



# Control & Instrumentation – User’s Perspective

Excellence Integrity Care  
Trust Collaboration Respect



## From Decade of Progress to Era of New Possibilities

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## Introduction

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- ❑ Rapidly changing schedules, Varying fuel qualities, Strict Environmental requirements – Role of Automation Critical
- ❑ Production reliability, Operational efficiency and Bottom line profitability.
- ❑ Progress of Control System – Proprietary based to totally integrated
- ❑ Vastly increased computing power of controllers
- ❑ DCS an integral part of the corporate IT infrastructure
- ❑ Advanced Application Tools - Volumes of data to useful information
- ❑ Leveraging the capabilities of control system

## Control & Instrumentation – The Journey



**Progress**

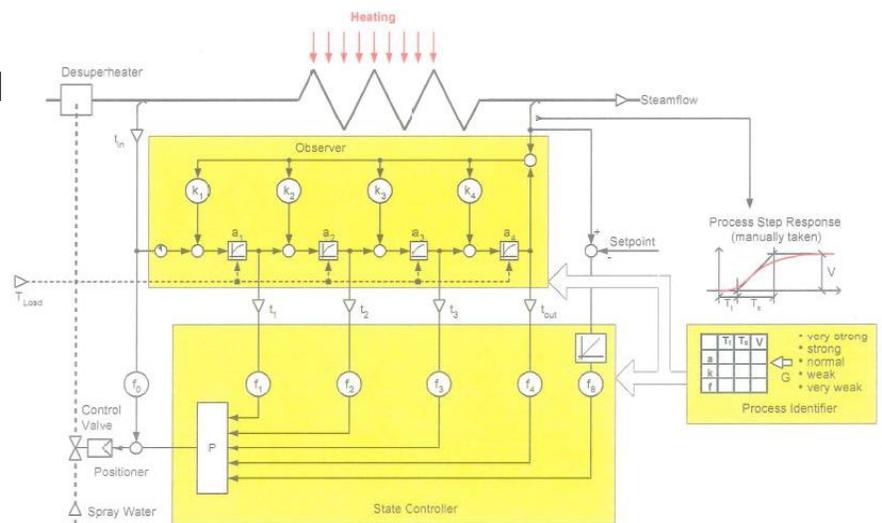


**Possibilities**

- Advanced Control Concepts
- Alarm Management System
- Unattended and Reduced Attendance Operation
- Cyber security of Plant Control Systems
- Control Loop Performance Monitoring software
- Power Plant Simulator
- Community of Experts

# Advanced Control Concepts

- ❑ Limitation of PID Controllers - Nonlinear process & Large Time Constants
- ❑ Superheater Steam temp Control - Large temperature excursions - Plant life reduction and creep life damage on boilers
- ❑ Process Model calculates the intermediate control states
- ❑ HP Bypass control Valve - Model Predictive Control
- ❑ Exploiting Margins
- ❑ Correction before Error



## Alarm Management

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- Alarm flood and nuisance alarms - Adverse effect on process efficiency
- Alarm system - Operator's attention for timely assessment and action
- Blocking of alarms from an out-of-service plant/equipment
- Grouping of Multiple process alarms
- Suppression of major event alarm – Fail safe action
- Rationalization of all multiple alarms initiated directly to the root cause
- Blocking of Downstream alarms
- Rate of Rise philosophy or Some other concept for spurious alarms
- Alarm Management System - Root Cause Analysis Tree

## Unattended and Reduced Attendance Operation



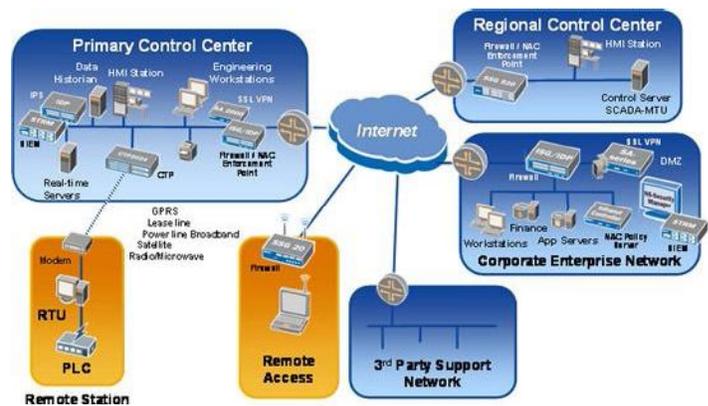
- Pocket pager by the roving operator for alarms & message
- Control Room physically unattended but fully in effective control
- Operator recall alarms and lights activate for physical presence
- Level of plant protection automatically raised in unattended mode
- Design Principle – Single Pushbutton Operation, Advanced control
- Safety Integrity Level certified systems – Boiler & Turbine Protection
- Operator actions largely interventions, rather than Control & Monitoring

# Cyber Security of Plant Industrial Control Systems



- ❑ Increased connectivity of control system network to corporate networks
- ❑ Normal disconnect - I&C professionals not conversant with IT products
- ❑ Set of security policies and procedures by team of I&C and IT engineers
- ❑ Periodic comprehensive security audit by certified auditor
- ❑ Security features in specification

Cyber security requirements  
- Culture not compliance



## Control Loop Performance Monitoring Software

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- Software evaluates the control loops - More targeted corrective action
- Diagnosing control problem - Which Loops & Why
- Prioritized list of poorly performing loops based on the criticality
- Maintaining performance and tuning history
- Integration into on-line Heat Rate Calculation Software
- Useful to for less-experienced process control engineers

## Power Plant Simulators



- Training platform for operators, engineers and plant management
- Operators trained for multitude of possible malfunctions
- Validation of Process equipment design & Control strategy
- Eliminate problems before implementation
- Optimize plants, already in operation.
- Experiment control design changes before implemented in "live" plant

## Community of Experts

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- Automation systems - Fast becoming communications channels
- Computers at Power plant - Expertise and software elsewhere
- Performance Enhancing products and services through the portal
- Optimization of plant's processes as a whole rather than piecemeal
- Community of experts - Collaborate towards the common objectives
- Automation system - The Platform for community

Thank You



Safety ?

Process Availability ?



Risks ?

Cost saving?



# Controls and Automation in Solar Thermal Plants



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# AREVA Group offers one-stop solutions for carbon-free power generation

World leader in nuclear power and major player in renewable energy



## Bioenergy Power Generation

More than 100 bioenergy plants built by AREVA worldwide

*2800 MWe*



## Offshore Wind Power Generation

250 AREVA wind turbines chosen for use in offshore wind parks in Europe

*1200 MWe*



## Concentrated Solar Thermal

Most cost-effective, utility-scale turnkey concentrated solar power (CSP) solution

***300 MWe in operation/ construction***



## Hydrogen & Storage

Energy Storage solutions with GreenergyBox™ and Myrte fuel cell system

*100 kWe*

Source: AREVA

# AREVA Solar Projects track record

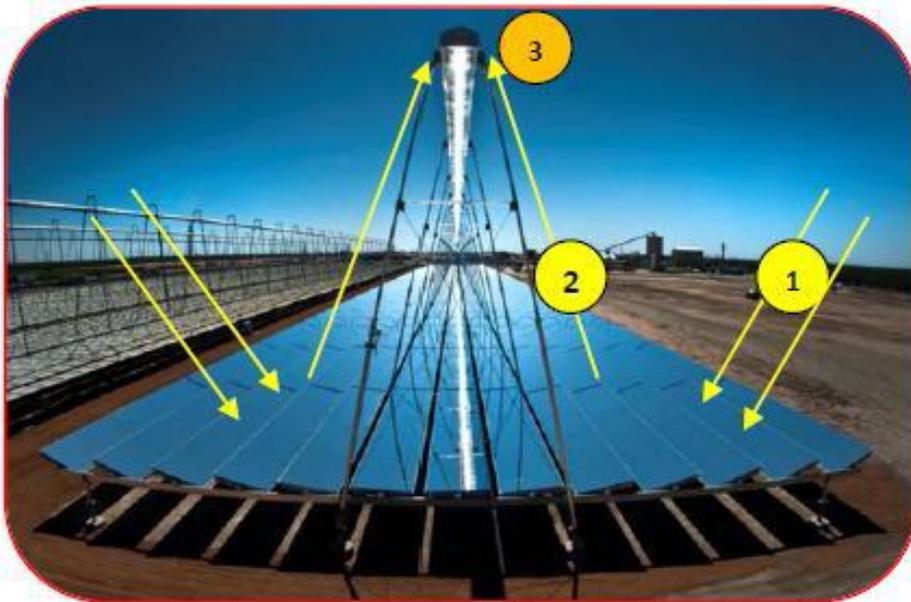
▶ AREVA Solar currently has close to 550 MW of CSP projects in operation, under construction or in advanced development

	First coal/solar booster prototype	Booster 3 MWe	Prototype
	Construction of world's largest coal/solar booster	Booster 44 MWe	Construction
	First CSP plant commissioned in the USA in 20 years	Stand-alone 5 MWe	Operation
	High-temperature booster demo for additional applications	Booster 5 MWe	Construction
	Delivery of a large-scale, high-temperature CSP plant	Stand-alone 2x125 MWe	Construction

» AREVA, one the fastest-growing CSP technology providers



## AREVA's solar technology of choice Compact Linear Fresnel Reflector



- 1 Sunlight falls on the single-axis, sun tracking reflectors
- 2 Sunlight gets reflected towards the fixed receiver
- 3 In a once-through boiler, the water gets converted to steam directly

**Each such module is called a Solar Steam Generator – SSG**  
1 SSG typically produces upto 20MWth or 5.5MW in India DNI conditions

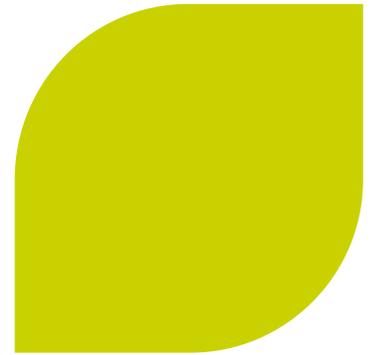


# Specifications sheet Standard Solar Steam Generator



<b>Solar Steam Generator Unit</b> Performances depend on local conditions	
Temperature	Up to 485°C (905°F)
Pressure	Up to 2,400 psia (165 bara)
Thermal Output	Up to 22 MWth
Electric Output	Up to 7.7 MWe
Water Usage (dry cooling)	0.3 m <sup>3</sup> /MWhe 80 gal./MWhe
Land Use (acres/hectares)	15.44 acres 6.2 hectares
MWe per acre/hectare	0.5 MW/acre 1.24 MWe/hectare
Grade	East – West = up to 1.6% North – South = <1%

# Controls and Operational Excellence



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# Topics



- ▶ **Controls Features and Architecture**
- ▶ **System Automation**
- ▶ **Solar Field Operations and Operational Modes**



# CONTROLS FEATURES AND ARCHITECTURE

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# SSG Safety and Protections



- ▶ **SSG controls will begin to roll off reflectors when steam conditions approach pressure and temperature limits**
- ▶ **SSG controls will trip (roll off all reflectors) when steam conditions exceed pressure or temperature limits**
- ▶ **Temperature limits**
  - ◆ **Tube Maximum Mean Wall Temperature**
  - ◆ **Thermal expansion**
- ▶ **Pressure limits**
  - ◆ **Pressure safety relief pressures**
    - **Set below Maximum Allowable Working Pressure**
- ▶ **SSG controls will trip when flow rates are too low to ensure that temperatures can be managed**

## SSG Steam Quality Controls



- ▶ **Exit steam pressure and temperature conditions are controlled by a Model Predictive Controller (MPC) that determines flow rates into and out of the SSG**
- ▶ **Target flow rates are also adjusted based on an estimate of available thermal input power from the sun**
- ▶ **The MPC provides tight steam conditions that account for the challenging process dynamics of direct steam generation**
- ▶ **Control valves manage flow rates into and out of the SSG**

# SSG Reflector Controls



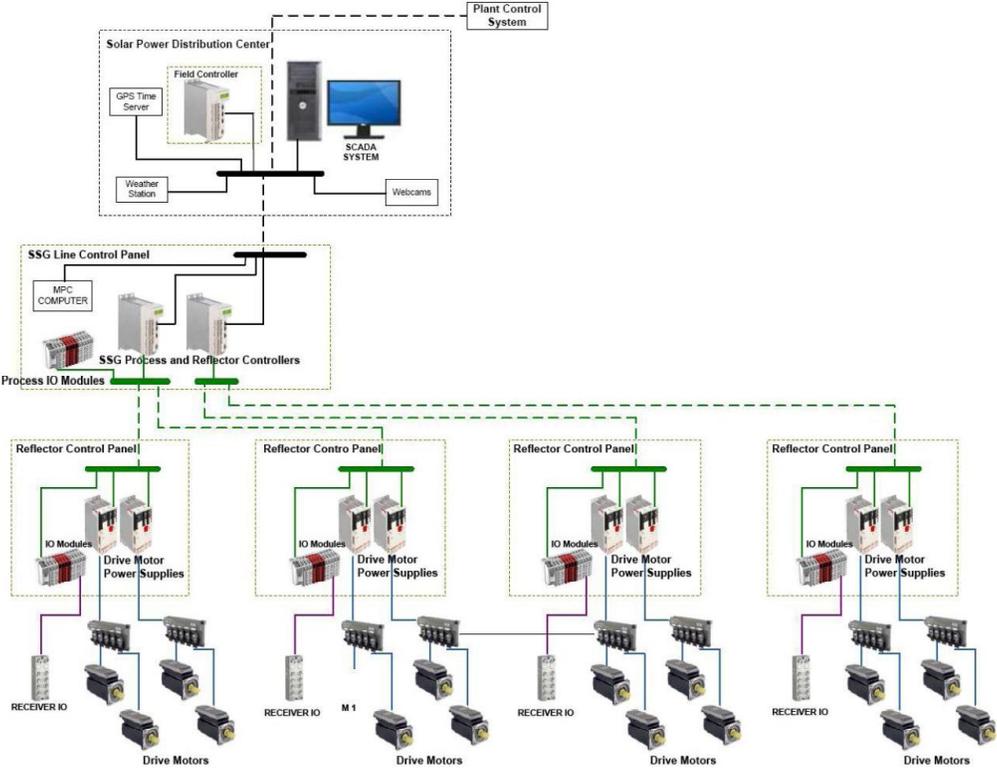
- ▶ **Reflectors controls focus the solar power on the receiver**
- ▶ **Reflector angle determined based on solar position and SSG design geometry**
  - ◆ **Solar position calculated based on time and location on earth using industry standard algorithms**
- ▶ **Reflector angle accurate to within +/-0.05 degrees**
- ▶ **Reflector angle calibrated with optical field measurement at installation to ensure tracking is correct**

# Operator Interface and SCADA



- ▶ **Solar Field SCADA provides alarm and trip protection notification to operators**
- ▶ **Solar Field SCADA screens provide detailed information for all Solar Field equipment**
  - ◆ **Flow, pressure, temperature, level indications**
  - ◆ **Motors, pumps, and valves**
  - ◆ **Weather station**
- ▶ **Screens allow operators to run systems in manual or automatic control**
- ▶ **Historian included with Solar Field SCADA**

# Controls Hardware Architecture



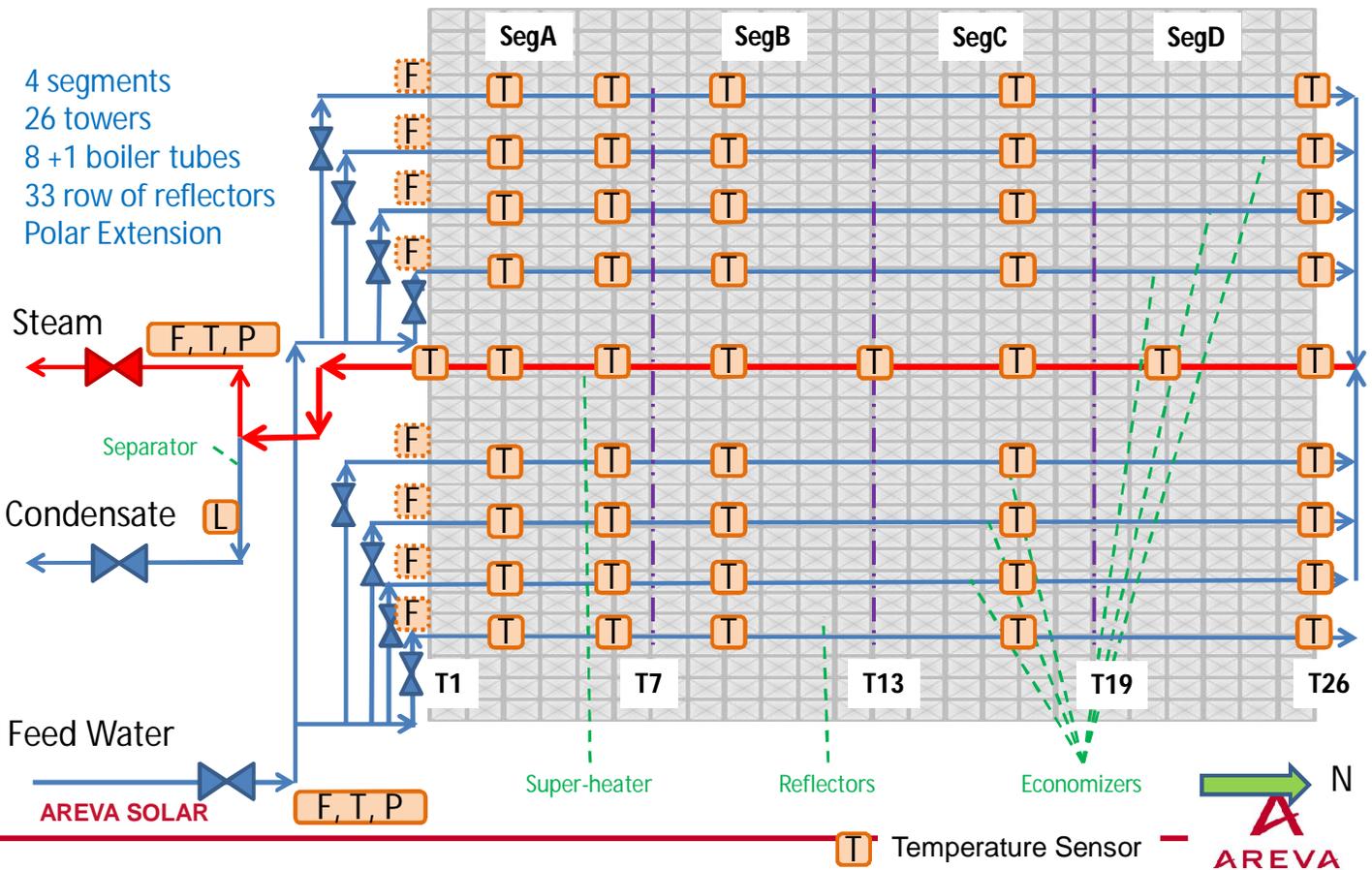
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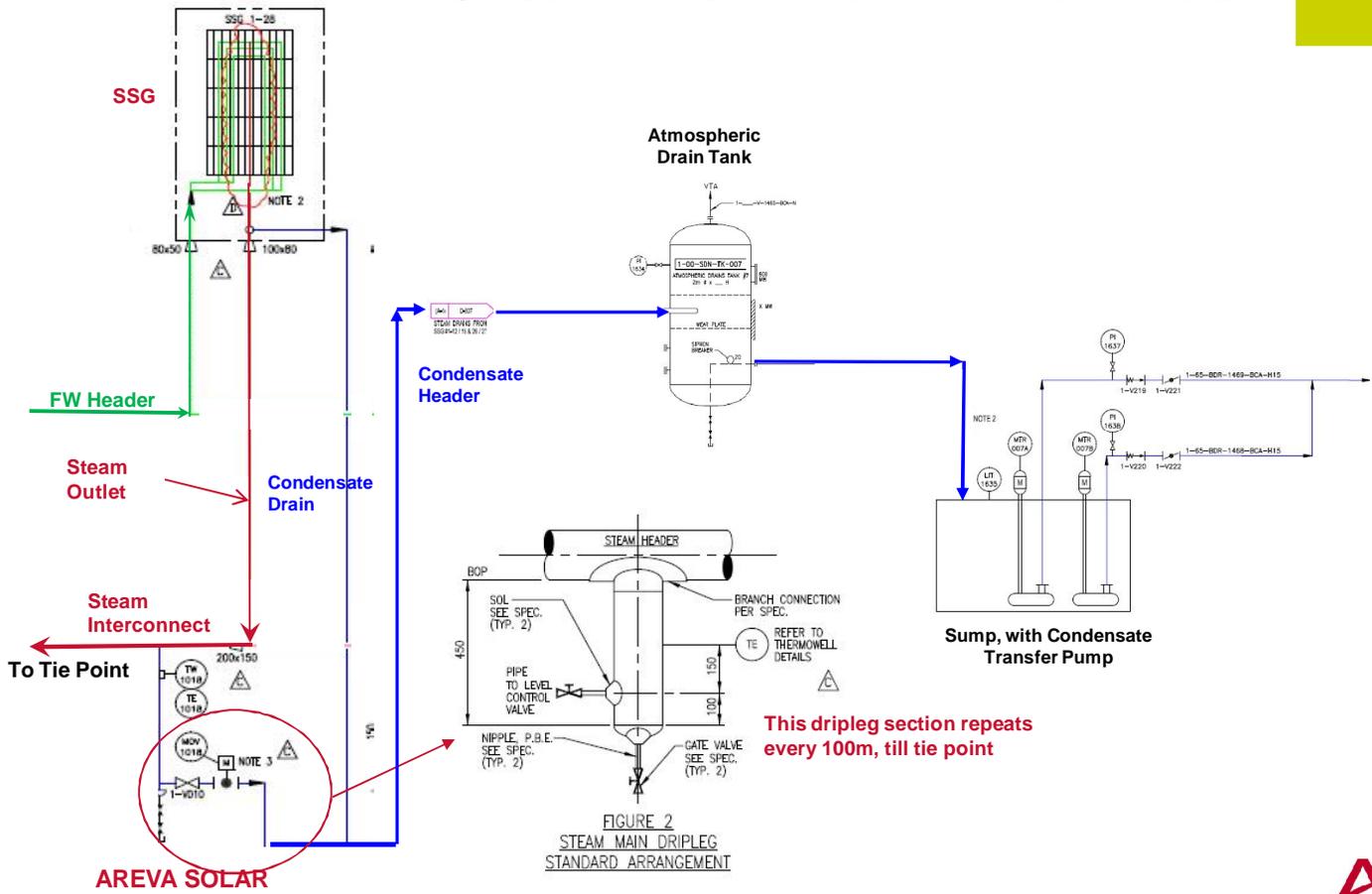


# SSG Simplified P&ID

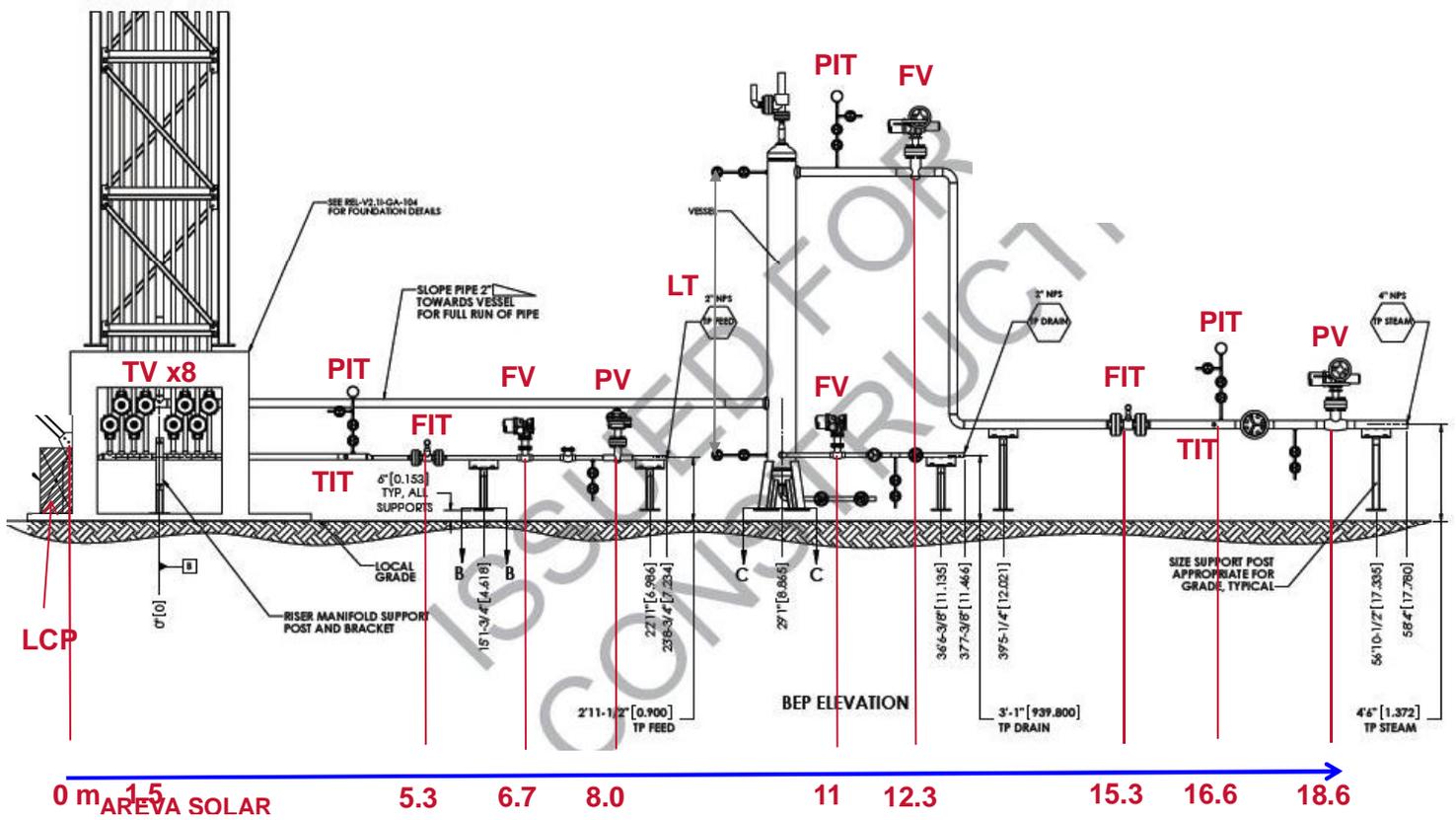
- 4 segments
- 26 towers
- 8 +1 boiler tubes
- 33 row of reflectors
- Polar Extension



# Solar Field Distribution P&ID



# BEP Valves & Instrumentation





# CONTROLS SYSTEM AUTOMATION

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# Automation Capabilities



- ▶ **Goal of automation is to reduce the need for operators to run the SSGs**
- ▶ **Automation is implemented as a supervisory control system that coordinates reflector tracking and steam process management**
- ▶ **Automation includes all phases of daily system operation, from start-up through normal operation and then shutdown**

# SSG Start-up



## ▶ Normal automated start-up

- ◆ Reflectors roll on in anticipation of sunrise
- ◆ SSG exit steam valve manages pressure build and superheat
- ◆ Feedwater valves add flow to bring steam conditions to steady state
- ◆ BOP coordination

## ▶ Start-up after extended lay-up

- ◆ Same as above, except
  - Not automated; start-up requires operator attention
  - Nitrogen may need to be vented out the drain system
  - Water inventory in the SSG may need to be added prior to start



# SOLAR FIELD OPERATIONS

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# Solar Field Coordination of SSG Controls



- ▶ **In normal operation, all available SSGs operate**
  - ◆ **When host is at maximum steam capacity, roll off reflectors in SSGs**
  - ◆ **Operating more SSGs improves energy capture during start-up and shutdown when host is not at maximum steam capacity**
  - ◆ **Operating more SSGs provides faster response and more flexibility to roll reflectors on to compensate for clouds**
- ▶ **The Solar Field control system provides setpoint ranges for steam pressure and temperature conditions for each SSG**
- ▶ **SSG pressure setpoints are chosen to be above steam header pressure to prevent interactions between SSGs**

# Impact of Clouds at a Power Project



- ▶ **Economic optimization of power project favors overbuild of solar field**
  - ◆ Peak solar field steam production is typically ~2x turbine rated capacity
- ▶ **Mid-day operation is typically clipped, especially in summer**
- ▶ **Mid-day clouds can be compensated by reducing clipping**
  - ◆ In these circumstances, small clouds do not change turbine load
- ▶ **When available optical power is not enough to fill the turbine, steam header pressure will slide**
- ▶ **SSGs will deliver all available power**
  - ◆ Some will have lower flow rates than others depending on the clouds
- ▶ **SSG pressures will drop to maintain flow to the turbine**
  - ◆ Control system will manage pressure reduction to maintain acceptable temperatures

# SSG Start-up when Field is Already Operating



## ► Option 1: Pressurize SSG

- ◆ Bypass valve around non-return valve at SSG exit allows steam from the header to pressurize the SSG
- ◆ Roll on reflectors during start-up provided receiver temperatures are acceptable
- ◆ Begin normal operation once SSG is at operating pressure

## ► Option 2: Vent SSG through drain

- ◆ Start-up as normal, except SSG exit pressure and temperature are managed by flowing steam into the drain system or by rolling off reflectors
- ◆ SSG steam introduced into common header once correct pressure and temperature conditions achieved

# Normal, Clipped, and Cloud Interrupted Operation



## ▶ Normal Operation

- ◆ Begins when start-up is complete
- ◆ Controls manages exit steam conditions within an allowable range of pressures and temperatures
  - Valves at inlet regulate feedwater flow into the SSG
  - Valve at exit regulates steam flow into the steam header

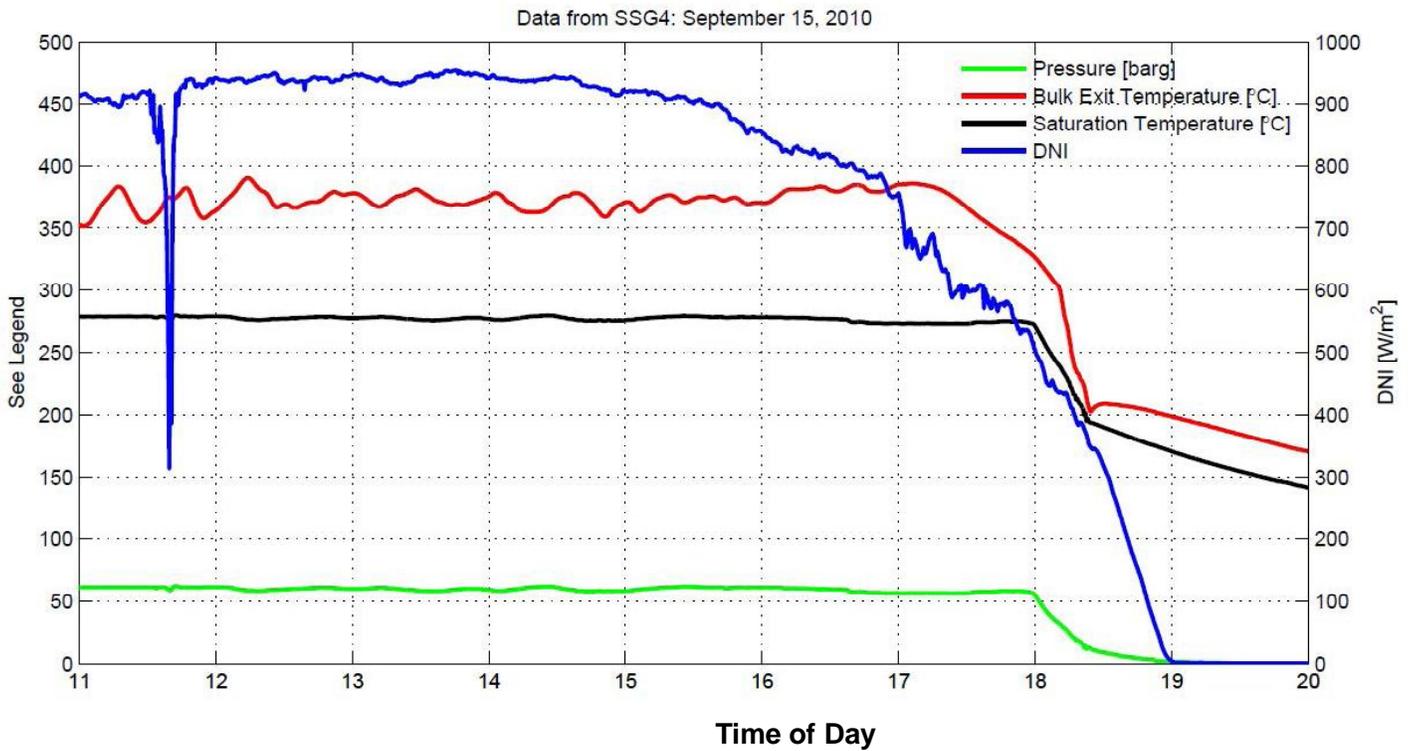
## ▶ Clipped Operation

- ◆ Flow out of the SSG can be reduced by rolling off reflectors
- ◆ Steam conditions maintained by matching optical power to desired flow

## ▶ Cloud Interruption

- ◆ If SSG is clipped, additional reflectors can be rolled on to increase power
- ◆ If optical power is still not sufficient, flow is reduced
- ◆ Steam flow can be maintained by allowing SSG pressure to drop

# SSG Operating Data - Superheat at 370C



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## SSG Shutdown



- ▶ **Flow from SSGs reduces with loss of optical power**
- ▶ **Pressure allowed to drop while maintaining temperature**
  - ◆ **Pressure reduction for boosters limited by host process conditions**
- ▶ **When steam flow drops below minimum level, SSG inlet and exit are isolated**
- ▶ **Reflectors move to stowed position for overnight storage**

# Power Block Faults



## ▶ Loss of feedwater pressure

- ◆ If feedwater flow drops below the desired flow rate, the SSG will roll off reflectors in proportion with the available feedwater flow rate

## ▶ Solar steam rejection

- ◆ If the host rejects the solar steam, the solar field will trip offline
  - Option 1: Host can send a trip signal to the solar field
  - Option 2: SSGs see rising exit pressure, trip offline on high pressure
- ◆ Steam production by the field can be reduced to 0 within 30 seconds
  - 30 seconds is the time required to adjust each reflector just enough to take optical power off the receiver





# C&I for Nuclear Power Plants

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# Present NPP Scenario in India

- PHWR Program
  - 19 operating NPPs (capacity 4680 MWe)
  - 4 plants under construction (capacity 2800 MWe)
  - 6 plants (4200 MWe capacity) under launch
- LWR Program
  - 2 plants under construction (capacity 2000 MWe)
  - more to follow

# Present NPP Scenario in India

## I-Stage progress PHWR Programme

Future projects  
700 MWe & above



TAPS-3&4  
2005-2006

540 MWe

ECONOMY  
OF SCALE

← 220 MWe →

1990s  
CONSOLIDATION

2000s  
COMMERCIALISATION

1980s  
STANDARDISATION

1980s  
INDIGENISATION

1970s  
TECHNOLOGY  
DEMONSTRATION



RAPP-3&4



KAIGA-3&4



RAPS-1&2



MAPS-1&2



NAPS-1&2



KAPS-1&2

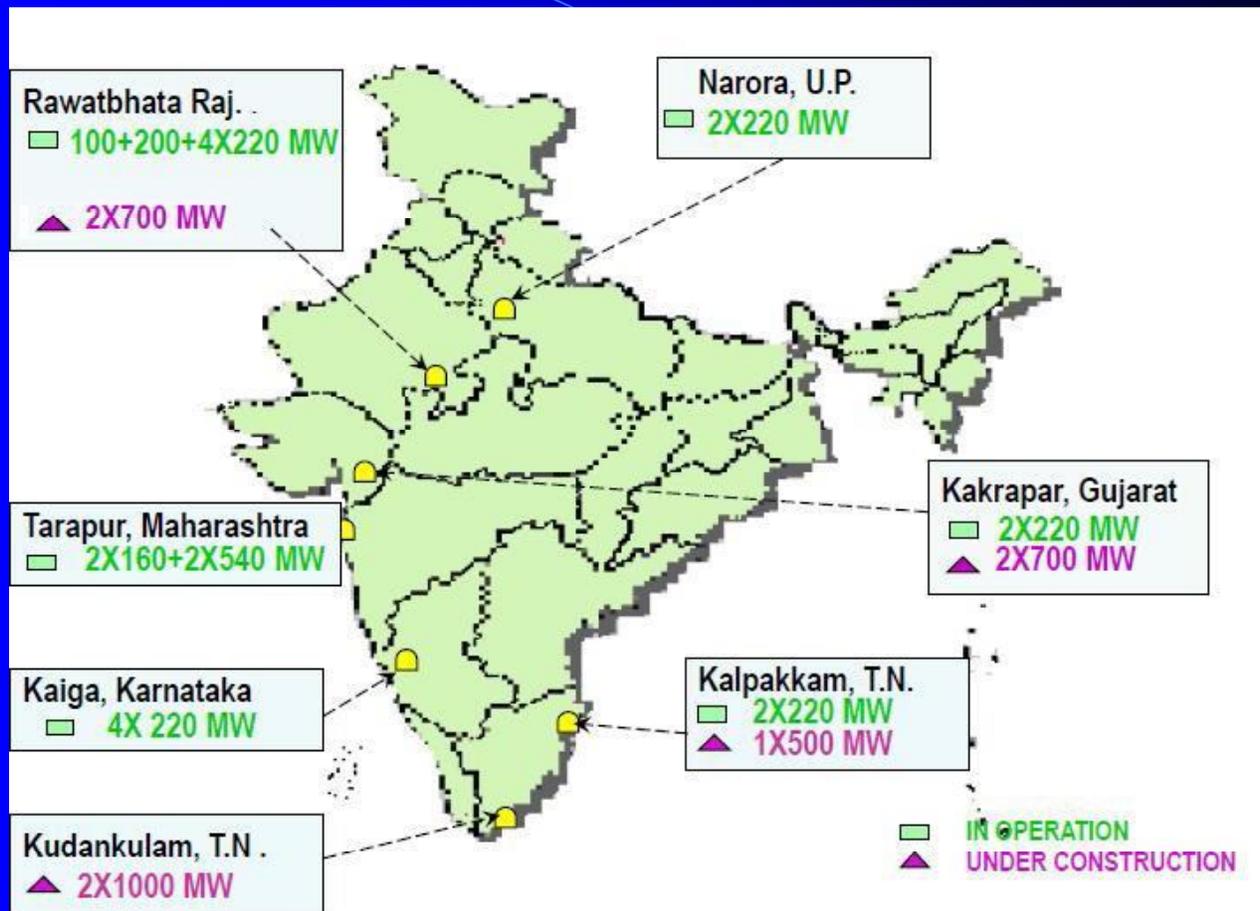


KGS-1&2



RAPP-5&6

# Present NPP Scenario in India



# Codes and Guides

- Safety Codes and Guides --- protection of site personnel, public and the environment from undue radiological hazards.
- These structures, systems, and components shall assure that activities or circumstances that the prescribed limit must not be exceeded.

# Structure Systems & Components

- The integrity of the pressure boundary
- shutdown the reactor and maintain it in a safe shutdown state
- Prevent the accident or to mitigate the consequences of accidents
- Remove residual heat

# C&I Activities

- Design and Engineering
- Development of Systems
- Production of Systems
- Installation & Commissioning
- Operation & Maintenance

# C&I Systems – Functions

- Monitoring
- HMI
- Protection
- Control
  - Shutdown
  - Operations

# C&I Systems – Requirements

- High reliability
- Redundancy
- CCF
- Fault Tolerant.....(FMEA)
- On-line Testability
- Structural Integrity
- Environmental qualification
- Ageing

# C&I Systems – Challenges

- Limited life
  - Obsolescence
  - Changing Technology
  - Refurbishment
  - User interface

# C&I Systems –Issues

- Steady introduction of solid state components with higher levels of integration
- Components – HMC, SMD
- PCBs- Multilayer
- Introduction of computers / microcontrollers/ PLDs / CPLDs/ FPGAs.
- Qualification of Digital C&I
- Cyber security

# Computer Based Systems in Indian NPPs

- Use in safety related applications increased steadily
- Awareness of V&V issues
- Engineering Procedures defined
- Support issues
- Nuclear industry is a conservative industry

# C&I -- Impact of evolution

- Infrastructural & new competency demands lead to outsourcing
- Requirement of providing long term support to electronics systems lead to development being steadily 'in-sourced'

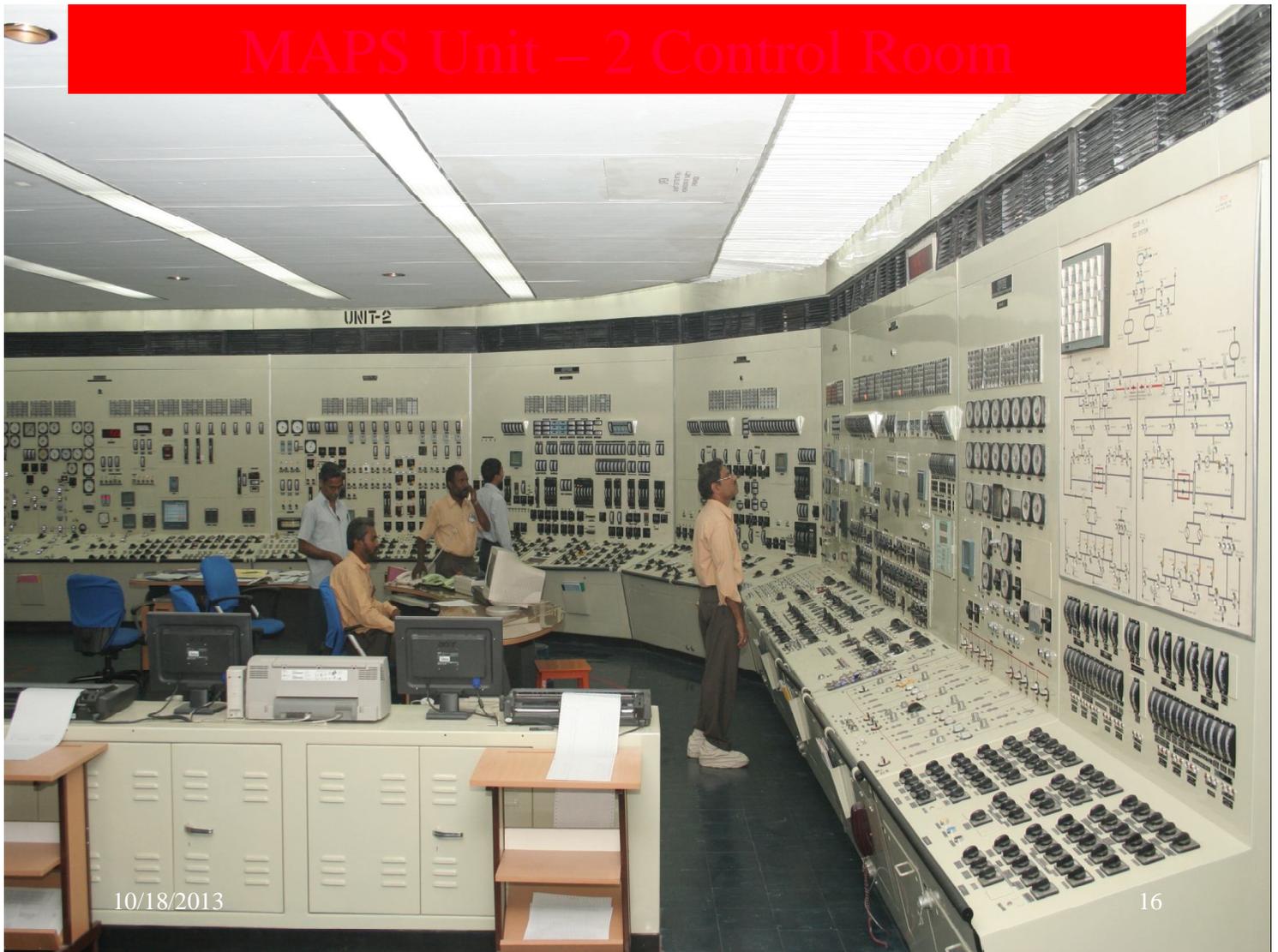
# C&I – in Severe Accident

- Instrumentation for Monitoring:-
  - The start of severe accident
  - Various stages of core states
  - Arrest the accident progression
  - Hydrogen management

# C&I – in Severe Accident

- Instruments Required :-
  - Pressure Transmitters
  - Temperature detectors
  - Radiation Monitors
  - Hydrogen Detectors
  - Battery operated loop powered indicators

# MAPS Unit – 2 Control Room



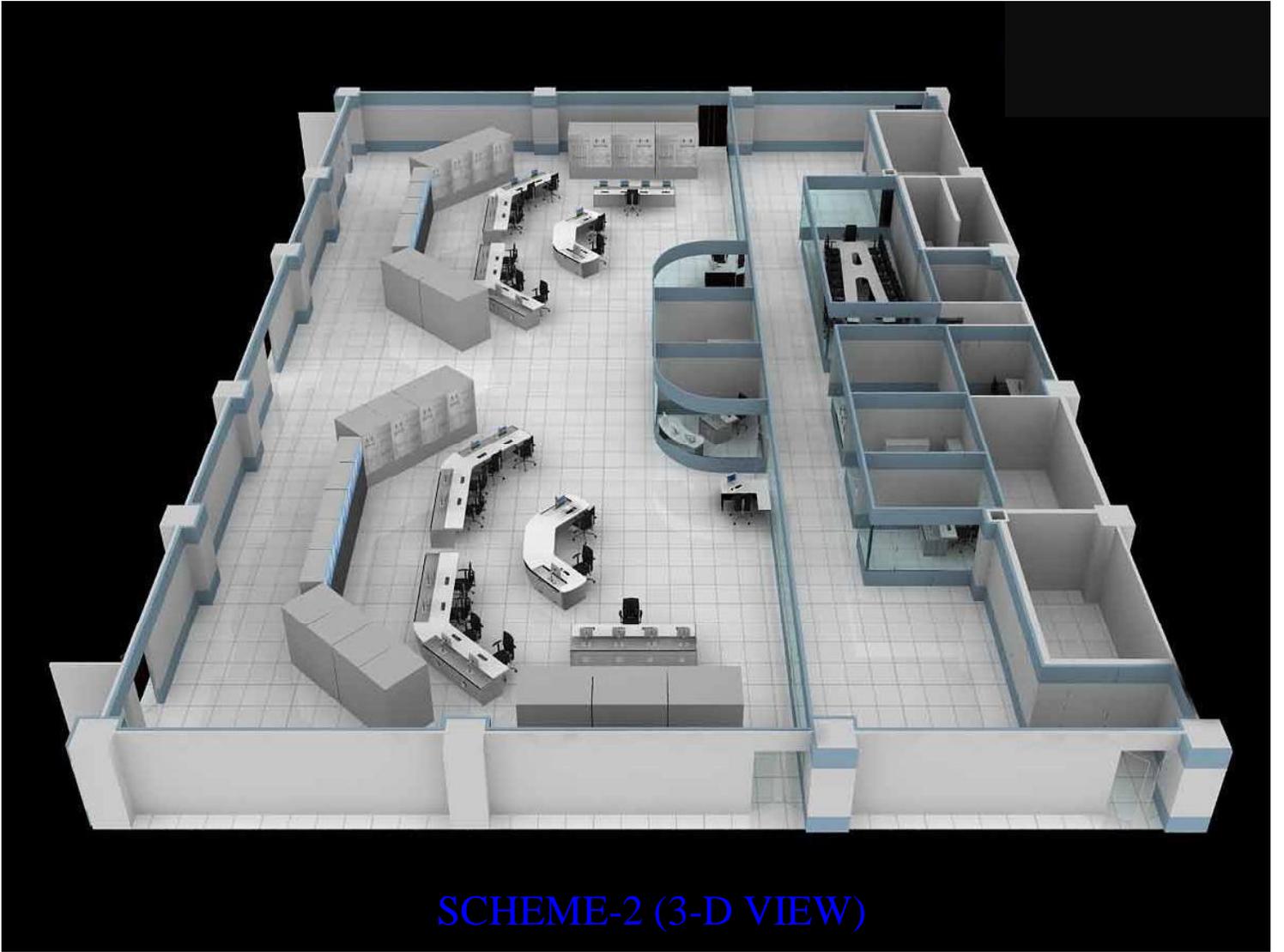
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