# SYSTEM SCIENCE OF SECURITY AND RESILIENCE FOR CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS (SURE)

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#### SYSTEM SCIENCE OF SECURITY AND RESILIENCE OF CPS **Key Ideas**





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#### TEAM



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- Team with interdisciplinary activities in multiple areas:
	- CPS, critical infrastructure, embedded software, mobile/distributed computing
	- Security and resilience, incentive design, game theory fault diagnosis, control theory, model-integrated computing, multi-agent systems, secure machine learning
- Successful collaborative projects
	- NSF Foundations of Hybrid and Embedded Systems ITR (2003- 2010)
	- Command and Control Wind Tunnel PRET (2006 - 2009)
	- High-Confidence Design of Networked Embedded Control Systems MURI  $(2006 - 2011)$
	- NSF STC TRUST (2005 2014)
	- NSF CPS Frontier FORCES (2013 2018)

# RESILIENCE OF CPS



#### **Attributes of Resilience**

- Functional correctness (by design)
- Robustness to *reliability* failures (faults)
- Survivability against *security* failures (attacks)

#### **Challenges to Resilience**

- 
- Spatio-temporal dynamics<br>• Many strategic interactions with network interdependencies
- 
- Inherent uncertainties<br>• Tightly coupled control and economic incentives



# SCADA SYSTEMS FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION



#### Avencq cross-regulator



#### • **Regulatory control of canal pools**

- Manipulate gate opening
- Control upstream water level
- Reject disturbances (offtake withdrawals)

#### • **SCADA components**

- Level & velocity sensors
	- PLCs & gate actuators
- Wireless communication



Successful attack: Field operation test (Oct. 12, 009)

## TRAFFIC CONTROL **SYSTEMS**









Well-managed and resilient traffic flows



### ACHIEVING RESILIENCE



#### **A System Function** *can be* **allocated to various (combinations of) providers: Applications / Processes / Components**

#### **Processes / Components** *can be* **allocated to various (combinations of) platform Nodes**

#### **When a Node / Link / Process / Component fails (compromised), functionality can be restored by an**

- alternative allocation of *functions* to *providers*, or
- alternative allocation of *providers* to *platform* nodes

### RESEARCH PROBLEMS



#### **Risk Analysis and Incentive Design**

- 1. How the collection of agents in CPS can deal with strategic adversaries?
- 2. How strategic agents contribute to CPS efficiency and safety, while protecting their conflicting individual objectives?

#### **Resilient Monitoring and Control**

- 1. What are the control architectures that can improve resilience against intrusions and faults?
- 2. What types of dynamics can provide inherent robustness against impacts of faults and cyber attacks?
- 3. What are the physics-based invariants that can be used as "ground truth" in intrusion detection?

#### **Decentralized Security**

1. How can we design systems that are resilient event when there is significant decentralization of resources and decisions?

#### **Formal Reasoning about Security in CPS**

1. How do formally and practically reason about secure computation and communication?

#### **Integrative Research and Evaluation**

- 1. How to integrate and evaluate cyber & physical platforms and resilient monitoring & control architectures?
- 2. How to interface and support human decision makers?



# PROJECT THRUSTS

#### **1. Hierarchical Coordination and Control**

- **1. Risk analysis and incentive design** that aim at developing regulations and strategies at the management level
- **2. Resilient monitoring and control** of the networked control system infrastructure
- **2. Science of decentralized security** which aims to develop a framework that will enable reasoning about the security of all the integrated constituent CPS components
- **3. Reliable and practical reasoning about secure computation and communication** in networks which aims to contribute a formal framework for reasoning about security in CPS
- **4. Evaluation and experimentation** using modeling and simulation integration of cyber and physical platforms that directly interface with human decision makers.
- **5. Education and outreach**





## RISK ANALYSIS AND INCENTIVE DESIGN



- *1. Game Theory*: How to model and solve large-scale network games that a) model both security (malicious attacks) and reliability (random faults) failures, b) account for the presence of dynamics and information incompleteness?
- *2. Theory of incentives*: How to design and solve stochastic control and incentivetheoretic schemes, coupled with the outcome of the network games (mentioned above)?

**A problem of incentives**: Due to the presence of network-induced interdependencies, the individual optimal (Nash) security allocations are suboptimal

**Goal**: Develop mechanisms to reduce CPS incentive sub-optimality

#### Two-stage game of M plant-controller systems



Theorem [Increasing incentive case]



[Amin and Sastry] The Contract of the Contract of the VANDERBILT  $\mathbf{V}$  UNIVERSITY

## RESILIENT MONITORING

- 1. How to to detect faults and attacks, which may degrade system performance, cause instability, and affect system operation and mission?
- 2. How to design resilient monitoring protocols that are robust to both random faults and adversarial attacks?
- 3. How to place and select sensors to improve resilience?



Resilient Fault Diagnosis for Flow Networks

[Amin and Koutsoukos] 12



Resilient Distributed Consensus

Sensor **Network** 

#### ADVERSARIAL MACHINE LEARNING: RESOURCE AWARE LARGE-SCALE MALWARE CLASSIFICATION



- How to acquire labeled (ground truth) data for evaluation?
- How to achieve very high accuracy (low false positive and low false negative rates) and transparency?
- How to reduce human and machine workloads while retaining very high accuracy?
- How to explore these problems in a scientifically repeatable and valid environment?

#### SALT: Secure Active Learning Testbed



#### [Joseph]

# RESILIENT CONTROL



**Resilient network (supervisory) and local (regulatory) control**: How to design practical control algorithms, which improve the survivability of CPS against network-level attacks and/or faults?



**Manager's objective**: Min social discomfort + inefficiencies

**Zone's objective:** Min individual discomfort + energy bill

**Goal:** Incentivize security via monitoring and control



# SENSOR/CONTROL NETWORK PLATFORM



**Challenge:** How to design and analyze system architectures that deliver required service in the face of compromised components?

**Concept**: Apply principles and techniques from run-time fault management to managing cyber effects





#### [Karsai]

# DECENTRALIZED **SECURITY**

How can we design systems that are resilient even when there is significant decentralization of resources and decisions?

- Defenders "jointly" own CPS (e.g., electric power grid; railway systems; transportation)
- Attacker chooses where to attack to cause the most damage (e.g., maximum disruption)
- Attacker responds to defensive measures (resilient control strategies; intrusion detection/prevention measures)

*How do defenders who are primarily concerned about the portion of CPS they own choose their security measures? Depends on the level of decentralization and the degree of system interdependence* 





# MODELING AND PROVING SECURITY IN NETWORKS



#### APPROACH



PROBLEM

• *High assurance for Cyber Physical Systems*  • *Network computation with physical interface* 

#### BACKGROUND



- *Hybrid systems, Petri nets*
- *Protocol Derivation Logic, Strand spaces*



- *Actor networks: fibered state machines*
- *Network computation: partially ordered multisets (pomsets)*



- *Procedure Derivation Logic*
- *Authentication templates extended to capture physical and social channels*

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#### [Pavlovic]

### EVALUATION USING MODELING AND SIMULATION INTEGRATION

- **Validation of basic research** 
	- Scenario-based experimentation
- **Collaboration** 
	- Research thrusts and projects
	- Integration: Tools and languages
- **Motivation** 
	- **Red** team vs **Blue** team scenarios and challenges
- **Outreach** 
	- Accessible tools and technologies on the web
- **Model libraries and repositories**





# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



- **Classes** 
	- S. Amin, 1.208 Resilient Infrastructure Networks, MIT, Fall 2014
	- X. Koutsoukos, CS 396 Security of CPS, Vanderbilt, Spring 2015.
- **Online Modules**
- **Workshops/Conferences** 
	- How to Engineer Resilient Cyber-Physical Infrastructures, IEEE CDC 2014 [Amin]
	- Big Data Analytics for Societal Scale CPS: Energy Systems, IEEE CDC 2014 [Sastry]
	- Secure and Resilient Infrastructure CPS (HiCoNS) track, ICCPS 2015 [Koutsoukos]
- **Evaluation and Experimentation Testbed**
- **SOS-VO**



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# DISTRIBUTED PARAMETER ESTIMATION





All sensors measure independently some physical phenomenon with some error due to noise

 $y_i = \theta + v_i, v_i \sim N(0, \sigma_i^2), i = 1, 2, ..., n$ 

- The sensors improve their estimate by averaging the measurements
- § Minimum variance estimate

$$
\hat{\theta}_{MV} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} y_i}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_j^2}}
$$

It can be asymptotically computed in a distributed fashion using two average consensus algorithms in parallel

### RESILIENT CONSENSUS IN THE PRESENCE OF ADVERSARIES



 $(3,2)$ -robust graph: resilient consensus in the presence of 1 adversary

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x_i(k+1) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{R}_i(k)} w_{ij} \ x_j(k)
$$

#### **Adversarial Consensus Protocol**

#### **Adversary models**

- Threat
- Scope

#### **Robust network topologies**

• Local redundancy

**Resilience requires high degree of redundancy** 

**Can we relax the redundancy requirements?** 



# RESILIENT CONSENSUS WITH TRUSTED NODES (RCP-T)



Each normal node updates its value according to the following update rule

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x_i(k+1) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{R}_i(k)} w_{ij} \ x_j(k)
$$

What is  $\mathcal{R}_i(k)$  ?

• if node *i* is **not connected** to any trusted node

(F is the total number of attacks that can happen within the network)



# RESILIENT CONSENSUS WITH TRUSTED NODES



Under RCP-T, consensus is always achieved in the presence of *arbitrary number of adversaries* iff there exists a set of trusted nodes that form a **connected dominating set**.

Under RCP-T

- *Any* number of attacks can be handled
- *Sparse* networks can be made resilient

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D \subseteq V, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \bigcup_{v_i \in D} \mathcal{N}[v_i] = V
$$



#### **Dominating Set:** Connected Dominating Set:

Nodes in the dominating set induce a connected subgraph



Example 1: (Tree – Sparse network)



**RCP-T** 



Example 2: (2,2) Robust graph



**RCP-T** 



# FAULT DIAGNOSIS IN FLOW NETWORKS

**Objective**: For a given flow network, the goal is to distribute the minimum number of sensors that can

- 1. Detect a link failure
- 2. Localize a link failure (uniquely identify a link failure)

**Approach:** Sensor network design for the detection and identification of faults

**Methods**: System (flow network, faults, sensor) model, combinatorial optimization

**Performance evaluation**: Resilience to random sensor faults and adversarial attacks



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[Sela, Abbas, Koutsoukos, and Amin]

### SYSTEM MODEL





# FLOW NETWORK MODEL





Flow model over the graph G:  $f = f(Q,H,G)$ 

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 $z =$  elevation

# EVIDENCE (DISTURBANCE) MODEL

Event 1

 $64$  $62$  $\overline{\Xi}_{60}$ Pressure  $\frac{6}{58}$ 

> 56  $54$  $\frac{52}{-10}$

 $\overline{0}$ 

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Time [sec]

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- Event model is comprised of a link failure and its impact
	- Pipe failure (random or induced) and the pressure transient generated.
	- Physically flushing an hydrant causing massive loss of water, increased load on the system and corresponding pressure losses.
	- Remotely closing or opening active elements (pumps, valves) that can cause severe transients in the systems.
- The signal propagates in all directions from the site of failure along the links of the network.

Along with the network topology, the **physical model** defined over the graph also affects the event model

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Event 2

 $100$ [ $mm$ ]

 $1000[m]$ 

600[mm]

 $1000$ [*m*]



 $100$ [ $mm$ ]

 $1000 [m]$ 

 $S<sub>2</sub>$ 





### SENSING MODEL





- Sensors are placed at the nodes.
- A sensor can detect the pressure signal from any direction.
- An alarm is raised when a sensor detects a signal.

**First-order model: R-disk model:** 



All sensors at the nodes adjacent to the end nodes of failed link will detect the fault.



A sensor can detect a fault if and only if fault occurs at a link that lies within the distance R from the failure along the links.

### FLUENCE MODEL



- Network flow, event, and sensor model outputs are represented using an **influence matrix** *M*.
- $\ell_i$   $i^{th}$  **row** corresponds to the **event** *i*.
- $\theta_i$   $j^{th}$  column corresponds to the  $j^{th}$  sensor.
- $M_{ij}$   $j<sup>th</sup>$  sensor output in response to the event *i*.

*Example: M* is boolean matrix.



### DETECTION AND LOCALIZATION



Find the minimum number of sensors and their locations so that every link failure can be detected by at least one sensor.

Detection **Localization** 

Find the minimum number of sensors and their locations so that every link failure can be uniquely identified and can be distinguished from any other link failure.



Sensor set:  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \cdots, \theta_n\}$ 

Identification set

**Minimum test cover**  problem



Event set:  $\{\ell_1, \ell_2, \cdots, \ell_m\}$ 

Sensor set:  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \cdots, \theta_n\}$ 

Detection set:  $C_i$  = Set of links whose failure is detected by the sensor *i*.

> **Minimum set cover**  problem

#### EXAMPLE



- Consider a 10 by 10 grid network consisting of 100 nodes and 180 links.
- Influence matrix is obtained using the first order influence model.



### FUTURE WORK



- Incorporate network topology and influence model to design efficient (scalable, improved approximation ratios) algorithms for detection and localization
- Characterize detection and localization of link failures as a function of number of sensors deployed (e.g., submodularity)
- To make the system resilient against these compromises, we might need to include redundancy (more sensors than required)
- How can we design a sensor networks for resilient localization and identification?
- How the detection & localization of link failures are dependent on the influence model and network topologies?
- For a given influence model, what are the (structural) constraints on the network topology such that *every* link failure can be detected, localized, in a resilient manner?
- Generalizations
	- Associating a probability distribution to the link failures.
	- Detecting (localizing) *k >1* simultaneous link failures.
	- Incorporating more generalized sensing and influence model.



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### MODELING AND SIMULATION INTEGRATION





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# SCENARIO-BASED EXPERIMENTATION



#### **Red Team vs Blue Team**

- **Pre-defined infrastructure model (transportation, IT … domains)**
- **Domain specific attack models, libraries, algorithms**
- **Red Team: design and deploy attacks**
- **Blue Team: design and deploy security and fail-over measures**
- **budget constraints**
- **Cloud-based simulation tools configured and run w/o realtime user interactions**
- **Scoring, leaderboard**



#### WEBGME



#### **Meta-programmable collaborative on-line modeling environment**

- **Scalable (number of contributors, size of models)**
- **Modern web-application framework**
- **Collaboration** 
	- Immediate feedback
	- Branch and merge
- **Version management (git model)**
- **Clean and unified meta/DSML concepts**
- **Extensible, customizable GUI**
- **Cloud-based tool integration**
- **Live: http://webgme.org**







# MULTI-MODEL INTEGRATION CHALLENGES

### **Integrating** *models*

**Heterogeneous models for different domains: human organizations, communication networks, C2 software systems, vehicle simulations, etc. These models need to talk to each-other somehow.** 

**Needed: an overarching**  *integration model* **that connects and relates these heterogeneous domain models in a logically coherent framework.** 

### **Integrating the** *system*

**Heterogeneous simulators and emulators for different domains: Colored Petri Nets, OMNET++, DEVS, Simulink/ Stateflow, Delta3D, etc.** 

**Needed: an underlying** *software infrastructure* **that connects and relates the heterogeneous simulators in a logically and temporally coherent framework.** 

*Key idea: Integration is about messages and shared data across system components. Why don't we model these messages and shared data elements and use these models to facilitate model and system integration?* 

### C2 WINDTUNNEL





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### SMARTAMERICA CHALLENGE





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