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## Cyber Behavior Modeling and Inverse Cognition

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# About Charles River Analytics



***Employee-owned  
Small Business***

Founded in 1983



***HQ: Cambridge, MA***

Second office: Point  
Judith, RI



***170+ employees  
and associates***

- Established track-record of leading and performing on IARPA and DARPA programs, including leading programs in novel AI techniques and cyber technology development
  - IARPA CAUSE, HIATUS, FOCUS, SHARP, SCITE
  - DARPA SAIL ON, ASIST, CAML, SCEPTER, EDGE, CASE, VET, EA
- Interdisciplinary team bringing expertise in leading-edge AI approaches:
  - Machine learning, symbolic AI, and human-machine interactions
  - Probabilistic programming and deep reinforcement learning
  - Symbolic, probabilistic, and deep learning technologies to push next-generation hybrid AI
  - Intelligent, adaptive behavior modeling and interpretation
  - Innovative user experiences across diverse platforms
- Extensive experience applying AI to support cyber defense
  - Cyber human behavior modeling to support proactive cyber defense and automated cyber OPFOR for training
  - Inverse cognition to interpret observed behavior in the context of cyber behavior profiles, and probabilistically predict how interventions can impact those behaviors
  - Hybrid ensemble approaches to predicting adversary attacks

# Cyber Behavior Modeling & Prediction (CyMod)

## OBJECTIVE

- Use reactive agents to simulate intelligent cyber adversaries, predict likely attack vectors, and prepare proactive defenses against those attacks

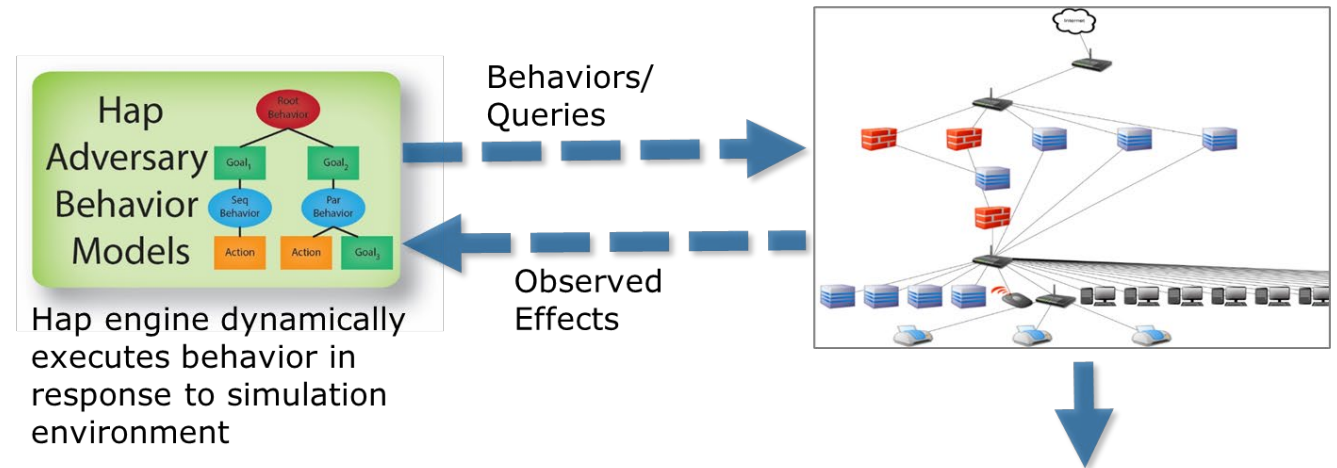
## TECHNICAL APPROACH

### • Hybrid models of adversary profiles:

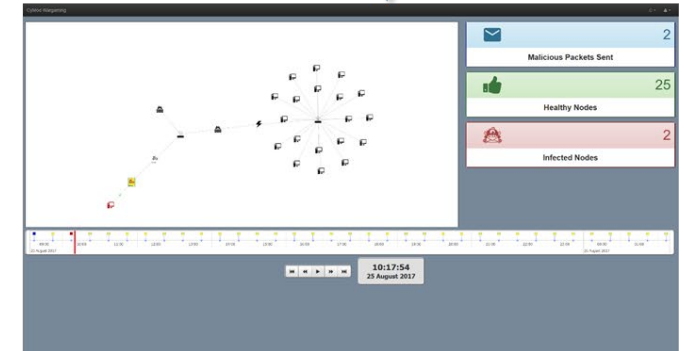
- Flexible models of cyber adversaries for use in simulation and adversary understanding, including goals, motivations, skill levels, and attacks they execute
- Flexible attack generation, using systemic functional grammars to capture attack details
- **Agent-Based wargaming** to realistically and intelligently model the pursuit of goals by adversaries
- **Decision aid** that provides insight I not adversaries based on complex cyber data

## BENEFIT TO ReSCIND

- CyMod wargaming enables assessment of vulnerabilities and evaluation of defensive options, enabling the identification of high-impact proactive defenses



How will adversary behaviors react to different defensive postures? What is the best option for proactive defense?



## CUSTOMER

- ONR, DARPA, Army RDECOM

# Cyber Adversary Discovery Engine (CADE)

## OBJECTIVE

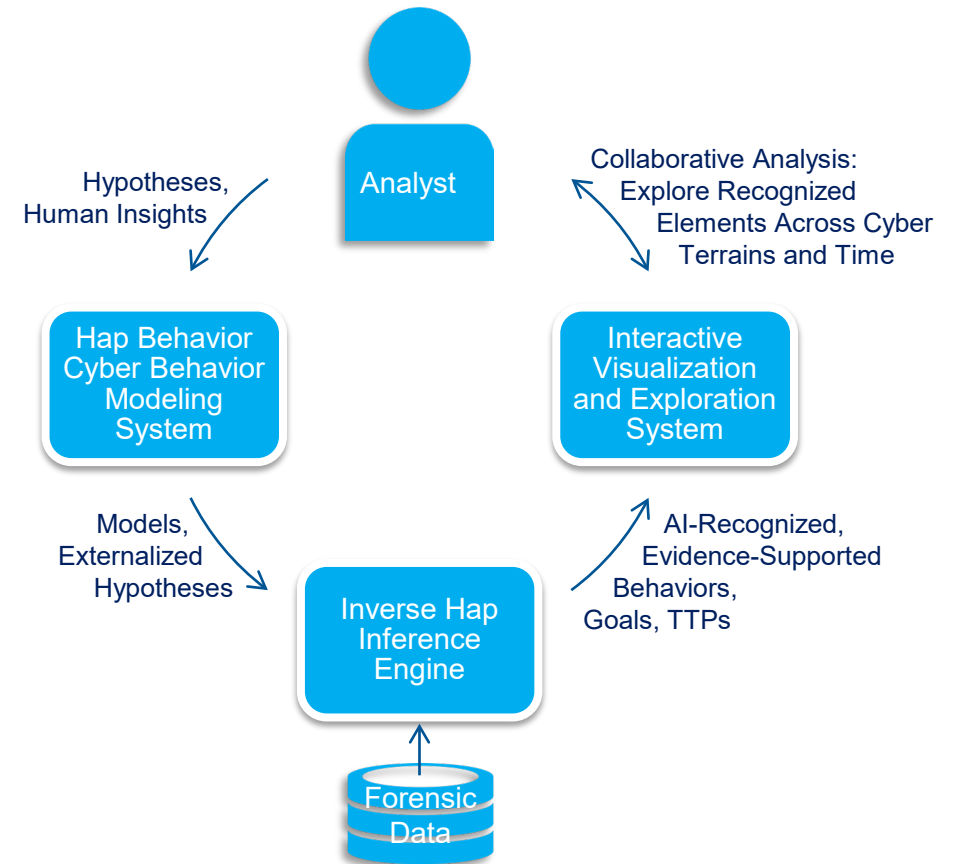
- Perform cyber forensic analysis to understand what approaches and strategies adversaries are using in attacks

## TECHNICAL APPROACH

- **Behavior Modeling System:** Uses scalable models to capture complex and multi-tiered adversary behaviors
- **Inverse Cognition:** Combines probabilistic programming and machine learning to recognize and interpret attacker behaviors in data
- **Visualization and Exploration:** Compactly visualizes activity, intuitively organizes it by logical terrain and time, allows interactive exploration with multiple views

## BENEFIT to ReSCIND

- CADE provides a thought accelerator for identifying the behavioral tendencies of adversaries based on forensic data, enabling analysts to understand and visualize the behaviors and goals of cyber attacks



## CUSTOMER

- ONR

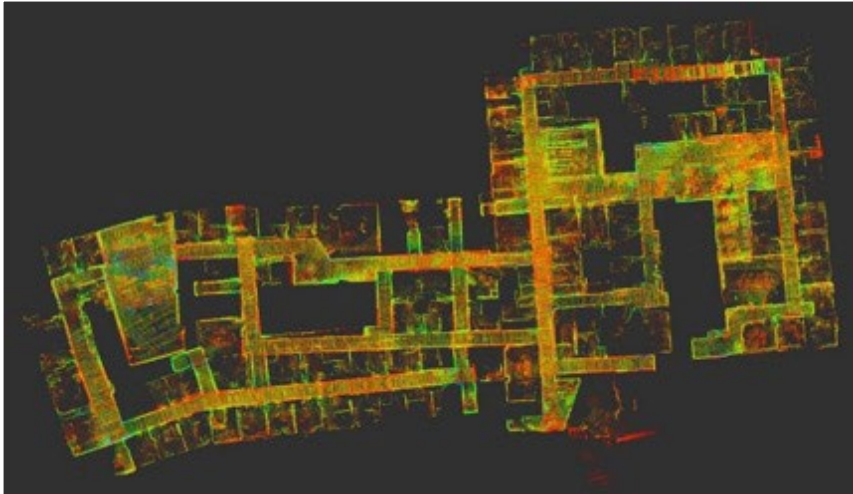
## **Charles River Analytics provides:**

- Cyber adversary behavior modeling
- Inverse cognition to interpret adversary behavior
- Deep learning to adapt to novel behaviors
- Wargaming to predict impacts of interventions
- UX design and development
- Program leadership experience & track record

## **Seeking partners with experience in:**

- Psychology/biases of cyber adversaries & criminals
- Low-level manipulation of cyber defense systems





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