



*"Physics and Technology of Water-Cooled  
Reactors through the use of PC-based  
Simulators"*

# ***INTRODUCTION TO ADVANCED PASSIVE PWR SIMULATOR***

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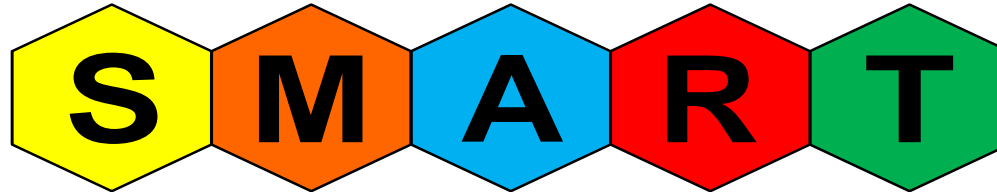
# FUNDAMENTALS TO OPERATE A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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- Overall understanding of the reactor thermal conditions and core safety:
  - Reactor Power
  - RCS Temperature
  - Pressurizer Pressure
  - Pressurizer Level
  - Steam Generators Level
  - Steam Generators Pressure

PARAMETER	STEAM LINE BREAK (FAULTED SG)	STEAM GENERATOR TUBE RUPTURED (RUPTURED SG)	LOCA
RCS PRESS	↓	↓	↓
SG PRESS	↓	↑	→
CTMT PRESS	↑ OR →	→	↑
PZR LEVEL	↓	↓	↓
SG LEVEL	↓	↑	→
RCS TEMP	↓	↓	↓
CTMT TEMP	↑ OR →	→	↑
SG RAD	→	↑	→
CTMT RAD	→	→	↑

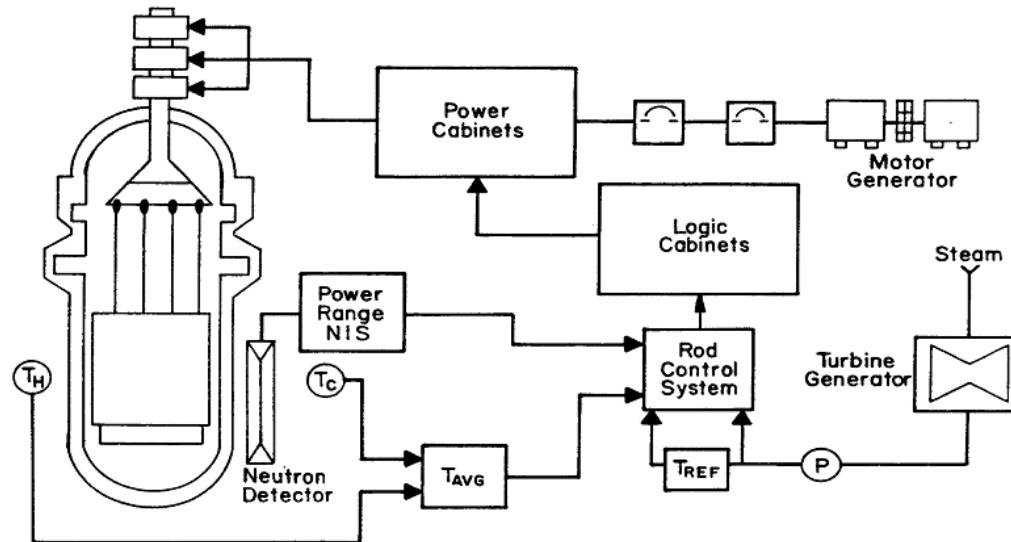


- The essential knowledge, skills, behaviors, and practices that operating crews need to apply to operate the plant effectively.
  - **S**olid Knowledge of Plant Design and Theory
  - **M**onitoring the Plant Effectively
  - **A**ct with a Conservative Bias
  - **R**igorous Control of Plant Evolutions
  - **T**eamwork Excellence

- Techniques to avoid errors and achieve high standards of performance:
  - Pre-Job Brief
  - Three-Way Communication
  - Phonetic Alphabet
  - Questioning Attitude
  - Time Out
  - Peer Checks
  - Self-Verification (STAR): **S**top – **T**hink – **A**ct – **R**eview
  - ...

- Direct, clear and concise.
- 3-way communication for all communications that direct the operation of the plant.
- When reporting plant parameters:
  - Plant Parameter
  - Current numeric Value
  - Trend
- Use of phonetic alphabet when applicable.
- Repeat backs not required for simple exchange of information which does not direct specific actions.
- Avoid confusing words: ~~increase/decrease~~  
Raise/Lower

# SIMULATOR DESIGN & MAJOR CONTROLS



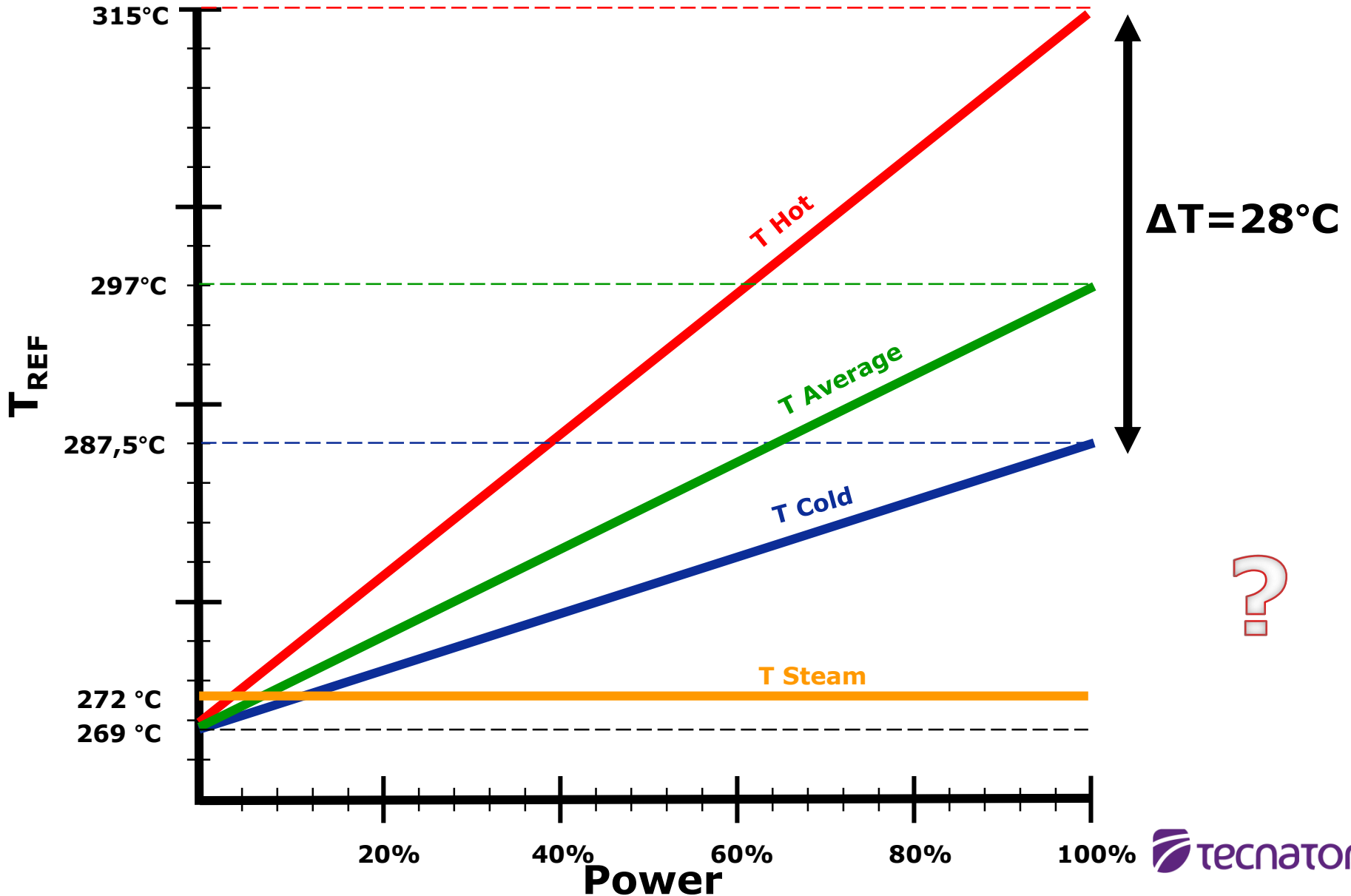


- **Shutdown Banks (SD 1 & SD 2)**
  - Ensure Shutdown Margin.
  - Fully inserted at shutdown and fully withdrawn at power.
- **Dark Rods (1D, 2D, 3D, 4D)**
  - Control Power Distribution  $\rightarrow \Delta I$ .
  - Partially inserted.
- **Gray Rods (1G, 2G, 3G, 4G)**
  - Control Power level / Coolant Temperature
  - Lower worth.
  - Insertion Limits\*

## ■ Gray Rods Limits

Reactor Power (%)	Average Gray Rods Position (average of the rod positions for the individual four banks)
0 – 10 %	93 % - 87 % in core
10 – 20 %	87 % - 83 % in core
20 – 30 %	83 % - 70 % in core
30 – 40%	70 % - 60 % in core
40 – 50 %	60 % - 53 % in core
50 – 60 %	53 % - 48 % in core
60 – 70 %	48 % - 44 % in core
70 – 80%	44 % - 40 % in core
80 – 90 %	40 % - 35 % in core
90 – 100 %	35 % - 30 % in core

- Proper power maneuvering & sufficient shutdown margin.
- If limits reached before target → boration/dilution

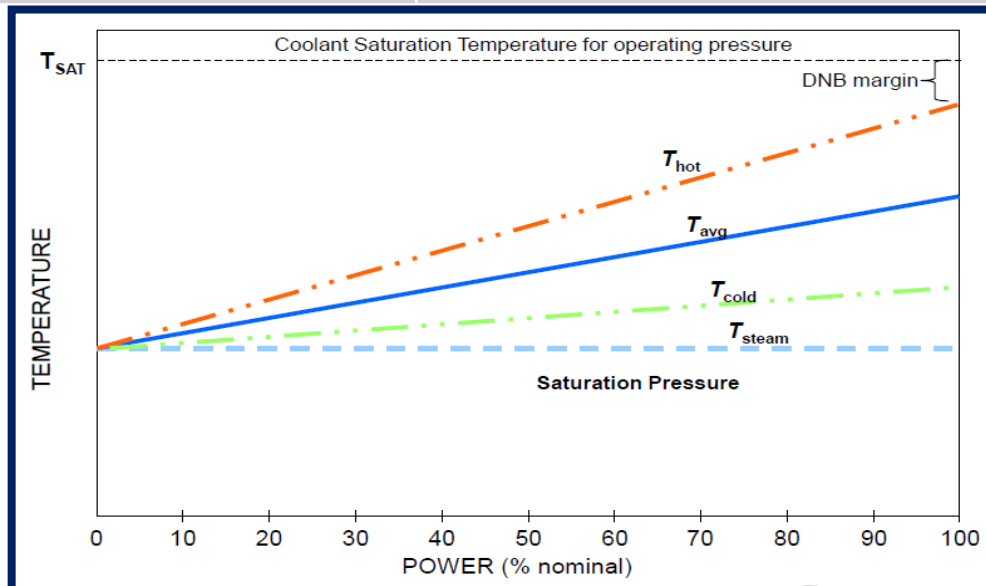


## ADVANTAGES

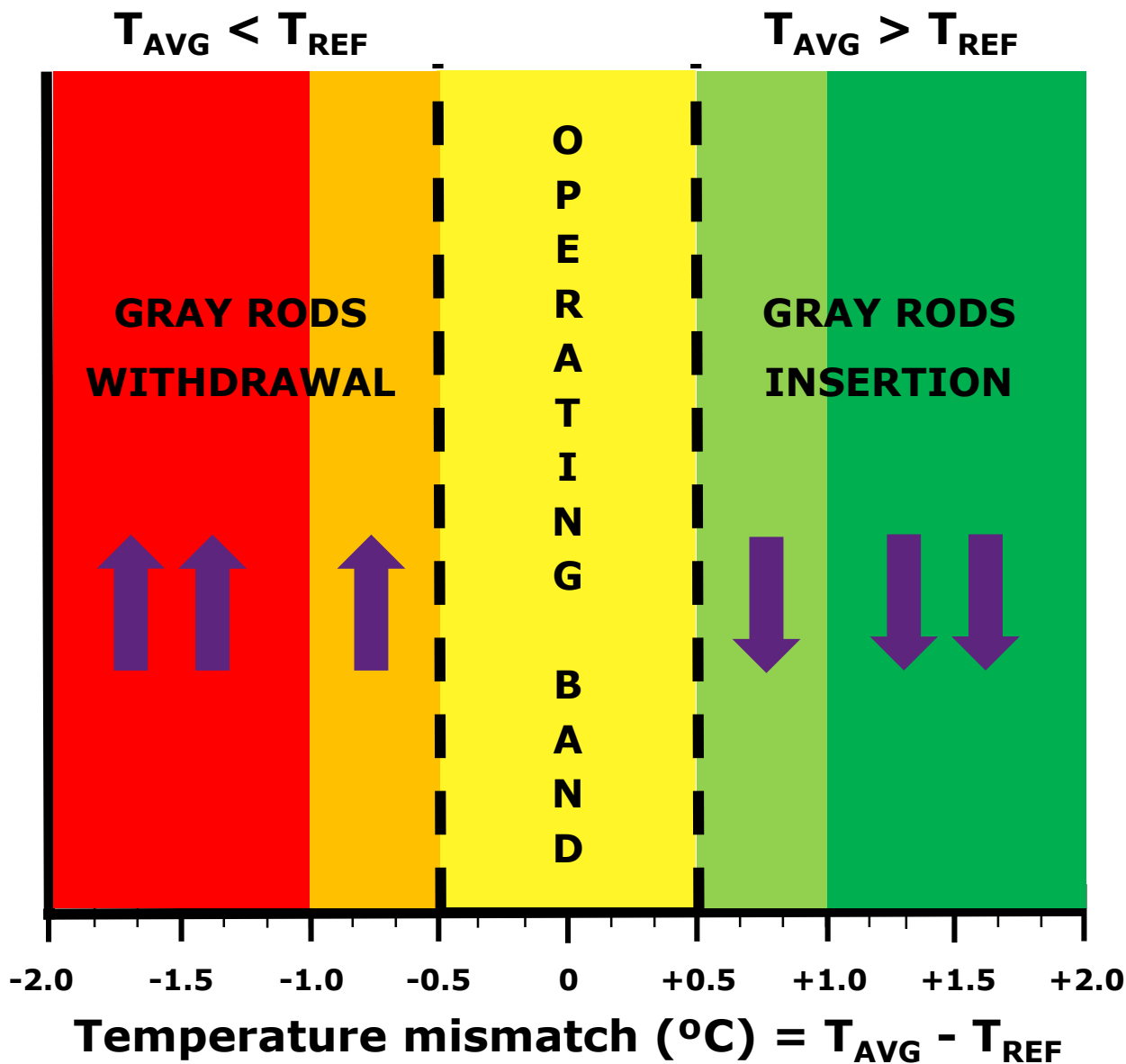
- Higher  $T_{steam}$  &  $p_{steam}$
- ✓ Higher Secondary Cycle Efficiency

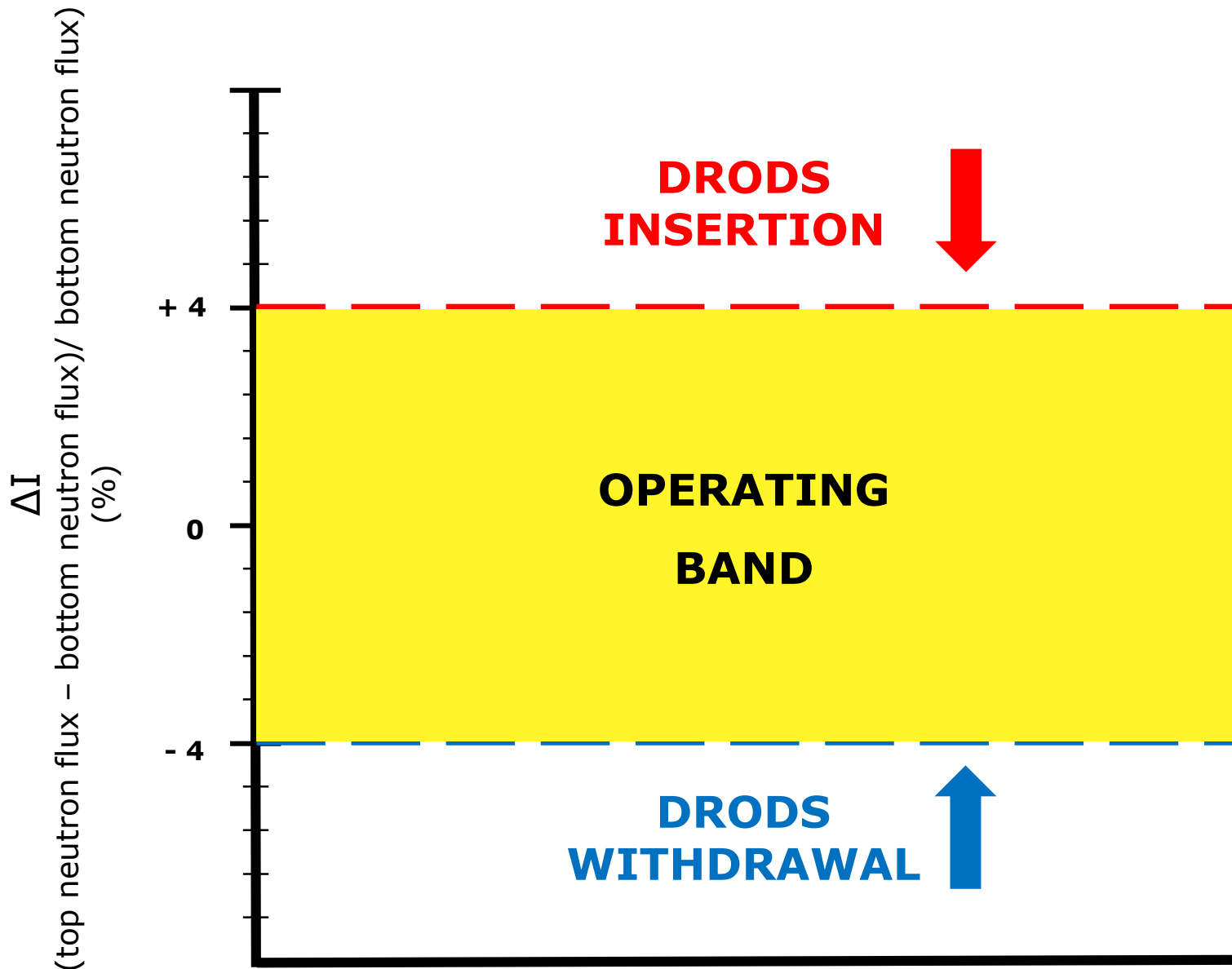
## DISADVANTAGES

- Higher Coolant Temperatures:
  - ✓ Higher PZR volume changes
  - ✓ Higher rods movements
  - ✓ Lower margin for DNB
  - ✓ Higher Corrosion

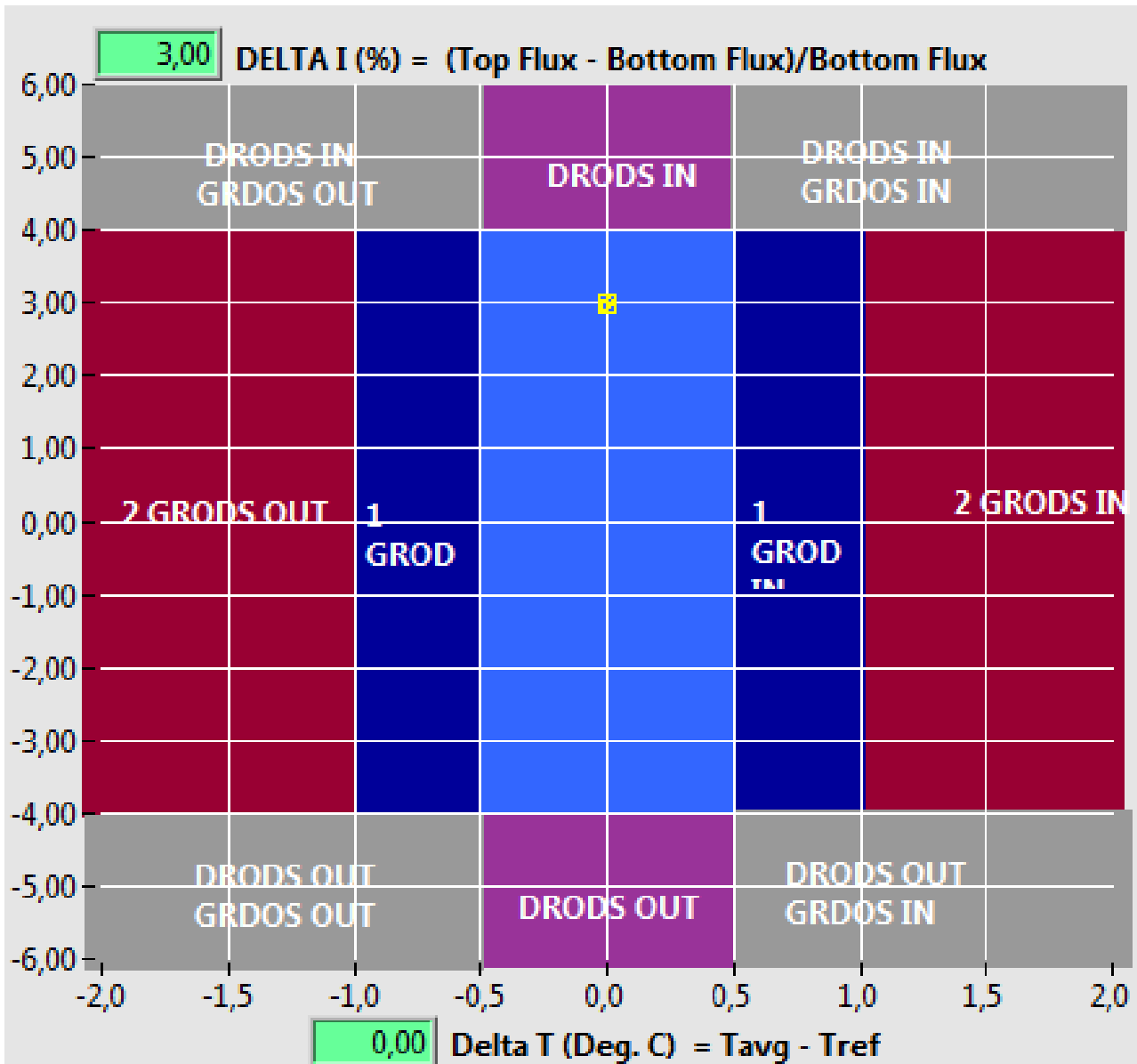


# $T_{AVG}$ Control

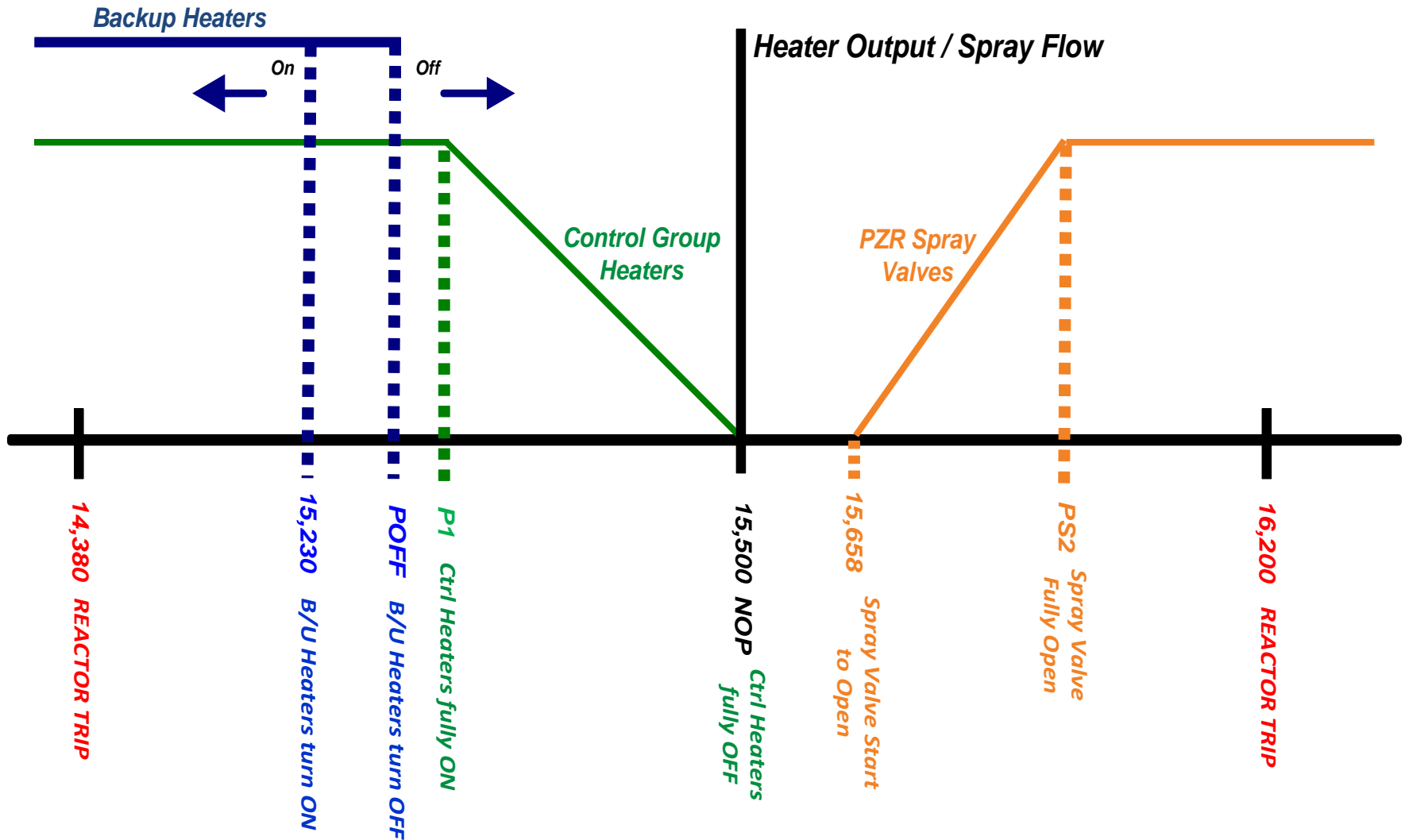




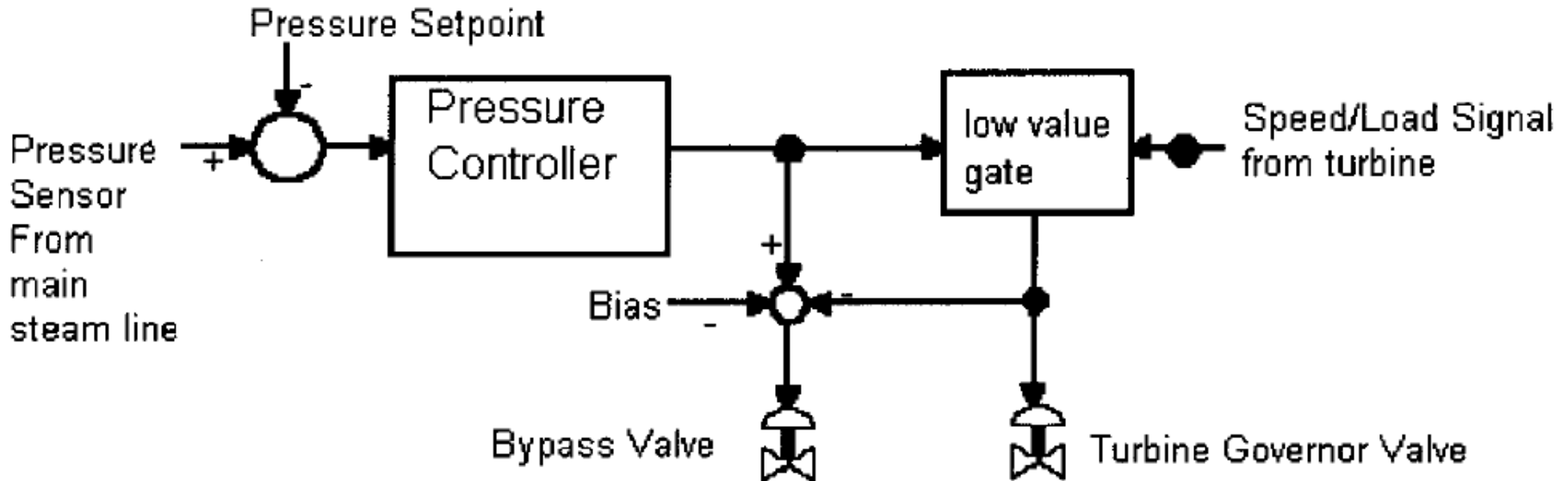
# Control Rods Program



# Primary Coolant Pressure Control

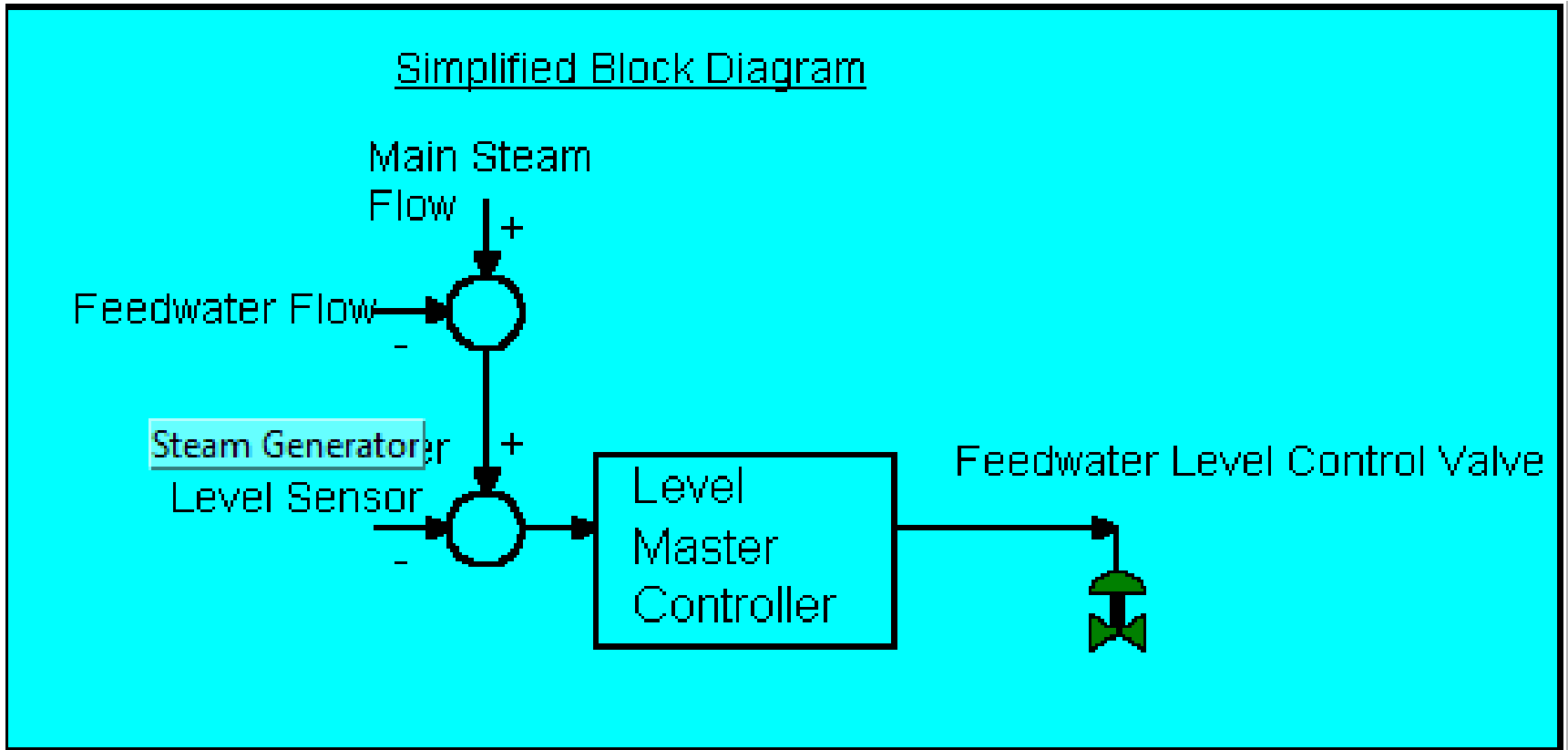






***Main Steam Pressure Setpoint = 5,740 kPa  
for any load level***

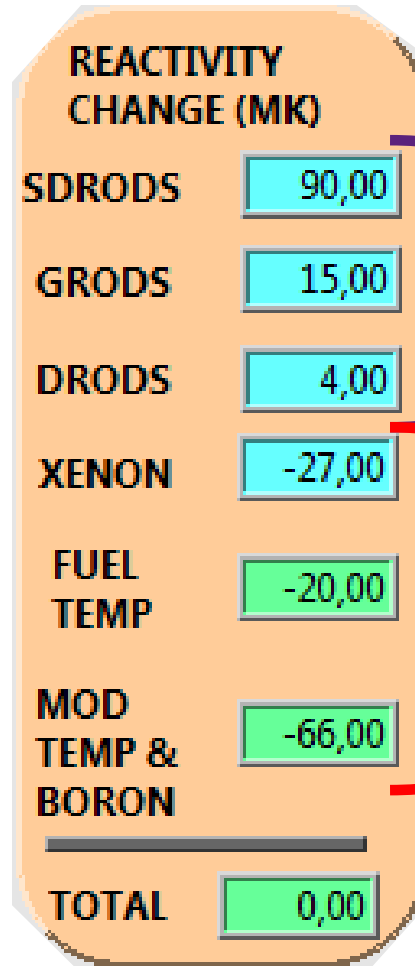
# Steam Generators Level Control



***SG Level setpoint proportional to Power Level***

***100% → 13.51 m***

***0% → 11.67 m***



**Positive  
Reactivity  
inserted into  
the core**

**Negative  
Reactivity  
inserted into  
the core**

- **REACTOR LEAD → Turbine offline**

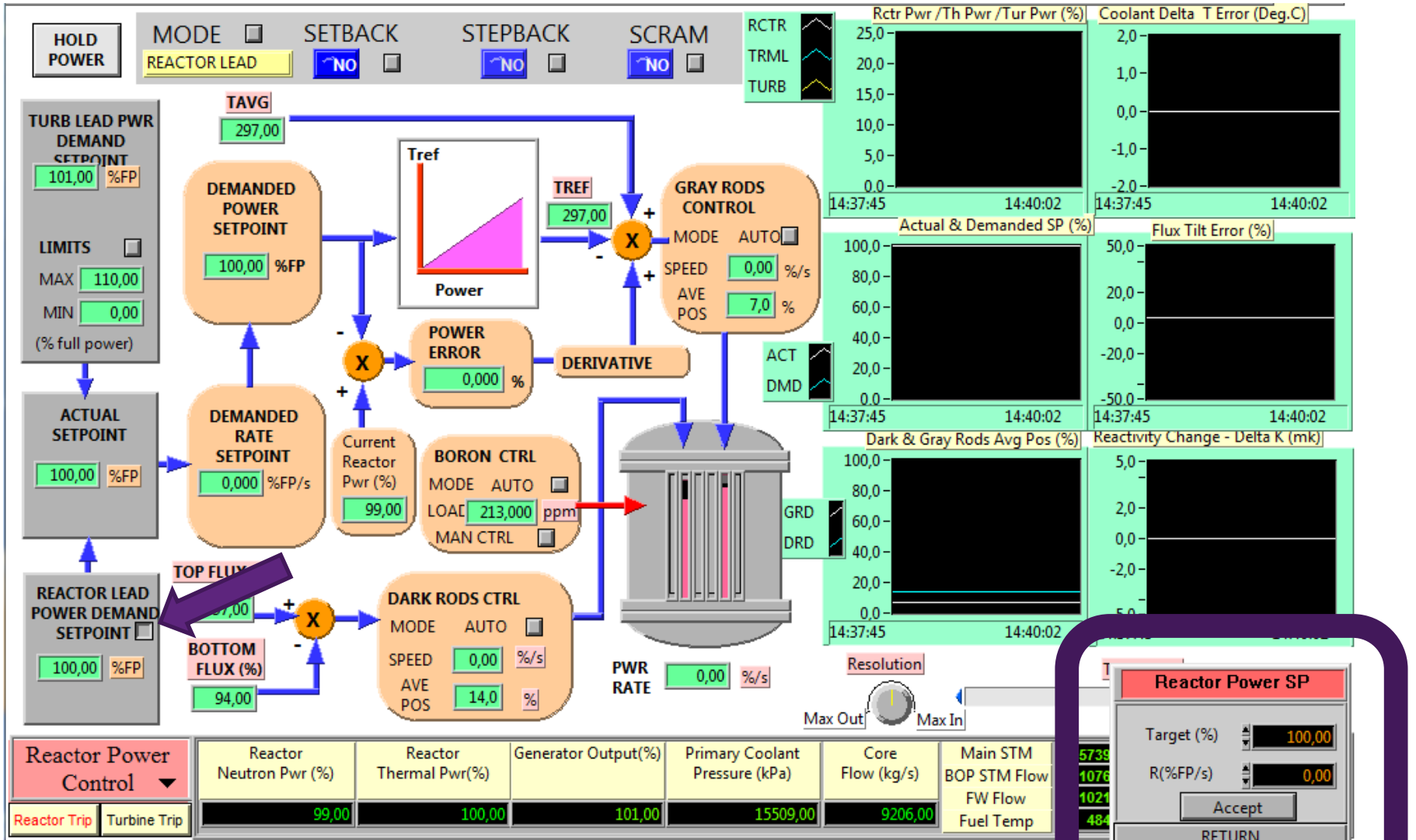
- Used when Turbine-Generator is disconnected from the grid\*.
- GRODs are inserted/withdrawn to get selected Reactor power\*.

- **TURBINE LEAD → Turbine online**

- “Reactor follows the Turbine”.
- GRODs are inserted/withdrawn to match  $T_{avg}$  to  $T_{ref}$ .



# REACTOR LEAD





IAEA

International Atomic Energy Agency  
Atoms for Peace

# TURBINE LEAD



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PLANT MODE **TURBINE LEADING**

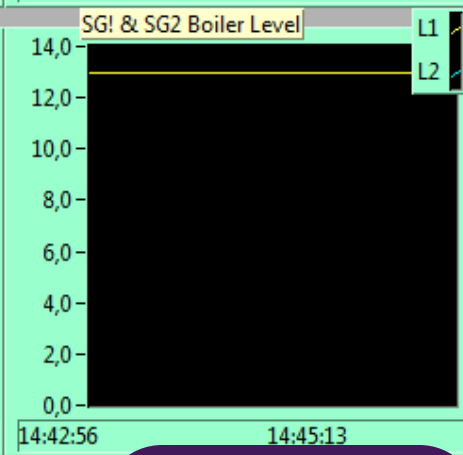
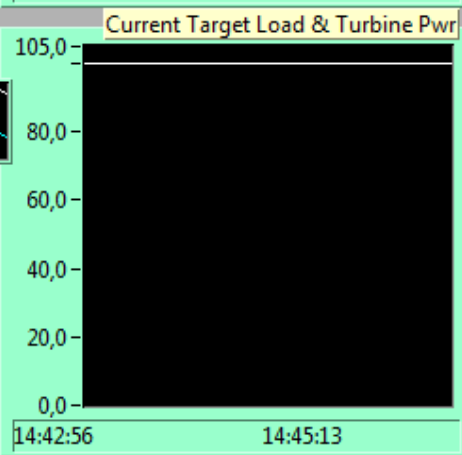
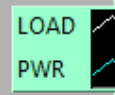
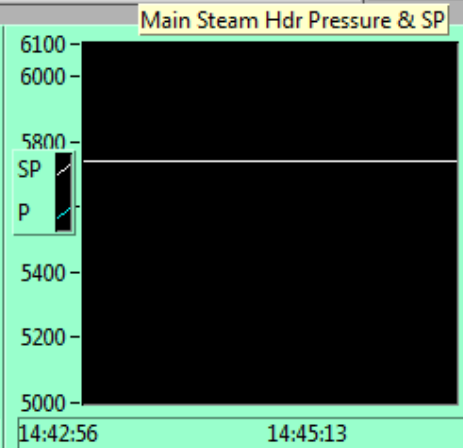
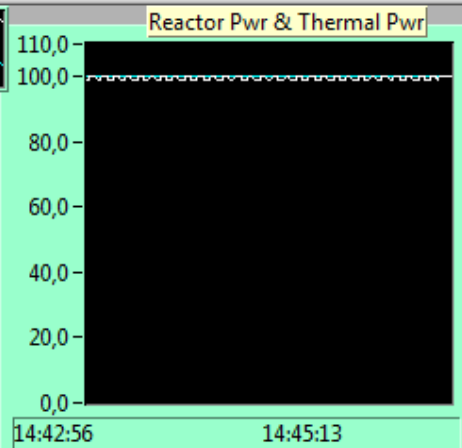
**POWER RATE & TARGET LOAD**

CONTROLLED VARIABLE	CURRENT TARGET	OPERATOR INPUT TARGET	RANGE
TARGET LOAD(%) <input type="checkbox"/>	100,00	100,00	5 TO 100
POWER RATE (%/S)	0,00	0,00	0.01 TO 1

**STEAM GENERATOR PRESSURE SETPOINT CONTROL**

Main Steam Hdr Pressure **5739** KPA    SP MODE  HOLD **5740** SP (KPA)

SP Recovery     PRESSURE SP CHANGE RATE



Resolution     Time Scroll

Max Out Max In

**TARGET LOAD CTRL**

Target

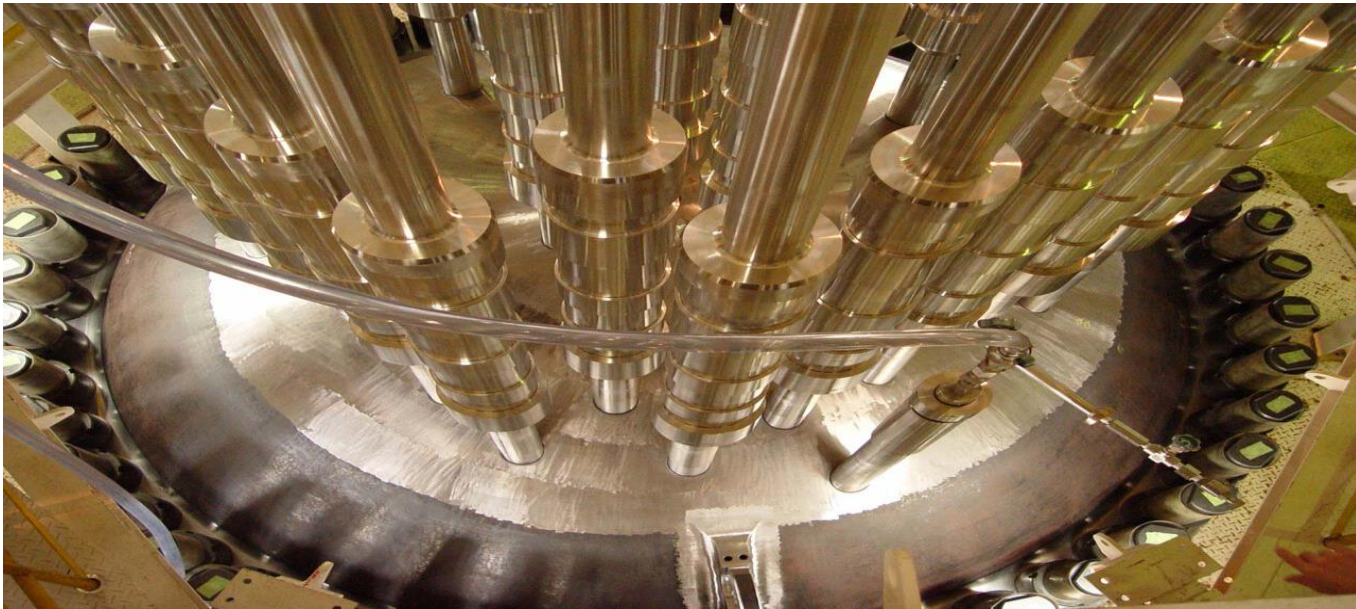
Rate

Accept

MW Demand & SGPC		Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr(%)	Generator Output(%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM BOP STM Flow	FW Flow	Fuel Temp
Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip	100,00	100,00	100,00	15515,00	9208,00	57	10	48

# SIMULATOR PROTECTION SIGNALS

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- Low RCS Pressure  $< 14,380$  kPa  $\rightarrow$  *DNB Protection*
- Low SG level  $< 11.94$  m  $\rightarrow$  *Loss of Heat Sink*
- High RCS Pressure  $> 16,200$  kPa  $\rightarrow$  *RCS Integrity Protection*
- High neutron flux  $> 120$  % FP  $\rightarrow$  *Overpower Protection*
- High log rate  $> 8$  % FP/s  $\rightarrow$  *Overpower Protection*
- Low coolant flow  $< 2,000$  kg/s  $\rightarrow$  *DNB Protection*
- Low PZR level  $< 2.7$  m  $\rightarrow$  *LOCA, inadvertent Safety Valve opening/PRHR actuation...*



- Low FW disch header pressure  $< 5200$  kPa → Loss of Heat Sink Protection
  - High Steam Flow (SG1 or SG2)  $> 644$  kg/sec → Overcooling Protection
- OR**
- Total steam flow  $> 1289$  kg/s
- Average heat flux in the core  $> 464$  kW/m<sup>2</sup> → *DNB Protection*  
(DNB Trip)
  - Containment High Pressure  $> 105$  kPa → LOCA, SLB IRC
  - Manual trip

- Reduction of reactor power in a large step, in response to certain process parameters exceeding alarm limits, as a measure in support of reactor safety:
  - High RCS pressure  $> 16051$  kPa (target 2 % FP)
  - Loss of one RCP (target 60 % FP)
  - Loss of two RCPs (target 2 % FP)
  - High log rate  $> 7$  %/s; (target 2 % FP)
  - Hi zone flux  $> 115$  % of nominal zone flux at full power
  - Manual stepback (initiated by operator; target set by operator)

- Ramping down of reactor power at fixed rate, to setback target, in response to certain process parameters exceeding alarm limits, as a measure in support of reactor safety:
  - Main steam header pressure High  $> 6150$  kPa
  - High pressurizer level  $> 12$  m
  - Manual setback in progress
  - Low SG level  $< 12$  m
  - Low deaerator level  $< 2$  m
  - High flux tilt  $> 20$  %
  - High zonal flux  $> 110$  %

- **Safety Passive Core Cooling System Actuation** → Safety Injection and Emergency Core Cooling
  - Low-low PZR Level < 2 m → LOCA
  - Manual
- **Feedwater Isolation**
  - Safety Passive Core Cooling System Actuation → Prevent Overcooling (PRHR Act.)
  - High-high SG level > 15 m → Prevent Water Carry-over to MSLs/Turbine
  - Manual
- **Turbine trip**
  - Low Turbine forward power @ 0% Generator Output → Total Loss of Load
  - High-high SG level > 15 m → Prevent Water Carry-over to MSLs/Turbine
  - Manual
- **Reactor Coolant Pump trip**
  - Low-low PZR Level < 2 m following Reactor trip → Prevent interfere with CMTs
  - Manual

# SIMULATOR FUNDAMENTALS

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# VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

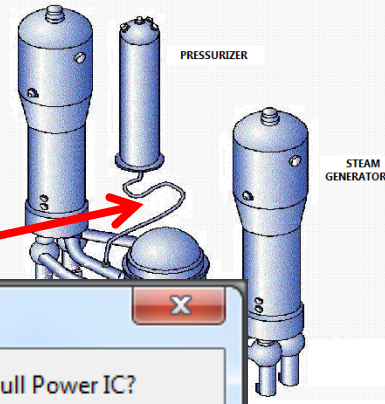
- Make sure you got your computer set with "." for decimals (instead of ",").
- If not, the accuracy of your simulation will be reduced to one unit.

*(Pannello di controllo → Orologio e opzioni internazionali → Area geografica → Cambia data, ora o formato dei numeri → Impostazioni aggiuntive → Separatore decimale)*

## ■ Simulator Startup

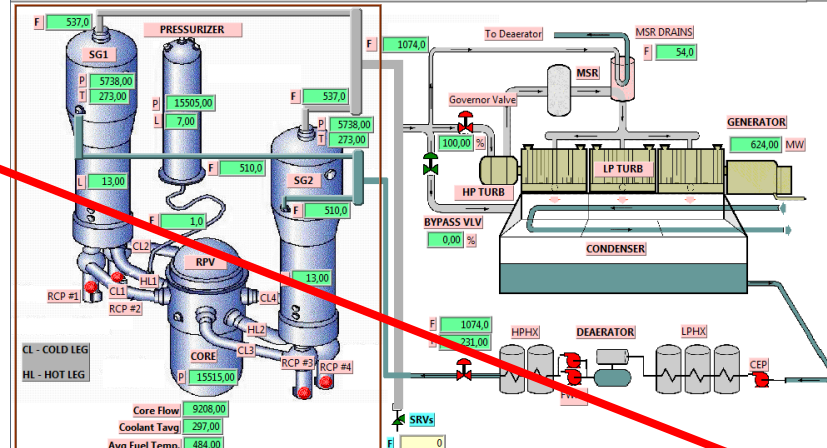
- 1) Select IC
- 2) Click on RCS Drawing
- 3) Click on Ok
- 4) Run

### IAEA Generic Pressurized Water Reactor Simulator



Load Full Power IC?

Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip	RC Press Lo Lo	Step Back Req'd	Setback Req'd	Turbine Runback	Gen Breaker Opn	Labview
Hi Neutron Pwr	RC Press Hi Hi	Coolant Flow Lo	Stm Gen Level Lo	PRZR Lvl Hi	Low Fwd Pwr Trip	Main BFP(s) Trip	0
Hi Neut Pwr LogR	RC Press Hi	Main Stm Pres Hi	Stm Gen Level Hi	Turbine Gov in Man	Loss RC Pmp(s)	Malfunction Active	1



PWR Plant Overview		Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr(%)	Generator Output(%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM BOP STM Flow	FW Flow	Fuel Temp	IC	MalF	Iterate
Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip	100.00	100.00	100.00	15515.00	9208.00	8720.0	1074.0	484.0	▶		

## ■ Displays Structure

### ■ Top:

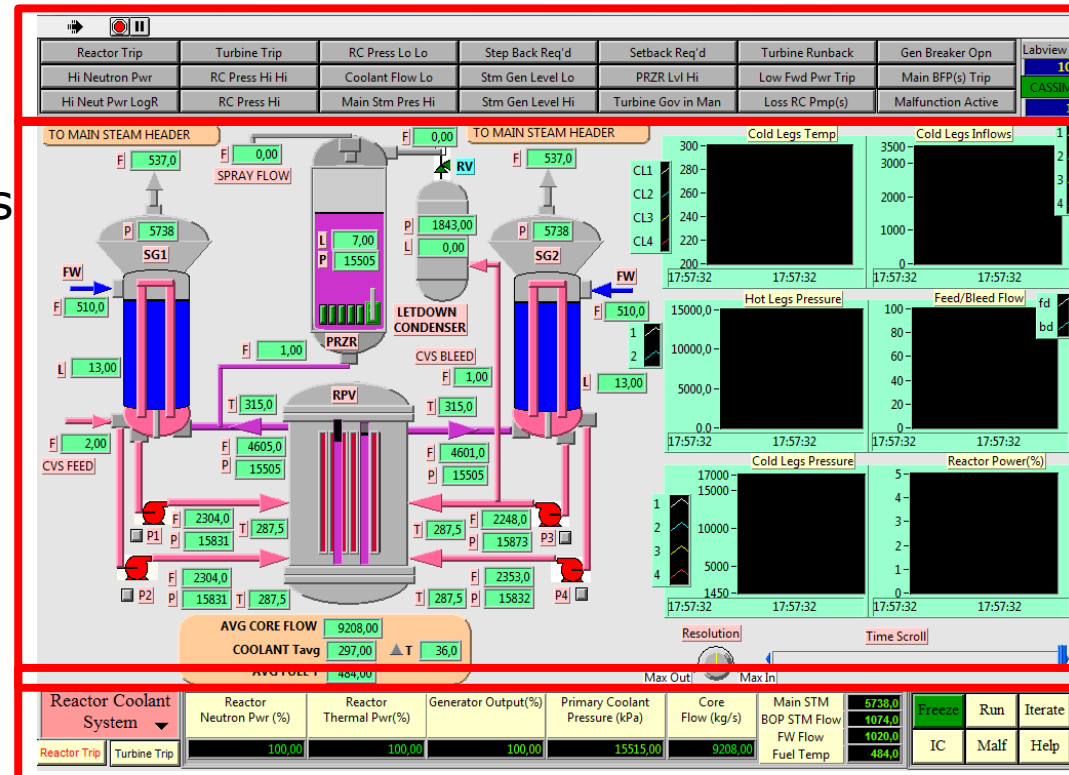
- Resume/Stop/Pause
- Alarms Panel
- Labview/CASSIM counters

### ■ Mid: Main Display

- Controls & Displays

### ■ Bottom:

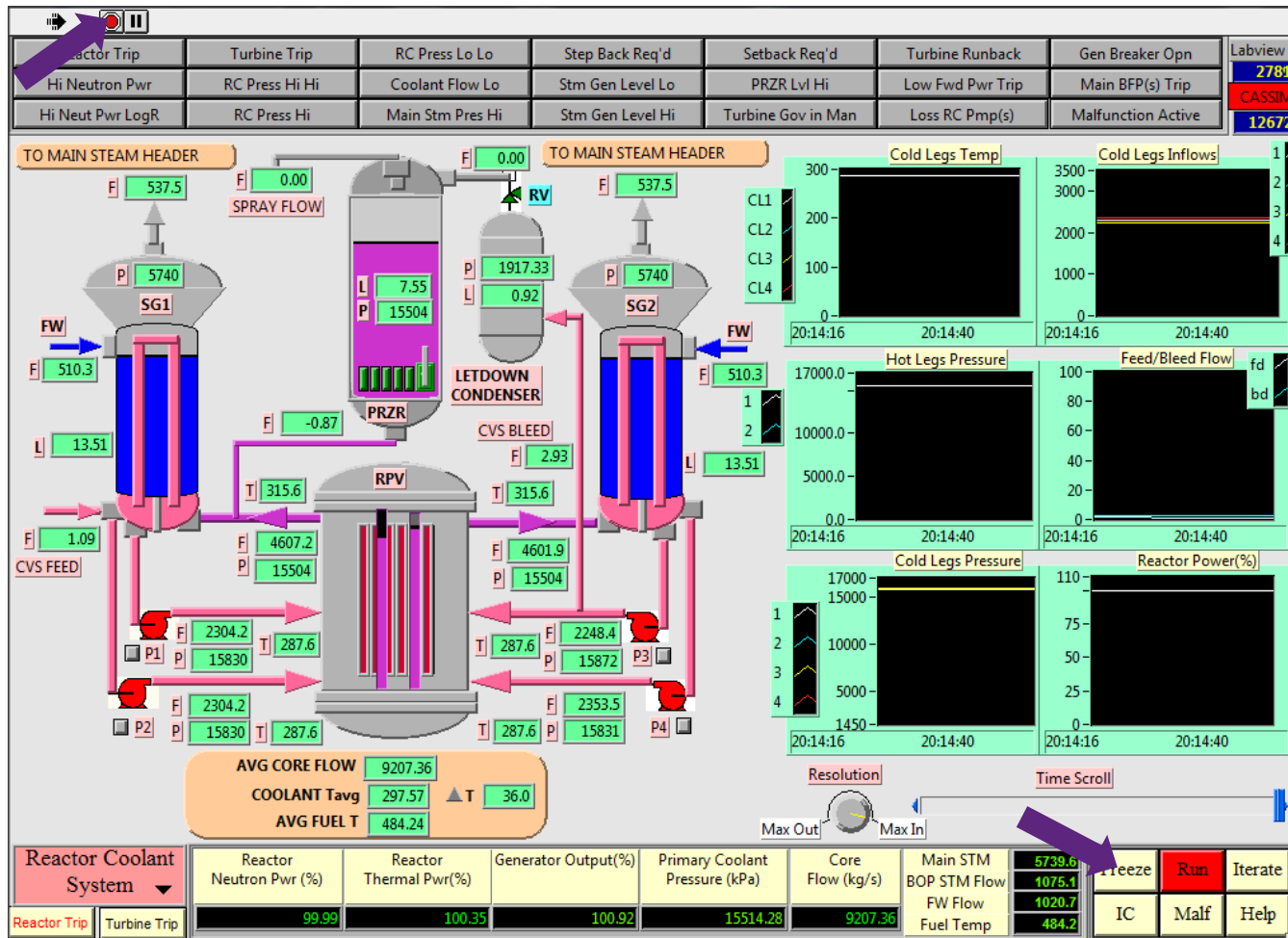
- Navigation drop-down menu
- Rx Trip and Tx Trip
- Main plant parameters
- Simulation Controls



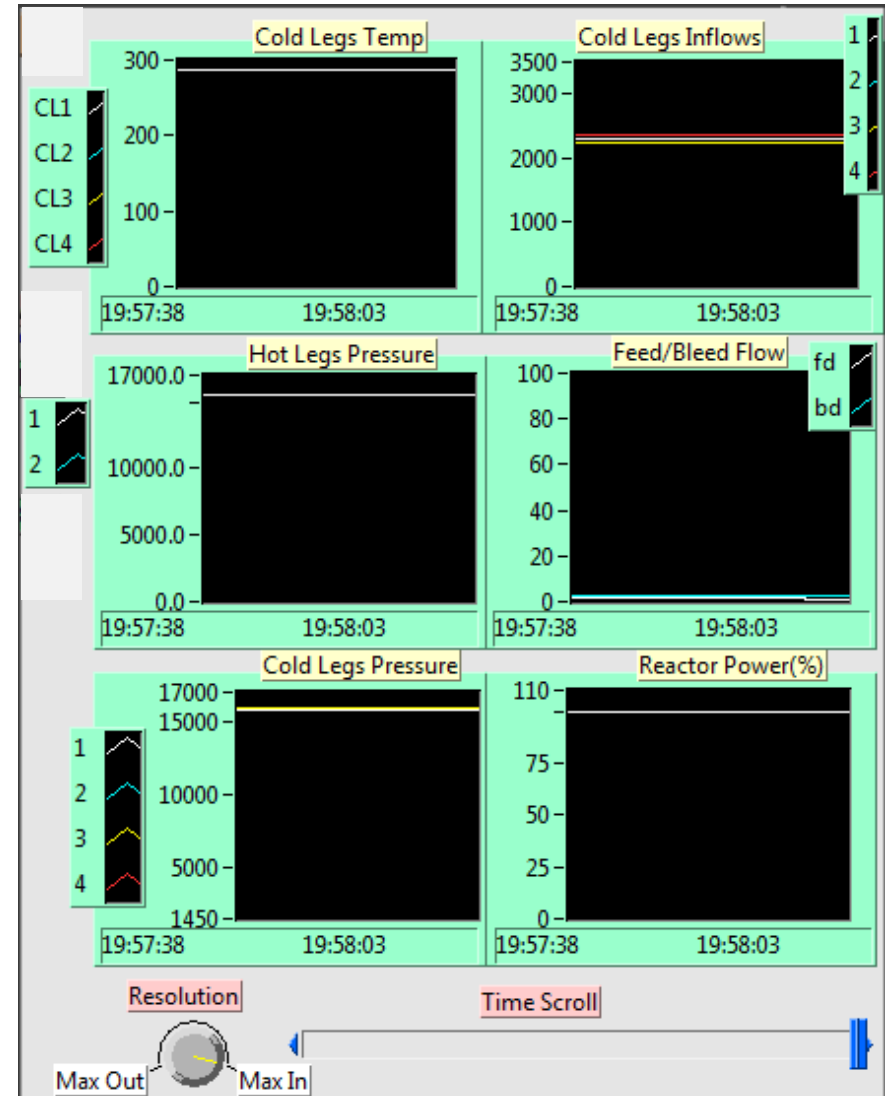


- Displays Features:
  - Color Code:
    - **GREEN**: Valve closed, pump stopped, heater off.
    - **RED**: Valve open, pump started, heater on.
  - Units:
    - Temperature: °C
    - Pressure: kPa
    - Flow: kg/s
    - Level: m
    - Reactivity: mk
  - Pop-up controls:
    - Click on **Return** to continue.

## ■ Stop/Run vs Freeze/Run

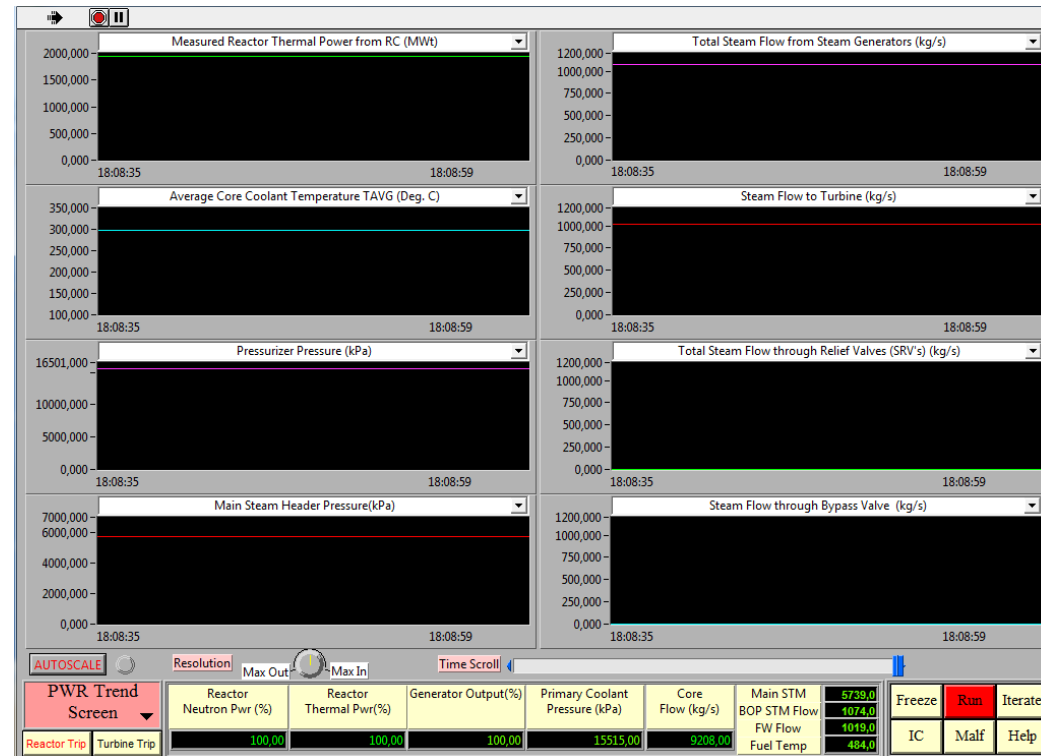


- Default Trend
  - Screen-Specific
  - Modify Bands
  - Time Scroll Feature
  - Resolution

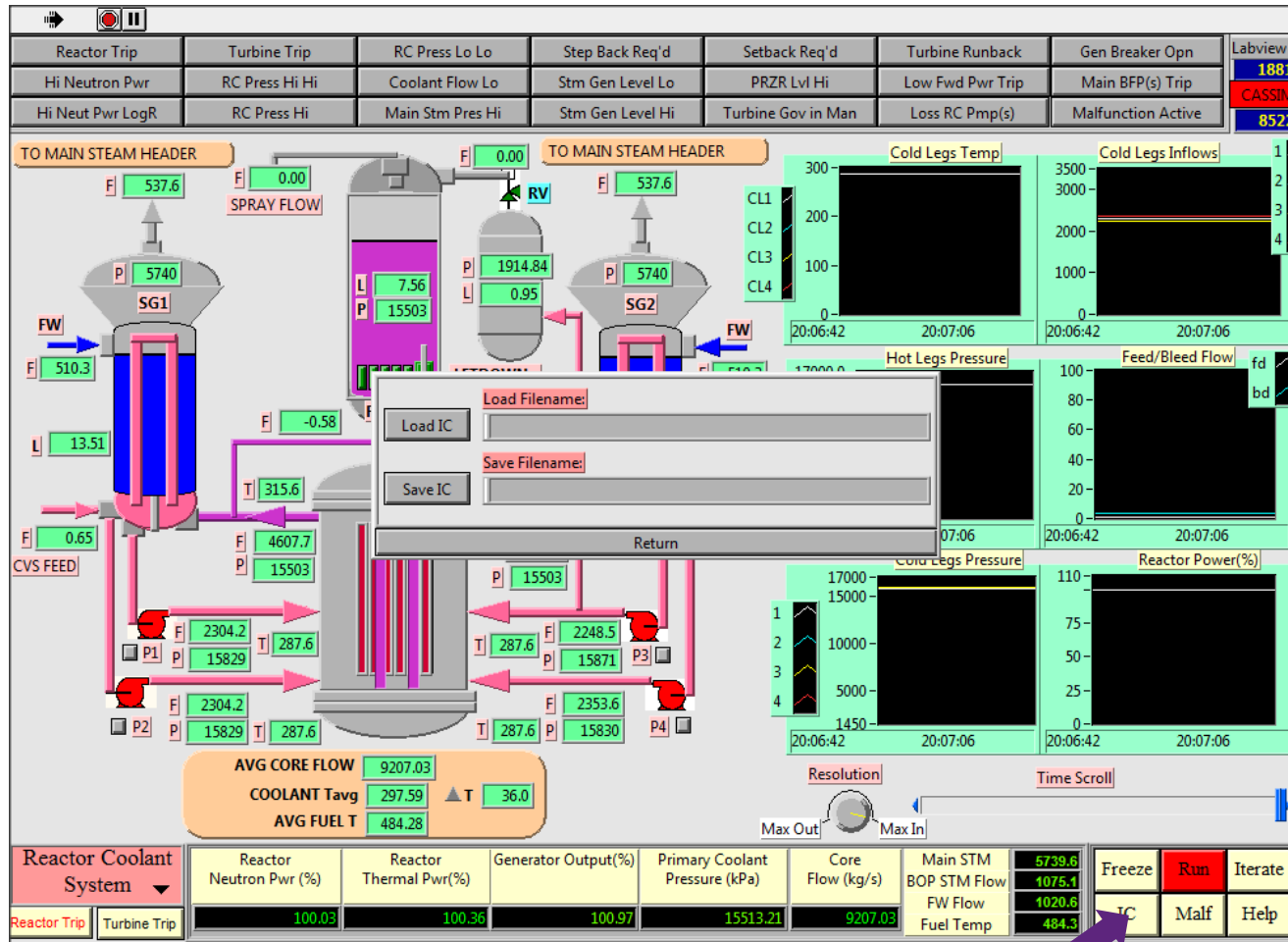


## ■ Create New Trends

- PWR Trend Screen
- Modify Bands - AUTOSCALE
- Time Scroll Feature
- Resolution

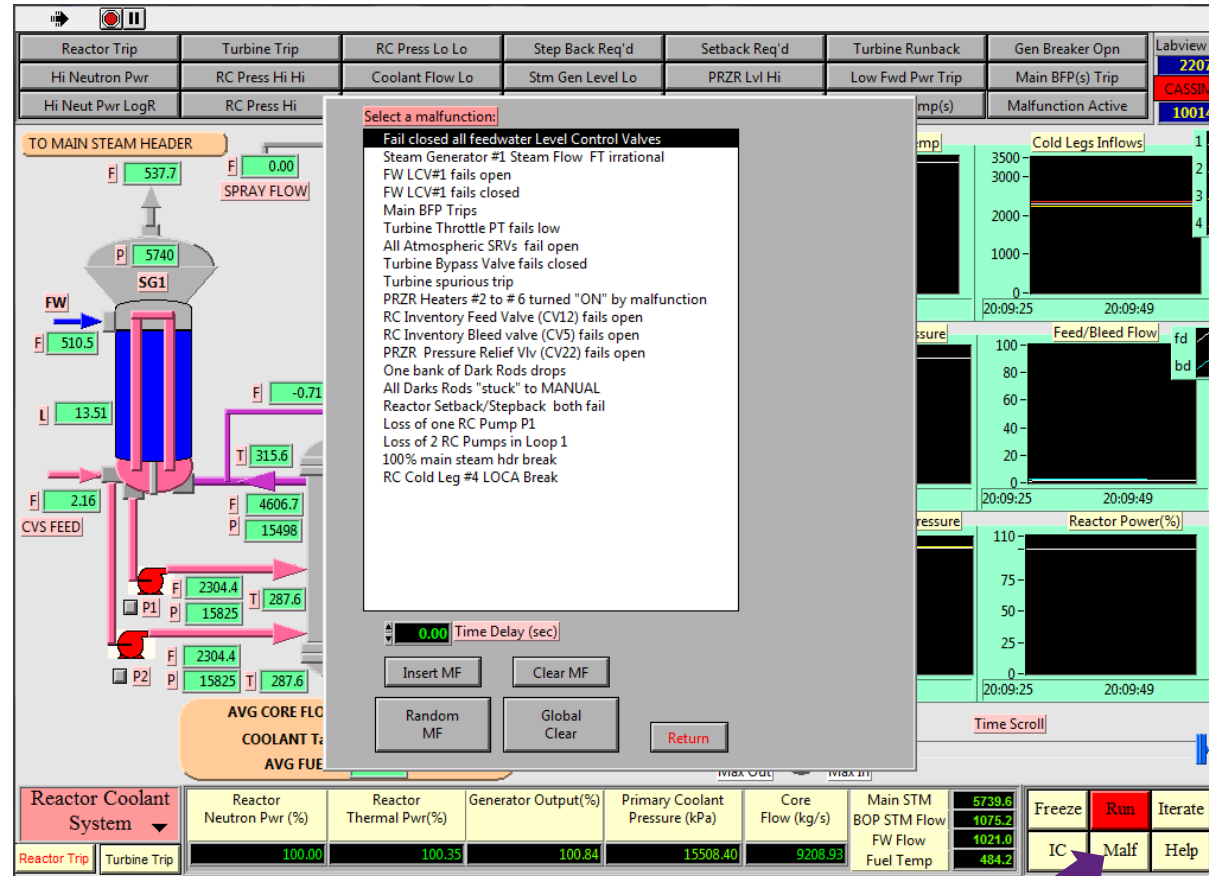


- Create/Load an IC



## ■ Insert a Malfunction

- Time delay
- Clear/ Global Clear feature
- Random MF



The screenshot displays the CASSIM simulator interface. A central window titled "Select a malfunction:" lists various failure modes such as "Fail closed all feedwater Level Control Valves", "Steam Generator #1 Steam Flow FT irrational", and "Loss of 2 RC Pumps in Loop 1". Below the list is a "Time Delay (sec)" field set to 0.00 and buttons for "Insert MF", "Clear MF", "Random MF", "Global Clear", and "Return".

On the left, a schematic diagram of the reactor system shows the Steam Generator (SG1) and associated piping with various flow and pressure indicators. The bottom status bar shows key system parameters:

Reactor Coolant System	Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr (%)	Generator Output (%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM BOP STM Flow	FW Flow	Fuel Temp	Freeze	Run	Iterate
Reactor Trip	100.00	100.35	100.84	15508.40	9208.93	5739.6	1075.2	484.2	IC	Malf	Help

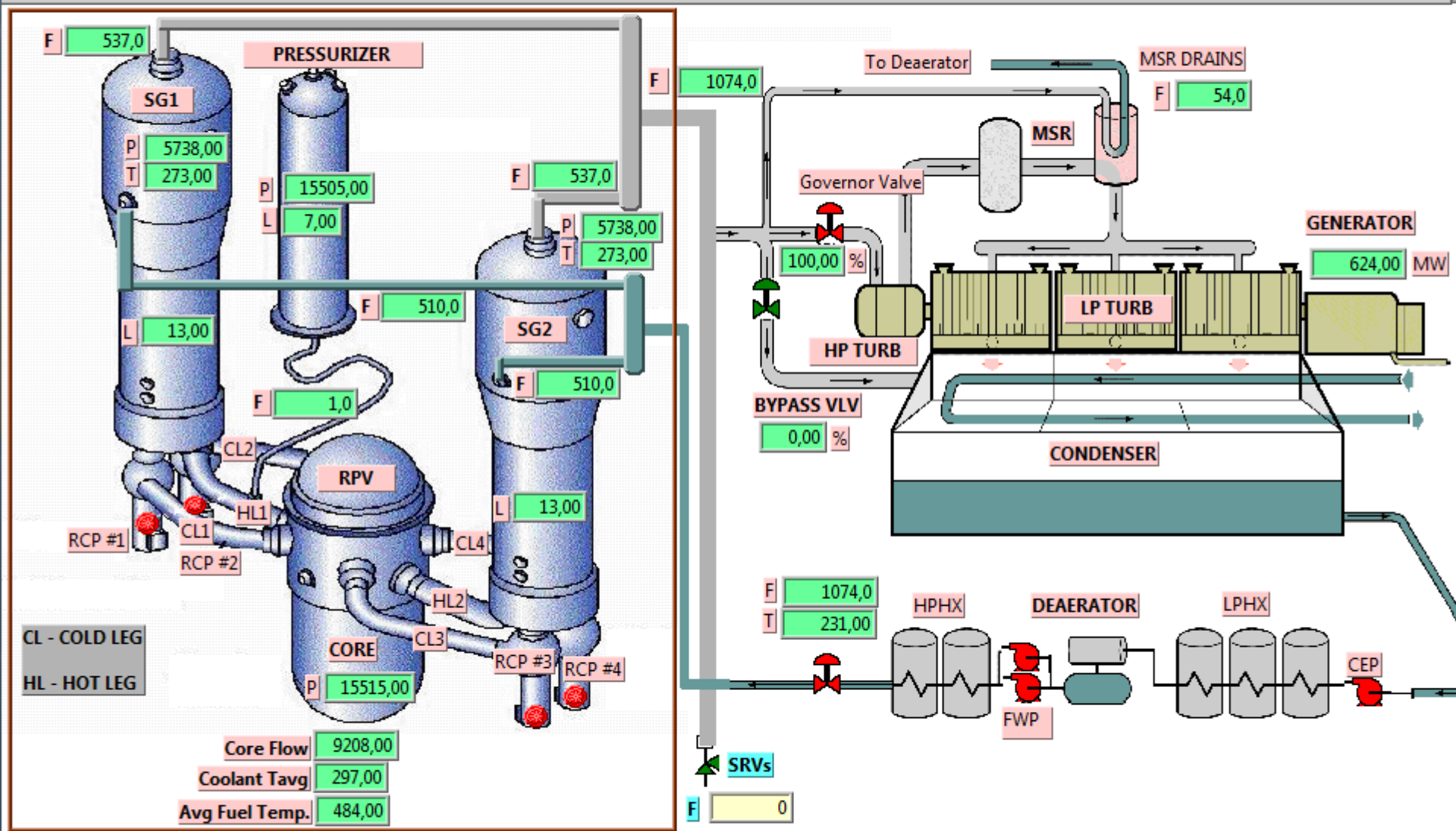
A purple arrow points to the "Malf" button in the bottom right corner.

# DISPLAYS

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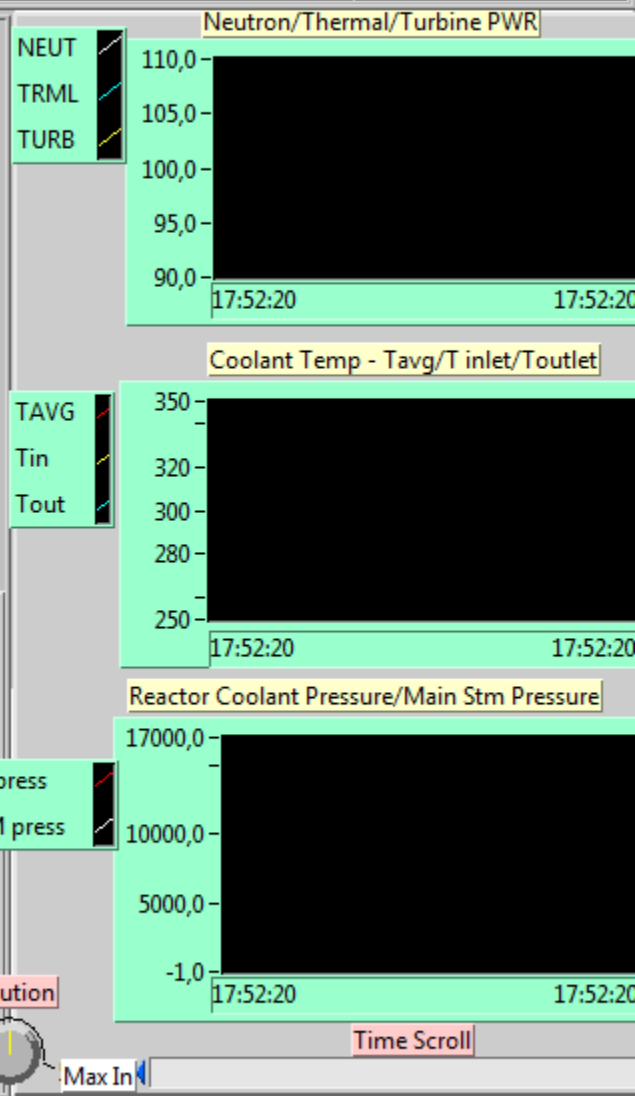
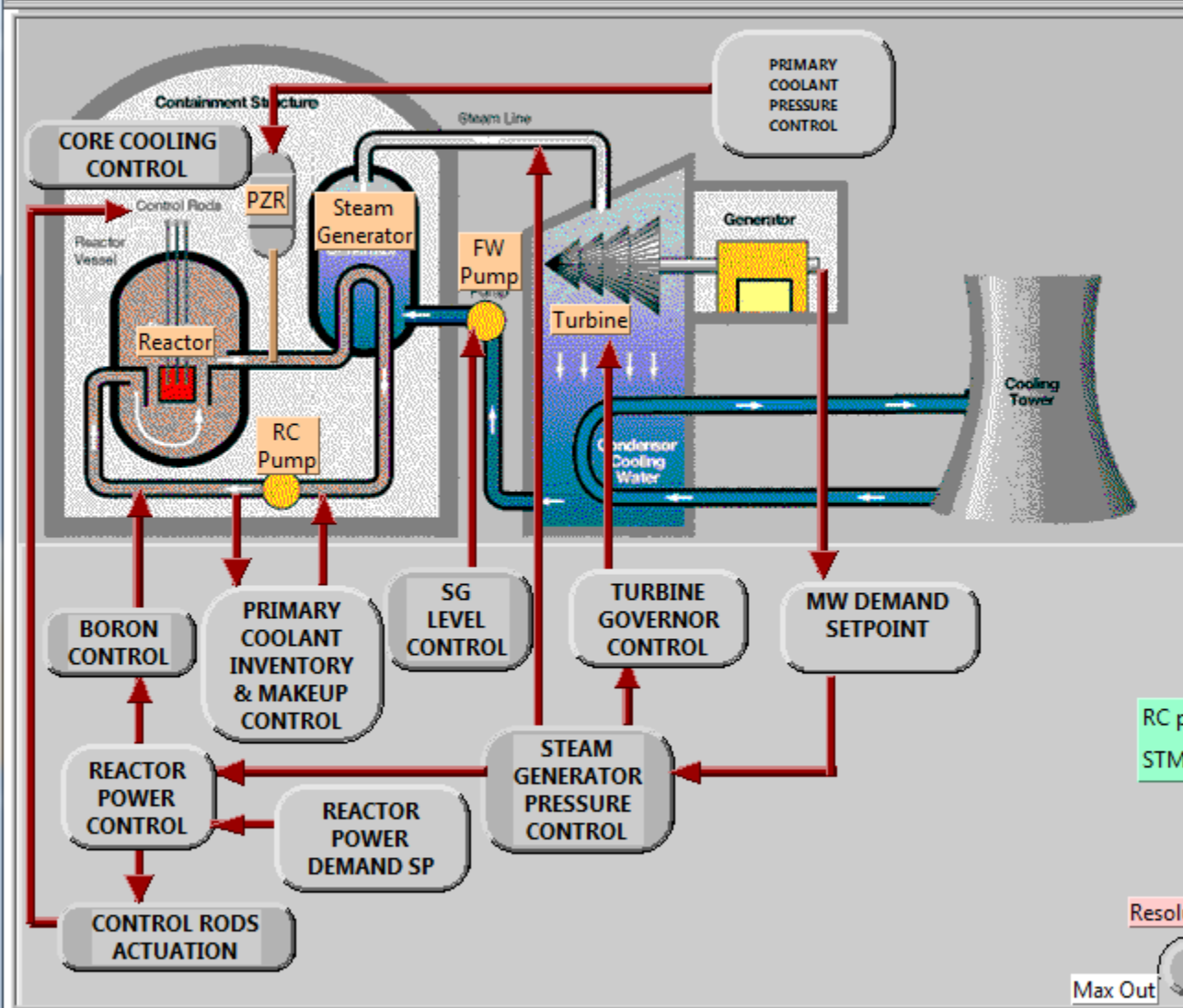
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PWR Control Loops	
Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip

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Freeze	Run
IC	Malf

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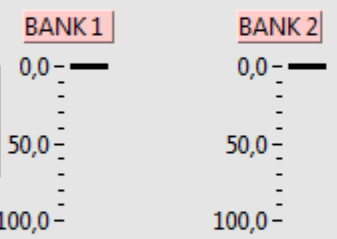
**SHUTDOWN RODS STATUS**

**BORON CTRL**

MODE AUTO

LOAD **212,00** ppm

MAN CTRL



**REACTOR SCRAM**

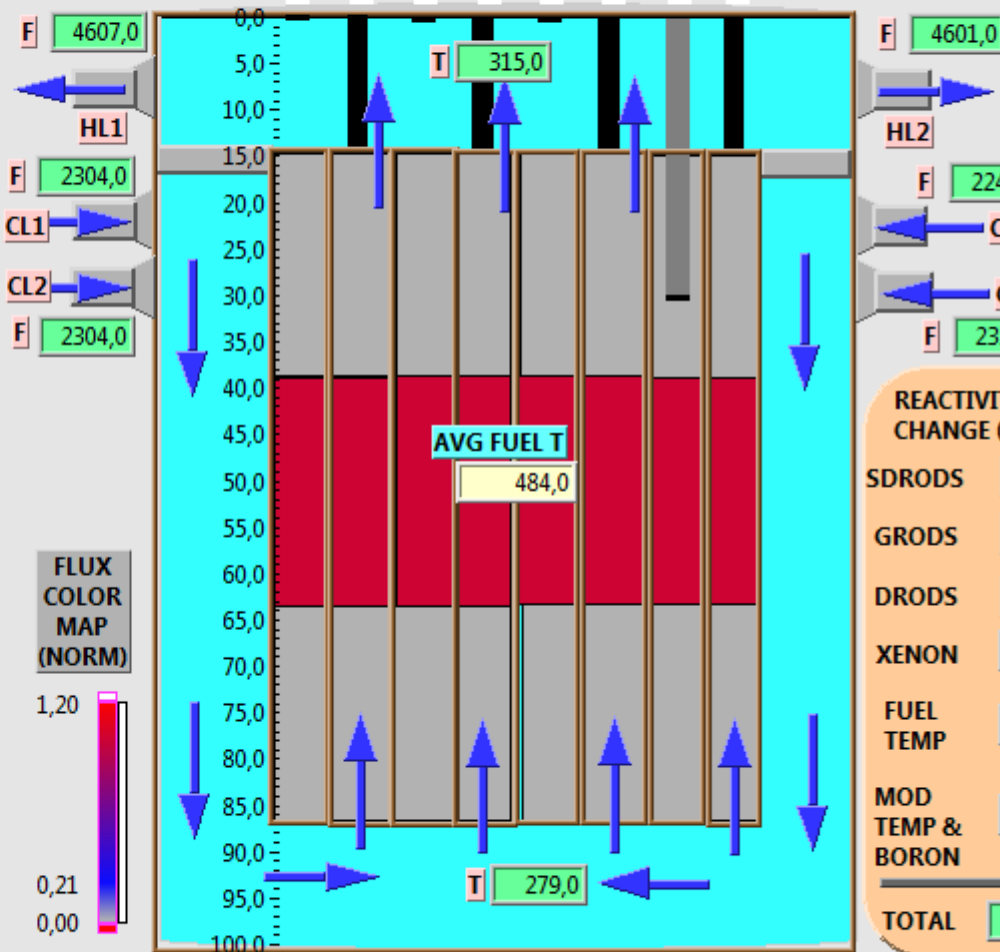
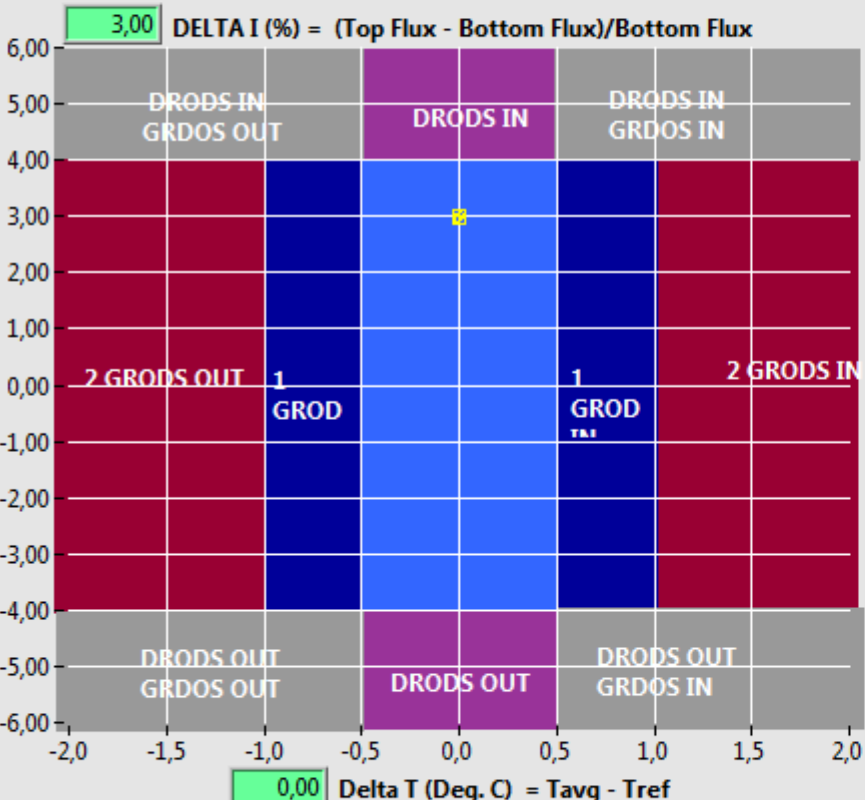
**NO**

SD RODS RESET

GRODS AUTO

1G  1D  2G  2D  3G  3D  4G  4D

DRODS AUTO



**REACTIVITY CHANGE (%)**

SDRODS

GRODS

DRODS

XENON

FUEL TEMP

MOD TEMP & BORON

**TOTAL**

**Control/SD Rods & Reactivity**

Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr (%)	Generator Output (%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM BOP STM Flow	<b>5738,0</b>
<b>100,00</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>100,00</b>	<b>15515,00</b>	<b>9208,00</b>	FW Flow	<b>1074,0</b>
					Fuel Temp	<b>1020,0</b>
						<b>484,0</b>

<b>Freeze</b>	Run
IC	Malf

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MODE  SETBACK  STEPBACK  SCRAM

TURBINE LEAD  NO  NO  NO

RCTR  TRML  TURB

**TURB LEAD PWR DEMAND SETPOINT**

100,00 %FP

LIMITS

MAX 110,00

MIN 0,00

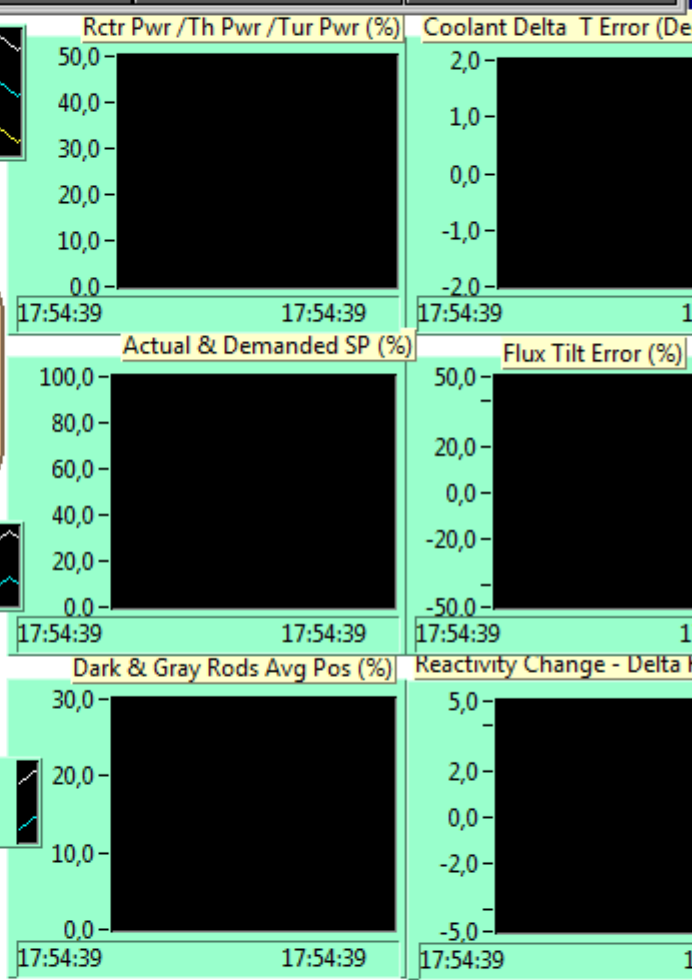
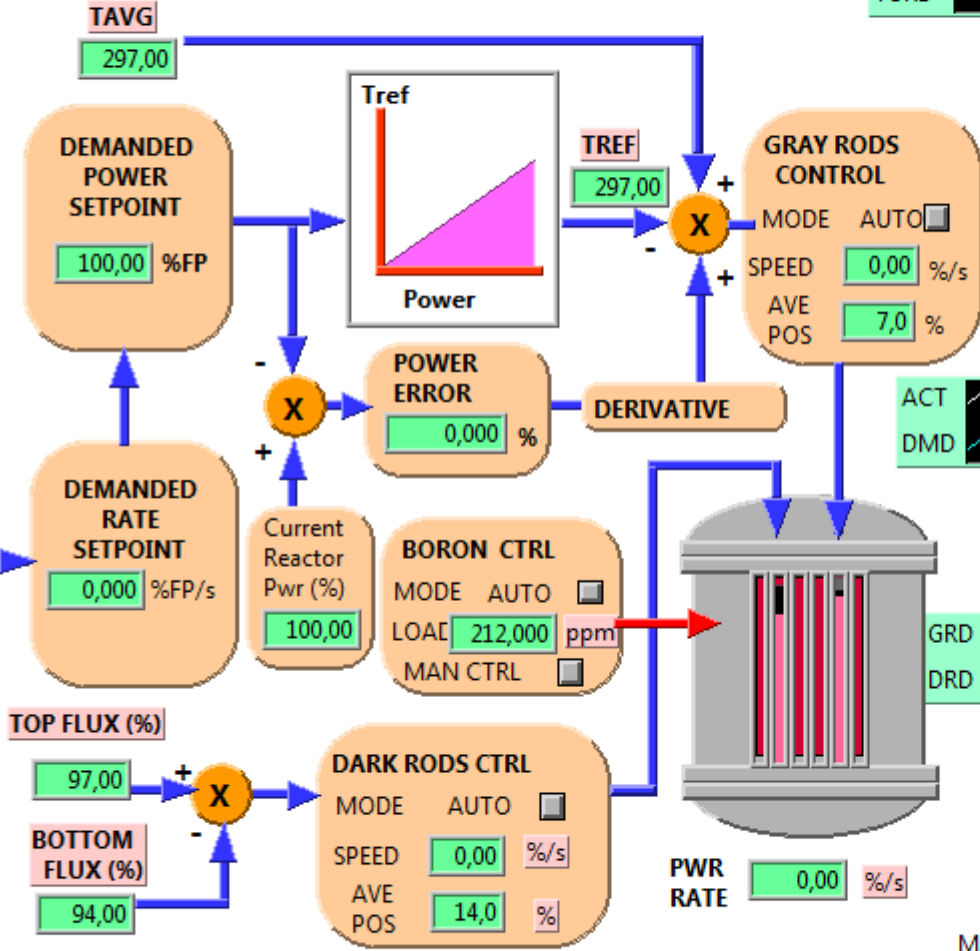
(% full power)

**ACTUAL SETPOINT**

100,00 %FP

**REACTOR LEAD POWER DEMAND SETPOINT**

100,00 %FP



Resolution

Time Scroll

Max Out   Max In

<b>Reactor Power Control</b>		Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr(%)	Generator Output(%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM BOP STM Flow	5738,0	Freeze	Run
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### REACTOR TRIP PARAMETERS

FIRST OUT	SCRAM CAUSES
<input type="radio"/>	Low Coolant Pressure Trip
<input type="radio"/>	Low Steam Generator Level Trip
<input type="radio"/>	High Coolant Pressure Trip
<input type="radio"/>	High Neutron Flux Trip
<input type="radio"/>	High Log Rate Trip
<input type="radio"/>	Low Coolant Flow Trip
<input type="radio"/>	Low Pressurizer Level Trip
<input type="radio"/>	Low Feedwater Discharge Header Pressure Trip
<input type="radio"/>	High Steam Flow Trip
<input type="radio"/>	Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Trip
<input type="radio"/>	Containment High Pressure Trip
<input type="radio"/>	Manual Trip

SDS Reactor Trip Setpoint For High Neutron Flux  120,0 %FP

#### REACTOR STEPBACK CAUSES

- Hi RC Pressure
- Loss of 1 RC Pump
- Loss of 2 RC Pumps
- Hi Log Rate
- Manual Stepback
- Hi Zone Flux

Press to clear

#### REACTOR SETPBK CAUSES

- Main Steam Header Press H
- Hi Pressurizer Level
- Manual Setback in progress
- Lo Steam Generator Level
- Lo Deaerator Level
- Hi Flux Tilt
- Hi Zonal Flux

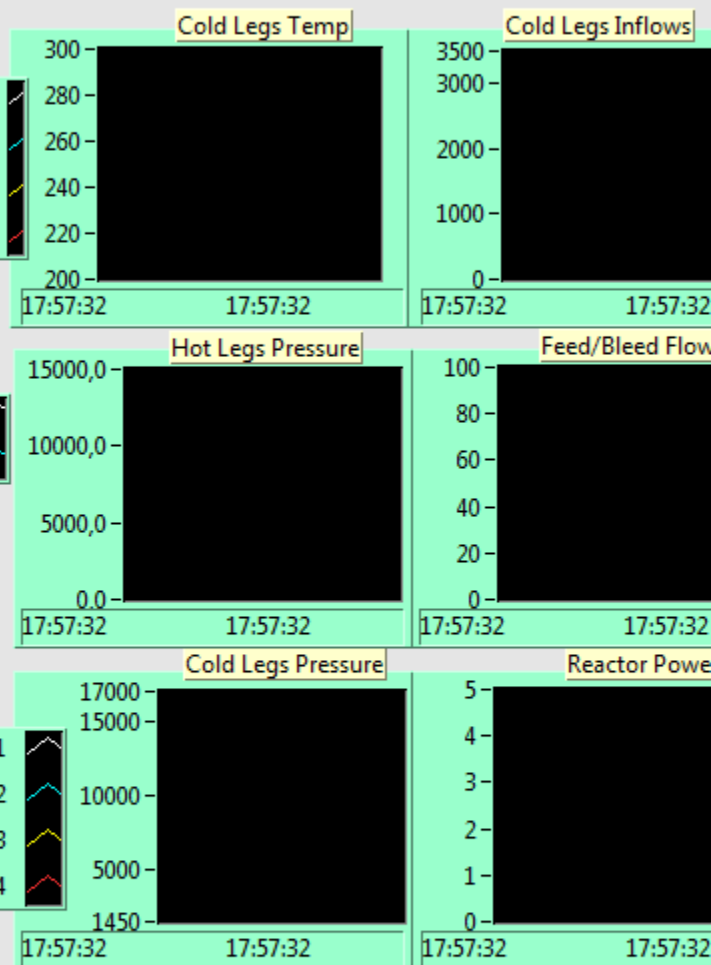
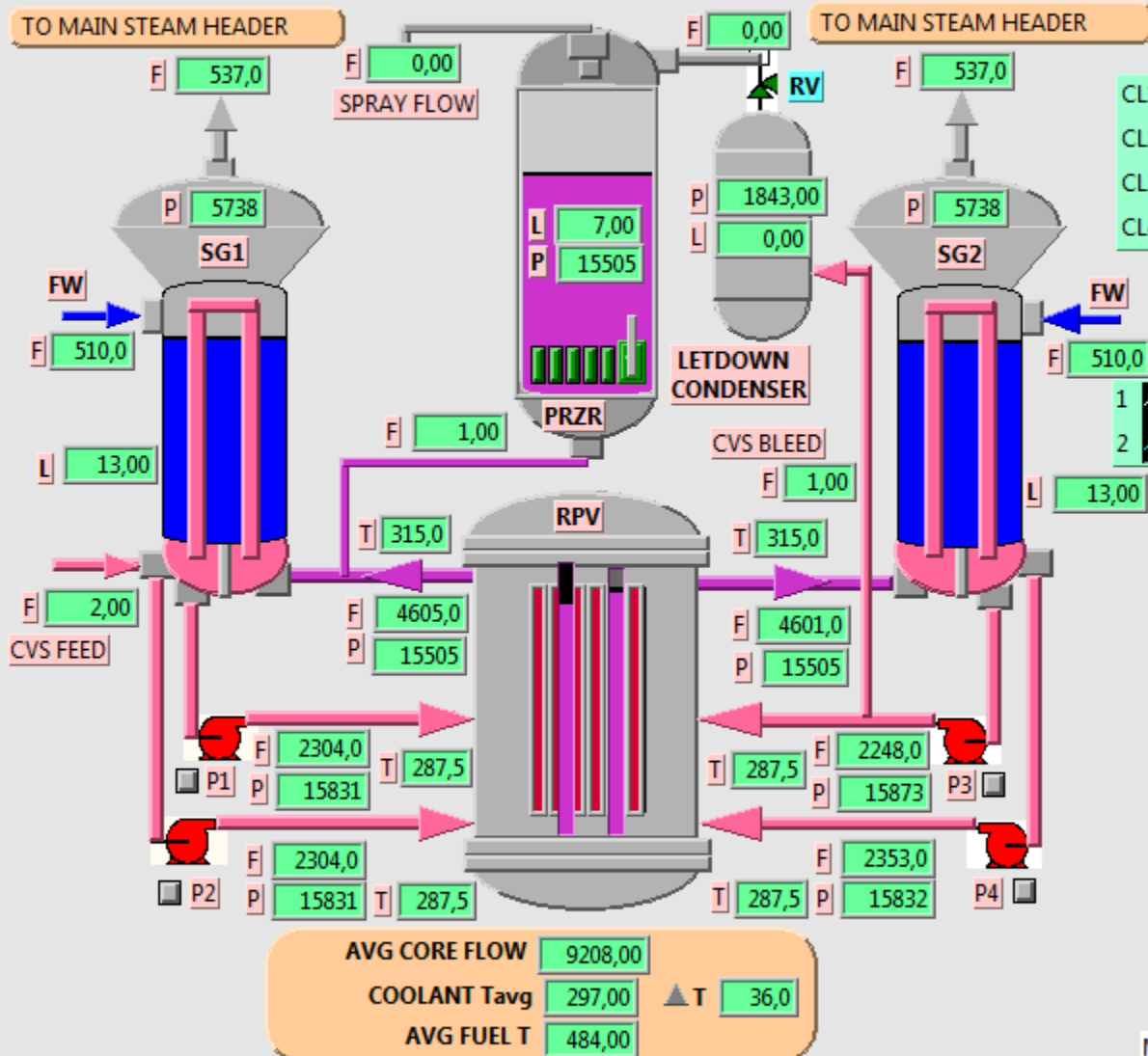
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### Trip Parameters

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						1020,0

Freeze	Run
IC	Malf

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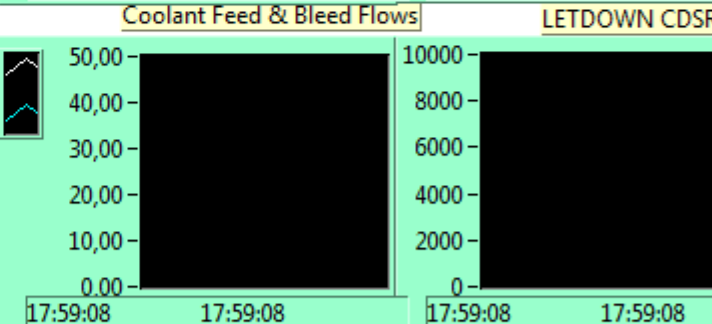
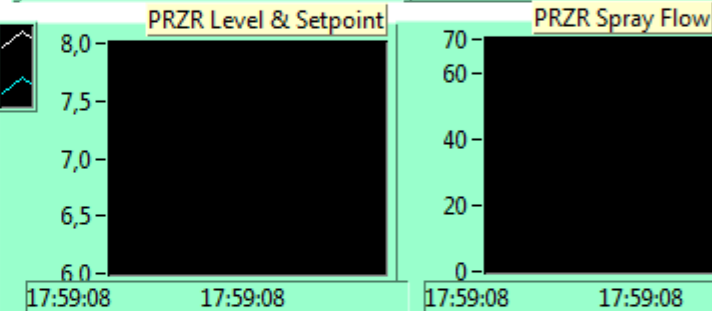
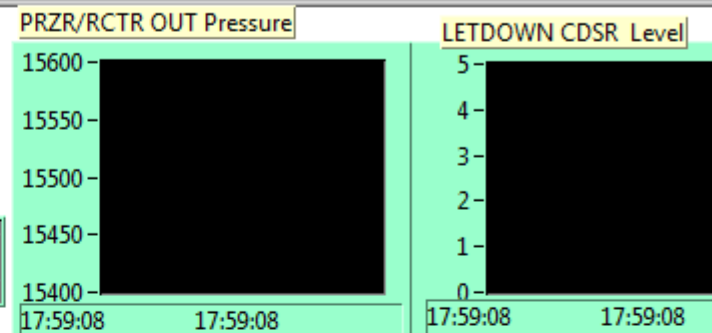
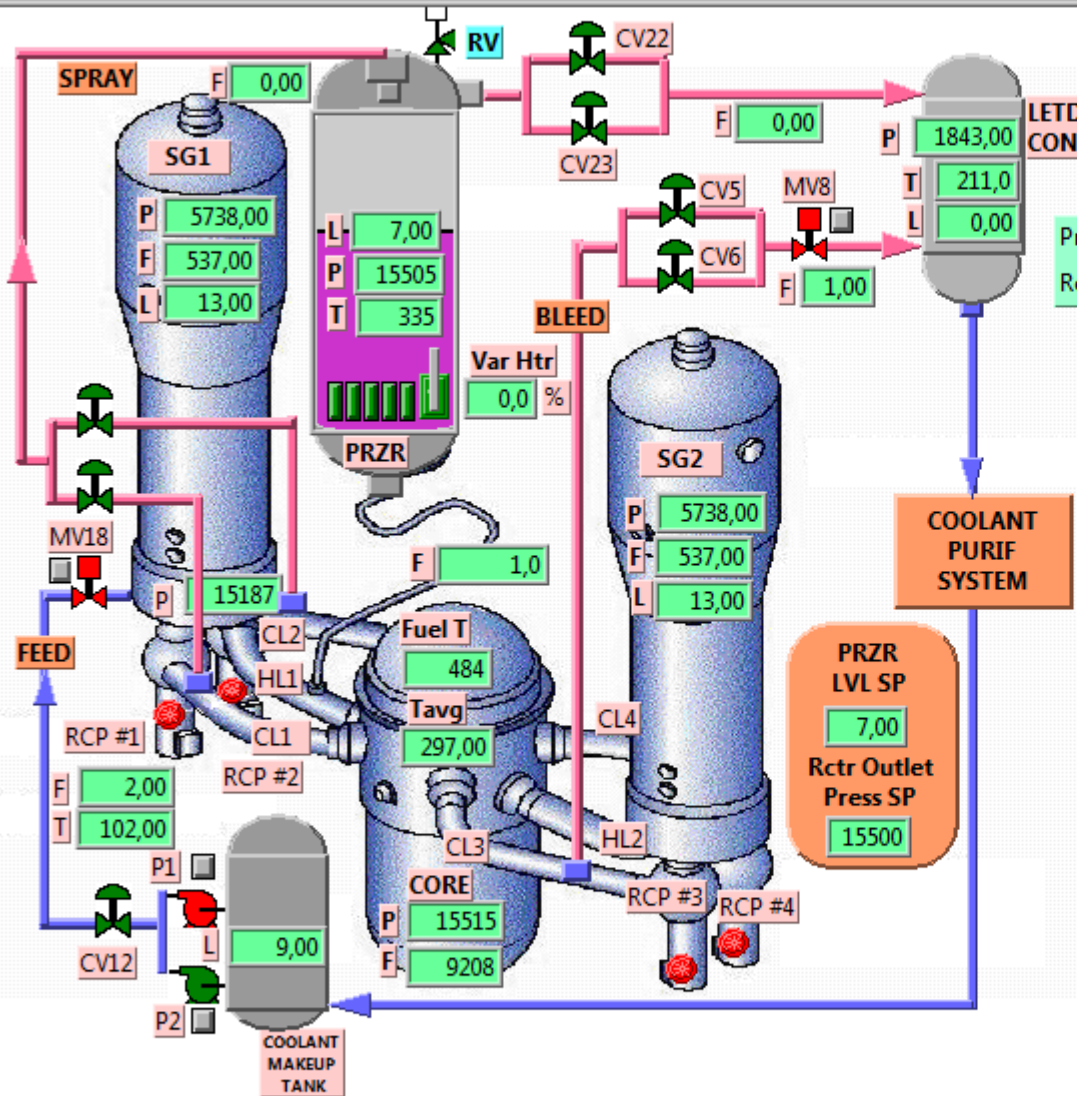


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Coolant Inventory & Pressurizer

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Freeze	Run
IC	Malf

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**PRIMARY COOLANT INVENTORY CONTROL**

**PRZR LEVEL CONTROL**

PRZR LVL(M)  MODE  AUTO  MAN

PRZR LVL SETPOINT(M)  MANUAL SETPOINT(M)

**COOLANT INVENTORY FEED/BLEED VALVES  
AUTO/MAN CONTROLS & BIAS**

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Bleed Vlv CV5(%)  AUTO  POS  MAN O/P

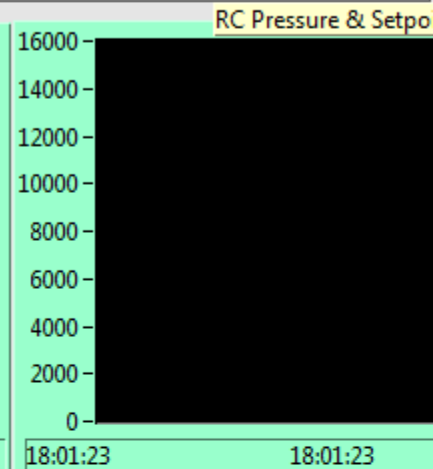
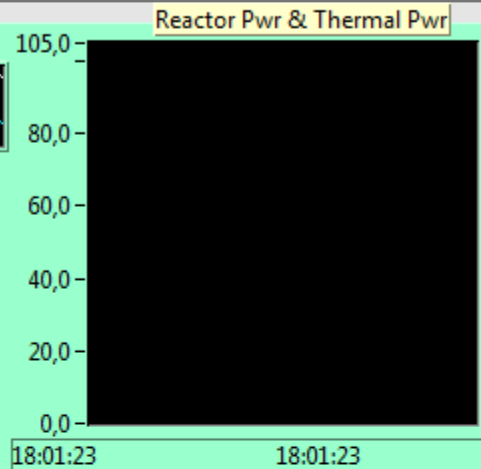
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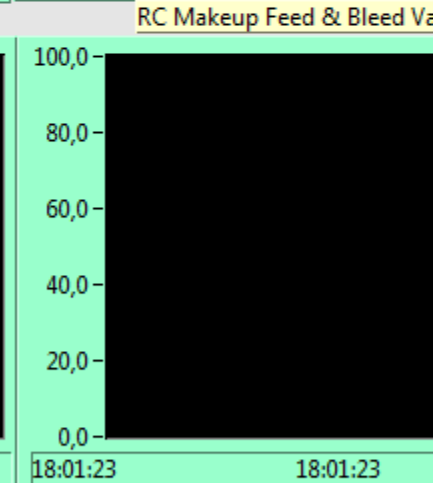
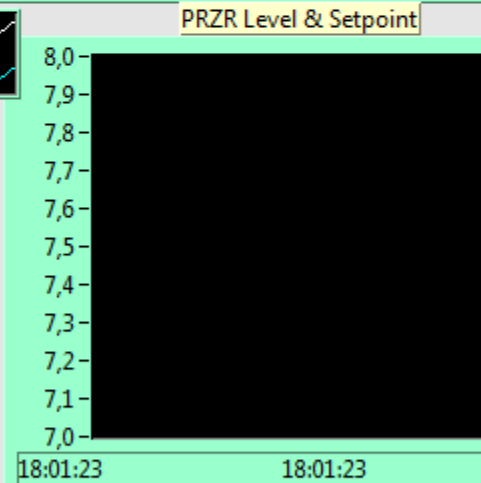
**REACTOR COOLANT PRESSURE CONTROL SETPOINT**

Coolant Pressure - Reactor Outlet -  KPA PRESS SETPOINT   KPA

RCTR   
TRML



LVL   
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**Coolant Inventory Control**

Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip
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**PRIMARY COOLANT PRESSURE CONTROL**

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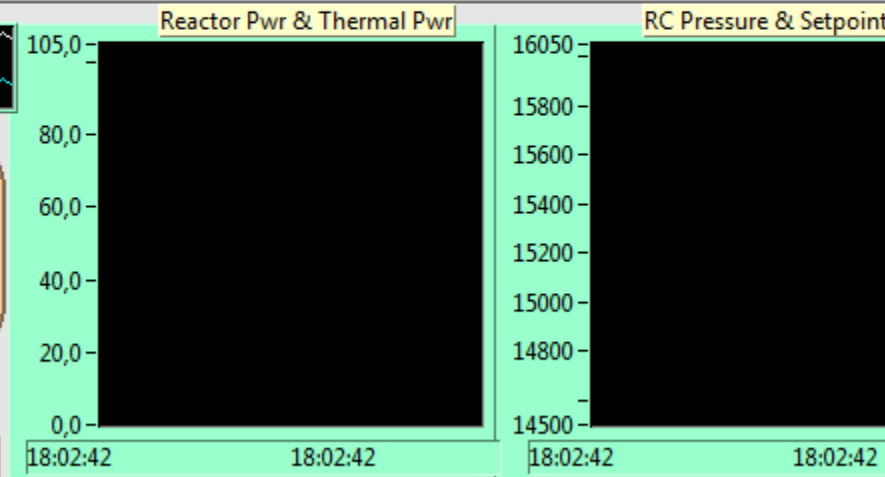
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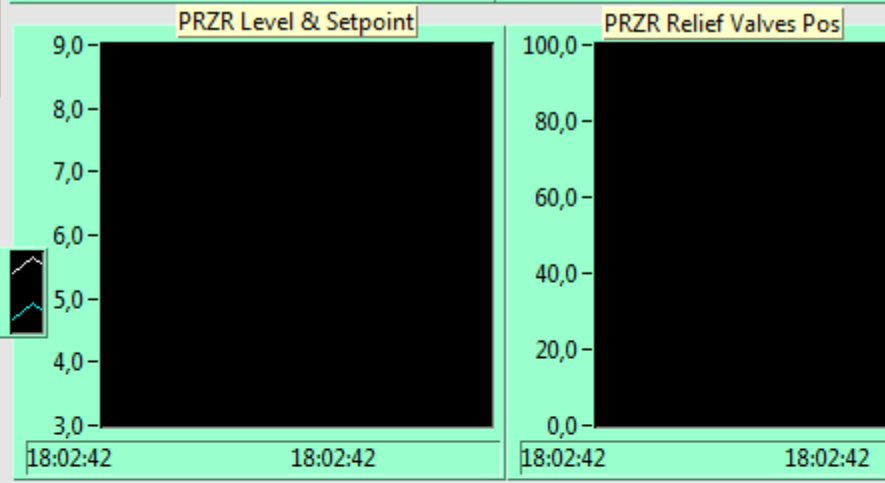
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RCTR   
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LVL   
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**Coolant Pressure Control**

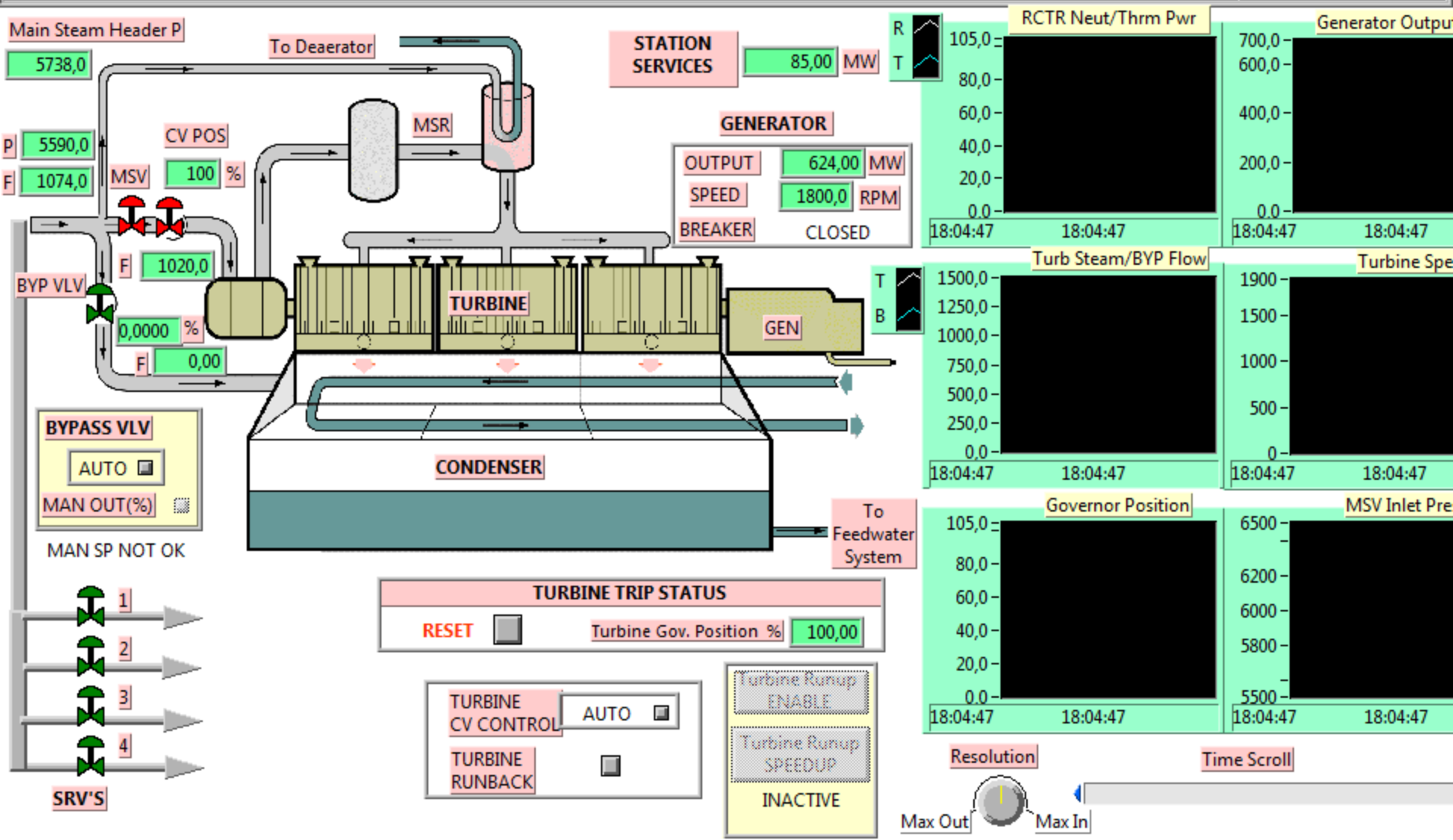
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Freeze	Run
IC	Malf

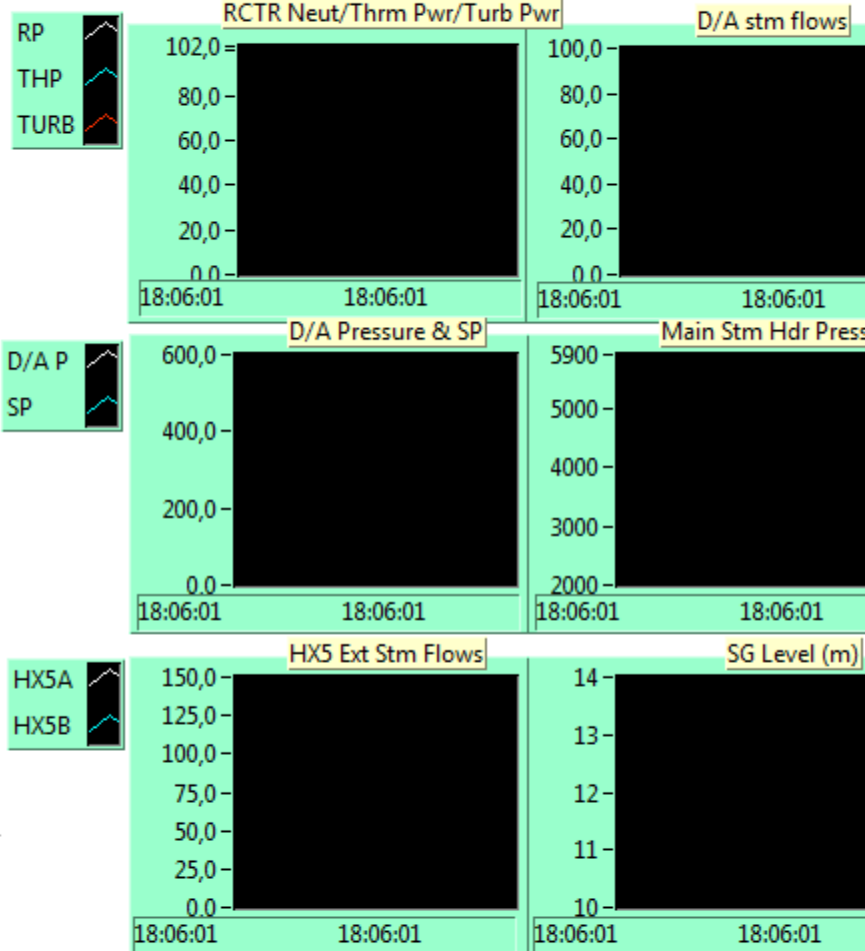
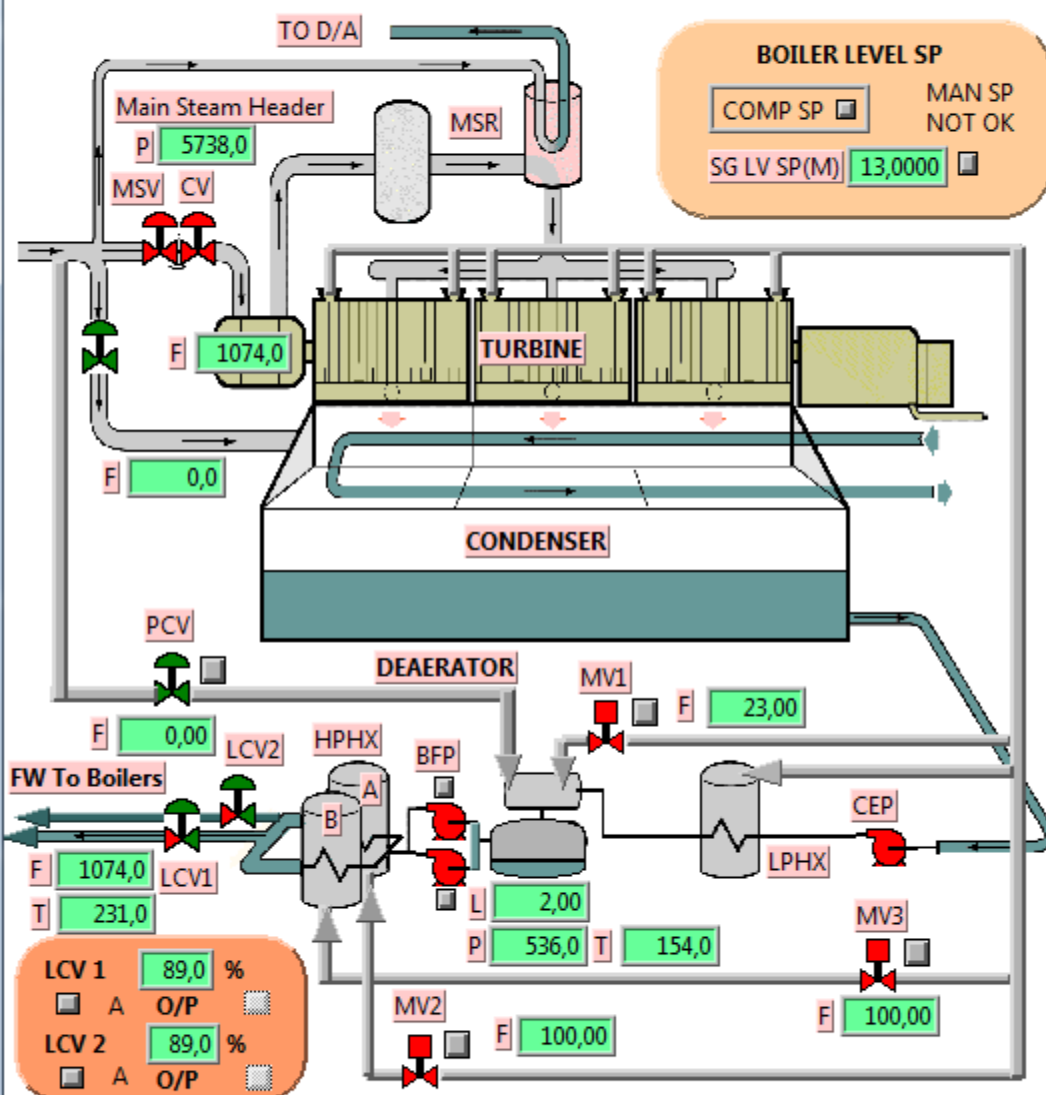


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**Feedwater & Extraction Steam**

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PLANT MODE **TURBINE LEADING**

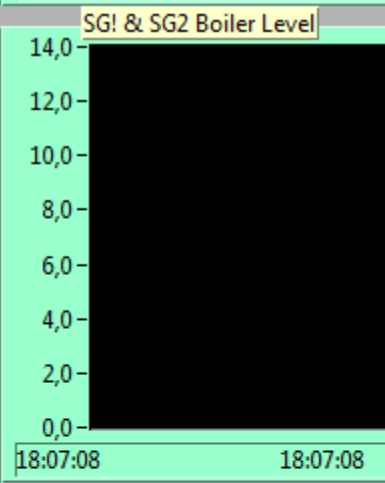
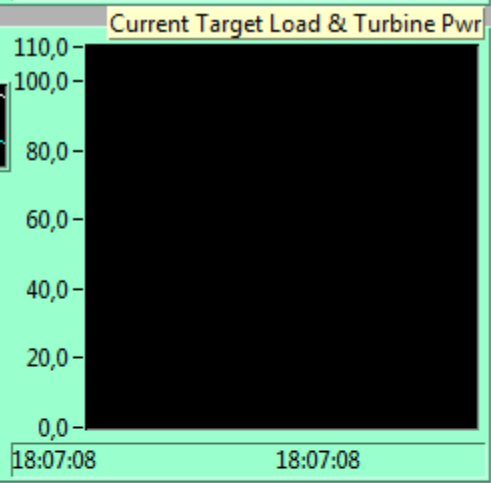
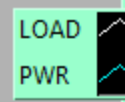
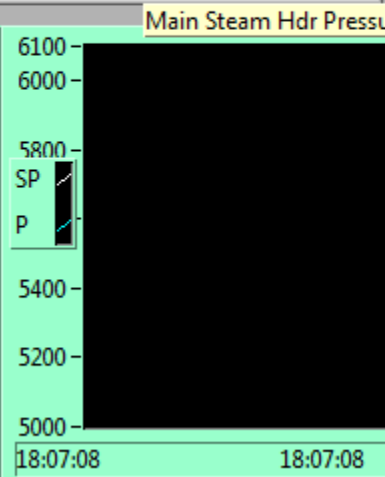
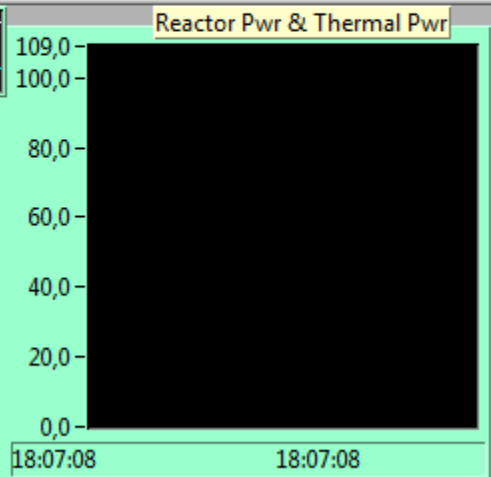
**POWER RATE & TARGET LOAD**

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POWER RATE (%/S)		0,00	0,00	0.01 TO 1

**STEAM GENERATOR PRESSURE SETPOINT CONTROL**

Main Steam Hdr Pressure  KPA    SP MODE    SP (KPA)

SP Recovery     PRESSURE SP CHANGE RATE



Resolution

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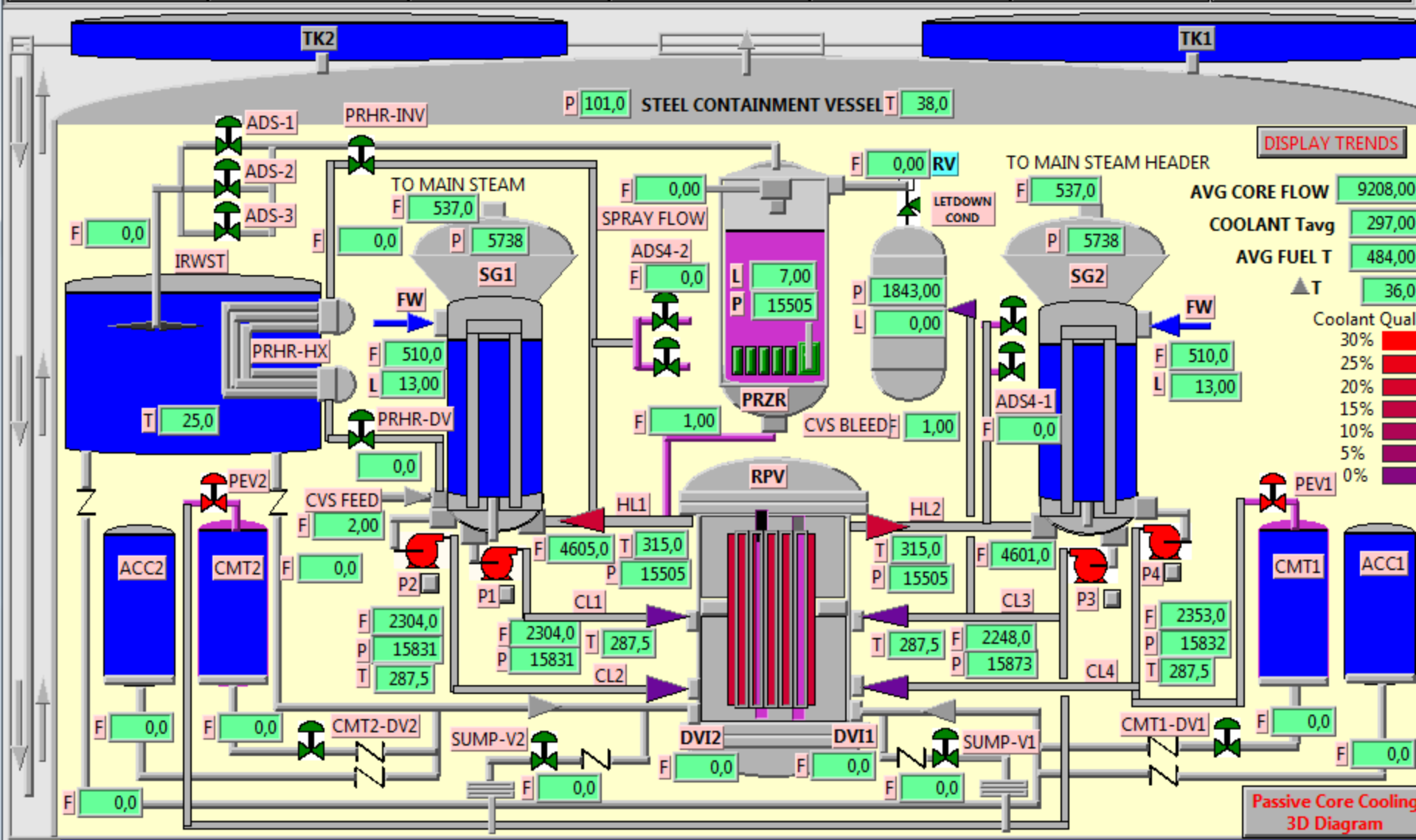
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MW Demand & SGPC

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Freeze	Run
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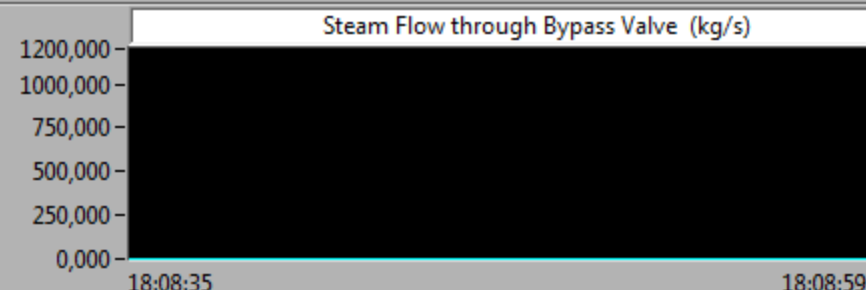
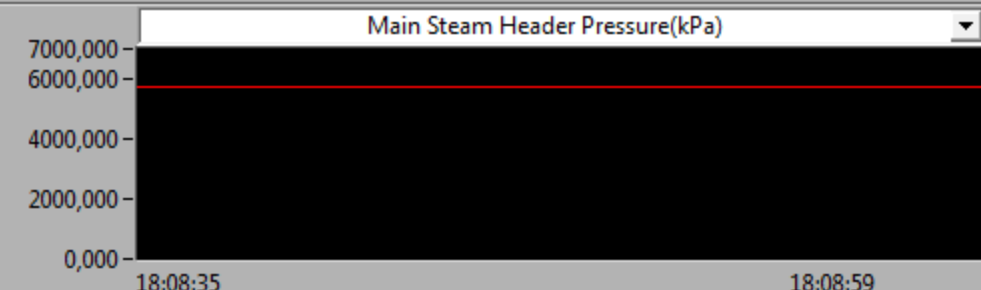
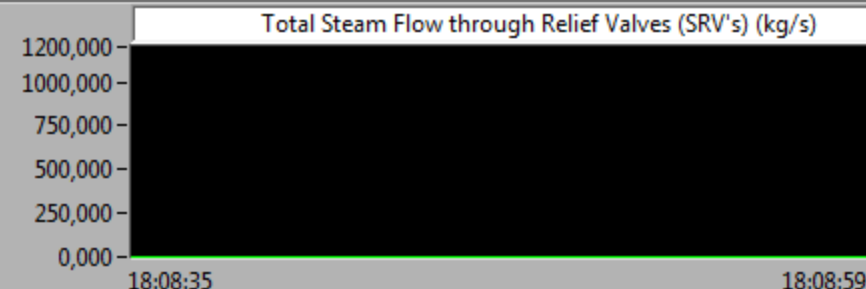
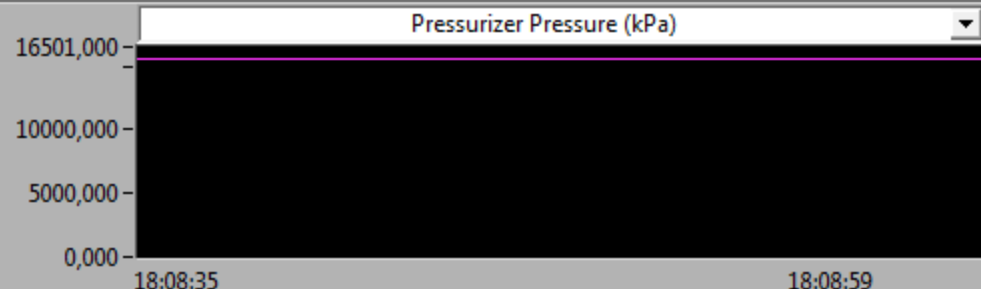
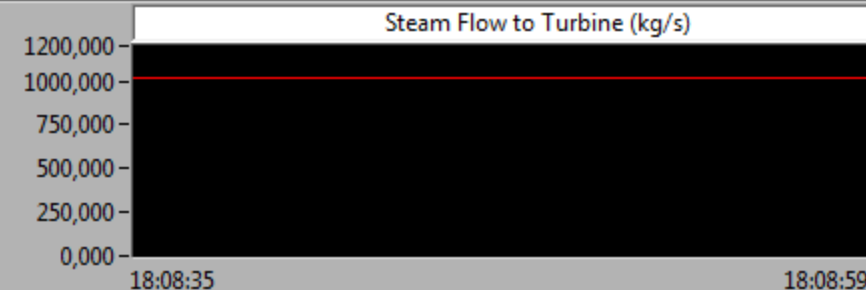
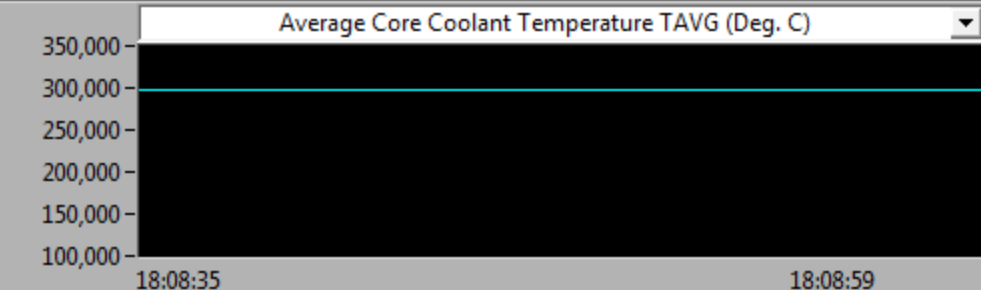
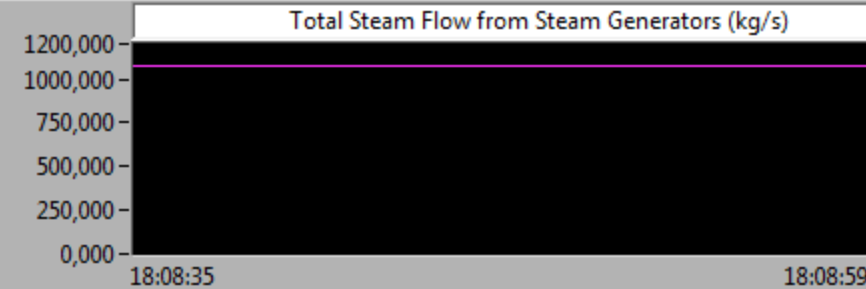
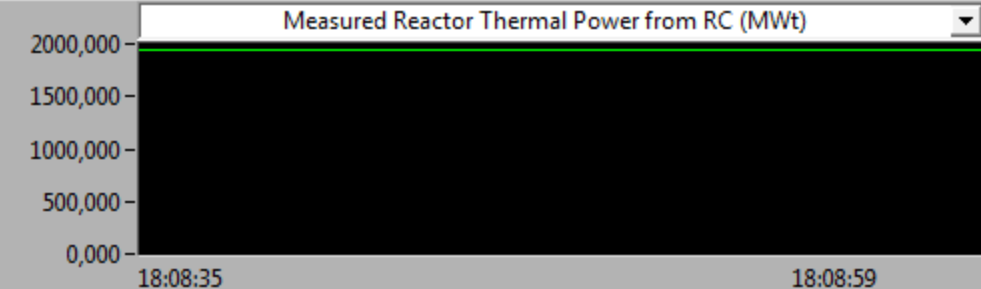
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Coolant Qual

- 30% █
- 25% █
- 20% █
- 15% █
- 10% █
- 5% █
- 0% █

Passive Core Cooling 3D Diagram

PWR Passive Core Cooling	Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr (%)	Generator Output (%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM BOP STM Flow	5738,0	Freeze	Run
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**PWR Trend Screen**

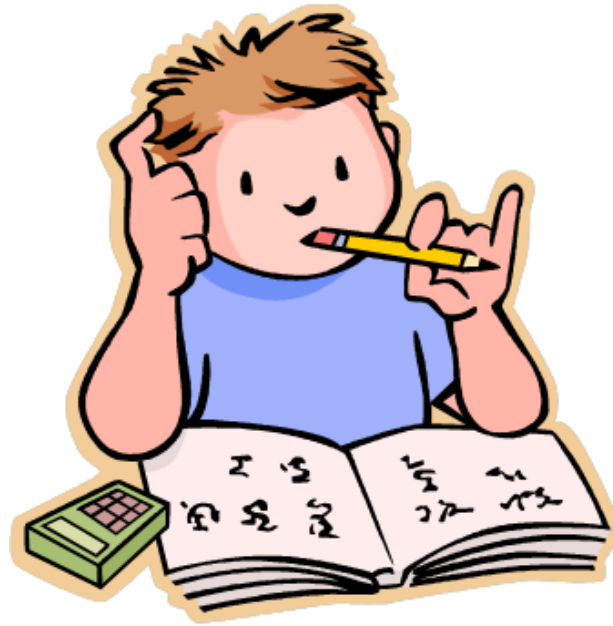
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Freeze Run

IC Malf

# EXERCISES

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- **Normal Operation:**
  - Plant heatup and startup, operation at power, load following, plant shutdown, plant cooldown, refueling,...
- **Abnormal Operation:**
  - Loss of instrument air, feedwater system malfunction, uncontrolled cooldown, turbine trip...
- **Emergency Operation:**
  - Design Basis Accidents (SLB, LOCA, SGTR, FLB...)
  - Beyond Design Basis Accidents (includ. severe accidents)

# Normal Operation

## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

- **Plant is stable at full power conditions with the “TURBINE LEAD” mode.**
- **Load Dispatcher requests a 10% load reduction due to a big consumer disconnecting from the grid.**



# Normal Operation

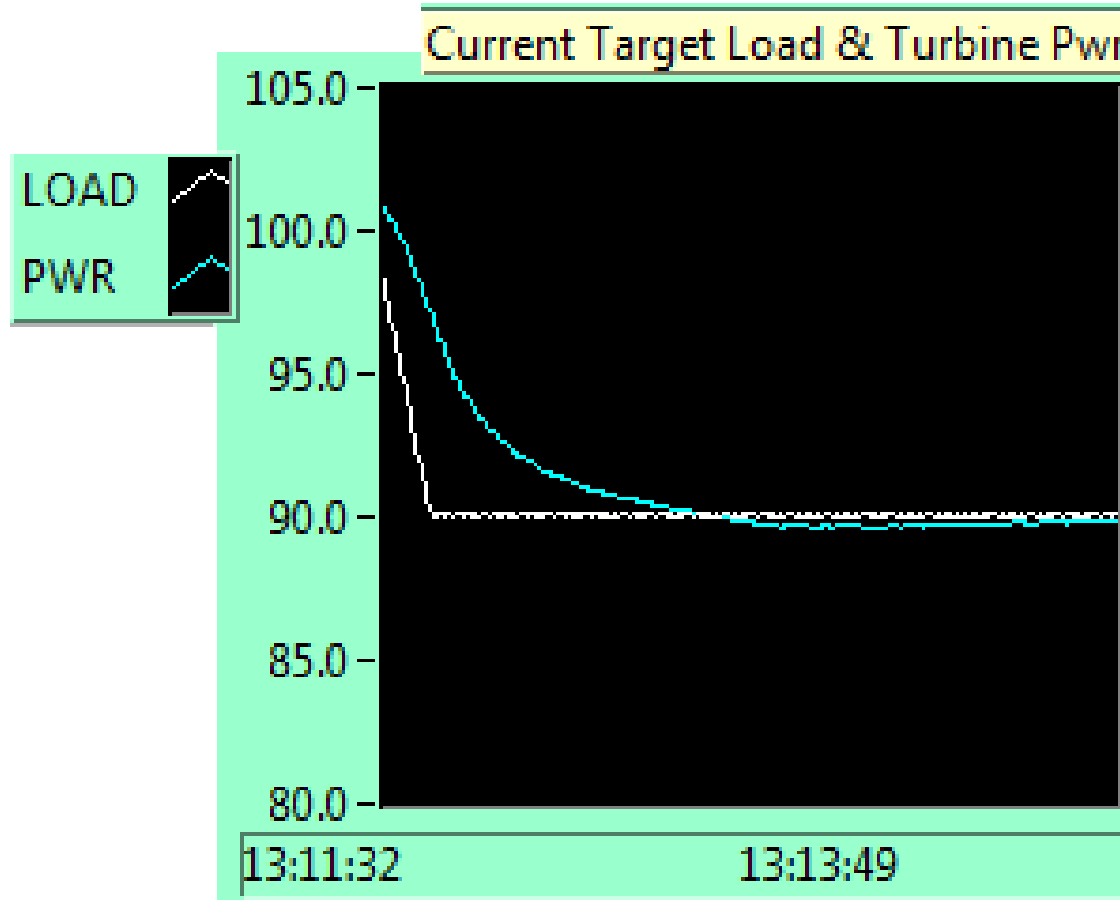
## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

- **Reduce the Turbine Load to 90% FP at a rate of  $<0.8\%/sec$  by using the TURBINE LEAD mode.**
- **Describe the evolution of the following parameters:**
  - **Turbine Power**
  - **Reactor Neutron Power**
  - **Average Coolant Temperature**
  - **Pressurizer Pressure**
  - **Pressurizer Level**
  - **Gray Rods Average**
  - **Dark Rods Average**
  - **Boron Concentration**
  - **Main Steam Header Pressure**
  - **SG1&2 Boiler Levels**

# Normal Operation

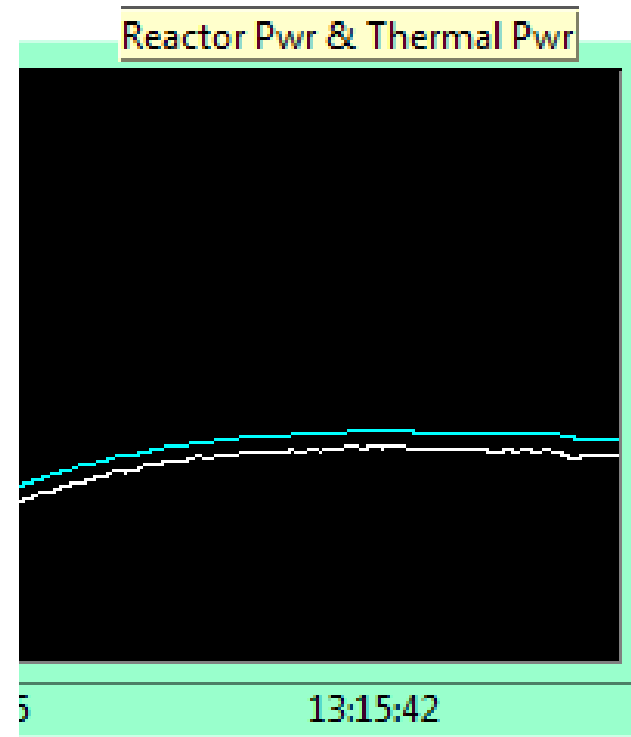
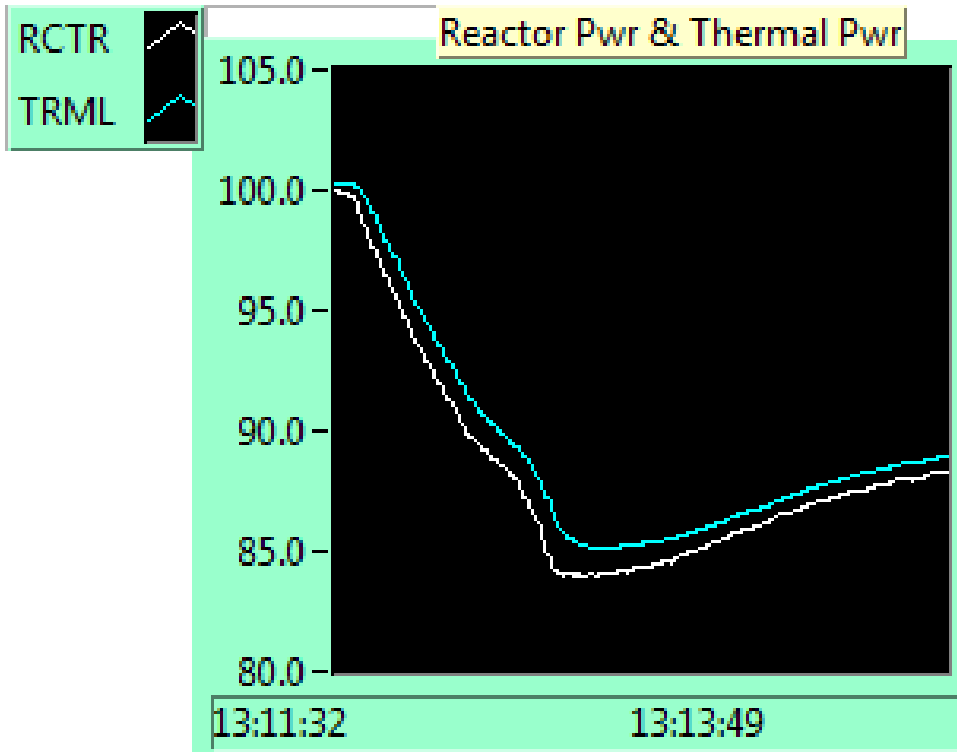
## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

- Turbine Power



# Normal Operation Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

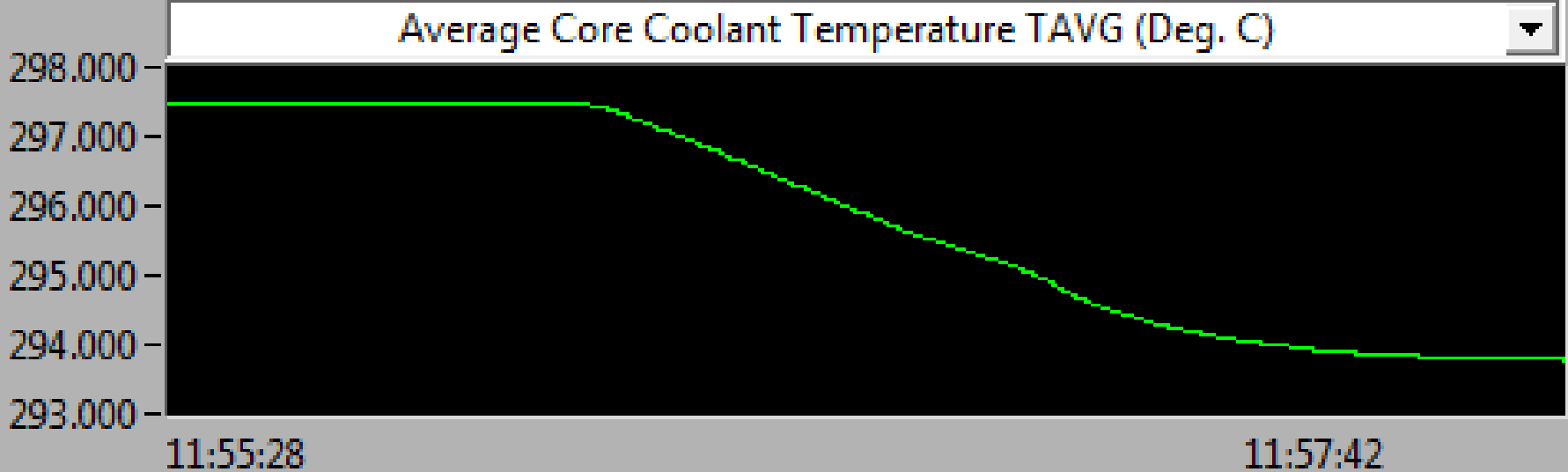
- Reactor Neutron Power



# Normal Operation

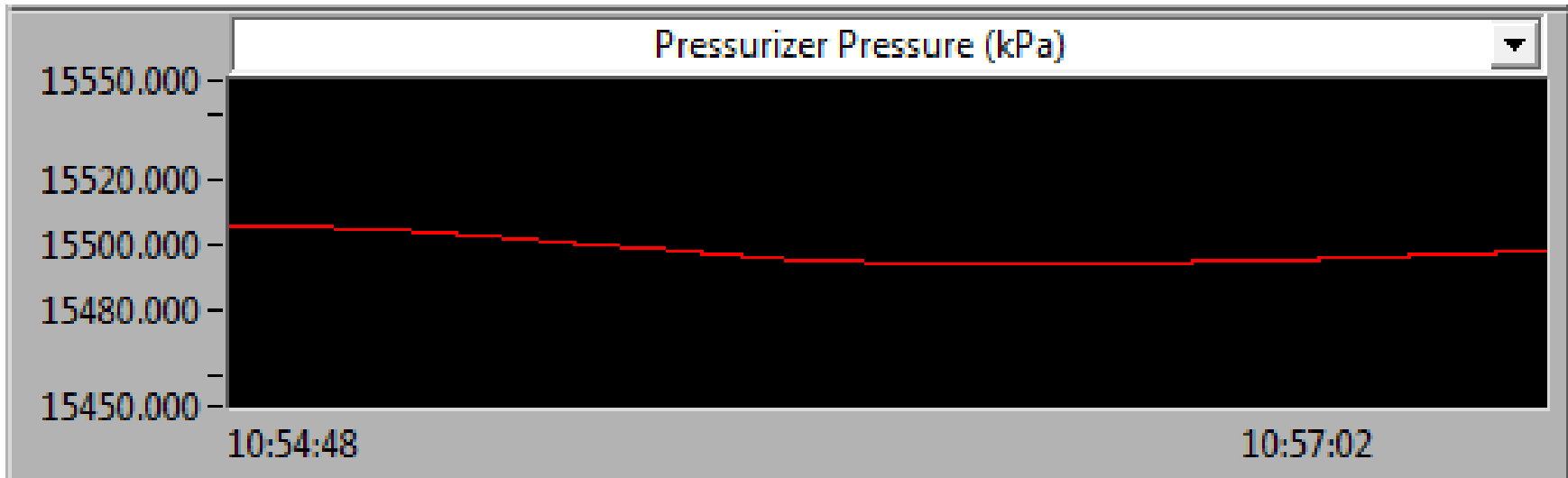
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- Average Coolant Temperature



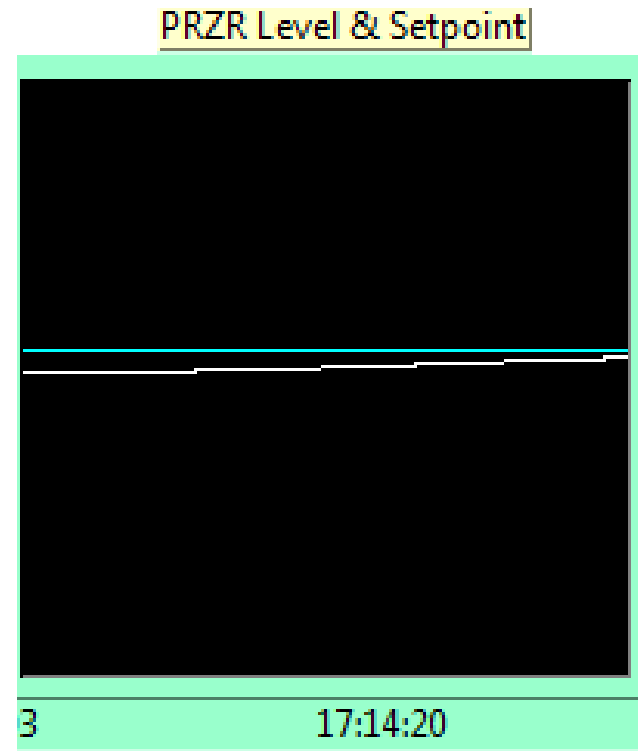
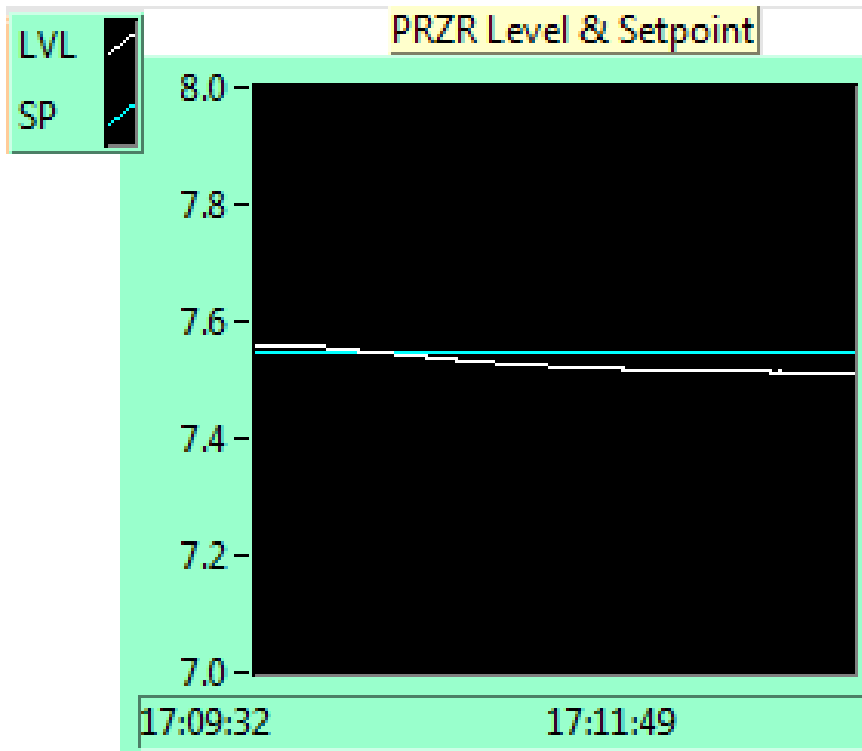
# Normal Operation Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

- Pressurizer Pressure



# Normal Operation Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

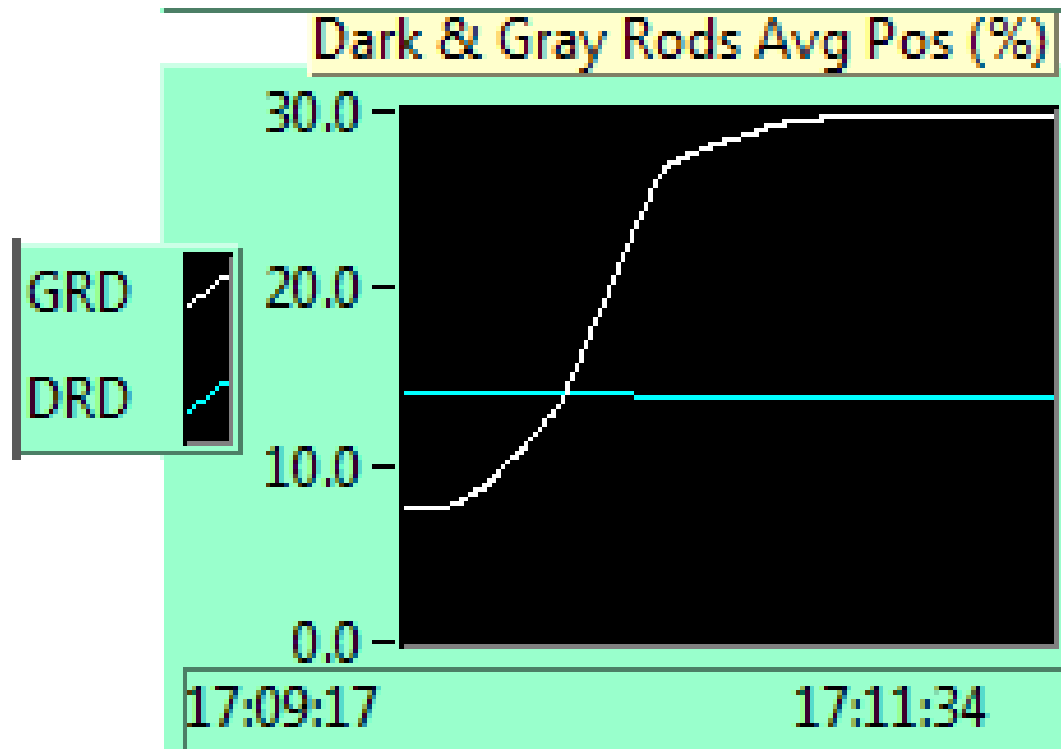
- Pressurizer Level



# Normal Operation

## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

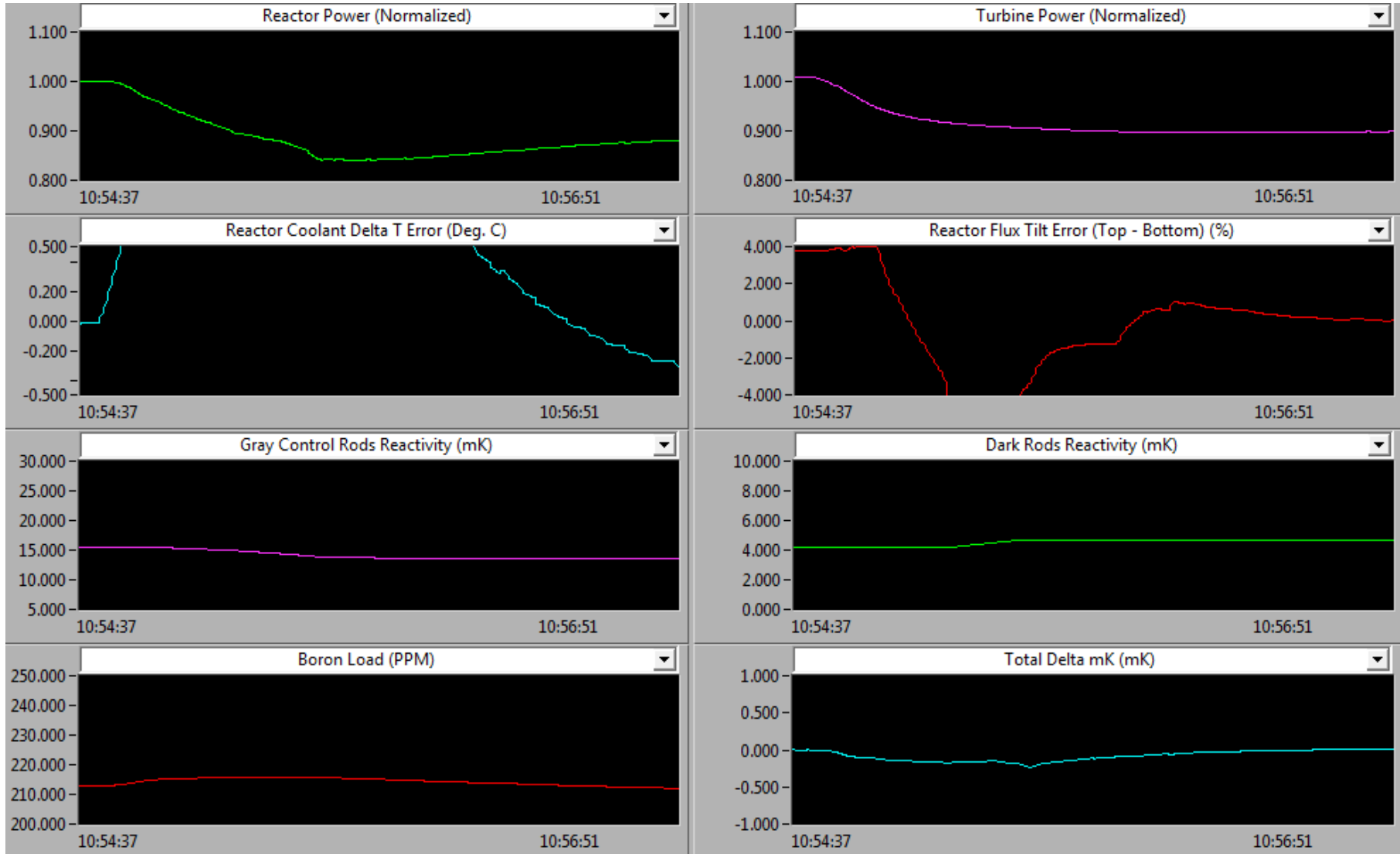
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# Normal Operation

## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

- Sequence of reactivity changes

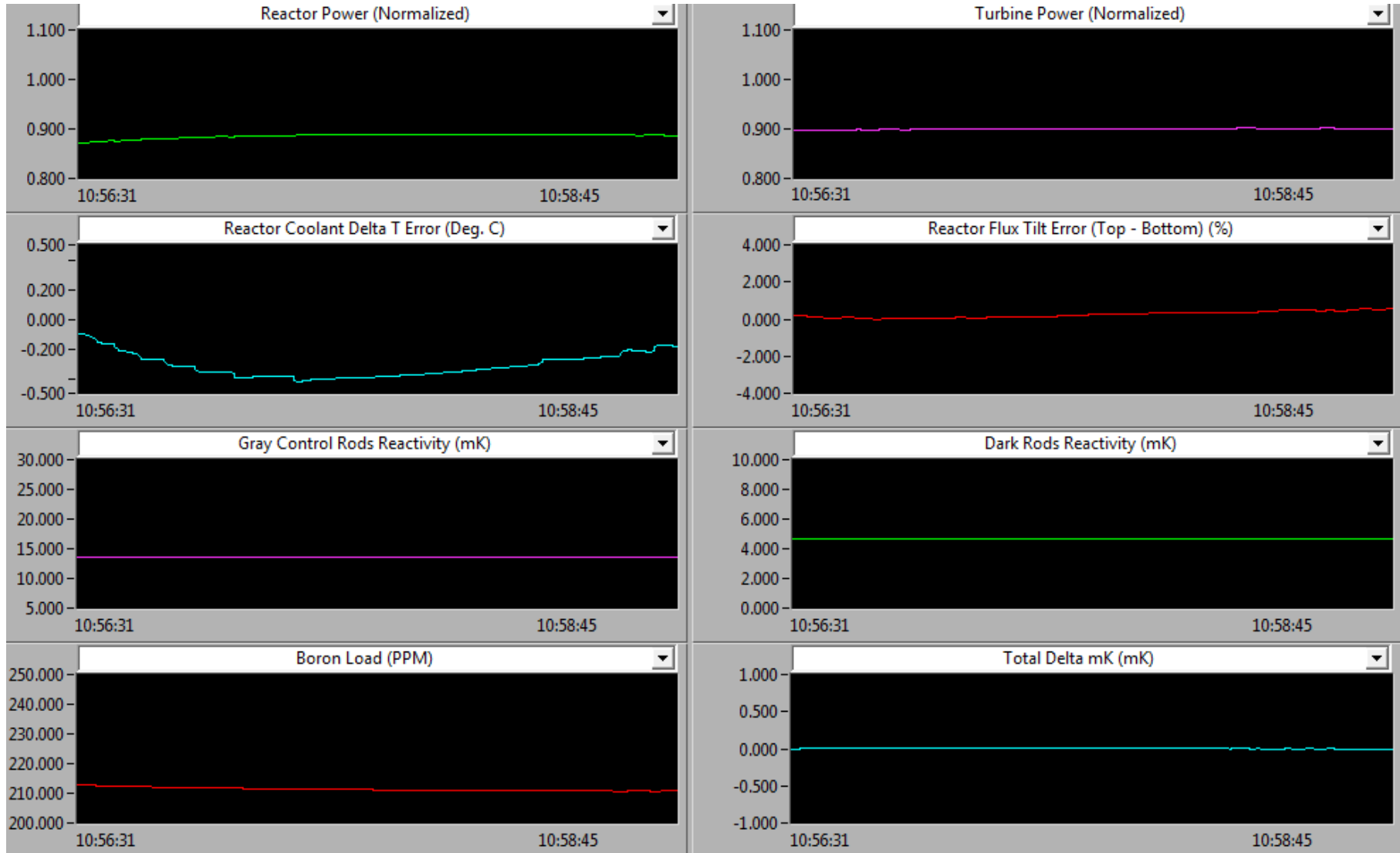




# Normal Operation

## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

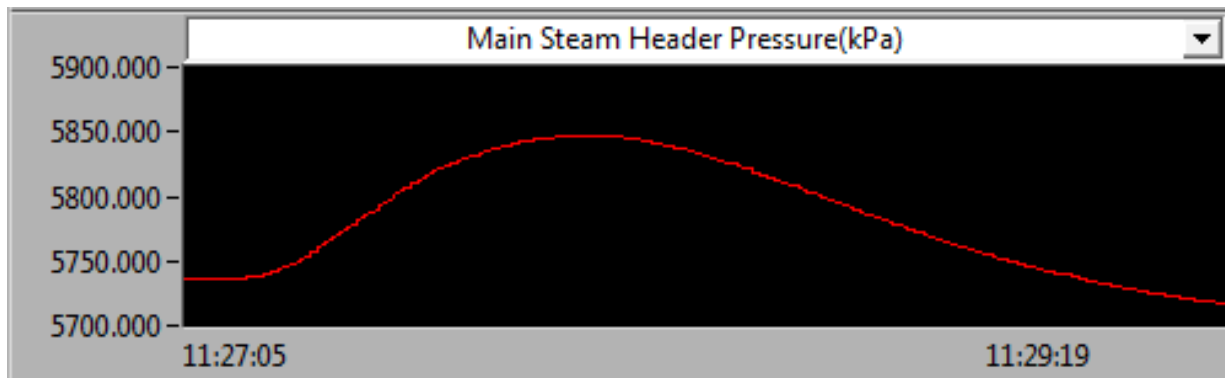
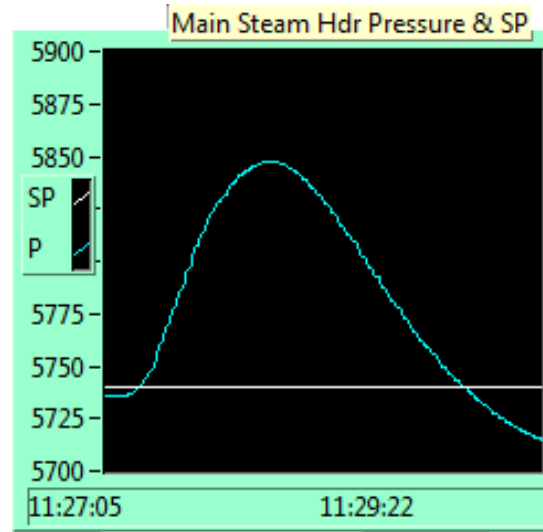
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# Normal Operation

## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

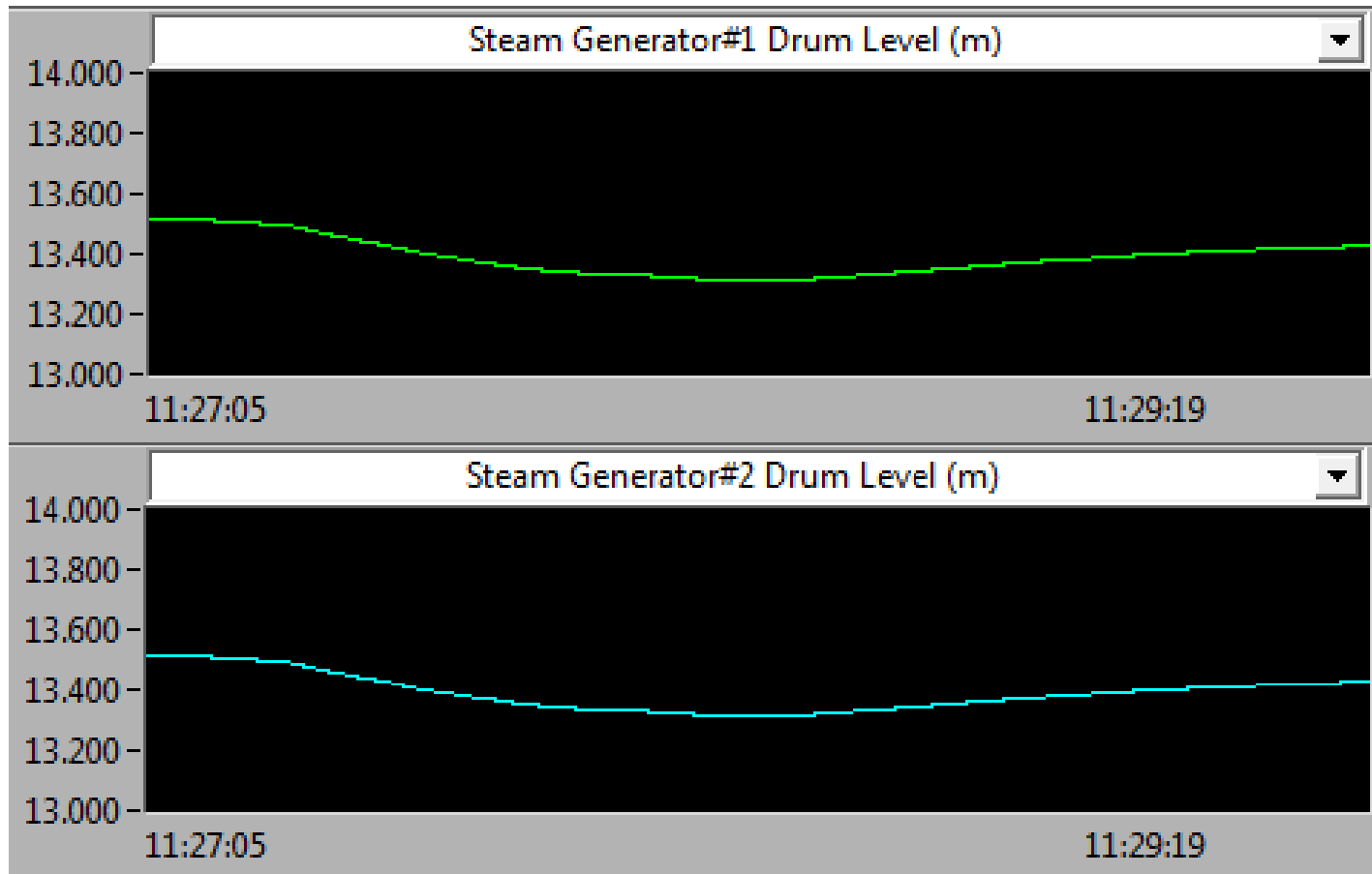
- Main Steam Header Pressure



# Normal Operation

## Exercise 1 (Power Reduction)

- SG1&2 Boiler Levels



# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

- **Reactor power is stable at 5% FP with the REACTOR LEAD mode.**
- **Turbine is tripped and engaged on the turning gear.**
- **Describe the main actions to carry out for a plant startup up to full power.**

# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

- 1) Raise Reactor Power to 25% at a rate of  $\leq 0.8\%/sec$
- 2) Reset the Turbine Trip Control  $\rightarrow$  Alarm clears
- 3) Enable Turbine Runup and immediately place the Turbine CV

### Control in Manual:

- a) Turbine speeds up to synchronous speed (1800 rpm)
- b) Generator Circuit breaker closes
- c) Load is accepted and raise continuously.

**Stop before Generator Output reaches 25 % ( $\approx 155$  MW)**

# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

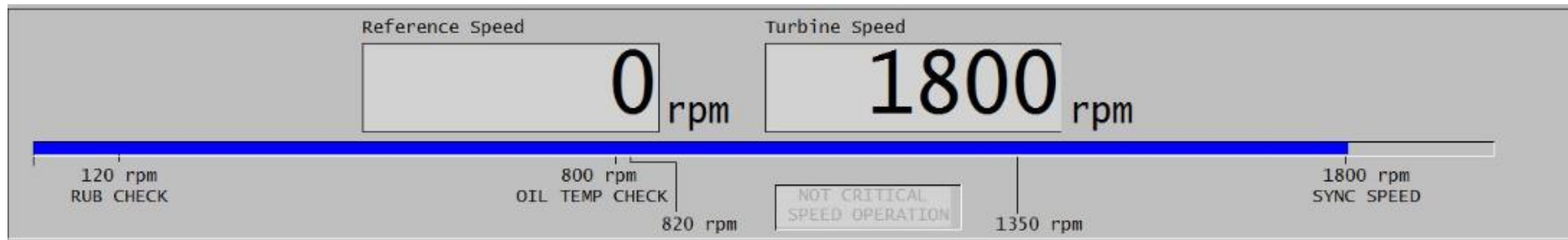
- 4) Once Reactor and Turbine power at 25% approximately:
  - a) Select TURBINE LEAD mode.
  - b) Set Turbine Load demand at current Turbine Load
  - c) Place Turbine CV position in AUTO
  - d) Set Turbine Load demand slightly higher than current Reactor Power (~30%)
- 5) Raise Turbine load up to 85% at  $\leq 0.8\%/sec$  in several stages.
- 6) Perform smaller load rises when approaching to Full Power (above 85%)  $\rightarrow 90\% - 94\% - 97\% - 98\% - 99\% - 99.7\%$

# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

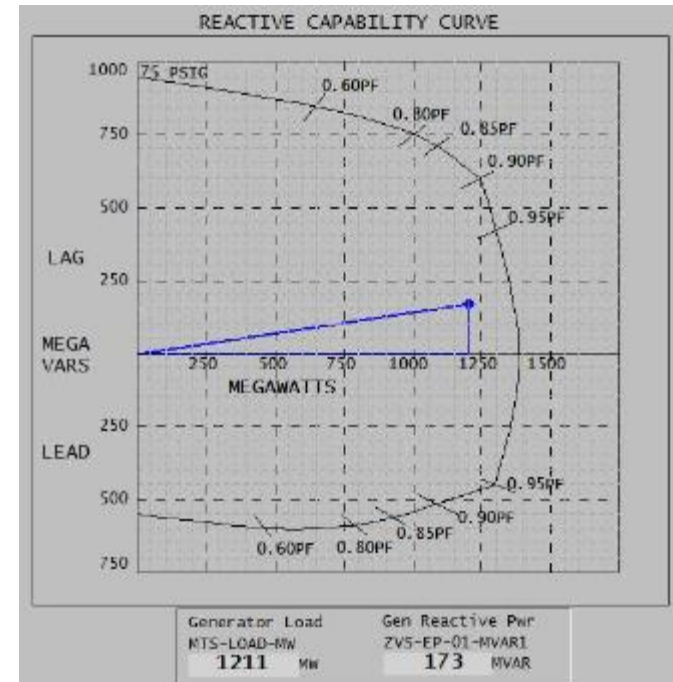
### Some differences respect to a real Plant Startup:

- Turbine rolled up to synch speed much slower.
- Stops @120 rpm for rub check & @800 rpm for oil temp check
- Turbine accelerated when approaching to critical speeds (820 rpm and 1350 rpm)



### Some differences respect to a real Plant Startup:

- Once at synch speed, Generator is synchronized with grid.
- After this, Generator circuit breaker is closed providing a minimum load of  $\approx 6\%$  of the total load.
- Reactive Power (MVARs) is adjusted according to grid demand.
- Load is raised at a max rate of 1%/min ( $\sim 12\text{MW}/\text{min}$ )
- Feedwater and Condensate pumps started when approaching to the maximum capability of the running ones.





# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

- **The generator is designed to accept a minimum initial load when is synchronized with the grid.**
- **Is there any concern about synchronizing the main generator at very low loads?**

# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

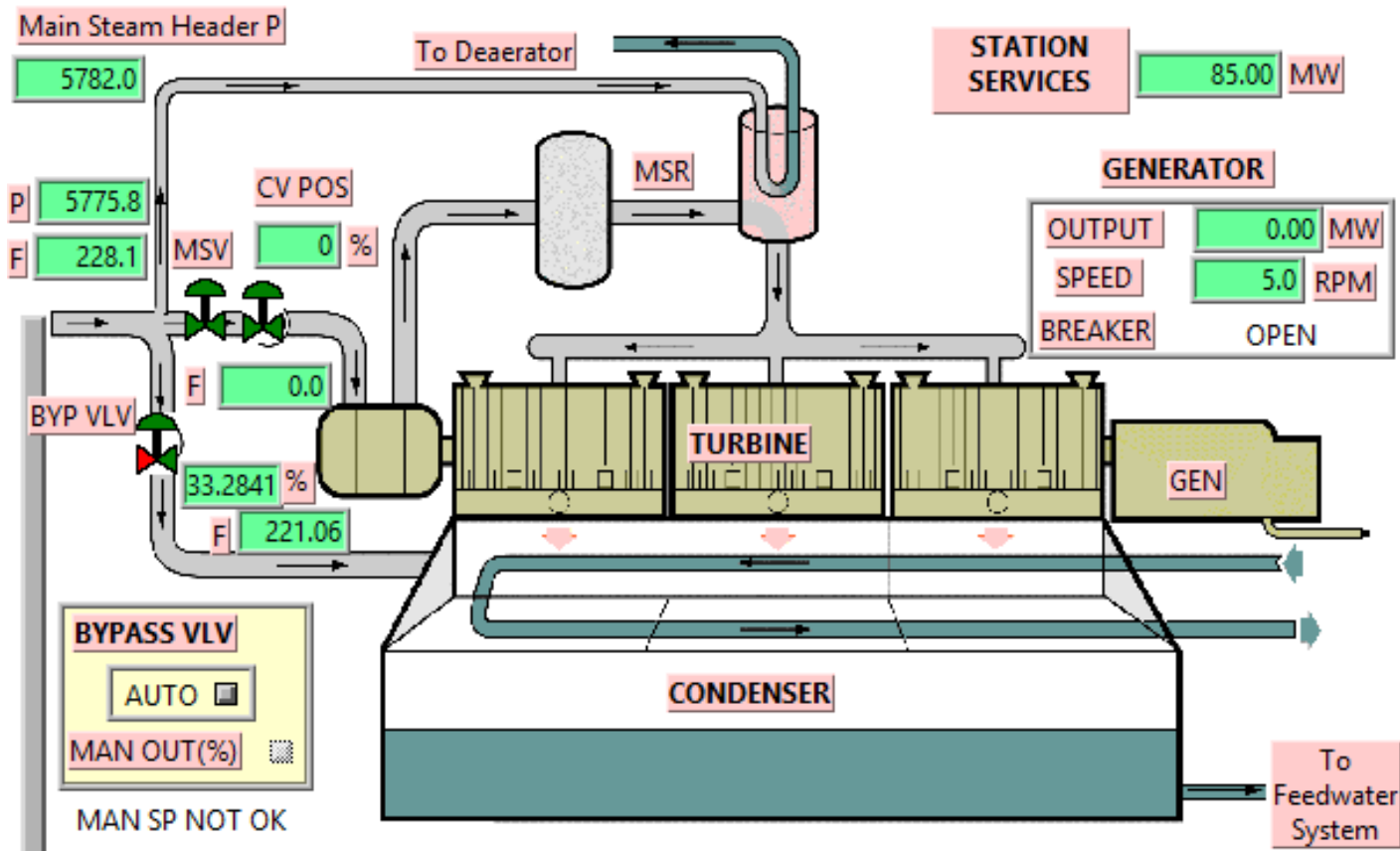
- There is a risk of “Generator motorization”, that is, Generator consuming power from the grid instead of producing it, if Generator accepts a load below  $\approx 6\%$ .

- **Describe how the steam delivery changes during the Turbine-Generator synchronization.**

# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

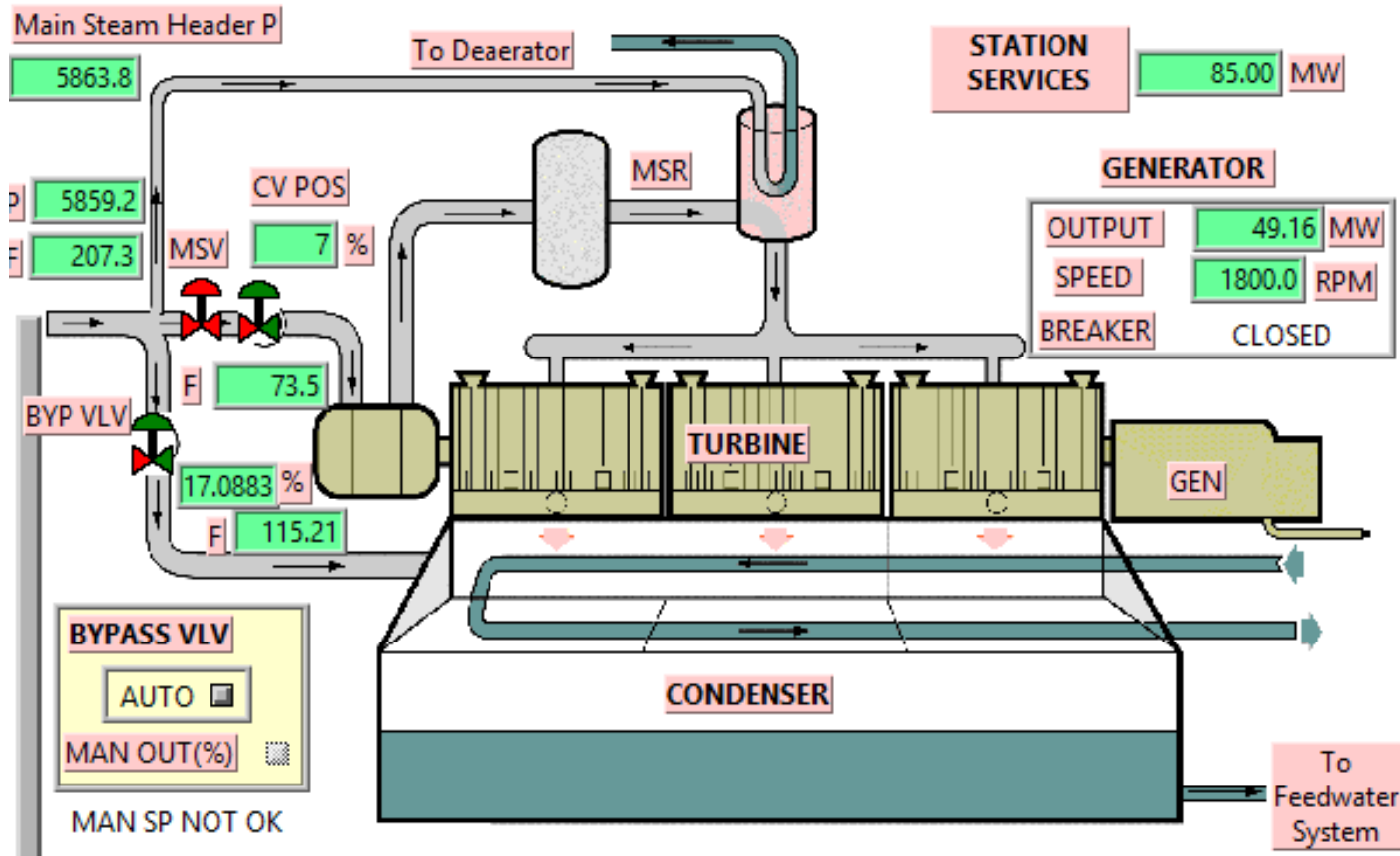
- Initially all steam produced by the Reactor is diverted through the bypass.



# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

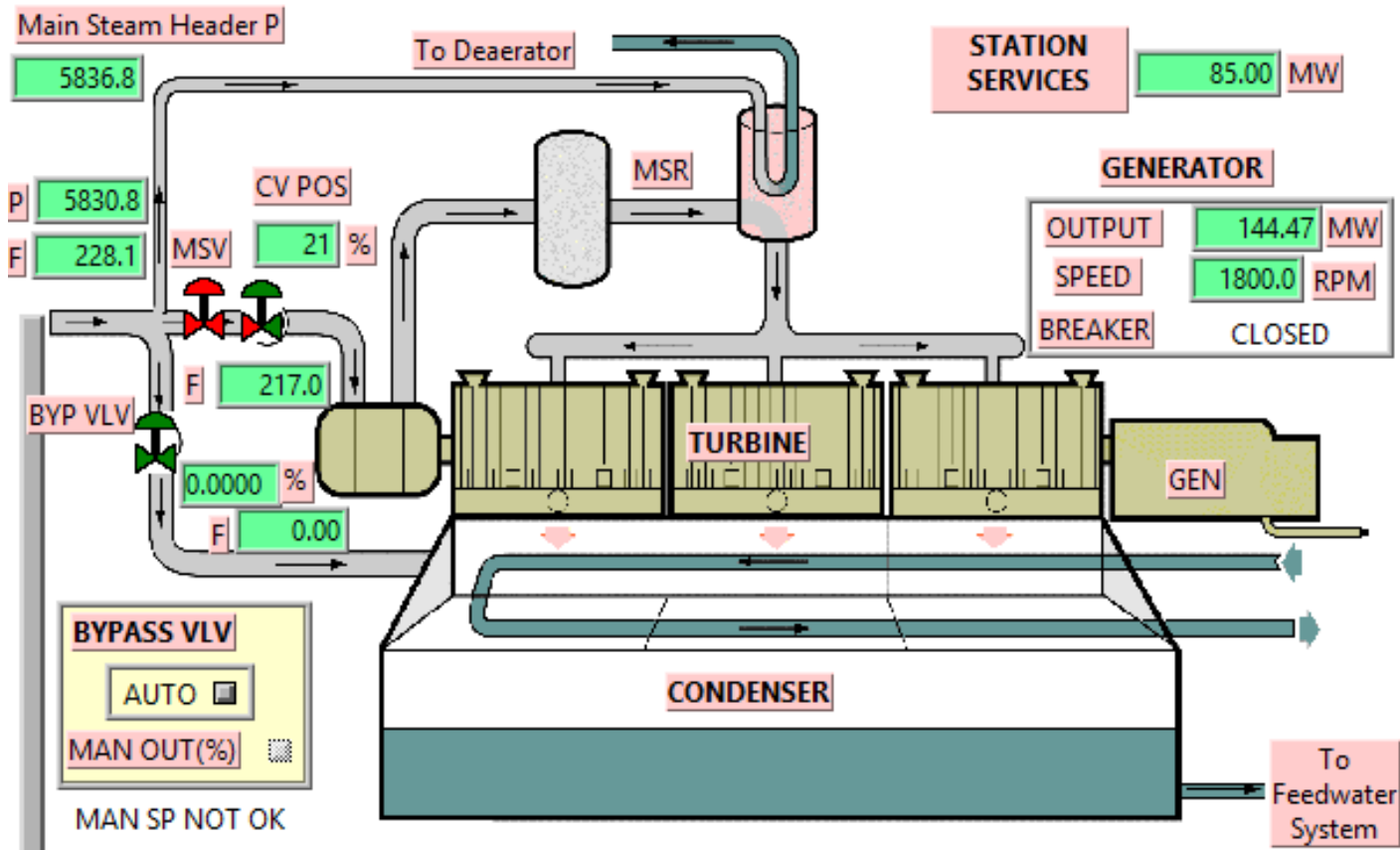
- As turbine load raises, the proportional part is sent through the Turbine while flow through the bypass is reduced.



# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

- Once Turbine reaches 25% of load, turbine bypass valves fully close, and all the steam is sent to the Turbine for electricity generation.



# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

- **If the simulator nuclear power plant was installed in Italy, would Turbine-Generator speed be the same? Reason the answer.**

# Normal Operation

## Exercise 2 (Plant Startup)

- It depends on national grid frequency, according to the following formula:

$$n = \frac{60 * f}{P}$$

Where,

n – Turbine-Generator speed (rpm).

f – Grid frequency (Hz).

P – Pair of poles in Generator.

**50 Hz** → 1500 rpm (most of Europe, Asia, all Arab Atomic Energy Agency countries)

**60 Hz** → 1800 rpm (USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico...)



# Abnormal Operation

## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- **Plant is stable at full power.**
- **Suddenly, vibrations on the turbine shaft require a Turbine trip.**
- **Perform a manual turbine trip and analyze the transient.**

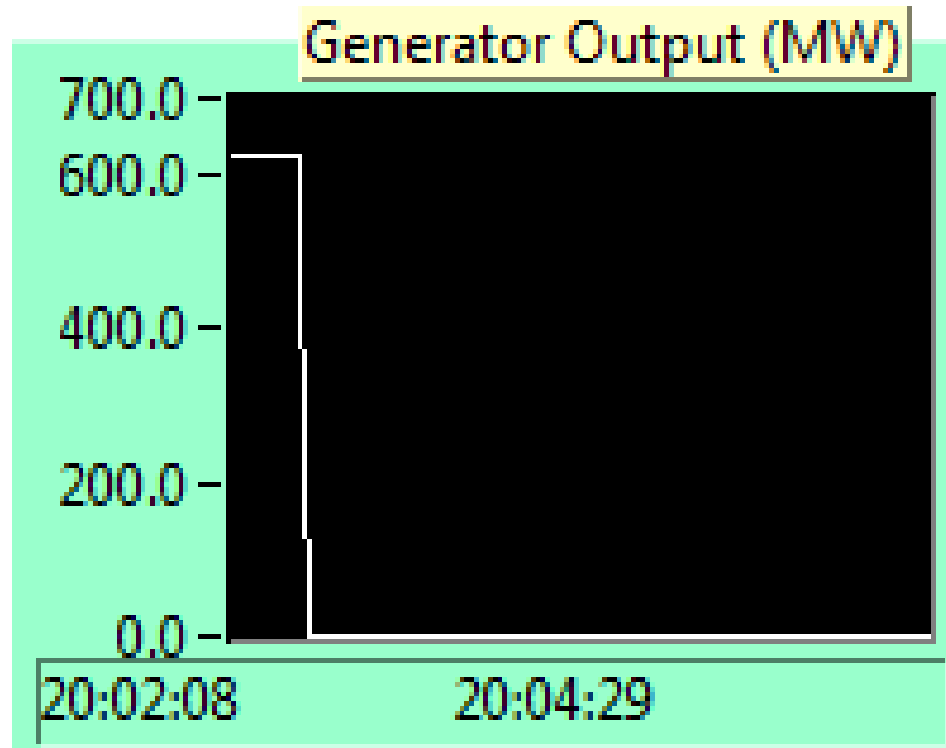
# Abnormal Operation

## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- **Pay special attention to the following parameters:**
  - **MW power produced**
  - **Reactor power**
  - **Temperature mismatch ( $T_{avg}-T_{ref}$ )**
  - **Steam Header pressure**
  - **Steam Generator Boilers safety relief valves**
  - **Steam Bypass flow**

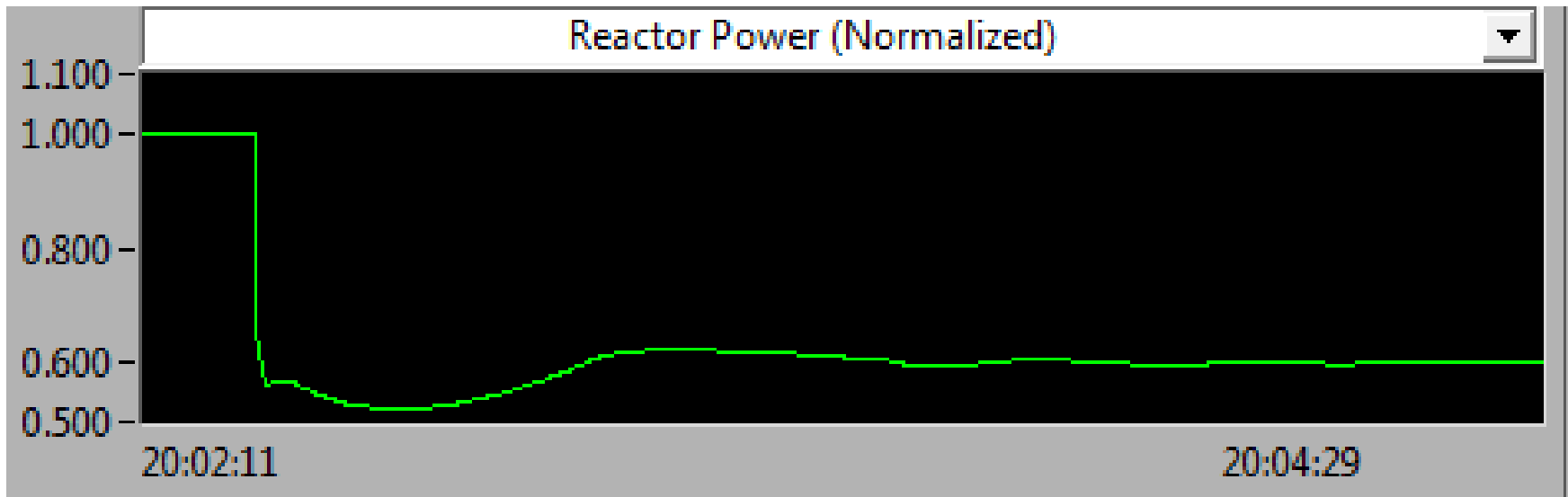
# Abnormal Operation Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- MW power produced



# Abnormal Operation Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- Reactor power



# Abnormal Operation

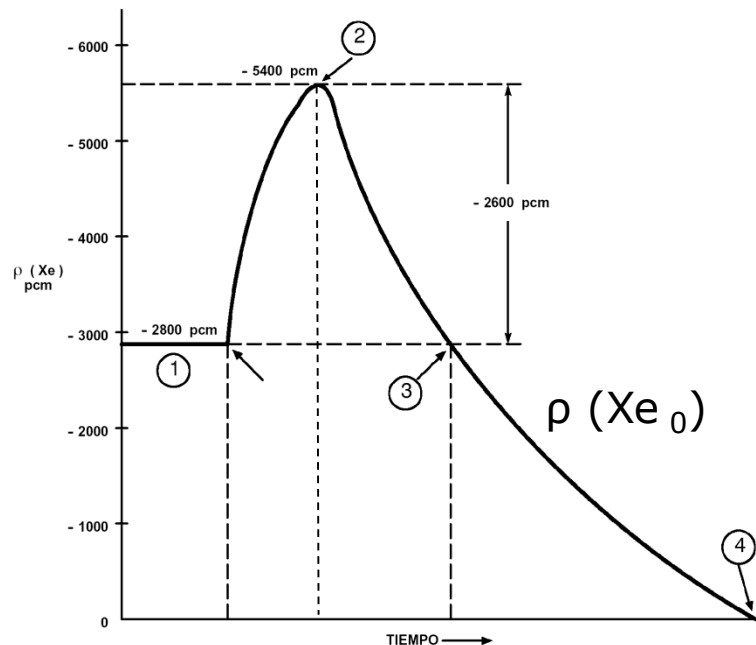
## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- **What is the reason of this power stepback?**
- **Why the stepback is set at 60%?**

# Abnormal Operation

## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

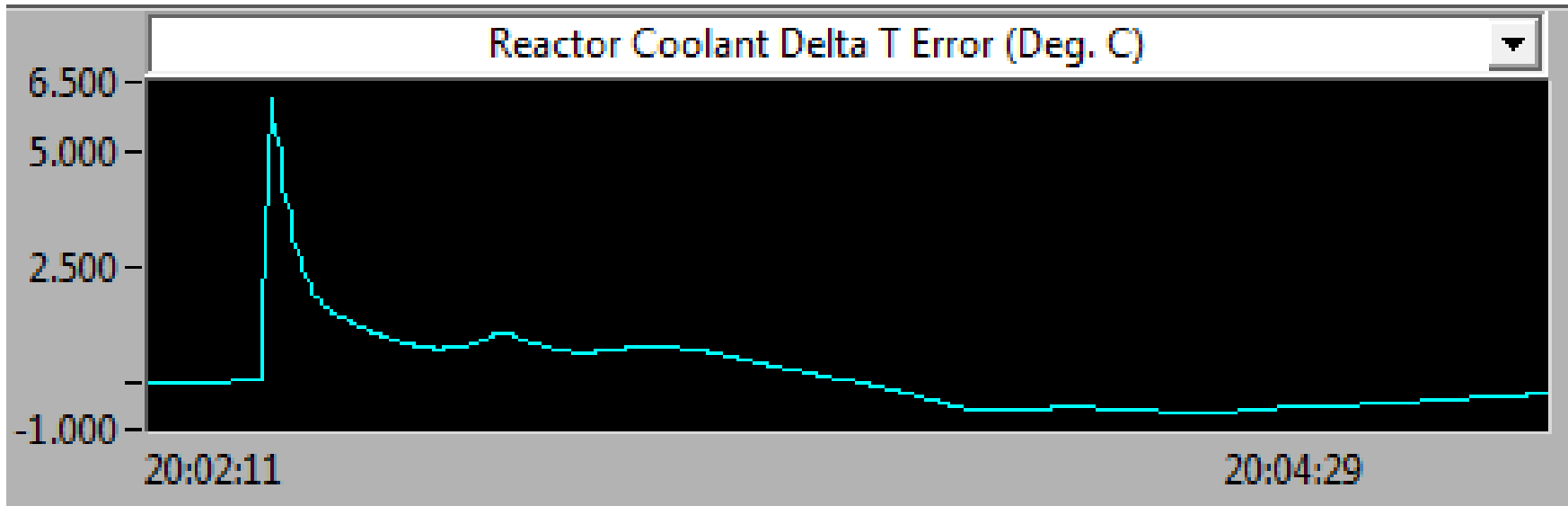
- Reactor power stepbacks to 60% by a rapid insertion of control rods.
- Sufficient power reduction to avoid SG Safety Valves opening while avoiding excessive Xe buildup exceeds the positive reactivity available.



# Abnormal Operation

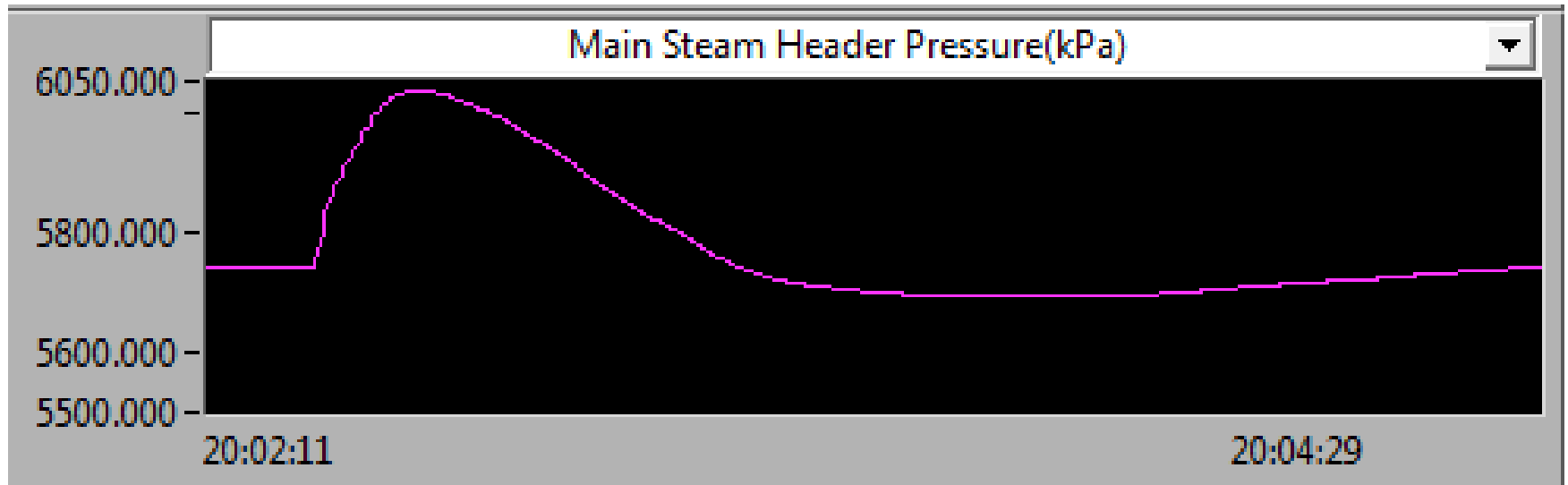
## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- Temperature mismatch ( $T_{avg} - T_{ref}$ )



# Abnormal Operation Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- Steam Header pressure

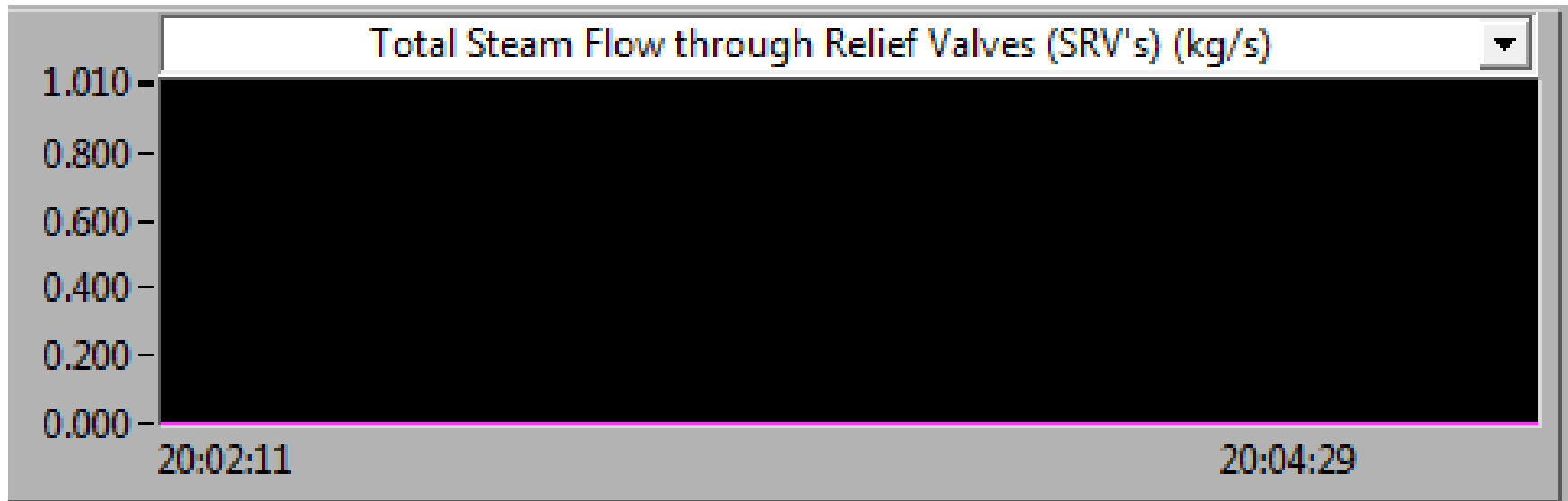




# Abnormal Operation

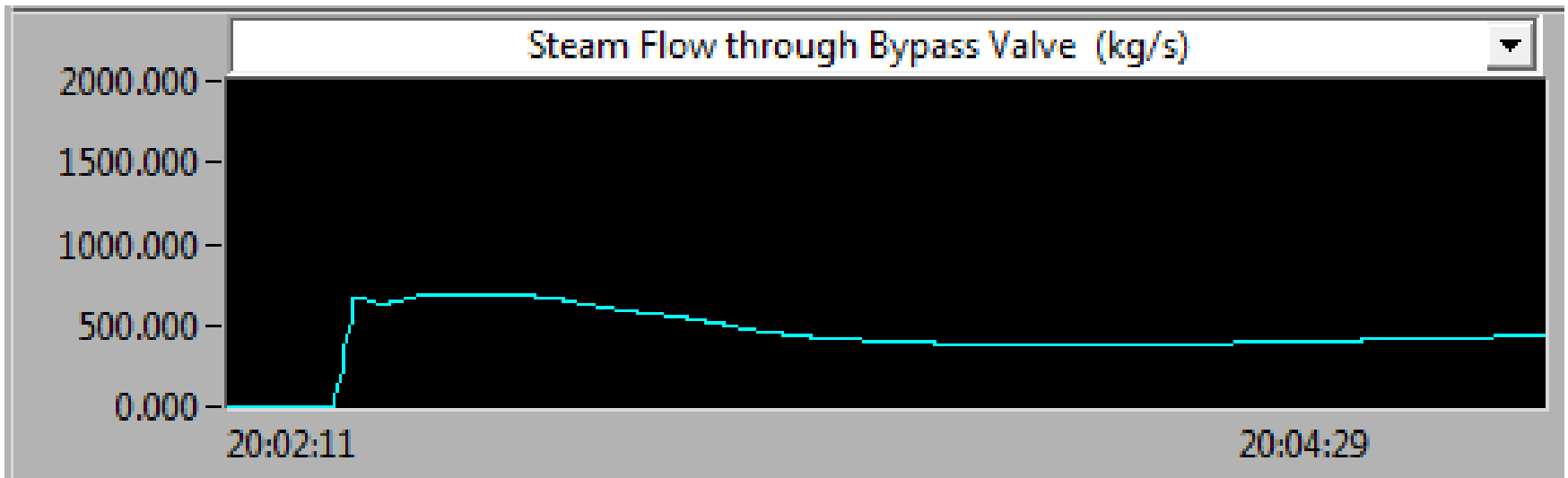
## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- Steam Generator Boilers safety relief valves



# Abnormal Operation Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- Steam Bypass flow



# Abnormal Operation

## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- **Shouldn't the Turbine fully stop rolling after the trip? Reason the answer.**

# Abnormal Operation

## Exercise 3 (Turbine trip)

- No, it is coupled on the turning gear in order to roll at very low speed during several hours before fully stop.
- The intent is to homogenize the cooldown within the inner parts of the turbine in order to avoid deformations on the shaft due to differential expansion.

- **Plant is operating at full power while a loss of Reactor Coolant Pumps (RCPs) cooling is detected.**
- **What major actions are immediately required?**
- **What is the sequence for these actions? Reason the answer.**

# Emergency Operation

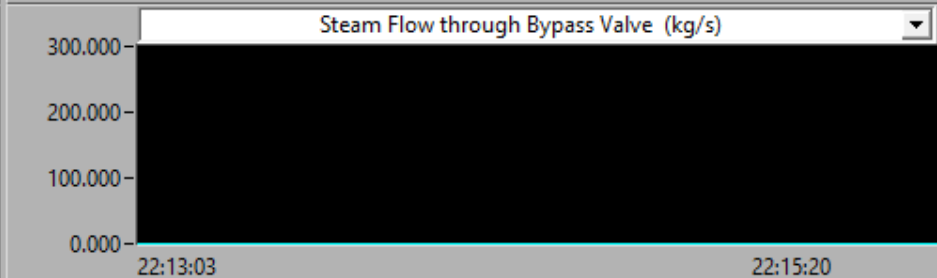
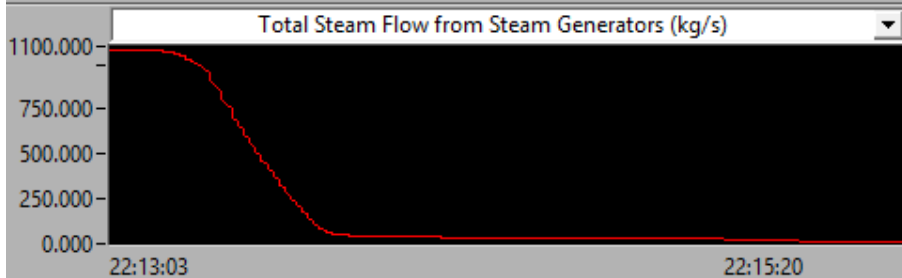
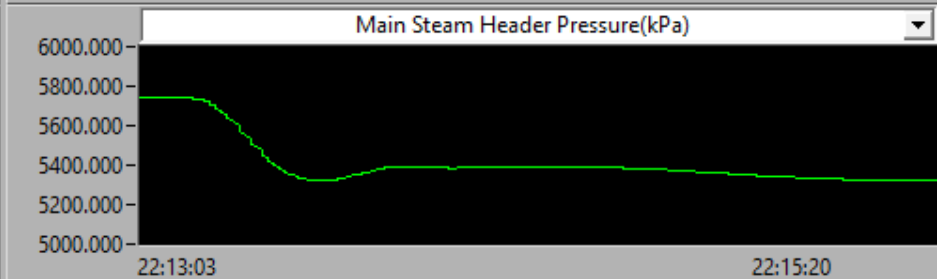
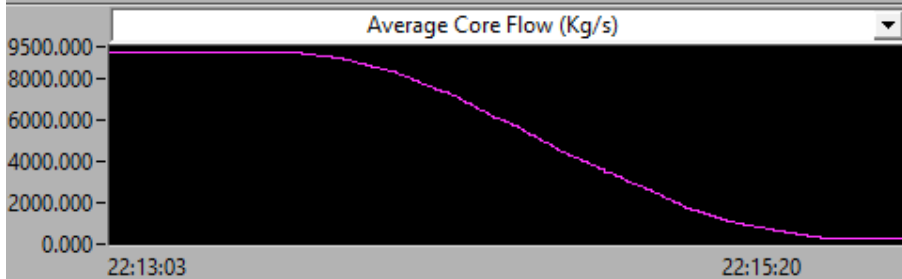
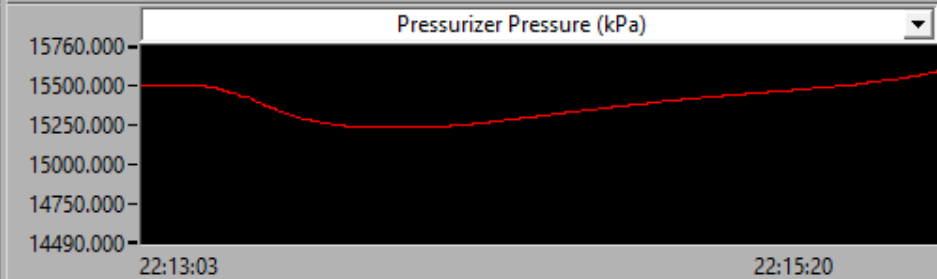
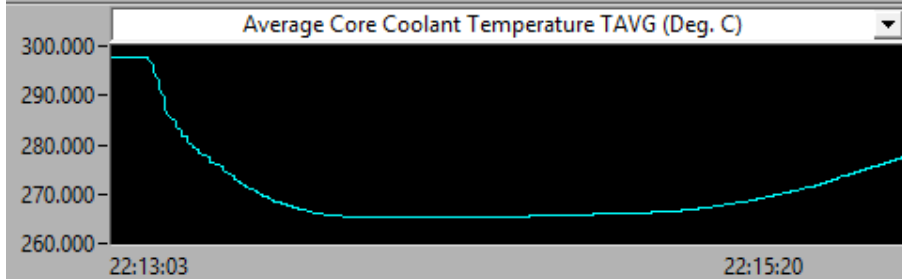
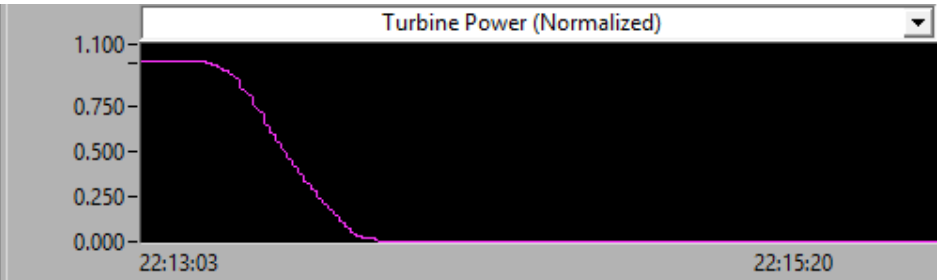
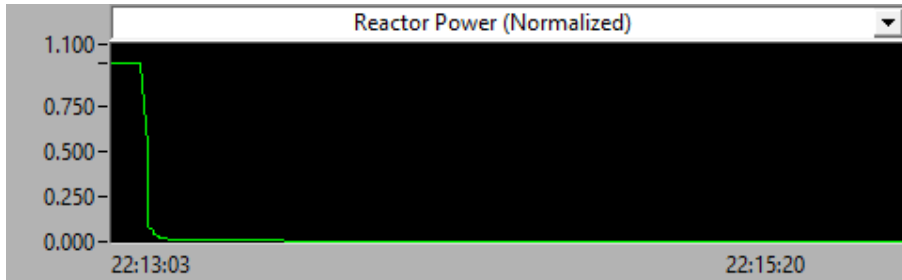
## Exercise 4 (Manual Reactor trip)

- 1) Manually trip the Reactor: Stop the fission heat
- 2) Check Reactor is tripped: Safeguards systems designed for decay heat only
- 3) Stop all RCPs: protect equipment from irreparable damage.

- **Describe the response of the overall unit, paying special attention to:**
  - **Reactor Power**
  - **Average coolant temperature**
  - **Reactor coolant pressure**
  - **Reactor coolant flow**
  - **Steam flow**

# Emergency Operation

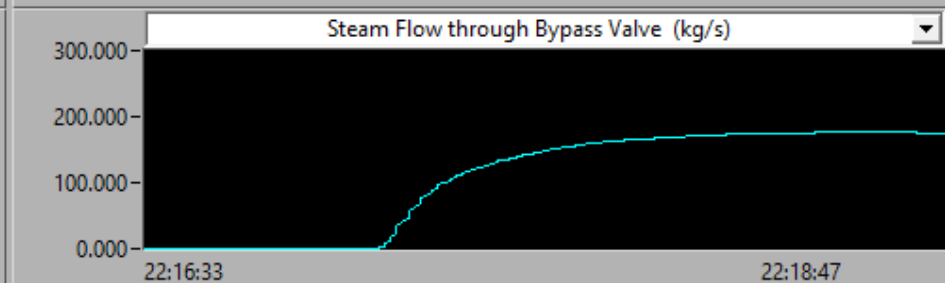
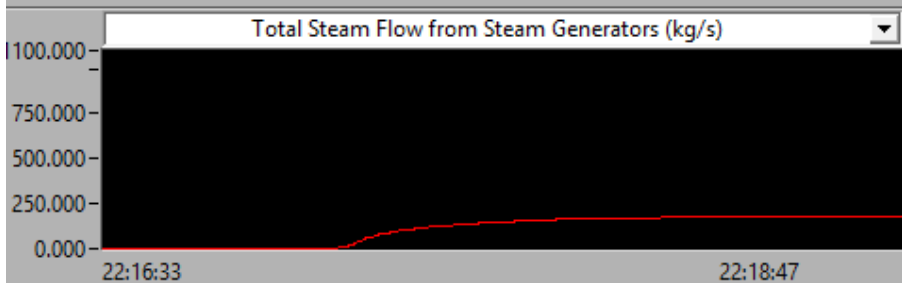
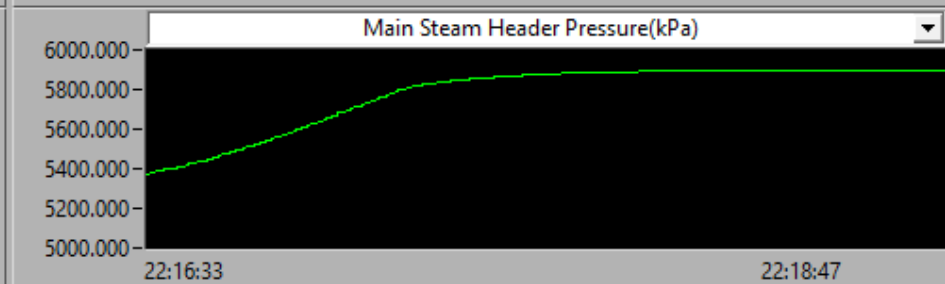
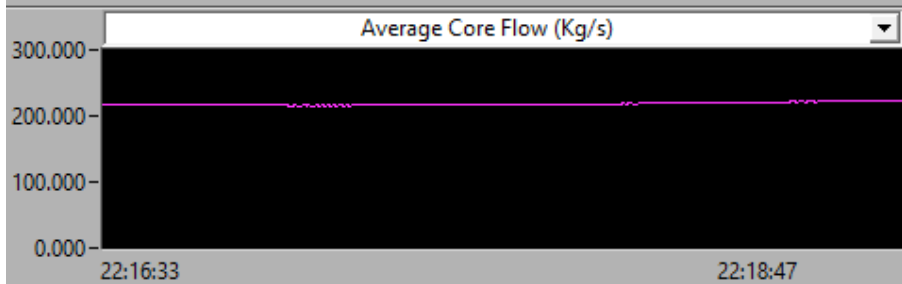
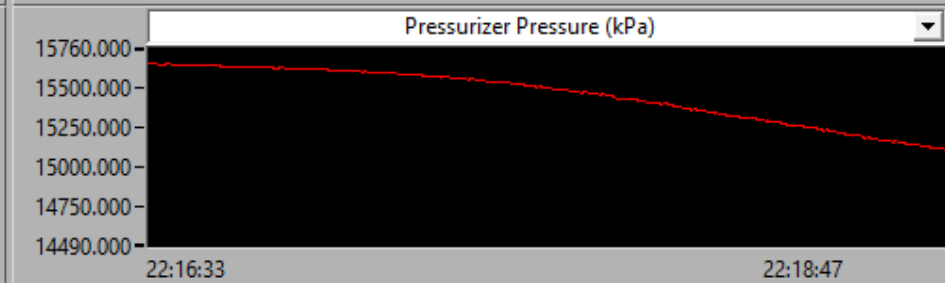
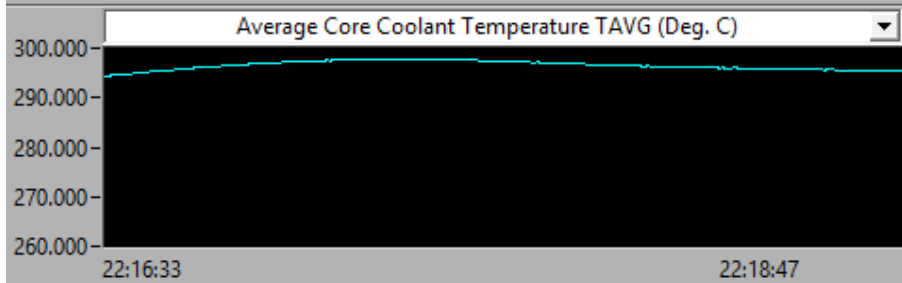
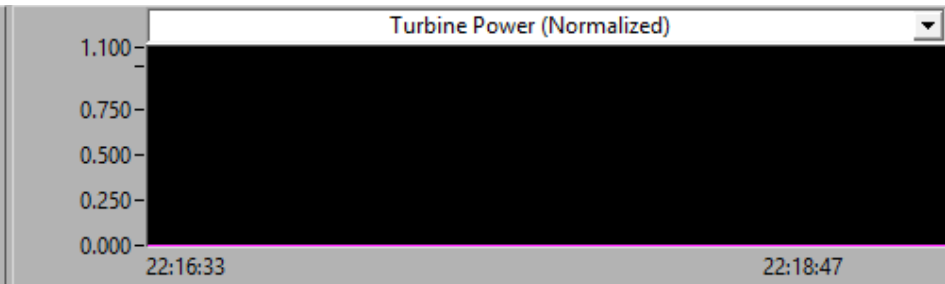
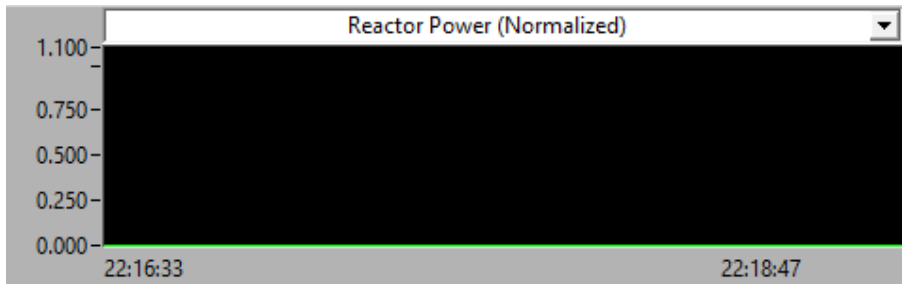
## Exercise 4 (Manual Reactor trip)





# Emergency Operation

## Exercise 4 (Manual Reactor trip)



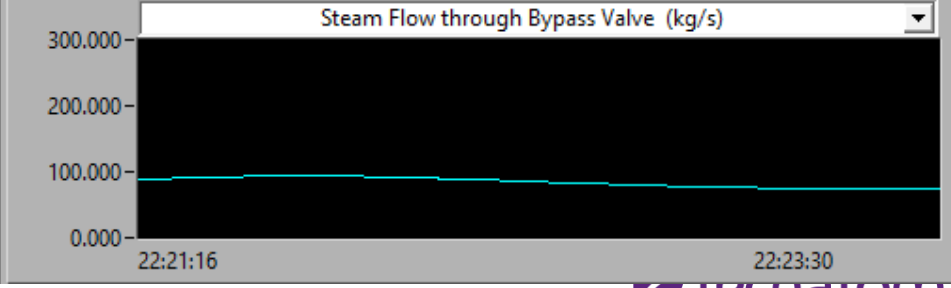
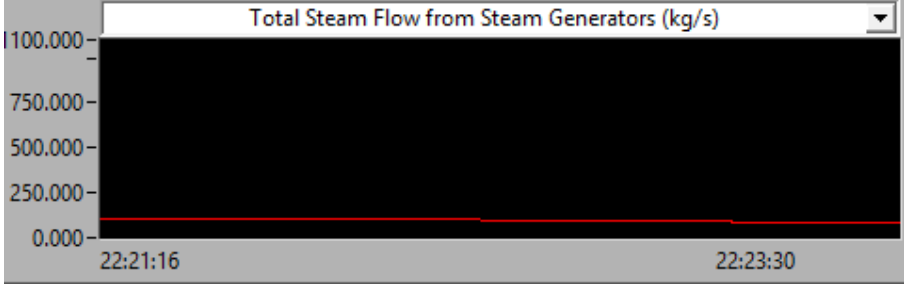
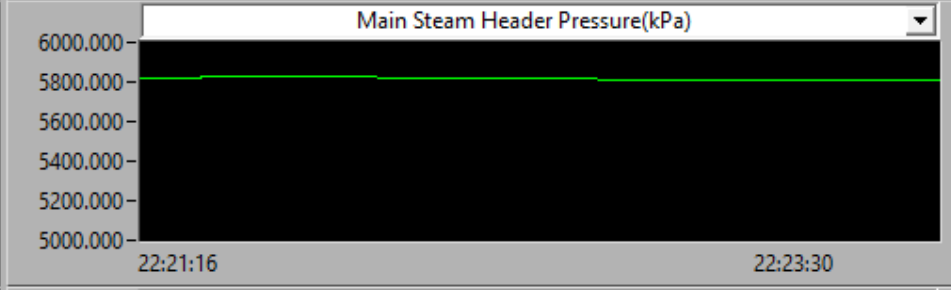
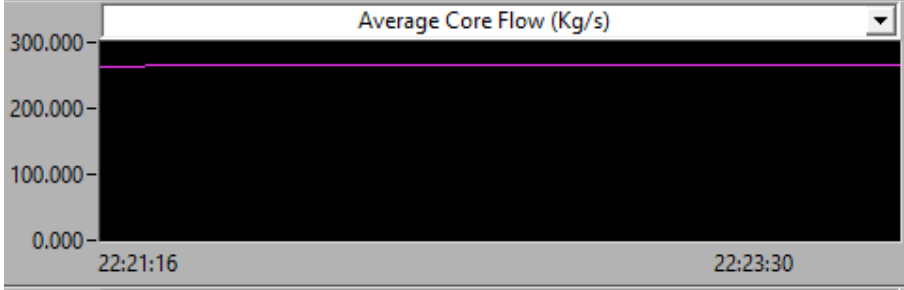
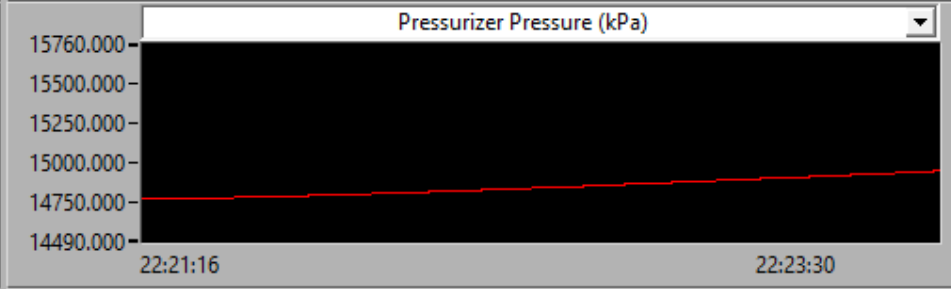
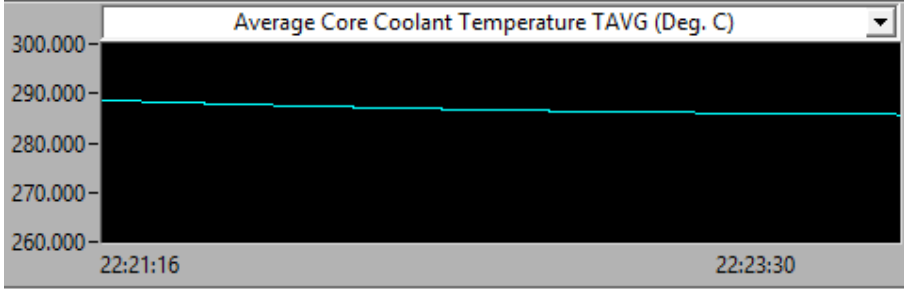
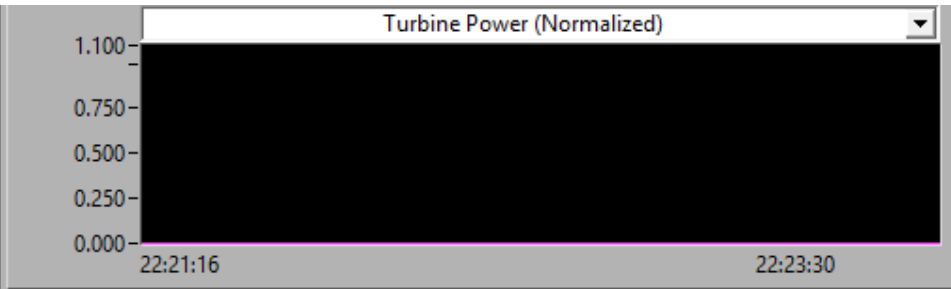
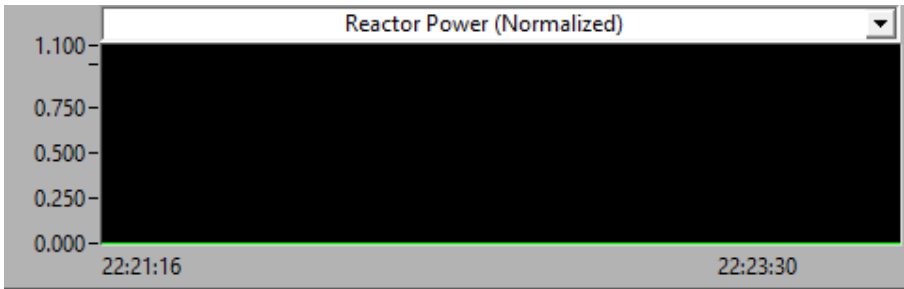
# Emergency Operation

## Exercise 4 (Manual Reactor trip)

- Finally equilibrium is reached by primary coolant natural circulation and SGs/Steam bypass as heat sink:
  - $T_{\text{avg}} \approx 280^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - $p_{\text{RCS}} \approx 15650 \text{ kPa} \rightarrow T_{\text{SAT}} \approx 345^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow$  **Subcooling margin  $\approx 65^{\circ}\text{C}$**
  - $\text{flow}_{\text{RCS}} \approx 260 \text{ kg/s}$
  - $p_{\text{steam}} \approx 5786 \text{ kPa}$
  - $\text{flow}_{\text{steam}} \approx 59 \text{ kg/s}$

# Emergency Operation

## Exercise 4 (Manual Reactor trip)

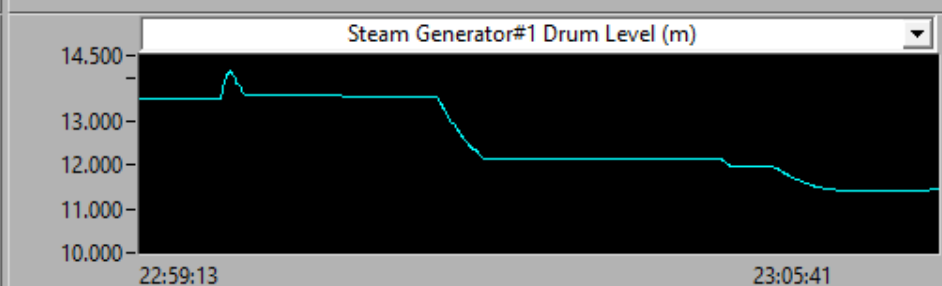
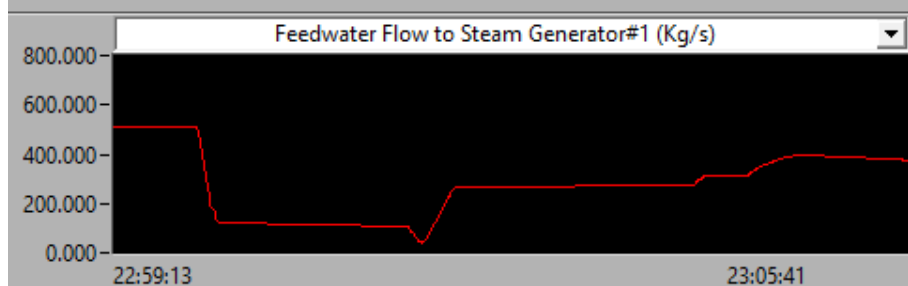
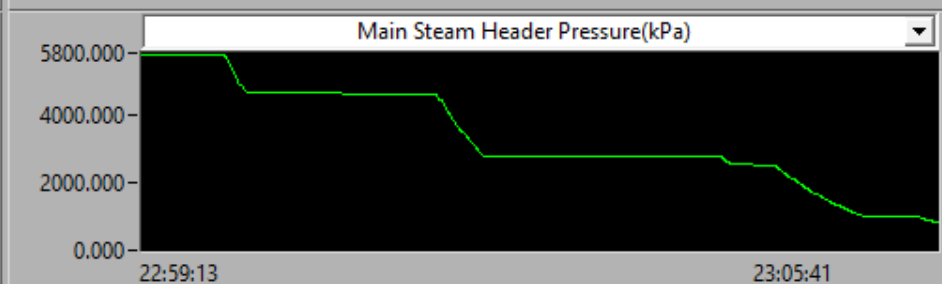
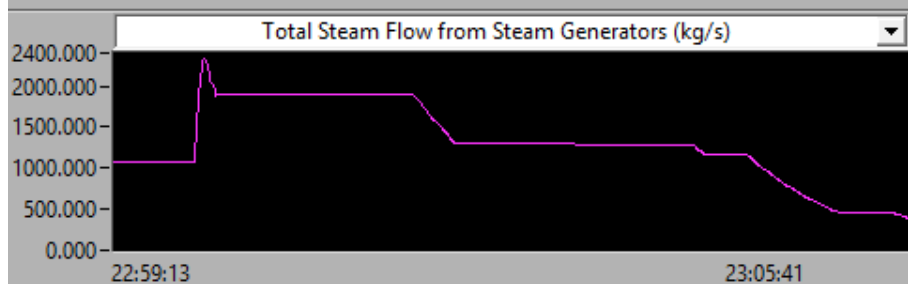
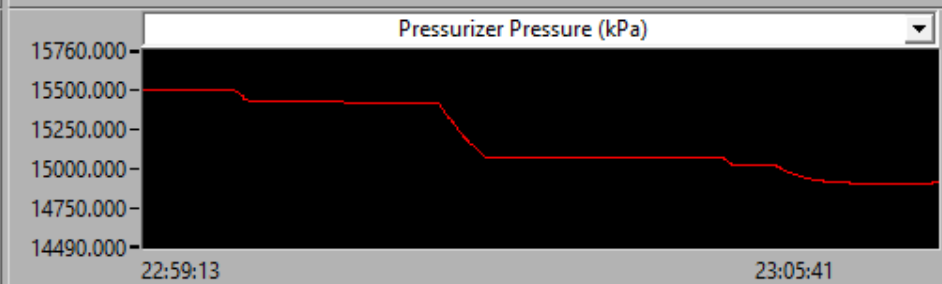
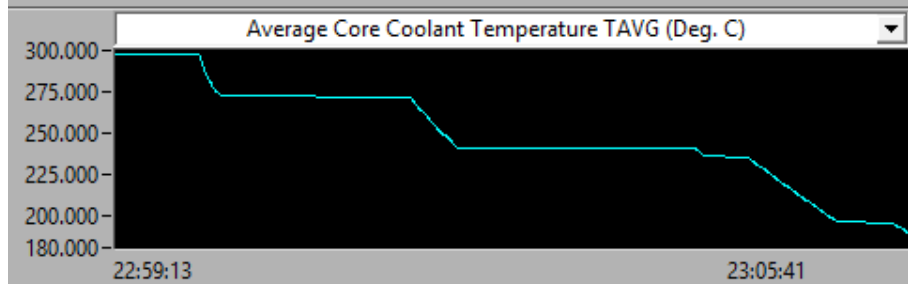
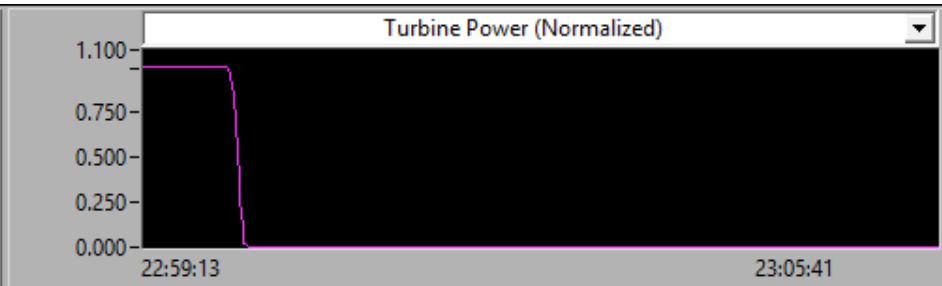
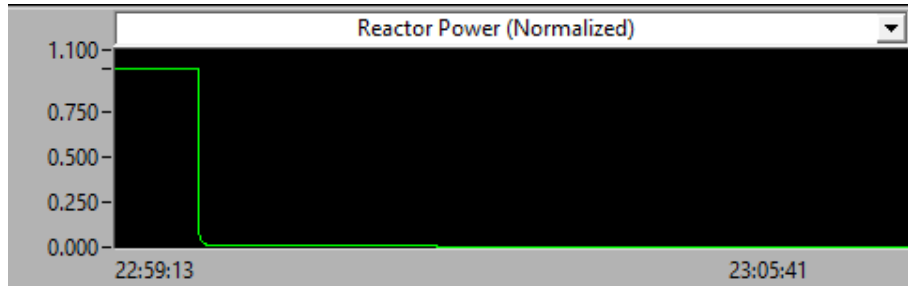


- **Plant is operating at full load conditions.**
- **Suddenly, a double-ended main steam line break occurs.**
- **Describe the main consequences of this accident.**

- A **pipe break** upstream main steam line isolation valve.
- **Reactor trip** on high main steam flow (1072 kg/s).
- **Turbine** runbacks, and **trips** after a while on zero forward power.

- Rise in steam flow makes **SG boiler levels** to **lower**.
- **Feedwater** Control valves **fully open** to compensate the level drop.
- **Excessive primary cooling**.
- This overcooling will **drop** both coolant **temperature and pressure** significantly.

# Emergency Operation Exercise 5 (Steam Line Break)



- **What is the big challenge of this particular accident?**



- The overcooling introduces a great amount of positive reactivity into the primary, that can lead to a power excursion.

- **What would be the solution to counteract this event?**

- The counter measure is to inject highly borated makeup sources in the primary coolant to compensate the excess of positive reactivity.

- **Could you mention a different accident with a similar transient?**

# Emergency Operation Exercise 5 (Steam Line Break)

- Steam Relief valves failed open.
- Turbine Bypass valve failed open.

# Emergency Operation Exercise 6 (Cold Leg LOCA)

- **While the plant is operating at full power conditions, a Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) occurs on cold leg 4.**
- **List the actions carried out by the protective passive systems.**

# Emergency Operation

## Exercise 6 (Cold Leg LOCA)

- PZR level and pressure lower rapidly.
- **Reactor trip** on low coolant pressure (14,380 kPa)
- **Safety Passive Core Cooling** on low low PZR level (2 m):
  - **PRHR HX** actuation.
  - **CMTs** injection → RCPs trip.
- **ACCs** injection at  $\approx 4000$  kPa. CMTs injection rate is reduced.
- **PCS** actuation on high Containment pressure (114 kPa)
- **ADS Stage 1** actuation on low CMT level.
- 1 min and 30 sec later, **ADS Stage 2** actuation
- 1 min and 30 sec later **ADS Stage 3** actuation
- Right after ADS 3, ACCs injection finished while CMTs injecting alone.
- $\approx 7$  min and 30 sec later, low-2 CMT level is reached, so **ADS Stage 4** actuation & **IRWST** injection occurs.
- Some time later, CMTs fully depleted while IRWST injecting.
- **Several hours later, Containment Recirculation** on low IRWST level. For actual injection flow, sufficient Containment floodup level required for proper driving force.

# QUESTIONS?







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# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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