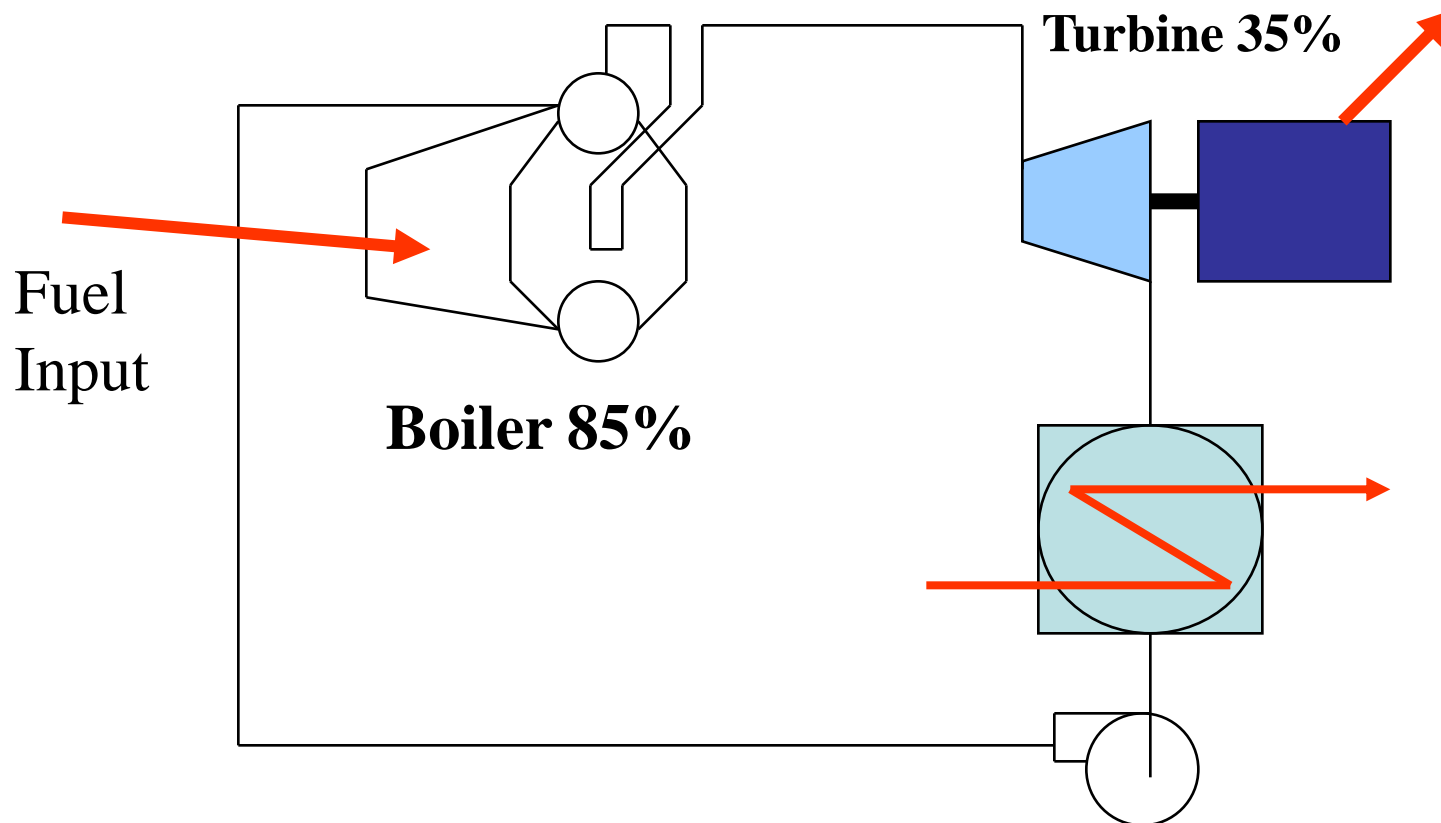


## **Section 10: Steam System Optimization - Cogeneration**

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# Industrial Cogeneration



Industrial facilities can achieve “overall energy efficiency” of 70% or higher, because they have a need for thermal energy (heat).....

## Classic Cogeneration Analysis

- ✓ The classic cogeneration analysis answers the following questions:
- What is the true economic impact of cogeneration?
  - When is it viable?
    - To operate or shut down
    - To install
  - What changes, if any, will be required on the steam system?
  - What changes, if any, will be required for the electrical utility system and grid interconnects?

## Primary Factors for Cogeneration Analysis

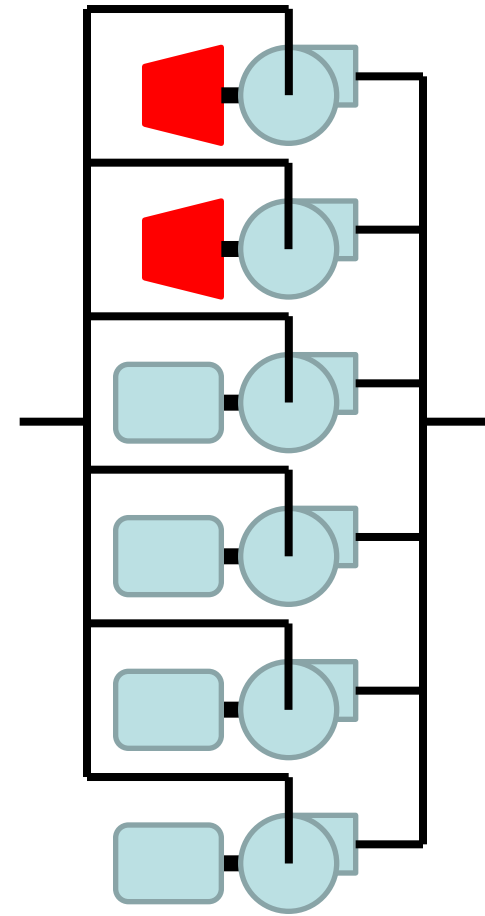
- ✓ The primary factors impacting the analysis are:
- Impact electrical cost
  - Impact fuel cost
  - Boiler efficiency
  - Steam turbine efficiency
  - Steam demand

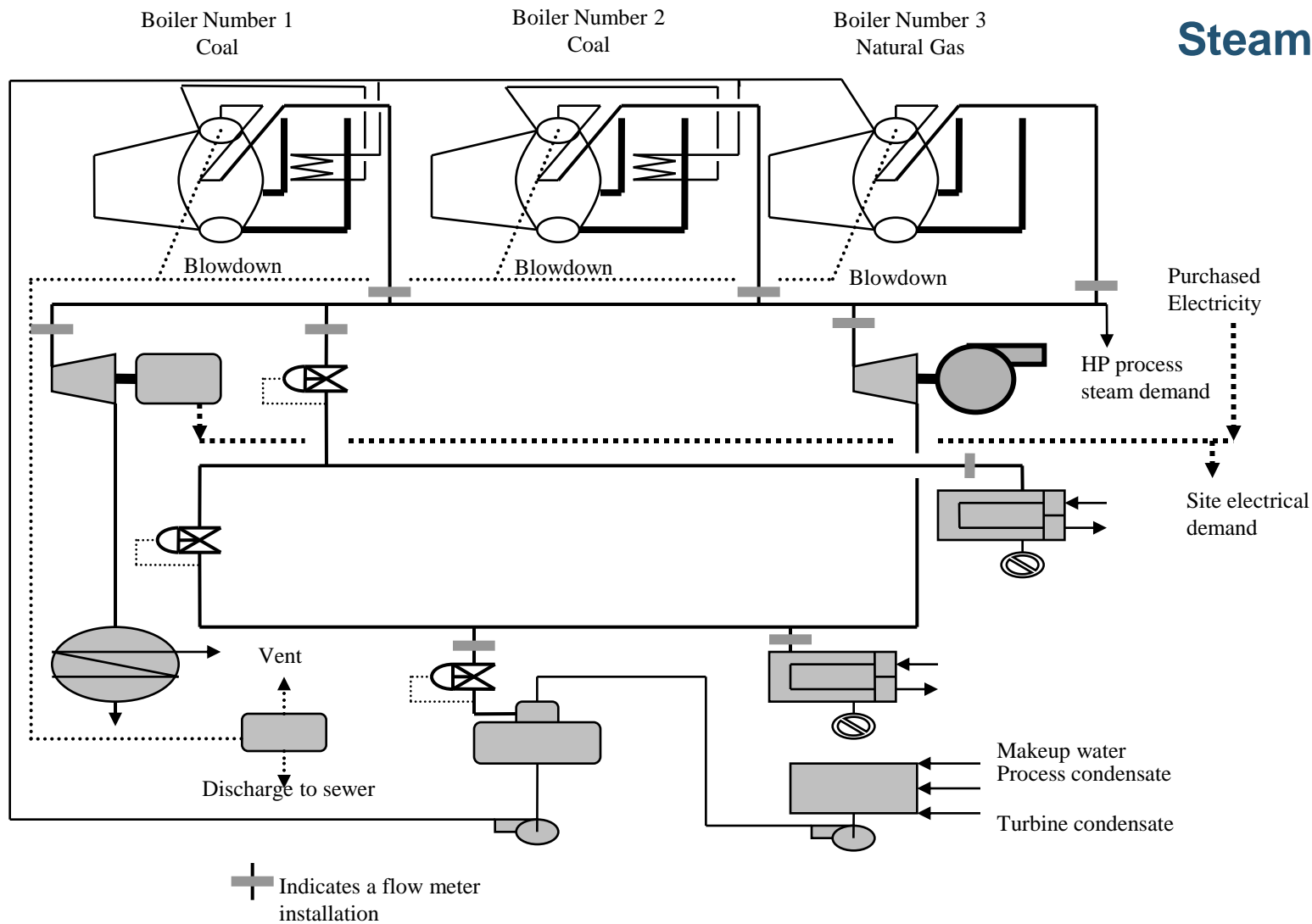
# Impact Costs

- ✓ Impact cost is the actual economic impact of increasing or decreasing electrical consumption
- ✓ The average cost of electricity is typically NOT the appropriate analysis value
- ✓ A thorough understanding of the electric rate structure is essential to evaluate the true impact of power generation systems

## Example Turbine-PRV Evaluation

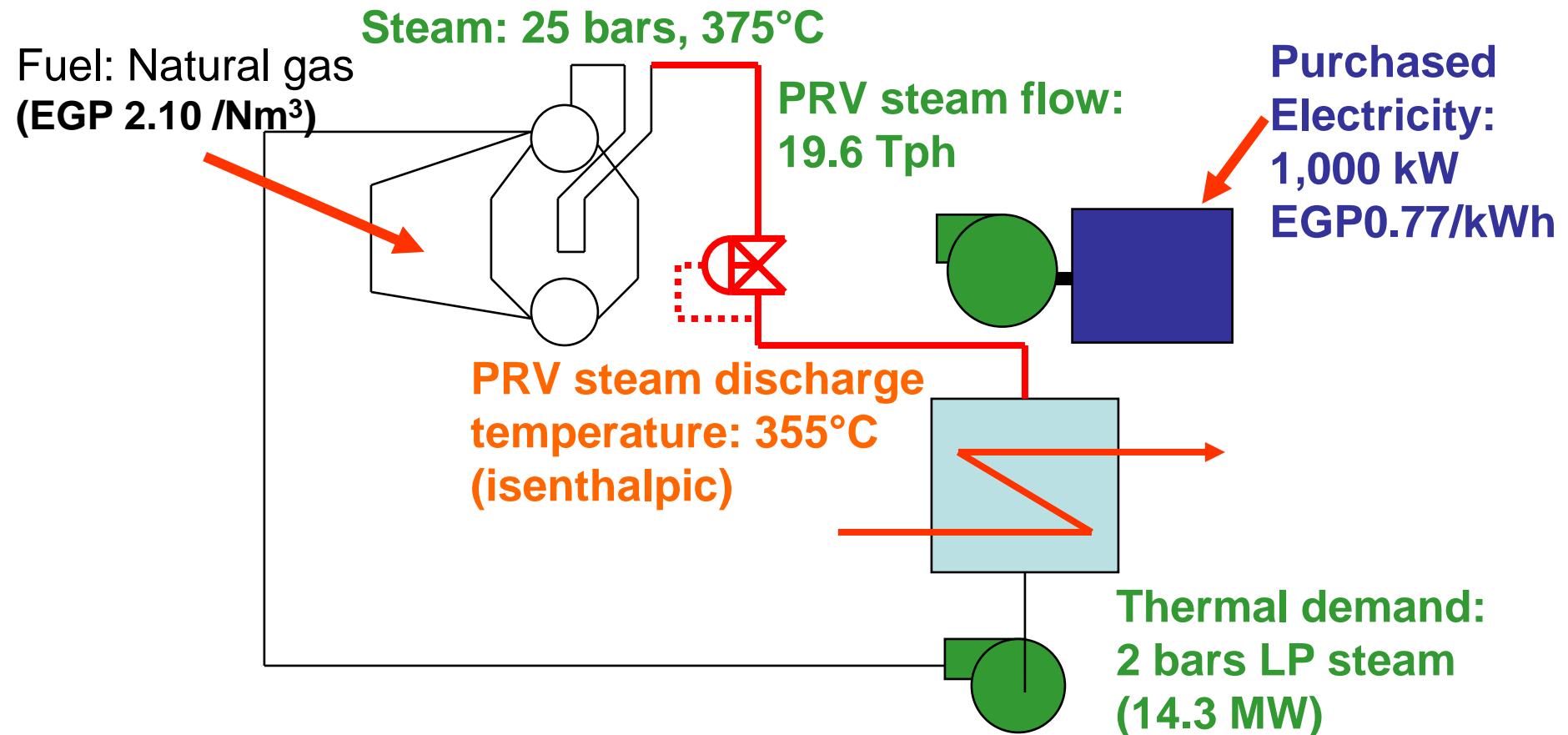
- ✓ A process unit is equipped with 6 identical pumps that are installed in parallel
  - Only 3 of the 6 pumps are required to operate continuously and the remaining pumps are spare (backup) units
  - Electric motors drive 4 of the pumps and steam turbines drive 2 of the pumps
  - Normally 3-electric motor driven pumps are in service.
  - Turbine-driven pump could be started at any time replacing a motor driven pump
  
- ✓ Identify the economic incentive associated with operating the turbine driven pump
  - Compared to operating an electric motor driven pump and passing steam through a Pressure reducing Valve (PRV) to satisfy the low pressure demands





## Steam System

# PRV Operations





# PRV Operations

$$h_{steam} = 3,180.9 \frac{kJ}{kg} \quad \text{P} = 25 \text{ bars; } T = 375^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$h_{PRVout} = 3,180.9 \frac{kJ}{kg} \quad \text{P} = 2 \text{ bars; Isenthalpic; } T = 354.7^{\circ}\text{C}$$

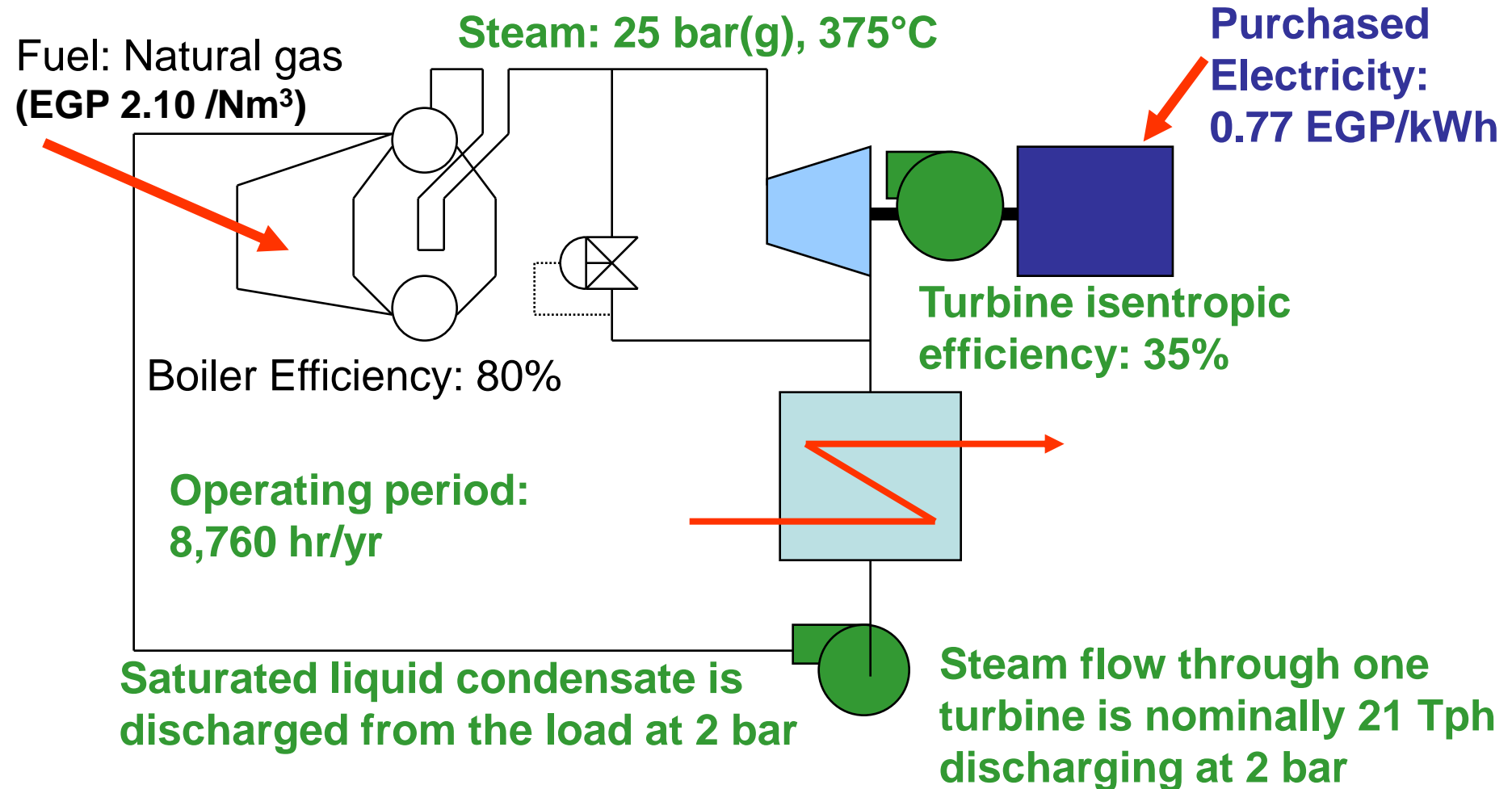
$$h_{condensate} = 562.2 \frac{kJ}{kg} \quad \text{P} = 2 \text{ bars; Saturated Condensate; } T = 133.7^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$Q_{thermal} = 14,300 \text{ kW}$$

$$Q_{thermal} = m_{PRV} \times (h_{PRVout} - h_{condensate})$$

$$m_{PRV} = \frac{14,300}{(3,180.9 - 562.2)} = 5.45 \frac{kg}{s} = 19.63 \text{ Tph}$$

# Turbine-PRV Economics



## Backpressure Turbine Economics

- ✓ Most industrial systems require thermal energy (not mass flow of steam)
- ✓ The turbine will extract energy from the steam and convert it into shaft energy
  - The steam will exit the turbine with a reduced temperature
- ✓ The result will be an increased mass flow of steam required to satisfy the thermal demand

# Steam Turbine Operation

Fuel: Natural gas  
(EGP 2.10 /Nm<sup>3</sup>)

**Steam: 28 bar(g), 375°C**

No Purchased  
Electricity

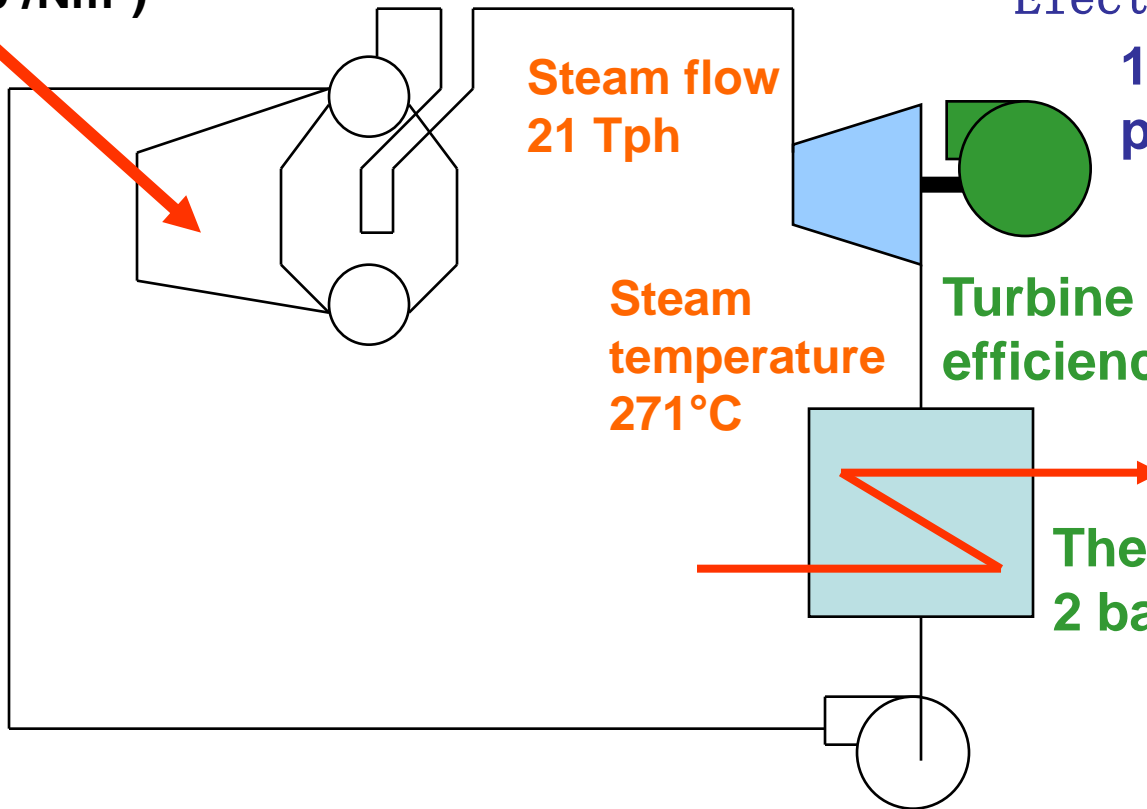
**1,000 kW of power  
production**

**Steam flow  
21 Tph**

**Steam  
temperature  
271°C**

**Turbine isentropic  
efficiency: 35%**

**Thermal demand:  
2 bars; 14.3 MW**



# Steam Turbine Operations

$$h_{steam} = 3,180.9 \frac{kJ}{kg} \quad \text{P} = 25 \text{ bars; T} = 375^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$h_{Turbineout} = 3,009.8 \frac{kJ}{kg} \quad \text{P} = 2 \text{ bars; T} = 271^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$h_{condensate} = 562.2 \frac{kJ}{kg} \quad \text{P} = 2 \text{ bars; Saturated Condensate; T} = 133.7^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$Q_{thermal} = 14,300 \text{ kW}$$

$$Q_{thermal} = m_{turbine} \times (h_{Turbineout} - h_{condensate})$$

$$m_{PRV} = \frac{14,300}{(3,009.8 - 562.2)} = 5.83 \frac{kg}{s} = 21.0 \text{ Tph}$$

# PRV - Backpressure Turbine Economics

## ✓ Electrical Energy and Cost Savings

$$\text{Energy Savings} = 1,000 \times 8,760 = 8,760 \text{ MWh}$$

$$\text{Energy Cost Savings} = 8,760 \times 1,000 \times 0.77 = \text{EGP}6,745,200$$

## ✓ Fuel Energy and Cost Increase

$$\text{Energy Increase} = (m_{\text{Turbine}} - m_{\text{PRV}}) \times 1,000 \times \frac{(h_{\text{steam}} - h_{\text{feedwater}})}{\eta_{\text{boiler}}} \times 8,760$$

$$\text{Energy Increase} = (21 - 19.6) \times 1,000 \times \frac{(3180.9 - 463.5)}{0.80} \times 8,760 = 41,658 \text{ GJ}$$

$$\text{Energy Cost Increase} = \frac{41,658 \times 1,000 \times 1000}{40,144} \times 2.10 = \text{EGP}2,179,200$$

# PRV - Backpressure Turbine Economics

## ✓ Net Economic Impact

*Electric Power Cost Savings* = \$6,745,200

*Fuel Cost Increase* = \$2,179,200

*Net Economic Benefit* = \$4,566,000

## ✓ The primary factors impacting the analysis are:

- Impact electrical cost
- Impact fuel cost
- Boiler efficiency
- Steam turbine efficiency
- Steam demand

# PRV - Backpressure Turbine Economics

## ✓ Net Economic Impact

*Electric Power Cost Savings* = \$6,745,200

*Fuel Cost Increase* = \$2,179,200

*Net Economic Benefit* = \$4,566,000

- ✓ This identical analysis can be and should be done with SSAT Projects 7, 8 and 9 depending on which turbine is being modeled in the analysis
  - Systems approach versus Component-based approach



# SSAT Project 7 – HP-LP Steam Turbine

## Project 7 - HP to LP Steam Turbine(s)

Efficiency : 35% Operation : Operates with fixed steam flow

Do you wish to modify the HP to LP turbine operation? No

If yes, select the appropriate turbine operating mode Option 2 - Fixed operation

Note: If Option 1 is chosen, the model will preferentially use the HP to LP turbine to balance the LP demand

Specify a new isentropic efficiency (%) 35 %

Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model

Note: Isentropic efficiency of existing turbine is 35%

Option 2 - How do wish to define the fixed turbine operation? Specify fixed steam flow

Option 2 - Fixed steam flow 42 t/h

Option 2 - Fixed power generation 2000 kW

Option 3 - How do wish to define the operating range? Option 3 not selected

Option 3 - Minimum steam flow 25 t/h

Option 3 - Maximum steam flow 75 t/h

Option 3 - Minimum power generation 1500 kW

Option 3 - Maximum power generation 2500 kW

# SSAT Project 8 – HP-MP Steam Turbine

## Project 8 - HP to MP Steam Turbine(s) Not installed

Do you wish to add an HP to MP turbine?

No



If yes, select the appropriate turbine operating mode

Option 1 - Balances MP header



Specify a new isentropic efficiency (%)

70 %

Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model

Option 2 - How do wish to define the fixed turbine operation?

Option 2 not selected



Option 2 - Fixed steam flow

50 t/h

Option 2 - Fixed power generation

2000 kW

Option 3 - How do wish to define the operating range?

Option 3 not selected



Option 3 - Minimum steam flow

25 t/h

Option 3 - Maximum steam flow

75 t/h

Option 3 - Minimum power generation

1500 kW

Option 3 - Maximum power generation

2500 kW

# SSAT Project 9 – MP-LP Steam Turbine

## Project 8 - HP to MP Steam Turbine(s) Not installed

Do you wish to add an HP to MP turbine?

No



If yes, select the appropriate turbine operating mode

Option 1 - Balances MP header



Specify a new isentropic efficiency (%)

70 %

Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model

Option 2 - How do wish to define the fixed turbine operation?

Option 2 not selected



Option 2 - Fixed steam flow

50 t/h

Option 2 - Fixed power generation

2000 kW

Option 3 - How do wish to define the operating range?

Option 3 not selected



Option 3 - Minimum steam flow

25 t/h

Option 3 - Maximum steam flow

75 t/h

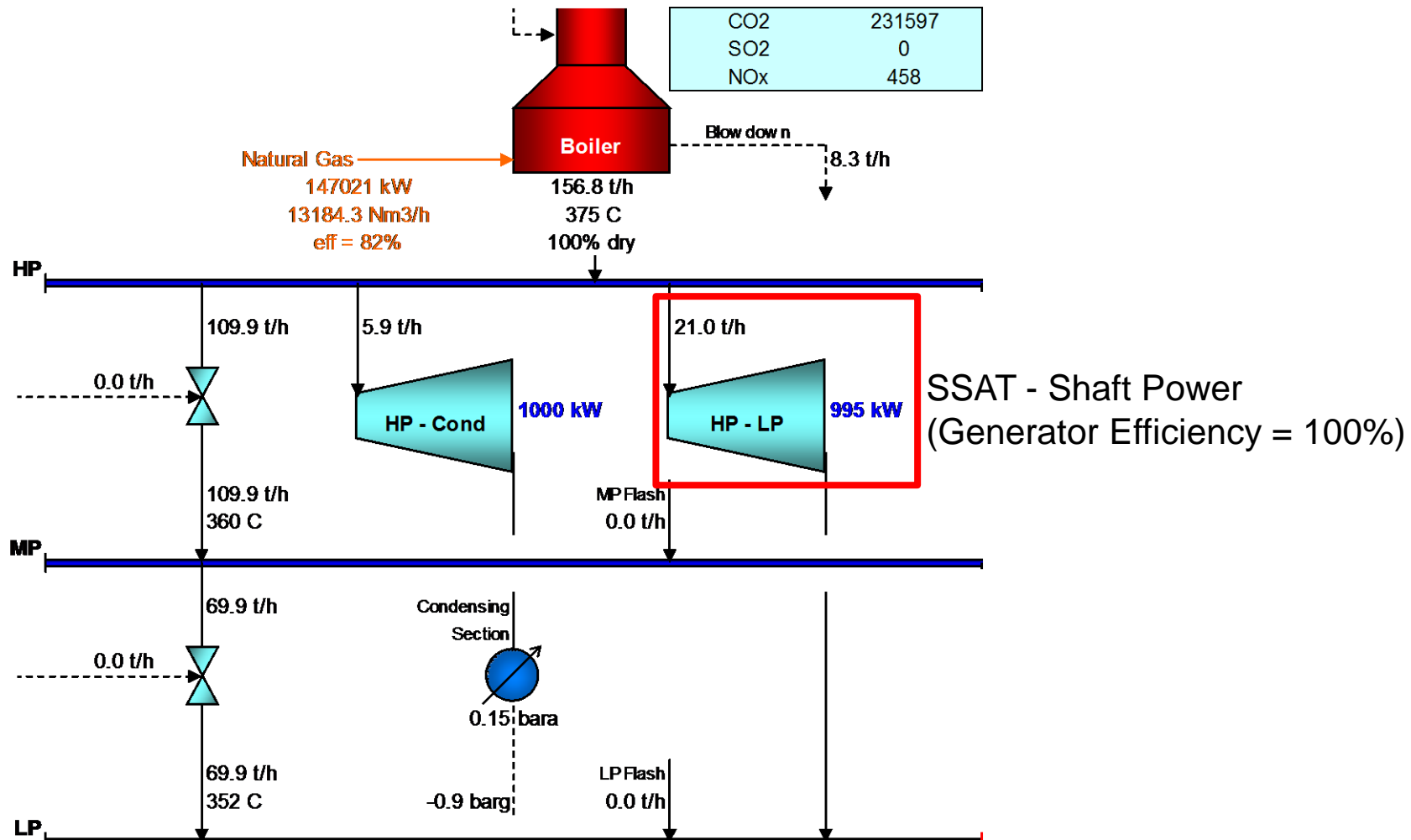
Option 3 - Minimum power generation

1500 kW

Option 3 - Maximum power generation

2500 kW

# SSAT Analysis – HP-LP Steam Turbine



# SSAT Project 7 – HP-LP Steam Turbine

## Project 7 - HP to LP Steam Turbine(s)

Efficiency : 35% Operation : Operates with fixed steam flow

Do you wish to modify the HP to LP turbine operation?

Yes, modify operation of existing turbine



If yes, select the appropriate turbine operating mode

Option 2 - Fixed operation



Note: If Option 1 is chosen, the model will preferentially use the HP to LP turbine to balance the LP demand

Specify a new isentropic efficiency (%)

35 %

Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model

Note: Isentropic efficiency of existing turbine is 35%

Option 2 - How do wish to define the fixed turbine operation?

Specify fixed steam flow



Option 2 - Fixed steam flow

42 t/h

Option 2 - Fixed power generation

2000 kW

Option 3 - How do wish to define the operating range?

Option 3 not selected



Option 3 - Minimum steam flow

25 t/h

Option 3 - Maximum steam flow

75 t/h

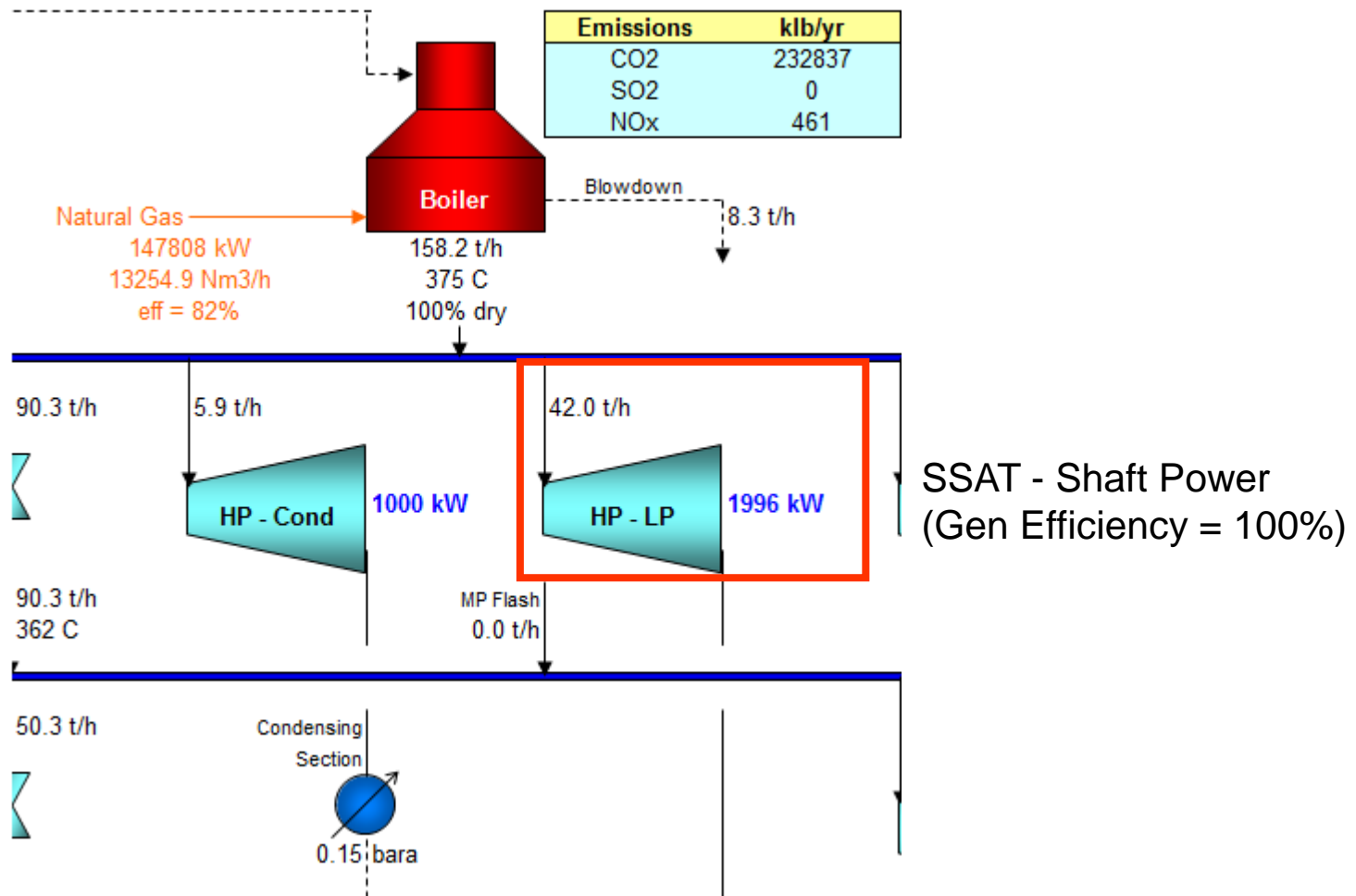
Option 3 - Minimum power generation

1500 kW

Option 3 - Maximum power generation

2500 kW

# SSAT Project 7 – HP-LP Steam Turbine



# SSAT Project 7 – HP-LP Steam Turbine

## Results Summary

### SSAT 3 Header Metric Model for User Training Egypt

Model Status : OK

| Cost Summary (\$ '000s/yr)         | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Power Cost                         | 33,726            | 26,995         | 6,731        | 20.0%       |
| Fuel Cost                          | 241,550           | 243,837        | -2,286       | -0.9%       |
| Make-Up Water Cost                 | 3,915             | 3,948          | -33          | -0.9%       |
| <b>Total Cost (in \$ '000s/yr)</b> | <b>279,191</b>    | <b>274,780</b> | <b>4,411</b> | <b>1.6%</b> |

| On-Site Emissions | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction  |       |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| CO2 Emissions     | 230654 t/yr       | 232837 t/yr    | -2183 t/yr | -0.9% |
| SOx Emissions     | 0 t/yr            | 0 t/yr         | 0 t/yr     | N/A   |
| NOx Emissions     | 457 t/yr          | 461 t/yr       | -4 t/yr    | -0.9% |

| Utility Balance              | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction    |       |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Power Generation             | 1998 kW           | 2996 kW        | -            | -     |
| Power Import                 | 5000 kW           | 4002 kW        | 998 kW       | 20.0% |
| Total Site Electrical Demand | 6998 kW           | 6998 kW        | -            | -     |
| Boiler Duty                  | 146422 kW         | 147808 kW      | -1386 kW     | -0.9% |
| Fuel Type                    | Natural Gas       | Natural Gas    | -            | -     |
| Fuel Consumption             | 13130.6 Nm3/h     | 13254.9 Nm3/h  | -124.3 Nm3/h | -0.9% |
| Boiler Steam Flow            | 156.7 t/h         | 158.2 t/h      | -1.5 t/h     | -0.9% |
| Fuel Cost (in \$/MWh)        | 188.32            | 188.32         | -            | -     |
| Power Cost (as \$/MWh)       | 770.00            | 770.00         | -            | -     |
| Make-Up Water Flow           | 76 m3/h           | 77 m3/h        | -1 m3/h      | -0.9% |



## SSAT Project 7 – HP-LP Steam Turbine

- ✓ Differences between the “Manual” versus “Model” calculated results can be significant when working with cogeneration type projects
- ✓ The Model results are very accurate
  - Uses a SYSTEM approach and not just a component
    - Impact of condensate temperature
    - Impact of blowdown, deaerator steam flow, make-up water, etc.
  - Completes a detailed mass, energy and economic balance
- ✓ ALWAYS use a SYSTEM based model for analysis



| Typical Energy Costs in Egypt                               |               |          |           |            |        |         |                               |
|---|---------------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Energy type   | Unit          | EGP/Unit | US\$/Unit | HHV(kJ/kg) | EGP/GJ | US\$/GJ | Remarks                       |
| Natural Gas*  | MMBtu         | 50.2     | 5.60      | 54,220     | 52.43  | 5.90    | varies between US\$ 4.3 & 7.0 |
| Diesel  | Litre         | 2.04     | 0.23      | 45,125     | 53.88  | 6.07    | US\$ 0.23/Lit, (Sp. Gr. 0.84) |
| Petrol  | Litre         | 2.93     | 0.33      | 46,536     | 85.10  | 9.58    | US\$ 0.33/Lit (Sp. Gr. 0.74)  |
| Fuel Oil (Mozut)  | Tonne         | 2300     | 259.0     | 43,595     | 52.76  | 5.94    | range 1400-2300 EGP/Tonne     |
| Coal (if imported)  | Tonne         | 1066     | 120.0     | 31,890     | 33.41  | 3.76    |                               |
| Electricity   | kWh           | 0.77     | 0.09      |            | 214.60 | 24.2    | US\$ 0.087 /kWh               |
| EGP = Egyptian Pound, 1 US\$ = 8.88 EGP 1GJ = 0.94845 MMBtu |               |          |           |            |        |         |                               |
|   | Nat. gas HHV  | 40144    | kJ/Nm3    | 24.91      | NM3/GJ |         |                               |
|   | Nat. gas cost | 5.90     | US\$/GJ   | 0.24       | \$/NM3 | 2.10    | EGP/NM3                       |

# Fuel Price Impact, If Gas price subsidy is removed

✓ Fuel price increase to EGP6.3/NM<sup>3</sup> from EGP2.1/NM<sup>3</sup>

## Results Summary

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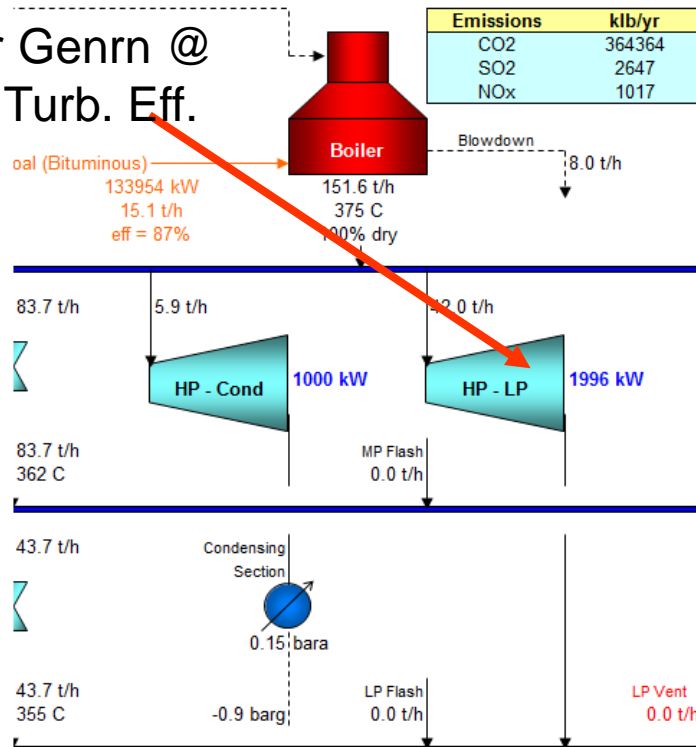
| Cost Summary (\$ '000s/yr)         | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction   |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Power Cost                         | 33,726            | 26,995         | 6,731       | 20.0%       |
| Fuel Cost                          | 724,651           | 731,510        | -6,858      | -0.9%       |
| Make-Up Water Cost                 | 3,915             | 3,948          | -33         | -0.9%       |
| <b>Total Cost (in \$ '000s/yr)</b> | <b>762,292</b>    | <b>762,453</b> | <b>-161</b> | <b>0.0%</b> |

| Utility Balance              | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction    |       |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Power Generation             | 1998 kW           | 2996 kW        | -            | -     |
| Power Import                 | 5000 kW           | 4002 kW        | 998 kW       | 20.0% |
| Total Site Electrical Demand | 6998 kW           | 6998 kW        | -            | -     |
| Boiler Duty                  | 146422 kW         | 147808 kW      | -1386 kW     | -0.9% |
| Fuel Type                    | Natural Gas       | Natural Gas    | -            | -     |
| Fuel Consumption             | 13130.6 Nm3/h     | 13254.9 Nm3/h  | -124.3 Nm3/h | -0.9% |
| Boiler Steam Flow            | 156.7 t/h         | 158.2 t/h      | -1.5 t/h     | -0.9% |
| Fuel Cost (in \$/MWh)        | 358.70            | 358.70         | -            | -     |
| Power Cost (as \$/MWh)       | 770.00            | 770.00         | -            | -     |
| Make-Up Water Flow           | 76 m3/h           | 77 m3/h        | -1 m3/h      | -0.9% |

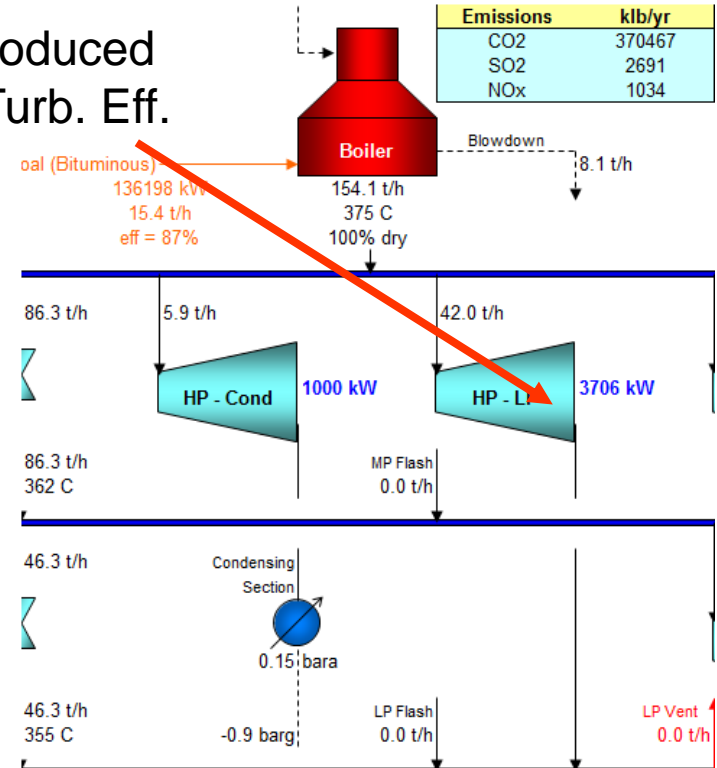
# Improved Turbine Efficiency

✓ Improve the isentropic turbine efficiency to 65% when fuel cost goes up

Power Genrn @  
35% Turb. Eff.



Power produced  
@ 65% Turb. Eff.



✓ Higher efficiency turbine extracts more power out of the steam thereby reducing steam enthalpy at the exhaust

- Resulting in more steam to be generated by the boilers!

# Improved Turbine Efficiency

- ✓ The isentropic turbine efficiency is now 65% instead of 35%

## Results Summary

### SSAT 3 Header Metric Model for User Training Egypt

Model Status : OK

| Cost Summary (\$ '000s/yr)         | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction   |              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Power Cost                         | 33,726            | 15,457         | 18,269      | 54.2%        |
| Fuel Cost                          | 724,651           | 743,262        | -18,611     | -2.6%        |
| Make-Up Water Cost                 | 3,915             | 4,005          | -90         | -2.3%        |
| <b>Total Cost (in \$ '000s/yr)</b> | <b>762,292</b>    | <b>762,724</b> | <b>-433</b> | <b>-0.1%</b> |

Net Savings further reduces to more negative with a more efficient Turbine is when the fuel price is high.

| Utility Balance              | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction    |       |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Power Generation             | 1998 kW           | 4706 kW        | -            | -     |
| Power Import                 | 5000 kW           | 2292 kW        | 2708 kW      | 54.2% |
| Total Site Electrical Demand | 6998 kW           | 6998 kW        | -            | -     |
| Boiler Duty                  | 140763 kW         | 144533 kW      | -3770 kW     | -2.7% |
| Fuel Type                    | Natural Gas       | Natural Gas    | -            | -     |
| Fuel Consumption             | 12623.1 Nm3/h     | 12961.2 Nm3/h  | -338.1 Nm3/h | -2.7% |
| Boiler Steam Flow            | 150.1 t/h         | 154.1 t/h      | -4.0 t/h     | -2.7% |

# Electrical Price Impact

- ✓ Electrical price also increased to 1.00 EGP/kWh (from 0.77 EGP/kWh) when fuel price went up

## Results Summary

### SSAT 3 Header Metric Model for User Training Egypt

Model Status : OK

| Cost Summary (\$ '000s/yr)         | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Power Cost                         | 43,800            | 35,059         | 8,741        | 20.0%       |
| Fuel Cost                          | 724,651           | 731,510        | -6,858       | -0.9%       |
| Make-Up Water Cost                 | 3,915             | 3,948          | -33          | -0.9%       |
| <b>Total Cost (in \$ '000s/yr)</b> | <b>772,366</b>    | <b>770,516</b> | <b>1,850</b> | <b>0.2%</b> |

| Utility Balance              | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction    |       |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Power Generation             | 1998 kW           | 2996 kW        | -            | -     |
| Power Import                 | 5000 kW           | 4002 kW        | 998 kW       | 20.0% |
| Total Site Electrical Demand | 6998 kW           | 6998 kW        | -            | -     |
| Boiler Duty                  | 140763 kW         | 142152 kW      | -1389 kW     | -1.0% |
| Fuel Type                    | Natural Gas       | Natural Gas    | -            | -     |
| Fuel Consumption             | 12623.1 Nm3/h     | 12747.7 Nm3/h  | -124.6 Nm3/h | -1.0% |
| Boiler Steam Flow            | 150.1 t/h         | 151.6 t/h      | -1.5 t/h     | -1.0% |
| Fuel Cost (in \$/MWh)        | 72.64             | 72.64          | -            | -     |
| Power Cost (as \$/MWh)       | 150.00            | 150.00         | -            | -     |
| Make-Up Water Flow           | 73 m3/h           | 74 m3/h        | -1 m3/h      | -0.9% |



## Fuel Impact

- ✓ Impact fuel is now coal at a price of EGP 1066 /tonne (EGP 33.41/GJ) instead of Natural gas (EGP 52.43/GJ, i.e, EGP 2.1/Nm<sup>3</sup>)
- ✓ Boiler efficiency is now 86.7% (for coal) versus 81.7% (for Natural gas)

### Results Summary

#### SSAT 3 Header Metric Model for User Training Egypt

Model Status : OK

| Cost Summary (\$ '000s/yr)         | Current Operation                 | After Projects                    | Reduction    |             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Power Cost                         | 33,726                            | 26,995                            | 6,731        | 20.0%       |
| Fuel Cost                          | 145,451                           | 146,828                           | -1,377       | -0.9%       |
| Make-Up Water Cost                 | 3,915                             | 3,948                             | -33          | -0.9%       |
| <b>Total Cost (in \$ '000s/yr)</b> | <b>183,092</b>                    | <b>177,771</b>                    | <b>5,321</b> | <b>2.9%</b> |
| On-Site Emissions                  | Current Operation                 | After Projects                    | Reduction    |             |
| CO2 Emissions                      | 375310 t/yr                       | 378862 t/yr                       | -3552 t/yr   | -0.9%       |
| SOx Emissions                      | 2726 t/yr                         | 2752 t/yr                         | -26 t/yr     | -0.9%       |
| NOx Emissions                      | 1048 t/yr                         | 1058 t/yr                         | -10 t/yr     | -0.9%       |
| Utility Balance                    | Current Operation                 | After Projects                    | Reduction    |             |
| Power Generation                   | 1998 kW                           | 2996 kW                           | -            | -           |
| Power Import                       | 5000 kW                           | 4002 kW                           | 998 kW       | 20.0%       |
| Total Site Electrical Demand       | 6998 kW                           | 6998 kW                           | -            | -           |
| Boiler Duty                        | 137978 kW                         | 139284 kW                         | -1306 kW     | -0.9%       |
| Fuel Type                          | Typical Eastern Coal (Bituminous) | Typical Eastern Coal (Bituminous) | -            | -           |
| Fuel Consumption                   | 15.6 t/h                          | 15.7 t/h                          | -0.1 t/h     | -0.6%       |
| Boiler Steam Flow                  | 156.7 t/h                         | 158.2 t/h                         | -1.5 t/h     | -0.9%       |
| Fuel Cost (in \$/MWh)              | 120.34                            | 120.34                            | -            | -           |
| Power Cost (as \$/MWh)             | 770.00                            | 770.00                            | -            | -           |
| Make-Up Water Flow                 | 76 m3/h                           | 77 m3/h                           | -1 m3/h      | -0.9%       |

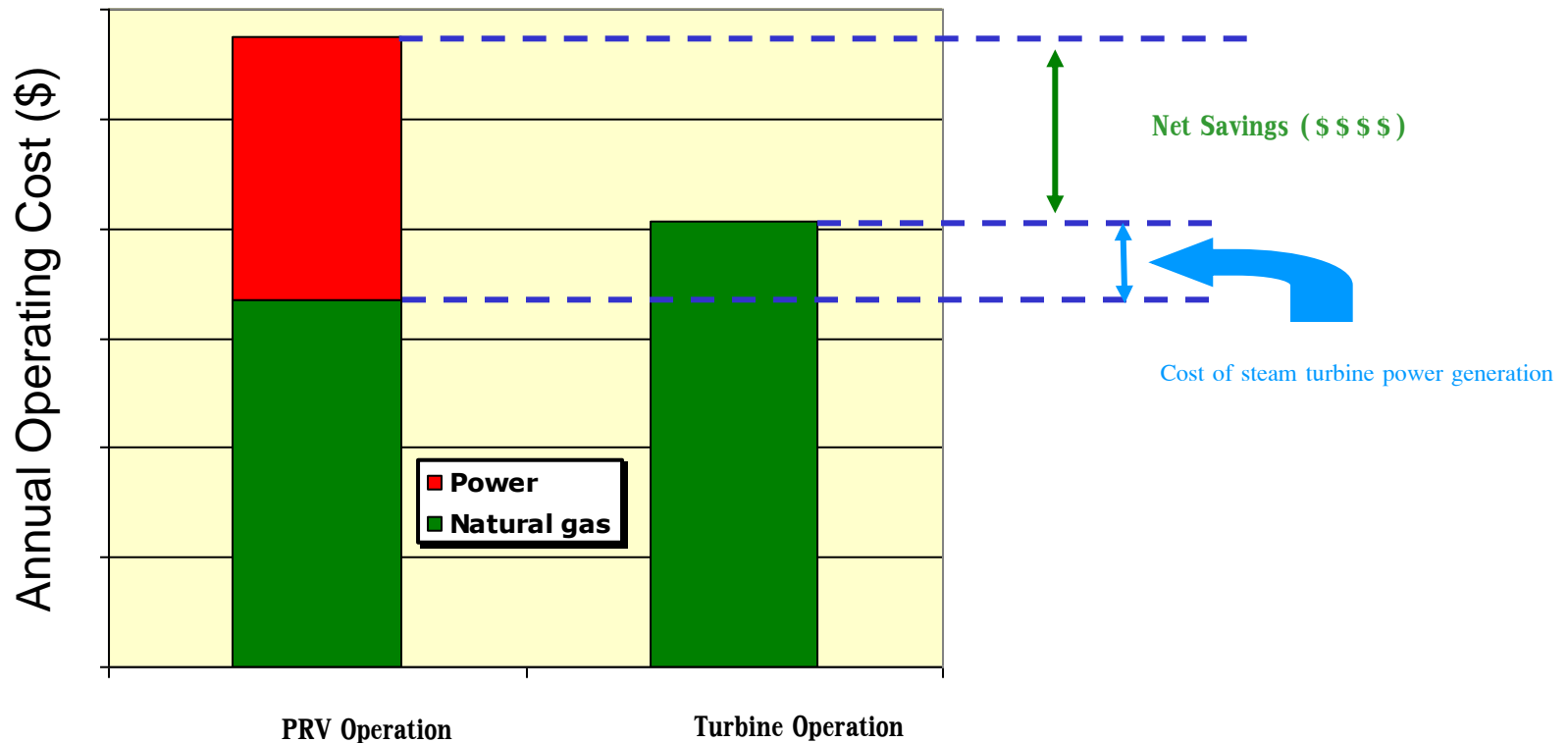
## Turbine-PRV Examples Summary Information

- ✓ These examples indicate the critical importance of impact parameter accuracy

| Power Cost | Fuel Cost | Turbine Efficiency | Boiler Efficiency | Power Produced | Additional Steam | Cost Savings  |
|------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| (EGP/kWh)  | (EGP/GJ)  | (%)                | (%)               | (kW)           | (Tph)            | ('000 EGP/yr) |
| 0.770      | 52.43     | 35.0               | 81.7              | 998.0          | 1.5              | 4,411.0       |
| 0.770      | 157.29    | 35.0               | 81.7              | 998.0          | 1.5              | (161.0)       |
| 0.770      | 157.29    | 65.0               | 81.7              | 998.0          | 1.5              | (433.0)       |
| 1.000      | 157.29    | 35.0               | 81.7              | 998.0          | 1.5              | 1,850.0       |
| 0.770      | 33.41     | 35.0               | 86.7              | 998.0          | 1.5              | 5,321.0       |

- ✓ It is VERY IMPORTANT to conduct this analysis for each facility
  - Each facility is unique and will need significant due diligence before implementation of these projects

# Backpressure Turbine Economics





## Variables for Industrial Applications

- ✓ Constant steam flow
- ✓ High pressure supply steam
- ✓ Existing Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV)
- ✓ Multiple steam header system
- ✓ Simultaneous steam and electric (power) demand
- ✓ High run hours



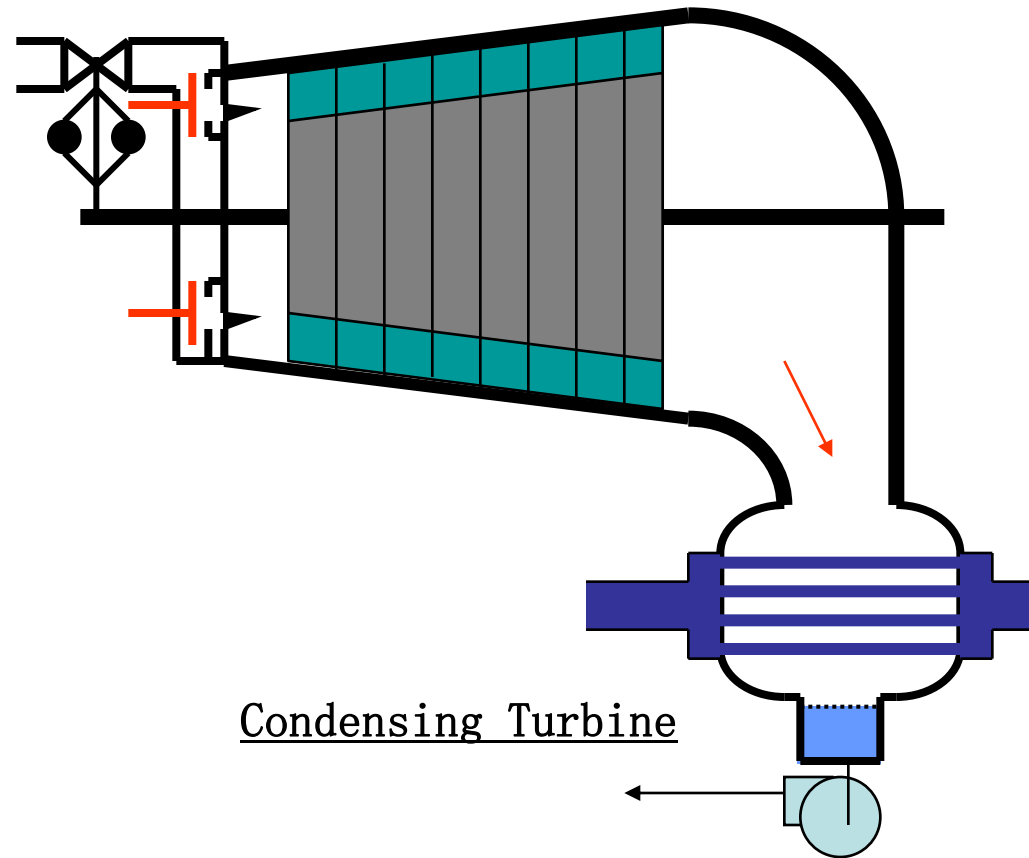
## Key Points / Action Items

1. *Backpressure turbines are used instead of pressure letdown stations*
2. *Turbine efficiency is NOT 1<sup>st</sup> law efficiency but a comparison of actual turbine versus an ideal turbine*
3. *Continuous operations with a simultaneous thermal and electric demand are good candidates for backpressure turbines*
4. *Each facility analysis is unique and will depend on several economic as well as operating factors*
5. *Turbine analysis will need a solid thermodynamic steam system model*



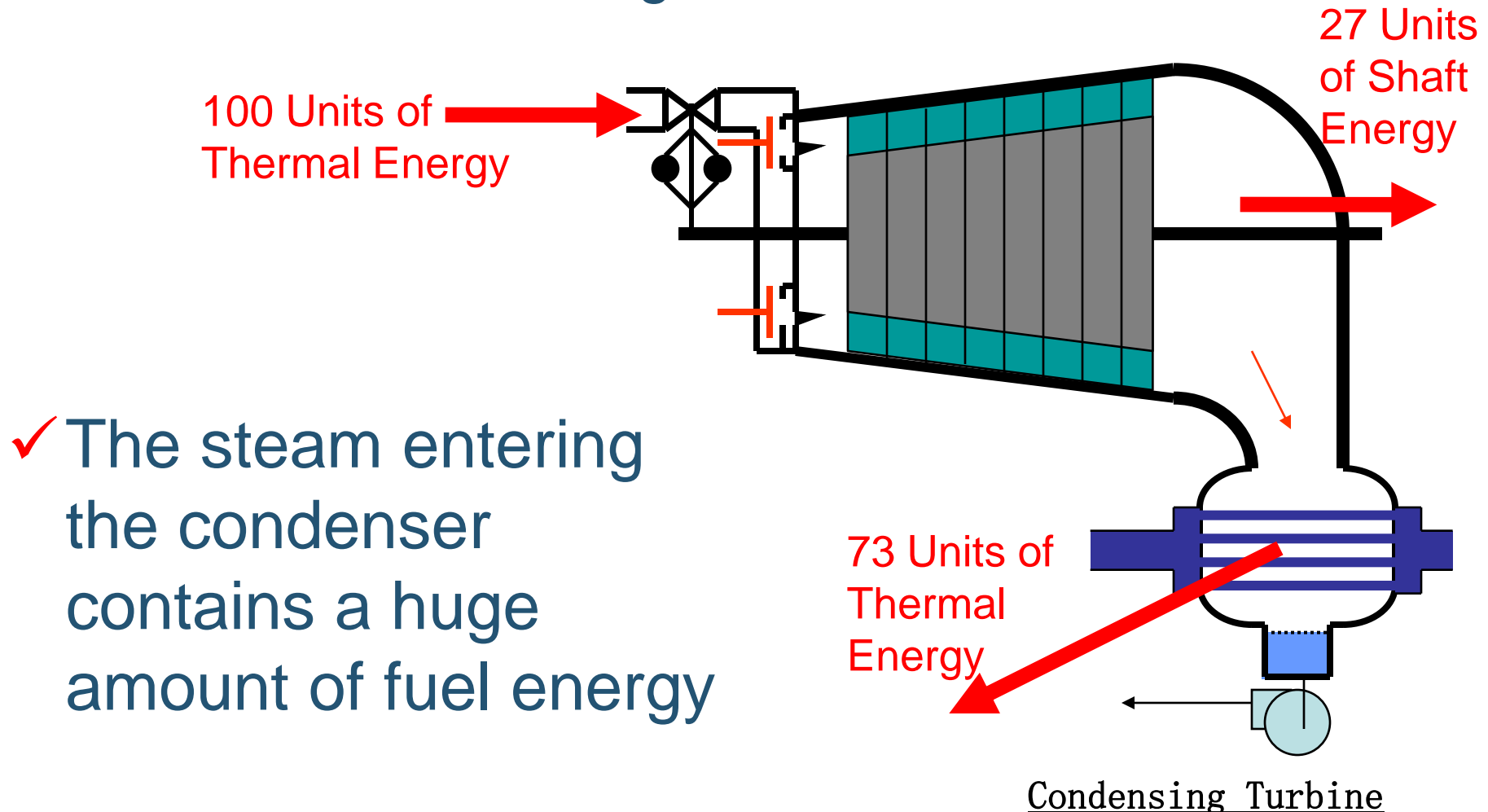
- ✓ Condensing turbine discharge steam pressure is less than atmospheric pressure
  - The steam must be condensed to pump it back into the boiler
  - Exiting steam quality is typically much greater than 90%

## Condensing Steam Turbines



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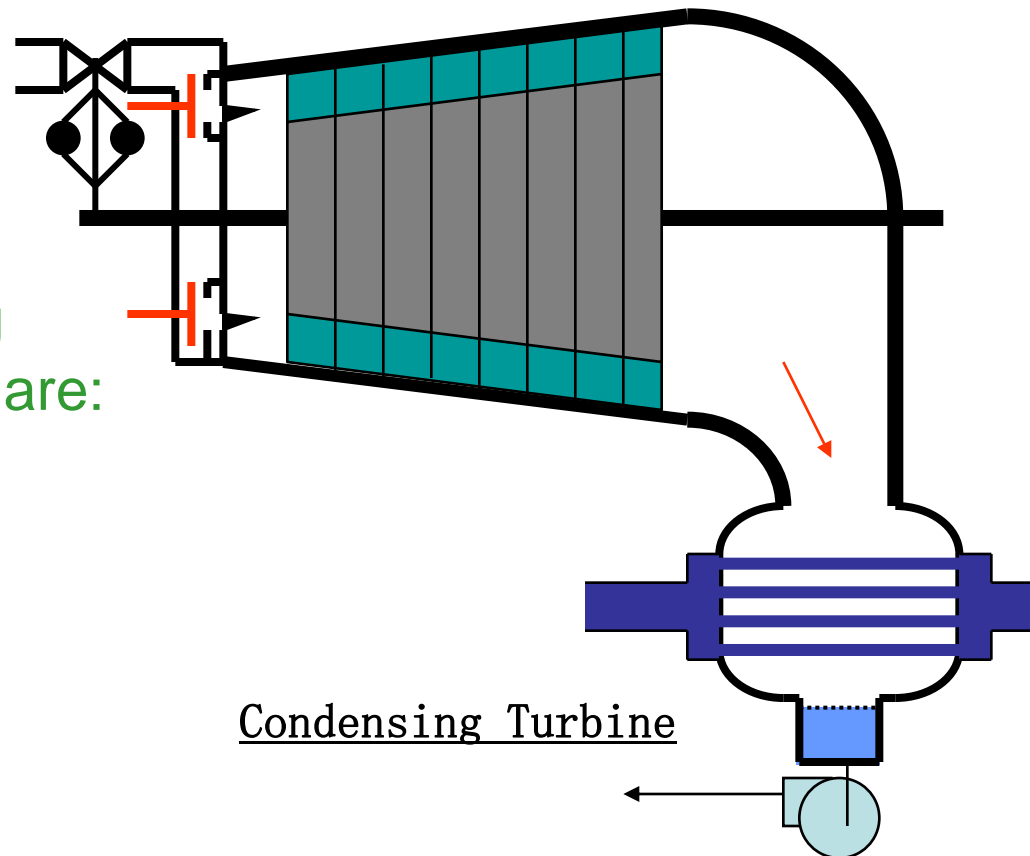


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# Condensing Steam Turbines

✓ The primary factors influencing condensing turbine operations are:

- Purchased power cost
- Purchased fuel cost
- Turbine efficiency
- Boiler efficiency
- Turbine discharge pressure



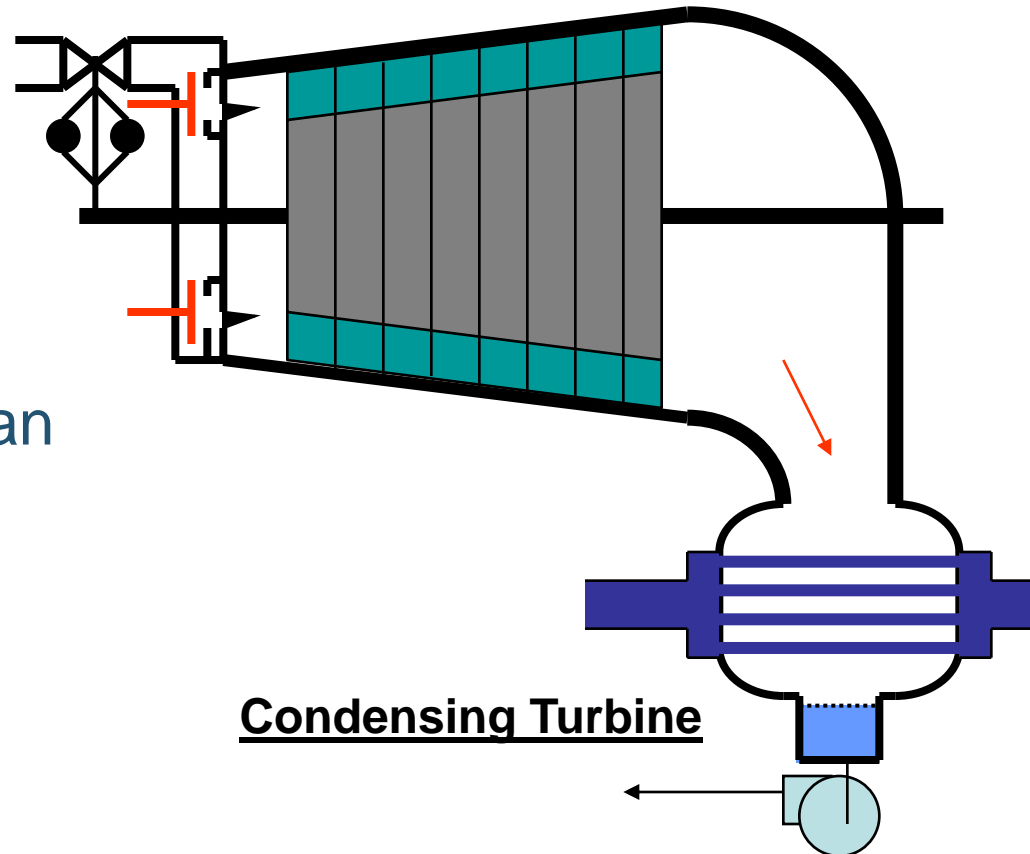
✓ Efficiency reductions can result from:

- Blade deposits
- Blade erosion
- Seal wear
- Wet steam
- Throttling

✓ Efficiency improvements can result from

- Replaced blades
- Improved seals
- Turbine replacement
- Increased load

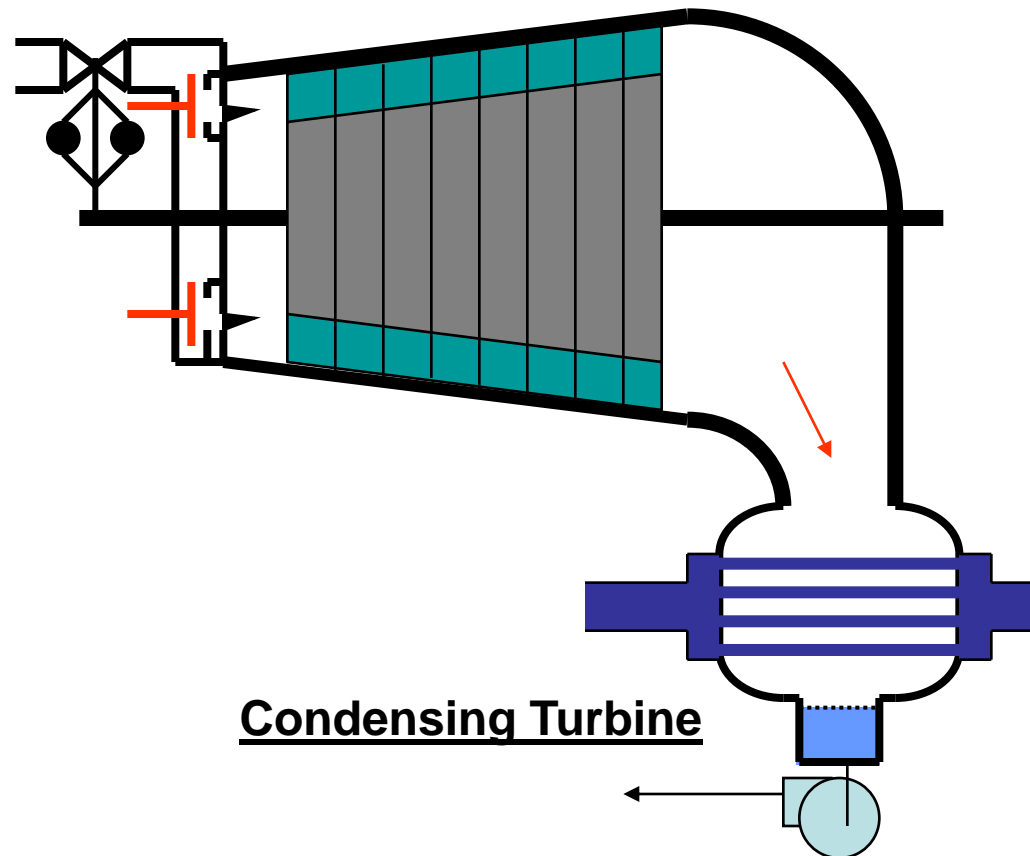
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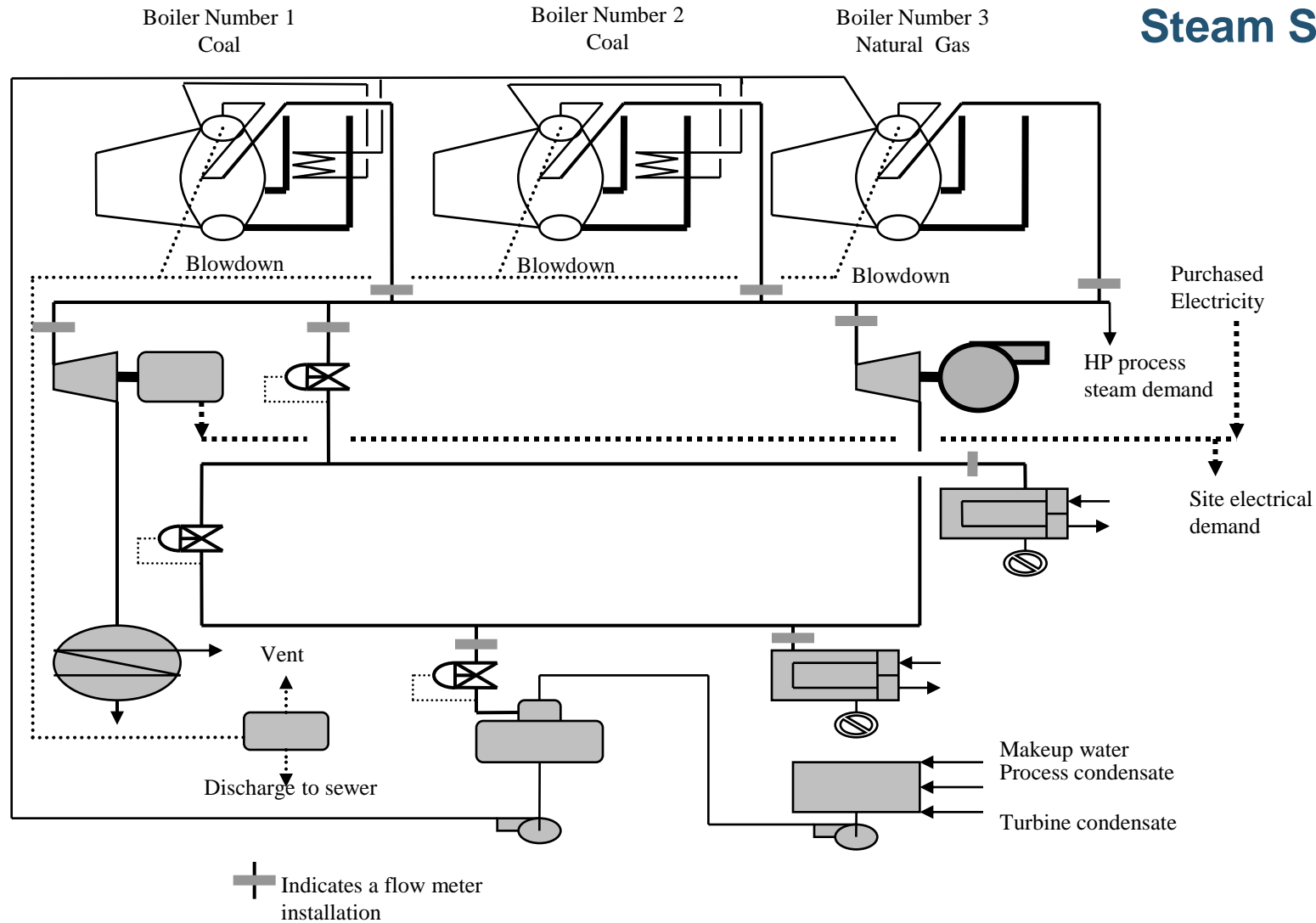
## Condensing Steam Turbines

- ✓ Condenser pressure can be reduced (improved) by
- Removing non-condensable gases from condenser
  - Cleaning the condenser
  - Supplying the condenser with reduced temperature water
  - Supplying the condenser with additional cooling water



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# SSAT Project 10 – Condensing Steam Turbines

## Project 10 - HP to Condensing Steam Turbine(s)

Efficiency : 65% Operation : Operates at fixed power generation

Do you wish to modify the HP to condensing turbine operation?

No, maintain current operation

If yes, enter a new isentropic efficiency (%)

70 %

Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model

Note: Isentropic efficiency of existing turbine is 65%

If yes, select the units to specify the condenser pressure

bara

New condenser pressure (bara)

0.15

Note: Existing condenser pressure is 0.15 bara

If yes, select the new mode of operation

Option 1 - Fixed power generation

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1000 kW

Option 2 - Fixed steam flow

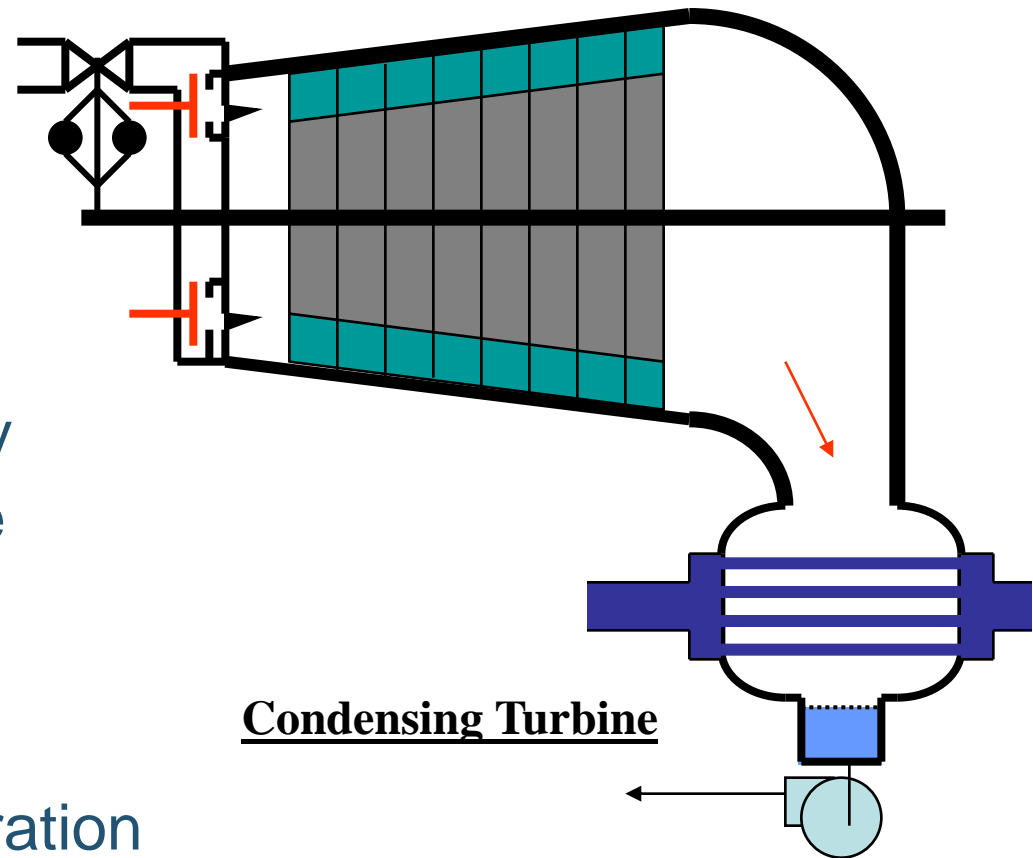
25 t/h

- ✓ Implementing SSAT Project 10 will involve a major change in steam demand
  - Be very careful while evaluating this project

# SSAT Project 10 - Condensing Steam Turbines

## ✓ SSAT allows

- The addition of a condensing turbine
- Modification of major aspects of an existing turbine
  - Isentropic efficiency
  - Discharge pressure
  - Load
    - Flow
    - Power
- Elimination of the operation of a turbine



# SSAT Project 10 - Condensing Steam Turbines

## Project 10 - HP to Condensing Steam Turbine(s)

Efficiency : 65% Operation : Operates at fixed power generation

Do you wish to modify the HP to condensing turbine operation?

Yes, switch off existing turbine



If yes, enter a new isentropic efficiency (%)

70 %

Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model

Note: Isentropic efficiency of existing turbine is 65%

If yes, select the units to specify the condenser pressure

bara



New condenser pressure (bara)

0.15

Note: Existing condenser pressure is 0.15 bara

If yes, select the new mode of operation

Not installed



Option 1 - Fixed power generation

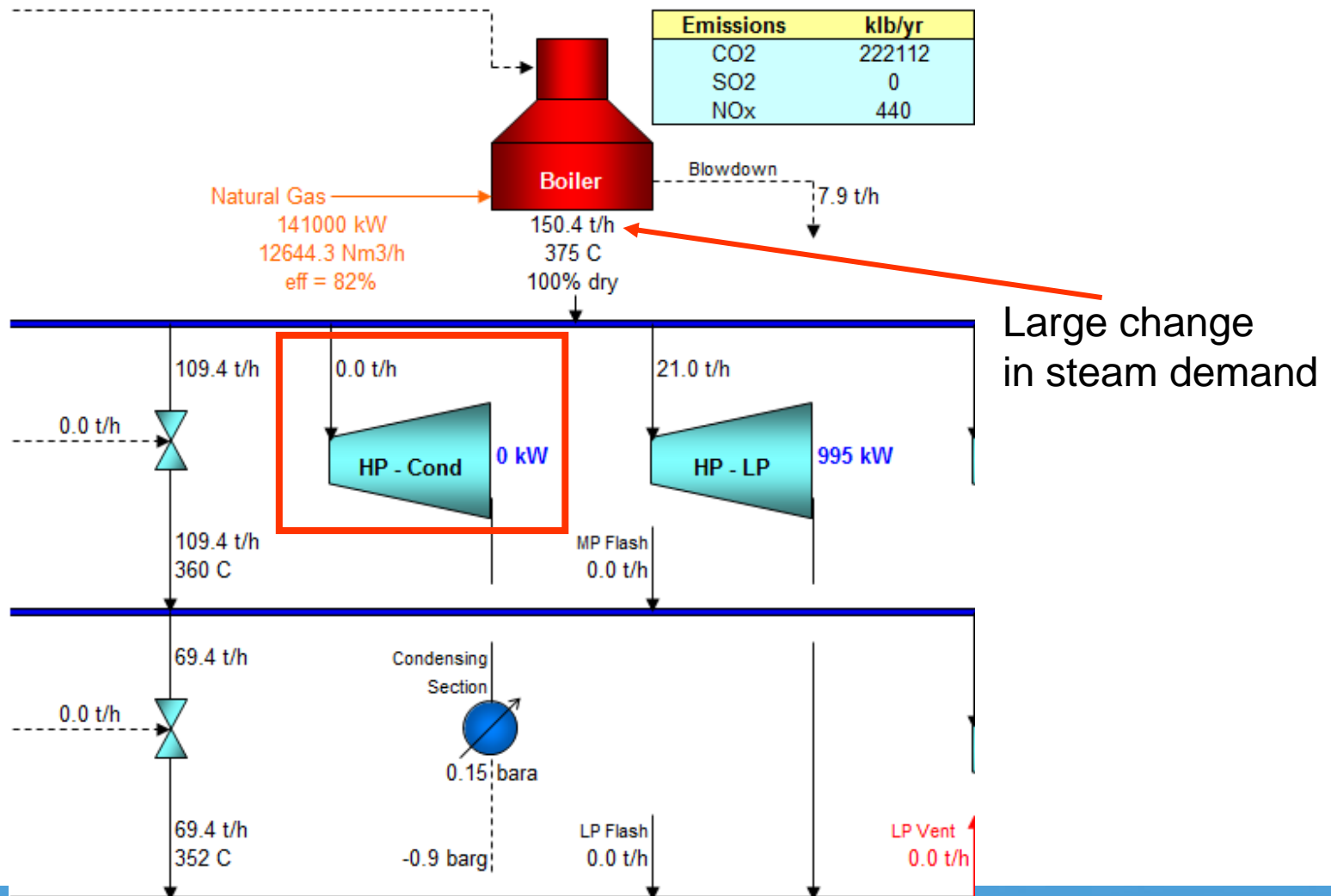
1000 kW

Option 2 - Fixed steam flow

25 t/h

✓ Impact of switching off the condensing turbine

# SSAT Project 10 - Condensing Steam Turbines



# SSAT Project 10 - Condensing Steam Turbines

## Results Summary

### SSAT 3 Header Metric Model for User Training Egypt

Model Status : OK

| Cost Summary (\$ '000s/yr)         | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Power Cost                         | 33,726            | 40,471         | -6,745       | -20.0%      |
| Fuel Cost                          | 241,550           | 231,641        | 9,910        | 4.1%        |
| Make-Up Water Cost                 | 3,915             | 3,897          | 17           | 0.4%        |
| <b>Total Cost (in \$ '000s/yr)</b> | <b>279,191</b>    | <b>276,009</b> | <b>3,182</b> | <b>1.1%</b> |

| On-Site Emissions | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction |      |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|------|
| CO2 Emissions     | 230654 t/yr       | 221191 t/yr    | 9463 t/yr | 4.1% |
| SOx Emissions     | 0 t/yr            | 0 t/yr         | 0 t/yr    | N/A  |
| NOx Emissions     | 457 t/yr          | 438 t/yr       | 19 t/yr   | 4.1% |

| Utility Balance              | Current Operation | After Projects | Reduction   |        |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Power Generation             | 1998 kW           | 998 kW         | -           | -      |
| Power Import                 | 5000 kW           | 6000 kW        | -1000 kW    | -20.0% |
| Total Site Electrical Demand | 6998 kW           | 6998 kW        | -           | -      |
| Boiler Duty                  | 146422 kW         | 140415 kW      | 6007 kW     | 4.1%   |
| Fuel Type                    | Natural Gas       | Natural Gas    | -           | -      |
| Fuel Consumption             | 13130.6 Nm3/h     | 12591.9 Nm3/h  | 538.7 Nm3/h | 4.1%   |
| Boiler Steam Flow            | 156.7 t/h         | 150.3 t/h      | 6.4 t/h     | 4.1%   |
| Fuel Cost (in \$/MWh)        | 188.32            | 188.32         | -           | -      |
| Power Cost (as \$/MWh)       | 770.00            | 770.00         | -           | -      |
| Make-Up Water Flow           | 76 m3/h           | 76 m3/h        | 0 m3/h      | 0.4%   |

## Condensing Turbine Performance

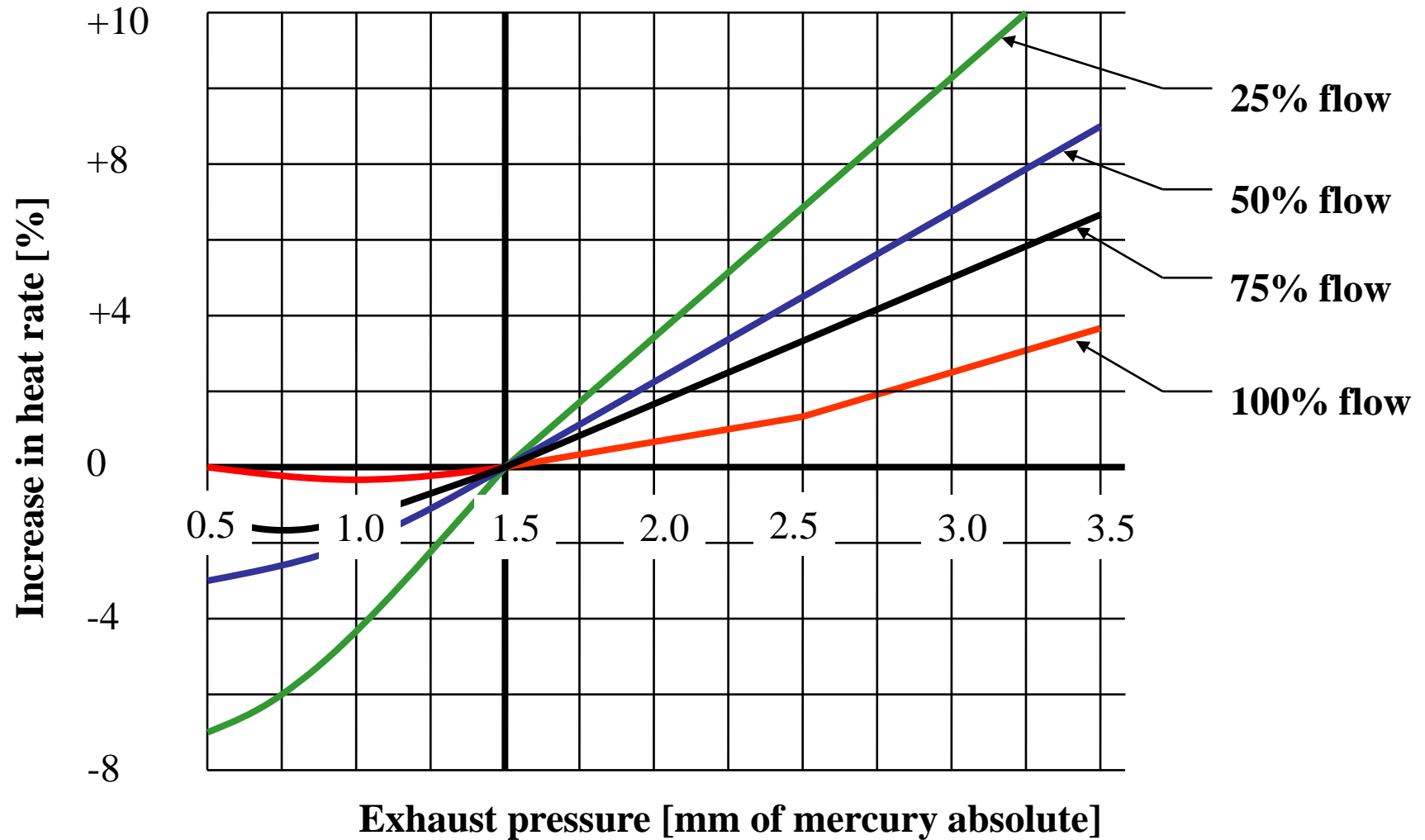
| Condensing Turbine Impact Power Cost |  |        |      |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------|------|
| Fuel<br>Cost<br>[EGP/GJ]             | Impact Condensing Power Cost [EGP/MWh] |        |      |
|                                      | Turbine Isentropic Efficiency [%]      |        |      |
|                                      | 40                                     | 60     | 80   |
| 50                                   | 1807                                   | 1204   | 903  |
| 75                                   | 2694                                   | 1796   | 1347 |
| 100                                  | 3582                                   | 2388   | 1791 |
| 125                                  | 4469                                   | 2980   | 2235 |
| 150                                  | 5357                                   | 3571   | 2678 |
| Steam inlet                          | 25                                     | bars   |      |
| Steam inlet                          | 375                                    | °C     |      |
| Steam exit                           | 0.15                                   | bar(a) |      |

## Condensing Turbine Pressure Effect

- ✓ It should be noted that a minimum pressure is generally attained where maximum energy utilization efficiency is achieved
  - In other words, there is generally a pressure threshold that further reductions in discharge pressure result in reducing overall cost effectiveness
  - Velocity losses begin to be excessive
    - This is very dependent on the turbine design
      - Larger annular steam flow area reduces the loss
  - Condensate is returned to the boiler at lower temperature
  - Common design is for 1.5 inches of mercury absolute (0.74 psia) condenser pressure



## Condensing Turbine Pressure Effect





## Key Points / Action Items

1. *Condensing turbines are used strictly for power generation or driving large mechanical equipment*
2. *They serve niche applications in the industry*
3. *Condensing turbines provide maximum shaft power per unit of steam flow*
4. *Each facility analysis is unique and will depend on several economic as well as operating factors*
5. *Turbine analysis will need a solid thermodynamic steam system model*



## Common BestPractices –Turbines

- ✓ Process and utility integration leads to overall energy optimization of the plant
- ✓ Install backpressure turbines in parallel with pressure letdown stations and minimize flow through letdown stations
- ✓ Evaluate backpressure turbine applications for direct mechanical drives
- ✓ Evaluate condensing turbines and optimize their operations to maintain design conditions
- ✓ Condensing turbines can serve as a system balance mechanism especially, in industries which have significant waste heat steam generation