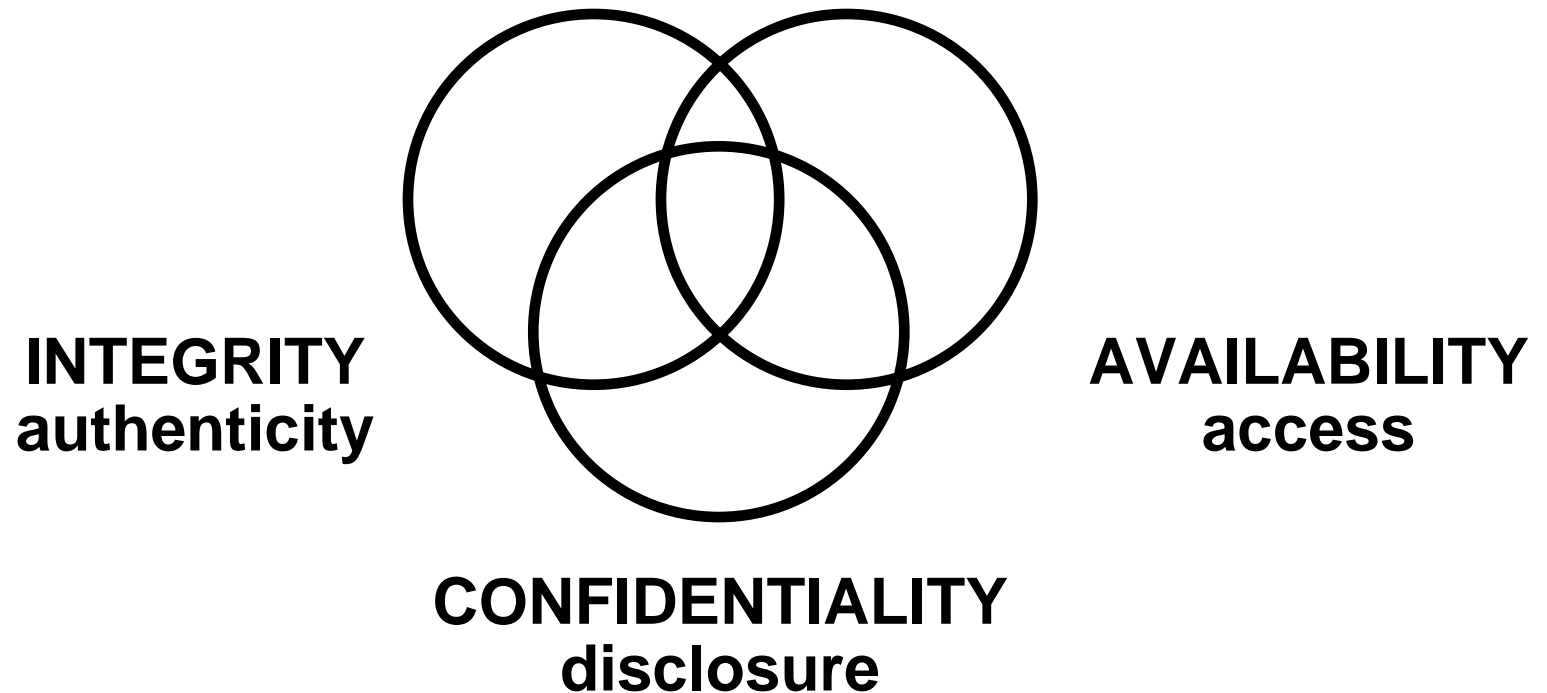


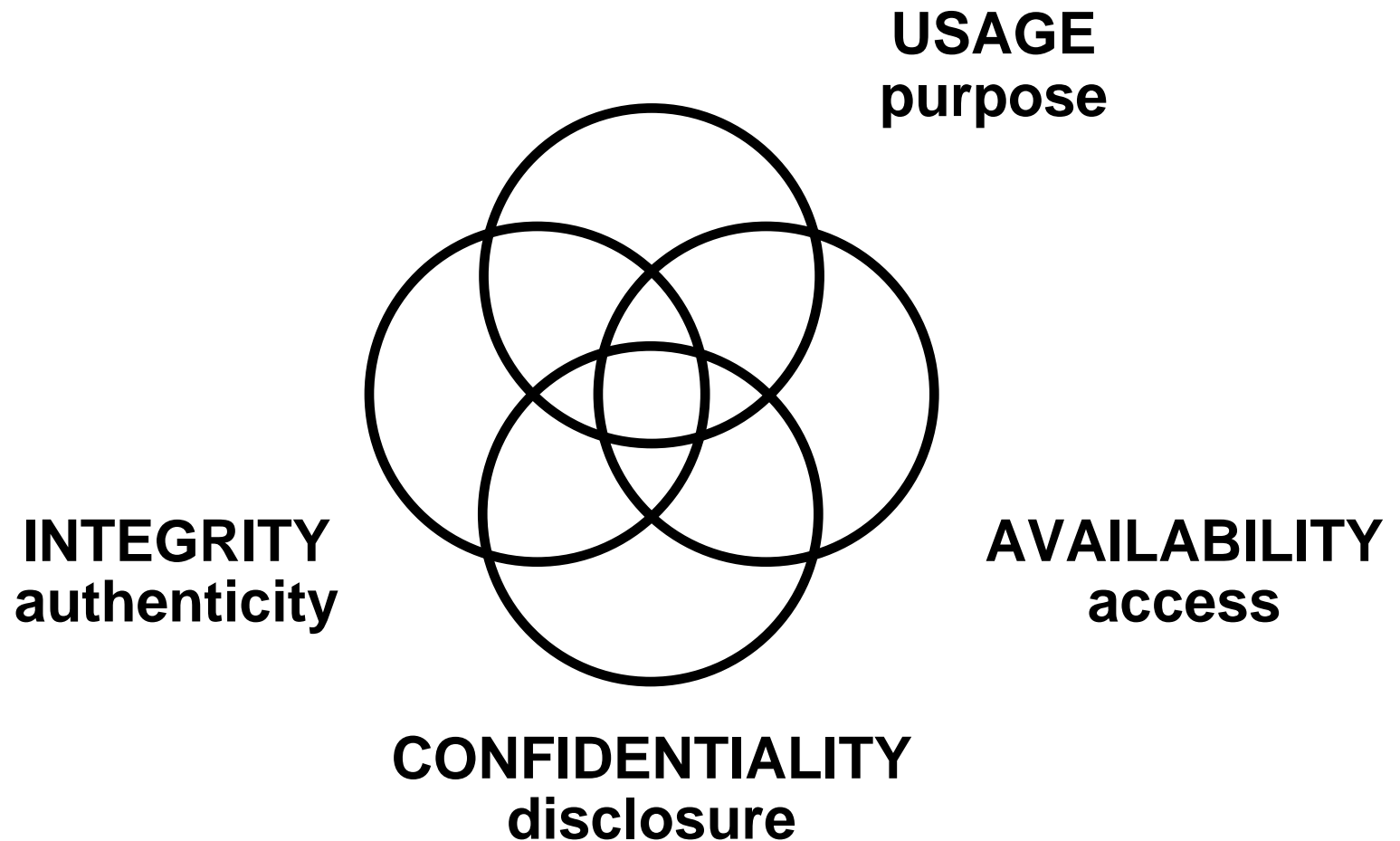
Cyber Security: Past, Present and Future

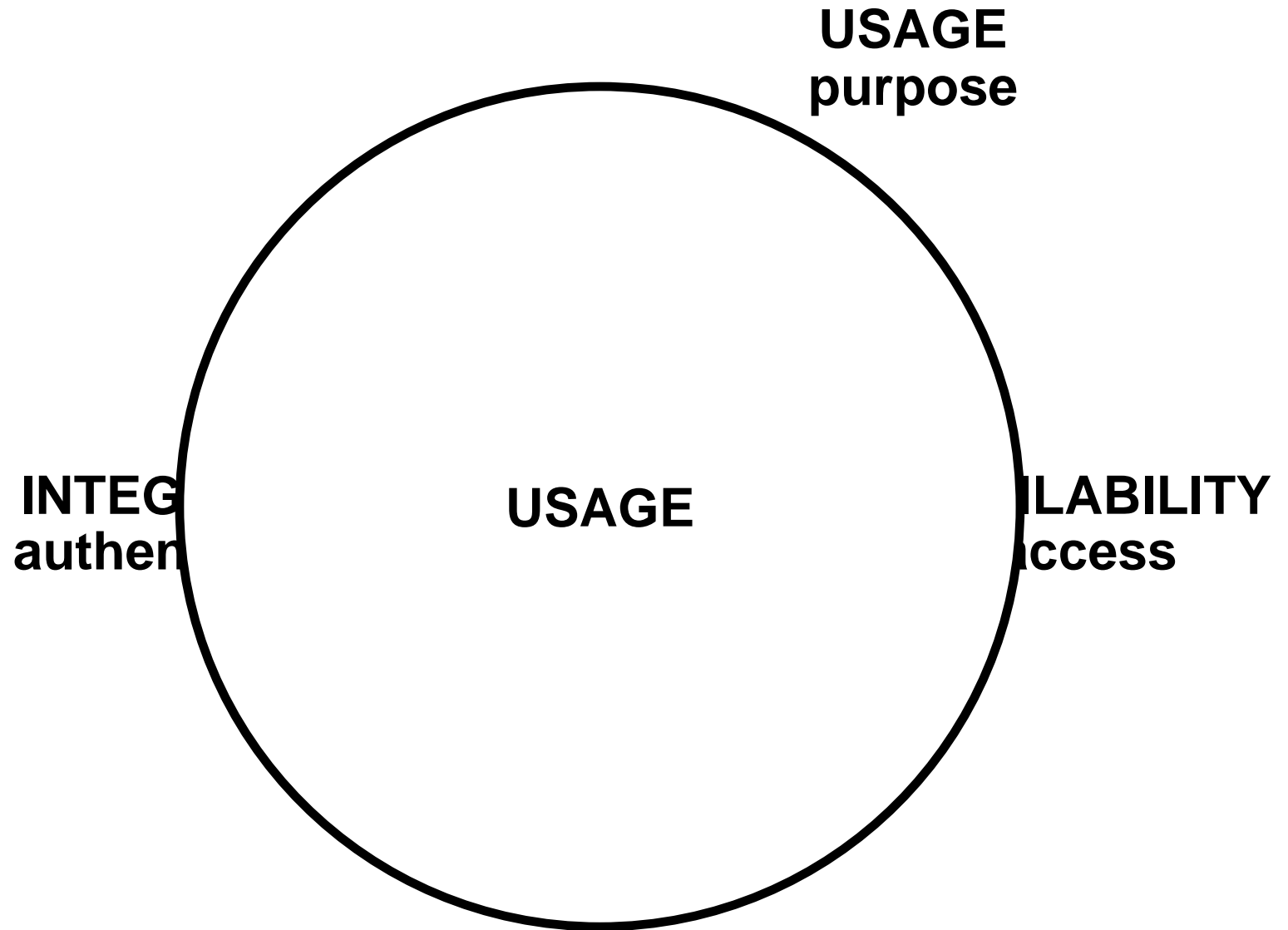
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- Founded June 2007: still in start-up mode
- World leading security modeling and analysis research
 - Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) Model: Commercially dominant model today
 - Usage Control (UCON) Model: Attribute-Based Access Control on Steroids
 - PEI Framework: Policy (what), Enforcement (how), Implementation (how exactly)
 - Group-Centric Information Sharing: Sharing metaphor of meeting room
 - Security for Social Networks
 - Botnet Analysis, Detection and Mitigation
 - Multilevel Secure Architectures
 - Secure Cloud Computing
- World-leading research infrastructure
 - FlexCloud
 - FlexFarm







- Major driver is the **Internet** which itself is in continuous transition
- **Attackers:** Morphed from
 - A nuisance
 - to
 - Highly organized criminal ecosystem motivated by money
 - Stealthy infiltrators, spies and saboteurs driven by nation states and terrorists
- **Defenders:** Morphed from
 - Closed Enterprise-Centric era
 - to
 - Open Application-Centric/Technology-Centric era
- **Dinosaurs:** Mired in old-think
 - Industry: mired in FUD (fear, uncertainty, doubt)
 - Academia: mired in fairy tales

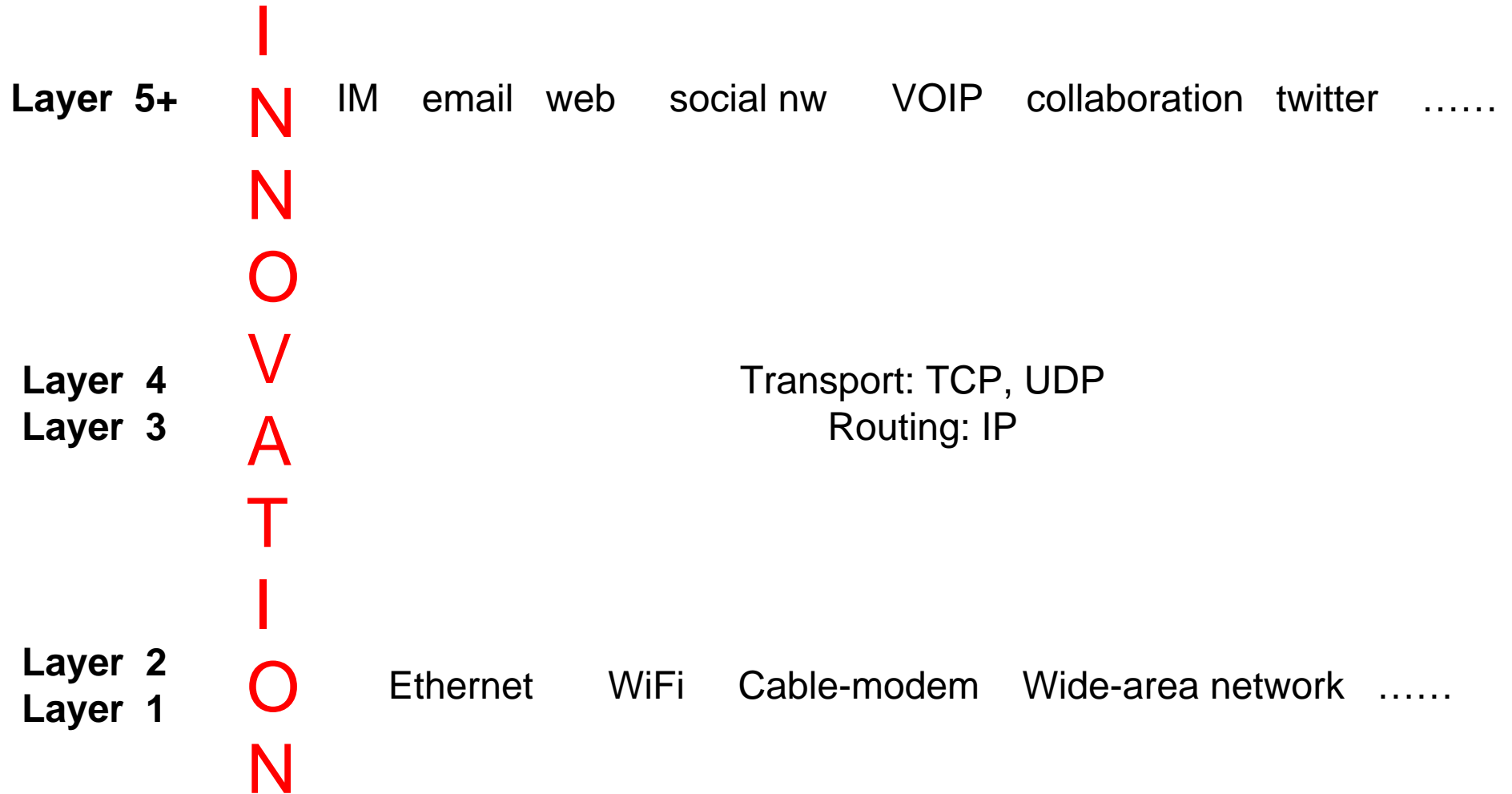
Layer 5+ IM email web social nw VOIP collaboration twitter

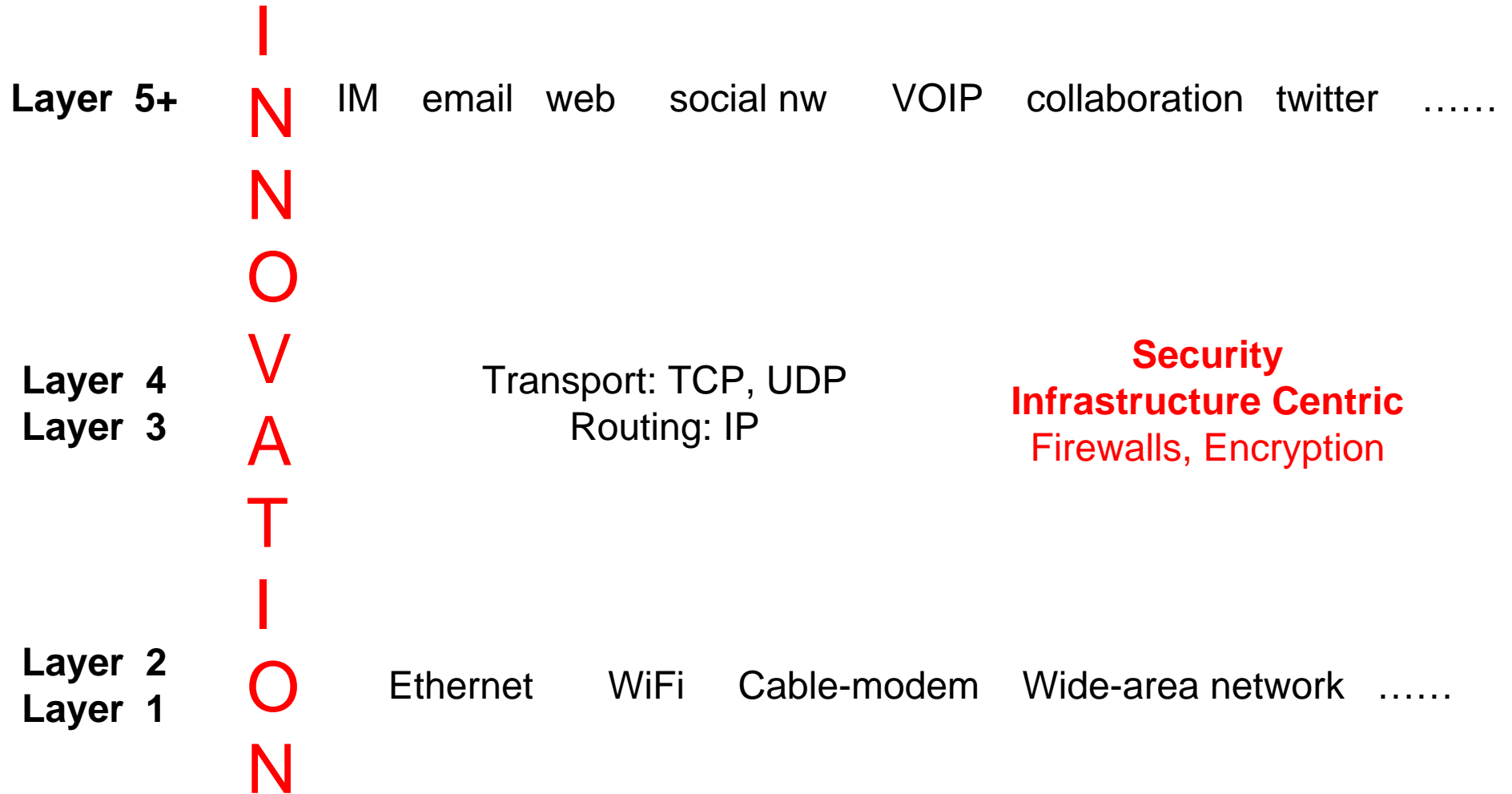
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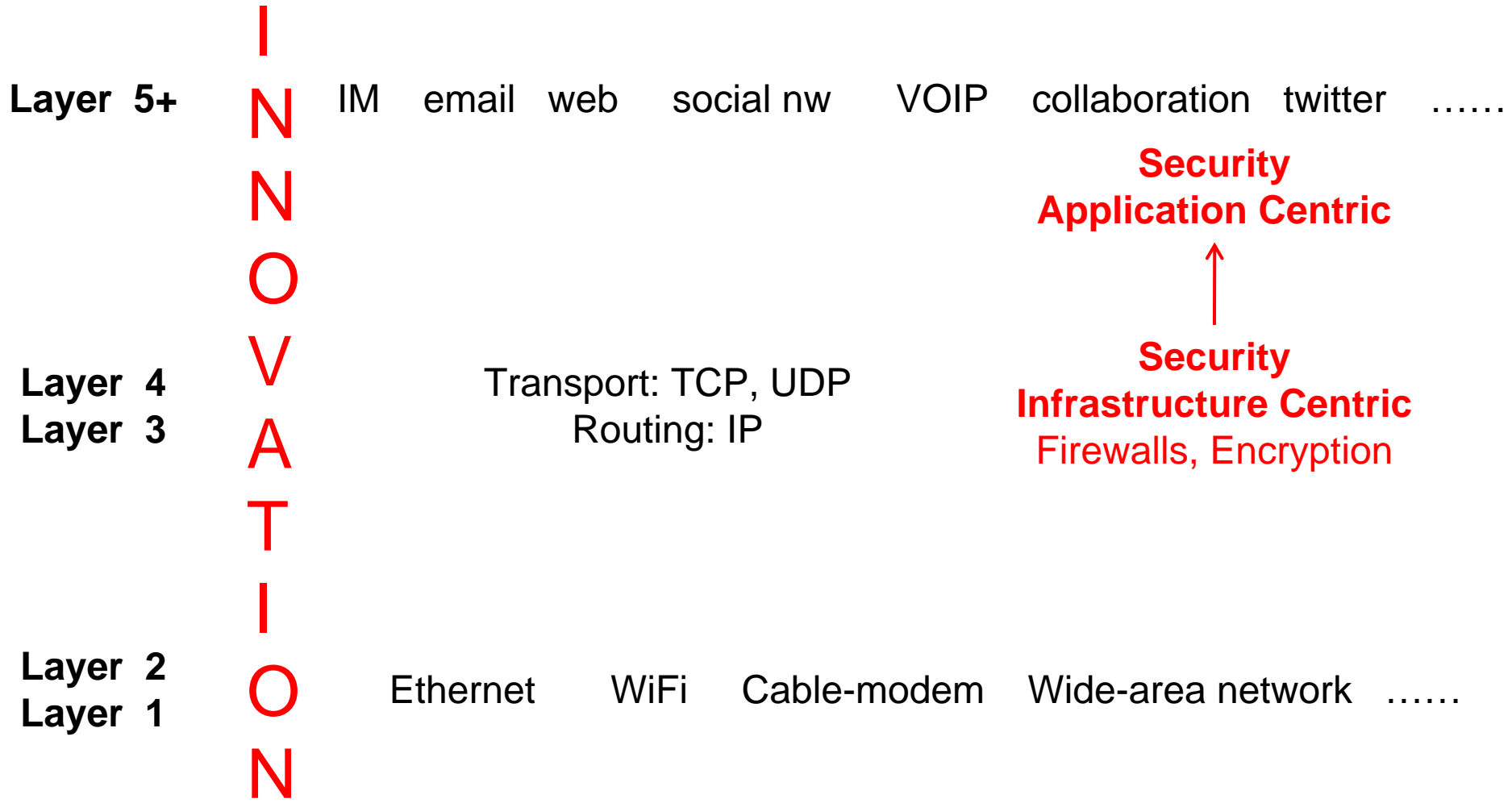
Transport: TCP, UDP
Routing: IP

Layer 2
Layer 1

Ethernet WiFi Cable-modem Wide-area network

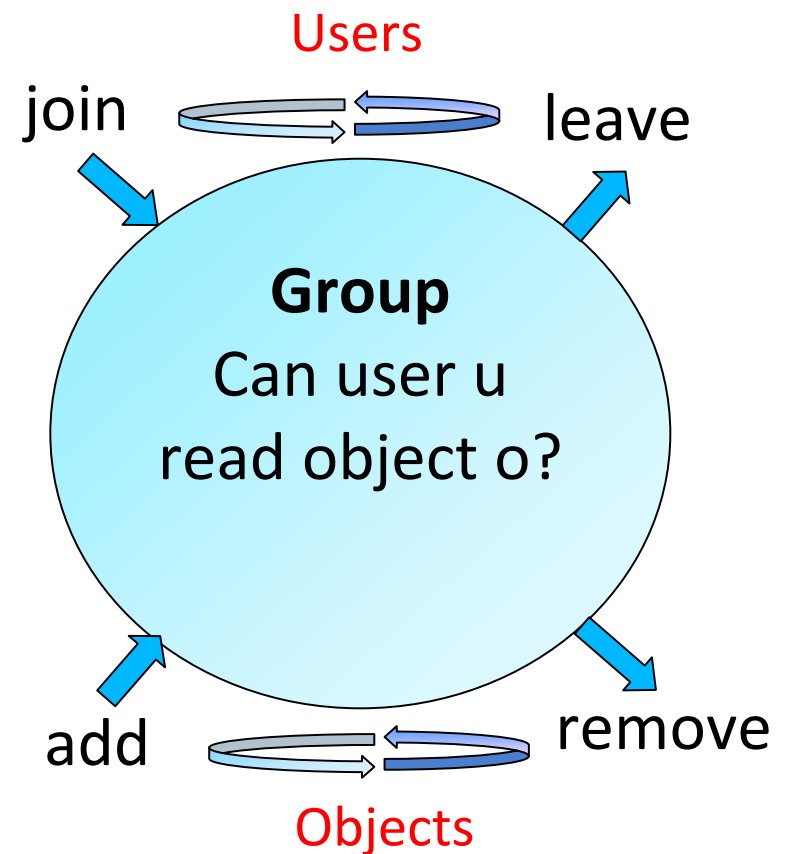






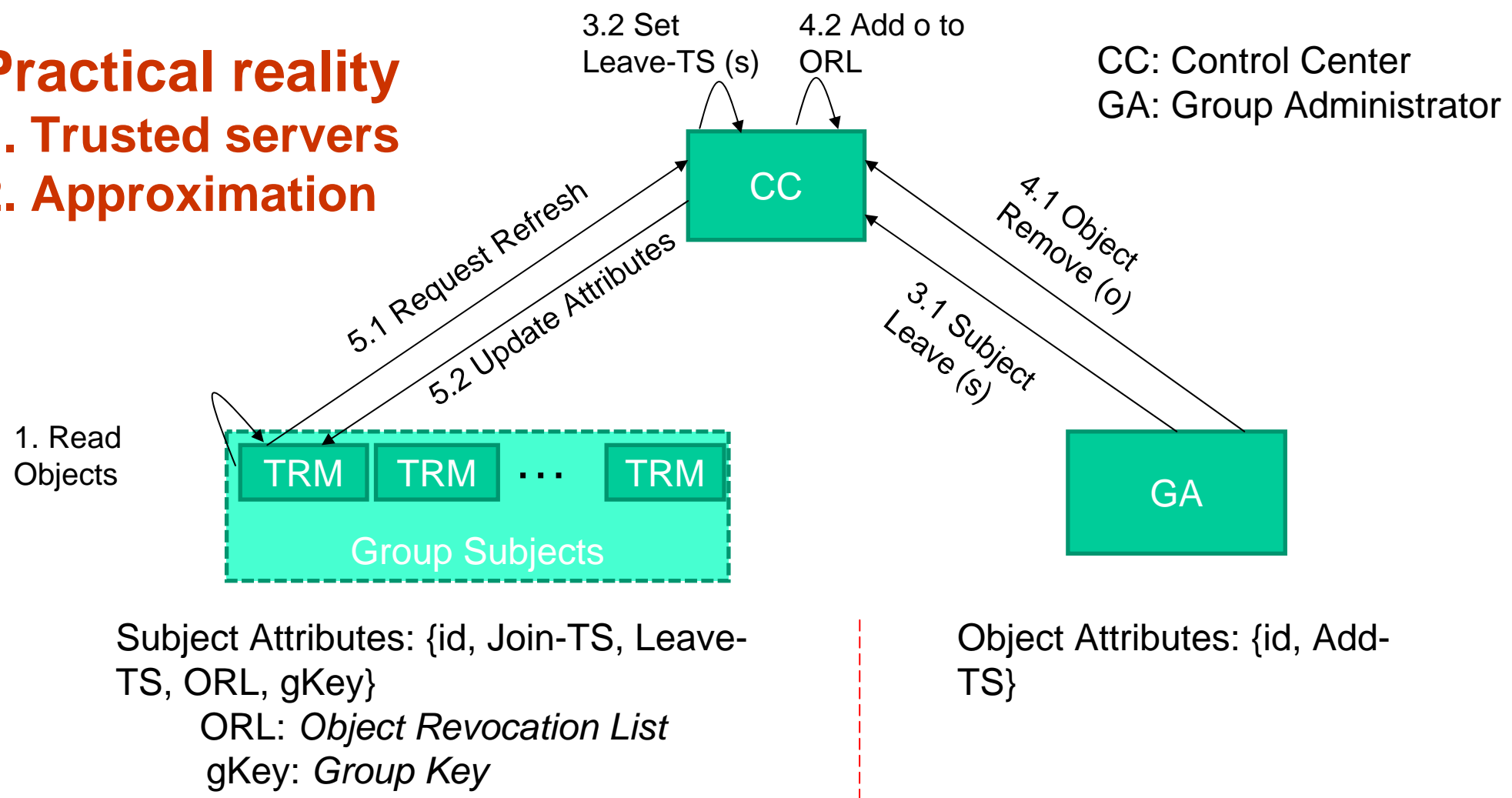
Group-Centric Information Sharing

- Metaphor: Secure Meeting Room
- Operational aspects
 - What is authorized by join, add, etc.?
- Administrative aspects
 - Who authorizes join, add, etc.?
- Multiple groups
 - Inter-group relationship



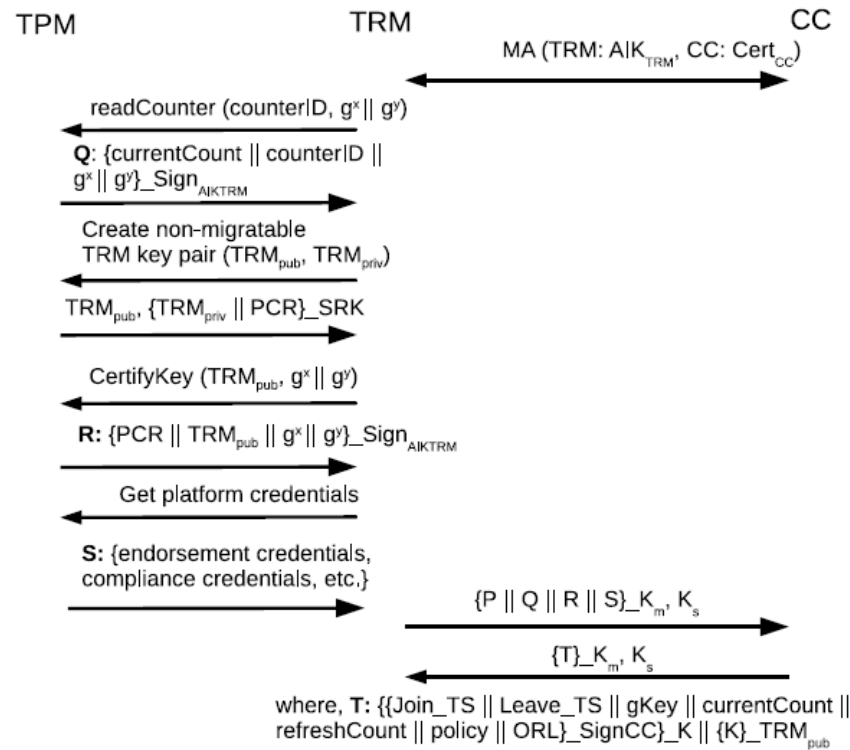
g-SIS Enforcement (How?)

Practical reality
1. Trusted servers
2. Approximation



Refresh Time (RT): TRM contacts CC to update attributes

- Detailed protocol and algorithm specifications



PAST, PRESENT

- Cyber security is a young and immature field
- The attackers are more innovative than defenders
- Defenders are mired in FUD and fairy tales

FUTURE

- Cyber security will become a scientific discipline
- Cyber security will be application and technology centric
- Cyber security will never be “solved”