Transforming DOE Cyber Security

A Science-Based Approach

A report from the grass roots cyber security community

For the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science

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What others think . . .

The nation's critical infrastructure, such as the electric power grid, air traffic control system, financial system, and communication networks, depends extensively on information technology for its operation. Concerns about the vulnerability of this infrastructure have heightened in the security-conscious environment…
["Toward a Safer and More Secure Cyberspace," The National Academies]

… cheaper and easier to get hold of the tools needed to launch a cybercrime attack [RSA]

"Estonia was a wakeup call…We have to wake up our governments … If people do not understand the urgency now, they never will."
– Viviane Reding, EU Information Society commissioner

"We haven't implemented information security. We have been securing the perimeter, the moat and castle, but not the king, and information is the king. And like a king, information has a nasty habit of wanting to move around."
–Art Coviello, executive vice president, EMC and president, RSA

"Cyberspace is very important, very insecure and security problems are getting worse. For lots of reasons (economic, public safety, national security) it is very much in the broad public interest to make it safer and more secure." [National Academies]

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3 Questions Launched the Community

1. What are the key priorities with regard to cyber security research and development over the next decade?

2. What would we recommend, in terms of a program, to address those priorities?

3. How would a DOE Office of Science program in this area complement other cyber security R&D initiatives such as NSF's or other agency programs?

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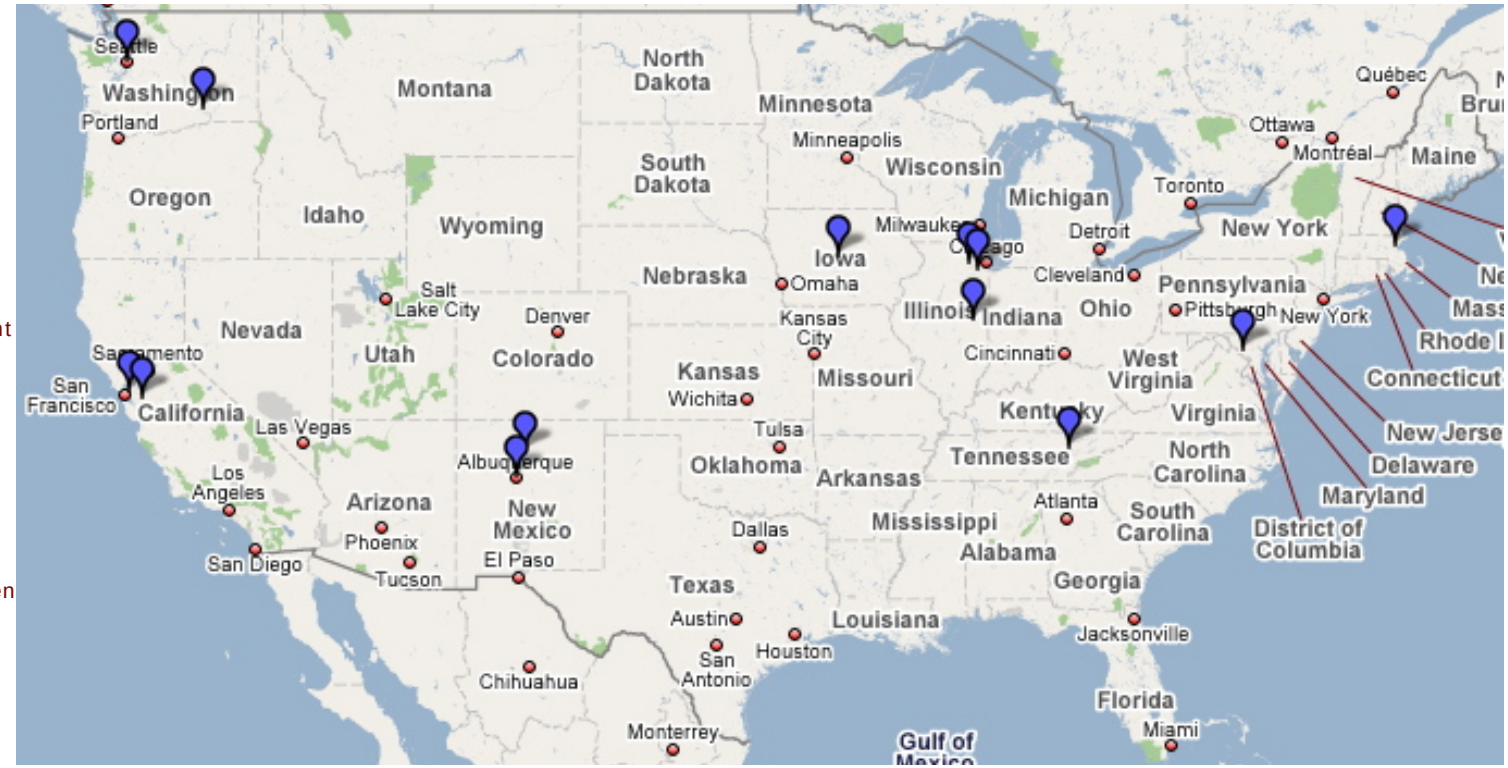

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Findings(1)

- **Need** for investment in proactive long-term approach to Cyber Security.
- DOE has **a unique history** of taking on national priorities that involve long-term, sustained, focused research and development with clear mission-objectives.
- DOE's **science mission** supports operational laboratories, instruments, and other facilities.
- DOE can provide a broad-based **scientific approach** to cyber security through the national laboratory system.

(1) D. Frincke, C. Catlett, F. Siebenlist, E. Talbot, R Strelitz, B. Worley. *Transforming CyberSecurity R&D within the DOE: Getting ahead of the threat,* Technical Report 0001 from the DOE cybersecurity grass roots community.

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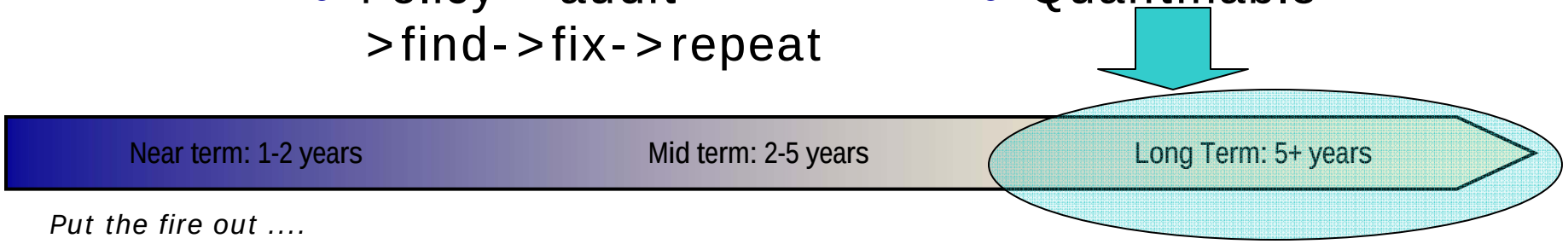
A Science-Based Approach:

- Move away from:
  - Largely reactive
  - Short term investments in engineered term solutions
  - Catch-n-patch
  - Policy->audit->find->fix->repeat
- Move towards:
  - Emphasize the proactive
  - Long term, visionary, transformational
  - Provable, testable
  - Quantifiable



Put the fire out ....

Install fire suppression sprinklers ...

Intrinsically fireproof buildings

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Collaboration is KEY!

Our discussions, teleconferences, Town Hall meeting, and paper development are products of 40+ creative and dedicated individuals from:

- Ames Laboratory
- Argonne National Laboratory
- BBN Technologies
- U.S. Department of Energy
- National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center
- Sandia National Laboratories
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- University of Washington
- Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- Invensys
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Colorado State University

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Goals and Objectives

"We will enable the DOE mission by transforming the ability of domain scientists to work safely, despite the need to operate within an insecure cyber-world."

- Advancing the state of the science
- Open Source and transparent
- Solicit high-level direction from the classified communities for their long term benefit.
- Strive for long-term and high-risk research directions
- Identify short-term payoffs
- Remain aware of and responsive to shifts in the industry and use of technology
- Be threat-agnostic
- Strive for benefits beyond the DOE missions
- Actively foster collaboration with commercial academia, and other government communities

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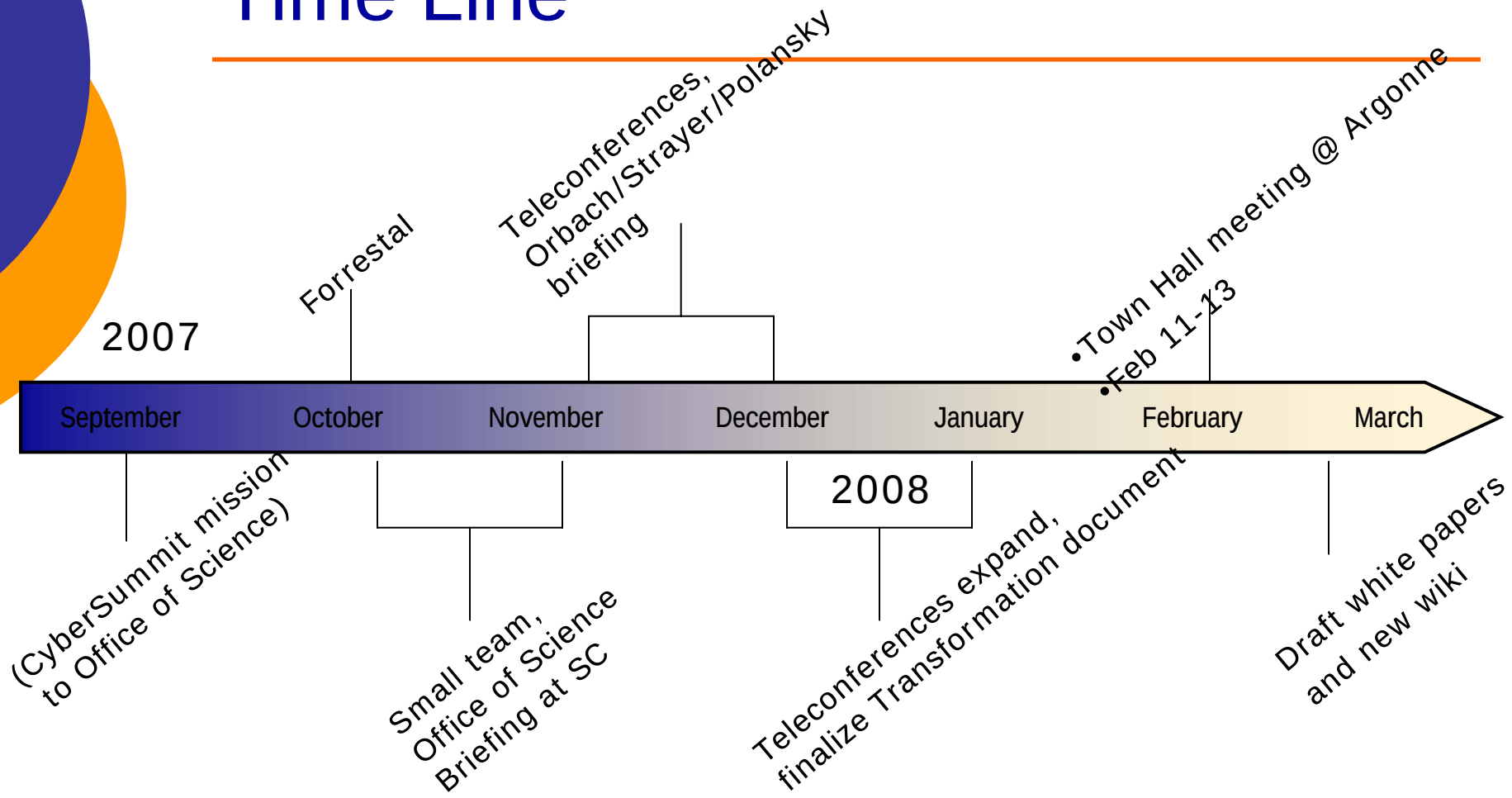
Time Line



Currently planning "approximately April Town Hall Meeting

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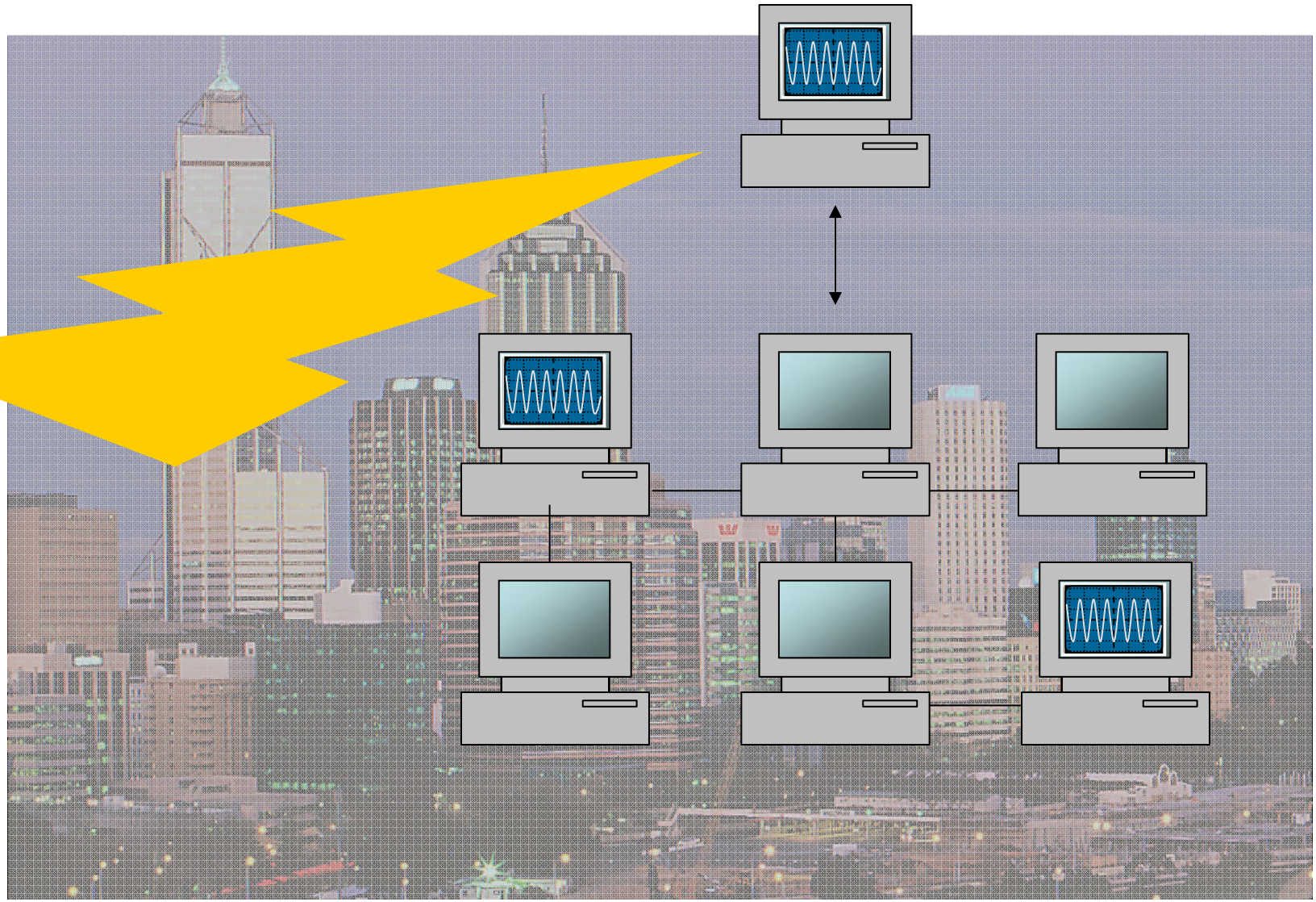

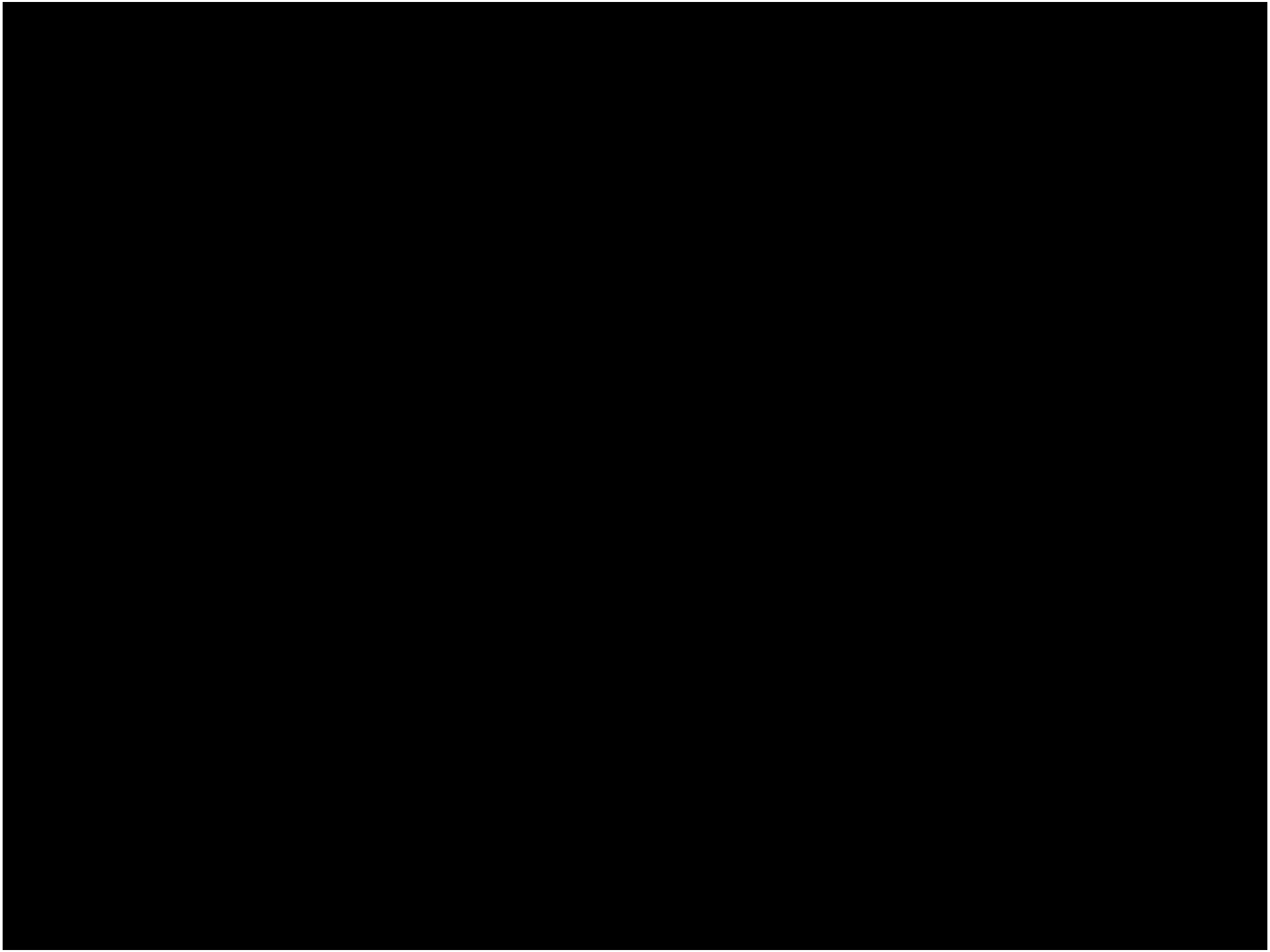

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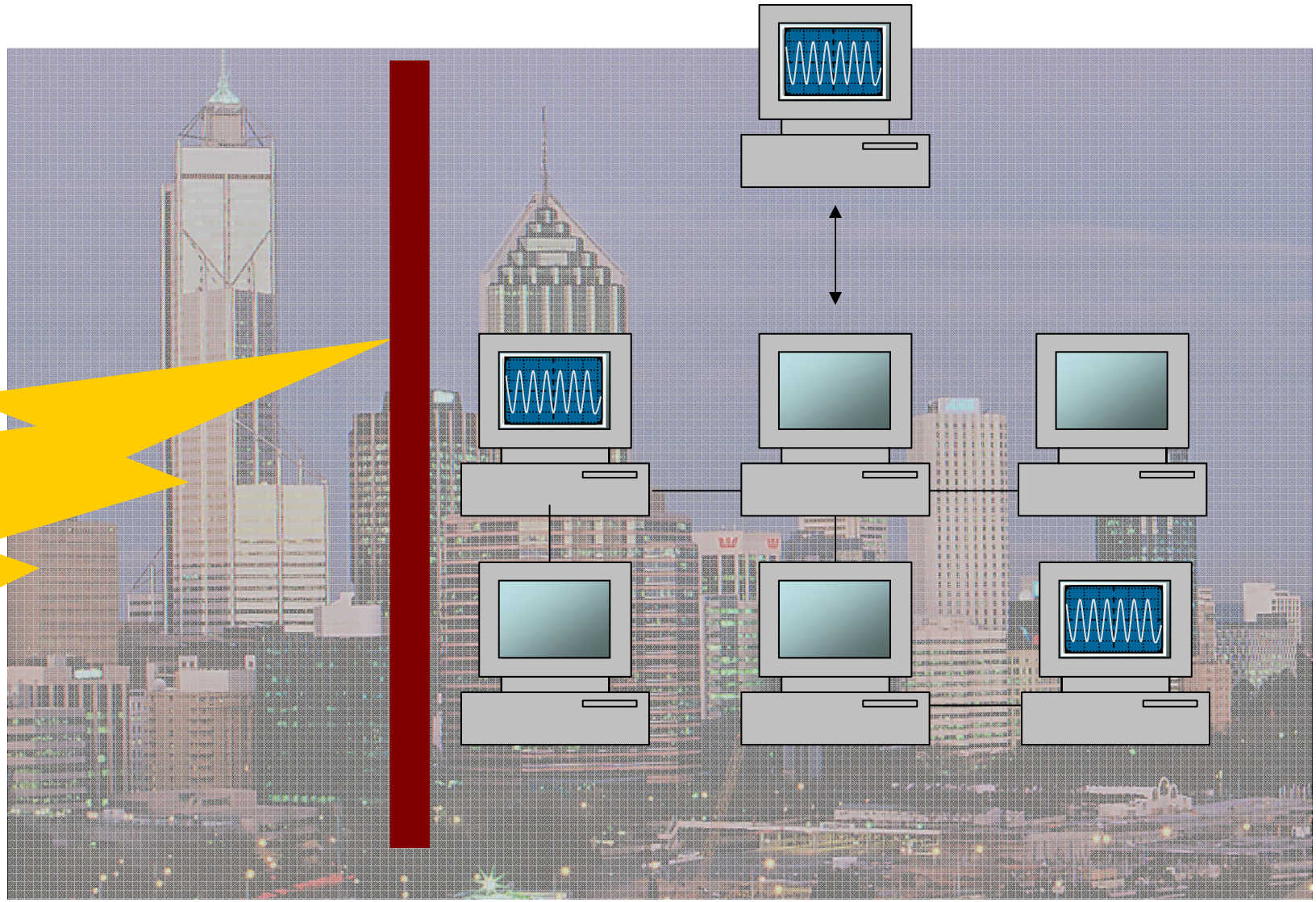

Ahead of the Threat

Predicting the actions of an adversary

Computer Science	Rapid integration and parsing of heterogeneous, very large scale data sets	Simulation/ modeling (consequences)	Collaborative situational awareness	Data pedigree	Pairwise gene similarity computation
Mathematics	Network tomography; Very large graphs; scale free networks	Matrix/tensor methods for criticality	Byzantine agreement	Game theory	Risk analysis and reliability theory Dempster-Schaefer evidence equations
Computer Hardware	Verifiably correct/secure hardware components	Policy/privacy aware sensors for hostile environments	Secure and performance-sensitive com mand/control systems	Secure multicore systems	Integrity for very large scale file systems

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Self Healing and Resilient Systems

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Documents and Writings

- Document: Transforming Cyber Security
  - What are the key priorities with regard to cyber security research and development over the next decade?
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  - How would a DOE Office of Science program in this area complement other cyber security R&D initiatives such as NSF's or other agency programs?
- White papers and demonstrations: in progress
- Call coming “soon”: Special Edition Journal
- Wiki: in use by the community

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Numerous participants helped write *Transforming CyberSecurity*!

- Section 1: *Science-based Cyber Security Research Priorities for the Next Decade*
  - F. Siebenlist (ANL), C. Catlett (ANL), D. Frincke (PNNL), E. Talbot (SNL), D. Petravik (FNL), T. Bartoletti (LLNL)
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- R&D:
  - Open science security architecture for an exascale future
  - Multi-layer security understanding, awareness and response
  - Human aspects/factors & federated trust
  - Intrinsically secure control of critical systems
- Structure and components
  - Matrix not pipeline
  - Broad science base
  - Balance needs of open science with secrecy

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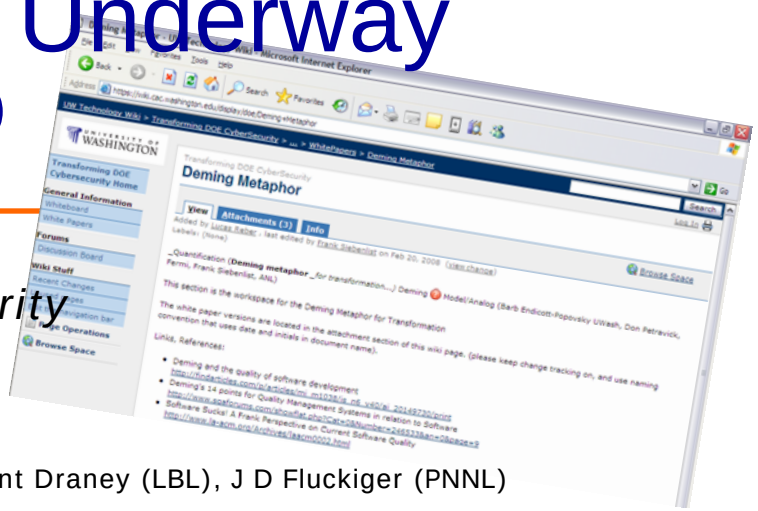
Nine White Papers Underway

(authors & discussion participants)



- Complete *Transforming CyberSecurity*
- A Compelling Demo: Bios
  - Ron Minnich (SNL)
- Chronology
  - Chris Strasburg (Ames), Craig Lant (NERSC), Brent Draney (LBL), J D Fluckiger (PNNL)
- Classified Community
  - Brian Worley (ORNL), Chris Griffin (ORNL), Irwin Gaines (Fermi)
- Computer Science Challenges
  - Rob Armstrong (SNL) ; Chris Griffin (ORNL), Ron Minnich (SNL), Mine Altunay (Fermi)
  - Dan Chavarria (PNNL)
- Deming Metaphor
  - Barbara Endicott-Popovsky (U Wash); Don Petravick (Fermi); Frank Siebenlist (ANL)
- Mathematical Underpinnings
  - Joanne Wendelberger (LANL), Ed Talbot (Sandia), Louis Wilder (Oak Ridge), Yu Jiao Tamara (Oak Ridge), Kolda (Sandia)
  - Juan Meza (LBL), Deb Agarwal (LBL),Chad Scherrer (PNNL)
- Practical Answers
  - Matt Crawford (Fermi), Mine Altunay(Fermi), Barb Endicott-Popovsky (U Wash), Anne Schur (PNNL) ; Kirk Bailey (U Wash)
- Socratic and Thematic Approaches
  - Ed Talbot (SNL), Irwin Gaines (Fermi), Richard Strelitz (LANL), Troy Thompson (PNNL)

https://wiki.cac.washington.edu/display/doe/WhitePapers

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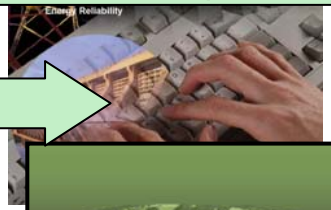
DOE Cyber Security R&D

Grand Challenges	Discovery Research	Use-Inspired Basic Research	Applied Research	Technology Development & Deployment
▪ Provide continuing streams of new knowledge, advances, tools, technologies and protocols needed to protect the Department's assets from cyber attack through 2025. ▪ Mathematical Underpinnings ▪ Vet with stakeholders in other agencies, academia, and the "classified community"	▪ Basic research to revolutionize approaches to cyber security. ▪ Research to develop innovative tools, strategies, technologies or techniques for cyber security.	▪ Basic research to strengthen the DOE's current cyber architecture, usually in recognition of addressing potential showstoppers associated with legacy systems.	▪ Research with the goal of meeting *technical milestones*, with emphasis on the development, performance, life cycle cost, reliability and maintainability ▪ Proof of technology concepts	▪ Scale-up research ▪ At-scale demonstration ▪ Cost reduction ▪ Prototyping ▪ Validation and verification ▪ Deployment ▪ Operations

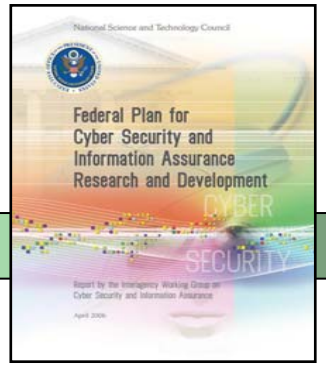
DOE Mission Contributions

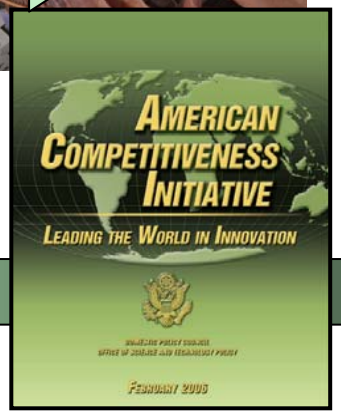
Science **R&D** **Defense** **Business Systems**

Basic Research Needs Workshops



Town Hall Meetings





National Priorities

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On the Horizon for the community

- Planning an open science program with broadly vetted science underpinnings to provide a strong foundation upon which to build operational cyber security policies and capabilities.
- Continuing to incorporate considerations for both the open science initiative, power grid and control systems, and the classified needs of the DOE.
- Workshops over the next several months continue to identify R&D priorities in terms of near- and long-term timeframes, resulting in a 10+ year roadmap.

Interactions among open, classified, power grid etc communities

R&D uniqueness and integration with OGAs, academia, industry

What might a funded program look like?

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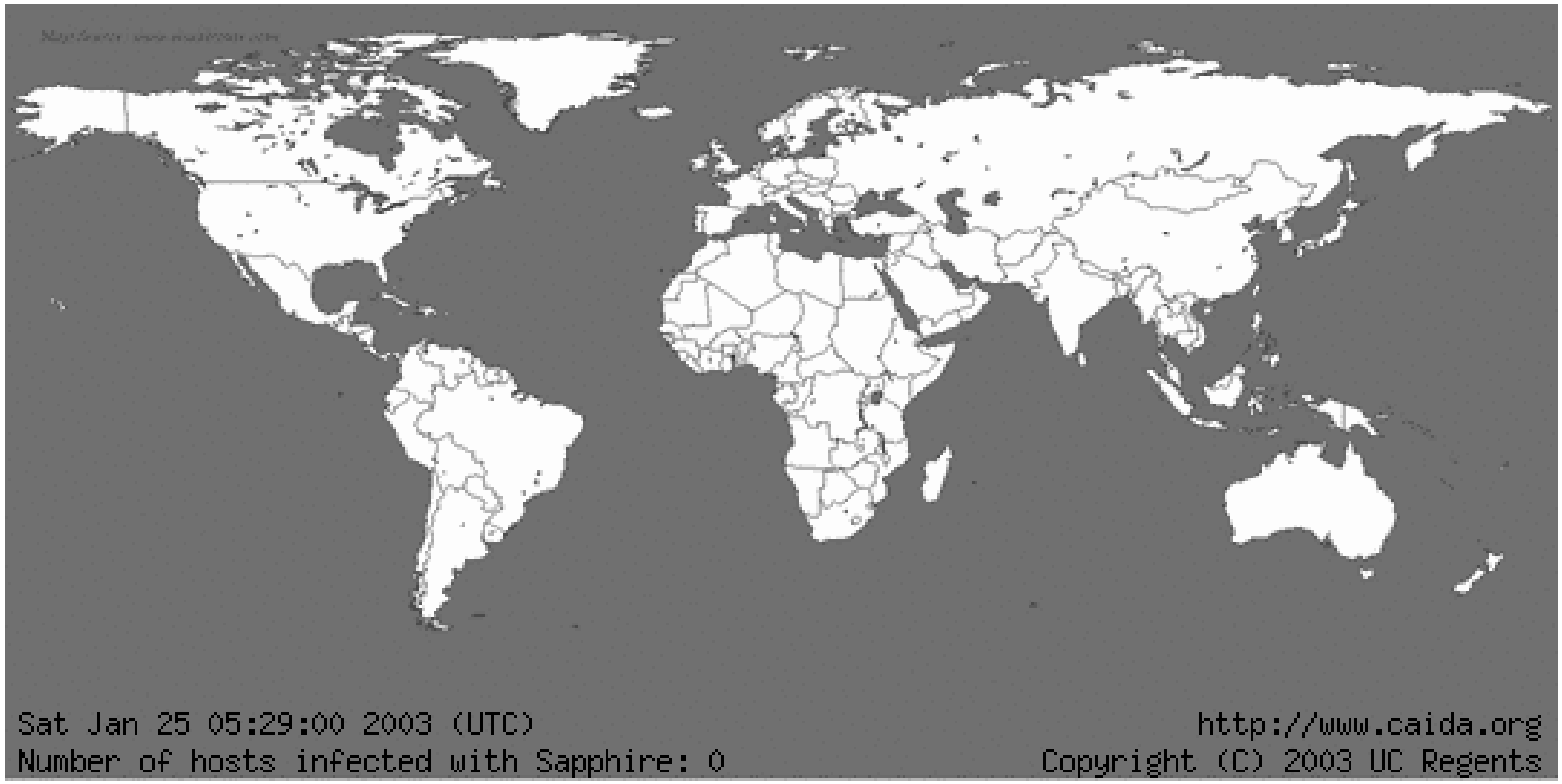
In Less Time Than We Have Spent Today



Source: http://www.caida.org/research/security/sapphire/

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Supplementary Slides

Additional detail available upon request.

Town Hall Meeting: More Details on R&D Areas (not in priority order)

Data Integrity, Availability, & Provenance
- -bit error rate as measure?
- -pedigree (who & how)
- -multiple administrative domains

Automated Screening of Software
- -dynamic & static analysis
- -computational & brute force
- -binary, source, runtime

Defendable networks
- -Forensically-ready networks
- -anomaly/intrusion detection
  - -active response, incident data sharing
- -policy-based monitoring
- -Cooperative detection/mitigation, automation

Secure Open Platform
- -chipset, bios, OS, architecture
- -Collaboration w/ COTS vendors

Measuring Security
- -Collaboration w/ OGAs
- -future operational context
- -units
- -dimensionality (confidentiality, availability, integrity…)
- -data mining
- -risk (QMU)
- -Deming QA

System Securability
- -Definitions/Taxonomy
- -Trusted system out of untrusted components
- -Trust & Trust Management
- -Human Factors

Security Containers
- -Virtualization
- -Controlling Complexity

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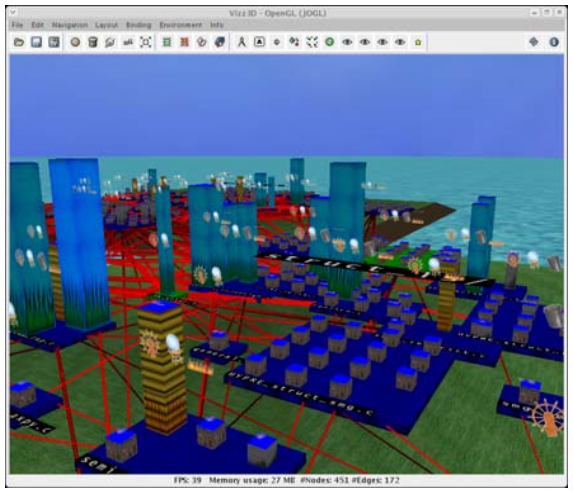
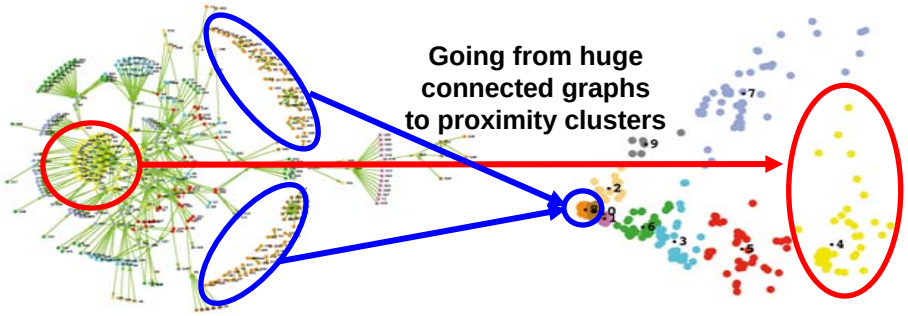
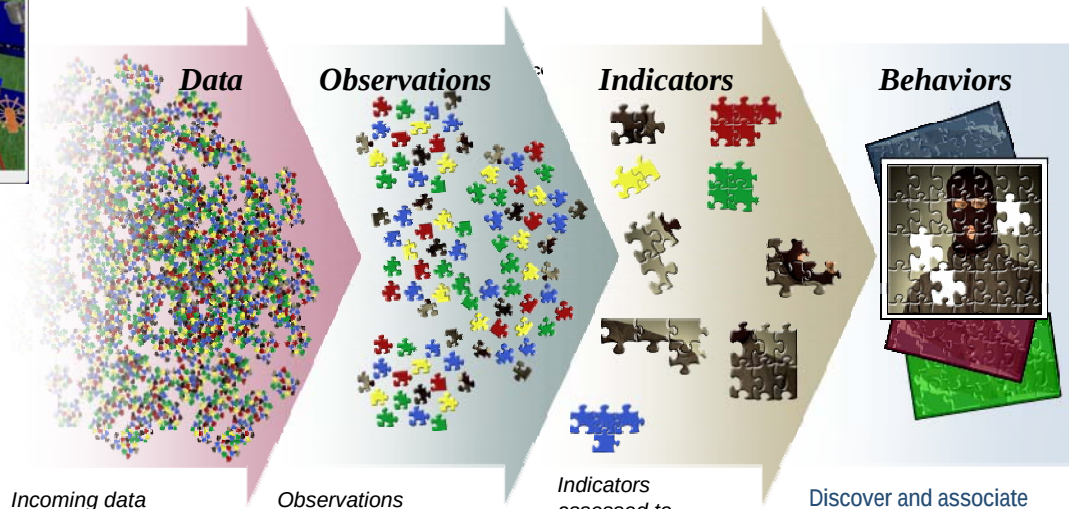
Mathematical Approaches





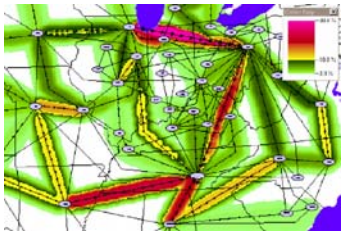


Incoming data processed to infer observations

Observations processed to infer indicators

Indicators assessed to gauge threat

Discover and associate actions that fit a malicious exploit profile



Visualizing a collection of transmission system lines

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Complicated Security Requirements!

ESNET *(Fall, 2006)*