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# Energy Efficiency Improvements for Fossil-Fired Power & Cogen Plants



ABB Power Generation North America

## Plant Losses: Thermal Process Losses + Auxiliary Plant Loads

- Conventional fossil-fired boiler power plants
   60-70% Thermal loss plus 7 15% Auxiliary loss
- CCGT: Combined cycle gas turbine power plants 45-50% Thermal loss plus 3 - 4% Auxiliary loss

Inefficiency loses money via higher heat rates\* and reduced net capacity

- Reduced power sales revenue / Excess fuel cost expenditures

- For North American Coal-fired plants:

Best HR: 9300 Btu/KWh (Eff = 37%) Worst HR: 14000 Btu/KWh (Eff = 24%)

\* Heat rate is thermal input divided by electrical output, the inverse of efficiency



# Plant Efficiency Improvement Goals

- Revenue Improvement: Enable a utility to sell & deliver more megawatts
- Reduce Operating Costs:
  - Improve plant net & gross heat rates (thermal → electric conversion efficiency)
  - Reduction in process variabilities improves reliability & uptime
  - Reduce upcoming CO2 emission costs
- Reduce Generator MVAR while maintaining robust power factor response
- Much more cost effective than new plant construction & life costs
  - Increases output and lifetime of existing sites
  - Costs are a mere fraction of the \$1.5M / MW for new plant construction



# Plant Efficiency Improvement Solutions

- "Drive Power" equipment Motors & Drives for large pump & fan systems
- Advanced Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) solutions for auxiliary loads
- Application of VAR Compensation (FACTS) equipment at the generation site: SVC, STATCOM, Capacitors & Reactors
- Updated Transformer technology and sizing
- Advanced Process Control Multivariable model-predictive controls



# MV & LV Motors – Available New Efficiencies



#### **ABB & Baldor Products**

- Induction motors
  - Older or rewound motor efficiencies ~85% or lower
  - New High Efficiency ~97%
  - Available up to 22 MW
  - Induction motors are usually the first choice for applications up to 10 MW
- Synchronous motors
  - Efficiencies of 98% or more
  - Typically considered for higher power ratings (e.g. above 8 MW to more than 100 MW)
- Permanent Magnet Motors
  - Low RPM applications
  - Can still be used with VFD's



### Power plant large pump applications use ABB motors & drives



# Power plant fan applications use ABB motors & drives





# Flow Control Methods: Efficiency v. Load Range





#### **Optimizing Plant Auxiliary Power Configurations** Solutions for Power & Water Stations Common DC Bus Solution

#### Adapting APSO and DC-Bus solutions for both power and water stations

- APSO to be adapted to water pumping stations as well as generating stations.
- Integrate both solution templates into ABB global plant engineering departments
- Exclusive offerings from ABB
- Targets: Fossil thermal, CCGT, Solar Thermal, and Water plant businesses



#### Benefits of APSO and DC-Bus

- Improved plant energy efficiency
- Reduce the total power conversion capacity of drive system
- Reduce size & number of transformers for MV drive systems
- Minimize/eliminate reactive power for the overall plant
- Implement coordinated controls for power plant performance improvement (APSO in 2011, DC-Bus 2012)
- Improved ride through of aux. system • under external disturbances
- DC-Bus can directly integrate local energy storage for ride-thru and black start



#### APSO: Auxiliary Power System Optimizer

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# **ABB Transformers: Right-Sized and Efficient**

- Aging unit step-up transformers
  - This item "touches" every bit of electrical power exiting the plant - rebuild or replace with new efficient designs
  - Up to 0.35% efficiency improvement
  - Improved reliability avoids outages!
- Unit Auxiliary Transformer
  - Should be "right sized" with current needs for best efficiency
  - Rebuild or replace aged UAT's with new efficient design





## **Power Factor (Q) Control: FACTS in the Power Grid**

#### Without FACTS



With FACTS





>>> FACTS increases real power flow in existing lines >>>

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### Dynamic Reactive Power Compensation in the Grid Where can FACTS-SVC go?





Output and Increased Generator Performance

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# **Generator Capability Curve**



ABB Power Generation North America Slide 13 - Power Factor Requirements:

-0.90 pf leading (capacitive)

-0.95 pf lagging (inductive)

#### Reactive Compensation:

- -/+ 52 Mvar (from gen)
- + 283 Mvar (capacitive)
- 175 Mvar (inductive)
- Rated Output:

- 695 MW
- **Current Operation:**

625.5 MW

Desired Output:

693 MW





# Generator Capability Curve With Large Continuous Controlled SVC



- Continuous Control SVC Solution
  - + 283 Mvar (capacitive)
  - 175 Mvar (inductive)
- Rated Output: 695 MW
- Current Operation: 625.5 MW
- Desired Output: 693 MW
- No switching elements required
- No limitations for operation



# **Evaluation Data Required**

- Voltage Levels (Generator Bus & Transmission Bus)
- Interconnection Requirements (power factor)
- Reactive Compensation Trends of Generator

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Plant / Unit	Generator Rating	Turbine Rating	Current Active Power Output	Desired Active Power Output
Plant 1:				
Plant 2:				



## **Advanced Control and Optimization of Power Plants**

How **APC** Improves Performance

Handling simultaneous constraints and variables



## **Advanced Control and Optimization of Power Plants**

**Improving Heat Rate** – MS Temperature Maximization



- Reduce variability
- Shift target

ABB Power Generation North America Slide 17 Higher steam temperature improves heat rate



## **Advanced Control and Optimization of Power Plants**

Improving Capacity – Coordinated MS Pressure Control



- Reduce variability
- Shift target

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Higher steam pressure increases capacity



# Some example numbers for crunching...

- Opportunities in a "typical" 600MW coal-fired unit circa 1980's
  - House load of 50MW (or more!)
  - New motors and VFD's applied to largest pumps & fans
    - 50MW of house load reduced to 38MW
    - Net heat rate improvement of 2%+ on average
    - Capacity improvement of 5-10MW+ at full output
  - SVC application If feasible: 20-60MW output improvement
  - Analyze against unit load, cost & sale profiles using above improvements
    - Each Megawatt of utilized additional capacity is worth \$500k/yr
  - Conservative project paybacks of 2-5 years



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