

STORMBREAKER

AI-Enhanced Industrial Control Systems Security

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Problem Statement

Industrial Control Systems pose a significant vulnerability in today's society.

"...weapons of mass destruction...billions of dollars of damage...innocent lives lost..."

-Michael



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- ICS equipment, devices, applications, and protocols were not designed with security in mind.
- Vulnerabilities will always exist in legacy and new ICS networks (including air-gapped systems).
- ICS networks are susceptible to inadvertent user compromise of cybersecurity measures ("What's on this thumb drive?").
- Attackers are constantly utilizing sophisticated techniques (e.g., supply chain infiltration) to gain access to networks to potentially impose harm and disorder (e.g., equipment damage).

Case Study: HARVEY⁽¹⁾

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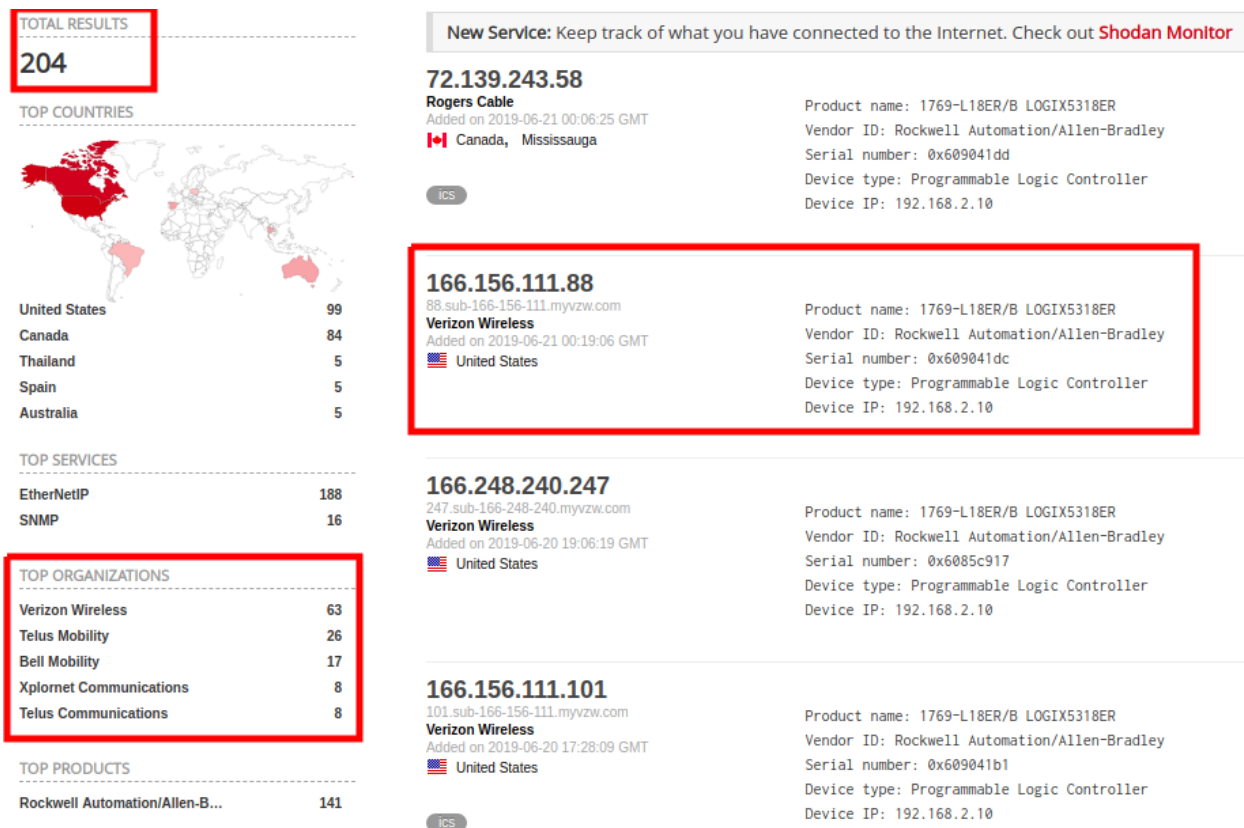
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- Researchers have created rootkit for Allen Bradley PLCs that can overwrite “good” logic commands with malicious commands
- Rootkit (“HARVEY”) examines signal space of PLC and determines the optimal malicious modification to output commands
- HARVEY also generates fake data displayed to operators

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"iii) an external bump-in-the-wire device between the PLC controller and the physical plant could be monitoring the two-way sensor-to-PLC and PLC-to-actuator data streams. **The solution could possibly check whether the control commands issued by the PLC satisfy the plant's essential safety requirements** that must be defined by the operators. Additionally, the solution could implement coarse-grained control consistency checks **to validate whether sensor measurements and actuation commands are consistent in terms of how the plant should be controlled.**" (reference 1)

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Our Solution: STORMBREAKER

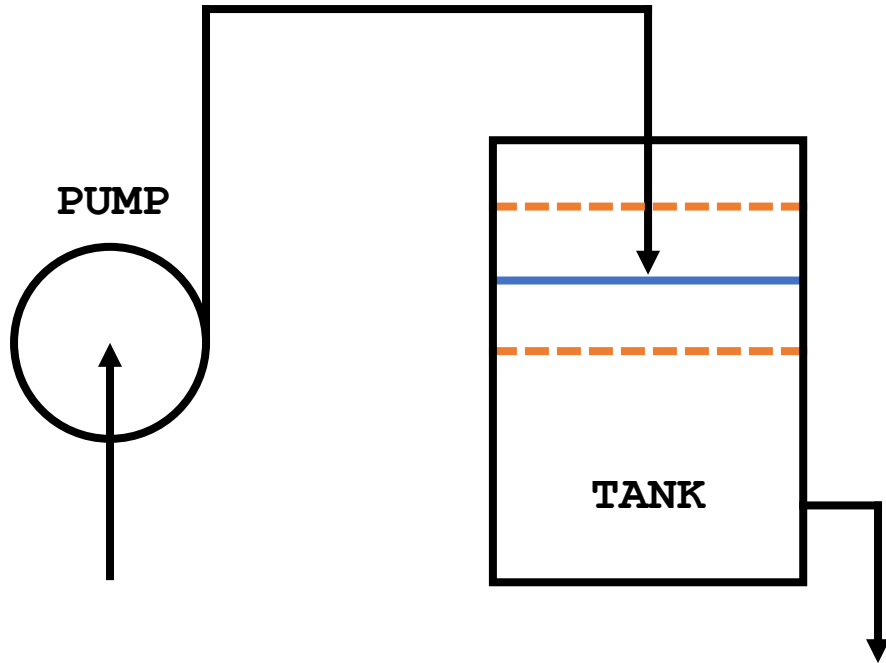


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- Operator aid to mitigate safety issues such as equipment malfunction, environmental issues associated with critical systems.
- Can also be used as an electrical interlock to prevent inadvertent field device actuation of safety-critical systems
- Used in conjunction with existing ICS cybersecurity measures, not replace ICS-specific measures, policies, and procedures such as network blacklists, for example
- Comparable to existing AI-based tools used to process corporate (enterprise) network traffic (e.g., Amazon Web Services (AWS) GuardDuty™)

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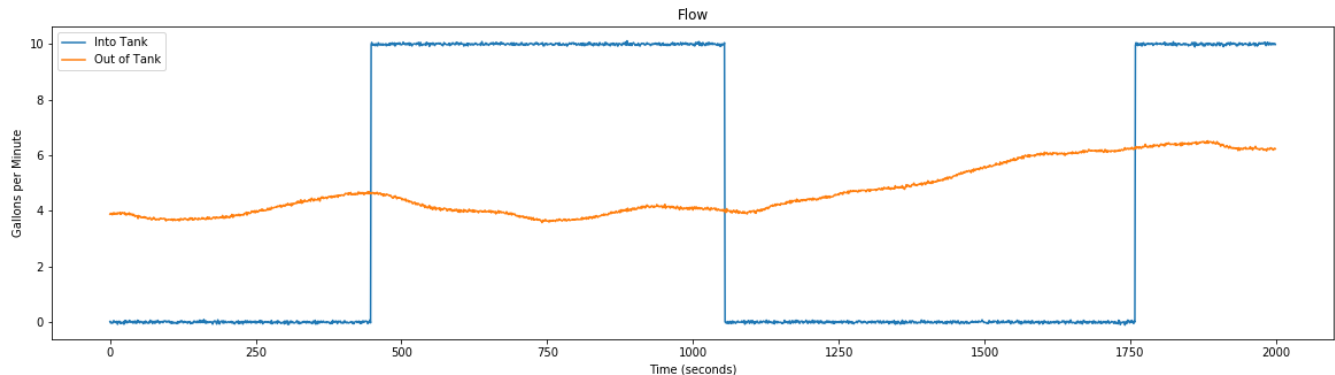
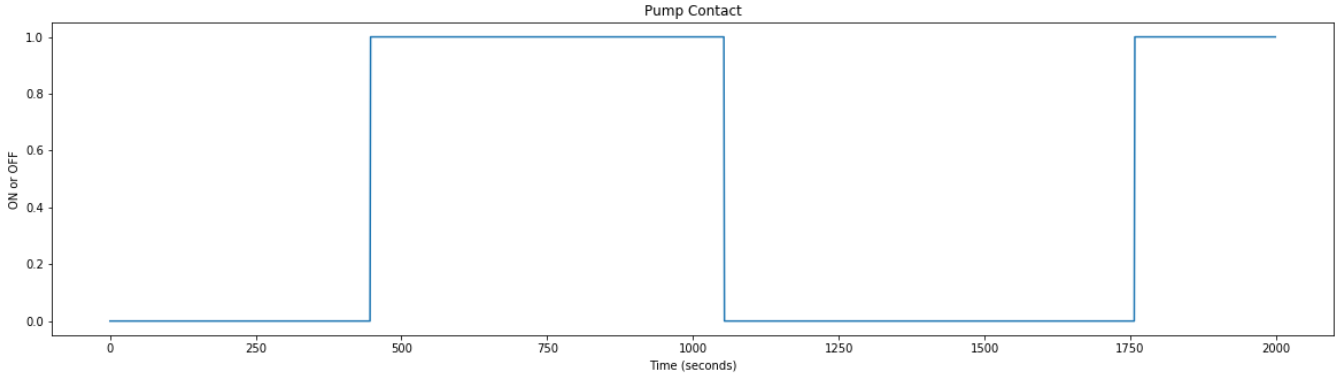
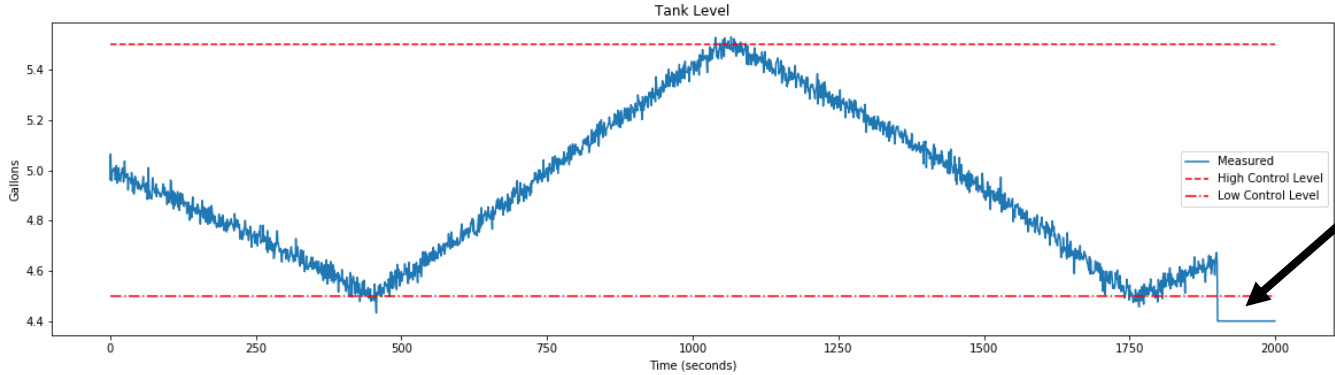


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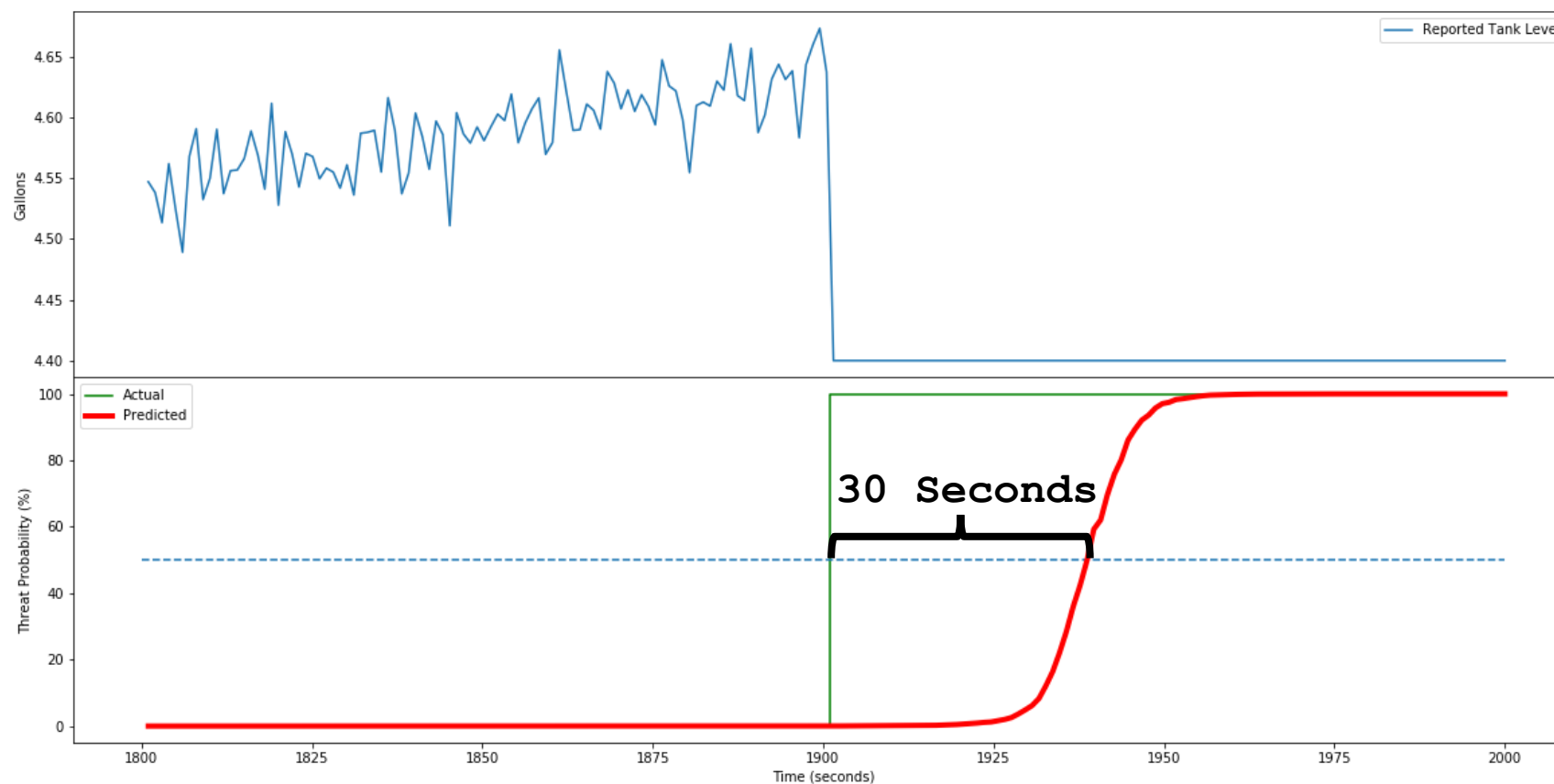
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- . OUT Flow



ICS Attack



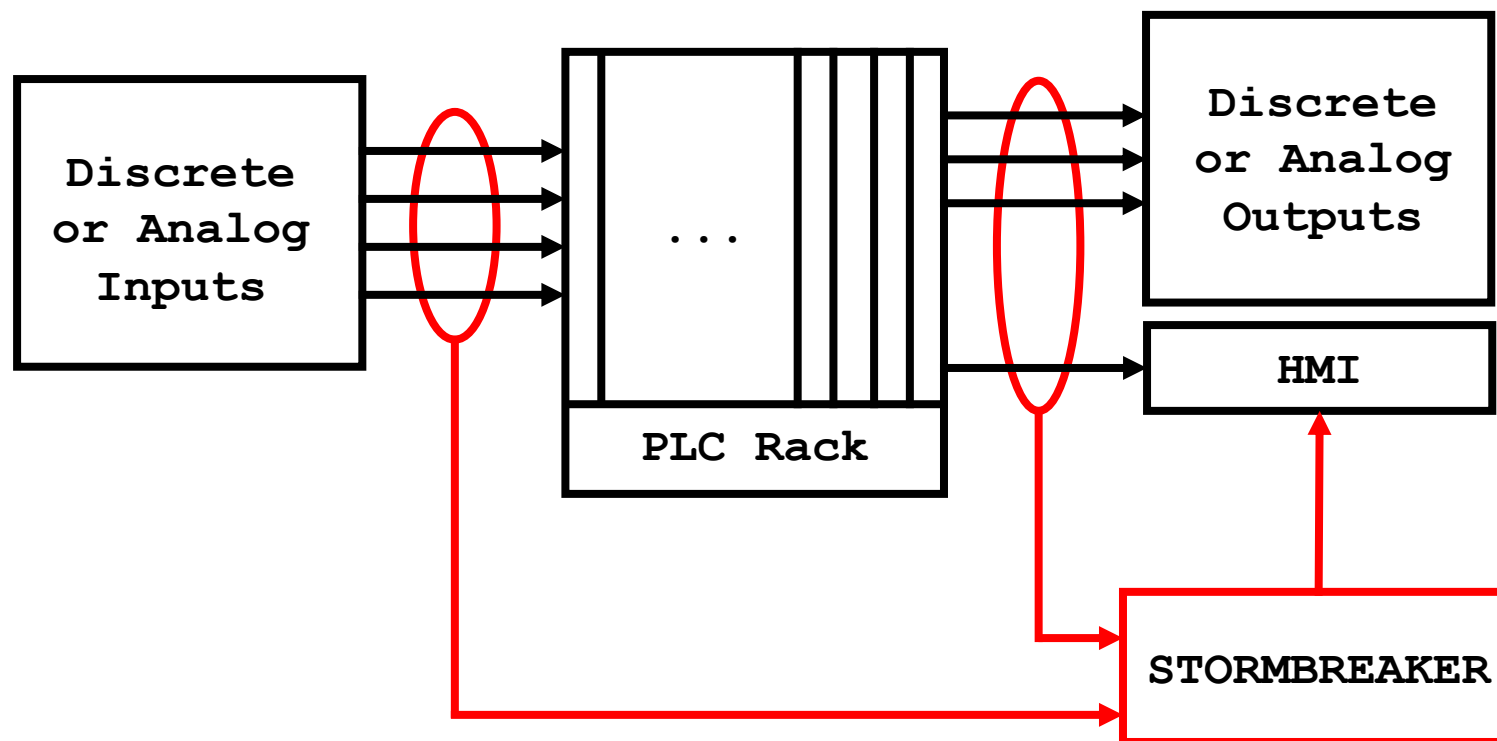
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Implementation

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We install STORMBREAKER in parallel with your current ICS.



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- Can be installed without downtime.
- Independent of current ICS
- Mitigates supply chain compromise
- Provides defense in depth

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Once installed, STORMBREAKER will alert when it detects abnormal parameters.

Potential Alarm Responses:

- Graceful degradation
- Switch to backup control
- Operator intervention (Safety Critical Systems)



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