

Resource Conservation Planning

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Everything is a resource

- Energy
- Water
- Raw Materials
- Waste
- Money
- Time

How to mine the highest return

- Mass balance
- Energy balance
 - Benchmark
- Regulatory screen
- Economic evaluation
 - Efficiency

Does this sound like TUR to you?

Case 1: Energy/Raw Materials/Money

- Raw materials (organic solvents) have energy value; regulated to be burned via air permit
- Energy is captured during this process and recycled back to process coaters as heat
- Coater natural gas consumption is reduced (energy saved)
- Carbon footprint drops 6,000 TPY (carbon footprint reduced)
- This was presented at a TURI conference and can be found here:
https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Training/Continuing_Education/Recent_Training_Presentations/Continuing_Education_Conference_Fall_2012/Energy_Recovery_MADICO



Heat recovery oxidizer used to burn VOCs

| Option | Annual Energy Change (Kwhrs) | Annual Energy Change (Therms) | Annual Cost Savings | Reduction in CO2 Footprint (tons/year) |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Old Oxidizer Retired Subtotal | -28,970,076 | -988,459 | \$1,285,000 | 5,931 |
| 2002-2009 Facility Consolidation Subtotal | -2,201,995 | -75,132 | \$97,672 | 451 |

Case 2: Food Waste/Energy/Manure



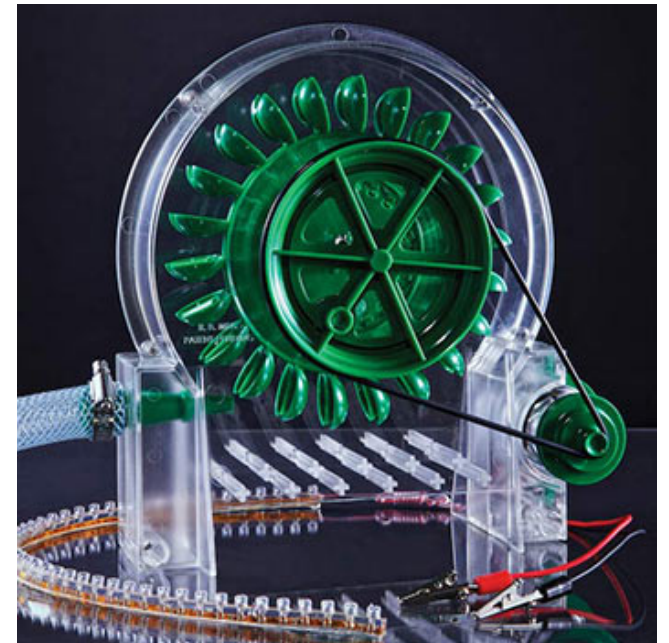
- Maine's largest dairy farm had an issue with manure disposal
- They now run three biodigesters in the state, producing electricity, converting the waste to fertilizer to be reused on land used to graze cows
- The digesters run 40% food waste/60% manure produce CH₄ that is burned to generate electricity (enough for 1600 homes)
- <https://www.agricycleenergy.com/about-us/what-is-anaerobic-digestion/>



Case 3: Water/Energy/Money

- Water turbines produce energy using pressure drop (ΔP) & water flow (GPM)
- Water turbines have HIGH efficiency of energy transfer (99% for Pelton shown below)
- Finding the right fit depends of the two variables the turbine uses
- Three residential water turbines power profiles below; then two industry examples

| Design Parameter | Joe | Dan | Andy |
|---|-----|-------|-------|
| Head (ft) -same as DP | 1.7 | 35 | 75 |
| Flow (gpm) | 75 | 35 | 6 |
| Water Turbine Supply | | | |
| Watts | 24 | 230 | 78 |
| Watt-Hrs/day | 576 | 5,520 | 1,872 |
| Kwhrs/month | 17 | 165 | 57 |
| Home Kwhrs/month Demand | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Water Turbine Percent of Home Energy Demand | 4% | 41% | 14% |



Co-Gen Facility

<https://www.calpine.com/westbrook-energy-center>



- Calpine generates 552 MW electricity
- A co-generator has two turbines generating electricity, one uses steam, the other waste heat from the first pass turbine
- To generate steam for the first pass, water from Portland Water District (PWD) is the source. PWD gets the water from Sebago Lake.
- If a slipstream of incoming water could be run through water turbine, stepping down line pressure, energy could be extracted.
- You are tapping power from pressurized incoming city water from PWD pumping station.

Calpine Co-Gen (con't)

- Incoming water flow = 174,000 GPM
- Water line pressure = 60 PSI
- Assume water turbine is 99% efficient
- Assume 10% slipstream run through turbine
- Power generated by water turbine: **300,000 watts** = 300 KW
- $300 \text{ KW} \times 24 \text{ hr/day} = 7,200 \text{ KWhr/day} \times 30 \text{ day/month} = \mathbf{216,000 \text{ kwhr/month}}$
- Yes-- we are dealing with a power plant that doesn't need extra power
- Or maybe it does, during a brownout or other emergency
- Let's take a look at an electroplater using a water turbine

Electroplating

- Water use = 10 million gallons annually ($\sim 275 \text{ lb}_m/\text{min}$)
- Since the water flows through various tanks before hitting waste treatment and being discharged, why not grab some of that energy?
- Incoming water line pressure 70 PSI x 2.31ft head/PSI= **162 ft head**
- $162 \text{ ft lb}_f / \text{lb}_m \times 1.356 \text{ watt sec} / \text{ft lb}_f = \mathbf{220 \text{ watt sec} / \text{lb}_m}$
- $220 \text{ watt sec} / \text{lb}_m \times 275 \text{ lb}_m / \text{min} \times \text{min} / 60 \text{ sec} = \mathbf{1,007 \text{ watts}}$
- $1,007 \text{ watts} \times 24 \text{ hr} / \text{day} \times \text{KW} / 1,000 \text{ watts} \times 30 \text{ day} / \text{month} = \mathbf{725 \text{ KWHR} / \text{month}}$
- This might help with the office lights, but for electroplating, this is a small contribution

Calpine Co-gen – Water Conservation

- During a field trip to the facility with SMCC students, one picked Calpine for his energy capstone project in the Intro to Engineering class
- Forrest noted the cooling towers were losing tremendous amounts of water vapor and wanted to capture the loss; Calpine spends \$500,000/year for water
- His solution was an adaptation of fog nets used to condense water in arid climates, saving 30% of water used (108,765,936 gallons of Sebago Lake)



Forrest on left; these are the two water intakes at Calpine

