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An APT attack on Water Supply

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Austrian Infrastruktur Service Provider
2600 Employees

LINZ AG STROM

Energy
Telecommunications
Energy-Services

LINZ AG MANAGEMENTSERVICE Finance, Legal

LINZ AG SERVICE Water, Disposal

LINZ AG LINIEN Public Transport

LINZ AG GAS/WÄRME Gas, Heating



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Questionnaire





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Questionnaire



- **Security standards**
- **Risks**
- **Hardware, software**
- **Data protection and security**
- **Security checks**
- **Security issues**
- **Technical control devices**
- **Communication network**



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Questionnaire - Outcomes



- **Positive understanding, workplace and private**
- **Security issues are largely detected**
- **A high degree of trust in the company**
- **A low perception of one's personal contribution**
- **Employees with certification are more sensitized**
- **Less transparency in the incident process**
- **Technical control devices have a great potential**



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Data Flow Management



- **Estimate where all the risks lie**
- The process includes:
 - Identify physical processes
 - Identify people responsible
 - Perform (high level) vulnerability assessment

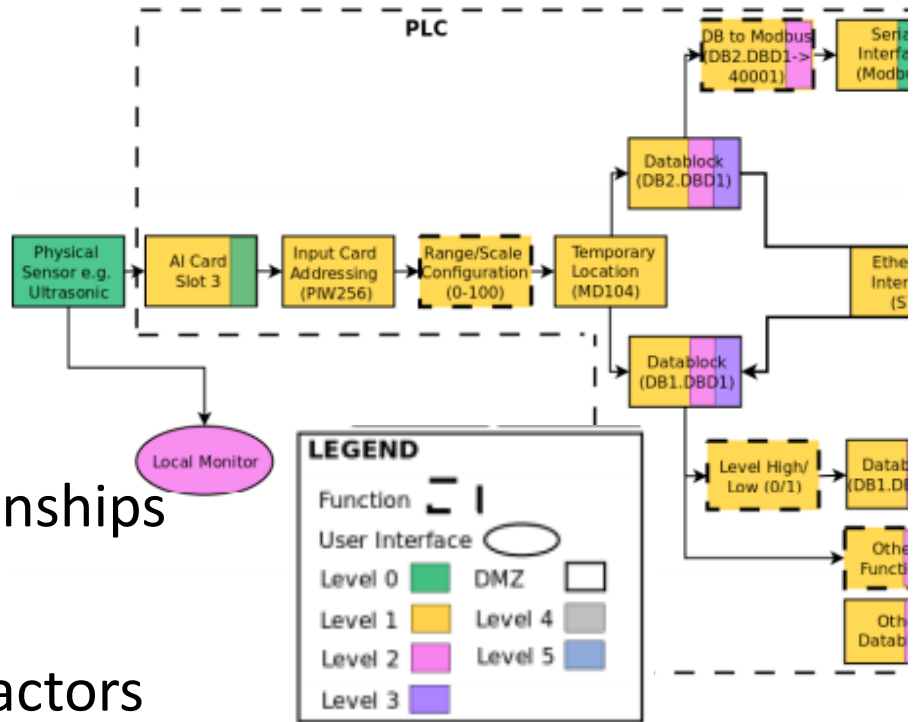


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Outcomes



- Prepare data flow maps
- Improve our understanding
 - Technical data flows
 - Processing points
 - System-to-system relationships
- Investigate human (social) factors
 - System-to-user relationships



Data flow example of a single sensor*

* B. Green, M. Krotofil, and D. Hutchison, "Achieving ICS Resilience and Security through Granular Data Flow Management", Proceedings of the Second ACM Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems-Security and/or Privacy, CPS-SPC 2016, Vienna, Austria, 28 October, 2016



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APT Attack - Overview



Setting up game theoretic model for cyber attack on water supply system

- Define goals to be optimized
- List of threats (attack strategies)
- List of countermeasures (defence strategies)
- Estimate payoffs for each scenario



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APT Attack - Goals



- **Maximize availability**
- **Minimize cost**
- **Minimize damage of reputation**



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APT Attack - Threats



- **Attack RTU (Man in the middle attack)**
- **Change program logic in a PLC**
- **Get physical access to a building**
- **Eavesdrop communication**
- **Insert malicious code on a SCADA server**



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APT Attack - Countermeasures

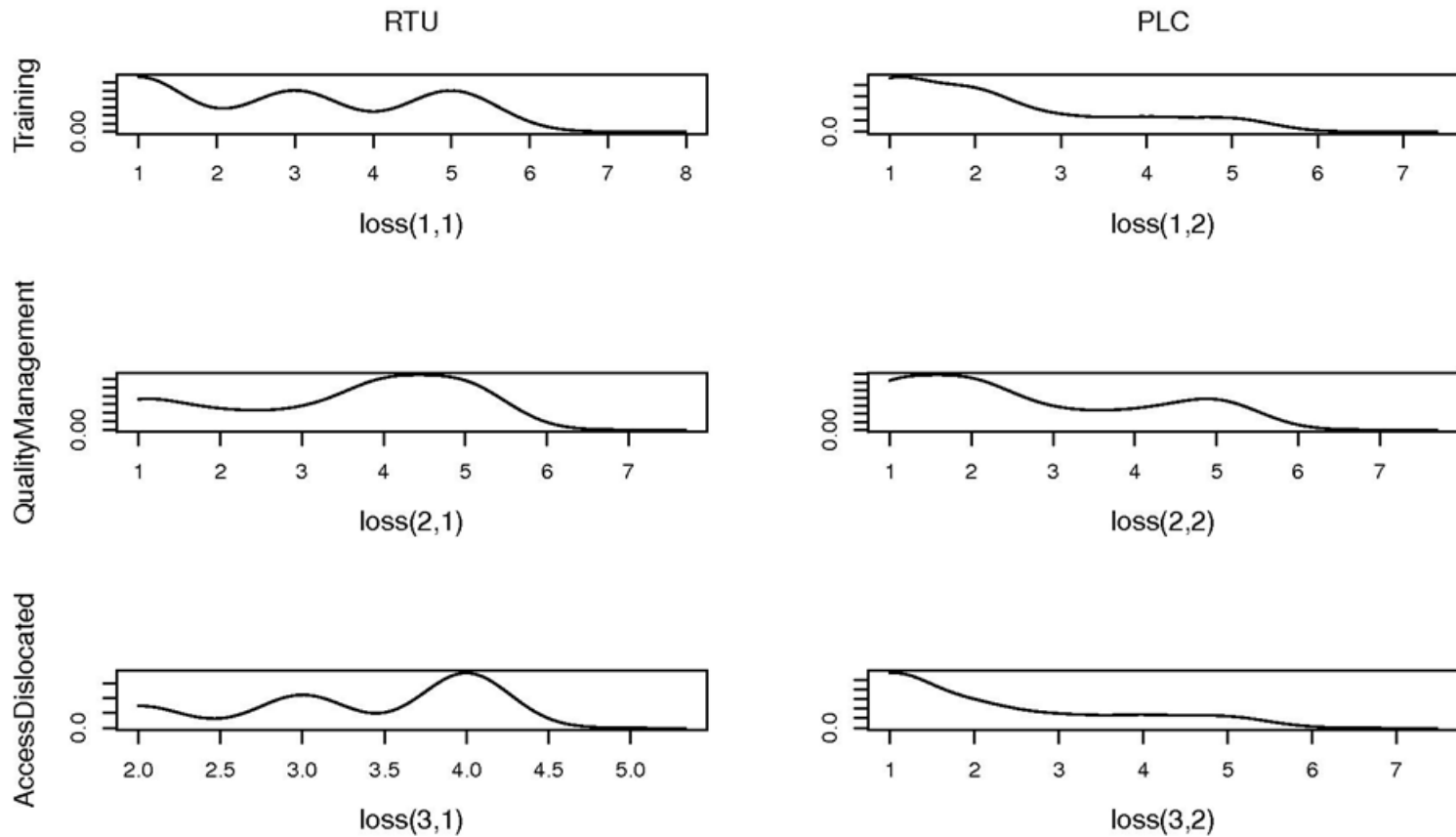


- **Train awareness of employees (training)**
- **Increase quality management (corrective and preventive actions)**
- **Increase physical security of dislocated places**
- **Change physical access policy**
- **Secure administration of switches**
- **Check integrity of configuration more frequently**

APT Attack - Estimate Payoff Distribution



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