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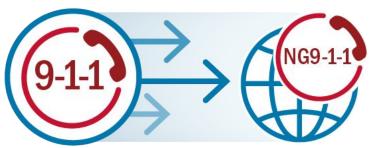






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Overview of NG911











What is Next Generation 911 (NG911)?

- Allows for <u>call, text, and video</u> communication with emergency services
- Facilitates <u>data sharing</u> between Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)
- Improves acquisition of <u>call location information</u>
- Enables more <u>efficient transfer of calls</u> between geographical regions
- Improves upon existing 911 architecture to implement security safeguard and redundancy components



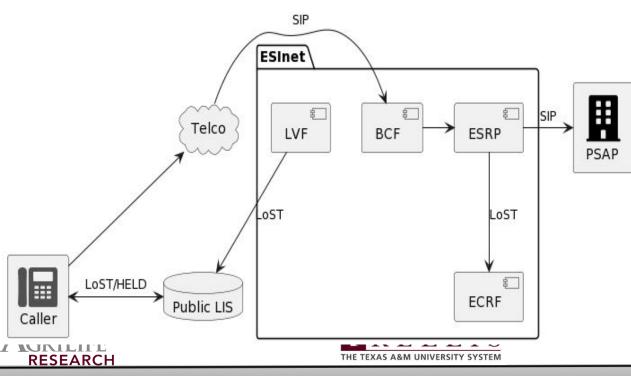








NENA I3 Architecture



PSAP: Public Safety Answering Point that serves as a call center.

ESInet: private network for emergency services

LVF: Location Verification Function

BCF: Border Control Function

ESRP: Emergency Service Routing Proxy

LoST: Location to Service Translation

HELD: HTTP Enabled Location Delivery.

LIS: Location Information Server

ECRF: Emergency Call Routing Function

SIP: Session Initiation Protocol - Used for calls





Improved Location Services

→ LoST (Location to Service Translation) - transmit location information, used to map location information to one or more Uniform Resource Identifiers

→ **HELD** (HTTP-Enabled Location-Delivery) - used to acquire location information from a Location Information Server (LIS) within an access network.











Cybersecurity and Public Safety Examples

- In Dec 2018, there were significant phone and broadband service interruptions as a result of the outage, including 911 calls.
 - Lasted almost 37 hours.
 - Up to 22 million customers in 39 states were impacted, with about 17 million of those lacking dependable access to 911 in 29 states. At least 886 911 calls could not be answered
- In 2020, the law enforcement agencies in Arizona, Colorado, North Carolina, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Utah were affected for two hours due to outages.





The 911 service was disrupted.

Source:

https://www.apu.apus.edu/area-of-study/security-and-global-studies/resource s/most-law-enforcement-agencies-are-not-prepared-for-long-term-power-outa ges/







Cybersecurity Threat Modeling and Risk Assessment

→ **Threat Model** - A structured representation of all relevant information that could directly impact the security of a system including vulnerabilities or lack of safeguards.

→ Risk Assessment - The process of identifying potential hazards to a system and analyzing what would happen in the event of an incident.











Emerging Technologies

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) used to facilitate the creation of false packets on a larger scale than what's currently possible enabling an increase in DoS attacks
- 5G/6G improves network speeds allowing for supply chain threats presented by Man-in-the-Middle attacks











Research Question

How can automated risk assessment suite/tool be developed and tested to identify and describe cyber risks associated with NG911 system architecture?

Such a suite/tool should be

- <u>Compliant</u>: generalized to adhere to NENA i3 standard
- <u>Adaptive</u>: work with different technologies
- <u>Specific</u>: capable of considering the NG911 threat model and emerging threat landscape











Project Approach

| Research | Threat Model | Testbed | ECASTT | Automation | |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------|--|
| - Research NENA i3 standards -Applicable RFCs & Documents | - Determine Technical objectives of NG911 -Develop Threat Model | -Determine testbed requirements -Build testbed | -Define test cases -Realize requirements -Implement tests | -Future Work: Automate | |



-Determine current NG911 deployment status and landscape









NG911 Security Literature Survey

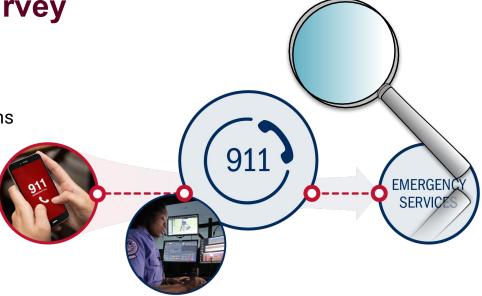
- Searching and examining the extant literature
- Assessing the results of primary studies
- Outlining our observations
- Defining and formulating the research questions
- Working on our research questions
- Discussing the future work

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- Current NG911 systems and issues
- Threat modeling and risk assessment
- Research NENA i3 standards
- Applicable RFCs & Documents
- Determine current NG911 deployment status and landscape
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Source: https://www.jacquesvaphotography.com/next-generation-911







NG911 Threat Modeling











NG911 Threat Modeling

Cybersecurity Objectives of NG911 system could include:

- Ensuring the availability of call centers, and call routing
- Ensuring the availability of Location Information Servers
- Ensuring repudiation of Location Information Servers
- Maintain privacy of user information
- Detect/respond integrity breaches as they arise











Threat Model

| Threats | Impacts | Components |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| DoS | Prevented or limited user access to 911 Lack of correct location information Hindered or prevented call routing to relevant PSAPs | ESInet BCF ESRP ECRF PRF |
| Malware | Limited availability of PSAP response capabilities due to unavailable resources Jeopardization of encrypted personal data | BCF ESRP ECRF PRF |
| Man-in-th e-Middle (MITM) | Interception of personal data, information, and calls Location information can be modified whilst on route to PSAP | BCF ECRF ESRP PSAP ESInet |
| Spoofing | Inaccurate location informationCompromised user location information | LIS Server PSAP/L-PSAP |



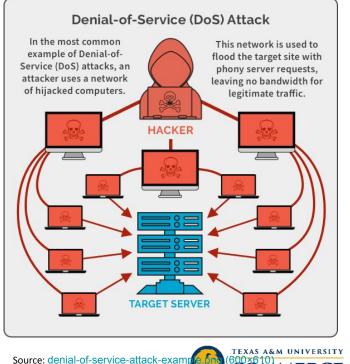


(spanning.com)

Denial of Service (DoS) Example

In the context of the NG911 system, a DoS attack involves flooding the emergency communication infrastructure with an overwhelming number of malicious requests.

This could cause the system to become overloaded, unable to handle genuine emergency calls, and potentially disrupt emergency response services.









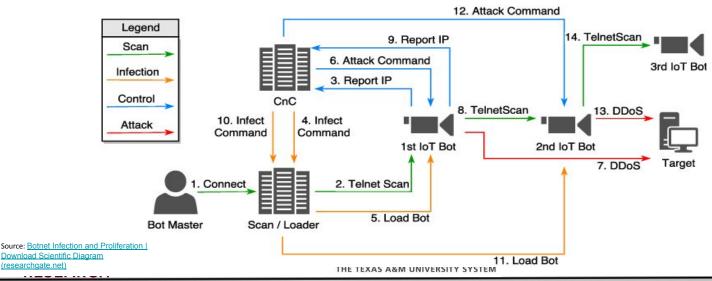
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Malware (Botnet) Example

A malware infection could turn the NG911 system into a part of a botnet. Botnets are networks of compromised computers controlled by a central attacker.



In this scenario, the NG911 system's resources might be exploited to participate in other cyberattacks or generate massive amounts of fake traffic, leading to a denial-of-service situation that hampers services.



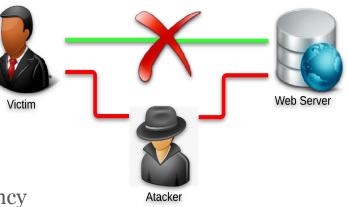




MITM Example: Call Interception

In a man-in-the-middle attack on the NG911 system, the attack ould position themselves between a caller calling the emergency number and the NG911 system's infrastructure.

The caller believes they are speaking directly to the emergency services, but the attacker is actually listening to the conversation in real-time. The attacker might even impersonate the emergency services operator, potentially providing misleading or dangerous information to the caller.



Source: Ask These 9 Security Questions to Better Protect Your Software (mentormate.com)





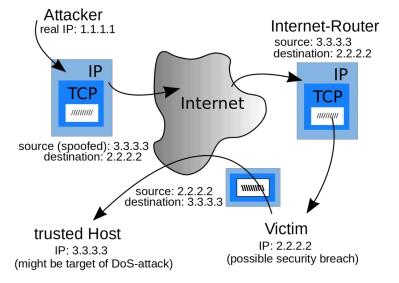




Spoofing Example: Location Spoofing

Location spoofing involves the manipulation of GPS or location data transmitted from the caller's device to the NG911 system.

By doing so, the attacker could make it seem as though the emergency call is coming from a different location, leading to misdirected emergency services or delayed response times.



Source: What is an IP Spoofing Attack? - NETWORK ENCYCLOPEDIA











Development and Implementation



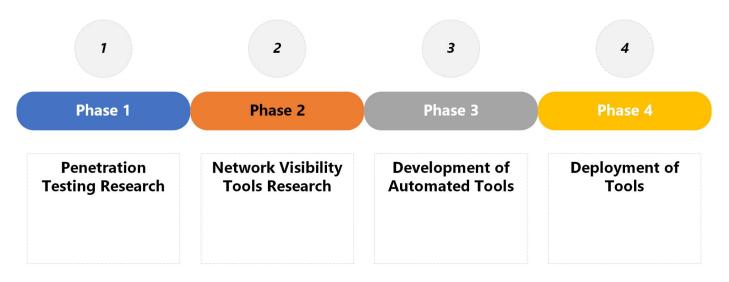








Project Phases













ECASTT Testbed

Emergency Communication Automated Security Testing Tool



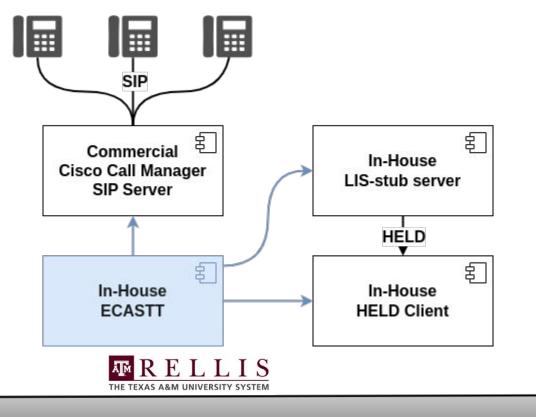








Testbed Architecture





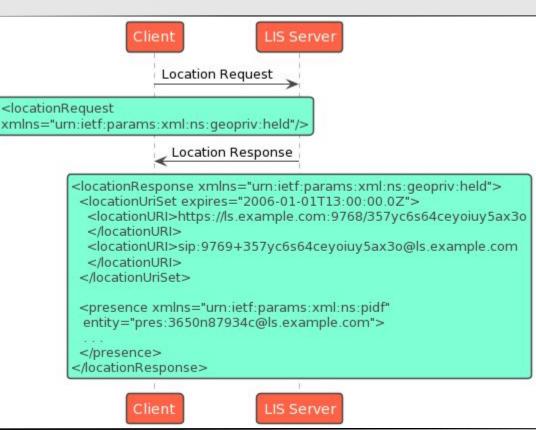
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Components

LIS Server - Used to give requesting devices either a location (address or coordinates) or tell the device where to find its location over the next few hours. Adheres to RFC 5985

HELD Client - Program that asks the LIS server for its device's location. Uses the HELD protocol. Adheres to RFC 5985



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Commercial Component: Cisco Call Manager (SIP Server)

- Enterprise SIP Server used in all sectors
- Trusted by DoD and deployed in many American military bases
- Supports all major SIP standards including voice calls, video, and various types of messaging











ECASTT Development











ECASTT Framework Development Approach

- Tests should be applicable to a variety of NG911 implementations
- Tests should be conducted using industry standard tools
- Test results should provide actionable information
- Tests should be focused on threats relevant to the NG911











What are these tests?

| DoS | Targets are flooded with ICMP, TCP SYN, and SIP traffic |
|----------|---|
| Malware | Targets are scanned for service versions that have publicly available vulnerabilities |
| MITM | ESInet traffic is analyzed for use of secure protocols (ie. HTTPS, SSH, etc.) |
| Spoofing | Important Esinet services and user requests are spoofed |





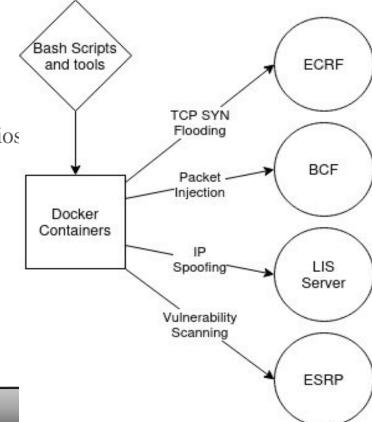






ECASTT Objectives

- <u>Realistic</u> attack scenarios
- <u>Real offensive tools</u>
- All components are tested against relevant test scenarios
- Only relevant tests are conducted
- All tests should be produce actionable results
- Tests are scoped to the relevant components of the i3 standard



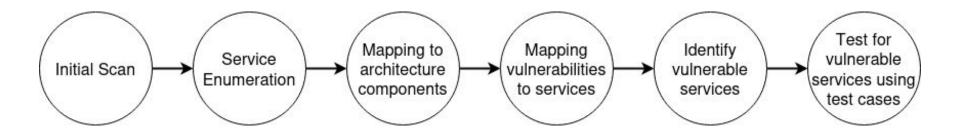








Testing Workflow









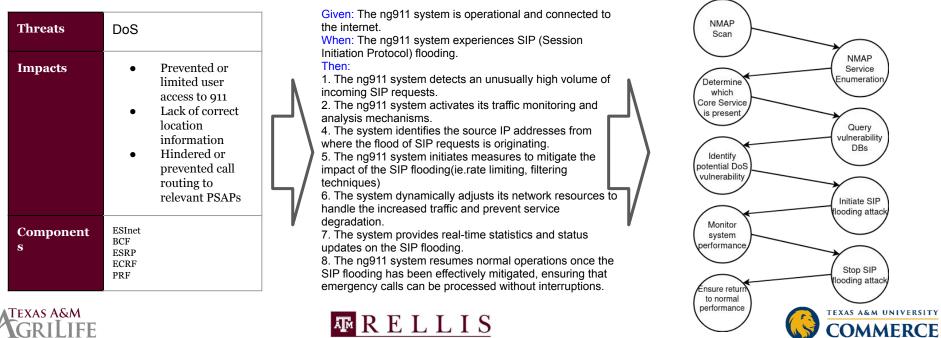


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Testing Scenarios for Automation



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Next Steps & Expected Results

- Actionable results will be scoped to relevant technologies with specific issues listed (ie. CVEs, performance metrics)
- Results will be able to point to which components are vulnerable
- Results will include information on both passed and failed tests











Benefits of ECASTT

- Provide actionable information that can easily be used to understand the security posture of the system
- Only reports vulnerabilities that are relevant to NG911
- Independent of vendor specifications or implementations
- Easily provide up to date vulnerability information











Towards Automation

- Automatic scripting of testbed containers
- Pursuing the implementation of machine learning algorithm to orchestrate testing











Future Work

- Full implementation of Automation
- Implement BCF into testbed
- LoST protocol implementation
- Data Analysis and Visualization











NG911 Security Lessons Learned

- NG911 networks have wildly different objectives than normal networks
- Implementing RFC standards can be challenging
- Much work remains to be done in the field of automating risk assessments
- More work is needed to determine the security effects of emerging threats











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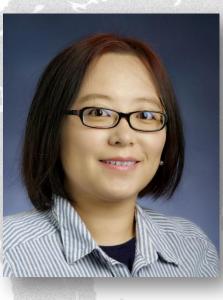
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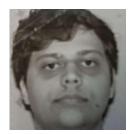


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Outline:

- Motivation: Introduction & Background
- Research Questions
- Project Plan
- Systems
- Testbed
- Future Work











Background & Motivation











Research Questions

<u>Main Q:</u> What are the cybersecurity risks of incorporating autonomous technologies into maritime systems and ships/vessels?

<u>Supporting Q:</u> Can we create a reasonably representative testbed to enable cybersecurity studies, assessments and testing?









Project Plan

- Phase 0: Preliminary research into existing testbeds
- Phase 1: Building the testbed
- Phase 2: Integrating security tools into network
- Phase 3: Security evaluation of testbed
- Phase 4: Finalization, writeup









Industrial Systems OT/ICS/SCADA

Operational Technology (OT):

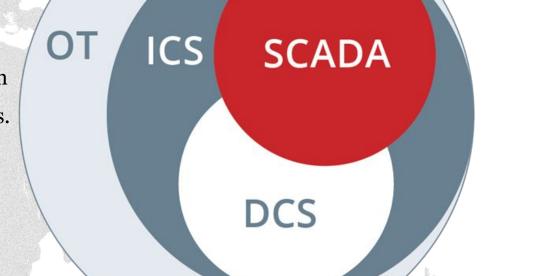
• the utilization of software and hardware in industry. Ex: Historian. Includes ICS, DCS, IIoT, SCADA

Industrial Control Systems (ICS):

• systems used to control critical industrial infrastructure, such as water treatment plants, with technologies like HMIs, PLCs.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA):

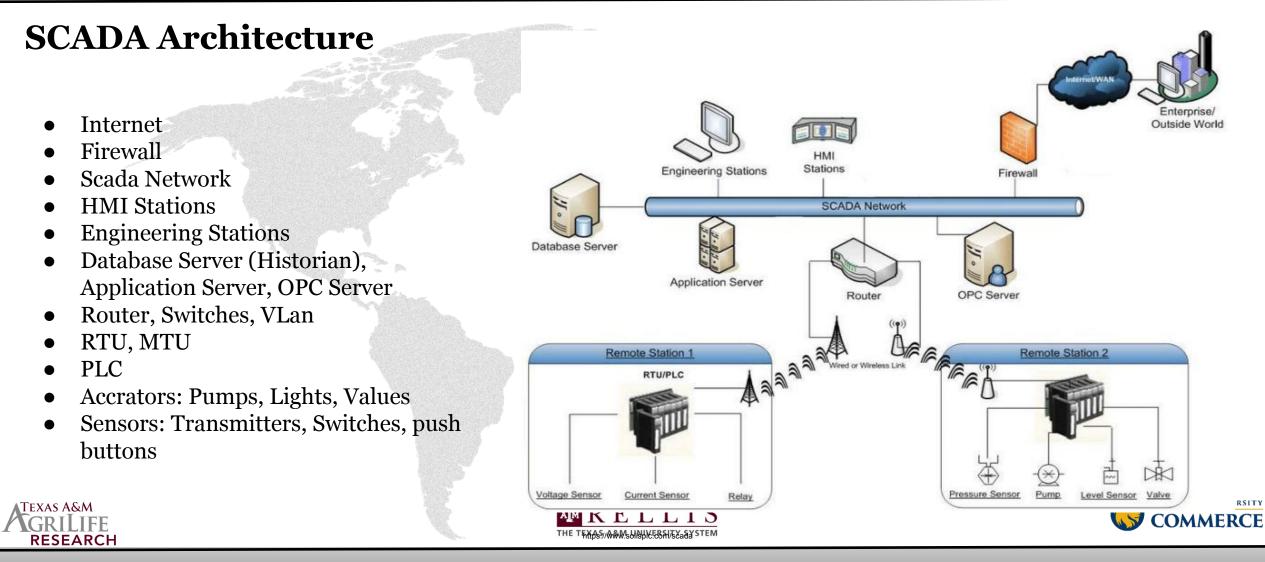
• a control system used to remotely monitor and control devices that are used for data acquisition and industrial control











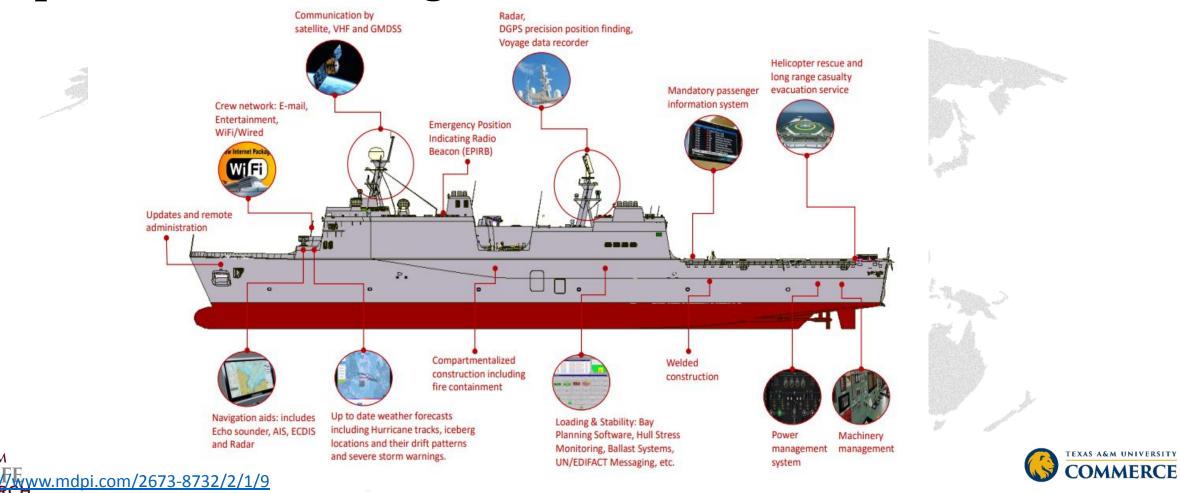


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Example Maritime Technologies



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Example Maritime Communication and Information Technologies

- AIS: Automatic Identification System, Automated tracking system
- GMDSS: Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, communicates with authorities through terrestrial or satellite
- **DSC:** Digital Selective Calling, allows for individual signals to be sent for the location of the ship giving the signal
- **GNSS:** Global Navigation Satellite System, shows location, speed, and destination time of ships
- GPS: Global Positioning System, Satellite based radio navigation system that is run by the United States of America
- **RADAR:** Radio Detection and Ranging, Detects objects by sending radio waves and receiving waves that are reflected back
- ECDIS: Electronic Chart Display and Information System, Navigation





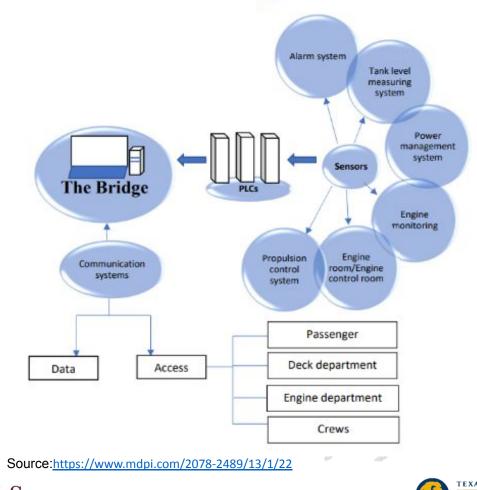




OT/ICS in Maritime

Several vessel vital systems rely on OT with control dashboards in the ship Bridge (control deck). Examples include:

- ICS PLC is an controller for actuators and sensors
- Alarm system
- Tank level measuring systems
- Power management systems
- Engine monitoring
- Engine control
- Propulsion control system



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Cybersecurity and Maritime Incidents

Maritime Attacks

- 2019 U.S. Coast Guard issued a cyber attack alert after malware hit a ship heading towards the new york port.
- 2017 **Maersk** cyber-attack ransomware exploited a vulnerability in Microsoft systems. Microsoft released a patch but Maersk did not update their systems. Maersk lost over \$300 million due to shipping delays.
- **DNV's** ShipManager software ransomware attack in January 2023, putting the data of around 1,000 vessels at risk.

OT/ICS Attacks

- **Stuxnet** malicious computer worm that attacked SCADA systems, causing significant damage to the Iranian nuclear program. The worm targeted PLCs to cause centrifuges to tear themselves apart.
- 2015 Ukraine power grid attack hackers took control of SCADA systems to turn off the electric supply.
- 2017 to 2019 known significant cyber attacks increased from 50 to 120 to over 300 attacks





Maritime Related Cybersecurity Regulations and Standards

- → Marcsec levels: defines levels of alertness and physical security.
- → CRF (Cybersecurity Regulatory Framework) standards: CRF are Federal Codes of Regulations. The components of the ship need past inspections and predefined metrics.
- → International Maritime Organization regulations: agency of the UN that sets global standards for safety and security for international shipping.
- → <u>General Cybersecurity Standards and Regulations:</u> general cybersecurity standards also apply to the industry including NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) and IEC OT/ICS Security Standards.











Cybersecurity Threat Modeling and Risk Assessment

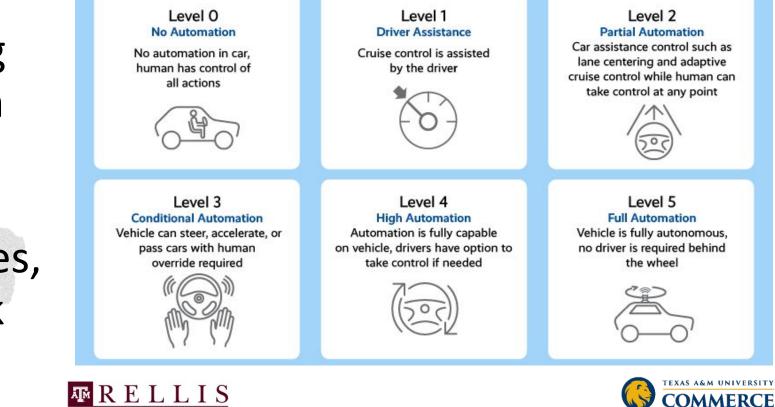
| Attack name | Target | Impact | Mitigation |
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| Supply Chain Compromise | Exploitable/exploited vendors | unauthorized access | Audit, supply chain management, vulnerability scanning, update software |
| Data spoofing | Sensors | manipulation/denial of view | Audit, vulnerability scanning, update software, data authentication, network segmentation, process/device authentication |
| Compromised Workstation | Workstations | Unauthorized access, unauthorized control | Audit, network network segmentation, vulnerability scanning, update software |
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Levels of Automation and Threat Modeling

- The levels of automation, ranging from no automation to full automation.
- As the reliance on automation increases, there is a higher risk of cyber attacks.







Emerging Technologies & Emerging Threats

AI (Artificial Intelligence)

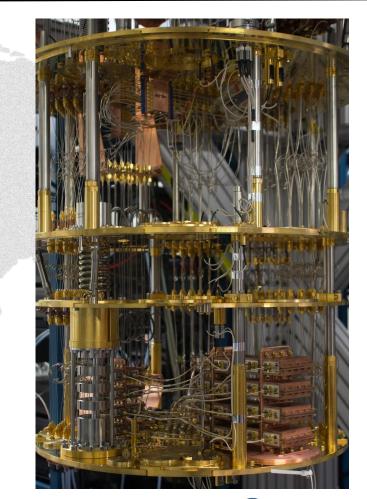
- → <u>Operational:</u> using AI to defend against threat
- → <u>Threat:</u> using advanced AI to create and execute attacks

Quantum Computing

- → <u>Operational</u>: support advanced encryption, and more efficient communication and computing
- → <u>Threat:</u> can break non quantum-safe encryption, can be used to amplify brute-force attack capabilities.

5G/6G Networks

- Operational: fast, scalable, flexible and efficient networks with high degrees of autonomy (Self-X).
- → Threat: faster speeds needs faster security



https://www.flagshippioneering





USCG Houston-Galveston Port Field Trip













Tony Tug vessel Tour (old)

- **<u>Tug vessel:</u>** is an maritime ship that pulls or pushes another vessel or cargo.
- Automation used in an Old Tug vessel are low
- **Drying docks:** vessels are regularly pulled for maintenance





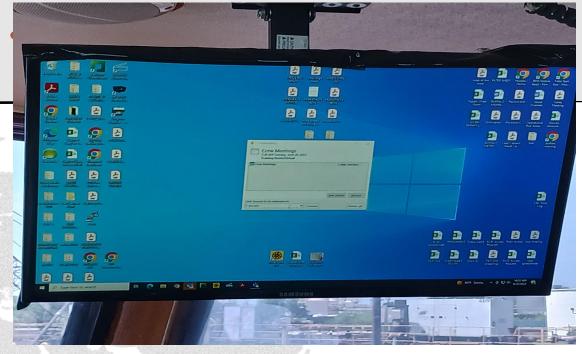






Tony Tug vessel Tour (old)

- <u>Geolocation:</u> use of Window OS Workstation and GPS
- <u>Identification Systems:</u> AIS Automatic Identification System uses VHF frequencies to communicate
- **Logging**: timetables, charting with the help on online services.
- <u>Hardware:</u> Operational technology (OT) on board are mostly hardwired and use a simple alert dashboard. Communication is strictly radio.
- <u>**Technical staff:**</u> minimal operational staff on board. Technical systems' maintenance is done based on need and mostly when at port.







Ferry Vessel Tour (new)

- New vessel going through final testing and validation
- Ship could travel in two directions
- Higher levels of automation
 - PLC, HMIs, SCADA
 - Energy management
 - Redundant vital systems (e.g. bridges, generation, etc.)
 - Failover mechanisms
 - Ship systems connected via ethernet and fiber
- More recognisable (OT/ICS) vendors: Siemens, Honeywell, etc.
- AIS communication





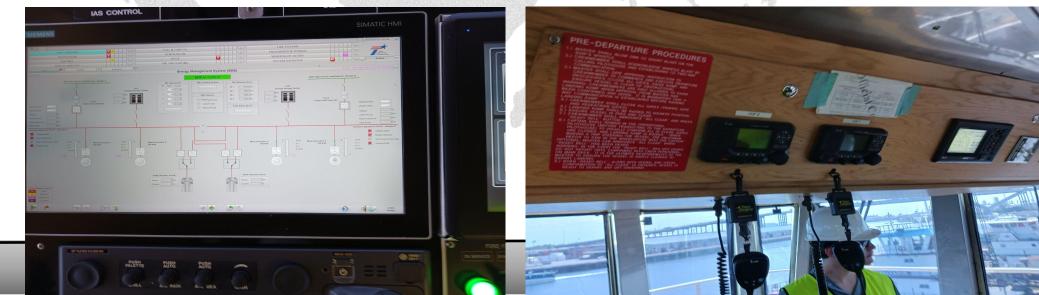




Ferry Vessel Tour

- **Communications:** FM radio communication, MLCS
- **<u>Navigation</u>**: Rosepoint software is used for navigation and is updated manually using a USB.
- <u>OT Automation</u>: Fully automated valve system, AMS for Container Management









Field Trip Lessons Learned

- The biggest concern and target is commercial assets and logistics.
- USCG has limited ability to enforce standards, some companies approach the USCG for guidance.
 - Working theory from USCG is a major threat will need to present itself in order for policy to change.
- Security compliance is still lacking.
 - A lack of mass adoption of standards.
 - Older generations are reluctant to adapt to the ever-changing threat landscape.











Common OT/ICS Security Challenges:

- Legacy Software and Hardware
- Lack of Documentation
- Lack of Encryption
- No Backups and Outdated Components
- Lack of Network Segmentation
- Insider Threats

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- Threat of Malware
- Command Injection and Parameters
- Identification and Authentication Failures
- Logging and Monitoring Failures











Cybersecurity Risk Assessment

Risk = Criticality (Likelihood × Vulnerability Scores [CVSS]) × Impact

Likelihood: Percent that some event will happen

Vulnerability: The resource that is at risk

Impact: Assets that will be affected

| certain likely possible unlikely rare | | | CONSEQUENCE | | |
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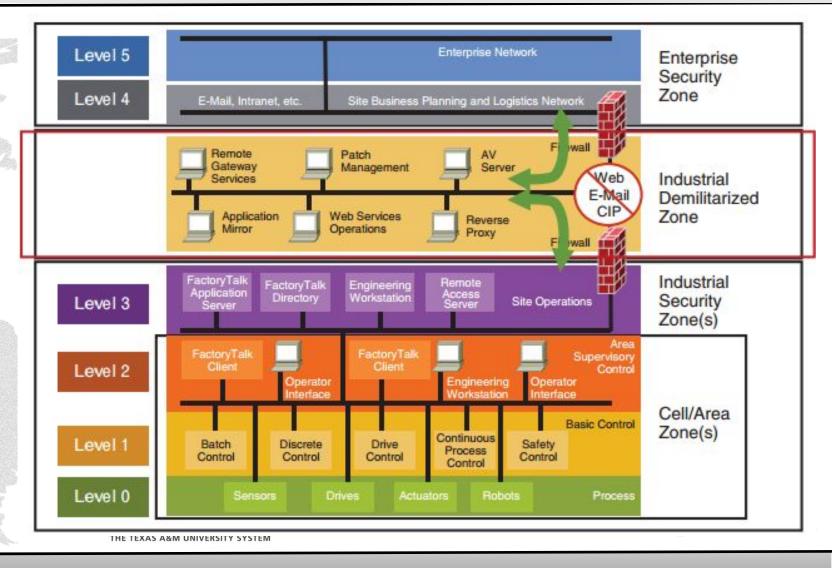
Purdue Model

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The Purdue Model is a reference architecture for OT/ICS networks. It provides abstraction that helps define security zones and network segments, so that resources are isolated in a way to ensure minimal exposure to potential attacks.









Testbed Development

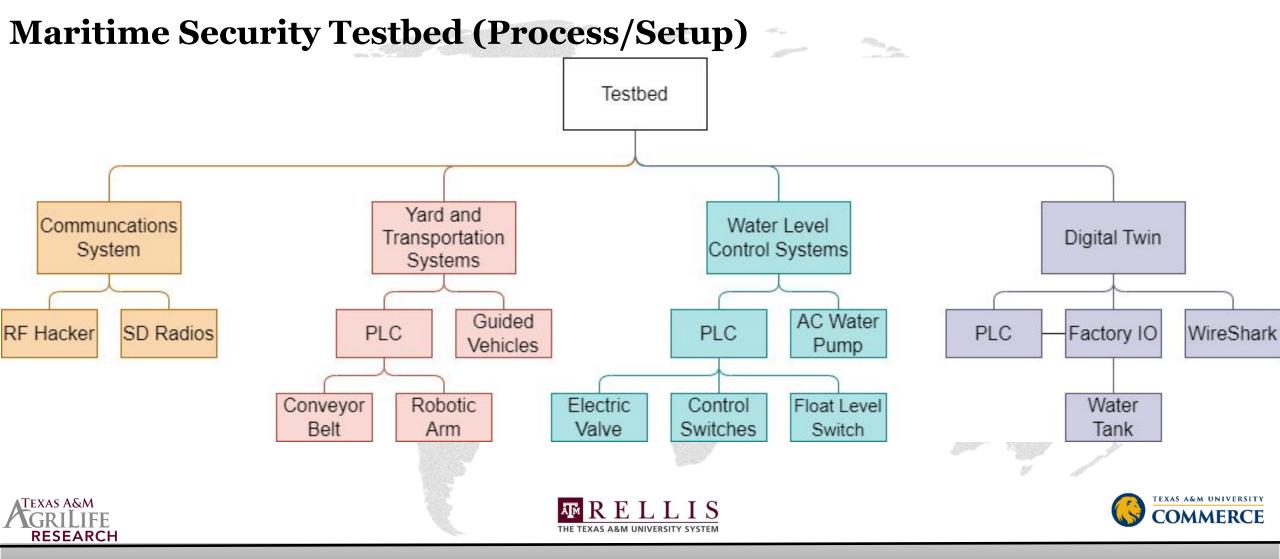












Maritime Security Testbed

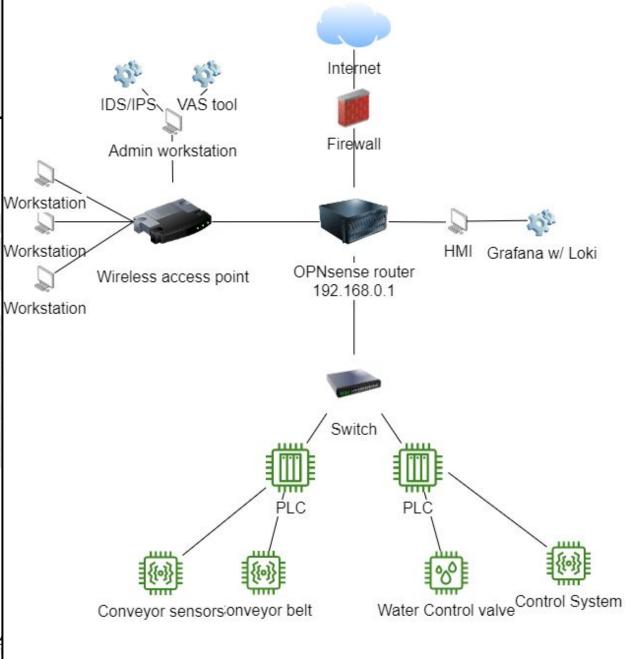
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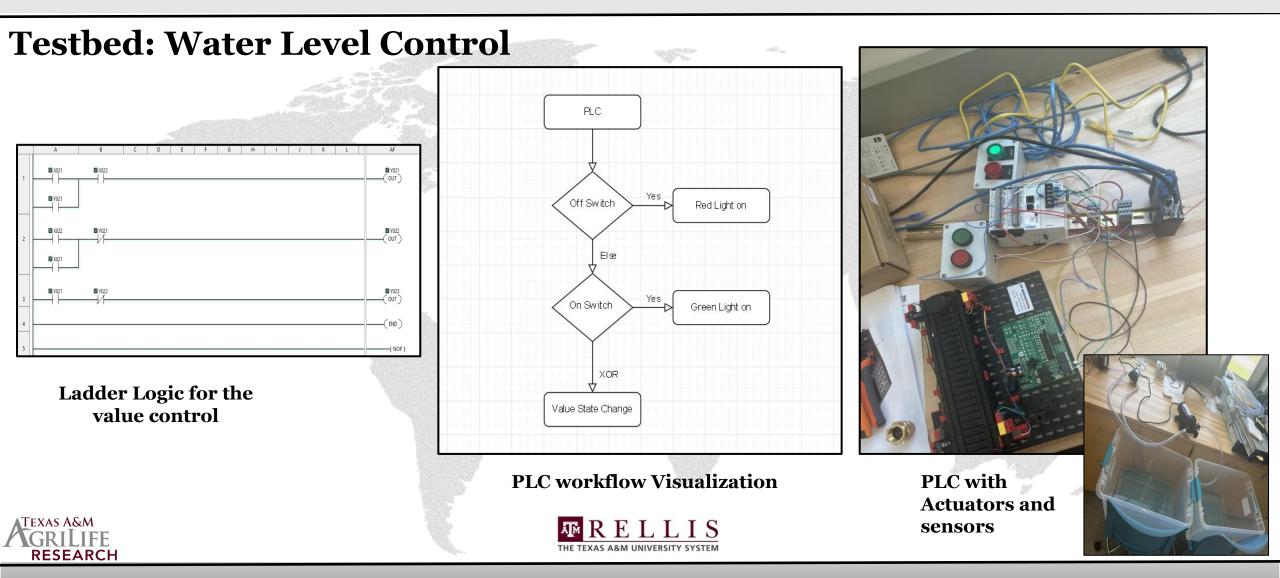
- Firewall/ Routing : OPNsense allows for routing and firewalls configurations
- IDS/IPS: Snort that can send alerts
- Network Logging: prometheus: prometheus is a network monitoring software.
- Network visualization: Grafana Loki is an open source GUI for dashboards of charts and graphs







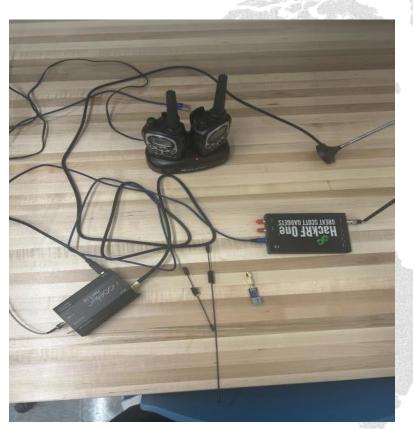


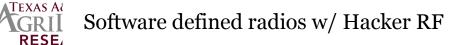


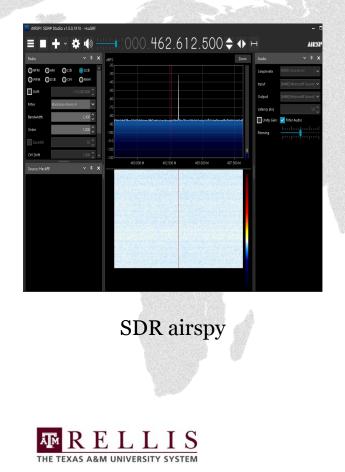


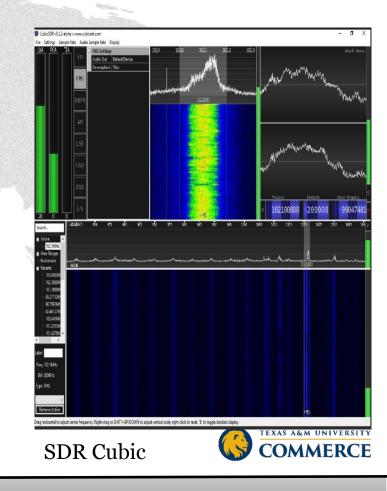


Radio Communication & Hacker RF





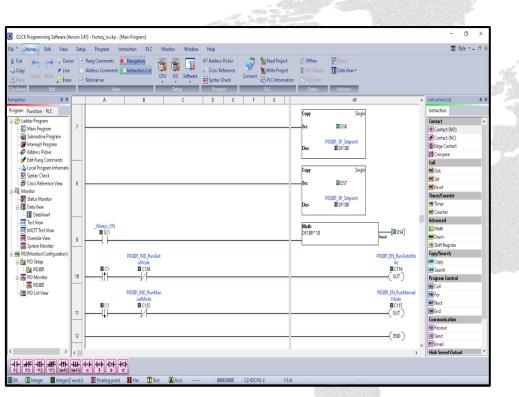


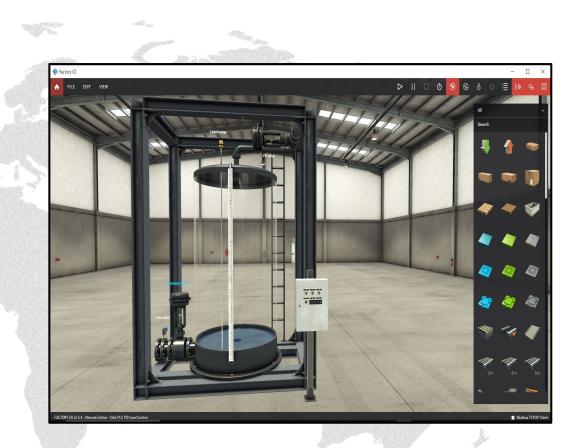






Testbed: Factory I/O, Digital Twin





Water level control system in factory Io



Ladder logic for the water control system that factory io is using and communication with the plc

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Wireshark Network Packet Capture between Factory I/O and physical PLC (Modbus traffic)

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Future Work

Towards Zero Trust in Maritime systems communication and OT/ICS

- Zero-Trust Principles: Verify implicitly, Always assume breach, Use least Privilege
- <u>Monitoring</u>: Emphasize the need for creative solutions for network visibility and security monitoring specially for devices that don't support logging
- Employ machine learning (ML) for active anomaly detection and root-cause analysis
 - Rely on partial logging with proper enrichment
 - Testbed: implement Purdue L3/L4 functions including a variety of OT/ICS protocols
- <u>Identity:</u>
 - Testbed: integrate light-weight IAM (identity and Access Management) for OT/ICS









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