

GIAN short course

# Cyber-Physical Security for the Smart Grid

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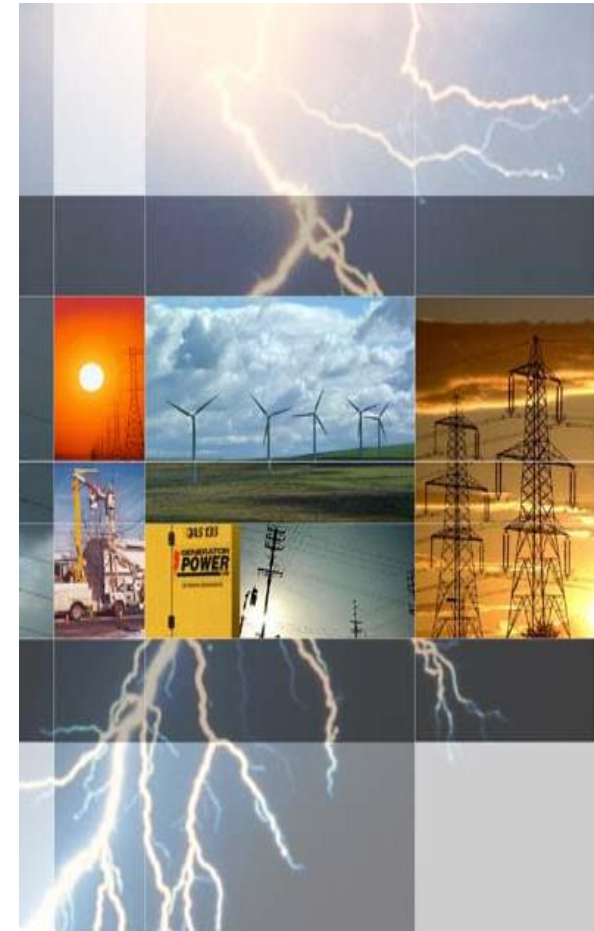
- Module 9 : Review of materials, revisit case studies, assessments

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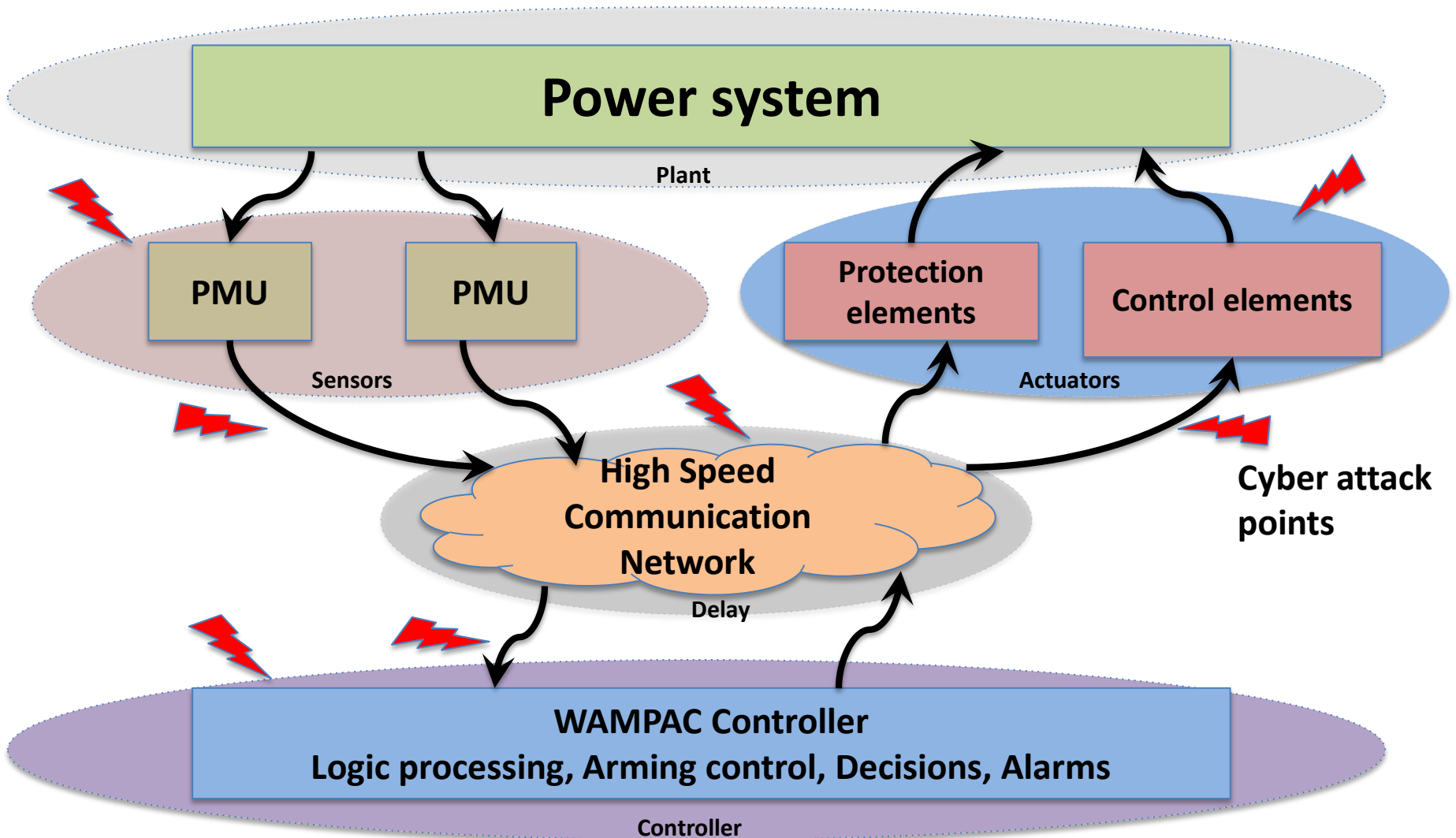
- Module 10: Research directions, education and training

# Module 3: Cyber Security of Wide-Area Monitoring, Protection and Control (WAMPAC)

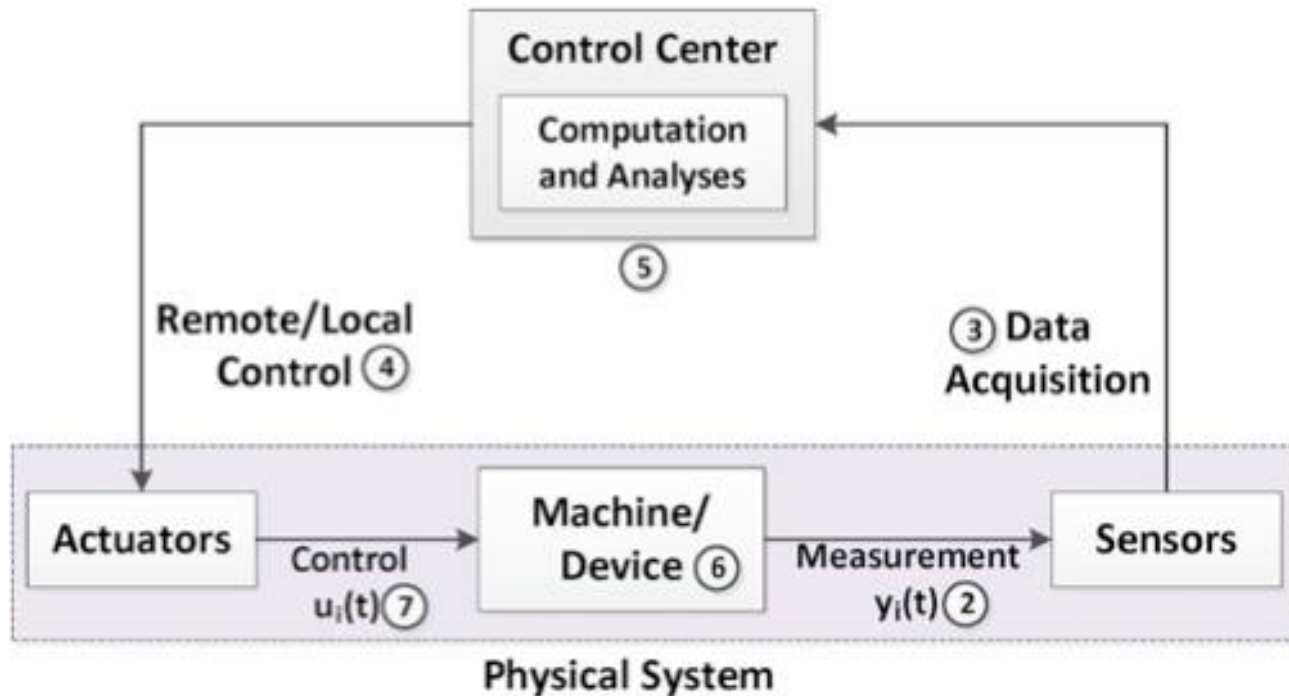
- Wide-Area Control  
Case study: Automatic Generation Control
- Wide-Area Protection  
Case study: Remedial Action Scheme
- Wide-Area Monitoring  
Case study: State Estimation



# WAMPAC high-level architecture

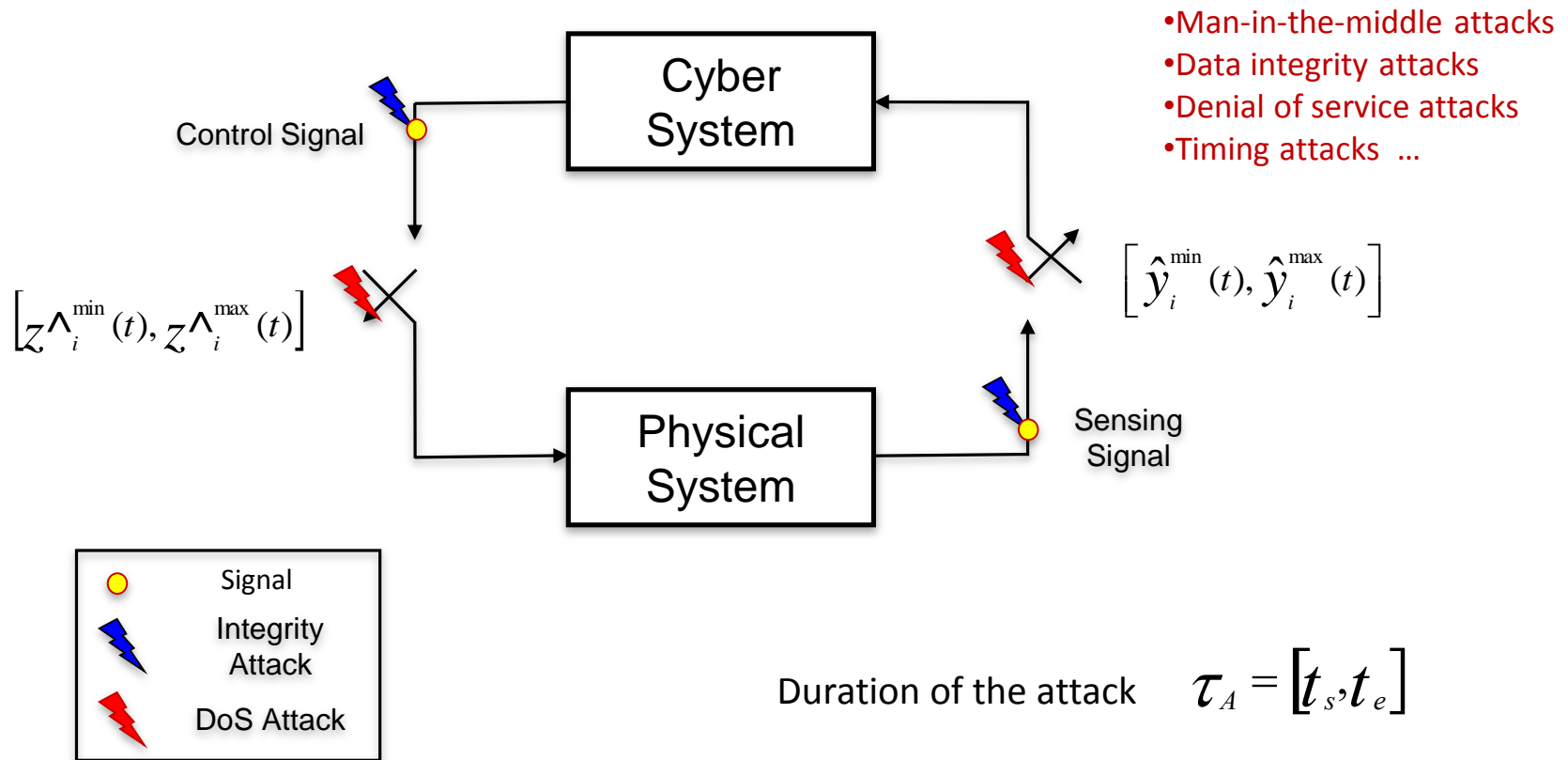


# Typical Power System Control loop



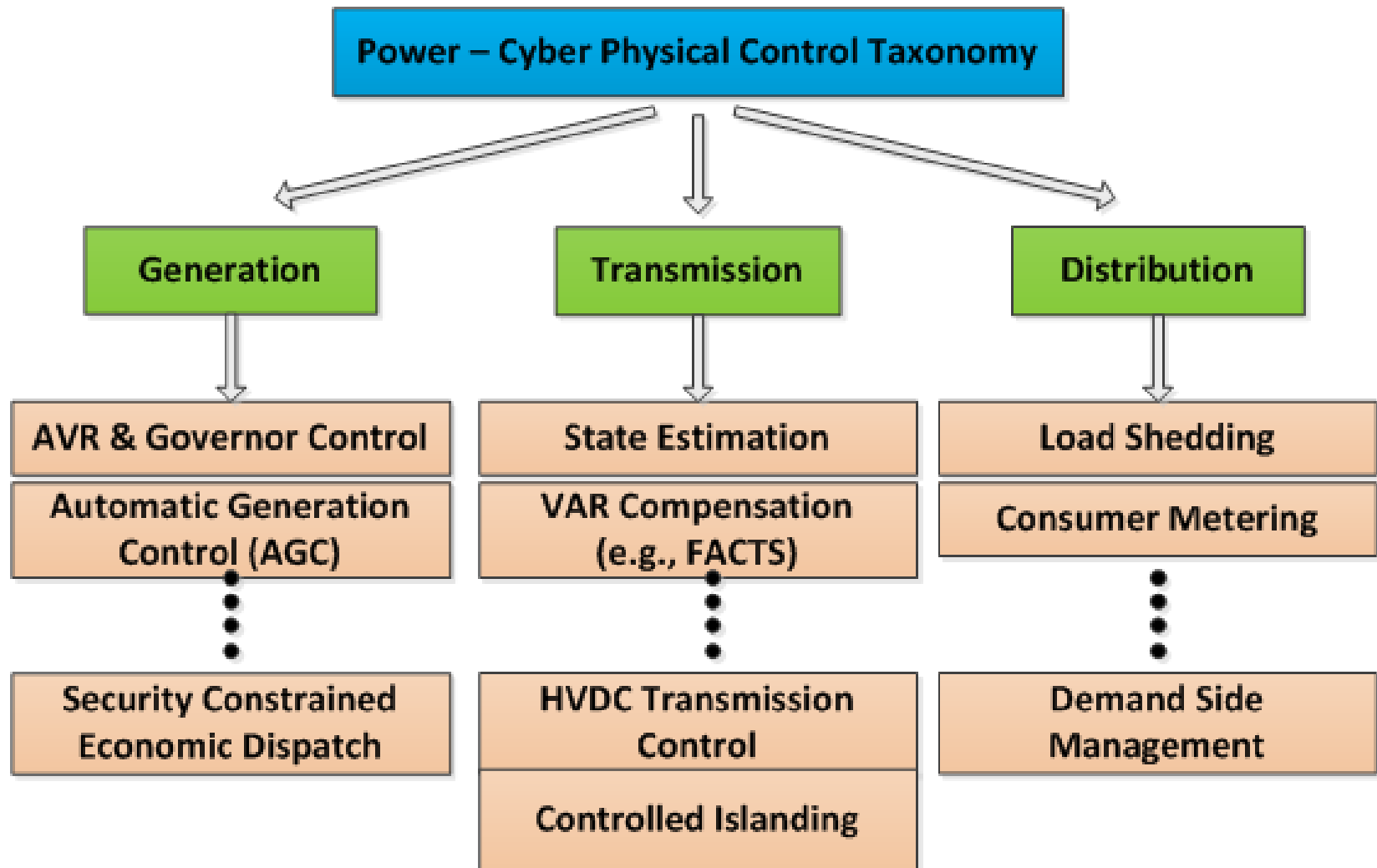
S. Sridhar, A.Hahn and G. Manimaran – “Cyber–Physical System Security for the Electric Power Grid” – Proceedings of the IEEE, Jan 2012

# Cyber-Physical Control – Attacks view



Y. Huang, A. A. Cardenas, S. Sastry, “*Understanding the Physical and Economic Consequences of Attacks on Control Systems*”, Elsevier, International Journal of Critical Infrastructure Protection 2009.

# Cyber-Physical Control Taxonomy



# State Estimation in EMS

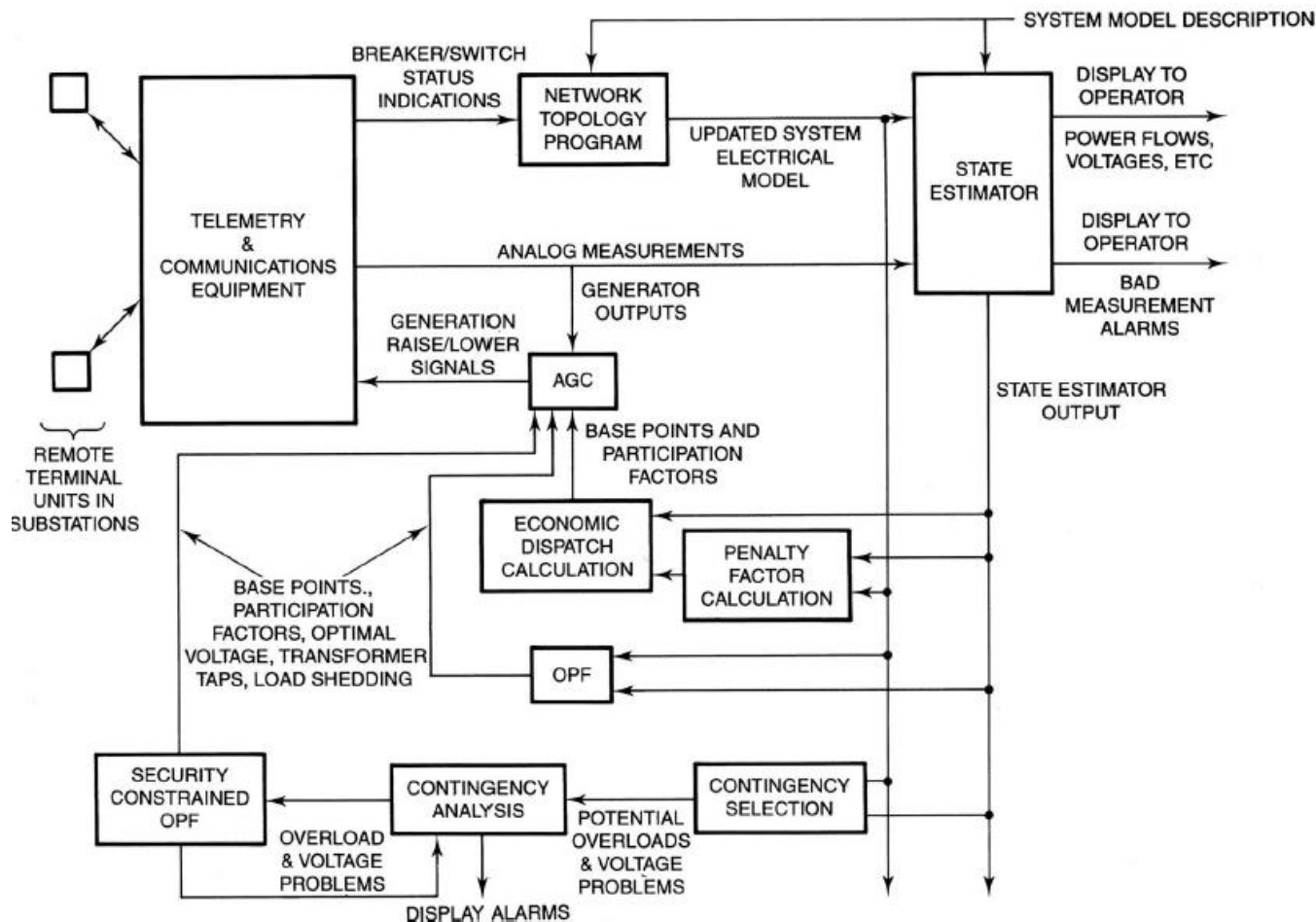


FIGURE 9.20 Energy control center system security schematic.



# **Module 3: Attack-resilient Wide-Area Monitoring, Protection and Control**

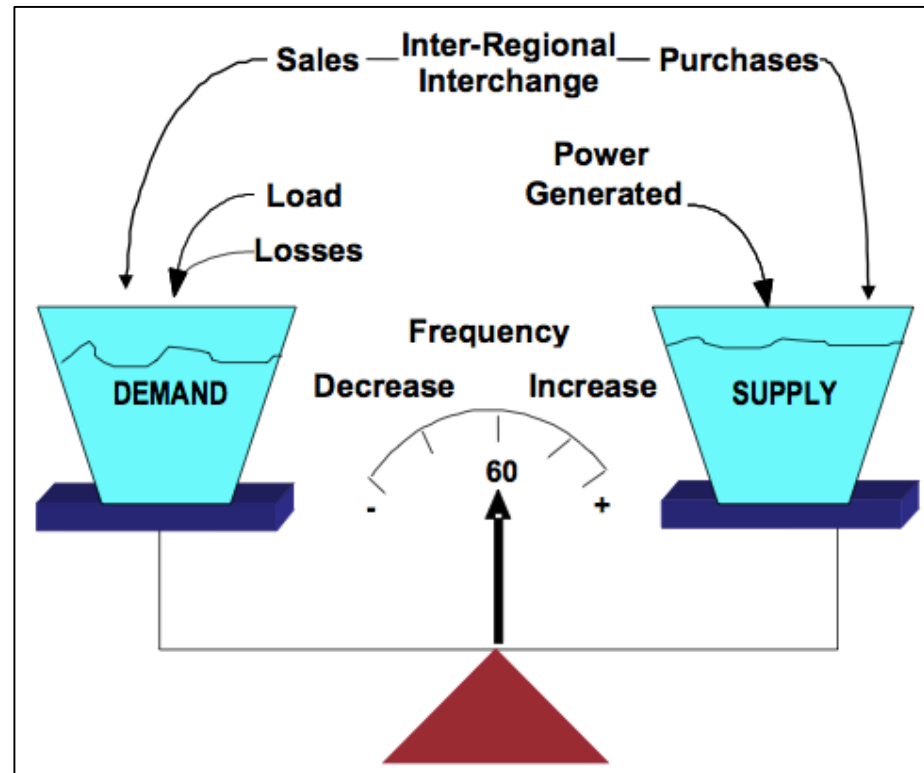
**Case study: Automatic Generation Control (AGC)**

# Automatic Generation Control (AGC)

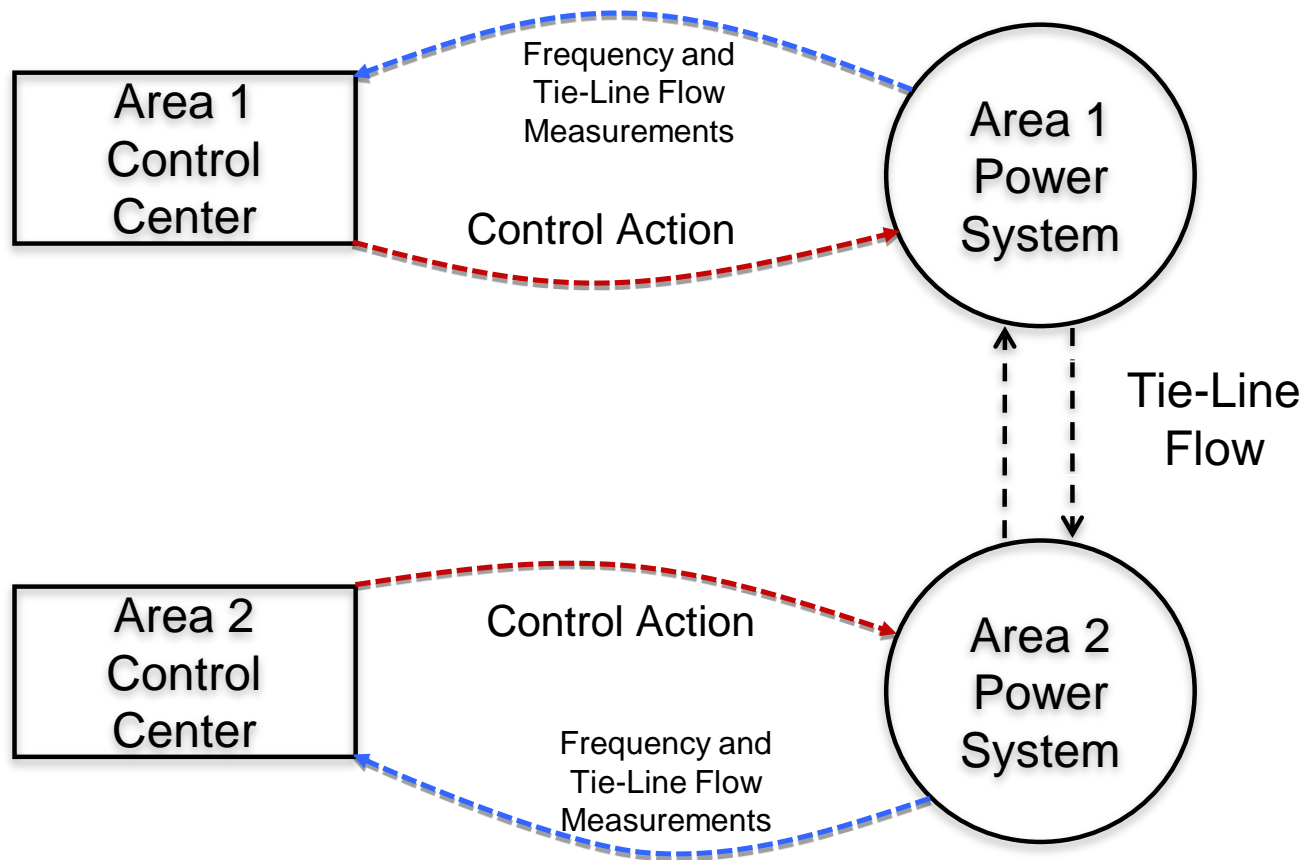
## AGC Features

- Maintains frequency at 60 Hz
- **Supply = Demand**
- Maintain power exchange at scheduled value
- Ensures economic generation

[Figure from NERC Balancing and Frequency Control  
[www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com) ]

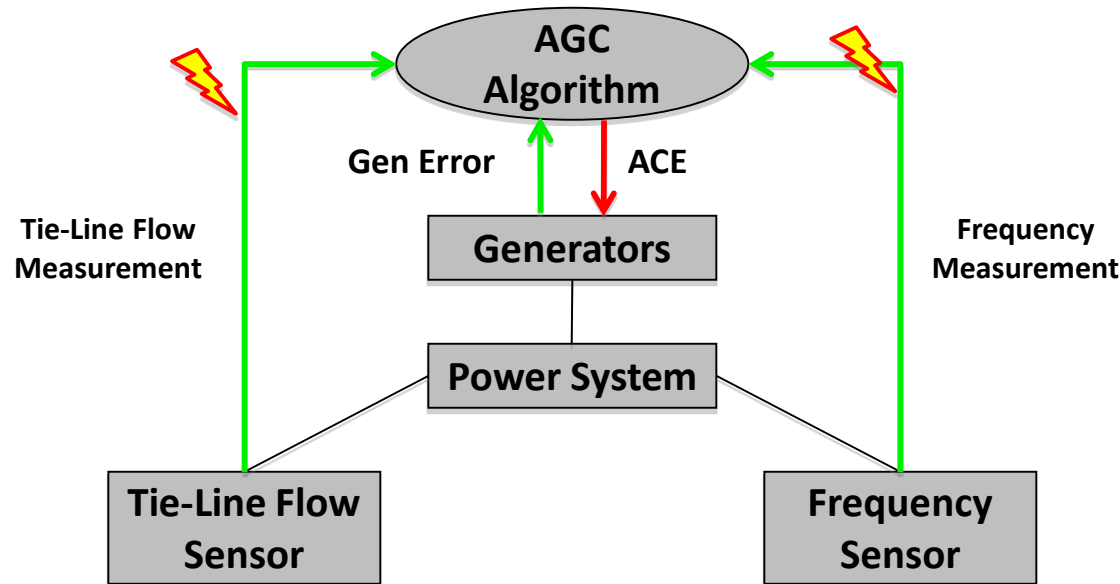


# Automatic Generation Control (AGC)



# Automatic Generation Control

## *Frequency Control*



### AGC Operation

$$ACE = \Delta P_{\text{net}} + \beta \Delta f$$

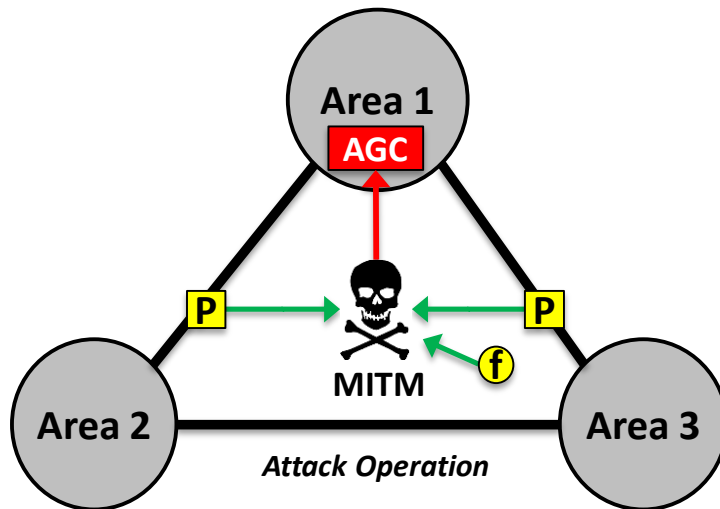
**Attack:** Modify tie-line flow and frequency measurements

**Impact:** Abnormal operating frequency conditions

Siddharth Sridhar and G. Manimaran – “Data Integrity Attacks and Impacts on SCADA Control System” – IEEE PES General Meeting, 2010

# AGC – Example attack vectors

- **Attack Models**



## AGC Operation

$$ACE = \Delta P_{net} + \beta \Delta f$$

- ❖ *Scaling attacks* – Attacks that inject instantaneous change

$$P_{tie\_scaling}(t) = (1 + \lambda_{scaling}) * P_{sch}$$

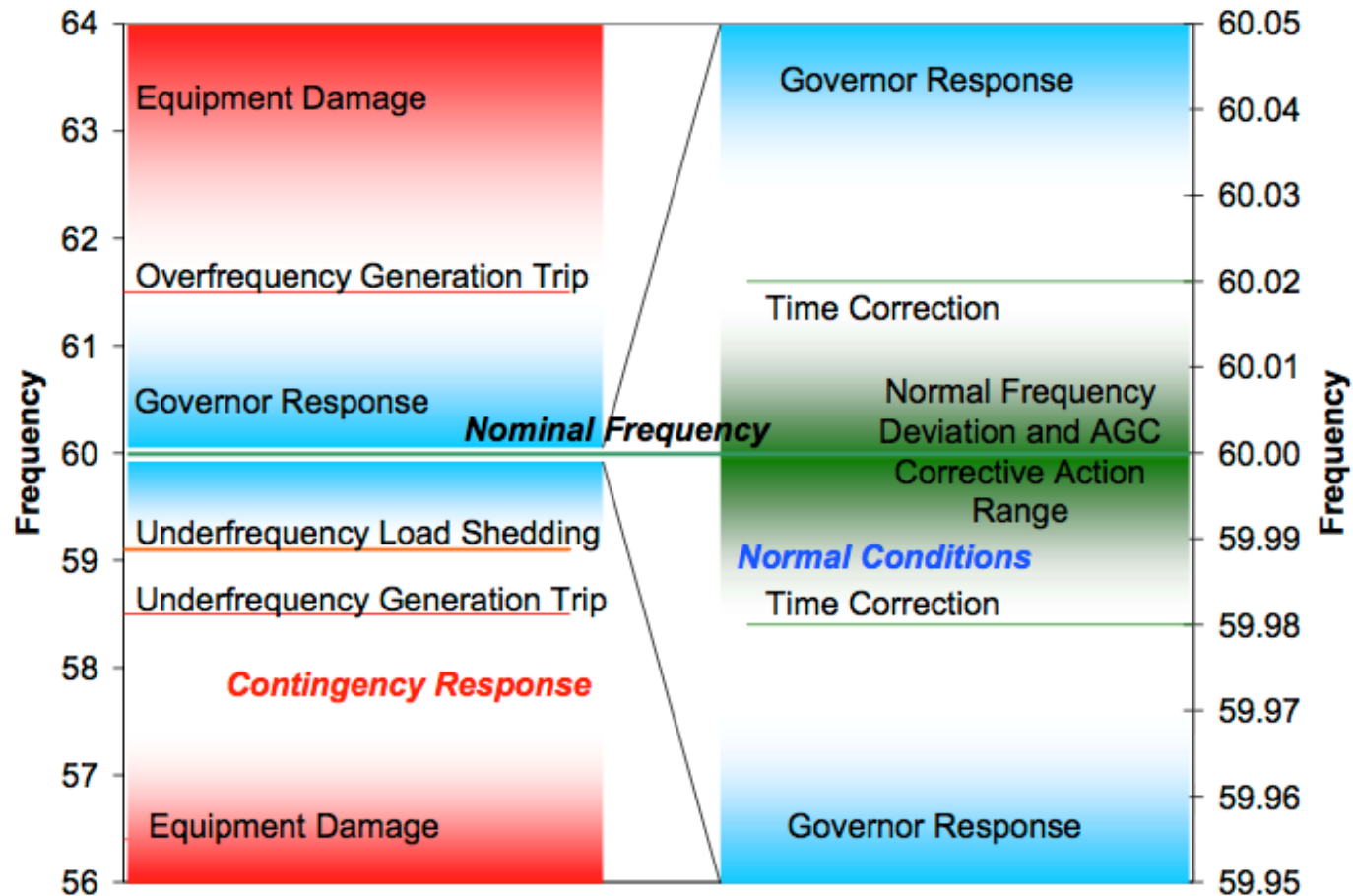
- ❖ *Ramp attacks* – Attacks that inject small changes over time

$$P_{tie\_ramp}(t) = P_{sch} + \lambda_{ramp} * t$$

- ❖ *Attack frequency: Value computed by the attacker*

$$f_{attack} = f_{act} - \frac{\Delta P_{tie\_attack}}{\sum (1/R + D)}$$

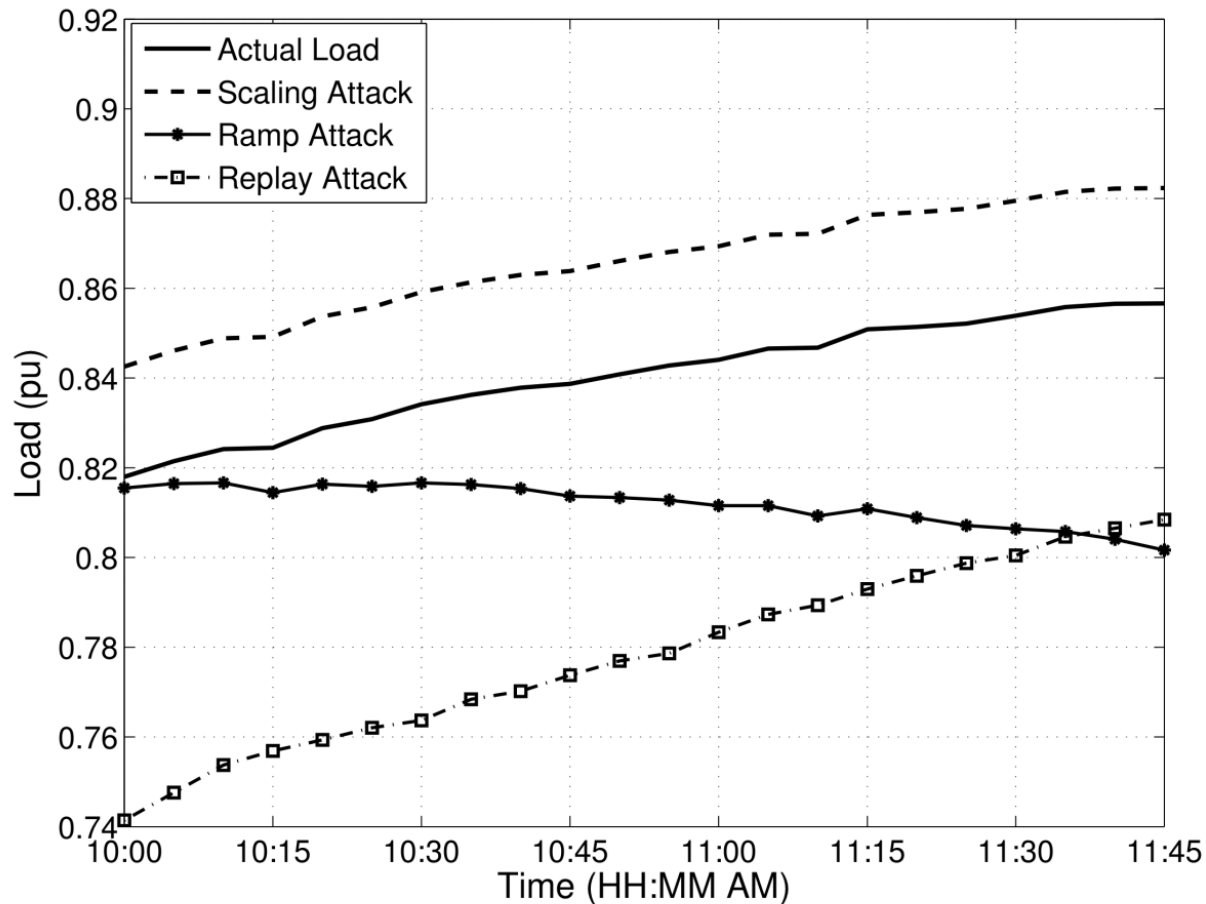
# Impacts from Poor Frequency



Source: NERC ([www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com)) Figure from "Frequency Control Concerns in The North American Electric Power System"

# AGC – attack impacts (sample result)

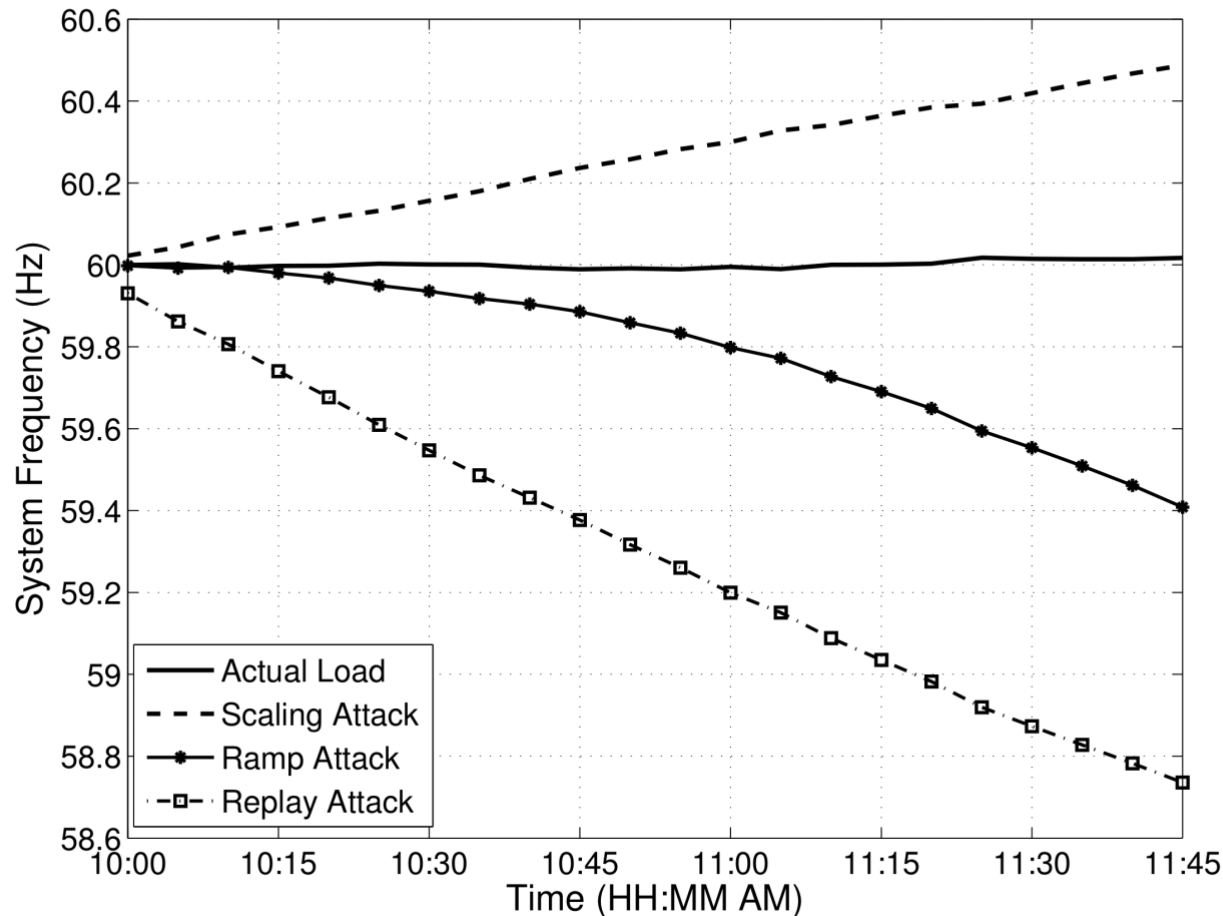
## *Attack Impact – Perceived Load at the Control Center*



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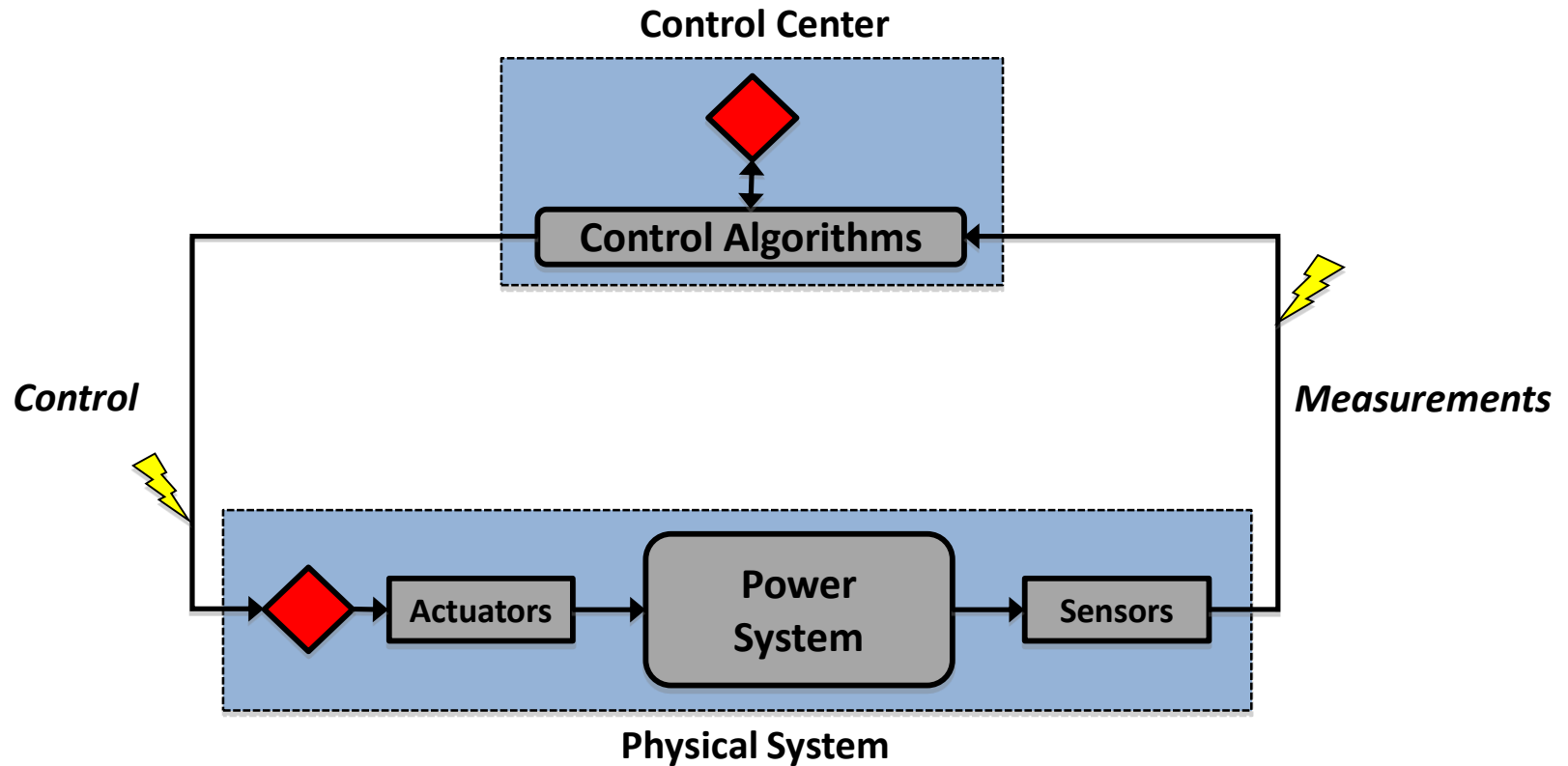
# AGC – attack impacts (sample result)


*Attack Impact – Resulting System Frequency*



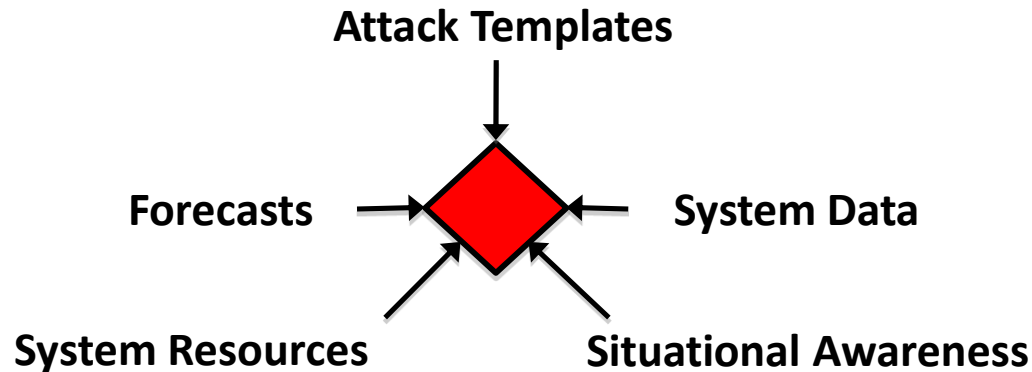


# Attack Resilient Control (ARC)



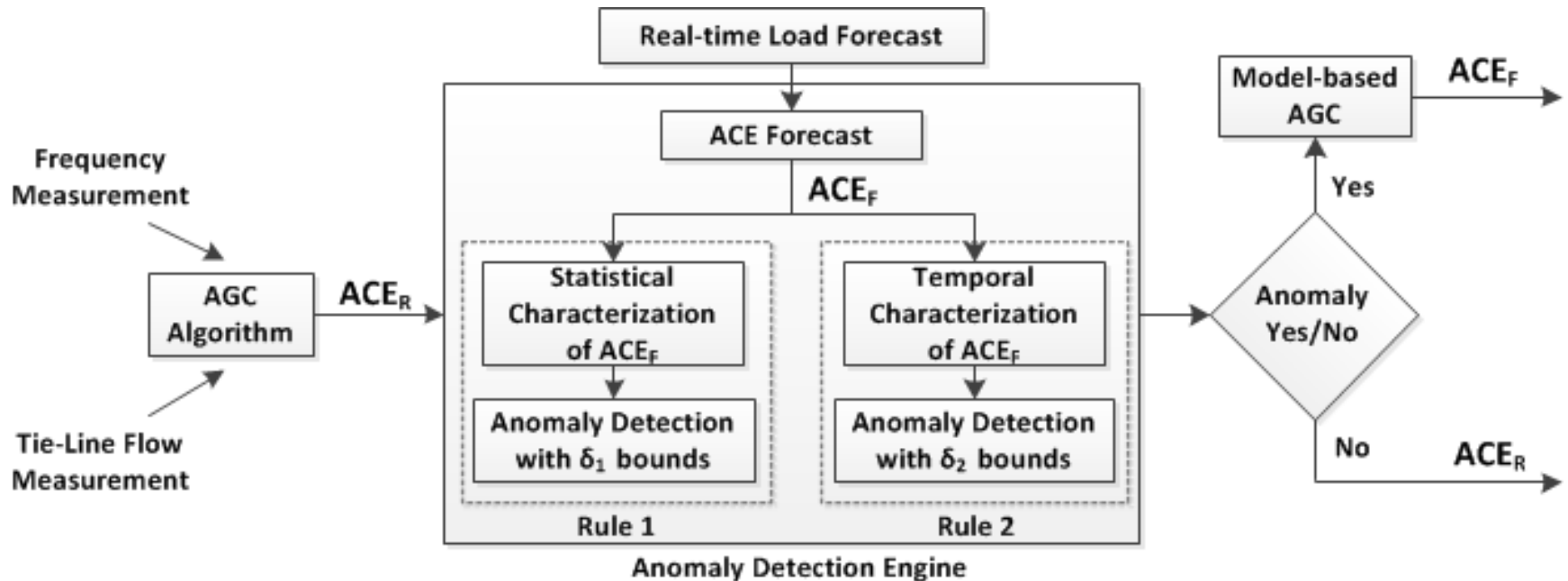
 → Intelligent Attack Detection and Mitigation Module

# ARC – Intelligence Sources



- **Forecasts** – Load and wind forecasts
- **Situational Awareness** – System topology, geographic location, market operation
- **Attack Templates** – Attack vectors, signatures, potential impacts
- **System Data** – Machine data, control systems
- **System Resources** – Generation reserves, VAR reserves, available transmission capacity

# Model-based Attack Detection and Mitigation for AGC



## Key

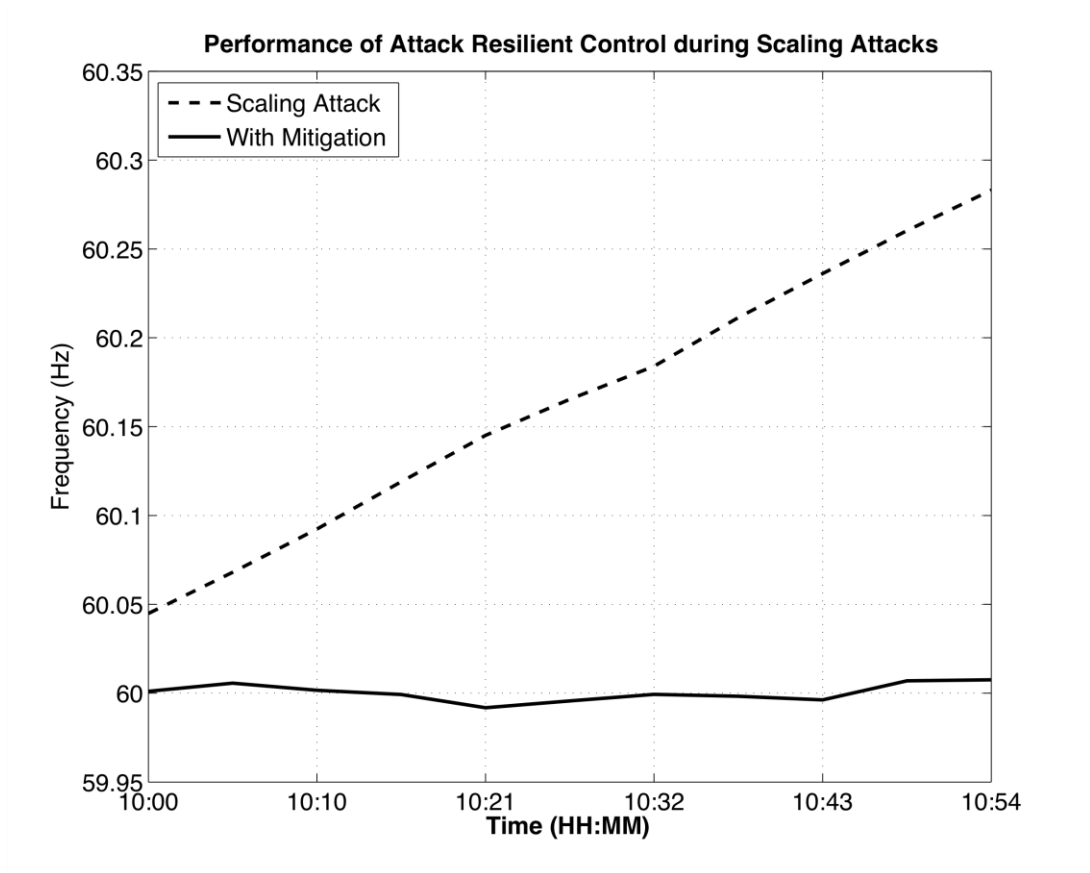
$ACE_R$  – ACE obtained from real-time measurements

$ACE_F$  – ACE obtained from forecast

S. Sridhar and M. Govindarasu, "Model-based attack detection and mitigation for automatic generation control", IEEE Trans. on Smart Grid, vol. 5, no. 2, March 2014.

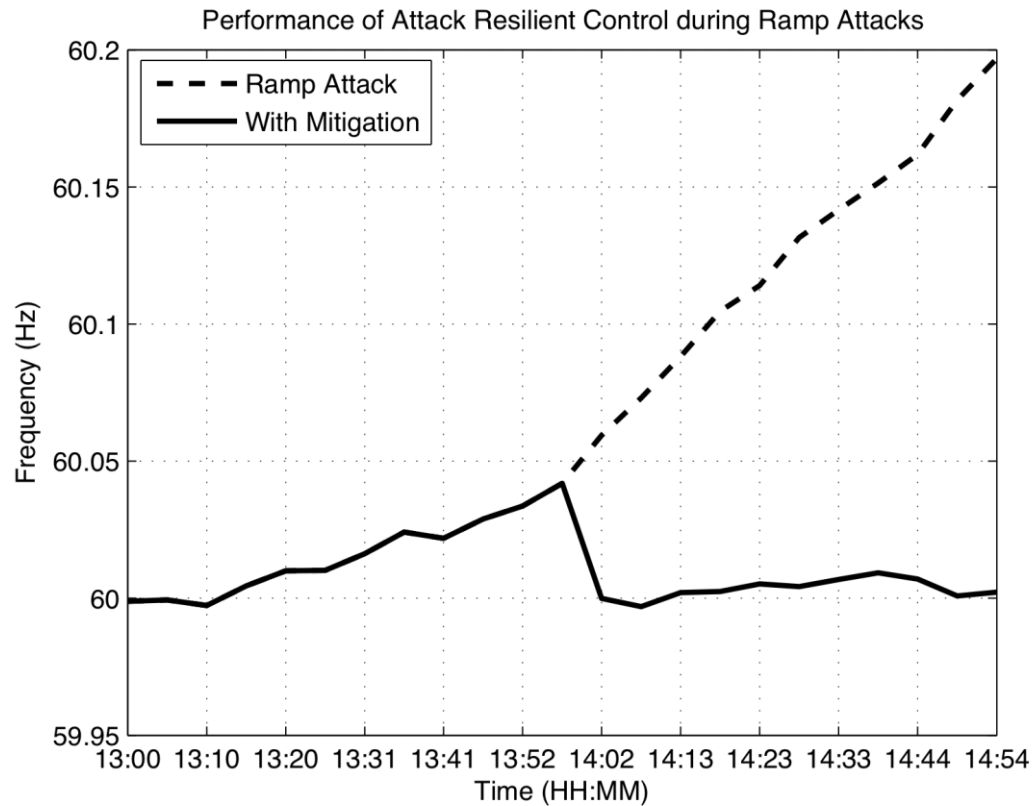
# Attack Resilient Control for AGC

## *Result 1 – ARC during Scaling Attacks*



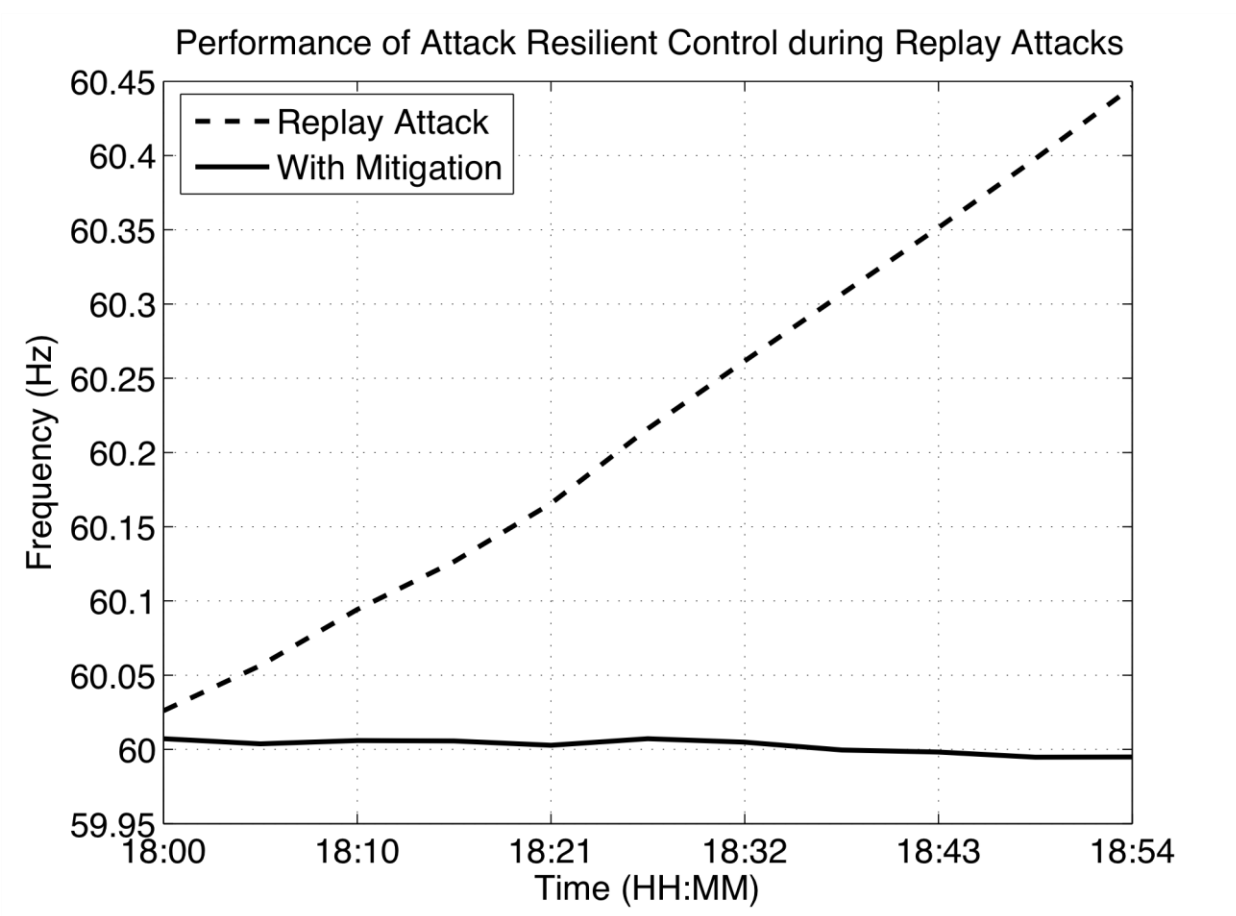
# Attack Resilient Control for AGC

## *Result 2 – ARC during Ramp Attacks*

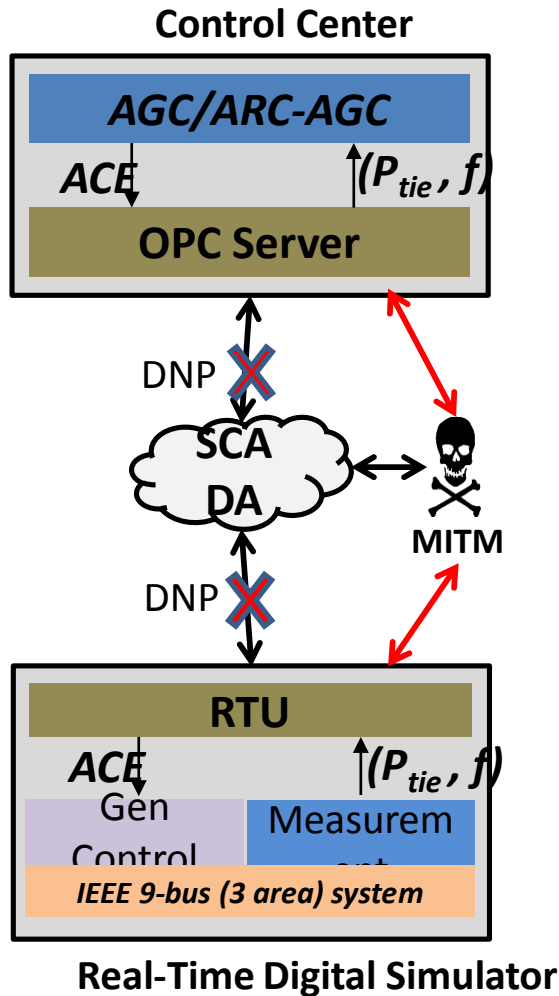


# Attack Resilient Control for AGC

## *Result 3 – ARC during Replay Attacks*



# Testbed-based Attack-Defense Evaluation for AGC



## Control Center

- OPC server to exchange measurements/control
- AGC and ARC-AGC implemented using custom Python code.

## SCADA/WAMS

- Measurements/control exchanged using DNP3 protocol

## Real-Time Digital Simulator

- IEEE-9 bus system with 3 control areas modeled in RTDS
- RTDS interfaced with Siemens RTU to send/receive measurements/control

## Attack Execution Details

- Man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack performed using ARP spoofing
- Attacker intercepts message exchange between control system and power system
- Injects malicious frequency and tie-line flow measurements to AGC

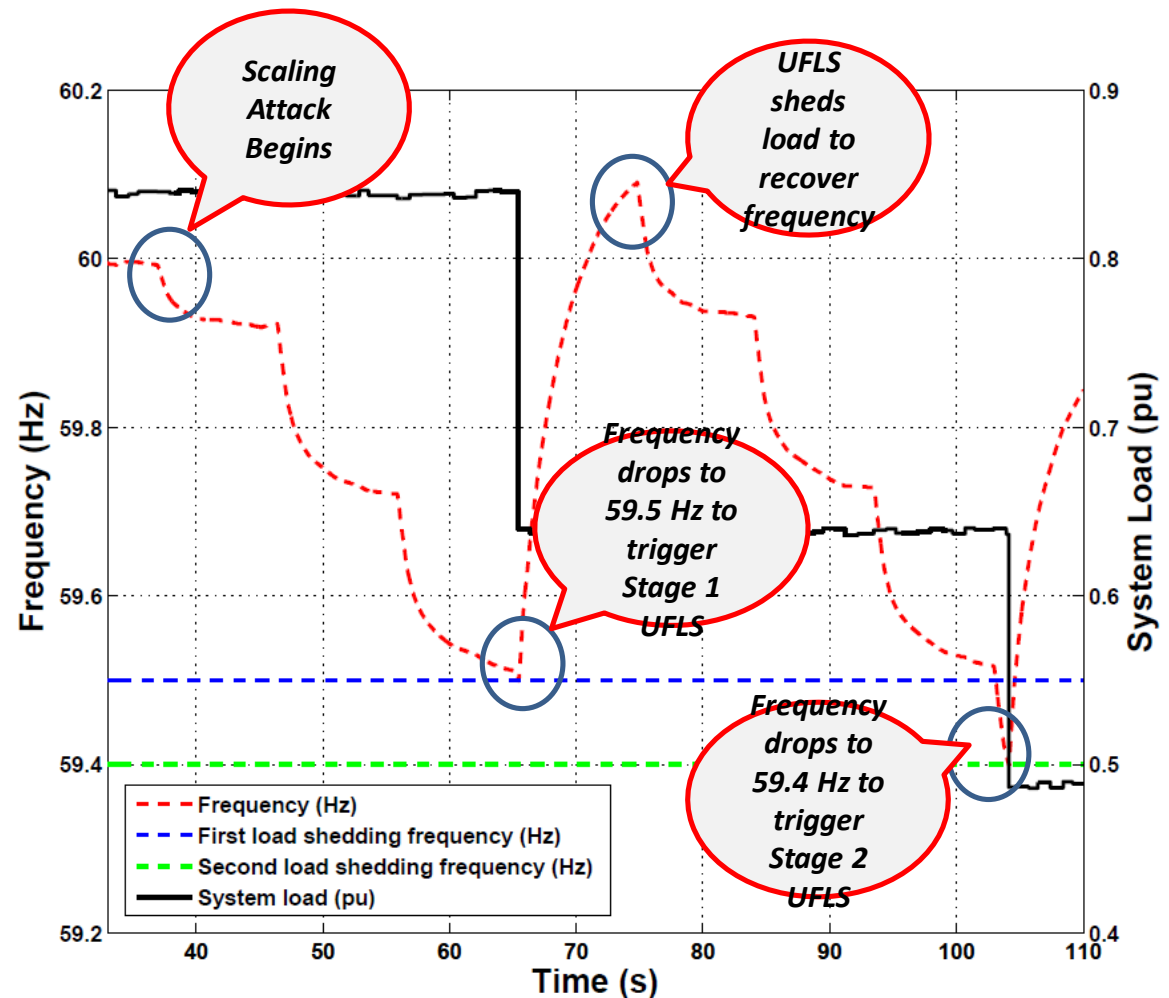
# Attack Impact Study on AGC – scaling attack

## Experimental setup

- AGC control commands dispatched once every 10 seconds
- Under-frequency load shedding thresholds at 59.5 Hz and 59.4 Hz.

## Attack Details

- Scaling attack starts at ~35s
- First load shed occurs at ~65s
- Frequency recovers at ~75s
- Scaling attack continues
- Second load shed occurs at ~105s
- Scaling attack ramps frequency down much faster to shed load



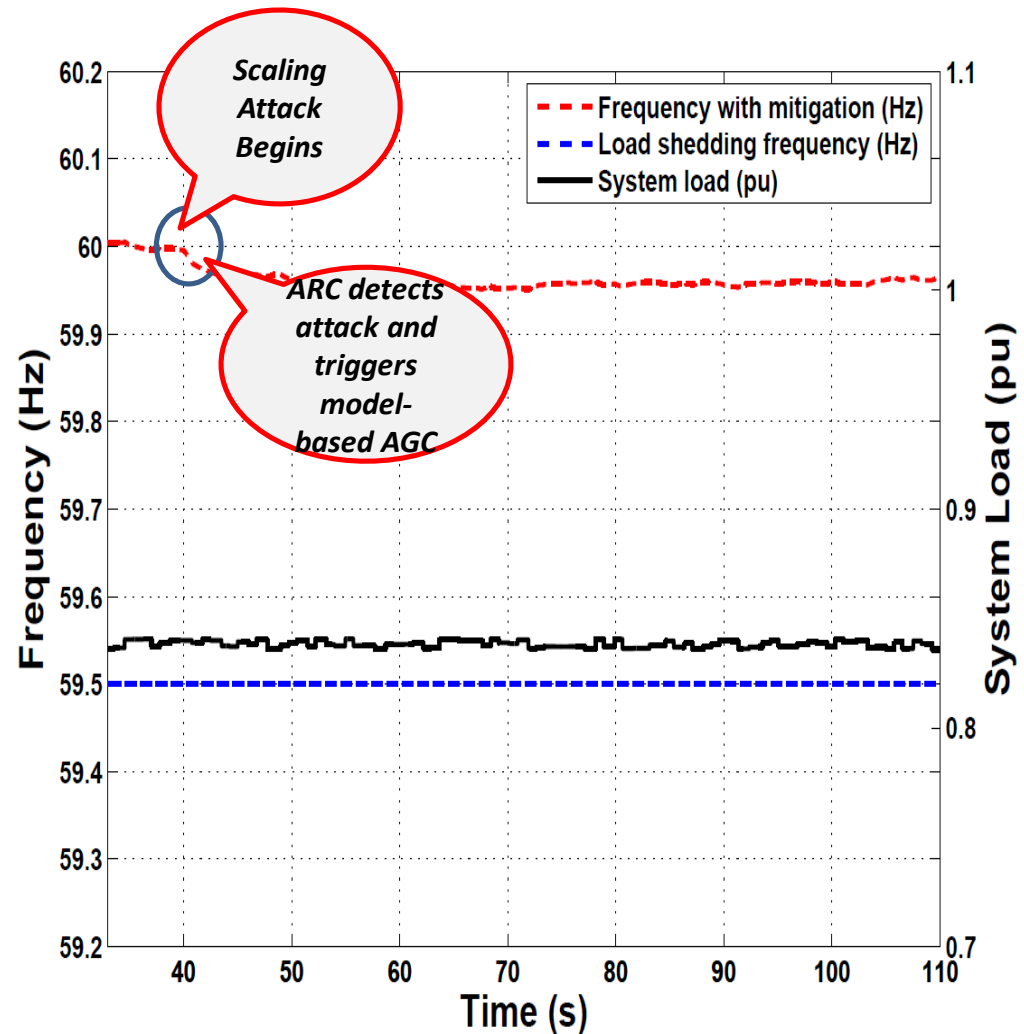
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# AGC with model-based mitigation

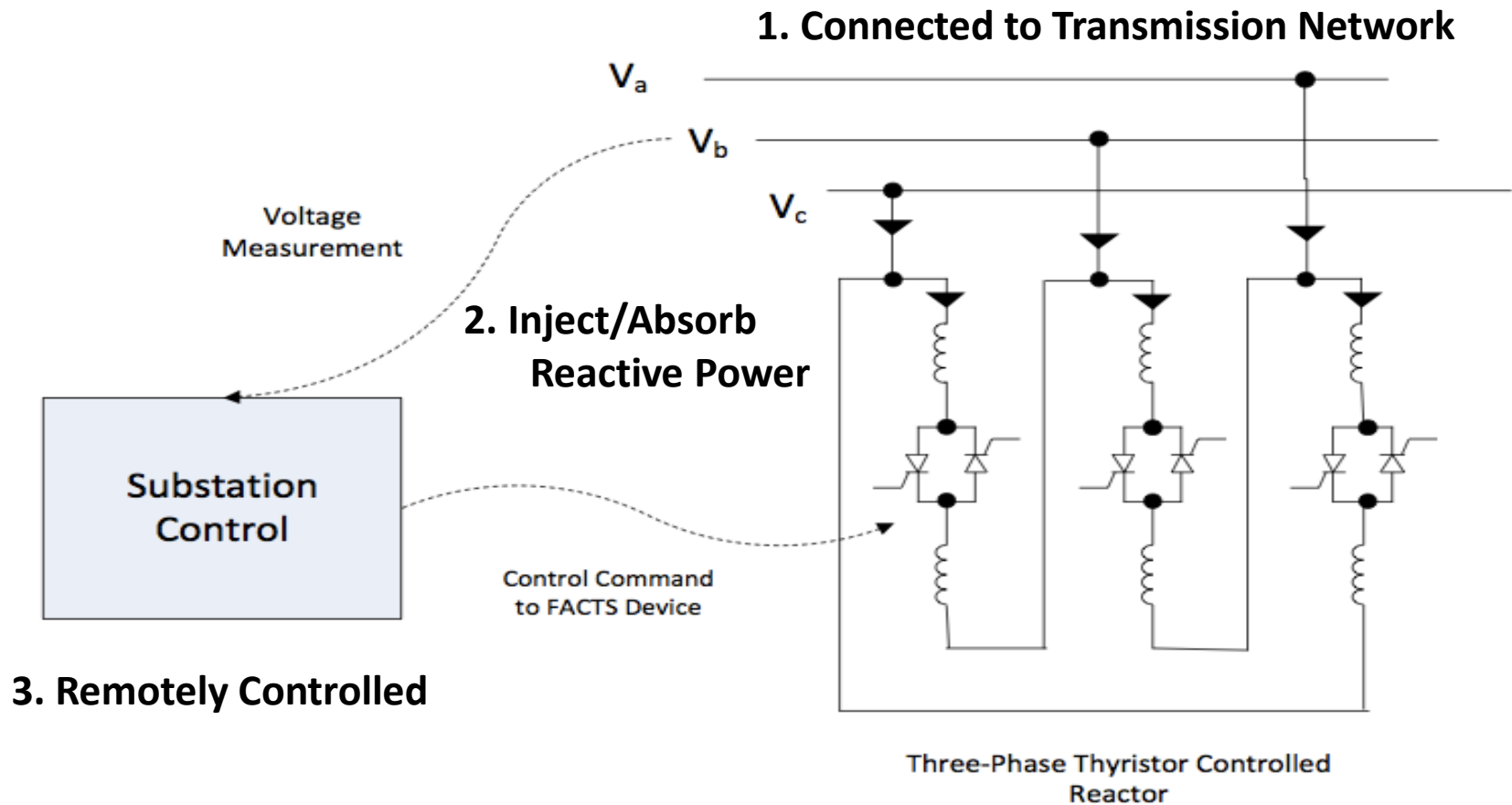
## Attack-Defense Details

- Scaling attack begins at ~40 seconds
- Scaling attack detection is based on single comparison of ACE with min and max thresholds. Hence, detection is instantaneous.
- ARC detects scaling at ~40 seconds and triggers model-based mitigation.
- ARC prevents load shedding and restores frequency
- Mitigated system frequency is not ideal (closer to 60 Hz) as generator control dispatched using forecasts.



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# Voltage Control Loop - FACTS



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- Attack Vectors (\*)
  - Denial of Cooperative Operation
  - Desynchronization (time-based)
  - Data injection
- Data injection attack – Incorrect reactive power injection/absorption
- NERC voltage limit criteria violation

\* Source – “Critical Infrastructure Protection”, Eric Goetx and Sujeet Sheno, Springer 2009

## **Module 3: Attack-resilient Wide-Area Monitoring, Protection and Control (WAMPAC)**

- Wide Area Protection
- Case Study: Remedial Action Scheme (RAS)

# Classical Equipment Protection

## What to protect?

- ☐ Generators,
- ☐ Transformers,
- ☐ Transmission lines,
- ☐ Buses,
- ☐ Capacitors, etc.



## What are needed to protect?

- ☐ CT&PT,
- ☐ Relaying devices,
- ☐ Operating devices such as breakers.



## Features?

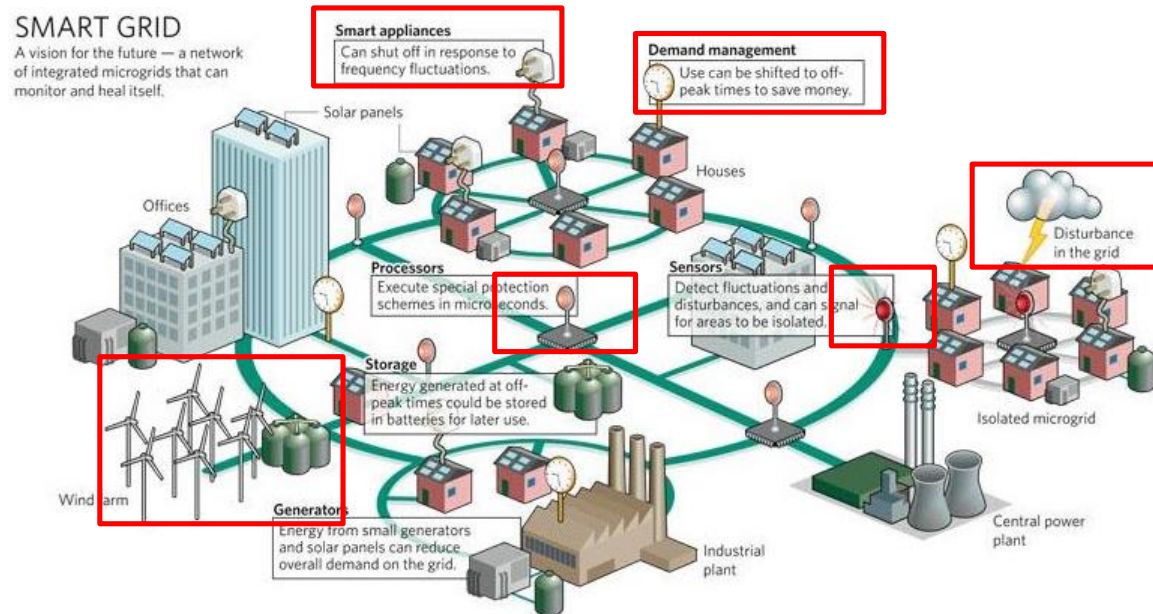
- ☐ Local function module,
- ☐ Data from 1 or 2 substations,
- ☐ Simple communication.



# Power System Protection – importance of communication

**“Protection algorithms and control strategy are now getting more and more relying on system-wide information. Therefore, peer-to-peer communication between substations is in urgent need.”**

**“Meshed peer-to-peer network logical topology is more suitable for wide-area communication than star type.”**



[1] SPECIAL REPORT FOR SC B5 (Protection and Automation), CIGRE 2014

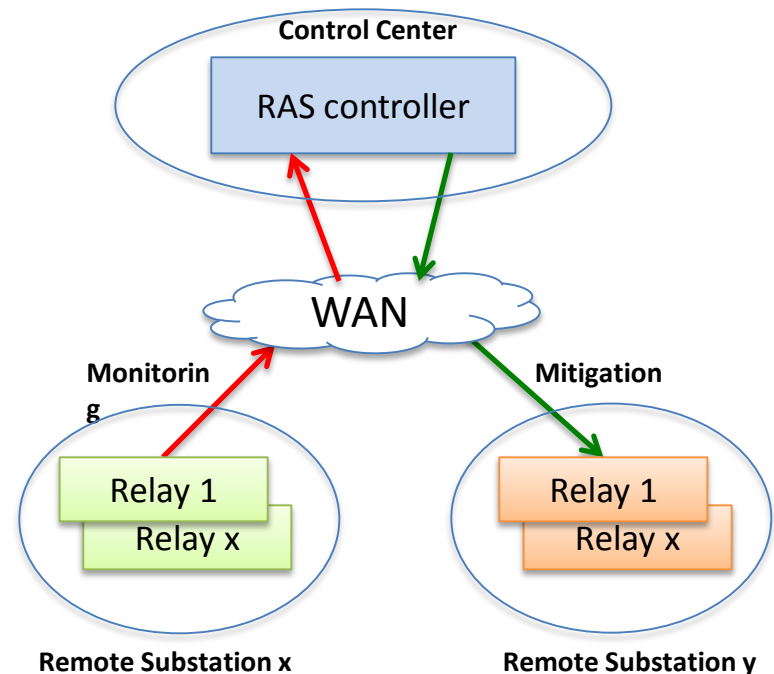
[2] <http://www.powergenasia.com/conference/smartmeter.html>

# Wide-Area Protection

*Remedial Action Schemes (RAS) – Automatic protection systems designed to detect abnormal or predetermined system conditions, and take corrective actions other than and/or in addition to the isolation of faulted components to maintain system reliability.*

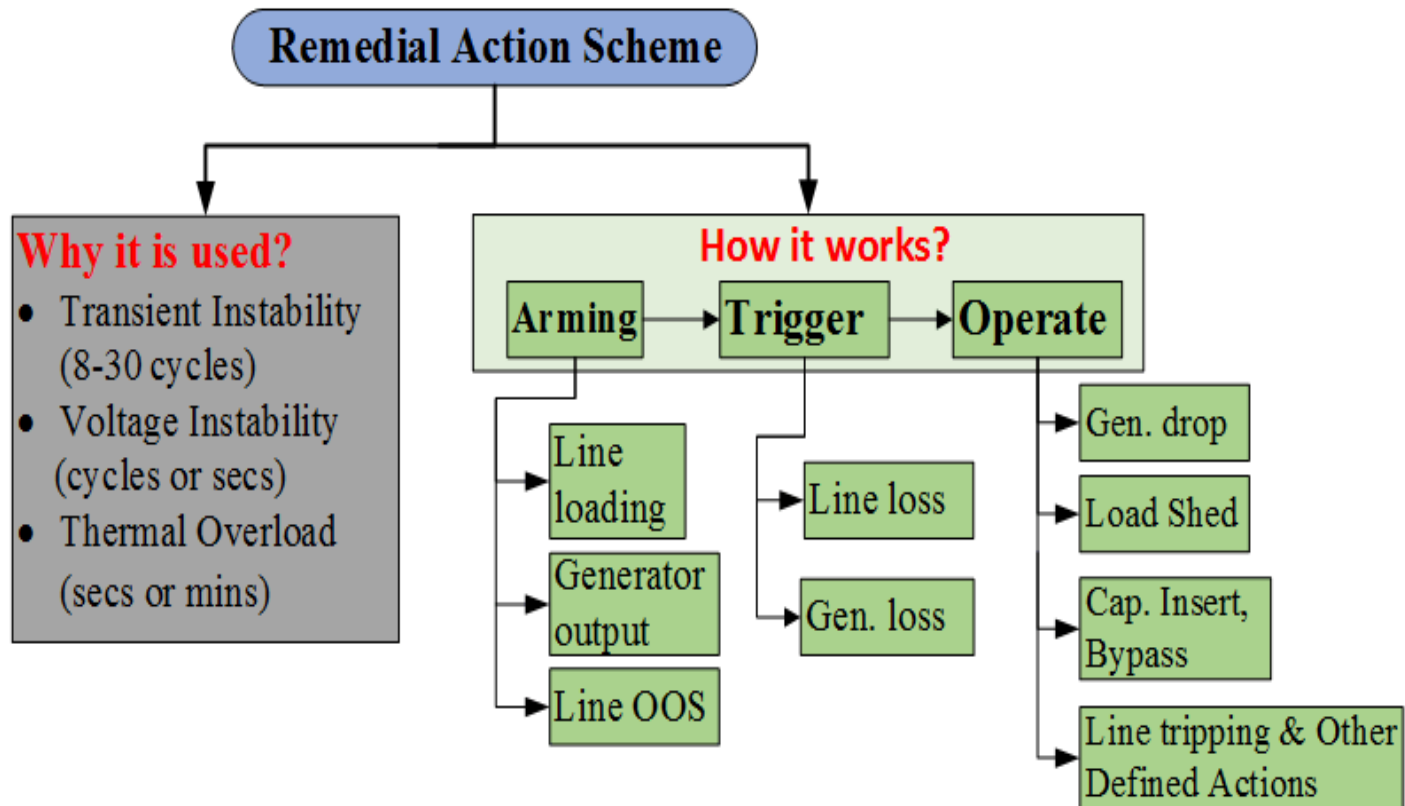
Some typical RAS corrective actions are :

- Changes in load (MW)
- Changes in generation (MW and MVAR)
- Changes in system configuration to maintain system stability, acceptable voltage or power flows



**Source:** V. Madani, D. Novosel, S. Horowitz, M. Adamiak, J. Amantegui, D. Karlsson, S. Imai, and A. Apostolov, "Ieee psrsc report on global industry experiences with system integrity protection schemes (sips)," Power Delivery, IEEE Transactions on, vol. 25, pp. 2143 –2155, oct. 2010.

# Wide-Area Protection

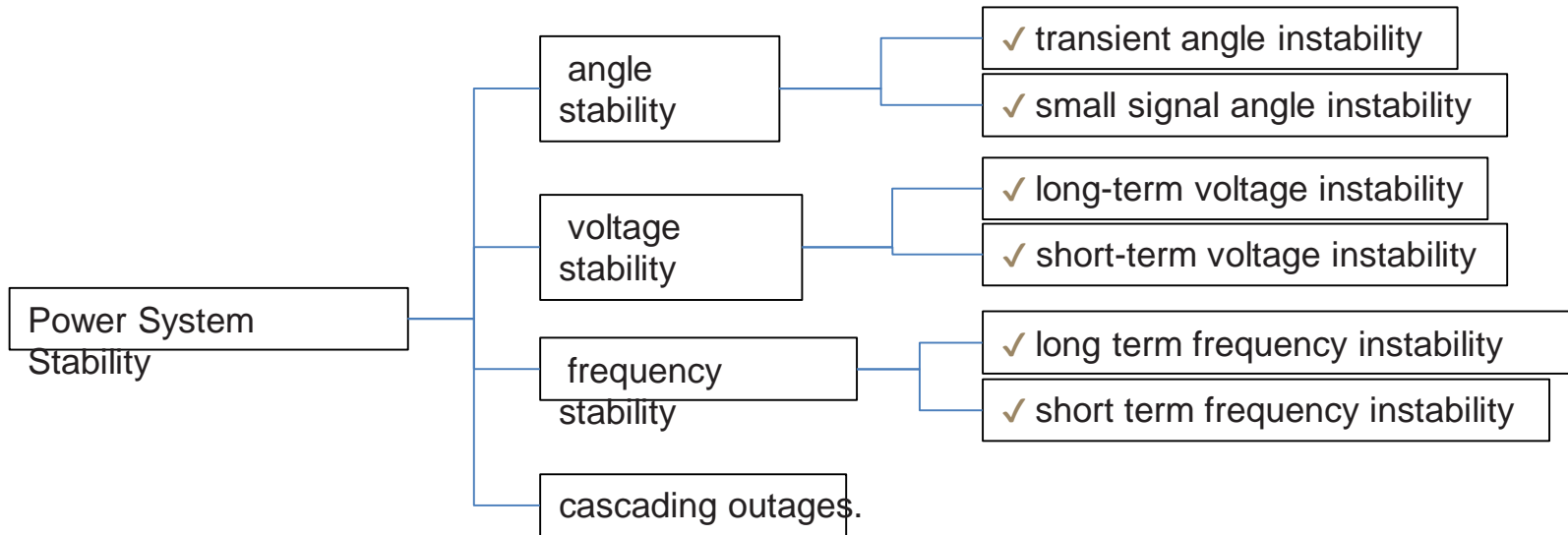


Source: WECC RAS Design Guide, 2006



# When would RAS be activated?

*“... Such schemes are designed to **maintain system stability, acceptable system voltages, acceptable power flows, or to address other reliability concerns.** ...”[1]*



[1] [http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Prjct201005\\_2SpclPrtctnSstmPhs2/System\\_Protection\\_and\\_Control\\_Subcommittee\\_SPCS\\_20\\_SAMS\\_SPCS\\_SPS\\_Technic\\_02182014.pdf](http://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Prjct201005_2SpclPrtctnSstmPhs2/System_Protection_and_Control_Subcommittee_SPCS_20_SAMS_SPCS_SPS_Technic_02182014.pdf)

# Typical measurements

- ✓ Rotor angle (transient stability)
- ✓ Rotor speed (transient stability)
- ✓ Voltage magnitude (voltage stability)
- ✓ Frequency (frequency stability)
- ✓ Active power on transmission lines

# Typical Remedial Actions

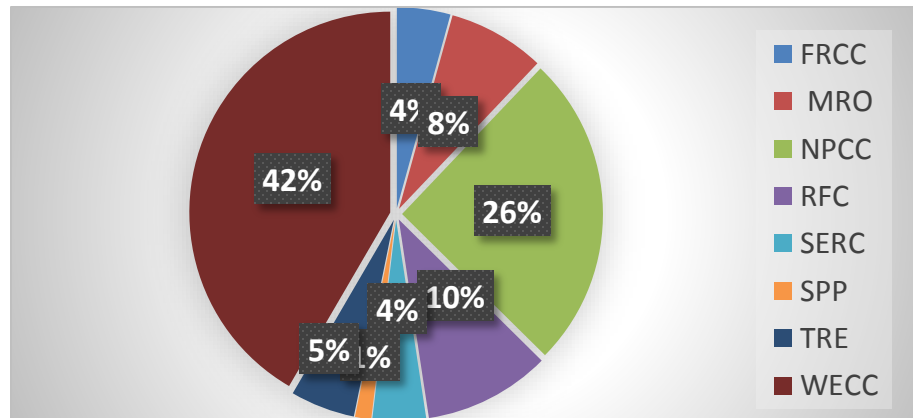
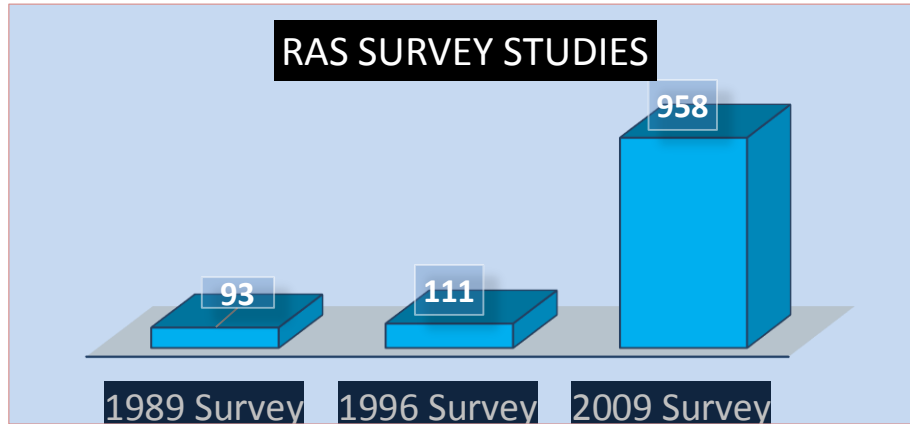
- ✓ **Generator tripping (transient stability)**
- ✓ **Load shedding (transient/voltage/frequency stability)**
- ✓ **System separation (transient stability, cascading outage)**
- ✓ **Generation level control (transient/voltage stability)**
- ✓ **VAR compensation (voltage stability)**

Table 1. Types of special protection system / scheme (SPS)

• Generator Rejection	• Load Rejection
• Under-frequency Load Shedding	• System Separation
• Turbine Valve Control	• Load and Generator Rejection
• Stabilizers	• HVDC Controls
• Out-of-Step Relaying	• Discrete Excitation Control
• Dynamic Braking	• Generator Runback
• Var Compensation	• Combination of Schemes

[1] S. Seo, et al. Development of Intelligent Generator Special Protection System (iG-SPS) to Improve Transient Stability in Dangjin Power Plants, CIGRE, B5-116, 2014.

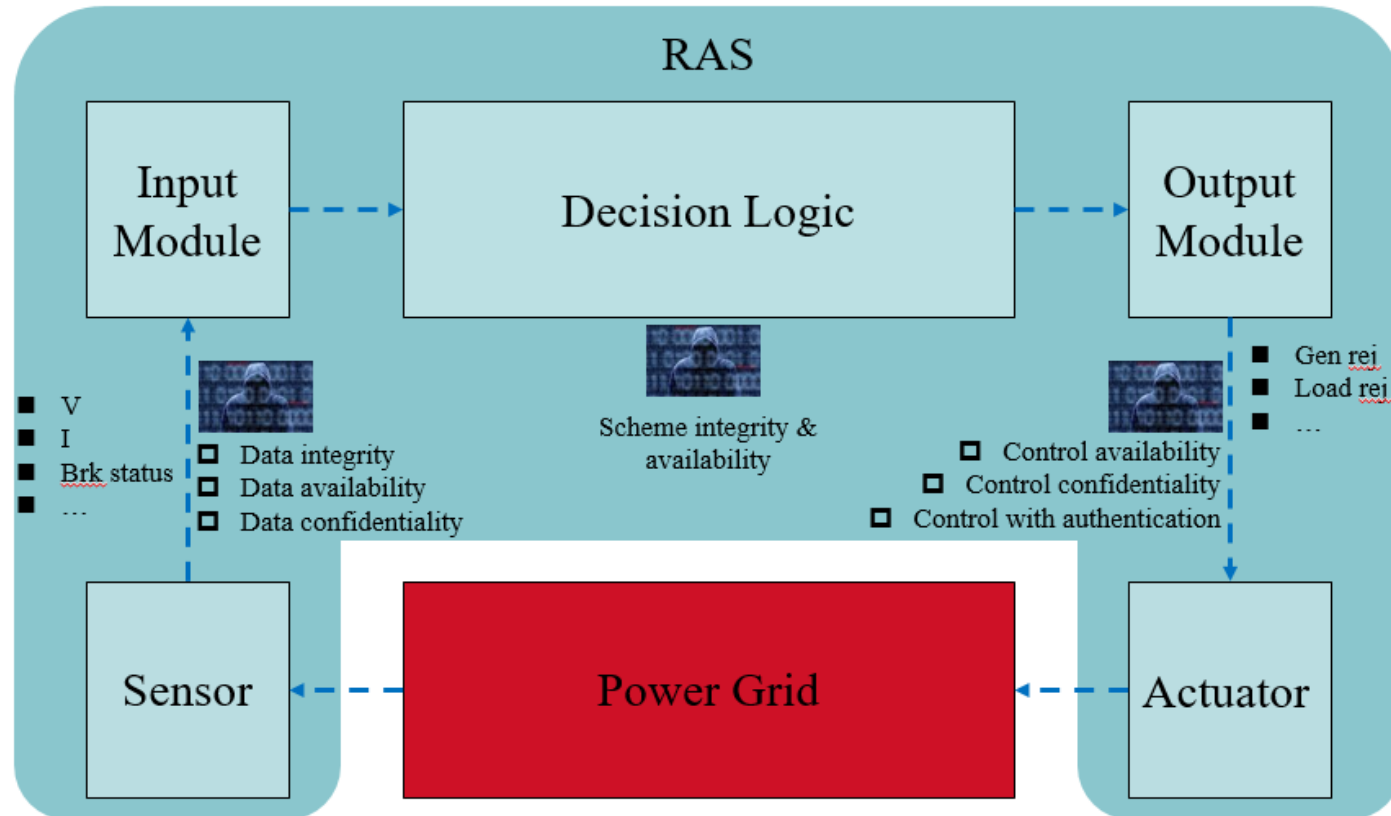
# RAS Deployments Survey (NERC Regions)



Total RASs by Region (NERC 2012)

Industry	Types of RAS
Southern California Edison, (2013)	Generation tripping, Load tripping, Combination
Idaho Power Company, (2010)	Generation tripping, Bypass/insert Capacitors
Bonneville Power Administration, (2009)	Generation/load tripping, Bypass/Insert Capacitors, others
BC Hydro, (2006)	Generation/line/load tripping, Bypass/insert Capacitors, others

# Cyber Security Concerns in protection systems

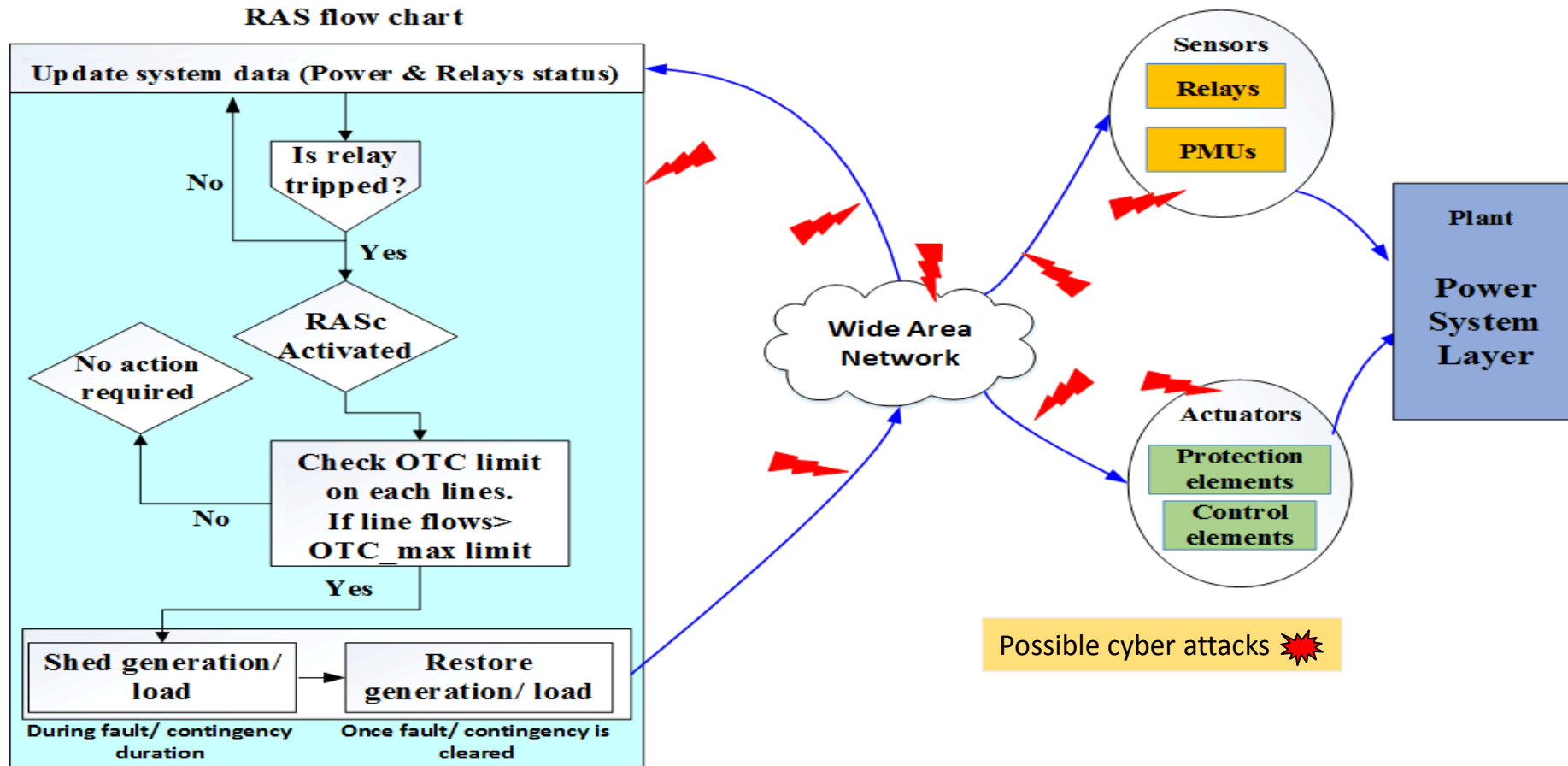


## How vulnerable RAS for cyber attacks?

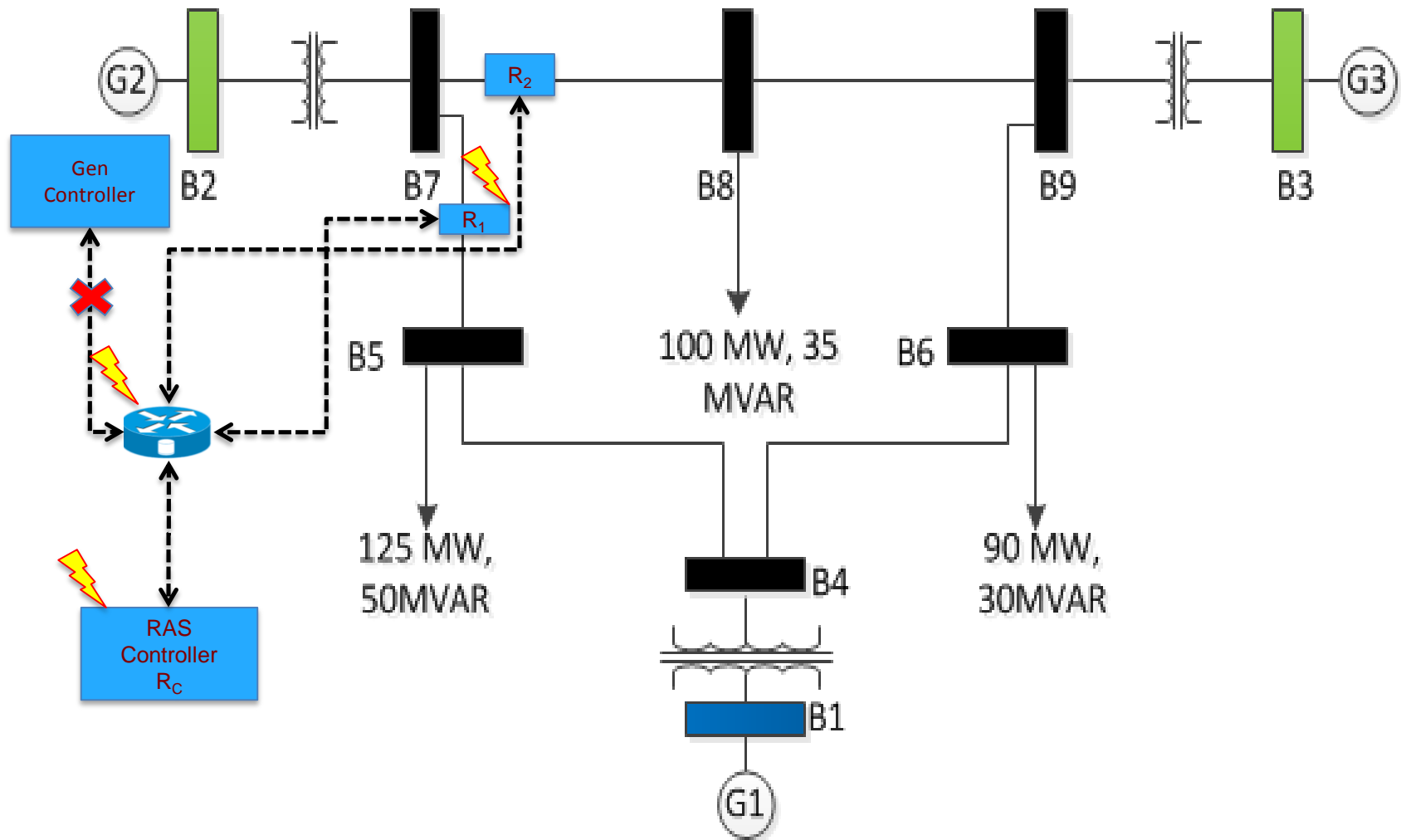
Protection pattern is ***centralization***. Typically, only one centralized controller can send out the control commands. If it is compromised, the function gets lost!

- **Attack targets:** Sensors, controllers, actuators, measurements
- False data injection – wrong decision
- Replay attack – wrong action
- DoS on controller – control unavailable
- Coordinated attacks
- ....

# Wide-Area Protection – Attack Surface



# Case Study: Coordinated attack on RAS (WECC 9-bus)

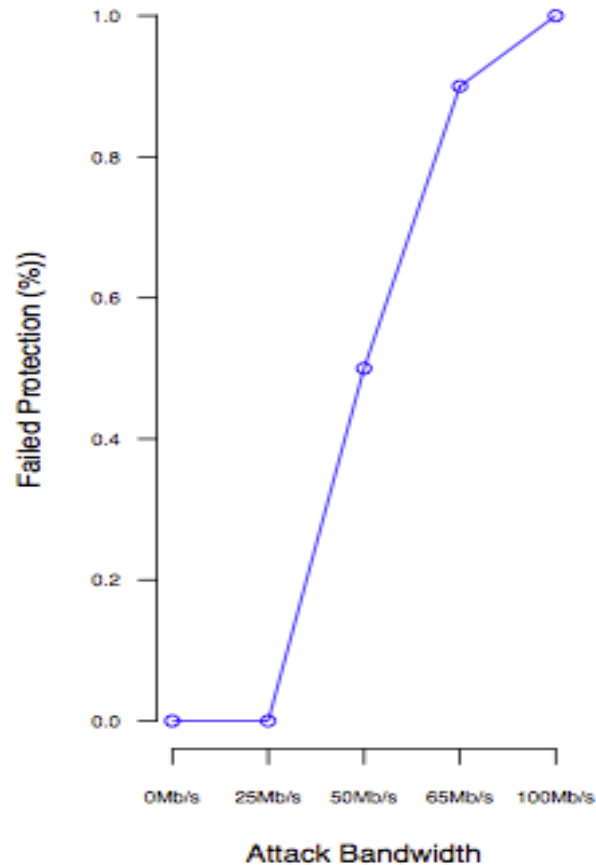


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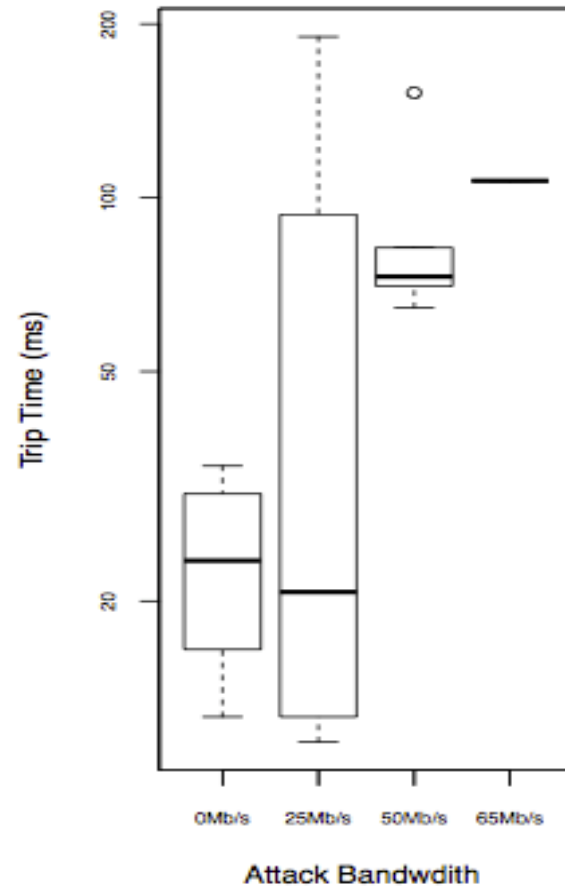


# DoS on network router in RAS – protection failiure

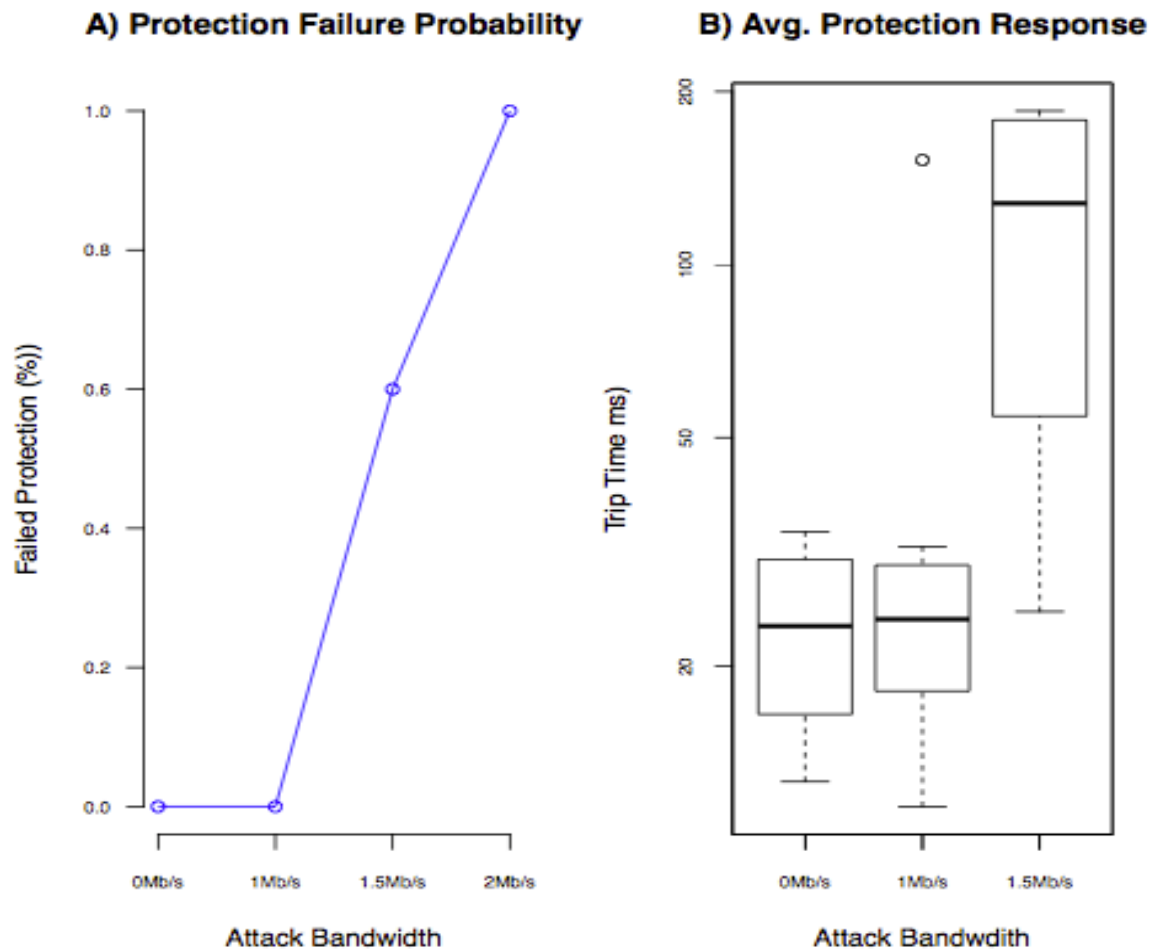
**A) Protection Failure Probability**



**B) Avg. Protection Response**

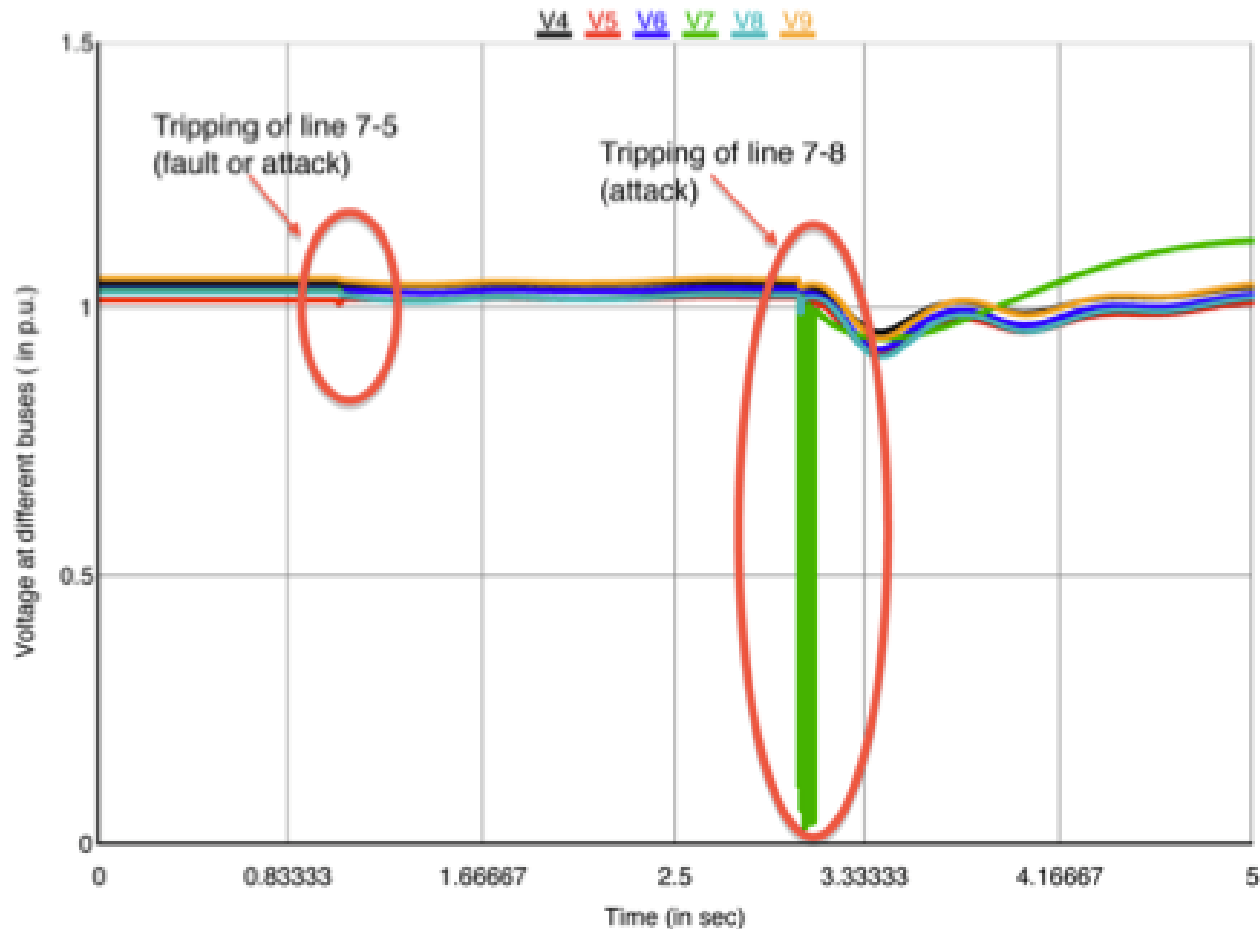


# DoS on RAS Controller (Relay) – protection failure



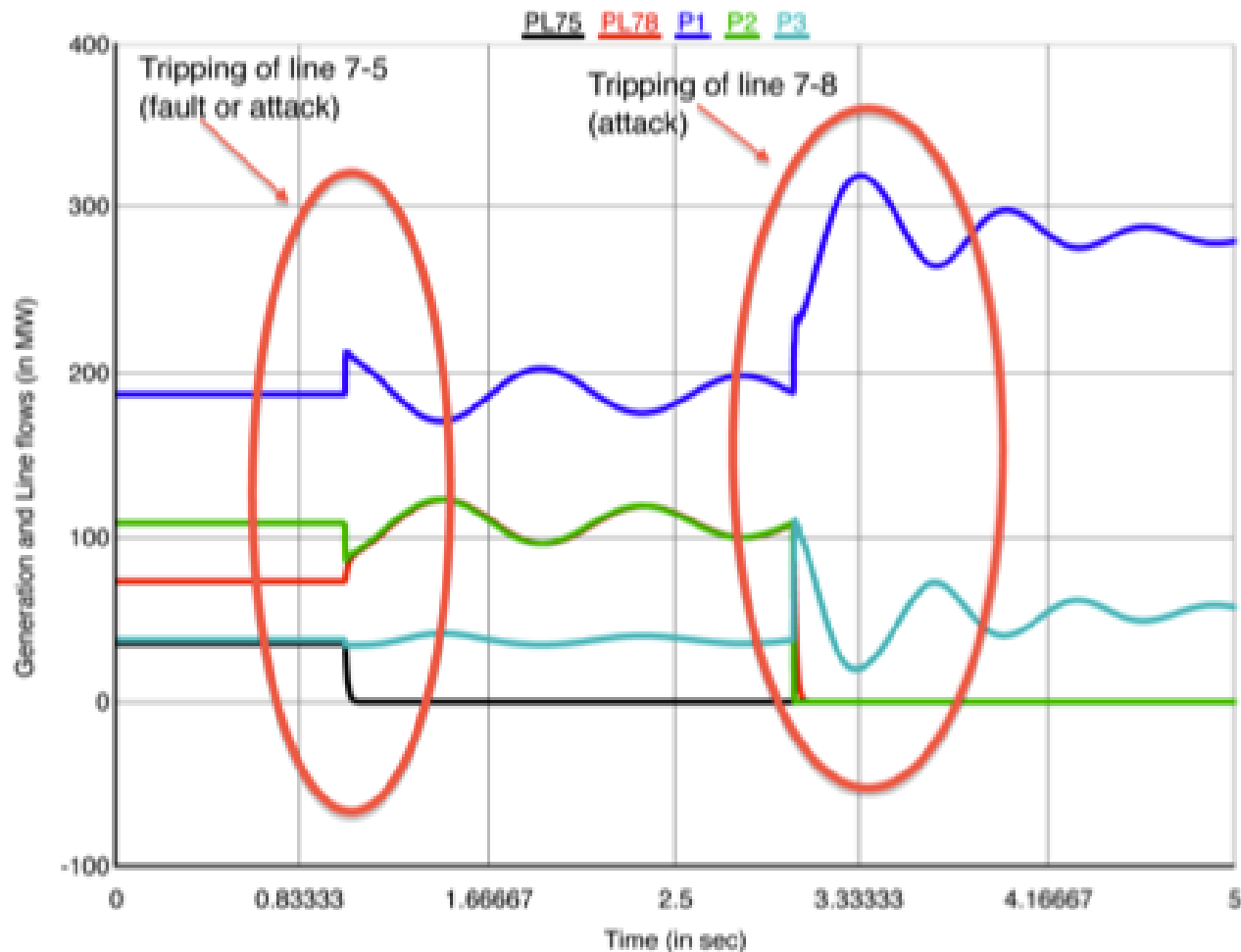
# Power System Impacts

## Impact on System Voltages



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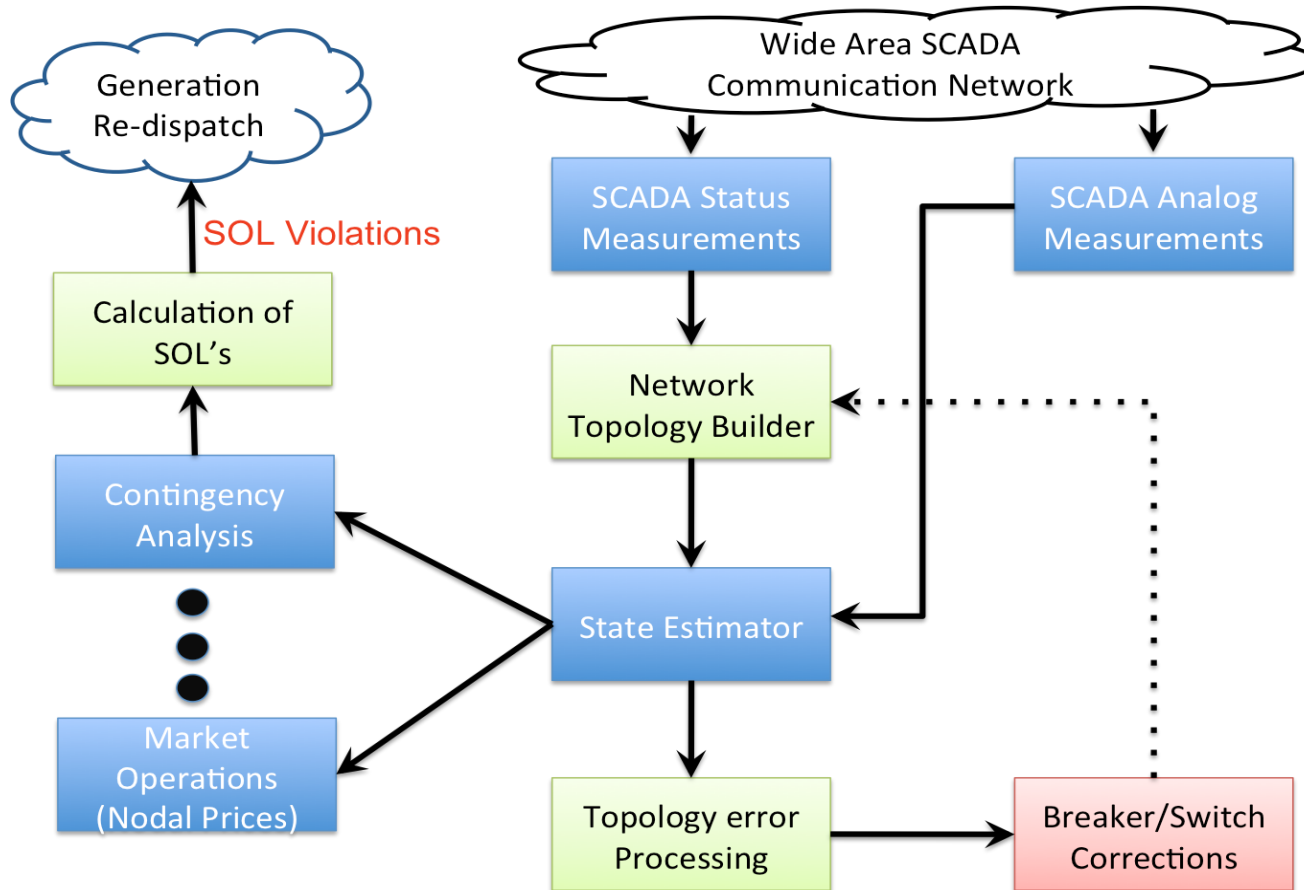
## Impact on System Generation and Power flows



# **Module 3: Attack-resilient Wide-Area Monitoring, Protection and Control (WAMPAC)**

## **Case study: State Estimation (Monitoring)**

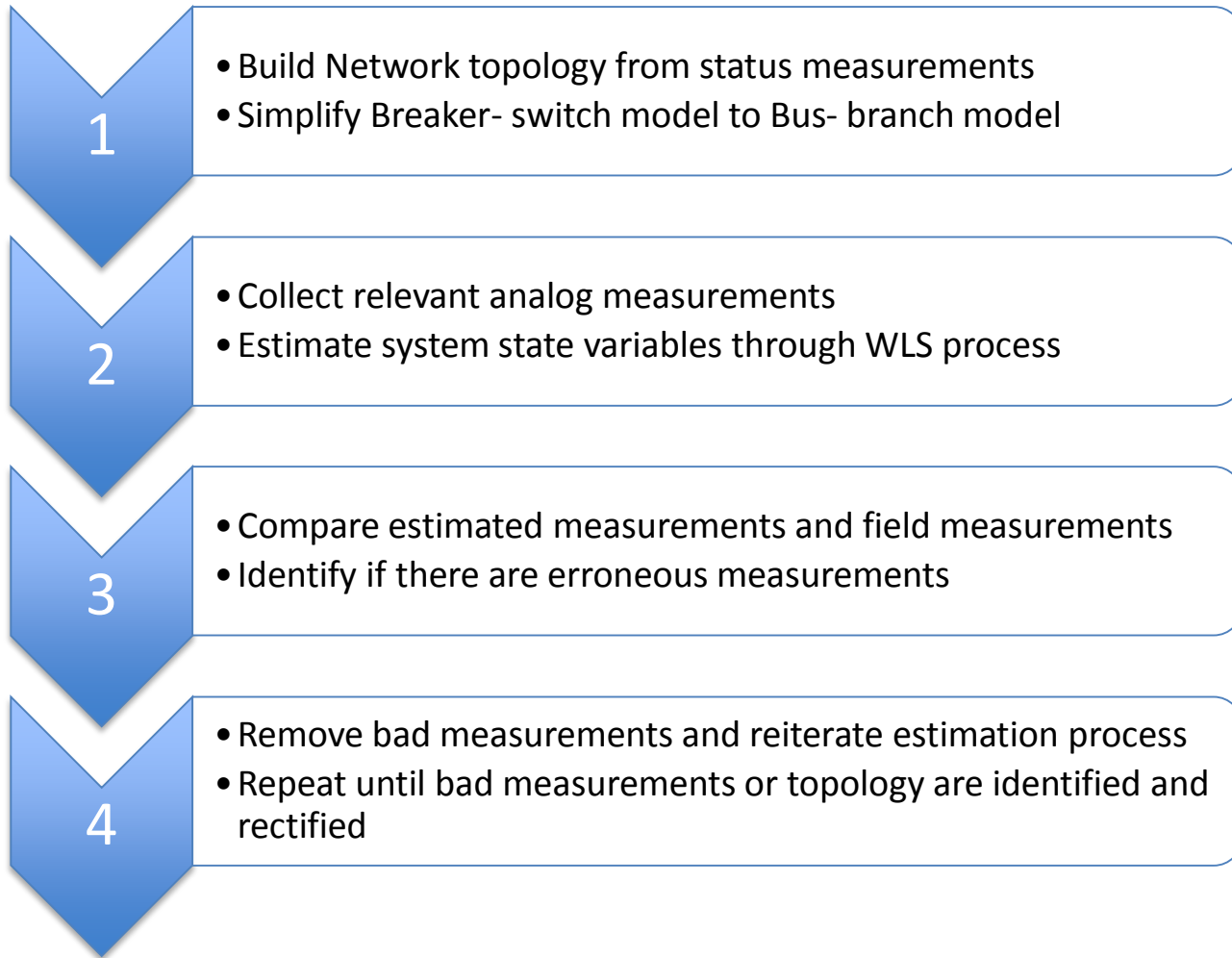
# State Estimation Overview



# Input of State Estimation

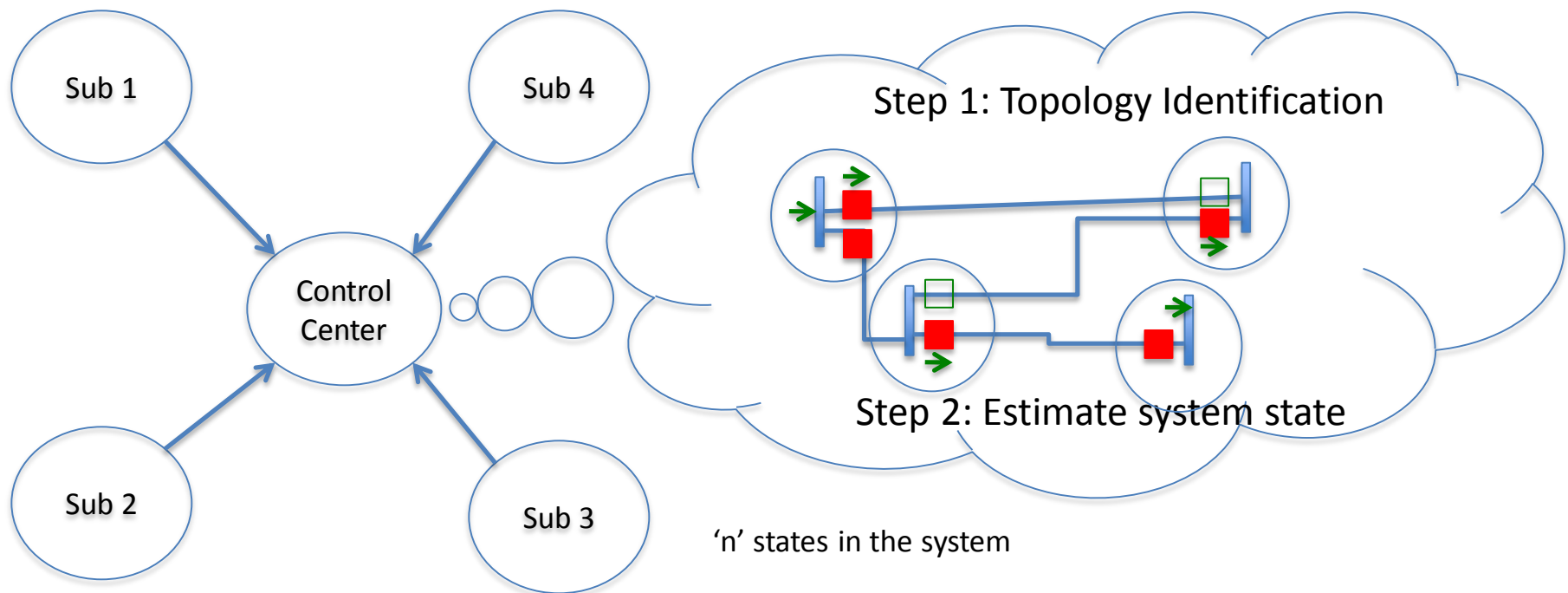
- Analog Measurements
  - Real Power on transmission lines ( $P$ )
  - Reactive Power on transmission lines ( $Q$ )
  - Real and Reactive Power injection at buses ( $P_{inj}$ ,  $Q_{inj}$ )
- System State Variables
  - Voltages and phase angles at all buses ( $V_{mag}$  and  $V_{ang}$ )

# State Estimation : Detailed Process





# Obtain the Topology

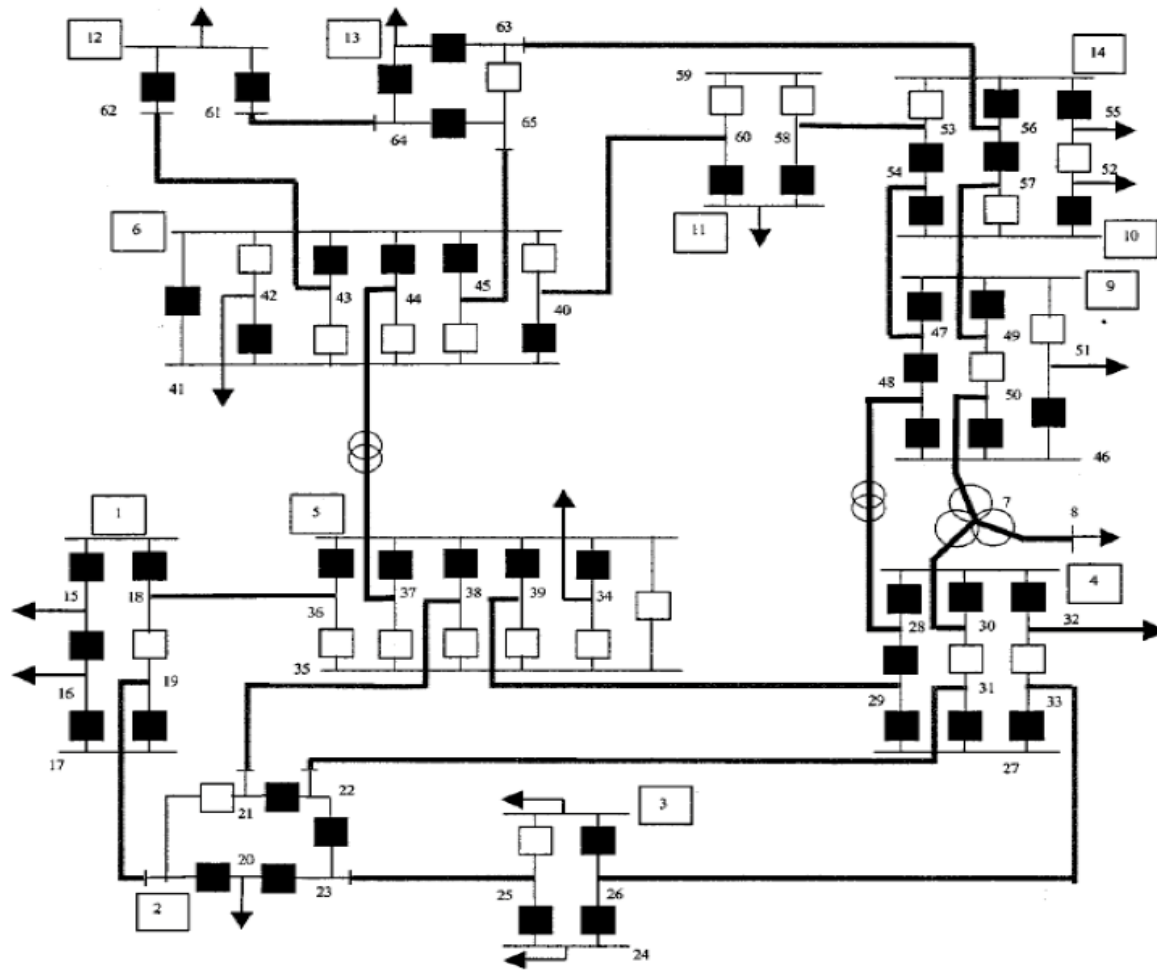


'n' states in the system

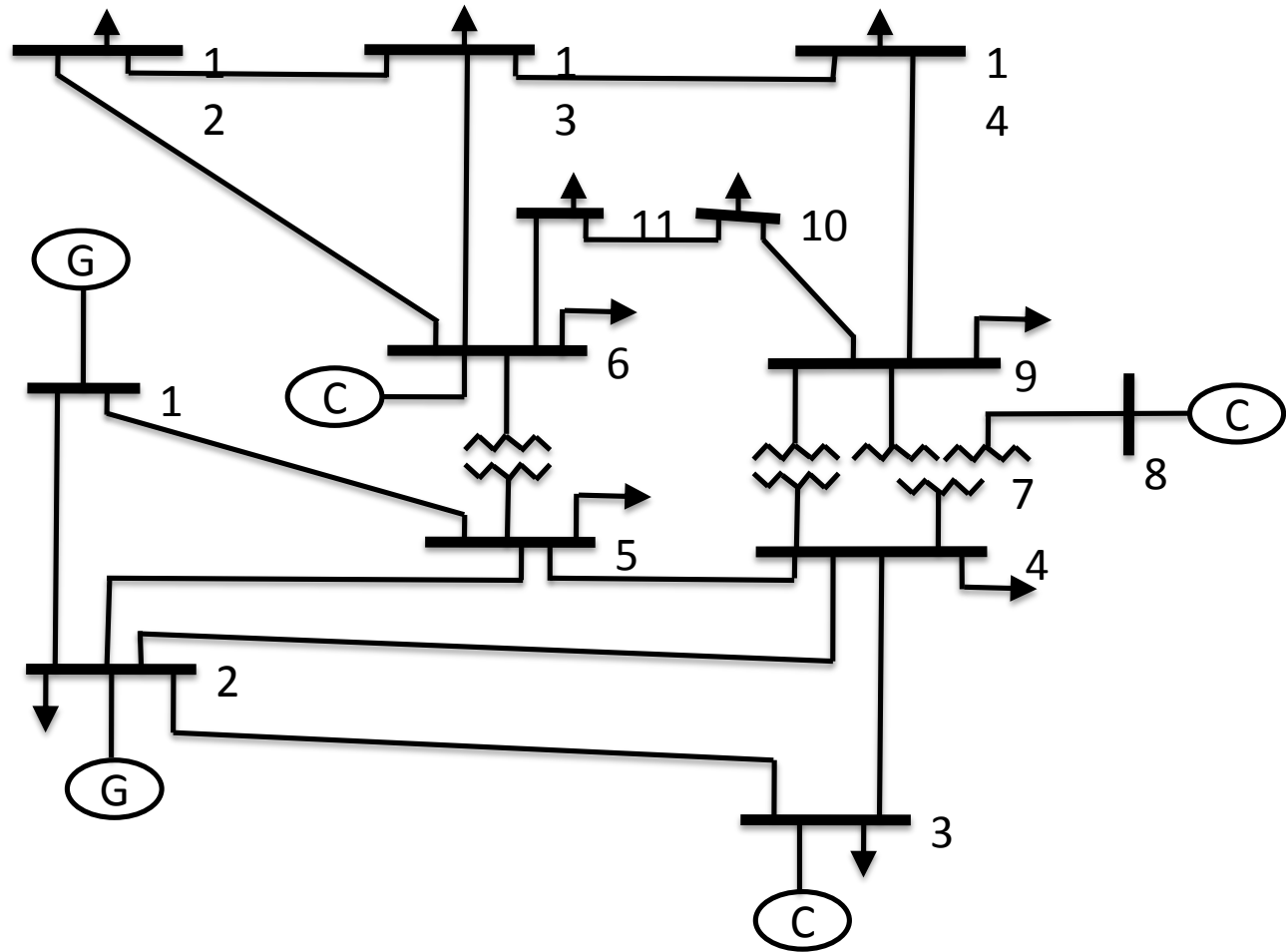
'm' measurements available in the system

**Weighted Least Squares (WLS):** Minimize the error of the measurements and the estimates subject to satisfying power system equations

# Breaker-Switch Model: IEEE 14 bus model



# Bus – Branch Model : IEEE 14 bus model



# State Estimation Methodology

Under DC power flow model, the relation between states and measurements can be written as:

$$z = Hx + e$$

$z$  is the vector of measurements

$H$  is the measurement Jacobian matrix

$x$  is the vector of states (phase angles)

$e$  is the vector of measurement errors

$$\hat{x} = \left( H^T R^{-1} H \right)^{-1} H^T R^{-1} z$$

$\hat{x}$  is the vector of estimated state variables

$R$  is the measurement covariance matrix

$$r = z - H\hat{x}$$

$r$  is the measurement residual

'm' measurements to estimate 'n' states

# State Estimation Bad Data Detection

## Weighted Least Squares (WLS) algorithm

*Minimize the error of the measurements and the estimates subject to satisfying power flow equations*

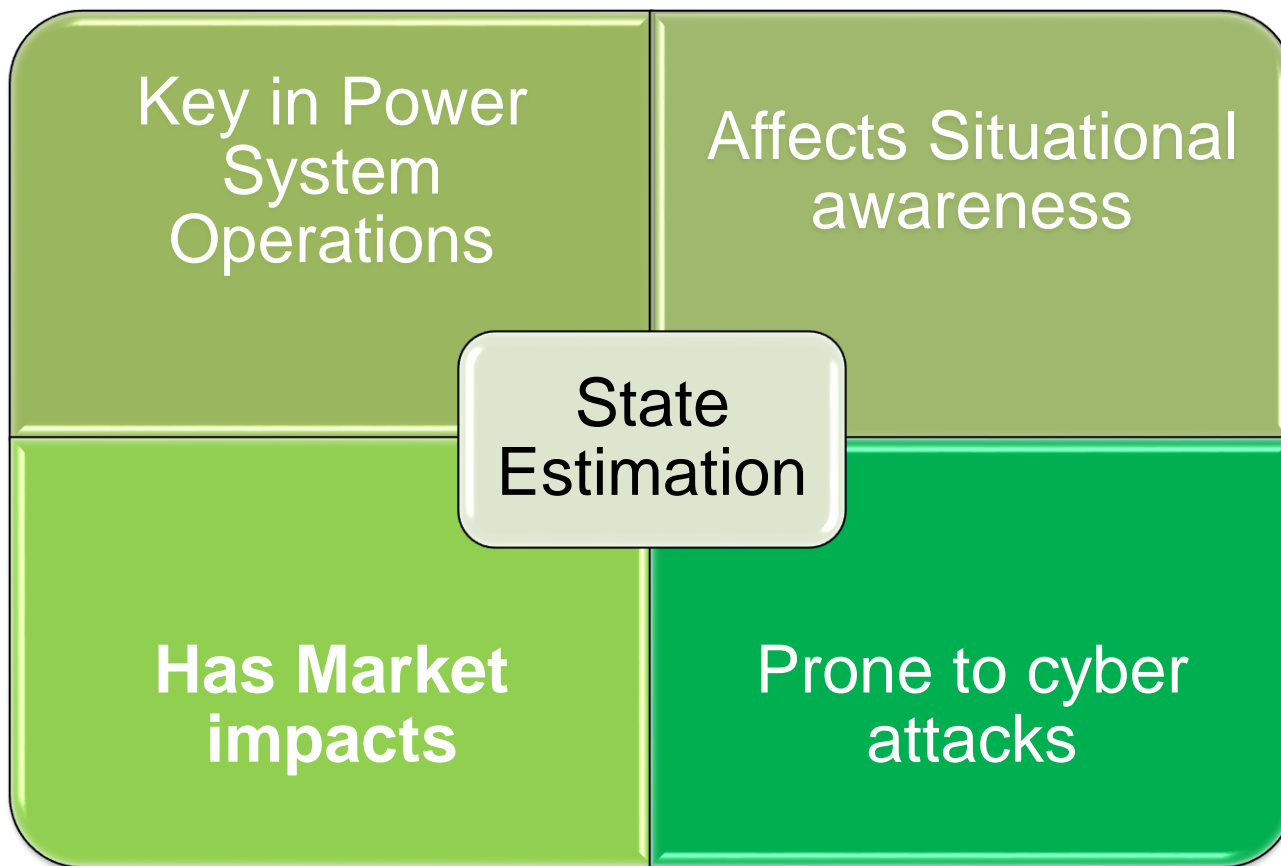
## Bad Data Detection: Normalized residual test

$$r = z - H\hat{x}$$

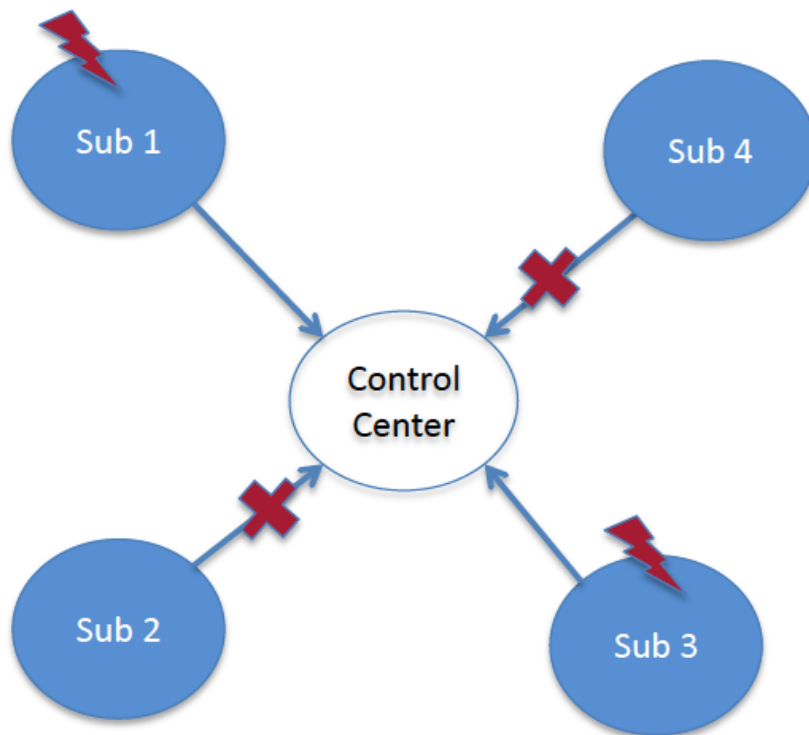
Measurements considered bad if residuals do not meet this condition

$$|z - H\hat{x}| R^{-1} \leq t$$

# Cyber attacks on State Estimation



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## Attack types

- Data Integrity attacks
- DoS attacks

## Attack targets

- Analog measurements
- Status measurements

# Creating Smart topology attacks

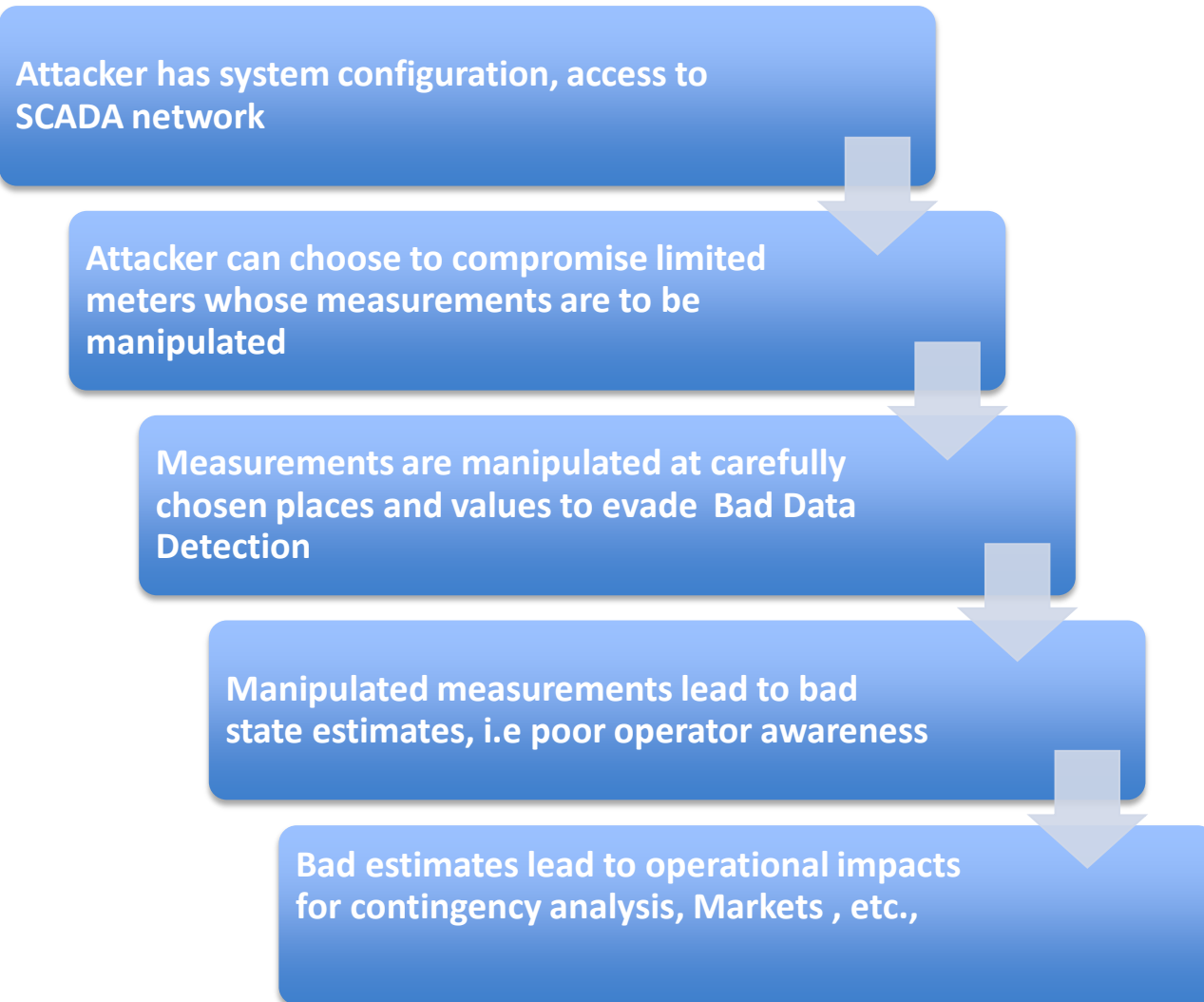
- **Naïve attack:** Manipulate the status of an arbitrary field device like relay/breaker to cause topology error
  - Detected by Bad Data Detection in State Estimator
- **Intelligent attack:** Manipulate the status of a field device corresponding to a critical measurement
  - Critical measurements impact system observability
  - Cause no change in measurement residuals



# Types of Cyber attacks on State Estimation

- Attacks on Network Topology
  - Cause system operator to assume wrong network and therefore cause error in calculations
- Attacks on Network Measurements
  - Cause system operator to believe the system operating state in something else rather than reality, i.e no situational awareness

# Attacks on Network Measurements



# Attacks on Network Topology

Attacker has system configuration, access to SCADA network

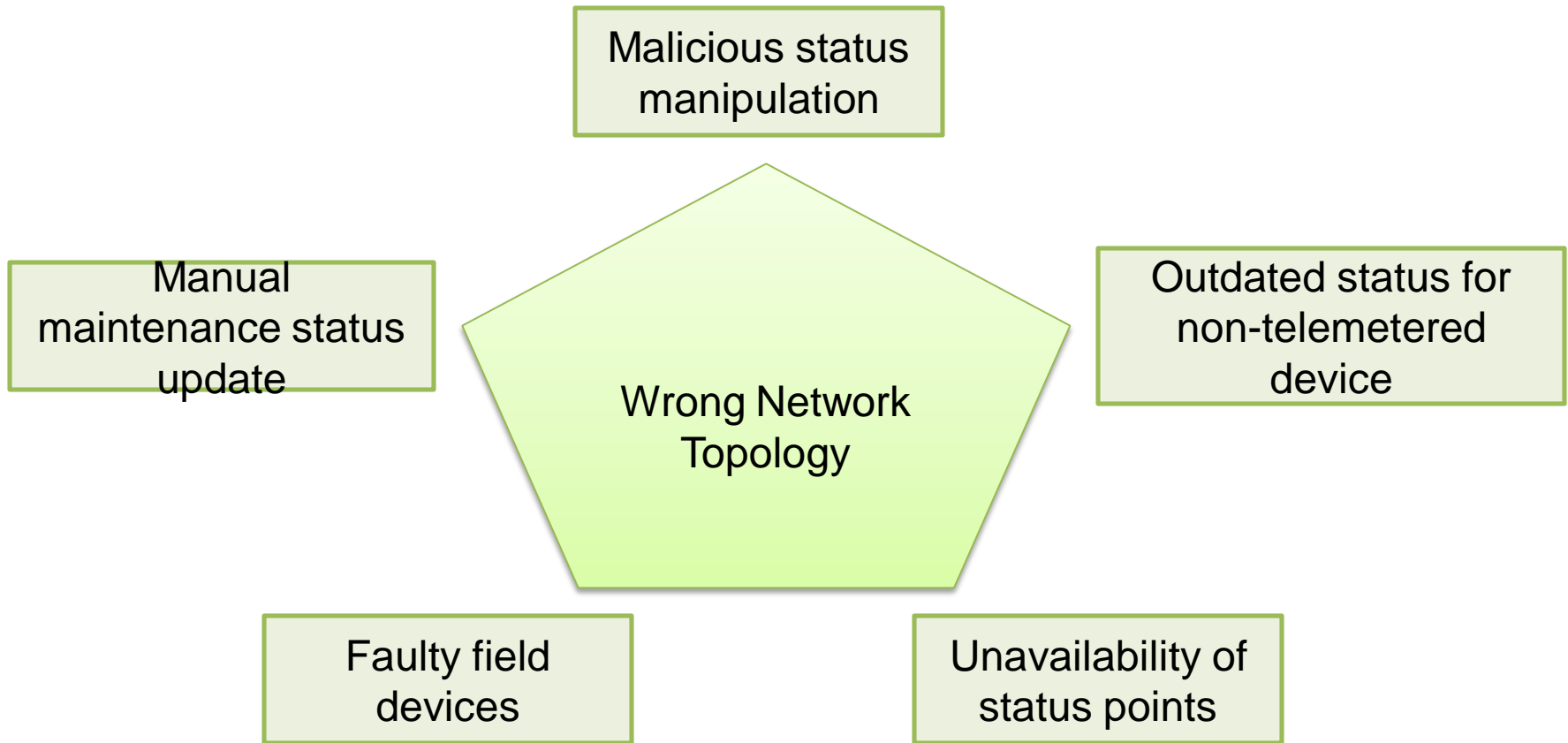
Attacker can choose to manipulate status measurements to deceive operator with wrong topology

Only certain SCADA element statuses can be attacked to evade Bad Data Detection

Manipulated topology lead to bad state estimates, i.e poor operator awareness

Bad estimates lead to operational impacts for contingency analysis, Markets , etc.,

# Causes of Wrong Network Topology



# Cyber Attacks on State Estimation

$$z = Hx + e$$

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & \dots & \dots & \dots & H_{1n} \\ H_{21} & \dots & \dots & \dots & H_{2n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ H_{m1} & H_{m2} & \dots & \dots & H_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

The diagram illustrates the state estimation equation  $z = Hx + e$ . The measurement vector  $z$  is shown as a column vector of size  $m \times 1$ , with elements  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$ . The matrix  $H$  is of size  $m \times n$ , with elements  $H_{11}, H_{12}, \dots, H_{1n}, H_{21}, \dots, H_{2n}, \dots, H_{m1}, H_{m2}, \dots, H_{mn}$ . The state vector  $x$  is of size  $n \times 1$ , with elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . The error vector  $e$  is of size  $m \times 1$ , with elements  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ . Red lightning bolts indicate data integrity attacks on analog measurements  $z_1$  and  $z_m$ . A yellow lightning bolt indicates a data integrity attack on a status measurement, represented by the second row of the  $H$  matrix, which is circled in blue.



Data integrity attacks on analog measurements



Data integrity attacks on status measurements

**Attacker has measurement configuration,  $H$**

# Cyber Attack Model (1)

## Attack on analog measurements

$$z = Hx + e \quad z_a = z + a = H\hat{x}_{attack} + e$$

**For an attack to evade bad data detection**

$$\begin{aligned} |z_a - H\hat{x}_{attack}| R^{-1} &= \left| z + a - H \left( \left( H^T R^{-1} H \right)^{-1} H^T R^{-1} (z + a) \right) \right| R^{-1} \\ &= \left| z - H\hat{x} + \left( a - H \left( \left( H^T R^{-1} H \right)^{-1} H^T R^{-1} a \right) \right) \right| R^{-1} \\ &= |z - H\hat{x}| R^{-1} \leq t, \quad \text{if } a = Hc \end{aligned}$$

*c is any constant vector.*

\* Y. Liu, P. Ning, and M. K. Reiter, "False data injection attacks against state estimation in electric power grids," in Proceedings of the 16th ACM conference on Computer and communications security, ser. CCS '09. New York, NY, USA

# Cyber Attack Model (2)

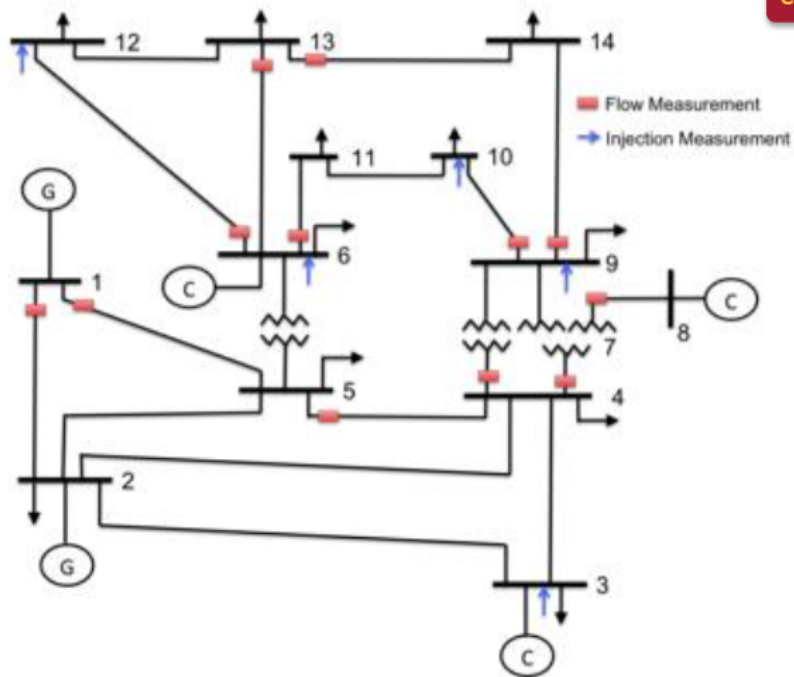
## Attack on status measurements

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & \dots & \dots & \dots & H_{1n} \\ H_{21} & \dots & \dots & \dots & H_{2n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ H_{m1} & H_{m2} & \dots & \dots & H_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

If measurement  $z_2$  is a '**critical measurement**', a topology error will remove a row from  $H$ . Then, the state corresponding to a zero column in  $H$  becomes '**unobservable**'.

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_3 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix}_{(m-1) \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & \dots & \dots & \dots & H_{1n} \\ H_{31} & \dots & \dots & \dots & H_{3n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ H_{m1} & H_{m2} & \dots & \dots & H_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{(m-1) \times n} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1} + \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_3 \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{bmatrix}_{(m-1) \times 1}$$

# Case Study: IEEE 14 bus system



Assume a measurement configuration

DC power flow (13 states)

Assume forecasts

Run Economic Dispatch and simulate SE

Analyze variation of SE outputs and forecast based state



# Case Study: Results

SOL AND PRE-CONTINGENCY LINE FLOWS AFTER THE ATTACK

Line	SOL after attack(p.u)	Line flows after attack(p.u)
1 – 2	NA	NA
1 – 5	2.0	2.8110
2 – 3	1.1846	0.5765
2 – 4	0.8843	0.2927
2 – 5	-2.0	-0.0862
3 – 4	-2.0	-0.3655
4 – 5	-1.5	-1.5815
4 – 7	0.3706	0.5107
4 – 9	0.6126	0.2980
5 – 6	0.6571	0.9433
6 – 11	0.4395	0.1798
6 – 12	0.5209	0.2301
6 – 13	0.5790	0.4214
7 – 8	2.0	0
7 – 9	0.8097	0.5107
9 – 10	0.6407	0.3102
9 – 14	0.5736	0.2485
10 – 11	0.3154	0.0202
12 – 13	-2.0	-0.0199
13 – 14	0.2645	0.0515

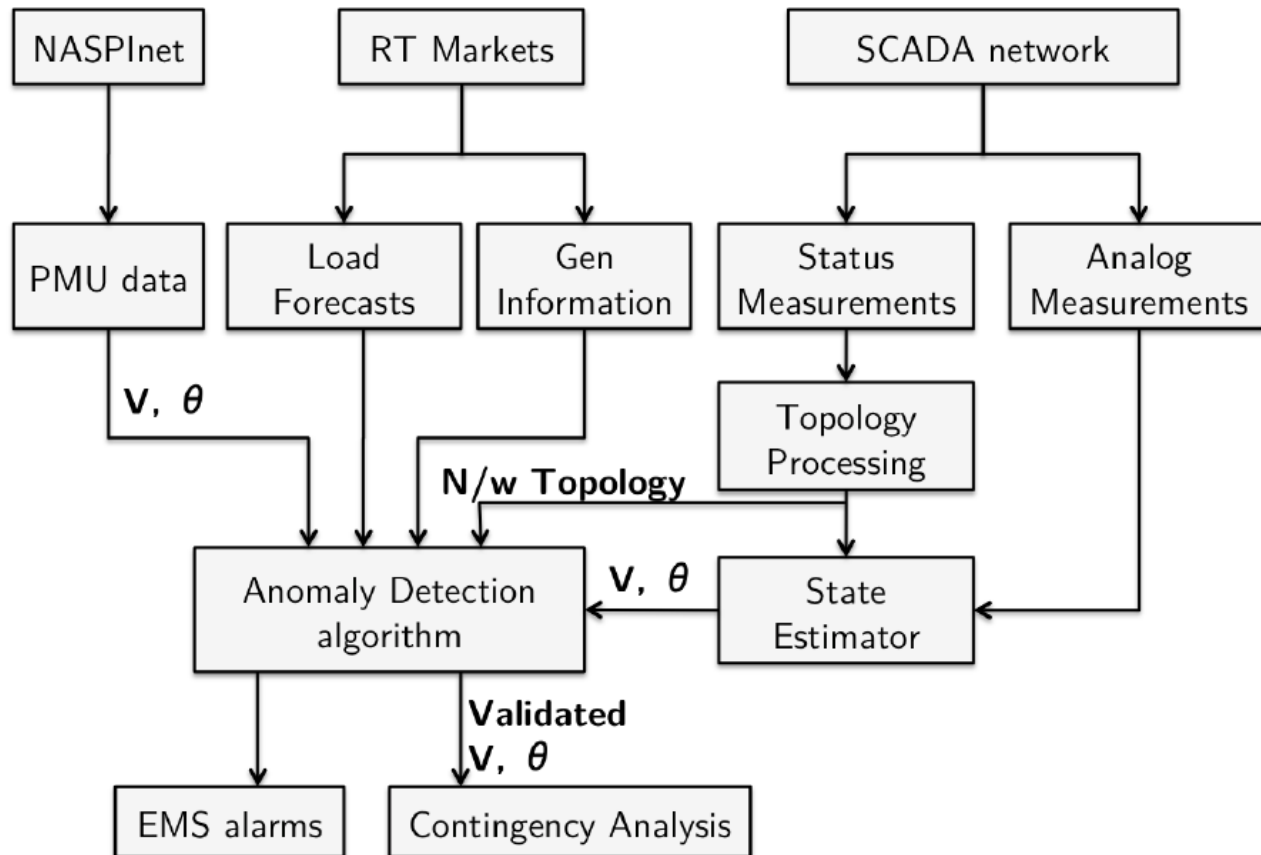
- Critical branches:1-2, 7-8.
- Attack scenario:
  - Remove branch 1-2
- Impacts:
  - One unobservable state
  - Several SOL violations
  - Unnecessary re-dispatch
  - Market Impacts

A. Ashok and G. Manimaran, “Cyber attacks on power system state estimation through topology errors”, IEE PES General Meeting, 2012

# Mitigation of cyber attacks on SE

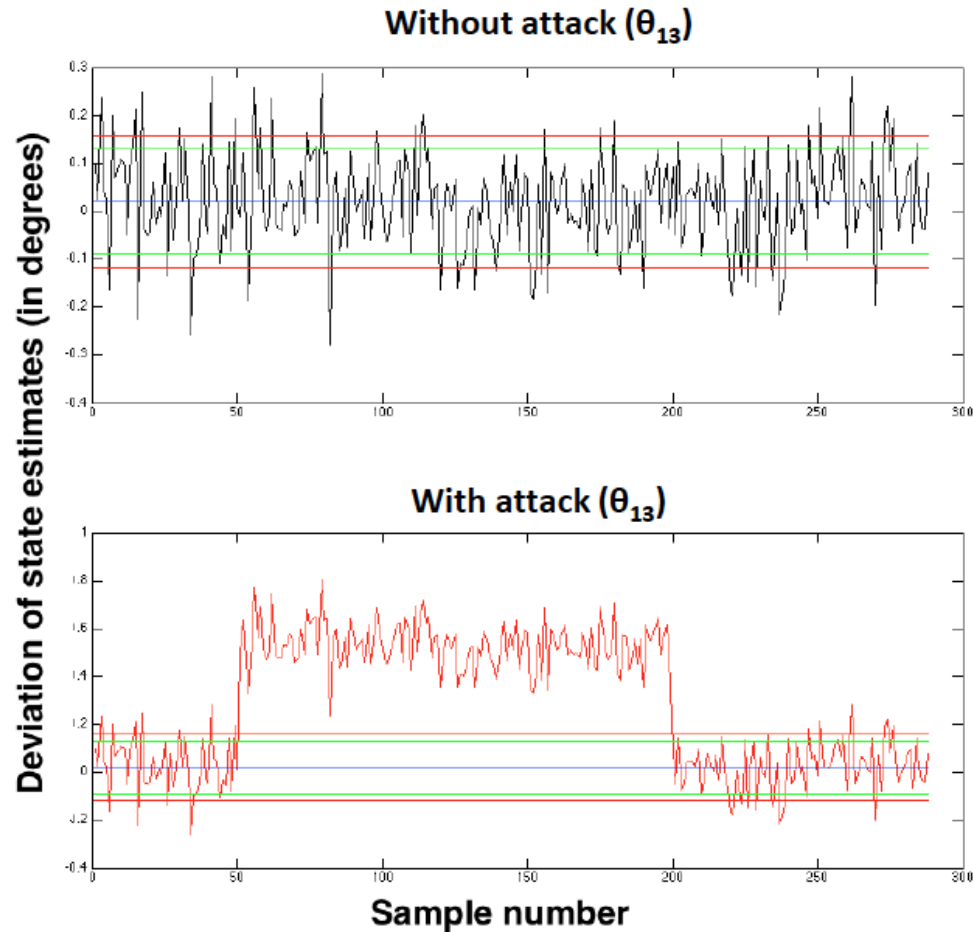
- Could be at infrastructure or application layers
  - **Infrastructure:** IDS, Anomaly detection, Encryption
  - **Application:** Intelligent SE algorithms
- Common mitigation: Deploy PMU's at target locations to improve redundancy
- **Assumption:** PMU measurements are secure, accurate.

# Mitigation of cyber attacks on SE



A. Ashok, M. Govindarasu, and A. Ajjarapu, "Online Detection of Stealthy False Data Injection Attacks in Power System State Estimation," IEEE Trans. on Smart Grid, July 2016.

# Detection of stealthy attacks



Each sample corresponds to one 5 minute interval as per Real-Time Markets

# Research Methodology

Attack scope

Attack model

Attack types

Attack targets

Attack vectors

Impact Analysis

Attack Mitigation

1

State estimation

2

- Attacker has measurement set configurations
- Attacks are not detected by bad data detection

3

Data integrity attacks on

- Analog Measurements
- Status Measurements

4

- Targets: Injection and flow measurements

- Targets : Statuses of breakers (network topology)

5

- Identify measurement manipulations

which satisfy estimation equations

- Identify critical measurements to alter topology

6

- No direct impacts are studied in existing research

- Impacts shown in terms of System Operating Limits

7

- Deploy PMU's at selected locations to improve redundancy

- Randomize measurements and estimation weights

# Summary

- Cyber-Physical Security of WAMPAC is critical for bulk power system reliability.
- Attack-resilient WAMPAC involves
  - Identifying vulnerabilities
  - Analyzing impacts
  - Developing cyber-physical counter measures

# Conclusions

- Cybersecurity and attack-resiliency of WAMPAC is very critical to reliable and economic operation of bulk power system
- CPS mitigation measures leverage underlying physics of system operation and available trusted data sources
  - Automatic Generation Control (Control), Voltage Control ...
  - State Estimation (Monitoring), Oscillation monitoring & damping control ...
  - Remedial Action Schemes (Protection) ....
- Attack-Resilient WAMPAC algorithms need to be integrated into EMS of the control center