

CEM|CEA

BOILERS and STEAM SYSTEMS



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A. Overview

- Steam excellently convey a large mass of heat. It is always the heat, not steam that is wanted, and the heat is needed not at the boiler or in the mains or anywhere else but at the machines where heating processes are carried out.
- The elements in a boiler and steam systems are generation, distribution and utilization. Optimal energy conversion at each element is necessary in the industry.
- CEM and CEA can lead / direct a successful energy management system and program with full knowledge of the science and technology of the steam systems.



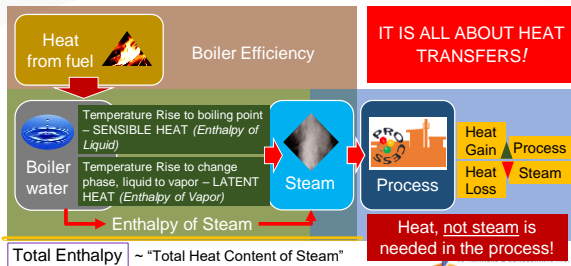
HEAT TRANSFER

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

STEAM ENGINEERING

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A. Overview – Fundamentals



A. Overview – Goals of Energy Optimization



¹Environment, Health and Safety

²Corporate Social Responsibility



B. Learning Objectives

At the end of this course you will be able to:

- Examine the boilers and their steam systems;
- Grasp the components of a steam plant, their functions and effects to the energy efficiency;
- Identify and prioritize key areas with corresponding actions to improve the energy efficiency of boiler and the steam systems, and;
- Align your self to the requirements and capabilities of a CEM or CEA in this area of energy management.

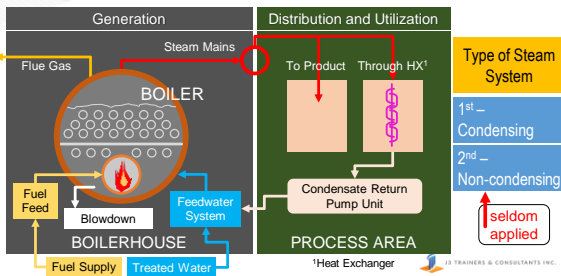


C. Course Outline

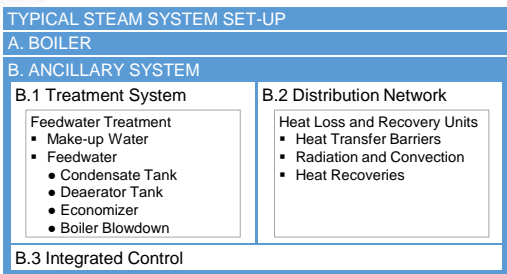
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- Knowledge Review



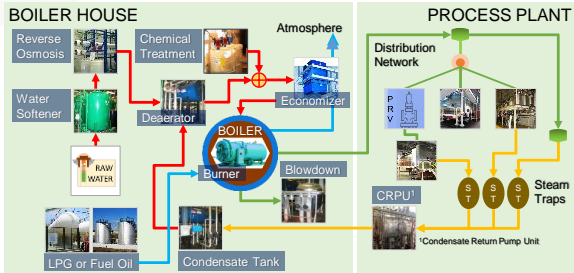
D. Introduction – Steam System Configuration



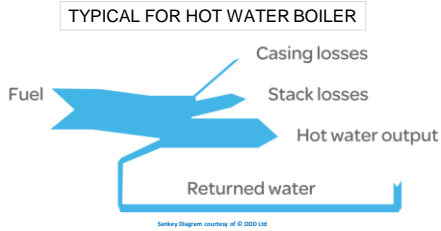
E. Steam Plant Components



E. Steam Plant Components – Typical Steam System Set-up



E. Steam Plant Components – A. Boiler ► **Energy Flow**



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E. Steam Plant Components – **B. Ancillary Systems**

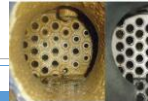
B. ANCILLARY SYSTEM

B.1 Treatment System

- Feedwater Treatment
 - Make-up Water
 - Feedwater
 - Condensate Tank
 - Deaerator Tank
 - Economizer
 - Boiler Blowdown

B.2 Distribution Network

- Heat Loss and Recovery Units
 - Heat Transfer Barriers
 - Radiation and Convection
 - Heat Recoveries



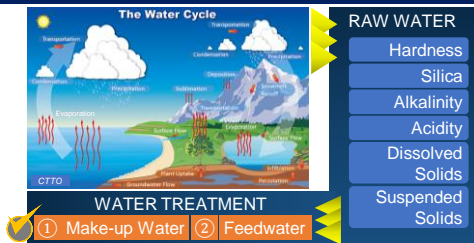
B.3 Integrated Control

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E. Steam Plant Components – B. Ancillary Systems ► **1. Treatment System**

Feedwater Treatment



E. Steam Plant Components – B. Ancillary Systems ▶ 1. Treatment System

Feedwater Treatment ▶ ① Make-up Water

REVERSE OSMOSIS

PARAMETER	QUALITY
pH	6.5 - 8.5
TH Total Hardness	<10ppm
TDS Total Dissolved Solids	<50ppm
Silica	<15ppm
T-Alkalinity	<40ppm

② Feedwater

E. Steam Plant Components – B. Ancillary Systems ▶ 1. Treatment System

Feedwater Treatment ▶ ② Feedwater **CONDENSATE TANK**

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Feedwater Treatment ▶ ② Feedwater **CONDENSATE TANK**

Located in the Process Plant

CRPU – 70 to 85°C

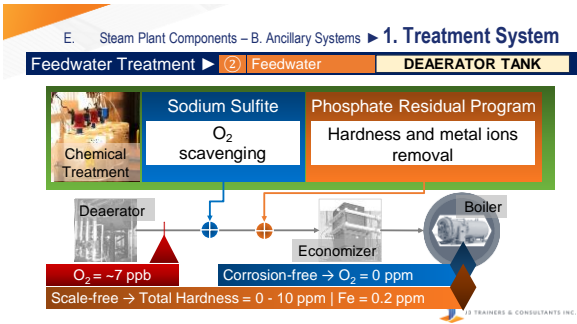
HOT FEED SAVING

Condensate Tank

Deaerator

Condensate Chemical Treatment

Iron: <0.2 ppm
pH: 7 - 9
TDS: <2000 ppm
TH: 0 - 10 ppm

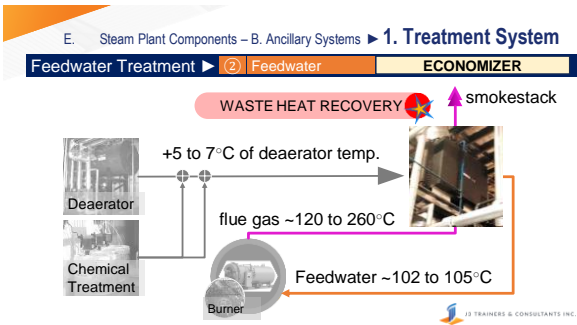


E. Steam Plant Components – B. Ancillary Systems ▶ 1. Treatment System

Feedwater Treatment ▶ ② Feedwater ▶ DEAERATOR TANK

P A R A M E T E R S	Phosphate Residuals	20 - 60 ppm	E C O N O M I Z E R
	Sulfite Residuals	10 - 70 ppm	
	T-Alkalinity	<2,000 ppm	
	TDS	3,500 ppm	
	pH	10.5 - 12.5	
	Silica	<90 ppm	
	Chlorides	<1000 ppm	
	Iron	<0.2 ppm	
	Dissolved O ₂	<0.7 ppm	
	TH	<10 ppm	

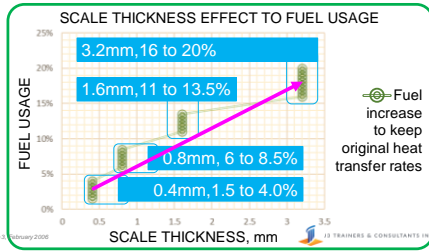
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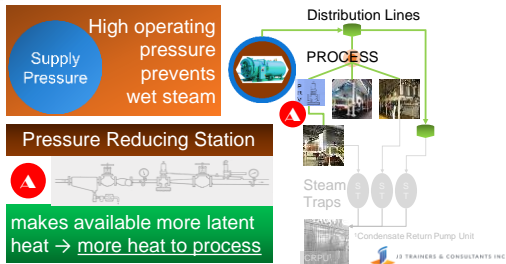
Feedwater Treatment ► ② Feedwater

Effects of **UNTREATED** Feedwater to Boiler Efficiency



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D. Steam Plant Components – B. Ancillary Systems ► B.2. Distribution Network



E. Steam Plant Components – B. Ancillary Systems ► 2. Distribution Network

OPTIMIZATION FROM PRESSURE REDUCTION

Saturated Steam: Temperature Table					
Temp. °C T	Press. MPa P	Enthalpy			
		Sat. Liquid h _f	Evap. h _{fg}	Sat. Vapor h _g	
100	0.10135	419.04	2257.0	2676.1	
105	0.12082	440.15	2243.7	2683.8	
110	0.14527	461.30	2230.2	2691.5	
115	0.16906	482.48	2216.5	2699.0	
120	0.19835	503.71	2202.6	2706.3	
125	0.2321	524.95	2188.5	2713.5	
130	0.2701	546.31	2174.2	2720.5	
135	0.3130	567.69	2159.6	2727.3	
140	0.3613	589.13	2144.7	2733.9	
145	0.4154	610.63	2129.6	2740.3	
150	0.4758	632.20	2114.3	2746.5	
155	0.5431	653.84	2098.6	2752.4	

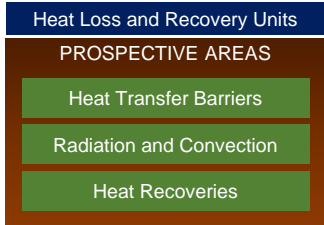
Press. MPa	Enthalpy Sat. Vapor, h _g
0.3130	2727.3
0.3613	2733.9
% Change	% Change
0.361 - 0.313	2734 - 2727
0.3130	2727.3
15.43%	0.2419%

heat optimization from pressure reduction

1 bar steam pressure reduction

0.5% reduction in heat required

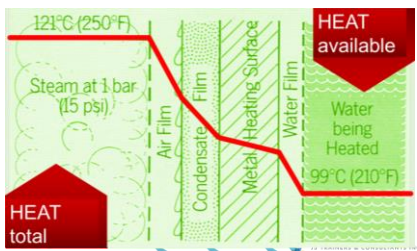
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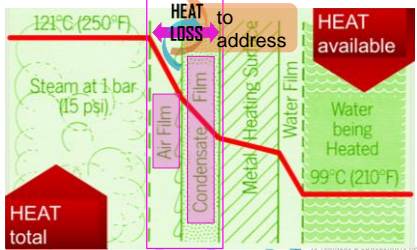
Heat Transfer Barriers



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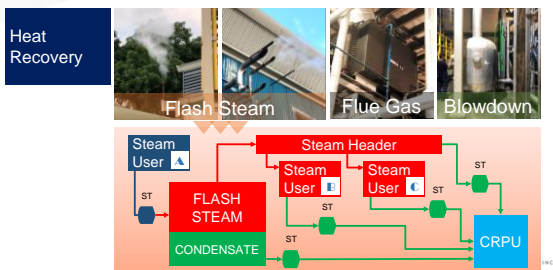


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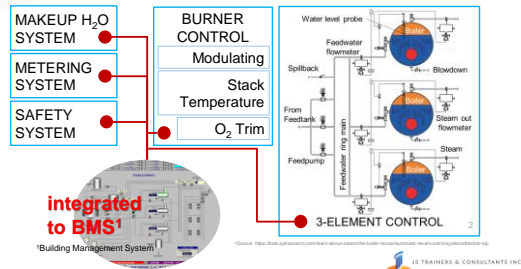
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E. Steam Plant Components – B. Ancillary Systems ▶ 3. Integrated Controls

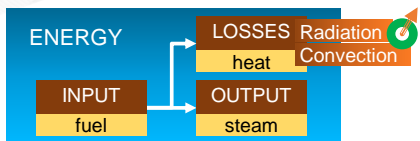


F. Boiler Efficiency

Calculation Methods		
Combustion amounts of unburned fuel and excess air in the exhaust	Fuel-to-Steam True Boiler Efficiency considers the effectiveness as HX plus radiation and convection losses	Thermal heat transfers from combustion to water (as HX ¹)
ASME Power Test Code (PTC 4.1)		
Input-Output (Direct)	2-Methods	Heat Loss (Indirect)

Source: Cleaver Brooks Boiler Efficiency Guide

F. Boiler Efficiency – Input-Output Method



$$\text{Boiler Efficiency} = \left(\frac{\text{Heat of Steam, } Q_s + \text{Losses}}{\text{Heat of Fuel, } Q_f} \right) \times 100\%$$

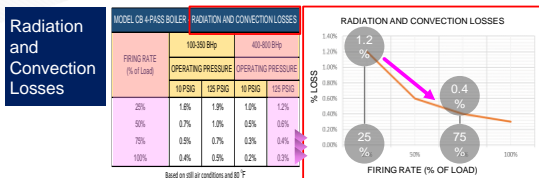
$$Q_s = W_s \times (h_g - h_f)$$

W_s , weight of steam, kg/hr
 h_g , enthalpy of liquid at feedwater temperature, kJ/kg
 h_f , enthalpy of vapor at operating pressure, kJ/kg

$$Q_f = W_f \times \text{HHV}$$

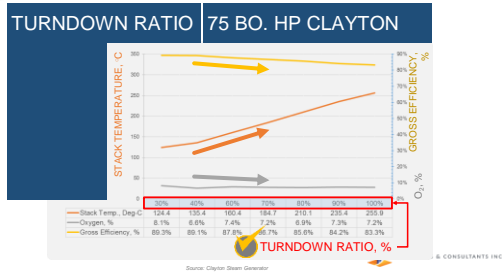
W_f , weight of fuel, kg/hr
 HHV , high heating value of fuel, kJ/kg

F. Boiler Efficiency – Input-Output Method



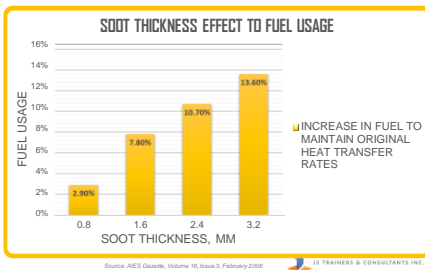
HIGH firing rate (% of load)
LOW
radiation and convection losses

F. Boiler Efficiency – Input-Output Method



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Soot presence – a manifestation of maintenance effectiveness

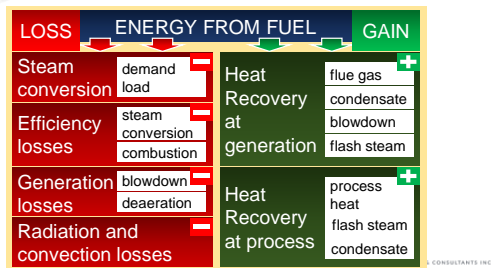


G. Optimization Checklist

✓ Proper boiler operation	Inputs to the Process Steam Optimization Program
✓ Metering and mass balance	
✓ Steam distribution	
✓ Condensate and air removal	
✓ Flash steam, condensate, and waste heat recovery	
✓ Process methods	

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G. Optimization Checklist – Plant Energy Balance



G. Optimization Checklist – Energy Efficiency Actions (some)

Energy Efficiency Measures	1. Sequence control and firing strategies
	2. Variable speed drives
	3. Boiler cladding and insulation of pipework and fittings
	4. Combustion air preheat
	5. Fuel to air ratio
	6. Steam accumulators to recover residual heat from blowdowns
	7. Removal of redundant steam line
	8. Cost-benefit analysis re: water tube vs. fire tube boiler
	9. Alternative fuel source: LPG / LNG vs. fuel oil vs. cheaper fuel
	10. Start up procedures for boilers

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PROBLEMS Example: Let's calculate the heat saved by using an economizer to preheat the feedwater for the boiler

Assumptions:

- Initial feedwater temperature without economizer: 20°C
- Desired preheat temperature with economizer: 60°C
- Boiler operating pressure: 10 bar (saturated steam temperature = 180°C)
- Latent heat, L_v @ 100°C = 2257 kJ/kg
- Specific heat capacity of water, c : 4.18 kJ/kg-°C
- Boiler efficiency without economizer: 85%
- Flue gas temperature exiting the boiler: 220°C
- Mass flow rate of steam, m : 5000 kg/hr = 1.39 kg/s

*Latent heat, L_v is also Enthalpy of Vapor, h_{fg}

1 KJ/s = 1KW

► Solve for $Q_{sensible}$ before having economizer

$$Q_{sensible} = m \times c \times \Delta T$$

$$Q = \left(1.39 \frac{kg}{s}\right) \times \left(4.18 \frac{kJ}{kg \cdot ^\circ C}\right) \times (180^\circ C - 20^\circ C)$$

$$Q = 930.44 \text{ KW}$$

► Solve for Q_{latent} before having economizer

$$Q_{latent} = m \times L_v$$

$$Q = \left(1.39 \frac{kg}{s}\right) \times \left(2257 \frac{kJ}{kg}\right)$$

$$Q = 3134.73 \text{ KW}$$

► Solve for Total $Q_{sensible}$ before having economizer

$$Q_{total} = Q_{sensible} + Q_{latent}$$

$$Q = 930.44 \text{ KW} + 3134.73 \text{ KW}$$

$$Q = 4065.17 \text{ KW}$$

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PROBLEMS

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PROBLEMS

Example: Let's calculate the heat saved by using an economizer to preheat the feedwater for the boiler

► Solve for Q_{sensible} **before** having economizer:

$$Q = m \times C \times \Delta T$$

$$Q = \left(1.39 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}\right) \times \left(4.18 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{°C}}\right) \times (180\text{°C} - 20\text{°C})$$

$$Q = 930.44 \text{ KW}$$

Initial feedwater temperature without economizer = 20°C
10 bar (saturated steam temperature = 180°C)



PROBLEMS

Example: Let's calculate the heat saved by using an economizer to preheat the feedwater for the boiler

► Solve for Q_{latent} **before** having economizer:

$$Q = m \times L_v @ 100\text{°C}$$

$$Q = \left(1.39 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}\right) \times \left(2257 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right)$$

$$Q = 3134.733 \text{ KW}$$



PROBLEMS Example: Let's calculate the heat saved by using an economizer to preheat the feedwater for the boiler

► Solve for Total Q_{sensible} **before** having economizer:

$$Q = Q_{\text{sensible}} + Q_{\text{latent}}$$

$$Q = 930.44 \text{ KW} + 3134.73 \text{ KW}$$

$$Q = 4065.17 \text{ KW}$$

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PROBLEMS Example: Let's calculate the heat saved by using an economizer to preheat the feedwater for the boiler

► Solve for Q_{sensible} **after** having economizer:

$$Q = m \times C_p \times \Delta T$$

$$Q = \left(1.39 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}\right) \times \left(4.18 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}}\right) \times (180^\circ\text{C} - 60^\circ\text{C})$$

$$Q = 698.39 \text{ KW}$$

Initial feedwater temperature with economizer = 60°C
10 bar (saturated steam temperature = 180°C)

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PROBLEMS Example: Let's calculate the heat saved by using an economizer to preheat the feedwater for the boiler

► Solve for Q_{sensible} **after** having economizer:

$$Q = m \times L_v$$

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► Solve for Total Q_{Latent} :

$$Q = 698.39 \text{ KW} + 3134.73 \text{ KW}$$

$$Q = 3833.11 \text{ KW}$$

► Solve for Total KW Savings:

$$Q_{savings} = Q_{without \text{ economizer}} - Q_{with \text{ economizer}}$$

$$Q_{savings} = 4065.17 \text{ KW} - 3833.11 \text{ KW}$$

$$Q_{savings} = 232.05 \text{ KW}$$



KNOWLEDGE REVIEW

(Select the best answer)

1. What are the two main categories of boilers?

- a. Fire tube and water tube
- b. Combination and system
- c. Condensing and non-condensing
- d. High pressure and low pressure

2. What is the purpose of an economizer in a boiler system?

- a. To preheat the combustion air
- b. To pre-heat the feedwater
- c. To reduce stack temperatures
- d. To increase the amount of excess air



KNOWLEDGE REVIEW

(Select the best answer)

3. What is the recommended amount of excess air to achieve high thermal efficiency in a boiler system?

- a. As much as possible
- b. None
- c. Only enough for complete combustion
- d. It depends on the fuel used and other factors

4. What is a steam accumulator?

- a. A device that stores steam for later use
- b. A device that removes excess steam from a system
- c. A device that measures steam flow rate
- d. A device that regulates steam pressure



KNOWLEDGE REVIEW

(Select the best answer)

5. What is the difference between a fire tube and a water tube boiler?
- The direction of the water flow
 - The type of fuel used
 - The size of the boiler
 - The location of the burner

KNOWLEDGE REVIEW

In a chemical plant, a flash evaporation process is used to separate a mixture. The process operates by partially vaporizing the feed at a constant pressure. The feed enters the flash drum at a rate of 1.2 kg/s with a temperature of 90°C and leaves as a saturated vapor at a pressure of 5 bar. The latent heat of vaporization for the mixture at 5 bar is 1,800 kJ/kg. Calculate the heat transfer rate required for the vaporization process.

KNOWLEDGE REVIEW

A steam generator in a small power plant produces superheated steam. Water at a flow rate of 2,000 kg/hr enters the generator at 120°C and exits as superheated steam at a temperature of 300°C. The specific enthalpy of liquid water at the inlet is 504 kJ/kg, and the specific enthalpy of superheated steam at the outlet is 3,080 kJ/kg. Calculate the heat transfer rate required in the steam generator.
