

# *On the Risk of Development-Time Subversion*

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## ***Project GUNMAN***

- Based on a tip from another government, in 1984 the US Government quietly and quickly replaced 10 tons of electronic equipment in the US Moscow embassy
- Subsequent evaluation of replaced equipment revealed a sophisticated bug in a small number of IBM Selectric typewriters

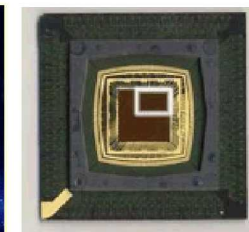
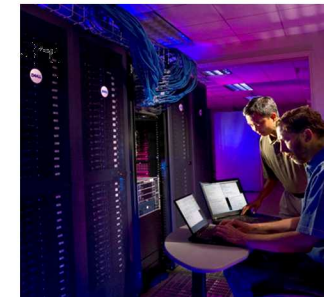






## Assurance in Microelectronics-Based Systems

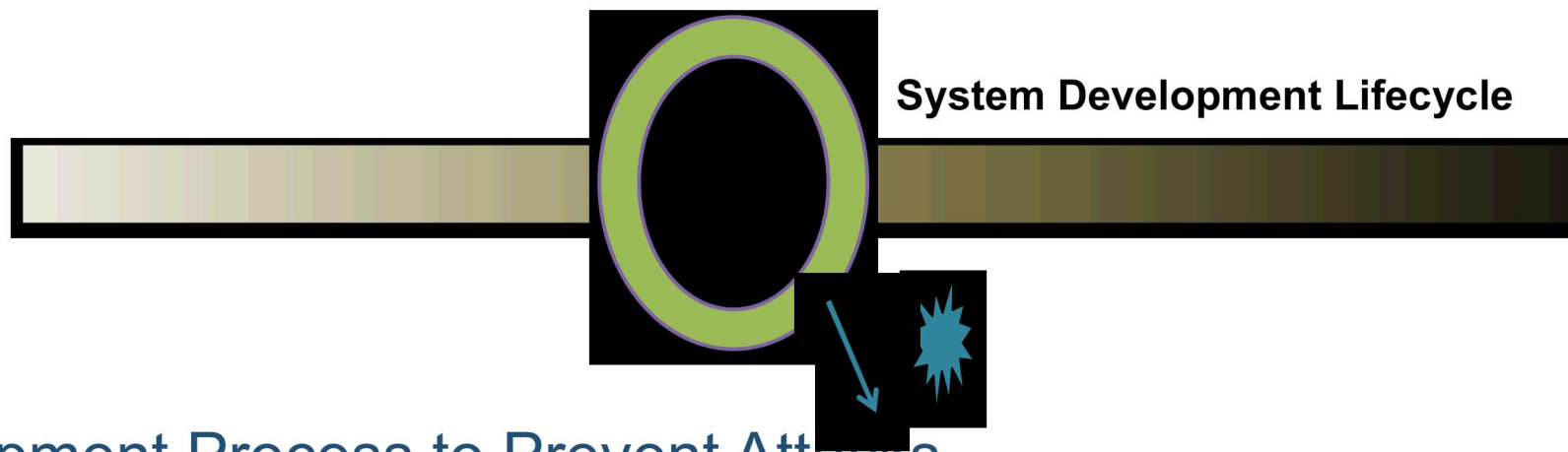
- Society relies on microelectronics-based systems for safety, security, entertainment, travel, etc.
  - Internet, satellite systems, transportation, cyber infrastructure, critical infrastructure (e.g. power grid), cloud, communications, health care, etc.
- Can adversaries manipulate these systems prior to their deployment? What would the impact be?
- Can these systems be ***trusted*** to perform their intended function?



*How vulnerable are systems to development-time manipulation?*



## *Current Approach to Trusted System Development*

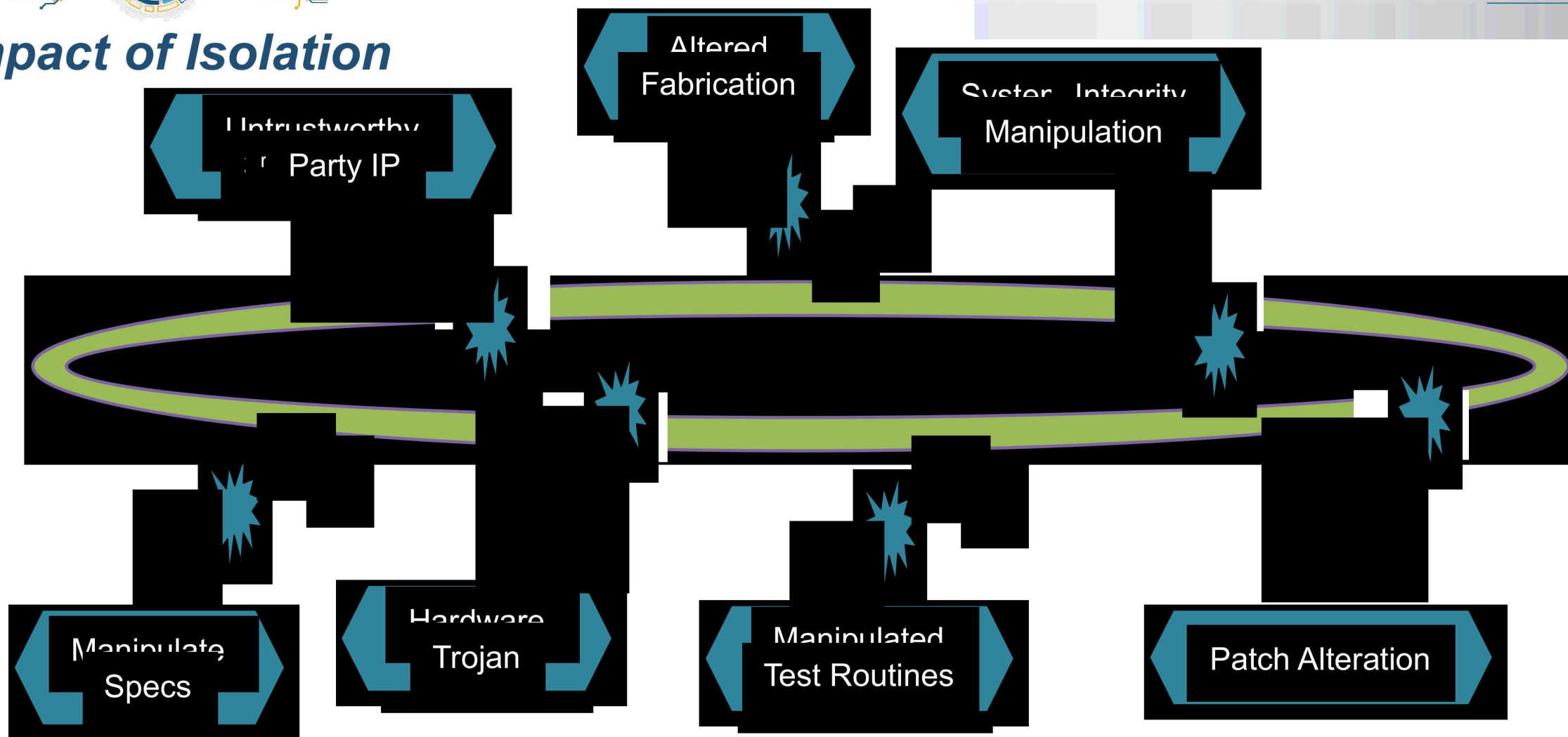


### *Isolate* Development Process to Prevent Attacks

- Keep the attacker from manipulating the system / development process
- Process-based approaches: control information flow, control supply chain, isolated manufacturing etc.
- Examples:
  - US Government's **Trusted Foundry Program**: certification process to establish isolated microelectronics fabrication
    - Ensure integrity, availability of microelectronics fabrication
  - Isolated computer networks
  - Vetted design teams



## Impact of Isolation



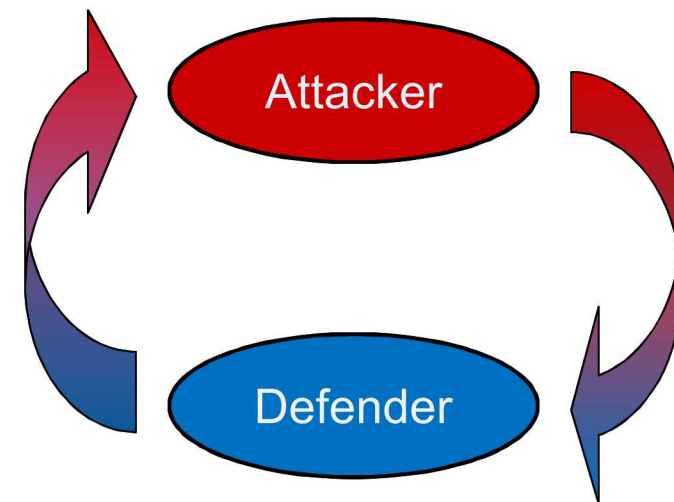
- Currently identified isolation techniques can be highly effective at deterring many paths of adversary access
- **Gaps Remain: Practicality of real system development precludes complete isolation**





## ***The Challenge: Protecting the Unknown***

- Supply Chain networks are large, deep, and complex, spanning the globe
  - Challenging to completely map
    - Distance aspects of the supply chain may be opaque to system developers
  - Extremely challenging to completely isolate
- Adversaries attempt to undermine development processes and supply chains
  - Adversary model: **intelligent, highly motivated, well-funded, very creative**
    - Diverse goals: disruption, subversion, counterfeit, integrity violation
  - System developers cannot know with certainty:
    - Who, where, when, or how adversaries may impact a system
- Problem:
  - We **must develop and deliver systems** that work as expected
  - We **cannot isolate** ourselves from the adversary
  - We **cannot predict with certainty** adversarial actions
  - ***How do we protect our systems from subversive manipulation?***





# PRESTIGE: PRactical Evaluation and Synthesis of Trust In Government systEms

- Research effort at Sandia National Laboratories to quantitatively evaluate risk of development-time manipulation
- Rigorous visual modeling to capture both supply chains/development processes and attack graphs targeting system development
- Utilize game theory to evaluate dynamics of interaction between attacker and defender to understand risk

## TRADEOFF ANALYSIS

- Constraints driven risk mitigation analysis
- Mathematical characterization of mitigation impact



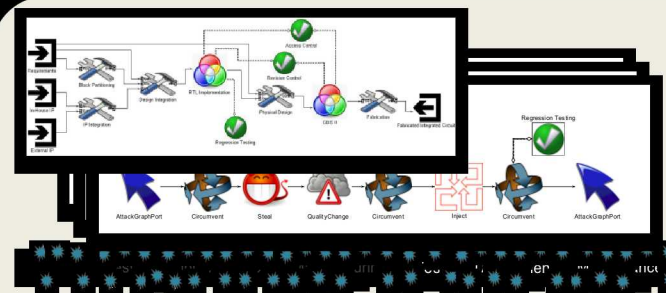
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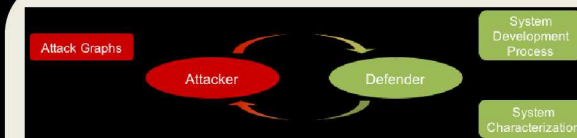
## IDENTIFICATION

- Robust modeling tools
- Characterize development processes
- Model potential attacks



## ANALYSIS

- Game theory-based risk analysis
- Tractable attack evaluation



## INFERENCE

- Optimization-guided exposure of highest areas of risk

