



Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security

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Cyber Security Incidents 2013 ...

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The provider of the well-known antivirus protection Norton evokes the end of classic anti-virus solutions . New methods of attackers require new measures.

06.05.2014 | 11:31 | (DiePresse.com) - Symantec/Norton

QUELLE: www.qgroup.de/galerie

The problem...

- The complexity of ICT systems is increasing
 - Landing on the moon with 7.500 Lines of Code
 - Today: F-35 fighter jet: 5,7 Mio; Boeing 787: 6,5 Mio; Mercedes S-Class: 20 Mio; Chevrolet Volt: 100 Mio.
- Systems are getting more and more interconnected
 - Internet-of-Things, Always-on, Pervasive Computing
 - M2M (Machine-to-Machine) Communication
 - Virtual Infrastructures (Cloud), etc.
- Industry trend towards open network architectures
 - Open protocols (e.g. IP)
 - Increased number of „third parties“
- The dependency on ICT systems is increasing
 - Smart Grid, Smart Home, Smart City, Smart Phone
 - eGovernment, eCommerce, eHealth, eMobility

**Increased
Number of
Vulnerabilities**

**Increased
Risk**

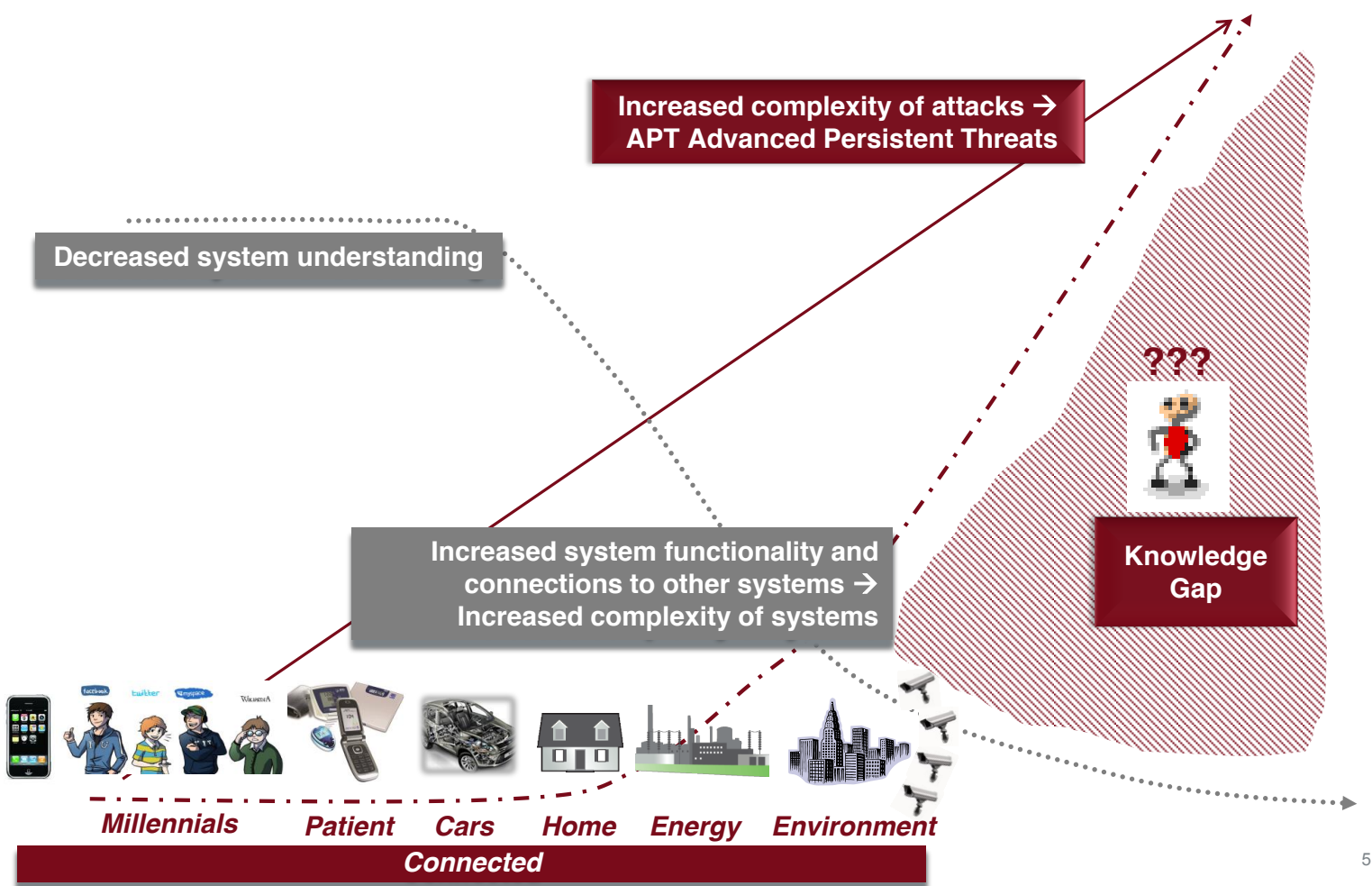
**Increased
Impact**

New IT trends don't stop at critical infrastructure IT

- Cloud Computing
- Bring your own device
- Consumerization
- Social Networks und Social Media



The knowledge gap is increasing...



Multistage attacks (APT) against CI targets...

I. Initial Intrusion

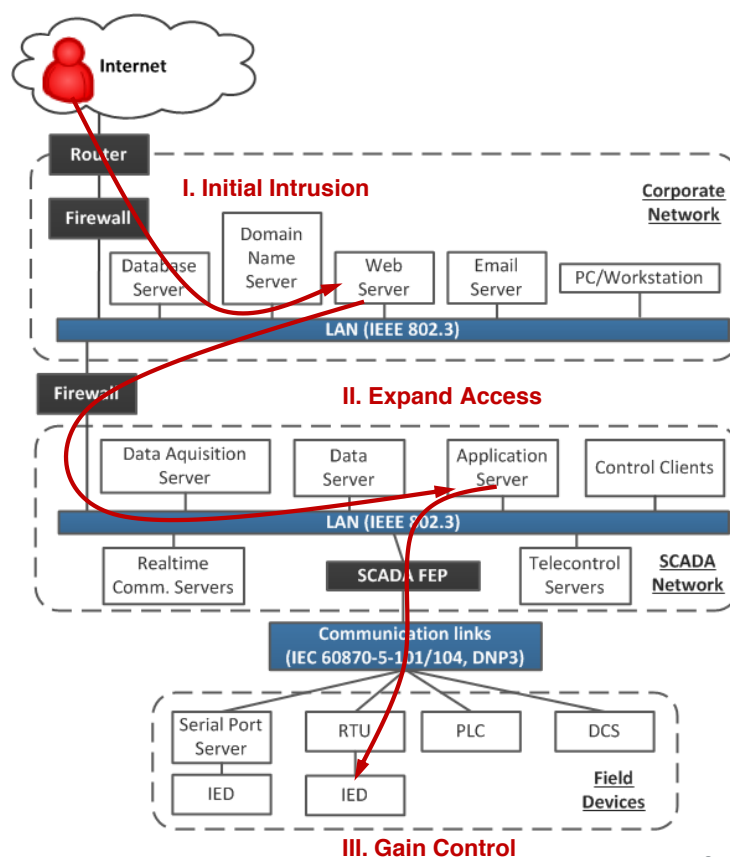
- Exploit weaknesses (configuration error, SW vulnerability (e.g., RDP))

II. Expand Access and Strengthen Foothold

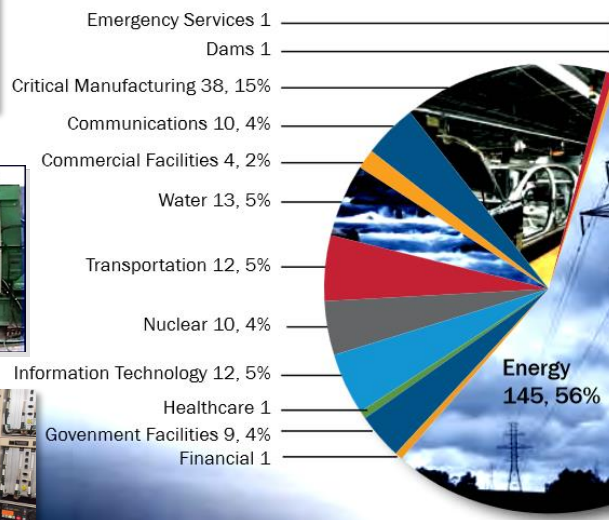
- Access control system from within the trusted environment

III. Gain Control

- Send fabricated control messages



Industrial Control System Incidents



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Former Pentagon analyst: China has backdoors to 80% of telecoms

Summary: A former Pentagon analyst reports the Chinese government has "pervasive access" to about 80 percent of the world's communications, and is looking currently to nail down the remaining 20 percent. Chinese companies Huawei and ZTE Corporation are reportedly to blame for the industrial espionage.

By Emil Frossard for Zero Day | July 14, 2012 — 10:43 GMT (11:43 PDT)
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The Chinese government reportedly has "pervasive access" to some 80 percent of the world's communications, thanks to backdoors it has ordered to be installed in devices made by Huawei and ZTE Corporation. That's according to sources cited by Michael Hebrant, a former senior security policy analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, who now writes for WND.

In 2010, Huawei was virtually unknown outside China, but by 2009 it had grown to be one of the largest, second only to Ericsson.



Industrial Control System Incidents (ICS) the US ICS-CERT responded to in FY-13, Source: ICS-CERT

Security is a shared responsibility...

- Critical Infrastructures are typically a „System of Systems“
- Creating secure components is **not enough**
- Secure **implementation** and **operation** is key
- Reliance on security of specific components
- Responsibility for specific security aspects needs to be defined
- Private vs. Industrial vs. „Virtual“ Participants

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int getRandomNumber()  
{  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

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Prevention, detection and reaction...

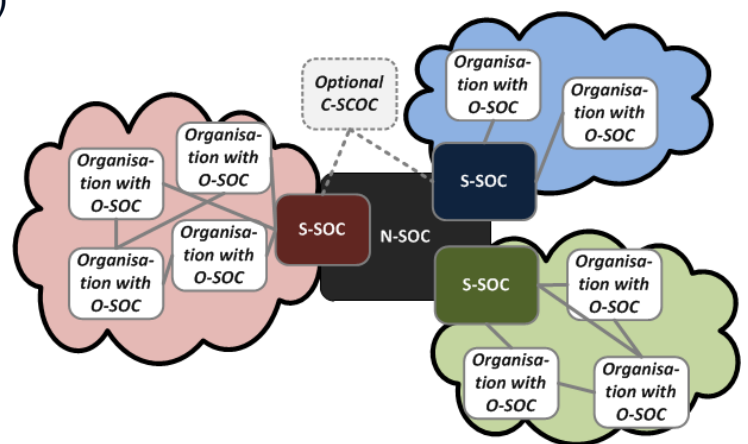
- Prevention is useless without detection and reaction!
- System Complexity
- Responsibility vs. Competence
- User awareness
- Securing devices in „hostile environments“
- Situational awareness
- Information Sharing, Reporting



Efficient information sharing

- Hybrid models are necessary– peer-to-peer and hierarchical
 - Enhances trust between organizations
 - Decide about data sharing **inside** of organizations
 - Still for CI national organizations need to have situational awareness

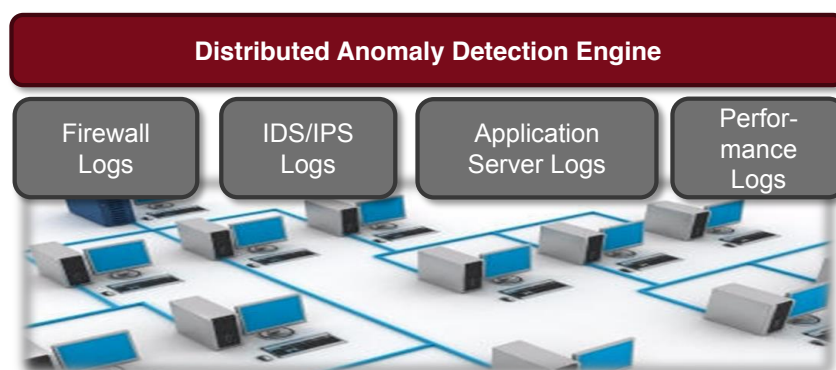
- Security Operation Centers (SOCs)
 - Organizational Level
 - Sectoral Level
 - Cross-Sectoral Level
 - National and European Level



Early detection of attacks

- (Future) attacks are complex and coordinated
 - Single pieces often below detection threshold
 - Monitoring single systems is not enough
 - Attacks are not only on the technical level

- Additional mechanisms are necessary to detect attacks
 - Detect coordinated attacks against multiple targets
 - Dected attacks using multiple attack vectors



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Research Topics:

- Risk analysis and management for Critical Infrastructures
- Secure architectures for resilient ICT systems in CI
- Security Lifecycle Tools
- Situational awareness – anomaly detection, incident information sharing

Selected reference projects:

- **SPARKS** | FP7 SEC (coord) | Smart Grid Protection against Cyber Attacks
- **PRECYSE** | EU FP7 SEC | Prevention, protection and reaction to cyberattacks to critical infrastructures
- **HYRIM** | FP7 SEC (coord) | Hybrid Risk-Management for Utility Providers
- **ECOSSIAN** | FP7 SEC | European Control System Security Incident Analysis Network
- **CAIS** | KIRAS | Cyber Attack Information System
- **CIIS** | KIRAS | Cyber Incident Information Sharing



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