



Utfordringer av forsyningsikkerheten ved økt  
cybertrussel

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# IFE Digital Systems

From sensors to decisions

Departments:

- Control Room & Interaction Design
- Virtual & Augmented Reality
- Applied Data Science
- Humans & Automation
- Human Centered Digitalization
- Risk, Safety, & Security
- Applied Nuclear Science

Spinoffs since 2000:



International projects > 72%  
> 150 ongoing projects



## 11 Laboratories

- HAMMLAB - Human-Machine Lab
- HVRC - VR/AR lab
- Future lab
- Human-Centred Sensing lab
- Digitalization lab
- Sensor & Mechatronic lab
- 4 Decommissioning labs
- HADRON Robotics lab (under construction)

## 2 Centres:

- Cybersecurity Centre
- IAEA Nuclear Decommissioning Centre



## Capabilities:

- Fully customizable environment
  - Full freedom physical and virtual servers and machines
  - Customizable network infrastructure
- Enclaves for customer equipment
- Possibility for onsite access
- Secure remote access
- Technical and operational scalability

Cyber center serves and supports projects comprising (e.g.):



## What we do:

- Assessments and testing
- Simulation and modelling
- Incident detection and response
- Awareness and training

## CybWin Project

Cybersecurity Platform for Assessment  
and Training for Critical Infrastructures  
– Legacy to Digital Twin

Norwegian research council  
project

Project timeline 2019-2022

Total budget:  
28 million Norwegian kroner



# CybWin – domains and use cases

- CybWin's three different domains; nuclear, aviation and power grid/supply comprise different:
  - systems and critical infrastructure, different procedures and processes, different people, knowledge, culture, ...
  - all of which relates against the respective domains' threat picture





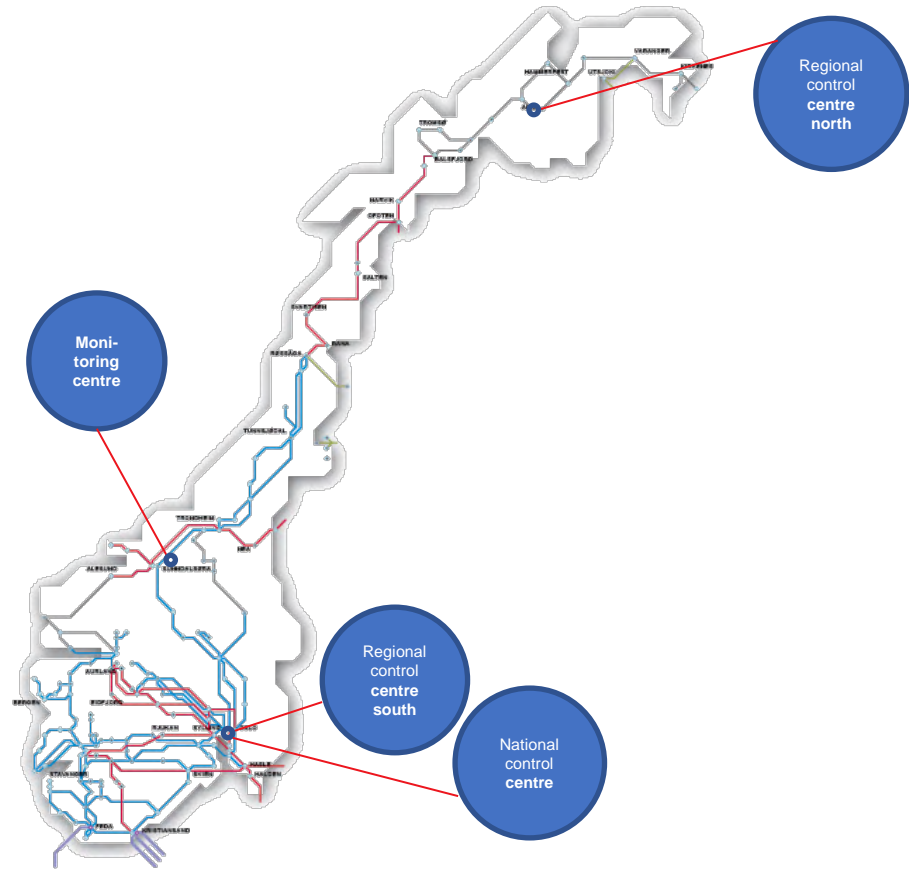
# Threat Landscape of Power Grid Substations

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Statnett

## This is Statnett

- Statnett is the system operator of the Norwegian power system.
- Statnett operates around **11,000** km of high-voltage power lines, **166** substations and **1,400** km of subsea and land cables across Norway.
- The National and Regional Control Centres continuously monitor the grid to ensure stable power supply.
- Statnett is also responsible for interconnectors to Sweden, Finland, Russia, Denmark and the Netherlands.





# KraftCERT/InfraCERT

Norwegian Energy Sector and Control System CERT

- Initiative from NCSC.no and The Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate.
- Independent, non-profit corporation.
- Part of the national response function for sectors.
- Industrial Control Systems
  - Electrical, Oil&Gas, Process, Water&Waste and other ICS related industry.
- Owners: Statnett(TSO), Statkraft(Generation) and Elvia(DSO).

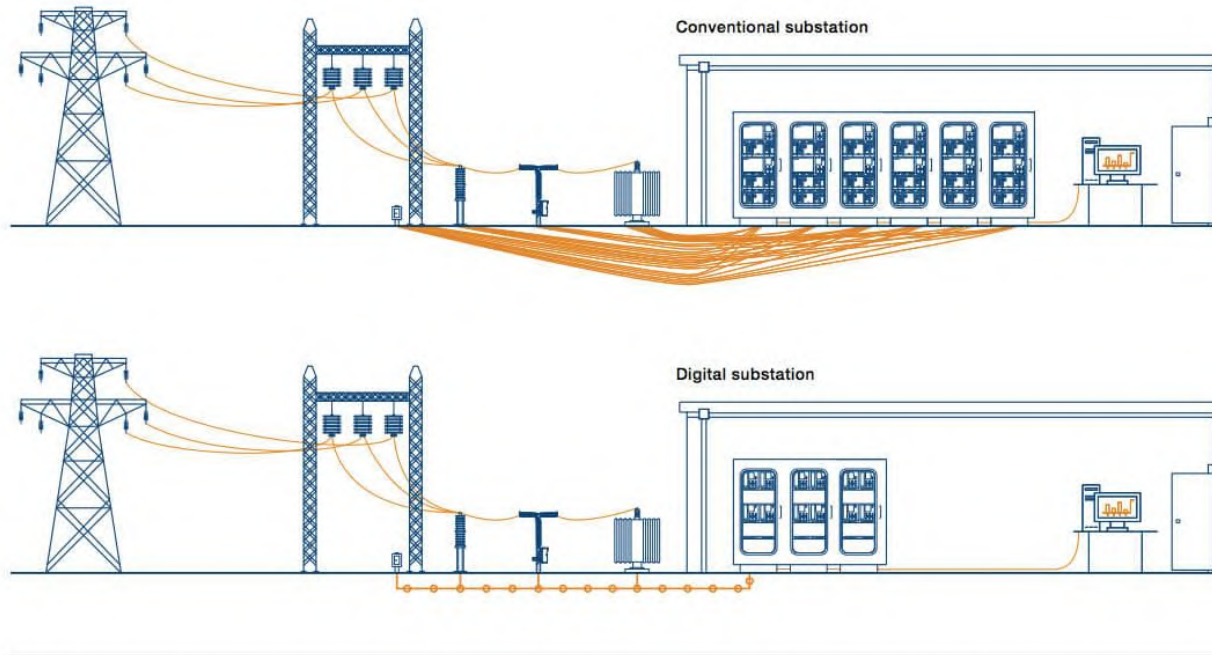


# Digitalization of Power Lines



# Digital Substation

Digital substations replace many point-to-point copper cables with a single fiber-optic process bus.



\*The digital process bus is managed by the IEC 61850-2 subsection of the standard for digital substation communication. It underpins the true digital substation and requires a new approach to substation architecture, design and construction.

# Smart Grid - Digitalization

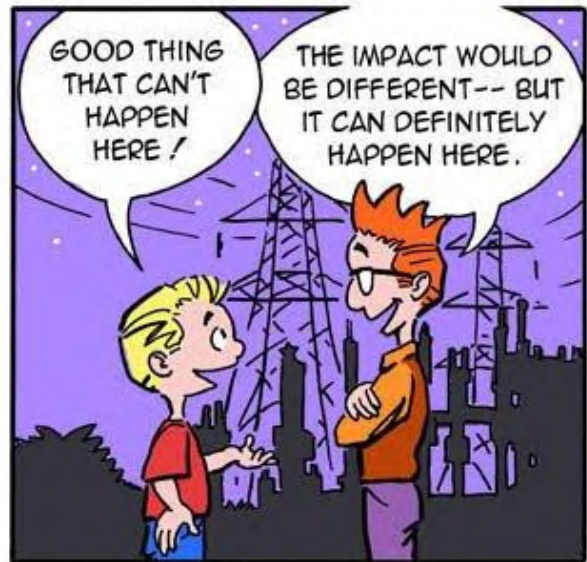
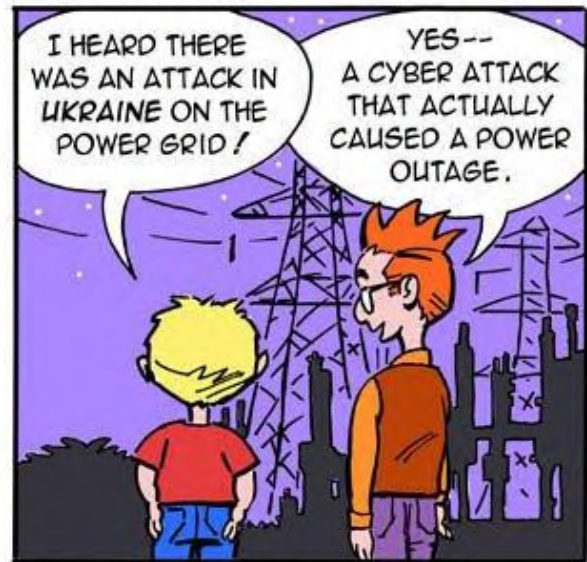
- Substations:
  - Digitalization all the way out to the switchyard (fiber and IP).
  - Instrumentation and data gathering in substations.
  - From box/hardware to functions (software).
  - Multiple functions in one box (IED).
  - Cloud services.
- Power lines:
  - Sensors and IIoT devices on power lines.
  - Cloud services.

*Huge increase in the amount of data gathered for various types of analysis, but also to support operations and management of the grid.*

# Anything to Worry About?

## LITTLE BOBBY

by Robert M. Lee and Jeff Haas



# Attackers and their Capabilities

| Security Level | Target                            | Skills           | Motivation | Means                    | Resources                          |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SL4            | Nation State, Contractors         | ICS Specific     | High       | Sophisticated (Campaign) | Extended (Multidisciplinary Teams) |
| SL3            | Hacktivist, Terrorist             | ICS Specific     | Moderate   | Sophisticated (Attack)   | Moderate (Hacker Group)            |
| SL2            | Cybercrime, Hacker                | Generic          | Low        | Simple                   | Low (Isolated Individual)          |
| SL1            | Casual or coincidental violations | No Attack Skills | Mistakes   | Non intentional          | Individual                         |

Based on IEC 62443

# Threat Picture

- Random infections have led to profiling, which can lead to targeted attacks.
- ICS is a major asset for the attackers:
  - Malware can have ICS functionality.
  - Attack on Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS).
  - Supply chain attacks.
  - ...

*Low hanging fruit 's are still important for an attacker.*

# Cybersecurity Standards of Relevance

- **IEC 62443** is the leading standard within cybersecurity for control and automation systems.
  - IEC 62443 covers all aspects of cybersecurity for IACS (organization, system, component).
- **IEC 62351** defines security controls for power grid communication, such as IEC 104 and IEC 61850.
  - Scope is securing communication.
  - Covers encryption, certificates, PKI, RBAC.



# The practical approach in CybWin R&D

The theory needs support from practice.

More valuable insight and knowledge.

As close to real time systems as possible.

Attackers view vs Defenders view.

- Systematic approach based on real attacks.
- The possibilities of other attack vectors
- Enhance our incident response and defending perspectives.
  
- Human factors when an incident occurs.
  - Human behavior in an ICS environment during Cyber incident.
  - Practical solutions/how to – playbooks, procedures, processes...

A photograph of a stone fortress. In the background, a central building with a dark roof and a white spire. To the right, a prominent round stone tower with a green copper roof. The fortress walls are made of rough-hewn stones. A dirt path leads up to the tower. The sky is blue with some clouds.

**Need to Move from This – Perimeters**

An aerial, long-exposure photograph of a complex multi-level highway interchange at night. The image is dominated by vibrant light trails from cars, appearing as streaks of white, blue, and red against the dark asphalt. The roads curve and cross each other in various directions, creating a dense, geometric pattern. The overall scene conveys a sense of constant motion and modern infrastructure.

**And Build Security Based on a New Reality**

The Future is Electric

