

# New Era in Cyber Security Technology Development

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Combining the Power of the  
Oil and Gas Industry, DHS, and the Vendor Community  
to Combat Cyber Security Threats

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DHS LOGIIC Cyber Security Project Presentation.

## Topics

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  - **Government Industry Partnership: LOGIIC**
  - **LOGIIC Correlation Project (LOGIIC-1)**
  - **Overview**
  - **Project Model**
  - **PCS/PCN Lab Environment**
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- **Linking the**
- **Oil and**
- **Gas**
- **Industry to**
- **Improve**
- **Cyber Security**

- **Forward looking** opportunity to reduce vulnerabilities of oil and gas process control environments.
- Create **a working model** to leverage the collective resources of the Oil & Gas Industry, government agencies, and national laboratories for future cyber-security projects

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## An Implementation of the Partnership Model

- LOGIIC-1: 12-month Technology Integration & Demonstration
- 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt to address an Oil & Gas Critical R&D need
- Jointly Supported By Industry Partners And The U.S. DHS
- Industry Contributors
  - Requirements and operational expertise
  - Project management
  - Product vendor channels
- DHS Science &Technology Contributors
  - National Security Perspective on threats
  - Access to long term security research
  - Independent researchers with technical security expertise
  - Testing facilities

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## Addressing A Critical Need

- **PCN Monitoring: An Overwhelming Task**
- 1 Firewall; 1 Intrusion Detection device; 1 month

2 URGENT THREATS

55 LEGITIMATE SECURITY RISKS

620 SECURITY EVENTS IDENTIFIED

9,500,000 LOG ENTRIES AND ALERTS

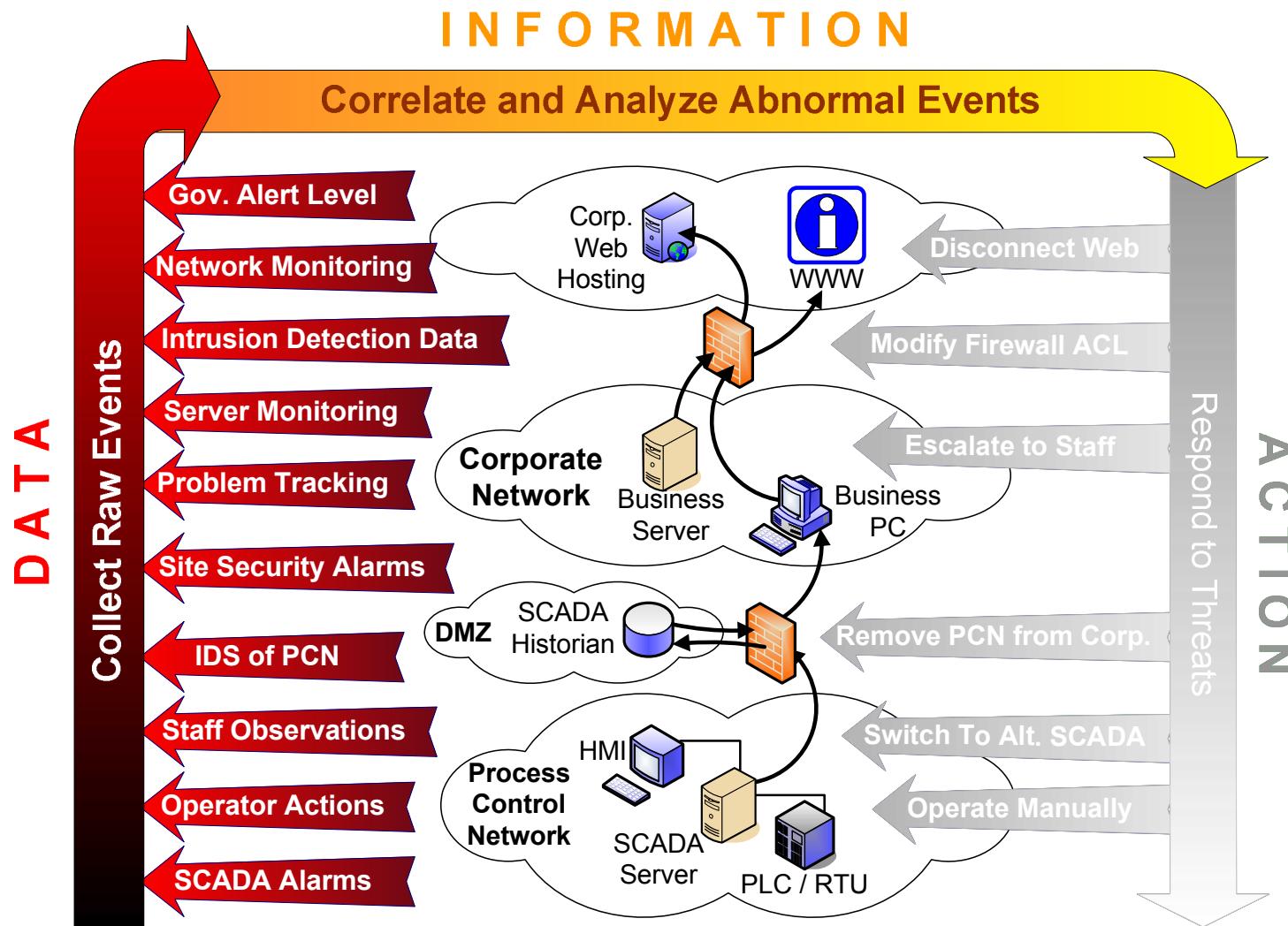
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## Overview

- Opportunity Statement
  - Reduce vulnerabilities of O&G PCS environments
    - by **correlating** and analyzing abnormal events
    - to identify and prevent cyber security threats
- Goals
  - Produce solution for use in industry operations
  - Defense in depth analysis of abnormal events
  - Ability to correlate abnormal events from
    - Business network
    - PCN interfaces
    - PCN directly
- What it is not

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## Model



## Challenges

- Technical
  - Identify what abnormal PCS/PCN events are
  - How to detect abnormal events within PCS/PCN
- Temporal
  - 12 Months to complete both “R” & “D”
- Organizational
  - Multiple Industry Partners
  - Multiple Gov interfaces (DHS; Lab; Researchers)
  - Disparate Vendor community

## Milestones

- Identify typical O&G PCS/PCN environments
- Create typical O&G PCS/PCNs within Lab Constraints
- Develop attack scenarios for PCS/PCN environments
- Select security sensors for use in PCS/PCN
- Integrate a best-in-class correlation engine
- Implement all components in test bed
- Simulate attacks from corp., public, partner, and PCS/PCN

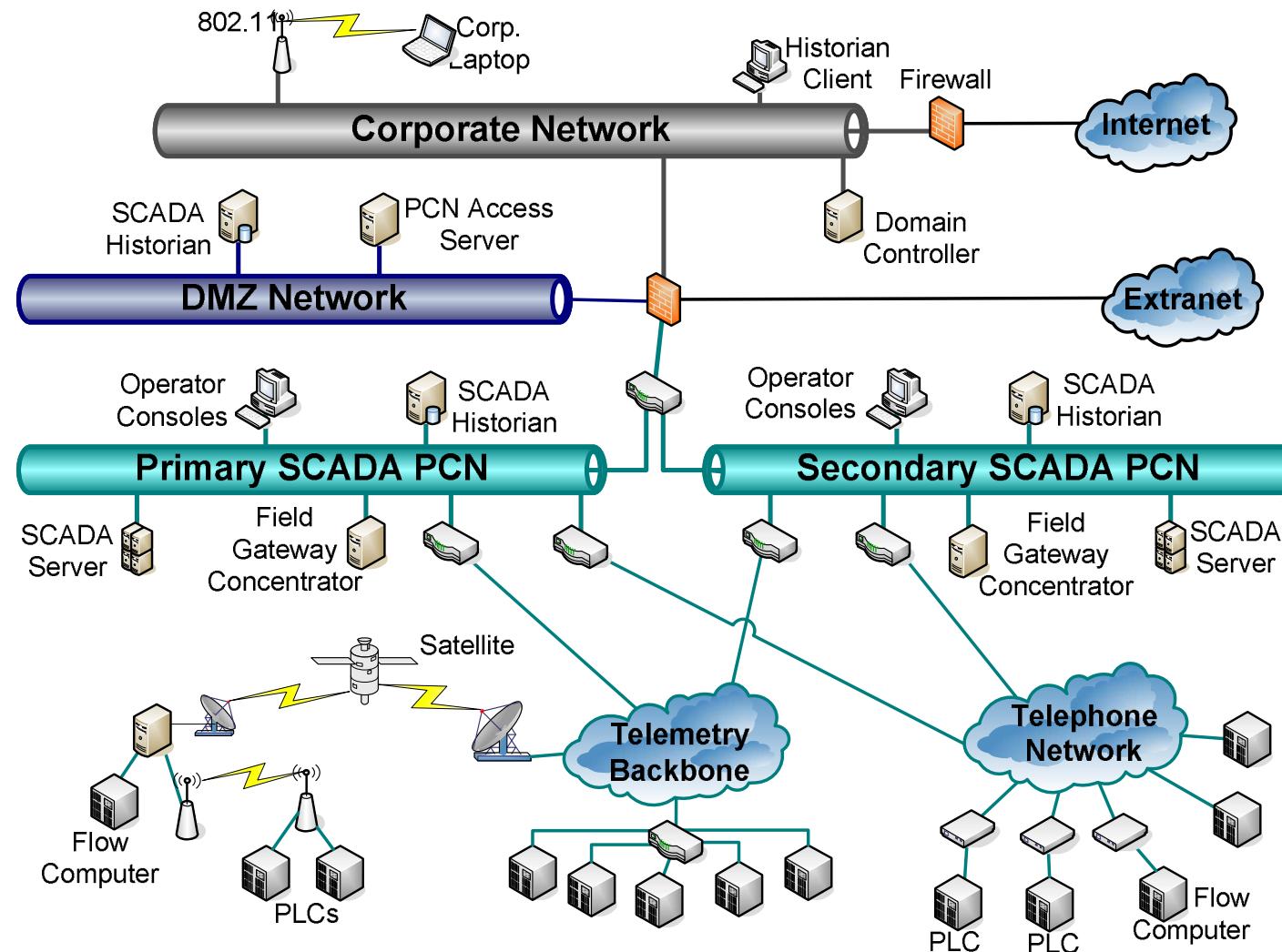
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## Approach

- Divide and conquer: Three sub teams created
  - PCS Security Sub Team
    - Identify data sources available in PCS environment
    - Define security events that can be detected from the data
    - Define Attack Scenarios
  - IDS Sub Team
    - Identify security sensors
    - That can be deployed into the PCN environment
  - Correlation Sub Team
    - Identify correlation engine solutions that support:
      - Correlate data from various sources
      - Identify signatures
      - Identify anomalous events

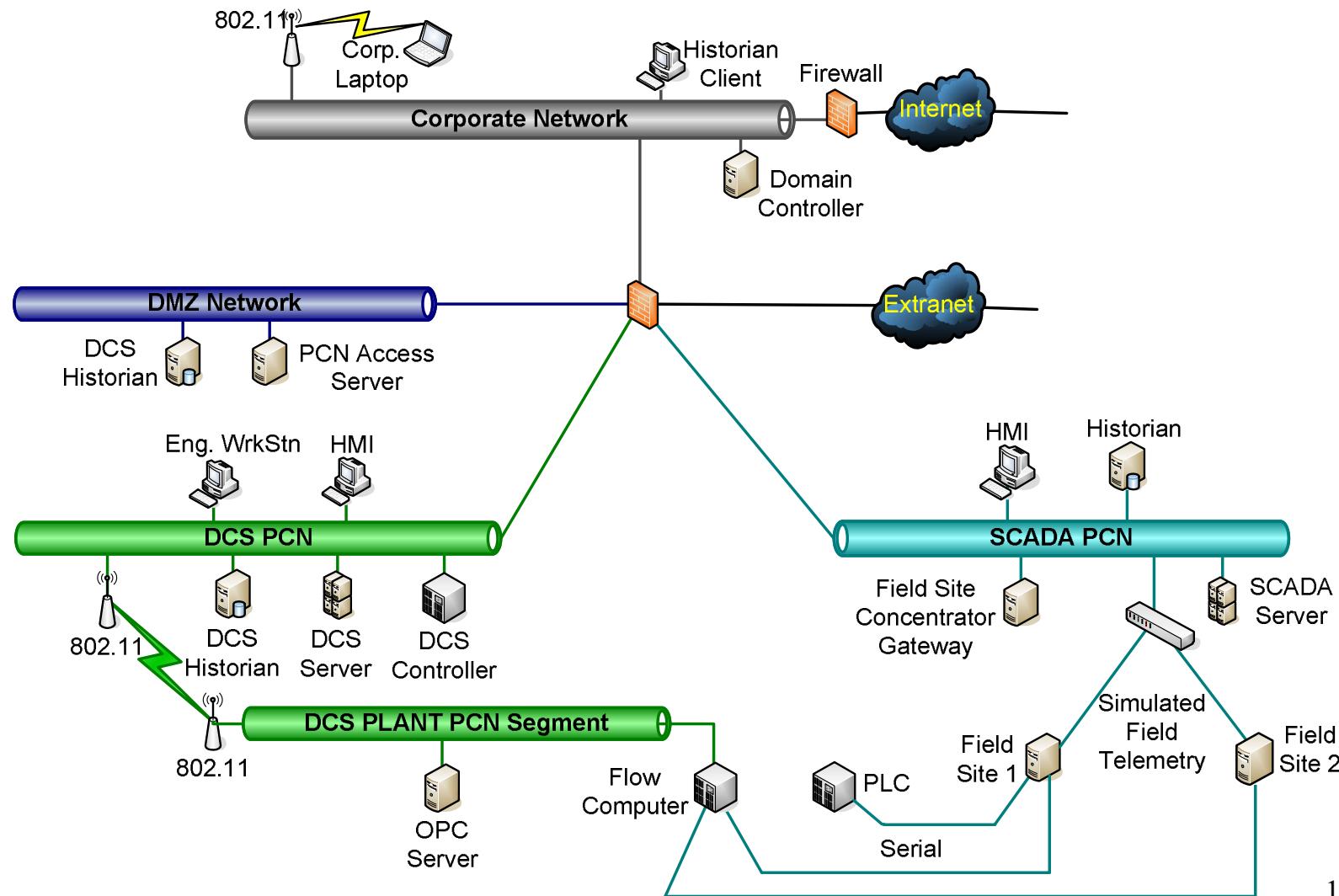
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## No Such Thing as “Typical”



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## Baseline O&G PCS/PCN Lab Environment



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## Hypothetical Attack Scenario Creation

- Formulated in a collaborative effort
  - LOGIIC Team security SMEs
  - Oil and Gas Industry Participants.
- Realistic but Hypothetical
- Vulnerabilities explicitly added to Lab

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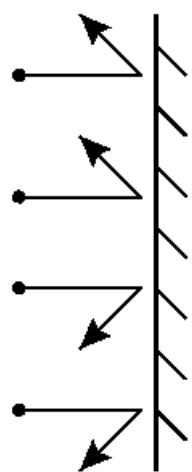
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## Attack Detection in Control Systems

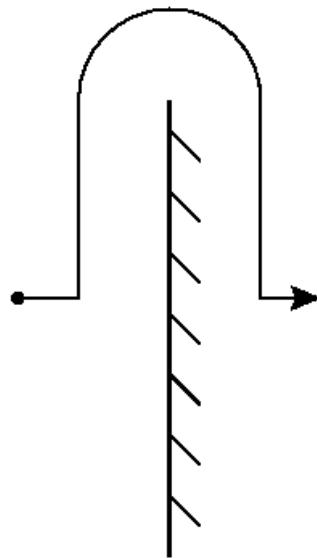
- Without detection, security response is blind
- Solutions exist for IT environments
- Prior to the LOGIIC Project, very little work on attack detection and correlation specifically tailored for control systems
- Technical challenge: Take existing solutions for IT and make them work in a realistic control system environment

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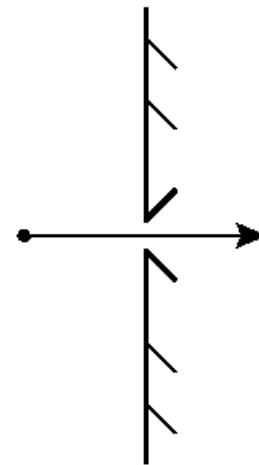
## What Do We Want to Detect?



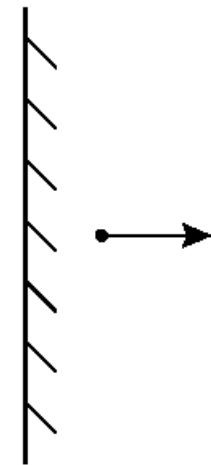
a) Probing/  
provocation



b) Circumvention



c) Penetration



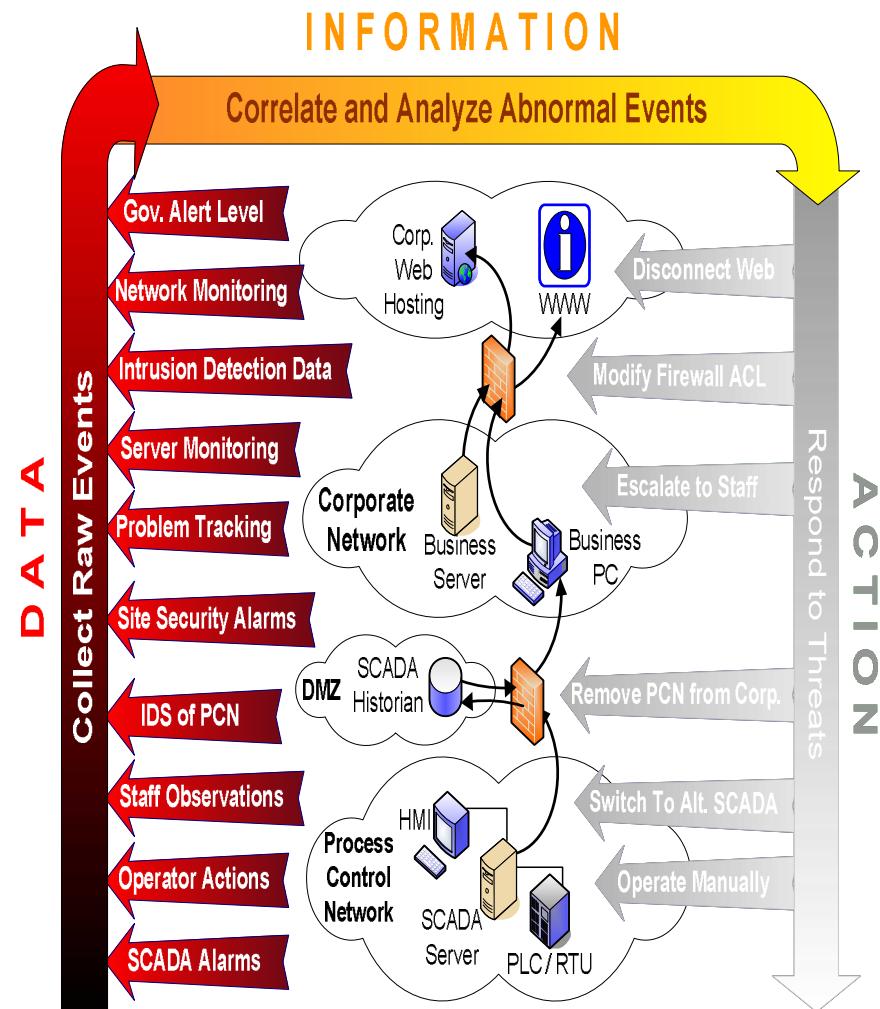
d) Insider

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## Scoping Event Sources

- Standard IT Defenses
  - Network Segment Firewalls (in reporting mode, not blocking)
  - Host Firewalls (in reporting mode, not blocking)
  - Network Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS)
  - Network Devices (switches, routers, wireless devices)
- Control System Event Sources
  - Standard IT network IDS using signatures for a control system protocol (Modbus)
  - Alarms from SCADA and DCS systems
  - Alarms from a flow computer

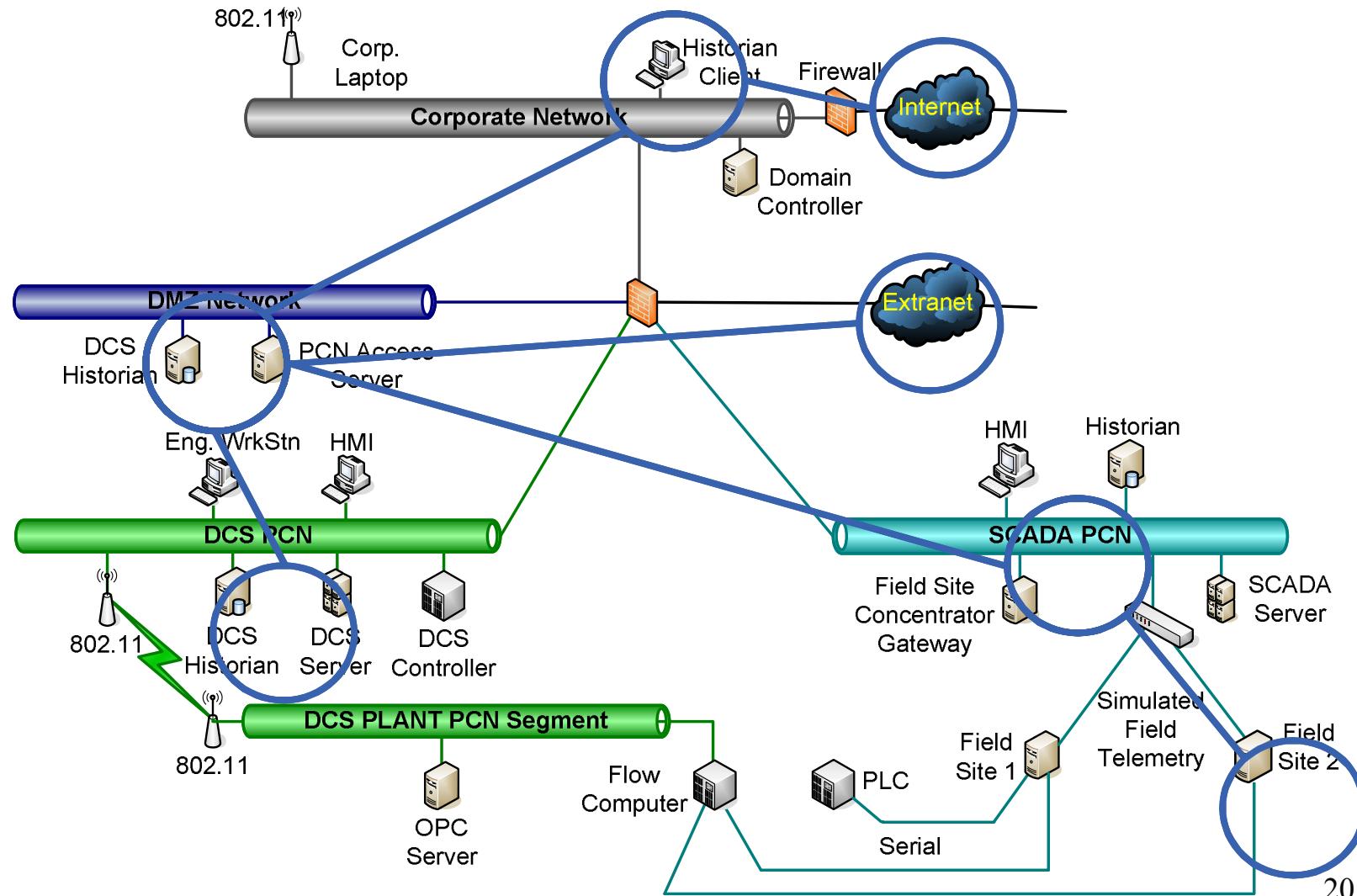


## Indicative PCS Disruption Events

- Rogue Systems
  - All systems within PCS are assumed to be known
- Port Scans
  - This type of reconnaissance activity should not occur on PCS
- Modbus Exceptions
  - Modbus requests and responses should only originate from known masters and devices in PCS
- Configuration Changes
  - PCS networks are typically static networks
  - Ethernet configurations of devices in PCS should rarely change

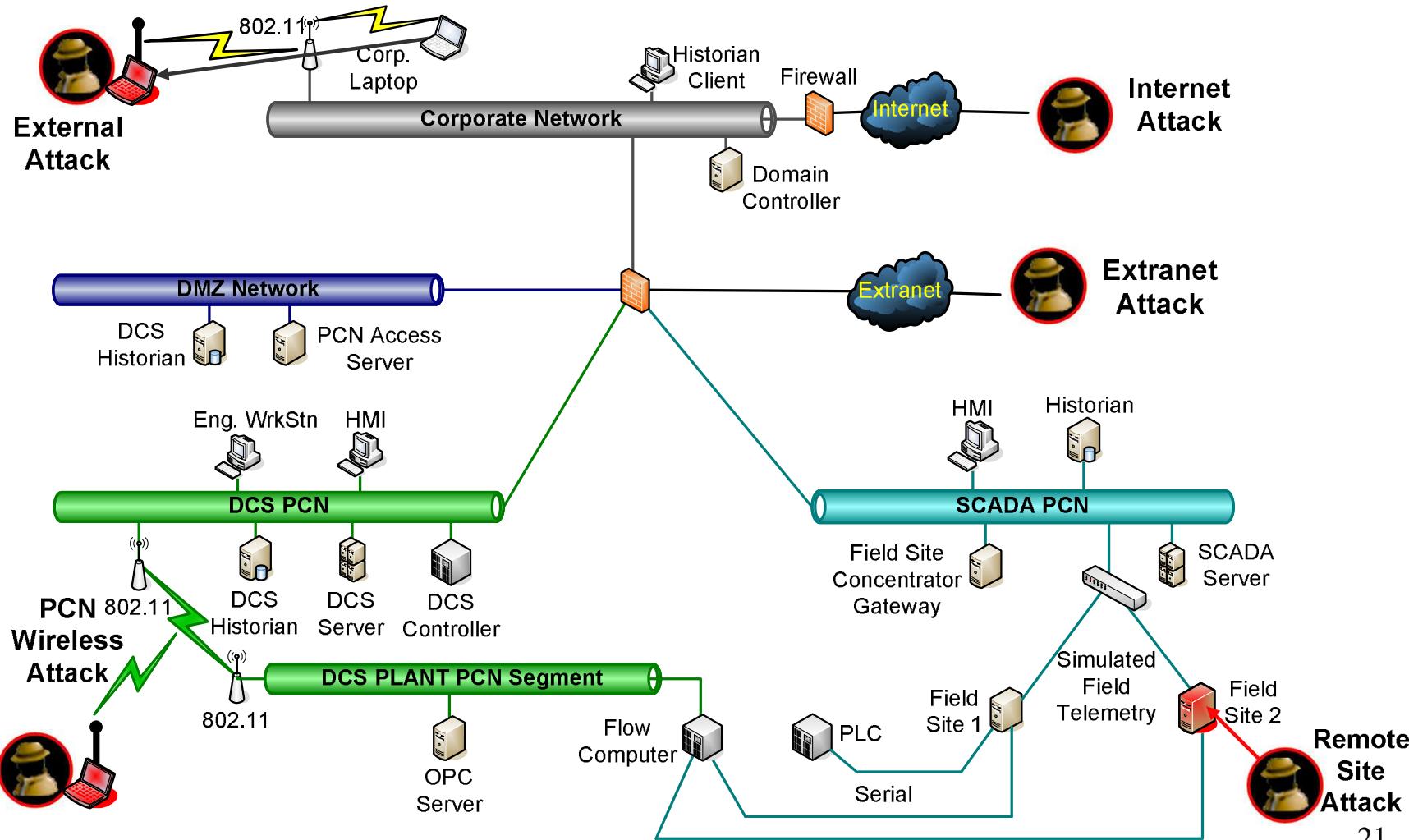
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## Vulnerability of Trust



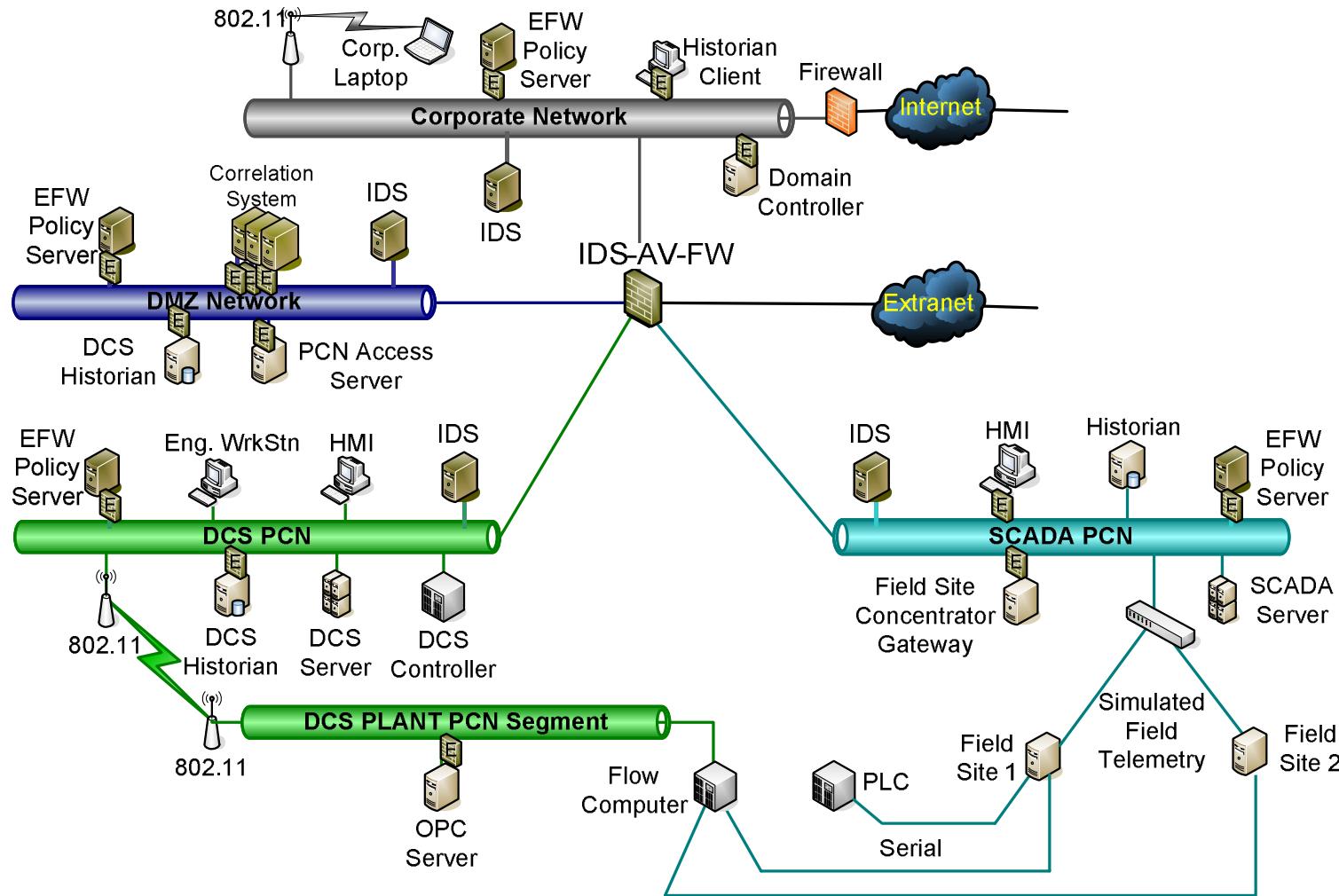
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## Potential Attack Vector Selection



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## Deploying Defense In Depth

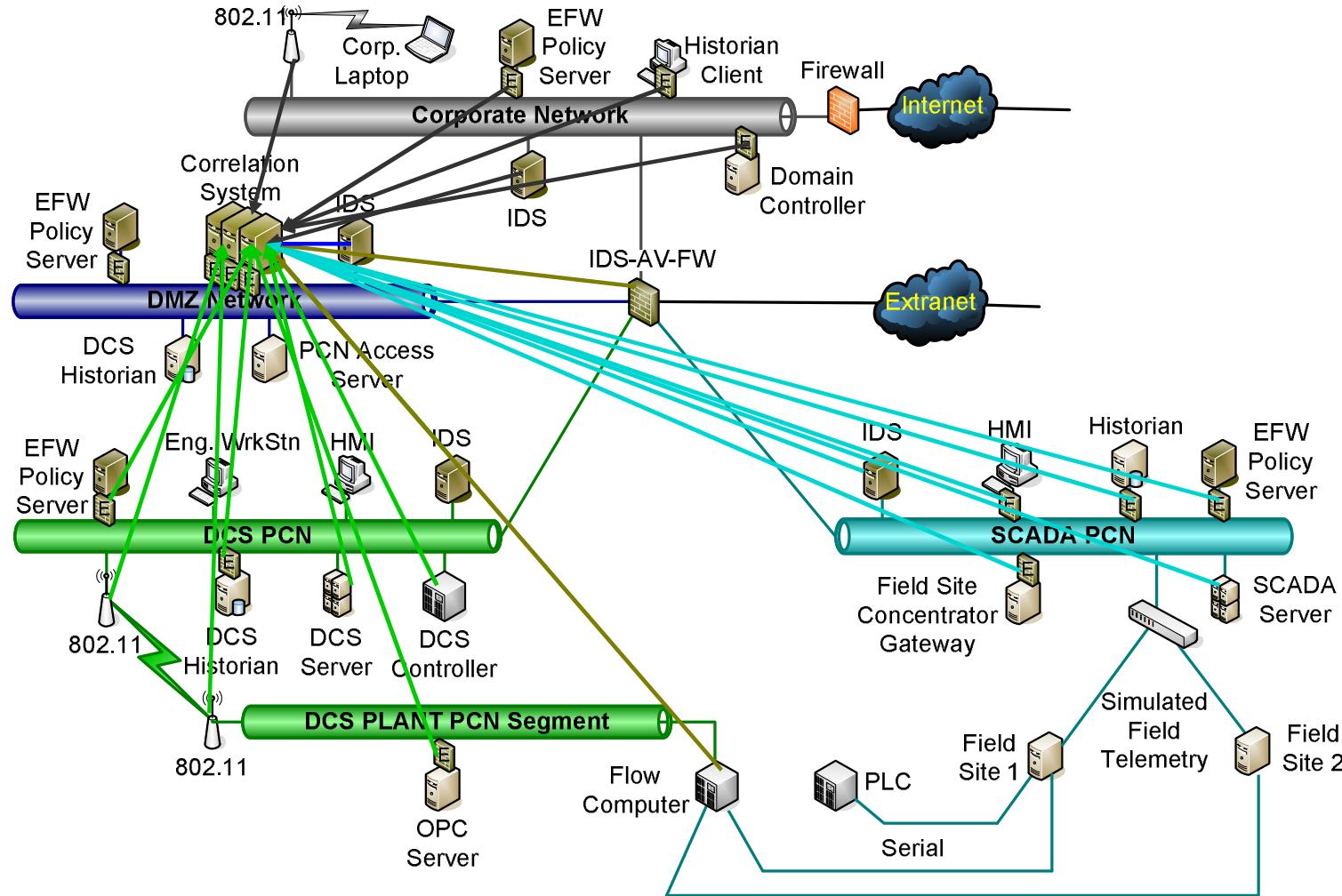


## How does correlation work?

- Many event sources lead to information overload
  - Analysts need the big picture - Situational Awareness
- Event correlation
  - Discovers relationships between events
  - Infers the significance of those relationships
  - Builds a big picture of the network's health from many small data points
- A Correlation Engine Works by
  - Collecting all relevant event data
  - Normalizing the events
  - Categorizing events and prioritizing them
  - Filtering extraneous events
  - Aggregating similar events
- All of which lead to correlated events and situational awareness

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## Defense in Depth Correlation Inputs

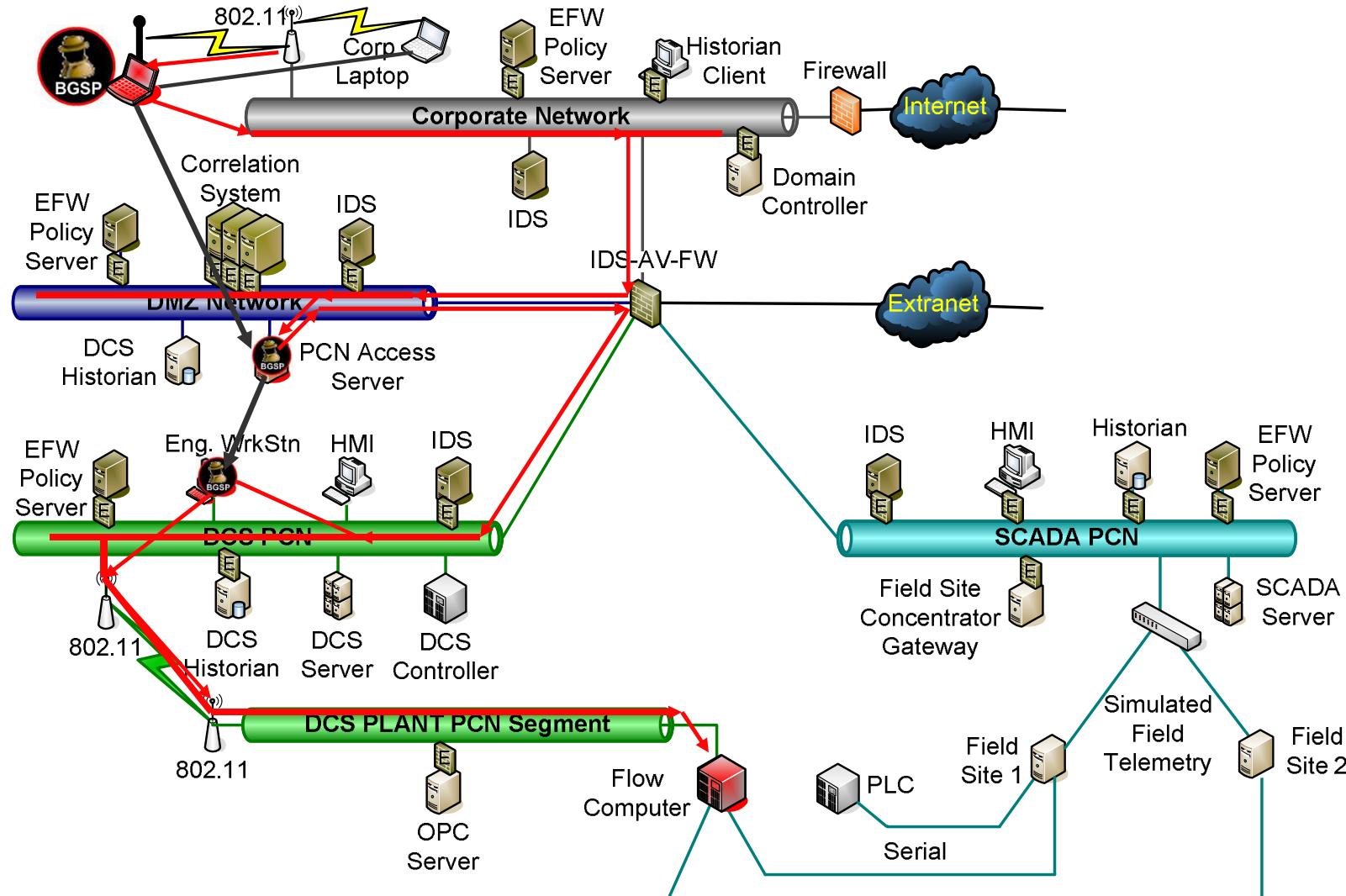


## Attack Scenarios

- External Attack Scenario
  - Trust between business and internet
  - Trust between DMZ and business
  - Trust between control network and DMZ
- Remote Site Attack Scenario
  - Trust between field equipment and control servers
  - Trust between control network and DMZ

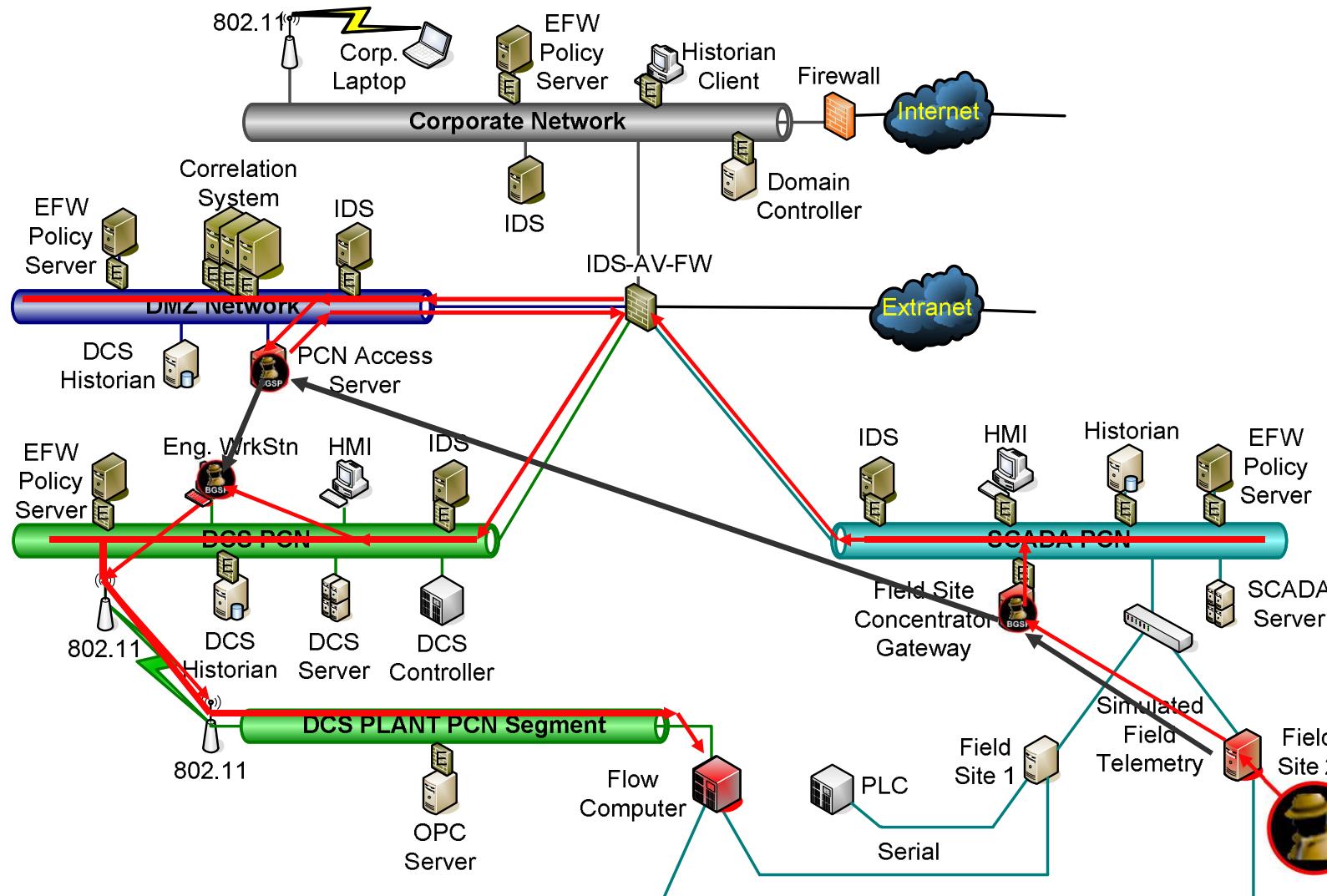
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## External Attacker Scenario



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## Remote Site Attacker



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## 12 Months of Accomplishments

- Implemented a pipeline SCADA system
- Implemented a refinery DCS
- Integrated two PCNs with business network
- Identified potential PCN risks, modeled attack scenarios
- Identified Security sensors for use in PCN
- Implemented EFWs & Policy Servers on PCN
- Integrated Correlation Engine with PCS environments
  - Developed 6 new connectors for collecting events
  - Identified and developed correlation rules
  - Implemented PCN policy rule enforcements
- Developed, tested, and implemented 4 attack scenarios

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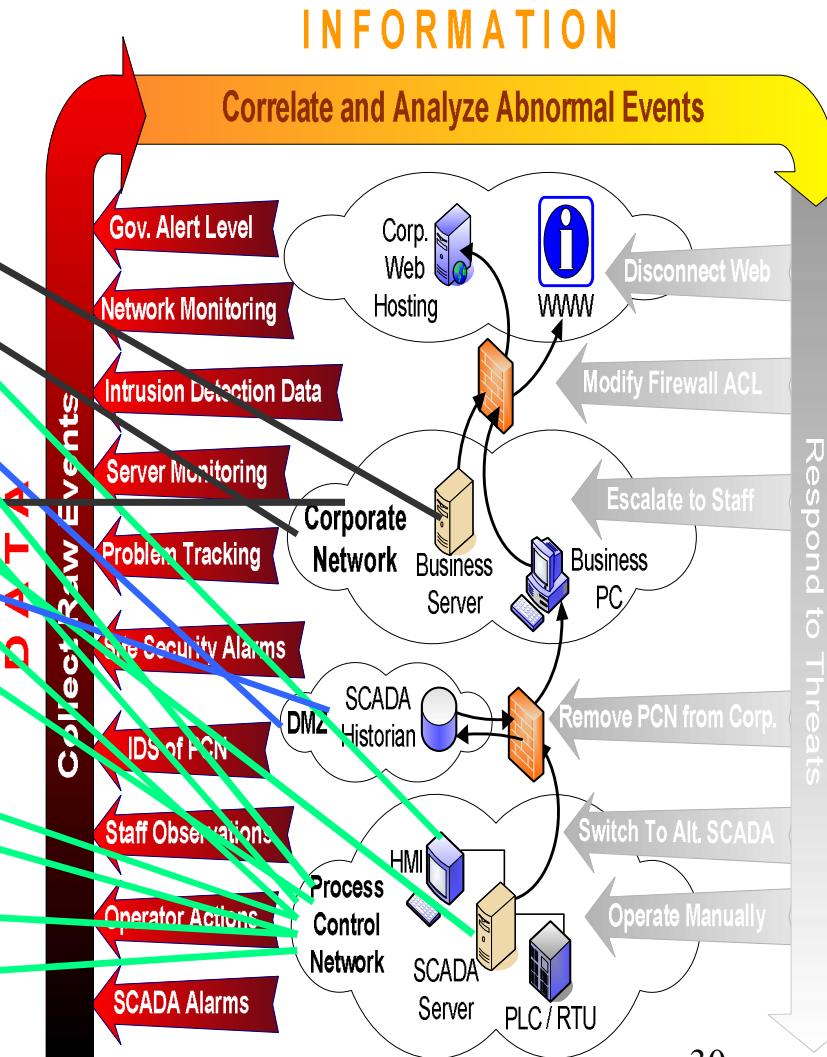
## Successes

### Events For Correlation

- Multiple subnets
- Both IT and PCN devices
- PCS applications
- Modbus signatures
- PCS Security Data Dictionary
- All sources over time

### Rule Enforcement of common PCN policies

- Nodes added on PCN
- Reconnaissance on PCN
- Modbus exceptions
- Ethernet configuration changes to PCS devices



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## Example Correlation Results

- **External Attack Results**

**130**  
**HIGH PRIORITY**  
**EVENTS**

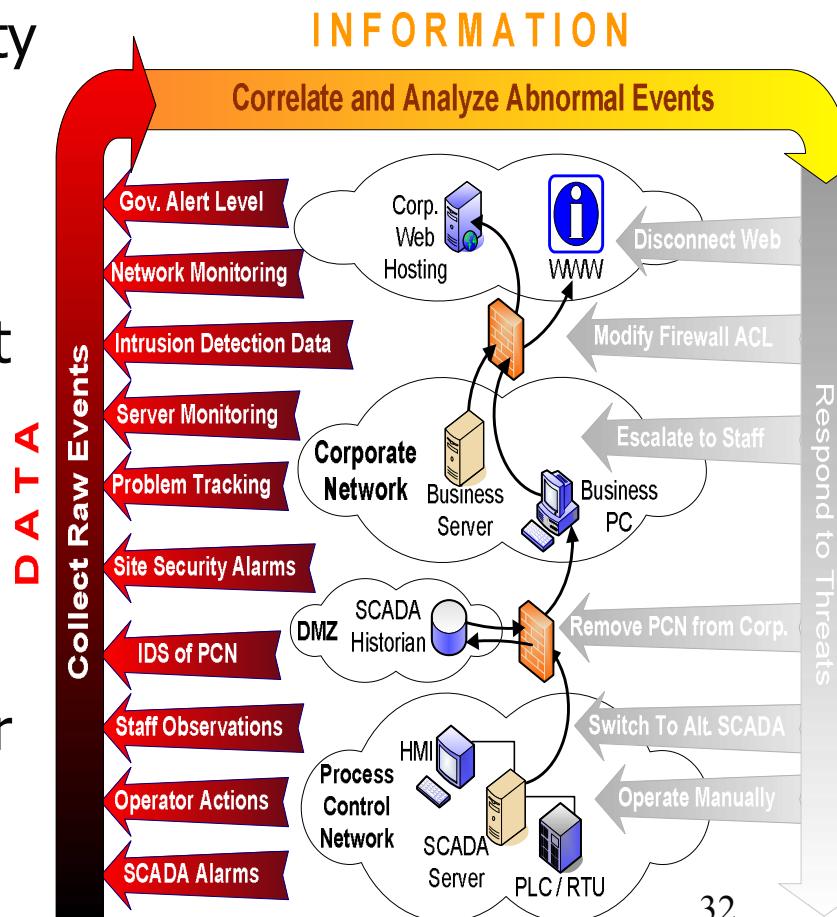
**960**  
**CORRELATED EVENTS**

**7,060,000**  
**RAW SOURCE EVENTS**

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## Results

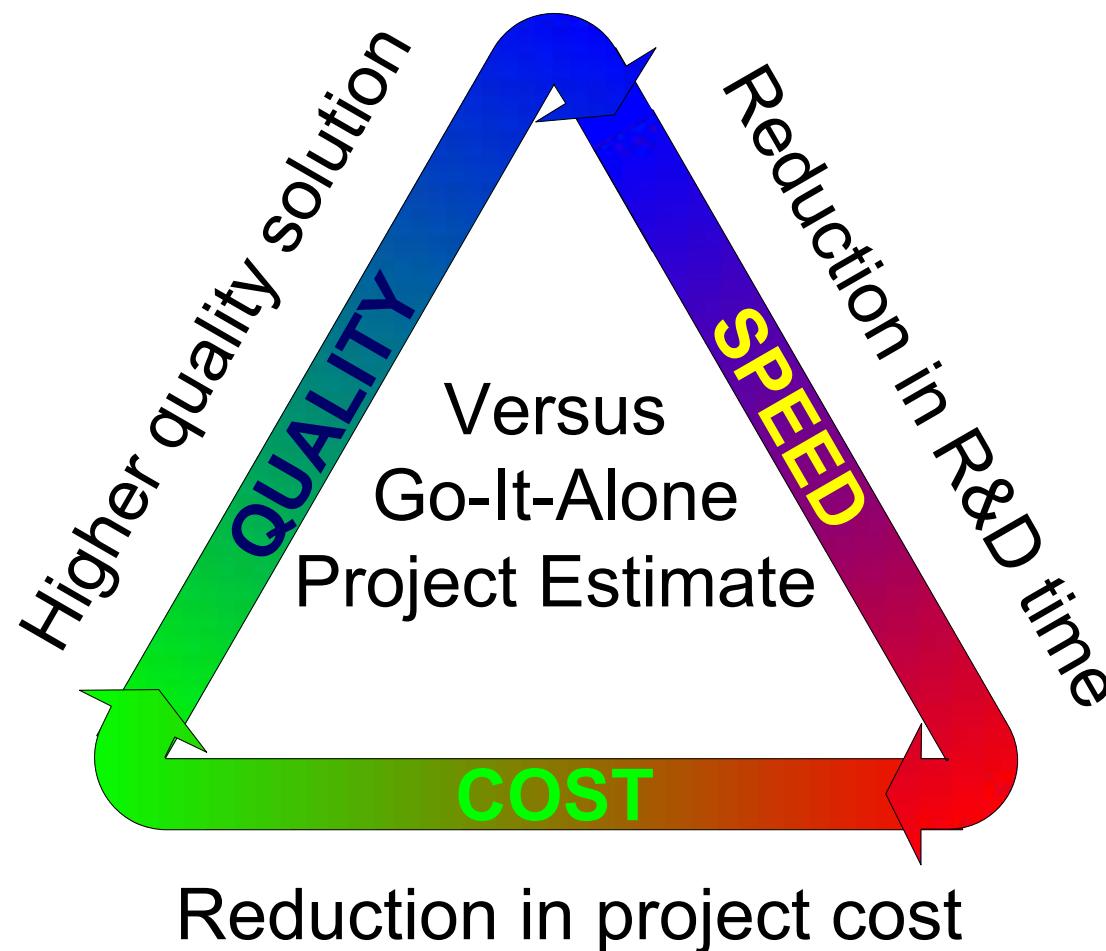
- Successfully developed, implemented and tested 4 attack scenarios
- Attack scenarios model new threats to PCS brought by standardization and interconnectivity
- Implemented PCS Security Data Dictionary
- Identified, correlated, and alerted the compromises to environment at & across all levels.
- Provided enhanced situational awareness
- Completed by deadline
- Built a defense in depth solution for industry deployment



## Summary

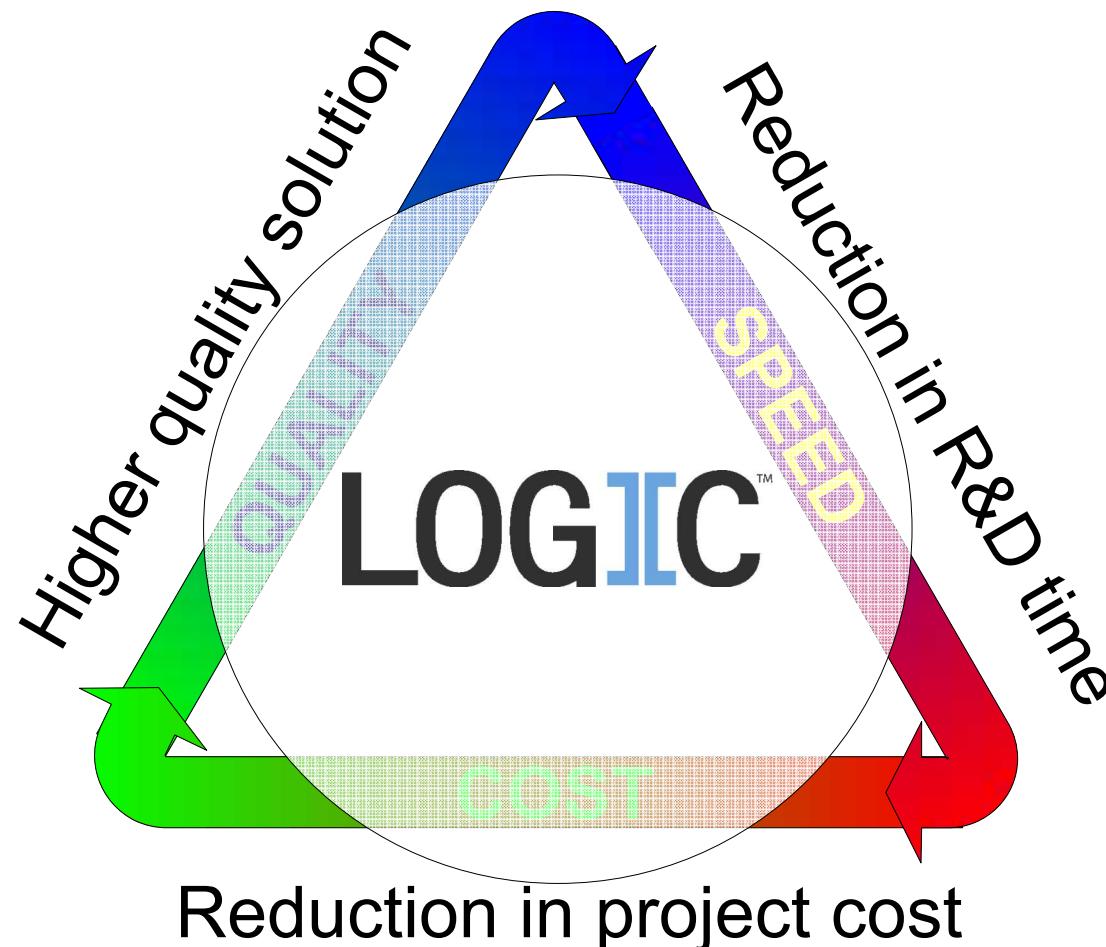
- PCS detect events and report to the correlation engine
- Attacks can be observed from many different sources
- Attacks were detected with different methods
- Without attack detection, control systems may not be aware of attempted or successful attacks
- Integrated IT security solutions into the PCS world for the first time
- LOGIIC-1 was a completed successfully
- LOGIIC Team members showed strong dedication & talent

# Synergy In Energy



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The whole is greater than the sum of its parts



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