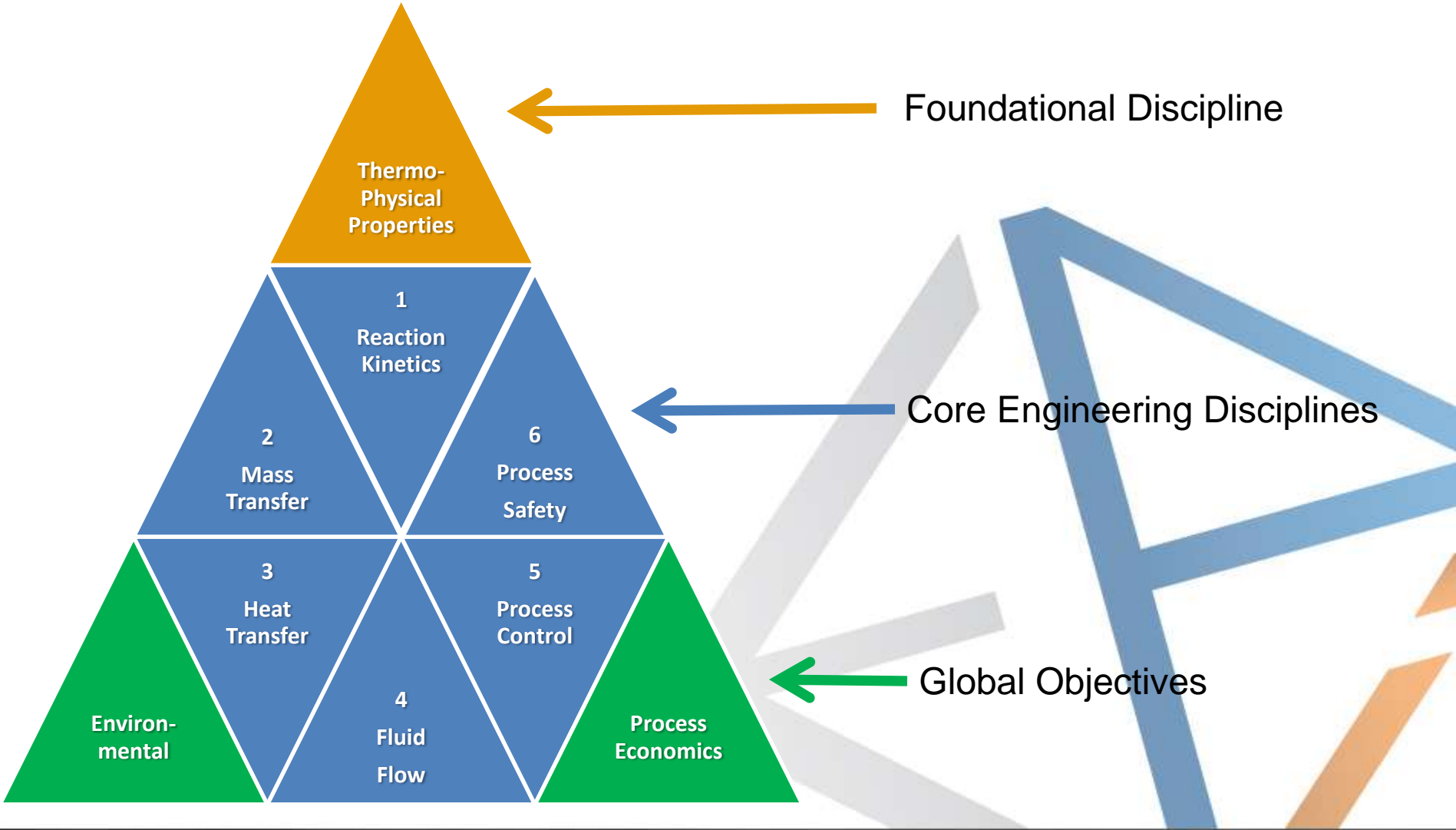




# Go For the Gold Medal in your Chemical Engineering Career

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- Choose your Event
  - What is your passion in Chemical Engineering?
  - Work on this passion even if it's on your own time
  - Choose mentors who have experience in your passion
- Practice Hard
  - Focus on the fundamentals
  - Choose your mentors
- Have a Vision!
  - Develop short and long term visions
  - Don't listen to the wrong voices (ear plugs sometimes required)
- Go for the Gold!
  - Usually at least 4 years of hard work
  - Sometimes it will take several Olympics to realize Gold
  - Stay with it – you are in the race until you step off the track

- Process Systems – *Increased Throughput*
- Energy Systems – *Reduced Fuel, Electrical, Chemical and Water Costs + Increased Throughput*
  - Steam Networks, Letdown Valves/Turbines
  - Condensate and BFW Systems
- Water Systems – *Reduced Electrical, Chemical and Water Costs + Increased Throughput*
  - Cooling Water Distribution Systems
  - Process Water Distribution Systems
- Safety Systems – *Personnel and Asset Protection*
  - Fire Water Distribution Systems
  - Flare Header Gathering Systems
  - Pressure Relief Valves



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## Energy

Steam Systems  
Condensate  
Fuel Systems

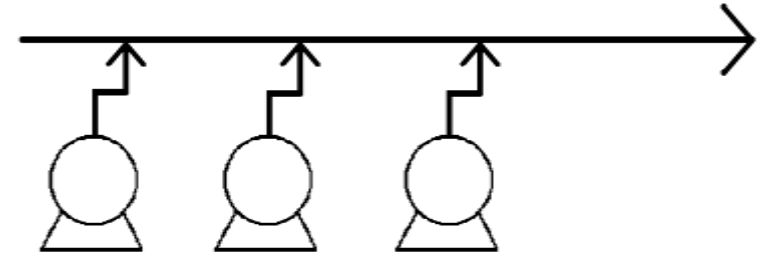
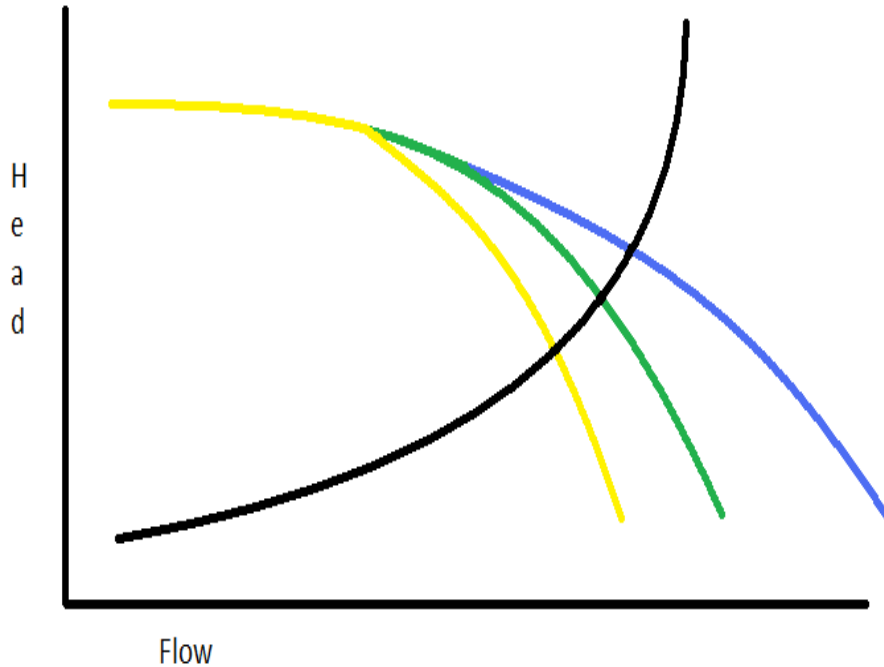
## Water

Cooling Water  
Boiler Feedwater  
Clarified Water

## Safety

Flare Headers  
Firewater  
Safety Showers

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X2 Capacity?

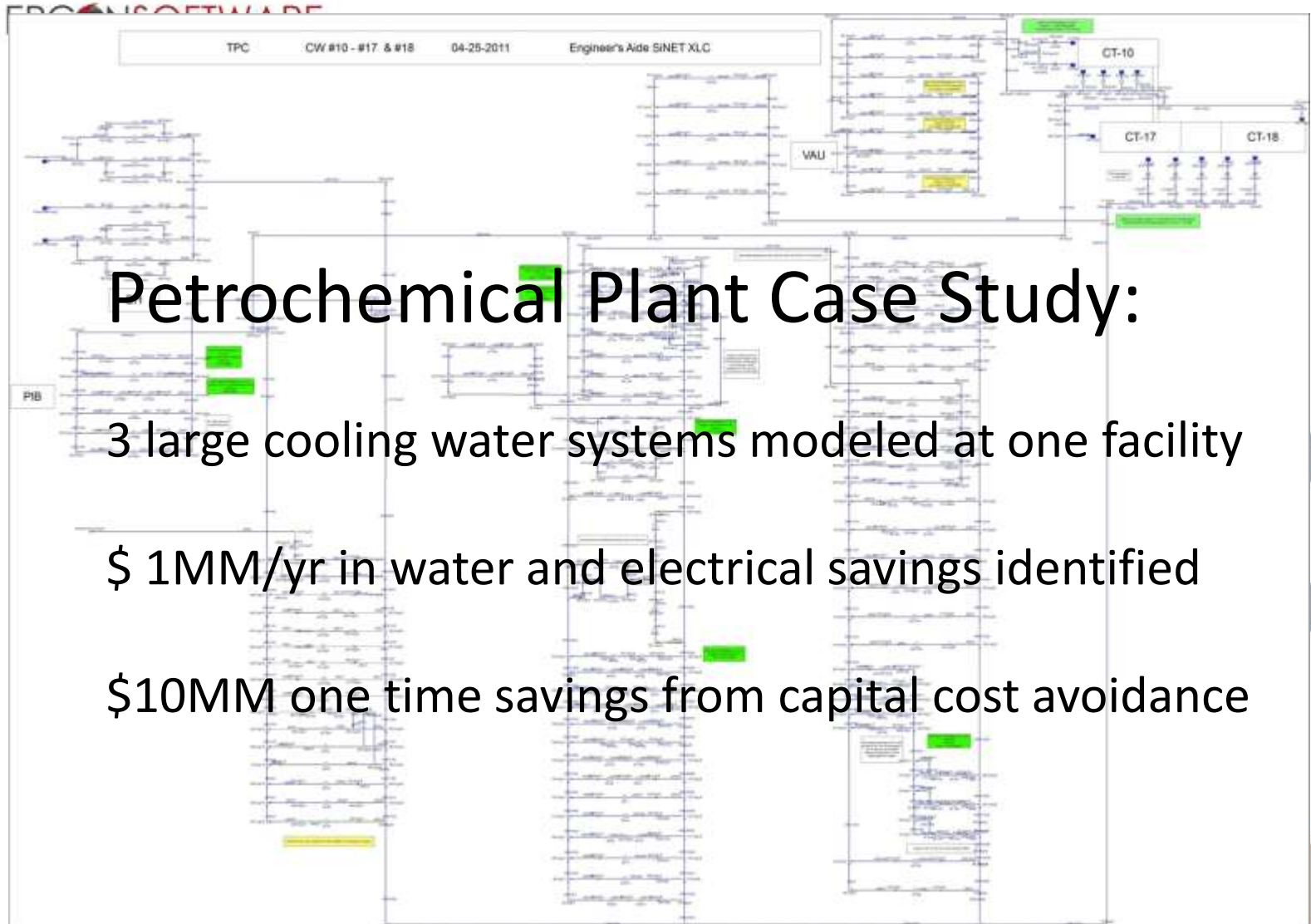
X3 Capacity?

## Petrochemical Plant Case Study:

3 steam and 2 condensate systems modeled

\$ 6MM/yr in steam/condensate leak savings identified





$$P_1 + \frac{\rho v_1^2}{2g_c} + \frac{\rho Z_1}{144} = P_2 + \frac{\rho v_2^2}{2g_c} + \frac{\rho Z_2}{144} - \sum_{1,2} F + W$$

For determining pressure drop from pipe inlet (1) to pipe outlet (2)

P=Pressure (lbf/in<sup>2</sup>)

v= Kinetic Energy (ft/sec)

Z=Potential Energy (ft)

W= Work done on or by the fluid (lbf/in<sup>2</sup>)

ρ= Fluid Density (lbf/ft<sup>3</sup>)

g<sub>c</sub>=Acceleration of Gravity (32 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>)

144 in<sup>2</sup> = 1 ft<sup>2</sup>

$$P_1 - P_2 = \left( \frac{\rho v_2^2}{2g_c} - \frac{\rho v_1^2}{2g_c} \right) + \left( \frac{\rho Z_2}{144} - \frac{\rho Z_1}{144} \right) - \sum_{1,2} F + W$$

PRESSURE ENERGY = KINETIC ENERGY + POTENTIAL ENERGY + FRICTION ENERGY + WORK ENERGY

+ Kinetic Energy Change

+ Potential Energy Change

+ Frictional Energy Change

+ Work Energy Change

= Pressure Energy Change (what we are solving for!)

$$F = \rho/144 \left( \frac{fL}{D} + \sum K \right) \frac{v^2}{2g_c} \quad K = \frac{fL}{D}$$

To calculate pressure drop from pipe friction and minor losses

F=Frictional Energy Loss in Pipes (lbf/in<sup>2</sup>)

f= Moody or Darcy Friction Factor (dimensionless)

L= Pipe Length (ft)

D= Pipe Diameter (ft)

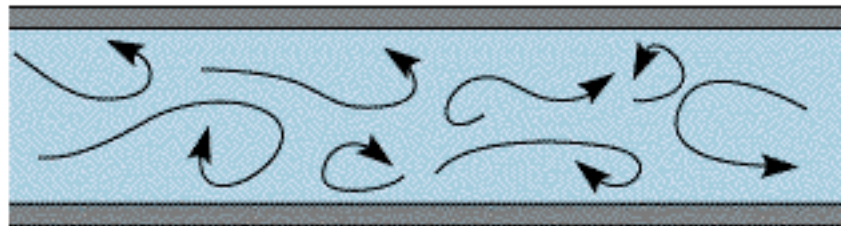
K= K Value for Flow Resistance (dimensionless)

v= Average Velocity (ft/sec)

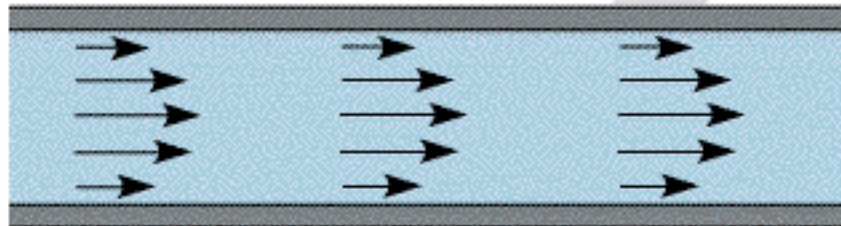
$g_c$ = Acceleration of Gravity (32 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>)



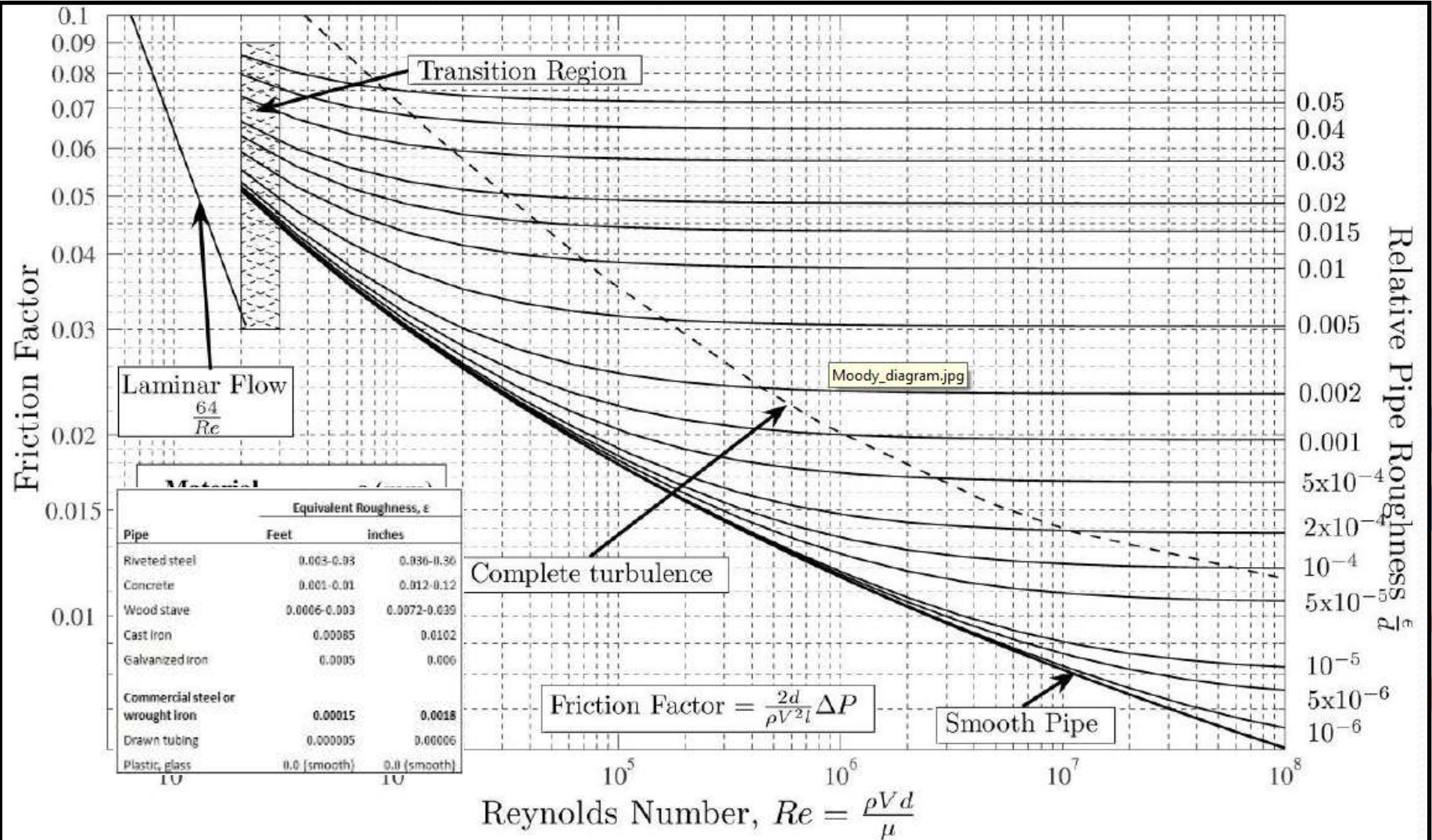
Turbulent



Laminar



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<i>Fitting, Hand Valve</i>	<i>K Value</i>
Short Radius 90 Deg. Elbow (r/d=1)	20 $F_t$
Long Radius 90 Deg. Elbow (r/d=1.5)	14 $F_t$
Tee Thru	20 $F_t$
Tee Branch	60 $F_t$
Pipe Entrance	0.5
Pipe Exit	1
Gate Valve	8 $F_t$
Ball Valve	3 $F_t$
Butterfly Valve	45 $F_t$
Globe Valve	340 $F_t$
Swing Check Valve	50 $F_t$

<i>Pipe Dia</i>	<i><math>F_t</math></i>
0.5 inch	0.027
0.75 inch	0.025
1 inch	0.023
2 inch	0.019
3 inch	0.018
4 inch	0.017
6 inch	0.015
8-10 inch	0.014
12-16 inch	0.013
18-24 inch	0.012
26-48 inch	0.011

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- TPC Group Houston Operations was evaluating the potential expansion of several existing production units as well as building new production units.
- The need was identified to assess the capacity of existing utility systems including steam, condensate, compressed air, nitrogen, natural gas, fuel gas, cooling water, and firewater systems.
- Detailed simulation models of each utility system were developed and tuned to match existing plant data in order to identify available capacity of each system and understand current limitations.



- The analysis also provided significant insight into energy savings opportunities throughout the current plant operations.
- All plant utility systems were modeled and evaluated which have not been looked at in detail since their original design
- The end result of the studies provided identified cost reduction opportunities of >\$5MM, of which some have already been implemented.
- This presentation will discuss specific examples of the analysis and show corresponding results in both the steam and water systems.

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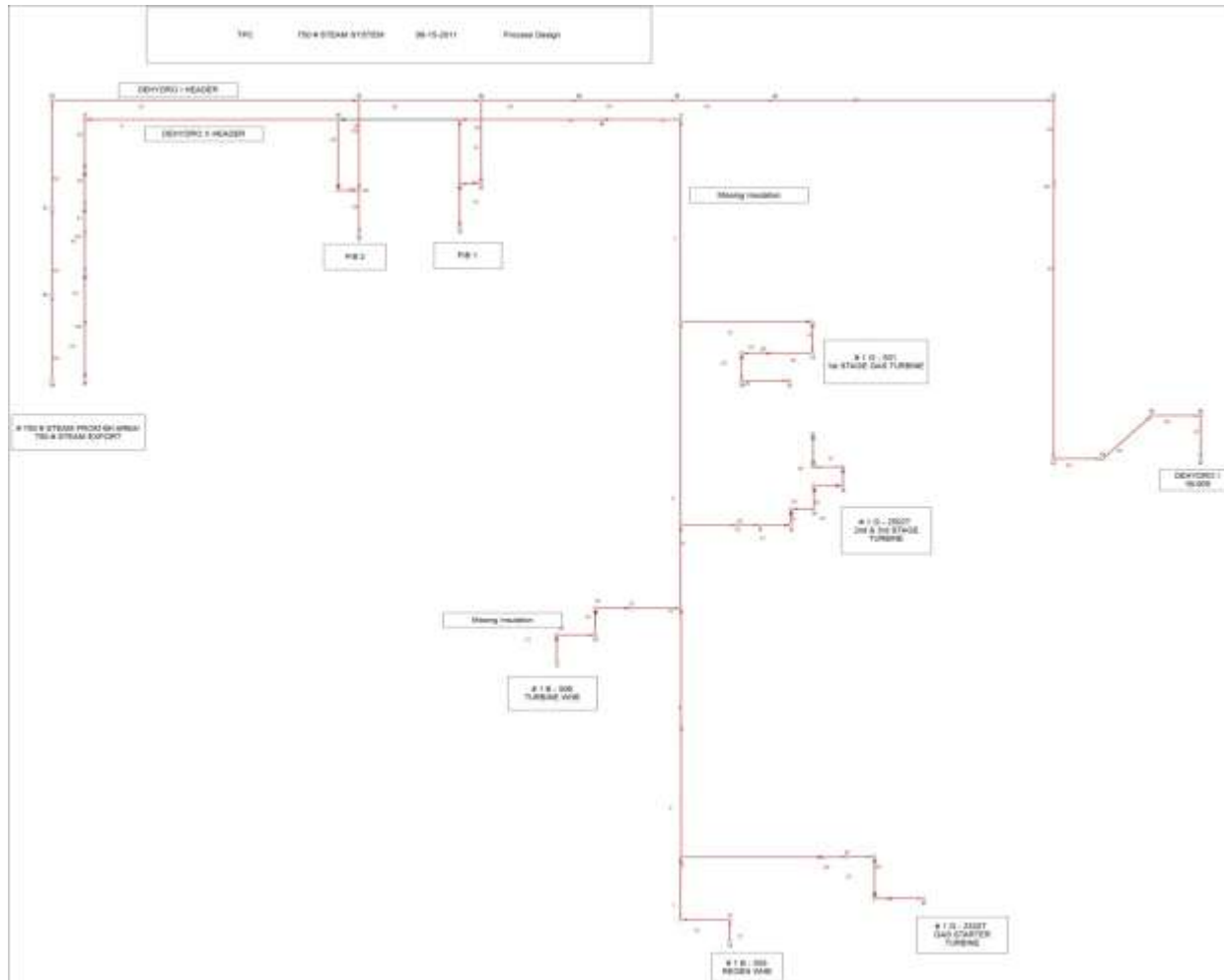
- 750# Steam Leaks (estimated) – 10,000 lb/hr
- 150# Steam Leaks (quantified) – 69,930 lb/hr
- 15# Steam Leaks (quantified) – 44,668 lb/hr
- Total Steam Leaks - \$124,598 lb/hr
- Estimated total cost of steam leaks - \$6,300,000/yr
- Estimated savings with 80% reduction - \$5,000,000/yr

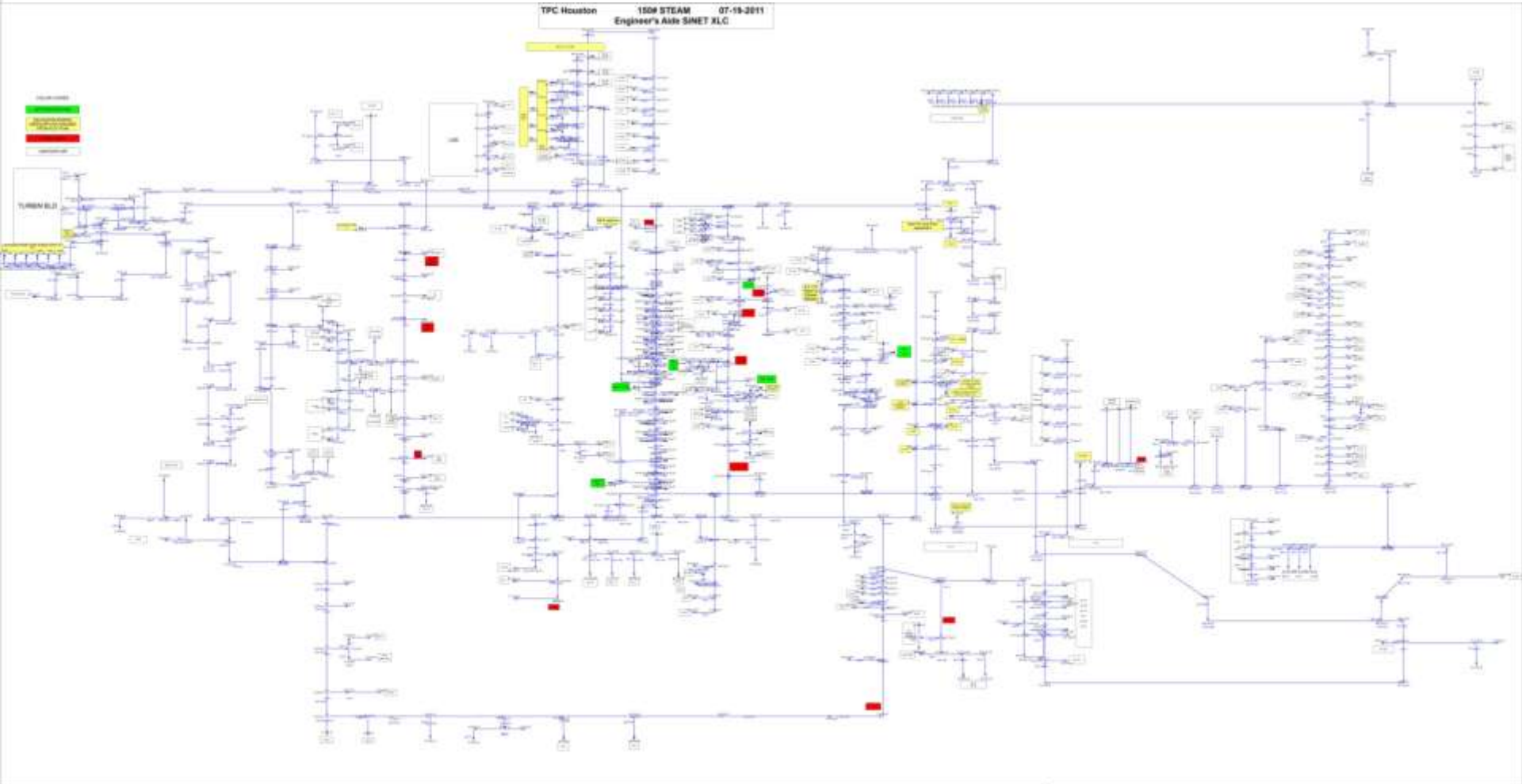
<b>Type</b>	<b>Basis</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>Type</b>
Cooling Water Pump HP	2500 HP	\$483,000	Annual
Fire Water Pump HP	200 HP	\$38,000	Annual
<b>Total Savings</b>		<b>\$521,000</b>	<b>Annual</b>

Type	Basis	\$ Amount	Type
CIWA Raw Water	800 gal/min	\$227,000	Annual
Clarified/Filtered Water	600 gal/min	(\$62,000)	Annual
<b>Total Savings</b>		<b>\$165,000</b>	<b>Annual</b>

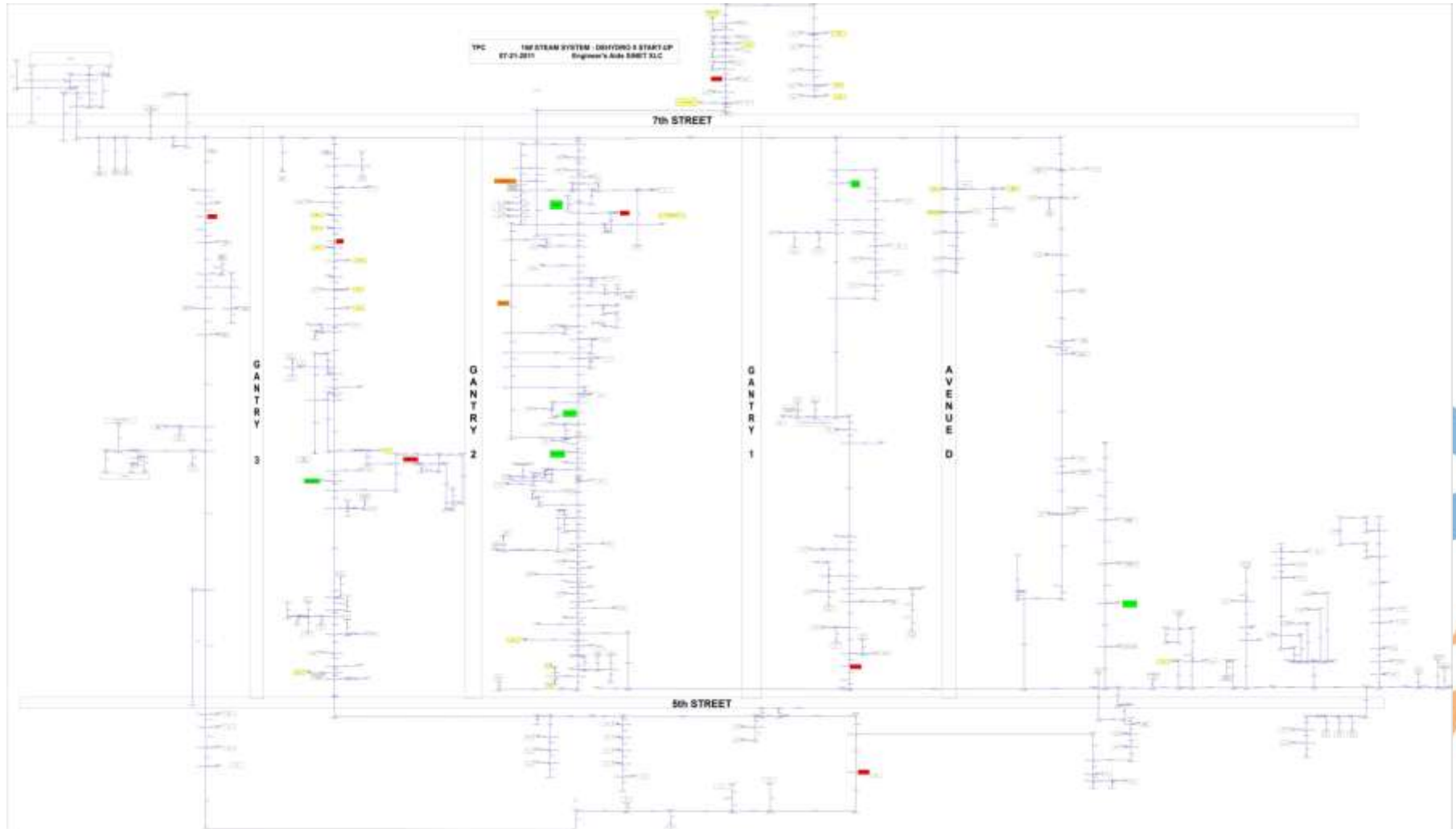


- Detailed walk-down of system piping required to build simulation models.
- All flowmeters and users identified and quantified using data historian.
- Detailed steam balance accomplished for one point in time on the data historian under typical operations.
- Additional flows required to validate the model to match field data represent steam leaks.
- Detailed flow simulation models built and validated to plant data by EPI Engineering using EPCON's industry leading Flow Simulation Software, Engineer's Aide SiNET.





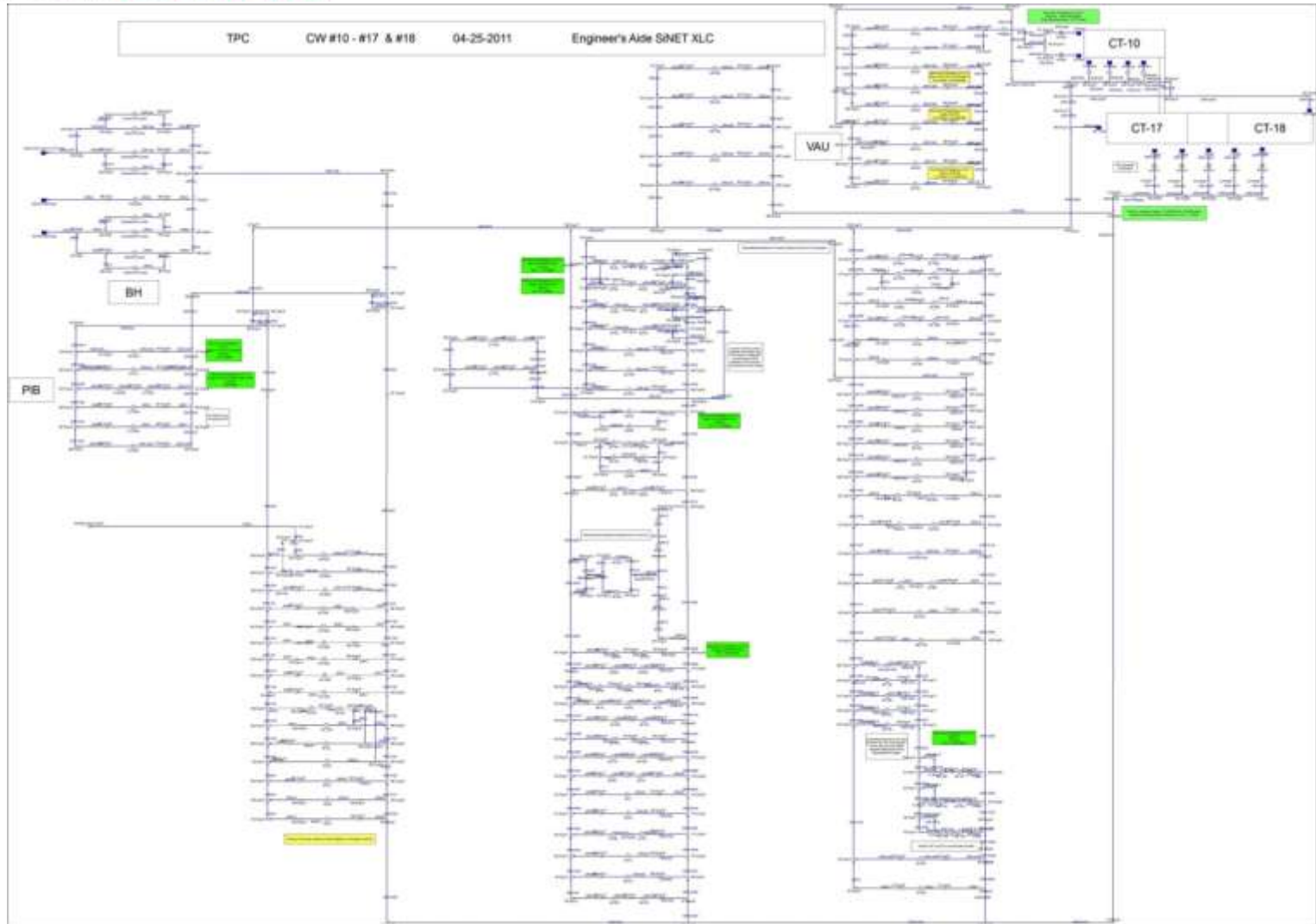
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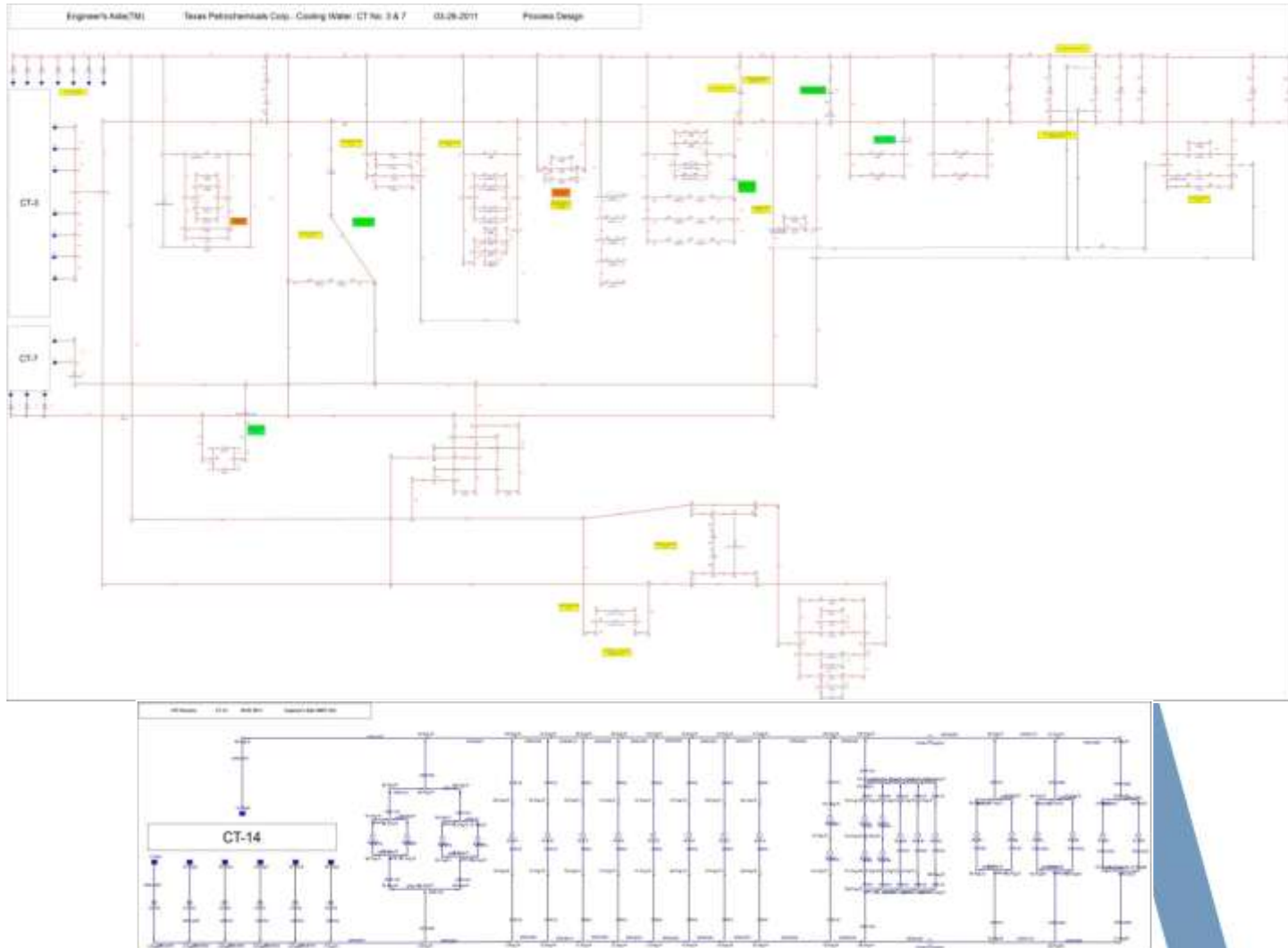


- Detailed walk-down of system piping required to build simulation models
- Collected field data on pressures and flowrates using new pressure gauges and ultrasonic flowmeters
- Additional resistances added in model are used to match the real-world data and quantifies system fouling
- Pump curves de-rated in models to match field performance data
- Detailed flow simulation models built and validated to plant data by EPI Engineering using EPCON's industry leading Flow Simulation Software, Engineer's Aide SiNET.

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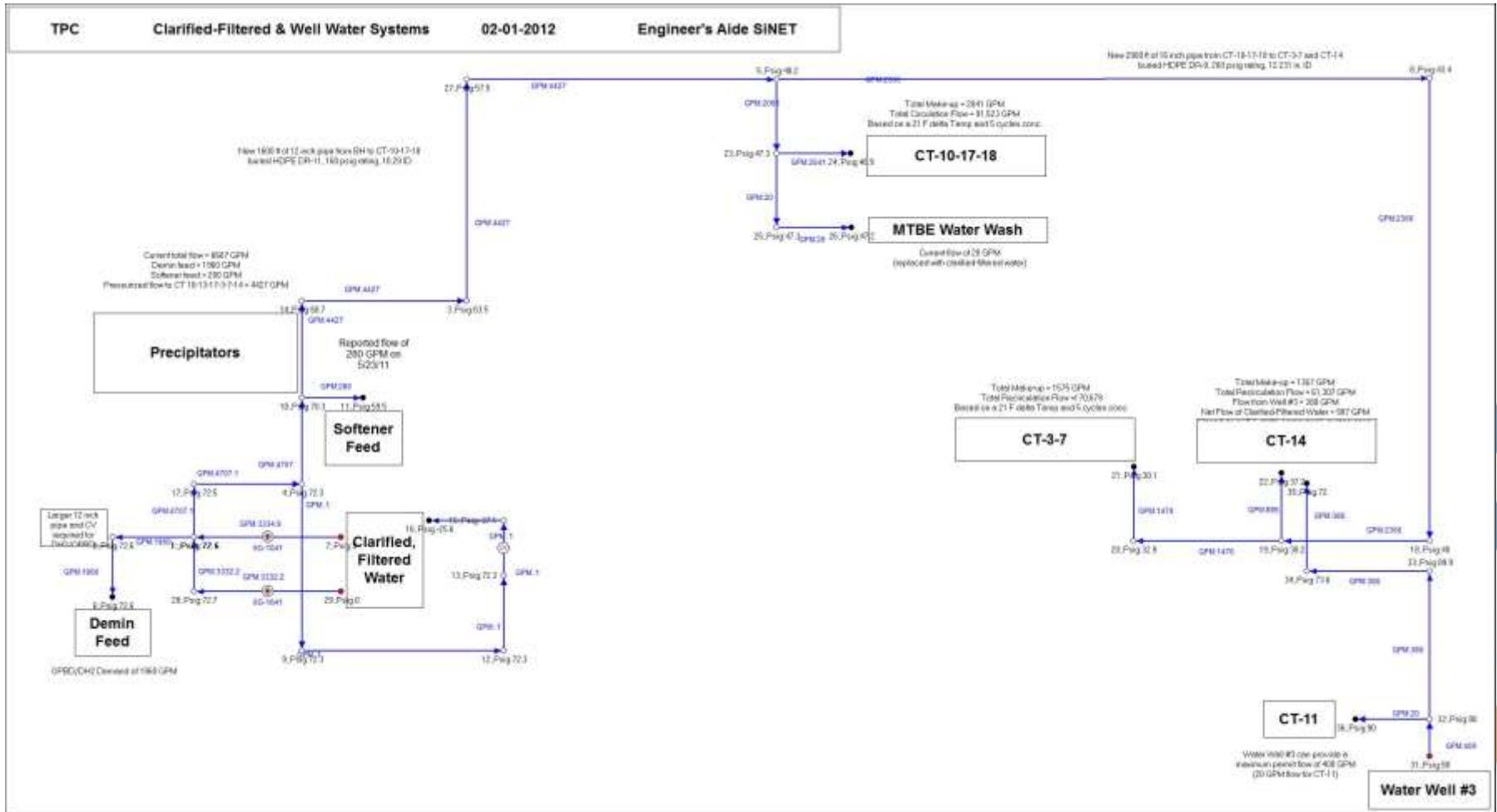


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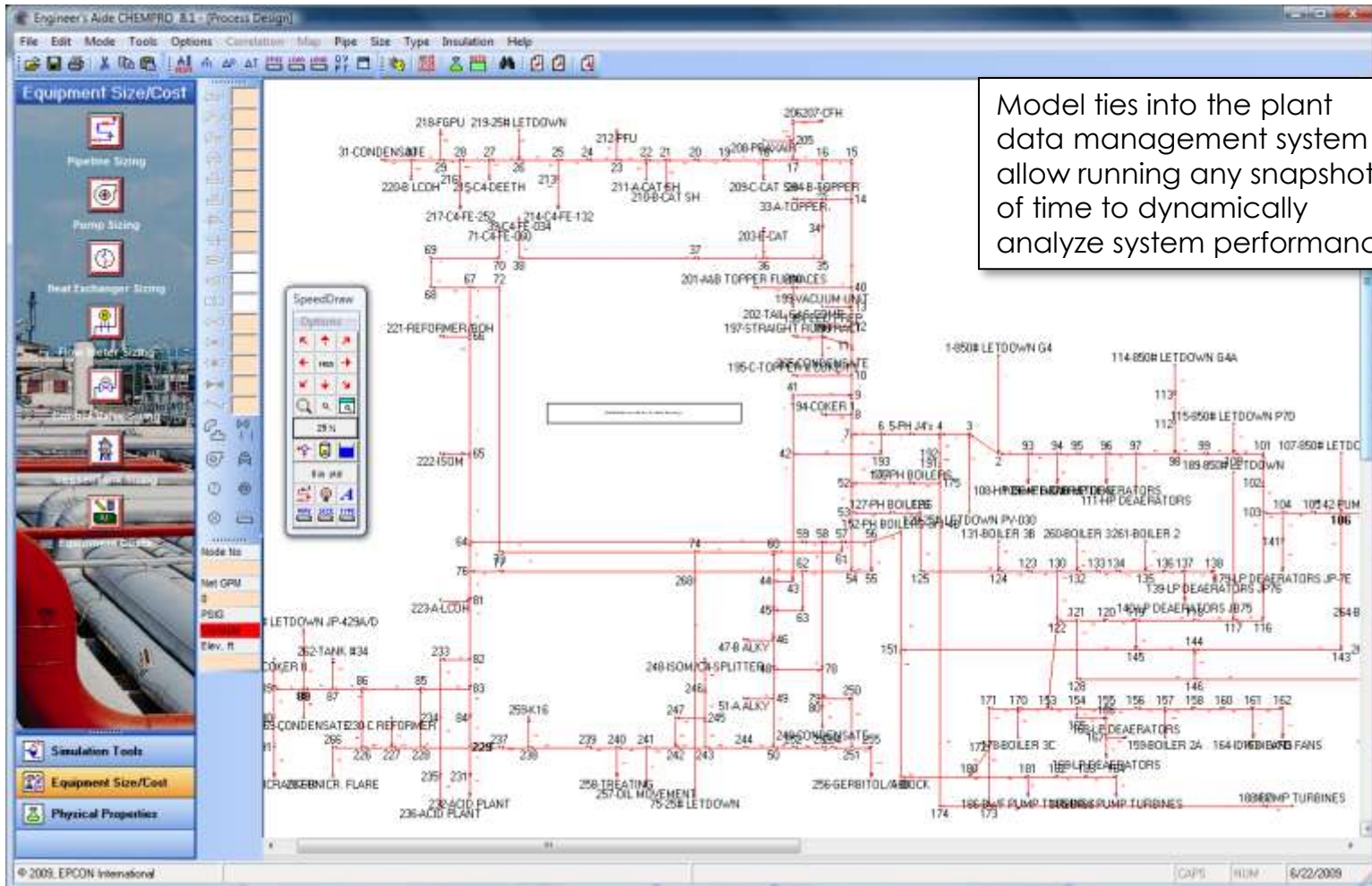
- A new clarified-utility water system was proposed to achieve the water savings and provide improved water quality for cooling water make-up
- Piping was routed to follow an existing underground HDPE firewater pipe now being installed around the facility
- Existing, clarified-utility water pumps were utilized to minimize capital costs
- Will allow for lowering flowrates to exchangers with the majority receiving 50-100% above their design flow to alleviate fouling from CIWA water used as cooling water make-up and avoid the major capital expense of a new cooling tower





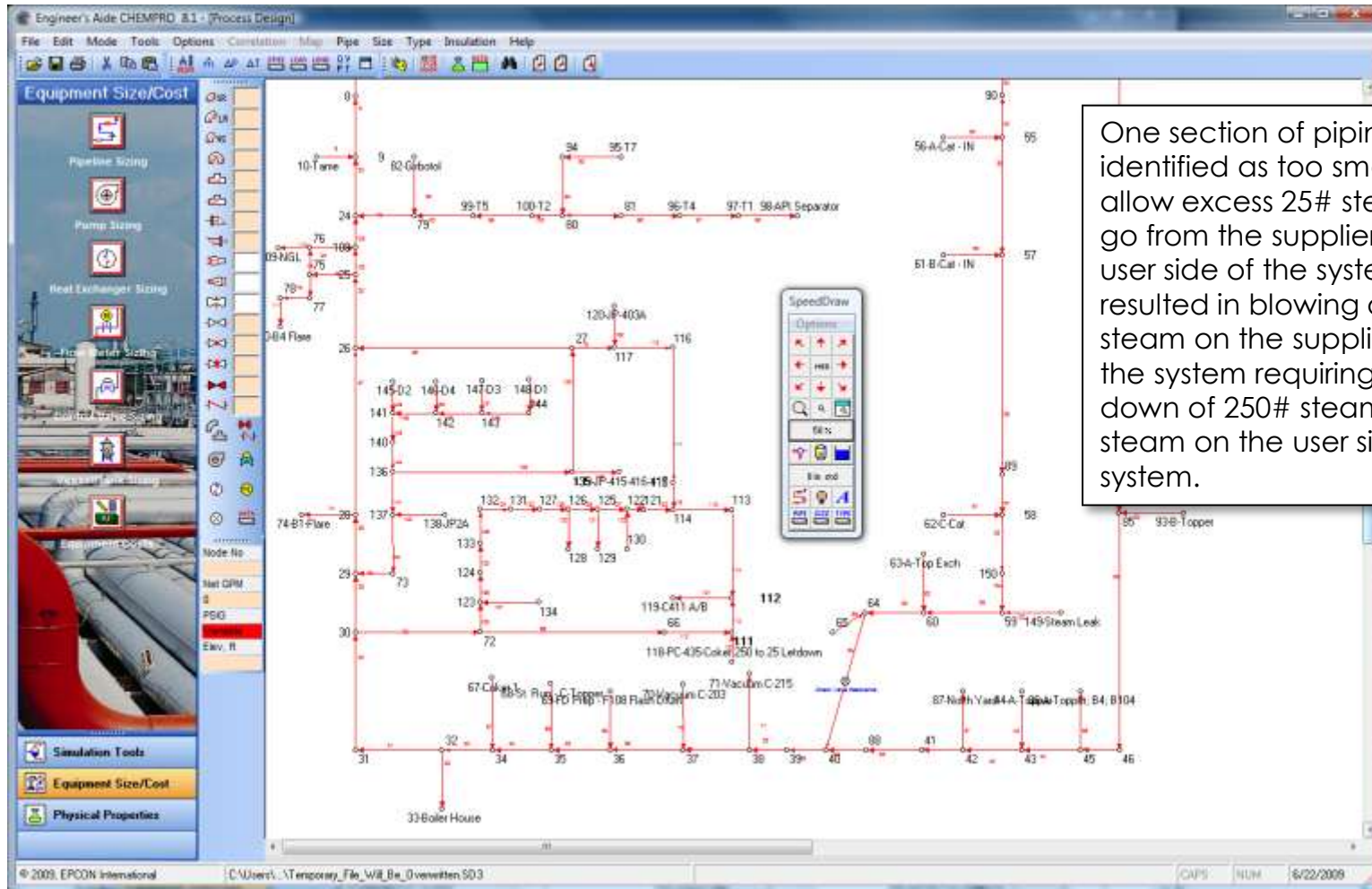
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- Quantified steam/condensate leaks (\$5MM+) for justification of repair
- Identified cooling water pump energy savings and capital cost avoidance savings to quickly justify and pay for the study
- Identified water savings to justify converting cooling water make-up from CIWA to clarified water
- Reduced exchanger fouling and improved process performance from use of clarified water as cooling tower make-up.
- Reduction in planned capital costs (\$500,000 in earlier study and recently \$10MM in avoidance of a new cooling tower)



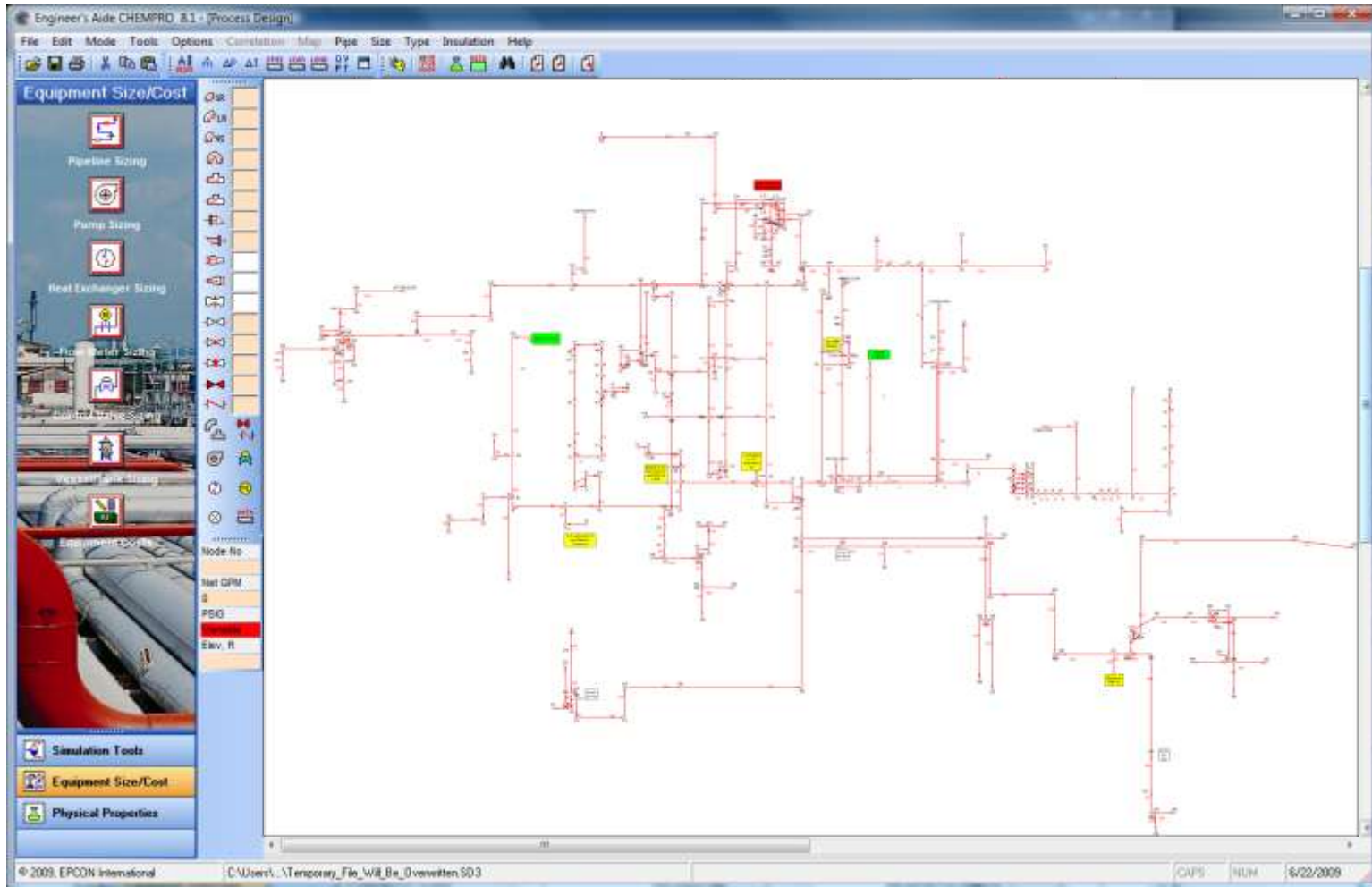
Model ties into the plant data management system to allow running any snapshot of time to dynamically analyze system performance





One section of piping was identified as too small to allow excess 25# steam to go from the supplier to the user side of the system. This resulted in blowing off of 25# steam on the supplier side of the system requiring letting down of 250# steam to 25# steam on the user side of the system.





P			Energy Units	mmbtu/h	Turb	Turb	Turb	Turb	Turb		Total	Total					
Generation			Steam Network Matrix	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	C	Heat	Work	Total	Total	Consumption		
Boiler	Process	Import	Pres	750	150	65	50	15	5	vent	Consum	Use	Use	Use	Prod	delta	
1,341.9			750	1,341.9	1,114.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		57.9	1,241.0	101.0	1,342.0	1,341.9	-0.1	
				work	101.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			mmbtu/h	101.0				
			LD	LD	45.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.9		HP	39,698.3				
			150		0.0	5.8	0.0	183.9	68.5		532.2	1,142.3	12.5	1,154.8	1,160.1	5.3	
				work	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	4.7			mmbtu/h	12.5				
			LD	LD	70.7	94.5	137.2	0.0	49.6			HP	4,932.2				
			65		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		29.5	66.7	0.0	66.7	76.4	9.7	
				work	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			mmbtu/h	0.0				
			LD	LD	0.0	0.0	37.2	0.0	0.0			HP	0.0				
			50		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		89.0	108.7	0.0	108.7	94.5	-14.2	
				work	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			mmbtu/h	0.0				
			LD	LD	0.0	19.8	0.0	0.0	0.0		0	HP	0.0				
			15		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		347.5	397.8	0.0	397.8	378.1	-19.7	
				work	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			mmbtu/h	0.0				
			LD	LD	0	50.2	0	0	0			HP	0.0				
			5		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		69.5	69.5	0.0	69.5	68.5	-1.0	
			LD	LD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			HP	0.0				
			<b>Total</b>	mmbtu/h	1,341.9	1,160.1	76.4	94.5	378.1	68.5	122.7	1,125.6	2,956.5	113.6	3,070.0	3,119.6	-20.0
			<b>H</b>	btu/lb	1,347.5	1,239.5	1,238.3	1,226.1	1,200.3	1,159.3		Total Wor	mmbtu/h	113.6			
				psia	764.7	164.7	79.7	64.7	29.7	19.7			HP	44,630.5			
				temp F	<b>711.0</b>	<b>438.9</b>	<b>414.6</b>	<b>386.2</b>	<b>322.2</b>	<b>233.9</b>		Consump	Heat	Work	Vent	Total Cons	Generation
											Gross	1,125.6	113.6	122.7	1,361.9	1,341.9	-20.0

