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DOE Initiative on SCO₂ Power Cycles (STEP)

- Heat Exchangers: A Performance and Cost Challenge -



**EPRI-NETL Workshop on Heat Exchangers
for SCO₂ Power Cycles**

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Presentation Outline

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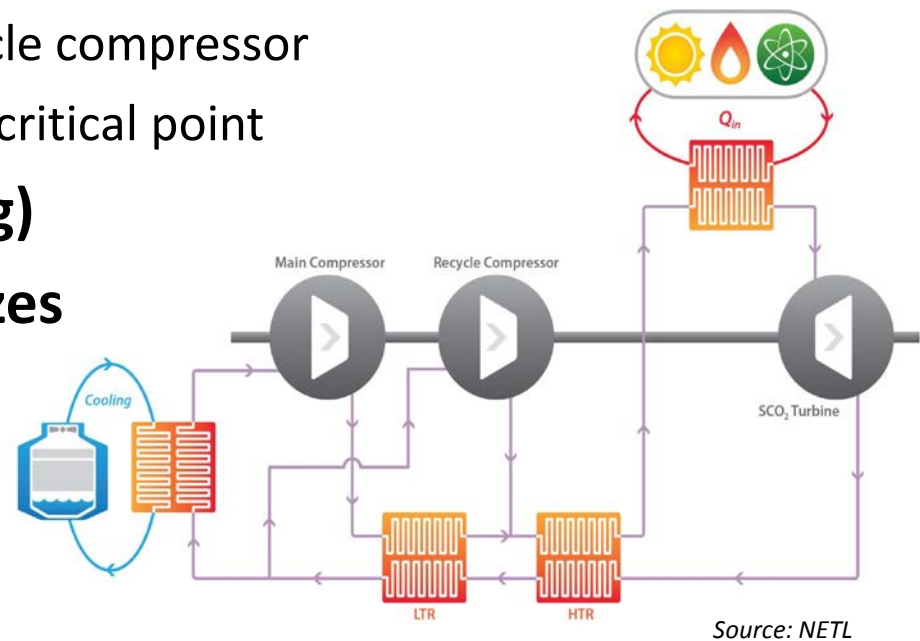


- **Why SCO₂ Power Cycles**
- **FE Applications of SCO₂ Power Cycles**
- **Recuperators for SCO₂ Power Cycles**
- **Overview of the DOE SCO₂ Crosscut Initiative**
- **Summary**

Why Use Supercritical CO₂ (SCO₂) for Power Cycles?



- **Applicable to multiple heat sources for indirect heating**
- **Potential for higher efficiency relative to traditional power cycles**
 - Double recuperated with recycle compressor
 - Beneficial properties near the critical point
- **Closed cycle (noncondensing)**
- **Reduced turbomachinery sizes**
- **CO₂ is generally stable, abundant, inexpensive, non-flammable, and less corrosive than H₂O**



Source: NETL

Common FE, NE, EERE Application Space

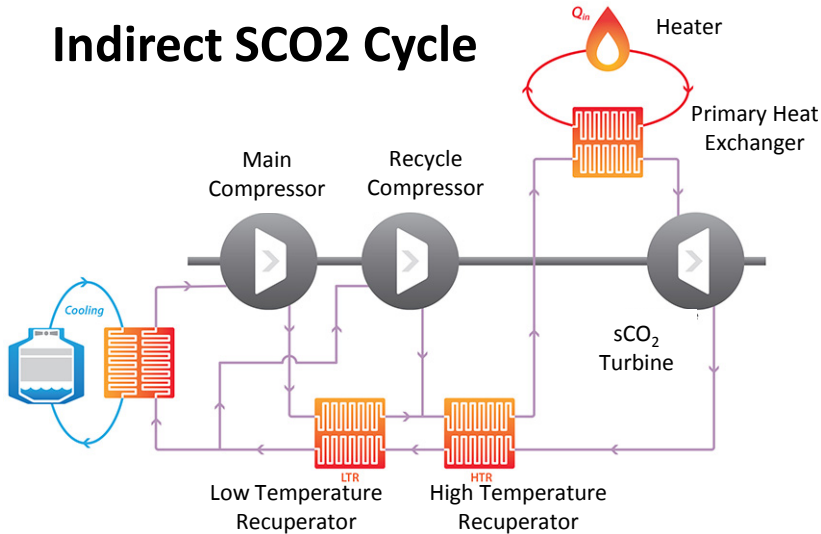


Application	Size [MWe]	Temperature [°C]	Pressure [MPa]
Nuclear (NE)	10 – 300	350 – 700	20 – 35
Fossil Fuel (FE) (Indirect heating)	300 – 600	550 – 900	15 – 35
Fossil Fuel (FE) (Direct heating)	300 – 600	1100 – 1500	35
Concentrating Solar Power (EERE)	10 – 100	500 – 1000	35
Shipboard Propulsion	<10 – 10	200 – 300	15 – 25
Waste Heat Recovery (FE)	1 – 10	< 230 – 650	15 – 35
Geothermal (EERE)	1 – 50	100 – 300	15

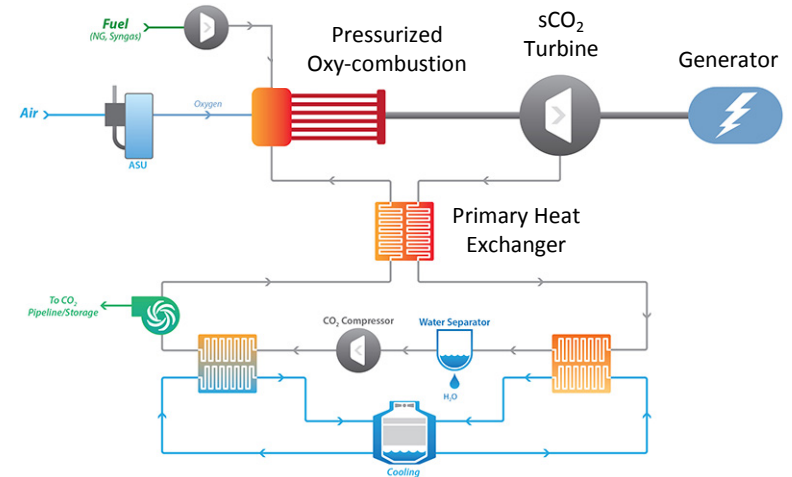
FE Applications of the Indirect and Direct Supercritical CO₂ Power Cycle



Indirect SCO₂ Cycle

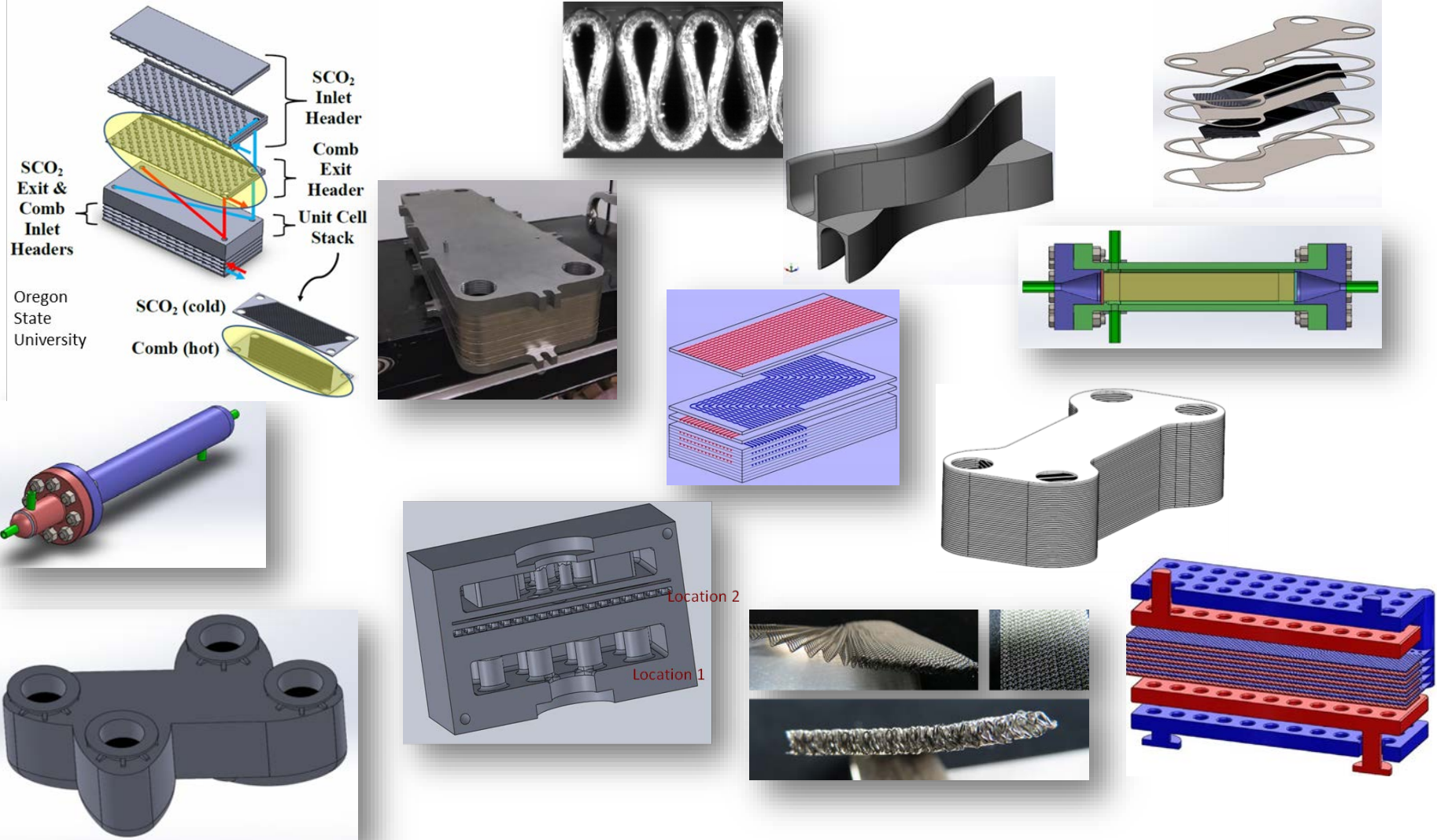


Direct SCO₂ Cycle



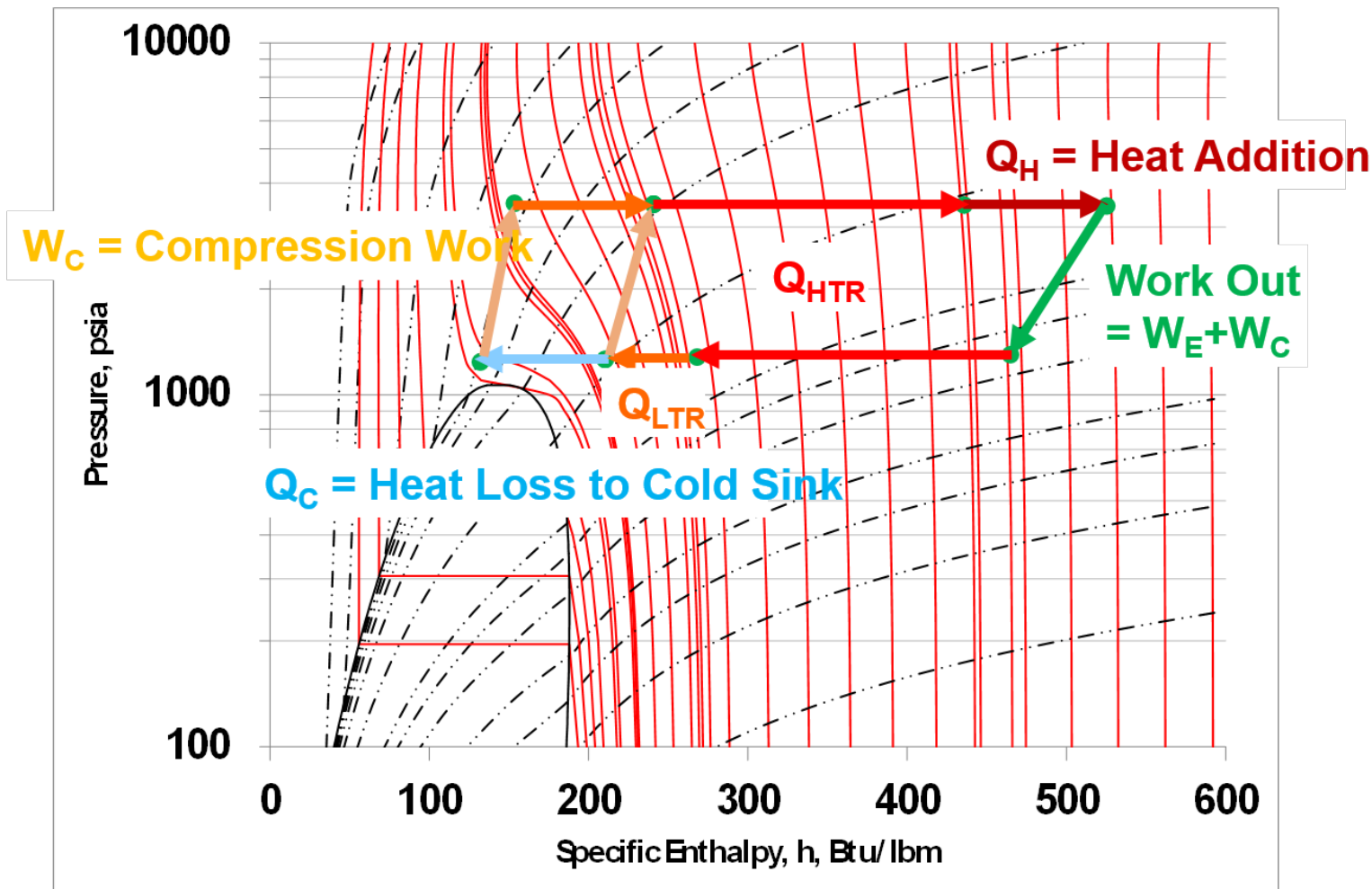
Cycle/Component		Inlet		Outlet	
		T (C)	P (MPa)	T (C)	P (MPa)
Indirect	Heater	450-535	1-10	650-750	1-10
	Turbine	650-750	20-30	550-650	8-10
	HX	550-650	8-10	100-200	8-10
Direct	Combustor	750	20-30	1150	20-30
	Turbine	1150	20-30	800	3-8
	HX	800	3-8	100	3-8

Recuperator Discussion



Recompression Closed Brayton Cycle

~ 2/3 of the heat in the cycle is recuperated



Pressure vs. Specific Enthalpy Diagram

Recuperators – Basic Heat Transfer

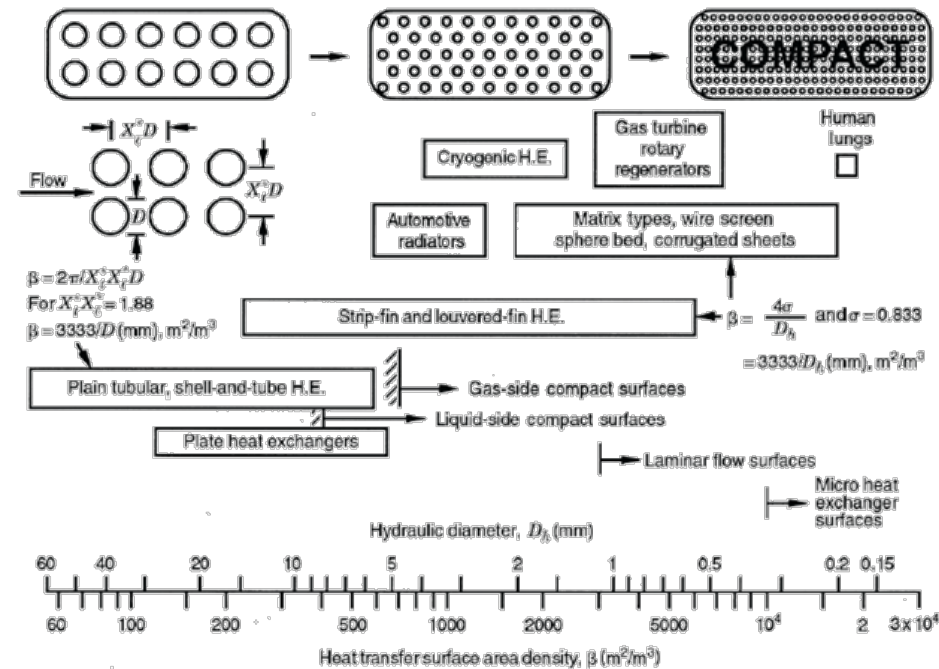


Heat Transfer = Overall HX Coef. * Area * Temperature Difference
 $Q = U * A * \Delta T$

As ΔT decreases, effectiveness increases, but the area must increase to make up for the decrease in ΔT

- Increasing the contact area generally results in an increase in volume of material required
- Heat exchangers are often characterized by the ratio of contact area to volume:

$$\beta = A/V$$



(Shah 2003)



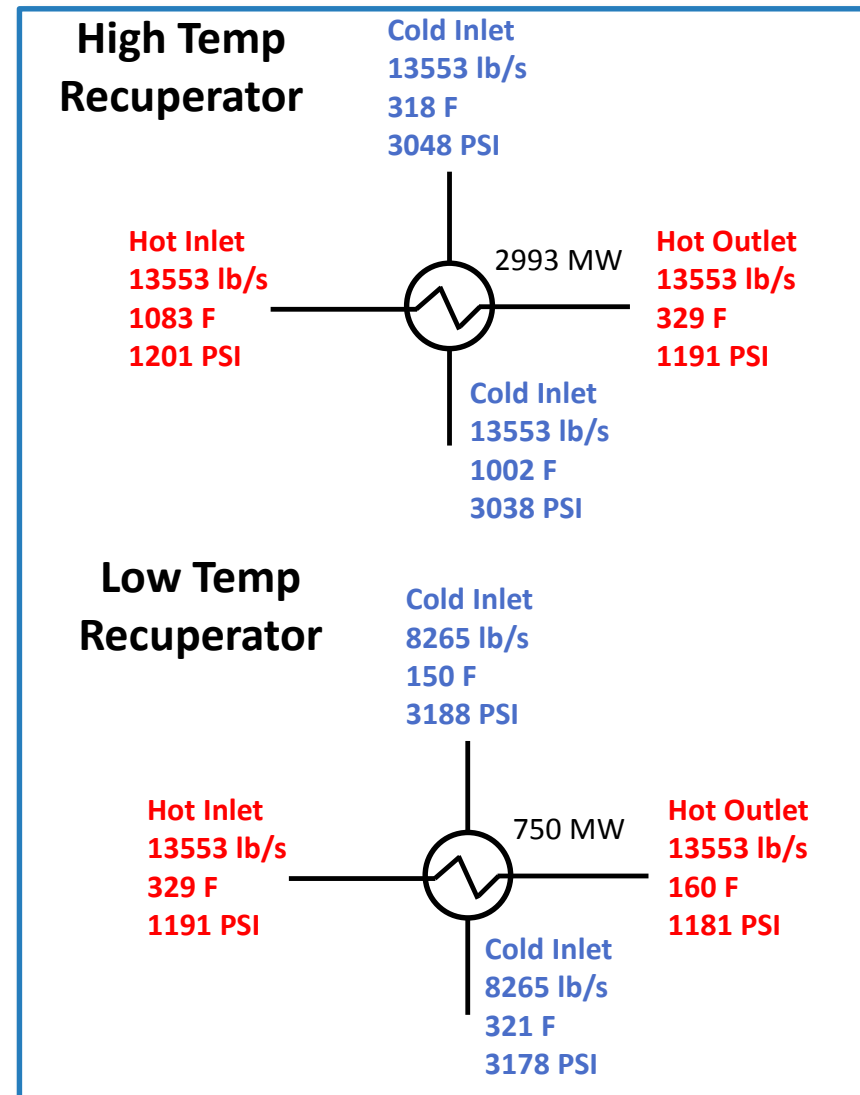
- **Heat transfer coefficient increases with an increase in turbulence, but so does pressure drop**
- **Increasing heat transfer coefficient, U , allows less contact area, A , and a smaller heat exchanger**
 - $Q = U \cdot A \cdot \Delta T$
- **However for a given heat exchanger design, increasing U comes with the penalty of increased pressure drop**

Vendor Inquiries for Recuperators

Recuperators for a 550 MWe power plant



- **OF PFBC w/ SCO₂ power cycle**
 - 550 MWe; 1280 MWth,
 - 50.5 cycle efficiency
 - 2993 MWth HTR / 750 MWth LTR
- **Recuperator development plans**
 - Development plan
 - Qualifications
 - +/- 30 % cost estimate
 - Compactness criteria 700 m²/m³
- **Vendors requested to provide**
 - conceptual design, development plan, commercial cost estimate
- **Limited vendor response**



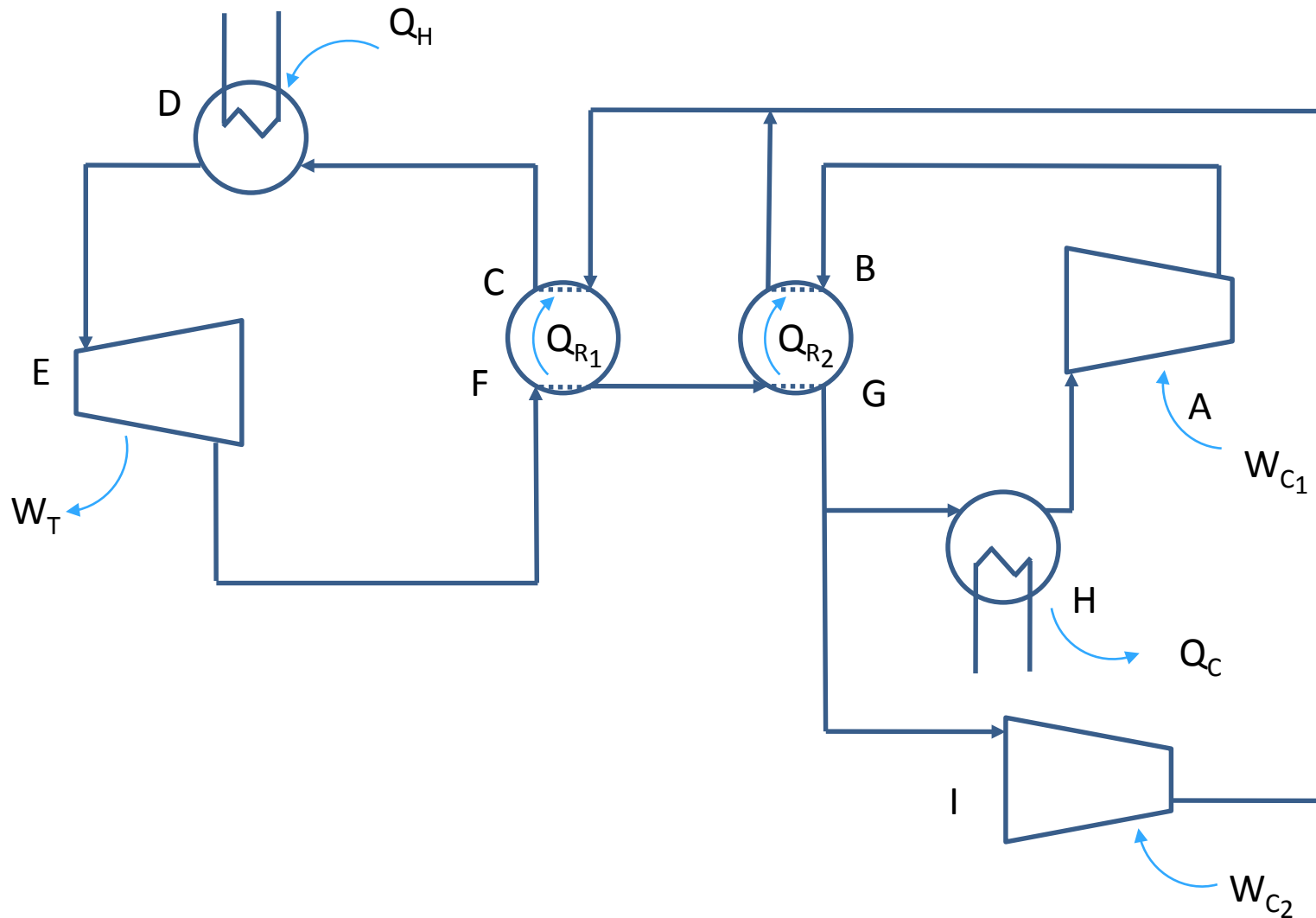
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Recuperators for a 550 MWe power plant



- **Suggested materials: Inconel (HTR), 316H (LTR)**
- **Allow delta P to double -> 10 to 20 psi**
 - Allows over all mass to be reduced by 2x
 - Core matrix volume can be reduced by 25 % cuts price in half
- **Cost range for mature commercial product**
 - (~\$120M - ~ \$280M)
 - Savings ~ \$160 M yields 7.2 % reduction in COE (0.88 Cents/kwh)
- **Challenges**
 - Balancing cost, performance and cycle optimization
 - Optimizing design for the application
 - Facilities for the fabrication of commercial systems

Recompression Brayton Cycle



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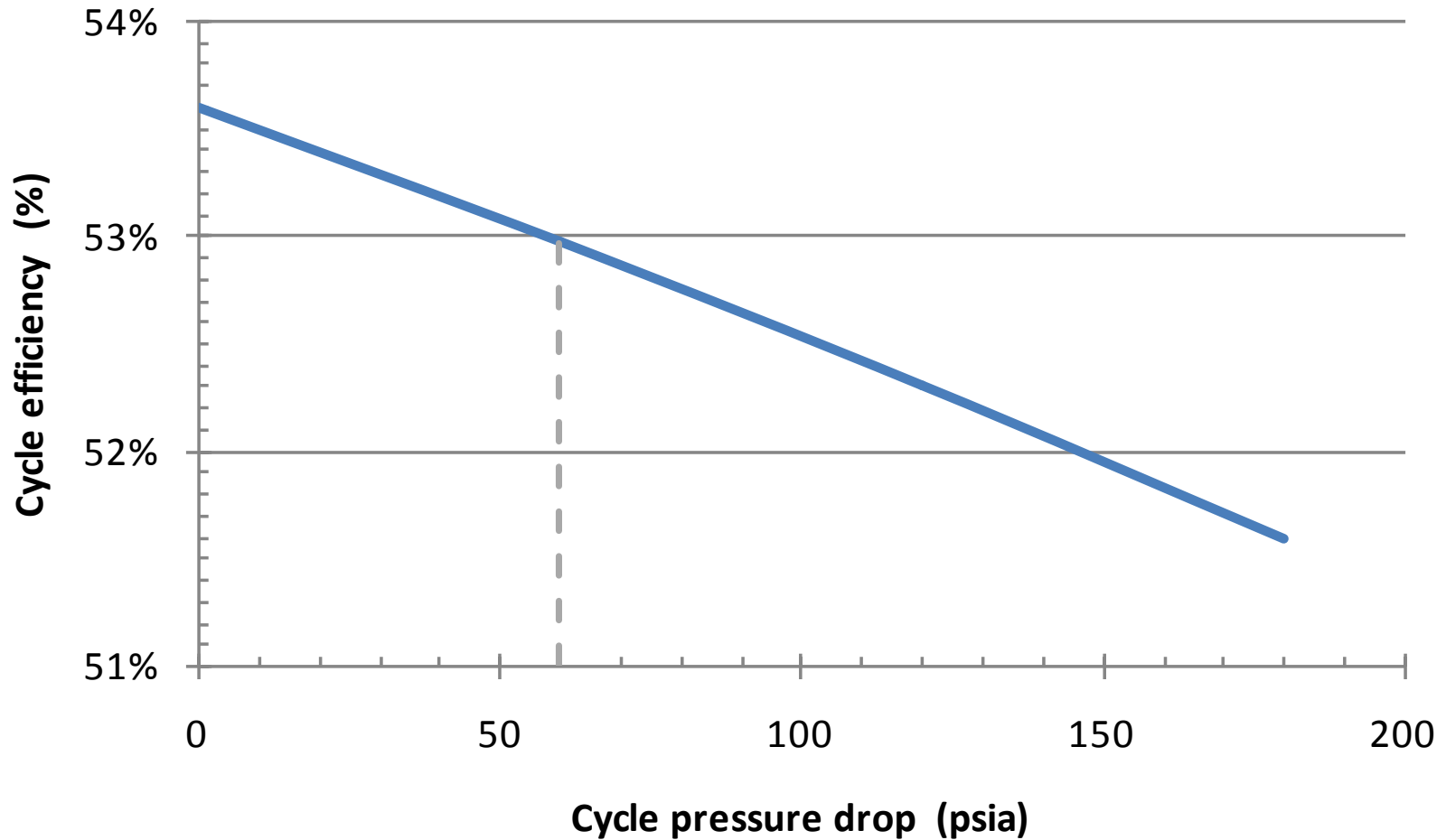
Baseline Cycle Operating Parameters



Parameter	Value
Working fluid	CO ₂
Compressor pressure	Varied
Compressor efficiency	0.85
Turbine inlet temperature	1300 °F
Turbine exit pressure	1320 psia
Turbine efficiency	0.927
Cooler pressure drop	20 psia
Cooler temperature	95 °F
Heater pressure drop	20 psia
Heater duty	100 MMBtu/hr
Minimum temperature approach	10 °F
High temp recuperator cold side pressure drop	20 psia
High temp recuperator hot side pressure drop	20 psia
Low temp recuperator cold side pressure drop	20 psia
Low temp recuperator hot side pressure drop	20 psia
Cooler bypass fraction	0.2853

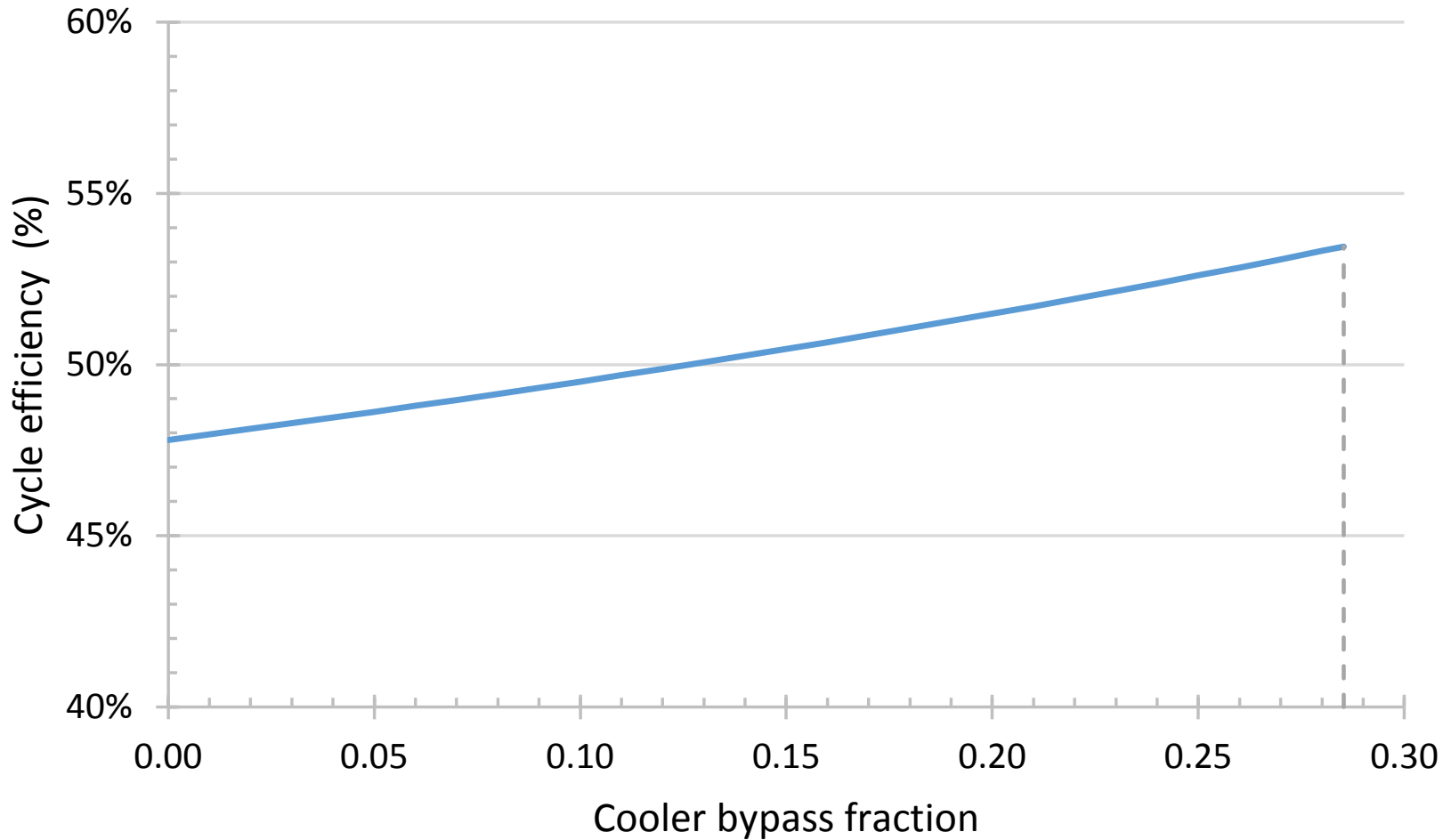
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Sensitivity to Pressure Drop



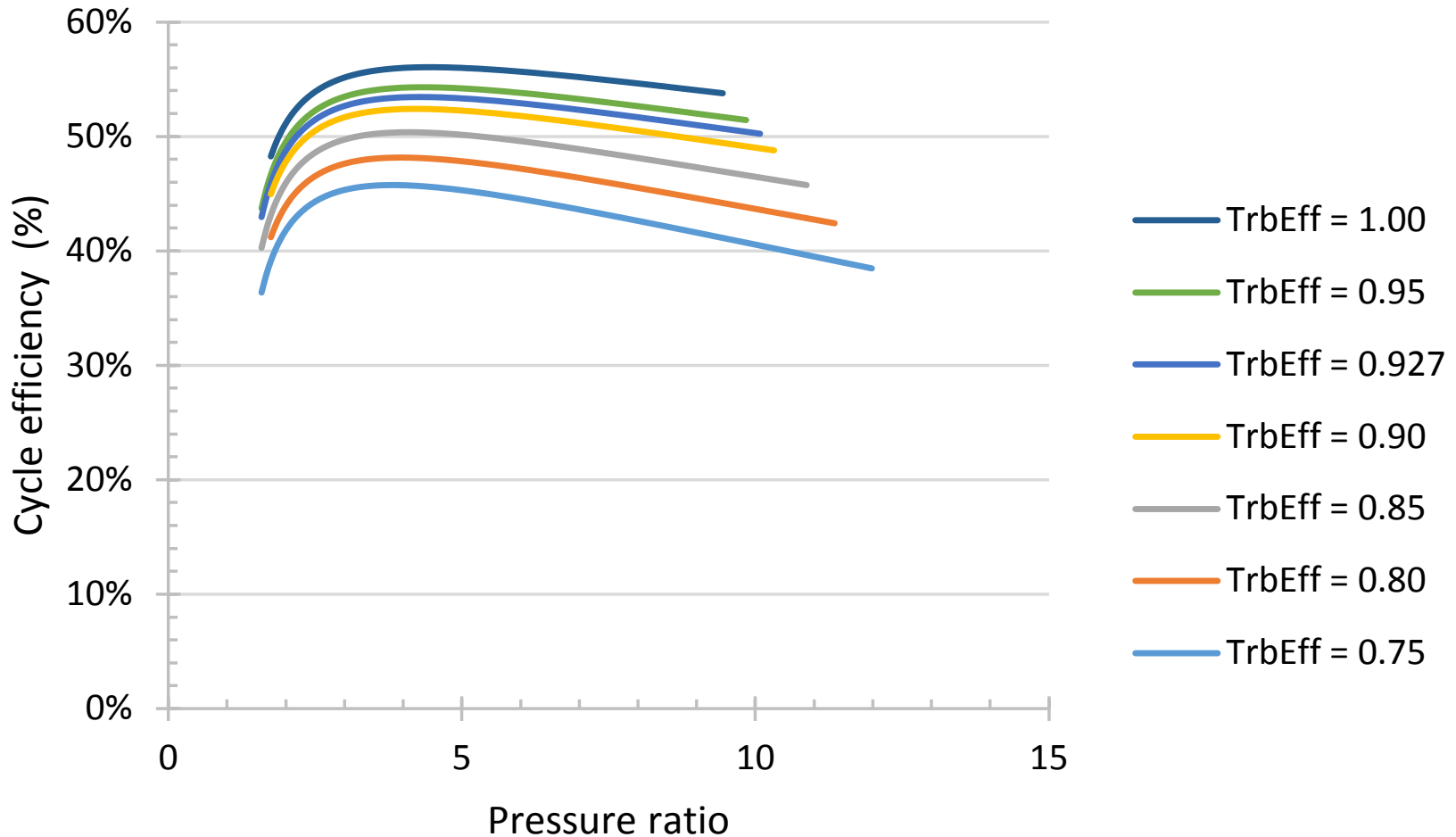
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Sensitivity Analysis to Cooler Bypass Fraction



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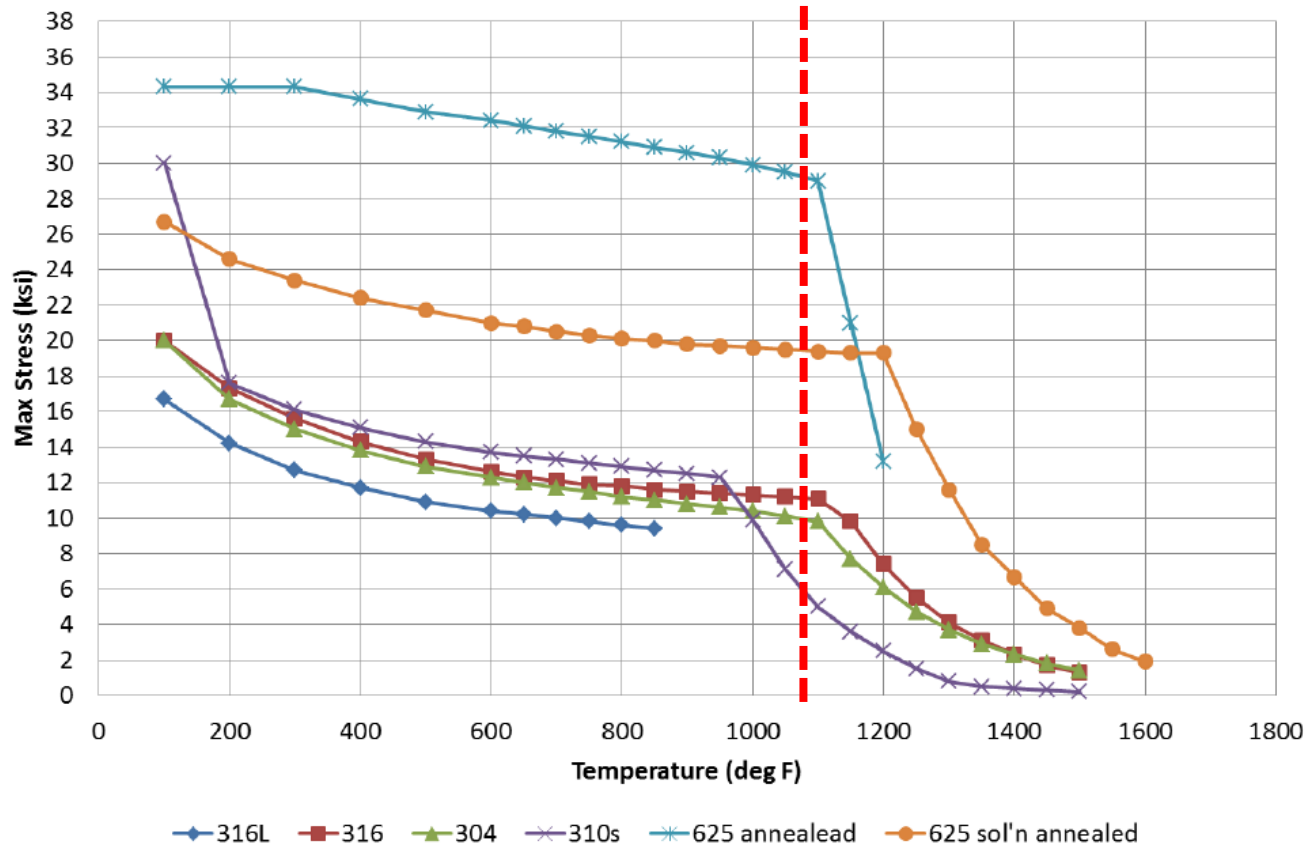
Sensitivity Analysis to Turbine Efficiency



Materials Considerations for Recuperators



Maximum Allowable Stress per ASME Section II, Part D
Max value shown is max allowable for a Section VIII Pressure Vessel



- TIT = 700C -> recuperator inlet temp. would be ~ 580C (1080F) – red line
- Stress levels < ~10 ksi for SS and higher for more expensive nickel-alloys

- **Turbo Machinery for Indirect and Direct SCO₂ Power Cycles**
 - Low-Leakage Shaft End Seals for Utility-Scale SCO₂ Turbo (GE)
 - Adv. Turbomachinery Comp. for SCO₂ Cycles (Aerojet Rocketdyne)
- **Oxy-fuel Combustors for SCO₂ Power Cycles**
 - Coal Syngas Comb. for HP Oxy-Fuel SCO₂ Cycle (8 Rivers Capital)
 - HT Combustor for Direct Fired Supercritical Oxy-Combustion (SwRI)
 - Oxy Fuel Combustion (NETL)
 - Autoignition and Combustion Stability of High Pressure SCO₂ Oxy-Combustion (GA Tech)
 - Chemical Kinetic Modeling and Experiments for Direct Fired sCO₂ Combustor (UCF)
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 - Mfg. Process for Low-Cost HX Applications (Brayton Energy)
 - Design, Fab, and Char. Microchannel HX for FE SCO₂ cycles (Oregon State U)
 - HT HX for Systems with Large Pressure Differentials (Thar Energy)
 - Thin Film Primary Surface HX for Advanced Power Cycles (SwRI)
 - HX for SCO₂ Waste Heat Recovery (Echogen / PNNL, SBIR)
- **Materials, Fundamentals and Systems (AT)**
 - R&D materials & systems (NETL)
 - Materials Issues for Supercritical carbon Dioxide (ORNL)
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Thar Energy Recuperator Development Projects



High Temperature Heat Exchanger Design and Fabrication for Systems with Large Pressure Differentials

Thar Energy

- Prime contractor
- Technical gap assessment
- Prototype recuperator
 - Design
 - Fabrication
- Test stand design and assembly
- Recuperator testing and evaluation

SwRI

- FEA modeling

Bechtel Propulsion

- Technical Support
 - Materials science
 - Prototype testing

Technology Development of Modular, Low-Cost, High-Temperature Recuperators for sCO₂ Power Cycles

Thar Energy

- Prime contractor
- Technical gap assessment
- Design for manufacturing
 - Focus manufacturability & cost
 - Multiple design analysis
- Design for operability, prototyping, & fabrication
 - Down select
- Final Design for manufacturability
- Recuperator fabrication

SwRI

- Combined system engineering design
- Thermodynamic analysis
- FEA modeling

ORNL

- Materials science
 - Long-term corrosion resistance
 - Creep resistance
 - New alloy and/or coating formulation

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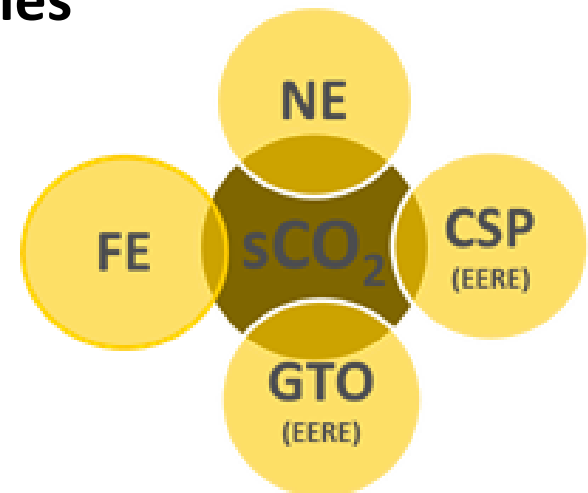
- CFD simulation & analysis of heat exchanger concepts

In Summary Recuperator Challenges for SCO₂ Power Cycles



- **Objectives**
 - Maximize heat transfer efficiency
 - Minimize pressure drop
 - Ensure even flow distribution
 - Minimize Cost
- **Challenges**
 - Seals and pressure containment
 - Materials strength and stability
 - Oxidation resistance
 - Fouling effects

- One of a handful of recognized intra-office DOE crosscut teams
- Nuclear Energy (NE), Fossil Energy (FE) and Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) collaborate on SCO2 power cycles
- Based on advantages of SCO2 power cycles
 - Heat source neutral
 - Applicability to wide range of stakeholders
 - Potential higher efficiency and lower COE
- **Mission**
 - Realize a lower COE with SCO2 power cycles compared to SOTA steam cycles
 - Reduce technical barriers and risks to commercialization





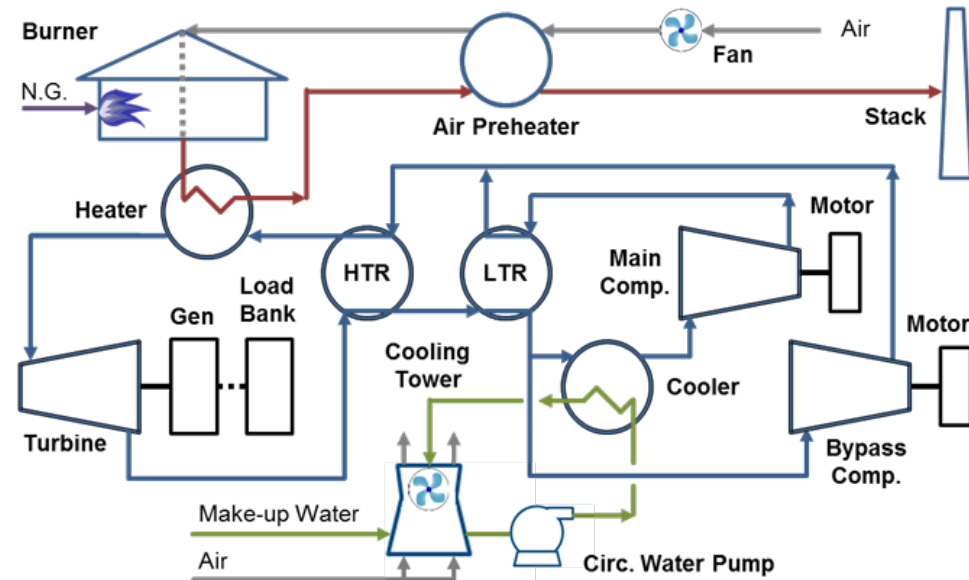
- **Request for Information**
 - RFI 1 & RFI 2
- **Workshops**
 - SwRI/NETL/SNL/NREL; June 2014; September 2014
- **Symposium and Conferences**
 - ASME IGTI Turbo Expo & Int. Symp. on SCO₂ PC
- **Collecting information for an effective solicitation**
 - Technical approach and cost for a 10 MWe facility
- **On going SCO₂ base programs with FE, EERE and NE**
 - Focusing on respective technology application issues

SCO₂ Crosscut Initiative

Next Steps / Path Forward



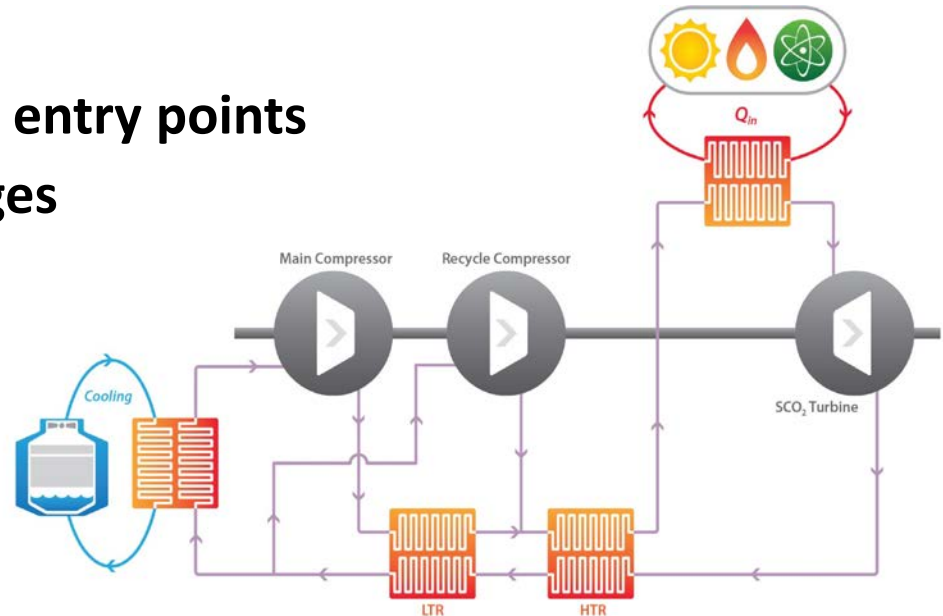
- DOE Offices of NE, FE & EERE collaborating on this initiative
- “...gather information and engage industry to develop an effective solicitation for a public-private cost-shared supercritical carbon dioxide demonstration program....” ⁽¹⁾
- “..10-megawatt supercritical CO₂ technology electric power (STEP) demonstration project..” ⁽²⁾



(1) <http://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20141208/113-HR83sa-ES-D.pdf>;

(2) <http://energy.gov/news-blog/articles/secretary-moniz-written-testimony-house-committee-appropriations-subcommittee>

- **SCO₂ power cycles provide an attractive alternative to the incumbent H₂O based Rankine cycles**
 - Efficiency
 - Broad application to heat sources
 - Characteristic benefits
- **Unique and ubiquitous market entry points**
- **Near term technology challenges**
 - Recuperators
 - Turbomachinery
 - Materials
 - Controls
 - COE
- **DOE sCO₂ Crosscut Initiative**
 - Plan for an effective cost shared solicitation



Upcoming Events



EPRI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CORROSION IN POWER PLANTS

October 13 – 15, 2015 • Hilton Mission Bay • San Diego, California USA



NETL-EPRI WORKSHOP ON HEAT EXCHANGERS FOR SUPERCRITICAL CO₂ POWER CYCLES

October 15, 2015 • Co-located with EPRI International Conference on Corrosion in Power Plants

2015 UNIVERSITY TURBINE SYSTEMS RESEARCH WORKSHOP

November 3-5, 2015

Georgian Terrace Hotel , Atlanta, Georgia



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**20 ASME
16 POWER & ENERGY**
JUNE 26-30, 2016

CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER | CHARLOTTE, NC USA | GO.ASME.ORG/POWERENERGY

ASME IGTI GAS TURBINE FORUM 2016



TURBO EXPO

Turbomachinery Technical Conference & Exposition

Presented by the ASME International Gas Turbine Institute

CONFERENCE June 13 - 17, 2016 EXHIBITION June 14 - 16, 2016

COEX Convention & Exhibition Center, Seoul, South Korea

The 5th International



**Supercritical CO₂
Power Cycles
Symposium**

will be held

March 29 to 31, 2016

in

San Antonio, Texas



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