



# New Santa Clara Stadium Facility Design

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# Cupertino Electric (CEI) Overview



- **Services:** Engineering & construction
- **Founded:** 1954
- **Employees:** ≈ 1,500 (field + office)
- **Revenue:** \$570 million (2012)
- **Safety:** AGC “Safety Awards of Excellence” (2011 & 2012)
- **Customers:** Fortune 100 companies
- **Reach:** National

# Outline



- Stadium
  - Primary Gear
  - Substations
  - Scoreboards
- Superbowl
  - Event
  - Solution

A blue-tinted photograph of stadium seating, showing rows of seats and structural elements, viewed from a low angle looking up.

# NEW SANTA CLARA STADIUM

(LEVI'S STADIUM)

# Design Parameters

- Maximize Uptime
- Event Considerations
  - 8 Football
  - 12 Other Events
- Longevity
- Budget



# Facts

- 300 Drawings
- 52 Miles Feeders
- 350 Miles Conduit →
- 45 Miles PVC Underground
- 500 Miles Low Voltage Cable
- 1st ALL Exterior LED Stadium\*
- 500 Power Panels (12,000 Breakers)
- 17,000 Luminaires



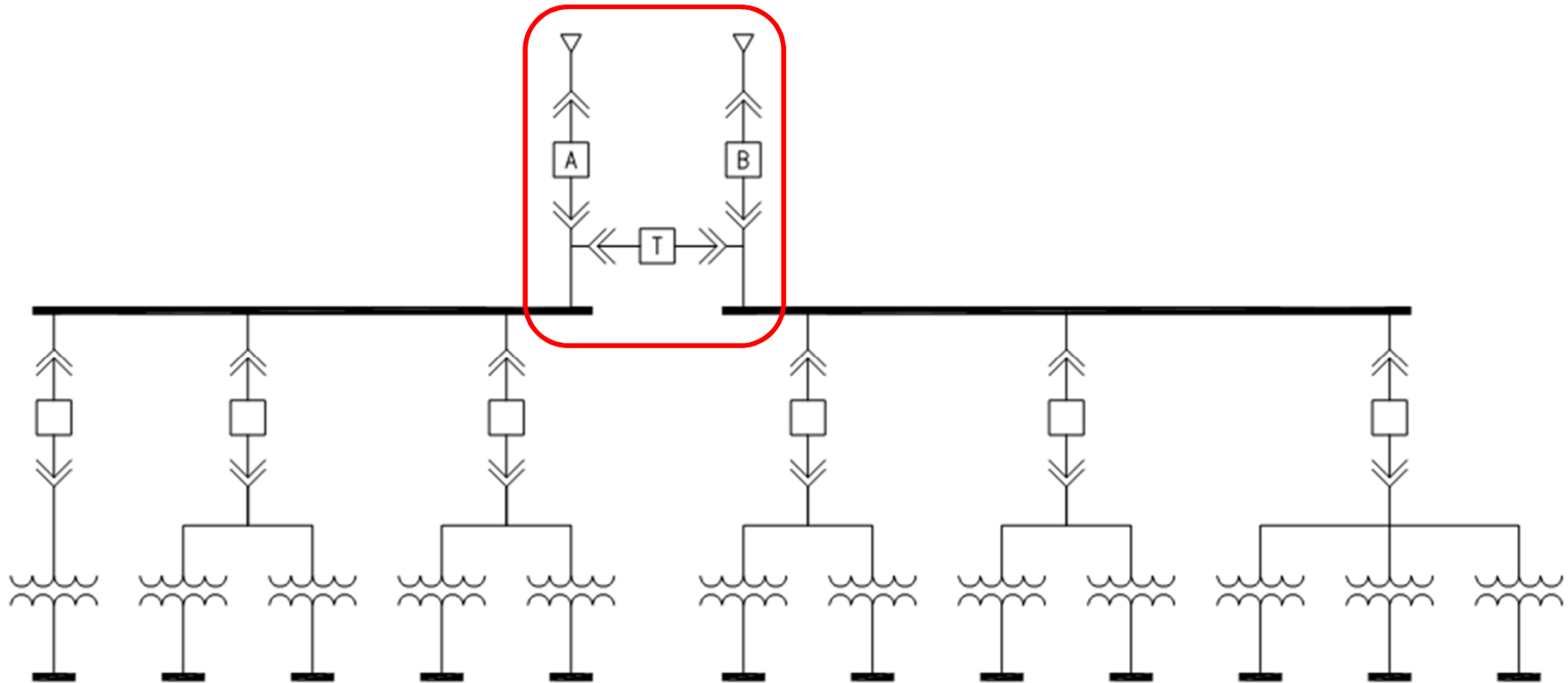


# Just Numbers

- Connected = 27MVA
- Diversity = 45%
- Demand = 12MVA
- Single Point Failure when Tie Closed



# Primary Gear





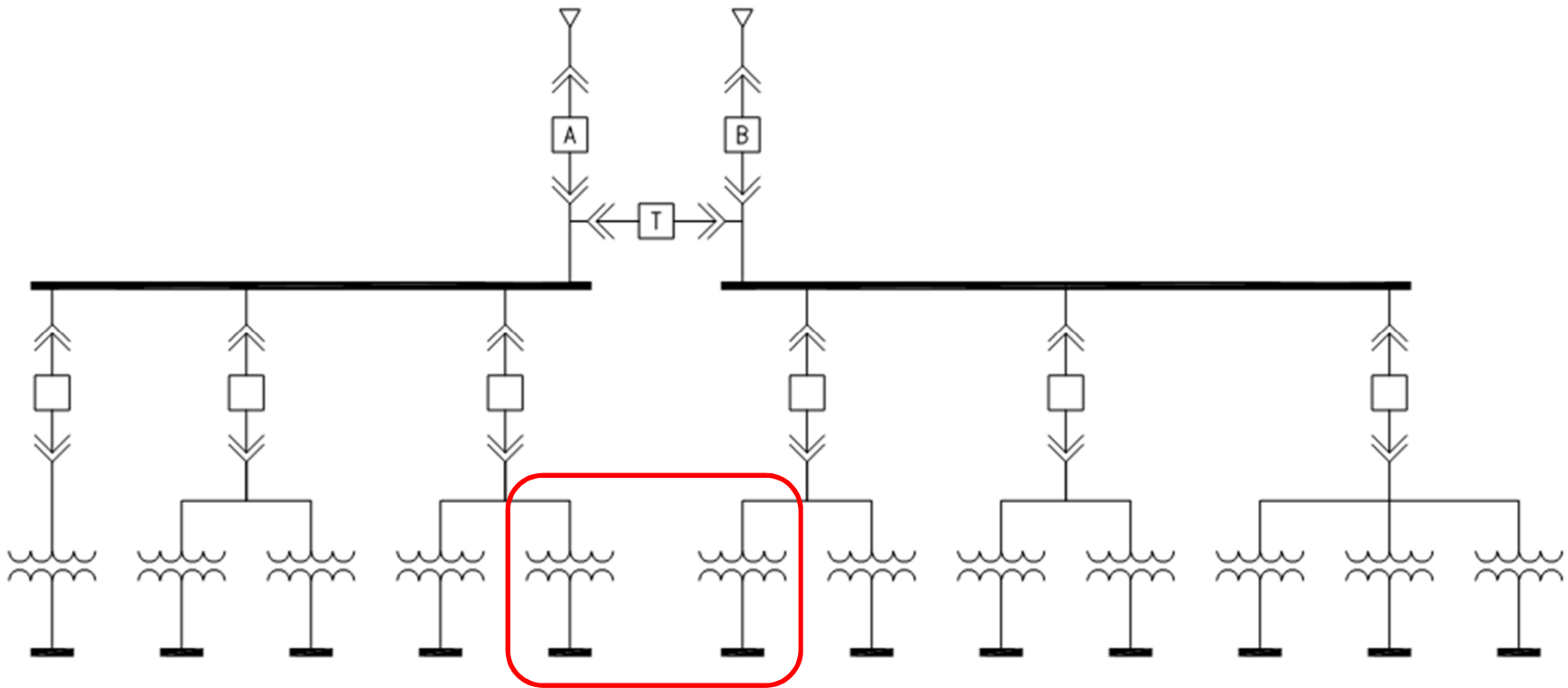
Main A

Tie

Main B

**DANGER**  
HIGH  
VOLTAGE  
KEEP OUT

# Secondary Distribution





**DANGER**  
HIGH  
VOLTAGE  
KEEP OUT.



Quad A ← → Quad D

# Sports Lighting

- Voltage Sag Tolerance 42%
- Power Loss Tolerance 1/4 cycle

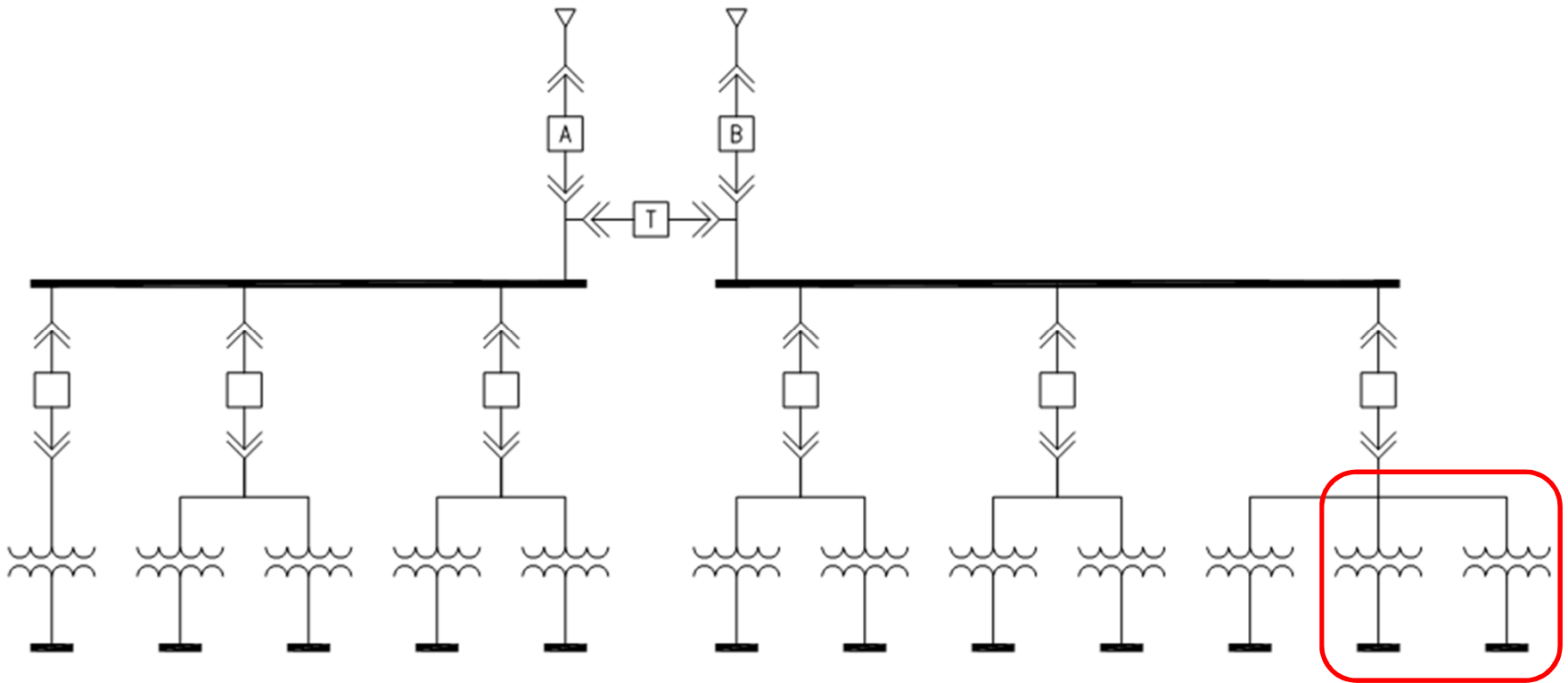
**(648)1500W  
Metal Halide**



**(24)2000W  
Hot Restrike**



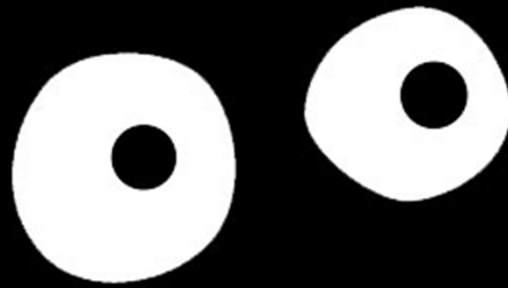
# Scoreboards





# Two of a Kind





**Blackout**

# What Really Happened?

- Study by Palmer Engineering and Forensics
  - 13.8 kV S&C switch operated as designed but..
  - Improper LT settings

Power



Sports Lights



# Contractor's Engineering Guide

**Budget**



**Simple**



**Schedule**

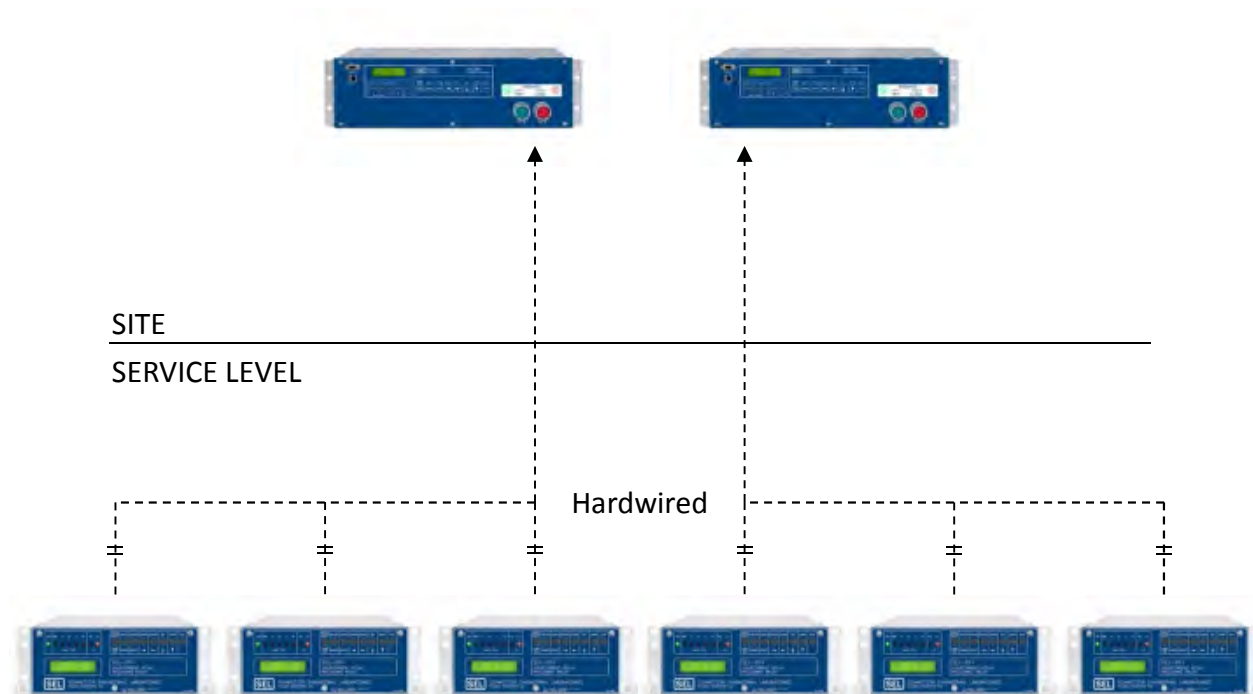


# Low-Hanging Fruit

- Second Harmonic Restraint at Mains
  - Blackout Restart Inrush
  - 2 Layer 50 Relay
- VLF-Tested 12 kV Cables

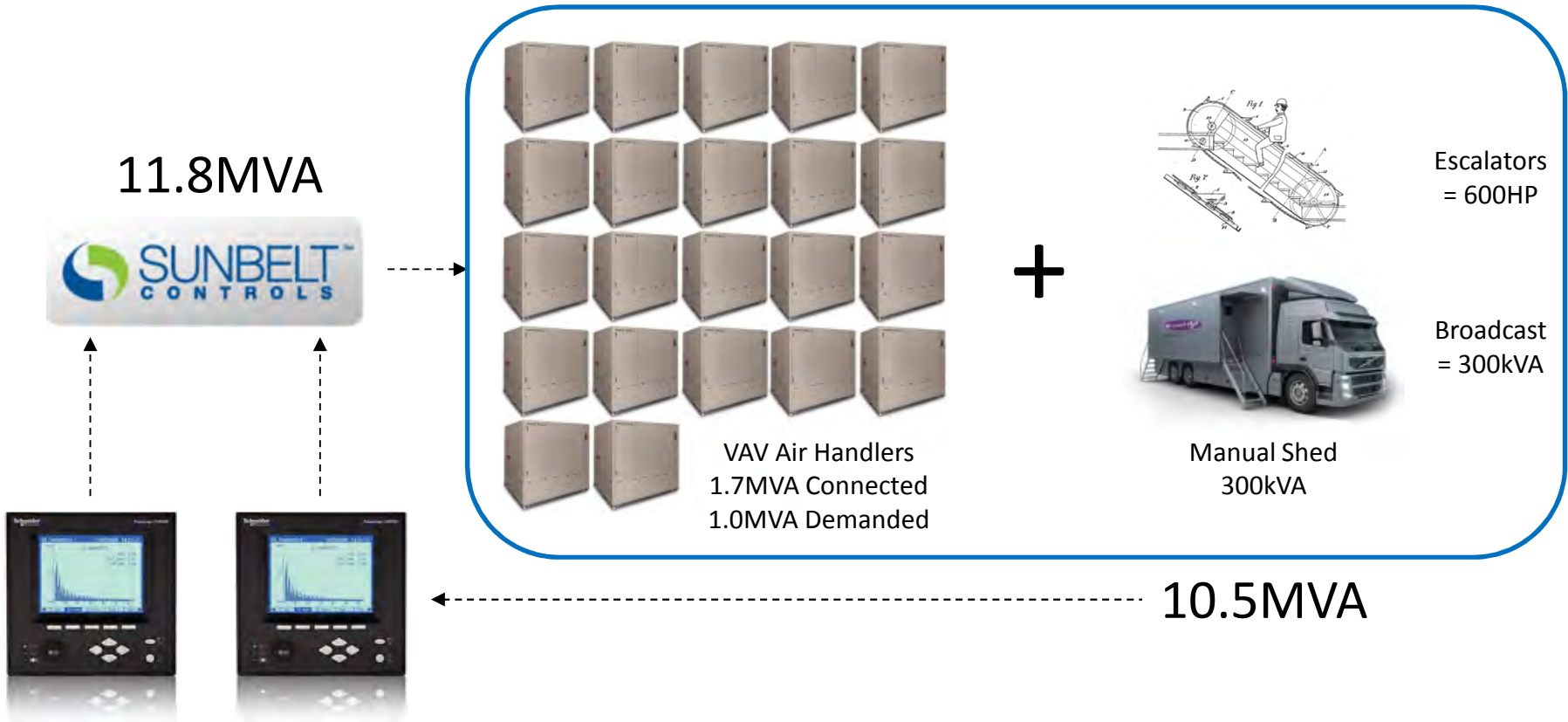


# Goose Lite



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# Basic Load Shed



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# Q&A