A grayscale photograph of an industrial facility, likely a power plant or refinery. The scene is filled with complex machinery, including large metal cabinets, pipes, and structural elements. Two prominent white cabinets in the center have "DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE KEEP OUT" warning signs. To the right, there's a large vertical cylindrical component. The overall atmosphere is technical and industrial.

COMBINED HEAT AND POWER

Lessons Learned from the Implementation of Projects Across the Country

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Background

- Perspective from:
 - Designing and implementing systems over 15+ years
 - Successes
 - Bumps and bruises
 - Failures to launch
- Not a CHP 101 discussion
- Addressed toward privately-owned CHP, not utility side
- Names changed to protect the innocent



Industrial Enhanced Oil Recovery
20 MW CHP

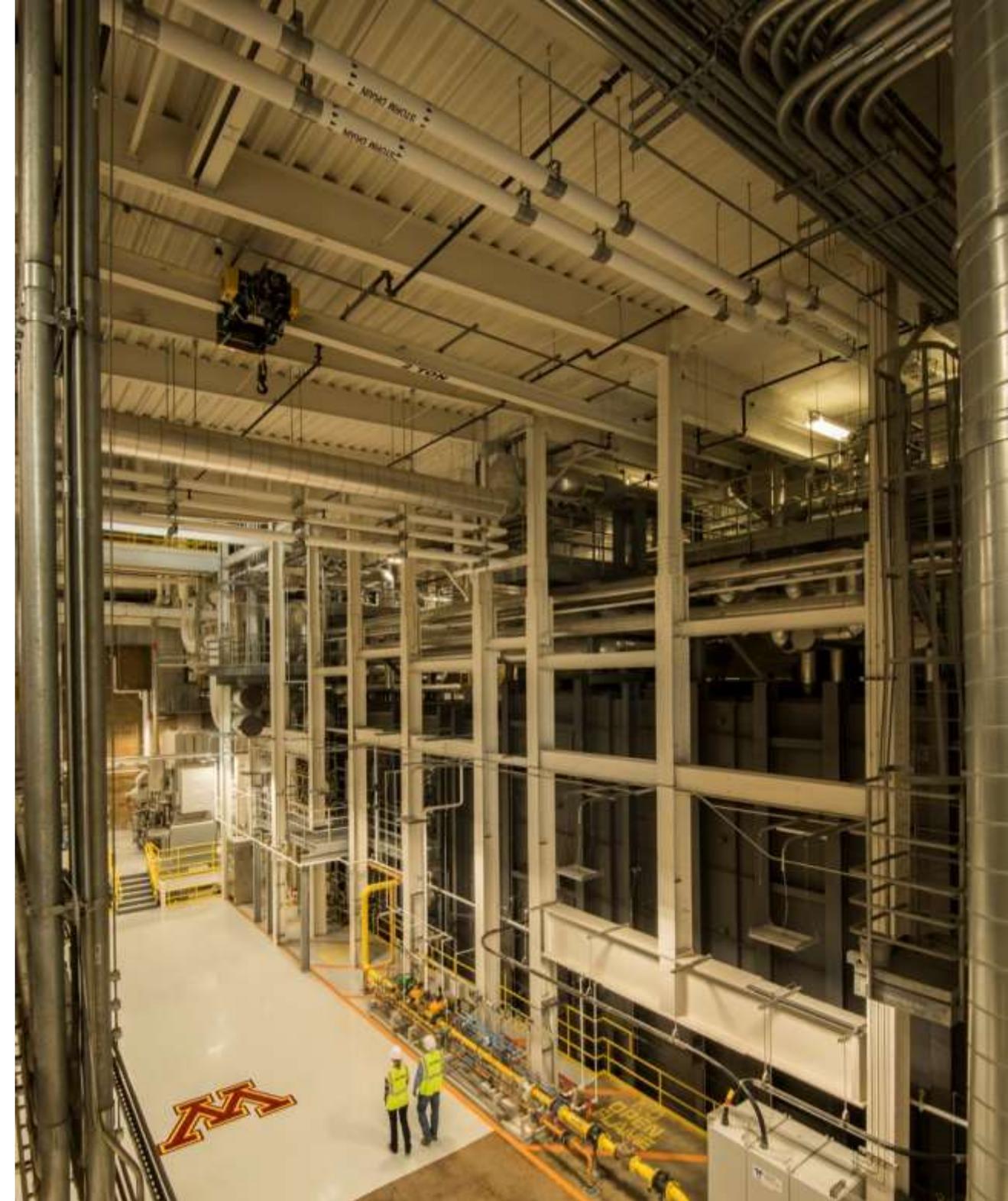
Lesson #1

CHP is not for everyone!

CHP is *not* for everyone

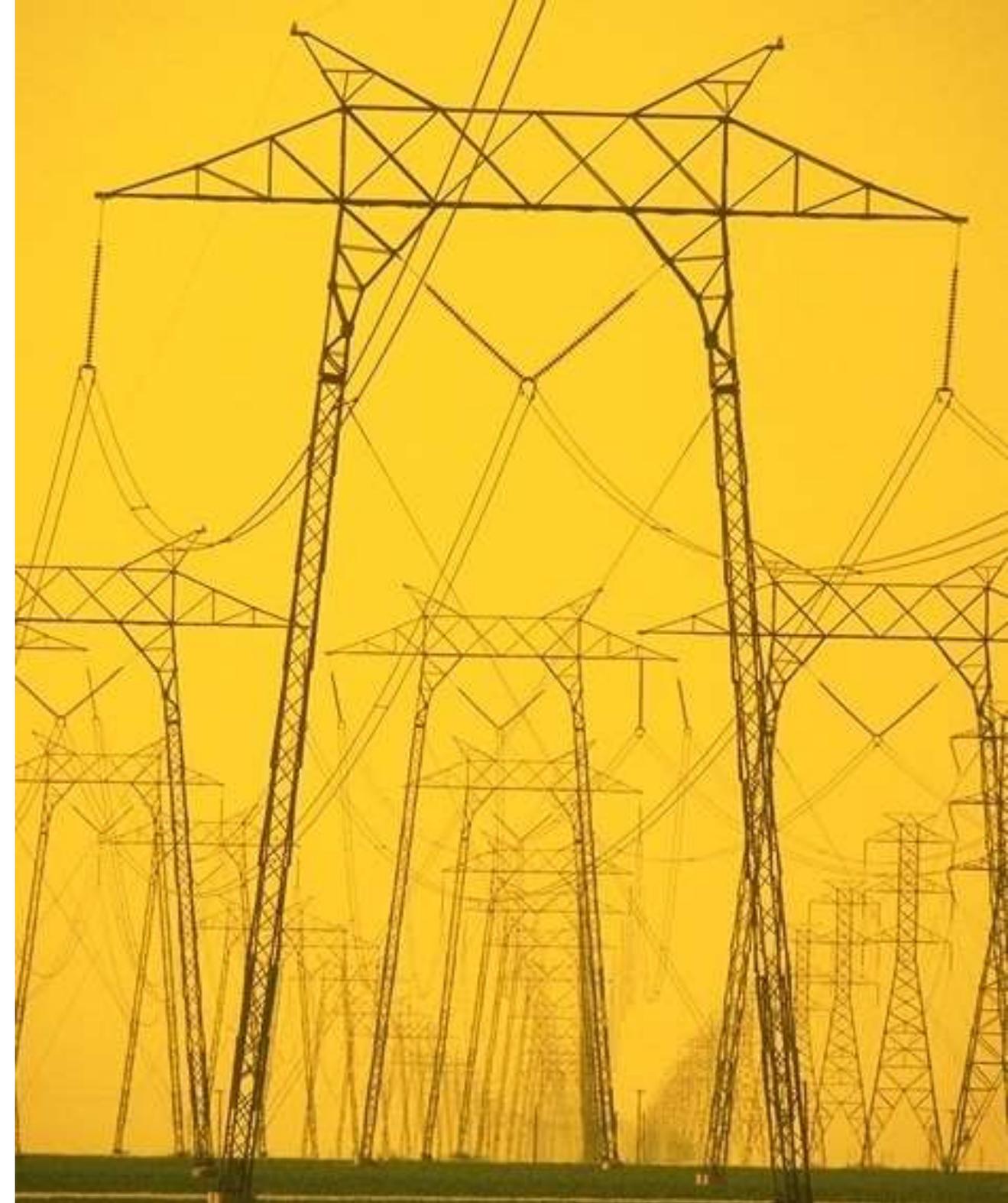
Big Idea

- Understand your project drivers
- Accept that the right answer might be:
 - Yes!
 - Maybe later
 - No
 - Never!



CHP is not:

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



CHP is **not**:

- A universal solution
 - Every system is unique
 - Beware of peer pressure
- The California Highway Patrol
 - Understand your audience
 - Understand their motivation
 - How much?
 - What's the benefit?
- Fast, cheap or easy!
 - See remaining lessons...



CHP might be right when:

- Coincident thermal and electrical demands
- Consistent thermal demand baseline
- Electricity is expensive, fuel is cheap
- Resiliency is in play
- Financial and policy incentives exist
- Sustainability is a goal
 - GHG goals
 - Eliminate coal



Application

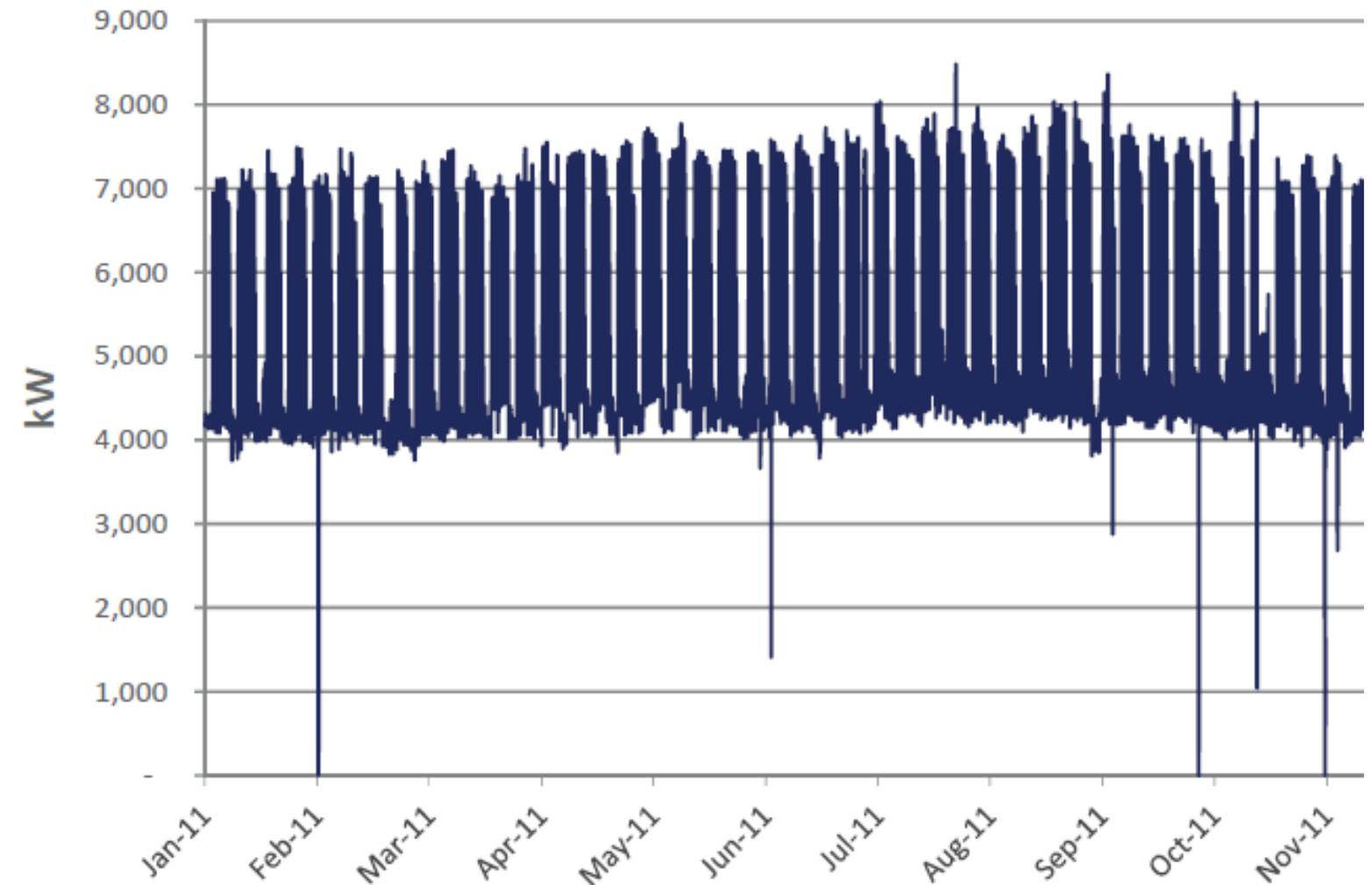
Case Studies

- The “load follower”
- The “grow into it”
- The “free study said it’s a go”

Application

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

CUF kW Production 2011





The University of Texas at Austin
32 MW CHP

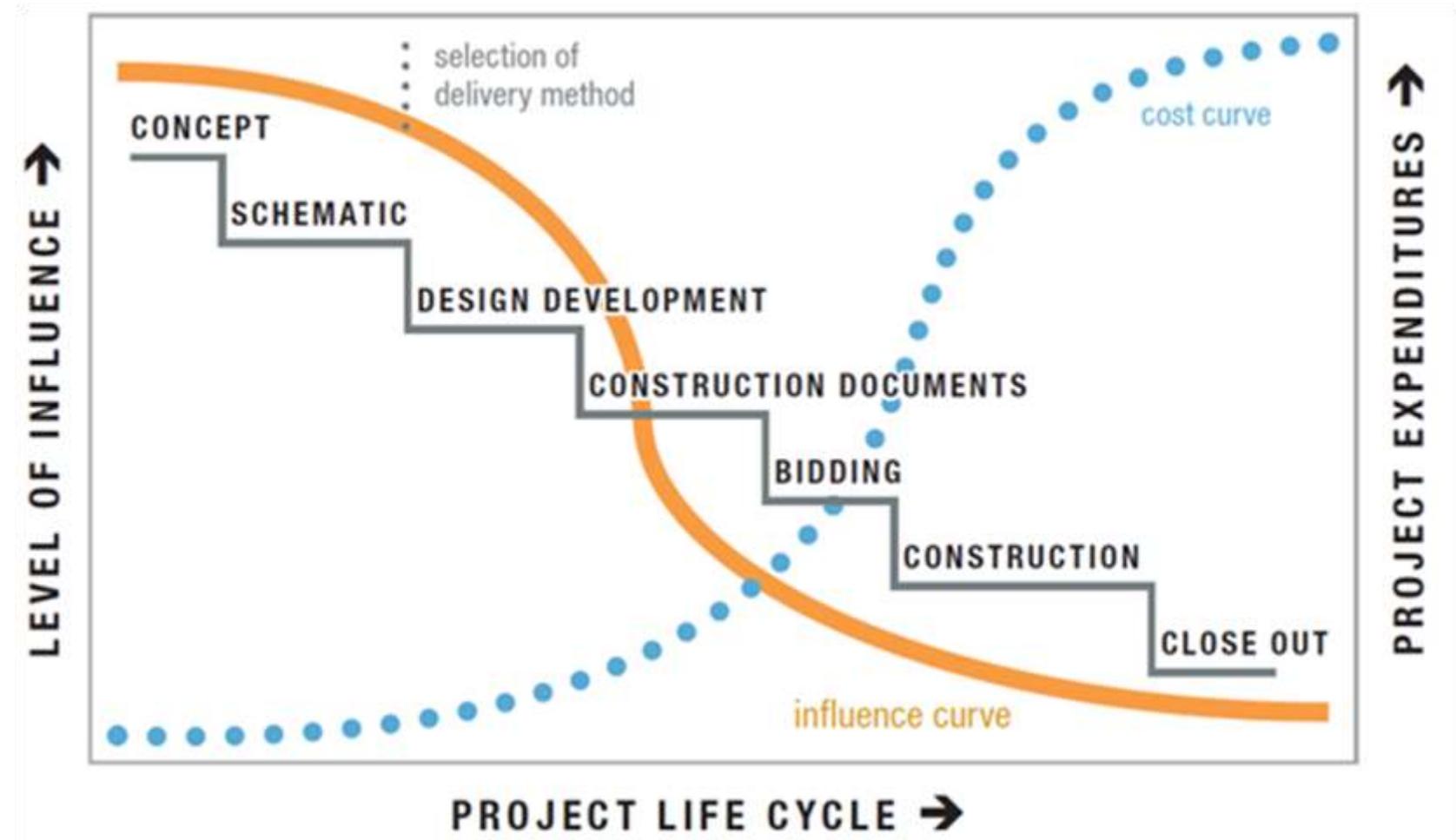
Lesson #2

CHP projects require
intense due diligence!

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Big Idea

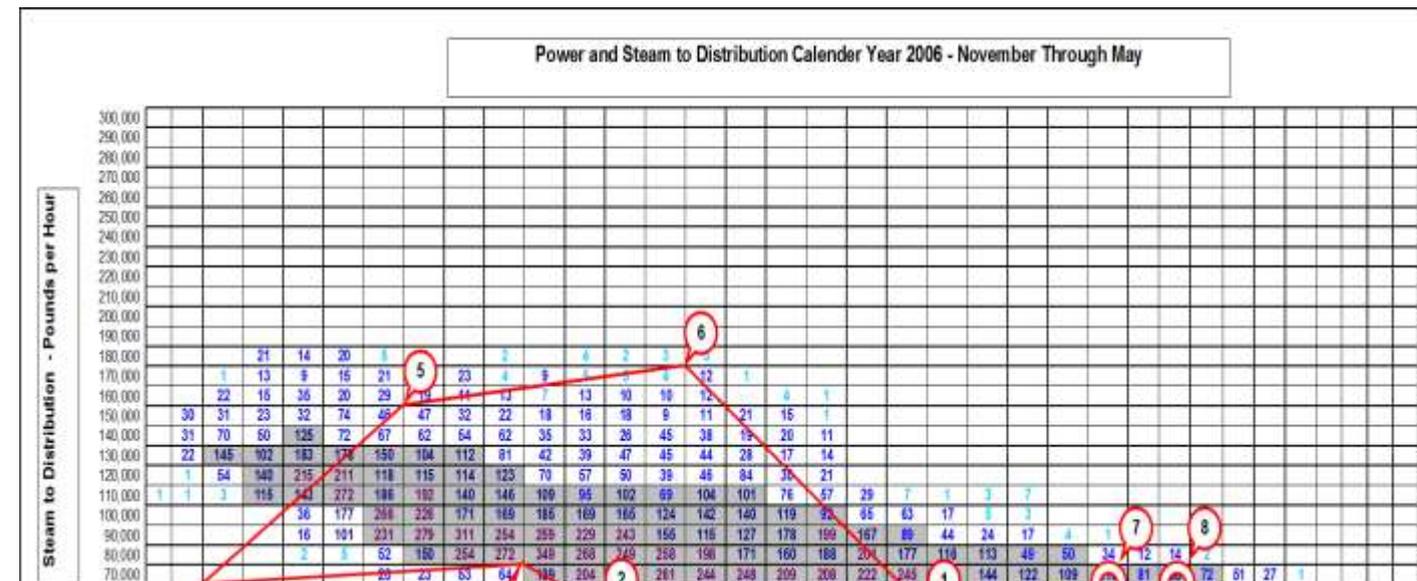
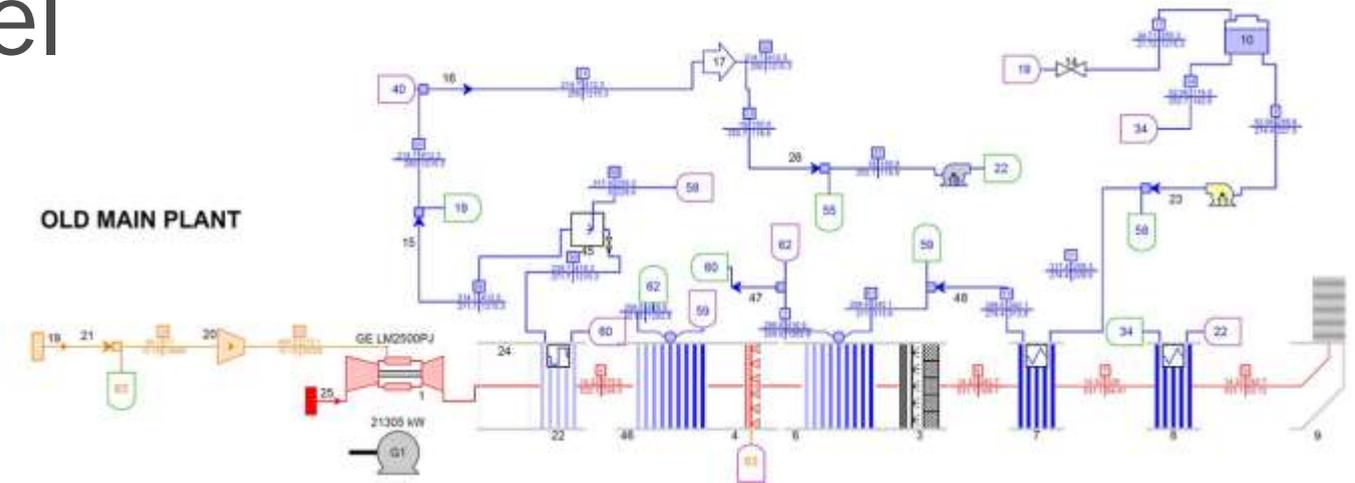
- EARLY is when to do the project right
- Do your homework
- Ask the right questions
- Consider every step of development
- Be realistic with input and results



Invest in a rigorous and detailed study

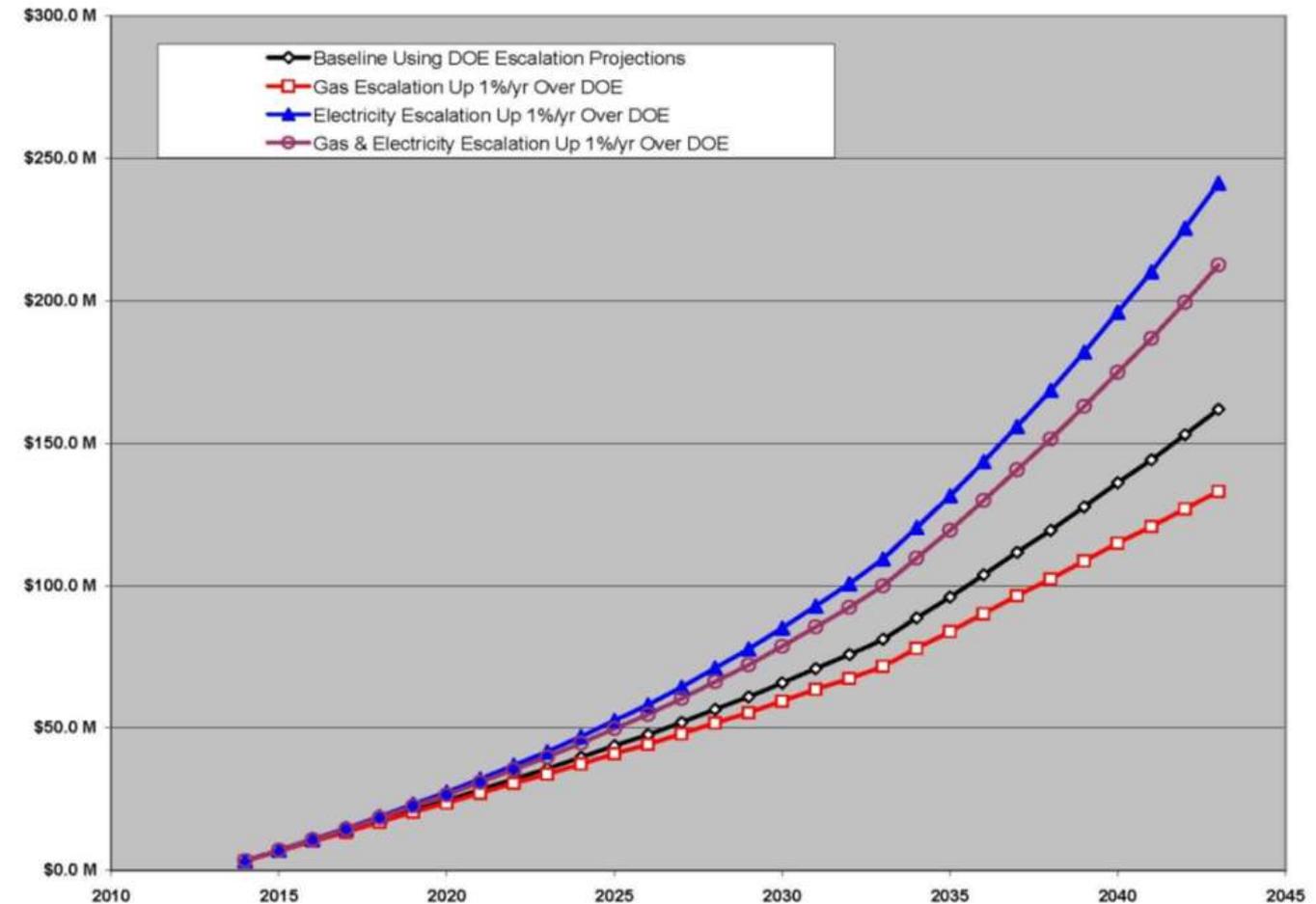
- Detailed thermodynamic model

- Quality (hourly, metered) data
- Caution re: future projections
- Mindful of parasitic loads
- 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 CFO & Finance
- Sensitivities
- Value for carbon/GHG?
- Full project cost
 - Construction
 - Permitting
 - Utility interconnect
 - Design
 - Existing conditions
 - Permits
 - Owner contingency
 - Commissioning
 - Training
 - Project management



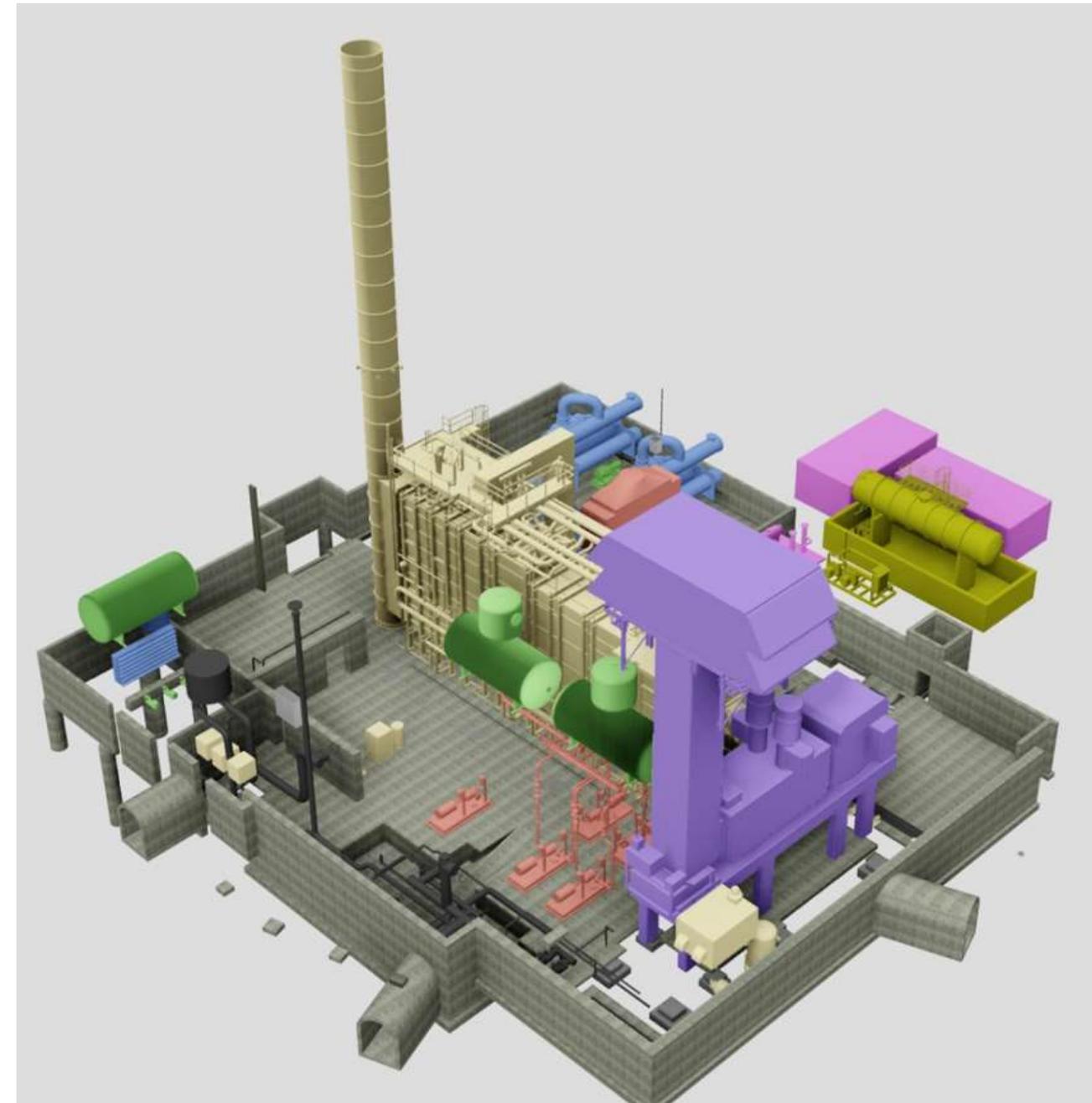
Application

Case Study

- University of Minnesota
 - LCC Savings – \$94M
 - GHG Savings – 35,700 tons annually

Application

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





University of Oklahoma
15 MW CHP

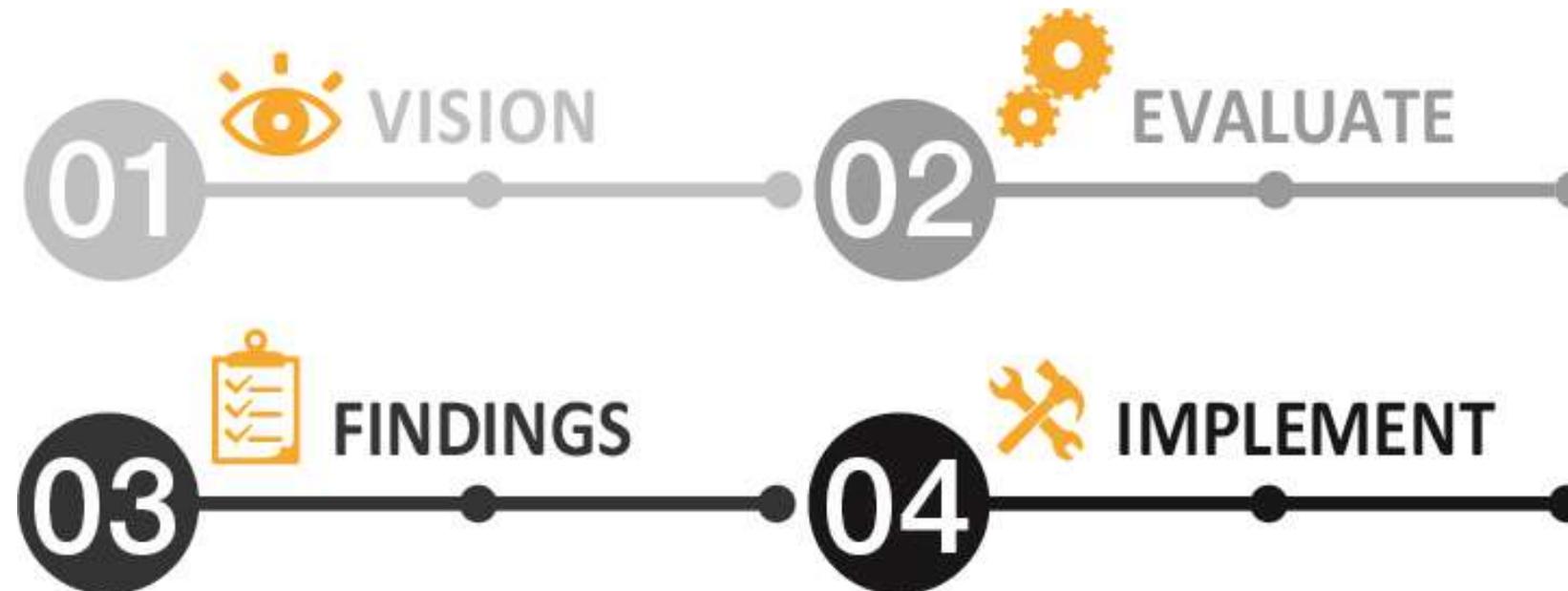
Lesson #3

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

CHP projects take time

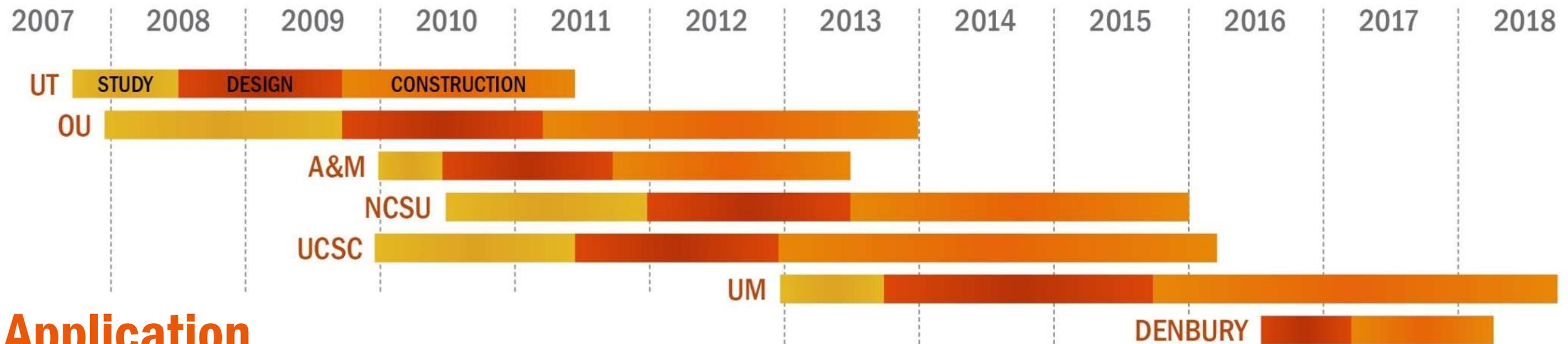
Big Idea

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



Application

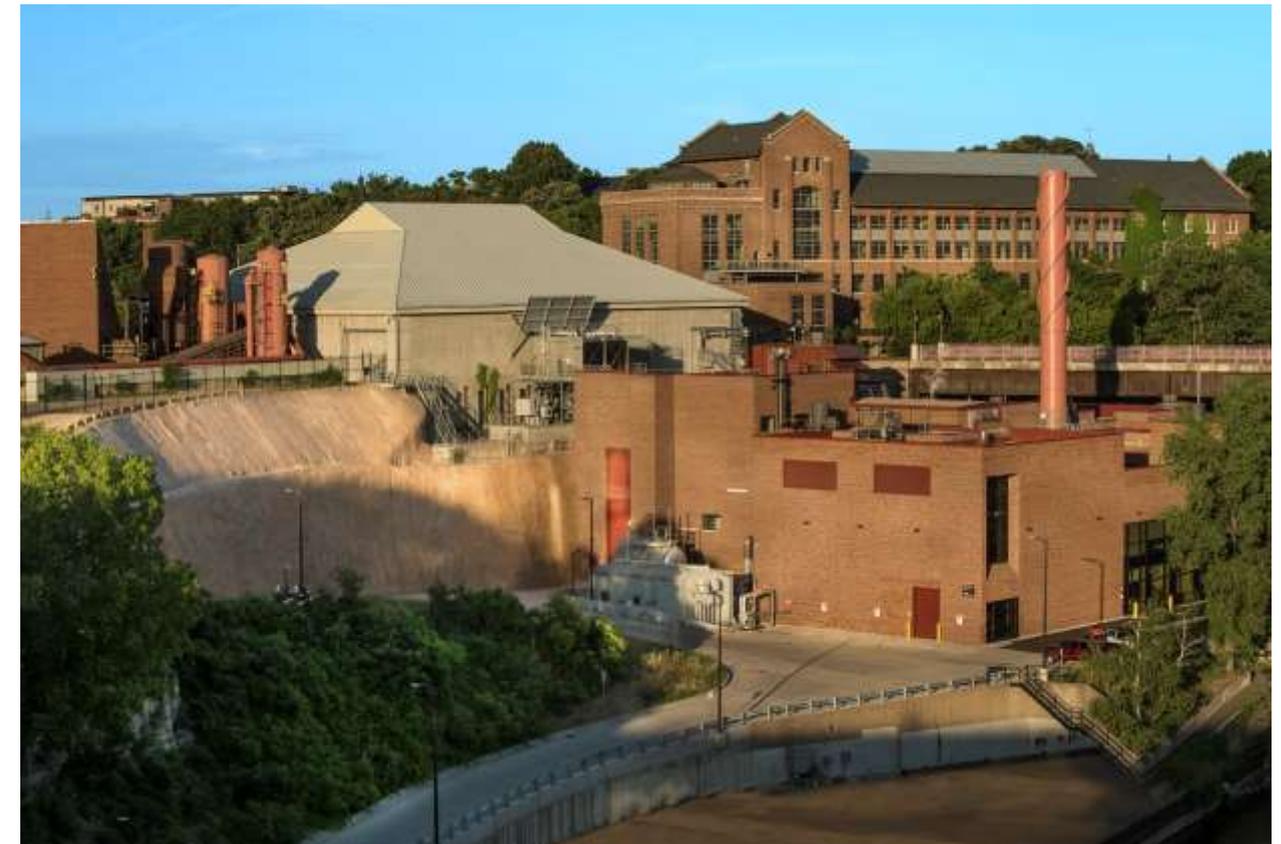
Case Studies



Application

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

Steps in Development





Texas A&M University
43.5 MW CHP

Lesson #4

Consider safety in design
and operations.

Plant safety

Big Idea

- Take safety seriously
- Safety is a cultural topic
- Take a leadership role

OSHA Guidance

- 29 CFR 1910.269
- 29 CFR 1926 Subpart V



Design tips

Safety Hazards in a Power Plant

- Electrical safety
- Machine safety
- Working at elevation
- Excavation work
- Lifting operations
- Confined spaces
- Chemical hazards
- High temperature piping and ductwork
- Vehicle movement
- Control of contractors



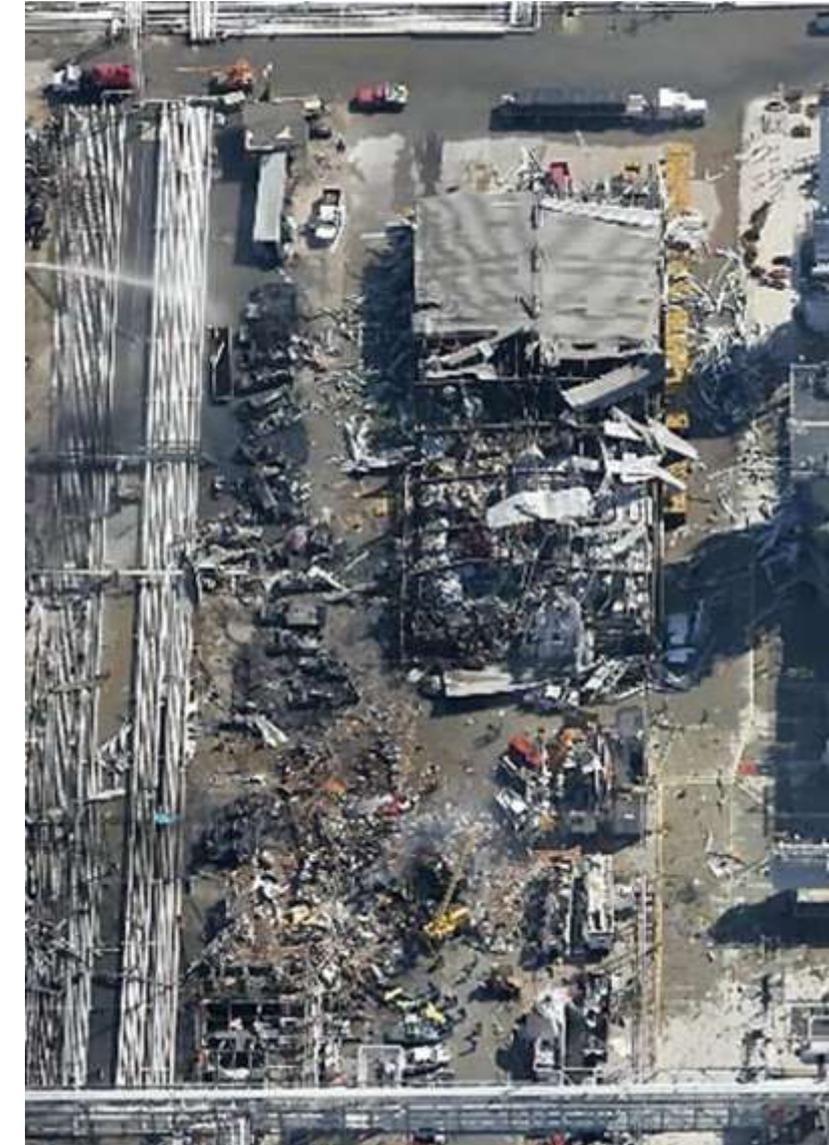
Application

Case Study

- Jacobs project
 - 11 employees killed

Application

- Evaluate ALL risks
- Create a culture that values safety, transparency and accountability
- Don't let a tragedy serve as the stimulus





University of California Santa Cruz
5 MW CHP

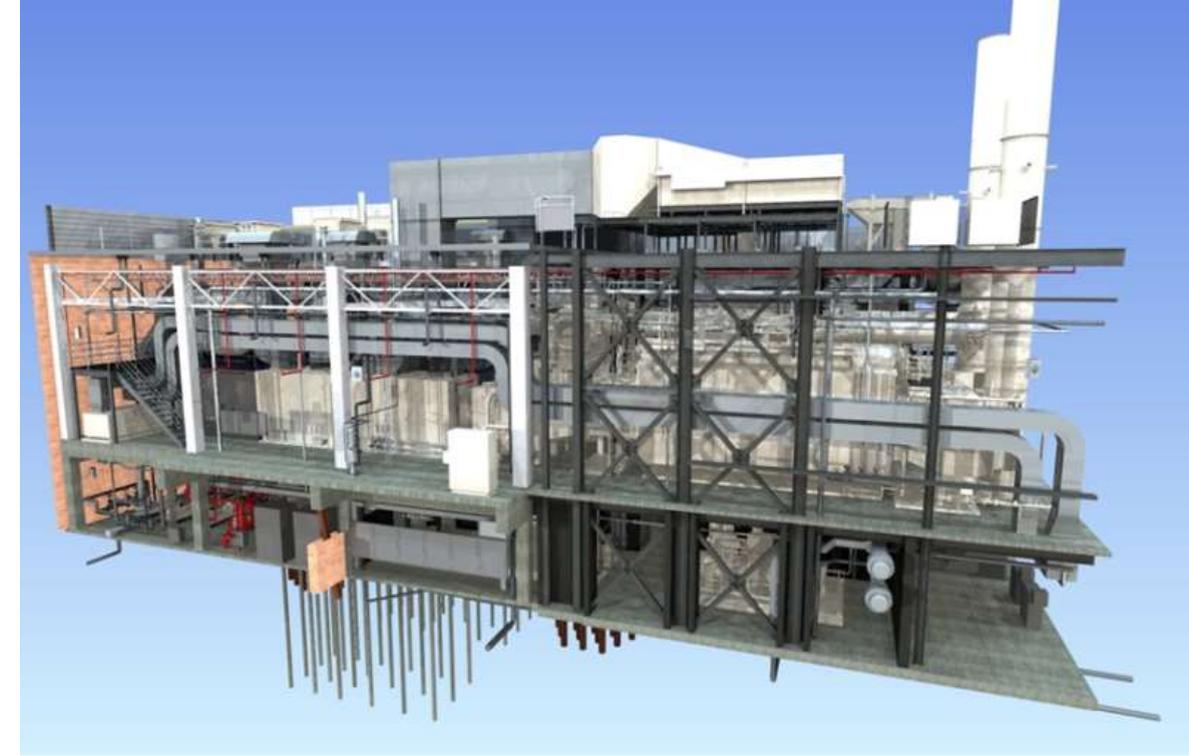
Lesson #5

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

Plant Aesthetics

Big Idea

- Design from inside to out
- The engineer gets to drive!
- PFDs yield systems to plan around
- Consider O&M and traffic flow
- Plan around noise, drift and emissions



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 and rooftop equipment
 - Electrical gear
 - Single source



Application

Case Study

- University of Oklahoma
- University of Minnesota

Application

- Engineering first
- Safe and functional
- Aesthetics third





Oregon State University
6.5 MW CHP

Parting Shots:

6. Natural gas compressors. You don't want one.
7. Project delivery; choose wisely.
8. Permitting: Go local, start early.
9. Don't forget Cx – later in this broadcast...

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