

# STPA FOR UNDERSTANDING THE CYBER RISKS IN A PHYSICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

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## CYBER-TC CASE STUDY

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Part 1

# BACKGROUND

# CYBER-ATTACK

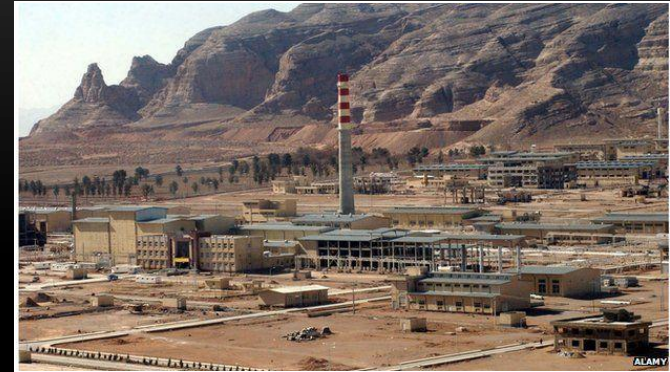
- “...offensive maneuver that targets computer information systems to either steal, alter, or destroy...”



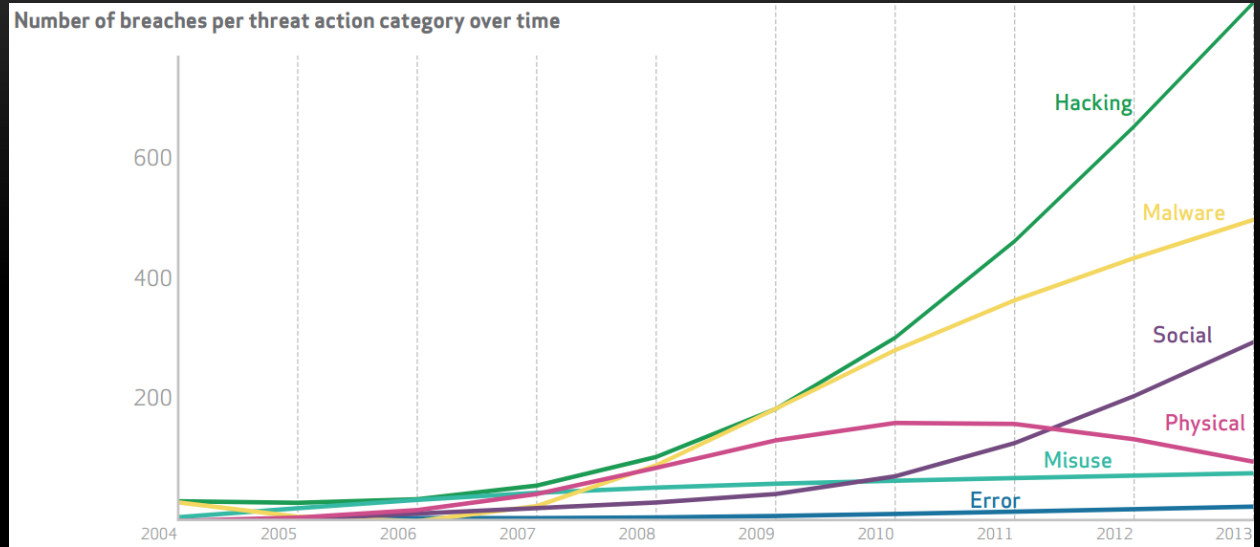
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# THE DAWN OF THE STUXNET

- Worm discovered in 2010
- Highly advanced (6-zero-day)
- Internet not required
- Targets highly specialized hardware in nuclear plants
- Effects: over 20% of centrifuges damaged
- Had a turn-off date: 24 June 2012



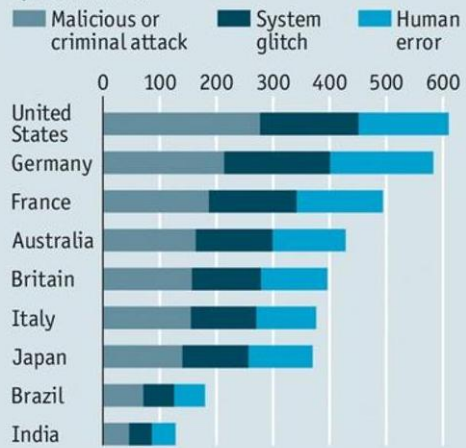
# INCREASING PROBLEM



## Lose data, lose money

Cost\* of data breaches per stolen record

By cause, 2012, \$

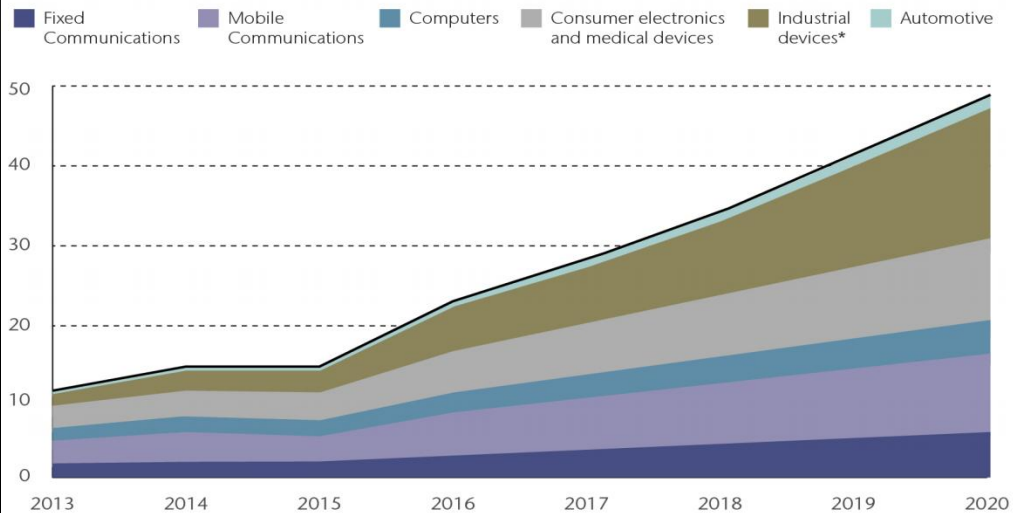


Source: Ponemon Institute

\*Based on 277 breaches

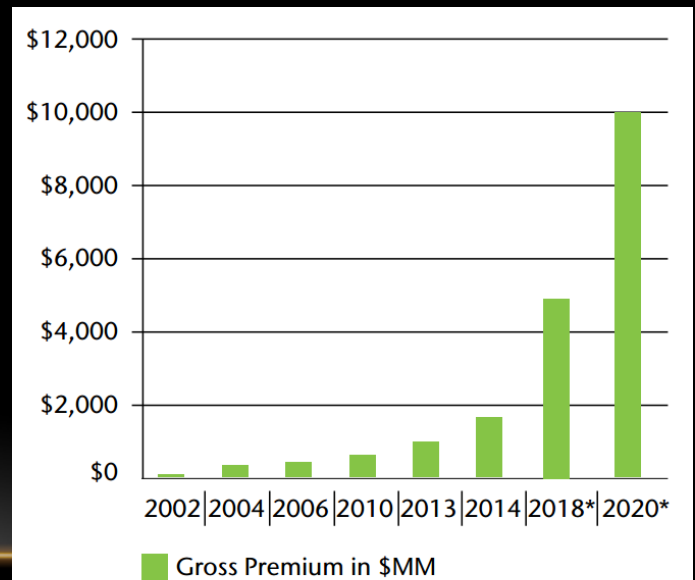
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Worldwide number of internet-connected devices, forecast, bn



Source: Cisco

\* Includes military and aerospace



2018: Estimated by PWC

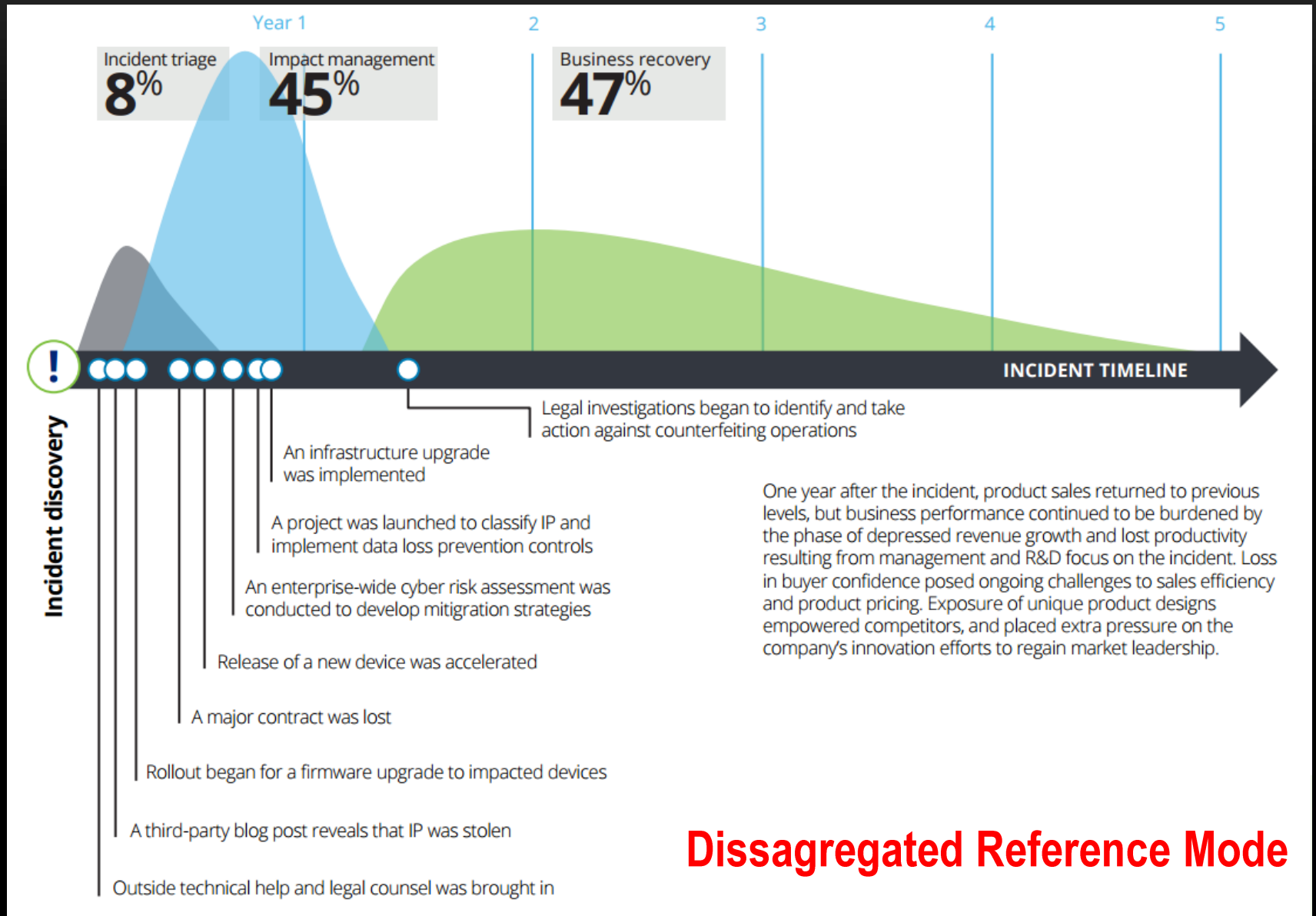
2020: Estimated by ABI research



# EXAMPLES OF CYBER ATTACKS TO SUPPLY CHAINS

- Purchase Orders activation
  - Hacker purchase order activated by supplier. Resulting erroneous delivery and payment due.
- Product Delivery
  - Product delivered to wrong hacker transport
  - Wrong product delivered due to hacker intervention
  - Late/No delivery due to hacker intervention
- Payments
  - Payment instructed to hacker account instead of supplier account
- New product activation
  - Loss of IP

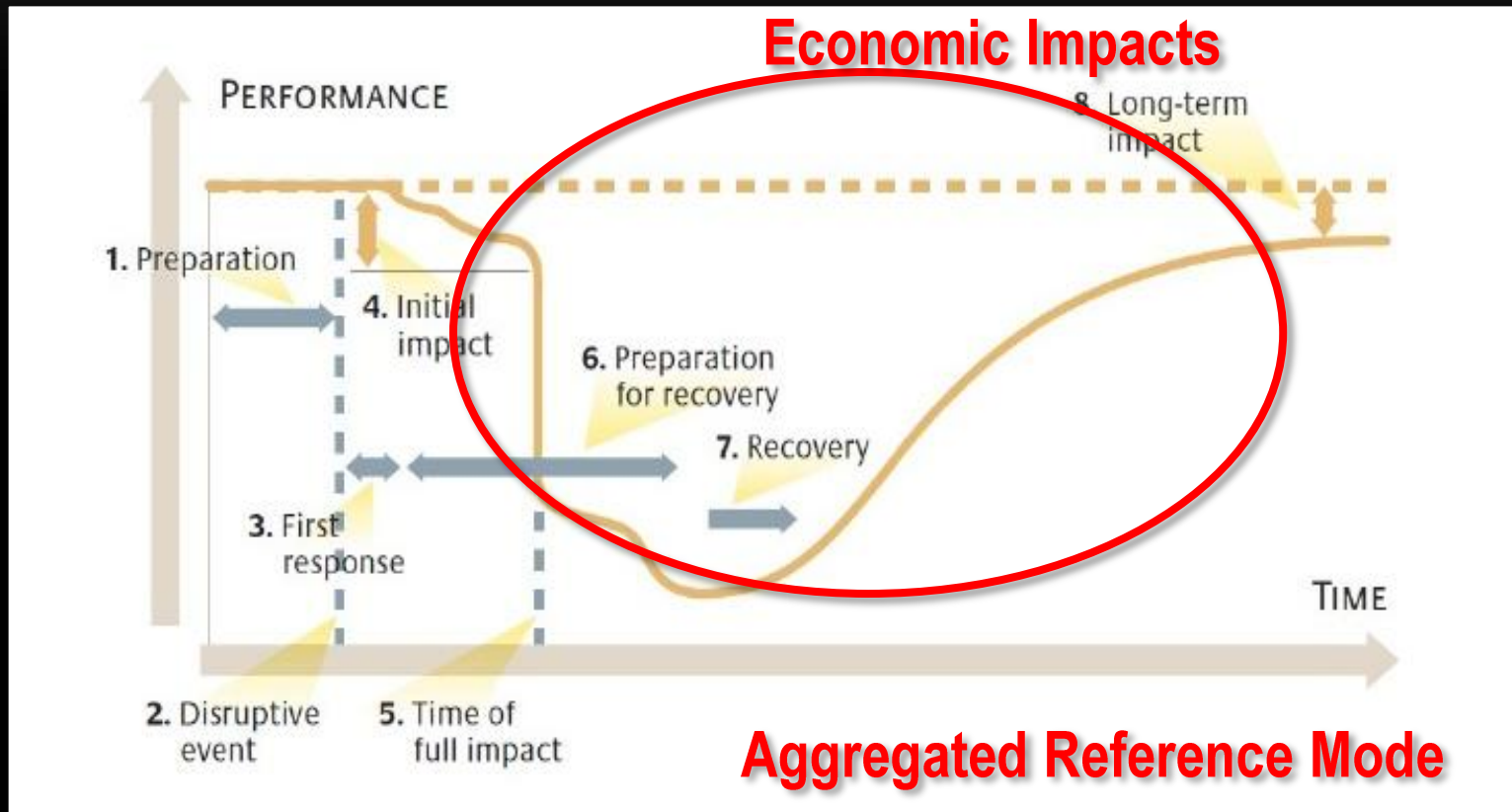
# TIMELINE FOR A CYBER-ATTACK



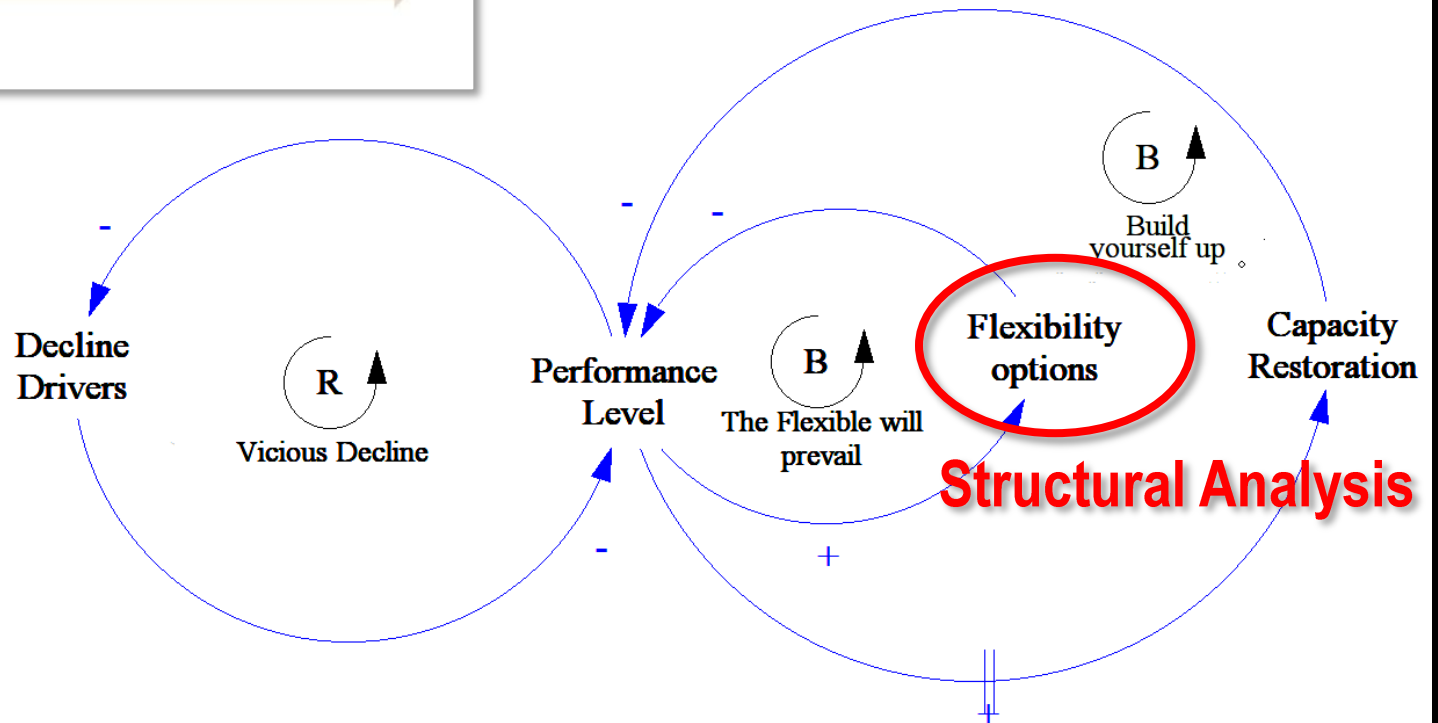
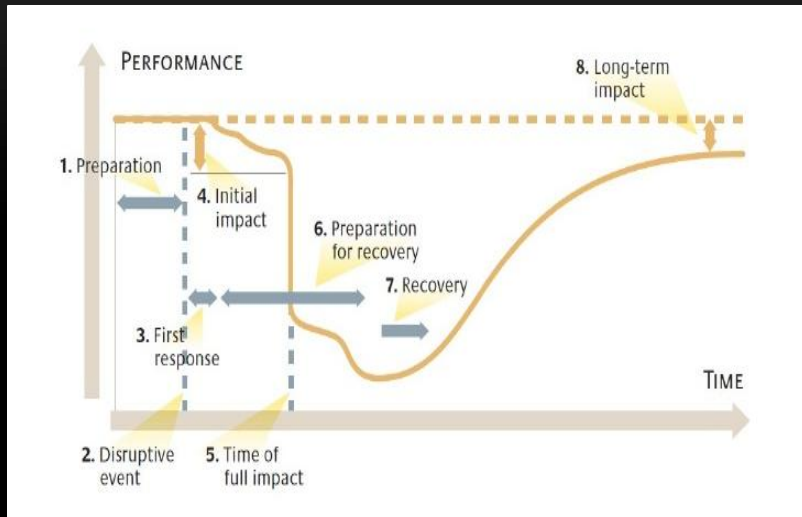
**Dissagregated Reference Mode**



# DISRUPTION CURVE



# REACTION ANALYSIS

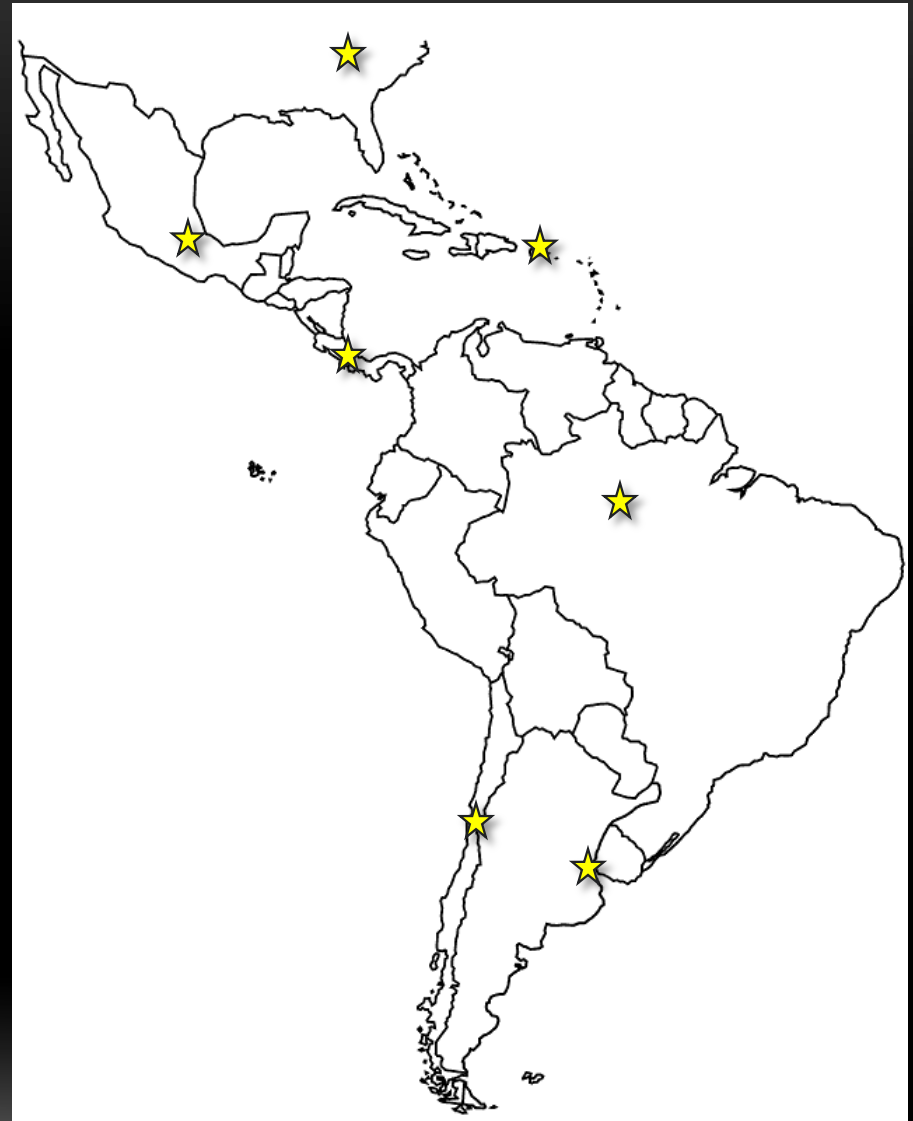


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# PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

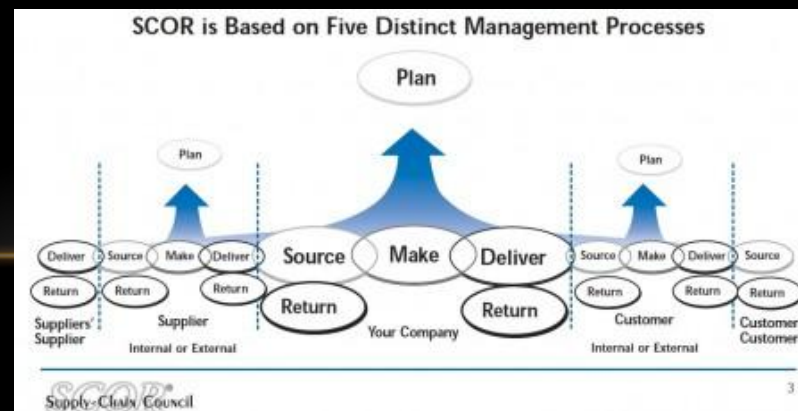
# TC ORGANIZATION

- Beverage Manufacturer
  - 22 manuf. Plants worldwide
  - 7 manuf. America
- 54 - 70 new products launched per year
- Distributed Purchasing Organization since 2007
- Lean Manufacturing Implemented 2008
- 99.5% operational service level requirement
- Products purchased: Liquid and Solid ingredients, containers (plastic, cardboard)



# INTEREST ON STPA

1. Organizational requirement: Include cyber risks in procedures
2. Opportunity for comparison with traditional approach:
  - Supply Procedure / Supplier Evaluation
  - SCOR-derived process analysis
    - Supply Chain Operations Reference
  - Causal Chain (FMEA)
3. Search for supplier safety modularization



# SYSTEM DEFINITION (STPA-SEC)

A system to safely and timely purchase the correct products...

by means of an cost-effective relationship with our supplier and their transport...

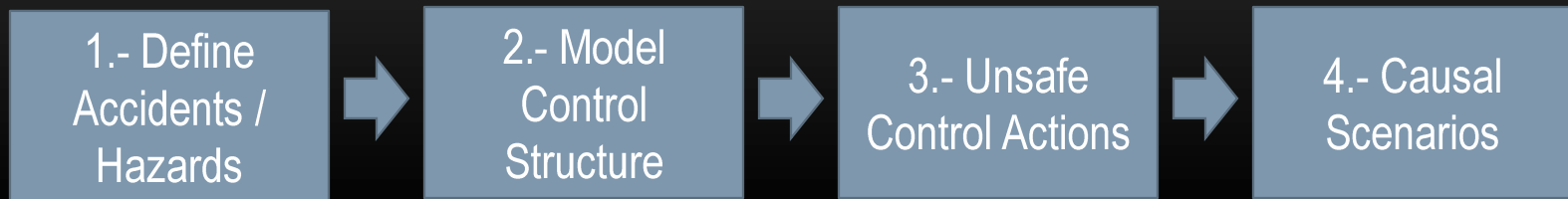
in order to contribute to the company's bottom line and reputation

Part 3

# MODEL DEVELOPMENT



# STPA PROCESS



1. Identify Accidents and Hazards
2. Model the control structure of the system
3. Identify Unsafe Control Actions
4. Identify Causal factors and generate scenarios
  - Causal scenarios for each unsafe control actions
  - **Among these: cyber attacks**

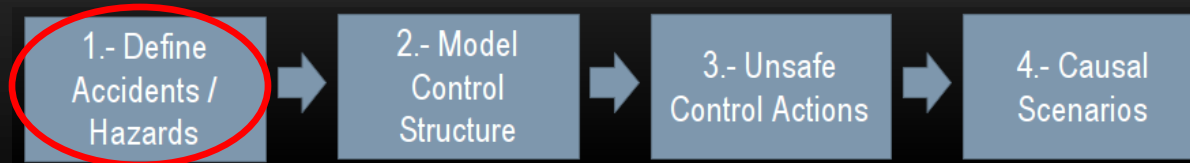
# SOFTWARE USED

- XSTAMPP: <http://www.xstamp.de/> from Stuttgart University

The screenshot displays the XSTAMPP software interface. The top banner reads "XSTAMPP For Safety Engineering of Software Intensive Systems". The main window title is "XSTAMPP-STPA Project->Cyber-RiskTCCC->Establish Fundamentals->Accidents". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Window, Help), a toolbar, and a Project Explorer on the left. The Project Explorer shows a tree structure for "Cyber-RiskTCCC [hazx]" with sub-items: Establish Fundamentals, Unsafe Control Actions (expanded), Causal Analysis (expanded), and STPA\_ACC [hazx]. The main area shows the "Accidents" tab with a table of accident data.

ID	Title	Links
A-1	Arrival of erroneous products to plant	H-1, H-3, H-4, I
A-2	Late arrival of products to plant	H-1, H-3
A-3	Erroneous Payment to Supplier	H-2, H-7, H-10
A-4	Product Theft	H-3, H-5, H-6, I
A-5	Threat to Product Integrity	H-4, H-5, H-6, I
A-6	Payment Theft	H-2, H-7, H-10

# CYBER-TC CASE STUDY



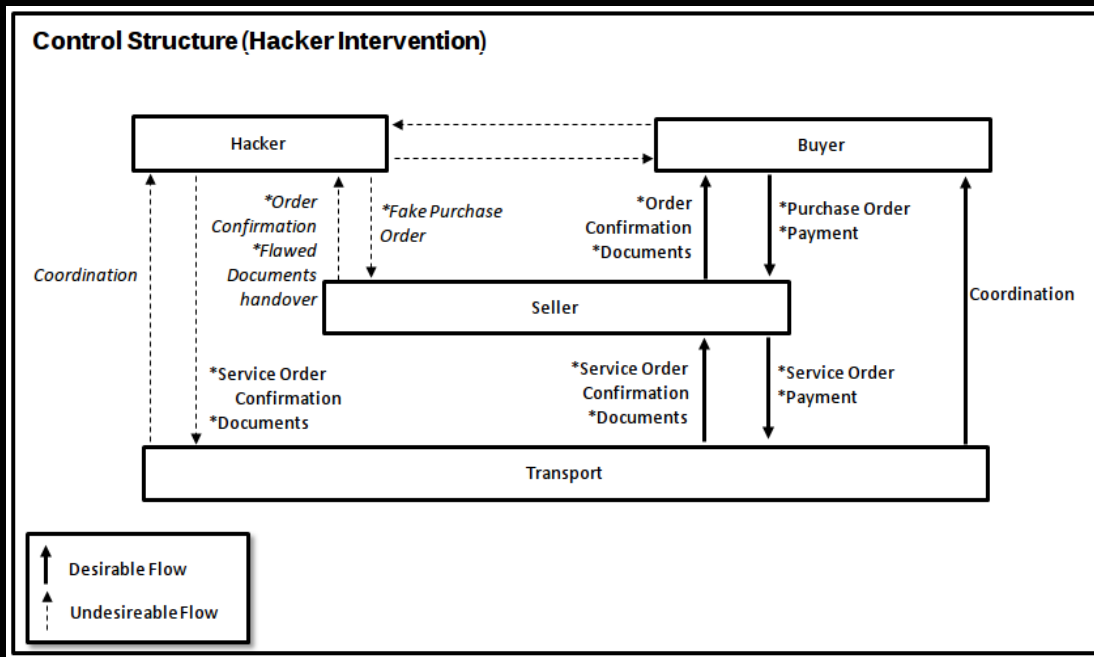
- Accidents

- A1: Erroneous arrival of product
- A2: Erroneous payment to supplier
- A4: Product loss
- A5: Product integrity compromised
- A6: Payment loss

- Hazards

- H1: Inability to initiate procurement process
- H2: Inability to perform physical transport
- H3: Inability to confirm product integrity
- H4: Inability to pay correctly

# CONTROL STRUCTURE WITH HACKER



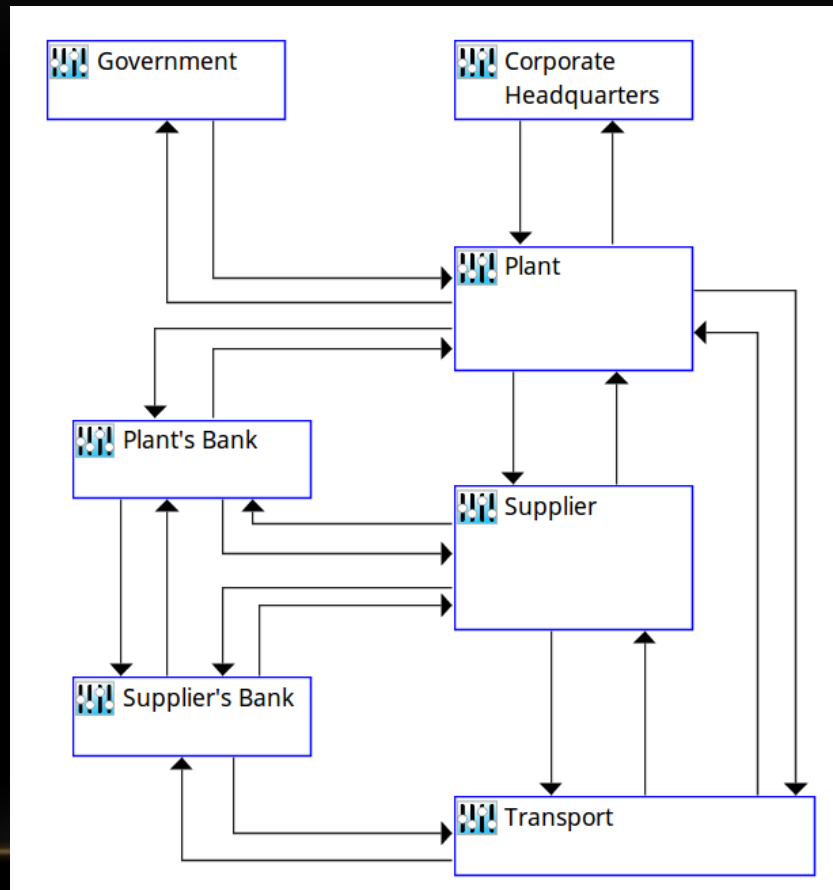
## Problems:

- Disruptions without a hacker
- Double Analysis in context Causal Scenario
- Double Flow representation

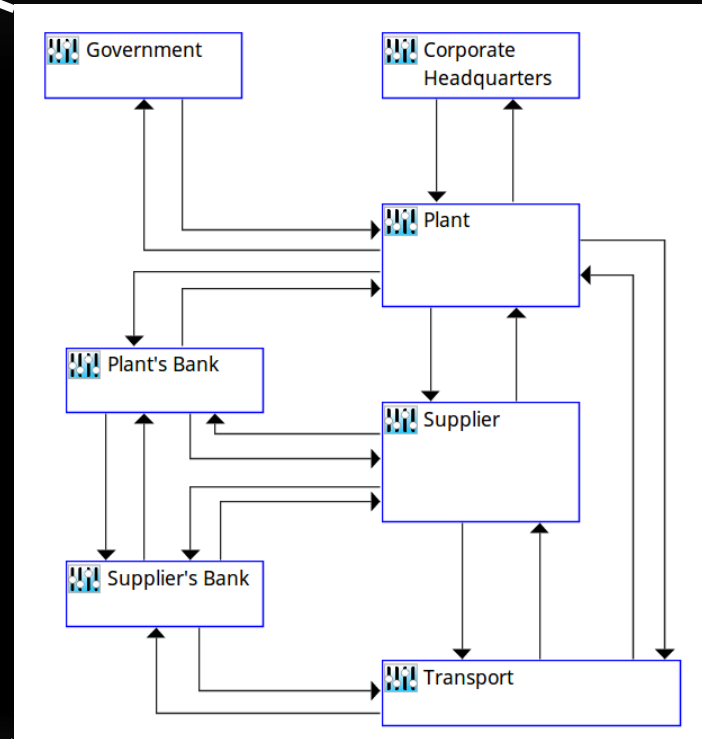
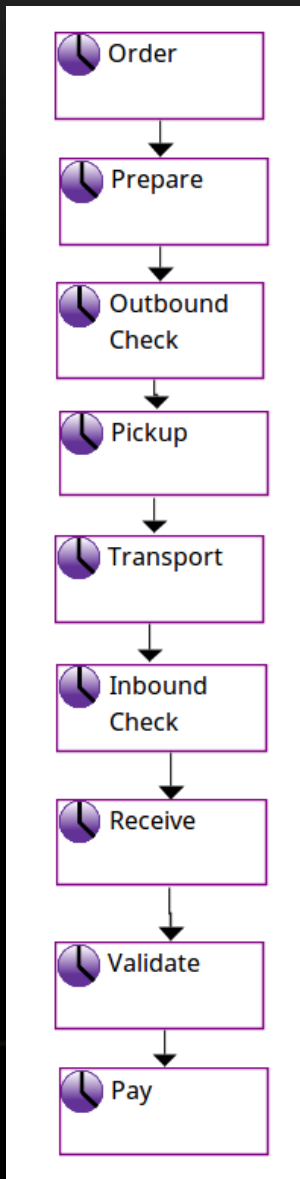
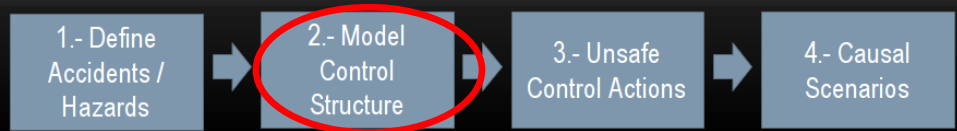
## Option:

- Cyber attacks / Disruptions in Causal Scenarios

# HIGH LEVEL CONTROL STRUCTURE



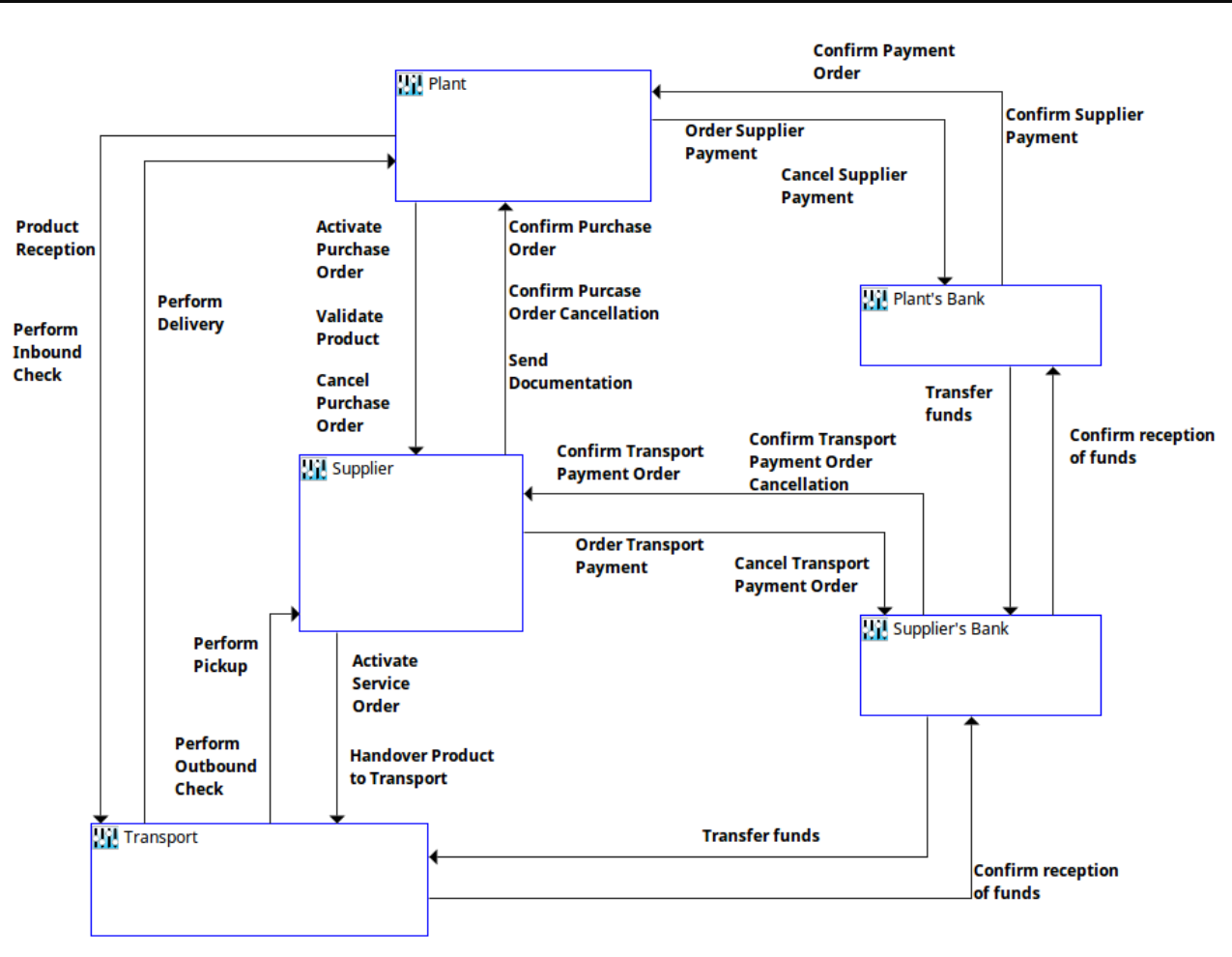
# CONTROLLED PROCESS



# CONTROL ACTIONS



- From Procedures
- 31 Control Actions





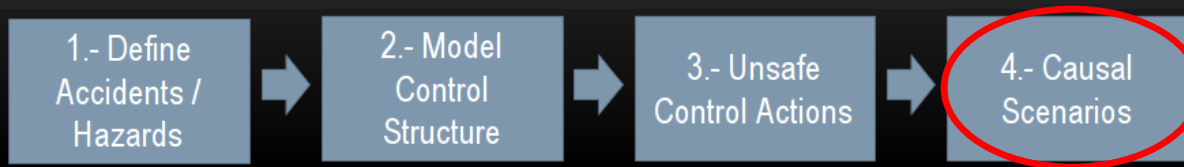
# UNSAFE CONTROL ACTIONS



- 106 Unsafe Control Actions

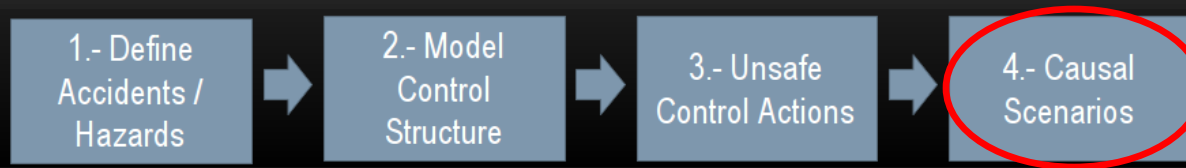
Control Action	Not providing causes hazard	Providing causes hazard	Wrong timing or order causes hazard	Stopped too soon or Applied too long
Confirm payment order	UCA1.18 Not providing when there has been a Supplier Payment order is hazardous [H-4]	UCA1.19 Providing when there has not been a Supplier payment order is hazardous [H-4]	Providing before there has been a Supplier payment order is hazardous Not Hazardous	Add stopped too soon UCA
	Add not given UCA	Add given incorrectly UCA	Add wrong timing UCA	
Order Supplier payment	UCA1.10 Not providing when there has been confirmation of product reception and validation is hazardous [H-2] [H-4]	UCA1.11 Providing when there has not been a product reception is hazardous [H-2] [H-3]	UCA1.10 Providing before there has been product reception is hazardous [H-2] [H-3]	Add stopped too soon UCA
	Add not given UCA	UCA1.12 Providing when there has not been product validation is hazardous [H-2] [H-3]	UCA1.11 Providing before there has been product validation is hazardous [H-2] [H-3]	
		UCA1.17 Providing when there has not been a supplier payment data confirmation is hazardous [H-4]	Click to edit Not Hazardous	
		Add given incorrectly UCA	Add wrong timing UCA	
Cancel supplier payment	UCA1.13 Not providing when there has not been product reception is hazardous [H-2] [H-3]	UCA1.14 Providing when there has been product validation, reception and supplier data confirmation is hazardous [H-4]	Add wrong timing UCA	Add stopped too soon UCA
	UCA1.15 Not providing when there has not been product validation is hazardous [H-2] [H-3]	Add given incorrectly UCA		
	UCA1.16 Not providing when there has not been a supplier payment data confirmation is hazardous [H-4]			
	Add not given UCA			

# CAUSAL SCENARIOS - EXAMPLES



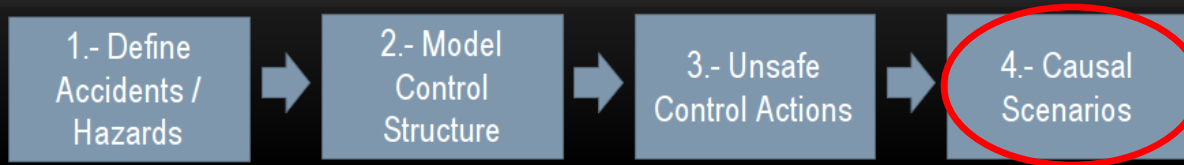
Controller	UCA	Causal Scenarios
Plant	UCA 1.12: Order supplier payment when there has not been product validation is hazardous.	1) Quality / Warehouse / Finance did not know the process 2) Quality / Warehouse / Finance did not know where to find the process
	UCA 1.13: Order supplier payment when there has not been product reception is hazardous.	3) There was not central controller for confirmations before payment 4) Pressure to achieve daily goals 5) Pressure from Supplier
	UCA 1.14: Order supplier payment when there has not been supplier payment data is hazardous.	6) Pressure from Transport 7) Payment order has activated externally to bank 8) Product has been compromised by Hacker 9) Payment data has been changed by hacker

# CAUSAL SCENARIOS - EXAMPLES



- Recommendations examples
  - Identify an organizational role to finance for controlling confirmations before payment
  - Generate payment order validation process with Bank
  - Training to Quality/ Warehouse/ Finance about the procedures
  - Develop process-pressure dynamic indicators
  - Implement gatekeeping at the bank

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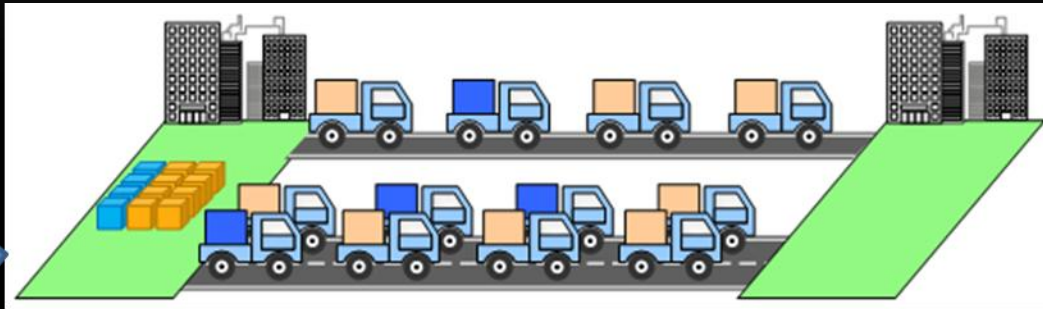
Controller	UCA	Causal Scenarios
Supplier	UCA 1.26 Confirming Purchase Order when purchase order source has not been validated is hazardous	1) Supplier is not aware of a validation requirement 2) Supplier does not consider validation important / No incentives 3) Internal supplier pressure to react quickly 4) Plant pressure to react quickly 5) Purchase Order has been activated by hacker 6) Supplier considers purchase order as validation

Controller	UCA	Causal Scenarios
Transport	UCA 1.43 Not performing outbound check when there is deficient documentation is hazardous	1) Transport does not know the outbound check requirement 2) Transport does not consider validation important / No incentives 3) Supplier pressure 4) Plant pressure 5) Internal transport pressure 5) Documentation has been adulterated by hacker 6) Product at the supplier has been adulterated by hacker

Part 4

# CONCLUSIONS

# SUPPLY CHAIN



physical operations



Information flows

# COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO XSTAMPP

- Pros
  - Sequential structured way of process analysis
  - Simplified sharing
  - Fast learning curve to new team members
- Cons
  - Safety constraints are not linked to hazards (they are to UCA)
  - Visualization problems (e.g., Control Actions column size control)
  - Trouble with control structure representations
  - Problems with table visualization (UCA) – loss of column titles



# NEXT STEPS

- Explore Modularity
- Translation into procedure requirements
- Including internal controllers within each organization
- Data gathering for supply chains in other plants
- Adjust the supplier certification process to motivate required control structures

# THANK YOU

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