

# Characteristic-Based Security Analysis of Personal Networks



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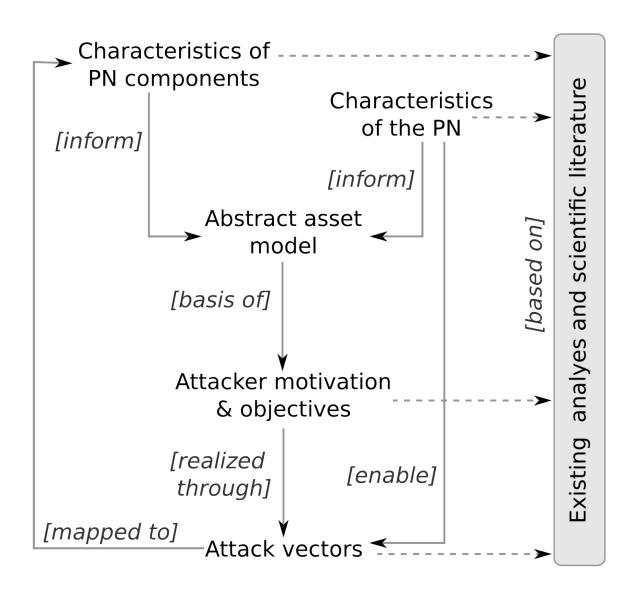
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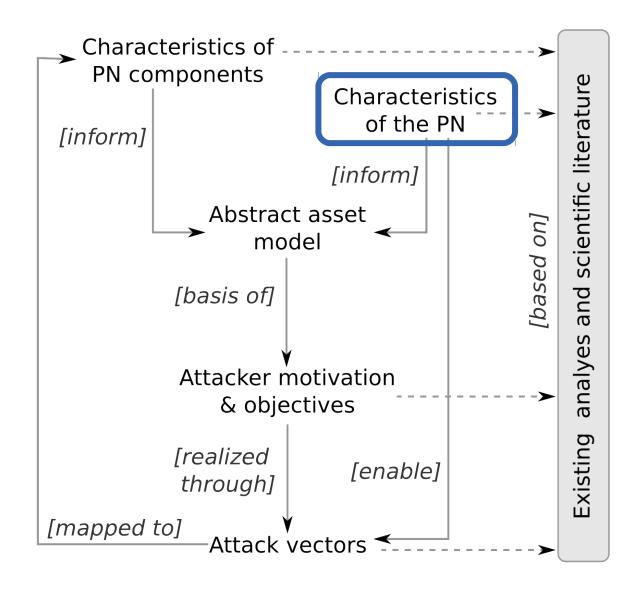
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## Characteristic-Based Security Analysis





### PN Characteristics

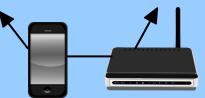
**Shared components** [10] [7]



Absence of geographical locality [10] [11] [7]



Multihomed network topology [3]



Device heterogeneity

[3] [12] [9]



Dynamic membership [15]



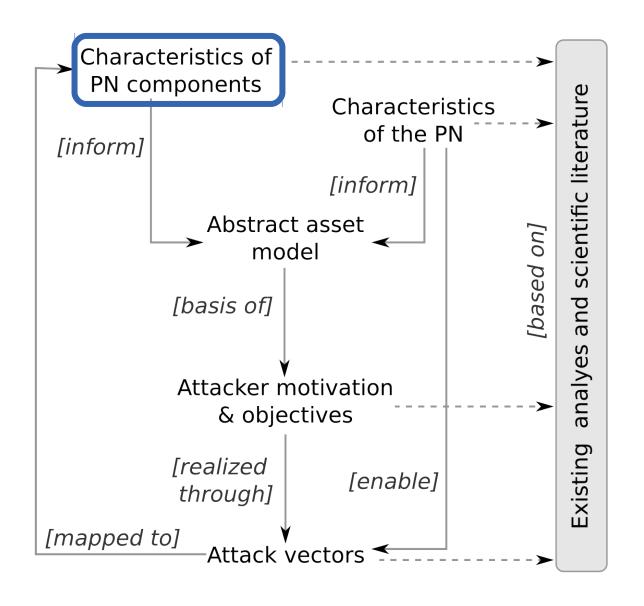
Communication diversity [3] [10] [15]





Energy-aware systems [14]





## Component Characteristics

Physical mobility



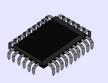
Persistent storage



Support for third party software



Processing functionality



Control of other components

Communication capabilities



Remote accessibility



User interface capabilities



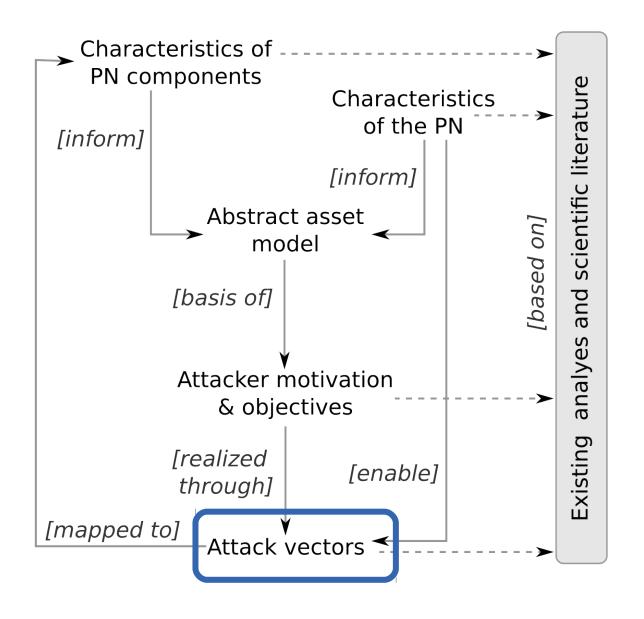
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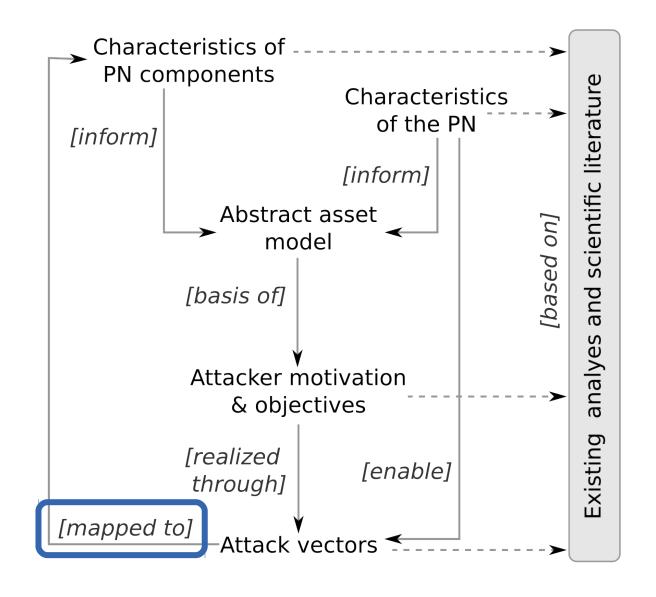
Consumption of services

Component Characteristics	Tablet	HEMS	Physical mobility		×
Persistent storage			Support for third party software		×
Processing functionality			Control of other components		×
Communication capabilities			Remote accessibility	×	
User interface capabilities		×	Provision of services	×	
Control of physical infrastructure	×		Consumption of services		×



### **Attack Vectors**

Malicious software [1][4][7][8][9]	Impersonating a communicating entity [3]
Malicious hardware [16]	Unauthorized remote access [3][7][9]
Software exploits [8]	Unauthorized physical access [3][7]
Hardware exploits [16]	Misuse of device interoperability [7]
Interception of communication (eavesdropping) [1][2][3][4]	Protocols exploits [1]
Interruption of communication [3][16]	Eavesdropping on the UI (shoulder-surfing) [3]
Modification of communication [3]	Modification of communication routing [1][3]



# Mapping Attacks to Characteristics

	Persistent storage	Processing functionality	Communication	User Interface	Control infrastructure	Physical mobility	Third party software	Control other components	Remote accessibility	Provision of services	Consumption of services
Malicious software	Υ	Υ					Υ				
Malicious hardware	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ			Υ			
Software exploits		Υ					Υ				
Hardware exploits	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ				
Interception of communication			Υ						Υ	Υ	Υ
Interruption of communication			Υ						Y	Y	Υ
Modifcation of communication			Υ						Y	Υ	Y
Impersonation of communication			Υ					Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Unauthorized remote access									Υ		
Unauthorized physical access				Υ		Υ					
Misuse of device interoperability					Υ			Υ			
Protocol exploits		Υ	Υ					Υ			
Eavesdropping on the UI				Υ							
Modifcation of comm. routing			Υ								

#### Conclusion

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