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# BPsec Security Policy Architecture

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# Introduction

- The next step for BPSec is the development of security policy
  - Compliment the features of BPSec
  - Provide configuration options for mission adoption
  - Create a flexible, user-friendly framework
- Discuss current, proposed security policy architecture and the associated implementation

# Agenda

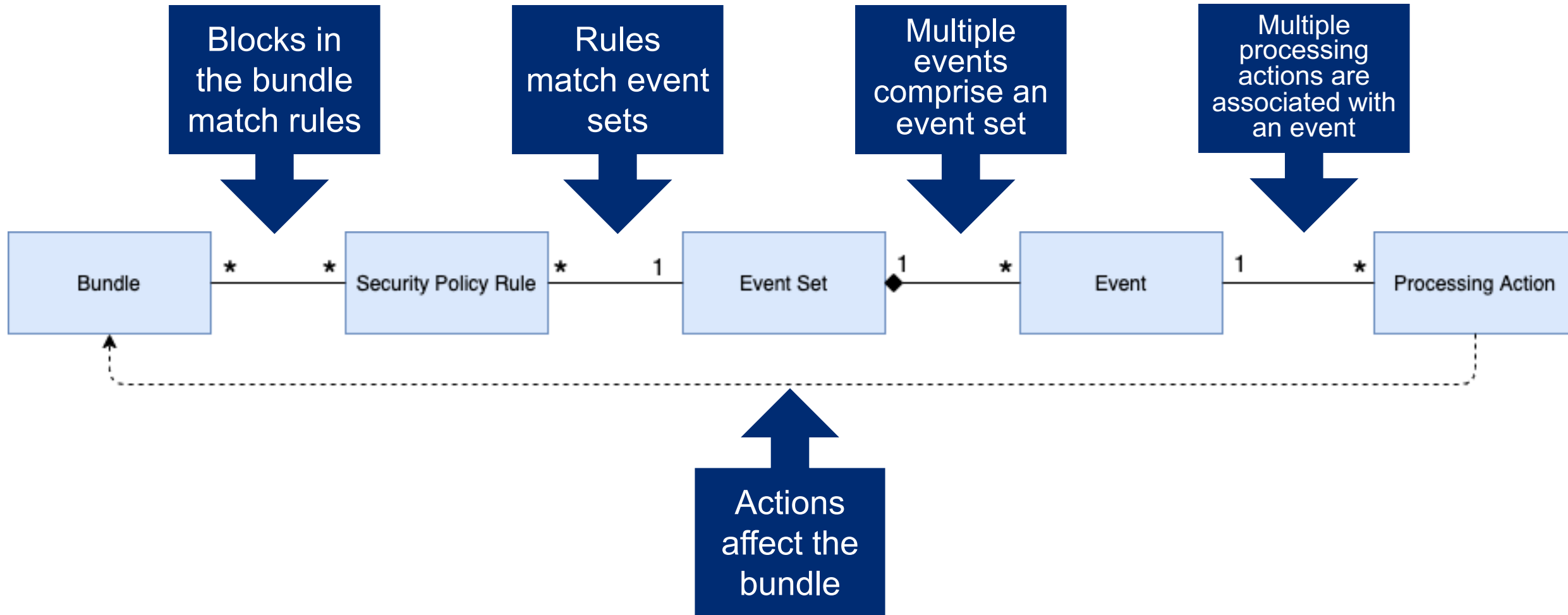
- Proposed design principles for BPSec policy
- A data model for security policy
- Security policy rules
- Security events and the actions associated with each
- Restrictions for policy actions

# BPSec Policy Design

Property	Rationale
<b>Syntactic Interoperability</b>	Policy must result in bundle and blocks that are parsable by all security-processing nodes in the network.
<b>Semantic Interoperability</b>	Policy must result in a deterministic, coherent behavior within the network.
<b>Efficient Processing</b>	Policy must be enforceable within the likely resource constraints of spacecraft
<b>Block Granularity</b>	Policy must have the same maximum resolution as the BPSec allows.
<b>Node Customizability</b>	Policy must fit the capabilities of the node on which it is deployed.

**The BPSec policy framework must be flexible and featureful**

# The Security Policy Data Model



# Security Policy Rules

- **Filter Criteria**

- The bundle(s) the rule applies to
- The block(s) in those bundles that are security targets of the specified security operation
- The security policy role the BPA applying the rule must play

- **Specification Criteria**

- Security service
- Security context

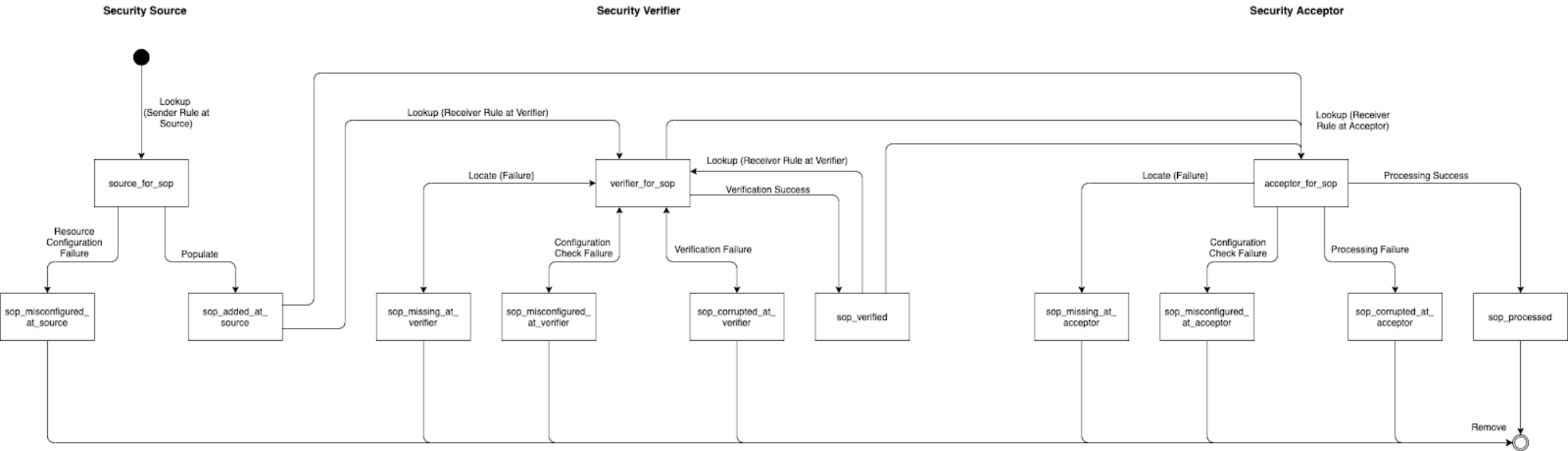
- **Event Criteria**

- Association with an event set

```
a {"policyrule" :
  {
    "desc"      : "Verify payloads originating from any endpoint
                  destined for ipn:2.1",
    "filter"    :
    {
      "rule_id" : 1,
      "role"    : "sec_verifier",
      "src"     : "ipn:~",
      "dest"    : "ipn:2.1",
      "tgt"     : 1,
      "scid"    : "BIB-HMAC-SHA-256"
    },
    "spec":
    {
      "svc"      : "bib-integrity"
      "sc_parms" : [{"id":"key_name","value":"hmac_key256"}]
    },
    "es_ref"    : "d_integrity"
  }
}
```

Sample Security Policy Rule

# The Security Operation Lifecycle



**Security events are the processing points for the application of security policy**

# Security Operation Events

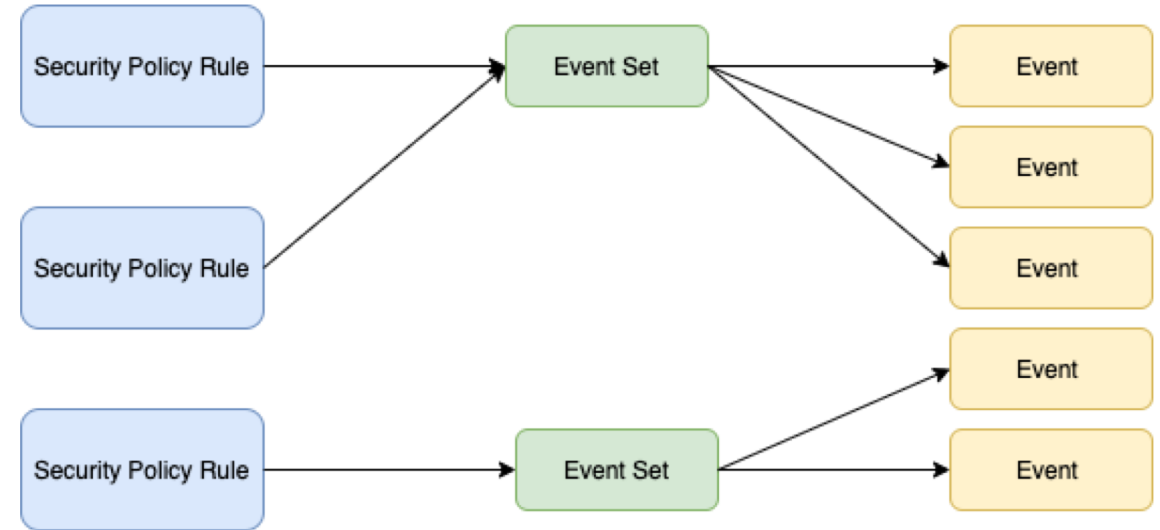
- Are security failures captured sufficiently?
  - Missing
  - Misconfigured
  - Corrupted
- Are there other events in the successful path that may be encountered?

```
1. "source_for_sop"  
2. "sop_added_at_source"  
3. "sop_misconfigured_at_source"  
4. "verifier_for_sop"  
5. "sop_misconfigured_at_verifier"  
6. "sop_missing_at_verifier"  
7. "sop_corrupted_at_verifier"  
8. "sop_verified"  
9. "acceptor_for_sop"  
10. "sop_misconfigured_at_acceptor"  
11. "sop_missing_at_acceptor"  
12. "sop_corrupted_at_acceptor"  
13. "sop_processed"
```



# Security Event Sets

- Set of security events associated with processing actions
  - Named
  - Re-useable
- Support generalized responses to security events



**Security event sets support default security policy configurations**

# Processing Actions

- Retain Security Operation
- Remove Security Operation
- Remove Security Operation Target
- Remove All Security Target Operations
- Fail Bundle Forwarding
- Request Bundle Storage
- Report Reason Code
- Override Security Target's Block Processing Control Flags
- Override Security Block's Block Processing Control Flags

## Categories:

- Block Manipulation
- Bundle Manipulation
- Data Generation

Processing actions are

- **Required**
  - **Optional**
  - **Prohibited**
- for security events

# Mapping: Processing Actions to Lifecycle Events

	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9
E1									
E2		O	O	O	O	O	O		
E3	R								O
E4	R								
E5		O	O		O	O	O	O	O
E6			O		O	O	O	O	
E7		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
E8	R								
E9									
E10		R	O		O	O	O	O	O
E11			O		O	O	O	O	
E12		R	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
E13		R							

# Bundle Manipulation Processing Actions

- Retain Security Operation
- Remove Security Operation
- Remove Security Operation Target
- Remove All Security Target Operations
- Fail Bundle Forwarding

Application of these processing actions affects the bundle being processed by:

- **Modifying bundle transmission**
- **Modifying bundle contents**

# Block Manipulation Processing Actions

- Override the **security target block's** block processing control flags
- Override the **security operation's** block processing control flags
- Impacts:
  - Block replication
  - Status reporting
  - Bundle/block preservation

Application of these processing actions affects a block in the bundle by:

- **Temporarily Overriding**
- **Modifying**

block processing control flags

# Data Generation Processing Actions

- Report occurrence of the security operation event with reason code
- Request storage of the bundle at the current node

Application of these processing actions creates data to be used for later forensic analysis by:

- **Creating a bundle status report**
- **Storing the bundle as-is**

# Initial BPSec Policy Implementation in ION

- Built on the Bundle Protocol version 7 and BPSec implementations in ION
- Security policy is configured using the bpsecadmin utility
- Use of JSON and jsmn parser
  - Expressive, structured syntax
  - Ability to capture the possibilities of configuration while remaining consistent
- Available in ION 4.0.2 and later versions

```
ubuntu@ubuntu2004:~/Documents/ion/tests/bpsec/bpsec-policy-demo$ cd 2.ipn.ltp/  
ubuntu@ubuntu2004:~/Documents/ion/tests/bpsec/bpsec-policy-demo/2.ipn.ltp$ bpsecadmin  
: a {"event_set" : {"name": "d_integrity", "desc": "default bib-integrity event set"}}  
: a {"event_set" : {"name" : "d_conf", "desc":"default bcb-confidentiality event set"}}  
: l {"type": "event_set"}  
  
Eventset name: d_conf  
Associated Policy Rules: 0  
  
Eventset name: d_integrity  
Associated Policy Rules: 0
```

**Security policy must be both expressive and consistent**

# Additional Information

- Security policy initial implementation in ION 4.0.2 and later
- ION Demo: Security Policy
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RW-MQuJYoG0>
- Security Policy User's Manual
- Engineering materials: Requirements and Design documentation for security policy
- SMC-IT STINT Talk: BPSec Policy in ION
- SCC Paper: Towards an Interoperable Security Policy for Space-Based Internetworks





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