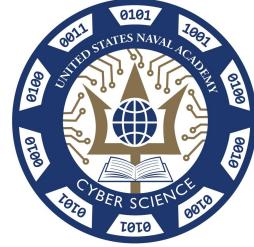




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# Lessons Learned when building a Maritime Systems Security Laboratory Testbench

Brien Croteau, USNA, Cyber Science

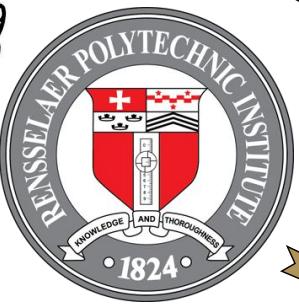
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# My Background

**Disclaimer: All my opinions, not those of  
the US Gov, US Navy, or USNA**

24-year Active Duty Naval Officer, EE Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor, USNA Cyber Science Department  
Military Deputy for the Dean of Math and Science



**UMBC**



**EA-6B Naval Flight Officer**



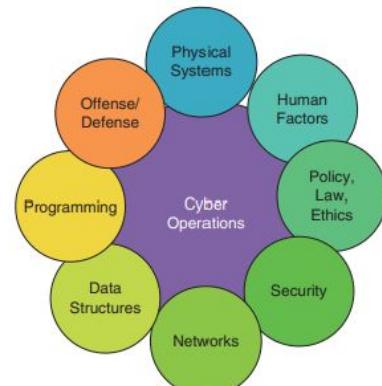
Research in Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) Security: Detection of malicious sensors using side-channel power analysis, Alternate actuation paths, Actuation limits, Industrial Control Systems (ICS) security, Maritime Hull, Mechanical, & Electrical (HM&E) security

# About the U. S. Naval Academy

- Located in Annapolis, MD
- One of Five Federal Military Academies
  - feeding the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps
- Approx. 4500 students and 600 Faculty
  - 300 civilian, 300 military
- 26 Majors
  - 65% graduates must be STEM majors



Cyber Operations:  
Interdisciplinary  
Major



COVER FEATURE CURRICULAR FOUNDATIONS FOR CYBERSECURITY

The USNA's  
Interdisciplinary Approach  
to Cybersecurity Education

Tracy Emmerseil, Joseph M. Hatfield, Jeff Kosseff, and  
Stephen R. Orr, U.S. Naval Academy

Faced with unprecedented cybersecurity challenges, the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) has recognized the need to increase its supply of newly minted officers who have a solid educational foundation in cybersecurity and cyber operations.



# What do I mean by CPS?

## Cyber-Physical Systems

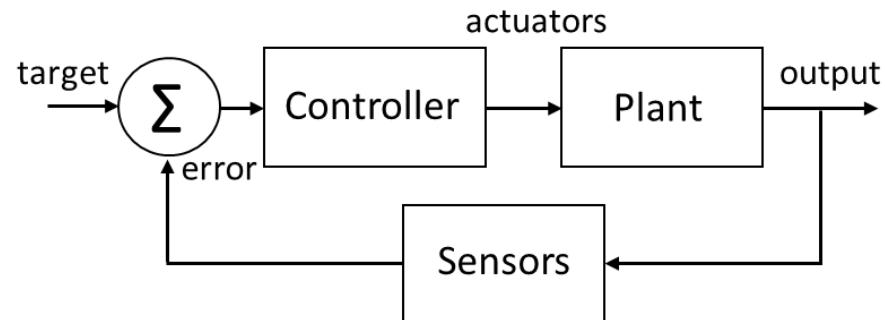
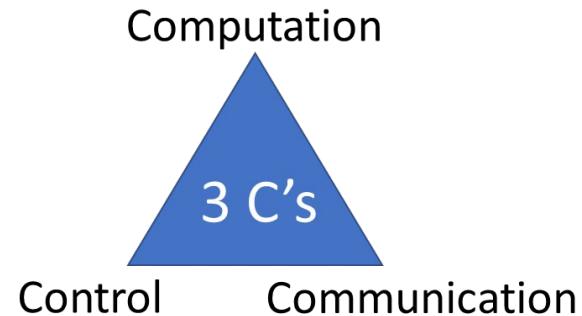
Other Monikers:

OT = Operational Technology

ICS = Industrial Control Systems

Industry 4.0, IIoT

SCADA



# Why should you care about this?

= threatpost Cloud Security / Malware / Vulnerabilities / InfoSec Insider

**Researcher: Not Hard for a Hacker to Capsize a Ship at Sea**

**Mashable** TECH ▾ SCIENCE ▾ SOCIAL GOOD ▾

Remotely hacking ships shouldn't be this easy, and yet ...

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**MARINE SAFETY ALERT**  
Inspections and Compliance Directorate

Safety Alert 06-19

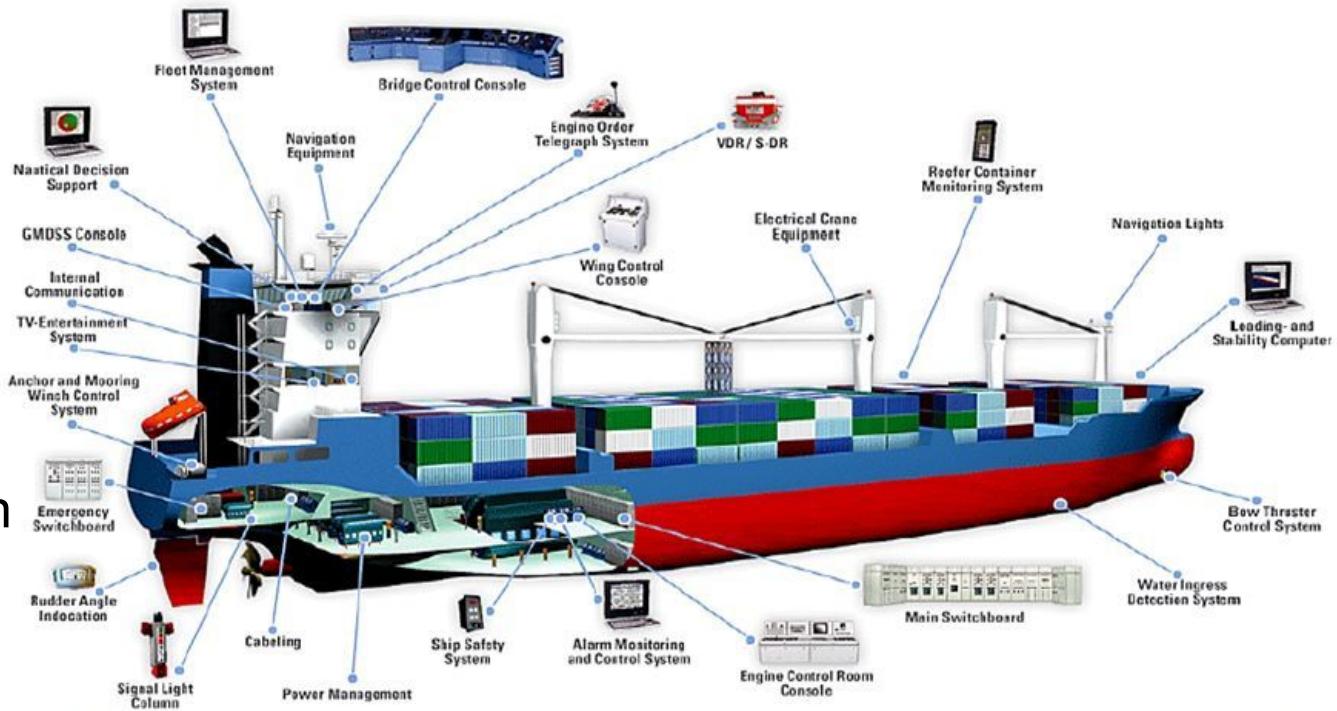
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Cyber Incident Exposes Potential Vulnerabilities Onboard Commercial Vessels



# Maritime Systems Overview

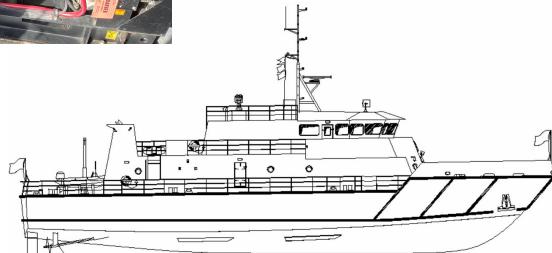
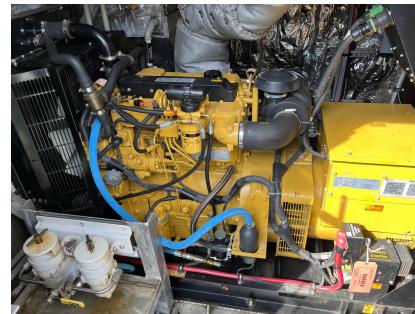
- Propulsion
- Electrical
- Auxiliary
  - Fresh Water
  - Sea Water
- Bridge
  - Navigation
  - Communication
  - Sensors



# USNA Yard Patrol vessels (YP703)

- Builder: C&G Boat Works Inc. (YP703-2010 to YP708-2014)
- Propulsion: 2x715 bhp (2x448kw) Cat C-18 diesel engines at 2,100 RPM
- Electrical: 2x CAT Diesel Generators 480V, 99 KW, 3-phase AC
- Length: Overall: 119 feet (36.3 meters)
- Beam: 27.9 feet (8.51 meters)
- Displacement: 227.6 Metric Tonnes (223.9 long tons)
- Draft: 7.5 feet (2.27 meters)
- Speed: 12.6 knots (23.3 kilometers per hour)

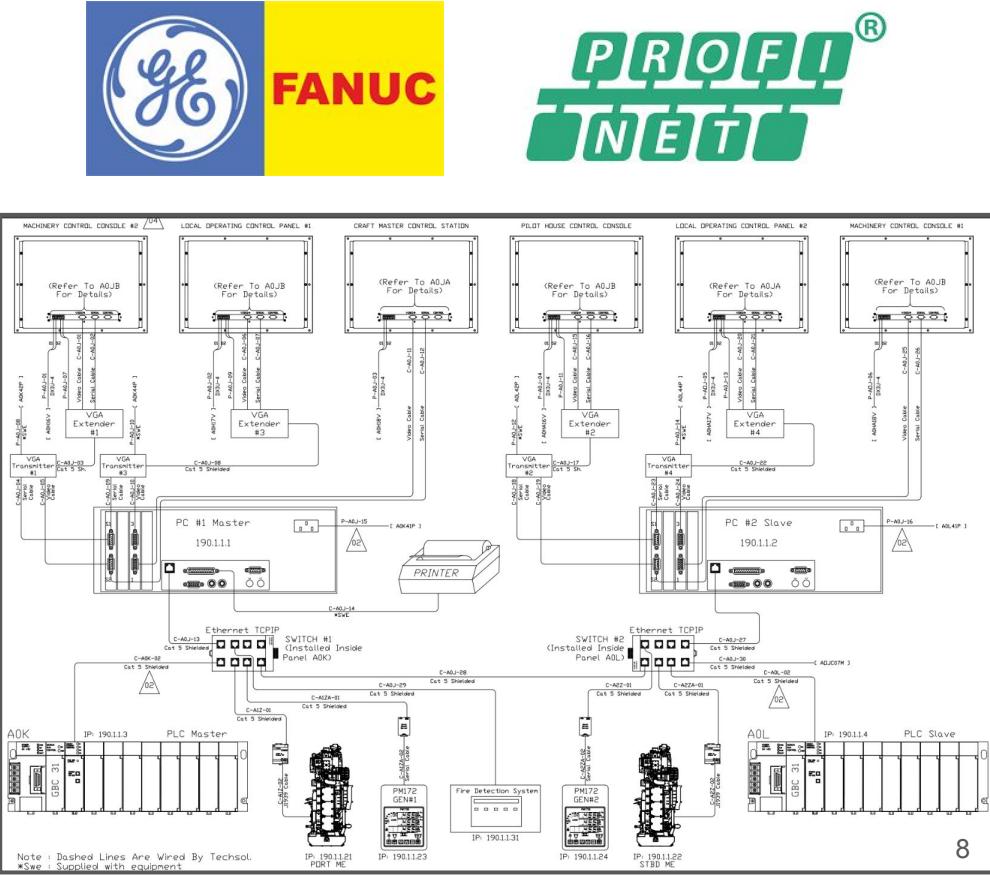
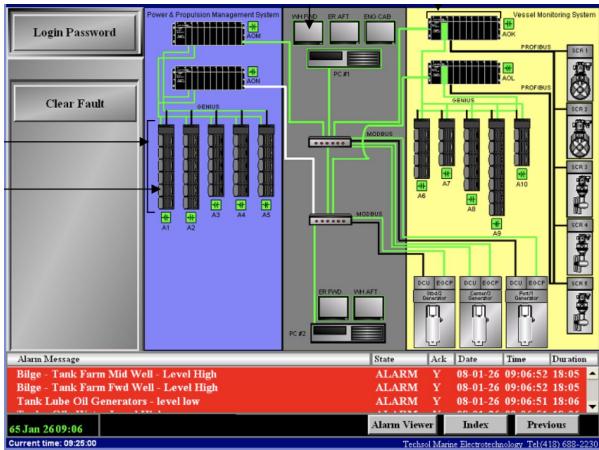
Used for local ship-handling  
training operations and summer  
cruises on the eastern seaboard



# MAX II Alarms and Monitoring System on the YP703 class

GE Fanuc based custom install

- 2x PC to drive 6x touchscreen Human Machine Interface (HMIs)
- 2x Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs)
- Dual redundant IP/serial communications
- Interfaces with:
  - Engines
  - Generators
  - Tanks
  - Fire Detection

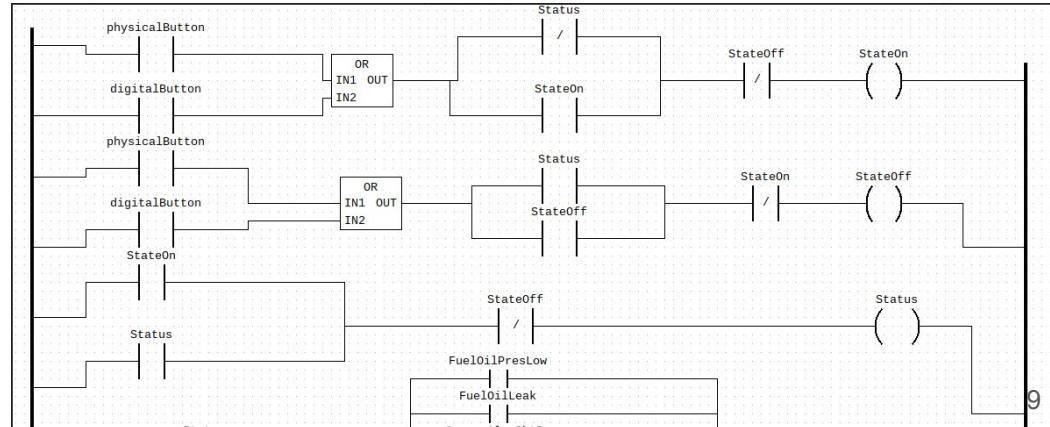
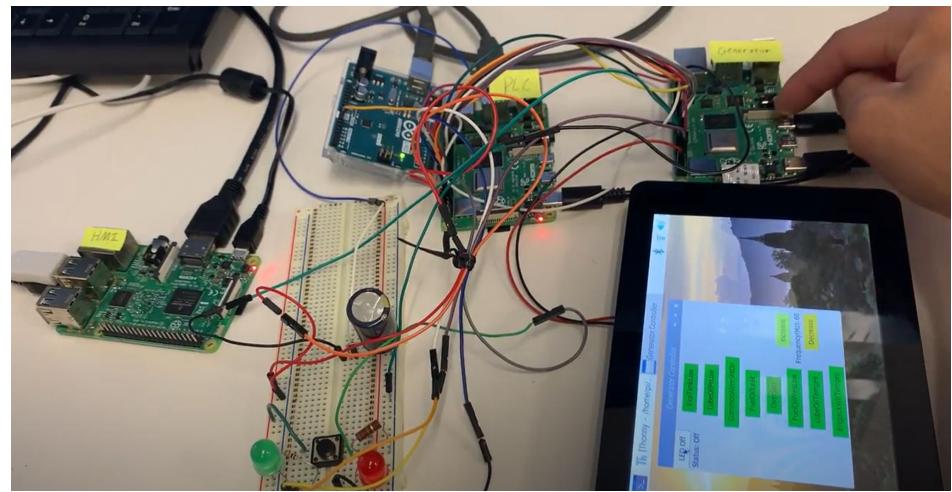
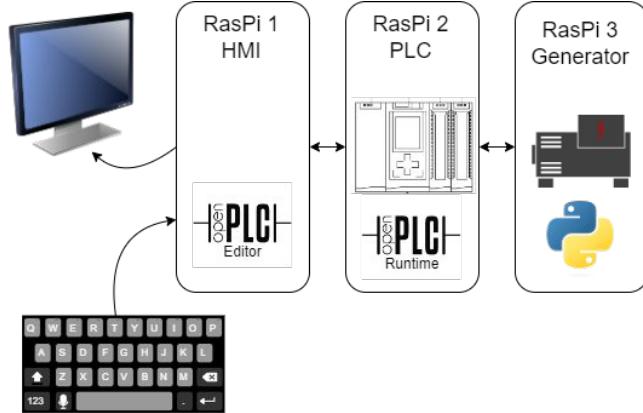


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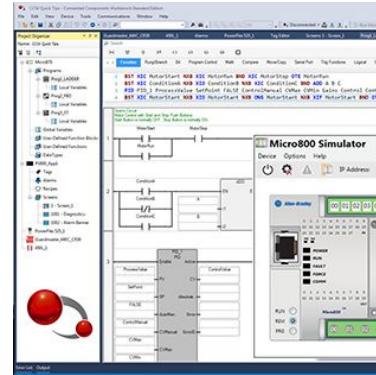
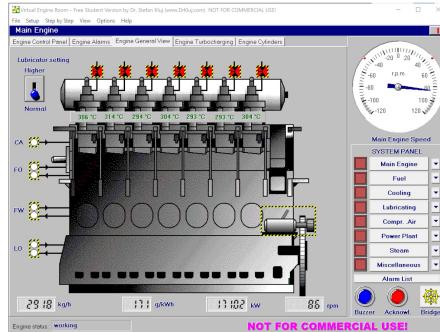
# MICS Course Offering

Spring 2023, SY486K Maritime Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity

Three-credit technical elective

Lectures, Labs, Student Presentations, and YP Project

Topics included: Maritime Systems, PLC, Ladder Logic, Modbus, CIP, Attacking ICS



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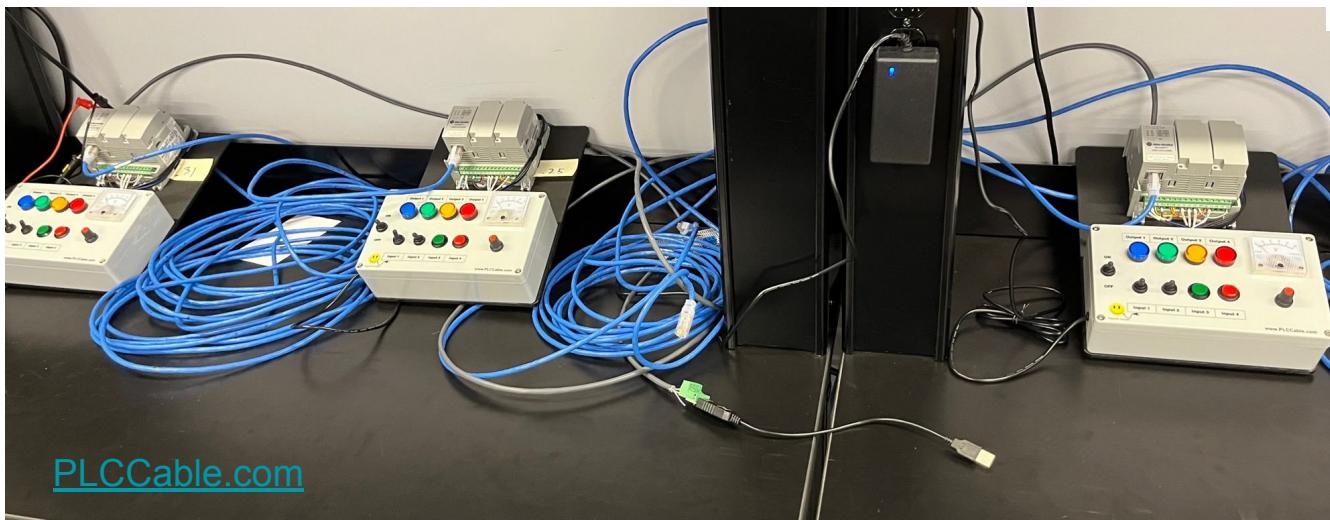


# v2.0 Classroom Trainers

Allen-Bradley (AB) micro820 PLC based

Individual Ladder Logic Programming

Modbus Communication (RS-232, RS-485, and TCP)



**Rockwell  
Automation**

**Connected  
Components  
Workbench™  
Software**



# v2.5 Hardware-in-the-Loop ICS (HILICS)

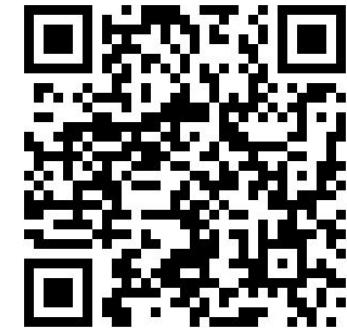
On loan from Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT)

AB microLogix 1100+RasPi

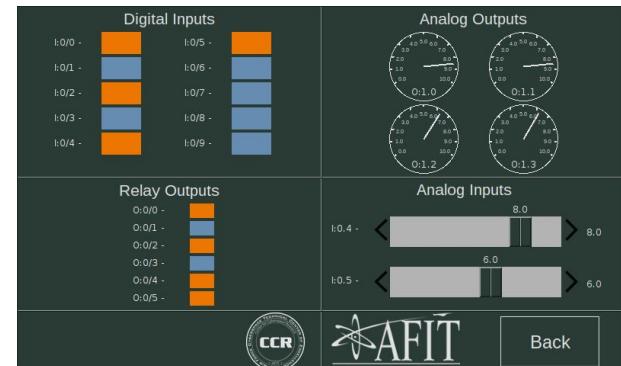
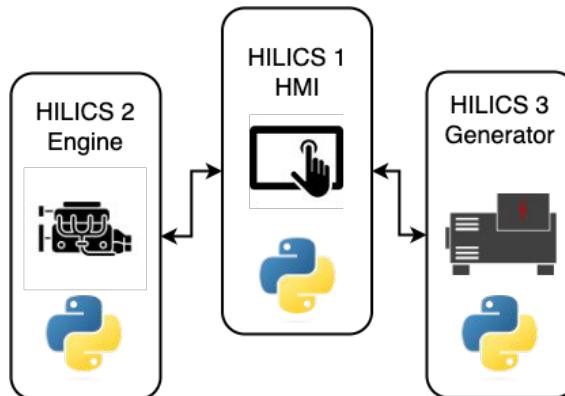
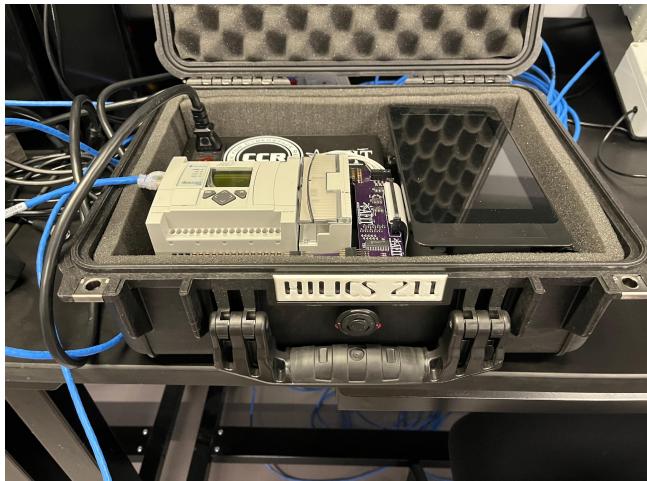
Students made a 3-node network replicating a portion of the YP703 system:

- 1x HMI
- 1x Diesel Engine
- 1x Generator

Captured their work in an Interface Control Document



[https://github.com/  
sdunlap-afit/hilics](https://github.com/sdunlap-afit/hilics)



# [Future] v3.0 Modular PLC Laboratory

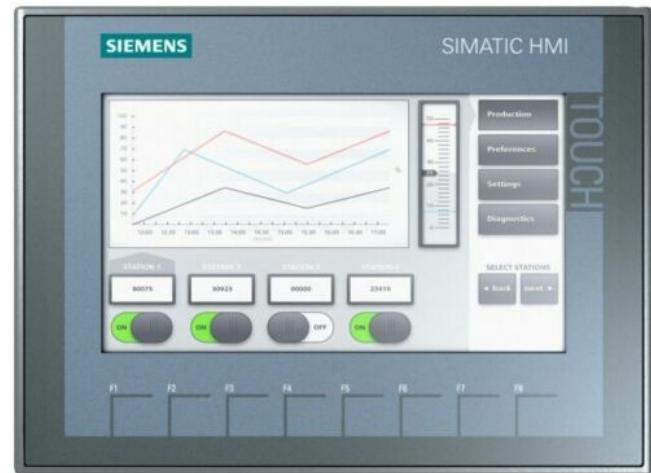
Siemens S7-1215C PLCs + ktp700 Basic HMI

Envision a reconfigurable PLC centric lab that can emulate different applications

- Naval Vessel
- Factory Floor
- Water Treatment
- Building Automation



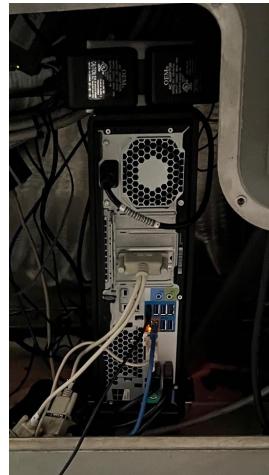
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# [Future] v4.0 Actual YP Hardware in the Loop

GE Fanuc PLC hardware from YPs + PC

Computer endpoints and networks allow a wider range of students to interact



# [Future] v5.0 Bridge and Simulated Motion Integration

<https://www.bridgecommand.co.uk/>



Research platform to work on defense on advanced cyber attacks on ships

<https://github.com/osrf/vrx>



GAZEBO ROS

# Conclusion

Shared the journey that I have begun on iterating towards a more comprehensive and realistic training and research environment.

I look forward to hearing your questions and suggestions you might have about ideas moving forward.

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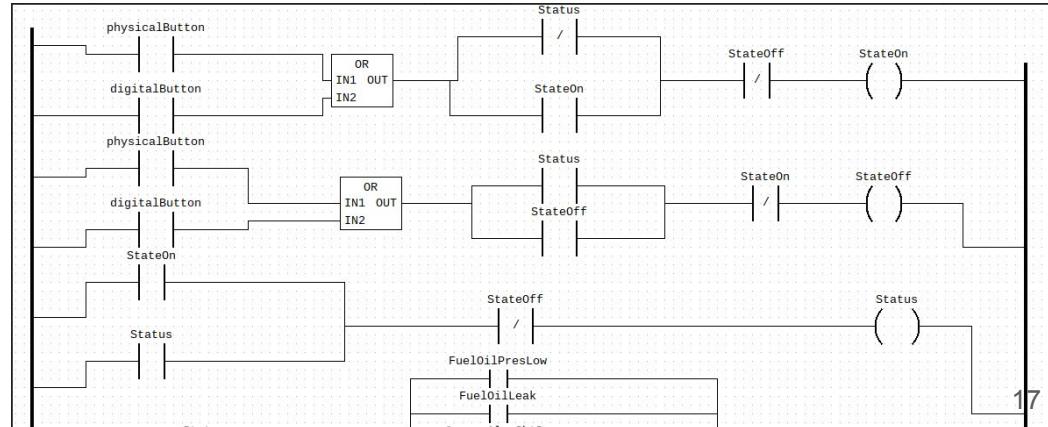
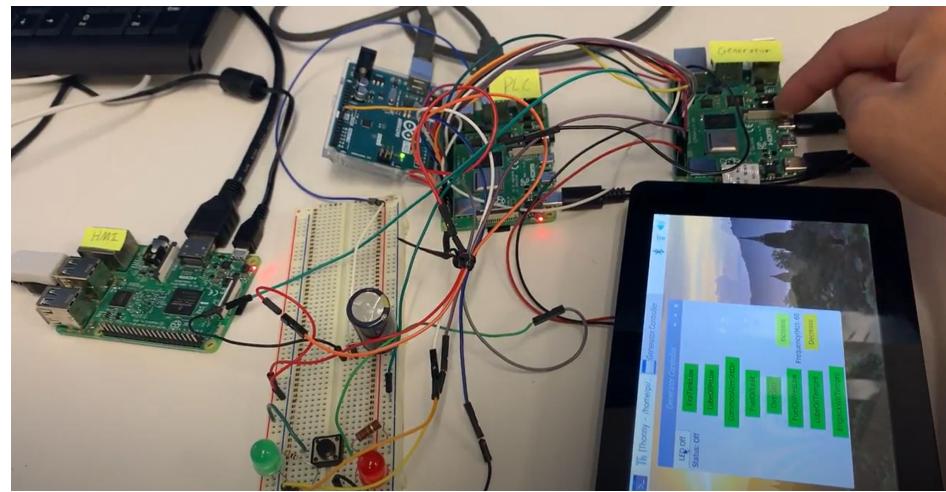
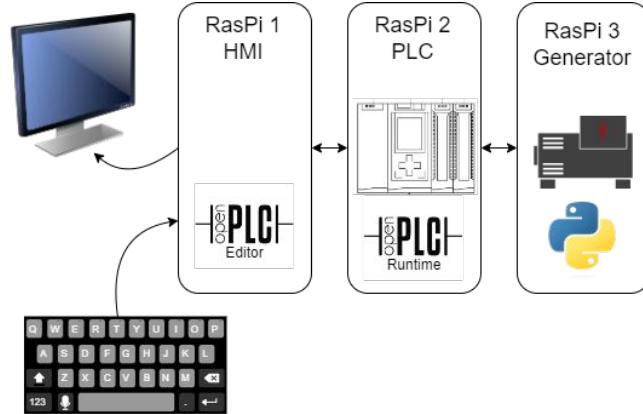
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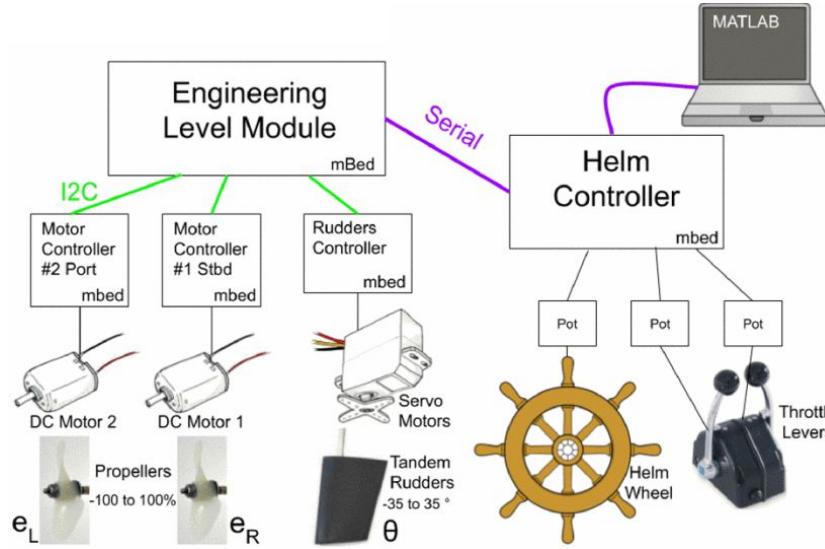
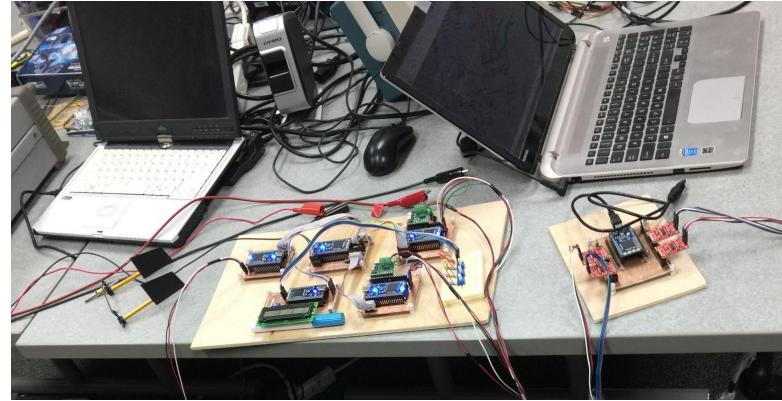
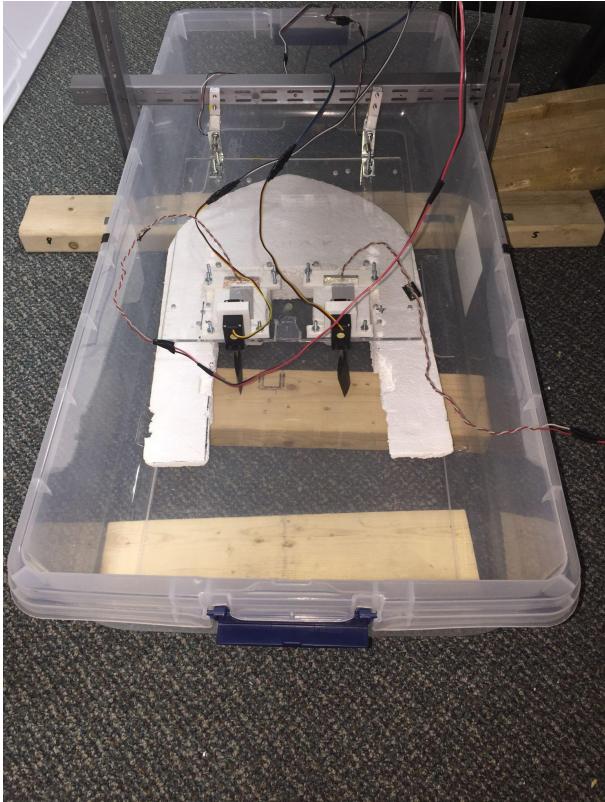
# Other Maritime Testbenches



<https://www.fathom5.co/systems>



# v0.1 UMBC Ship System Testbed



2019 R Week Paper  
[Alternative Actuation Paths for Ship Applications in the Presence of Cyber-Attacks](#)

