

# NETWORKING APPROACH TO HOST-BASED INTRUSION DETECTION

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# IRAN: COMPUTER MALWARE SABOTAGED URANIUM CENTRIFUGES

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# 'CRASH OVERRIDE': THE MALWARE THAT TOOK DOWN A POWER GRID

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## WannaCry ransomware can plant to shut down

It's still making the rounds.

## Hackers gain entry into U.S., European energy sector, Symantec warns

# OVERVIEW



- **Background**
  - **What is critical infrastructure and why is securing it so hard?**
  - **Why haven't there been more attacks on them?**
- Ransomware for industrial control systems
  - Ransomware business model
  - Demo ransomware attack against a water utility
- What to do about it?
  - Standard defenses and their shortcomings
  - Program change detection
- Conclusions and discussion

**DHS – 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors**  
*9 rely on industrial control systems (ICS)*



**Chemical**



**Factories**



**Dams**



**Energy**



**Defense**



**Food**



**Nuclear**



**Transportation**



**Water**

## Standard security practices

- Regular, timely patching
- SSH, SFTP, HTTPS
- Required, long, complex passwords
- Confidentiality, integrity, availability
- Firmware signing
- ASLR, DEP, stack canary

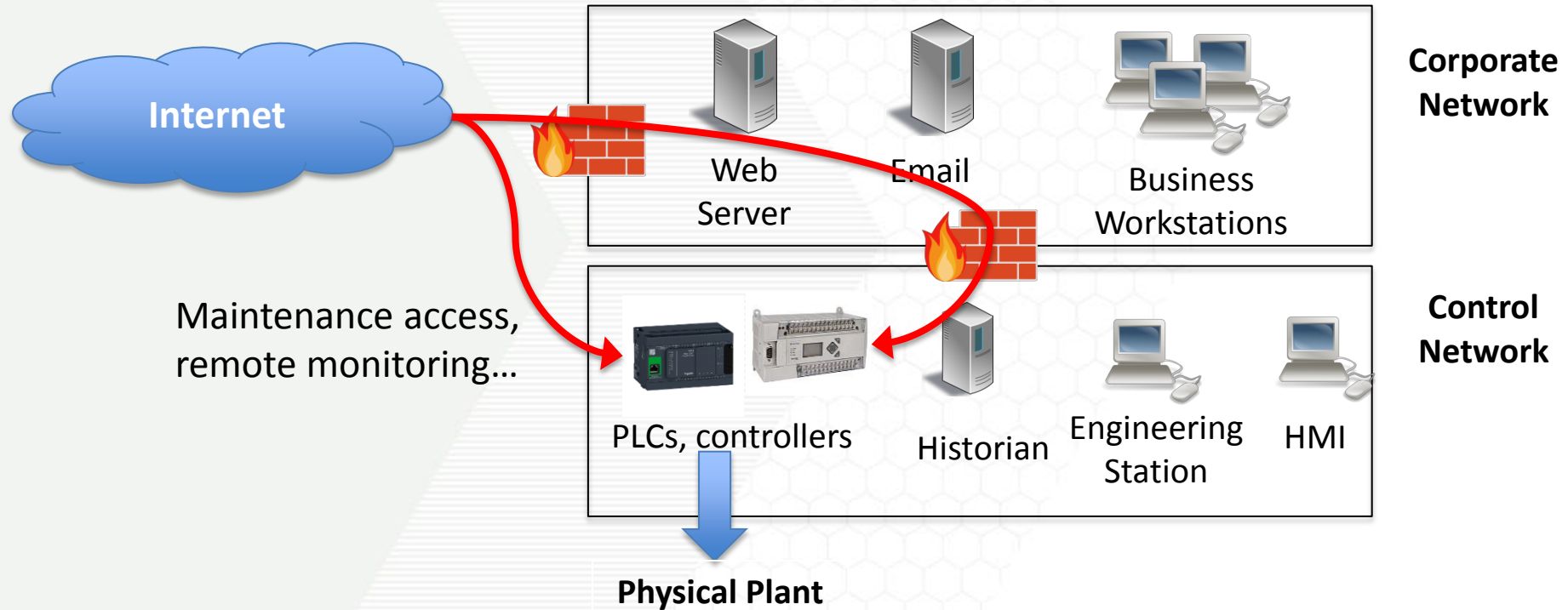
## Standard ICS practices

- Patches – yearly, if ever
- Telnet, FTP, cleartext ICS protocols
- NO passwords, default, weak, clear
- Availability, availability, availability
- Starting to sign firmware
- Nope

### Case study – Power grid

- Vulnerability – predictable TCP initial sequence numbers (*1985*)
  - Discovered from passive observations
  - Allows blind hijacking
- Power Distribution Substation Network
  - 196 Nodes – 68% vulnerable
  - 3 out of 8 device vendors vulnerable
    - VxWorks – the “Windows” of RTOS
    - GE – “no method available to update this device”

# BACKGROUND: ICS (IN)SECURITY



# WHY IS ICS SECURITY SO HARD?

- Downtime
  - Lost revenue every minute
  - Always on power grid, water distribution...
- Legacy devices
  - Designed for 20 year lifecycles, not the IT standard of 3-5 years
  - Originally made for dedicated serial links, the only access control was physical
  - Misconceptions in industry



### Claim

*“Our control network is airgapped, so we don’t have to worry about security.”*

### Reality

- Vendor maintenance access
- Remote monitoring
- Laptops, USB sticks
  - Stuxnet
- Insiders

### Claim

*“If a PLC gets infected, we’ll just switch it out with another.”*

### Reality

- Likely ALL of your PLCs
  - \$10k x 100 PLCs > \$1million of PLC inventory
- Engineering software likely infected
- Manpower rewiring, reprogramming
- Original vulnerability STILL there

## Claim

*“Why would anyone want to attack us?”*

## Reality

- Small to medium sized businesses hit hardest by cyberattacks
- Havex, BlackEnergy, DragonFly already widespread
- Motivation
  - Monetary in the form of ransomware

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## Move over Healthcare, Ransomware Has Manufacturing In Its Sights

by Bill McGee | Jun 06, 2016 | Filed in: Industry Trends & News

## Holding the HMI Hostage—The Growing Threat of Ransomware

The New York Times | <https://nyti.ms/2jO7vbZ>

EUROPE

### Hackers Use New Tactic at Austrian Hotel: Locking the Doors

By DAN BILEFSKY JAN. 30, 2017

### Ransomware locks up San Francisco public transportation ticket machines

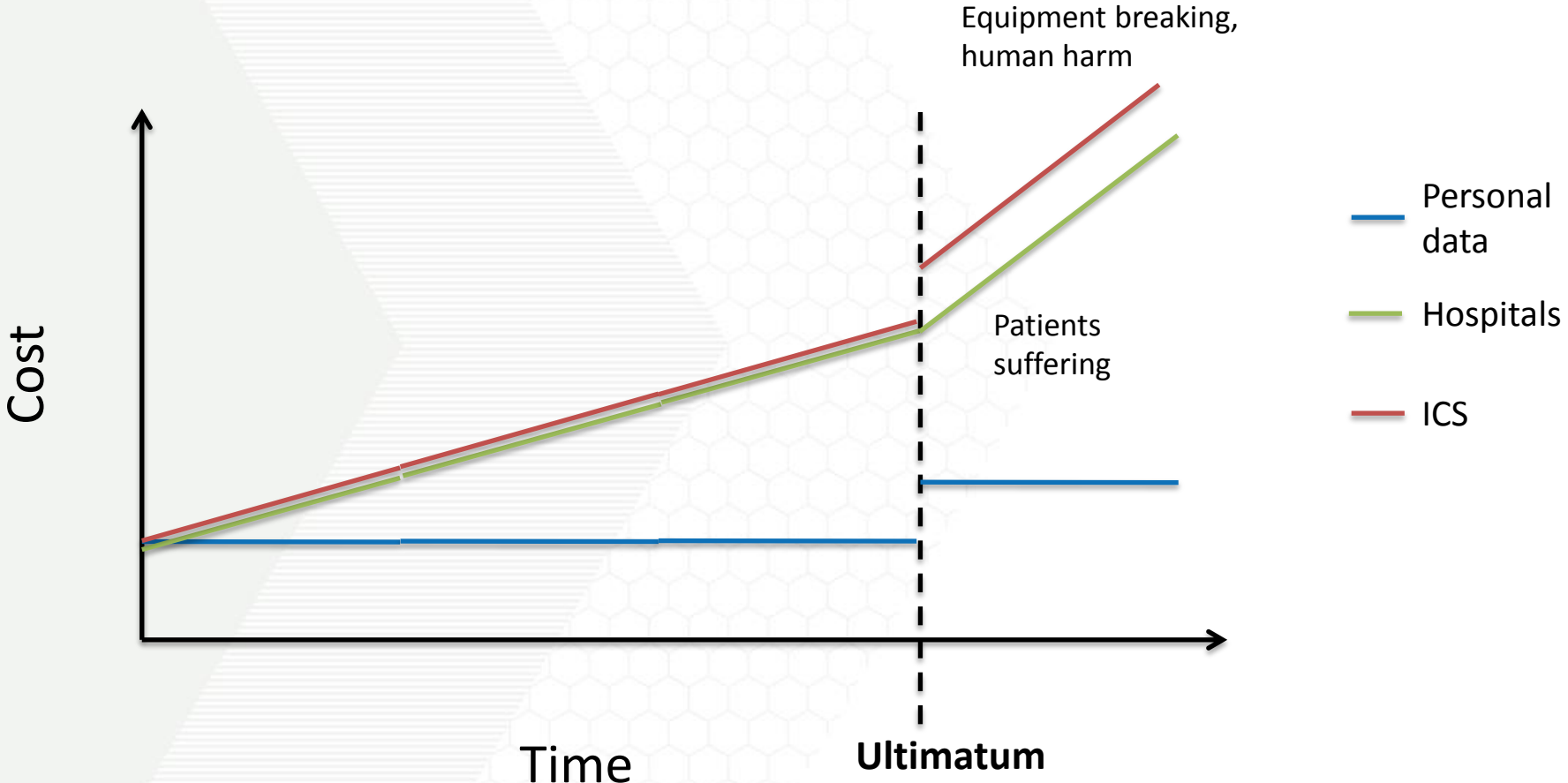
Some systems now restored; attacker demanded \$73,000.

SEAN GALLAGHER - 11/28/2016, 11:51 AM

### NotPetya Ransomware Attack Crashes Maersk Over \$200 Million

### FedEx estimates ransomware attack cost \$300 million

# ICS RANSOMWARE: IMPACT



# WHAT MAKES A RANSOMWARE ATTACK SUCCESSFUL?



## Hospitals

- Easier targets
  - Old equipment
  - Traditionally weak security posture
- Increasing time pressure
- Lives at stake
- Crown jewels = patient data

## ICS Networks

- Easier targets
  - Old equipment
  - Traditionally weak security posture
- Increasing time pressure
- Lives at stake
- Crown jewels = safe operation

## Businesses Hit by Ransomware

- 70% paid the ransom
- Median payout approx. \$10k
- Small, medium sized businesses less prepared

Source: IBM, "Ransomware: How consumers and businesses value their data"

## PLCs on the Internet

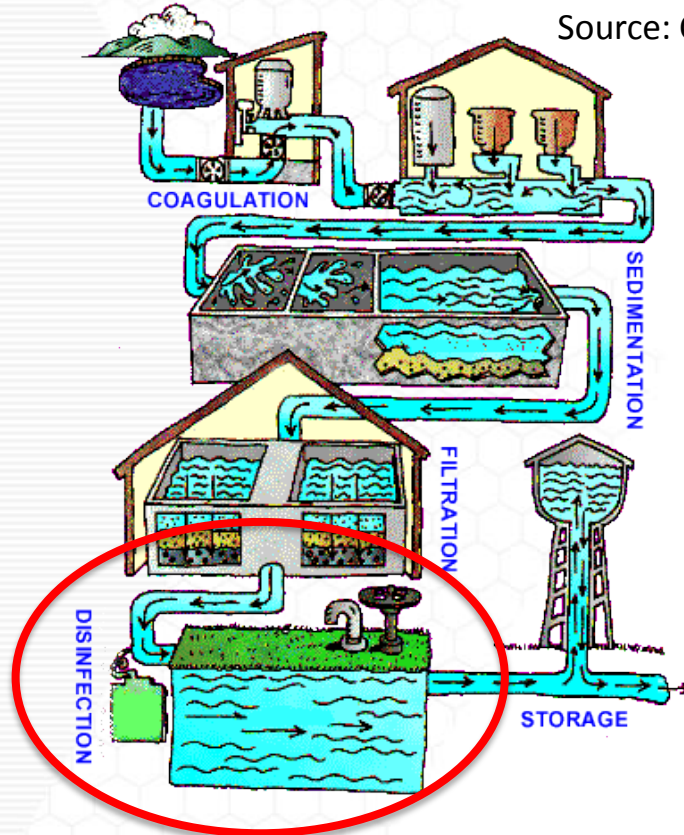
- MicroLogix 1400
- 1,300
- Schneider Modicon M221
- 200

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbf{1,500} & \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{\$10,000} & \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{50\%} & \mathbf{=} & \mathbf{\$7.5\ Million} \\ \text{Trivial PLCs} & & \text{Expected payout} & & \text{Conservative success rate} & & \end{array}$$



# DEMO: WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Source: CDC, "Water Treatment"

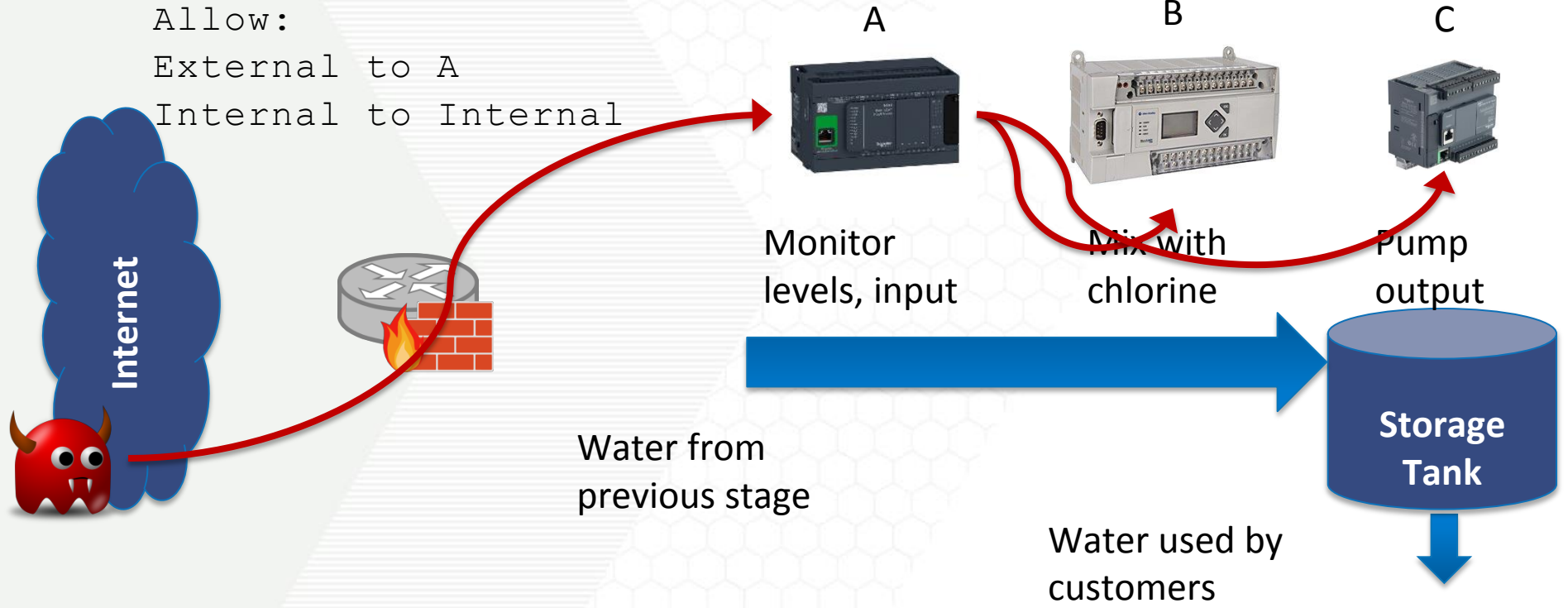


Typically mixed with chlorine to kill bacteria

We use iodine because it's safer to handle and cooler looking

Testbed simulates the Disinfection and Storage stages

# DEMO: NETWORK



## Schneider Modicon M241

- Running CODESYS V3
  - Third party PLC runtime environment used by over 200 vendors
- Password
  - No brute force checks
  - No strength policy
- Controlling the water input and monitoring the storage levels



# DEMO: NETWORK SCAN

Reprogram the M241  
to scan the internal  
network and grab  
model numbers

Allen Bradley  
MicroLogix 1400

Modicon M221

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david@dell-xps: ~/Documents/rsa_pres
david@dell-xps:~/Documents/rsa_pres$ sudo nmap 192.168.1.241

Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2017-02-03 15:17 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.241
Host is up (0.012s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
80/tcp    open  http
1105/tcp  open  ftranhc
MAC Address: 00:80:F4:0A:9D:C7 (Telemechanique Electricque)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 159.76 seconds
david@dell-xps:~/Documents/rsa_pres$ python internal_recon.py
Devices found:

    192.168.1.140
    1766-LEC

    192.168.1.221
    TM221CE24T
david@dell-xps:~/Documents/rsa_pres$
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### Allen Bradley MicroLogix 1400

- Password only checked in engineering software, **NOT** the PLC
- SMTP mail client
- Controlling the addition of chlorine (iodine)



### Schneider Modicon M221

- Password only checked in engineering software, **NOT** the PLC
- Controlling the final output of treated water



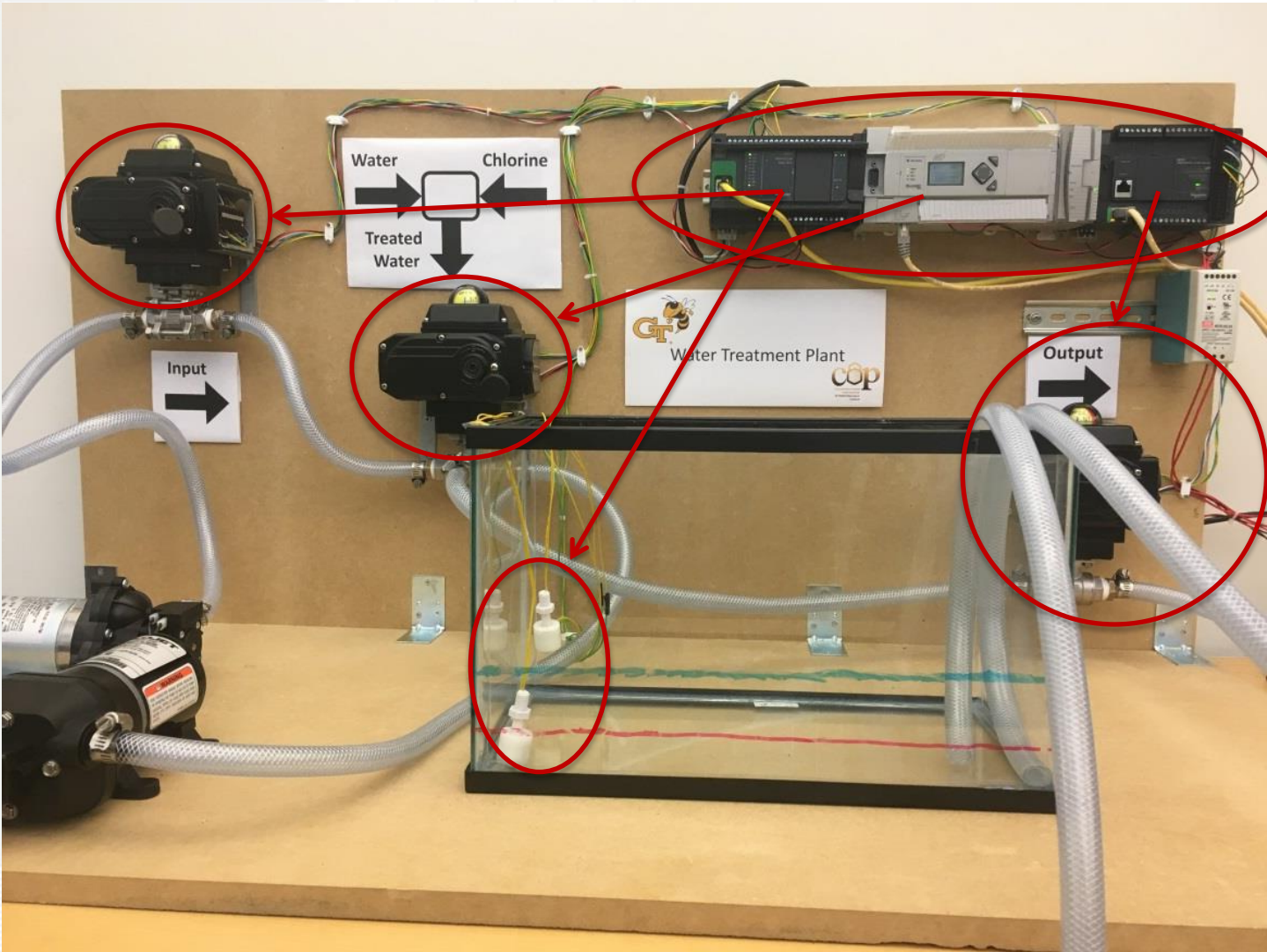
# DEMO: NETWORK



Input water valve

Mixing valve to control ratio of water/iodine

Level sensors



Programmable logic controllers

Output water valve

## MAXIMIZE SUCCESS



- Pick targets with high downtime costs
- Understand the process behind the PLCs
- Threaten to screw things up if they don't meet deadline
  - What if they just unplug everything?
- Covertly move system into critical state **before** notifying them
  - Allow reserve storage tank to get low first, blinding operators
  - Make continued operation by attacker more attractive than shutting everything down

DEMO



<https://youtu.be/t4u3nJDXwes>



## DEFENSES

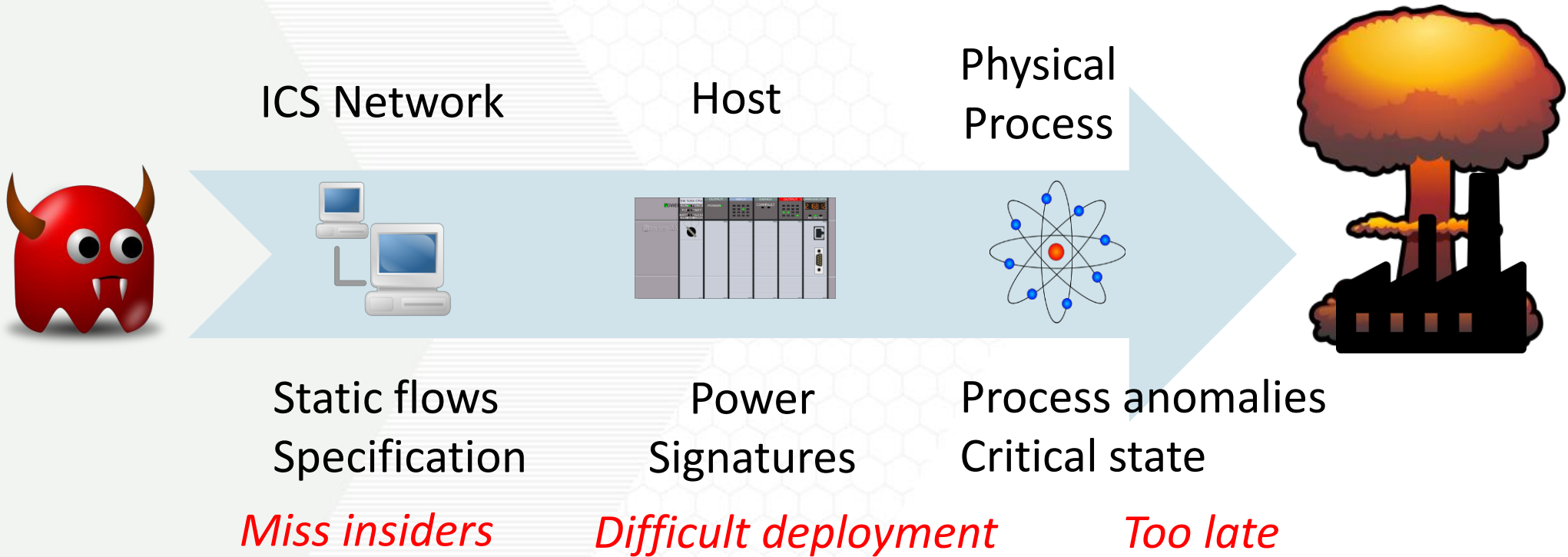
- Proper password authentication
  - Requires vendors, not happening anytime soon
- Network segmentation, secure remote access
  - Insiders
- Monitor the network
  - Misses attacks launched from local access

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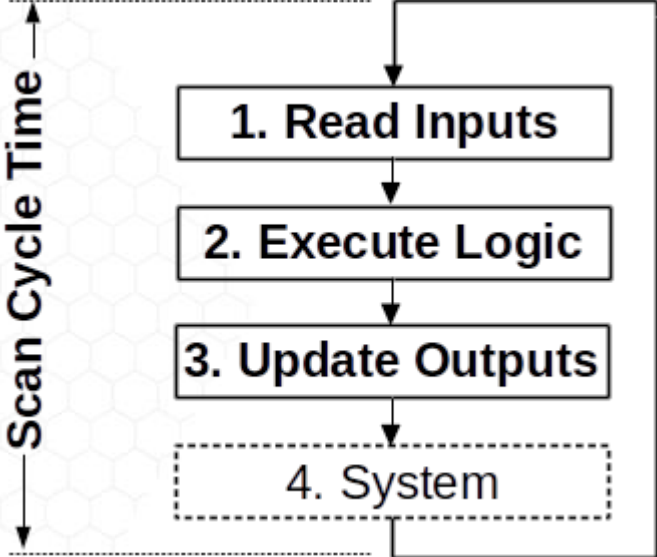
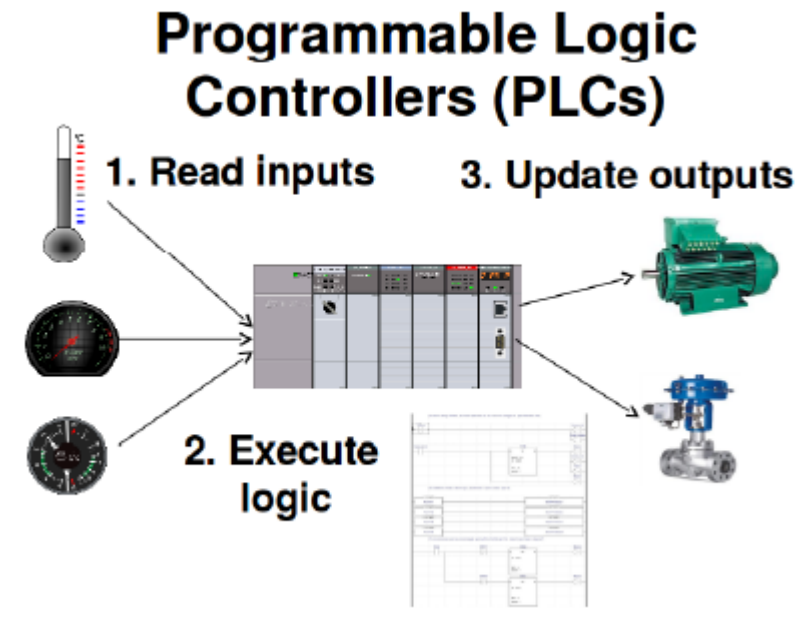
# MOTIVATION



**Problem:** Need intrusion detection of hosts for defense-in-depth

**Solution:** Program execution time signatures

# BACKGROUND



Used everywhere from oil & gas to rollercoasters and elevators

Determined by hardware and complexity of program

## Any consistent change, no matter how small, will eventually build up to observable differences

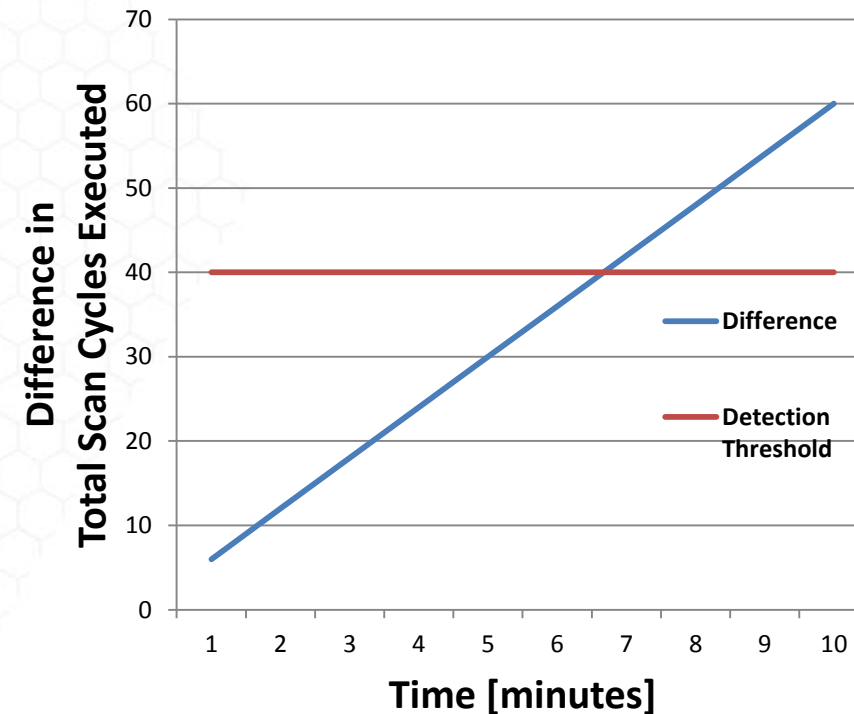
### Example

Original Scan Cycle Time = 1ms  
+ single bit comparison (0.1 $\mu$ s)

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Modified Scan Cycle Time = 1.0001ms

**After 10 minutes, the original program has executed 60 cycles more than the modified one**



# DEFENSES: EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

## PLCs used

PLC Model	Application Memory	Cycle Resolution
MicroLogix 1100	8 KB	100 $\mu$ s
Siemens S7-1200	75 KB	1 ms
Schneider M221	256 KB	1 $\mu$ s
Schneider M241	8 MB	1 $\mu$ s

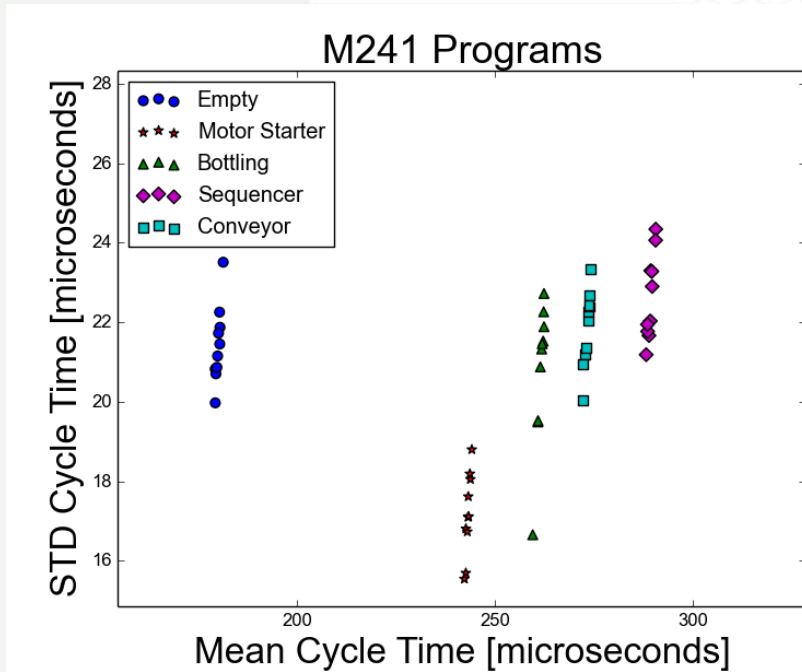


## Example programs used

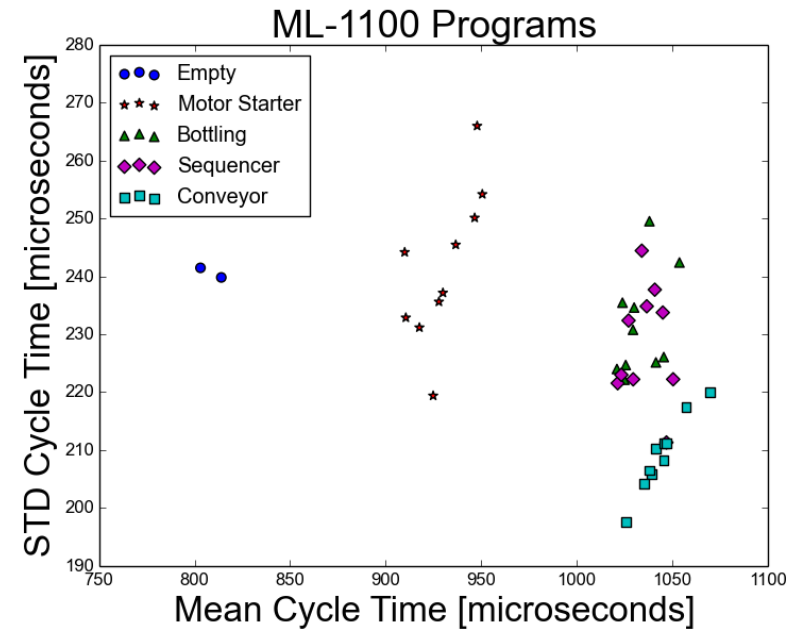
Program	Description	Instructions	Data Words
P1	Motor Starter	553	1068
P2	Sequencer Example	365	160
P3	Bottling Plant	419	433
P4	Conveyor Belt	615	425



## Fingerprints using system diagnostics



Faster processor and high resolution, clear differences

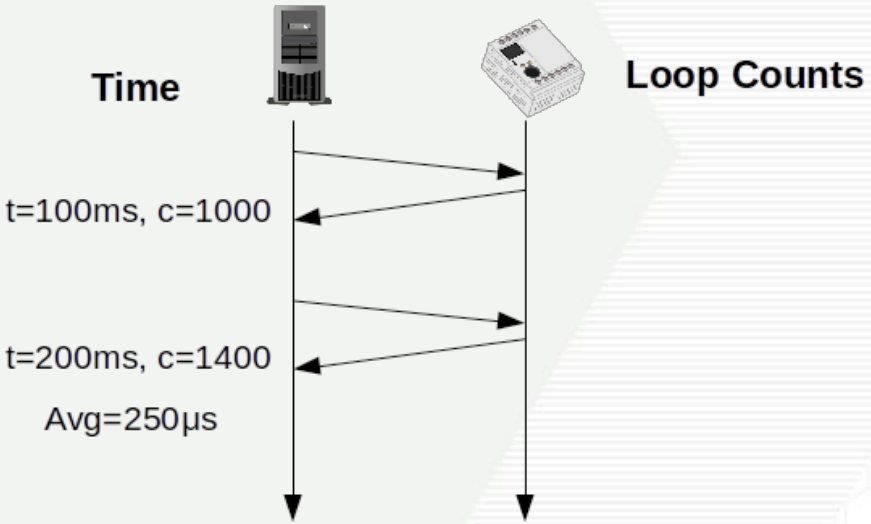


Slower, low resolution  
Significant overlap

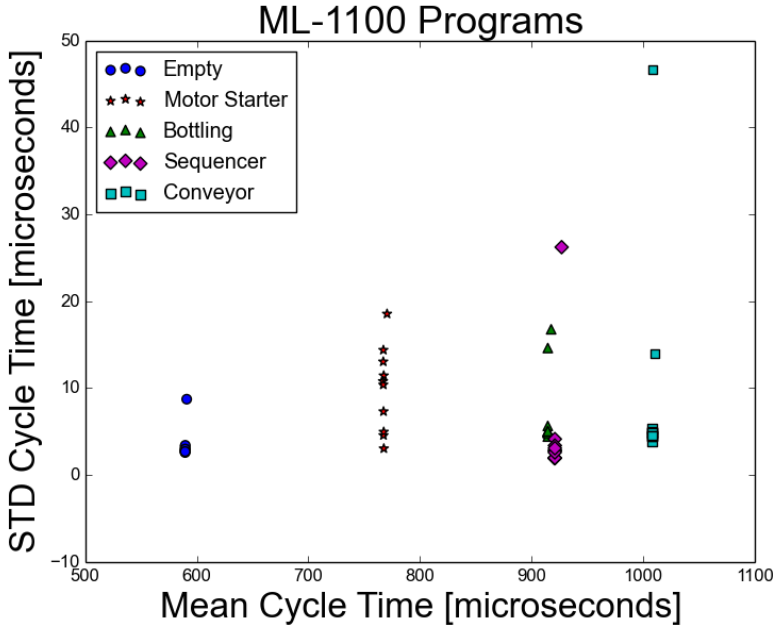
# DEFENSES: REFINED SCAN CYCLE MEASUREMENT



**Improved accuracy**  
using cumulative scan cycle count



**Clear distinctions**  
between programs





# DEFENSES: ATTACKER MODEL

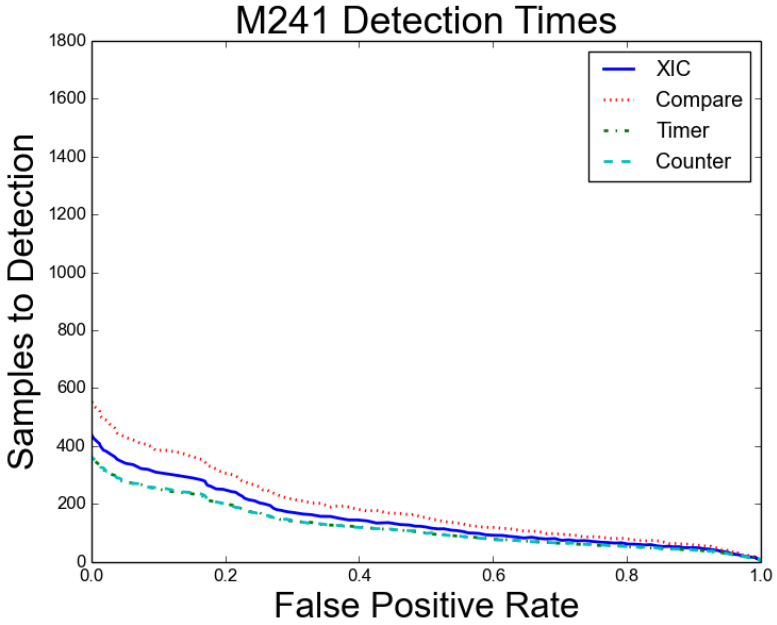
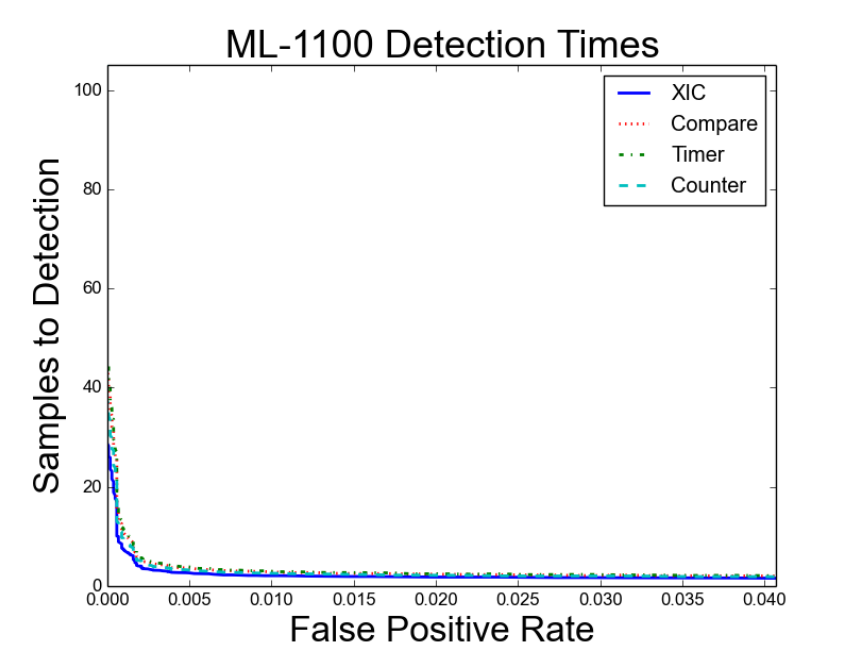
- Attacker Goals
  - No immediate impact on process to hide from operators
  - Insert logic bomb to cause damage over time
  - Stuxnet, e.g.
- Logic bomb triggers Inserted in Main Control Loop
  - Examine if closed (XIC)
  - Compare
  - Timer
  - Counter

# DEFENSES: CHANGE DETECTION RESULTS



Detection time < 5 seconds, 0% FPR

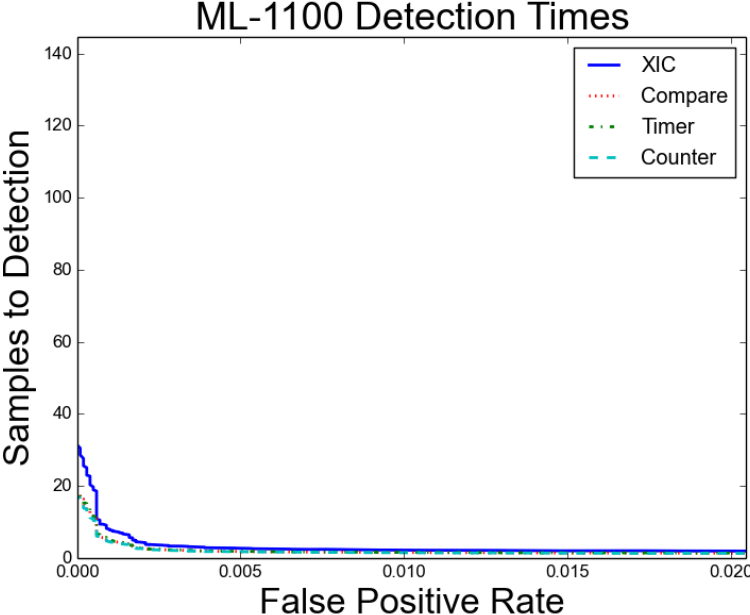
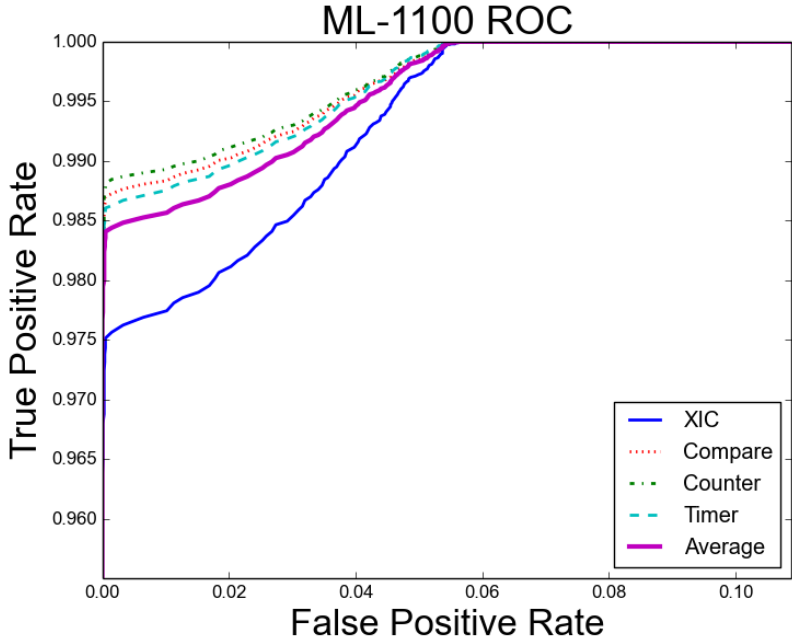
Detection time < 1 minute, 0% FPR



## DEFENSES: INTELLIGENT ADVERSARY

- Intelligent adversary can replay and mimic
- Use proof of work functions to give PLCs “alibis”
  - Prove they were not executing additional instructions
  - More robust way of measuring program execution time
- Proof-of-work (POW) function
  - Computationally expensive to solve, but easy to verify
  - Typically used as defense against denial of service
  - Ex. Discrete Log Problem: Solve for  $k$  in  $g^k \bmod p = b$

# 98.5% TPR at 0% FPR



Detection time < 4 seconds, 0% FPR

## DISCUSSION

- Branching
  - PLC programs mostly operate in states (startup, running, shutdown...)
  - Different fingerprints for different states
  - Little branching within state
    - Averages out quickly over thousands of cycles per second
- Overhead
  - Approximately 10 lines of code (2% increase)
  - Worst case, 1ms extra time

## CONCLUSIONS

- Critical infrastructure is **STILL** insecure
- Lack of attacks not a sign of security, but of motivation
  - Ransomware could change this
- Current defenses fail to detect skilled adversaries
  - Need to go beyond simple network anomalies
  - Proof-of-work functions can give controllers provable “alibis”

# THANK YOU!

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