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APC in the Italian Energy Market

Coordination of multiple refinery utilities to implement optimal power plan

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Electrical Grid basics

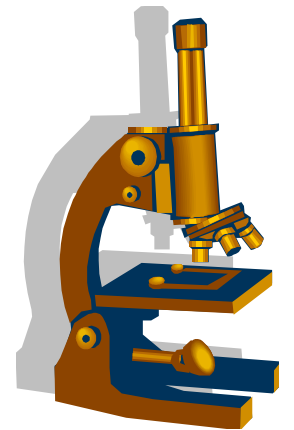
- Power Production must match Power usage at all times to preserve frequency stability
- Grid management trim Power Production continuously to achieve balance, 24x7
- Changes are due not only to changes in demand but also to production changes from high priority supplies e.g. wind, solar
- Power producers able to implement real-time control of energy following Grid dispatch requests have a price premium e.g. MSD market
- Power producers that cannot implement real-time control sell at ordinary, lower price e.g. MGP market



Italian Energy Market - 'MSD' brief concepts

Grid requirements: provide various energy contributions:

- Primary contribution: direct GT response to frequency changes, timeframe tens of seconds
- Secondary contribution: quick changes in energy production following direct request from grid control via RTU connected to DCS; request comes as a real-time trim signal applied to a contractually agreed plant max contribution
- Tertiary contribution: periodic changes (every 15 minutes) in energy production following a schedule approved by grid and available to open market bid/sale.

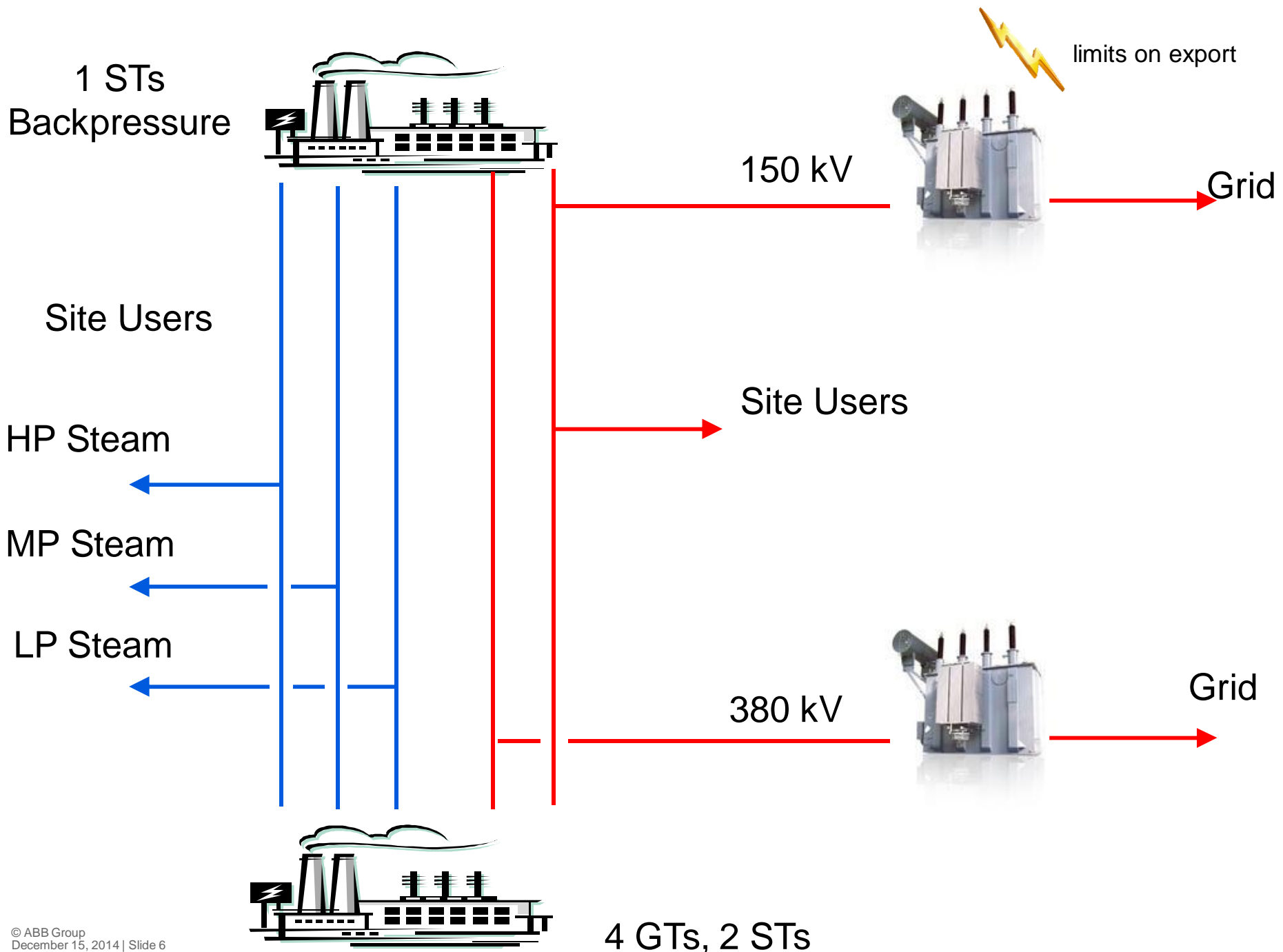


Site status

- Two twin combined cycles, 4 GTs, 2 ST with steam export to site users (refinery, petrochem site), 480 MW
- Backpressure FG/FO fired plant, production of max 48 MW.
- Complex site, with strong usage of steam and power (~70 MW, 200 t/h of steam)
- Three levels of steam (HP, MP and BP), combined cycles and backpressure units connected to all steam headers
- Need to access to MSD market while preserving steam/energy supply - quality and reliability



Site utilities configuration



Site overall objectives

- Satisfy site requests for steam and energy, maintain steam headers quality
- When energy price is high, take advantage of available power - maximize production of backpressure plant so to maximize export and profits
- When energy price is low, minimize production of backpressure plant so to minimize production costs
- In all cases, trim backpressure plant so to satisfy production with minimum production cost

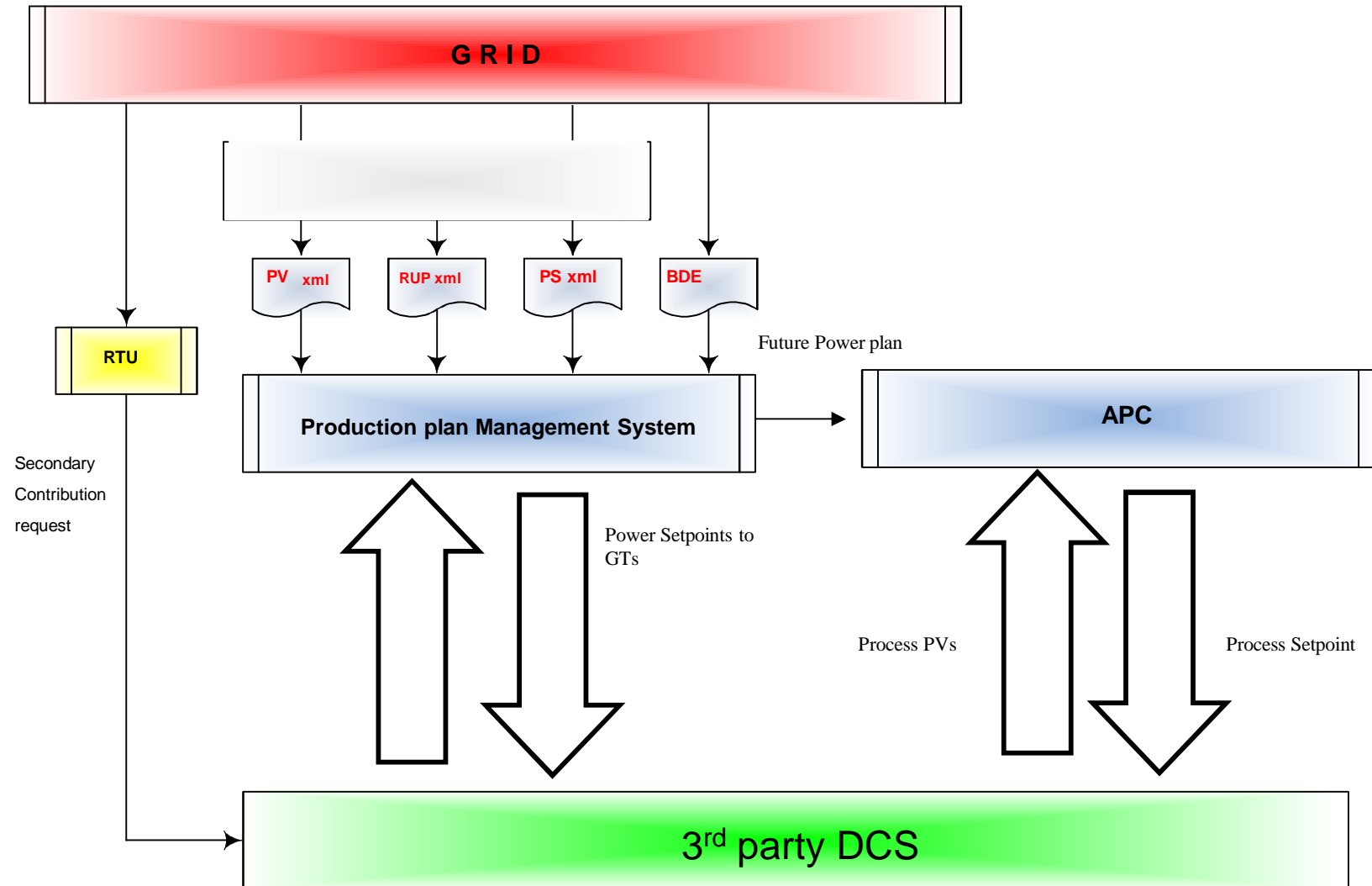


Multiple time-horizons

- Primary contribution implementation – GT level
 - Secondary contribution implementation – DCS level & Production Plan Management software
 - Tertiary contribution implementation – need to coordinate multiple plant loads
 - Optimization
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- Need to have multiple automation layers running with objectives set on very different time horizons – from seconds to an hour



Control architecture



Control architecture – layered approach (1/2)

- DCS control layer to
 - Control total current production by moving all GTs, considering Hi/Lo limits and saturation
 - Provide response to secondary contribution changes via RTU
- Production Plan Management System able to:
 - Compute energy production over 15 m interval
 - Control/compensate energy imbalances
 - Process Grid plan messages
 - Present detailed HMI related to production plans
 - Store plans production data for monitoring and accounting purposes



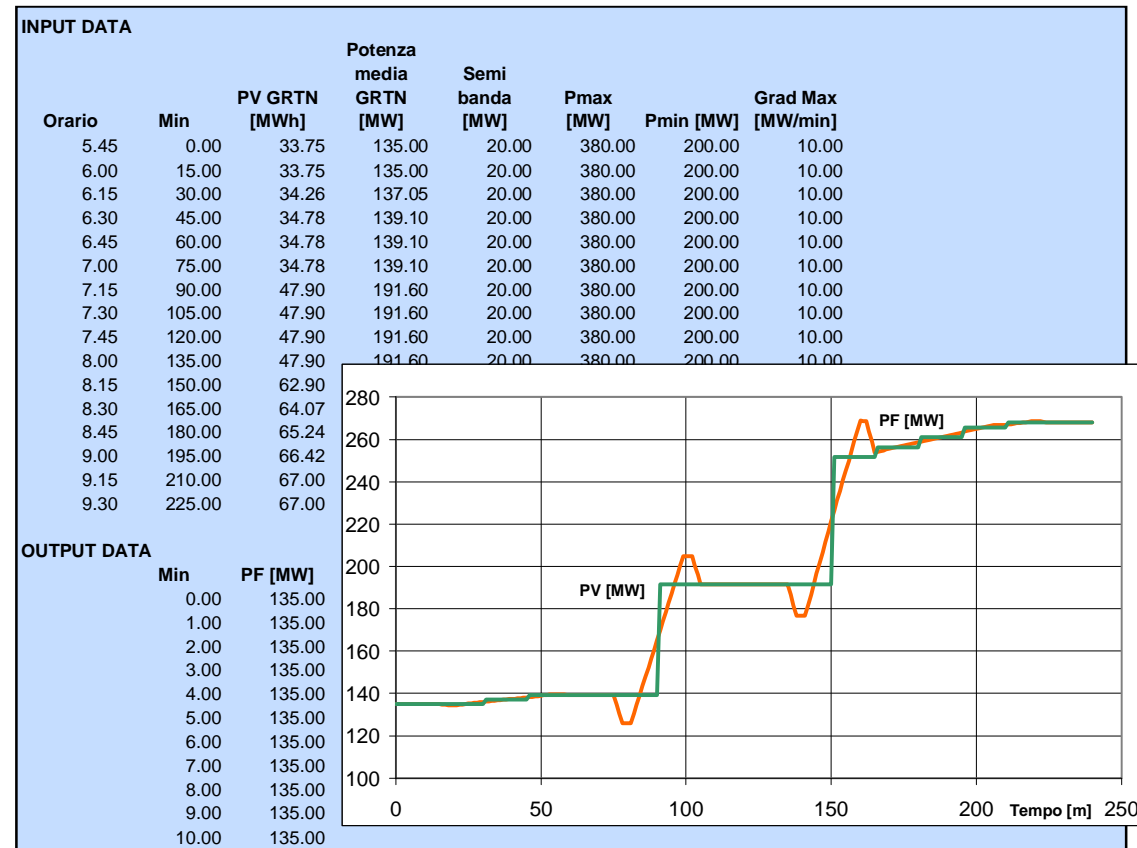
Control architecture – layered approach (2/2)

- APC Layer to:
 - Maintain limits on power export (limits on two separate export lines, 150 and 400 kV)
 - Maintain pressure and pressure control ability
 - Maintain GTs margins, both current and future
 - Optimize cogen/backpressure balance to minimize costs
 - Keep process values within constraints



Production Plan Management

- Receives Power Plan from Grid before midnight and handles any update requests (BDE)
- Computes feasible Power Plan in MW from Grid ideal Power Plan, considering secondary band, RUP and practical physical limitations.
- Minimize difference between realistic and ideal Power Plan (integral over time) subject to Min/Max power limits and max ramp rates.
- The computed plan is then passed to the DCS for implementation.
- Real-time assessment of actual energy exchange is performed.
- Real time compensation of any deviation from the planned Power Plan is implemented by the DCS
- SAPP software from ABB

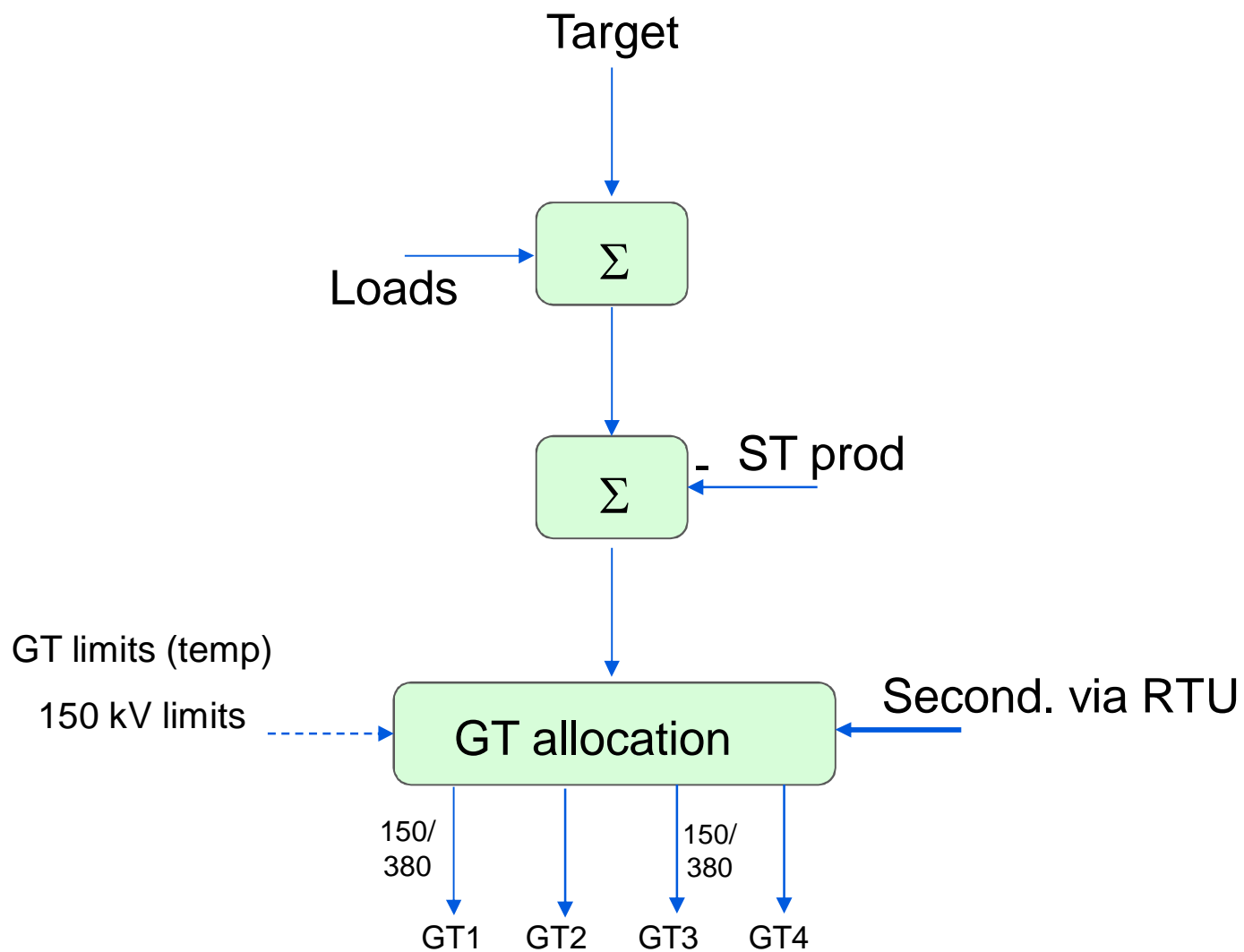


Power Plan Management – Client View



- Real time view of Power Plan implementation
- Ideal and Feasible Plan
- Real time compensation of energy unbalances compared to plan
- Can see changes in plant capability due to e.g. external temperature
- SAPP client

DCS Control strategy



APC Design basics (1/2)

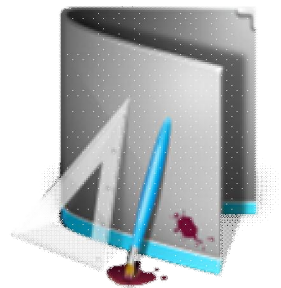
- Main CVs
 - Power Net Export (150 Kv transformer)
 - Power Net Export (380 Kv transformer)
 - Backpressure plant physical limits, e.g. ST temp
 - MP steam header pressure
 - LP steam header pressure
 - GTs – avoid saturation
 - Various actuators - avoid saturation

- Minimize Backpressure plant production when possible (both limit and LP)

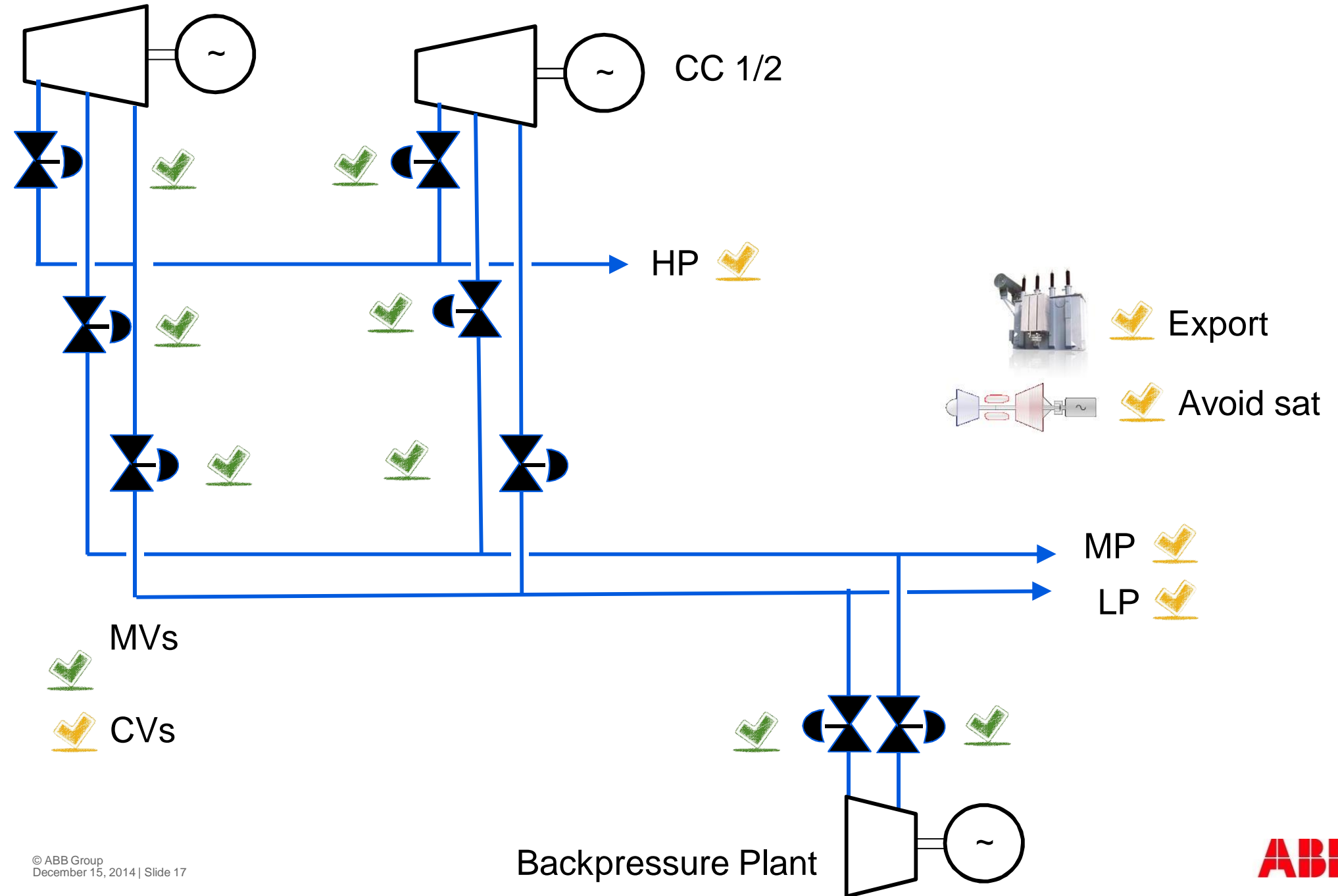


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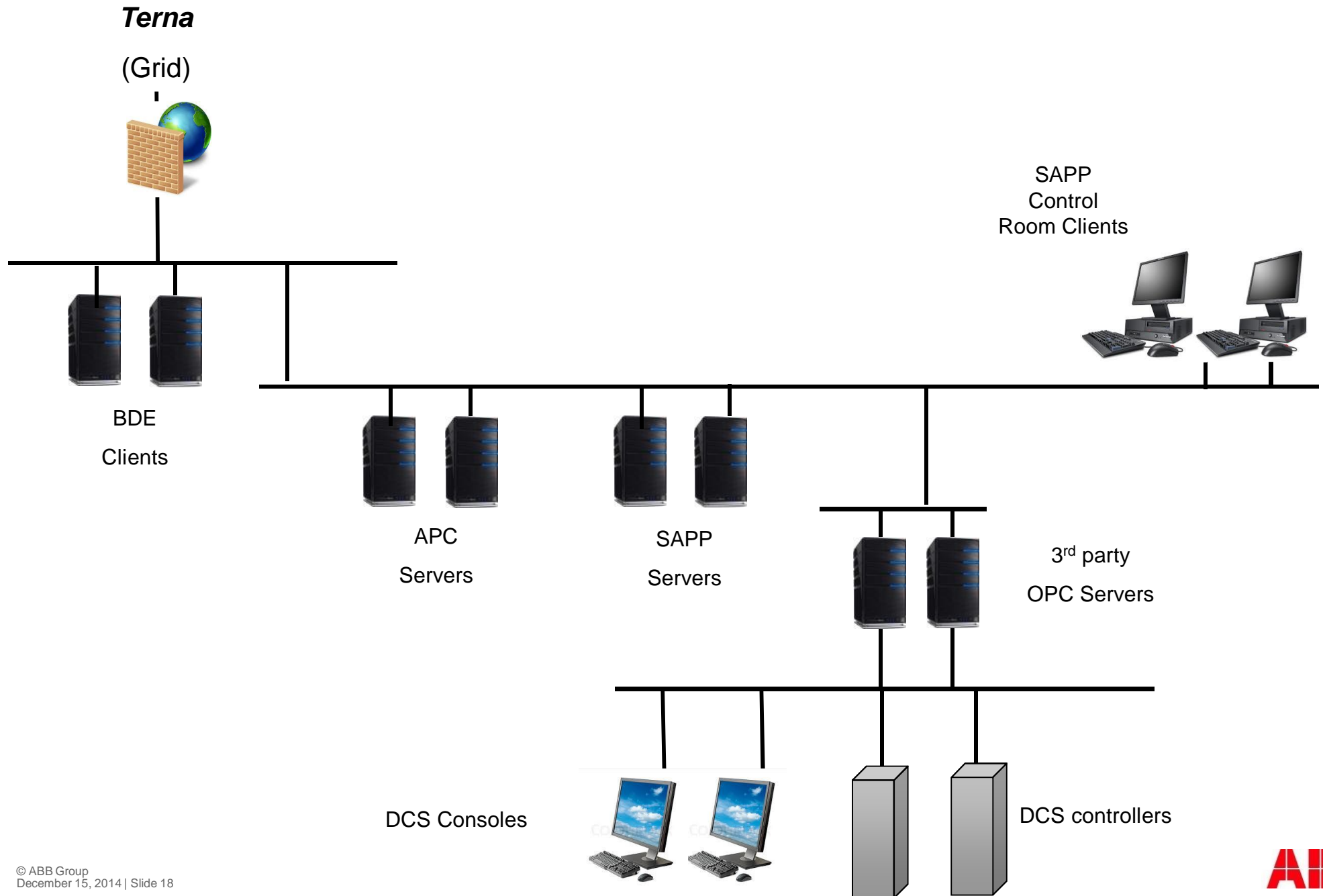
- Main MVs
 - CC1 and CC2 HP steam draws
 - CC2 and CC2 MP steam draws
 - CC1 and CC2 LP steam draws
 - BP HP steam draw
 - BP MP steam draw
 - BP LP steam draw
 - CC1 and CC2 ST inlet pressure MP



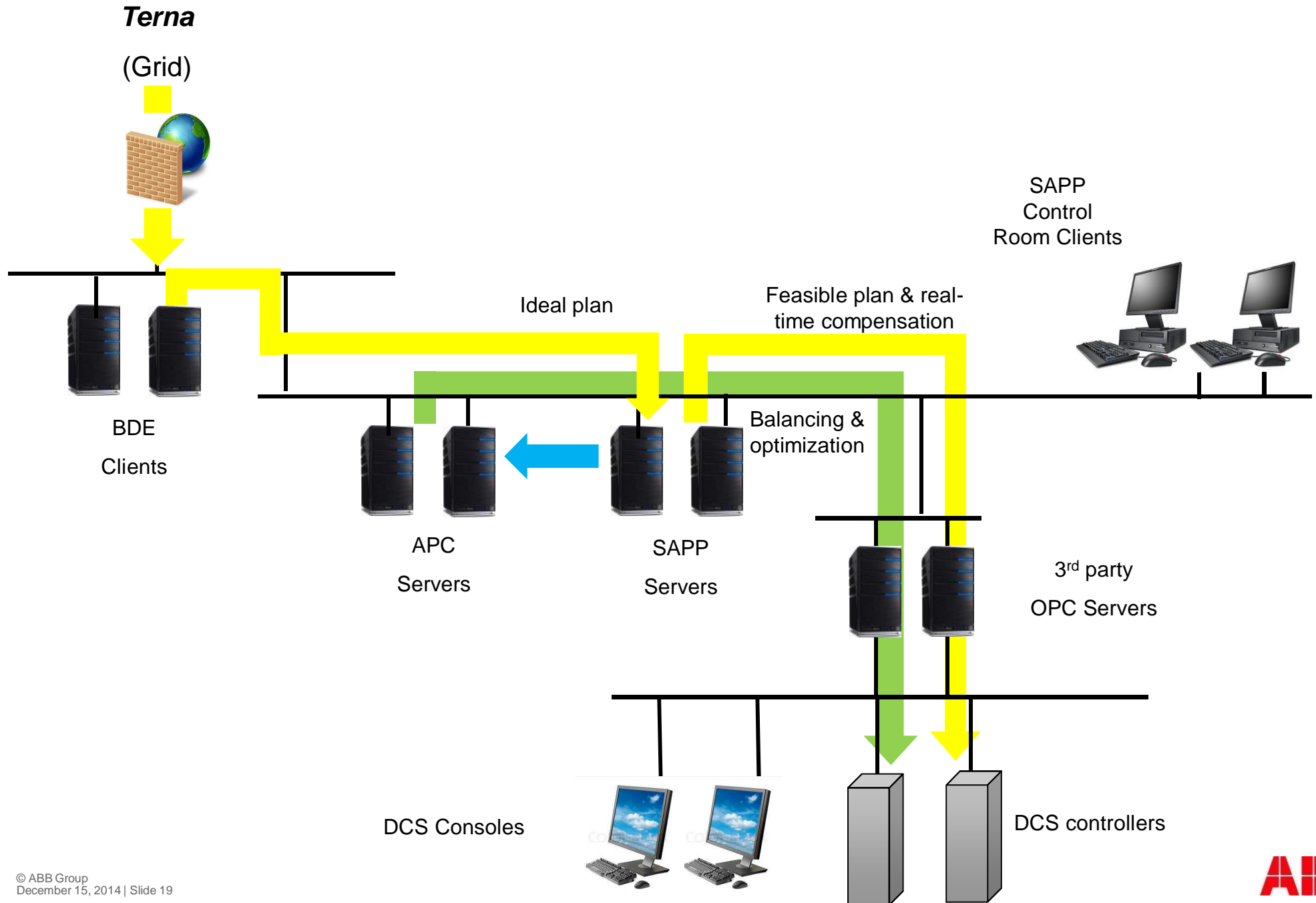
APC main variables



System Architecture



System Architecture – Information flow



Project challenges - schedule

- Project execution in 5 months (award to end commissioning)
- Multiple parties involved – DCS automation from 3rd party. ABB designed DCS schemes, designed and implemented Power Plant Management layer and APC
- Challenging implementation schedule and environment: this project was part of multiple implementation packages executed by the customer between March and Sept 2011 – ranging from DCS upgrade to IT and telecom infrastructure setup. Delays on APC would have made impossible to deliver the complete solution.



Generator interconnection changes

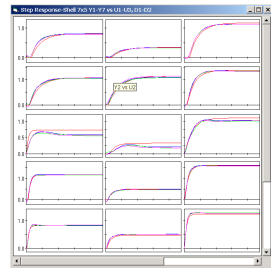
Generator interconnections to 150 kV/380 kV may and will change over time e.g. due to maintenance.

Typically, 3 generators are kept on 150 kV. Table lists possible connections to 150 kV, all others to 380 kV.

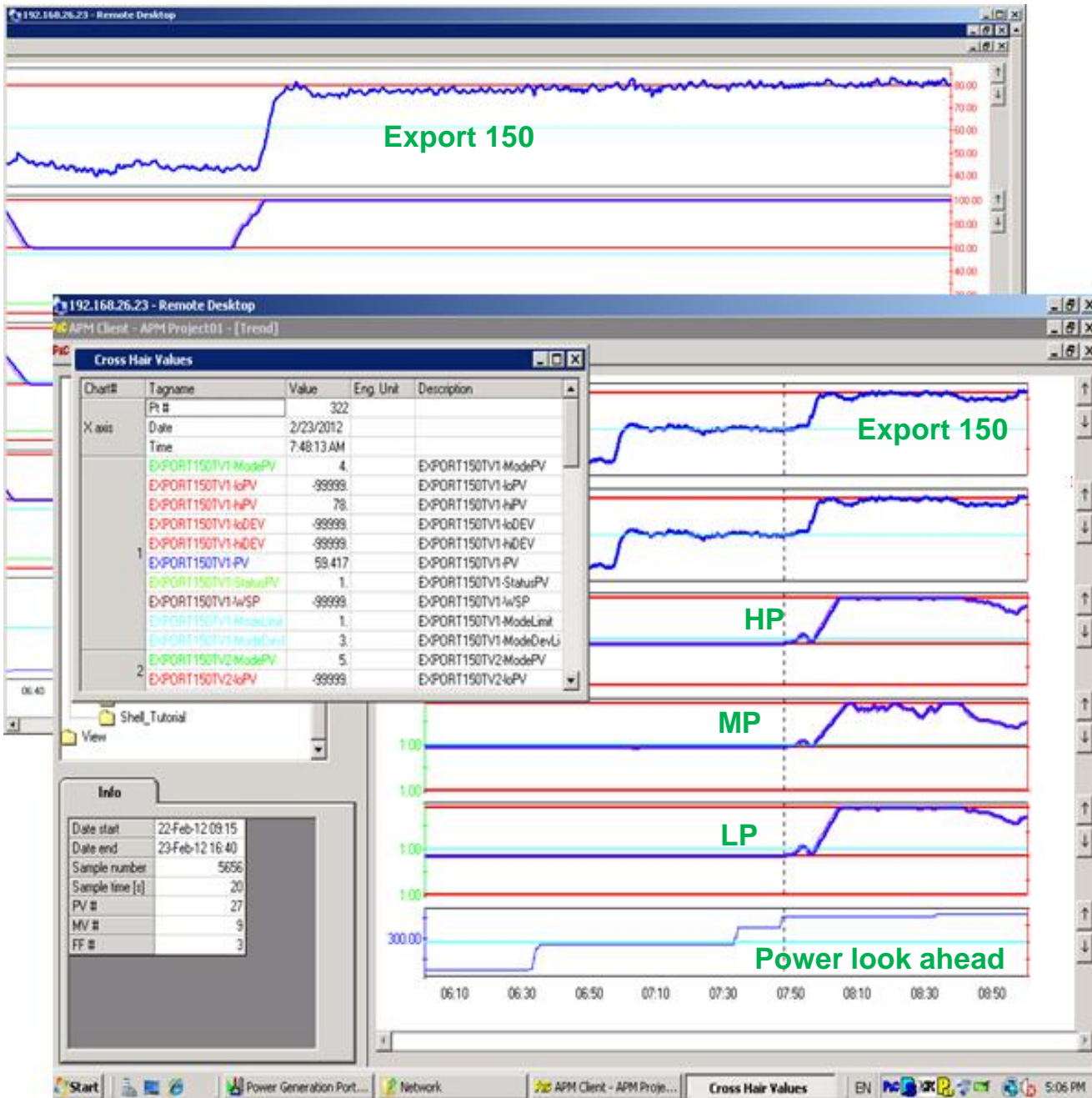
As interconnection changes, impact on MVs to power export CV changes.

APC handles all cases.

Case	GT1	GT3	ST1	ST2	Backpressure
1	X			X	X
2		X	X		X
3	X		X		X
4		X		X	X
5	X				X
6		X			X

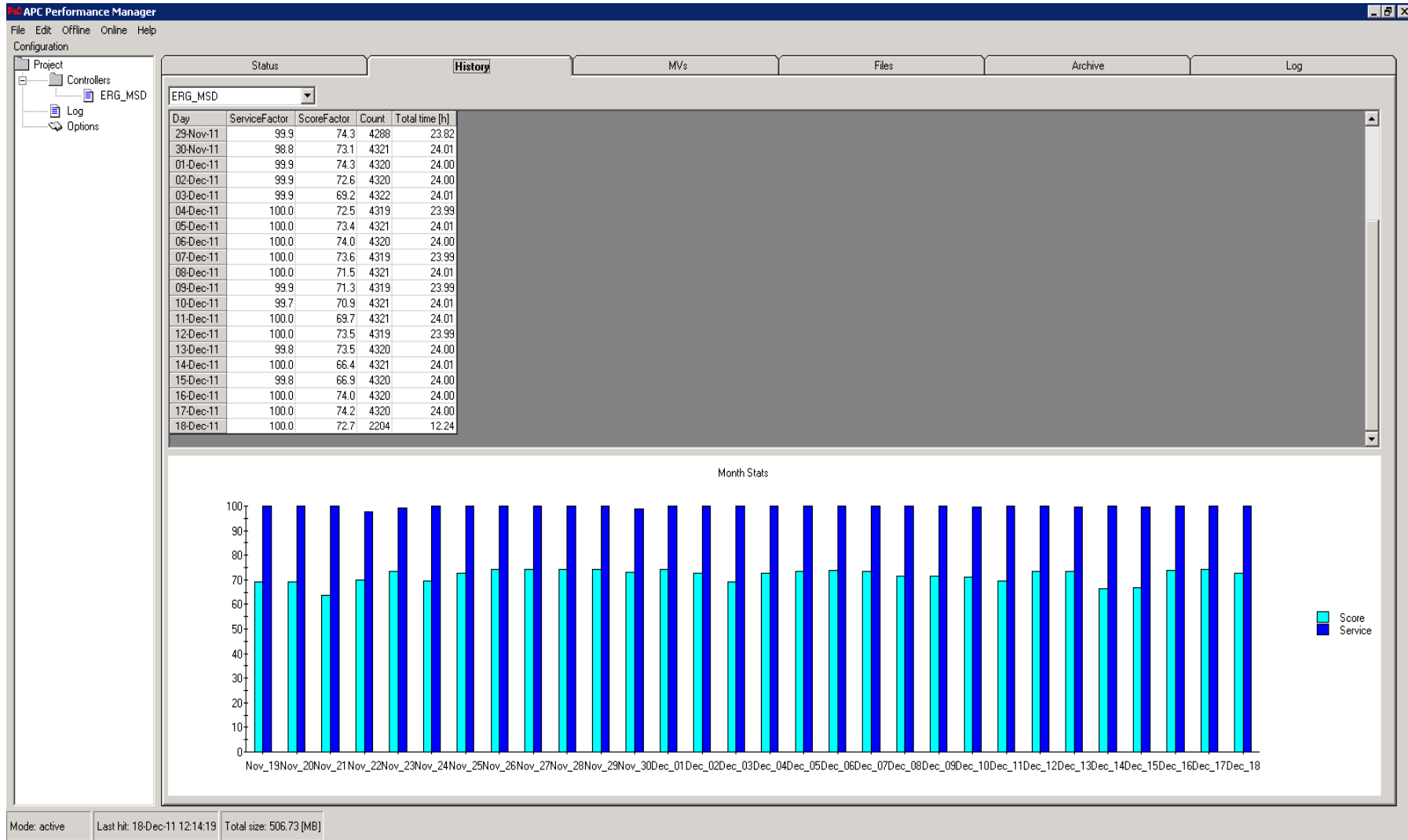


Load increase, use of HICs



- Production increase early morning
- Schedule information anticipate actual load request increase (~20 min ahead)
- APC reduces steam export from CC so to increase Power Production from BP unit
- APC moves MVs ahead to reduce ratio 150 kV/380 kV export i.e. increasing steam export from 150 kV linked gen vs. 380
- As MW export is close to maximum limit, the APC system trims backpressure power plant by modulating CC steam export

Service Factor sample

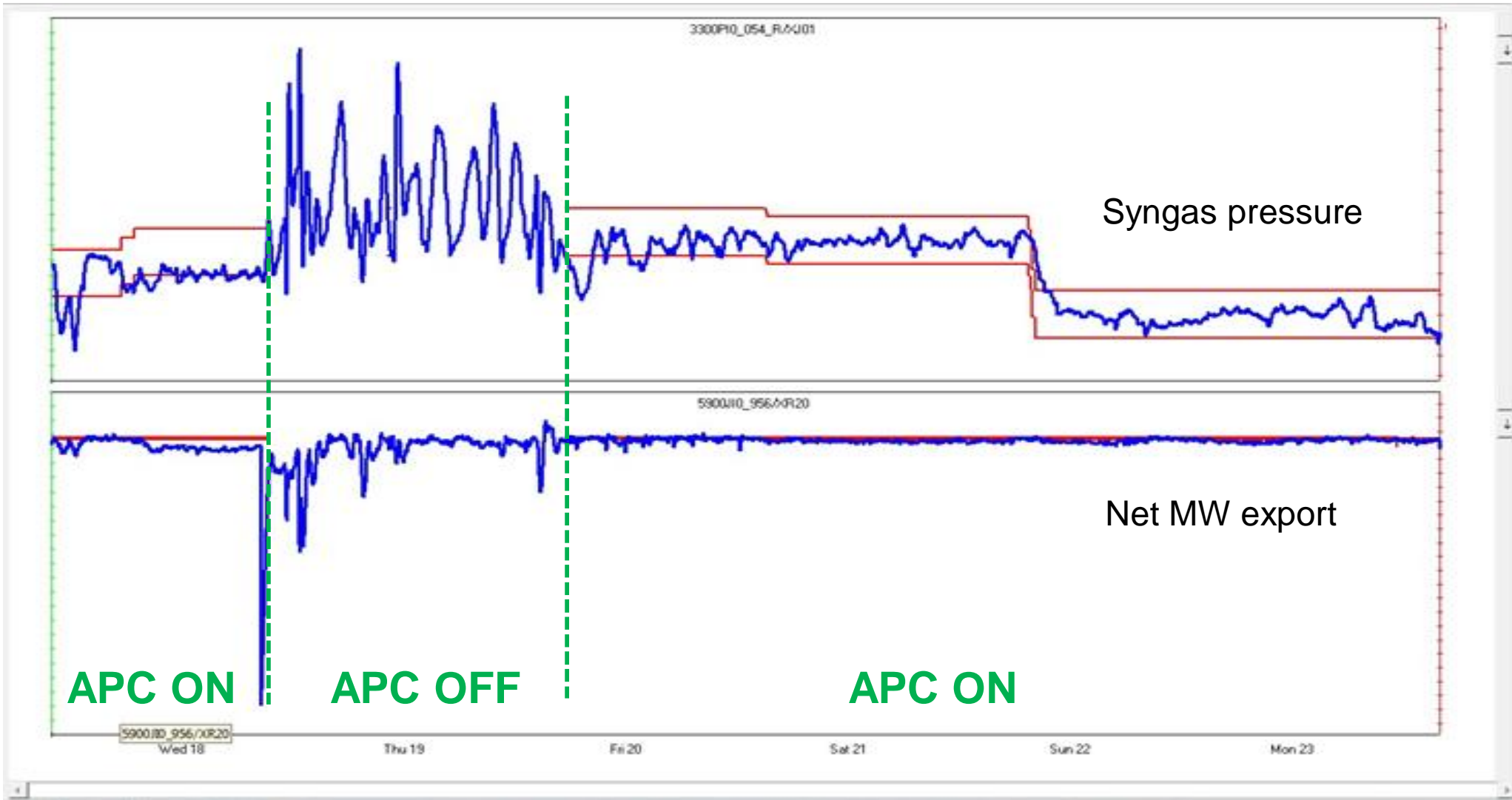


Summary - APC application to Power Gen

- Applications to Power Gen provides tangible benefits with outstanding reliability
- Another example, IGCC 530 MW Power Plant located 5 km apart, features a large APC installation from ABB
- Tangible benefits – average 3 MW production increase due to APC
- Total of ~ 1100 MW managed by APC !



APC APPLIED TO IGCC



PV – Blue
Limits - Red



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