



# Achieving a Secure and Resilient Cyber Ecosystem: *A Way Ahead*

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*Continuing to strengthen the security and resilience of our nation's critical infrastructure in partnership with you...*



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# Our Responsibilities

**At CS&C, we have two complementary and related missions:**



In the telecommunications arena, we support interoperability and continuity of communications needed in times of crisis.



In the cyber realm, we help the ***dot gov*** and ***dot com*** domains secure themselves, focusing on critical infrastructure.

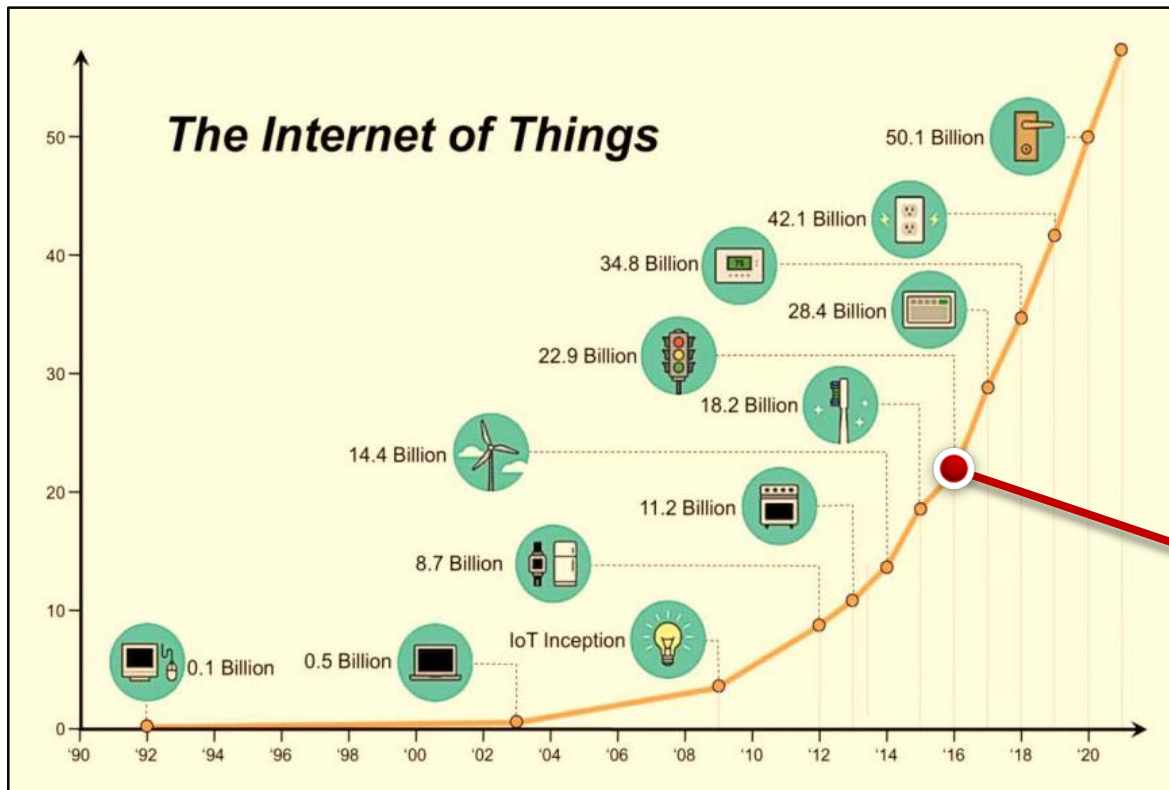


## The *Cyber Ecosystem*

- **The cyber ecosystem is the foundation of our digital society. It consists of:**
  - Government and private sector information infrastructure, including international
  - The interacting persons, processes, data, information and communications technologies
- **It is expanding and under constant attacks**
  - The Internet of Things will enhance digital society, but it also increases attack surface
  - The attackers are nimble and inventive and constantly evolving their attack methods



# Our Ecosystem Gets Bigger and More Complex



- Endpoint Explosion = Attack Surface Explosion
- Predicted to grow to 50B devices by 2020 <sup>[1]</sup>
- Increased user dependency
- BYOD with little regulation

2015: Auto manufacturers rush to secure next generation vehicles

Social media scams flourish on mobile

Baby monitors and security cameras hacked

[1] D. Evans, "The Internet of Things: How the Next Evolution of the Internet Is Changing Everything," Cisco Report, April 2011



# Attacks Are Continuously Expanding

Date	Company	Number of records exposed	Types of Records
1/25/2014	Michael's	2,600,000	payment cards
2/6/2014	Home Depot	20,000	employee
3/14/2014	Sally Beauty Supply	25,000	
4/17/2014	Aaron Brothers	4	
4/22/2014	Iowa State Univ.	4	
5/30/2014	Home Depot	30	
7/22/2014	Goodwill Industries	868	
	Community Health		
11/10/2014	US Postal Service	800,000	personal data
11/18/2014	Staples	1,200,000	credit/debit card

November 2014:  
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- Data breach attacks continue unabated
- Greater number of individuals and organizations impacted
- Business and policy decisions are affected
- Public trust is affected

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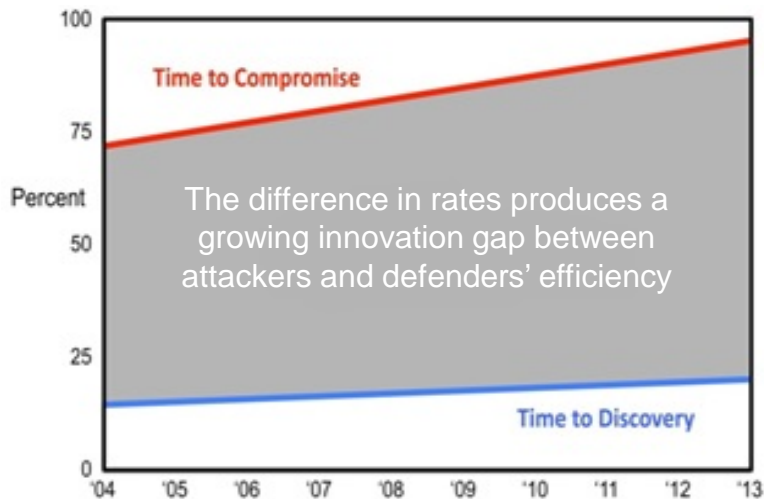
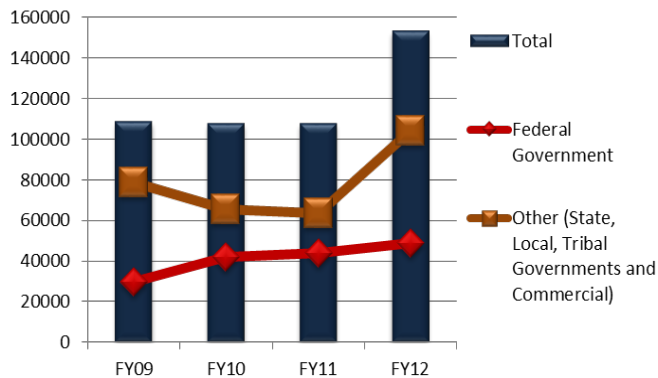
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# Our Opponents Improve Faster than We Do

Incidents Reported to US-CERT by Fiscal Year\*



Derived from the 2014 Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report [9]

- Volume, sophistication of attacks go up while cost and risk to attackers decreases
- Attackers are always on the offensive
- Attackers can efficiently compromise a system 90% of time
- Defenders detect attacks only 20% over same period of time



# The Cybersecurity Challenge

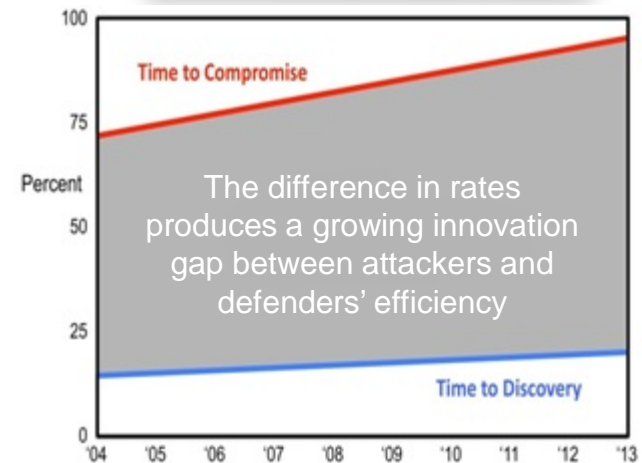
- Security analysts have incomplete knowledge and situational awareness of their enterprise and overall ecosystem security health
- Adversaries improving faster than defenders
- Insufficient security analysts to meet future requirements
- Ability to detect and respond to intrusions too slow
- Enormous growth of scope due to IoT
- Attackers rapidly innovating their attack methodologies
- Trust among organizations and with USG is not sufficient to automatically share and execute shared defensive courses of action
- There is no resilient infrastructure that would support assured communications



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# How to Address the Challenges

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Limited automated authentication. Lack of organizational partnerships and relationships.	<b><i>TRUST</i></b>
Security analysts have incomplete knowledge and situational awareness of their enterprise and overall ecosystem security health. Experience of others cannot be leveraged.	<b><i>INFORMATION SHARING</i></b>
Communications infrastructure could be attacked.	<b><i>ASSURED COMMUNICATIONS</i></b>





# Mechanisms to Achieve Solutions

Challenges	Proposed Solutions	Mechanisms
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Adversaries improving faster than defenders. Insufficient security analysts to meet future requirements. Ability to detect and respond to intrusions too slow.	<b>AUTOMATION</b>	Common Data Model Orchestration Shared COAs
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Security analysts have incomplete knowledge and situational awareness of their enterprise and overall ecosystem security health. Experience of others cannot be leveraged.	<b>INFORMATION SHARING</b>	Common Data Model Information Sharing & Authentication Infrastructure
Communications infrastructure could be attacked.	<b>ASSURED COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Resilient Communications Priority Services Interconnected Infrastructures

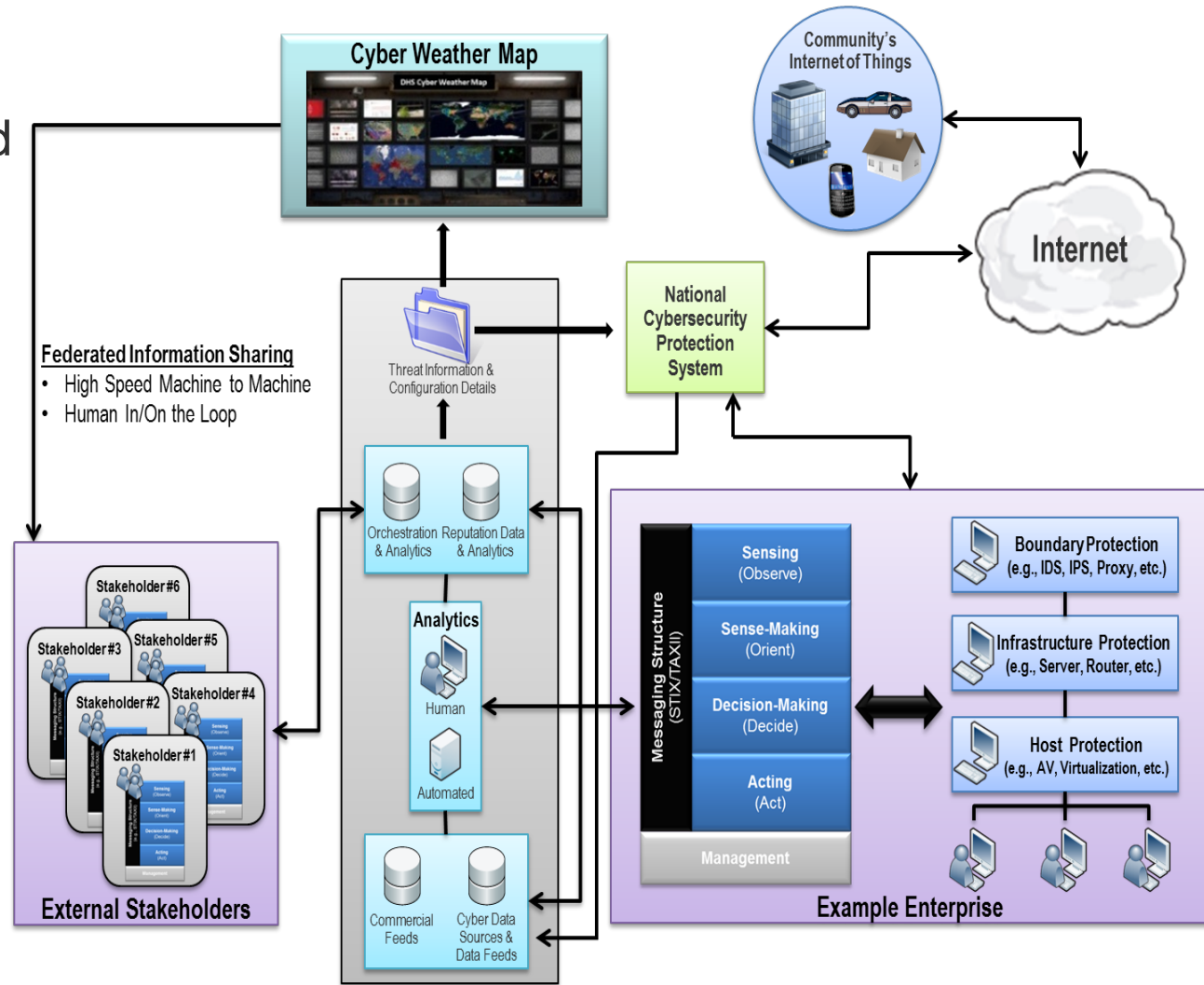
**These mechanisms enable effective and efficient risk mitigation**



# Secure and Resilient Cyber Ecosystem Example Architecture

## SRCE:

- Enterprise Automated Security Environment (EASE)
- Information Sharing Infrastructure
- Cyber Weather Map

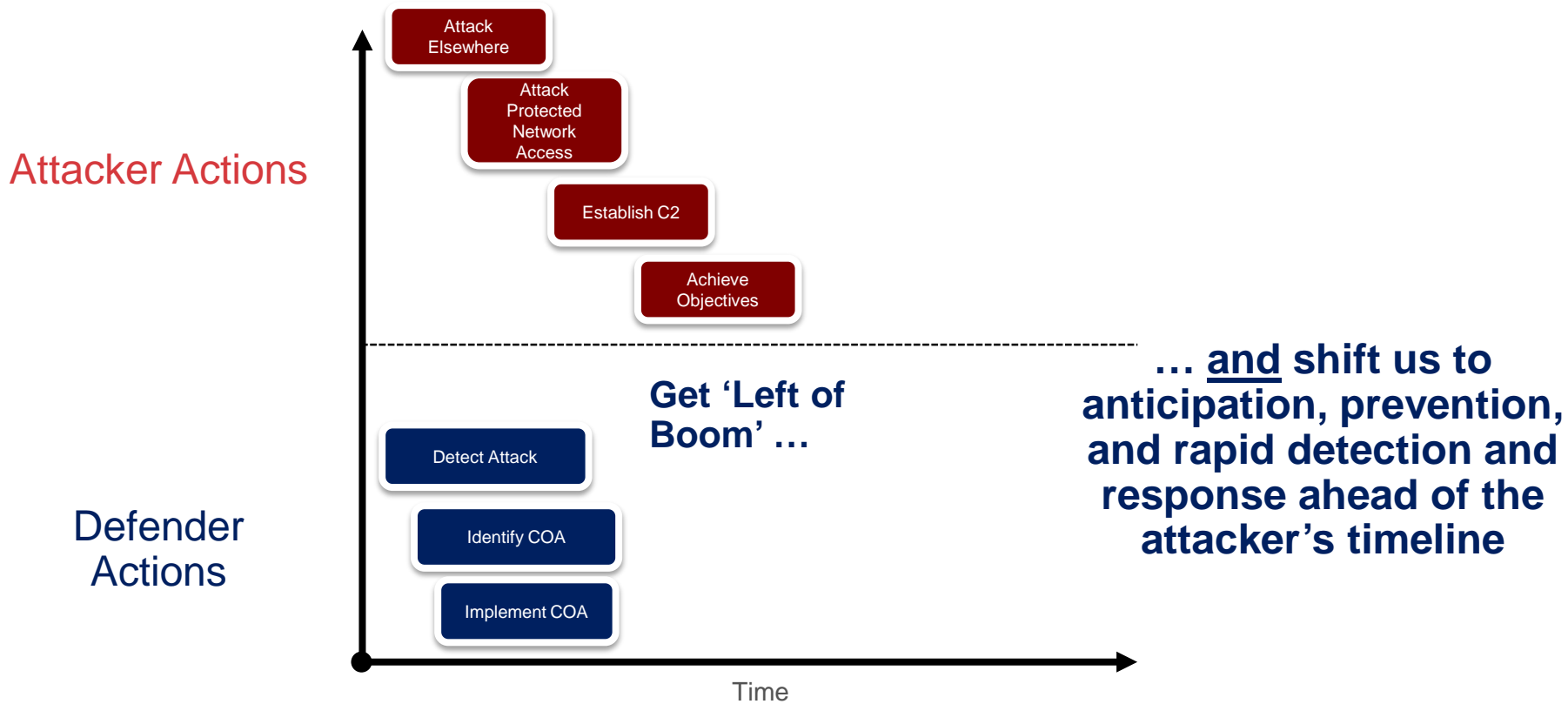


# Establishing Collaboration to Achieve Way Ahead

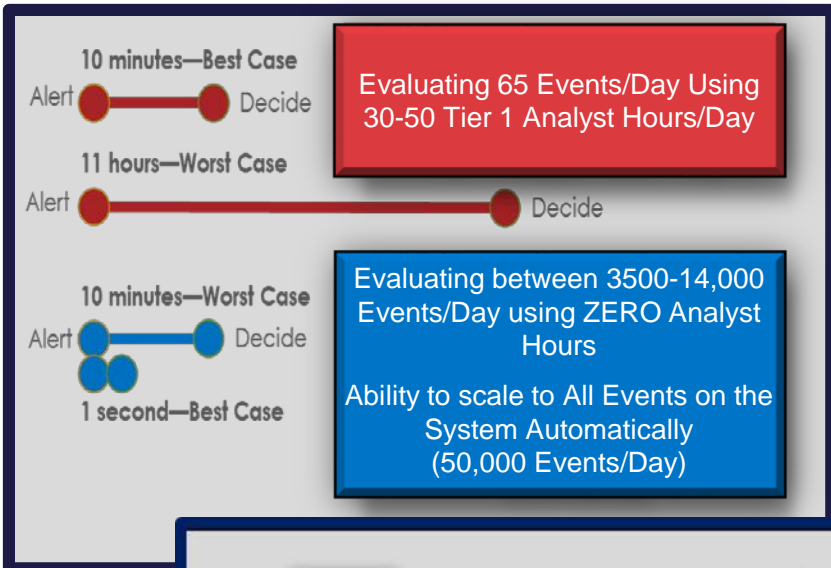


- Government facilitates, but the private sector develops the solutions
- Solution providers:
  - Commercial sector,
  - National Labs/FFRDCs/UARCs,
  - Open source community
  - Academia

# Can We Change Reality?



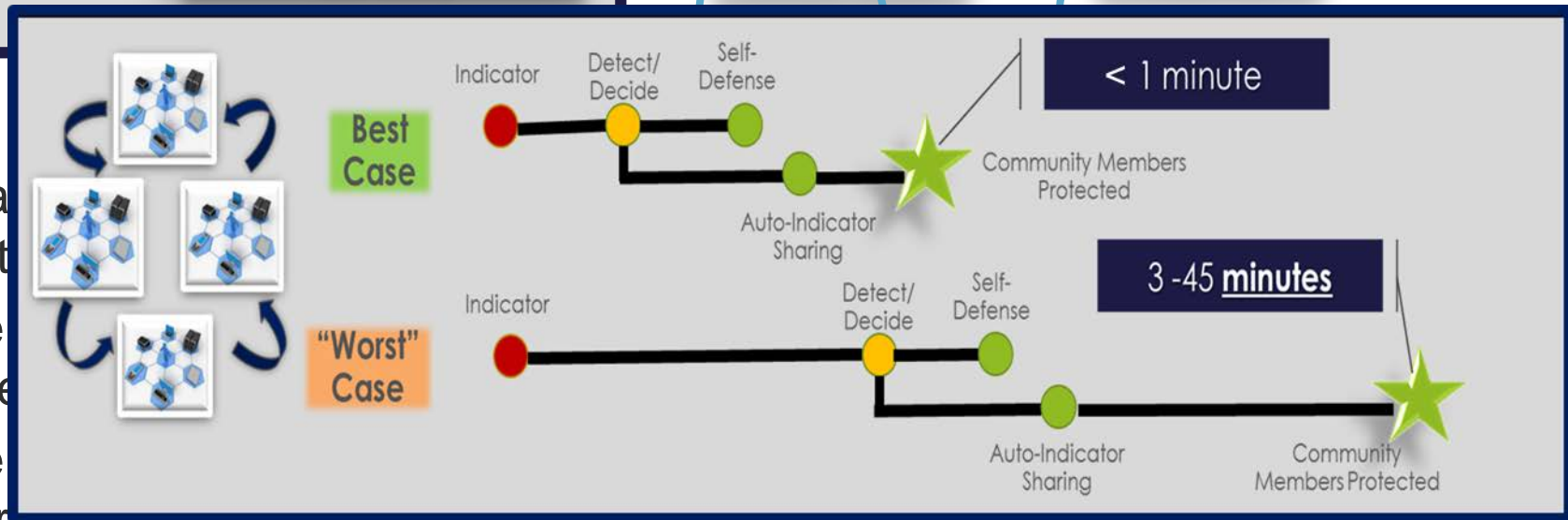
# Early Accomplishments



ed 'common COAs' across multiple priority environments

## Virtualized Enterprises

for automated information sharing



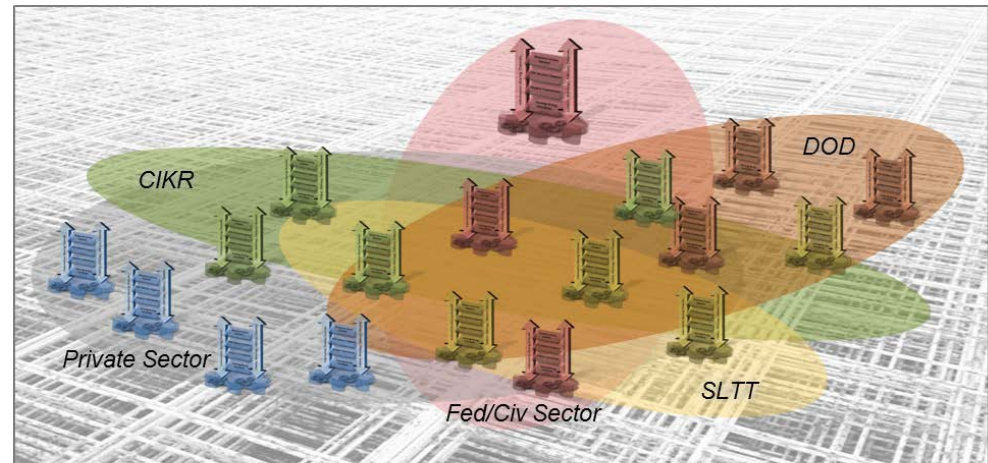
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# What Does Success Look Like?

## ***Secure integration and automation across a diverse, changeable array of cyber defense capabilities***

- Interoperable, flexible, extensible environment available across the cyber ecosystem
- Cyber defense operations are integrated and automated according to local capabilities, authorities, and mission needs
- Proactive cyber defense has evolved from months → minutes → milliseconds
- Operational and acquisition freedom exists to take advantage of diverse, changing, advanced solutions without wholesale changes to every system



### **National**

Coordinate National-level operations and support cross-enterprise cyber response

### **Regional**

Enable collaborative, 'beyond-line-of-sight' defense

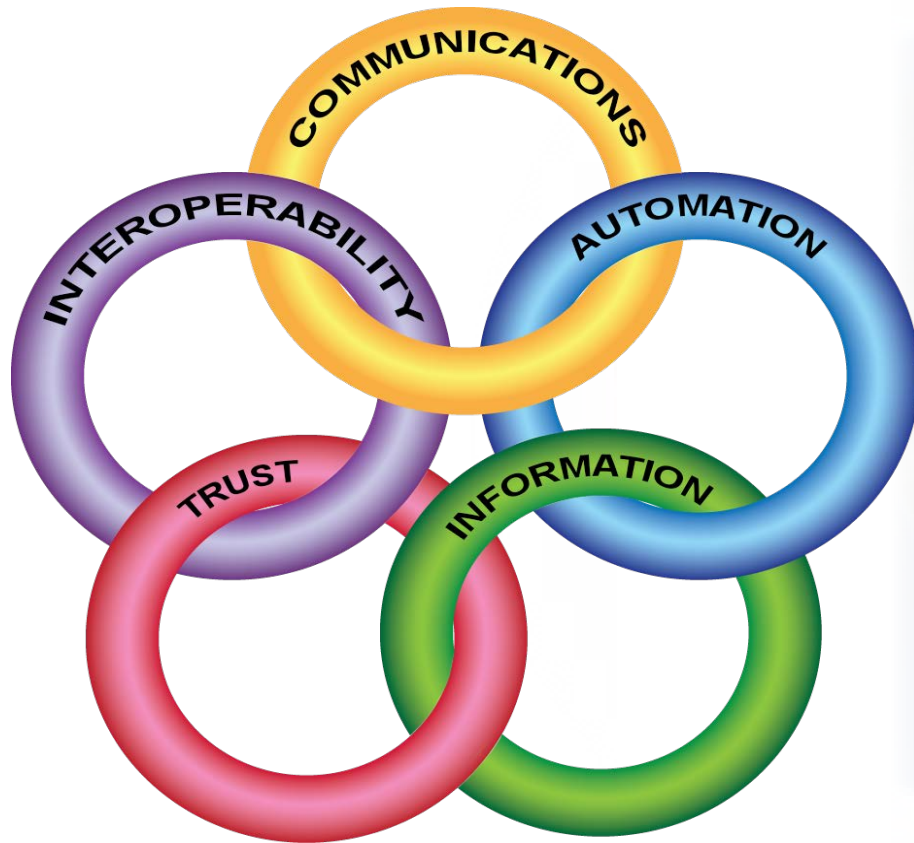
### **Local**

Enable participants to defend themselves





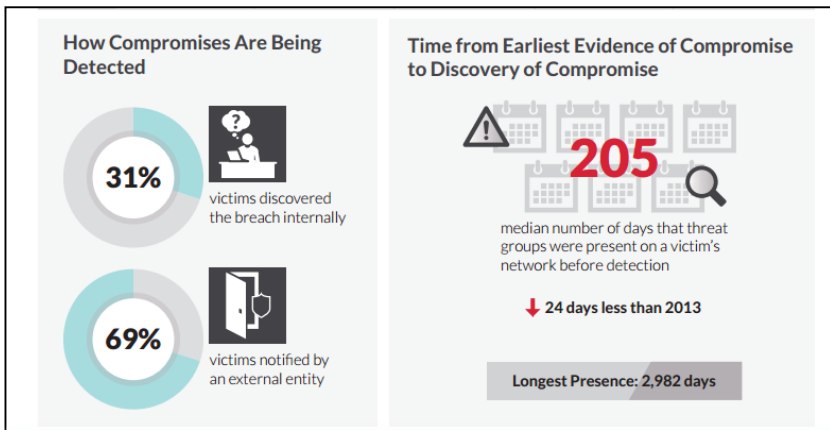
# Cyber Ecosystem



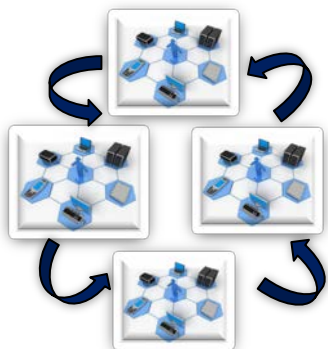
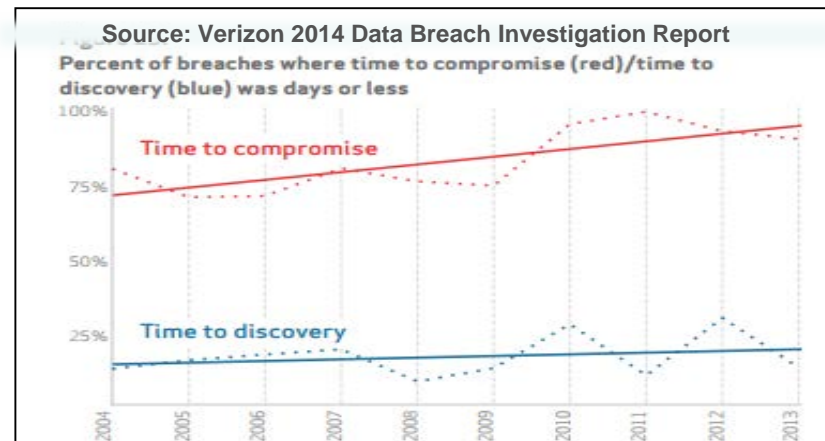
# BACKUP



# Spiral 1: Real-World Comparisons: Auto-Indicator Sharing and Auto-Response Across Multiple Enterprises

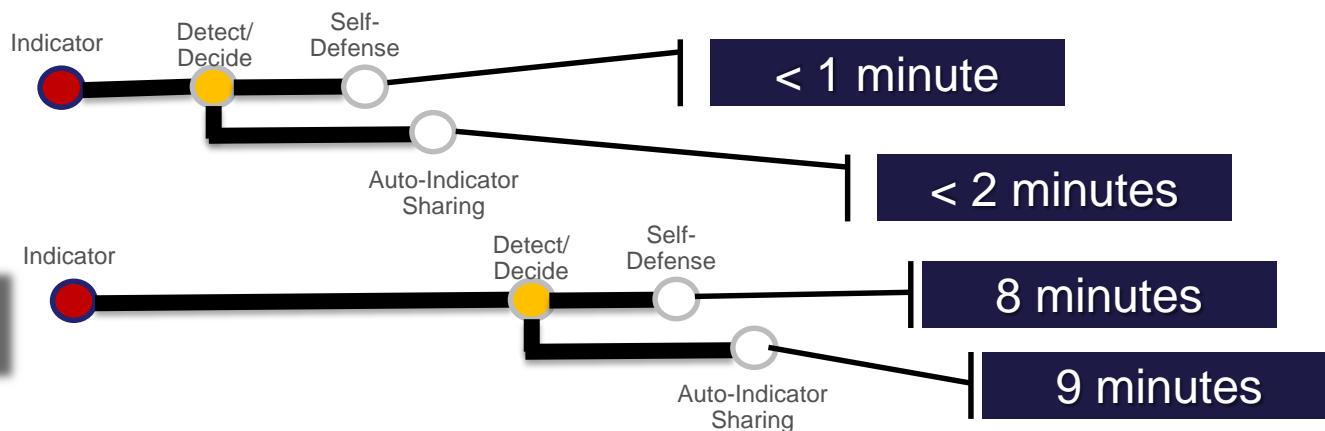


Source: M-Trends 2015: A View From the Front Lines, FireEye/Mandiant



Best Case

Worst Case

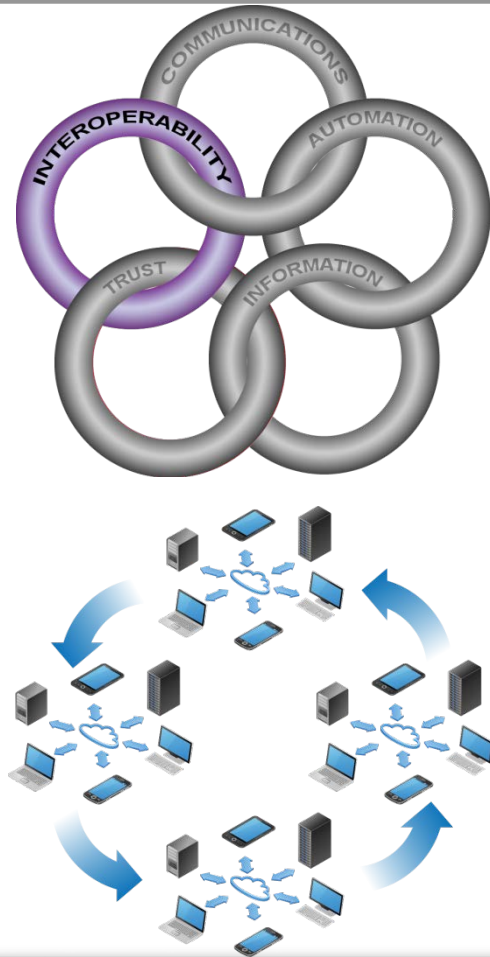


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# Interoperability



## NOW

- Common Data Model
- Open APIs, Frameworks, Control Planes

## SOON

- Open APIs, Frameworks, Control Planes
- Standards (data and transport)

## FUTURE

- Standards (data and transport)
- Rapid Integration Acquisition
- Universal plug and play for the secure and resilient cyber ecosystem

**With interoperability, the adversary is challenged to keep up with the pace of improvement**



# Automation

NOW

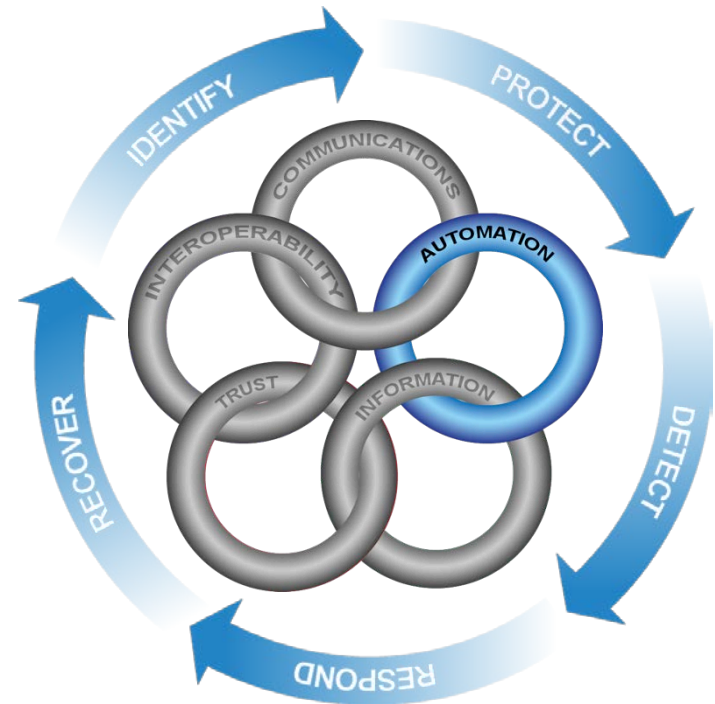
- Common Data Model
- Orchestration

SOON

- Shared COAs

FUTURE

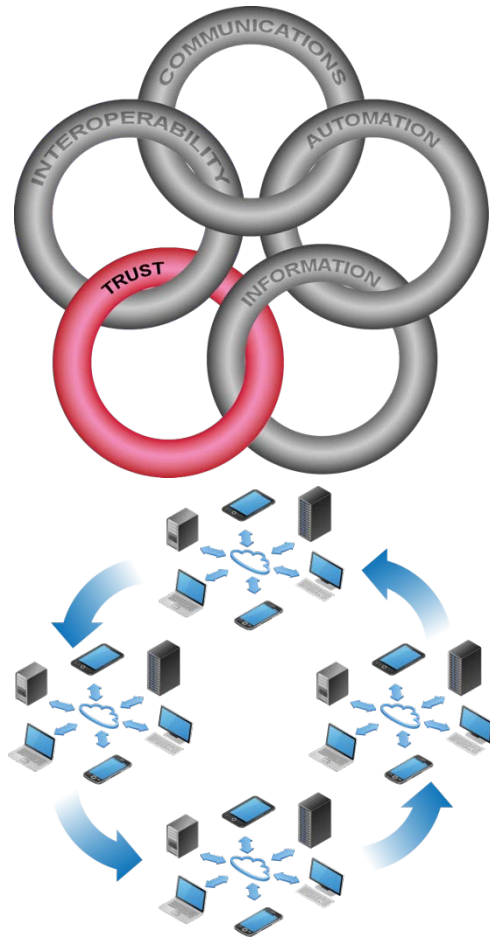
- Fully distributed autonomous response
- Humans controlling how aggressive automation should be (risk appetite)
- We can “undo” undesirable automated actions



**With automation, we mitigate an intrusion before the adversary sees success**



# Trust



## NOW

- Authentication Infrastructure
- Established partnerships

## SOON

- We will provide a authentication/authorization infrastructure to provide trusted sources of information
- Will be able to act on information prior to validation

## FUTURE

- We will trust the sources and methods of information automatically shared to drive automated response (shoot first and ask questions later)

**With trust, we will be able to use authenticated information directly in our responses**





# Information Sharing

## NOW

- Common Data Model
- Information Sharing & Authentication Infrastructure

## SOON

- Shared data models will assure shared meaning of data
- Confidence will be associated with shared data
- Data will be actionable and able to be parsed automatically

## FUTURE

- The right data will arrive just in time to take automated action
- Shared situational awareness will give all parties ground truth in what's happening



**With information sharing, the right data at the right time will enable effective real-time response**



# Communications

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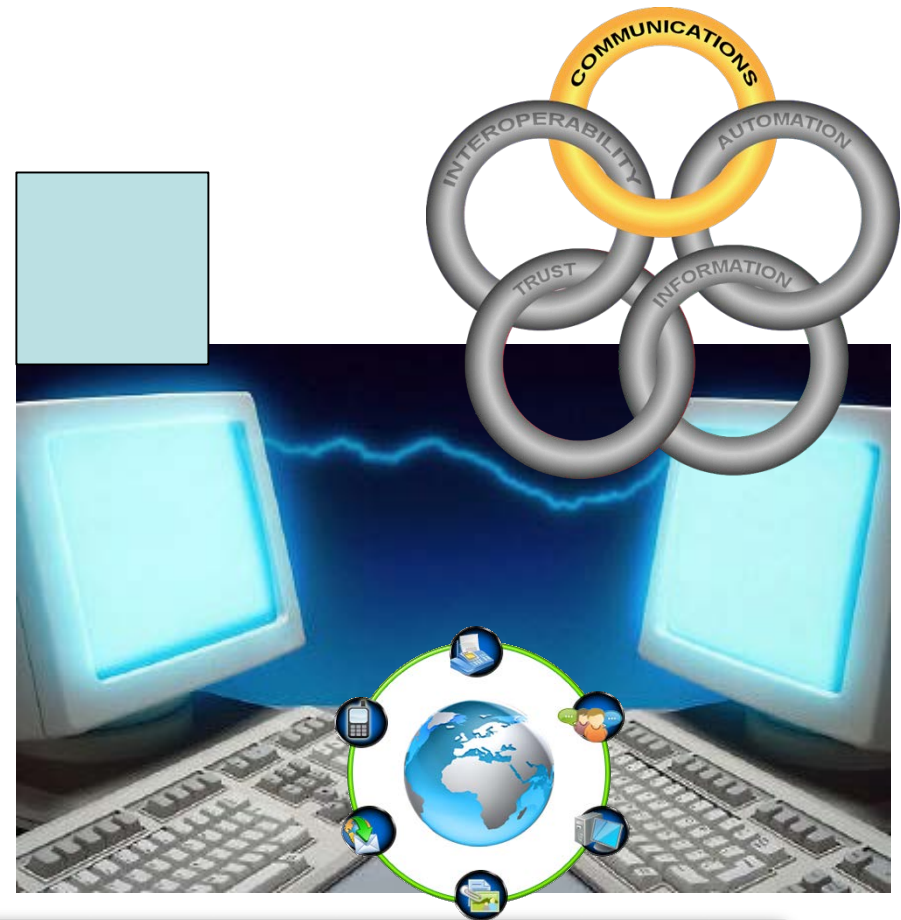
- Resilient Communications
- Priority Services
- Interconnected Infrastructures

SOON

- Full data redundant comms
- Multiple applications and vendors

FUTURE

- Resilient comms across the ecosystem



**With assured communications, the adversary can't find a choke point to control**

