



EMERSON EXCHANGE 2025

ACCELERATING INNOVATION



ACCELERATING
INNOVATION

Have a Splitting Headache? Lessons Learned From a Large Zone Split

Disclaimer

The information and/or opinions expressed in this presentation are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent official policy or permission of Emerson or Emerson Exchange.

Important Reminders

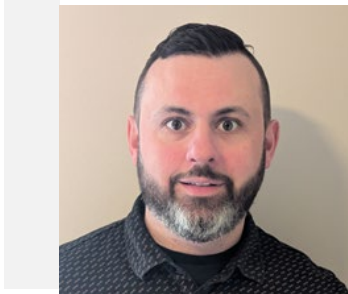
Photography and audio/video recording is not permitted in any session, or in the exhibition areas, without press credentials or written permission from Emerson or Emerson Exchange.

Inquiries should be directed to:
EmersonExchange@Emerson.com



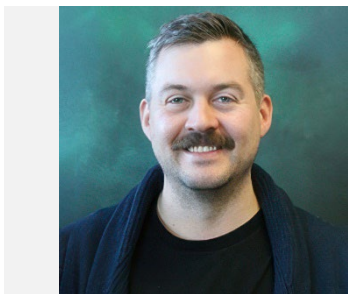
Stewart McLeod

Manager, OT Projects – Cenovus Energy



Tanner Kissel

Manager, OT Systems Security and Infrastructure – Cenovus Energy



Kirk Mitchell

Team Lead, Automation Specialists – Spartan Controls



cenovus

ENERGY



LEGEND

- ▲ Conventional
- Oil Sands
- 🏭 Offshore
- 🏭 Canadian Refining
- 🏭 U.S. Refining
- Crude export pipelines

- 🏭 White Rose
- 🏭 Terra Nova





Spartan Controls

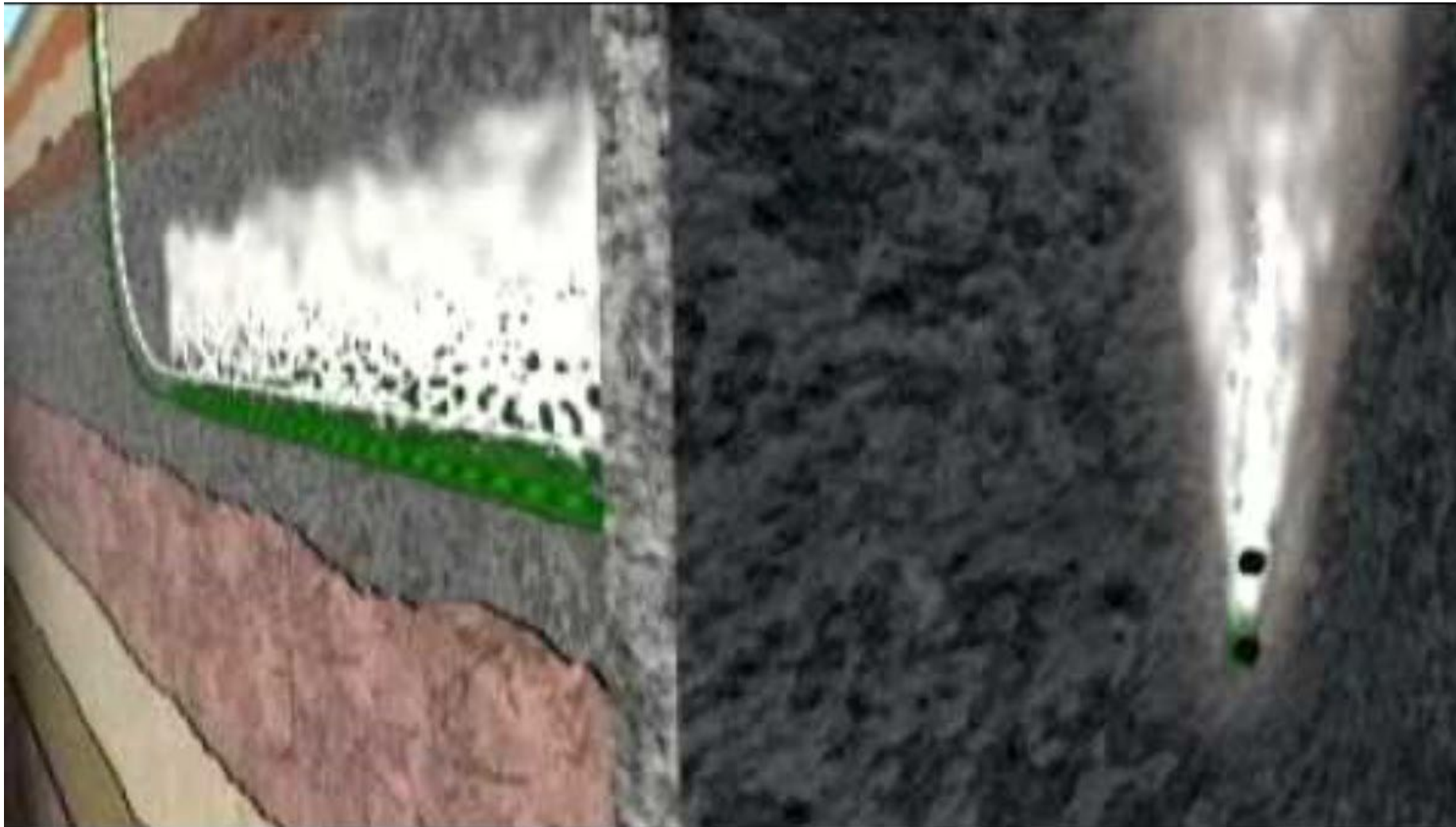
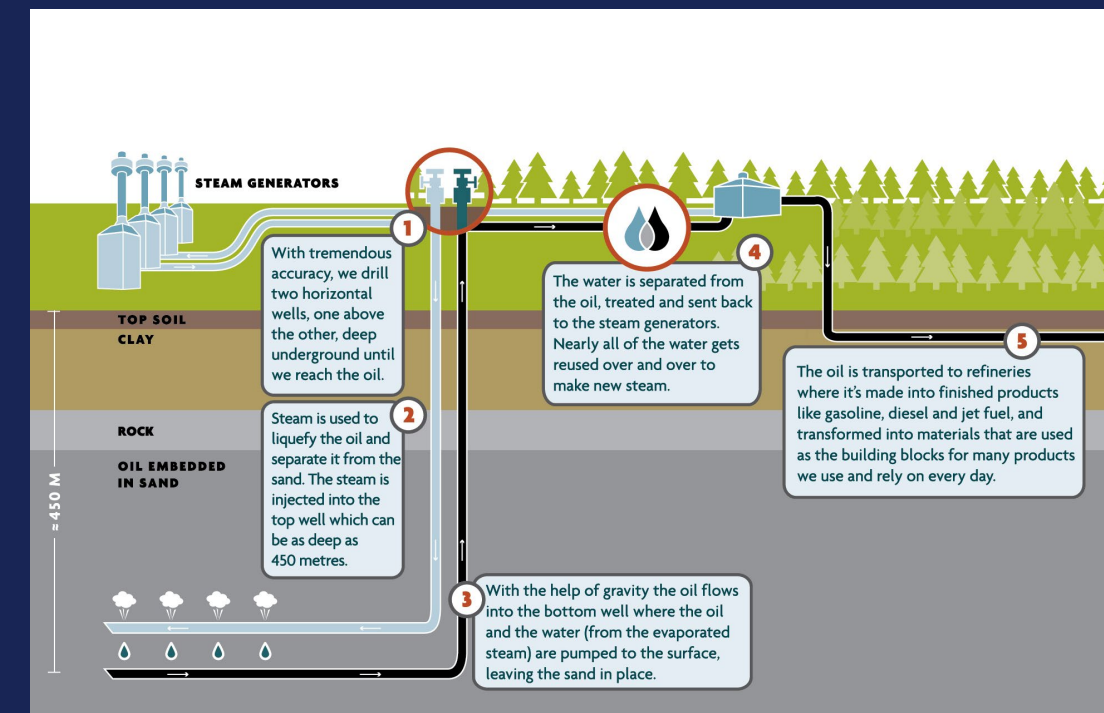
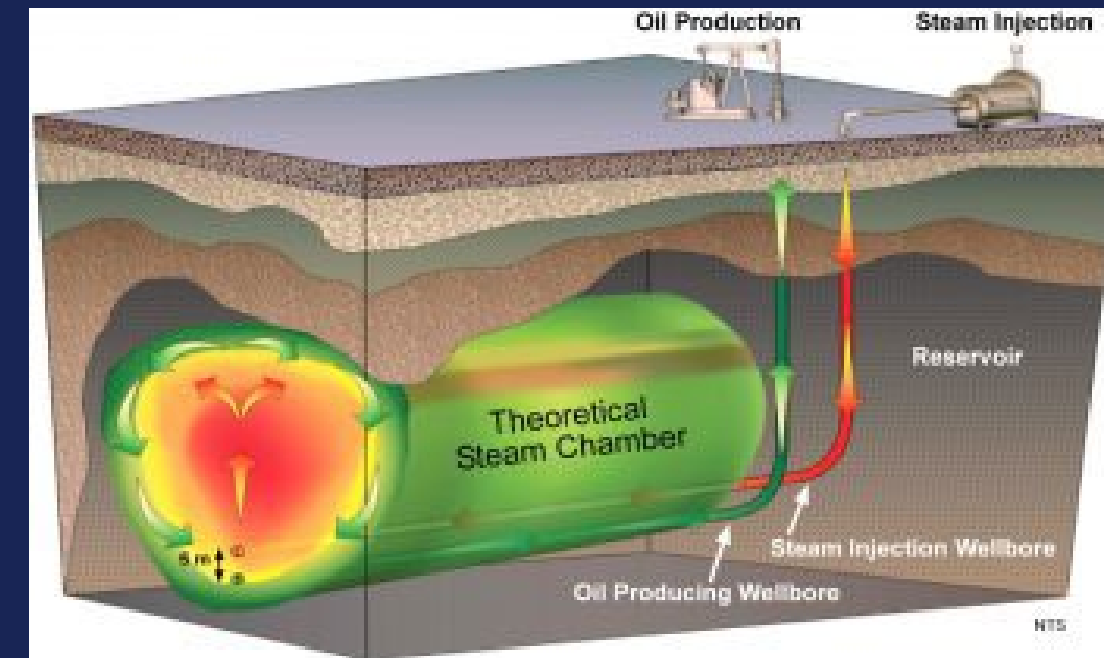
Spartan is the Emerson Impact Partner for Western Canada. We are employee owned and proud to serve our customers in a variety of industries domestically and abroad.

Our vision is to create a Sustainable Modern World with Innovative Automation.

The Challenge

The system grows...

SAGD Growth



Why zone split?

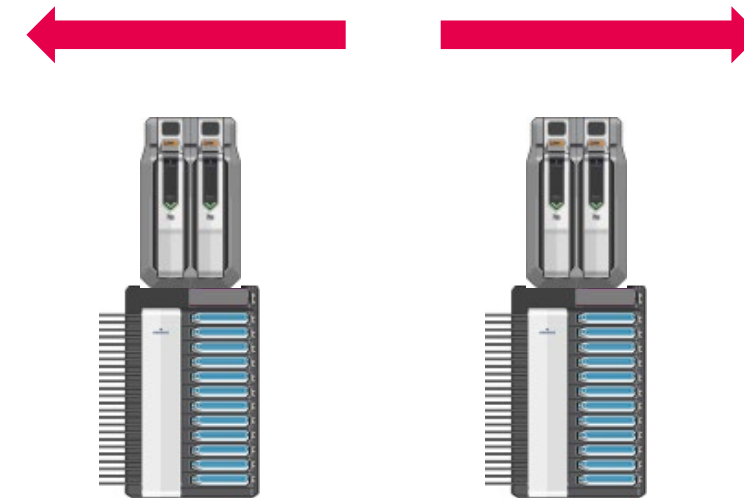
- Original system size:
 - 16625 DST
 - 30 workstations
 - 67 controller pairs
 - 8 embedded IO pairs
- System capacities:
 - 30,000 DST
 - **120 nodes**
 - 100 controllers
 - 300 embedded IO



23

FREE CAPACITY

Only 23 spare node counts for future growth



What we needed to know

BPCS Split

- Network design
- Inter-controller references
- License breakdown
- Inter-zone alarming

SIS Split

- Network design
- Secure references

Other Considerations

- AMS
- Virtual Machine distribution
- L3/DMZ redesign
- Online or Offline (online possible for some customers previously)

FEED Study

- Performed FEED to determine answers to our questions
- Performed on DeltaV v13.3.1
- Previous SAGD splits showed logical split design between Field Facilities (FF) and Central Processing Facility (CPF)
 - Field Facilities and Wellpads can be used interchangeably for this presentation
 - Central Processing Facility includes steam generation, oil treatment, water treatment, and other utilities



The Plan

Tested and ready to execute...

What we planned for

BPCS Split

- Fibre home-runs to main control center
- Rebalance network cables
- Create landing/shadow modules
- Account for SDO (steam demand optimization) parameters between proposed zones
- Inter-zone graphics
- License counts finalized

SIS Split

- Create two rings
- Account for L1 and L2 shutdowns

Auxiliary Application Split

- Create two separate AMS Server Plus instances
- “Split-Ready” virtual host architecture already in place from last upgrade
- Addition of L3 OT network for common assets

How to move data

BPCS Hard Wire

- Setpoints
- PVs for control
- Alarm bits

SIS Hard Wire

- Emergency shutdowns

Soft via Interzone Servers

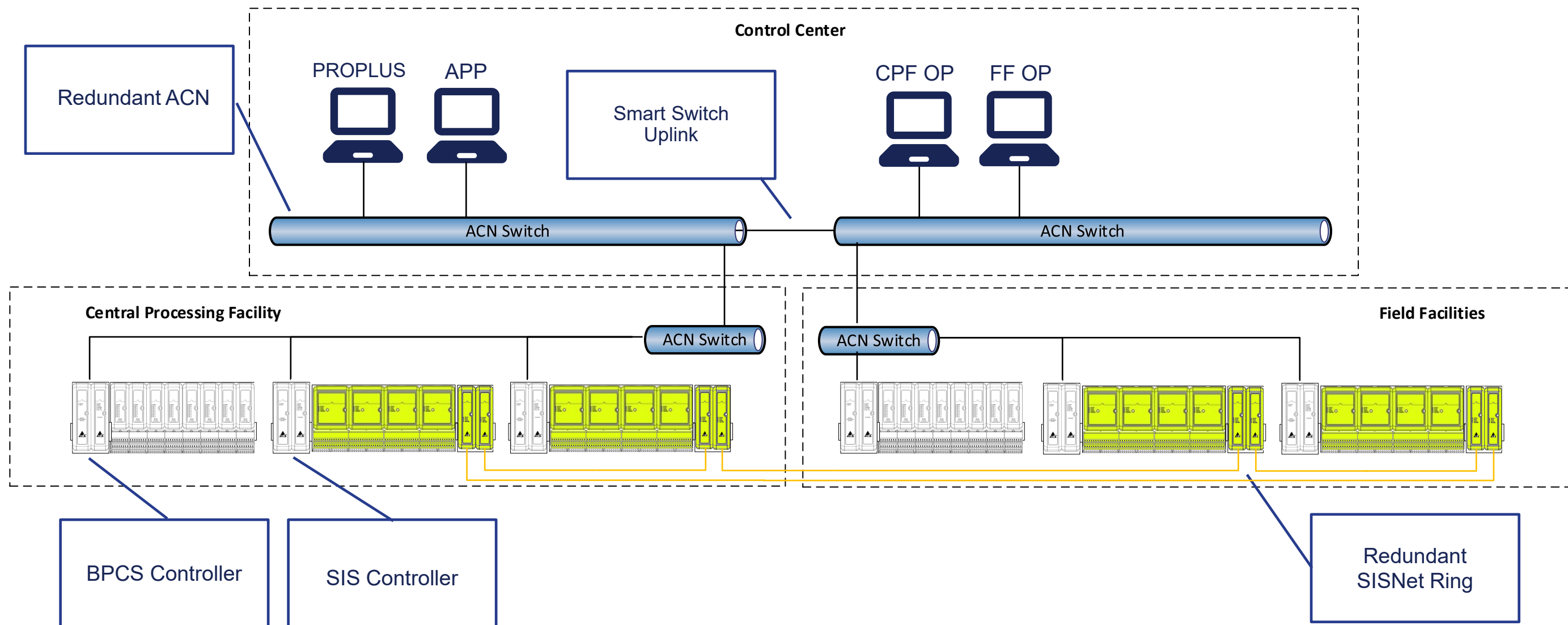
- View-only data

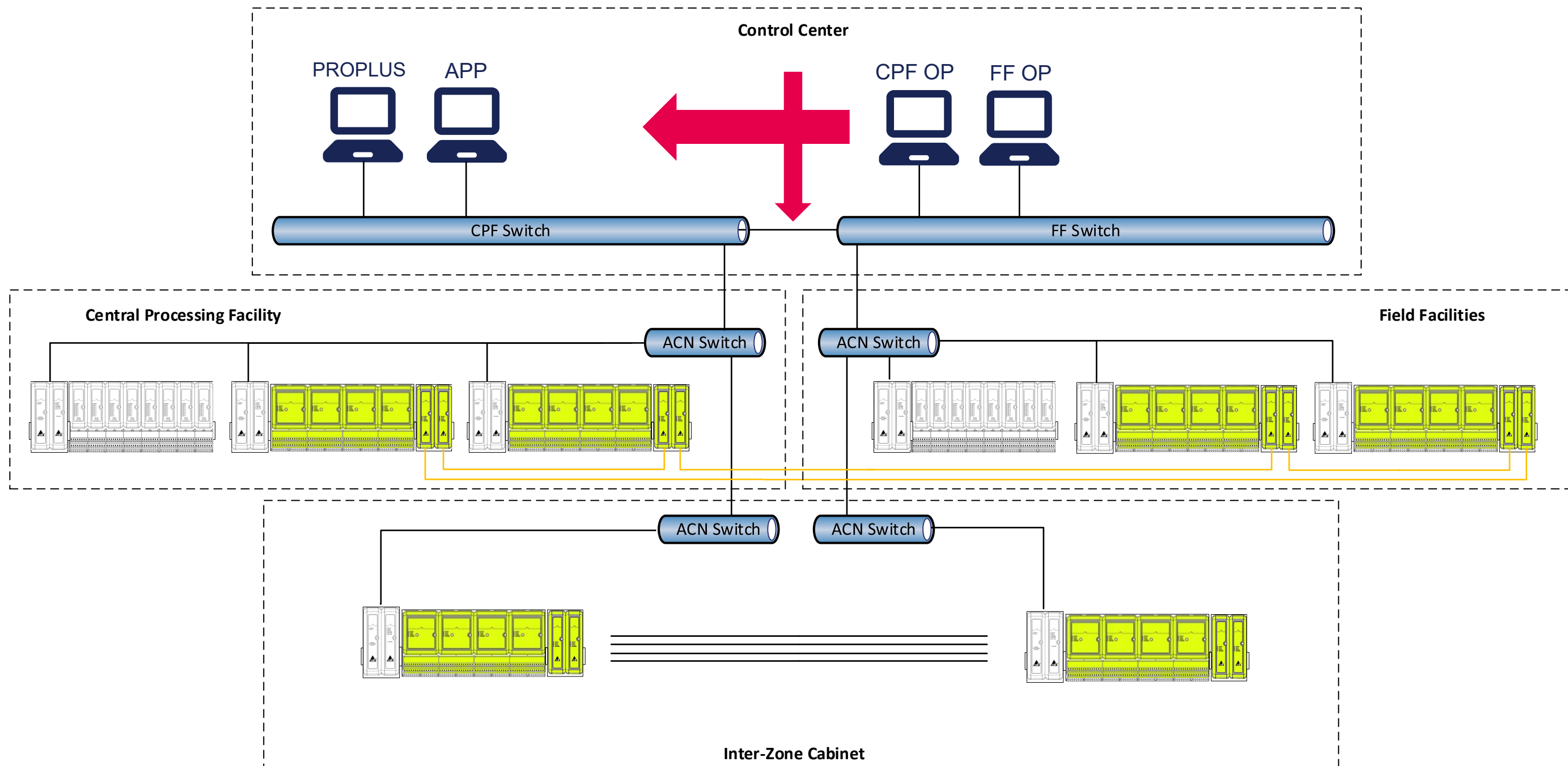
Inter-Zone Cabinet

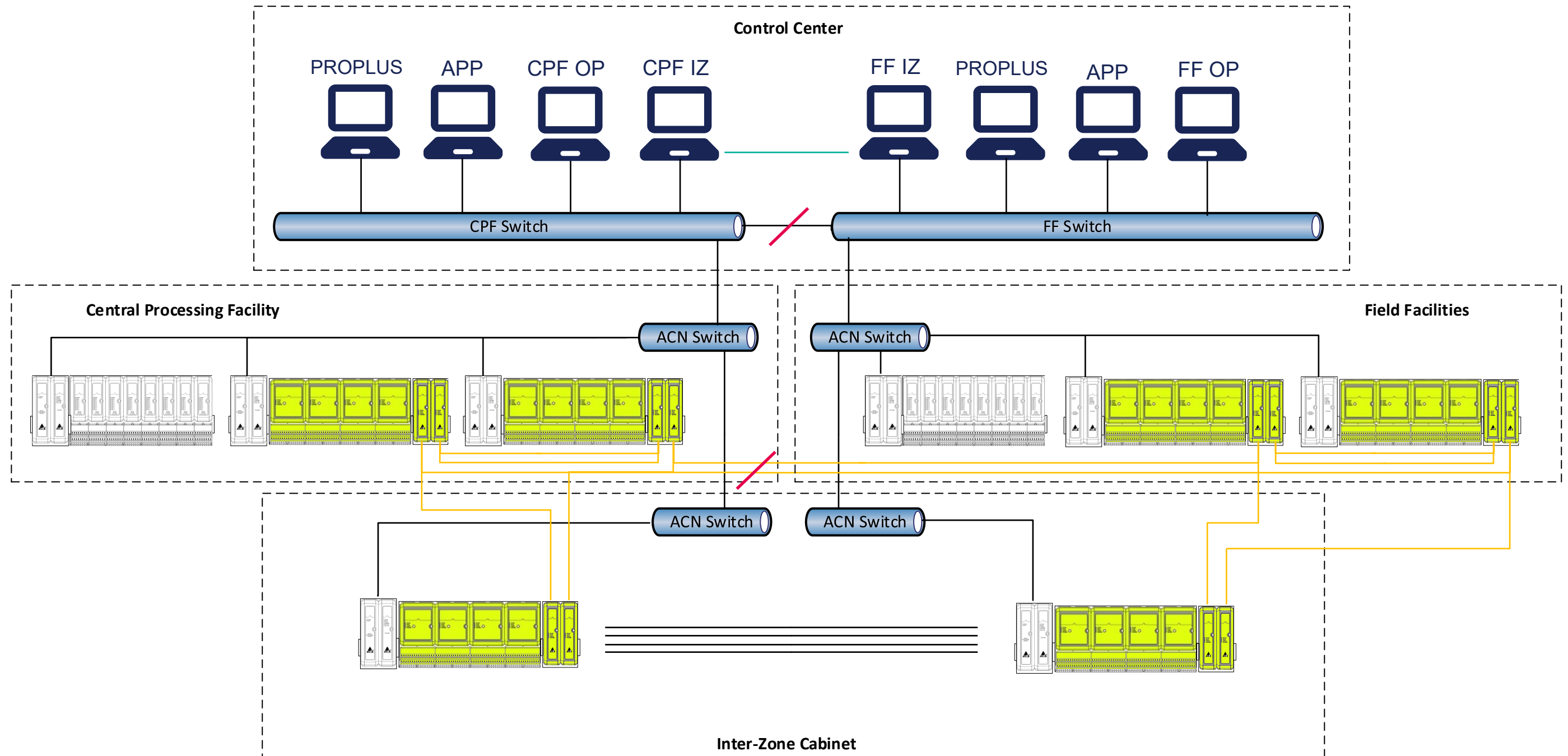
- Flexible solution to move hardware data
- Install prior to split
- Scalable



Pre-split topology







Execution Disturbances

Everybody has a plan until...

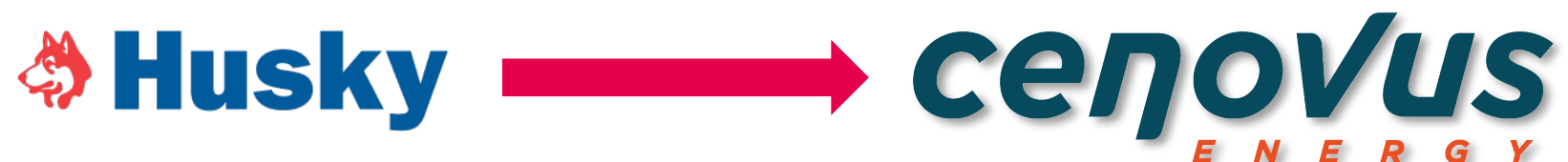
COVID-19 Hits

- Project put on hold
- Non-essential changes and personnel to be restricted at site



Husky and Cenovus

- Cenovus Energy and Husky Oil merger January 1, 2021.



- Corporate reorganization changed to centralized management structure of control systems support team with limited DeltaV experience.
- Initial assessment was there would be no new growth plans at Sunrise so the project was put on hold in February 2021.
- By October 2022, new development and optimization plans triggered the requirement to complete the Zone-split project.

Site Changes

- DeltaV upgraded from v13.3.1 to v14.LTS
- New process area added to site since Husky FAT
- Inter-zone cabinet parts used as spares (COVID supply chain)

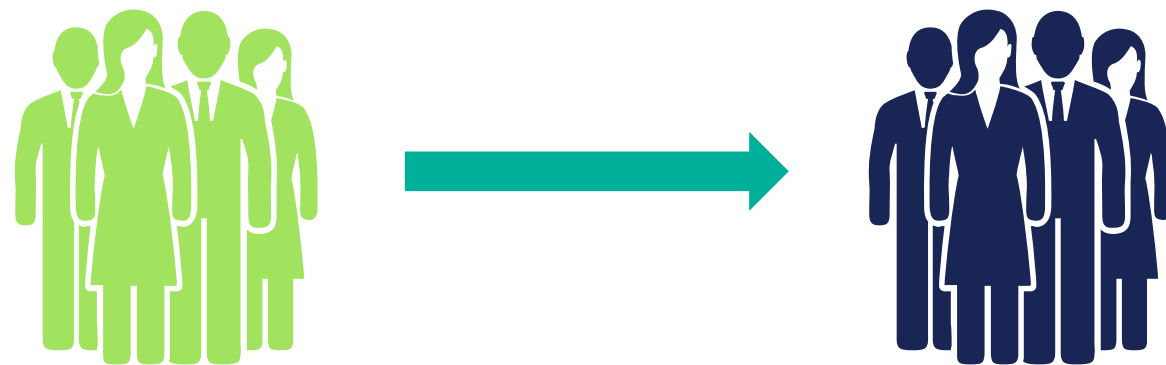


The New Plan

Adapting to new realities...

Restoration

- Project kicked off with new execution teams in 2023
- Original project team deployed to new assignments



New Changes

- New areas added to plant since FAT completed in 2020
- Retested interzone parameters and determined no additional IO was required in the interzone cabinet

Row: Referenced Column: Referencing	C11WED01	C11AW601	11LCS-101	11LPC-101	30DWC-001	30LPC-001	30SDS-001	80WCS-001	80WCS-002	80LPC-001	80LPC-002	80LPC-005	80LPC-701	80LPC-702	80LPC-702A	80LPC-703	80LPC-703A	80LPC-803	80LPC-804	81WCS-701	81WCS-801	81LPC-801	81LPC-802	81LPC-803	81LPC-701	81LPC-702	81LPC-702A	81LPC-703	81LPC-703A	81LPC-803	81LPC-804	81LPC-806	81LPC-704				
0B-PCS-001																																					
0B-PCS-002																																					
0B-SDS-003																																					
0C-PCS-001							1																														
0C-PCS-002																																					
0C-SDS-003																																					
0D-PCS-001																																					
0D-PCS-002																																					
0D-SDS-003																																					
0E-PCS-001																																					
0E-PCS-002																																					
0E-SDS-003																																					
0G-PCS-001																																					
0G-PCS-002																																					
0G-SDS-003																																					
0H-PCS-001																																					
0H-PCS-002																																					
0H-SDS-003																																					
0L-PCS-001																																					
0L-PCS-002																																					
0L-SDS-003																																					
0M-PCS-001																																					
0M-PCS-002																																					
0M-SDS-003																																					
0N-PCS-001																																					
0N-PCS-002																																					
0N-SDS-003																																					
B0521-PCS-80801																																					
B0521-SIS-80801																																					
B0621-PCS-80801																																					
B0621-SIS-80801																																					
B1316-PCS-80801																																					
B1316-SIS-80801																																					
0K_EIOC																																					
0K_EIOC_A																																					
0K_EIOC_B																																					
0S_EIOC																																					
0S_EIOC_A																																					
0S_EIOC_B																																					
CG1-PCS-001																																					
CG1-SDS-002																																					

Improved OT Topology

- Creation of L3 network for common assets
- Backup servers, Endpoint Protection, etc.



Outcomes

And then there were two...

Positioned for Growth

- New zones positioned for growth
- DeltaV performance improved



Lessons Learned

To split or not to split?

How did it go?

- ✓ Minimal post-split support required
- ✓ Core software outages kept to a minimum
- ✓ SISNet fiber work – done right the first time
- ✓ Critical work condensed to one day during production outage

- ⬆️ Overall project budget increased with multiple restarts
- 📄 Small number of graphics touch-ups required (never going to catch them all)



People Are Key

- Require high level technical resources to plan, execute, and adapt to unknowns that come up at site
- Site Team:
 - Spartan Project Lead
 - Spartan OT Specialist
 - Spartan SIS Certified SME
 - Spartan AMS/Reliability Specialist
 - Cenovus OT Specialist
 - Cenovus Automation Specialist
 - Local Fiber Specialist
 - Cenovus OT Architect (L3 Networks)
- Project Management:
 - Spartan Project Manager
 - Cenovus Project Manager



Sage Advice

- The best zone split is the split you never need to perform
- When designing large facilities, consider:
 - Operational divisions
 - Logical/physical segregations of plant areas
 - Forecasted growth
 - Synchronicity of maintenance/outage activities





EMERSON EXCHANGE 2025

ACCELERATING
INNOVATION

Thank You