

MONITORING AND CONTROL OF GAS TURBINE INLET GUIDE VANE SYSTEM

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Abstract: In recent years, much attention has been given to the application of the Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) in power plant automation and control system. Many researchers and engineers have been actively seeking new applications for PLC and SCADA in power plants. The manufacturers of PLCs have been responded by developing new products that meet the unique requirement of power plant automation and SCADA application. PLCs are very cost competitive with traditional Remote Terminal Units (RTU) and have many benefits in power plant automation and control applications. PLCs have an important position in power plant automation and control in power plant automation and their usage in power plant applications is still growing. This research aims to propose the applications of PLC-SCADA system in Gas Turbine Inlet Guide Vane Control System. Monitoring and control of a Gas Turbine Inlet Guide Vane Control System by a PLC-SCADA system is executed for application and the detailed study is carried out at Hlawga CCGT power plant. The automation is enhanced by constant monitoring using SCADA screen which is connected to the PLC by means of communication cable. The different steps of the application of a PLC-SCADA system is mentioned by Unity Pro PLC, Version 8.0, Modicon, Schneider Electric, Vijeo Citect SCADA, Version 7.2, Schneider Electric, RJ 45 for communication cable and Modbus (TCP/IP) as a driver.

Key Words: Gas Turbine, Inlet Guide Vane, Programmable Logic Controller, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition.

INTRODUCTION:

This research is taken an attempt for PLC and SCADA system application of controlling gas turbine inlet guide vane. Power plants require continuous monitoring and inspection at frequent intervals. To control a gas turbine inlet guide vane, there is a need to develop a PLC system that is used for the internal storage of instruction for the implementing function such as logic, sequencing, timing, counting and arithmetic to control through digital or analogue input/output modules in various types of machines processes. For supervisory control and data acquisition of a gas turbine inlet guide vane, the supervisory system of a process must collect, supervise and record important data linked to the process, to detect the possible loss of function and alert the human operator. The essential parts of a gas turbine PLC control system, Unity Pro Function Block Diagram (FBD) is used as PLC language in this research. For monitoring of a gas turbine system, Vijeo Citect SCADA control system is used.

Overview of Hlawga CCGT Power Plant:

Hlawga CCGT power plant is one of thermal power plant in Myanmar. It is located in Mingalardon township, Yangon. This power plant is mainly provided the electricity to Yangon. There are three gas turbines and one steam turbine. The power rating of each gas turbine generator is 33.3 MW (47.3 MVA) and of steam turbine generator is 54.3 MW (67.875 MVA). For the operation of Hlawga power plant, the natural gas is supplied from Yadana offshore gas production. The single line diagram for Hlawga CCGT power plant is shown in the Figure.1.

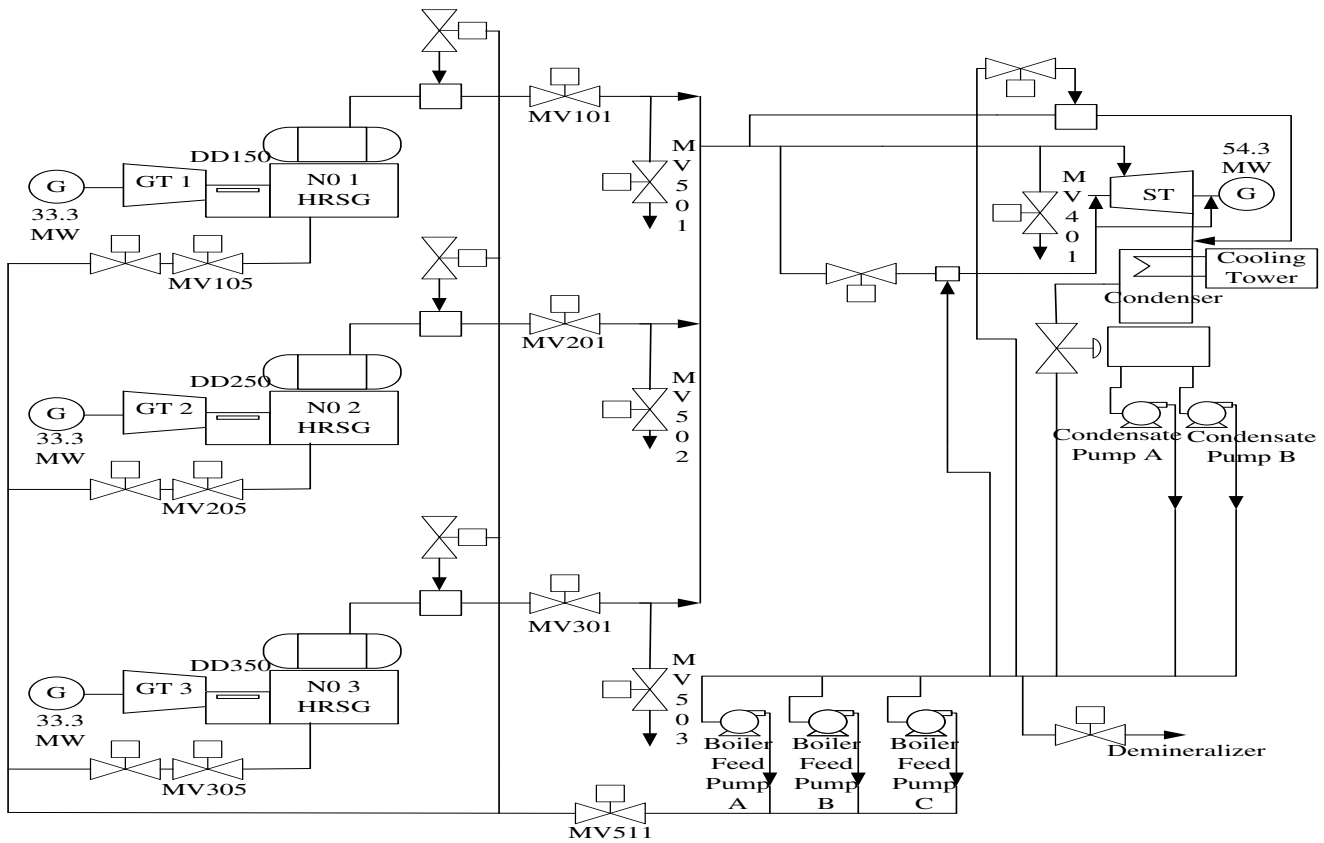


Figure 1. Overview of Hlawga CCGT Power Plant

Gas Turbine Control System:

There are six parts in gas turbine control system. Gas turbine control system is described in Figure.2. Overall control scheme of gas turbine control system is also presented in Figure.3. Inlet guide vane control system is focused on this research.

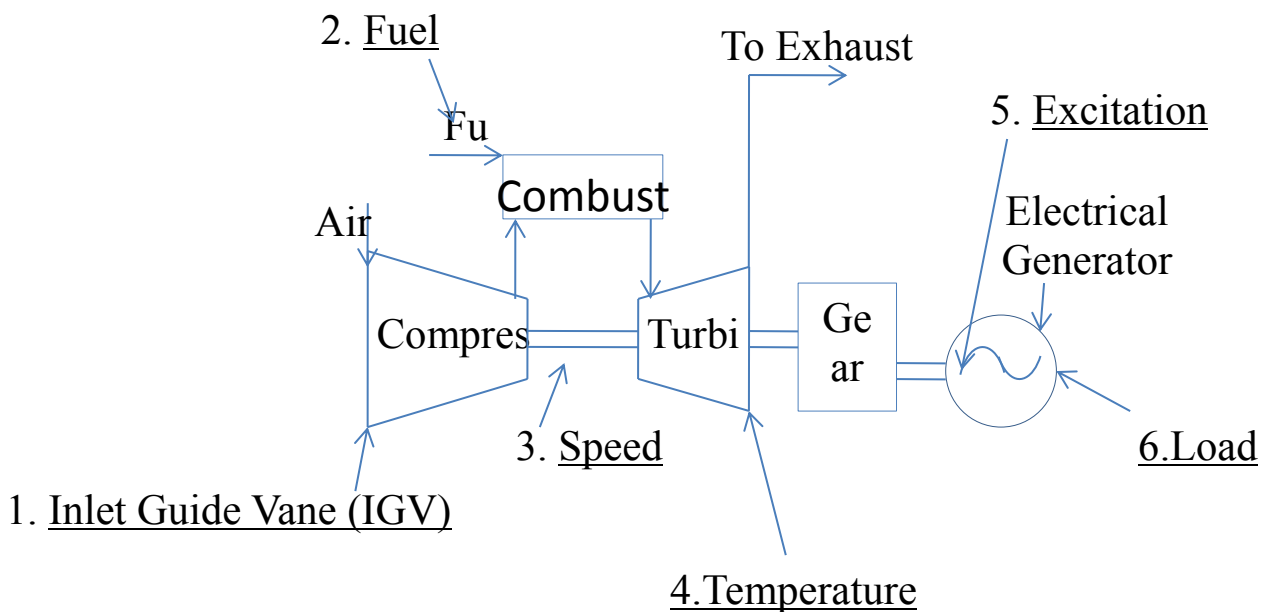


Figure 2. Gas Turbine Control System

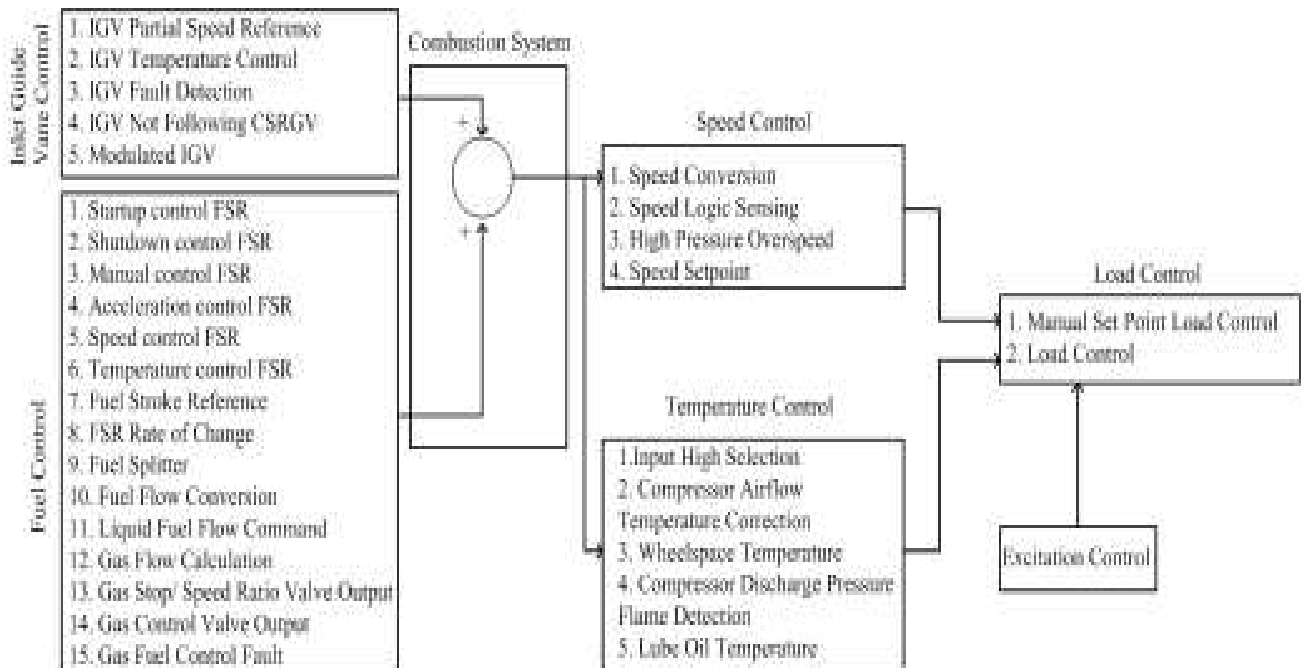


Figure 3. Gas Turbine Control System

Inlet Guide Vane System:

Variable compressor inlet guide vanes are installed on the turbine to provide compressor pulsation protection during start-up and shut-down and also to be used during operation under partial load conditions. The variable inlet guide vane actuator is a hydraulically actuated assembly having a closed feedback control loop to control the guide vanes angle. The vanes are automatically positioned within their operating range in response either to the control system exhaust temperature limits for normal loaded operation, or to the control system pulsation protection limits during the start-up and shut-down sequences. Inlet guide vanes are modulated in order to maintain various stresses, pressures and flows within required limits. Their corrected speed control system is a portion of their control system, to accomplish this function.

For normal shutdown, inlet guide vane actuation is the reverse of the startup sequence when the generator breaker is opened. In the event of a turbine trip, the inlet guide vanes will ramp to the closed position as a function of temperature corrected speed.

Variable Inlet Guide Vanes (VIGV) regulate airflow into the Compressor to optimize turbine efficiency at part loads. Normally, they are closed during engine starting and low RPM, but they open progressively as the RPM is increased. Fixed or variable vanes, also known as stators, located in front of the first stage of the compressor of a gas turbine. These guide vanes direct the air onto the compressor at the correct angle. So, IGV is also called intake guide vanes.

Method and Control Parameters:

There are five parts in gas turbine inlet guide vane control system. They are:

1. IGV Partial Speed Reference,
2. IGV Temperature Control,
3. IGV Fault Detection,
4. IGV Not Following CSRGV and
5. Modulated IGV Control.

The flow charts, PLC implementation and SCADA simulation of each control system is presented in the Figure.4. There are many control variables (sensors and actuators) in those control systems.

1. IGV Partial Speed Reference:

According to the study of this control system, the operation is represented by the flowchart as shown in Figure 4. There are many stages prior to the operation of this system. PLC program, as shown in Figure.5 and SCADA program, as shown in Figure.6 are executed based on the operation shown in this flowchart.

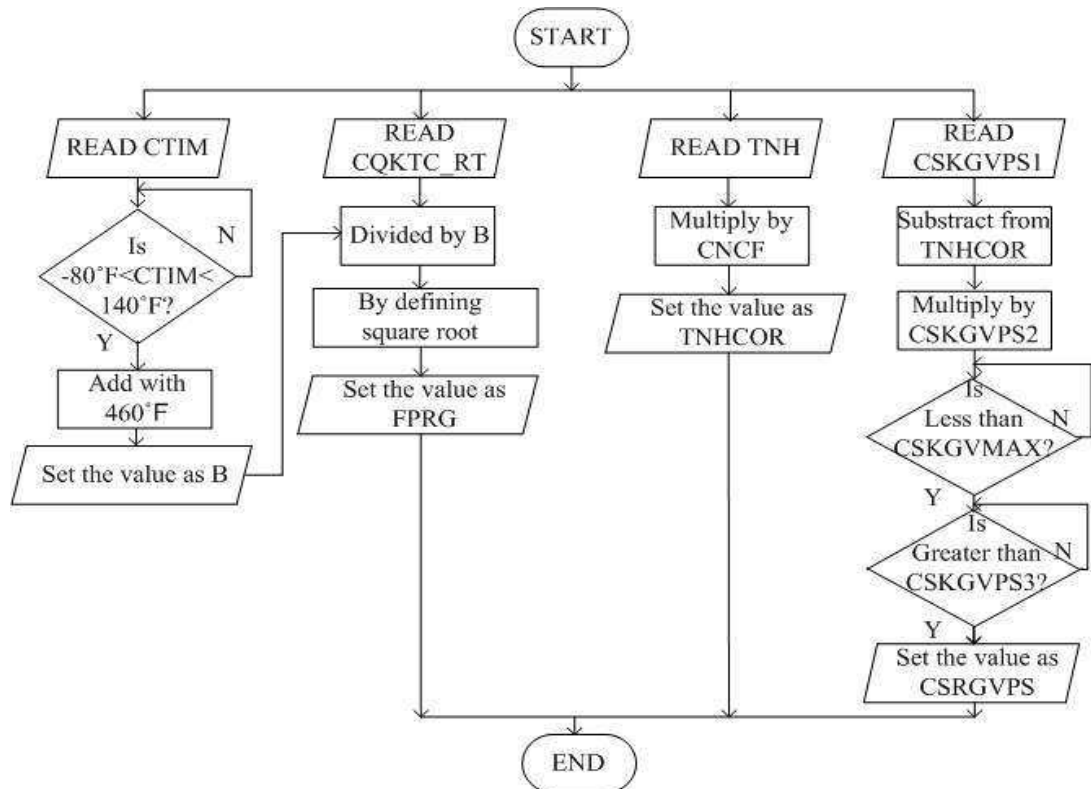


Figure 4. Flow Chart of IGV Partial Speed Reference

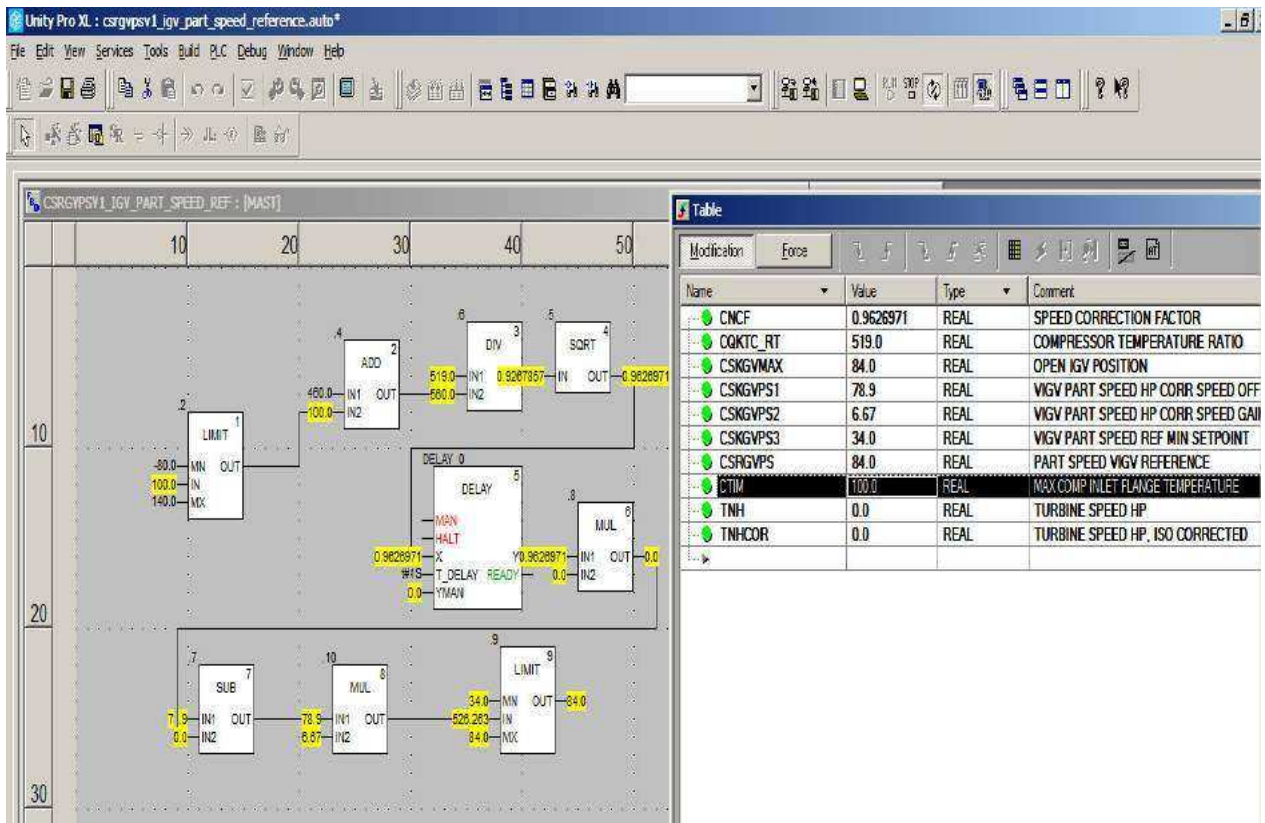


Figure 5. PLC Implementation of IGV Partial Speed Reference

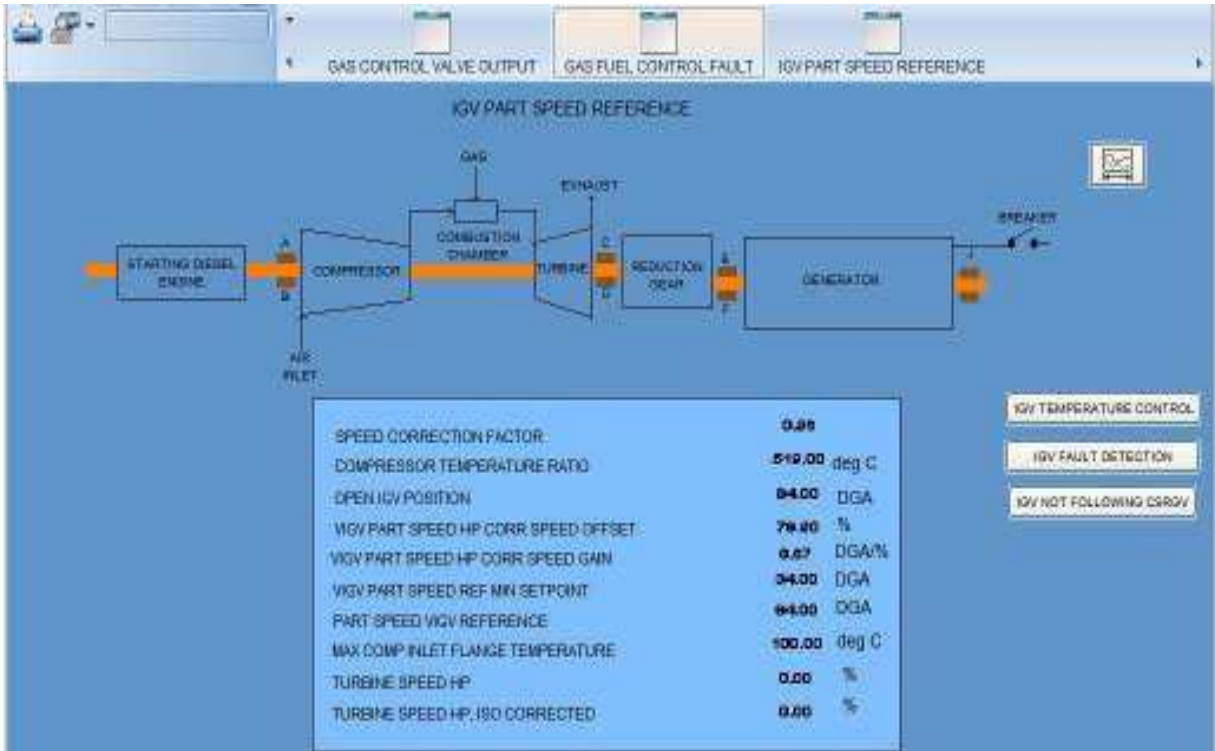


Figure 6. SCADA Simulation of IGV Partial Speed Reference

2. IGV Temperature Control:

There are many control schemes in operation of this control system. The main control input variables are Compressor Discharge Pressure (CPD), Ambient Temperature Reference (TEMP_AMB_REF), Alternate Temperature Control Minimum Limit (TTR_LIMIT), IGV Temperature Control TX Ref Isothermal (TTKGV I) and Deadband IGV Temperature Constant Maximum Position (CSKGVDB). The output variable is IGV Temperature Control Reference (TTRXGV). PLC program, as shown in Figure.8 and SCADA program, as shown in Figure.9 are executed based on the operation shown in this flowchart.

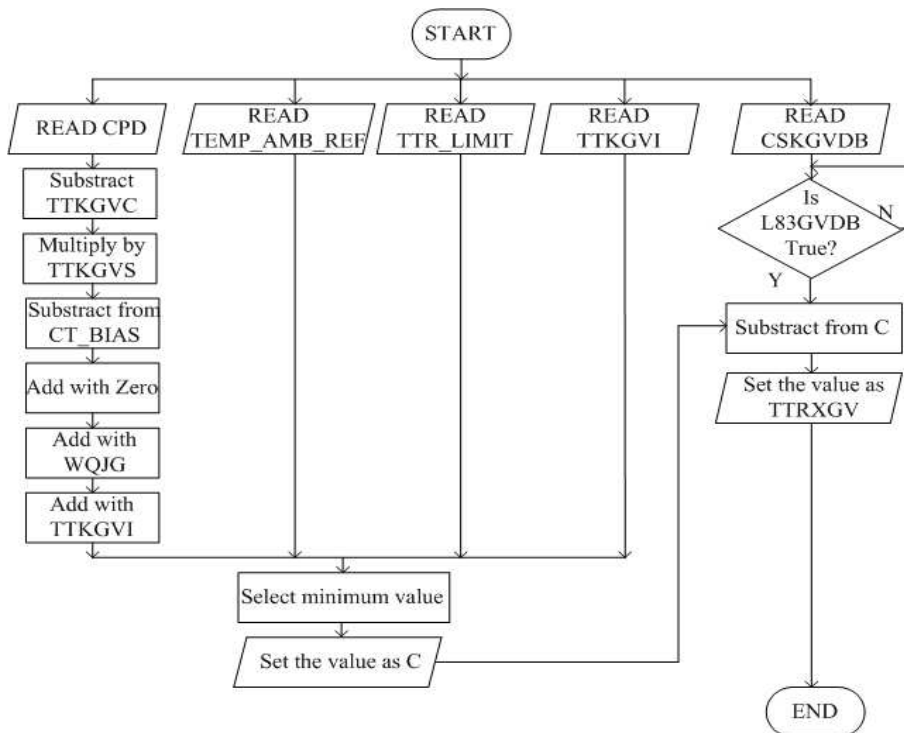


Figure 7. Flow Chart of IGV Temperature Control

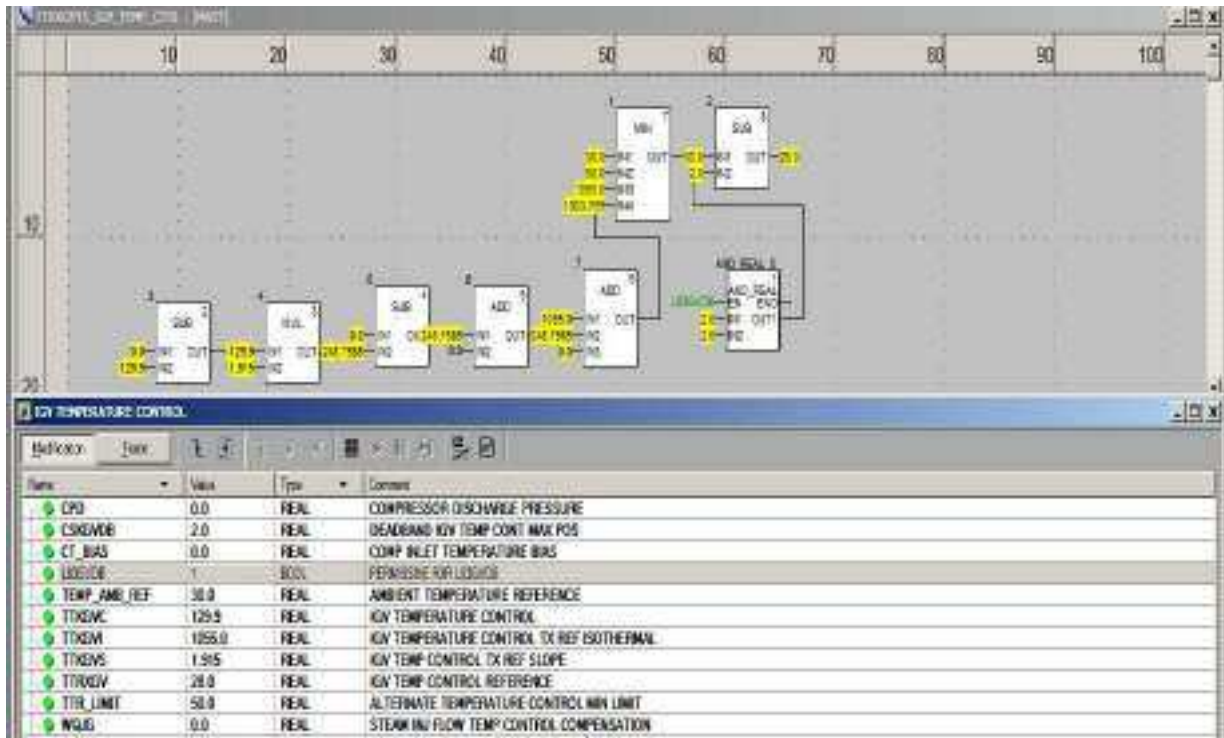


Figure 8. PLC Implementation of IGV Temperature Control

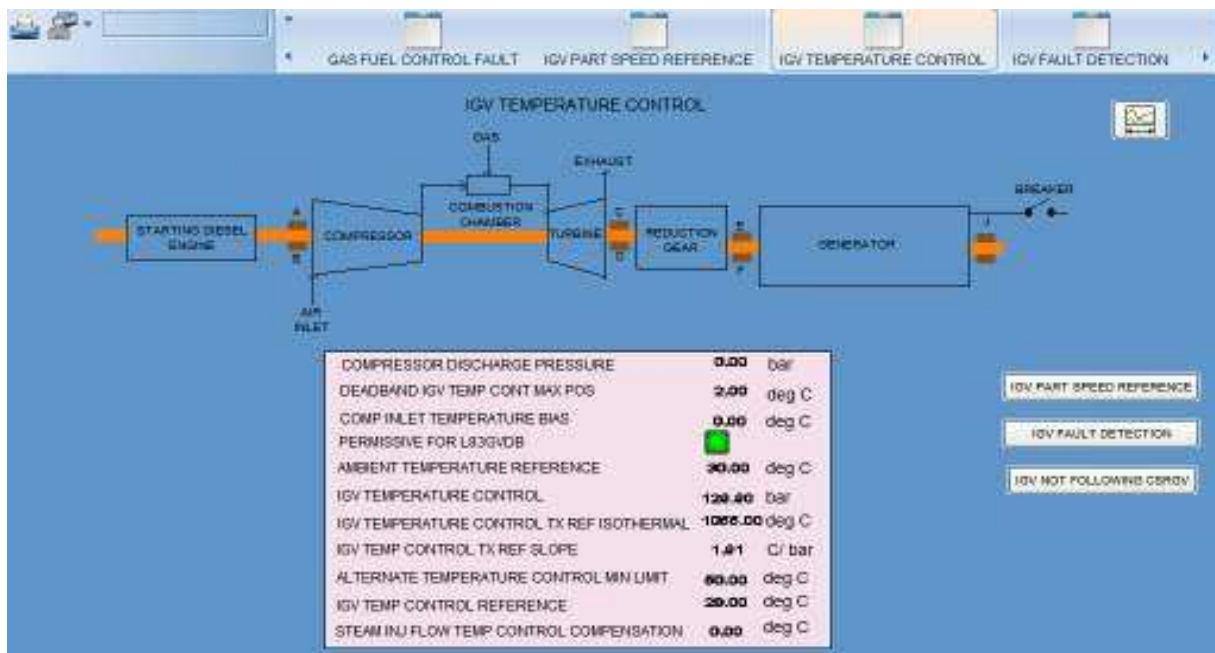


Figure 9. SCADA Simulation of IGV Temperature Control

3. IGV Fault Detection:

According to the study of this control system, the operation is described by the flowchart as shown in Figure 10. The input variables are IGV Angle Input (CSGV), IGV Control Servo Current (CAGV) and the output variables are IGV- Loss of Feedback Alarm (L3IGVF1), IGV- Vanes Open Alarm (L3IGVF2) and IGV- Servo Current Alarm (L3IGVF3). PLC program, as shown in Figure.11 and SCADA program, as shown in Figure.12 are executed based on the operation shown in this flowchart.

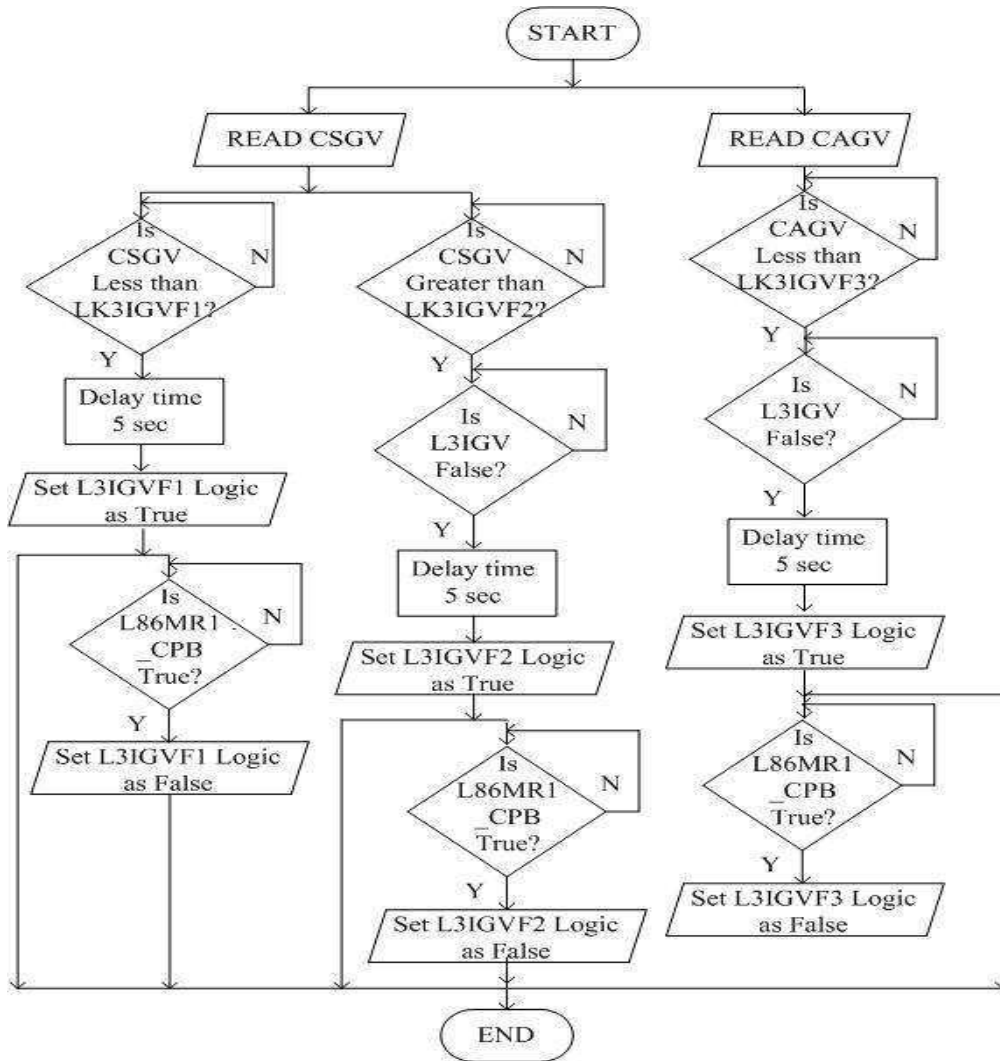


Figure 10. Flow Chart of IGV Fault Detection

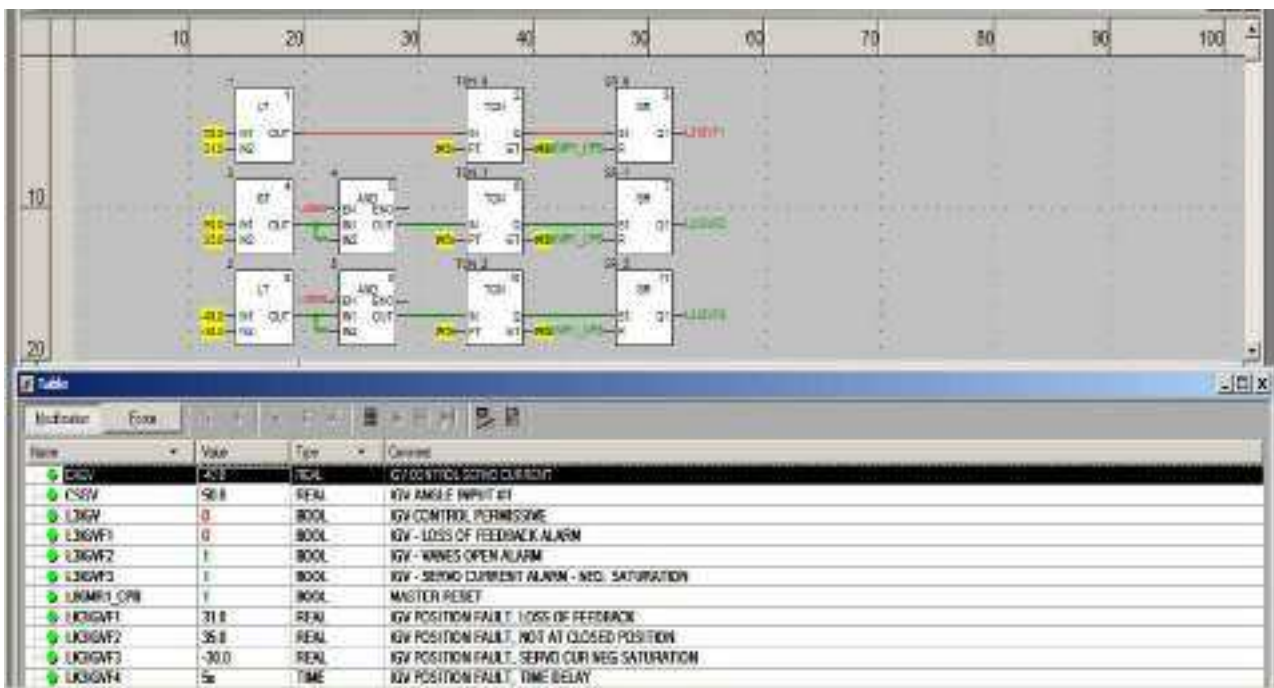


Figure 11. PLC Implementation of IGV Fault Detection

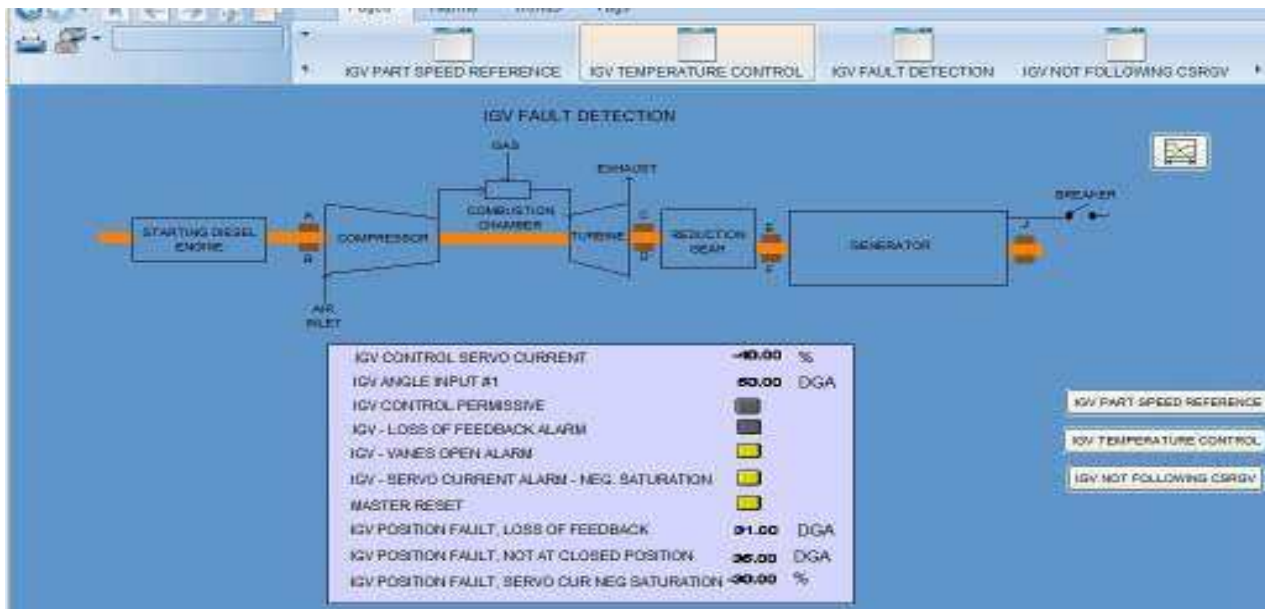


Figure 12. SCADA Simulation of IGV Fault Detection

4. IGV Not Following CSRGV:

According to the study of this control system, the operation is described by the flowchart as shown in Figure 13. The input variable is Inlet Guide Vane Angle Input (CSGV). First, Variable IGV reference angle (CSRGV) is subtracted from CSGV and the output is set as D. Then, D is absolute. Next, the output, IGV Control Trouble Alarm (L86GVA) is set as a True after absolute D was greater than IGV Not Following Reference Alarm (LK86GVA1) and delayed 5 sec. Then, the output, IGV Not Following CSRGV Trip (L86GVT) is set as a True after D was greater than IGV Not Following Reference Trip (LK86GVT1) and delayed 5 sec. PLC program, as shown in Figure. 14 and SCADA program, as shown in Figure.15 are executed based on the operation shown in this flowchart.

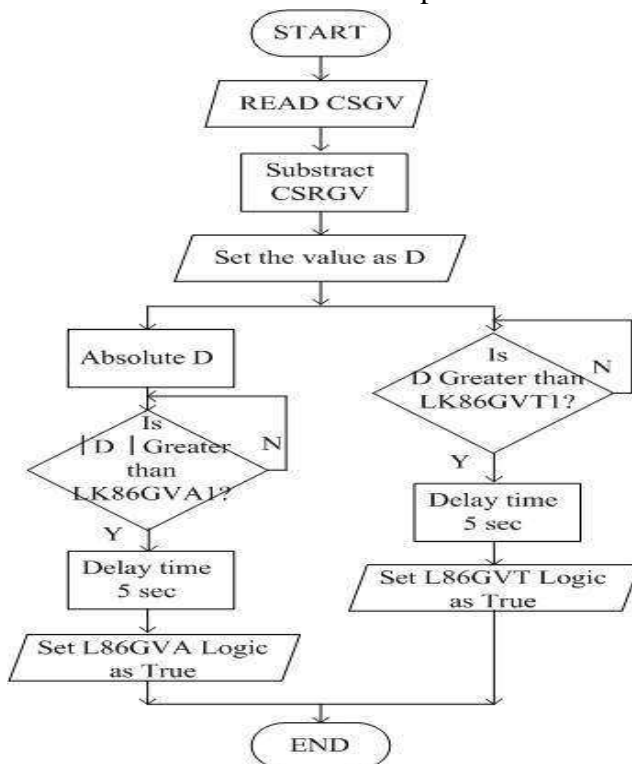


Figure 13. Flow Chart of IGV Not Following CSRGV

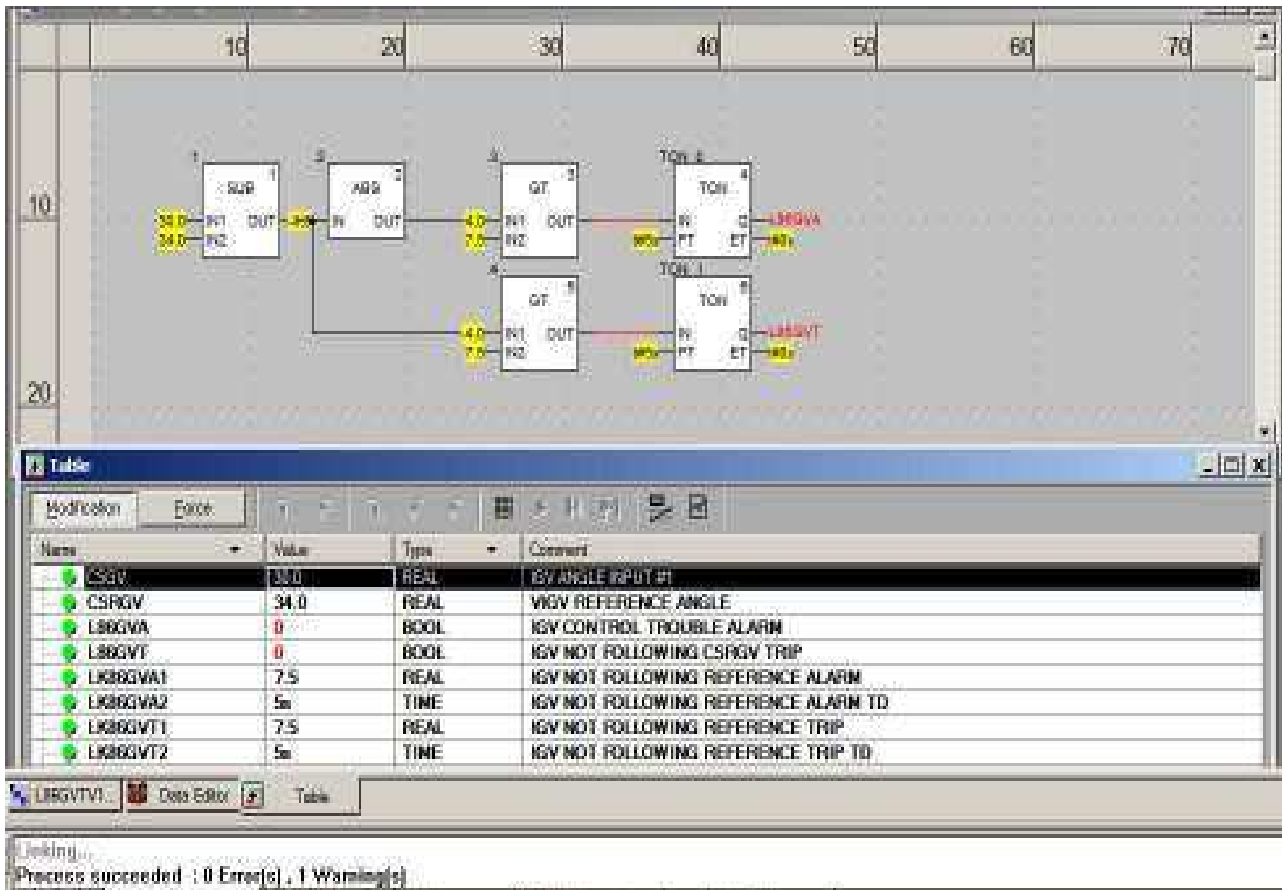


Figure 14. PLC Implementation of IGV Not Following CSGV

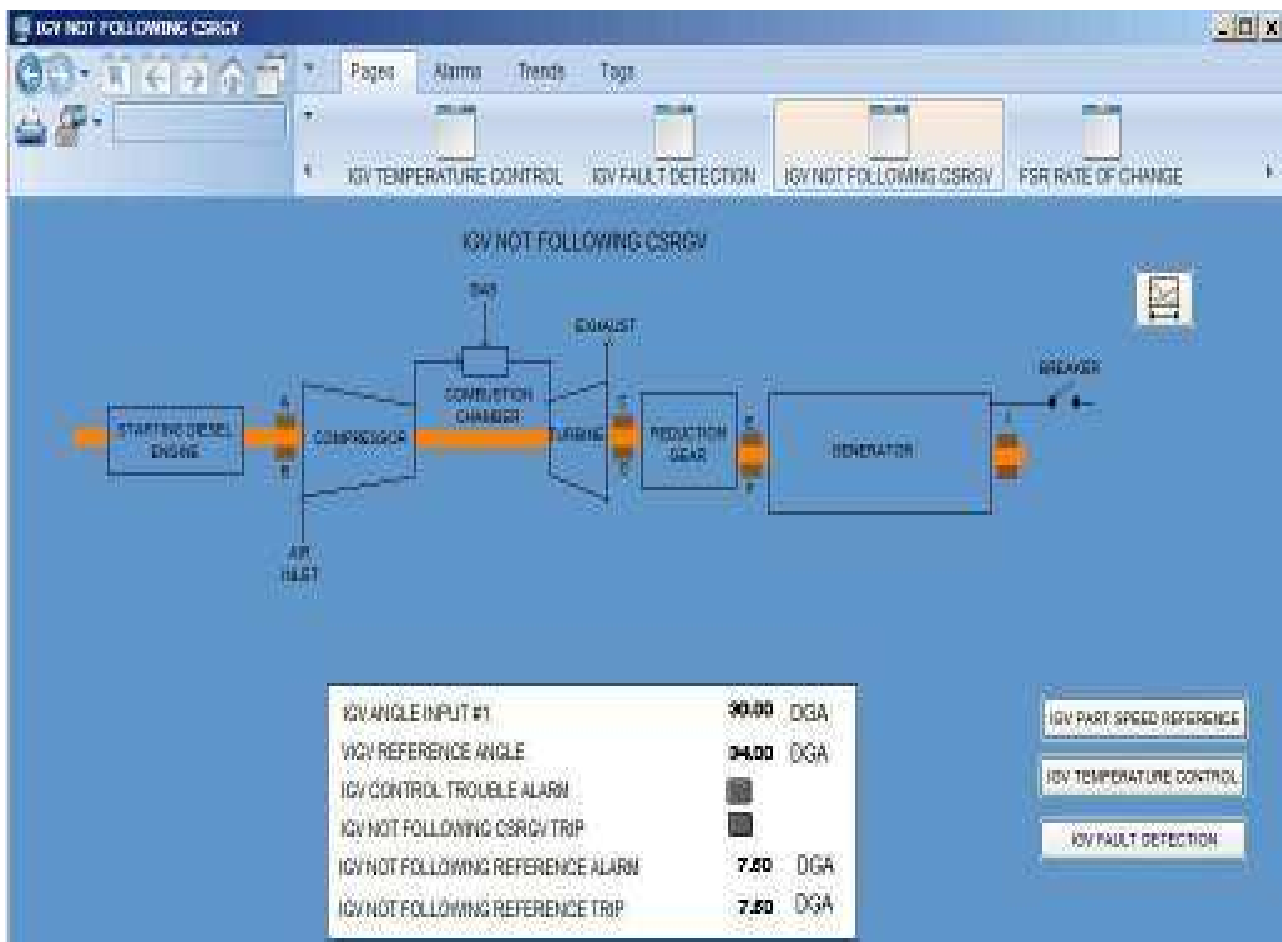


Figure 15. SCADA Simulation of IGV Not Following CSGV

5. Modulated IGV Control:

Modulated IGV protects compressor pulsation by modulating during the acceleration of gas turbine to rated speed. IGV modulation maintains proper flow and pressure to combustion.

According to the study of this control system, the operation is represented by the flowchart as shown in Figure 16. There are many stages prior to the operation of this system. PLC program, as shown in Figure.17 and SCADA program, as shown in Figure.18 are executed based on the operation shown in this flowchart.

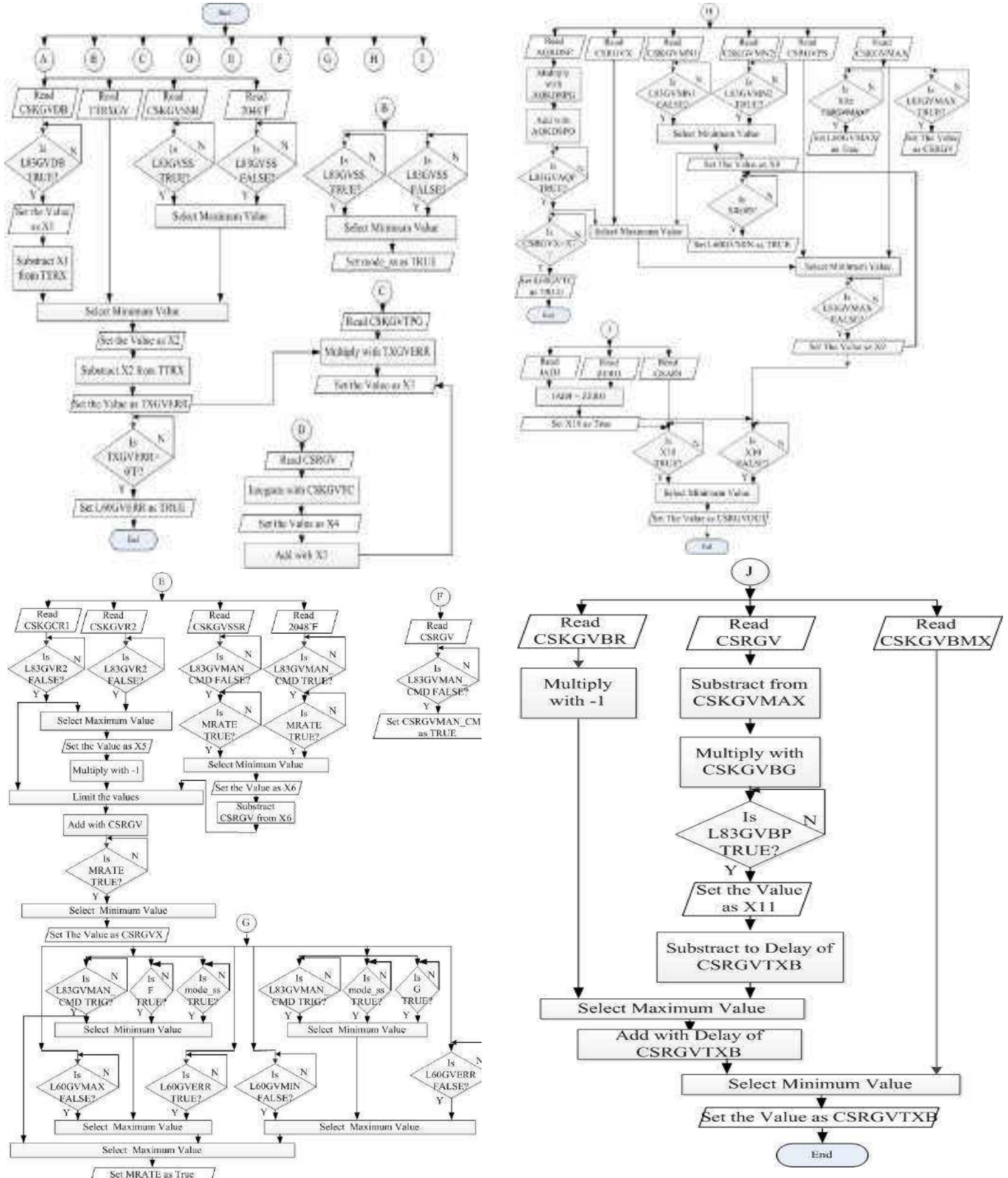


Figure 16. Flow Chart of Modulated IGV Control

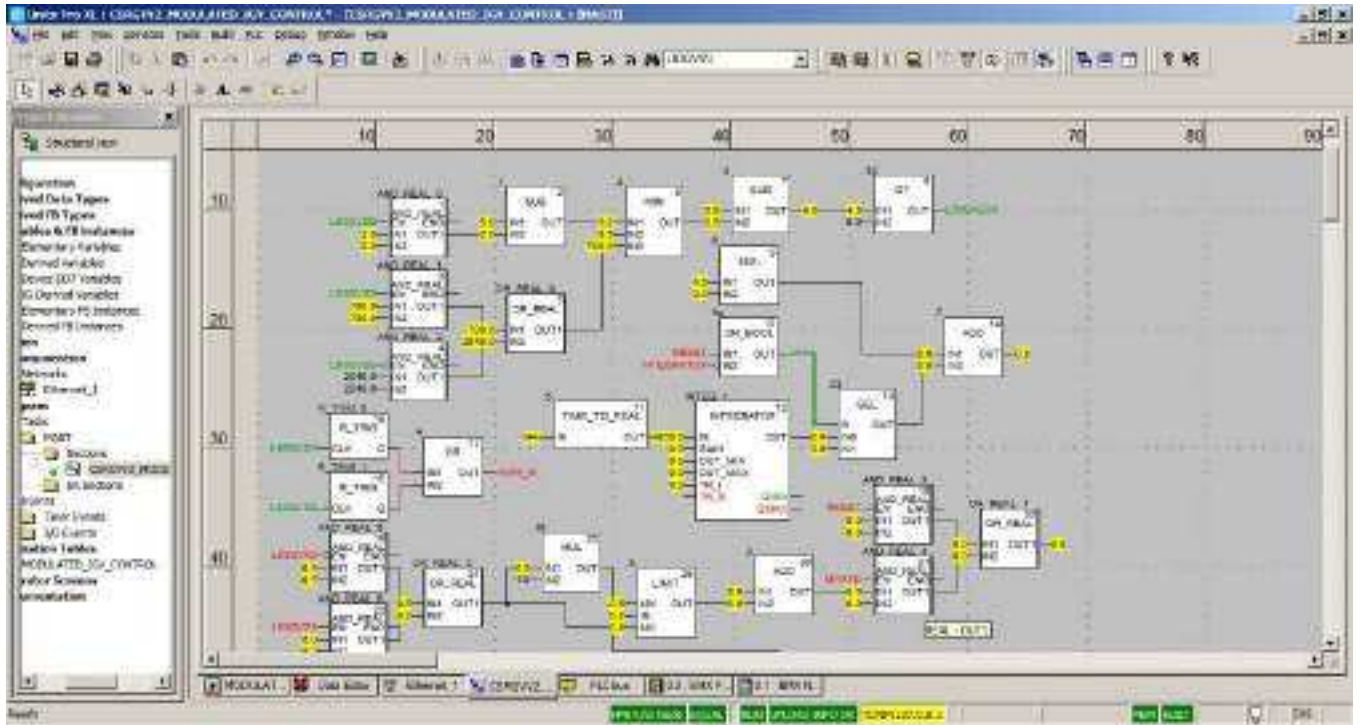


Figure 17. PLC Simulation of Modulated IGV Control

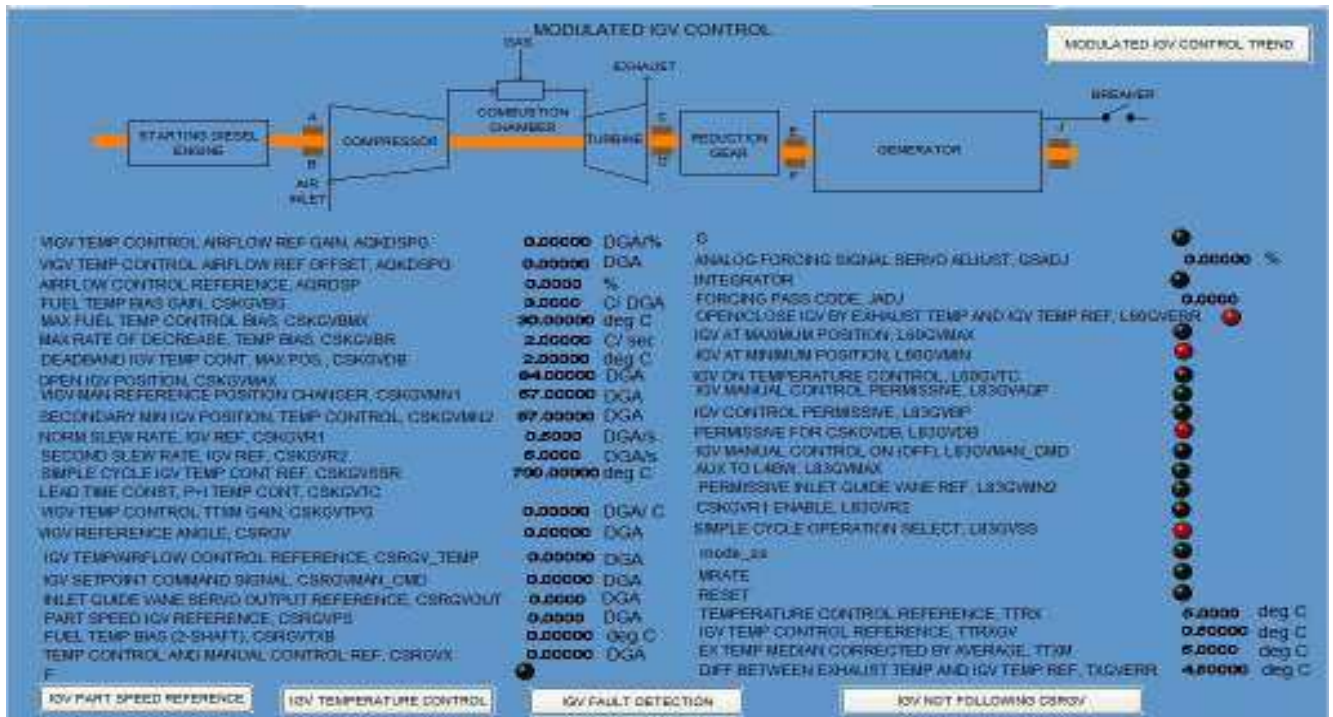


Figure 18. SCADA Simulation of Modulated IGV Control

CONCLUSION:

In this research, Hlawga gas turbine inlet guide vane control system is upgraded by PLC based SCADA system. The flow charts, functional block diagrams, data assignment tables, PLC FBDs and SCADA monitoring systems for each component of gas turbine inlet guide vane control system are done. By using PLC control system in place of the speedtronic control system, operators can do troubleshooting and calibration easily. By using PLC modules instead of the old cards, the maintenance engineers can easily chase the spare modules and remove and install the modules fastly.

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