



FLARE LOAD MITIGATION

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Philosophy and Methodology of Mitigation

Case Study-1: Expansion in Existing Refinery

Case Study-2: Grass Root Refinery

Case Study-3: Grass Root Olefin Complex

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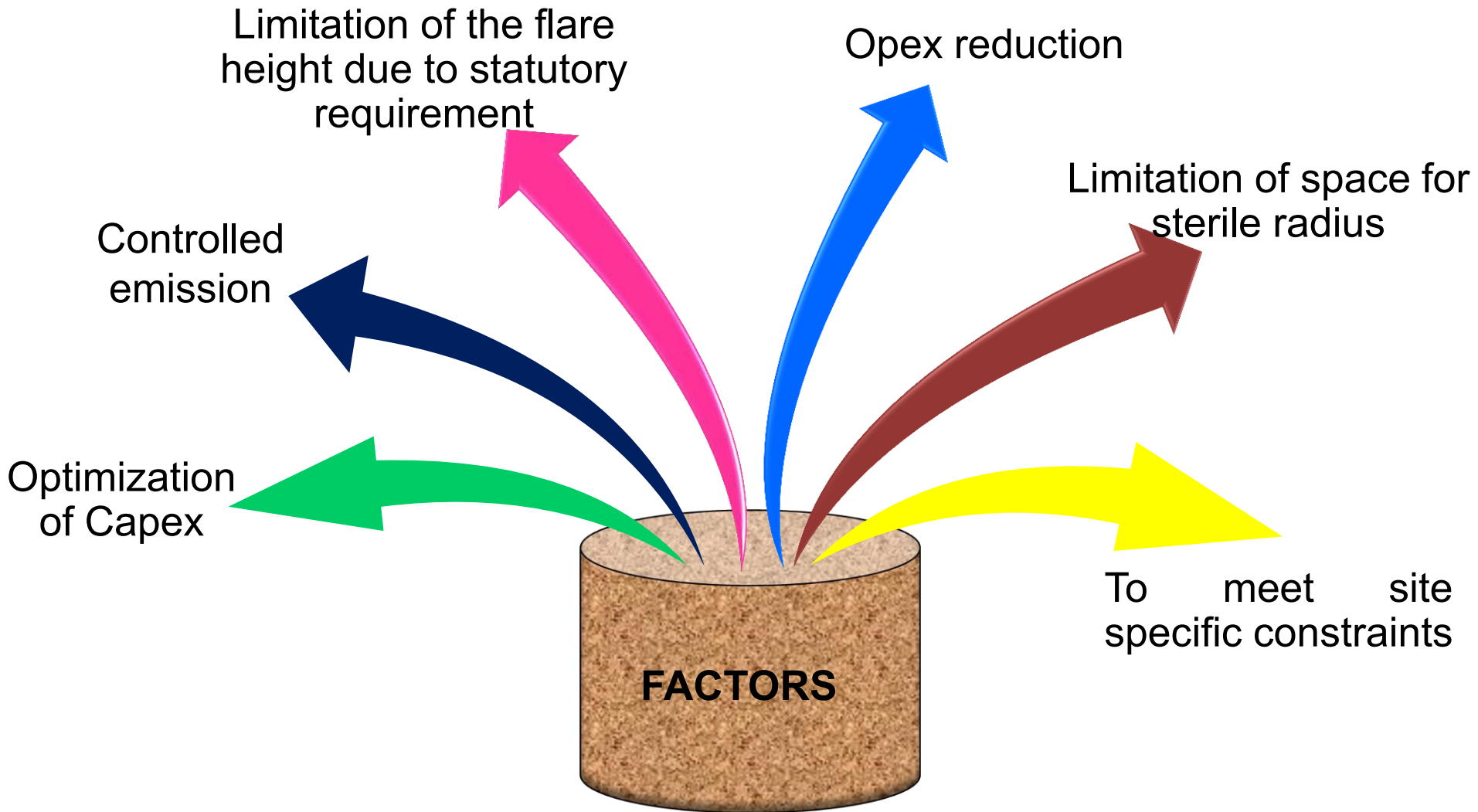
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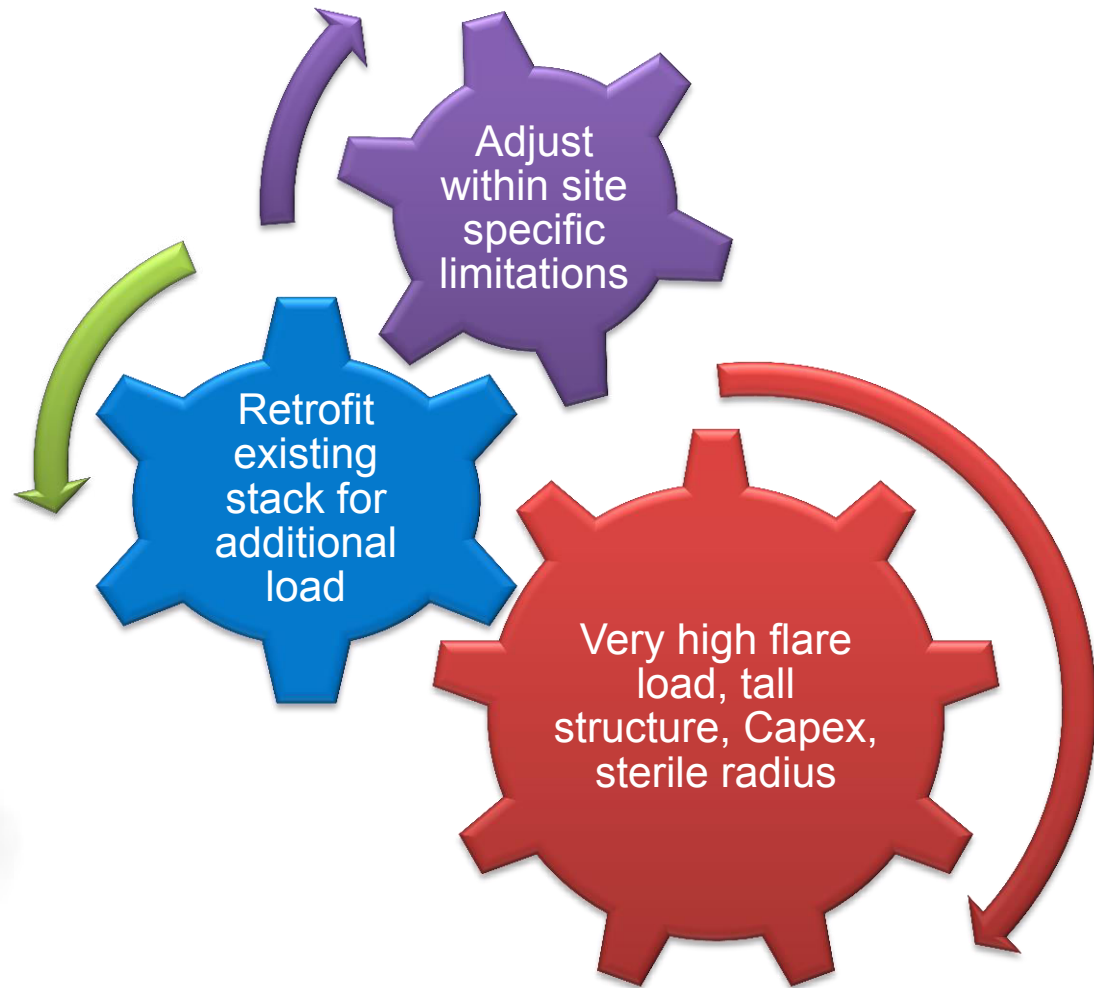
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FACTORS LEADING TO MITIGATION EXERCISE



MOST PRESSING ISSUES



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STEPS TO ACHIEVE FINAL GOAL



Basic Design Stage

- Interact with the Licensor/ Basic Designer
- Analyze probable mitigation areas
- Provide for additional facilities in case interesting
- Check pros and cons before agreeing on mitigation

Detailed design stage

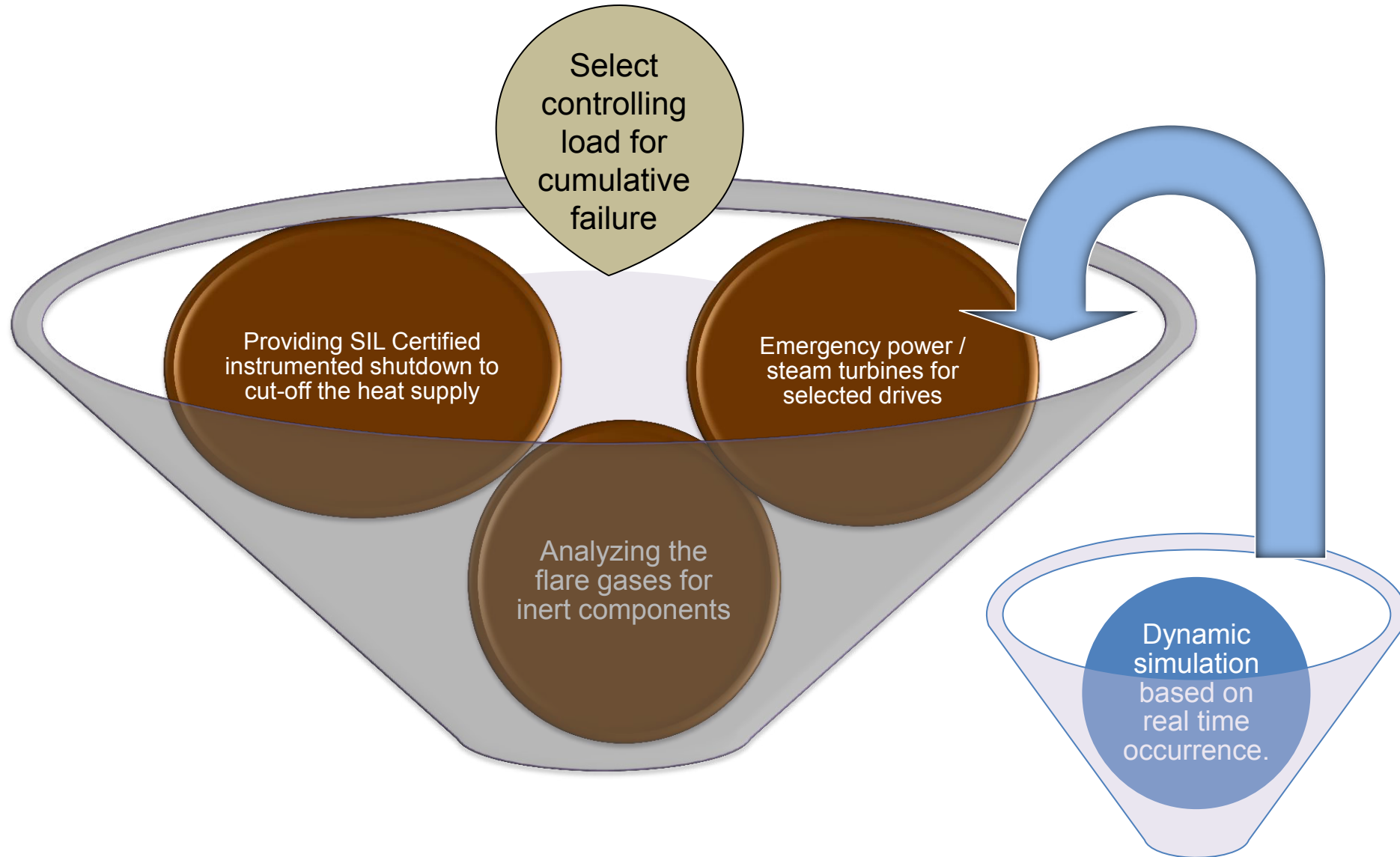
- Agree for a mitigation philosophy with the owner
- Check overall impact of first stage mitigation
- Review impact on overall challenge
- Review considering additional mitigation measures

Implementation Issues

- Any additional limitation imposed during execution stage
- Constructability issue
- Review considering additional mitigation measures

Target: No compromise on safety but minimize the investment of Capital, Construction, Maintenance, Human intervention and Operating expenditure

MEANS OF MITIGATION



DESIGN PHILOSOPHY



Agreement on philosophy amongst Licensor/ Basic Designer, Owner and Flare designer/ PMC is a must

Relief valves: to be sized for unmitigated load for controlling cases



Individual PSV inlet/outlet lines: to be sized for maximum unmitigated loads



ISBL header: controlling of max. mitigated load for cumulative failure or max. single unmitigated load



OSBL Flare system: controlling of max. mitigated load for cumulative failure or max. single unmitigated load

PHILOSOPHY (CONTINUED)

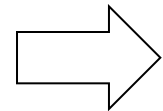


SIL certification needs to be carried out for the associated interlocks analysis

Up-gradation of SIL level reduces possibility of failure and assures reliability

Based on the list of sources contributing towards the total relief load for the complex (e.g. General Power failure and Cooling water failure), decision of up-gradation of SIL level for the individual sources can be decided.

The decision on SIL level calls for additional instrumentation and on line testing.



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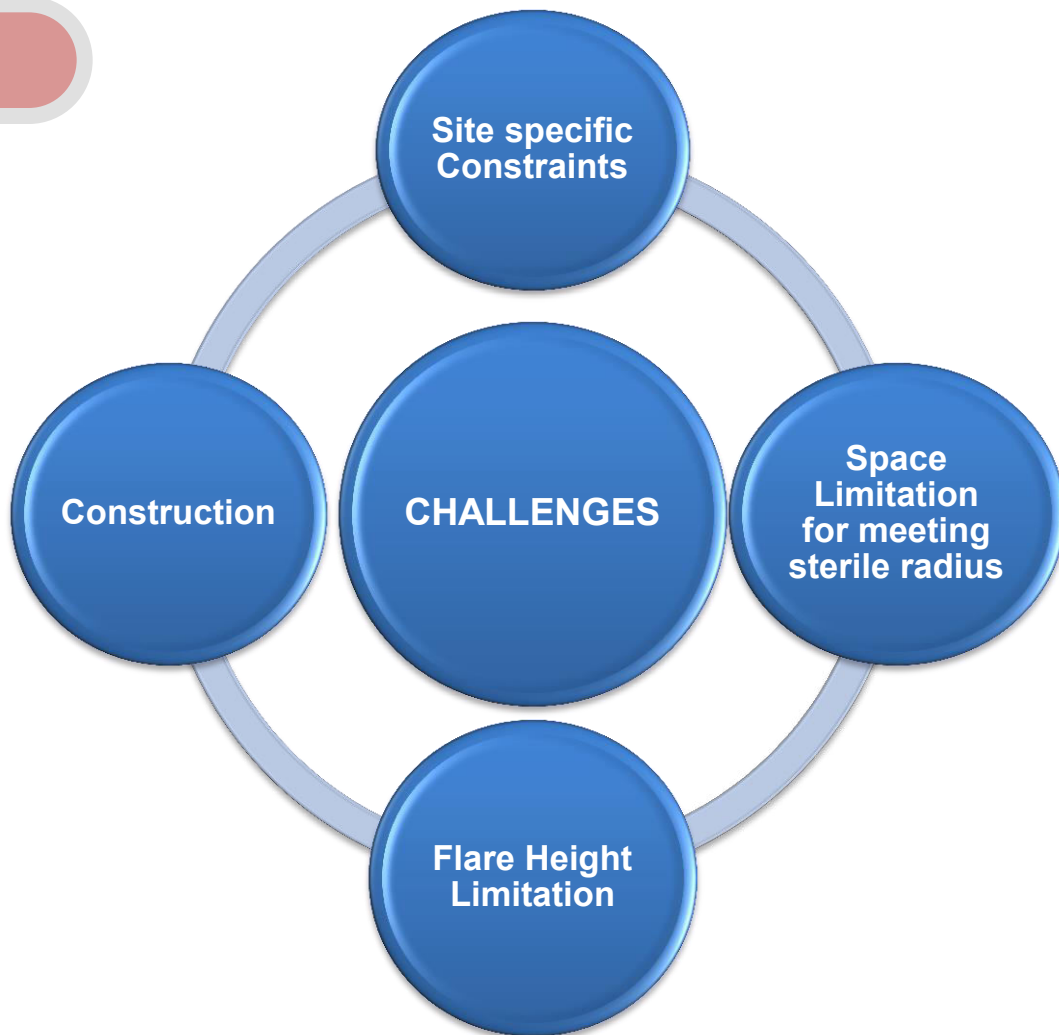
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CASE STUDY -1: REFINERY EXPANSION

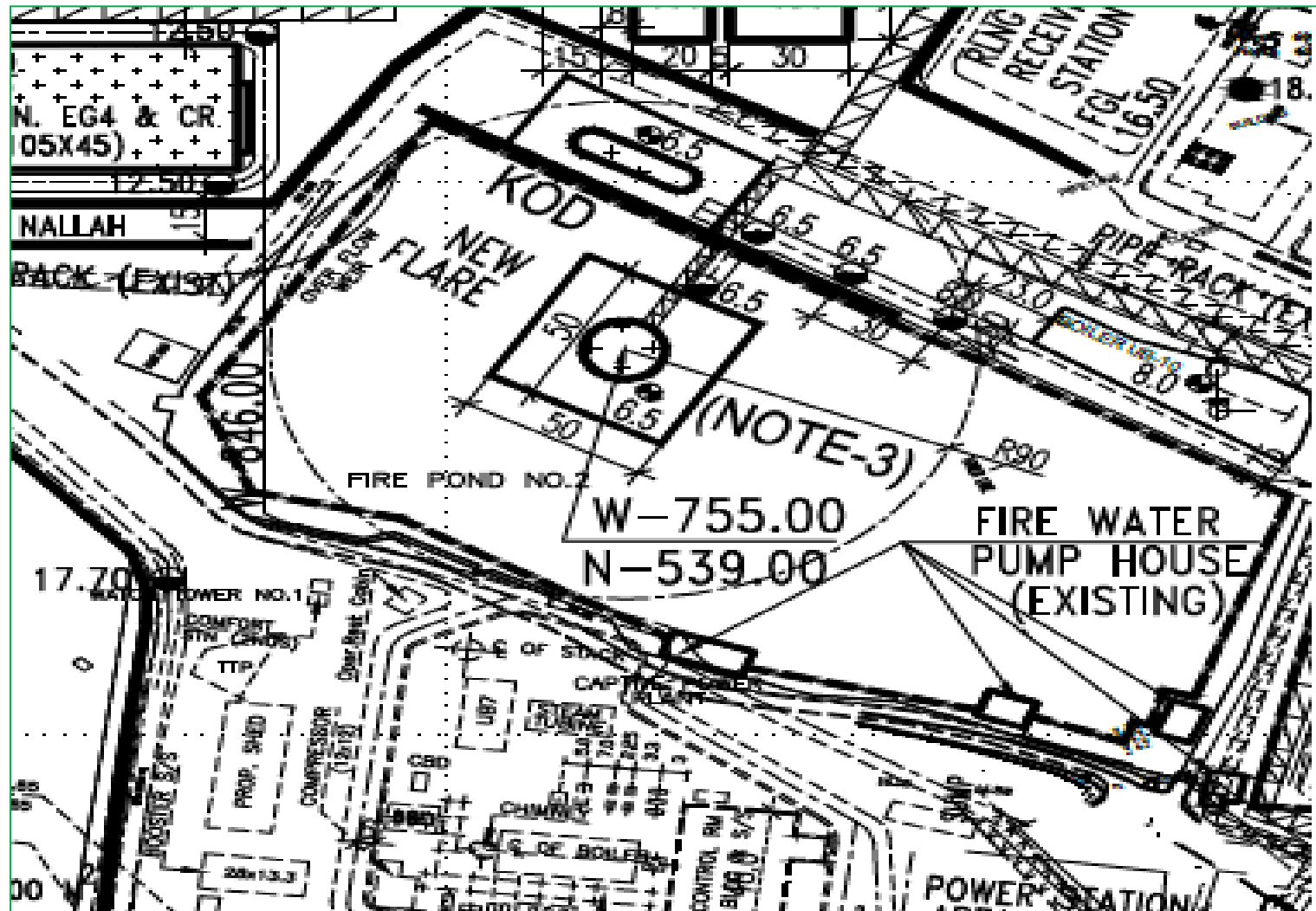


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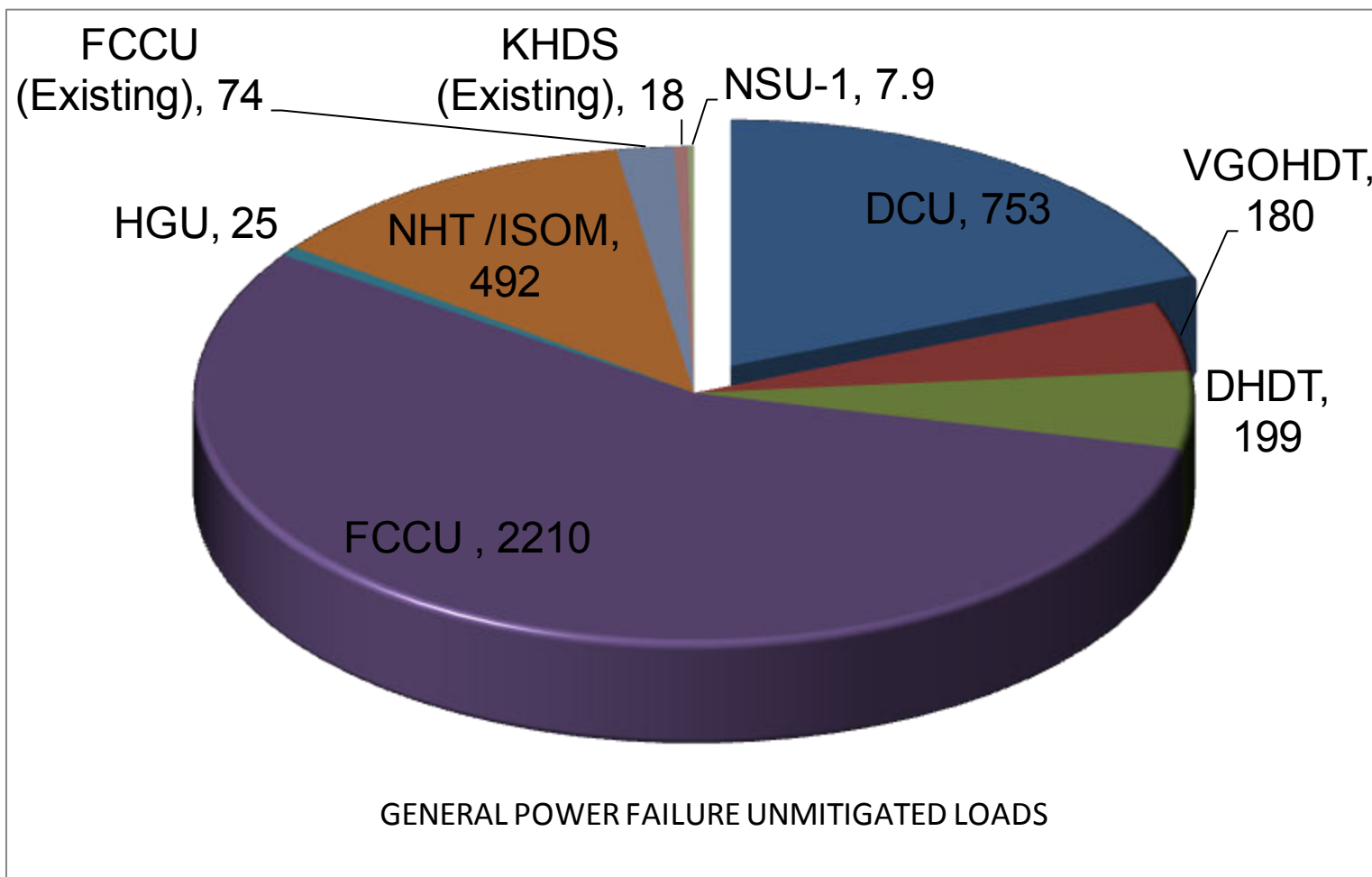
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- ❖ FCCU
- ❖ DHDT
- ❖ VGOHDT
- ❖ DCU
- ❖ Existing FCC
- ❖ NHT/ISOM
- ❖ CPP and Other Utility Unit



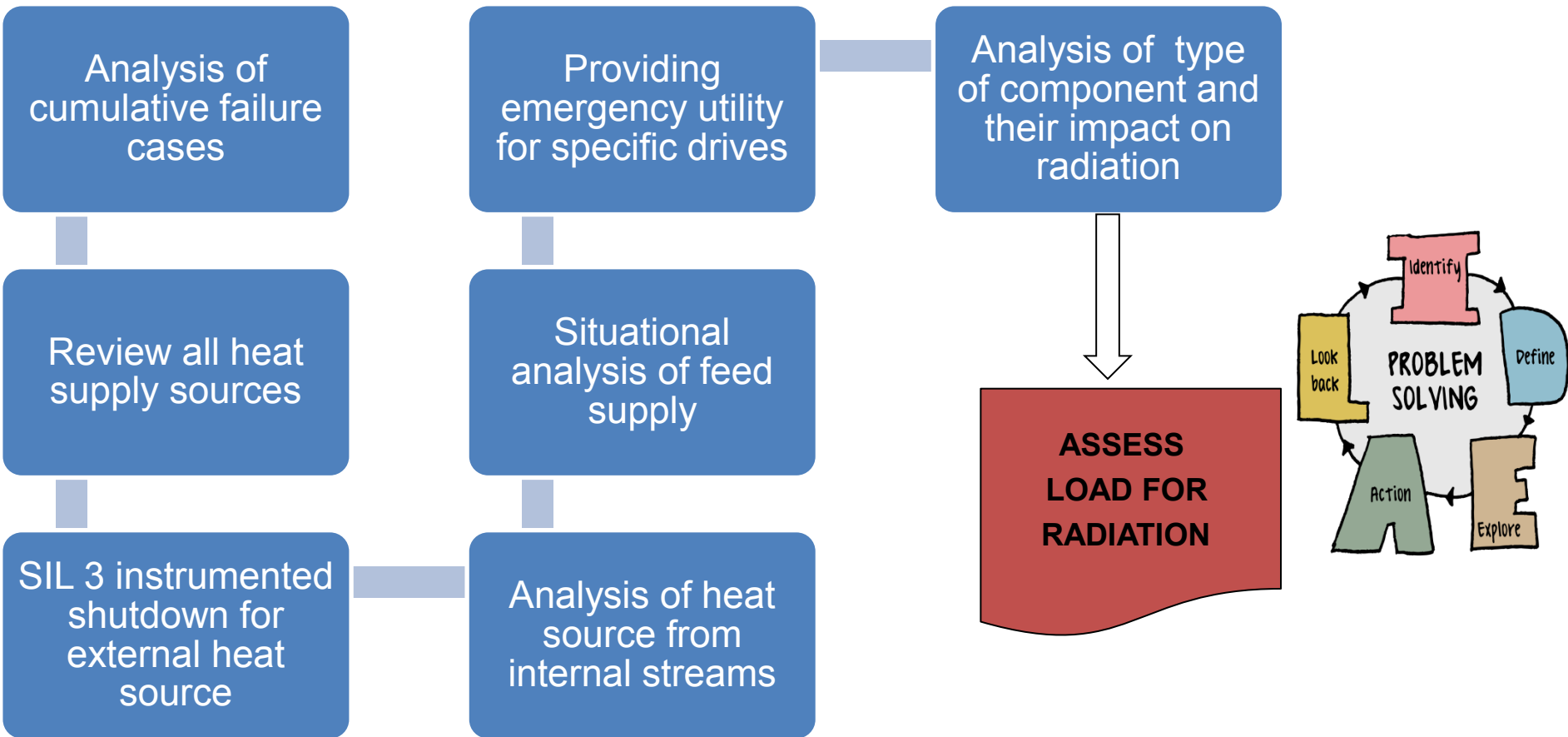
LOCATION OF FLARE STACK



CASE STUDY -1: REFINERY EXPANSION- UNMITIGATED



CASE STUDY 1: MEANS OF MITIGATION



MITIGATION MEASURES & ANALYSIS



Maximum flare load of **3961 t/h**, which is expected during total electric power failure

FCC

- ❖ Provision of steam drive for critical rotating equipment
- ❖ Shut down of Heater
- ❖ Advantage of no heating medium due to pump failure
- ❖ Stoppage of steam supply or Hot water belt supply to reboilers by HI-HI pressure trip of column.
- ❖ Scenario of feed failure due to pump failure

DCU

- ❖ Stripping steam cut off at hi-hi pressure in column
- ❖ Analysis of components and taking advantage in radiation calculation

DHDT

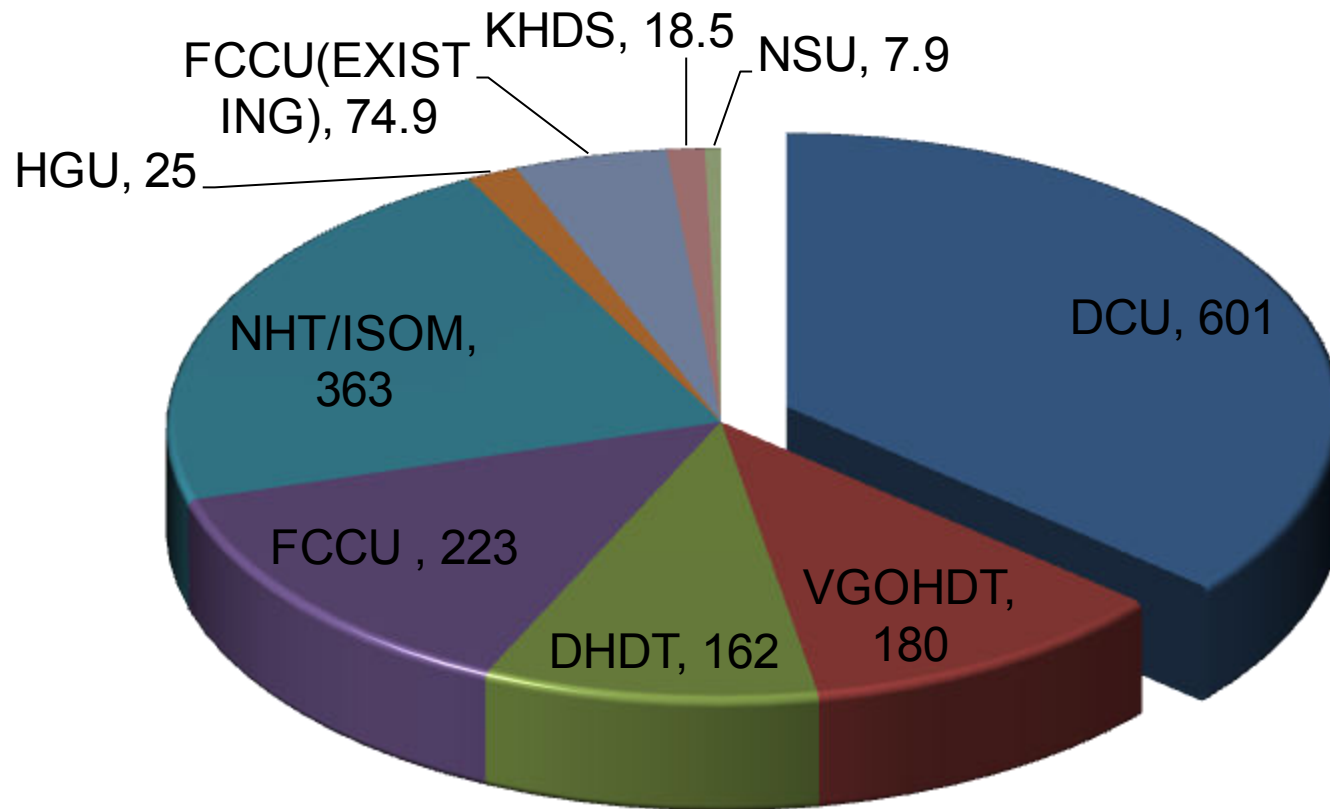
- ❖ Stripping steam cut off at hi-hi pressure in column
- ❖ Failure of heater considered
- ❖ Emergency power supply to few pumps and air cooler motors

NHT/ISOM

- ❖ Stoppage of steam supply to reboilers by HI-HI pressure trip of column

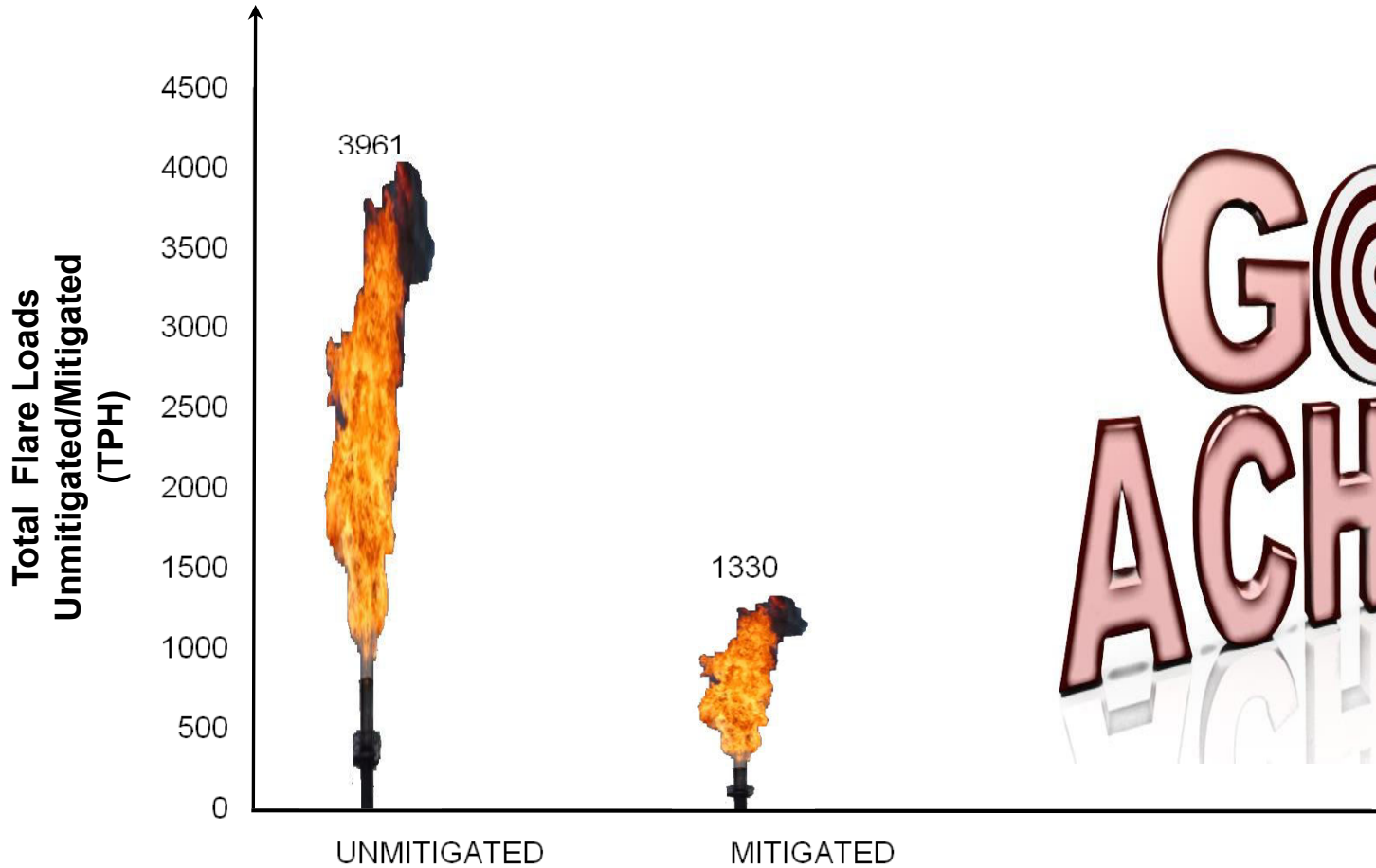
Total flare load after all mitigation measures drops down to **1330 TPH**

CASE STUDY -1: REFINERY EXPANSION: MITIGATED



GENERAL POWER FAILURE MITIGATED LOADS

CASE STUDY 1: COMPARISON BETWEEN MITIGATED AND UNMITIGATED LOADS



GOAL
ACHIEVED

COMPARISON OF GENERAL POWER FAILURE LOADS



Before Mitigation

Unmitigated Load : 3961 TPH

Stack Dia : 100"

Number of Stack : 02

Stack Height : 280 Meter

Sterile Radius : 90 Meter

KOD (2 Nos) : Diameter : 6 Meter
Length : 34 Meter

After Mitigation

Mitigated Load : 1330 TPH

Stack Dia : 56"

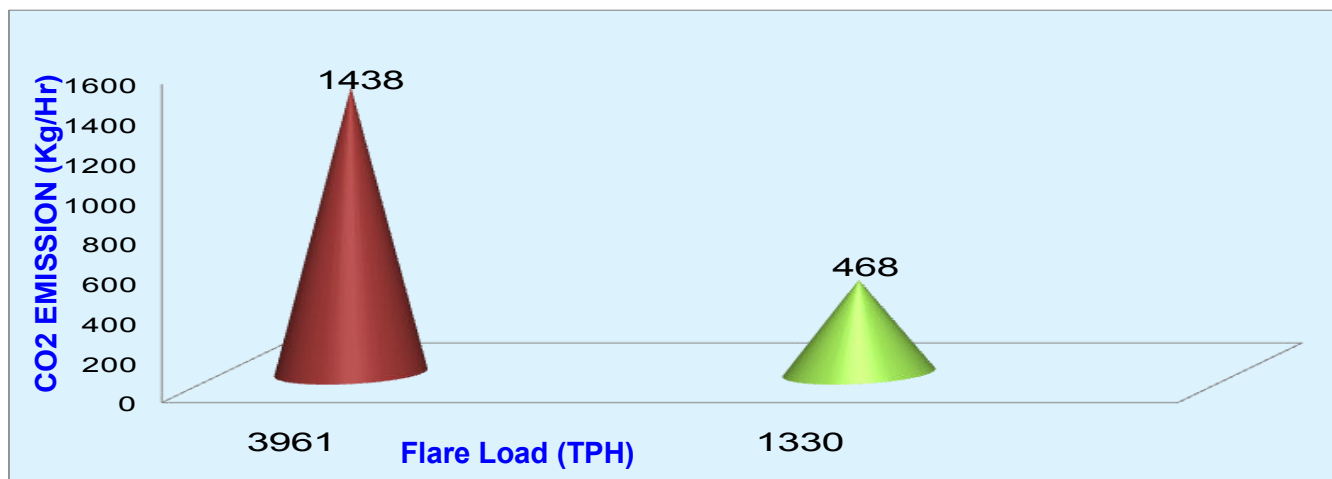
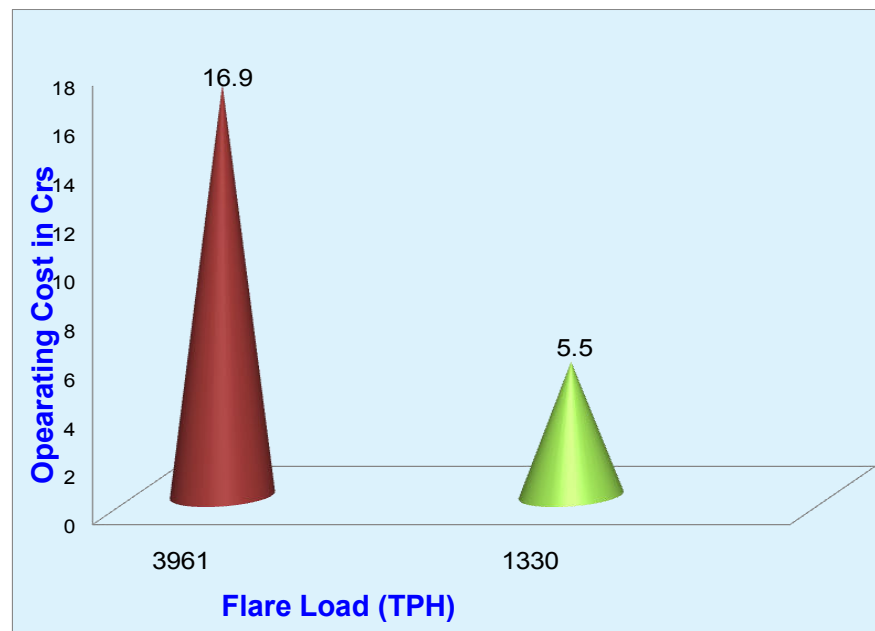
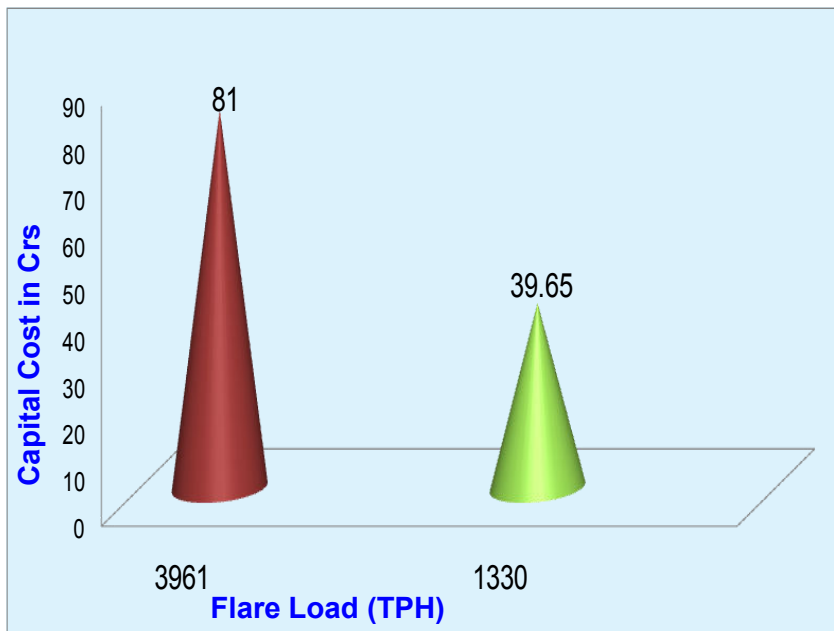
Number of Stack : 02

Stack Height : 145 Meter

Sterile Radius : 90 Meter

KOD(2 Nos) : Diameter : 5 Meter
Length : 18 Meter

CASE STUDY -1: BENEFIT



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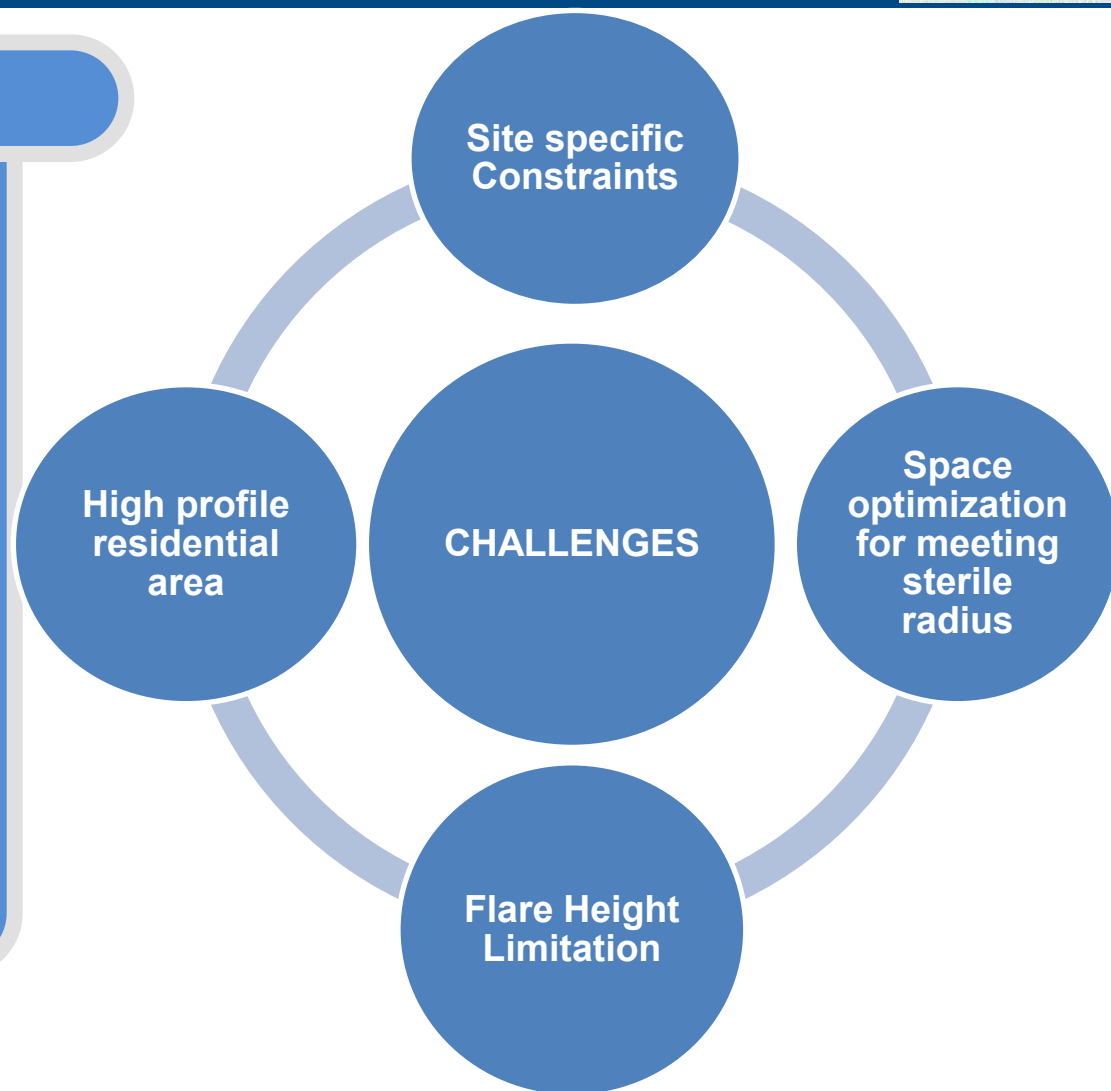
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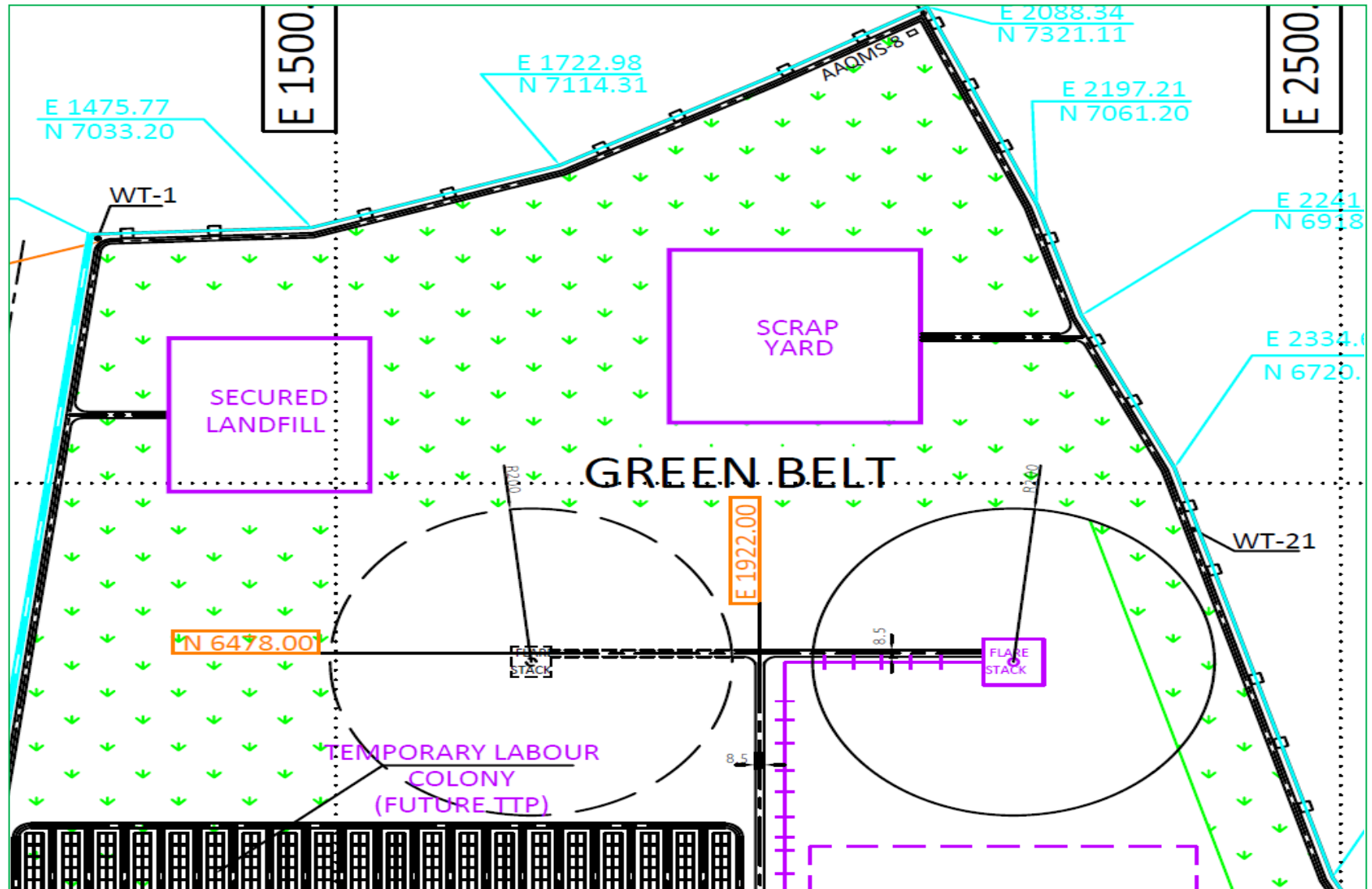


Major Unit

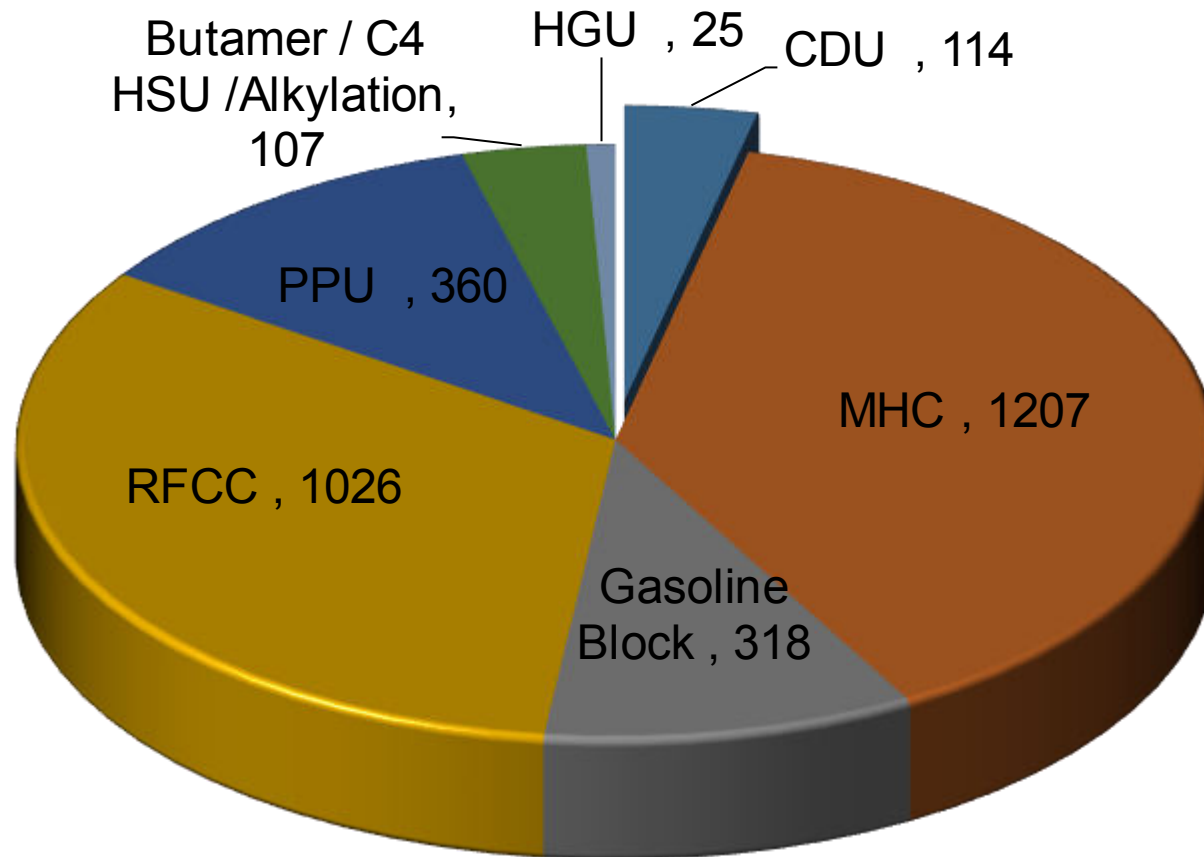
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- ❖RFCCU
- ❖MHC
- ❖HGU
- ❖MS-BLOCK
- ❖C4HYD/BUTAMER
- ❖Alkylation
- ❖FCC Gasoline HDS
- ❖Polypropylene
- ❖CPP and Other Utility Unit



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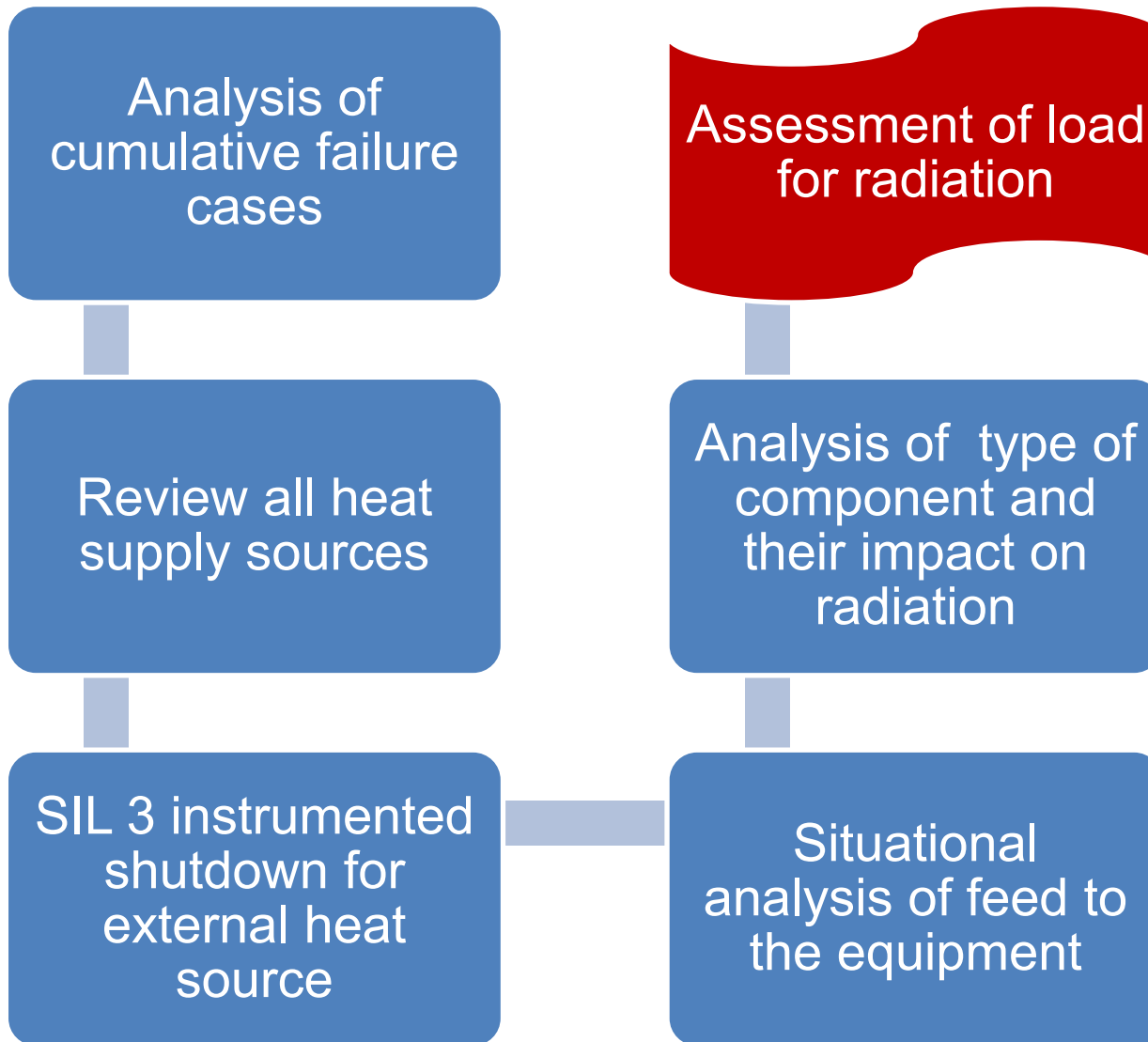


CASE STUDY -2: GRASS ROOT REFINERY-UNMITIGATED



GENERAL POWER FAILURE UNMITIGATED LOADS

CASE STUDY 2: MEANS OF MITIGATION



MITIGATION MEASURES & ANALYSIS



Maximum flare load of **3158 t/h**, which is expected during total electric power failure

CDU and Sat Gas

- ❖ Hi-Hi pressure to shut down steam supply to Sat Gas Reboilers
- ❖ Hi-Hi pressure to shut down steam supply to side Strippers
- ❖ Analysis of components and taking advantage in radiation calculation

MHC

- ❖ Hi-Hi pressure to shut down steam supply to side Strippers and column
- ❖ Natural cooling advantage in the Air cooler design

MS block

- ❖ Hi-Hi pressure to shut down steam supply to Reboilers
- ❖ Taking advantage of vacuum design pressure equipment design pressure increase to limit flare load.

RFCC

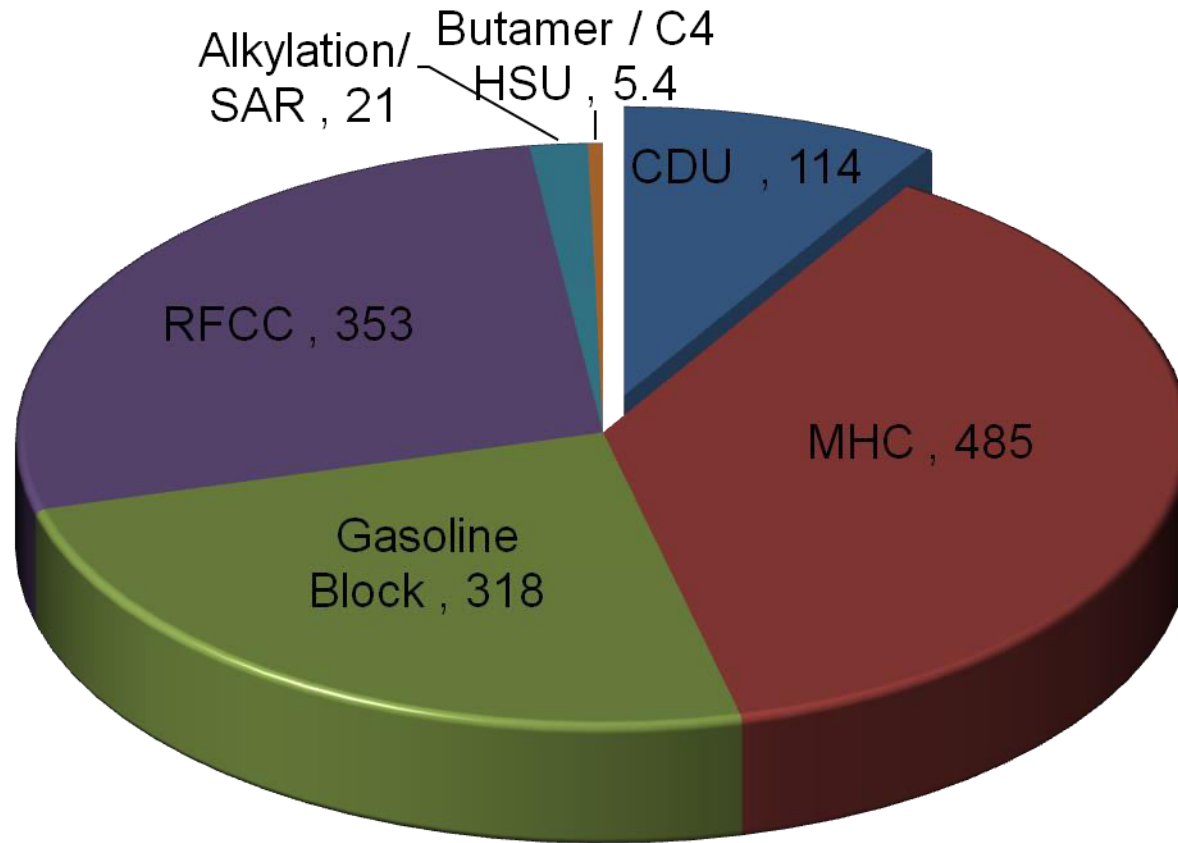
- ❖ Hi-Hi pressure to shut down steam supply to reboiler

C4H/BUTAMER

- ❖ Hi-Hi pressure to shut down steam supply to reboiler

Total flare load after all mitigation measures drops down to **2103 TPH**

CASE STUDY -2: GRASS ROOT REFINERY-MITIGATED



GENERAL POWER FAILURE MITIGATED LOADS

COMPARISON OF GENERAL POWER FAILURE LOADS



Before Mitigation

Unmitigated Load : 3158 TPH

Stack Dia : 92"

Number of Stack : 02

Stack Height : 215 Meter

Sterile Radius : 230 Meter

KOD : Diameter : 6 Meter
Length : 32 Meter

After Mitigation

Mitigated Load : 2103 TPH

Stack Dia : 72"

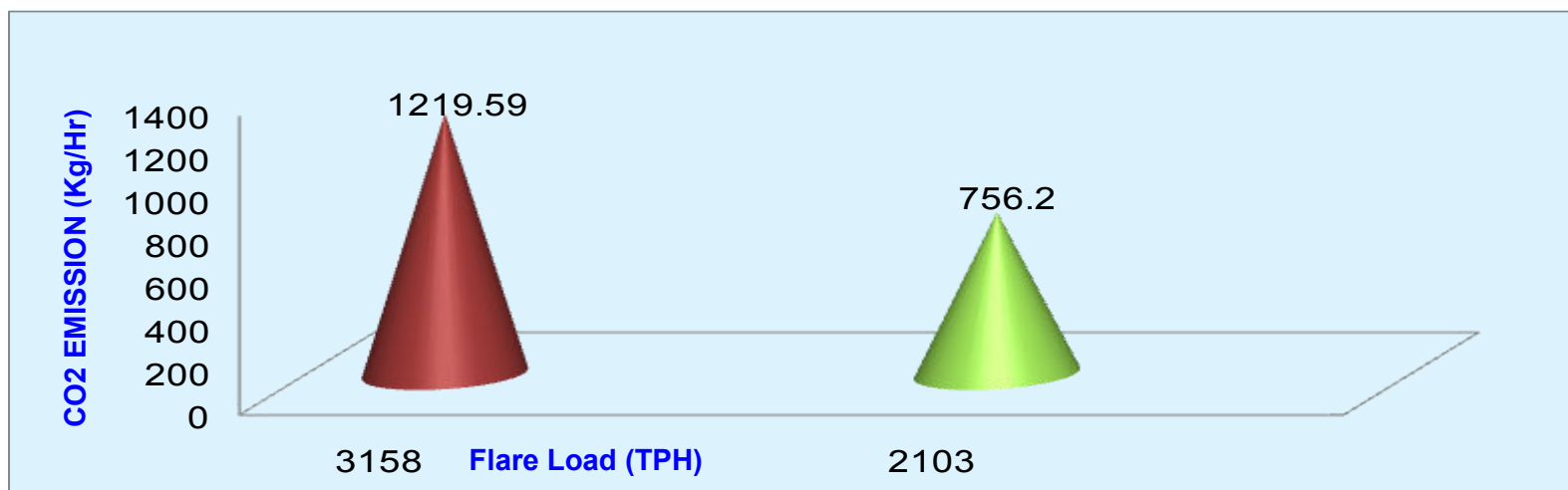
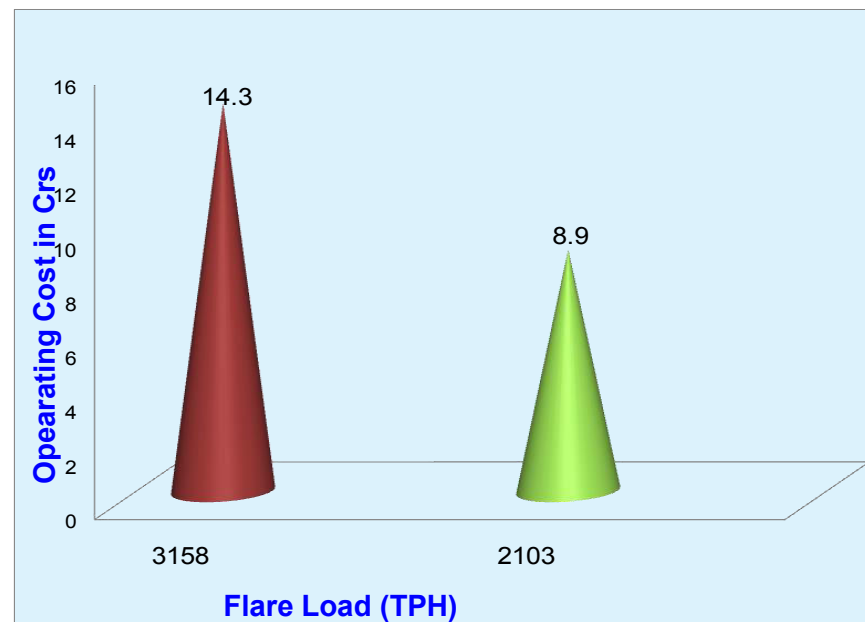
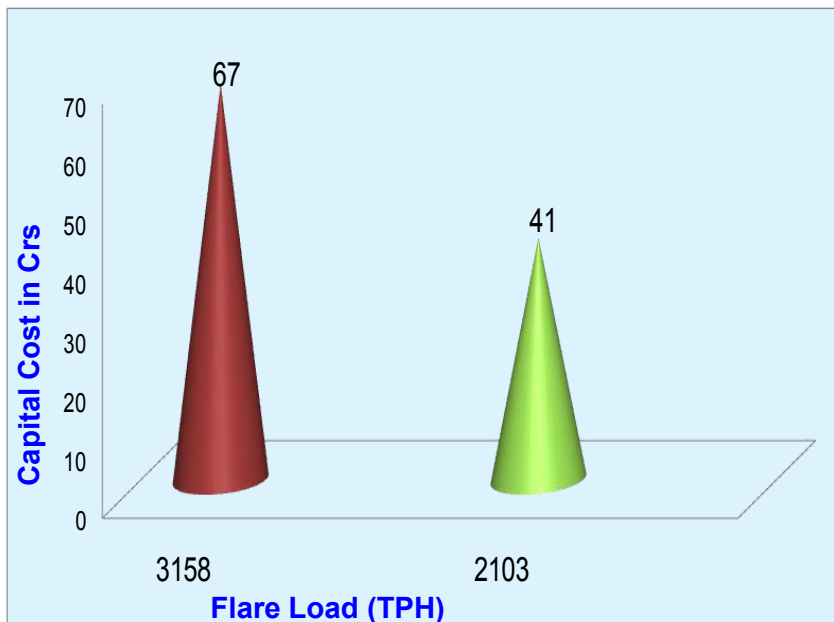
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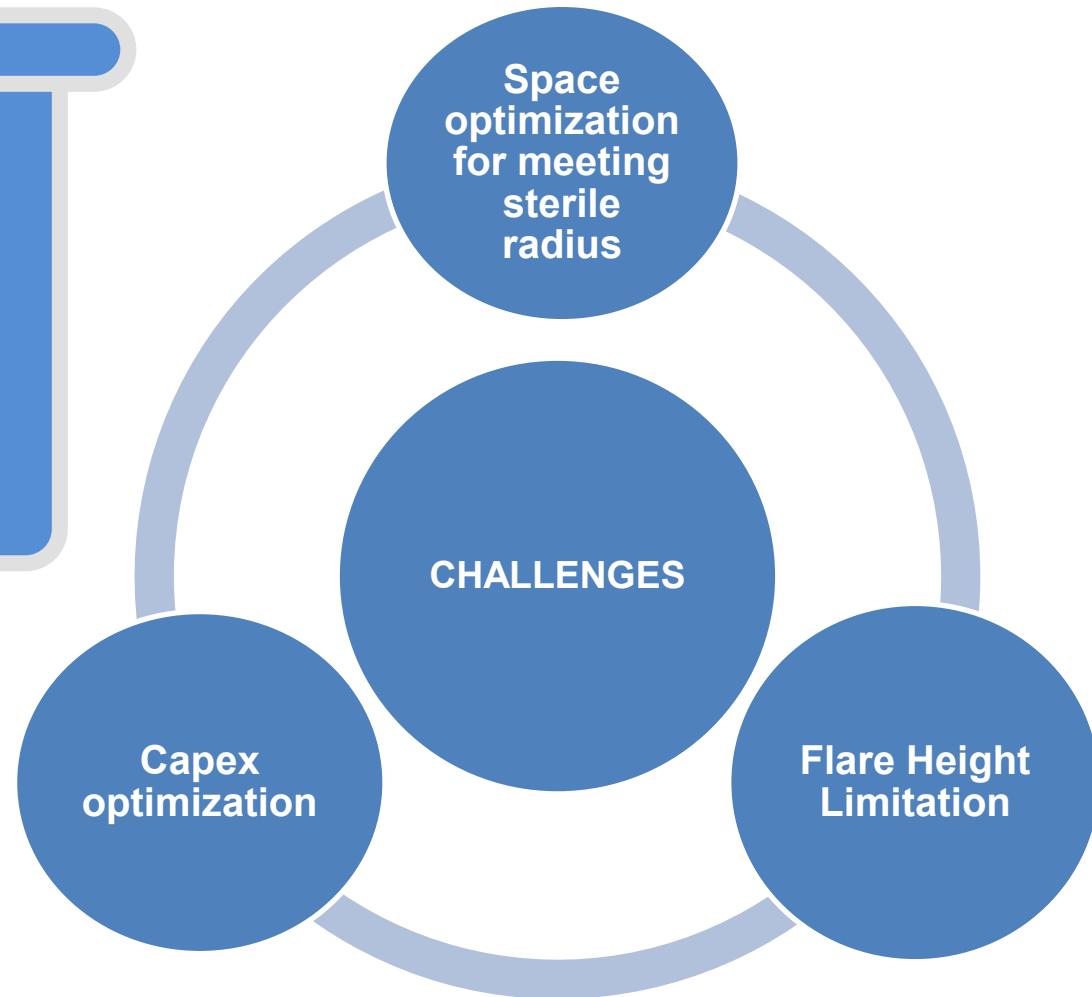
Major Unit

- ❖ Ethylene Cracker
- ❖ PGHU
- ❖ BdEU
- ❖ BzEU

Dynamic simulation

**Carried out
by Licensor**

With detailed design input



MITIGATION MEASURES & ANALYSIS



Total load ~2000 TPH, normally assessed
Dynamic Simulation to assess cumulative load at real time



Maximum flare load of ~1600 t/h, based on real time analysis which is expected after a specific time interval after the total electric power failure

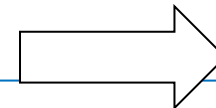


Further reduction: by shutting down some sources, which relieve within the same time interval

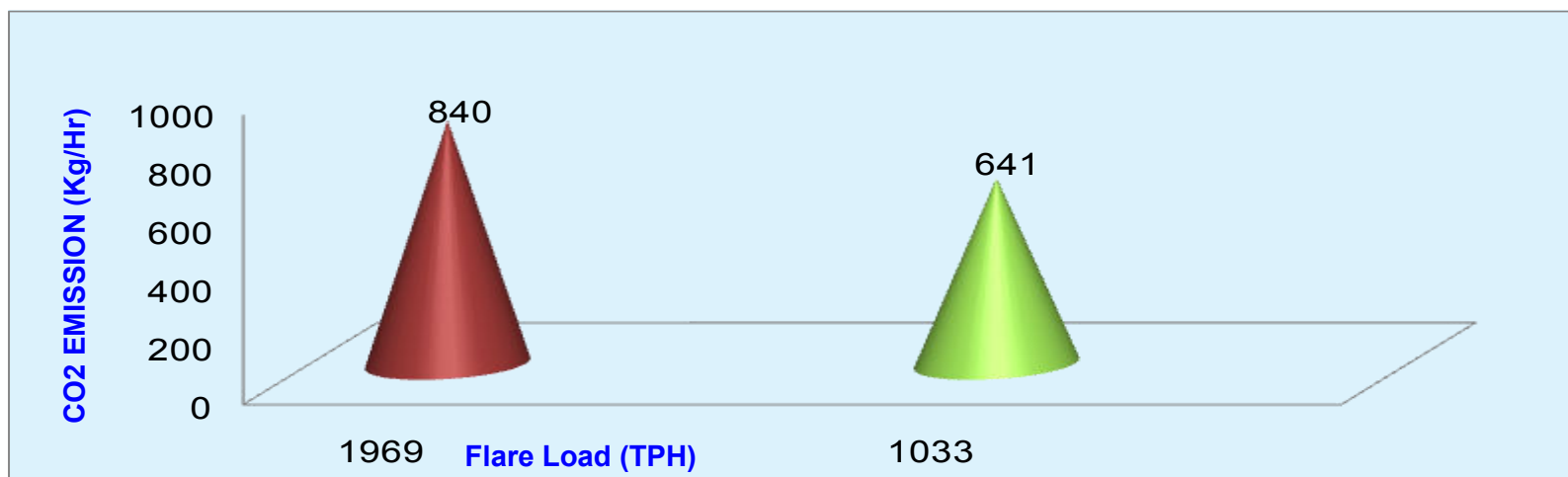
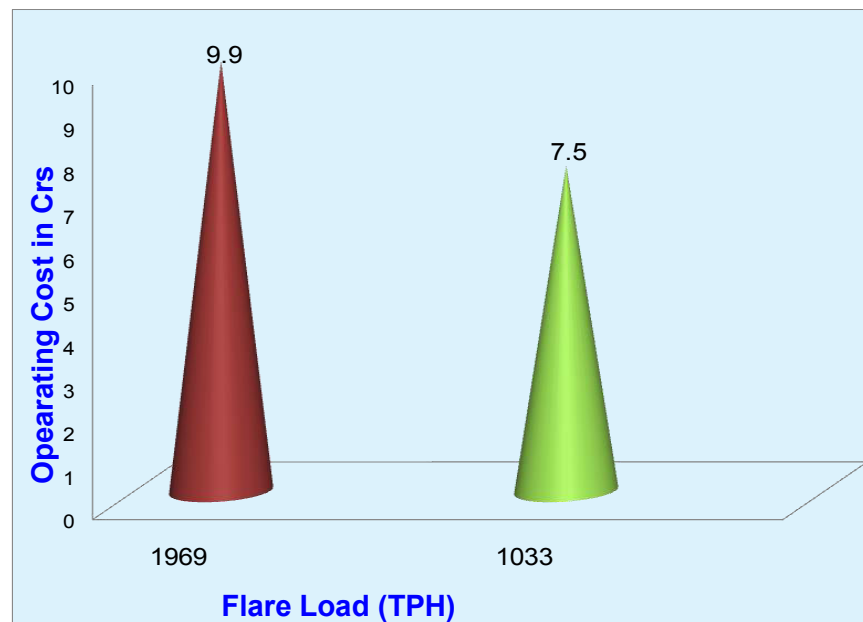
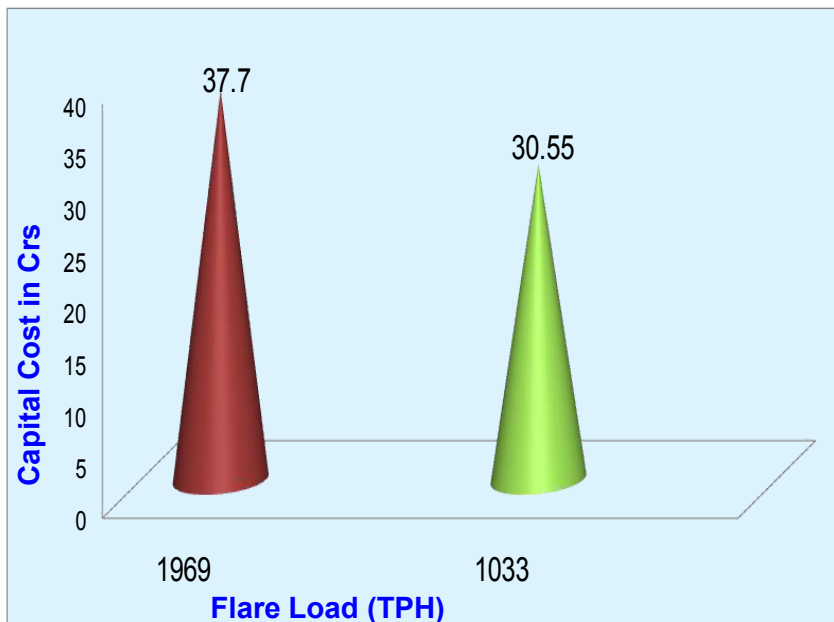


HI- HI pressure shut down of no. of reboilers in Separation section

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SUMMARIZING



With large scale complex and challenge of space availability flare load mitigation exercise is highly recommended even in the grassroots design



The benefits of lower flare header size and lower stack diameter and height need to be considered as part of value engineering exercise



With specific constraints for some complexes, it may be necessary to go for a dynamic simulation



For capacity augmentation or product upgradation projects, addition flare provision is always an issue. Refineries may consider mitigation as a strategy



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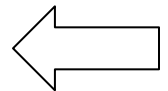


Safety is paramount but availability is important for production.

Safety Instrumented Function (SIF) is a safety function with specified safety Integrity level which is necessary to achieve functional safety. Every SIF has a SIL assigned to it.

➤ **SIL is a measure of risk reduction of safety function failure.**

➤ **In another words, Safety Integrity Level (SIL) is how we measure the probability of failure of a safety function carried out by Safety Instrumented System (SIS).**



QUANTITATIVE REPRESENTATION OF SIL

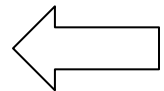


IEC 61511/ 61508 Defines Four Safety Levels to Measure Risks in Handling Plant and its Components.

SIL	PFDavg	Safety Availability	Risk Reduction
4	0.0001-0.00001	0.9999-0.99999	10000-100000
3	0.001-0.0001	0.999-0.9999	1000-10000
2	0.01-0.001	0.99-0.999	100-1000
1	0.1-0.01	0.9-0.99	10-100

PFD : Probability of Failure on Demand

In process industry SIL 3 is the highest. In Nuclear industry SIL 4 may be required.



INFORMATION ON THE SIL LOOP



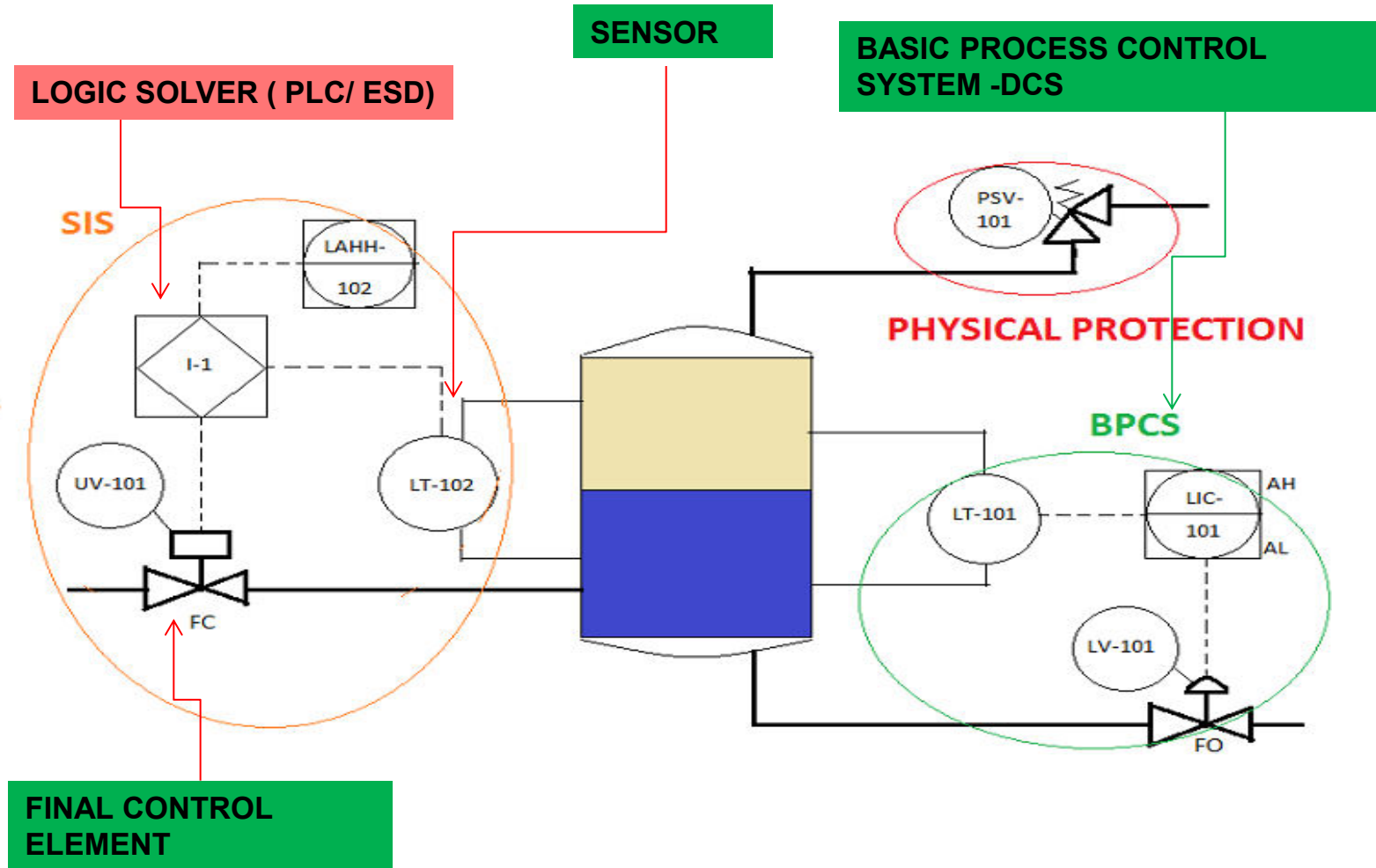
Safety integrity level 4 has the highest level of safety integrity; safety integrity level 1 has the lowest safety integrity.

It is possible to use several lower safety integrity level systems to satisfy the need for a higher level function (for example, using a SIL 2 and a SIL 1 system together to satisfy the need for a SIL 3 function).

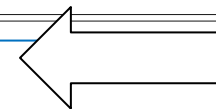
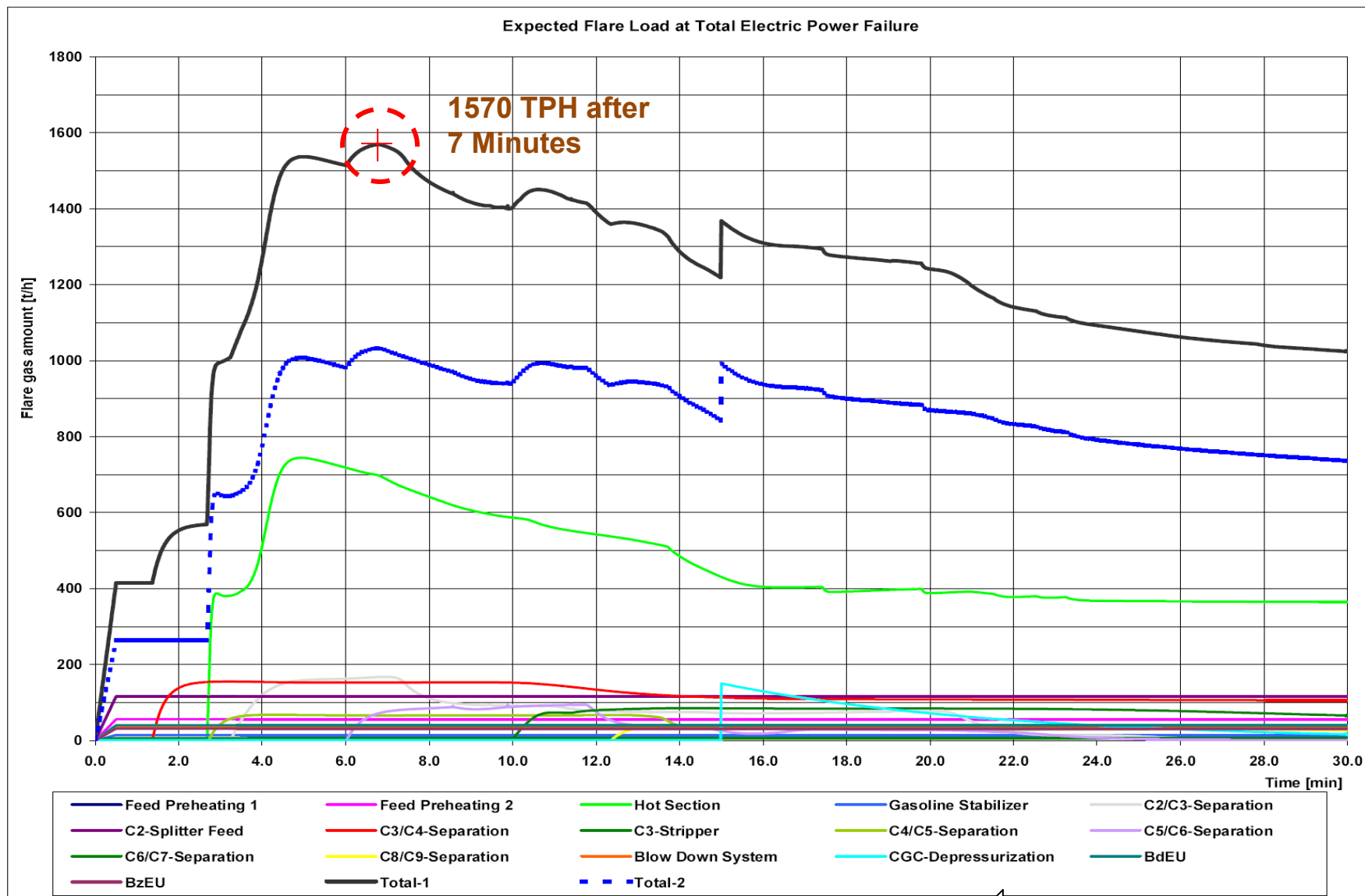
The SIL loop will normally require one or most of the following

- **Addition of sensor elements with appropriate voting**
- **Addition of final control elements with appropriate voting**
- **Providing partial stroke testing on final elements**
- **Reduction of Proof Test Period**

REPRESENTATION OF SIS



CASE STUDY -3: Olefin Complex



RECOMMENDED DESIGN THERMAL RADIATION



Permissible radiation limit btu/hr-ft ²	Conditions
500	Public radius. Personnel with appropriate clothing can be exposed
1500	Personnel with appropriate clothing can be exposed for 2-3 minutes (sterile radius)
2000	Personnel with appropriate clothing can be exposed for 30 seconds
3000	Radiation shield special protective apparel for few seconds

Includes solar radiation which can be varied 250-330 btu/ hr-ft²