TCIP: Trustworthy Cyber Infrastructure for Power

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The Nation's Power Cyber Infrastructure is at Risk

1997:

 "The widespread and increasing use of SCADA systems for control of energy systems provides increasing ability to cause serious damage and disruption by cyber means"







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2002:

- "Simultaneous attacks on a few critical components of the grid could result in a widespread and extended blackout."
- "Conceivably, they could also cause the grid to collapse, with cascading failures in equipment far from the attacks, leading to an even larger, longerterm blackout."





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2004:

- "A failure in a software program not linked to malicious activity may have significantly contributed to the power outage."
- "Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) networks to other systems introduced vulnerabilities."
- "In some cases, Control Area (CA) and Reliability Coordinator (RC) visibility into the operations of surrounding areas was lacking."







TCIP. Trustworthy Cyber Infrastructure for Power

Address technical challenges motivated by power grid problems in

By developing

Secure and Reliable Computing Base

Trustworthy Communication & Control Protocols

Quantitative & Qualitative Evaluation

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Education

Ubiquitous exposed infrastructure Real-time data monitoring and control Wide area information coordination and information sharing

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• Secure & Reliable Base

- Gross, Gunter, Iyer,
 Kalbarczyk, Sauer, and
 Smith
- Trustworthy Communication
 & Control Protocols
 - Bakken, Bose, Courtney, Fleury, Hauser, Khurana, Minami, Nahrstedt, Sanders, Scaglione, Welch, Winslett

Quantitative & Qualitative Evaluation

Anderson, Campbell,
 Nicol, Overbye,
 Ranganathan, Thomas,
 Wang, Zimmerman

Education

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Kalbarczyk, Overbye,
 Reese, Sebestik, Tracy



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 - Dartmouth
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 Focus: Move from perimeter security to platform security in the power grid cyber infrastructure

Area 1 Approach

- Focus: Secure power infrastructure by ensuring security of infrastructure applications
 - Derive security *requirements* from *application logic*
 - Derive *hybrid solutions* and *constraints* from application context
- Project Areas:
 - Build *new types of platforms* to achieve specific security goals for power applications
 - Make these hardened platforms *reconfigurable and customizable*, so one platform secures multiple power applications
 - Integrate hardened platforms into comprehensive security architectures for power grid scenarios



The past

- Un-secure communication
- Slow communication links
- Lack of inclusion of networking and computing standard technologies

<u>Trends</u>

- Data collection at control areas
- High-speed wide area communication and computation solutions available (optical/SONET, multi-core devices, Linux)
- Standard wireless network technologies available
 - 802.11, 802.15, 802.16, Bluetooth
- IP-based protocol solutions available

<u>Challenges</u>

• End-to-end real-time, security, reliability, and QoS guarantees

Approach

- Provision of real-time and reliable monitoring, detection, alert, and control solutions in case of perturbations, vulnerabilities and attacks
- Self-adaptation to new security needs due to long-lifetime installed base (RTUs)
- Handling of adversarial threats to end devices (IEDs), control centers, ISOs, and communication links among them





Quantitative & Qualitative Evaluation

Approach:

- Developing tools and methodologies for evaluating and validating next-generation power grid designs
- Developing tools and methodologies for evaluating existing system configurations with respect to best practice recommendations and global policies
- Studying the sensitivity of the power grid infrastructure to various kinds of cyber attacks





Industrial Partnerships – Spanning Stakeholders







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Ameren – Major traditional utility in Mo. and IL Entergy – Major traditional utility in South Exelon – Major traditional Utility –

Midwest & East

TVA – Largest public power company

Technology Providers/Researchers

ABB – Industrial manufacturer and supplier
 Siemens – Industrial manufacturer and supplier
 AREVA – Major SW vendor for utility EMS
 systems

Cisco Systems – CIP Researchers **Cyber Defense Agency** – Security Assessment **EPRI** – Electric Power Research Institute GE Global Research - Research in communication and computing requirements for US power grid Honeywell - Industrial control system provider and SCADA researcher KEMA - Supports clients concerned with the supply and use of electrical power **OSII** – Major SW vendor for utilities including SCADA and EMS systems **PNNL** – National Lab doing SCADA research **PowerWorld Corp** – System analysis and visualization tools Sandia National Lab – SCADA research **Schweitzer** – Industrial control system provider

Starthis – Automation Middleware

CAISO – Independent system operator for CA **PJM** – Regional transmission organization (RTO) for 7 states and D.C.