



# ***Perspectives on Cyber Operations***

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# NATIONAL CYBER FRAMEWORK



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DECRETO DEL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI 17 febbraio 2017.

**Direttiva recante indirizzi per la protezione cibernetica e la sicurezza informatica nazionali.**

IL PRESIDENTE  
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Vista la legge 3 agosto 2007, n. 124, recante «Sistema di informazione per la sicurezza della Repubblica e nuova disciplina del segreto», come modificata e integrata dalla legge 7 agosto 2012, n. 133, e, in particolare, l'art. 1, comma 3-bis, che dispone che il Presidente del Consiglio dei ministri, sentito il Comitato interministeriale per la sicurezza della Repubblica (CISR), adotti apposite direttive per rafforzare le attività di informazione per la protezione delle infrastrutture critiche materiali e immateriali, con particolare riguardo alla protezione cibernetica e alla sicurezza informatica nazionali;

Visti altresì, l'art. 5, della legge n. 124 del 2007, che disciplina le funzioni del CISR cui sono attribuiti compiti di consulenza, proposta e deliberazione sugli indirizzi e sulle finalità generali della politica dell'informazione per la sicurezza, nonché di elaborazione degli indirizzi generali e degli obiettivi fondamentali da perseguire nel quadro della politica dell'informazione per la sicurezza;

Visto il decreto-legge 30 ottobre 2015, n. 174, convertito, con modificazioni, dalla legge 11 dicembre 2015, n. 198, ed in particolare l'art. 7-bis, comma 5, che attribuisce al CISR, convocato dal Presidente del Consiglio dei ministri in caso di situazioni di crisi che coinvolgono aspetti di sicurezza nazionale, compiti di consulenza, proposta e deliberazione, secondo modalità stabilite con regolamento adottato ai sensi dell'art. 43, della legge n. 124 del 2007;

Visto l'art. 4, comma 3, lettera d-bis, della legge n. 124 del 2007, ai sensi del quale il Dipartimento delle informazioni per la sicurezza coordina le attività di ricerca informativa finalizzate a rafforzare la protezione cibernetica e la sicurezza informatica nazionali;

Vista la direttiva (UE) 2016/1148 del Parlamento europeo e del Consiglio, del 6 luglio 2016, recante misure per un livello comune elevato di sicurezza delle reti e dei sistemi informativi nell'Unione (c.d. Direttiva NIS);

Vista la legge 1° aprile 1981, n. 121, recante «Nuovo ordinamento dell'Amministrazione della Pubblica sicurezza», ed in particolare l'art. 1;

Visti il decreto-legge 27 luglio 2005, n. 144, convertito, con modificazioni, dalla legge 31 luglio 2005, n. 155, recante misure urgenti per il contrasto del terrorismo internazionale che, all'art. 7-bis, dispone che, ferme restando le competenze dei Servizi di informazione per la sicurezza, i competenti organi del Ministero dell'Interno assicurano i servizi di protezione informatica delle infrastrutture critiche informatizzate di interesse nazionale ed il decreto del Ministro dell'Interno 9 gennaio 2008, con il quale sono state individuate le predette infrastrutture ed è stata prevista l'istituzione del Centro nazionale antiterrorismo informatico per la protezione delle infrastrutture critiche (CNAIPIC).

Visti l'art. 14 del decreto legislativo 30 luglio 1999, n. 300, recante «Riforma dell'organizzazione del Governo, a norma dell'art. 11 della legge 15 marzo 1997, n. 59», che attribuisce, tra l'altro, al Ministero dell'Interno competenze in materia di difesa civile ed il decreto del Ministro dell'Interno 28 settembre 2001 che istituisce la Commissione interministeriale tecnica di difesa civile;

Visto il decreto legislativo 15 marzo 2010, n. 66, recante «Codice dell'ordinamento militare» e, in particolare, l'art. 89 che individua le attribuzioni delle Forze armate e le disposizioni e direttive conseguenti che disciplinano i compiti attinenti alla difesa cibernetica;

Visto il decreto legislativo 1° agosto 2003, n. 259, recante «Codice delle comunicazioni elettroniche» e, in particolare, le disposizioni che affidano al Ministero dello Sviluppo economico competenze in materia di sicurezza ed integrità delle reti pubbliche di comunicazione e dei servizi di comunicazione elettronica accessibili al pubblico;

Visto il decreto-legge 22 giugno 2012, n. 83, convertito, con modificazioni, dalla legge 7 agosto 2012, n. 134, e successive modificazioni, che ha istituito l'Agenzia per l'Italia digitale (AgID);

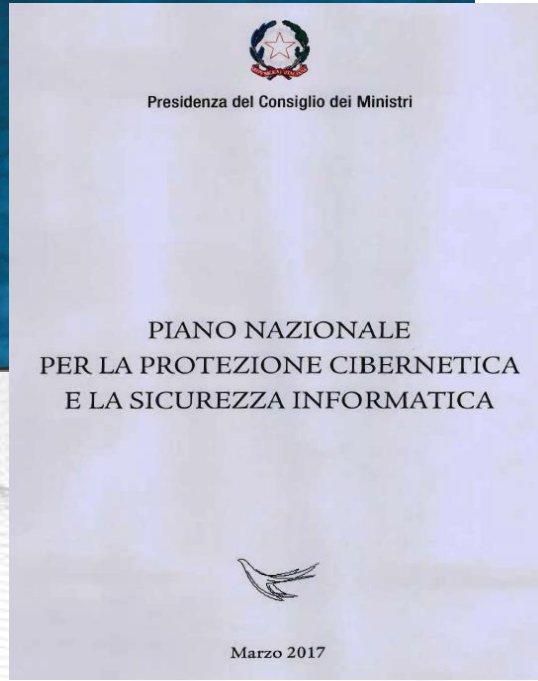
Visto il decreto legislativo 7 marzo 2005, n. 82, recante il Codice dell'amministrazione digitale e, in particolare, le disposizioni in materia di funzioni dell'AgID e di sicurezza informatica;

Vista la legge 24 febbraio 1992, n. 225, recante «Istituzione del Servizio nazionale della protezione civile»;

Visto il decreto legislativo 11 aprile 2011, n. 61, attuativo della direttiva 2008/114/CE recante l'individuazione e la designazione delle infrastrutture critiche europee e la valutazione della necessità di migliorare la protezione;

Visto l'art. 5, comma 2, lettera h), della legge 23 agosto 1988, n. 400;

Visto il decreto legislativo 30 luglio 1999, n. 303, recante «Ordinamento della Presidenza del Consiglio dei ministri a norma dell'art. 11 della legge 15 marzo 1997, n. 59»;



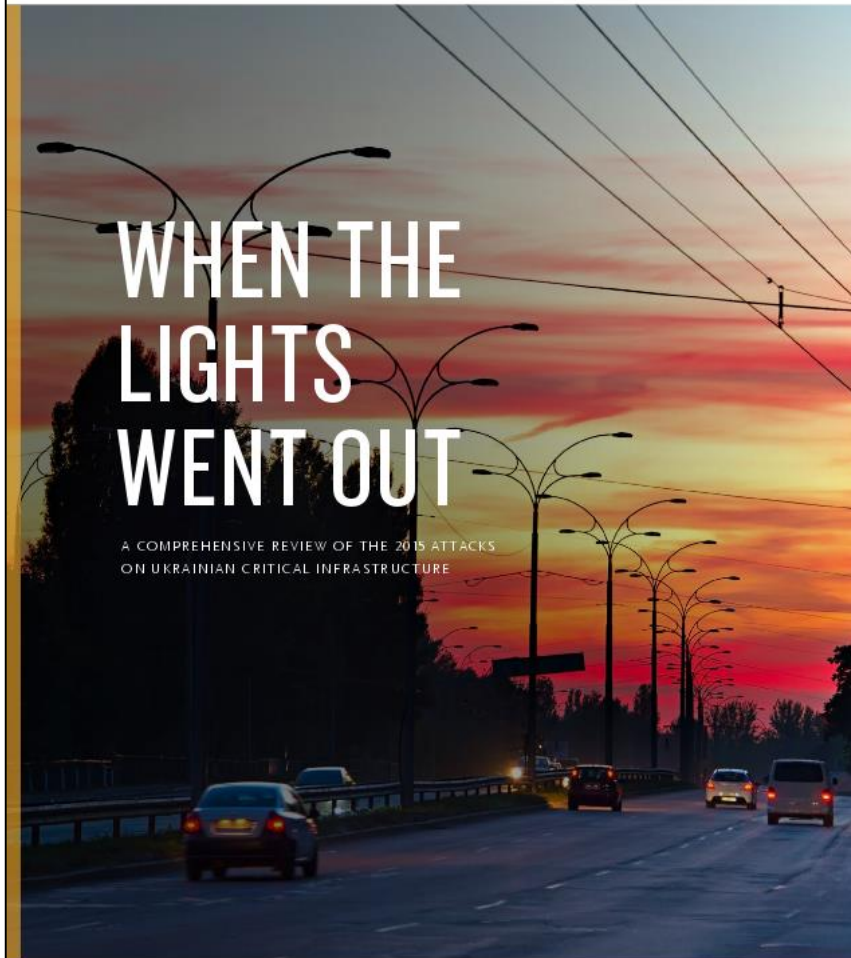


## *Types of cyber treath:*

- *Cyber-crime (ie: fraud);*
- *Cyber-espionage (ie: data theft);*
- *Cyber-terrorism (with ideological influence);*
- *Cyber-warfare (plan and conduct cyber operations).*



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# WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

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Defense Use Case

March 18, 2016

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# Hacking link to USS McCain warship collision? Expert says 'I don't believe in coincidence'

THE collision of a second US warship this year that has left 10 sailors missing points to the possibility of cyber espionage, an expert has warned.



Charis Chang [@CharisChang2](#)

## Fourth US Navy collision this year raises suspicion of cyber-attacks



by **TRISTAN GREENE** — 8 weeks ago in **INSIDER**



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## To Kill a Centrifuge

A Technical Analysis of  
What Stuxnet's Creators  
Tried to Achieve

Ralph Langner

November 2013

**Stuxnet**

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- COMPANIES
- FINANCE
- ENERGY
- INSTITUTIONS (ECONOMY, TRANSPORT, HEALTH, DEFENCE)
- PEOPLE!!??





- NATIONAL STRATEGY
- POLITICS
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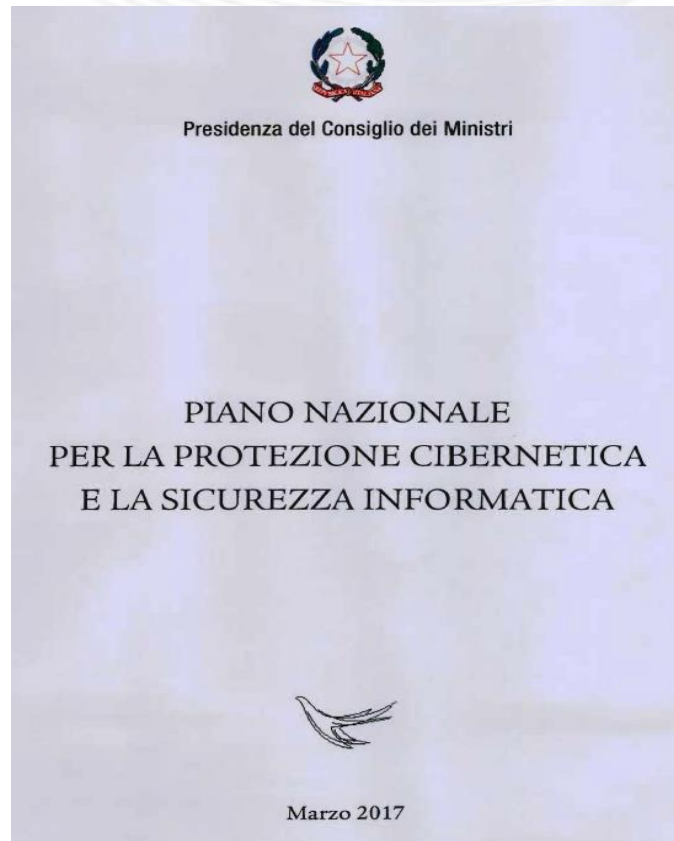




- STATES
- TERRORISTS
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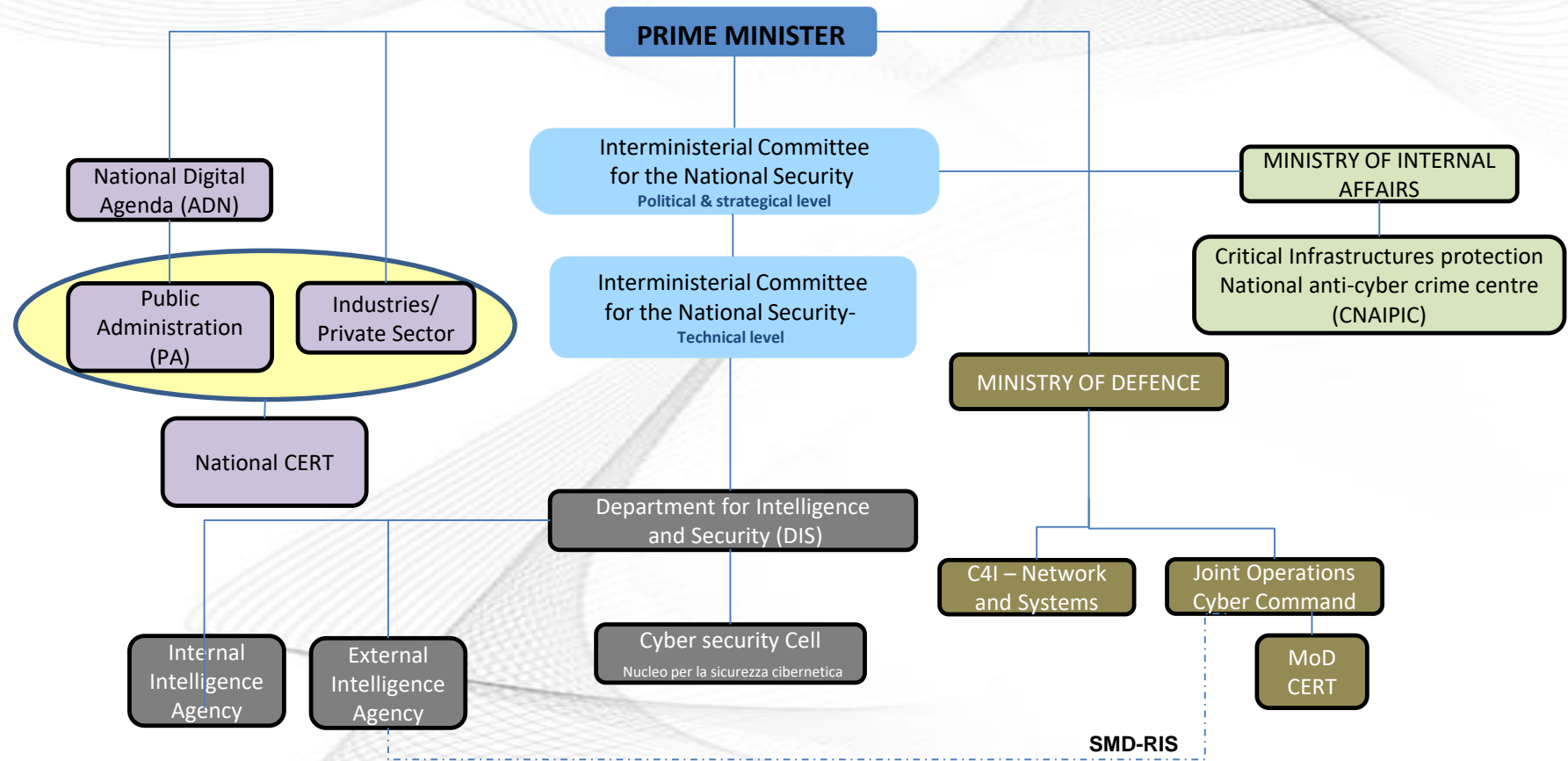


*p.12 - “Set up a **JOINT OPERATIONS CYBER COMMAND** to protect MoD networks and systems as well as to conduct cyber operations.”*

*p.15 - “Develop Command and Control Structures to plan and conduct military operations in the cyberspace.”*

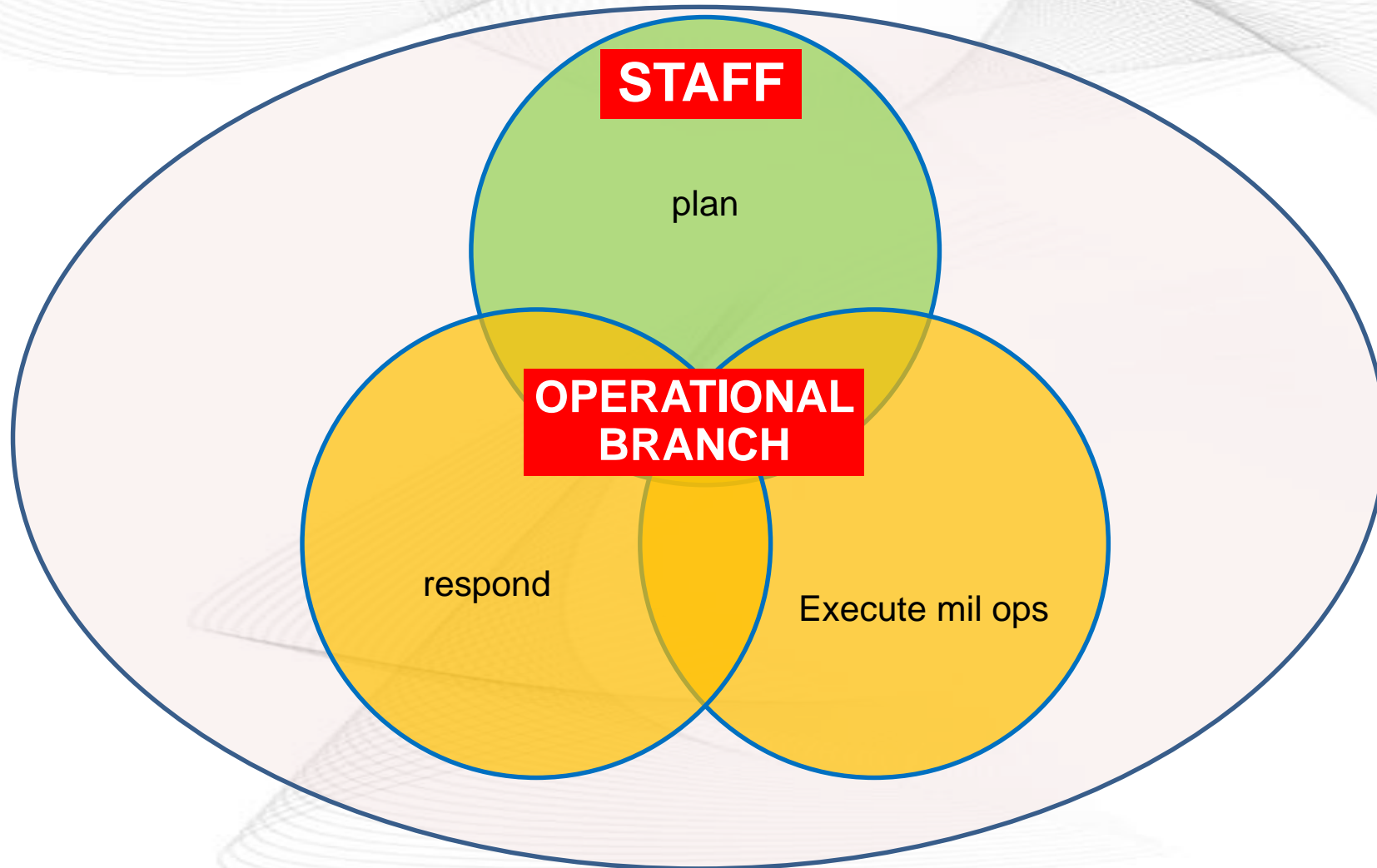


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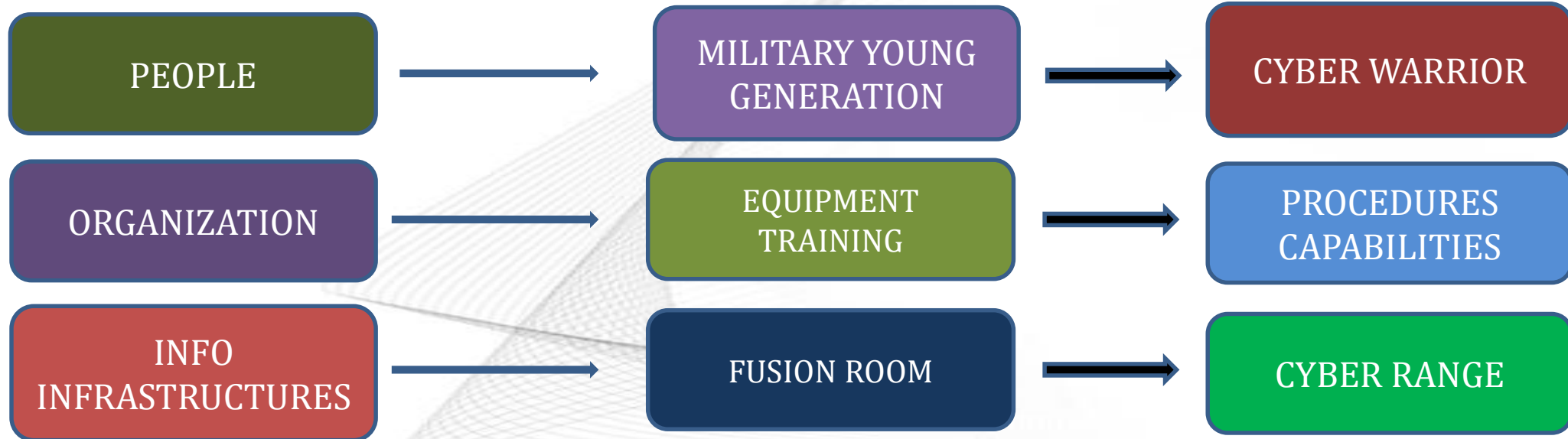
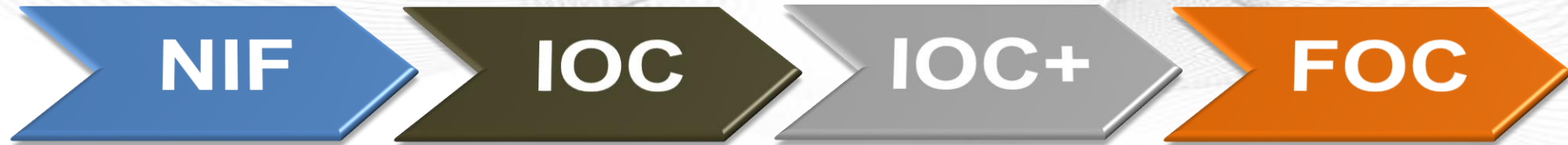


# CIOC





# ITA JOCC





# CURRENT CYBER DEFENCE CAPABILITY



## Joint Operations Cyber Command (JOCC)

### Cyber Operations



### Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)

### C4 Defence Command (C4D)

#### Infrastructure C4D

Security Operation Center (SOC)

Infrastructure Operation Center (IOC)

Network Operation Center (NOC)

To complete Cyber Defence (CD)



# EDUCATION & TRAINING



## **education:**

- Courses and masters *Cyber Defence* @ STELMILIT Chiavari;
- Courses *Cyber Operation* @ CIFIGE;

## **training:**

- *Cyber Range* (STELMILIT Chiavari);
- *Cyber Lab* (CIOC).



# CYBER RANGE



- ✓ Dual Use;
- ✓ Cooperation with secondary schools and universities → next generation of cyber defenders;
- ✓ New Job opportunities for former employed people;



- ✓ Cyber Ecosystem development between Defence, Industry and University/ Research Centers;
- ✓ Strategic asset to be developed for Nation.





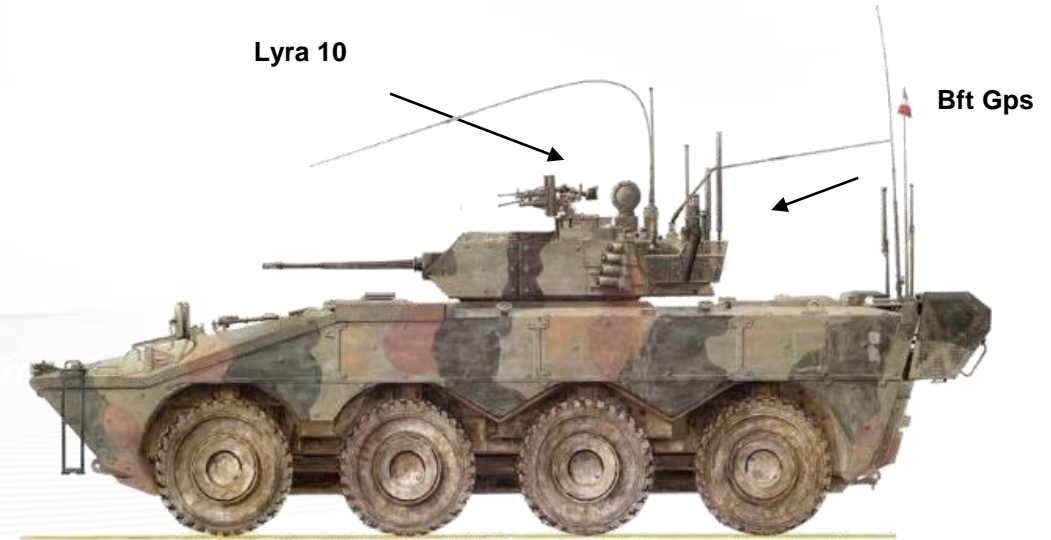
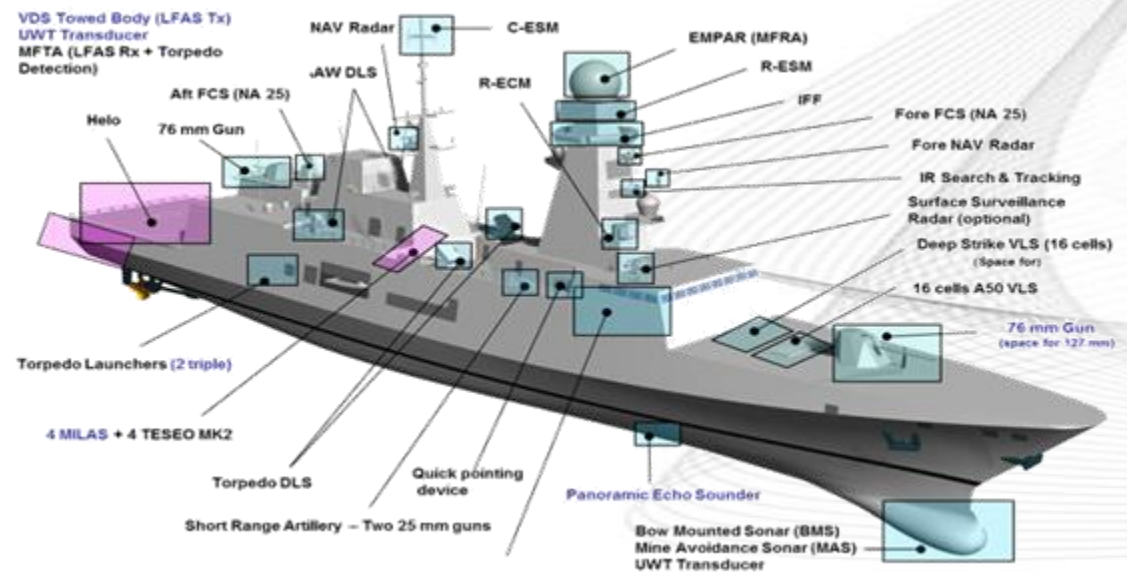
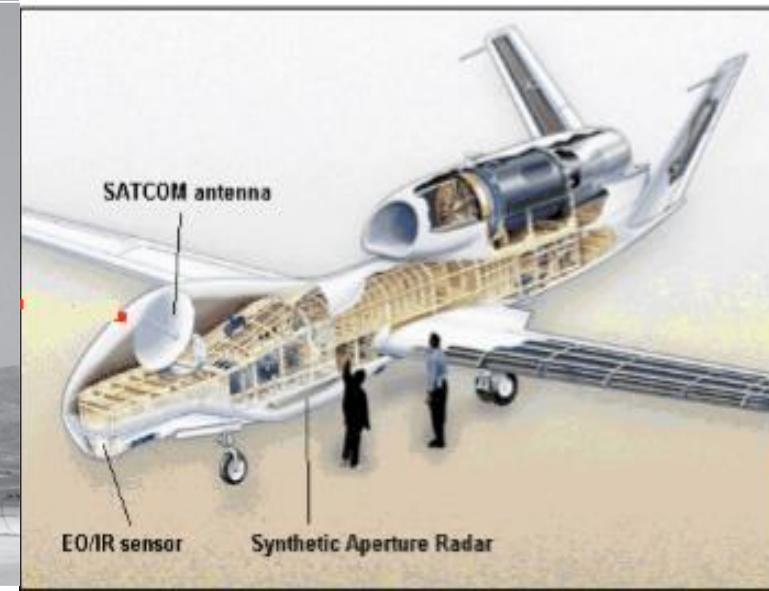
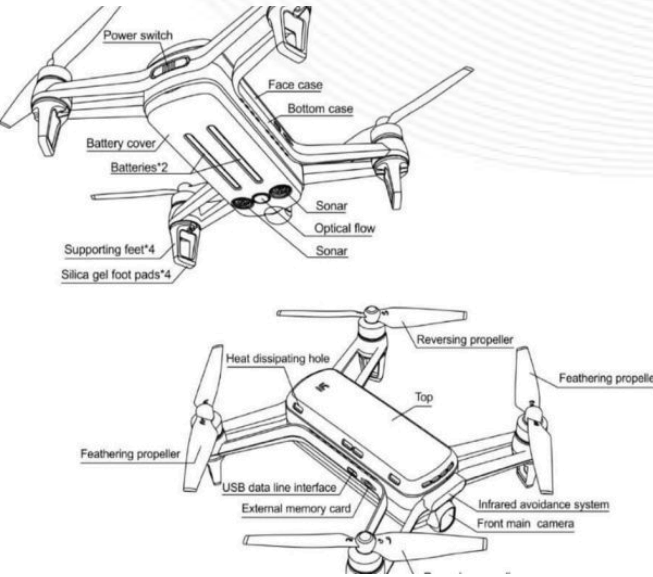


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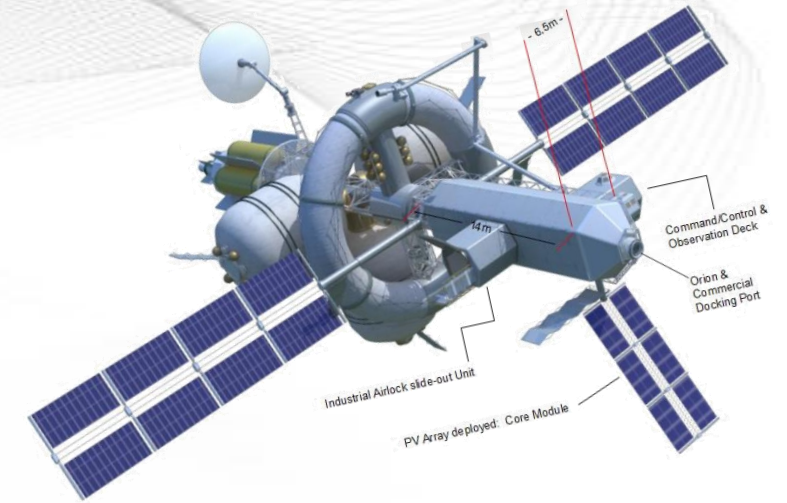


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- ✓ *Satellite links;*
- ✓ *Ground Stations;*
- ✓ *GNSS* (Global Navigation Satellite System).



# CYBER ELECTROMAGNETIC ACTIVITIES



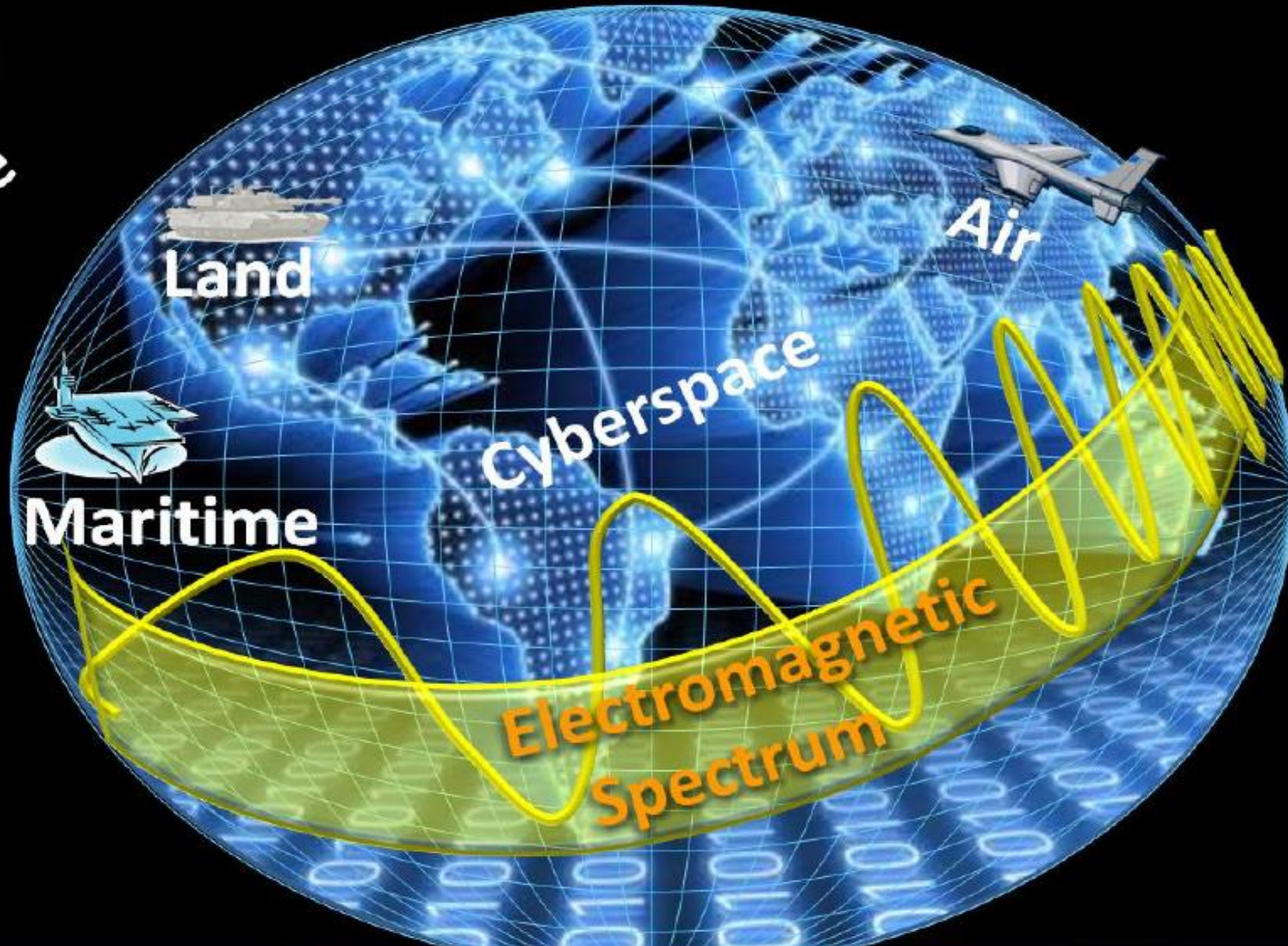
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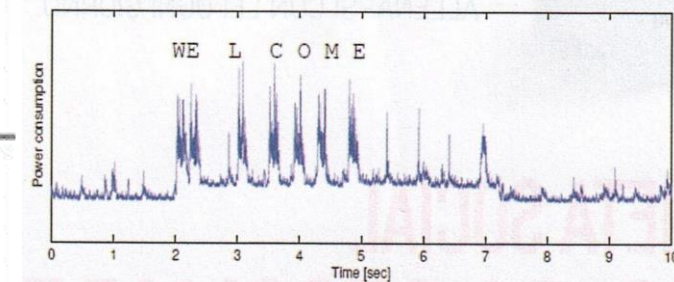
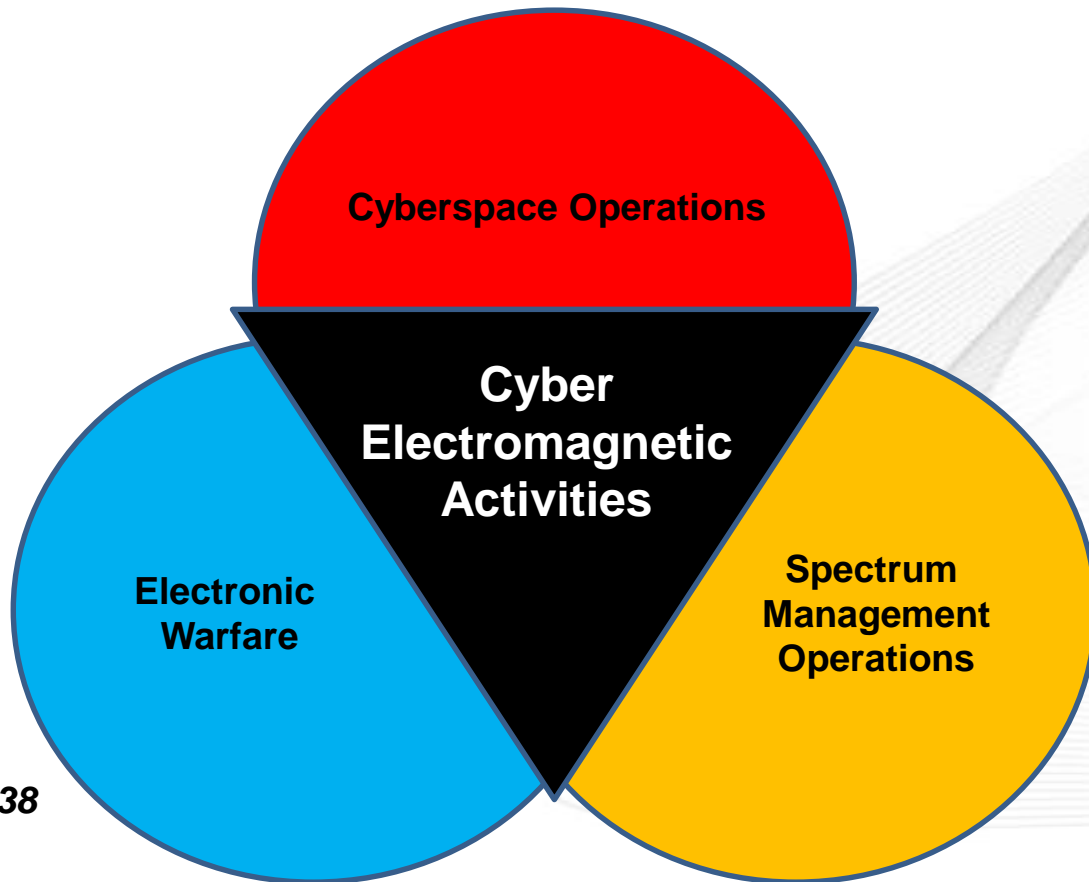




# CEMA



**Cyber electromagnetic activities** are activities leveraged to seize, retain, and exploit an advantage over adversaries and enemies in both cyberspace and the **electromagnetic spectrum**, while simultaneously denying and degrading adversary and enemy use of the same and protecting the mission command system. (ADRP 3-0) The three components of **cyber electromagnetic activities** are **cyberspace operations**, **electronic warfare**, and **electromagnetic spectrum operations**.



<http://www.web-idea.it/>



NATO



## *Cyber Operation center CyOC*



*NATO's cyber operations center will allow the Alliance to "respond more effectively" to cyber attacks by integrating cyber measures with conventional military capabilities".*

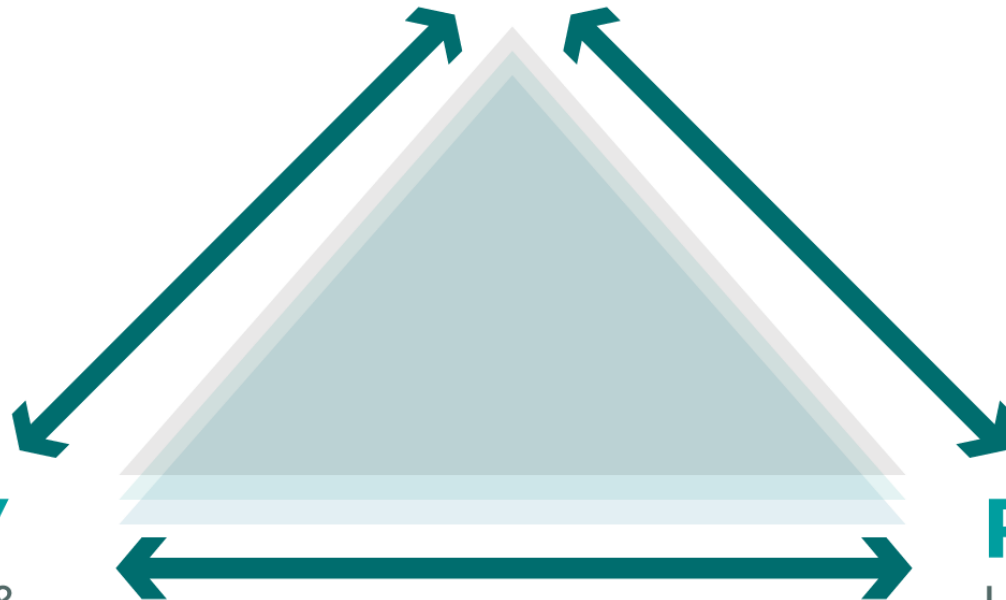


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Governance & Accountability

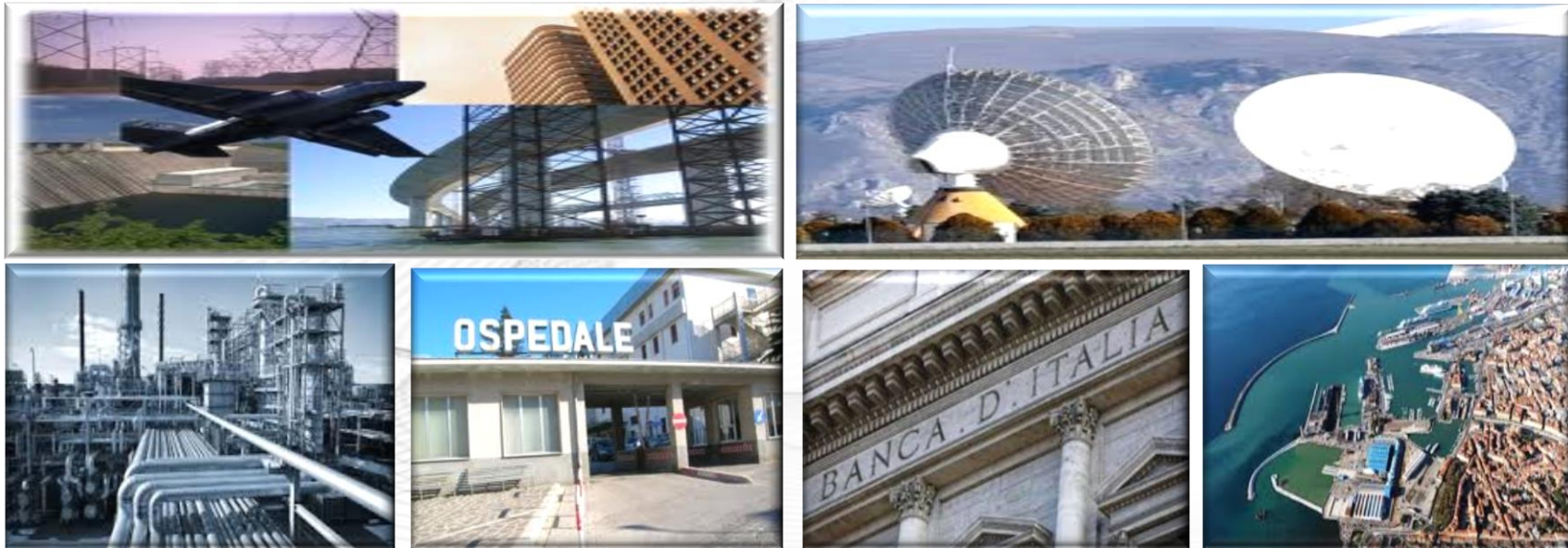
**ARMY**  
Capability &  
Effectiveness

**PEOPLE**  
Legitimacy &  
Sustainability





# CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURES



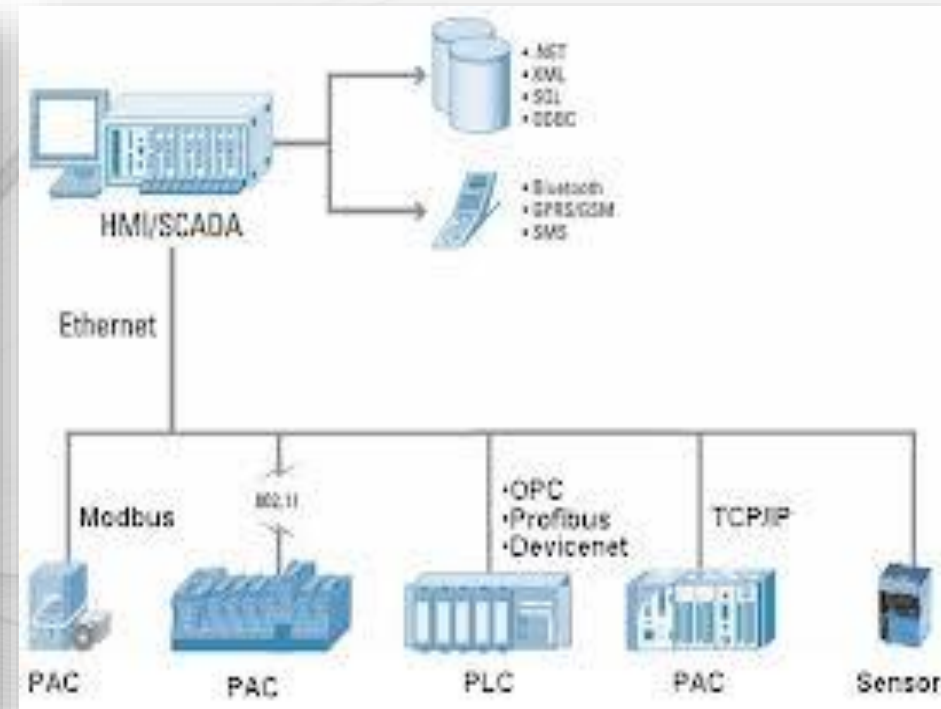
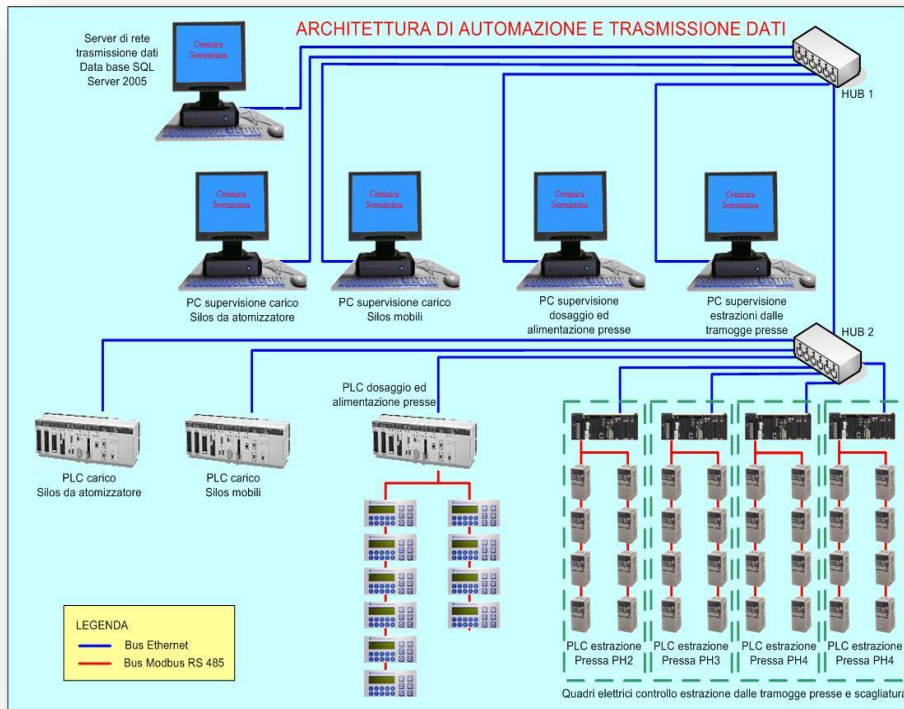




# Critical infrastructures



## Cyber Physical System (PLC, SCADA)



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# Advanced Persistent Threats: A Symantec Perspective

## Preparing the Right Defense for the New Threat Landscape

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# APT28 SUMMARY



APT28 is an adversary group which has been active since at least 2007. This group was identified to be targeting mostly military or government entities and has been linked publicly to intrusions into the German Bundestag [\[1\]](#), France's TV5 Monde TV station in 2015 [\[2\]](#) and the DNC [\[3\]](#) in April 2016. The incidents linked to this group have been analyzed by different security companies and independent researchers. These companies label already discovered and named APT Groups with their own name convention. Therefore, the group is also known as "Sofacy", "Fancy Bear", "Sednit", "Pawn Storm", "TsarTeam" and "Strontium".



# APT 30 SUMMARY



- The threat actor named as APT30 by FireEye is considered to be speaking Chinese. The language artifacts can be found by analyzing the metadata and the user interface of the malware used by APT30. The list of confirmed targets consists of companies and organizations in various fields operating in India, South Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and United States. In addition to the confirmed countries, other countries in the region, like Singapore, Myanmar, Japan, etc., are also suspected to be targeted by the APT30 group

it should now be evident that although not every organization is a likely target of an APT, they are a real and serious threat to some organizations. Additionally, any organization can benefit from better understanding of APTs, because APT techniques are likely to be adopted over time by mainstream hackers and cybercriminals. Finally, since anyone could be the object of a targeted attack—and APTs are examples of highly advanced, long-term, and large-scale targeted attacks—if you have a better understanding of APTs, you can better defend your organization against targeted threats of any kind.

## How do APT attacks work?

APT attacks are carefully planned and meticulously executed. They typically break down into four phases: incursion, discovery, capture, and exfiltration. In each phase a variety of techniques may be used, as described below.

### 1. INCURSION

Attackers break into network by using social engineering to deliver targeted malware to vulnerable systems and people

#### ATTACK METHODS



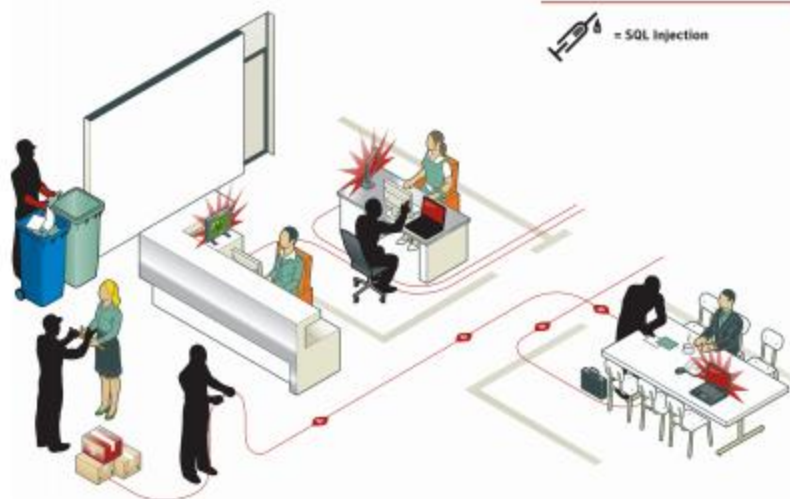
= Social Engineering



= Zero-Day Vulnerability



= SQL Injection



### Phase 1: Incursion

In targeted attacks, hackers typically break into the organization's network using social engineering, zero-day vulnerabilities, SQL injection, targeted malware, or other methods. These methods are also used in APTs, often in concert. The main difference is that while common targeted attacks use short-term, "smash and grab" methods, APT incursions are designed to establish a beach head from which to launch covert operations over an extended period of time. Other characteristics of APT incursions include the following:

- **Reconnaissance**—APT attacks often employ large numbers of researchers who may spend months studying their targets and making themselves familiar with target systems, processes, and people, including partners and vendors. Information may be gathered both online and using conventional surveillance methods. In the case of the Stuxnet attack on organizations believed to be operating Iranian nuclear

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3-Martin Lee, "Repeat Attacks Betray Attackers' Motivations," Symantec, July 13, 2011

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facilities, the attack team possessed expertise in the design of the programmable logic controllers (PLCs) used for uranium enrichment that were targeted in the attack.<sup>4</sup>

- **Social engineering**—IncurSION is often accomplished through the use of social engineering techniques, such as inducing unsuspecting employees to click on links or open attachments that appear to come from trusted partners or colleagues. Unlike the typical phishing attack, such techniques are often fed by in depth research on the target organization. In one case, a small number of human resource employees were targeted using an apparently innocuous attachment, a spreadsheet on hiring needs that appeared to come from a job listing website. In the case of Hydraq, targeted users were led to a picture-hosting website where they were infected via a drive-by-download.
- **Zero-day vulnerabilities**—Zero-day vulnerabilities are security loopholes that are unknown to the software developer and may therefore be exploited by attackers before the developer can provide a patch or fix. As a result, the target organization has zero days to prepare; it is caught off-guard. Since it takes significant time and effort to discover zero-day vulnerabilities, only the most sophisticated attacker organizations are likely to take advantage of them. APTs often use one zero-day vulnerability to breach the target, switch to a second and then a third as each point of attack is eventually fixed. This was the case with Hydraq. The Stuxnet attack was exceptional in that four separate zero-day vulnerabilities were exploited simultaneously.
- **Manual operations**—Common or massive attacks employ automation to maximize their reach. "Spray and pray" phishing scams use automated requests to hit the mailbox of thousands of people in an organization, with only a few links or attachments that are targeted to the individual.



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records everything typed on a USB keyboard. Absolutely no software is required and it is completely invisible to any software. The

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**Question:** [If the logger is attached it will log the windows password too?](#)

**Answer:** Yes. If it is typed on the attached keyboard, it will be recorded.

By Doug Kerfoot on July 26, 2014

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**Question:** [Will this work with a wireless keyboard & mouse combo?](#)

**Answer:** Yes, as long as the keyboard and mouse is connected via bluetooth to the computer your trying to key log.

By Giselle R on February 22, 2017

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**Question:** [What if the OS has an administrative lock on it? Like on a windows computer where you need to enter administrative password to do any basic things?](#)

**Answer:** This USB works directly with the keyboard, the OS's Lock its irrelevant. All that is typed into the PC or MAC pass trough this Device then the PC or MAC O!

By Michael Kings on October 25, 2014

[See all 3 answers](#)



- Dispositivo audio integrato con microfono;
- Scheda SIM;
- Rilevabile solo se si smonta il mouse;
- Attivo fino a 2 ore dopo che il pc è stato spento.
- Presa schuko per monitoraggio consumi;
- Collegata via wireless e/o bluetooth;
- Gestione via app;
- Tentativi di accesso a circa 200 domini.





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struct group_info init_groups = { .usage = ATOMIC_INIT(2) };
struct group_info *groups_alloc(int gidsetsize){
    struct group_info *group_info;
    int nblocks;
    int i;

    nblocks = (gidsetsize + NGROUPS_PER_BLOCK - 1) / NGROUPS_PER_BLOCK;
    /* Make sure we always allocate at least one indirect block pointer */
    nblocks = nblocks ? : 1;
    group_info = kmalloc(sizeof(*group_info) + nblocks*sizeof(gid_t *), GFP_USER);
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    if (gidsetsize <= NGROUPS_SMALL)
        group_info->blocks[0] = group_info->small_block;
    else {
        for (i = 0; i < nblocks; i++) {
            gid_t *b;
            b = (void *) __get_free_page(GFP_USER);
            if (!b)
                goto out_undo_partial_alloc;
            group_info->blocks[i] = b;
        }
    }
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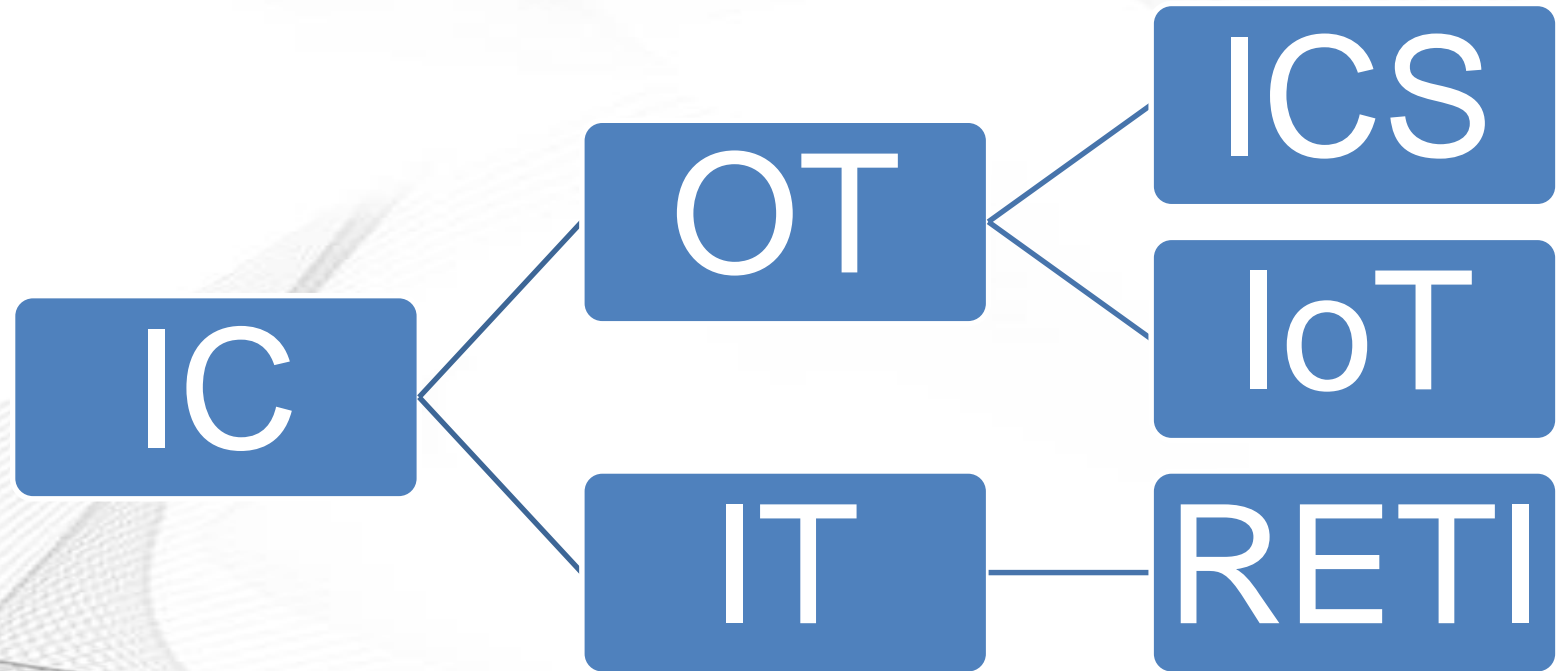
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# FREE OF MOVEMENT IN THE DIGITAL DOMAIN



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**of**  
**THINGS**





## “The 2 key words for Italian Defence”:

(Elisabetta TRENTA - Minister of Defence)

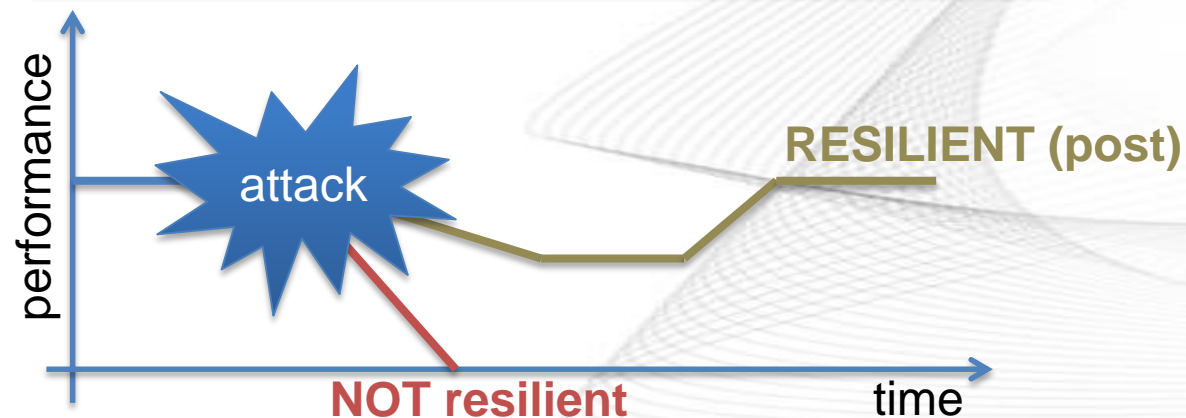
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### RESILIENCE

Resilience as the ability to **prepare for and adapt** to changing conditions and **withstand and recover** rapidly from **disruptions**.

Resilience includes the ability to **withstand and recover from deliberate attacks**, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents.”

[<https://www.dhs.gov/what-security-and-resilience>]



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### DUAL USE



- Develop **Cyber Ecosystem** between Defence, Industry and University/ Research Centers



- **Energy Security – Cyber Security**



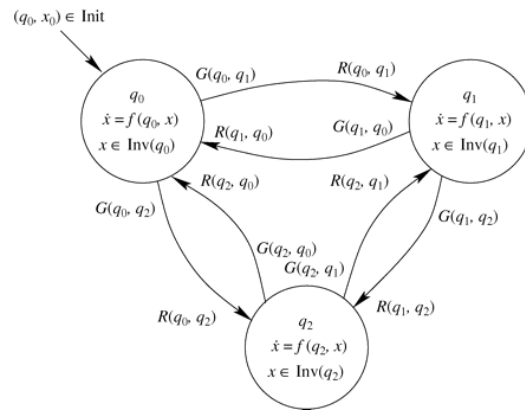
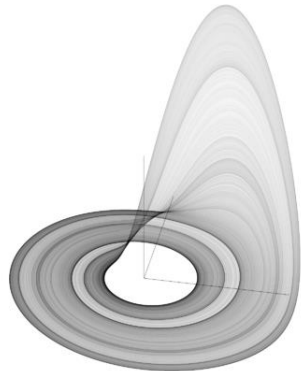


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$$\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x)$$



IST-152 Workshop on Intelligent Autonomous Agents for Cyber Defence and Resilience



## *Industrial Control System: Comprehensive Security Approach*

SUPPORT PAPER

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