CPS: Medium: Collaborative Research: An Actuarial Framework of Cyber Risk Management for Power Grids

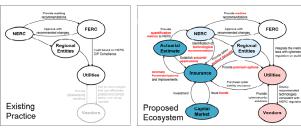
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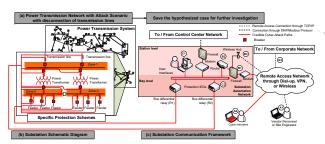
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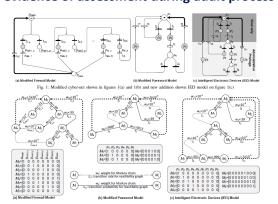
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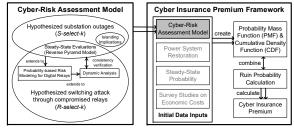
(1) Evolving ecosystem with insurance technological incentive



(3) Extraction of security events and logs as evidence of assessment during audit process



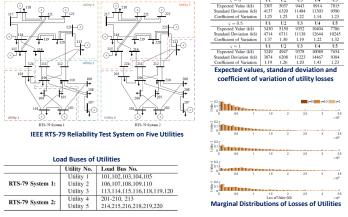
(5) Reachability graph corresponding to each security technology.



(2) Establishment of insurance framework



(4) Interconnection risk corresponding to each zone and individual utility asset owners



(6) Risk interdependencies between control areas using IEEE RTS-79 reliability test systems

Challenges:

- The cyber insurance market for power grids remains in an emerging stage and it is yet to mature.
- This new business opportunity is distinctive as compared to the traditional insurance mainly due to the lack of actuarial loss data.

Solutions:

- The vulnerability and the steady-state probability of potential electronic intrusion to each power substation is analyzed.
- The economic surveys on the operational loss and direct costs are incorporated.
- The power system restoration process is applied to estimate the mean time to restore power (MTTRP).

Scientific Impacts:

- The ruin theory has been justified as a feasible method in the insurance model to extrapolate the "survival" possibilities for the insurance company.
- The proposed actuarial model would be beneficial to establishing a sustainable ecosystem of electric utilities.

Broader Impacts:

- The project develops cyber insurance models with a qualitative and quantitative approach to inform asset owners to plan their investment in enhancing security posture of a utility SCADA system.
- Increase social welfare, which would eventually facilitate the establishment of a mature market in cyber insurance for power grid.
- Inspire and stimulate actuarial research on many much-needed but challenging actuarial models, such as insurances for other high impact, low probability events and other critical infrastructures.