

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**
- based on Bruce B and Darlington, integrated 4 unit plants operating in Canada
- **λ** single unit features adapted from CANDU 6
- CANDU 9 design improvements based on utility and industry feedback and licensing experience



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Comparison with operating plants

	CANDU 6	Bruce B	<u>Darlington</u>	CANDU 9
# of Fuel channels	380	480	480	<mark>480</mark>
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%	<mark>2%</mark>
Maximum Channel Flow	24 kg/s	24 kg/s	25.2 kg/s	25.2 kg/s
Number of reactor headers	8	6	8	<mark>6</mark>
Number of Coolant Pumps	4	4	4	4
Number of Steam Generators	4	8	4	4
Steam Generator Surface Area	3200 m ²	2400 m ²	4900 m ²	4900 m ²
Power Output	715 MWe	915 MWe	936 MWe	945 MWe



Two Unit Layout





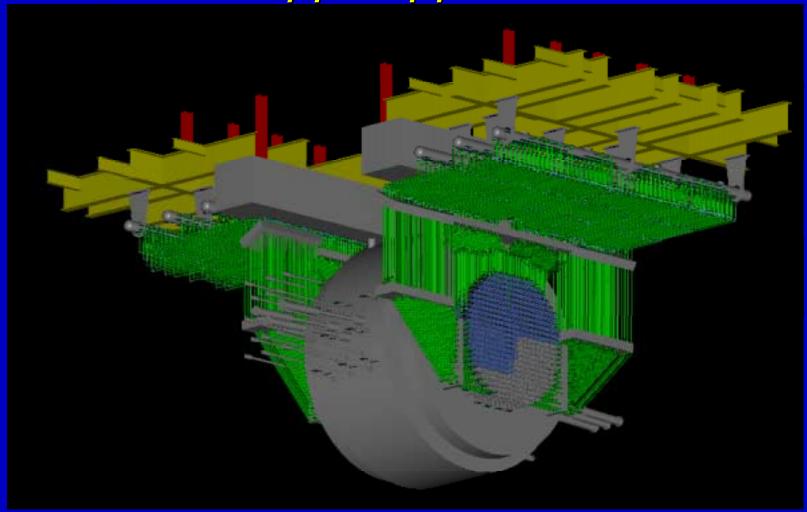
Reactor Building

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





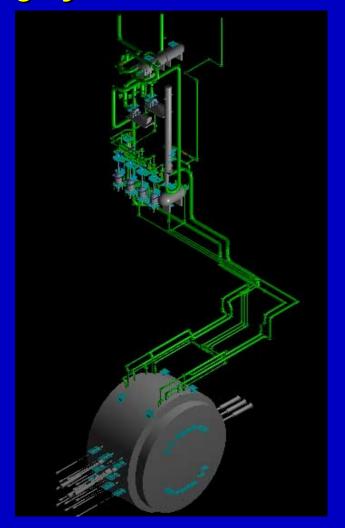
Feeder, header and pipe whip platform





Shield Cooling & End Shield Cooling System

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





Control Centre





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**
- **α computerized safety system testing**



Evolution of Plant Control and Monitoring

Digital Control Computers



Plant Display System

- Display
- Annunciation
- Control Programs



- Display
- Annunciation

Relay Logic and Analog Controllers

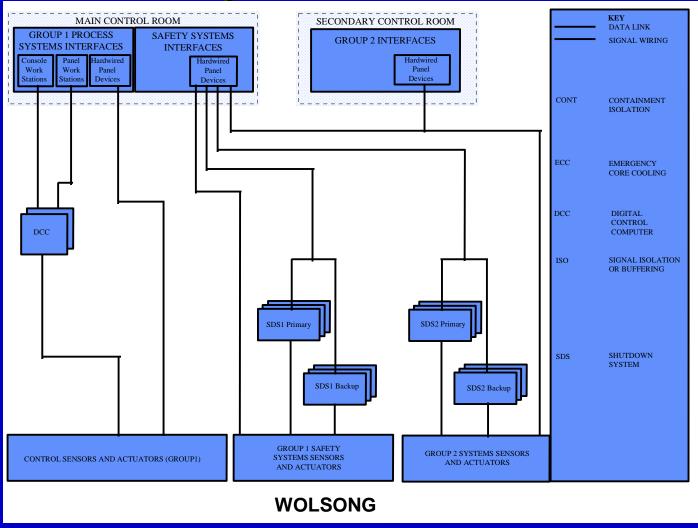


Distributed Control System

- Control Programs
- Relay logic
- Most analog control functions

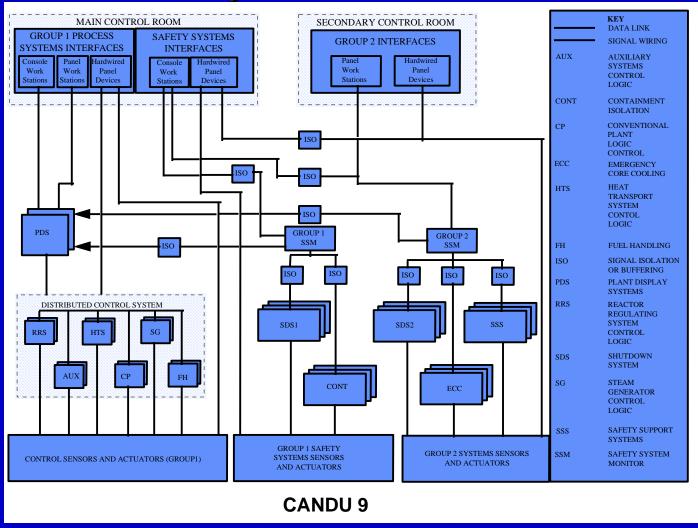


CANDU 6 C&I Systems Overview





CANDU 9 C&I Systems Overview





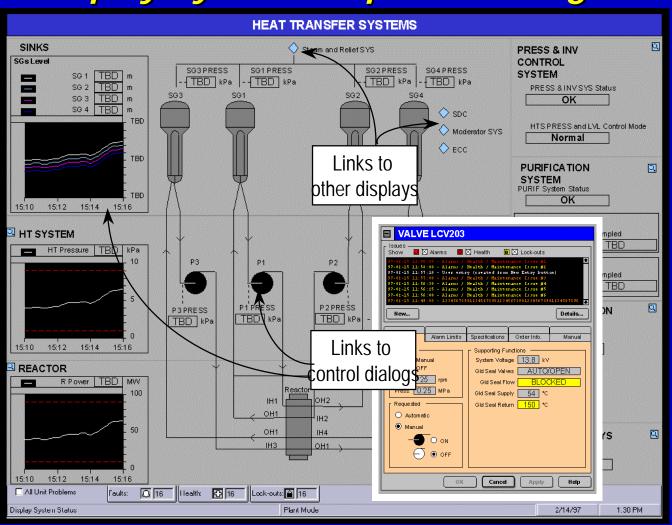
Plant Display System - Improved Navigation

- 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





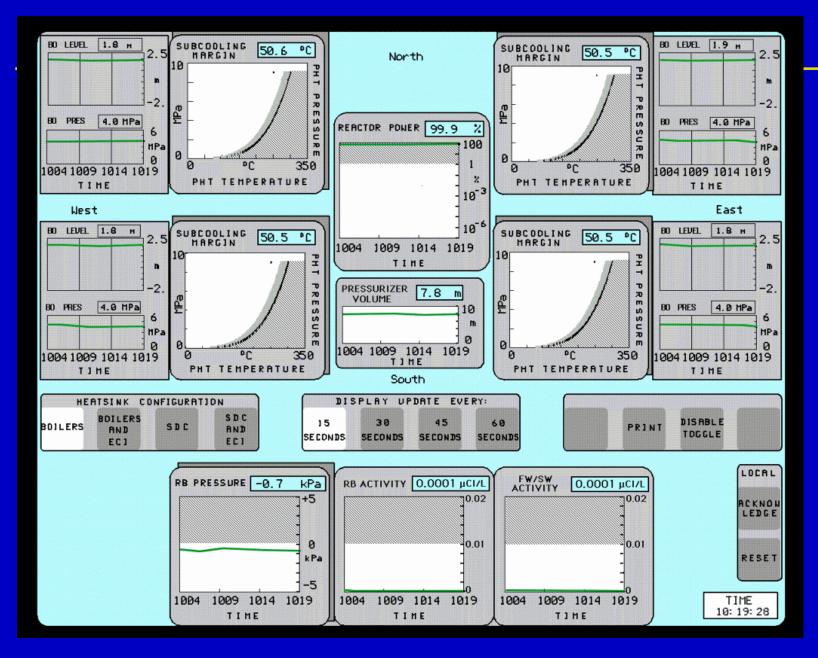
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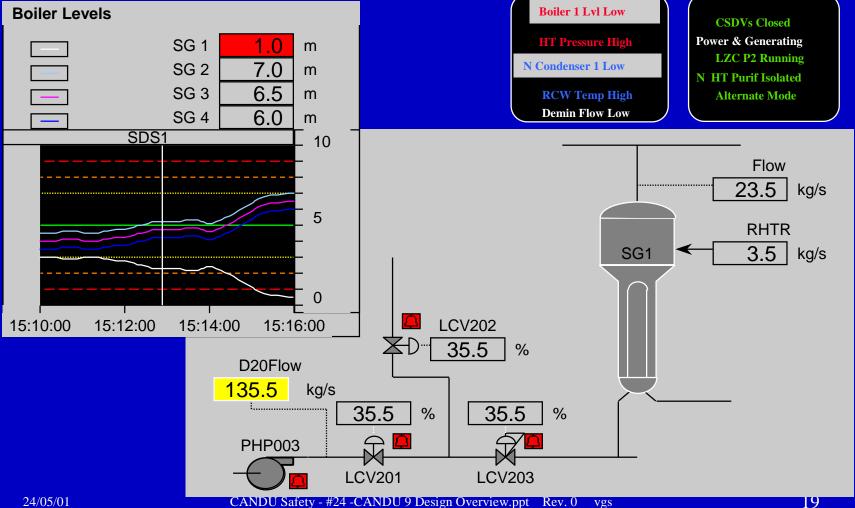
Critical Safety Parameter Monitor System

- 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
- CSP monitoring is part of the Safety System Monitor Computer Display





Enhanced Process Monitoring/Control Displays **Status Faults**





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



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

TURBINE TRIP - TRIP CHAN 1 ACTS

GPC ECIS CHAN E V6 INJ IMP NT FL D

GPC ECIS CHAN M-D7 - INJ IMP HT FL 0

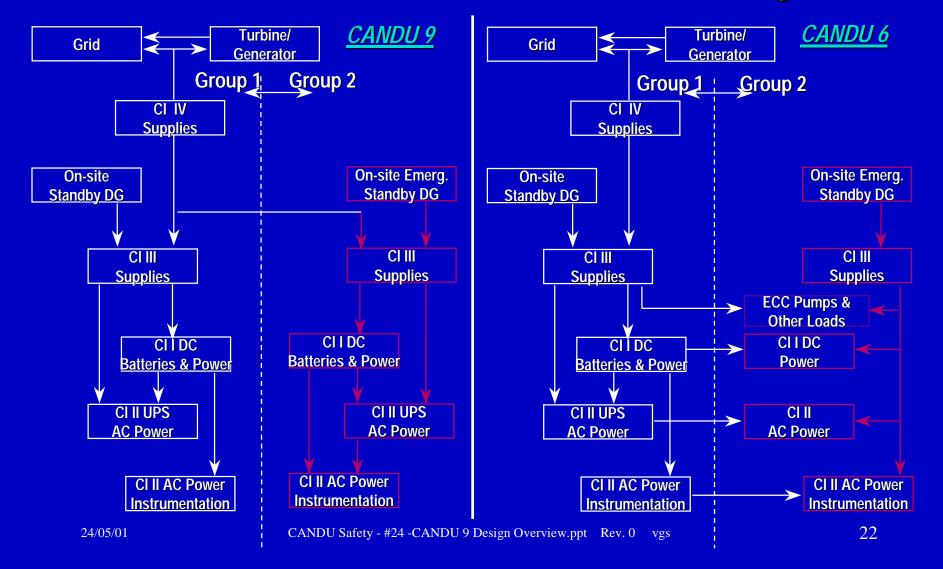
<- Fault Display

Pwr & Blr Turbine & Generating Mode: RCTR SETBACK HI STM GEN PRESS TT4LIVE STEAM LIMITER OPERATING TT4LIVE STEAM LIMITER OPERATING ZeroPwr & ASDVs & TG HI FLUX TILT RRS RCTR SETBACK RRS RCTR SETBACK HI LOCAL CHNL PWR RRS HI ZN PWR RCTR SETBACK RRS RCTR SETBACK HI STM GEN PRESS RRS RCTR SETBACK HI FLUX TILT RRS RCTR SETBACK HI LOCAL CHNL PWR RRS RCTR SETBACK HI ZN PWR RRS RCTR SETBACK HI STM GEN PRESS TT4LIVE STEAM LIMITER OPERATING TT4LIVE STEAM LIMITER OPERATING Pwr & Blr Turbine & Generating ECIS CHAN M - HT PRESS 7.0 MPA - PUMPS START ECIS CHAN K - HT PRESS 7.0 MPA - PUMPS START ECIS CHAN M - HT PRESS 7.0 MPA - PUMPS START RCTR SETBACK HI FLUX TILT RCTR SETBACK HI LOCAL CHNL PWR RCTR SETBACK HI ZN PWR RRS

Status Display ->



CANDU 9/CANDU 6 Electrical Overview Diagrams





Summary

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