

PANEL A: SIMULATION AND SECURITY ASSESSMENT IN ICS





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Find vulnerabilities, CBG Exploit, **Fix it!**, so nobody else can



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- 40% academic, 60% industries
- 90% revenue from electrical and power electronics sectors
- Markets
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Conceptual Cyber-Physical Testbed Architecture





Aditya Ashok, et. al, "A Cyber Physical Security Testbed For Smart Grid: System Architecture And Studies", Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Workshop on Cyber Security and Information Intelligence Research (CSIIRW 11), Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, 2011.



Engineering Cyber-Physical Testbeds





Aditya Ashok, Iowa State University - PhD Dissertation titled 'Attack-resilient state estimation and testbed-based evaluation of cyber security for wide-area protection and control,' 2017.



A Layered View for Cybersecurity Experiments



Communication Link (IEC 61850, DNP3, MODBUS)





An Integrated Simulator for Cybersecurity Experimentation









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- Focus on sustainable infrastructure for the 21st century: cutting-edge connectivity networks for broadband and associated synergies, like grid modernization
- Three activities: (1) policy research (incl. energy justice/ethics);
 (2) develop fiber optic networks; (3) technology demonstration projects
- Funded by The Rockefeller Foundation, The Ford Foundation and DOE.



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Projects with Cybersecurity Concerns





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# Industrial-native Digital & Cyber Risk Solutions

Enabling reliable, safe and efficient digital production



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#### NREL's Cybersecurity Research for Future Electric Grid



#### Technology Innovation

- Foundational R&D that integrates cybersecurity into the design of energy devices and systems
- Applications in EV charging and 5G communications networks

#### Market and Planning

- Custom tools to support energy decision makers
- Advance standards and share best practices

#### **Deployment Strategies**

- Replicate cyber and physical characteristics of any system
- Train, teach, and analyze organizations for cybersecurity deployment

#### NREL's Cyber Range



#### Situational Awareness for Grid Anomalies

**Objective:** To deliver a high-fidelity and scalable transient dynamic simulations tool which models how the control system responds in real-time to changes in system states resulting from cyber-physical events.



Illustration of the closed-loop AGC control and cyber-physical events entry points

- Messages (packetized data blocks) are exchanged via the co-simulation end-point interfaces to enable the AGC control provided by DERs.
- Event can be generated with configurable event type, start time, end time, target feeder, target devices, and event magnitudes.







### Question 1:

## Do we need simulations for security assessment in ICS?

- How can we evaluate ICS cyber threats?
- What is your approach to risk assessment?
- Is there a difference between simulations for assessing security tools vs assessing the infrastructure?





## Question 2:

## How to simulate attacks for security assessment?

- What approaches are best for legacy environments?
- Is it possible to build a test environment given the high heterogeneity of ICS?
- What is the best strategy to simulate anomalous states?





### Question 3:

## How could AI help with the design,

## development, or operation of simulators?

- Can AI help with generating data for security assessment?
- Could you imagine any use of the advanced language models (e.g. ChatGPT, BARD, BING, or local LLMs)?





## Question 4: How to validate the effectiveness of machine learning/Al technologies against cyber intrusion?





## Question 5: How can simulations help with prioritizing risks in OT networks?