



Declarative Goal Mediation in Smart Environments

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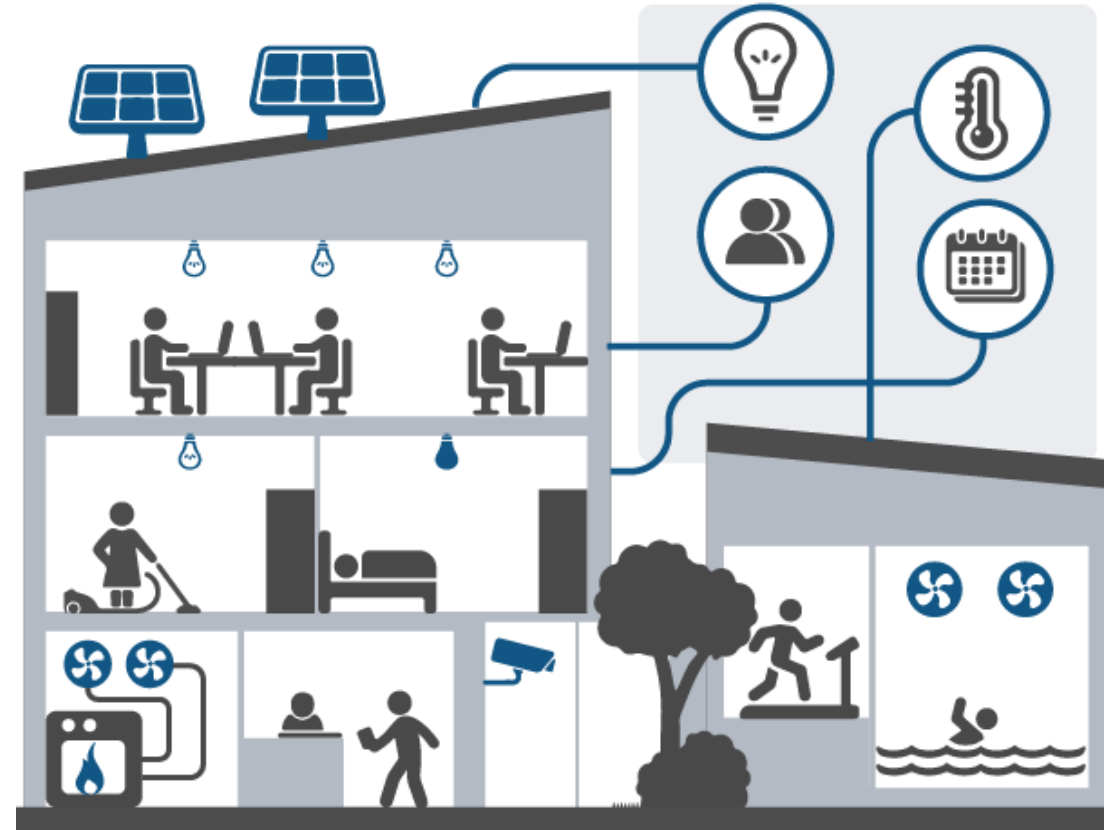
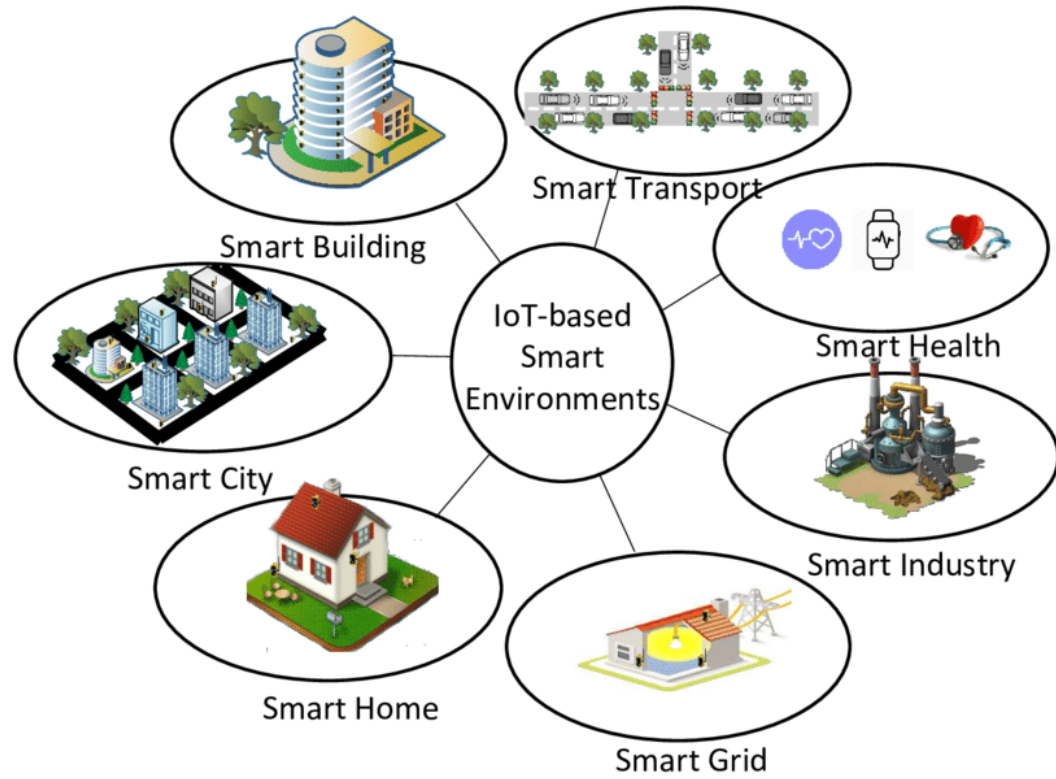


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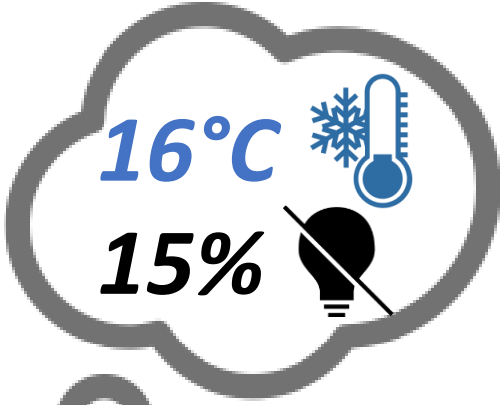
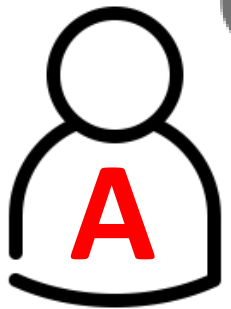
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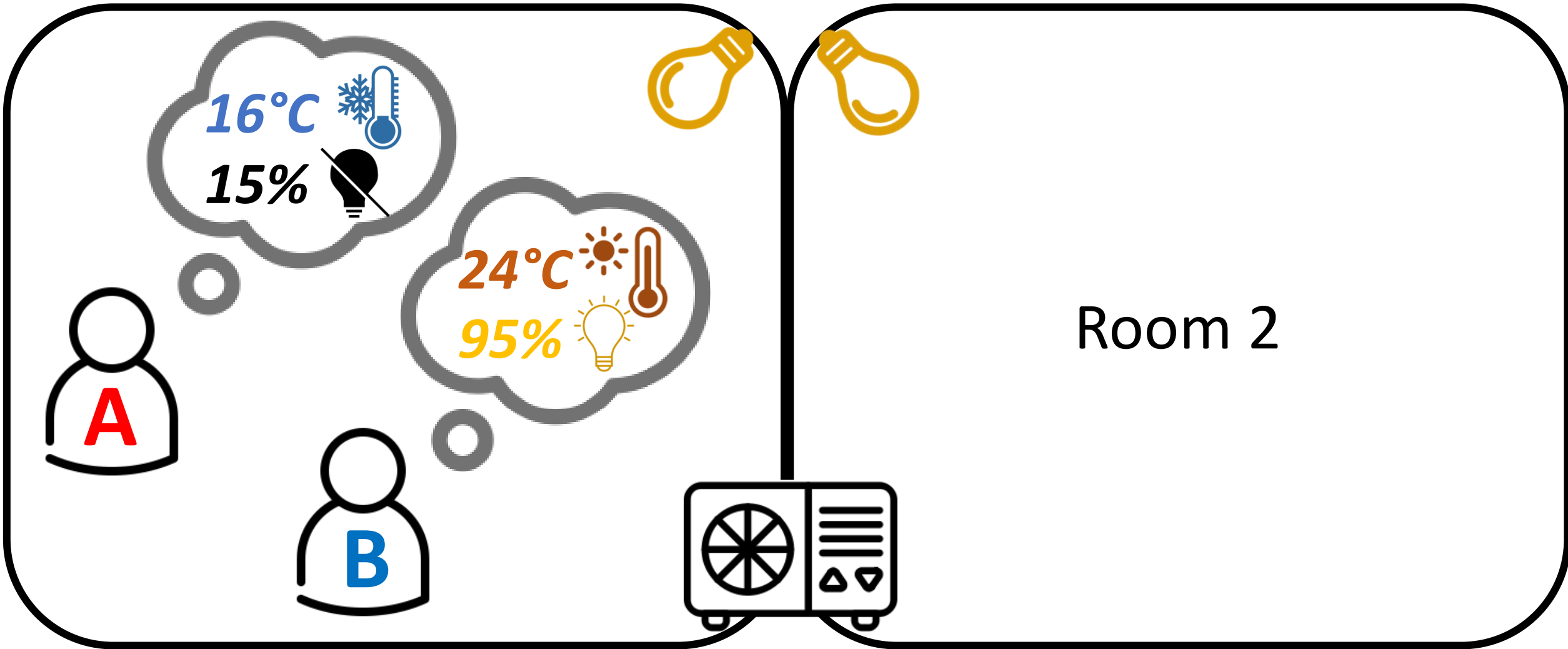
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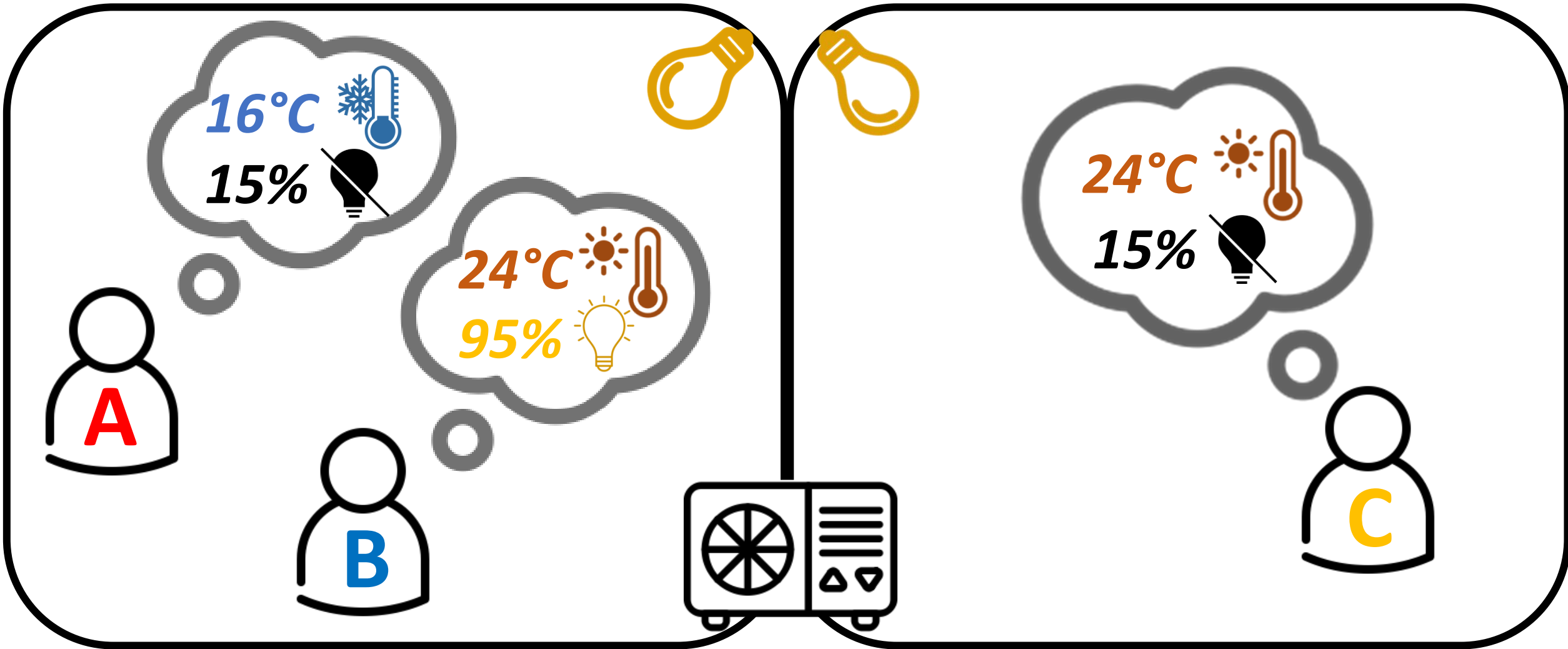
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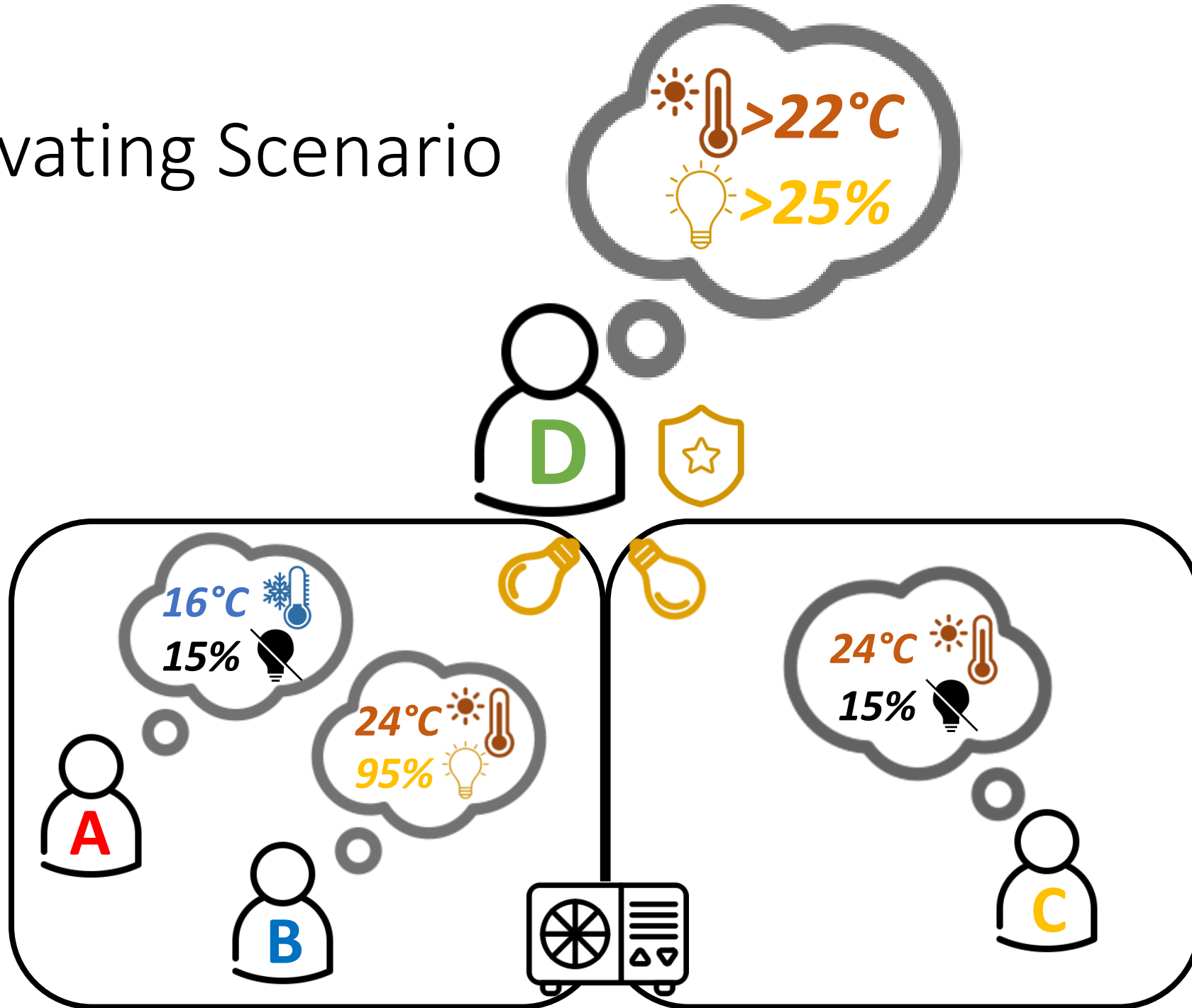
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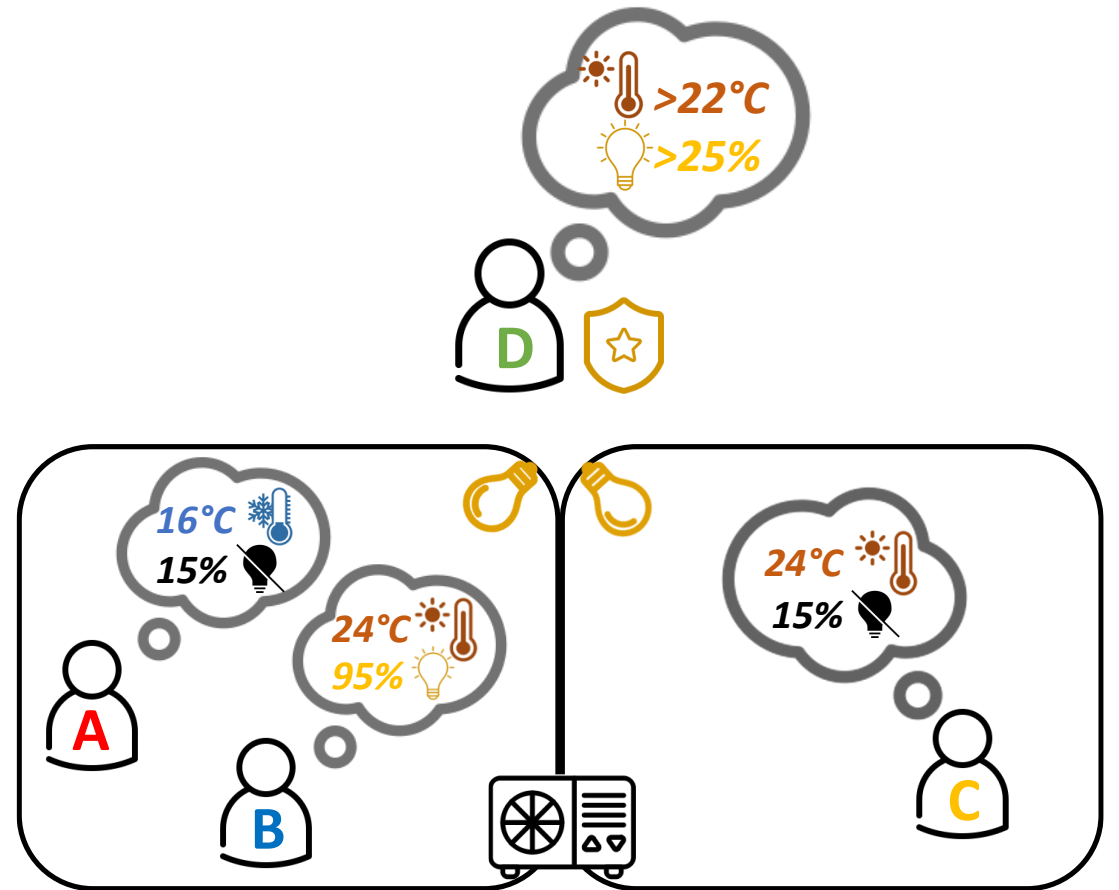
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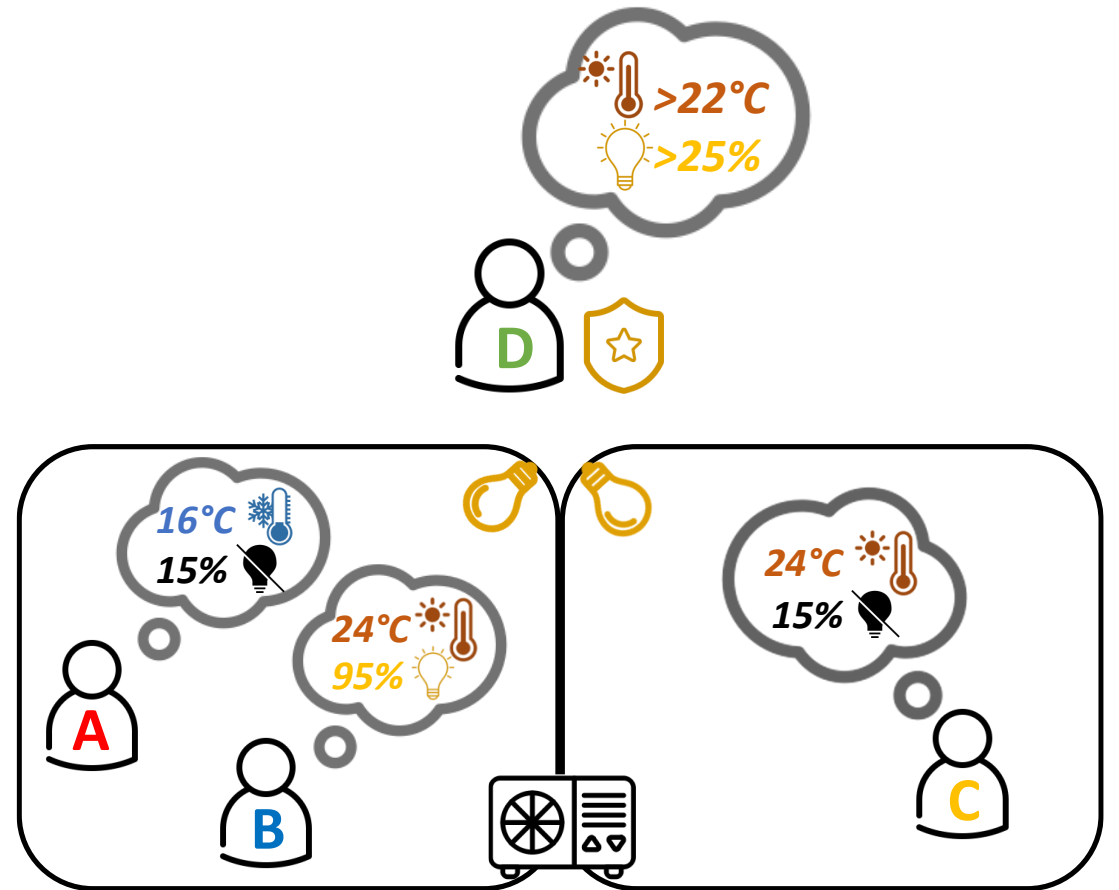
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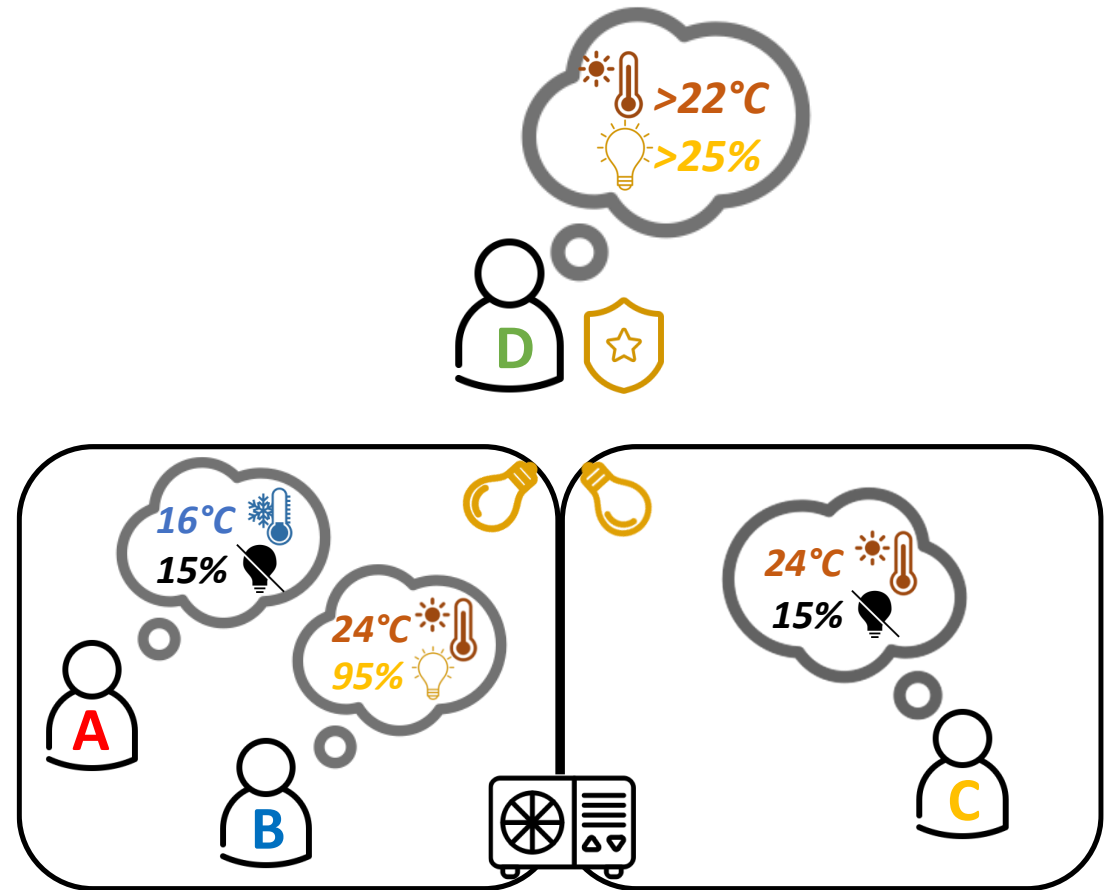
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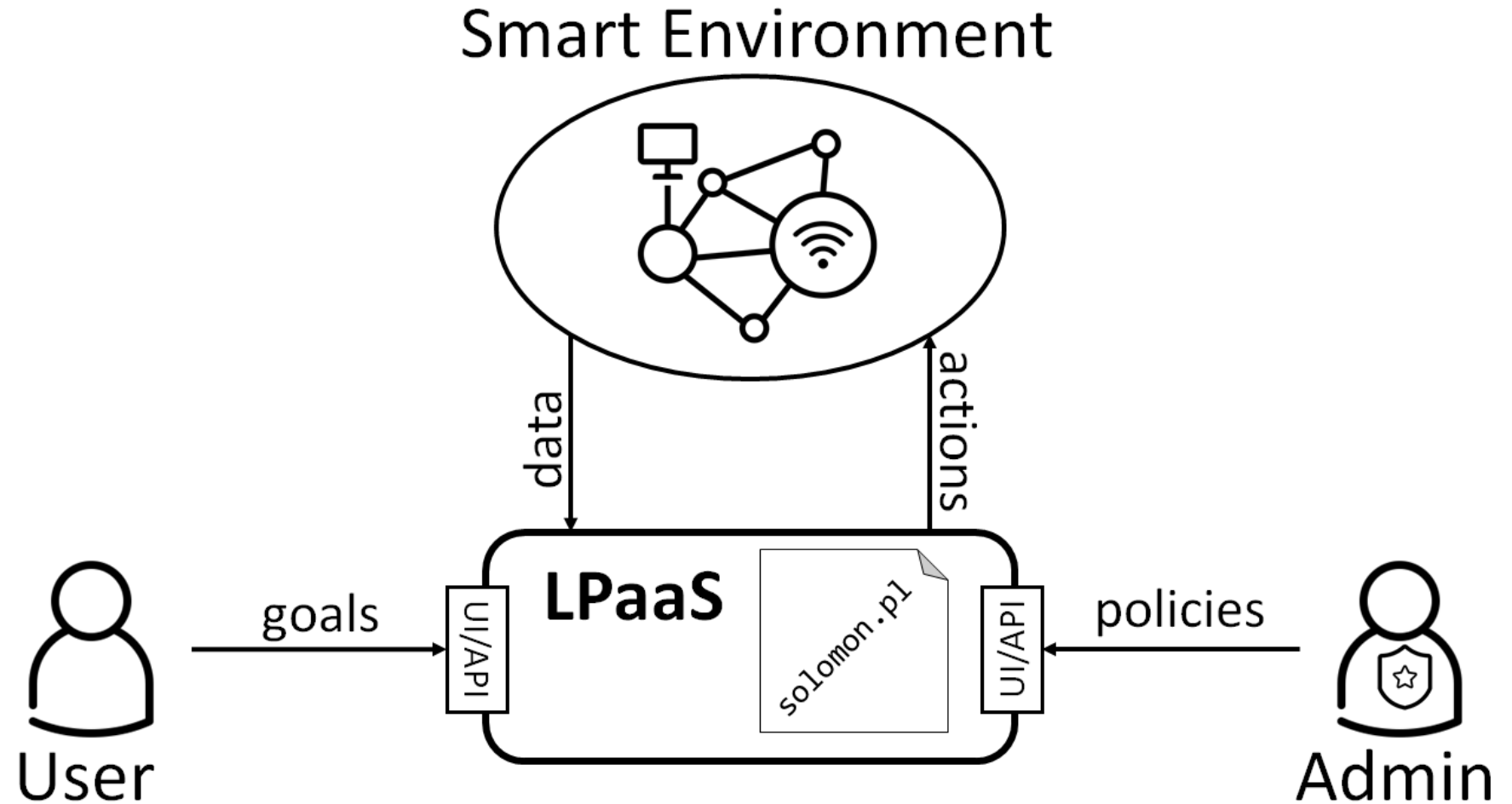


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How?

- By **reasoning on a model** of the available **IoT infrastructure** and on (possibly contrasting) goals.
- Specifying **ad-hoc mediation policies** for *User-User*, *User-Admin* and *IoT-IoT* conflicts.

Our
Prototype



Our **declarative methodology** has been **prototyped in Prolog** and offered **as-a-service** through the **LPaaS paradigm**. The code is **open-source** and available at:

<https://github.com/di-unipi-socc/Solomon>

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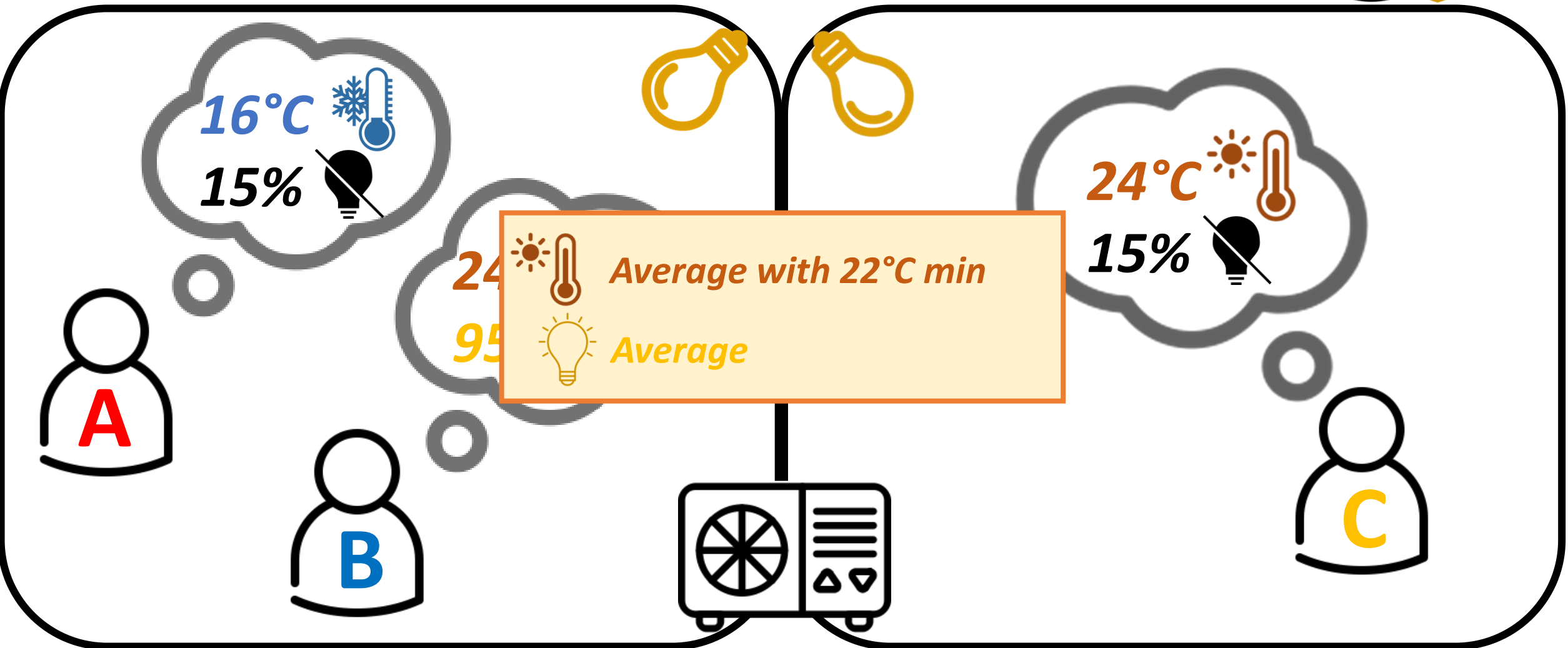
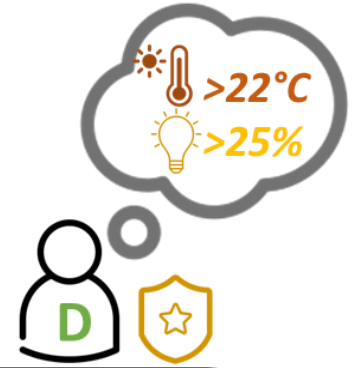

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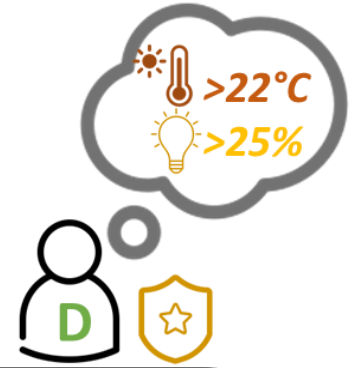
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Solomon also offers a **library of standard predicates** to implement **mediation policies** (e.g. average, consensus, min/max).

Motivating Scenario: Collecting Requests



Motivating Scenario: Mediating Requests



22°C



55%



Average with 22°C min



Average

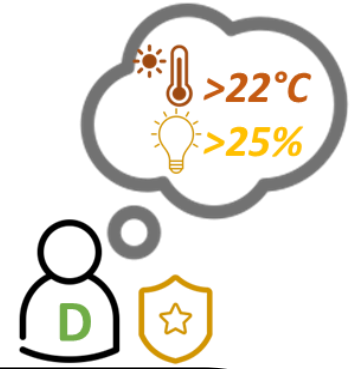


24°C

15%



Motivating Scenario: Determining Actions



55%



Maximum



Consensus with 25% min

75%

24°C



Conclusions

goal-driven

It **considers** and **mediates** among them **goals**, from all (human and machine) **stakeholders** involved in a Smart Environment, to reach a **target state**.

customisable

Being **open-source** and **enabling customisation** from its end-users.
Code and **Docs** at:
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As it is **Prolog** code: **concise** (around **50 sloc**) and featuring a good level of **abstraction** and **flexibility** to **accommodate new emerging needs** of Smart Environments.

declarative

As it features a **well-defined REST API** based on **LPaaS**, it enables **interoperability** with other systems through **remote interactions**.

as-a-Service

Future Work



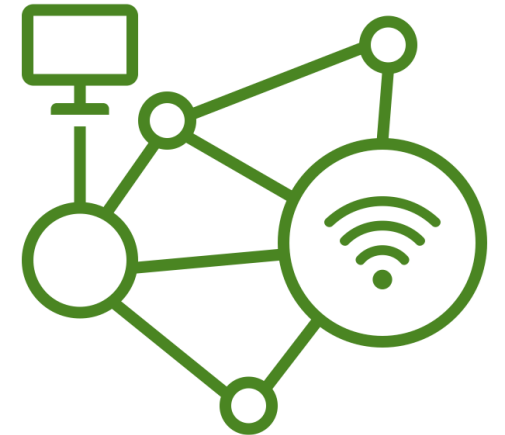
New Policies

to propose a set of modular policies to the end-users



Goal Geolocation

to predict users' movements so to reduce manual interactions



Web of Things

to exploit Solomon in actual smart environments



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