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Future of privacy, data protection and  
cybersecurity

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Future threats to privacy, data protection and  
cybersecurity

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# Future threats in digital technology

The governance of technological government by high tech giants

Data protection security as disrupted by quantum and AI

The increasing mandate of human activities to digital technologies

The cloud vulnerabilities

Internet and data vulnerabilities: post Quantum AI

The satellite vulnerabilities and the space competition

Cyber competition and Cyberwarfare

# The context: questions about norms

1. What is data protection in GDPR: Articles 1 and 3 of the GDPR. The question implies typology of data, personal data and systems data: **data modeling in workflows**

2. Customisation of answers depends on users: military, financial, health, mobility, utilities, nuclear, etc.

3. Critical infrastructures and essential services: responsibility of vendors and consultants as related to compliance

No security standards for data management. **Web security standards in encryption will be disrupted by quantum technologies:** quantum communication, quantum computing and storage.

A specific question is: **the relation between western and eastern communication security standards and authorities**

They are different and security is generally guaranteed by high tech vendors.

# GDPR, NIS 2, AI Act

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Vagueness-indeterminacy of language drafting: adequate? and proportionate? (GDPR/NIS)

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Redefinition of workflows (GDPR): very expensive (SCADA)

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Personal data vs personal data: the ambiguity of protection (Articles 1 and 3 GDPR)

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Definition and compliances of essential services: diversity in the different states (NIS, NIS 2, AI)

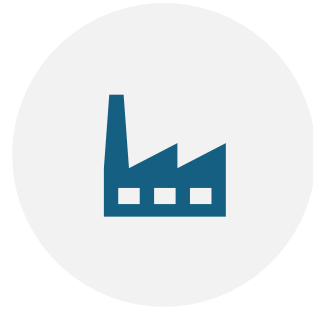
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Responsibilities and notifications: cybersecurity vendors ? (coreferents and DPO)

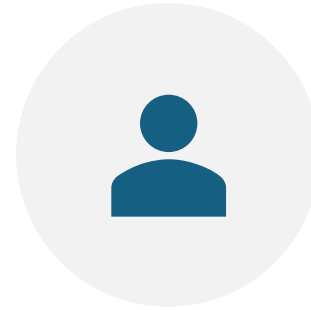
# The AI ACT



POOR DEFINITION OF AI



RISKS AND TYPOLOGY  
OF COMPANIES



RESPONSIBILITIES:  
VENDORS AND  
INTERMEDIARIES



IMPACTS ACCORDING  
TO DOMAINS

# The UN concern the Common Regulation Agreement (CRA)

WP.6 for the November 2023 Annual Session,  
“The regulatory compliance of products with **embedded artificial intelligence or other digital technologies**”  
(ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2023/9)

Compliances (for instance the ISO 42001)

The typology of risks and the classification of companies

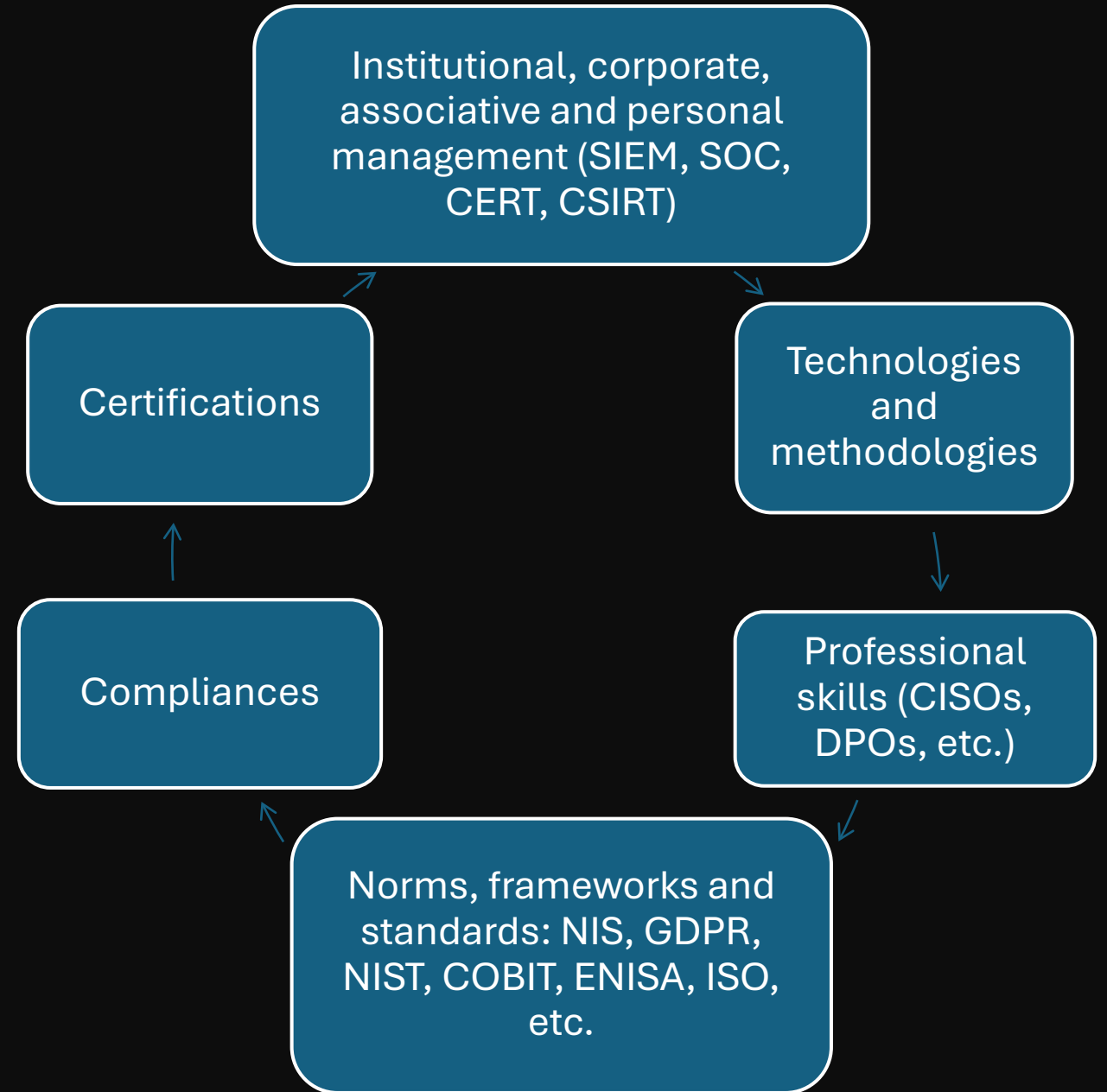
Questions? Evaluators???

Who checks

What do you check

How do you check

# Data and the protection defense system



# Lights

GLOBALIZATION OF THE  
PROBLEM

COORDINATED APPROACHES

LAUNCH OF COMMUNICATION  
AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYEES TRAINING

DETERRENCE OF  
REGULATIONS



# Shadows

Difficult operational coordination of CERTs, CSIRTs and national and international agencies, public and private

Modest investment by Institutions and Companies in security

Unprecedented professional skills in a disciplinary and interdisciplinary key

Chaotic data sharing languages and solutions

Certification difficulties

Poor integration and comparison of system operators

# Cyber defense of data technology solutions: detection and prevention

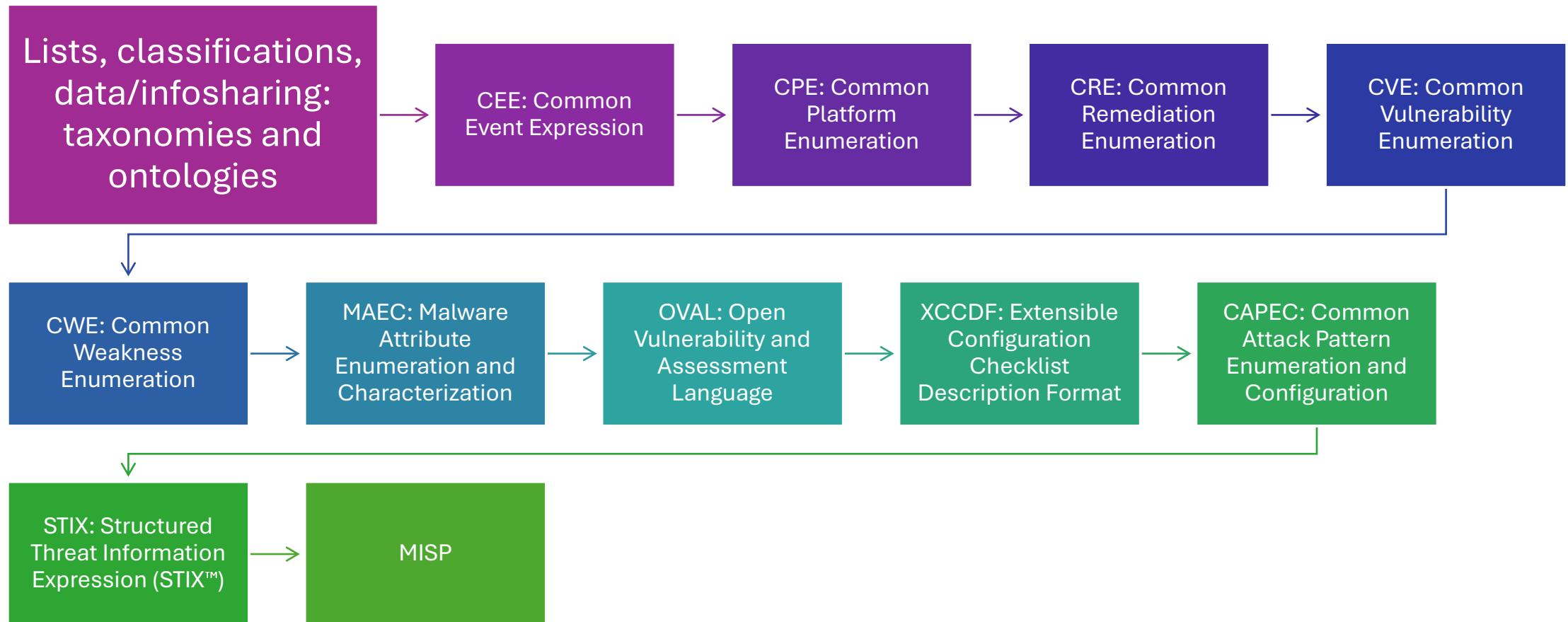
## **Typologies of defenses**

network, OS, apps, behavioral  
governance

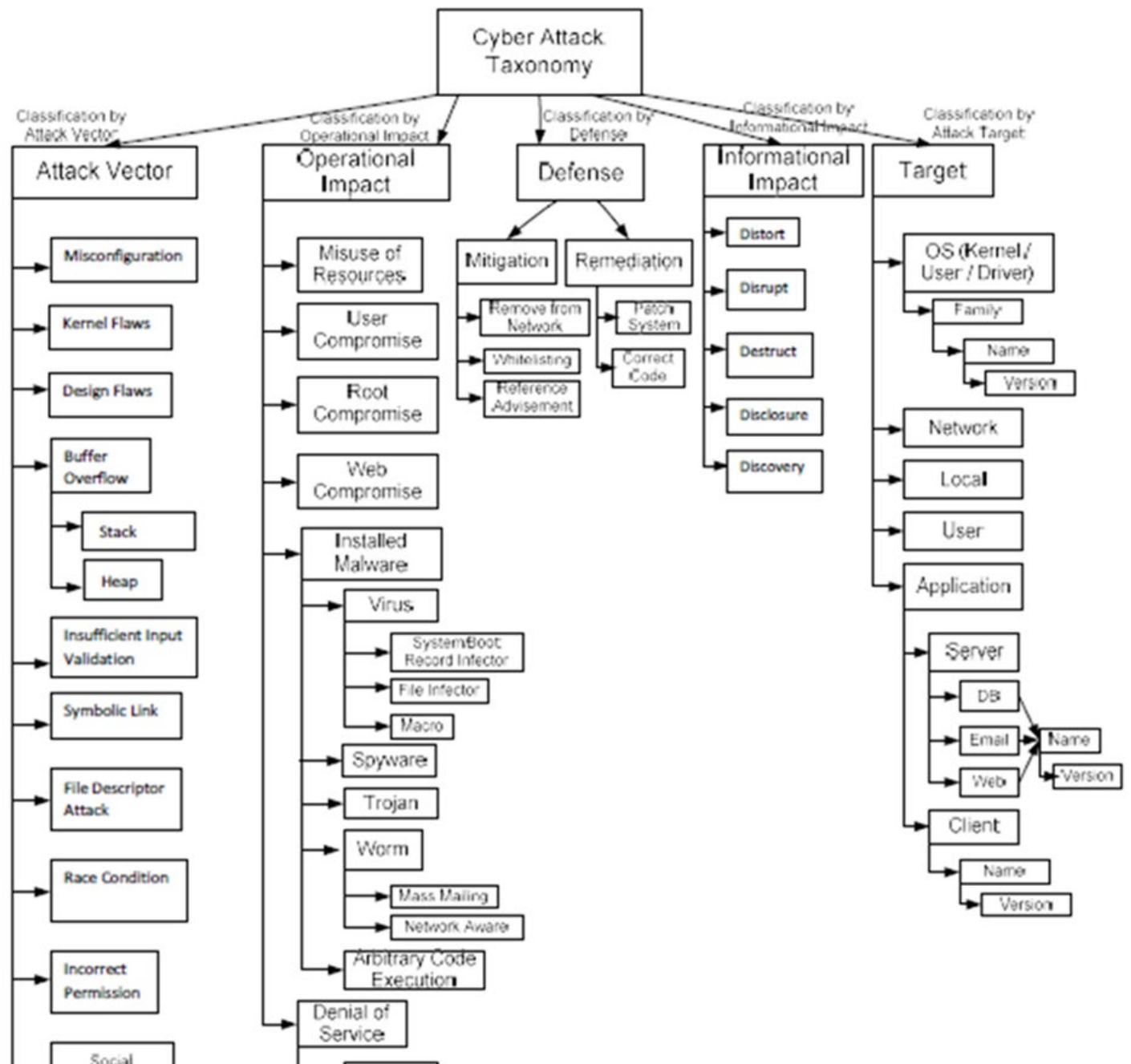
## **Typology of devices**

- asset monitoring
- IDS
- IPS
- firewall
- antimalware
- antivirus
- antispam
- honeypot
- pen testing

# Threat intelligence and infosharing platforms



# AVOIDIT: an attack taxonomy



# ENISA A sample: the resilience ontology

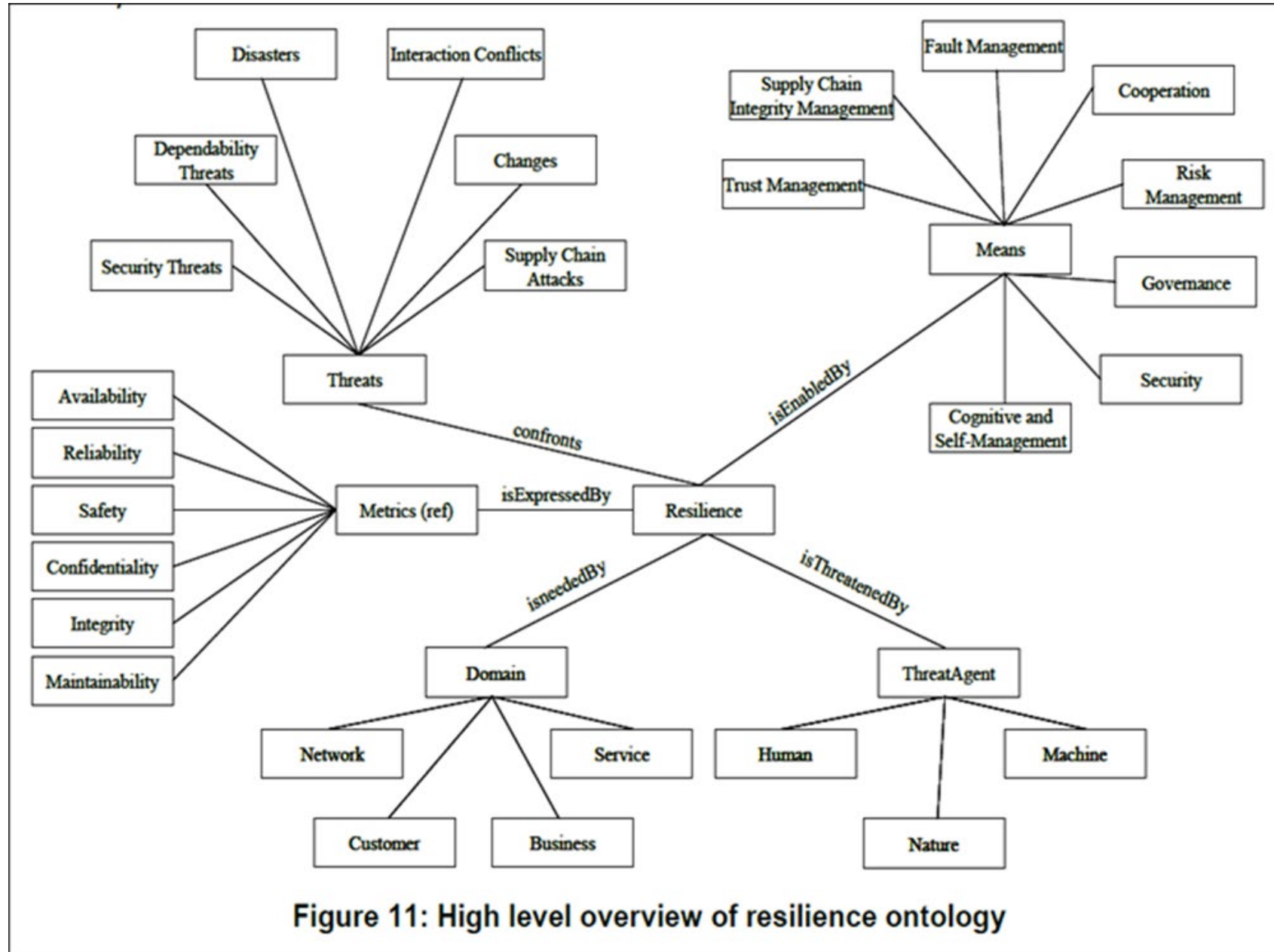


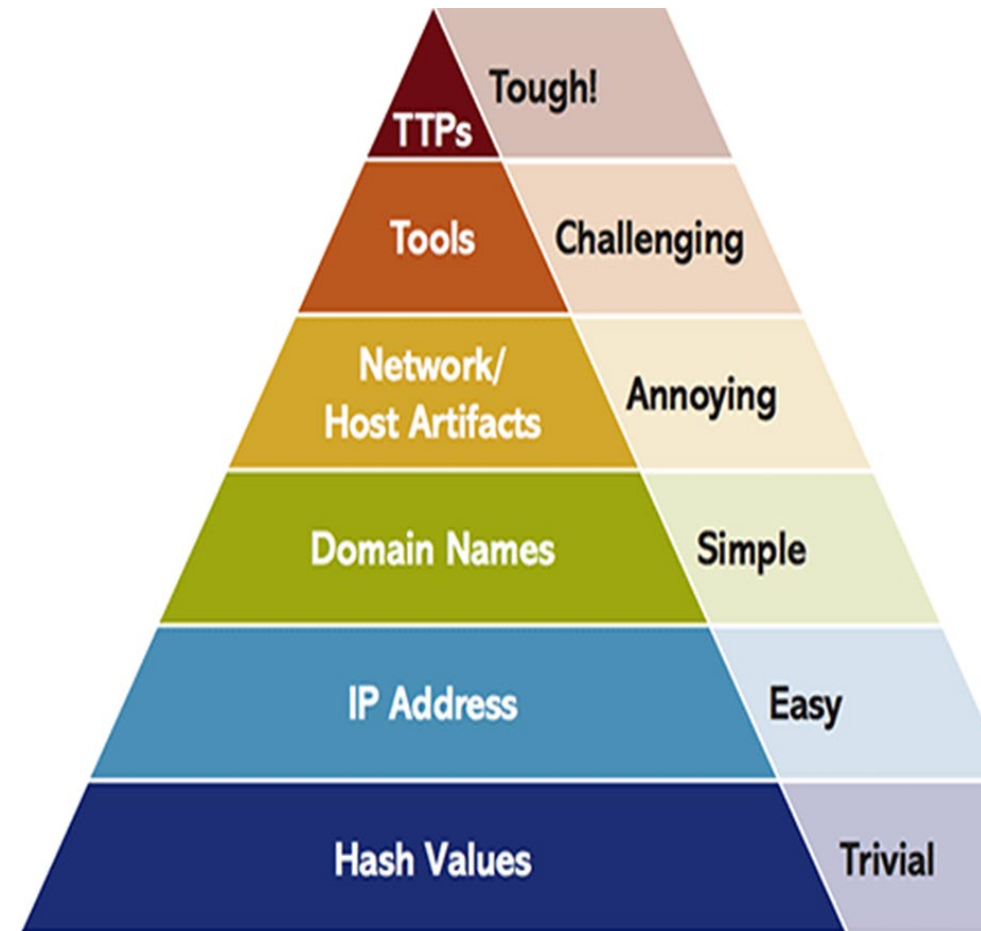
Figure 11: High level overview of resilience ontology

# IoCs IoAs: data analytics, integration, representation

## DATA and IoCs: the Pyramid of Pain

David Bianco

<http://detect-respond.blogspot.com/2013/03/the-pyramid-of-pain.html>



# State of the art of cyber defense: problems

overlapping of technologies and unrelated data

necessity and limits of manual interventions

contradictory and arbitrary detections of indicators and attacks

lack of contextualization of generalizable data/loCs

lack of AI analytics and classifications: ontologies and taxonomies

absence of logical-semantic relationships in classifiers

arbitrary conceptualization and naming of taxonomic and ontological entities

precariousness of algorithms due to theoretical insufficiency of data sets modelling

undue trust in the ability of the machine to learn data on incorrect logical-semantic relationships

need for specific R&D on AI modeling and data correlation: neural networks and models

preventive and predictive helplessness

Quantum/AI  
attacks

Quantum /AI  
defense

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the double bind

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encryption algorithms disruption

vs

advanced encryption algorithms for  
communication and storage

AI adversarial attacks

vs

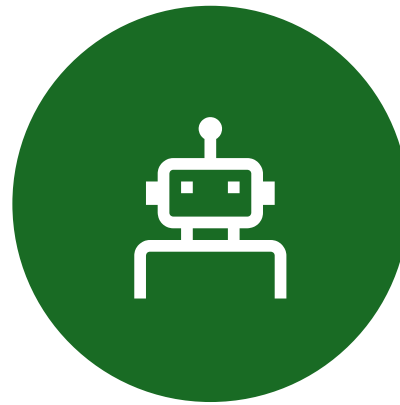
preventive and predictive AI platforms



# AI, cybersecurity, data protection: the triple perspective



KNOWLEDGE  
ARCHITECTURES  
KNOWLEDGE BASES  
FOR DEFENSE  
SYSTEMS



THE AI  
KNOWLEDGE  
BASES  
INSECURITY



AI ADVERSARIAL  
ATTACKS

# AI development activities, approaches, modeling

- Neural, cognitive and linguistic approaches

CHAT GPT 4: (transformer attentive models) NLP, data base/ knowledge base, linguistic processing and services: extraction, composition, information queries, multimodal production (generative), etc.

- Deep neural network machine learning: Gitta Kutyniok on mathematical foundational support and criticism for data architectures
- Ontologies and taxonomies: def and methods  
Guarino, MITRE, Protégés/Stanford University
- POC Cybersecurity defense systems
- Mixed/blended languages

LLM/image recognition: labelled images e polisemy of images (Google image analytics)

# Large multimodal systems (LMM)

- Quality and typology of images
- Images and texts:

the logical semantic correlation: the vectorial representation (embedding) of images as compatible with the vectorial phrase representation

- Machine learning, data sets

## The AI concepts methodology

### The architectural profile

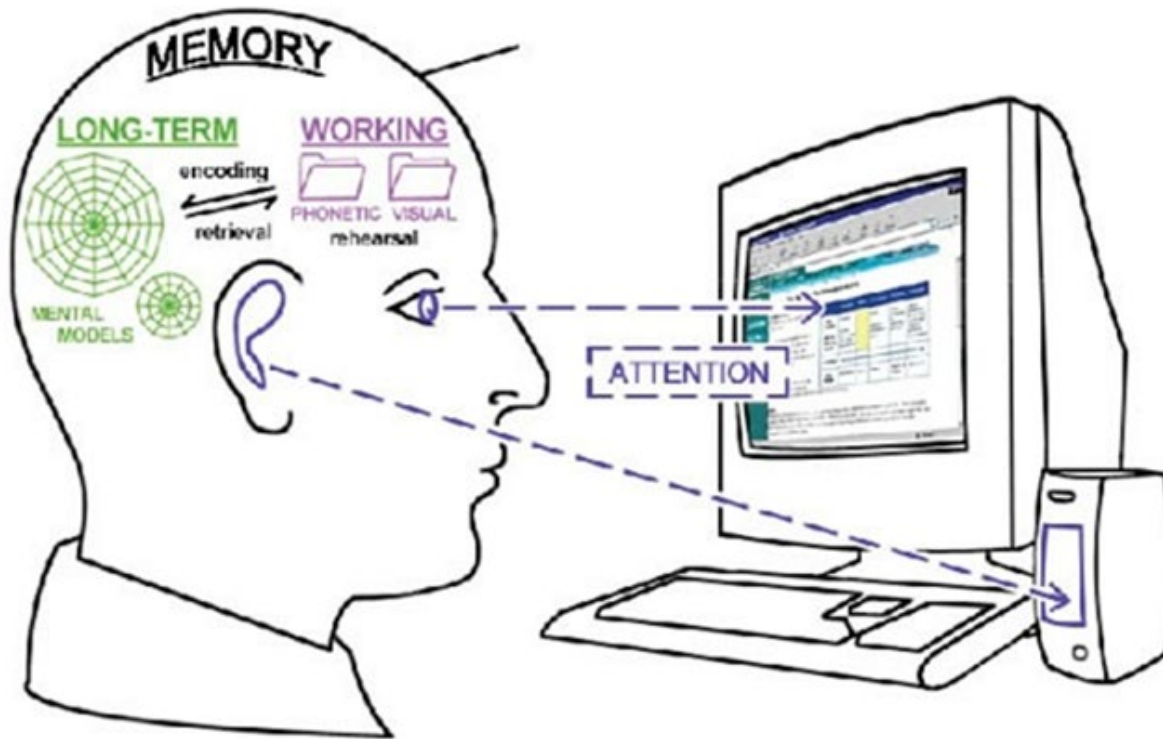
- Domains, classes, entities, logical-semantic relations, controlled semantic vocabularies, metadata languages
- Advanced machine learning



# Gitta Kutyniok “a comprehensive theoretical mathematical foundation in AI is completely lacking at present”

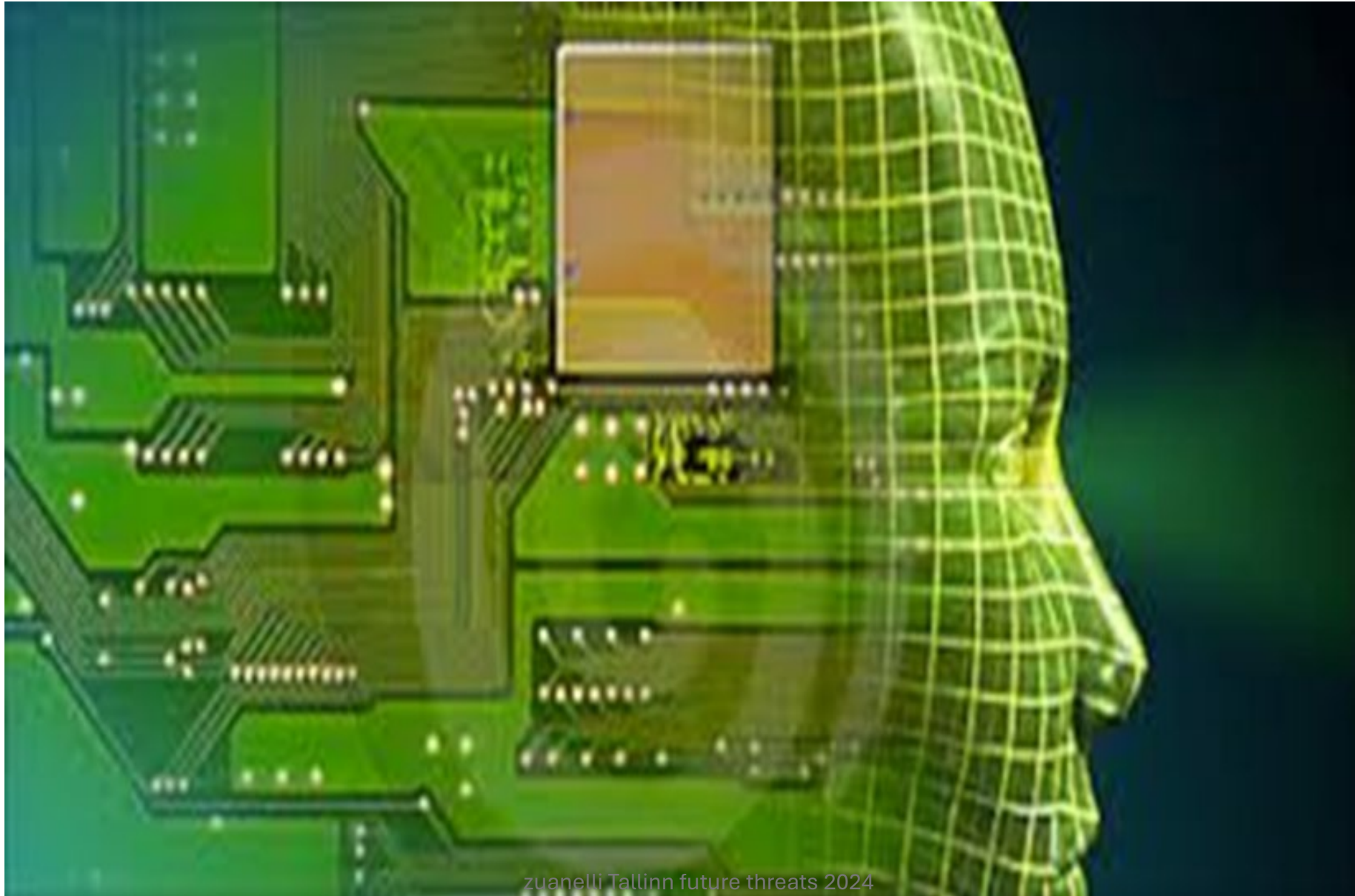
- In AI, ..., in the case of deep neural networks, “the search results is a timeconsuming work for a suitable network architecture,
- a highly delicate trial-and-error-based (training) process,
- and missing error bounds for the performance of the trained neural networks”.
- Layers, data sets (numerical, bivariate, multivariate, categorical, correlational, etc.), architectures: criteria for typological coherence of collected data and knowledge base architectures

# Cognitive functions and mind: the great engine of human activities



- perception
- analysis
- transduction
- integration/memorization
- elaboration
- retrieval
- applications

# Cognitive architecture: from mind to machine



The POC  
ontology  
defense  
solution: threat  
intelligence,  
information  
sharing, incident  
reporting (2024)  
Pragmema



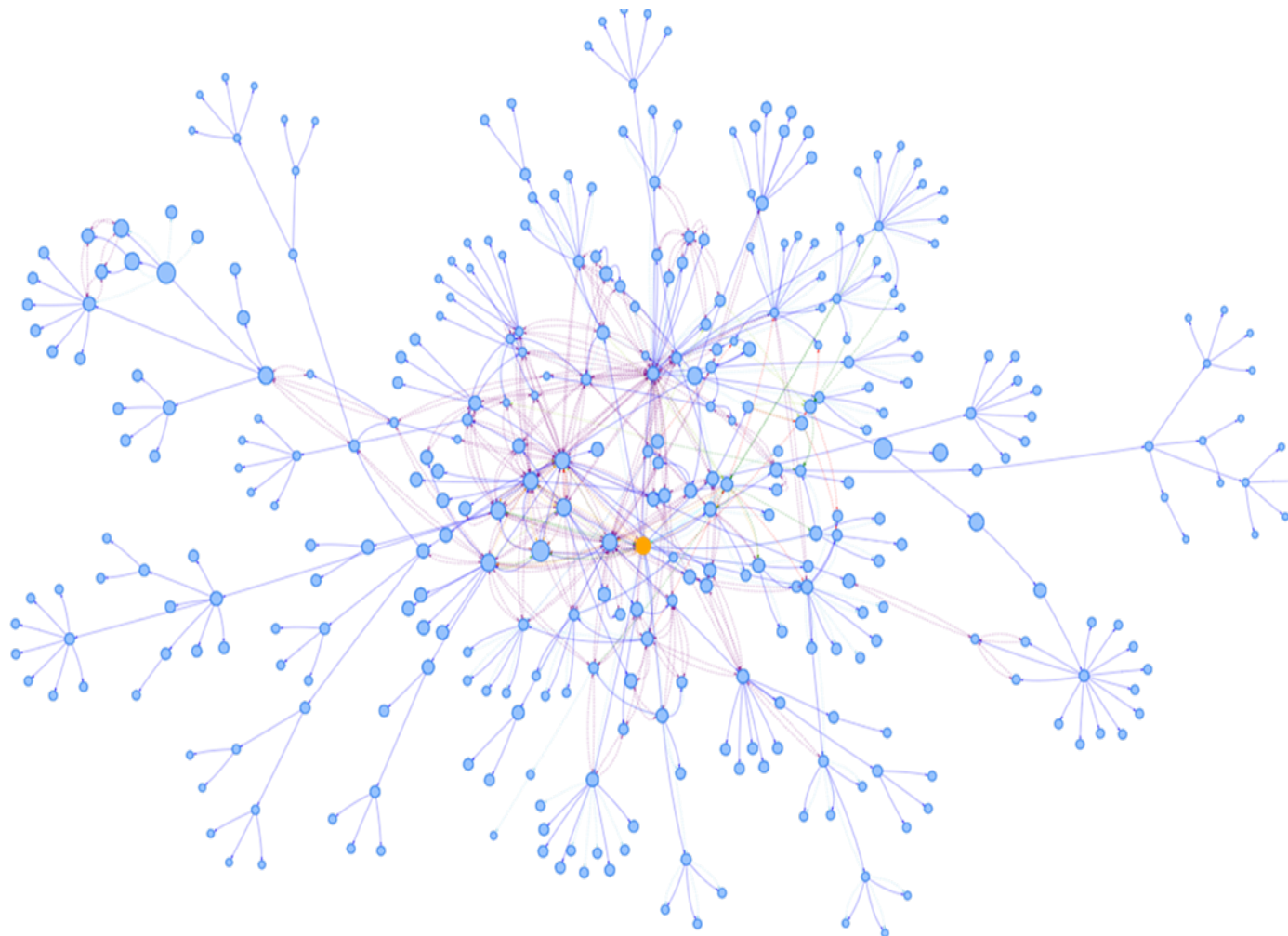
POC knowledge ontology



POC cybersecurity domain  
ontology: prevention and  
prediction

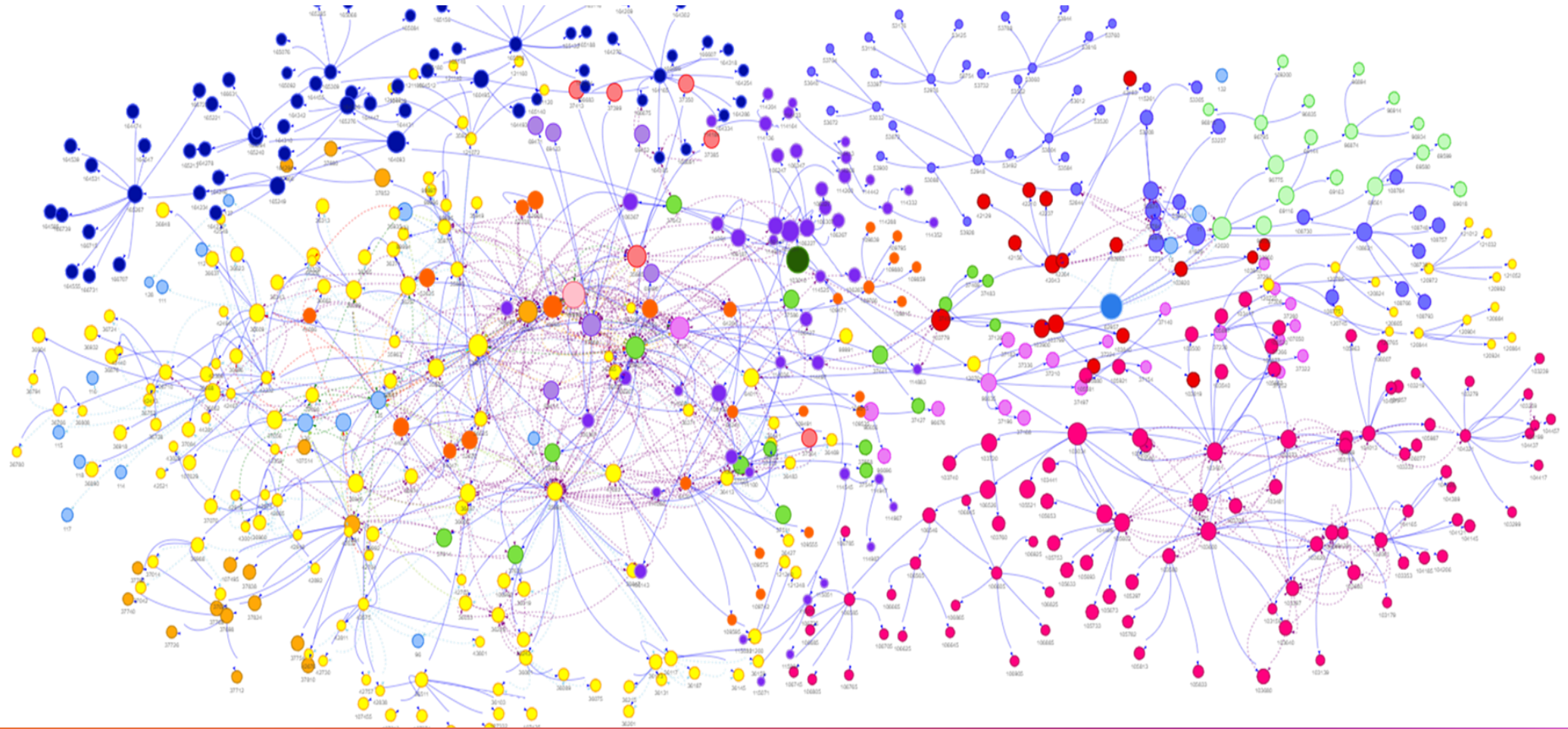


POC cybersecurity pragmatic  
ontology: services

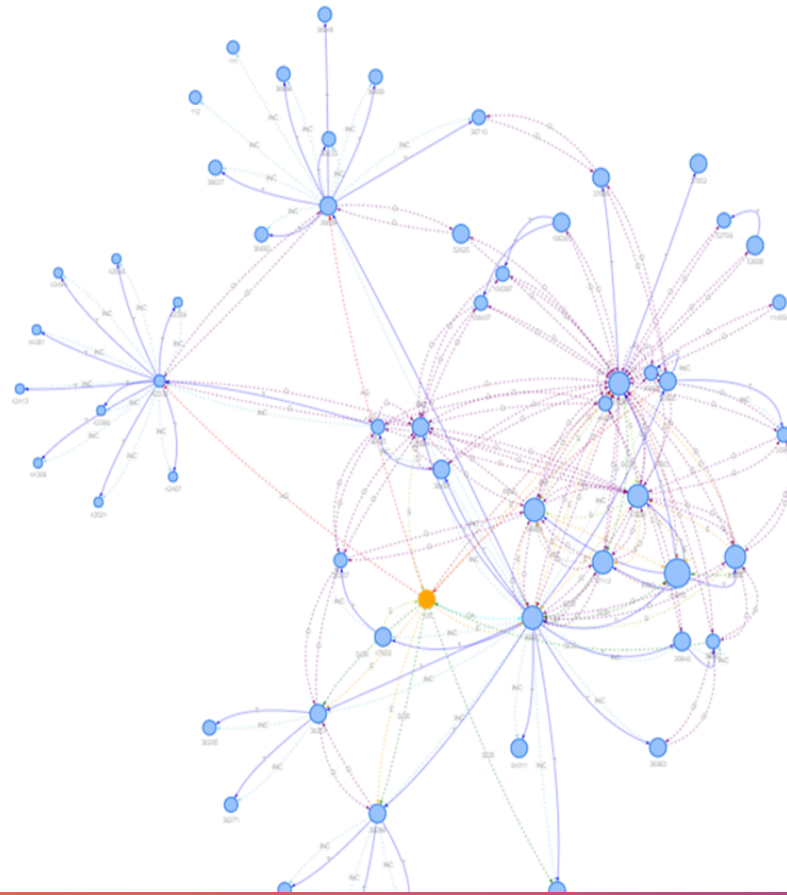


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# POC Cybersecurity domain ontology

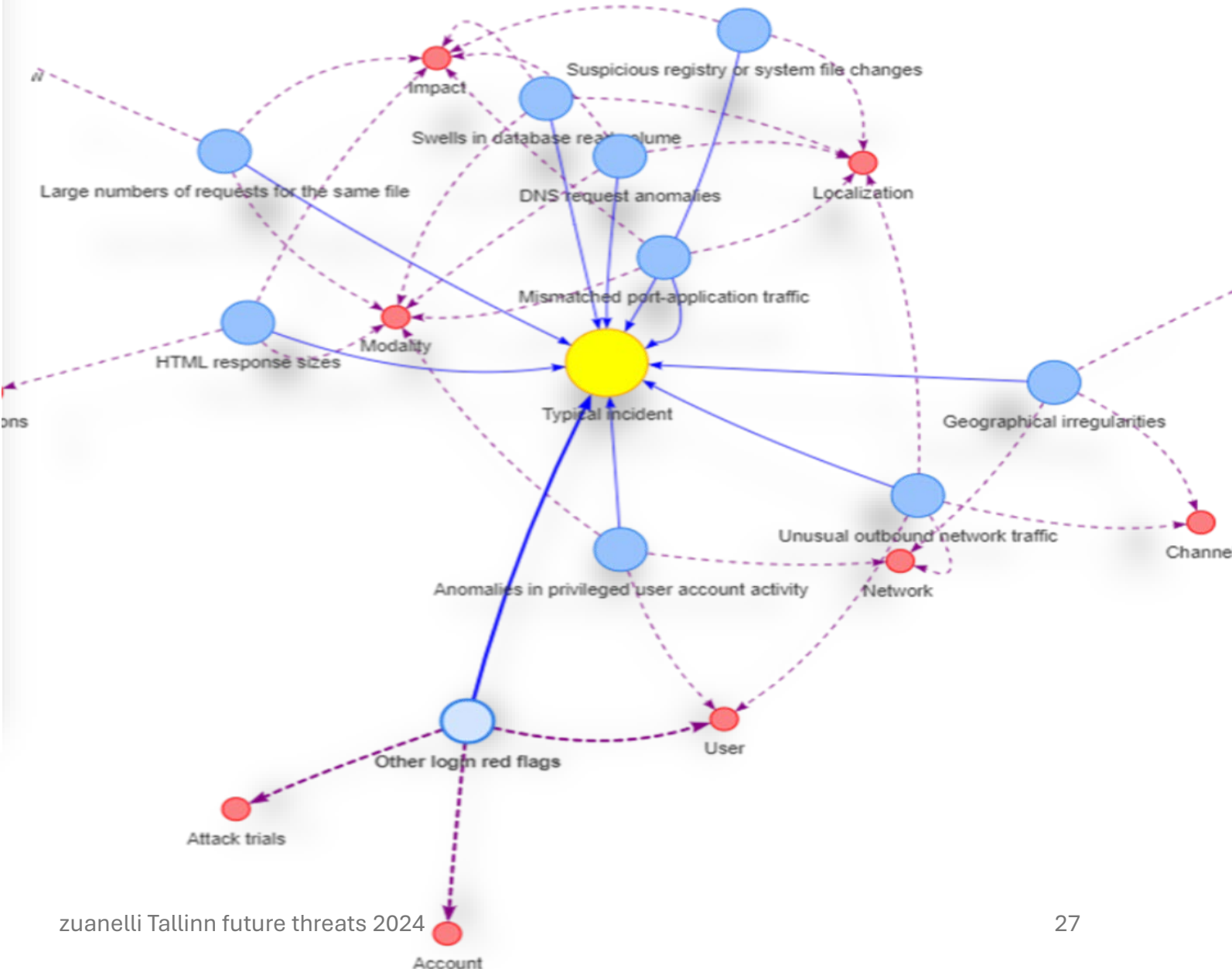


# POC typical incident

POC: typical incident

IoC  
Integration and filter

Parameters clustering



# Normative extraction and summarization KBs

usefulness

feasability

productive/ applicative functions

the ontology of digital norms:  
extraction, summarization,  
comparison

# Knowledge bases for detection and prevention of data breaches

typology of data

customised analyses of domains ( finance, health, utilities, nuclear, etc.) users and workflows

normative domains ontology: entities, classes, logical semantic relations

technological adequacy of data protection systems

users training

R&D

# The knowledge workers



THE UNLIMITED  
POWER OF AI:  
COLLABORATION  
WITH HUMAN  
ACTIVITIES



THANKS!