

How to secure the network - Darknet based cyber-security technologies for global monitoring and analysis

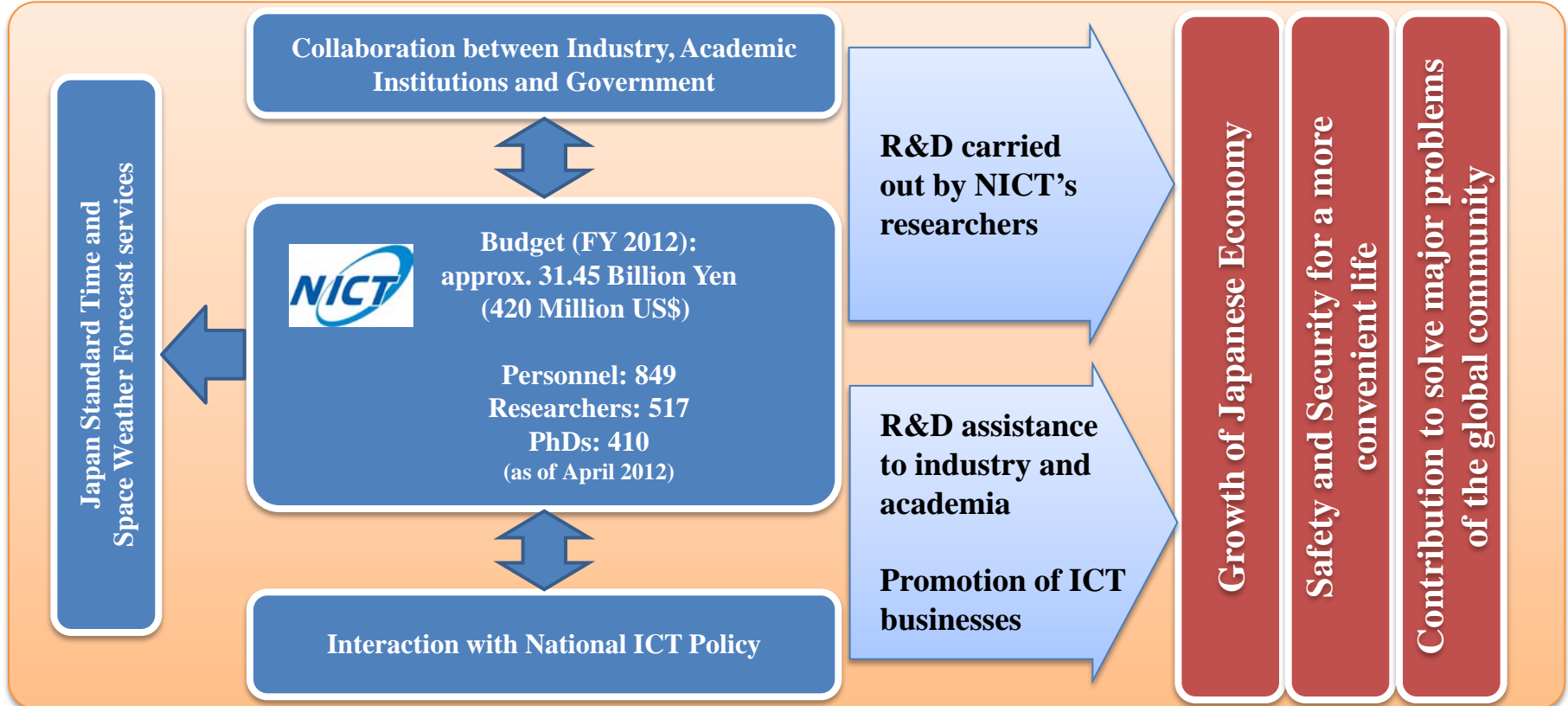
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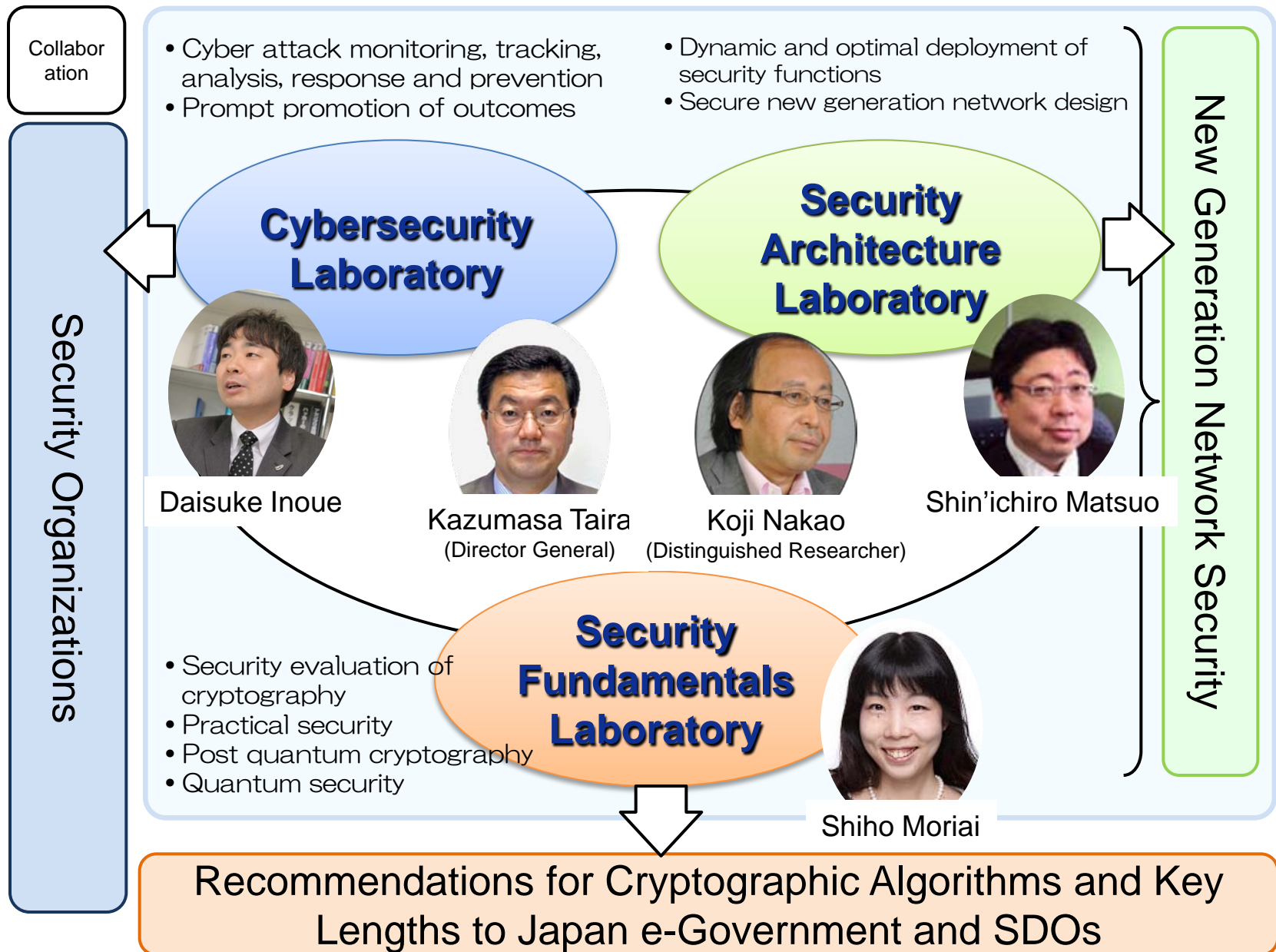
Outline of NICT

Mission

As the sole national research institute in the information and communications field, we as NICT will strive to advance national technologies and contribute to national policies in the field, by promoting our own research and development and by cooperating with and supporting outside parties.



Network Security Research Institute



Content for Today

- Current Security Threats
(e.g. Malwares/Botnet, DDoS)
- Introduction of *nicter* project and others:
Security Incident Analysis System for Detecting Large-scale Internet Attacks by means of Darknet traffic
 - Macro/Micro-Analysis
 - Macro-Micro Correlation Analysis
 - **DAEDALUS**
 - **NIRVANA**
- On-going new projects for cybersecurity in Japan: **PRACTICE**

Malware Chronology (1970-2010)

Year	Malware
1970	
1971	Creeper (1 st worm)
1972	# The term “virus” first appeared in a SF novel “When HARLIE Was O
1973	
1974	
1975	# The term “worm” first appeared in a SF novel “The Shockwave Rider”
1976	
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1980	Xerox PARC Worm
1981	
1982	Elk Cloner(1 st virus)
1983	
1984	# Cohen defined virus in his paper “Computer Viruses - Theory and Exp
1985	
1986	Brain (1 st IBMPC virus), PC-Write (1 st Trojan horse), Virdem
1987	Cascade, Jerusalem, Lehigh, Christmas Tree, MacMag
1988	Byte Bandit, Stoned, Scores, Morris Worm
1989	AIDS(1 st ransomware), Yankee Doodle, WANK

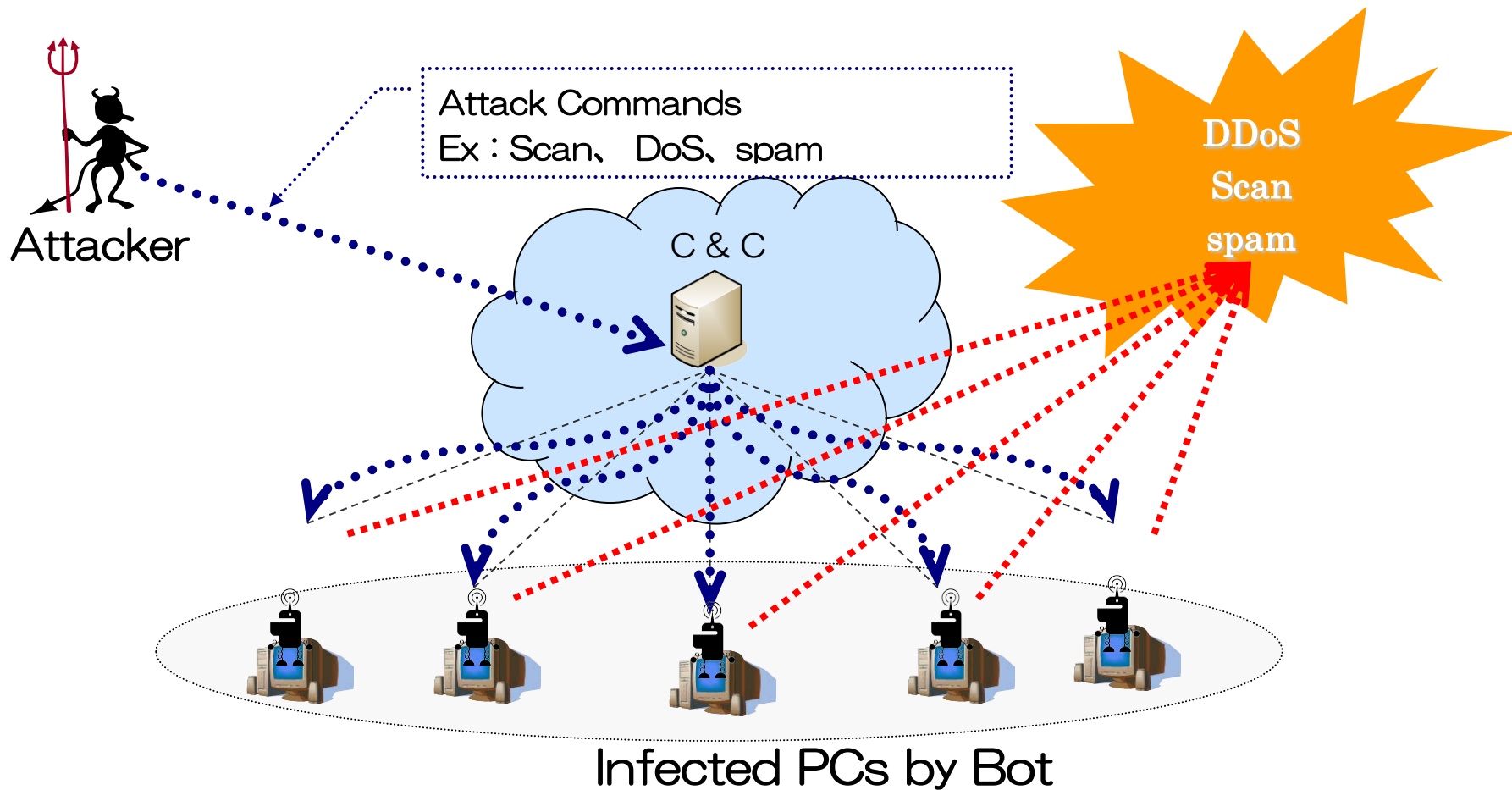
Discovery

Year	Malware
1990	1260 (1 st polymorphic virus), Form, Whale
1991	Tequila, Michelangelo, Anti-Telefonica, Eliza
1992	Peach (1 st anti-antivirus programs), Win.Vir_1_4 (1 st Windows virus)
1993	PMBS
1994	Good Times (1 st hoax)
1995	Concept (1 st macro virus)
1996	Laroux, Staog (1 st Linux m.w.)
1997	ShareFun, Homer, Esperanto
1998	Accessiv, StrangeBrew (1 st Java m.w.), Chernobyl
1999	Happy99, Tristate, Melissa, ExploreZip, BubbleBoy, Babylonia
2000	Loveletter, Resume, MTX,Hybris
2001	Anna Kournikova,BadTrans, CodeRed I, Sircam,CodeRed II, Nimda, K
2002	LFM-926 (1 st Flash m.w.), Chick, Fbound,Shakira, Bugbear
2003	Sobig, SQLSlammer, Deloder, Sdbot, Mimail, Antinny, MSBlaster, Wel Agobot, Swen, Sober
2004	Bagle, MyDoom, Doomjuice, Netsky,WildJP, Witty,Sasser, Wallon, Bob Cabir(1 st Symbianm.w.), Amus, Upchan , Revcuss, Lunii, Minuka, Vund
2005	Bropia, Locknut,BankAsh,Banbra, Anicmoo, Commwarrior, Pgpocoder, Gargafx, Peerload, Cardblock,PSPBrick (1 st PSP m.w.), DSBrick (1 st Nin m.w.), Dasher
2006	Kaiten, Leap (1 st Mac OS X m.w.),Redbrowser, Cxover,Exponny, Mdripper,Flexispy, Spaceflash,Stration, Mocbot, Fajacks, Allaple
2007	Storm Worm,Pirlames, Zlob, Srizbi (1 st full-kernel m.w.), Silly, Pidoof
2008	Mebroot,Infomeiti, Conficker
2009	Virux, Yxes,Gumbler, Induc, Ikee (1 st iPhonem.w.)
2010	Zimuse, Trojan-SMS.AndroidOS.FakePlayer (1 st Androidm.w.), Stuxnet

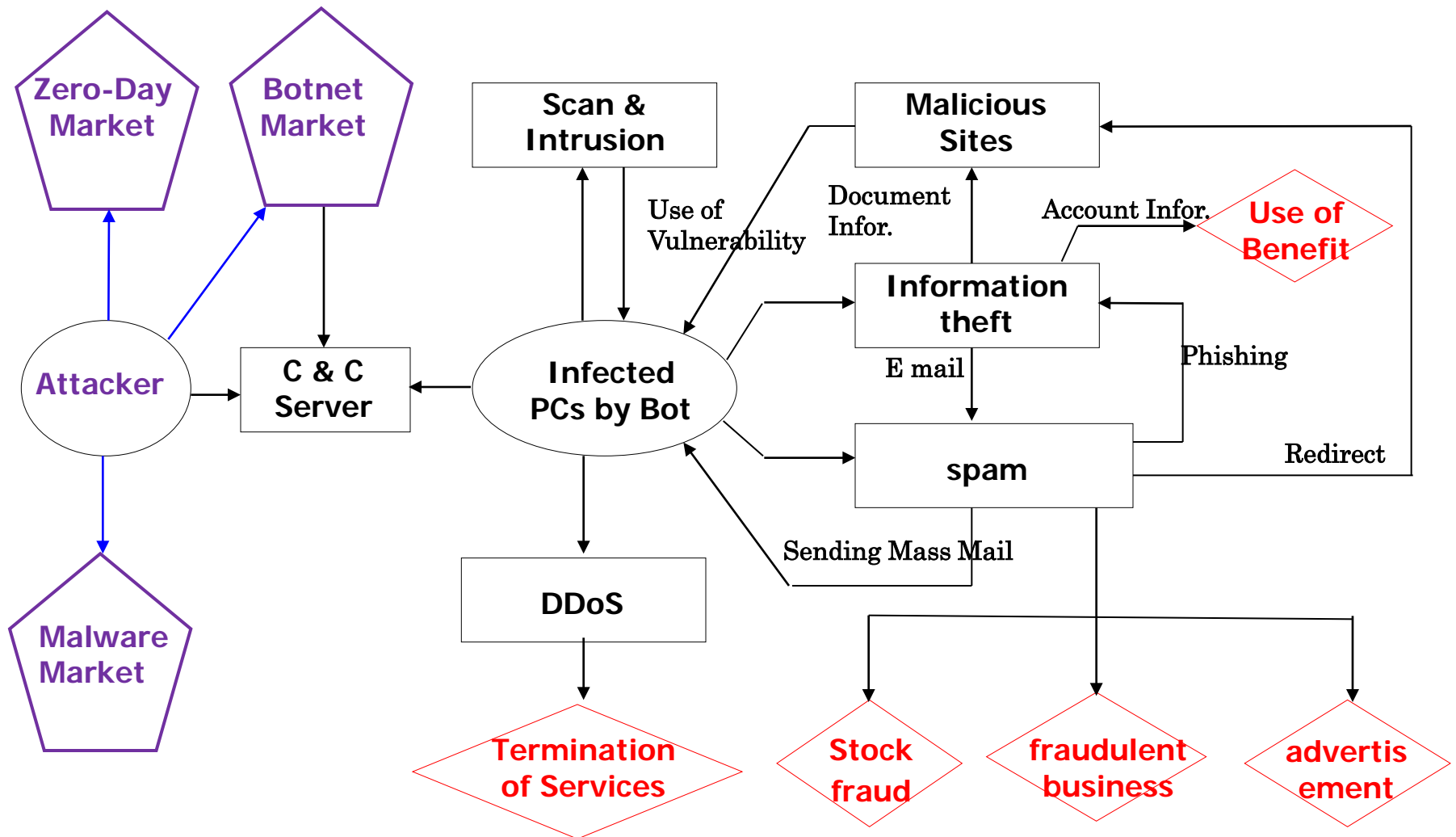
Experimentation

Criminal Exploitation

Botnet (Collaborative attacks)



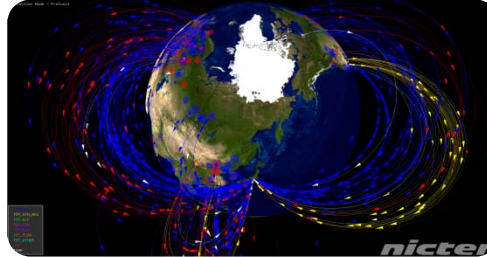
Malicious Chains based on Botnet



nicter and Its Spin-offs

1. Incident analysis system

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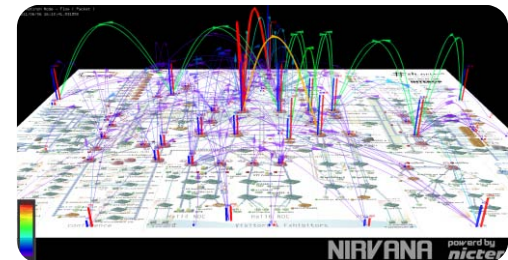
2. Darknet-based alert system

DAEDALUS

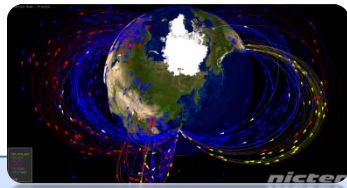


3. Livenet real-time visualizer

NIRVANA



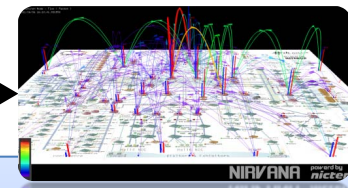
Bird's-eye View / Insect's-eye View



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Global Monitoring
(Darknet)

Local Monitoring
(Livenet)



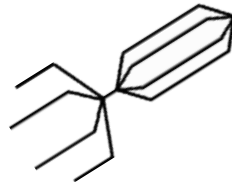
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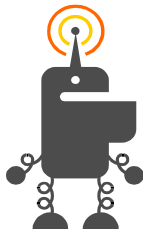
What we are fighting against?

Malware

short for malicious software designed to disrupt or deny operation, gather information that leads to loss of privacy or exploitation, gain unauthorized access to system resources, and other abusive behavior.
(from Wikipedia)



Virus



Bot



Worm

Overview of the project ***nicter***

nicter = **N**etwork **I**ncident analysis **C**enter
for **T**tactical **E**mergency **R**esponse

Target:

Comprehensive analysis of security threats on the Internet

- What happens on the Internet?
- What is the root cause?

Strategy:

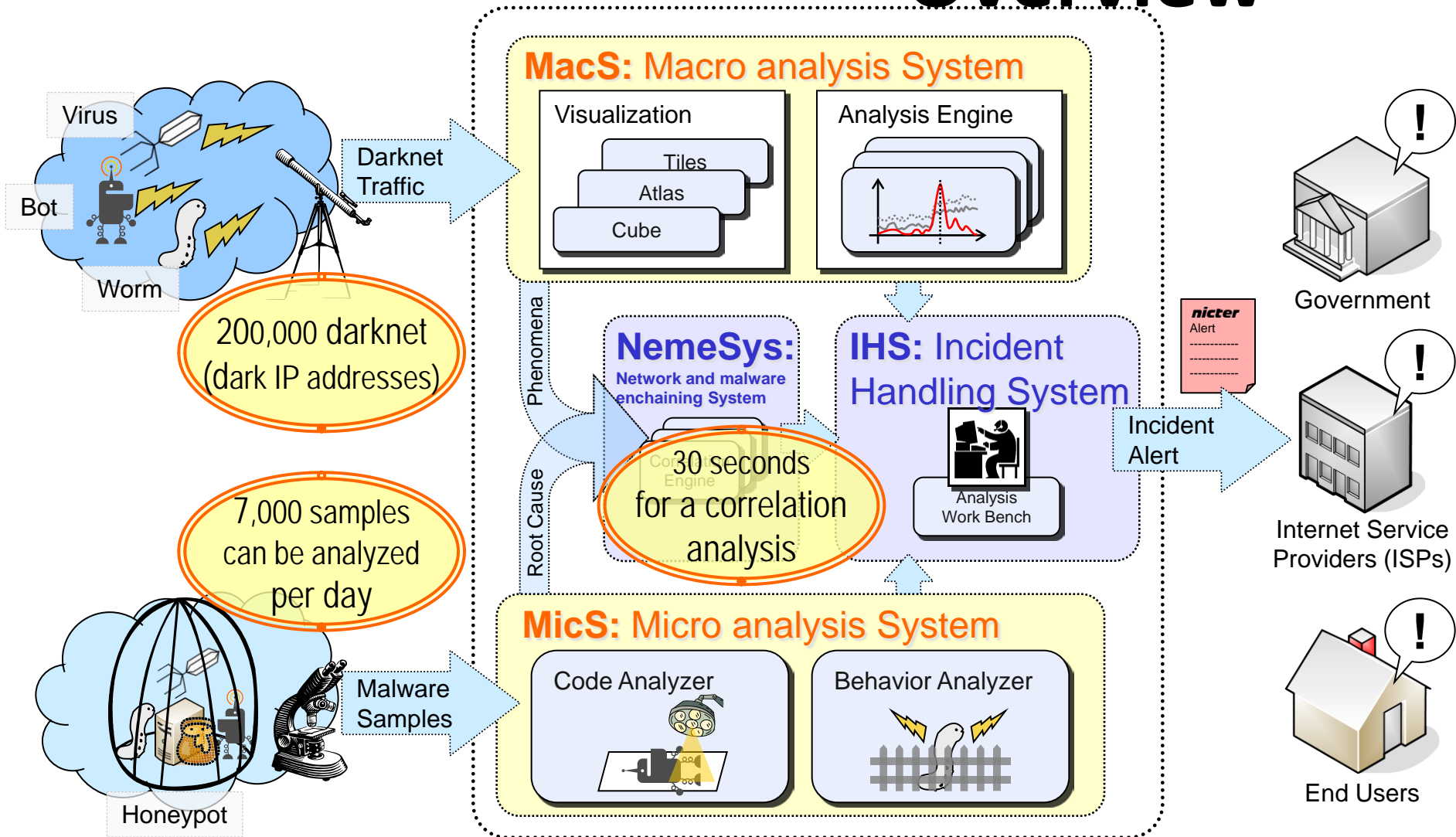
Network monitoring

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Malware analysis



nicter Operation Room



Three Analysis Systems in nictar

Darknet based Analysis

Macro Analysis System (MacS):

- Monitors **Darknet** of over 0.2 million
Darknet = Globally Announced **Unused** IP Addresses
(Black-hole address spaces)
- Real-time Detection of Incident Candidates such as:
 - New Attack Patterns of Malwares
 - Rapid Increase of Attacks

Micro Analysis System (MicS):

- Automated Capture and Analysis of Malwares
- Static Analysis and Dynamic Analysis

Network and malware enchainning System (Nemesys):

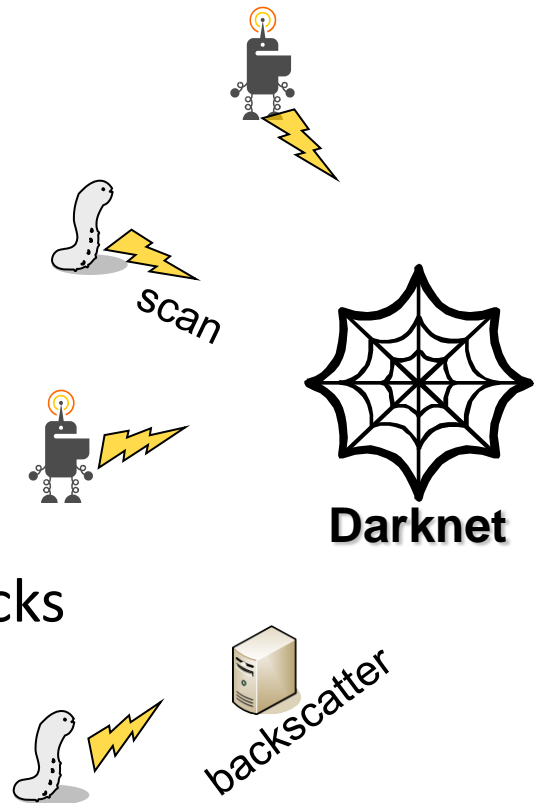
- Automated Correlation of Darknet Traffic and Malwares

MacS: Macro Analysis System

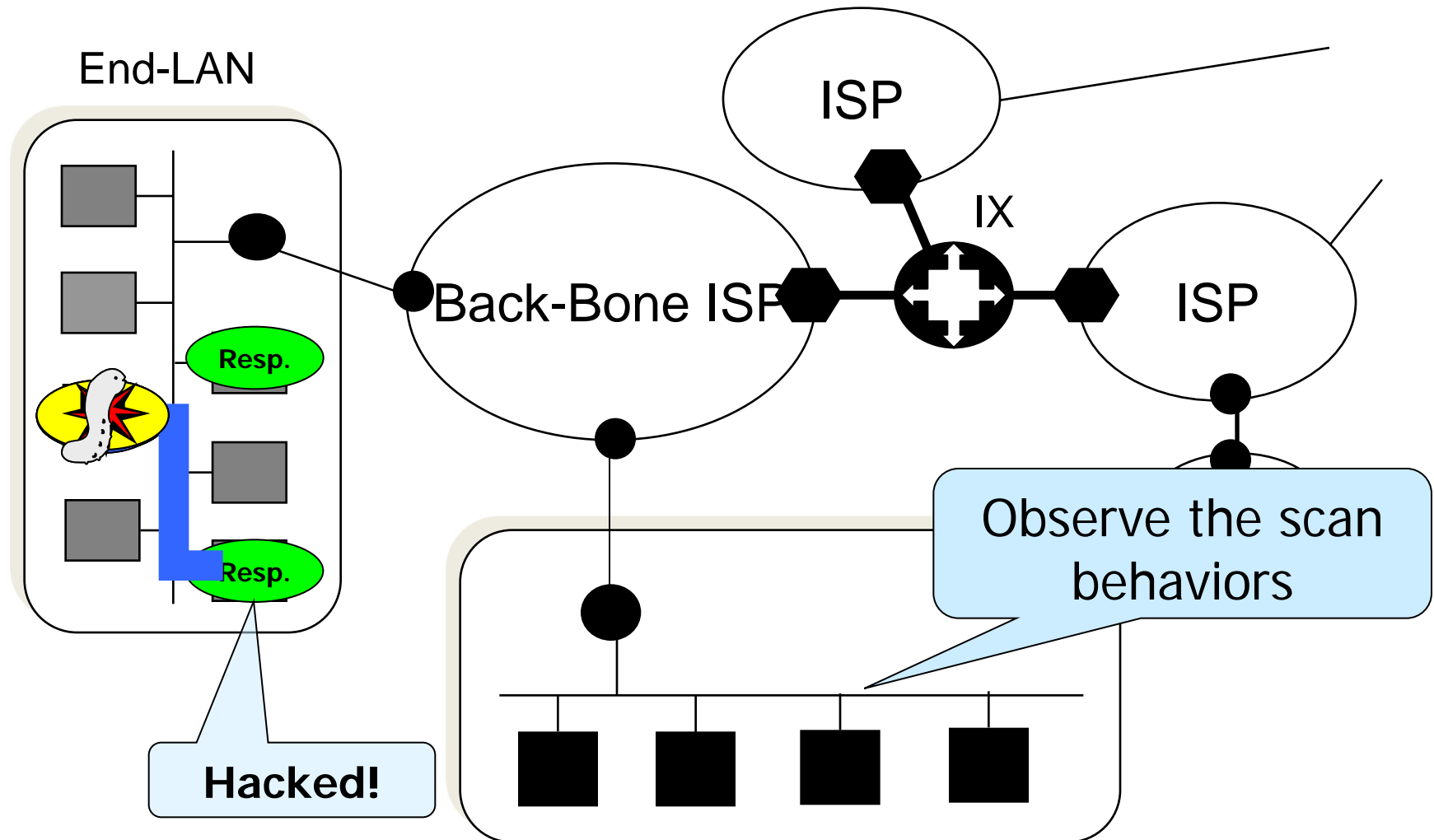
(Darknet Monitoring and Analysis)

Monitor data through Dark-Net

- **Dark-Net**: Unassigned IP addresses space and they are not connected to the Real Servers/PCs.
- Types of Packets arrived to the Dark-Net:
 - Scans by means of Malwares;
 - Malwares infection behaviors;
 - DDoS attacks by Backscatter;
 - Miss configurations/mistakes
- It is very useful to **Observe** the serious attacks behavior over the Internet.



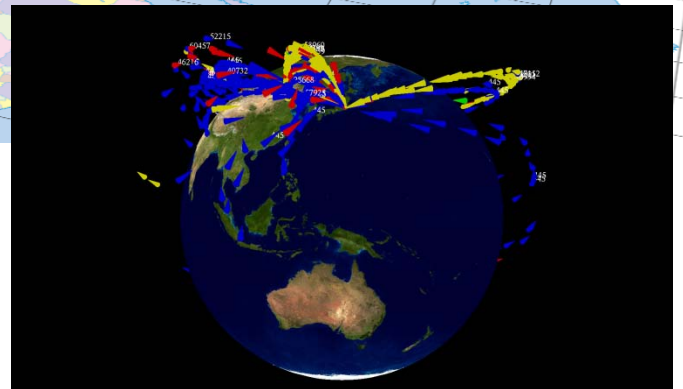
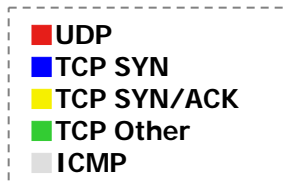
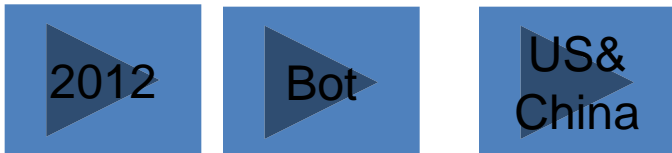
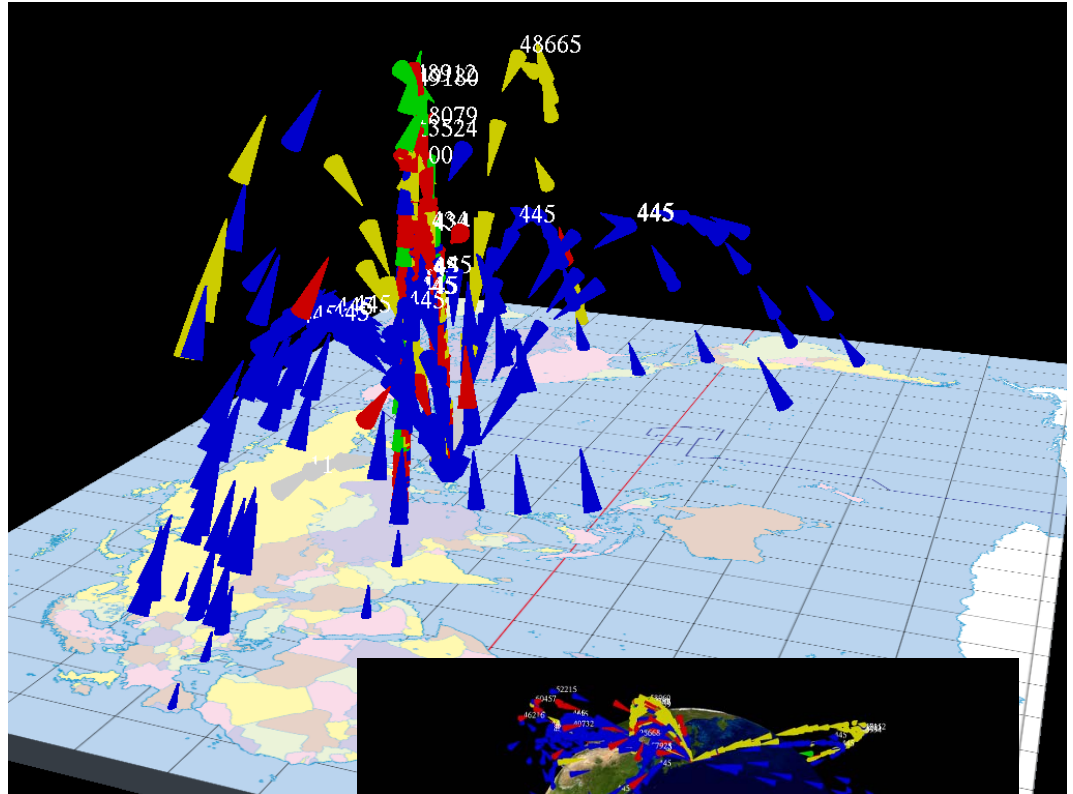
Malware infection behavior by means of Dark-Net monitor



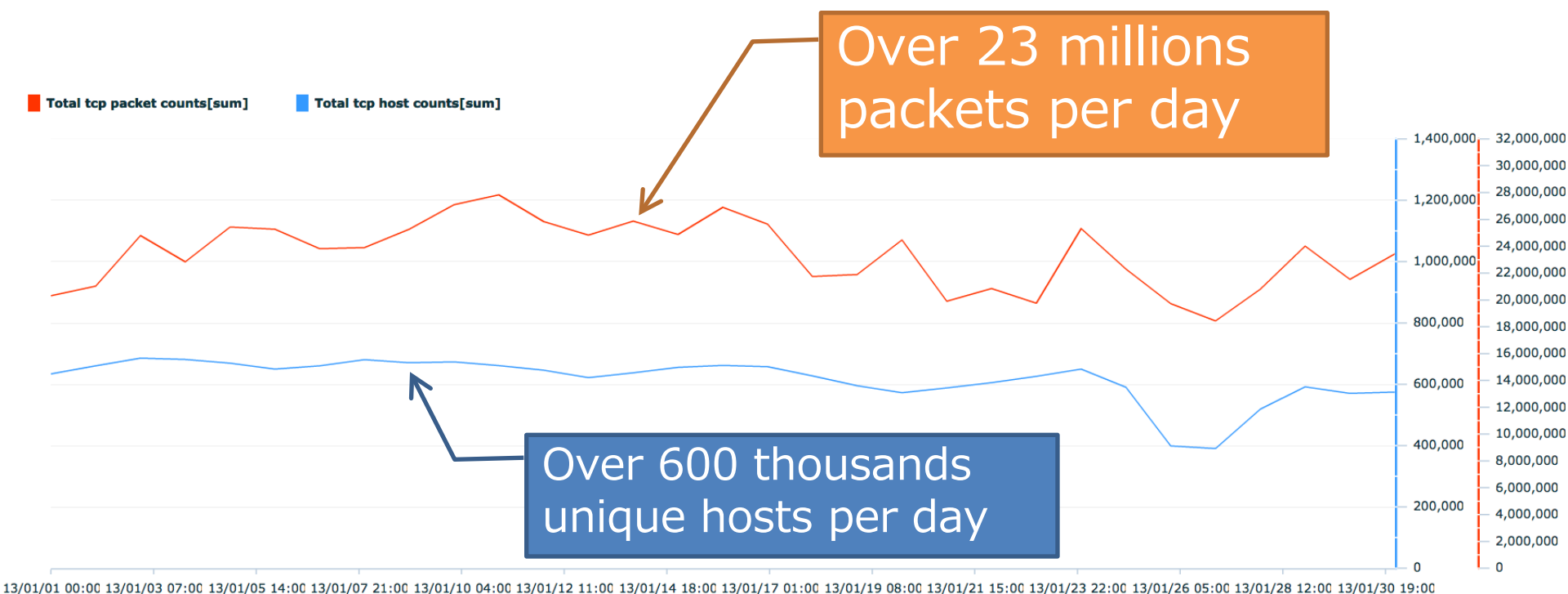
Dark-Net sensor for Dark-Net

Atlas: Geographical Traffic Visualization

- Shows geographical positions of a packet's src and dst from the IP addresses **in real-time**
- **Each packet** is represented by **a rocket** traversing from source to destination
- The **color** of the rocket indicates the type of packet
- The **altitude** of the rocket is in proportion to its dst port number

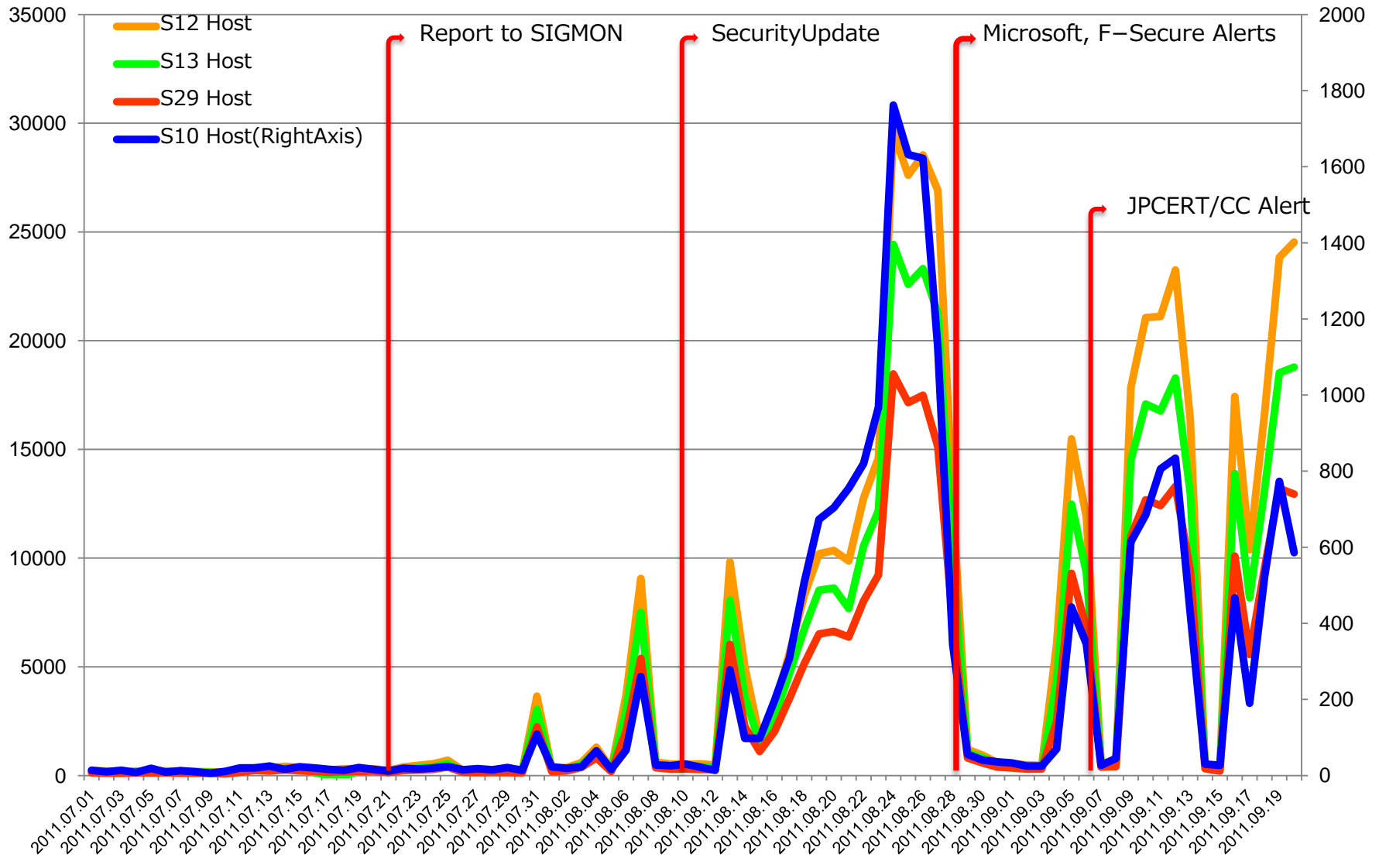


Daily Status of Darknet Traffic

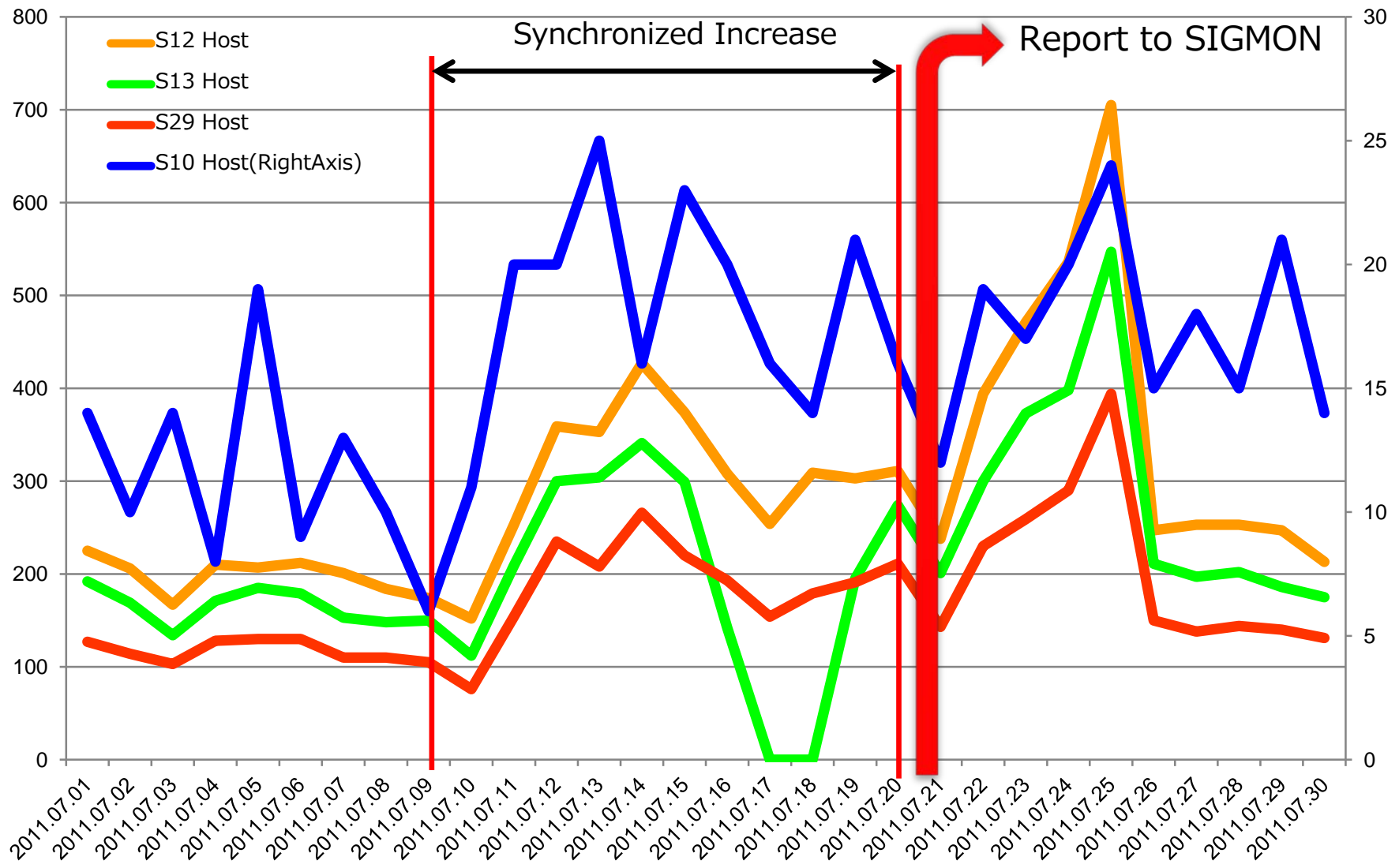


Jan 01 – Jan 31, 2013

Observing 3389/tcp in dark-net



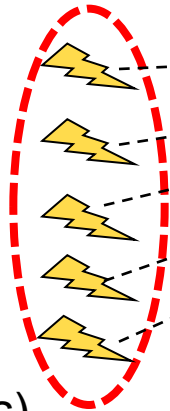
Observing 3389/tcp in dark-net (Zoom-up)



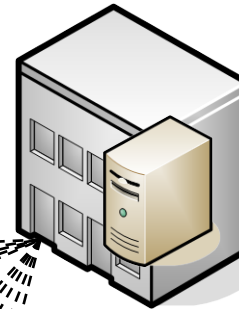
Backscatter: Reflection of DDoS Attack

A large number of connection requests (TCP SYN) with source IP address spoofing

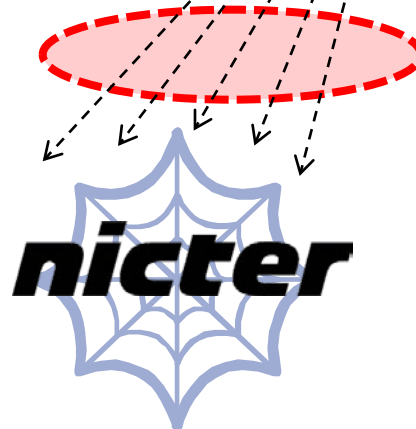
Attacker(s)



Targeted Server



The targeted server sends back replies (TCP SYN-ACK) to spoofed IP addresses



**140 thousands darknet
(un-used IP addresses)**

Large Scale of Information Leakage: Sony

- Incident that individual information on 100 million totals or more flows out from online services of Sony group. The impact of the individual information leakage incident is a worst-ever scale.
- Before such a large information leakage, subsidiary companies of Sony were attacked by DDoS.
Attacker was **"Anonymous"** hacker group. Sony's behaviors (claiming to a federal district court) bought the anger of "Anonymous".
- After DDoS, the system was hacked and the incident was occurred.



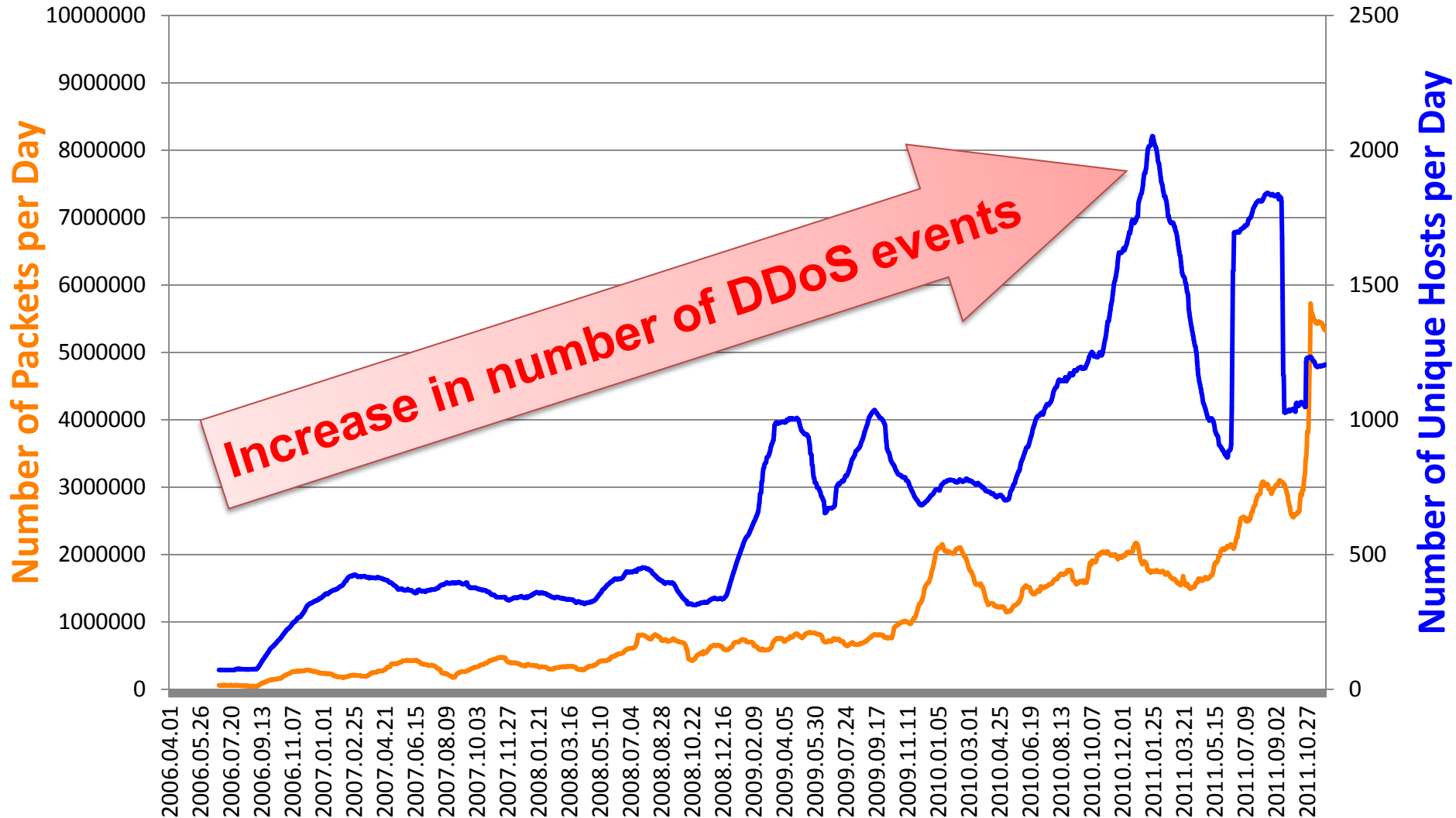
Backscatter from SONY

- Attacked by Anonymous on April 2011 -



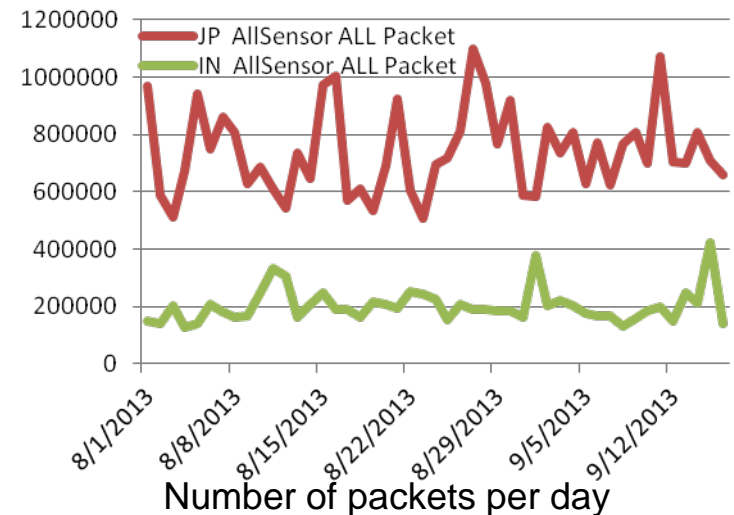
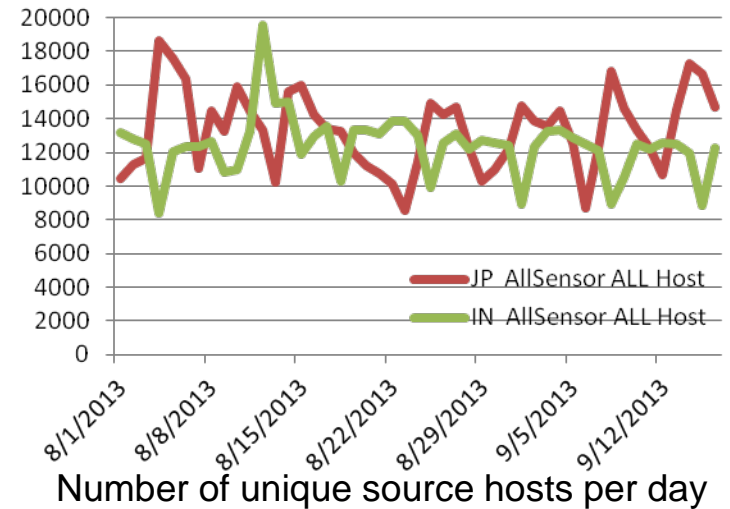
Anonymous

Long-term Observation of Backscatter



General Statistics observed in Dark-net at NICT (for India)

- Observed
 - in all sensors (sum)
 - 1, Aug ~ 16, Sep (47days)
 - From India to NICT dark-net
 - 12,401 unique hosts/day (avg)
 - 201,274 packets/day (avg)
 - From Japan to NICT dark-net
 - 13,317 unique hosts/day (avg)
 - 741,189 packets/day (avg)



Backscatter Analysis (1)

focusing on India

A large number of connection requests (**TCP SYN**) with **source IP address spoofing**

DDoS
targeted
Hosts in India

Benign Server

Sensor A

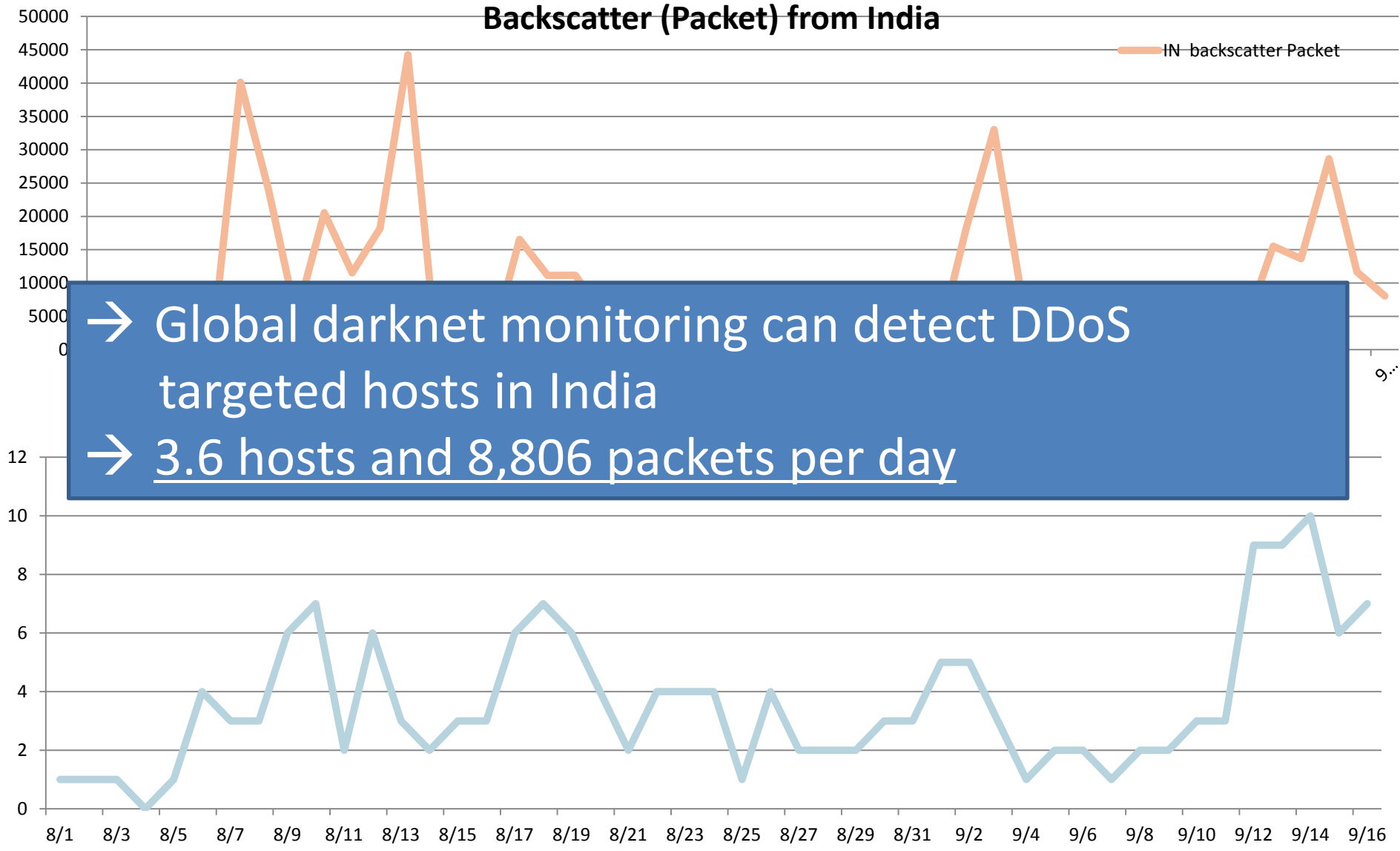
Sensor B

Attackers

The targeted server sends
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India

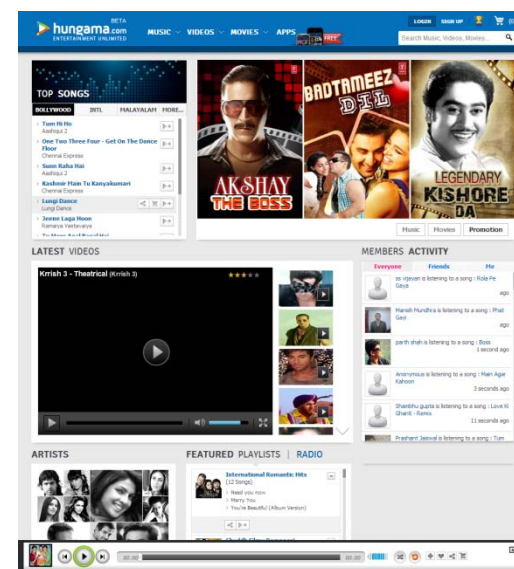
Backscatter Analysis (2)



Backscatter Analysis (3)

- What kind of hosts were under the DDoS attacks?

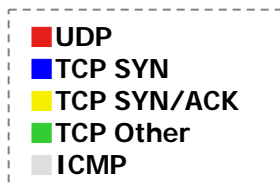
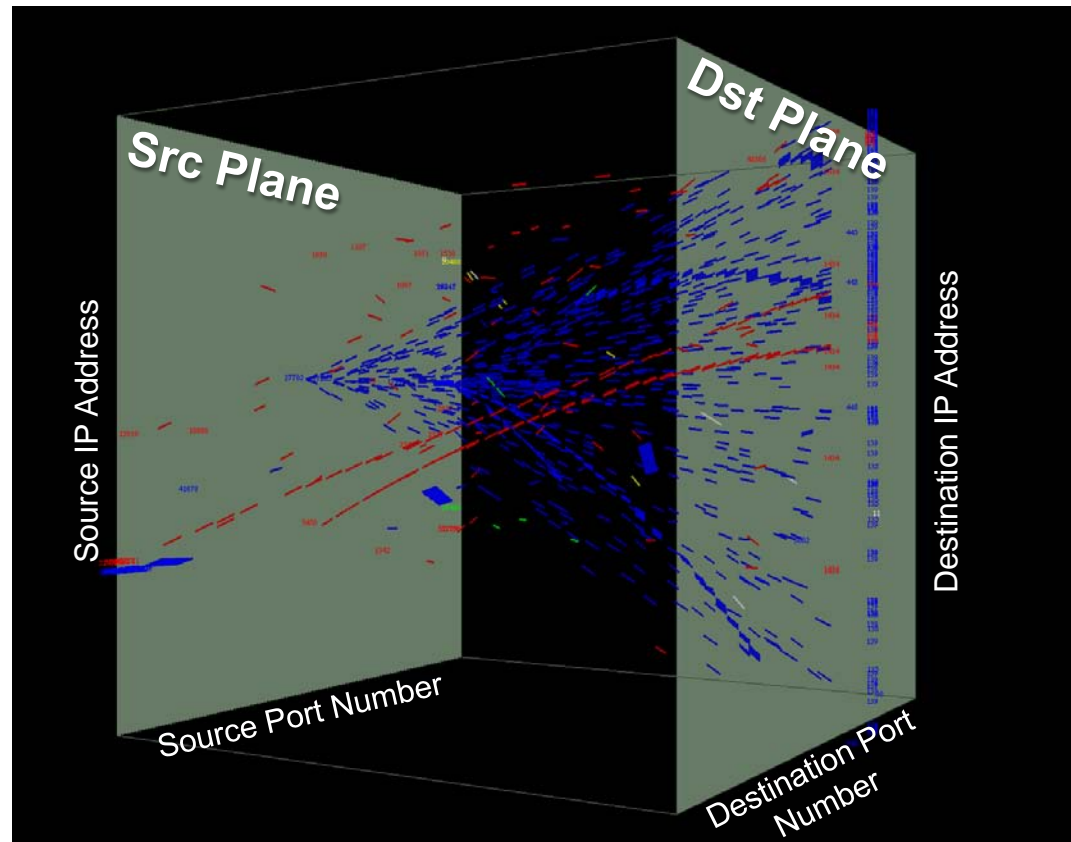
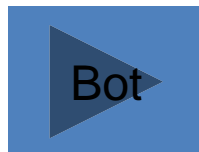
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Cube: 3D Traffic Visualization

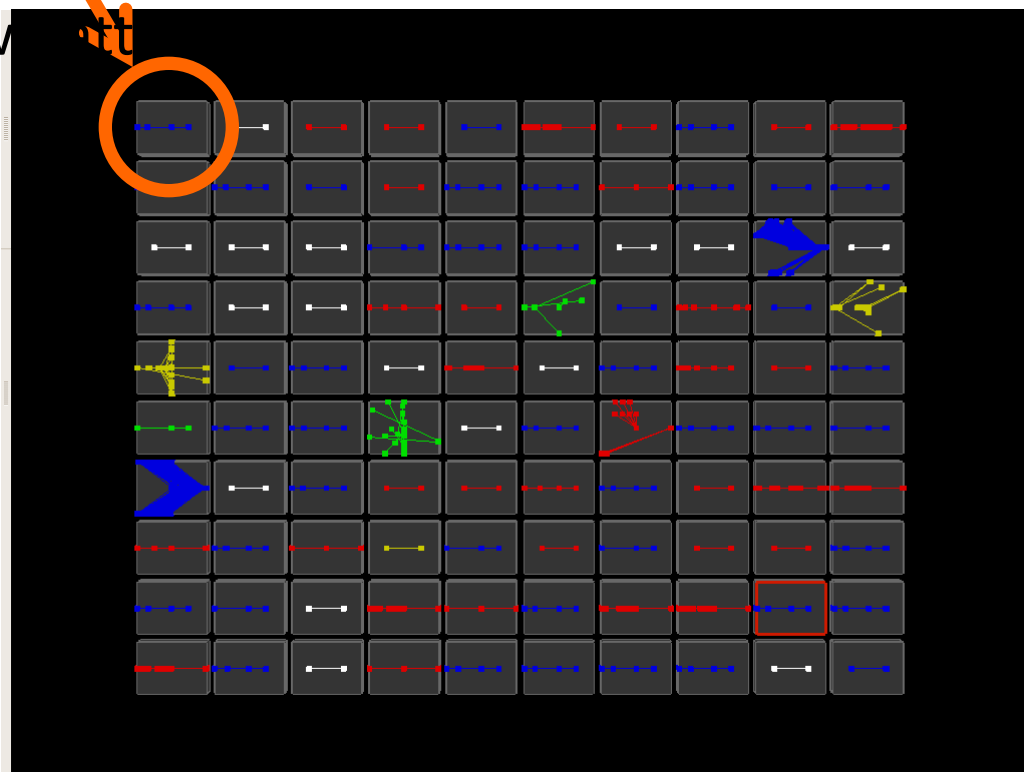
- Shows comprehensive traffic animation **in real-time**
- **Each packet** is represented by a **thin rectangle**
- The rectangle is placed on the source plane according to its **src IP addr and port number**
- It glides to the destination plane taking about six seconds
- The position it reaches is according to its **dst IP addr and port number**



Tiles:

Host-based Behavioral Analysis Engine

- One tile illustrates behavior of an attacking host in 30 sec.
- Each behavior is automatically categorized and stored in a DB.
- Unknown



MicS: Micro Analysis System

(Fully Automated and Isolated Malware Analysis)

Goals and Current Status of MicS

Goals:

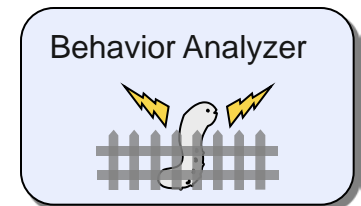
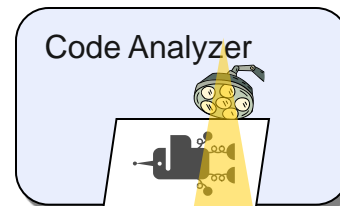
- Fully **automated** and **isolated** analysis environment
- Extract malware's **internal** and **external** activities

Current Achievements:

- Fully-automated malware analysis system
 - flexible to add new analysis engine
- 6 to 10 minutes per one malware sample
 - totally 1200 to 2000 samples per day

Two Analyzers:

- Malware Code Analyzer
- Malware Behavior Analyzer



Gatekeeper - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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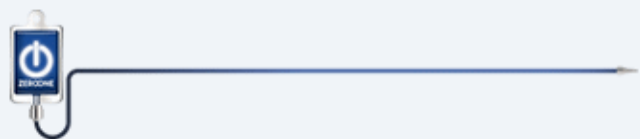
戻る 検索 お気に入り

アドレス(D) <http://localhost:8888/zeroone/admin/Main.php> 移動

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ウェブ検索 マーカー 国語 英和

NOW 0.47K MAX 133.3K Norton Internet Security



ZEROONE

TOP

統計

コンポーネント
処理状況

ユーザー一覧

受付サーバー一覧

出力サーバー一覧

Unique ID

Malware Name

Status of Analysis

Analysis Results

ID	ウイルス名	ステータス	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報
1712076400	W32.IRCBot W32/Sdbot.worm.gen.q	処理中	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報
392366798	Backdoor.IRC.Bot Exploit-Mydoom	処理中	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報
193299247	W32.Pinfi W32/Pate.b	処理中	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報
607664223	W32.Spybot.Worm W32/Sdbot.worm.gen.ac	処理中	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報
203555636	W32.Korgo.W W32/Virut.b	処理中	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報
1768983742	W32.Sasser.C.Worm W32/Pate.b	処理中	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報
1262451222	W32.Virut.A	処理中	ファイル詳細	ウイルス情報

NemeSys: Network and malware enchaining System

(Macro-Micro Correlation Analysis)

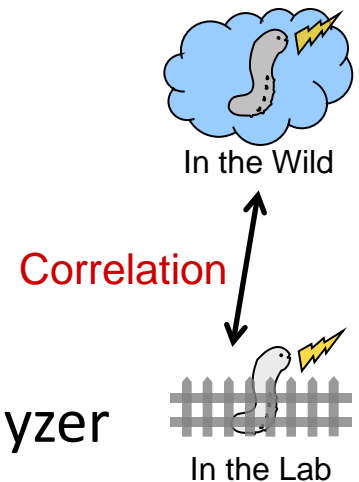
NemeSys Overview

Goal:

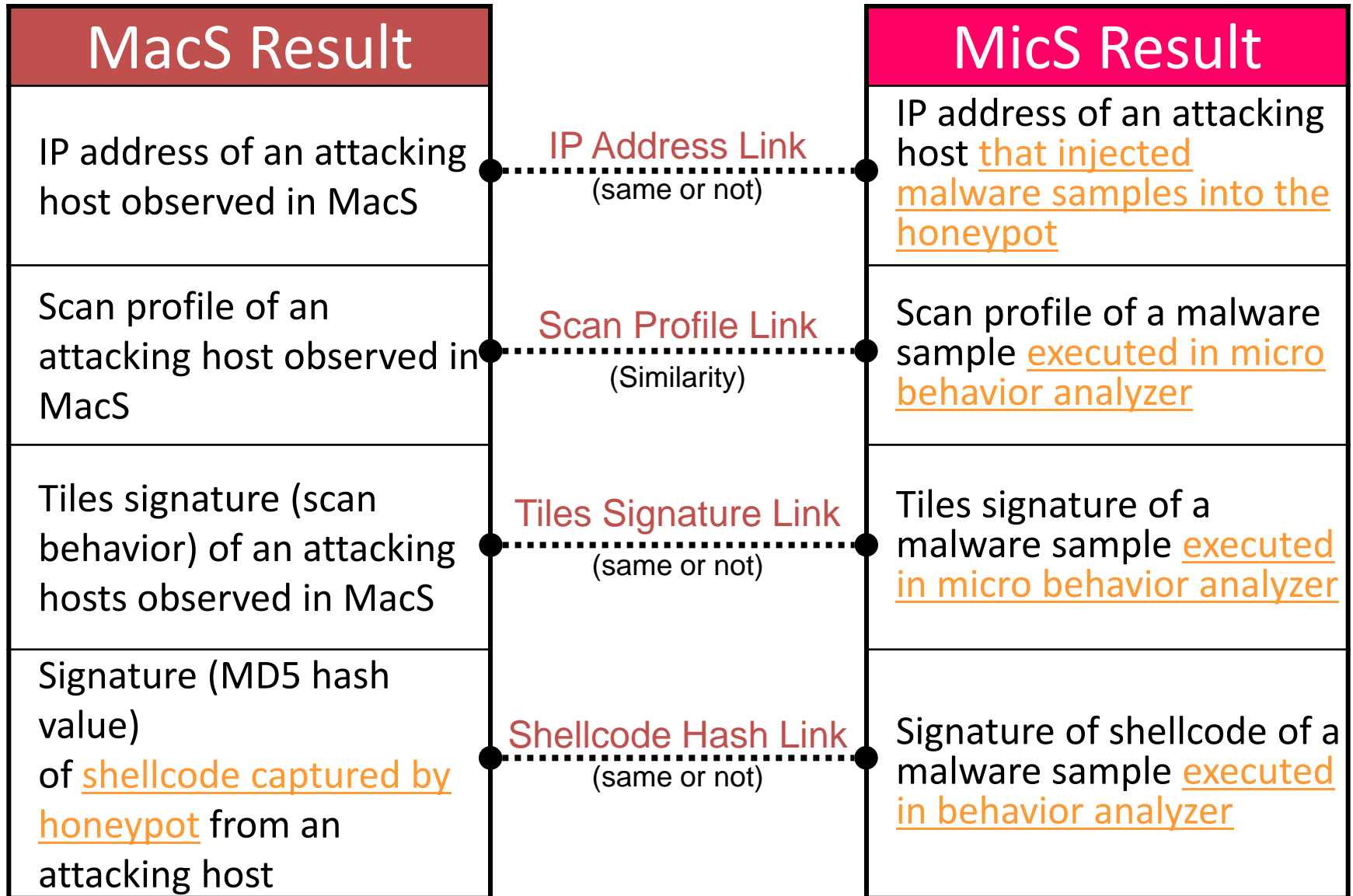
To bind **phenomena** (attacks) observed by the MacS and **root cause**(malwares) inspected in the MicS

Basic Idea (scan based correlation):

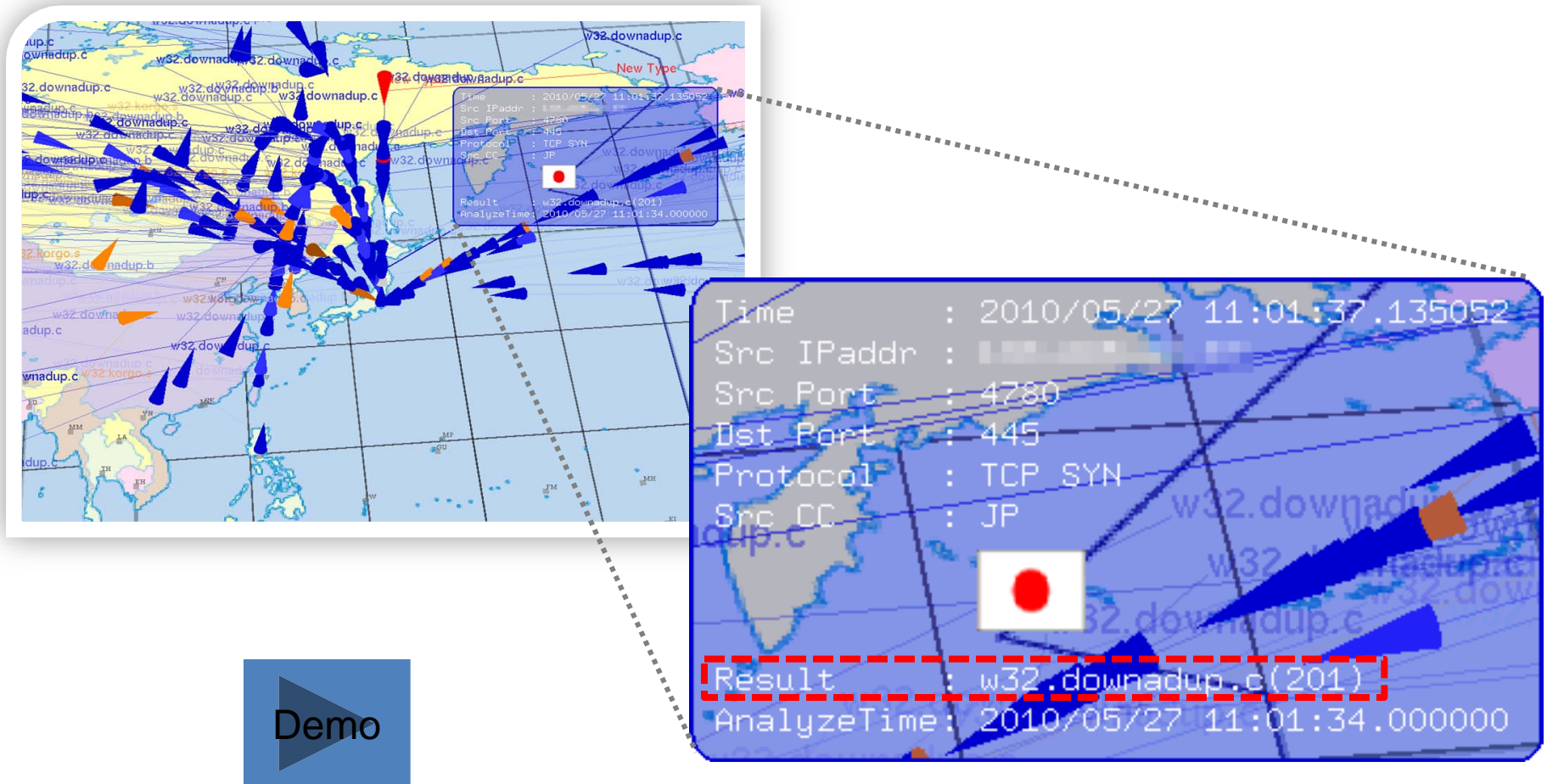
- MacS: Profiling scan sent by a certain host
- MicS: Profiling scan captured in the behavior analyzer
- Compare scan profiles by using correlation coefficient then **candidates of infecting malware** can be listed



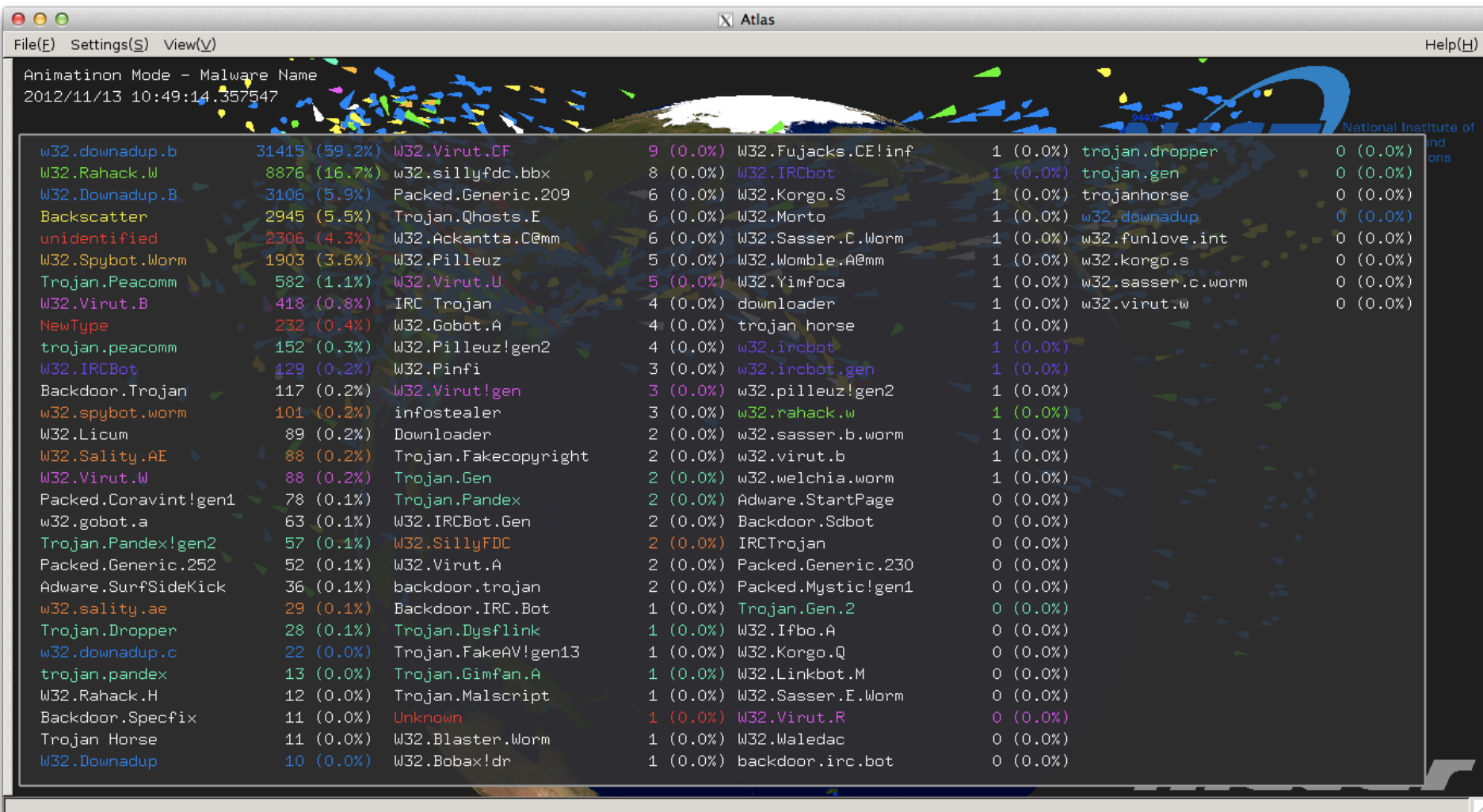
Correlation Links



Result of Real-time Correlation Analysis (1/2)

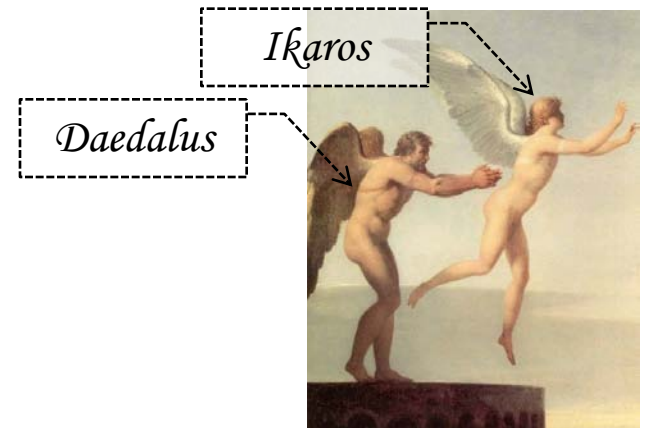


Result of Real-time Correlation Analysis (2/2)



DAEDALUS

(**D**irect **A**lert **E**nvironment for
Darknet **A**nd **L**ivenet **U**nified **S**ecurity)



Goal and Mechanism of DAEDALUS

Goal:

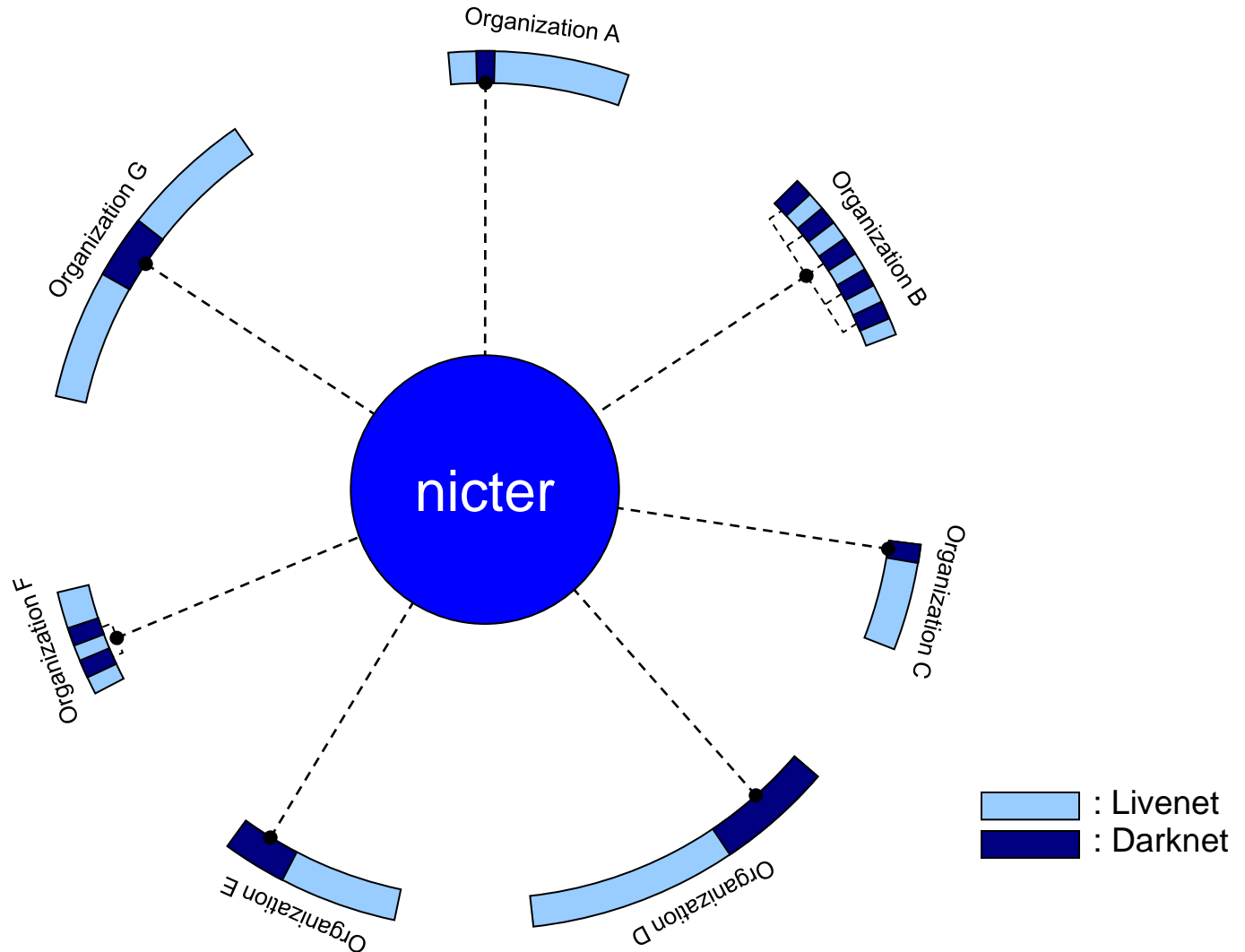
Utilize the darknet monitoring results
for securing the livenet.

Mechanism:

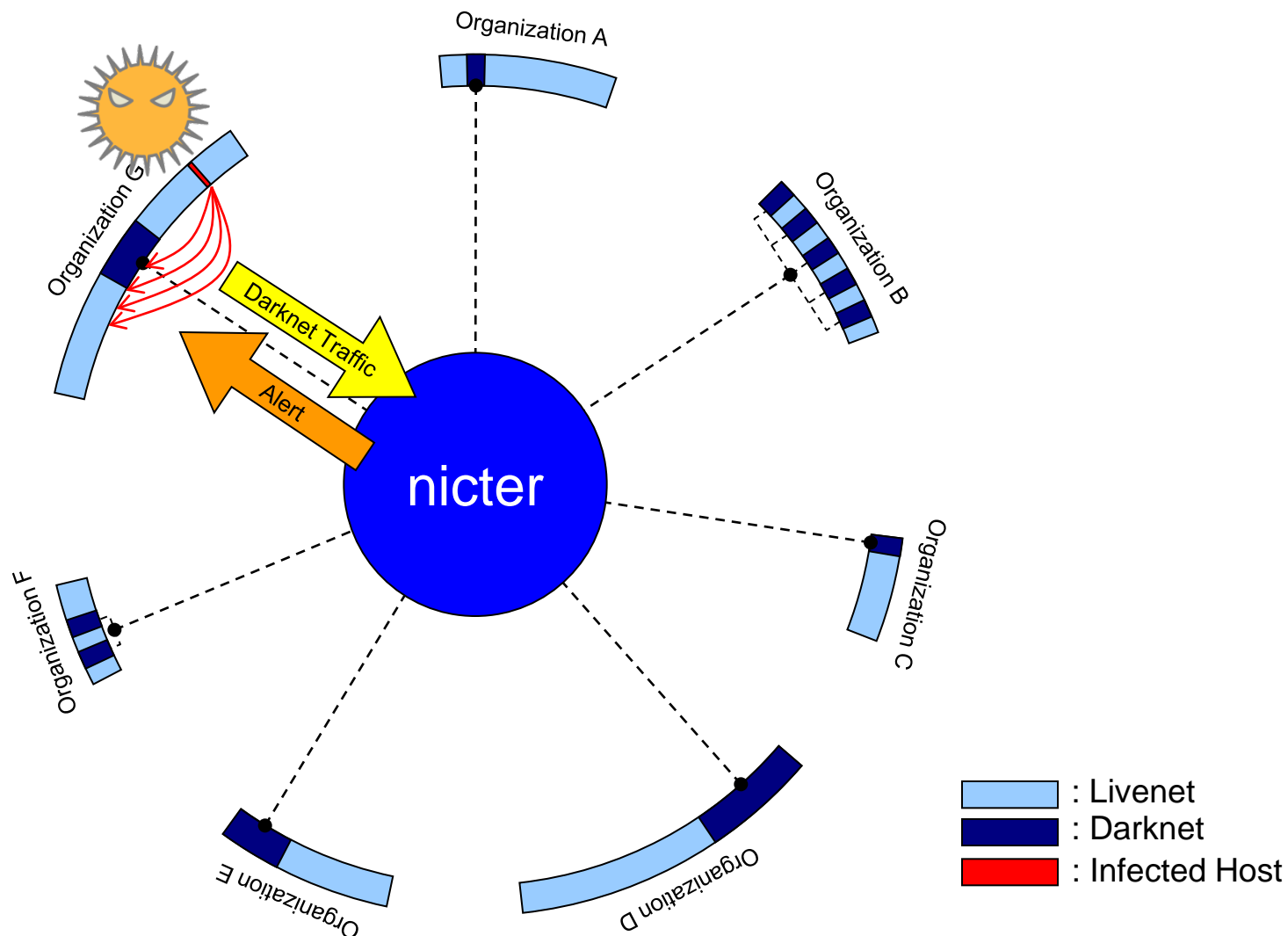
if (nicter receives packets
from a cooperative organization)

alert;

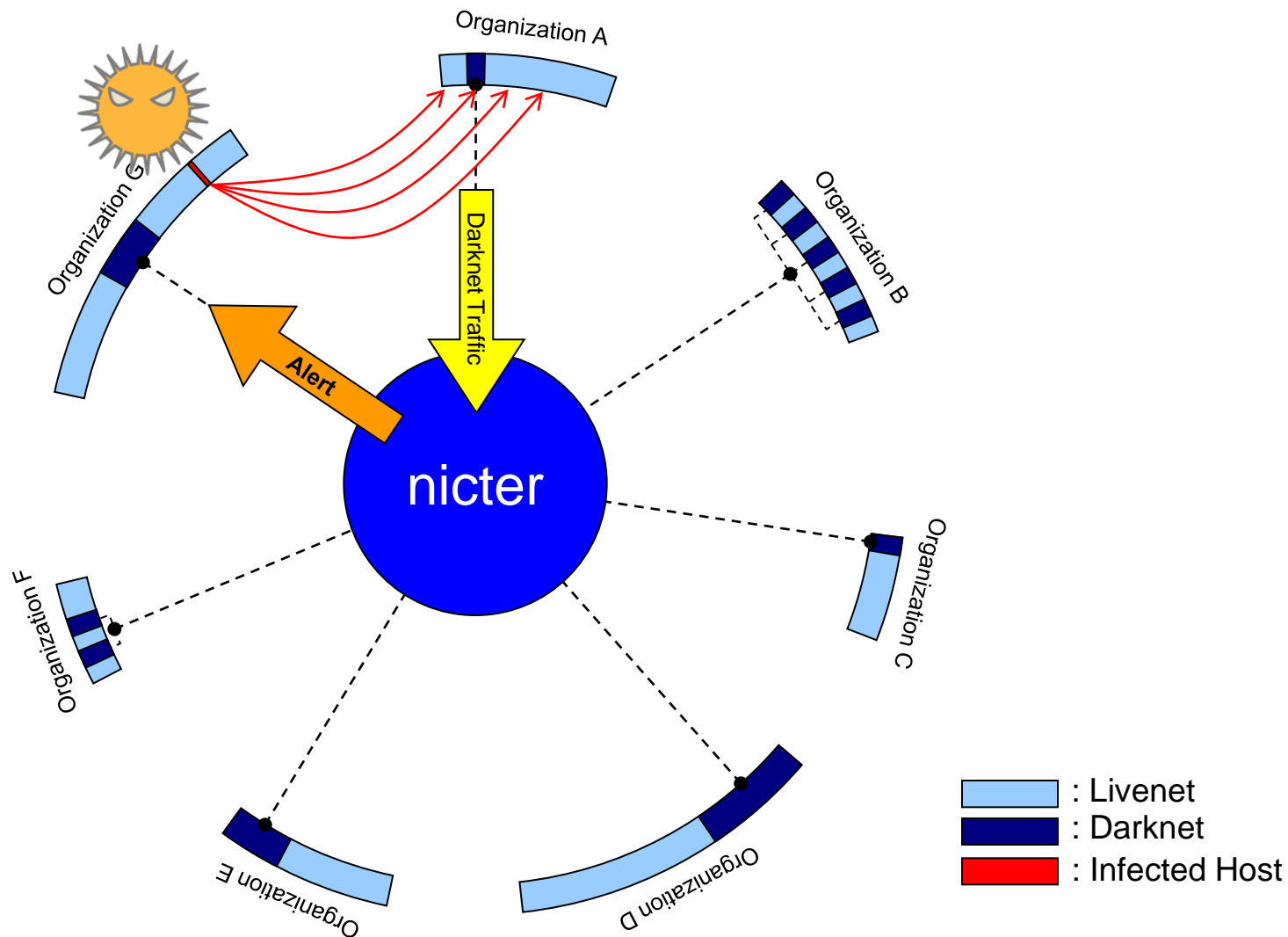
System Overview



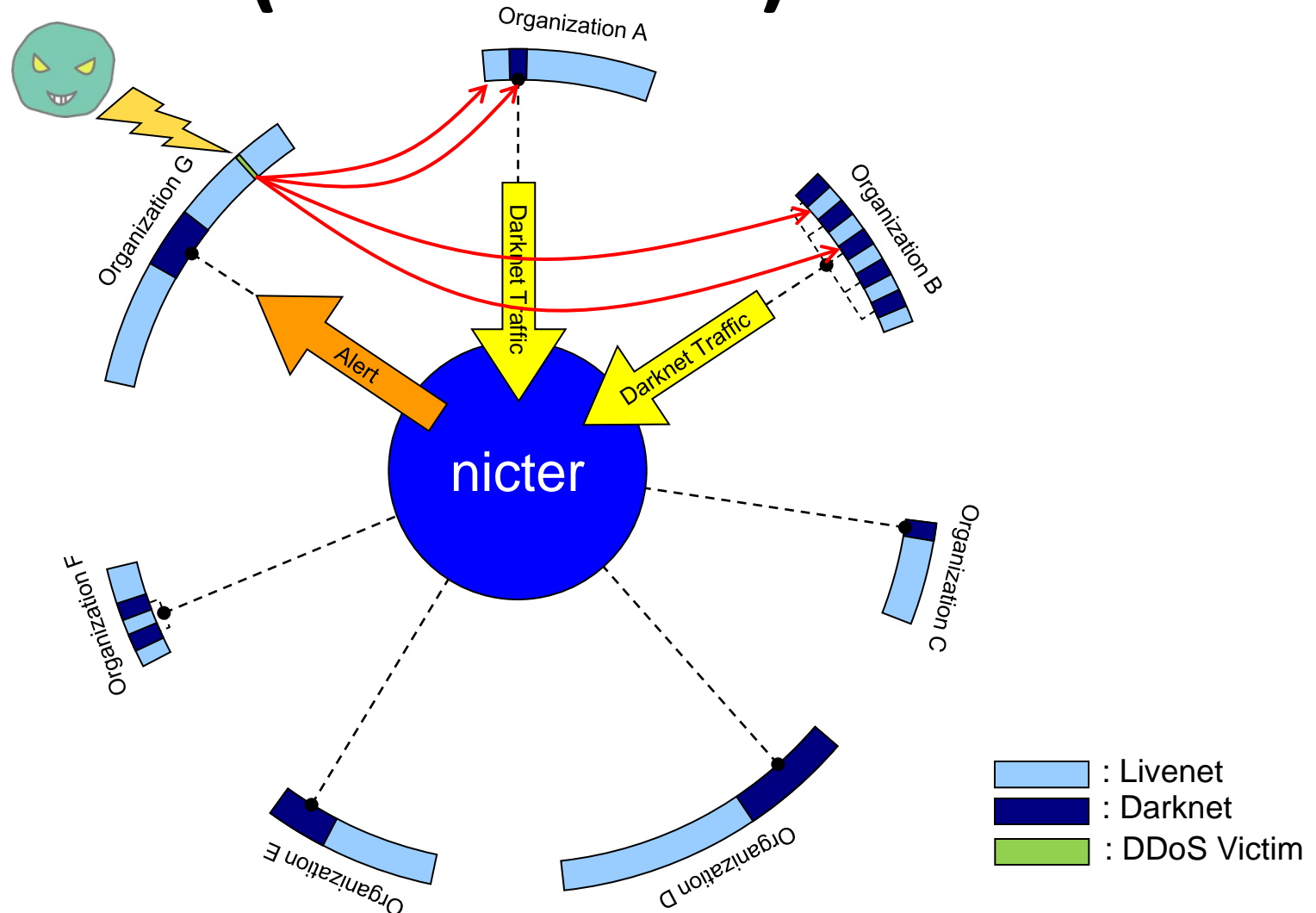
Internal Darknet Alert (Local Scan)



External Darknet Alert (Global Scan)



External Darknet Alert (Backscatter)



of DAEDALUS Alerts to a Certain Country

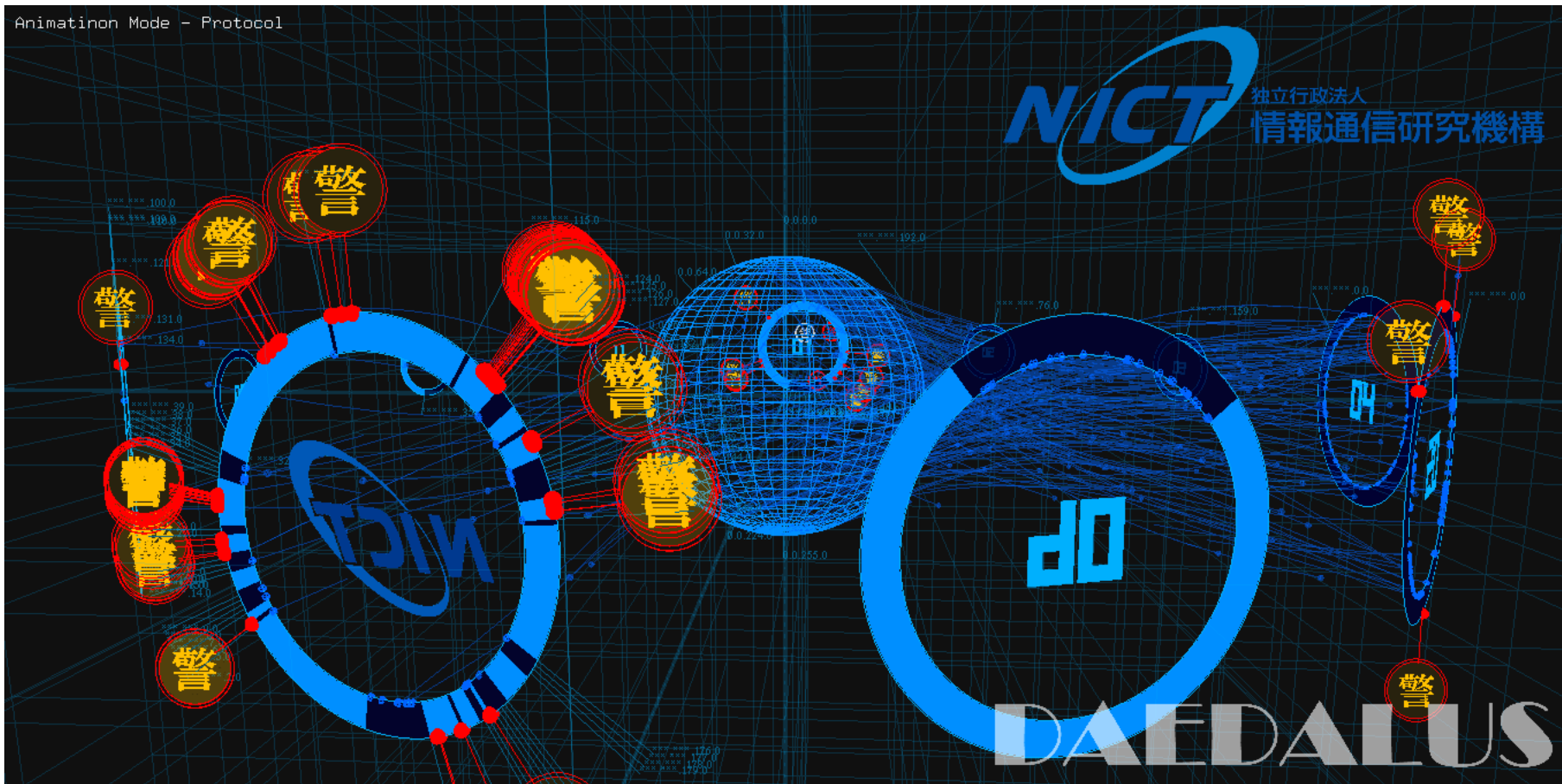
- From Jun 1, 2012 to Nov 19, 2012
- Plotting # of new alerts per day (i.e., # of attacking hosts)

of alerts is gradually decreasing

of new alerts / day

Date

DAEDALUS vis



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(**n**icter **r**real-network **v**isual **a**nalyzer)

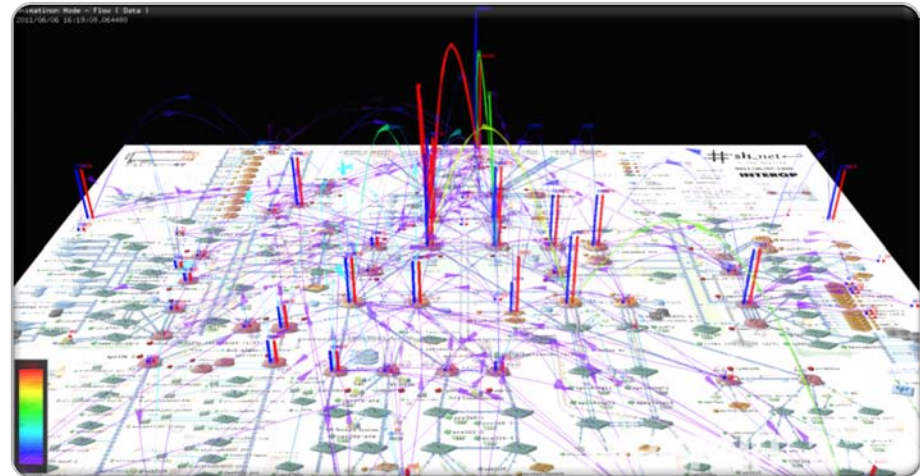
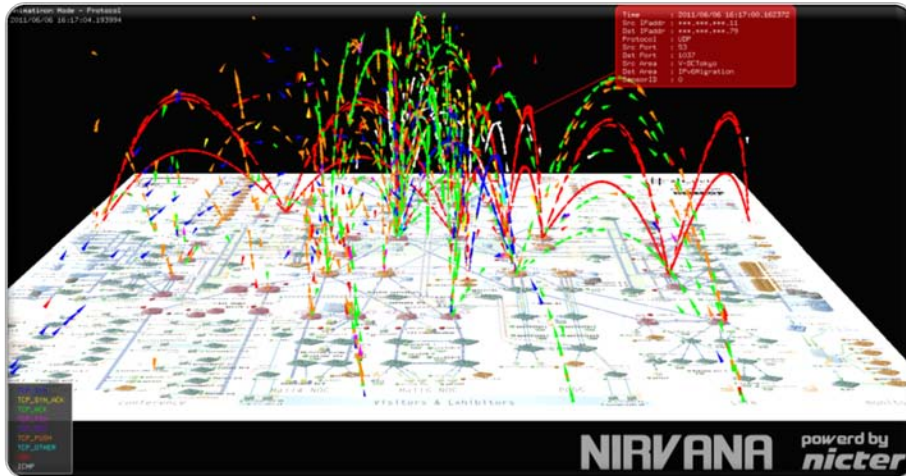
Objective

Demo

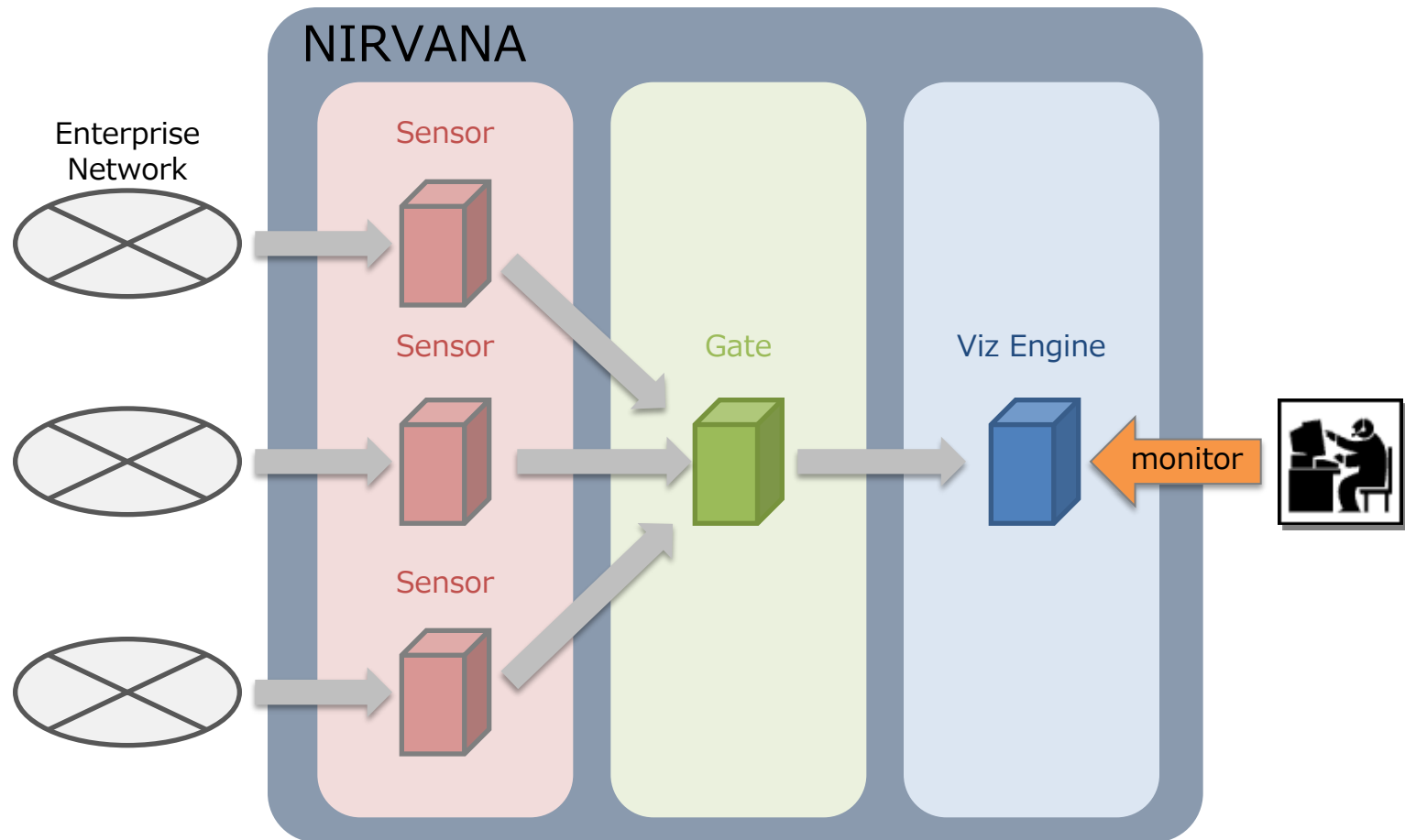
Visualizing
livenet

Reducing a load of
network administration
(promptly find malfunction,
misconfiguration and congestion)

Cost reduction

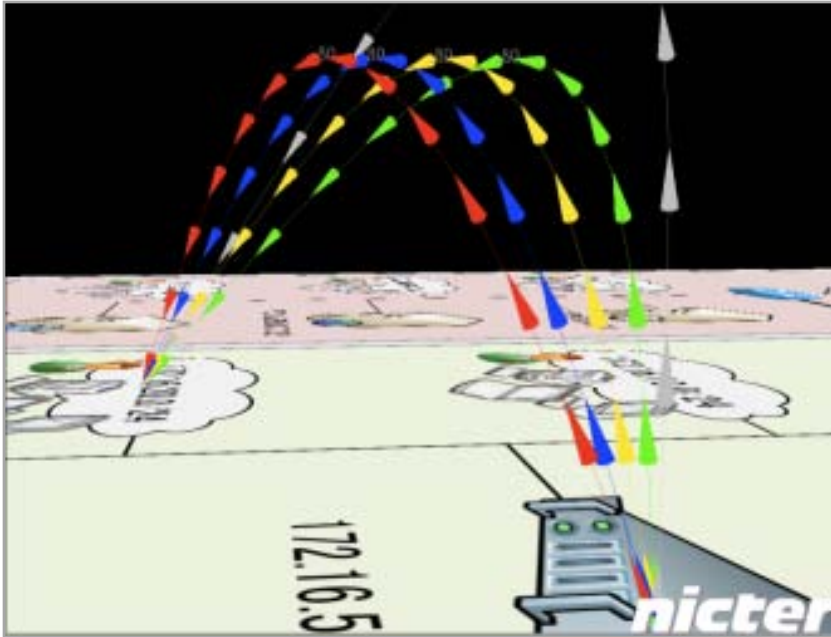


System Setting



Packet Mode and Flow Mode

- Packet Mode



- Flow Mode



- IP Address
- Protocol
- Port Number
- Sensor ID
- Area



Sum of NICT projects

- **nicter** : Incident analysis system

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- **DAEDALUS** : Darknet-based alert system

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- **NIRVANA⁺** : Livenet real-time visualizer with detector

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- Countering Drive-by-download

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- Boundary Protection (existing technologies)

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New Horizon of Cybersecurity

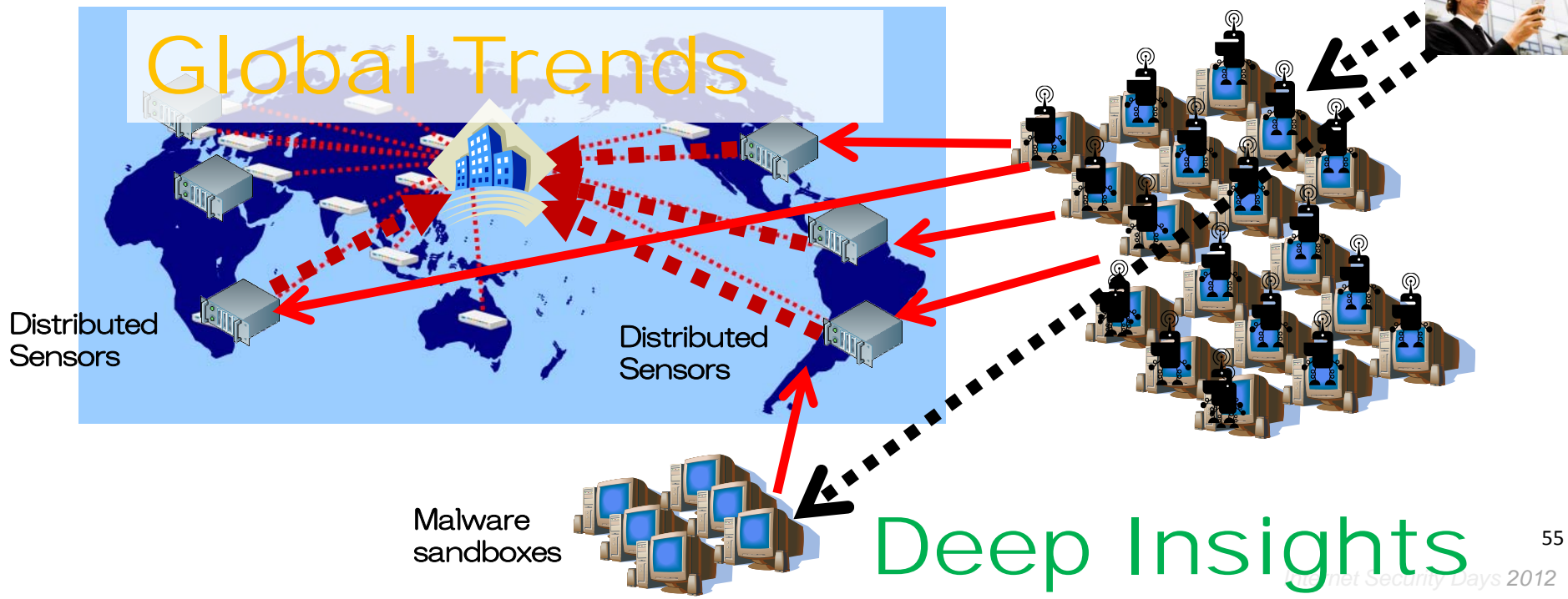
PRACTICE Project

Proactive Response Against Cyber-attacks
Through International Collaborative Exchange

Ministry of Internal affairs and Communications
(MIC), Japan

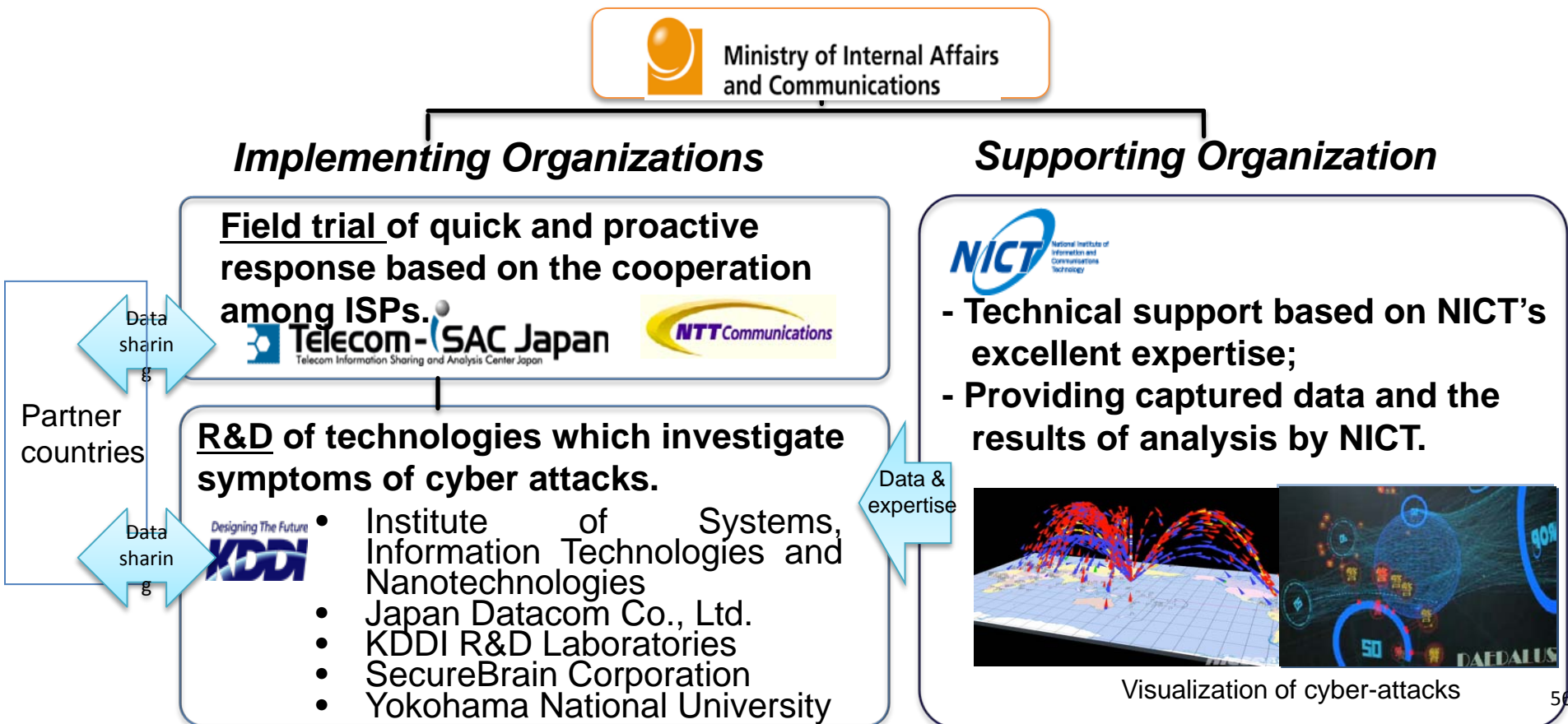
Final Goal: Toward Proactive Response against Cyber-Attacks

- ◆ Project is organized by MIC and is consisted of R&D part and Field Trial part.
- ◆ **R&D part:** Gaining **maximum awareness** of ongoing cyber attacks (botnets)
 - 1) **Macroscopic tracking** of botnet attacks using various types of distributed sensors (victim-side monitoring) for grasping **Global Trends**
 - 2) Microscopic tracking of individual bot-infected hosts using malware sandboxes (**attacker-side monitoring**) → **Deep Insights**
 - 3) Based on correlation analysis among the above two approaches, Investigation of symptoms of cyber-attacks will be carried out for sharing among partners including international partners.
- ◆ **Field Trial part:** Establishing **quick and proactive response scheme** with ISPs' cooperation through a field trial by utilizing input from R&D part.



Who operates PRACTICE?

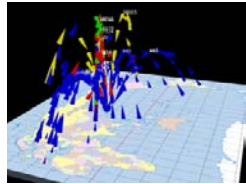
- MIC organizes the PRACTICE, which has Implementing Organizations and Supporting Organization.
- Implementing Organizations are ISP association(i.e. Telecom ISAC Japan) and related companies as a “field trial” part, and research institutes or security related companies as an “R&D” part.
- Supporting Organization is NICT which supports and assists “R&D” part of Implementing Organizations with technical expertise for cyber-attacks analysis technology.



What types of data to be shared

- **Basic data to be shared with our collaborative partner's country:**

1) Cyber attack information captured in Japan by LEU located in Japan



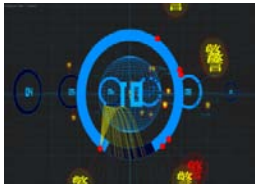
■ UDP
■ TCP SYN
■ TCP SYN/ACK
■ TCP Other
■ ICMP

Information is visualized by means of the tool developed by NICT. Using this information, cyber-attack behaviors (mainly SCANS) to Japan can be observed. Each country could interestingly compare the trend of attacks with your own country (see below 2)).

2) Cyber attack information captured in our partner's country

Cyber-Attack Information targeted to your own country is visualized by means of the tool developed by NICT based on the captured data from darknet space in your country.

3) DAEDALUS data is provided (see Annex 1)



An organization (Use Case) : 14,000 addresses for livenet and 2,500 addresses for darknet Attacks by means of five continued alerts (with yellow) and one new alert (with red) were observed at 18:00 on July 10, 2012 in real-time basis. It is also possible to detect DDoS attack targeted to the livenet addresses just registered previously from your country.

- **Results of Analysis can also be shared with our collaborative partner's country:**

4) Attack similarity and specificity



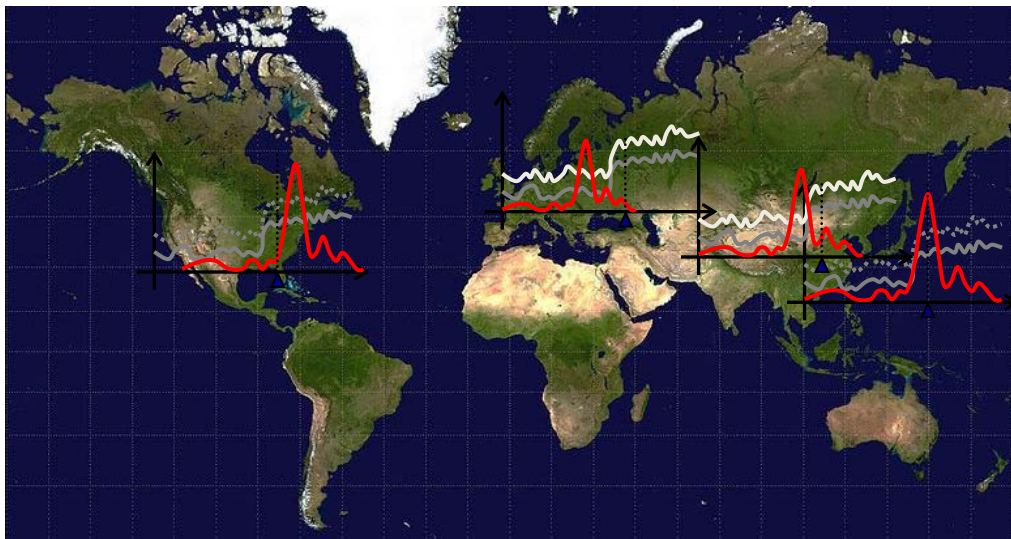
Based on several analysis engines, your country can grasp similar attack behaviors observed by many sensors located all over the world. This information can be shared among our all collaborative partners. Therefore, your country should be aware of this similar propagation of attack for your proactive response. On the other hand, attack behavior specificity in your country can be reported. In this case, your country will be required to take a special measure against specific attack only observed in your country (only shared with your country).

5) Symptoms of attack behavior

Based on data mining and other analysis methods, you will get symptoms of cyber-attack which will be very early stage of attack behavior. For example, "a new type of scan is getting observed in a synchronized manner among several sensors" will be informed.

Results of Analysis can also be shared with our collaborative partner's country

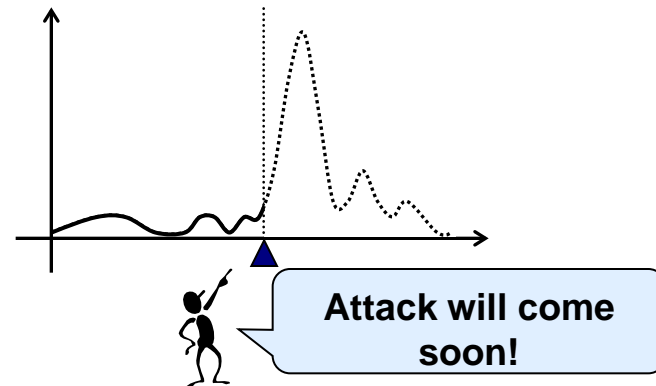
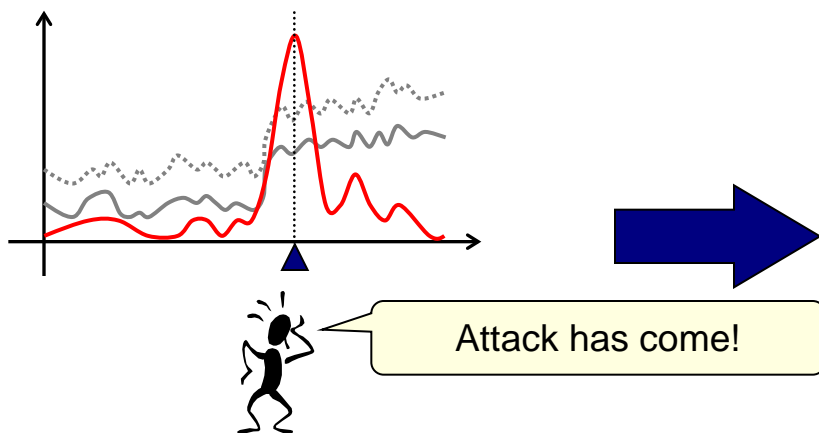
Tech-1 : Prediction based on the data captured in foreign monitors



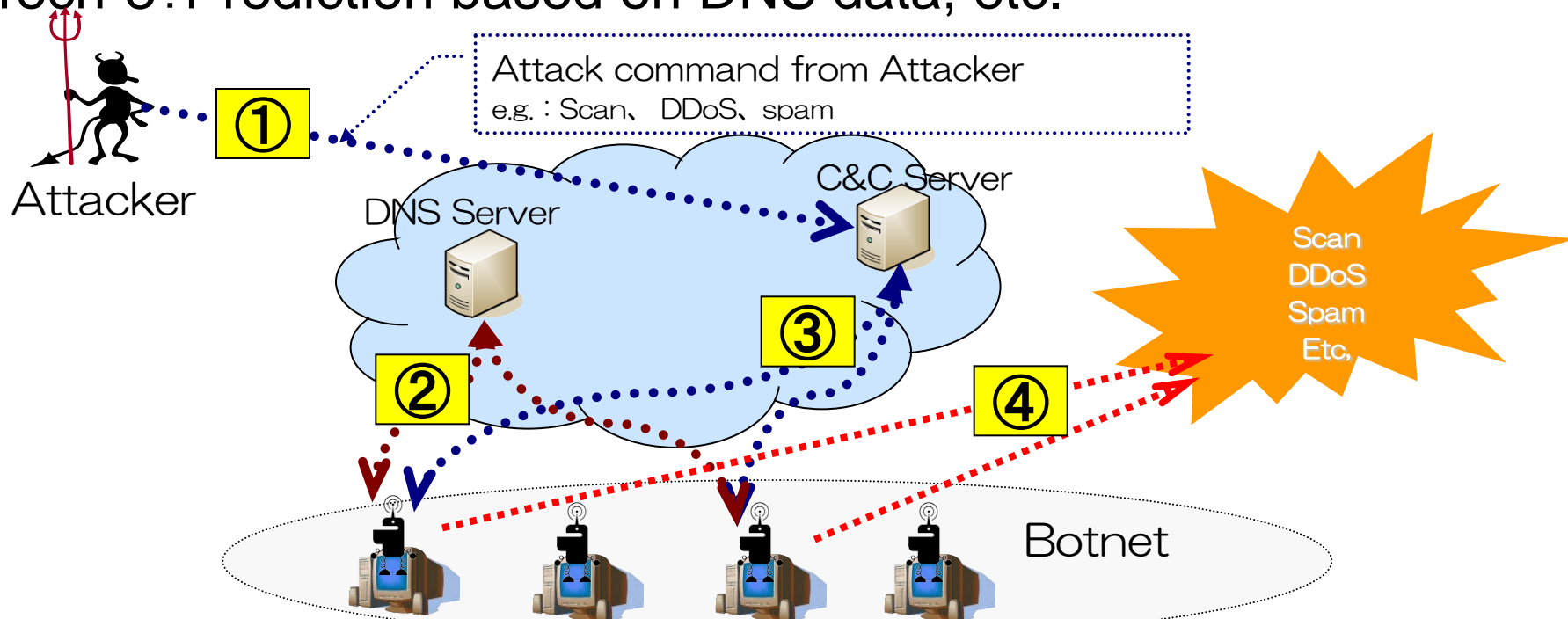
Based on the captured data from Japan, Asia, EU and US, characteristics of attack traffic and malware executable can be identified and analyzed for investigation of

- attack similarity,
- attack specificity and
- attack propagativity.

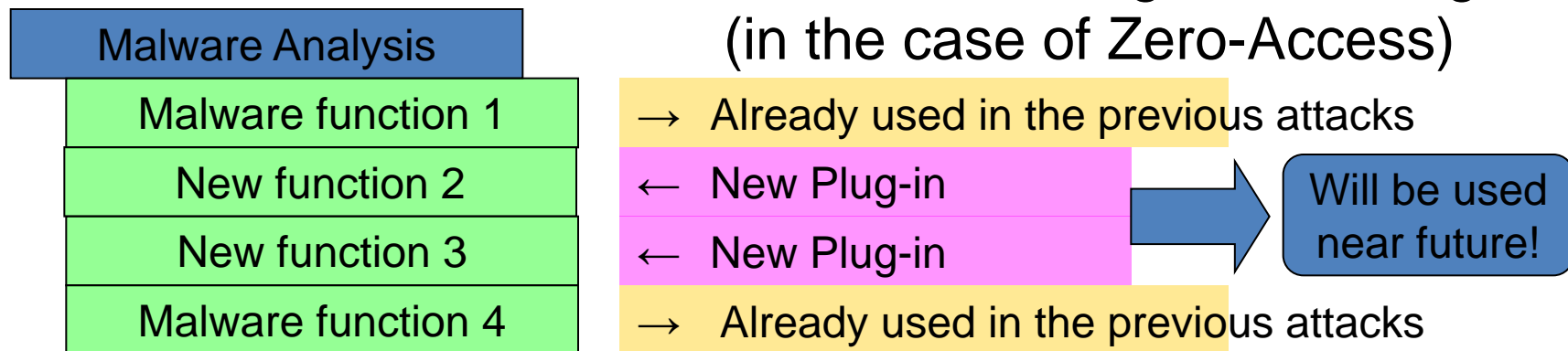
Tech-2 : Prediction by means of Data mining of traffic data



Tech-3: Prediction based on DNS data, etc.



Tech-4: Prediction based on Malware observing – New Plug-in (in the case of Zero-Access)



Conclusion

- By utilizing “darknet monitoring (black-hole monitoring)”, we could observe the following on-going threats/attacks:
 - Scanning behavior;
 - DDoS back-scatter;
 - Infected hosts by **DAEDALUS**.
- Since un-detectable attacks are apparently increasing nowadays such as **targeted attacks (APT)** and **drive-by-download**, it is getting hard to appropriately recognize specific threats and vulnerabilities by means of the existing darknet monitor tools at networks and systems.
- It is also difficult for the management of organizations, CII and Government to assess the risk which exists in their environments. Furthermore, it is necessary to **be ready against new threats and/or unanticipated attacks**.
- Since there are no boundaries in IT society based on the Internet, “activities for information security” should be carried out in International level. Especially, **world-wide threats monitoring platform** will be expected with collaboration among many countries.

Thank you for listening Q&A

