

# IAEA CRP on Enhancing Incident Response at Nuclear Facilities



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## IAEA Role in Computer Security

- Nuclear Security Plan 2018-2021
- Directs the IAEA to assist Member States, upon request, in improving computer security capabilities at State organizations and licensees through:
  - Guidance Development
  - Training Courses
  - Information Exchange
  - Coordinated Research Projects



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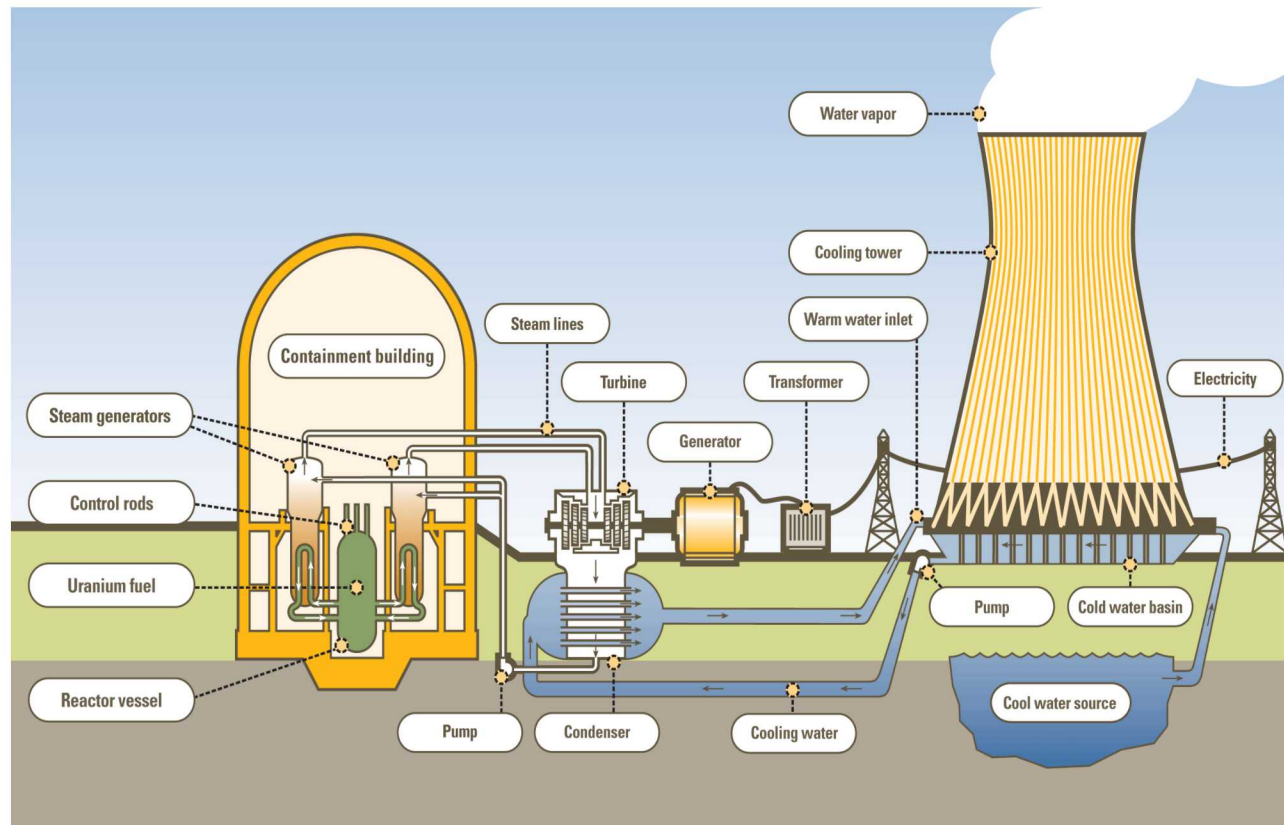


International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano smiles as he waits for a board of governors meeting to begin at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna, Austria, June 6, 2016. REUTERS/Heinz-Peter Bader

# Enhancing Computer Security Incident Analysis at Nuclear Facilities

CRP objective is research methods and technologies to improve and support:

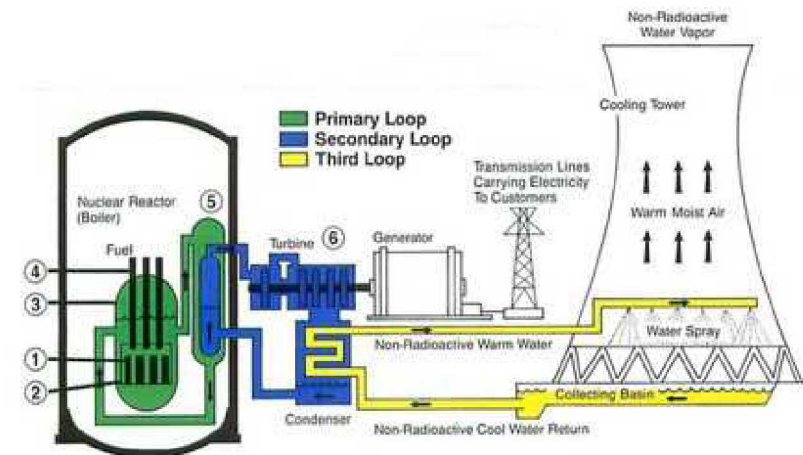
- prevention
  - detection of, and
  - response to,
- computer security incidents.





# CRP Overview

1. Developing a **model/simulator** of a hypothetical PWR to allow for research testing of the effects of cyber-attacks
2. **Real control equipment can be interfaced** with the model to determine the consequences of sabotage resulting from the exploitation vulnerabilities resulting in loss of Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability (CIA).
3. **Threat Model/Scenario** approach to develop of research test cases to mimic good practices in regulatory regimes
4. Informs the development of **Computer Security Measures** to prevent and protect against cyber-attacks on its systems.



- ✓ **Facility/System Builders:** organizations that are building mock-ups/simulators of nuclear systems (7/17).
- ✓ **Capability Providing:** organizations that can provide specific capabilities to others in the CRP that stem from their background expertise (8/17).
- ✓ **Threat Modellers:** organizations that are developing Design Basis Threat, Scenarios, and Threat Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (2/17).

# 13 Countries / 17 Institutes



Argentina

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Brazil



Canada



China



Germany



Ghana



Hungary



Mexico



Republic of Korea



Pakistan



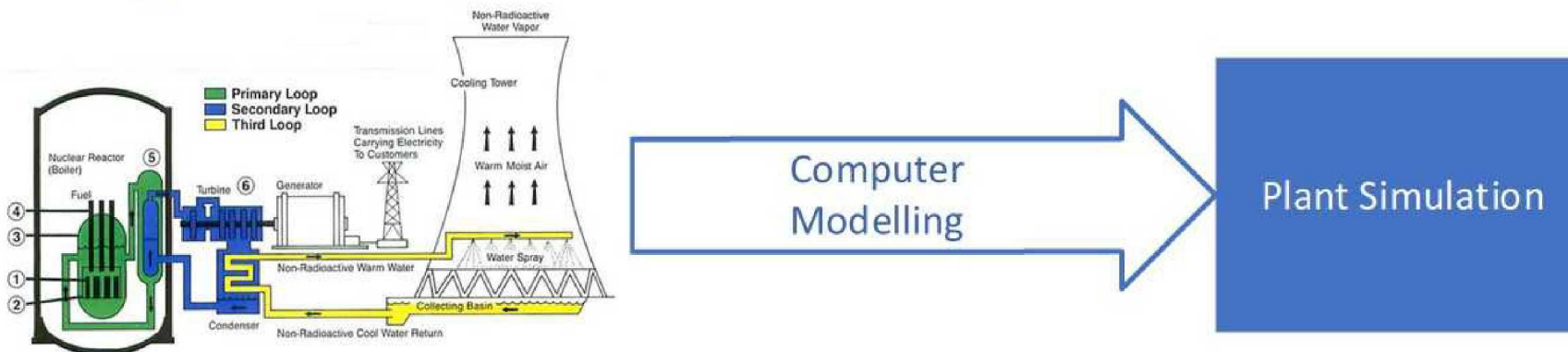
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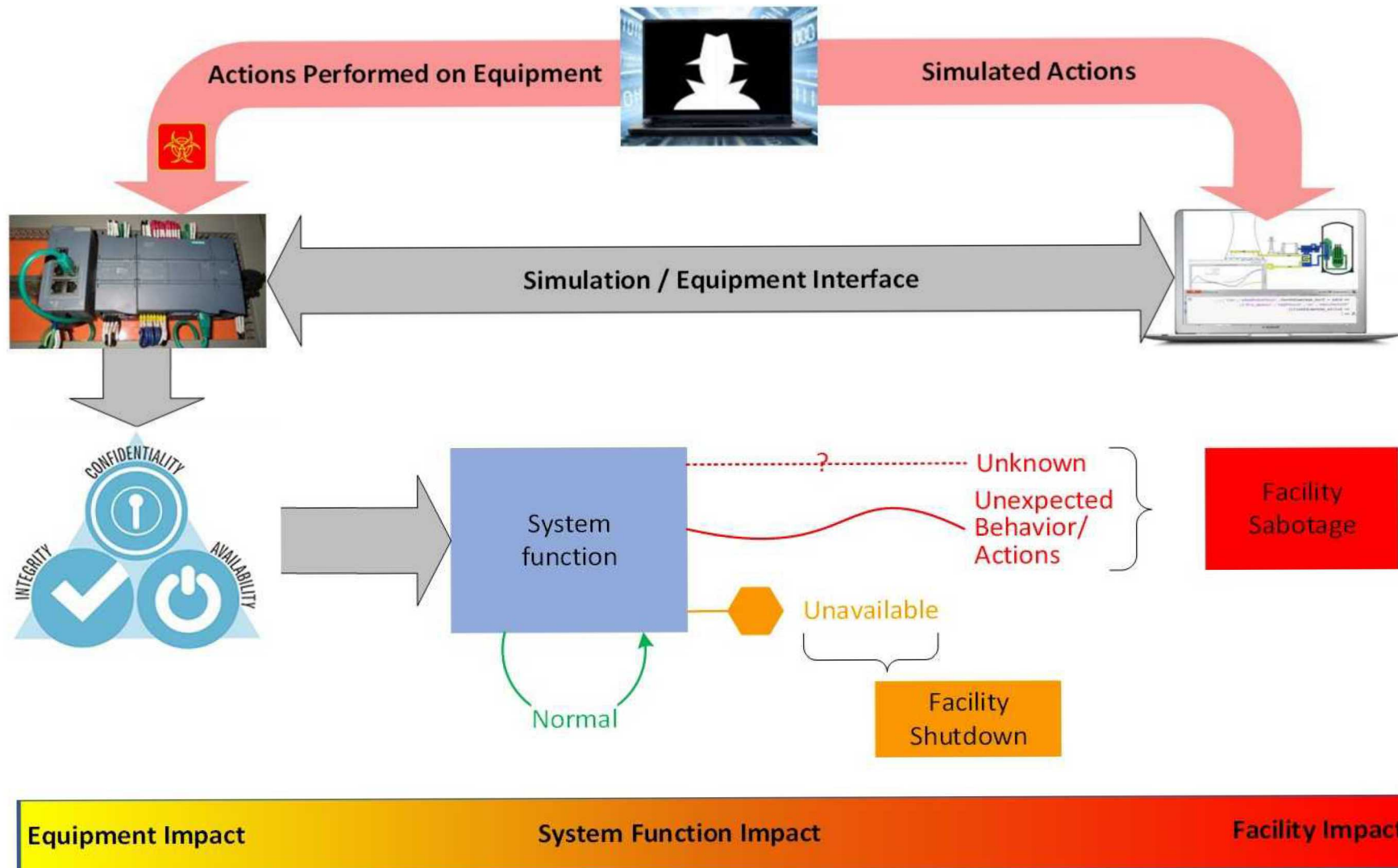
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## Asherah - Technology Neutral Hypothetical Facility



- A hypothetical Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) named “Asherah” was defined based upon several existing PWR designs.
- Sensitive design elements were removed, and other elements were fabricated.
- The results were combined to produce a technological neutral facility.
- The model is the heart of a Hardware in the loop (HIL) architecture

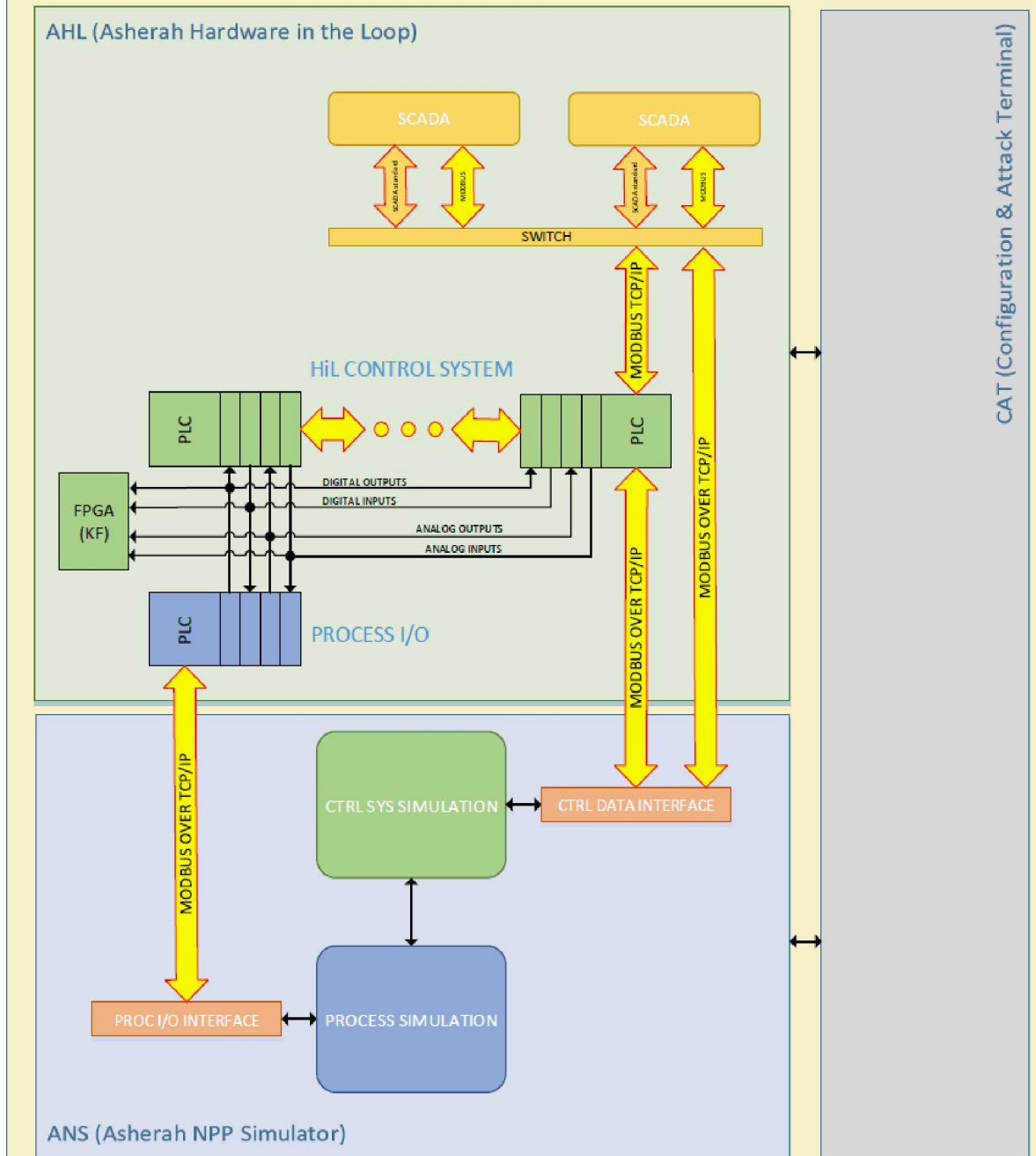
# Facility, Functional, System Impacts





# Asherah Test Bed

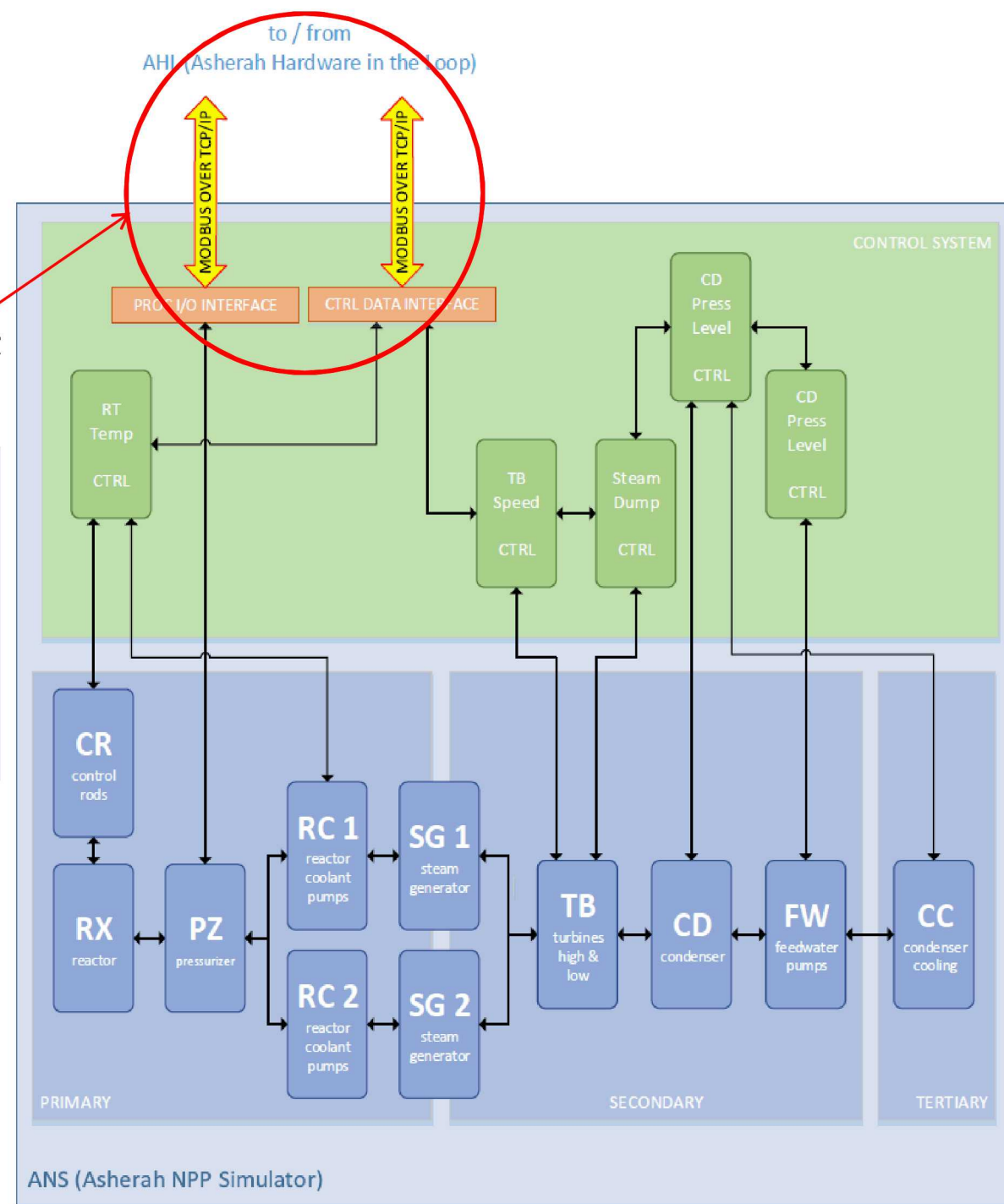
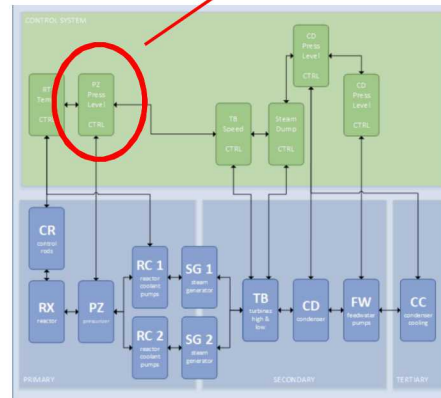
- Matlab/Simulink Model
- Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Cooling Loops
- Steady State & Transient under normal operation
- Controllers & network equipment
- Cyber attack scenarios & system configuration



✓ Process I/O Interfaces  
Plant Environment and Physical  
Process Simulation

✓ Control I/O Interfaces  
Allows for Hardware in the Loop

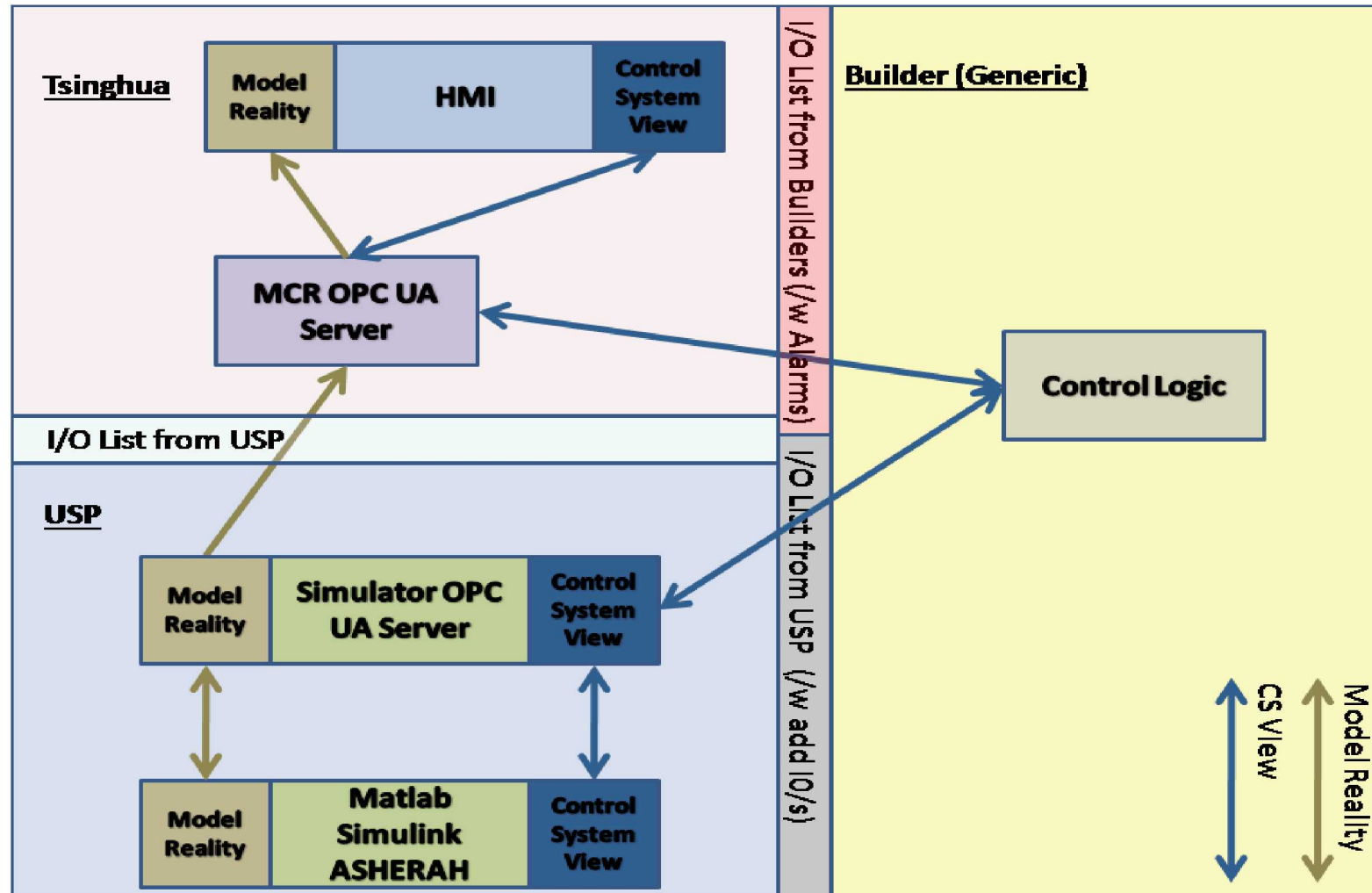
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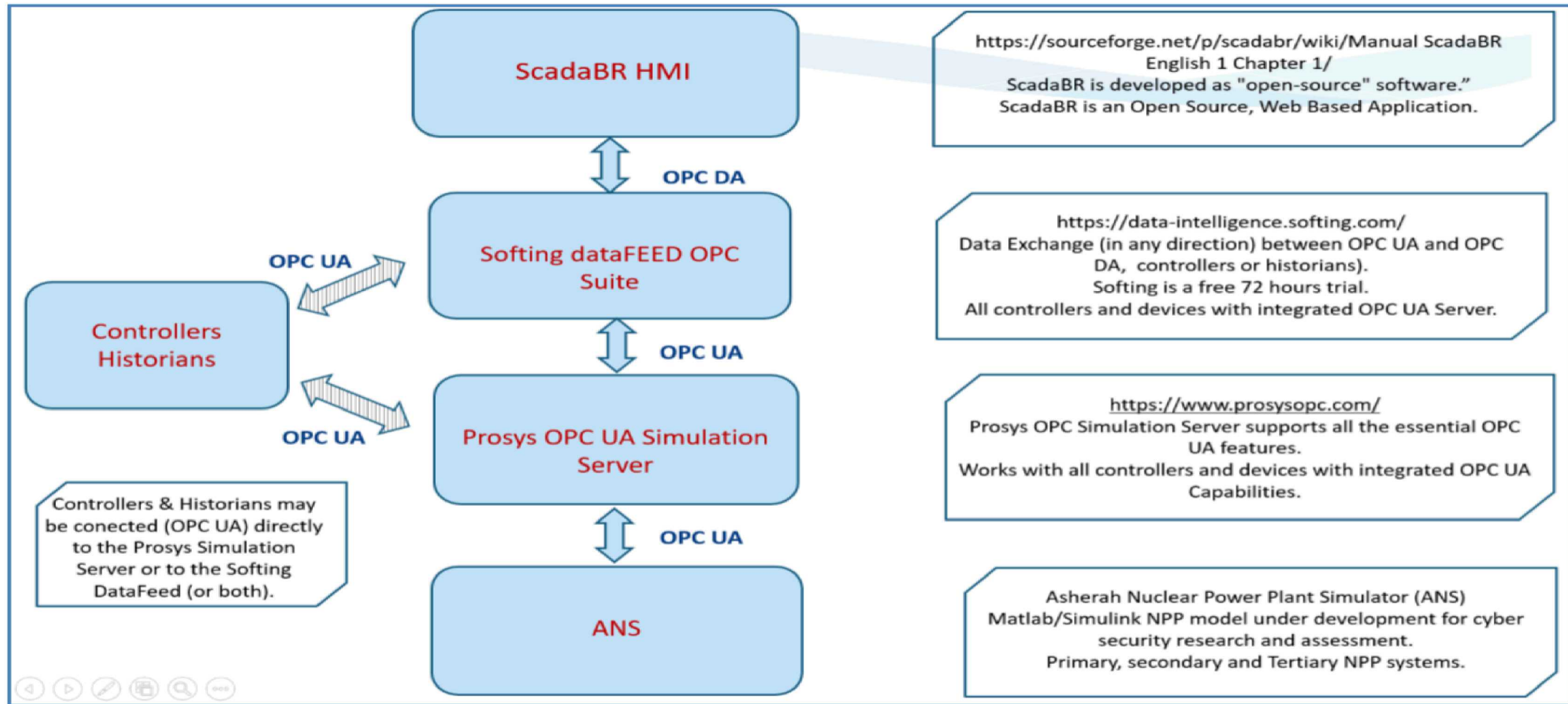
ANS (Asherah NPP Simulator)

# Coordination of Builders

- Expandable Architecture
- Function approach

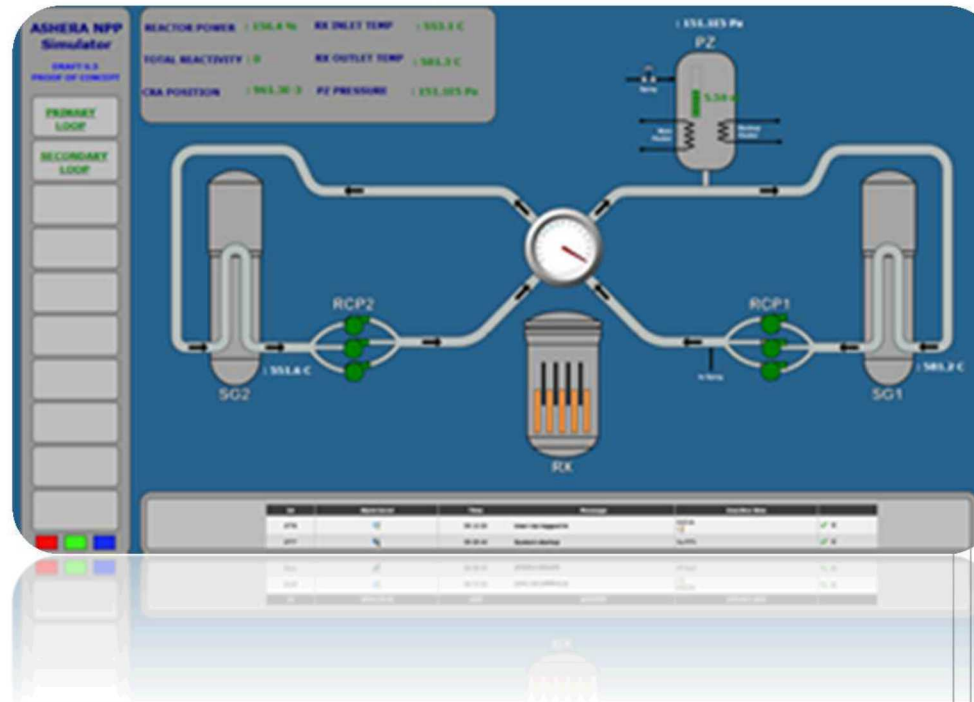


# Test Bed Tools and Connections Scheme

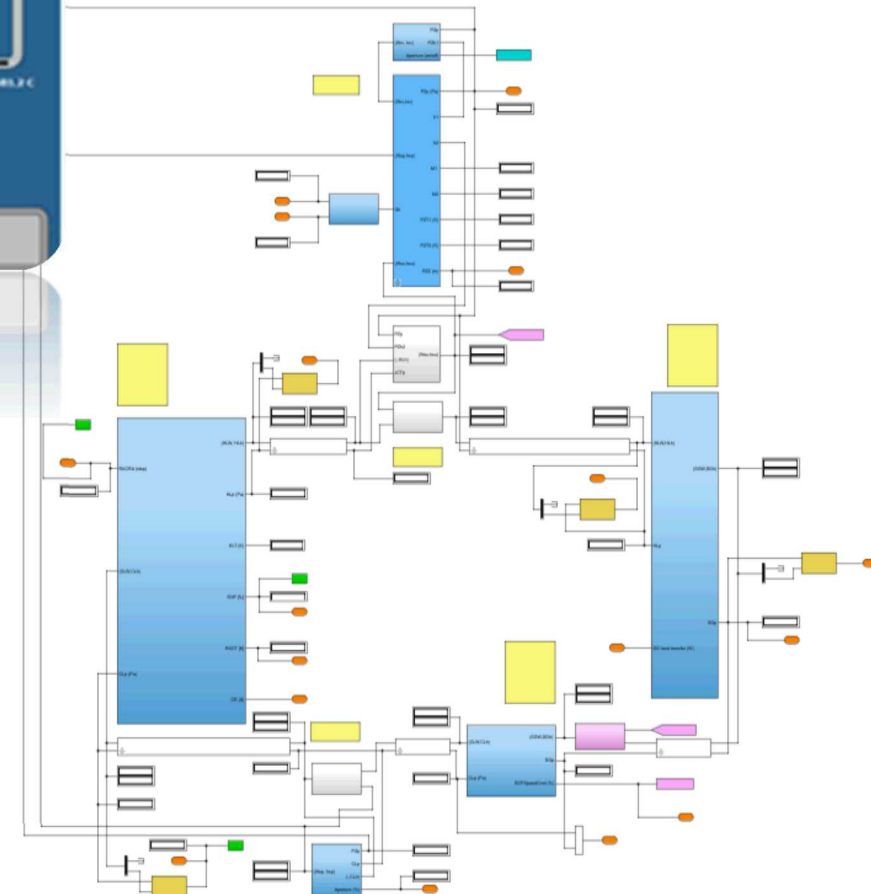




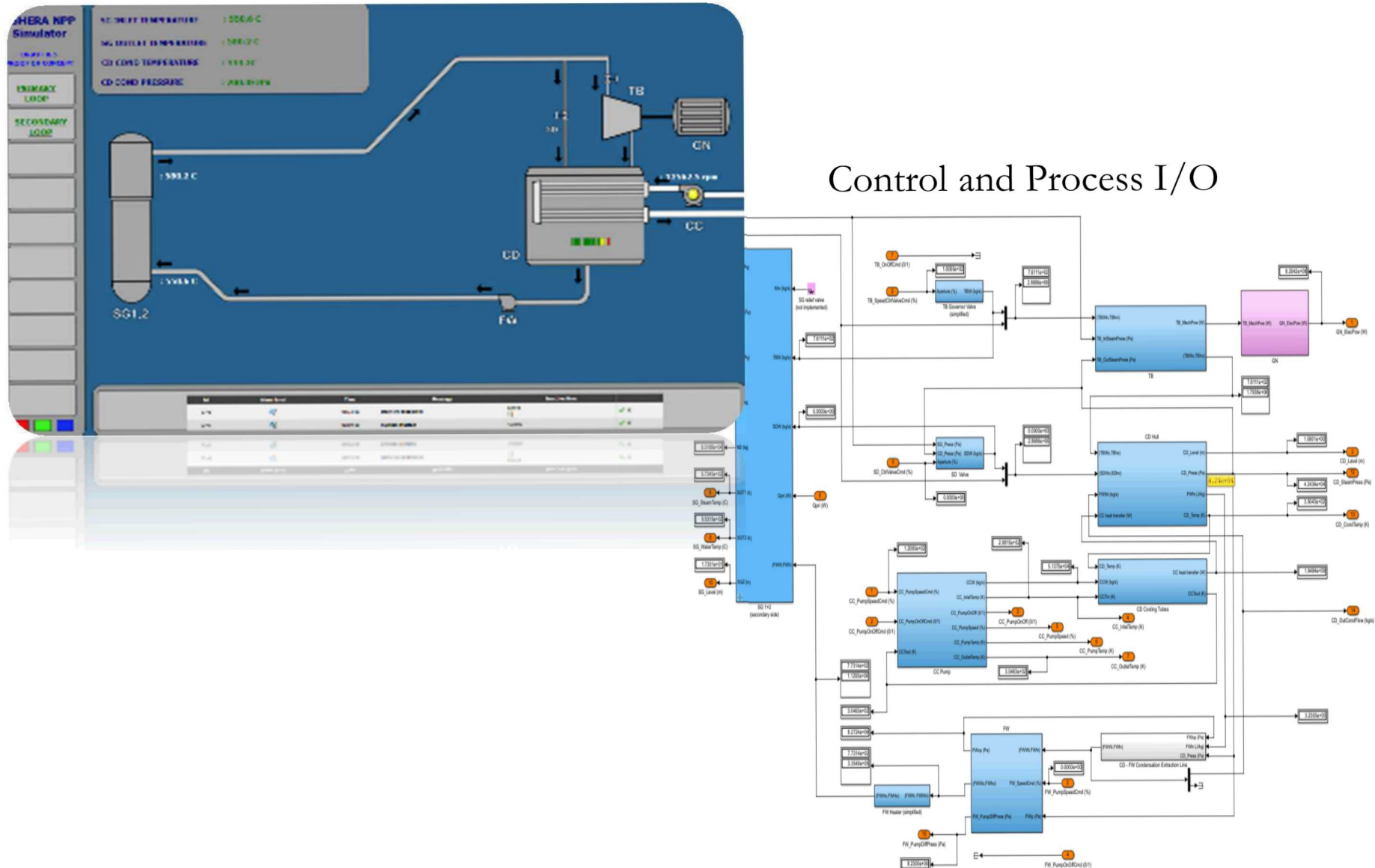
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## Control and Process I/O

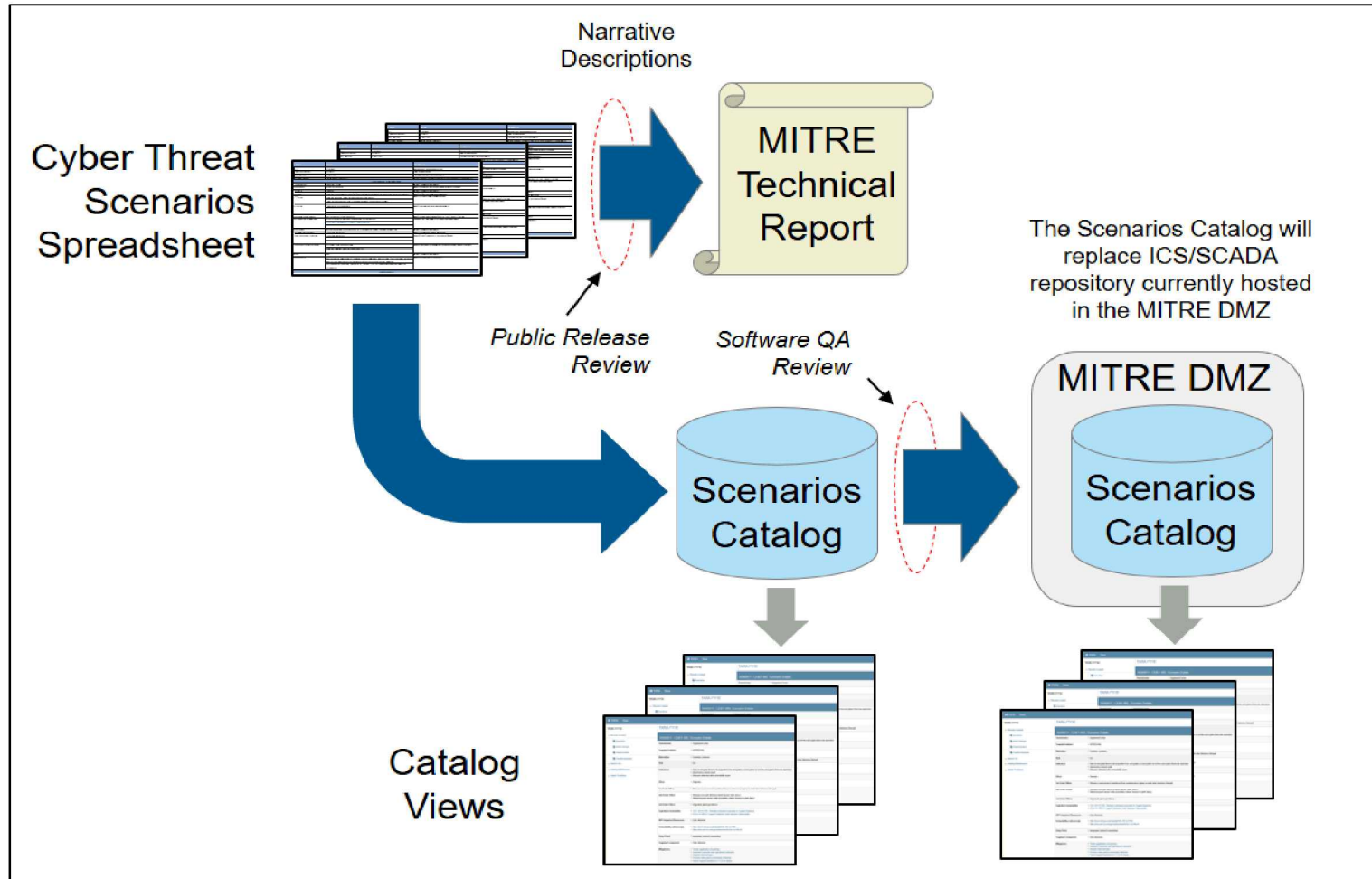


## Human Machine Interface - Secondary

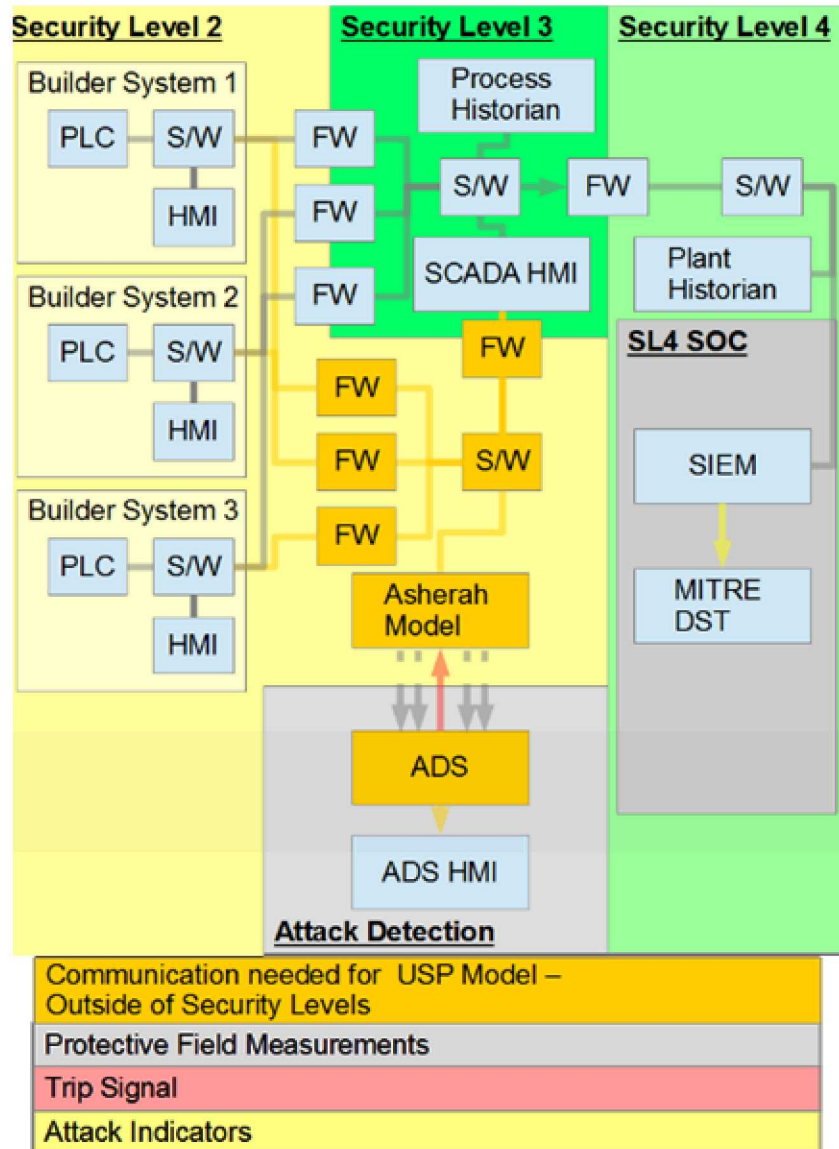


# Threat Modelers Activities

- Attack scenarios
- Compromise of Functions



# CPOs Activities



CPOs identify potential:

- Graded Approach
- Defense in Depth
- Policy and Procedures
- Measures and Controls



# International Conference on Nuclear Security

## Key Deadline and Dates

Release announcement	31 Jan 2019
Submission of synopses	31 May 2019
Submission of Forms A, B or C	14 Jun 2019
Notification of acceptance to authors	30 Sep 2019
Submission of full papers	29 Nov 2019
Submission of presentations	20 Dec 2019

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**10-14 Feb 2020**

- System Builders & Capability Providers Organizations have been successful developing mock-ups of nuclear systems.
- Threat Modellers are providing cyber threat scenarios for System Builders and Capability Providers organizations.
- Cyber security techniques have been developed (fuzzing, Kalman Filter, Anomaly Detection) and applied to the test beds.
- Key IAEA role on the coordination of all activities and all institutes.
- Solid information sharing network among all participants.
- All tools developed and documents produced under the CRP J02008 will be available for Member States and may be used for training purposes.



Thank you!

