

# Advanced Cybersecurity with SITU-X:

Real-Time Entity Level Intelligence  
on Zero-Trust Architecture

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# From **groundbreaking** research to leading-edge cybersecurity solutions

SITU-X represents a strategic alliance between cutting-edge research and enterprise innovation. This unique platform combines **SITU's** advanced anomaly detection and cybersecurity research from **Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)** with the enterprise-grade distributed AI infrastructure of **Xenese™**, delivering the next-generation cybersecurity intelligence.

## Research-driven innovation



## A collaborative consortium



## Real-time threat intelligence

- Developed at ORNL with funding from DOE, DoD, and DHS to safeguard mission-critical systems.
- Built through multidisciplinary research in data science, AI, and national security sciences.

- U2opia acquired SITU from ORNL and integrated it with Xenese™, forming a consortium to merge advanced AI/ML, entity-level intelligence, and zero-latency solutions on distributed node technology.

- SITU-X delivers adaptive, real-time cybersecurity solutions, and enhances existing investments by complementing platforms like BeyondTrust and Splunk.

# Our advanced **capabilities** deliver real-time cyber intelligence and resilient security solutions

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## Intelligent Threat Detection

- **Entity-Level Models:** Millions of supervised and unsupervised probabilistic models for advanced anomaly detection.
- **Distributed Analytics:** Detects and mitigates threats instantly across hybrid and distributed environments.

## Contextual Insights at Scale

- **Probabilistic Scoring:** Prioritizes threats with advanced anomaly scoring using sliding time windows.
- **Contextual Analysis:** Tracks behavior patterns to uncover low-and-slow attacks and complex threats.

## Resilient Security and Compliance

- **Zero-Trust Architecture:** Ensures secure, immutable infrastructure.
- **GenAI-Powered Actions:** Delivers prescriptive analytics and automated recommendations for faster response.

## Distributed Hybrid Integration

- **Scalable Infrastructure:** Processes massive data volumes across edge, on-premises, and cloud.
- **API and Privilege Monitoring:** Real-time detection of misuse and vulnerabilities in privileged access.

# Navigating the DoD's evolving cyber threat landscape: Key **challenges** in Defense

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## Top Cyber Threat Challenges

- 1. Detecting Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs):** Stealthy nation-state attacks blend into normal traffic, evading traditional systems.
- 2. Managing Overwhelming Data Volumes:** Petabytes of daily data overwhelm analysts with false positives.
- 3. Preventing API & Privileged Access Exploits:** API misuse and credential theft lead to undetected breaches.
- 4. Ensuring Resilience in Distributed Environments:** Hybrid and edge environments create visibility gaps and latency issues.

## Cyberattack Rates and Volumes

- 1 Incident Reporting Trends (2017-2022):** Reports **surged** from 780/month in 2020 to 1,240/month in 2021, normalizing to **602/month in 2022**.
- 2 Federal Cybersecurity Incidents (2022):** **800,944** cyber-crimes reported, with financial losses rising **50% to \$10.3 billion**.
- 3 Defense Sector Trends:** **300%** increase in cyberattacks since 2018, with an average breach cost of \$5.46M.

References: 2023 DoD Cyber Strategy Summary, DoD Cyber Crime Center (DC3) Annual Report.

# Responding to DoD Cybersecurity challenges with **SITU-X** advanced capabilities <sup>(1)</sup>

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## Detecting Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs)

**Problem Solved:** SITU-X uncovers APT behaviors that blend into normal traffic, enabling real-time defense.

- ✓ **Entity-Level ML Models:** Tracks user, device, and API behaviors to uncover subtle deviations.
- ✓ **Probabilistic Anomaly Scoring:** Prioritizes complex behaviors with likelihood scores.

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## Managing Overwhelming Data Volumes

**Problem Solved:** SITU-X reduces analyst overwhelm by filtering petabytes of daily data, eliminating false positives, and highlighting critical threats for faster response.

- ✓ **Automated Anomaly Detection:** Filters false positives with millions of autonomous models.
- ✓ **Petabyte-Scale Processing:** Ingests and analyzes vast streaming data in real-time.

# Responding to DoD Cybersecurity challenges with **SITU-X** advanced capabilities (2)

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## Preventing API & Privileged Access Exploits

**Problem Solved:** SITU-X uncovers APT behaviors that blend into normal traffic, enabling real-time defense.

- ✓ **API Behavior Monitoring:** Detects unusual patterns, privilege escalation, and geo-locations
- ✓ **Prescriptive GenAI Insights:** Recommends remediation actions like revoking keys or blocking access.

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## Achieving Resilience Across Distributed & Hybrid Environments

**Problem Solved:** SITU-X ensures resilience by closing gaps and reducing latency with distributed AI and real-time edge processing.

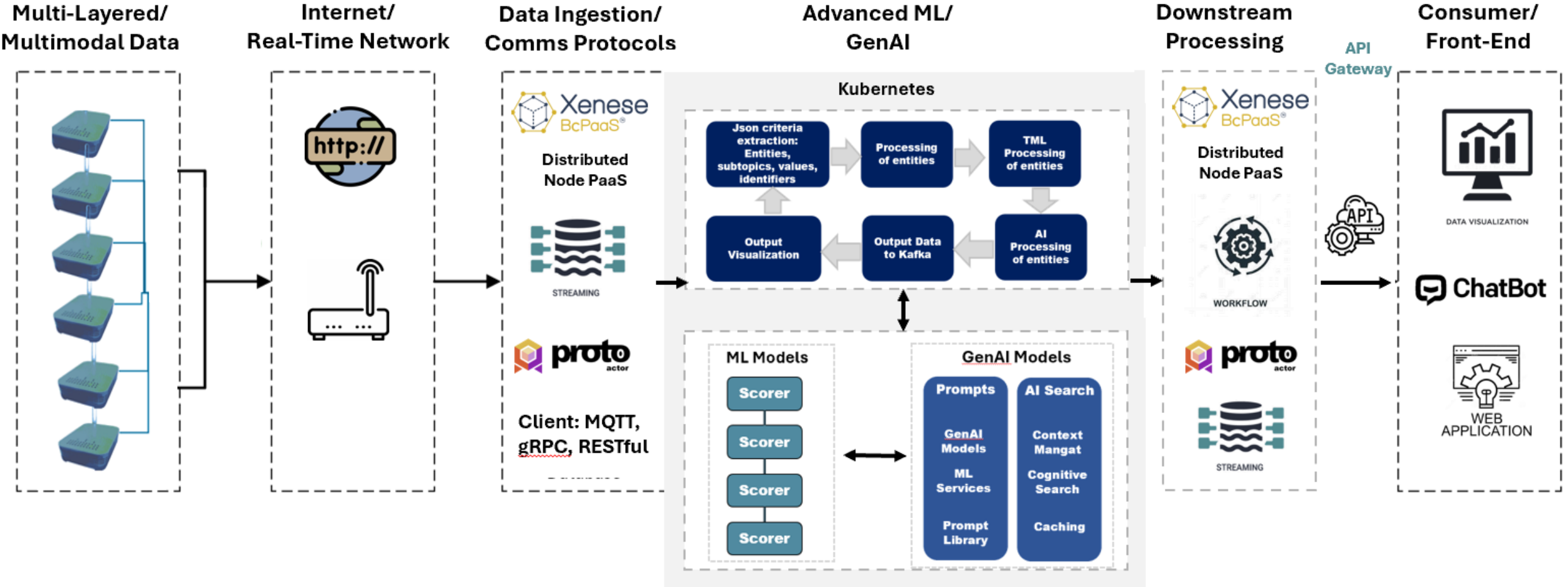
- ✓ **Distributed AI Infrastructure:** Processes data at the edge for low-latency insights
- ✓ **Zero Trust Architecture:** Secures systems with real-time, continuous verification.



# We built **differentiation** from the start with the latest advances in Fast ML and Actor Models

Capabilities	SITU-X	BeyondTrust	Splunk	CrowdStrike	Palo Alto Networks	Google Mandiant
1. <b>Entity-level Autonomous, in-memory, ML models</b> for real-time threat detection at scale	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
2. <b>Petabyte-scale</b> data ingestion with Distributed AI	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
3. <b>GenAI-powered prescriptive analytics</b> for real-time threat remediation	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
4. <b>Entity-level autonomous, in-memory, AI prompts</b> for real-time threat analysis	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
5. <b>Actor model scale framework on Node technology</b> (immutable cryptography)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
6. <b>Distributed edge processing</b> with zero latency	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
7. <b>Integrated API behavior monitoring</b> and privilege escalation detection	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
8. <b>Cross-platform integration</b> and visibility (on-prem, cloud, hybrid)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9. <b>Dynamic scaling, resilient processing, and fine-grained parallelism</b> through actor models	✓	✗	🕒	✗	🕒	🕒

# Transactional ML, GenAI, and real-time streaming define the **uniqueness** of our architecture





# SITU-X DEMO

Generate Summary

Top 1-20 of 1000 records

Destination	Top Destination Ports	Unique Source IPs	Unique Ports	Median Anomaly	Max Anomaly	Flow Count	Rank	Change
192.31.1.1	6667 × 20000 ×	2	2	6.09	6.10	2	1	924 ^
10.1.1.1	44050 × 53930 × 56048 ×	2	3	4.77	4.78	3	2	-1 v
10.123.1.1	56290 ×	1	1	4.71	4.71	1	3	-1 v
10.149.1.1	443 ×	1	1	4.65	4.65	1	4	New +
10.233.1.1	80 ×	6	1	4.52	4.67	11	5	909 ^
10.233.1.1	80 ×	17	1	4.44	4.72	27	6	24 ^
10.1.1.1	56482 × 57048 ×	2	2	4.41	4.41	2	7	New +
10.233.1.1	80 ×	15	1	4.41	4.78	24	8	512 ^
10.233.1.1	80 ×	6	1	4.41	4.95	22	9	-2 v
128.219.1.1	443 ×	14	1	4.34	4.86	16	10	-7 v
10.149.1.1	25 × 587 ×	12	2	4.33	4.68	26	11	4 ^
10.149.1.1	25 × 587 ×							
10.159.1.1	8 ×							
128.219.1.1	443 ×							
10.159.1.1	8 ×							
10.233.1.1	80 ×							
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10.159.1.1	8 ×							

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Scanners Reversed Traffic

Showing 1-19 of 21853688 records

Time	Score	Src Ip	Src Port	Src Bytes	Dest Ip	Dest Port	Dest Bytes	Proto	SPCAP
1/7/2025, 02:23:03 EST	7.047	192.31.1.1	11	204 B	90.156.1.1	0	0 B	icmp	
1/6/2025, 13:13:58 EST	7.016	192.31.1.1	15097	2.3 kB	200.113.1.1	443	0 B	tcp	
1/6/2025, 11:06:45 EST	7.006	192.31.1.1	36497	711 B	132.147.1.1	80	0 B	tcp	
1/6/2025, 07:44:05 EST	6.991	192.31.1.1	28862	220 B	98.159.1.1	443	0 B	tcp	
1/10/2025, 09:28:07 EST	6.984	192.101.1.1							
1/10/2025, 06:27:03 EST	6.983	192.101.1.1							
1/9/2025, 20:04:04 EST	6.944	192.31.1.1							
1/9/2025, 13:31:17 EST	6.932	192.31.1.1							
1/10/2025, 09:29:21 EST	6.923	192.101.1.1							

### Overview

192.101.1.1

prnl.gov

ESNET-AS

United States

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307 B

192.31.1.1

prnl.gov

52377

ORNL-MSRNET

United States

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### Anomaly Scores

#### Composite Score

Blocklist

DNS Rate

SANIR Role Change

Packet Byte Range (Internal)

Port Range to Port Range

Ports

Rankings

Range (Blocklist)

Range (Global)

Internal vs External Traffic

Producer-Consumer Rate

# Achieving Enhanced Business Outcomes with SITU-X's Advanced Cyber Defense Capabilities

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- ▶ **Reduce Detection Time:** Advanced AI/ML-driven platforms can reduce threat detection and response time by **up to 96%** (Ponemon Institute, 2023).  
**SITU-X Impact:** Real-time streaming intelligence identifies threats faster, minimizing potential dwell time and damage.
- ▶ **Lower False Positives:** AI-enhanced cybersecurity solutions **reduce false positives by 70-90%**, improving operational efficiency (Gartner, 2024).  
**SITU-X Impact:** Tailored entity-level models filter noise, allowing analysts to focus on real threats.
- ▶ **Improve Analyst Productivity:** Automation and advanced analytics **increase security team productivity by 40%**, enabling teams to handle more incidents effectively (Deloitte Cyber Risk Report, 2022).  
**SITU-X Impact:** Automated anomaly detection and prescriptive insights reduce manual effort.

# Reflecting on the Recent Treasury Hack—How SITU-X Could Have Made a Difference

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## The Incident

- In December 2024, hackers **exploited API vulnerabilities** in third-party cybersecurity software to access U.S. Treasury systems. They bypassed security, obtained sensitive access using stolen API keys, and infiltrated workstations undetected.

## If SITU-X Had Been in Place:

Entity-Level Intelligence	API behavior would have been tracked in real-time, flagging unusual usage patterns and privilege escalations.
Probabilistic Anomaly Detection	Sliding-time windows would have identified irregular API calls, such as unexpected geo-locations or excessive access attempts, by scoring deviations in real-time
Distributed AI for Resilient Defense	The SITU-X Distributed AI infrastructure would have ensured low-latency response and detection directly at the edge.

# Thanks for your time.



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