Toward Al-enhanced Design of Resilient Cyber-Physical Systems: a Journey from Inception to Present Times

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Once upon a time, when Math reigned...



Beautiful theories were developed...





by eminent minds





Some connections were made...



Gybernetics: The science of communications and automatic control systems in both machines and living things.

Norbert Wiener

Information Patterns: ⁿ Who knows what and when

Hans Witsenhausen





and systems built without CPS





How? Via separation of concerns...

 $T_{compute} + T_{comm} < T_{sampling}$



and via great investments





"At its peak, the Apollo program employed 400,000 people and required the support of over 20,000 industrial firms and universities"

https://www.nasa.gov/centers/langley/news/factsheets/Apollo.html



Largely Independent disciplines



Application Pull







Technology Push



- Widespread networking, wireless, ubiquitous computing
- Off-the-shelf HW/SW

- No more dedicated computing/comm
- No more air gaps

Things became less clean





Focus on the intersection of domains



Modeling Cyber-Physical Systems





state vector: $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ control inputs: $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^p$ sensor measurements: $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$ process disturbance/noise: $w_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ measurement disturbance/noise: $v_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$



From stability to safety

• Preserving safe operation of the CPS is the main goal...





Is (Asymptotic) Lyapunov Stability still a relevant concept? $\mathbf{x}(t)$ 3 δ 0 -δ -8



Probably nothing as long as the set of states reached are safe



From robustness to resilience

Robustness

- Ability of the system to withstand perturbation without the need for adaptation
 - Pros: no need for adaptation
 - Cons: conservative design solutions, reduced performance

Resilience

- Ability of the system to respond to perturbation and restore a certain level of functionality
 - Pros: ability to restore full functionality, can be less conservative in design
 - Cons: added complexity

CPS security is a major issue

SIGN IN SUBSCRI

Stuxnet Malware (2010)



Colonial Pipeline CEO admits to authorizing \$4.4 million ransomware payment







Jeep wireless hack (2015)

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Hackers Remotely Kill a Jeep on the Highway—With Me in It

I was driving 70 mph on the edge of downtown St. Louis when the exploit began to take hold



Ukraine Power System Attack (2015)





CPS security is a major issue



- There is strong evidence that the next wave of cyber attacks will target physical infrastructures.
 - CPS are often a composition of various heterogeneous systems and components
 - CPS are increasingly connected, e.g can be accessed via the internet
 - The insider threat

Motivation

- Cyber warfare (disrupt key infrastructure, induce strategic damage)
- Commercial advantage (espionage, reduce competitor's performance)
- Ransom (just like Spectre in 007 movies)
- It is a matter of national interest
 - It is not just a technological problem
 - Public/private partnership may be needed

Cyber vs Cyber-Physical Security





- Inertia
- Continue operating under attack via graceful degradation
- Cultural issue
- Patches may be expensive



- Use predictive power of accurate models
- Sensor data and control inputs can be used as active monitors
- Physical channels can be used for authentication of cyber systems
- Prove security properties



Vision for CPS resilience



<u>Goal</u>: Design the system and the associated security countermeasures so that graceful degradation is achieved when the system is under attack

CPS Design Identification Detection 1) System Design 3) Isolate Attacks 2) Detect Attacks Use system knowledge Design controller and Leverage system to isolate malicious/faulty system for performance knowledge to and security recognize attacks components Time-Triggered Response **Detection-Triggered Response** 4) Attack Resilience I 5) Attack Resilience II **Deploy time-triggered** Deploy detection-triggered prevention mechanisms mechanisms to maximize to guarantee security security and performance

Our Focus

Attacker Capabilities¹





Attack Strategies¹

- Compromise confidentiality
 - Eavesdropping attack
- Compromise availability
 - Denial of service attack
- Compromise integrity
 - Topology attack
 - Integrity attack
 - Replay attack
 - False data injection attack
 - Zero dynamics attack
 - Covert attack
 - Software modification attack





¹ A. A. Cardenas, S. Amin, and S. Sastry, "Secure control: Towards survivable cyber-physical systems," in 2008 *The 28th International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems Workshops*. IEEE, 2008, pp. 495–500.

Integrity Attacks

- Can be performed in both the cyber and physical realms
- Cyber realm: attacks on the controller, actuator signals, or sensor signals
- Physical realm: attacks on the actuators or sensors





Passive Detection



- Detect interference from an attacker using standard detection techniques
- Assuming that the dynamical model is known, leverage existing detection theory to detect attacks
- Utilize data from passive observation of sensor measurements



Limitations of Passive Detection¹



 Attacks can be designed so that the outputs received by a system operator are statistically consistent with expected output behavior

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + B(u_k + u_k^a) + w_k$$

$$y_k = Cx_k + d_k^a + v_k$$

Covert attack: $d_k^a = -Cx_k^a$, $x_{k+1}^a = Ax_k^a + Bu_k^a$, $x_0^a = 0$
Plant



¹ R. S. Smith, "Covert misappropriation of networked control systems: Presenting a feedback structure," IEEE Control Systems Magazine, vol. 35, no. 1, pp. 82–92, 2015.





 We consider a vehicle moving along the x axis.

$$\dot{x}_{k+1} = \dot{x}_k + w_{k,1},$$

 $x_{k+1} = x_k + \dot{x}_k + w_{k,2}$

 Two sensors are used to measure position and velocity respectively.

$$y_{k,1} = \dot{x}_k + v_{k,1},$$

 $y_{k,2} = x_k + v_{k,2}.$

• We assume that $Q = R = I_2$.



Position sensor is compromised: the system can be destabilized



Simulation Result: Compromising the Position Sensor



Velocity Sensor is compromised: Maximum



Active Detection



- Actively perturb the system, leveraging the system's available degrees of freedom to detect attacks
- Introduce a challenge response physical authentication into the system
 - The challenge is based on a secret unknown to the adversary
 - The secret is embedded in the physical dynamics using degrees of freedom in the control system/parameters



Poor responses provide proof of attacker's presence due to inconsistencies with modeling

Overview of Active Detection Mechanisms



Active Detection Mechanism for Attacks on the Sensor Measurements Active Detection Mechanism for Attacks on the Control Inputs and Sensor Measurements

Physical watermarking as an active detection scheme

Mo et al., Allerton 2009, IEEE TCST 2014, IEEE CSM 2015



Replay Attack Model



- The attacker can
 - Record and modify the sensors' readings y_k
 - Inject malicious control input
- Replay Attack
 - Record sufficient number of y_k without adding control inputs.
 - Inject malicious control input to the system and replay the previous \mathcal{Y}_k . We denote the replayed measurements to be \mathcal{Y}'_k .
- When replay begins, there is no information from the systems to the controller. As a result, the controller cannot guarantee any close-loop control performance. The only chance is to detect the replay.
Physical Watermarking



Goal: limit the adversary's disclosure resources



Physical Watermarking



- A cyber-physical "nonce" or small perturbation introduced in the control input
- Is effective in detecting replay attacks
- Introduces a tradeoff between detection and system performance



The System Model

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Suppose we have system dynamics as follows:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k \qquad x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ u_k \in \mathbb{R}^p, \ w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q)$$
$$y_k = Cx_k + v_k \qquad y_k \in \mathbb{R}^m, \ v_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)$$

A Linear Quadratic Gaussian controller is implemented.

Linear Quadratic
Regulator
$$J = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T+1} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k=-T}^{T} x_k^T W x_k + u_k^T U u_k \right]$$

$$u = u_k^* = L \hat{x}_{k|k} \qquad L = -\left(B^T S B + U \right)^{-1} B^T S A$$

Kalman Filter
$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k} = A\hat{x}_{k|k} + Bu_k$$
 $\hat{x}_{k|k} = \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + Kz_k$
 $z_k = y_k - C\hat{x}_{k|k-1}$ $K = PC^T (CPC^T + R)^{-1}$



Failure Detector

 A failure detector is used to detect abnormality in the system, which triggers an alarm based on the following condition:

 $g_k > threshold$

where $g_k = g(y_k, \hat{x}_k, ..., y_{k-T}, \hat{x}_{k-T}),$

and the function g is continuous.



Failure Detector

• For example, g_k for a chi-square detector takes the following form:

where
$$g_k = z_k^T \mathcal{P}^{-1} z_k$$
 $z_k = y_k - CA\hat{x}_{k-1},$

and \mathcal{P} is the covariance of z_k .

A X² detector may not detect the attack



• Suppose the attacker records from time –T and replay begins at time 0.



• Detection rate is equal to false alarm rate... no detection



Detection of Replay Attack

• Manipulating equations:

$$\begin{array}{c} y_k' - C\hat{x}_{k|k-1} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{innovation under replay} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} (y_{k-T} - C\hat{x}_{k-T|k-T-1}) \\ \uparrow \\ \text{innovation without replay} \\ + \begin{array}{c} C\mathcal{A}^k(\hat{x}_{0|-1} - \hat{x}_{-T|-T-1}) \\ \uparrow \end{array} , \end{array}$$

converges to 0 if $\|\mathcal{A}\| < 1$

• If \mathcal{A}^k converges to 0 very fast, then there is no way to distinguish the compromised system and healthy system.

Physical Watermarking



Control Input u_k^*



Sensor Measurements y_k^a

Binary Detector



Control Input u_k^* + Watermark Δu_k



Sensor Measurements y_k^a



Binary Detector





Counter Measure

• Innovation with random input:

$$y'_{k} - C\hat{x}_{k|k-1} = y_{k-T} - C\hat{x}_{k-T|k-T-1} + C\mathcal{A}^{k}(\hat{x}_{0|-1} - \hat{x}_{-T|-T-1}) + \left[C\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \mathcal{A}^{k-i-1}B(\Delta u_{i} - \Delta u_{-T+i})\right] \leftarrow \text{Can be detected!}.$$





Blue: Q = 0.6Brown: Q = 0.4Red: Q = 0.2Dark Blue: Q = 0

Detection Rate of Different Random Signal Strength



Effect of Authentication Signal

Expectation of residuals increases under attack, which triggers detector

where
$$E[g_k] = m\mathcal{T} + 2\mathcal{T}\mathrm{tr}\left(\mathbf{C}\mathcal{P}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathcal{U}\right)$$

Performance cost increases

$$\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{A}\mathcal{U}\mathcal{A}^T + \mathbf{B}\mathcal{Q}\mathbf{B}^T$$

$$J = J^* + \operatorname{tr}\left[\left(\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B}\right) \mathcal{Q}\right]$$



Optimization Goals

- Constrain performance loss to be below certain ΔJ value and maximize Δg_k

OR

• Constrain increase in expectation of to be above certain value g_k , while minimizing loss of performance ΔJ

 1 Under attack, the residuals follow a generalized distribution, and an analytical form for detection rate does not exist. We thus maximize the increase Δg_k hoping for maximum detection rate χ^2



Optimize for Q

 $\begin{array}{ll} \max \underset{Q}{\operatorname{maximize}} & trace(C^{T}P^{-1}CU) \\ \text{subject to} & U - BQB^{T} = AUA^{T} \\ & trace[(U + B^{T}SB)Q] \leq \Delta J \end{array}$

OR

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Some Remarks

- Solving either optimization problem guarantees same performance.
- An intuitive way to see this, is that Q measures sensitivity of system to different forms of authentication signal
- Form of Q* should be a property of the system.

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Decoupling

- Linear programming enables us to decouple the control problem into two steps:
 - First find the direction of Q* = vv'
 - Then decide upon the norm of Q^*
- Equivalent to deciding the vector direction of the signal, then the vector magnitude



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Direction of Q^*



 Comparison of the two detectors over time. The importance of optimization can be seen by performance improvement (note the change of scale by a factor of 10)



Norm of Q^*



 ROC Curve for detector, with Q increasing linearly from 0.2 to 1 times the maximum value

Non I.I.D. case





Probability of False Alarm



Improvement over IID is actually sizeable at low false alarm rates



Internal Combustion (IC) Engine





- 1. Throttle body block
- 2. Intake manifold block
- 3. Injection block
- 4. wall-wetting block
- 5. Gas exchange block
- 6. Combustion and torque generation
- 7. Engine inertia block
- 8. Gas transport block

Cruise control problem

Guzzella, L., & Onder, C. (2009). Introduction to modeling and control of internal combustion engine systems. Springer Science & Business Media.



Nonlinear Model



$$\frac{dp_m(t)}{dt} = \frac{R\theta_m}{V_d} \left(A_\alpha(t) \frac{p_a}{\sqrt{2R\theta_a}} - \left(\frac{p_m(t)}{R\theta_m} (\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \omega_e(t) + \gamma_2 \omega_e^2(t)) \right) \right) \\ \left(\frac{V_c + V_d}{V_d} - \frac{V_c}{V_d} \left(\frac{p_{out}}{p_m} \right)^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} \right) \frac{V_d \omega_e(t)}{4\pi} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 1} \right) \right) \\ \frac{d\omega_e(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{\theta_e} \left[\left((\eta_0 + \eta_1 \omega_e(t)) \frac{H_f \cdot p_m(t)}{R\theta_m} (\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \omega_e(t) + \gamma_2 \omega_e^2(t)) \right) \\ \left(\frac{V_c + V_d}{V_d} - \frac{V_c}{V_d} \left(\frac{p_{out}}{p_m} \right)^{\frac{1}{\kappa}} \right) \cdot \frac{V_d}{\alpha + 1} \\ - (\beta_0 + \beta_2 \omega_e^2(t) + (p_{out} - p_m(t))) \frac{V_d}{4\pi} - T_l(t) \right]$$

- $R = 287 \ [J/kgK]$: Gas constant air
- $T_a = 298 \ [K]$: Ambient Temperature
- $P_a = 10^5 \ [Pa]$: Ambient Pressure
- $V_m = 5.8 \times 10^{-3} \ [m^3]$: Volume Intake manifold
- $T_m = 340 \ [K]$: Temperature air in manifold
- $\gamma_0 = 0.45$: Coefficient
- $\gamma_1 = 3.42 \times 10^{-3} [s]$: Coefficient
- $\gamma_2 = -7.7 \times 10^{-6} [s^2]$: Coefficient
- $V_c = 0.277 \times 10^{-3} \ [m^3]$: Compression volume
- $V_d = 2.77 \times 10^{-3} \ [m^3]$: Displacement
- $\kappa = 1.35$: is entropic exponent air
- $P_e = 1e5 \ [Pa]$ Back pressure exhaust mixture
- $\eta_0 = 0.16 \ [kJ/kg]$ and $\eta_1 = 2.21 \times 10^{-3} \ [J/kg]$: Williams parameters
- $\beta_0 = 15.6 \ [Nm]$ and $\beta_2 = 0.175 \times 10^{-3} \ [Nms^2]$
- $\theta_e = 0.2 \ [kg/m^2]$: Engine inertia
- $\alpha = 14.70$
- $H_l = 45.8 \times 10^6$: Heating value



Linearized Model

Equilibrium Point

$$x_{eq} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{m_{eq}} & \omega_{e_{eq}} \end{bmatrix}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 6303 & 440 \end{bmatrix}^{T} \xrightarrow{} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu + w$$
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -91257.9 & -23.0\\ 628.9 & -2.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4.139 \times 10^{9}\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Discretization Ts=0.01s

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_{k+1} &=& A_d x_k + B_d u_k + w_k \\ y_k &=& C x_k + v_k \end{array}$$

LQG Control

$$J = \lim_{N \to \infty} \mathbb{E} \frac{1}{N} \bigg[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (x_k^\top W x_k + u_k^\top U u_k) \bigg], \qquad u_k = L \hat{x}_{k|k}$$

Kalman Filter

$$\hat{x}_{k|k} = \hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K\left(y_k - C\hat{x}_{k|k-1}\right)$$

Simulations

Simulating the IC engine as linear system (blue), Simulating the IC considering the nonlinear dynamics (green)





Simulations







Regular vs. Secure controller



Time for detection = 25 ms

The attack



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The counterattack

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Secure Control Against Replay Attacks

Yilin Mo, Bruno Sinopoli **

This paper analyzes the effect of replay attacks on a control system. We assume an attacker wishes to disrupt the operation of a control system in steady state. In order to inject an exogenous control input without being detected the attacker will hijack the sensors, observe and record their readings for a certain amount of time and repeat them afterwards while carrying out his attack. This is a very common and natural attack (we have seen numerous times intruders recording and replaying security videos while performing their attack ...

Watermarking Challenges



- Can we extend watermarking approach to other attack models where the system model is known.
- Challenge 1
 - The inputs (not just the watermark), must be kept secret.
 - \circ Attacker could observe u_k and simulate output to system

• Challenge 2

• The attacker can subtract his influence on the system

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + B(u_k^* + \Delta u_k + u_k^a) + w_k$$

$$y_k = Cx_k + v_k$$

$$x_{k+1}^a = Ax_k^a + Bu_k^a$$

$$y_k^a = Cx_k^a$$

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k^a + Bu_k^a$$

$$y_k = Cx_k + v_k$$

System ID Attack



- Idea: Use the system model as our secret.
- Attacker Capabilities
 - Attacker can read all sensor and actuator channels.
 - Attacker can violate the integrity of all sensor and actuator channels.
- Attack Strategy
 - 1) Use knowledge of inputs and outputs to identify the system model.
 - 2) Violate the integrity of sensors with "convincing" measurements.
 - 3) Insert harmful inputs into system.

Moving Target Defense



Goal: limit the adversary's system knowledge



Moving Target Approach



(Weerakkody and Sinopoli, 2015)

Goal: Design system to prevent identification

Challenge: Many existing methods for identifying systems

- Prediction Error Method
- Instrumental Variable Methods
- Subspace Based Approaches

Attacker does not need an exact working model of system

Approach: The Moving Target

Design system to be time varying so that the model changes before the attacker can perform adequate identification



Hybrid Moving Target Defense

- A cyber-physical "message authentication code" or perturbation introduced in the system dynamics
- Is effective in detecting more powerful covert attacks
- Introduces a tradeoff between detection and system performance



Extended Moving Target Defense



- Motivation: watermarking is ineffective against model-aware attackers
- Goal: design the system in a way that prevents system identification
- Approach: add an auxiliary system with time-varying dynamics to authenticate the original system



Nonlinear Moving Target Defense



- Motivation: the sensor measurements of the extended moving target still reveal some information about the system dynamics
- Goal: limit this information available to an attacker
- Approach: introduce nonlinearities into the auxiliary sensor measurements x_2^{\uparrow} Nonlinear term



 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{k}^{D} &\triangleq \{A, B, C, \tilde{A}, \bar{A}_{0:k}, \tilde{B}_{0:k}, \tilde{C}, \bar{C}_{0:k}, G_{0:k}, \text{nonlinear function } h, u_{0:k}, \bar{y}_{0:k}^{a}, f(\bar{w}_{k}, \bar{v}_{k}) \} \\ \mathcal{I}_{k}^{A} &\triangleq \{A, B, C, \tilde{A}, \tilde{C}, f(\bar{A}, \tilde{B}, \bar{C}), f(G), \text{nonlinear function } h, u_{0:k}, u_{0:k}^{a}, \bar{y}_{0:k}, \bar{d}_{0:k}^{a}, f(\bar{w}_{k}, \bar{v}_{k}) \} \end{aligned}$
Overview of Resilience Strategies



Response Mechanisms for Control Software Attacks

Response Mechanisms for Communication Attacks Response Mechanisms for Physical and Communication Attacks

- Each scenario includes components that can:
 - Constantly be trusted for all time
 - Occasionally be trusted for certain periods of time
- Goal: leverage the periods of time when the occasionally trusted components are secure to recover the system from attacks



Software Rejuvenation Goal: periodically limit the adversary's disruption resources System Knowledge



CPS Software Rejuvenation





Software Rejuvenation: Environmental Constraints



Root of trust: secure onboard hardware module



Complementary Software Rejuvenation

Local

Actuators

Remote

Actuators

Plant

Constantly Trusted

Network Connection

Root of trust: secure onboard hardware module

- The system is normally disconnected from the network to prevent attacks from occurring
- Remote information is necessary for reference tracking or recovering from dangerous disturbances



Constantly Trusted

Components



Local

Sensors

Remote

Sensors

 \mathcal{E}_{SC}



Dynamic

Connectio

Dynamic

Connectio

Network

Untrusted

Close Network Connection,

Network

Decentralized Software Rejuvenation



Open Network

Connection,

Trusted

Trusted

Minimum Time Needed

to Compromise System

Decentralized Event-Triggered Control

- Decentralized control systems require communication between agents to ensure overall safety and stability
- Communication results in
 - Connecting to the network and becoming vulnerable to malicious attacks
 - Increasing communication costs
- Intermittent network connections are therefore desirable



Goal: design a decentralized event-triggered network connection and communication protocol which ensures the stability of the overall system in attack-free scenarios

Resilient Overlay Networks



Goal: periodically limit the adversary's disclosure and disruption resources



Resilient Overlay Networks



- Is a prevention mechanism against man-in-the-middle and denial of service attacks
- Ensures safety when up to a certain percentage of pathways are compromised



The issue with these sets of results





The issue with these sets of results





The issue with these sets of results





Complex perception problems Lack of adequate first principle modeling



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ML/AI-based perception/modeling

Grey Box (?): add understanding





The role of AI

- AI-ML is a tool and needs to be used as such
- Pros:
 - Modeling
 - Design

Challenges

- Analysis
- Data need
- Bias
- Privacy
- Security

• Interesting directions

- Use data to further understanding of phenomena, modeling
- Adaptivity
- Analysis methods/certification
- Accountability
- Tradeoff between data complexity and performance
- Human in the loop



Efforts at WashU

Washington University in St. Louis

Center for Trustworthy AI in CPS



Mission: The Center conducts research to advance trustworthy Al-driven CPS engineering. The Center will develop methods, tools, procedures, solutions, hardware, software, and integrated systems that result in Al-driven CPS that are secure, safe, reliable, and resilient.

Vision: The Center is known as a leading academic institution of global consequence in trustworthy Al-driven cyber-physical systems.

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Multi university effort on Trustworthy AI in CPS















Reflecting on 15 years of CPS



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Extra Slides



Secure Design of Distributed Control Systems

Design a sensing/communication

topology to guarantee detection of misbehaving agents

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Example: Formation Control



- 9 vehicles want to keep the same speed and can only communicate with up to 4 vehicles ahead or behind them.
- An adversary attacks may up to 3 unknown vehicles or sensors.
- Design Problem 1: Which nodes should be observed by centralized detector?
- Design Problem 2: How can we remain robust to attacks on the system while minimizing communications.





Attack characterization (Mo et al.)

- Perfect Attack: The attacker could destabilize the system, without changing the residue. A system is perfectly attackable if there exists a feasible perfect attack.
- Nearly Perfect Attack: The attack could destabilize the system, with bounded change of the residue.

Perfect Attack: Topological Characterization

- Definition: A vertex separator between nonadjacent nodes a and b is a set of vertices whose removal, deletes all paths from a to b
- Theorem 1: Consider a graph G generated from agent X, sensor Y, and detector d interactions. Given p compromised agents, the system is generically perfectly attackable for some feasible attack configuration if and only if for some agent node x, the size of the minimum vertex separator from x to d is less than p.



Perfect Attack: Network Optimization

- *Theorem 2*: Given *p* compromised nodes, *m* observed nodes, and *n* agents, the minimum number of communications needed for a system not to be perfectly attackable is *np-m*.
- Remark: A feasible configuration for an unconstrained system exists if and only if m ≥ p.
 The above theorem assumes there are no constraints on communication.



Perfect Attack: Graphical Realization

 Corollary 3: Suppose there exist no cycles in graph G among unobserved nodes. Then the following conditions are necessary and sufficient for optimality.

The out-degree (ignoring self loops) of each node is p.

Feasible Configuration



- An adversary may attack up to 3 unknown vehicles or sensors, *p* = 3.
- Suppose the centralized detector observes 3 vehicles as shown, *m* = 3. The total number of vehicles *n* = 9.
- Each of the first 6 vehicles communicates with the 3 ۲ vehicles ahead of it. The last 3 vehicles are observed and communicate with 2 other vehicles. There are 24 edges which is precisely *np-m*, the lower

bound to avoid perfect attacks.

Centralized Detector





Perfect Attack: Joint Sensor and Network Optimization

Theorem 4: Suppose in an unconstrained network we wish to minimize the number of sensors and communication

 $\min_{G} C_1(\text{number of links}) + C_2 m$

- If sensing is more expensive than communicating, take m=p. (This is what we did before.)
- If communicating is more expensive, observe all nodes.

Case: Communicating more Costly



- Suppose the centralized detector observes all the vehicles as shown, m = 9.
- Each of the 9 vehicles communicates with 2 other vehicles, thus we have 6 less communication links than before.







Perfect Attack: Network Optimization with Constraints

- Theorem 5: Given p compromised nodes, m fixed observed nodes, and n agents, and a set of agents which are allowed to communicate, the minimum number of communications is np-m.
- *Remark:* Even with constraints on the system we can obtain a minimal network as long as ensuring the system is not perfectly attackable is feasible

Obtaining a minimal network



1) Consider node x with out-degree p' greater than p.

2) Remove edges to *p'-p* neighbors which are not necessary to ensure system is not perfectly attackable. Equivalent to solving a maximum flow problem. Go back to step 1) and repeat




Perfect Attack: Joint Sensor and Network Optimization

Theorem 6: Suppose in a constrained network we wish to minimize the number of sensors and communication

$$\min_{G \subseteq G^*} C_1(\text{number of links}) + C_2 m$$

- If sensing is more expensive than communicating, take m=p*, the minimum number of observers needed to ensure system is not perfectly attackable
- If communicating is more expensive, observe all nodes.