

A nighttime photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant, with numerous towers and structures illuminated by warm lights. A semi-transparent dark rectangular box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the title text in white.

# Cyber-Physical Attack Lifecycle

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# Note



This session is based on the talk:

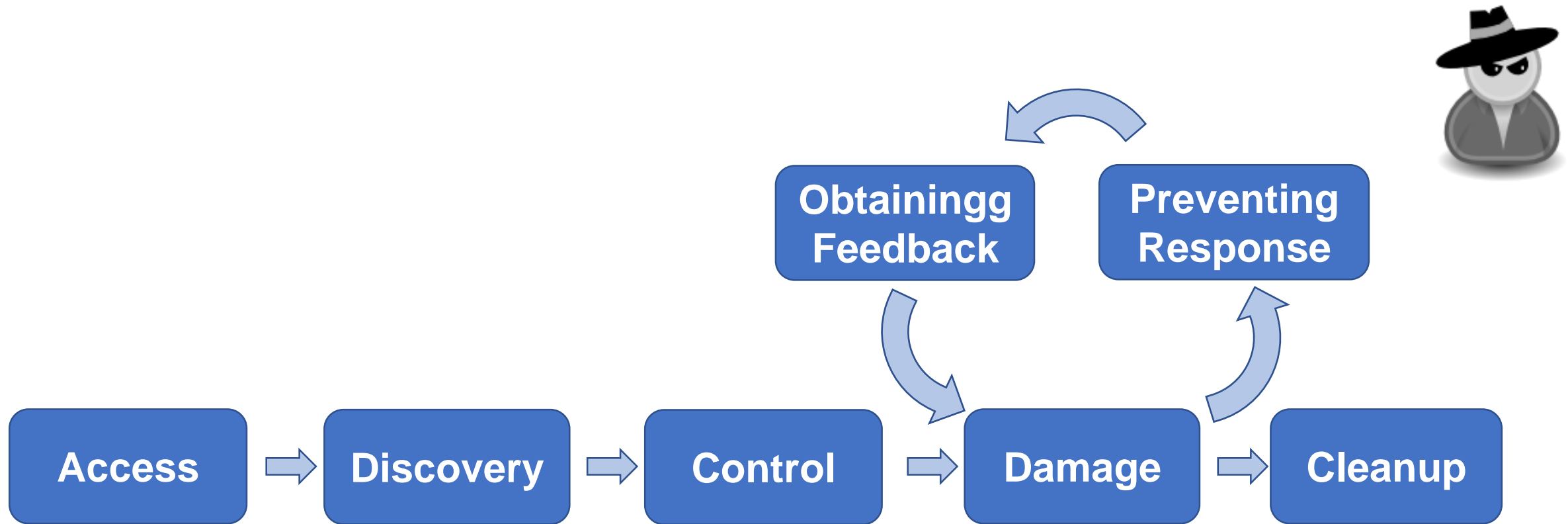
J. Wetzels, M. Krotofil “A Diet of Poisoned Fruit: Designing Implants and OT Payloads for ICS Embedded Devices”, TROOPERS, Heidelberg, Germany, 2019.

# Cyber-Physical Attack Development Lifecycle

- **If you know how attackers work, you can figure out how to stop them**
- Attack lifecycle is a common method to describe a process of conducting cyber attacks



# Cyber-Physical Attack Development Lifecycle

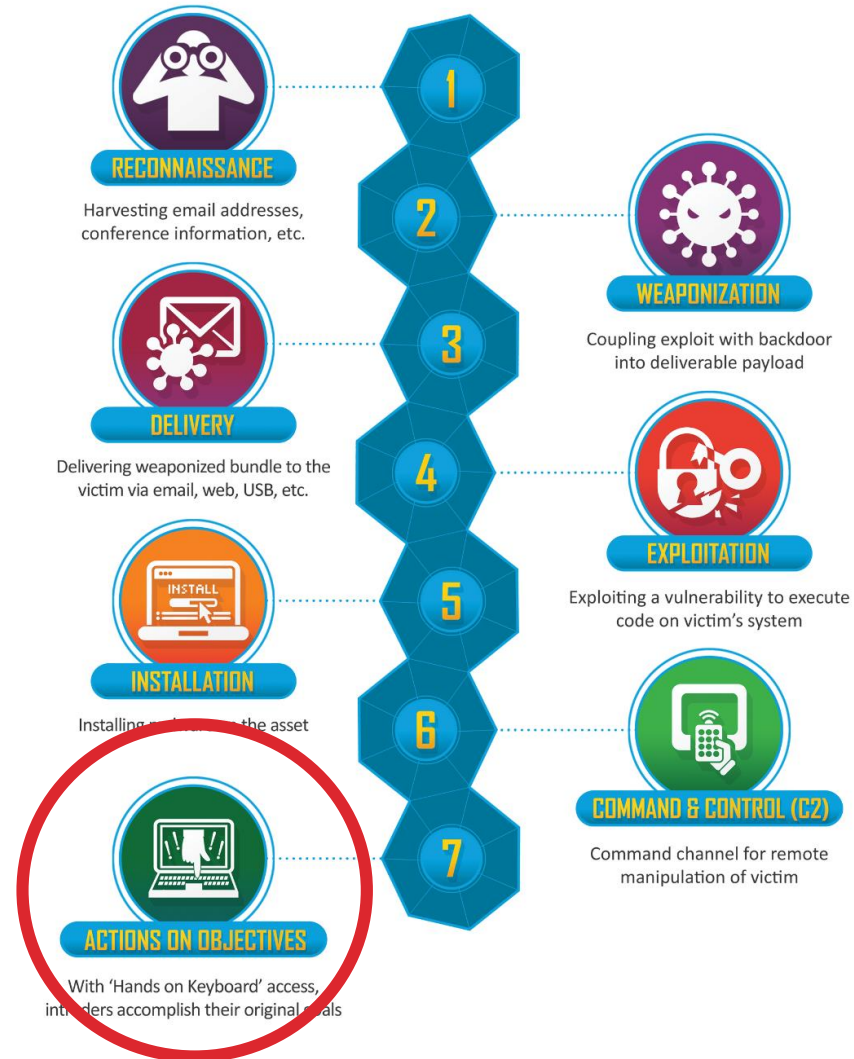
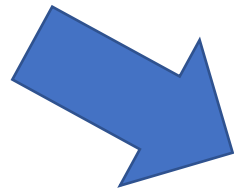




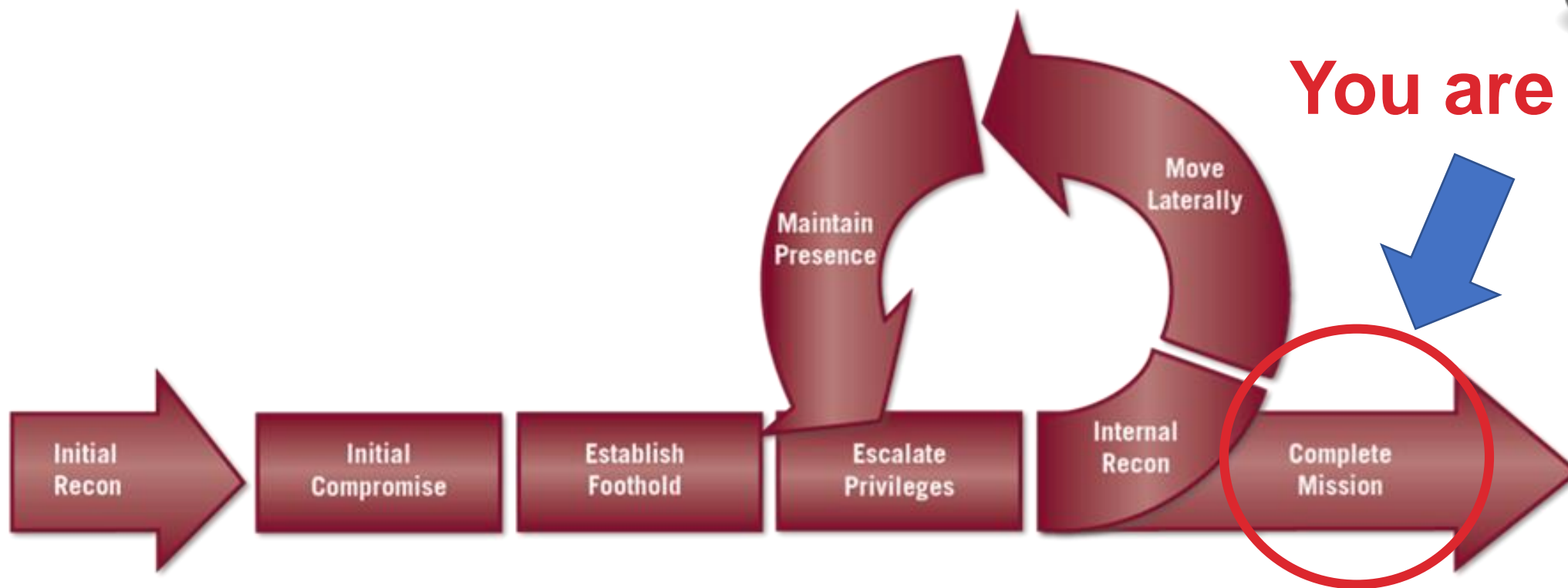
# Lockheed Martin, the Cyber Kill Chain®



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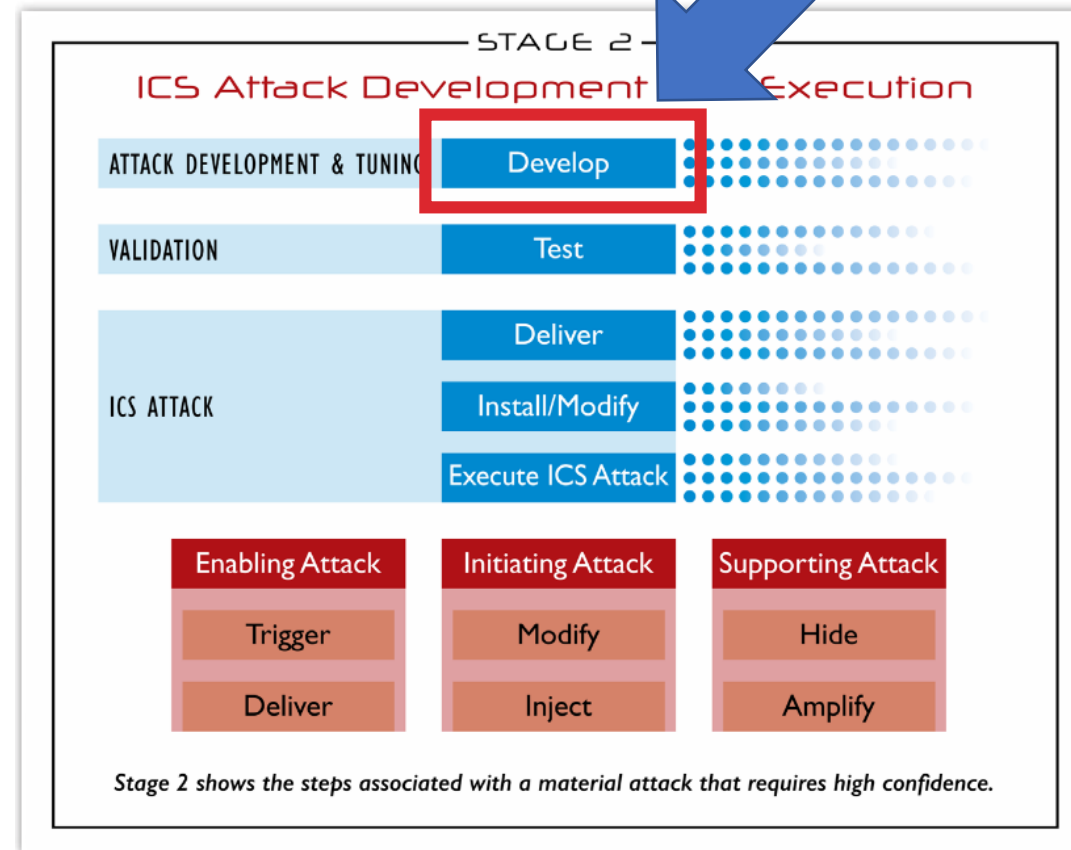
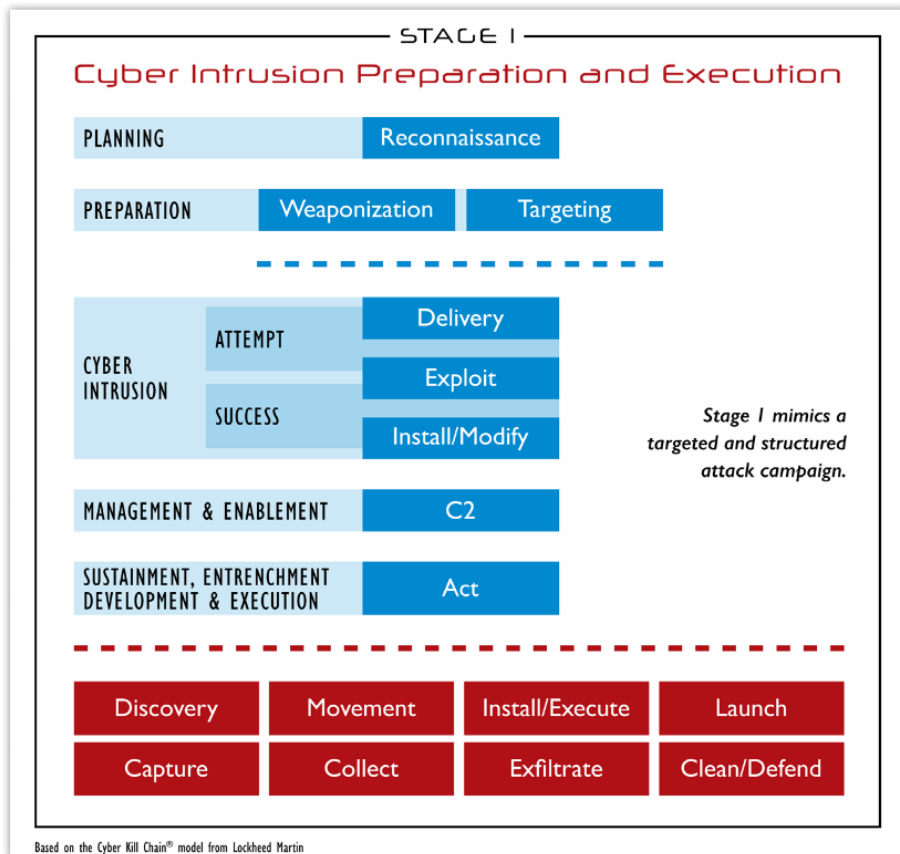
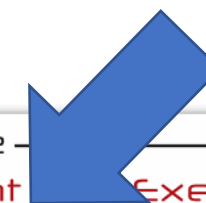
# Mandiant Attack Lifecycle



# SANS Industrial Control System Cyber Kill Chain



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# ICS MITRE ATT&CK

Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Operator Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Command and Control	Disruption	Destruction
Valid Accounts		Rootkit		Network Sniffing		Exploitation of Vulnerability		Connection Proxy	Module Firmware	
Module Firmware	Exploitation of Vulnerability	File Deletion	Block Serial Comm Port	Brute Force	Device Information	Default Credentials	Scripting	Commonly Used Port	Spoof Command Message	
External Remote Service		Modify Event Log	Modify I/O Image	Default Credentials	Control Process	Valid Accounts	Graphical User Interface		Block Command Message	
Modify Control Logic		Alternate Modes of Operation	Modify Reporting Settings	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Role Identification	External Remote Service	Command-Line Interface		Modify I/O Image	
Modify System Settings		Masquerading	Modify Reporting Message	Credential Dumping	Location Identification	Modify Control Logic	Modify System Settings		Exploitation of Vulnerability	
Memory Residence		Modify System Settings	Block Reporting Message		Network Connection Enumeration		Man in the Middle		Modify Reporting Settings	
System Firmware			Spoof Reporting Message		Serial Connection Enumeration		Alternate Modes of Operation		Modify Reporting Message	
			Modify Tag		I/O Module Enumeration				Block Reporting Message	
			Modify Control Logic		Remote System Discovery				Spoof Reporting Message	
		Modify Physical Device Display		Network Service Scanning				Modify Tag		
		Modify HMI/Historian Reporting						Modify Control Logic		
		Modify Parameter						Device Shutdown		
								Modify Parameter		
								System Firmware		
								Modify Command Message		
								Block Serial Comm Port		
								Modify System Settings		
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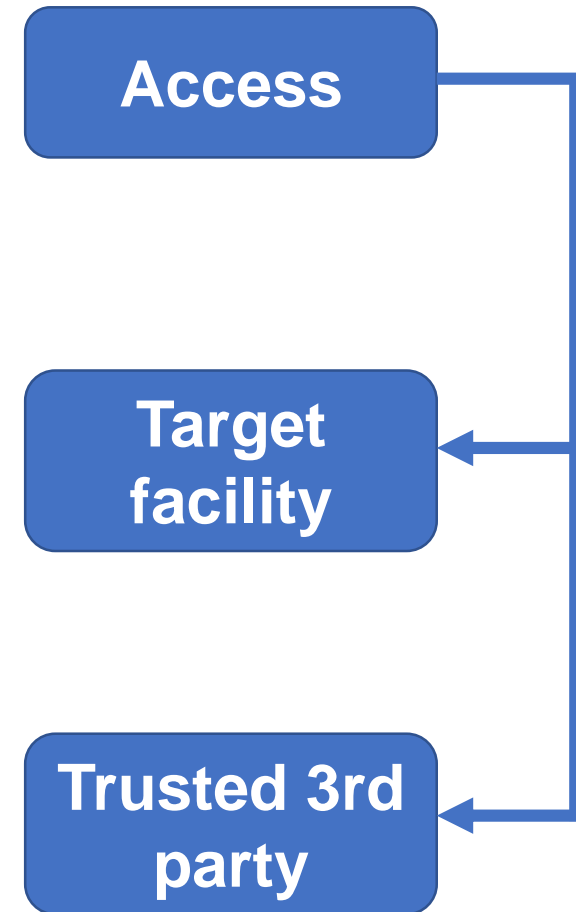


We don't know where we are in this model just yet :-)



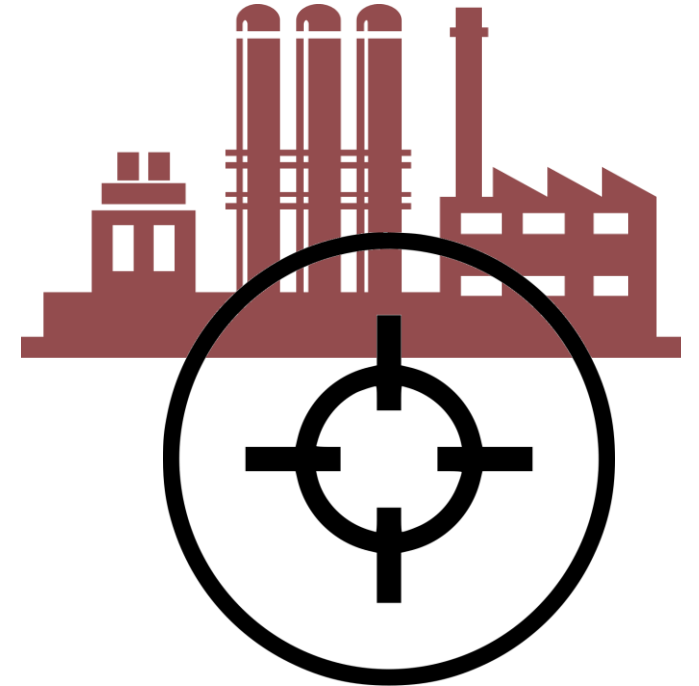
# Access

- **Target facility**
  - Discovery
  - Access to needed assets
  - Attack execution
- **Trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party** (staging target)
  - Access to target facility
  - Access to needed assets
  - Process comprehension
- **Non-targeted/Opportunistic**



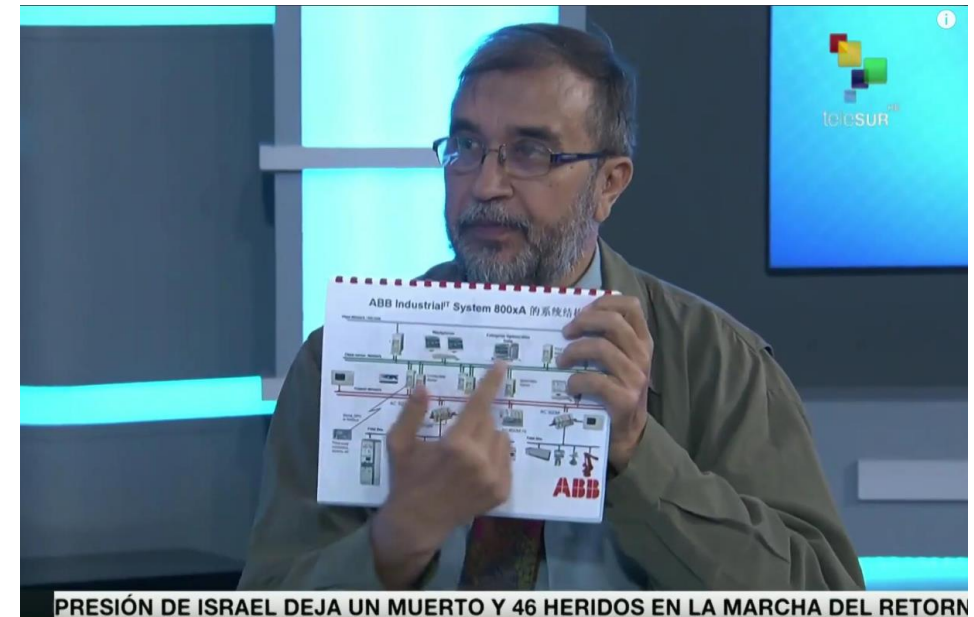
# Targeting

- There are few known cases of strategic targeting
- Target might be also selected as best suitable certain criteria
- Collateral victim
- Opportunistic



# Venezuela, 2019

- Suspected cyber-attack on Guri hydroelectric power plant
- Produces 80% of country's electricity
- Details of plant's upgrade are publicly available, including possible remote access



PRESIÓN DE ISRAEL DEJA UN MUERTO Y 46 HERIDOS EN LA MARCHA DEL RETORN

<https://twitter.com/cherepanov74/status/1104352761028722688>

# Venezuela, 2019

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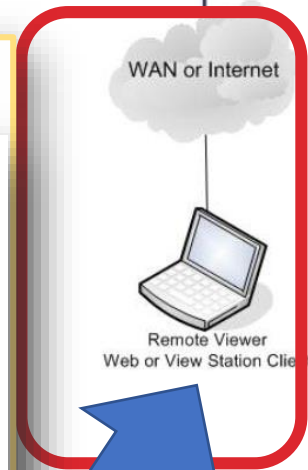
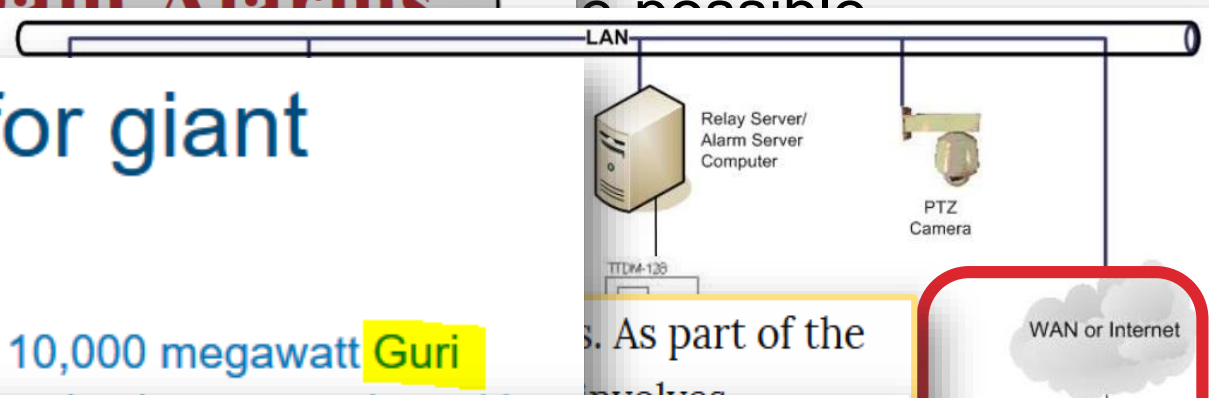
## Monitoring Hydroelectric Dam Alarms

### ABB supplies critical systems for giant power plant

2007-03-12 - ABB is upgrading the 20 generating units of the 10,000 megawatt **Guri** hydropower plant in new control, protection and monitoring systems.

### ABB's 800 kV substations strengthen Venezuelan power grid

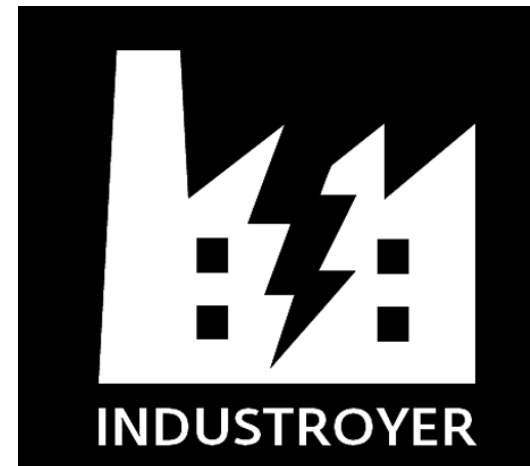
2007-10-16 - ABB has added another impressive customer reference to its all-round capability in bulk power transmission - two 800 kilovolt (kV) turnkey substations that will strengthen and stabilize the Venezuelan power grid and help meet the country's booming demand for electricity.





# Ukraine, 2016

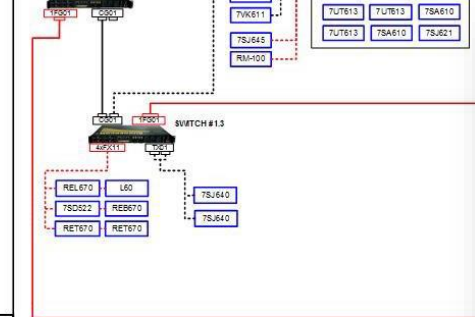
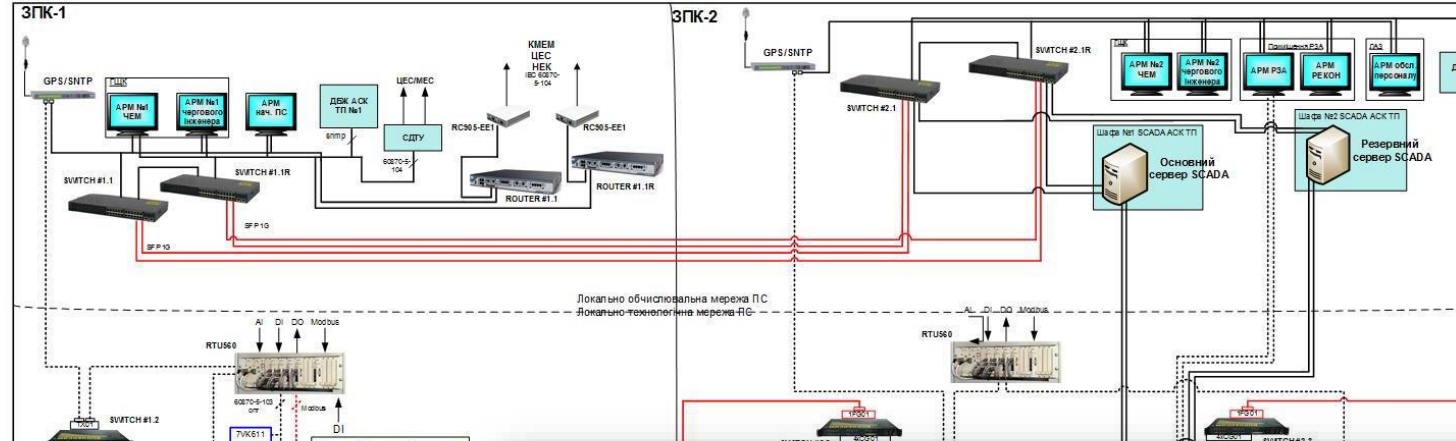
- INDUSTROYER malware was deployed to shutdown electricity distribution at Pivnichna substation
- There is no strong indications that victim substation was strategic target
- Details of substation upgrade are publicly available



# Ukraine, 2016

Targeted  
by malware

Used to shut  
station



Экран процессоров (ЗАГАЛЬНИЙ ВИД) - Monitor Pro / 1 - MAIN [Пользователь : инженер]

ЭКРАН ПРОЦЕССОВ - ЗАГАЛЬНИЙ ВИД

ПС "Північна"  
Схема ВРП 330/110/10 кВ

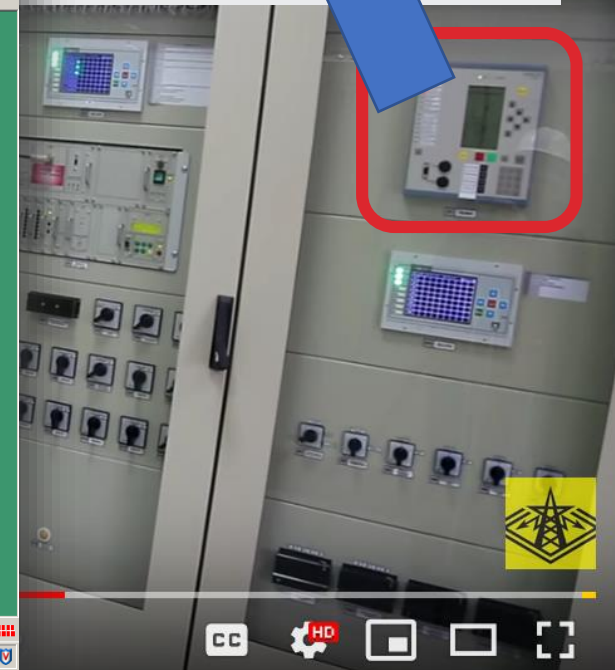
Уаб	330	кВ	Уаб	330	кВ	Уаб	330	кВ
Ia	995	A	99	A	1012	A		
P	140	MВт	99	MВт	976	MВт		

Умовні позначення:  
— Мідні канали зв'язку Ethernet 1Gb  
— Мідні канали зв'язку Ethernet 100Mb  
— Оптичні канали зв'язку Ethernet 1Gb  
— Оптичні канали зв'язку Ethernet 100 Mb

Конфігурація найвищих маршрутизаторів та комутаторів:  
ROUTE #1.1(R): Cisco 2801  
SWITCH #1.1(R): SWITCH #2.1(R): Cisco Catalyst C2960 (R/S-C2960S-24T-S-5)  
SWITCH #1.2: Rugged Switch RSG2100 (RSG2100-R-RM-HI-HF-FX11-XX00-XXXX-CG01-1FG01)  
SWITCH #1.3: Rugged Switch RSG2100 (RSG2100-R-RM-HI-HF-FX11-FX11-FX11-CG01-1FG01-T)  
SWITCH #2.2: Rugged Switch RSG2200 (RSG2200-R-RM-HI-HI-CG01-CG01-CG01-1FG01)  
SWITCH #2.3: Rugged Switch RSG2200 (RSG2200-R-RM-HI-HI-CG01-CG01-CG01-1FG01)  
SWITCH #2.4: Rugged Switch RSG2100 (RSG2100-R-RM-HI-HI-FX11-FX11-FX11-CG01-XXXX-F)  
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ВРП-330 кВ ВРП-110 кВ  
АТ-1 АТ-2 АТ-3

МІКРОСКАДА-SRV1 (NCC 1) 2014-02-12 15:56:56



<https://w3.siemens.com/global/en/products-systems-solutions/protection/distance-protection/pages/7sa63.aspx>

# Saudi Arabia, 2018

- TRITON malware targeted Safety Instrumented Systems at petrochemical plant
- There is no strong indication that TRITON victim was strategic target
- Affected site could have been used as live drill and testing platform before attacking strategic target



<https://www.schneider-electric.com/~/media/switchgear/IC-654654.jpg>



# Saudi Arabia, 2018

16.02.2003 - **Triconex**, a supplier of products, **systems** and services for safety, has received contracts from Jubail United Petrochemical (JUPC) of **Saudi Arabia**, to provide critical safety and turbomachinery control



A Tricon controller, which forms the heart of the Triconex TS3000 turbomachinery control solution

## NEWS

### **Invensys wins Qatar, Iraq contracts**

July 2006

Invensys has won two major contracts in the Middle East, one to supply steam turbine control systems for a Qatar LNG project and the other for the supply of Foxboro and Eurotherm control equipment for use in Iraqi oilfields.

The contract for Qatar involves the supply of four **Triconex centrifugal pump steam turbine speed and overspeed control systems** for use on the world's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) project.

Known as Qatargas II, this 9.5 billion euro project involves expanding the LNG liquefaction plant at the Ras Laffan Industrial City in Qatar. The project will further develop the large gas reserves in the country's North Field. These are estimated to be in excess of 900 trillion cu ft, or over nine per cent of the world's proven reserves. The project also involves the construction of two of the world's largest LNG trains. When these come on line in late 2007 and early 2008, the project will process 30 billion cu m per year of gas, 15.8 million tonnes per year (tpy) of LNG, 6 million tpy of condensates and 1.7 b tpy of propane and butane. The LNG will then be exported to a dedicated receiving terminal in Milford Haven, West Wales, UK, and carried by a new fleet of LNG carriers, currently under construction as part of a 1.3 billion euro contract awarded to three South Korean shipyards.

Each of the four cabinet-based control systems supplied by Invensys is responsible for one turbine-driven boiler feed water pump on the new project.

The design, control and operation of these pumps are identical. Each is based on the Triconex TS3000 turbomachinery control solution and includes

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## Gas Oil Separation Plant ect

h consisting of a DCS (CENTUM CS 3000),  
(**Triconex**), vibration monitoring system  
trumentation.



<https://www.schnellderr-electric.com/www/FileManager/Tricon-IC-6-64x654.jpg>



# Role of OSINT in Targeting

- The Internet is full of proprietary and confidential industrial documentation
- Discovering helpful information about certain industrial facility may provoke targeting

<https://www.amazon.com/Hack-World-OSINT-Hackers-Gonna/dp/0995687595>

Hack The  
World  
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Chris Kubecka

<https://www.amazon.com/Open-Source-Intelligence-Techniques-Information/dp/1530508908>

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# OSINT: Tons of confidential info on Internet

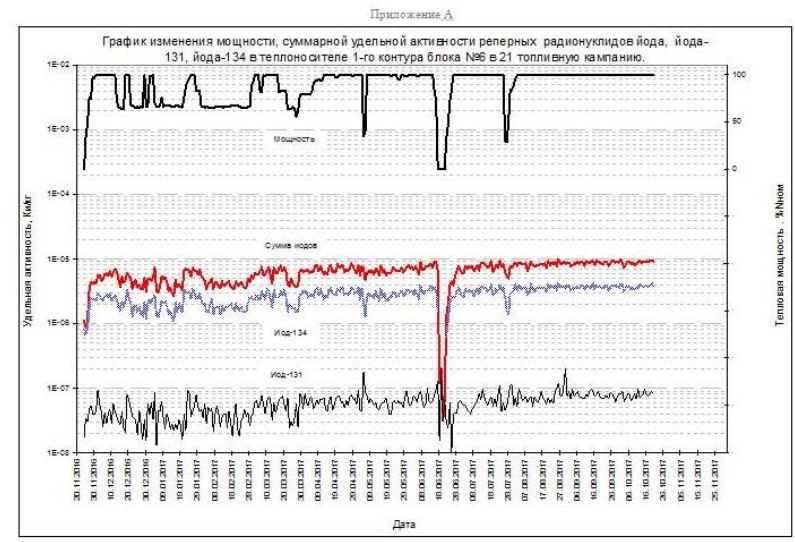
## 8.10.3 Alarm On-Delay and Off-Delay

The On-Delay alarm attribute is used to avoid unnecessary alarms, by allowing alarms to be triggered once the signal has remained in the alarm state for a specified length of time. The Off-Delay alarm attribute is used to reduce chattering alarms by locking in the alarm indication for a specified period after it has cleared. On-Delay and Off-Delay times should be used after careful evaluation of potential control system operational effects. Table 8 [2] below provides recommended time delays based on signal types.

### Bill of Material

Project : General Project Francis Turbine		
Project Code:		
Item Turbine Auxiliary Control And Control Panel(TAGP)		
Rev	Part No	Description
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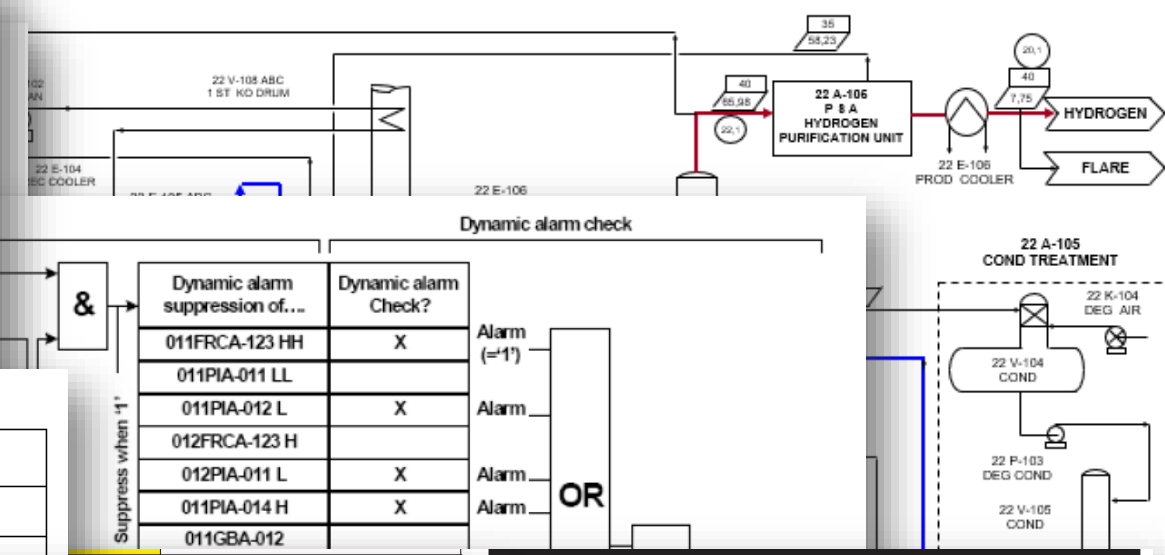
1	Master Trip Relay	
2	Digital Speed Monitor Relay with Proximity Sensor	
3	Digital Position Indicator GUIDE VANE	GVT%
4	Annunciator for Trip & Alarm	30A
	Auto/Test Switch	SW1



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## HYDROGEN PLANT



00071	Bad F2 or F3 Fuse	Report and repair immediately.
00072	Bad F4 or F6 Fuse	Report and repair immediately.
00073	No A/C Power – Check Cord	Switch to Diesel Operation & Repair
00074	AC Phase Reversed	Unit will restart*, report reactivation.
00075	Compressor Motor Overload	Unit will restart*, report reactivation.
00076	Condenser Motor Overheated	Unit will restart*, report reactivation.
00077	Evap Motor Overheated	Unit will restart*, report reactivation.
00078	Check SV1 Circuit	Reset*, report reactivation.
00079	Check SV4 Circuit	Reset*, report reactivation.
00080	Check SV3 Circuit	Reset*, report reactivation.
00081	Check FHR Circuit	Check and repair at end of trip.
00082	Check Remote Out of Range Light	Check and repair at end of trip.
00083	Check Remote Defrost Light	Check and repair at end of trip.
00084	Check Remote Alarm Light	Check and repair at end of trip.
00085	Check UL1 Circuit	Check and repair at end of trip.
00086	Check UL2 Circuit	Check and repair at end of trip.



# Attackers C2

Злоумышленник подготавливает сервер к атаке. Работа ведется через обыкновенный WSO веб-шелл с паролем по умолчанию	176. [REDACTED].210	- -	[19/Jan/2016:11:19:32 +0200]
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	176. [REDACTED].210	- -	[19/Jan/2016:13:25:49 +0200]
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Жертва 4 скачивает бэкдор	194. [REDACTED].10	- -	[20/Jan/2016:09:11:38 +0200]
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	91. [REDACTED].220	- -	[20/Jan/2016:10:08:21 +0200]
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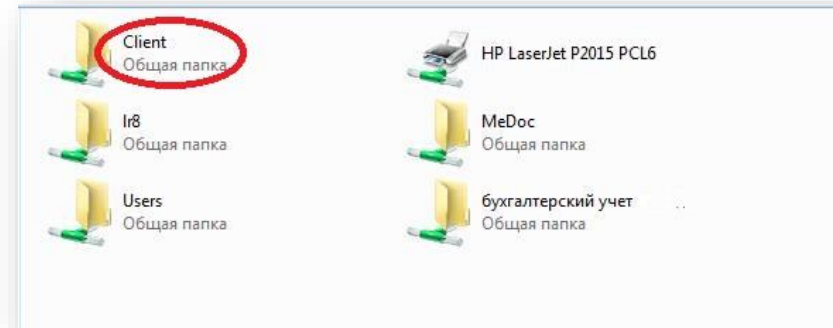
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	4	13			1	1														2	
	5	6											1							1	





# Targeting 3<sup>rd</sup> parties (supply chain)

- Getting access to into target facilities
- Getting access to needed assets/equipment,
  - E.g. through maintenance support contracts
- Obtaining information related to target or potential victims
  - Engineering/networking/config documentation
  - User application (control logic), etc.



# National Advisories on the threat



## Alert (TA18-074A)

### Russian Government Cyber Activity Targeting Energy and Other Critical Infrastructure Sectors

Original release date: March 15, 2018 | Last revised: March 16, 2018

This campaign comprises two distinct categories of victims: **staging** and **intended targets**. The initial victims are peripheral organizations such as **trusted third-party suppliers with less secure networks**, referred to as “staging targets” throughout this alert. The **threat actors used the staging targets’ networks as pivot points and malware repositories when targeting their final intended victims**. NCCIC and FBI judge the **ultimate objective of the actors is to compromise** organizational networks, also referred to as the **“intended target.”**

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA18-074A>

**Advisory: Hostile state actors compromising UK organisations with focus on engineering and industrial control companies**

The NCSC is aware of an ongoing attack campaign **against multiple companies** involved in the **CNI supply chain**. These attacks have been ongoing since at least March 2017. The targeting is focused on

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15. Mai 2018, 17:51 Uhr EnBW-Tochter

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## Hacker haben deutschen Energieversorger angegriffen

organizations such as trusted third-party  
targets' networks as pivot points and  
o compromise organizational

https: Hacker "einen kleinen Teil des Internetverkehrs des besagten Netzes gespiegelt", teilte EnBW mit. Auf die Router hatten die Hacker Zugriff, weil sie zuvor das Mitarbeiterkonto eines externen Dienstleisters übernehmen konnten.

control companies

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# Data exposure is penalizable in regulated facilities

- NERC CIP-003-3 standard
- Sensitive utility's network infrastructure data were exposed via server of third-party service provider

## DATA EXPOSURE BY VENDOR LEADS TO \$2.7 MILLION NERC PENALTY FOR UTILITY

March 09, 2018

A seven-figure penalty reported by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation demonstrates the potentially severe consequences for electric utilities related to improper data handling practices and underscores the challenges in preventing and resolving unauthorized disclosures.

A public filing by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) on February 28 reported that an unidentified electric utility agreed to pay a \$2.7 million penalty to resolve violations of the Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) reliability standards related to the exposure of sensitive data. While settlement agreements



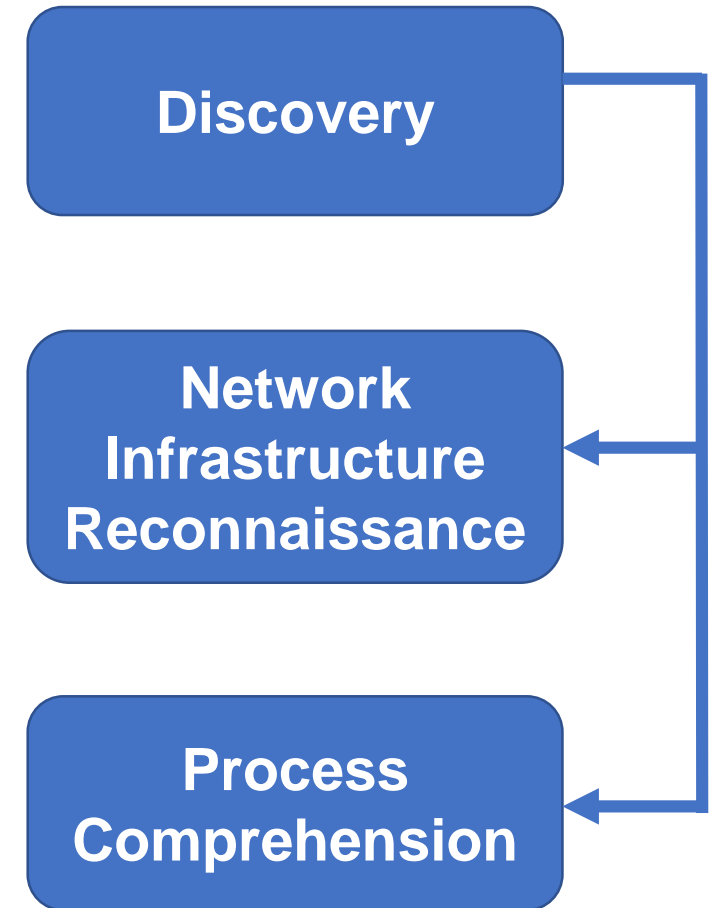
# Role of Access Stage

- **Access stage largely defines the selection of damage scenario**
  - Access driven
    - E.g., obtained access to specific equipment via 3<sup>rd</sup> party remote maintenance contract
    - Did not manage to access Safety Systems
  - Information driven
    - E.g., obtained specific information about unhealthy state or repairs of equipment



# Discovery

- Network reconnaissance
  - Majority of this stage is similar to traditional IT recon process/attack life cycle, tools may differ
  - Information enumeration
- Process comprehension
  - Understanding exactly what the process is doing, how it is built, configured & programmed



## On the Significance of Process Comprehension for Conducting Targeted ICS Attacks

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Order Code	Module Type Name	Firmware Version	Module Name	Serial Number	Rack/Slot
6ES7 412-2EK06-0AB0	CPU 412-2 PN/DP	V 6.0.3		SVPF126xxxx	0/3

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[http://eprints.lancs.ac.uk/88089/1/sample\\_sigconf.pdf](http://eprints.lancs.ac.uk/88089/1/sample_sigconf.pdf)

Discovery

Reconnaissance

Process  
Comprehension

# OT network recon

- Industroyer and TRITON malware included capabilities for asset discovery/enumeration,
- Some open-source OT asset scanners could be found here:  
<https://github.com/dark-lbp/isf>

Order Code	Module Type Name	Firmware Version	Module Name	Serial Number	Rack/Slot
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Device Name	Device Type	MAC Address	IP Address	Netmask	Gateway
plcxb1d0ed	S7-400	00:1b:1b:a7:xx:xx	192.168.1.10	255.255.255.0	192.168.1.10

61850 payload then enumerates all possible IP addresses for each of these subnet masks, and tries to connect to port 102 on each of those addresses. Therefore, this component has the ability to discover relevant devices in the network automatically.

Rack/Slot	IP Address
0/3	192.168.1.10

In TRITON:

TsLow.py (lines 84-120) contained function to autodetect Triconex controllers on the network by sending a specific UDP broadcast packet over port 1502:

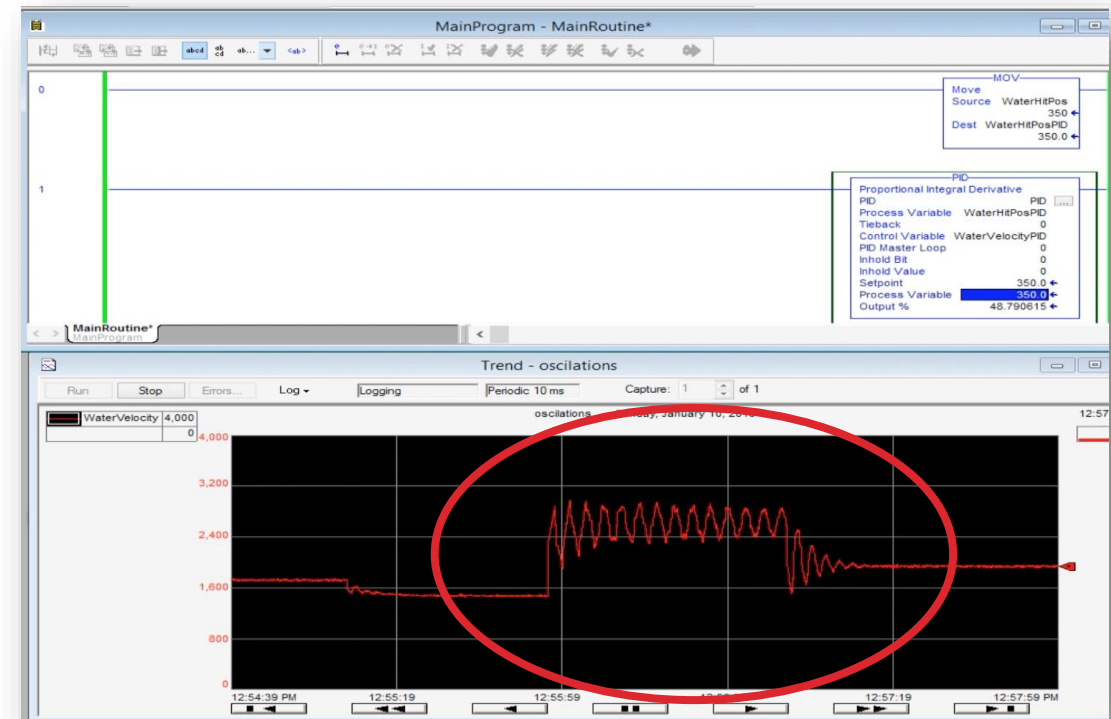
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def detect_ip(self)
ip_list = set()
...
TS_PORT = 1502
ping_message = '\x06\x00\x00\x00\x00'
...
```

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13 TABLE_HEADER = ['Order Code', 'Module Type Name', "Firmware Version", "Module Name", "Serial Number", "Rack/Slot", "IP Addr
14 S7_DEVICES = []
15 S7_DEVICES = []
16
```



# Control

- **Least understood and studied stage among all**
- It is about discovering:
  - Dynamic model of the process and its limits
  - Ability to control process
  - Attack effect propagation
  - **Active stage in live environment**



## Cyber-Physical System Discovery – Reverse Engineering Physical Processes

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# Use Case: Killing UF filter in water treatment facility

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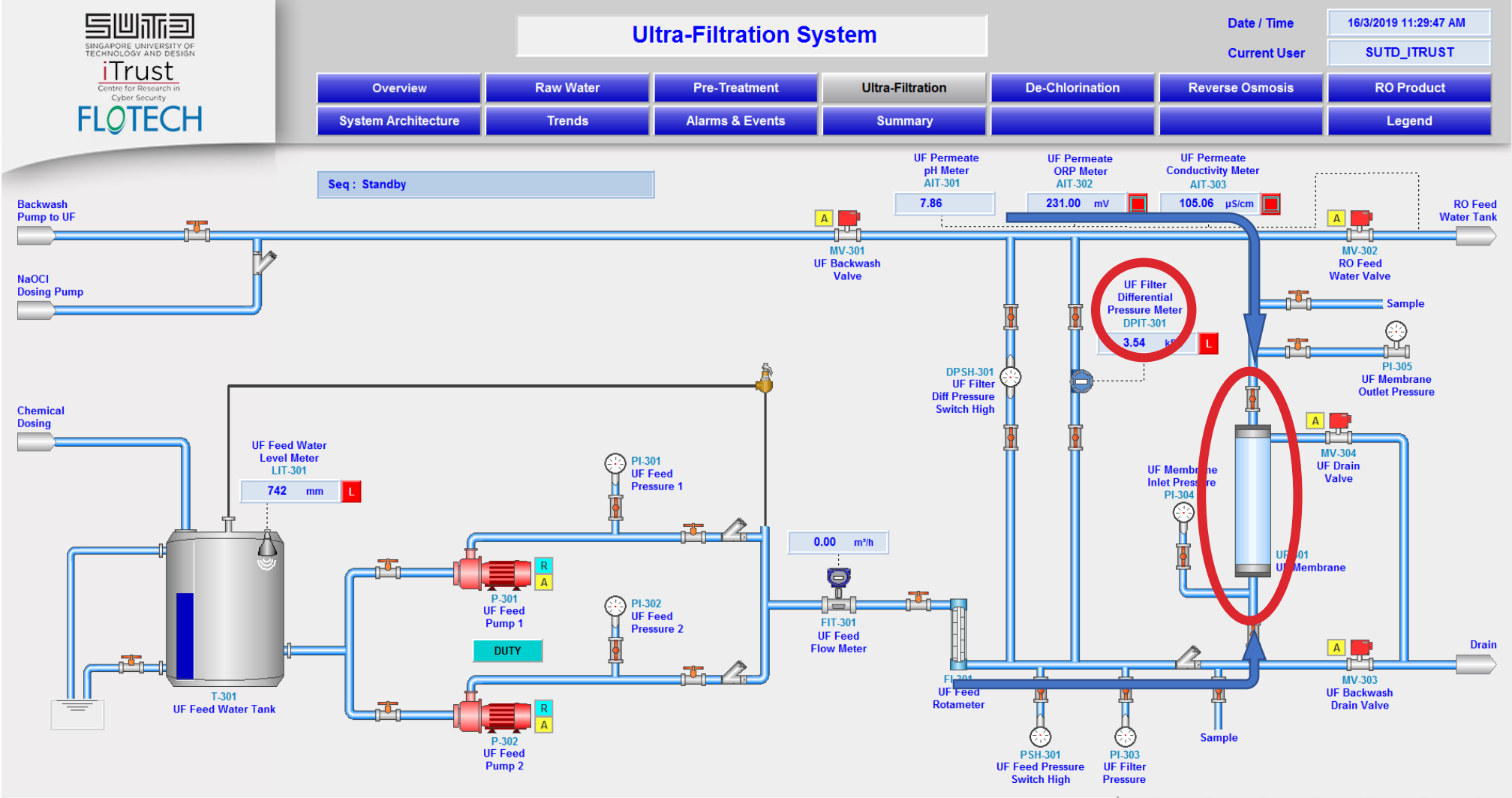


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- Water treatment process consists of multiple stages, including several stages of filtering
  - Water filters are expensive
  - When broken, water supply is interrupted

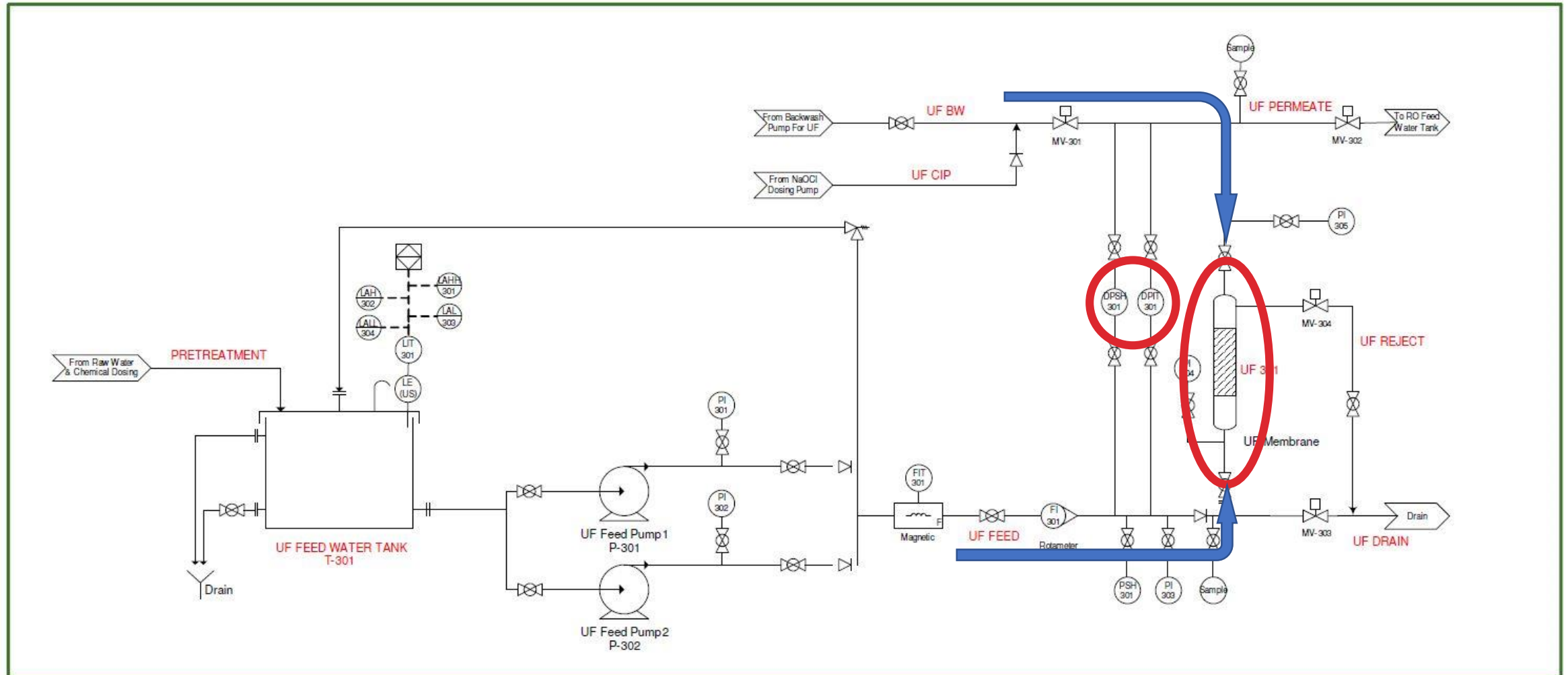


# UF filtering: HMI Screen

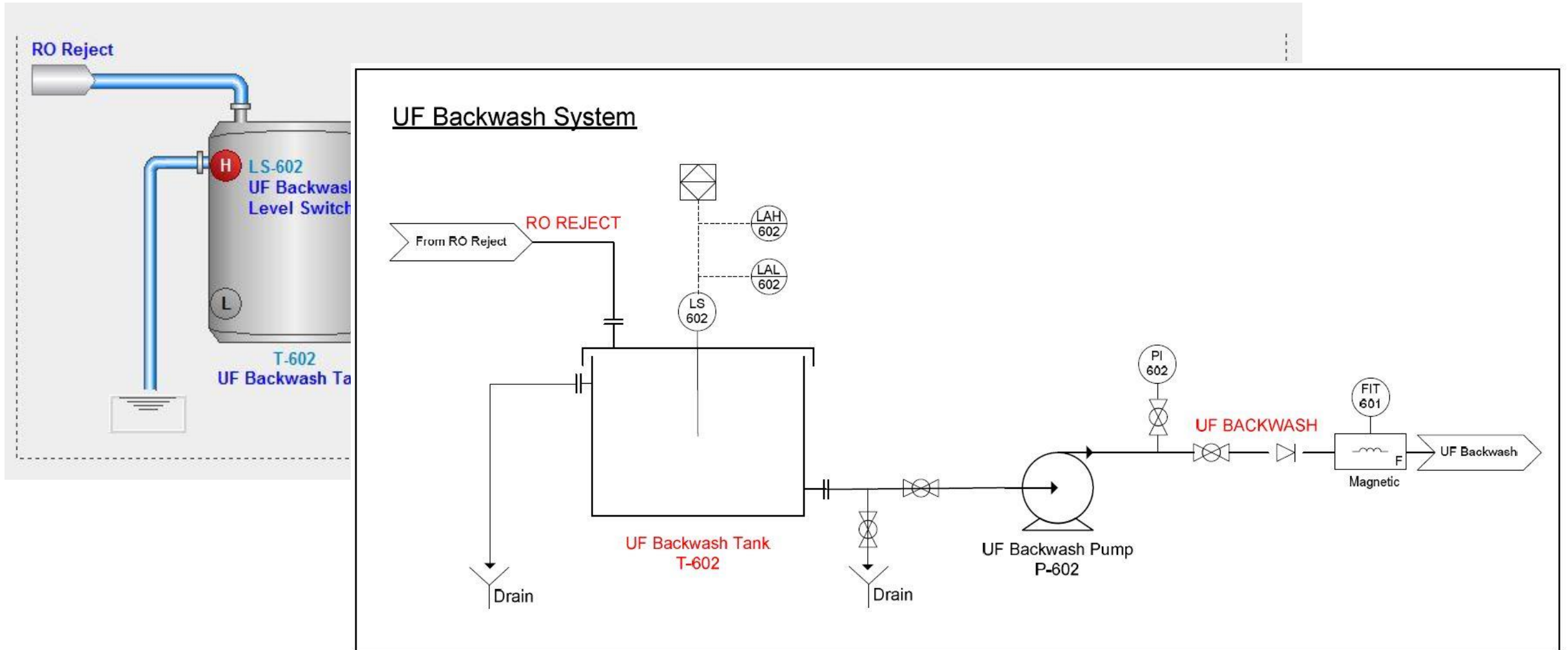




# UF filtering: PI&D diagram



# UF backwash: HMI and PI&D diagram



# How do we pull this off?



- There are three conditions which can trigger backwash process, each guided by a state machine
  - Preset timer (every 30 minutes)
  - UF filter differential pressure (DP)  $\geq 40$  kPa
  - Plant shutdown



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```
7: (*FILTRATION FOR PRESET TIMER*)
  _LAST_STATE := HMI_P3_STATE;

  _MV301_AutoInp      := 0;
  _MV302_AutoInp      := 1;
  _MV303_AutoInp      := 0;
  _MV304_AutoInp      := 0;
  _P_UF_FEED_DUTY_AutoInp := 1;
  _P602_AutoInp        := 0;
  _P_NAOCL_UF_DUTY_AutoInp := 0;

  HMI_UF_REFILL_SEC      := 0;

  HMI_BACKWASH_SEC      := 0;
  HMI_CIP_CLEANING_SEC  := 0;
  HMI_DRAIN_SEC         := 0;

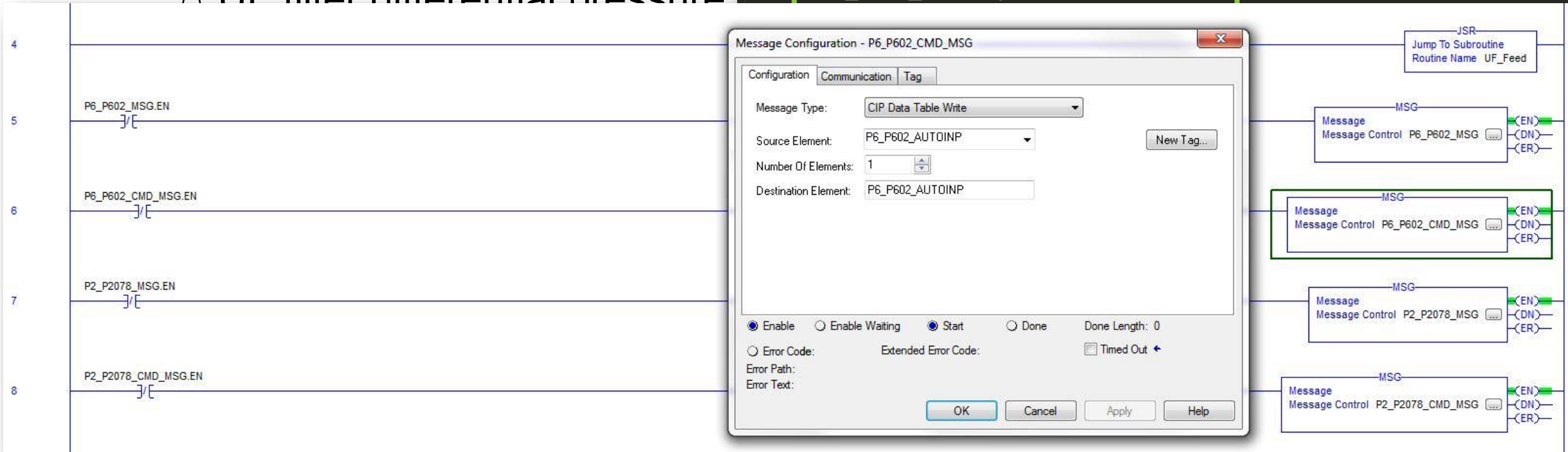
  IF HMI_TMP_HIGH THEN
    HMI_P3_STATE := 8;
  ELSE
    IF _MIN_P THEN
      HMI_UF_FILTRATION_MIN := HMI_UF_FILTRATION_MIN + 1;
    END_IF;
  END_IF;
```

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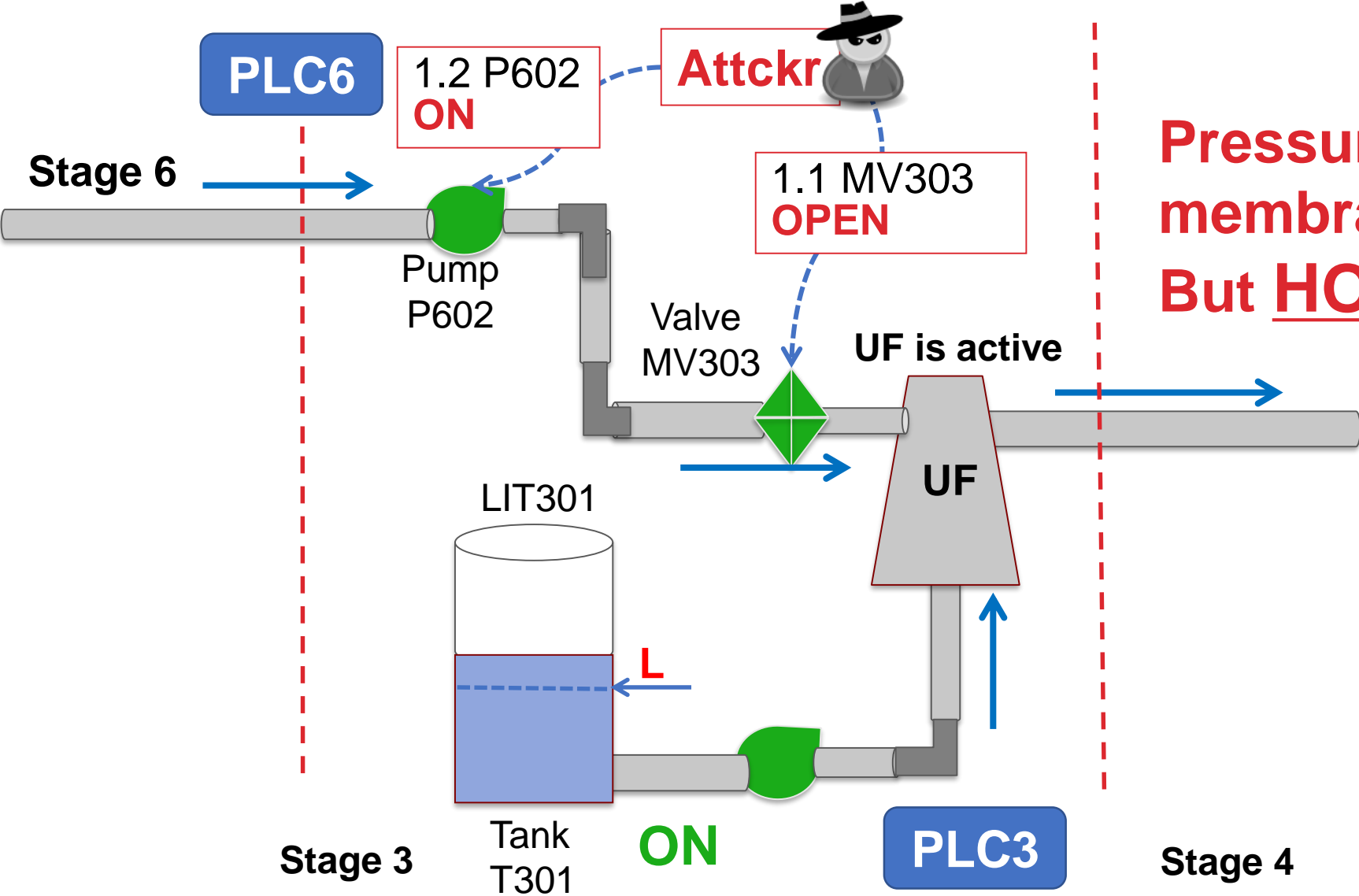
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# One possible attack execution scenario

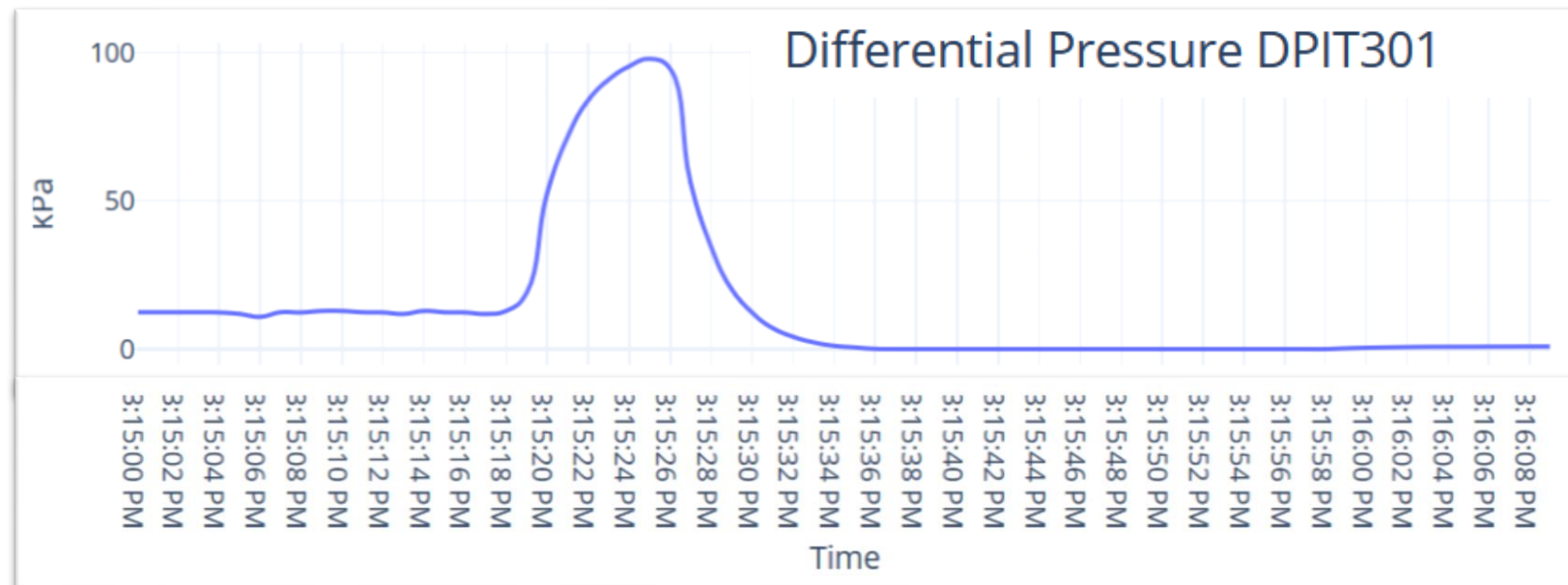


Pressure in UF membrane will increase.  
But HOW MUCH?



# Understanding of dynamic behavior of process

- Average UF filter DP is  $\approx$  12-13 kPa
- Max DP is 98 kPa, reached in 8 sec
- Process recovery (return to normal) is 5 sec
- Note, this data still does not tell us whether this pressure kills the UF filter and how quickly



# Understanding of dynamic behavior of process

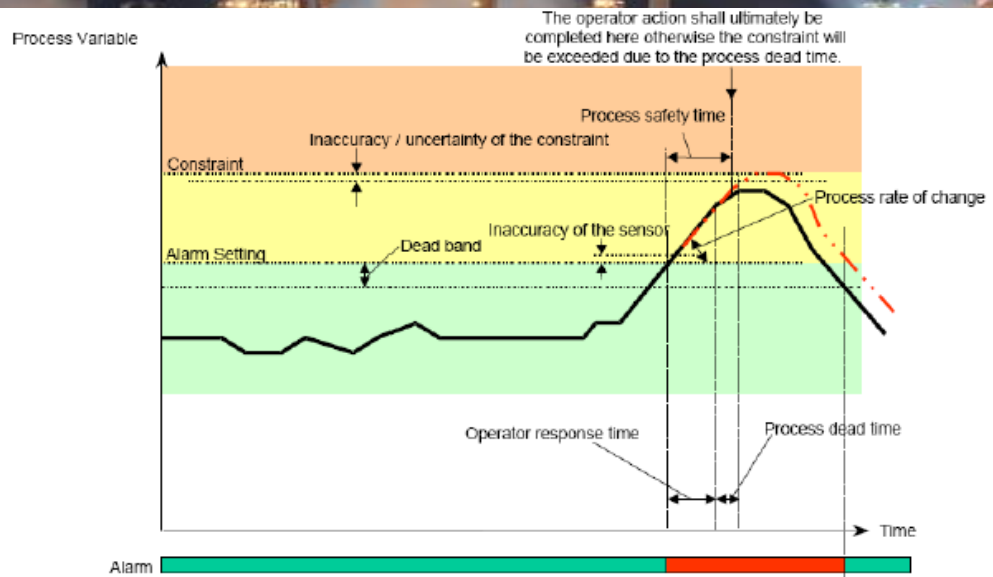
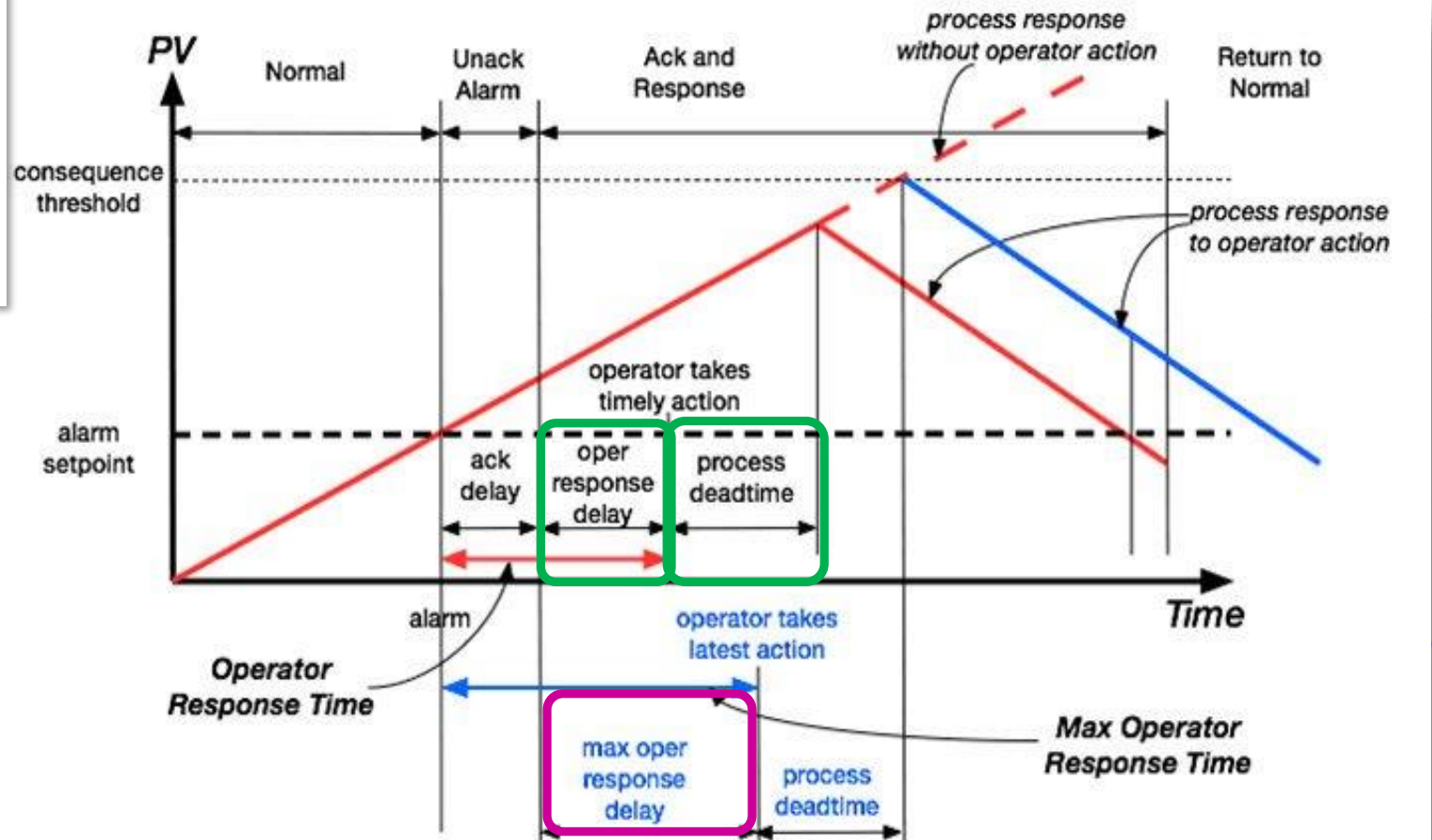


Figure 2 Parameters involved in establishing the alarm setting

12-13 kPa  
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# Damage

- Requires subject-matter knowledge (engineering)
- Cant take several forms
  - Explosions (of course!)
  - Equipment breakage
  - Pollution
  - Product Out-of-Specification
  - Increased production costs, etc.

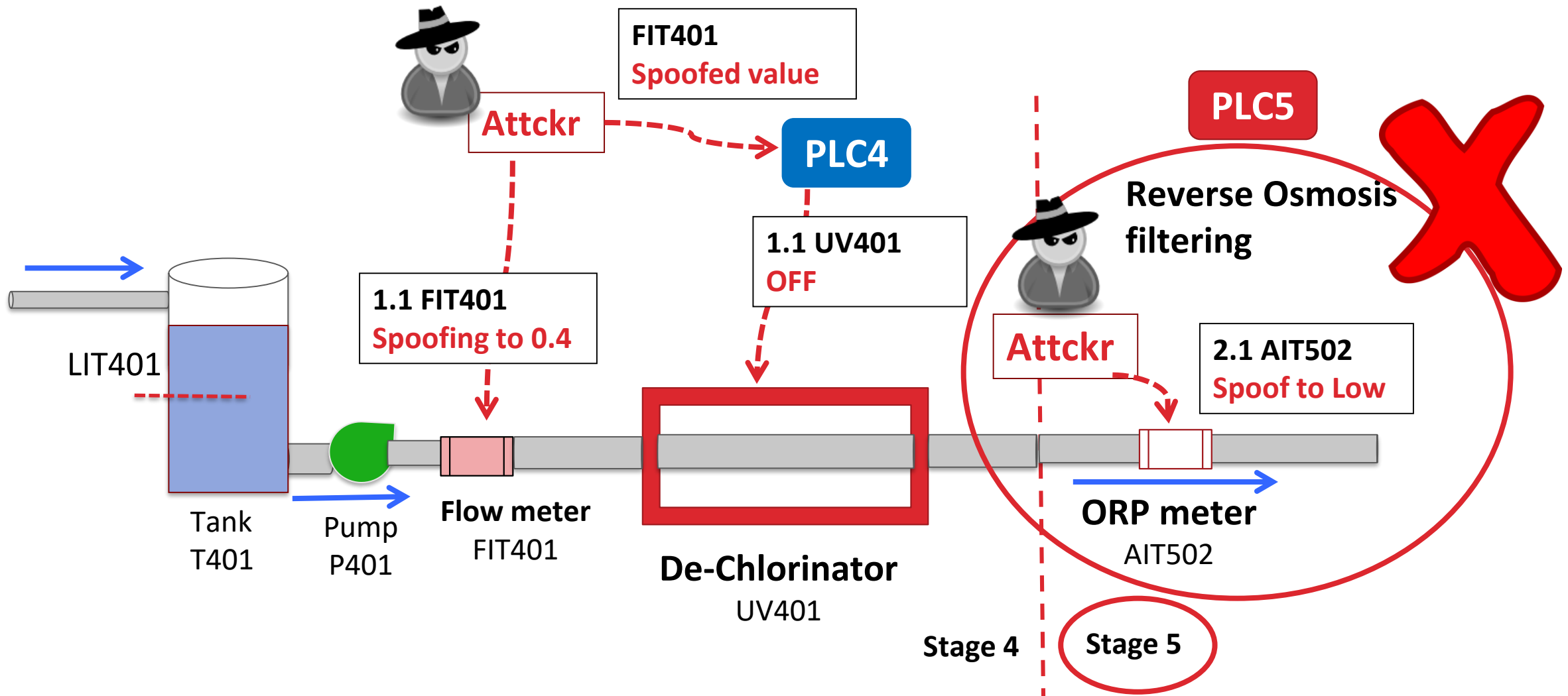


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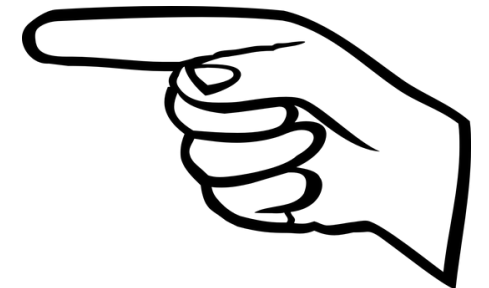
# Attack Design != Implementation



# Cleanup

- In traditional (IT systems) hacking the goal is to stay undetected. In cyber-physical exploitation it is not an option because of physical effect
  - Changes things in physical world which cannot hidden by e.g. “erasing logs”
  - Visible to observers
- Create forensic footprint of
  - What operators think is currently causing process upset
  - What the investigators should identify as cause of the incident/accident
  - E.g. time attack to specific employee shift or modify attack in response to process troubleshooting

**MISLEADING**





**Why TRITON-like implant is a good idea**

# 'Dormant' implant in controller memory



Engineering workstation

**trilog.exe**

- script\_test.py
- library.zip
- inject.bin
- imain.bin

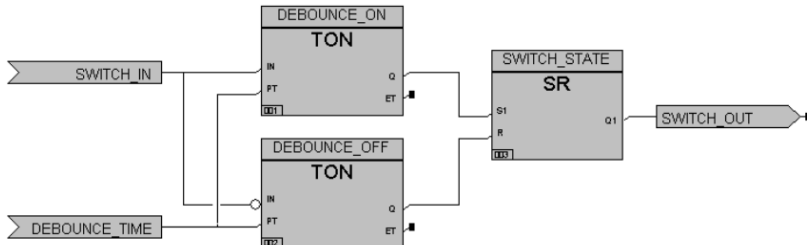


TriStation Engineering Protocol

Logic Download  
*(compiled for PPC, executed on CPU)*

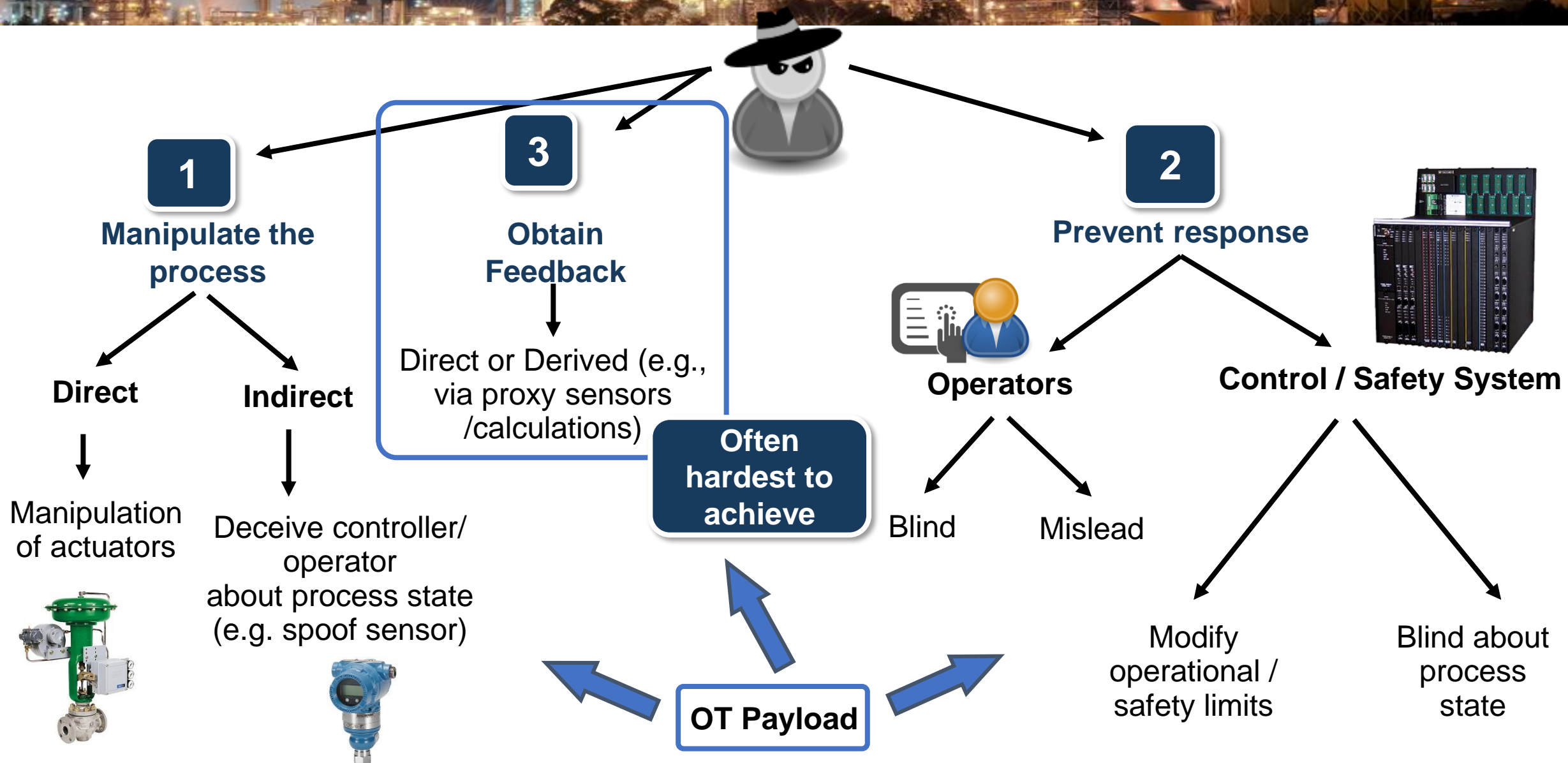
"Execute my shellcode please"

"Your wish is my command"

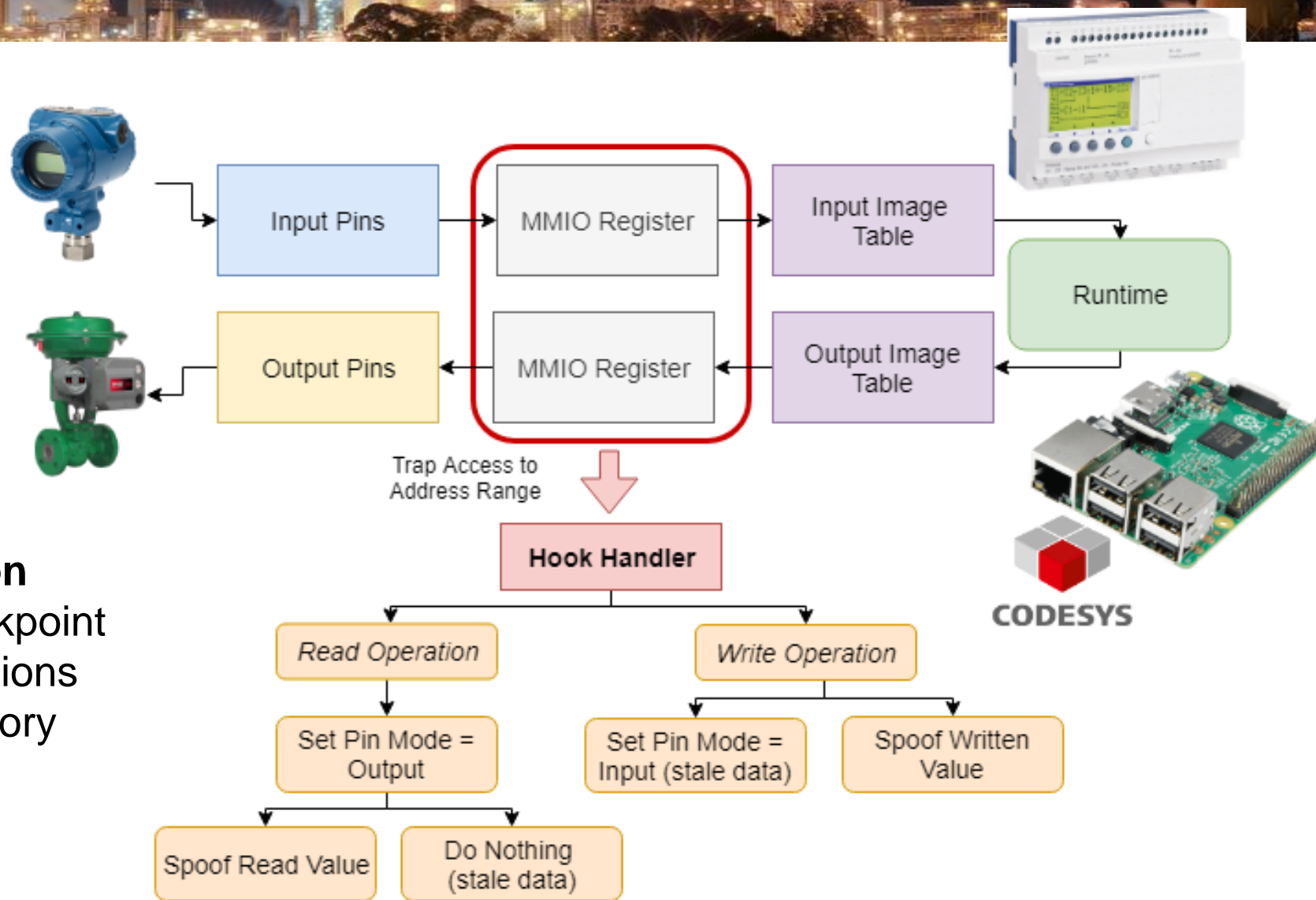




# Cyber-physical attack components



# One-stop shopping: Manipulate process

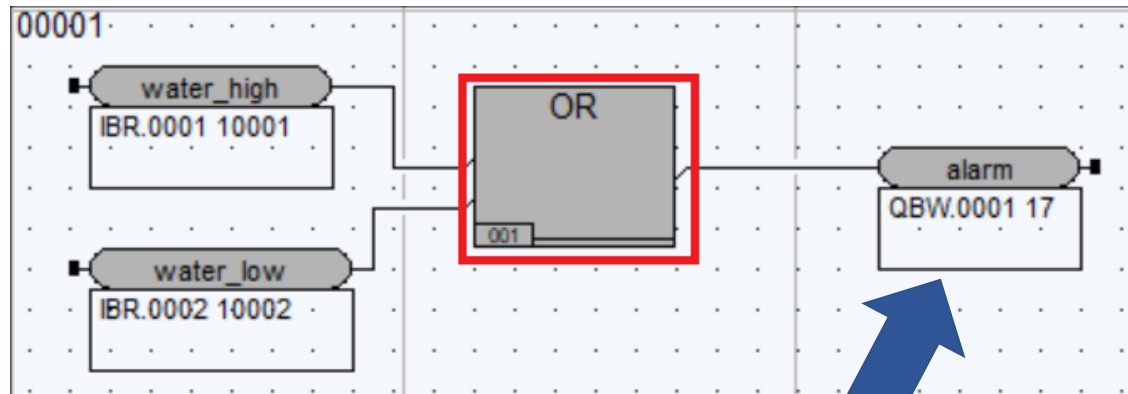


## I/O manipulation

- Memory breakpoint
- Patch instructions
- Change memory permissions

# One-stop shopping: Prevent response

## Alarm suppression



Safety program resides in memory as code, modify to set *alarm* to **fixed false**

```

# CODE XREF: end_loop+1C↓j
li      r28, 0
stw     r28, -4(r2)
lis     r27, _water_high@ha
lwz     r28, _water_high@l(r27)
clrldi r28, r28, 31 # r28 := water_high
lis     r26, _water_low
lwz     r27, _water_low(r26)
clrldi r27, r27, 31 # r27 := water_low
or      r26, r27, r28 # r26 := water_high OR water_low
addi   r27, r2, -4
lwz     r28, 0(r27)
insrwi r28, r26, 1, 31
stw     r28, 0(r27)
lwz     r28, -4(r2)
clrldi r28, r28, 31
lis     r26, _alarm
mr      r26, r26
lwz     r27, 0(r26)
insrwi r27, r28, 1, 31
stw     r27, 0(r26)

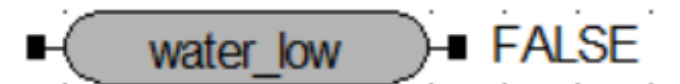
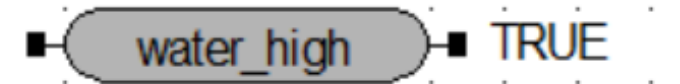
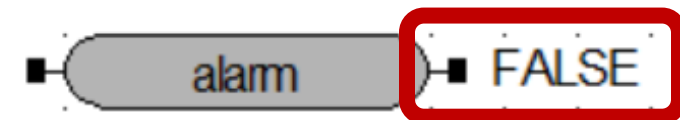
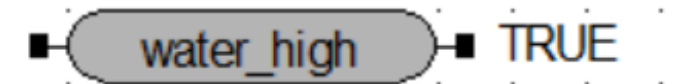
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clrlwi r27, r27, 31 # r27 := water low
li      r26, 0      # alarm := FALSE
addi    r27, r2, -4
lwz     r28, 0(r27)
insrwi  r28, r26, 1, 31
stw     r28, 0(r27)
lwz     r28, -4(r2)
clrlwi  r28, r28, 31
lis     r26, _alarm
mr      r26, r26
lwz     r27, 0(r26)
insrwi  r27, r28, 1, 31
stw     r27, 0(r26)

```





# Clandestine control loops

A photograph of an industrial facility at night, illuminated by various lights. The scene shows complex piping, structures, and large spherical tanks, all set against a dark sky.

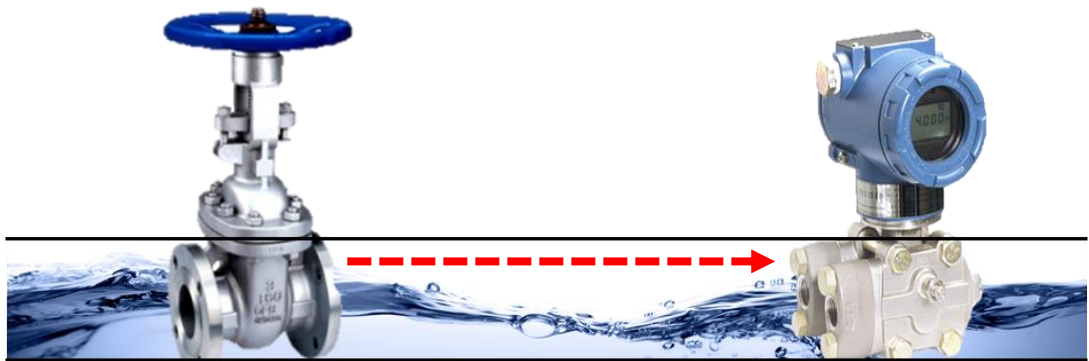
- Cyber-physical attack cycle of process observation & manipulation to achieve desired (damaging) state
- Attack timing is crucial
  - Processes aren't vulnerable all the time
  - Many damage scenarios take time to execute
- Attack coordination is crucial
  - Observation of state A in component B needs to trigger payloads X, Y, Z (next slide)
- **Requires granular control across process**
  - Manage task quantity & timing

# One-stop shopping: Implant comms

1	2018-03-20	14:05:51.071836...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	48	33279 → 1502	Len=6	
2	2018-03-20	14:05:51.082132...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	64	1502 → 33279	Len=6	[ETHERNET FRAME CHECK SEQUENCE
3	2018-03-20	14:05:51.090787...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	58	33279 → 1502	Len=16	
4	2018-03-20	14:05:51.239848...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	244	1502 → 33279	Len=202	
5	2018-03-20	14:05:51.240762...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66	33279 → 1502	Len=24	
6	2018-03-20	14:05:51.437740...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	380	1502 → 33279	Len=338	
7	2018-03-20	14:05:51.438839...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66	33279 → 1502	Len=24	
8	2018-03-20	14:05:51.614398...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	168	1502 → 33279	Len=126	
9	2018-03-20	14:05:51.615164...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66	33279 → 1502	Len=24	
10	2018-03-20	14:05:51.836427...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	1092	1502 → 33279	Len=1050	
11	2018-03-20	14:05:51.839161...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66	33279 → 1502	Len=24	
12	2018-03-20	14:05:52.008564...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	64	1502 → 33279	Len=18	[ETHERNET FRAME CHECK SEQUENCE
13	2018-03-20	14:05:52.009100...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66	33279 → 1502	Len=24	
14	2018-03-20	14:05:52.224378...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	592	1502 → 33279	Len=550	
15	2018-03-20	14:05:52.225070...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66	33279 → 1502	Len=24	

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 ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 40:00:00:00:00:02 (40:00:00:00:00:02), Dst: Vmwa  
 ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.2, Dst: 192.168.1.88  
 ▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 1502, Dst Port: 33279  
 ▼ TriStation Protocol  
   ▼ TCM communication:  
     5 [COMMAND REPLY]  
       Channel: 0  
       data\_len: 196  
   ▼ TS communication:  
     path: 1 [Controller --> Workstation]  
     cid: 1  
   ▼ Command: 100 [Get CP status response]  
     unk: 256  
     loadIn: 0  
     modIn: 0  
     loadState: 13  
     singleScan: 0  
     cpValid: 1  
     keyState: 0x01 [Program]  
     runState: 0x00 [Running]  
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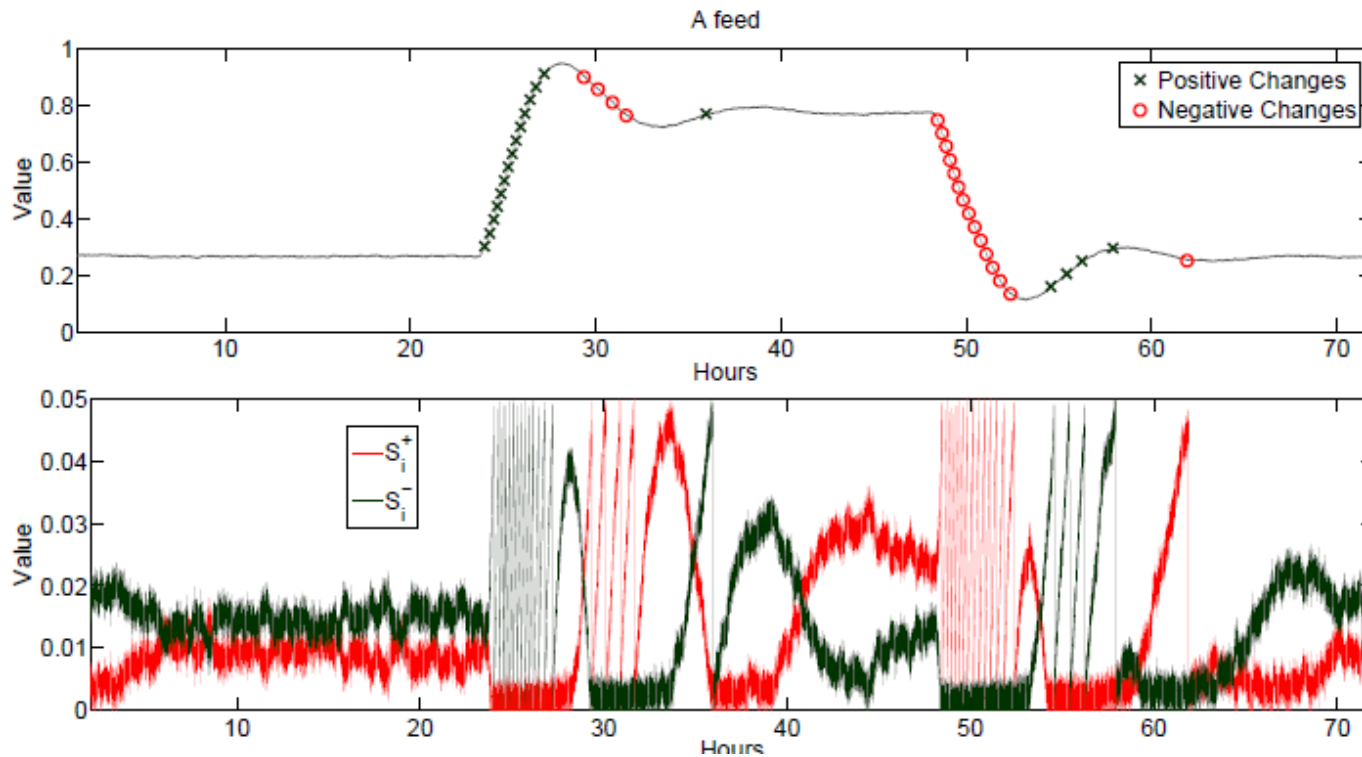


## EXPECTATION vs. REALITY

# Detection of process state change



## Non-Parametric Cumulative Sum (NCUSUM)



check(double):

```
stwu 1,-48(1)
```

```
mflr 0
```

```
stw 0,52(1)
```

```
stw 31,44(1)
```

```
mr 31,1
```

```
stfd 1,24(31)
```

```
lfd 1,24(31)
```

```
bl compute_score(double)
```

```
stfd 1,8(31)
```

```
lis 9,m_current_sum@ha
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```
lfd 12,m_current_sum@l(9)
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**17640 bytes  $\approx$  0.11% of DRAM**  
(*unoptimized*)

$$S_i^+ = \max(0, |X_{i-1} - X_i| + S_{i-1}^+)$$

$$S_i^- = \max(0, |X_i - X_{i-1}| + S_{i-1}^-)$$



# Complication: Resource constraints



- MPC860, 50 MHz
- 6 MB Flash
- 16 MB DRAM
- 32 KB SRAM

You better enjoy **X**TREME programming...

**Will need to fit implant in there**  
Signals processing? Malicious  
logic? Comms?  
**Often stretched by normal  
functionality already**



- ARM9, 14 MHz
- 512 KB Boot Flash
- 8 MB RW Flash
- 2 MB SRAM

# Q & A



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