



Cybersecurity focused on Safety

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Formación

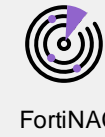
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Railway Ecosystem



Operations Control Centers

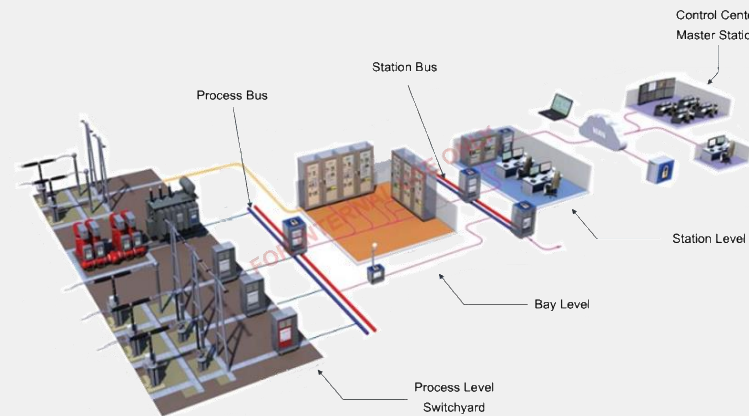
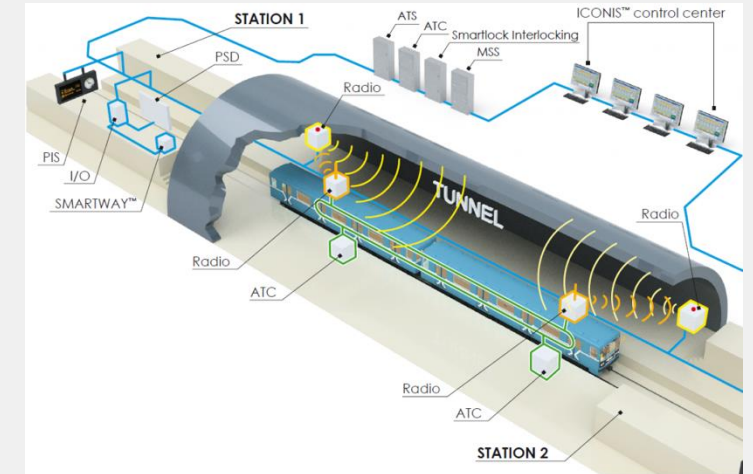
Substations

Railway Stations

Signalling

Communications

Rolling Stock



Attacks against Safety

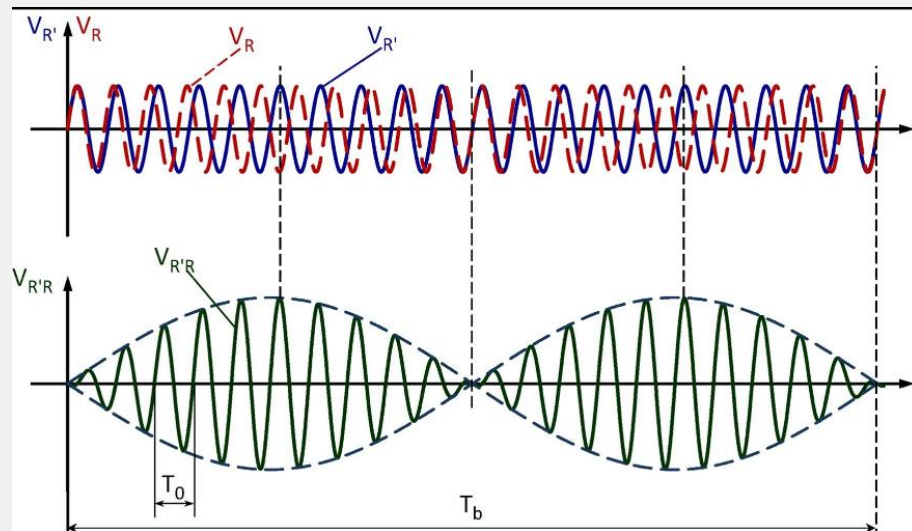
Aurora Project (2007)

Origin: Idaho National Laboratory

Objective: Demonstrate Emergency Diesel Generators vulnerabilities

Syncho coupling logic modified

Catastrophic coupling by changing conditions



Attacks against Safety

Crash Override (2016) - Ukraine

CRASHOVERRIDE: Reassessing the 2016 Ukraine Electric Power Event as a Protection-Focused Attack

- 2015 Vulnerability Exploitation leaving IED protections in “Test” mode
- Potentially destructive attack (discovered in 2018)
- Mitigated by personnel acting manually



About Us Alerts and Tips Resources Industrial Control Systems

ICS-CERT Landing > ICS-CERT Advisories > Siemens SIPROTEC Denial-of-Service Vulnerability

ICS Advisory (ICSA-15-202-01)

Siemens SIPROTEC Denial-of-Service Vulnerability

Original release date: July 21, 2015 | Last revised: August 27, 2018



Figure 5: CRASHOVERRIDE Attack Intentions

Attacks against Safety

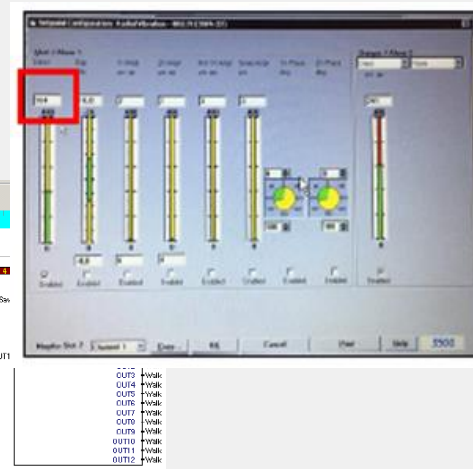
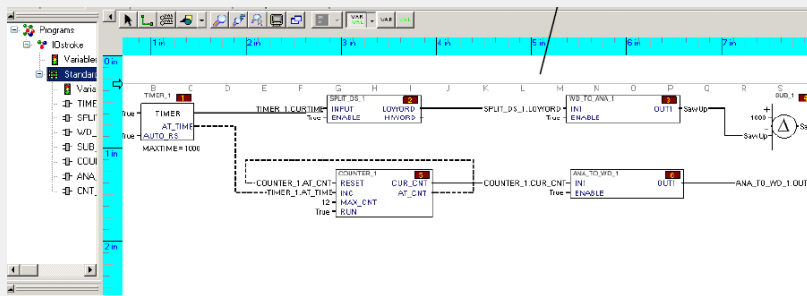
- **Triton (2017) - Arabia:** 1st Attack specifically focused on Safety Instrumented System –SIS- (Schneider Triconex) in Petrochemical plant
- Strong protections against program changes...por change management
- Malware became persistent in SCADA and Engineering Stations
 - Libraries modification in SCADA
 - Libraries modification in SIS
 - Became able to make changes bypassing change control protections
- Attackers also hire Safety experts
 - *(and they might work blind without knowing that is for an attack)*



Attacks against Safety

- Real failures in pitch angle control
- Alter Wind speed measure conversion
- Alter Protection Setpoints for high wind speed
 - Pitch
 - Brake

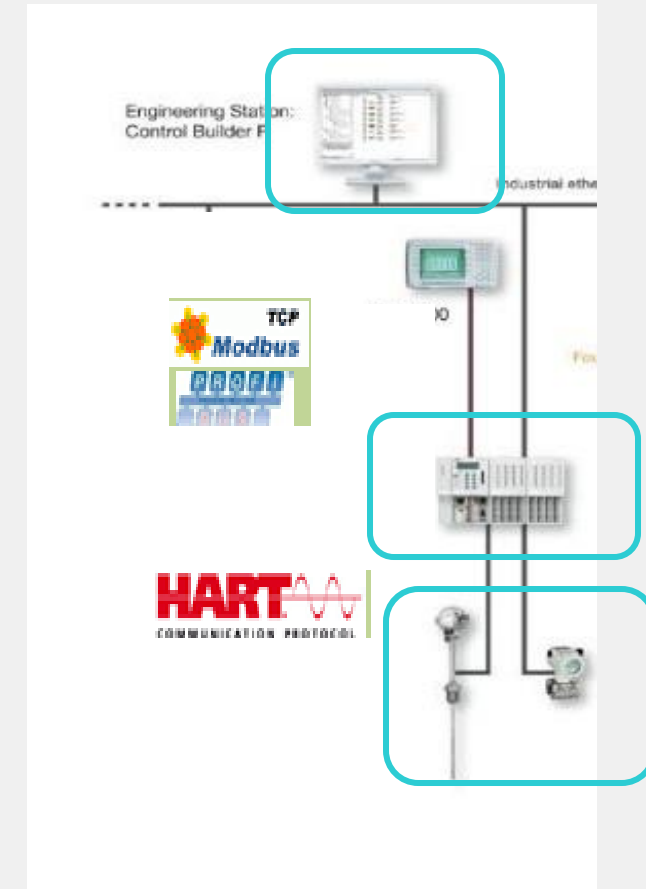
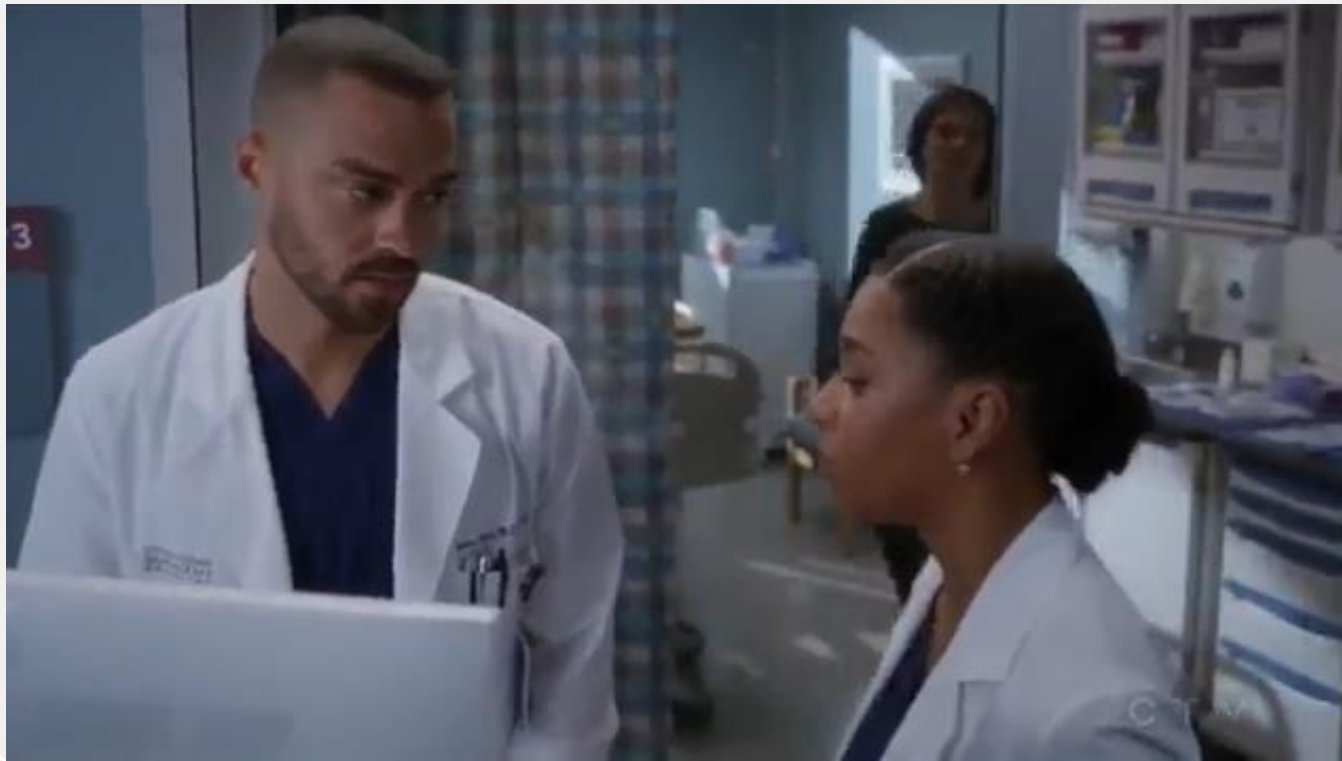
Stuxnet (2010)



Attacks against Safety

- Change in Measurements?
- Change in Screen Values? Stuxnet (2010)
- Change in Conversion Constants?
- Change in Sensor type?

Operations driven to failure!!

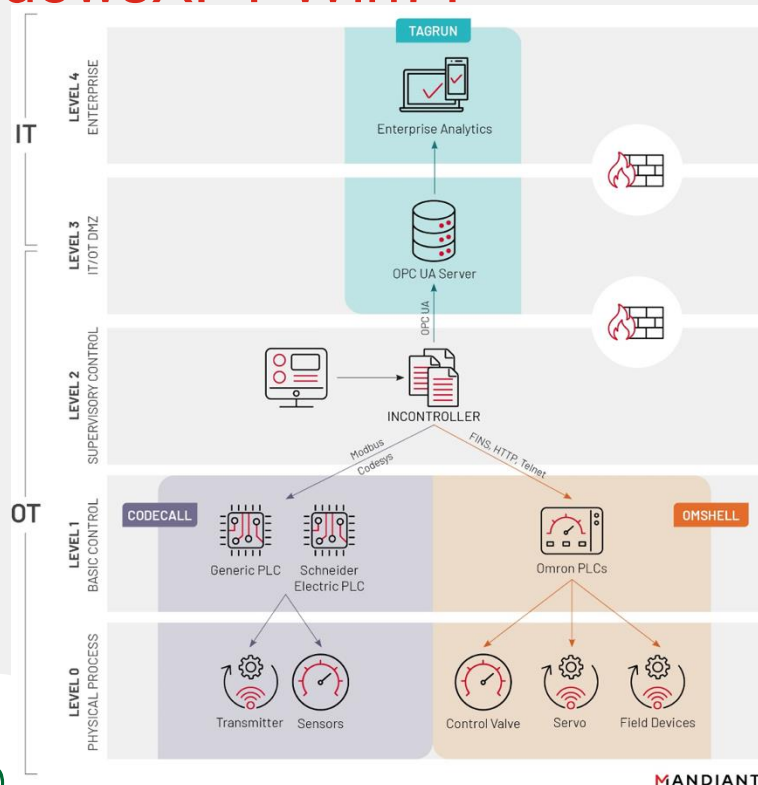


New generation of attacks against ICS

Public exploits significantly lower the skill and effort needed to exploit a vulnerability.

Many ICS/OT systems are deployed on top of Windows, and exploits like ETERNALBLUE 15 (MS17-010) have been used to infiltrate ICS/OT networks on a number of occasions →

WindowsXP? Win7?



Dragos 2022

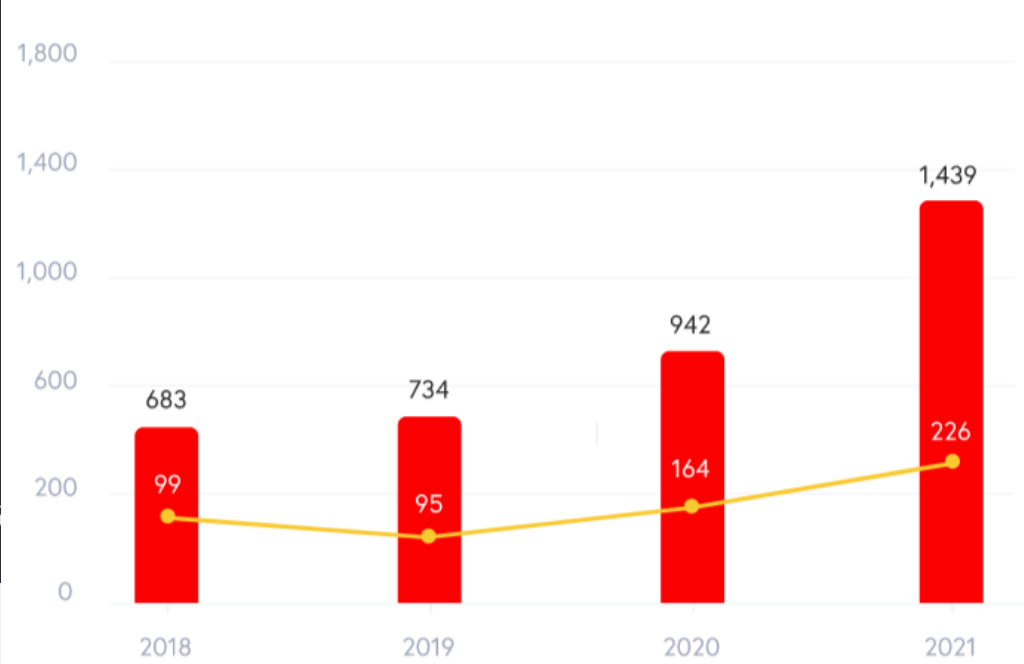
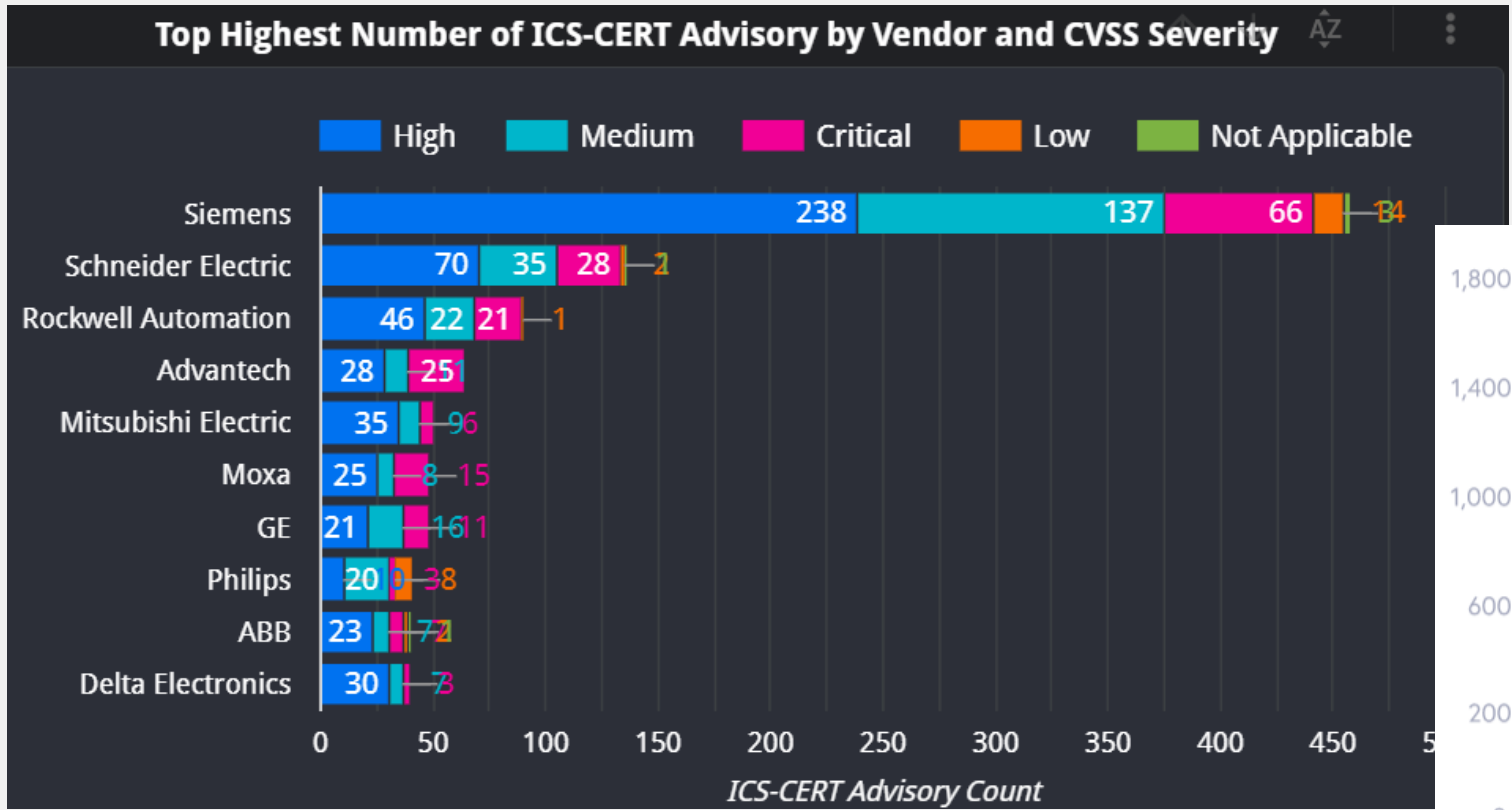
INCONTROLLER // PIPEDREAM → Stuxnet+Triton+Industroyer

New malware targeting generic PLCs → *Russia?*

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ICS – vulnerabilities and obsolescence

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Understand Industrial Protocols

Protocols to be deeply understood

Commands!

- Cannot forbid our whole protocol
- **Context** for security monitoring
- Granularity - actions allowed only to:
 - Operations, Engineering, Historian...
 - Achieved from SCADA, **needed from Network**
 - Proper Virtual Patching!

Applications!

- Only Authorized applications reduce exposure
- Patching also over actions on apps

(Much more than Port & IP address)

| Name | Severity |
|---|----------|
| Siemens.Simatic.WinCC.Default.Password | Yellow |
| Siemens.SIMATIC.WinCC.Flexible.HmiLoad.Multiple.Vulnerabilities | Red |
| Siemens.SIMATIC.WinCC.Flexible.miniweb.DoS | Yellow |

The screenshot shows the FortiGuard Labs search results page. The header includes the FortiGuard Labs logo and navigation links for News, Research, Services, Threat Lookup, PSIRT, and Resources. The search results are displayed in a list format, each with a severity icon and a brief description of the vulnerability.

- CIP_File.Upload.Transfer**: This indicates detection of CIP File Upload Transfer command. Common Industrial Protocol is a protocol that runs on top of ...
- Rockwell.Automation.FactoryTalk.RSLinxNG.DoS**: This indicates an attack attempt to exploit a Denial of Service Vulnerability in FactoryTalk Linx. The vulnerability is cau...
- Moxa.AWK-3131A.iw_console.Privilege.Escalation**: This indicates an attack attempt to exploit a Privilege Escalation Vulnerability in Moxa AWK-3131A. This vulnerability is d...
- Application Modbus_Unity.Write.Variables**: This indicates detection of the Modbus Unity Write Variables command. MODBUS is an application-layer messaging protocol, positioned at level 7 of the OSI model. It provides client/server communicati...
- IPS Modbus.TCP.Unauthorized.Read.Request.PLC**: This indicates that an unauthorized Modbus client attempted to read information from a PLC or other device. Modbus TCP is a protocol often found in SCADA networks where it is used for process contro...

Protocols & Rules available in <https://www.fortiguard.com/services/is>

2022 State of Operational Technology and Cybersecurity Report



People



33% of organizations entrust OT security to the VP/director of network engineering/operations



67% of OT security leaders come from an OT engineering background



43% of respondents have security-incident response time as a top-three success measurement

Security Posture



56% of organizations report being at level 3 or level 4 of OT security maturity



50% say the OT security posture is a significant factor in the overall risk score



13% of organizations have centralized visibility of all OT activities

Security Practices



48% report security compromises to executive management



32% have deployed role-based network access control



52% say all OT activities are monitored and tracked by the SOC

Security Outcomes



93% of organizations had 1+ intrusions in the past year; **78%** had 3+



61% of intrusions impacted OT systems



90% of intrusions required hours or longer to restore service

Lessons to Learn

- UX at station or Rolling stock is a cybersecurity challenge
- Attacks to Safety on the rise
- Attacks to Safety may have catastrophic consequences
- Most attack leverage vulnerabilities
- Patching is a must (think of virtual patching!)
- Safety & Cybersecurity need to coordinate and complement each other.
 - Data integrity is a must for Safety systems
 - Integrate monitoring and protection focused on industrial protocols
 - Cross change control and process analysis
 - Change control validation coordinating cyber+engineering





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