

Critical Energy Infrastructures Security & Resiliency Management

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Our Smart Grid Innovation Roadmap



Security Intelligence

Fight against crime and terrorism

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Disaster Resilience (DRS) and Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)



Security Intelligence (Fighting against crime and terrorism)



Disaster Resilience and Critical Infrastructure Protection





Digital and Cyber Security - Projects

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Cyber crime and cyber terrorism



Border and External Security - Projects





Critical Energy Infrastructures

(CEI) consist of a dispersed asset of either bulk either decentralized power generation plants, infrastructures for electricity transmission and distribution, and energy prosumers with their smart meters

•CEIs are characterized by vast, widely-diverse infrastructure of assets forming a multifaceted operational environment

> with complex ownership and regulatory structures,
> large scale human involvement at different levels (O&M, monitoring & control)





Background

- Internet of Everything and Fog Computing
 - rising proliferation of smart devices
 - everyday life depending more and more from power availability

 Critical Energy infrastructures (CEI) are more and more becoming smart infrastructures, where physical and IT layers are tightly interconnected
 the latter one in charge for effective management of the asset with a view to optimize network technical operation

- Energy sector is ranked first in the incident lists with 79 incidents (32%)
- Consequences of CEI outages largely negatively affect our everyday life

...CEI operators/owners are struggling to achieve **appropriate yet cost**effective security and protection for their infrastructures over the time



• Disjoint management of cyber and physical/technical security

- "Unlimited capacity" models for security management
 - Security as a resource with limited availability -> Life Cycle Assessment models yet to come
- Static governance models for security and static risk/vulnerability assessment
- Insufficient HILT (Human-In-The-Loop)
- Small yet insufficient emphasis on resilience
- Impact of **Smart grid and decentralization** not adequately reflected into the current paradigms for CEI protection



•Nowadays **cyber and system-theoretic** approaches, as **individually used** for CEI protection, build on **incomplete attack models**, thus resulting in **silos-like** security management fragmented operational policies, and failing to provide appropriate security- and resilience-by-design.

The system and attack models of both approaches are incomplete:
cyber security approaches do not model the physical system, concentrating on the protection of the integrity of data measurements by using secure devices and secure communication protocols
However, integrity of sensors and related managed data security can be broken by

modifying the physical state of the system (e.g. via meters by-passing or due to unstable grid performance)

•On the other hand **cyber-attacks (es over the SCADA)** may result in false network state representation, potentially creating technical problems to the power network components, like feeder, transformers etc.



CEI as Resilient Cyber Human-enriched Physical Systems

• critical energy infrastructures modelled as distributed, large scale complex **resilient and human-enriched Cyber-Physical systems** which

•are able to take into due consideration the **potential reciprocal effects of cyber versus physical threats**

•operate within the framework of a **novel dynamic** and adaptive security governance model, which leverages on lifecycle assessment to manage security as a limited yet costly resource to be managed over the time

•bring humans center stage by empowering people as virtual sensors to contribute to threat detection and/or as situated first order emergency responders to accidents, disasters or attacks, or by simultaneously considering workforce as potential threats to CEi security

• suitably addresses how the **emerging decentralization of energy systems** challenge affect CEI protection (es NORM decentralized smart meter in SUCCESS)

•reduced information exchange with the central processing hub against extra threats due to insufficient DER security enforcement

•replacement of proprietary protocols and closed networks with standard open Internet protocols and shared networks ->Malicious attackers capable of exploiting protocol and network insecurities can target CPS operations



•Our framework manages:

• information gathered through a range of devices/technologies for situational awareness (fixed sensors like PMUs, mobile devices like drones and advanced video surveillance) for situation awareness (layer 1)

• intelligent processing for cyber-physical threat detection combined with a toolbox for incident mitigation, emergency response and fast restoration, and Human-In-The-Loop for managing humans interaction with CEI (layer 2)

•Blue prints, guidelines/lesson leants as knowledge sharing/spreading (layer 3)



Layer 1: CEI Situational Awareness

Layer 1 combines fixed and mobile sensors and devices for physical and cyber information gathering with humans acting as decentralized nearby virtual sensors

- **Physical information gathering** sensors: integrating audio-visual information from visual and laser technologies and swarms of drones with infrared/thermal or corona cameras to get close-up, 3-D images of
 - wind blades to find out if there are any scratches or imperfections without having to stop the turbines
 - PV parks for inspecting surface grazes and
 - transmission and distribution networks for damaged isolators.
- **Cyber information gathering**: managing combined data from existing IDS, SCADA, Smart Meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), and low cost Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU).
- Human Sensors information gathering: managing human sensors (crowd-sensing), with a view to empower citizens living in the vicinity of the power network installations, to act as "decentralized sensors and acting as first level emergency responders



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•Central in this framework is **dynamic adaptable contermeasures toolbox**, in charge of:

•anticipated physical and cyber-physical threat/ attack prevention, while prioritizing the more relevant information (availability, integrity, privacy/ confidentiality) and infrastructure security objectives achievements along their effect in the network

•dynamically triggering the most suitable countermeasures for the detected attack, depending from the deployed scenario and the actual context-based security need



Layer 2 - Managing the overall security value chain

•Risk and vulnerability assessment: thorough understanding of their current security posture, enabling them to continually assess evolving cyber/physical threats and vulnerabilities, their risks, and potential countermeasures (continuous security state monitoring)

•New protective measures for risk mitigation to reduce risk by design. (including vulnerabilities and emerging threats assessment and preventive mitigation strategies)



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•Incidents management for fast CEI secure operation restoration: when protective measures are not applied or fail to prevent an incident, detection, remediation, recovery, and restoration activities will minimize its impact and quickly return to normal operation

•Integration among outage management systems and DER flexibility management to mitigate grid outages (es prosumer microgrids or storage for black start) is fundamental to ensure CEI resilience by-design

•Culture of Security Spreading: Post-incident analysis and forensics enable CEI stakeholders to learn from the incident, integrated with reliability practices, Human-In-The-Loop management



Suggested Microgrid and Economic data



