

Policy Enforcement Network Functions: Resiliency in Industrial Control Systems

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Field Site 2 -

Field Site 3

Reliable and

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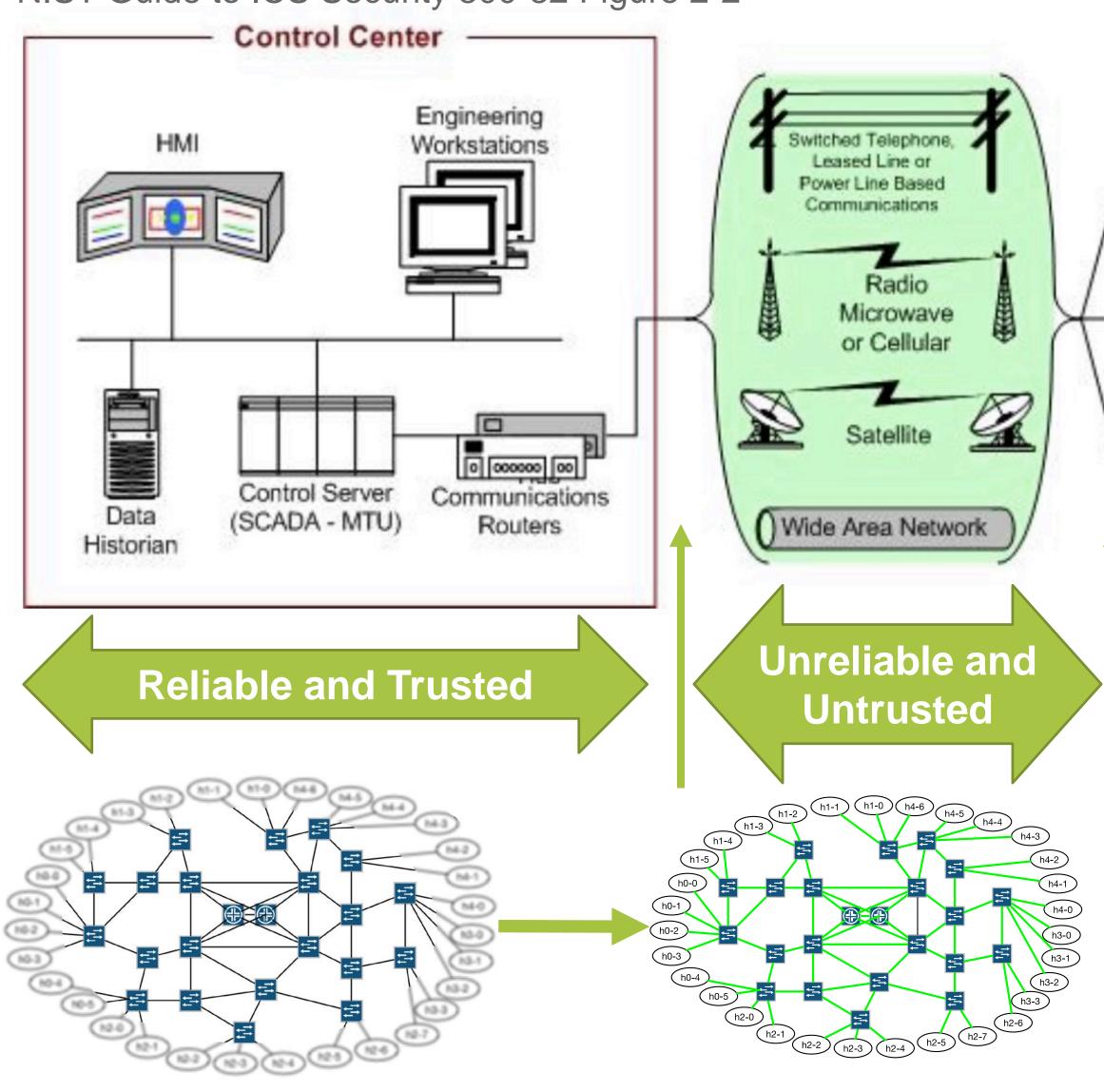
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PROBLEM: PERFORMANCE DEGRADATION AND SECURITY VULNERABILITIES IN ICS NETWORKS

NIST Guide to ICS Security 800-82 Figure 2-2



SOLUTION: ENFORCE BUSINESS POLICY AND MITIGATE INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEM (ICS) RISK WITHIN THE NETWORK

A set of given NFs with policy enforcement goals of $\{p_i, p_j, \dots\}$ and on network flows $\{f_a, f_b, \dots\}$ Resources mapped onto existing infrastructure Redundancy assurance for resiliency

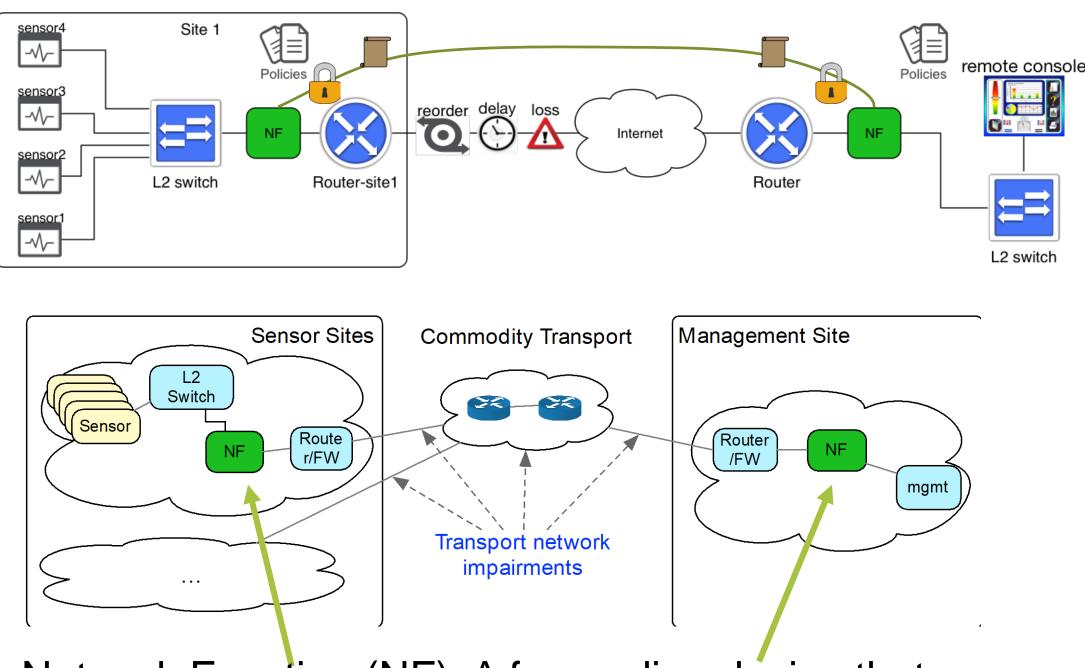
BUSINESS POLICY ON ICS NETWORKS

Security risk identification and control with fine granularity on data flows

Customized mitigation of security risks in the network without modifying the existing ICS systems

Targeted protection of data integrity & confidentiality proportional to estimated risk and value of assets

ICS RISK MITIGATION



Network Function (NF): A forwarding device that runs the business policy enforcement software

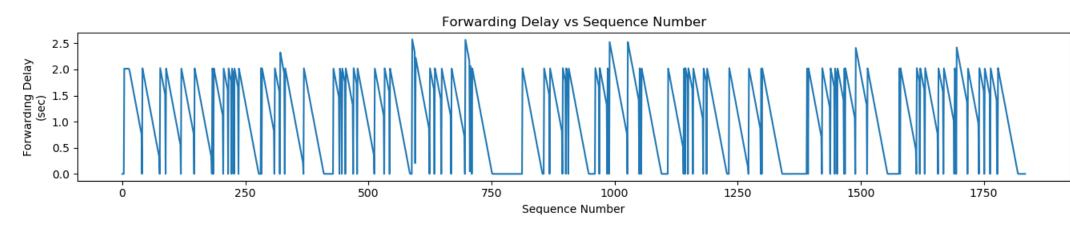
Reduce attack surface
Preserve data integrity and confidentiality

TARGETED POLICY ENFORCEMENT

Asset addresses:

IP + MAC addresses and port numbers to identify the traffic to apply policy on

CUSTOMIZED MITIGATION



If there is 10% loss in the WAN, ensure delivery with a maximum delay of 3 sec

TARGETED PROTECTION

Policy Statements:

Drop all out of order packets
Recover lost packets
Encrypt all communications
Sign all packets

SEEKING INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS FOR ...

Articulation of Policy Statements
Determination of Policy for Targeted Protection
Reference Implementation and Test Suite

MORE INFORMATION

All reference implementation is documented as flow charts Open Source Code and Documents: https://bitbucket.org/UH-netlab/doe-nf

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