

# LWRS Program Sandia Physical Security Efforts



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## 2 Evaluate existing USG technologies

Evaluate current challenges and constraints associated with the physical security regime in the domestic Light Water Reactor nuclear industry

- Identify existing DoD, DOE-NNSA, and DHS data and methods for potential use with domestic fleet

Conduct initial assessment and provide recommendations on areas for improvements to reduce cost to implement an effective security program

- Identify near-term and long-term LWRS R&D efforts

Initial evaluation to develop and validate methods which can be used to implement an updated and optimized physical security regime for the domestic fleet

- Create validated data sets on M&S techniques for applications by the domestic LWRs



## Provide technical training on physical security technologies, modeling, and enhancements

10 SNL staff provided the 5-day classroom, hands-on, and demonstration sessions

Attended by 14 utilities, NEI, EPRI, and INL

Complete and overall feedback is very positive

- Working with NEI to determine interest in future training efforts funded by industry



## Revise Lone Pine Documentation



### Lone Pine Nuclear Power Plant

- Hypothetical PWR built in 1972 to produce 1150 MW<sub>e</sub> in a fictional country
- Open source information that is purposefully incomplete for PPS and protective strategy
- Initially created for discussions between the USG and other countries on NPP security

### Allows for open discussions on;

- PPS technologies and their deployment
- Protective strategy and response for adversary scenarios

### Allows for open source modeling comparisons



Lone Pine Nuclear Power Plant Site

## Integrated System Response Modeling

**Goal:** Develop modeling and simulations for existing plant security regimes using identified target sets to link dynamic assessment methodologies by leveraging nuclear power plant system level modeling with force-on-force modeling, and 3D visualization for developing table-top scenarios

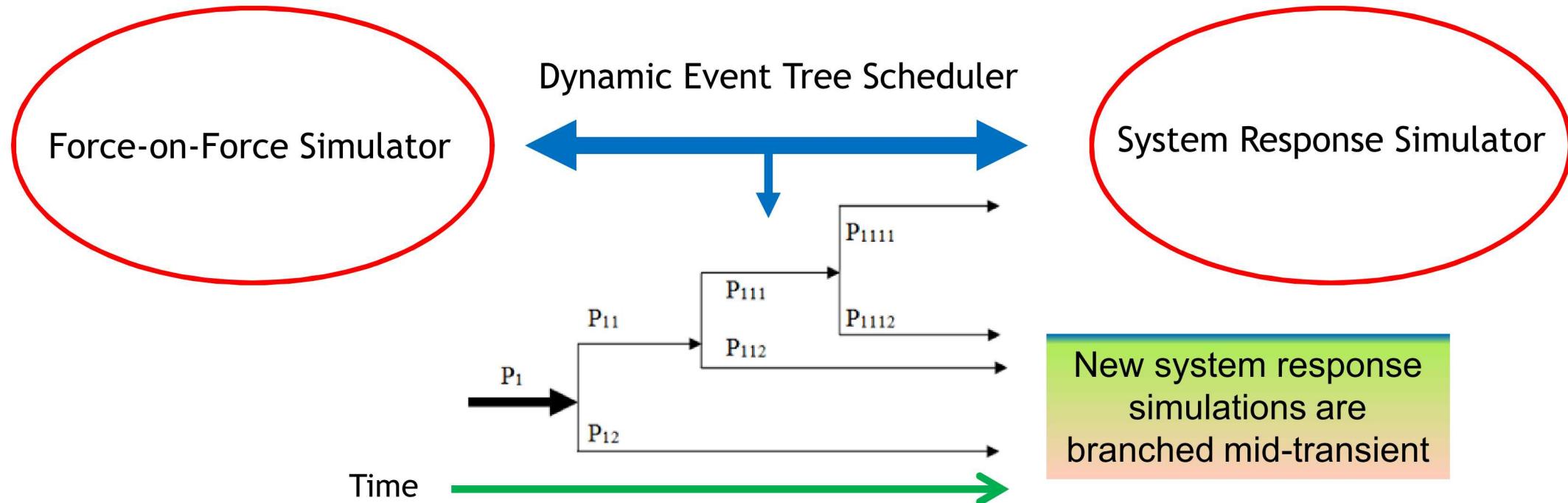
**Impact:** Create an integrated force-on-force and nuclear power plant system response framework for a holistic approach in determining security related events as they relate to the potential for the onset of core damage

- FoF assumption – Adversary gains access to the control room → Immediate onset of core damage

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# Methodology



Discrete dynamic event trees is an accelerated uncertainty propagation methodology

- Predetermined set-points cause the dynamic simulator to stop and restart multiple runs to characterize uncertainties

**Key Point:**  
 Speedup is derived because uncertainties in phenomena experienced late in an event **need not** be simulated from  $t=0$



## 1. Create stable dynamic response simulations

- The models need to be robust enough not crash the simulation when variables are changed mid-simulation

## 2. Decide key uncertain parameters of interest for dynamic response models

- Response force tactics (Force-on-force simulation)
- Reactor Decay Heat Levels (reactor simulation)
- Manual operations of equipment (reactor simulation)
- Delay features (Force-on-force simulation)
- Others ...

## 3. Create and discretize cumulative distribution functions for key parameters

- Similar to stratified sampling but simulations are not all started from  $t=0$

## 4. Program binary branch points into dynamic event tree scheduler

- Starts, stops, and branches system response simulations as necessary

# Dynamic Event Tree Scheduler – ADAPT

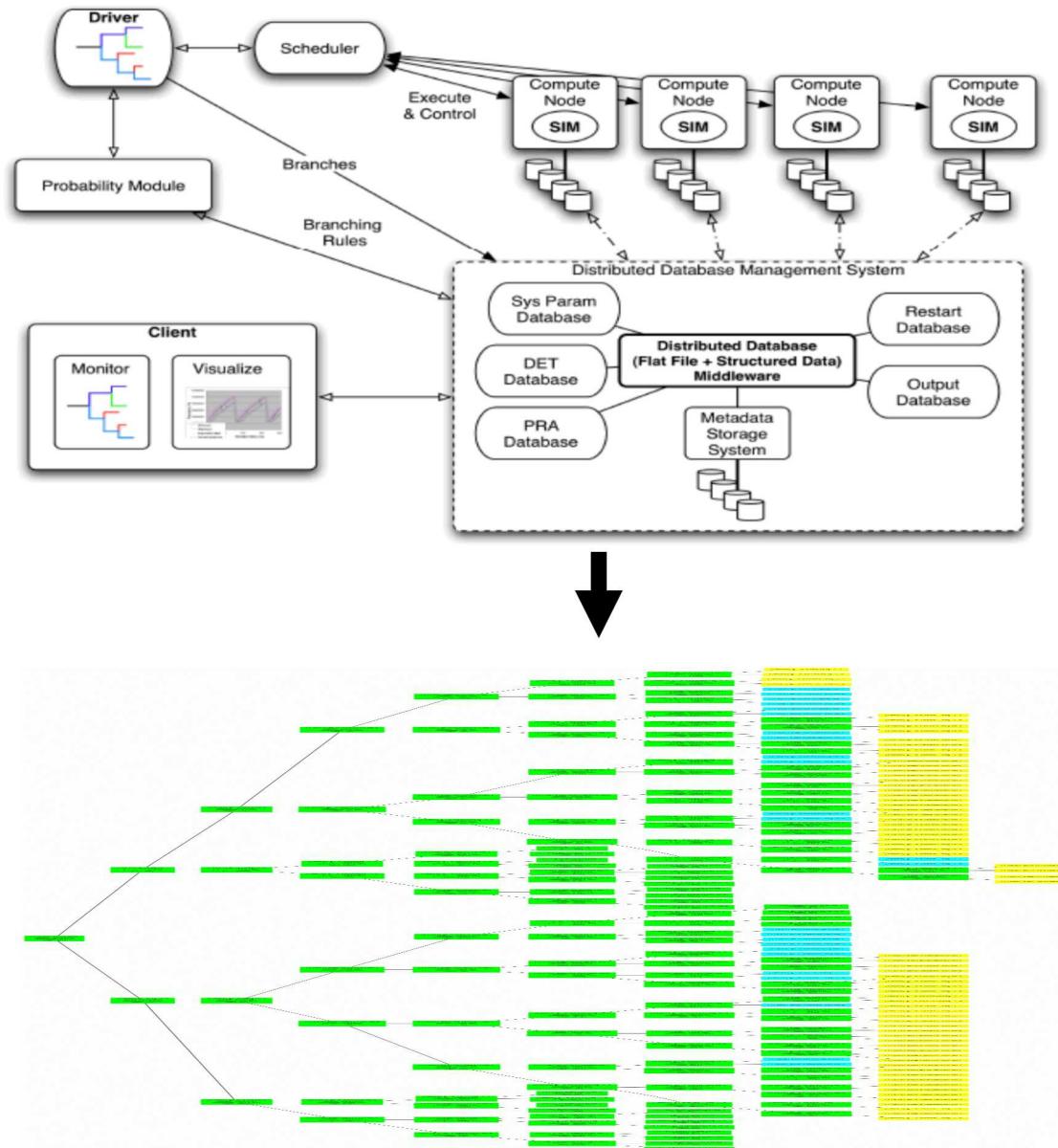
A Sandia-developed dynamic event tree scheduler uses control functions within a nuclear power plant system response simulator to determine when branching criteria are satisfied

Branching criteria could be

- Time
- SCRAM ignition
- Number of valve cycles
- Initiation of cladding oxidation

Branching Visualization

However, branching must be binary, but staged binary branches can create for non-binary branching



## 9 | Force-on-Force Simulator – SCRIBE 3D

Provides tools to visualize & record all events, actions, discussions during a tabletop exercise

### Data Collection

- Can play back in real time or at various speeds.
- Transcript reports and video automatically generated

### Full recording of scenario

- To show others or for later use
- Allows participants to better understand the impact of their decisions

### Does timeline automatically

- One person is usually completely dedicated to doing the tabletop's timeline

### Saving/Loading during exercise

- Can go back and modify scenarios to show how different decisions would affect security

### Solves line of sight issues

- Shows things a map cannot. See right

### Solves timing issues

- Traditionally it was difficult to figure out where moving entities would be at specific times

### Easy to use

- Anyone can be trained to use it



# Nuclear Power Plant System Response Simulator – MELCOR

NRC sponsored simulation code for analysis of accidents in nuclear power plants

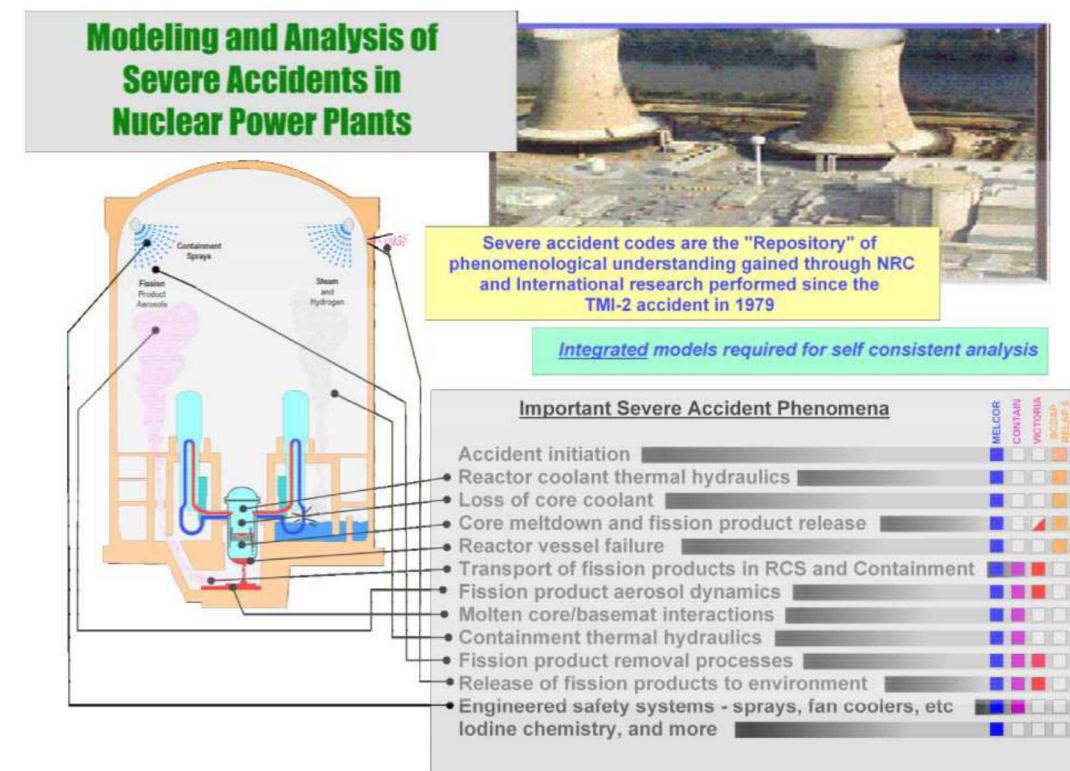
- Applied to containment design basis accident simulation too
- Reactor types: PWR, BWR, HTGR, PWR-SFP, BWR-SFP, HTGR, SFR

Fully Integrated, engineering-level code

- Thermal-hydraulic response in the reactor coolant system, reactor cavity, containment, and confinement buildings;
- Core heat-up, degradation, and relocation;
- Core-concrete attack;
- Hydrogen production, transport, and combustion;
- Fission product release and transport behavior

Desktop application

- Windows/Linux versions
- Relatively fast-running
  - One or two days common
  - One or two weeks possible
  - Project to improve code performance
- SNAP for post-processing, visualization, and GUI



# Progress to date

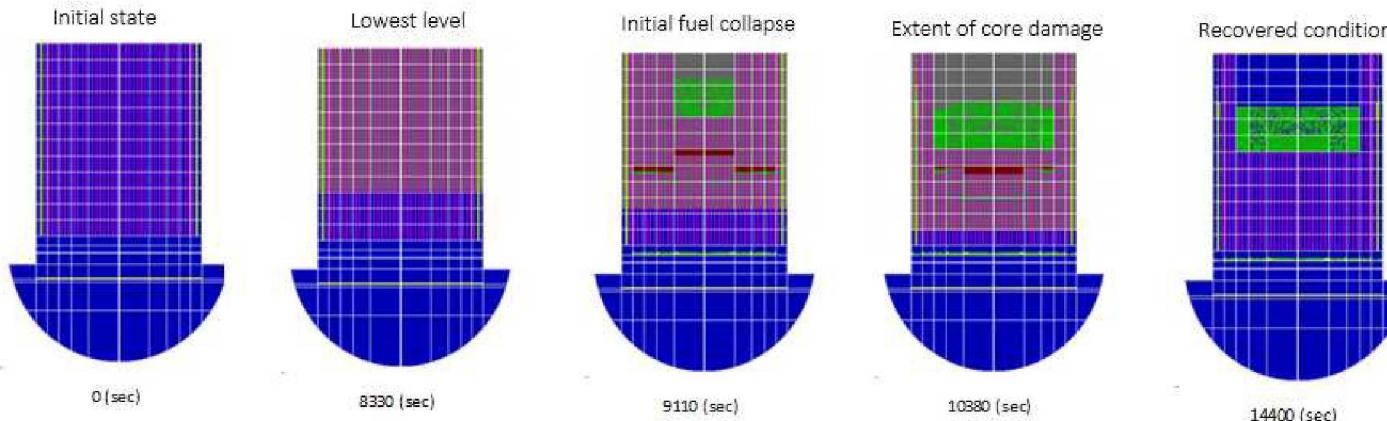
Update the TMI-2 MELCOR model for use with ADAPT in the Lone Pine scenario

- MELCOR deck has been converted and generic scenarios
- ADAPT is the dynamic event/fault tree scheduler

Updates to the SCRIBE 3D model and force-on-force scenarios are complete

Initiated linking SCRIBE 3D to ADAPT

- Potential Issue: SCRIBE 3D is a Unity software platform and has only been run on Windows OS
  - ADPAT is a LINUX based software



TMI-2-like melt progression  
Lone Pine NPP reactor design



Lone Pine Nuclear Power Plant  
*Notional Facility*  
Shown in Scribe 3D

# Risk-Informed Nuclear Security – Direct Translation

Traditional Nuclear Safety Risk Equation:

$$\text{Risk} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{i=l} \{ \langle p_i(\varphi_i), x_i \rangle \}$$

Where:

$i$  = The  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario category ( $i = 1, \dots, l$ )

$p_i$  = The joint distribution of the probability density function for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario

$\varphi_i$  = The frequency of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario

$x_i$  = The consequence or evaluation measure of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario

Direct Translation Security Risk Equation:

$$\text{Risk} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{i=l} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{j=m} \langle T_i(v_{j,i}), x_{j,i} \rangle \right\}$$

***NOT appropriate***

***The equation is incomplete***

Where:

$i$  = The  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario category ( $i = 1, \dots, l$ )

$j$  = The  $j^{\text{th}}$  target set ( $j = 1, \dots, m$ ); 1 = primary target

$T_i$  = The threat for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario

$v_{j,i}$  = The vulnerabilities of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario for a  $j^{\text{th}}$  set of targets

$x_{j,i}$  = The consequence or evaluation measure of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  scenario for a  $j^{\text{th}}$  set of targets



Source: GAO analysis of the Department of Homeland Security information. | GAO-19-468

# Past Risk Informed Security Models

Risk-Informed Management of Enterprise Security (RIMES) Risk Equation:

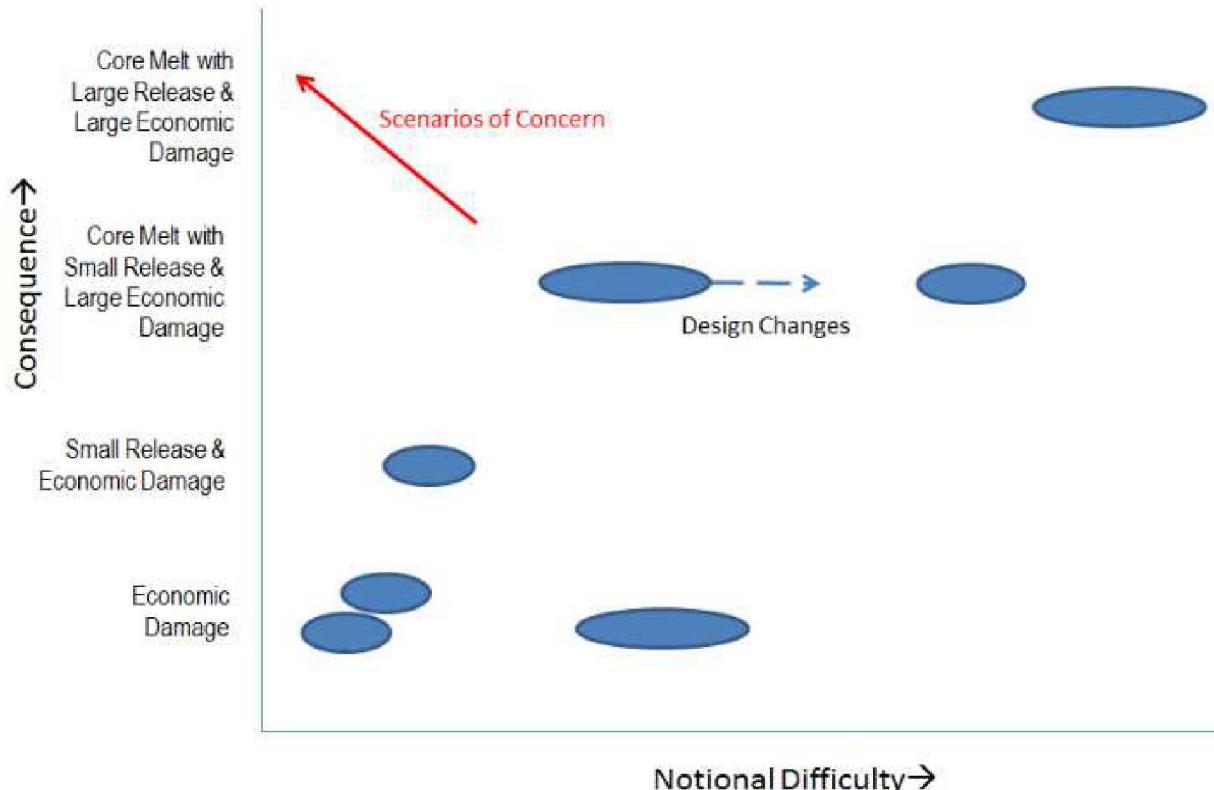
$$\text{Risk} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{i=I} \{\langle d_i, x_i \rangle\}$$

Where:

$i$  = The  $i^{th}$  scenario  $i = 1, \dots, I$

$d_i$  = The degree of difficulty for an adversary to successfully accomplish  $i^{th}$  scenario causing consequence  $x_i$

$x_i$  = The consequence or evaluation measure of the  $i^{th}$  scenario



**Note:** In this RIMES representation, as well as the next model, the target index will be included under the scenario index,  $i$ , to simplify the notation

# Past Risk Informed Security Models (continued)



More General Security Risk Equation:

$$\text{Risk} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{J} \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{I} \{ \langle \text{tp}_{ij}, x_i \rangle \} \right)$$

Where:

$j$  = The  $j^{th}$  adversary (from a threat assessment)  $j = 1, \dots, J$

$i$  = The  $i^{th}$  scenario  $i = 1, \dots, I$

$\text{tp}_{ij}$  = **Threat potential** for an  $j$  to want to accomplish  $i^{th}$  scenario causing consequence  $x_i$

$x_i$  = The consequence or evaluation measure of the  $i^{th}$  scenario

$pe_{ij}$  = The effectiveness of the physical protection system in preventing the adversary  $j$  from successfully accomplishing  $i^{th}$  scenario causing consequence  $x_i$

**Note:** A more precise form of this model would consider adversary utility based on the range of possible outcomes from the scenario

Where **threat potential** is assumed to be some combination of the following factors that is correlated with the (unknown) probability of attack:

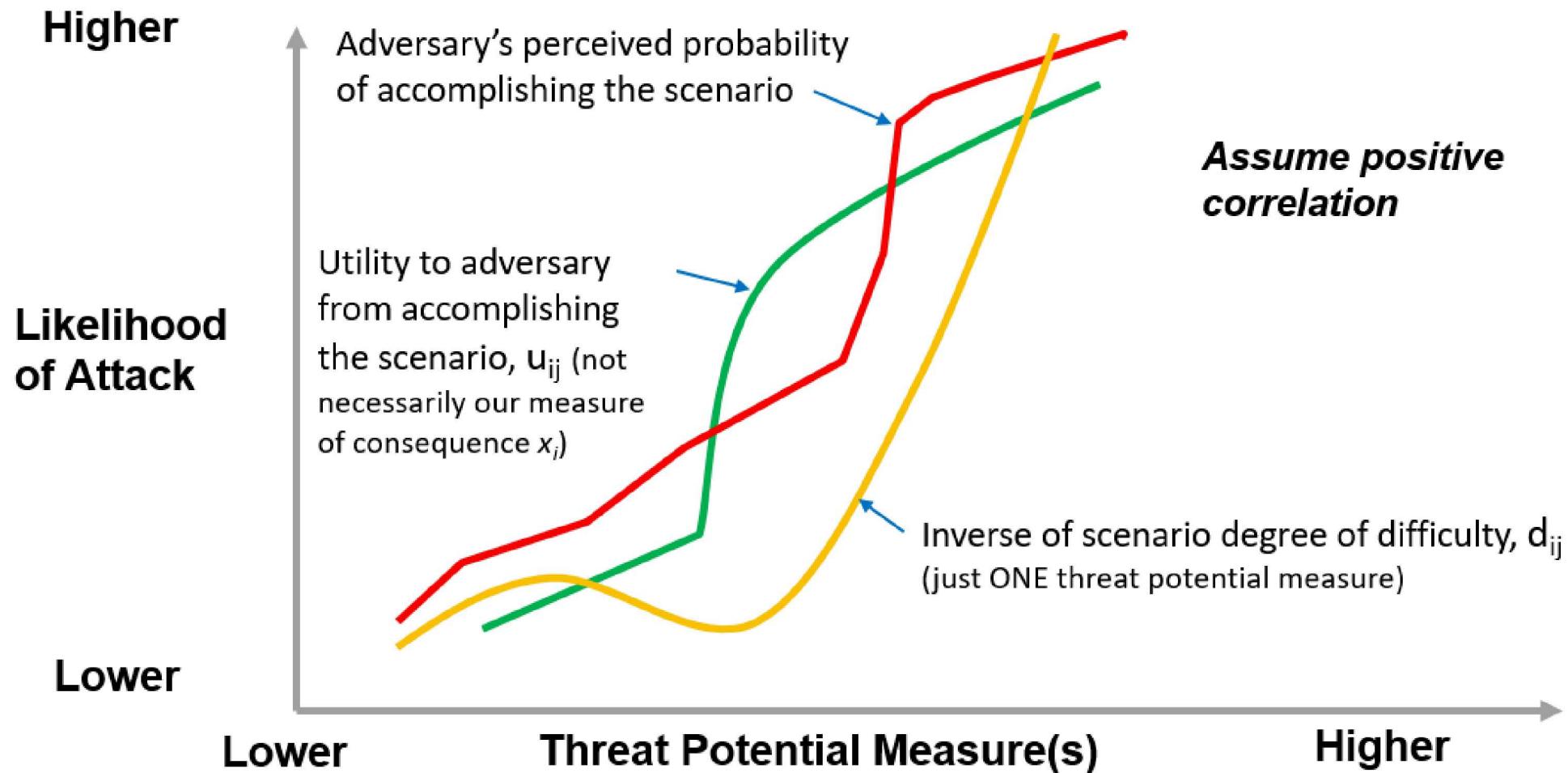
$d_{ij}$  = The degree of difficulty for adversary  $j$  to successfully accomplish  $i^{th}$  scenario causing consequence  $x_i$

$pas_{ij}$  = Adversary  $j$ 's perceived probability of success in accomplishing the  $i^{th}$  scenario.

$u_{ij}$  = The utility for adversary  $j$  from successfully accomplishing  $i^{th}$  scenario causing consequence  $x_i$

# Threat Potential rather than Probability of Attack

**Threat Potential** is defined as a set of measures that are treated as if they are positively correlated with the “True” Likelihood of Attack





# Questions

