

Attribution Forensics and Strategy

Re-shaping the digital global order

The global context

An exponential development of the digital landscape is creating an extreme asymmetrical challenge

The global context

In the non cyber world, attribution is very powerful in deterring aggression.

The global context

So the question is – if we solve attribution in cyber-space, will we be able to re-stabilize the global digital system?

The digital landscape architecture – Web 1.0



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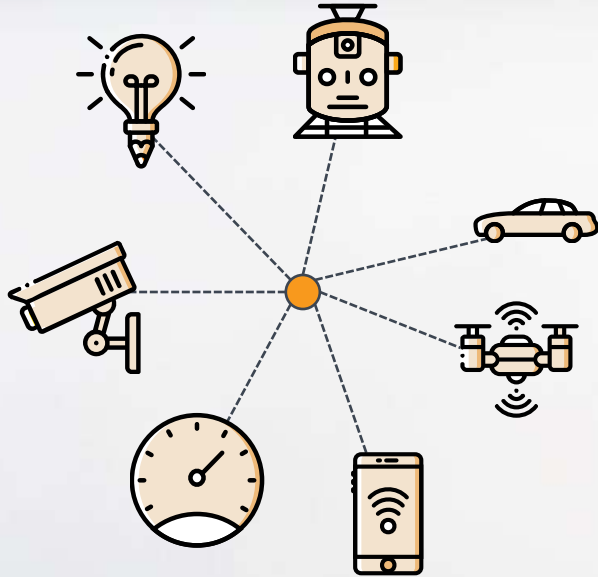


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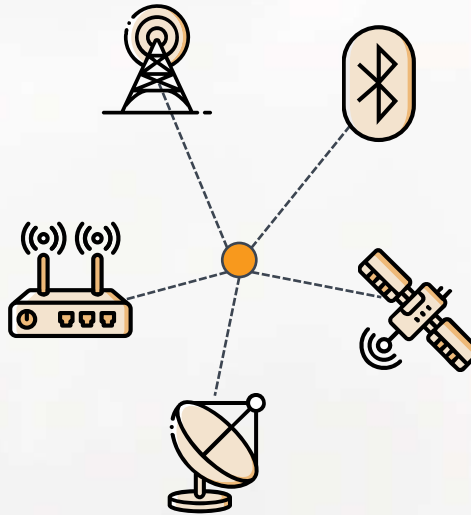


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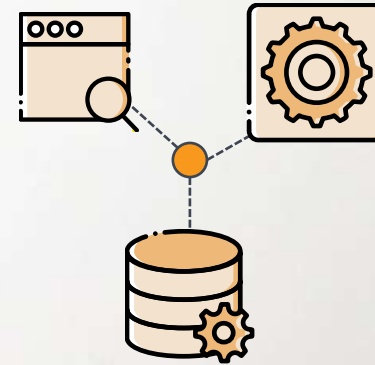
The digital landscape architecture – Web 2.0



**IOT
Any
Device/infrastructure**



**Network Providers
Infrastructure**



**Value added service
And App Providers**



**Users
Good/bad**



**Long-tail of Digital
Identity Footprints**

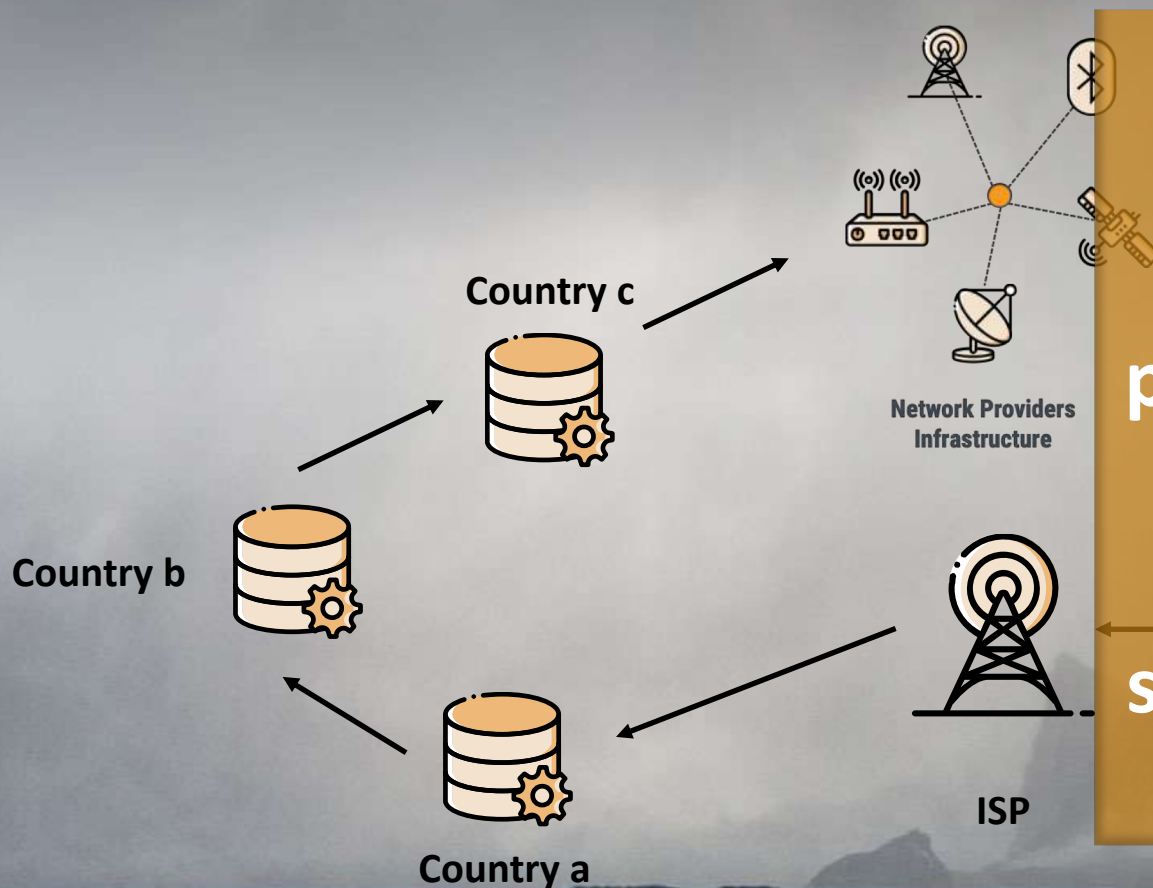
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Questions in a **complex reality**

So what **type of attack** are we trying to deter with better attribution?

Attribution forensics **in multi-stage scenarios**



The multi-jurisdictional multi-stage attack problem is a problem that involves both legal and policy tools as well as technical ones; it cannot be solved by technical means alone

IP address

Hacker

Back to questions in a **complex reality**

if we solve attribution, will we be able to re-stabilize **the global system**?

Do we fix **the network**? What **part**?

Do we **regulate**? **Laws**? **Treaties**?

Roles of **government** vs. the global **system**?



Who do we trust?

The global context

• 'Old' nation-states

- **Regional** players – border oriented
- Law & order, civil liberties
- Mandate on forms of national power
- Responsibility to bridge gaps – physical, economic, social

Order, symmetry & asymmetry

• 'Cyber-age' nation-states

- **Global** players – borderless, challenged sovereignty
- **Challenged** law, order and civil liberties
- **No** mandate on forms of national power + new digital nations
- One **big** extra gap to bridge ...

Lawlessness?, extreme asymmetry

The global challenge

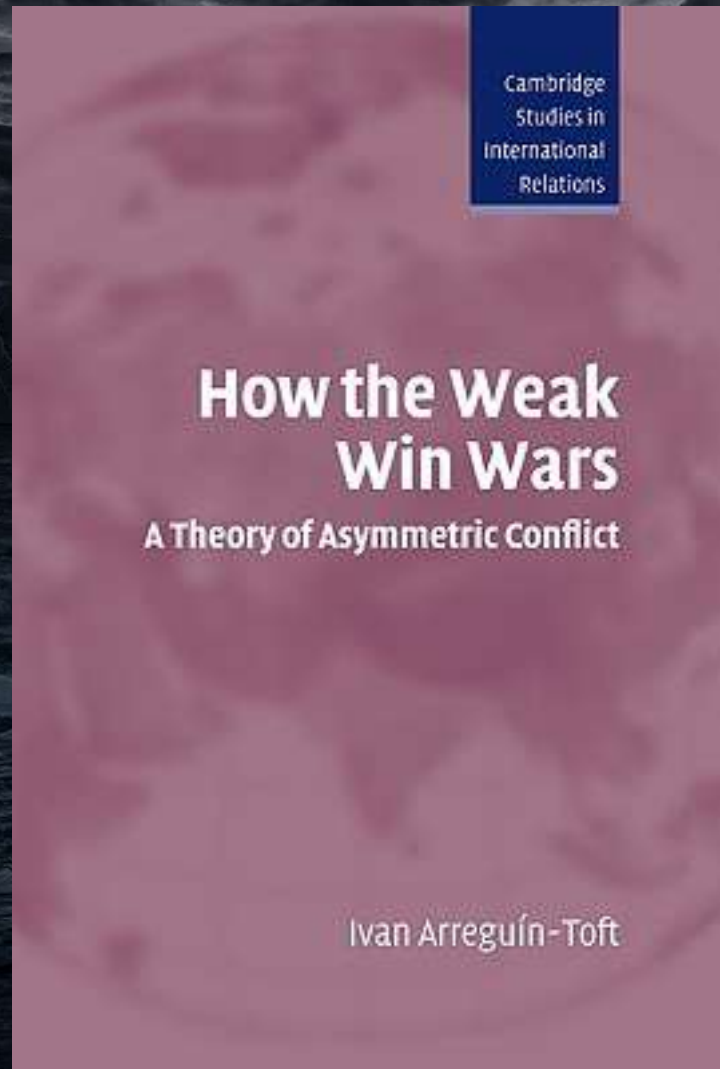
All forms of **National Power** are threatened –
the **economy**, the **political system** and **military power**.

a...global **Cyber-Insurgency**

Strategic tensions

The cyber domain has quickly become an operational domain for strategic purposes.

No effective deterrence regime – both local and global.



...“The likelihood of victory and defeat in asymmetrical conflicts depends on the interaction of the strategies weak & strong actors use...

Independent of regime type and weapons technology, the interaction of similar strategic approaches - favors the strong actors, while opposite strategic approaches – favor the weak...”

Nation's strategic challenge

So...It's both about **strategy** (policy & concept of operations) and a **technological challenge**.

Governments need to grow national level **asymmetric cyber muscle**.

The **global** strategic challenge

‘Those who know’

(according to their beliefs...)

USA, Russia, China, Great Britain, Israel, Germany,
France, Canada, Australia, North Korea, Iran

+ new ‘digital nations’

Google, Facebook, Amazon, Microsoft, Apple,
Twitter, Symantec, Norton, Kaspersky...

‘Those who don’t know’

The rest of the world...183 nations

The **global** strategic challenge

No incentive for global order
Total distrust

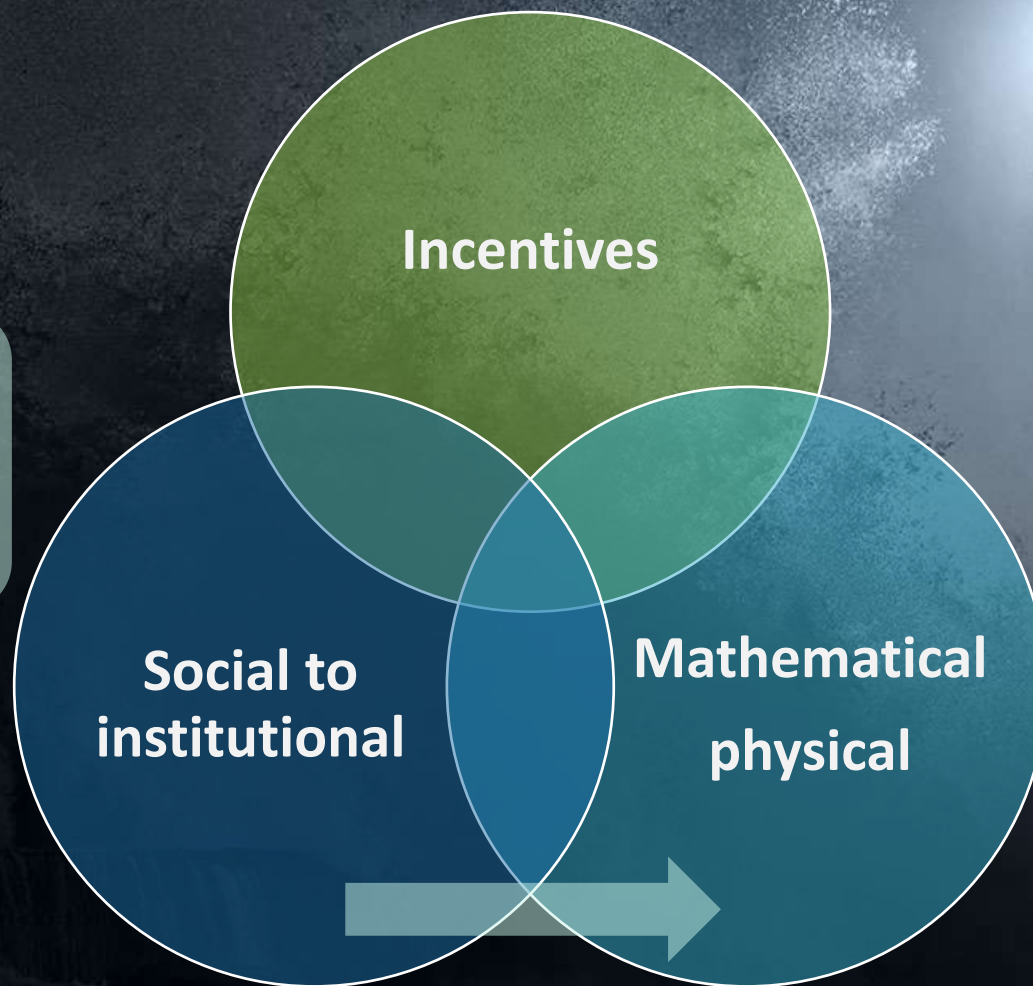
‘Those who know’

Want to deter and defend their assets
Want to stay big players

‘Those who don’t know’

Want to grow capabilities because
a new form of power can enhance
their global strategic positioning
and limit the powers of the big
players...any way possible –
technological, other arrangement

Shaping the **global trust model**



Balancing institutional
regulation, law & order

Revolutionizing trust
with crypto-networks

So why go to crypto-networks - Web 3.0

It is open source

Collectively owned

Self policing

Neutral



Trustworthy
+
arrangements
and fixes in
Web 2.0

We have the technology!



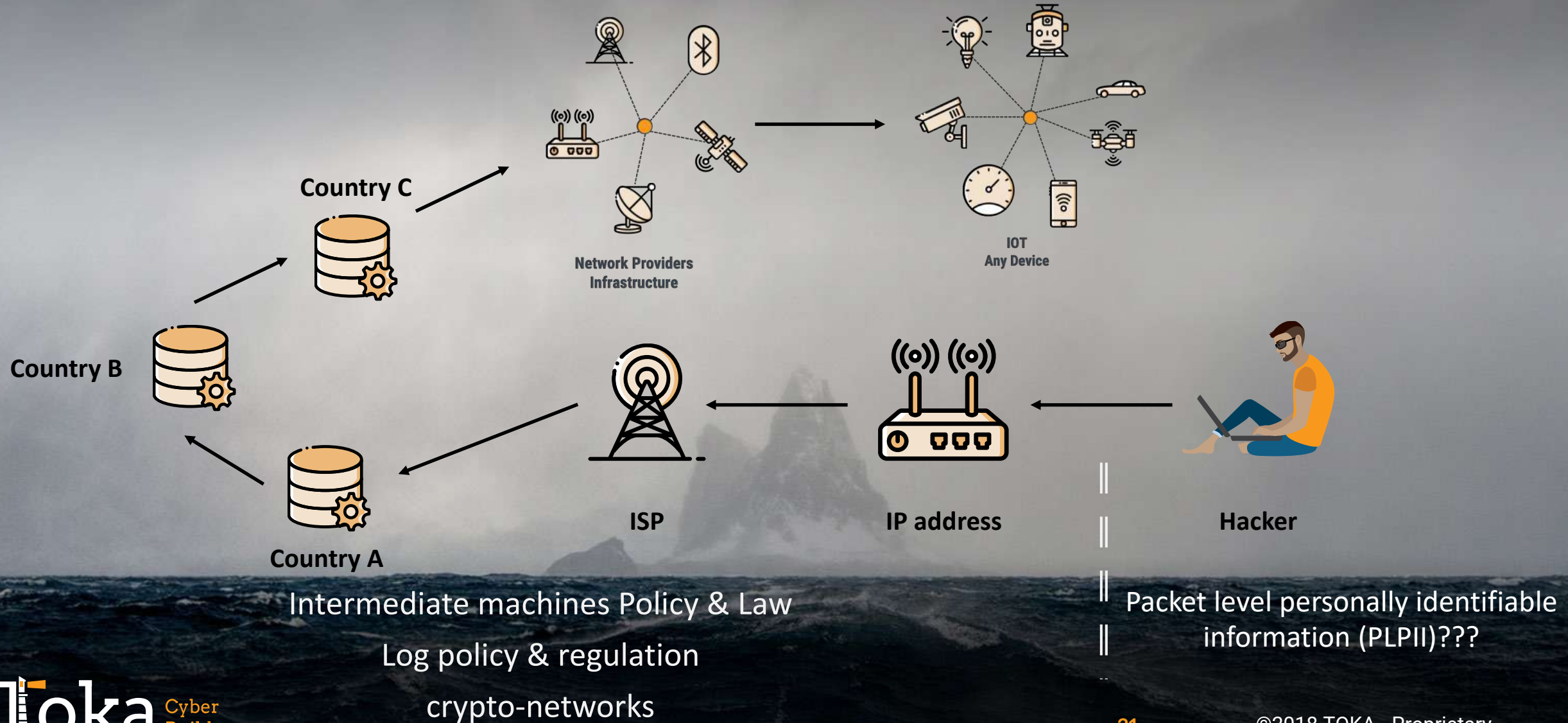
Re-stabilizing cyberspace

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Attribution **fixes?**



A National Cyber Transformation Methodology

**Asymmetric
Strategy & Concept
of Operations**

**Global partnerships, Alliances,
Laws, Regulations**

Advanced Persistent Defense

Campaign Leaders

State Rivals

**Multi-level
campaigns in and
out of cyber space**

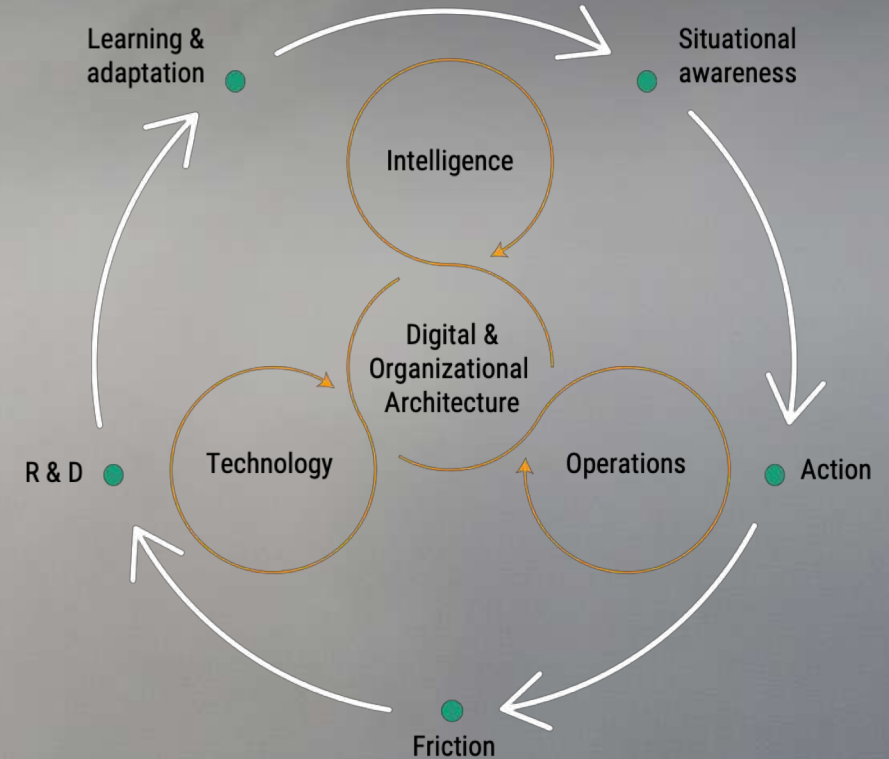
**Non-state
Rivals**

**Tailored
asymmetric brute
force & deception**

Tailored Deterrence

Building a **global Web 3.0 framework**

- **Attribution alliances - Global information sharing (Cyber CDC) - Intelligence & investigations, global signature repository**
- **Global red lines – CI Protection Arrangement**
- **Global cyber lawfare information sharing**
- **Global cyber-economics regime - Cyber S&P**
- **Regulation & innovation for responsible social media platforms**



Summary

- The global **cyberspace insurgency** has created an **asymmetric** challenge – both local & global.
- Let's fix attribution **& trust** – a framework of legal, policy, technical fixes and adopt the idea of **global Web 3.0 arrangements**.

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