



Applying Decentralized Information Flow Labels for System-level Synthesis

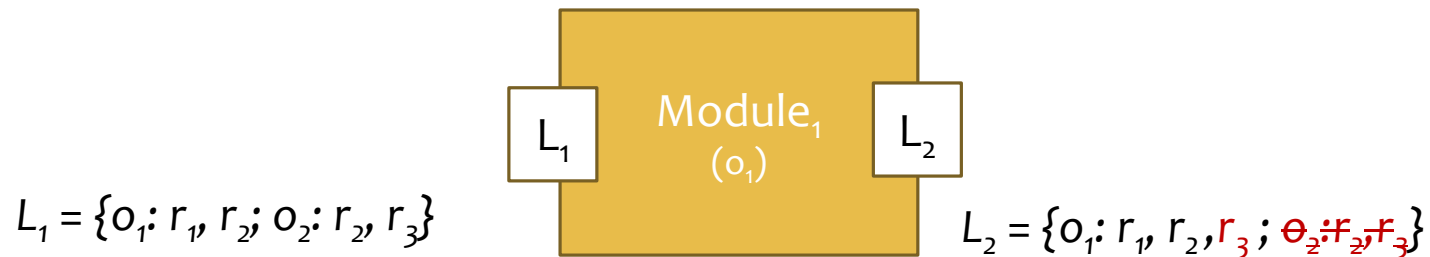
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Background

Apply Decentralized Label Model

- * Apply decentralized label model (DLM) on component-based software systems
 - * Assign security policies to input/output ports of components
 - * DLM elements: Labels, Policies, Principles (readers, owners)



- * Detect possible information leaks (policy violations) in development time (constraint checking)
- * Goal: Avoid declassification

Background Deployment

- * Ensure that when we deploy these logical component interaction models to distributed hardware nodes, the information flow restrictions are not invalidated.
- * The deployment model consists of processing nodes, channels and their properties, as well as mappings from the component model's components to nodes and links to channels.

Background

Detect Policy Violations in FORMULA

- * FORMULA (Formal Modeling Using Logic Programming and Analysis)
 - * Modern formal specification language targeting model-based development (MBD).
 - * It is based on algebraic data types (ADTs) and strongly-typed constraint logic programming (CLP), which support concise specifications of abstractions and model transformations
 - * Model finding (based on Microsoft Z3 SMT solver)
- * Detect policy violations using constraint checking
 - * No owners removed and no new readers added
- * Check deployment mapping using constraint checking
 - * E.g.: Prevent mapping a link between components executing on the same node to a channel

SMT Solver-based Propagation of Security Labels

- * Context
 - * Given a dataflow model with set of principals, modules and their connections through ports
 - * Security labels on ports are unknown (or just partially known)
 - * Goal: find a valid label set based on the existing principals and module connections.
- * The symbolic domain problem is encoded as an SMT problem and then an SMT solver is used to find a solution.
- * Finding a satisfiable label set: *propagation*
 - * Reuse existing DLM constraints
 - * Optimization rules (exclude irrelevant solutions)
 - * Type specific rules

Components Domain with Constraints

```
domain Components extends LabelSecurity
{
  primitive Principal ::= (id:String).
  primitive Policy ::= (lbl:Label, owner:Principal, reader:Principal).
  primitive Label ::= (id:Integer).
  primitive Port ::= (id:String, lbl:Label).
  primitive Component ::= (id:String, owner:Principal).
  primitive ComponentInputPort ::= (comp:Component, port:Port).
  primitive ComponentOutputPort ::= (comp:Component, port:Port).
  primitive Link ::= (src:Port, dst:Port).

  RemovedOwners ::= (port:Port, owner:Principal).
  RemovedOwners(dstPort, owner) :-
    Link(srcPort, dstPort)
    , srcPort is Port(_, srcLbl)
    , dstPort is Port(_, dstLbl)
    , srcPol is Policy(srcLbl, owner, _)
    , no Policy(dstLbl, owner, _)

  OwnerRemoved :=
    RemovedOwners(port, removedOwner)
    , ComponentPort(comp, port)
    , comp is Component(_, compOwner)
    , no ActsForTR(compOwner, removedOwner)
    .

  Propagation := !OwnerRemoved.
}
```

Propagation of Security Labels by FORMULA SMT Solver

partial model C of Components

```
{  
prA is Principal("A")  
prB is Principal("B")  
prC is Principal("C")
```

```
c1 is Component("A", prA)  
c2 is Component("B", prB)  
c3 is Component("C", prC)
```

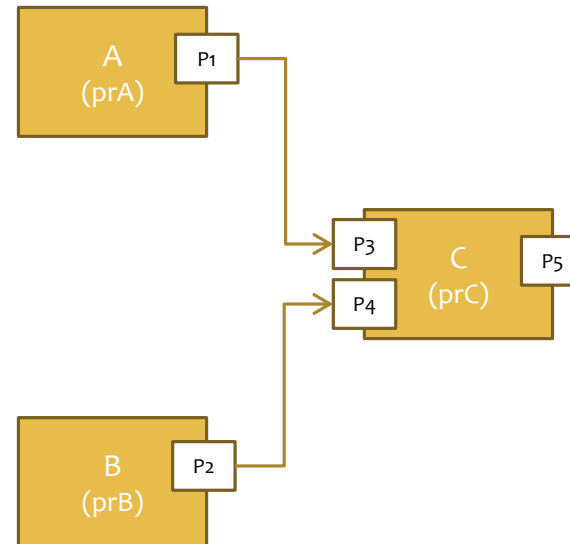
```
p1 is Port("A out", _)  
p2 is Port("B out", _)  
p3 is Port("C in 1", _)  
p4 is Port("C in 2", _)  
p5 is Port("C out 1", _)
```

Ports with unknown
security labels

```
ComponentInputPort(c3, p3)  
ComponentInputPort(c3, p4)  
ComponentOutputPort(c3, p5)
```

```
ComponentOutputPort(c1, p1)  
ComponentOutputPort(c2, p2)
```

```
Link(p1, p3)  
Link(p2, p4)  
Link(p3, p5)  
Link(p4, p5)
```



Solution

partial model C of Components

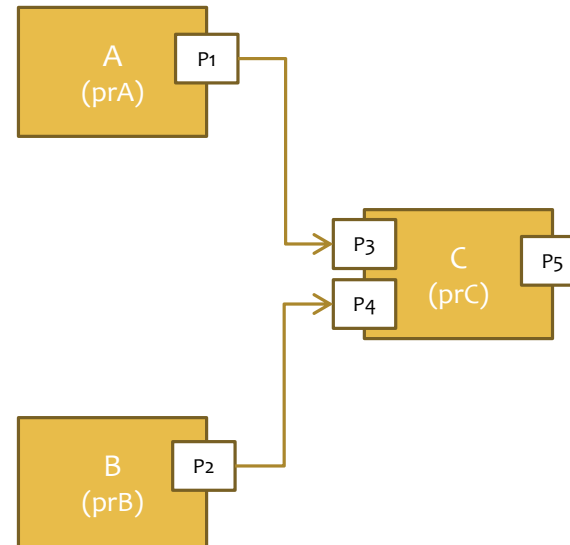
```
{  
  port_0x8 is Port("A out", label_0x5)  
  port_0x9 is Port("B out", label_0x6)  
  port_0xA is Port("C in 1", label_0x5)  
  port_0xB is Port("C in 2", label_0x6)  
  port_0xC is Port("C out 1", label_0x7)
```

```
  Policy(label_0x5, prA, prC)  
  Policy(label_0x6, prB, prC)  
  Policy(label_0x7, prA, prC)  
  Policy(label_0x7, prB, prC)  
  Policy(label_0x7, prC, prC)
```

```
  label_0x5 is Label(0)  
  label_0x6 is Label(1)  
  label_0x7 is Label(2)
```

```
  c1 is Component("A", prA)  
  c2 is Component("B", prB)  
  c3 is Component("C", prC)  
  prA is Principal("A")  
  prB is Principal("B")  
  prC is Principal("C")  
  ComponentInputPort(c3, port_0xA)  
  ComponentInputPort(c3, port_0xB)  
  ComponentOutputPort(c1, port_0x8)  
  ComponentOutputPort(c2, port_0x9)  
  ComponentOutputPort(c3, port_0xC)  
  Link(port_0x8, port_0xA)  
  Link(port_0x9, port_0xB)  
  Link(port_0xA, port_0xC)  
  Link(port_0xB, port_0xC)
```

```
}
```



Component Model

Refined Component Types

- * New component types added
 - * Application
 - * CodeType: Managed/Unmanaged
 - * Tampering
 - * Isolation level: Sandbox, AppContainer
 - * Restricted operating system environment
 - * RunningAs: Kernel, System, Local Service, Network Service
 - * WebApplication
 - * Sensor
 - * Storage

```
domain Components extends LabelSecurity
{
  [Closed(owner)]
  primitive Component ::= (id:String, owner:Principal).

  [Closed(comp)]
  primitive Application ::= (comp:Component, cpg:ComponentPropertyGroup).

  CodeTypeEnum ::= {MANAGED, UNMANAGED}.
  RunningAsEnum ::= {KERNEL, LOCALSERVICE, NETWORKSERVICE}.

  primitive ComponentPropertyGroup ::= (Integer).
  primitive CodeType ::= (ComponentPropertyGroup, CodeTypeEnum).
  primitive RunningAs ::= (ComponentPropertyGroup, RunningAsEnum).
  ...
}

transform Analyze
from in1::Deployment
to out1::Threats
{
  out1.ThreatInfo_P2("Process memory tampered", comp) :-
    node is in1.Node(_, COMPUTATION_NODE, npg)
    , no in1.ComputationNodeSeparationKernel(npg, true)
    , in1.NodeReaderConflict(node)
    , in1.CompMap(comp, node)
    , in1.Application(comp, cpg)
    , in1.CodeType(cpg, UNMANAGED)
  .
}
```

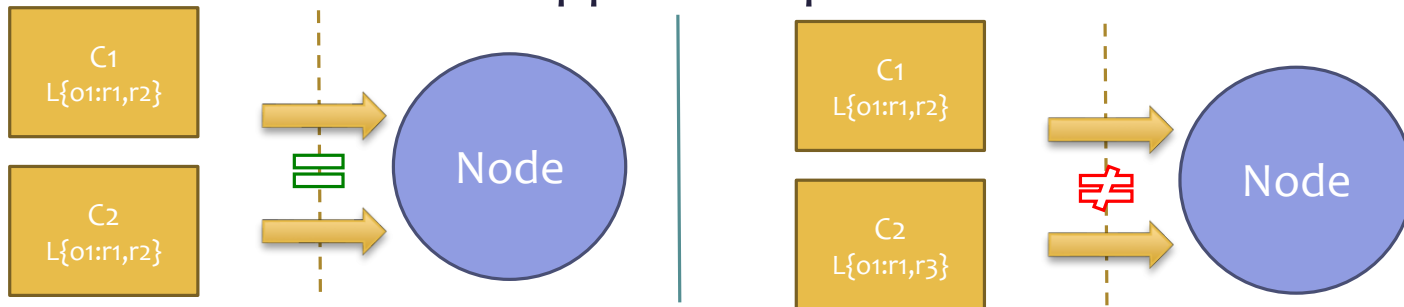
Deployment

New Type Specific Nodes

- * Platform model extended
 - * New node types and properties
 - * Computation node - Separation Kernel
 - * Type of security kernel used to simulate a distributed environment
 - * Protection of all resources (including CPU, memory and devices) from unauthorized access
 - * Sensor
 - * Storage (File system, Database, Device)
 - * Encryption
 - * New channel types and properties
 - * Protection (Protected/Unprotected)
 - * Physical Network (Wired, Wireless)
 - * Protocols
 - * Context dependent

Mapping Different Components to the Same Computation Node

- * Ensure that the readers of the mapped components are not conflicting
 - * The reader lists of the mapped components are the same



- * Resolve conflicts by node properties if possible
 - * If the readers of the mapped components are in conflict on the given platform, then set the Separation Kernel property to true.

Deployment Configuration by FORMULA SMT Solver

* Context

- * Given a dataflow model with set of principals, modules and their connections through ports
- * Given component mapping
- * Security labels on ports and node properties are unknown
- * Goal: find a valid label set AND node property settings based on the existing principals, module connections and component mapping.

* Goals

- * Finding a satisfiable label set: *propagation* (with FORMULA SMT solver)
- * Set the node properties in order to avoid reader conflicts

Deployment Domain with Constraints

```
domain Deployment extends Components, NodePropertySpec
{
  NodeTypes ::= {COMPUTATION_NODE, SENSOR, STORAGE, NULL}.

  primitive Node ::= (id:String, nt:NodeTypes, npgp:NodePropertyGroup).
  primitive CompMap ::= (comp:Component, n:Node).
  primitive ComputationNodeSeparationKernel ::= (npg:NodePropertyGroup, val:Boolean).
  primitive NodePropertyGroup ::= (Integer).

  MergedComponentReaders ::= (Node, Principal).
  MergedComponentReaders(n, reader) :-
    n is Node(_, COMPUTATION_NODE, _),
    CompMap(c,n),
    ComponentReaders(c, reader).

  NodeReaderConflict ::= (Node).
  NodeReaderConflict(n) :-
    n is Node(_, COMPUTATION_NODE, _),
    CompMap(c, n),
    MergedComponentReaders(n, r),
    no ComponentReaders(c, r).

  GoodSepKernelMapping :=
    n is Node(_, COMPUTATION_NODE, npg),
    NodeReaderConflict(n),
    ComputationNodeSeparationKernel(npg, true)
  ;
  n is Node(_, COMPUTATION_NODE, npg),
  no NodeReaderConflict(n),
  ComputationNodeSeparationKernel(npg, false). }
```

Deployment - Find Configuration

```
[Search(Label, Policy, NodePropertyGroup, ComputationNodeSeparationKernel)]
partial model C of Deployment
{
  ActsFor(prC, prA)
  ActsFor(prC, prB)

  prA is Principal("A")
  prB is Principal("B")
  prC is Principal("C")
  prD is Principal("D")

  c1 is Component("A", prA)
  c2 is Component("B", prB)
  c3 is Component("C", prC)
  c4 is Component("D", prD)

  p1 is Port("A out", _)
  p2 is Port("B out", _)
  p3 is Port("C in 1", _)
  p4 is Port("C in 2", _)
  p5 is Port("C out 1", _)
  p6 is Port("D in 1", _)
  p7 is Port("D out 1", _)

  ComponentInputPort(c3, p3)
  ComponentInputPort(c3, p4)
  ComponentOutputPort(c3, p5)

  ComponentOutputPort(c1, p1)
  ComponentOutputPort(c2, p2)

  ComponentInputPort(c4, p6)
  ComponentOutputPort(c4, p7)

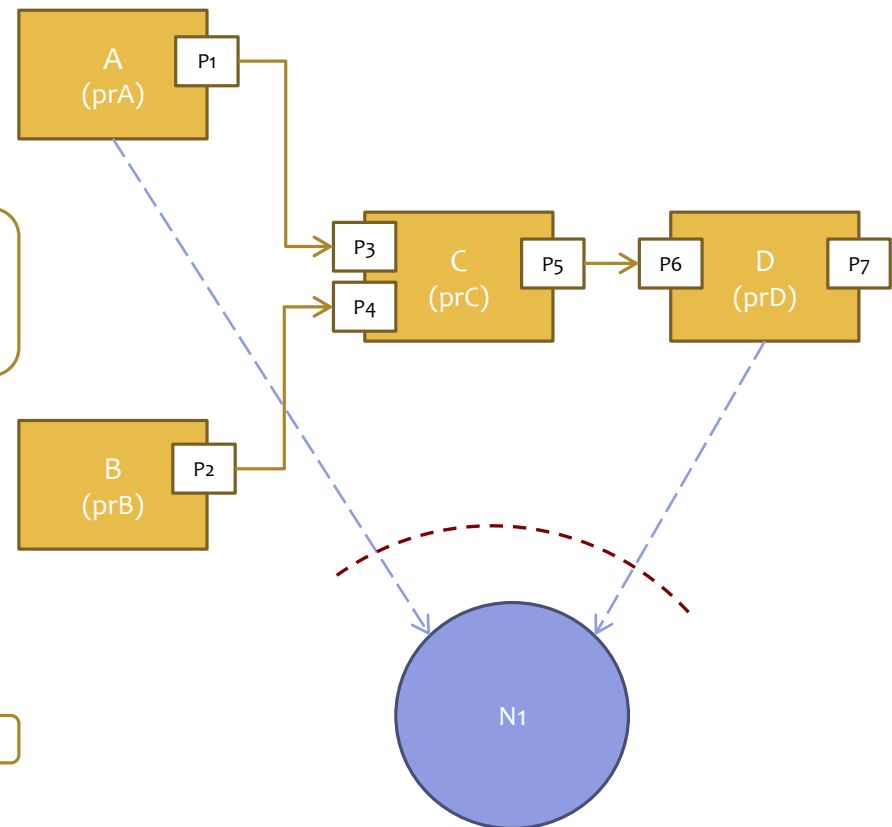
  Link(p1, p3)
  Link(p2, p4)
  Link(p3, p5)
  Link(p4, p5)
  Link(p6, p7)
  Link(p5, p6)

  n1 is Node("n1", COMPUTATION_NODE, _)

  CompMap(c1, n1)
  CompMap(c4, n1)
}
```

Ports with unknown security labels

Unknown properties



Solution

```
[Search(Label, Policy, NodePropertyGroup,
ComputationNodeSeparationKernel)]
partial model C of Deployment
```

```
{
Policy(label_0x5, prA, prC)
Policy(label_0x6, prB, prC)
Policy(label_0x7, prC, prD)
Policy(label_0x8, prC, prD)
Policy(label_0x8, prD, prD)
}
```

```
ComputationNodeSeparationKernel(nodePropertyGroup_0x20, true)
nodePropertyGroup_0x20 is NodePropertyGroup(3)
node_0x21 is Node("n1", COMPUTATION_NODE, nodePropertyGroup_0x20)
```

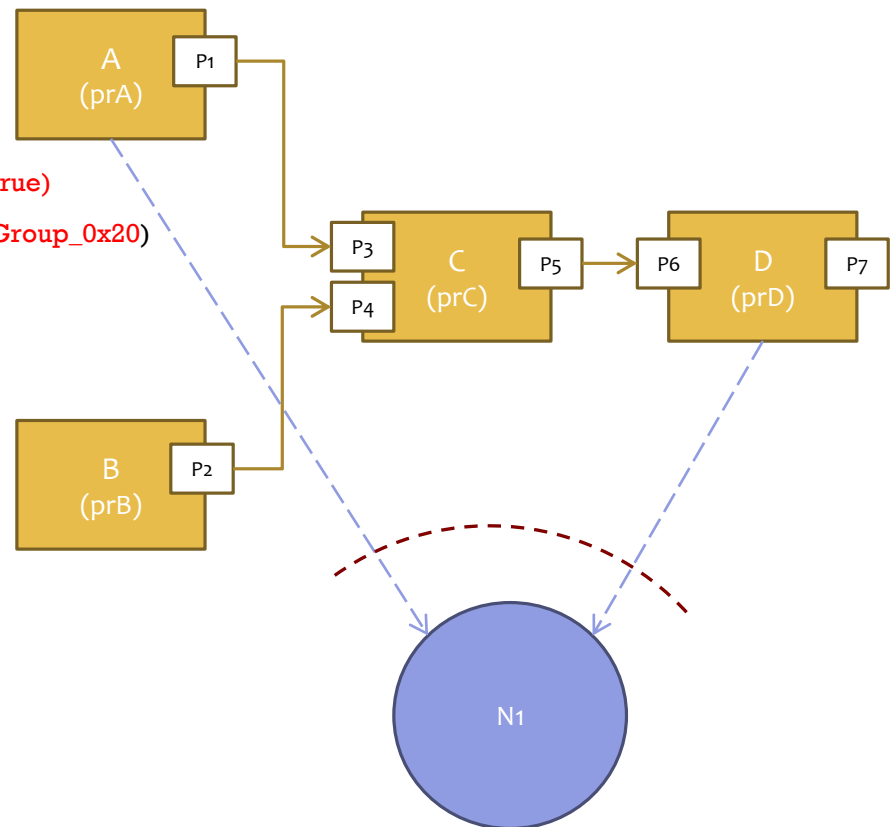
```
prA is Principal("A")
prB is Principal("B")
prC is Principal("C")
prD is Principal("D")
```

```
ActsFor(prC, prA)
ActsFor(prC, prB)
```

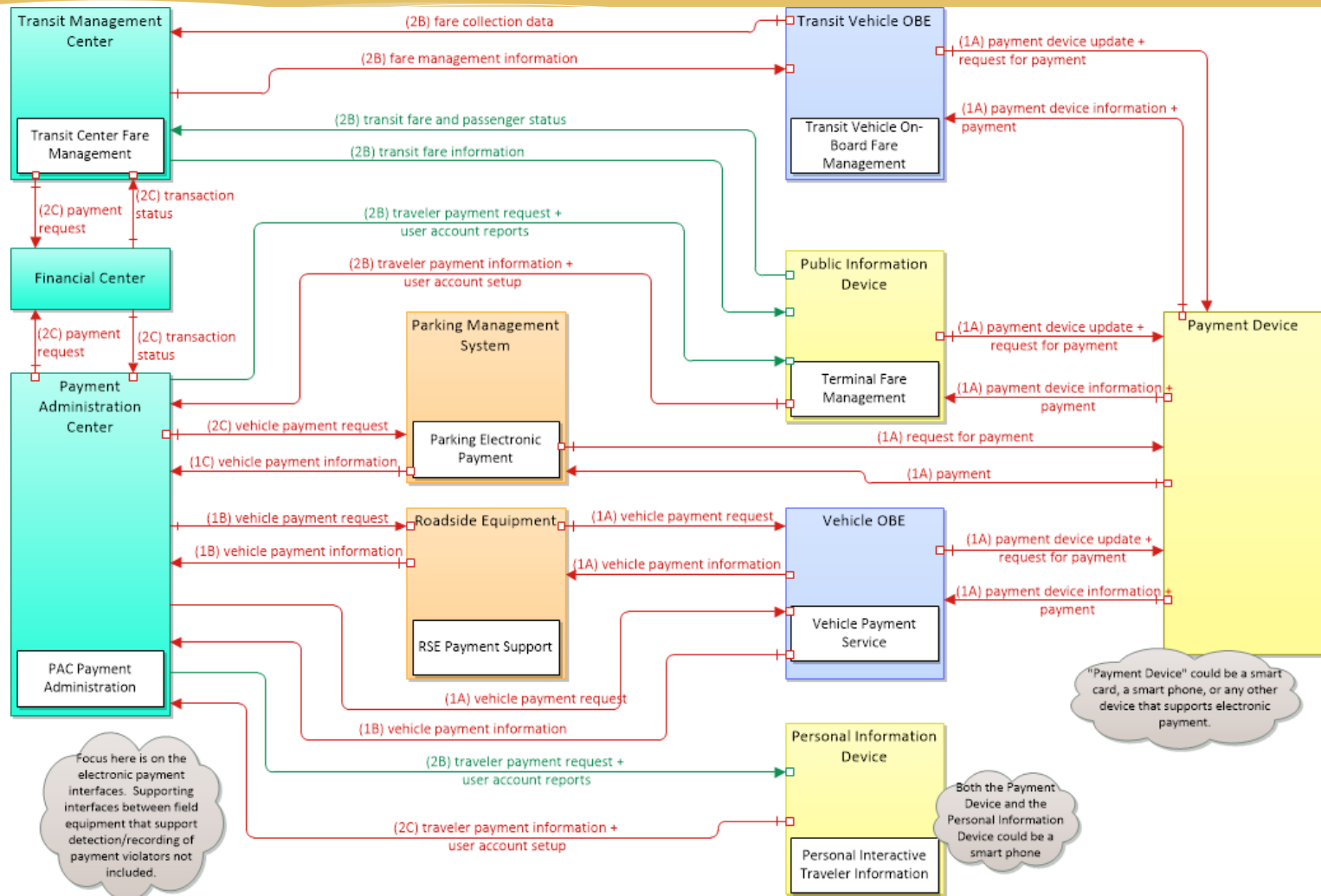
```
c1 is Component("A", prA)
c4 is Component("D", prD)
```

```
port_0xB is Port("A out", label_0x5)
port_0xC is Port("B out", label_0x6)
port_0xD is Port("C in 1", label_0x5)
port_0xE is Port("C in 2", label_0x6)
port_0xF is Port("C out 1", label_0x7)
port_0x10 is Port("D in 1", label_0x7)
port_0x11 is Port("D out 1", label_0x8)
CompMap(c1, node_0x21)
CompMap(c4, node_0x21)
```

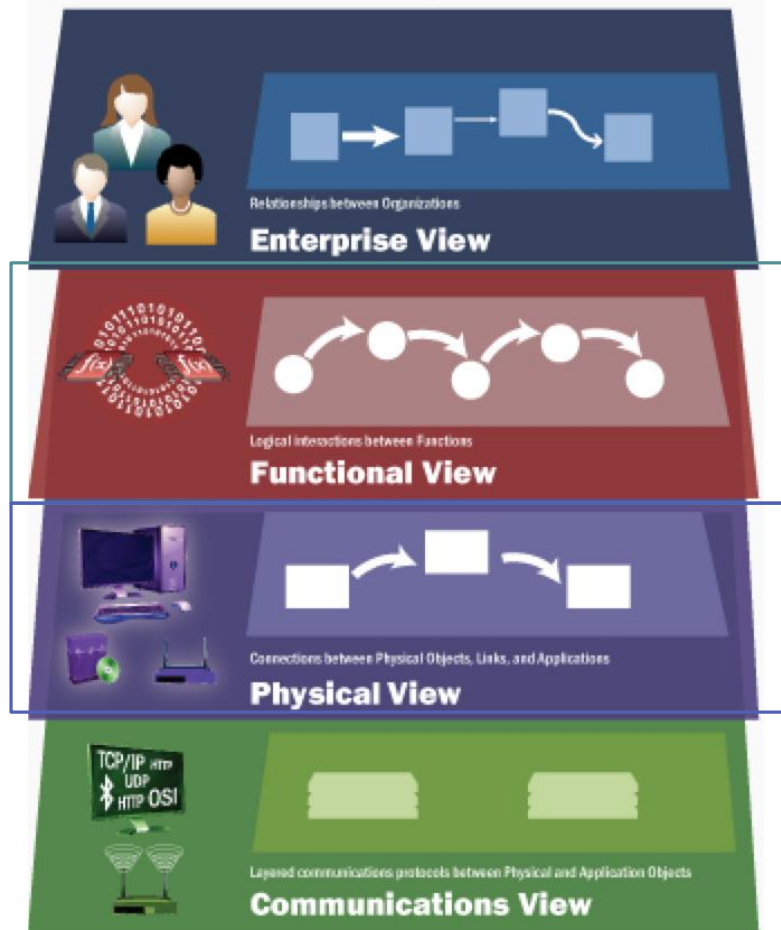
```
}
```



Current and Future Work (1)



Current and Future Work (2)



- **Functional View**

- Set of processes
- Data flows that move between processes
- **FORMULA extends this data flow with security labels**



Processes are associated to physical objects (nodes)

- **Physical View**

- Physical objects
- Information flows
- **This is the deployment model, FORMULA extends it with properties (e.g.: separation kernel or security protocol on channel)**