

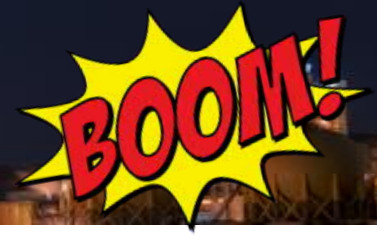


ICS/OT/IIoT/IoT security: Introduction

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About myself (1)



- **Current occupation:** Cyber Security Product Owner: Connected Vessels, Terminals and Warehouses at Maersk
- **Research specialization:** Offensive cyber-physical security in Critical Infrastructures and advanced defense methods

Focus:

- Physical damage or how to make something going bad, wrong, crash or blow up by means of cyber-attacks
- Physical Process/application-aware defense methods



About myself (3)

- Member of the Black Hat Review Board
- Track Lead for Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) security



*A cyber-physical system (CPS) is any system where one, or more, computing elements **monitor, manage and control a physical process**. From wearable IoT devices to smart homes/buildings, from drones to self-driving vehicles, from Industrial Control Systems to avionics, these applications share common characteristics: **the threat model relates to the physical process**, the attacker goals are similarly linked to it, and **both vulnerabilities and defence mechanisms need to encompass both the physical and the digital side of the systems**. Talks in this track are directed at CPSs, either specific ones or on the concept as a whole, focusing on the systemic attacks and defences. Note that the purely cyber or data components research may fit better in other primary tracks such as Hardware/Embedded or AI*

Teaching objectives



- Introduction to ICS/OT/IIoT/loT applications
- Emphasize the importance of taking specifics of the underlying application into consideration when considering cyber security aspects
- Keep applied focus
- Highlight relevant research questions
- Relevant summer school topics:
 - Risk assessment, threat modelling and cascading threats (IoT-enabled)
 - Introduction to Usable Security
 - Risk-Based Authentication
 - Reading Security Protocol Specifications is Difficult and Error Prone

Agenda

- **Part 1:** Introduction to ICS/OT/IIoT/IoT systems/applications. Intro to ICS/OT security and cyber-physical exploitation
- **Part 2:** Cyber-physical attack lifecycle. Use-case: Hacking chemical plant
- **Part 3:** OT/IoT network architectures. Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)-specific attacks
- **Part 4:** OT vs. IT: Comparison of security and process monitoring approaches (SOC vs. Control Room)



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- IoT systems becoming pervasive
- ICS/OT systems are transforming from proprietary and isolated to COTS and cloud-connected
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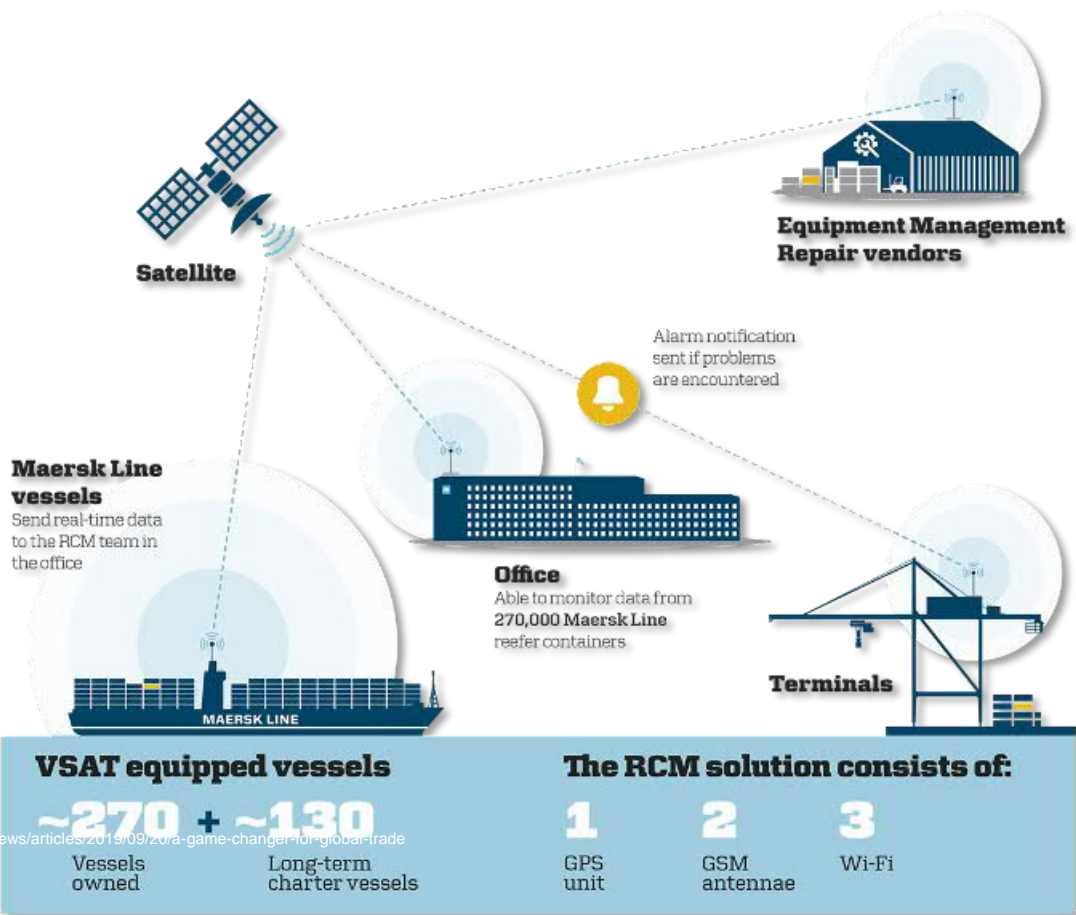


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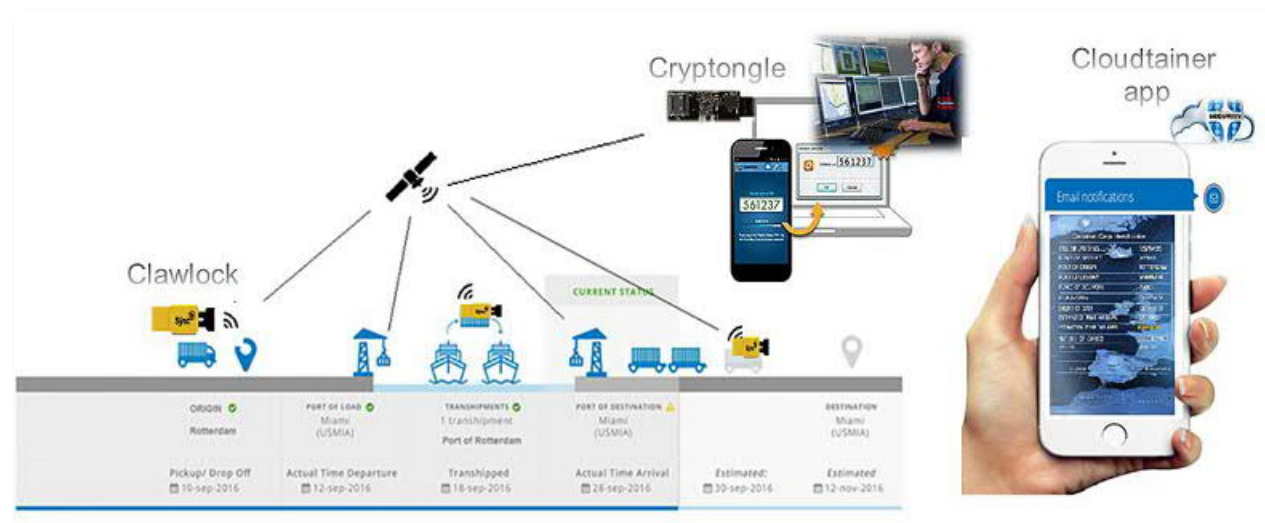


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IoT-enabled business



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Digital Transformation** is becoming #1 priority in all CPS domains/businesses

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<https://www.chemengonline.com/the-journey-to-digitalization/>



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Digitization in Agricultural Sector

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/digitalization-agriculture-suryakant-galav/>

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Digitalization and the future of energy

Beyond the hype

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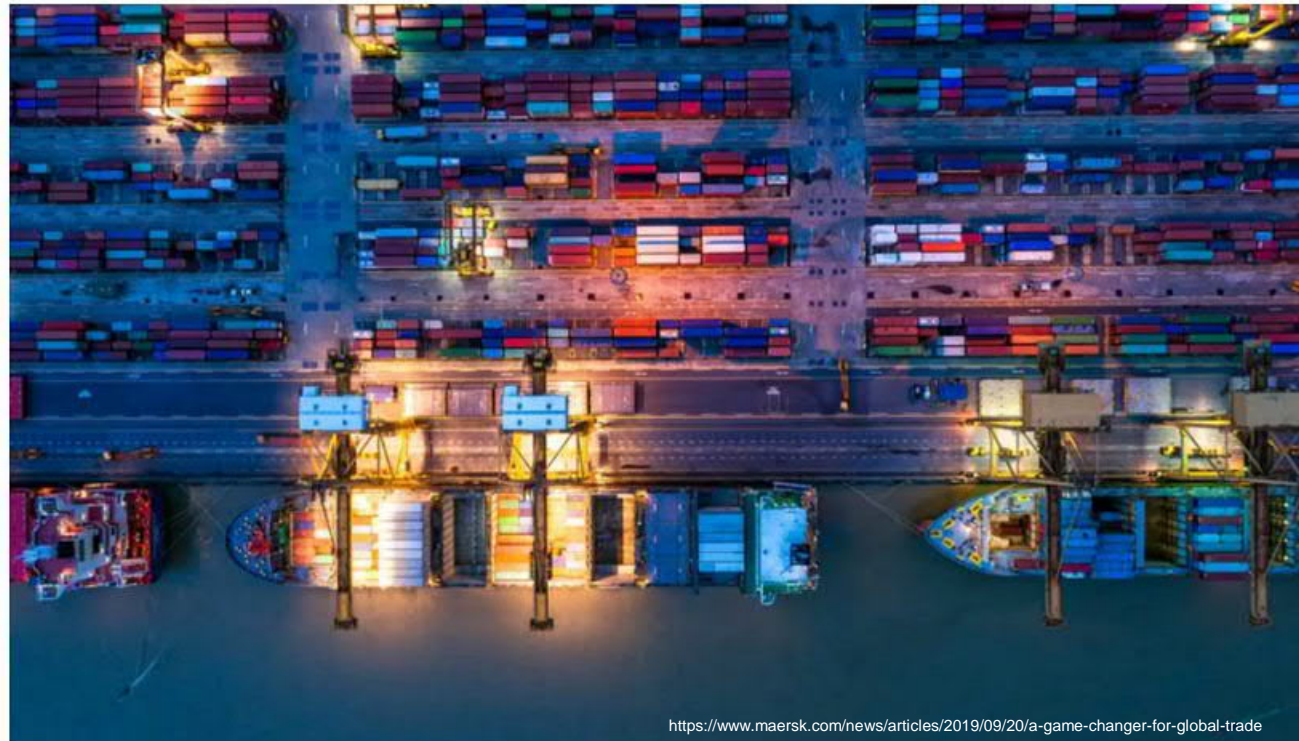
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BLOCKCHAIN | The industry wants trust and transparency in supply chains. That is the simple conclusion as ocean carriers representing almost two thirds of global container freight are set to join the digital platform, TradeLens – a potential game changer in the digitisation of global trade.

By Jesper Toft Madsen

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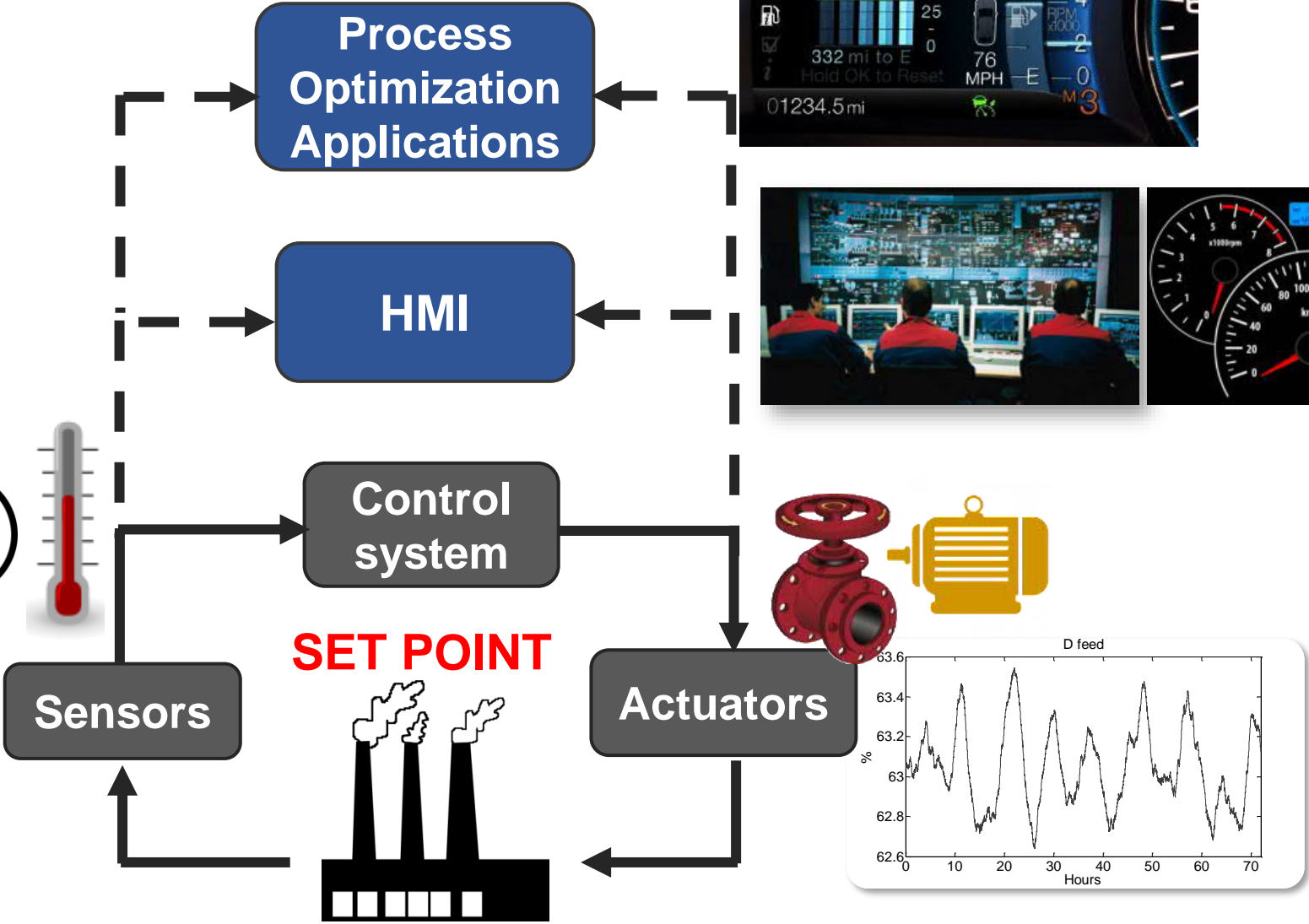
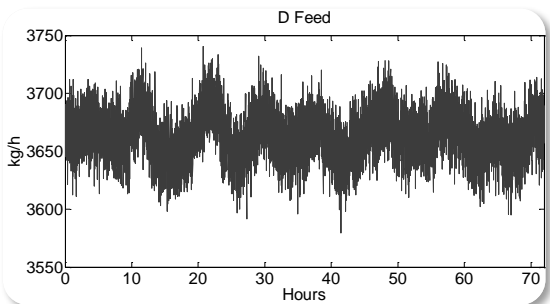
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 - Industrial / enterprise / consumer / wearable

Main concept behind CPS system

Control loop



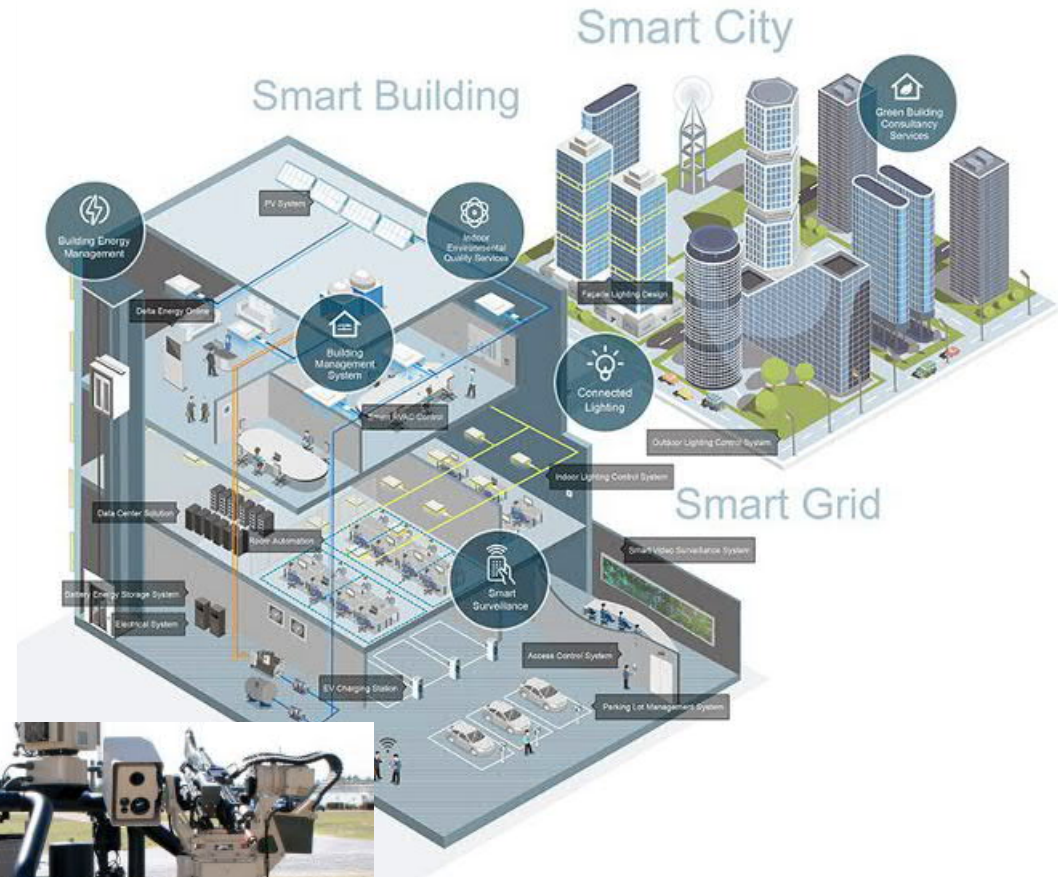
OT/ICS applications

- Utilities, e.g., water and electricity supply
- (Petro)chemical sector
- Manufacturing sector (assembly lines, robots)
- Logistics
- Food industry
- Agriculture
- Etc., etc.



IoT applications

- Smart cities
- Building automation
- Vehicles/autonomous vehicles/UGVs
- Unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) / drones
- Unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV)
- Lethal autonomous weapons
- Smart ships
- Consumer electronics/appliances
- Smart phones
- Wearable devices



<https://deltaelectronicsindia.com/building-automation-solutions/>

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2017/11/10/killer-robots-lethal-autonomous-weapons-systems-un/>

One of the coolest CPS: Tesla car



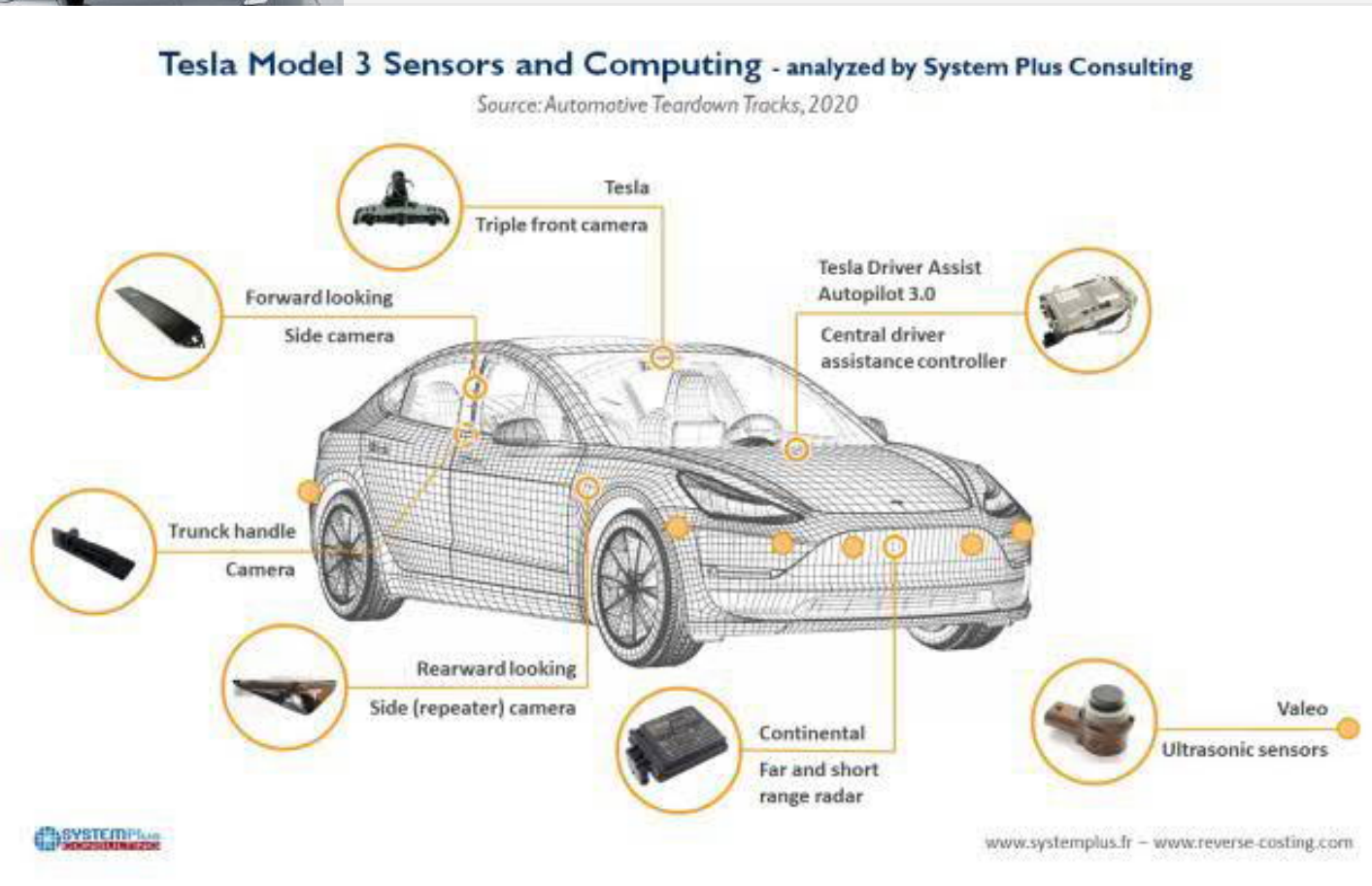
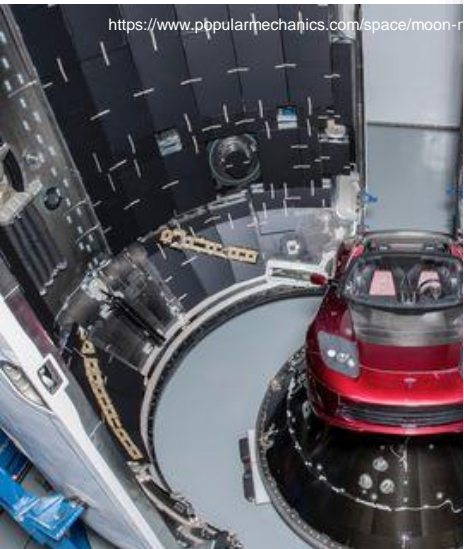
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Use-case: Industrial plants

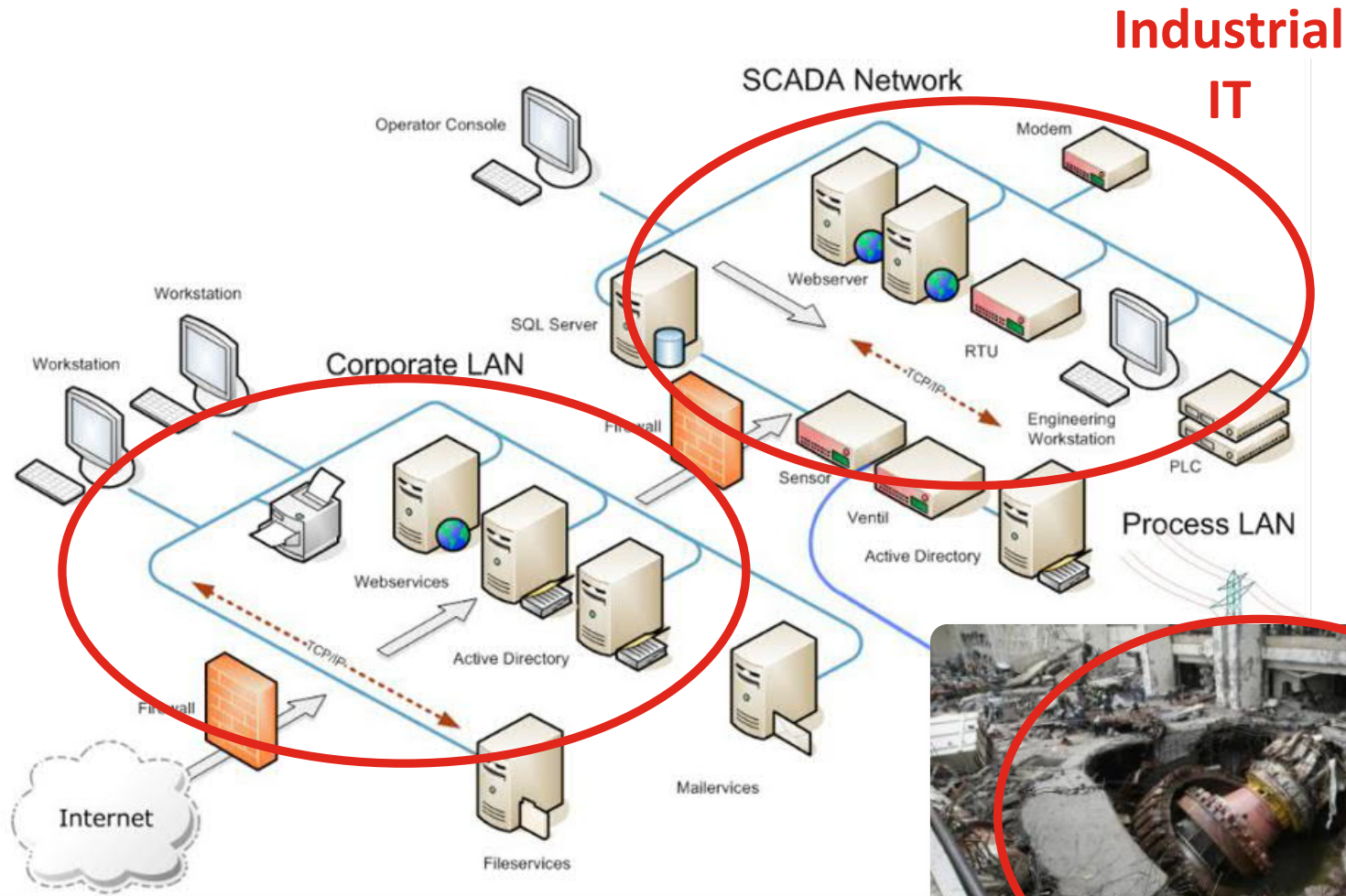


Cyber-physical systems

A nighttime photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant. The scene is illuminated by numerous lights, creating a complex network of structures and pipes. Several tall smokestacks are visible, some emitting a faint glow. The overall atmosphere is one of active industrial operations.

Cyber-physical systems are IT systems
“embedded” in an application in the
physical world

Attack goal considered in this module



**Attacker
goal**



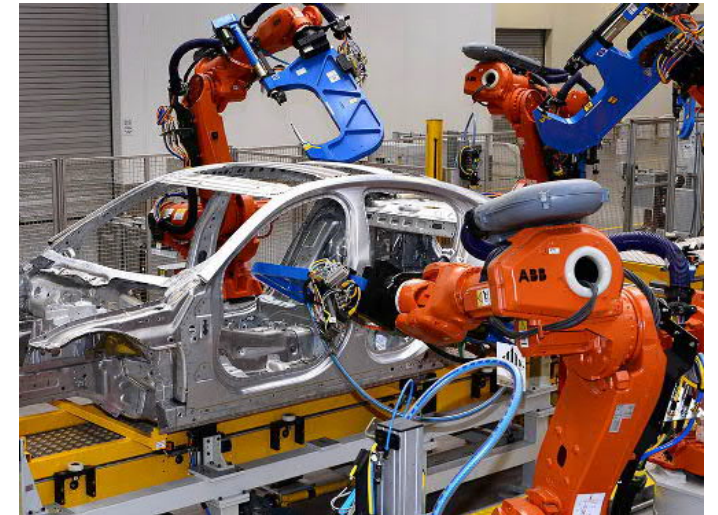
Embedded ICS systems



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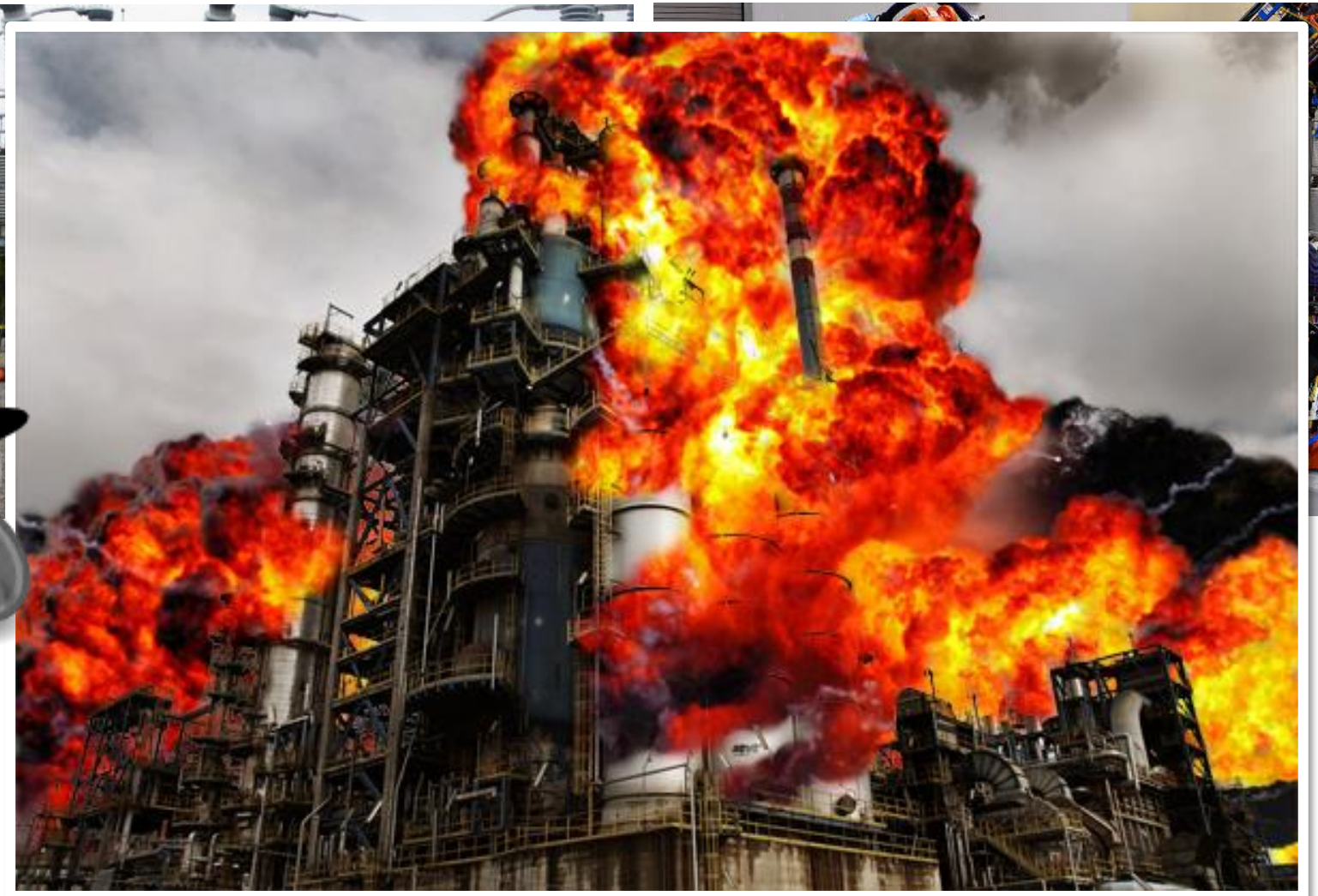
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Cyber-physical attack



PHYSICAL

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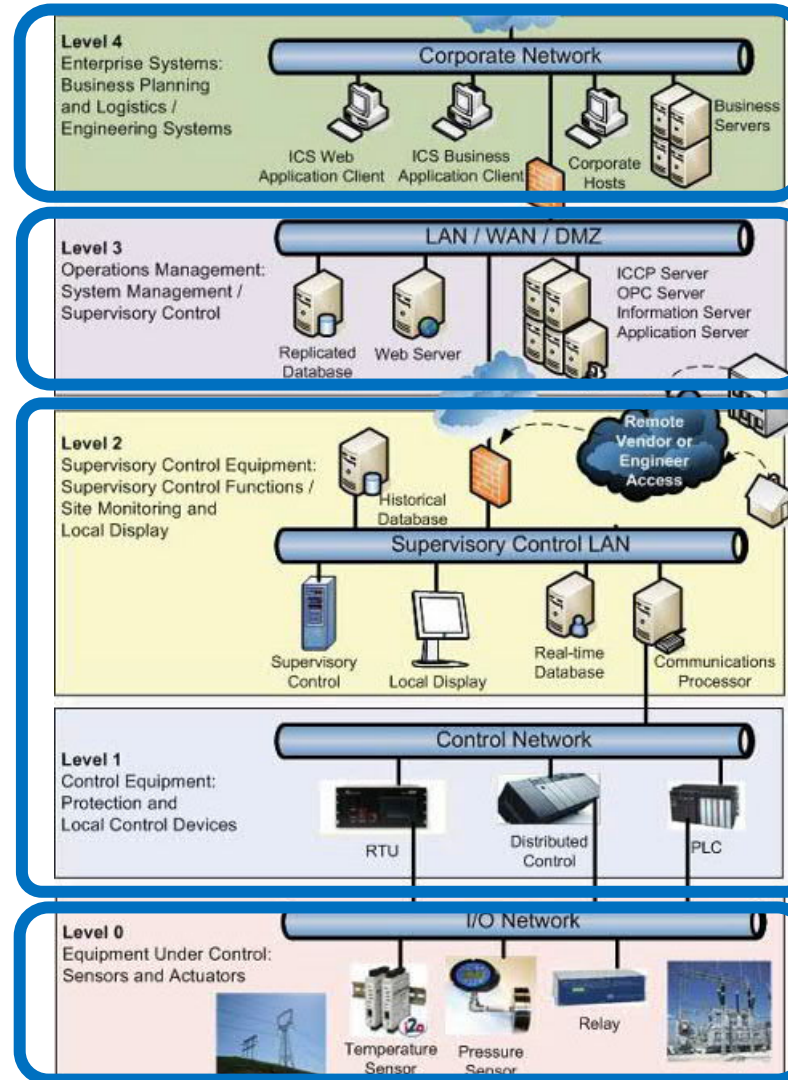


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Purdue network reference architecture

Main security standard:
IEC-62443



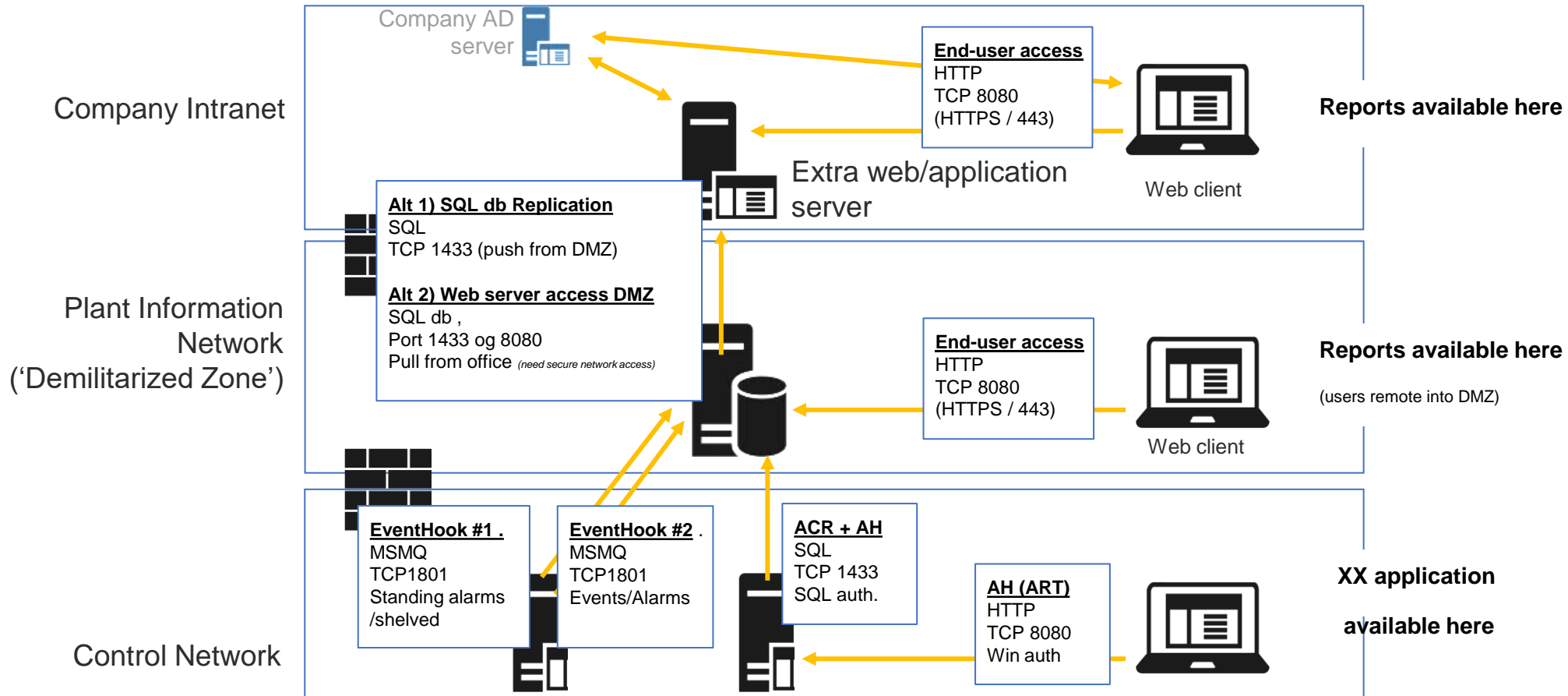
IT network

OT DMZ

OT network

Physical process

Purdue network reference architecture

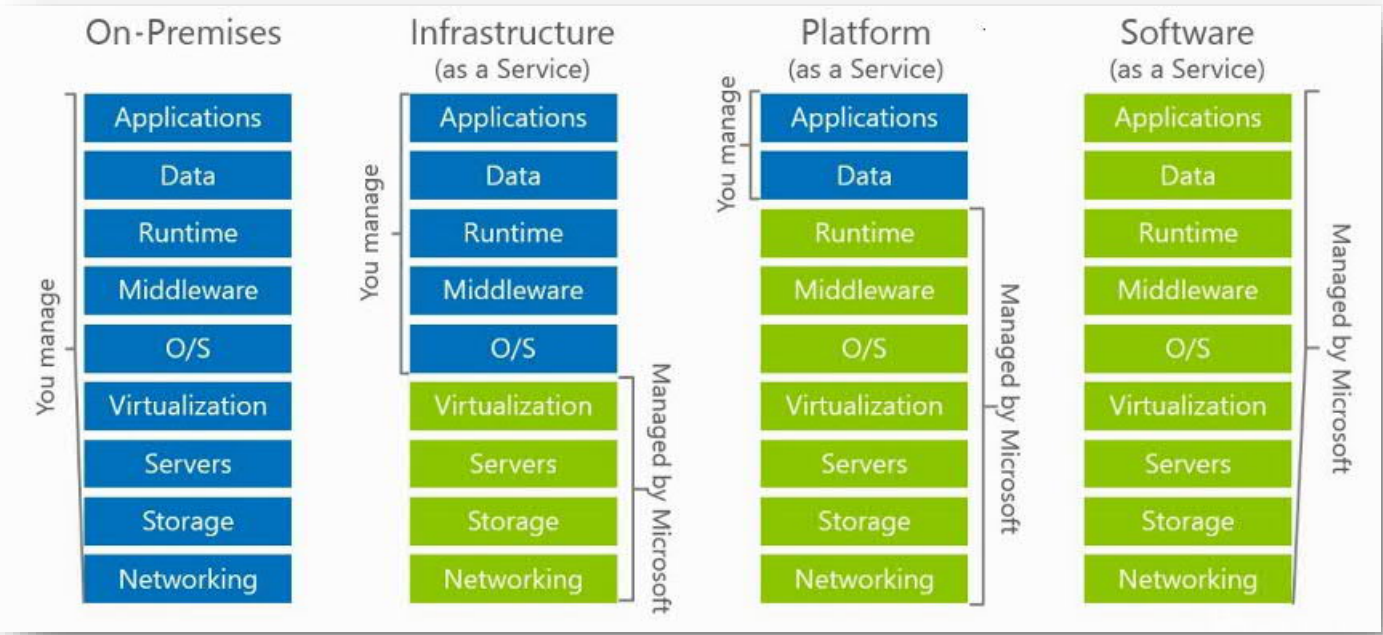
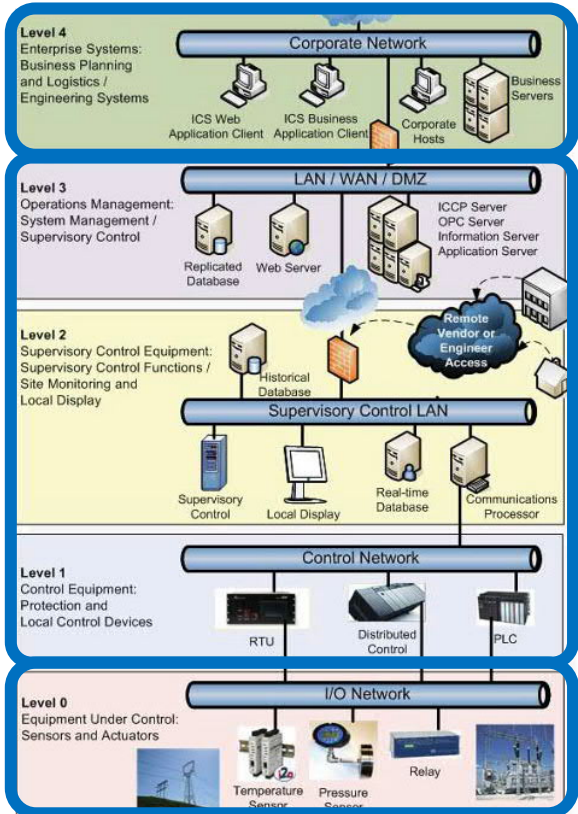


Newly developed applications follow standard layered architecture

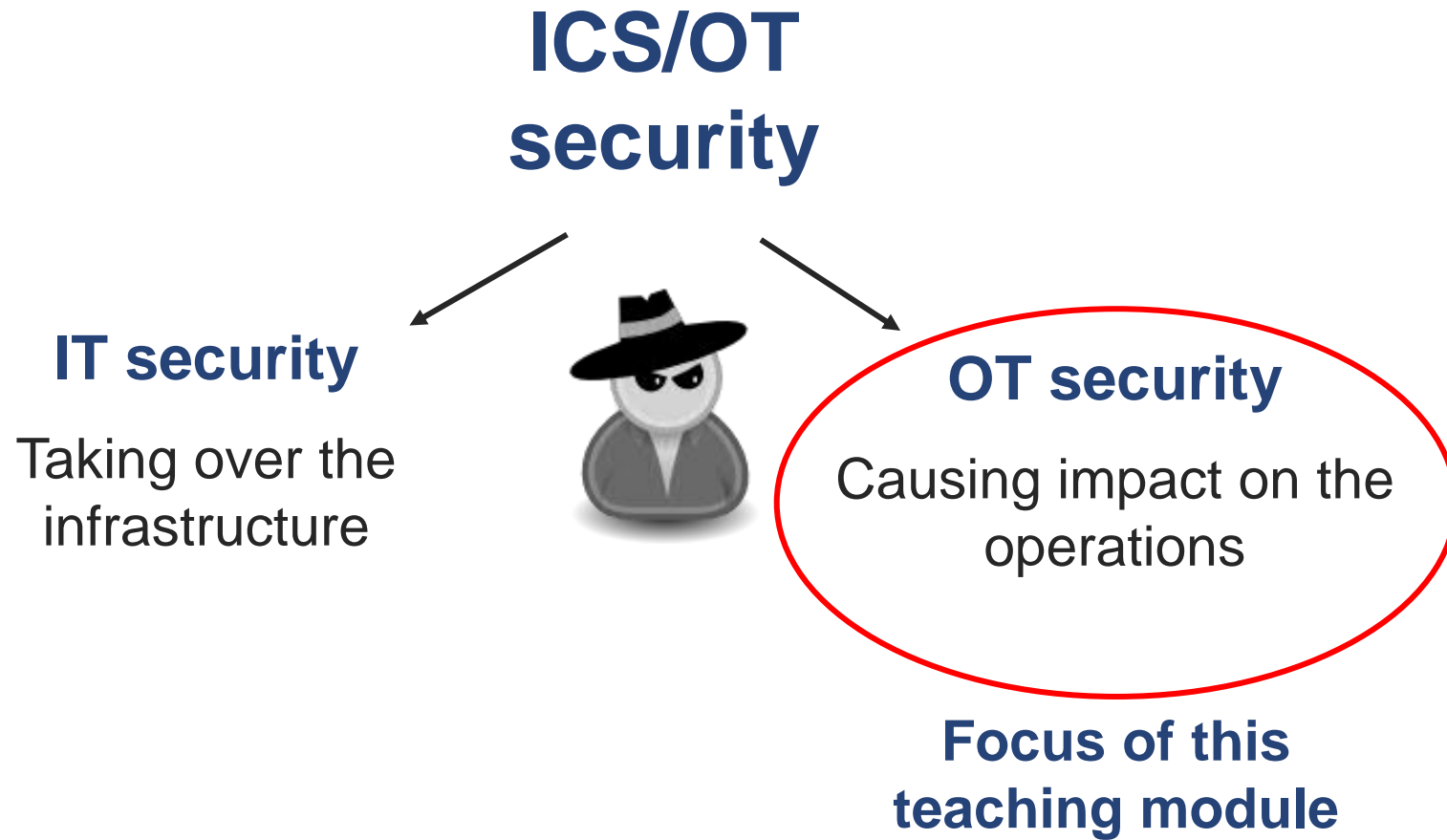
Purdue reference architecture: recent trends



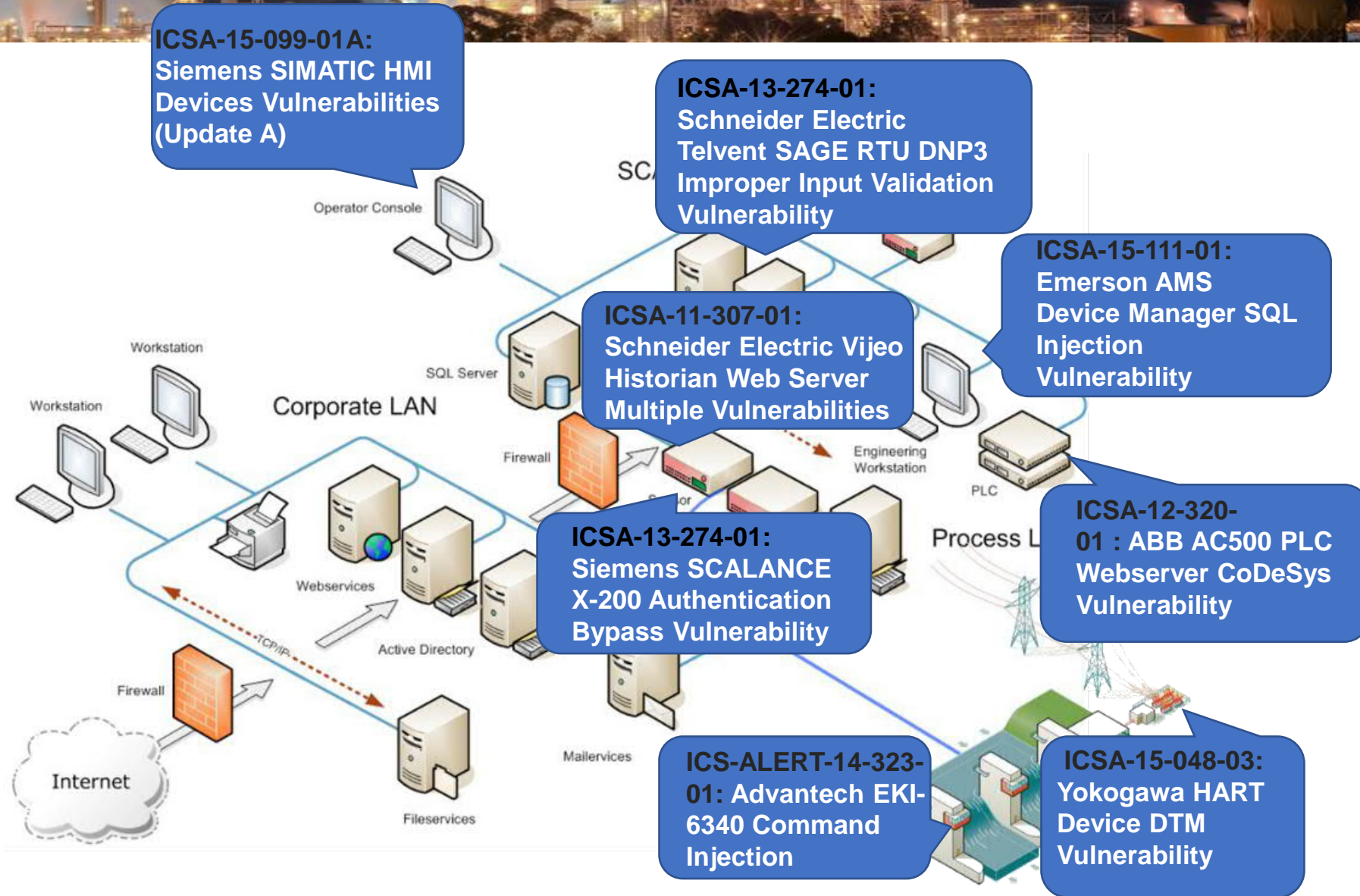
New trend: „Internet of Clouds“



ICS security



Control equipment vulnerabilities



ICS-CERT advisory

ICSA-13-274-01: Siemens SCALANCE X-200 Authentication Bypass Vulnerability

IMPACT

Successful exploitation of this vulnerability **may allow attackers to perform administrative operations** over the network without authentication.

Impact to individual organizations depends on many factors that are unique to each organization. ICS-CERT recommends that organizations evaluate the impact of this vulnerability based on their operational environment, architecture, and product implementation.



Impact evaluation

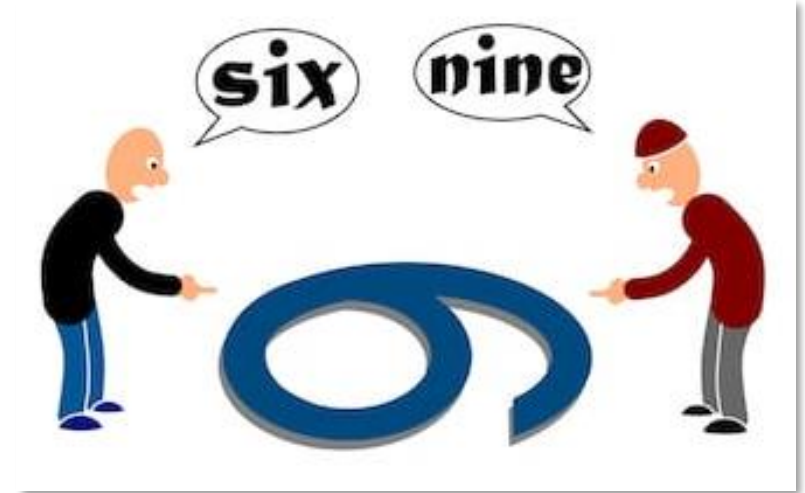
- What exactly the attacker can do with the vulnerability?
- Any further necessary conditions required?
- How severe the potential physical impact?



Answering these questions requires understanding how the attacker interacts with the control system and the process

Two common views on cyber-physical attacks

- “Trivial! Look at the state of ICS security!”
- “Borderline impossible! These processes are extremely complex & engineered for safety!”



Attacks with strategic and long lasting effect

- Attacks with strategic, lasting damage will be process specific & require good process comprehension
- Will require attacker to develop detailed '**damage scenario**'
 - What causes a pipeline to explode?
 - What causes the **right** pipeline to explode?
 - What causes the **right** pipeline to explode at the **right** moment?



Magic “damage” button



(does not exist!)

Recent attack on water treatment utility



Treatment Plant Intrusion Press Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkXDSOgLQ6M>

Feb 15, 2021, 10:21am EST | 4,013 views

Florida Water Plant Hackers Exploited Old Software And Poor Password Habits



Lee Mathews Senior Contributor

Cybersecurity

Observing, pondering, and writing about tech. Generally in that order.

Forbes

Changes done by the attacker were quickly reverted

Similar but less known incident in 2016

Water treatment plant hacked, chemical mix changed for tap supplies

Well, that's just a little scary

John Leyden

Thu 24 Mar 2016 // 12:19 UTC

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Hackers infiltrated a water utility's control system and changed the levels of chemicals being used to treat tap water, we're told.

The cyber-attack is documented in this month's IT security breach report (available [here](#), registration required) from Verizon Security Solutions. The utility in question is referred to using a pseudonym, Kemuri Water Company, and its location is not revealed.

A "hacktivist" group with ties to Syria compromised Kemuri Water Company's computers after exploiting unpatched web vulnerabilities in its internet-facing customer payment portal, it is reported.

During these connections, the threat actors modified application settings with little apparent knowledge of how the flow control system worked. In at least two instances, they managed to manipulate the system to alter the amount of chemicals that went into the water supply and thus handicap water treatment and production capabilities so that the recovery time to replenish water supplies increased. Fortunately, based on alert functionality, KWC was able to quickly identify and reverse the chemical and flow changes, largely minimising the impact on customers. No clear motive for the attack was found.

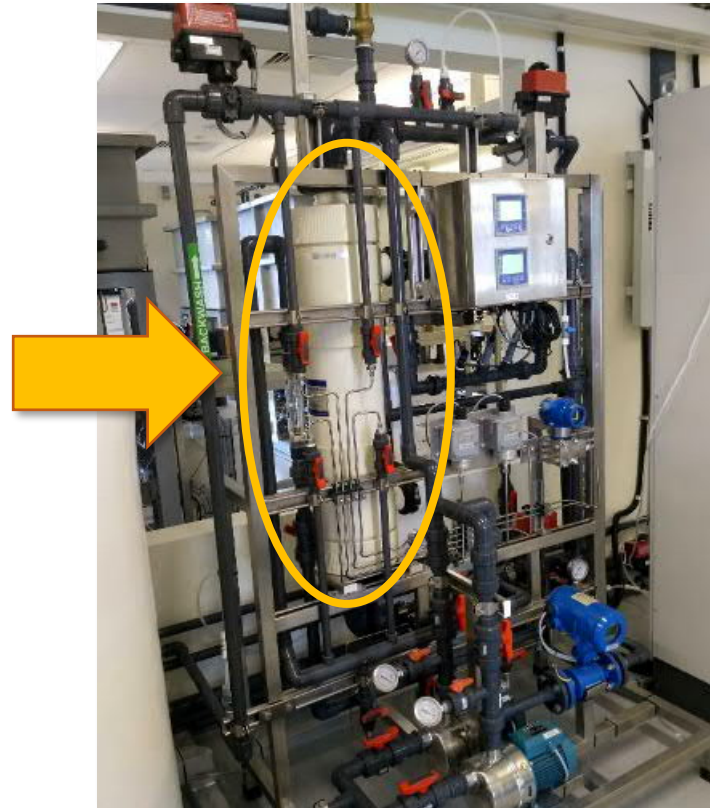
An attacker with an objective beyond simple mayhem will need a strategic damage scenario

Damaging UF filter in water utility

- For prolonged effect target key equipment

Acknowledgement:

iTRUST Research Center,
SUTD, Singapore for kindly
conducting this experiment
on request



Use Case: Killing UF filter in water treatment facility

- Water treatment process consists of multiple stages, including several stages of filtering
 - Water filters are expensive
 - When broken, water supply is interrupted



Damaging UF filter in water utility



Caution

Danger of damage to the UF membrane!
Ingress of oil or grease will damage the UF membrane irreversibly.

Make sure, that no oil or grease gets into the feed water.



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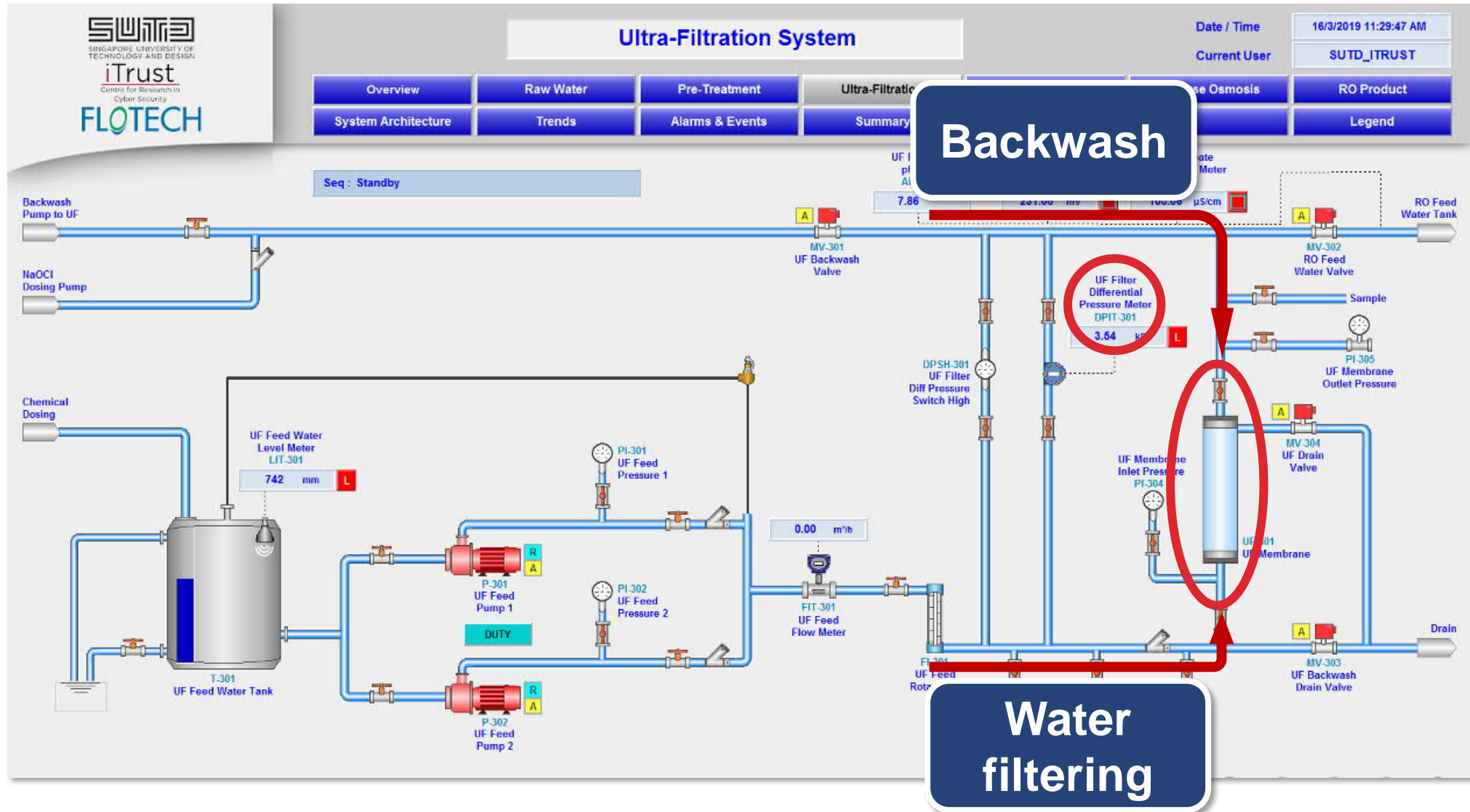
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Pressurising the UF membrane with more than 2 bar will damage it irreversibly.

Make sure, that a maximum of 2 bar at the outlet of the non-return valve is not exceeded. Use a pressure regulator.

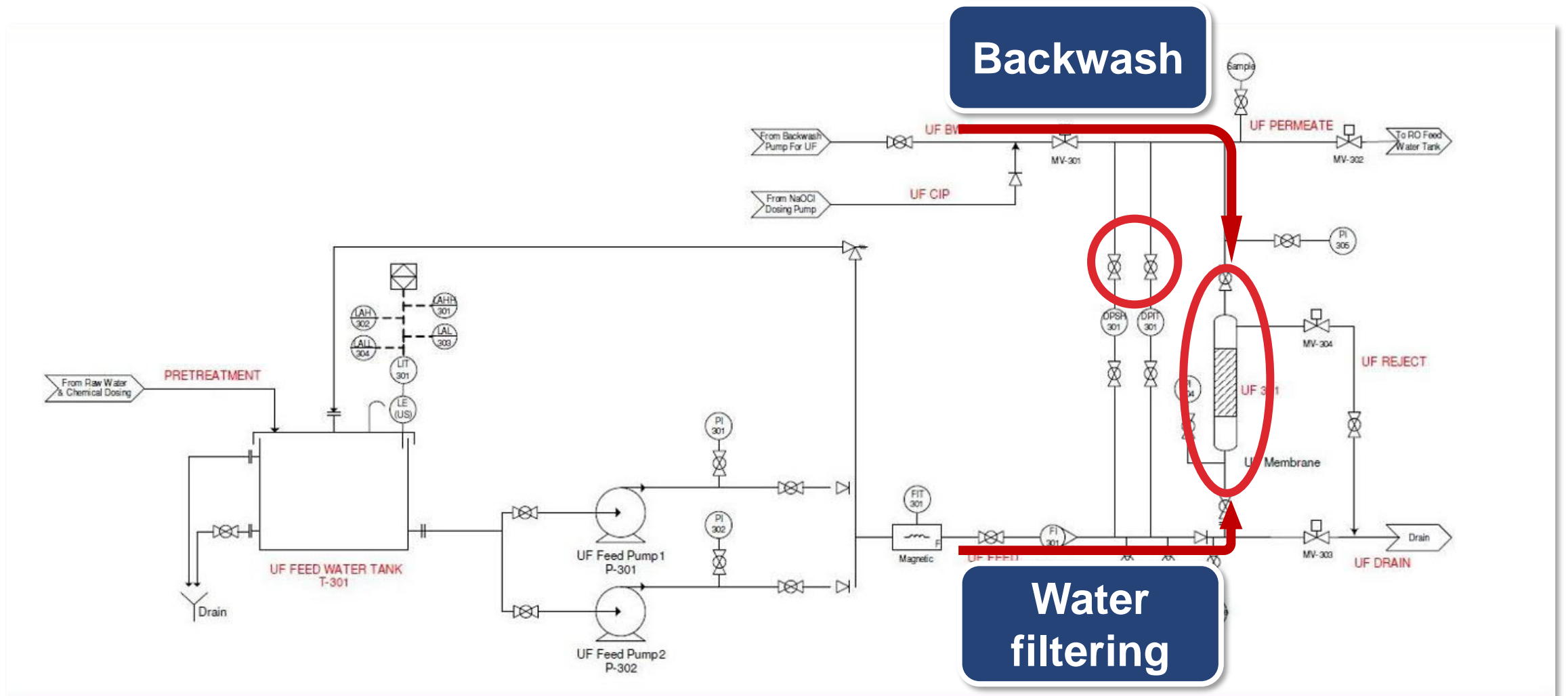


Extended peak-load operation of the system can lead to damage or destruction of the ultrafiltration membranes.

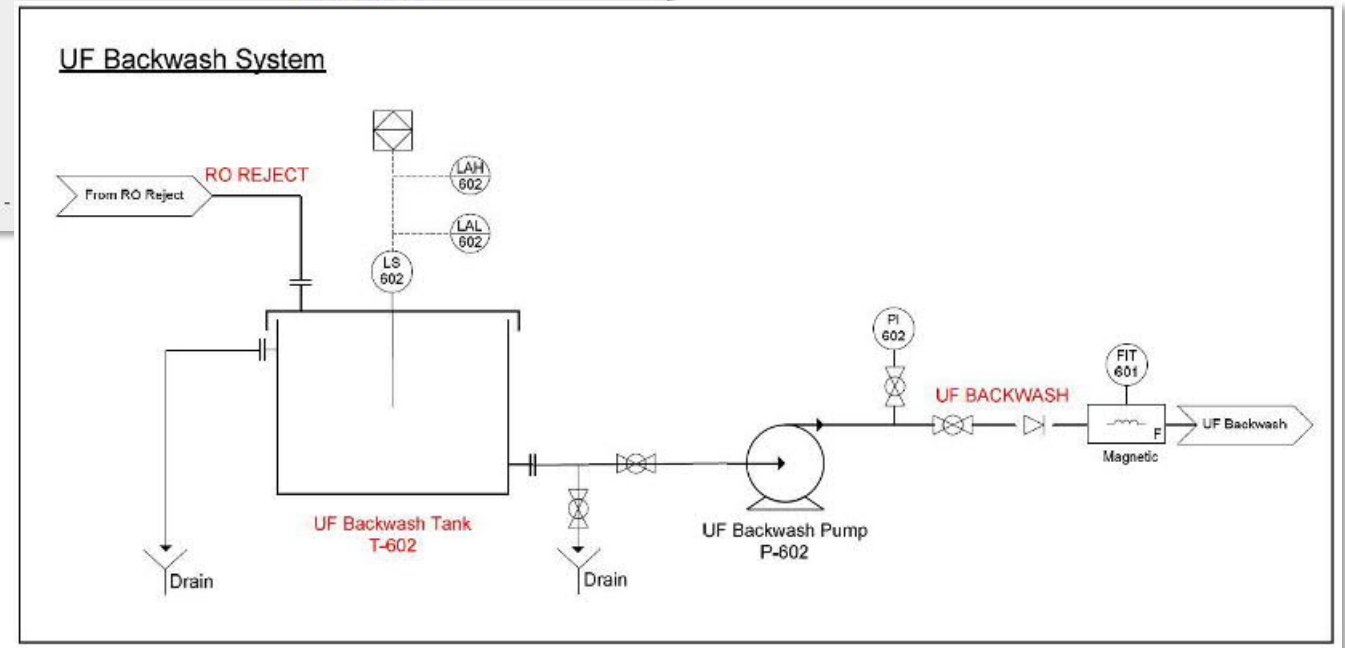
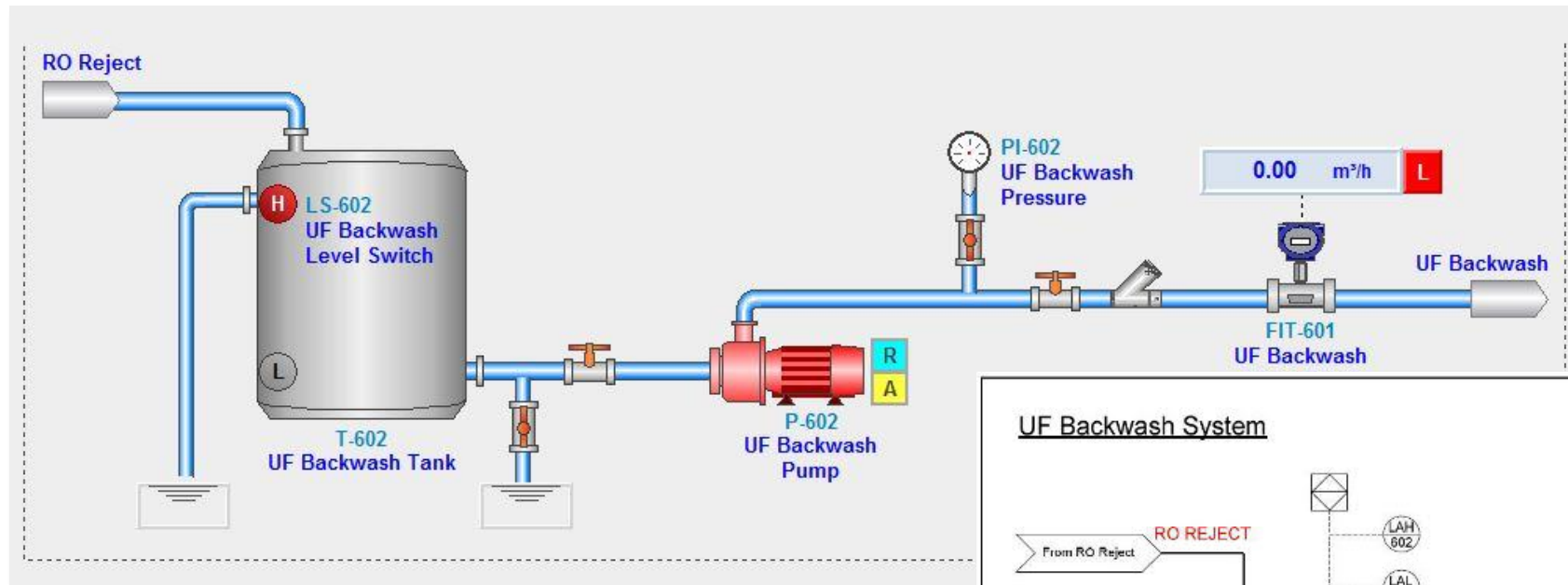
UF filtering: HMI screen



UF filtering: PI&D diagram



UF backwash: HMI & PI&D diagram



How to pull off the attack??



- There are three conditions which can trigger backwash process, each **guided by a state machine in a PLC (controller)**:
 - Preset timer (every 30 minutes)
 - UF filter differential pressure (DP) ≥ 40 kPa
 - Plant shutdown

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<https://www.plc-city.com/shop/en/allen-bradley-controllogix-chassis/rockwell-1756-a4-nfs.html>

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  _MV304_AutoInp      :=0;
  _P_UF_FEED_DUTY_AutoInp :=1;
  _P602_AutoInp       :=0;
  _P_NAOCL_UF_DUTY_AutoInp:=0;

  HMI_UF_REFILL_SEC    :=0;

  HMI_BACKWASH_SEC     :=0;
  HMI_CIP_CLEANING_SEC :=0;
  HMI_DRAIN_SEC        :=0;
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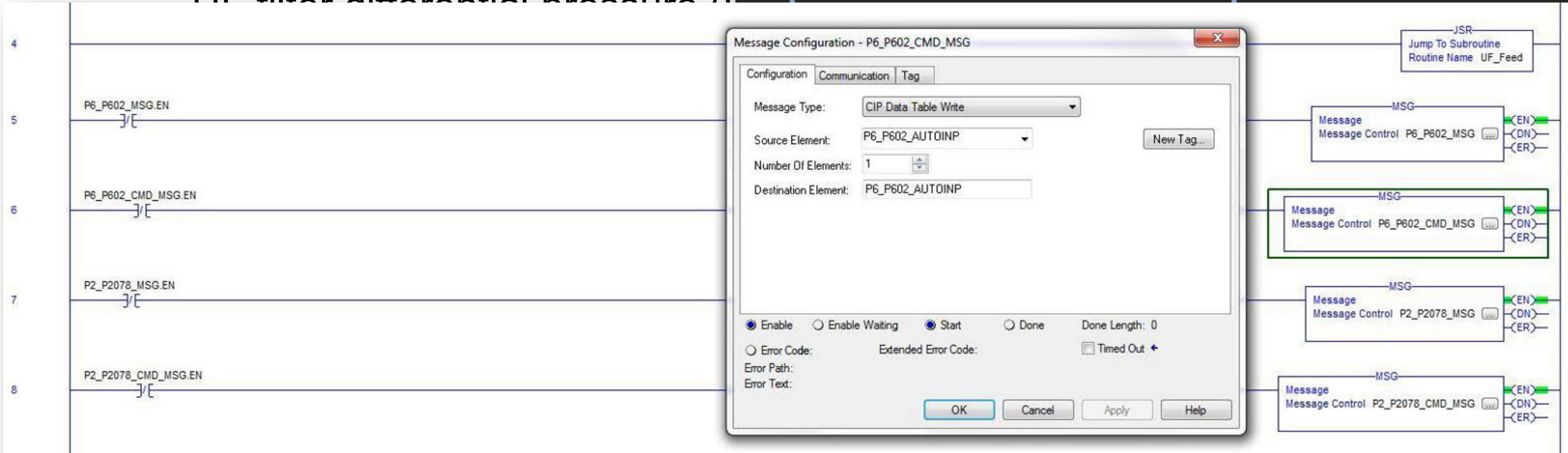
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  IF HMI_TMP_HIGH THEN
    HMI_P3_STATE :=8;
  ELSE
    IF _MIN_P THEN
      HMI_UF_FILTRATION_MIN := HMI_UF_FILTRATION_MIN+1;
    END_IF;
  END_IF;
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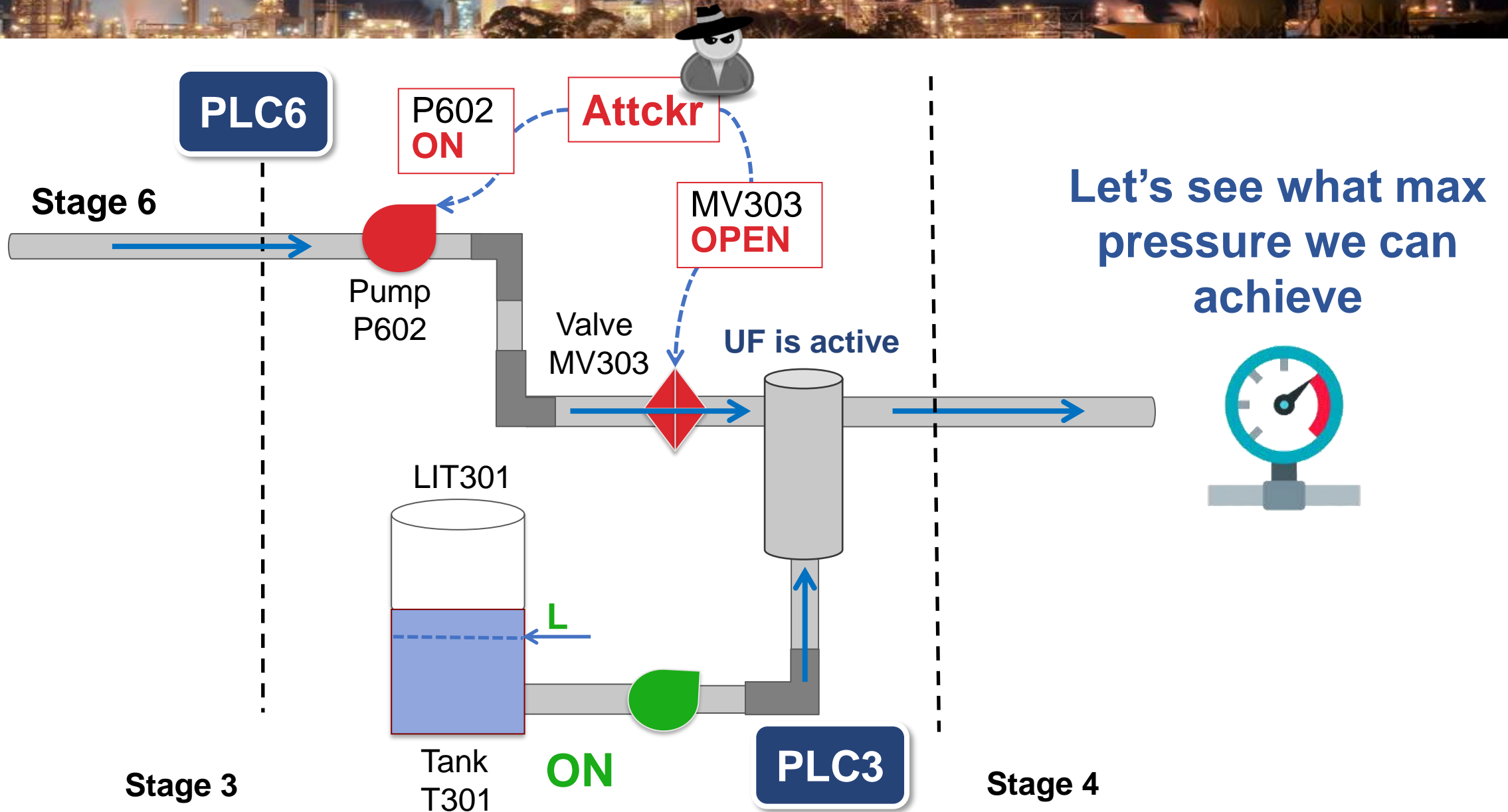
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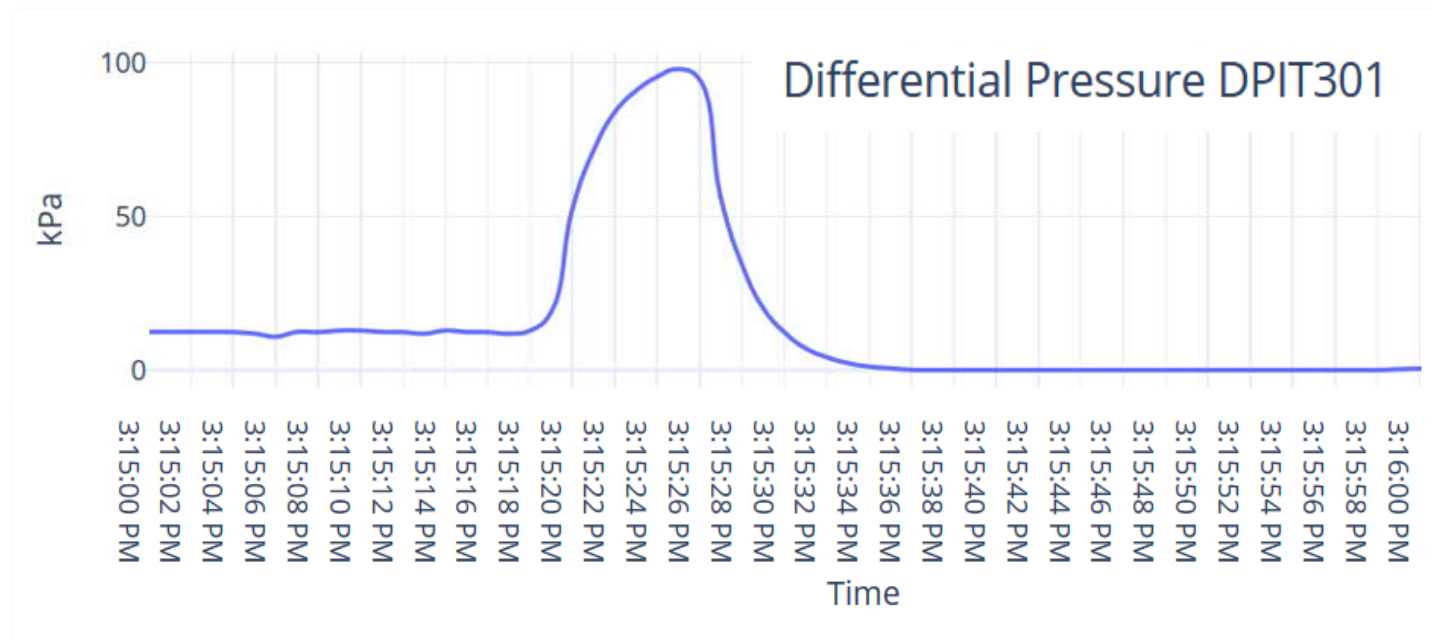


Execution of cyber attack

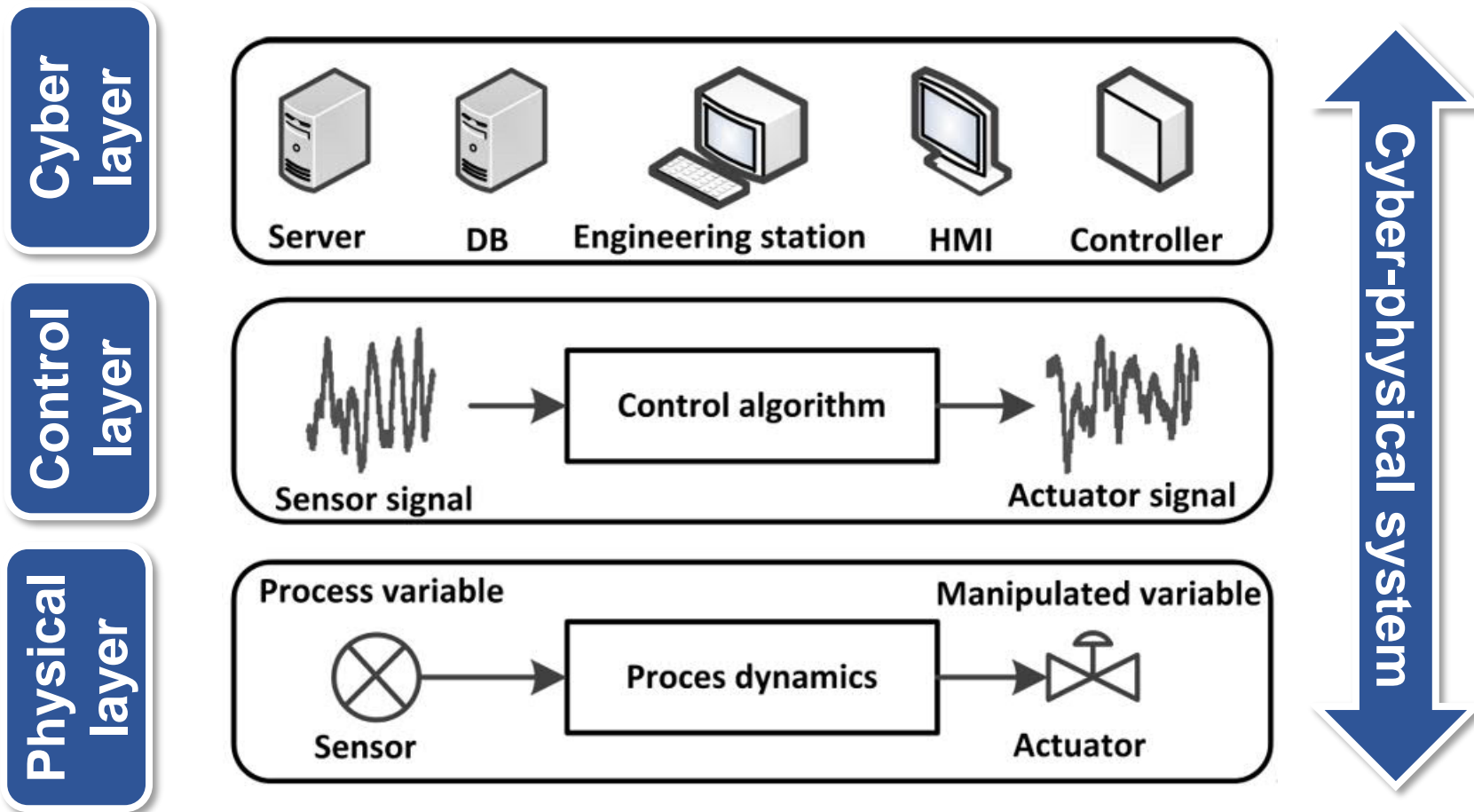


Surge attack on UF filter

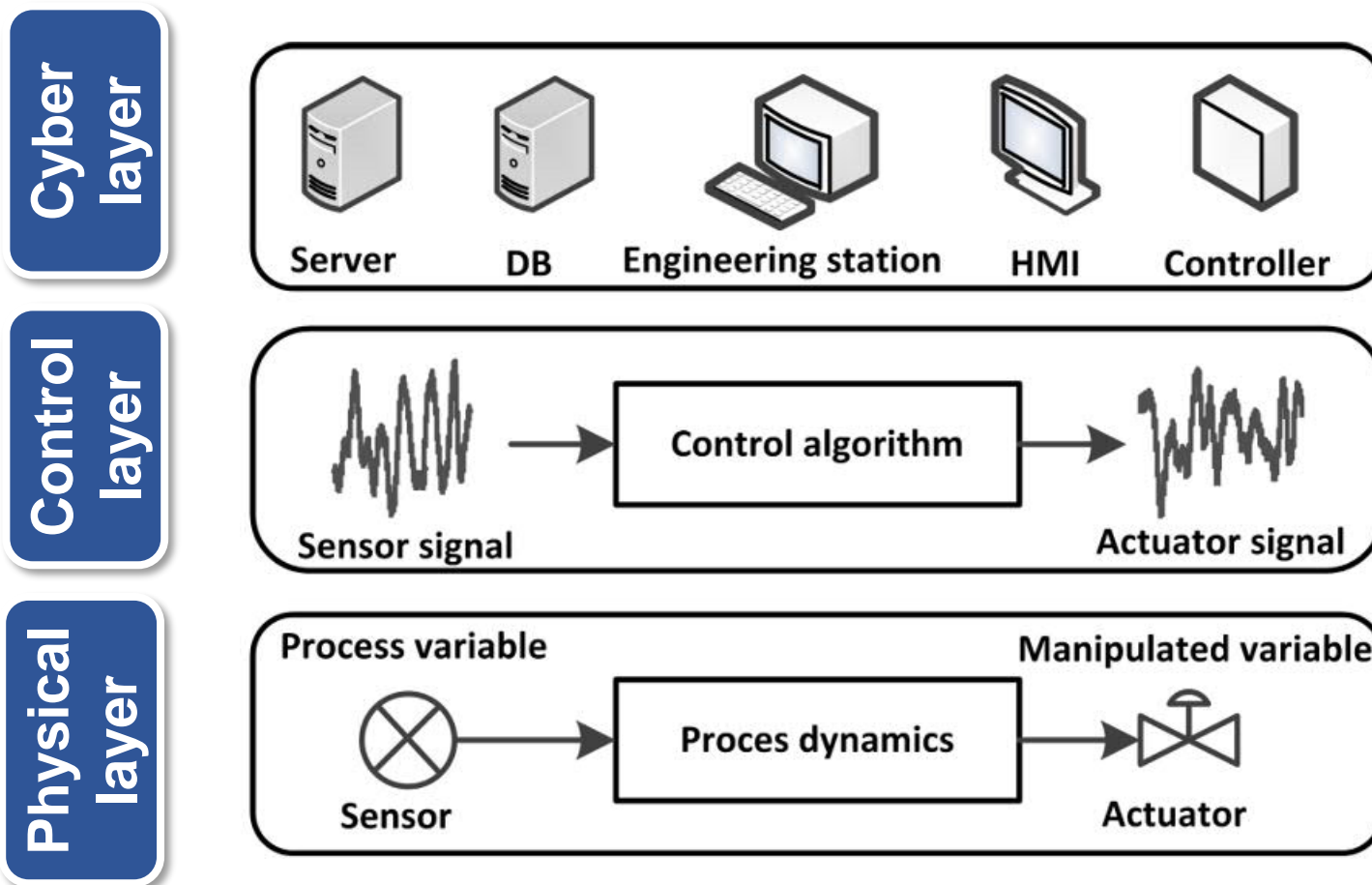
- Average UF filter DP is \approx 12-13 kPa
- Max DP is **98 kPa (~ 1 bar)**
- Not enough for breakage.....
- Such information can only be figured out on a live process



Layers of cyber-physical system



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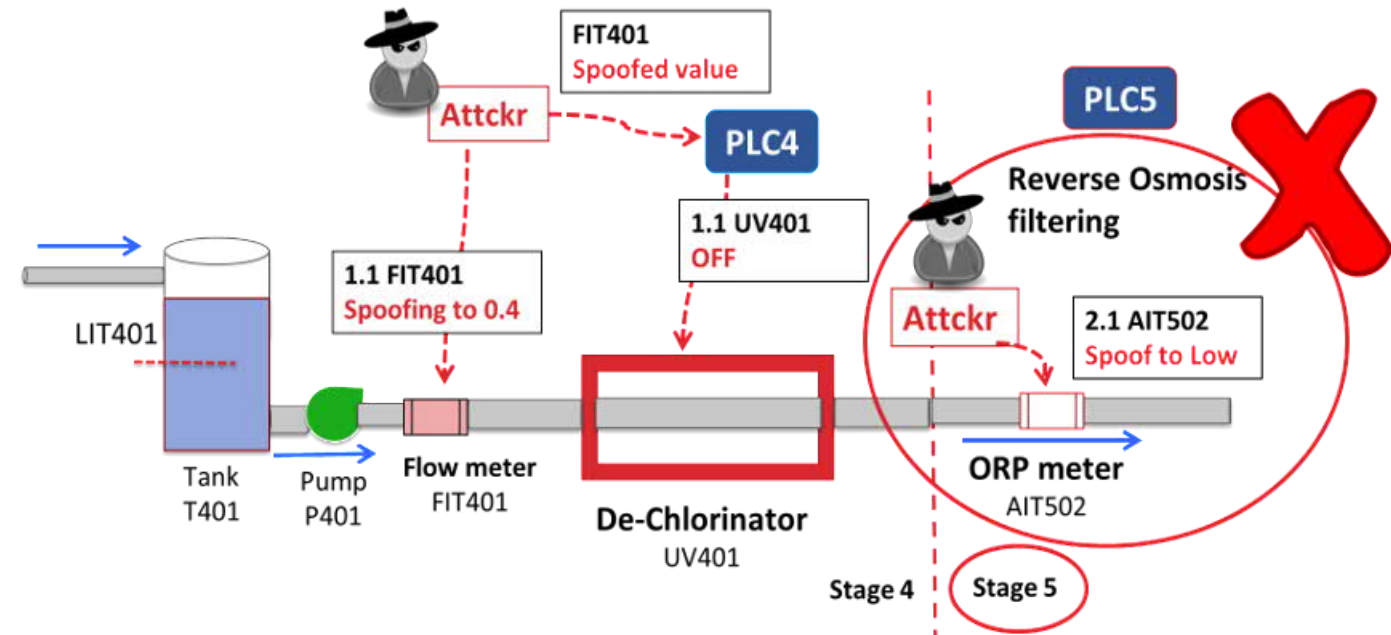


Attack planning starts here



Attack Design != Attack success

- **The attacker is not almighty**
- Successful implementation of damage scenario & its cyber execution will not necessarily result in successful attack
- Many targeted damage attacks require prolonged access to the process and equipment
 - **Limit/eliminate such option for the attacker**
- Cat & Mouse game: Myself and co-researchers recently came up with targeted automated payloads for ICS



PCaaD: Towards Automated Determination and Exploitation of Industrial Processes

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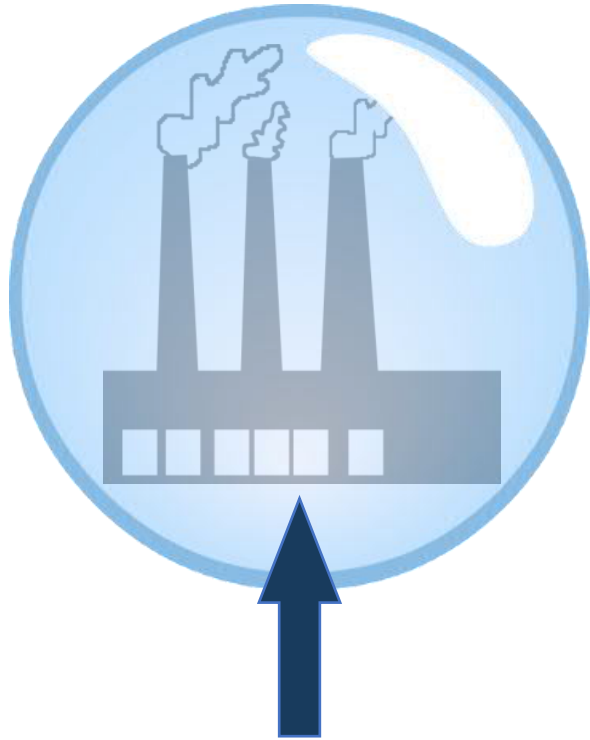
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Race-to-the-Bottom in ICS

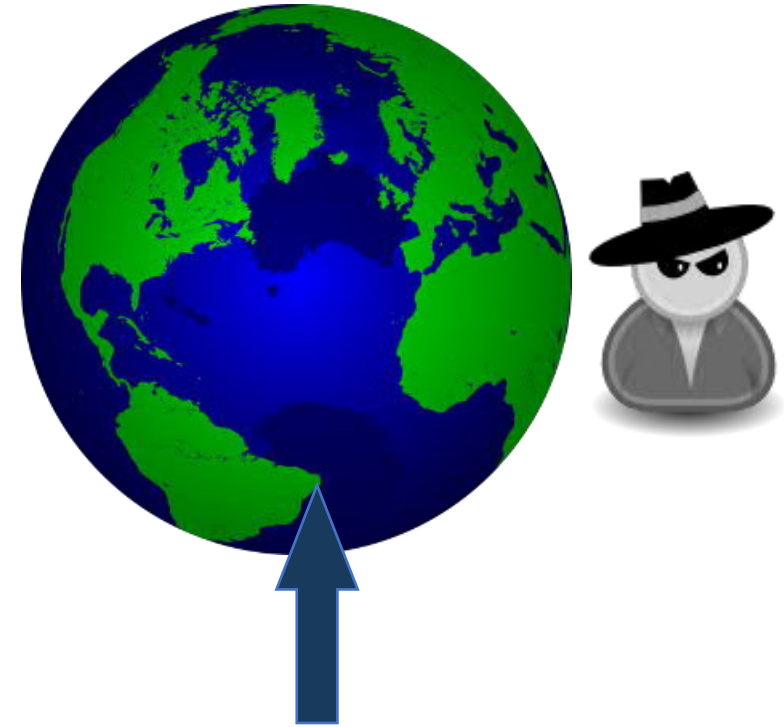
**RACE TO THE
BOTTOM**



ICS landscape has changed



**Nobody even
knows about our
existence**



**Crazy amount of hacking
on a daily basis**

Brief history of ICS attacks

Reconnaissance and weaponization of capabilities

It's happening: Publicly known cyber-physical attacks



1999

First active recon & initial intrusion attempts

Successful cyber-physical experiments

2010

Planned operation to hinder Iran's nuclear program (Stuxnet)



<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/71/066-0302037202-64448127-20ca>

2013

First publicly known OT recon activities (HAVEX)

2015

Ukraine power grid attack (BlackEnergy)



<https://www.burkeoaksecurity.com/w/ukraine-power-grid-attack-8279>

2016

Ukraine power grid attack (Industroyer)

2017

TRITON



<https://www.schneider-electric.com/w/en/Images/triton-IC-654x654.jpg>

TRITON in the news

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

TECH

New Type of Cyberattack Targets Factory Safety Systems

Malicious software Triton was able to manipulate Schneider Electric devices' memory and run unauthorized programs by leveraging a previously unknown bug

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Industrial safety systems targeted by Triton malware meant to cause 'physical consequences': Reports

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UNPRECEDENTED MALWARE TARGETS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SYSTEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Hackers use Triton malware to shut down plant, industrial systems

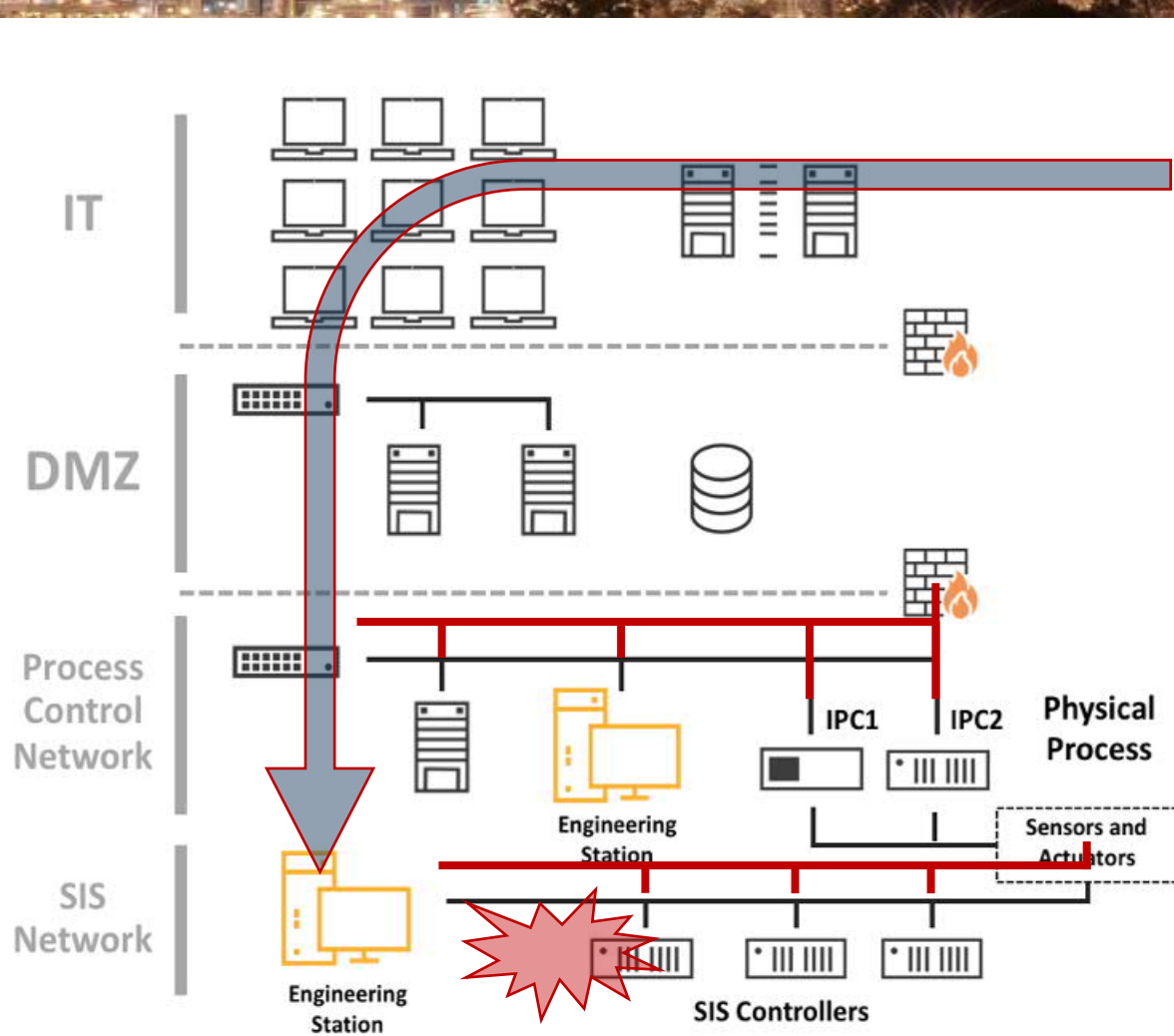
The malware has been designed to target industrial systems and critical infrastructure.



By Charlie Osborne for Zero Day | December 15, 2017 -- 09:54 GMT (01:54 PST) | Topic: Security

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TRITON incident description



Attacker obtained **remote access** to SIS communication network

Dual-homed SIS Eng. Workstation

TRITON implant capability

- Attacker attempted to inject passive implant into safety controller
 - Runs as user program on controller, activated by special network packet
 - Read / Write / Execute memory



trilog.exe

- script_test.py
- library.zip
- inject.bin
- imain.bin

TriStation protocol

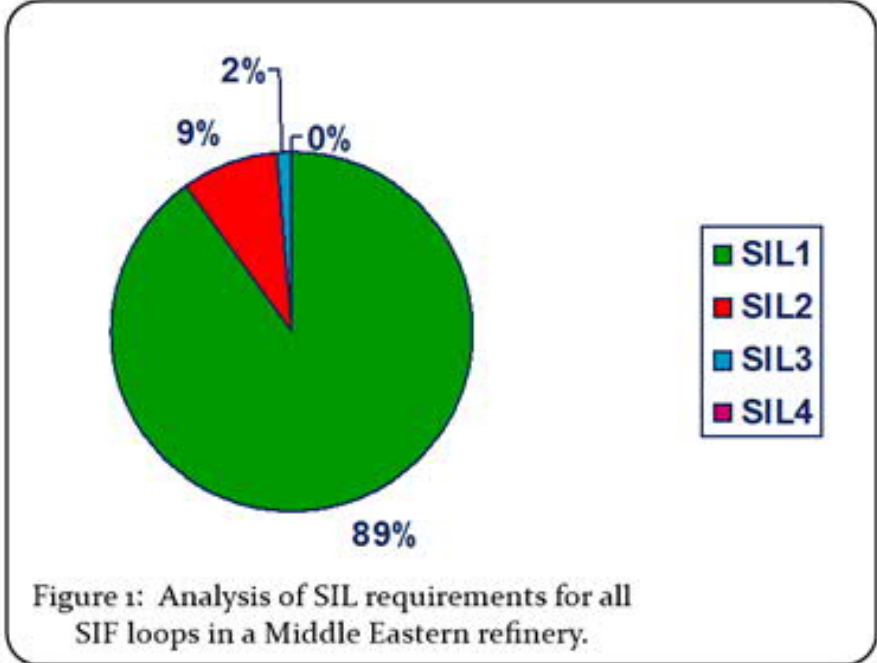
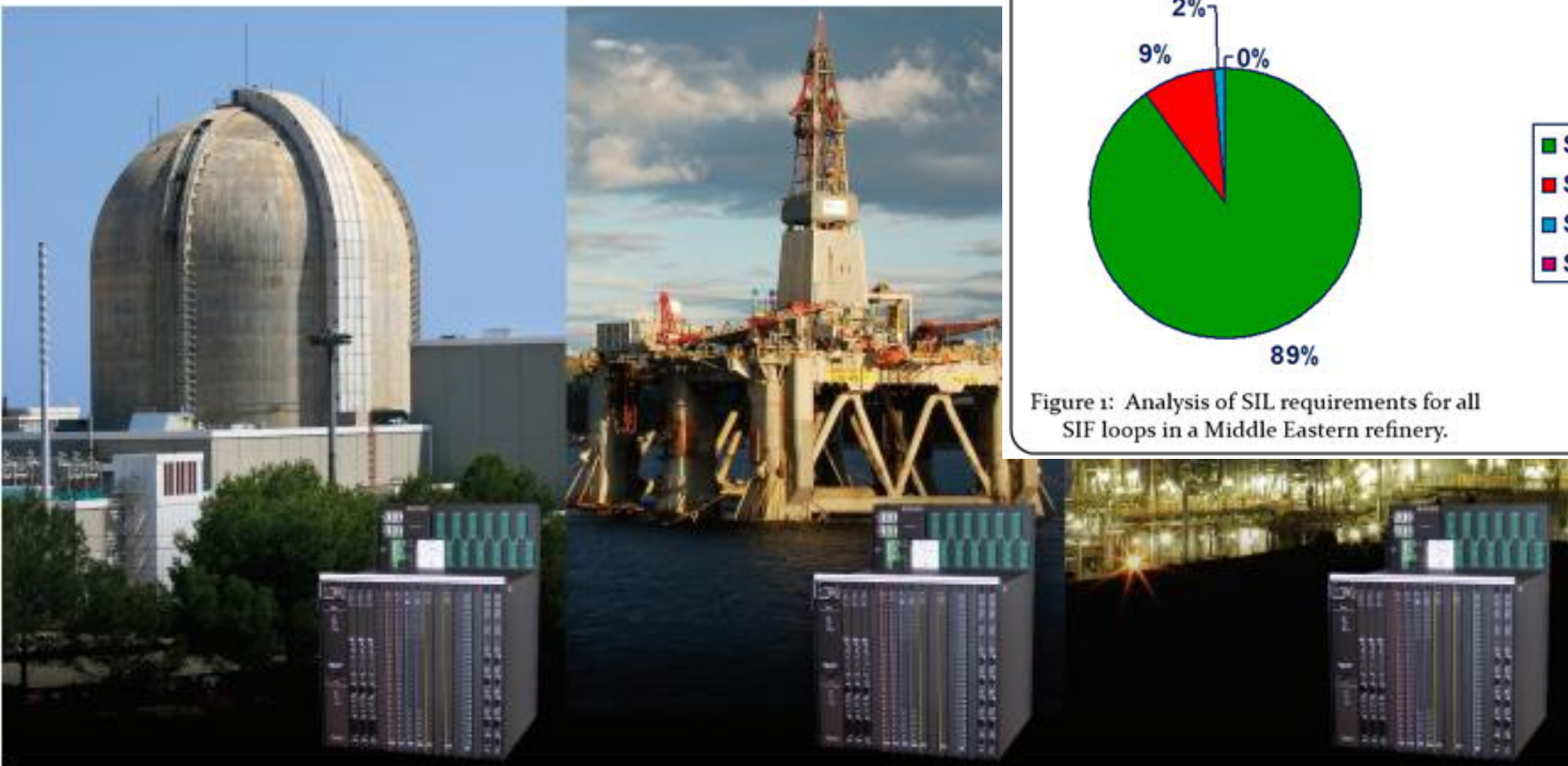
imain.bin + inject.bin

“Your wish is my command”

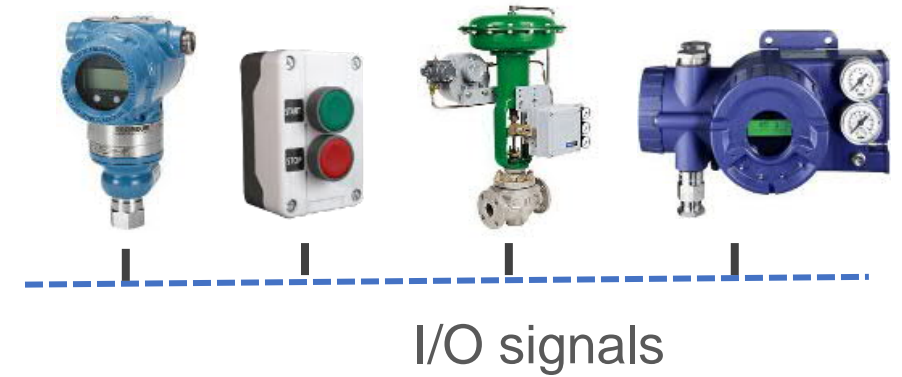
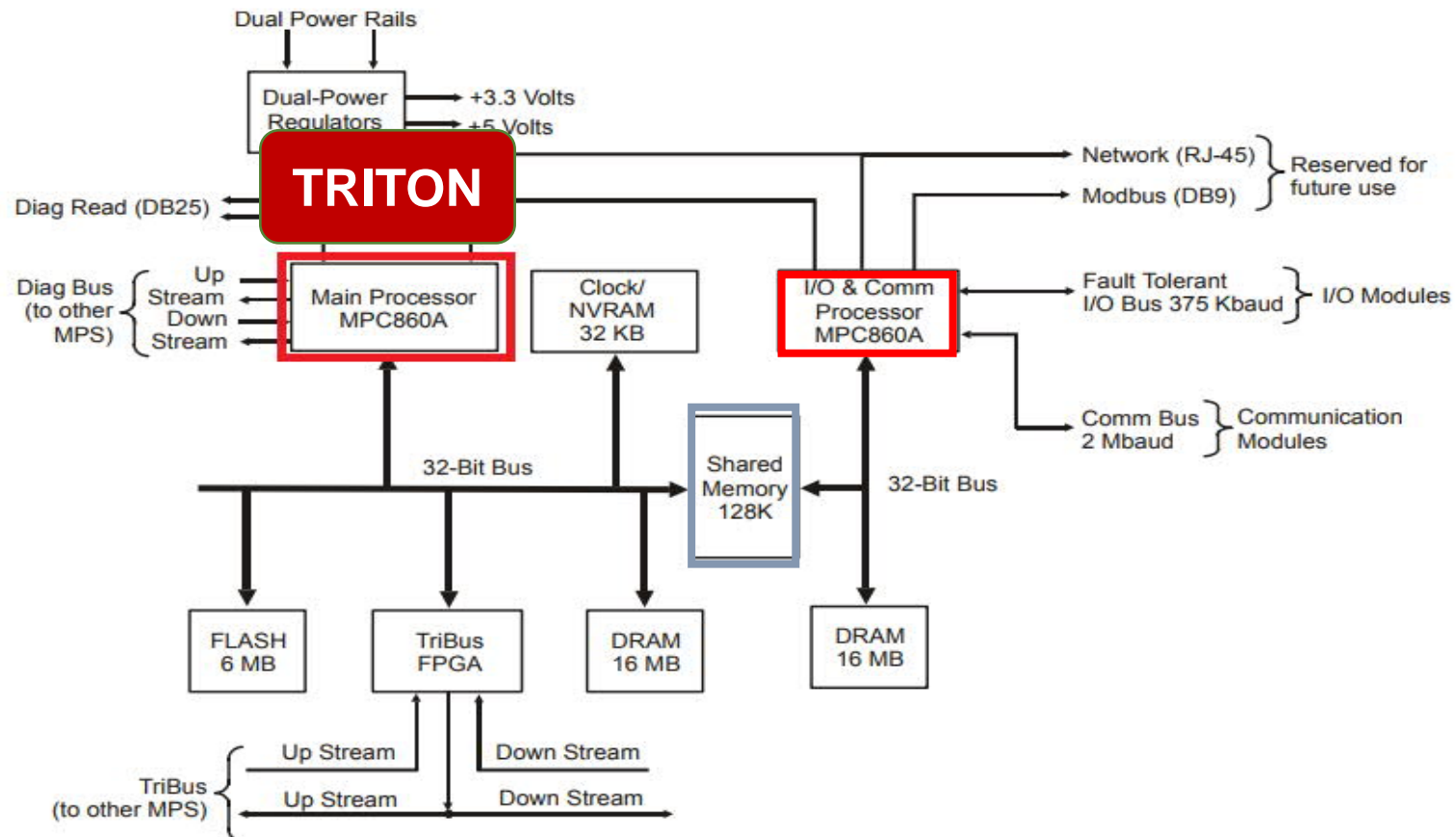


Triconex safety controller

TRICONEX: Safety Integrity Level (SIL3)



TRITON worst case scenario



Architecture of model 3008 Main Processor

Race-to-the-Bottom in ICS

