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Graphical Security Models and Their Applications: Research Activities at UC

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My experience in Cybersecurity Modeling and Assessment

- *Intelligent* Enterprise Security Management (*iESM*) system design and development (2003-2005) at KAU
- NSF MiMANSaS: Metrics, Models and Analysis of Network Security and Survivability at Duke (2008-2010)
- Cloud Security by NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) programme at UC (2012-2015)
 - <http://cloudsecurity.ece.duke.edu/>
- Security modeling tools development at UC (2016-2017)
- Security Assessment for Cloud by Qatar NPRP at UC (2016-2019)

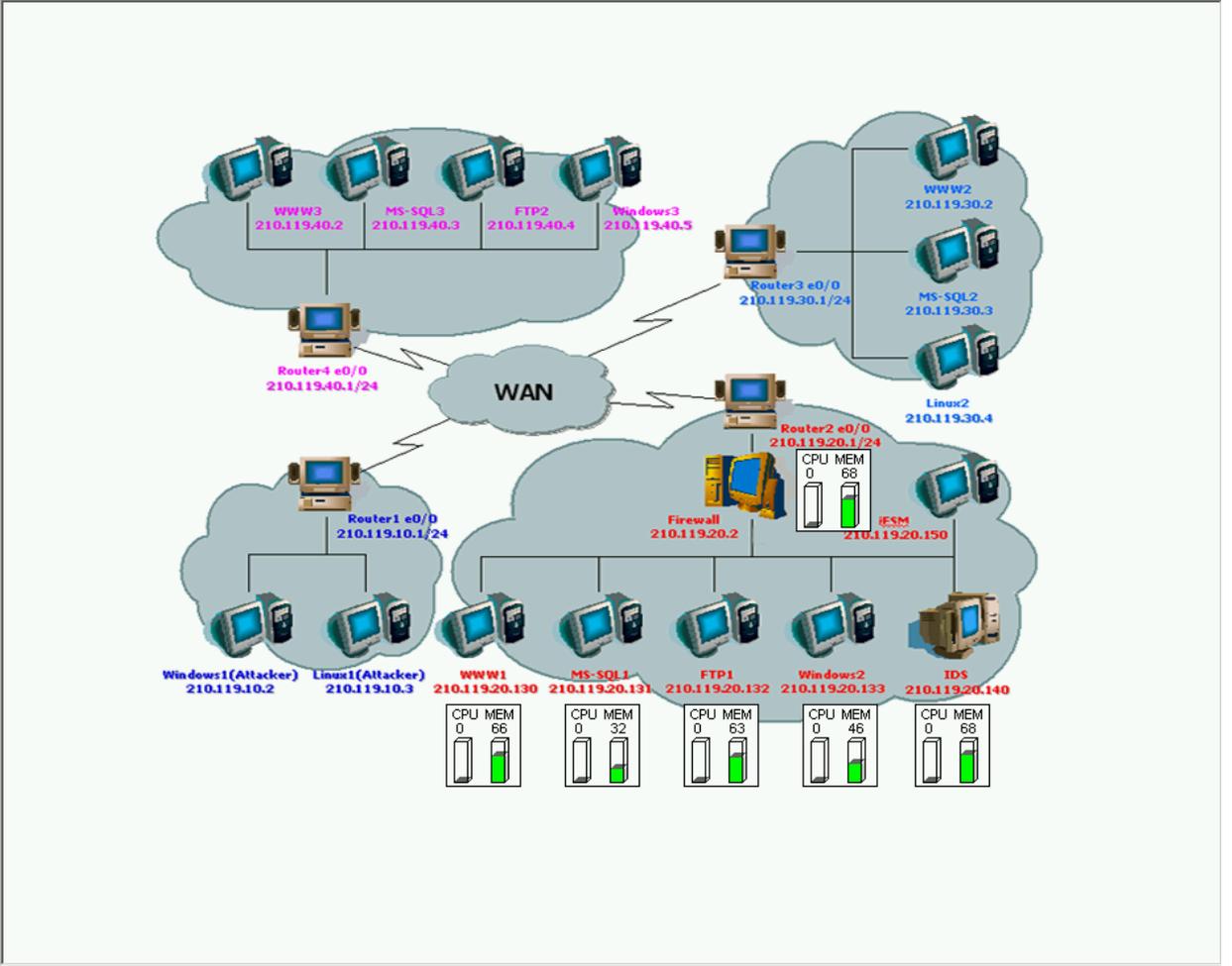


Network Tree

- NETWORK INFORMATION
 - FIREWALL
 - Firewall1
 - IDS
 - IDS1
 - ROUTER
 - Router1
 - HOST
 - Linux1
 - WWW1
 - MSSQL1
 - Host Type : SERVER
 - [SQL][TELNET][HTTP][FTP]
 - FTP1
 - Windows2
 - WWW2
 - MSSQL2
 - Host Type : SERVER
 - [SQL][TELNET][HTTP][FTP]
 - Windows1
 - Linux2
 - WWW3
 - MSSQL3
 - FTP2

Host Information

Articles	System Setting
ID	MSSQL1
IP	210.119.20.131
IMPORTANCE	0.700000
HOST TYPE	SERVER
H/W	PC
S/W	Windows 2000 & UnPatched SQL
POWER	ON
SERVICES	[SQL] [TELNET] [HTTP] [FTP]
LAN Card	3comEtherlink



Log List

TOTAL	FireWall	IDS	HOST	State	Product	Host Name	Host IP	Generate Time	Source IP	Source Port	Dest IP	Dest Port	ETC.,
8,333334		IDS		Snort-2,1,1	IDS	210.119.20.140	210.119.20.140	Jan 10 14:13:39	210.119.10.2	2290	210.119.20.130	161	161
8,333334		IDS		Snort-2,1,1	IDS	210.119.20.140	210.119.20.140	Jan 10 14:13:38	210.119.10.2	2290	210.119.20.130	161	161
8,333334		IDS		Snort-2,1,1	IDS	210.119.20.140	210.119.20.140	Jan 10 14:13:38	210.119.10.2	2290	210.119.20.130	161	161
62,500000		IDS		Snort-2,1,1	IDS	210.119.20.140	210.119.20.140	Jan 10 14:13:30	210.119.10.2	2267	210.119.20.130	445	445
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Tool development: Safelite/Safeview

- Hierarchical Attack Representation Models

Report Summary

Radar Chart



Report information

METRICS SUMMARY

	Name	Value
1	Total number of vulnerabilities:	63
2	Number of hosts	63
3	Risk of HARM	29
4	Cost of attack	5
5	Mean of attack path lengths	2.5
6	Mode of attack path lengths	3
7	Standard Deviation of attack path lengths	0.7071067811865476
8	Shortest attack path length	2

THE TOP 10 MOST VULNERABLE HOSTS

	Name	Value
1	FinanceFileServer	13
2	WebServer	5
3	132.181.14.114	2
4	132.181.14.139	2
5	132.181.14.80	2
6	132.181.14.116	2
7	132.181.14.115	2
8	132.181.14.158	2
9	132.181.14.119	2
10	132.181.14.120	2

GraMSec

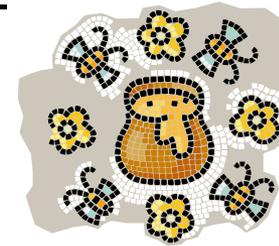
- The Third International Workshop on Graphical Models for Security
 - Lisbon, Portugal - June 27, 2016
 - Co-located with [CSF 2016](#)
- Chairs
 - [Barbara Kordy](#), INSA Rennes, IRISA, FR (general chair)
 - [Mathias Ekstedt](#), KTH Royal Institute of Technology, SE (PC co-chair)
 - [Dong Seong Kim](#), University of Canterbury, NZ (PC co-chair)
- **GraMSec 2017** with CSF 2017, Aug. 21, 2017, CA, USA
 - <http://www.gramsec.uni.lu/>

Cybersecurity Assessment via 3Ms

- To assess security, one requires 3Ms:

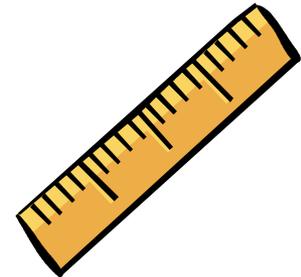
1. Security **M**easures

- To **collecte** required information.
- Vulnerabilities, reachability, *etc.*



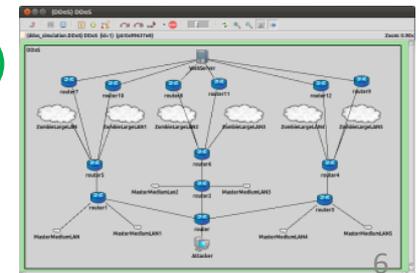
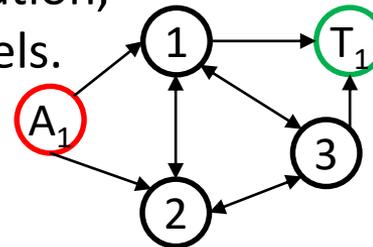
2. Security **M**etrics

- To **represent** the analysis of security
- Attack-defense scenarios, prob. of attack success

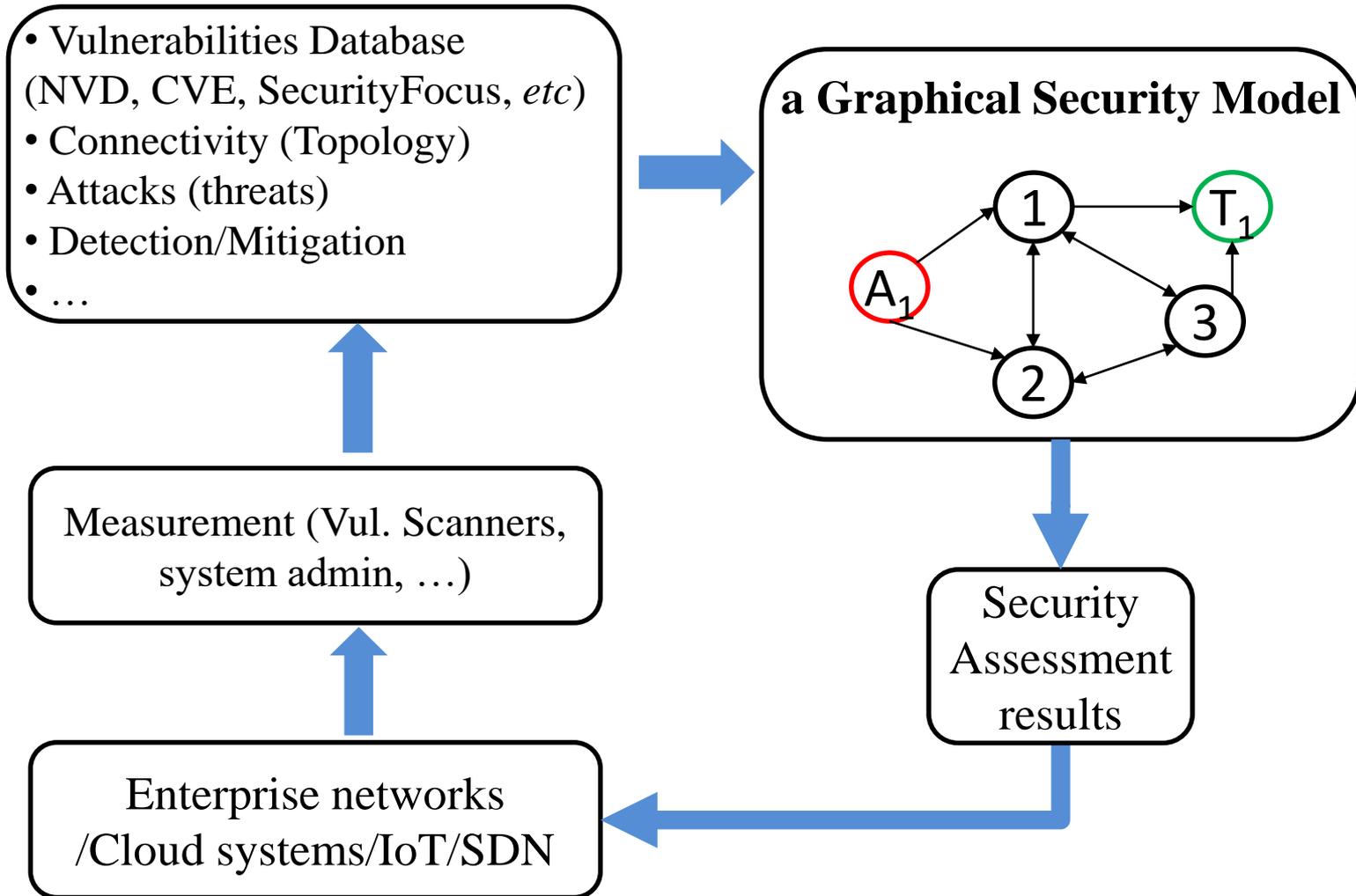


3. Graphical Security **M**odels (for short, Security Models)

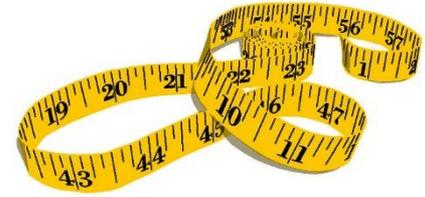
- To **capture** security using simulation, analytic models, or hybrid models.



An Example of Graphical Security Models



Security Measures

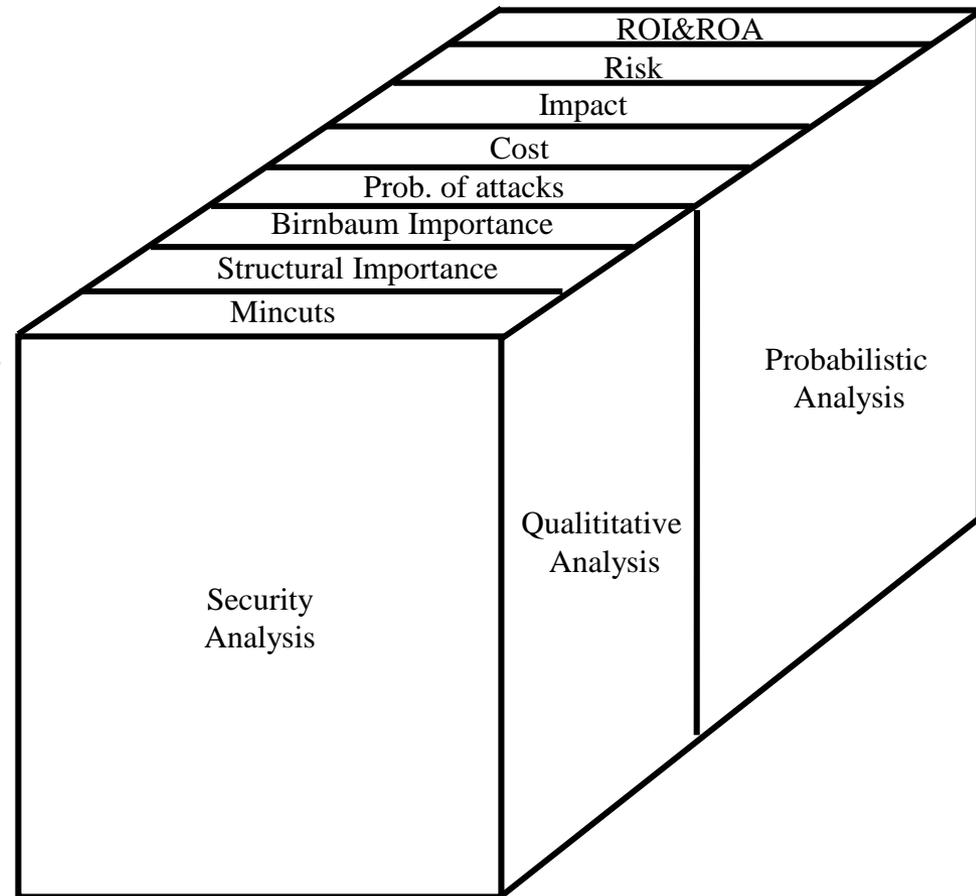


- Vulnerabilities and their scores
 - Common Vulnerability and Exposures (CVE)
 - Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) Base Score (BS): e.g., 9 out of 10.
- Reachability
 - Nmap (network mapping)
 - Network Configurations (e.g., access control by firewalls)
- Mitigation methods
 - Detection (Intrusion Detection, Vulnerability Identification, ...)
 - Countermeasure (Patch, firewall rules changes, ...)
 - Moving target defenses
- ...

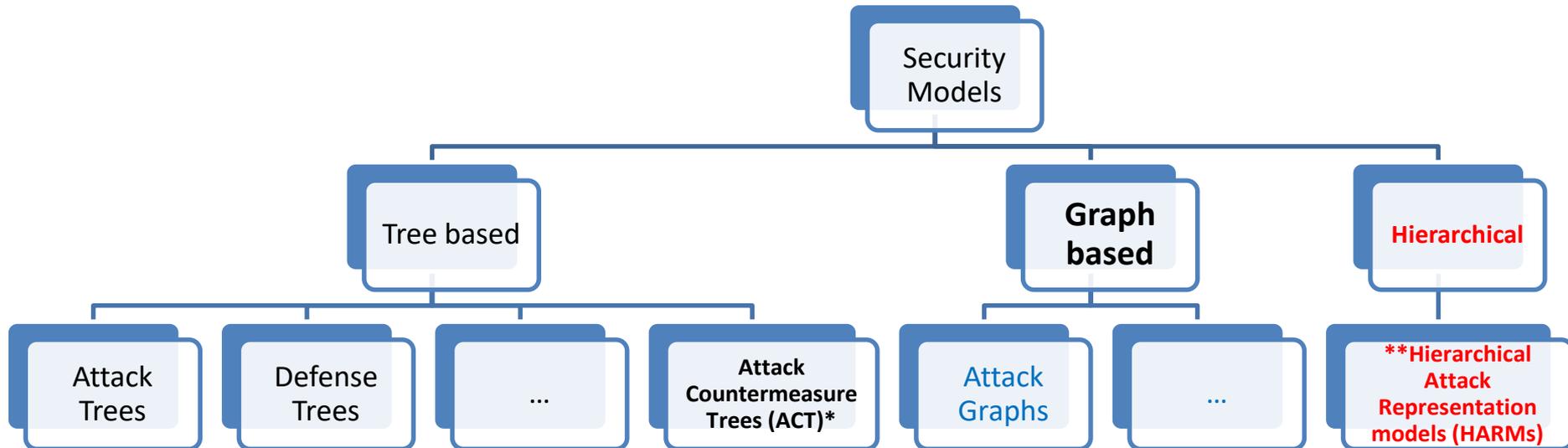
Security Metrics:

Qualitative vs Quantitative

- Qualitative
 - Mincuts (Attack (countermeasure scenarios))
 - Importance Measures
 - ...
- Quantitative
 - Probability of Attacks, Detection,...
 - Adversary's viewpoint
 - Cost of Attack
 - Return on Attack (ROA)
 - ...
 - Defender's Viewpoint
 - Risk = Prob.*Impact
 - Security Investment Cost
 - Return on Investment (ROI)
 - ...



Graphical Security Models: A Classification

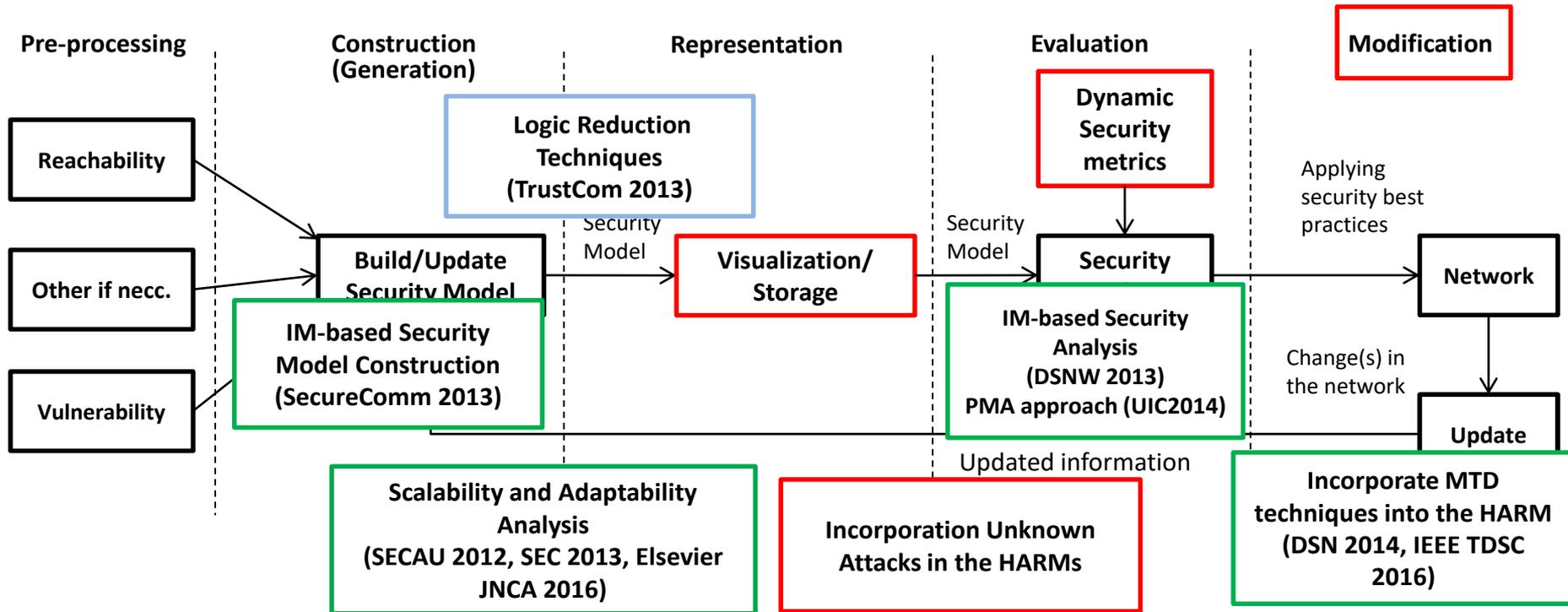


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- *A. Roy, Dong Seong Kim, Kishor S. Trivedi: Scalable optimal countermeasure selection using implicit enumeration on attack countermeasure trees. in Proc. DSN 2012
- **J. Hong, Dong Seong Kim, "Assessing the Effectiveness of Moving Target Defense using Security Models" Transactions of Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC), IEEE, vol.13, no. 2, pp. 163-177, Mar 2016 - [Link](#)

Research Domains

- Moving Target Defenses
- Cloud computing
- Enterprise Networks (SME, Large.)
 - Risk and Availability evaluation
- Internet of Things
- Software defined networking

Recent Results for Enterprise nets/Cloud



SECAU 2012: "HARMs: Hierarchical Attack Representation Models for Network Security Analysis"

SEC 2013: "Performance analysis of scalable attack representation models"

TrustCom 2013: "Scalable Attack Representation Model Using Logic Reduction Techniques"

DSNW 2013: "Scalable Security Analysis in Hierarchical Attack Representation Model using Centrality Measures"

SecureComm 2013: "Scalable Security Model Generation and Analysis using k-importance Measure"

DSN 2014: "Scalable Security Models for Assessing Effectiveness of Moving Target Defenses"

DSNW 2014: "What Vulnerability Do We Need To Patch First?"

UIC 2014: "Scalable Security Analysis using Partition and Merge Approach in an Infrastructure as a Service Cloud"

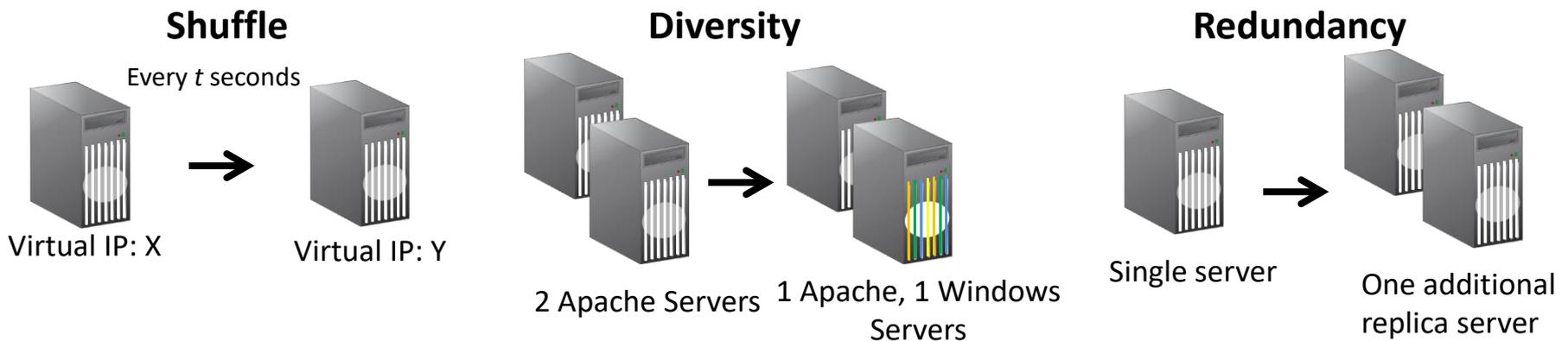
Elsevier JNCA2016: "Towards Scalable Security Analysis using Multi-Layered Security Models"

IEEE TDSC 2016: "Assessing the Effectiveness of Moving Target Defense using Security Models"

Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Moving Target Defenses



- Moving Target Defense (MTD) techniques continuously **change** the attack surface to thwart attacks.
- Changes in the networked system by deploying MTD techniques are captured via the **HARM**.
- MTD techniques are divided into three categories:



- Evaluation of the Effectiveness of MTD techniques
 - **J Hong, D Kim**, "Assessing the Effectiveness of Moving Target Defenses using Security Models",
 - **IEEE TDSC 2016**

Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Moving Target Defenses: extensions

- A classification of MTD at layers
- A combination of
 - Two of MTD
 - Three
- Take into account other metrics (e.g., system performance, user-perceived availability)
- ...

Security Risk Modeling and Assessment of Cloud Computing

- On-going research project
- Funded by the Qatar National Research Fund (2016-2018)
- Objectives
 - Security threat/countermeasure classification
 - Graphical Security modeling and analysis
 - Defense and mitigation mechanisms
 - Security framework and tools development

Model based Evaluation of Security Risk and Capacity oriented Availability (CoA)

- Why security and availability need to be taken into account together
- Examples:
 - patch management (when patching, the system is down affecting the availability; but patching may improve security);
 - increasing redundancy may increase both the availability and the attack surface
- How to balance between security risk and availability

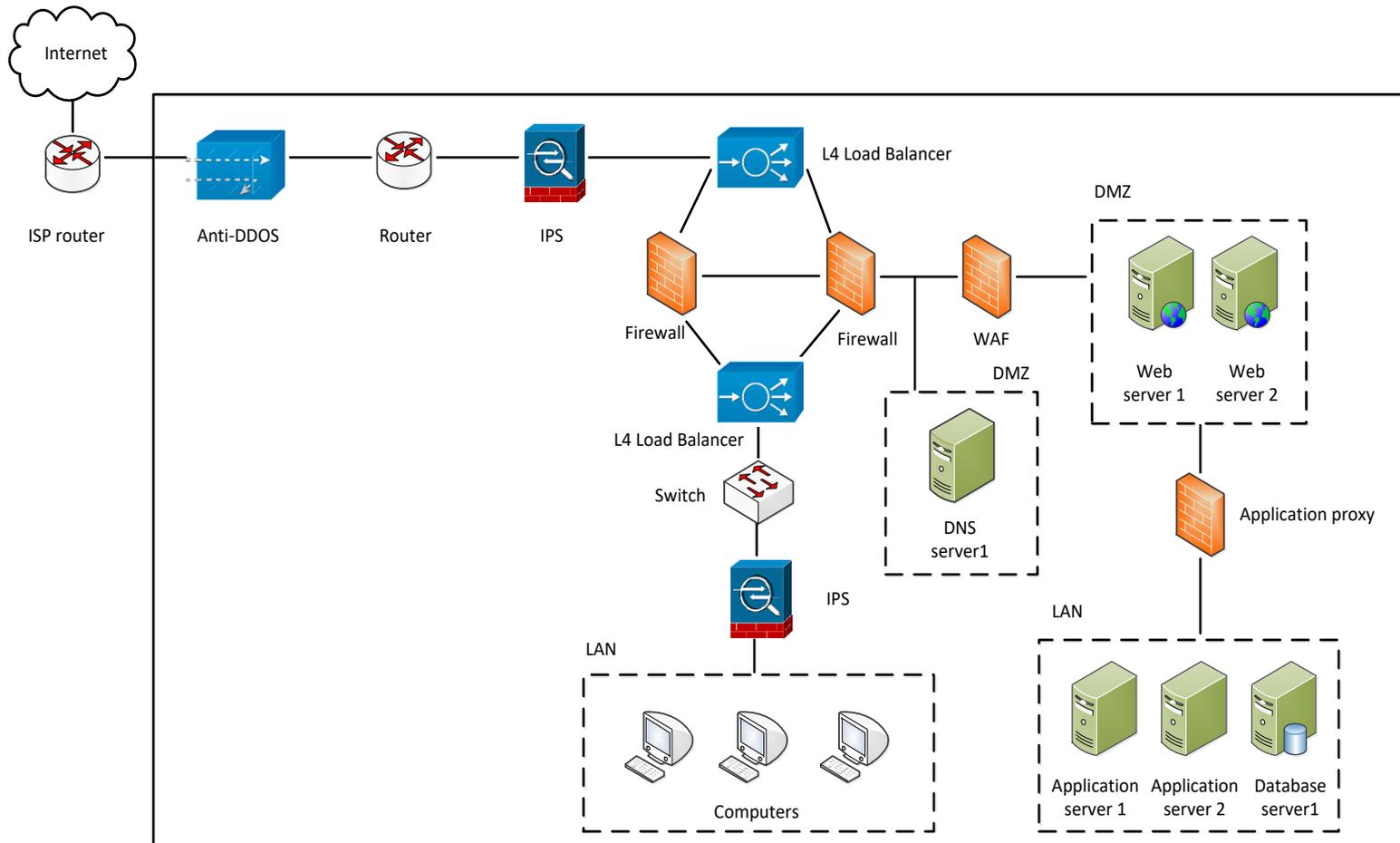
Related work summary

- Security modeling using graphical security models
 - Attack countermeasure trees [Roy et al. 2011 SCN]
 - Attack countermeasure trees [Roy et al. 2012 DSN]
 - Attack graphs [Albanese et al. 2012 DSN]
 - HARM [Hong et al. 2015 DSN]
- Availability modeling using stochastic models
 - Availability modeling and analysis [K Trivedi, DS Kim et al. 2009 PRDC]
 - Performance and dependability modeling with Mobius [Gaonkar et al. 2009 SIGMETRICS]
 - Probability and statistics [Trivedi 2008 John Wiley & Sons]
 - System availability assessment [Trivedi et al. 2013 ASMBI]
- **A few research on security and availability/performance**
 - In sensor nets, crypto vs. available resources (power consumption, performance degradation...)
 - Dependability and Security models [Trivedi et al. 2009 DRCN]
 - Mobius 2.3 for dependability and security evaluation [Courtney et al. 2009 DSN]
 - Security in terms of availability
 - SITAR [Madan et al. 2004 DSN-PDS]
 - SCIT [Anantha et al. 2009 DEPEND]
 - ITS using standby clusters [Aung et al. 2005]
 - Intrusion tolerant database system [Peng Liu et al., ESORICS 2006]
 - Self-healing MANETS [Ann Tai et al. 2010 DSN]

Approach

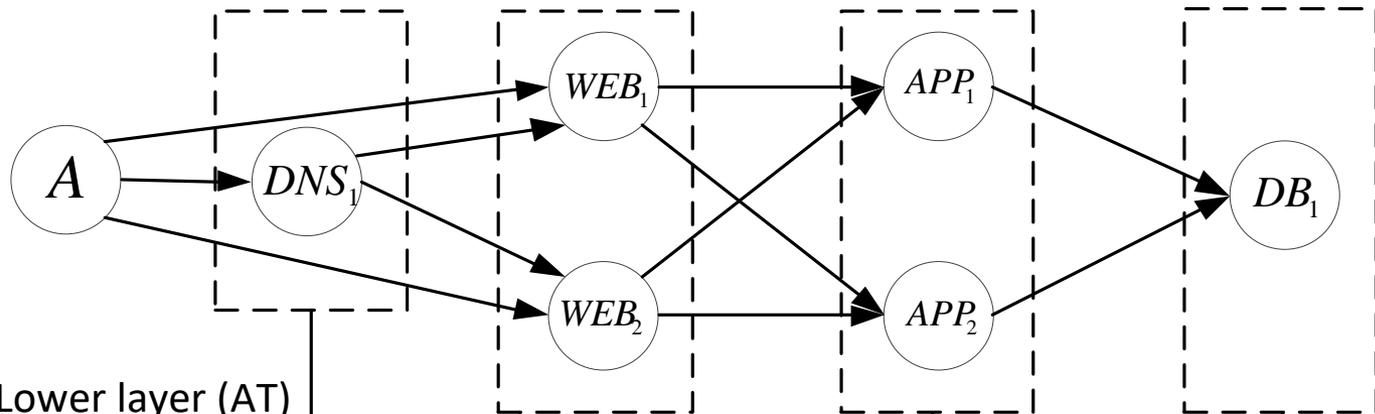
- To build a graphical security model and an availability model separately
 - Security models using AGs and HARMs
 - Availability models using Stochastic Reward Nets
- To consider security and availability together (not a composite model but interpret them using security/availability metrics)
- Benefit: find sub-optimal operation points to meet a certain level of security and availability requirements

An example: enterprise network (1 DNS, 2 Web, 2 APP, 1 DB)

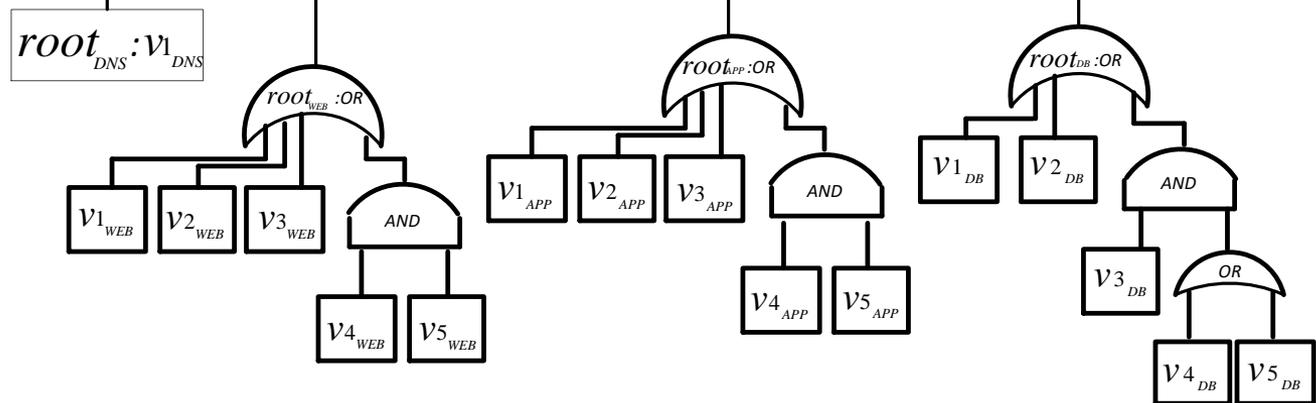


A HARM of the example network (1 DNS, 2 Web, 2 APP, 1 DB server)

Upper layer (AG)

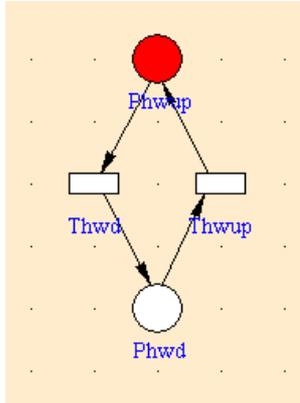


Lower layer (AT)

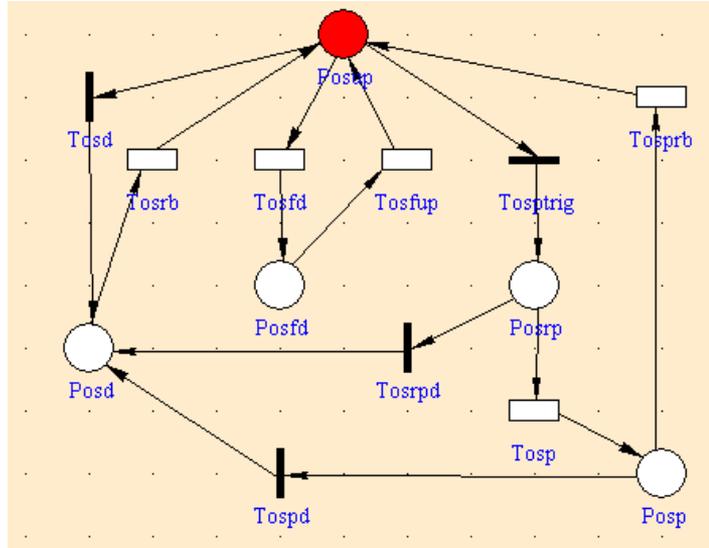


SRN models of a DNS server

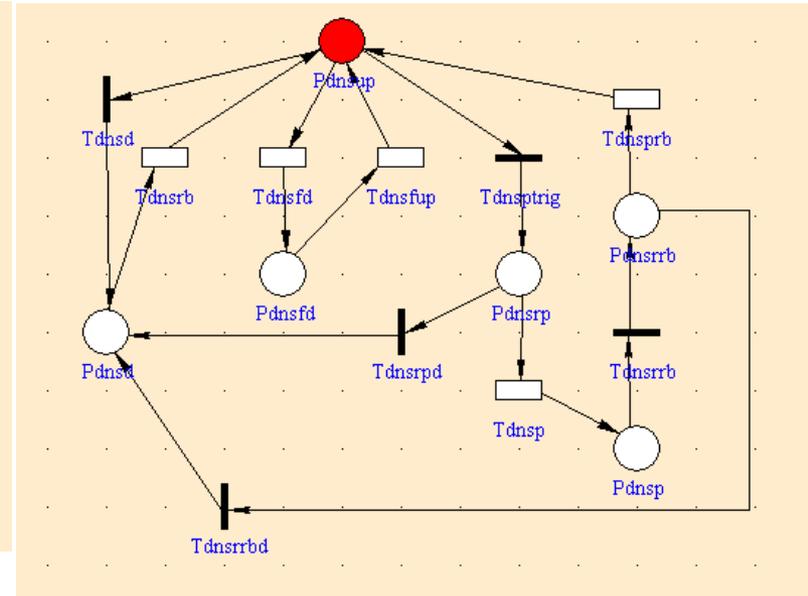
Hardware



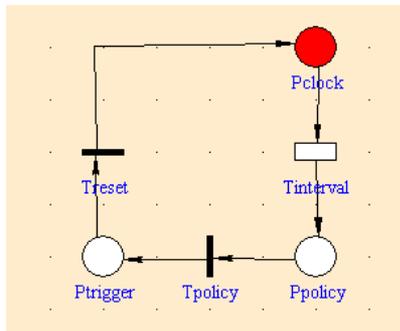
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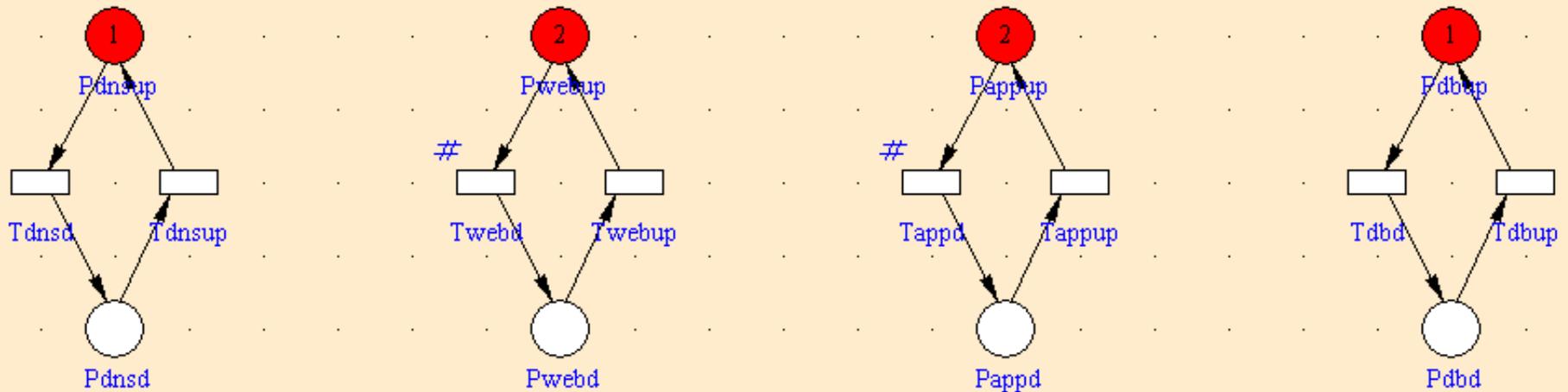
DNS app



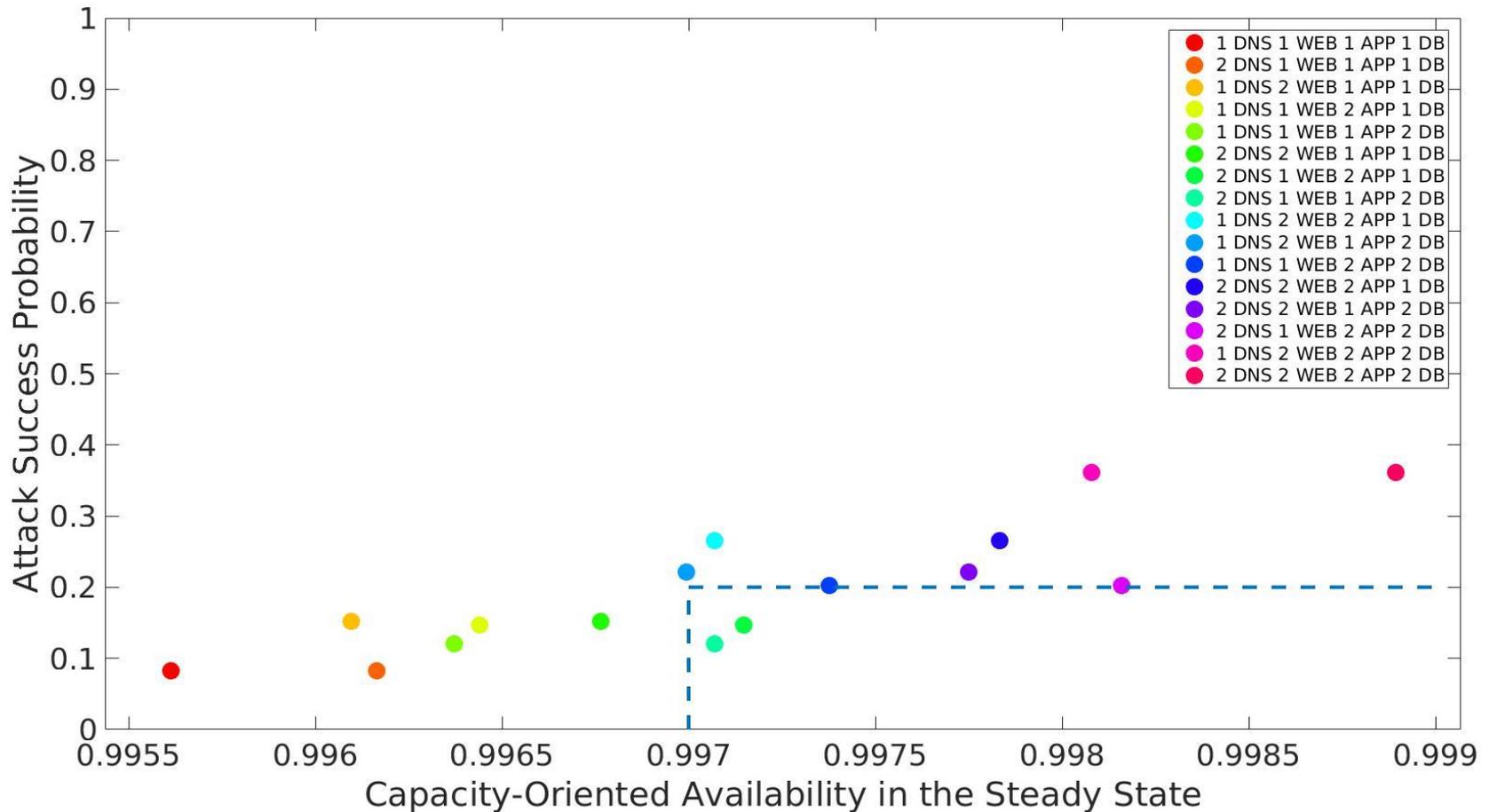
a Clock



A SRN model of the example network (1 DNS, 2 Web, 2 APP, 1 DB server)

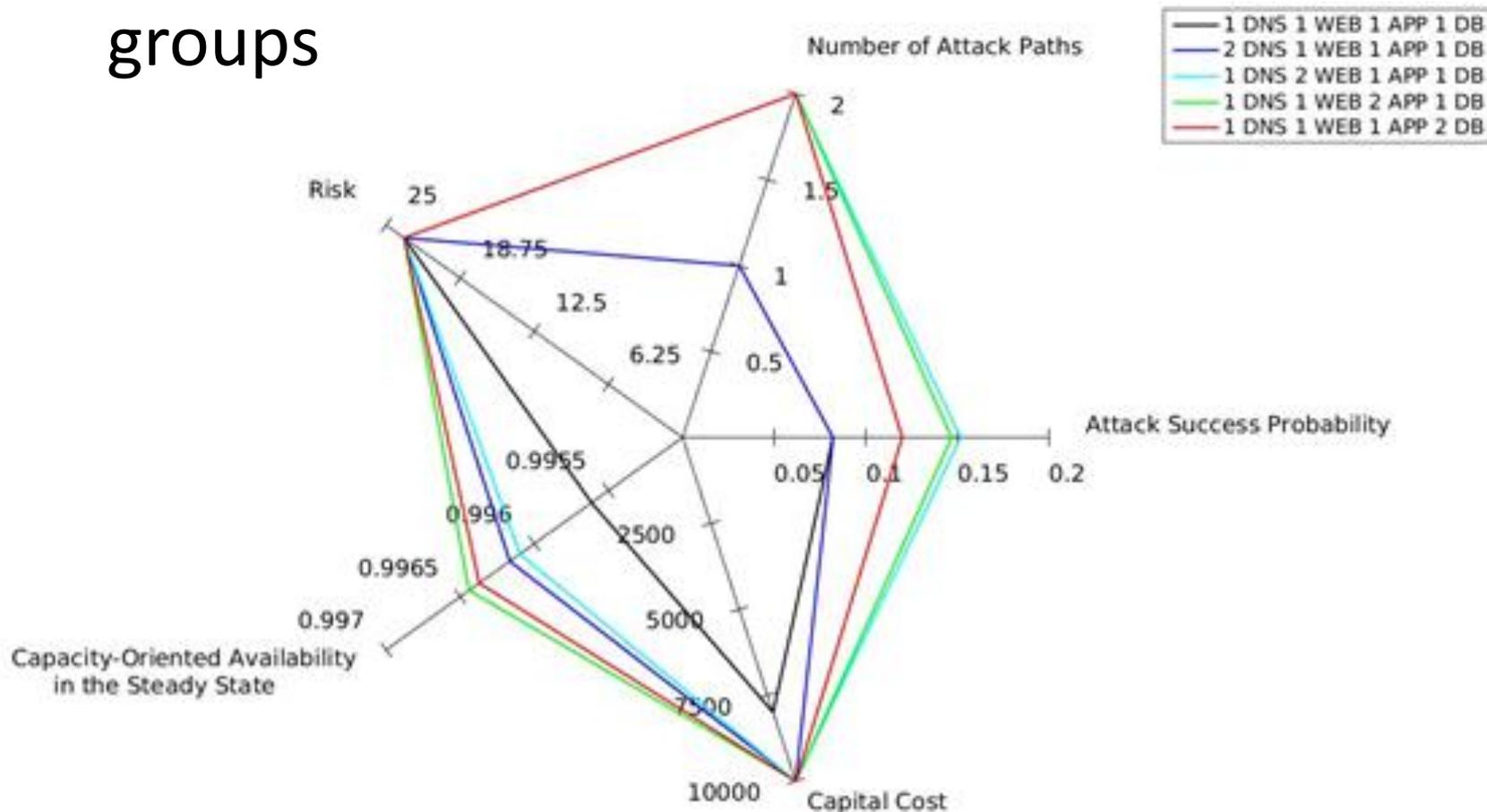


Capacity oriented availability analysis vs. Attack Success Probability



A Radar chart of Security/availability metrics

- Radar chart and comparison in different groups



Graphical Security Models for IoT

- Problems
 - Three types of vulnerabilities: known, zero-day, forever
 - Heterogeneity
 - mobility
- Proposed ideas
 - A Security analysis framework
 - Software defined IoT (proactive, reactive reconfiguration)
 - **Security optimization**

Other on-going research

- Security Models and Metrics for Dynamic Networks
- Security Assessment as Service using the Cloud
- Security Modeling and Analysis of Software Defined Networking
- Reliability and Resilience Analysis of Smart Grid

Thank you!



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