

# Control Strategy Integration



Implementation at Kalamazoo Water  
Reclamation Plant



# Outline

- Operations & Process Control Cooperation
- Control Strategy Implementation Examples
- Aeration System Control Strategy



# Operations & Process Control Cooperation



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## **Benefits**

- Better Operations Sequences
- Increased Understanding
- Accurate Information



# Value of Accurate Process Information

## *Composition*



- Timely Decisions
- Effectiveness of Treatment
- Loading to Process



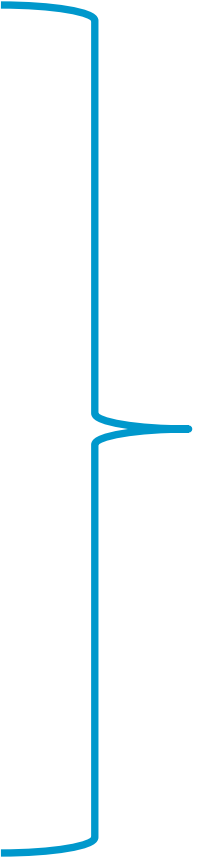
# Value of Accurate Process Information

**Level**

**Pressure**

**Temperature**

**Flow**

- 
- Flow-pacing
  - Smooth Treatment Transitions
  - Automate Processes



# Control Strategy Implementation Examples



# Primary Pumping Integration

## *Automated Influent Pumping*

- Full Flow Range by Empirical Testing
- Negative Deadband Benefits





# Secondary Loading Integration

## ***COD/BOD Analyzer***

- ***Correlate Demand***
- ***BOD & COD Flexibility***



# Secondary Phosphorus Loading Integration

## *PE Soluble Phosphorus Analyzer*

- *Know Phosphorus Loading Now*
- *Timing Ferric Dosing Better*
- *Potential to Know Nutrient Balance Now*



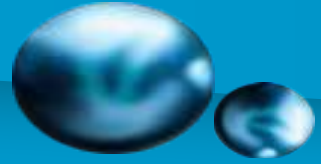
# Secondary Phosphorus Removal Integration

## *ML Soluble Phosphorus Analyzer*

- *Treatment Effectiveness*
- *Timing*

## *TE Soluble Phosphorus Analyzer*

- *Know Actual Discharge*
- *Correlate*



# Secondary Ammonia Removal Integration

## **ML Ammonia Analyzer**

- *Treatment Effectiveness*

## **TE Ammonia Analyzer**

- *Daily Maximums Permit*

## **TE Nitrate Analyzer**

- *Degree of nitrification*



# Tertiary Disinfection Integration

## **Disinfection**

- ***Flow-paced Hypochlorite Dosing***
- ***Creative Flow Programming***
- ***Residual Chlorine Analyzers***



# Tertiary Dechlorination Integration

## **Sodium Bisulfite Dechlorination**

- ***Flow-paced Bisulfite Dosing***
- ***Dosing Flexibility***
- ***Travel Time Coordination***



## **Thickened Solids Pumping**

- ***Pump Assignment Flexibility***
- ***Phosphorus Nutrient Balance***
- ***Co-Mingled Sludge Ratio***



# Aeration System Control Strategy





# Aeration System Changed

## *Upgrade to BNR in 2011*

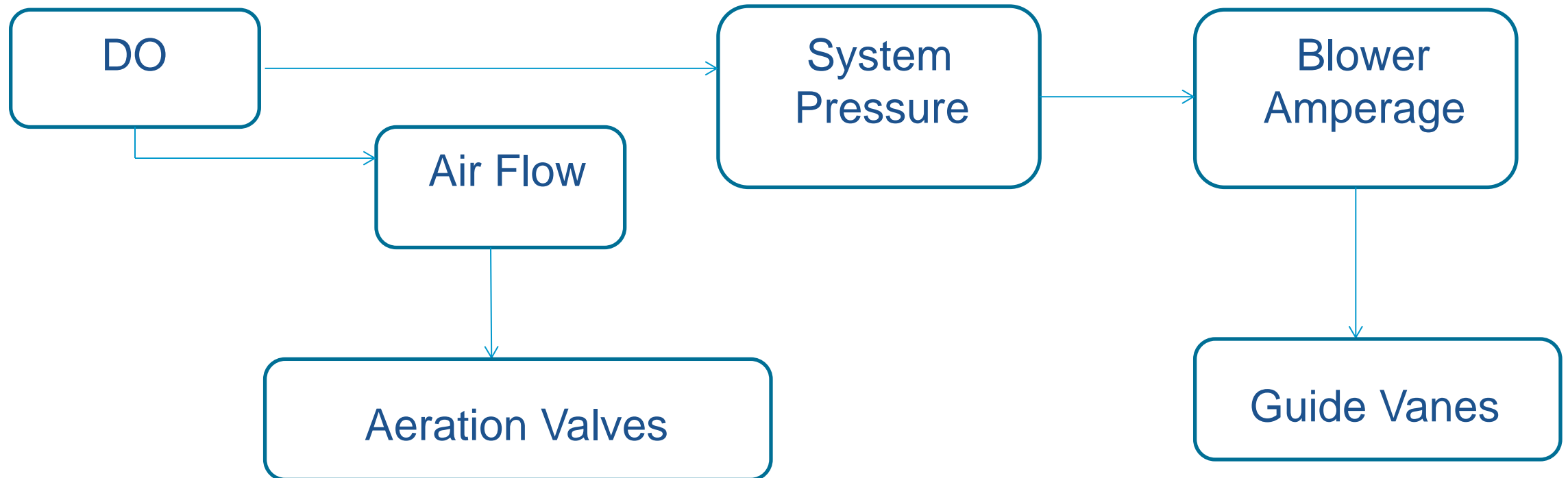
- Fine bubble diffusers
- Anaerobic, anoxic, aerobic zones
- Replaced 2 of four 2500 HP blowers with two 1350 HP blowers.
- Cascade control already embedded in the control strategy.
- Opportunity to learn new control strategies and understand better what we already we using.

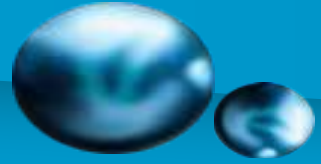


# Aeration Control Integration

## Control Challenges

### Cascade Control Challenges





# Cascade Control Principles

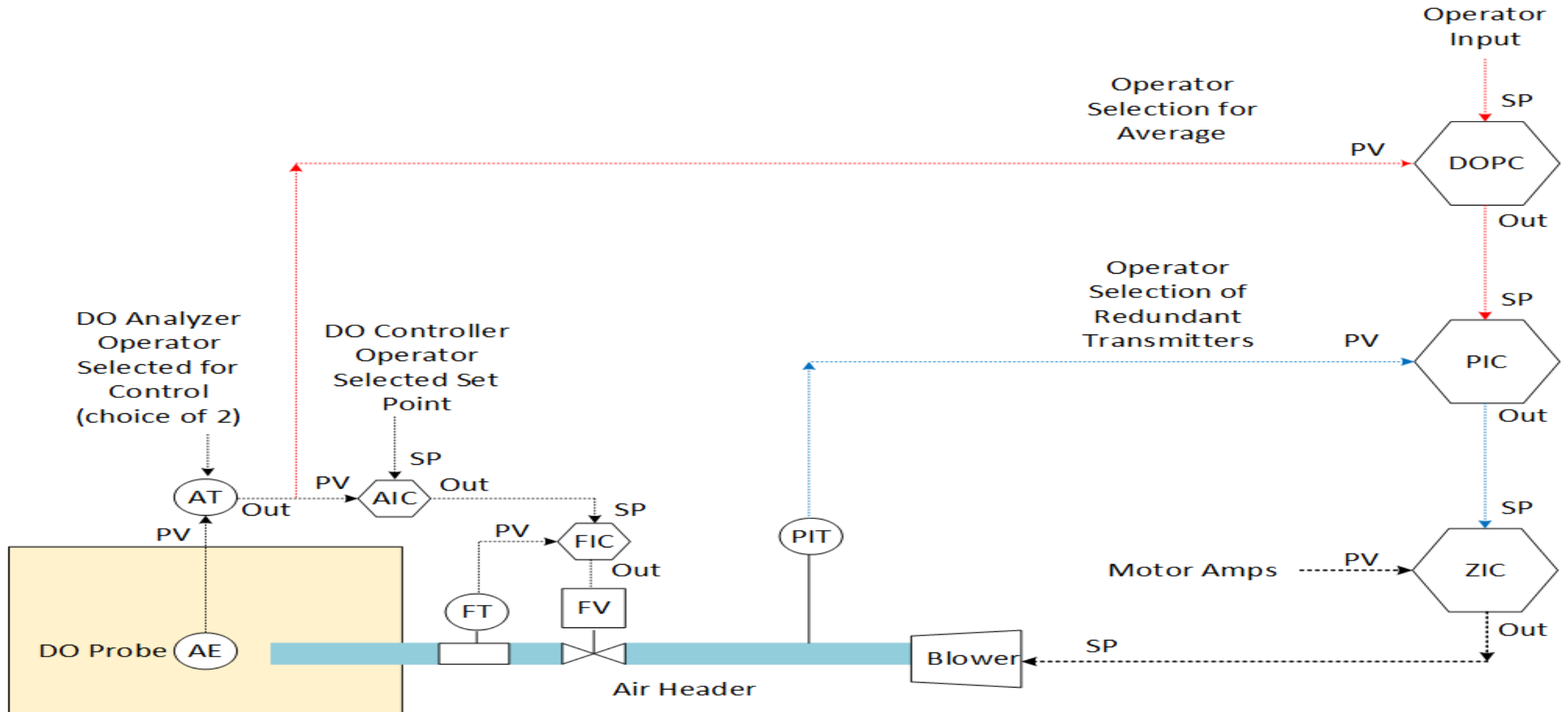
## *Understand Timing*

- Controller driving the set point

➔ at least 3X faster than receiving set point

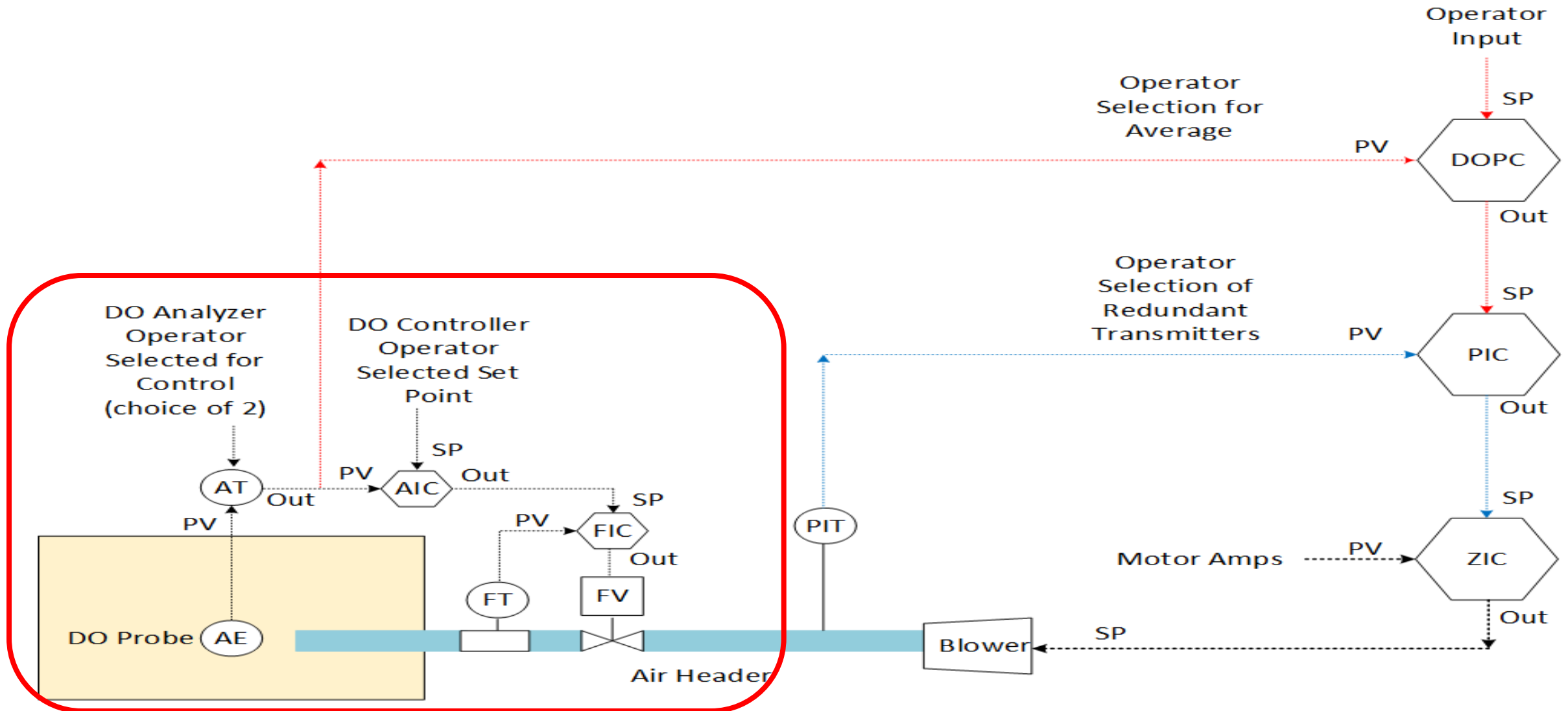


# Basic Aeration Control





# DO and Air Flow Control





# DO Probe





# DO Control Loop

DO Controllers

PV

SP - mg/L

OUT

**requests air needed**

Air Flow Controllers

PV

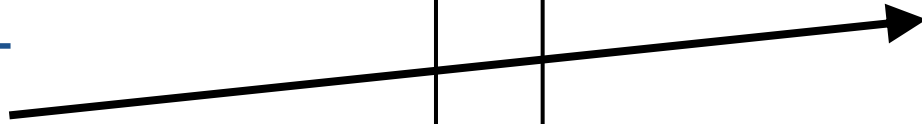
SP - cms

OUT

**sets air flow set point**

**↕ air valves**

**changes system pressure**





# DO Controller Optimization

- **Select Probe for Control Option** - select front or back DO probe to be used to control output to air flow controller.
- **Output Rate of Change** - set gain, reset time, and control zone for speed of output to air flow controller.
- **Output Range** - set high/low air flow range to avoid controller wind up or wind down.
- **Timing** - set output ranges based on demand.





# Air Flow Controller



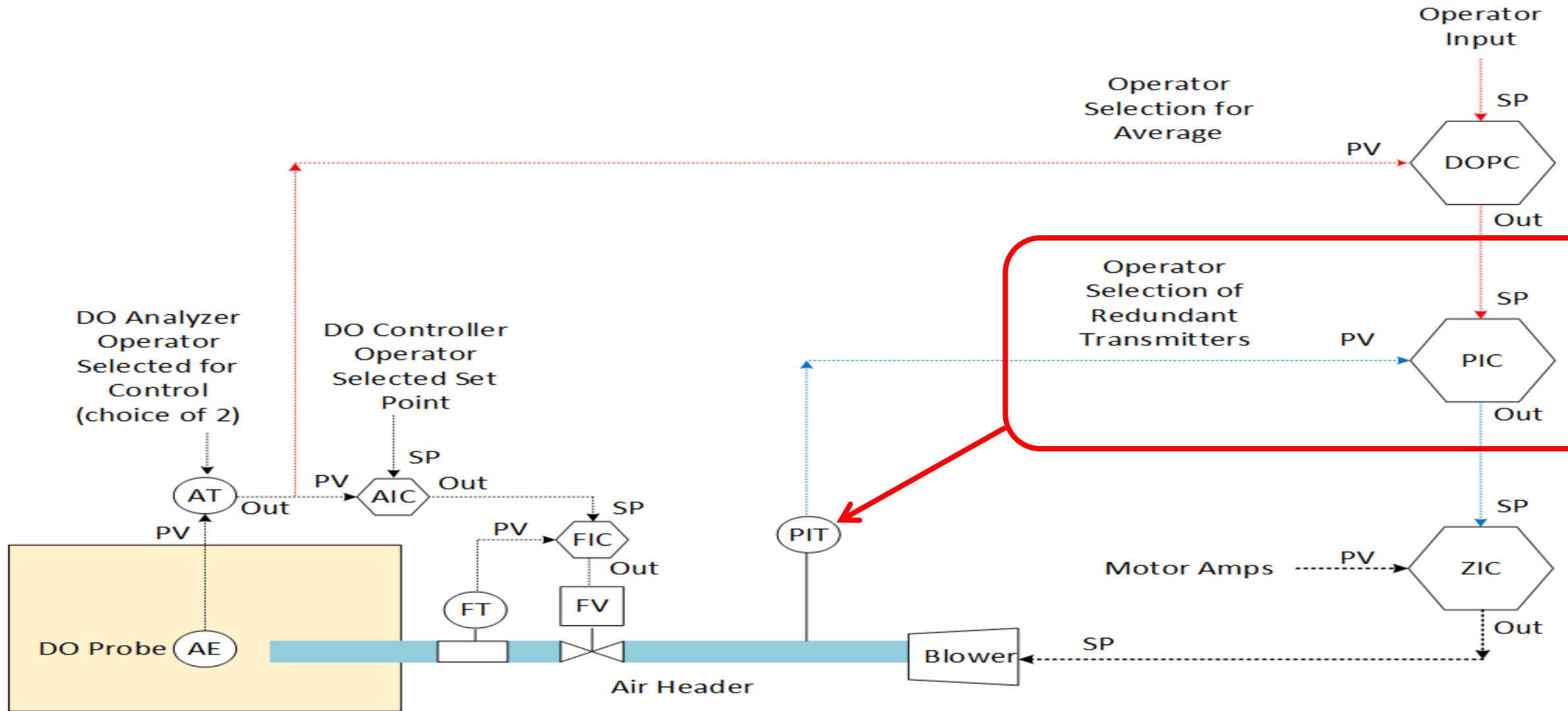


# Air Flow Controller Optimization

- ***Output Rate of Change*** - set gain, reset time, and control zone for speed of output to aeration control valve.
- ***Output Range*** - set high/low valve travel range to avoid controller wind up or wind down.
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# Aeration Pressure Control





# Aeration System Pressure Sensor



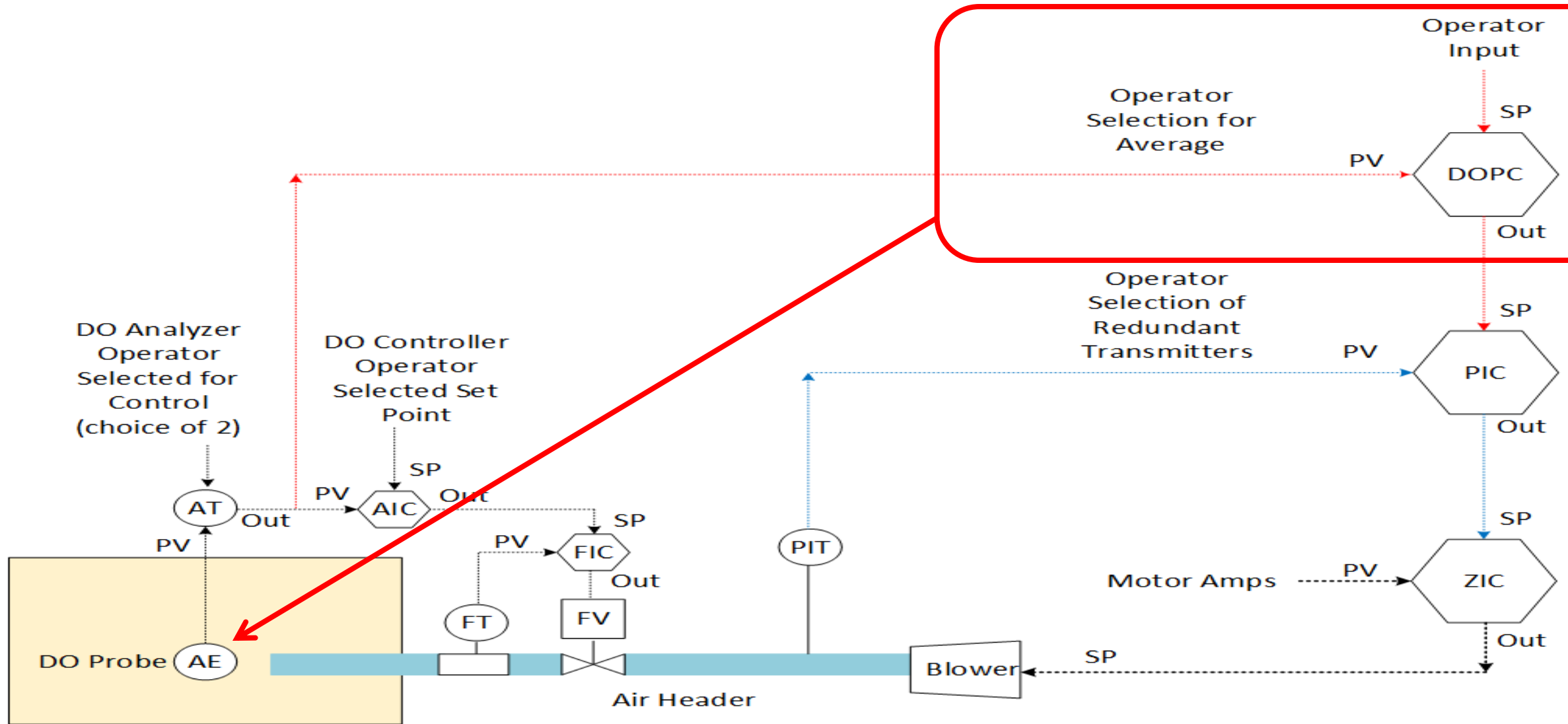


# Pressure Sensor Influences

- ***Aeration valve position***
- ***Number of blowers in service***
- ***Blower guide vane positions***



# Aeration Pressure Control





# Pressure Control Loop

## Average DO Calculation

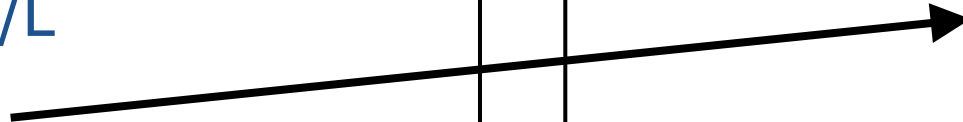
PV  
SP - mg/L  
OUT

**Requests pressure needed  
to increase or decrease air.**

## System Pressure Controller

PV  
SP - kpa  
OUT

**Sets pressure set point  
within selected  
pressure range.**





# DO Average Calculation Options

- Calculate an average DO based on front end DO probes.
- Option given to select front end or back end DO probe for the average calculation.
- Flexibility for supervisor to influence blower air output.





# Average DO Control Flexibility

Individual Aeration Tanks		
	Front DO	Back DO
	mg/L	mg/L
Aer 3	3.6	4.5
Aer 4	3.6	4.0
<b>Aer 5</b>	3.8	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Aer 6</b>	3.9	<b>2.2</b>
Aer 7	3.2	3.4
Aer 8	3.3	3.2
Aer 9	3.1	2.6
Avg	<b>3.5</b>	
SP	<b>3.2</b>	

Average DO Calculation		
	Front DO	Selected DO
	mg/L	mg/L
Aer 3	3.6	3.6
Aer 4	3.6	3.6
<b>Aer 5</b>	3.8	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Aer 6</b>	3.6	<b>2.2</b>
Aer 7	3.2	3.2
Aer 8	3.3	3.3
Aer 9	3.1	3.1
Avg PV	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Avg SP	3.2	3.2
Output to Pressure Controller	<b>decrease</b>	<b>increase</b>



# Pressure Control Optimization

- ***Adjustable Average DO Calculation*** – creates pressure setpoint within adjustable 5 kpa range.
- ***Output Rate of Change***
- ***Output Range***
- ***Pressure Relief Feature*** – reduces pressure setpoint if high alarm reached.
- ***Timing*** - set output ranges based on demand. Supervisor able to make manual changes to increase rate if needed.



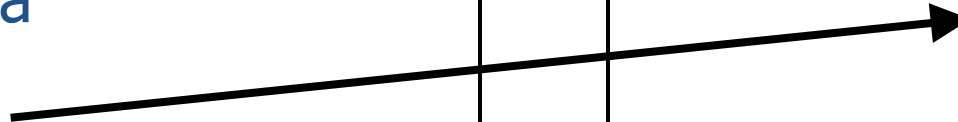
# Blower Amperage Control

System Pressure Controller

PV  
SP - kpa  
OUT

Blower Amperage Controller

PV  
SP - amps  
OUT



**Requests blower amperage  
needed to increase or decrease  
blower air output.**

**Sets amperage set point  
within selected range.  
Output sent to guide vanes.**



# 2500 HP Blowers



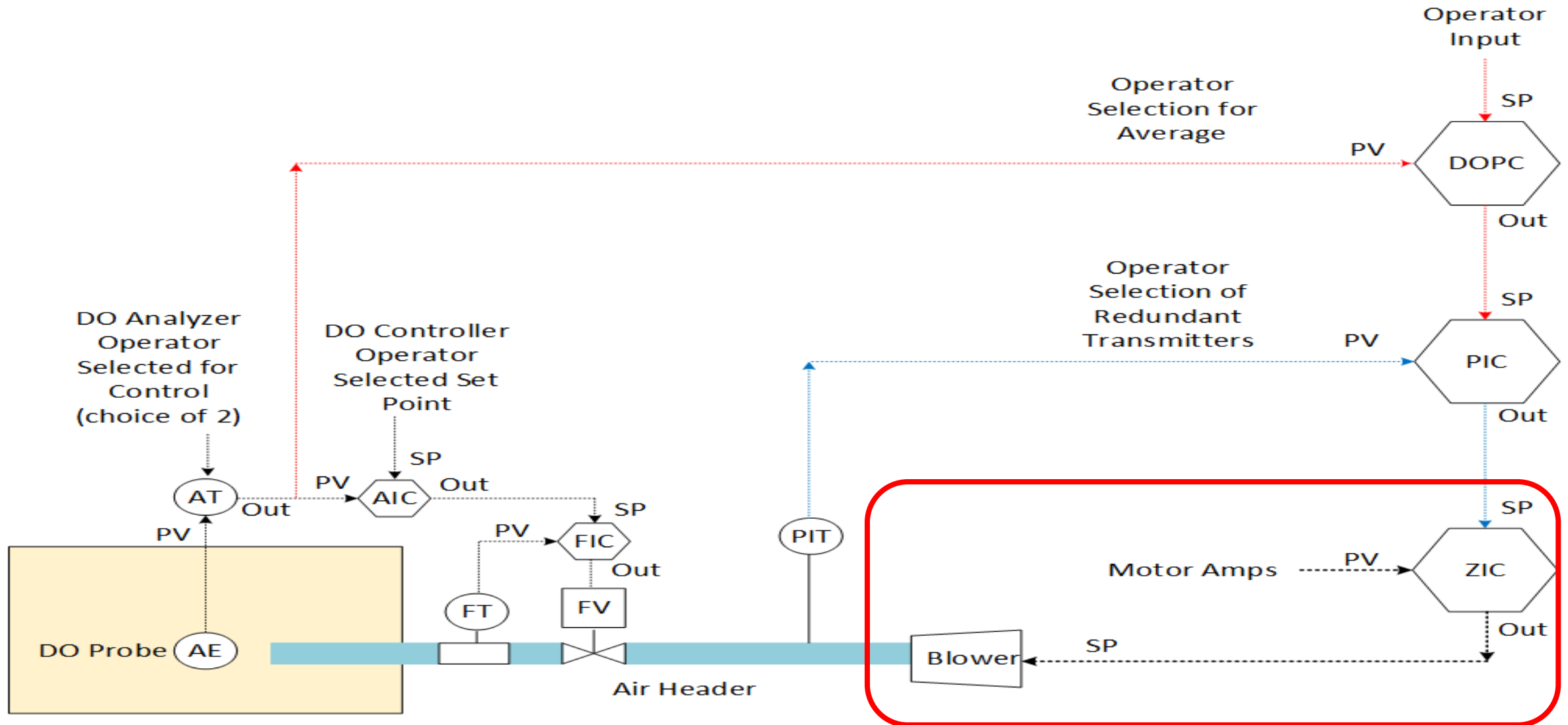


# 1350 HP Blowers





# Basic Aeration Control





# Guide Vane Control

Amperage Controller

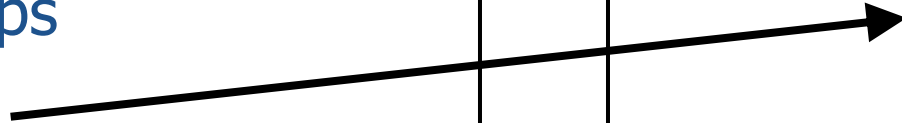
PV

SP - amps

OUT

Blower Guide Vane Controller

SP - % open



**Requests guide vane change  
to increase or decrease air.**

**Adjusts guide vanes according to manufacturer  
specifications.**



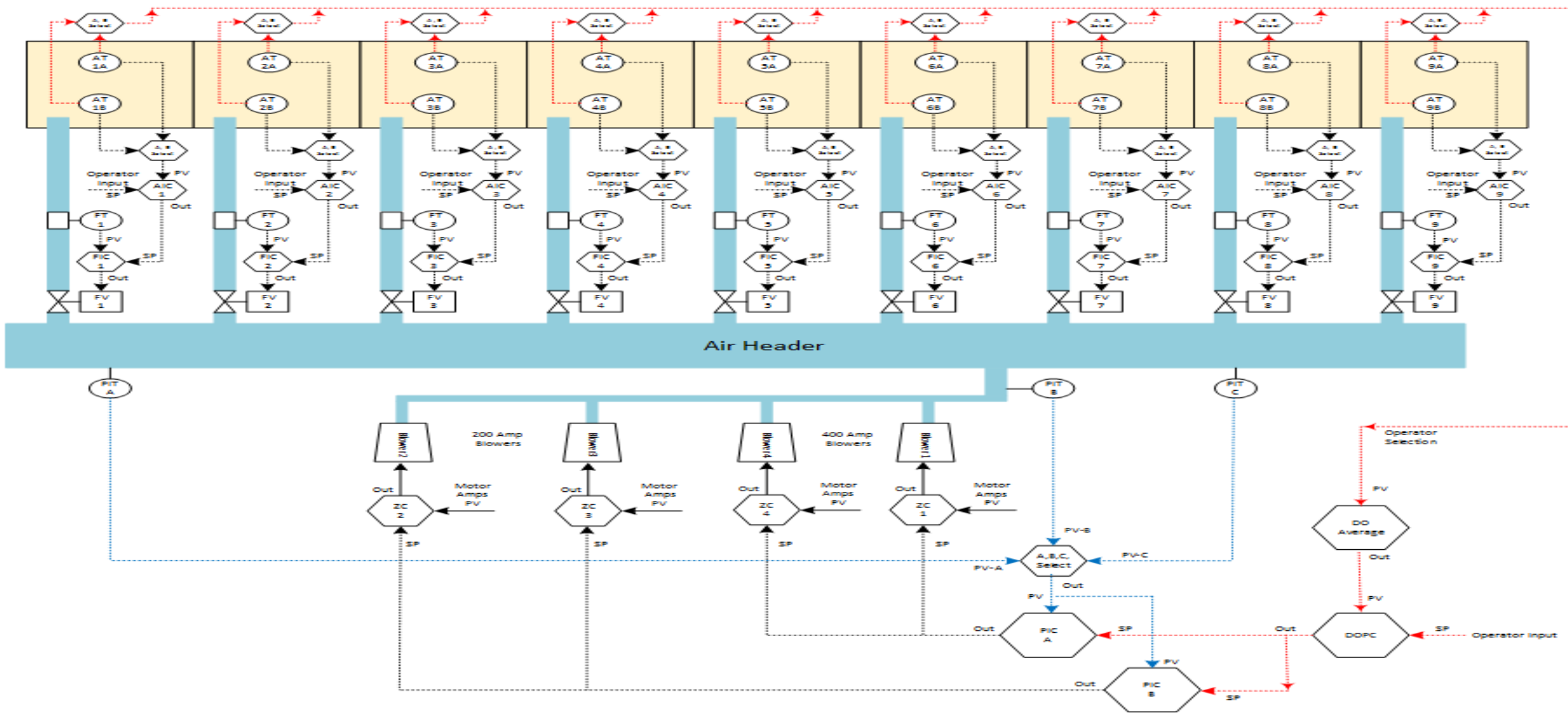
# Blower Guide Vane Control Challenges

- Two different blower sizes.
- Two different guide vane controls.
- Work with manufacturer to optimize performance.





# Aeration Control Configuration





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Questions?