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Resilience in Critical Infrastructures

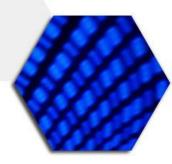
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Core aim:

Improve Risk Control and Resilience of modern Communication Cls, against a wide variety of CYBER-PHYSICAL THREATS, being those malicious attacks, natural disasters or even un-expected faults.

set-up of an

security

technical innovations

eco-system of

comprehensive platform for Communication Cl's holistic (physical/logical) situation awareness and enhanced resilience improvement

progressive adoption path for the **RESISTO** platform and services



joint risk and

analysis and

resilience

process



Resilience is the ability to "provide and maintain an acceptable level of service in face of faults and challenges to normal operation".

Resilience can be perceived as the polar opposite of vulnerability or, in other words,

resilience and vulnerability have an inverse character with respect to each other.







HOLISTIC SITUATION

UNDERSTANDING across

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and physical domains

cyber and physical Cls

and interlinked Cls

Better reaction and more efficient selection of countermeasure and mitigation actions

INTEGRATED RISK
RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT

DECISION MAKING



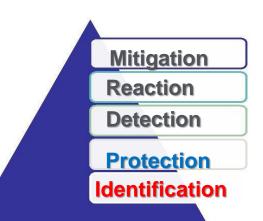


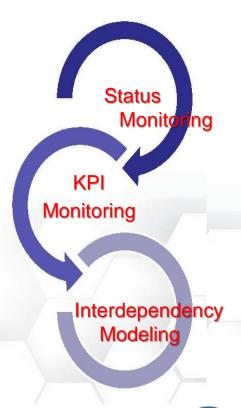
The RESISTO risk and resilience framework refers mainly to:

- Holistic Approach to Situation Awareness
- Innovative Risk & Resilience & Improvement Process Management
- Decision Support System
- Protection against cyber-physical threats
- Modelisation on state-of-the art technologies (Machine Learning, IoT, Blockchain)

The RESISTO context:

- Introduces specific KPI monitoring
- Exploits interdependency modeling techniques
- Provides identification of system performance functions

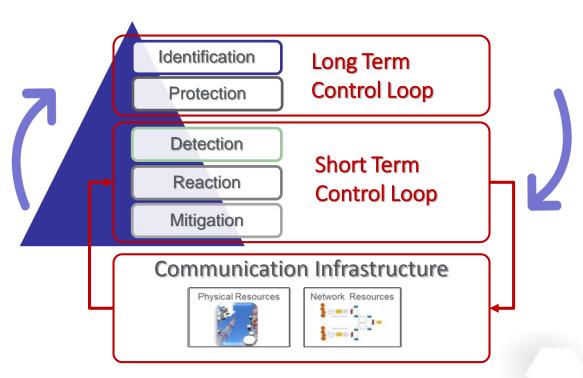








Main functional concepts

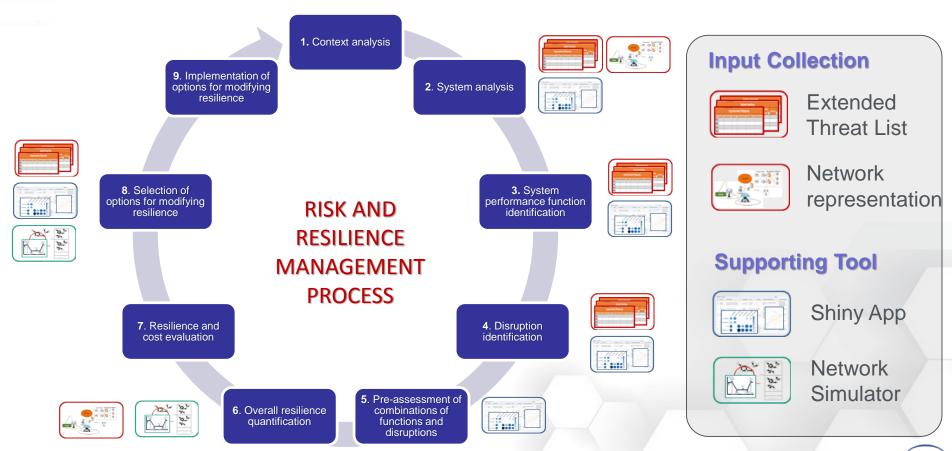


- The Long Term Control Loop (LTCL) is based on the Risk and resilience assessment analysis.
- For each loop cycle a set of
 Resilience Indicators (RIs),
 relevant to critical threat event
 typologies, are estimated and
 stored in a Knowledge Base (KB).
- Performed on a periodic basis (annually, quarterly or even monthly) or when particular events take place



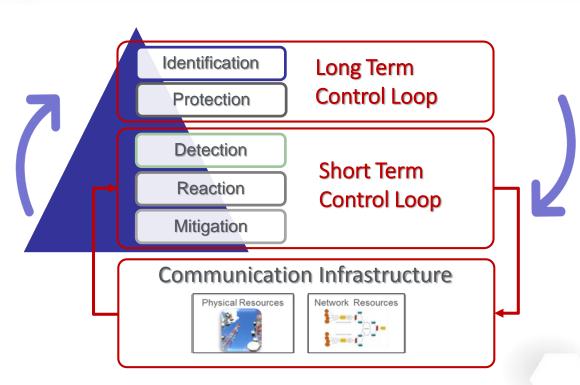


Long Term Control Loop





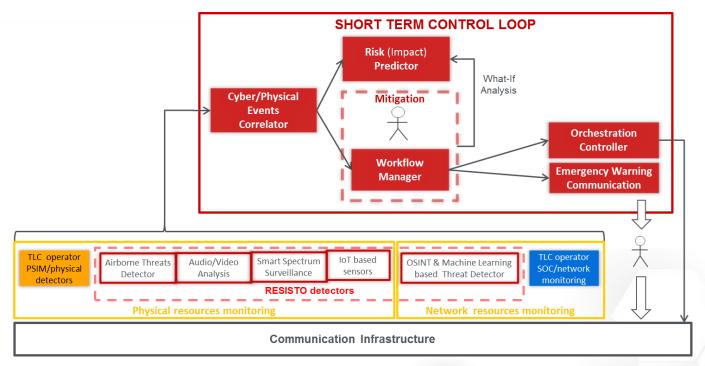
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- The Short Term Control Loop (STCL) reacts in real time to detected cyber/physical attacks and events that may impact the operational life of the system.
- It enhances situation awareness and provides operators with a Decision Support System cockpit able to implement the best reactions.

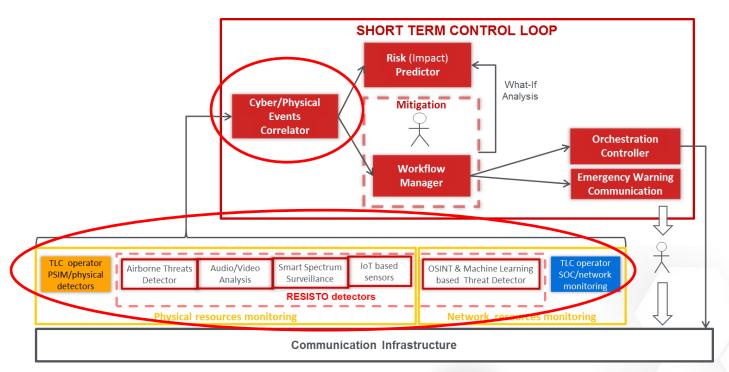










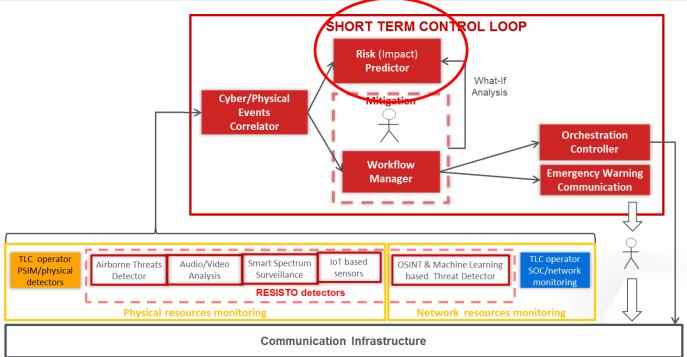


The Short Term Control Loop:

Monitors the physical and cyber security status of the infrastructures, correlating the physical and cyber domain events and network monitoring data to detect anomalies and provide early warnings on security attacks by detecting threats in advance.



Short Term Control Loop



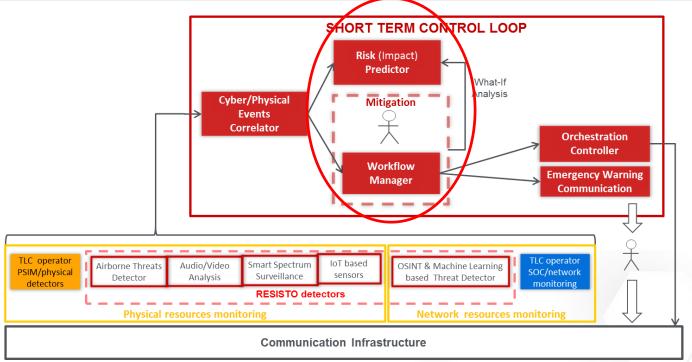
The **Short Term Control Loop**:

Evaluates the attack impact with respect to performance degradation of detected anomalies and security attacks on the communication CI, and interlinked CIs if known, based on the cascading effect.

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Short Term Control Loop

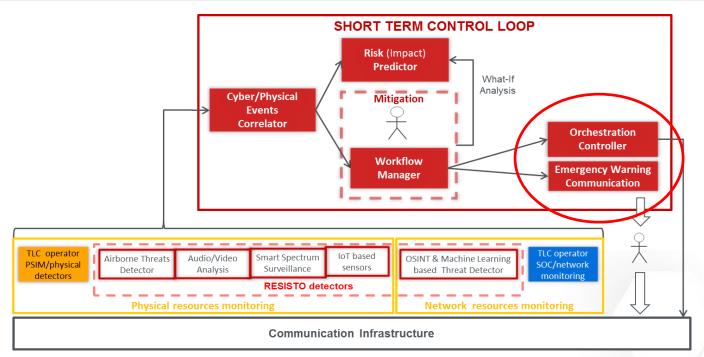


The **Short Term Control Loop**:

Supports decision making, by providing a qualitative and quantitative "What-If" analysis tool in order to evaluate the most resilient communication CI reconfiguration.







The **Short Term Control Loop**:

Drives reaction and mitigation by means of action workflows (composed of directives to intervention teams, physical protection devices activation) and, mainly, of orchestrated Communication Network reconfiguration and protection function activation.

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■ The RESISTO Cyber-Physical Event Correlator is a Rule-Based engine + a Deep Learning engine customized to detect threats, alarms, critical events defined by the "Risk and resilience assessment analysis" and the "Interdependency analysis" able to detect critical situations to manage.

identifies threats and dangerous situations through the analysis of **heterogeneous** data sources in real-time using several event correlation techniques. Events satisfying the correlation criteria are collected in event windows.

analyses the behavior of the RESISTO platform and the phenomena affecting the system in order to make decisions accordingly

EVENT STREAM PROCESSING



intelligent **DEFENCE MODELS** to prevent damages created by cyber-attacks





Thank You !!!