

SATSIM

A GPS Simulator for Cyber Testing & Exploration

DECEMBER 2022

CYBER-PHYSICAL AREAS OF INTEREST

Booz Allen Hamilton is engaging with partners to develop unique test platforms where complex systems require specialized knowledge and tools, ranging from pure software simulations to fully-realized hardware SILs.



Satellites & Space



Aviation



Maritime

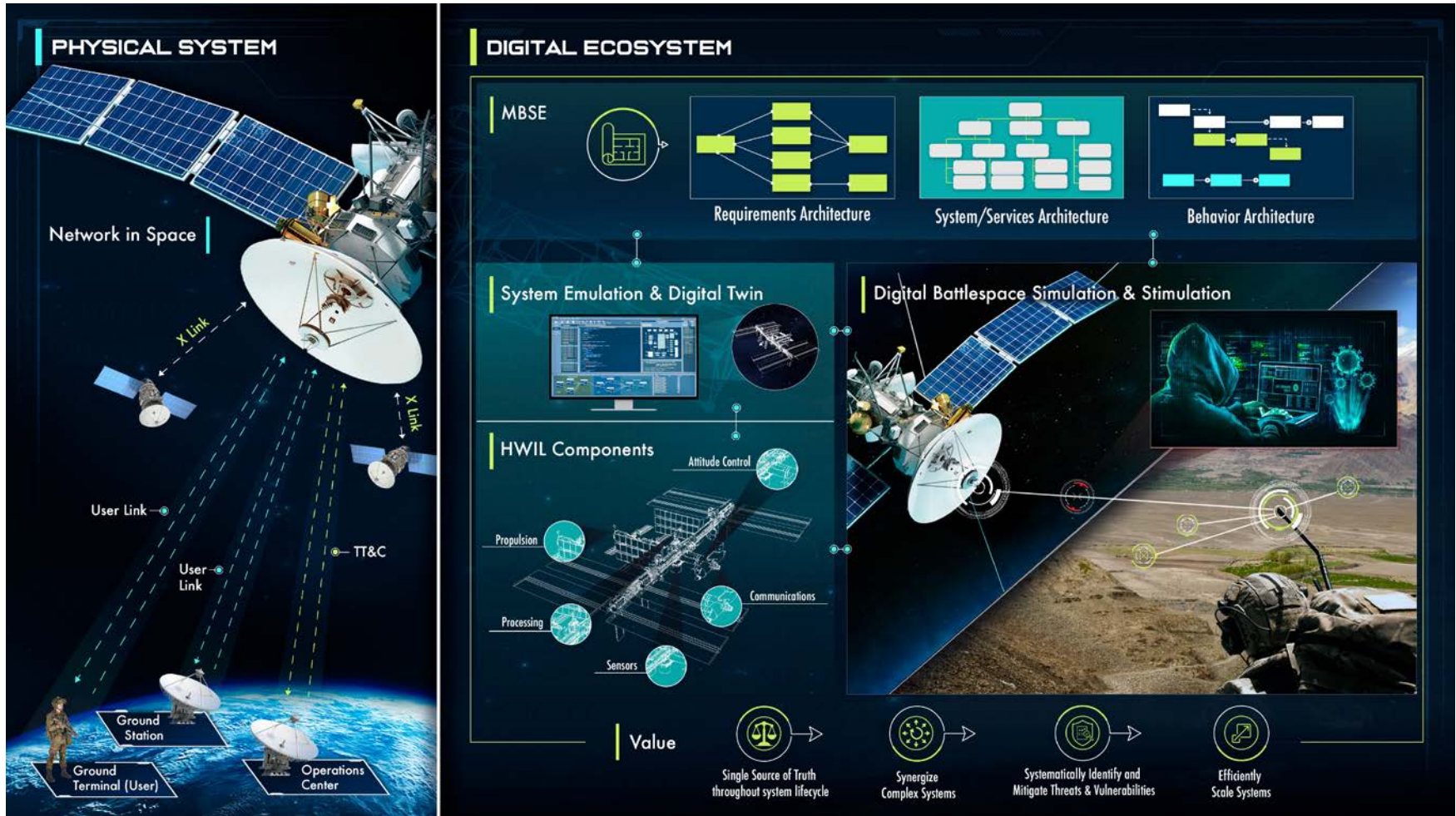


Building & Site Management

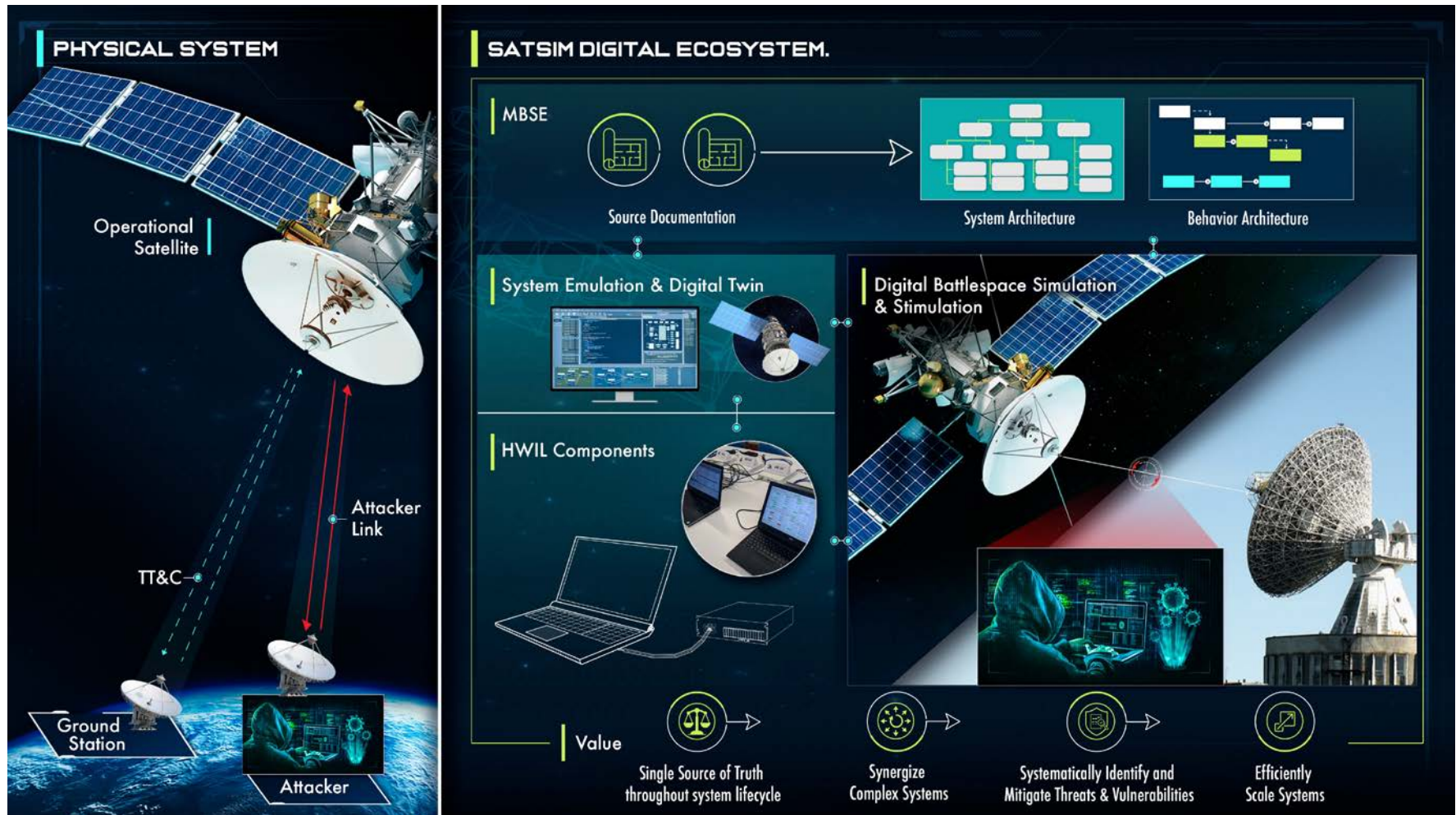


Industrial Control Systems

SPACE DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM



SATSIM FOCUS AREA: CONTROL SEGMENT



SATSIM: GPS DIGITAL TWIN

Our Government client tasked Booz Allen Hamilton with addressing a list of potential cyber vulnerabilities in legacy GPS systems.

Requirements

- Deadline of 11 months from initial ask to final report
- Had access only to ICDs and design documents
- Needed to show convincing proof or disproof of test objectives

Results

- Team built a digital twin of the ground station, satellite bus and control link in 6 months
- Performed all testing in required timeline
- Uncovered additional items of interest
- Suggested remedies that are currently in use



EXECUTION OPTIONS

The team identified multiple paths to fulfilling the requirements, each with some inherent risk.

On-Orbit Satellites

- No, just no

Test Platform / Flat Sat

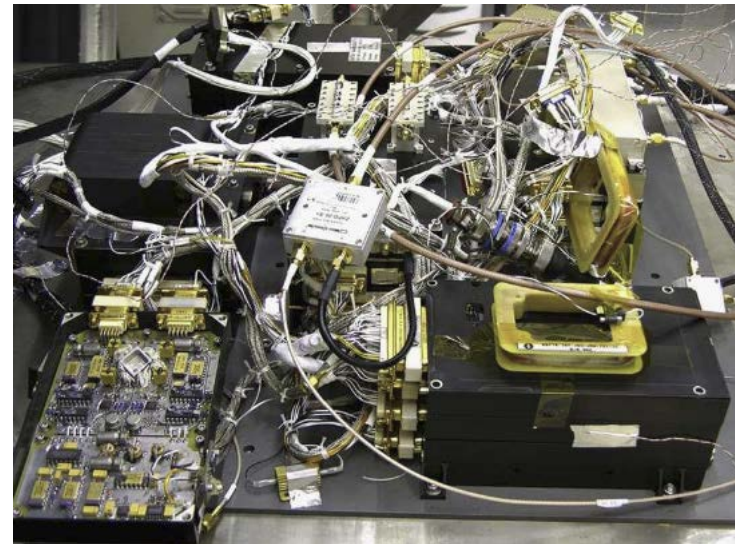
- Secured facility
- No guarantee of access within deadline
- No guarantee of ATO
- Risks de-certifying test equipment

Paper-based Assessments

- Low cost
- Do not directly demonstrate issues
- Do not support “creative” testing
- Relies on individuals, not fungible

Software Model / Digital Twin

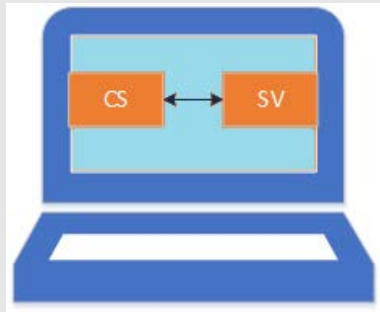
- Requires development time
- Reasonable fidelity
- Superior flexibility
- Transportable



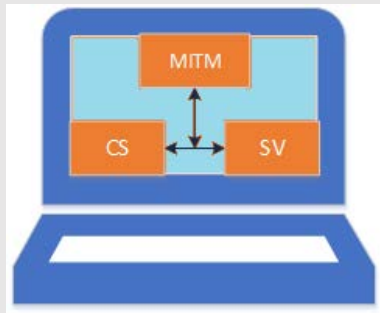
OPERATIONAL MODES

Development / Demonstration

Control Segment + Space Vehicle



CS + SV + Man in the Middle (MITM)

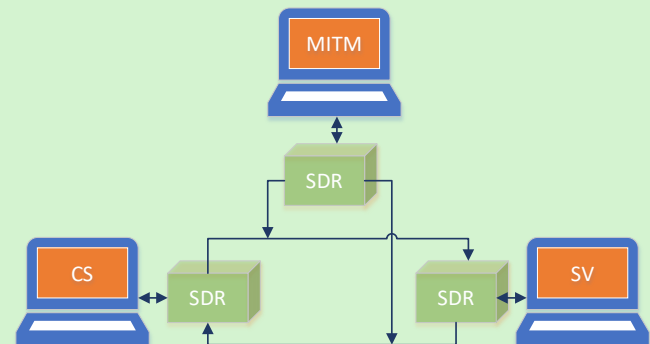


Test / Validation

CS + SV over radio



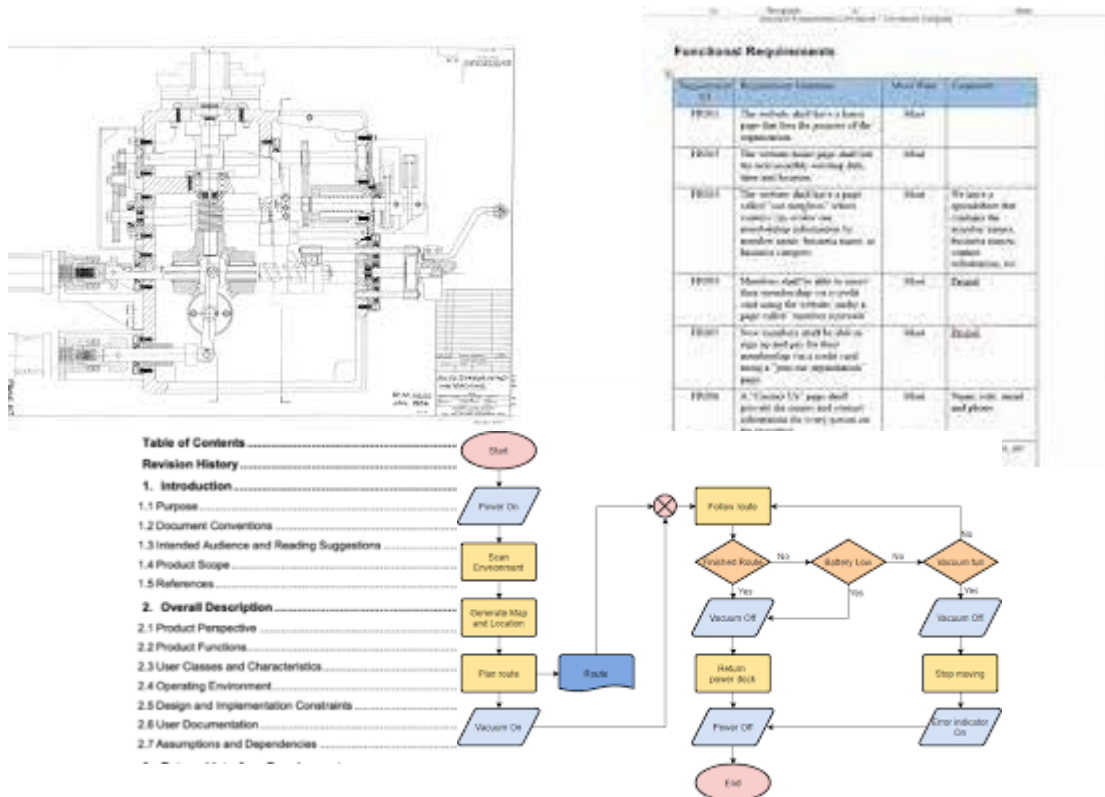
CS + SV + MITM over radio



(CS = Control Station, SV = Space Vehicle, MITM = Man in the Middle)

PROCESS: DOCUMENT REVIEW

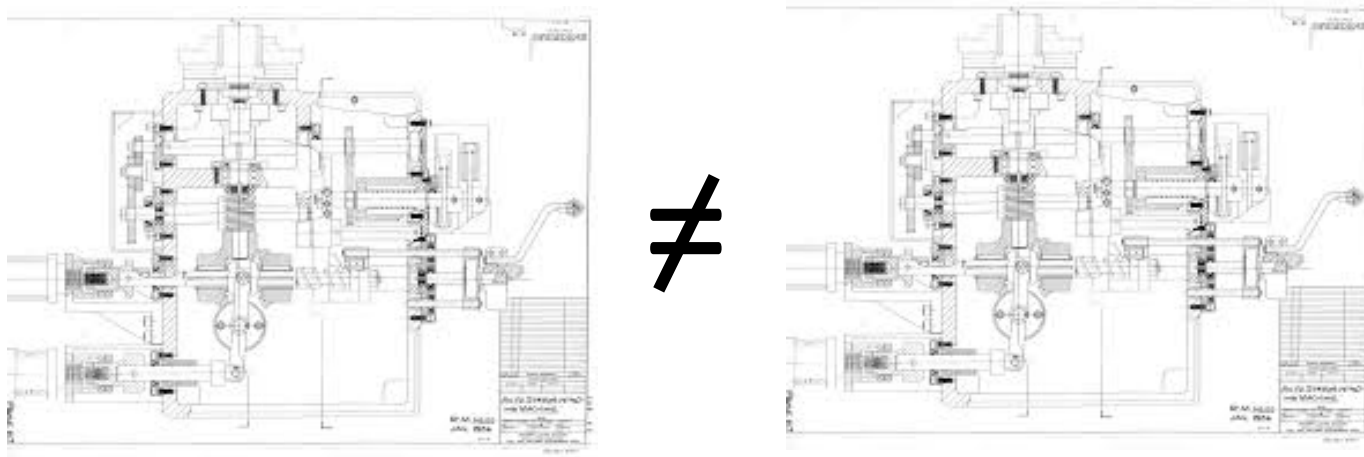
To understand the entire system, the team reviewed thousands of pages of documents spanning dozens of revisions over 20 years



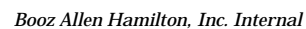
PROCESS: MORE DOCUMENT REVIEW

This documentation, while complete, was not always consistent

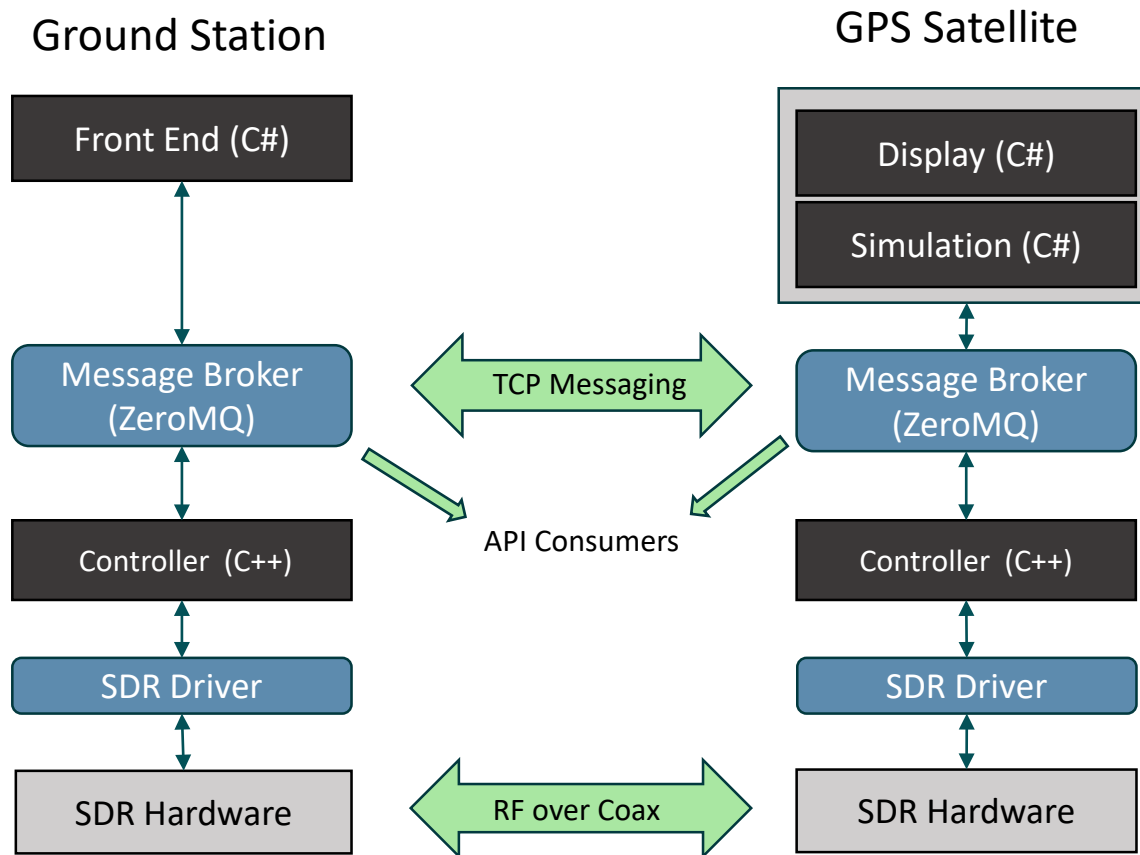
- Uncovered several notable inconsistencies between documents
- Led to some uncertainty as to component design
- Institutional knowledge loss
- On-Orbit Handbook (OOH) was tie-breaker



Building on this knowledge, we developed a descriptive MBSE model to further shape the project requirements and inform stakeholders.

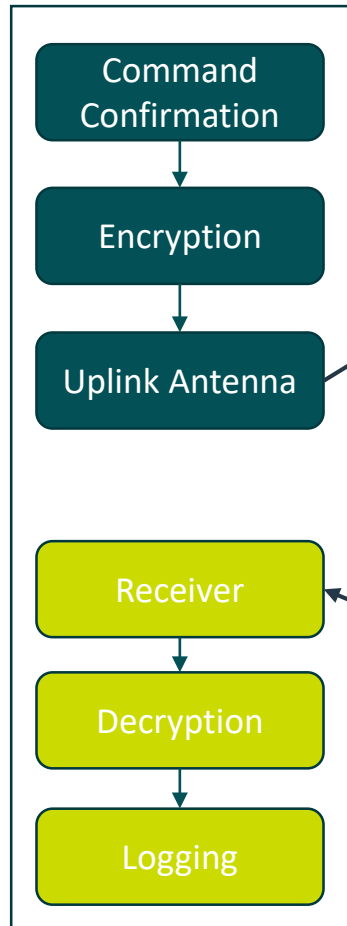


APPLICATION ARCHITECTURE

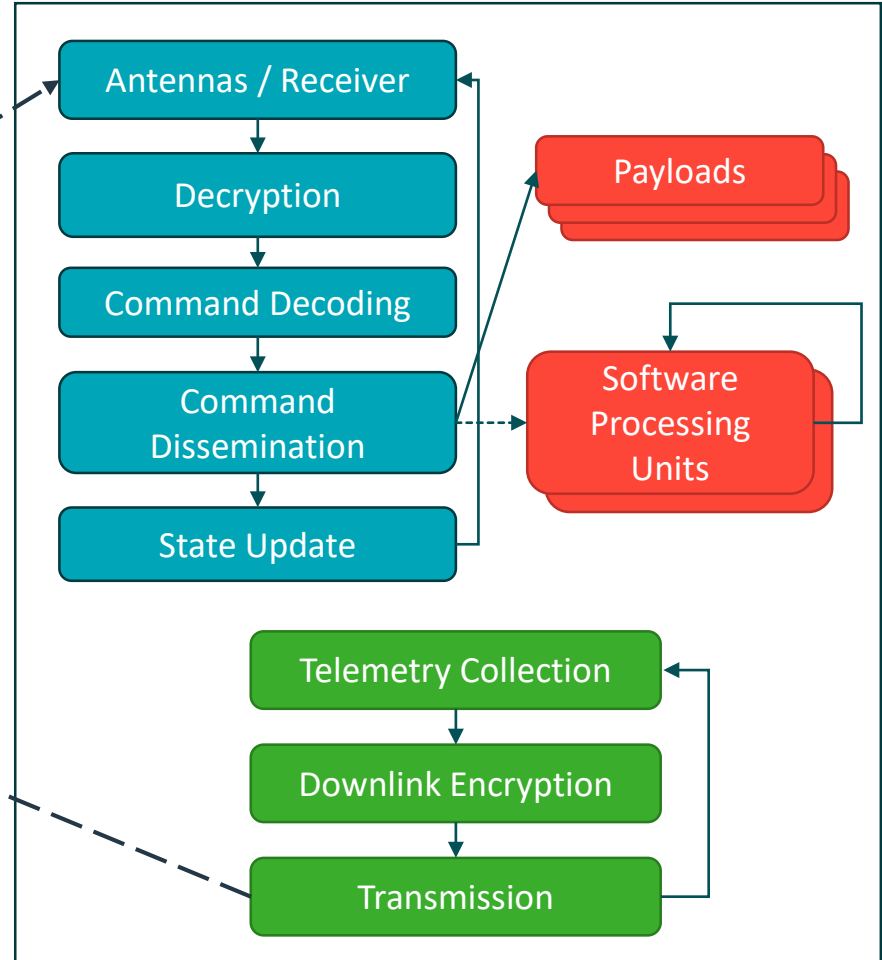


FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

Ground Station



GPS Satellite



RESULTS

Developed over six months from ICDs and procedural documents, SatSim emulates the ground control link and satellite bus to probe cybersecurity issues.

Outcome

- Identified inconsistencies and errors in documentation
- End-to-end approach discovered vulnerabilities and remediations not considered by the system developer
- **Performed and validated all test items without risking full-scale or test systems**

Extended Uses

- Flexible environment for testing
- Training environment
- Validate tactics, tools and procedures
- Function as stand-in for real test platform



SatSim testing in SDR mode

CYBER PHYSICAL TESTBEDS (CPT)

FUCHEE VANG

AGENDA

- Mission
- Purpose
- Training and Exercises
- Testbeds overview

MISSION

CPT provides Cyber Operators with full-spectrum, multi-domain cyber education, training, exercises, and experimentation capabilities utilizing tradecraft tailored to direct mission sets.



PURPOSE

PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ORGANIC CYBER FORCE VIA STRATEGY, DOCTRINE, STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND EXERCISES:

- Strategy, Doctrine, and Standards Development
 - Formalizing training standards and developing KSAs for tactical cyber operations
- Training, Education and Exercises
 - Cyber Physical Testbeds (CPT)
 - ACPT



TRAINING EDUCATION AND EXERCISES

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

CYBER PHYSICAL TESTBEDS ENABLE:

- Conduct FTXs with the joint force enabling peculiar mission sets.
- Conduct mission rehearsal on realistic replications of real-world systems utilizing AOR specific protocols.
- Test and validate offensive and defensive cyber capabilities.
- DEVOPS capability for cyber requirements.





CYBER PHYSICAL TESTBEDS (CPT)

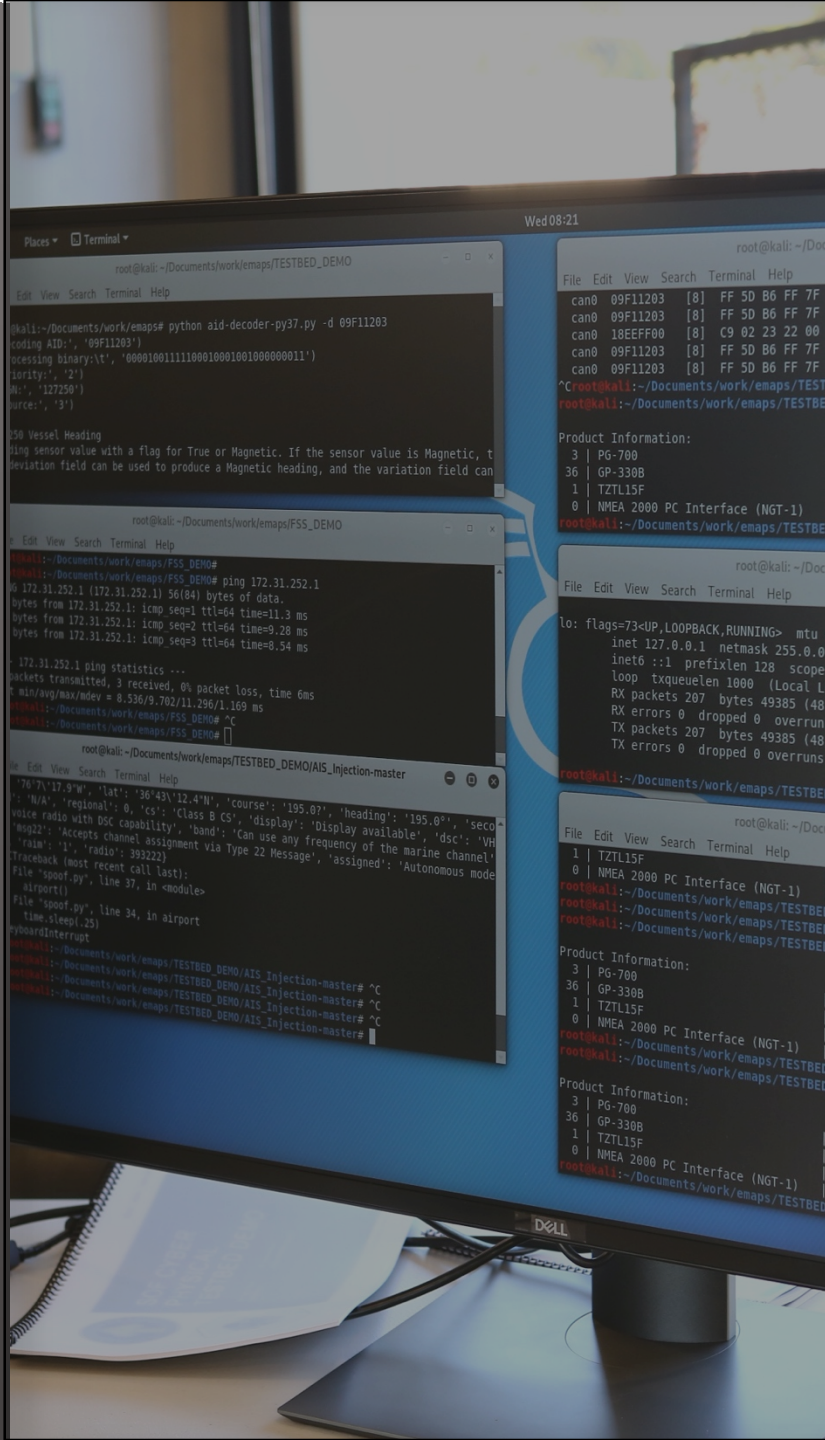
REAL NOT VIRTUAL INSTANTIATIONS OF CYBER ENVIRONMENTS:

- The benefits of being able to conduct training/mission rehearsals and capability development using physical instantiations, vice virtual are numerous: realism, normalization of cyber operations, more rapid capability development/validation, tactile response (effects can be seen in the environment immediately), and talent retention (the more realistic the training, the higher the retention).

CPT, TRAINING AND EXERCISES

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- An event consists of Cyber Exercise Planners, On Site Engineers and the Testbed Build Team to achieve stated goals and objectives.
- Cyber Exercise Planners will attend events, conduct storyline development, script injects, Master Scenario Event List (MSEL) management, and AAR development.
- Testbed Engineers will coordinate the configuration and management of technical aspects of the cyber physical testbeds to support exercise development and training.
- Build team ensures that testbeds are functional and ready for deployment during any given exercise.



EXPLOIT DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- Testbed Engineers will deliver a comprehensive training guide that will walk cyber teams through exercises and operation of the cyber physical testbed.
- Testbed Engineers will deliver onsite training catered to the skill level of cyber teams
- Programming documentation and scripts will be provided to enable further development of exploits beyond on-site coursework
- Curriculum includes (but not limited to)

Maritime Control System

- Reconnaissance/ scanning
- Enumeration of network
- Exploitation and more enumeration
- Spoofing AIS Data
- AIS Injection
- Triggering Vessel Collision Alarm
- Disabling a Device
- Walkthrough of each exploitation techniques

Building Control System

- Reconnaissance/scanning
- Enumeration of network
- Exploitation port power shutdown
- Remote system access
- Control of central user interface which controls locks, alarms, and motion detectors

Building Surveillance System

- Reconnaissance/scanning
- Enumeration of network
- Denial of service
- Freezing camera feeds
- Remote access to camera feeds
- Close access user password reset

Cell Tower on Wheels

- Reconnaissance/scanning
- Enumeration of network
- Denial of service
- Remote system access/pivoting
- Control of central user interface (server core and ecx manager)



BUILDING CONTROL SYSTEM (BCS)



- Replicates building control and access systems used in commercial building domains integrating commercial off-the-shelf products in a transportable cyber physical testbed.
- Version 3 uses only one display screen along with increased ruggedization construction.

BUILDING SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (BSS)



COTS WiFi enabled CCTV
DVR Surveillance System



Wired CCTV Cameras



Wireless IP Cameras*



Cloud enabled wireless cameras*



BSS Capabilities:

- Functional video surveillance platform.
 - Used to demonstrate known/unknown vulnerabilities with video surveillance protocols.
- COTS local network.
 - Used to demonstrate known/unknown vulnerabilities with local networks connected to video surveillance equipment.



COTS Network Switch



COTS WiFi Router



Media Server*

MARITIME CONTROL SYSTEM (MCS)



Furuno Chart plotter



Furuno Network Hub



Furuno Heading Sensor



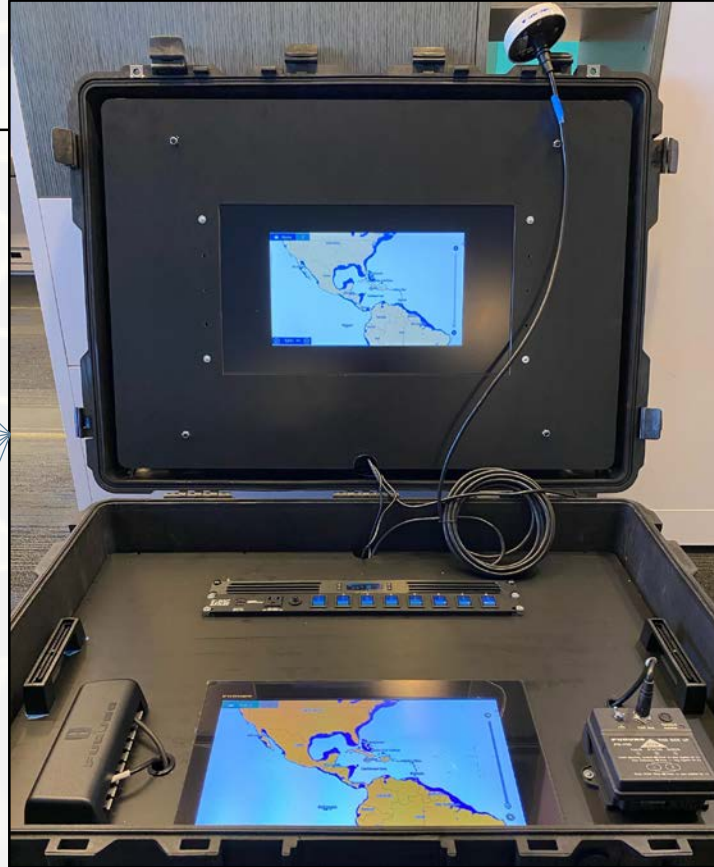
Furuno GPS Antenna



Furuno NMEA2000 Junction



NMEA2000 Backbone



MCS Capabilities:

- Functional maritime control and navigation platform.
 - Used to demonstrate known/unknown vulnerabilities with maritime protocols.
- Commercial off the shelf local network.
 - Used to demonstrate known/unknown vulnerabilities with local networks connected to maritime platforms.



Power Center



Maintenance Server



NMEA2000 USB Interface



CAN USB Interface



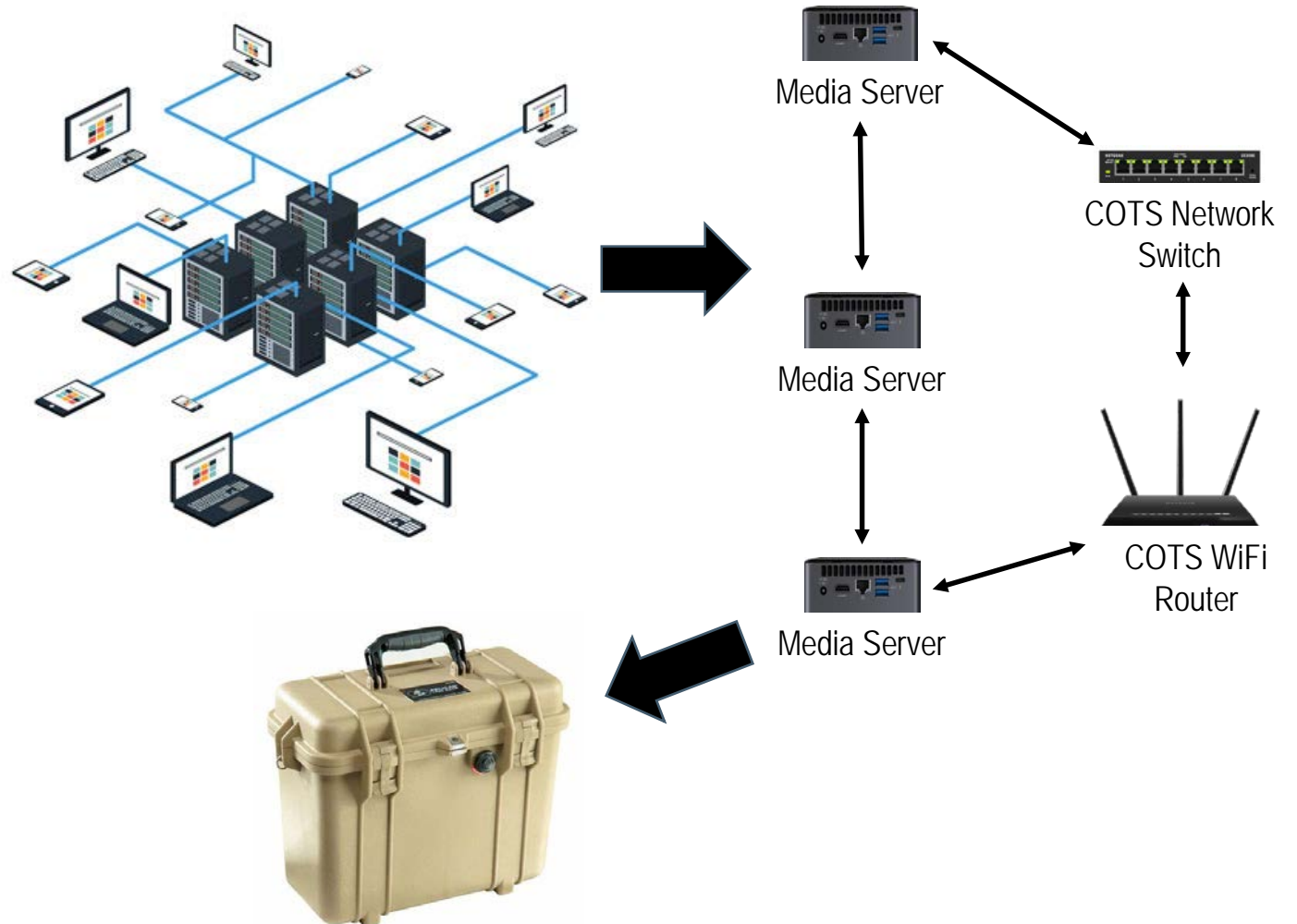
COTS Network Switch



COTS WiFi Router

CORPORATE STYLE NETWORK (CSN)

- Employed to facilitate exercises worldwide
- Simulates an enterprise's communications backbone that connects computers and related devices
- Enables exploitation and enumeration of an adversarial network
- Simulate' s X# of virtualized systems to create a realistic Corporate Style Network
- No lithium-ion batteries incorporated into the design to avoid scrutinization by air carriers



VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM (VCS)

- Expected Capabilities:
- Exploits weak cryptographic management
- Utilizes vulnerabilities in head unit firmware, TCU firmware, and telecom infrastructure
- Physical access to vehicle unnecessary
- Capable of remotely executing telematics protocols:
 - Remote Start
 - Remote Lock/Unlock
 - Electric Ignition Control
 - Geolocation
 - Anti-Theft
 - Emergency Calling
- Transported in small Pelican case

