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Data Science Transforming Security Operations



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Data Science & Security Operation?



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Who uses data science in their security practice?

In what processes throughout your security operations do you use data science?

Have you seen a significant value come out of your data science solutions?

Do you see data science playing in role in the Cybersecurity market shift: “By 2020, 60% of enterprise information security budgets will be allocated for rapid detection and response approaches, up from less than 20% in 2015 (Gartner) ”

Data Science has way more to offer than prevention & detection... It can and should be used as a key methodology and technology spanning all processes in security operations....



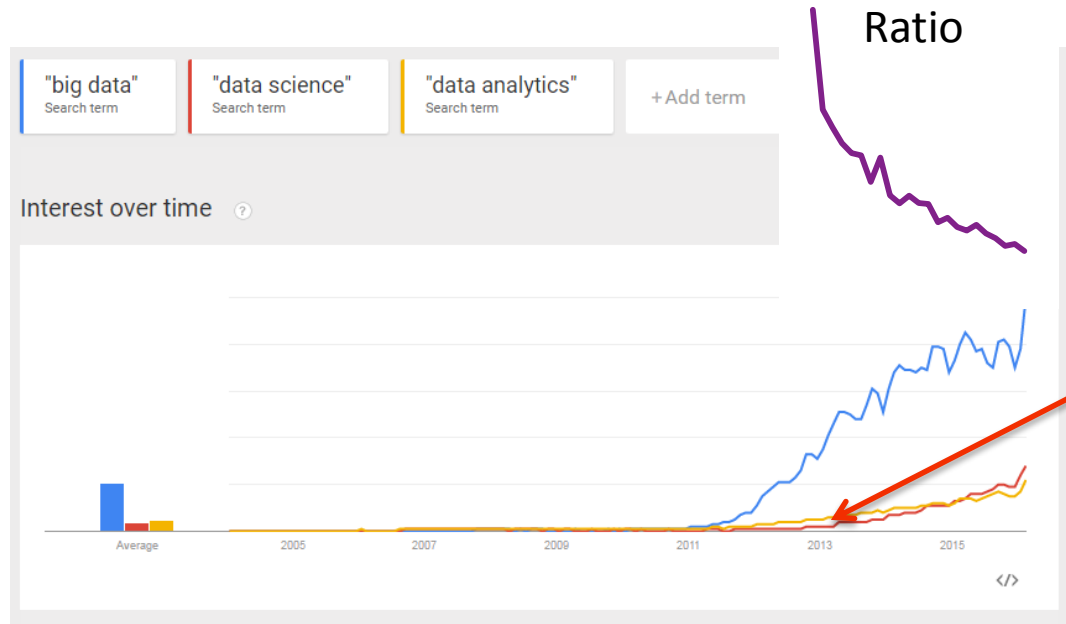
- What is data science, and why in security?
 - You should know by now ;)
 - What's special about data science in security
- 5 Maturity levels of data science in security operations
 - Data science goes way beyond the prevention & detection in the entry level...
- DS maturity survey
 - Where is your organization/product in terms of DS maturity?
- Building a security data science practice in house, Yes or No?
- Summary

What is Data Science – in 1 Sentence



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- Making sense out of big data...
- Getting the data we collect to work for us



Why Data Science in Security?



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- We have all (most) of the data already..... Yet still being breached... while the attacks are hidden in our data
- Security operations are getting too complex for humans alone... and we are facing a huge staffing gap...
- Other industries demonstrated huge value with DS, given a hard problem and the relevant data at hand:
 - Retail recommendation systems, up-sells, cross-sell
 - Bio-informatics
 - Image object recognition
 - Voice recognition
 - Self driving cars
 - ...

What's Special About Data Science in Security?



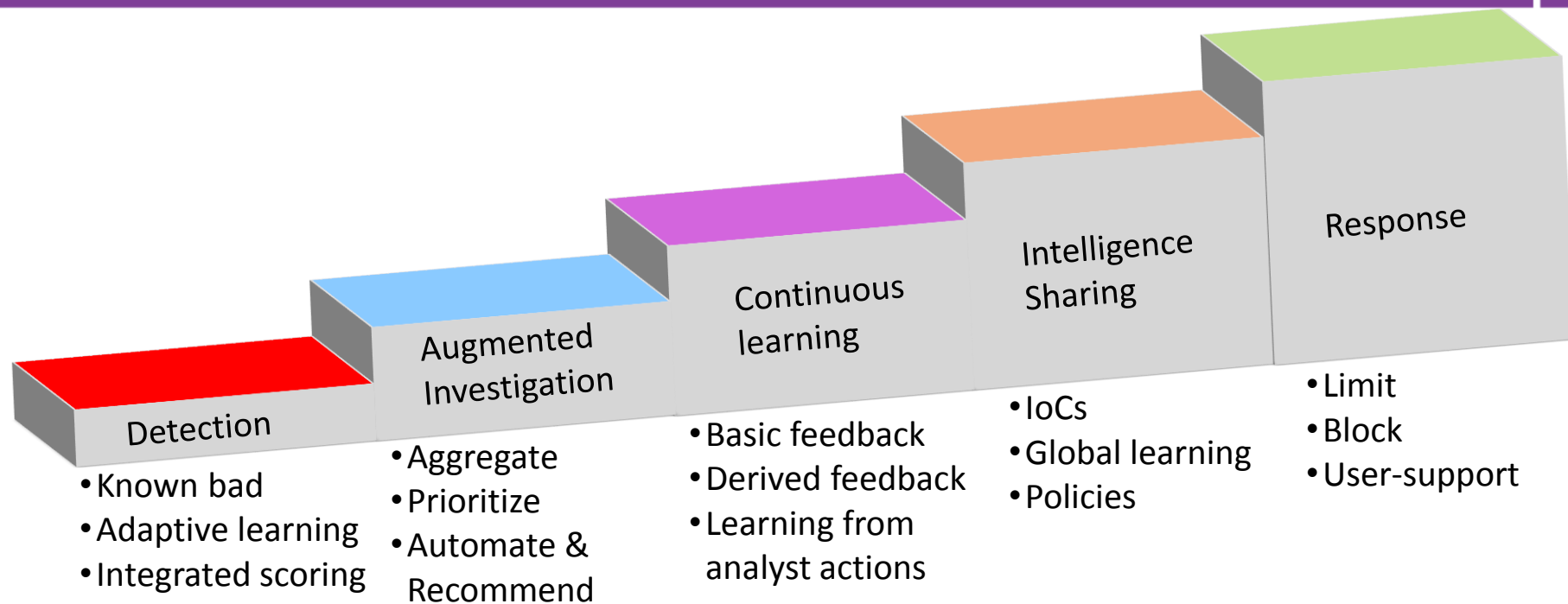
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- Dealing with a hostile dynamic world!
- Human/Machine synergy
- High price of *False-Negative* errors
- Gathering/Sharing data
- Lack of labeled attacks for training and learning
- In security detection is just the beginning....

5 Levels of Data Science Maturity



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Key message: Data science is a key methodology and technology, not a plug-in feature...

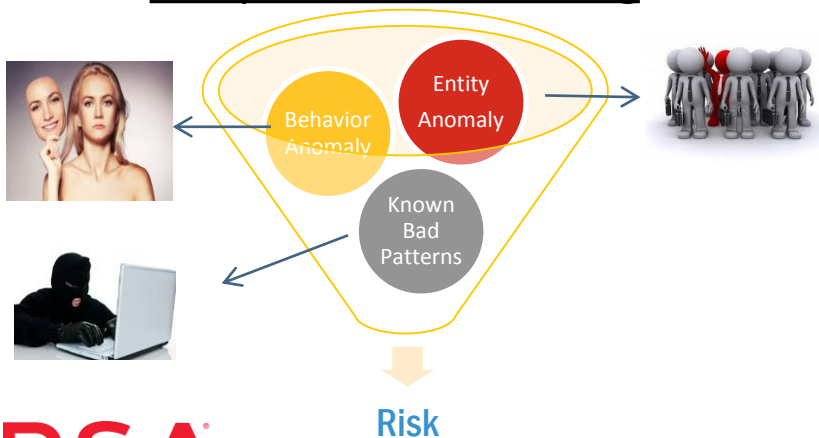
Detection: The Holy Grail of Data Science...



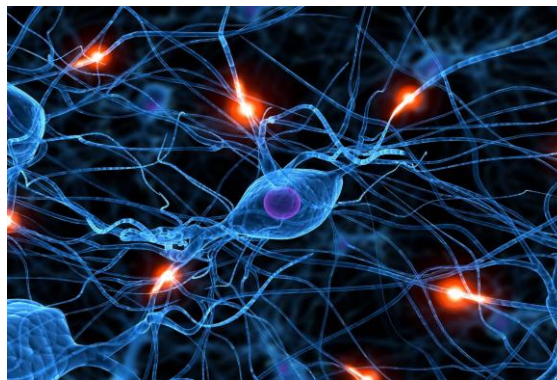
- The data exists, and so also endless point solutions for detection
- The key to success is:



Compressive Risk Scoring



Integrated Approach

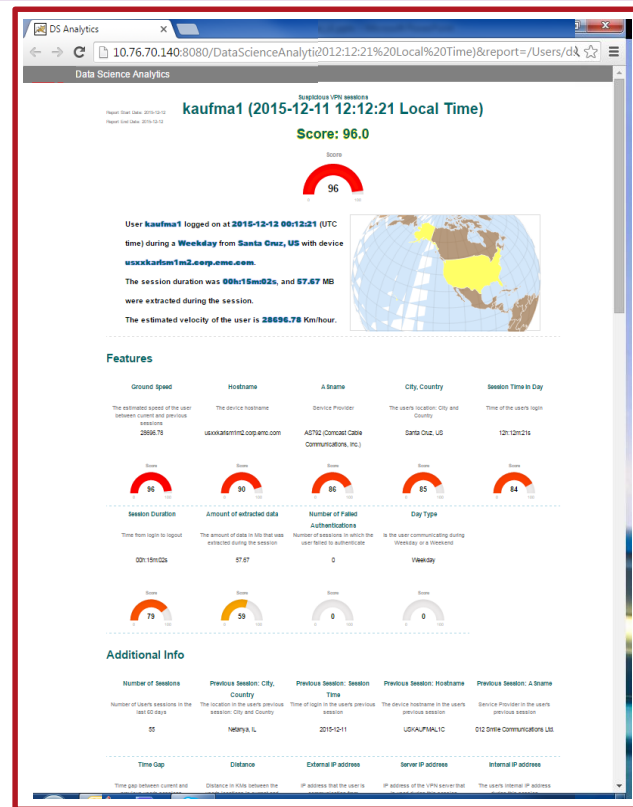


Comprehensive Risk Score - Example



Suspicious User Login Detection

- Multivariate Machine Learning algorithm to detect login impersonation
 - Multiple inputs from multiple sources:
 - Hostname, location, server, duration, auth, time of day, data tx/rx,....
 - Model output
 - Risk score (combined measure of how risky the behavior is)
 - Modeling concept:
 - **Known bad:** blocked users, unrealistic ground-speed, authentication
 - **User anomaly:** base line per feature and detect deviation from norm
 - **Peer group anomaly:** Prior knowledge, new user, acceptable behavior changes

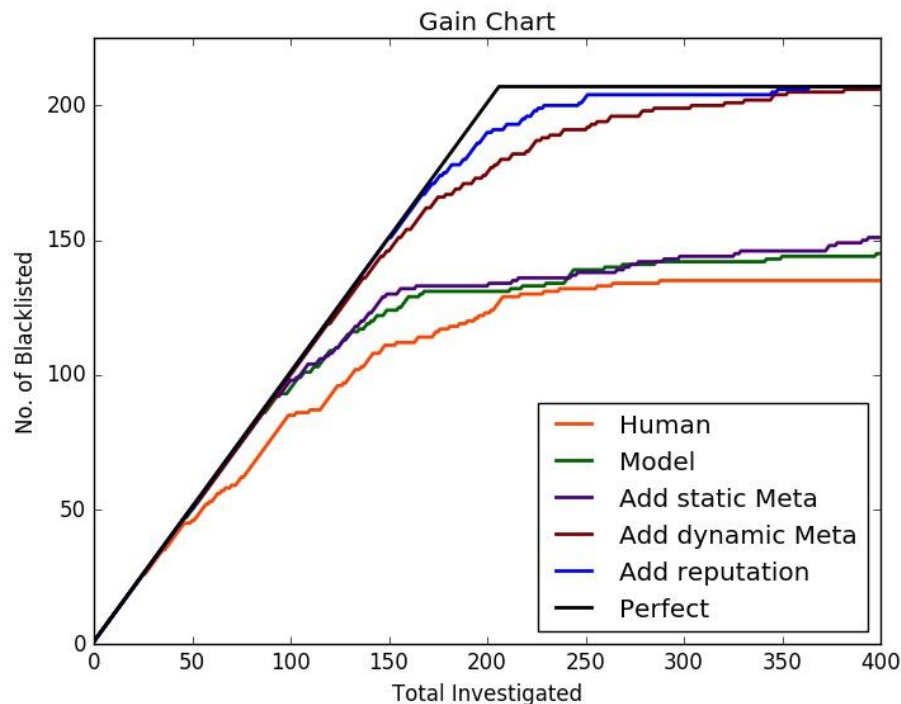




Integrating Different Approaches - Example

Endpoint Malware Detection

- The market is highly fragmented with endless point solutions
- Each vendor/solution takes a different valid approach with pros and cons
- Combining them provides enhanced performance:
 - Human
 - Static analysis
 - Dynamic analysis
 - Community reputation



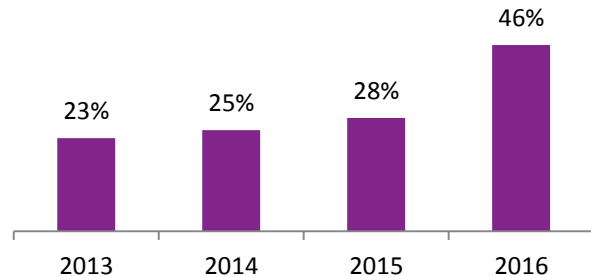
Augmented Investigation



- The goal is not replace the analysts but augment them and simplify their work:
 - Shortage of cybersecurity skills continues to grow
 - Most of analysts' time goes on selecting what alerts to investigate
 - Attacks typically trigger multiple alerts throughout the different attack phases
 - 70% of the procedures done by analysts are repeatable
- The Key to success:
 - Prioritize
 - Aggregate
 - Automate & Recommendation



**Shortage in
CyberSecurity Skills**
(ESG, 2016)

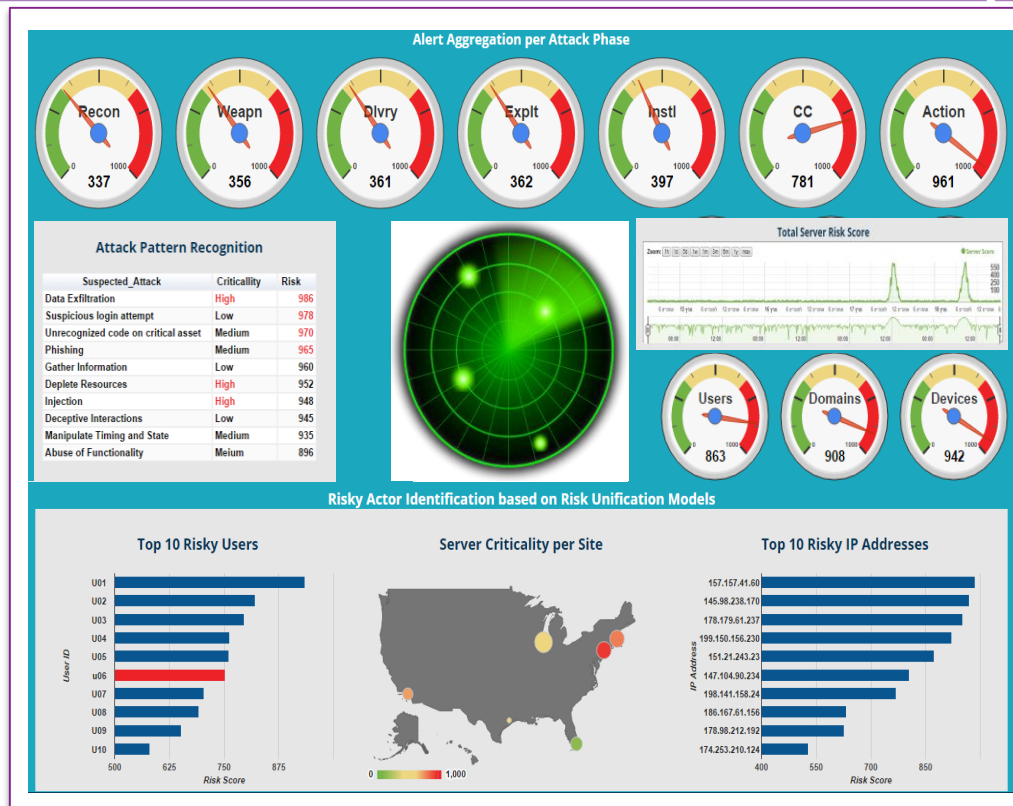


Augmented Investigation - Example



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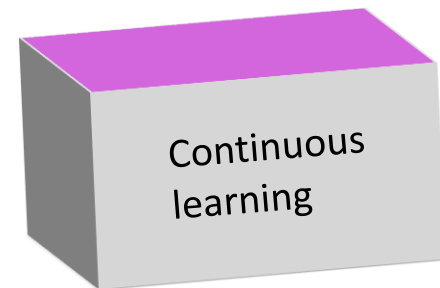
- Top-down Hierarchical approach
- Pre-fetch all supporting data
- Risk scoring prioritization
- Aggregate across entities (user, devices, application, ...)
- Moving from alerts to attack vectors
- Guide the analyst with recommendations



Continuous Learning



- As in any learning “teachers” are beneficial – supervised learning
 - Feeding back results to the learning engine
 - When direct feedback is lacking it can be derived
 - Learning from analyst behavior and actions

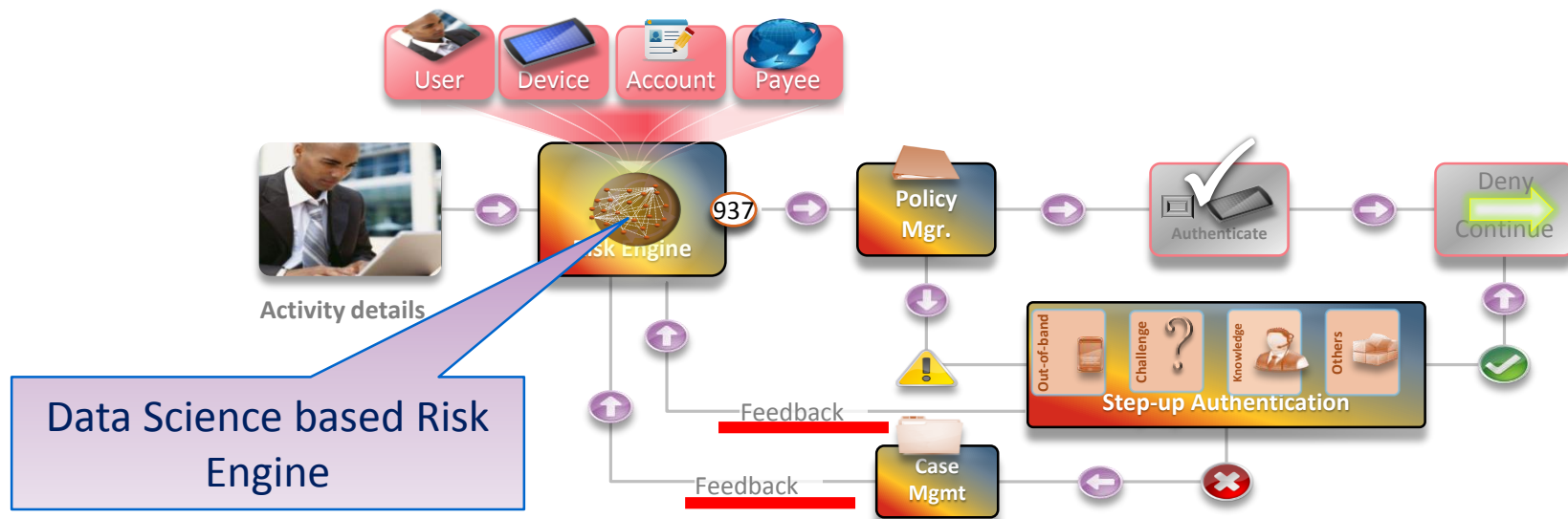


Learning and Self-Improving Detection - Example



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- Ongoing, automatic self-learning fraud detection model



Intelligence Sharing

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Tiny part of the road from each

Analytics

Map + prediction + navigation instruction



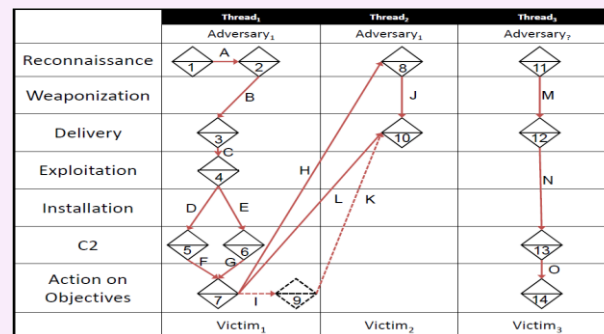
Waze. Outsmarting traffic, Together.

To date the industry state of the art sharing is around *IoCs*, next phase is to share, learn and crowdsource *policies, procedures & mitigations*

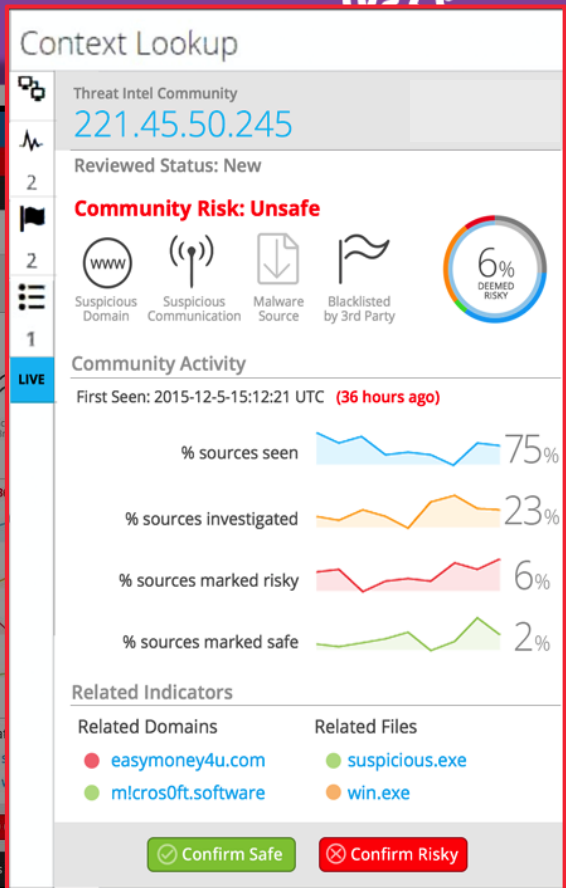
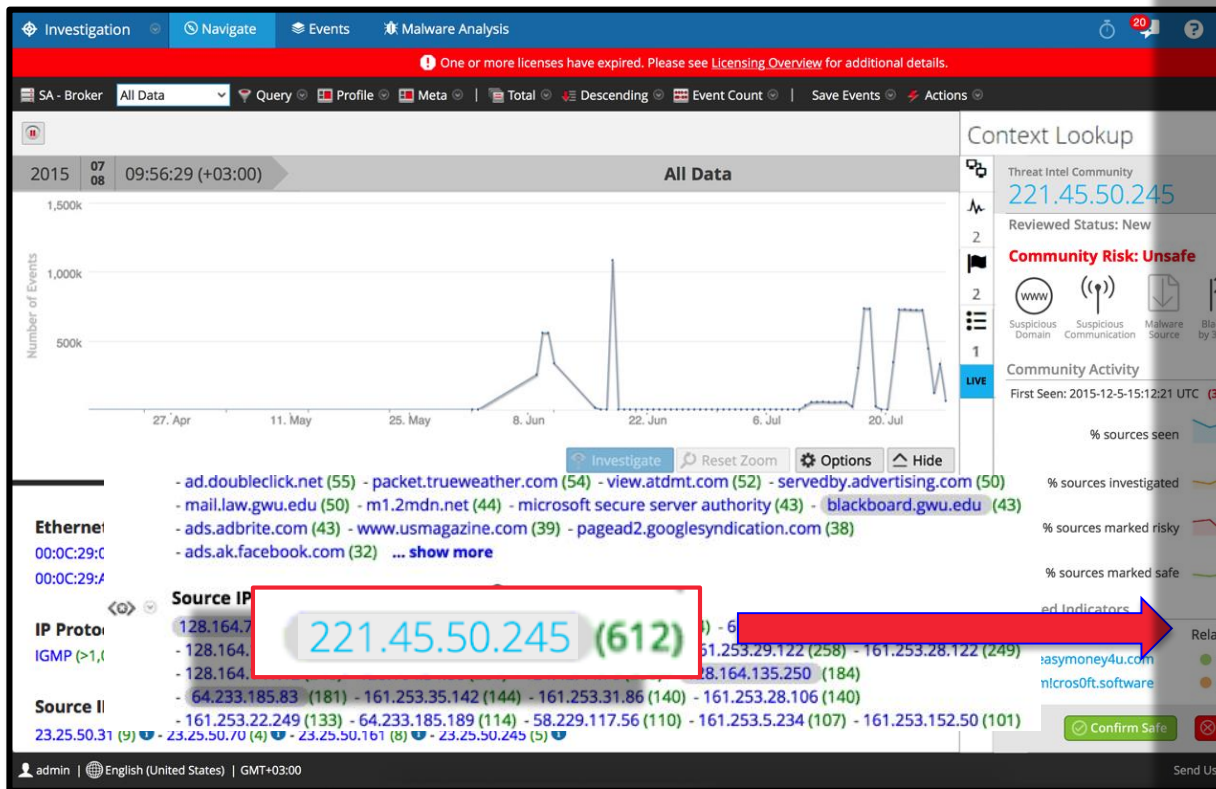
Intelligence Sharing

Crowdsourced security intel'

Security map + predictions + mitigation instructions

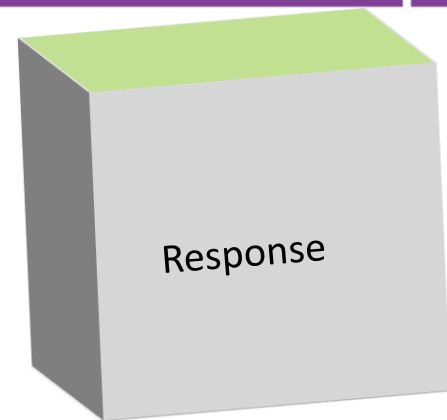


Fighting Back Together - Example





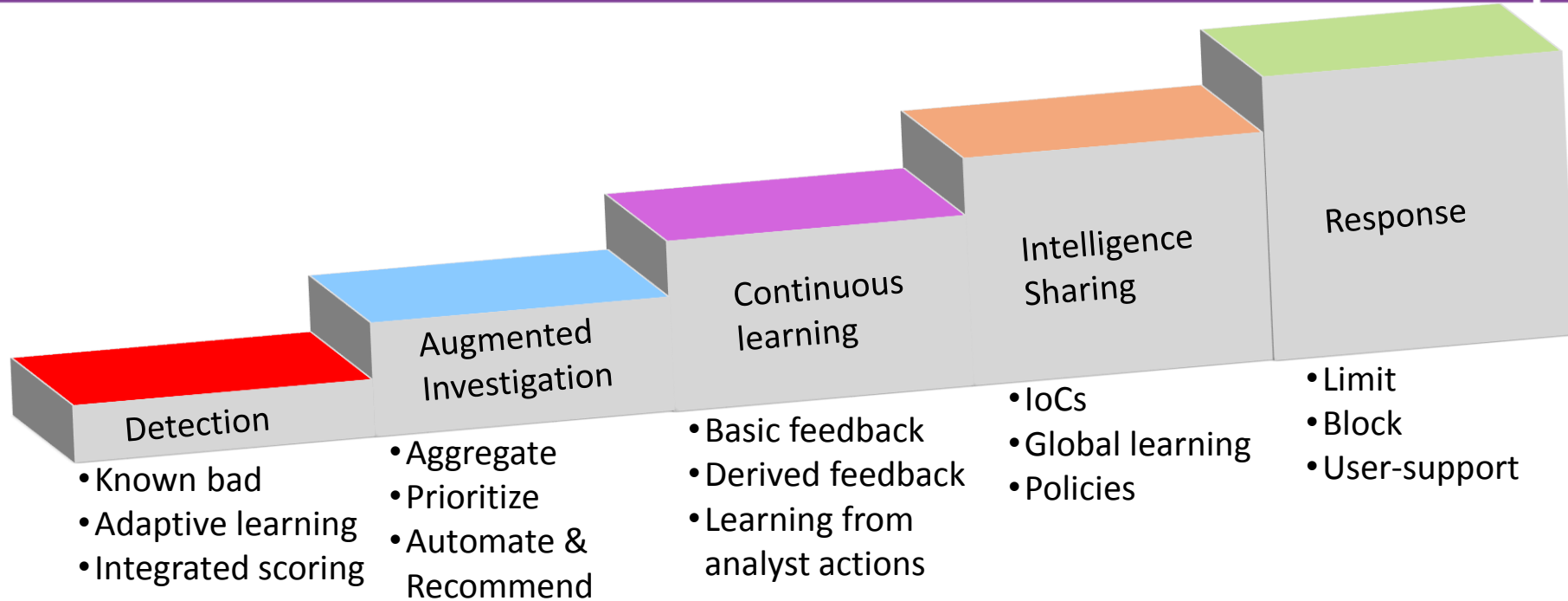
- Taking automatic actions based on insights:
 - Limit access / Require additional input
 - Risk based authentication
 - Partial blocking
 - Automatic blocking
 - Guide the analyst through investigation
 - Pre-fetch all required data
 - Recommend next action



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Survey: How DS-Mature Are Your Operations?

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(How many fields? (5), Overall score? (22 points))

Detection

- ✓ Do you use advanced, adaptive, analytics for detection?
- ✓ Can you bake into the analytics engines your human insights?
- ✓ Do you have your various products integrated at the analytics level?

Augmented Investigation

- ✓ Can you combine multiple alerts into some attack description?
- ✓ Do you have one integrated priority queue?
- ✓ Do you utilize automatic enrichments, hints, guidance or recommendation to assist analysts?

Continuous Learning

- ✓ Do you leverage analysts decision for operations improvement?
- ✓ Do you have any level of automatic, self learning from feedback?
- ✓ Do your overall operations improve based on your analysts work?

Intelligence Sharing

- ✓ Do you utilize community data to improve operations?
- ✓ Do your systems “learn” from data outside of your system?
- ✓ Do you have a mechanism to improve human actions based on the community?

Response

- ✓ Do you use automatic response based on analytics?
- ✓ Are any decisions or actions fed back to analysts as a results of the risk?

Building a Security Data Science Practice in House, Yes or No?



- Applying Data Science requires joint effort between data scientists, security experts and the business owners ↔ Alignment from stakeholders
- To date hiring people with a data science background is hard, nevertheless with security domain knowledge ↔ Invest in staffing and diverse backgrounds
- From research to an operational process/product – long journey from the proof-of-signal to an operational system ↔ Organization & operational breadth
- Data, Data, Data.... ↔ Collaborate / share
- You don't want data science... you actually want data science backed into your solution in an intuitive, easy to use manner ↔ Integrated home grown solution

Applying What You Have Learned Today

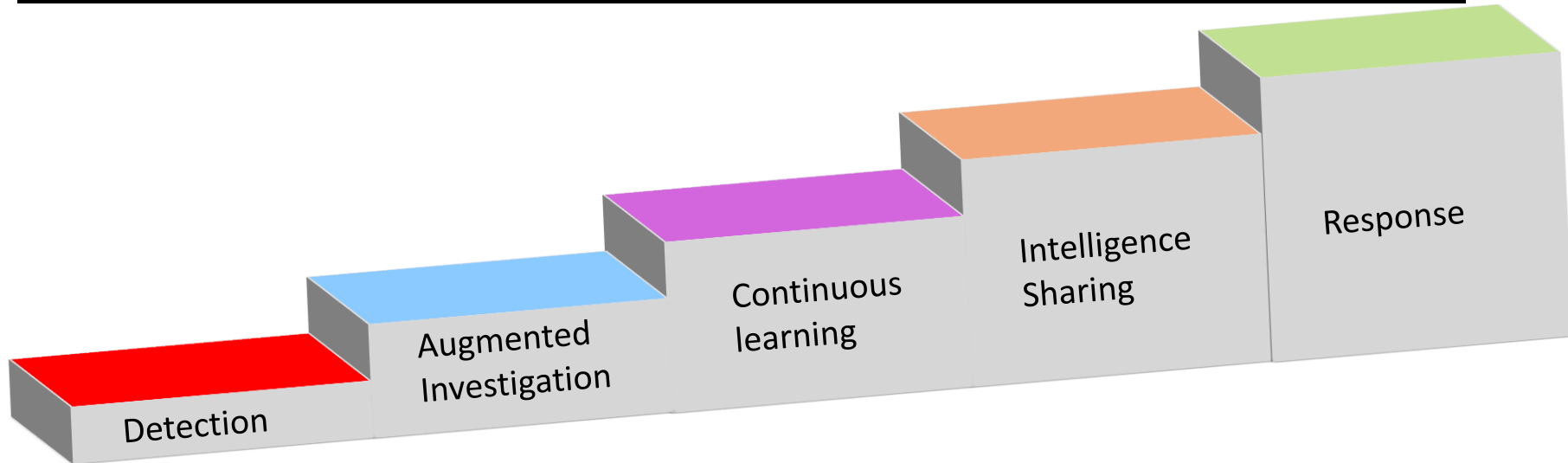


- Take the survey and assess how advanced is your DS strategy
- Identify gaps, and in what area focus is needed
- Work up the DS stairs:
 - Detection -> Investigation -> continuous learning -> Intl Sharing -> Automatic response (Risk based response)
- Data Science in house:
 - Alignment cross-org
 - Staff wisely
 - Be prepared for a long (and expensive) journey
- Constantly strive to see how DS augments your analysts, and not try replace them!





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