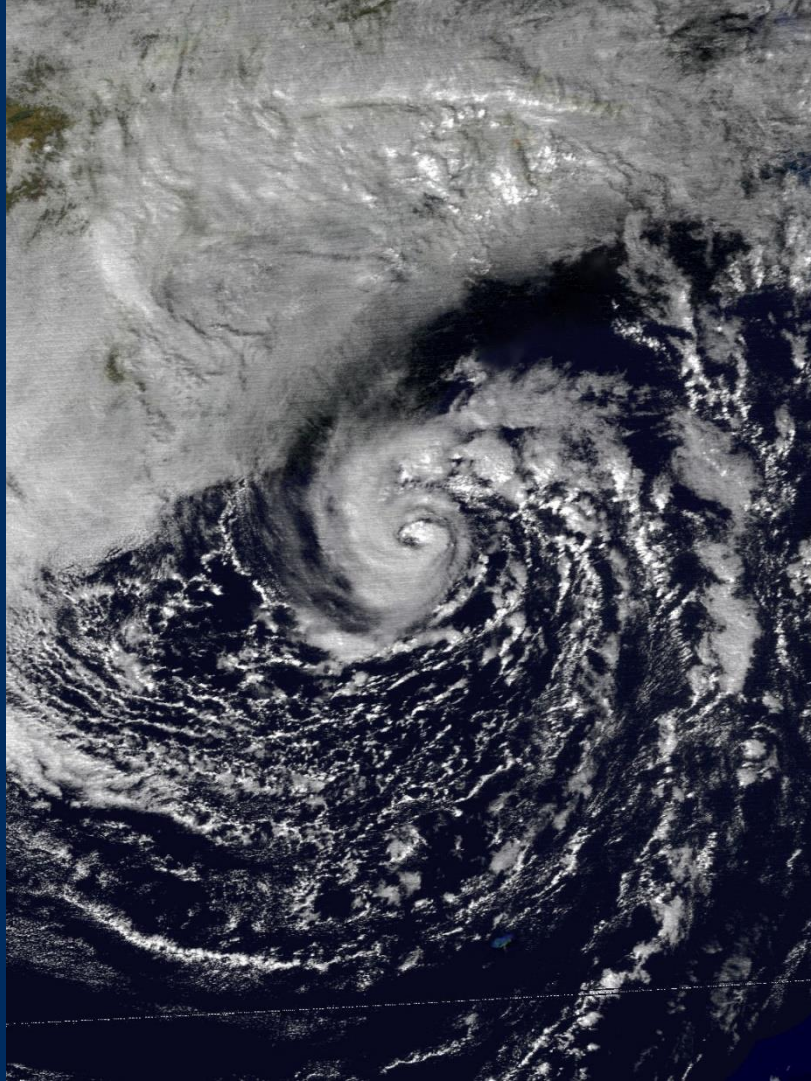




# Weathering The Cyber Security Storm

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#### TOP ATTACKERS

United States	59 %
India	13 %
China	12 %
France	10 %
Russia	6 %

#### TOP ATTACKED

United States	47 %
Korea	14 %
Singapore	13 %
Brazil	13 %
France	13 %

#### TOP NETWORK ATTACK VECTORS

TCP Flood	88 %
DNS Flood	6 %
UDP Flood	4 %
DoS	1 %
IP Flood	1 %

#### TOP APPLICATION VIOLATIONS

Access violations	46 %
Denial of Service	25 %
Injection	13 %
Cross-site scripting	12 %
Exploits	4 %

#### TOP SCANNED UDP PORTS

5060	49153	1900	123
69	10001	2123	1434
	11211	5353	

#### TOP SCANNED TCP PORTS

22	80	6379	443
8080	23	445	5900
	3389	8080	

COLLAPSE

WEB ATTACKERS  
DDOS ATTACKERS  
INTRUDERS  
SCANNERS  
ANONYMIZERS













# Top Five Cyber Security Risks

Source: Swiss NCSC Semi-annual report 2021/2

# Vulnerabilities

Phishing

*Fraud*

**DDoS**

Malware





**SCION**

**Scalability, Control  
and Isolation on  
Next-Generation  
Networks**

# Cyber Security – Three Risks Prevail When Using the Internet for Communication



## DoS and DDoS Attacks

- Expensive and difficult to protect against DoS and DDoS attacks
- Despite large investments, attacks continue to be successful



## Communication Path Hijacking

- Sender and receiver have limited control over routing
- Attacks can hijack and relay paths



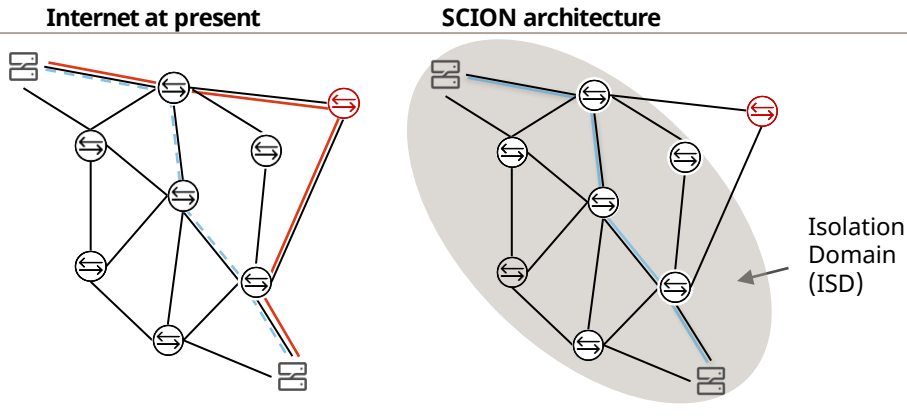
## Kill Switch ruptures Sovereignty

- Current Internet suffers from several "Kill Switches", which can halt communication within a geographical area
- Several attack avenues exist
- Revocation of certificates is also possible

# SCION – a Network Architecture for Safe and Reliable Data Communication

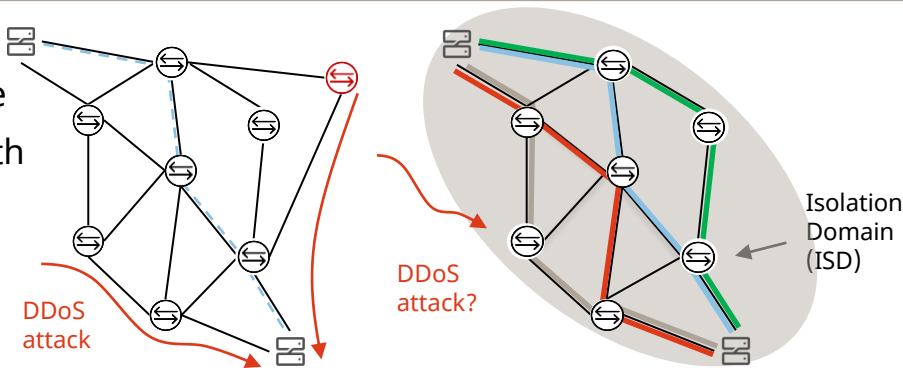
## Avoiding undesired network paths

- Internet at present: Impossibility to avoid certain networks or geographic regions due to lack of route controls
- SCION architecture: Path defined by end-users; cryptographic path protection prevents re-routing



## Preventing DDoS with isolation domains (ISDs)

- Internet at present: End points are vulnerable
- SCION architecture: Addresses are shared with selected communications partners only; a DDoS attack from the internet can thus no longer penetrate through to these addresses



SIX

SSFN

**Secure Swiss Finance Network**



# Together with partners, SIX introduced SSFN as the new financial communication network



Under the leadership of SIX the project brought together a dedicated team of **partners**

- **SIX** (Project Lead)
- **SNB** (Manager Swiss Interbank Clearing [SIC])
- **Anapaya** (Commercial SCION Technology)
- **Sunrise, Swisscom & SWITCH** (Partners for connectivity)

**Three banks** actively participated in the **pilot**



Active **collaboration** in the project

- Set-up a pilot network and performed testing using test traffic
- Defined governance principles
- Identified and partially tested use cases for SSFN or SCION-based networks beyond SIC / euroSIC
  - SSFN: Most SIX services
  - SSFN: “Secure” connection between banks
  - SCION: Working from home or eBanking



**SSFN went live in November 2021, SIC uses SSFN productively since June 2022. SSFN will replace the current network in the medium term due to its superior flexibility and functionality**

# SCION / SSFN Benefits

- High “native” resilience and availability
- Fast failover
  - Current routing setup and protocols can take seconds to minutes to failover
  - Due to known health states on each network path segment failover in SCION is in the milliseconds
- Identified participants due to cryptographically signed path elements
- Vendor and carrier agnostic
- Overall network policy enforcement possible



**ETHZ – SCION +  
SIX – SSFN  
=**

**Private-Public  
Partnership**

# Joint efforts and exchange

- SIX became an ETH Zurich Information Security Center (ZISC) partner in 2016
- First SCION workshop in April 2017
- Pilot SCION setup at SIX in 2018
- SSFN project start in 2019
- SSFN pilot with banks in 2020
- SSFN go-live in 2021
- Swiss Interbank Clearing production traffic in 2022





# Resources

## **SIX**

Hardturmstrasse 201  
CH-8021 Zürich

[www.six-group.com](http://www.six-group.com)

## **SCION:**

[www.scion-architecture.net](http://www.scion-architecture.net)

[www.scionlab.org](http://www.scionlab.org)

[www.github.com/netsec-ethz](https://www.github.com/netsec-ethz)

## **SSFN:**

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