



# ADDSEC: IP Hopping

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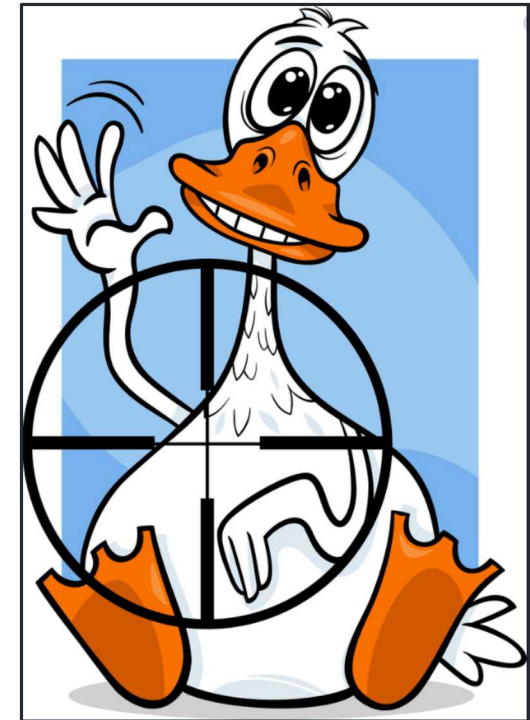
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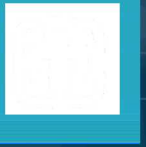




Static networks use predictable communications and static configurations, making them vulnerable to attack.

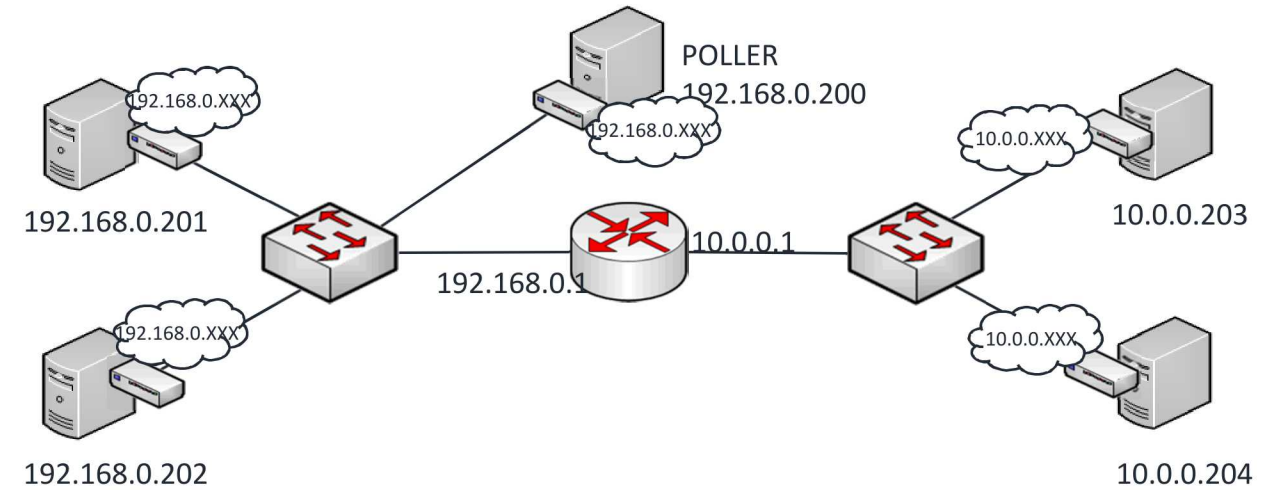
- Electrical grids
- Critical infrastructure environments
- Federal communications systems





How to create a moving target defense?

- Maintain continuity of network communications
- Maintain timing of network communications
- Broad-based detection needed







## Machine Learning Ensemble

- Threat detection

## Software Defined Networking

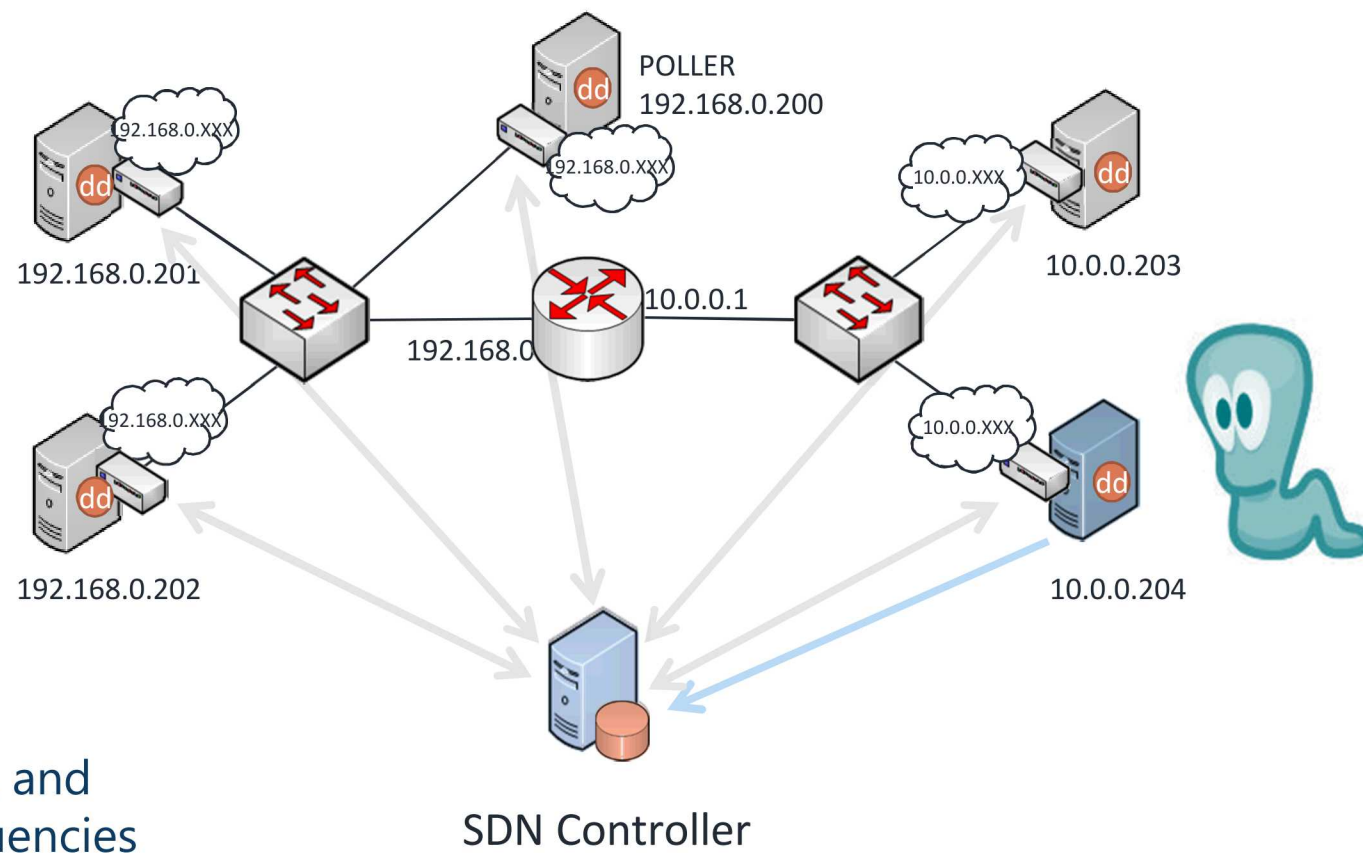
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## Moving Target Defense

Randomizes IP addresses, service port numbers, and communication paths at user configurable frequencies

*Dynamic Defense (dd) Machine Learning Algorithms Deployed*



# Development History & Results

# ADDSEC

## Principal Investigator Adrian Chavez

- Ph.D. Computer Science  
University of California, Davis
- Principal Member of Technical Staff  
Cybersecurity R&D

## Developmental History

**2014** Initial patent filing

**2018** US patent granted

**2019** R&D100 Award Winner (Software/Services)

Funding History: 2015-Present  
\$3.8M, DOE CESER Office

## Research Team

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Erik Lee  
James Obert

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Technology Readiness Level (TRL):  
TRL 6/7 as of June 2020

## IP Protection

US Patent No. 9,985,984

*Dynamic Defense and Network Randomization for  
Computer Systems*

## Market Validation

**2017** Successful interoperability testing  
performed at SEL site (May)

**2018** Technology demonstrated DoD Ft. Belvoir  
microgrid

Lead



Partners





### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Supports both hardware and software implementations of Software Defined Networking

Both network layer and edge ML detection

### BENEFITS

Very low network load

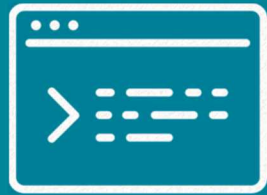
Improved cyber resilience

Effective cyber attack detection





Collect  
target system  
requirements



Install  
ADDSec/SDN  
infrastructure



Pilot test  
and validate  
scalability of  
ADDSec



Collect  
metrics



Field test  
ADDSec

Bringing ADDSec to Market



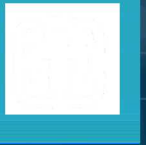
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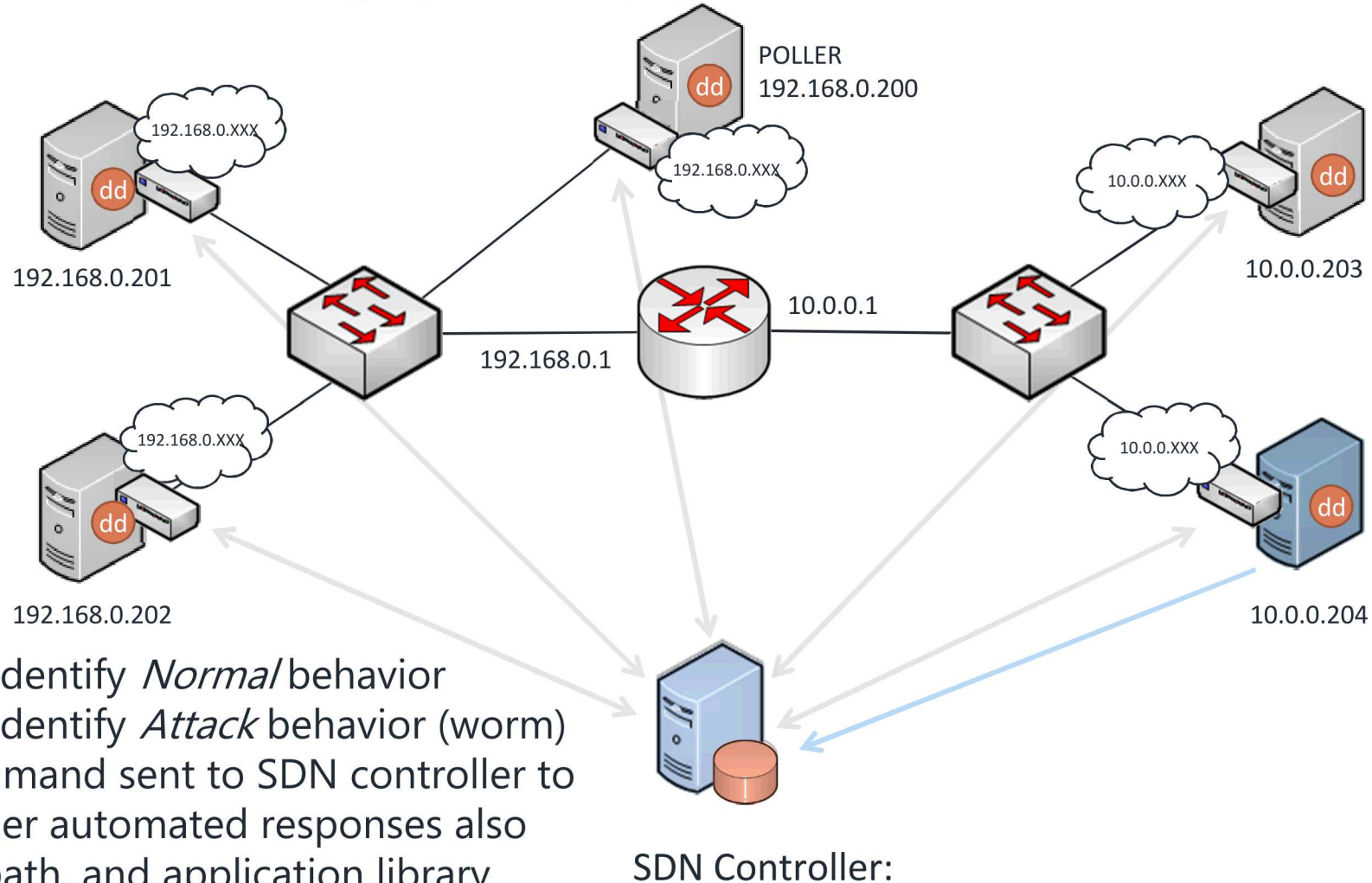
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# Solution Architecture



## Dynamic Defense (dd) Machine Learning Algorithms Deployed



## Results:

- ML Algorithms identify *Normal* behavior
- ML Algorithms identify *Attack* behavior (worm)
- IP Rotation command sent to SDN controller to change IP's (other automated responses also possible: port, path, and application library randomization)

# System Responses Before, During, and After Attack



```
ubuntu@VM4:~$ sudo -s
root@VM4:~# cd multiclass
root@VM4:~/multiclass# python test.py
***** STARTING TESTING *****
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Normal Behavior
***** STARTING TESTING *****
Normal Behavior
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Normal Behavior

Normal Behavior Detected BEFORE Attack

```
ubuntu@VM4:~$ cd vx
ubuntu@VM4:~/vx$ ./mare.g
Starting daemonizing
Build: 580
just for info one of the ips is 172.16.0.4All seems ok ... demonizing
ubuntu@VM4:~/vx$
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Mare.g worm malware  
is executed.



Malware Worm Scans Network to Propagate

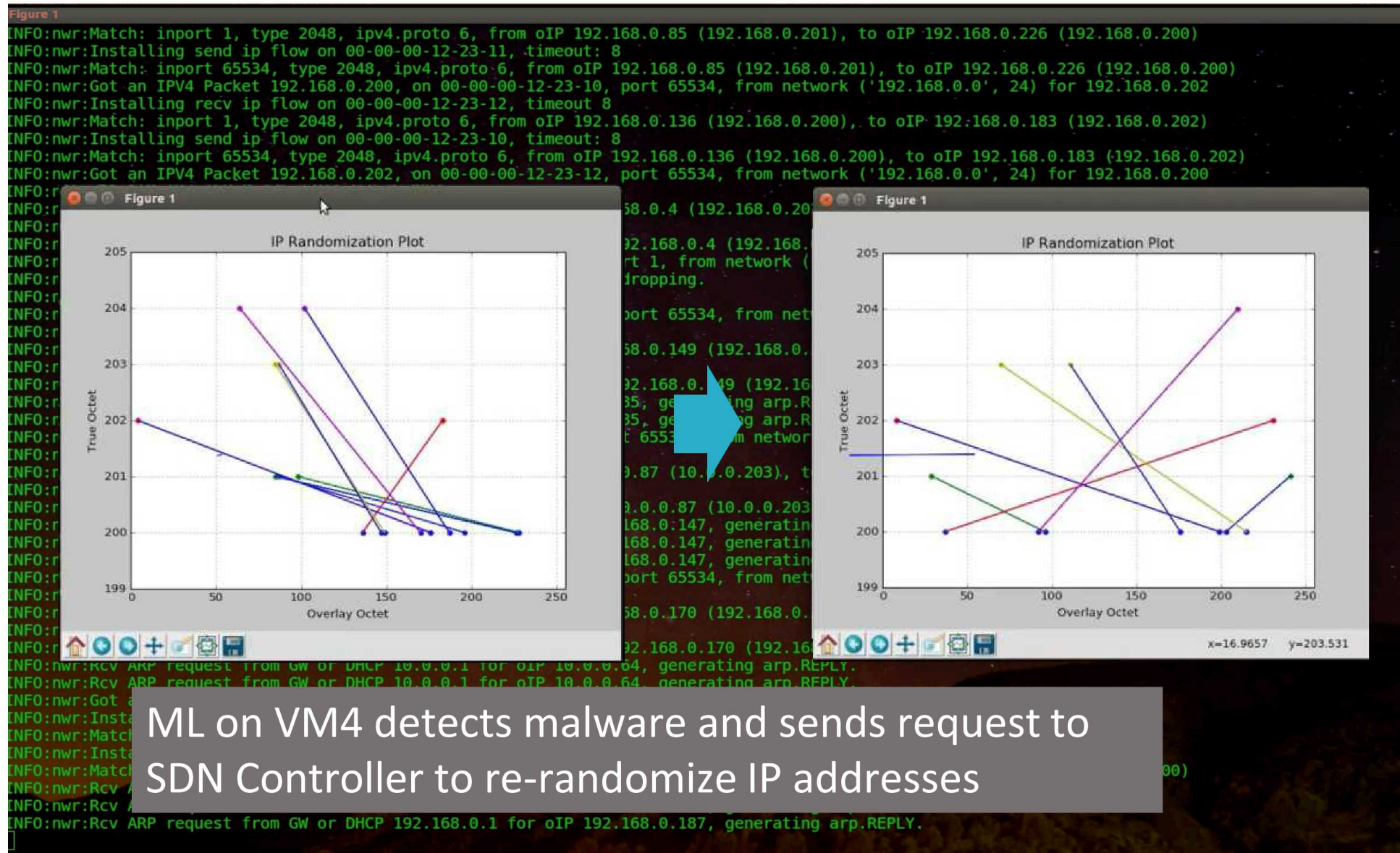
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Machine Learning Algorithms Detect Malware Worm Scan



## All Hosts Continue to Communicate, Now, with Randomized IP Addresses



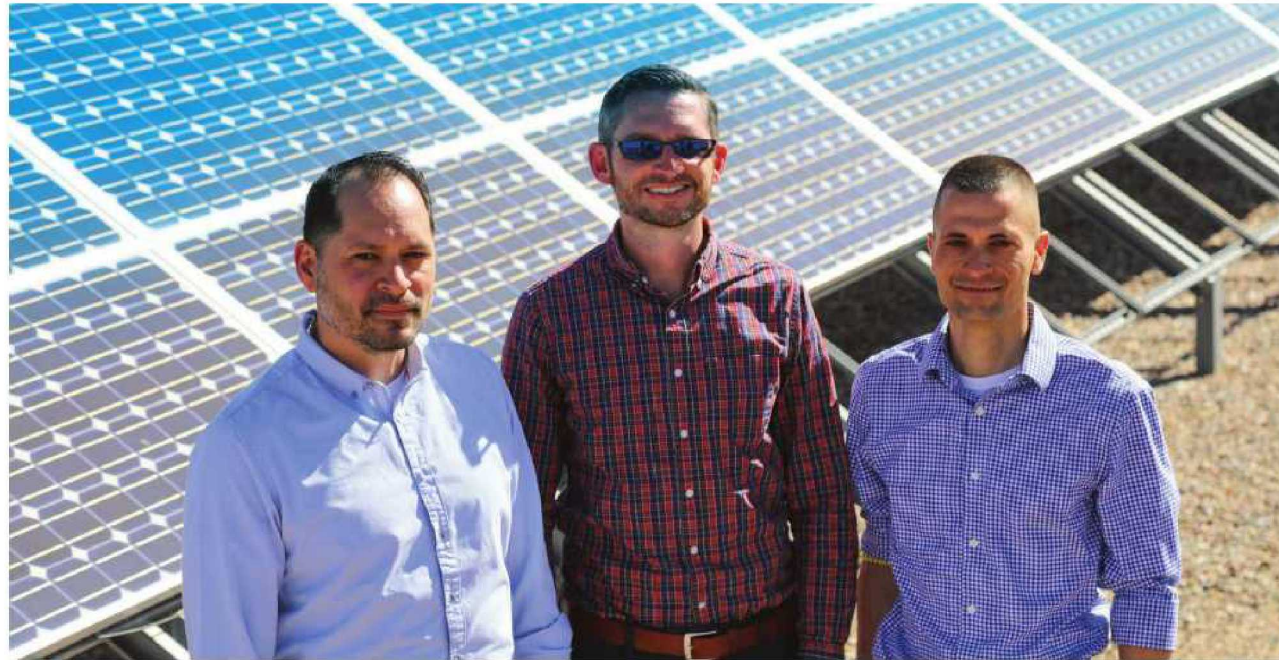


# Reserve Slides





Networks and systems that monitor our grid or other critical infrastructure environments use predictable communications and static configurations, making them vulnerable to attack.

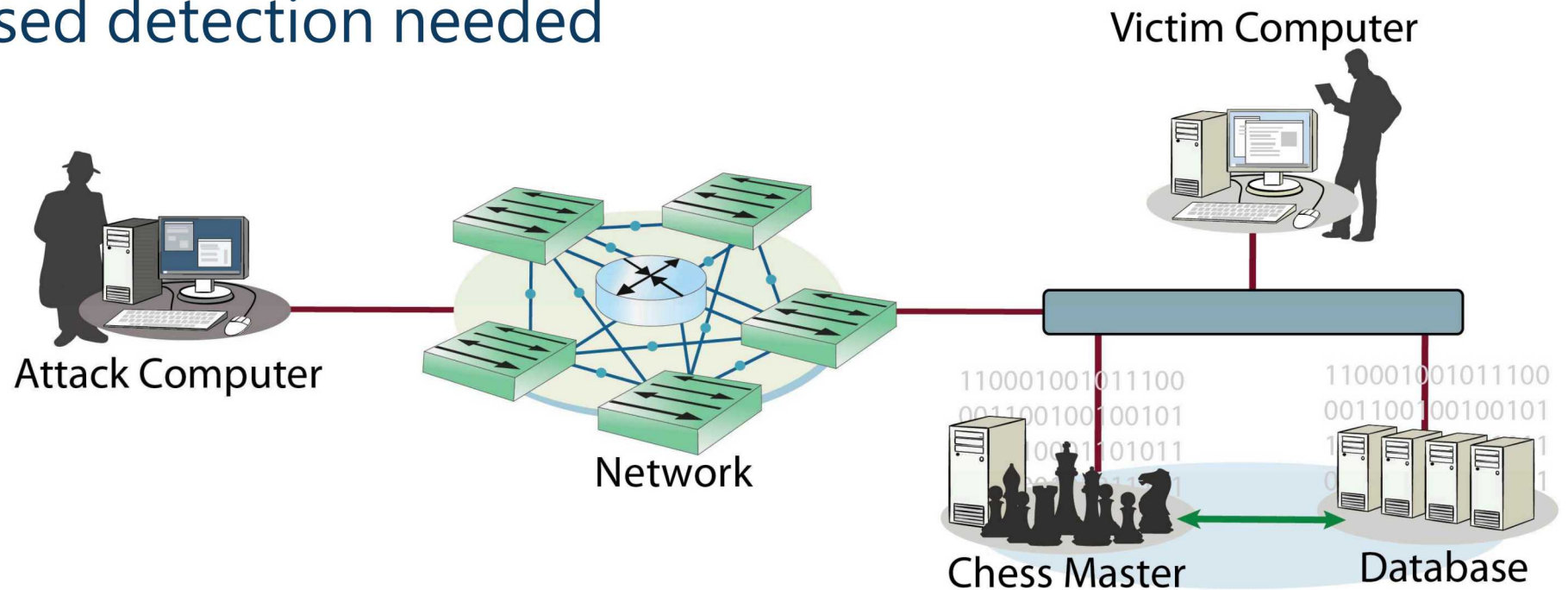




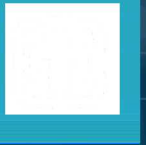


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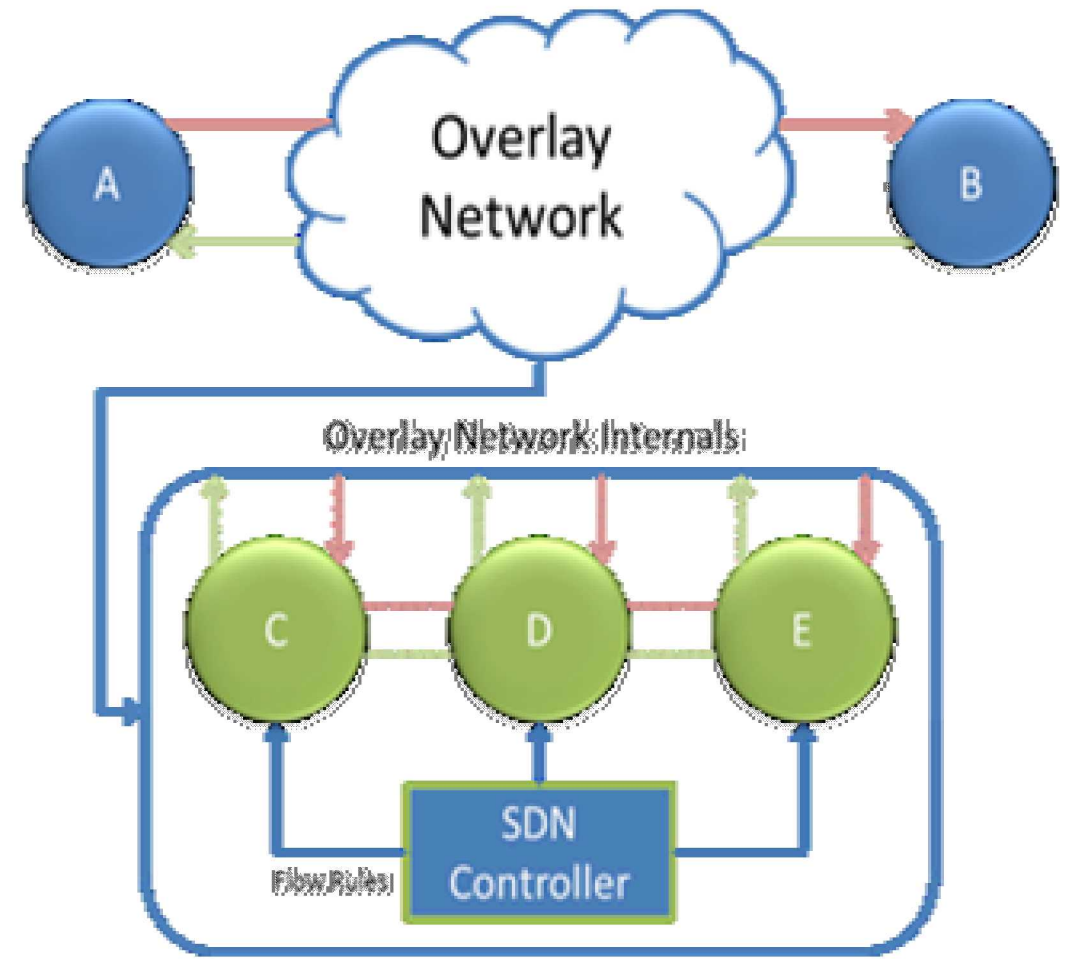
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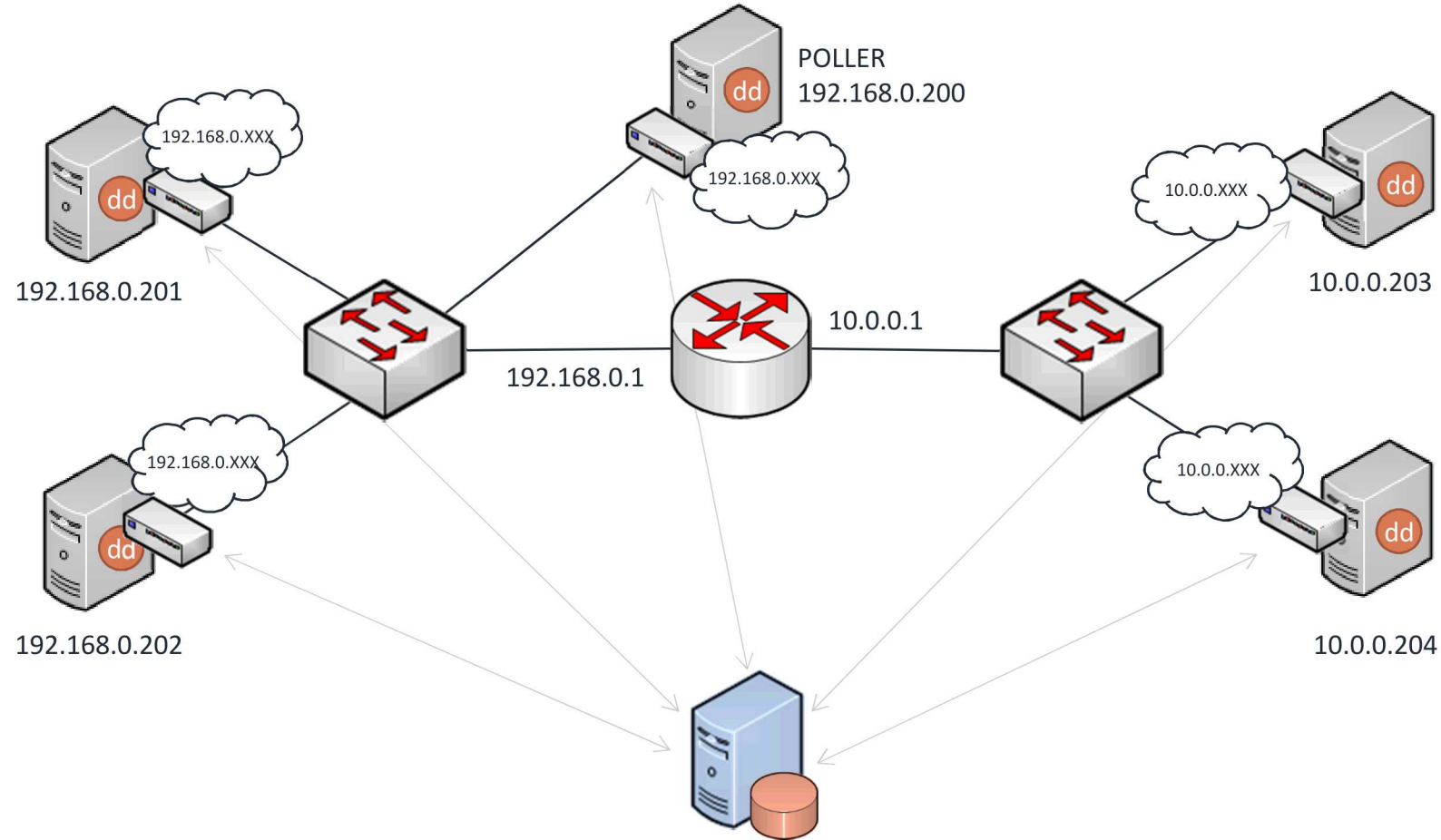
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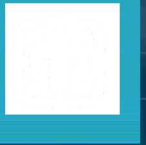
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minimega - Mozilla Firefox

minimega x vm\_poller x vm\_1 x vm\_2 x vm\_3 x vm\_4 x attacker x +

localhost:9999

minimega VMs Hosts Config

## Network Graph

Center Reflow

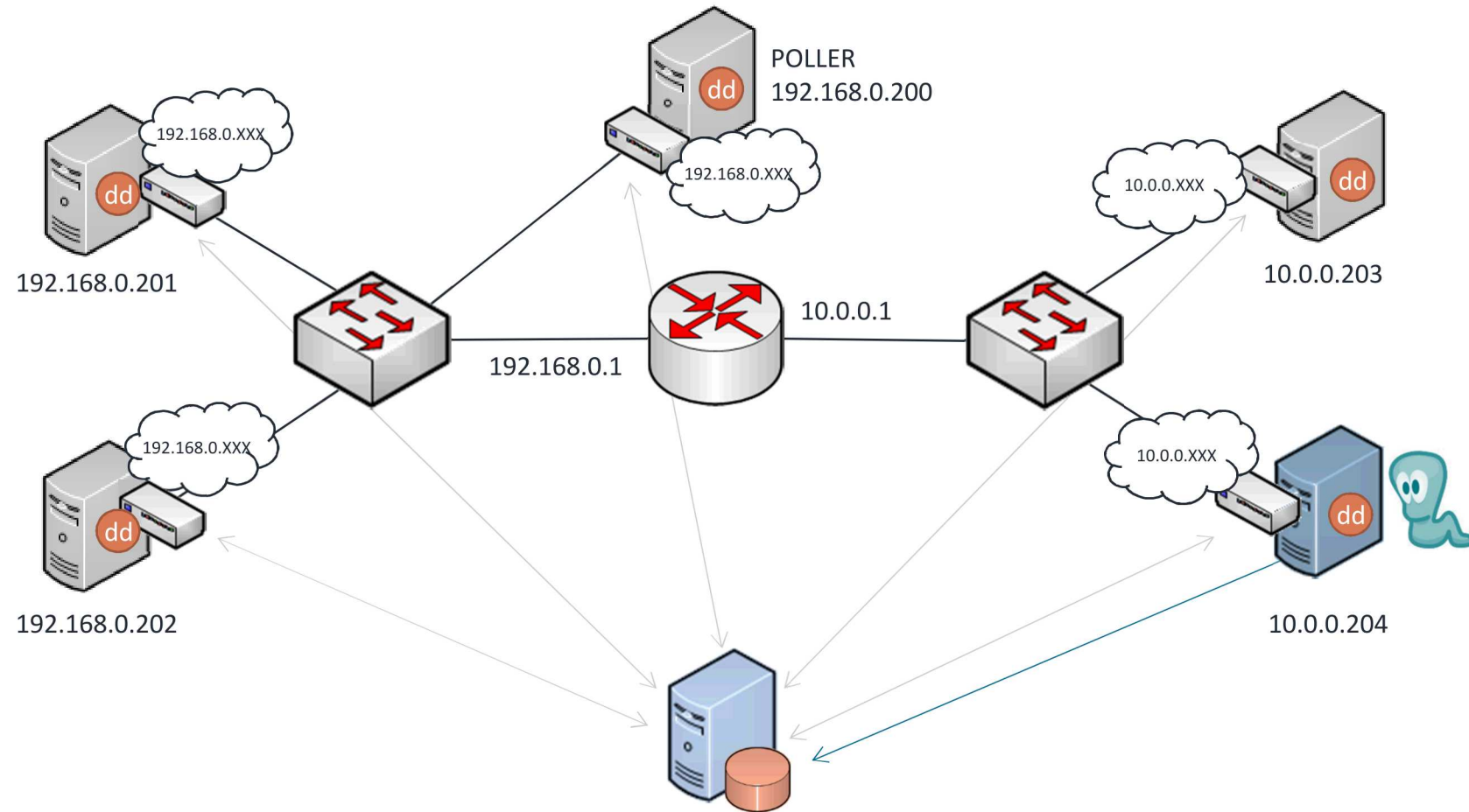
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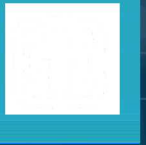
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vm\_poller

## VM List







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