Group-Centric Models for Secure and Agile Information Sharing

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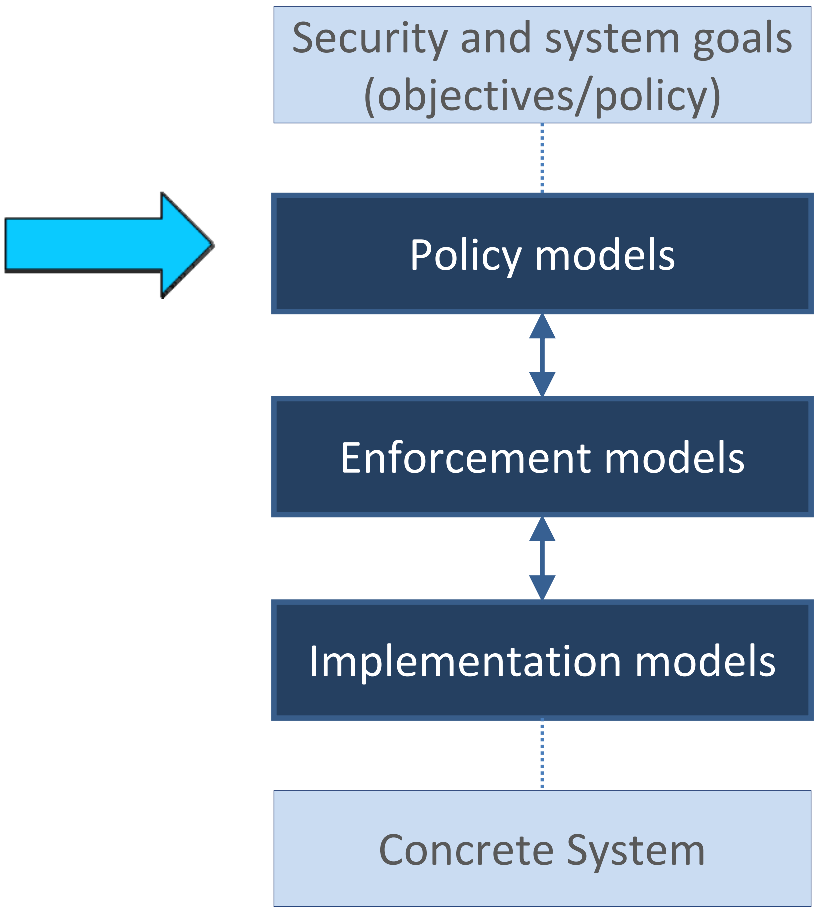
Goal: Share but protect

- Containment challenge
  - Client containment
    - High assurance infeasible (e.g., cannot close the analog hole)
    - Low to medium assurance achievable
  - Server containment
    - Will typically have higher assurance than client containment
- Policy challenge
  - How to construct meaningful, usable SIS policy
  - How to develop an intertwined information and security model

PEI Models



Necessarily informal

Specified using users, subjects, objects, admins, labels, roles, groups, etc. in an ideal setting.

Security analysis (objectives, properties, etc.).

Approximated policy realized using system architecture with trusted servers, protocols, etc.

Enforcement level security analysis (e.g. stale information due to network latency, protocol proofs, etc.).

Technologies such as Cloud Computing, Trusted Computing, etc.

Implementation level security analysis (e.g. vulnerability analysis, penetration testing, etc.)

Software and Hardware

Secure Information Sharing Modes

Fundamental Goal: Share BUT Protect

I. Dissemination-Centric Sharing

- Digital Rights Management
- Enterprise Rights Management
- XrML
- Workflow-centric sharing

II. Query-Centric Sharing

- Queries wrt a protected dataset
- Privacy/confidentiality protection
- More generally de-aggregation/inference protection

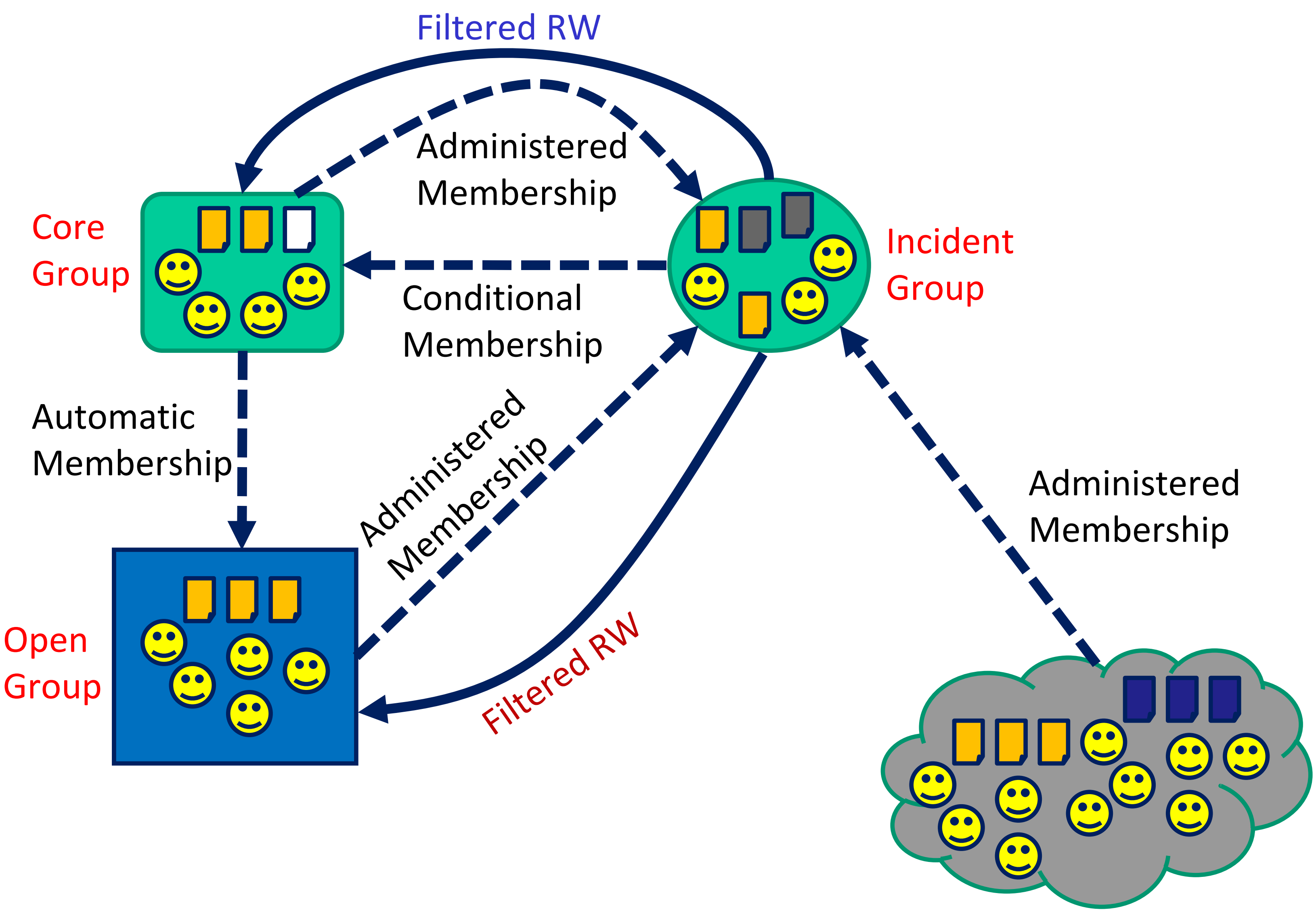
III. Group-Centric Sharing

- Sharing for a purpose
- Mission-centric sharing
- Purpose-centric sharing

Community Cyber Security

- A community is a county or larger city size unit
  - Clearly demarcated geographical boundary
  - More or less aligned with governance boundary
- The ICS Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security has a decade long experience conducting cyber security exercises and training for communities all across USA
  - Community cyber security incident life cycle

Community Cyber Security



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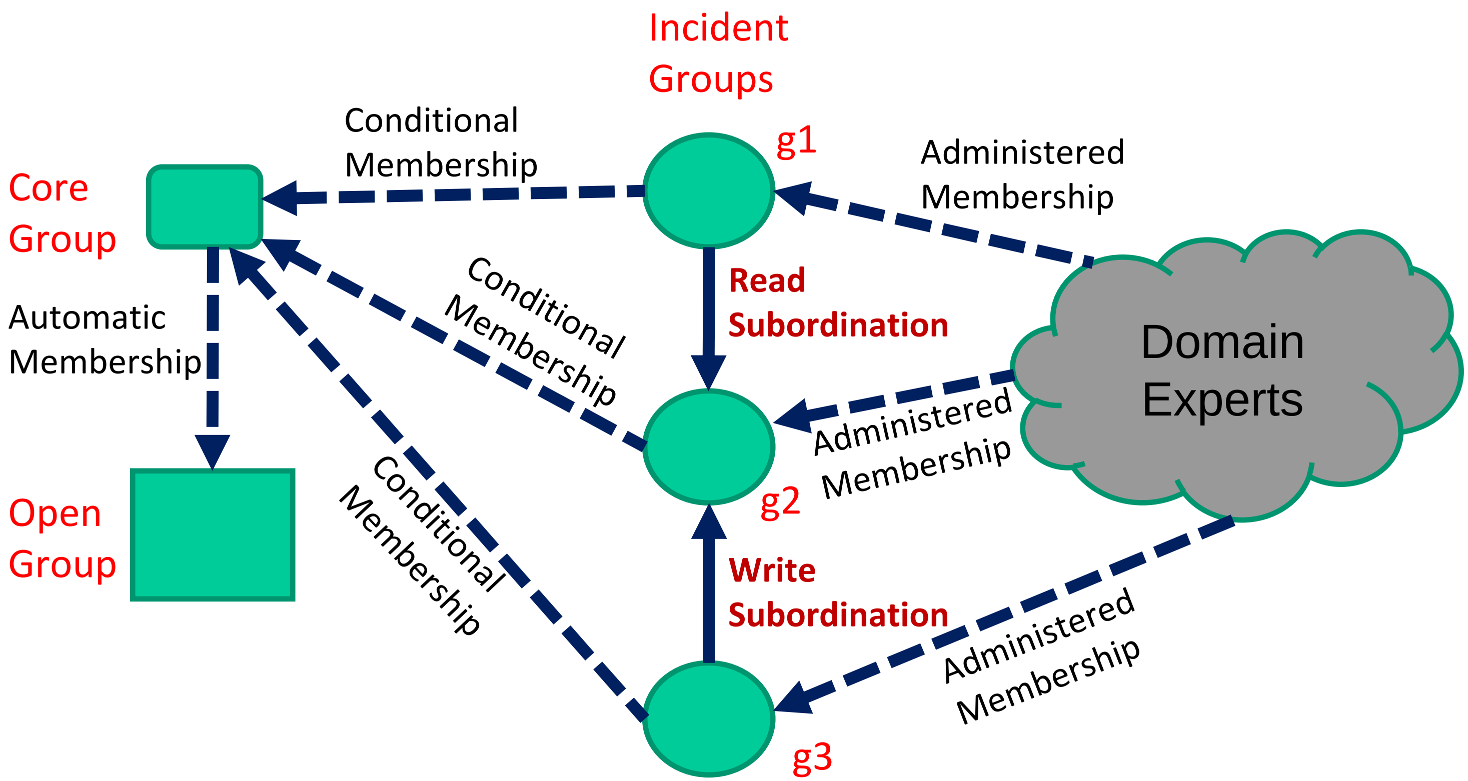

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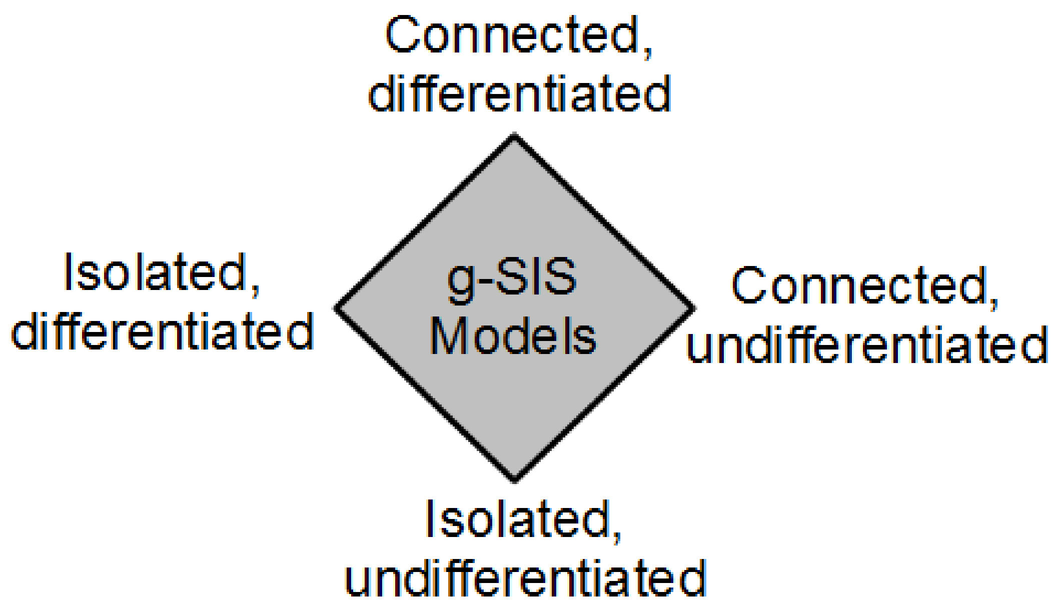

Model Development

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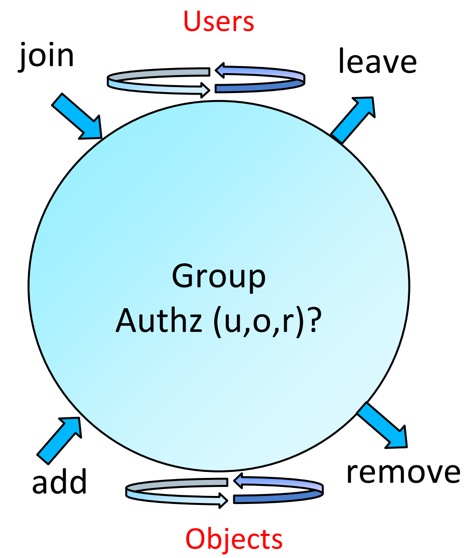
g-SIS Model Components

- Operational aspects
  - Group operation semantics
    - Add, Join, Leave, Remove, etc
    - Multicast group is one example
  - Object model
    - Read-only
    - Read-Write (no versioning vs versioning)
  - User-subject model
    - Read-only Vs read-write
  - Policy specification
- Administrative aspects
  - Authorization to create group, user join/leave, object add/remove, etc.



Core Properties

- Authorization Persistence
  - *Authorization cannot change unless some group event occurs*

$$\kappa_0 = \forall u : \mathrm{U}.\forall o : \mathrm{O}.\forall v : \mathrm{V}.\forall g : \mathrm{G}.$$
$$\Box(\mathrm{Authz}(u,o,v,g,\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow (\mathrm{Authz}(u,o,v,g,\mathbf{r})\, \mathcal{W}\, (\mathrm{Join}(u,g) \vee \mathrm{Leave}(u,g) \vee$$
$$\mathrm{Add}(o,v,g) \vee \mathrm{Remove}(o,v,g))))$$

$$\kappa_1 = \forall u : \mathrm{U}.\forall o : \mathrm{O}.\forall v : \mathrm{V}.\forall g : \mathrm{G}.$$
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$$\kappa_2 = \forall u : \mathrm{U}.\forall o : \mathrm{O}.\forall v_1 : \mathrm{V}.\forall g : \mathrm{G}.\exists s : \mathrm{S}.\exists v_2 : \mathrm{V}.$$
$$\Box(\neg\mathrm{Authz}(u,o,v_1,g,\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow (\neg\mathrm{Authz}(u,o,v_1,g,\mathbf{r})\, \mathcal{W}\, (\mathrm{Join}(u,g) \vee$$
$$\mathrm{Leave}(u,g) \vee \mathrm{Add}(o,v_1,g) \vee \mathrm{Remove}(o,v_1,g) \vee$$
$$\mathrm{CreateO}(o,v_1,g) \vee \mathrm{update}(s,o,v_2,v_1,g))))$$

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The π-system Specification

Table 1: The π-system.

$$\chi_0 = \forall u : U.\forall o : O.\forall v : V.\forall g : G.$$
$$\Box(\mathrm{Authz}(u,o,v,g,\mathbf{r}) \leftrightarrow \exists v_1 : V.\exists s : S.(\lambda_0(u,o,v,g) \vee \ldots \vee \lambda_3(u,s,o,v_1,v,g) \vee$$
$$\lambda'_0(u,o,v,g) \vee \ldots \vee \lambda'_4(u,s,o,v_1,v,g)))$$

$$\chi_1 = \forall u : U.\forall o : O.\forall v : V.\forall g : G.$$
$$\Box(\mathrm{Authz}(u,o,v,g,\mathbf{w}) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Authz}(u,o,v,g,\mathbf{r}) \wedge (\neg \mathrm{Leave}(u,g)\ \mathcal{S}\ \mathrm{Join}(u,g)) \wedge$$
$$(\exists v_1 : V.\exists s : S.\blacklozenge \mathrm{update}(s,o,v_1,v,g) \vee \blacklozenge(\mathrm{LC}(o,v,g) \vee \mathrm{SC}(o,v,g))))$$

$$\chi_2 = \forall u : U.\forall s : S.\forall g : G.$$
$$\Box(\mathrm{createS}(u,s,g) \rightarrow \blacklozenge \mathrm{Join}(u,g))$$

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$$\chi_4 = \forall s : S.\forall o : O.\forall v : V.\forall g : G.$$
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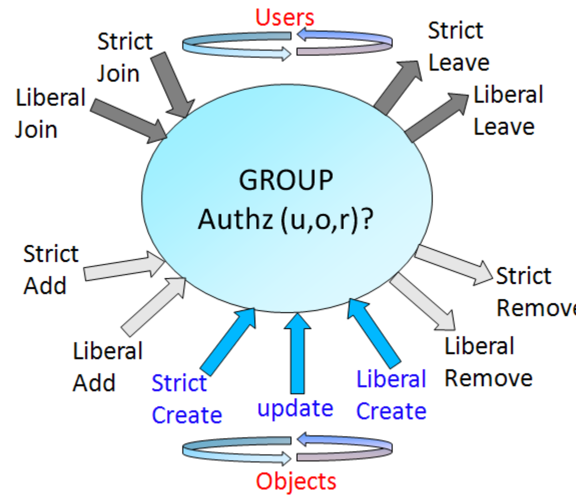
$$\chi_5 = \forall s : S.\forall o : O.\forall v_1,v_2 : V.\forall g : G.$$
$$\Box(\mathrm{read}(s,o,v_1,g) \rightarrow \mathrm{AuthzS}(s,o,v_1,g,\mathbf{r})) \wedge$$
$$\Box(\mathrm{update}(s,o,v_1,v_2,g) \rightarrow \mathrm{AuthzS}(s,o,v_1,g,\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\chi_6 = \forall u_1,u_2 : U.\forall s_1,s_2 : S.\forall o : O.\forall v_1,v_2,v_3 : V.\forall g_1,g_2 : G.$$
$$\tau_0(u_1,s_1,s_2,o,v_1,v_2,v_3,g_1) \wedge \ldots \wedge \tau_3(u_1,s_1,o,v_1,g_1)$$



$$\pi = \chi_0 \wedge \chi_1 \wedge \chi_2 \wedge \chi_3 \wedge \chi_4 \wedge \chi_5 \wedge \chi_6$$

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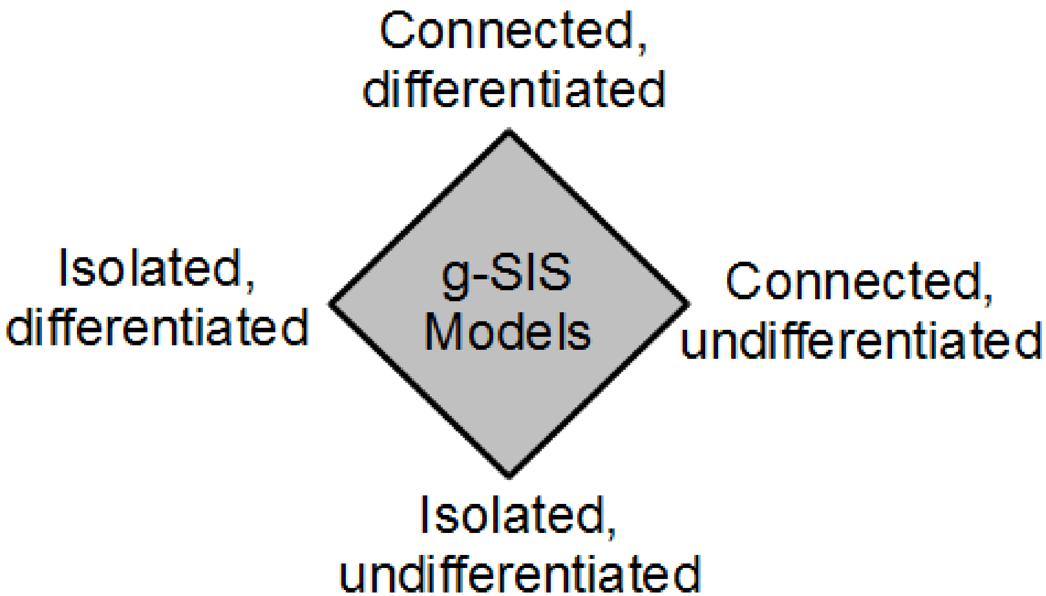
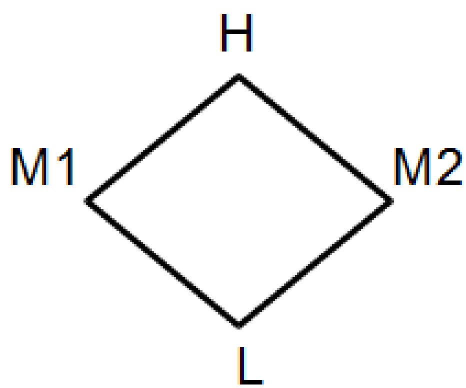
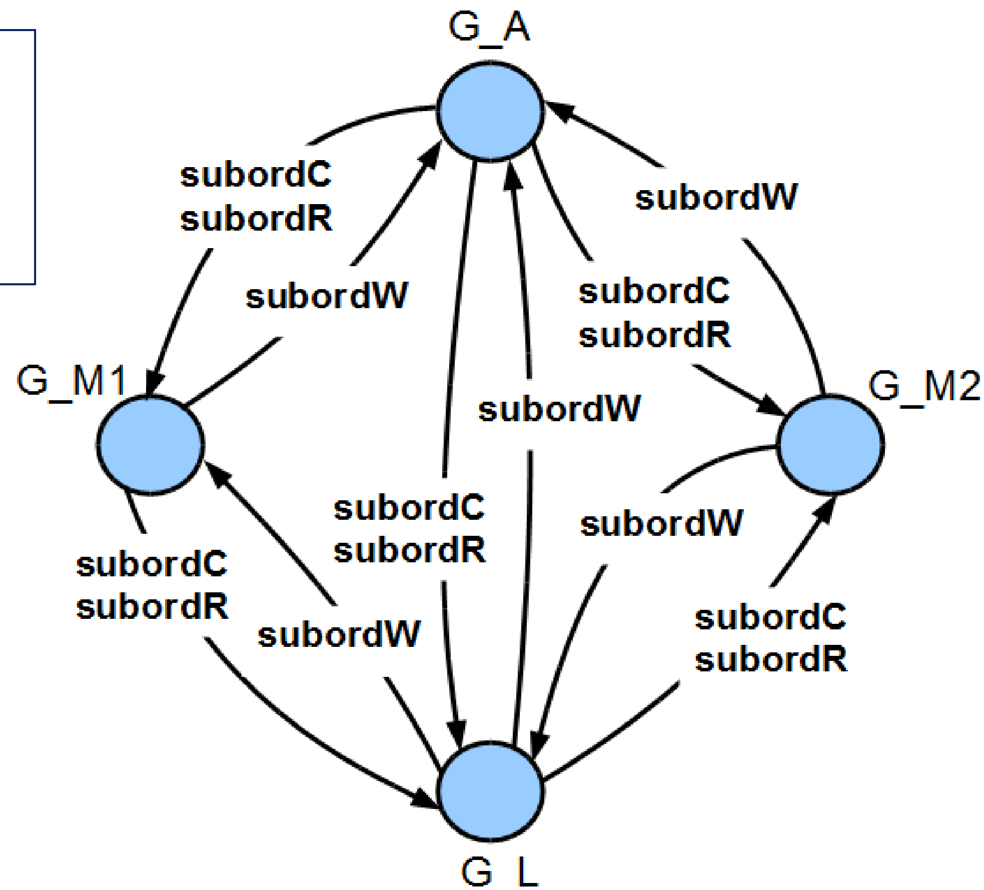


g-SIS and LBAC

1. Read Subordination
2. Write Subordination
3. Subject Create Subordination



A sample lattice for one directional information flow



Equivalent g-SIS configuration of Org A lattice

Agile Collaboration

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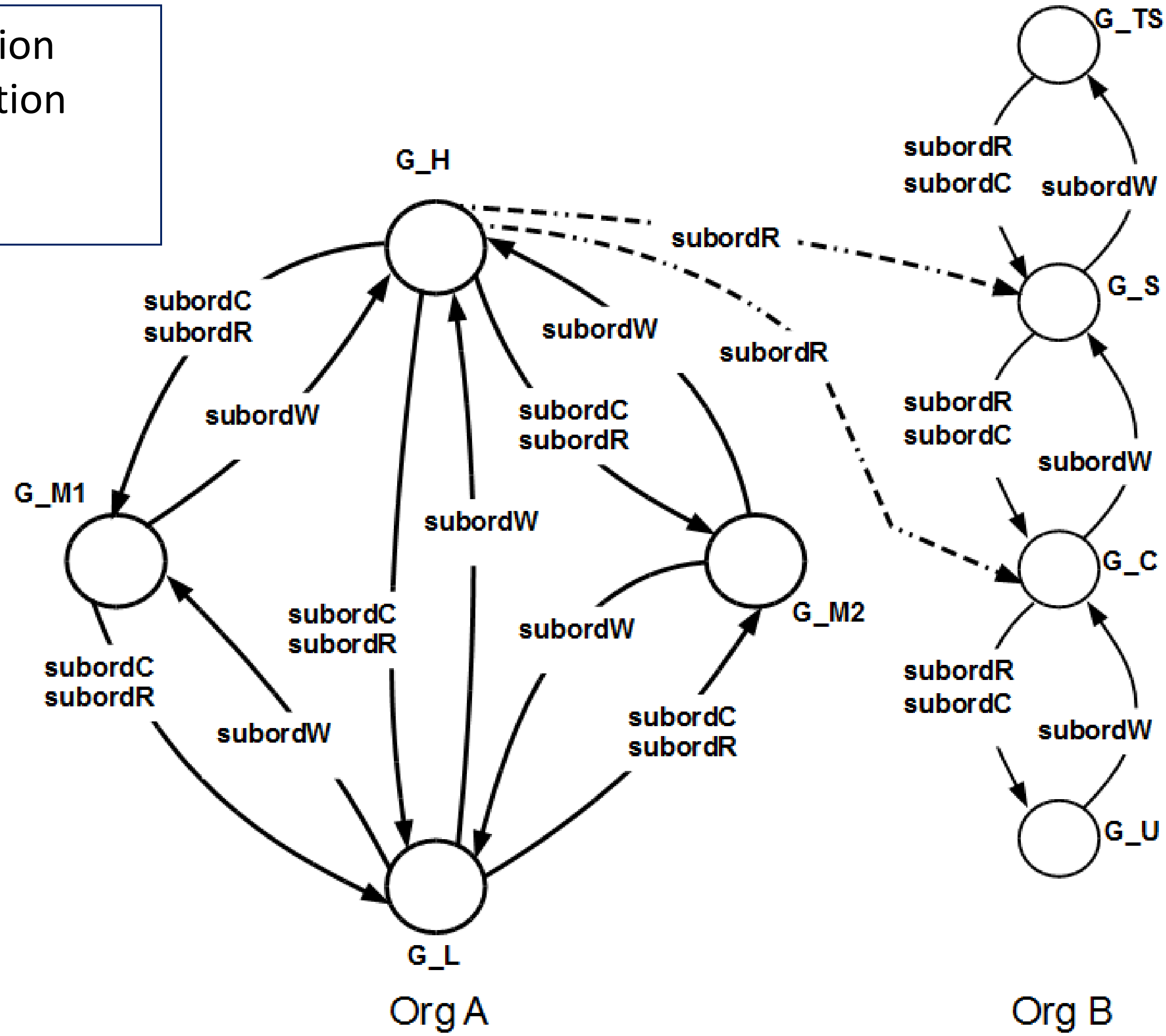

Agile collaboration in LBAC enabled by g-SIS

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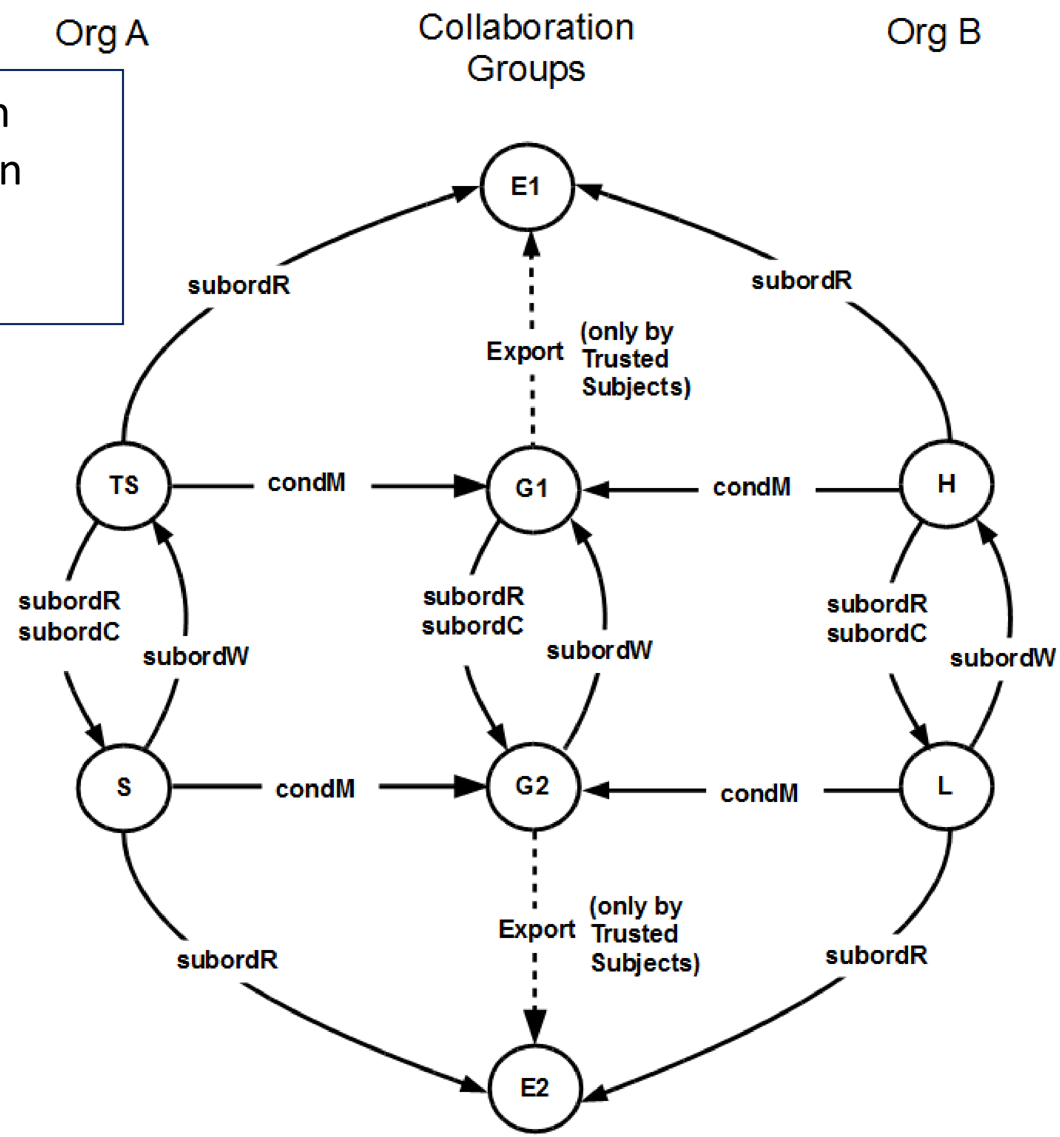


Collaboration groups established between two different lattices

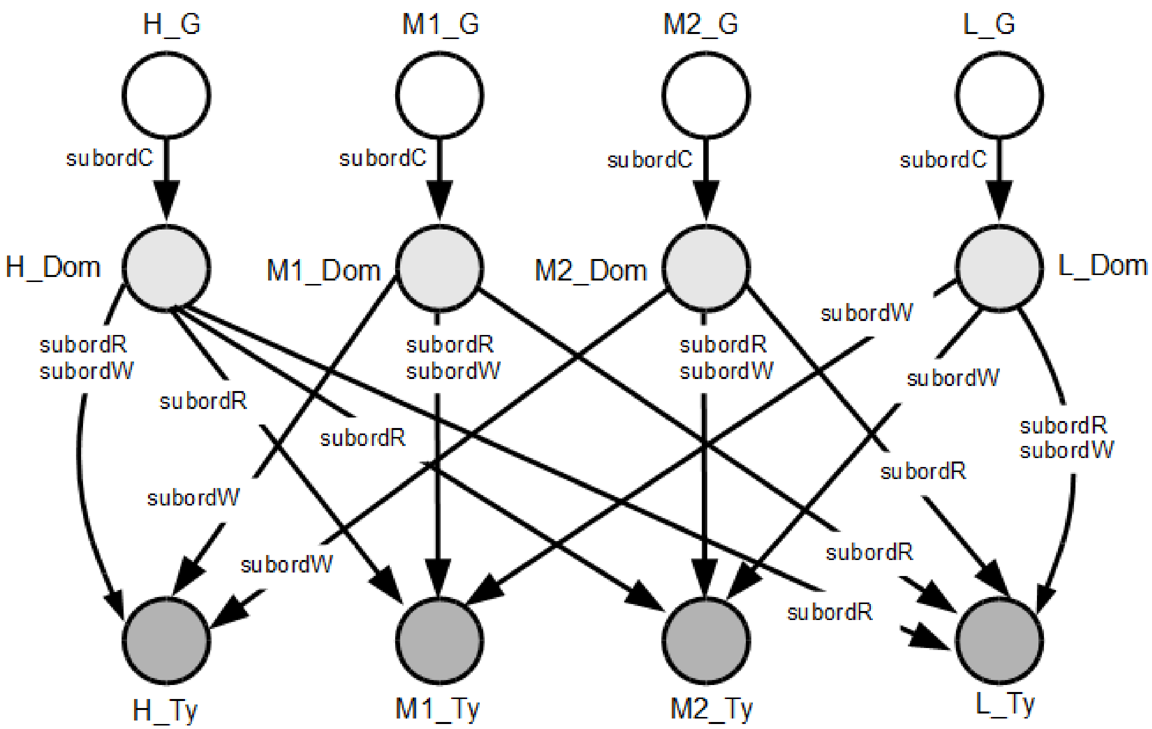
Domain and Type Enforcement and g-SIS

Objects →

Subjects ↓

Domain \ Type	H_Ty	M1_Ty	M2_Ty	L_Ty
H_Dom	*rw*	*r*	*r*	*r*
M1_Dom	*w*	*rw*	-	*r*
M2_Dom	*w*	-	*rw*	r
L_Dom	-	*w*	*w*	*rw*

A sample DTE matrix



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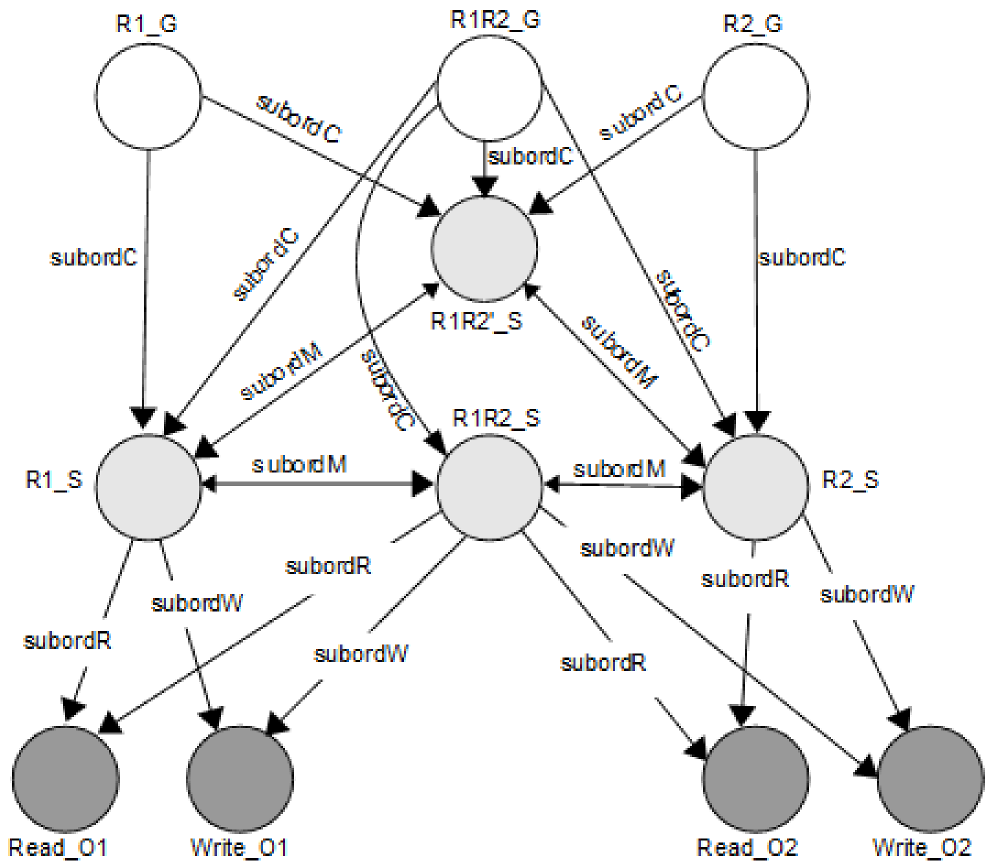
RBAC0 and g-SIS



RBAC$_0$ with RW permissions in g-SIS

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3. Subject Create Subordination
4. Subject Move Subordination

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