

Systemic Vulnerabilities

An Allegorical Tale
of Steampunk Vulnerability
to Aero-Physical Threats

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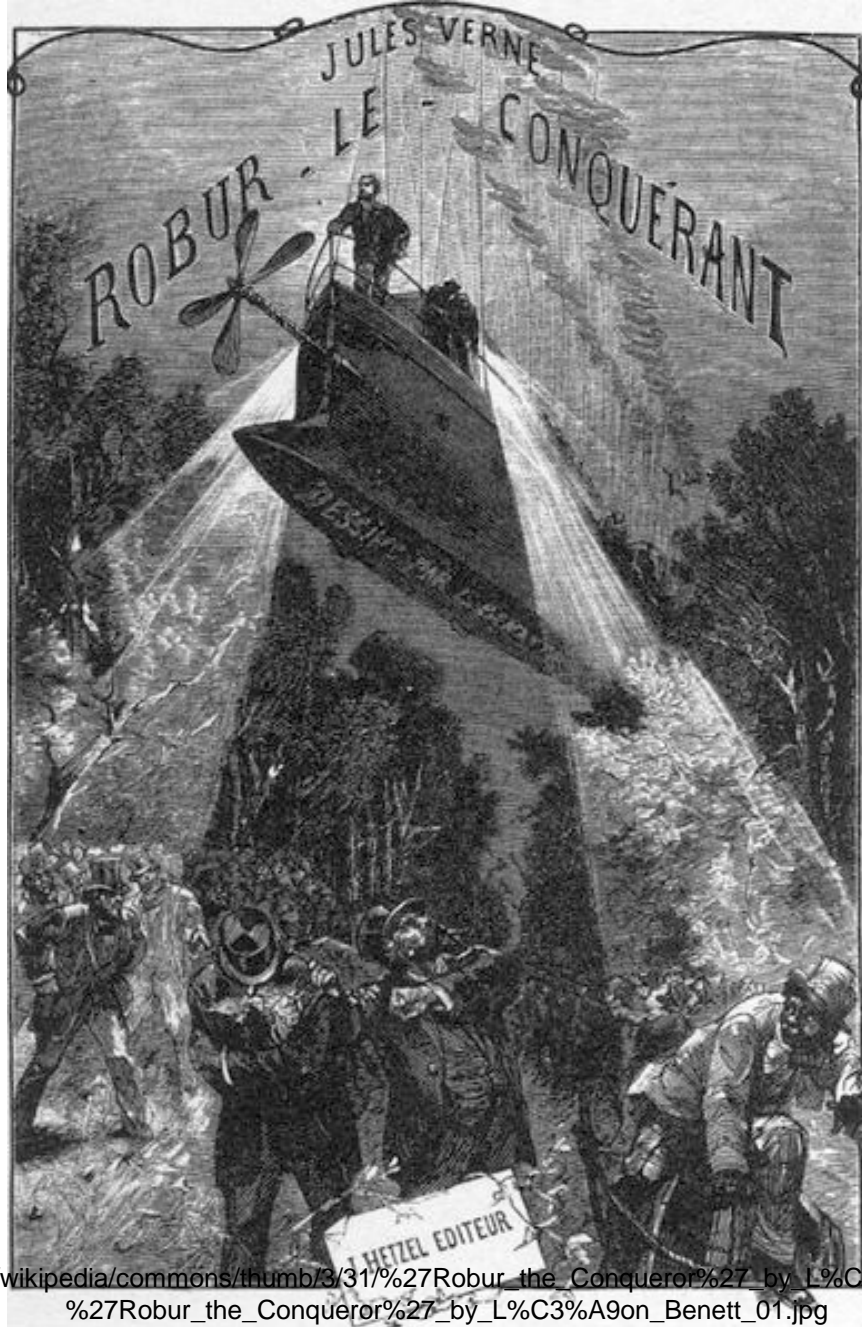
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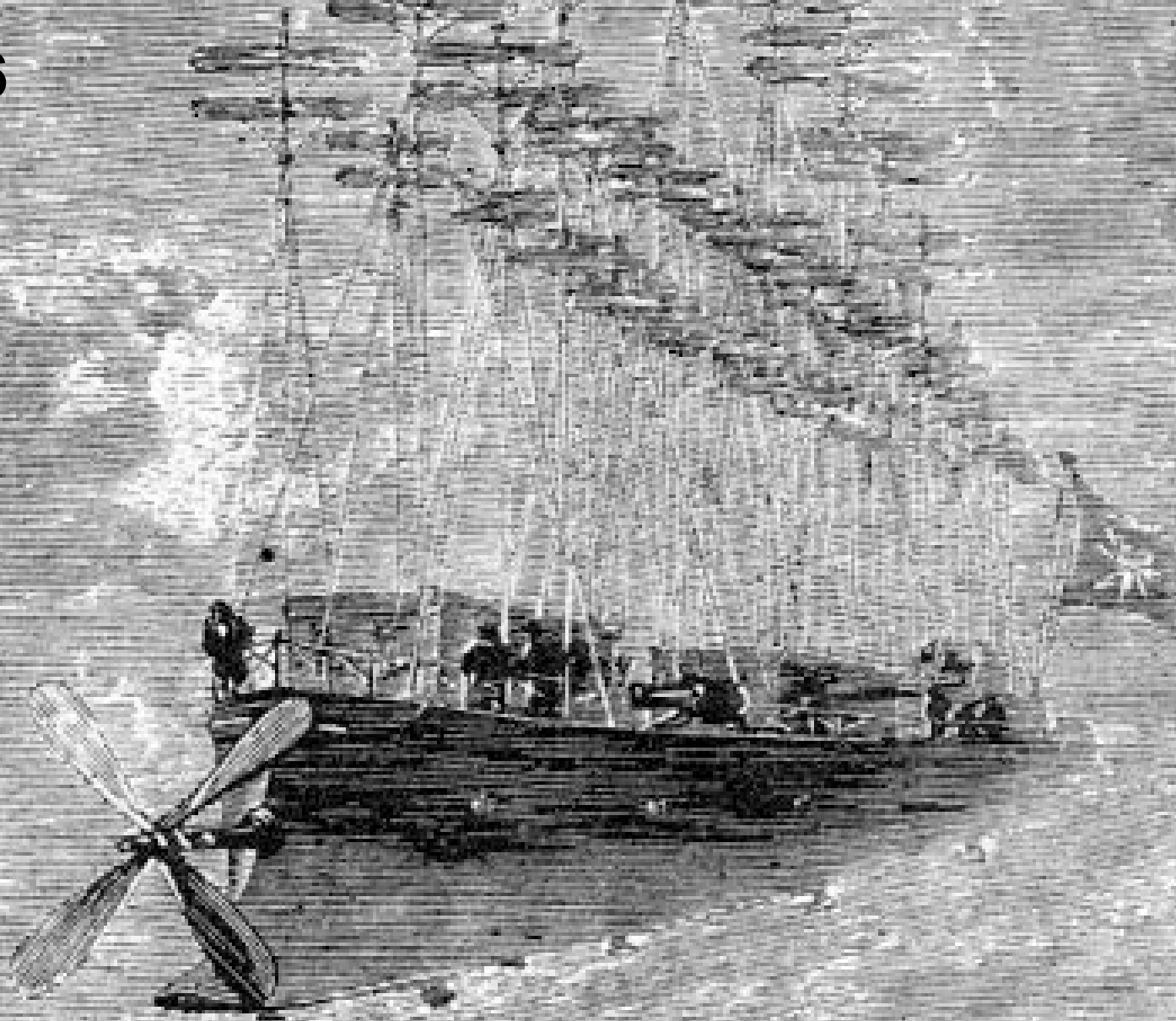
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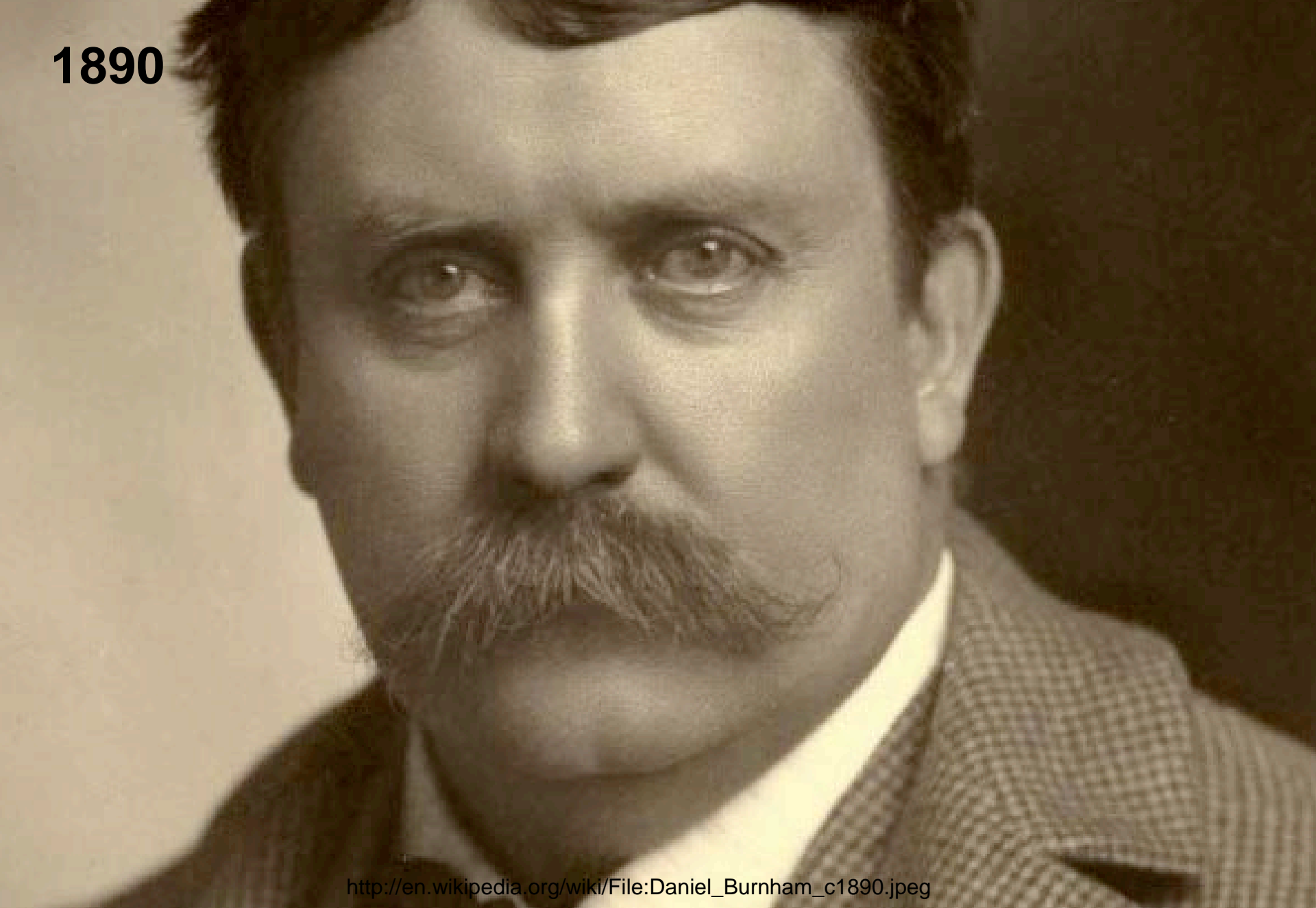
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The Gilded Age

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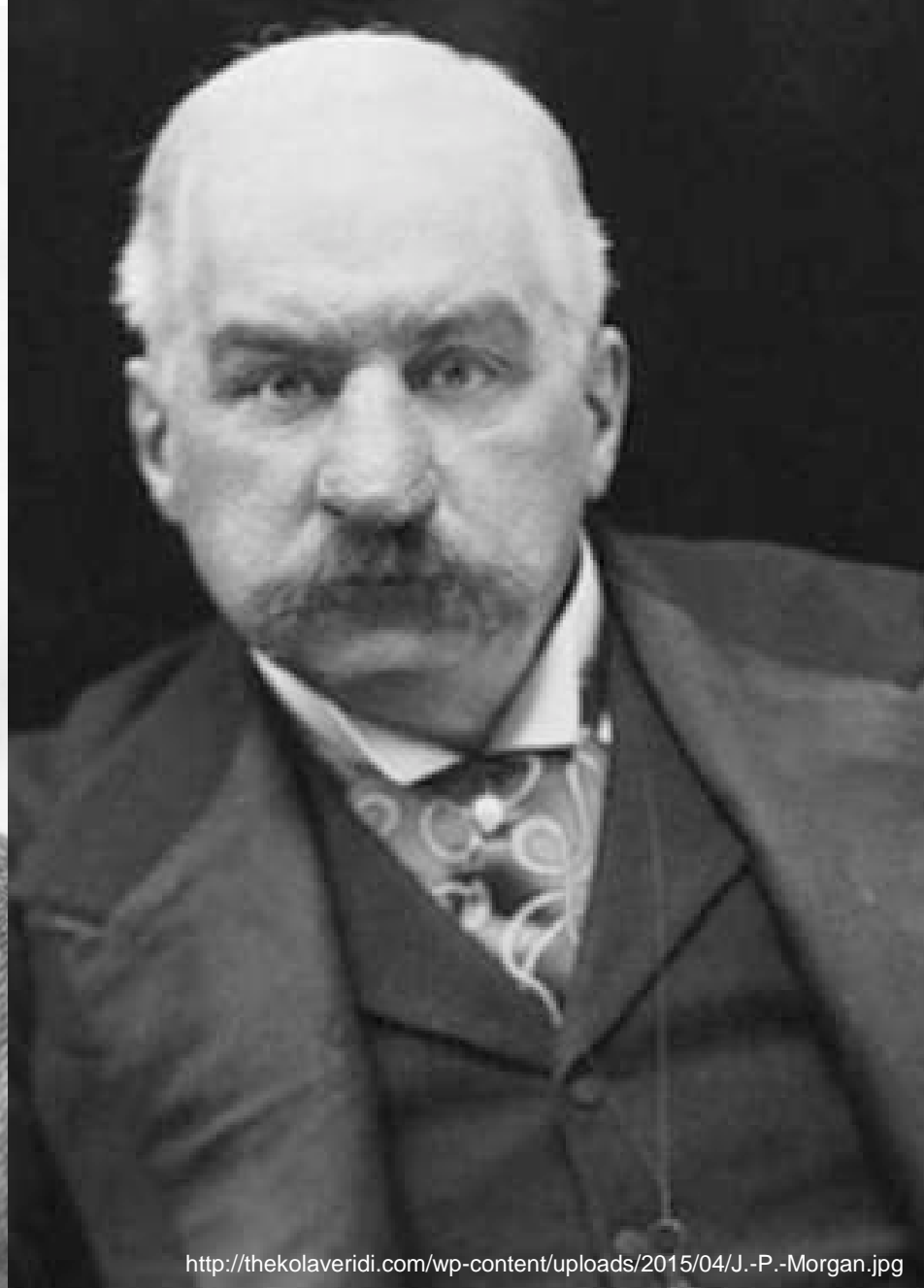
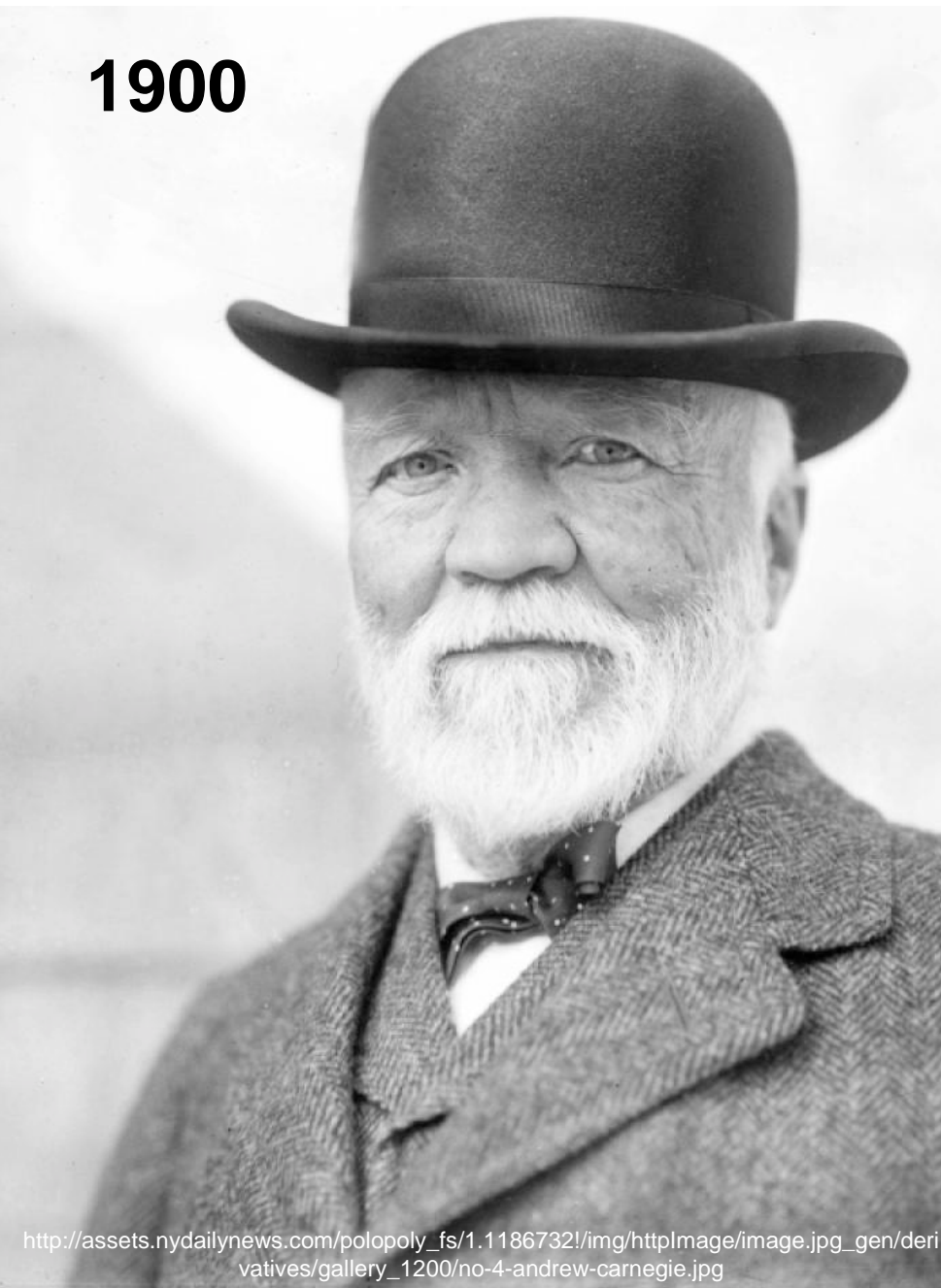
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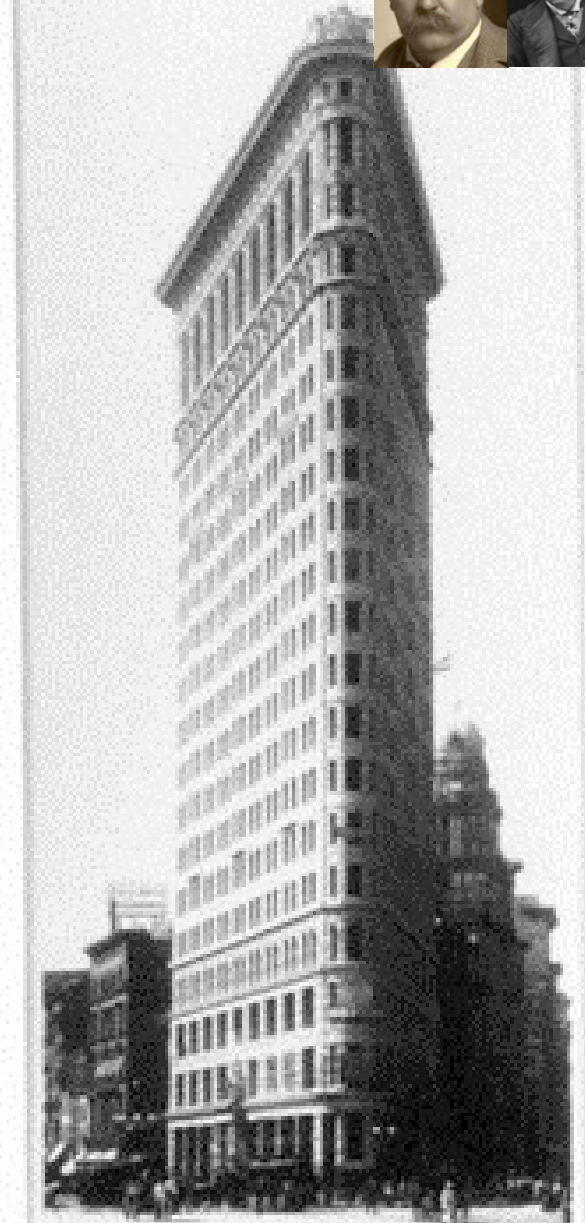
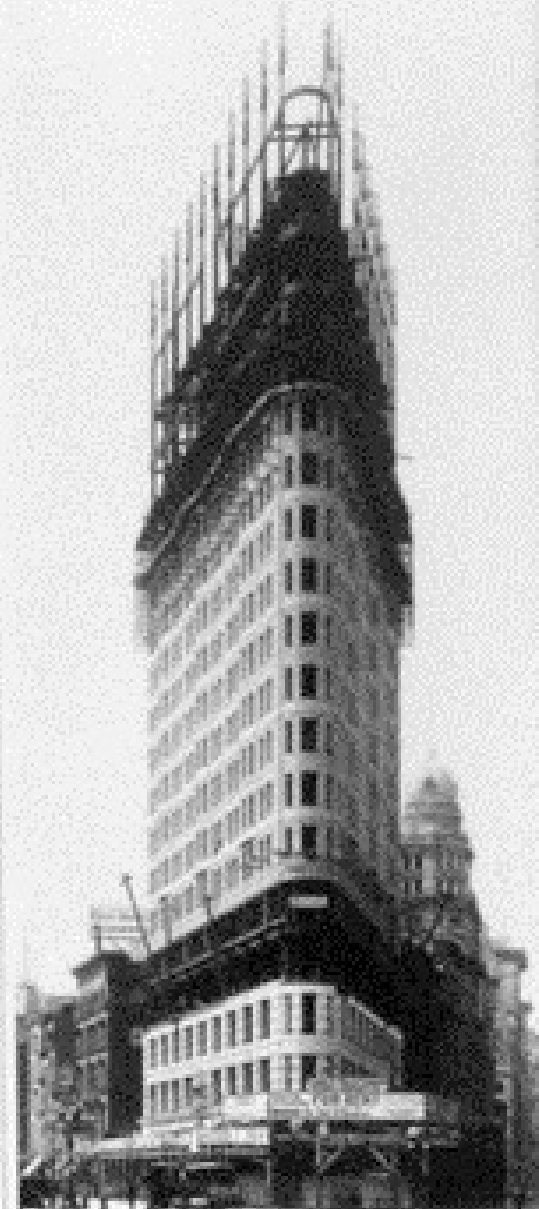
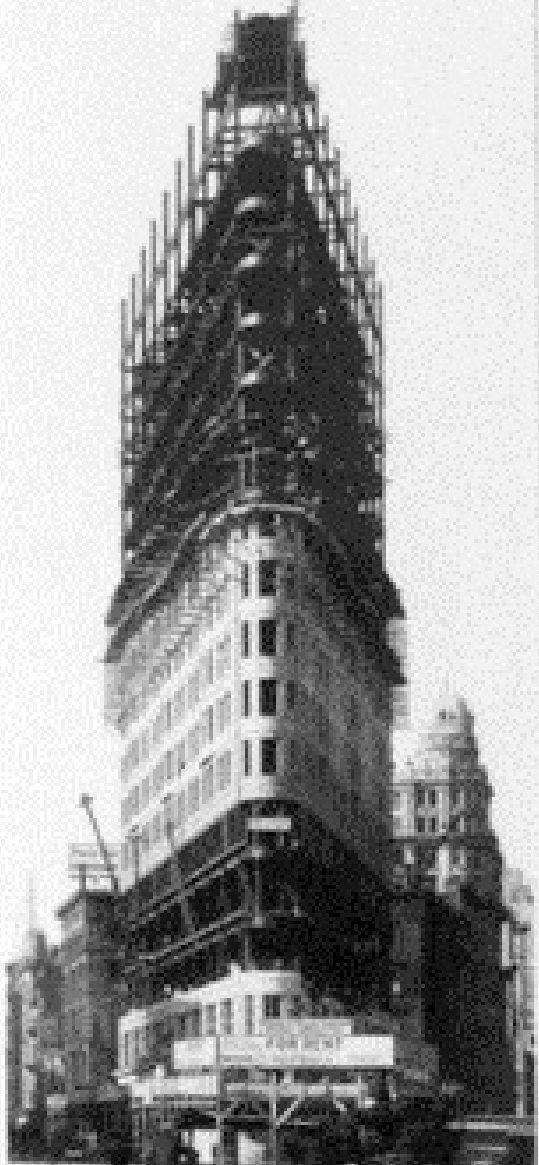
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1901-1902



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1902



Dropping 40k Day

The Flat Iron Building in New York City is vulnerable to denial of service or complete system destruction due to inadequate defenses against the kinetic and chemical energy of 315,000 lbs of aluminum containing 16,000 gallons of kerosene impacting at 500 mph.

▼ Base Score Metrics

Exploitability Metrics

Access Vector (AV)*

Local (AV:L) **Adjacent Network (AV:A)** Network (AV:N)

Access Complexity (AC)*

High (AC:H) Medium (AC:M) Low (AC:L)

Authentication (Au)*

Multiple (Au:M) Single (Au:S) **None (Au:N)**

* - All base metrics are required to generate a base score.

Impact Metrics

Confidentiality Impact (C)*

None (C:N) **Partial (C:P)** Complete (C:C)

Integrity Impact (I)*

None (I:N) Partial (I:P) **Complete (I:C)**

Availability Impact (A)*

None (A:N) Partial (A:P) **Complete (A:C)**

CVSS Base Score: 6.5
(AV:A/AC:H/Au:N/C:P/I:C/A:C)

CVSS v2 1902

Temporal Score Metrics

Exploitability (E)

Not Defined (E:ND)

Unproven that exploit exists (E:U)

Proof of concept code (E:POC)

Functional exploit exists (E:F)

High (E:H)

Remediation Level (RL)

Not Defined (RL:ND)

Official fix (RL:OF)

Temporary fix (RL:T)

Workaround (RL:W)

Unavailable (RL:U)

Report Confidence (RC)

Not Defined (RC:ND)

Unconfirmed (RC:UC)

Uncorroborated (RC:UR)

Confirmed (RC:C)

Environmental Score Metrics

General Modifiers

Collateral Damage Potential (CDP)

Not Defined (CDP:ND)

None (CDP:N)

Low (light loss) (CDP:L)

Low-Medium (CDP:LM)

Medium-High (CDP:MH)

High (catastrophic loss) (CDP:H)

Target Distribution (TD)

Not Defined (TD:ND)

None [0%] (TD:N)

Low [0-25%] (TD:L)

Medium [26-75%] (TD:M)

High [76-100%] (TD:H)

Impact Subscore Modifiers

Confidentiality Requirement (CR)

Not Defined (CR:ND)

Low (CR:L)

Medium (CR:M)

High (CR:H)

Integrity Requirement (IR)

Not Defined (IR:ND)

Low (IR:L)

Medium (IR:M)

High (IR:H)

Availability Requirement (AR)

Not Defined (AR:ND)

Low (AR:L)

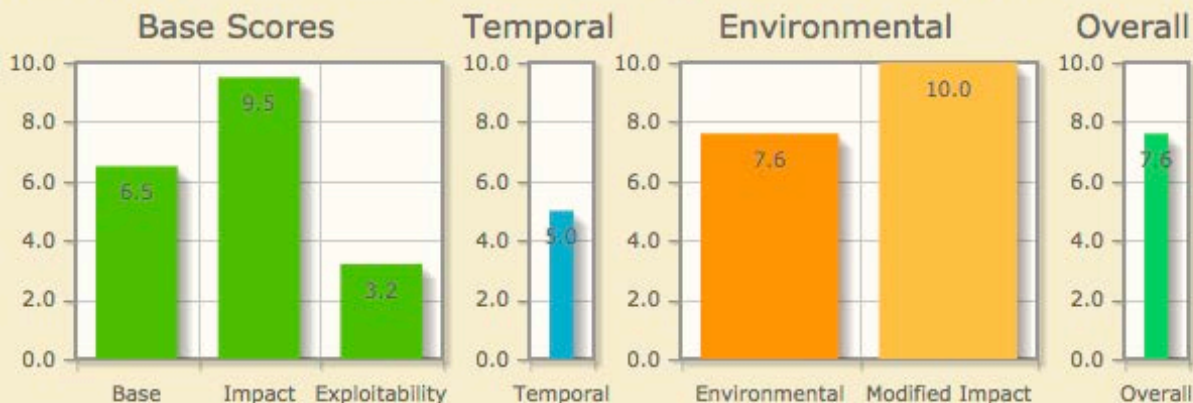
Medium (AR:M)

High (AR:H)

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CVSS Base Score	6.5
Impact Subscore	9.5
Exploitability Subscore	3.2
CVSS Temporal Score	5
CVSS Environmental Score	7.6
Modified Impact Subscore	10
Overall CVSS Score	7.6

[Show Equations](#)

CVSS v2 Vector (AV:A/AC:H/Au:N/C:P/I:C/A:C/E:U/RL:U/RC:UC/CDP:H/TD:H/CR:M/IR:H/AR:H)

Base Score Metrics

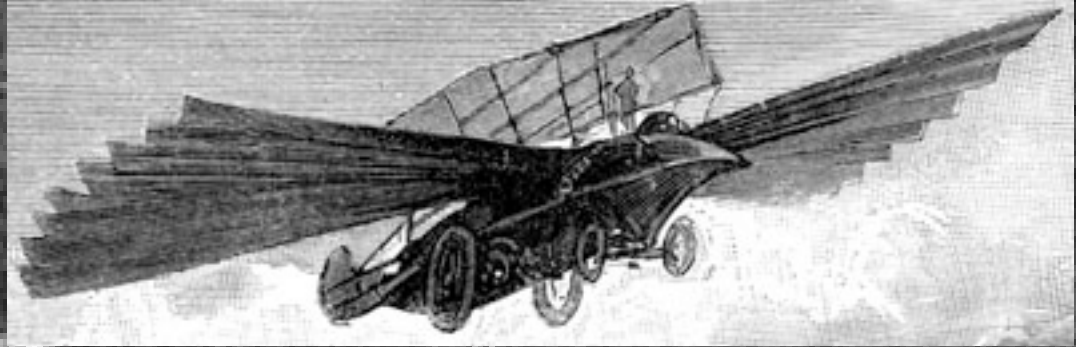
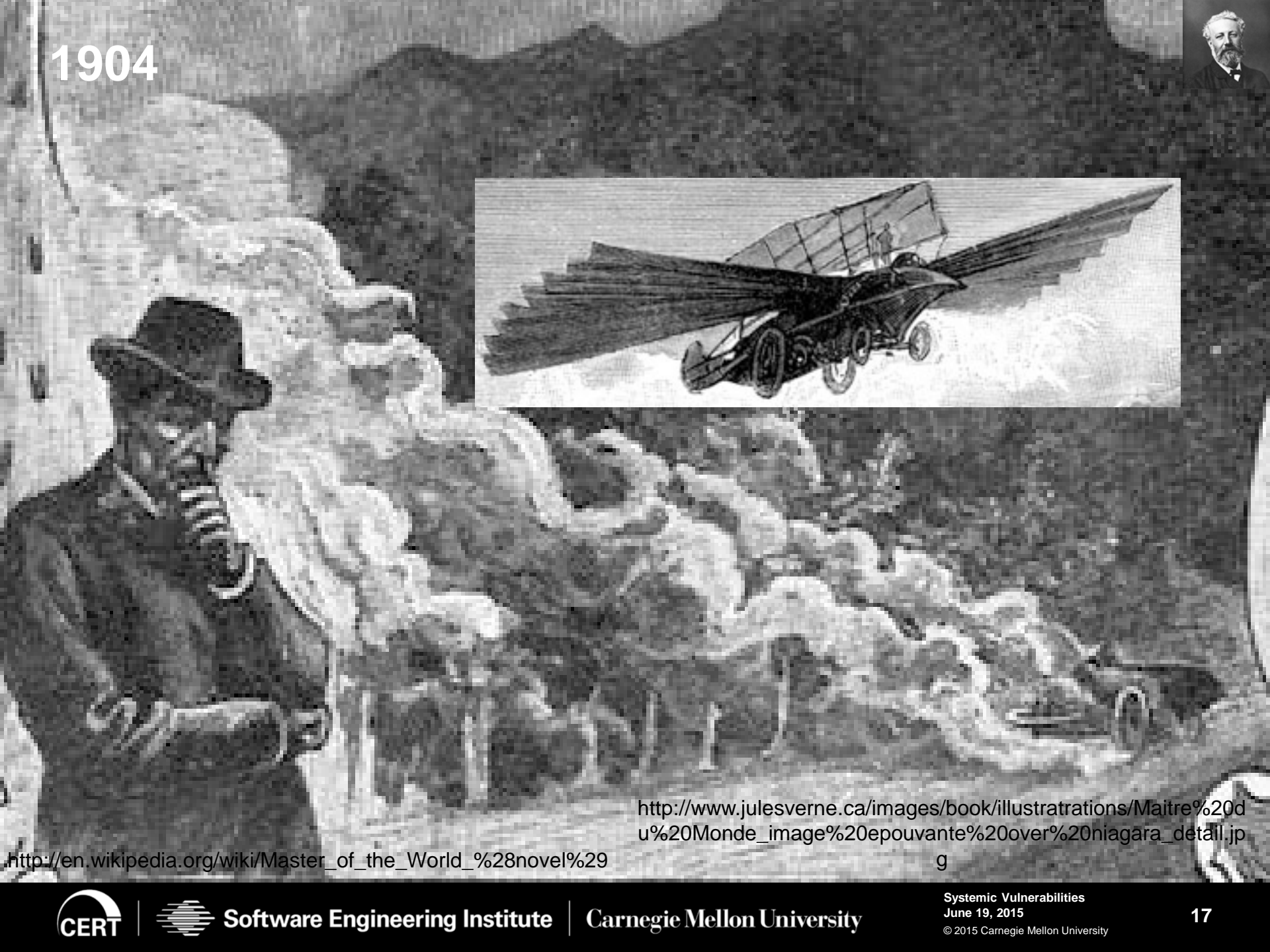
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1903



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1904



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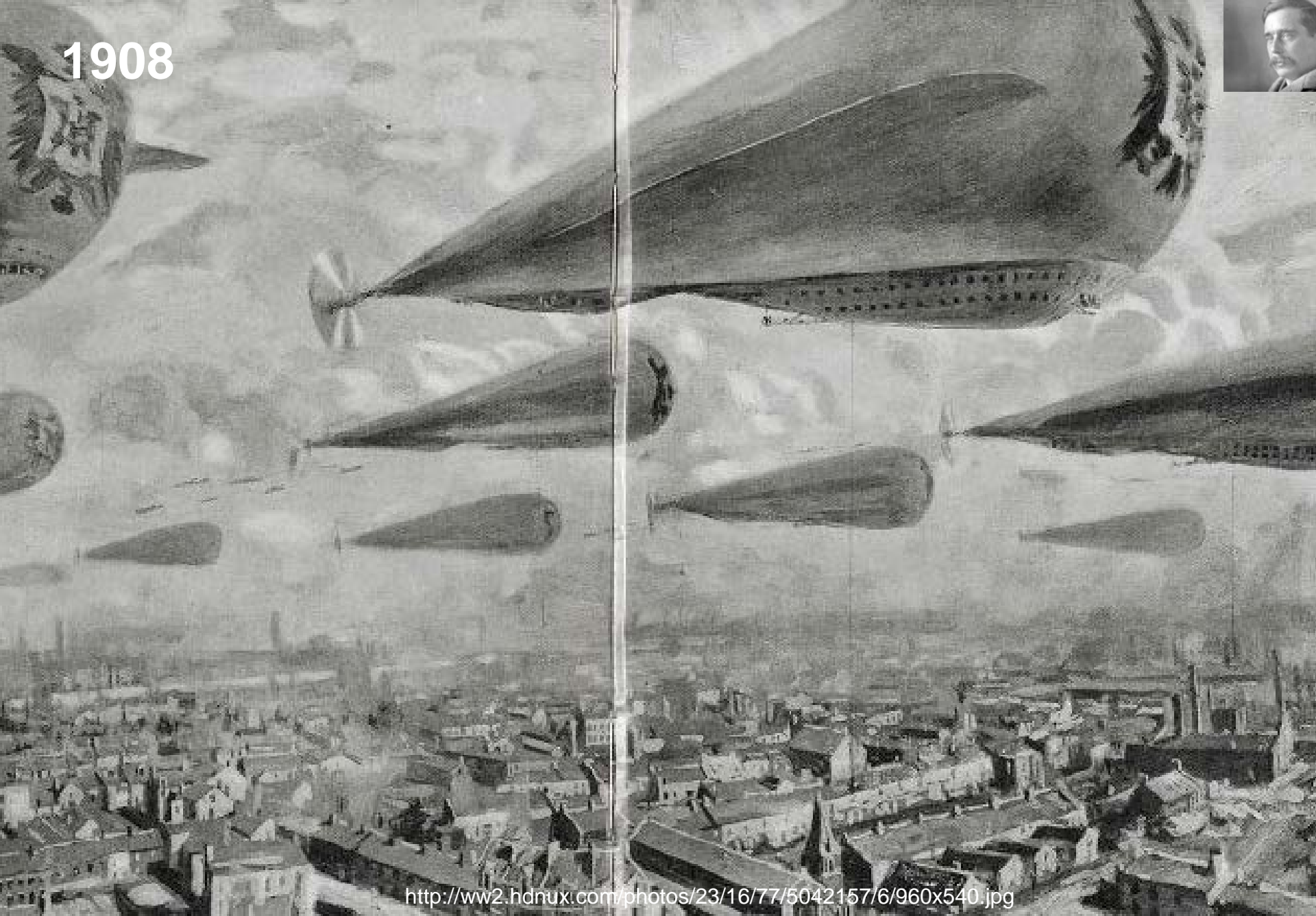
1906

“I found myself agape, admiring a sky-scraper, the prow of the Flat-iron Building, to be particular, ploughing up through the traffic of Broadway and Fifth Avenue in the afternoon light.”

H.G. Wells, 1906

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1908



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1915

Flat Iron Building,
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Meanwhile, back in NYC...

1915

Flat Iron Building,
Broadway and Fifth Avenue,
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...and shortly thereafter

Flat Iron Building,
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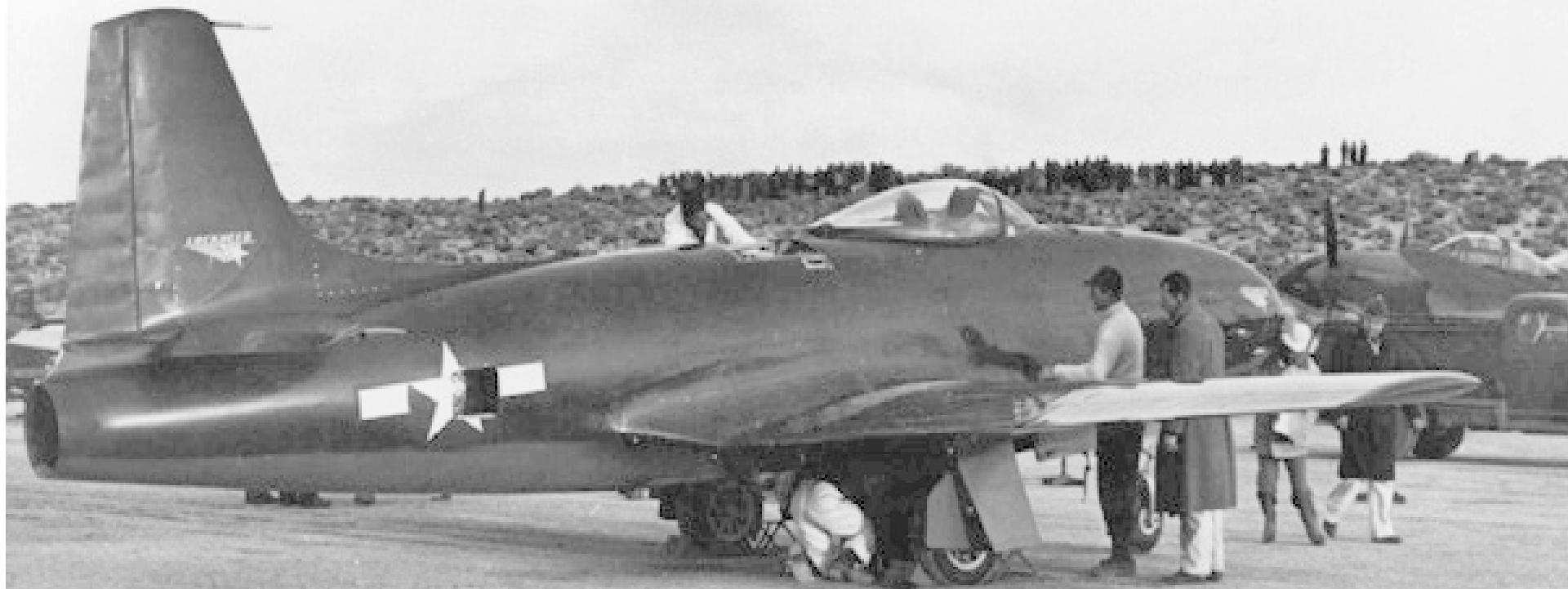
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← Empire State Building

→ Flatiron Building

1946

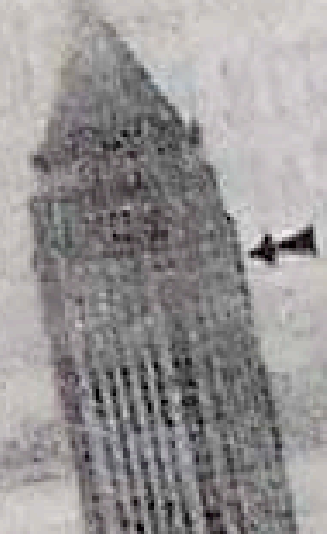


PLANE HITS WALL ST. TOWER; IN ARMY CRAFT ARE KILLED; BIG HOLE TORN IN 58TH FLOOR

SCENE OF PLANE CRASH LAST NIGHT

LOT LOST IN FOG

Route to M
from the South-
Officer a Vic



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CVSS v2 1946

Temporal Score Metrics

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Remediation Level (RL)

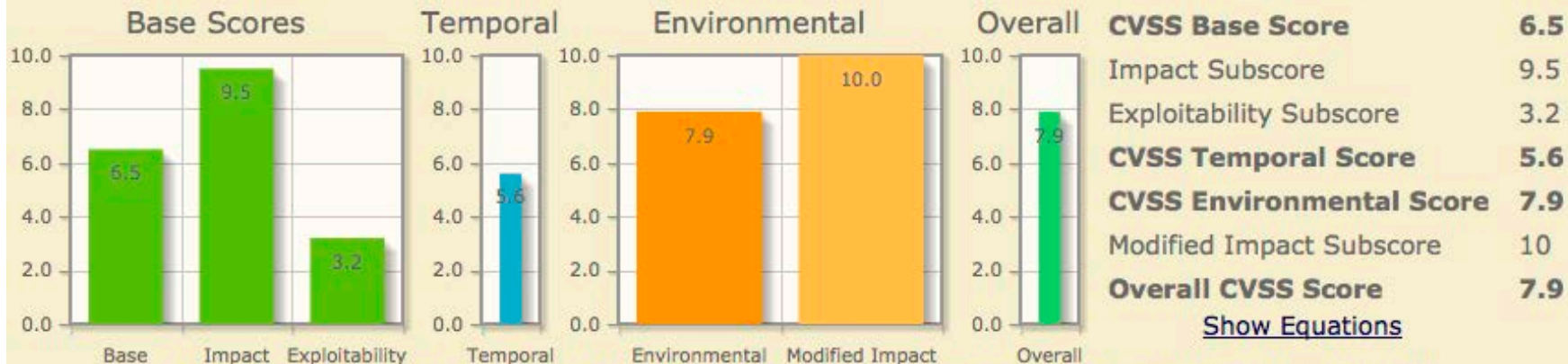
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Billy Joel Disclaims Responsibility for the Fire

(Verses 1-4 go here)

WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE



Richard Nixon Back Again,
shot, Woodstock, Watergate,
Rock, Begin, Reagan, Pa
Terror On The Airline, A
in Iran, Russians in Afghan
Wheel of Fortune, Sal
Heavy Metal, Suicide,
Debts, Homeless Vets, Air
Bernie Goetz, Hypoderm
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The Dawn of the Space Age

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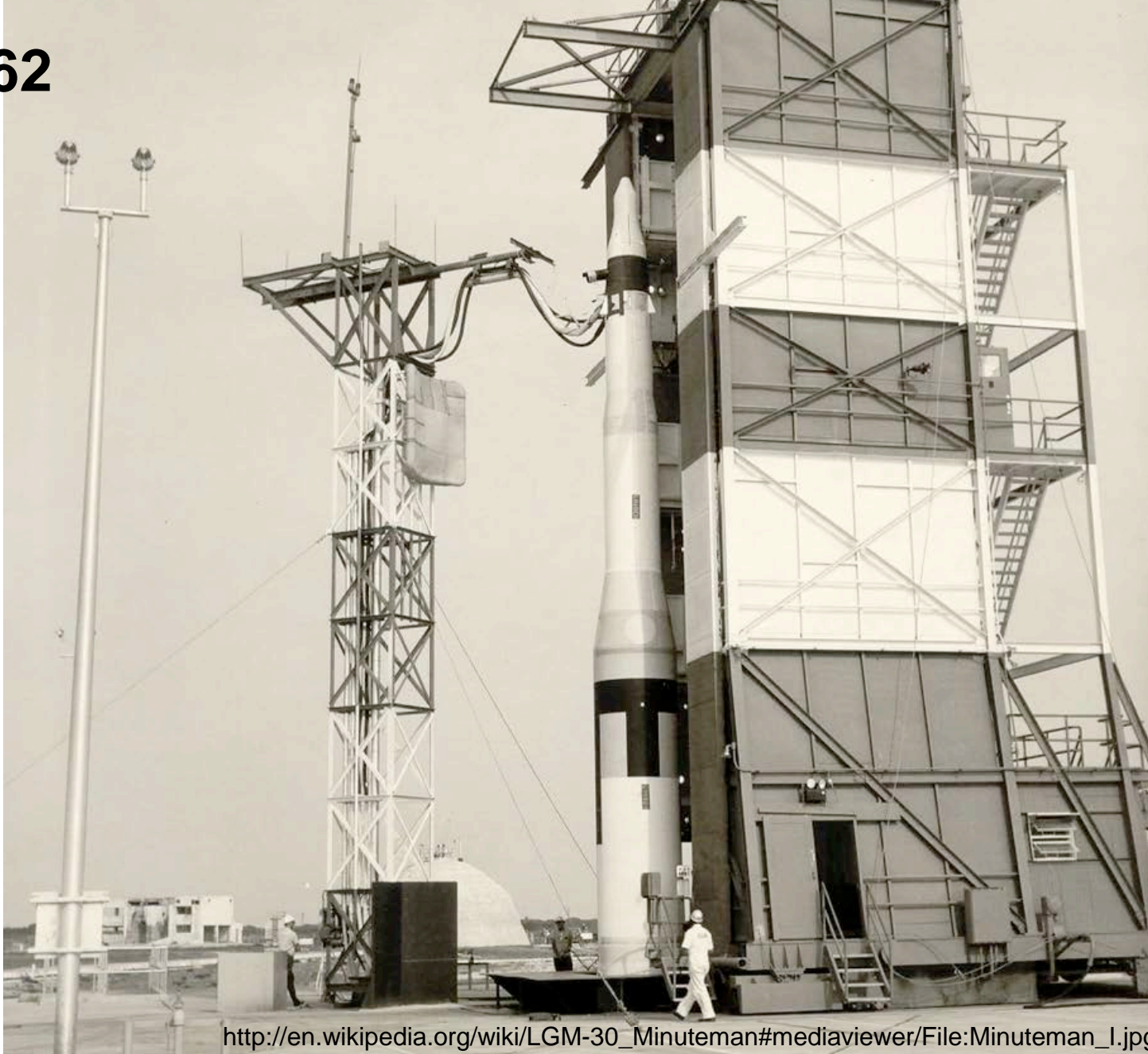


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CODE IDENT NO. 81205

NUMBER D2-30207-1

TITLE WS-133B Fault Tree Analysis Program Plan (U)

MODEL NO. WS-133B CO

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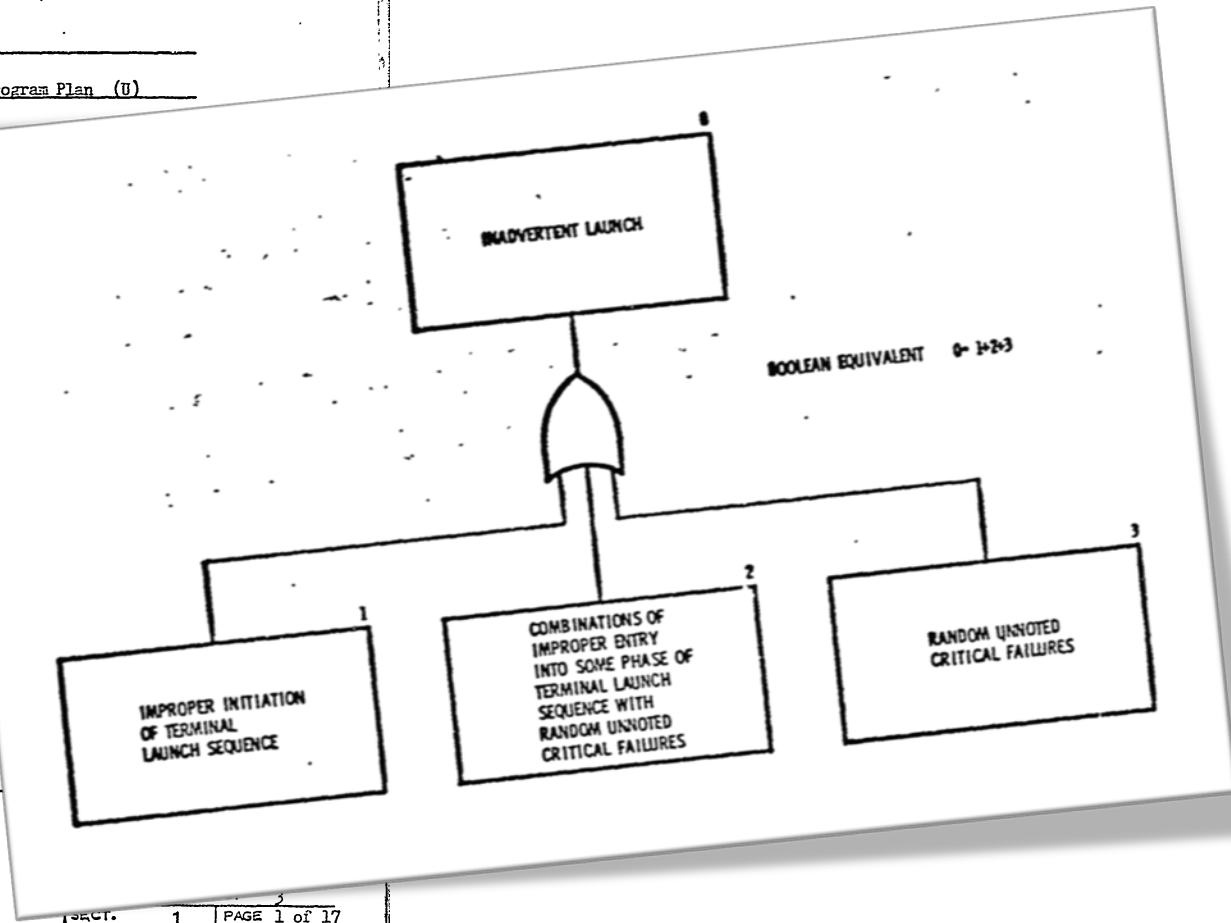
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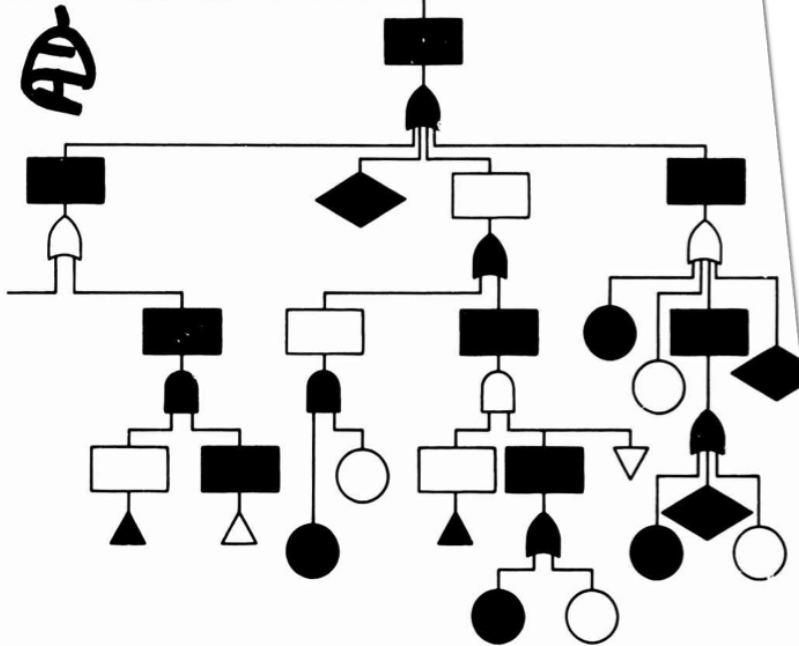
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FAULT TREE FOR SAFETY



Beginning with the most undesired (top) event, the fault tree graphically depicts the paths that lead to each succeeding lower level of the display. This does not imply that each descending fault path has a "higher probability of occurrence"; in fact, in many instances, the opposite may be the case. However, a series of "little things," each with a relatively low probability of occurrence, may trigger an event at the next higher level. This is depicted in the fault tree as a progression of events through the logic gates.

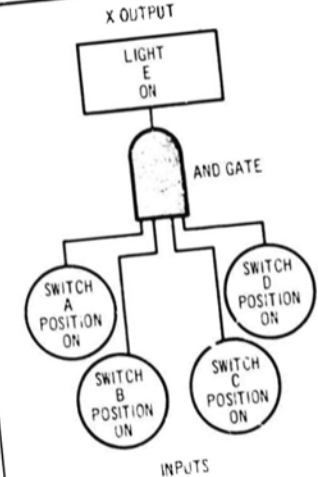
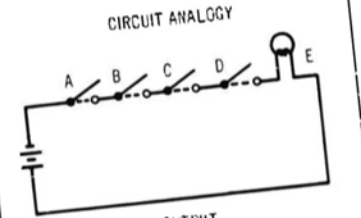
For example: A failed antiskid unit combined with a slippery runway and a severe crosswind could logically lead to divergence off the runway upon landing. If we carry this fault path higher in the display, we may find that a failed engine prohibits correcting the divergence. In this case, the multiple factors did not cause the engine to fail, but the fact that it did fail at a critical moment prevented the pilot from completing corrective action. Suppose, however, the engine failed prior to touchdown. Obviously, the pilot would have planned his approach to compensate for the power loss. Certainly, he would have been more cautious of the slippery runway and, as a consequence, better prepared to cope with the failed antiskid at the first indication of failure or malfunction. Thus, the fault tree analyst must foresee not only grossly probable events but many possible events.

BASIC LOGIC GATES

Three basic symbols, or logic gates, are used in constructing a fault tree: the AND, the OR, and the INHIBIT gates. These are illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.

AND and OR Gates

These gates represent the fundamental Boolean functions that form the basis for all logic analysis. The decision on which gate, the AND or OR, to use can be explained by the following



The AND gate performs the logic function that requires the co-existence of all gate inputs (A, B, C, D) events in order to realize an output (X) event.

Figure 1. Use of "AND" Gate

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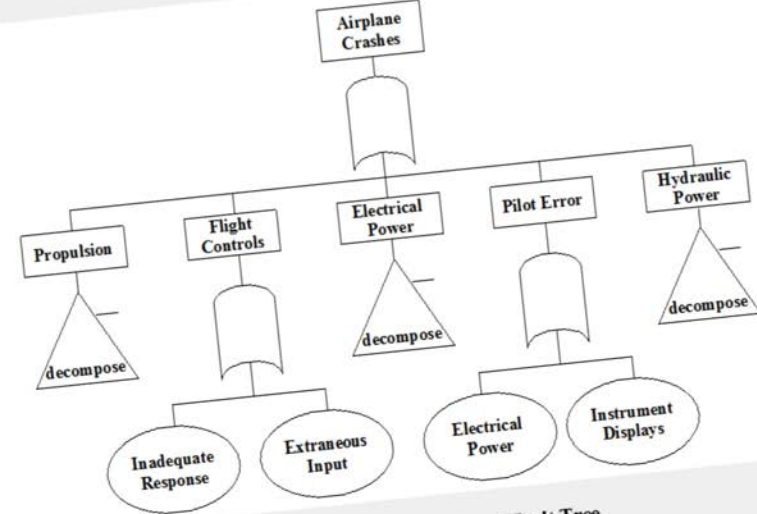


Figure 8-6: Sample Top Level Fault Tree

A quick evaluation of a fault tree may be possible by looking at the logic gates. Most fault trees will have a substantial majority of OR gates. If fault trees have too many OR gates, every fault of event may lead to the top event. This may not be the case, but a large majority of OR gates will certainly indicate this.

An evaluator needs to be sure that logic symbols are well defined and understood. If nonstandard symbols are used, they must not get mixed with other symbols.

Check for proper control of transfers. Transfers are reference numbers permitting linking between pages of FTA graphics. Fault trees can be extremely large, requiring the uses of many pages and clear interpage references. Occasionally, a transfer number may be changed during fault tree construction. If the corresponding sub-tree does not have the same transfer number, then improper logic will result.

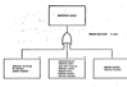
Cut sets (minimum combinations of events that lead to the top event) need to be evaluated for completeness and accuracy. Establishing the correct number of cuts and their depth is a matter of engineering judgment. The fault tree in Figure 8-6 obscures some of the logic visible in Figure 8-5 preventing identification of necessary corrective action. Figure 8-7 illustrates that event Figure 8-6 was not complete.

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1979



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Fault Tree Handbook

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



CHAPTER III – FAULT TREE ANALYSIS – BASIC CONCEPTS

1. Orientation

In Chapter I we introduced two approaches to system analysis: inductive and deductive. Chapter II described the major inductive methods. Chapter III present the basic concepts and definitions necessary for an understanding of the deductive Fault Tree Analysis approach, which is the subject of the remainder of this text.

2. Failure vs. Success Models

The operation of a system can be considered from two standpoints: we can enumerate various ways for system success, or we can enumerate various ways for system failure. We have already seen an example of this in Chapter II, section 8. Figure III-1 depicts the Failure/Success space concept.

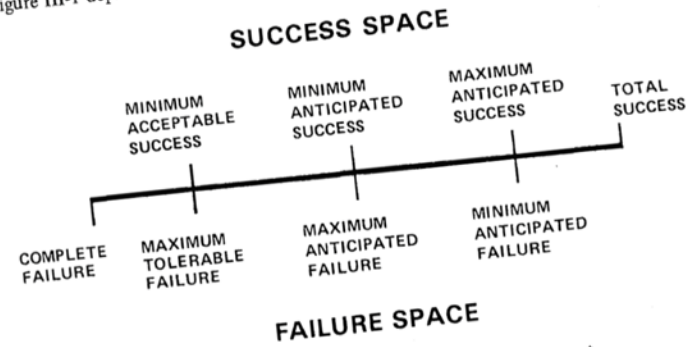


Figure III-1. The Failure Space–Success Space Concept

It is interesting to note that certain identifiable points in success space coincide with certain analogous points in failure space. Thus, for instance, “maximum anticipated success” in success space can be thought of as coinciding with “minimum anticipated failure” in failure space. Although our first inclination might be to select the optimistic view of our system—success—rather than the pessimistic one—failure—, we shall see that this is not necessarily the most advantageous one.

From an analytical standpoint, there are several overriding advantages that accrue to the failure space standpoint. First of all, it is generally easier to attain concurrence on what constitutes failure than it is to agree on what constitutes success. We may desire an airplane that flies high, travels far without refueling, moves fast and carries a big load. When the final version of this aircraft rolls off the production line, some of these features may have been compromised in the course of making the usual

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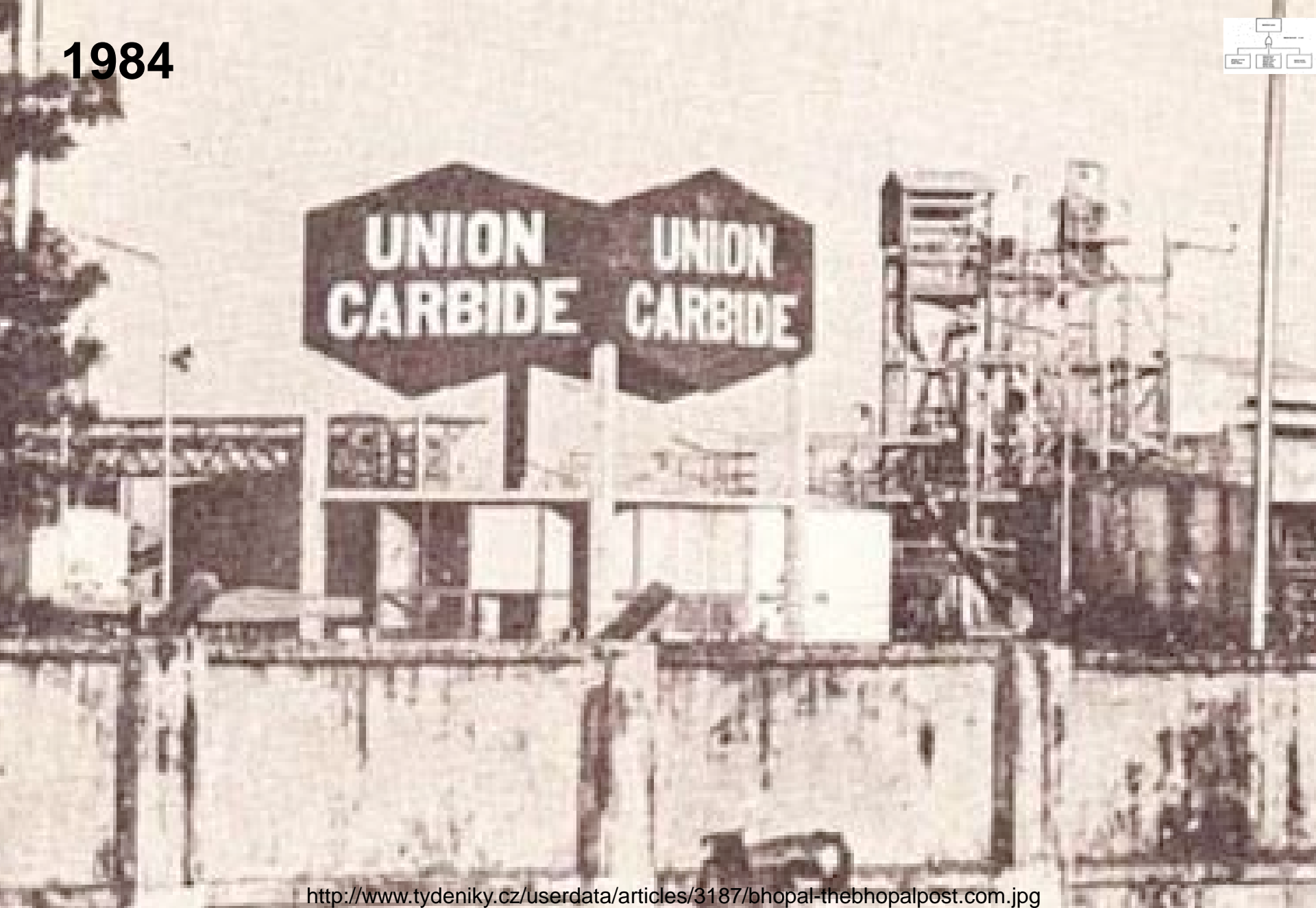
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1984



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1986



“...the fault tree method was not applied to the rocket boosters before the accident and is just now being used to check whether the agency missed any potential causes of failure”

<http://www.nytimes.com/1986/02/05/us/shuttle-inquiry-exploring-key-wreckage-nasa-s-risk-assessment-isn-t-most.html>

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Process Safety Management



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Attack Trees

Dr. Dobb's Journal December 1999

Modeling security threats

By Bruce Schneier

Few people truly understand computer security, as illustrated by computer-security company marketing literature that touts "hacker proof software," "triple-DES security," and the like. In truth, unbreakable security is broken all the time, often in ways its designers never imagined. Seemingly strong cryptography gets broken, too. Attacks thought to be beyond the ability of mortal men become commonplace. And as newspapers report security bug after security bug, it becomes increasingly clear that the term "security" doesn't have meaning unless also you know things like "Secure from whom?" or "Secure for how long?"

Clearly, what we need is a way to model threats against computer systems. If we can understand all the different ways in which a system can be attacked, we can likely design countermeasures to thwart those attacks. And if we can understand who the attackers are -- not to mention their abilities, motivations, and goals -- maybe we can install the proper countermeasures to deal with the real threats.

Enter Attack Trees

Attack trees provide a formal, methodical way of describing the security of systems, based on varying attacks. Basically, you represent attacks against a system in a tree structure, with the goal as the root node and different ways of achieving that goal as leaf nodes.



Attack Modeling for Information Security and Survivability

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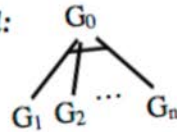
2.1 Structure and Semantics

We decompose a node of an attack tree either as

- a set of attack sub-goals, all of which must be achieved for the attack to succeed, that are represented as an AND-decomposition, or
- a set of attack sub-goals, any one of which must be achieved for the attack to succeed, that are represented as an OR-decomposition.

Attack trees can be represented graphically or textually. We represent an AND-decomposition as follows:

Graphical:

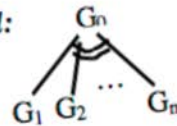


Textual: Goal G_0

AND G_1
 G_2
...
 G_n

This represents a goal G_0 that can be achieved if the attacker achieves each of G_1 through G_n . We represent an OR-decomposition similarly:

Graphical:



Textual: Goal G_0

OR G_1
 G_2
...
 G_n

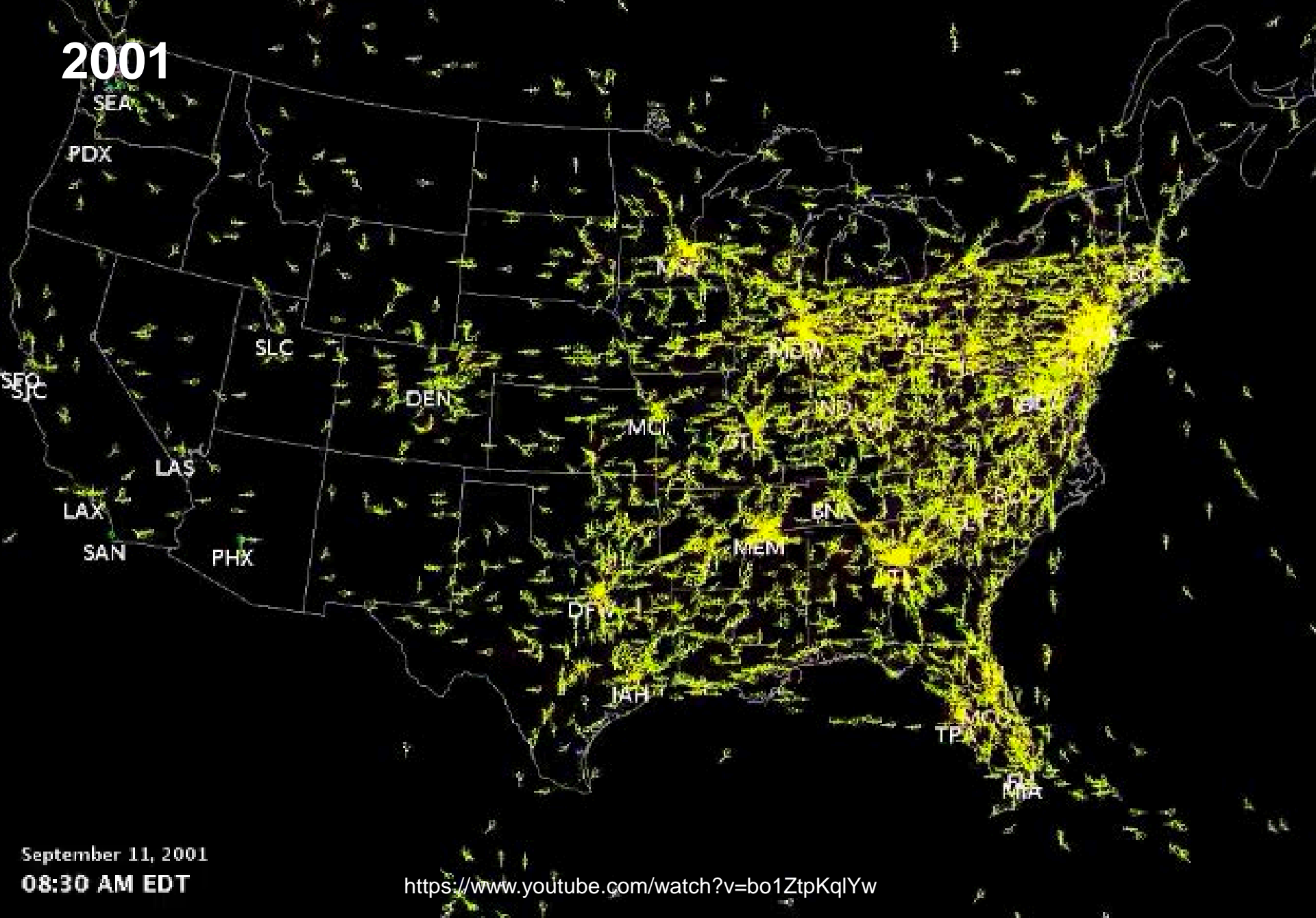
This represents a goal G_0 that can be achieved if the attacker achieves any one of G_1 through G_n . Generally we use the textual representation in this paper, since the graphical representation tends to be awkward for non-trivial attack trees.

2001



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2001



September 11, 2001
08:30 AM EDT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bo1ZtpKqIYw>



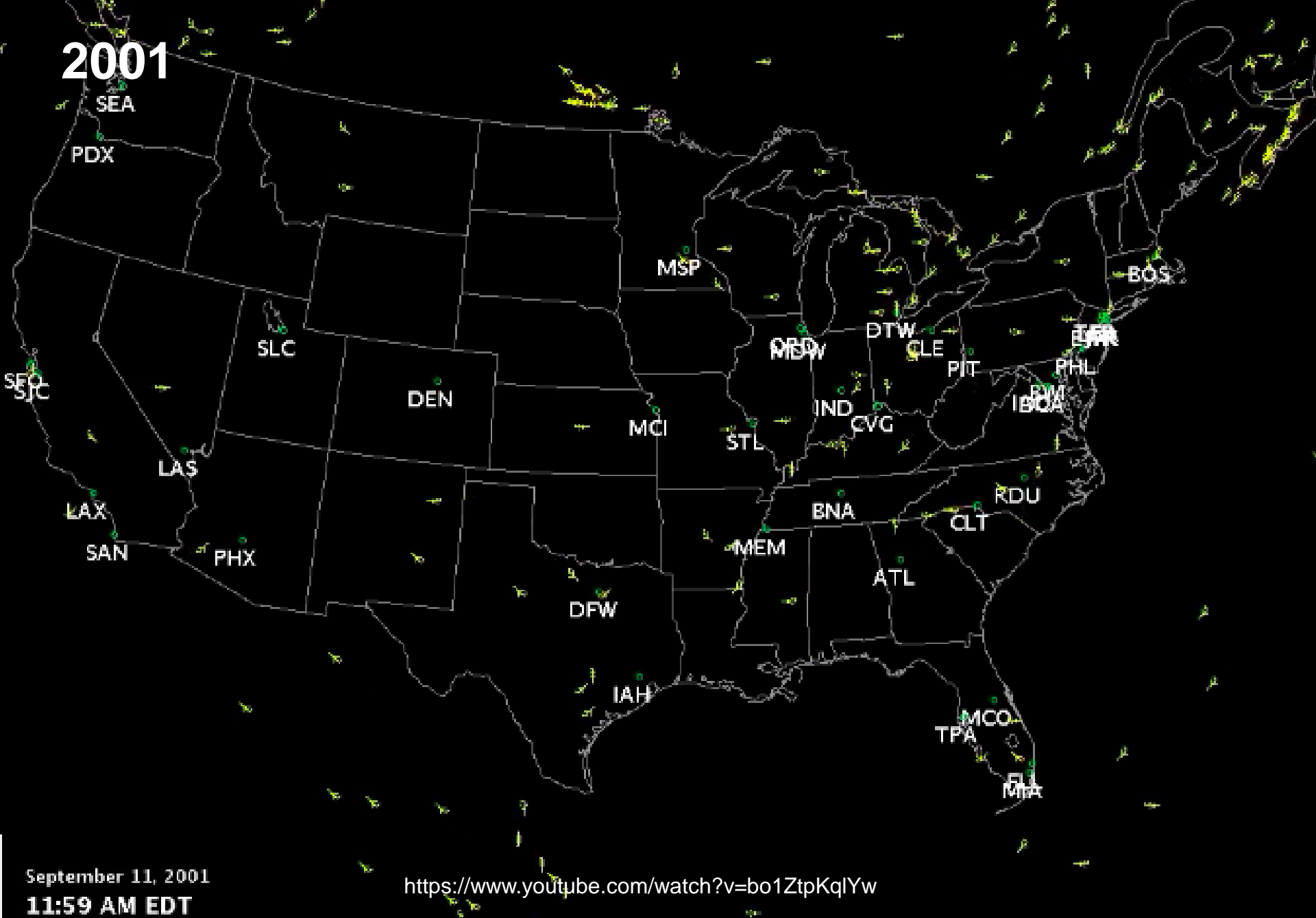
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CVSS v2 2001

Temporal Score Metrics

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High (E:H)

Remediation Level (RL)

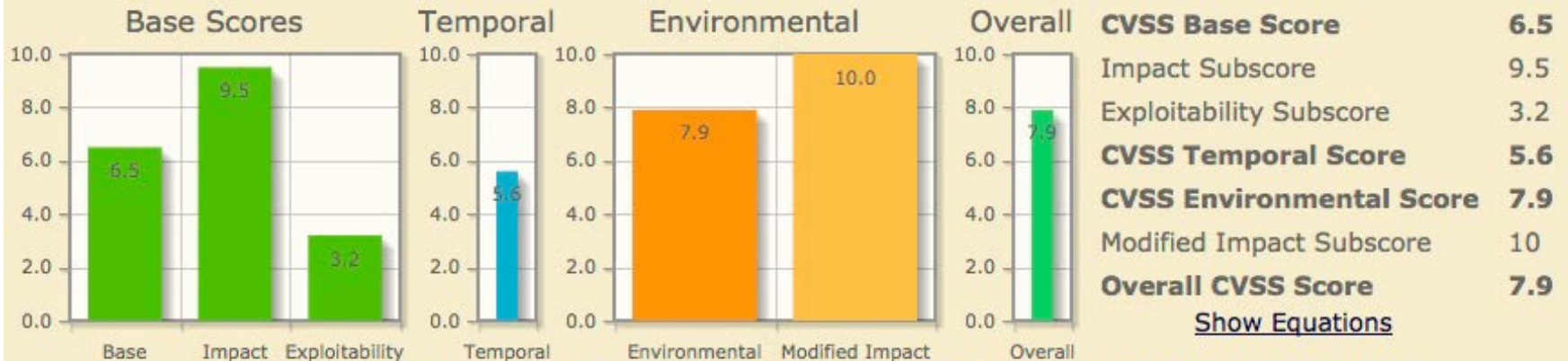
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 Temporary fix (RL:T)
 Workaround (RL:W)
 Unavailable (RL:U)

Report Confidence (RC)

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 Confirmed (RC:C)

Common Vulnerability Scoring System Version 2 Calculator

This page shows the components of the CVSS score for example and allows you to refine the CVSS base score. Please read the [CVSS standards guide](#) to fully understand how to score CVSS vulnerabilities and to interpret CVSS scores. The scores are computed in sequence such that the Base Score is used to calculate the Temporal Score and the Temporal Score is used to calculate the Environmental Score.



CVSS v2 Vector (AV:A/AC:H/Au:N/C:P/I:C/A:C/E:F/RL:T/RC:C/CDP:H/TD:H/CR:M/IR:H/AR:H)

2002



<http://www.afhso.af.mil/shared/media/photodb/photos/110802-D-LN615-001.jpg>

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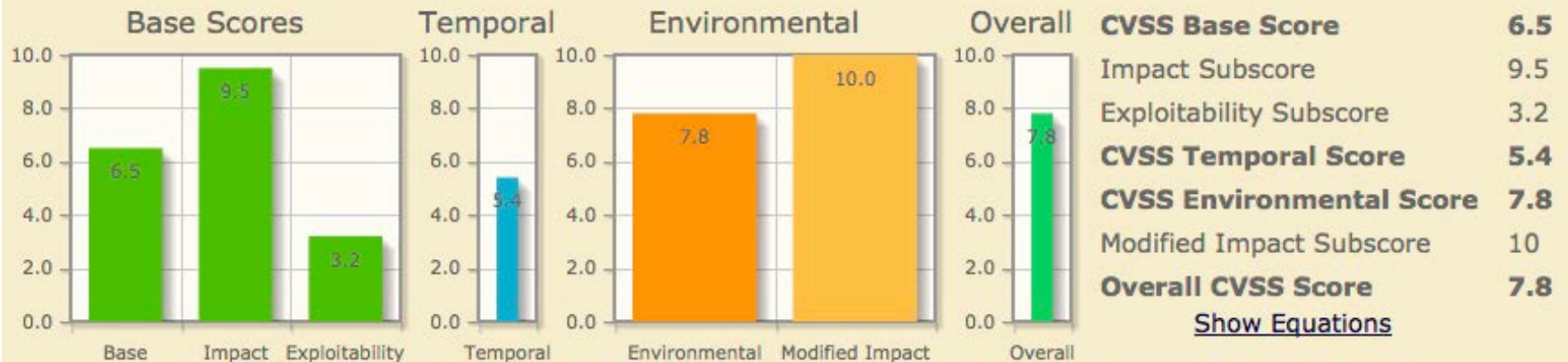
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2002

Fault Tree Handbook with Aerospace Applications



Version

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Prepared for
NASA Office of Safety and Mission Assurance
NASA Headquarters
Washington, DC 20546

August, 2002

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/codeq/doctree/fttb.pdf>

Comments About the Mean

The first moment about the mean is defined as

$$\mu_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu) f(x) dx.$$

Because μ is always and invariably equal to 0, it is not of great utility.

The second moment about the mean is defined as

$$\mu_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx.$$

This gives the variance σ^2 or $E[(X-\mu)^2]$. In general, the n^{th} moment about the mean is defined as

$$\mu_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^n f(x) dx.$$

This yields $E[(X-\mu)^n]$.

There is a useful relationship between μ_2 , μ_1 , and μ_0 , namely,

$$\mu_2 = \mu_1^2 + \sigma^2$$

Equation C.16 permits calculation of the variance by evaluating the integral in Equation C.16 rather than the integral in Equation C.14, which is more complicated algebraically. Equation C.16 is easily proven as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\mu)^2 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx - 2\mu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx + \mu^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \\ &= \mu_2 - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2 = \mu_2 - \mu_1^2 = \mu_2 - (\mu_1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

In the case of a discrete random variable, the first moment about the origin is written

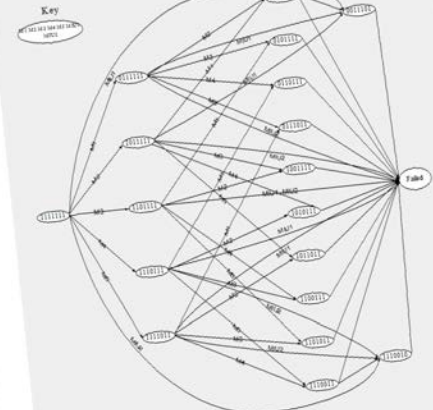


Figure D-9. Markov Model for HECS Memory System

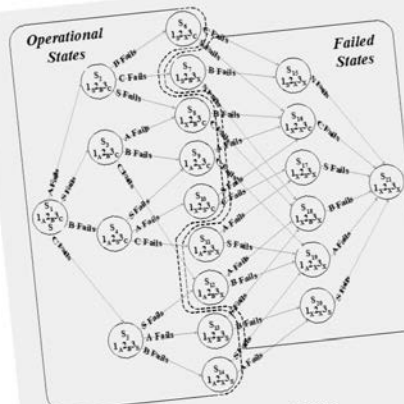


Figure D-7. Markov Model for VMS

An illustration of the effect of the FDEP (functional dependency) gate, consider the memory system from the HECS example described in Chapter 13 (shown in Figure D-8). The main part of the HECS memory system is a set of redundant memory units (M1 through M5) of which three are required. Thus when three of the five fail, the memory system fails. However, the memory units are functionally dependent on the memory interface units (MIU's). If MIU 1 fails, it disconnects M1 and M2. If MIU 2 fails, it disconnects M3 and M4. If both MIU's fail, M5 is disconnected.

... lies to the left of the median; the other 50%, to the right, the mode, which locates the peak or maximum of the probability curve (there may be no "peak" at all or there may be more than one as in bimodal or trimodal distributions); the mid-range, which is simply the average of the minimum and maximum values when the variable has a limited range, and others of less importance. For an illustration of these concepts refer to Figure C-3.

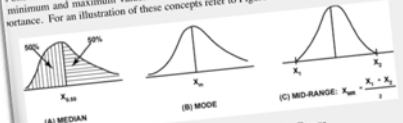


Figure C-3. The Median, Mode, and Mid-Range

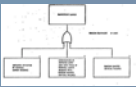
a) of Figure C-3, the median is indicated by x_{50} . From the definition of the median, 50% of the time the outcome will be less than or equal to x_{50} , and 50% of the time it will be greater than x_{50} . Therefore $P(X \leq x_{50}) = .50$ and, in terms of the cumulative distribution, $F(x_{50}) = .50$. If x_{50} is a particular case of the general α -percentile, x_{α} defined such that $F(x_{\alpha}) = \alpha$. For example, the 90% tile is such that $F(x_{90}) = .90$ and 90% of the time the outcome value x will be less than or equal to x_{90} . In (b) of Figure C-3, the mode is indicated by x_m and gives the most probable outcome value. In (c), the calculation of the mid-range from the two extreme values, x_1 and x_2 is illustrated.

The average is also termed the mean, or the expected value. If a random experiment is repeated many times and the outcome values are averaged, this empirical average will approximate the true average and will approach the true average more and more closely as the number of repetitions is increased. (This assumes that the distribution has an average and is such that the empirical average converges to the population average.)

In the case of uni-modal symmetrical distributions as shown in (a) of Figure C-2, the median, mode and mode all coincide. For skewed distributions, as in Figure C-2 (c), the median will be between the mode and the mean.

Figure C-4 shows two symmetrical distributions with the same values of mean, median, and mode displayed. They are, however, strikingly different from the perspective of the dispersion parameters. Parameters used to describe this aspect of a distribution are known as dispersion parameters. Of these, the most familiar are the variance and the square root of it, the standard deviation. Other dispersion parameters, less frequently employed, are the range, the absolute deviation and the range between a lower bound value and an upper bound value. The variance of a distribution will be discussed later.

2003



Veterans of the Challenger experience say that it sounds cautious and logical to argue that all potential causes of the disaster should be examined and eliminated, one by one.

...would construct a "fault tree," and that the question of whether insulating foam fatally damaged the heat-shedding tiles would be one branch of that tree.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/02/07/us/loss-shuttle-search-for-answers-learning-lessons-challenger-inquiry.html>

<http://static.ddmcdn.com/gif/shuttle-columbia-launch-660x433-130201-1.jpg>



2009: NASA on Fault Tree Analysis

Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) is one of the most important logic and probabilistic techniques used in Probability Risk Assessment (PRA) and system reliability assessment today. PRA and its underlying techniques, including FTA, has become a useful and respected methodology for safety assessment. Because of its logical, systematic and comprehensive approach, PRA and FTA have been repeatedly proven **capable of uncovering design and operational weaknesses that escaped even some of the best deterministic safety and engineering experts.**

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/codeq/software/ComplexElectronics/techniques/fault-tree.htm>



2012: MS Community Blog on Attack Tree Analysis

“The problem is that **attack trees** quickly became rather complex. A full attack tree often has hundreds of different paths you can take, making it **difficult to follow visually**. Determining the classification of a threat from attack trees is also far **too labor-intensive**...While the concept of attack trees is sound, the application of this approach is far from it.”

The Evolution of Elevation: Threat Modeling in a Microsoft World

January 17, 2012

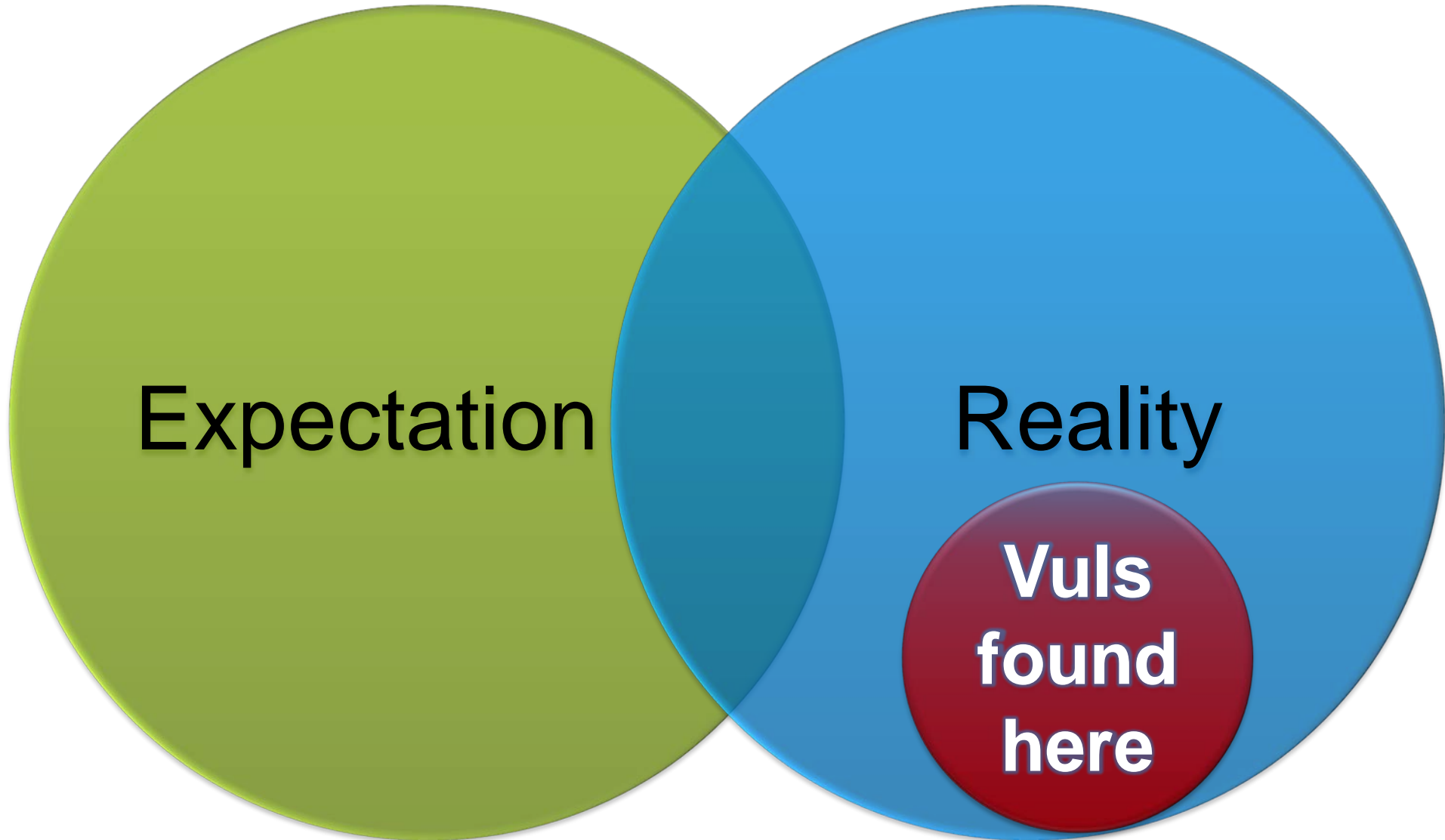
Dana Epp, Microsoft MVP - Enterprise and Developer Security

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ACT IV

Whither From Here?

Vulnerability Discovery in One Diagram

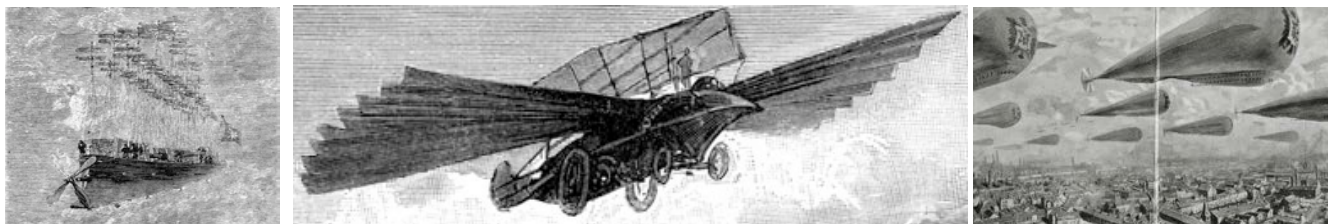


Build Security In?

At what point should the Flat Iron Building developers have incorporated defenses against 500+mph airplanes filled with jet fuel?



How harshly should we judge those who declined to defend against threats that science fiction had barely begun to explore when the system was deployed?



Vulnerabilities can arise because the world changes around the system...

...even if the system itself remains unchanged.

2014

The trendline in the count of critical monocultures seems to be rising and most of these are **embedded systems both without a remote management interface and long lived.**

That combination -- **long lived and not reachable** -- is the trend that **must be dealt with**, possibly even reversed.

- *Dan Geer, speaking @ NSA on 3/26/14*

Points to ponder

How long will your next refrigerator last?



How about your next car?

A screenshot of the Entune App Suite interface. The top left shows the "entune" logo and "App Suite". Below it, a white Toyota Prius is shown. To the right, there are two circular icons: a green one with the Entune logo and a red one with a smartphone icon. The text "Entune App Suite" is visible in the top right corner.

entune[®]
App Suite

Welcome to Toyota's revolutionary in-car technology.
Stay connected no matter where you are.

What is Entune[®] App Suite?

Is my phone compatible?

<http://www.toyota.com/entune/entune-app-suite/prius/>

A screenshot of the Ford SYNC AppLink and Livio interface. The background is a grid of colorful app icons. The Ford logo is prominently displayed in the center. Below it, the text "SYNC AppLink" and "Livio" are visible. At the bottom, there is a URL.

Ford

SYNC AppLink Livio

<http://corporate.ford.com/news-center/press-releases-detail/ford-acquires-software-company-livio-to-further-advance-in-car-c>

Points to ponder

How about your light bulbs?

What's in the Box

Three hue light bulbs; wireless bridge; power adapter; 2-meter Ethernet network cable; quick start guide

Specifications

Concentrate	Tested in schools to a tone and brightness
Bulbs	E26 contact medium screw base fitting,
Light output	16 million colors; all shades of white; dimmable
Lumen output	600 lm @ 4000K; 510 lm @ 3000K; 360 lm @ 2700K; efficacy @ 4000K
Bridge	Supports 50 bulbs per bridge; ZigBee Light Link protocol; 2.4 GHz radio band; desktop or wall mount; measures 3.95 inches in diameter and 0.98 inches tall
Startup	Less than 2 seconds from AC power; less than 0.5 seconds from standby
iOS support	iPhone (3GS, 4, 4S, 5); iPad (1, 2, 3rd generation, 4th generation); iPad mini; iPod touch (4th generation, 5th generation)

and alert
15,000 hours of lifetime use
t (no external dimmer)

Warranty

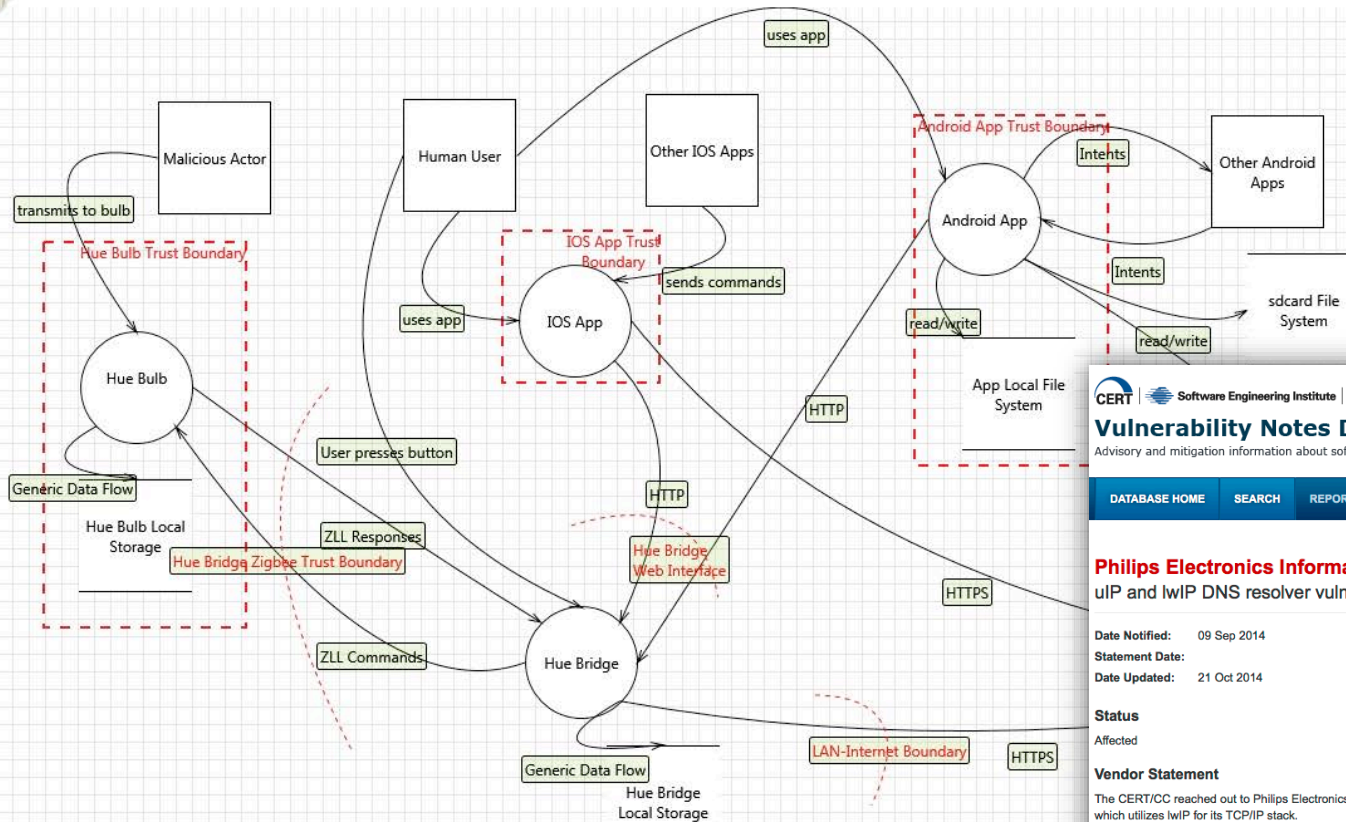
2 years

Note, Galaxy Note 2, Galaxy Ace 2, Galaxy Tablet
HTC One X, Kindle Fire, Kindle Fire HD, Kindle Fire HD

$\frac{15,000 \text{ hrs}}{4 \text{ hrs / day}} \approx 10 \text{ years}$

Points to ponder

How long will you be able to get patches for them?



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Philips Electronics Information for VU#210620

uIP and lwIP DNS resolver vulnerable to cache poisoning

Date Notified: 09 Sep 2014 [Vendor Information Help](#)
Statement Date:
Date Updated: 21 Oct 2014

Status
Affected

Vendor Statement
The CERT/CC reached out to Philips Electronics after originally discovering the vulnerability in the Philips Hue product, which utilizes lwIP for its TCP/IP stack.
Philips provided the following response:
*This issue has been investigated. Application-layer authentication prevents exploitation affecting confidentiality or integrity of Hue communication, data, firmware updates, etc.
The fix has been applied and is scheduled for release end of November.*

So now what?

Design for adaptability to environments that become more hostile over time

Threat modeling and attack tree analysis still have a lot to learn from safety analysis, incl. fault trees

Defense mechanisms

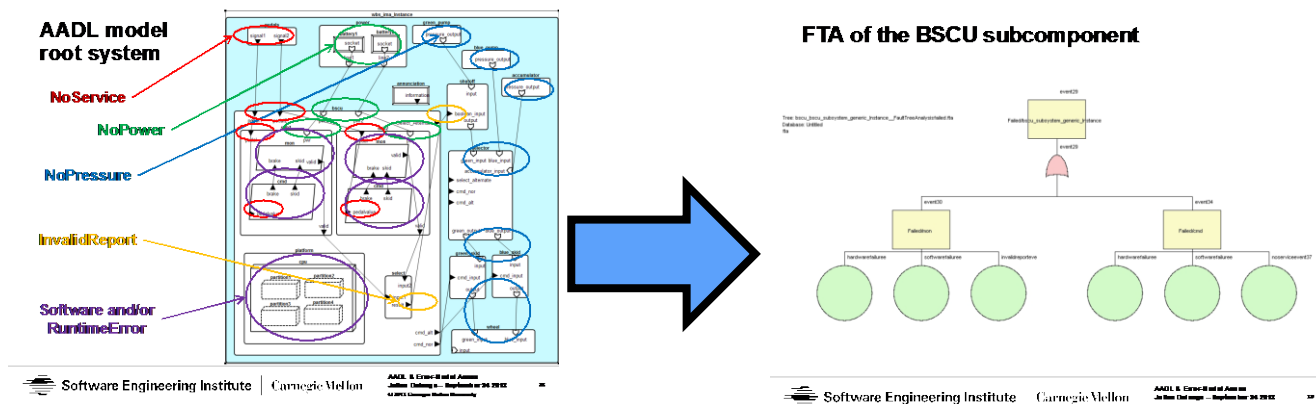
- Field upgradability
- Layered defenses
- Planned obsolescence
- Read more Science Fiction

Ongoing work at CERT, SEI

Vulnerability Discovery & Systemic Vulnerability Programs

- Find and fix more vulnerabilities faster
- Extend focus from vulnerabilities within a single application or program to those that may affect a wide range of applications, networks, and systems.
 - Emerging domain outreach, tool development.
 - Supply chain vulnerabilities

Model-driven architecture with automated fault & safety analysis



This talk inspired by...



KC-135s from the 171st Air Refueling Wing often circle the Pittsburgh area. From the perspective of my office at CMU looking out at the view seen here, the planes usually fly right above or behind the Cathedral of Learning.

Construction of the Cathedral of Learning was started in 1926. The KC-135 didn't enter service until 1957.

Why didn't Pitt address this vulnerability in design?

<http://www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com/Airshow2010/pics/Kc135FlyingDirty.jpg>

The Last Word

"What are you going to make your future of, for all your airs?" And then I suppose I shall return to crane my neck at the Flat-Iron Building or the Times sky scraper, and ask all that too, an identical question.

- H.G. Wells, 1906

http://archive.org/stream/hgwellsfuture00wellrich/hgwellsfuture00wellrich_djvu.txt

Google Maps Street View, 2014