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Modular Research-based Composably trustworthy
Mission-oriented Resilient Clouds

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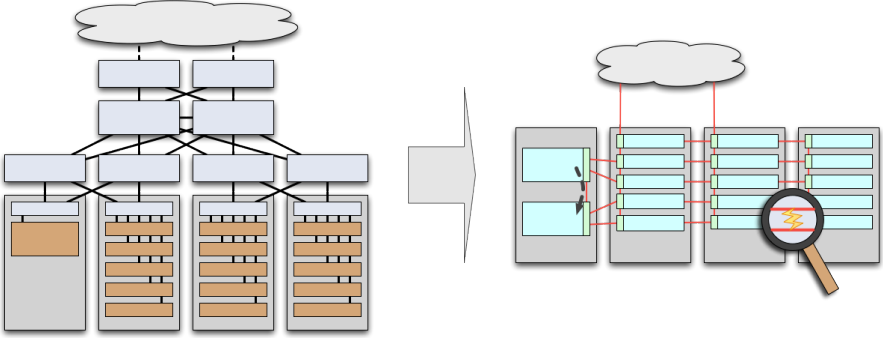


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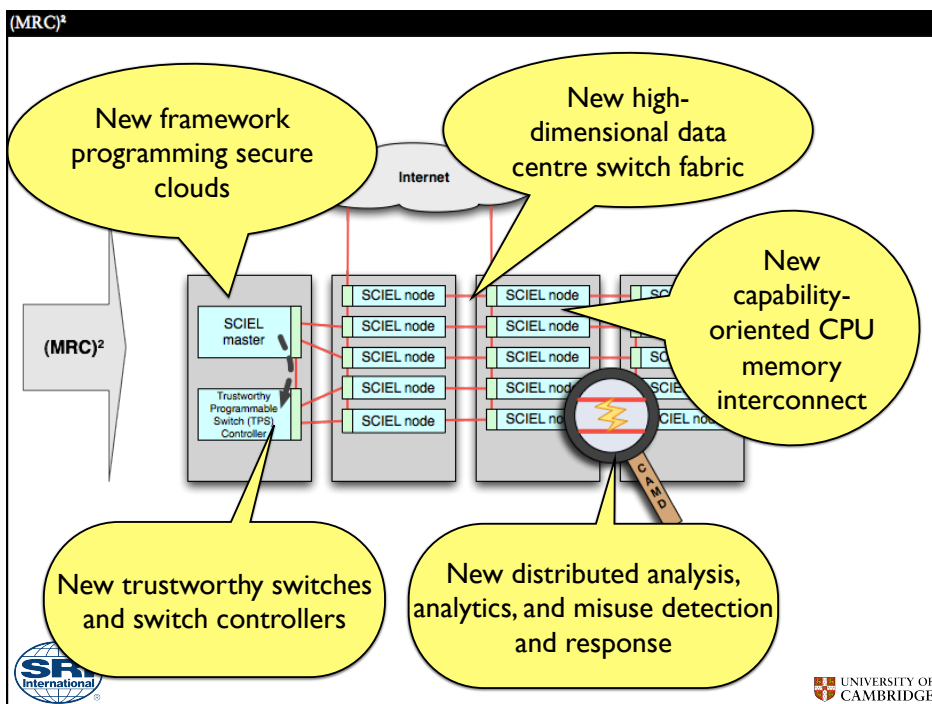
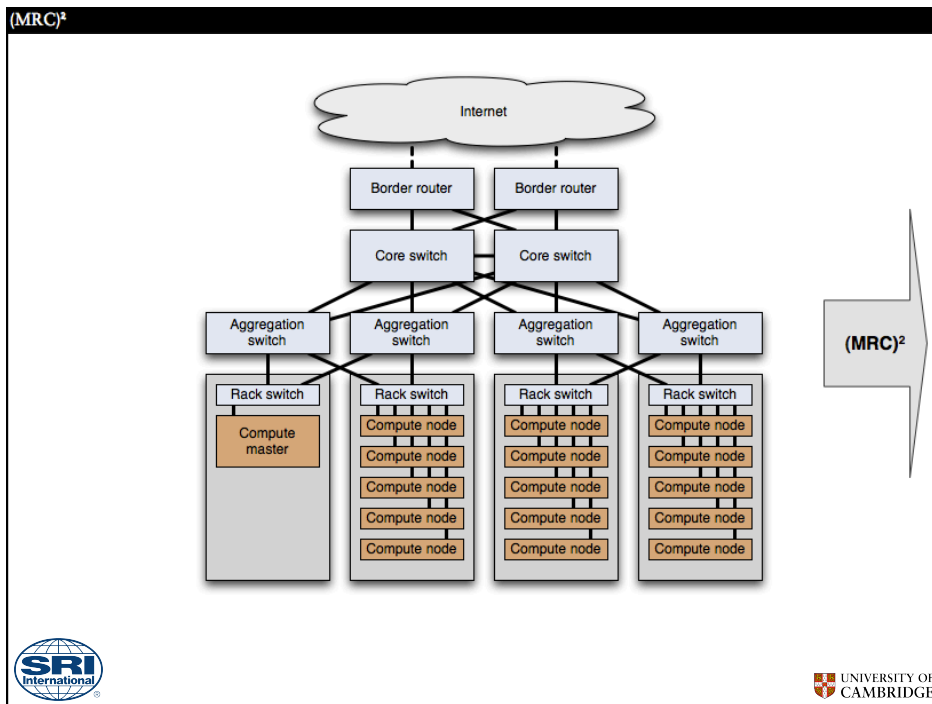
- **CHERI:** Capability hardware enhanced RISC instructions
 - MIPS ISA soft CPU core supporting efficient and programmable software compartmentalisation.
- **BERI:** Bluespec experimental RISC implementation
 - Platform for research into the hardware-software interface: multi-threaded 64-bit MIPS core and software stack: LLVM, FreeBSD, Apache, Chromium, ...
- **TESLA:** Temporally enhanced system logic assertions
 - Dynamic checking of temporal safety assertions for system software
- Hardware and software under BSD/Apache licenses

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Cross-cutting themes



- Data centre switching
- Distributed resilience throughout
- Aligning algorithm and network topology
- Energy-efficiency/security/resilience/scalability tradeoffs
- Multi-scale computing techniques
- Capability system security models
- Formal grounding

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Important research question:
Should RDSF and Chimera converge?
We believe so.

RDSF	Higher dimensional data centre switching
Chimera	Rack-scale capability-oriented memory interconnect
TPSC	Trustworthy, distributed Software-Defined Networking (SDN) controllers
CAMD	Cloud analysis and misuse detection
SCIEL	A programming framework for secure resilient clouds

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Chimera

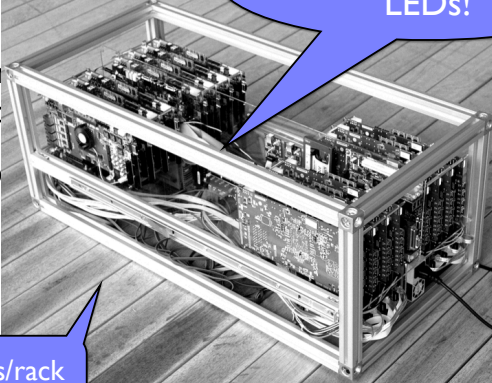
Rack-scale capability-oriented

- Start with ... to multi-c ... scale
- Investigat ... low
- More s ... to
- Exploit ... CPU ...

Has lots of blue LEDs!

16 FPGA/unit, 4 units/rack
Anticipated 128-256 cores,
16-32 threads/core

energy effects on capability model



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RDSF

Resilient distributed switching fabric

- RDSF is a **high-dimensional structure** with a switchlet for every compute node
- Multi-path redundant topology for performance, resilience and security
- Components are functionally interchangeable
- High(er) performance through closer processor-network affinity
- Remap network topology to match program data flow

Non-traditional world view!



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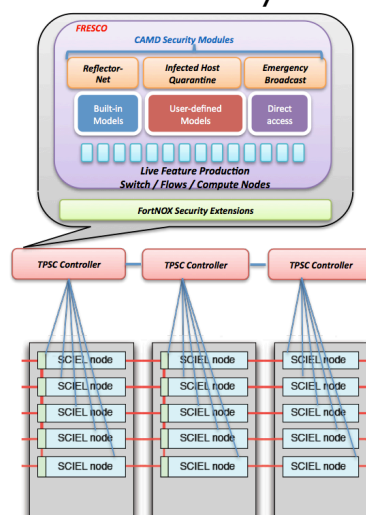
Trustworthy programmable switch controllers

- Trustworthy platform for switch control
 - Platform for switch control applications
 - CHERI-based security model
- Distributed switch controllers
 - Integrated with RDSF: one-to-one with switchlets
 - Distributed control for resilience and performance
 - Scaling from one controller to one million?
- Formal grounding for both isolation and distribution properties

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CAMD

Cloud analysis and misuse detection



- Existing approaches rely on centralised visibility and control
 - e.g., OpenFlow switches/controllers
- Distribute both switch management functionality and analytics/misuse detection/remediation
- CAMD offered by and for multiple tenants, as well as data center owners
 - e.g., APIs for IDSs, reflector nets, emergency broadcasts, IPSs, BotHunter, ...



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Secure CIEL

A programming framework for secure clouds

- Cambridge CIEL cloud programming framework
 - Distributed data flow framework scaling to hundreds of thousands of nodes
 - Supports heterogenous programming environments from C to Java and OCaml
 - Cryptographic hash-based naming of computations
 - All computations are restartable and replicable for robustness

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Conclusion

- Ensemble project spanning hardware and software
 - Secure cloud programming model
 - Rack-scale, capability-oriented memory
 - High-dimensional data center switching
 - Trustworthy and distributed software-defined networks
 - Cloud analysis and misuse detection
 - Energy-efficiency/security/resilience/scalability tradeoffs
- Current focus is on problem framing and measurement, infrastructure development, and early point projects

