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*CANDU Safety*  
*#24 - CANDU 9 Design Overview*

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## CANDU 9

- λ CANDU 9 - a single unit design with output >935 MWe
- λ optimized for multi-unit construction
- λ based on Bruce B and Darlington, integrated 4 unit plants operating in Canada
- λ single unit features adapted from CANDU 6
- λ CANDU 9 design improvements based on utility and industry feedback and licensing experience



## Comparison with operating plants

	<u>CANDU 6</u>	<u>Bruce B</u>	<u>Darlington</u>	<u>CANDU 9</u>
# of Fuel channels	380	480	480	480
Fuel Bundle	37 elements	37 elements	37 elements	37 elements
Reactor Coolant Pressure	9.9 MPa(g)	9.9 MPa(g)	9.9 MPa(g)	9.9 MPa(g)
Coolant Outlet Quality	4%	0.7%	2%	2%
Maximum Channel Flow	24 kg/s	24 kg/s	25.2 kg/s	25.2 kg/s
Number of reactor headers	8	6	8	6
Number of Coolant Pumps	4	4	4	4
Number of Steam Generators	4	8	4	4
Steam Generator Surface Area	3200 m <sup>2</sup>	2400 m <sup>2</sup>	4900 m <sup>2</sup>	4900 m <sup>2</sup>
Power Output	715 MWe	915 MWe	936 MWe	945 MWe

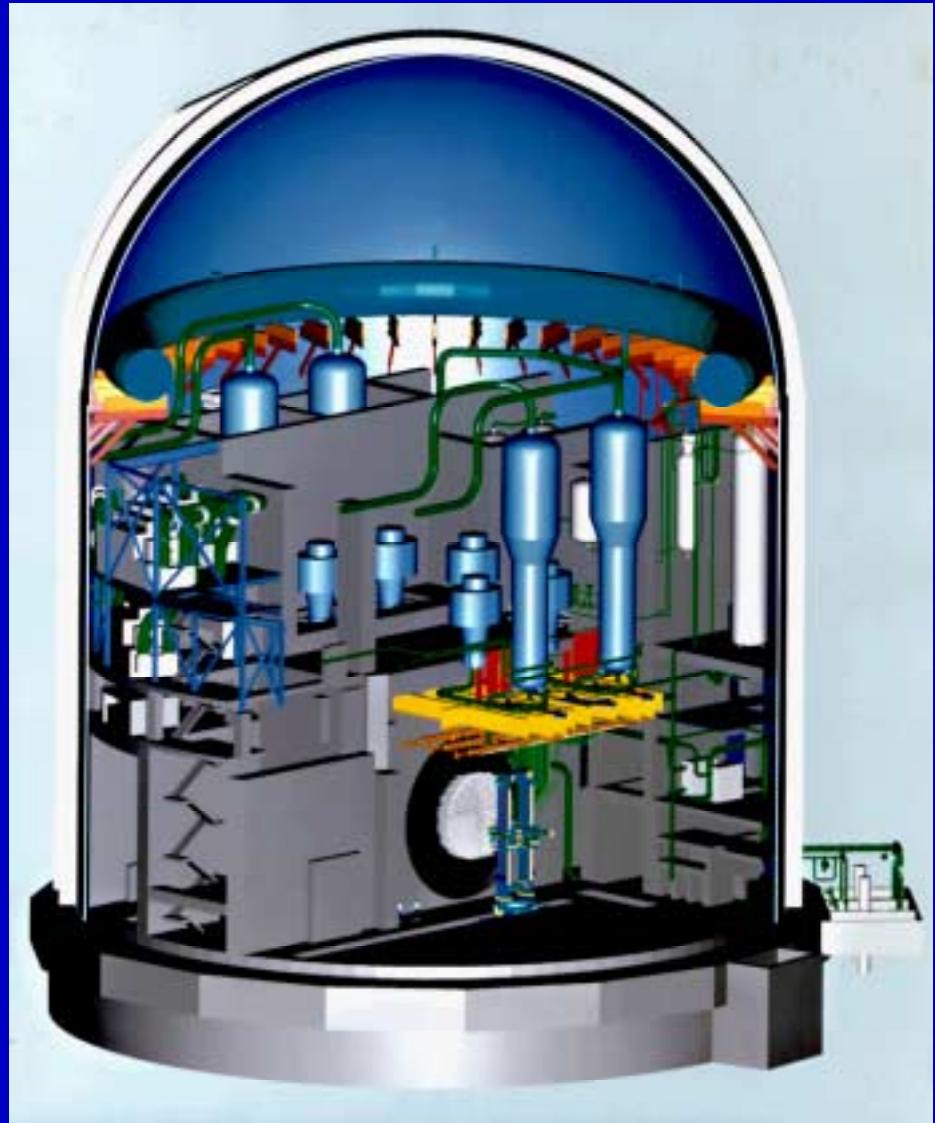


## *Two Unit Layout*



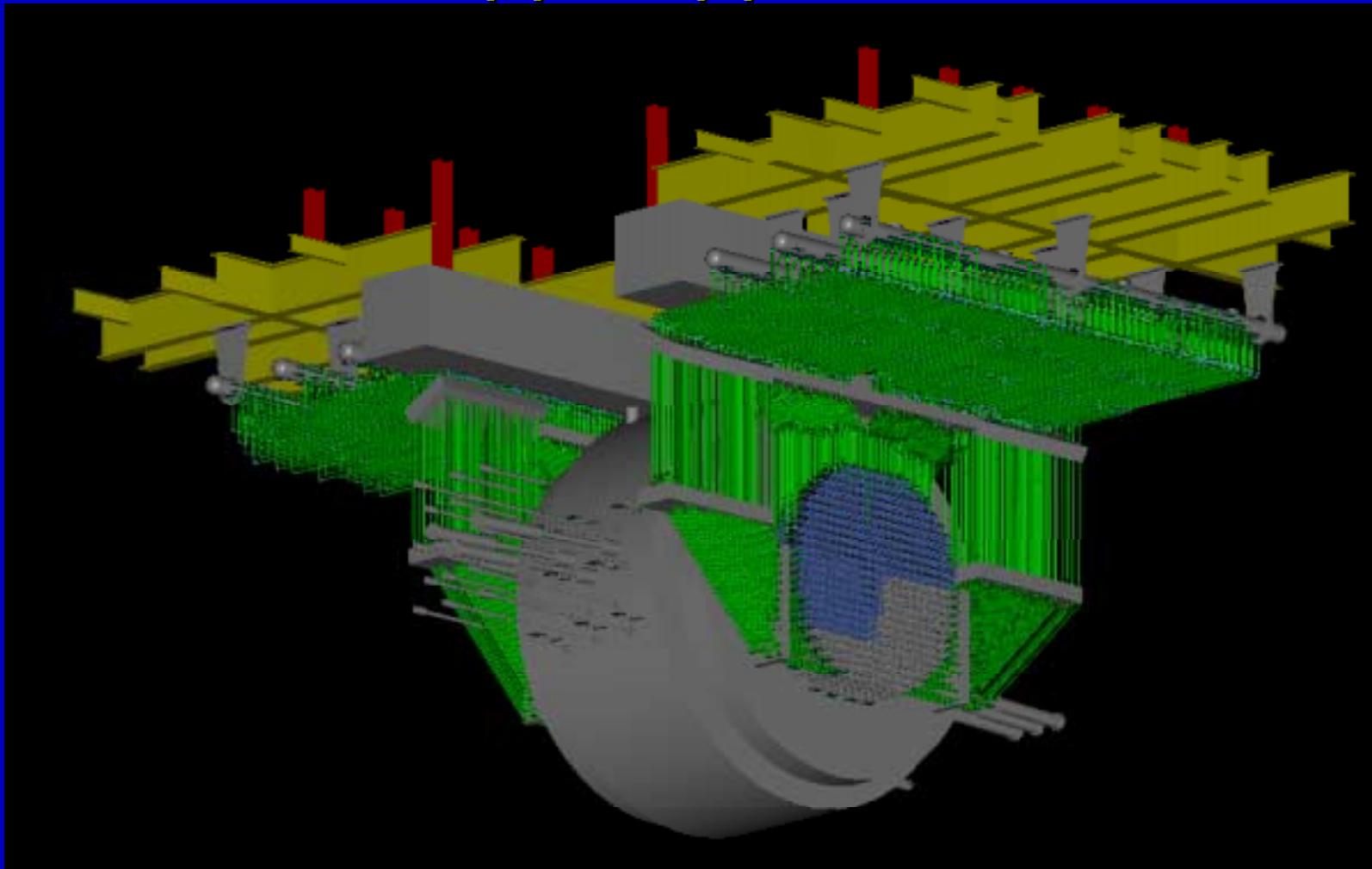
# *Reactor Building*

- λ conventional dry containment
- λ prestressed concrete
- λ steel-lined
- λ no basement
- λ elevated Reserve Water Tank for accidents instead of dousing tank



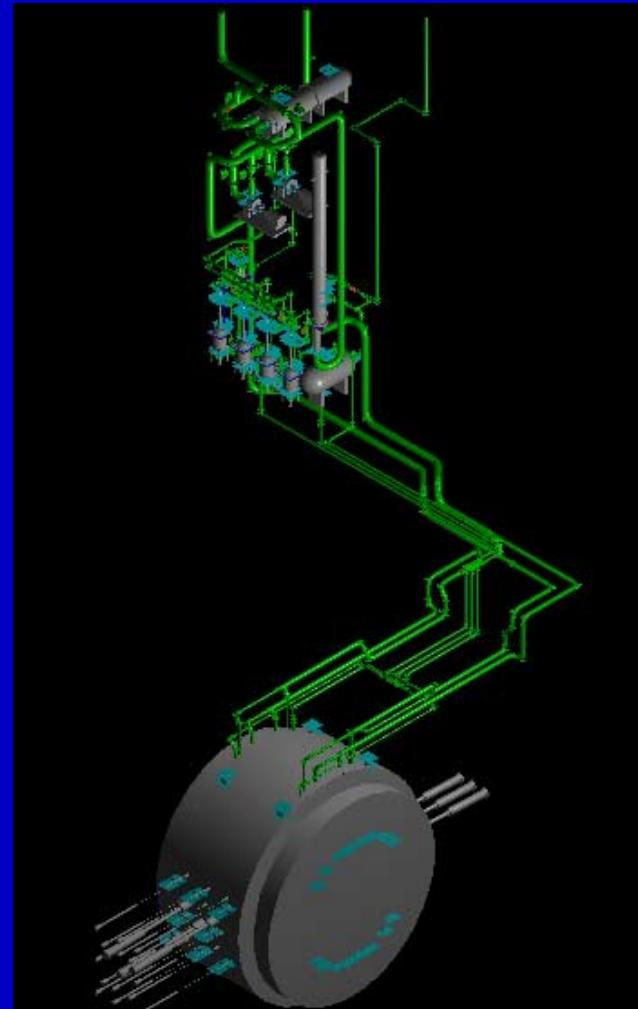


## *Feeder, header and pipe whip platform*



## *Shield Cooling & End Shield Cooling System*

- λ elevated piping so that a leak in a pipe does not drain the shield tank
- λ connection to Reserve Water Tank for severe accidents





# *Control Centre*



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## *Control Centre Layout*

### **λ Main Control Room**

- work control area & computer hardware room
- Technical Support Centre & Emergency Operating Centre
- seismically qualified - no need for operator to go to Secondary Control Area following an earthquake

### **λ Secondary Control Area**

- used only in case of inhabitability or hostile takeover of Main Control Room
- all Group 2 control functions are available in the SCA (shutdown, cool, monitor)
- seismically qualified



# *CANDU 9 Control Centre Mockup*



## ***Operability Improvements***

- λ separation of plant control and display/annunciation
- λ central overview display
- λ improved displays to suit operational tasks
- λ improved display navigation
- λ advanced computerized annunciation system
- λ common plant-wide parameter database
- λ computerized safety system testing

# *Evolution of Plant Control and Monitoring*

## Digital Control Computers

- Display
- Annunciation
- Control Programs



## Plant Display System

- Display
- Annunciation



## Relay Logic and Analog Controllers

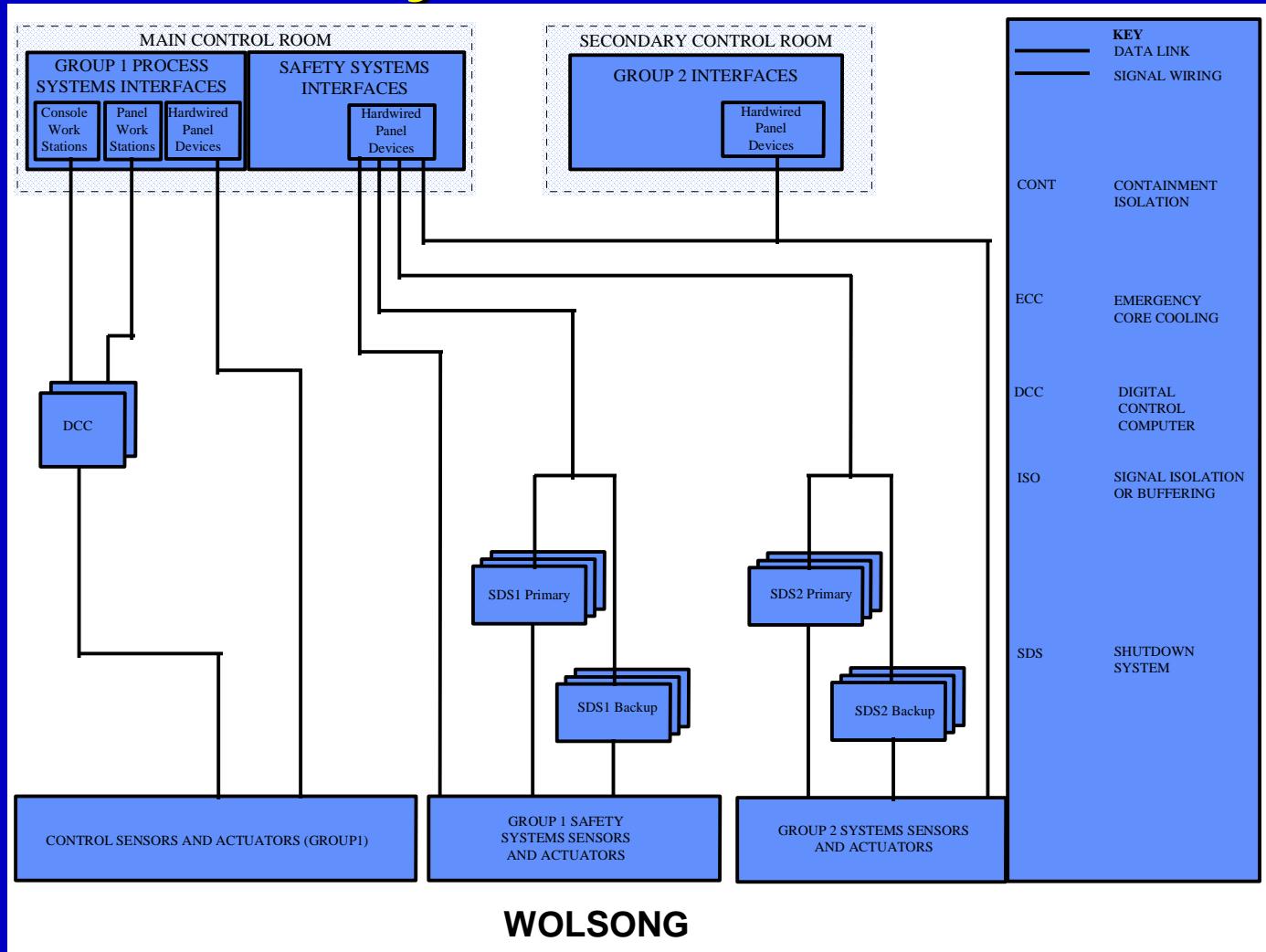


## Distributed Control System

- Control Programs
- Relay logic
- Most analog control functions

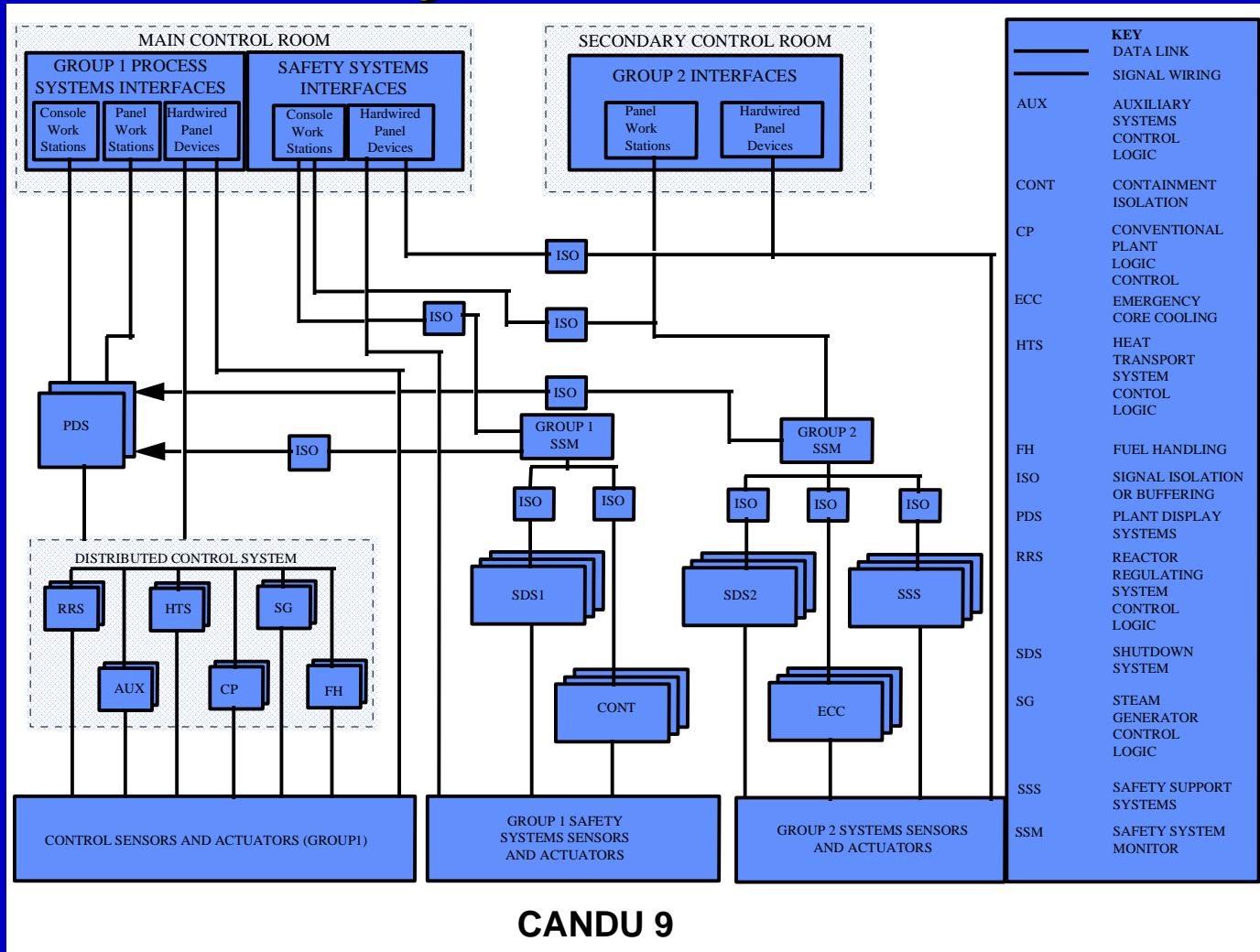


# CANDU 6 C&I Systems Overview





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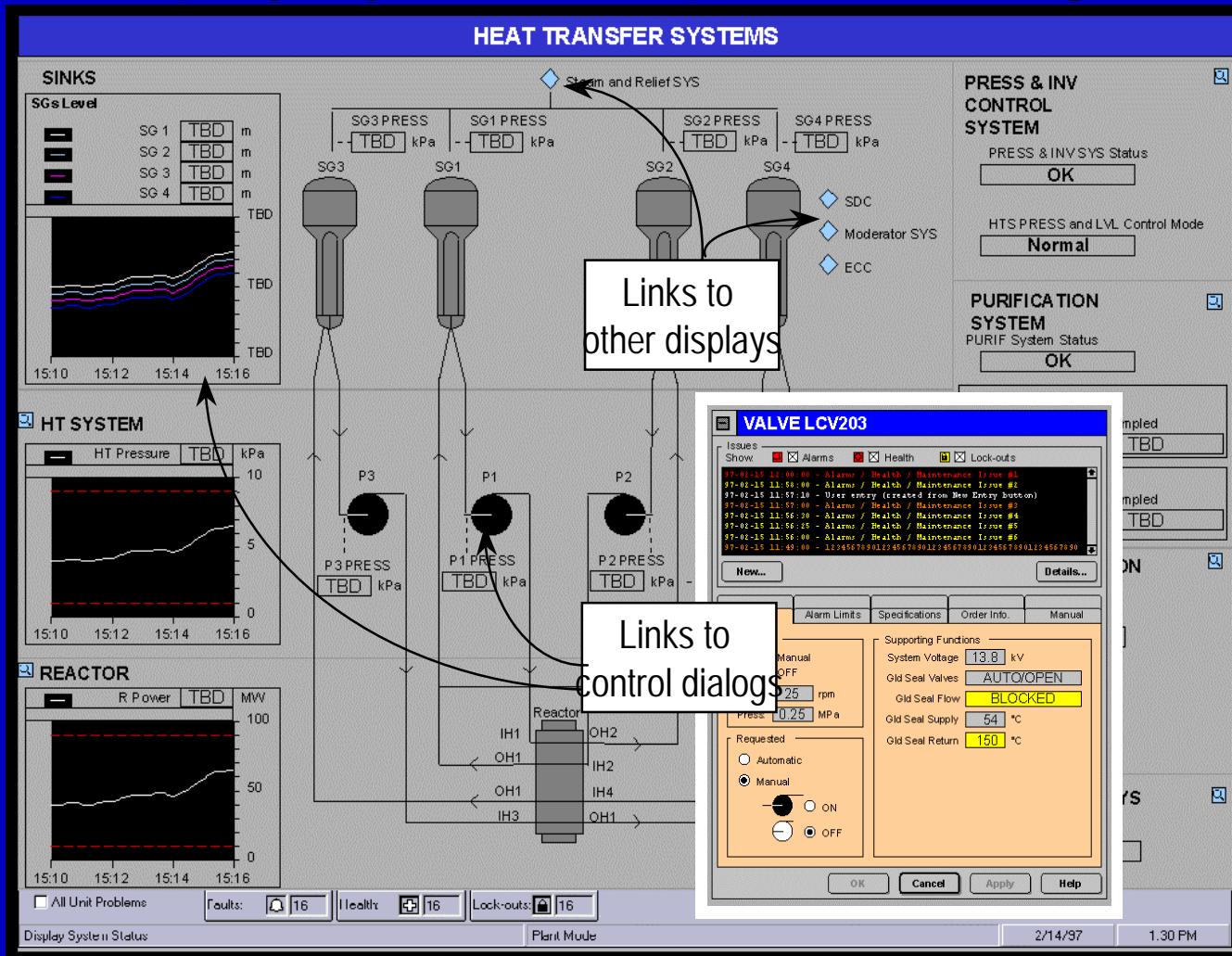
## *Plant Display System - Improved Navigation*

- λ two redundant forms of navigation are provided at all times
  - navigation icons within process monitoring and control displays, and
  - direct display selection via 'soft function' keypads



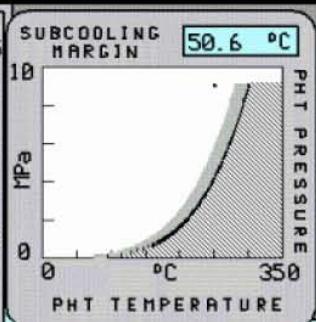
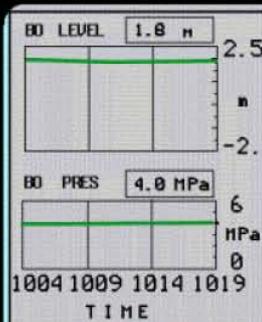


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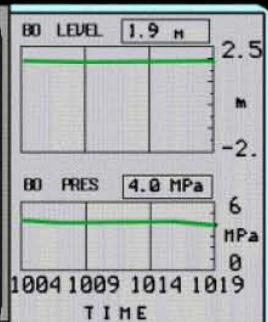
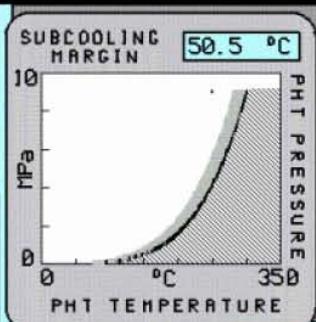
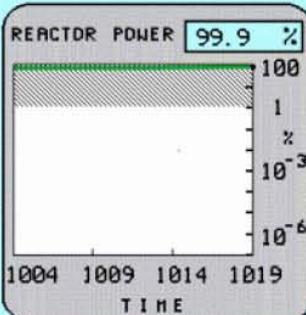


## *Critical Safety Parameter Monitor System*

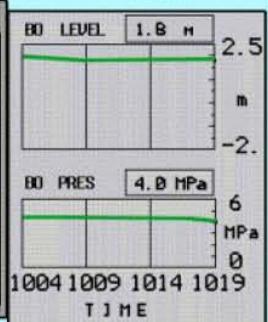
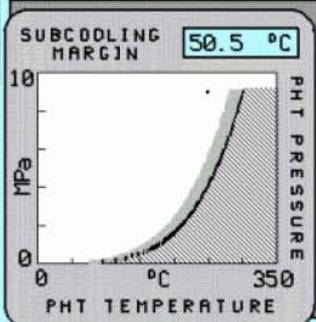
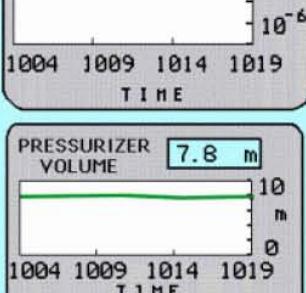
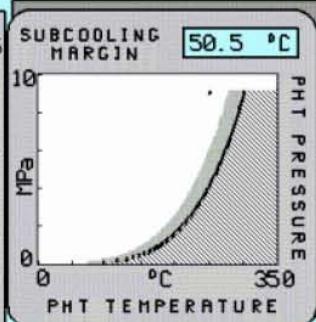
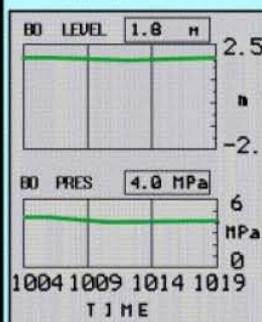
- λ system supports overall operational strategy to managing plant upsets and emergencies
- λ CSP display provides
  - functional representation of safety state of the plant
  - high level physical map to key CSP-related systems
- λ CSP monitoring is part of the Safety System Monitor Computer Display



North

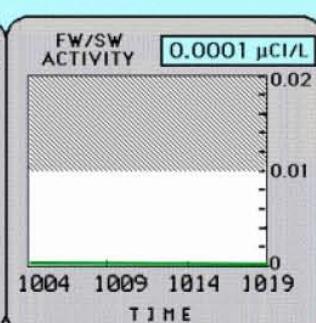
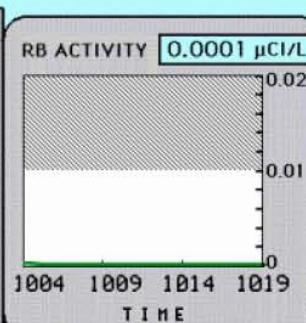
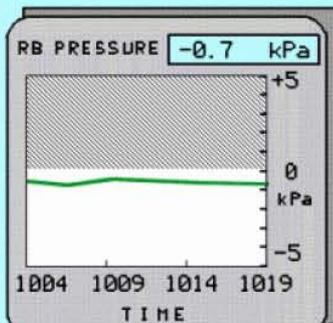
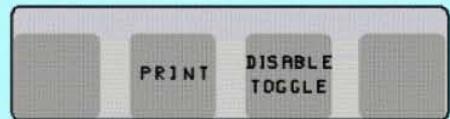
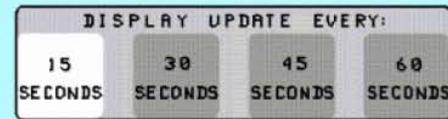
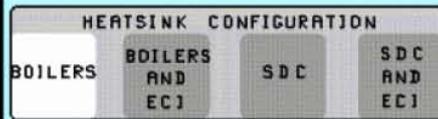


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East

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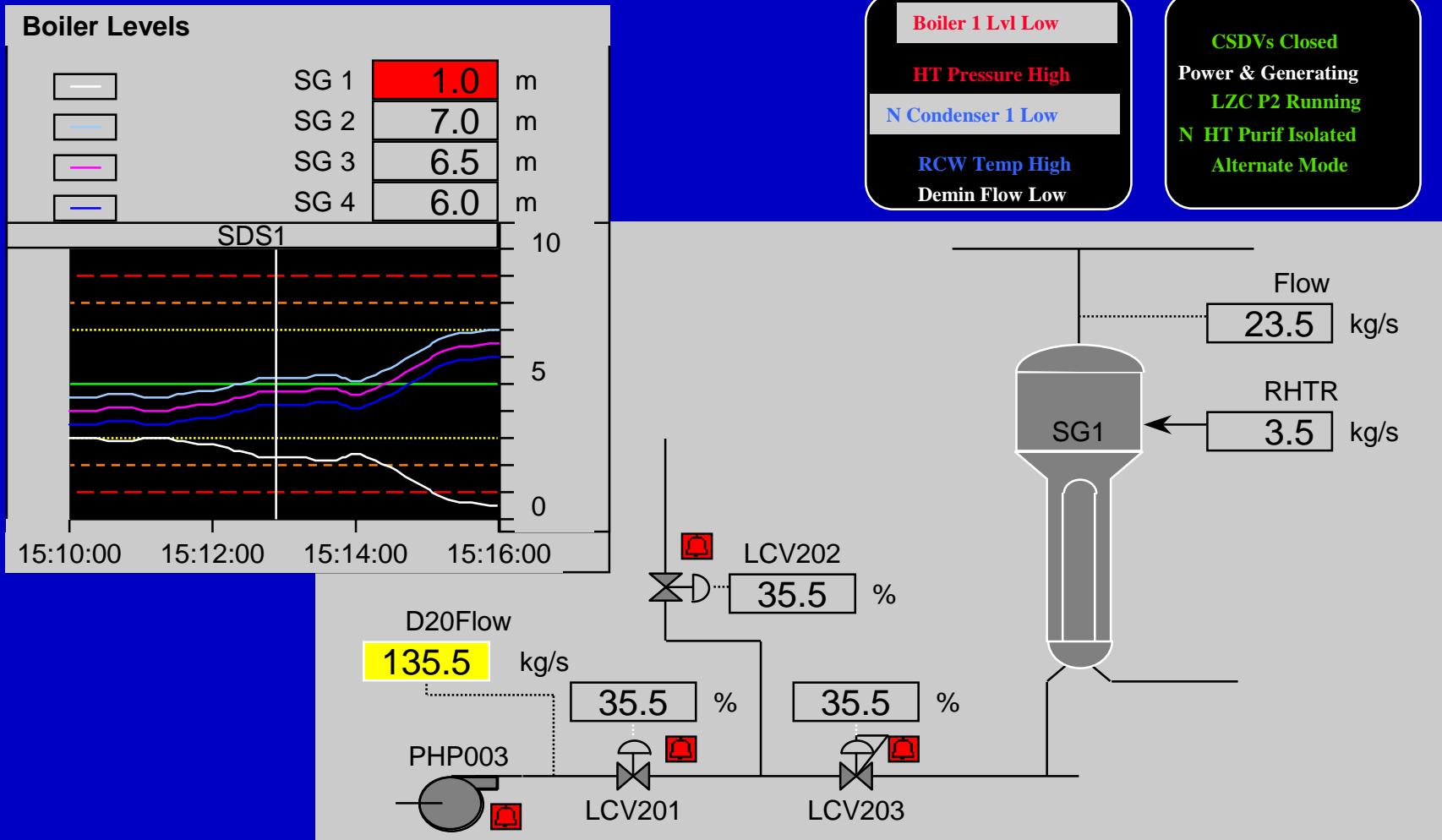
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# Enhanced Process Monitoring/Control Displays

## Faults

## Status



# *Advanced Computerized Annunciation System*

## λ alarm processing

- prioritization and conditioning based on plant state
- alarm coalescing, cause-consequence
- new types of alarms (expected-but-not-occurred, OP&P violations, rate and margin - advanced warning)

## λ alarm presentation: central displays

- fault messages ordered and colour coded by priority
- status messages ordered by time

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Pwr & Blr Turbine & Generating                    5 OF 5 FAULTS

ECIS CHAN K - HT PRESS 7.0 MPA - PUMPS START  
GPC ECIS CHAN M-D18,D7 - INJ IMP HT FL 0  
GPC ECIS CHAN K-X9 - INJ IMP HT FL 0  
GPC ECIS CHAN L-F2,M2 - INJ IMP HT FL 0  
TURBINE TRIP - TRIP CHAN 1 ACTS  
GPC ECIS CHAN K-V6 - INJ IMP HT FL 0  
GPC ECIS CHAN M-D7 - INJ IMP HT FL 0

<- Fault Display

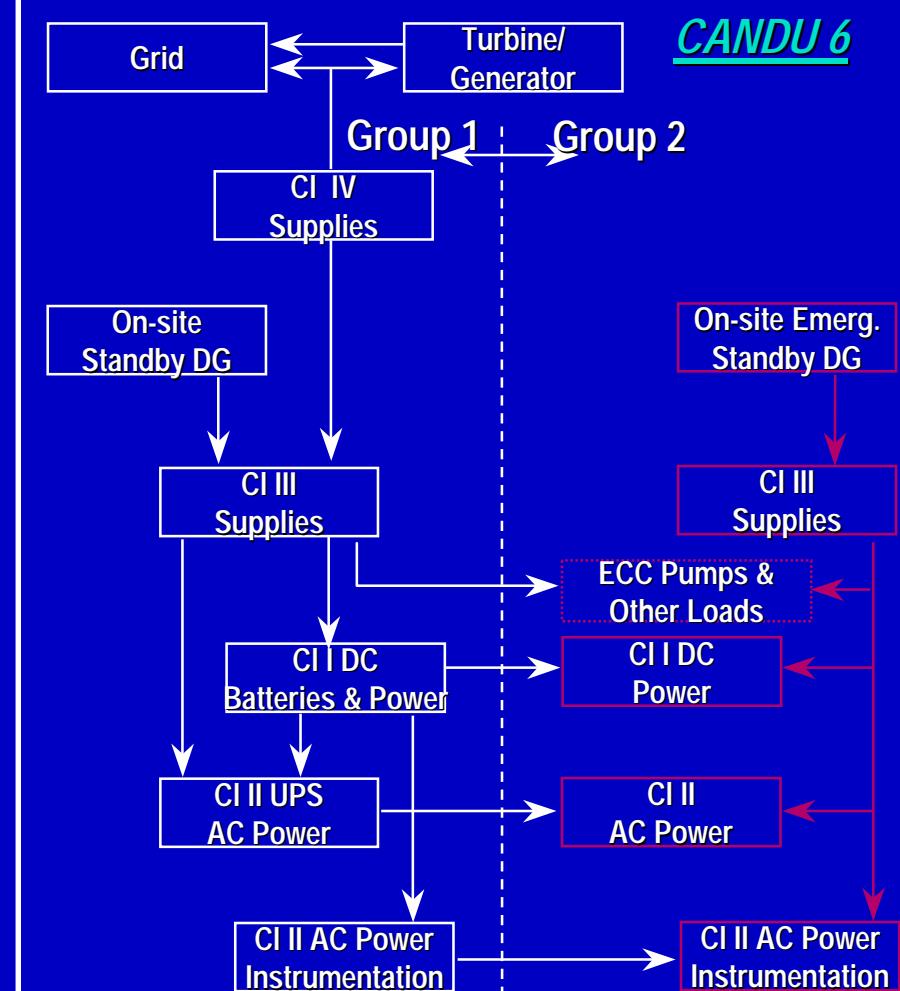
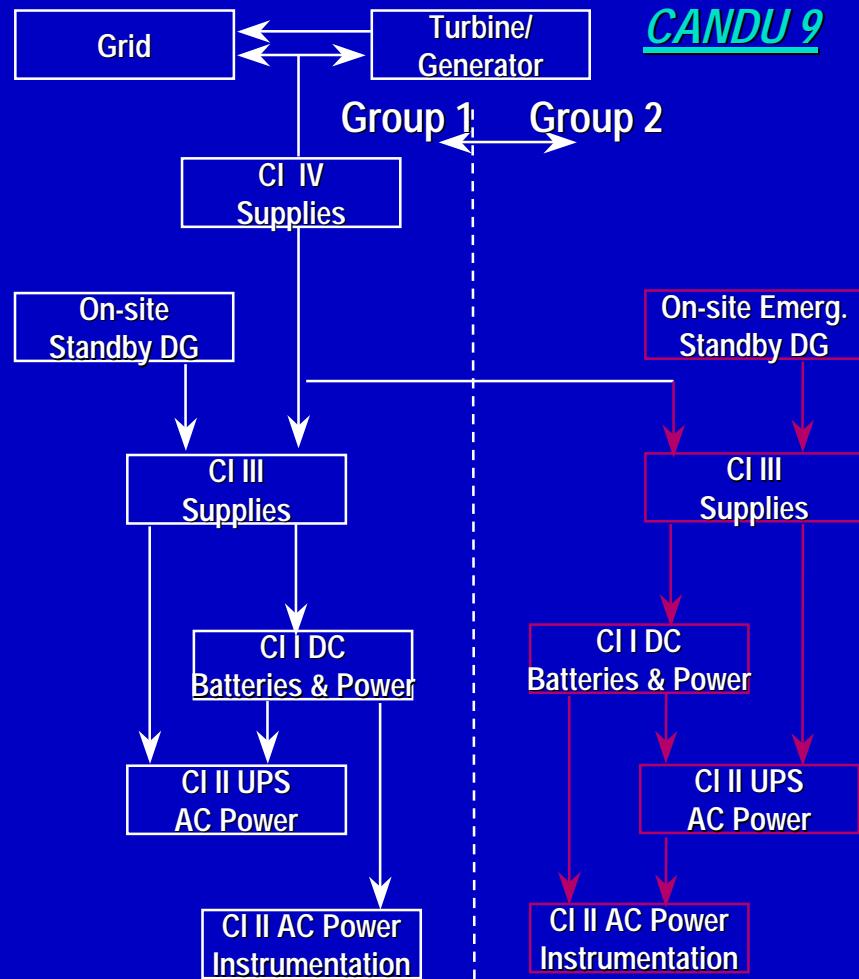
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Status Display ->



# CANDU 9/CANDU 6 Electrical Overview Diagrams





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## *Summary*

- λ evolutionary improvement approach ensures updated designs without economic risk of new concepts
- λ operating experience reports and database systems are used to determine improvements to CANDU products
- λ major improvements in control centre, and instrumentation and control systems
- λ major improvements in safety (next lecture)