Energy Management Information Systems –Efficiency Improvements for Industry

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# Outline

- Basic concepts and process
- Baseline establishment
- Possible process heat and boiler applications
- SSM Case Study
- Conclusion

## Energy Management Information Systems (EMIS) –Industrial Users

"Energy Management and Information Systems (EMIS) are combined hardware and software products that comprise a broad family of tools and services to manage commercial (or industrial) building energy use." (US Dept. of Energy)

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# EMIS Technologies and Uses

- Energy Information Systems
- Benchmarking or Utility tracking systems
- Building Automation Systems
- Equipment-Specific

   Fault Detection or
   Catastrophic
   equipment failure
   systems

### Terminology

- <u>WAGES</u>: Water, Air (compressed), Gas, Electricity, Steam
  - These usages set baseline of energy data for a process
- <u>Power vs. Energy</u>: Power is energy per unit of time (kW/hr) while energy is amount of work that can be performed by force (in this case, electrical work, kW) energy can be stored, power cannot
- <u>Demand</u>: the amount of energy required to perform specific task



# General Approach for EMIS

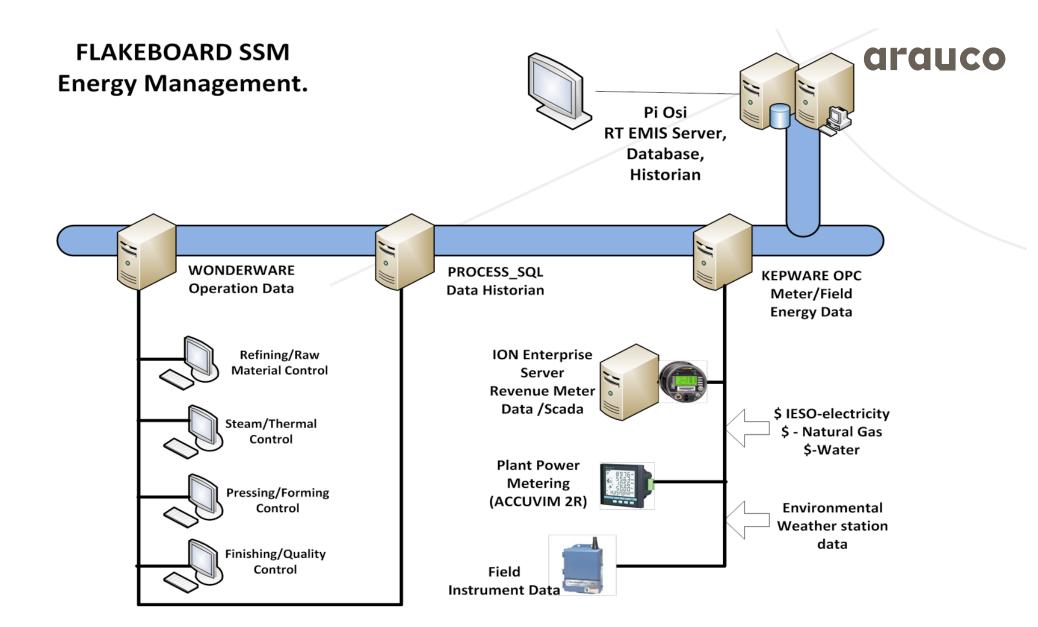
- Goals and major energy user identification
  - Concept Cannot measure or control what you do not monitor
- Determination of current equipment and resources
- Identification of necessary equipment and resources
- Planning
- Implementation and troubleshooting
- Baseline establishment
- Optimization
- Benefit realization



# Goals and Major Energy User Determination

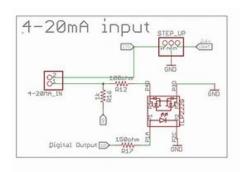
- Purpose of installation:
  - Energy, GHG, Carbon footprint reduction
  - Equipment/process optimization
  - Maintenance
  - Cost savings
- Process Break-up: Energy Account Centers - WAGES





### Baseline Establishment

- For necessary optimization, it is crucial to establish a baseline for energy use
- Generally, a year of data is necessary to establish a reliable data set
- Achievable targets can then be determined and incorporated based on trending from data set
  - M&V analysis and certification

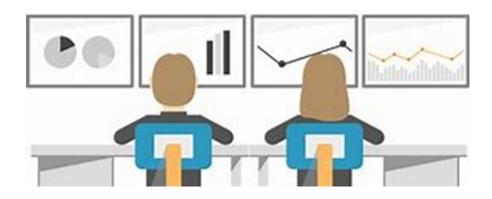




### Benefits and Challenges

#### Challenges

- Resources time, expertise, capital, lost production, etc.
- Data, data, data
- Training/buy-in

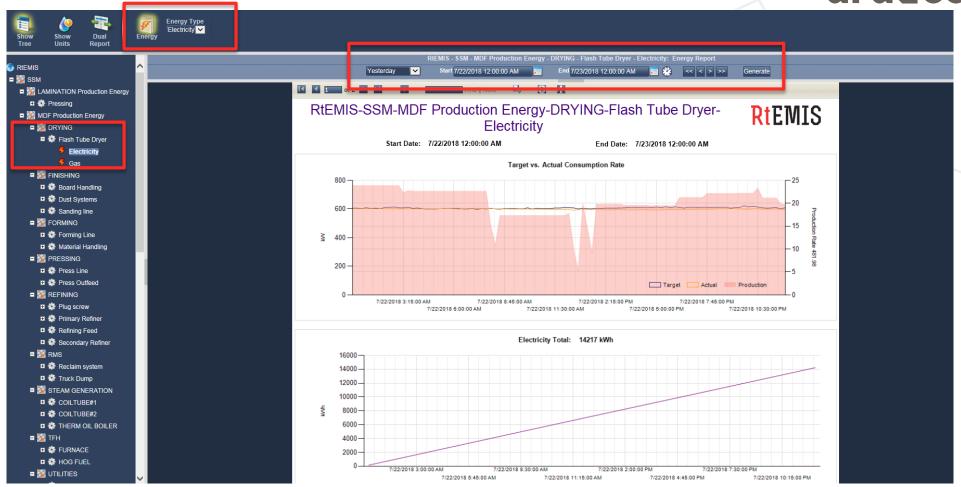


#### **Benefits**

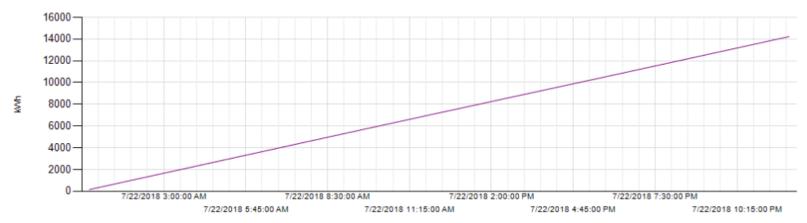
- Reduction in energy usage and carbon footprint
- Return on Investment.
- Improved equipment life and optimized processes
  - Lean manufactoring
- Rebate and incentive programs

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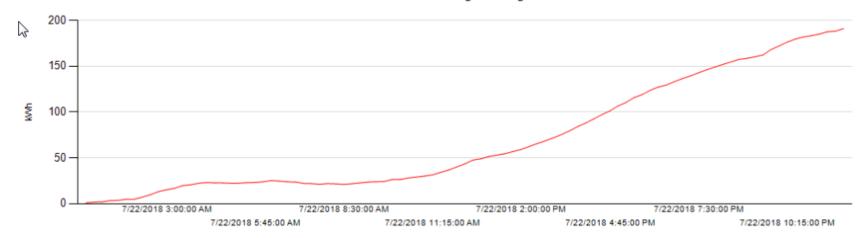


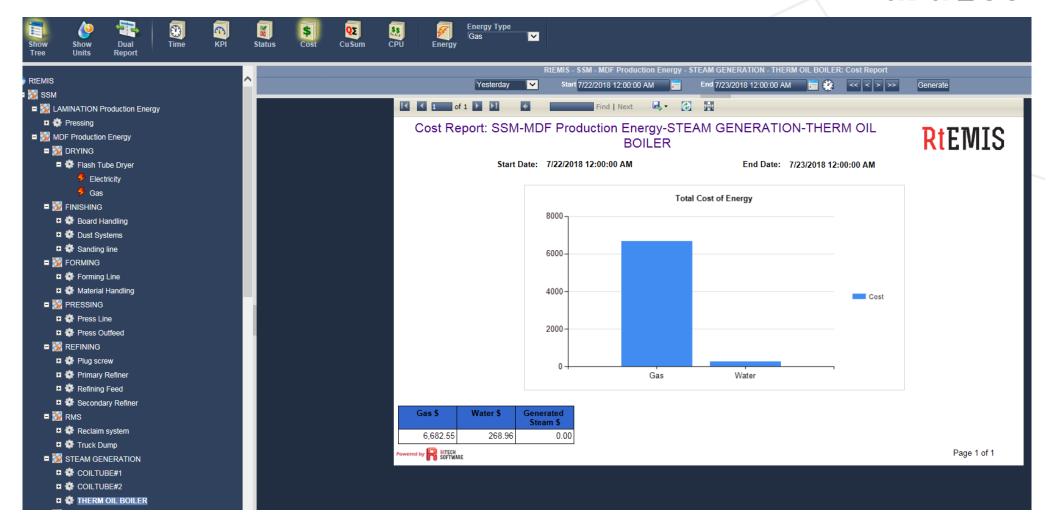






#### Cumulative Sum of Savings vs. Target





# Possibilities for Boiler/Process Heater Optimization

- Essentially what factors affect what, and by how much:
- Boiler efficiency are you getting as much steam as you should?
  - Where are your losses Piping, ineffecient combustion, water loss, etc.
- VFDs on big drives/motors
- Which fuels are most efficient?



# Boiler and Process Heater Applications – SSM case study

Use of EMIS to optimize DA and feedwater process in industrial boiler



# Boiler Feedwater System - SSM

- 3 Industrial process boilers used to produce steam for MDF process and one thermal oil boiler for lamination
- Meters installed on natural gas feed to combustion burner, ID fan motors, feedwater, make-up water, steam flow
- Baseline energy data and calculations determined that large amounts of potential thermal energy were exiting the system through flue gas heat
- 3 units rerouted to flow through exhaust stack to preheat deaerator feedwater
  - Recover thermal losses to pre-heat feedwater through Deaeration tank loop



# Boiler Feedwater System - SSM

- EMIS continued to grow and optimize at SSM over a number of years
  - As system grows, so does specificity "low hanging fruit" first
- Eventually put meters on boiler air compressor
- 25 mmBTU thermal oil boiler has gas-fired economizer
- Ran city water through boiler air compressor heat exchanger and directed hot water to gas fired economizer
  - Water was closer to setpoint lowered gas input to the economizer by ~10-20%
  - M&V analysis provided financial justification for project



# Questions?

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