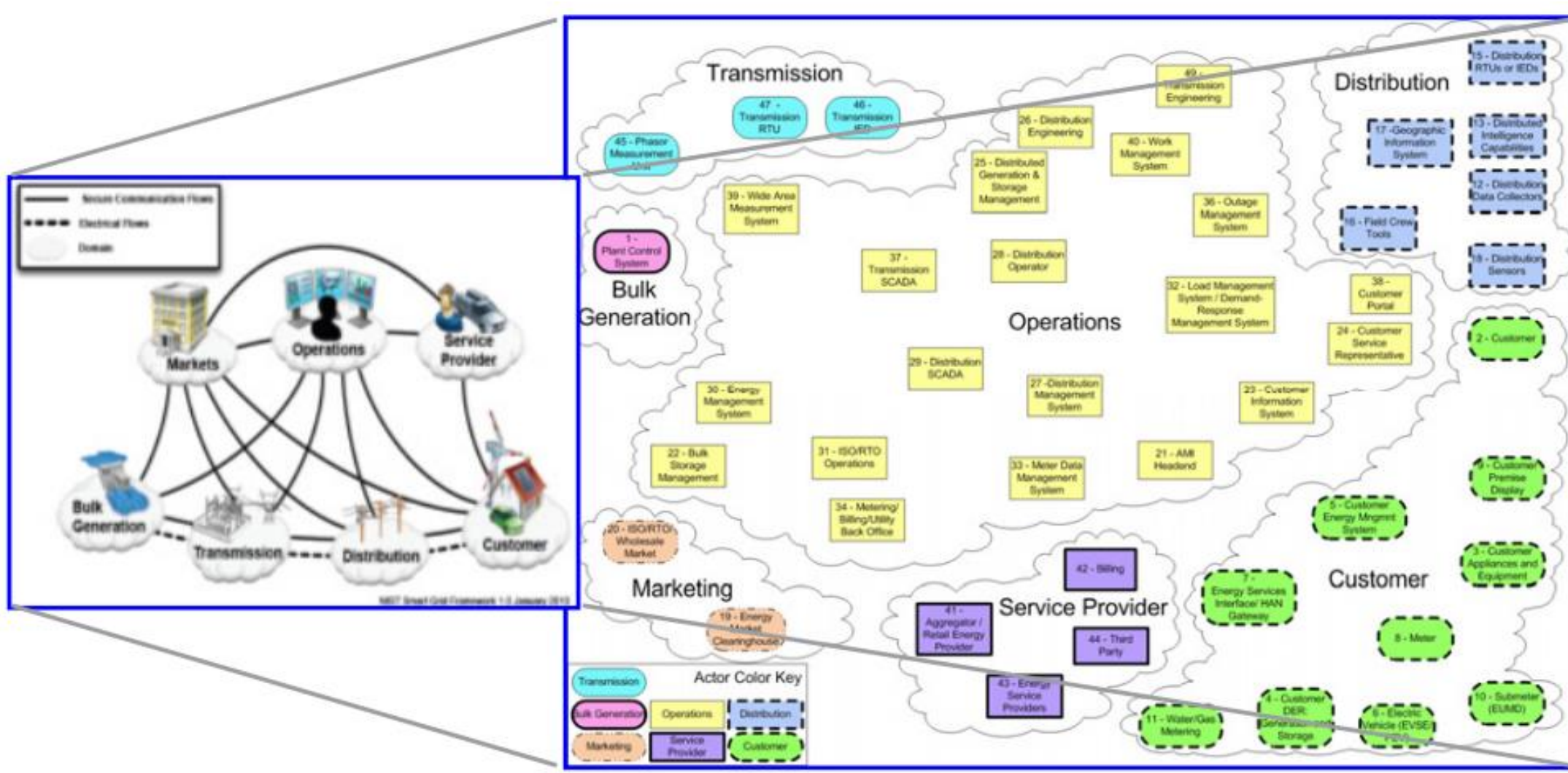


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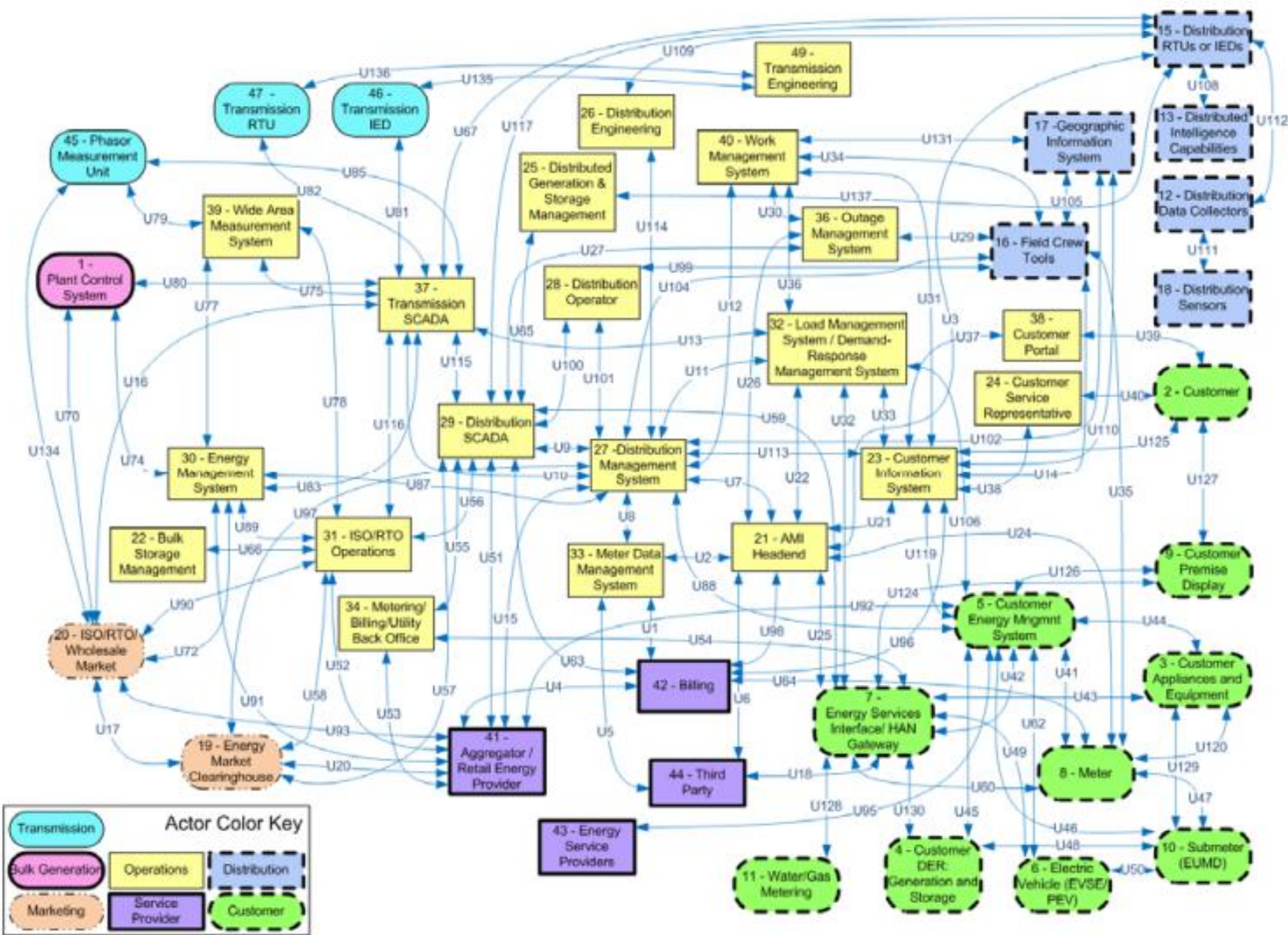
- Develop a visualization application to aid understanding of the complex security guidelines and relationships conceptualized in the **National Institute of Standards and Technology Interagency Report (NISTIR) 7628**, Guidelines for Smart Grid Cyber Security.
- Enable the aggregation and organization of cyber security guidance in flexible, user-specified ways to enable rapid synthesis of strategic ideas.
- Examine approaches for mapping guidelines to actual network maps.
- Provide an application to easily and effectively convey cyber security concepts and guidelines to widely varied audiences.
- Automate the ingestion of “guideline” and “relationship” information.

### FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS/CHALLENGES

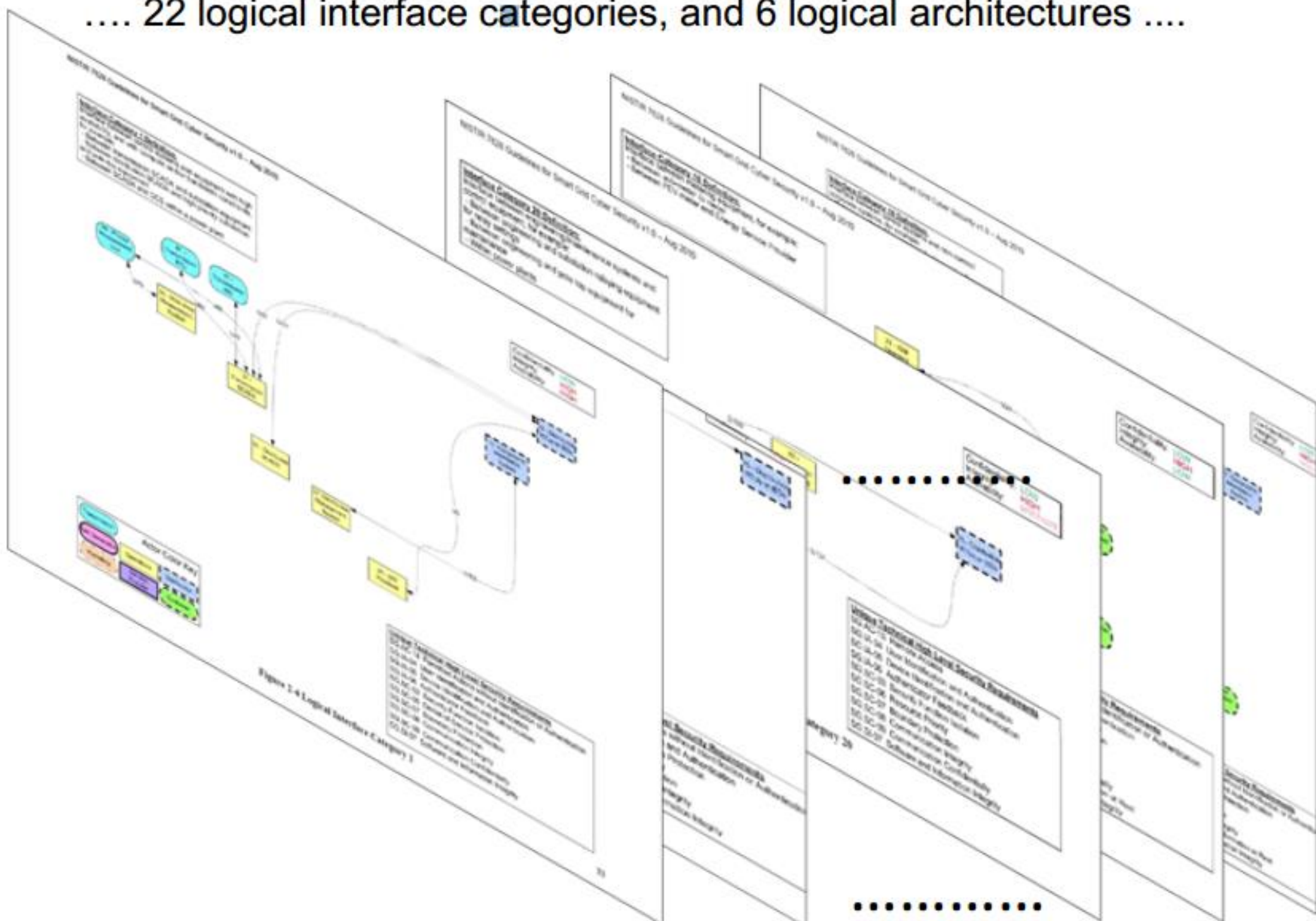
- NISTIR 7628 is a 3-volume, 600+ page technical document. Very challenging to digest and understand
- Organizes the power system into 7 domains having 49 actors,...



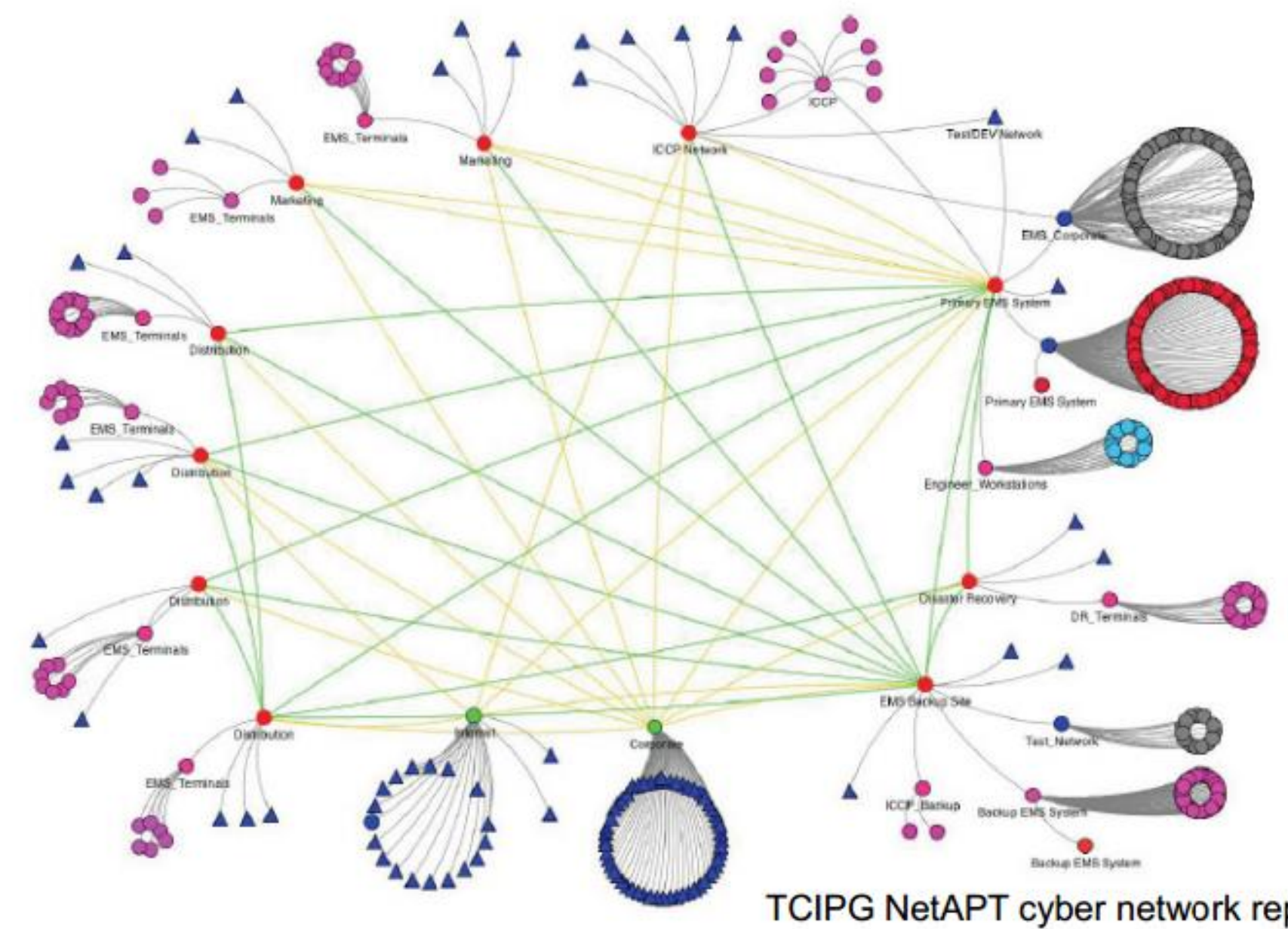
.... 127 logical interfaces,...



.... 22 logical interface categories, and 6 logical architectures ....

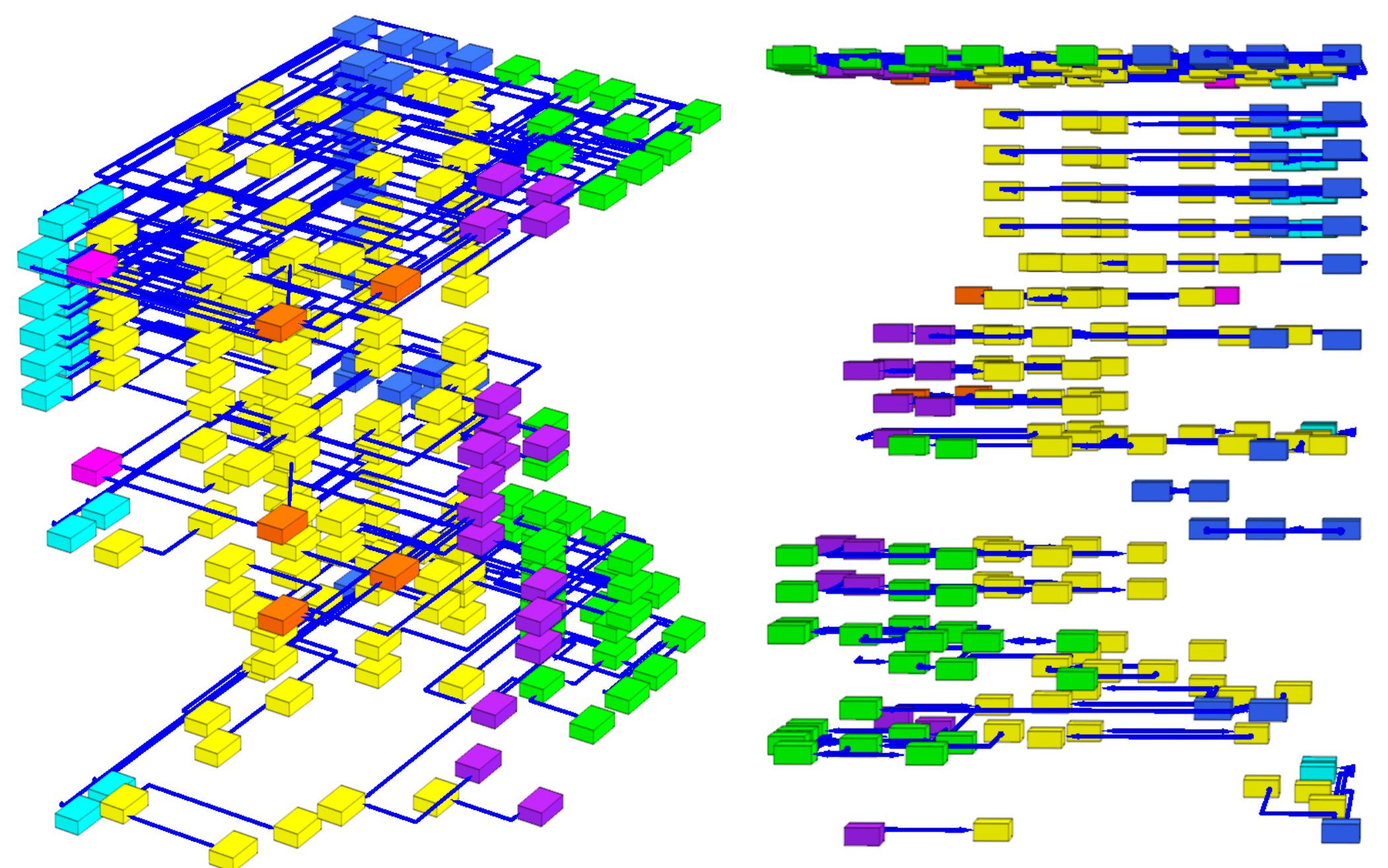


....and bears little resemblance to a typical utility system cyber network map!!



TCIPG NetAPT cyber network representation

### RESEARCH RESULTS



3D NISTIR Visualization

- Web-based, HTML-5 visualization tool.
- User selects and controls the information displayed:
  - Zooms in and out;
  - Rotates in 3 axes;
  - Selectable Layers;
  - Windowed “player” information from NISTIR 7628
- Seeking effective methods to label actors, logical interfaces, and interfaces compatible with interactive perspective changes.
- Seeking ways to increase information content available to user.

### BROADER IMPACT

- Visualization application has the potential to provide far-reaching benefits in conveying complex information effectively to wide audiences.

### FUTURE EFFORTS

- Leverage an advanced application platform to increase the NISTIR 7628 technical content available to the user.
- Automate data and “relationship information” ingestion.
- Leverage computer graphics expertise outside the existing team.
- Investigate effective ways to visually map NISTIR 7628 guidelines to realistic cyber networks.
- Broaden the tool’s application to similar complex information visualization requirements.