

THE ASHERAH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT SIMULATOR (ANS) AS A TRAINING TOOL AT THE BRAZILIAN CYBER GUARDIAN EXERCISE (EGC 2.0)



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ACTIVITIES

EVALUATION

EGC 2.0

SCENARIOS

Brazilian Cyber Guardian Exercise (EGC): support and improve the prevention, detection and response to cyber security incidents involving Brazil's critical infrastructure.

- ✓ **EGC 1.0 (2018):** 115 participants from 23 organizations from finance, nuclear, and defense sectors.



- ✓ **EGC 2.0 (2019):**

- 260 participants 39 private and public organization, more than 260 participants.
- Finance, Electricity, Nuclear, Defense and Telecommunications.
- IAEA CRP J2008 USP/MB team: 2 days activities
- IAEA observer attended the EGC 2.0.
- Asherah NPP Simulator: main exercise tool.







Table Top:

Testing the organizations emergency plan deal with emergency situations.

Use of Request Tracker Tool



Study Group:

“Establishing a roadmap for implementing a nuclear computer security regulatory framework in Brazil”.

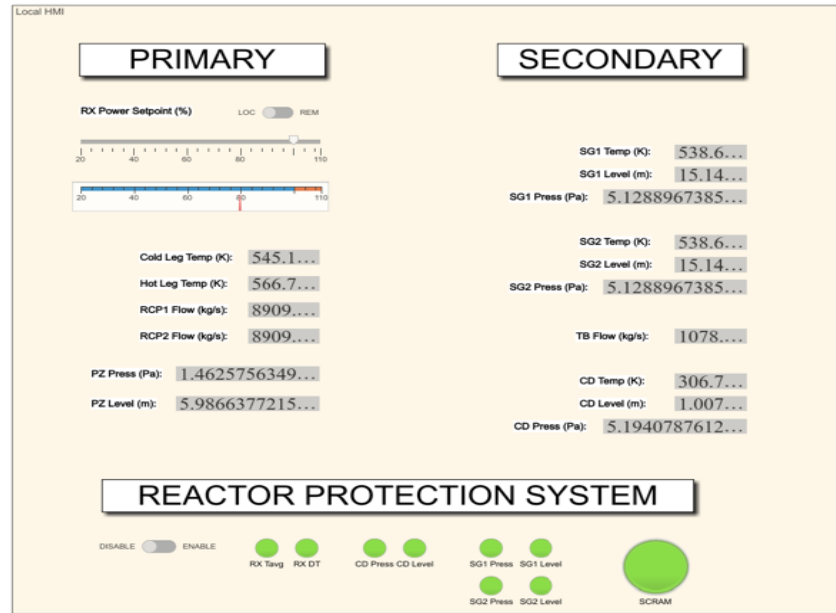


Hands On:

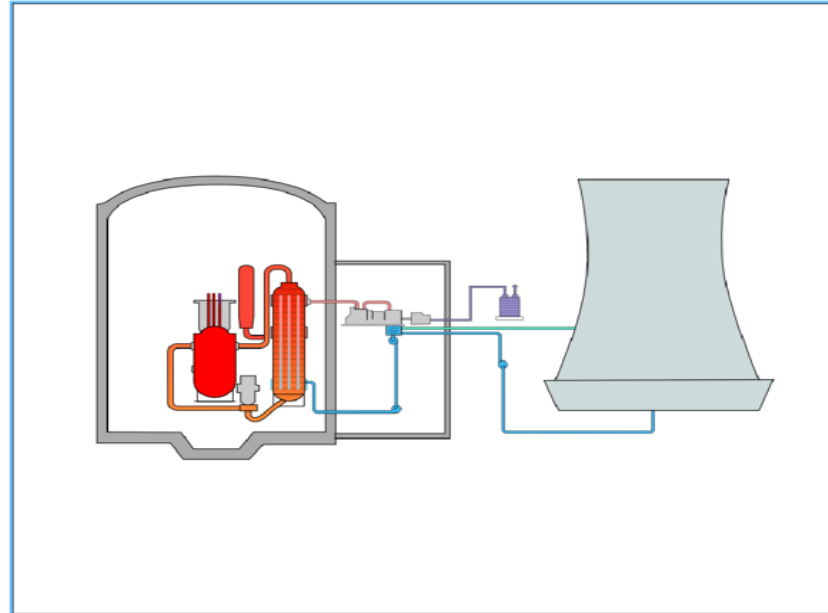
Network and Process Baseline/Attack.
Computer and Operators working together.

BR EGC 2.0 Nuclear Sector Schooling Activities

Asherah NPP Simulator ANS



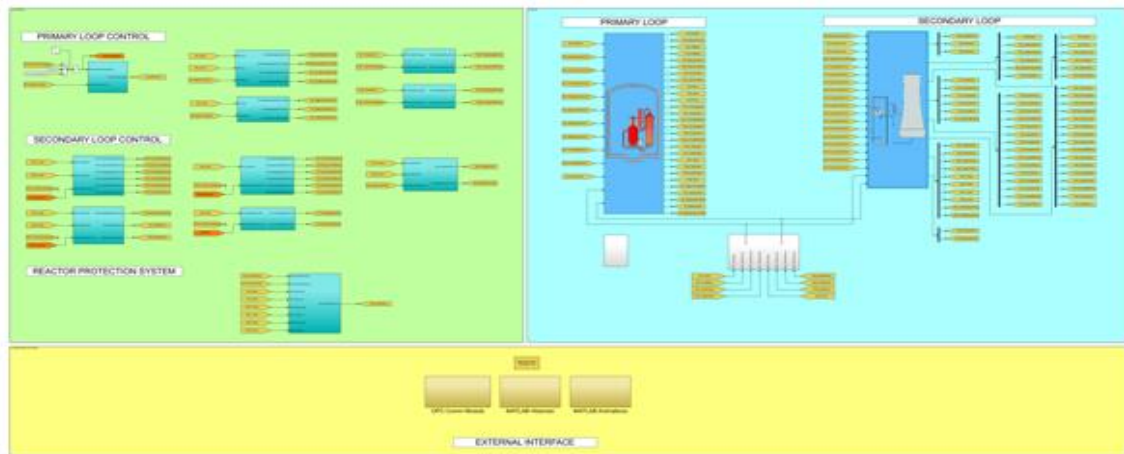
LOCAL HMI



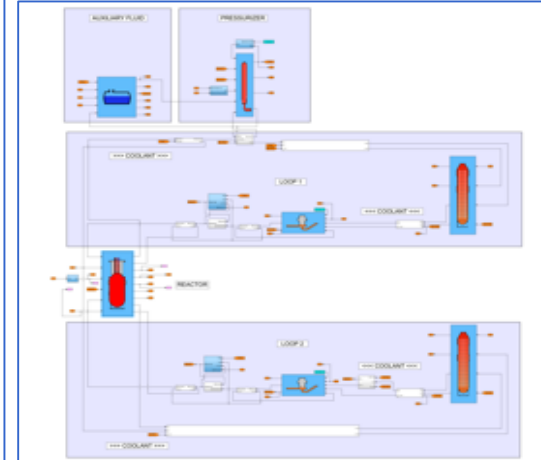
ASHERAH NPP

BR EGC 2.0: 1st time
ANS was used as a
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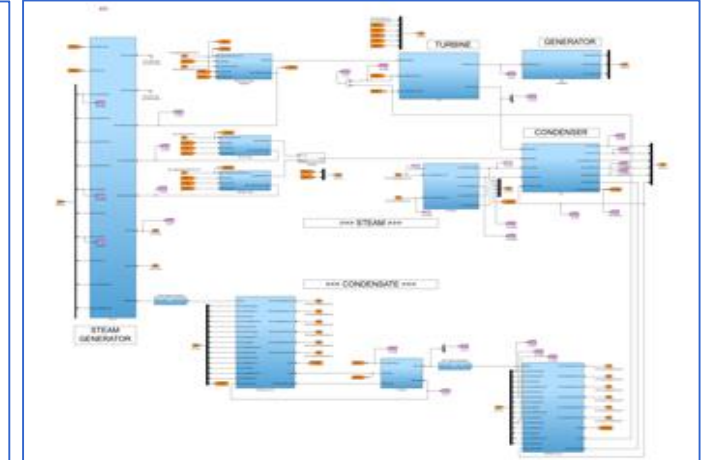
IAEA ITC ROK: 2nd time
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(November, 2019)



Controllers & Comm Modules



Primary, Secondary & Tertiary





**Level of
Difficult**

**Website
Intelligence
Gathering**

Open Source Information Recovery

- **Shapash Nuclear Research Institute**

**Model-Based
Exercise
Scenarios**

Pressurizer Level Controller

- **Asherah Nuclear Power Plant**

**HIL-Based
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Scenarios**

Reactor Power Controller

- **Asherah Nuclear Power Plant**

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Condenser Pump Controller

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- **Exercise planning**
- **Injections & Interactions**
- **Monitoring Participants Responses**

Model-Based Exercise Scenarios

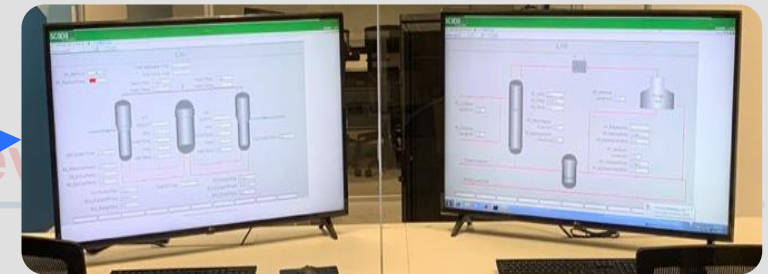
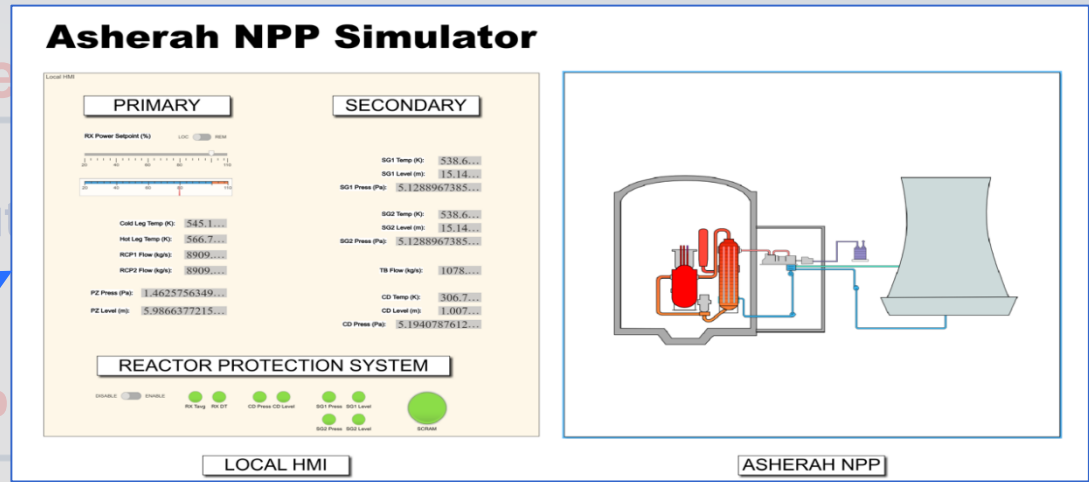
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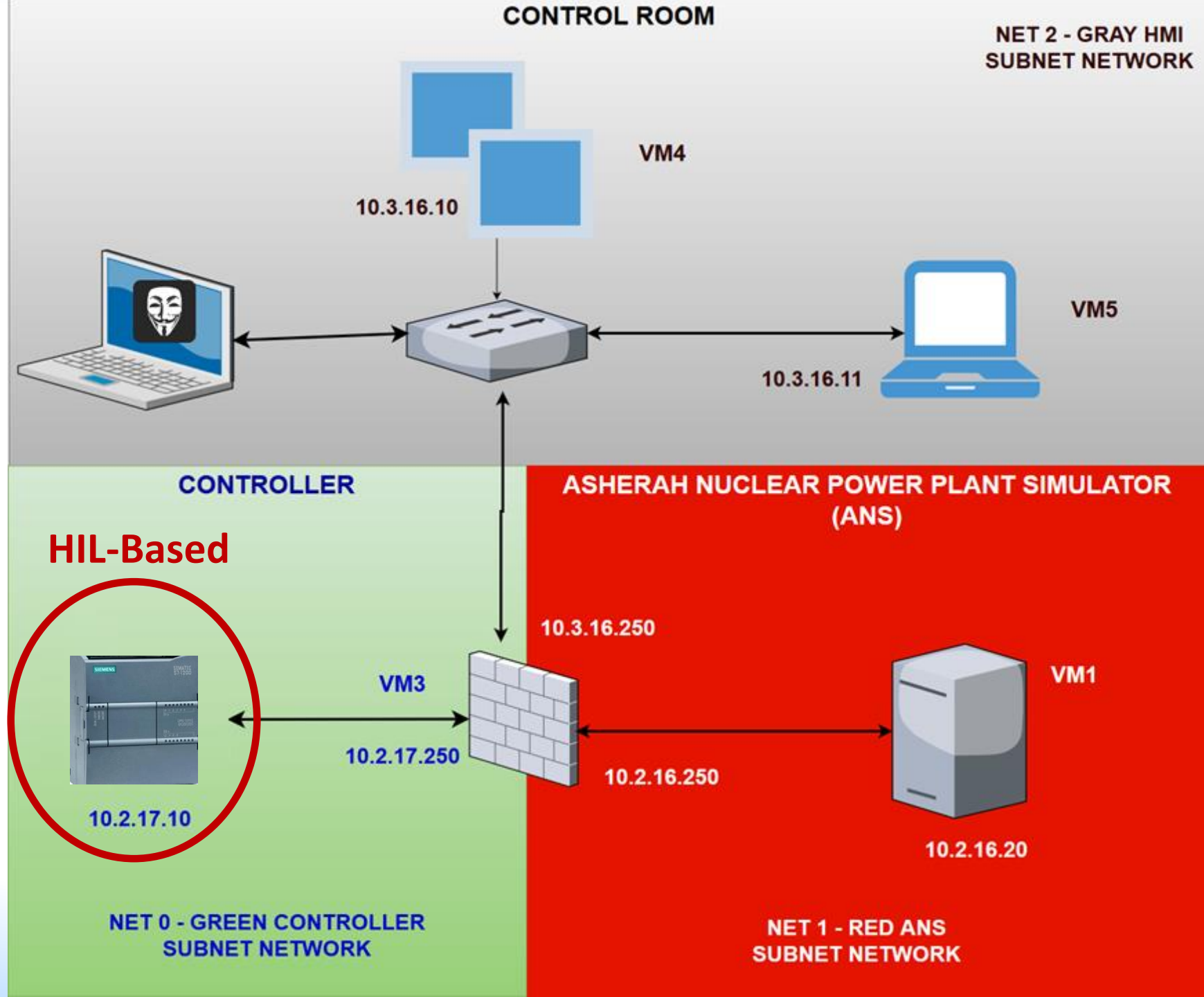
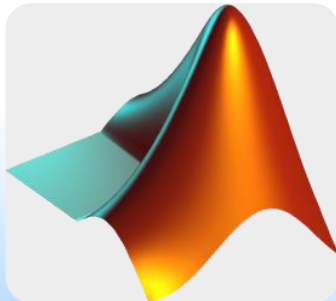


Exercise planning
Actions & Interactions

Monitoring Participants Responses

ANS Network & Process Baseline

- VM1 = ANS (Win7)
- VM2 = PLC S7 1200
- VM3 = IPFire Firewall (Linux)
- VM4 = ScadaBR (Win7)
- VM5 = Engineering Workstation (Win7)



Asherah Reactor Power Controller

- **Main functions:**

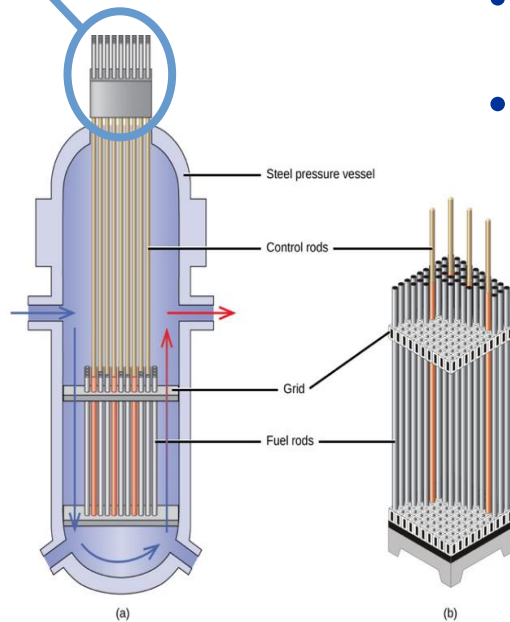
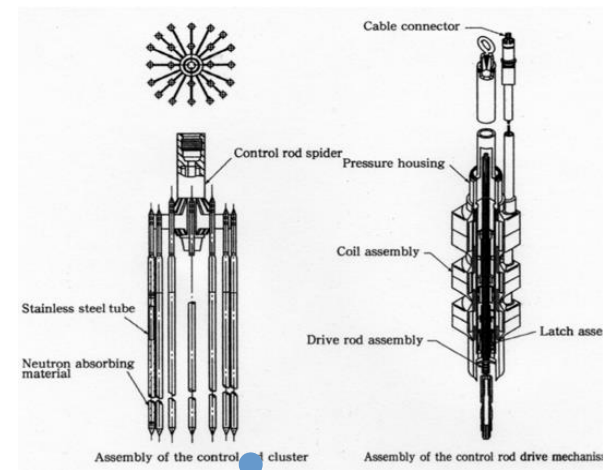
- Controls the reactor core neutron flux/reactivity during normal operation.
- Reactor shutdown for maintenance.

- **CRDM Controller (PLC, digital based):**

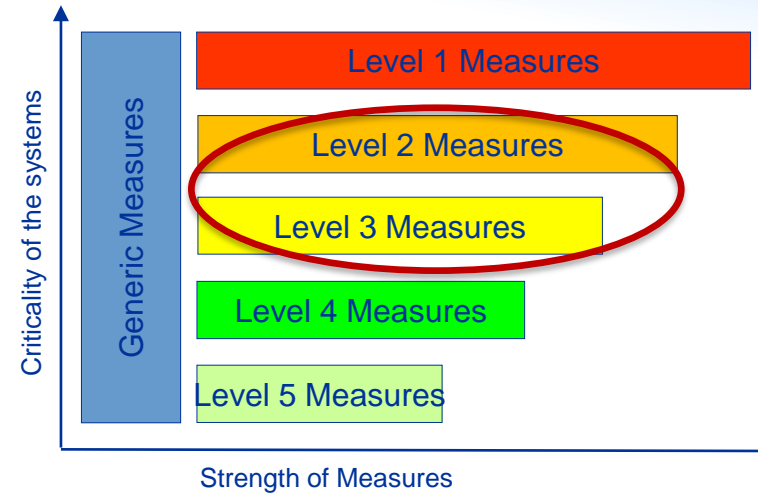
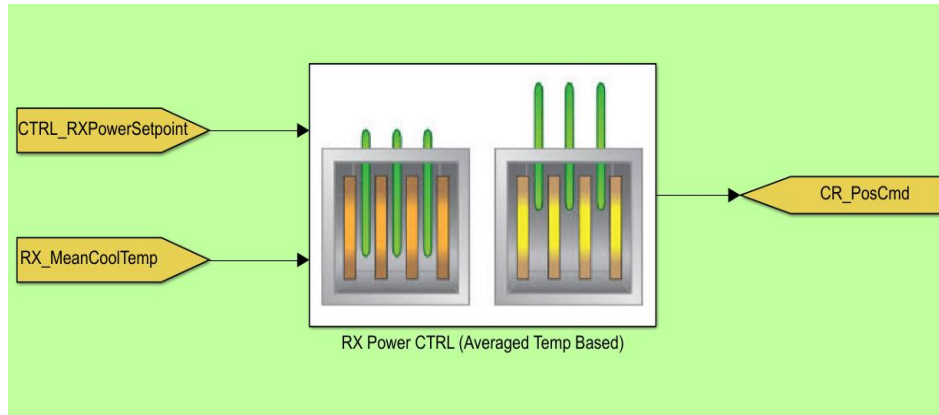


- Inserts control rods into the core: **decreases power**
- Removes control rods from the core: **increases power**

Control rods are rods that contain a neutron absorbing material, such as boron, that is used to control the power of a nuclear reactor



Asherah Reactor Power Controller



1. *Incognitus* uses OSINT to identify a third party potential insider.
2. Spear phishing: gain access to third party maintenance laptop John Doe (Unknowing Accomplice).
3. *Incognitus* install a malware at the maintenance laptop: scan for Siemens data on IT/OT equipment and copy them (EternalBlue SMB exploit).
4. John Doe accesses CR network for maintenance.

Asherah Reactor Power Controller



6. The malware copies S7 1200 web server configuration backup files and OT network architecture.



7. John Doe connects his laptop to the Internet: the malware sends data captured to a remote server.



8. Using TIA portal, *Incognitus* prepares a new S7 1200 configuration file, that “stuck” the control rods in a certain position (“all rods out”).

9. During a new CR maintenance, SL2 remote maintenance access (from SL3) was allowed (case-by-case access and for a short defined working period).

10. The new PLC S7 1200 configuration file is uploaded.

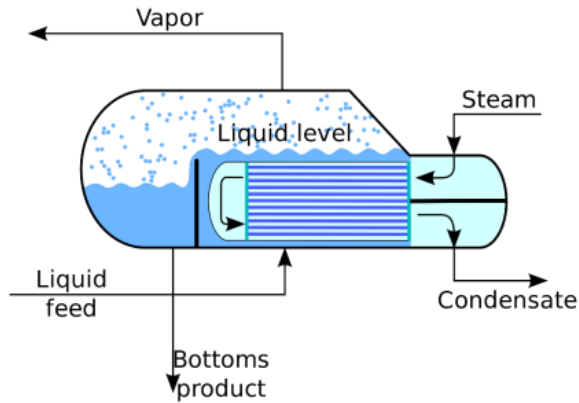
11. The reactor power controller is compromised.



CD Pressure & Level Controllers

- Main functions:

- Condensation of the turbine exhaust steam into water
- Maintain vacuum to maximize turbine efficiency

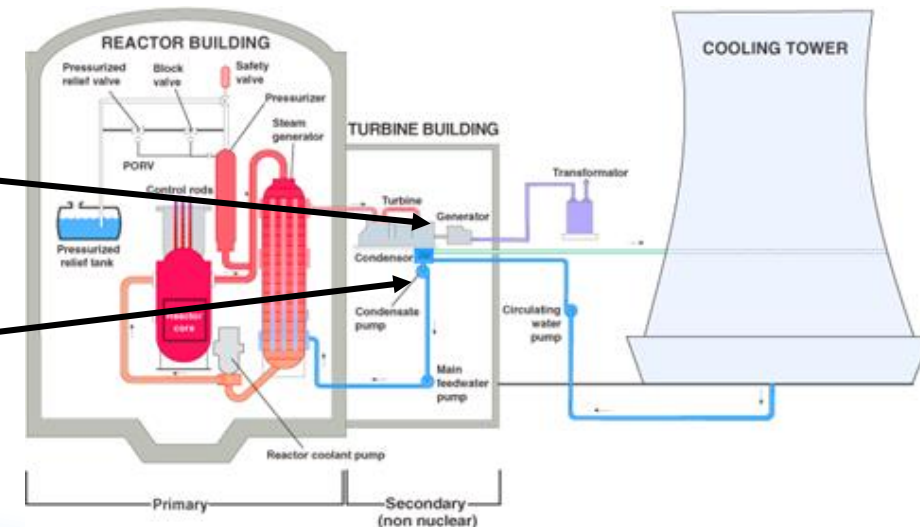


CD Level Controller (PLC, digital based):

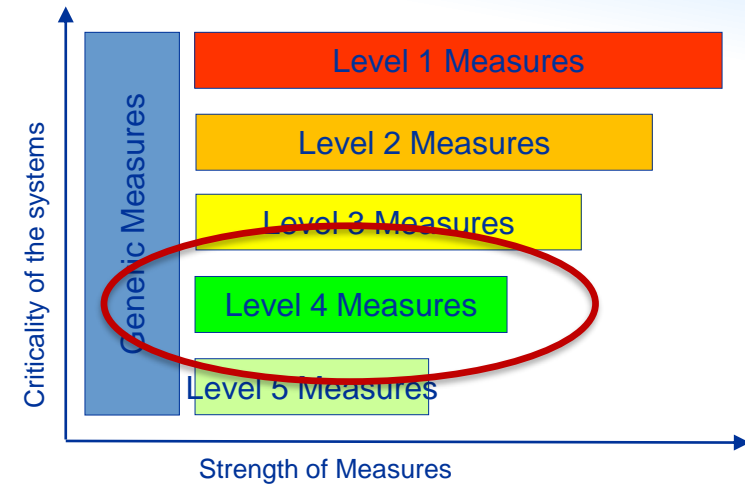
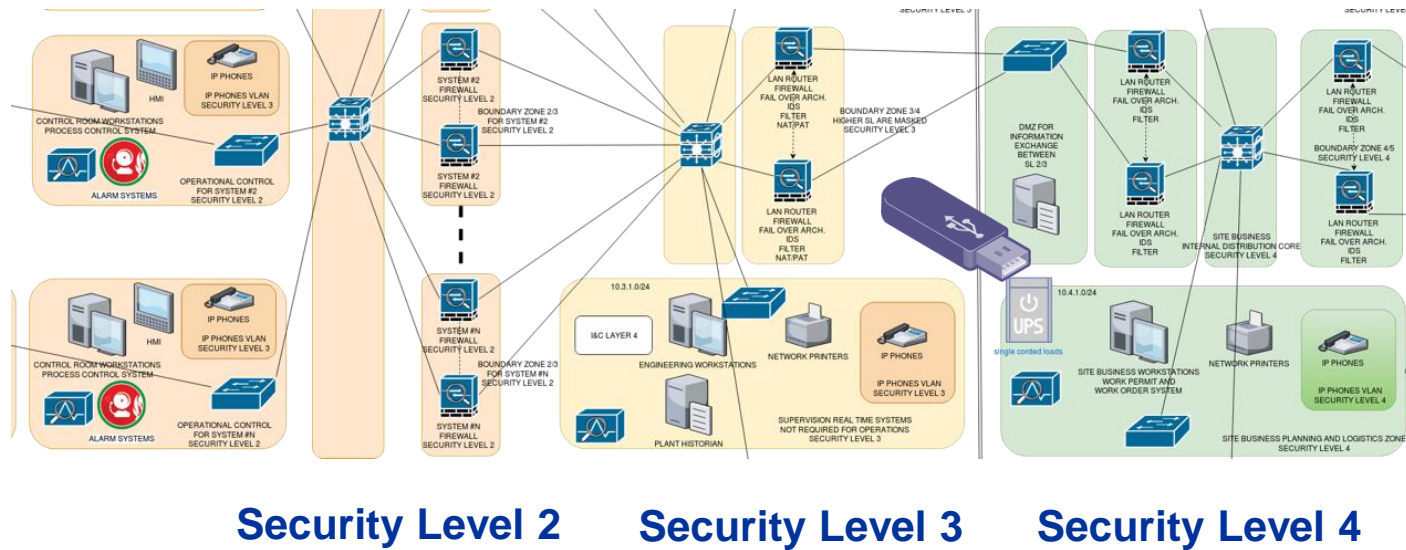
Condensate Extraction Pump

CD Pressure Controller (PLC, digital based):

Condensate Cooling Pump



CD Pressure & Level Controllers



1. The SL3-4 kiosk engines are not up to date.
2. An infected USB stick is used for data exchange between SL3-4.
3. A network path (bad security gateway) allows uncontrolled traffic and a remote desktop connection between SL3 and SL4.

CD Pressure & Level Controllers



4. A dedicated condenser pump controller (PLC 1200 - tertiary) is wrong located in a SL3 zone.



5. Access to Internet from SL4 is allowed to users provided adequate protective measures. A remote maintenance access is allowed.



7. An malware allows *Incognitus* access through out remote desktop.

8. *Incognitus* uses captured information to perform a man-in-the-middle type attack. The OPC communication is compromised.

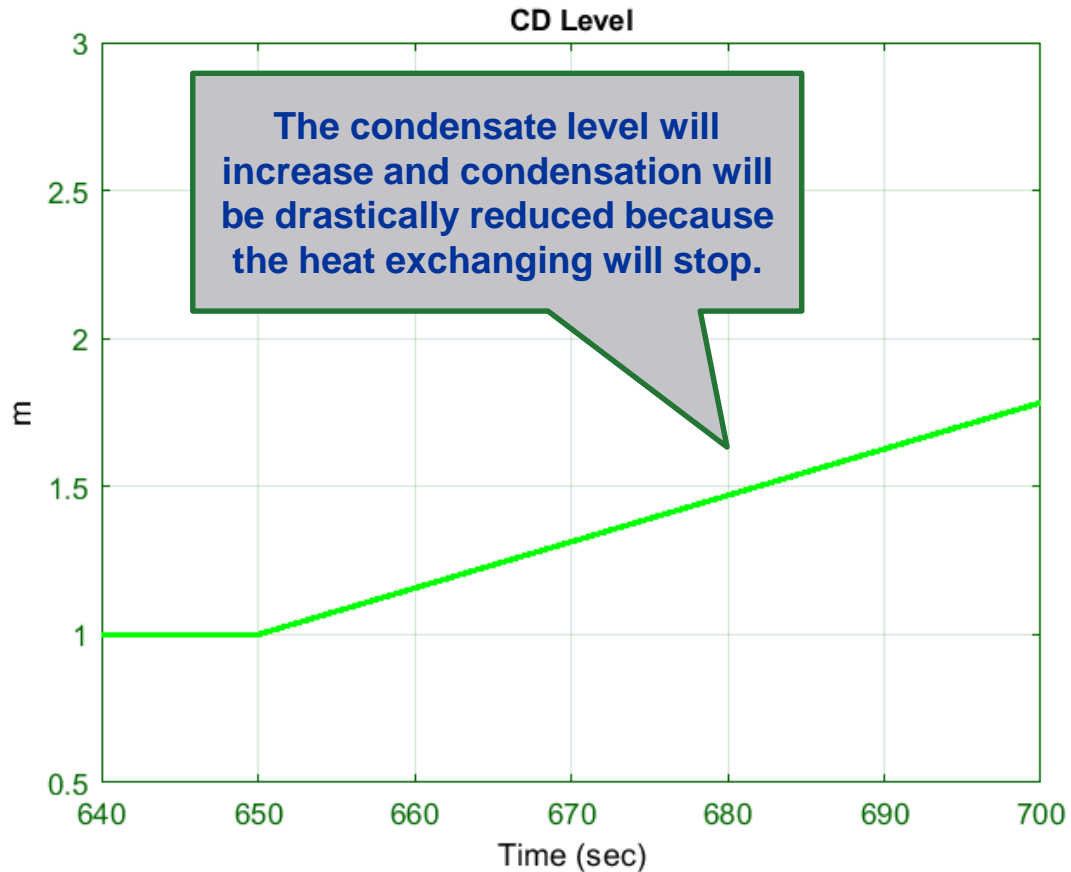
6. The condenser pump is turned off. The CR HMI does not present that information.

7. The Condenser Pump Controllers are compromised.

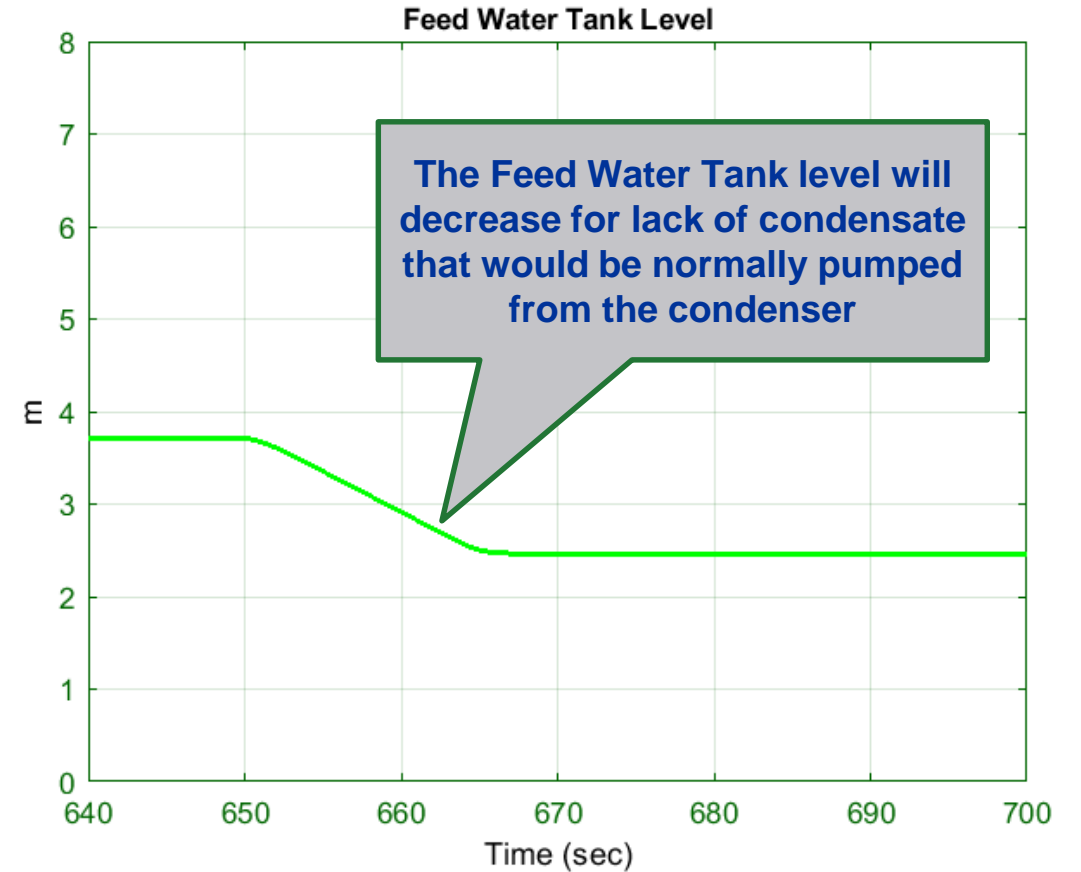


Firewall

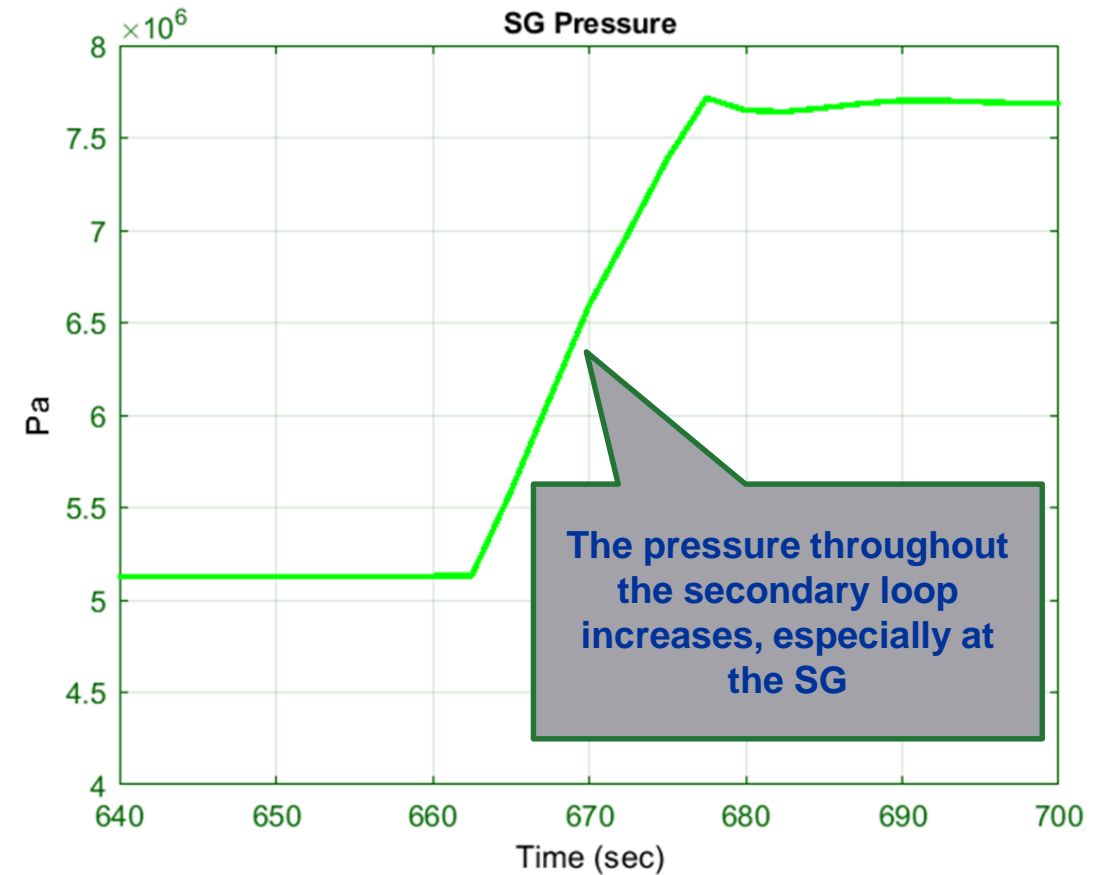
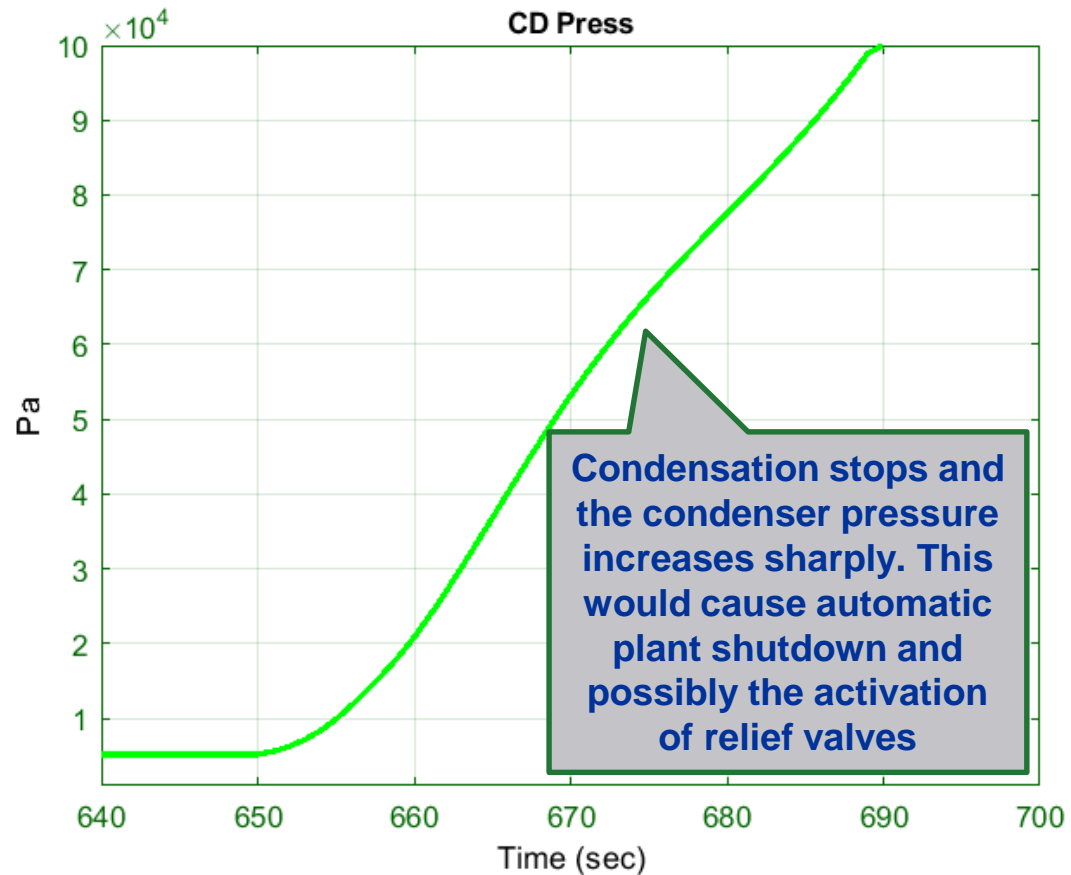
Condenser & Feed Water Levels



**No heat is extracted
and condensation
stops**

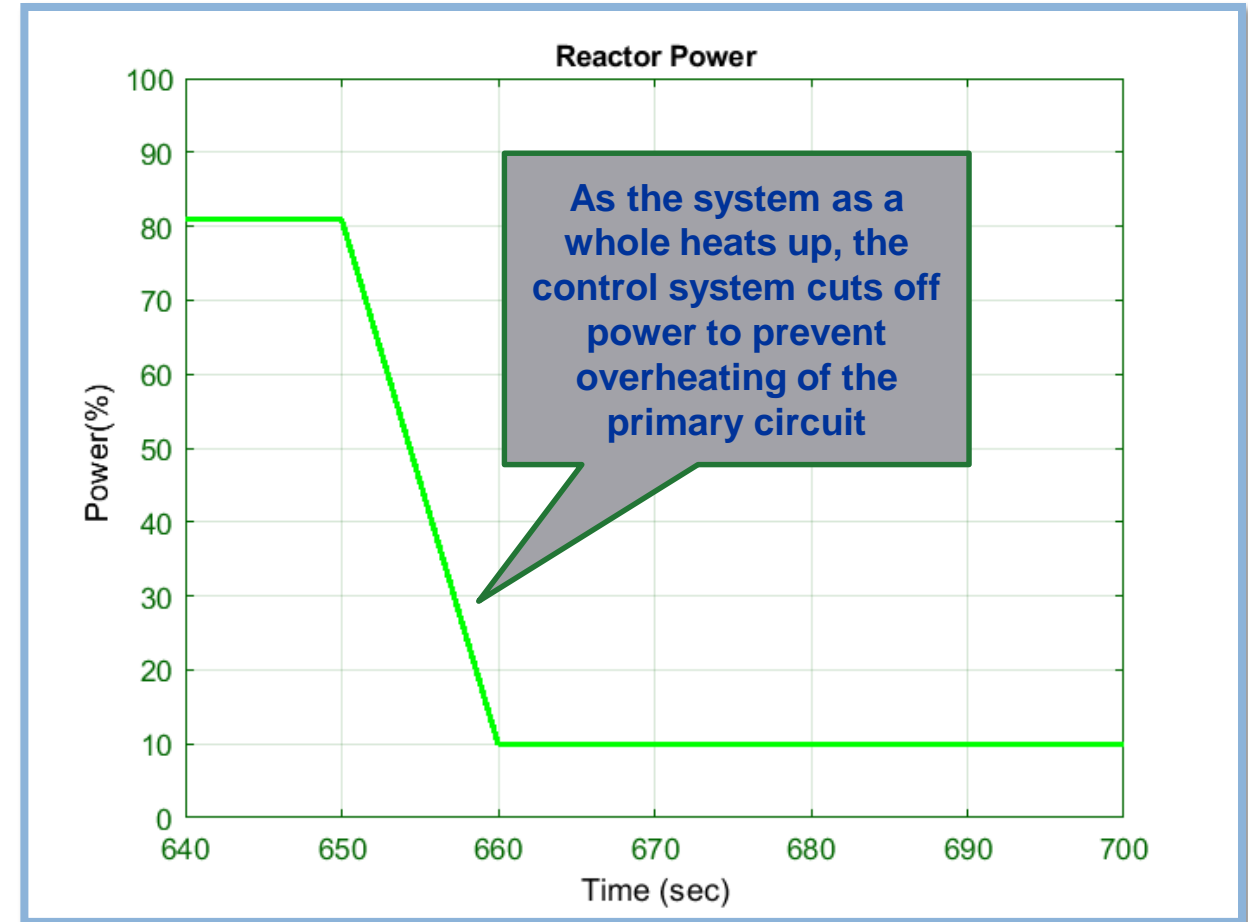
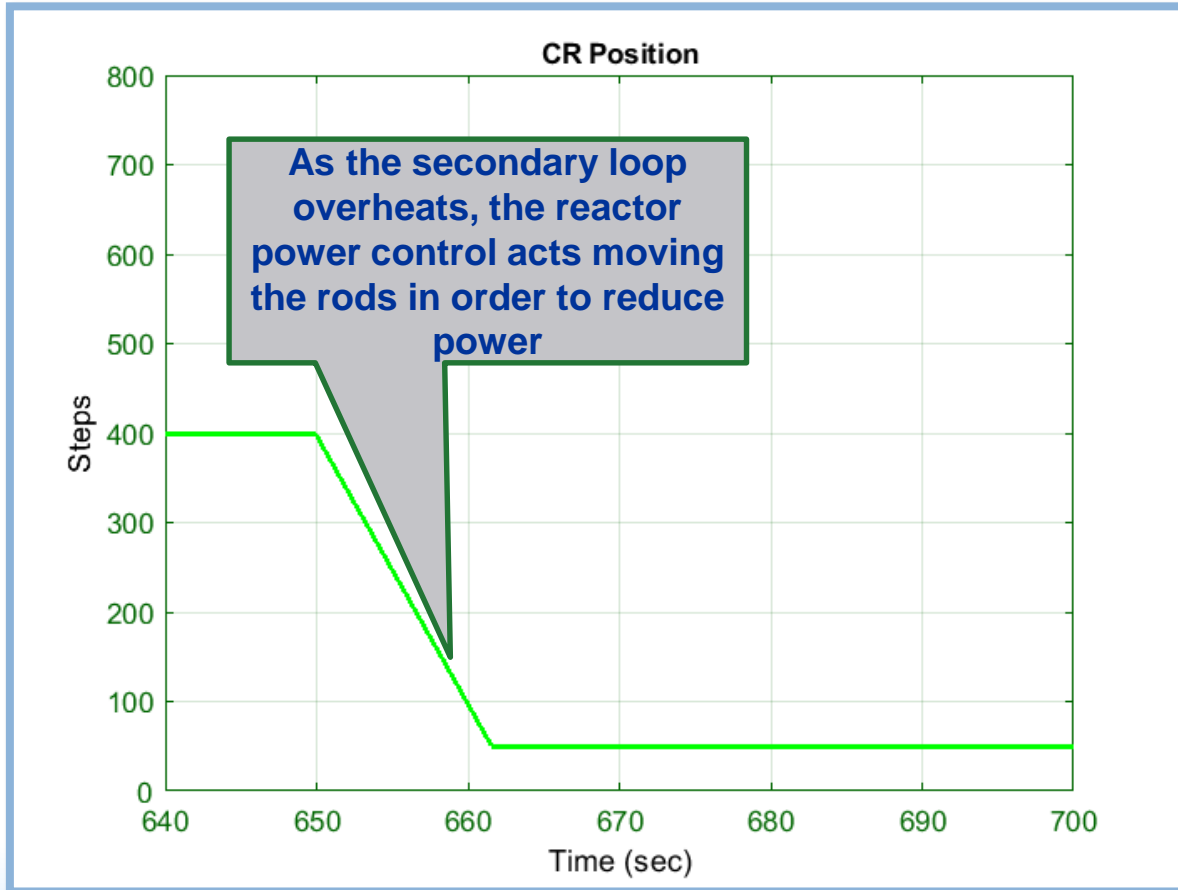


Condenser & SG Pressure

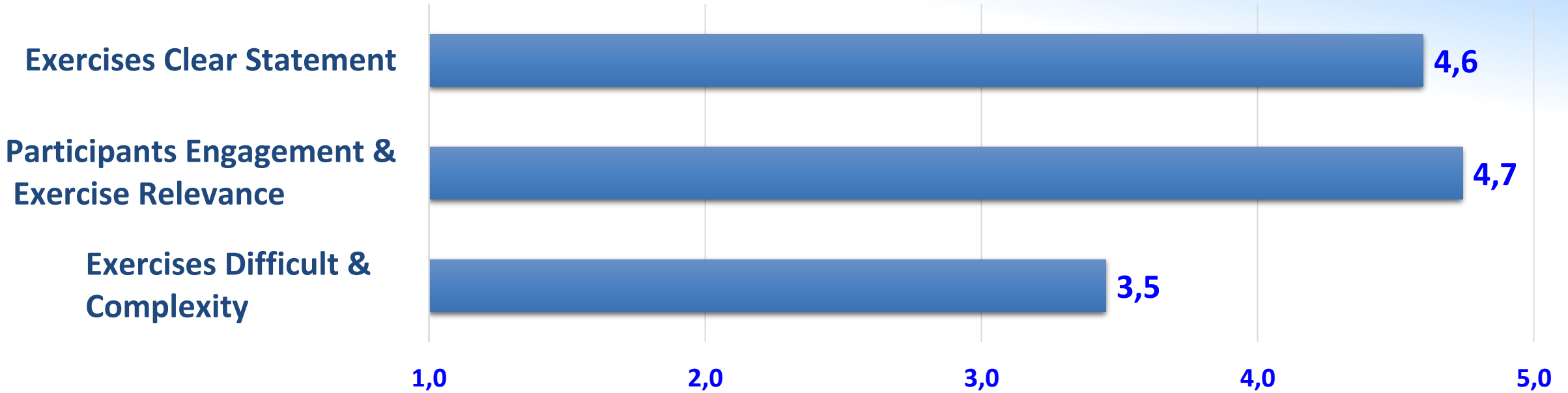


Overpressure on TB and SG activates the Steam Dump Valve

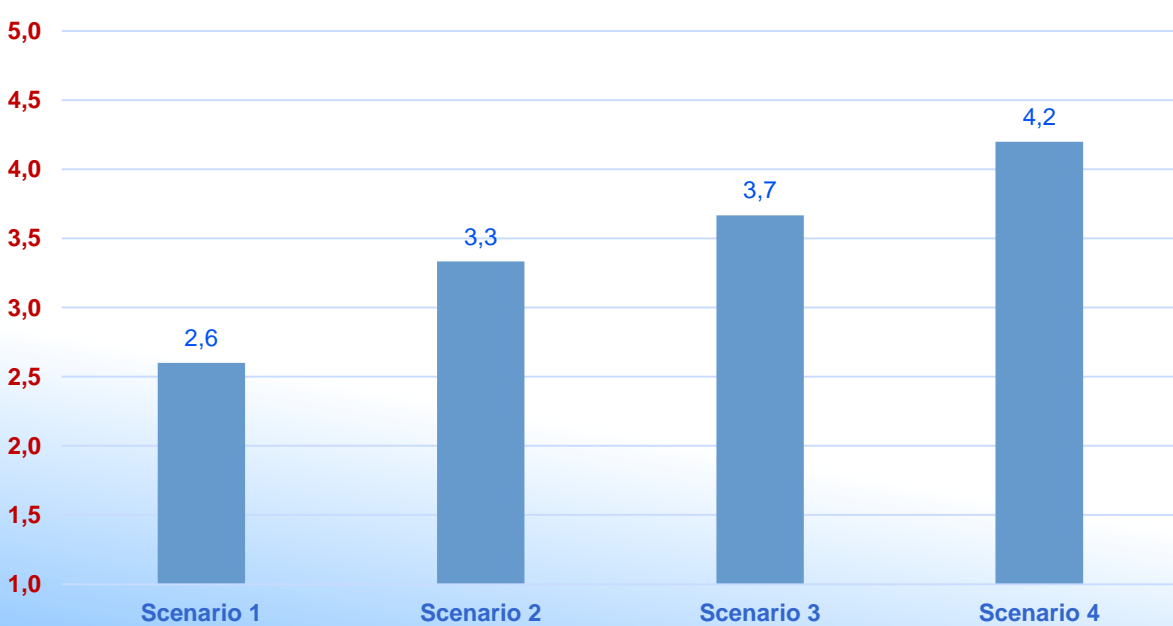
Nuclear Reactor Power



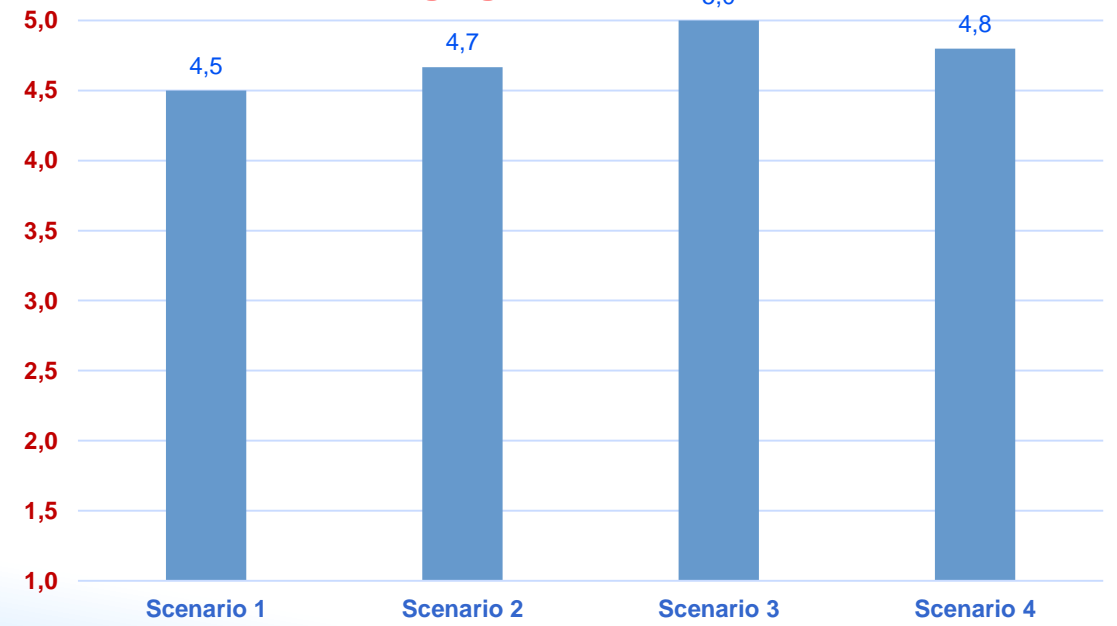
Hands On



Complexity & Difficult



Engagement & Relevance



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