

# DRIVING TO OPTIMUM EFFICIENCY

*Inception and development of the Veolia Efficiency Optimization System*



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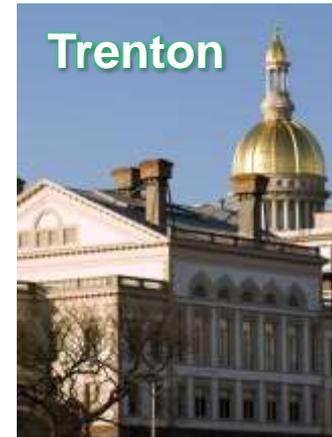
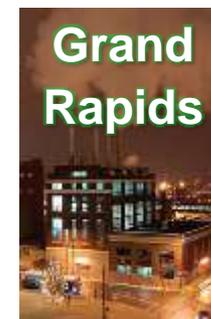
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## *Project Background: District Energy Across the Nation*



A single entity operates and maintains district energy infrastructure in 12 major cities across the United States.

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## *Project Background: Universal Application*

### Plant and Equipment Types

Water-tube Boilers

Package Boilers

Electric Chillers

Steam-Driven Chillers

Reciprocating Engines

Combustion Turbines

Heat Recovery Steam Generator

Steam Turbines

Combined Cycle

Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

### Energy Inputs and Outputs

Natural Gas

#6 Fuel Oil

Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel

Coal

Superheated Steam

Saturated Steam

Hot Water

Chilled Water

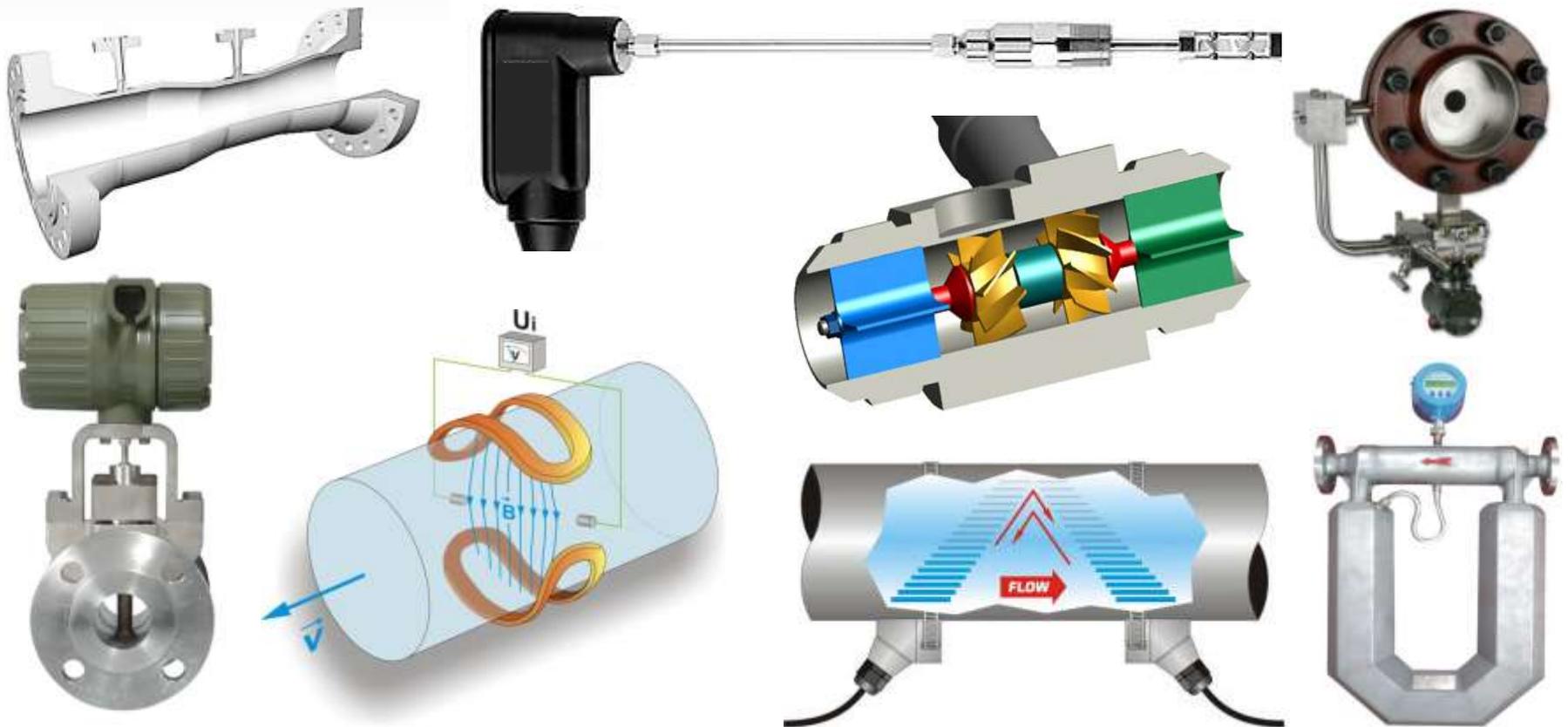
Electrical Distribution Inputs

Electrical Transmission Outputs

District energy fleet includes central plants of differing types and vintages with varying fuel sources and energy outputs.

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## *Project Background: Metering Innovation*



Energy flow streams are measured using a medley of both cutting-edge and tried-and-true instrument technologies.

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## *Project Background: Better Together*

Steam		SendOut MLb	Eff	Eff Target	Fuel / Sendout	Fuel / Sales	Dist. Loss %	Efficiency
Baltimore	<a href="#">Balt STM</a>	9,070	31.1%	-74.9%	3.75	.61	155.0%	
	<a href="#">CA STM</a>	14,047	74.4%	26.9%	1.57	1.19	.2%	
Boston	<a href="#">BOSTON STM</a>	44,976	272.1%	55.0%	.43	.15	220.5%	
Grand Rapids	<a href="#">GR STM</a>	35,390	76.2%	73.0%	1.31	2.63	50.1%	
Kansas City	<a href="#">Grand Avenue STM</a>	134,069	74.5%	71.0%	1.63	2.05	20.9%	
Oklahoma City	<a href="#">Oklahoma City STM</a>	13,011	67.9%	50.0%	1.77	2.65	33.3%	
Philadelphia	<a href="#">VEPI STM</a>	235,671	85.2%	81.0%	1.41	1.77	20.5%	
St Louis	<a href="#">St Louis STM</a>	27,448	75.8%	60.0%	1.54	4.53	66.7%	
Tulsa	<a href="#">Tulsa STM</a>	15,269	59.8%	1.2%	1.95	2.29	21.9%	

Standardization of efficiency modeling has not been pursued since the formation of the Veolia fleet.

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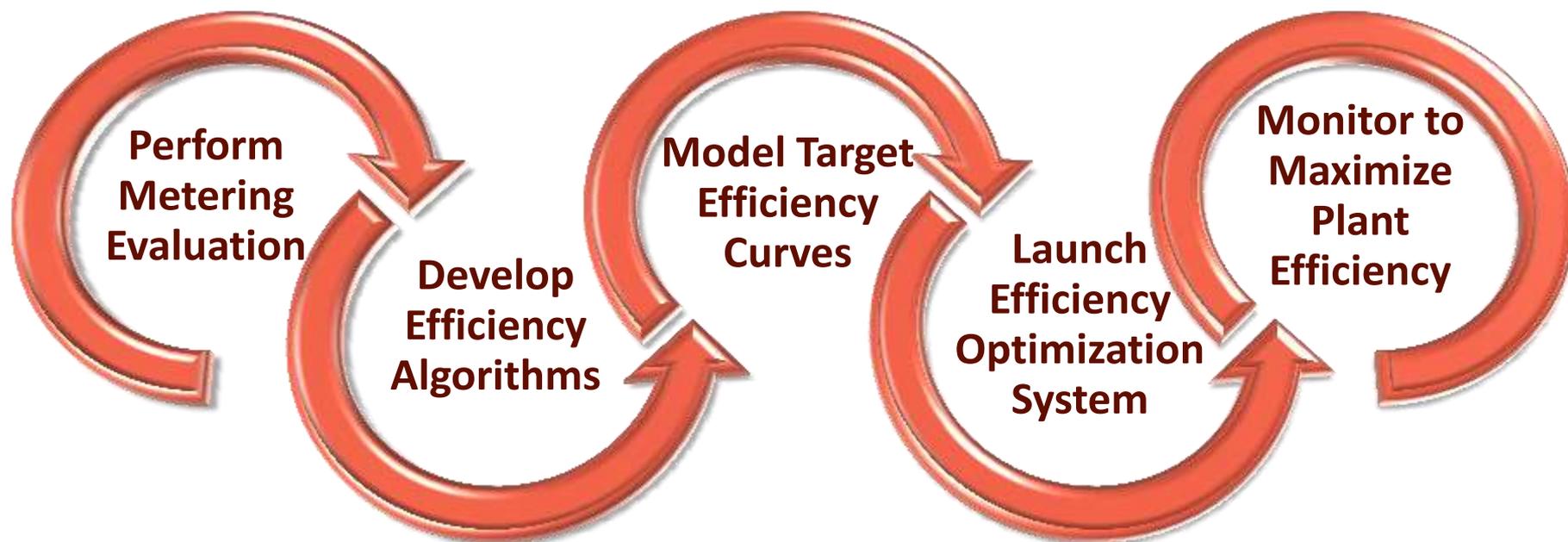
## *Project Background: Mission Statement*



The Veolia Efficiency Optimization System will extract and consolidate pertinent information to provide a centralized platform to evaluate and optimize the performance of the company's assets.

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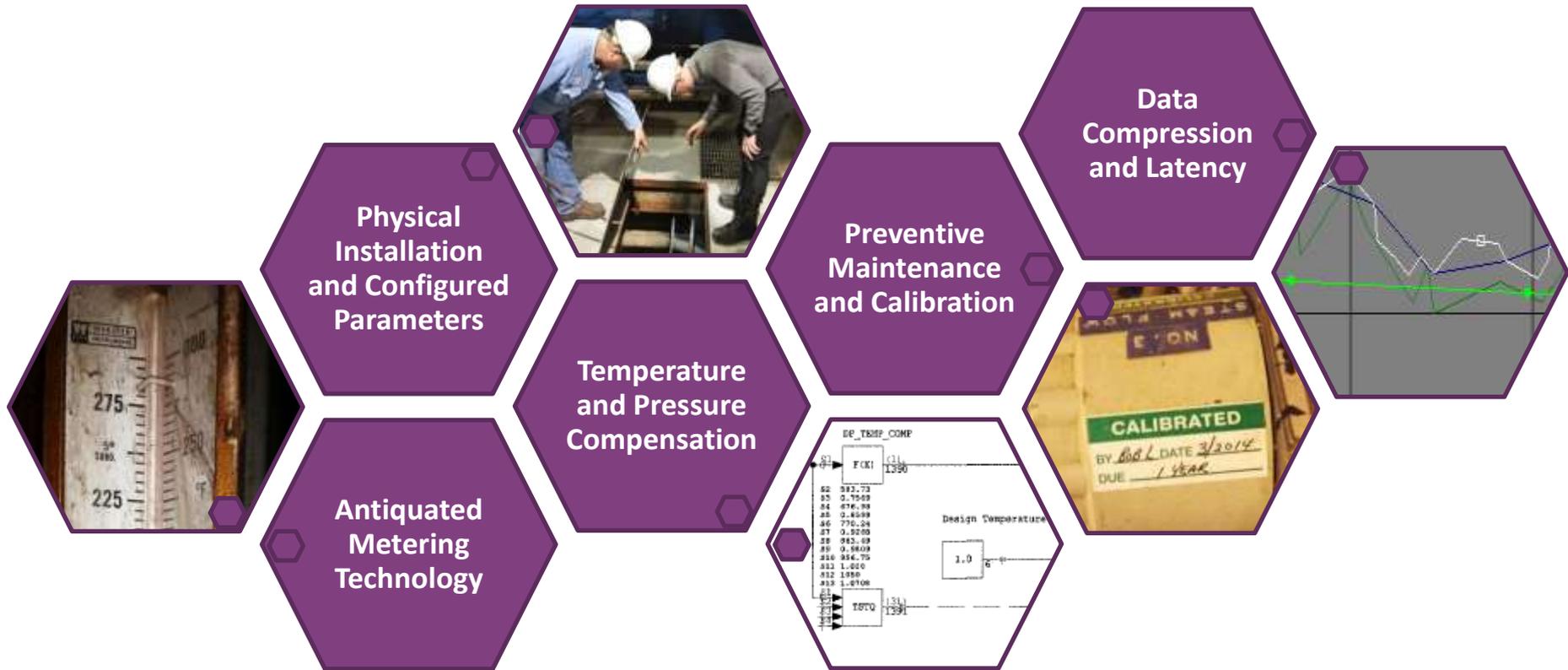
## *Project Scope*



Equipment and plant efficiencies will be maximized by optimizing dispatch and identifying degrading trends.

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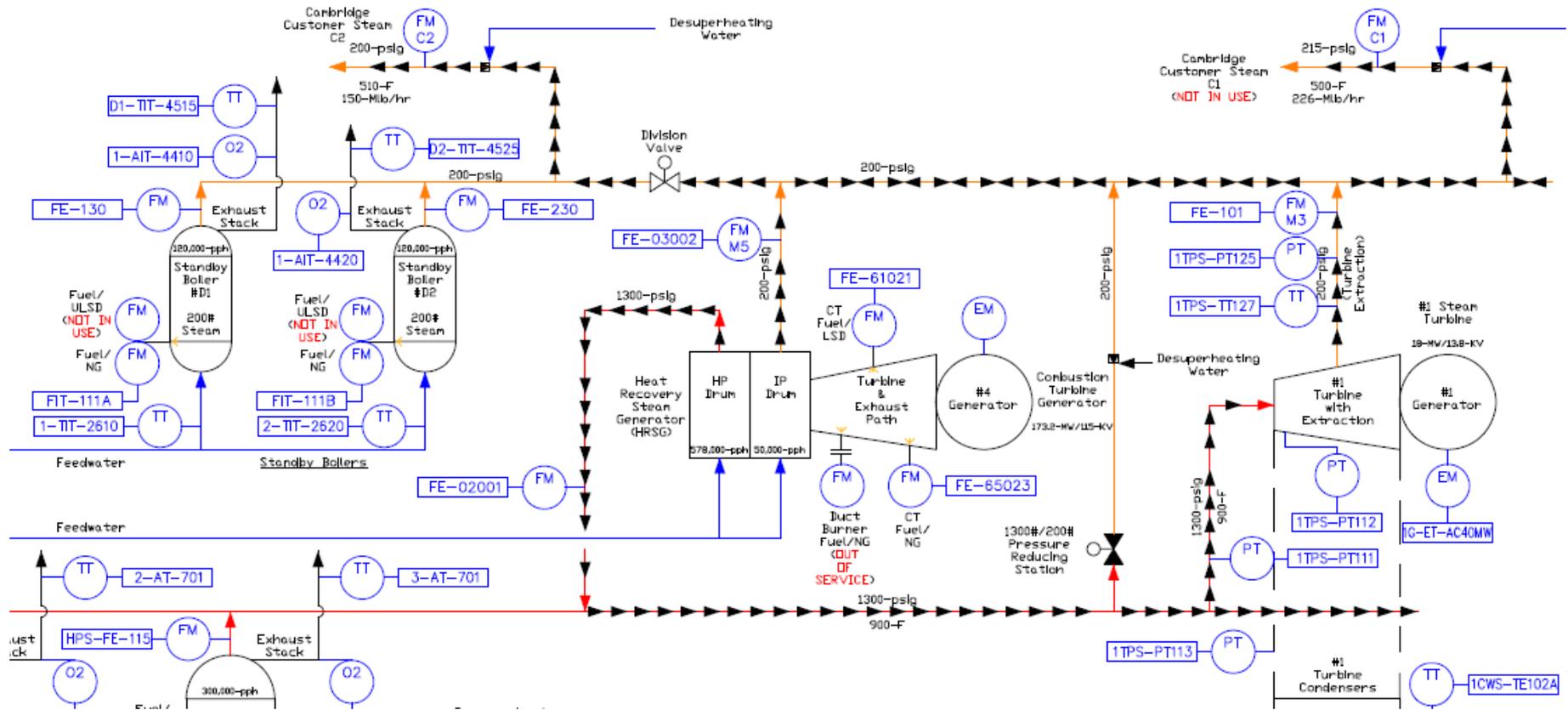
## Metering Evaluation: Top 5 Focus Areas



Experience has yielded strategic focus areas and targeted top recurring setup issues to maximize survey productivity.

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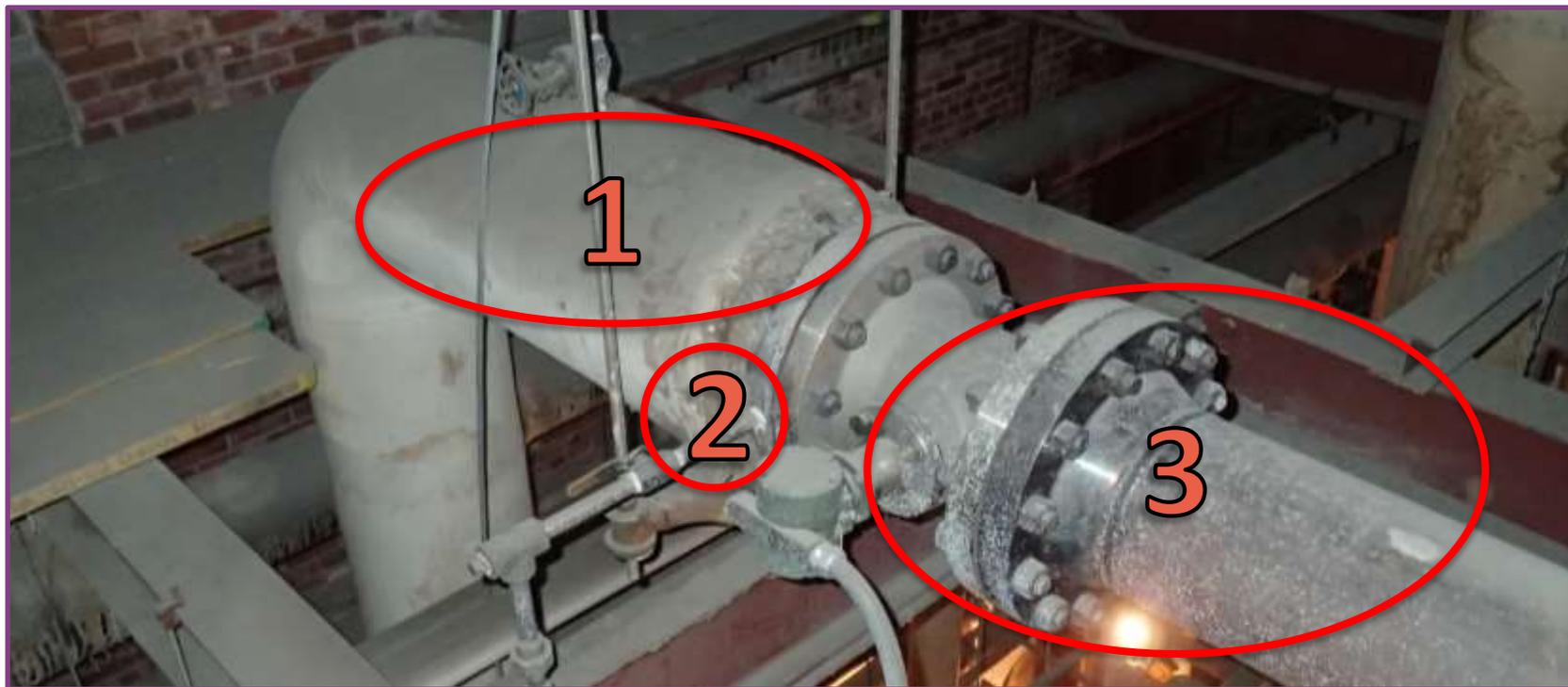
## Metering Evaluation: Site Survey



Site surveys are necessary to document the current configuration and identify required metering enhancements.

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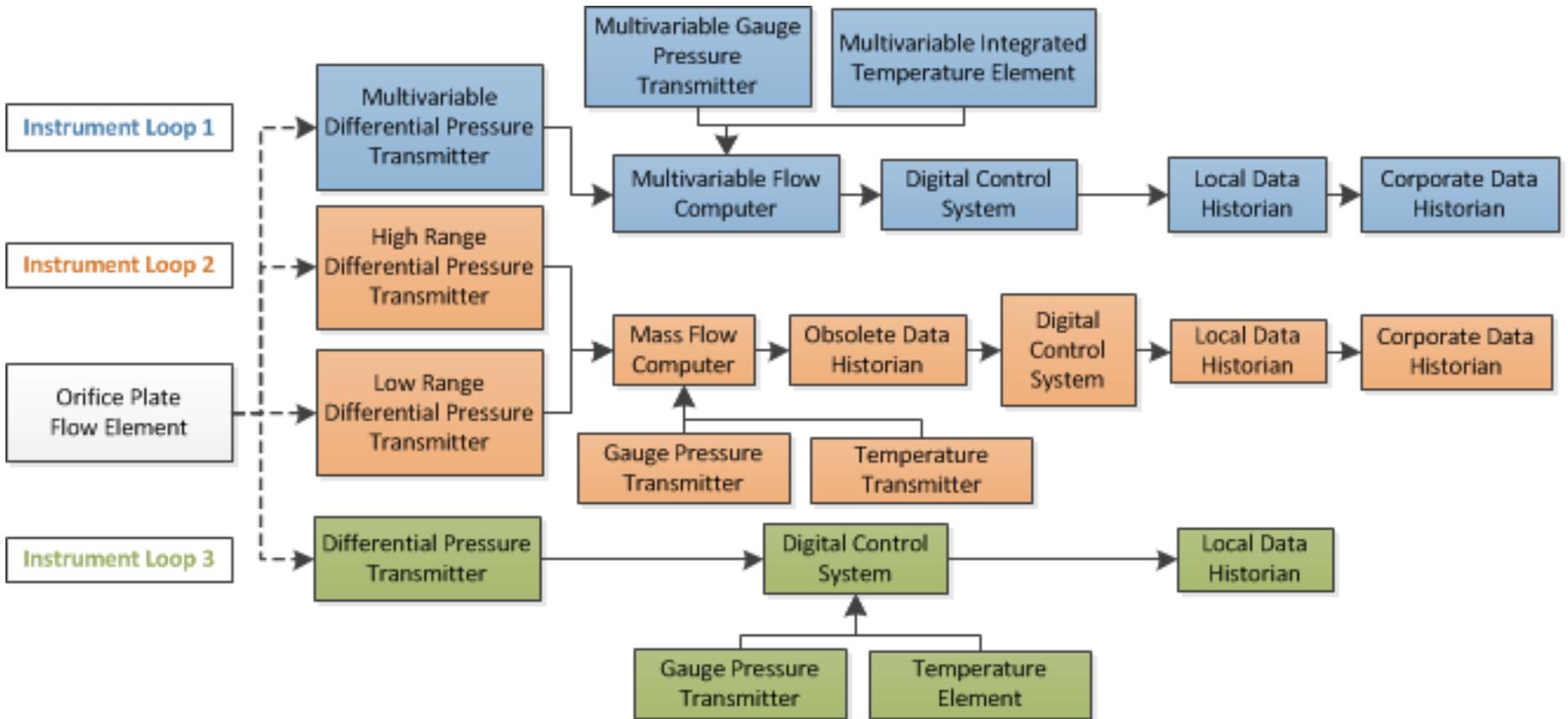
## *Metering Evaluation: What's Wrong With This Meter?*



- (1) Insufficient Straight Length of Downstream Pipe
- (2) Insufficient Distance to Pressure Point
- (3) Lack of Insulation

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## *Metering Evaluation: Instrument Loop Nuances*



All components that feed into the flow measurement are evaluated to ensure proper setup and determine total error.

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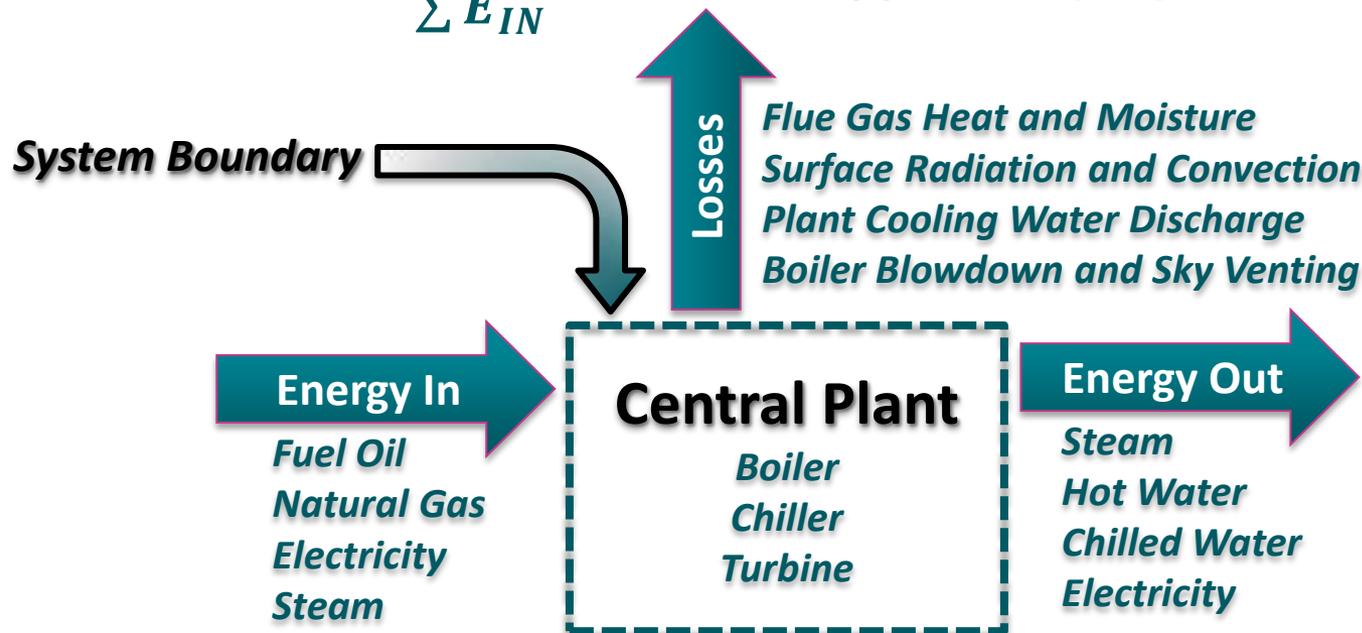
## Efficiency Curve Modeling: Methodology

### Direct Method (Input-Output)

$$\text{Efficiency } (\eta) = \frac{\sum E_{OUT}}{\sum E_{IN}}$$

### Indirect Method (Energy Balance)

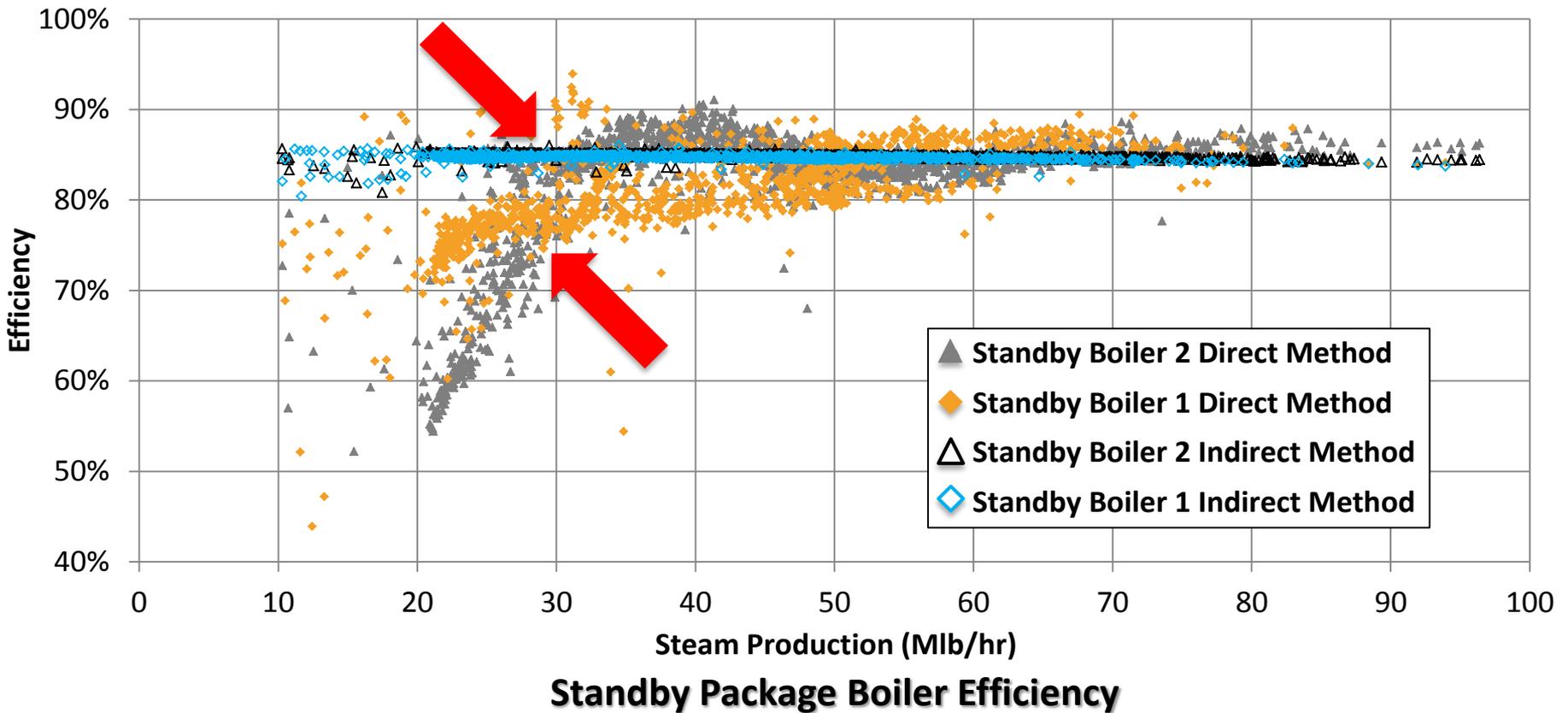
$$\text{Efficiency } (\eta) = 100\% - \frac{\sum E_{LOSS}}{\sum E_{IN}}$$



Metering for direct method calculations is less accurate whereas the indirect method requires more assumptions.

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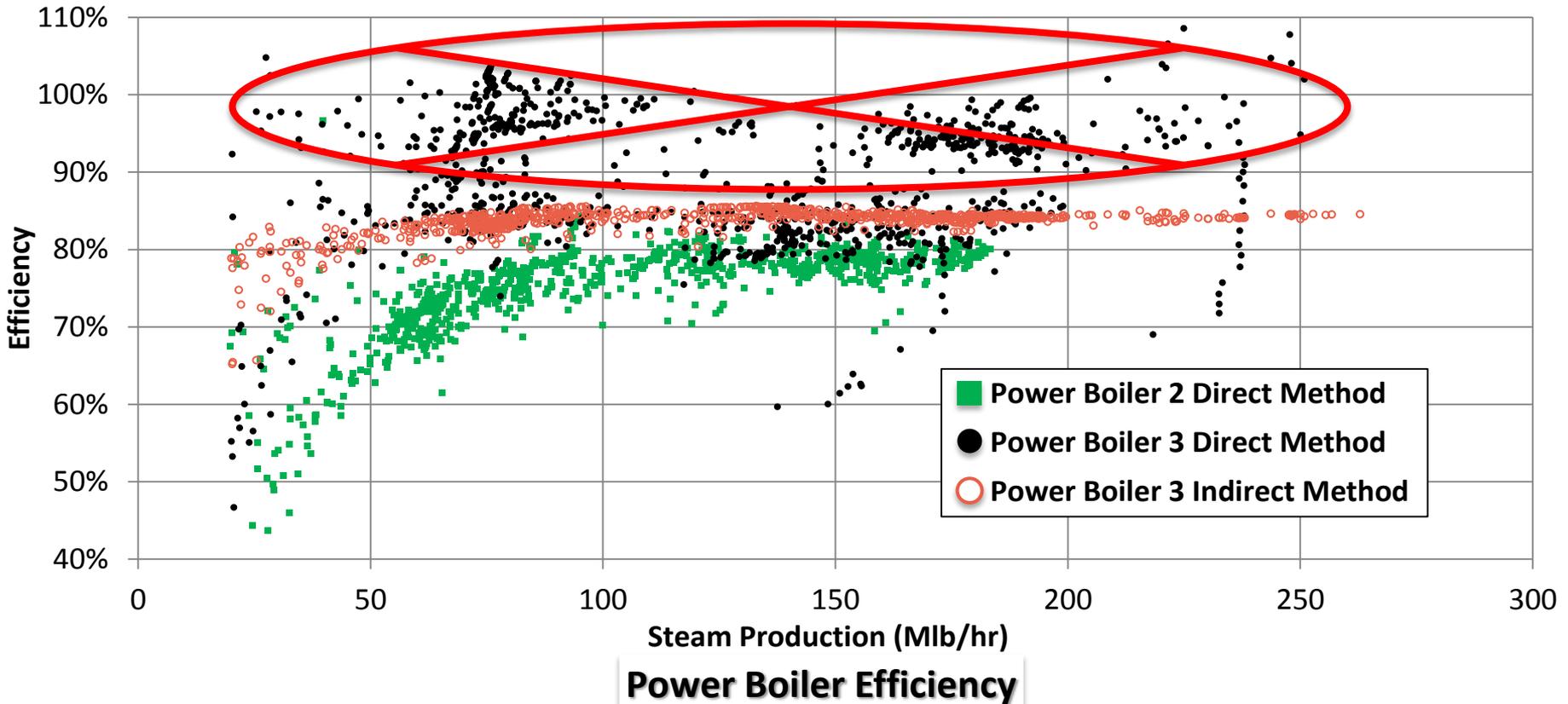
## Efficiency Curve Modeling: Direct v. Indirect



Standby Boilers 1 & 2 are identical and efficiency disparities may be either metering issues or real equipment issues.

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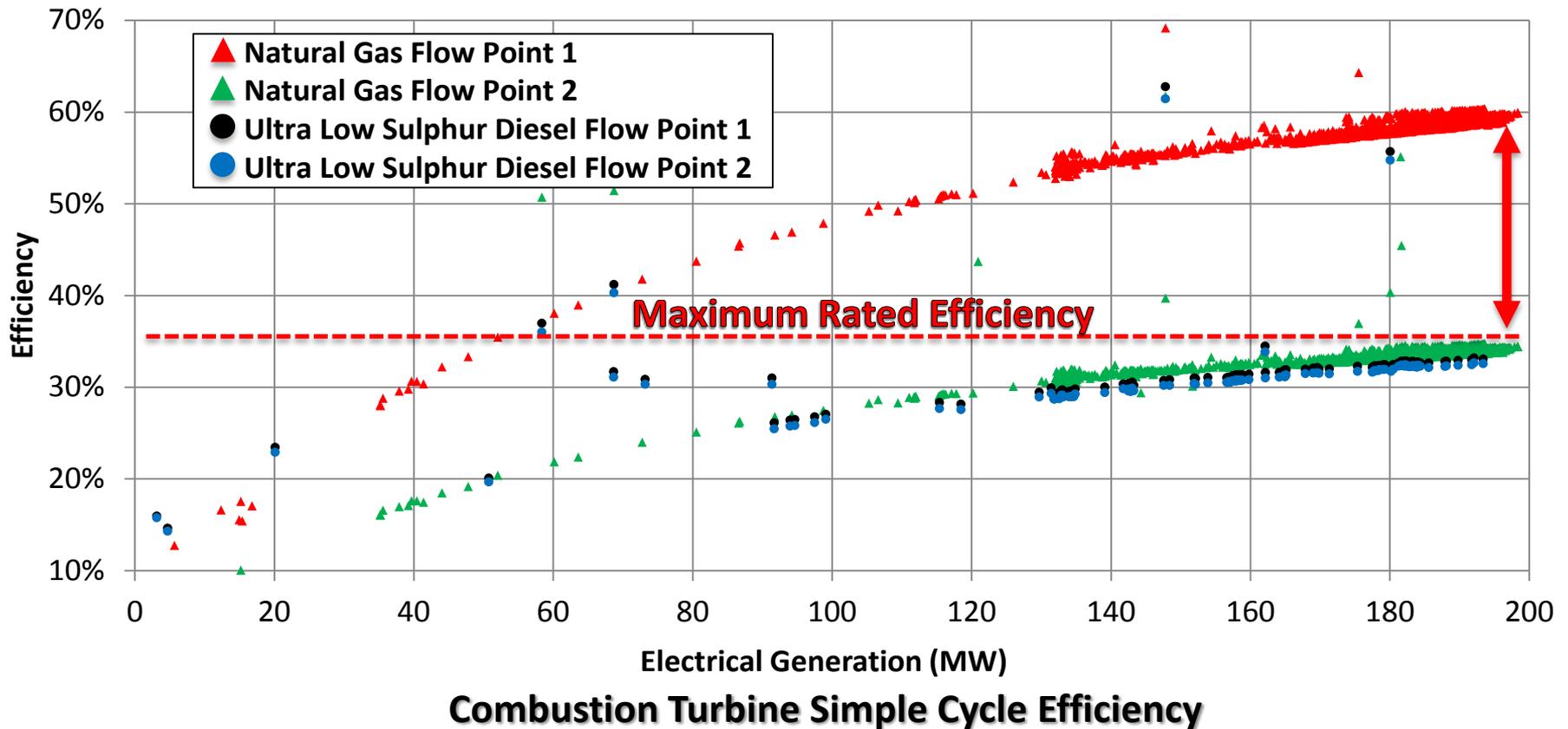
## *Efficiency Curve Modeling: 110% Efficient*



Efficiency values  $>100\%$  indicate a metering issue.  
Instrumentation for both methods is not always available.

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## Efficiency Curve Modeling: Nominal Performance



Evaluation of efficiency calculations against equipment specifications provides insight into accuracy of metering.

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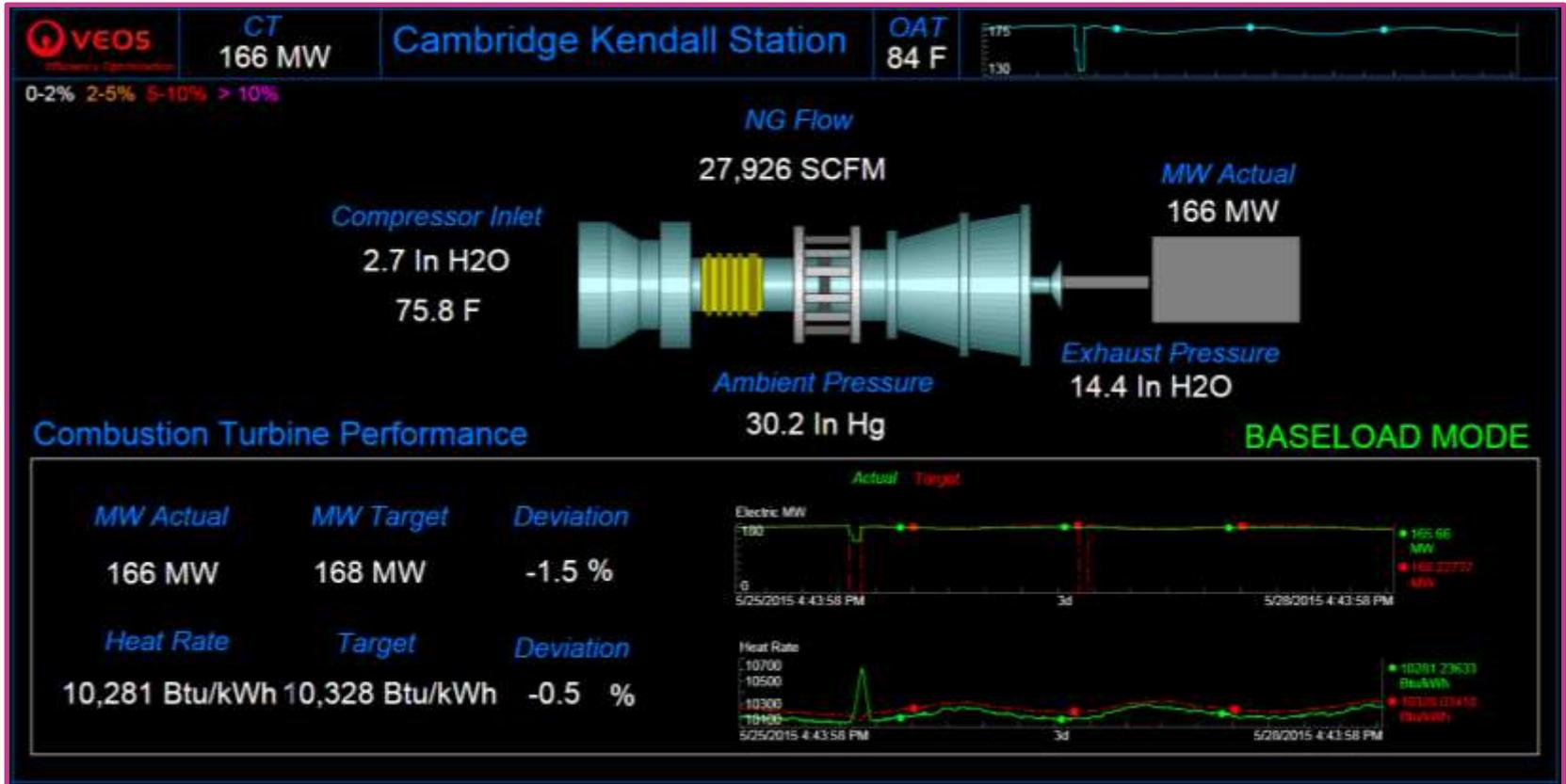
## Dashboard Development: District Steam Central Plant



The VEOS dashboard will provide an integrated view of equipment and plant efficiency monitoring across the fleet.

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## Dashboard Development: Simple Cycle Heat Rate



Information will be consolidated to a single source for plant operators, district managers, and corporate oversight.

# THANK YOU



## Questions?