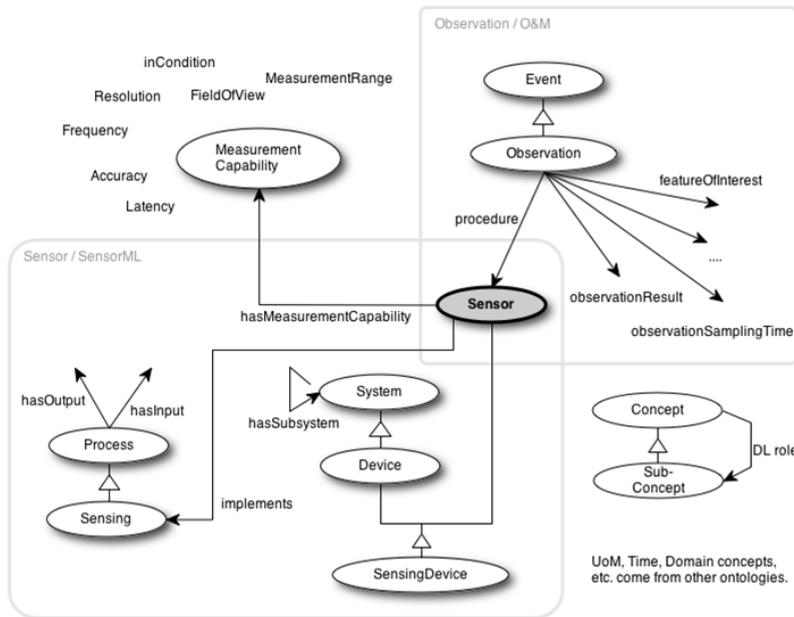


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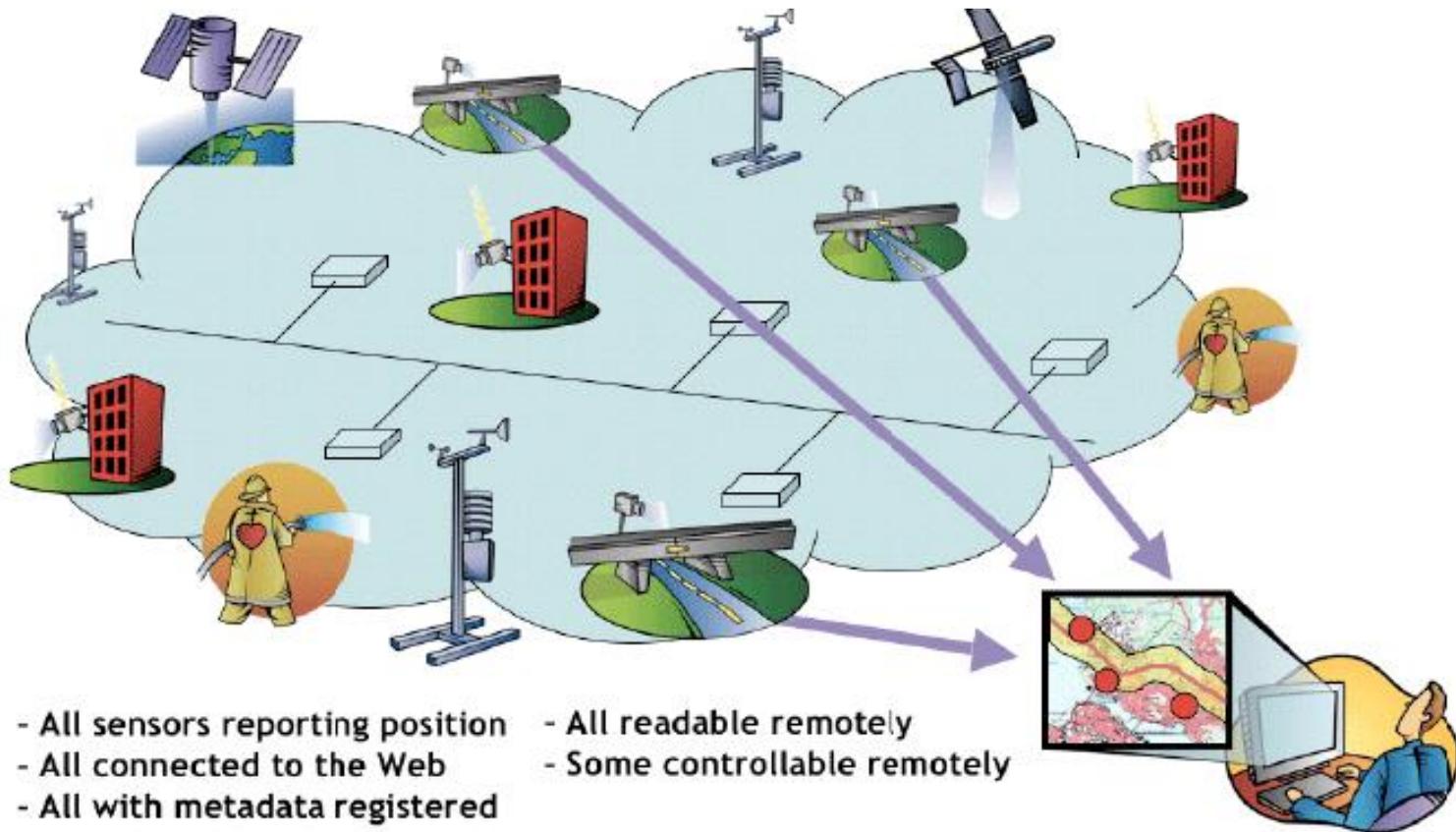
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# Sensor Web



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# Sensor systems are too often stove-piped



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# We want to set this data free



free as a  
bird.

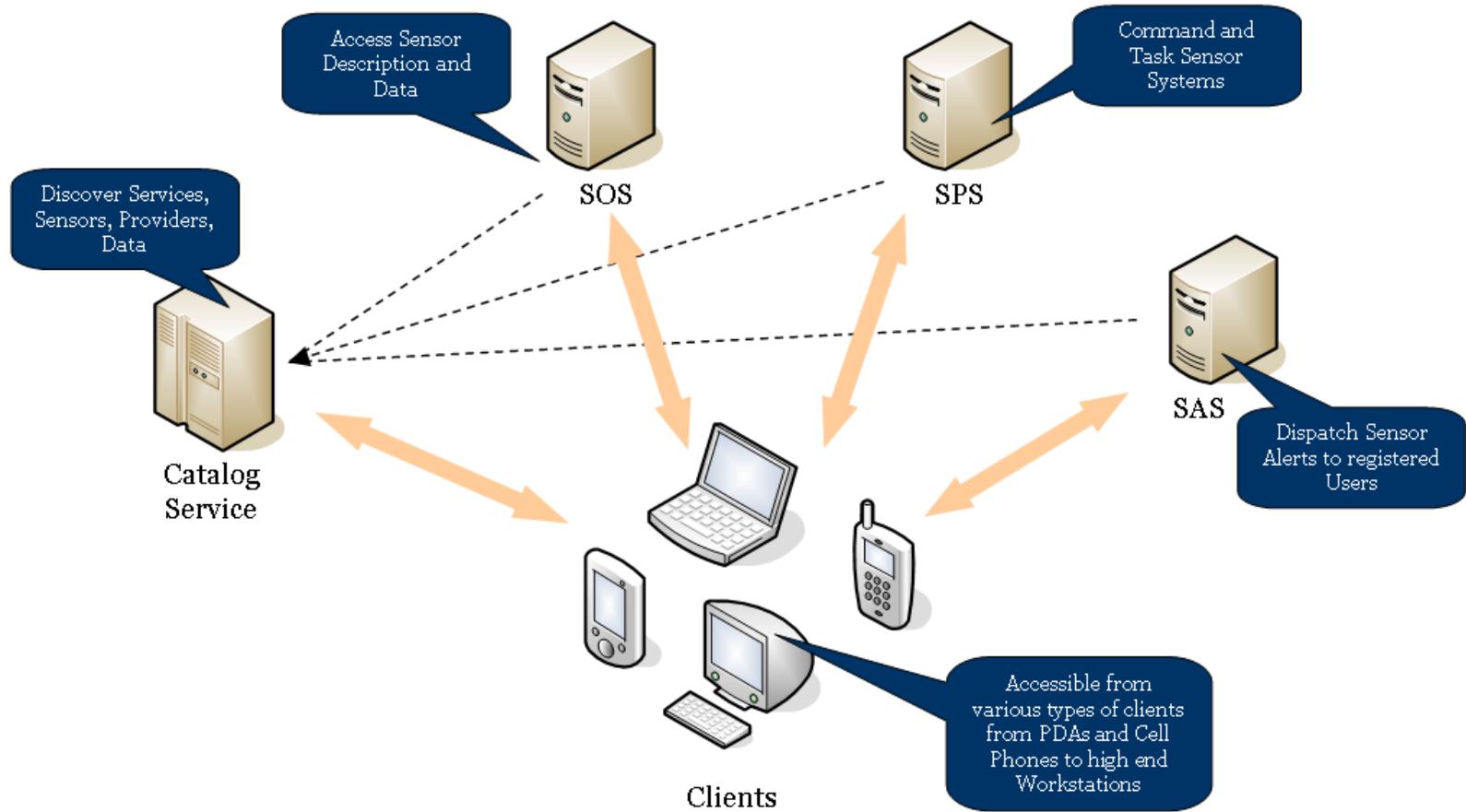
With freedom comes responsibility

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



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# OGC Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)





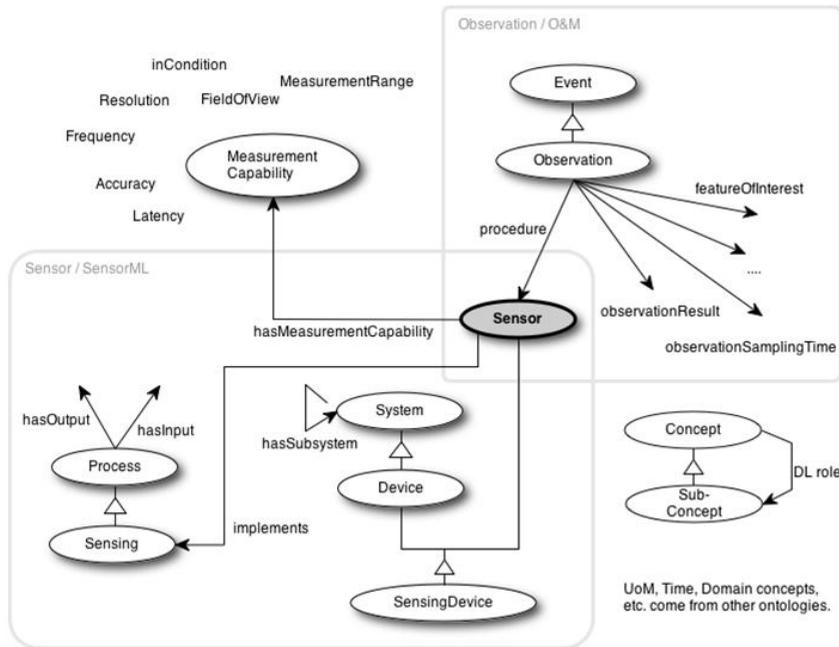
# How are machines to integrate and interpret data?



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Semantic Sensor Networks (SSN)

# Semantic Sensor Network Ontology



Also adding:  
physical properties, power use, connectors, lifetime, etc (of devices/systems)  
mobility, availability, operational ranges, calibration, ...

- OWL 2 DL ontology
- Developed by W3C SSN-XG (2011)
- Driven by Use Cases
- To be standardized by OGC/W3C Spatial Data on the Web WG (~2016)  
<http://www.w3.org/2015/spatial/>

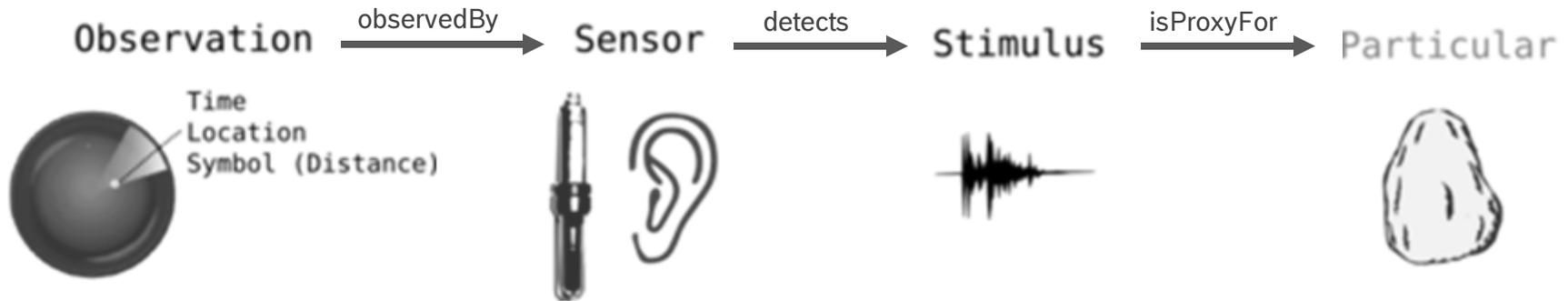
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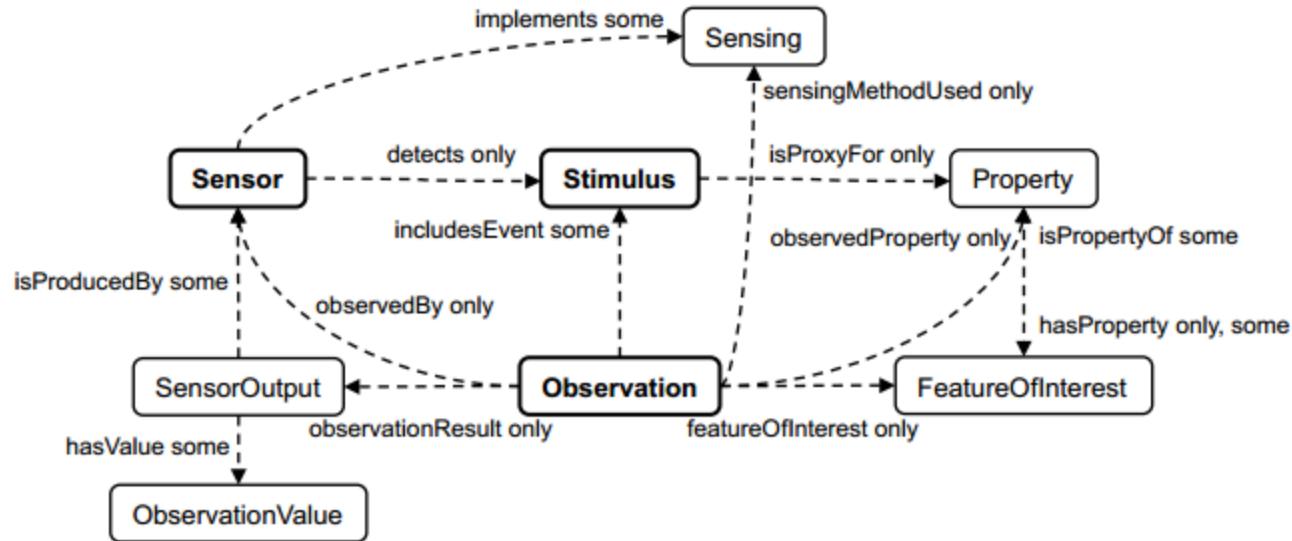
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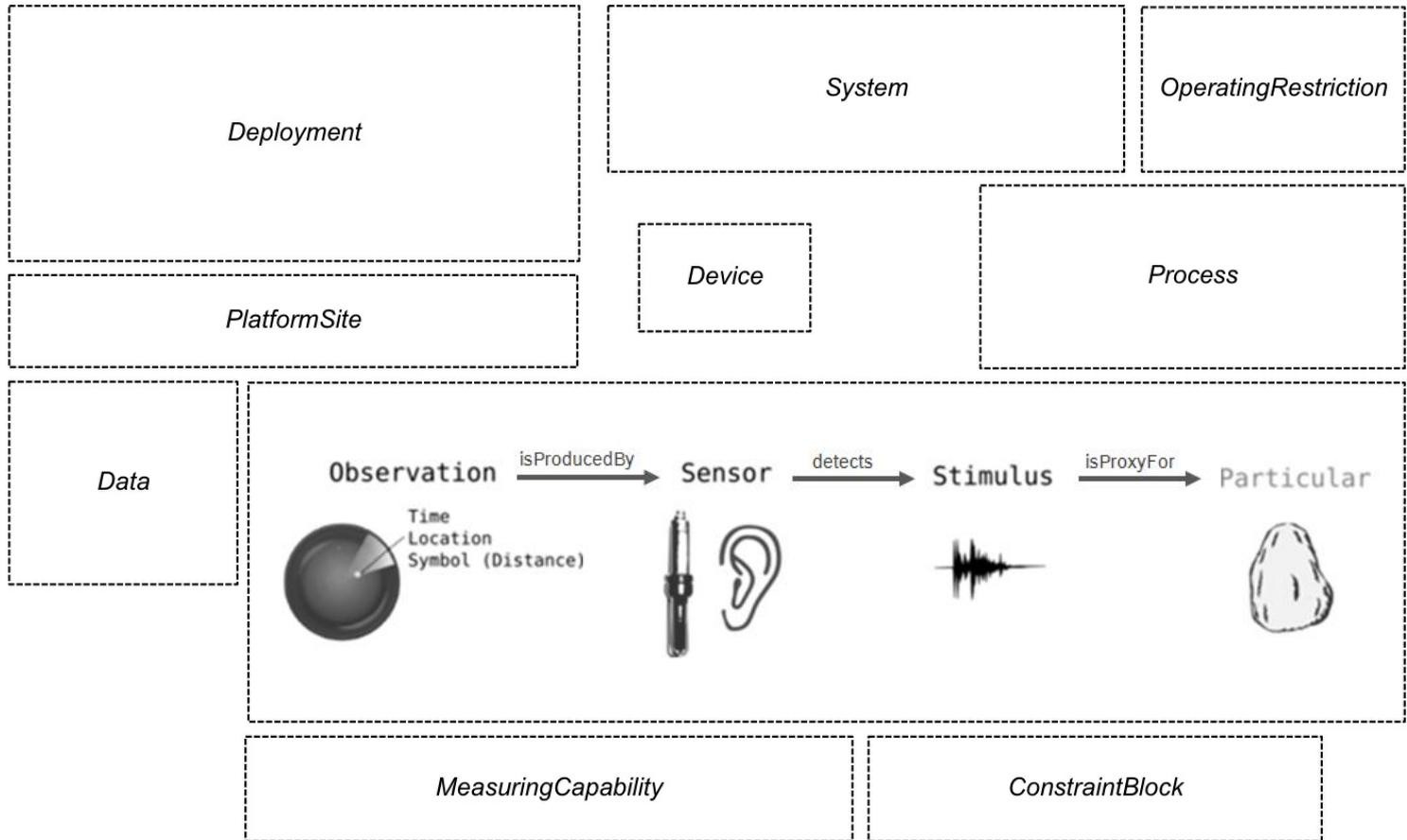
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# SSNO Modules



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# SSNO Example: Wind Sensor

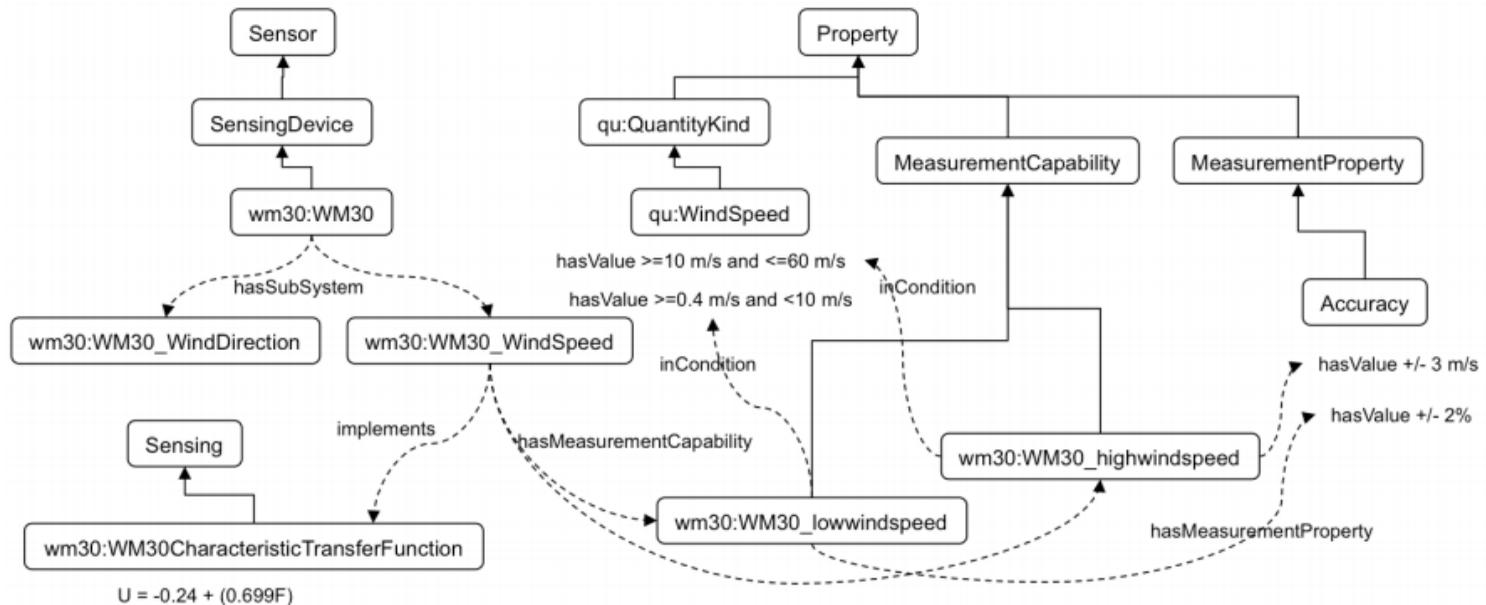


Figure 5: Simplified view of wind sensor example. The wind speed sensor has accuracy dependent on wind conditions. Not shown in the figure are the operating and survival ranges and the specification of the wind direction sensor, which comes with options for 355° and 360° measurement ranges. The sources of new concepts are shown with wm30: and qu: namespaces. Values incorporate DUL regions and QU units.

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## 1. Discovery and query of sensor data

- SSN-XG use-cases #1 and #2



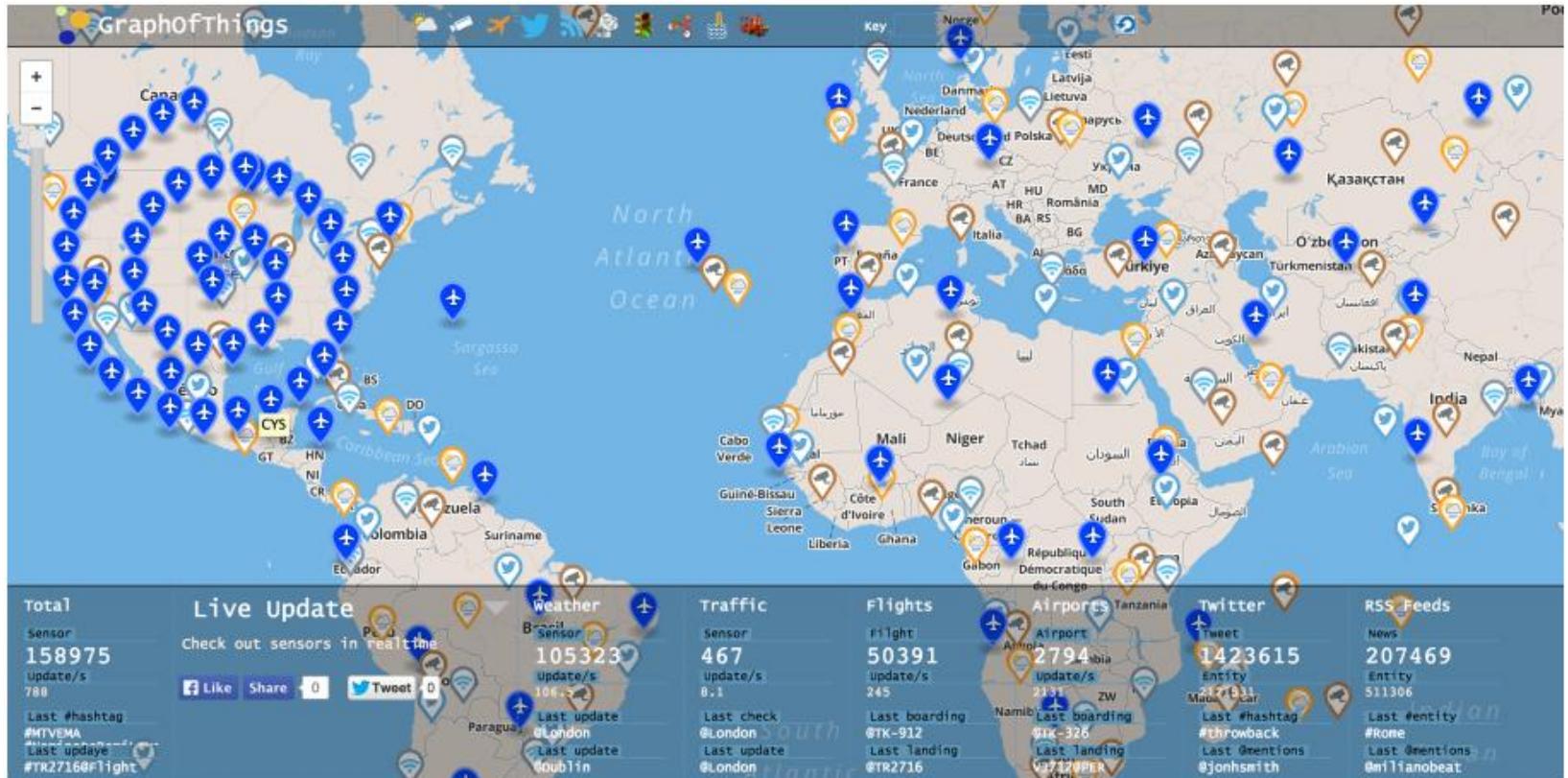
## 2. Interpretation of sensor data

- Translating data to knowledge



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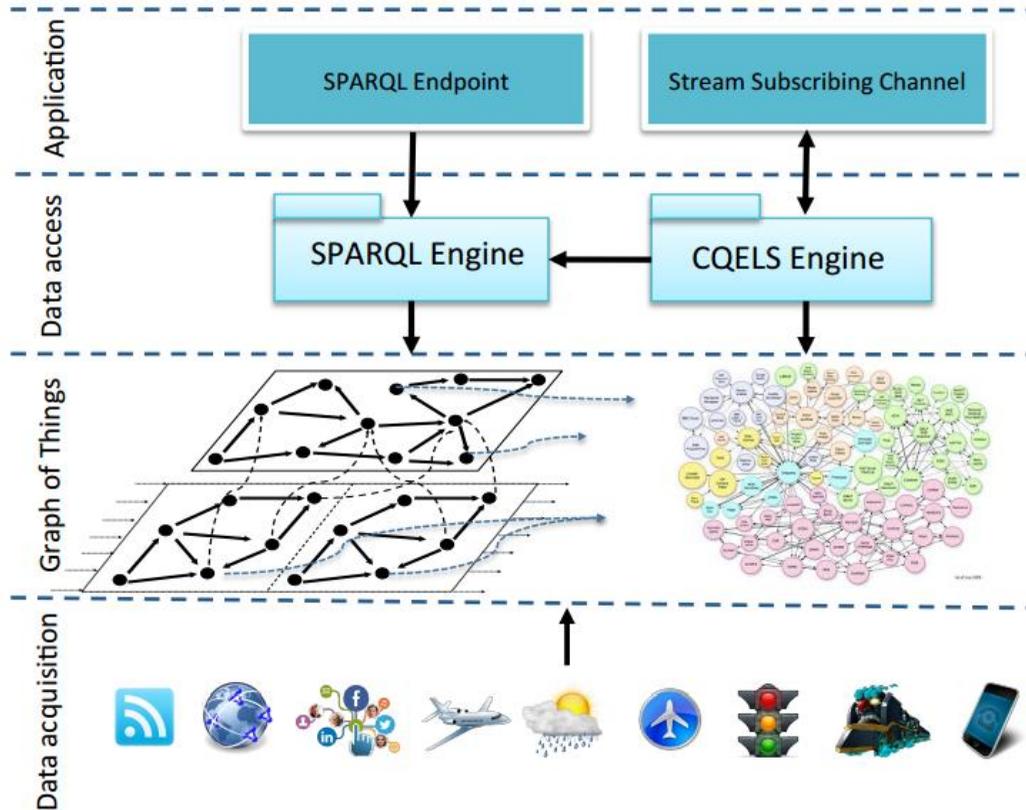
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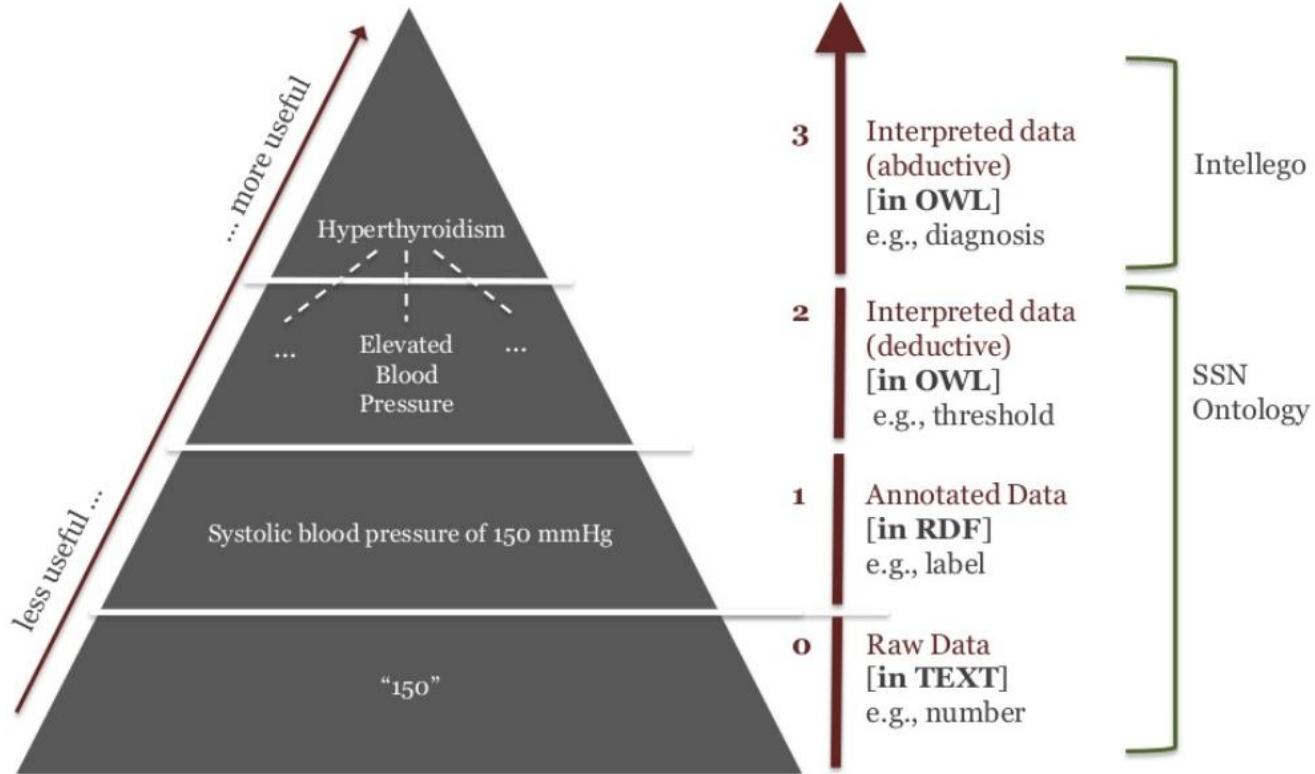
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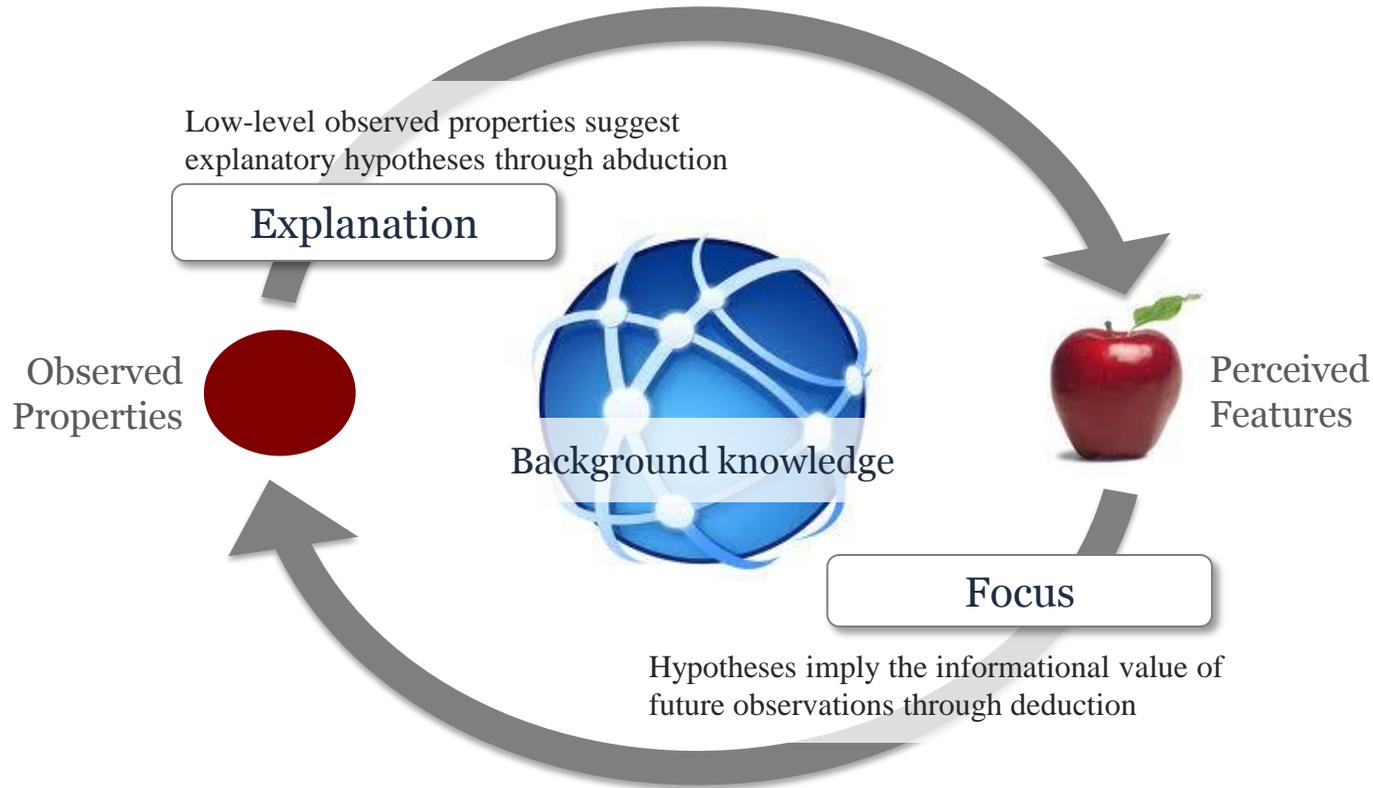
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## SSNO + PROV-O

### Sensor Data Provenance: SSNO and PROV-O Together at Last

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## SSNO + CoAP

### A logic-based CoAP extension for resource discovery in semantic sensor networks

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## SSNO + RDF Data Cube Vocab

### A Linked Sensor Data Cube for a 100 Year Homogenised daily temperature dataset

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## Internet of Things



## Consumers care consequences of technical decisions

### Obama Approval Rating Drops After NSA Surveillance News: Poll

The Huffington Post | By Luke Johnson | Posted: 06/17/2013 8:47 am EDT | Updated: 06/17/2013 11:17 am EDT



President Barack Obama's approval rating dropped eight points from last month, according to a CNN poll released Monday.

### Consumer sensor data

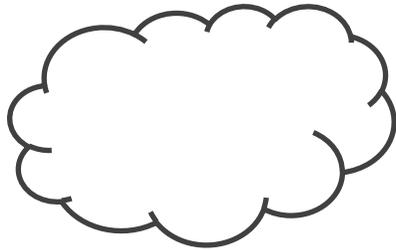


our claim

There is nothing wrong with **ubiquitous** cameras and sensors: the problem is the **software architecture** behind them.

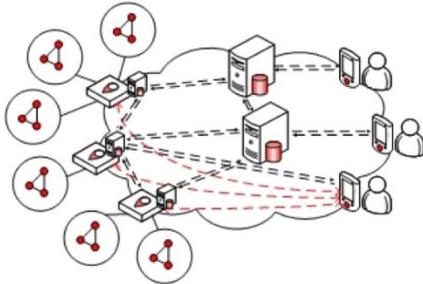


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## Approach 1: Semantics in the Cloud

Send all sensor observations to the cloud for semantic annotation and processing.



## Approach 2: Semantics at the Edge

Downscale semantic representation and reasoning for local processing.

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## An Efficient Bit Vector Approach to Semantics-based Machine Perception in Resource-Constrained Devices

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OWL-DL



Use *bit vector encodings and their operations* to encode background knowledge and execute semantic (OWL-DL) reasoning

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