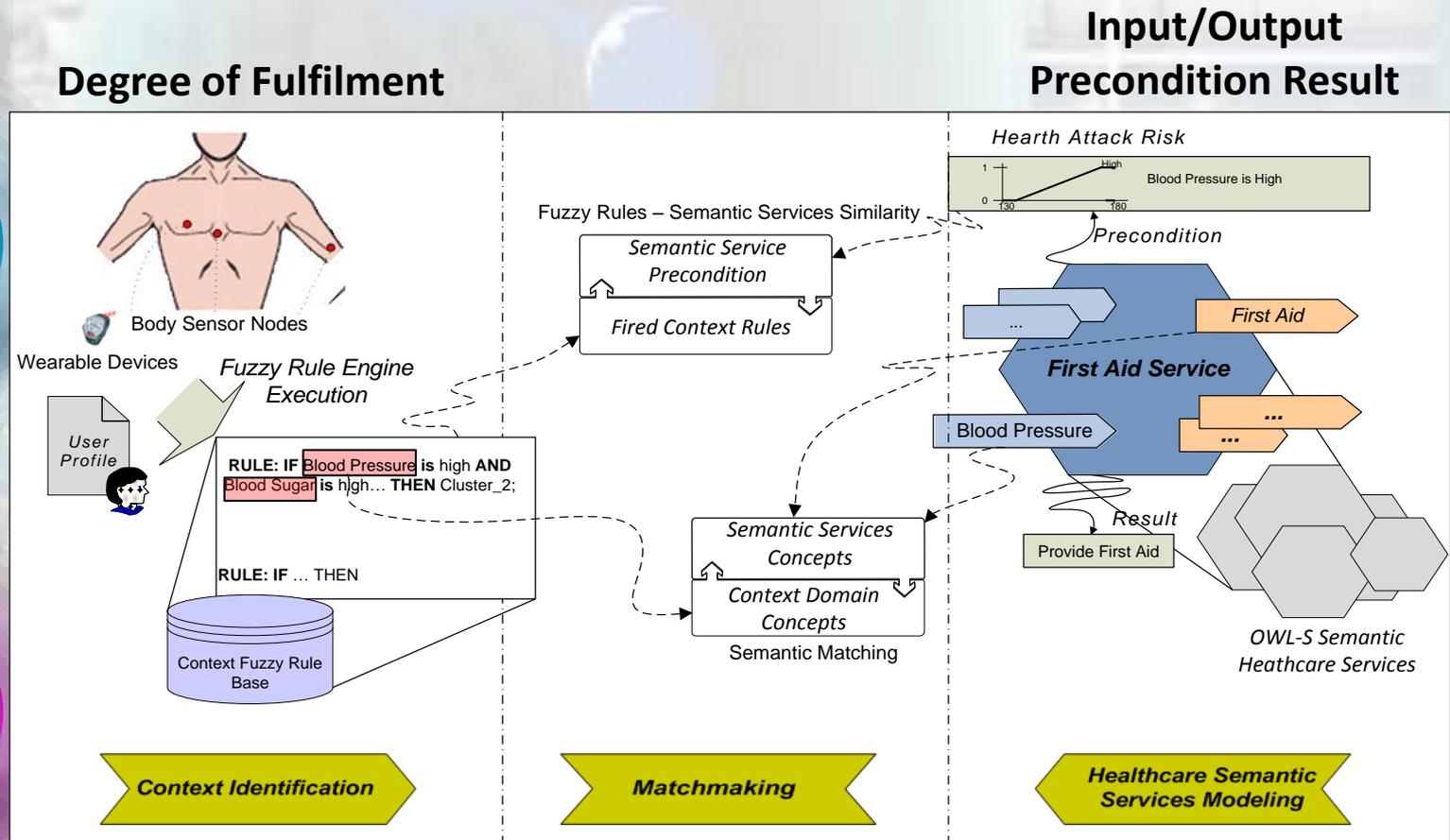
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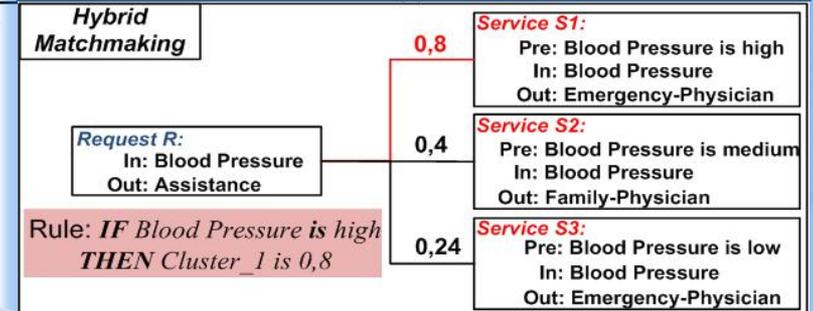
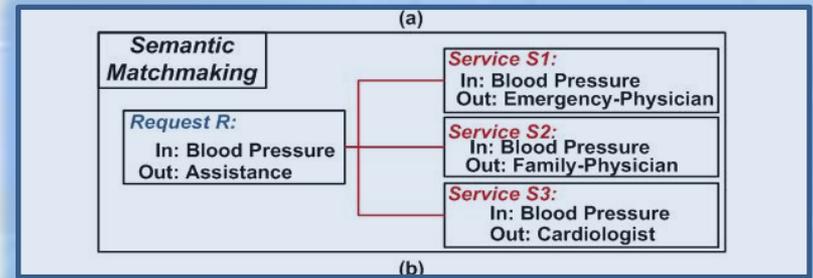
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## Context-Aware Service Discovery Phase

# Context/Service Matchmaking

- The pseudo-code of matchmaking algorithm is the following:



Input:

- *Fuzzy Rules (FR)*;
- *Semantic Web Services (SWS)*;

Output:

- *Ranked list of services*;

for each rule  $r_i$  in FR

for each antecedent  $a_h$  in  $r_i$

for each  $s_{w_j}$  in SWS

evaluate  $\text{deg}_{\text{MATCH}}(s_{w_j})$

for each  $s_{w_j}$  in SWS

evaluate average degree of  $\text{deg}_{\text{MATCH}}(s_{w_j})$

return Ranked list of services according to the average of  $\text{deg}_{\text{MATCH}}$  evaluated on each rule of FR.

$$\text{deg}_{\text{MATCH}}(SWS_f) = \max_i \left\{ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n S(A_j, B_j)}{n} \cdot \mu_i(x) \right\}$$

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# Simulation Results

## Web Application PC

## Web Application Smartphone

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Medical Care Services Data Set

Relevant Services

300
28
37
45
56
64
70

Healthcare Services

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## Approaches

### CoMSA Approach

#### Key elements



Semantic Sensor Web

Fuzzy Situation Theory Ontology



Multi Agent Paradigm

### SbESA Approach

#### Key elements



Semantic Sensor Web

Fuzzy Clustering & Classification



Multi Agent Paradigm

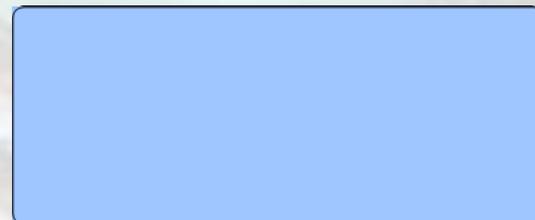
## Research Objectives

Knowledge Representation

Semantic Reasoning

Pattern Recognition

Information Retrieval



# Final Remarks

➤ This research work analyzes and addresses the main issues in the fields of **Situation** and **Context Awareness**.

➤ As result, this work proposes to combine technologies deriving from **Semantic Web** and techniques of **Computational Intelligence** in order to overcome these challenges and meet research objectives:

- ✓ Knowledge Representation;
- ✓ Semantic Reasoning;
- ✓ Pattern Recognition;
- ✓ Information Retrieval.

➤ The **main contributions** of this research work concern with:

- ✓ the exploitation of sensor ontologies to support the acquisition and aggregation of dynamic environmental information from the field (i.e. sensors, cameras, etc.);
- ✓ the definition of formal approaches to knowledge representation (i.e. situations, contexts, concepts, relations, etc.);
- ✓ the definition of formal approaches to knowledge processing (i.e. reasoning, classification, extraction, retrieval, recognition, discovery, etc.);
- ✓ the definition of multi-agents architectures capable to efficiently support the modeling and processing of a large amount of knowledge.

➤ **Future works** are going to focus on:

- ✓ Semantic Modeling of Fuzzy Control;
- ✓ Temporal Issues;
- ✓ Automatically Ontology Elicitation;
- ✓ Semantic Query Editing;
- ✓ Extension to other Application Domains;
- ✓ More Experiments.

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