

# Combined Heat and Power

A Bird's Eye View

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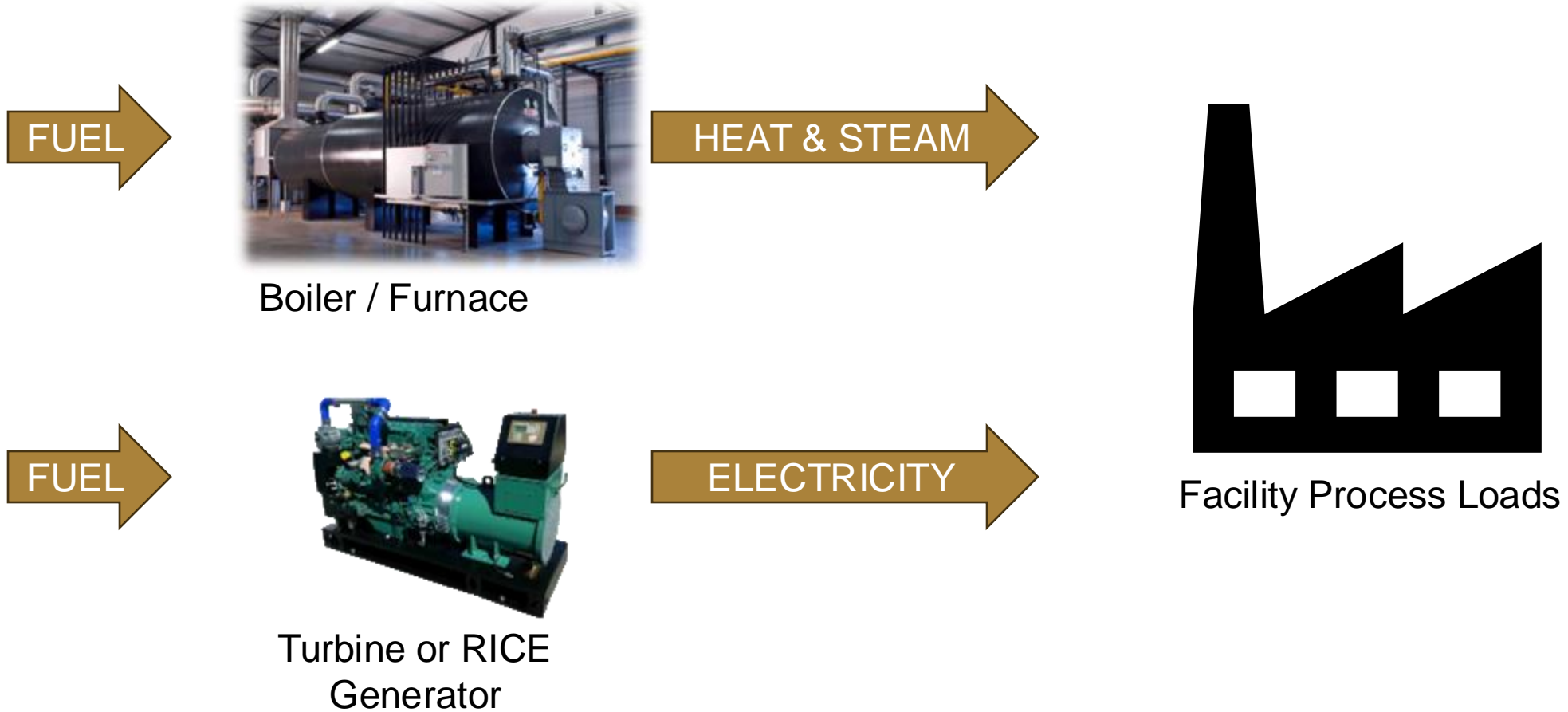


# Agenda:

- What is CHP?
- How Does CHP Work?
- Why Install CHP?
- Who Should Consider CHP?

# What is CHP?

# Conventional Energy Source



# Combined Heat and Power



# How Does CHP Work?

# System of Parts

PRIME MOVER

- Reciprocating Engine
- Gas Turbine
- Boiler/Steam Turbine
- Microturbine
- Fuel Cell

GENERATION

- Generator and Controls / Excitation
- Interconnection to Electrical Distribution

HEAT RECOVERY

- Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG)
- Heat Exchanger for Hot Water
- Heat Exchanger for Hot Air

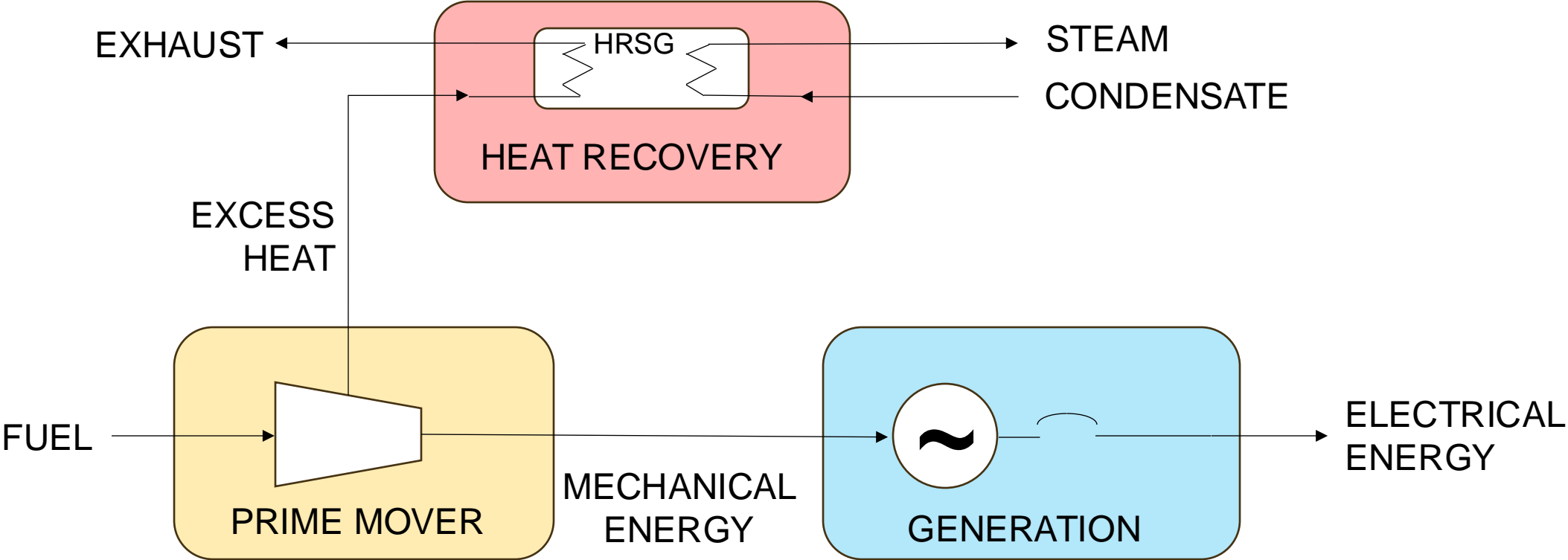
Table 1-1. U.S. Installed CHP Sites and Capacity by Prime Mover

Prime Mover	Sites	Share of Sites	Capacity (MW)	Share of Capacity
Reciprocating Engine	2,194	51.9%	2,288	2.7%
Gas Turbine*	667	15.8%	53,320	64.0%
Boiler/Steam Turbine	734	17.4%	26,741	32.1%
Microturbine	355	8.4%	78	0.1%
Fuel Cell	155	3.7%	84	0.1%
Other	121	2.9%	806	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>83,317</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* includes gas turbine/steam turbine combined cycle

Table taken from EPA 2015 CHP Report

# Typical CHP Flow Diagram





# Common Fuels



Reciprocating  
Engine/Combustion  
Turbine

Gasoline  
Diesel  
Natural Gas / Biogas



Steam Turbine

Natural Gas / Biogas  
Coal  
Biosolids  
Nuclear

# Common Types of CHP

CHP Type	Advantages	Disadvantages	System Sizes
Reciprocating Engine (Spark or Compression)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick start-up (full load in 2 minutes or less)</li> <li>• Low capital cost</li> <li>• Can follow variable loads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High maintenance costs</li> <li>• Relatively high air emissions</li> <li>• High noise emissions</li> </ul>	1 kW to 10 MW
Gas Turbine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly Reliable</li> <li>• Low Emissions</li> <li>• No cooling needed</li> <li>• Large amount of heat generation</li> <li>• Relatively fast start-up (full load in 20 minutes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires high pressure gas source</li> <li>• Reduced efficiency at low loading</li> <li>• Output is dependent on the ambient temperature</li> </ul>	500 kW to 300 MW
Steam Turbine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long working life and high reliability</li> <li>• Boilers can be fired by many fuel sources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires steam source (boiler)</li> <li>• Slow start up (hours)</li> </ul>	50 kW and up large scale MW

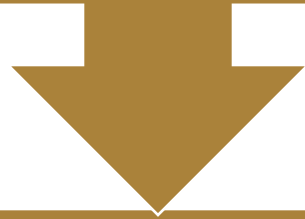
# Other Types of CHP

CHP Type	Advantages	Disadvantages	System Sizes
Micro Turbine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited amount of moving parts</li><li>• Compact and light weight</li><li>• Low emissions</li><li>• No cooling needed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High capital cost</li><li>• Relatively low mechanical efficiency</li><li>• Limited to lower temperature and power applications</li></ul>	30 kW to 250 kW
Fuel Cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low emissions</li><li>• Quiet operation</li><li>• Modular design</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High capital cost</li><li>• Sensitive to fuel impurities</li><li>• Fuel is more complicated to procure</li><li>• Relatively low power density</li></ul>	5 kW to 2 MW

# Why Install CHP?

# Increase Efficiency

Conventional heat and electrical generation is typically 50-55% efficient



By combining the heat and electrical generation, CHP can typically achieve efficiencies of 65-85%



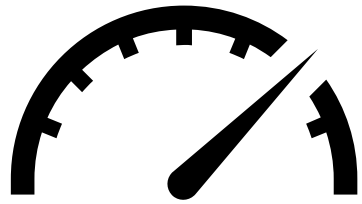
# Electrical Independence

- Aging Electrical Infrastructure
- Reduced Accredited Generation
- Increasing Electrical Loads
- Storms

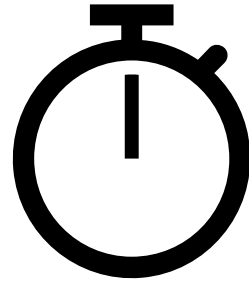


CHP Keeps Your Lights On

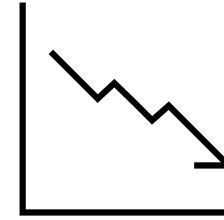
# Economic



Reduce Energy Cost



Reduce Down Time



Reduce Demand Charges  
&  
Peak Shaving

# Who Should Consider CHP?



# Common Applications

- Industrial Facilities



- Ethanol Plants
- Beet Sugar Processing
- Soybean Crush and Refining
- Many Others...

- Commercial Buildings

- Municipal Heating Districts
- Multi-building Campus
- Many Others...



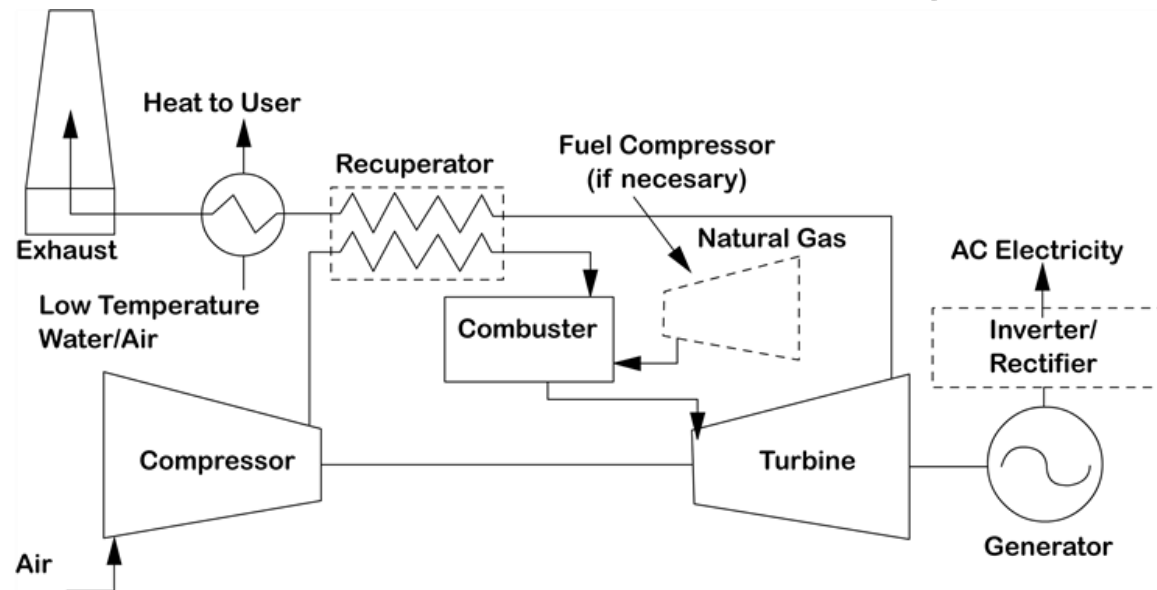
- Residential



- Domestic Hot Water
- Space Heating

# Microturbines CHP

- Small Combustion Turbines
  - Modular Units: 30-250 kW
  - Can run on multiple types of fuel including some “waste gas”
- Electrical production plus domestic water or space heating
- Current capital costs are relatively high



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