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How do we consume energy in buildings?

What are the fuel sources?

ENERGY DEFINITIONS

Definition

- Steam typically measured based on volume or heat/energy content:
 - 100 cubic feet (CCF)
 - British Thermal Unit (BTU)
 - Therms (100,000 BTU)
 - Pound of steam (klb)
 - Example of conversion factors:
 - $1\text{klb} = 1194 \text{ kBtu}$
 - $3.412 \text{ kBtu} = 1 \text{ kWh}$
- Questions:
 - Find the conversion factors from klb to kWh?
 - Why do we consider different units?

Definition

- Chilled water is typically in heat/energy content:
 - Ton-Hr, BTU
 - $\dot{Q} = \dot{m}C_p\Delta T = \rho\dot{V}C_p\Delta T$
 - $\rho = 999.78 \text{ kg/m}^3$
 - $C_p = 4.19 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$
 - $\dot{Q} = \dot{m}C_p\Delta T = \rho\dot{V}C_p\Delta T$
 - $\rho = 61.14 \text{ lb/ft}^3$
 - $C_p = 1.00076 \text{ Btu/lb-F}$

$$\frac{(GPM)\Delta T}{24} = Ton$$

Definition

- Electricity
 - Power = kW
 - Energy consumed = kWh
 - Relationship = $\text{kW} \times \text{Time} = \text{kWh}$

Common Conversion Table

Meter Type	Input Unit Options	U.S. Property Assumptions ¹		Canadian Property Assumptions ²	
		Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content	Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content
District Steam	kBtu	1	1,194 Btu/Lb	1	1,194 Btu/Lb
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Lbs	1.194		1.194	
	kLbs	1,194		1,194	
	MLbs	1,194,000		1,194,000	
	therms	100.0		100.000	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
	kg	2.632		2.632	
District Chilled Water (All Types)	kBtu	1	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units	1	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Ton Hours	12.0		12.0	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Electricity (Grid Purchase and Onsite Renewable)	kBtu	1	Not Applicable	1	Not Applicable
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	kWh	3.412		3.412	
	MWh	3,412		3,412	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	

Common Conversion Table

Meter Type	Input Unit Options	U.S. Property Assumptions ¹		Canadian Property Assumptions ²	
		Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content	Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content
Fuel Oil (No. 2)	kBtu	1	0.138 MBtu/gallon	1	0.139210 MBtu/gallon
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Gallons (US)	138		139.210	
	Gallons (UK)	165.726		167.184	
	liters	36.456		36.775	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Fuel Oil (No. 4)	kBtu	1	0.146 MBtu/gallon	1	0.139210 MBtu/gallon
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Gallons (US)	146		139.210	
	Gallons (UK)	175.333		167.184	
	liters	38.569		36.775	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Fuel Oil (No. 5 & No. 6) ³	kBtu	1	0.150 MBtu/gallon	1	0.152485 MBtu/gallon
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Gallons (US)	150		152.485	
	Gallons (UK)	180.137		183.127	
	liters	39.626		40.282	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Diesel	kBtu	1	0.138 MBtu/gallon	1	0.137416 MBtu/gallon
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Gallons (US)	138		137.416	
	Gallons (UK)	165.726		165.029	
	liters	36.456		36.301	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Kerosene	kBtu	1	0.135 MBtu/gallon	1	0.135191 MBtu/gallon
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Gallons (US)	135		135.191	
	Gallons (UK)	162.123		162.358	
	liters	35.663		35.714	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	

Common Conversion Table

Meter Type	Input Unit Options	U.S. Property Assumptions ¹		Canadian Property Assumptions ²	
		Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content	Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content
Propane ⁴	kBtu	1	0.092 MBtu/gallon	1	0.09089 MBtu/gallon
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	cf	2.516		2.516	
	ccf	251.6		251.6	
	kcf	2,516		2,516	
	Gallons (US)	92		90.809	
	Gallons (UK)	110.484		109.057	
	liters	24.304		23.989	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
District Steam	kBtu	1	1,194 Btu/Lb	1	1,194 Btu/Lb
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Lbs	1.194		1.194	
	kLbs	1,194		1,194	
	MLbs	1,194,000		1,194,000	
	therms	100.0		100.000	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
	kg	2.632		2.632	
District Hot Water	kBtu	1	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units	1	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Therms	100		100	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
District Chilled Water (All Types)	kBtu	1	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units	1	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Ton Hours	12.0		12.0	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Coal (anthracite)	kBtu	1	25.09 MBtu/ton	1	23.818 MBtu/ton
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Tons	25,090		23,818	
	Lbs	12,545		11,909	
	kLbs	12,545		11,909	
	MLbs	12,545,000		11,909,055	
	Tonnes (metric)	27,658.355		26,255	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	

Common Conversion Table

Meter Type	Input Unit Options	U.S. Property Assumptions ¹		Canadian Property Assumptions ²	
		Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content	Multiplier to get kBtu	Heat Content
Coal (bituminous)	kBtu	1	24.93 MBtu/ton	1	21.496 MBtu/ton
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Tons	24,930		21,496	
	Lbs	12,465		10.748	
	kLbs	12,465		10,748	
	MLbs	12,465,000		10,748,245	
	Tonnes (metric)	27,482		23,695	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Coke	kBtu	1	24.80 MBtu/ton	1	21.50 MBtu/ton
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Tons	24,800		24,790	
	Lbs	12.4		12.395	
	kLbs	12,400		12,395	
	MLbs	12,400,000		12,394,876	
	Tonnes (metric)	27,339		27,326	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Wood	kBtu	1	15.38 MBtu/Ton	1	15.48 MBtu/Ton
	MBtu	1,000		1,000	
	Tons	17,480		15,477	
	Tonnes (metric)	15,857		17,061	
	GJ	947.817		947.817	
Other	kBtu	1.0	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units	1.0	Not Needed - No Volume Entry Units
	GJ	947.817		947.817	

Source vs. Site Energy

- Site energy is the energy consumed, secondary energy, at the building site (e.g. electricity, steam, CHW)
- Source energy represents the raw amount of fuel, primary energy, that is required to operate the building (e.g. natural gas, fuel oil)
- Benefits of using of source energy:
 - Reduce likelihood of unintentionally penalized of one energy fuel type
 - Correlate more with the energy cost and impact on the climate
- Site energy also provides insights for the building energy use

Source vs. Site Energy

- There are conversion factors (source-to-site ratios) to convert the secondary energy to primary energy based on the location and fuel type
- The commonly accepted global conversion factors are presented by EPA:

Fuel Type	Source-to-Site Ratio
Electricity (grid purchase)	3.34
Electricity (on-site solar or wind energy)	1.0
Natural Gas	1.047
Steam	1.21
Chilled Water	1.05

Source vs. Site Energy

Figure 1 – Source-Site Ratios for all Portfolio Manager Energy Meter Types

Energy Type	U.S. Ratio	Canadian Ratio
Electricity (Grid Purchase)	3.14	1.96
Electricity (on-Site Solar or Wind Installation)	1.00	1.00
Natural Gas	1.05	1.01
Fuel Oil (1,2,4,5,6,Diesel, Kerosene)	1.01	1.01
Propane & Liquid Propane	1.01	1.04
Steam	1.20	1.33
Hot Water	1.20	1.33
Chilled Water	1.00	0.57
Wood	1.00	1.00
Coal/Coke	1.00	1.00
Other	1.00	1.00

Source vs. Site Energy

Figure 2 – Comparison of Alternate Heating Scenarios

	Building A	Building B	Building C	Building D	Building E	Building F
Heating Fuel	Natural Gas	Natural Gas	District Steam	Electric	Electric	Electric
Heating System	Gas-fired Boiler 90% combustion efficiency 80% system efficiency	District Steam 70% combustion efficiency 55% system efficiency	District Steam 95% system efficiency	Geothermal COP=4.0	Air Source Heat Pump COP = 2.5	Electric Resistance Heat
Heat to Space (MBtu)	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Site Energy (MBtu)	1250	1818	1053	250	400	1000
Source Energy (MBtu)	1313	1909	1264	785	1256	3140

Note that the U.S. source-site ratios were applied:

- Electricity: 1 unit site = 3.14 units source
- Natural Gas: 1 unit site = 1.05 units source
- Steam: 1 unit site = 1.20 units source

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Read Dates	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type	Previous	Present	Difference	Multiplier	Usage
1/11/2/11	000000000	General Service	Total kWh	94278	Actual	94769	Actual	491

CHARGE DETAILS

► Residential - Single 2/8/17 - 3/9/17 (29 days)



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METER INFORMATION			
Read Dates	Meter Number	Load Type	Reading Type
9/23-10/24	00000000	General Service	Previous Total kWh
			2804 Actual
			3276 Actual
			472
			Usage 472
CHARGE DETAILS			
Residential - Single 9/23/17 - 10/24/17 (H Day)			
SUPPLY	\$33.75		
Electricity Supply Charge	472 kWh X 0.0598	\$27.37	
Transmission Services Charge	472 kWh X 0.01951	\$6.38	
Purchased Electricity Adjustment		\$0.00	
DELIVERY - ComEd	\$32.84		
Customer Charge		\$11.16	
Standard Metering Charge		\$16.44	
Distribution Facilities Charge	472 kWh X 0.00483	\$16.44	
IL Electricity Distribution Charge	472 kWh X 0.00118	\$0.66	
TAXES & FEES	\$1.69		
Environmental Cost Recovery Adj.	472 kWh X 0.00005	\$0.02	
Renewable Portfolio Standard	472 kWh X 0.00189	\$0.89	
Zero Emission Standard	472 kWh X 0.00195	\$0.92	
Energy Efficiency Programs	472 kWh X -0.00041	-\$0.19	
Energy Efficiency Credit	472 kWh X -0.02193	-\$19.35	
Franchise Cost		\$2.50	
State Tax		\$1.56	
Municipal Tax		\$2.96	
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Renewable Portfolio Standard	472 kWh	X	0.00189	\$0.89
Zero Emission Standard	472 kWh	X	0.00195	\$0.92
Energy Efficiency Programs	472 kWh	X	-0.00041	-\$0.19
Energy Efficiency Credit	472 kWh	X	-0.02193	-\$10.35
Franchise Cost				\$2.50
State Tax				\$1.56
Municipal Tax				\$2.96

CAMPUS EXAMPLE

Campus Buildings

- Campuses Typically:
 - Have sustainability programs that monitor energy consumption of buildings. Record energy commodities with different level of granularity such as 15 minutes, hourly, monthly
 - Open to share monitored energy consumption of buildings with the research community
 - Operate with different energy commodities such as electricity, natural gas, steam, and chilled water, enabling better disaggregation of end-uses without sub-metering end-uses
 - Spend close to \$2 billion each year on energy
 - Endeavor to construct new buildings or renovate existing buildings to meet the requirements for energy efficient buildings

Campus Buildings

- Steam/Natural gas power plant(s), Combined Heat and Power (CHP), or Purchased steam



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- Chilled Water (CHW) plant(s) or Purchased CHW

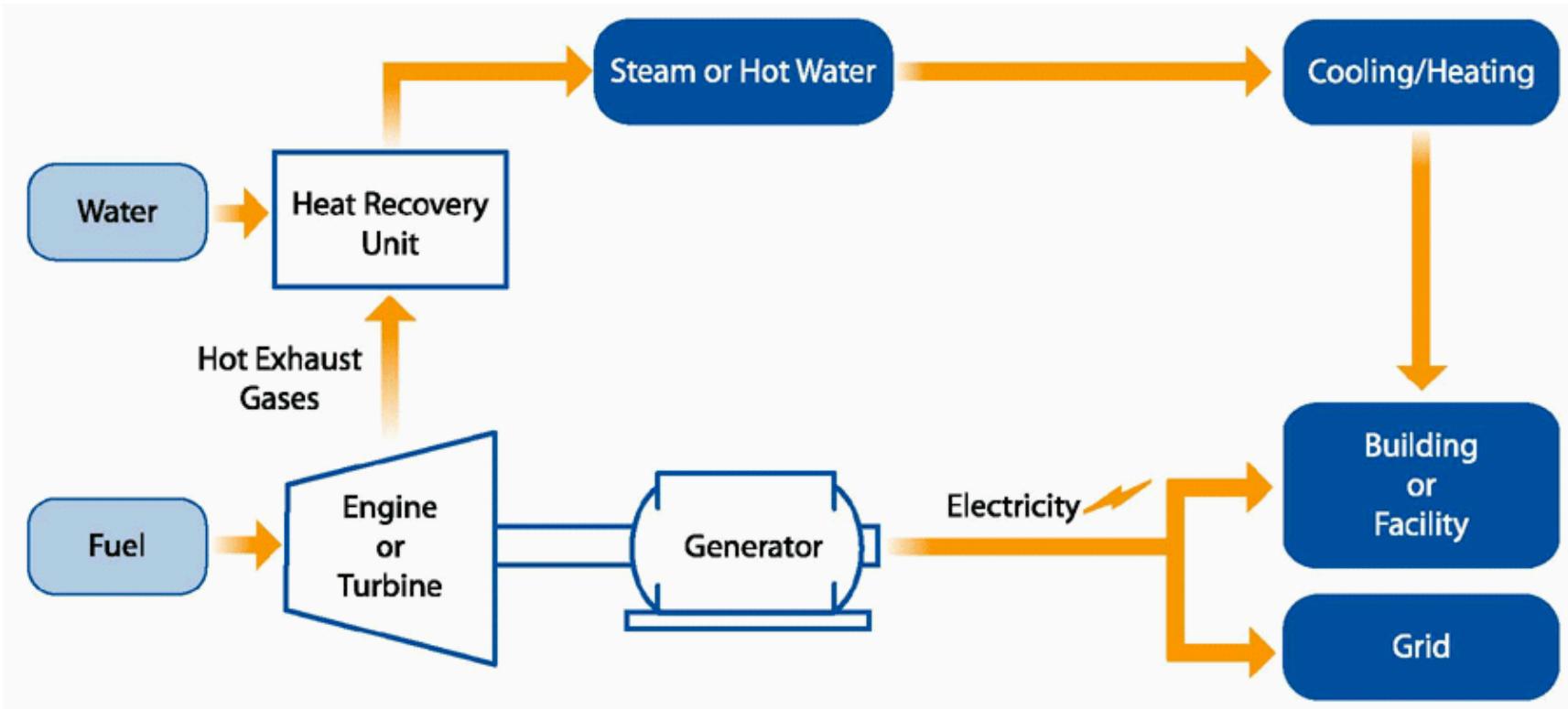


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- Purchased electricity from the grid or generated electricity

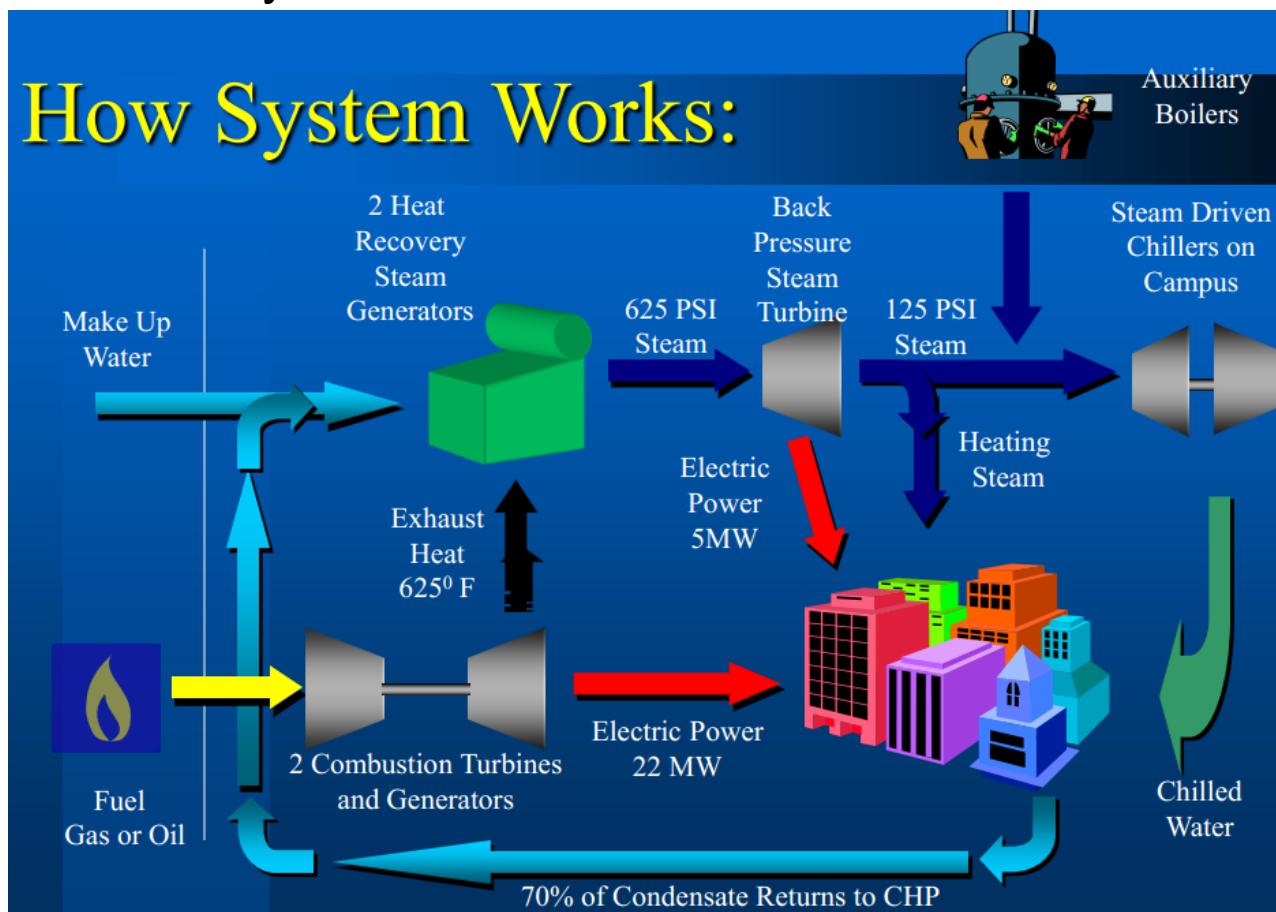
Campus Buildings

- Power plants can benefit from the CHP system to increase efficiency of the system



Campus Buildings

- Example from University of Maryland campus:
 - 27.5MW natural gas, CHP plant
 - Doubled efficiency from 35% to 70%



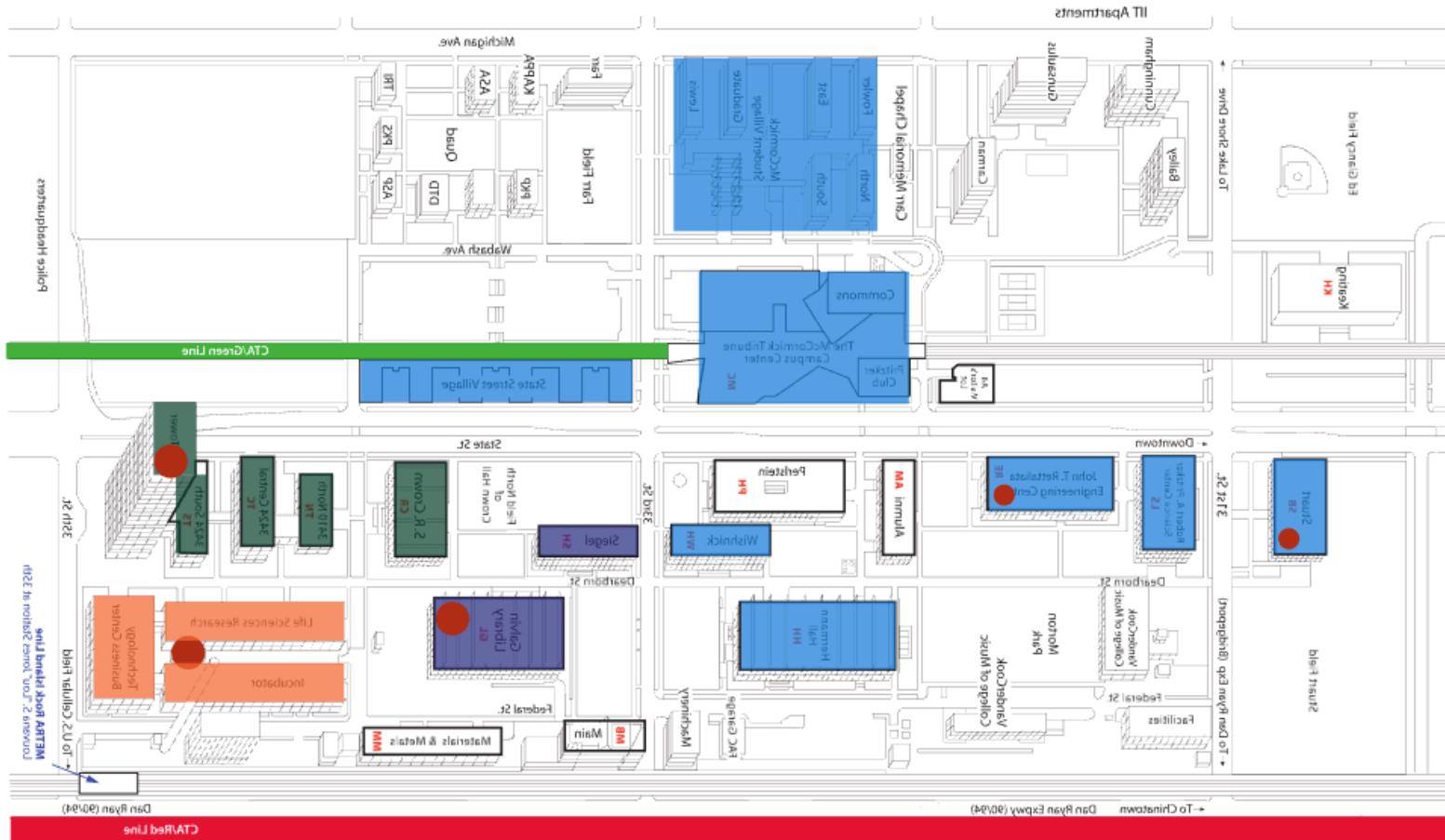
IIT Examples

Tracking Energy at Illinois Tech

- Only a few ComEd electric meters for entire campus, not individual buildings
- Some buildings have a Peoples Gas meter, however most buildings use steam from steam plant for heating
- Illinois Tech has submeters for almost every building on campus:
 - 83 electric meters
 - 30 steam meters (Heating)
 - 18 chilled water meters (Cooling)
- An energy management system collects data from all meters and stores it in server.

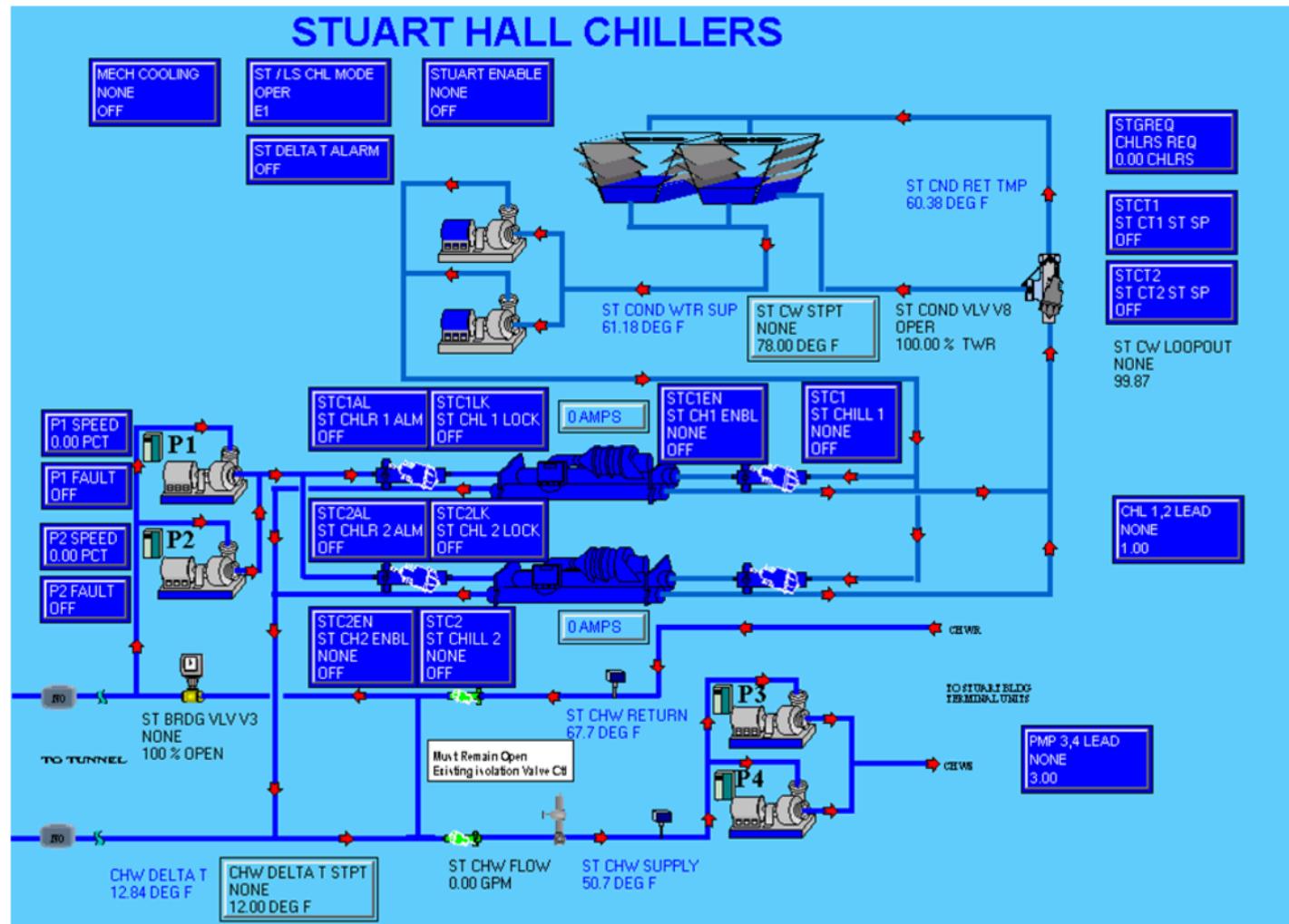
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- Cooling plant



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- Stuart Hall example



IIT Examples

- Heating plant



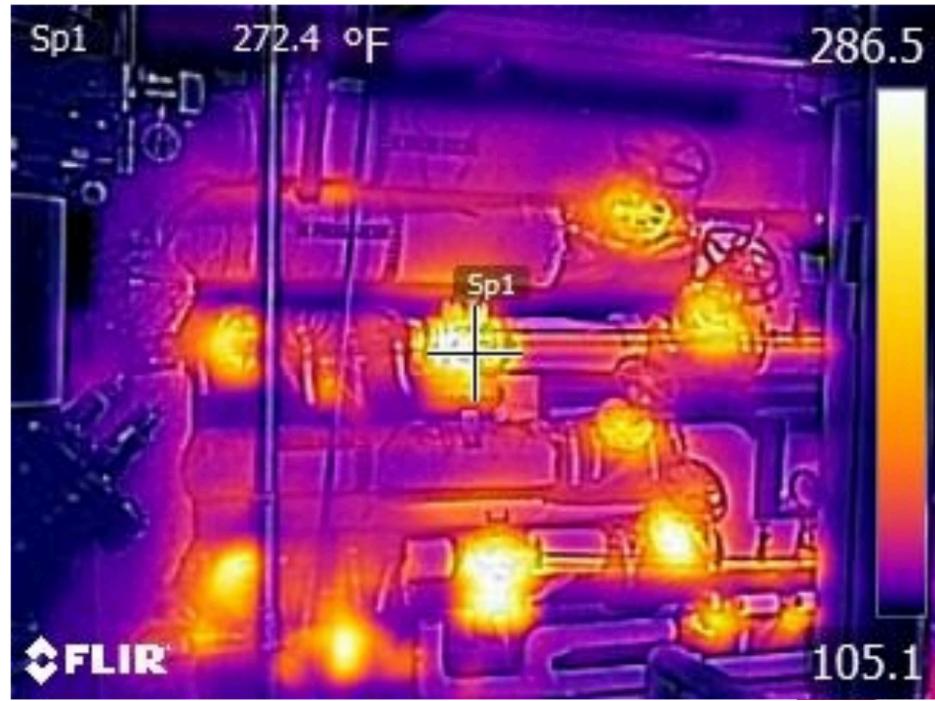
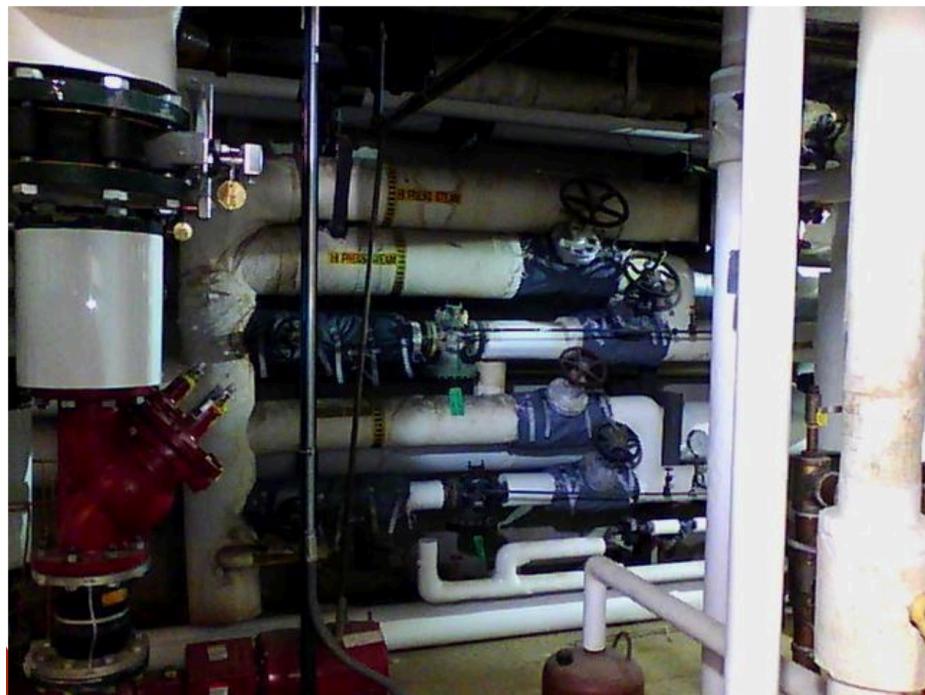
IIT Examples

- Energy efficiency measure for steam reduction
 - Steam and condensate pipe insulation
 - Uninsulated steam pipe can have surface temperatures up to 350 degrees F.
 - Insulated over 7,800 linear feet of pipe in 28 buildings on campus
 - Steam traps
 - Steam traps are used to remove condensate from steam system. Many steam traps fail open, wasting steam.
 - Replaced 185 failed steam traps on campus
 - Annual energy savings of:
 - 20 million KBTU



IIT Examples

- Examples of insulating the system



IIT Examples

- Examples of smart thermostats and associate savings
 - Targeting buildings with standalone rooftop units

Building	Qty of Rooftop Units
Perlstein	19
Siegel	7
Alumni	3
Machinery	1



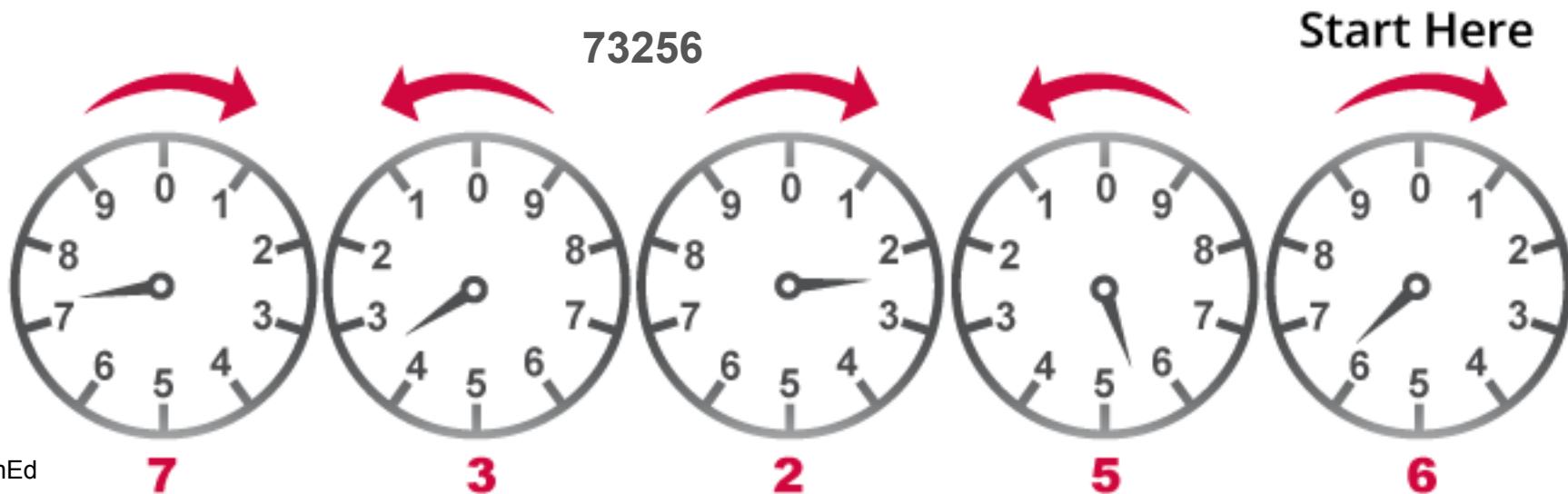
- Smart thermostats provide many improvements:
 - Programmable schedules
 - Setback temperatures at night / weekends
 - Remote access for maintenance staff
 - Smart recovery
- Annual energy savings of:
 - 500,000 KBTU



ELECTRICITY METERS

Electricity Meters

- ComEd is upgrading analog meters across northern Illinois
- Plan to install approximately 4 million smart meters by 2018
- How to read:
 - Always begin with the dial on the far right
 - Record the lowest number the pointer has passed
 - Each dial as you move from right to left is in the opposite direction of the one before it. If the first dial rotates clockwise, the next will rotate counterclockwise, the third clockwise.

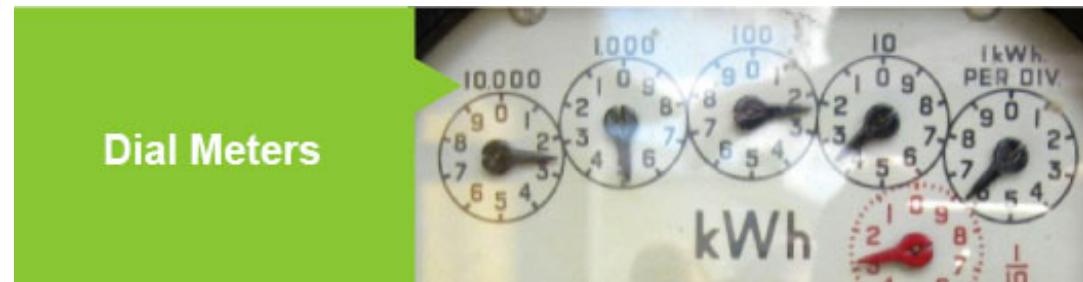


Electricity Meters

- Three type of electricity meters:
 - Digital meters



- Dial meters



- Electronic meters

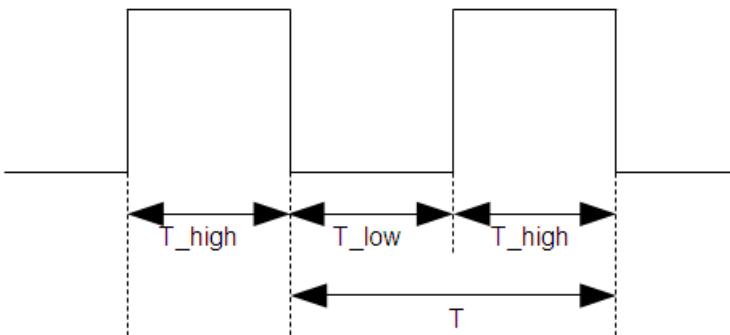


Electricity Meters

- Pulse meters:
 - Cheapest and easiest way to collect energy data
 - Tap into existing meters
- Example:
 - One pulse = 0.5 kWh
 - Four pulse per minute is: ??

Electricity Meters

- Single phase electricity meters usually have pulse meters
- Each pulse usually is one Wh (1000 pulses per kWh)
- Power calculation:
 - 3600 s per hour = 3600 per pulse (1 Wh = 3600 J)
 - $P = 3600/T$



ENERGY METERS

Basis of Steam Meters

Velocity (ft/s)



Internal area (ft²)

Volumetric Flow Rate (ft³/m)



Density (lb/ft³)

Mass Flow Rate (lb/hr)

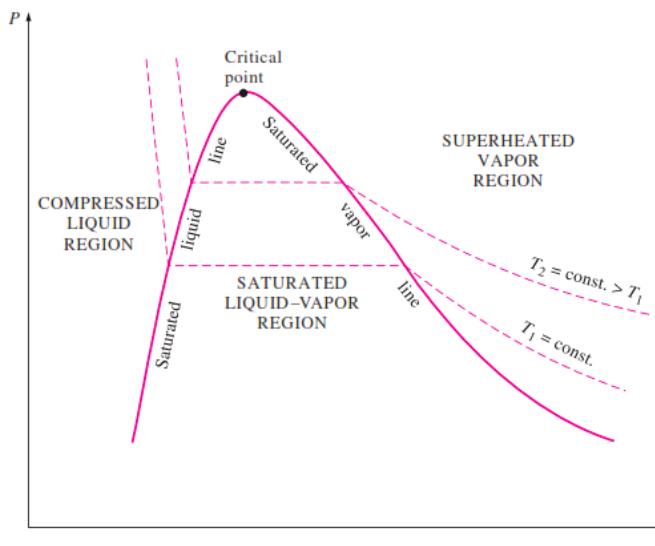


Enthalpy (Btu/lb)

Energy Rate (Btu/hr)

Steam Flow Measurement

- Density:
 - Steam is a compressible fluid
 - is a function of both temperature and pressure
 - For saturated steam, temperature and pressure are dependent variables
 - Can be calculated by measuring one variable
 - For superheated steam, temperature and pressure are independent variables.

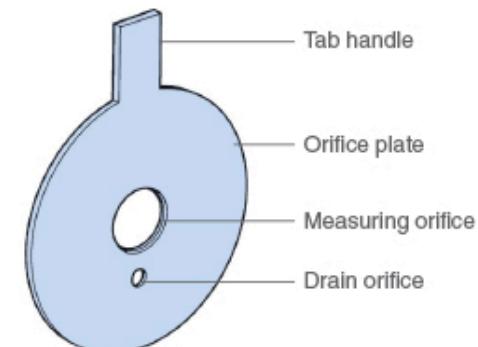
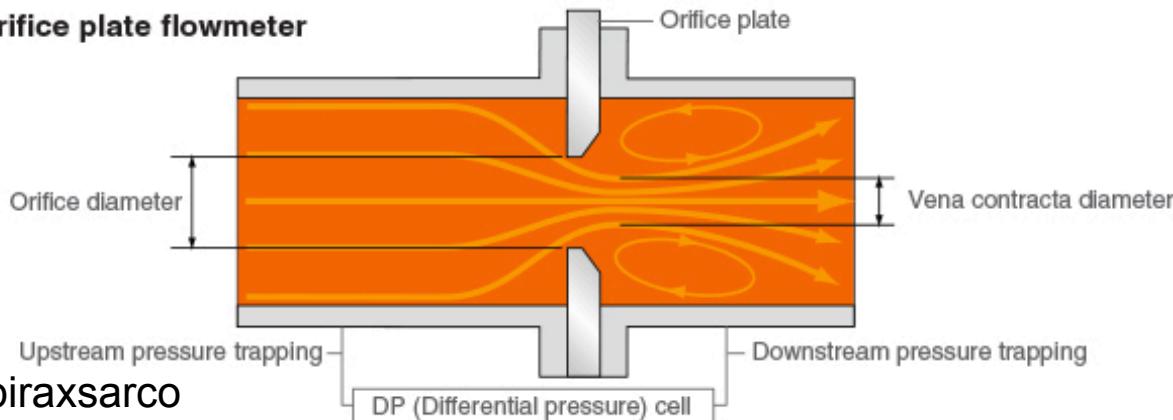


Steam Flow Measurement

- Measure flow based on the pressure difference
- Simple, low cost, no moving parts, and no calibration
- Avoid condensation issue with a drain hole

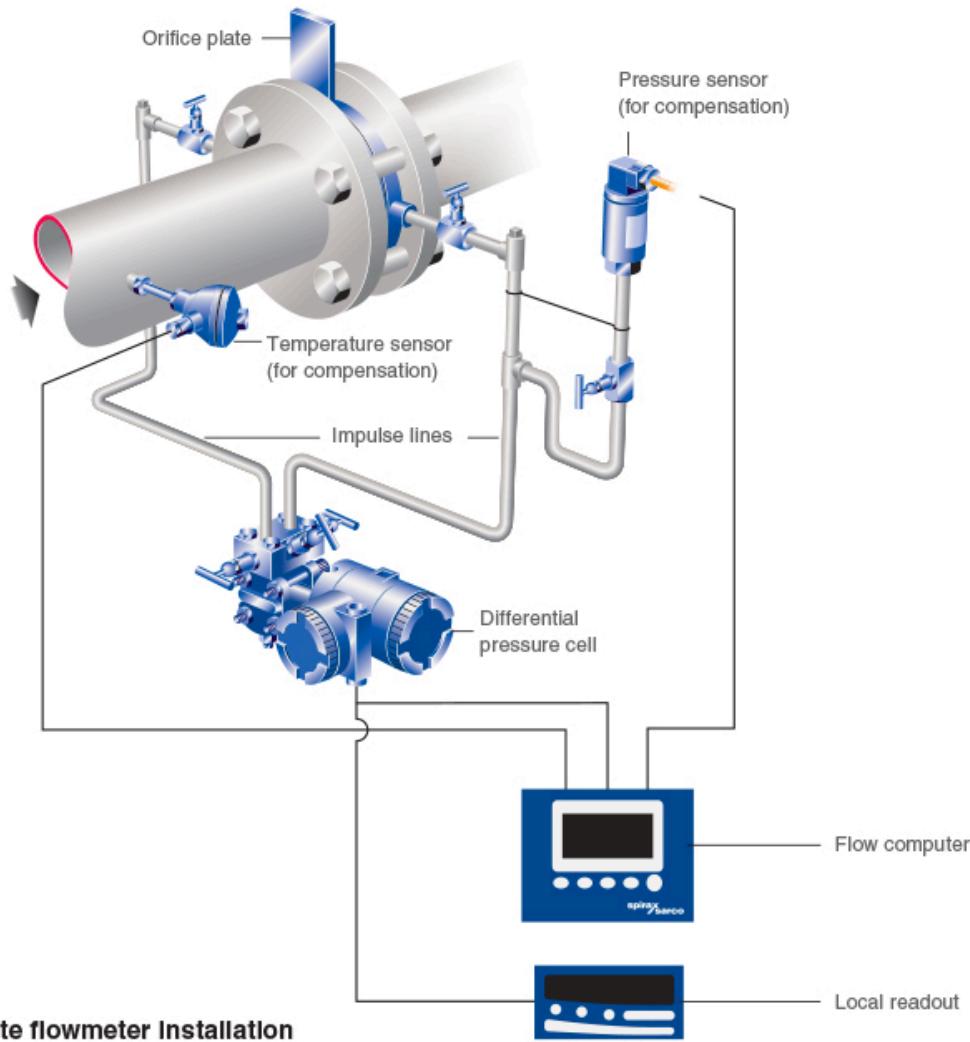


Fig. 4.3.2 Orifice plate flowmeter



Steam Flow Measurement

- Installation:



Steam Flow Measurement

- Installation:
 - From the flanges (or carrier) containing the orifice
 - One pipe diameter on the upstream side and 5x pipe diameter on the downstream side
 - Corner tappings

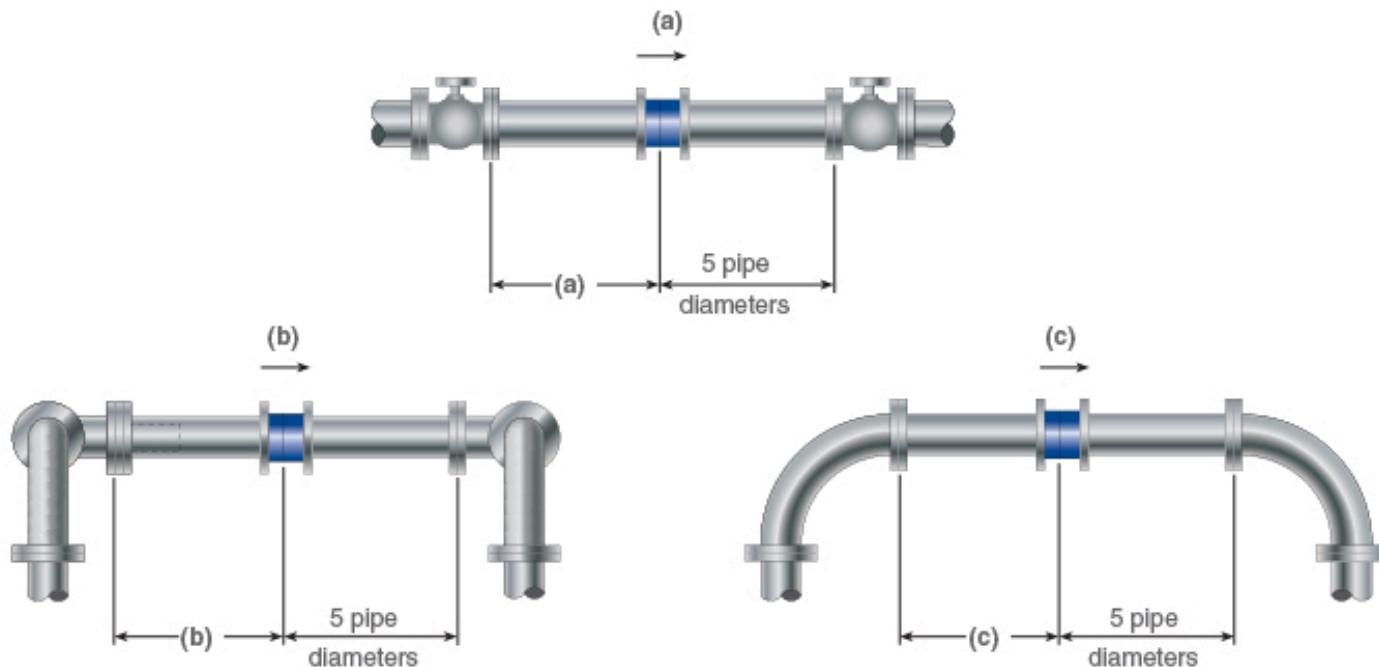
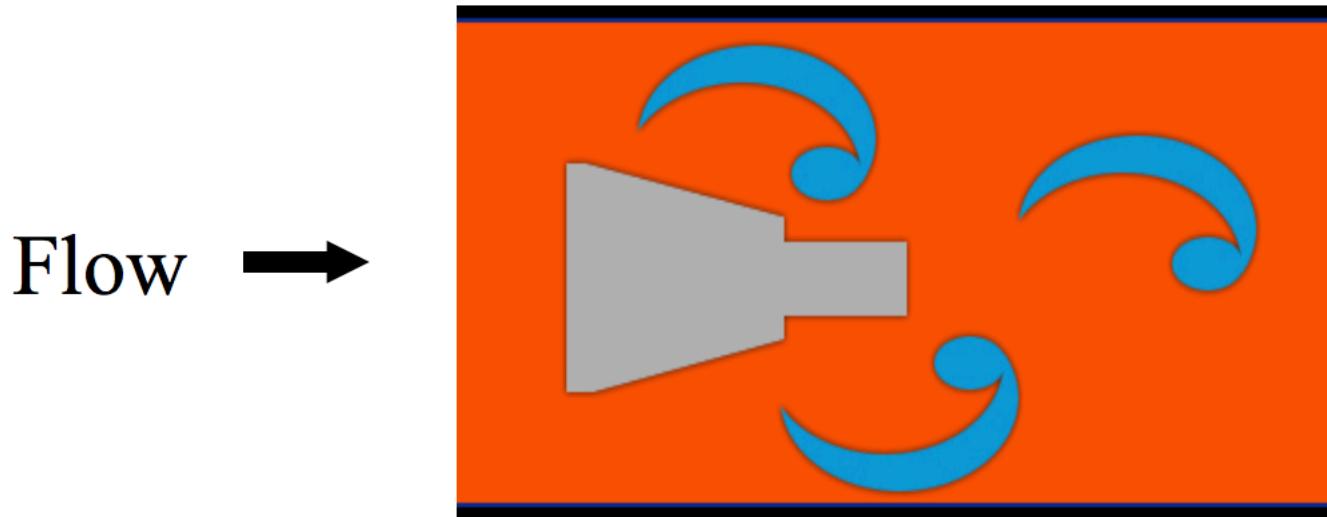


Fig. 4.3.4 Orifice plate installations

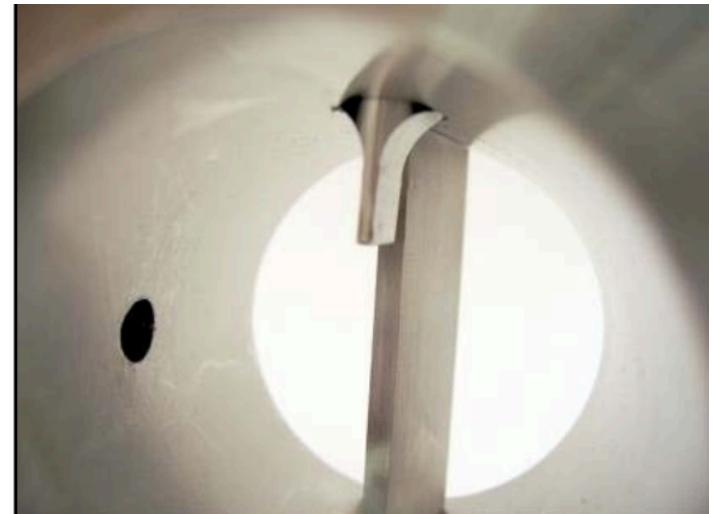
Steam Flow Measurement

- Vortex flow meters:
 - When any liquid, gas or vapor in motion hits a solid body in its path, it flows around it shedding vortices alternately on either side of the body
 - The frequency of the vortices is directly proportional to the velocity of the fluid



Steam Flow Measurement

- Vortex flow meters:



Steam Flow Measurement

- Vortex flow meters:

Equation 4.3.3

$$f \propto \frac{Sr u}{d}$$

Where:

f = Shedding frequency (Hz)

Sr = Strouhal number (dimensionless)

u = Mean pipe flow velocity (m/s)

d = Bluff body diameter (m)

$$f = k \times u$$

Where:

k = A constant for all fluids on a given design of flowmeter.

Hence:

$$u = \frac{f}{k}$$

Equation 4.3.4

$$q_v = A \frac{f}{k}$$

Where:

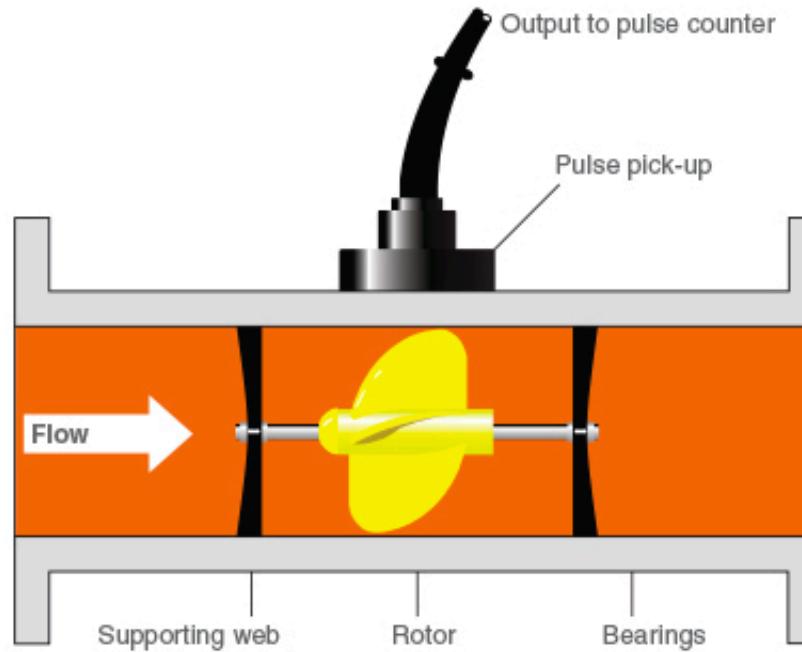
A = Area of the flowmeter bore (m^2)

Steam Flow Measurement

- Vortex shedding flow meters:
 - Advantages:
 - Reasonable turn down (providing high velocities and high pressure drop acceptable)
 - No moving parts
 - Little resistance to flow
 - Disadvantages:
 - Pulses are not generated at low flow rates
 - Vibration can cause error
 - Correct installation is critical
 - Long and clear lengths are required

Steam Flow Measurement

- Turbine flow meters:
 - Consists of a multi bladed rotor: mounted at right angle
 - Rotational speed proportional to the velocity
 - Calculate volume flowmeteric from known fluid



Steam Flow Measurement

- Turbine flow meters can be installed in operation with no system shut down need
- Require profile correction to measure average flow

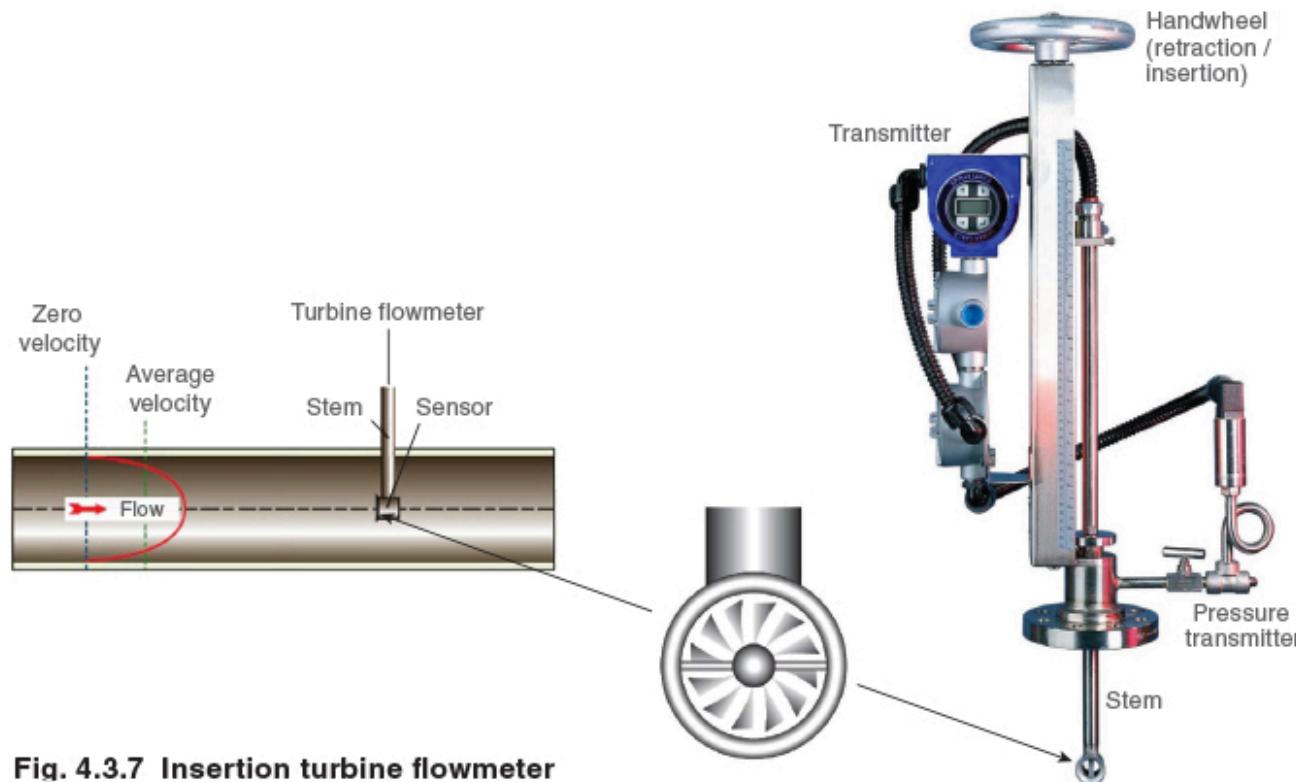


Fig. 4.3.7 Insertion turbine flowmeter

Steam Flow Measurement

- Turbine flow meters:
 - Advantages:
 - Installation under full operation
 - Relatively inexpensive for large pipelines
 - Can be installed for all media
 - Low influence on the measurements
 - Moderate to high accuracy
 - Disadvantages:
 - Relatively expensive for small pipes
 - Regular maintenance due to the moving parts
 - Wet steam can damage the turbine or accuracy

Steam Flow Measurement

- Ultrasonic flowmeters
 - Based on transit-time
 - Take ultrasound pulses to pass between two transducers attached to the pipe



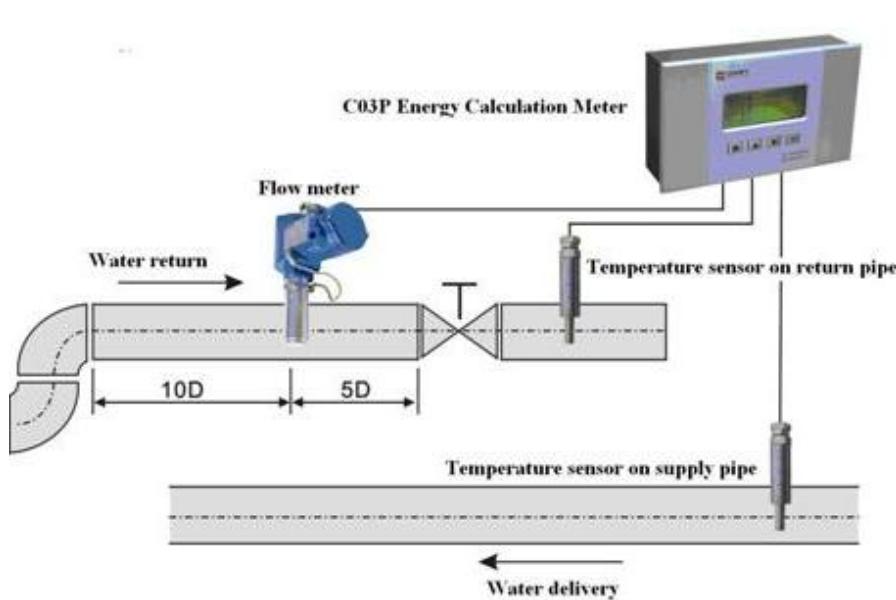
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Steam Flow Measurement

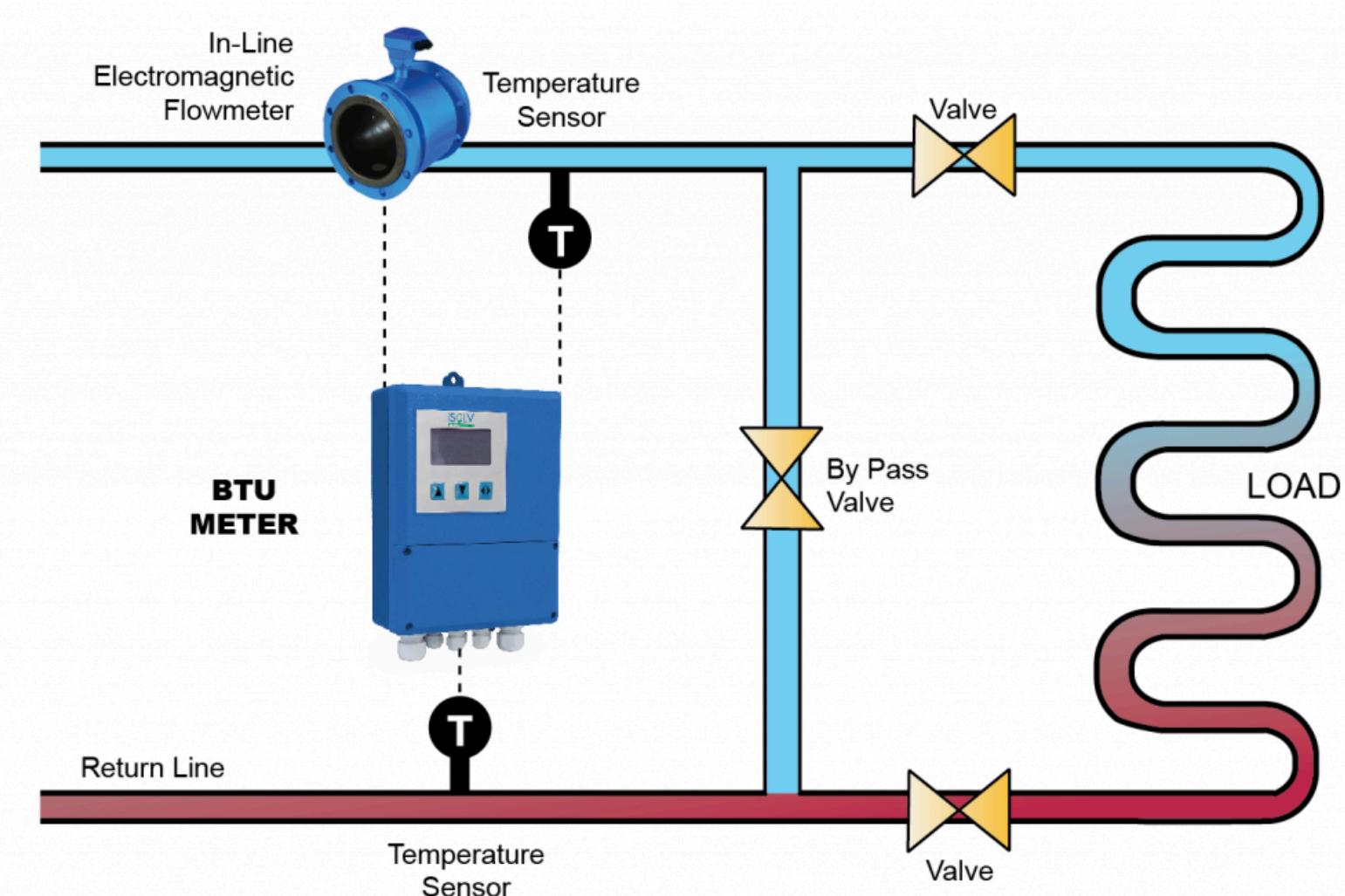
- Ultrasonic flow meters:
 - Advantages:
 - Quick and simple
 - Bidirectional measurements
 - Highly accurate
 - Corrosive fluid not an issue
 - Turndown 30:1
 - Cost is independent of the pipe size
 - Disadvantages:
 - For single phase liquid only
 - Straight line
 - Not accurate as in-line flowmeters
 - Unreliable if there is more than 5% gas or vapor in the pipeline

Btu Meter

- BTU meters measure the energy content of liquid flow in BTU based on:
 - Flow rate
 - Temperature difference



Btu Meter



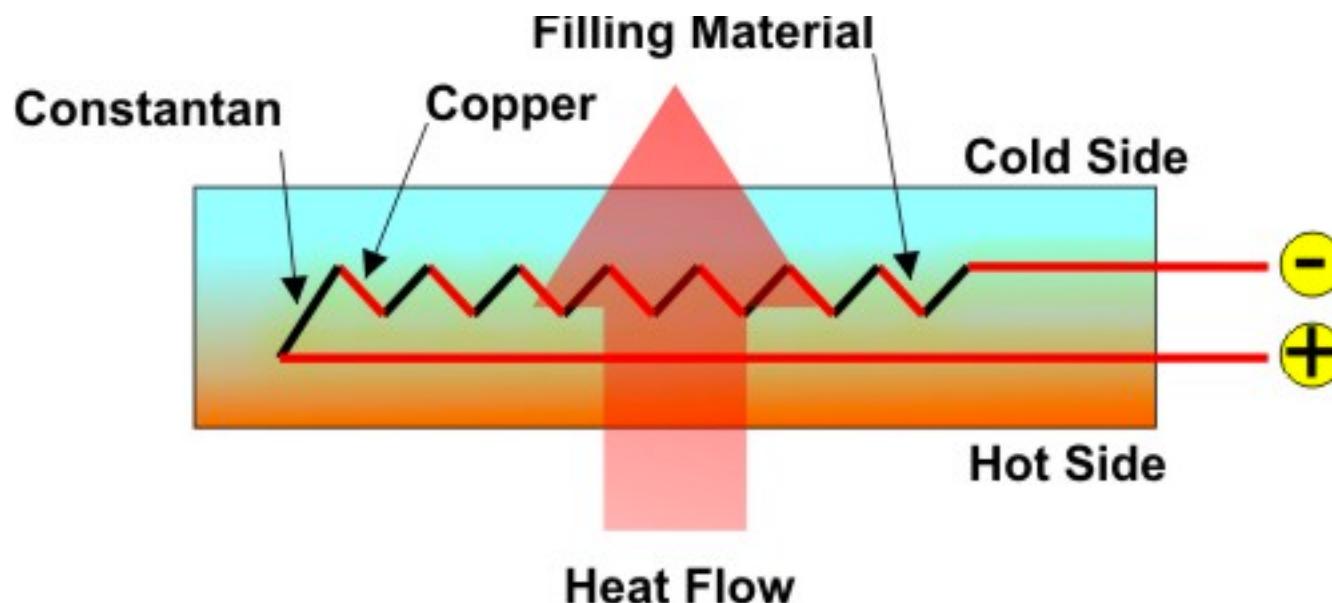
HEAT FLUX

Heat Flux Applications

- Determine thermal properties of materials
- Monitor structural heat transfer
- Control production processes
- Measure effective convection, conduction and radiation heat transfer
- Determine heat loss and insulation efficiency in housing

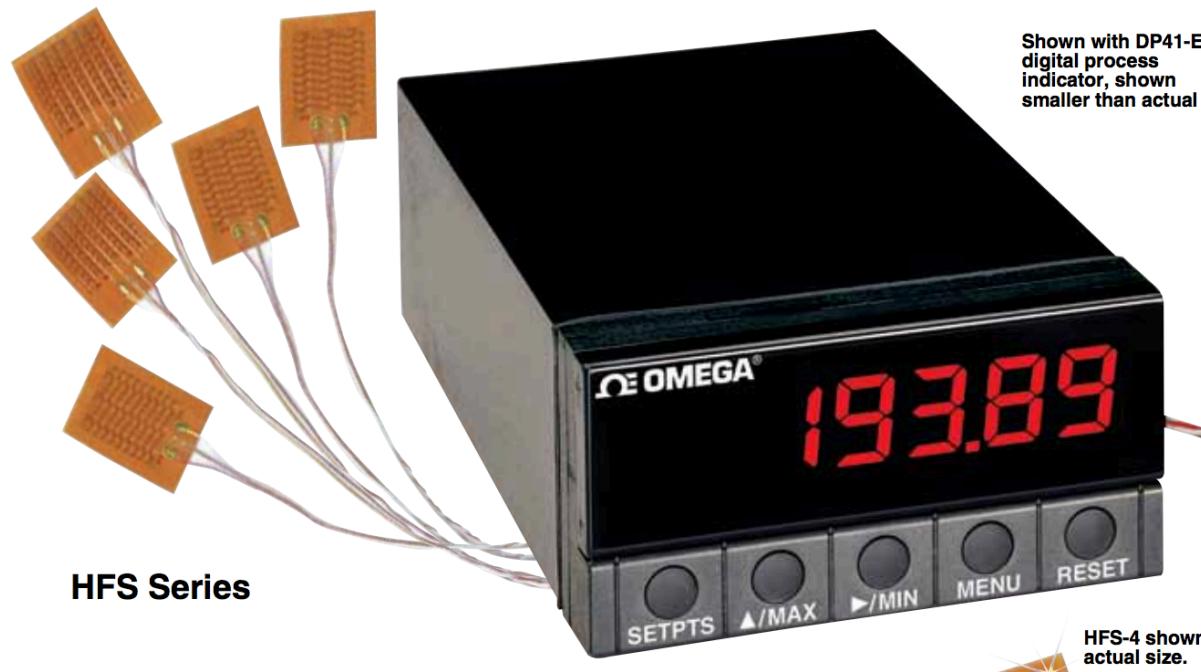
Heat Flux Meters

- Convert heat energy to electrical signal
- Measure signal proportional to the rate of heat flow
- Install thermocouples to the cold and hot sides
- Sandwich a thin film between two thermocouples
- Movement create voltage



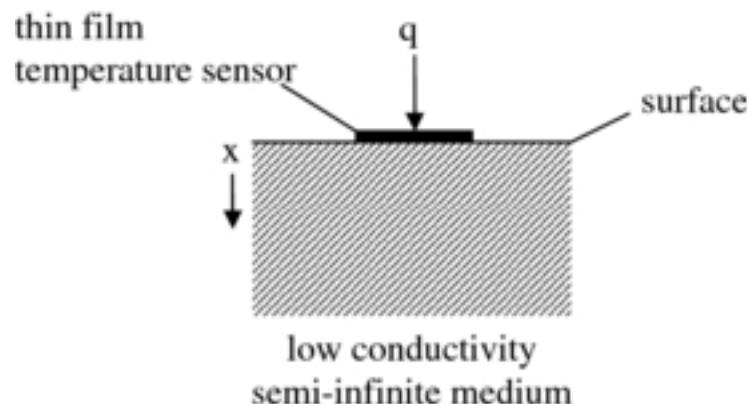
Thin Film Heat Flux Arrays

- Knowns as film heat flux arrays (HFA)
- Most of them requires no reference junction or wiring
- Send directly data to a data acquisition system (e.g. microvoltmeter or recorder)



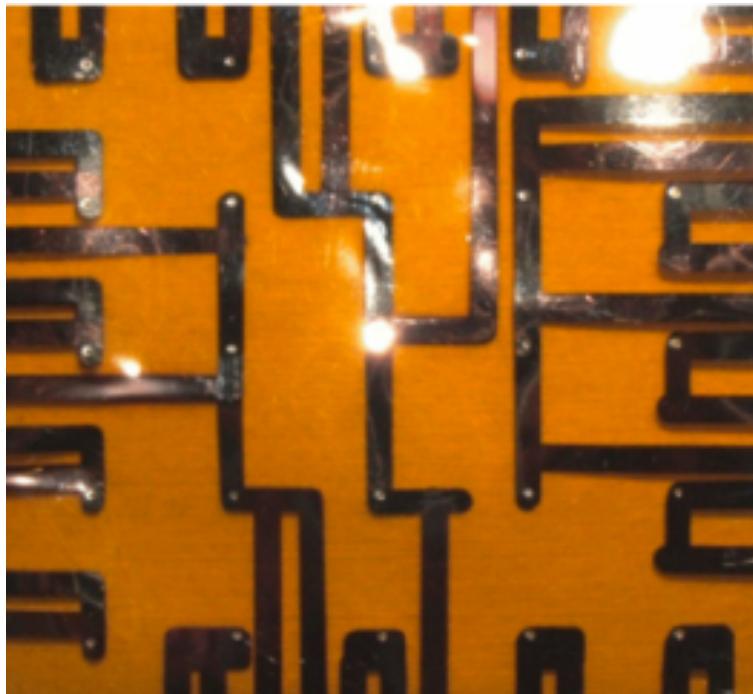
Thin Film Heat Flux Arrays

- HFA are based on:
 - Deposit a thin resistance layers used as resistance temperature devices (RTDs) on one side of a layer of plastic
 - Utilize a semi-infinite transient conduction model to convert surface temperature to heat flux
 - Capable of measuring extremely high frequency measurements

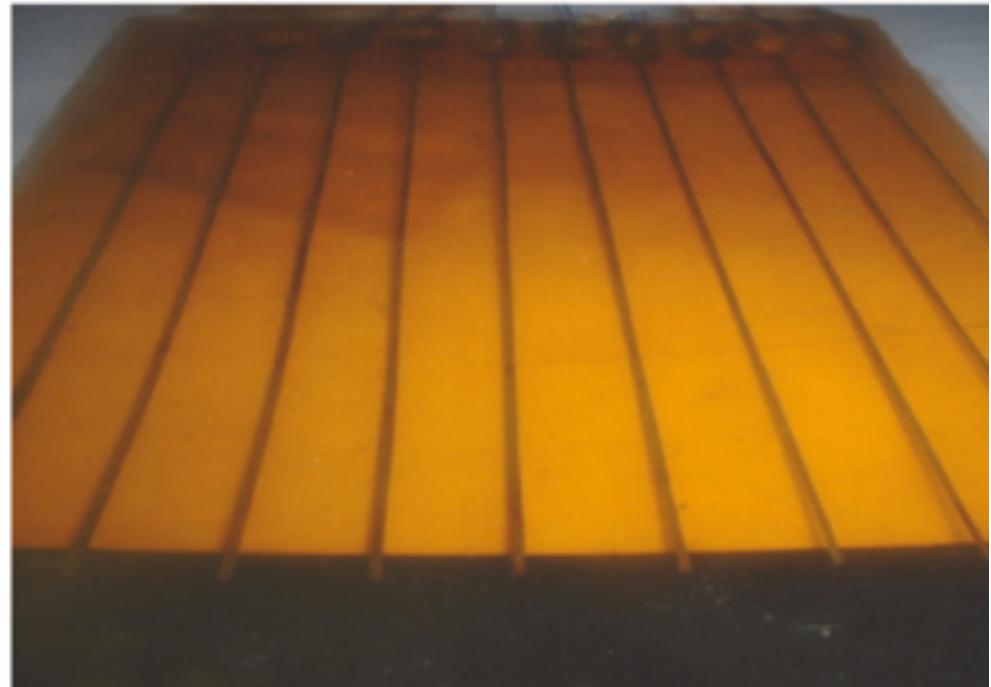


Thin Film Heat Flux Arrays

- Example of configurations



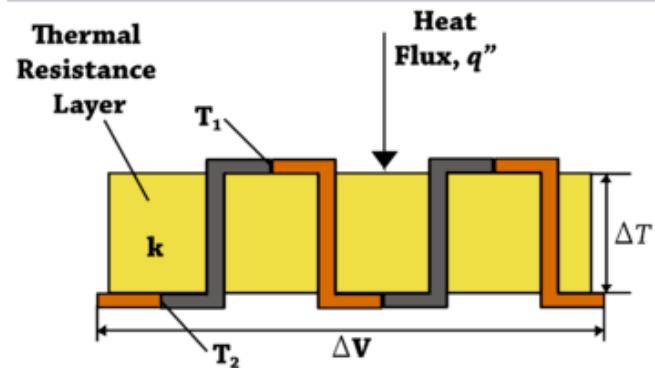
25 junctions



10 junctions

Thin Film Heat Flux (Thermopile)

- Two heat flux sensitivity levels
- Type K Thermocouple
- Conveniently interfaces with voltmeters or recorders and temperature indicators
- Easily attaches to curved and flat surfaces
- Temperature range from -200 to 150°C (-330 to 300°F)



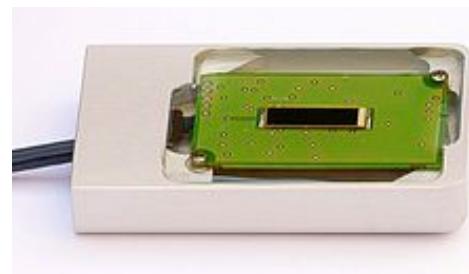
SOLAR RADIATION

Pyranometers

- A type of actinometer used for measuring solar irradiance on a planar surface
 - Actinometers measure the heating power of radiation
 - Measures number of photons in a beam per unit time
 - Can be wavelength specific
- Pyranometers focus on solar radiation
 - Typically wavelengths from 0.3 to 3 μm
- Types:
 - Thermopile
 - Photodiode
 - Photovoltaic



Thermopile



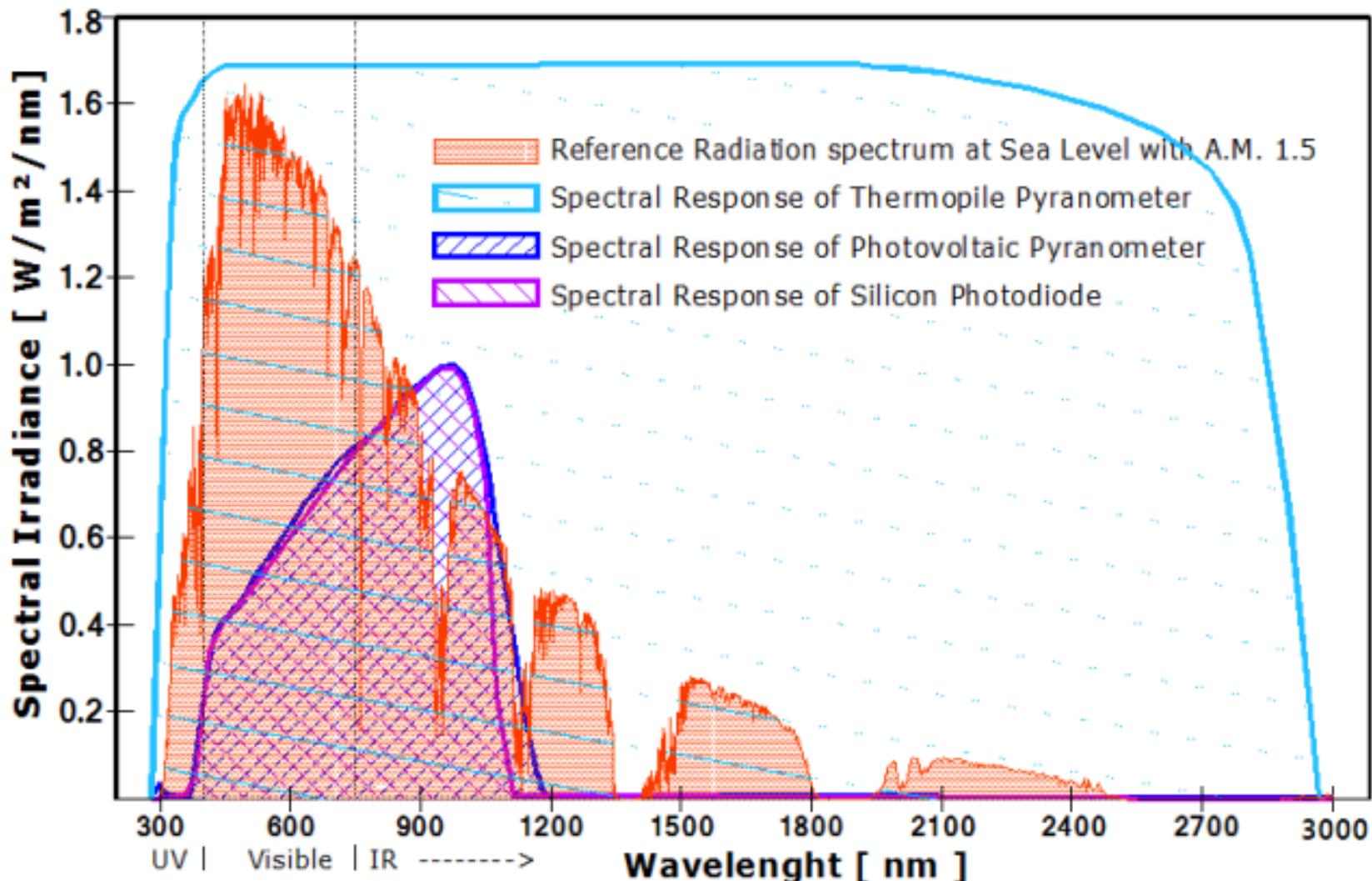
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Photodiode

Pyranometers

Spectral Irradiance and Spectral Response



CLASS ACTIVITY

Class Activity

- Finish electricity data logging exercise from last week