

# Towards a Theory of Resilient CPS Systems

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# The swarm at the edge of the cloud

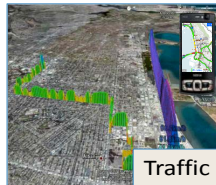
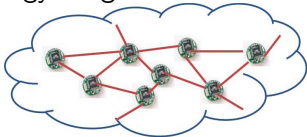


Source: J. Rabaey [ASPAC'08]

# Ubiquitous instrumentation

## Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) for infrastructure monitoring

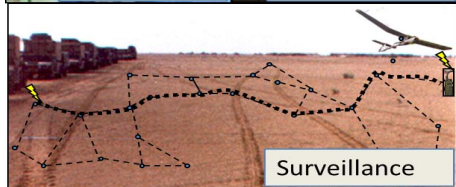
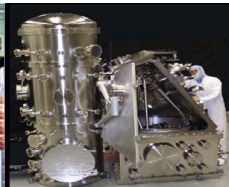
- Environmental systems
- Structural health
- Construction projects
- Energy usage



# Wireless Sensor webs everywhere

Change detection: Thresholds, phase transitions, anomalies

- Security systems
- Health care
- Wildfire detection
- Fault diagnosis
- Tracking & surveillance



# Action Webs in CPS Infrastructures

## Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA)

- Robust estimation
  - Noisy measurements
  - Lossy communication
- Real-time control
  - Safety
  - Performance

## COTS IT for SCADA

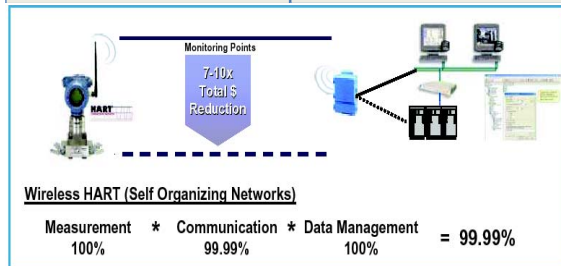
- Cost ↓, Reliability ↑
- Digital and IP based:  
New vulnerabilities!
- Reliability  $\nRightarrow$  Security



Wired networks are costly to maintain



Typical industrial infrastructure ~ \$10B



Source: Emerson case study

A complex collection of sensors, controllers, compute nodes, and actuators that work together to improve our daily lives

- **From very small:** Ubiquitous, Pervasive, Disappearing, Perceptive, Ambient
- **To very large:** Always Connectable, Reliable, Scalable, Adaptive, Flexible

## Emerging Service Models

- Building energy management
- Automotive safety and control
- Management of metropolitan traffic flows
- Distributed health monitoring
- Smart Grid

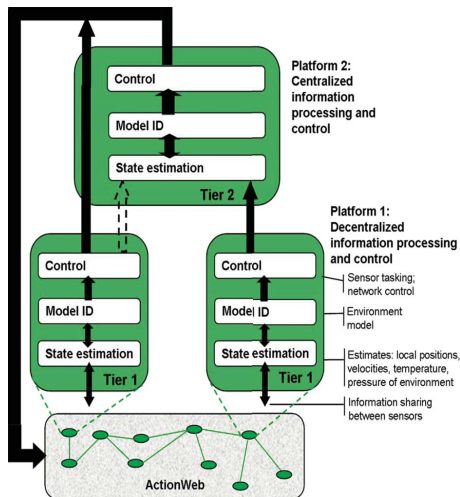


# Action Webs

Observe and infer for planning and modifying action

- Dealing with uncertainty
- Tasking sensors
- Programming the ensemble
- Multiple objectives
- Embedding humans

Example: Building energy management

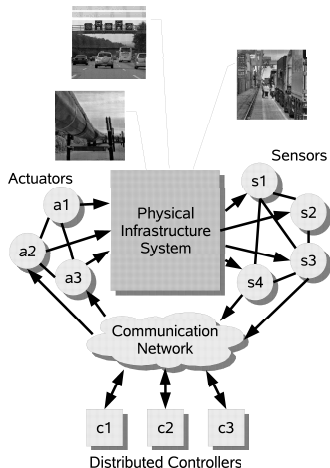


Courtesy: Claire Tomlin

# From Action Webs to Resilient CPS

## Resilient/High Confidence Networked Control

- Fault-tolerant networked control
  - Limits on stability, safety, & optimality
  - Scalable model predictive control
- Security & Resilient Control
  - Availability, Integrity, & Confidentiality
  - Graceful degradation
- Economic Incentives
  - Incentive Design for investing in security
  - Interdependent Risk Assessment & Cyber Insurance



# CPS Attacks



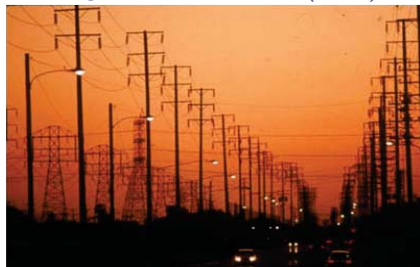
Maroochy Shire sewage plant (2000)



Tehama Colusa canal system (2007)



Los Angeles traffic control (2008)



Cal-ISO power system computers (2007)

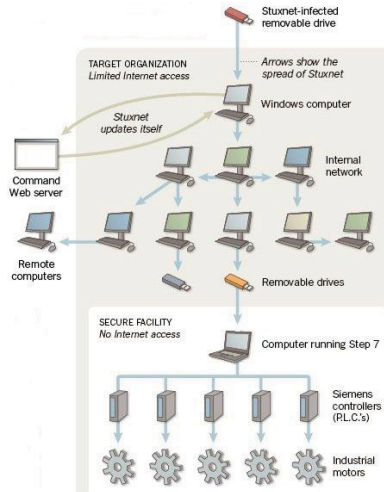
# NCS/CPS security concerns

## Attackers

- Malicious insiders
- Computer hackers
  - Cyber criminals
  - Cyber warriors
  - Hacktivists
  - Rogue hackers
  - Corporate spies

## Stuxnet worm

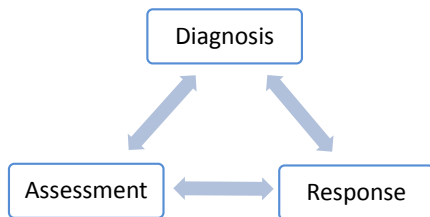
- Targets SCADA systems
- Four zero-day exploits, antivirus evasion techniques, p-2-p updates, network infection routines
- Reprograms *Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)* code



Source: Symantec, NYT

# Resilient Control for CPS

- 1 Threat assessment
  - How to model attacker and his strategy?
  - Consequences to the physical infrastructure
- 2 Attack diagnosis
  - How to detect manipulations of sensor-control data?
  - Stealthy [undetected] attacks
- 3 Resilient control
  - Design of resilient control algorithms
  - Tradeoffs between performance and containment



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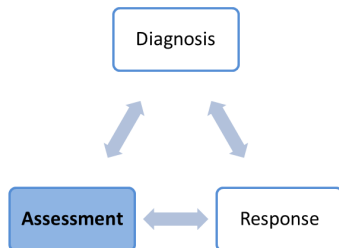
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# Threat assessment

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Field operational test on the Gignac canal network  
[Amin, Litrico, Sastry, Bayen. HSCC'10]

Models of deception and denial-of-service (DoS) attacks  
[Amin, Cárdenas, Sastry. HSCC'09]

Assessment for Tennessee Eastman process control system (TE-PCS)  
[Cárdenas, Amin, Lin, Huang, Sastry. ASIACCS'11]

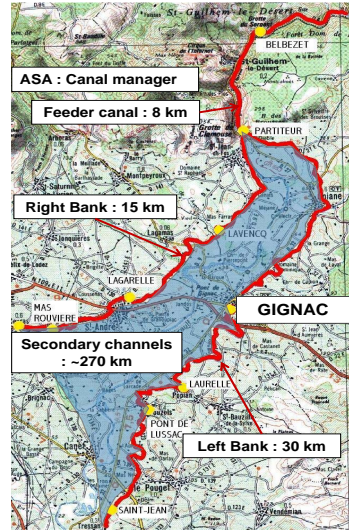
# Gignac water canal network

## SCADA components

- Level & velocity sensors
- PLCs & gate actuators
- Wireless communication
- Multiple stakeholders



Communication station



Map of Gignac canal

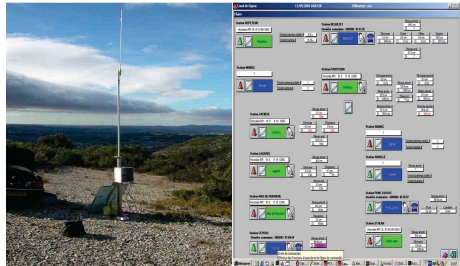


# Gignac canal network

## Physical infrastructure



## Cyber infrastructure



# Reported attacks on water SCADA systems

## Gignac canal system attacks

- Stealing water by compromising sensors
- Tampering PLCs
- Theft of solar panels

## Other SCADA vulnerabilities

- Time between telemetry requests can be used for malicious traffic injection
- Encryption provides confidentiality but does not provide data integrity

### Gignac Le canal victime d'actes de vandalisme à répétition



Depuis le 21 juin, le canal de Gignac est victime d'actes malveillants sur l'ouvrage de l'aqueduc de l'Aurette (derrière le lagunage de Popian) : effondrement du radier du canal puis dégradation des réparations mises en place (retrait des boulots de serrage, mettant gravement en péril la pérennité de l'aqueduc). L'ouvrage de l'Aurette permet la continuité du transport de l'eau vers les parcelles du périmètre irrigué situé sur les communes de Pouzols, Le Pouget, Tressan et Puilacher, soit près de 900 ha, pour lesquels l'apport d'eau estival est essentiel. Ces agissements ont fait l'objet de constats par les brigades de gendarmerie et de plaintes contre X. Il est à noter que l'intégralité du patrimoine de l'Association syndicale autorisée du canal de Gignac est un ouvrage public, dont la destruction, la dégradation ou la détérioration peuvent faire l'objet de poursuites et être punies de trois ans d'emprisonnement et de 45 000 € d'amende.

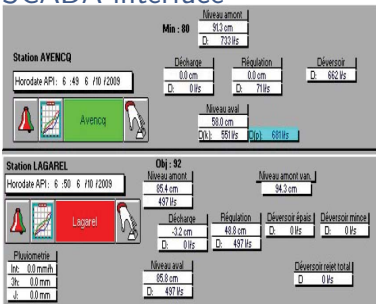
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# Regulatory control of canal pools

## Control objective

- Manipulate gate opening
- Control upstream water level
- Reject disturbances (offtake withdrawals)

## SCADA interface

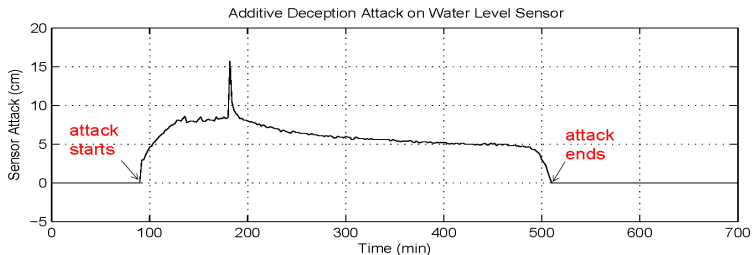
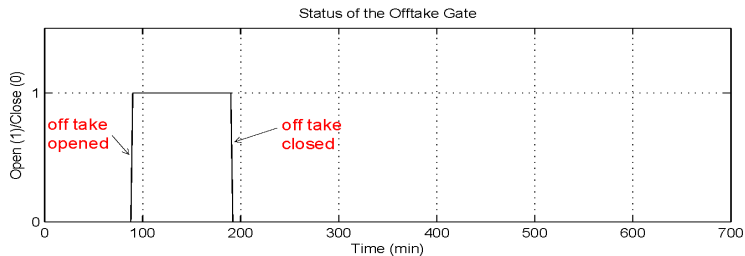


## Avenq cross-regulator



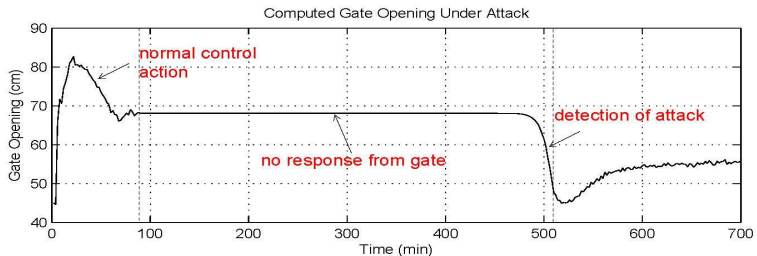
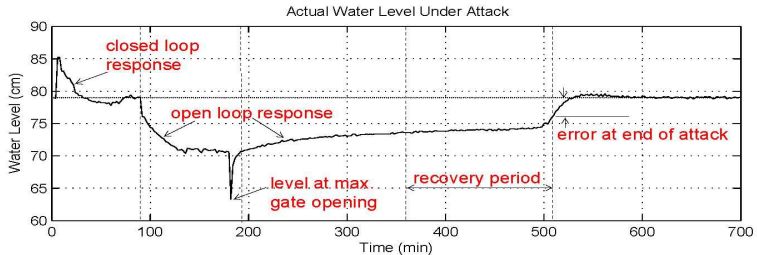
# Cyber-attack on the Avencq canal pool

Field operational test (October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009)



# Cyber-attack on the Avencq canal pool

## Successful attack



# Taxonomy of Attacks on NCS

## Cyber Attacks

### SCADA Manager [IT Security] **A6**

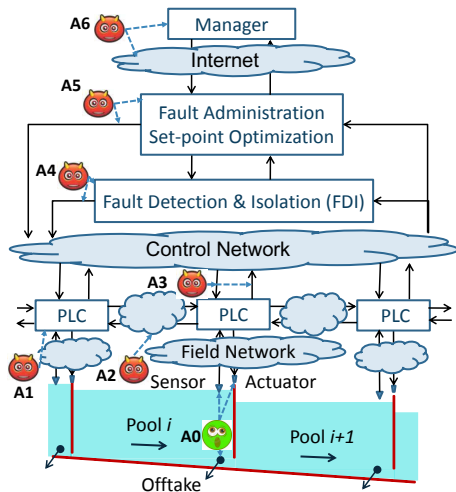
- Unauthorized access, Viruses

### Supervisory Control **A3-A5**

- Deception: set-point change, parameter substitution
- Denial-of-Service (DoS): network flooding, process disruption

### Regulatory Layer **A1-A2**

- Deception: compromise of measurements & controls, spoofing, replay
- DoS: jamming,  $\uparrow$  comm. latency

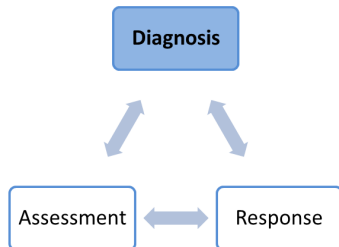


### Physical Faults [Control th.] **A0**

- Sensor-actuator faults
- Unauthorized leaks

# Attack diagnosis

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Observer-based diagnosis for Gignac SCADA system  
[Amin, Litrico, Sastry, Bayen. IEEE TCST'11 ]

Non-parametric CUSUM statistic based diagnosis for TE-PCS  
[Cárdenas, Amin, Sastry, et.al. ASIACCS'11]

Study of stealthy attacks on power system state estimators  
[Teixeira, Amin, Sandberg, Johansson, Sastry. IEEE CDC'10]

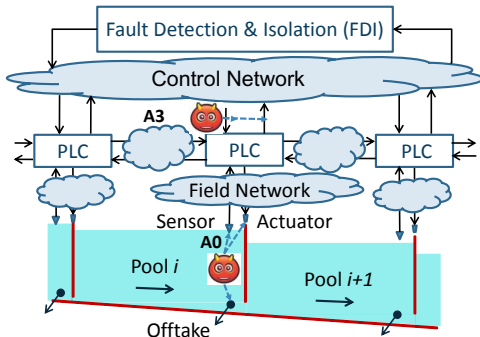
# Attacks on supervisory control layer

## Supervisory Layer Attacks **A3**

- Deception: set-point change, parameter substitution
- Denial-of-Service (DoS): network flooding, process disruption

## Physical Faults/Attacks **A0**

- Sensor-actuator faults
- Unauthorized withdrawals



Design of a model-based diagnosis scheme

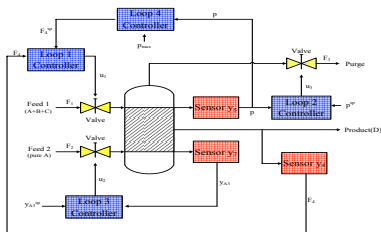
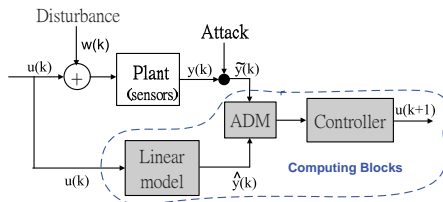


## Recommendations to the European Commission on Canal Automation & the Cemagref Research Institute

- Enhanced model (redundancy) improves detection
- Sensors located closer to the offtakes are critical
- Localized sensor attacks do not lead to global degradation
- Multiple pool sensor attacks can evade detection [stealth]

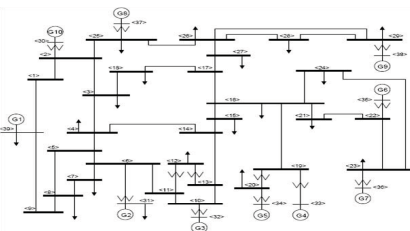
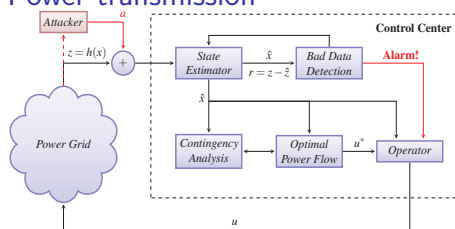
# Attack diagnosis for [other] SCADA systems

## Process control



[Cárdenas, Amin, Lin, Huang, Sastry. ASIACCS'11]

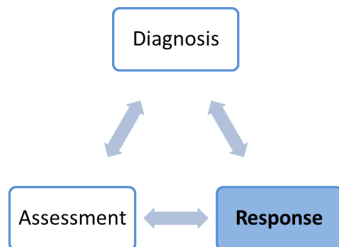
## Power transmission



[Teixeira, Amin, Sandberg, Johansson, Sastry. IEEE CDC'10]

# Resilient control

- Design of resilient control algorithms?
- Fundamental limitations & interdependent security



Stability of hyperbolic PDEs under switching boundary control  
[Amin, Hante, Bayen. IEEE TAC'10]

Incentives to secure under network induced interdependent risks  
[Amin, Schwartz, Sastry. GameSec'10]

Safety-preserving control for stochastic systems under comm. losses  
[Amin, Cárdenas, Sastry. HSCC'09]

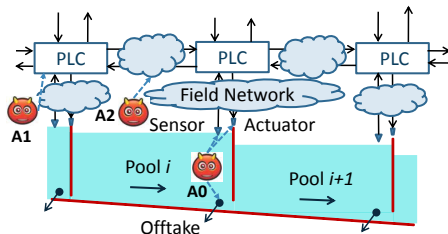
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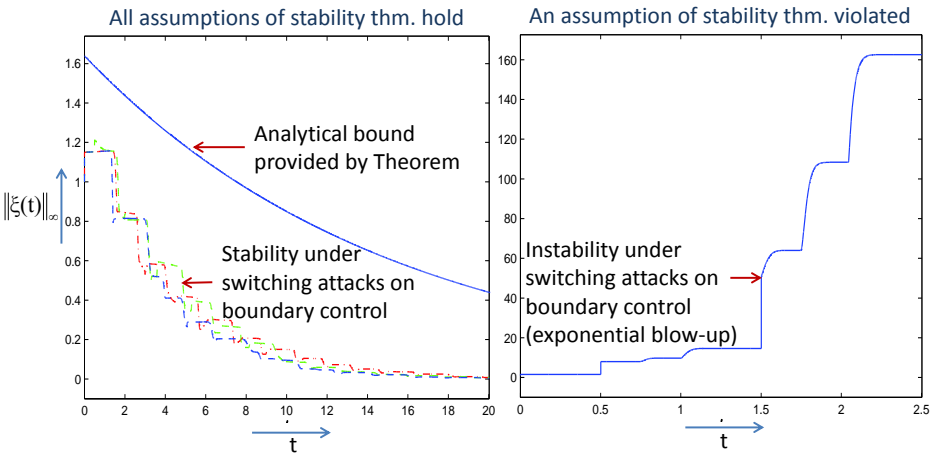
## Physical faults or attacks **A0**

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Switching attacks can lead to instability!

# Switching attack: characterization of system stability



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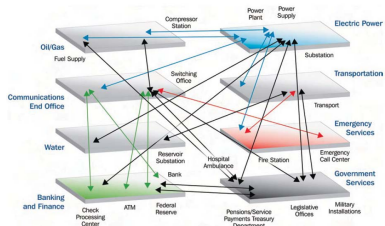
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# Interdependent security (IDS) & incentives to secure

## Security interdependencies due to

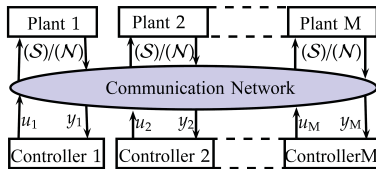
- Network induced risks  
⇒ Example: Distributed DOS attacks
- Wide use of COTS IT components  
⇒ Expect increased interdependencies



Infrastructure interdependencies

## Interdependent security

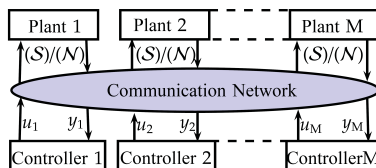
- **Goal:** Security analysis & implementation of control measures
- **Methods:** Game theory & Control theory
- **Observation:** Individual & social incentives differ



Network induced interdependencies

# Game Theoretic formulation of Interdependent NCS

Two-stage game of plant-controller systems (players)



Each player

- 1 Invests in security [ $V^i = S$  & incurs  $\ell^i > 0$ ] or not [ $V^i = N$ ]
- 2 Chooses inputs  $u_t^i$  for NCS:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{t+1}^i &= Ax_t^i + v_t^i B u_t^i + w_t^i \\ y_t^i &= \gamma_t^i C x_t^i + v_t^i\end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma_t^i$  &  $v_t^i$  are Bernoulli packet loss processes



# Interdependent failure probabilities

- Failure probabilities:

$$P[\gamma_t^i = 0 \mid V] = \tilde{\gamma}^i(V), \quad P[\gamma_t^i = 1 \mid V] = 1 - \tilde{\gamma}^i(V),$$

- $V := \{V^1, \dots, V^m\}$  Set of player security choices
- Security choices and failure probabilities:

$$\tilde{\gamma}^i(V) = \underbrace{\mathbf{1}_S^i \tilde{\gamma}^i}_{\text{reliability}} + \underbrace{(1 - \mathbf{1}_S^i \tilde{\gamma}^i) \beta(\eta^i)}_{\text{security}},$$

- $\mathbf{1}_S^i$ : Indicator function 1 if  $V^i = S$
- $\eta^i$ : # of insecure players
- $\beta(\eta^i)$ : Interdependence term

$$0 < \beta(\underbrace{\{S, \dots, S, N, \dots, N\}}_{\eta \text{ players}}) < \beta(\underbrace{\{S, \dots, S, N, \dots, N\}}_{\eta+1 \text{ players}}) < 1,$$

# Multiplayer games with interdependent security

- $V := \{V^1, \dots, V^m\}$  Set of player security choices
- $U := \{u_t^1, \dots, u_t^m \mid t \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  Set of player control input sequences
- Each player minimizes his total cost:

$$J^i(V, U) = J_I^i(V) + J_{II}^i(V, U),$$

- 1 Security cost

$$J_I^i(V) := (1 - \mathbf{1}_S^i) \ell^i$$

- 2 LQG control cost:

$$J_{II}^i(V, U) := \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} x_t^{i\top} G x_t^i + v_t^i u_t^{i\top} H u_t^i \right]$$

- Social planner minimizes the aggregate cost:

$$J^{SO}(V, U) = \sum_{i=1}^m J^i(V, U).$$

# Increasing and decreasing incentives to secure

## 2-player game

	S	N
S	$J_{\Pi}^*({S, S}) + \ell^1, J_{\Pi}^*({S, S}) + \ell^2$	$J_{\Pi}^*({S, N}) + \ell^1, J_{\Pi}^*({N, S})$
N	$J_{\Pi}^*({N, S}), J_{\Pi}^*({S, N}) + \ell^2$	$J_{\Pi}^*({N, N}), J_{\Pi}^*({N, N})$

## Increasing incentives

If a player secures, other player gain from securing *increases*:

$$J_{\Pi}^*({N, N}) - J_{\Pi}^*({S, N}) \leq J_{\Pi}^*({N, S}) - J_{\Pi}^*({S, S})$$

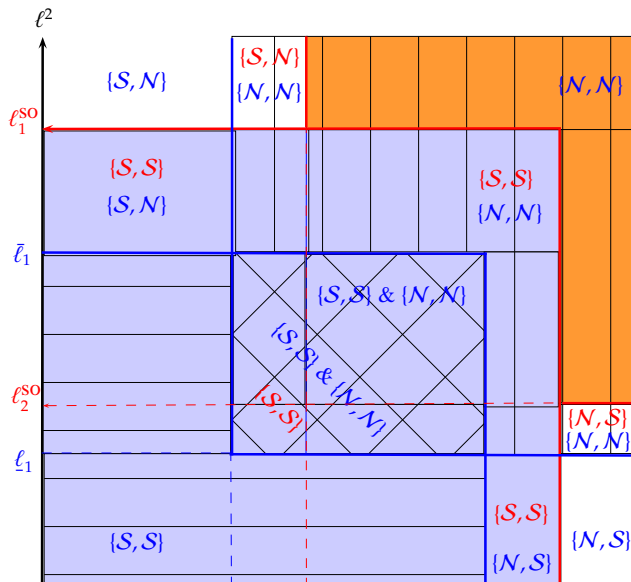
## Decreasing incentives

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$$J_{\Pi}^*({N, N}) - J_{\Pi}^*({S, N}) > J_{\Pi}^*({N, S}) - J_{\Pi}^*({S, S})$$

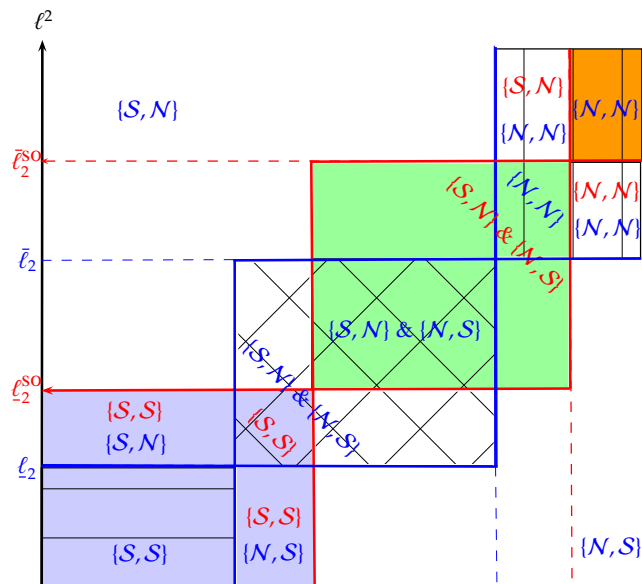
# Individual optima [Nash equilibria] and social optima

Theorem [Increasing incentive case]



# Individual optima [Nash equilibria] and social optima

Theorem [Decreasing incentive case]



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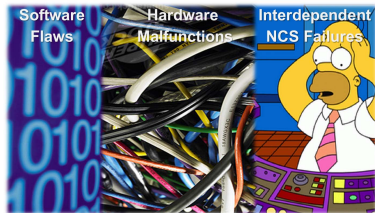
## NCS security & reliability

- Security failures (attacks S) and reliability failures (faults R) are difficult or costly to distinguish
- **Goal:** Model interdependent system failures F

$$\Pr(S \cap R | F) \neq \Pr(S | F) \Pr(R | F)$$

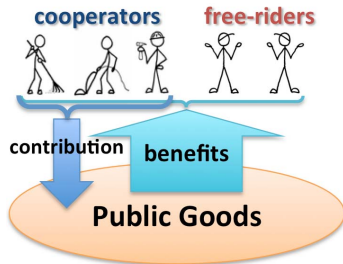
## Negative externalities

- Public goods game
- Information asymmetries
- Property right deficiencies & high enforcement costs
- **Goal:** Develop mechanisms to reduce NCS incentive suboptimality



Courtesy: C. Goldschmidt (Symantec)

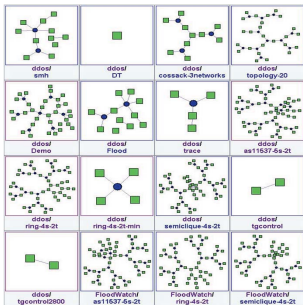
## The Public Goods Game



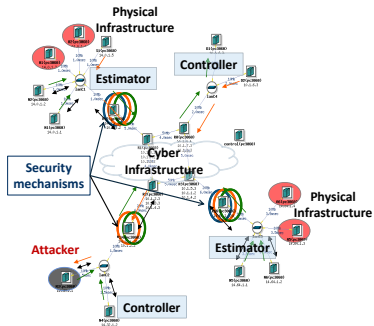
# CPS RC + EI experimentation

## Experiments for networked infrastructure

- Testing
- Validation



Network topologies



Cyber-Security Testbed with INL



cyber-DEfense Technology Experimental  
Research (DETER) Testbed



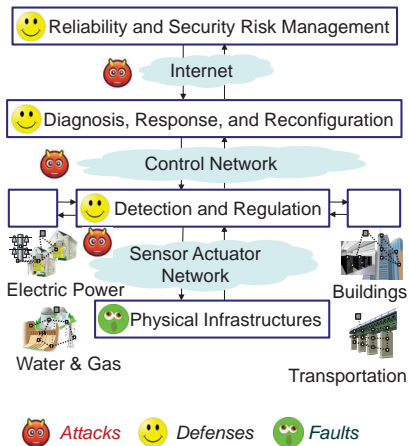
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## Resilient Control

- Assessment, detection & response
- Networked and fault-tolerant control
- Scalable resilient Control algorithms
- Fundamental Limitations

## Economic Incentives

- Incentive Theory for Resilient Systems
- Mechanism Design for reconciling Nash and societal optima
- Interdependent risk assessment
- Cyber Insurance



Thank you for your attention

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