GIAN Short course

Cyber-Physical Security for the Smart Grid

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Course Agenda

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Day 02	• Module 2: Risk Assessment and Mitigation & • Overview of Indian Power Grid
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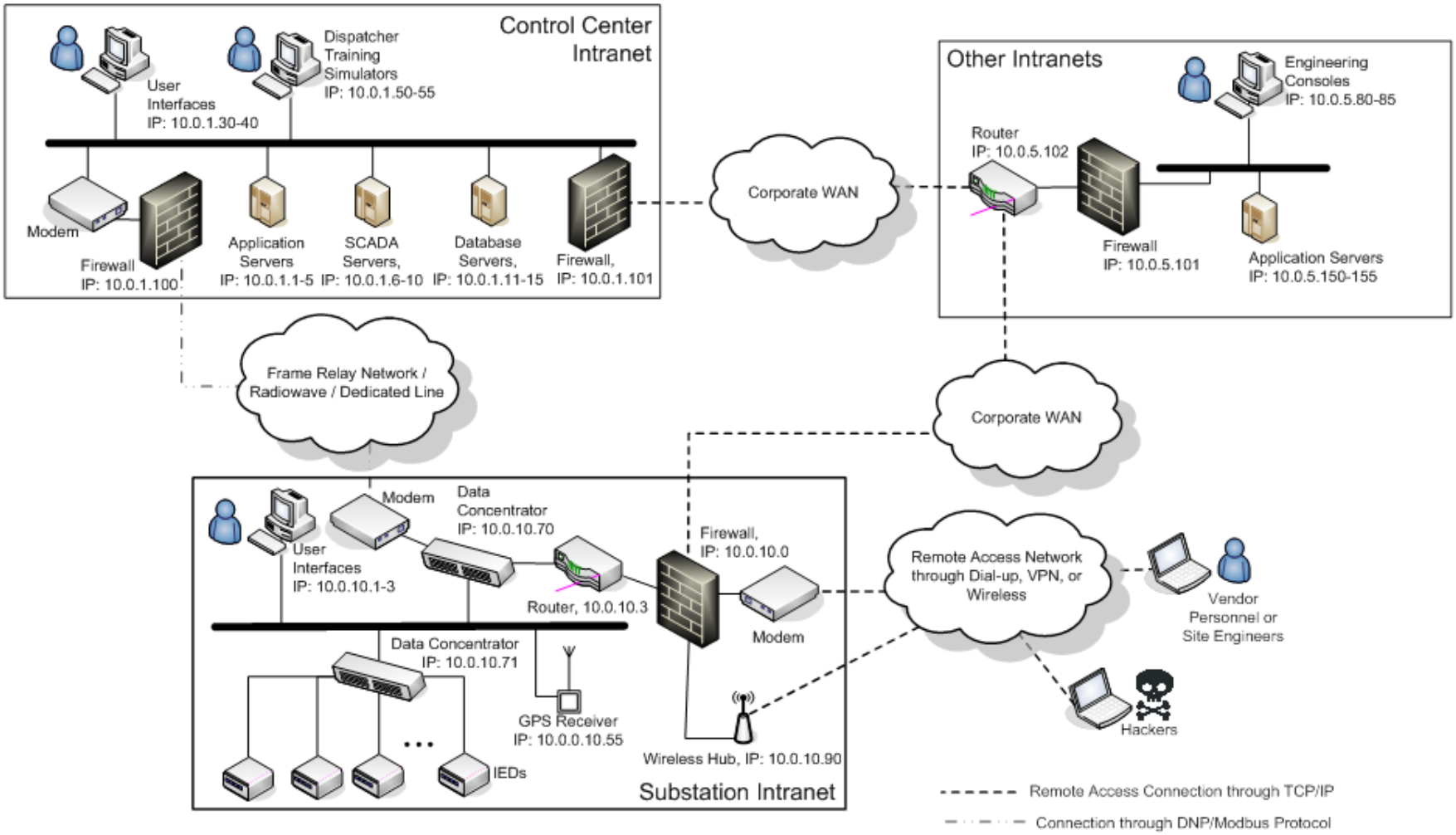
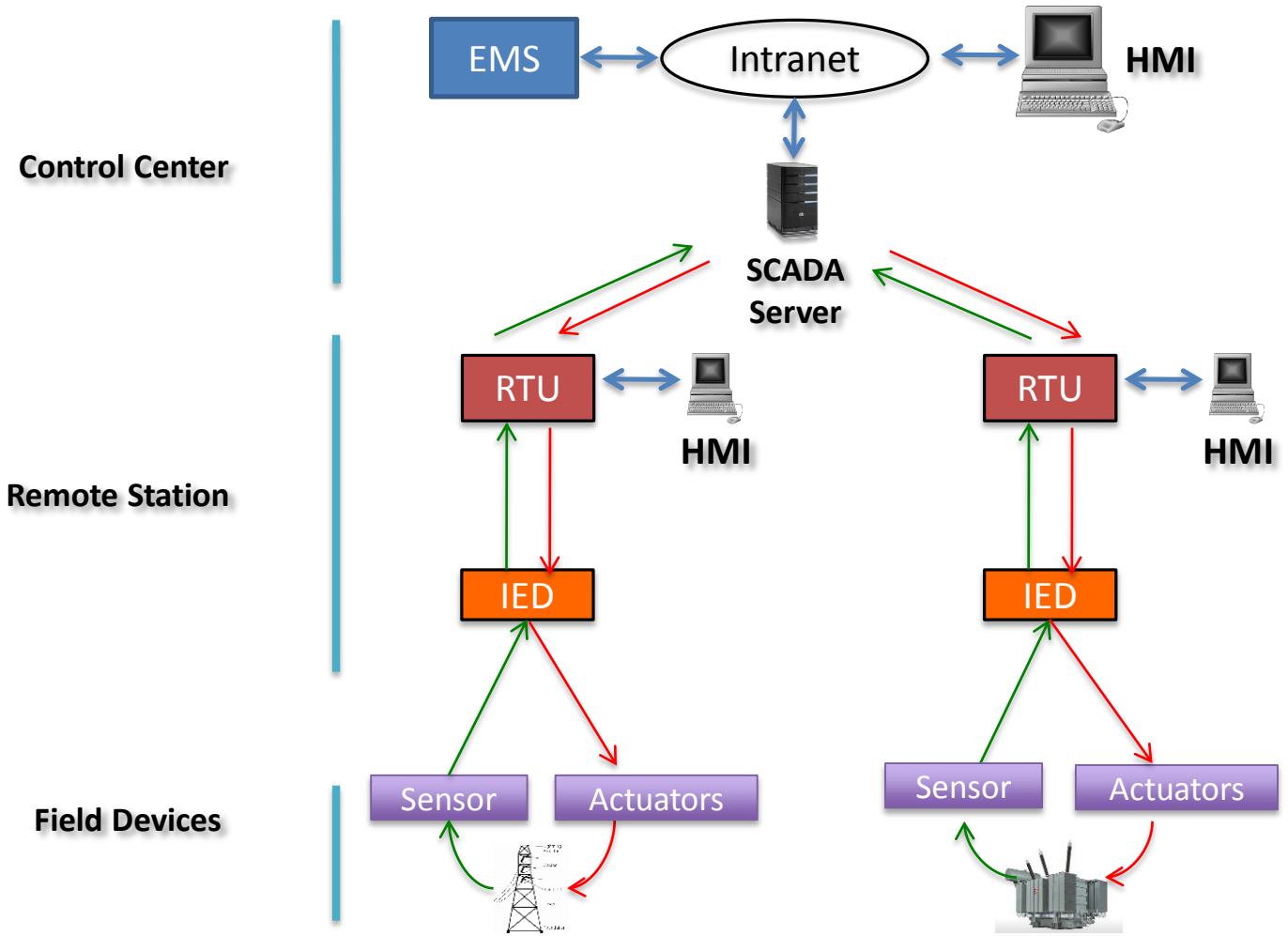
Outline of **Module 6**

- Testbed Concepts & Architecture
- Case Study – Iowa State's *PoweCyber Security*
- *Case Study* – IIT Bombay's *WAMS Testbed (Demo)*
- Testbed R&D needs
- Testbed Demos

SCADA Control Network – A schematic



SCADA Operation



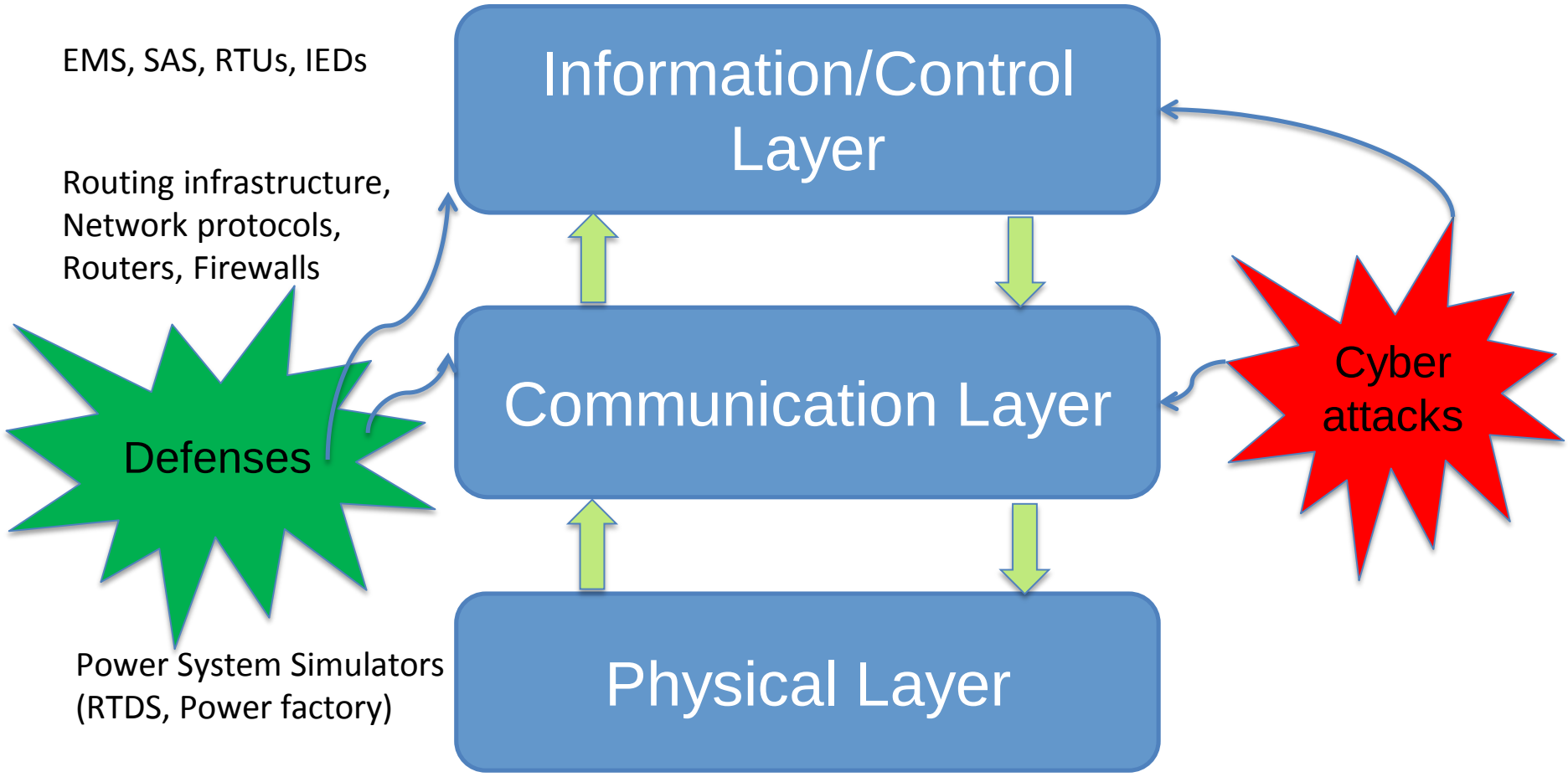
Testbed Definition

- "A **testbed** is a platform for conducting rigorous, transparent, and replicable testing of scientific theories, computational tools, and new technologies." - Wikipedia

Motivation for Testbeds

- Realistic platform for model validation
  - Power system dynamics
  - Communication system dynamics
  - Control applications
- Realistic platform for experimental evaluation
  - Cyber-Control-Physical interactions
  - Evaluation of CPS architectures, models, and algorithms
  - Design, build, test, evaluate and deploy
- Accelerate Innovation
  - Realism, Fidelity, Programmability, Repeatability, Resource sharing
- Bridge Theory and Practice
- Pathway from Academic Research to Industry Practice

CPS Security Testbed – A Conceptual View

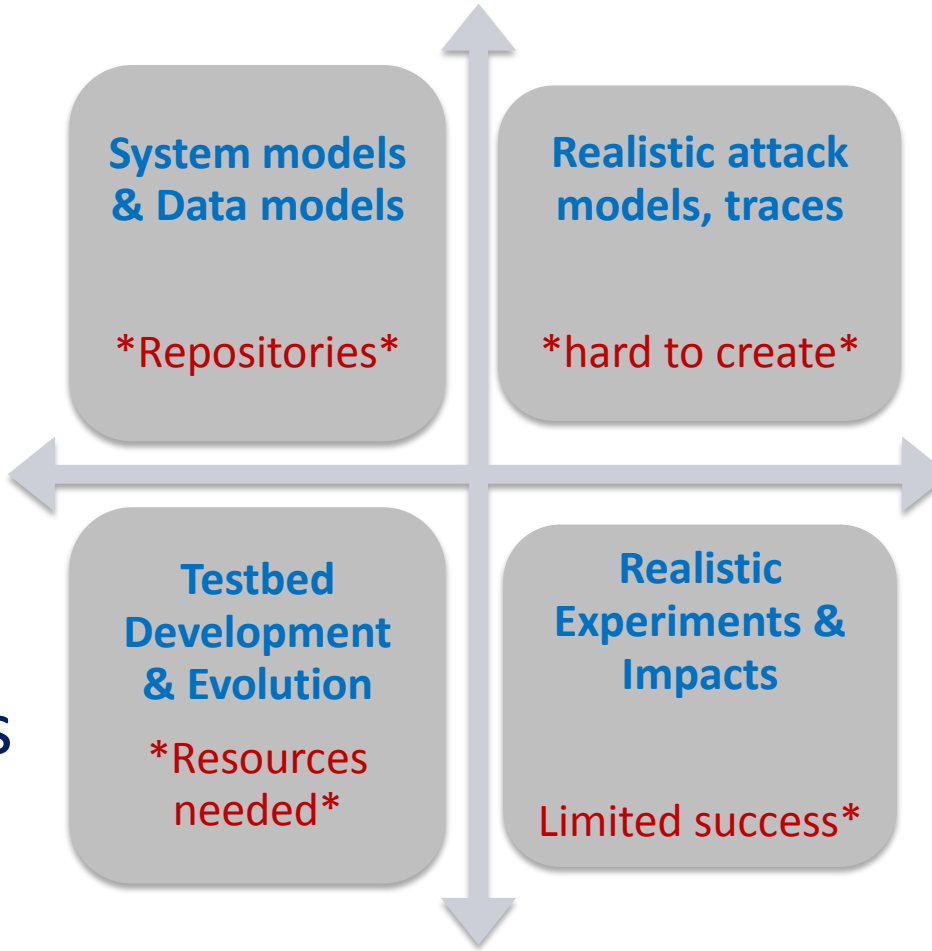


Science of Experimentation

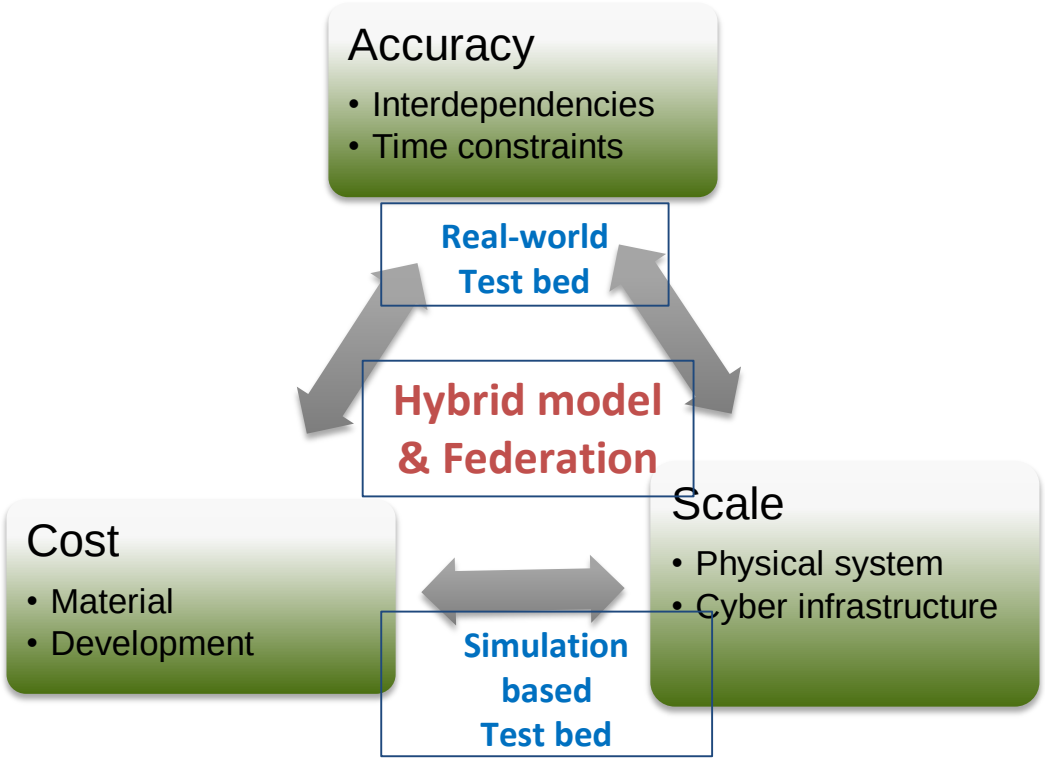
- Time Sync – cyber and physical worlds
- Virtual time or Real-time?
- Fidelity – what level?
- Abstractions & Modularity – right level?
- Scalability – both cyber and physical
- Representativeness – how realistic?
- Repeatability & reproducibility of results

Engineering the Testbed

- Cyber-Physical integration
- Re-configurability
- Interoperability
- Federation
- Standard models, datasets
- Open, Remote access?



Testbeds & Design Tradeoffs



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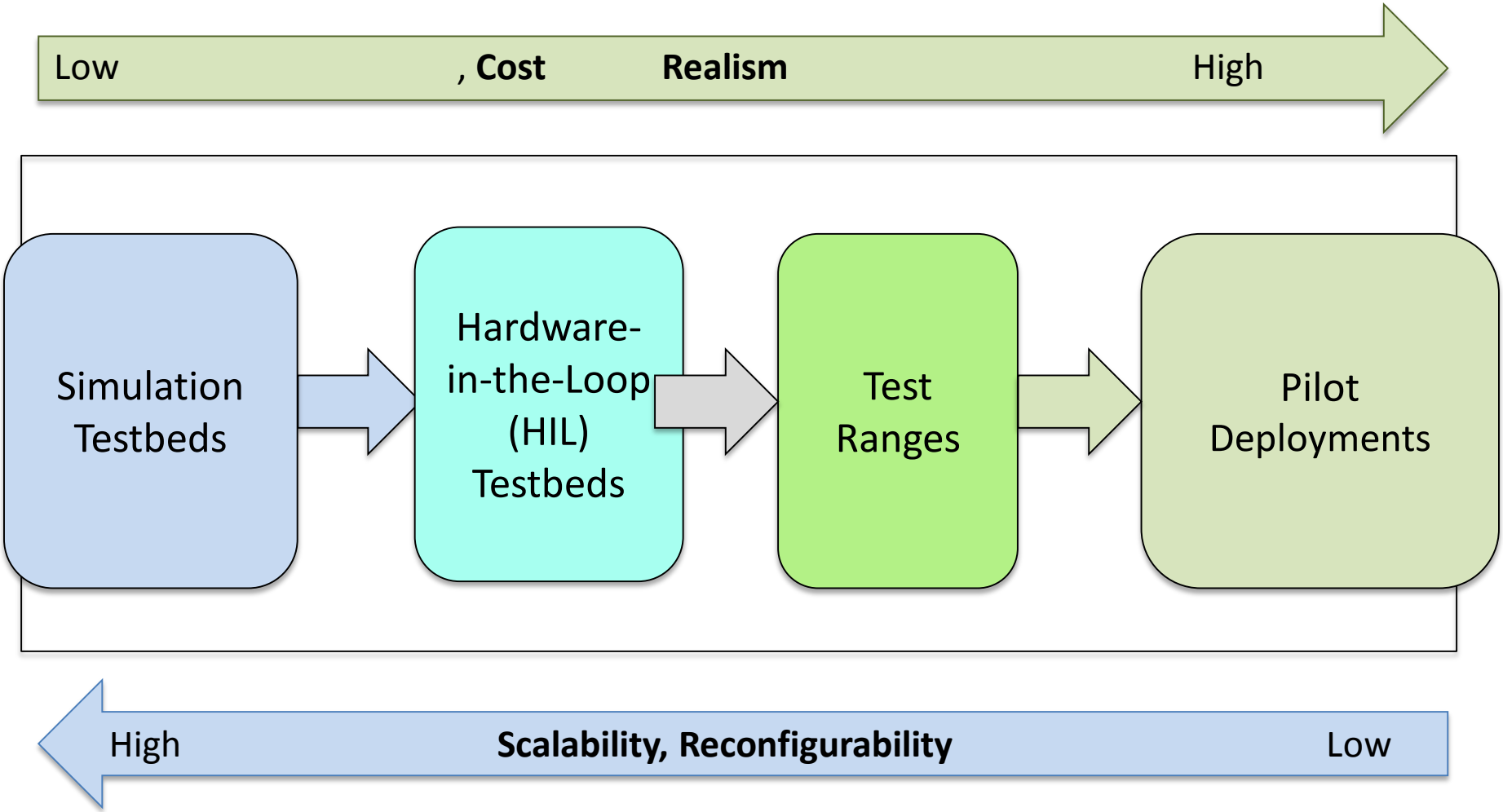
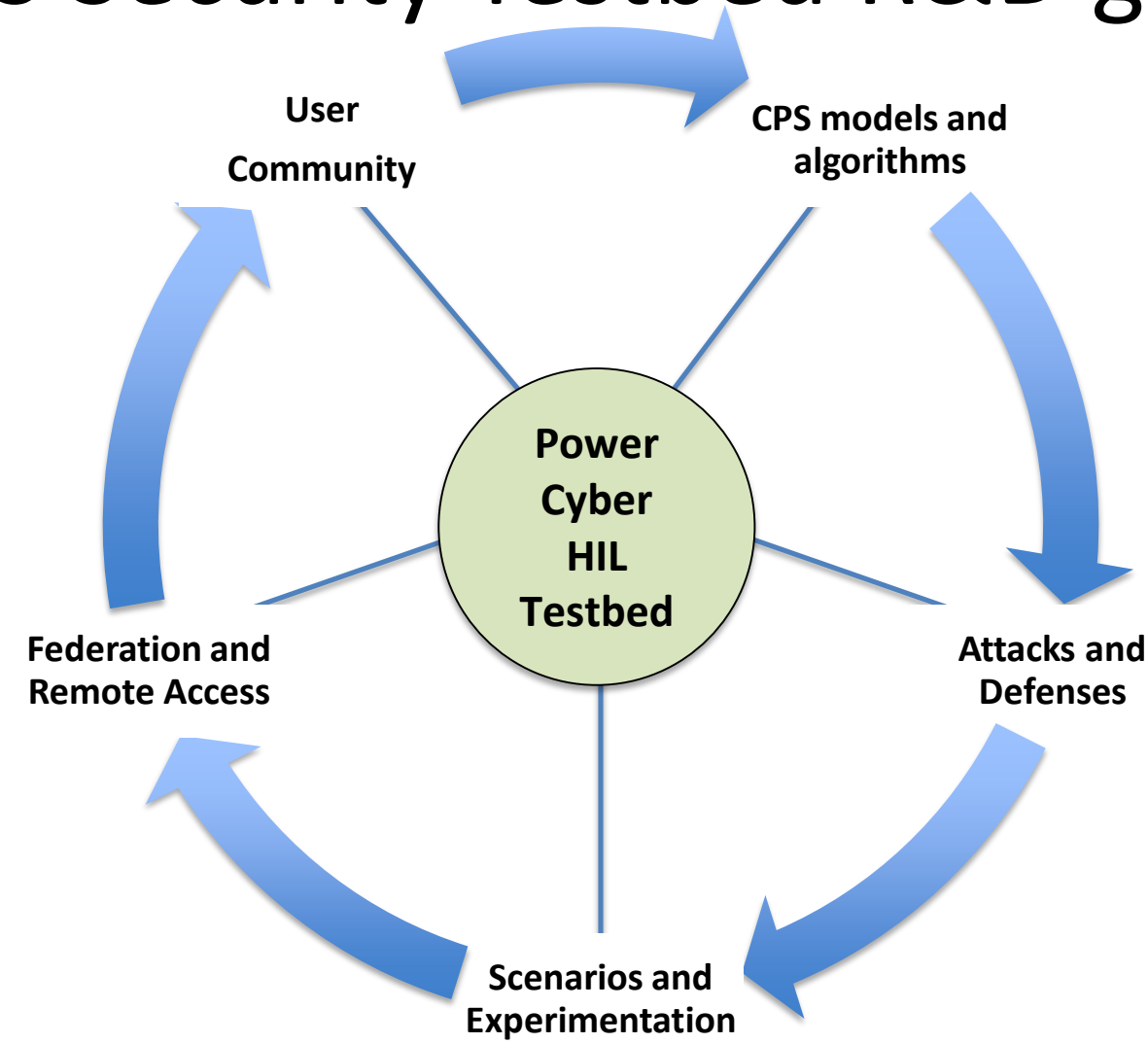


Some key objectives for Testbed R&D

- Develop innovative testbed architectures and abstractions for large-scale realistic CPS security testbeds

- Design, implementation, and deployment of a high-fidelity, scalable, open-access testbed for research experimentation

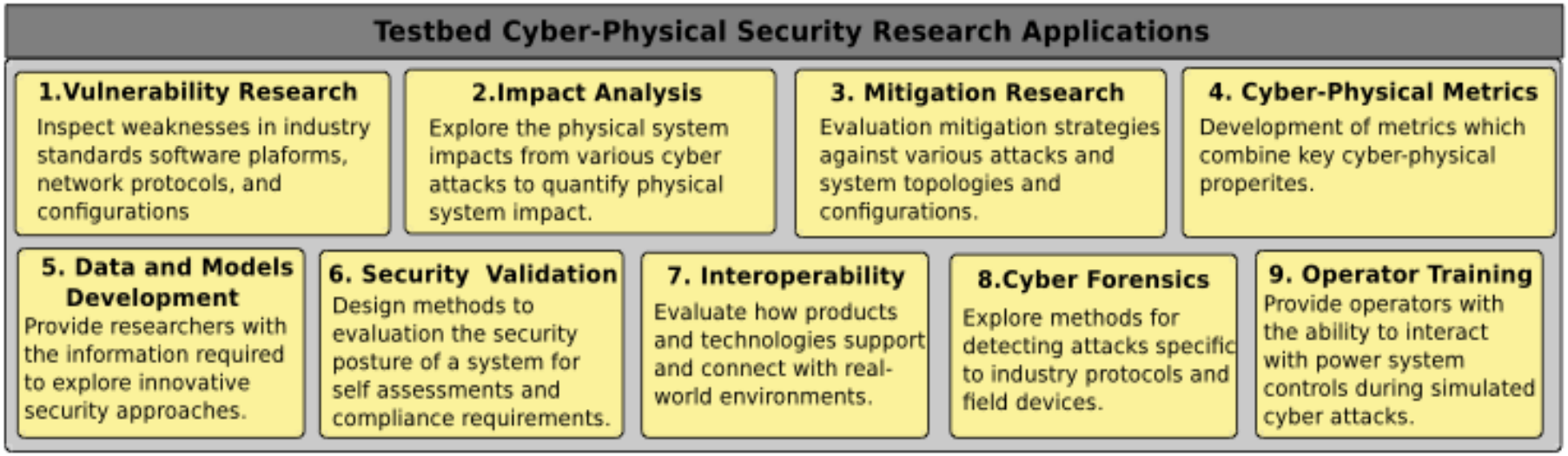
CPS Security Testbed R&D goals



Testbed R&D Applications

1. Vulnerability Analysis
2. Impact Analysis
3. Mitigation Research
4. Cyber-Physical Metrics
5. Data and Model Development
6. Security Validation
7. Interoperability
8. Cyber Forensics
9. Operator Training

Testbed – a validation platform



	Control			Communication			Physical System		
Research Objectives	Software	Hardware	Algorithms	Protocols	Architectures	Performance	Scalability	Real Time	HW Interface
Vulnerability Research	●	●	◖	●	●	◖	○	○	○
Impact Analysis	◖	◖	●	◖	◖	◖	●	●	●
Mitigation Evaluation	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	●
Metric Development	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖	◖
Security Validation	●	●	◖	●	◖	◖	○	○	○
Data Model Development	◖	◖	●	●	●	◖	◖	○	◖
Interoperability	●	●	◖	●	◖	○	○	○	◖
Cyber Forensics	●	●	◖	●	●	○	○	○	◖
Operator Training	◖	◖	●	◖	◖	●	●	●	◖

●- required for research application ◖ - may be required for research application ○- not required for research application

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Testbed R&D Tasks

1. CPS Testbed Federation Architecture – Scalability, High-Fidelity, Remote Access
2. Testbed Use-case Experimental Scenarios for CPS Security Experimentation
3. Coordinated Attack/Defense Experimental Validation of Attack-resilient WAMPAC algorithms
4. Vulnerability Assessment and testing of SCADA devices, platforms and network protocols
5. Education: educational modules & industry training modules
6. Outreach: Cyber-Physical System Cyber Defense Competitions (CPS-CDC)
7. Online repository of cyber and power system models, datasets and attack traces

CPS (Security) Testbeds for Smart Grid – Examples

- National SCADA test bed (NSTB) @ Idaho National Lab
- Virtual Control System Environment @ Sandia National Lab
- SCADA Security Testbed @ Pacific Northwest National Lab
- PowerCyber Security Testbed @ Iowa State University
- SCADA Security Testbed @ Washington State University & UC Dublin
- Virtual Power System test bed (VPST) @ University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Critical Infrastructure Security Testbed @ Mississippi State University
- WAMS & WAC Testbed @ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay

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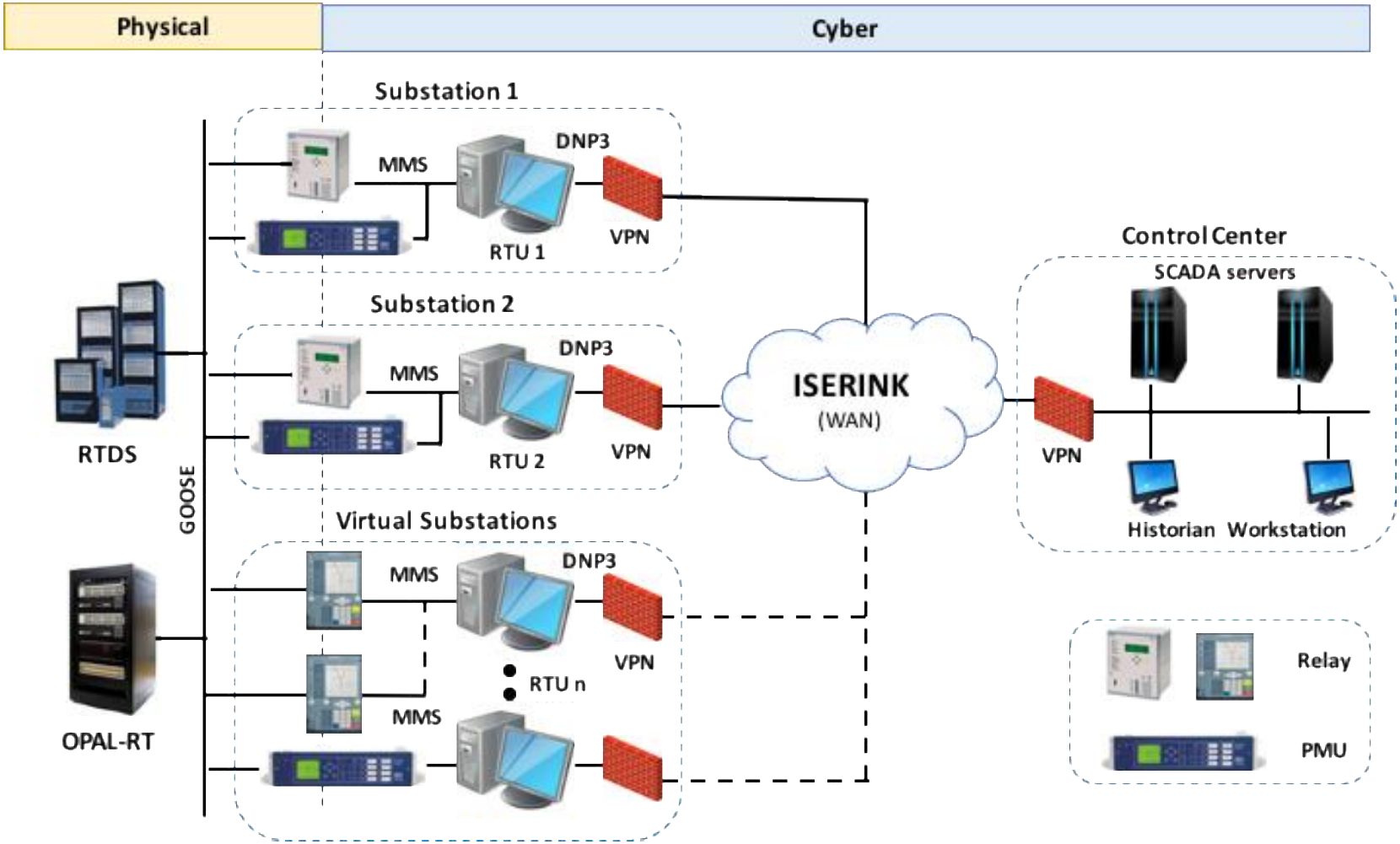
Iowa State's *PowerCyber:* A CPS Security Testbed



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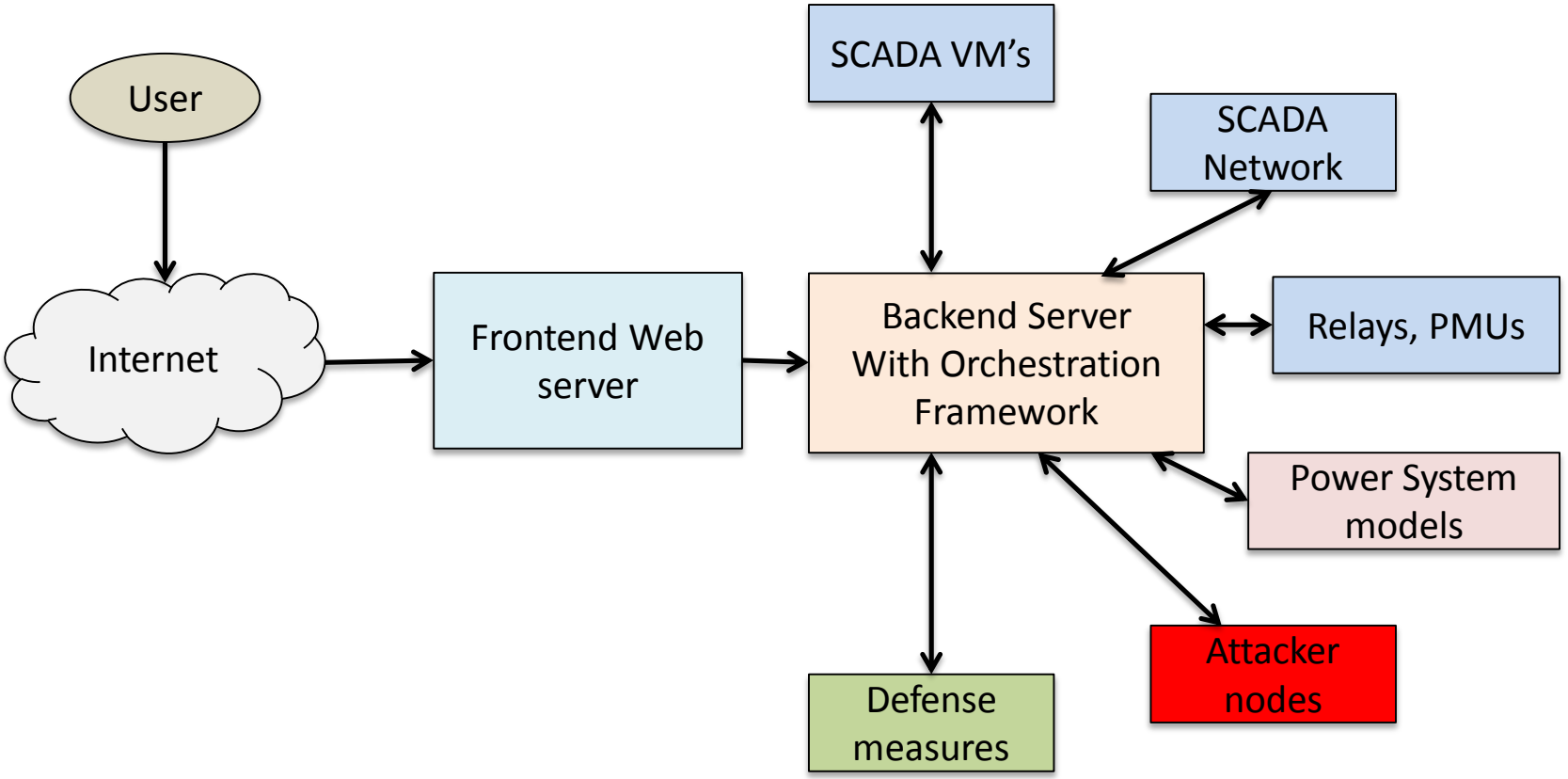
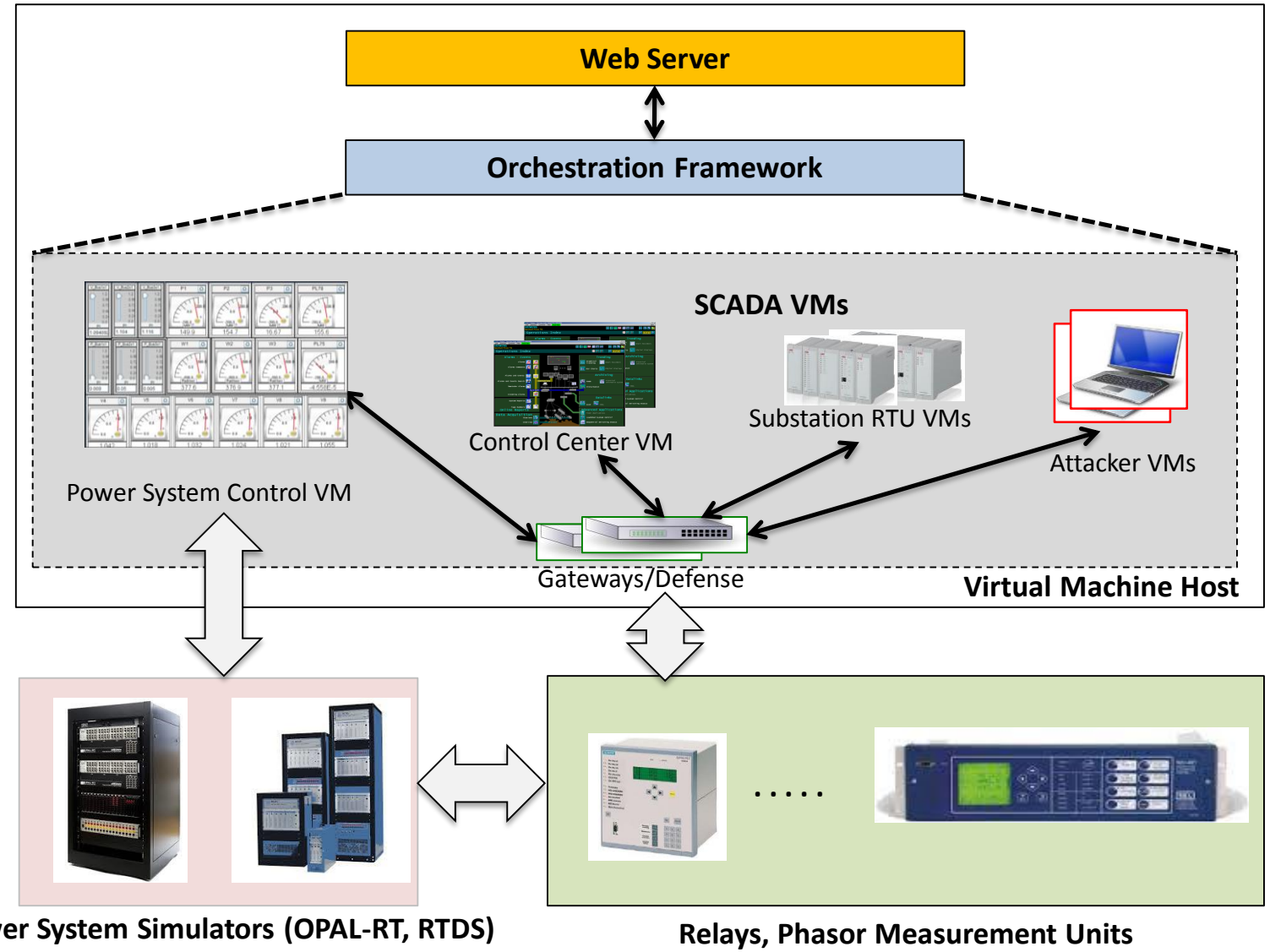
Testbed - Remote Access Framework



PowerCyber Implementation Architecture



ISU *PowerCyber* Testbed - Features

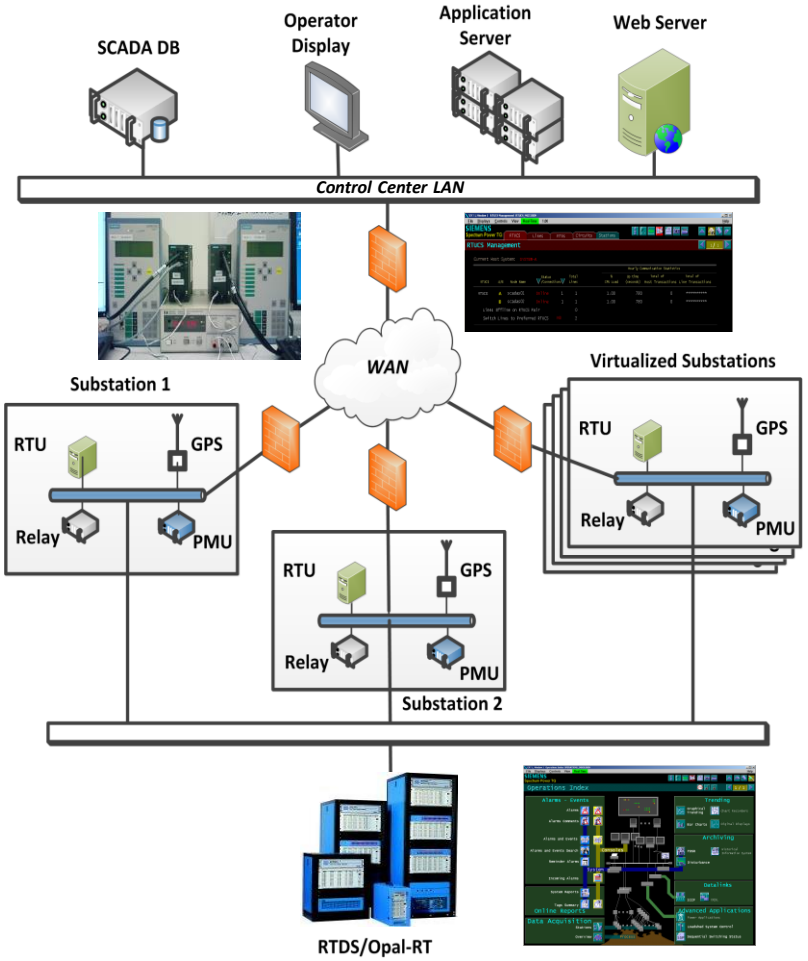
Capabilities

- Vulnerability Assessment
- System Impact Analysis
- Risk Assessment
- Risk Mitigation Studies
- Attack-Defense Evaluations
- Security Product Testing
- Education
- Industry Short-Courses

Salient Features

1. ***Cyber-in-the-Loop Real-Time Simulation*** *environment modeling bulk power system.*
2. ***Scalability:***
   - RTDS/Opal-RT provide ability to simulate large power systems with control and protection functions in real-time.
   - Multi-area, substation architecture enabled through virtualization.
3. ***High Fidelity:***
   - Industry-grade SCADA/EMS and substation automation
   - WAN emulated using ISEAGE; DNP3 and IEC61850 protocols used for SCADA; Industry-grade security appliances for VPN/firewall.
   - Local/wide-area control and protection applications emulated with programmable IED and PMU interfaced with RTDS/Opal-RT.
4. ***Remote Access***: Web-based access for remote experimentation with custom power/cyber system models and attack templates.

Architecture



Testbed Use-Cases: 1, 2, 3

Vulnerability Assessment

ICS-CERT
INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS CYBER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
CONTROL SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM

ICS-CERT ADVISORY

ICSA-12-102-05—SIEMENS SCALANCE S SECURITY MODULES MULTIPLE VULNERABILITIES

April 11, 2012

OVERVIEW

ICS-CERT has received a report from Siemens regarding two security vulnerabilities in the Scalance S Security Module firewall. This vulnerability was reported to Siemens by Adam Hahn and Manimaran Govindarasu for coordinated disclosure.

The first issue is a brute-force credential guessing vulnerability in the web configuration interface of the firewall. The second issue is a stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability in the Profinet DCP protocol stack.

Siemens has published a patch that resolves both of the identified vulnerabilities.

AFFECTED PRODUCTS

The following Scalance S Security Modules are affected:

- Scalance S602 V2
- Scalance S612 V2
- Scalance S613 V2

IMPACT

Successful exploitation of the brute-force vulnerability may allow an attacker to perform an arbitrary number of authentication attempts using different password and eventually gain access to the targeted account.

Successful exploitation of the stack-based buffer overflow against the Profinet DCP protocol may lead to a denial of service (DoS) condition or possible arbitrary code execution.

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

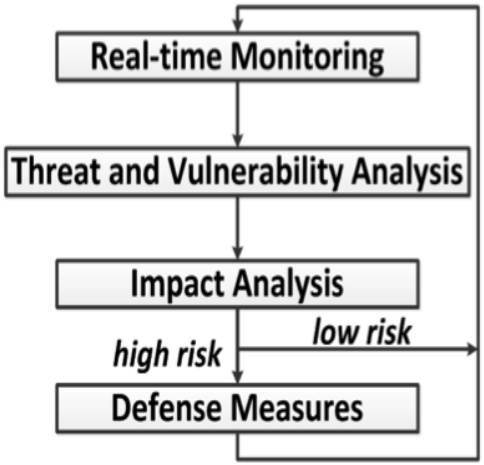
BACKGROUND

The Scalance S product is a security module that includes a Stateful Inspection Firewall for industrial automation network applications. This security module is intended to protect automation devices and

This product is provided subject only to the Notification Section as indicated here: http://www.us-cert.gov/privacy/

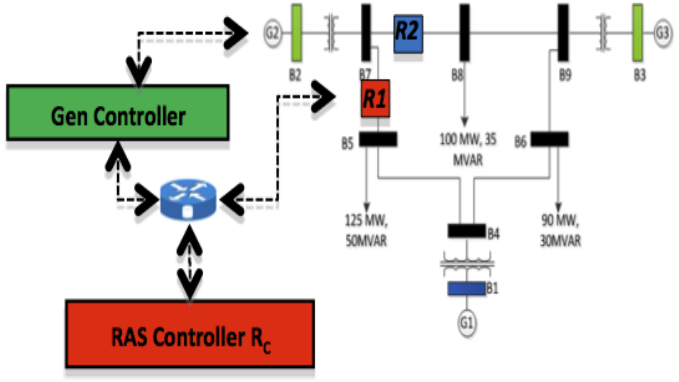
Risk Assessment and Mitigation

- Risk = Threat * Vulnerability * Impacts
- Security Investment Analysis
- Risk Assessment & Risk Mitigation



Attack-Defense Evaluations

Attack on Remedial Action Scheme
WECC 9-bus System



- Data integrity attack to trip R1 + DoS on RAS controller
- R2 trips due to thermal overload; Instability; Load shedding
- Evaluating mitigation schemes

Sample Story Board Scenarios – Attacks

#	Storyboard Description	Attack Vectors
✓ 1	Cascading outage through a coordinated attack on power system protection scheme	Command injection attack to trip relay DoS attack to disrupt protection scheme
✓ 2	Manipulating AGC measurements/controls to affect system frequency	ARP spoofing to intercept communication MITM attack to modify measurements
❑ 3	Manipulating SCADA measurements to affect situational awareness in State Estimator	ARP spoofing to intercept communication MITM attack to spoof measurements
✓ 4	Using unencrypted RTU communication to send arbitrary commands to trip breakers	Command injection attack to send trip commands to relays
✓ 5	Denial of Service attack on RTU/protection devices communication to blind SCADA	DoS attack targeting RTU/ relays targeting specific ports
✓ 6	Exploiting Social Engineering to gain access to Energy Management Systems	Phishing attack to download, install malicious code Reverse shell, VNC to exploit access to EMS
❑ 7	Manipulating protection settings using Substation Automation tools	Phishing attack to install malicious code Program relays to rogue configurations

Sample Story Board Scenarios – Defenses

#	Storyboard Description	Defense Measures
✓ 1	Cascading outage through a coordinated attack on power system protection scheme	• Cyber ✓ Firewalls • IDS/IPS ✓ Moving Target Defense ✓ Patch management ✓ VPN – encryption ✓ 2-factor authentication • Cyber-Physical ✓ Domain specific anomaly detection ✓ Model-based mitigation
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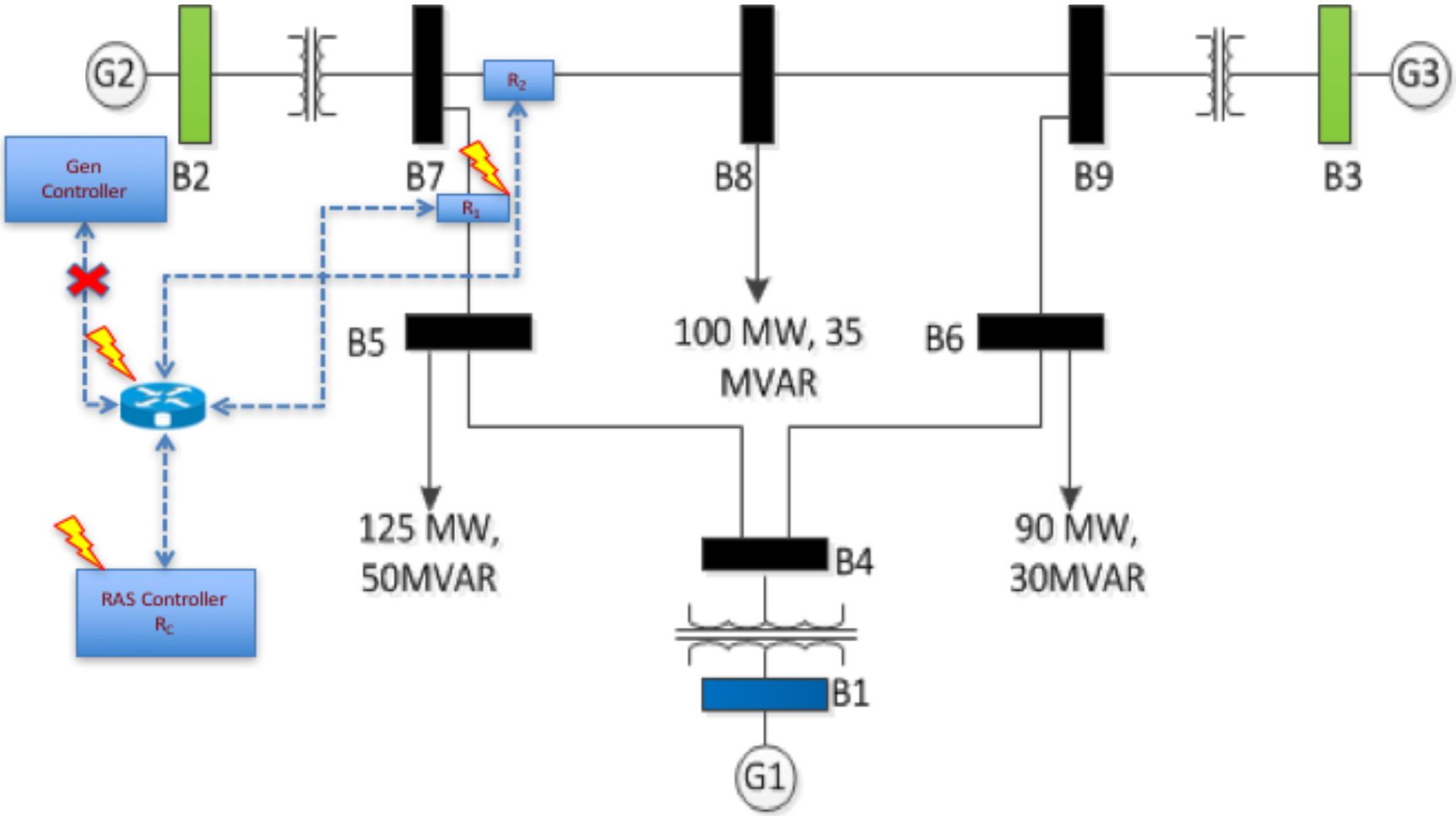
Storyboard (CPS-SEC) – RAS attack-defense

IEEE 9 bus system with Remedial Action Scheme (RAS)



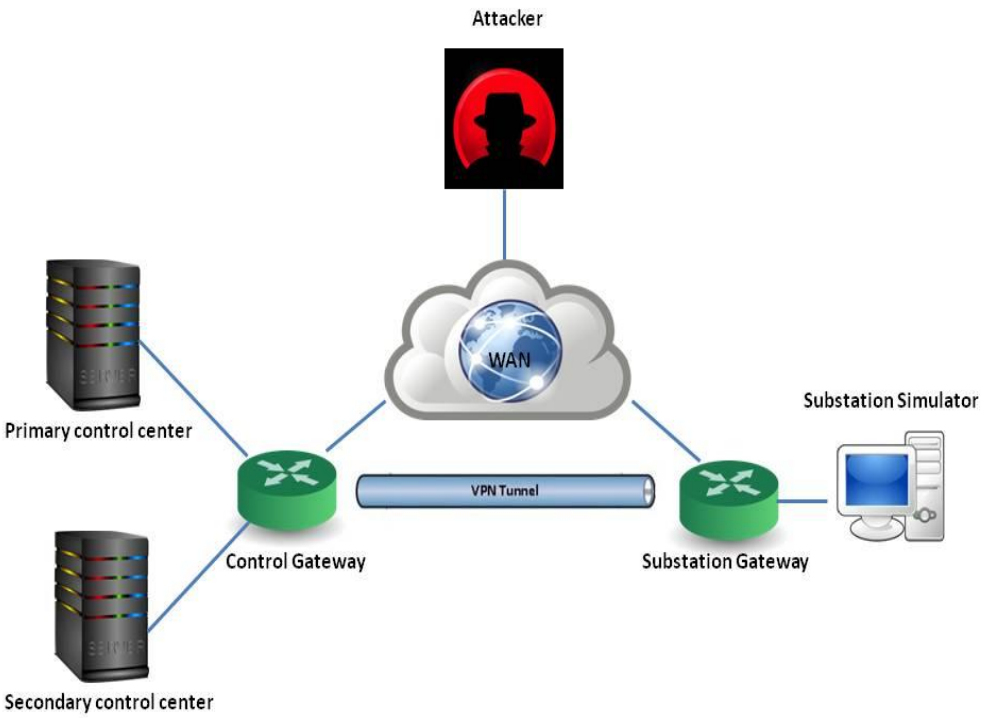
Storyboard – AGC attack-defense

Exploit Heartbleed to gain access to substation gateway

Data integrity attack to trip relay and activate protection scheme

DoS attack on relay to prevent operation of protection scheme

Load loss due to coordinated attack



- ✓ **Patch management**
- ✓ **Firewall rules**
- ✓ **Moving Target Defense**

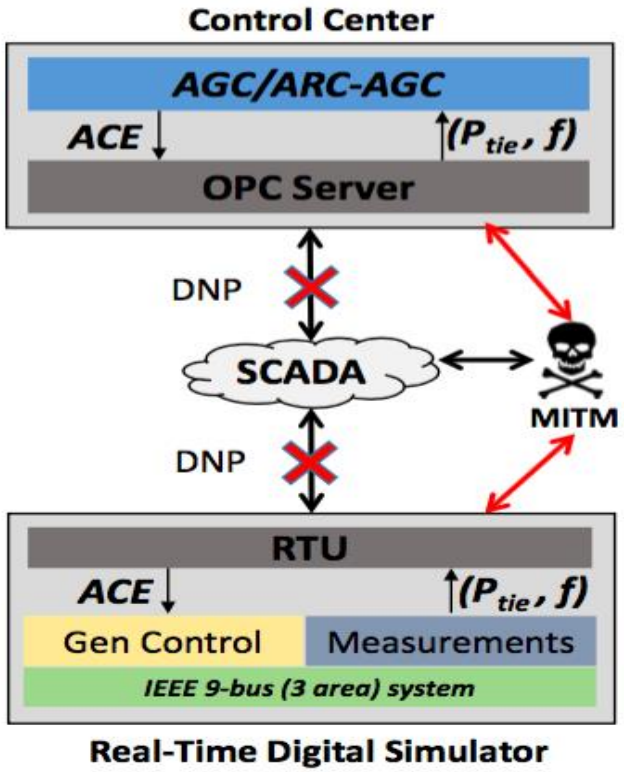
Story Board (CPS-SEC) – AGC Security

ARP spoofing attack intercepts communication between RTU and control center

MITM attack modifies tie-line power flow and frequency measurements to AGC

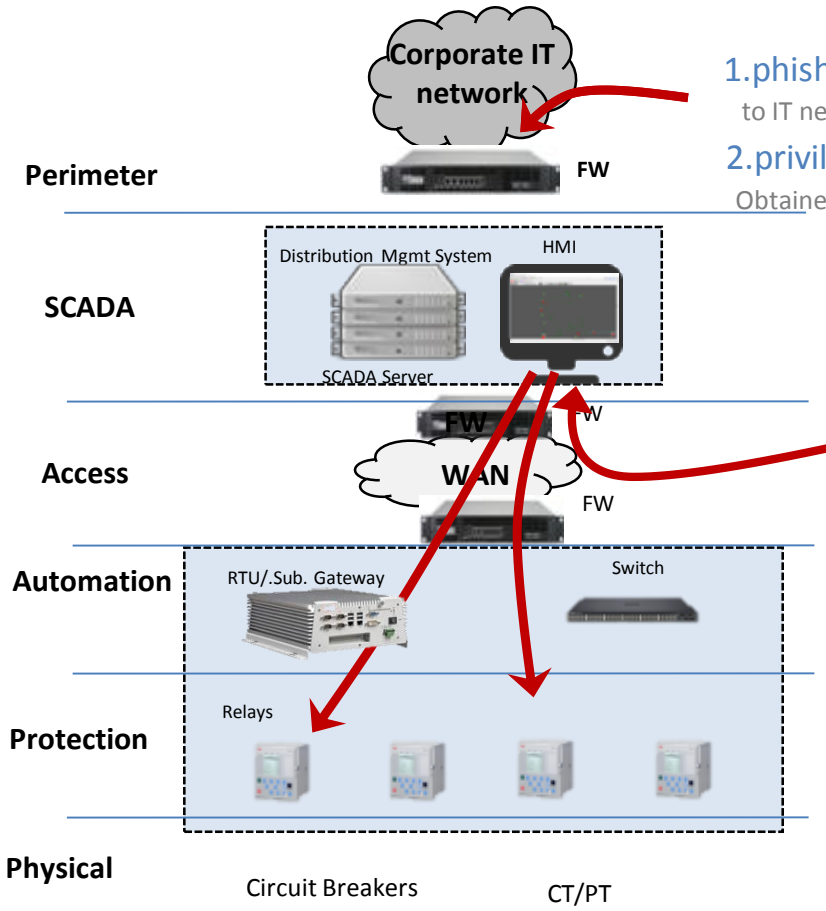
Scaling/ramp attacks on tie-line power flow and frequency measurements lead to frequency drop

Sustained frequency drop leads to **load shedding**



Domain-specific anomaly detection
Model-based mitigation

Ukraine grid's attack in Dec. 2015 (revisited)



IT

1.phishing email
to IT network

2.privilege escalation
Obtained admin on DC

OT Pre-Impact

3.ot vpn login
Stolen credential from DC used to remotely login to vpn

4.install malware
BlackEnergy malware installed on control systems

5.remote hmi session
Created remote operators session to SCADA server

6.trip breakers
Operate key circuit breakers, 225,000 customers offline

OT Post-Impact

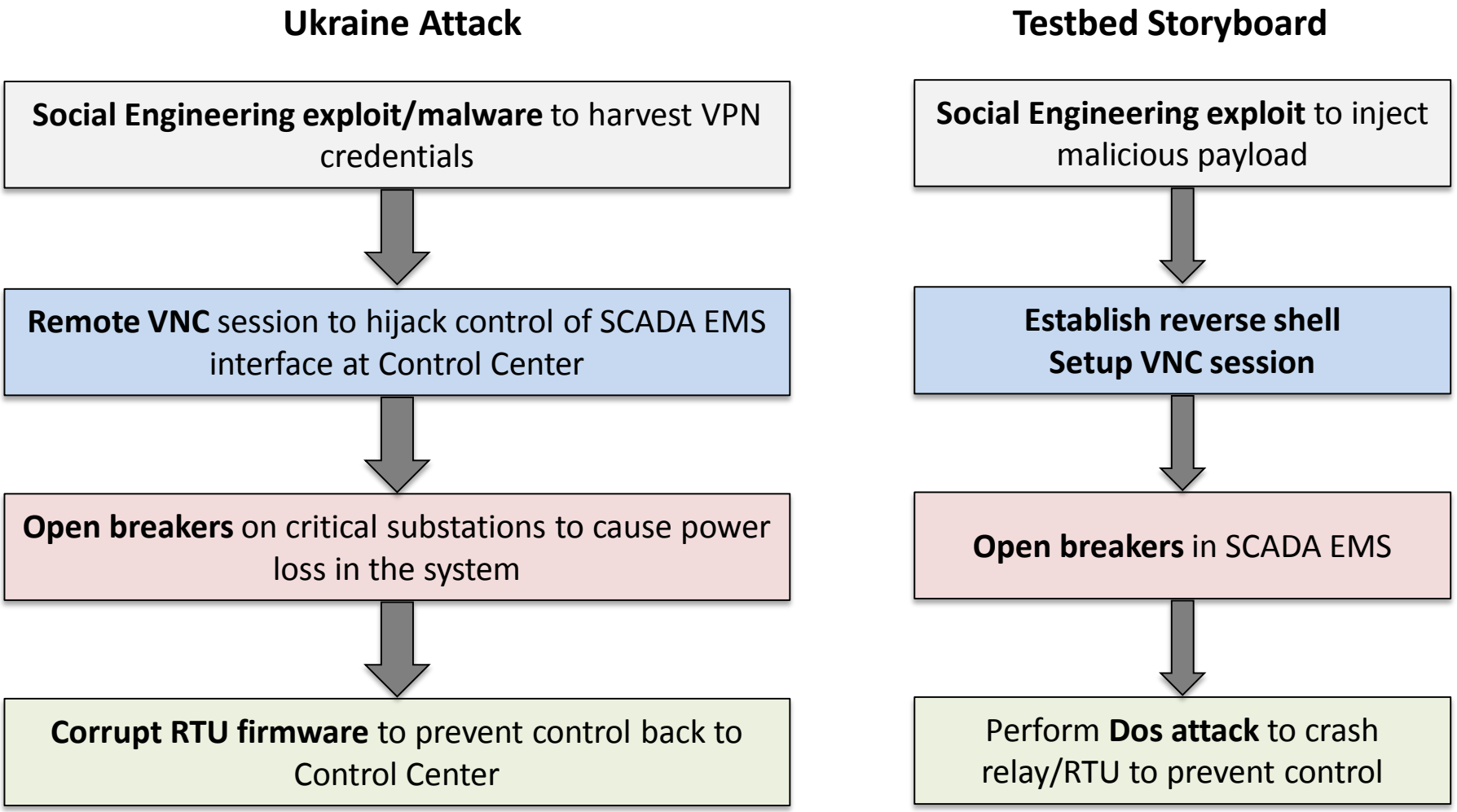
7.disable systems
Wipe SCADA servers, brick serial-ethernet converts and control center ups

8.telephone ddos
Telephone DDoS prevents communication about grid state

225K customers without power

Ack: Dr. Adam Hahn, Washington State University

Ukraine Attack 2015 modeled in *PoweCyber* testbed



Defense for Ukraine attack 2015

Ukraine Attack Recommended Defense measures	Testbed Storyboard Defense measures
Security awareness & training	Firewall: Egress Filtering
Network Monitoring – SIEM, IDS Application Firewalls	❑ **VPN: 2-factor authentication**
VPN: 2-factor authentication, time of use access	❑ **Network monitoring – IDS/IPS**
Disable remote access and management of field devices	❑ **SIEM – Logging and event correlation**

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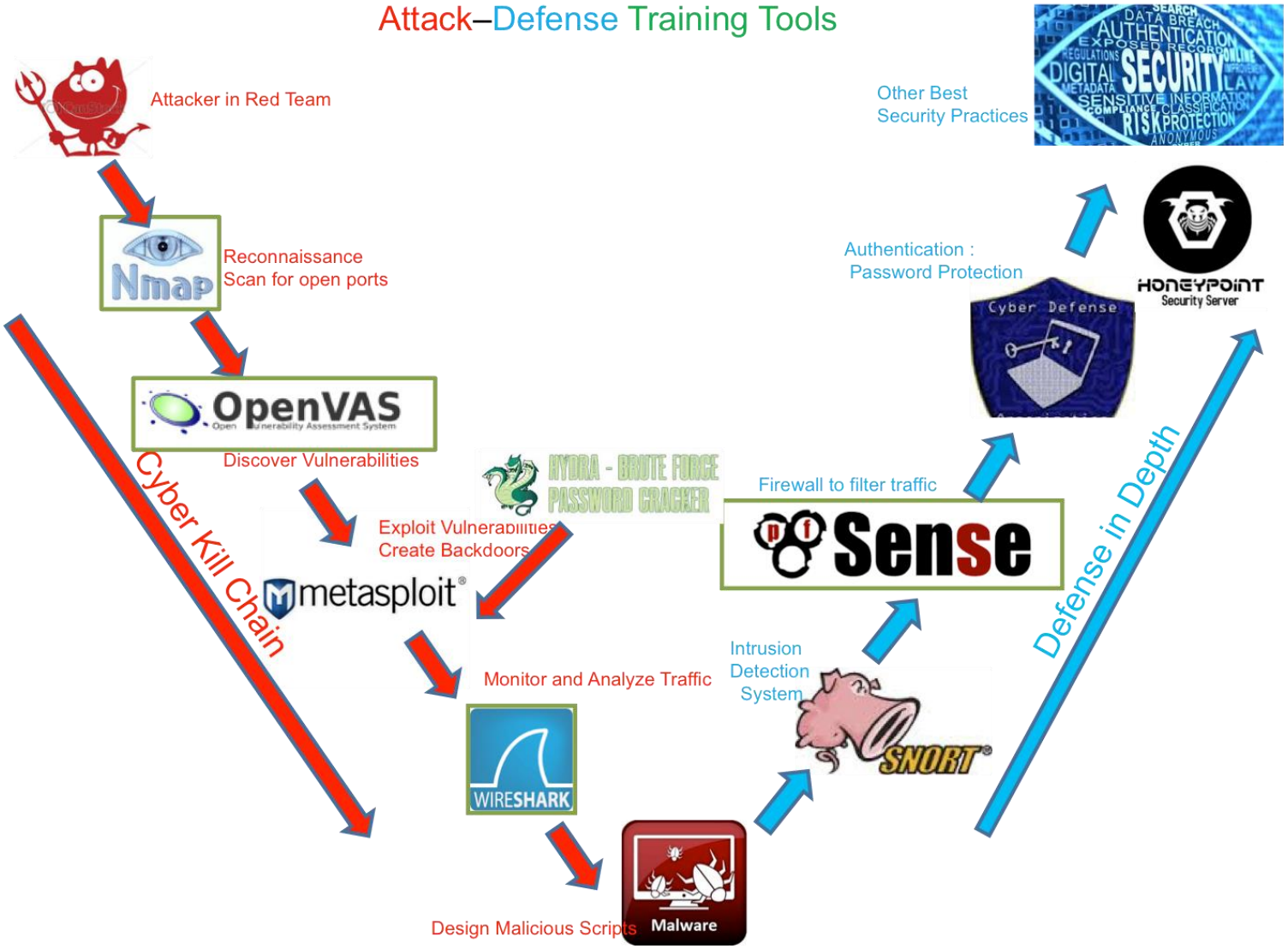
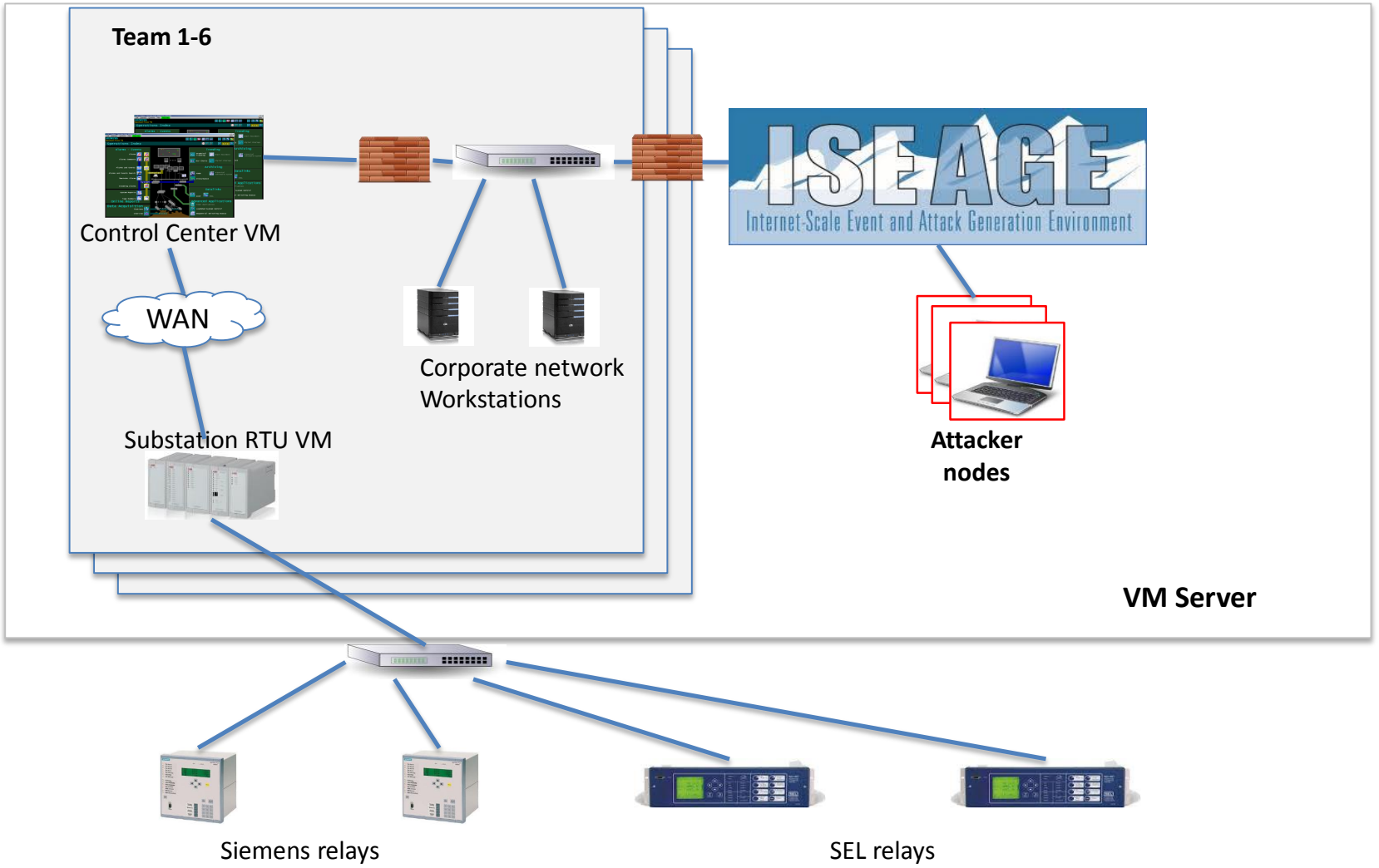
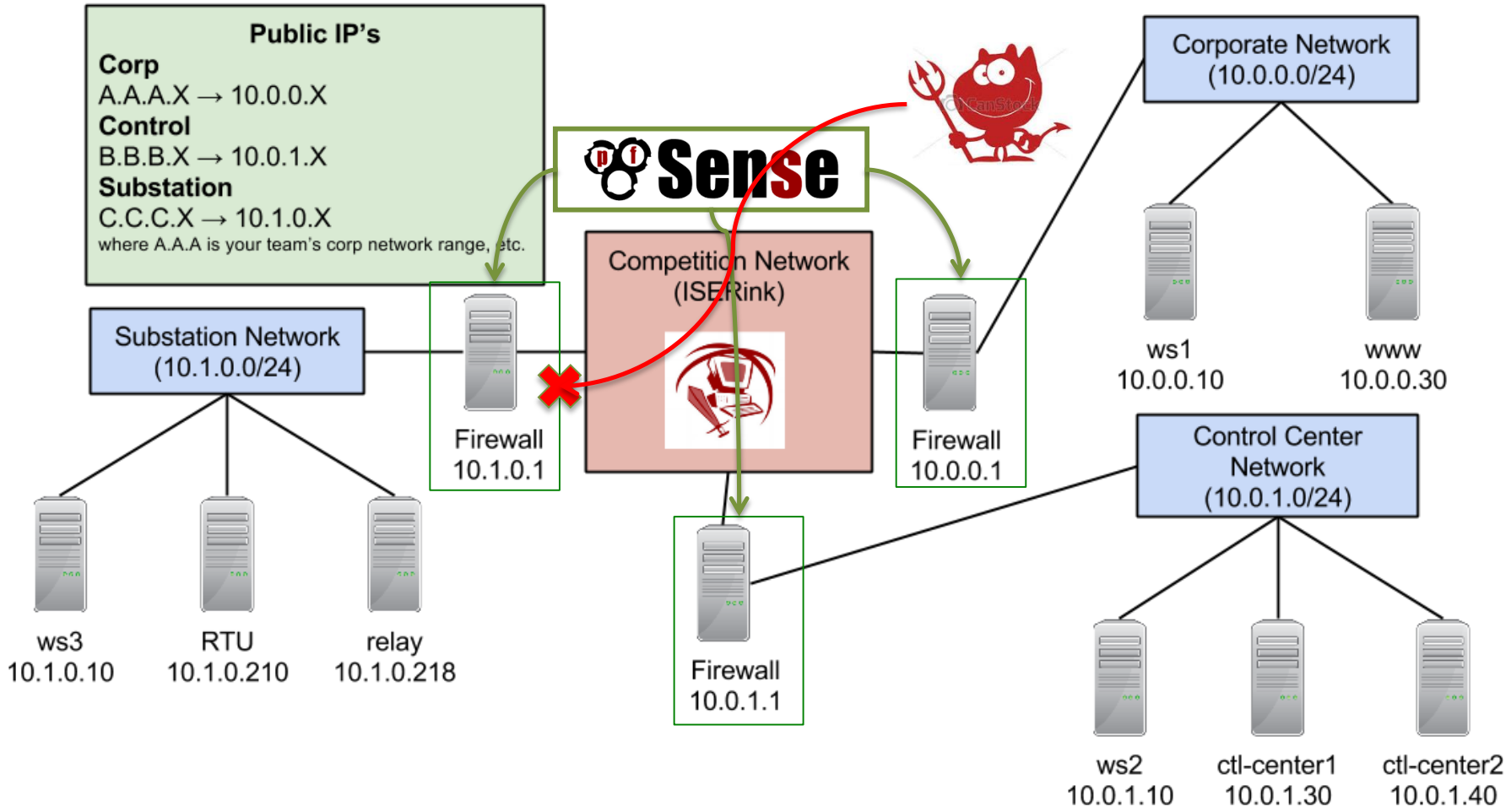
Use-Case 4: Cybersecurity Training Framework (Attacks-Defenses)



Training Environment – An instance of SCADA for each team



Testbed for Attack-Defense Training (an instance)



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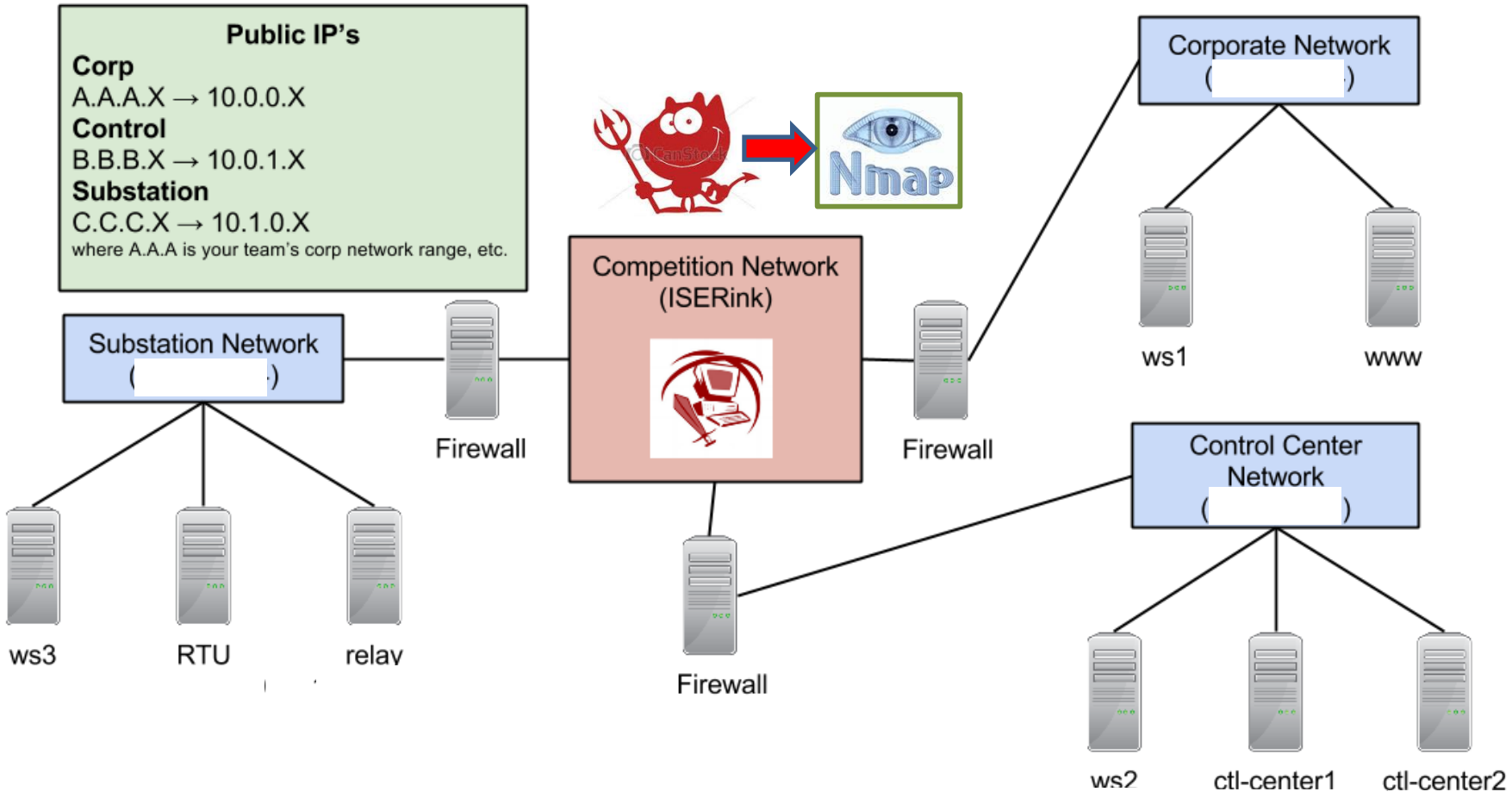
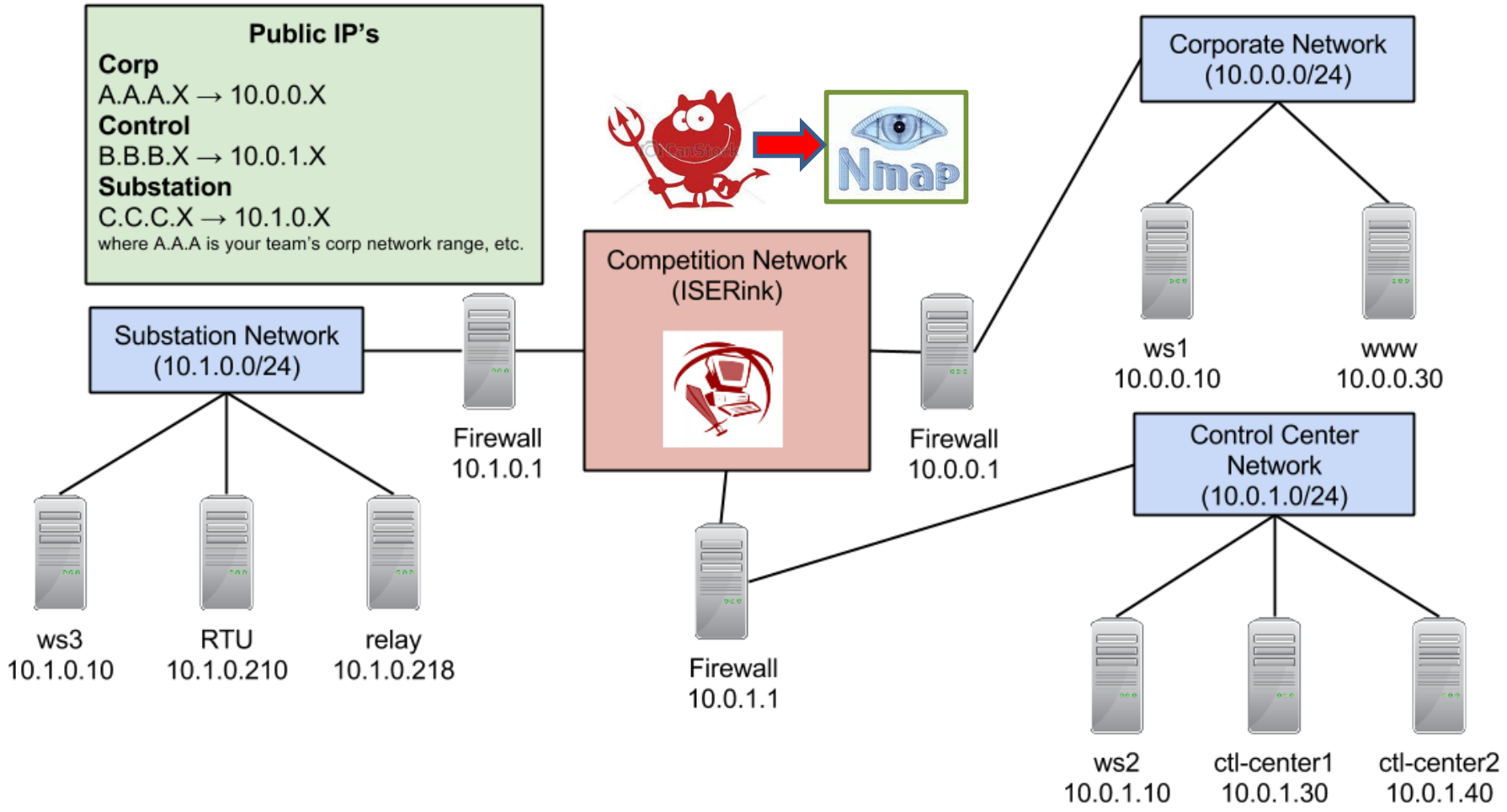
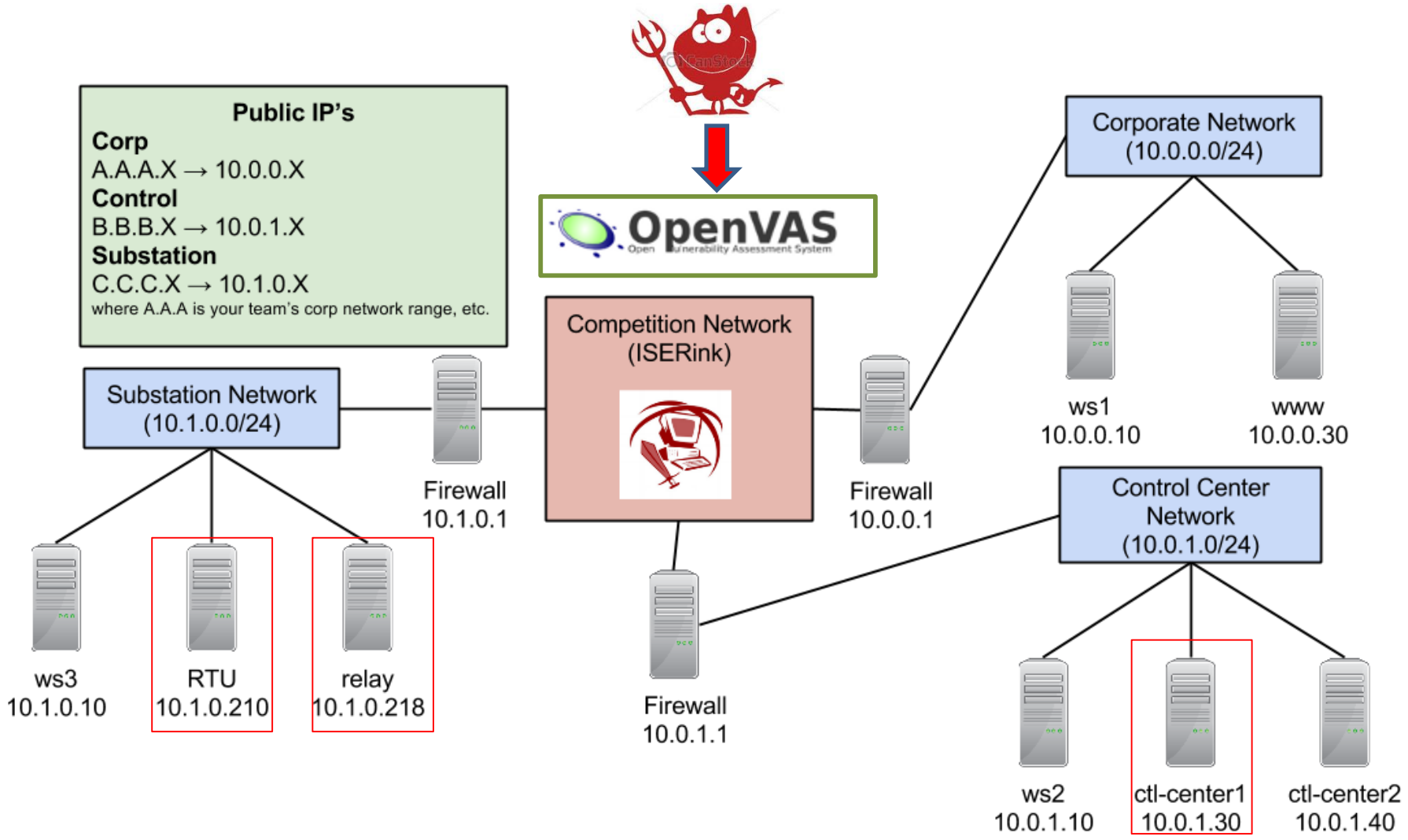


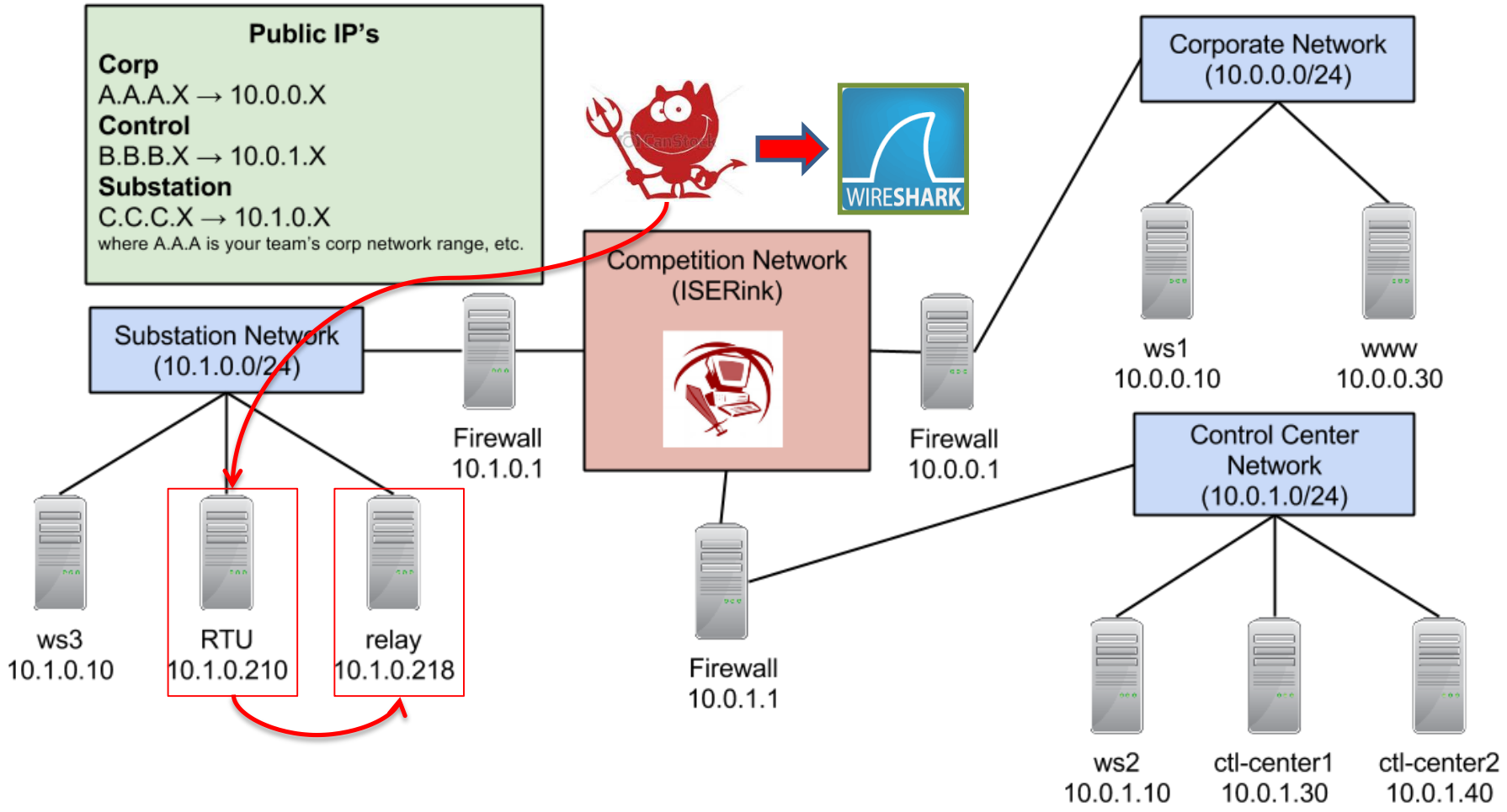
After Port Scanning (Reconnaissance)



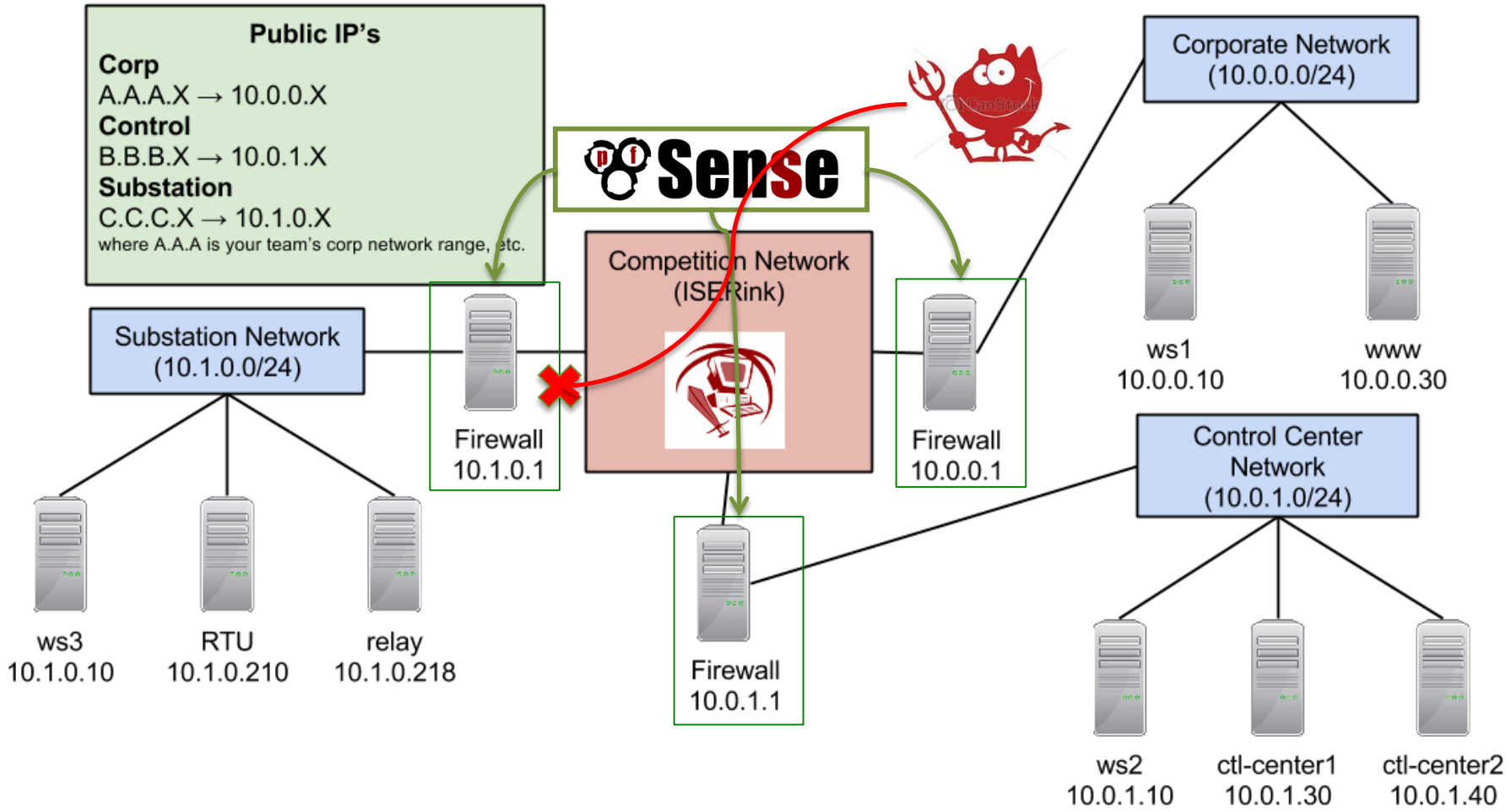
Vulnerability Assessment



WireShark and Trip Script (Exploitation)



Setting up PFSense (Firewall config)



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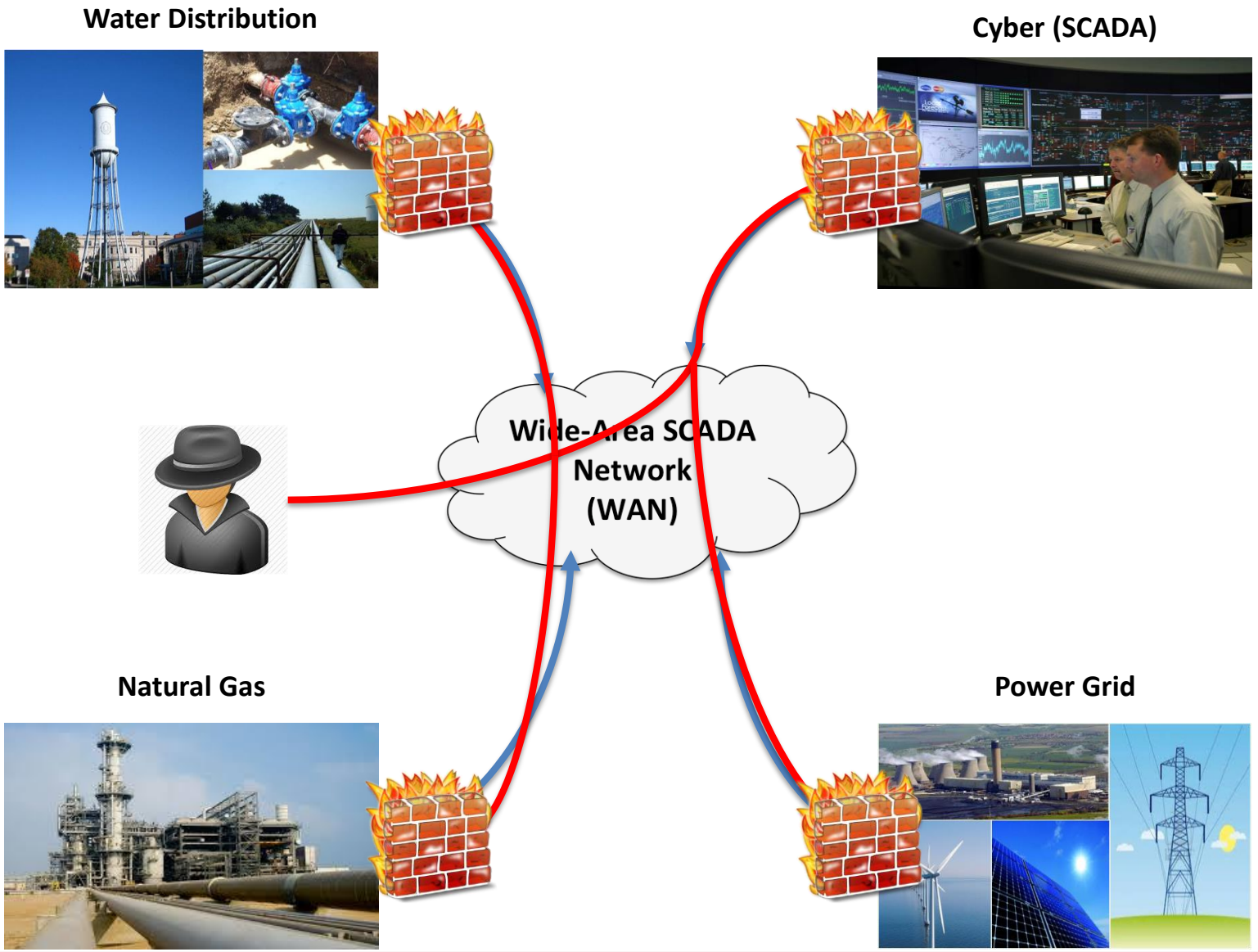
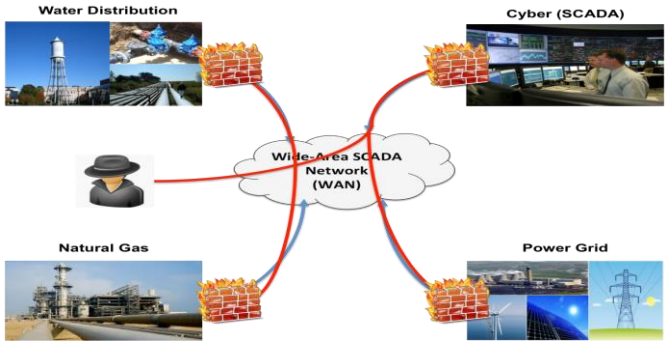
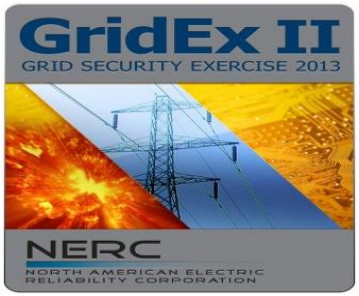
Cyber-Defense Exercise for Critical Infrastructures



CDE: Tabletop → Testbed-based

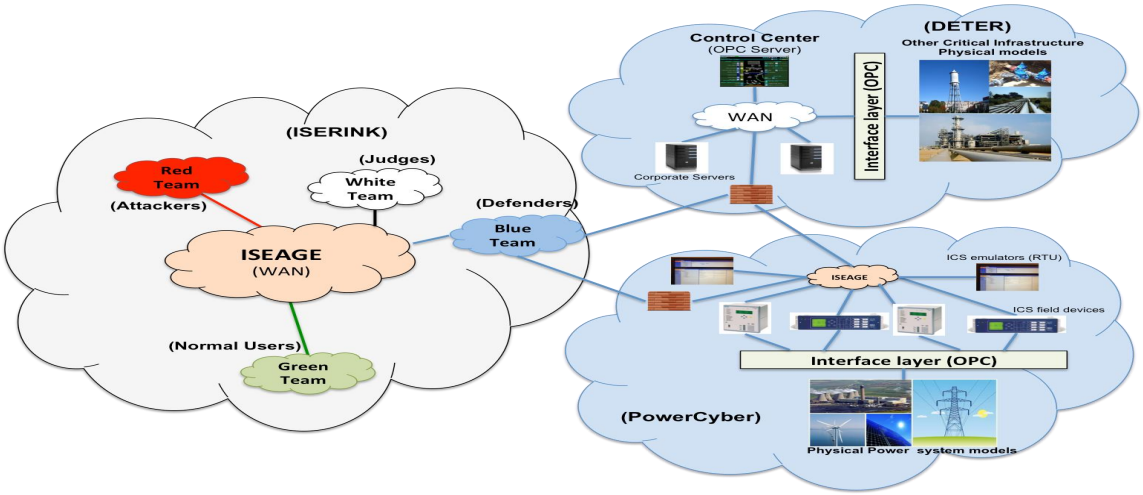




Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security and Cyber Defense

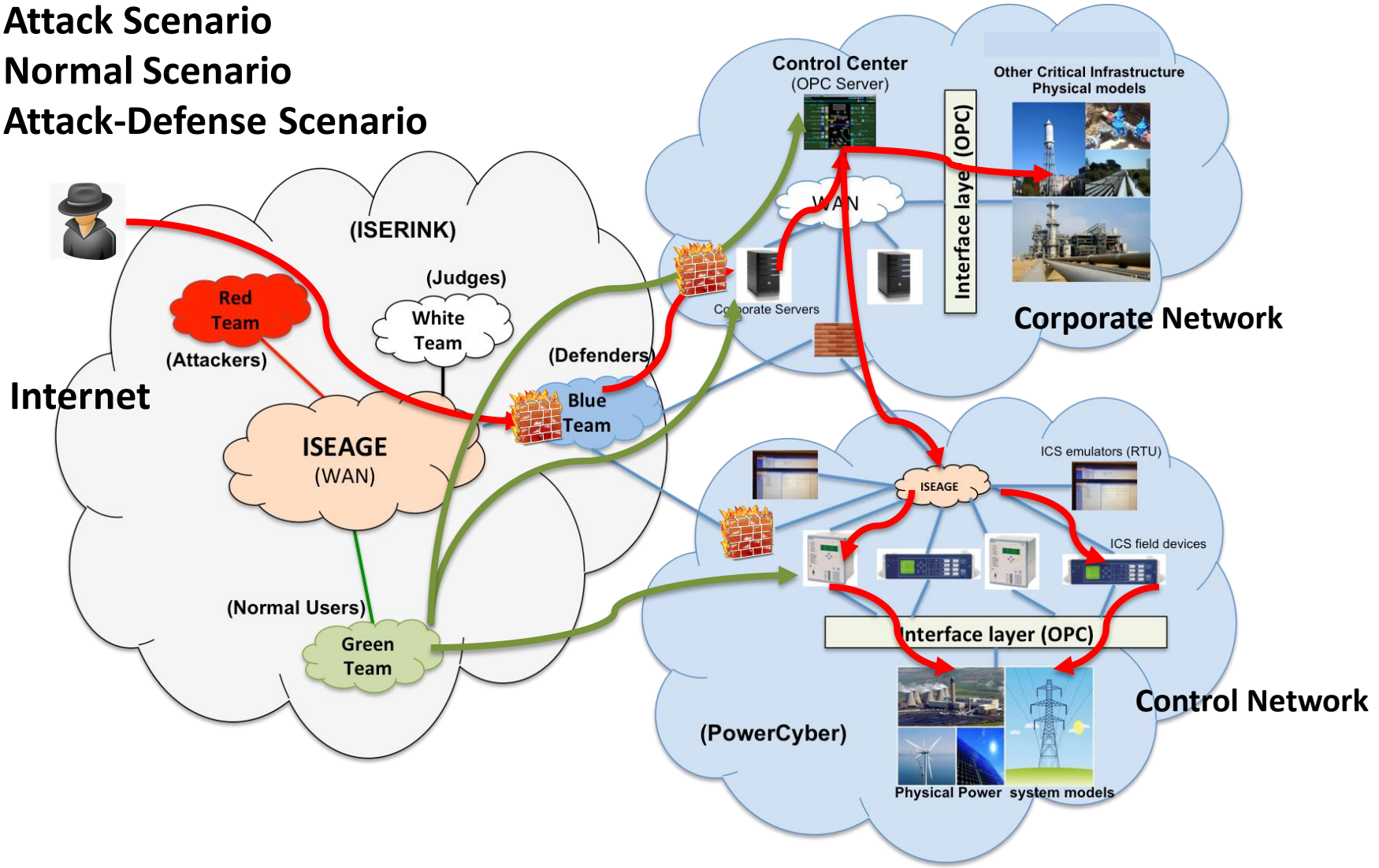
Current solution: Passive, Table-top Cyber Defense Exercise

Proposed project: CyDECS - Realistic, Live Cyber Attack/Defense Exercises for multiple Critical Infrastructures on a federated CPS Security Testbed environment



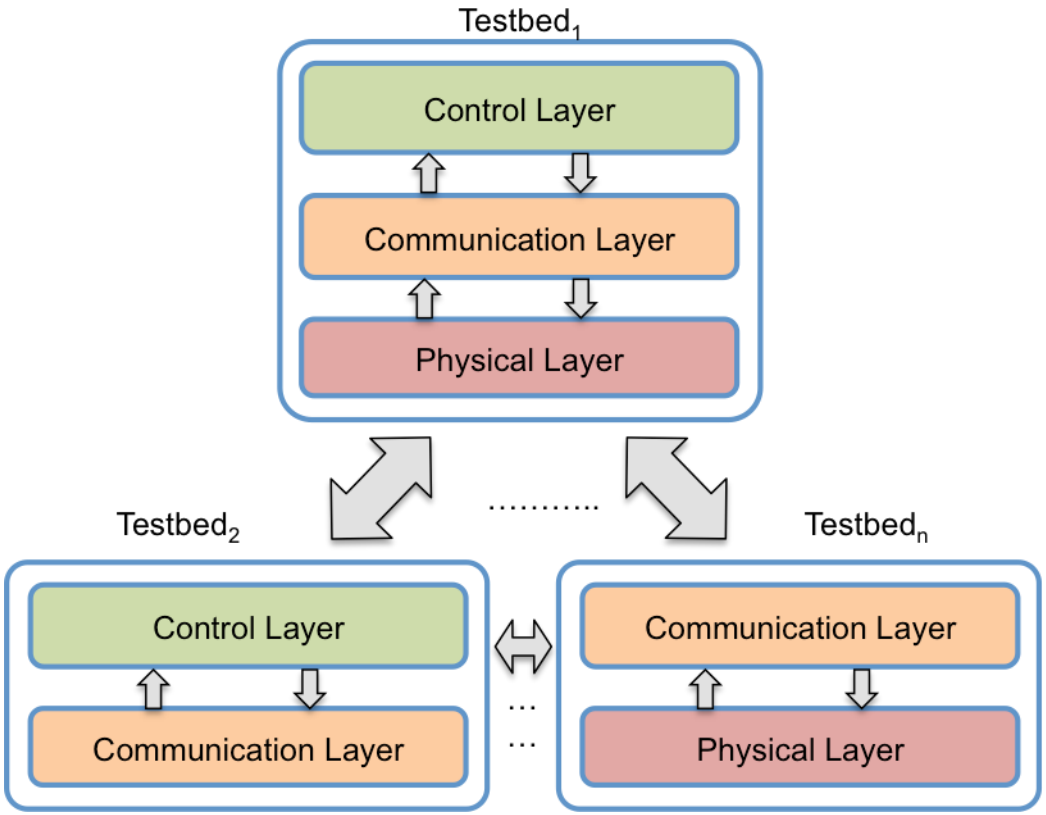
Testbed-based Training Scenarios for Power Grid

Attack Scenario
Normal Scenario
Attack-Defense Scenario

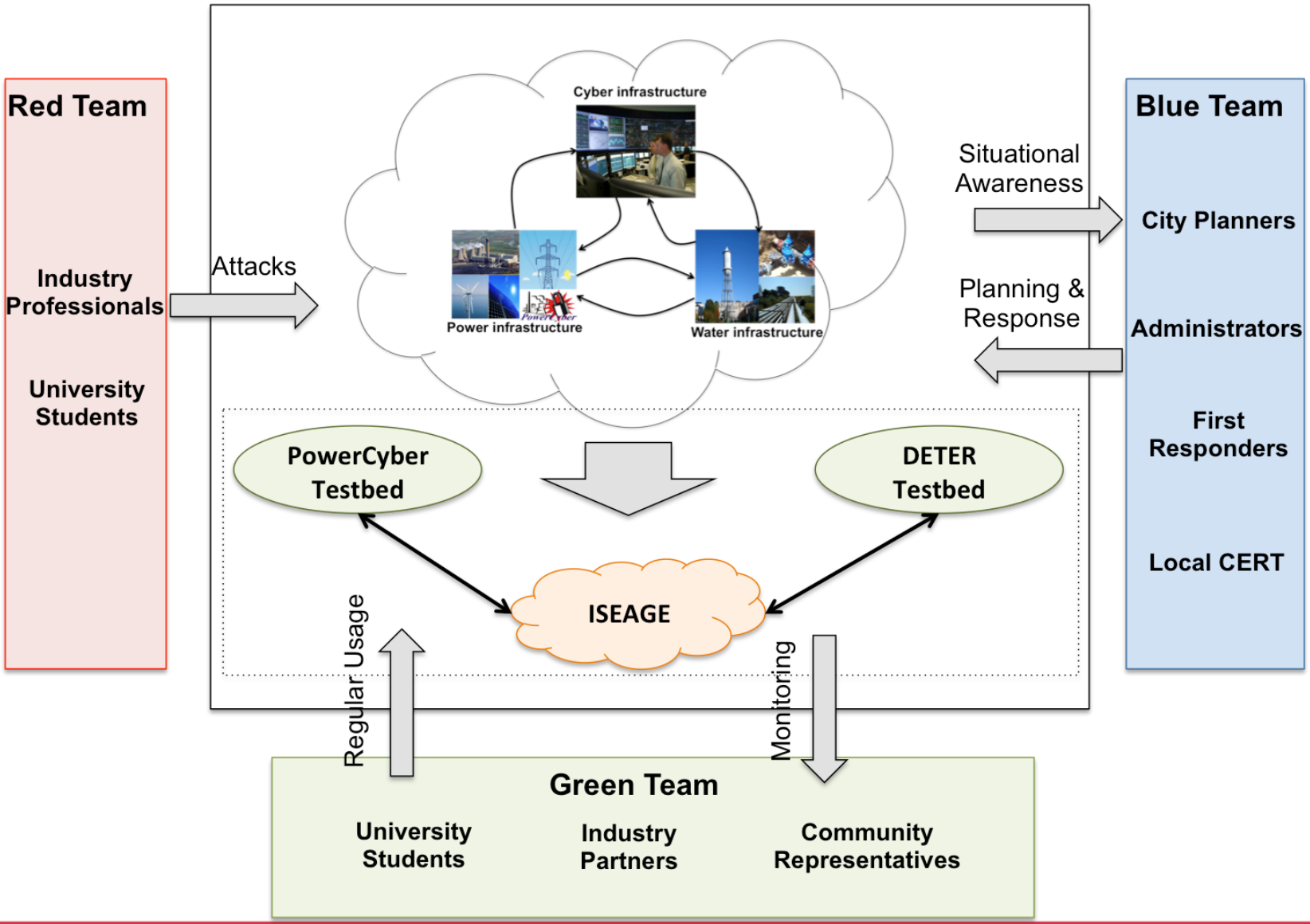


Testbed Federation Concept

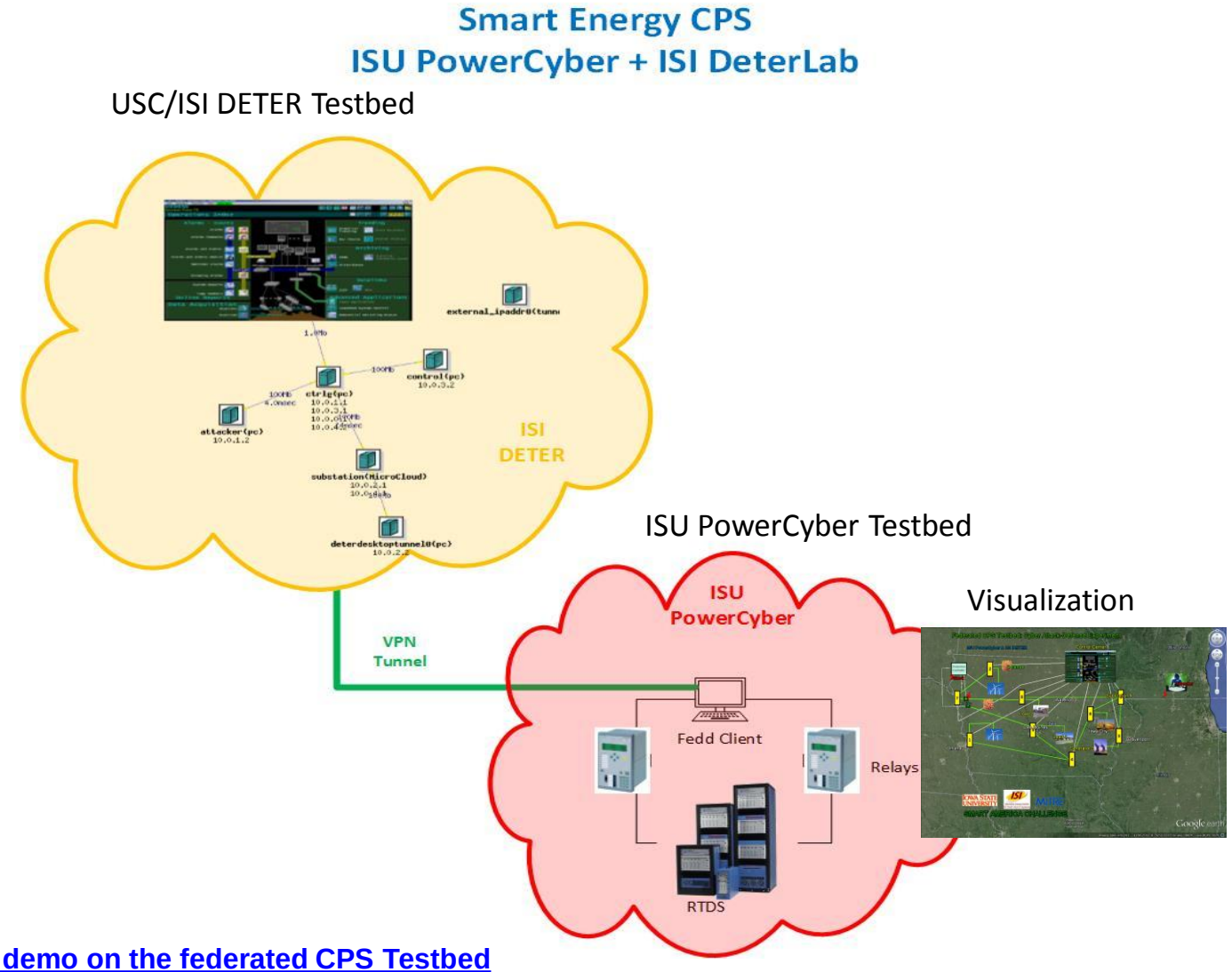
- **Federation** – the concept of combining several individual testbed labs across educational institutions and research labs to leverage resources and achieve synergy with reasonable test systems.



Testbeds of Interdependent Critical Infrastructures



CPS Testbed Federation Architecture



[Attack-defense demo on the federated CPS Testbed]

Conclusion

- CPS testbeds capture complex interactions between **Cyber-Control-Physi**cal subsystems
- Seamless integration of ***Physical, Emulated, Simulated, and Virtual*** components are needed to build a scalable, high-fidelity, cost-effective CPS testbe
- Testbed based research helps to perform
  - Vulnerability assessment for devices, systems and protocols
  - Impact analysis of cyber events on physical systems
  - Attack-Defense Evaluation and validation
- Testbeds use-cases include **R&D, education, industry training, and cyber defense competitions**

Future Research Opportunities

- Science of Experimentation & Testbed Architectures
- Large-scale, high-fidelity CPS Security Testbed
  - Testebed Federations, models, libraries, datasets
  - Regional, National-scale experiments
  - International Collaboration
- NERC GridEx-type Attack-Defense Evaluations
  - Advanced Persistent Threats
  - Robust Countermeasures
  - Collaboration with industry and NERC
- Critical Infrastructure Resiliency preparedness
  - Table-top exercises for critical infrastructures security
- CPS Cyber Defense Competition

Future Research Opportunities

1

- **Large-scale high-fidelity, federated CPS testbed**
- Remote and open access
- Experiment design
- Accelerate R&D, education, and workforce development

2

- **CPS Cloud architecture, algorithms, and services**
- Scalable architecture and sustainable model
- Promotes collaboration thro resource sharing

3

- **Testebed for interdependent CPS sectors**
- Power grid, oil and natural gas, transportation, water distribution
- Remote and open access

Testbed Demos in ISU's *PowerCyber* Testbed

- Ukraine 2015 attack – Demo, Q/A