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Critical infrastructures



What?





<u>Critical</u> infrastructures (CIs)



Microsoft submission to Federal Rules Committee



European high voltage transmission grid





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Statement (obvious):

Critical Infrastructures are (Engineered) Complex Systems







Complex Systems























- Network of many interacting components
- Components of heterogeneous type
- Hierarchy of subsystems
- Interactions across multiple scales of space and/or time

Dependences (uni-directional) and interdependences (bi-directional)



Characteristics of complex systems

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Critical infrastructures = complex systems









- Structural complexity
 - Heterogeneity
 - Scale and dimensionality (interdependences)
 - Decomposability
- Dynamic complexity
 - Emergent behavior
 - Adaptive learning
 - Evolution and growth mechanisms







- *Heterogeneity* of components across different technological domains due to increased integration among systems.
 - Physical hard components (road, railways, pipelines, ...)
 - Soft components (SCADA, information and telecommunication systems)
 - Human and organizational components





Critical Infrastructures: structural complexity



Example of infrastructures **interdependencies** [Rinaldi et al. 2001]

(systems of systems)







Critical Infrastructures: structural complexity



Examples of nth-order interdependencies and effects.



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Emergent behavior refers to actions of a system as a whole that are not simple combinations of the actions of the individual constituents of the system. It emerges in response to changes in the environmental and operational conditions of parts of the system.

Examples:

- *Internet*: social bookmarking leads to an emergent effect in which information resources are reorganized according to users priorities.
- *Electric power grids*: local failures can evolve into unexpected cascade failure patterns with transnational, cross-industry effects.
- Smart grids: large amount of information exchanged within technologies at a period of high electricity demand can lead to a vulnerable condition of the system.
- Road transportation congestion: slow movement of the traffic.









Global system property that emerges: slow movement of the traffic

It **arises from** the cumulative effects of the actions and interactions of all individual vehicles. The global effects depend on the general activities of sufficiently many of them, within the context of that highway.

It is **not due to** specific actions of individual vehicles \rightarrow no individual vehicle plays a critical role.

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If some subset of the vehicles acted differently in their local actions (within certain boundaries), the global effect of slow-moving traffic would be unchanged





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The problem









cascading failures



Italian Blackout, September 28, 2003





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Italian Blackout, September 28, 2003

People affected: 56 Million Hundreds of people trapped in elevators About 120 million € lost Several hundred k € lost due to the interruption of continuously working industries ☆ ~110 trains, 30'000 passengers, Subways in. Rome and Milan. Flights cancelled or delayed Interruptions for up to 12 hours of water supply. Telephone and mobile networks in a critical state



Relevance of the problem: non-negligible probability











Critical infrastructure protection and resilience (CIPR)







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Resilience: ability of the system to sustain or restore its basic functionality following a risk source or event (even unknown events) [SRA, Glossary, Aven, Sept. 2014]. It includes technical (physical), organizational, social and economic aspects [Bruneau et al. 2003]



Features of system's resilience





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Vulnerability and resilience





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Protection and resilience of critical infrastructures: ways to go

















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Protection and resilience of critical infrastructures: the analysis



System analysis:

- hazards and threats identification
- physical and logical structure identification
- dependencies and interdependences identification and modeling
- dynamic analysis (cascading failures)

Quantification of Identification of system safety critical elements indicators

Application for system improvements (optimization):

- design
- operation
- interdiction/protection

W. Kroger and E. Zio, "Vulnerable Systems", Springer, 2011



Modeling for critical infrastructures protection and resilience











• Critical Infrastructures are engineered complex systems: structure + failure dynamics + resilience process



• Critical Infrastructures modeling: topological, flow, phenomenological, logic



Systems (of systems) modeling: The issues

- 1) System(-of-systems) representation
- 2) System(-of-systems) modeling
- 3) System-(of-systems) simulation with uncertainty propagation

Uncertainty:

- Aleatory
- Epistemic

REAL SYSTEM



REPRESENTATION



SIMULATION with UNCERTAINTY PROPAGATION





CI Vulnerability Assessment



System susceptibility to intentional hazards: Criteria identification by hierarchical modeling









System susceptibility to intentional hazards: Evaluation by Sorting / Classification









CI Cascading Failures Modeling





Spreading rules:

- fixed load (5%) transferred after a failure to neighboring nodes
- fixed load, *I*, (10%) transferred after a failure to interdependent nodes







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Optimal design for cascading failure mitigation (topology) Application to the FPTN400





Technical result: failure mitigation by adding redundant links at relatively light loading

Methodological/Conceptual result: results are consistent between the ML and OPA models: <u>topologically</u> robust network is <u>physically</u> robust

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CI Resilience Assessment



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Case study: Gas-Power interconnected infrastructures

• With the **dynamics of system states**: (on the buffers and the links)

$$x^+ = Ax + Bu + s$$
$$y = Cx + Du$$

- Taking into consideration the constraints/capacities of nodes and links
- The **outputs of system** are states of users:

$$y = [x_6, x_{15}, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{17}]$$

$$\rightarrow D_{D_1}, D_{D_2}, D_{L_1}, D_{L_2}$$



• Solve the **optimization problem** in order to ensure the users demands:

 $J = min(\omega_{D_1}|x_6 - D_{D_1}| + \omega_{D_2}|x_{15} - D_{D_2}| + \omega_{L_1}|x_{11} - D_{L_2}| + \omega_{L_2}|x_{12} + x_{17} - D_{L_2}|),$

where $\omega_{D_1}, \omega_{D_2}, \omega_{L_1}, \omega_{L_2}$ are the weighting parameters of the users.





Case study: Gas-Power interconnected infrastructures

Resilience region















Technical result: similar restoration plans by heuristic scheduling algorithm & MIP







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Conclusions





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Structural complexity: heterogeneity, dimensionality, connectivity

Dynamic complexity : emergent behavior

Uncertainty: aleatory, epistemic, perfect storms, black swans







Complexity









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Modeling for critical infrastructures protection and resilience





Systems of systems



Conclusions: Modeling for critical infrastructures protection and resilience



- 1. System(-of-systems) representation
- 2. System(-of-systems) modeling
- 3. System(-of-systems) behavior quantification (by simulation) accounting for the presence of uncertainty (aleatory and epistemic)

The complexity of analyzing the Vulnerability and Resilience of Critical Infrastructures



Structural Complexity + Dynamic Complexity

Modeling, Simulation, Optimization and Computational Challenges

