

# Repowering LAX: District Cooling, TES and CHP Blend

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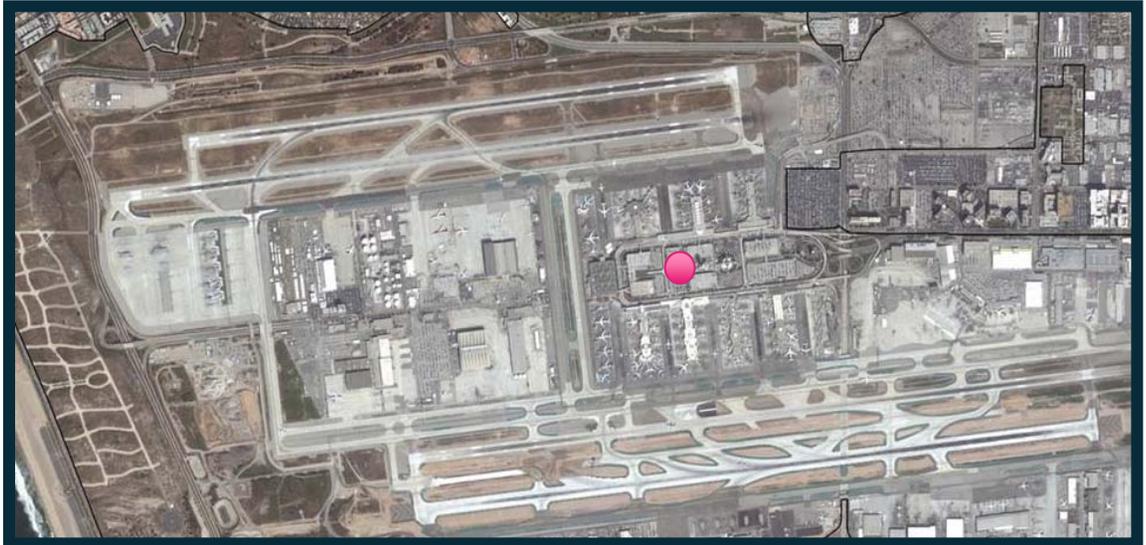
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# Presentation overview

- Introduction to LAX
- LAX modernization program
- LAX Central Utility Plant (CUP) - overview and challenges
- Getting the energy blend right
- System economics
- Questions

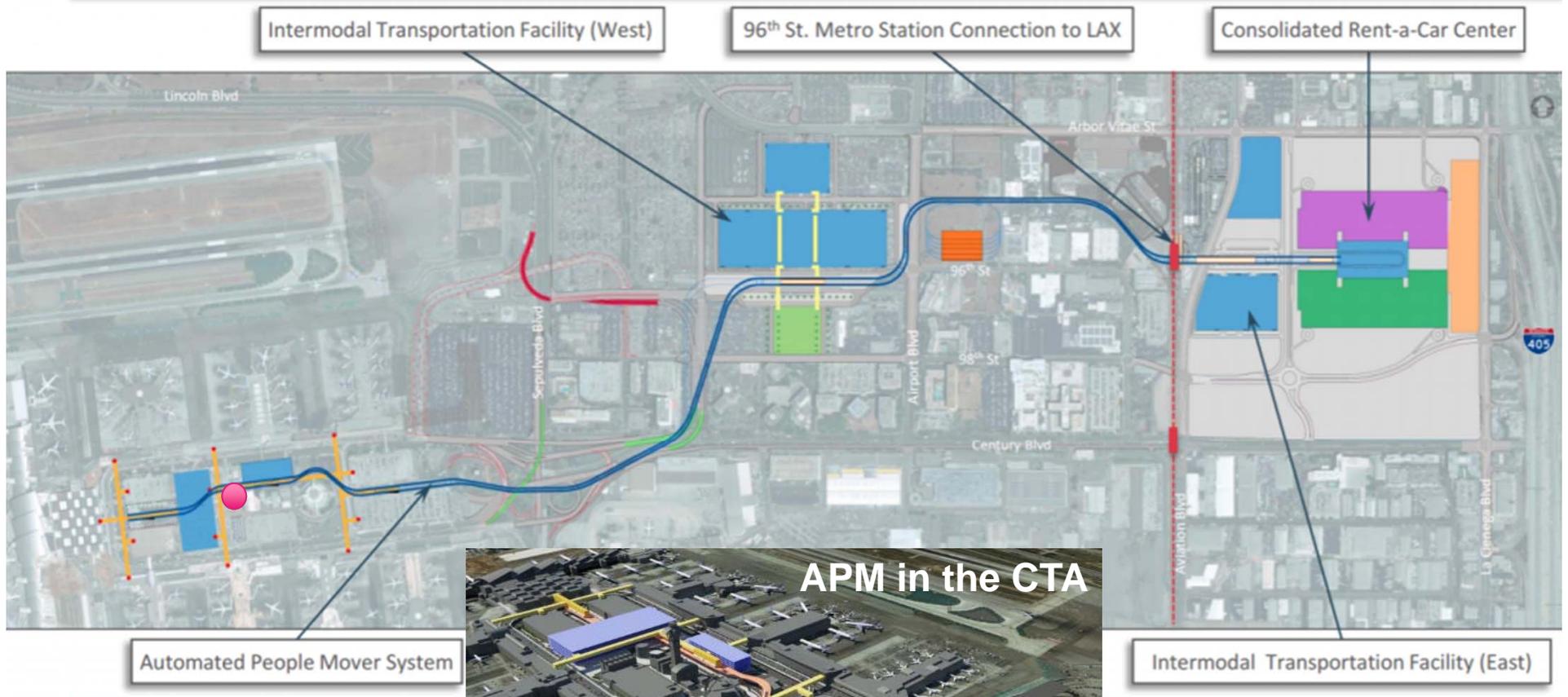
# Introduction to LAX



# LAX modernization program: 2013-18



# LAX Landside Transportation Program



# LAX CUP – Overview and Challenges



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# Existing CUP

- Existing CUP - 1961  
Vintage, Partial  
Renovation -1983
- Capacity - Load  
Demand has Grown
- Aged Facility and  
Equipment
- Inefficient
- Unreliable



# New CUP – the facts



- Chilled water system could cool 373,500 homes
- 9 miles of new distribution utilities to service the existing terminals
- Heating hot water system could heat 16,200 homes
- Structural steel moment frame of new CUP has a weight equal to 28 x A320-200 Airbus planes

# Project objectives

- Replace the 50 year old central utility plant
- Improve overall building systems efficiency
  - Variable CHW & HW Flow (less pumping power)
  - Improved Delta T ( $12^{\circ}$  F to  $16^{\circ}$  F  $\Delta$ T CHW &  $29^{\circ}$  F to  $50^{\circ}$  F  $\Delta$ T HHW)
  - Cogeneration (Cycle efficiency. Natural Gas in lieu of electricity)
- Improve systems reliability
- Control, Monitor, Measurement, Verification, and Optimization of Energy Use
- Incorporate Sustainable Building Design and Practices
- Reduce Air Emissions



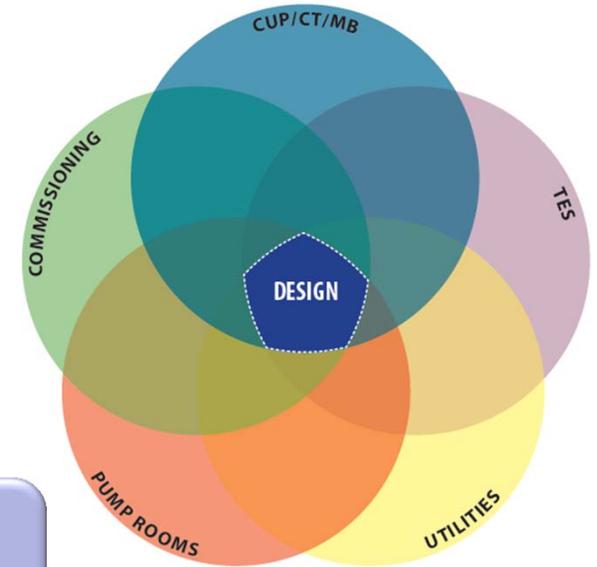
# CUP project team

**Owner**  
Los Angeles World  
Airports (LAWA)  
Airport Development  
Group (ADG)

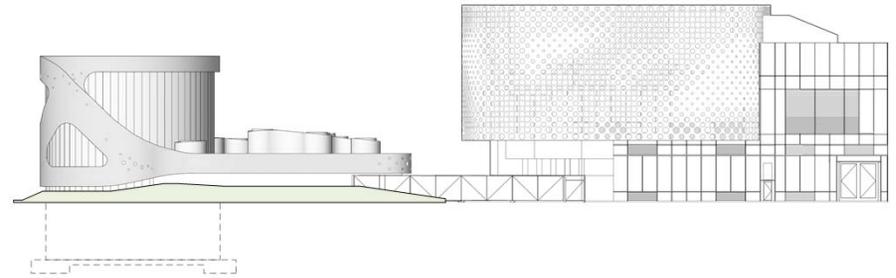
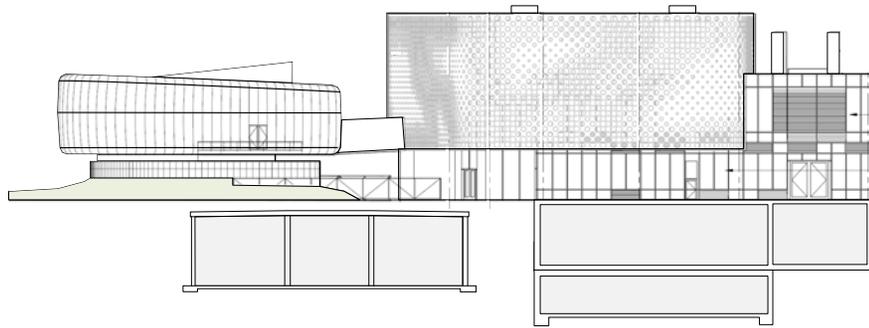
**Design-Builder**  
Clark-McCarthy A Joint Venture

**Design**  
Arup – Engineer of Record & Lead A/E  
Gruen – Architect of Record  
PID – Cogen Specialist  
KSG – Power Systems Consultant  
Greenform – LEED Consultant

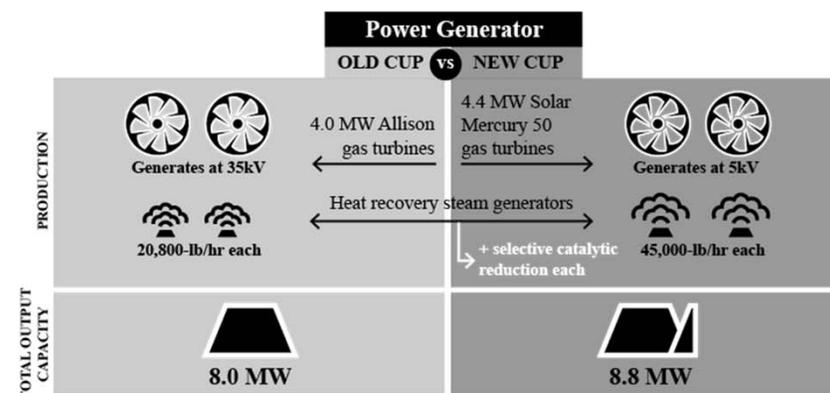
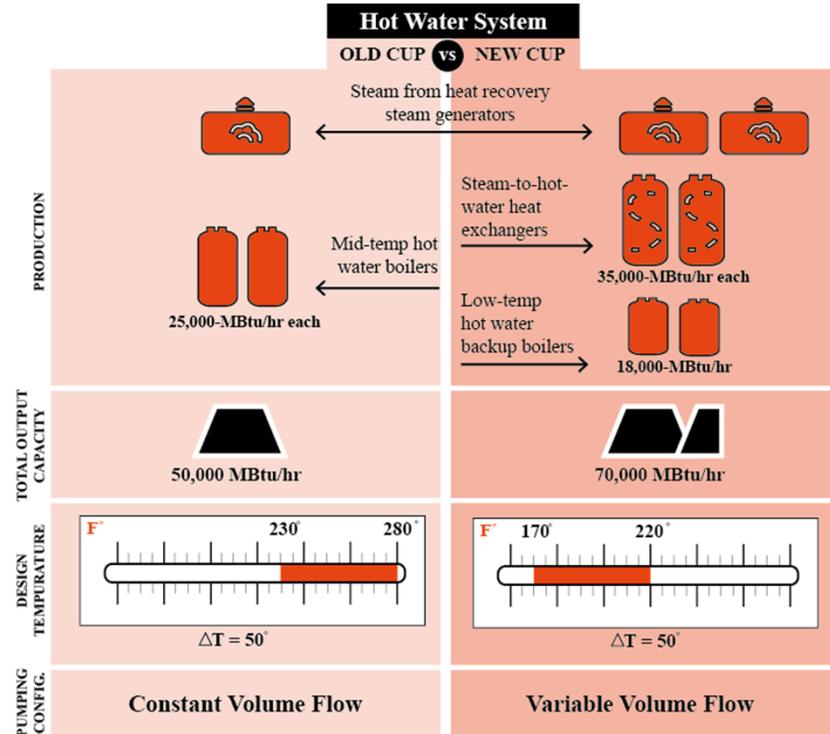
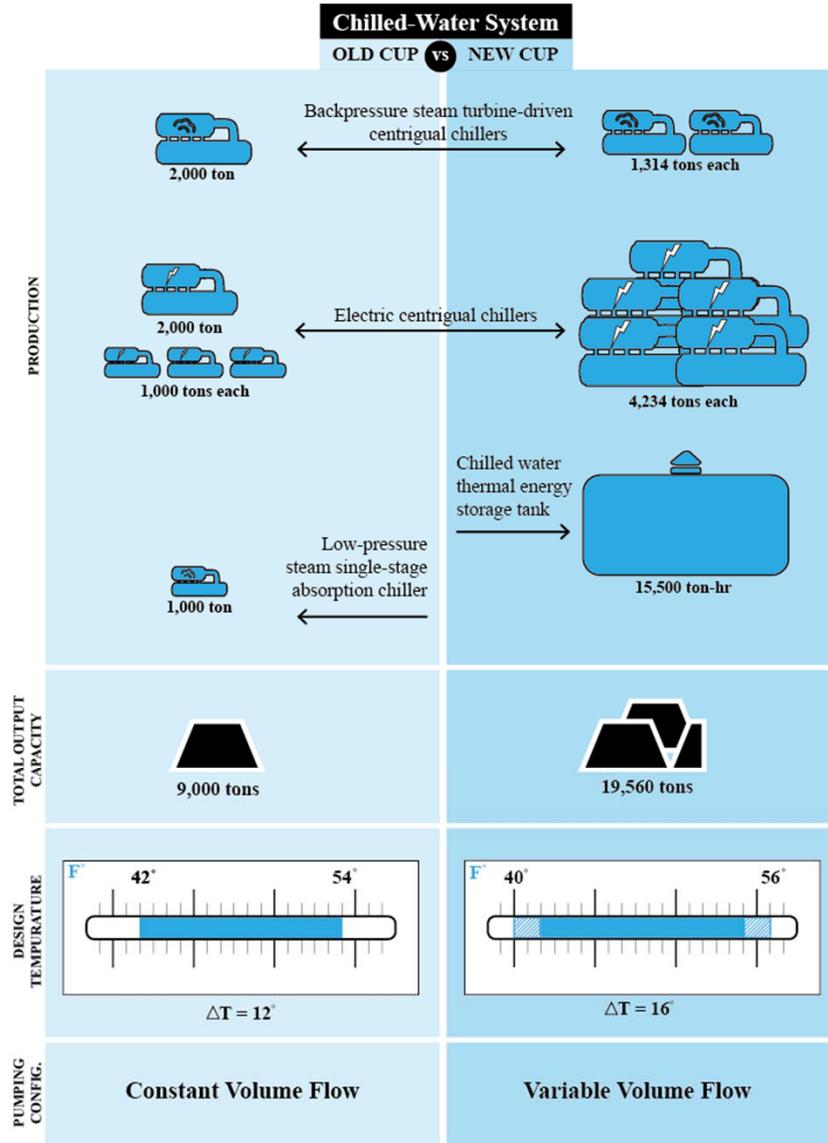
**Build**  
Murray Co. – Mechanical  
Sasco – Electrical  
JCI – Controls  
WA Rasic – Civil/Utilities  
Schuff – Steel  
Conco – Concrete



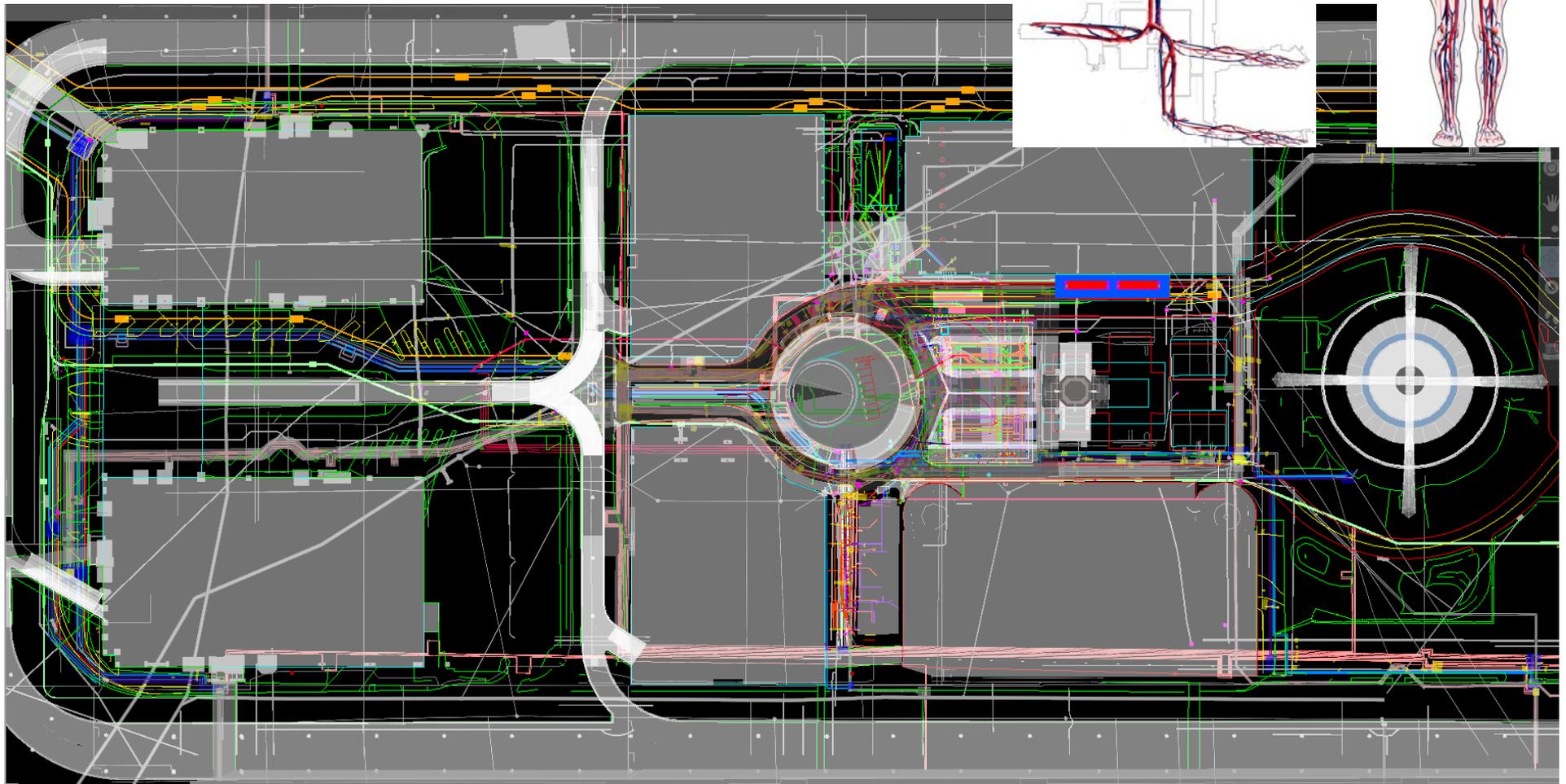
# RFP Design vs Reference Design



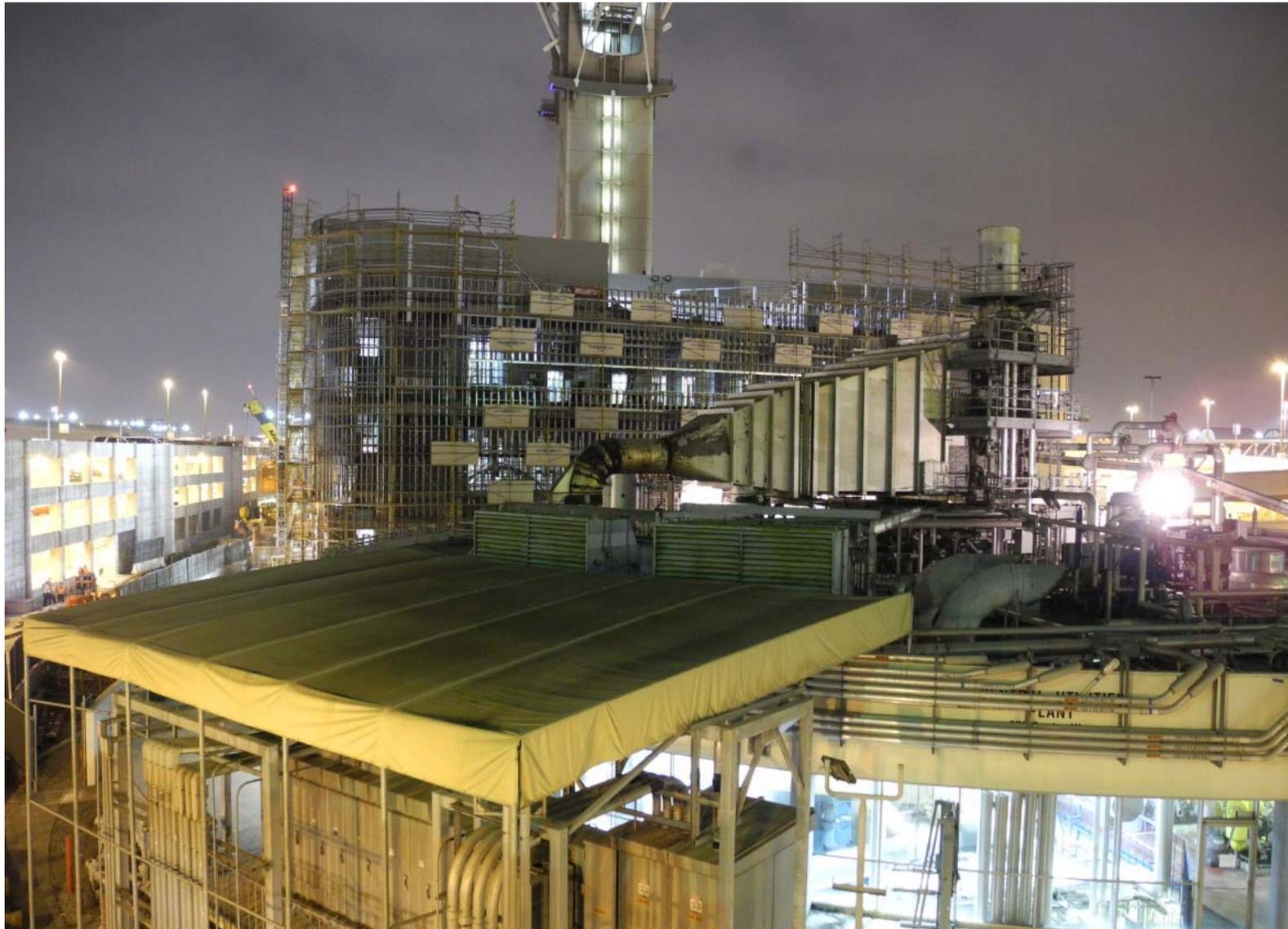
# CUP comparisons



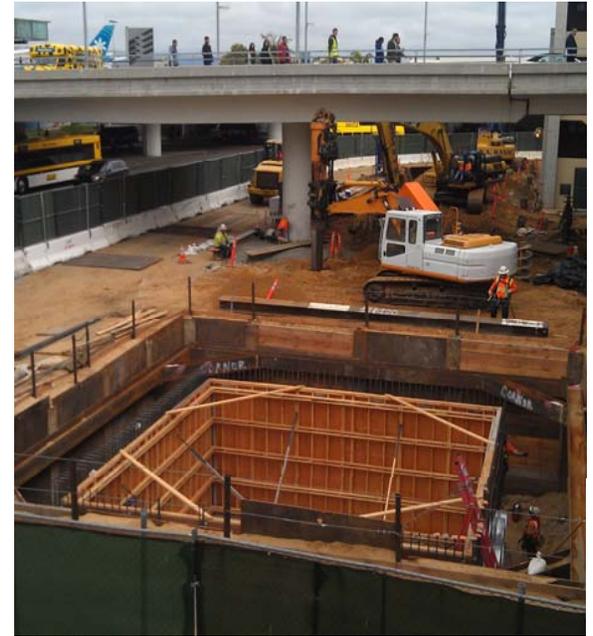
# Challenges - site distribution



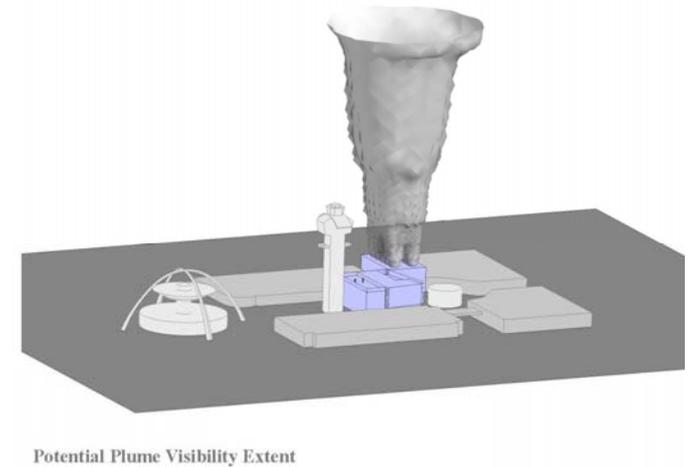
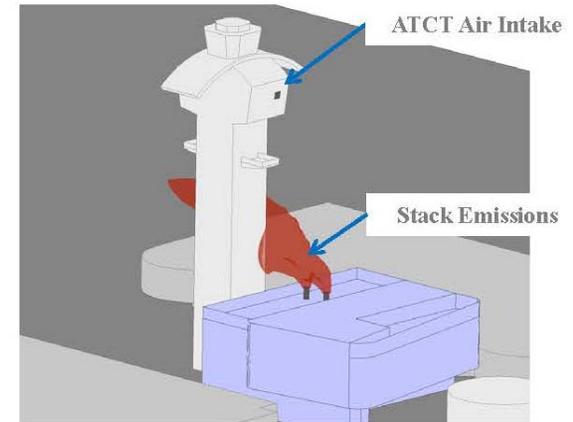
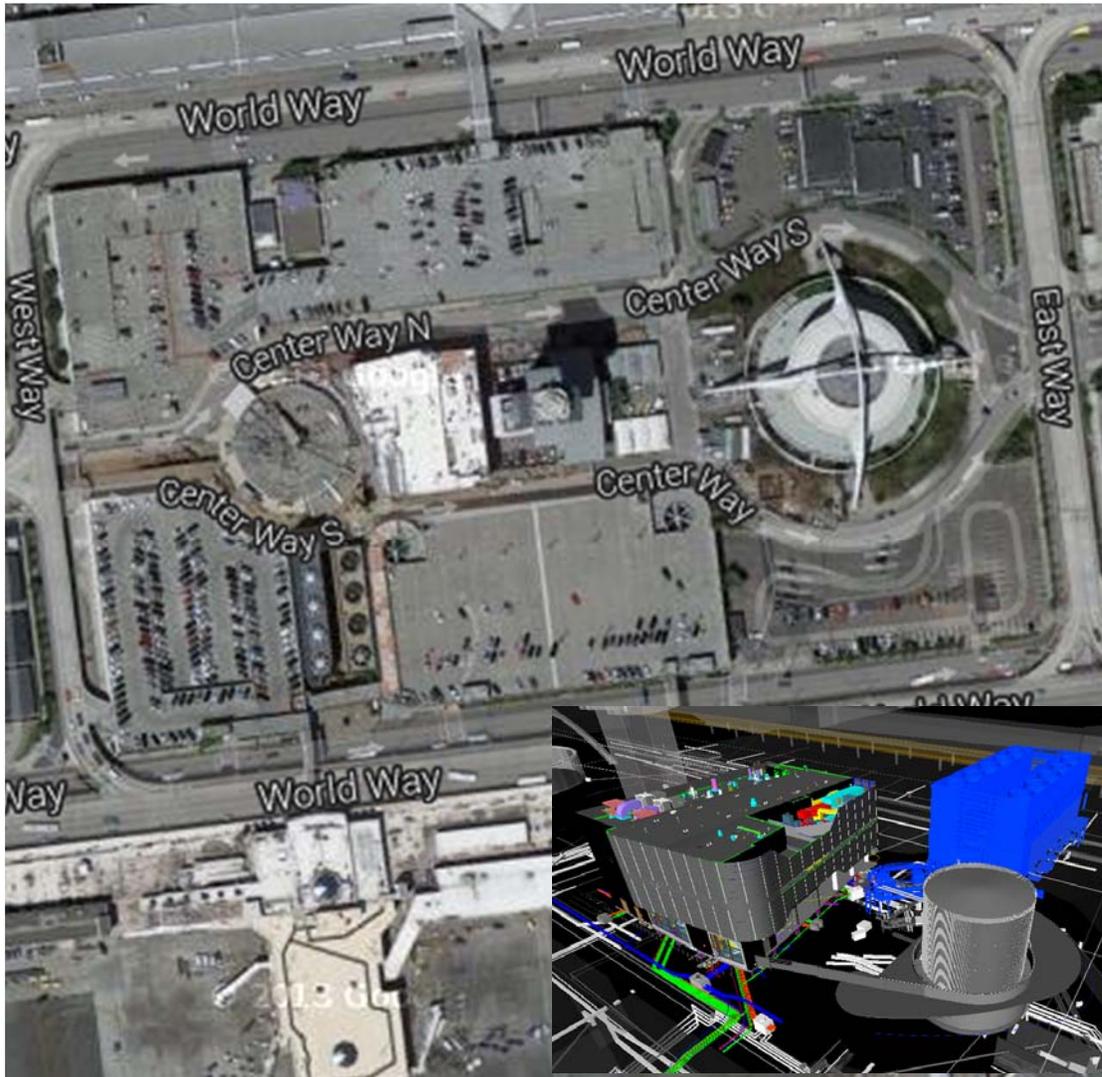
# Challenges – proximity to critical facilities



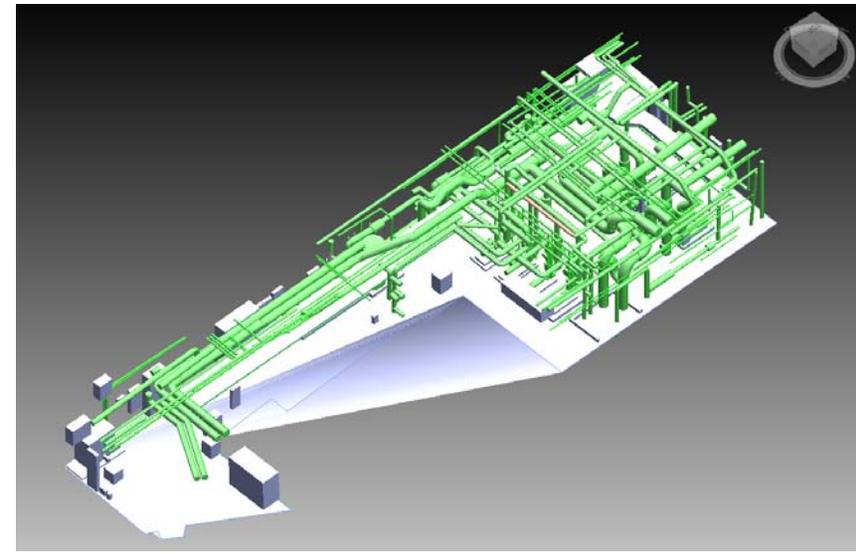
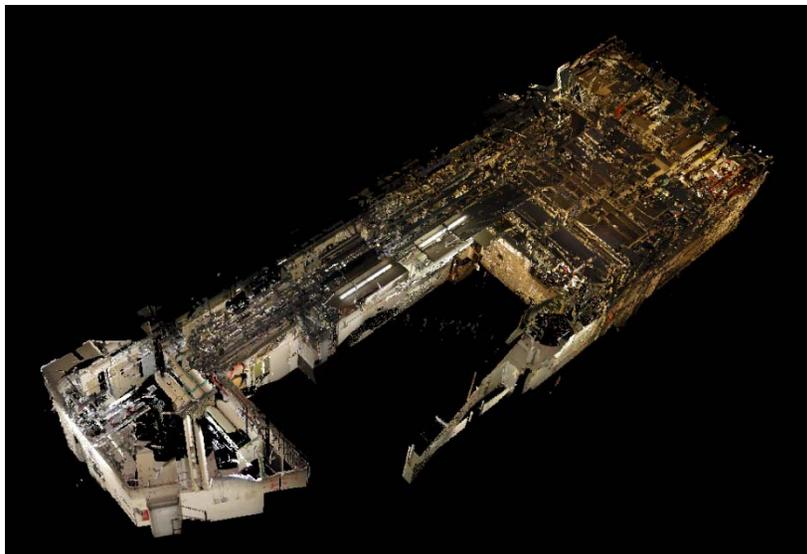
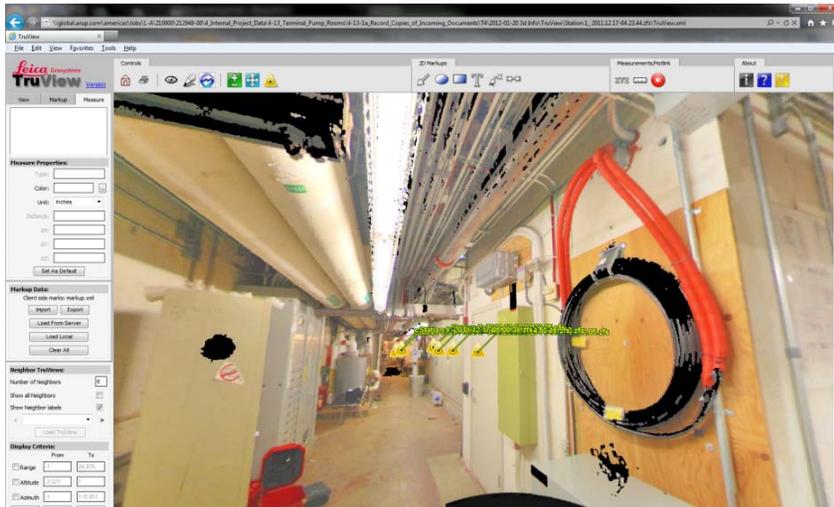
# Challenges – keeping the CTA operating



# Challenges – cooling tower phasing



# Challenges – terminal pump room upgrades



# Getting the energy blend right



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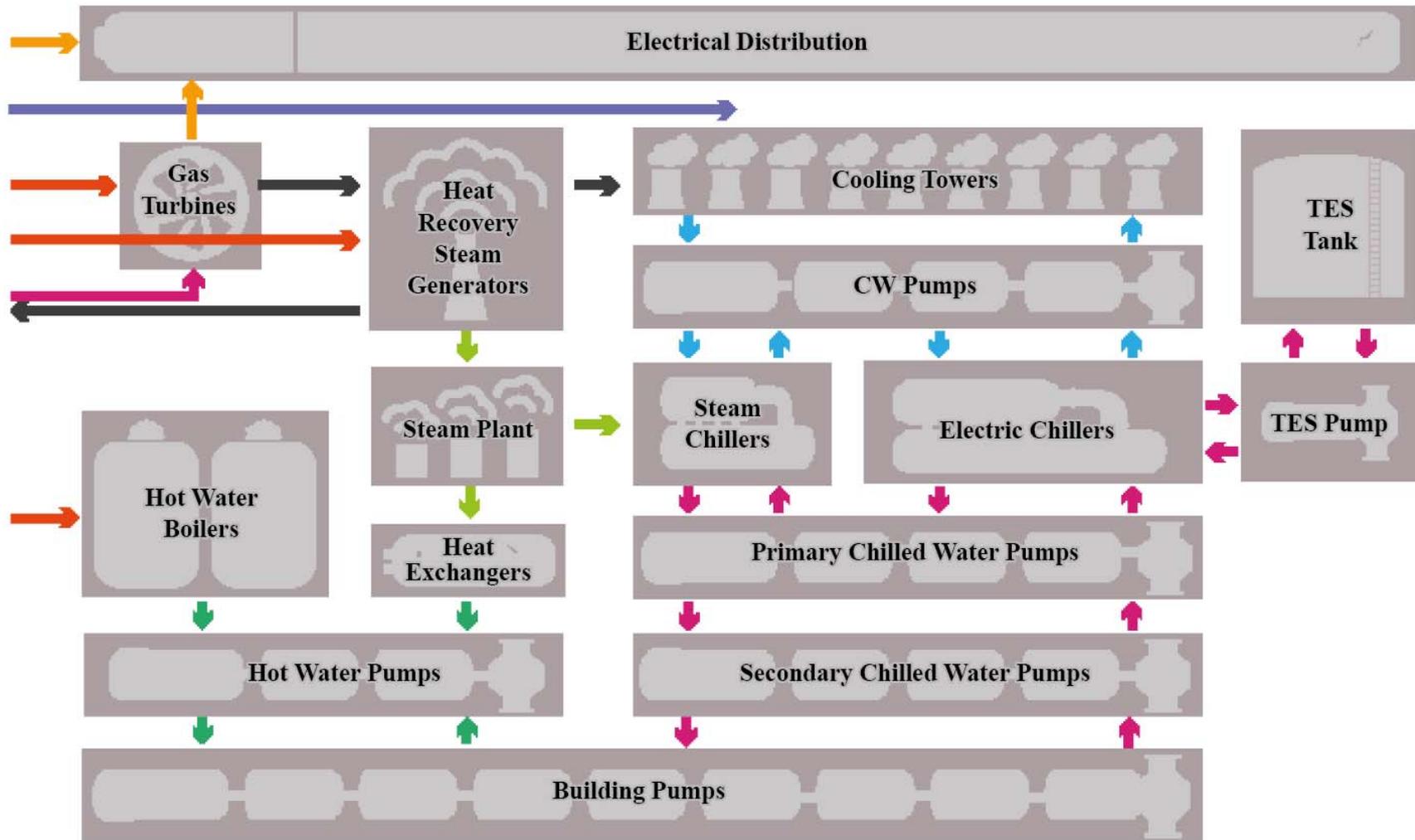
→ Electricity  
→ Natural Gas

→ Steam  
→ Hot Water

→ Chilled Water  
→ Condensed Water

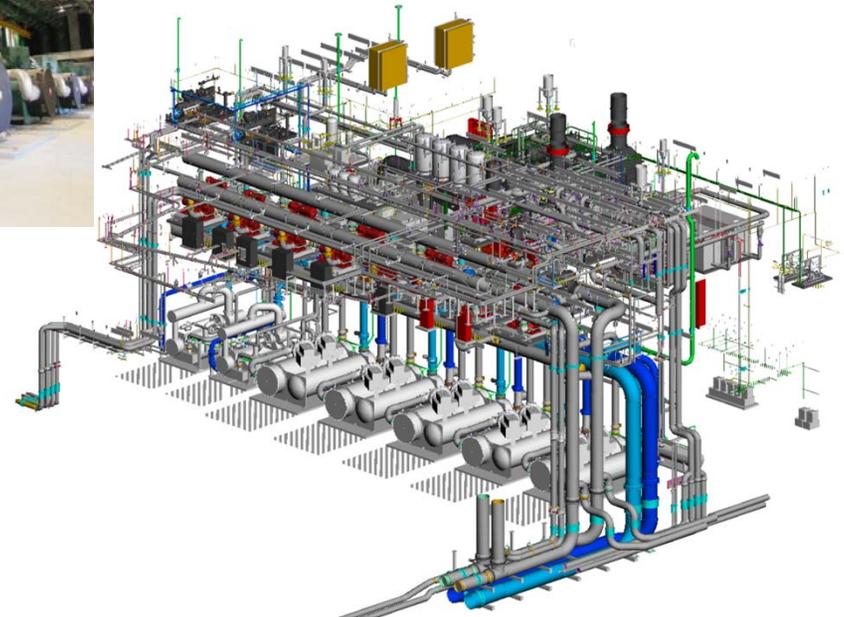
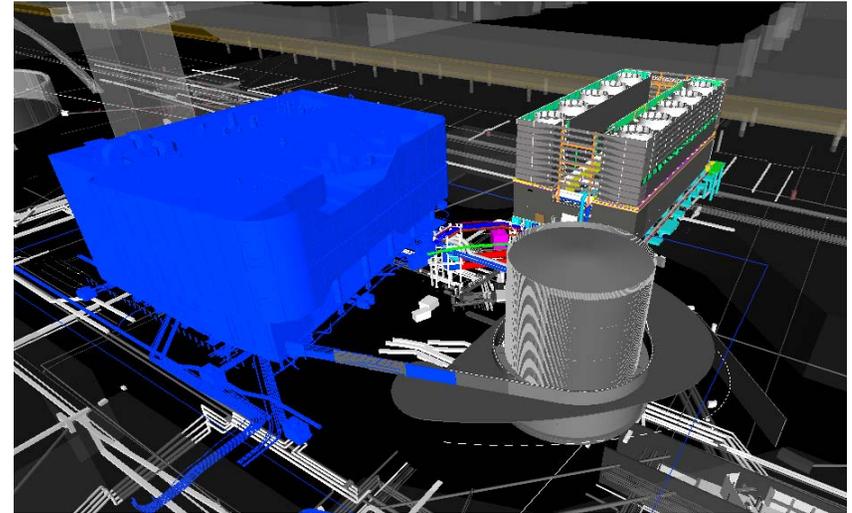
→ Water  
→ Waste Heat

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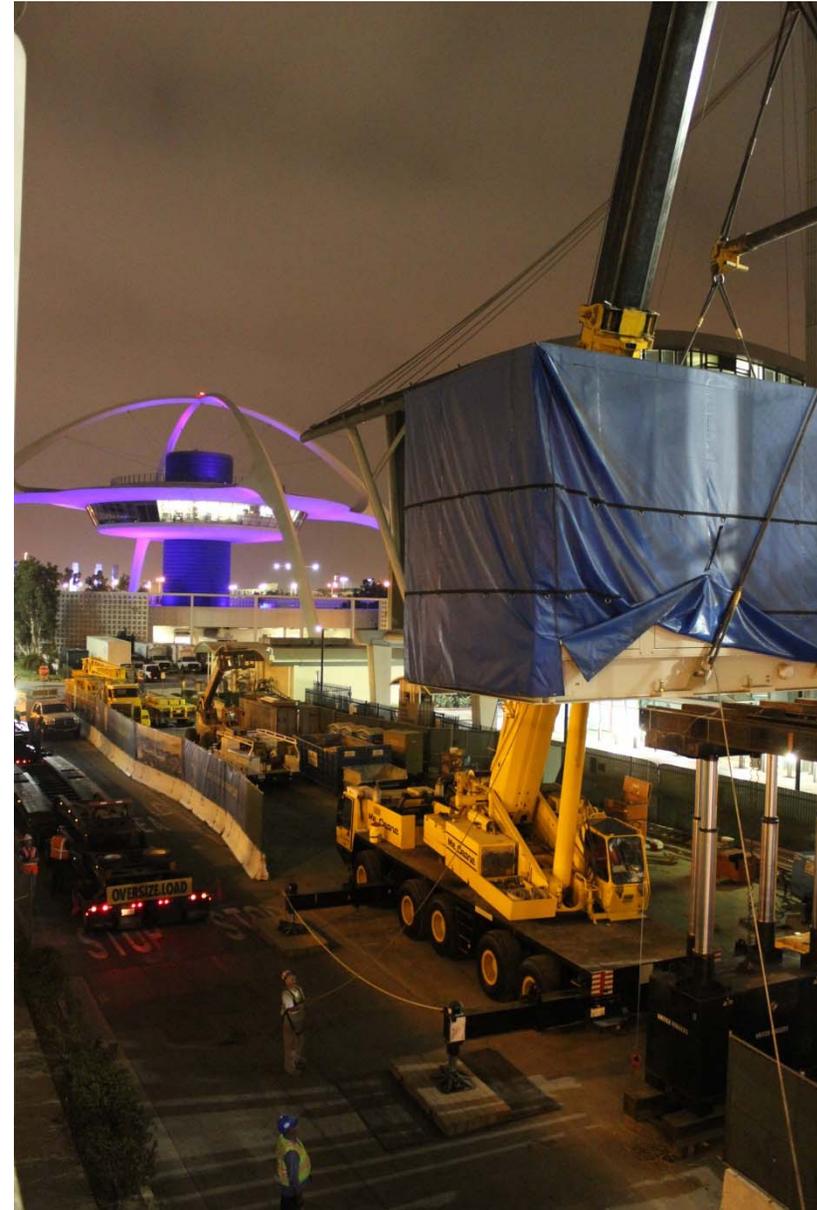
# CUP systems

- 20,000 tons chiller capacity (N+1)
- 8.8MW cogeneration with heat recovery
- 1.54M gallon Thermal Energy Store (TES)
- Building HVAC and plumbing
- LEED Gold certification (vs Silver requirement)



# Cogeneration

- **Cogeneration & Heating**
  - Gas Turbines
  - HRSG's
  - Boilers
- **Gas Turbines**
  - 2 x Solar Mercury 50 packages
  - 4,400 kWe output
  - 60°F air to turbine (chilled water coil supplied for air cooling)
- **Natural gas fuel**
  - Fuel Gas Compressors
  - 2 x 100% compressor packages
  - Suction pressure: 119 psig
  - Discharge pressure: 220 psig



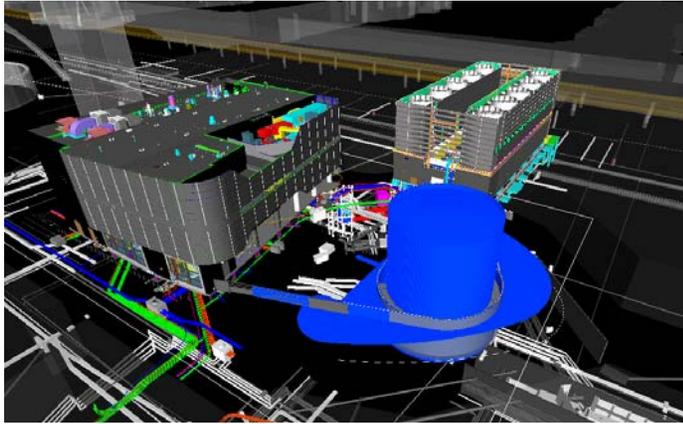
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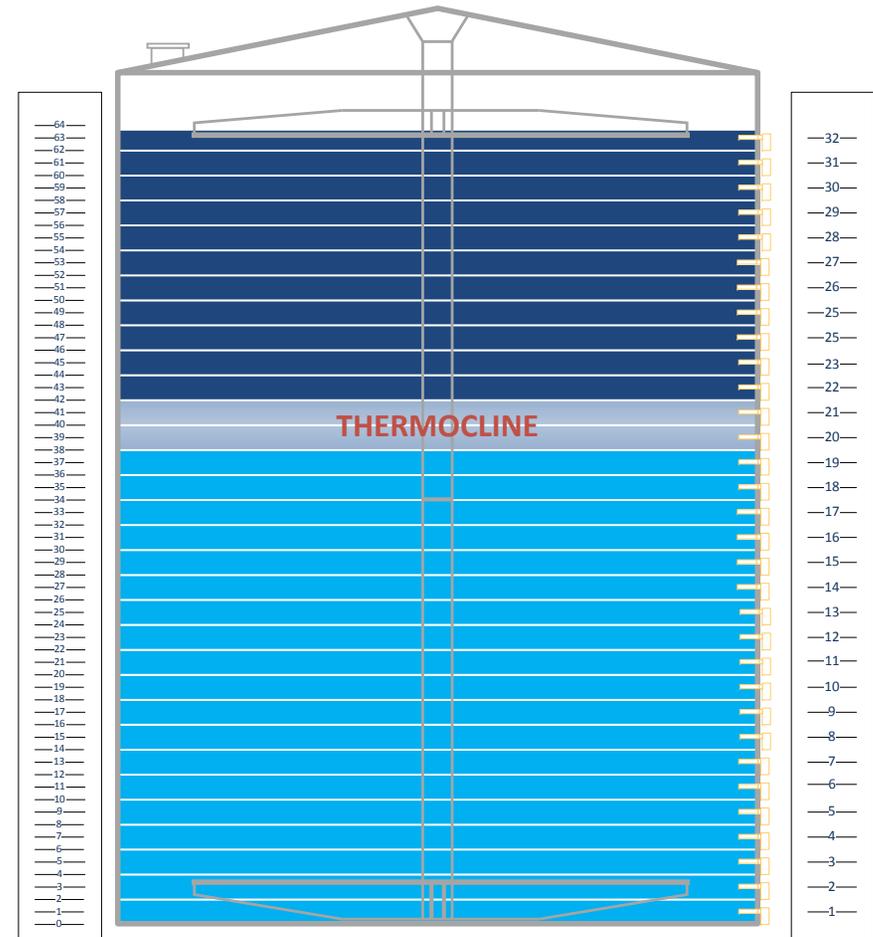
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# Thermal Energy Storage



- Thermal Energy Storage
- Size and Performance
- Peak Load : 3,260 Tons
- Discharge Cycle : 4.75 hours
- System  $\Delta T$  :  $16^{\circ}$  F
- CHW Capacity : 15,500 Ton-hr
- Tank Dimensions : 64'  $\varnothing$  x 71' High
- Water depth : 64'
- Water Volume : 1,537,978 Gal  
(246,912.7 cu.ft.)



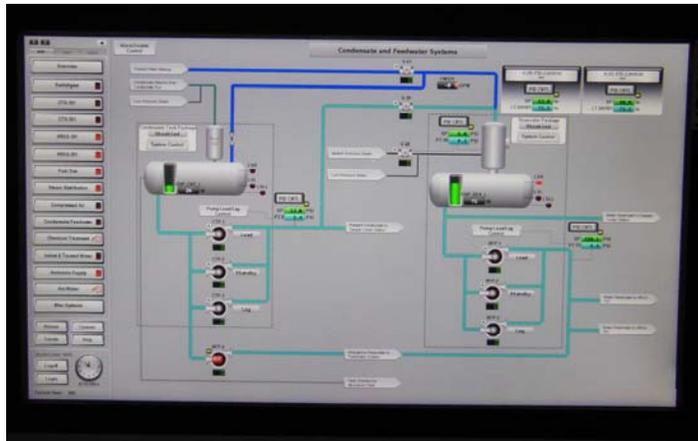
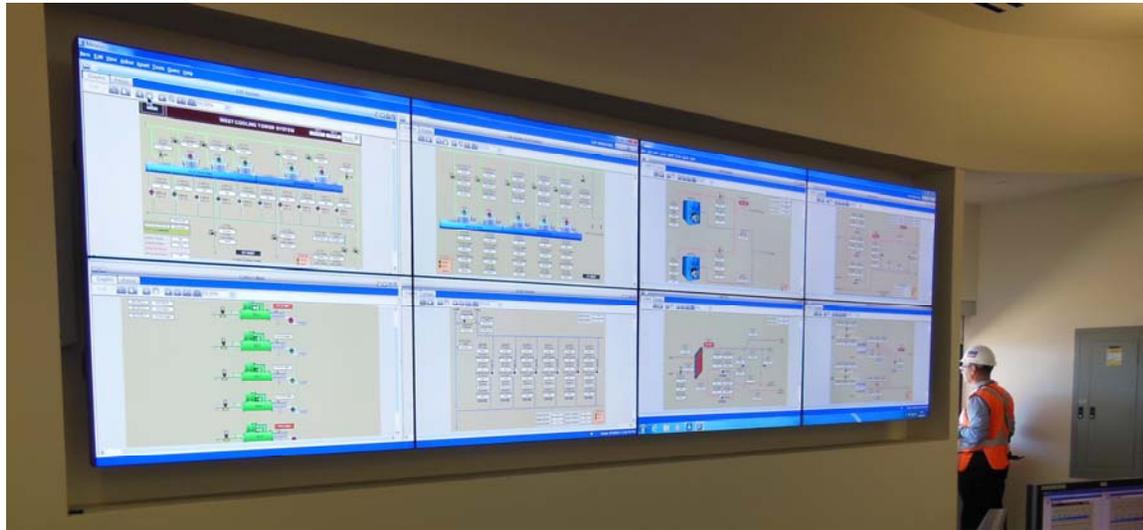
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# Controls



# Air Quality

## SCAQMD governs:

- Emergency Generator Particulate Emissions
- Standby Boiler NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- CTG/Duct Burner Emissions, as well as CEMS system and Ammonia injection system
- Early Interface and Coordination
- Carbon Credits - \$6 million
- Project will achieve LEED Gold Certification



# System economics

- Project budget = \$438,000,000
- Calculated annual energy cost savings = \$7,000,000
- Local utility rebates = \$4,000,000 (including \$2.2M for TES from LADWP's Custom Performance Program)
- Operational savings from variable flow pumping in CUP and terminals will save pumping energy while maintaining comfort
- The **\$438M investment** will support a wider **\$7Bn modernization program** at LAX (6.25% of the CIP)



# Questions?

