

COMBINED HEAT AND POWER

Lessons Learned from the Implementation of Projects Across the Country

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Background

- Extensive topic
- Perspective from:
 - Designing and implementing for 10+ years
 - Successes
 - Bruises
 - Scores of flameouts...
- Not CHP 101
- Addressed toward private CHP, not utility
- Names changed to protect the guilty



Lesson #1

CHP is not for everyone!

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Big Idea

- Understand what is driving your project
- Accept that the right answer might be:
 - Maybe later
 - NO
 - NEVER!

Words of Wisdom

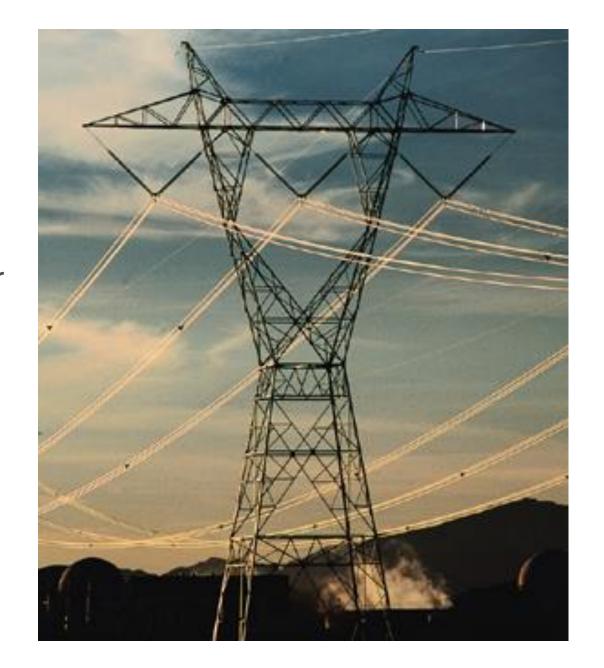
 If all your friends jumped off a bridge, would you jump too? – Your Mother





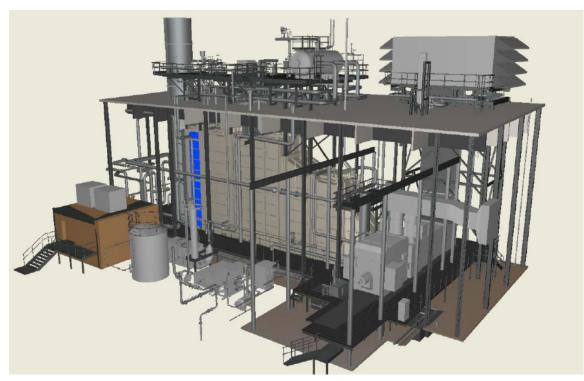
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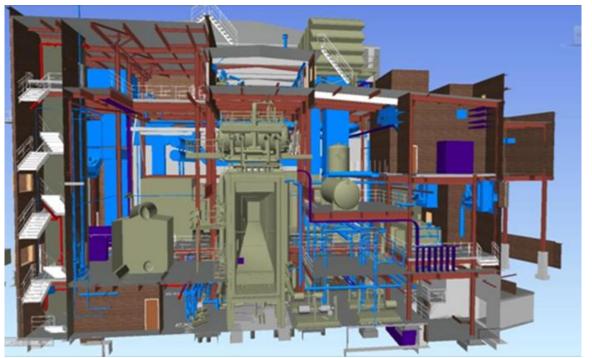
- A means to beat your utility at their own game
 - Frustration with your utility is a poor motivating force
 - The utility will always win, one way or another
 - Standby charges
 - Departing load charges
 - Interconnection fees
 - Time (they dictate this)
- Always the cleanest form of electricity
 - Comparisons can be confusing



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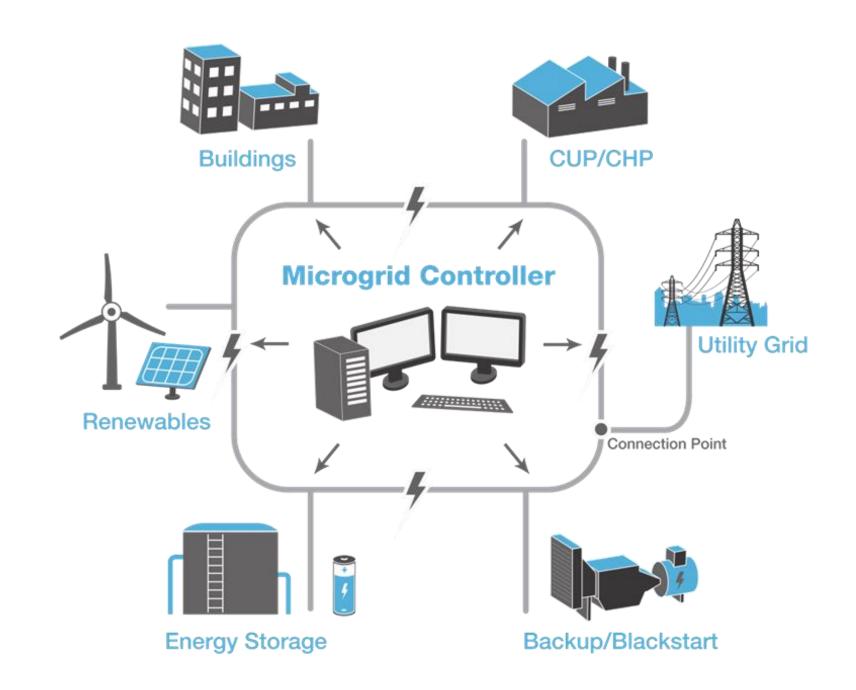
- A universal solution
 - Every system is unique
 - Beware of keeping up with the Jones'
- The California Highway Patrol
 - Understand your audience
 - Understand their motivation
 - 95% of time = \$\$\$
- Fast, cheap or easy!
 - See remaining lessons...





CHP *might* be right when:

- Electricity is costly, fuel is cheap
- Coincident thermal and electrical demands
- Consistent thermal demand baseline
- Coal is a target
 - Carbon valuation?
- Resiliency is in play
- Financial and policy incentives exist



Application

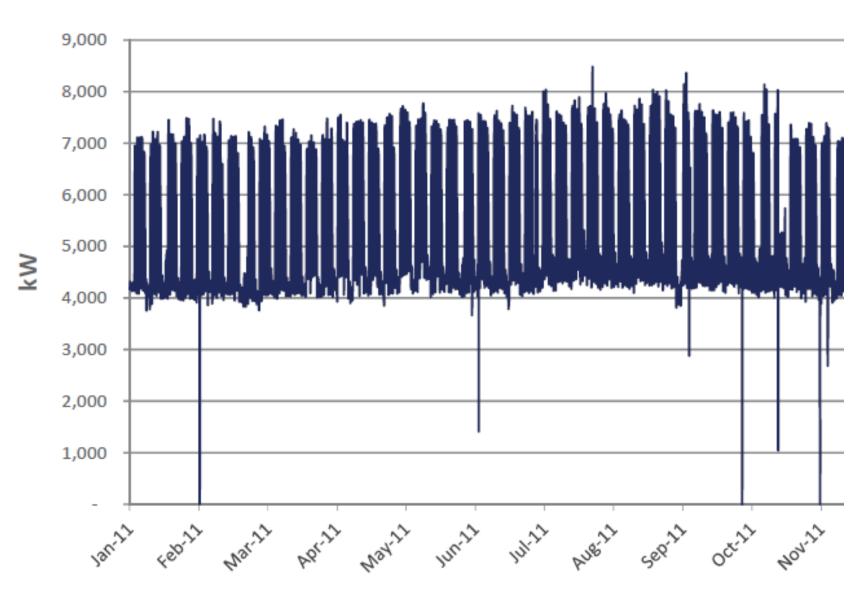
Case Study

- Client 1
- Client 2
- Client 3

Application

- Understand project drivers, opportunities
- Seek qualified assistance to advance development
- Apply Lesson #2

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Lesson #2

CHP projects require intense due diligence!

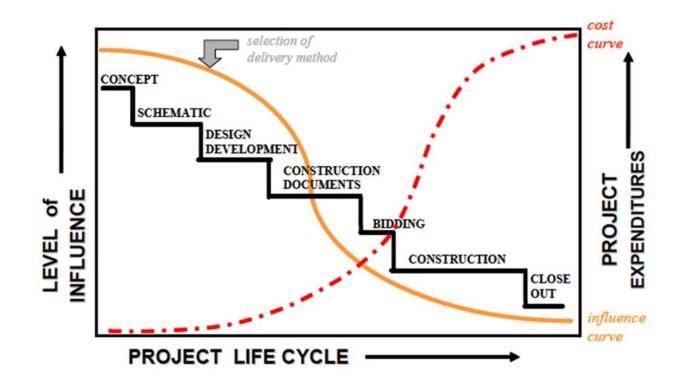
CHP Projects Require Intense Due Diligence

Big Idea

- EARLY is when to do the project right
- Do your homework
- Ask the right questions
- Be realistic with input and results

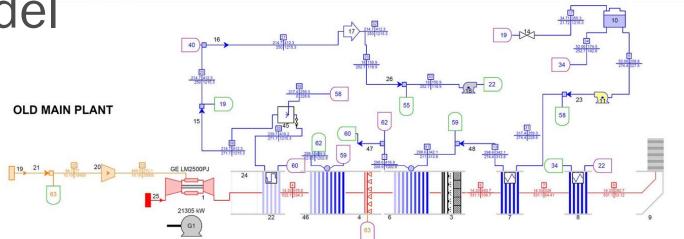
Words of Wisdom

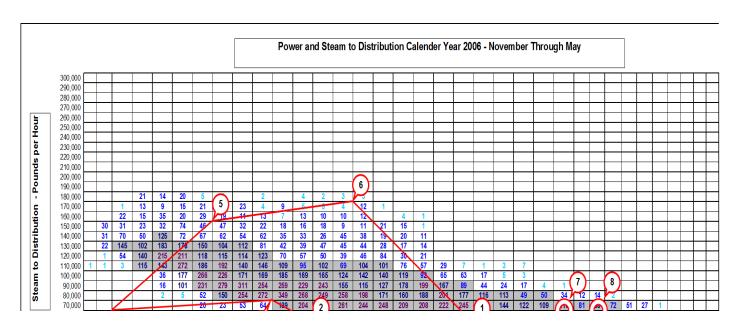
- Give me six hours to chop down a tree, and I'll spend the first four hours sharpening the axe.
 - Abraham Lincoln



Invest in a Rigorous and Detailed Study

- Detailed thermodynamic model
 - Quality (hourly, metered) data
 - Caution re: future projections
 - Explore and optimize:
 - Economizers
 - Inlet air cooling
 - Condensate pre-heaters
 - Low grade heat recovery
 - Water usage

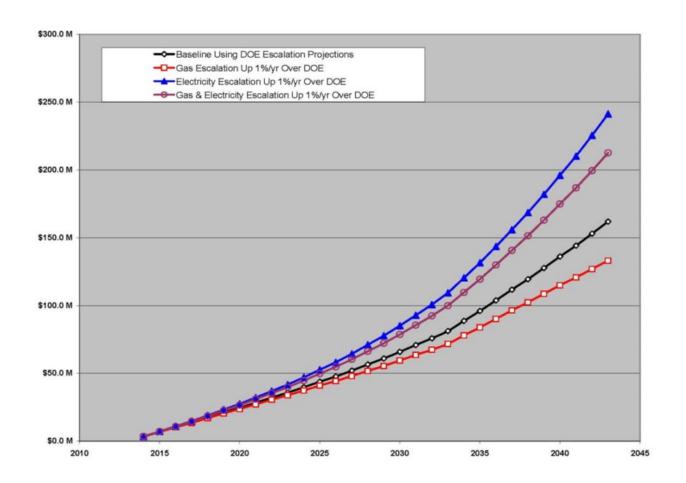




Invest in a Rigorous and Detailed Study

- Understand requirements of finance department
- Sensitivities
- Value for carbon/GHG?
- Full project cost
 - Construction
 - Permitting
 - Utility interconnect
 - Design
 - Existing conditions
 - Permits

- Owner contingency
- Commissioning
- Training
- Project management



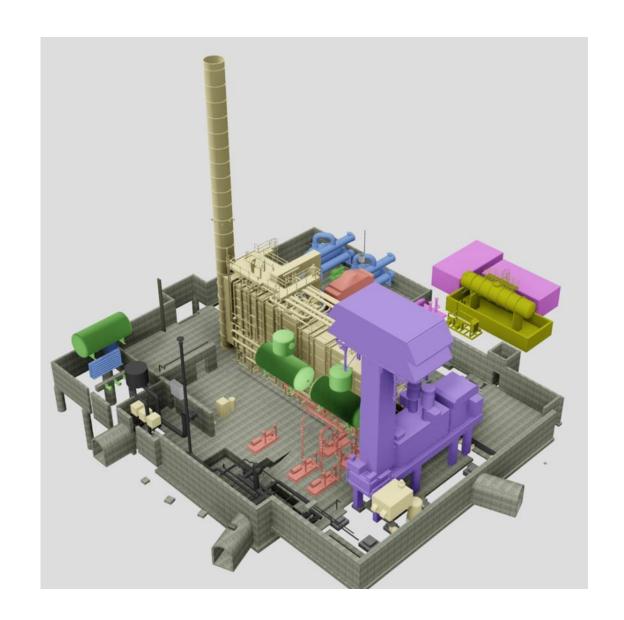
Application

Case Study

- University of Minnesota
 - LCC Savings \$94M
 - GHG Savings 35,700 tons annually
- Redacted Client(s)
 - Growth into system size

Application

- Understand financial metrics necessary for approval
- Growing into a project is risky
- A screening does not a project make



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Lesson #3

CHP projects take time. LOTS of time. Longer than you expect. Plus more.

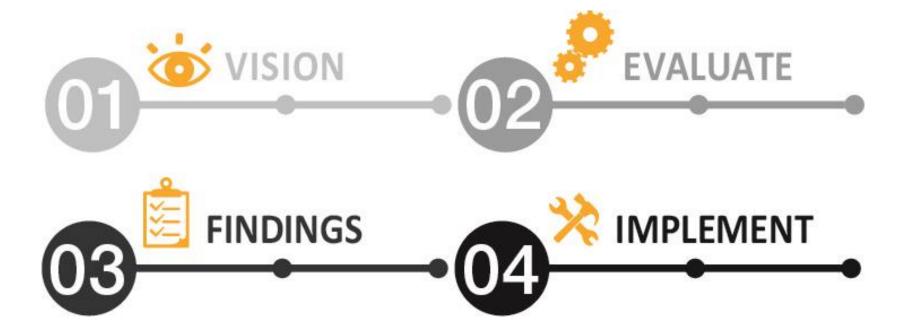
CHP Projects Take Time

Big Idea

- Understand the steps of developing a CHP opportunity
- Have reasonable expectations
- You are not in control

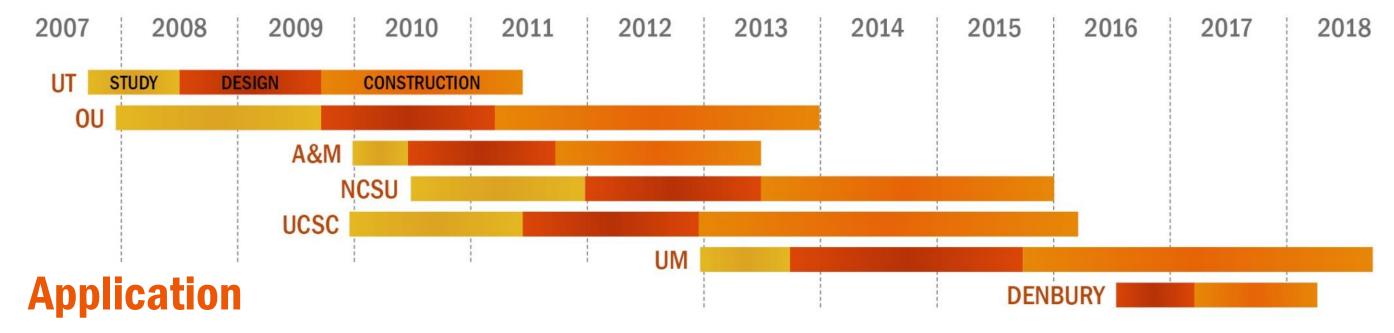
Words of Wisdom

Overnight success stories take
a long time. - Steve Jobs



Application

Case Studies



- EPA permitting = 9-12 months
- ISO permitting = 9-12 months (before paralleling)
- Set realistic expectations for all stakeholders
- Time = \$\$\$
- Beware of project fatigue

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Steps for Development

Idea

Approval

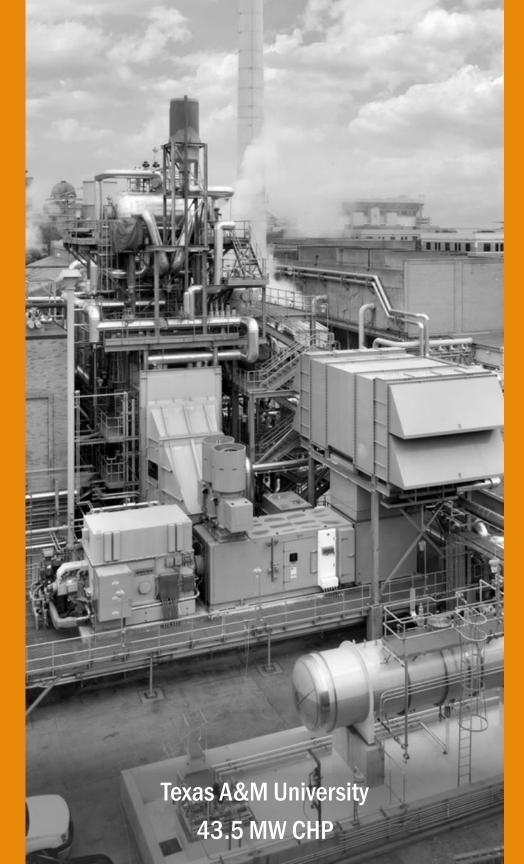
Design

Construction

Closeout







Lesson #4

Design and coordination of systems. Beyond the power island.

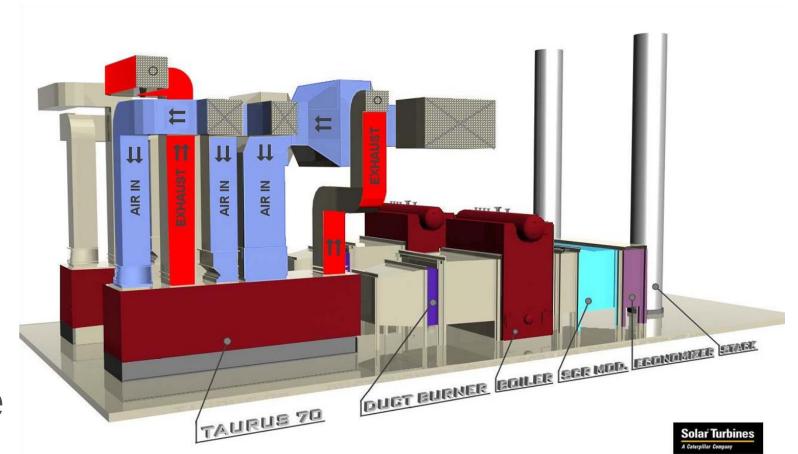
Design and Coordination of Systems

Big Idea

- Selection and Optimization of the Power Island is important
- So is everything else...
- Pre-purchase is a must

Words of Wisdom

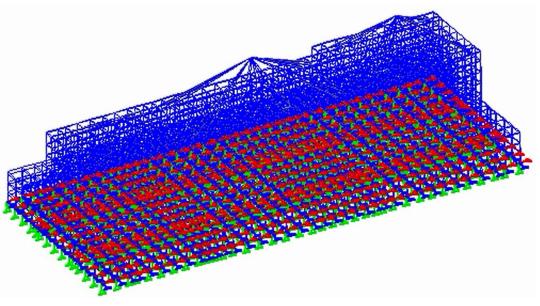
• The whole is more than the sum of its parts. – *Aristotle*



Design Tips

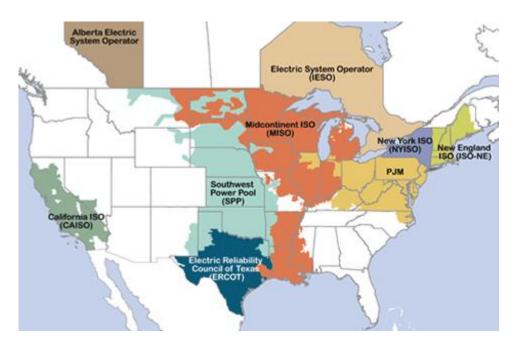
- LIDAR scans in existing plants
- Plant interface with existing systems
 - Condensate return
 - Controls
- Consider early control system integrator involvement
 - Efficient design
 - Integration of vendor systems to plant DCS
- Turbine foundation design dynamic
 - ACI 351.3R, Ch. 4 Analytical Methods for Calculating Soil Impendence





Design Tips

- Specifications and vendors
 - Plan around standard options
 - Controls interface
- ISO/FERC regulations
- Air intakes
 - Corrosion
 - SCR reaction
- Water treatment coordination
- Hazardous location requirements







Lesson #5

CHP plants don't have to be ugly. But don't make them pretty first.

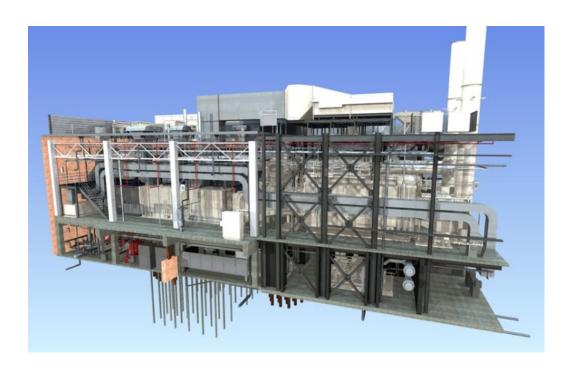
Plant Aesthetics

Big Idea

- The engineer gets to drive!
- Think from inside to out

Words of Wisdom

Beauty is only skin deep. But ugly goes
clean to the bone. – Dorothy Parker





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Design Tips

- CHP = Engineered System
 - Start with PFD, not rendering
 - Engineering led
 - Architecturally supported
- Design from the inside out
 - Plan around largest equipment
 - Stacks, air intakes, vents, rooftop equipment
 - Electrical gear
 - Single source
- Remember the operators!





Application

Case Study

- University of Oklahoma
- University of Minnesota

Application

- Engineering first
- Safe and functional second
- Aesthetics third







Other Lessons:

- 6. CHP plants and safety.
- 7. Natural gas compressors. You don't want one.
- 8. Issues with electrons.
- 9. Project delivery methods; choose wisely.
- 10. Your contractor probably hasn't built one of these before.
- 11. CHP projects are tough to commission. But worth it every time.
- 12. Train your operators!

Questions?

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