

Section 5: Cogeneration

Fundamentals of Turbines

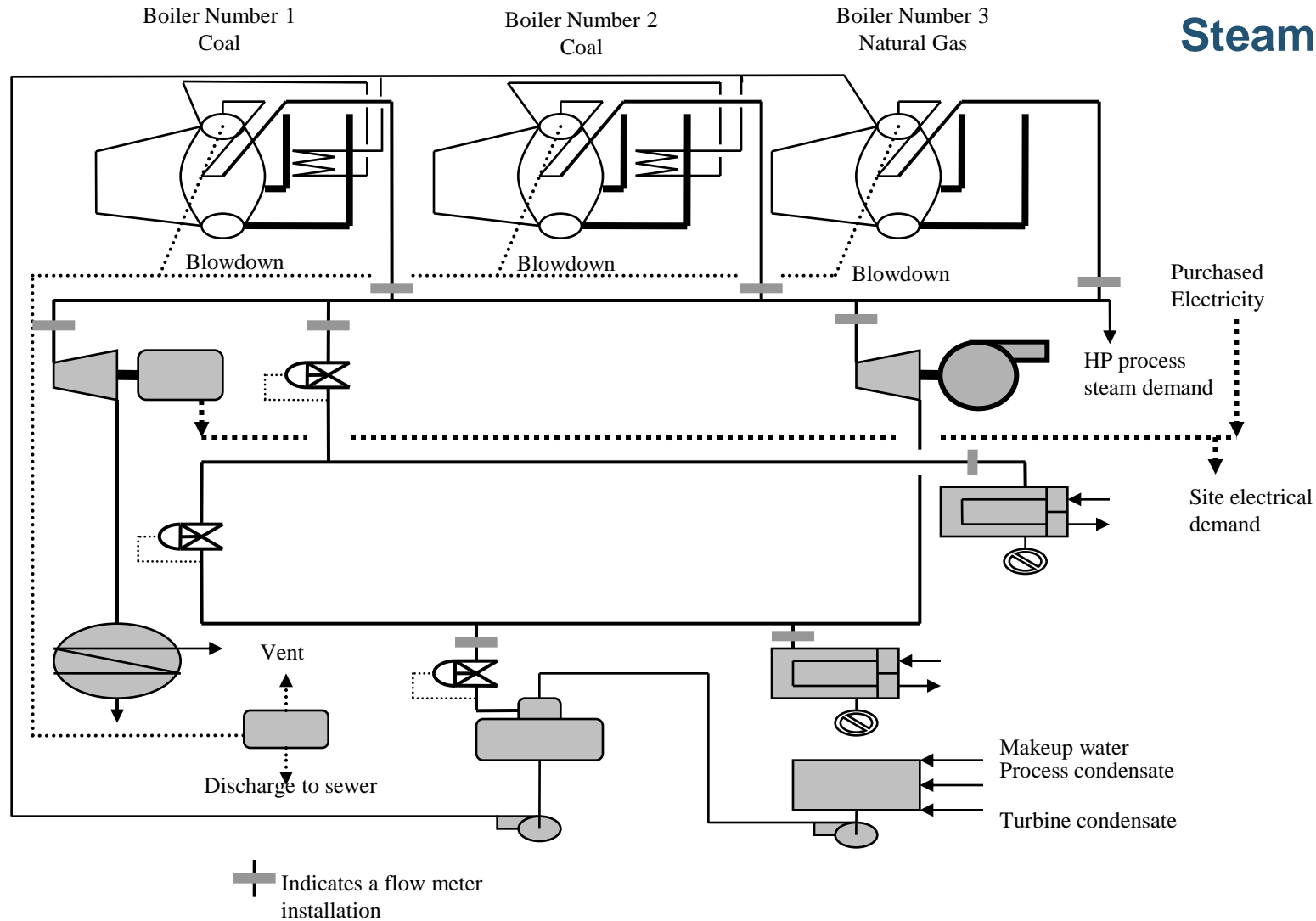
Backpressure Turbines

Modeling Backpressure Turbines in SSAT

Hands-On Student Exercise

Condensing Turbines

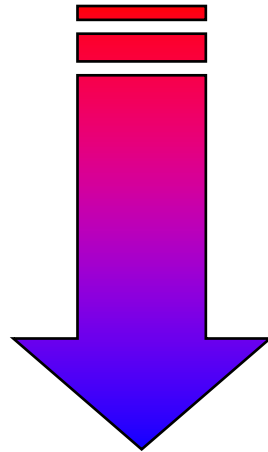
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Turbines 101

- ✓ What is a Turbine?
 - Energy Conversion Device

Potential / Kinetic / Pressure / Thermal Energy



Rotational Shaft Energy

Users of Steam Turbines in Industry

✓ Heavy Steam Turbine Users

- Petrochemicals
- Petroleum Refining
- Forest Products (Pulp & Paper)
- Rubber
- Pharmaceuticals
- Manufacturing Assembly

✓ Medium & Small Steam Turbine Users

- Food & Beverage
- Plastics
- Electronics
- Metal Fabrication

✓ Steam turbine drives commonly used in industry

- Direct power generation
- Boiler feed water pumps
- Cooling tower water pumps
- Chilled water pumps
- Boiler forced draft fans
- Exhaust fans
- Air compressors
- Refrigeration machines
- Chiller systems
- Other utility services



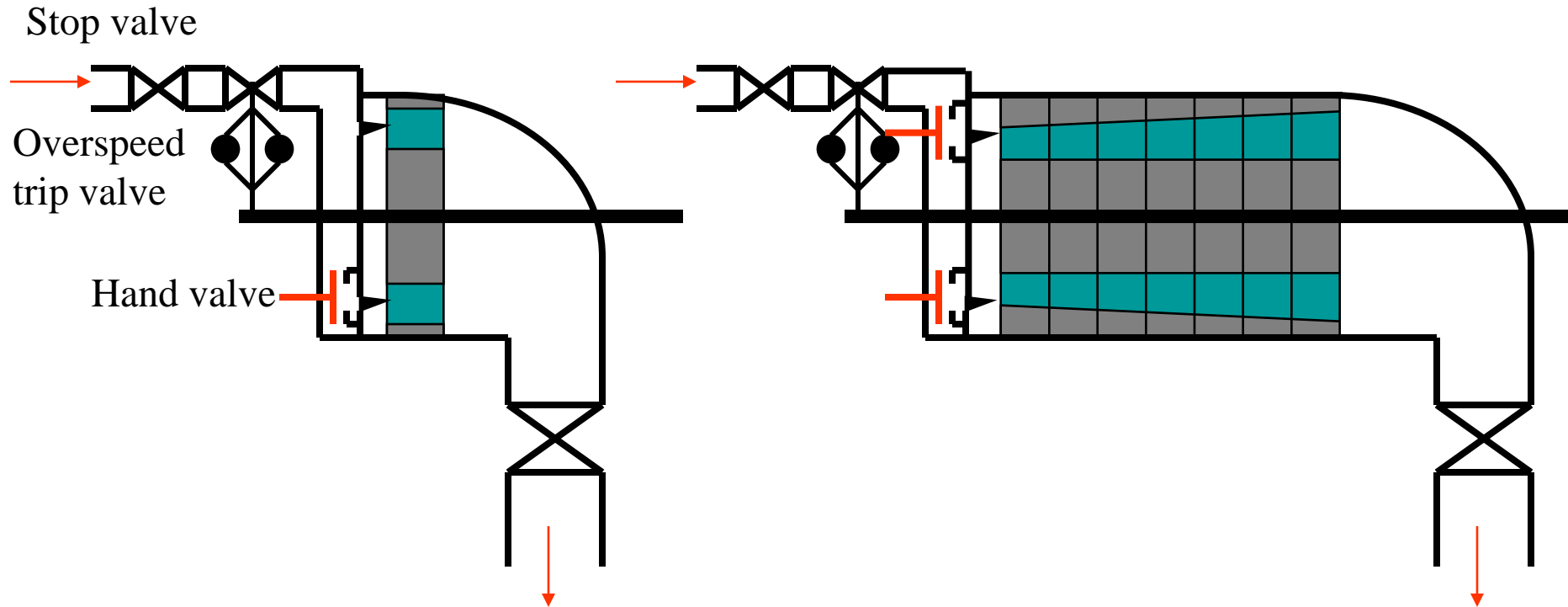
✓ Steam Turbines

- Many different kinds
 - Backpressure
 - Condensing
 - Extraction
 - Combination
- Different size and efficiency ranges
- Backpressure turbines are used in lieu of letdown stations and in parallel with letdown stations
- Condensing turbines provide maximum shaft power per unit of steam flow



Backpressure Steam Turbines

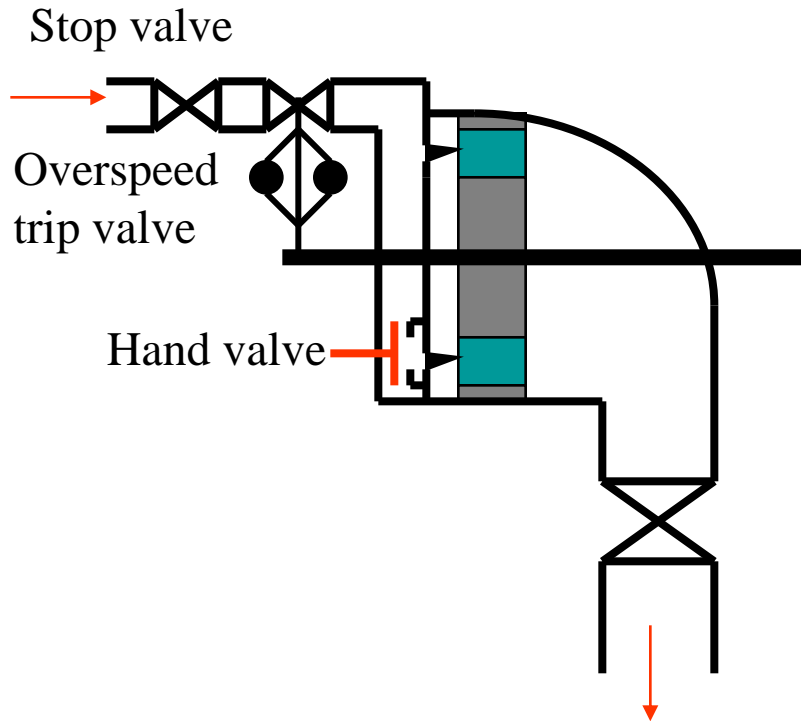
- ✓ Backpressure steam turbines discharge steam at a pressure greater than (or equal to) atmospheric pressure



Single Stage Backpressure Turbine

Multistage Backpressure Turbine

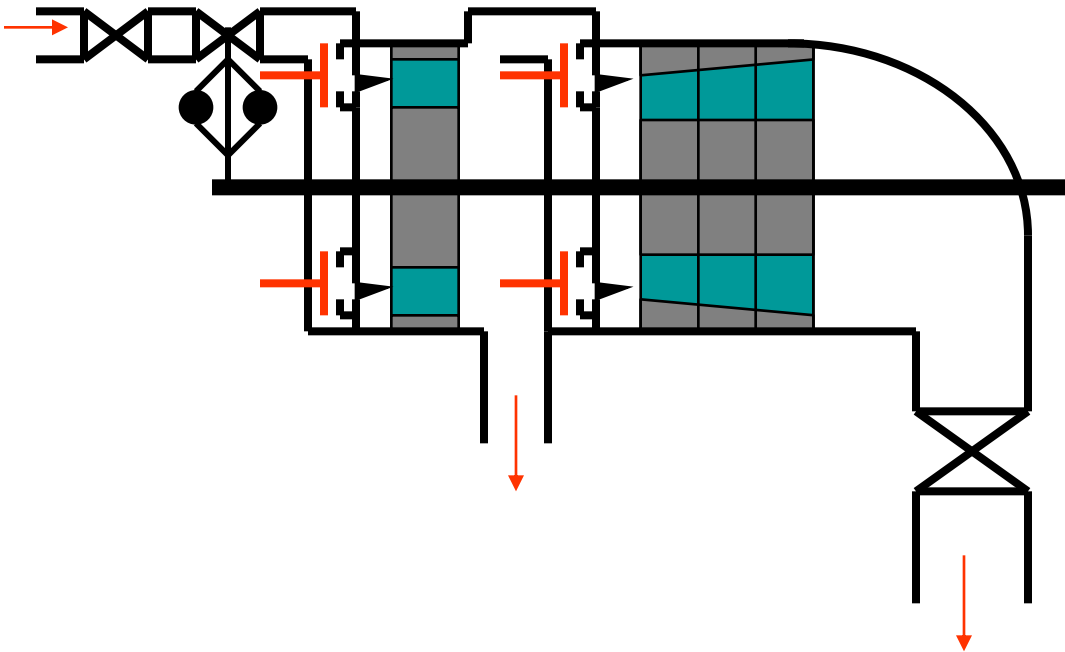
Backpressure Steam Turbines



Single Stage Backpressure Turbine

- ✓ Very common
- ✓ Simplest form
- ✓ Works against a backpressure
- ✓ Exhausts to a process load or steam header
- ✓ An excellent candidate for industrial applications

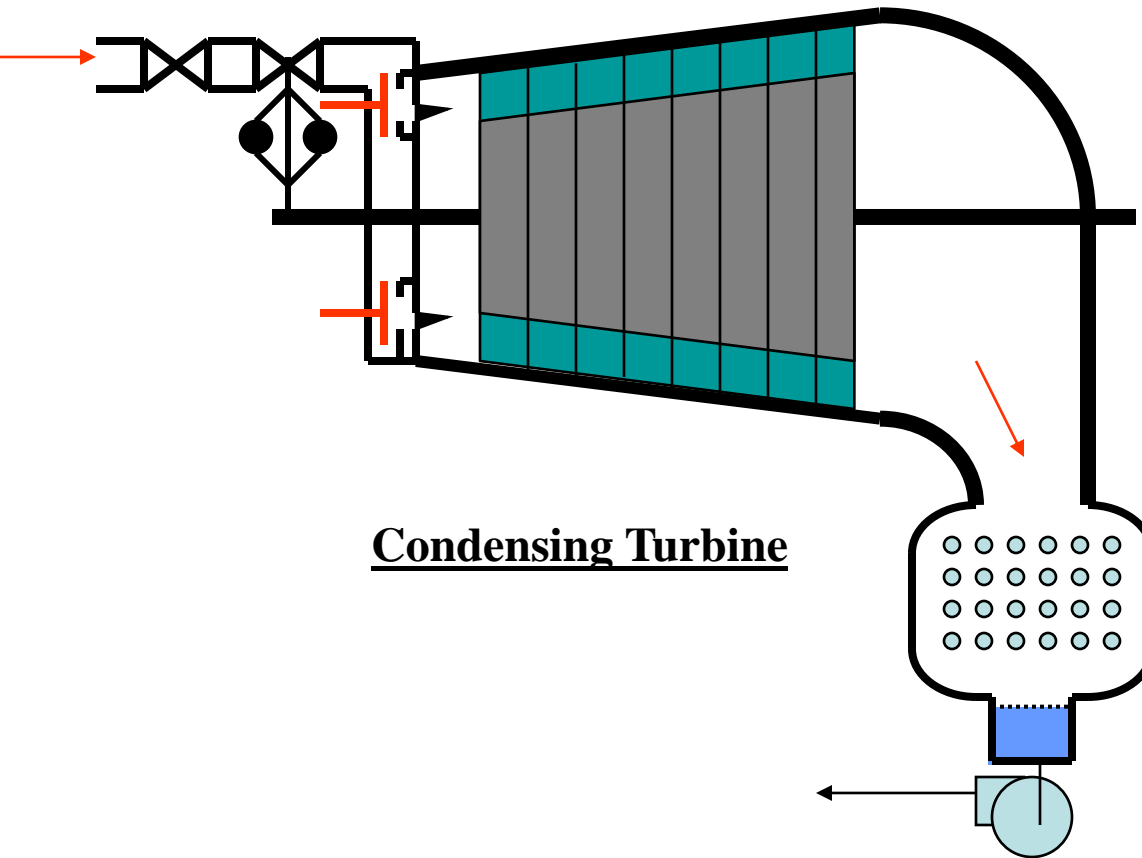
Extraction Steam Turbines



Extraction Turbine

- ✓ Very common in plants that have multiple steam pressure headers
- ✓ Works against a backpressure
- ✓ Exhausts to a process load, steam header or a condenser
- ✓ An excellent candidate for balancing headers & eliminating steam venting

Condensing Steam Turbines



- ✓ The industry workhorse for power generation
- ✓ Will always have an associated steam condenser
- ✓ Exhausts to vacuum
- ✓ Highest operating pressure ratios
- ✓ Multistage and may even have two or three sections
- ✓ Very large sizes
- ✓ Lowest steam rates

Typical Industrial Steam Turbines Operations

- ✓ Operating pressures
 - Minimum – 10 bars (for backpressure)
 - Maximum – 100 bars
 - Vacuum conditions can exist at the exhaust!
- ✓ Operating steam temperatures
 - Saturated or a few degrees of superheat
 - Maximum – 200°C superheat
- ✓ Summary – Steam turbine technology is very diverse and operates over a broad range of pressures and temperatures

Turbine First Law Efficiency

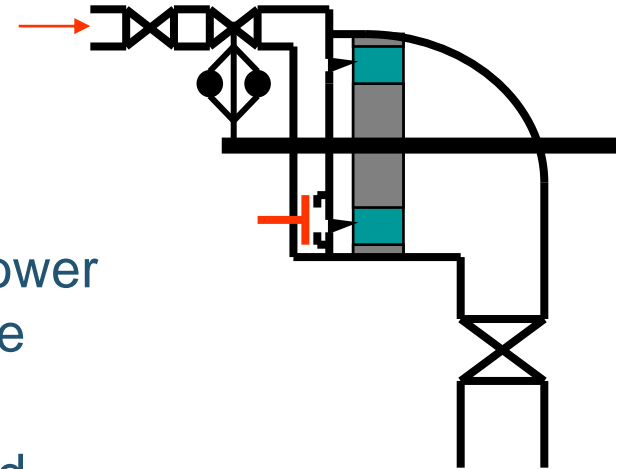
- ✓ An energy balance conducted on a steam turbine will reveal an exceptionally high efficiency
 - Essentially all of the energy taken out of the steam is converted into shaft energy

$$\eta_{first\ law} = \frac{\dot{W}_{shaft}}{\dot{m}_{steam}(h_i - h_e)} \approx 100\%$$

- ✓ Steam turbines operate with only minor “losses”
 - Bearing friction
 - Heat transfer
 - Gland losses

The Perfect Turbine

- ✓ Steam turbines are evaluated using the *Second Law of Thermodynamics*
 - The Second Law of Thermodynamics identifies that thermal energy cannot be converted completely into power
 - Power can be converted completely into thermal energy
 - This defines the maximum amount of shaft power that could possibly be produced (based on the laws of physics)
 - This defines a *perfect turbine*, which would operate *isentropically*
 - *Isentropic is constant entropy (no losses)*
 - » No entropy generation



Isentropic Efficiency

- ✓ Steam turbine efficiency is described as *isentropic efficiency*
 - A comparison of the actual work produced compared to a perfect (isentropic) turbine

$$\eta_{isentropic} = \frac{\text{Actual Work}}{\text{Isentropic Work}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{actual}}{\dot{W}_{isentropic}}$$

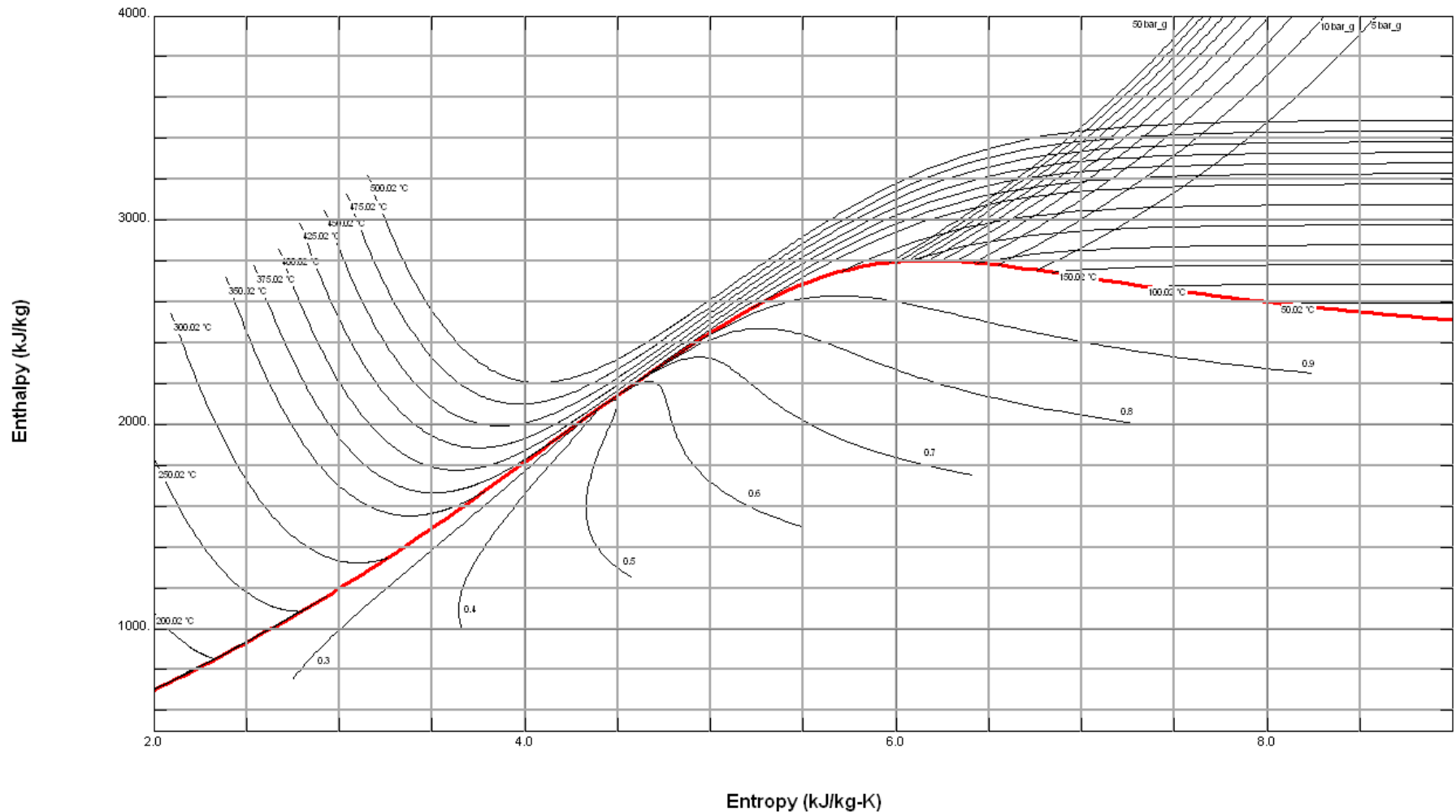
$$\eta_{isentropic} = \frac{\dot{m}_{steam}(h_{inlet} - h_{exit})_{actual}}{\dot{m}_{steam}(h_{inlet} - h_{exit})_{isentropic}} = \frac{(h_i - h_e)_{actual}}{(h_i - h_e)_{isentropic}}$$

Isentropic Efficiency

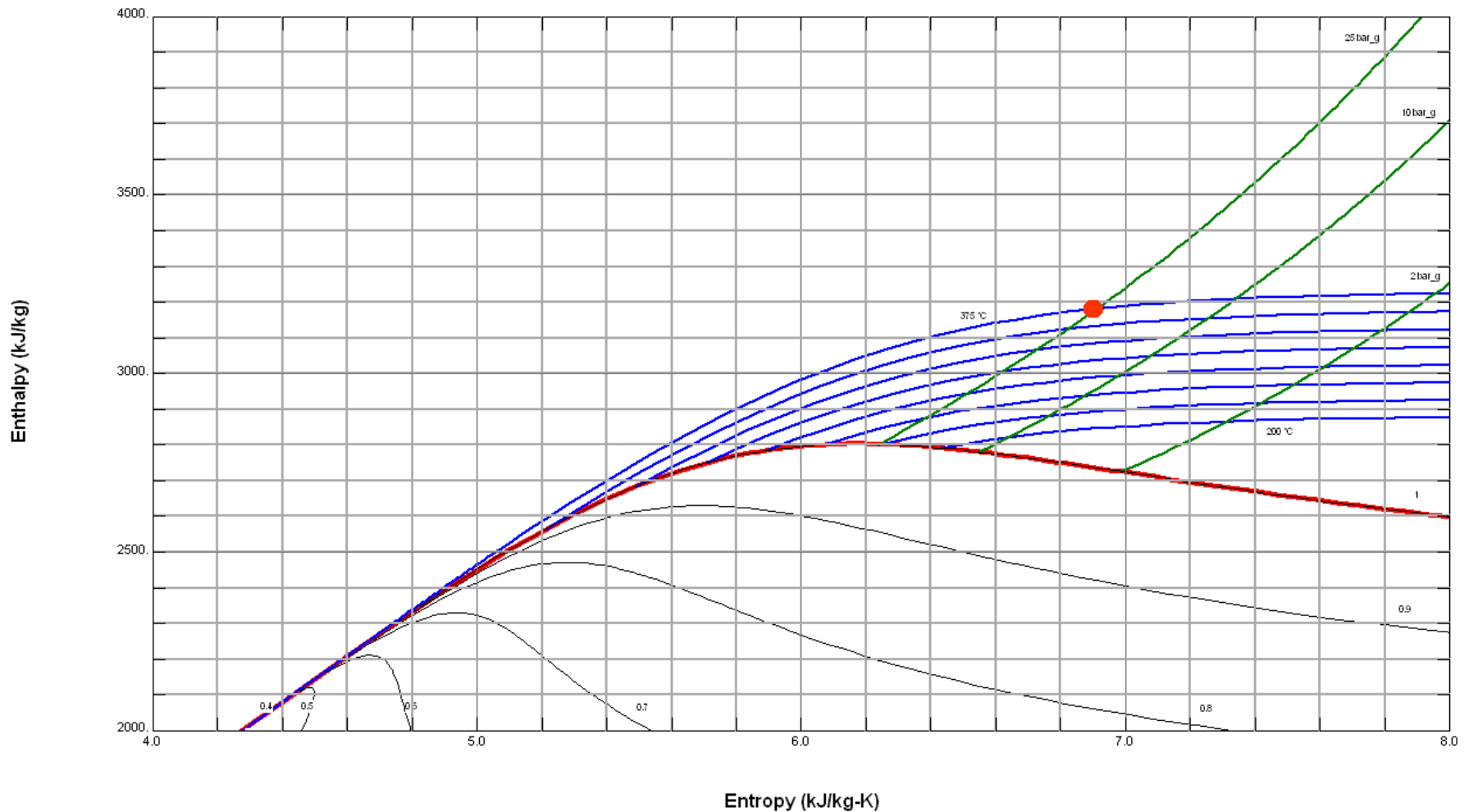
- ✓ Steam turbine efficiency is not “like” boiler efficiency
 - Turbine isentropic efficiency is a comparison of the actual turbine operation to that of a perfect turbine operating with the same inlet conditions and outlet pressure
 - Isentropic efficiency is a description of how much mechanical energy is developed from thermal energy

- ✓ The steam exiting the turbine contains a significant amount of useful thermal energy

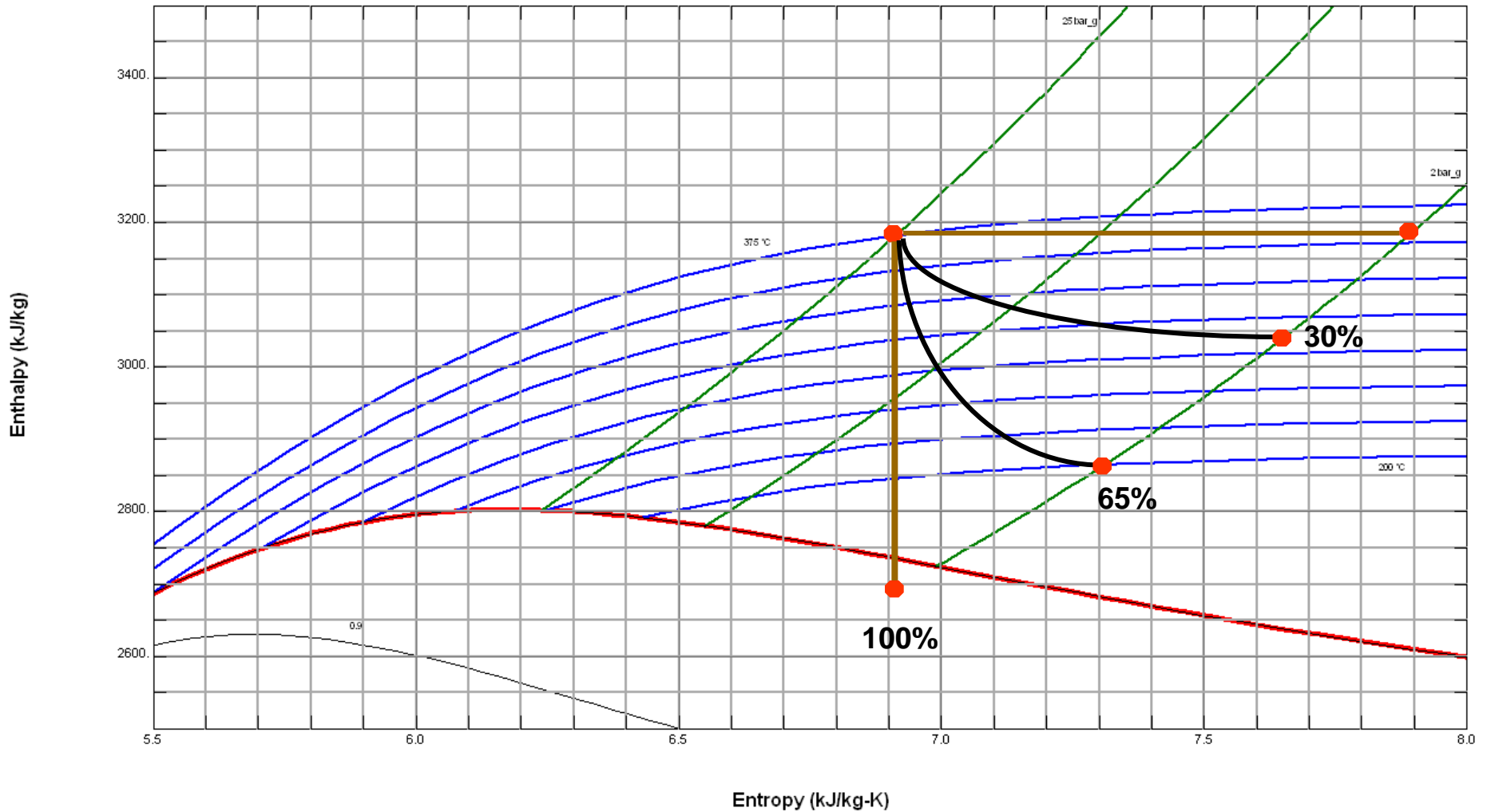
Mollier Diagram



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Mollier Diagram – Isentropic Turbine Efficiency



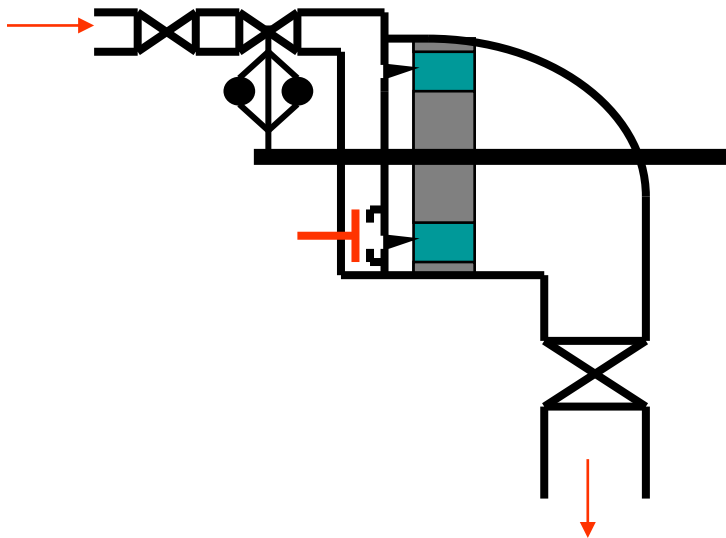
Typical Steam Turbine Efficiency

$$\eta_{isentropic} = \frac{(h_{in} - h_{out})_{actual}}{(h_{in} - h_{out})_{isentropic}} = 20\% \text{ to } 80\%$$

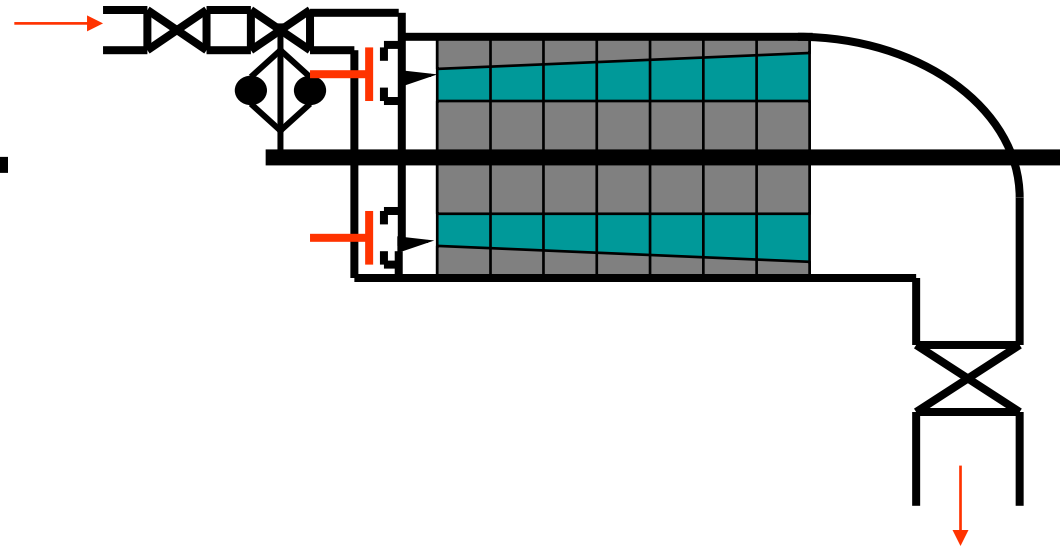
- ✓ Major contributors to isentropic efficiency
 - Turbine design
 - Control valve type
 - Single valve – throttle
 - Multi-valve – flow nozzles
- ✓ Will need this information for ANY turbine analysis

Steam Turbine Efficiency

- ✓ Generally, single stage turbines operate with lower isentropic efficiency than multistage turbines
 - Increasing steam path area (diameter) decreases losses
 - Steam exhaust velocity and wall friction decrease
 - Single stage turbines are typically more efficient than multistage turbines for small capacity machines



Single Stage Backpressure Turbine



Multistage Backpressure Turbine

Steam Turbine Efficiency

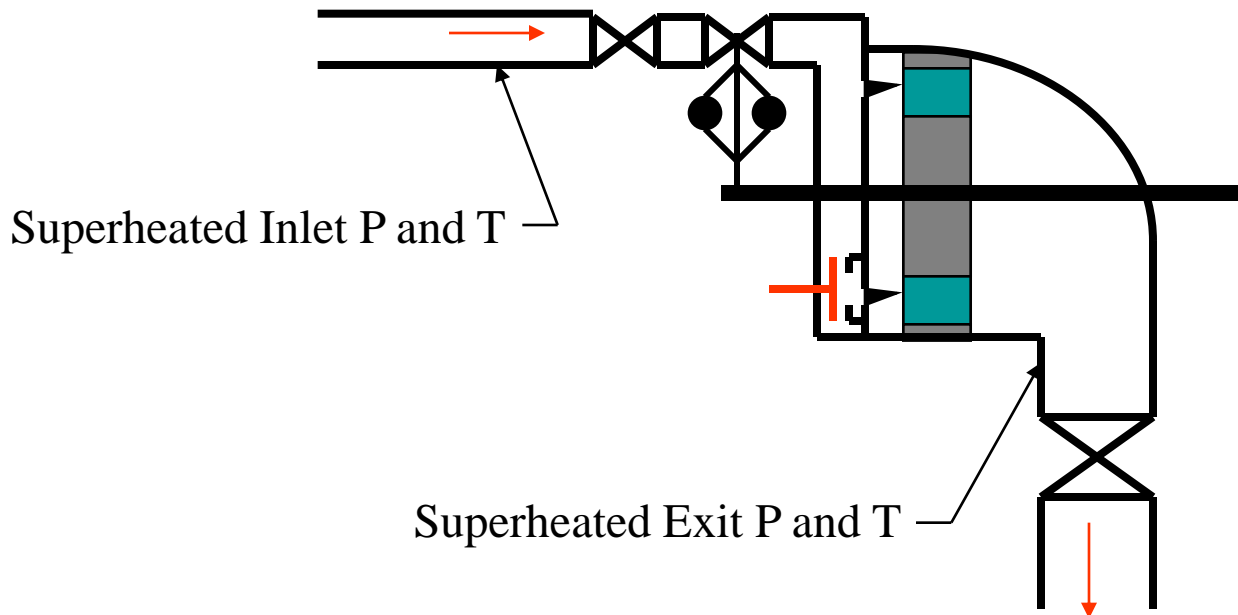
- ✓ Three methods of obtaining isentropic turbine efficiency:
 - Manufacturer specifications
 - Turbine maps / performance curves
 - Excellent starting point – for new designs also
 - Steam inlet and outlet conditions known
 - Superheated inlet along with superheated outlet is the most common and easiest to utilize
 - Will NOT work with saturated outlets (quality < 1)
 - Steam inlet conditions and power generation known
 - Typically used for electrical power generation units
 - Mass flow rate of steam will be required
 - Alternate option may exist for direct mechanical driven equipment but with higher uncertainty

Turbine Efficiency from Inlet and Outlet Steam Conditions

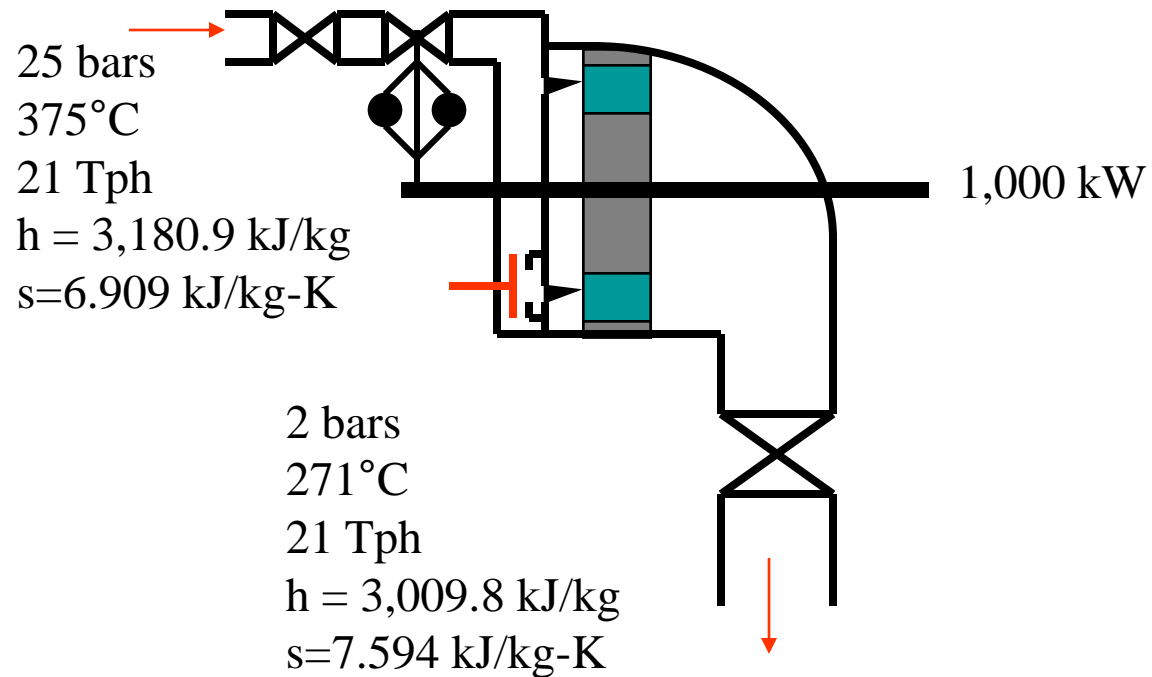
- ✓ Method 2
- ✓ Turbine performance can be determined from inlet and outlet steam conditions and steam properties associated at those conditions

Steam Turbine Efficiency

- ✓ For superheated steam conditions at the turbine inlet and outlet
 - Pressure and temperature measurements of superheated steam allow all of the thermodynamic properties to be known



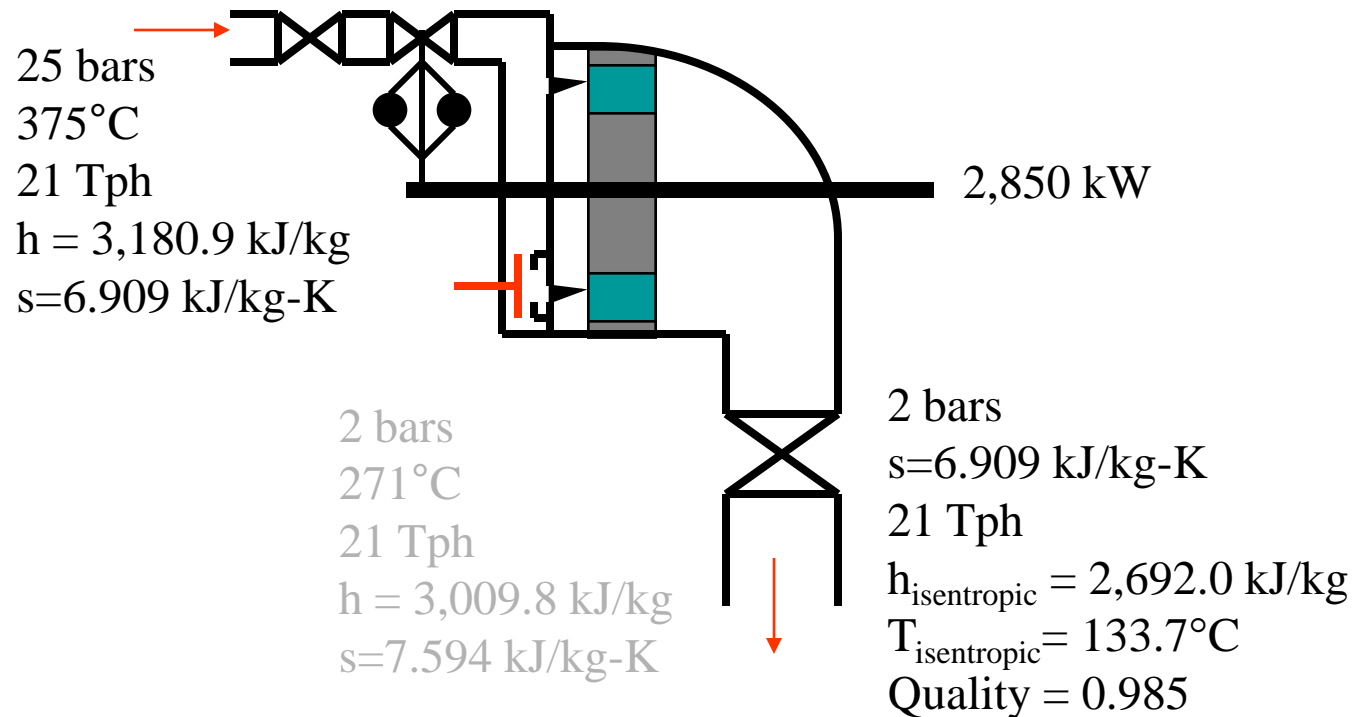
Actual Operating Conditions



$$\dot{W}_{shaft} = \dot{m}_{steam} (h_i - h_e)_{steam} = \frac{21,000}{3,600} (3,180.9 - 3,009.8)$$

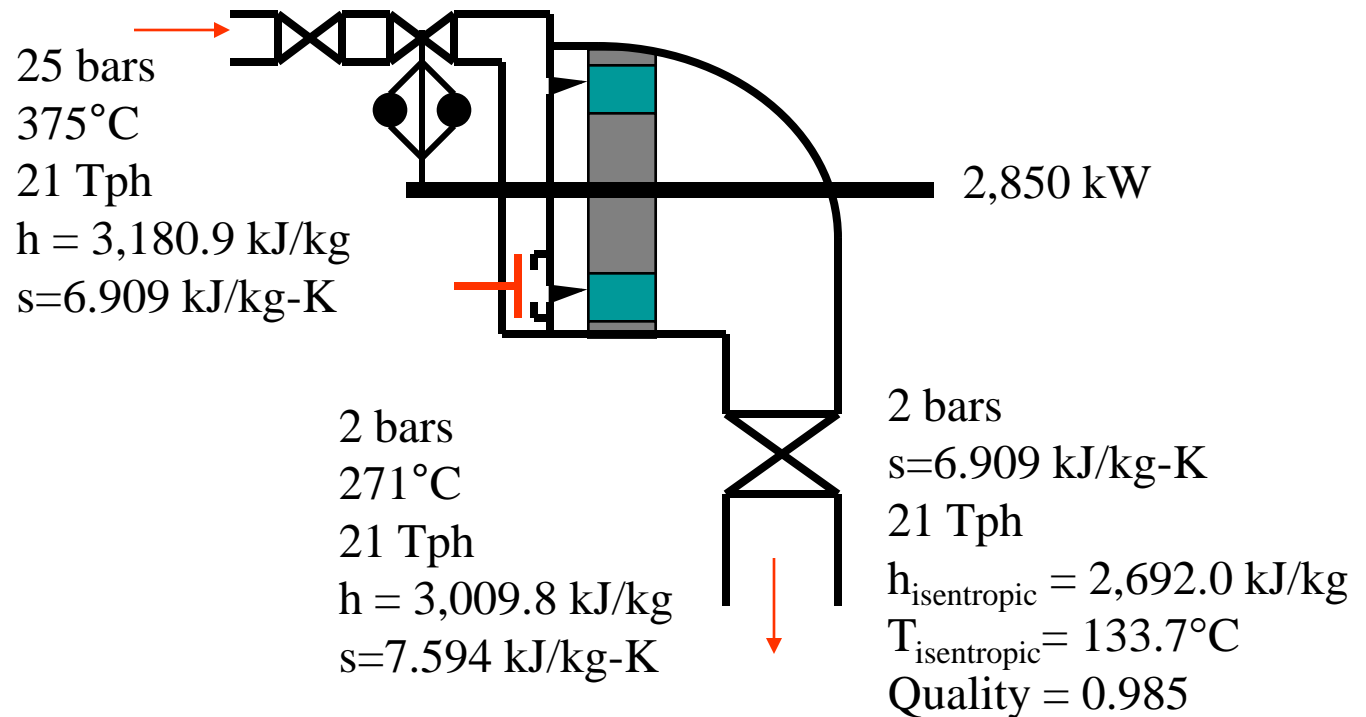
$$\dot{W}_{shaft} = 1,000 \text{ kW} = 1,000 \text{ kW} \left(\frac{1 \text{ hp}}{0.746 \text{ kW}} \right) = 1,340 \text{ hp}$$

Isentropic Conditions



$$\dot{W}_{\text{shaft}} = \dot{m}_{\text{steam}} (h_i - h_e)_{\text{steam}} = \frac{21,000}{3,600} (3,180.9 - 2,692.0)$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{shaft}} = 2,850 \text{ kW} = 2,850 \text{ kW} \left(\frac{1 \text{ hp}}{0.746 \text{ kW}} \right) = 3,825 \text{ hp}$$



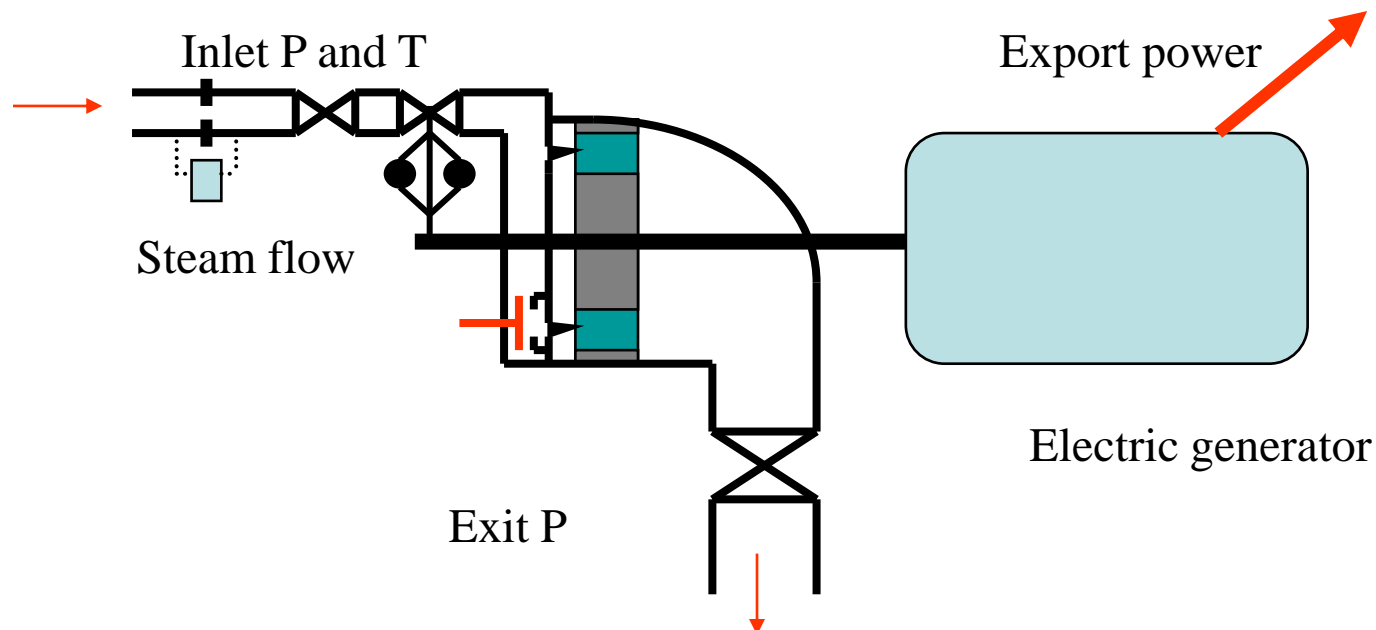
$$\eta_{\text{isentropic}} = \frac{(h_{\text{inlet}} - h_{\text{exit}})_{\text{actual}}}{(h_{\text{inlet}} - h_{\text{exit}})_{\text{isentropic}}} = \frac{(3,180.9 - 3,009.8)}{(3,180.9 - 2,692.0)} = \frac{171.1}{488.9} = 0.35$$

Turbine Efficiency from Steam Conditions and Power Production

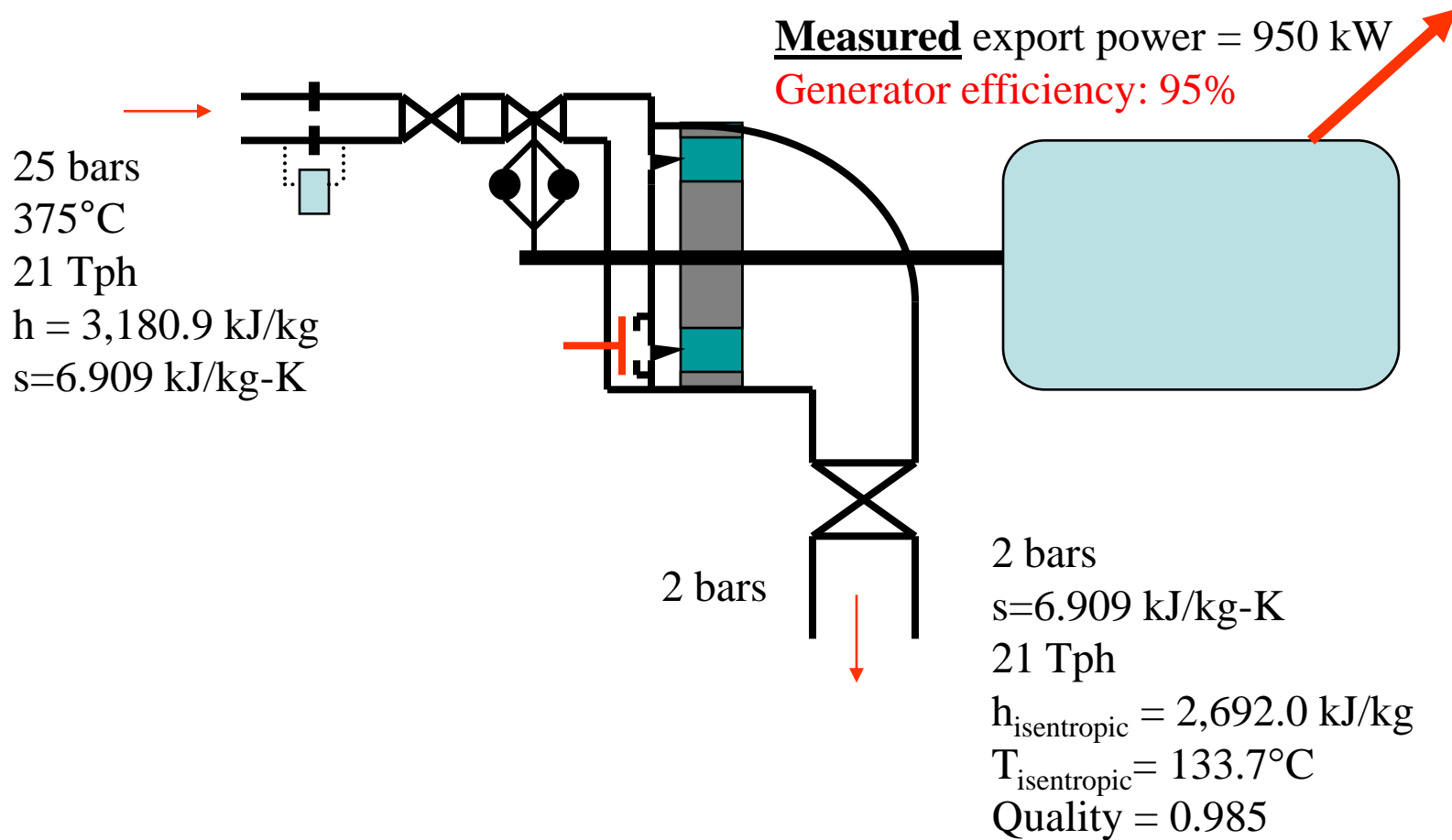
- ✓ Method 3
- ✓ Turbine performance can be determined from inlet steam properties and power production

Steam Turbine Generator Efficiency

- ✓ Steam turbines coupled with electric generators provide an additional mechanism for calculating turbine isentropic efficiency
 - Additional measurements are required to allow the efficiency determination
 - This is typically the only practical method to evaluate condensing turbine efficiency



Steam Turbine Efficiency



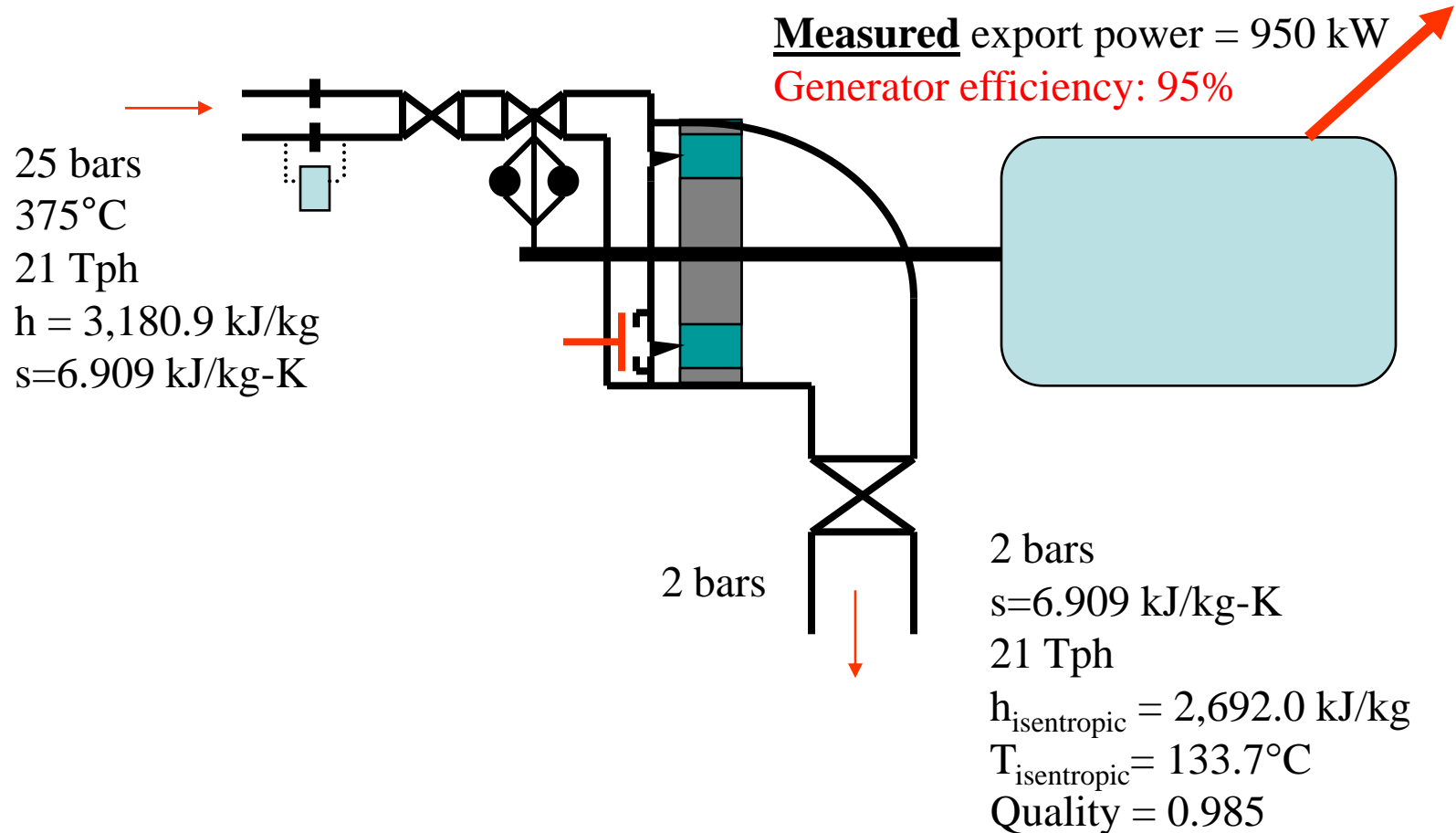
Steam Turbine Efficiency

$$\dot{W}_{generator} = 950 \text{ kW}$$

$$\eta_{generator} = \frac{\text{Generator Work}}{\text{Turbine Shaft Work}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{generator}}{\dot{W}_{turbine}} = \frac{950 \text{ kW}}{\dot{W}_{turbine}} = 0.95$$

$$\dot{W}_{turbine} = 1,000 \text{ kW}$$

$$\eta_{isentropic} = \frac{\text{Actual Turbine Work}}{\text{Isentropic Work}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{generator}}{\eta_{generator} \dot{W}_{isen}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{gen}}{\eta_{gen} \dot{m}_{st} (h_i - h_e)_{isen}}$$



$$\eta_{\text{isentropic}} = \frac{950 \text{ kW}}{0.95} \frac{3,600 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{hr}}}{21,000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{hr}}} \frac{1}{\left(3,180.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2,692.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right)} = 0.35$$

Steam Rate

- ✓ *Steam rate* is an expression used to describe the amount of steam required to produce a specific amount of power
- *Theoretical steam rate* is the ideal steam rate
 - *Actual steam rate* is the real world steam rate

$$\textit{Theoretical Steam Rate} = \textit{TSR} = \frac{\dot{m}_{\text{steam}}}{\dot{W}_{\text{isentropic}}} = \frac{1}{(h_1 - h_{2\text{isen}})}$$

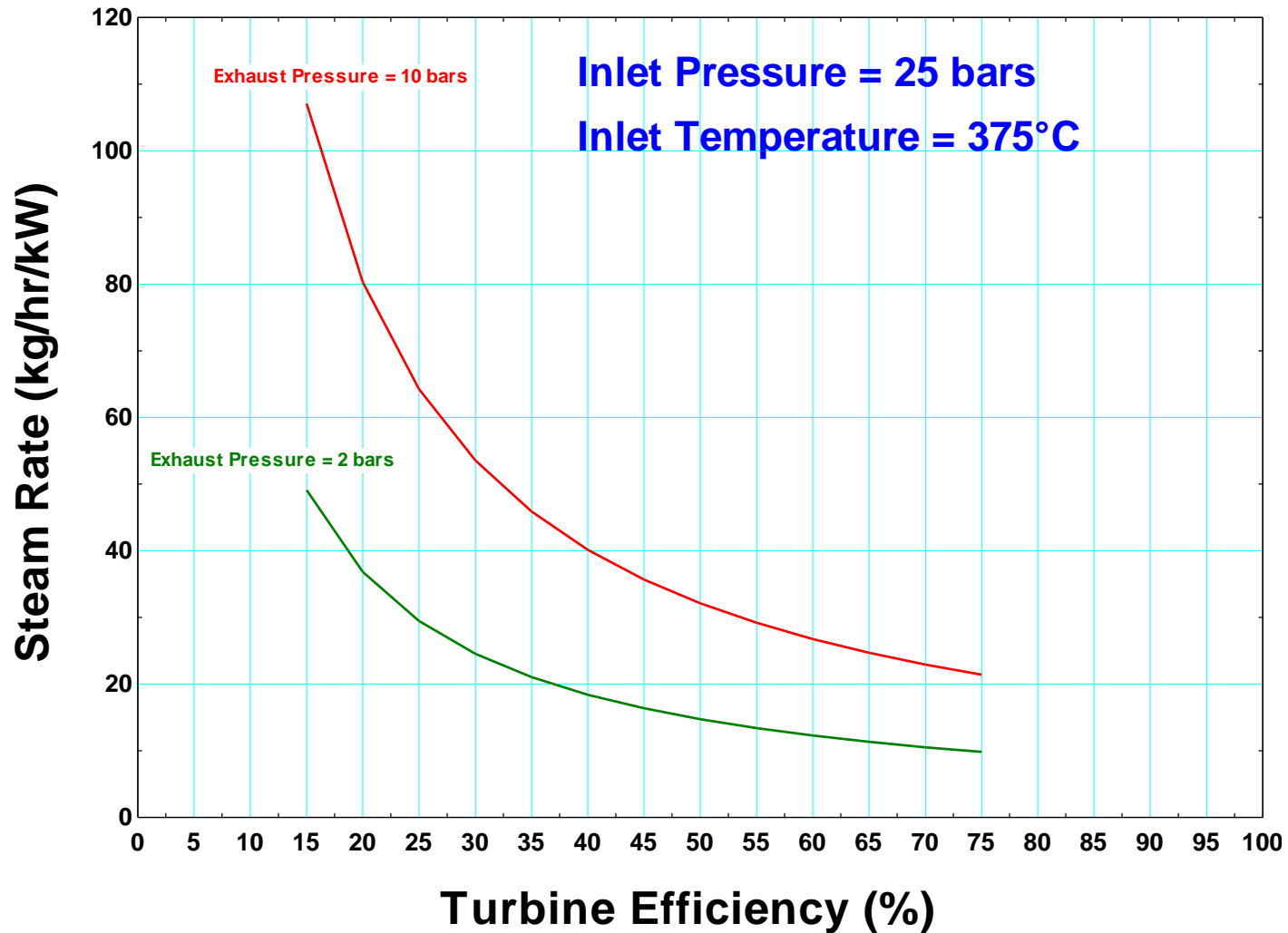
$$\textit{Actual Steam Rate} = \textit{ASR} = \frac{\dot{m}_{\text{steam}}}{\dot{W}_{\text{actual}}} = \frac{1}{(h_1 - h_2)}$$

$$\eta_{\text{isen}} = \frac{\textit{TSR}}{\textit{ASR}}$$

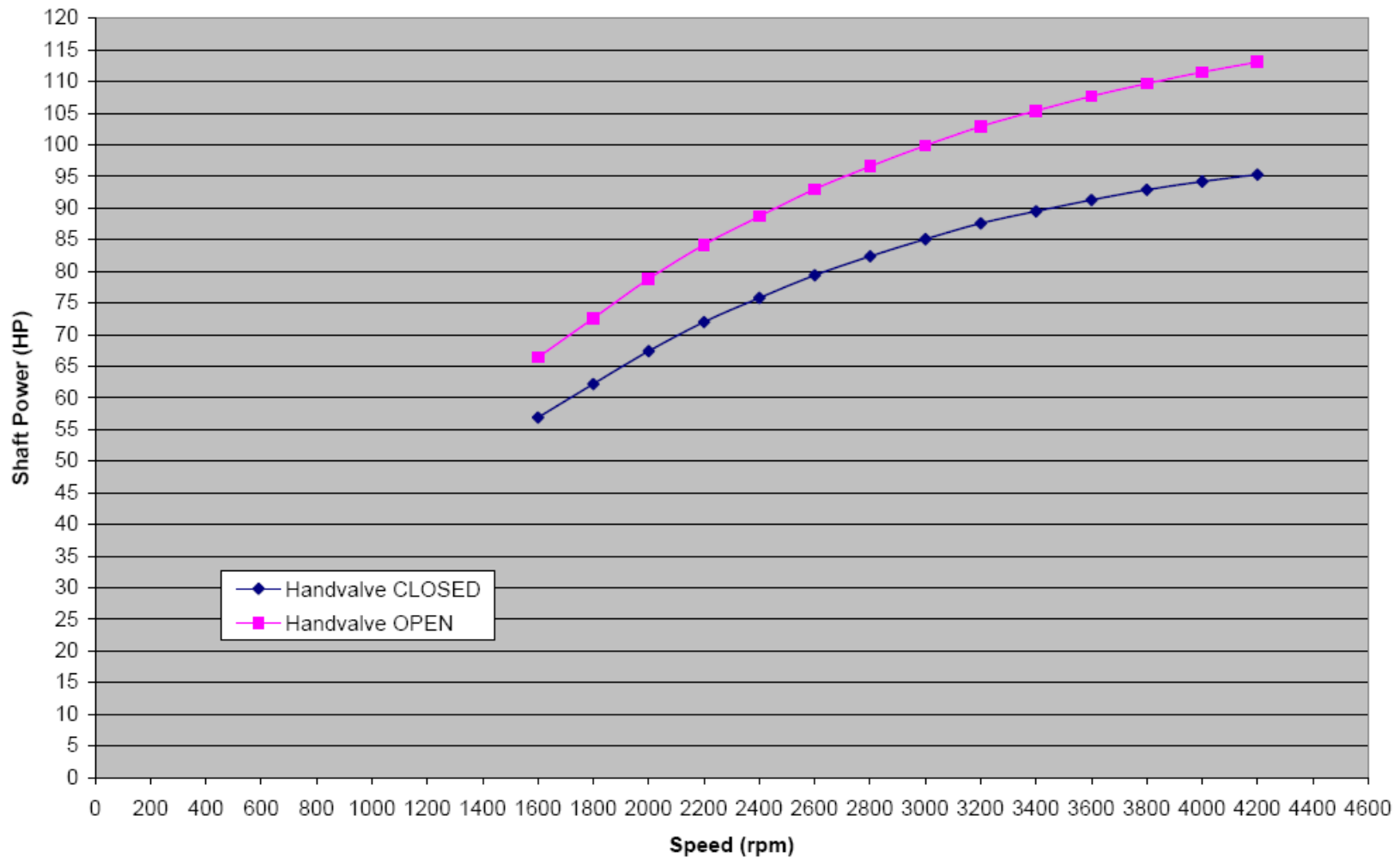
Steam Rate Factors

- ✓ Changing turbine inlet or outlet conditions will not impact isentropic efficiency significantly
 - Steam rate will change dramatically if conditions are changed
- ✓ Throttling the inlet of a steam turbine will impact the overall isentropic efficiency (valve inlet to turbine outlet)
 - The isentropic efficiency of the turbine will not change significantly (turbine inlet to outlet)
 - Steam rate will change dramatically

Steam Rate & Efficiency



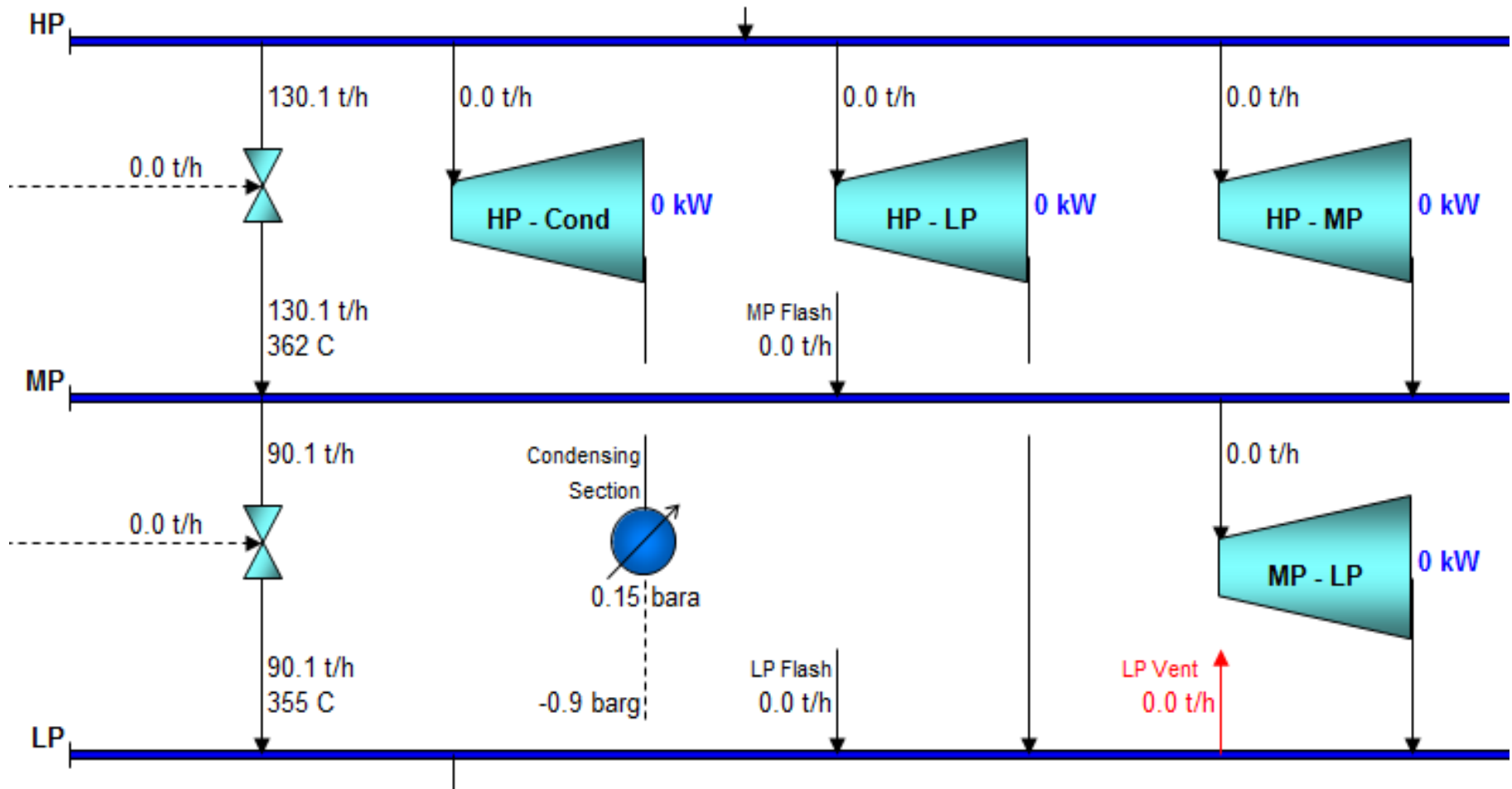
Steam Turbine Speed



SSAT Steam Turbine Applications

- ✓ **Total Site Electrical Demand** is held constant in SSAT project evaluations
- ✓ Power produced by the turbines reduces the **Power Import**
- ✓ SSAT incorporates a maximum of only four turbines
 - HP – LP
 - HP – MP
 - MP – LP
 - HP – Condensing
 - The *Impact Turbine* must be modeled
- ✓ *Site Detail* section allows actual performance to be incorporated into the analysis
 - Turbine efficiency
 - Pressure reducing valve interaction
 - Turbine capacity and control

Steam Turbines Schematically in SSAT



Steam Turbines in SSAT

Steam Turbines		
Do you have a steam turbine installed between HP and LP?	No	▼
Do you have a steam turbine installed between HP and MP?	No	▼
Do you have a steam turbine installed between MP and LP?	No	▼
Do you have an HP to condensing turbine installed?	No	▼

- ✓ Steam turbines need to be set up in the “Quick Start” section
 - Use the pull down menu to say “Yes” if a particular turbine exists
- ✓ Additional information on turbines and their control mechanism is then provided in the “Site Detail” section
- ✓ NOTE: The turbine does not have to be ON for inclusion in the system

Steam Turbines in SSAT

Configure the operation of your HP to LP turbine(s) using the options below:

HP to LP Steam Turbine(s)	Input Data	Notes/Warnings
→ Isentropic efficiency	35 %	←
<p>Note: If multiple turbines are installed, the operation of the impact turbine (the turbine affected by changes to the system) should be modeled</p> <p>Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model</p>		
→ Select the appropriate turbine operating mode	Option 2 - Fixed operation	←
<p>Note: If Option 1 is chosen, the model will preferentially use the HP to LP turbine to balance the LP demand</p>		
→ Option 2 - How should the fixed turbine operation be defined?	Specify fixed steam flow	←
→ Option 2 - Fixed steam flow	21 t/h	←
Option 2 - Fixed power generation	2000 kW	
Option 3 - How do you 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	

✓ Each steam turbine included in the system will need to be configured for efficiency & control options

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- ✓ Each steam turbine included in the system will need a steam turbine isentropic efficiency
 - Manufacturers' data
 - Calculated from steam input and output conditions for superheated cases
 - Calculated from power generated and steam input and outlet pressure
 - Generator efficiency needs to be included in the calculations
- ✓ Turbine operations are satisfied, then low-pressure demands are satisfied with PRV operation

Steam Turbines in SSAT

→ Select the appropriate turbine operating mode Option 2 - Fixed operation ▼ ←

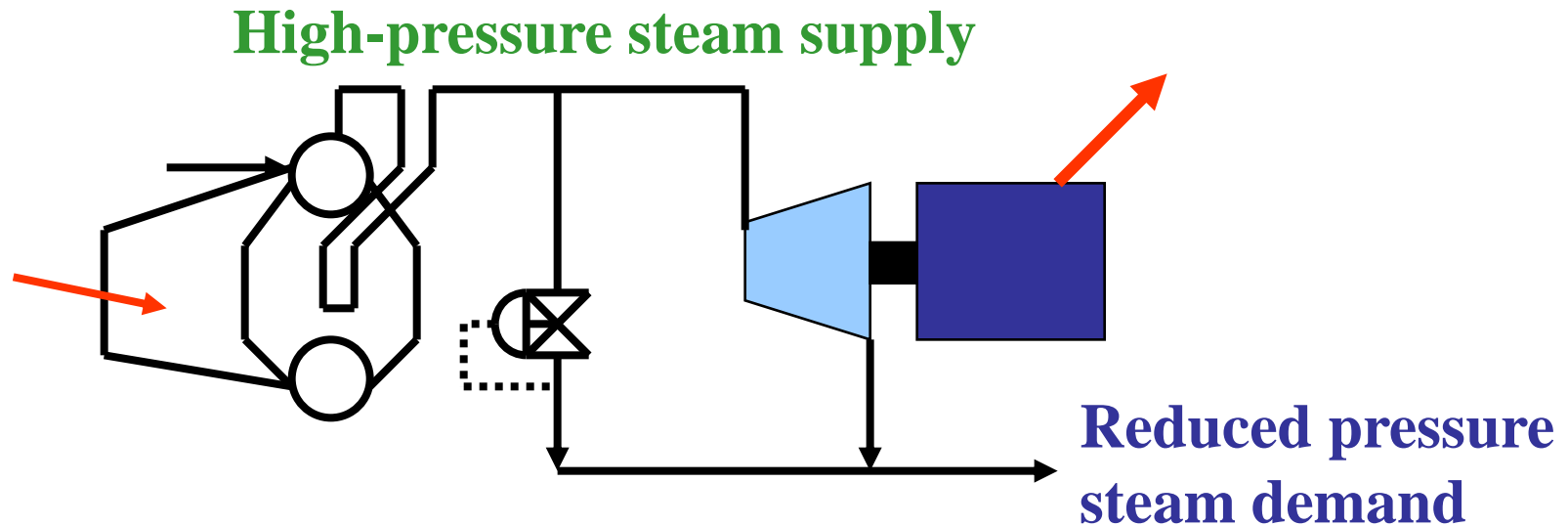
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→ **Option 2** - How should the fixed turbine operation be defined? Specify fixed steam flow ▼ ←

→ Option 2 - Fixed steam flow	21 t/h	←
Option 2 - Fixed power generation	2000 kW	

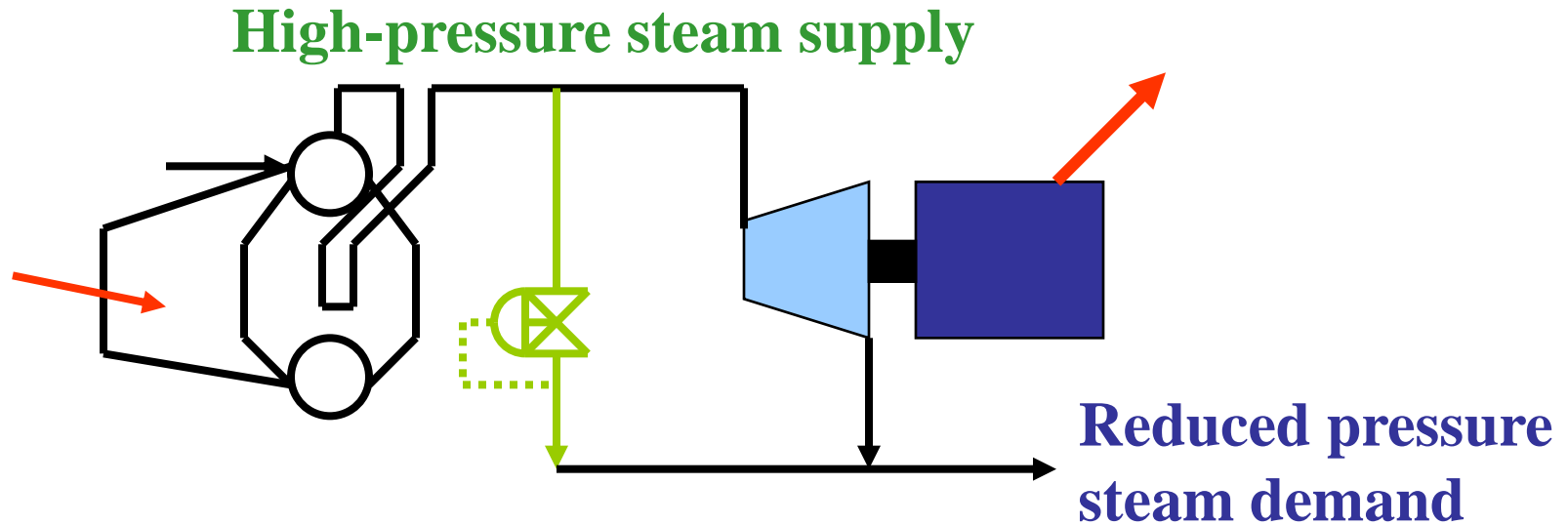
- ✓ There are four different options to setup the turbine operations
 - Steam flow to the turbine balances the “output” header demand
 - This is also the Default option
 - Turbine set up as fixed operation
 - Fixed steam flow
 - Fixed power generation
 - Turbine setup to operate between minimum and maximum limits
 - Steam flow
 - Power generation
 - Turbine NOT operating

Steam Balance Control



- ✓ The SSAT model must be established to accurately describe the **impact** a change in steam demand (or operating conditions) will have on the system
 - The **impact component** must be established
 - Steam can pass through a turbine
 - Steam can pass through a pressure reducing valve

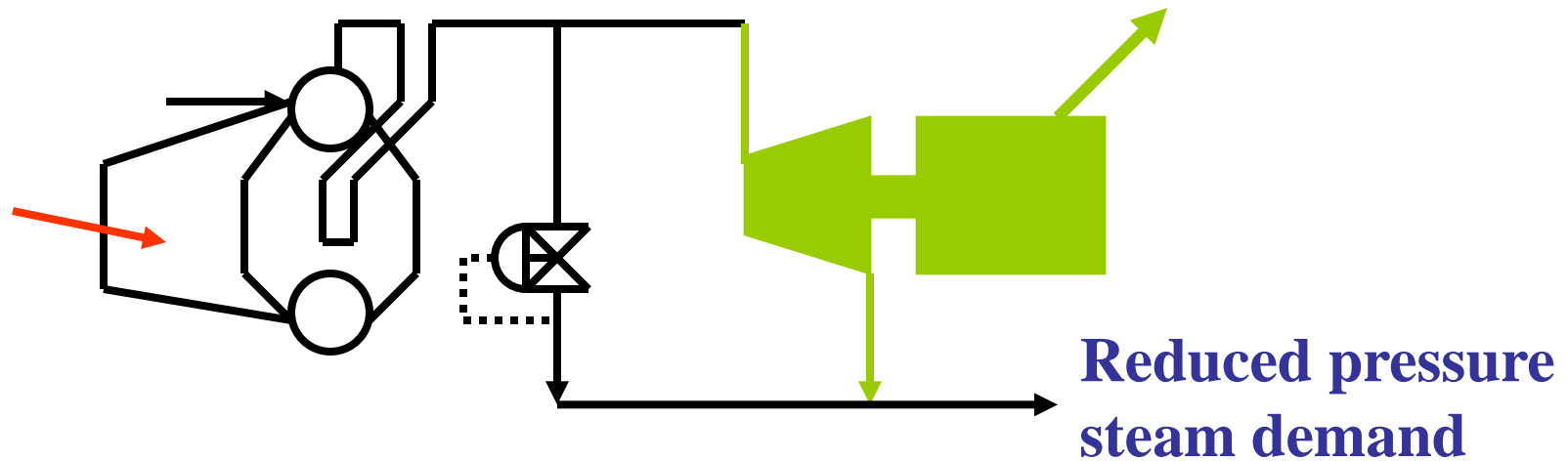
Turbine Control of Steam Balance



- ✓ Turbine balances reduced-pressure header
 - The capacity of the turbine is limitless
 - Any change in low-pressure steam demand will result in a change in steam flow through the turbine

Fixed Turbine – PRV Steam Balance Control

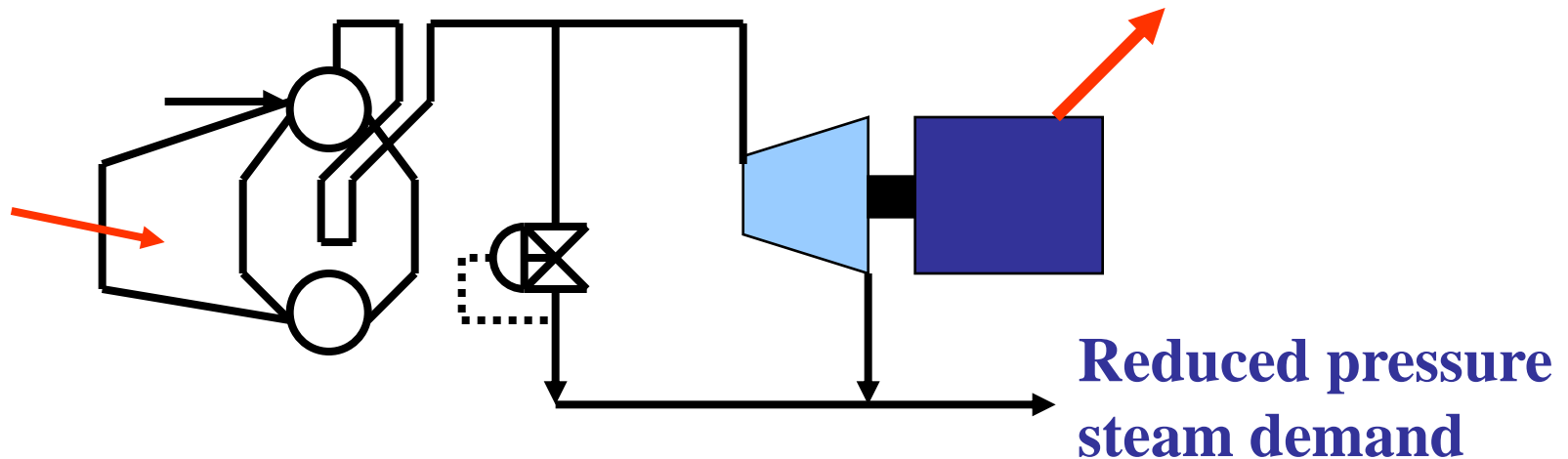
High-pressure steam supply



- ✓ Turbine is operating based on fixed conditions
 - Steam flow cannot vary through the turbine
 - Any change in low-pressure steam demand will result in a change in steam flow through the PRV
 - Process turbines are typically modeled in this manner

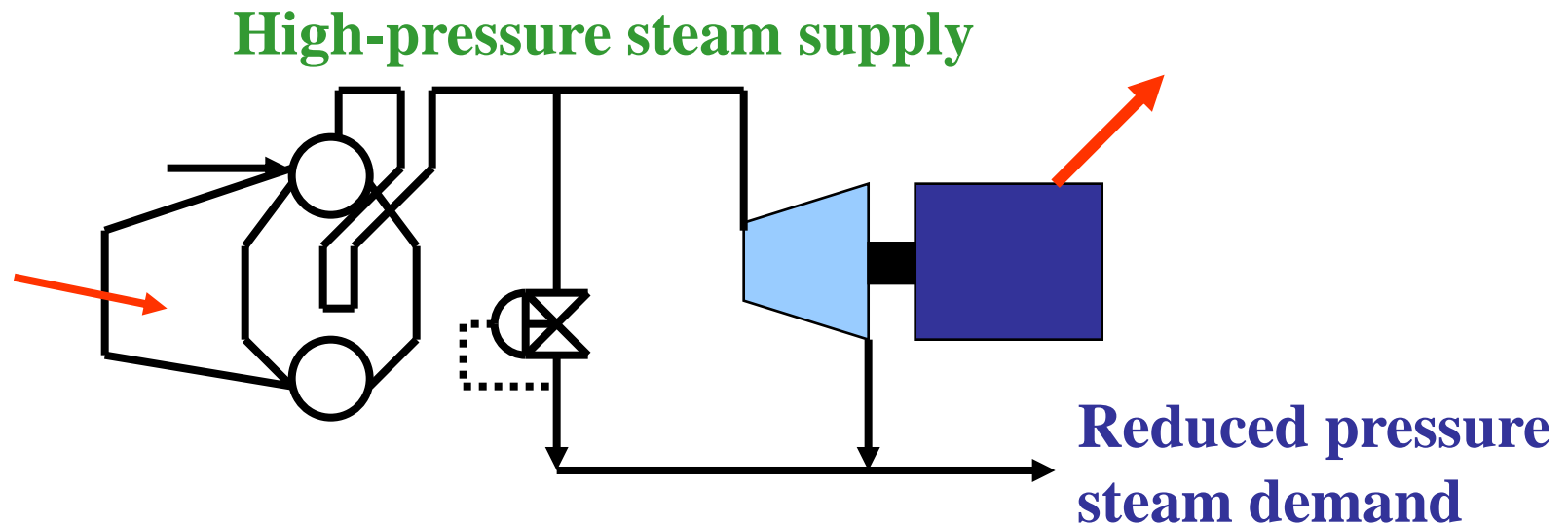
Maximum-Minimum Steam Balance Control

High-pressure steam supply



- ✓ The turbine can be forced to operate between a minimum and maximum steam flow
 - The PRV will supply additional steam if the turbine capacity limit is reached
 - This provides a realistic limitation based on the capacity of the turbines

Turbine On-Off Control

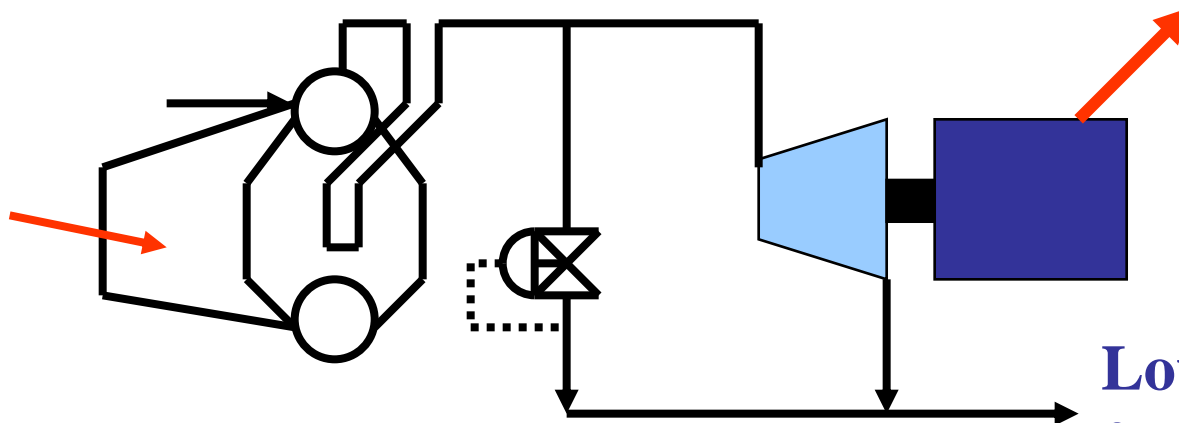


- ✓ The turbine can be turned “on” in the input model and “off” in the projects model
 - The turbine can be turned “off” in the input model and “on” in the projects model

Turbine Impact Example

High-pressure steam: 25 bars 375°C

Electrical impact
cost: EGP 0.77/kWh



**Low-pressure steam:
2 bars**

**Impact boiler: Natural gas (EGP 2.10/NM³)
Boiler efficiency: 81.7%**

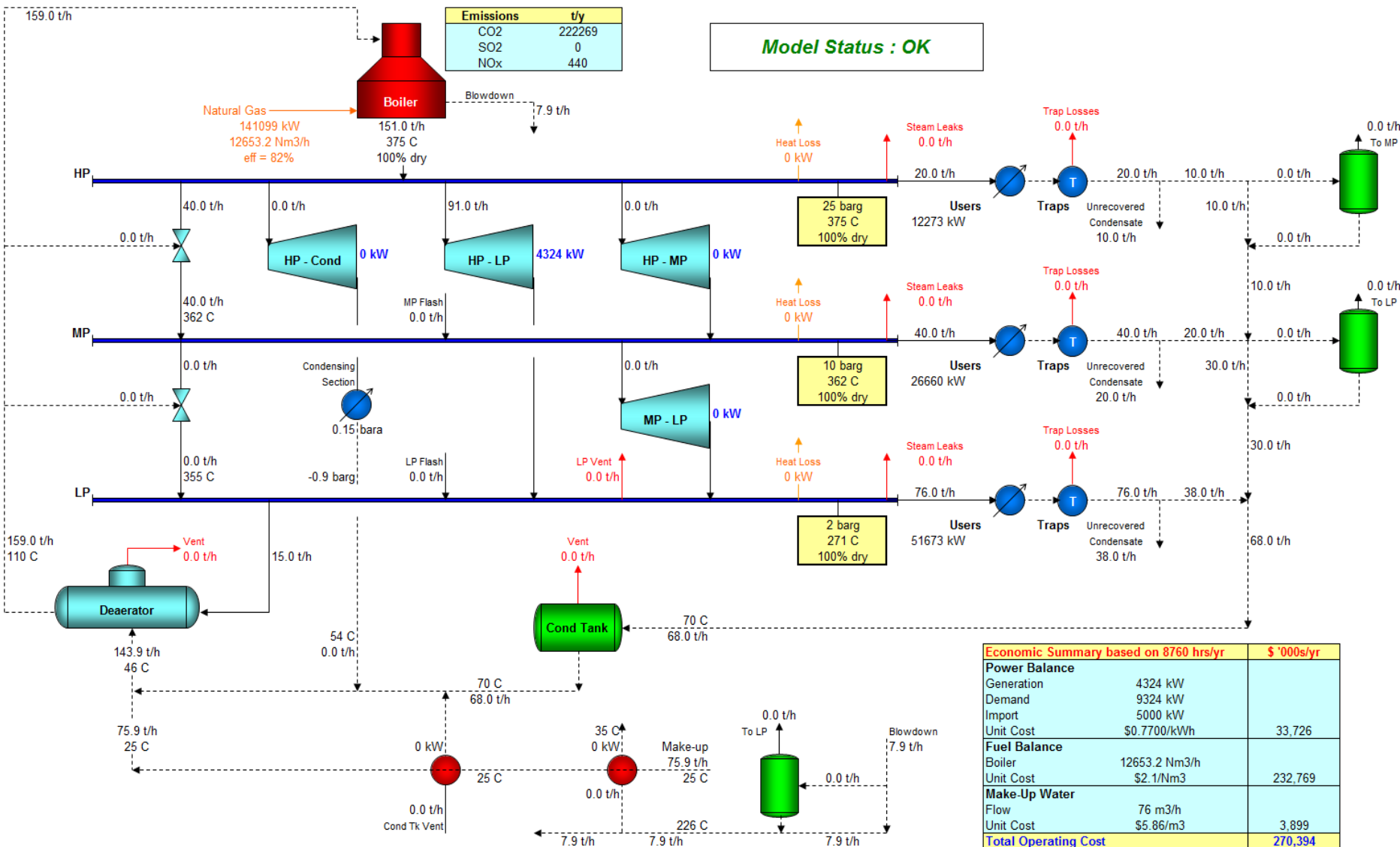
- ✓ Open the 3-Header Example System Model and set up the HP-LP turbine with the following configuration
 - Turbine balancing the system
 - Turbine isentropic efficiency = 35%
- ✓ Model the economic impact of saving 1 Tph HP and 1 Tph LP steam



Steam System Assessment Tool

SSAT 3 Header Metric Model for User Training Egypt

Current Operation



Turbine Impact Example Results

Marginal Steam Costs	
(based on current operation)	
HP (\$/t)	194.62
MP (\$/t)	194.62
LP (\$/t)	158.03

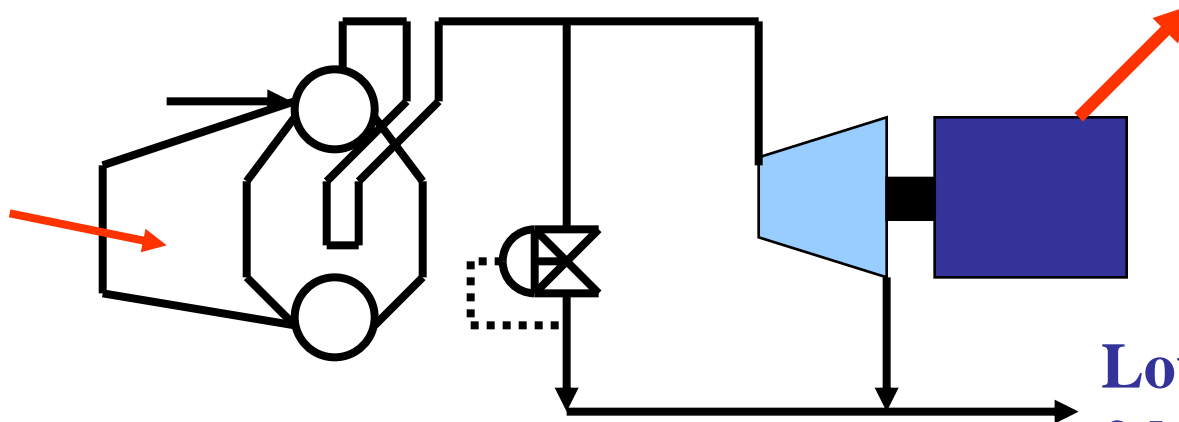
$$CostSavings_{1Tph_HP} = 1.0 \times 8,760 \times 194.62 = EGP1,704,800$$

$$CostSavings_{1Tph_LP} = 1.0 \times 8,760 \times 158.03 = EGP1,384,300$$

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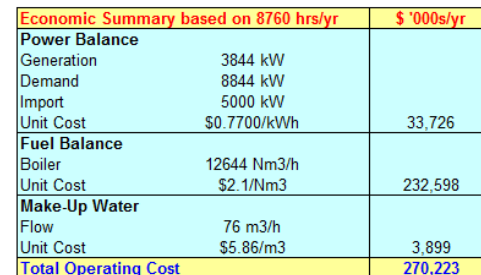
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- ✓ Open the 3-Header Example System Model and set up the HP-LP turbine with the following configuration
 - MP-LP Pressure Reducing Valve has a flow of ~10 Tph
 - Turbine isentropic efficiency = 35%
- ✓ Model the economic impact of saving 1 Tph HP and 1 Tph LP steam

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Model Status : OK



Turbine Impact Example Results

Marginal Steam Costs	
(based on current operation)	
HP (\$/t)	197.28
MP (\$/t)	197.28
LP (\$/t)	186.06

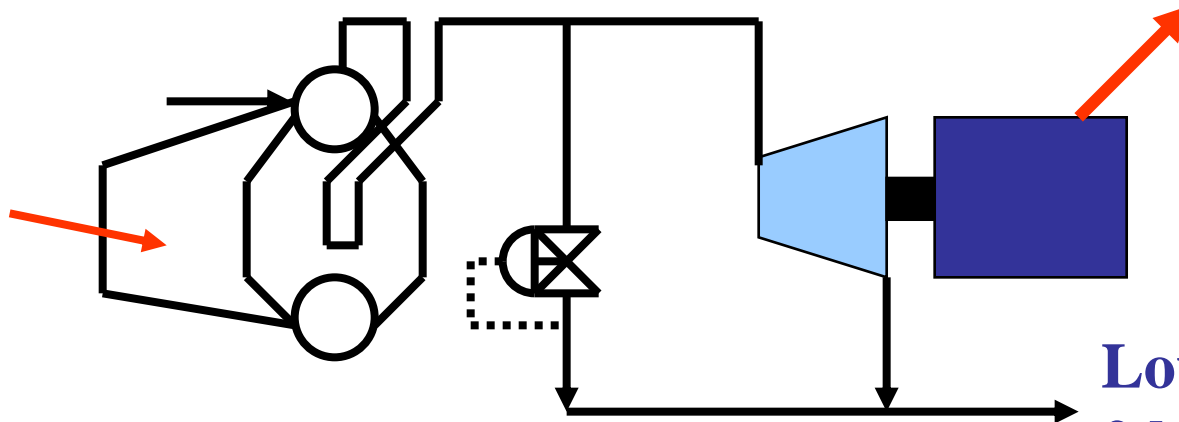
$$CostSavings_{1Tph_HP} = 1.0 \times 8,760 \times 197.28 = EGP1,728,200$$

$$CostSavings_{1Tph_LP} = 1.0 \times 8,760 \times 186.06 = EGP1,629,900$$

Turbine Impact Example

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Electrical impact
cost: EGP 0.77/kWh



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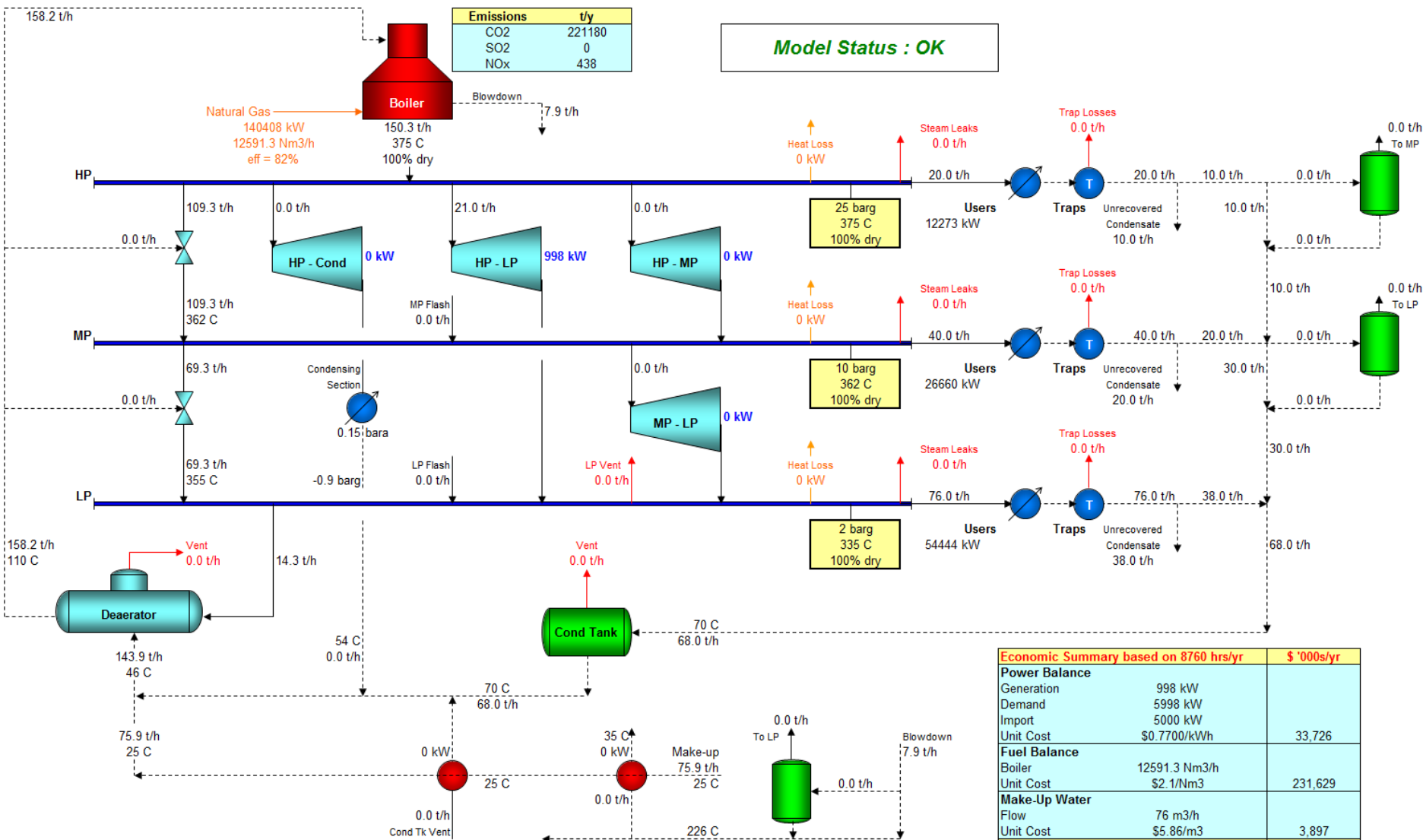
- ✓ Open the 3-Header Example System Model and set up the HP-LP turbine with the following configuration
 - Steam turbine flow of ~21.0 Tph
 - Turbine isentropic efficiency = 35%
- ✓ Model the economic impact of saving 1 Tph HP and 1 Tph LP steam



Steam System Assessment Tool

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Current Operation



Economic Summary based on 8760 hrs/yr		\$ '000s/yr
Power Balance		
Generation	998 kW	
Demand	5998 kW	
Import	5000 kW	
Unit Cost	\$0.7700/kWh	33,726
Fuel Balance		
Boiler	12591.3 Nm3/h	
Unit Cost	\$2.1/Nm3	231,629
Make-Up Water		
Flow	76 m3/h	
Unit Cost	\$5.86/m3	3,897
Total Operating Cost		269,252

Turbine Impact Example Results

Marginal Steam Costs	
(based on current operation)	
HP (\$/t)	197.39
MP (\$/t)	197.39
LP (\$/t)	194.45

$$CostSavings_{1Tph_HP} = 1.0 \times 8,760 \times 197.39 = EGP1,729,100$$

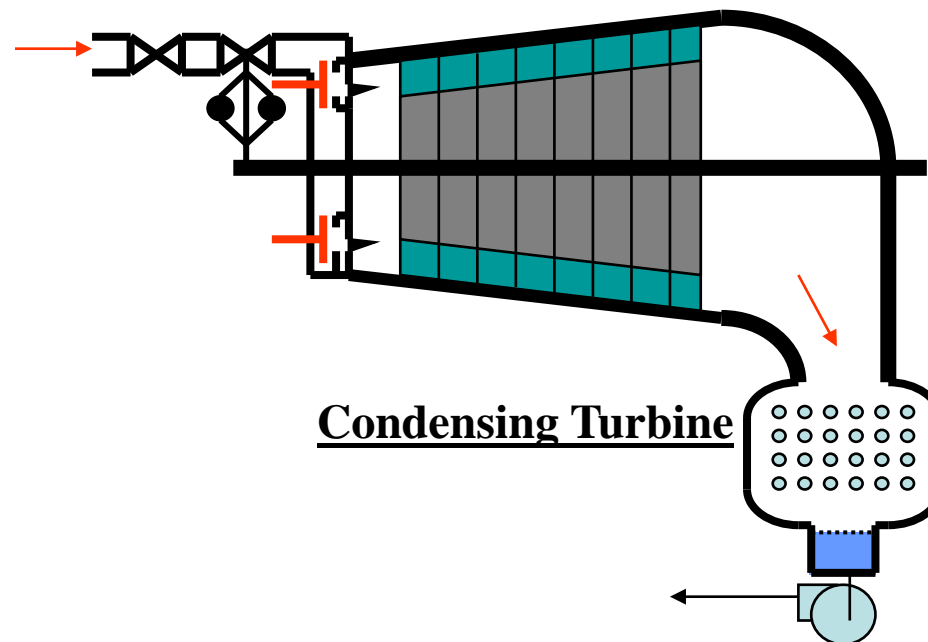
$$CostSavings_{1Tph_LP} = 1.0 \times 8,760 \times 194.45 = EGP1,703,400$$

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

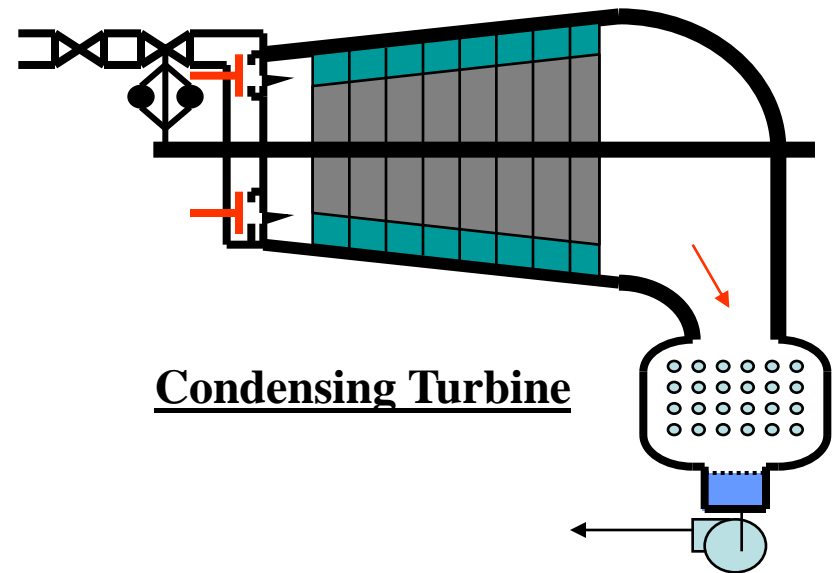
Condensing Steam Turbines

- ✓ Condensing steam turbines often operate with a discharge condition of saturated steam
 - Isentropic efficiency is typically determined by
 - Generator output, steam conditions, and steam flow
 - Estimated by manufacturer's data



Condensing Steam Turbines

- ✓ Discharge pressure has a significant effect on power production
 - SSAT units of measure are:
 - bara
 - barg
 - Inches of mercury absolute
 - Inches of mercury vacuum
- ✓ Condensing turbines are used for
 - Large amount of power generation
 - Driving large mechanical equipment



Condensing Steam Turbines in SSAT

Steam Turbines		
Do you have a steam turbine installed between HP and LP?	Yes	▼
Do you have a steam turbine installed between HP and MP?	No	▼
Do you have a steam turbine installed between MP and LP?	No	▼
Do you have an HP to condensing turbine installed?	Yes	▼

For a **Condensing Turbine**, please define how the turbine operates and then provide supplementary information below:

→ Mode of operation	Option 1 - Define fixed power generation ▼ ←	
→ Option 1 - Fixed power generation	1000 kW	←
Option 2 - Fixed steam flow	25 t/h	

- ✓ Condensing steam turbine(s) need to be set up in the “Quick Start” section
 - Use the pull down menu to say “Yes” if a condensing turbine exists
 - Information on control mechanism is also required
- ✓ Additional information in the “Site Detail” section

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- ✓ Condensing turbines have two modes of operation
 - Fixed power generation
 - Most process driven equipment operations will have this configuration
 - NOTE: SSAT assumes 100% generator efficiency
 - Fixed steam flow

Condensing Steam Turbines in SSAT

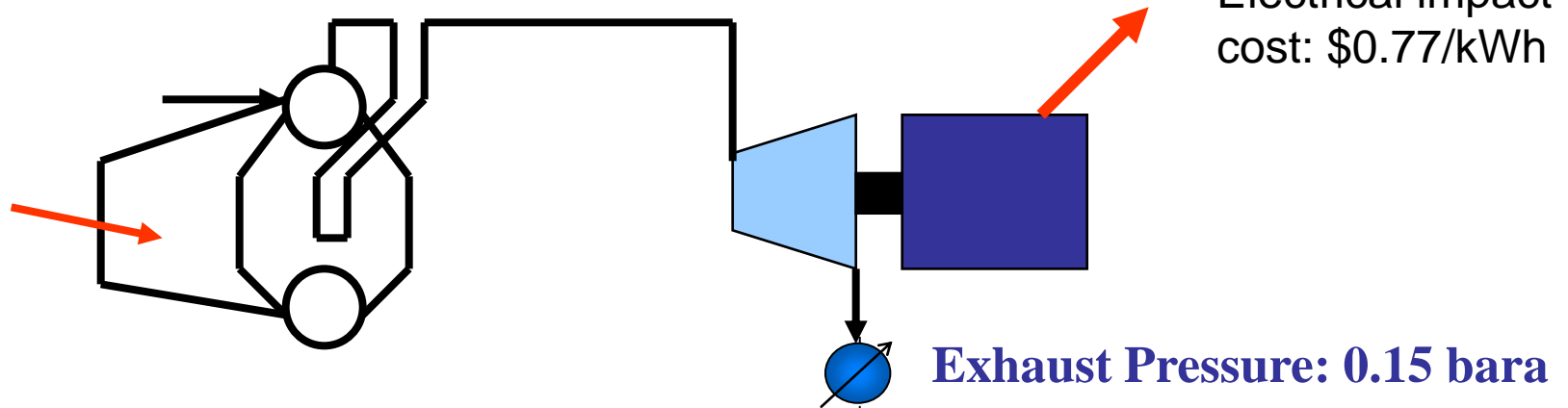
Configure the operation of your HP to Condensing turbine(s) using the options below:

HP to Condensing Steam Turbine(s)	Input Data	Notes/Warnings
→ Isentropic efficiency	65 %	
<p>Note: If multiple turbines are installed, their data should be combined to allow them to be modeled as a single turbine</p> <p>Note: A generator electrical efficiency of 100% is assumed by the model</p>		
→ Select the units of measure to specify the condenser pressure	bara	▼
→ Condenser pressure (bara)	0.15	

- ✓ Condensing turbine isentropic efficiency is required
 - Manufacturers' data
 - Calculated from steam inlet, flow and power generated
- ✓ Condensing turbine outlet (discharge) pressure
 - Can be provided in either of the four units
 - Equivalent to surface condenser pressure

Condensing Turbine Impact Example

High-pressure steam: 25 bars 375°C



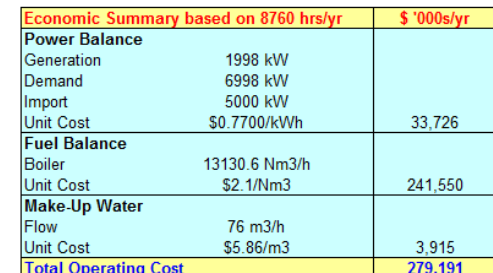
Impact boiler: Natural gas (EGP 2.10/NM³)

Boiler efficiency: 81.7%

- ✓ Open the 3-Header Example System Model and set up the condensing turbine with the following configuration
 - Fixed power generation = 950 kW
 - Generator efficiency = 95%
 - Turbine isentropic efficiency = 65%
 - Condenser pressure = 0.15 bara

SSAT 3 Header Metric Model for User Training Egypt

Model Status : OK



Example System Model

- ✓ All the model “Inputs” are complete
- ✓ The 3-header model
 - Closely represents steam flows and steam balance on the headers as would be in the operating case
 - Accurately models the impact (marginal) steam costs of the system
 - DOES NOT represent total utility costs, emissions, etc.
 - NOTE: Impact fuel is used for modeling
 - Is ready to be used to accurately reflect economic impacts of energy saving and optimization opportunities in the steam system
- ✓ Make sure it is **SAVED!**