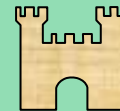


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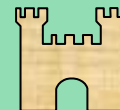
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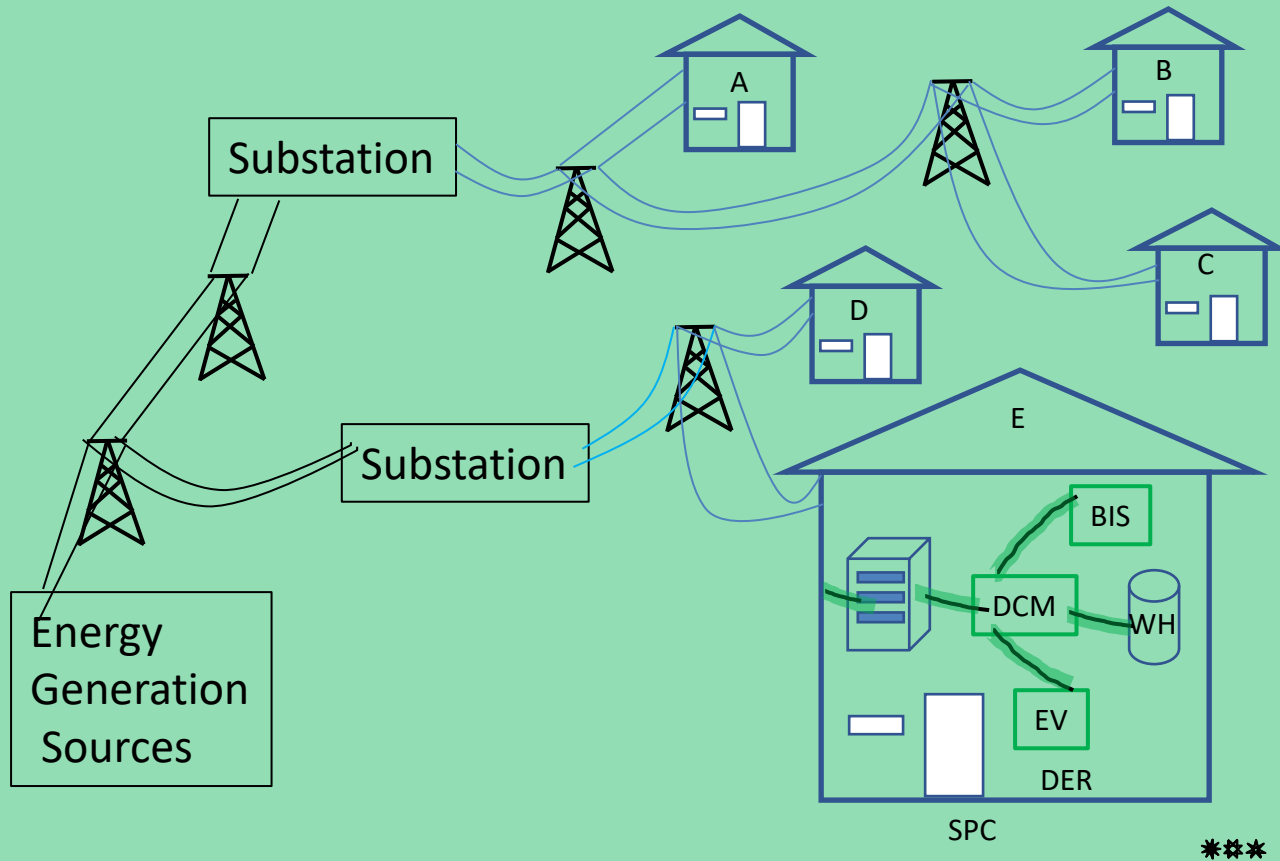


# Efficient Power Distribution

- Traditional Power Grid
  - All centralized, deterministic energy providers
  - Fixed Distribution to Energy Consumers
  - Energy Providers offer services to consumers
- Distributed Resource views
  - Many Distributed, Stochastic Energy Providers
  - Bidirectional distribution between providers and consumers
  - Consumers and Providers offer service to each other
- Allows Demand – Resource Flexibility
- Provider and Customer Economic benefits



# Power Distribution Example



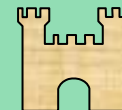
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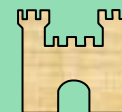
# Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

- <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>
- 16 Critical infrastructure sectors
- Internet in Communication sector plus Information Technology Sector
- Energy Sector
- EGoT is at the intersection of these sectors



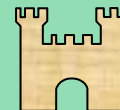
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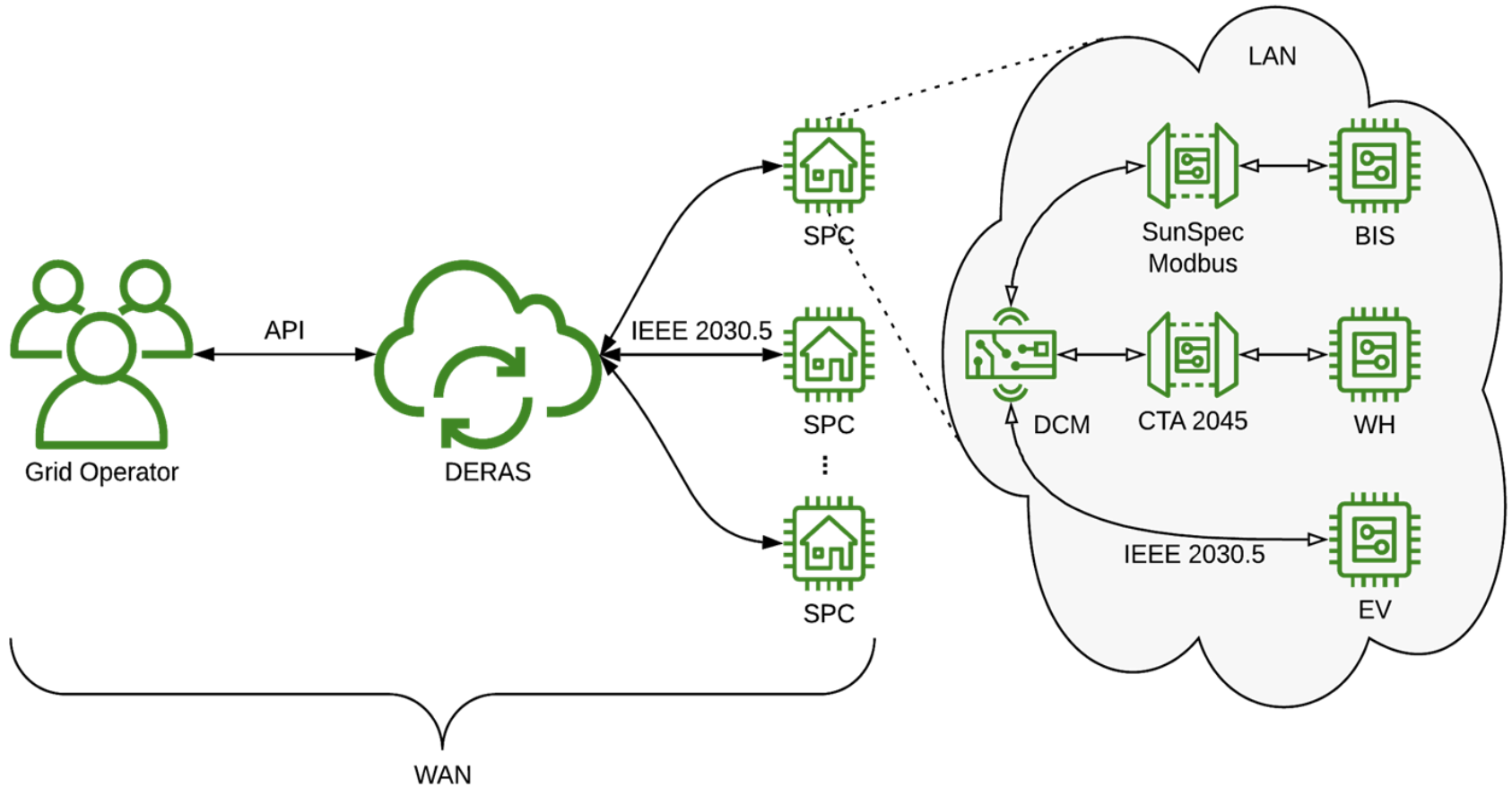
# Energy Grid of Things Acronyms

- GO: Grid Operator
- GSP: Grid Service Provider
- EGoT: Energy Grid of Things
- DERAS: Distributed Energy Resources Aggregator System
- CDTA: Central Distributed Trust Aggregator
- SPC :Service Provisioning Customer
- DCM: Distributed Control Module for DERAS
- DTMC: Distributed Trust Model at Client
- DER: Distributed Energy Resources
- EV: Electric Vehicle

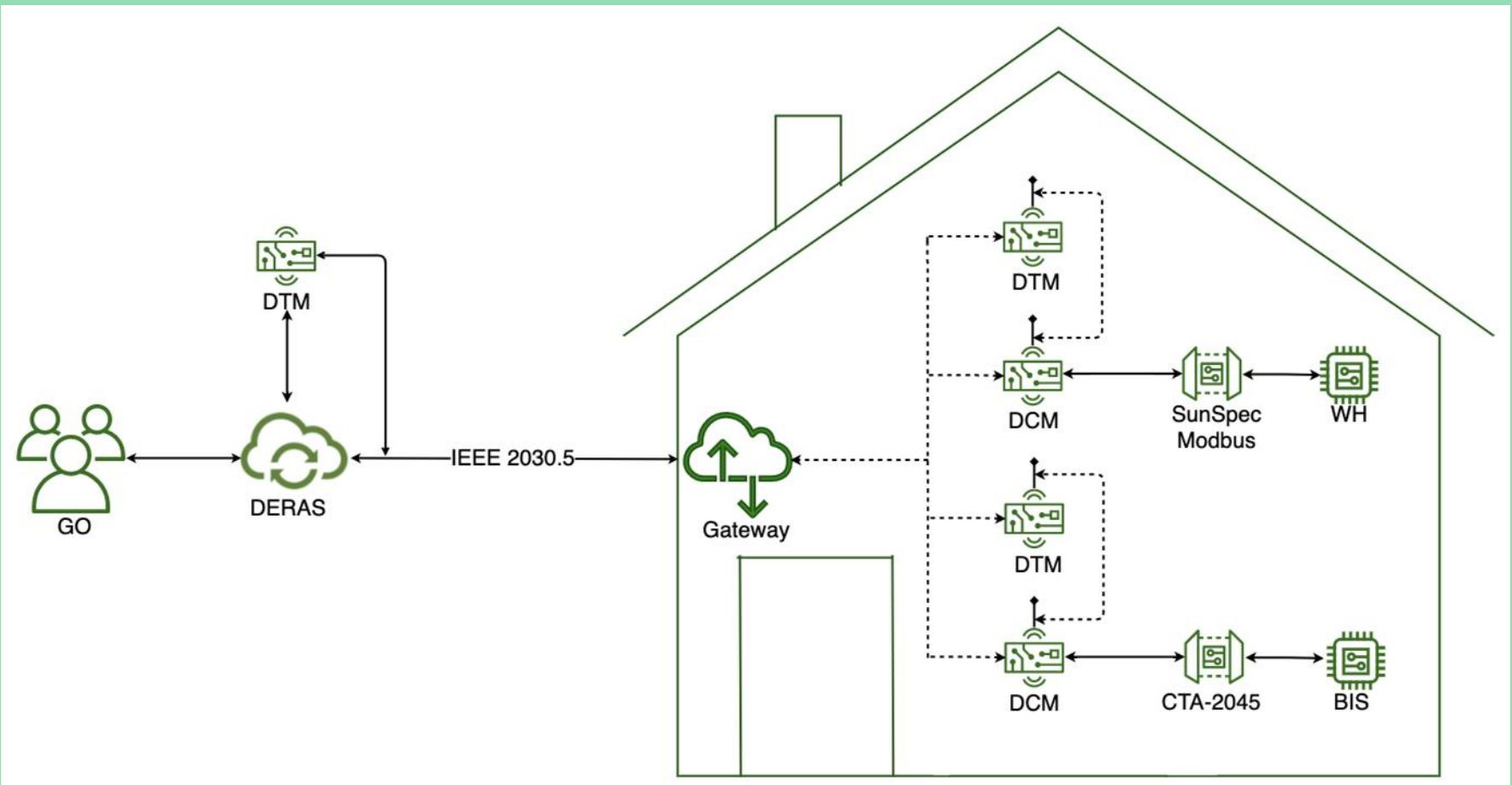




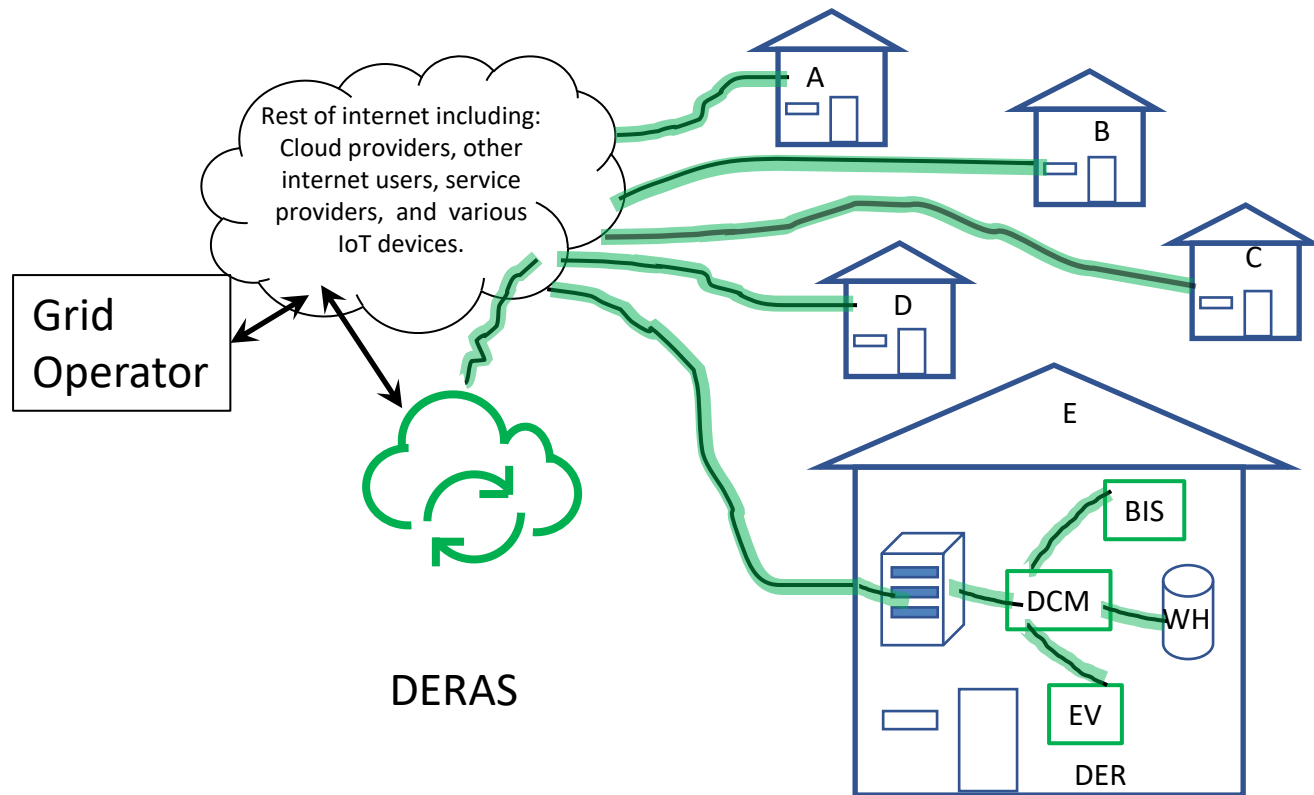
# Overall Energy Grid of Things



# Customer view of Energy Grid of Things

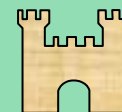


# Internet Communication for Energy Grid of Things



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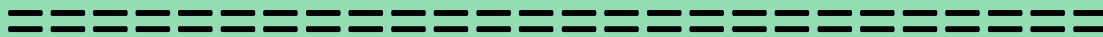
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# Information Security

## Information Security Triad:

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability

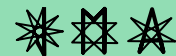
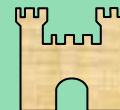


- Access Control
- Non-Repudiation



# Example Attacks

- Eavesdropping
- Imposter (circumvent authentication)
- Password attacks (circumvent authentication)
- Denial of service
- Man in the middle
- Phishing



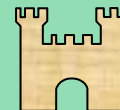
# Energy Services Interface Security

- Protect the information
- Observe information flow for anomalies
- Act or respond to anomalies
- Diagnoses or identify causes of anomalies
- Make necessary modifications to system
- Standardize communication between the service provider and the client



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# Authentication for Access

## Multifactor Authentication

- Information (password) = what you know.
- Physical items (key) = what you have.
- Biometrics (fingerprints) = what you are.
- Location (GPS) = where you are.

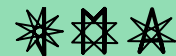
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- Certificates



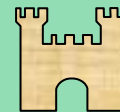
# Information Protection

- Encryption
- Secure Hashing
- Access Control
- HTTPS
- Standard for Smart Energy Profile Protocol  
IEEE 2030.5

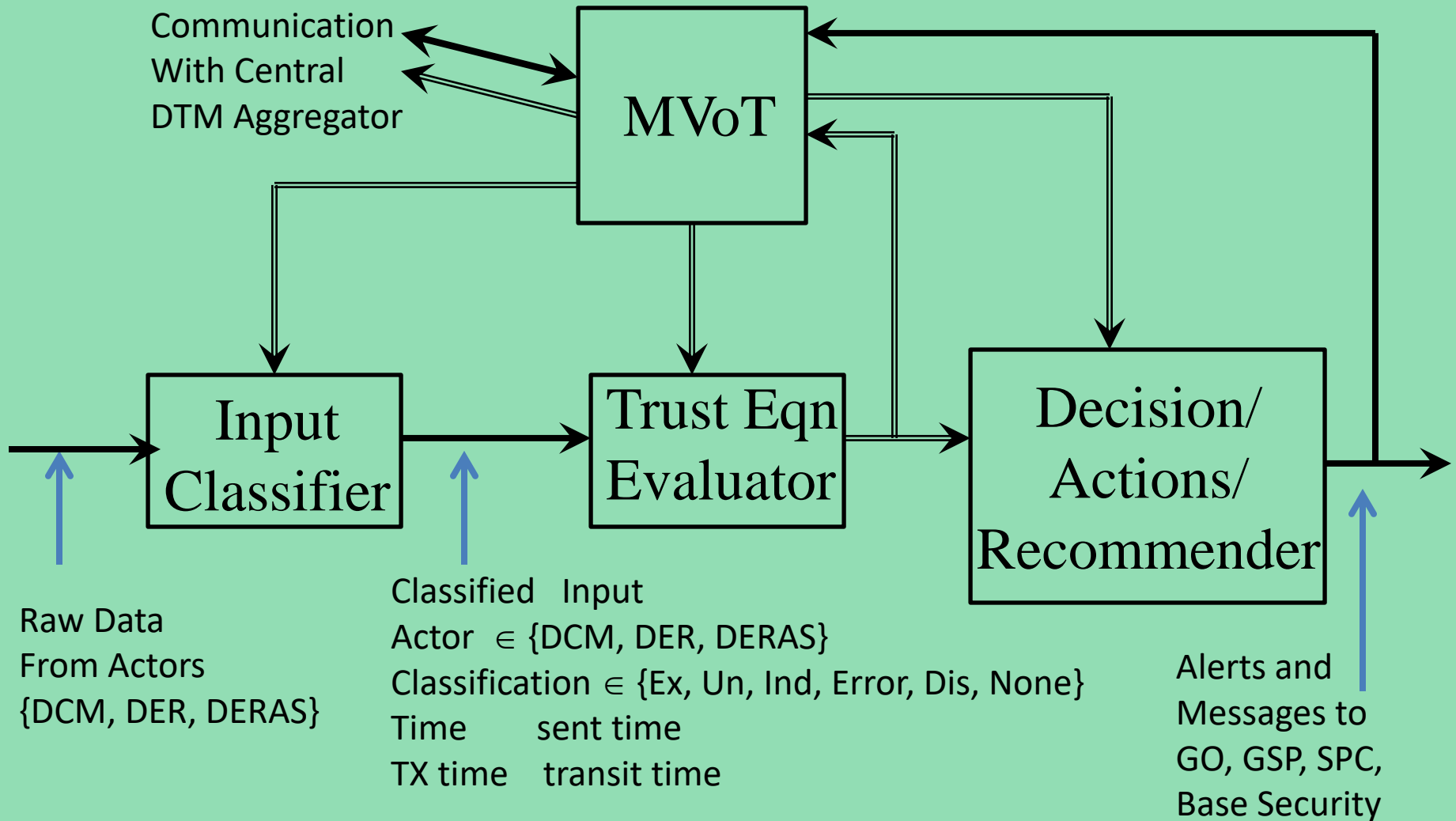


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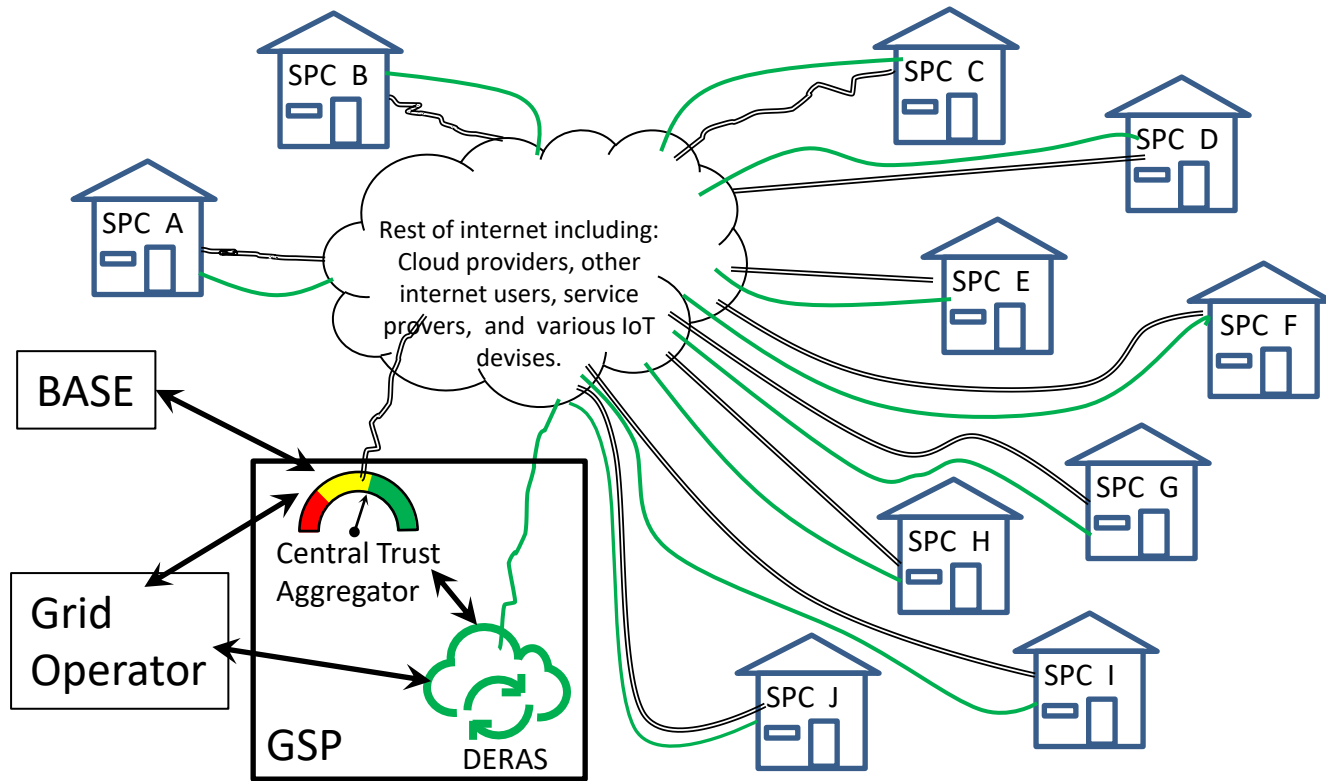
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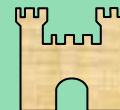


# Energy Grid of Things Monitoring System



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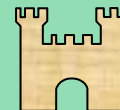
# Trust as it relates to Security

- Depends upon History
- Depends upon relationship
- Depends upon value received
- Depends upon potential loss



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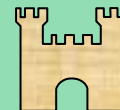
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# Responses and Actions

- Alarms
- False Alarms
- Relative weight TP, TN, FP, FN
- Thresholds for Alerts
- Decisions for Operational Changes
  - Turn off
  - Block
  - Charges / fines



# Summary

- Smart Power Grid is critical Infrastructure
  - Information Security central for EGoT
  - Security Protection for known attacks
  - Information Monitoring for Anomalies
  - Trust Evaluation for Security monitoring
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- Portland State University research funded by DOE to address Security for the Smart Grid.

