

Sécurité des Systèmes Industriels

Introduction aux Systèmes Industriels

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Internet of Things



- Physical objects with sensors/actuators
- Having processing ability, software, etc
- Connected and exchanging data over Internet or other networks.
- Eg. appliance, factory, health, wearables, etc

Critical IoT

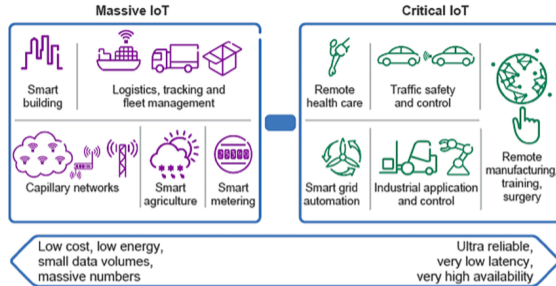


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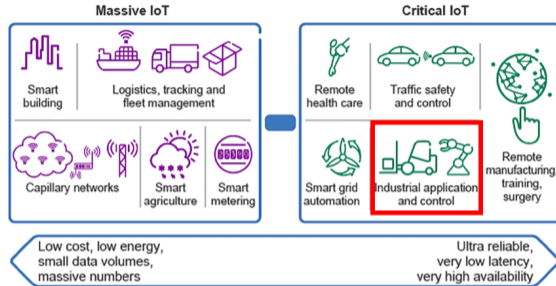


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Broken Myths and Legends

- Denial of reality :
 - ▷ ICS are isolated
 - ▷ ICS protocols and systems are incomprehensible
 - ▷ Security incidents do not impact production

- Simplistic view of cybersecurity :
 - ▷ Cybersecurity can be added at the end
 - ▷ Safety protections will also handle cybersecurity



Properties to Ensure

For the process

Availability : System keeps running.

Integrity : Preservation of the coherence of a data over time.

Authenticity : An entity is who he/she pretends.

Non-repudiation : One cannot deny its actions.

⇒ **Safety** : Domain specific properties.

For customer data

Confidentiality : Only authorized entities can access designated data.

Privacy : Prevent linking a data with its owner.

Purdue Model

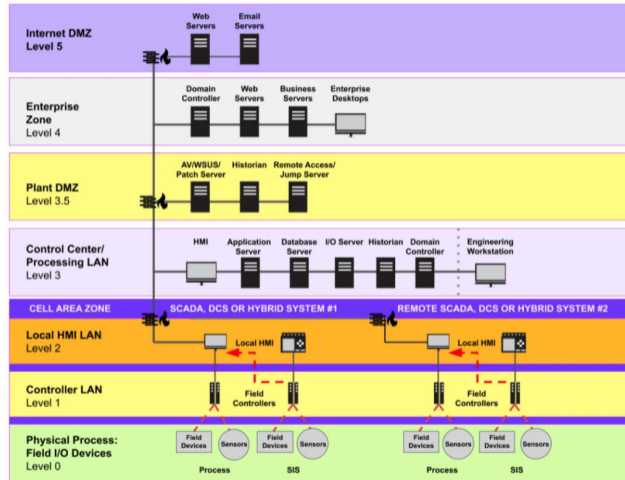


Figure – Purdue model [Wil90]

Industrial Systems (ICS) Composition 1/2



SCADA



PLC



Process

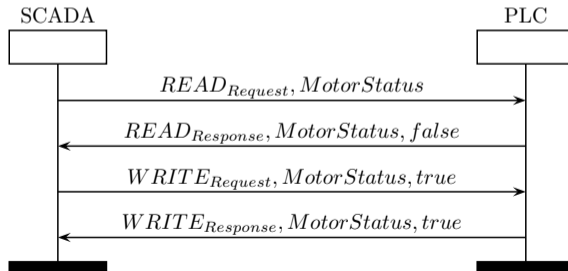
SCADA : Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition, controls and monitors the process.

PLC : Programmable Logic Controller, interprets SCADA orders for the process.

Process : Actual industrial process managed by the system.

Industrial Systems (ICS) Composition 2/2

- Variables on PLC synchronized with process.



Story of a Real Cyberattack : Stuxnet

Introduction and Context



- **Stuxnet** : A sophisticated malware targeting industrial control systems (ICS), specifically PLCs (Programmable Logic Controllers).
- **Year of Discovery** : 2010, but believed to have been active since 2005.
- **Target** : Iran's nuclear enrichment facility at Natanz.
- **Objective** : Sabotage uranium enrichment by causing centrifuges to spin at destructive speeds.
- **Context** : Stuxnet was likely developed by nation-states (suspected collaboration between the U.S. and Israel) as part of a cyberwarfare strategy.

Attack Preparation

- **Reconnaissance :**
 - ▷ Detailed knowledge of Siemens Step7 software and PLCs used in Natanz.
 - ▷ Intelligence on Iran's centrifuge configurations (P-1 centrifuges).
- **Zero-Day Vulnerabilities :**
 - ▷ Utilized Windows and Siemens zero-day exploits.
- **Delivery Mechanisms :**
 - ▷ USB drives to bypass air-gapped systems.

Attack Launch

HOW STUXNET WORKED



1. infection

Stuxnet enters a system via a USB stick and proceeds to infect all machines running Microsoft Windows. By brandishing a digital certificate that seems to show that it comes from a reliable company, the worm is able to evade automated-detection systems.

2. search

Stuxnet then checks whether a given machine is part of the targeted industrial control system made by Siemens. Such systems are deployed in Iran to run high-speed centrifuges that help to enrich nuclear fuel.

3. update

If the system isn't a target, Stuxnet does nothing; if it is, the worm attempts to access the Internet and download a more recent version of itself.



4. compromise

The worm then compromises the target system's logic controllers, exploiting "zero day" vulnerabilities—software weaknesses that haven't been identified by security experts.

5. control

In the beginning, Stuxnet spies on the operations of the targeted system. Then it uses the information it has gathered to take control of the centrifuges, making them spin themselves to failure.

6. deceive and destroy

Meanwhile, it provides false feedback to outside controllers, ensuring that they won't know what's going wrong until it's too late to do anything about it.

Figure – The Real Story of Stuxnet - IEEE Spectrum

Effects of the Attack

□ **Physical Impact :**

- ▷ Caused centrifuge rotors to spin at destructive speeds, leading to mechanical failure.
- ▷ Destroyed over 1,000 centrifuges at Natanz.

□ **Operational Disruption :**

- ▷ Significantly delayed Iran's nuclear enrichment program.
- ▷ No immediate detection due to fake operational data.

□ **Wider Implications :**

- ▷ First documented cyberattack causing physical damage.
- ▷ Demonstrated the potential of cyberwarfare on critical infrastructure.

Consequences and Lessons Learned

□ **Global Consequences :**

- ▷ Accelerated focus on ICS cybersecurity globally.
- ▷ Raised awareness of vulnerabilities in air-gapped systems.

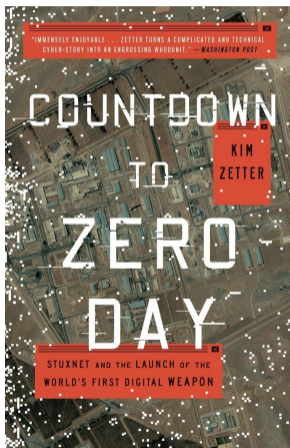
□ **Nation-State Cyberwarfare :**

- ▷ Highlighted the role of nation-states in offensive cyber operations.
- ▷ Set a precedent for cyberweapons targeting critical infrastructure.

□ **Technical Lessons :**

- ▷ Importance of securing ICS protocols like MODBUS.
- ▷ Necessity for robust patch management and zero-day defenses.

Summary of Attack Vectors



- **Zero-Day Exploits** : Leveraged multiple unpatched vulnerabilities in Windows.
- **USB Propagation** : Bypassed air-gapped systems.
- **ICS-Specific Exploits** :
 - ▷ Compromised Siemens Step7 software.
 - ▷ Exploited MODBUS protocol to manipulate PLCs.
- **Stealth Features** :
 - ▷ Rootkit to evade detection.
 - ▷ Fake operational data to mislead operators.

Challenges

Safety vs. Cybersecurity

Security concepts

- Safety = Protection against identified/natural difficulties.
 - ▷ Historic industrial concern.
- Cybersecurity = Protection against malicious adversaries.
 - ▷ Often called Security.

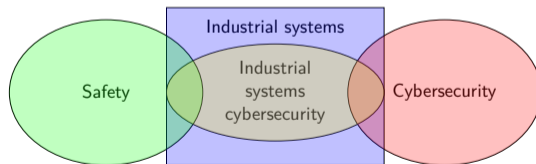


Figure – Relations among security concepts

Safety vs. Cybersecurity

- **Assets** : Physical infrastructure
(indirectly : human life, environment, etc)
- **Security Properties** :
 - ▷ Availability
 - ▷ Safety (domain specific)



- **Assets** : Data and systems offering a digital service
- **Security Properties** :
 - ▷ Confidentiality
 - ▷ Integrity
 - ▷ Availability



Digital Twins

□ Need to replicate ICS for testing purpose :

- ▷ Attack testing
- ▷ Counter-measure testing
- ▷ Updates/patch testing

□ Multiple levels of abstraction :

- ▷ **Simulation** : New platform that mimics the desired behavior.
- ▷ **Virtualization** : Virtualize/emulate process and/or control equipment to some degree (virtualized hardware, firmware, etc) in an heterogeneous fashion.
- ▷ **Hardware-In-The-Loop** : Mixing simulation with real off-the-shelf industrial components.



Figure – WonderICS platform [PTM21]

Proprietary World

- Public norms but closed specs

 - Closed devices :
 - ▷ No open source software
 - ▷ No open source hardware

 - Each vendor has their own comm protocol, software, and sometimes hardware
- ⇒ Huge work on reverse engineering

Insecure World

- ICS devices have a huge lifespan (> 10 years)
- Barely any security :
 - ▷ Industrial protocols have no security
 - ▷ Devices are not hardened
- Pure IT attacks :
 - ▷ Ransomware (Saint-Gobain, Merck, Continental, Tchernobyl, etc)
 - ▷ Social Engineering, etc
- Attacks link to physical process :
 - ▷ Manufacturing secrets disclosure
 - ▷ Sabotage

Attack Example [Lef20]

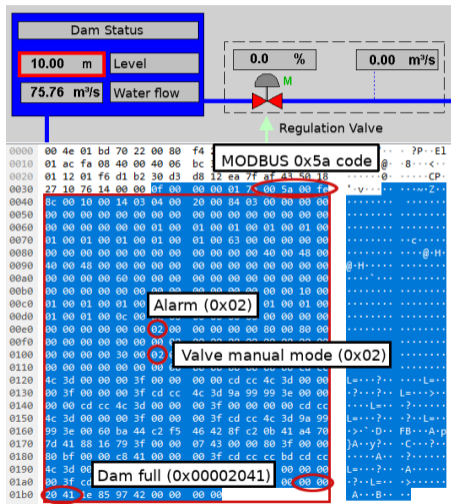


Figure – Before Attack

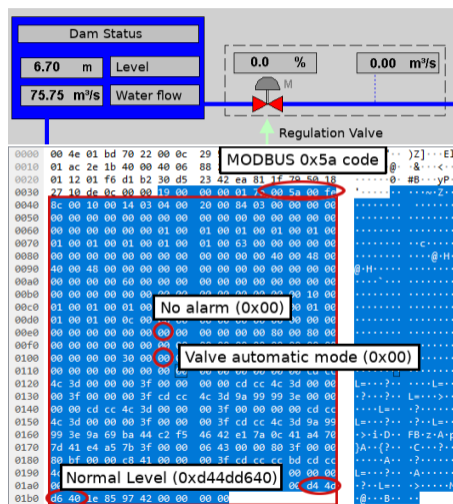


Figure – After Attack

Regulation

Legal Status for ICS

Safety related status

- ❑ SEVESO - EU directive, status according to threshold of dangerous substances
- ❑ ICPE - FR directive regarding impacts on environment, includes SEVESO

Cybersecurity related status

- ❑ SAIV - *Secteurs d'Activités d'Importance Vitale* (e.g., Energy)
- ❑ OIV - *Opérateurs d'Importance Vitale* (e.g., EDF)
- ❑ PIV - *Points d'Importance Vitale* (e.g., Tricastin nuclear plant)

Overview of ICS Cybersecurity Norms

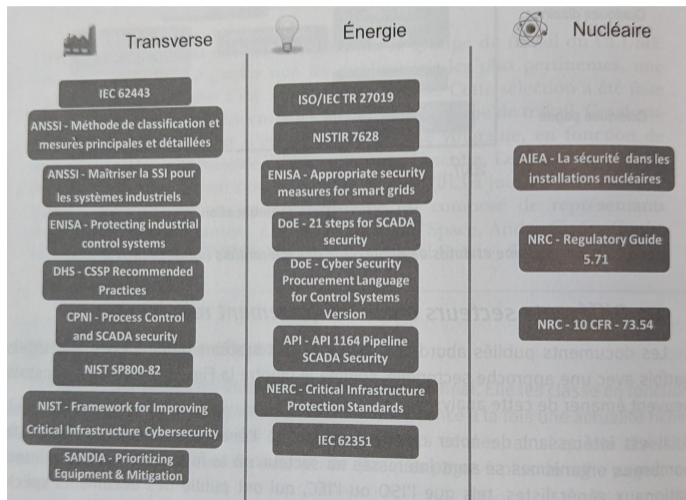
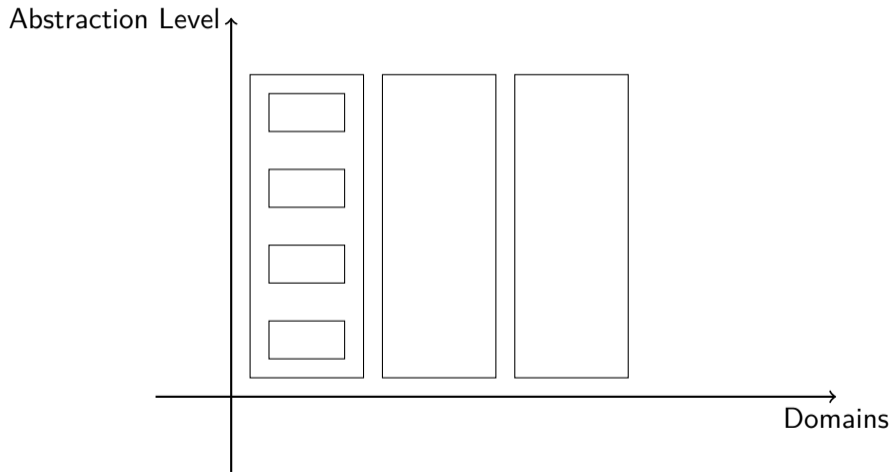
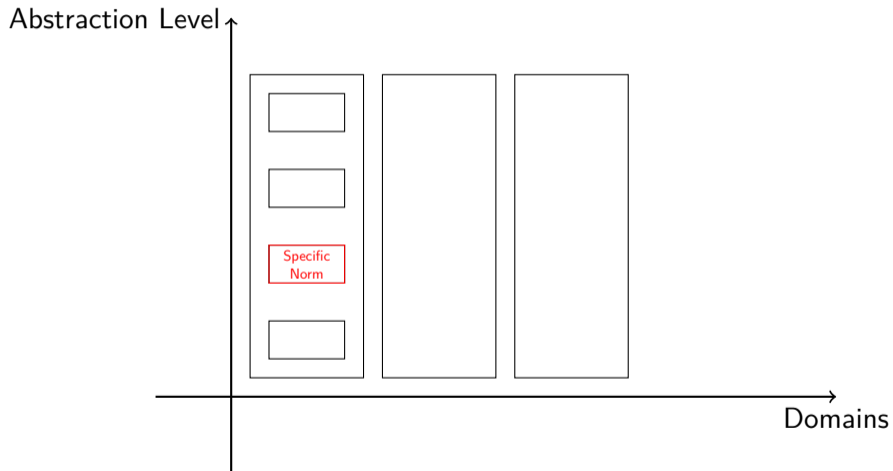


Figure – [PCET+15]

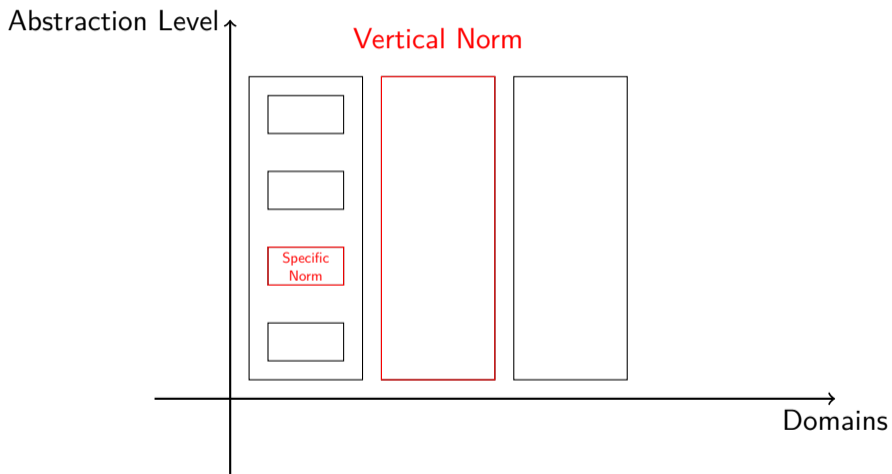
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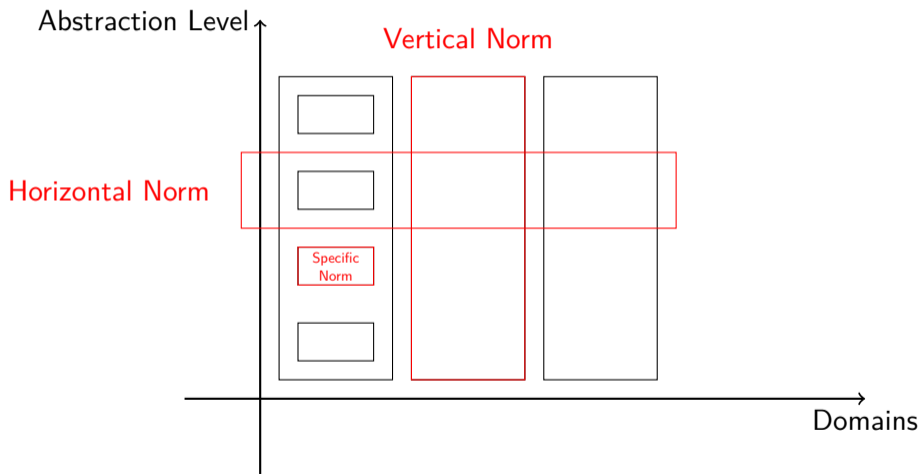
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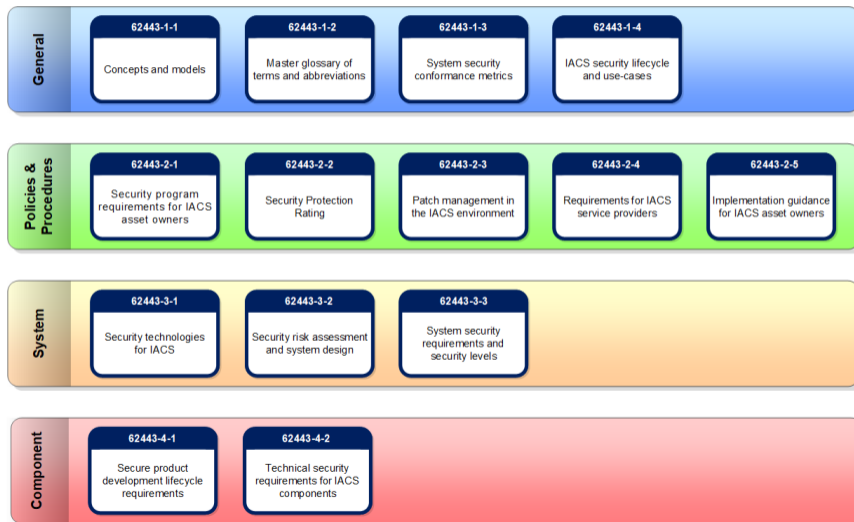
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IEC 62443



Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) [PDL22]

- ❑ **Adopted in 2022, details not finalized and may be subject to changes**

Global concepts

- ❑ Horizontal legislation
- ❑ Security monitored during lifecycle (up to 5 years after product is put on the market)
- ❑ All products will have to comply to a certain scheme
- ❑ Retailers will have to ensure that the products they sell is compliant
- ❑ In case of new vulnerability, communication must be released within 24h

Two levels

- ❑ Level 1 ($\approx 90\%$ of products) : self-assessment
- ❑ Level 2 (critical devices) : mandatory certification (ETSI 303 645, specific schemes?)

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- Industrial systems currently lack security
- Important regulation effort
- Leading to an important technical effort from vendors
- Yet, huge work to be done for secure systems and device to be in place
- Yet, multidisciplinary field, requiring hybrid knowledge :
 - ▷ Will require new positions in companies or new skill for team in place

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Thanks for your attention !



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