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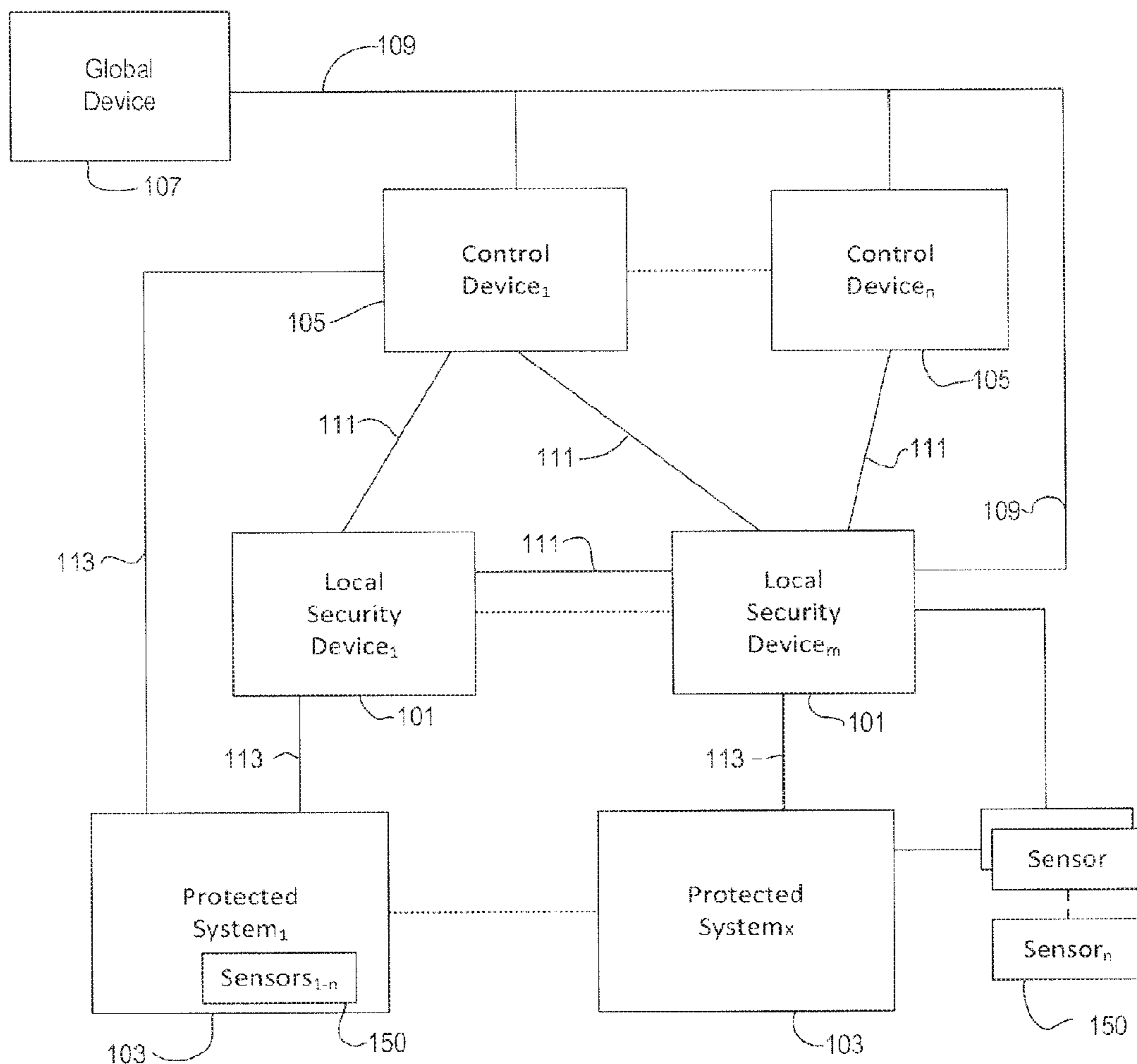
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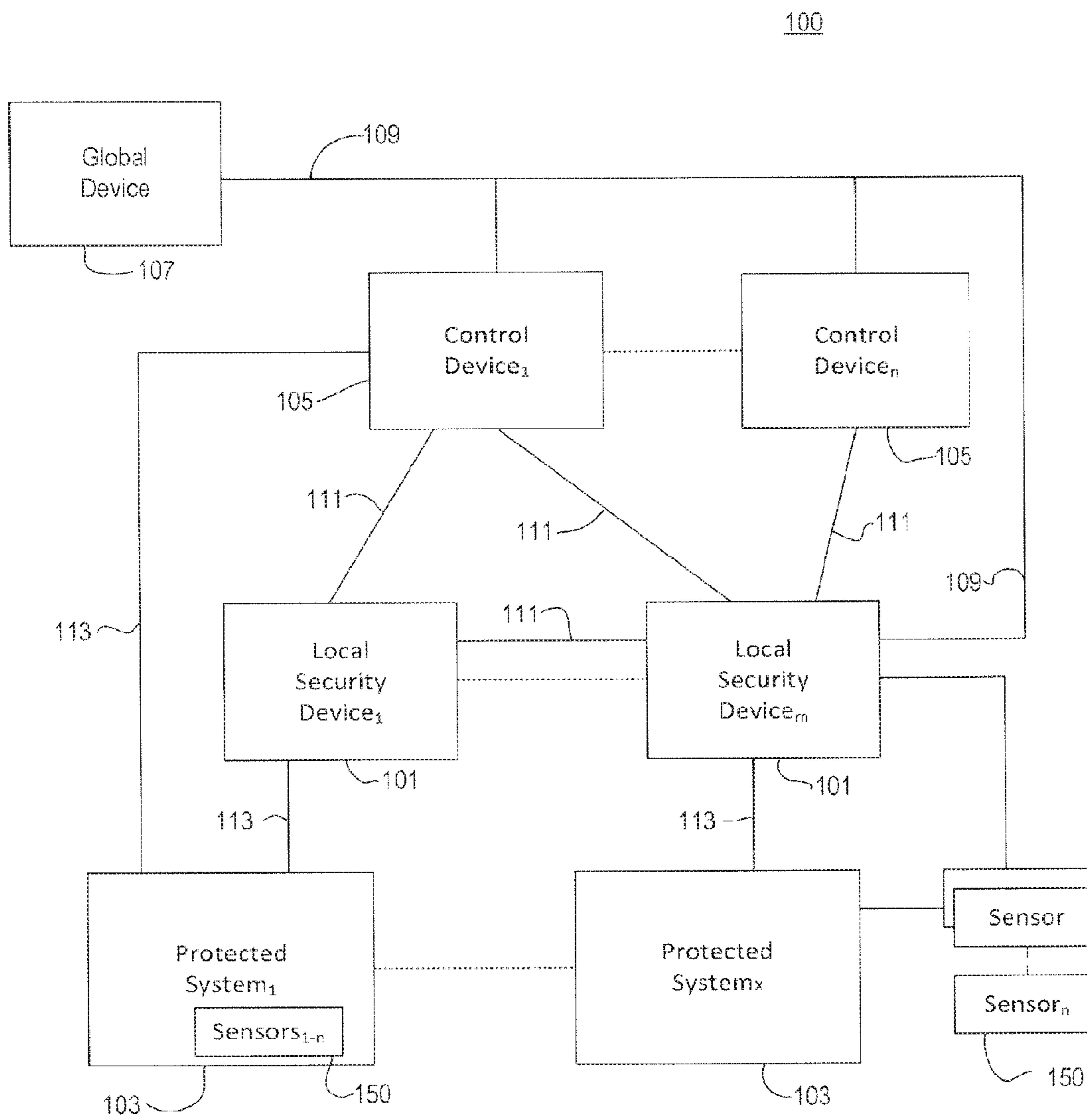
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(57) **ABSTRACT**  
A cyber security system and method that includes one or more devices configured to determine a cyber security threat or breach event based on analysis of operational information of a protected system.

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**FIG. 1**

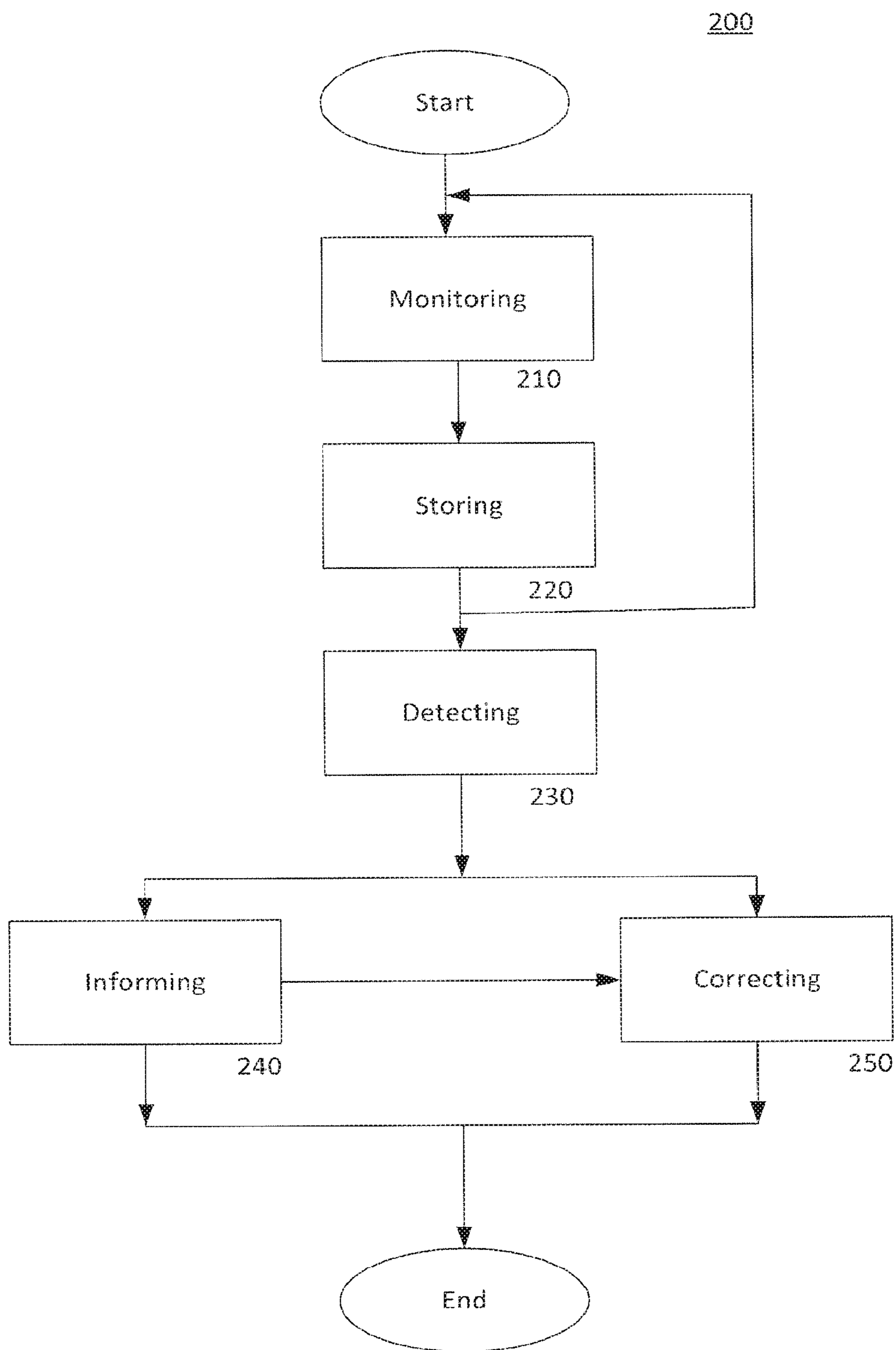


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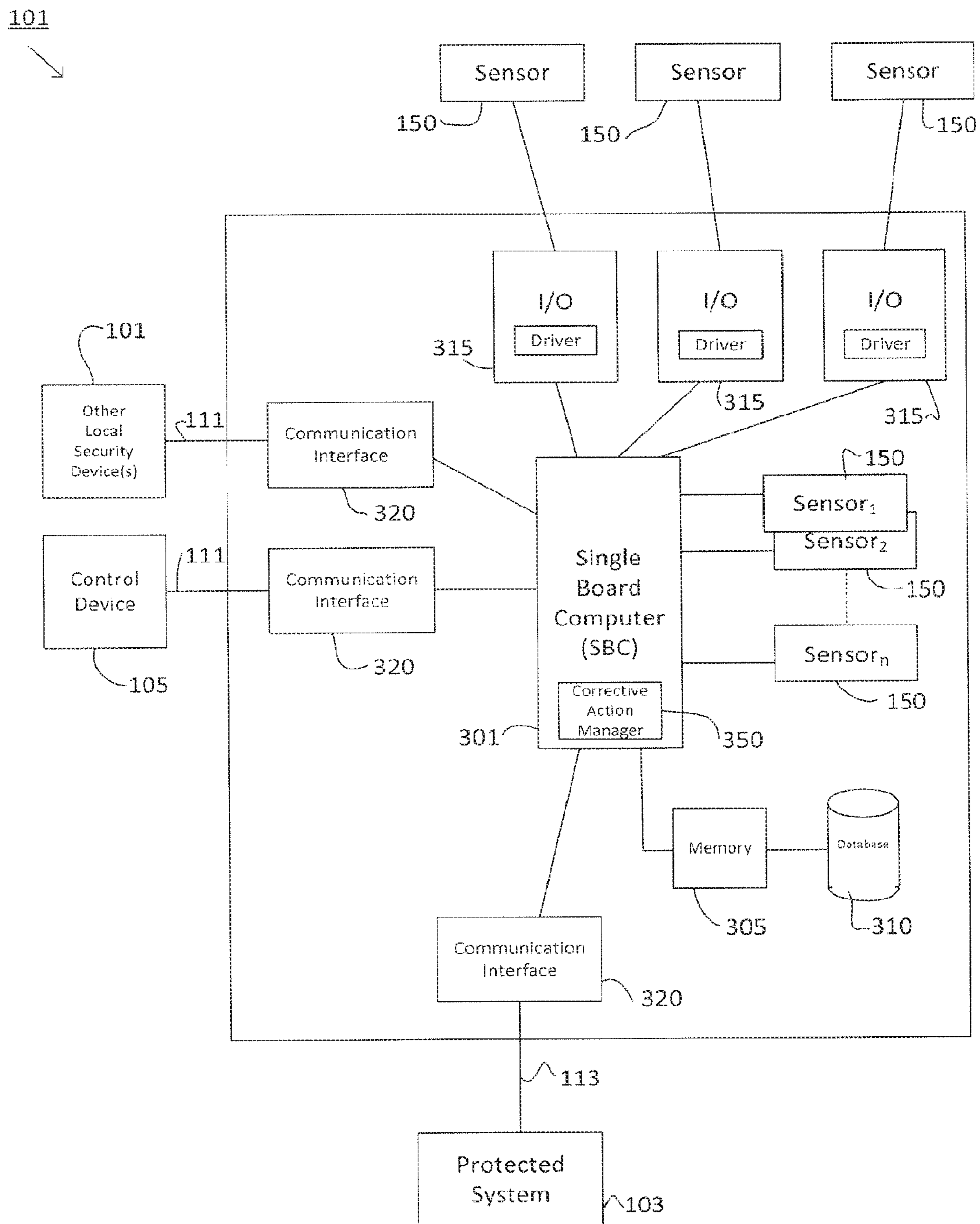


FIG. 3

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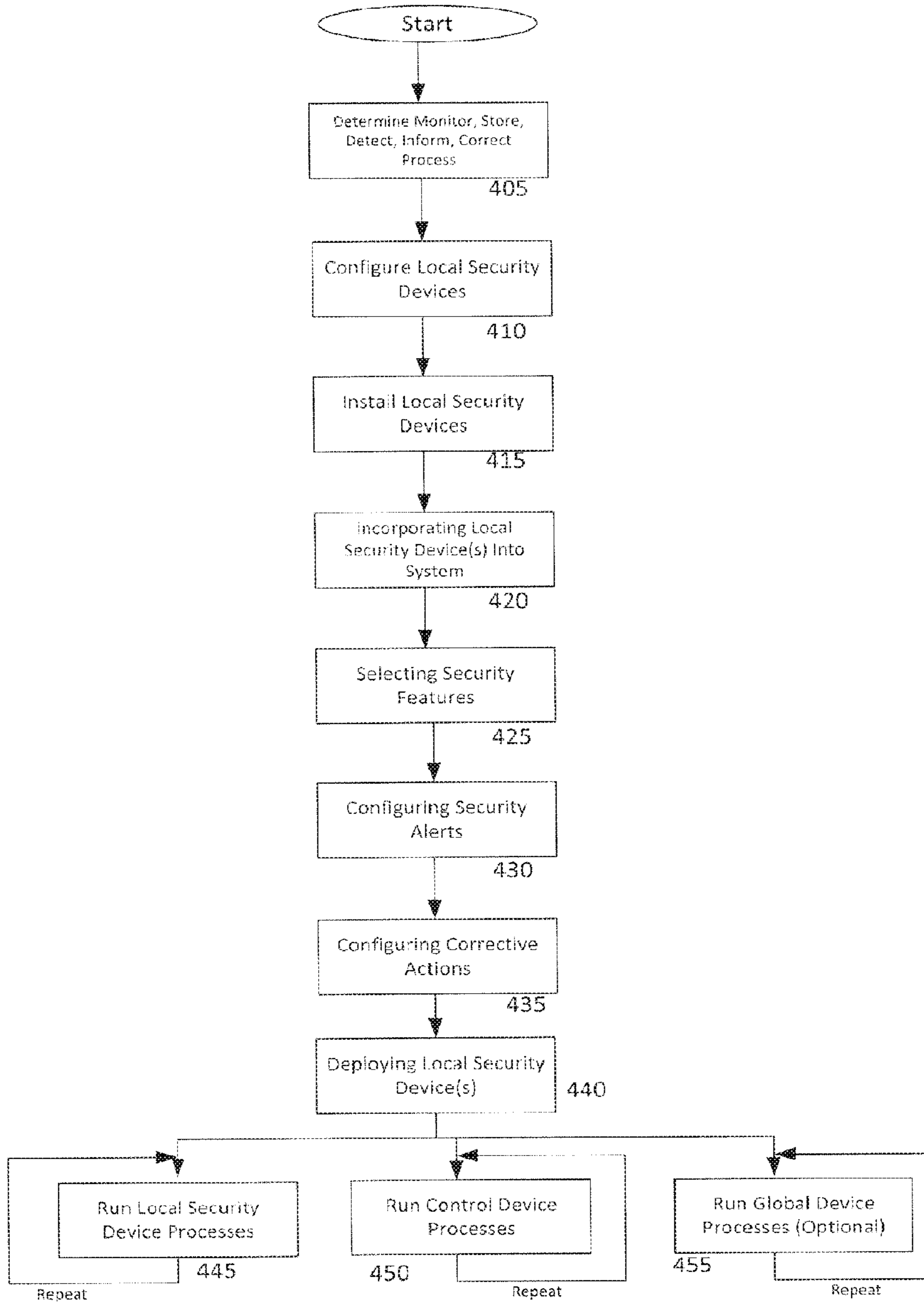


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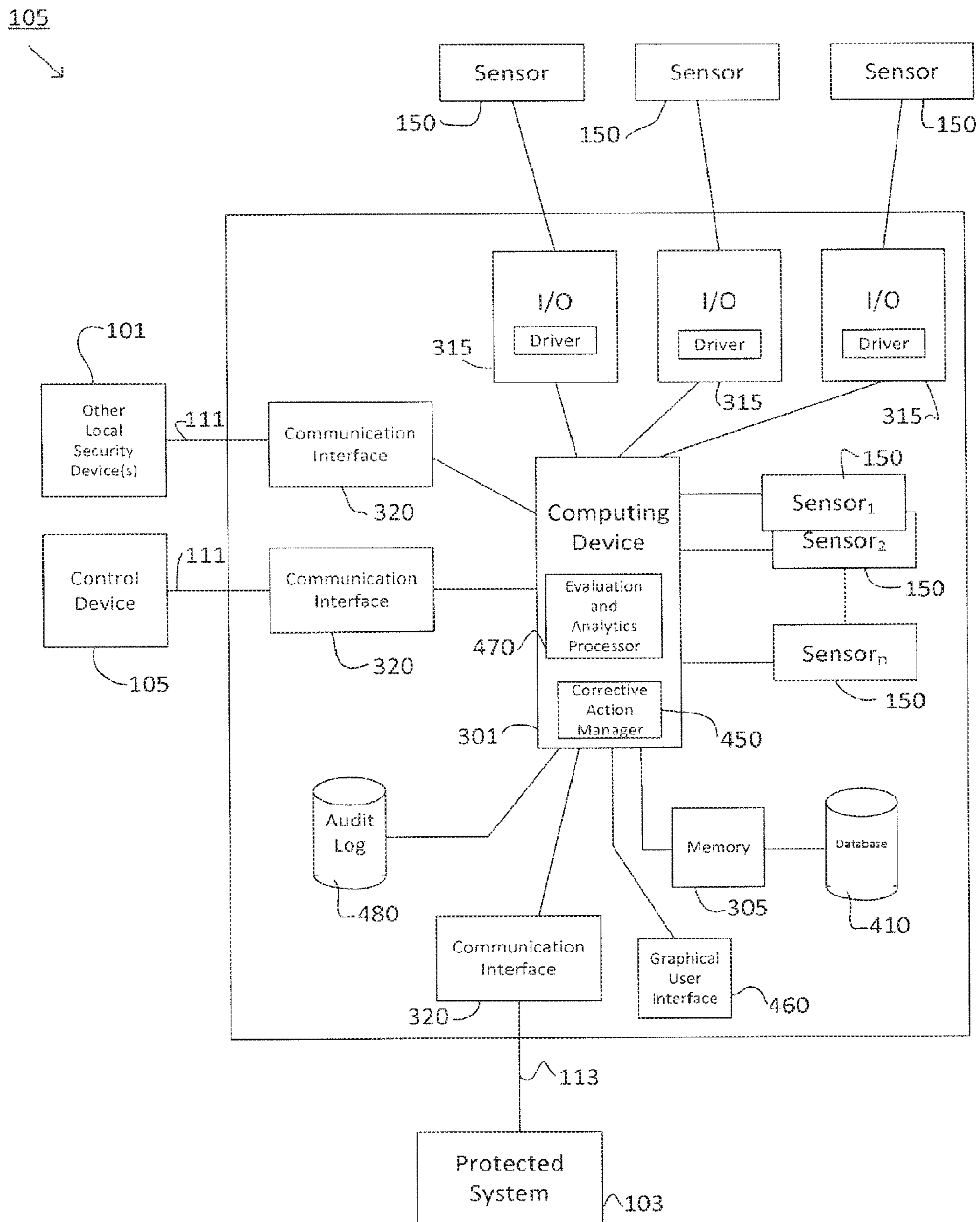


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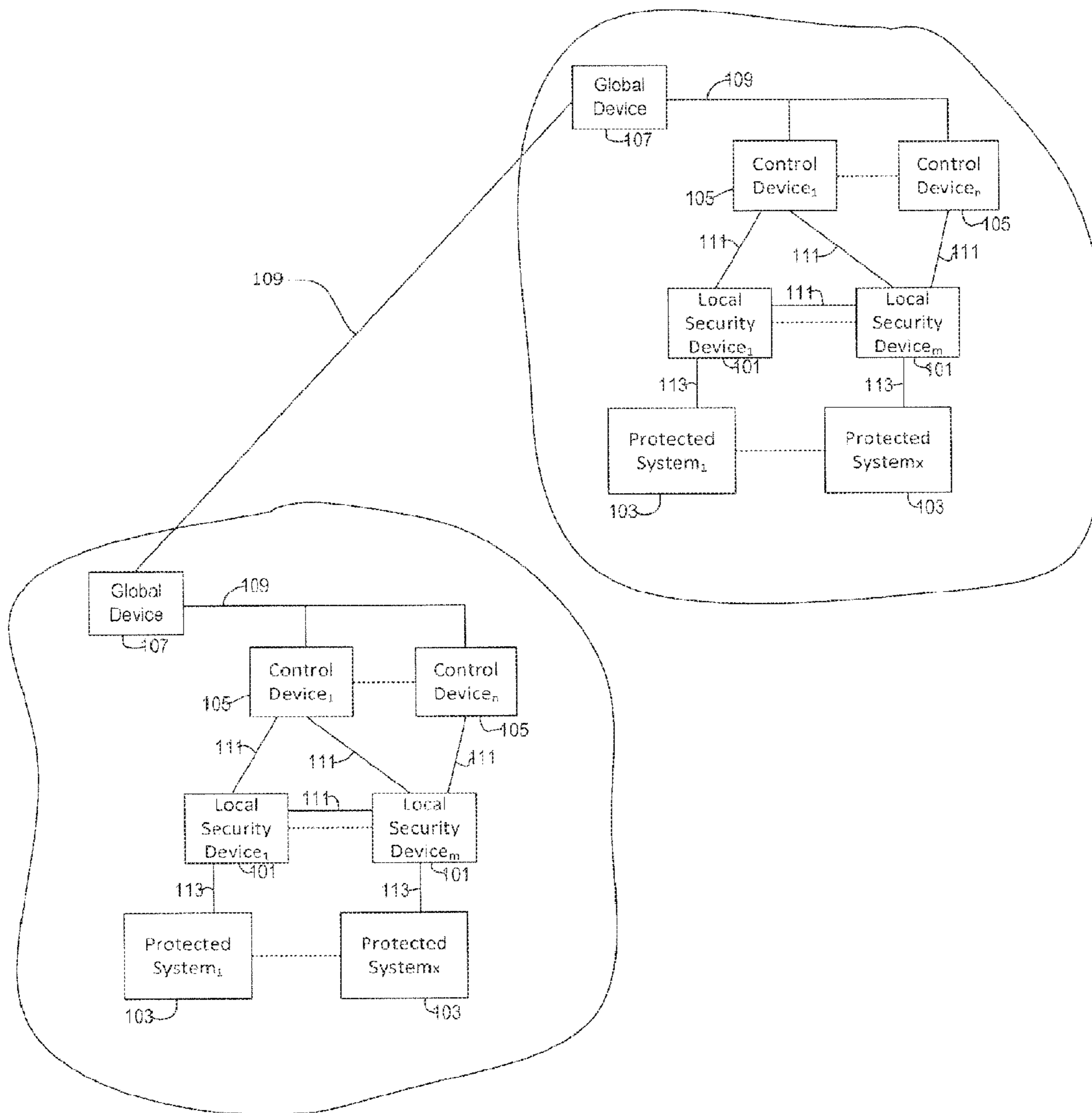


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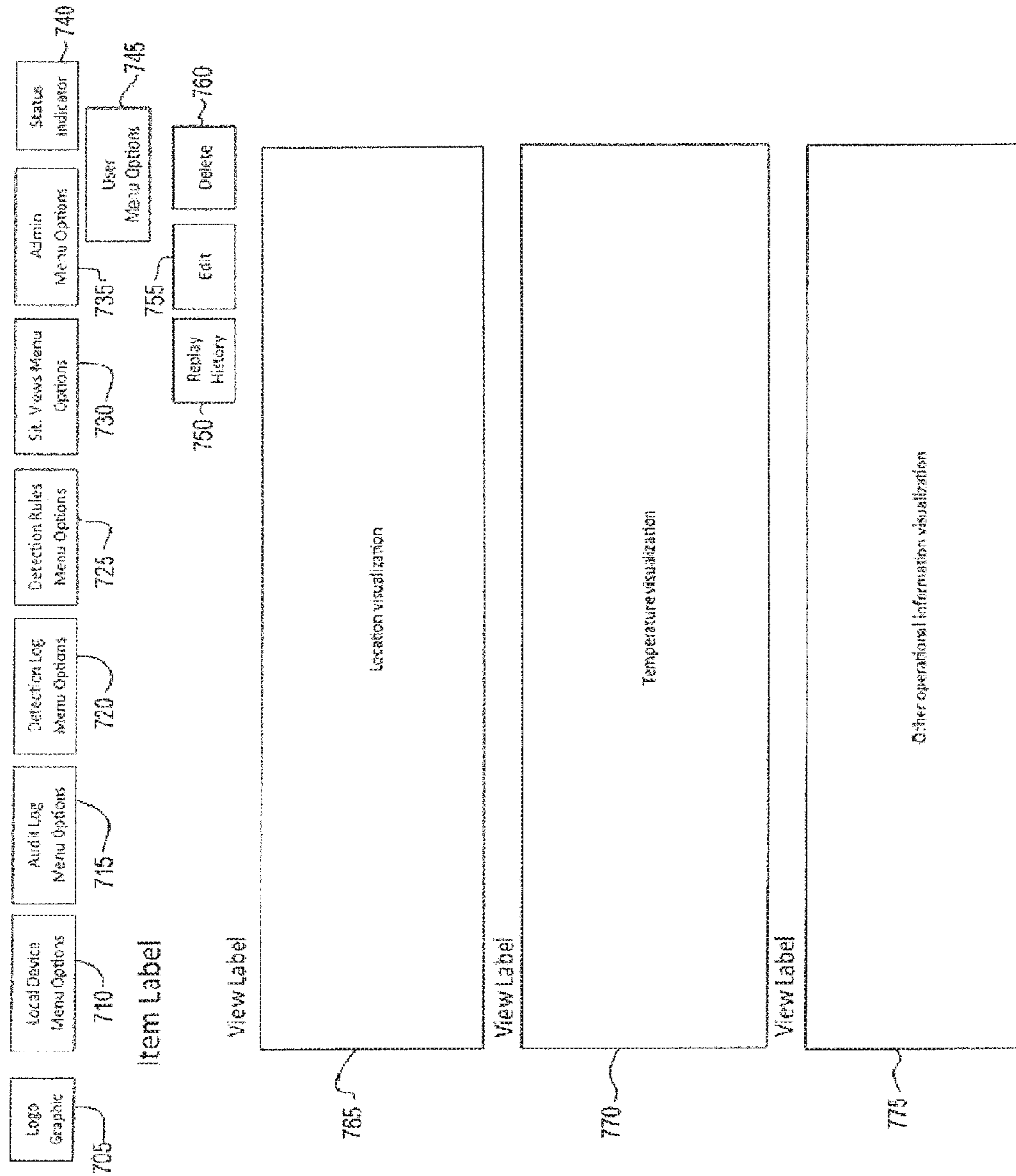


FIG. 7



## CYBER SECURITY FOR PHYSICAL SYSTEMS

### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

**[0001]** This application is a Continuation application of U.S. application Ser. No. 14/742,581, filed Jun. 17, 2015, the contents all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

**[0002]** Embodiments relate generally to cyber security systems and methods and, in particular, to systems and methods for detecting and correcting unwanted operating conditions or modes.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

**[0003]** The increasingly ubiquitous use of computers and processors for controlling equipment and systems has led to new vulnerabilities and susceptibilities of the controlling and controlled equipment to be operated in an unwanted manner due to, for example, hacking and other malicious or unauthorized access for command and control of the affected systems. There is also an increasing likelihood of such systems being provided in networked communications, and the advent of control being provided at ever more minute levels. Especially important is the ability of the affected system to continue to operate with minimized disruptions or effectiveness in the presence of a cyber security threat or breach of the system.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

**[0004]** Embodiments will hereinafter be described in detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals represent like elements.

**[0005]** FIG. 1 illustrates a cyber security system in accordance with various embodiments;

**[0006]** FIG. 2 is a flowchart of a cyber security method in accordance with various embodiments;

**[0007]** FIG. 3 is a functional block diagram of a local security device according to various embodiments;

**[0008]** FIG. 4 is a flowchart of a configuration method according to various embodiments;

**[0009]** FIG. 5 is a functional block diagram of a control device according to various embodiments;

**[0010]** FIG. 6 is a functional block diagram illustrating multiple protected systems according to at least one embodiment; and

**[0011]** FIG. 7 is illustration of a Graphical User Interface (GUI) according to various embodiments.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

**[0012]** Embodiments relate generally to a cyber security system comprising at least one component, either a first or a second component, adapted to be coupled to a secured system, and may further include additional first or second components with the second component or components operatively coupled to one or more of the first components configured to monitor, control, and interact with the one or more first components based on sensed information received from the one or more first components, and a third component configured to receive information from and to monitor

at least one of the second components or one or more first components as well as one or more of the third components to analyze the sensed information and the security information to determine global operational awareness. The second component is further configured to output security information to a user and to the third component. However, in some embodiments, the first component can also output security information to a user, and the third component may also receive information from the first component.

**[0013]** In particular, embodiments can comprise a cyber security system having one or more local security devices each configured to monitor at least one operational aspect, which may be one or more items of relevant operational information such as an operating parameter, of an associated protected system or device, or one or more control devices each configured to monitor at least one operational aspect, which may be one or more items of relevant operational information such as an operating parameter, of an associated protected system or device, or both, in which case the at least one control device can be operatively coupled with one or more of said plurality of local security devices via a network, and configured to receive operational information (e.g., at least one monitored parameter) from each of the one or more local security devices, in which the at least one control device or the at least one local security device is or are configured to determine occurrence of a security condition present at one or more of the protected systems or devices based on analysis of the operational information, and in which the at least one control device, the at least one local security device, or both, are configured to output an indication of the security condition via a user interface, and to calculate and indicate one or more response options via a user interface.

**[0014]** Embodiments can further include at least one global device operatively coupled with one or more control devices via the network (which may be a communications service). The local security device and the control device can be configured to communicate securely using encryption, and the local security device can be configured to auto register with at least one control device via said network, and wherein said at least one control device is configured to authenticate said local security device.

**[0015]** The control device can be configured to output one or more commands associated with one or more response options to one or more of the local security devices, and upon receiving the one or more commands, the local security device can be configured to issue device commands to the associated protected system or device to restore a desired or normal operating state of the protected system or device. The control device user interface may include a console configuration input capability.

**[0016]** The local security device can be co-located with its associated protected system or device, and may be embedded therein or physically attached thereto. The control device can be configured to determine a security condition using a plurality of different monitored operational aspects, information, or parameters, which may be received from one or more of the local security devices as well as from external sources.

**[0017]** Various embodiments can comprise a cyber security method that includes monitoring a protected system, using at least one local security device, by identifying data to be collected and assessing relevant operational aspects, operating parameters, or measurements of the protected



system; detecting a potential cyber attack by performing security analysis to determine a cyber security threat or breach event comprising an unwanted condition or state of the protected system based on the monitored operational aspects or operating parameters or measurements; informing, by at least one local security device or by a control device operably coupled to the at least one local security device, by outputting electronic information associated with the cyber security threat or breach event; and correcting the cyber security threat or breach event by transmitting, by the control device, an electronic message to the at least one local security device to cause the at least one local security device to output one or more commands to the protected system suitable to cause the protected system to cease operating in the unwanted condition or state.

[0018] For example, in at least one embodiment, the detecting can comprise determining a cyber security threat or breach event by comparing the monitored parameters or measurements to known good or expected patterns. Verifiable voting among multiple results of the security analysis can also be included. The detecting can comprise determining a cyber security threat or breach event by performing security analysis of patterns detected among multiple local security devices.

[0019] In various embodiments, the detecting and/or correcting can be performed by the local security device, one or more of the local security devices, independently from the control device, by the control device, or by a combination thereof.

[0020] Furthermore, the informing can comprise outputting a checklist of actions to be taken in response to the cyber security threat or breach event, and/or outputting notification messages to at least one device other than the at least one local security device and the control device.

[0021] In at least one embodiment, the detecting, correcting, or simultaneous detecting and correcting can be performed in real-time.

[0022] FIG. 1 illustrates a cyber security system 100 according to various embodiments. Referring now to FIG. 1, the cyber security system 100 can include one or more local security devices 101 which may be operably coupled to (or provided in communication with) one or more protected systems or devices 103 via a network 113. The local security devices 101 can be operably coupled with one or more control devices 105 via a network 111. In at least some embodiments, multiple control devices 105 can be operably coupled with a global device 107 via a network 109. The networks 109, 111, and 113 can each be a different network, the same network, or a combination thereof. Each individual network 109, 111, and 113 can also be comprised of a different network, the same network, or a combination thereof.

[0023] Thus, it is evident that embodiments can provide a hierarchical approach to system security. In at least one embodiment, there may be multiple levels of infrastructure or devices arranged to provide progressive levels of system awareness for the protected system or devices. For example, in at least one embodiment, three hierarchical levels may be used. However, other numbers of levels are also possible. For example, at the most granular level, the local security device 101 can be provided in association with a particular protected system 103 or multiple such protected systems 103. The local security device 101 may be physically attached to the protected system 103 being secured. The

local security device 101 can comprise hardware components including one or more processors that, when operating under the control of a sequence of programmed or hard-coded instructions, cause the local security device 101 to monitor and control operating parameters of the protected system 103.

[0024] Embodiments can also include a second level device such as a control device 105 operatively coupled via the network 111 with one or more of said plurality of local security devices 101. The control device 105 can be configured to receive at least one monitored operational aspect, information, or parameter from each of the one or more local security devices 101, and can also be configured to determine the occurrence of a security condition present at one or more of the protected devices 103 based on analysis of the at least one monitored operational aspect, information, or parameter. The at least one control device 105, if present, is configured to output an indication of the security condition via a user interface to provide operational awareness about the state of the control device 105 to an operator, as well as to calculate and indicate one or more response options via the user interface. The control device 105 can be configured to output one or more commands associated with one or more response options to one or more of the local security devices 101, and upon receiving the one or more commands, the local security device 101 can be configured to issue device commands to its associated protected system(s) 103 to restore a desired or normal operating state of the protected system or device. The control device user interface may include a console configuration input capability. The local security device 101 and the control device 105 can be configured to communicate securely via the network 109 using encryption, and the local security device 101 can be configured to auto register with at least one control device 105 via said network 111. The control device 105 can be configured to authenticate the local security device 101 to the cyber security system 100.

[0025] Embodiments can further include a third level device such as at least one global device 107 operatively coupled with one or more control devices 105 via the network 109. The global device 107 can be configured to monitor conditions and/or parameters output by one more of the control devices 105. The global device 107 can be configured to monitor and analyze multiple combinations of these conditions and parameters to provide global operational awareness of the protected system (or many protected systems) by detecting and analyzing multiple disparate occurrences of particular conditions and particular states of various operating parameters to determine an occurrence of undesired or unwanted operating conditions of the protected system 103 that would otherwise go undetected.

[0026] FIG. 2 is a flowchart of a cyber security method 200 in accordance with various embodiments. Referring now to FIG. 2, a cyber security method 200 can provide a decision support methodology comprising monitoring 210, storing 220, detecting 230, informing 240, and correcting 250.

[0027] The cyber security method 200 can commence at 210 with monitoring of a protected system by identifying data to be collected and assessing the relevant operating parameters or measurements that can provide useful information to allow the cyber security system 100 to determine a condition in which the protected system 103 is being operated in an unwanted or undesired mode or state, which may be a result, for example, of a security threat or breach



in the security protocols or safeguards in-place to prevent unauthorized access to and operation of the protected system. This step can include collecting data from monitored or protected systems **103** via the local security devices **101** as well as monitoring the status of one or more local security devices **101**.

[0028] The method **200** then continues to a storing step **220** to store information related to cyber security and related system data in a form suitable for forensic review or analysis. For example, data from the affected components of the protected system **103** can be collected to allow for forensic recoding and analysis of cyber security and related system data. The particular data or information that is stored by the system **100** can vary as needed to meet various needs, which includes accomplishing the monitoring, detecting, informing, and correction goals, providing a source for in-depth forensic analysis, and to recreate system events related to cyber security for the protected system or device **103**. In various embodiments, the user can configure and change the type of information collected.

[0029] The cyber security method **200** can continue to a detecting step at **230**, which can comprise detecting potential cyber attacks using algorithms that implement security design patterns needed to perform security analysis and to assess the function for potential cyber attacks based on those measurements. The detecting can include, for example, but is not limited to, comparison to expected patterns, expected system behaviors, and/or application of security design patterns, secured or verifiable voting among algorithm results, and analysis of patterns detected across multiple local security devices **101**. In various embodiments, the detecting **230** can be performed at the local security device or devices **101**, by the control device **105**, or distributed between or among them. Detecting can also include, without limitation, System Parameter Assurance (verifying the source and validity of changes to system operating parameters), Configuration Hopping (i.e., shifting control and/or data flow among multiple redundant components), Data Consistency Checking, and Data Consistency Checking using State Estimation (for example, using mathematical representations of the interactions among system states over time).

[0030] The cyber security method **200** can continue to an informing step at **240** and a correcting step at **250**. Informing can include methods to inform both the system **100** and the necessary human system operators of a potential cyber security threat to a critical system function or functions of the protected system(s) **103**. The informing can include outputting a visual display and/or alert to a user or an operator, archiving data for forensic analysis, providing a checklist to the user of required or possible actions to be taken in response to a security condition, and sending notification messages to other devices or nodes. The alerts may be chosen from a set of predefined messages. In various embodiments, the informing **240**, the correcting **250**, or both, can be performed by the control device **105** or by the local security device **101**.

[0031] The correcting step at **250** can include identifying the response to be taken to correct an operational state or status of the protected system(s) **103** in response to the security detections. In various embodiments, the cyber security system **100** executes system security control actions in either an automated or interactive way as required by the particular implementation of the security system.

[0032] With regard to the local security device **101**, as discussed herein the local security device **101** can be deployed at a protected system **103**. The local security device **101** can be physically attached to or otherwise co-located with the protected system **103**. It can provide the interface between the cyber security system **100** and the protected system **103**, and it also provides a secured technical staging area for protecting critical physical or information system components that enable security analyses for System-Aware Cyber Security processes provided by the cyber security system **100** and the monitor, store, detect, inform, and correct (MSDIC) cyber security method **200**. System-Aware Cyber Security is a novel approach to securing systems that leverages in-depth knowledge of the functionality of the protected system. System-Aware Cyber Security builds upon prior work in the areas of fault-tolerance, cyber security, and automatic control systems to provide an additional layer of protection to critical system functions. System-Aware security uses rapidly deployable, simple, and low cost security services integrated with the system to significantly increase the cost and effort required by an adversary to compromise the system being protected; thereby providing an asymmetric advantage to the defender. An important part of the defender's System-Aware costs are the security features utilized to protect the System-Aware based solution.

[0033] In various embodiments, the local security device **101** can be configured to work in an independent configuration and in a dependent configuration. In the independent configuration, the local security device **101** does not rely on any interaction with other components of the system **100** such as the control device **105** or the network **111** to protect and output corrective actions to the protected system **103**. In the dependent configuration, the local security device **101** can be configured as part of a larger network of one or more additional local security devices **101** which communicate over the network **111** in order to provide protections to a larger array of physical and information systems which may require multiple monitoring points in order for the complete cyber security process **200** to be accomplished.

[0034] FIG. 3 is a functional block diagram of a local security device **101** in accordance with various embodiments. Referring now to FIG. 3, the local security device **101** can comprise an embedded hardware platform such as a single-board computer **301** that hosts System-Aware Cyber Security capabilities of the local security device **101** and the monitor, store, detect, inform, and correct functions of the cyber security method **200** used to protect critical system functions. The local security device **101** can further include sensors **150** suitable to aid in the detection of abnormal system behavior indicative of a probable cyber security attack, which may be directly coupled to the SBC **301** via a bus or interrupt line. The SBC **301** can also be operatively coupled to sensors **150** located external to the local security device **101** via input/output (I/O) interfaces **315**, each of which can further comprise a driver configured to communicate with the particular sensor **150** to which it is connected. The local security device **101** can also be configured to communicate within and among its individual components as well as to communicate with other local security devices **101** and to and from the control device **105**. In at least one embodiment, the local security device **101** can include enhanced security hardware and software features to protect the local security device **101** itself from cyber



threats. The local security device **101** can also include communications interfaces **320** for interfacing the SBC **301** with communications networks such as network **111** for communicating with one or more control devices **105** or one or more other local security devices **101**, as well as the network **113** for communicating with the protected system **103**. The local security device **101** can also include a secured memory **305** and a storage device **310** for storing security data patterns, each coupled to the SBC **301** via a bus interface.

[0035] The local security device **101** can be deployed on a diverse set of embedded hardware platforms in various embodiments, including but not limited to, or more commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) embedded hardware platforms. In addition, multiple local security devices **101**, each implemented using the same or multiple different embedded hardware platforms, can be installed on or associated with a single protected system **103**. In such embodiments, using multiple local security devices **101** can provide enhanced security for the protected system **103**, the local security devices **101** themselves, and the cyber security system **100** can thereby be made more fault-tolerant and more resilient to cyber security threats or breach events. For example, in some embodiments the local security device **101** can comprise a single board computer (SBC) hardware component such as, but not limited to, a Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC) or an Advanced RISC Machines (ARM) processor available from Advanced RISC Machines, Ltd. The local security device can use an SBC such as, for example, a Raspberry Pi™ SBC available from the Raspberry Pi Foundation at <http://www.raspberrypi.org/>, a BeagleBone Black ARM-based SBC available from the BeagleBoard.org Foundation at <http://www.beagleboard.org>, a MinnowBoard or MinnowBoard MAX Intel® Atom™ based processor available from Minnowboard.org (<http://www.minnowboard.org/>), the Edison Development Platform available from Intel Corporation of Santa Clara, Calif. (<http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/do-it-yourself/edison.html>), a Hummingboard™ SBC available from SolidRun Ltd. Of Migdal Tefen, Israel, Liva BAT-Mini PC's made by ECS-Elite Group of Taipei, Taiwan, or another embedded hardware platform.

[0036] Each of the above-described embedded hardware platforms support various operating systems and development environments such as, but not limited to, operating systems such as Linux, including Debian-based, Arch-LINUX-based, Raspbian, or Open Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) versions, or Microsoft® Windows® 8.1 (or Microsoft® 10.0 for Raspberry Pi) (for example, for Minnowboard Max implementations). In various embodiments, software or programmed instructions executed by the SBC or embedded hardware platform of the local security device **101** to configure the local security device **101** to perform functions as described herein can be written in the C or Python programming languages, for example, or the like, without limitation. Security data patterns (for use in comparison to received or monitored data) can also be provided using these development environments. For example, the operation of a turbine involves the transfer and display of data to allow an operator to monitor the output. A main control room may exist where an operator views the current state of a turbine, information is sent from sensors so that the operator can track the turbine's movement and other variables (speed, temperature, etc.). Operators observe the out-

put to determine if any variables exceed a given threshold, at which time they are expected to take action to stop the turbine or sound an alarm. However, if a cyber attack corrupts the outputs of the sensors or the displayed data, an operator could be made to think that the operation is "as normal"; when in reality an attack is underway. Thus, various embodiments can utilize security design patterns to ensure that data displayed to operators is correct and not a misrepresentation resulting from a cyber attack. Such a design pattern utilizes diversely derived state estimations to verify the integrity of the data shown to the operator. The state of a system can be estimated through use of different state-related measurements; for example, speed can be derived from position, temperature is related to speed, and other general relationships exist between different states of a system. These relationships between states can be represented in discrete time mathematical equations that represent the interaction among states of a system as a function of time. By calculating the system state using measurements that do not directly provide the outputs shown to the operator for control purposes, the data integrity can be checked before being displayed. This potentially can alert an operator to a hidden attack, or a feigned attack that does not actually require system shutdown. This solution prevents cyber attacks from compromising data by using state estimation.

[0037] According to various embodiments, the local security device **101** can be implemented across a diverse set of different SBCs, operating systems, and programming languages, such as those described above, without limitation, to prevent circumvention of the protections provided by the cyber security system **100** to the protected system(s) **103** and to the cyber security system **100** itself.

[0038] The cyber security system **100** can also employ sensors **150** to monitor operating conditions and parameters of the protected system **103**. In various embodiments, the sensors can be components of the system **100**, or the cyber security system **100** can interface with one or more existing sensors which may be parts of the protected system **103**, or a combination thereof, as shown in FIG. 1. The type, number, and configuration of sensors **150** may be determined by the particular operating characteristics and functions of the protected system **103**, the current mission the protected system **103** is supporting, the operational environment in which the protected system **103** is operating, the level of security desired by the protected system **103** owners and operators, and other factors. A sensor **150** can be a physical device attached to the local security device **103**, or can be implemented in software as a sequence of programmed instructions which, when executed by the SBC or processor of the local security device **103**, causes the local security device **103** to perform sensor functions including, but not limited to, extracting operating condition and parameter information from the protected system **103**. In various embodiments, the local security device **101** can also include drivers to integrate third-party hardware or software sensors **150** into the cyber security system **100**.

[0039] The local security device **101** compares data received from the sensors **150** with expected system states to determine an independent evaluation of the system state derived from the independent sensor data and other system-specific data being monitored by the local security device **101**. Differences determined in system state comparison can indicate detection of a cyber security event which can trigger the MSDIC cyber security process (ref. FIG. 2) for taking



the detection and informing the appropriate system components and users and providing fallback capability to maintain and/or correct system functions, even if in a slightly degraded state, to ensure mission success of the protected system **103**.

**[0040]** In some embodiments, as discussed herein, the local security device **101** can be deployed across a diverse set of embedded hardware platforms to enhance security and fault tolerance. In similar fashion, the local security device can include diverse sensors **150** from diverse supply chains and manufacturers for these purposes. For example, in some embodiments the local security device **101** may integrate GPS information from multiple vendors such as, for example, an Adafruit Ultimate GPS™ available from Adafruit Industries LLC of New York, N.Y. (<http://www.adafruit.com/product/746>), or a Ublox Neo 6-series GPS module available from u-blox AG of Thalwil, Switzerland (<http://u-blox.com/en/gps-modules/pvt-modules/previous-generations/neo-6-family.html>) in order to reduce the risk of a supply-chain attack by diversifying the manufacturing suppliers. This greatly increases the complexity for an adversary to attack the sensor systems, as it would require that multiple component sources be attacked simultaneously. In addition, some types of sensors, such as, for example, Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) and Inertial Navigation System (INS) sensors which also can be used as location sensing devices, can be used to validate GPS information and to provide a fallback source of location in the event all GPS systems are compromised under an attack such as a GPS spoofing or jamming attack originating from GPS sources other than the normal Satellite system.

**[0041]** In various embodiments, the cyber security system **100** can include one or more of several types of sensors including, but not limited to: GPS receiver, temperature and humidity, contact/force sensors, camera with an image analyzer, microphone, INS/IMU, tripwire, altimeter, LIDAR or radar based object detection sensors, vibration, accelerometers, and motion and location sensors. Other sensor types are also possible. For example, Smart phone technologies can be used as a source for the local security device **101** for providing the protections described herein, including sensing applications available on Smart phone devices to use in the execution of the protections. As an example of a System-Aware technique using such technologies is the use of speed sensors in an iPhone™ (available from Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, Calif.), or, alternatively, and Android™ phone, to provide expected security design patterns to address the attacks related to braking and acceleration against the speed control and automated assistive technologies in a vehicle. More and more sensors are being added to relatively inexpensive phones such as GPS, gyroscopes, accelerometers, cameras, compass, etc., all which represent information that is independent from the protected system or device **103**, but is available for use by the local security device **101**. In addition to using the sensors on the iPhone™ to provide independent data for the local security device **101** logic, in some embodiment the local security device **101** logic can be implemented on the Smart phone platform itself, of the Smart phone is an interface to a series of local security devices **101** that are monitoring activity in a vehicle and reporting problems to an application on the phone using, for example, texting or email alerting.

**[0042]** The local security device **101** can be configured to communicate with various system **100** components includ-

ing the control device **105**, other local security devices **101**, and the protected system(s) **103** via the networks **111** and **113**, as shown in FIG. 1. In various embodiments, one or both of networks **111** and **113** can be secure networks. The networks **111** and **113** may be, in some embodiments, existing communication networks of the protected system **103**. A variety of wired or wireless communications networks may be provided, as discussed in further detail below.

**[0043]** The communication network **111** can be utilized for distributing initial configuration information from the control device **105** to one or more of the local security device(s) **101**. In at least one embodiment, the local security device **101** can be configured to send a configuration information request to the control device **105** via the network **111**. The local security device **101** may be configured to send the configuration request to the control device **105** upon startup of the local security device **101** as part of an auto registration procedure, for example. Upon receiving the configuration request, the control device **105** can retrieve the initial configuration information particular to the requesting local security device **101**, and transmit or push the requested initial configuration information to the requesting local security device **101**. In this way, the control device **105** can be configured to manage the distribution of configuration information to the local security device(s) **101** in a predetermined or ad hoc determined manner to best protect the protected system **103**. The local security device **101** may store the initial configuration information received from the control device **105** using a library storage capability **310**. In at least one embodiment, the control device **105** can be configured to store and forward the local security device **101** configurations. However, in other embodiments, the control device **105** can be configured for active management and editing, by a human user or otherwise, of the local security device **101** configuration libraries that are stored and distributed by the control device **105**.

**[0044]** In order to extract information about the state(s) of the protected system **103**, the local security device **101** supports a library of communication standards used to interface with the systems **103** and the subsystems monitored and protected using System-Aware techniques. In particular, the cyber security system **100** can include a secured communication mechanism to enable local security devices **101** to share information about the systems they are monitoring and the MSDIC processes and security analyses they are performing between and among the local security devices **101** and the control device **105**. In various embodiments, the data generated by the local security devices **101** and the control devices can be formatted in accordance with data structures that define a unique layer of security data used to track the cyber health of the critical functions of protected systems **103** in which System-Aware technology is in place, and that form the information basis for the MSDIC process of the cyber security method **200**. This security data may also be used as part of a forensic analysis of any detections that occur. For example, the following communication protocols may be provided: serial protocols including RS-232 and RS422, Ethernet, Wi-Fi/802.11 A, B, G, N; Radio Frequency (RF), Bluetooth™, IEEE Standard 1394 Firewire™, Universal Serial Bus (USB), and cellular data connection (e.g., Long-Term Evolution (LTE)). Other communications protocols are possible.

**[0045]** In various embodiments, the local security device **101** and the control device **105** can be configured to com-



municate with each other according to one or more of a variety of communication strategies such as, without limitation: Push, in which the local security device **101** periodically, or whenever an event occurs, initiates communication and pushes data to control device **105**; Pull, in which the control device **105** polls the local security device **101** for new information (e.g., periodically or when prompted by the operator); and, Continuous flow/streaming for streaming video or audio and similar applications. To accommodate these communication strategies, the local security device **101** can support multiple protocols including, but not limited to: JavaScript™ Object Notation (JSON), HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) POST method, Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP), and Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP). In various embodiments, the particular protocols supported can depend on the type of data being transmitted. In addition, communications between the local security device **101** and the control device **105** can be encrypted and authenticated using security certificates.

[0046] In at least one embodiment, the local security device **101** is the only part of the cyber security system **100** that contains customer or deployment specific customized applications of the standardized libraries of System-Aware security design patterns. Other elements of the cyber security system **100**, such as the control device **105** and the global device **107**, can be configured using Graphical User Interface (GUI)-based configuration modules. In such embodiments, the control device **105** and global device **107** can include reusable libraries of interface modules, which support the communication protocols inherent to the protected system **103**. These interface modules perform normalization of the data streams into a standardized data format that the local security device **101** uses for comparison with various corresponding security design patterns utilized by the local security device **101** to protect various protected system **103** functions, as well as analysis and storing of data in the monitoring and detection processes of the cyber security method **200** and also the restorative commands that can be used to correct system states after potential attacks are detected. Such restorative actions can be either automated or human driven depending on the needs of the protected system **103** and the demands of its operators for accomplishing the mission.

[0047] For communicating with the control device **105** and with other local security devices **101**, the local security device **101** can create and use its own metadata structure to both define the configurations of the local security device **101** and communicate the local security device **101** configuration to the control device **105**. Users can either directly configure the local security device **101** using commands and planned GUI interfaces to configure (a) the interfaces used for monitoring, (b) the detection algorithms used for security design patterns, (c) the methods that are used to inform the system and the system operators of potential threats, and (d) the possible corrective actions which define the response which should be taken by the local security device **101** in response to a detected event. Thus, the local security device **101** can be configured to use metadata structures to define a particular hardware and software configuration of the local security device **101**. This configuration can be generated by the local security device **101** based on the security design patterns, the sensors, the interfaces into the protected system **103**, and hardware design defined by the local security device **101**. These configurations can define the local secu-

rity device's **101** MDIC functions for the cyber security method **200** and can be published to the control devices **105** on the network **111**. A configuration for a local security device **101** may consist of the following data:

[0048] IP address or hostname associated with the device

[0049] ID: internal identifier

[0050] Textual (human oriented) description of the device

[0051] List of data streams the device produces

[0052] List of corrective actions the device can trigger on the protected system

[0053] List of parameters available on the device for the purposes of configuring the behavior of the protection mechanism

[0054] The cyber security system **100** can include a communications method for interfacing with the data in the system **100** and protected subsystems, via the network **113**, and the sensor data needed from the MSDIC process of the cyber security method **200**. These interfaces can be unidirectional in the case where data being collected for monitoring, detection, and alerting are used to evaluate the system **100** cyber security state and to allow a user to take corrective actions that are independent of inserting commands back into the system **100** itself to initiate corrective actions. For example, the user might shut down the automated controls for an autonomous system that is deemed to be under attack, and place the protected system **103** into a manual control mode where the user gains full access to control the system **103**. However, in cases in which automated and user-controlled actions can be inserted into the data streams to effect the system operations themselves, a bi-directional interface is provided for the communications link or network **113** between the local security device **101** and the protected system **103** in order to allow for control commands to flow back into the system **103** to reset or adjust the system state based on automated or user-initiated corrective actions when an attack is indicated.

[0055] In various embodiments, the system **100** can be configured to perform the functions described herein by configuring the local security device **101** and the control device **105** for performing functions for different phases of the use-lifecycle of the local security device **101** and supporting control devices **105**. Generally, the configuration method can include at least a pre-configuration/installation mode, a discovery mode, and a runtime mode.

[0056] For example, FIG. 4 is a flowchart of a configuration method **400** according to at least one embodiment. Referring now to FIG. 4, the configuration method **400** can commence with a pre-configuration/installation mode which can comprise a process of determining the Monitor, Store, Detect, Inform, and Correct (MSDIC) design parameters of the system **100** and method **200** for the protected system **103**, at **405**. For example, at **405** the number of local security devices **101** to be deployed can be determined, including each local security device's **101** touch point or access point into the protected system **103**, and the location of each local security device **101** (e.g., local or remote). Furthermore, the number and type of sensors **150** can be determined, and permission controls for informing regarding detected events can be specified. In addition, the robustness of any corrective actions can be defined, along with a determination for each corrective action as to whether it is automated or initiated via human interface. Other characteristics for the



initial integration of the cyber security system **100** with the protected system **103** can be established during this step, including establishing data interfaces and sensor interfaces to support the security design patterns chosen for the protection of the system **103**. Algorithms for normalizing sensor data streams are loaded and the interfaces for corrective actions can also be defined.

[0057] The configuration method **400** can proceed to **410**, at which the configuration of each local security device **101** can be defined. For example, the security features of a local security device **101** can be specified including modular redundancy/TMR, diversity in components and/or processes, and component/process hopping parameters. The logic implementation of the local security device **101** can be defined, and gold standard security patterns, forensics, and corrective action information can be stored using the database **310**. The method **400** can then proceed to **415**, at which the local security devices **101** are installed.

[0058] The configuration method **400** can proceed to the discovery mode **420**, in which the local security device(s) **101** are incorporated into the system **100**. For example, in at least one embodiment, the local security device **101** communicates its configuration to the control device **105** to register (via auto-registration) with the control device **105** on the network **111**. The discovery mode **420** can further include a publishing mechanism to share the configuration data from the local security device **101** to the control device **105** or to other local security devices **101**. At the control device, discovery mode **420** can be accomplished using a bulletin board configuration interface via the Internet or World Wide Web. Furthermore, access control to each local security device **101** can be defined, and the communications between local security devices **101** and the control device **105** via the network **111** can be secured, if necessary.

[0059] The configuration method **400** can proceed to **425**, at which security features of the control device **105** can be configured. For example, data streams to and from the control device **105** can be assigned to resources. Such data streams can include a data stream from the protected system **103**, to and from local security devices **101**, and to third-party (i.e., not a component of a local security device **101**) sensors **150**. Security patterns can be configured for the various parameters to be monitored, as well as filtering provisions for the parameters, and defining security patterns that require multiple local security devices **101**. The communications between control devices **105** (which may be via the network **111**) as well as between control devices **105** and one or more global devices **107** via the network **109** can be secured, if necessary.

[0060] The configuration method **400** can proceed to **430**, at which security alerts are configured. In at least one embodiment, this can include building/establishing detection rules specifying when, where, and to whom alerts should be provided.

[0061] The configuration method **400** can proceed to **435**, at which corrective actions are configured including, for example, specification of which corrective actions are automatic or operator-initiated, a checklist of suggested next steps to be accomplished, data to be output to aid in decision-making, and a list of corrected states available for restoration.

[0062] The configuration method **400** can proceed to **440**, at which local security devices **101** can be deployed at the protected system **103**. This can include, for example, pro-

visioning a repository of security patterns at each of the local security devices **101** associated with the particular conditions which the local security device **101** is configured to detect. A format for metadata determined and output by the local security device **101** to the control device **105** can also be specified.

[0063] The configuration method **400** can then proceed to the runtime mode in which the cyber security system **100** can execute monitoring for cyber security events using the secure design patterns by the local security device(s) **101**, the control device(s) **105**, and (if provided) the global device **107**. In various embodiments, once the protections are in place and operational, there are components of the design patterns which are tunable. The control device **105** can send JSON messages to the local security device **101** with configuration information for the algorithms running the detections. For example, the time or size parameters of a sliding window and sensitivity settings for an algorithm which takes three diverse GPS or other location readings over a period of time and detects anomalous behavior between those readings.

[0064] The local security device **101** can include a database **310** storage device for securely storing sensor data and/or data received from peer local security devices **101**. The stored data can, in various embodiments, be maintained in an embedded database and stored on the local security device **101** and security analysis performed on the stored data can be done on the local security device **101**, or such storage and analysis shared among the network of local security devices **101** and control devices **105** that provide mission protections. This will allow the local security device **101** to provide mission and equipment protections for the protected system **103** that require analyses of historical and current data and, in the event of an attack, facilitate post-incident forensic analysis, to enables a single local security device **101** to execute security actions automatically if needed (i.e., without input from other system **100** components or the operator).

[0065] The database/library **310** stores both system data that reflects the state of the protected system **103** and any particular protected subsystem that is being monitored and protected, as well as data generated by the local security device **101** that comprises the security data which flows over the network **111**. The control device **105** also has the ability to collect and to analyze the data provided by and through the local security device **101**. Furthermore, in various embodiments, the local security device **101** can convert information about the current state of the protected system **103** and/or sub-system into a format suitable for providing System-Aware Cyber Security using multiple components of the cyber security system **100**. In addition, limitations on the available communications bandwidth and speed can arise which requires the local security device **101** to perform evaluation and analytics to minimize traffic loads. For example, the local security device **101** may need to aggregate the results from multiple sensors **150** into a single reading in order to minimize the bandwidth used. To meet these requirements, the local security device **101** is designed to support the creation of a library of small (in terms of the overall size of the code) plugins to convert the information extracted from the sensors **150** monitoring the protected system **103**, perform required aggregation of data, and convert the potentially aggregated data into a format consumable by other cyber security system **100** components and



also from new sensors that are directly connected to the local security device **101**. Furthermore, architecture of the local security device **101** can support the ability to chain these plugins together to support reusability across a diverse set of systems and domains.

**[0066]** In various embodiments, the local security device **101** can serve as a bridge between the protected system **103** and the control device **105**. For example, the local security device **101** can include a corrective action manager **350** that supports the ability of other components of the cyber security system **100** to make changes to the state of the protected system **103**. For example, in the event that a trojan horse embedded in the protected system **103** is activated and detected, and the operator wishes to roll back the compromised system **103** to an earlier non-compromised version, the control device **105** can be configured to issue such a rollback request to the local security device **101**. Upon receiving the rollback request, the local security device **101** converts the request into a sequence of commands suitable for processing by the protected system **103** that will accomplish the rollback to the non-compromised state. As it is possible that attacks can be embedded into the source code or the hardware of the protected system **103**, the corrective action manager **350** will, as needed, on a customer and deployment specific basis include the necessary software and hardware needed to restore the system **103** to a desired operating state (for example, a state that allows the system to operate possibly with a reduced set of functionality, but is still able support the current needs of the mission given the presence of a cyber-attack). For example, the local security device **101** can insert commands back into the system **103** to override the effects of injected malware, thus mitigating the effect until the malware can be removed.

**[0067]** It is possible that the local security device **101** might temporarily or permanently lose communication with other cyber security system **100** components under certain conditions. To address this situation, the local security device's **101** corrective action manager **350** can be configured to both detect when communications with other cyber security system **100** components have been lost and to take appropriate security actions as needed. Depending on the characteristics of the protected system **103**, the mission objectives being supported by the system **103**, and the system **103** operator's requirements, the set of security actions may be either a subset of those used in the control device **105** or a set specifically designed for the particular case of a cyber-attack that occurs during a loss of communications.

**[0068]** In various embodiments, the cyber security system **100** can support several types of security design patterns for evaluation and analysis to determine occurrence of a cyber security event. For example, for generic classes of data such as, but not limited to, GPS data, waypoint positions, temperature, and speed, the cyber security system **100** can employ standardized data structures that are defined within the local security device **101** and control device **105** data architectures which allow the local security device **101**, using the security design patterns, to evaluate and analyze the components needed for monitoring and detection of particular functions. To that end, the local security device **101** is configured to interface with the end-system that is being monitored to interpret the data stream format from the host protocol (e.g., a serial protocol used by the protected system **103** for serial data communication), and the ability to

insert commands and command structures back into the host system in order to enable corrective actions that are either initiated automatically based on detections that come from either the local security device **101** or the control device **105**, or that originate from control device **105** corrective actions taken by an operator in response to being informed of a security design pattern event detection.

**[0069]** With regard to data interfacing between the local security device **101** and the protected system **103**, according to various embodiments the local security device **101** is configured for each of the systems **103** that the local security device **101** is being used to monitor and to protect. In order to provide these customizations, the database/library **310** can include libraries of protocol processors which convert and normalize the system-specific data flows used by the local security device **101** for monitoring into a standardized format suitable for processing by the local security device **101**. In at least one embodiment, the cyber security system **100** can include a tool set which aids in creating bi-directional interfaces with the protected system **103** for monitoring and detection, as well as defining the secured communications methods between the end-node local security device **101** and the control devices **105**. In addition, a base communications protocol for the normalized/standardized data structures, depending on the need for receipt validation. Particular communications protocols supported for monitoring by the cyber security system **100** include: serial interfaces such as RS-232, RS-422, RS-423, RS-485, Universal Serial Bus (USB), Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitters (UARTs), IEEE 1394 FireWire™, Ethernet (both TCP/IP and UDP/IP), Wireless 802.11 A, B, G, and N; Fibre Channel, Serial Attached Small Computer System Interface (SCSI), Serial ATA, SONET and SDH for high speed telecommunication over optical fibers, T-1, E-1 and variants thereof for high speed telecommunication over copper pairs), and MIL-STD-1553A/B, MIL-STD 1760 bus, and Modbus, PROFIBUS, and CAN Bus.

**[0070]** In order for the local security device **101** to interface with the data and controls in the protected system **103**, the local security device **101** can include one or more Application Program Interfaces (APIs) for communicating with the protected system **103**, including structures needed for monitoring streams of data within the protected system **103** and extracting the data components needed to support security design patterns, providing a method for inserting commands for correction or reconfiguration after detections, and/or providing a possible method for tapping into communications methods that tie end-node systems to their central control systems. If it is necessary to interface with the protected system **103** in a manner for which no readily-available API is available, the local security device **101** can include customized, bi-directional data taps to locate the necessary data and to alter the incoming data in order to insert the corrective actions into the data streams and to communicate throughout the protected system **103**.

**[0071]** According to various embodiments, the local security device **101** includes security features to protect the local security device **101** itself from cyber attacks. As an overlay cyber security system which has access to critical functional system points and system data for monitoring and for corrective actions, the local security device **101** may be subject to cyber attacks. To mitigate these risks, various approaches are used to protect the local security device's **101** hardware, software, algorithms, and data storage to



make the local security device **101** super-secure in relation to the protected system(s) **103**. For example, the local security device **101** can include security protections such as, but not limited to, diversity in operating environments, diversity in algorithms, verifiable voting, digitally-signed certificate authentication, and secured storage for secure local security device **101** data and critical system data.

[0072] In particular, diversity in operating environments can be provided through diversity in the hardware components and operating systems used to execute local security device **101** functions, in order to reduce the risk that any one hardware operating platform could be compromised through a supply-chain attack. In at least one embodiment, the local security device **101** can be implemented using at least three different hardware platforms, from three different manufacturers, and composed from as diverse a set of hardware components (e.g., processors, memory, and storage) as possible. Different operating systems can also be used to host local security device **101** applications to minimize the risks associated with having only one operating system that, if compromised, could affect the ability of the local security device **101** to monitor, store, detect, inform, and provide corrective actions in accordance with method **200**. Furthermore, the cyber security system **100** can include multiple redundant local security devices **101** each having a different processing environment, and which are hopped (switched between or among) so that an adversary would not know which local security device **101** (or component of a local security device **101**) is in use at a particular point in time. For example, triple modular redundancy (TMR) techniques can be utilized throughout the local security device **101** hardware and software environment not only for hopping, but also to enable verifiable voting techniques as described herein below.

[0073] Diversity in software and/or algorithms can be provided to detect cyber threats from the data collected from external sensors **150** and the data stream interfaces provided into the protected system **103**. In various embodiments, the code implementing the detection algorithms can be designed specifically to be small (for example, less than 1000 lines of code) to enable the detection methods to be easily re-written in multiple development environments and languages/instructions, and to make it possible to run multiple instances of algorithms that can be hopped in random fashion by the cyber security system **100** to greatly increase the difficulty to an adversary of knowing which algorithms are being used and at what time, thus protecting the monitoring functions.

[0074] Verifiable voting can be provided at the local security device **101** to validate and potentially vote out compromised versions of data and information generated by the local security device **101** about the protected system **103** state or its cyber security status from among redundant sources of data. A voting scheme is typically used to detect and isolate systems that are producing faulty outputs. Voting can also be utilized to detect misleading outputs. However, if the misleading information is being produced as a result of a cyber attack, it is possible that the attack may have been embedded into the component through the supply chain or from an insider. As a result, it is possible that the mechanism used to carry out the voting may be compromised. Verifiable Voting is utilized to provide voting in a secure manner. It is based on providing a hierarchy of voters tailored to the specific needs of the system to ensure that components acting maliciously are identified, while not significantly

impacting system performance. Each of the voters in the hierarchy is designed based upon a trade-off analysis regarding ease of verifiability, i.e. confidence that it has not be compromised, and ability to perform timely and complex comparisons.

[0075] In various embodiments, the verifiable voting can be provided at two levels, as a minimum. First, the detection algorithms themselves are run in at least three different physical locations, in three different processing environments, and potentially three different implementations of the algorithm. The results from each of the three or more processes are then compared for accuracy against each other (within the noise characteristics of those algorithms) and any anomalous results are voted out of the available pool of results. From the remaining known good results, the local security device **101** randomly selects one and forwards or passes it to the next process in the system **100**. The verifiable voting methodology can also be applied to all of the output processes of each hardware and operating system platform to detect potential compromises that could be happening in a particular operating environment. Again, each output is compared against the output from other local security devices **101** (or their components) and any anomalous behavior indicated by different results is excluded. As in normal operations, the actual results are chosen from the remaining uncompromised operating environments—either the two remaining or all three if all are in agreement. While the foregoing example uses three processes or components in a TMR scheme, other numbers of redundant components are also possible for the verifiable voting feature(s) of the local security device **101**. For example, in various embodiments, TMR can be used throughout the cyber security system **100** to provide a System-Aware approach to enhance the resiliency of the protection solution. It can be used within the local security device **101** in terms of multiple single board computers/operating systems/languages, but also can be used in the interface to validate communication of data between components. TMR can also be applied to the control device and global device by having the functionality present at multiple sites on different platforms, and in virtual environments including cloud architectures (e.g., utilizing multiple operating systems, multiple versions of the code, and diversity in cloud hypervisors and cloud infrastructures) so that the control device benefits from TMR.

[0076] In various embodiments, the cyber security system **100** can also include digitally signed certificates to authenticate the identity of devices that communicate to and from the local security device **101**. The local security device **101** can use digitally signed certificates to manage the authentications from one device to another within the cyber security system **100** including the local security device **101** and the control device **105**. Data that is passed between devices can also be encrypted as a further measure to reduce the vulnerability to cyber attacks during the transmission of data from component to component.

[0077] Furthermore, secured storage for secure local security device **101** data and critical system data can be provided. In particular, the local security device **101** can provide the capability to securely store data collected from the protected system **103** for monitoring, data generated by the local security device **101**, and mission critical data used by the local security device **101**. Data can be stored either onboard the local security device **101** hardware platform itself using, for example, the memory **305** or library/database **310**, or can



be shared with the control device **105**, or a combination of both depending on the needs of the protections and the system being protected. In various embodiments, data from the protected system **103** can be passively or actively monitored by the local security device **101** for different types of security design patterns used by the local security device **101** to detect potential cyber threats and provide for the MSDIC process for a protected system **103** or subsystem as described herein. Data needed in the monitoring process can be stored for either live use by the detection algorithms or for possible future forensic analysis purposes. The amount of detail and length of history that the system stores can be configurable.

[0078] In addition, data generated by the local security device **101** can include messages about the cyber health of the protected system **103**. For example, results of detection algorithms running across the diverse local security device **101** operating platform can be used collectively to assess the operation of the protected system or device **103**. In at least one embodiment, the detection algorithms can be continuously running. In the event of a positive detection of a cyber security event or breach, the local security device **101** can be configured to generate messages that feed the MSDIC process of the cyber security method **200**. In particular, the local security device **101** can generate detection indicators which inform either other system processes within the local security device **101**, or pushes the indication to other locations such as the control device **105** for further processing or analysis and/or further methods for informing operators may be provided. In certain embodiments, the local security device **101** can be configured to generate automated system corrective actions or to receive corrective actions from the control device **105**, which generates a series of steps that attempts to restore the protected system **103** to an operative state. In various embodiments, all data involved in this process is maintained in secured storage across the cyber security system **100**.

[0079] The cyber security system **100** can further include mission critical data among or as part of the security design patterns to define the mission context to the local security device **101**. For example, such mission critical data may include, for example, known correct/good (i.e., gold standard) versions of parameters that guide the operation of the protected system **103**. These gold standard versions of the system parameters can be used for detections and/or to restore the system state after cyber attacks are detected. In addition, the algorithms that guide the detections in the local security device **101** can rely on parameters operative to adjust the sensitivity of the detections and other controls that allow for configuration of the operation of the algorithms that may vary under different applications of the protected system **103**. Such tuning parameters can also be stored in secured areas within the local security device **101**.

[0080] With regard to the control device **105**, in various embodiments, the control device **105** can serve as a control unit over one or more local security devices **101**. To that end, the local security devices **101** are configured to report their measurements to the control device **105** which stores the received data, visualizes it to the operator, and facilitates automated or manual response to threats and discrepancies detected based on data received from the local security device **101**. The control device **105** may be customized as applicable to a particular protected system **103**. While the methodology of the cyber security method **200** may be

common for all deployments, the actual measurements, analysis, and actions differ. Accordingly, the control device **105** includes a library of a wide variety of predefined components from which the appropriate user interface and response logic can be easily assembled.

[0081] In various embodiments, the control device **105** can be implemented as a server system, which can be physically located in the field, near the protected system **103**, at another location (e.g., a datacenter), or in a cloud architecture and accessed over the Internet. As shown in FIG. 3, in at least one embodiment, the control device **105** can include a hardware configuration which is the same as that of the local security device **101** as shown in FIG. 3 with the addition of certain capabilities such as a Graphical User Interface (GUI) and additional evaluation and analytics processing for performing security analysis using data received from multiple local security devices **101** via the network **111** (ref. FIG. 1). Thus, the control device **105** can include a database **410**, the Graphical User Interface (GUI) **460**, communication methods **420**, evaluation and analytics module **470**, and a corrective action manager **450**.

[0082] The database **410** can capture data coming from local security device **101** in the native JSON format, for example. In at least one embodiment, the database **410** can include a database engine such as, for example, the engine provided by MongoDB, which is a NoSQL product which, natively supports JSON storage, or a similar engine. The high-performance NoSQL database system can be utilized to allow the control device **105** to store and analyze large amounts of data quickly and efficiently. The control device **105** can accept and store in its database **410** readings received from system sensors **150**.

[0083] FIG. 7 illustrates a layout of a GUI **460** in accordance with various embodiments. Referring now to FIG. 7, the GUI **460** can include a logo graphic **705** which may be associated with the user or the protected system or device **103**, as well as a number of options such as, but not limited to, local device menu options **710**, audit log menu options **715**, detection log menu options **720**, detection rules menu options **725**, situational views menu options **730**, administrative menu options **735**, and a status indicator **740**. The various menu options include additional system functionality and configuration options related to the different system areas. The GUI **460** can also include various command buttons such as, but not limited to, a replay history button **750**, an edit button **755**, and a delete button **760**. The GUI **460** can include a library of visualizers that facilitate visualization of incoming data for human operators of the control device **105**. The following are examples of data visualizers which may be provided in various embodiments: a location visualizer **765** which may provide a graphical plot of a received data point as a location and plot on a map (e.g., location of a plane), an operational information parameter visualizer **770** which may provide a graphical display of a chart showing changes calculated over time for a number of most recent data points (e.g., fluctuations of temperature), and a visualizer **775** which outputs a second item of operational information. In at least one embodiment, one or more of the visualizers **765** to **775** can also include text output (e.g., text representation of the data points is displayed in log-like style).

[0084] As data is being received from the monitored protected system **103** via the local security device **101**, the evaluation and analytics module **470** evaluates the validity



of the received data and can be configured to trigger various actions in response to the received data. Various embodiments can include a rule builder used during the system configuration to define how the data should be analyzed and also to define which conditions should result in triggering of particular events. A rule can consist of, for example: a condition comprising a formula that considers available data and determines whether a scenario that needs to be acted upon occurred, and a list of actions (any number of available actions can be triggered by a rule when its condition is met). When new data is received by the control device **105**, the evaluation and analytics module **470** can evaluate for all registered conditions. In at least one embodiment, conditions can be pluggable snippets of arbitrary Javascript™ code instructions embodying calculations necessary to establish whether a particular condition is met at the time of its execution. In evaluating a condition, in at least one embodiment the evaluation and analytics module **470** retrieves information from a sensor data repository within the database **410** as well as user-provided configuration parameters in order to produce results. However, other arrangements are possible such as, for example, retrieving data via drivers or API calls. The control device **105** database **410** can include a library of predefined conditions that facilitate basic operations such as comparing the latest sensor value against a preconfigured threshold. Additional conditions can be implemented and plugged into the control device **105** libraries of conditions for particular protected systems **103**.

**[0085]** When a rule match occurs, the control device **105** can store an indication of the detection and relevant data the detection was based on, in a detection log in the database **410**, and corresponding actions (if any are defined) are output to one or more local security devices **101** to effect corrective action at the protected system **103**. The corresponding actions may also be indicated to a human operator at the control device **105** using the GUI. The evaluation and analytics module **470** can also include search functions for the detection log to allow operators to review detection and response history. The detection history can be shared with other control devices **105** and received from other control devices **105** via the network **111**.

**[0086]** Thus, the evaluation and analytics module **470** can trigger certain actions in response to the results of its analysis. The triggered actions can include raising a warning or alarm at the operator level (via the GUI **460** or electronic messaging) to initiating corrective actions on the protected system **103** via drivers at the local security device **101**. The applicability and availability of corrective actions can be defined based on characteristics of the protected system **103** and the control device **105** can include the capability to model corrective actions, including definition of the outputs and indications associated with each corrective action, using configuration tools. For example, the control device **105** can provide actions such as, but not limited to, displaying a message at the control device **105** using the GUI **460**, sending an email message to a set of recipients, triggering a corrective action automatically via the local security device **101**, displaying instructions (which may also include a suggested course of action), providing a button via the GUI **460** for the operator to trigger an action or series of actions on the local security device **101**, opening a situational awareness portal via the GUI **460** which, in at least one embodiment, can comprise a window containing instructions to an operator for handling scenarios when a given

detection occurs. The instructions can include, for example, items such as standard operating procedures, a checklist, a link to a collaboration/incident management suite, or other relevant resources (e.g., weather data, historical maintenance information, phone numbers of manufacturers, etc.). The situational awareness portal window can also be configured to contain selected data viewers for incoming sensor data such as, for example, charts, maps (e.g., a dynamic map for tracking reported location(s) over time), an action panel (e.g., implementing a “Revert to previous waypoint” button), and/or text logs (e.g., displaying database entries in textual representation, live automatic updates, search and filter functions, etc.).

**[0087]** In some embodiments, the corrective actions that may be available may depend on the particular capabilities supported by the protected system **103**. Therefore, a list of available corrective actions can be configured using the control device **103** during initial system setup of the local security device **101** based on the specific implementation and its available entry points into the system. Examples of corrective actions can include:

**[0088]** switch to a backup system (e.g., instruct the protected system **103** or one or more components to start using a backup controller);

**[0089]** change the controlled value (e.g., instruct the protected system **103** to set the thermostat to maintain a different temperature);

**[0090]** restart the system;

**[0091]** reload and reset the local security device **101**;

**[0092]** reset the input data (e.g., re-upload a flight path from a secure location);

**[0093]** no change in operation but logs data and send alert and support information to appropriate analysts and managers for forensic analysis.

**[0094]** In various embodiments, when the control device **105** triggers a corrective action, one or more associated commands are transmitted to one or more corresponding local security devices **101** which in turn instruct or command the protected system **103**, via the communication interface **320** which may include an adapter or driver, to direct the protected system **103** to modify its behavior as determined by the control device **105**. In some embodiments, the local security device **101** can be configured to determine a set of one or more commands to send to the protected device **103** based on the command(s) or instructions received from the control device **105**.

**[0095]** The control device **105** also provides management and control of the local security device **101**. In particular, the control device **105** provides run-time modification of various parameters associated with local security device **101** functionality, either automatically via commands and instructions to the local security devices **101**, or via commands and instructions sent in response to operator input at the control device **105** via the GUI **460**. These may include, but are not limited to, user-triggered corrective actions based on data and events reported by the control device **105**.

**[0096]** The management and control of the local security device **101** includes initial configuration and setup of the local security devices(s) **101** during initial deployment of the cyber security system **100**. During the initial setup, local security device **101** parameters to be controlled by the operator from the control device **105** GUI **460** are captured and configured using an administrative module or via call to an API at the local security device **101**. Specifically, for each



local security device **101** it is identified how to communicate with it (which may only require defining the local security device's **101** IP address, in at least some embodiments) and the parameters are available to be controlled. Examples of types of parameters that can be controlled include:

**[0097]** Enumeration—such parameters can take one of several predefined values, typically offered for selection in a drop-down format. An example of such parameter is the type of detection algorithm to be used, the mode it should run in (e.g., demo vs. live), etc.

**[0098]** Range—such parameters can take any value within a specified range. The GUI can be modeled by a simple text box (associated with proper validation) or by a slider, a knob, etc.

**[0099]** Text—such parameters can take any content, and validation via a regular expression can be provided.

**[0100]** While during run time operation parameters may be dependent on each other (e.g., the range parameter is only applicable if the enumeration parameter has a certain value), during configuration the control device **105** may only display the parameters available and provides labels using the GUI **460** to guide the user as to which ones are applicable in which scenarios. Conditional relationships among the parameters may be defined in subsequent steps.

**[0101]** During run time, parameters configured during system setup are available to the control device **105** operator while the cyber security system **100** is in operation. The operator can modify the parameters as needed via the control device **105** GUI **460** and push the changes into the corresponding local security device(s) **101**.

**[0102]** The control device **105** can also allow for user management. For example, personnel authorized to operate the control device **105** can be represented within the control device **105** through user accounts. In various embodiments, each such person can be represented by a single account. Initially, a single administrator account can be created during initial configuration. Administrative users can create accounts for other users who will have more-restricted rights. Alternatively, users can register themselves using a self-registration flow in which self-registered users initially have access only to their own account, and can be subsequently promoted by a control device **105** administrators into their corresponding roles. Several roles can be defined for users at the control device **105** each with a corresponding authorization level such as, for example, but not limited to, Operator, Administrator, Monitor, and Auditor. Each user account can be assigned any combination of these roles (including none at all). For example, operators can have access to features related to running the cyber security system **100** during run time operation, such as viewing detection logs and marking their resolution, triggering corrective actions, and viewing situational views. Administrators can set up and configure the control device **105** including the authority to create, delete, view, and edit user accounts (including changes of user roles), configure detection rules, add/edit/delete and configure individual local security devices **101**, and add/edit/delete/view situational viewers. Auditors can access and view an audit log in which any changes performed by users to the control device **105** are recorded. Monitors can view the overall status of the cyber security system **100** which may be represented by a red (e.g., problem status) or a green (e.g., normal status) icon displayed within a header portion of the GUI **460**.

**[0103]** In various embodiments, the control device **105** can include an audit log **480** that stores information about changes triggered by users via the GUI **460**. In particular, the audit log **480** can store the first and last name as well as the email address of the user who triggered the change, and this information remains captured as it was in effect at the time of the event. The audit log **480** can also store information regarding subsequent changes to the account of the user who triggered the event (and including changes of name or email or even deletion of the account) but cause no change in the historical information stored by the audit log **480**. Then it also stores the area or function of the control device **105** where the change occurred such as, for example, changes to detection rules, users, local security devices **101**, or situation viewers. The audit log **480** can also capture the type of change (e.g., create, edit, delete, configure) and a copy of the changed object (e.g., the updated user account).

**[0104]** As discussed previously, the control device **105** receives measurements and other data about the monitored protected system **103** from local security devices **101** installed within the protected system **103**. However, in some embodiments, the control device **105** can also receive data from other sources. If the protected system **103** has a suitable API for reporting its status, or if another independent measuring tool is already in place that can be configured to report its findings to the control device **105**, that the control device **105** can also be configured to utilize this data as well via the network **111**. The local security devices **101** (or other data sources) push information into the control device **105** using, for example, JSON over HTTP POST protocol. Other protocols are also possible. An exemplary embodiment of a JSON formatted message over HTTP POST protocol may contain the following information.

**[0105]** URL where the data is submitted to

**[0106]** ID of the local security device/sensor sending the data

**[0107]** payload: the specific data being transferred

**[0108]** The control device **105** parses the payload according to the configuration of the local security device **101** identified by its ID. The payload object can be, for example, of these types.

**[0109]** Single value: a number or a string

**[0110]** Location: Two numbers representing geographical location

**[0111]** Feature Collection: A collection of geometric objects including their

**[0112]** visualization parameters, typically to be used as an overlay in a map view

**[0113]** A JSON over HTTP POST message can also be sent from the control device **105** to the local security device **101** to trigger configuration of the local security device **101**, as well as to trigger corrective action at the local security device **101**. In at least one embodiment, a single POST contains configuration of all required local security device **101** parameters.

**[0114]** In various embodiments, a single control device **105** can manage multiple local security devices **101** and thereby multiple protected systems **103**. Control device **105** operator management maintains enforcement of proper access privileges for individual operators (e.g., view only, view and trigger actions, etc.). Furthermore, each operator can have his/her own custom status awareness view, i.e., their own configuration of windows representing applicable data visualizers for systems they are authorized to be view-



ing. Due to the browser/server architecture, multiple operators can access the control device **105** at the same time. Furthermore, the GUI **460** can be designed to facilitate viewing of control device **105** outputs across mobile devices.

[0115] During system **100** setup, operators are identified and accounts created. Protected systems **103** are identified and an entry for each is created. Individual operators are authorized to access individual systems **103** as appropriate. Each protected system **103** has one or more associated local security devices **101** associated with it, and the local security devices **101** provide for interfacing the protected system(s) **103** with the cyber security system **100** to take independent measurements of the health of the system **103**. These local security devices **101** are also registered with at least one control device **105**. In particular, the data sources are registered and identified by their assigned IDs, corrective action facilitators are registered using their IP addresses, and the corrective action they are capable of executing upon control device's **105** request. For example, communication between local security devices **101** and the control device **105** is can be, for example, authenticated and encrypted JSON over HTTP POST.

[0116] In at least one embodiment, the control device **105** can store data using the database **410**, which may be, for example, a MongoDB™ Database Management System (DBMS). Control device **105** data stored in the database **410** can include the following collections (additional internal-use fields contained in individual collections are omitted): users, systems, sensor data, detection rules, detection log, local security device **101** data, and audit log collections.

[0117] An exemplary data model for user data is shown below and may contain:

[0118] A user model contains the following fields:

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First Name: "<first name>",
Last Name: "<last name>",
Display Name: "<name used within GUI>",
Email address: "<email address>",
User name: "<login ID>",
Password: "<password>",
Roles: a set of privileges that determines access
rights of the user within the system

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[0119] A data model for systems data collection can represent situational views, which may be a collection of viewers each showing one or more incoming streams of data in real-time. A situational view displays selected measurements and other inputs in real time in their natural context (e.g., a location is displayed in the context of a map). Observed together they provide a comprehensive picture on the status and health of the protected system. A specific example of a situation view for an aircraft can includes three sections—a map with the current and recent locations as reported by the system, current and recent locations as measured by local security devices; a chart indicating current and past exhaust gas temperatures as reported by the system and as measured by local security devices; text status view showing most recent status updates provided by local security devices in textual form. Viewers configured within this collection can be also used within the Detection log's Situational Awareness action type. In at least one embodiment, each item in the Systems collection contains an array of view ports where each viewport contains an array of IDs

that identify individual data sources (e.g., as facilitated by local security devices **101**) to be visualized by this view port. The viewer type field identifies how (i.e., using which GUI module) this sensor data should be visualized (e.g., chart viewer, map viewer, . . .):

[0120] An exemplary data model is shown below. A situational view may include information such as:

[0121] label: "used to identify this system within GUI"

[0122] description: "further info on system within GUI"

[0123] textual (human targeting) description of the Situational View

[0124] list of viewers, each identifying the type of viewer (map, chart, text, . . .) and relevant configuration parameters (e.g., starting location and zoom level for a map view, minimum and maximum values for a chart view, etc.

[0125] An exemplary data model for sensor data is the same as for payload data described above, in various embodiments.

[0126] A detection rule can combine a condition to be evaluated with a list of actions to be taken if the condition is met. The condition can be selected from a condition library from the database **410**, which inputs and parameters for the detection rule being selected via GUI **460** when the rule is established. Examples of detection rules include:

[0127] If a timestamp differs by more than x seconds, but less than y seconds, trigger an event (E1). (Such a rule could be triggered to indicate that reporting doesn't work as it should (i.e., communication down) but could also indicate a possible attack.) Else, if the timestamp differs by more than y seconds, trigger event E2. (This rule could indicate that the communication has been done for long time.) Else (i.e., timestamp difference is less than x), if the waypoint\_id values are different, trigger an event (E3). (This rule could indicate that a monitored asset is somewhere else than intended). The rule evaluator can be set up to trigger several different events such as, for example, the following:

[0128] a. E1—display a warning in the Console action panel;

[0129] b. E2—display an error message and trigger an alert;

[0130] c. E3—display an error message, trigger an alert and enable an operator-confirmed "revert to previous waypoint" corrective action.

[0131] The list of inputs and parameters needed by the condition is included as part of each entry in the condition library. An exemplary data model for detection rules is shown below:

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Detection rule name: <rule name>,
ignore_Repeats_for: <in seconds> control ,- makes sure a persistent condition
doesn't trigger the rule more often than configured
last_triggered: <timestamp>,
condition - defines what condition should be tested for in determining
whether
this rule is triggered; it includes selection of the evaluation module, the
list of
input streams to be provided to this module and the list of parameters that
are
configuring behavior of this module: {
  evaluatorId: "<evaluator ID from evaluator JS file>",
  inputs: {
    <stream1>: "<id1>",
    <stream2>: "<id2>",
    ...

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},
  parameters: {
    <param1>: "<value1>",
    ...
  }
},
actions: a list of actions to be taken when this detection rule is triggered [
  // see Action Types below
]
Action Types: Example actions include:
• Screen Popup - a given message is shown on the screen
{
  type: "screenpopup",
  message: "<fixed message>"
}
• E-mail - an email message is sent to the preconfigured list of recipients
{
  type: "email",
  addresses: [<email address>,...]
  message: "<fixed message>"
}
• SMS - a SMS message is sent to the preconfigured list of recipients
{
  type: "sms",
  phones: [< international phone number>...]
  message: "<fixed message (160 chars max)>"
}
• Situational Awareness - a situational awareness view as composed specifically
in response to this detection rule
{
  type: "situation",
  message: "<HTML description of situation, links, checklists,
...>"
  viewers: [
    <copies of selected items from systems.viewports>,
    ...
  ]
}
• Automatic Corrective action - triggers a selected corrective action (via
the
local security device associated with this corrective action)
{
  type: "autocorrection",
  auto_corrective_action: {
    hostname: "<copy from local.hostname>",
    label: "<combination of local and corrective action labels>",
    local_id: "<copy from locals.local_id>",
    payload: {<copy of corresponding locals.corrective_action element>}
  }
}

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Manual Corrective action—creates a user interface component that allows the operator to trigger one of the preselected corrective actions.

[0132] In various embodiments, the detection log can list all detections that occurred as well as actions taken. Each entry in the detection log can include a copy of the associated detection rule or rules that were activated. The detection log can be implemented as a capped collection, i.e., oldest entries in excess of the preset limit are automatically purged from the database 410. An exemplary data model for detection log will contain information such as:

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{
  name: <rule name>,
  triggered: <timestamp>
  condition: <copy of condition>,
  actions: <copy of actions field in detection_rules>
}
Detection rule that was triggered
Date and time when it was triggered

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Condition that triggered the detection rule  
Actions that were taken in response

[0133] In various embodiments, the detection log can also be implemented as a capped collection, i.e., oldest entries in excess of the preset limit are automatically purged from the database 410. An exemplary data model for the audit log is:

[0134] First and last names and email address of the operator that triggered the change

[0135] The type of information that was modified (e.g., detection rules, users, situational awareness, . . . )

[0136] Date and time of the change

[0137] The type of change (e.g., an entry was created, edited, deleted)

[0138] A copy of the object that was affected by the change

[0139] In at least one embodiment, the control device 105 can also include custom condition evaluators. For example, each of a number of custom condition evaluators can be represented by a Javascript™ file located within a folder (e.g., “evaluator” folder) stored using the database 410. When the control device 105 commences processing, the evaluator files are imported and the code and configuration implemented therein becomes available to a runtime engine of the control device 105. The evaluator files can implement the condition evaluation algorithm as well as define how the GUI 460 should be built within the condition section of a rule in order to capture the inputs and parameters needed by the algorithm. The inputs and parameters captured via the GUI 460 can be stored in the database 410 within the detection\_rule entry. For example, a custom condition evaluation record can require as inputs the IDs identifying relevant ‘sensor data’ entries from the database 410, and may include a number of parameters for the algorithm such as, for example, over how long time or entries should the algorithm run the evaluation, what sensitivity to use, etc.). An exemplary data model for a custom condition evaluator is shown below:

[0140] Evaluator ID

[0141] Evaluator name

[0142] List of input streams this evaluator needs to access

[0143] List of parameters that configure behavior of this evaluator

[0144] Actual implementation of the evaluator, i.e., the computer code that will be executed when this evaluator is triggered

[0145] As described above, the cyber security system 100 can further include at least one global device 107 operatively coupled with one or more control devices 105 via the network 109. The global device 107 can connect multiple protected systems 103 and aggregate information coming from multiple clusters of systems 103. As such, the global device 107 can provide global insight into the health of multiple infrastructure points and automatically analyze the aggregated data for anomalies and other signs of large-scale attacks spanning multiple systems 103.

[0146] As shown in FIG. 6, the global device 107 itself can be deployed in a hierarchical manner. Referring now to FIG. 6, a corporation or an agency with multiple protected systems 103 spanning multiple locations, for example, can choose to deploy one global device 107 for each location to



provide situational awareness for multiple protected systems **103** within the location, and another global device **107** at the headquarters level where information from all the individual locations is aggregated. In at least one embodiment, the user corporation or agency can also choose to communicate with other global devices **107** operated by other entities, as it is foreseeable that large-scale attacks could affect multiple targets. In at least one embodiment, the global device **107** can further complement information provided by the cyber security system **100** with external information by tracking third-party data sources (such as RSS, Twitter, etc.).

[0147] In various embodiments, the global device **107** can be implemented as a server solution that can be deployed both on site and in a cloud architecture (public or private). The global device **107** can comprise an administration module for managing operator accounts and authorizations, configuration, logging; a database which stores all reported data for visualization and reporting; a data source management module which manages connections to data sources which includes control devices **105** and other global devices **107**, a situational awareness portal, and a rules manager. In various embodiments, connections to data sources can be initiated by the data provider and approved by the data consumer (i.e., the global device **107**). In order to support the situational awareness portal, data available at the source system (e.g., a control device **105**) can be pushed to the global device **107**. This data can include data statistics, reports on rule violations, and actions taken, and can be visualized in a manner customizable to each operator independently. The rules manager can be used to establish rules set up to trigger certain actions based on incoming data. For example, when the global device **107** determines there are more than a certain number of automatically or manually triggered corrective actions across all the monitored protected systems **103**, the global device **107** can raise and/or output a global alarm.

[0148] Therefore, the cyber security system **100** can be used to provide System-Aware detection of and correction from cyber attacks in a variety of environments. For example, the cyber security system **100** can be used to secure airborne assets and systems by, for example, providing a local security device **101** for each airborne component (such as, for example, an aircraft) as well as for ground-based control and communications elements of an airborne system. The aircraft and ground station local security devices **101** can communicate with each other using a Radio Frequency (RF)-based network **113**, and can communicate with local components of the protected system **103** using one or more serial ports. The airborne local security device **101** can include one or more Embedded Hardware Processors (EHPs) each attached to a number of sensors **150**, such as a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver, one or more Inertial Measurement Units (IMUs), a satellite communications detector, an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) detector, radar data or a microwave energy detector. In certain embodiments, the local security device **101** on the ground can receive and integrate data from the local security device (s) **101** of the airborne assets to detect various cyber threats/attacks. For example, position data from multiple sources including diverse GPS systems and other position systems such and IMU/TNS can be used to evaluate the validity of positional data received via GPS sensor data.

[0149] One or more control devices **105** can also be provided with which the local security devices **101** can

register. The local security device(s) **101** of the ground station can forward information it receives from the local security devices **101** of the airborne asset via a network **111** to the one more control devices **105**. The local security devices **101** of the airborne assets can auto-register and deregister with a particular control device **105** based on latitude and longitude proximity to the control device **105**. The control device(s) **105** may be ground-based. The network **111** can be a wired connection such as Ethernet, or it can be a wireless network. The control device **105** can be configured to detect threats such as a trusted insider threat, or to detect other subtle attacks that may be coordinated across multiple airborne assets, by validating correct operations of the airborne assets (such as, for example, by comparing the actual location of the airborne asset(s) with the intended location at a given time. If a discrepancy is detected, the system is configured to raise an alarm with the operator and an action is offered in the form of a button that triggers an event back on the airborne asset of the protected system **103** to reprogram its destination to the one intended.

[0150] In this example, the cyber security system **100** can include detection rules for key functions to be monitored, such as the vehicle flying along the intended waypoint flight plan path. One method for assessing that the flight plan is followed can involve several location detectors such as GPS or INS sensors (from different vendors and, different location services) that report their respective location measurements to the onboard local security device(s) **101**. The local security device **101** aggregates these measurements and establishes whether the reported measurements correct for the most likely current location. The local security device **101** then compares its current location with the location expected at that time by the flight plan to determine whether a discrepancy is occurring.

[0151] Another detection rule can determine whether the aircraft maintains altitude within a predefined mission bracket. The altitude can be read from an independent sensor **150**, calculated from the changes in location over time, as well as obtained from the vehicle's own altimeter. These values are aggregated into the most likely current altitude and if the vehicle descends prior to the intended time, an alert is sent to the operations center via the control device **105**.

[0152] In the rules examples above, the monitored values (e.g., location with respect to the flight path and the speed) are evaluated for cyber attacks by the local security device **101** onboard the vehicle. Any associated system data, or detections that require integration with data from outside the system, are transmitted to the control device **105** for further evaluation. This may be provided in the form of alerts to system operators, and may provide information for possible corrective action taking.

[0153] Furthermore, a global device **107** can be deployed in a cloud architecture. Each control device **105** can be registered with the global device **107** and configured to report status and updates to the global device **107** via the network **109**. The global device **107** can be utilized by a using agency's officers at the headquarters, for example, to monitor health and operation availability of their airborne fleet by evaluating detections from individual assets and also gaining by insights from gathering cyber security status across multiple deployed assets at one time.

[0154] Another exemplary deployment environment for the cyber security system **100** is for autonomous ground



vehicles and for driver assistive technologies available in consumer vehicles. For example, in the military autonomous vehicles may be used to minimize the threat posed to drivers of logistics resupply convoys. These convoys of such autonomous vehicles may operate in an urban environment where they are potentially exposed to numerous hazards including sharp turns around buildings or traffic circles, obstacles or abandoned vehicles, non-combatant pedestrians, other road traffic, or enemy direct attacks. Using a variety of sensors, the autonomous vehicles must sense their position and successfully navigate to avoid collisions with the vehicles they are following. Each vehicle must individually avoid hazards such as roadblocks as well as pedestrians. Therefore, autonomous vehicles are often equipped with systems that sense and understand the operating environment such as, for example, Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) remote sensing technology, to assist the vehicle control system in performing the driving functions of accelerating, braking, and turning. Furthermore, vehicles may also include functions such as collision avoidance, adaptive cruise control, and object detection and avoidance, which functions are increasingly found in consumer vehicles as well. In such embodiments, the local security device **101** can perform cyber protections in order to protect these functions. Other systems may communicate with a command center to report position, speed, and vehicle and system health. These systems may also be guided through the use of GPS guidance systems which are critical to providing pathways for the ground system to follow and to utilize their payload systems at certain location-based times in the mission.

**[0155]** In such embodiments, the system **100** can provide System-Aware Cyber Security to: (1) monitor selected critical systems for cyber attacks, (2) store system information for forensics, (3) detect when an attack was in progress, (4) inform the driver, and (5) take automated corrective action to protect the driver, passengers and vehicle against advanced cyber attacks against critical systems that affect acceleration, braking, and control. For example, one cyber attack may be designed to cause the vehicle to accelerate, rather than brake, even though the obstacle avoidance system (using LIDAR, for example) detects an object in front of the car. Rather than slowing down, the compromised vehicle hits the object in front of the object at high speed causing damage to the car and potential threat to the life and safety of the passengers in the car under attack and in the car being struck. Another attack scenario causes an unexplained, rapid, emergency stop (hard braking) rather than slowed acceleration or gentle braking when the vehicle uses a feature such as adaptive cruise control or collision mitigation braking. Still another cyber attack can affect the vehicle's ability to maintain control of the vehicle when obstacles are detected by an automated object detection system based on data from laser sensors: Attacks can be initiated against the object detection and collision avoidance system of the vehicle in order to override the automatic braking functions of the vehicle when an object is detected. In such scenarios, embodiments can monitor the data received from the vehicle object detection sensors, validate the associated user activity, evaluate the speed of the vehicle, determine whether the vehicle was acting logically in response to the object, alert the driver to a cyber threat, automatically turn off the automated system, and inform the driver to take control and brake to avoid a collision.

**[0156]** In a convoy of this type, there may be a mix of manned and unmanned vehicles to include armed security, command and control, and operation of surveillance and other payload components, with the majority being unmanned logistics vehicles, plus other support such as maintenance and wreckers for any broken down vehicles. The vehicles could navigate via different methods to include station keeping on leading vehicles, GPS with a pre-planned route, or a combination. Therefore, critical systems to protect are the navigation method, speed controls, and vehicle health reporting. A command and control vehicle in the convoy as well as the operating base may receive reports from the vehicles to be able to effectively manage the convoy and any potential problems.

**[0157]** Accordingly, each of the unmanned or remotely piloted vehicles can be provided with a local security device **101** which communicate with one or more control devices **105** or other local security devices **101** using a serial or Internet Protocol (IP) network interfaces available on the particular vehicle and payload control system. For example, the local security device **101** provided at the vehicle can comprise a TMR configuration of three diverse Single Board Computers (for example, one Phidget™ board-based available from Phidgets Inc. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a Beaglebone™ Black, and a Minnow™ Board), each of which may run a different operating system and be attached to separate, diverse GPS sensors (i.e., different than the base GPS for the vehicle) and/or spatial/accelerometer-based sensors that provide 3-axis information on speed and direction. Each of these external devices or sensors can provide, with different degrees of fidelity, information useful to verify system position as well as the direction of travel.

**[0158]** In such embodiments, the onboard local security device(s) **101** have monitoring and detection capabilities for systems that are independently verifiable on the vehicle. Position data from multiple sources, including diverse GPS systems and other position systems such as IMU/INS, can be used to evaluate the validity of positional data received from a main GPS used by the vehicle controller to determine a potential attack on that system. In addition, basic commands, such as turning the vehicle 90 degrees to the left, can be verified by the spatial accelerometer-based sensors **150** to confirm if the system is in fact doing what the operator intended. These sensors **150** can also maintain a rough track of the system's position relative to its planned path and be used to verify location and give a fallback for navigation functionality. These components may be networked together, for example, using Ethernet cables connected to a switch. This equipment is sized to be powered by the available vehicle's onboard power source and to fit within the size and weight limitations of the available payload space. Corrective actions are also either self initiated on the vehicle itself or sent from the base controller to the vehicle through radio communications.

**[0159]** Furthermore, a local security device **101** of a base controller can integrate data received from the local security devices **101** of the unmanned vehicles with other data to provide different types of cyber threat detections. At the base controller unit, redundant local security devices **101** can be hosted in a diverse cloud environment used to protect the monitoring of the base system data, to detect potential threat, and to provide data from both the monitors and from the systems back to the control device **105**. This data can also be used for further monitoring, performing tests for detections



that require integration of data from sources outside the vehicle, outputting alerts that notify the system and system operators of potential threats, and also allowing for corrective actions.

[0160] Furthermore, the operation of a fully autonomous vehicle (i.e., a self driving vehicle) involves automatically adjusting the speed and direction of the vehicle in response to the detection of possible obstacles and hazards. A key variable to be adjusted is the velocity of the vehicle. For example, in the event the vehicle detects an obstacle blocking its forward path the vehicle should reduce its velocity as needed to avoid the obstacle. This may mean bringing the vehicle to a complete stop. However, a cyber attack may wish to damage and/or harm the occupants of the vehicle. The cyber attack may accomplish this by recognizing that the detection of an obstacle only triggers a change in the vehicle's velocity as the distance between the vehicle and obstacle shrink. A cyber attack could cause a collision between the vehicle and an object by overriding how the vehicle behaves as it closes in proximity with a potential obstacle. For example, the cyber attack may cause the vehicle to increase its velocity as the distance to the obstacle decreases. This illuminates the need for a security solution to verify that the vehicle and its automated systems are behaving as they should.

[0161] In this example, to defend the vehicle against this type of cyber attack a local security device **101** is deployed in the vehicle to monitor and verify the integrity of the vehicle. The local security device **101** monitors data coming from two sensor systems: (1) LIDAR equipped on the vehicle used for obstacle detection, and (2) an accelerometer connected directly to the security device or to a system independent from the protected vehicle such as a smart phone equipped with these types of sensors. The local security device **101** knows that the vehicle should adjust its velocity based on the detection of possible obstacles and hazards. It can use its equipped accelerometer to estimate the current speed of the vehicle and determine if the vehicle is adjusting its velocity in response to detected obstacles. If the vehicle is not (for example due to a potential cyber attack), the security device can disengage the autonomous functions of the vehicle and return control to a human driver. For example, suppose that the vehicle is equipped with a LIDAR that can detect obstacles at a distance of 80 meters. In addition, we know that the vehicle is designed to travel at a rate of 40 km/hr, and its velocity is set according to the function  $f(d)$  where  $d$  is the distance reported by the LIDAR between the vehicle and an obstacle in meters. For this example, we will say that  $f(d)$  is:

$$v=40 \text{ km/hr for all } d>30 \text{ m} \quad \text{Eq. 1:}$$

$$v=(40/30*(d-1)) \text{ km/hr for } 0<=d<=30 \text{ m} \quad \text{Eq. 2:}$$

[0162] In addition, let us assume that we can use the accelerometer to estimate the current speed of the vehicle within 1 km/hr; i.e., if the vehicle is traveling at 40 km/hr our security device will register a velocity between 41 km/hr and 39 km/hr. If a cyber attack were initiated to keep the vehicle traveling at 40 km/hr, as soon as the vehicle detected an obstacle that was 75 m away the security device would detect the inconsistency when the LIDAR reported a distance of 29.5 m ( $((29.5-1)*40/30)=38$  km/hr outside of the range our security device had determined using its accelerometer) and initiate appropriate protections; i.e., disabling the automated controls. If needed, the security device could

use a sliding window to help reduce false alarms (e.g., need to see at least 10 measurements that were outside of the expected behavior).

[0163] Another exemplary deployment environment for the cyber security system **100** is Industrial Control Systems (ICS). ICSs are used to manage processes that operate mechanical devices that make things or move things, control power plants, energy production, storage, or transportation facilities, or water treatment centers, or that control larger machines that move people or cargo. Exploiting an ICS vulnerability can therefore have a broad range of impacts and consequences including: (1) Direct physical damage to affected equipment and systems; (2) Small-scale, local disruption; (3) Injury or death to operators, passengers or the general public; or (4) Catastrophic disruptions to the transportation system. For example, Industrial Control Systems (ICS) for maritime port container handling are used to control key functions at the many port facilities such as safety, security, and access control. ICSs can also be used to monitor pressure flow and pathways of oil and gas pipelines and refineries, to control and monitor power generation transmission and distribution, to monitor and control terminal operating systems; to monitor and control shipboard navigation systems, etc. In addition to insider and supply-chain based attack vectors, several factors have contributed to the escalation of risk to these systems: 1) adoption of standardized technologies with known vulnerabilities, 2) connectivity of control systems to other networks, 3) non-secure remote connections, and 4) the widespread availability of technical information on these systems. The cyber security system **100** can be used to provide protections for one or more ICS or Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) based systems.

[0164] For example, shipping containers move the vast majority of non-bulk or petroleum oil or lubricants that flow through US ports. Arriving and departing on container ships, these shipping containers transit to and from the port on trucks or trains and the process from arrival to the port is computerized, automated, and subject to manipulation and cyber attacks. The ICSs that control the offload/onload, movement, and tracking is particularly critical as the port system is one of the primary intermodal touch points for the US transportation and trade sectors. An exemplary embodiment in which the System-Aware protections provided by the cyber security system **100** for an ICS that manages the unloading and shipping out of containers from ships may include multiple local security devices **101** placed at various stages of the automated processes that guide a container from a ship to the crane that takes the container off the ship, to the temporary storage area where the container will then be transferred to a land-based transportation service such as rail or long-haul trucking. If a cyber-attack emanating from a trusted insider were launched, for example, to attempt to switch the position of two containers in which one contains harmful material and the other contains refrigerated food products, and to allow the harmful container to be shipped to a location that was originally listed as the place to ship the refrigerated food, at each location, the local security device **101** can be deployed to serve as an interface to collect data, independent of the identification numbers on the container itself, and/or to validate the contents and the location of a container. For example, by obtaining data from independent weight and temperature sensors **150**, the local security device **150** can validate that the contents of the container that



is supposed to be refrigerated is in fact suitably refrigerated (i.e., interior temperature below 35° F.) and that the weight characteristics of the container are consistent with expected values, before the containers are loaded on a truck for a destination. A control device **105** operably coupled with the local security devices **101** can monitor for anomalies in the characteristics of the containers and alert operators or port managers to a detected threat, thus allowing for corrective actions including manual intervention from a human.

**[0165]** Thus, detection rules can be provided by the cyber security system **100** for key functionality identified to be protected for this particular protected system **103**. Examples of key functionality include whether the temperature inside the refrigerated section is within fixed predefined limits, or pressure inside the compressors that control the heat exchange process that keeps the system cooling functions operational are operating normally and effectively changing system temperature within system specifications. One method for measuring the correct temperature involves introducing several thermometers (from different vendors) inside the refrigerated section and a pressure gauge inside the compressor will provide independent measurements of the physical state of the system which can be compared to the existing manufacturer-provided functionality, with the capability to both compare the independent and standard readings for discrepancies, and also to compare the system for logical discrepancies using the independent sensors **150** such as lower pressure leading to higher temperature, or the reverse. The local security device **101** detects and reports the temperature measurements, the pressure readings, and any detections which occur on the refrigeration system to a control device **105** for further evaluation, or detections that require integration with data from outside the system, alerts system operators, and provides for possible corrective action taking.

**[0166]** It will be appreciated that the modules, processes, systems, and sections described above can be implemented in hardware, hardware programmed by software, software instructions stored on a non-transitory computer readable medium or a combination of the above. A cyber security system, for example, can include using a processor configured to execute a sequence of programmed instructions stored on a non-transitory computer readable medium. For example, the processor can include, but not be limited to, a personal computer or workstation or other such computing system that includes a processor, microprocessor, microcontroller device, or is comprised of control logic including integrated circuits such as, for example, an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC). The instructions can be compiled from source code instructions provided in accordance with a programming language such as Java, C++, C#.net or the like. The instructions can also comprise code and data objects provided in accordance with, for example, the Visual Basic™ language, or another structured or object-oriented programming language. The sequence of programmed instructions and data associated therewith can be stored in a non-transitory computer-readable medium such as a computer memory or transponder device which may be any suitable memory apparatus, such as, but not limited to ROM, PROM, EEPROM, RAM, flash memory, disk drive and the like.

**[0167]** Furthermore, the modules, processes systems, and sections can be implemented as a single processor or as a distributed processor. Further, it should be appreciated that

the steps mentioned above may be performed on a single or distributed processor (single and/or multi-core, or cloud computing system). Also, the processes, system components, modules, and sub-modules described in the various figures of and for embodiments above may be distributed across multiple computers or systems or may be co-located in a single processor or system. Exemplary structural embodiment alternatives suitable for implementing the modules, sections, systems, means, or processes described herein are provided below.

**[0168]** The modules, processors or systems described above can be implemented as an electronic device programmed with microcode, a hard-wired analog logic circuit, software stored on a computer-readable medium or signal, an optical computing device, a networked system of electronic and/or optical devices, a special purpose computing device, an integrated circuit device, a semiconductor chip, and a software module or object stored on a computer-readable medium or signal, for example.

**[0169]** Embodiments of the method and system (or their sub-components or modules), may be implemented on a special-purpose computer, a programmed microprocessor or microcontroller and peripheral integrated circuit element, an ASIC or other integrated circuit, a digital signal processor, a hardwired electronic or logic circuit such as a discrete element circuit, a programmed logic circuit such as a PLD, PLA, FPGA, PAL, or the like.

**[0170]** Furthermore, embodiments of the disclosed method, system, and computer program product may be readily implemented, fully or partially, in software using, for example, object or object-oriented software development environments that provide portable source code that can be used on a variety of computer platforms. Alternatively, embodiments of the disclosed method, system, and computer program product can be implemented partially or fully in hardware using, for example, standard logic circuits or a VLSI design. Other hardware or software can be used to implement embodiments depending on the speed and/or efficiency requirements of the systems, the particular function, and/or particular software or hardware system, microprocessor, or microcomputer being utilized. Embodiments of the method, system, and computer program product can be implemented in hardware and/or software using any known or later developed systems or structures, devices and/or software by those of ordinary skill in the applicable art from the function description provided herein and with a general basic knowledge of the computer programming and electrical/computer engineering arts.

**[0171]** Therefore, in various embodiments, a cyber security system can comprise at least one local security device configured to monitor operational information of an associated protected system, in which the at least one local security device is configured to determine an occurrence of a security condition present at one or more of the protected systems based on analysis of the at monitored operational information, in which the at least one local security device is configured to output an indication of the security condition via a user interface, and to calculate and indicate one or more response options via the user interface, and in which the at least one local security device is configured to issue device commands to the associated protected system to restore a desired operating state of the protected system.

**[0172]** Embodiments can further comprise at least one control device operatively coupled with one of more of the



plurality of local security devices via a network, and configured to receive the monitored operational information from each of the at least one local security device, and can also further comprise at least one global device operatively coupled with a plurality of the control devices. Each of the at least one local security device and each of the at least one control device can be configured to communicate securely using encryption, in which each of the at least one local security device is configured to auto register with at least one of the control devices via, and in which the at least one control device is configured to authenticate the local security device. In various embodiments, the at least one control device can be further configured to output one or more commands associated with one of more the response options to one or more the local security devices.

**[0173]** The at least one the local security device can be co-located with its associated protected system, and the user interface can include a console configuration tool. The at least one control device can be configured to determine the security condition using the monitored operational information and external data. In various embodiments, the operational information can be received from two or more of the local security devices.

**[0174]** In other embodiments, the cyber security system can comprise at least one control device configured to monitor operational information of an associated protected system, in which the at least one control device is configured to determine an occurrence of a security condition present at one or more of the protected systems based on analysis of the at monitored operational information, the at least one control device is configured to issue device commands to the associated protected system to restore a desired operating state of the protected system, and the at least one control device is configured to output an indication of the security condition via a user interface, and to calculate and indicate one or more response options via the user interface.

**[0175]** Furthermore, in some embodiments, at least one local security device can be operatively coupled with one of more of the at least one control device via a network, and at least one control device can be configured to transmit the monitored operational information to the at least one local security device. At least one global device can also be operatively coupled with a plurality of the control devices.

**[0176]** In various embodiments, each of the at least one local security devices and each of the at least one control devices can be configured to communicate securely using encryption, and each or the at least one local security devices can be configured to auto register with at least one of the control devices. The at least one control device can be configured to authenticate the local security device. The at least one control device can be further configured to output one or more commands associated with one of more the response options to one or more the local security devices, and, upon receiving the one or more commands, the local security device can be configured to issue device commands to the associated protected system to restore a desired operating state of the protected system.

**[0177]** In various embodiments, the at least one control device can be configured to determine the security condition using the monitored operational information and external data. The operational information can be received from one or more of the local security devices.

**[0178]** Embodiments can comprise a cyber security method which includes monitoring a protected system by

identifying data to be collected and assessing relevant operational information or measurements of the protected system; detecting a potential cyber attack by performing security analysis to determine a cyber security threat or breach event comprising an unwanted condition or state of the protected system based on the monitored operational information or measurements; informing by outputting electronic information associated with the cyber security threat or breach event; and correcting the cyber security threat or breach event by outputting one or more commands to the protected system suitable to cause the protected system to cease operating in the unwanted condition or state.

**[0179]** The cyber security method can also, in some embodiments, include storing information related to the cyber security threat or breach event for forensic analysis.

**[0180]** Detecting can comprise determining a cyber security threat or breach event by comparing the monitored operational information or measurements to known system behaviors. Detecting can comprise determining the a cyber security threat or breach event using verifiable voting among a plurality of results of the security analysis, and/or determining the a cyber security threat or breach event by performing security analysis of security design patterns detected among multiple the local security devices.

**[0181]** The cyber security method can be performed by at least one local security device, at least one control device, or a combination of one more of each.

**[0182]** In various embodiments, informing can comprise outputting human and system actions to be taken in response to the cyber security threat or breach event. One or more of the monitoring, detecting, informing, and correcting can be performed in real-time.

**[0183]** Embodiments can further comprise a non-transitory computer readable medium having stored thereon software instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform cyber security operations including:

**[0184]** monitoring a protected system, using at least one local security device, by identifying data to be collected and assessing relevant operational information or measurements of the protected system:

**[0185]** detecting a potential cyber attack by performing security analysis to determine a cyber security threat or breach event comprising an unwanted condition or state of the protected system based on the monitored operational information or measurements;

**[0186]** informing, by a control device operably coupled to the at least one local security device, by outputting electronic information associated with the cyber security threat or breach event; and

**[0187]** correcting the cyber security threat or breach event by transmitting, by the control device, an electronic message to the at least one local security device to cause the at least one local security device to output one or more commands to the protected system suitable to cause the protected system to cease operating in the unwanted condition or state.

**[0188]** The non-transitory computer readable medium can further include storing information related to the cyber security threat or breach event for forensic analysis.

**[0189]** While the invention has been described in conjunction with a number of embodiments, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications and variations would be or are apparent to those of ordinary skill in the applicable arts. Accordingly, Applicants intend to embrace all such alterna-



tives, modifications, equivalents and variations that are within the spirit and scope of the invention.

[0190] Thus, has been shown a cyber security system and method that includes one or more local security devices and/or at least one control device coupled to the one or more local security devices and configured to determine a cyber security threat or breach event based on analysis of one or more operational information of a protected system.

What is claimed is:

1. A cyber security system comprising:
  - at least one local security device configured to monitor operational information of an associated protected system,
  - wherein said at least one local security device is configured to determine an occurrence of a security condition present at one or more of said protected systems based on analysis of said at monitored operational information,
  - wherein said at least one local security device is configured to output an indication of said security condition via a user interface, and to calculate and indicate one or more response options via said user interface, and
  - wherein said at least one local security device is configured to issue device commands to said associated protected system to restore a desired operating state of said protected system.
2. The cyber security system of claim 1, further comprising:
  - at least one control device operatively coupled with one of more of said plurality of local security devices via a network, and configured to receive said monitored operational information from each of said at least one local security device,
3. The cyber security system of claim 2, further comprising at least one global device operatively coupled with a plurality of said control devices.
4. The cyber security system of claim 2,
  - wherein each said at least one local security device and each said at least one control device are configured to communicate securely using encryption,
  - wherein each said at least one local security device is configured to auto register with at least one of said control devices, and
  - wherein said at least one control device is configured to authenticate said local security device.
5. The cyber security system of claim 2,
  - wherein said at least one control device is further configured to output one or more commands associated with one of more said response options to one or more said local security devices.
6. The cyber security system of claim 5, wherein at least one said local security device is co-located with its associated protected system.
7. The cyber security system of claim 2, wherein said user interface includes a console configuration tool.
8. The cyber security system of claim 2, wherein said at least one control device is configured to determine said security condition using said monitored operational information and external data.
9. The cyber security system of claim 8, wherein said operational information is received from two or more of said local security devices.

10. A cyber security system comprising:
  - at least one control device configured to monitor operational information of an associated protected system, wherein said at least one control device is configured to determine an occurrence of a security condition present at one or more of said protected systems based on analysis of said at monitored operational information, wherein said at least one control device is configured to issue device commands to said associated protected system to restore a desired operating state of said protected system, and
  - wherein said at least one control device is configured to output an indication of said security condition via a user interface, and to calculate and indicate one or more response options via said user interface.
11. The cyber security system of claim 10, further comprising:
  - at least one local security device operatively coupled with one of more of said at least one control device via a network,
  - wherein said at least one control device is configured to transmit said monitored operational information to said at least one local security device.
12. The cyber security system of claim 11, further comprising at least one global device operatively coupled with a plurality of said control devices.
13. The cyber security system of claim 11,
  - wherein each said at least one local security device and each said at least one control device are configured to communicate securely using encryption,
  - wherein each said at least one local security device is configured to auto register with at least one of said control devices via, and
  - wherein said at least one control device is configured to authenticate said local security device.
14. The cyber security system of claim 11,
  - wherein said at least one control device is further configured to output one or more commands associated with one of more said response options to one or more said local security devices, and
  - wherein, upon receiving said one or more commands, said local security device is configured to issue device commands to said associated protected system to restore a desired operating state of said protected system.
15. The cyber security system of claim 14, wherein at least one said local security device is co-located with its associated protected system.
16. The cyber security system of claim 11, wherein said user interface includes a console configuration tool.
17. The cyber security system of claim 10, wherein said at least one control device is configured to determine said security condition using said monitored operational information and external data.
18. The cyber security system of claim 17, wherein said operational information is received from two or more of said local security devices.
19. A cyber security method comprising:
  - monitoring a protected system by identifying data to be collected and assessing relevant operational information or measurements of said protected system;
  - detecting a potential cyber attack by performing security analysis to determine a cyber security threat or breach event comprising an unwanted condition or state of said



protected system based on said monitored operational information or measurements;  
 informing by outputting electronic information associated with said cyber security threat or breach event; and  
 correcting said cyber security threat or breach event by outputting one or more commands to said protected system suitable to cause said protected system to cease operating in said unwanted condition or state.

**20.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, further comprising:  
 storing information related to said cyber security threat or breach event for forensic analysis.

**21.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, wherein the detecting comprises determining said a cyber security threat or breach event by comparing said monitored operational information or measurements to known system behaviors.

**22.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, wherein the detecting comprises determining said a cyber security threat or breach event using verifiable voting among a plurality of results of said security analysis.

**23.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, wherein the detecting comprises determining said a cyber security threat or breach event by performing security analysis of security design patterns detected among multiple said local security devices.

**24.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, wherein said method is performed by at least one local security device.

**25.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, wherein said method is performed by at least one control device.

**26.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, wherein the informing comprises outputting human and system actions to be taken in response to the cyber security threat or breach event.

**27.** The cyber security method of claim **19**, wherein one or more of the monitoring, detecting, informing, and correcting is performed in real-time.

**28.** A non-transitory computer readable medium having stored thereon software instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform cyber security operations comprising:

monitoring a protected system, using at least one local security device, by identifying data to be collected and assessing relevant operational information or measurements of said protected system;

detecting a potential cyber attack by performing security analysis to determine a cyber security threat or breach event comprising an unwanted condition or state of said protected system based on said monitored operational information or measurements;

informing, by a control device operably coupled to said at least one local security device, by outputting electronic information associated with said cyber security threat or breach event; and

correcting said cyber security threat or breach event by transmitting, by said control device, an electronic message to said at least one local security device to cause said at least one local security device to output one or more commands to said protected system suitable to cause said protected system to cease operating in said unwanted condition or state.

**29.** The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim **28**, further comprising:

storing information related to said cyber security threat or breach event for forensic analysis.

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