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# **Substantial Reduction in Boiler Steam and Oil Costs at Brazilian VCP-LA Mill through Six Sigma**

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# Background of VCP - LA



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- **Single pulp production line, 750 adt/d, started up in 1991**
- **Production capacity increased to 1000 adt/d in 1996**
- **Currently produces 1200 adt/d pulp and 950 ton/d paper**
- **Recovery boiler is the major bottleneck**

# Objective

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- **Mill 2004 target called for a 5% reduction in steam production costs of auxiliary boilers**

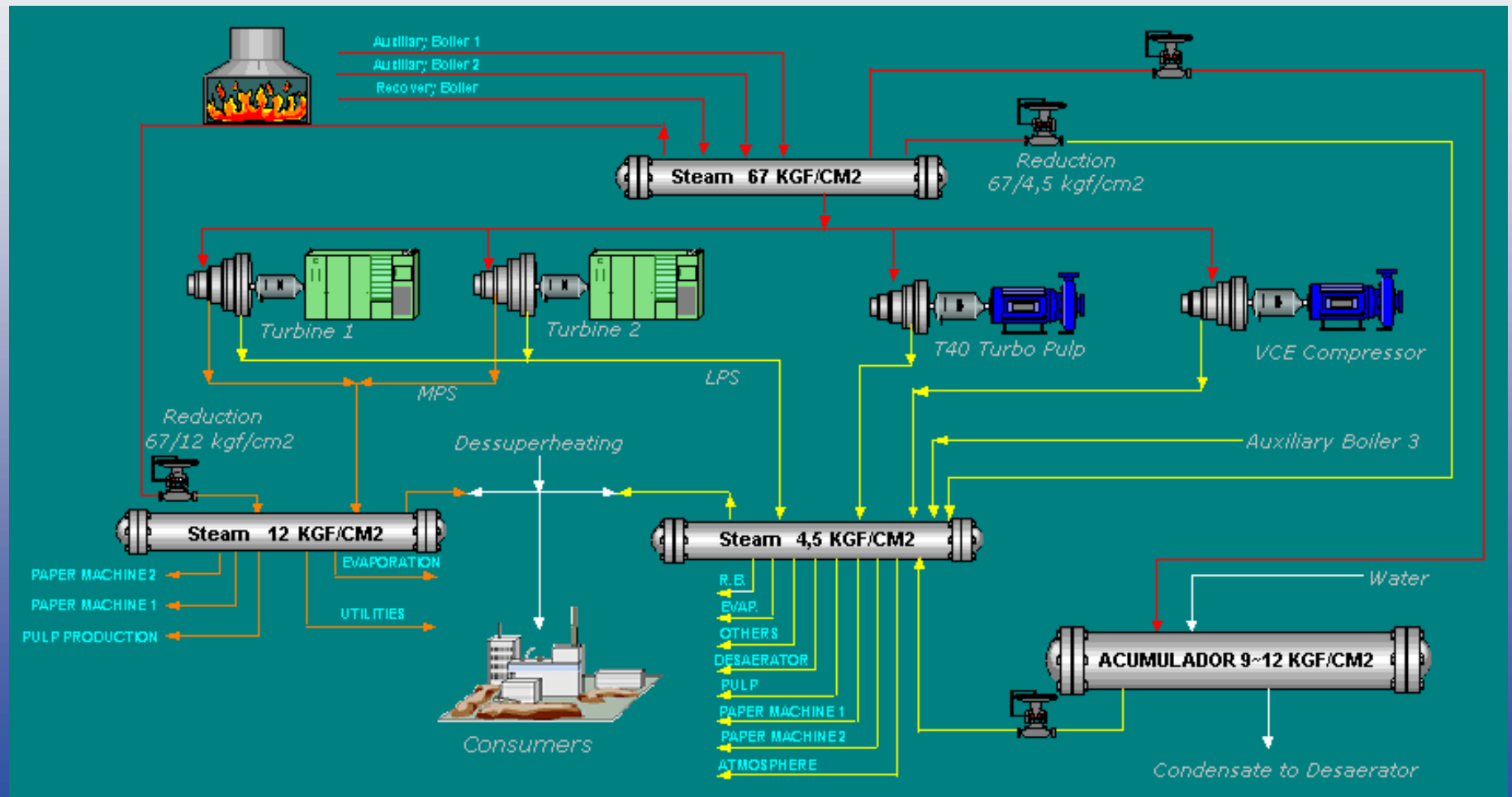
# Introduction

## Steam Production

Boilers	Steam Pressure	Fuels	Origin
<i>Recovery Boiler</i>	67 Kgf/cm <sup>2</sup>	Black Liquor	Process of Pulp Production
		3A Oil	Mediator
<i>Auxiliary Boilers 1 and 2</i>	67 Kgf/cm <sup>2</sup>	Biomass	Process of Pulp Production
		Energetic Chip	Florest / Mediator
		Firewood	Florest / Mediator
		3A Oil	Mediator
<i>Auxiliary Boiler 3</i>	4,5 Kgf/cm <sup>2</sup>	3A Oil	Mediator

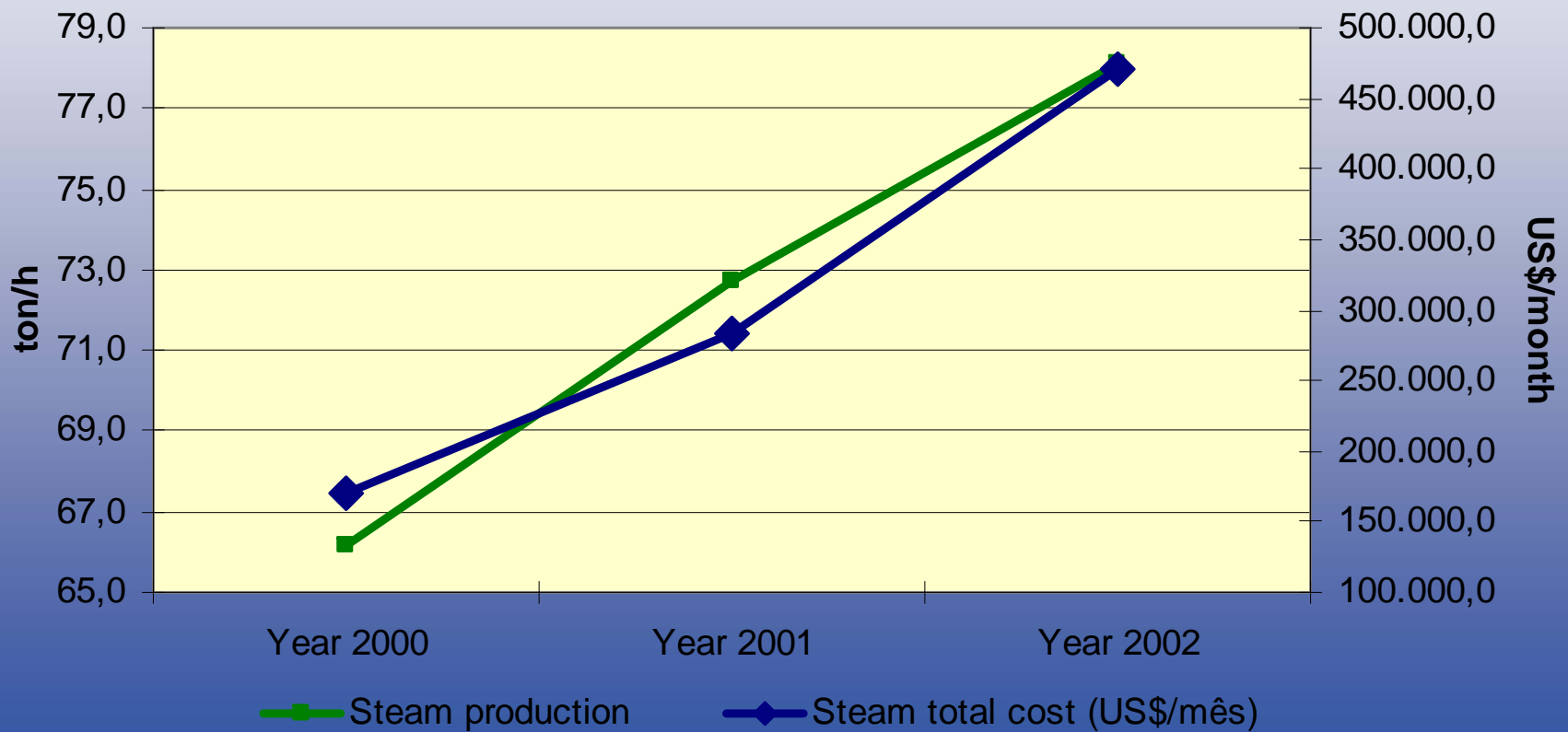
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## Steam and Energy Generation and Distribution



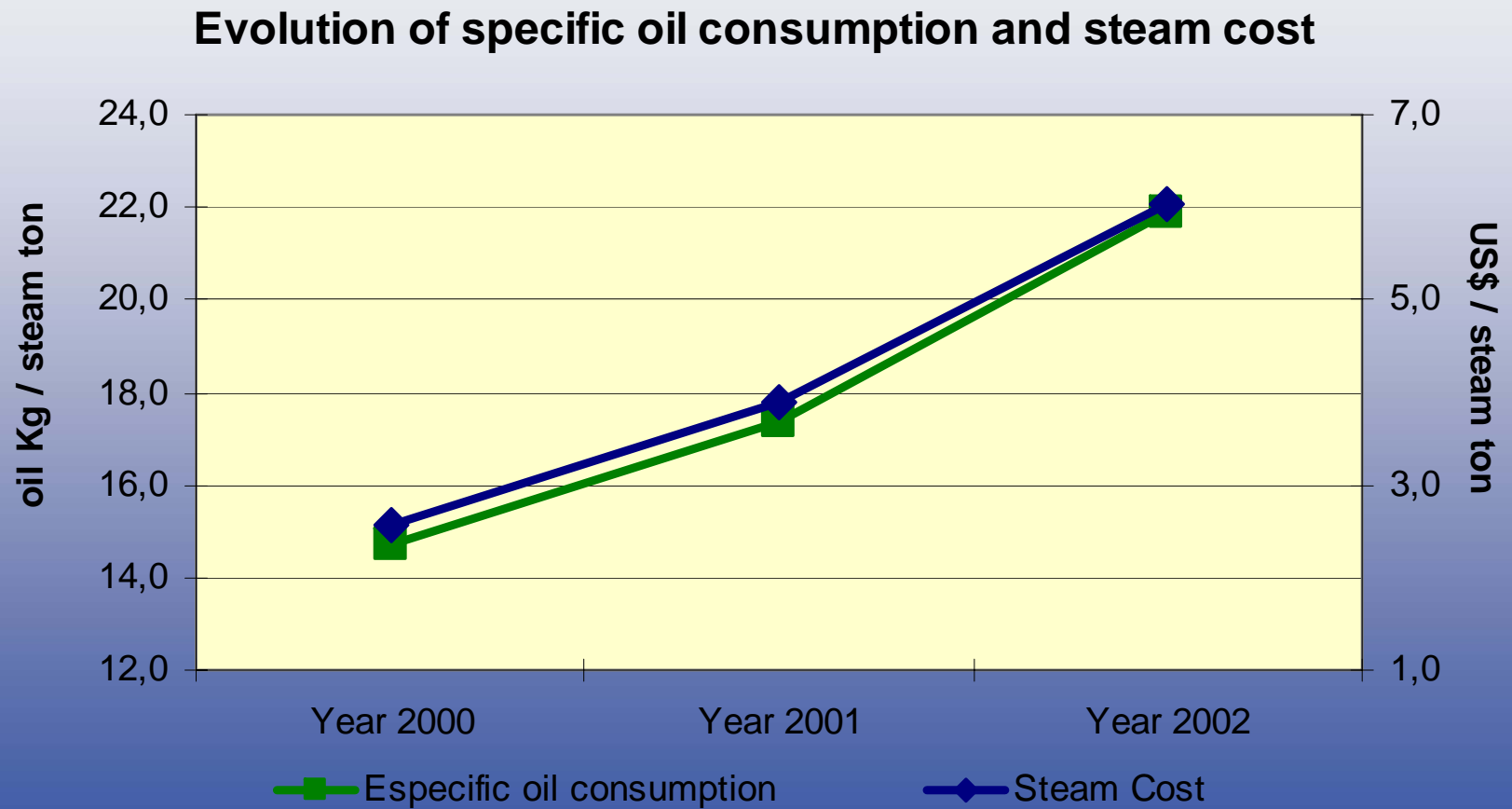
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**Production and Steam average cost of montly steam evolution produced by auxiliary boilers**





# Introduction



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## Steam Cost Components of Auxiliary Boilers

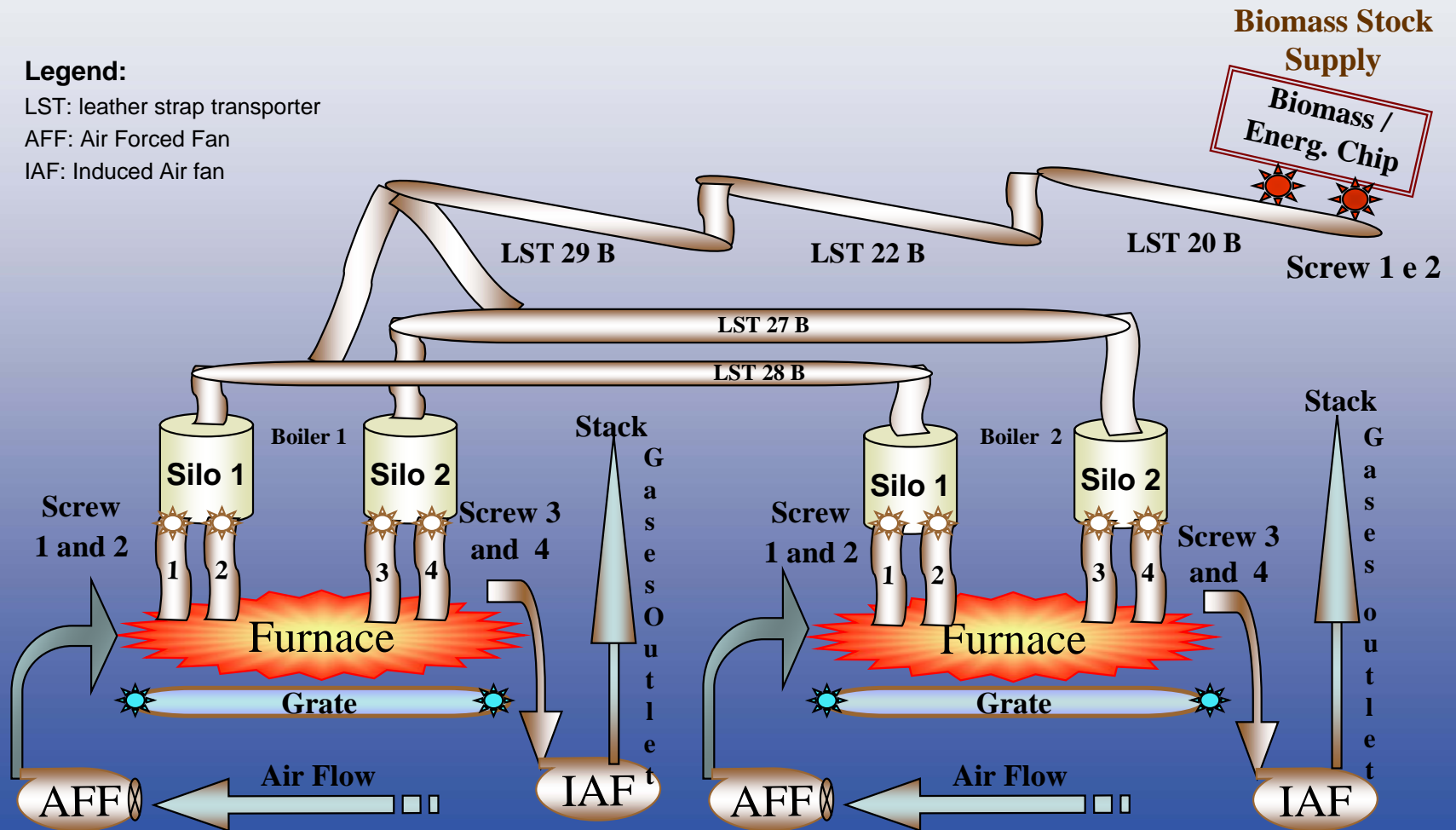
- Oil 3A
  - Firewood
  - Wood waste
  - Cane Trash
  - Energetic Chip
  - Diesel
  - Water
  - Boilers Feedwater
  - Electrical Energy
  - Ash Transportation
  - Operation materials
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- The diagram uses curly braces on the right side of the list to group the items into five categories:
- Fuels**: Oil 3A, Firewood, Wood waste, Cane Trash, Energetic Chip, Diesel
  - Water**: Water, Boilers Feedwater
  - Electrical Energy**: Electrical Energy
  - Transportation**: Ash Transportation
  - Operation Materials**: Operation materials

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*Illustrative Fluxogram for Fuels Feed System to Auxiliary Boilers 1 and 2*

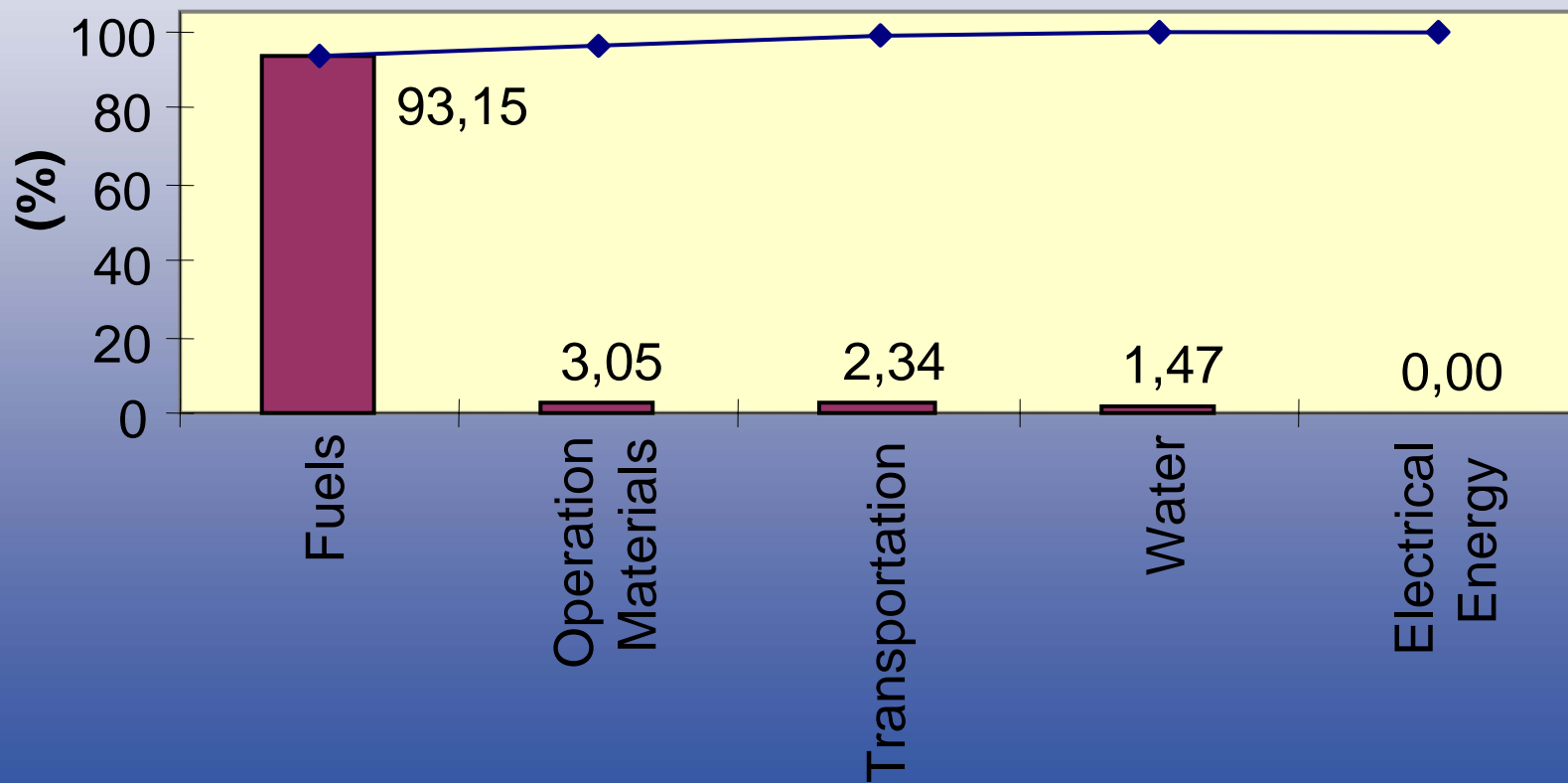
**Legend:**

- LST: leather strap transporter
- AFF: Air Forced Fan
- IAF: Induced Air fan



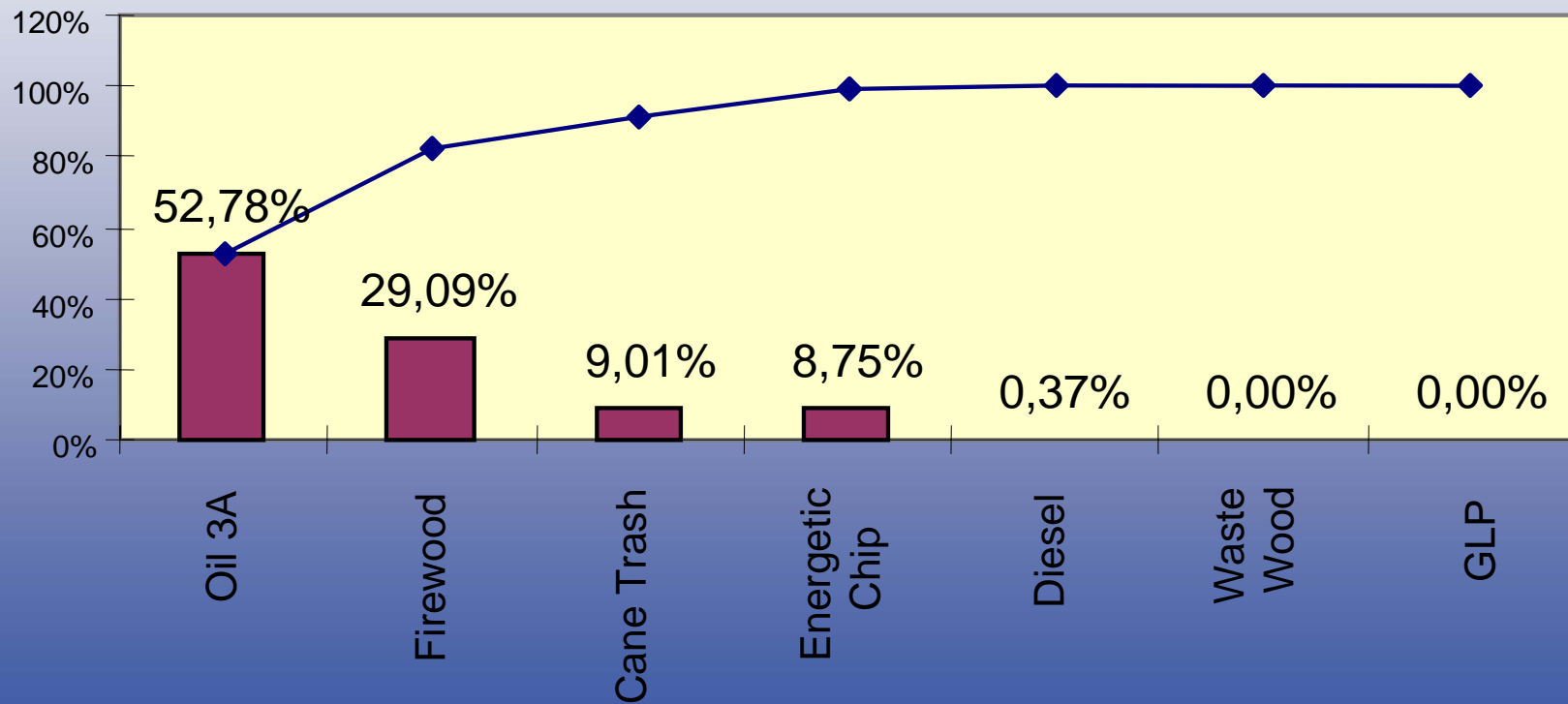
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## Pareto's Graph for Steam Cost Macro Factors



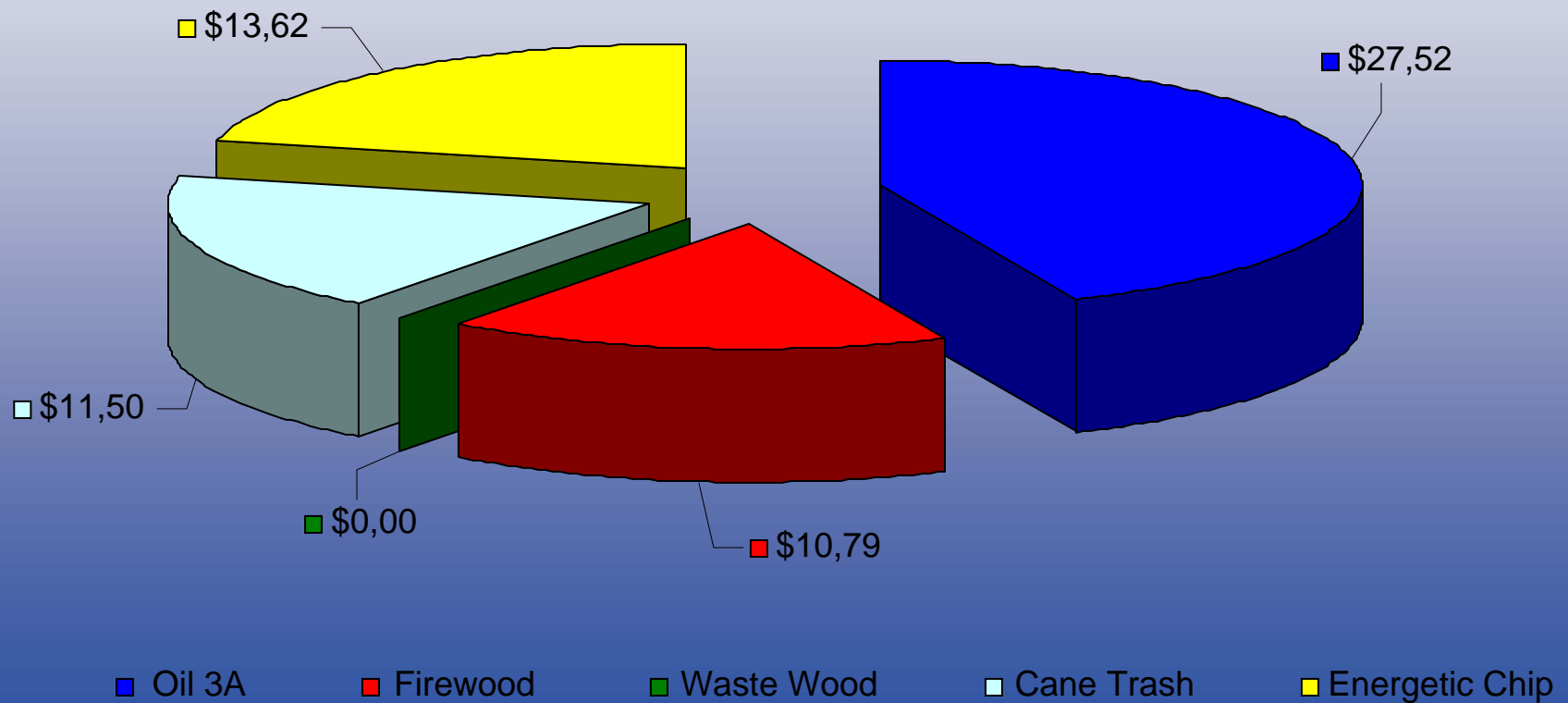
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## Fuels Pareto's Graph



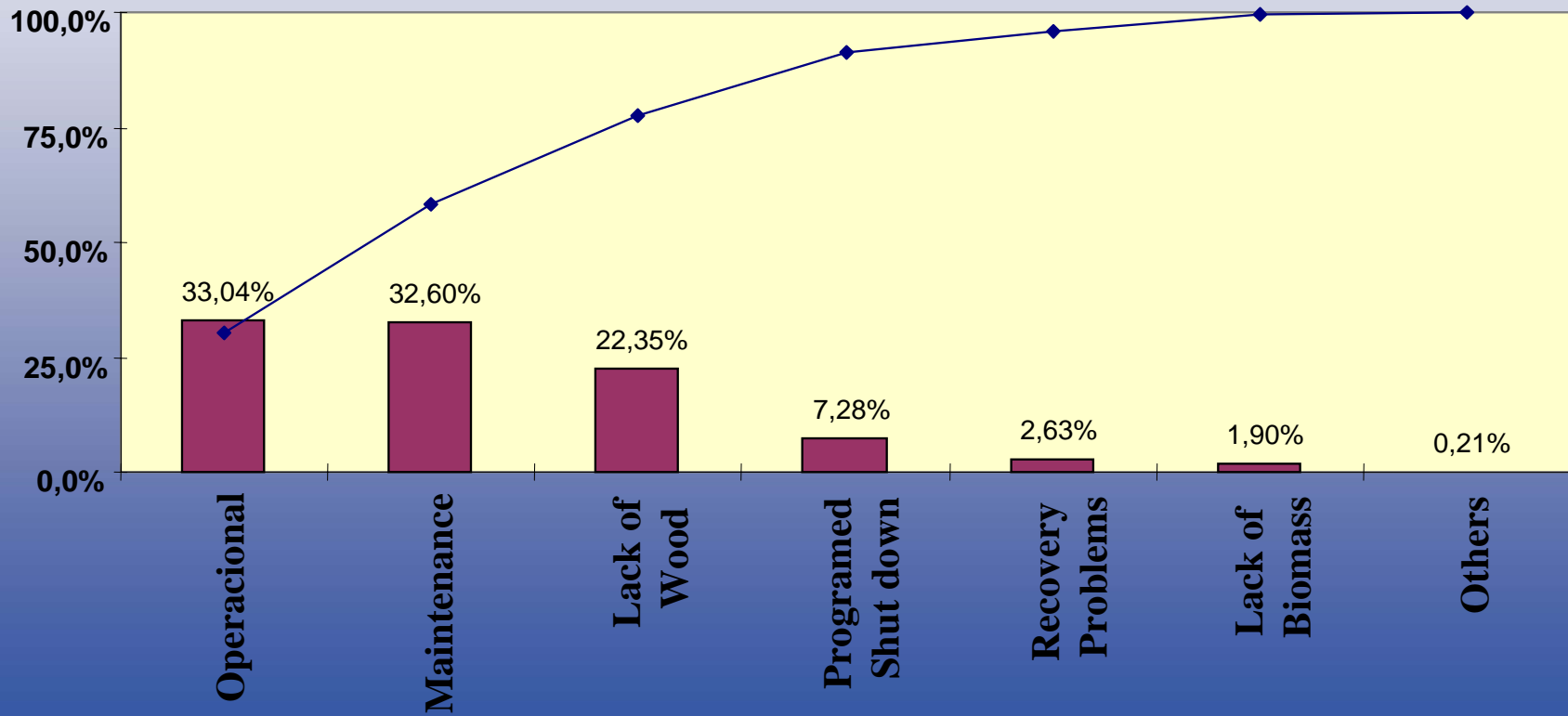
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Steam Cost for different fuels



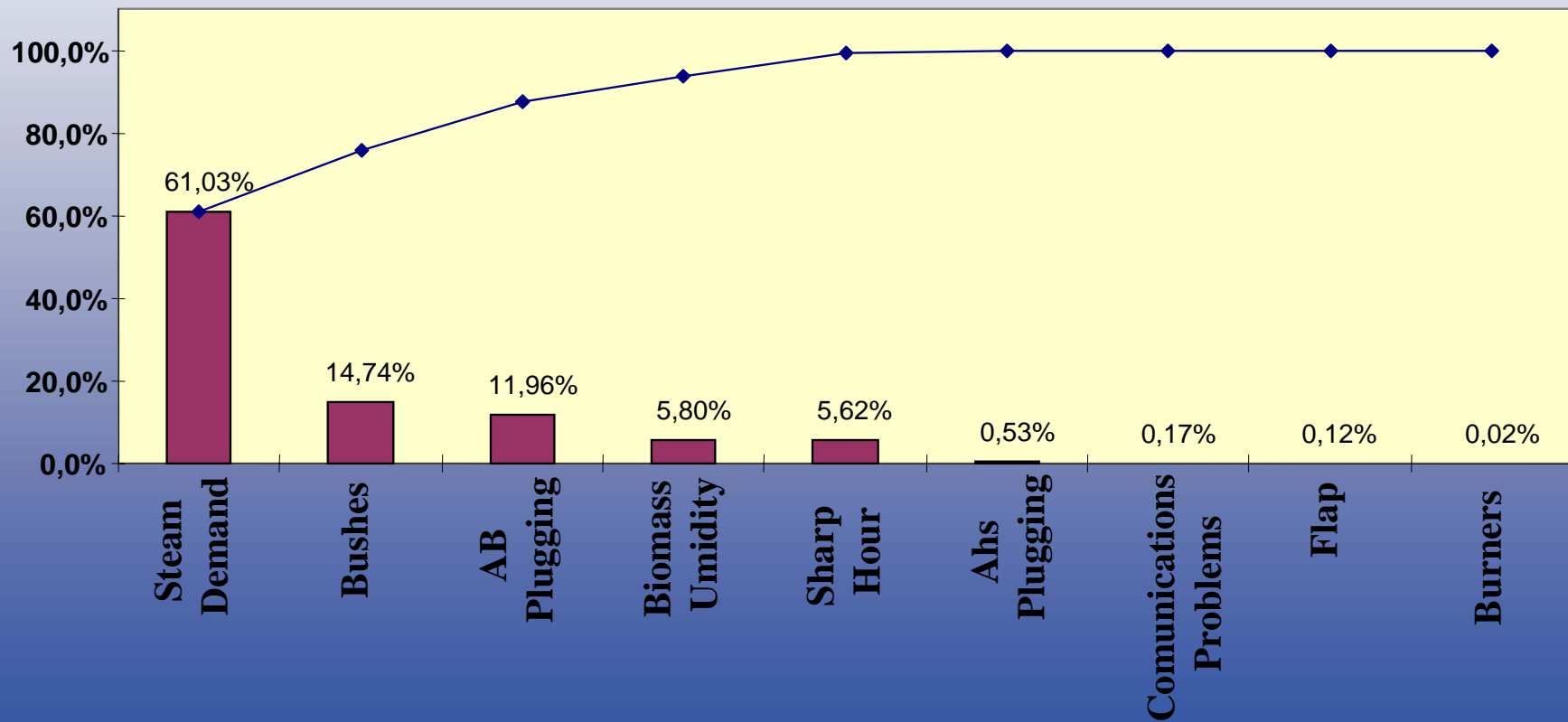
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Pareto's Graph: Auxiliary Boilers Oil Consumption Reasons



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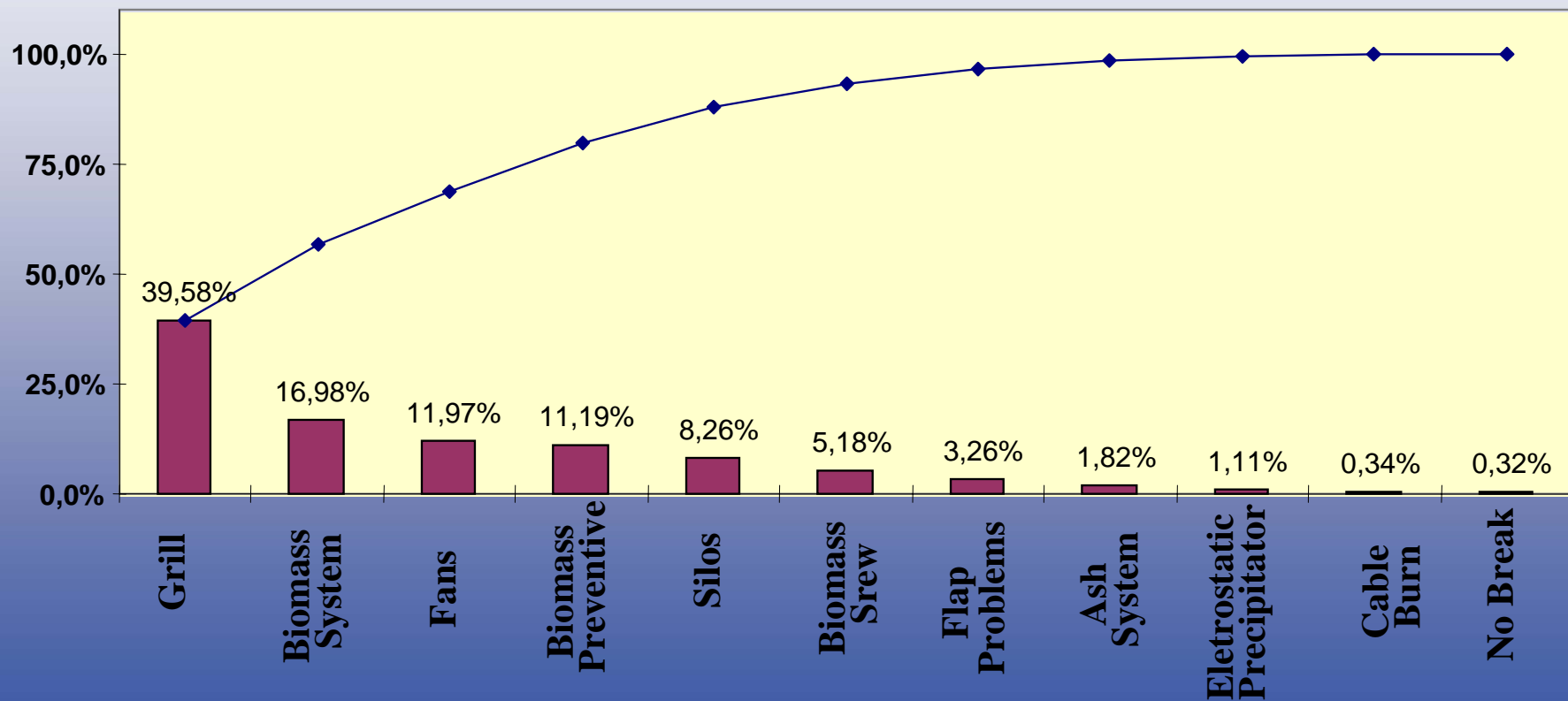
Pareto's Graph: Operation Oil Consumption Reasons





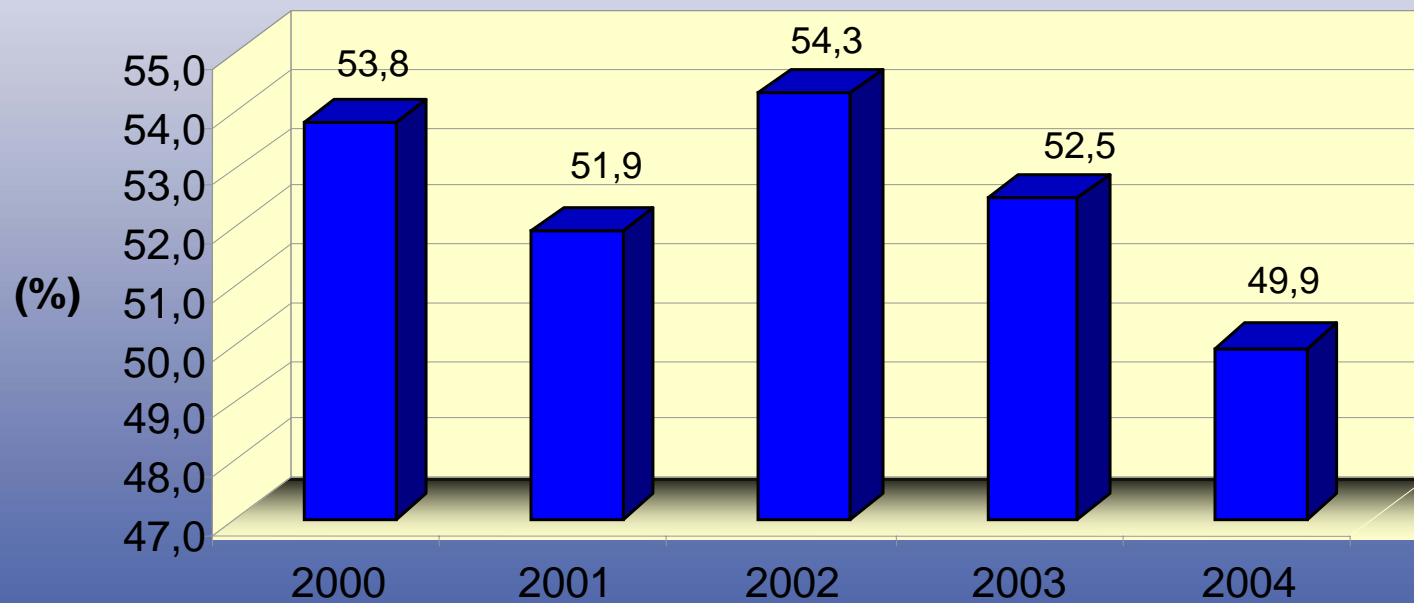
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Pareto's Graph: Maintenance Oil Consumption Reasons



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Biomass Average Dry Content Evolution



## Specifics and General Goals

**Goal:** 5,0% / steam ton

**Average Steam Production expected to 2004:** 84.386 tons/month

**Average Steam cost expected to 2004:** US\$ 11,24

**Economy to be reached:** US\$ 569.123 US\$ 10,68

### Lack of Biomass Reduction:

	Since April	Reduction Goal	Oil Reduction (ton)	Oil 3A Cost	
<b>Oil Consumption (ton):</b>	2.869,44	90,0%	382,59	3443,33	<b>Gain with reduction</b>
	<b>3.825,92</b>			US\$ 292,54	<b>US\$ 1.007.323,6</b>

### Maintenance Reduction:

	Reduction Goal	Oil Reduction (ton)	Oil 3A Cost	
<b>Oil Consumption (ton):</b>	14,0%	4.424,62	720,29	<b>Gain with reduction</b>
April to December	21,3%	4.047,91	1097,00	<b>US\$ 210.715,5</b>
January to March		3.327,62		US\$ 531.635,8
			US\$ 292,54	
			Projeto BB	
			US\$ 320.920,3	

### Operation Reduction:

	Reduction Goal	Oil Reduction (ton)	Oil 3A Cost	
<b>Oil Consumption (ton):</b>	5,2%	4.942,47	271,11	<b>Gain with reduction</b>
Bushes	35,3%	497,61	271,11	<b>US\$ 79.310,2</b>
			US\$ 292,54	

### Increase by Operating:

	Increase Forecast	Oil consumption enlargement	Oil 3A Cost	
<b>Oil Consumption (ton):</b>	25,0%	6.516,96	1.303,39	<b>Loss with the Enlargement</b>
January to March		6245,85		<b>US\$ 381.299,3</b>
April to December				
			US\$ 292,54	

### Others factors whose consumed oil:

	Reduction Goal	Oil Reduction (ton)	Oil 3A Cost	
<b>Oil Consumption (ton):</b>	0,0%	0,00	0,00	<b>Gain with reduction</b>
Programed shut down,				<b>US\$ 0,00</b>
Recovery Boiler problems		1.596,92		
and others			US\$ 292,54	

Total Oil Economy:	4.228,33	Tons / year
Production that would be reached with oil:	50.739,99	Steam tons
Oil Substitution by Chip:	21.141,66	Chip tons

Real oil Consumption in 2003:	15.781,32	<b>Total gain with oil reduction:</b>	<b>US\$ 1.236.971,7</b>
Oil consumption forecast to 2004:	11.552,99	<b>Firewood + Energetic Chip costs:</b>	<b>US\$ 25,63</b>
Oil economy forecast to 2004:	4.228,33	<b>Oil Substitution Costs by Energetic Chip / Firewood:</b>	<b>US\$ 541.940,93</b>

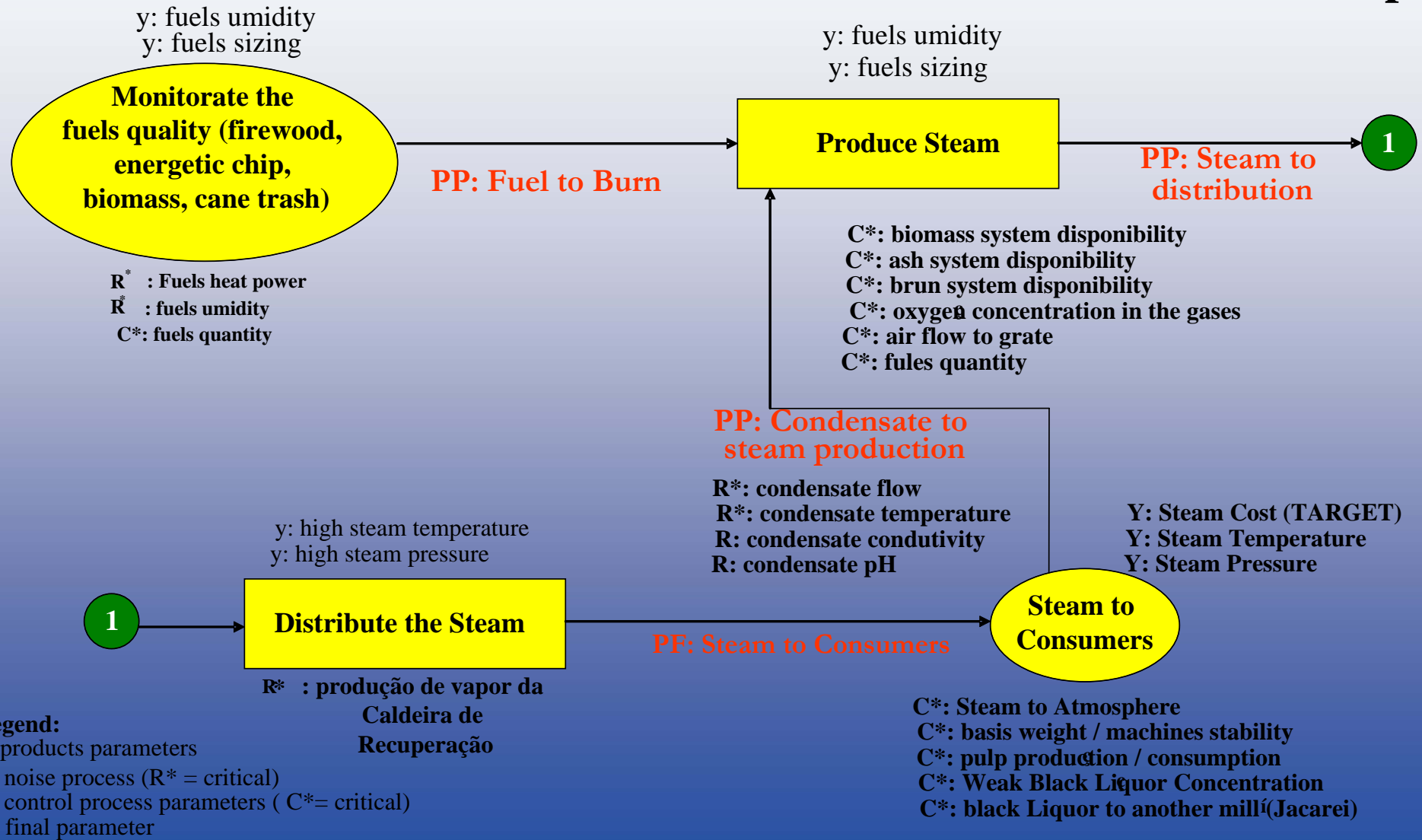
**Estimated project real gain : US\$ 695.030,75**

**Steam Cost reduction / ton: US\$ 0,69**

**Final Steam Cost Price: US\$ 10,55**

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## Process Map



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## Matrix Diagram

Causes \ Effect	Reduction in 5% of Steam Auxiliary Boilers Costs in respect to the 2004
Fuel quantity	○
Biomass System isponibility	○
Ash System disponibility	□
Burner System disponibilty	○
Gases Oxigen concentration	□
Grate Air flow	□
Steam to Atmosphere	○
Basis Weight / Pulp Machines Stability	□
Pulp production and consumption	□
Weak Black Liquor Concentration	□
Black Liquor to another Mill (Jacareí)	□

### Legend:



High Correlation



Medium Correlation



Low Correlation

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## Action Plan

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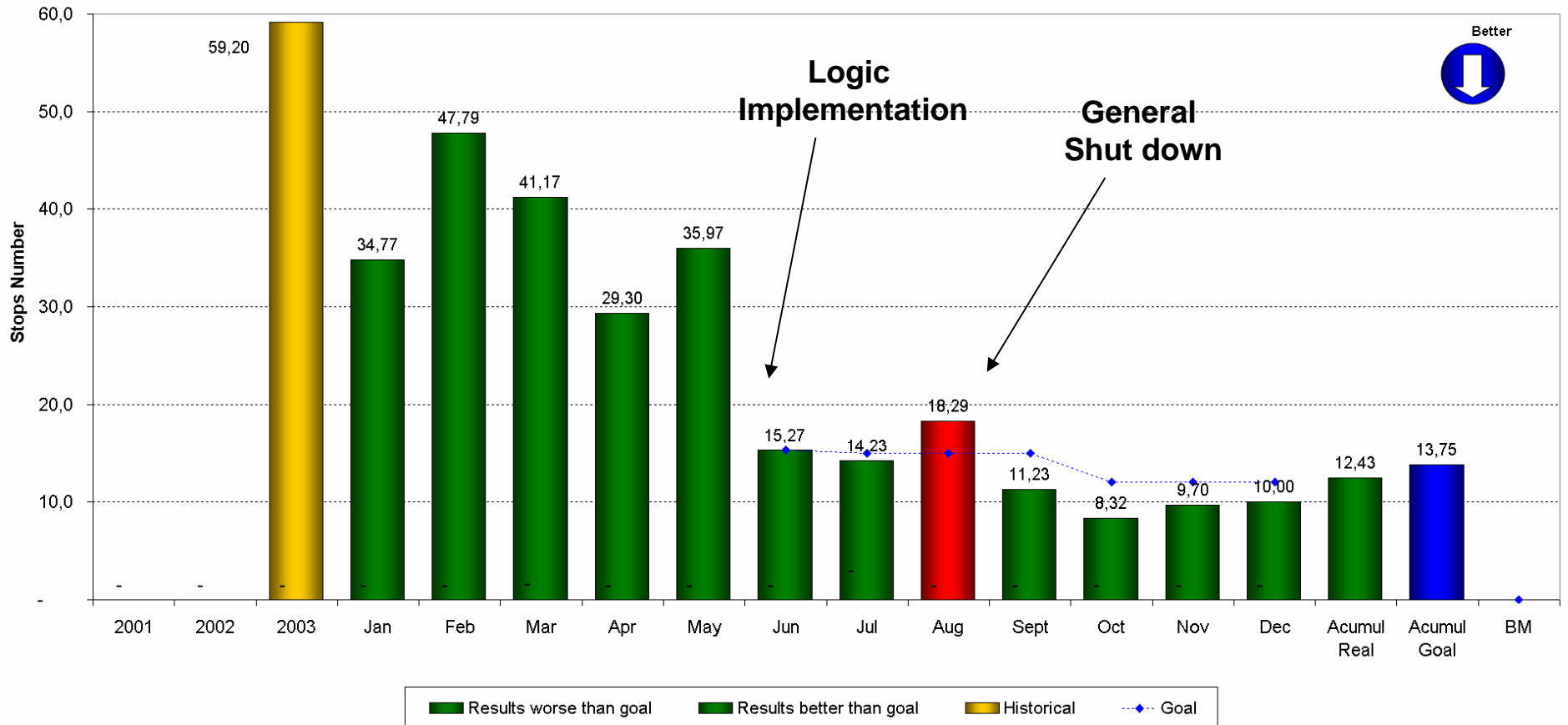


## Total Quality - Goal Graph


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CELL / TEAM:	CPU/UT	RESPONSABLE:	Thiago Gazoni

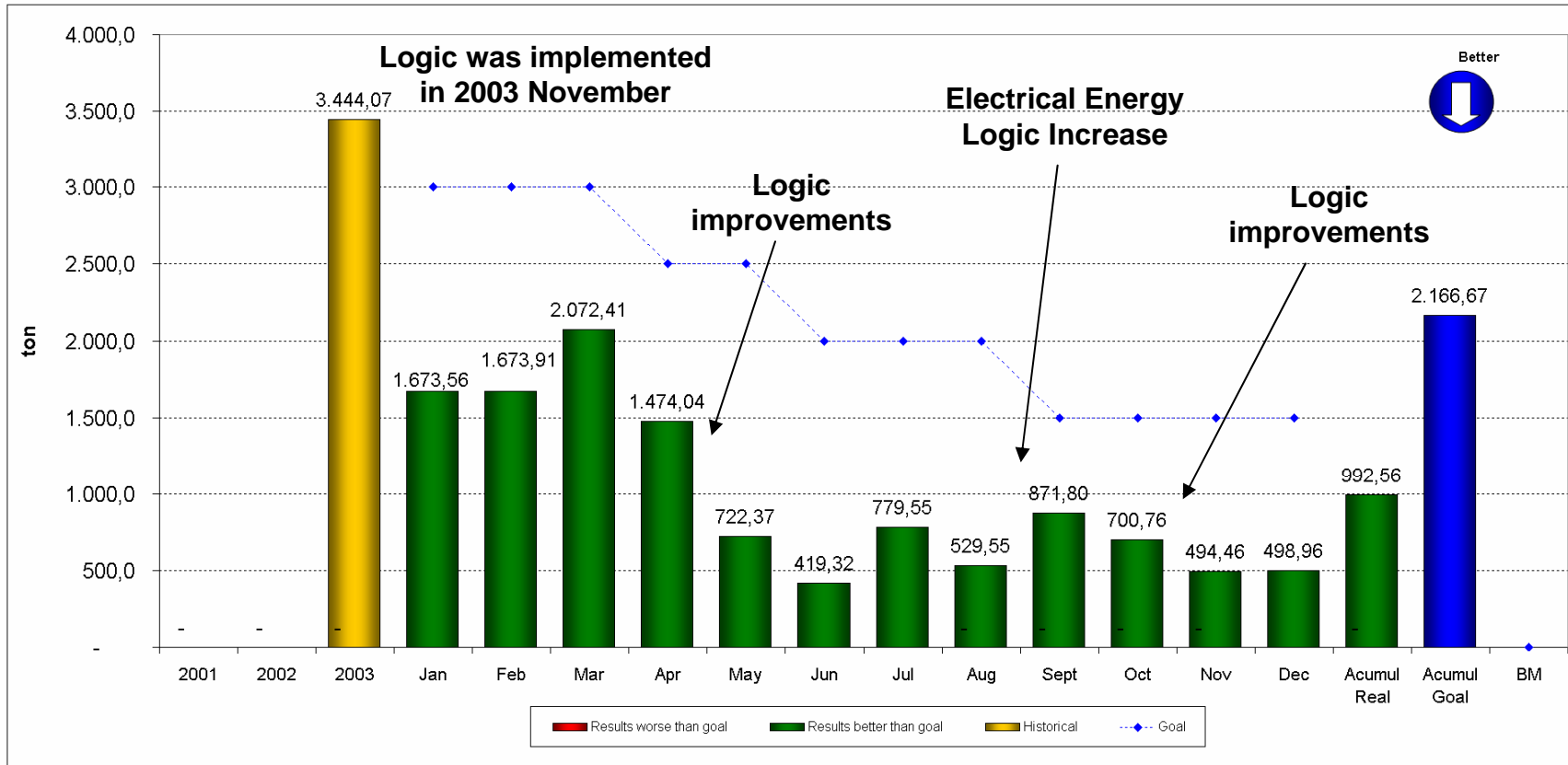
META: **Reduce the biomass system average stops from 35,57 (April and May average) to 12 a day unti 12/31/2004**

Control Item: **Biomass System Stop**



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	<b>Total Quality - Goal Graph</b>		UNITY / PROCESS: LA	DATE: 12/4/2006
	GOAL: <b>Reduce the steam flow to atmosphere to 1500 ton/month until 12/31/2004</b>		CELL / TEAM: CPUJUT	RESPONSABLE: Thiago Gazoni
			Control Item: <b>Steam to Atmosphere</b>	





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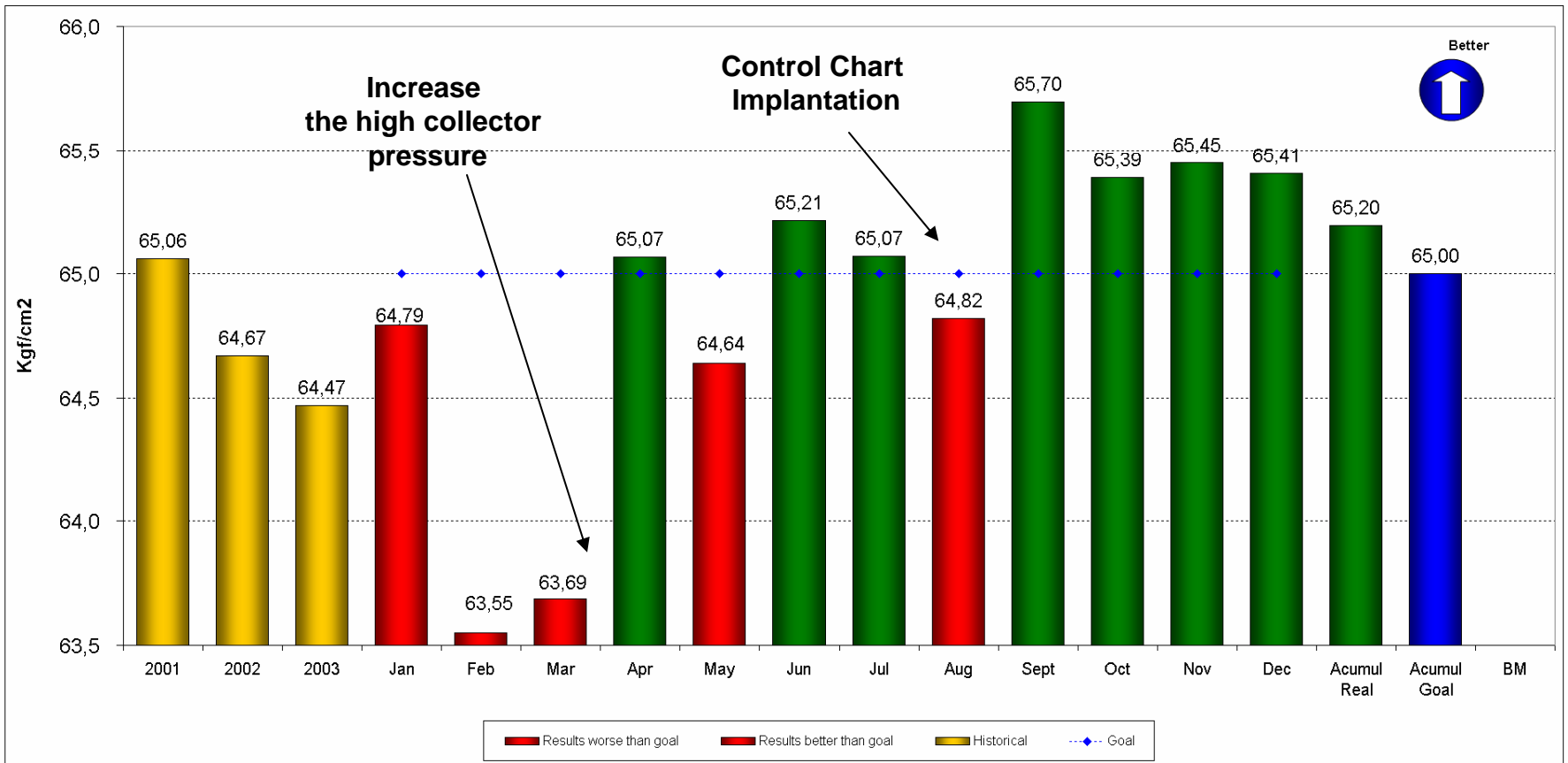


## Total Quality - Goal Graph

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GOAL: **Maintain the high collector pressure in 65,0 Kgf/cm<sup>2</sup> from April to December**

Control Item: **High Collector Pressure**



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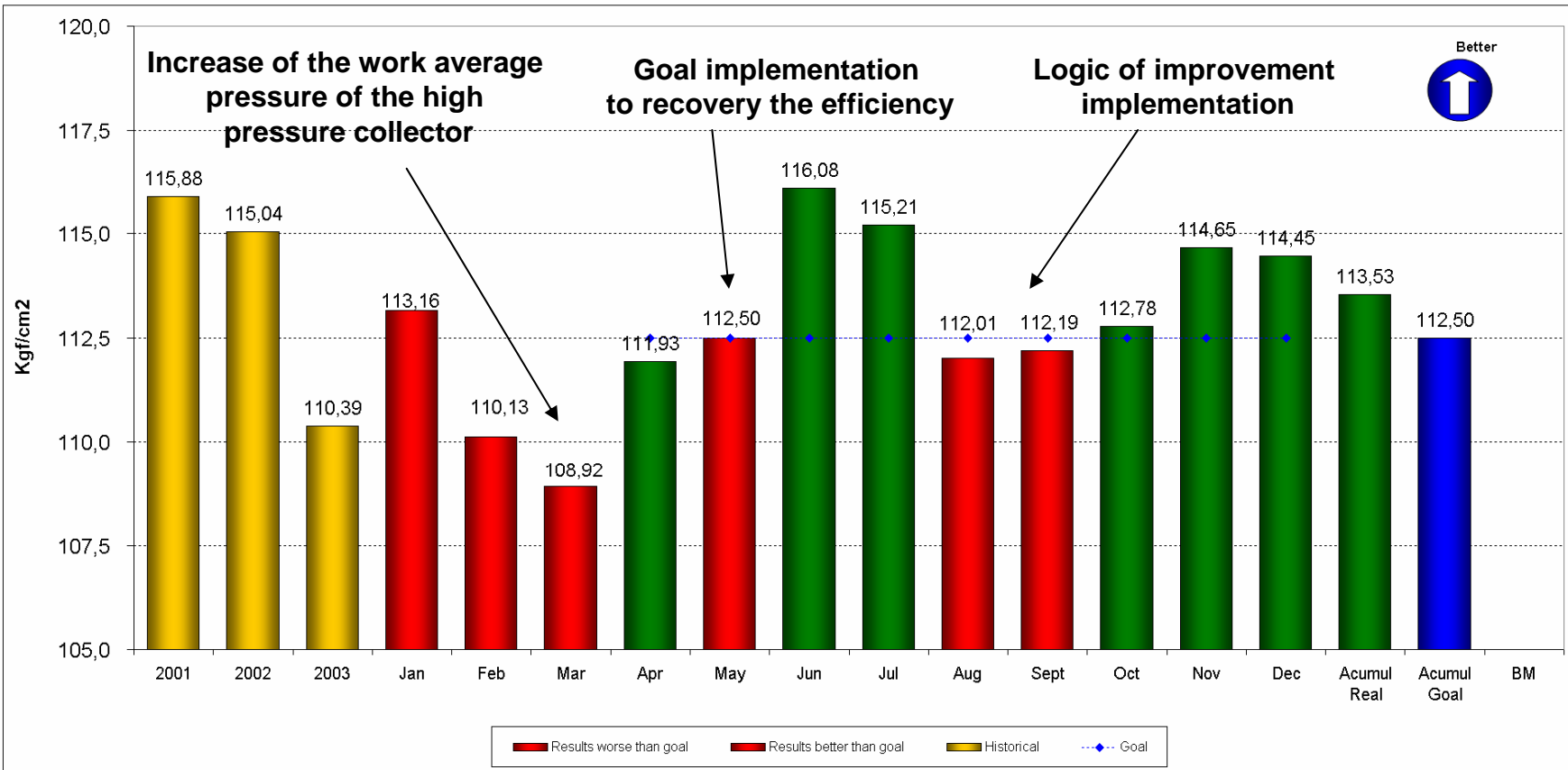


## Total Quality - Goal Graph

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GOAL: **Increase the electric energy generation efficiency from 110,39 to 112,5 KWh/ steam ton from April to 12/31/2004**

Control Item: **Electric Energy Generation Efficiency**



# Results

Examination of Specific and General Goals					
Item	Oil Consumption (ton)	Goal Reduction	Real Reduction	Real Oil Consumption (ton)	Gain / Loss With Reduction
Lack of Biomass	3.825,92	90,00%	95,2%	183,64	US\$ 1.065.525,8
Maintenance Reduction	5.144,91	35,32%	52,1%	2.678,57	US\$ 721.512,02
Operation Reduction (Bushes)	768,72	35,27%	61,7%	294,1	US\$ 138.855,83
Increase by Operating	5.213,57	-25,00%	-35,8%	7.027,50	US\$ 530.653,18
Others factors whose consumed oil	2.617,76	0,00%	0,0%	0	US\$ 0,00
<b>Average Steam Cost Expected to 2004:</b>				<b>US\$ 11,24</b>	
<b>Economy to be Reached:</b>				<b>US\$ 10,68</b>	
<b>Final Price of Steam Cost (based on 2003 real oil consumption):</b>				<b>US\$ 10,51</b>	
<b>Project Estimated Gain:</b>				<b>US\$ 695.030,75</b>	
<b>Project Real Gain:</b>				<b>US\$ 731.643,69</b>	

# Results

Year:	Steam Production (ton)	Economy Goal	2004 Steam Cost Estimated	Real Steam Cost	Real Goal Reached
2004	1.012.632	5,00%	\$11,24	\$8,16	27,45%
<b>Total estimated by the project</b>				\$569.122,73	

Real Payback reached by the project based on oil consumption in 2003	<b>US\$731.643,69</b>
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Real payback reached by the project compared to the budget of 2004	<b>US\$3.124.087,47</b>
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# Conclusion

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- **The cost of steam production by oil-fired boilers was lowered by 27,5%;**
- **The oil consumption was lowered by 43,8%;**
- **The power generation was increased by 2,8%;**
- **The project led to development of a new energy management concept;**

# Activities in Development

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- **Study to reduce the medium steam pressure flow in the pulp line;**
- **Optimize the steam to the atmosphere and electric energy generation logics;**
- **Planning the demand electric energy reduction in the peak hour in 2,0 MW**
- **Electrical energy consumption management by areas**

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