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An Ontology for Generic Wireless Authentication Data

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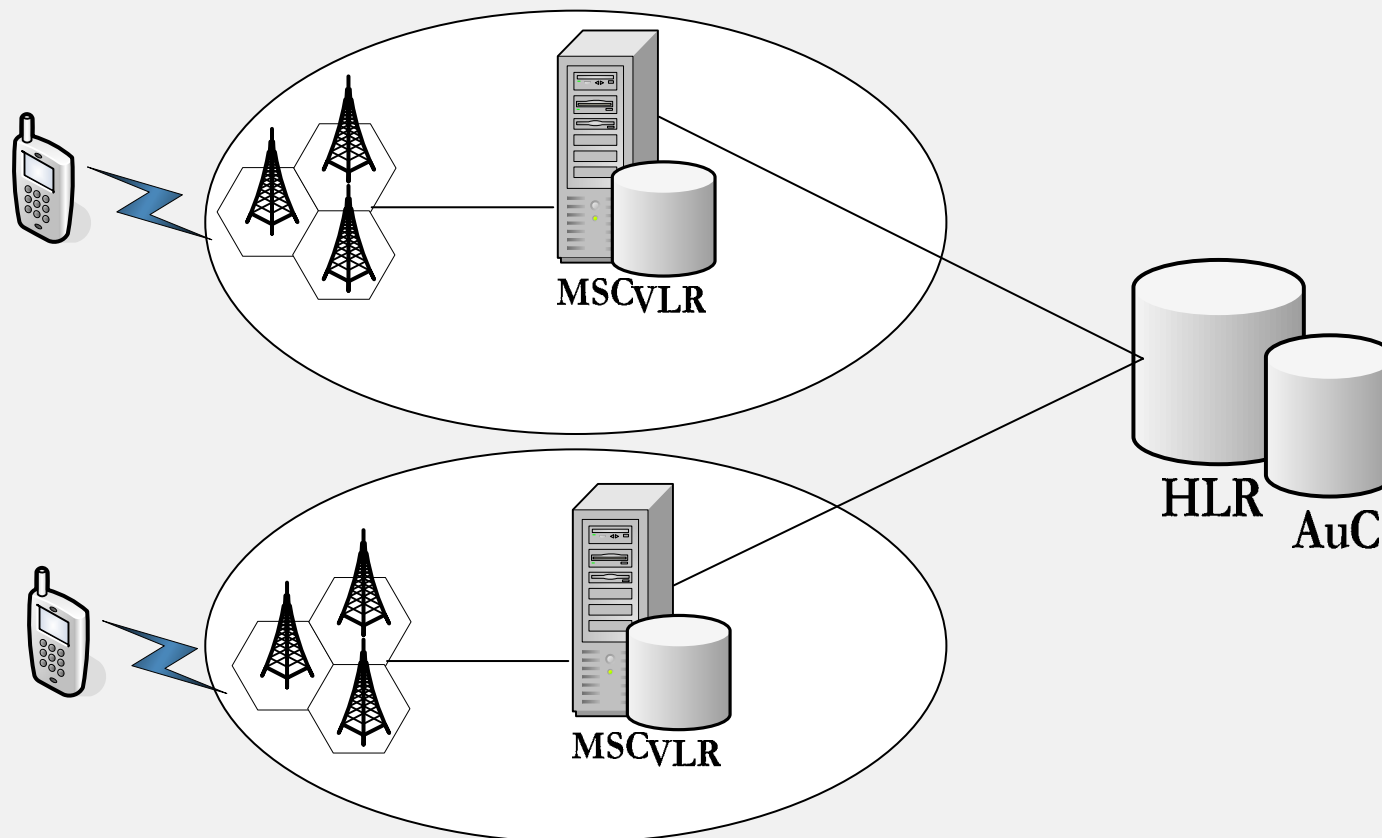
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Outline

- Introduction to the GSM Network
- Restructuring of the Wireless Telecommunication Networks
- GSM, UMTS, WLAN Authentication
- Overview of our Ontology
- Future data integration
- Conclusions

The GSM Network

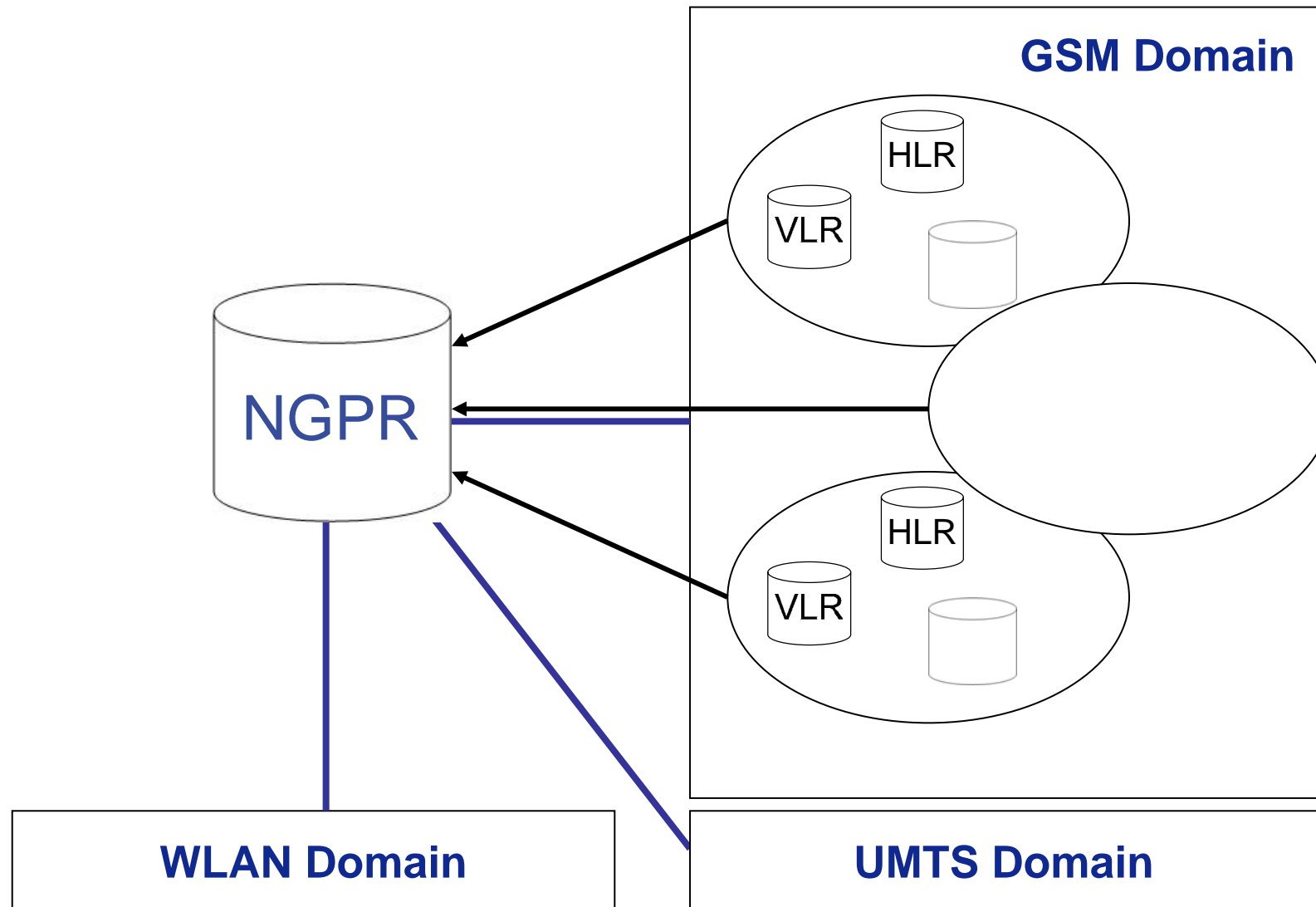
- Each area owns the main GSM subscriber database (HLR)
- Subscriber data is distributed all over a network (country)
- Services/applications have to be deployed for each area



Problems of Wireless Telecom. Providers

- Distributed subscriber profiles
- Distributed applications and data
- No complete subscriber profile
- Various local applications (e.g. billing, CRM) for one user
- Closed mobile networks (difficult integration of Third Party applications)
- Vendor dependent network nodes
- Long installation/deployment time for new services
- → Complex and diverse networks

Restructuring Telecom. Networks I



Advantages of a restructured network

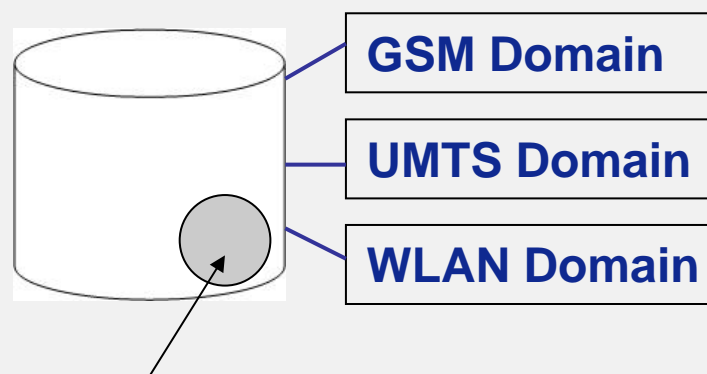
- Integration of all access networks (domains) of the operator
- Re-usage of data and services for different access networks
- Access for the complete subscriber profile
- Reduced network complexity
- Simple support of seamless services
- Faster service access and deployment
- Reduced maintenance costs

Protégé OWL for Data Modelling

- No 3GPP data model definition
- Semantic Description of data
 - Network and area/location dedication (e.g. network nodes, algorithms)
 - XML-based standard for semantic applications
 - Common user data (meta-data)
 - Separation of domain and operational knowledge (e.g. extension of GSM services)
 - Analysis and re-use of domain knowledge
 - Formal description of service features and the overall concept
- Better expressiveness compared to concrete data models (e.g. relational, UML/OO, XML-Schema)
- Implementation independent description of data
- Logical description and reasoning of data

Our Concentration

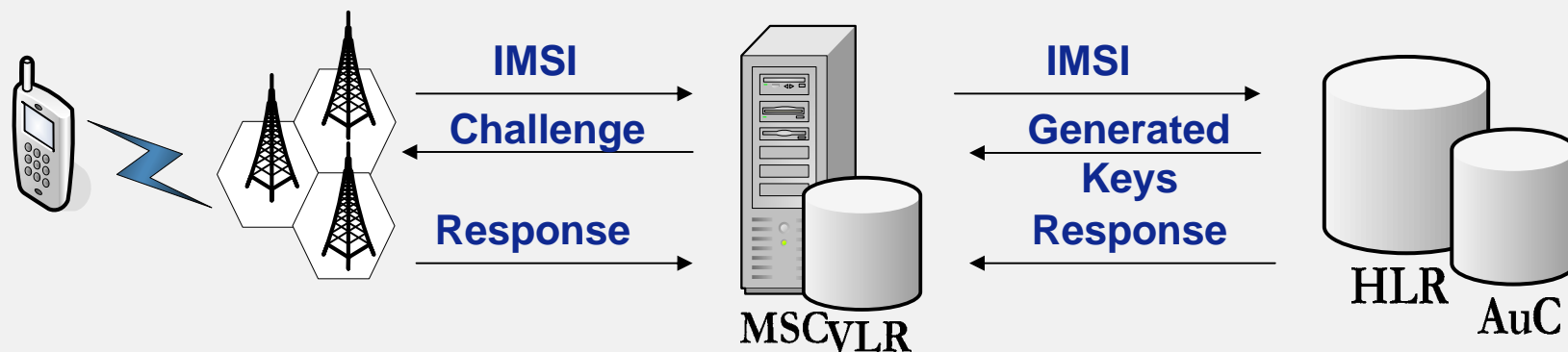
- Different types of data stored in the NGPR
- Service and application specific data
- Our concentration: Authentication specific data



Authentication Specific Data

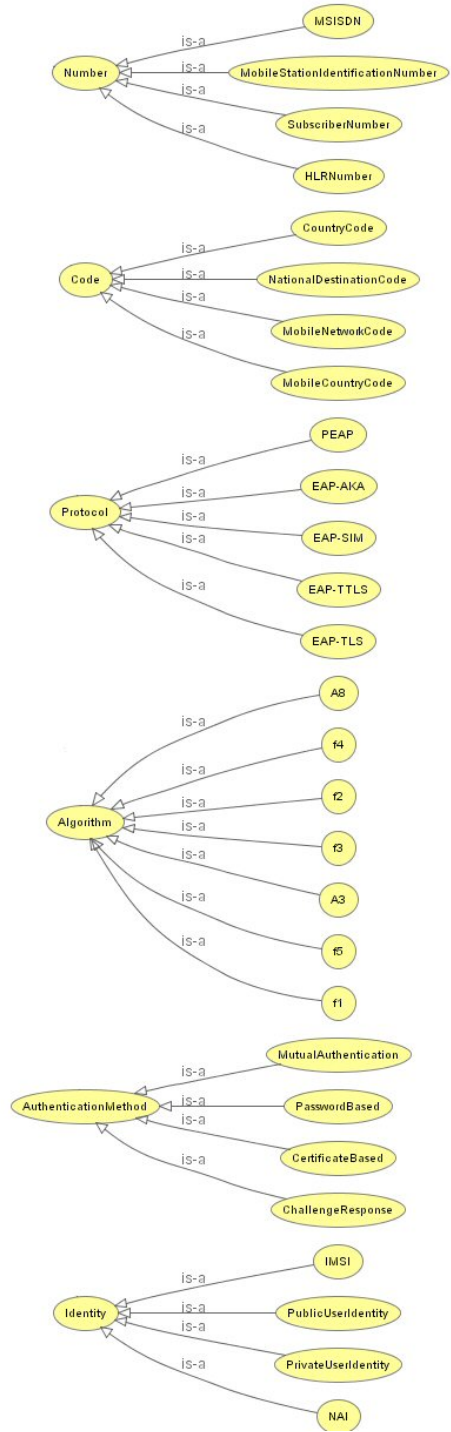
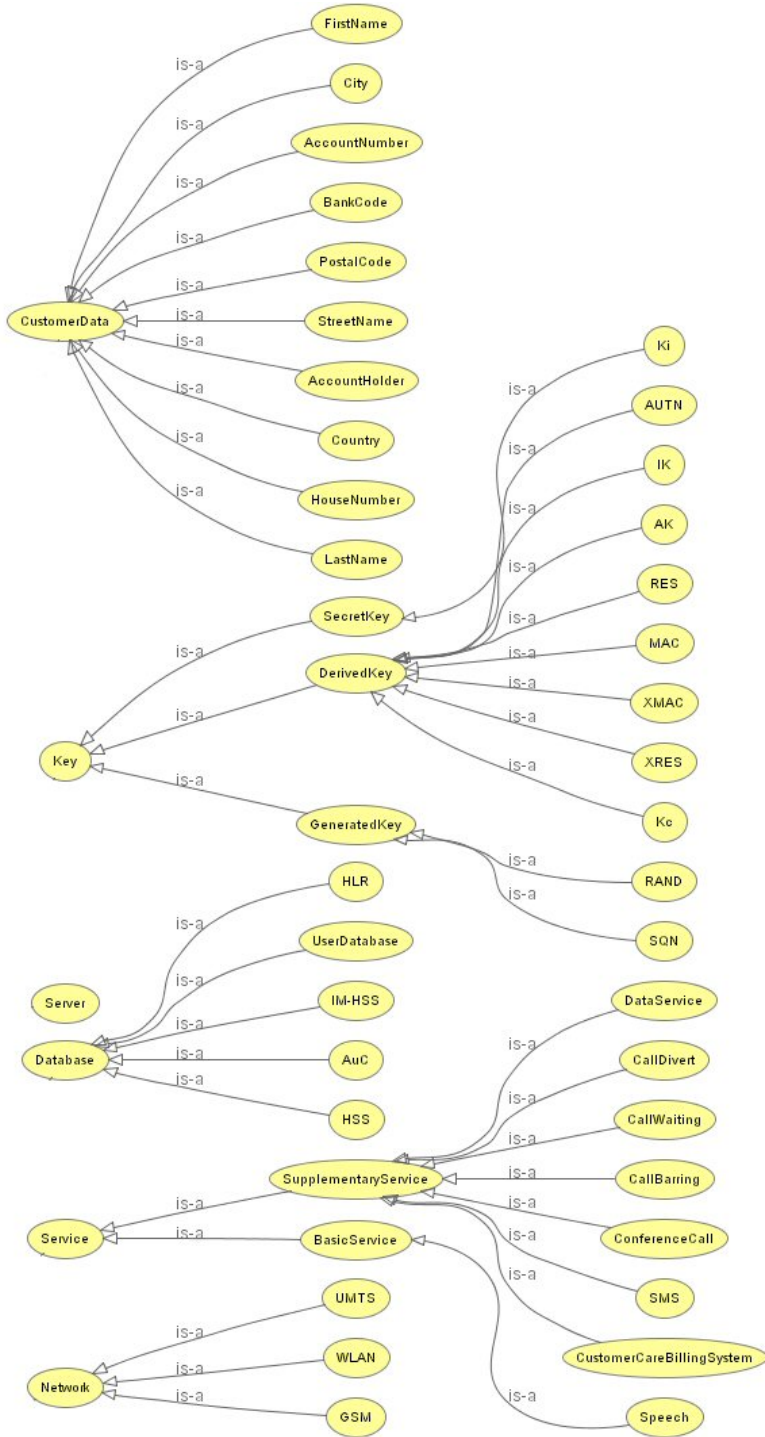
GSM Authentication

- Challenge/Response Authentication
- IMSI as proof of identity
- Challenge to calculate response
- Network and user side response
- Same response = successful authentication



Authentication in Other Networks

- GSM: Only user is authenticated
- UMTS:
 - Similar to GSM Authentication, but
 - Different keys and algorithms used
 - Mutual Authentication
- WLAN: Authentication methods not standardized.
 - Password and Certificate based methods



Classes and Subclasses

The image displays several overlapping 'Asserted Hierarchy' windows from the Protégé software, illustrating class and subclass relationships. The windows show various class hierarchies:

- Window 1 (Left):** Shows a hierarchy starting with `owl:Thing`, containing `Domain_Entity`, `Self_Standing_Entity`, `Algorithm`, `AuthenticationMethod`, `Code`, `CustomerData`, `Database`, `Identity`, `Key`, `Network`, `Number`, `Protocol`, `Server`, and `Service`.
- Window 2 (Top-Left):** Shows a hierarchy starting with `owl:Thing`, containing `Domain_Entity`, `Self_Standing_Entity`, and `Algorithm` (with sub-classes `A3`, `A8`, `f1`, `f2`, `f3`, `f4`, `f5`).
- Window 3 (Top-Middle):** Shows a hierarchy starting with `owl:Class`, containing `Code`, `CountryCode`, `MobileCountryCode`, `MobileNetworkCode`, `NationalDestinationCode`, `Database`, `AuC`, `HLR`, `HSS`, `IM-HSS`, `UserDatabase`, `Identity` (with sub-classes `IMSI`, `NAI`, `PrivateUserIdentity`, `PublicUserIdentity`), `Key`, `Network`, `Number`, `Service`, and `Protocol`.
- Window 4 (Top-Right):** Shows a hierarchy starting with `Network`, containing `Number`, `Service`, `Protocol` (with sub-classes `EAP-SIM`, `EAP-AKA`, `EAP-TLS`, `EAP-TTLS`, `PEAP`), `CustomerData` (with sub-classes `AccountHolder`, `AccountNumber`, `BankCode`, `City`, `Country`, `FirstName`, `HouseNumber`, `LastName`, `PostalCode`, `StreetName`), `Identity`, `Key` (with sub-classes `DerivedKey`, `GeneratedKey`, `SecretKey`), `Network` (with sub-classes `GSM`, `UMTS`, `WLAN`), `Number` (with sub-classes `HLRNumber`, `MSISDN`, `MobileStationIdentificationN`, `SubscriberNumber`), `Service` (with sub-classes `BasicService`, `SupplementaryService`), `Protocol`, `CustomerData`, and `Server`.

Arrows indicate relationships:

- Blue arrows:** Point from `Self_Standing_Entity` in the left window to `Self_Standing_Entity` in the top-left window.
- Pink arrows:** Point from `AuthenticationMethod` in the left window to `AuthenticationMethod` in the top-middle window, and from `Code` in the left window to `Code` in the top-middle window.
- Black arrows:** Point from `Database` in the left window to `Database` in the top-middle window, and from `Identity` in the left window to `Identity` in the top-middle window.
- Red arrows:** Point from `Key` in the left window to `Key` in the bottom window, from `Network` in the left window to `Network` in the bottom window, from `Number` in the left window to `Number` in the bottom window, and from `Service` in the left window to `Service` in the bottom window.

GSM and UMTS Classes

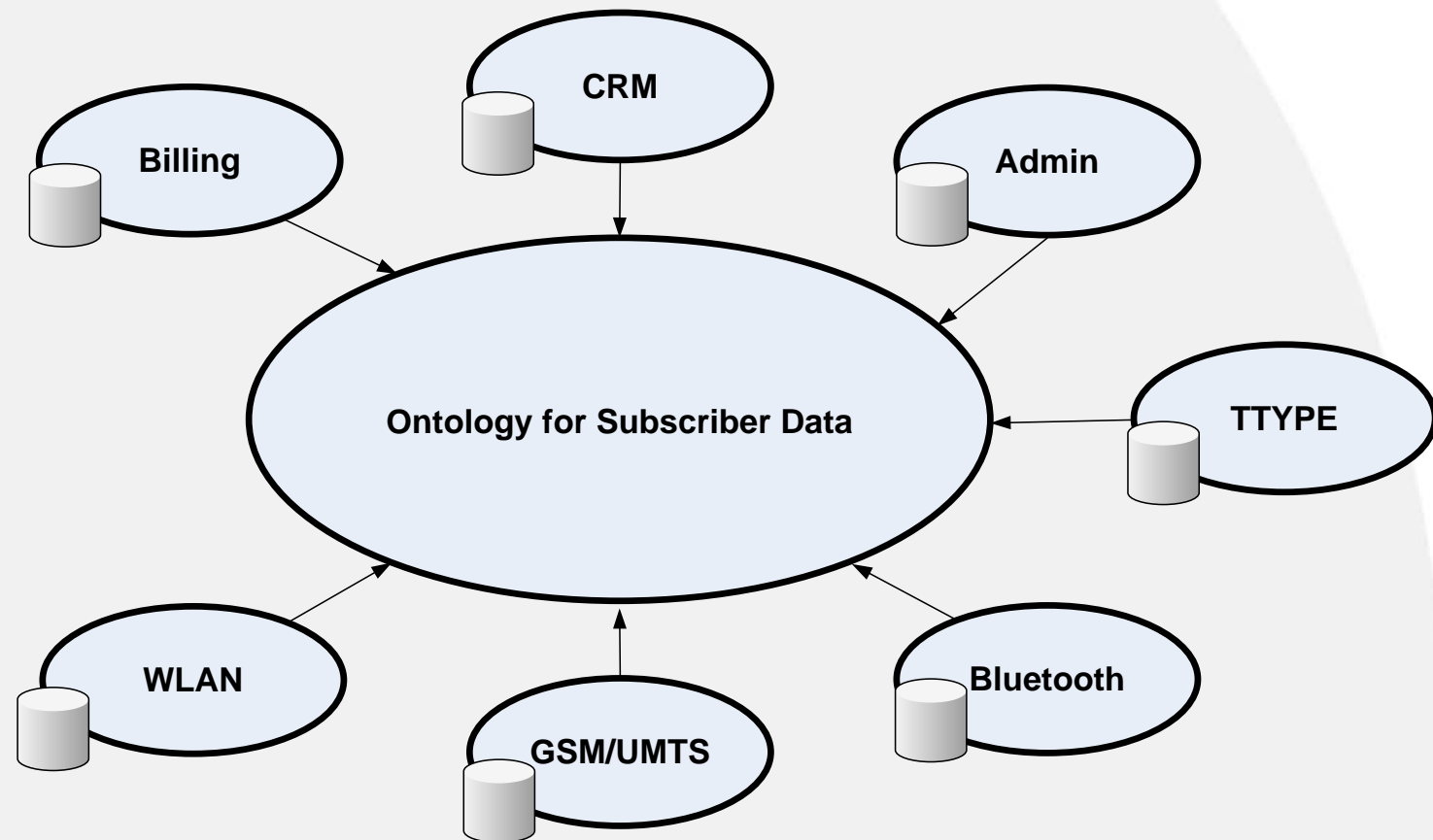
The image shows a screenshot of the Protégé 3.0 software interface. The main window is titled "GSM (instance of owl:Class)" and is in "CLASS EDITOR" mode. The interface is divided into several panes:

- Left Pane (Class Hierarchy):** Shows a tree view of classes. Under "Domain_Entity", there is a "Self_Standig_Entity" class, which contains several subclasses including "Network". Under "Network", "GSM" and "UMTS" are listed. A red arrow points from "GSM" in this pane to the "GSM" class editor window.
- Class Editor (GSM):** The main window shows the "Asserted Conditions" for the "GSM" class. It lists several conditions under the "NECESSARY" category:
 - \exists hasAlgorithm (A3 \sqcup A8)
 - \exists hasAuthenticationMethod ChallengeResponse
 - \exists hasDatabase (HLR \sqcup AuC)
 - \exists hasIdentity IMSI
 - \exists hasKey (RAND \sqcup Ki \sqcup RES \sqcup Kc \sqcup XRES)On the right, there is a list of properties: hasAlgorithm, hasAuthenticationMethod, hasDatabase, hasIdentity, and hasKey. Below this, there is a "Disjoints" section with "UMTS" and "WLAN" listed.

- Class Editor (UMTS):** A smaller window is shown below the GSM editor, displaying the "Asserted Conditions" for the "UMTS" class. Its conditions are:
- \exists hasAlgorithm (f1 \sqcup f2 \sqcup f3 \sqcup f4 \sqcup f5)
- \exists hasAuthenticationMethod (ChallengeResponse \sqcup ...)
- \exists hasDatabase (HSS \sqcup AuC \sqcup HLR \sqcup IM-HSS)
- \exists hasIdentity IMSI
- \exists hasKey (AK \sqcup AUTN \sqcup IK \sqcup Kc \sqcup MAC \sqcup RES \sqcup ...)Its "Disjoints" section lists "GSM" and "WLAN".

Future Work

- Addition of other domains and services



Conclusions

- Novel approach of a common authentication model for a NGPR
- Semantic model offers data translation to concrete models
- Easier view compared to relational data models
- Rich standard which provides a better vocabulary for data modelling
 - describing properties and classes
 - relations between classes
 - cardinality
 - characteristics of properties and enumerated classes



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**Thanks for your attention,
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