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An Ontology for Generic Wireless Authentication Data

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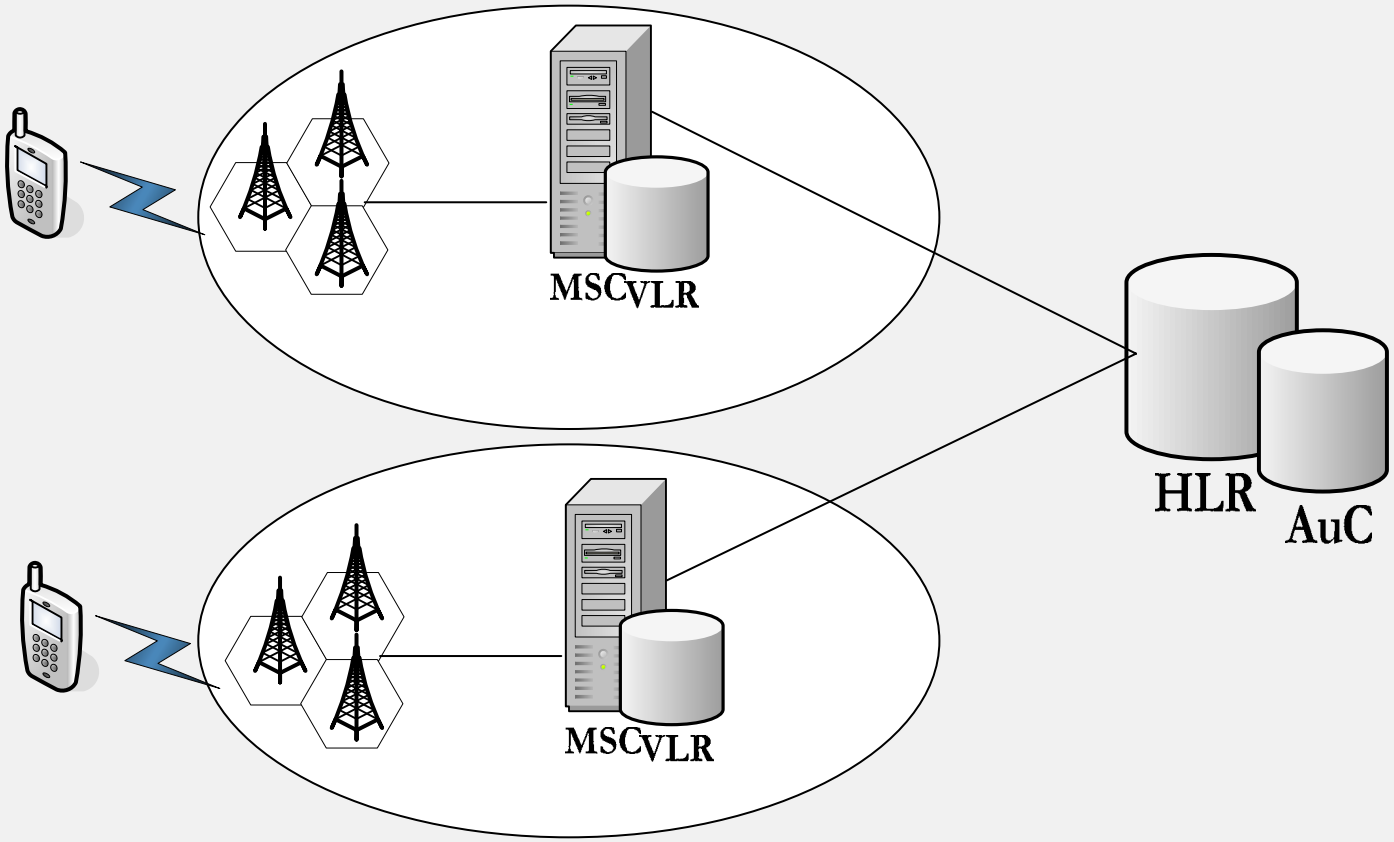
Outline

- 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

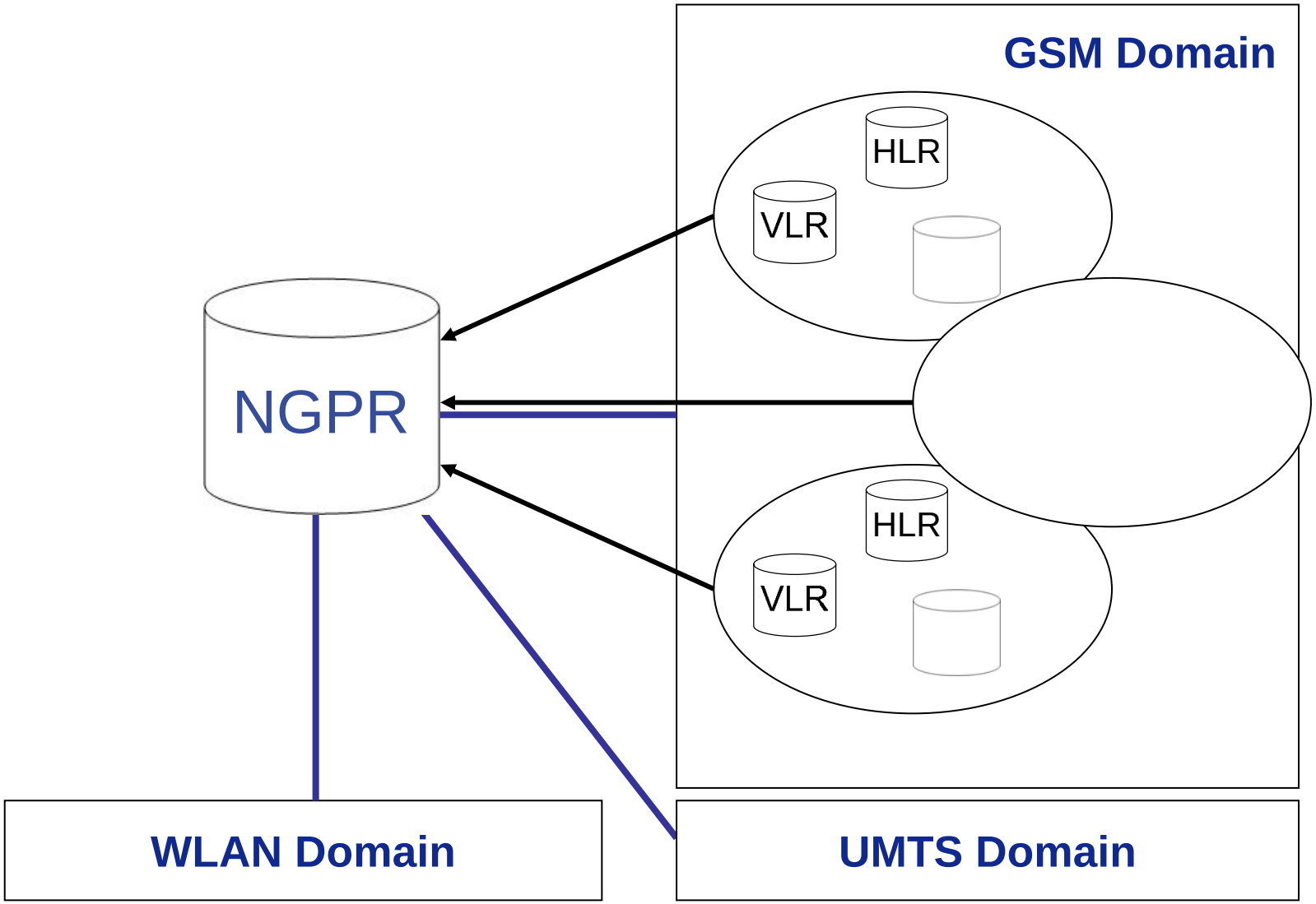
- Each area owns the main GSM subscriber database (HLR)
- Subscriber data is distributed all over a network (country)
- Services/applications have to be deployed for each area



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

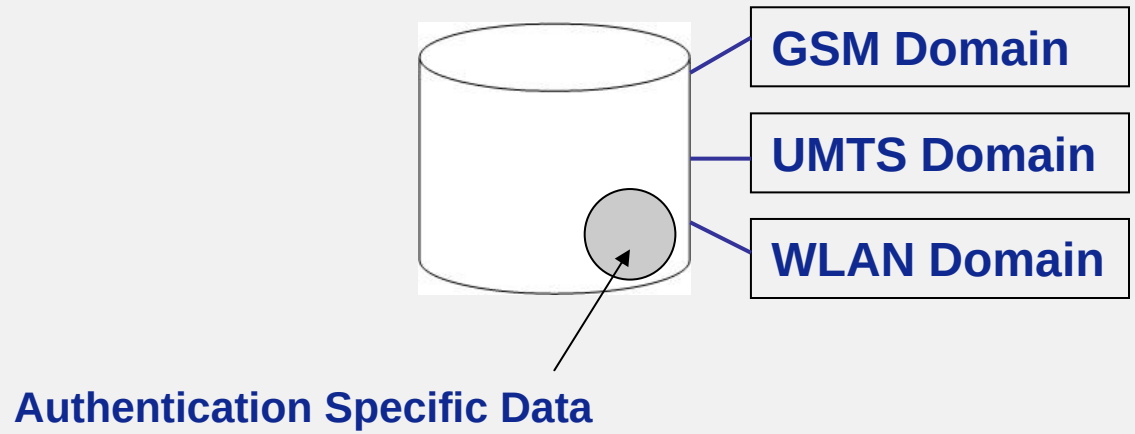
- Integration of all access networks (domains) of the operator
- Re-usage of data and services for different access networks
- Access for the complete subscriber profile
- Reduced network complexity
- Simple support of seamless services
- Faster service access and deployment
- Reduced maintenance costs

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

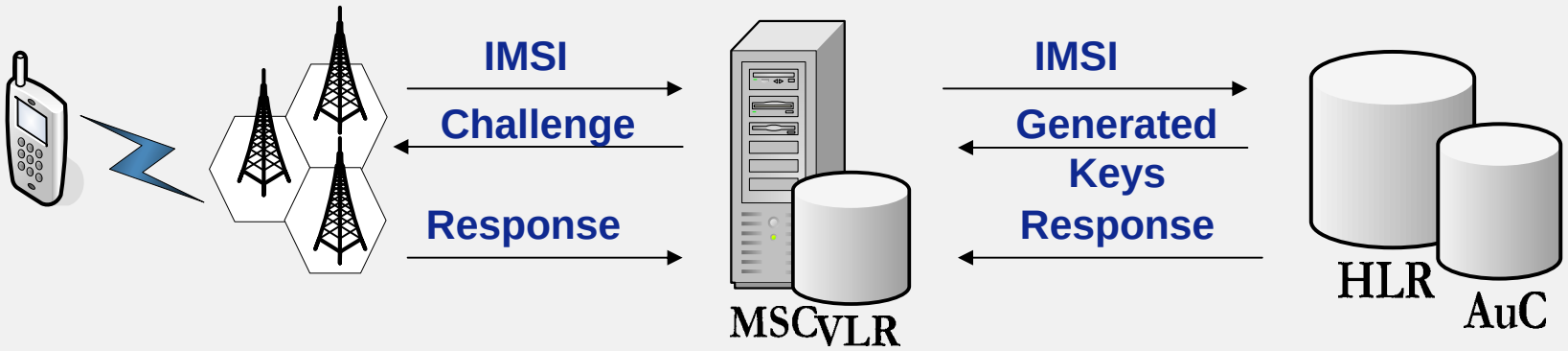
Our Concentration

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



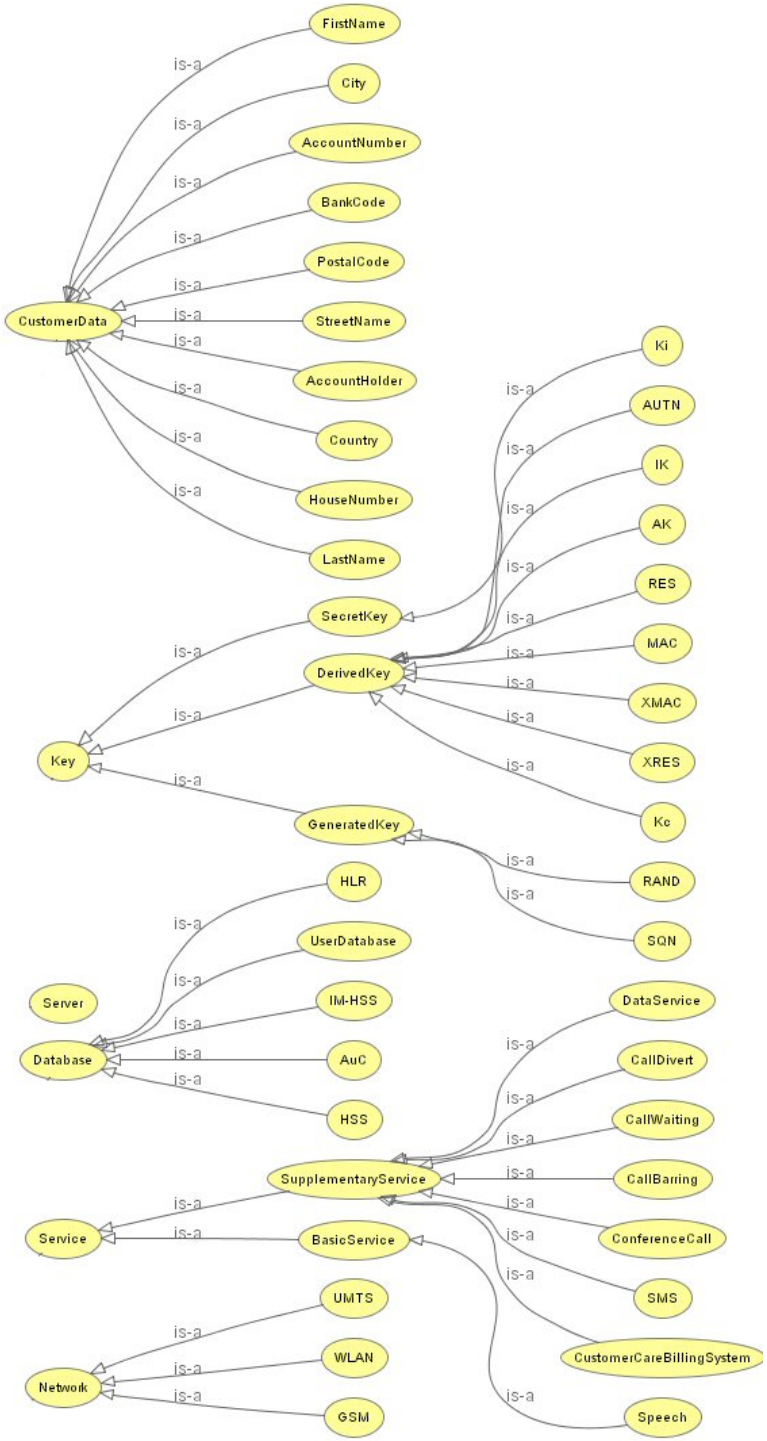
GSM Authentication

- 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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PostalCode
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Country
HouseNumber
LastName
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DerivedKey
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IK
AK
RES
MAC
XMAC
XRES
Kc
RAND
SQN
HLR
UserDatabase
IM-HSS
AuC
HSS
Server
Database
DataService
CallDivert
CallWaiting
CallBarring
ConferenceCall
SMS
CustomerCareBillingSystem
Speech
SupplementaryService
Service
BasicService
UMTS
WLAN
GSM
Network
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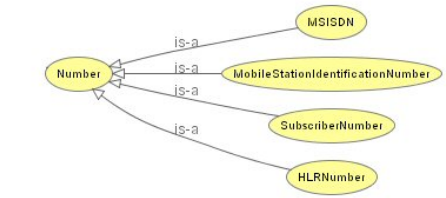
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SubscriberNumber
HLRNumber
Number
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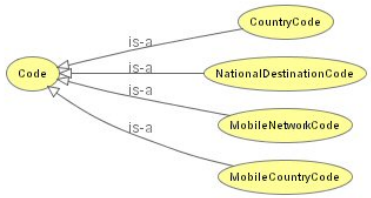
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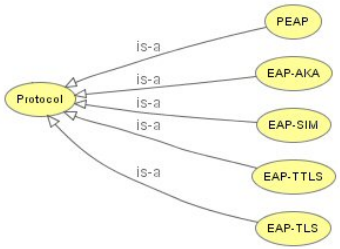
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EAP-TLS
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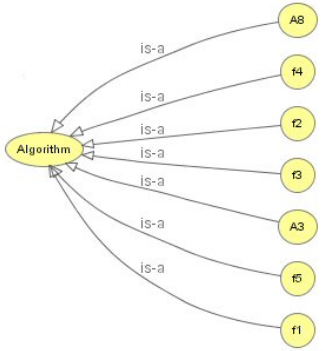
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f2
f3
A3
f5
f1
Algorithm
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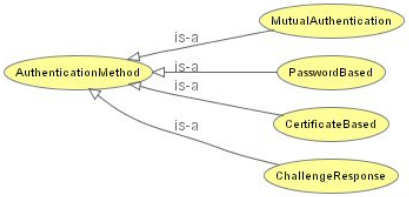
MutualAuthentication
PasswordBased
CertificateBased
ChallengeResponse
AuthenticationMethod
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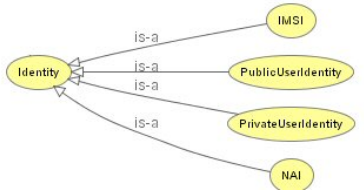
IMSI
PublicUserIdentity
PrivateUserIdentity
NAI
Identity
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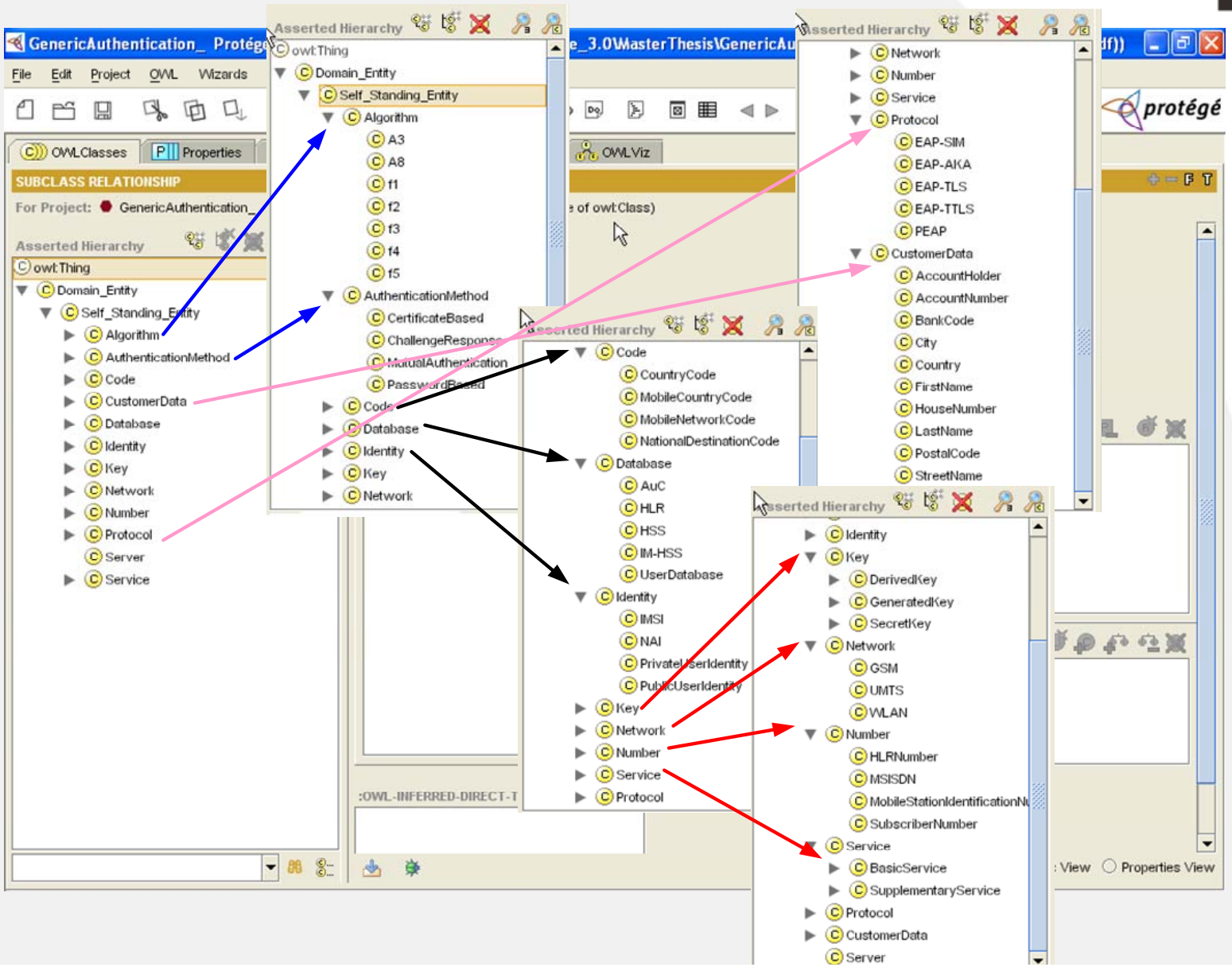
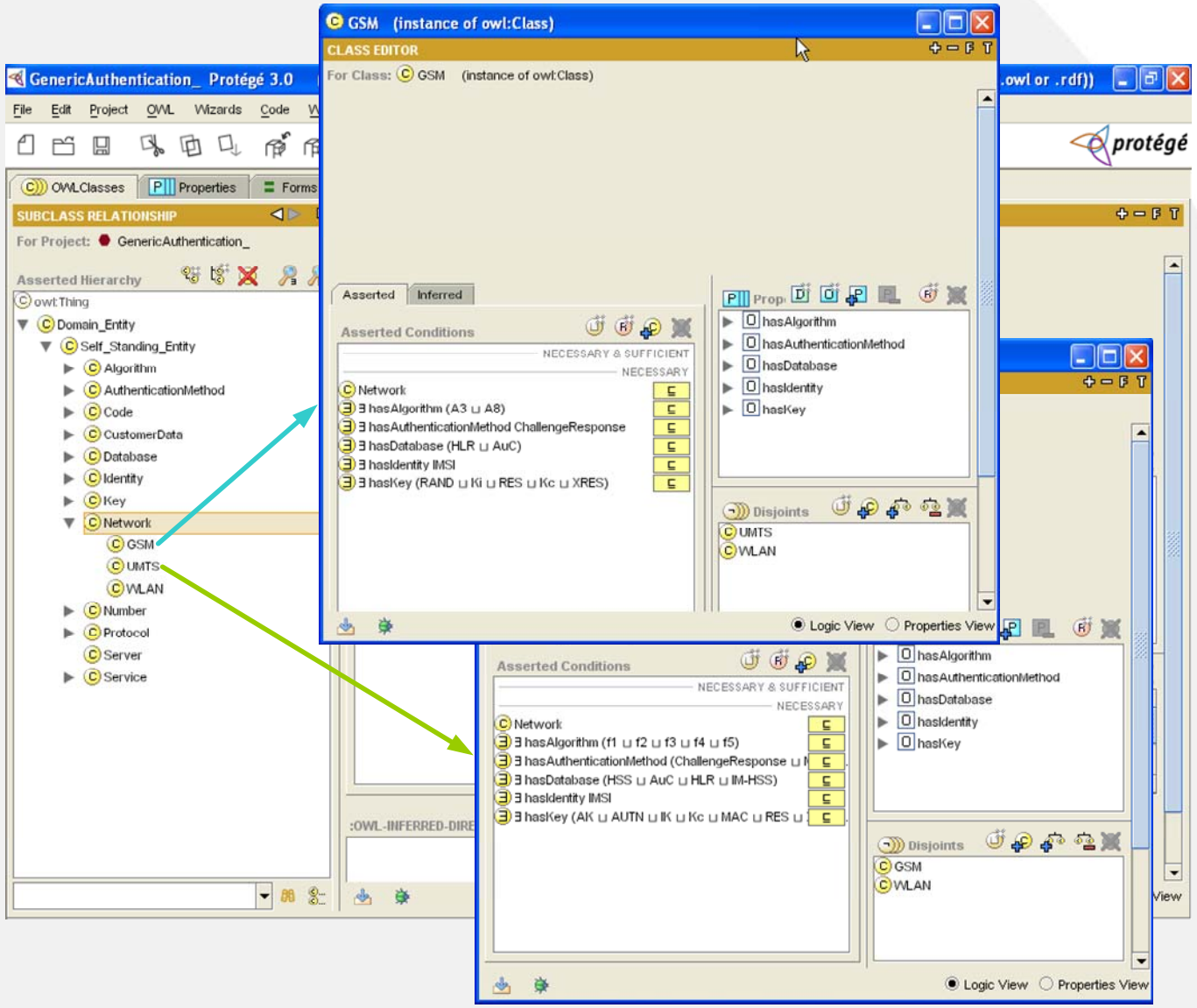
Classes and Subclasses

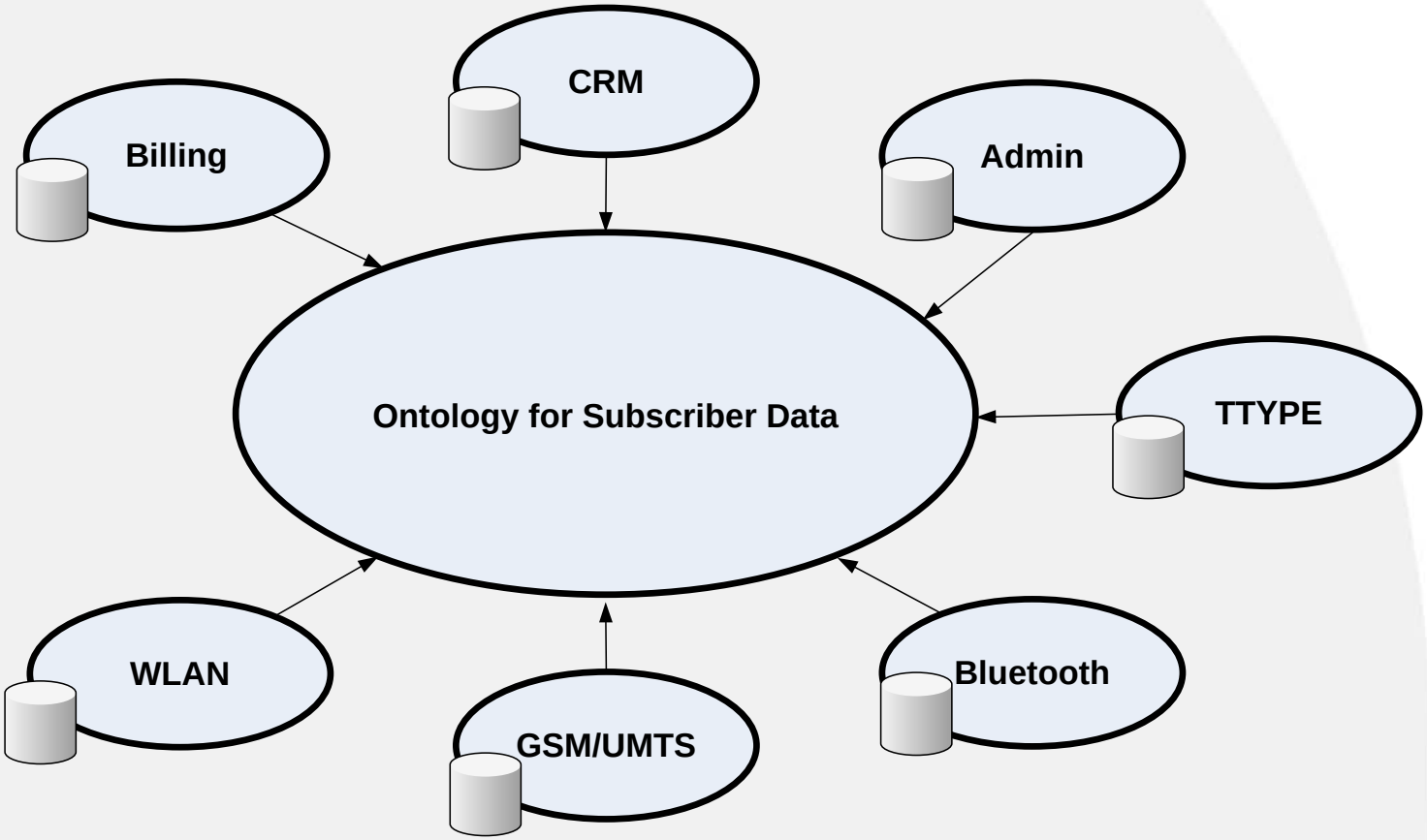


GSM and UMTS Classes



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

Thanks for your attention, Questions ?