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Energy Systems of Michigan State University

A hybrid energy microgrid / district energy system

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Purpose of Today's Presentation

To provide a broad
understanding of
Michigan State University
hybrid energy systems



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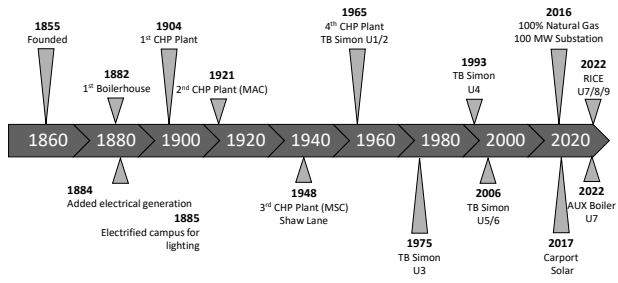


University Overview

- Founded in 1855
- Pioneer land-grant institution
- Academic and research
- ~50,000 students
- ~13,000 faculty & staff
- East Lansing, MI campus:
 - 5,300 acres
 - >560 buildings and structures (108 academic)
 - ~25 million GSF building space

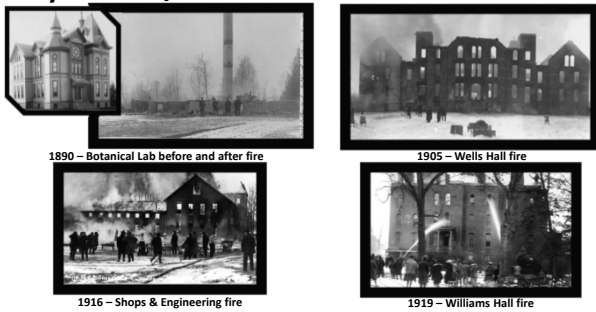
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Microgrid / District Energy History



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Why central plant heat?



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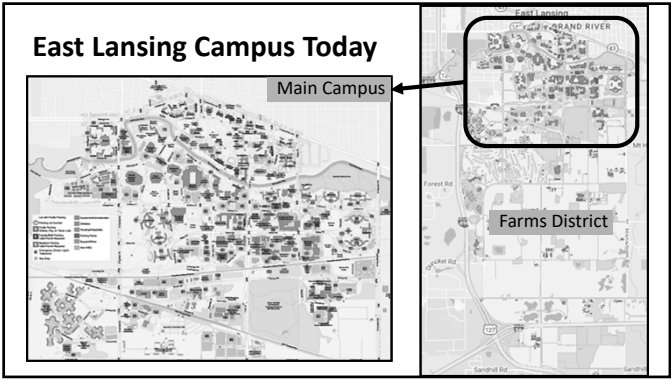
Why central plant electricity?

- Resiliency
- Savings
 - Cost
 - Emissions

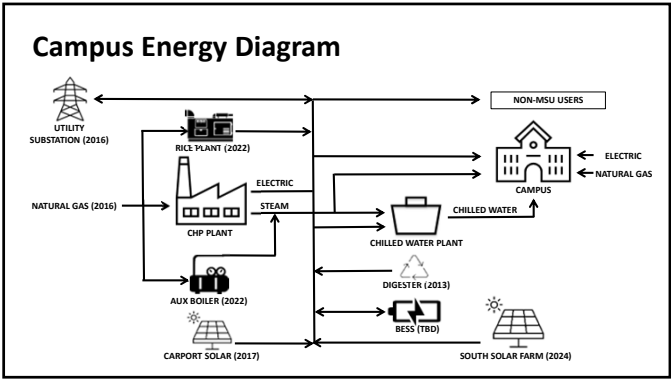


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_blackout_of_2003

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Connected Campus Loads

UTILITY	MILLION GSF
Steam	18.2
Electricity	21.6
Potable Water	22
UTILITY	% TOTAL GSF
Steam	87.4
Electricity	73.7
Potable Water	89

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Steam Use on Campus

Heating in the winter



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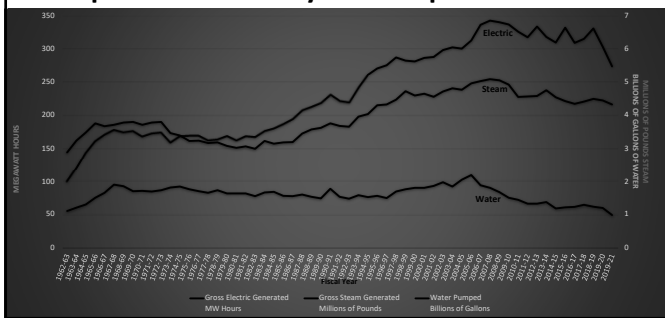
Cooling in the summer



<https://theengineeringmindset.com/absorption-chiller-works/>

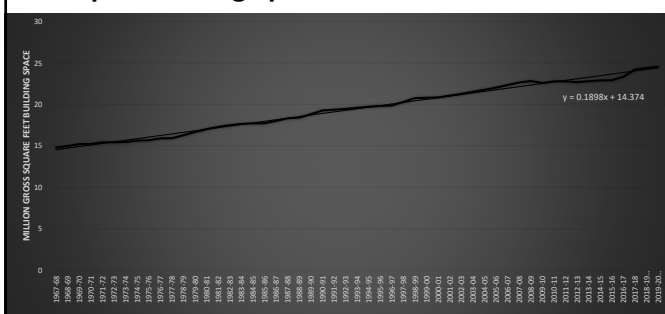
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Campus Annual Utility Consumption



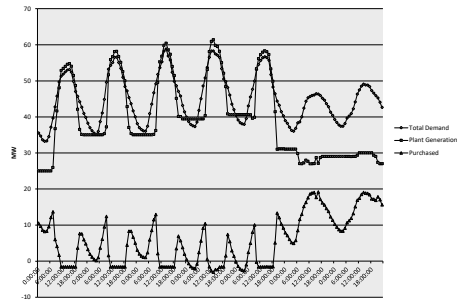
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Campus Building Space Growth



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Campus Typical Weekly Electric Use



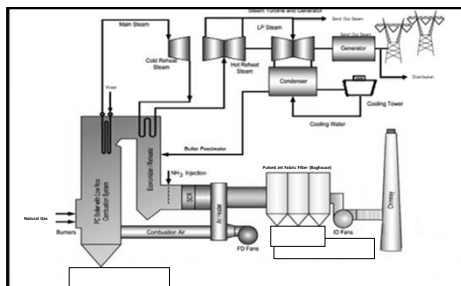
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Central Plant Infrastructure

GENERATOR	SERVICE DATE	POWER (MW)	STEAM (kpph)
U1: Steam boiler / turbine	1965	12.5	250
U2: Steam boiler / turbine	1965	12.5	250
U3: Steam boiler / turbine	1975	15	345
U4: Steam boiler / turbine	1993	21	150/310
U5/6: Combustion turbine / HRSG / steam turbine	2006	24 + 13.5	110
U7/8/9: RICE Plant (3 x 9.4 MW engines)	2022	27.9	--
U7: Auxiliary Boiler	***NEW***	--	200
TOTAL CAPACITY ⁽¹⁾		123.9	855/1015
N+1 CAPACITY ⁽²⁾		99.9	510/765
FY21 Peak Campus Demand		65	490
FY21 Average Campus Demand		38.6	280.4
Anaerobic Digester	2013	0.45	--
CE Electrical Tie-Line	2016	100	--
Solar Carport	2017	11.5 peak	--
South Solar Farm	***NEW***	2023	20 peak
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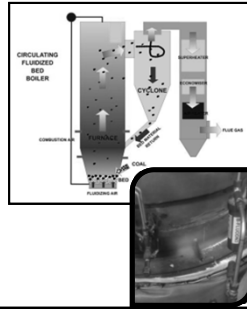
CHP Plant Units 1 – 4 Overview



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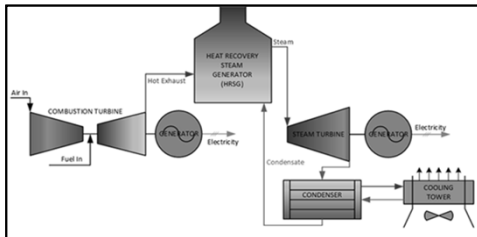
CHP Plant Unit 4 CFB Transition to Natural Gas

- Moved burners
- 100% silica sand for fluidized bed
- Erodes refractory & loop-seal expansion joints → hot spots
- Increased baghouse bag wear
- Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) above Permissible Exposure Limits resulting in mitigation measures for workers in affected confined space



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CHP Plant Unit 5/6 Overview



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RICE Plant Units 7/8/9 Overview Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines

- 3 x 9.4 MW engines (future 4th)
- 41% efficient (HHV gas)
- Full speed in < 5 minutes
- Operate as peaker units
- Allows the CHP plant to operate more efficiently
- Have reduced total fuel gas consumption 11-12%



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Auxiliary Boiler 10 Overview

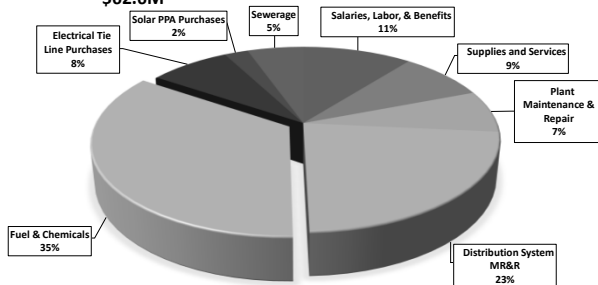
- 200,000 lb/hr steam @ 90 psi
- Tied directly to campus send-out-steam
- Plan to operate as a peaker unit to meet peak campus steam demands
- Expected to allow us to operate the CHP plant more efficiently, reducing total fuel gas consumption by 10%
- Expected to be in operation by end of 2022



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UTILITIES COSTS FY21

\$62.6M



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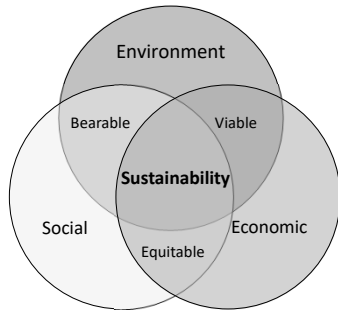
Campus Sustainability Goals

- Reduce Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions 50% from 2010 baseline by 2030
- Achieve platinum STARS ranking by 2030
- Achieve Top 100 THE Global Impact ranking by 2030
- Achieve Climate Neutrality by 2050



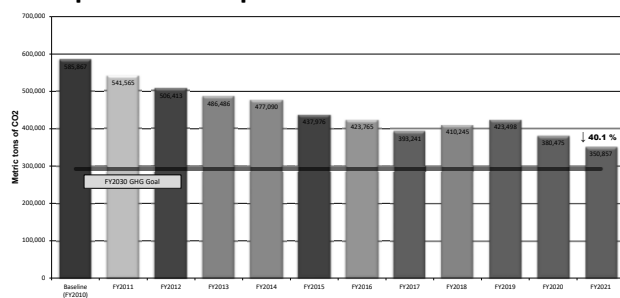
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Sustainable Development Challenge



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Campus Total Scope 1 & 2 GHG Emissions



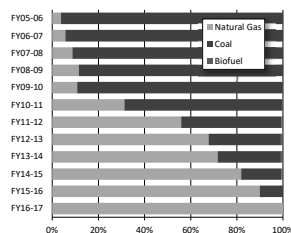
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Termination of Coal Firing



Fuel switch from coal to natural gas resulted in CO₂ emission reductions of > 500 million pounds per year!

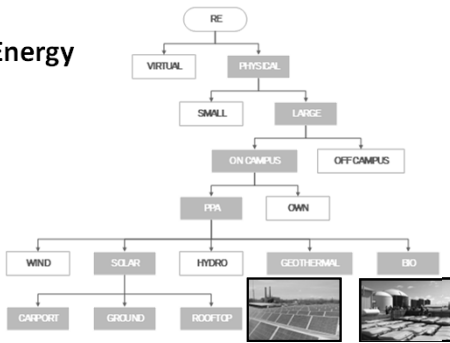
Environmental impact equivalent to planting a half million trees per year!



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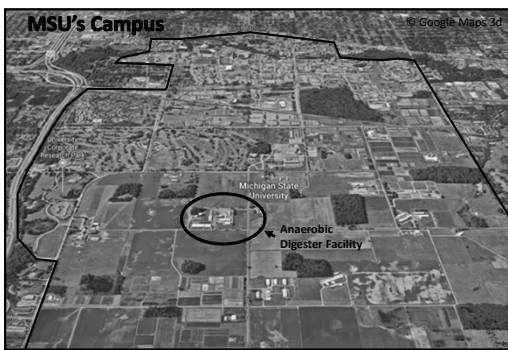
MSU Early Renewable Energy Decisions

Michigan:
<10% open
retail access



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Organic Waste Equals Energy



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MSU's Anaerobic Digester



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Digester Feedstock

Table 2: MSU South Campus Anaerobic Digester Feedstock

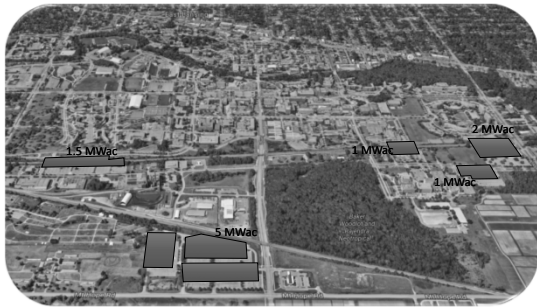
Feedstock	TS (%)	Planned (tons)	2014 (%)	2014 (tons)	2015 (%)	2015 (tons)	2016 (%)	2016 (tons)
Dairy manure	12	7,000	43	16,000	67	9,525	43	10,554
Fruit & vegetable	11	3,900	24	2,900	12	2,900	13	0
Fats, oil & grease	20	5,000	30	4,400	19	3,730	17	4,747
Cafeteria food waste	10	750	3	430	2	440	2	513
Milk process waste	12					5,475	25	4,444
Packing material	90					60	-	34
Glycerin	15							88
Total		16,650		23,730		22,070		20,380

Annually

- ~2,000 garbage truck loads kept out of landfill
- ~3,000 MWh of electricity generated
- ~20,000 tons of organic fertilizer produced

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Solar Carport Site Selection

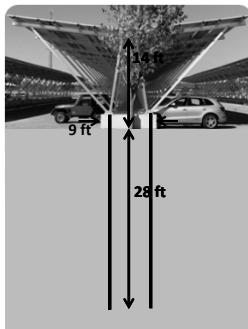


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Solar Carport Design

- 45 acres
- 5,000 parking spots
- 40,000 solar panels
- 10.5 MW ac peak power
- 15,000 MWh/yr
- Up to 18% campus peak power demand
- 5-7% of annual campus demand

Enough electricity for 1800 Michigan households!



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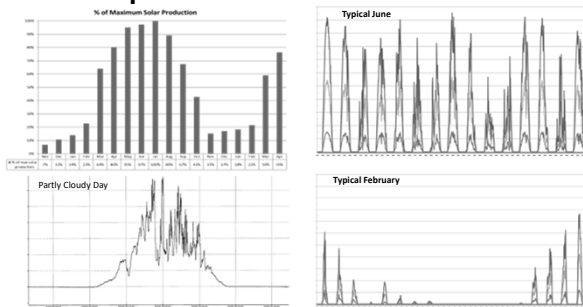
Solar Carport PPA

- Purchase net produced power at a fixed \$/kWh price over 25 years
- Only investment by MSU is the cost of interconnect
- Developer is responsible for O&M
- Projected total net savings of about \$10M over the 25-year PPA period based on projected energy cost inflation of 2.3%/year



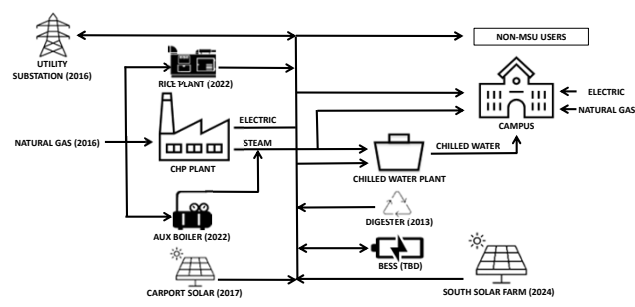
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Solar Carport Performance



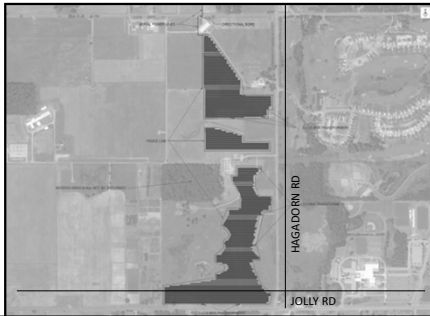
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Firming Solar Production



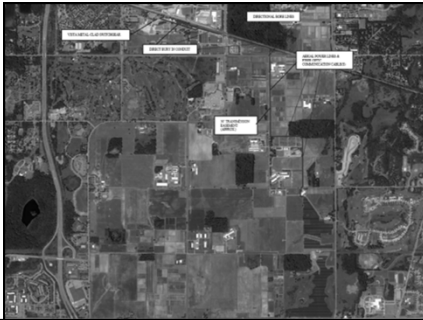
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South Solar Farm Location



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South Solar Farm Interconnection



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South Solar Farm Project

- Purchase net produced power at a fixed \$/kWh price over 35 years
- MSU receives Renewable Energy Credits (REC)
- Only investment by MSU is the cost of interconnect equipment
- Developer is responsible for O&M
- Projected NPV of \$15-17M over the 35-year PPA period based on projected energy cost inflation of 2.3%/year and 4% discount rate

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Energy Conservation Measures



- The #1 thing anyone can do to reduce cost and emissions
- If the power or steam is not needed, we don't have to produce it

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Energy Conservation Measures

- In 2010, initiated a steam trap management program reducing average failure rate from 21% to 3%
- In 2011, MSU committed to reduce building energy use 20% by 2020 as part of the Better Building Challenge, we surpassed this goal 2 years ahead of schedule through:
 - Building retro-commissioning
 - Conversion of HVAC to Variable Air Volume and Variable Frequency Drives
 - HVAC control system upgrades
- Replacing fluorescent-light fixtures with TLED tubes which reduced lighting electrical consumption by about 50% and require less maintenance labor of their lifespan

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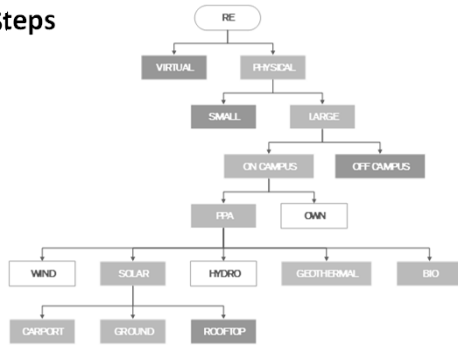
Current Status



INTEGRATED
UTILITY MASTER PLAN

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Next Steps



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Key Takeaways

- Complex hybrid-energy microgrid supporting our East Lansing Campus
- Expect to reduce Scope 1 & 2 GHG emissions reduction by 50% from 2010 baseline well before 2030 goal
- Undergoing an Integrated Utility Master Planning effort including an assessment of:
 - Utility generation and distribution equipment condition assessment
 - Campus energy model and forecast demand development
 - Options evaluation to cost effectively move towards carbon neutrality
- Energy conservation is essential to any plan

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Questions / Comments



Sign-in Sheet / Evaluation Form

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