

Waste Heat Recovery Bigstone Plant Brian Deschner

## Biography

- Employed with Talisman for 25 years
- Worked 14 years in Chauvin in Oilfield as Engineering Technologist, operated wells and batteries, optimized wells, managed downhole work and supervised service rigs
- The last 11 years have been focused in Edson area gas properties as
  an Operations Technologist

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- Currently working in a role as Rotating Equipment Technologist
- Certified Engineering Technologist

### Agenda

- Background Bigstone Plant
- WHRU Project Background and Purpose
- Waste Heat Recovery Unit Design
- Controls– Instrumentation and Logic
- Challenges
- Installation
- Final Pictures
- Summary --Benefits / Impacts
- Moving Forward– Future Considerations
- Questions



### **Background - Bigstone Plant**

- Plant was built in 1995 by Petromet Resources Ltd.
- Sweet gas plant at 14-28-59-22 W5M
- Licensed throughput of 80 mmcf/d sales and 85 mmcf/d raw
- Compression 4 Reciprocating Inlet and 2 Solar Turbine Sales Compressors
- Starting looking at WHRU project in 2006, opportunity existed because of the need for additional heat in the process, installed in 2009

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### WHRU Project Background

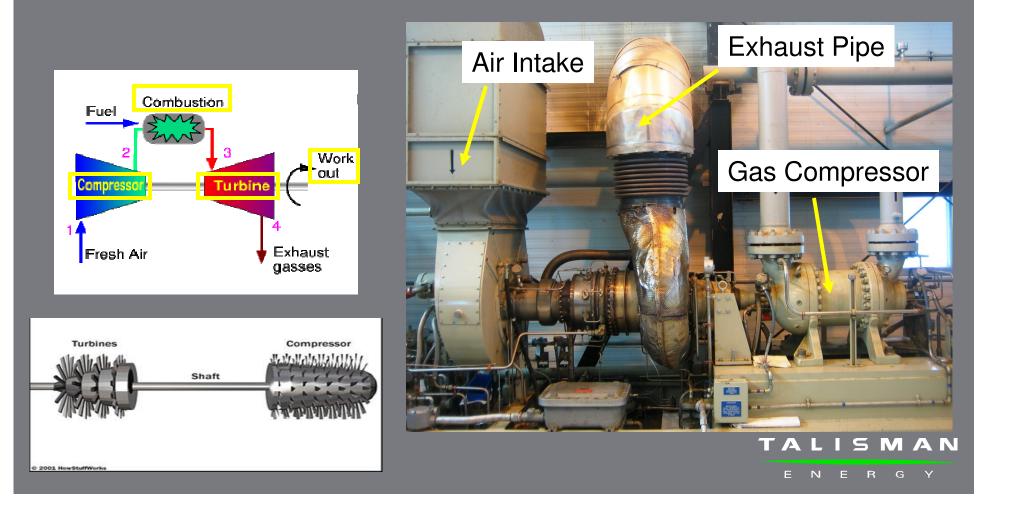
• Waste Heat Recovery Unit (WHRU):

- Recovers waste heat from exhaust of sales compressors and use heat exchangers to heat process fluids
- Replaces fired heaters in current heat systems
  Hot Oil (Process)
  Glycol (Heat tracing)
- -Fuel gas savings
- Increases heat medium reliability
  Glycol system was taxed



### WHRU Project Background--Turbines

- Saturn T1600 Solar Turbine Engine
  - Centrifugal compressor attached



### WHRU Project Background-- Turbines

- Outside view of Solar Turbine Building where WHRU was installed
- Replaced current exhaust stack with a dump stack and the WHRU (built into a second stack)
- Replaces fired heaters for hot oil and glycol (7.5 mm BTU/h)
- Excess heat is diverted up the dump stack





### **WHRU Project Background**

- Installation Site:
  - WHRU replaced existing exhaust stack
  - This stack provided easy access to pipe-rack
  - Existing hot oil heater and glycol heater were kept in line



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### **WHRU Design- Sales Compressors**

• Engine Performance:

Engine Inlet Temp Driven Equipment Speed Net Output Power Heat Rate Inlet Air Flow Engine Exhaust Flow Exhaust Temperature 10.0 ℃ 22300 RPM 987 kW 15649 kJ/kWh 20994 kg/h 20215 kg/h 527 ℃

Heat Output

11 mm BTU/h (One Turbine Exhaust)



### WHRU Design-- Hot Oil Heater

- Design Conditions
  - Load
    6.0 mm BTU/h
  - Inlet Temp
- 160 °C
- Outlet Temp 180 °C
- Esso Thermoil-- Heat Transfer Oil 46
  - Max Temp 200 °C
- Fuel Gas Usage
  - Approx

175 mcf/d (6.0 mm BTU/hr)

- Heat Usage
  - Glycol reboiler to regenerate tri-ethylene glycol
  - De-ethanizer bottom and de-ethanizer reboiler to release light ends from condensate





### **WHRU Design- Glycol Heater**

### Design Conditions

- Load 1.5 mm BTU/h
- Inlet Temp 40 °C
- Outlet Temp 80 °C
- 50/50 Ethylene Glycol Water Mixture



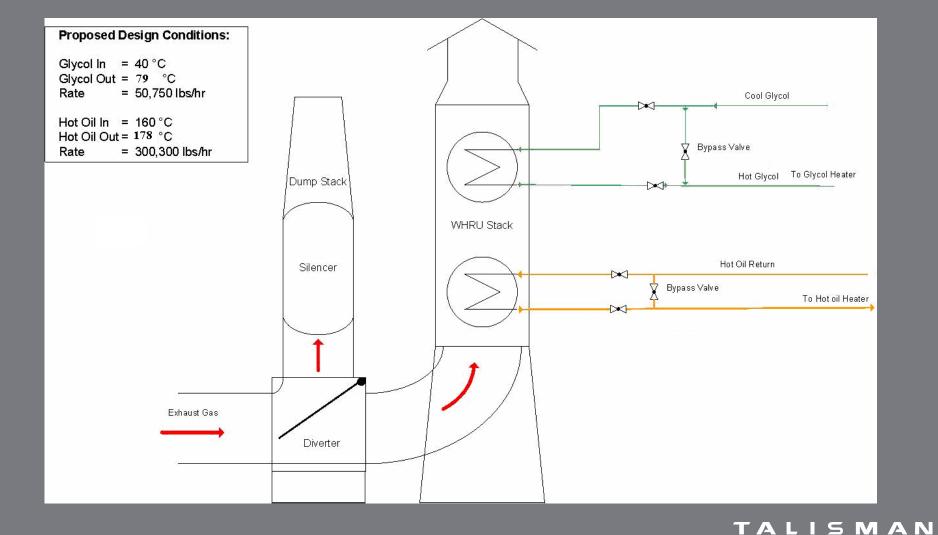
### Fuel Gas Usage

- Approx 125.0 mcf/d (1.5 mm BTU/h)
- Heat Usage
  - Building heat (roughneck heaters)
  - Heat Tracing (pipes and tanks)

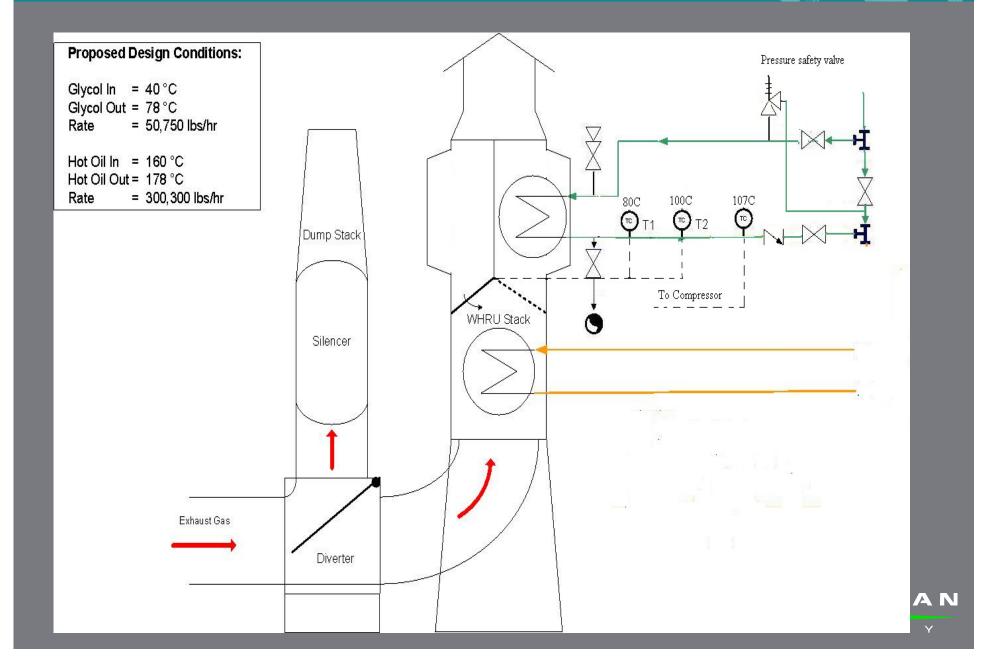


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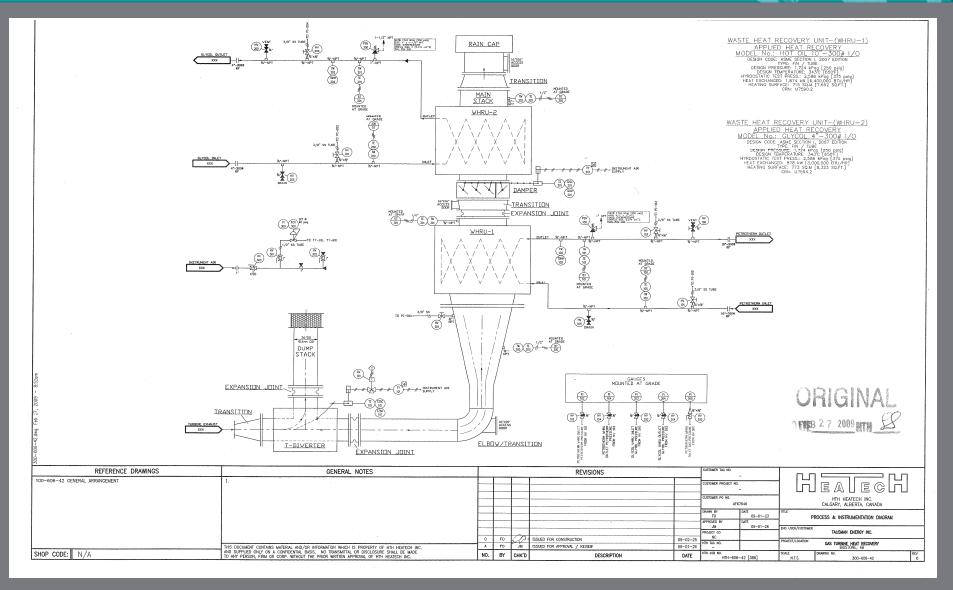
### WHRU Design – Initial Concept



### WHRU Design – Final Design



### WHRU Design – Final Design



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### Controls

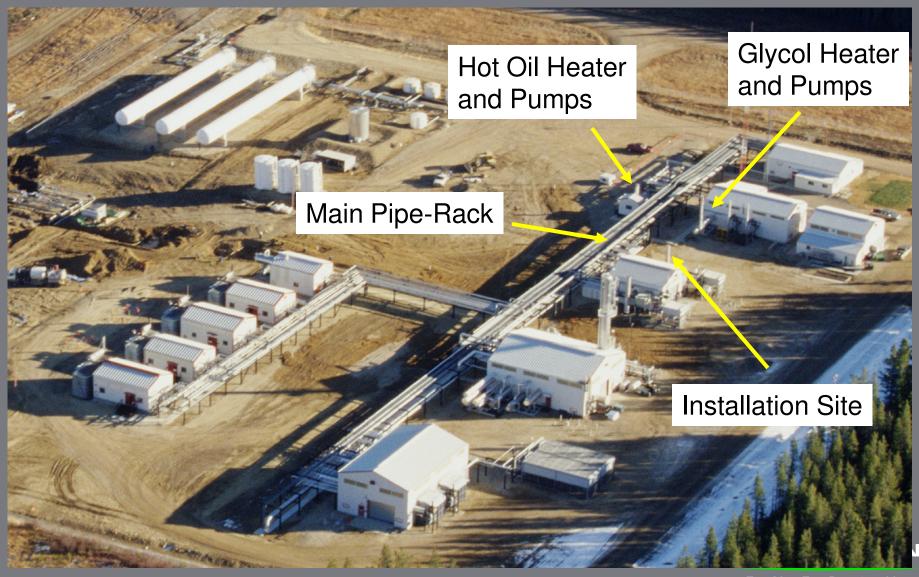
- Heat input into each thermo fluid needed to be controlled due to the extreme difference in operating temperatures
- Heat transferred to the hot oil and glycol controlled by exhaust flow through the WHRU Stack
- Exhaust flow is controlled by the main diverter for both fluids, glycol also secondarily controlled by additional damper
- Both fluids heated so that they reach optimum temperature as they return from the process
- Both fluids continue to run through existing fired line heater for additional heating if needed
- Both exchangers installed with high temperature protection and low flow protection, incorporated into the plant shutdown key
- Fire detection shutdown in stack (would be the result of ruptured tube)



### Challenges

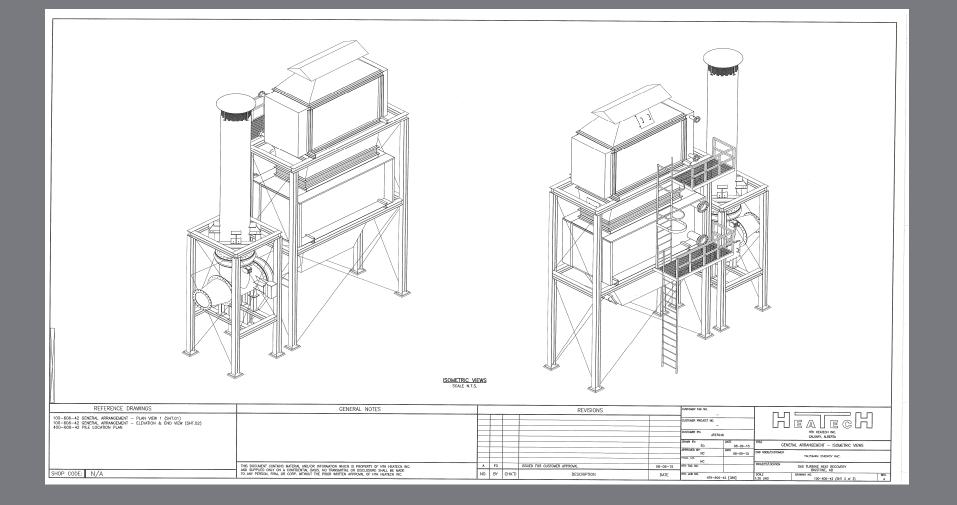
- Incorporating the 2 fluids with different properties into one WHRU unit, presented unique control problems.
  - Installed damper on glycol system to provide secondary control
- Purge time of the WHRU stacks, went from 30 seconds to 5 minutes
  - Installed new starters to handle the incremental time
  - Tied starters into flare system
  - Installed burst plate in system
- Control system presented unique challenges
  - Lots of Hazop meetings to ensure that we provided proper protection
  - Installed many layers of protection

### **Installation-Site layout**



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### Installation- Isometric



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### Installation

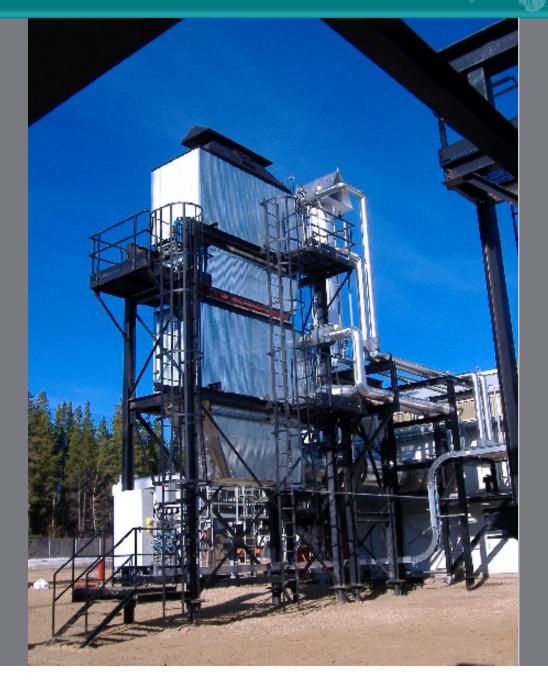
- Took advantage of previous outage to install all hot oil/glycol tie-in connections
- Installed WHRU complete with pilings, associated piping, and all instrumentation while Plant was on line
- Took advantage of scheduled outage to complete the final tie-ins which included :
  - Removing turbine exhaust stack and installing transition piece to connect WHRU to turbine exhaust
  - Commissioning of the EI Systems
  - Installed new Solar Turbine Starters and tied the starter exhaust into the flare system

### **WHRU** Picture



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### **WHRU Picture**





### **Summary – Benefits/Impact**

- Utilization of Solar Turbine Sales Compressor exhaust waste heat to heat process liquids
- Replaces existing hot oil and glycol heat mediums, allows 2 line heaters to be shut in
- Maintains heat in buildings during winter by maintaining glycol temperature
- Reduction in fuel gas usage of 0.3 mmscf/day
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of 5,900 t/y
- N<sub>2</sub>O reduction of 0.10 t/y
- Capital cost of \$875k, payout of 2.0 years based on a fuel gas cost of \$4.00 /mcf
- Potential of adding twin unit on 2nd Solar Turbine Compressor
- WHRU minimizes our environmental impact

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### **Future Considerations**

- Technology can be utilized elsewhere now that it has been proven
- This design could be added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Solar Turbine Compressor at Bigstone if an application is identified
- Installation costs can be reduced due to having the upfront Engineering done— cost could range from \$0.5 mm to 1.0 mm depending on application
- Future Turbine/ Centrigifugal Compressor installs could be justified based on installing WHRUs
- Reciprocal Compressor Applications -- Further research needed

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# **Questions?**



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