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STEAM AND COGENERATION SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS BOILERS





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• Fuel type, thermal energy recovery, and combustion control are the primary factors affecting boiler efficiency



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Measurement Tools

- The primary tools used to
 measure boiler performance are:
 - Combustion analyzer
 - Contact thermometers
 - For flue gas temperatures
 - Infrared thermometers
 - Shell loss and other indications
 - Manometers
 - Water chemistry measurements







Stack Loss - Natural Gas

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Oxygen	Oxygen	Conc												
Content	Content		Net Stack Temperature [△°F]											
Wet Basis	Dry Basis		{Difference between flue gas exhaust temperature and ambient temperature}											
[%]	[%]	[ppm]	180	205	230	255	280	305	330	355	380	405	430	455
1.0	1.2	0	13.6	14.1	14.7	15.2	15.8	16.3	16.9	17.4	18.0	18.5	19.1	19.6
2.0	2.4	0	13.8	14.3	14.9	15.5	16.1	16.6	17.2	17.8	18.4	18.9	19.5	20.1
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10.0	11.1	0	16.5	17.4	18.4	19.4	20.3	21.3	22.2	23.2	24.2	25.2	26.1	27.1
Actual Exhaust T [°F]			250	275	300	325	350	375	400	425	450	475	500	525
Ambient T [°F]			70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70

Reference: Combustion model developed by Greg Harrell, Ph.D., P.E.























Actual Combustion

In actual combustion processes fuel and oxygen do not react perfectly

$$CH_4 + 2O_2 \underset{\text{Release}}{\longrightarrow} \alpha CO_2 + \beta H_2 O + \gamma CO + \delta H_2 + \varepsilon CH_4 + \zeta O_2$$

 Un-reacted CH₄, CO, and H₂ are *fuels* resulting from incomplete combustion



Combustion Management – Principle 1

- Un-reacted CH₄, CO, and H₂ harm combustion operations
 - Safety problems
 - Health issues
 - Efficiency detriments

$$CH_4 + 2O_2 \underset{\text{Energy}}{\longrightarrow} \alpha CO_2 + \beta H_2O + \gamma CO + \delta H_2 + \varepsilon CH_4 + \zeta O_2$$

- Combustion management strives to eliminate un-reacted fuel by adding extra oxygen to the combustion zone
 - Excess O₂ provided to the combustion zone <u>essentially eliminates</u> <u>un-reacted fuel</u>










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$$\sigma_{Savings} = \left(1 - \frac{78.8\%}{82.6\%}\right) 2,800,000 \frac{\$}{yr}$$

 $\sigma_{Savings} = 128,000 \frac{\$}{yr}$



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$$\sigma_{Savings} = \left(1 - \frac{82.6\%}{84.5\%}\right) 2,670,000 \frac{\$}{yr}$$

 $\sigma_{Savings} = 60,000 \frac{\$}{yr}$



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Simple Installation







Blowdown Related System Loss



Steam System Impact



Blowdown Related System Loss



Steam System Impact





https://www.energy.gov/eere/amo/measur











Steam Leaks

Orifice	Leak	Rate [lbr	n/hr]									
Diameter	Steam S	upply Pr	essure [psig]								
[inch]	20	50	100	150	300	400	500					
1/16	3	6	11	16	30	39	49					
1/8	13	25	43	62	119	157	195					
3/16	30	55	98	140	268	353	439					
1/4	53	98	174	249	477	628	780					
5/16	82	153	271	390	745	981	1,218					
3/8	118	221	391	561	1,073	1,413	1,754					
7/16	161	300	532	764	1,460	1,924	2,388					
1/2	210	392	695	998	1,907	2,513	3,118					
	3	18	43	68	143	193	243					
		Discharge Pressure [psig]										
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1/8	1,200	2,100	3,800	10,400	13,800	17,100	5,500					
3/16	2,600	4,800	8,600	23,500	31,000	38,400	12,300					
1/4	4,600	8,600	15,200	41,800	55,000	68,300	21,900					
5/16	7,200	13,400	23,800	65,200	86,000	106,700	34,100					
3/8	10,400	19,300	34,200	94,000	123,800	153,700	49,200					
7/16	14,100	26,300	46,600	127,900	168,500	209,200	66,900					
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	Discharge	e Pressur	e [psig]								
Discharge coe	fficient	0.6 dimensionless										
Steam cost		10.00	\$/10 ³ lbi	m								








World Class Steam Trap Maintenance Program

- Investigate each trap at least one time each year (problem areas and high pressure should be more frequent)
 - Performance
 - Testing equipment is required
 - An order of magnitude leak rate should be determined for failed traps
 - Orifice calculations set the maximum steam flow
 - Trap type
 - Trap selection should match the application
 - Universal mounts can be a good option
 - Installation
 - Establish an investigation route
 - Condensate return
 - Outsourcing can be a good option





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Steam Trap Selection

- The steam trap was changed to a floatthermostatic type trap
 - Dramatic increase in condensate temperature and heat transfer



Steam Trap Selection Guide

Application	Тгар Туре				
	Float & Thermostatic	Thermo- static	Inverted Bucket	Thermo- dynamic	Orifice
Header Drip-legs	Preferred		Alternate	Alternate	
Heat Exchangers: Shell-and-Tube	Preferred		Alternate	Alternate	
Plate-and-Frame	Preferred		Alternate	Alternate	
Air-Finned Tube	Preferred		Alternate	Alternate	
Cylinder Dryer	Alternate		Preferred		Preferred
Tank Jacket	Preferred		Alternate	Alternate	
HVAC Radiator	Preferred		Alternate	Alternate	
Steam Tracing	Alternate	Preferred	Alternate	Alternate	

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- A 20 foot long section of 150 psig header is observed to be uninsulated
 - 10 inch nominal diameter
 - Steam
 temperature is
 approximately
 550°F

Missing Insulation



Insulation Evaluation Software



Insulation Savings

If the energy impact is realized "at fuel cost":













$$\sigma_{condensate} = \frac{\dot{m}_{condensate} (h_{condensate} - h_{makeup}) T_{\mathcal{K}_{fuel}}}{\eta_{boiler}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{condensate} = 5,000 \frac{lbm}{hr} \left(147.91 \frac{Btu}{lbm} - 38.05 \frac{Btu}{lbm} \right) \left(8,760 \frac{hrs}{yr} \right) \left(10.0 \frac{\$}{10^6 Btu} \right) \left(\frac{1}{0.80} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{condensate} = 60,000 \frac{\$}{yr}$$

Cascade Condensate Systems



NPSH

- Net Positive Suction Head (NPSH) is the head required at the pump inlet to keep the liquid from cavitating (boiling)
- The pump inlet or suction side is the lowpressure point where cavitation will first occur

$$P_2 - P_1 = -\rho \vec{g} (z_2 - z_1)$$





NPSH

 Increasing the height of the storage tank above the pump inlet is a very effective method to reduce cavitation potential

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- Energy
 Reliability
 Maintenance
 - Productivity
 - Quality
 - Cost avoidance
 - **Emissions reductions**

Measure

You are not managing what you do not measure

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