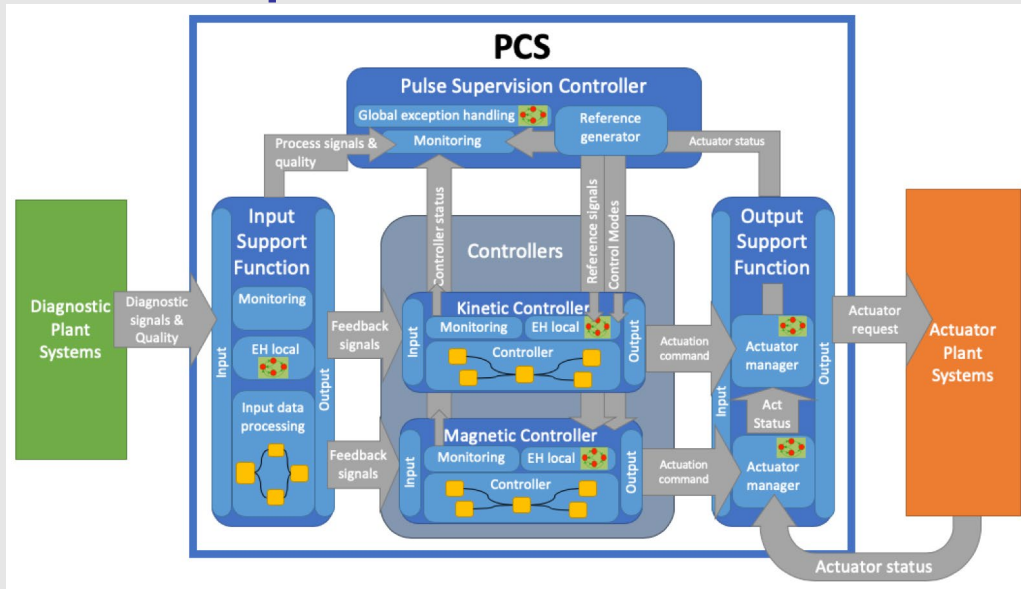


ITER Plasma Control System Final Design and Preparation for First Plasma



- ITER tokamak assembly has begun with PF6 installed and the first vessel sector nearly ready
- Plant system commissioning has begun with electrical networks and cooling water systems
- The PCS Final Design for First Plasma was approved and is ready to be implemented
- The ITER Research Plan first operational phase will begin with Integrated Commissioning, First Plasma and Engineering Operation to commission systems for full current operation to demonstrate capability to achieve 15 MA, 5.3 T in later operation phases