

Rankine *Cycler*[™] Steam Turbine Power System Sample Lab Experiment Procedure

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Rankine Cycler[™] Lab Experiment Manual

Lab Session #1: System Overview and Component Identification

<u>Purpose</u>: To gain an understanding of the Rankine Cycler System as a whole and details of each component making up the system. This will prepare you for the next lab session in which you will operate the system.



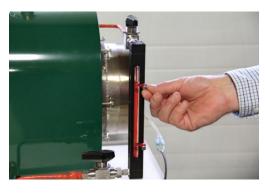


Liquid Propane (L.P.) Cylinder Fuel used to power boiler



Steam Generation Boiler

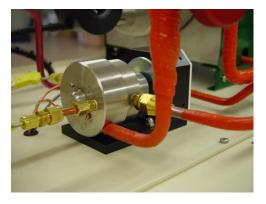
A dual-pass, flame tube system. If system is cool, open boiler door to reveal boiler construction and flame tube layout. Also note burner fan and tube mounted in door.



Boiler Sight Gage

Indicates Water Level in Boiler Equipped with two adjustable position bezels for marking boiler water levels of interest during operation.



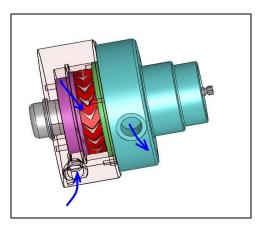


Steam Admission Valve Controls Steam Flow into Turbine

Steam Turbine Impulse Micro Steam Turbine driven by steam flow



Impulse Steam Turbine Wheel / Housing Detail View



Steam Turbine CAD Cutaway

- 1. Steam enters inlet port.
- 2. Steam flow forced through slits in stator ring (purple), impinging on turbine blades, spinning turbine wheel (red).
- 3. Steam exits turbine to condenser.



Four Pole AC/DC Electrical Generator Driven by turbine to generate electricity.



Condenser Tower

Unit condenses turbine waste steam back to liquid. In a full-scale plant, condensate would be reclaimed and pumped back to boiler. Ultra small scale of Rankine Cycler makes returning condensate impractical.



Data Acquisition Computer

Connects to unit's data acquisition system via USB port. Displays and captures data for operation and analysis.

In preparation for system operation and data analysis, answer the following questions:

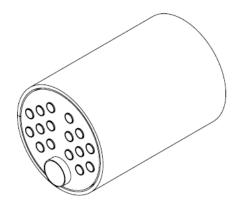
1.) Liquid Propane (LP) is vaporized and used as boiler burner fuel. What is the energy content per unit volume of gaseous LP?

2.) If system flow meter measures gaseous LP flow at 6 liters/min to boiler burner, what is steady state energy consumption per hour?

$$SI: \left(\frac{6l}{Min}\right) \left(\frac{m^{3}}{1000l}\right) \left(\frac{93,756 \, KJ}{m^{3}}\right) \left(\frac{60 \, min}{HR}\right) = 33,752 \, KJ/HR$$

$$US: \left(\frac{6l}{Min}\right) \left(\frac{FT^{3}}{28.32l}\right) \left(\frac{2,520 \, BTU}{FT^{3}}\right) \left(\frac{60 \, Min}{HR}\right) = 32,033 \, BTU/HR.$$

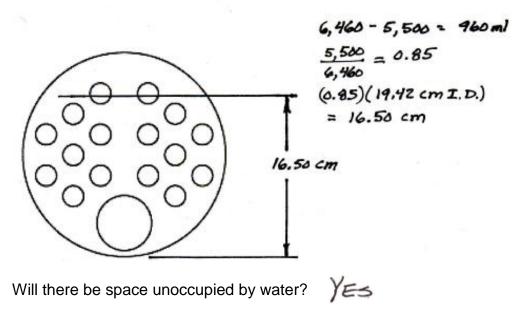
3.) The boiler is shell and tube style construction. Calculate the available volume for water in the boiler given the basic construction dimensions.



Main Shell External Length = 29.65 cm Main Shell Wall Thickness = 0.64 cm End Plate Outside Diameter = 20.70 cm End Plate wall thickness = 0.64 cm Main Flame Tube Outside Diameter = 5.08 cm 17 Return Pass Flame Tubes Outside Diameter = 1.90 cm

 $\frac{GROSS INTERNAL VOLUME OF BOILER}{Tr^{2}L = Tr} \left(\frac{20.70 \text{ cm} - 2(0.64 \text{ cm})}{2}^{2}(29.65 \text{ cm} - 2(0.64 \text{ cm})) = 8,403 \text{ cm}\right)^{2}$ $\frac{VOLUME OF FLAME TUBES}{LARGE: Tr^{2}L (17UBE) = Tr} \left(\frac{5.68}{2}\right)^{2} (28.37)(1) = 575 \text{ cm}^{3}$ $SMALL: Tr^{2}L (17TUBES) = Tr} \left(\frac{1.4}{2}\right)^{2} (28.37)(17) = 1,367 \text{ cm}^{3}$ $NET INTERNAL VOLUME: 8,403 - (575 + 1,367) = 6,460 \text{ cm}^{3} = 6,460 \text{ m}$

Locate the water level in the boiler if it is filled with 5,500 ml of water. (Sketch location)



If so, how much volume? 960 ml

Will any of the flame tubes not be covered by water? $Y \in S$ Number? Z If so, what is the significance of this?

THESE TUBES SUPPLY HEAT DIRECTLY TO STEAM ACCUMULATION IN THE SPACE, RAISING THE STEAM QUALITY INTO THE SUPERHEAT REGION.

Barometric Pressure

What is the present barometric pressure in your area? TODAY IT IS 30.02 IN HG = 0.10/373 MPa_ = 14.7 PSI Why would barometric pressure be important when planning to operate the Rankine Cycler?

ALL PRESSURE READINGS ARE GAGE PRESSURE. THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTY TABLE INFORMATION IS BASED ON ABSOLUTE PRESSURE: PARS= PATM + PAGE

What will be your reliable source for accurate barometric pressure readings?

ANE SOURCE IS : WWW. WUNDERGROUND. COM CHECK UNDER "CURRENT CONDITIONS"

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Lab Session #2: System Operation

Purpose: Conduct start-up, operation, data gathering and shut down of Rankine Cycler Steam Turbine Power System.

Procedure:

Utilize Rankine CyclerTM Operators Manual and follow Section 4.2 Expanded Normal Procedures to perform system start-up, operation, data acquisition and shut down.

Utilize the data acquisition system to capture the operational values from startup to shut down (covered in Section 4.2.3 Data Collection).

Be sure to record the following data during the run:

Steady State Start Time: 9:06 AM

Steady State Stop Time: <u>9:16 AM</u> Initial Boiler Fill Amount: **5,500 m**

2,115 ml 400 ml Amount of Steady State Run Boiler Water Replaced:

Amount of Condensate Collected from Condenser:

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Lab Session #3: Rankine Cycler Data Run Plots

<u>Purpose</u>: Graphically plot Rankine Cycler Run Data in preparation for system analysis and performance calculations to be conducted in Lab #4.

<u>Procedure</u>: Follow the instructions starting on page 2 of this lab procedure to plot system run data.

Plot the following, utilizing MS-Excel Spreadsheet Program:

- Fuel Flow vs. Time
- Boiler Temperature vs. Time
- Boiler Pressure vs. Time
- Turbine Inlet/Outlet Pressure vs. Time
- Turbine Inlet/Outlet Temperature vs. Time
- Generator DC Amps Output vs. Time
- Generator DC Voltage Output vs. Time
- Turbine RPM vs. Time

Print out plots and order them as listed.

Mark the steady state start and stop window on each plot.

Choose and mark an analysis point at a specific time somewhere within the steady state window. This will be the basis for your steady state, steady flow system performance analysis calculations.

From your plots (specific time mark) and data collected from system run, please record the following:

Atmospheric Pressure 14.7 PSI
Initial Boiler Fill Amount 5,500 m/
Fuel Flow 6.25 R/ MIN
Boiler Pressure 126.7 PSIA
Boiler Temperature 175 2
Turbine Inlet Pressure 24.7 PSIA
Turbine Inlet Temperature /57 *C
Turbine Outlet Pressure 19 PSIA
Turbine Outlet Temperature /33°C
Steady State Condensate Amount 400 m/
Steady State Boiler Water Use

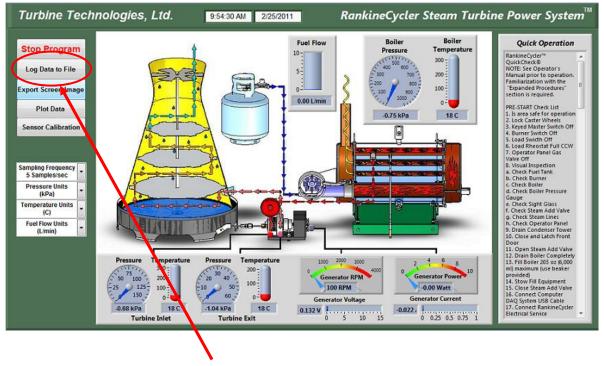
DATA ACQUISITION (See Operators Manual, Section 4.2.5 for more details).

Recording and using your data properly is an important part of successfully completing the lab.

Operation of Lab Unit

From Windows, OPEN the RankineCycler Software by double-clicking on the RankineCycler 1.0 shortcut icon located on the Windows Desktop. RankineCycler 1.0 will start with the *Main Display/Control* and *Channel Configuration Window* displayed.





To start logging data, press Log Data to File Button

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- Enter a **File Name** where indicated, then click OK and the dialogue box will close. The program will send data to this file.
- To stop saving data, click **End Data Log** button.
- To retrieve the data file;
 - 1. click on **My Computer**
 - 2. select the **C Drive**
 - 3. select Users folder
 - 4. select Public Documents
 - 5. select Rankine
 - 6. select File Name you had chosen.
- When importing the file into a spreadsheet program for analysis, you may have to look under **All Files**.

Importing Acquisition Data into MS-Excel Spreadsheet

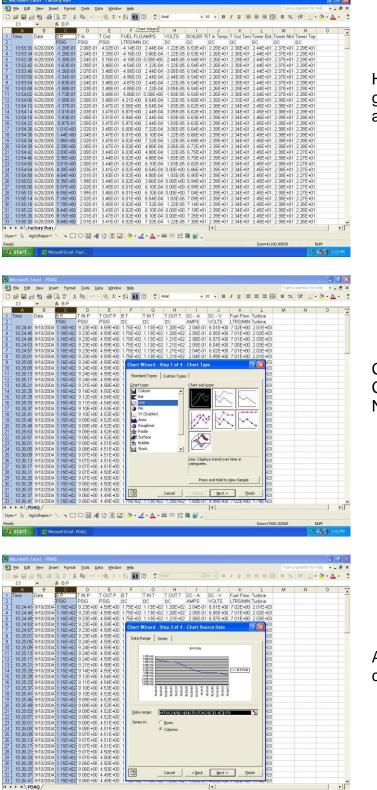
A convenient way to analyze RankineCycler performance data is to graph the data points using MS-Excel Spreadsheet. To do this, the ASCII data captured during the lab data acquisition must be imported into Excel.

Open: MS-Excel on computer desktop Click: File Click: Open Click: C-Drive Click: Users\Public\Public Documents\Rankine Click: "All Files" under "Files of Type" Select: The File Name You Assigned in "Log Data to File" Click: Next (In Text Import Window, Step 1 of 3) Click: Next (In Text Import Window, Step 2 of 3) Click: Finish (In Text Import Window, Step 3 of 3)

Your data will now be in spreadsheet form.

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Graphing Data using MS-Excel Spreadsheet Graphing Function



Highlight columns of data desired for graph. For this example, the Time and BP column data will be plotted.

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Lab Session #4: System Analysis

<u>Purpose</u>: To perform system performance calculations using First Law Energy Conservation Equation for Steady State, Steady Flow Conditions **(SSSF)**. The data for these calculations come from the information plotted and recorded in Lab #3.

Procedure: Analyze each component listed and perform the calculation requested.

Boiler (SSSF)

Calculate heat flow out of boiler. How does this compare with measured LP gas flow to burner? Assume: No condensate pumped back into boiler, Changes in Kinetic and Potential Energy are negligible.

$$\hat{\varphi}_{BolleR} \stackrel{t}{=} \stackrel{m}{\underset{out}{n}} \stackrel{h}{\underset{out}{}} \frac{(h_{IN} + KE_{IN} + PE_{IN}) = \dot{m}_{out} (h_{out} + KE_{out} + PE_{out}) + \dot{W}_{out}}{No \ convoensate \ RETURN \ PUMP, :: m_{IN} = 0}$$

$$\hat{\varphi}_{BolleR} = \dot{m}_{out} \stackrel{h}{\underset{out}{}} = (28 \frac{16}{h_v}) \binom{1193}{16} \frac{btu}{16} = 33,404 \frac{btu}{h_r}$$

COMPARE TO MEASURED PROPANE GAS FLOW TO BURNER $\frac{(6.25 \frac{l}{min})(\frac{ft^3}{28.3l})(2500 \frac{btu}{ft^3})(60 \frac{min}{hr}) = \frac{33,127}{510} \frac{btu}{hr}}{hr}$

Turbine / Generator (SSSF)

Find the Work rate of the Turbine and Efficiency of Electric Generator

$$\begin{split} \hat{\varphi}_{lurb}^{\Lambda 0} + \dot{m}_{In} \left(\dot{h}_{IN} + KE_{IN}^{\Lambda 0} + PE_{IN}^{\Lambda 0} \right) &= \dot{m}_{out} \left(\dot{h}_{out} + KE_{out}^{\Lambda 0} + PE_{out}^{\Lambda 0} \right) + \dot{W}_{TUZB} \\ \cdot NO HEAT FLOW INTO TURBINE \\ \cdot \dot{m}_{IN} &= \dot{m}_{out}, \quad \Delta KE AND \quad \Delta PE ARE NEGLIGIBLE \\ \dot{W}_{TUZB} &= \dot{m} \left(\dot{h}_{IN} - \dot{h}_{out} \right) = \left(28 \frac{16}{h_r} \right) \left(1198 \frac{btu}{1b} - 1178 \frac{btu}{1b} \right) = 560 \frac{btu}{h_r} \\ POWER GENERATION &= (0.21A)(6.3V) = 1.32W \\ \dot{M}_{GENERATAR} &= \frac{POWER OUTPUT}{POWER INPUT} = \frac{1.32W}{164W} = 0.008 = \frac{0.8\%}{164W} \end{split}$$

Condenser (SSSF)

What is the total heat flow rate out of the system at the condenser? Assume changes in Potential and Kinetic Energy are negligible.

What is the Condenser Efficiency during SSSF?

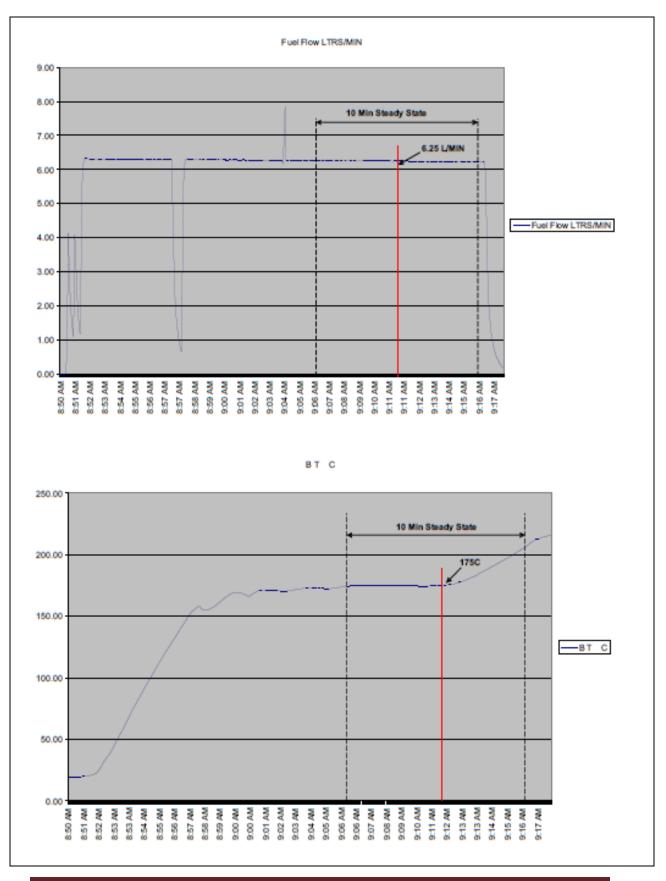
$$n_{COND} = \frac{400 \text{ m} c_{DNDENSATE}}{2115 \text{ m} 1 \text{ mass FLOW}} \times 100 = 1970$$

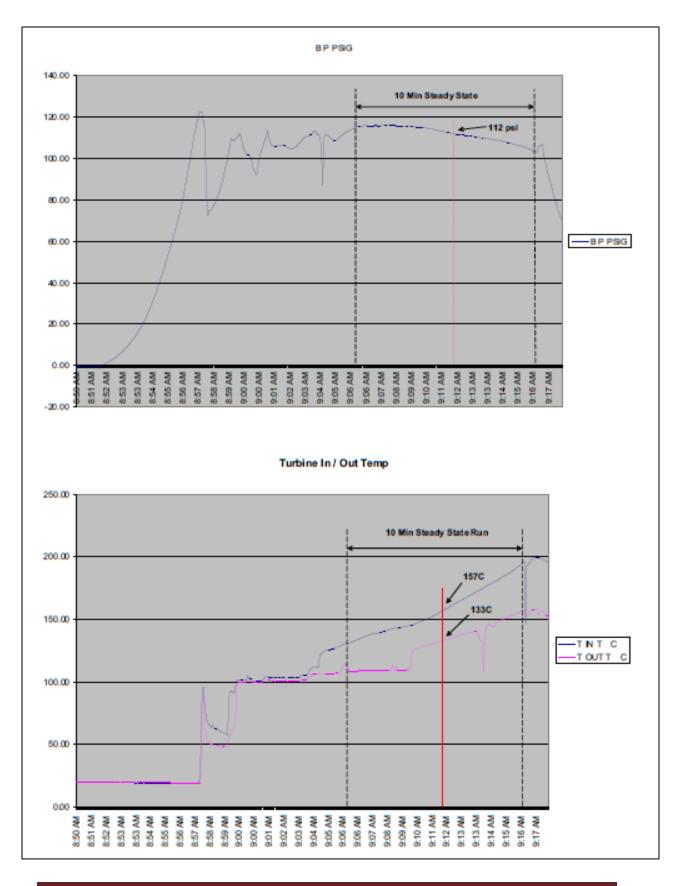
Total System Efficiency (SSSF)

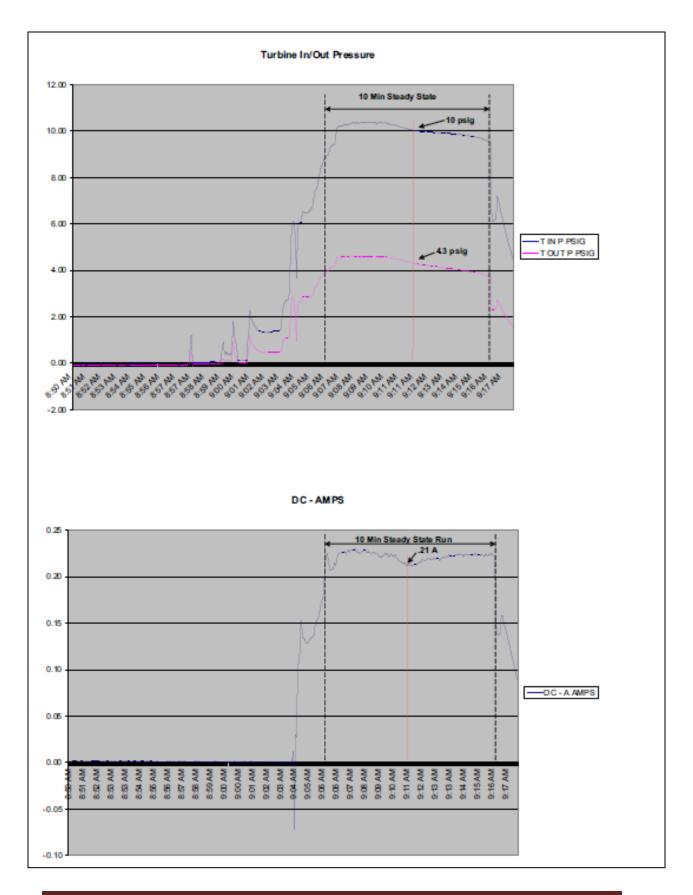
What is the electrical power output verses the fossil-fuel energy input?

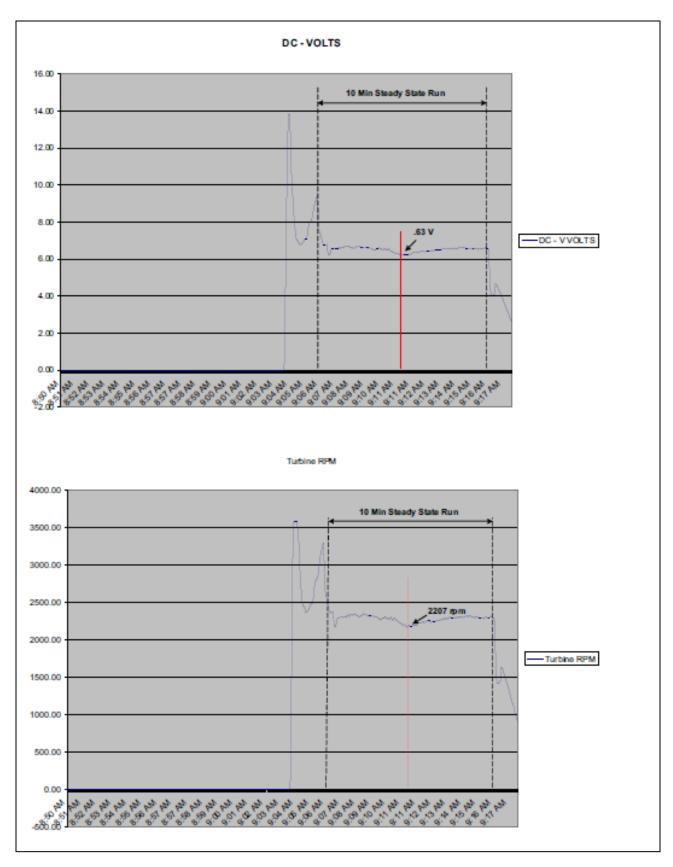
$$\frac{ELECTRICAL GENERATOR OUTPUT}{ENERGY INPUT (PROPANE)} = \frac{1.32 \text{ W}}{(33,127 \frac{6tu}{hr})(\frac{W \cdot hr}{3.4146tu})} \times 100$$

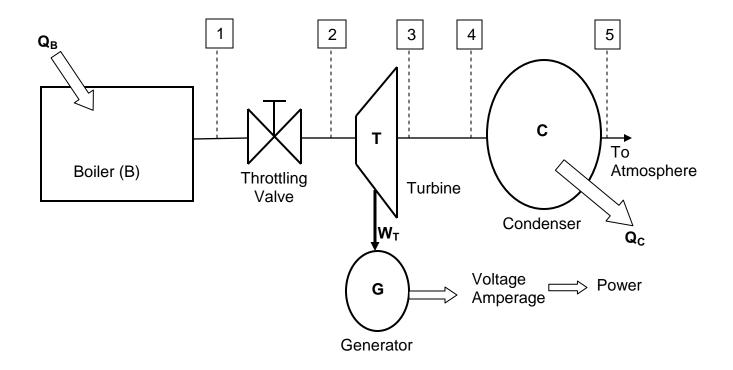
$$M = 0.013 7_{0}$$
(System)











System Mass Flow Rate (m)

$$\dot{m} = \left(\frac{2115 \text{ m/}}{10 \text{ min}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ liter}}{1000 \text{ m/}}\right) \left(\frac{0.03531 \text{ ft}^3}{1 \text{ liter}}\right) \left(\frac{62.416}{\text{ ft}^3}\right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{\text{ hr}}\right) = 28 \frac{16}{\text{ hr}}$$

Using Steam Tables, gather state data for each point of interest in the system:

1. Boiler

Measured	$P_{b} =$	126.7 PSIA = 0.873 MPa
Measured		175°C = 448°K = 347°F = 807 °R
Table		3.554 ft 3/16 = 0.2218 m3/kg
Table		1193 btu/16 = 2775 KJ/kg
Table	U _{b =}	1110 btu/16 = 2581 KJ/kg
Table	$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{b}} =$	1.586 btu/ 16 °R = 6.638 K5/kg °K

2. Turbine Inlet

Measured P _{Ti}	= 24.7 PSIA = 0.170 MPa
	= 157°C = 430°K = 314°F = 775°R
	= 18.42 ft3/16 = 1.15 m3/kg
Table h _{Ti}	= 1198 btu/16 = 2785 KJ/kg
Table u _{Tir}	= 1198 btu/16 = 2785 KJ/kg = 1114 btu/16 = 2590 KJ/kg
Table s _{Tir}	1.767 blu/16°R = 7.395 KJ9kg°K

3. Turbine Outlet

Measured	PTout = 19 PSIA = 0.131 KPa
Measured	Trout = 133°C = 406°K = 271°F = 731°R
Table	VTout = 22.58 ft 3/16 = 1.409 m3/kg
Table	hTout = 1178 btu/16 = 2740 kJ/kg
Table	UTout = 1099 620/16 = 2555 KJ/kg
Table	STout = 1.77 btu/16 % = 7.4 KJ/bg %

4. Condenser Inlet (Use Tout Data)

Measured	Pcin = 19 PSIA = 0. 131 MPa
Measured	Tcin = 133 °C = 406°K = 271°F = 731°R
Table	Vcin = 22.58 ft3/16 = 1.409 m3/kg
Table	hcin = 1178 btu/16 = 2740 bJ/ kg
Table	UCin = 1099 btu/16 = 2555 hJ/2 g
Table	Scin = 1.77 btu/16 % = 7.4 hJ/hJ %

5. Condenser Outlet (to atmosphere)

Measured	PCout = 14.7 PSIA = 0.101 MPa
Measured	Tcout = 20°C = 293°K = 68°F = 528°R
Table	VCout = 0.01605 ft3/16 = 0.001 m3/kg
Table	hcout = 36.46 6tu/16 = 83.4 hJ/2g
Table	UCout = 36.41 6tu/16 = 83.3 kJ/29
Table	Scout = 0.07144 6tu/169R = 0.294 kJ/kg %