

Development of a Thin Film Primary Surface Heat Exchanger for Advanced Power Cycles

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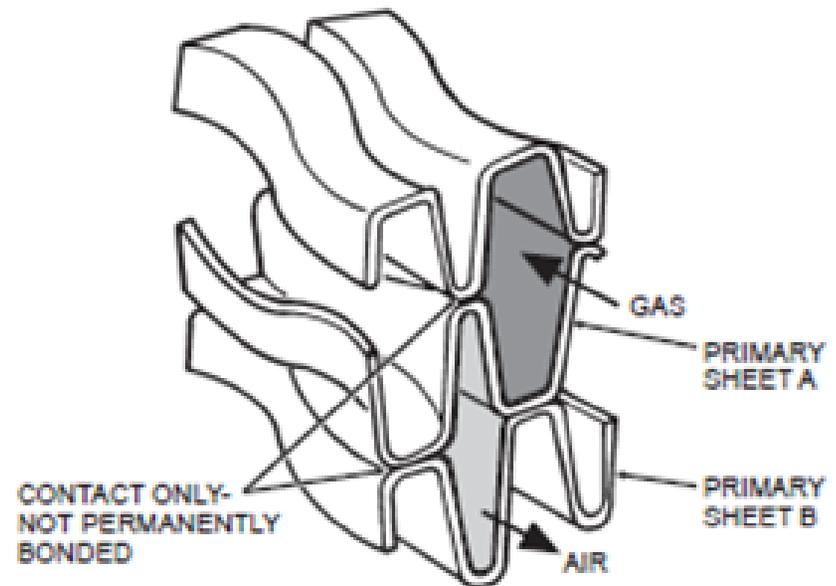
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Primary Surface Sheets

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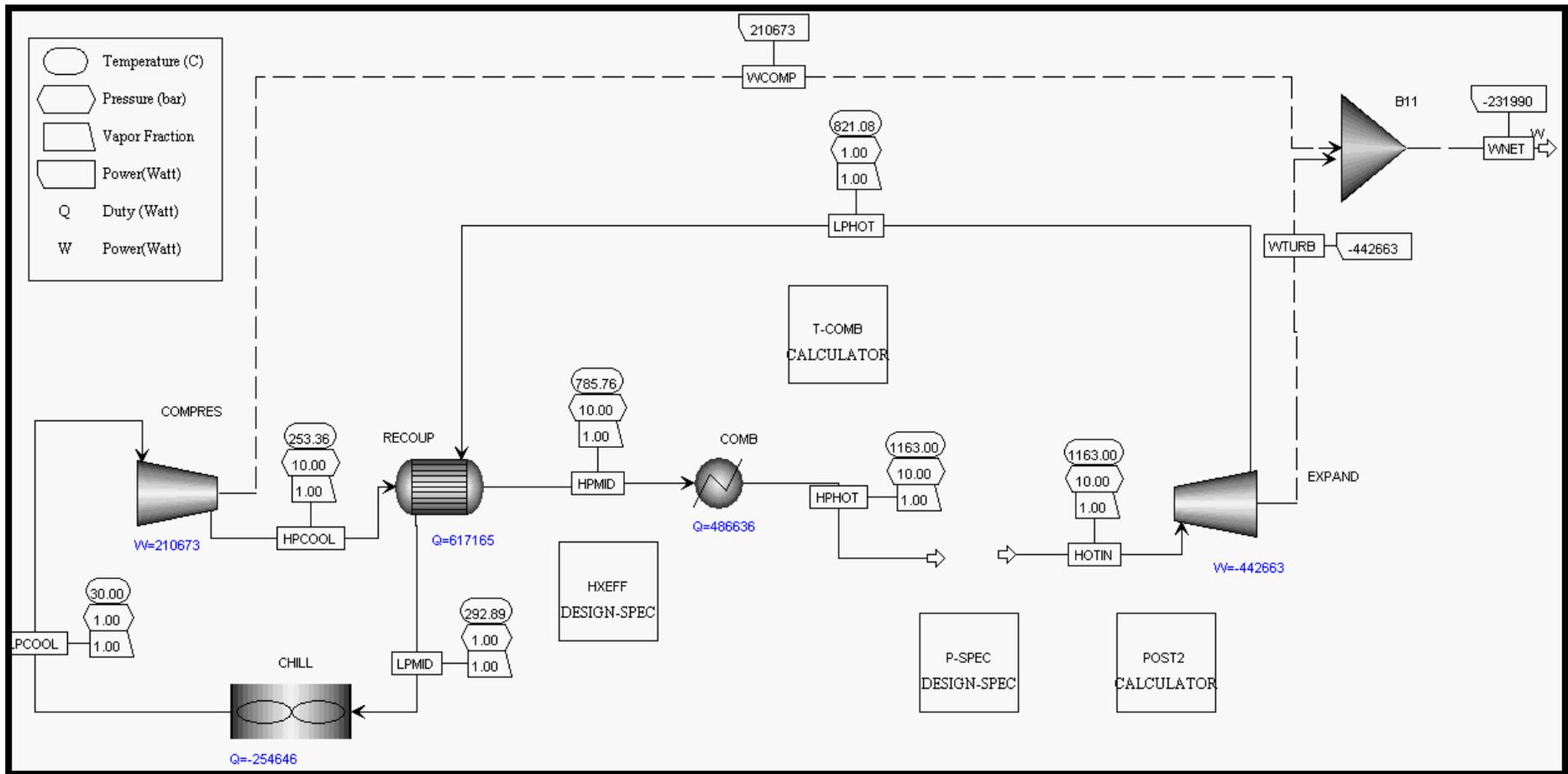


Recuperated CO₂ Oxy-Fuel Cycle

- Cycle analysis setup
- Validation with existing Mercury 50 recuperated air Brayton cycle
- Analysis of recuperated CO₂ Oxy-fuel cycle
- Analysis results
- Heat Exchanger design conditions



Recuperated CO₂ Oxy-Fuel Cycle



T_{hot} [°C]	1163*	P_{high} [bar]	10
T_{cold} [°C]	30	P_{low} [bar]	1



*Same as Solar Turbines' Mercury 50 Gas Turbine

Recuperated CO₂ Oxy-Fuel Cycle

Modeling Parameters	
Compressor Isentropic Efficiency	80.0%
Turbine Isentropic Efficiency	83.3%
Heat Exchanger Effectiveness	93.0%
Cycle Analysis Results	
<u>Cycle</u>	<u>Efficiency</u>
Recuperated Air Brayton Cycle	40.0%
Oxy-Fuel Recuperated CO ₂ Brayton Cycle	47.7%

Cycle efficiency is expected to over 50% when combined with a bottoming ORC cycle.



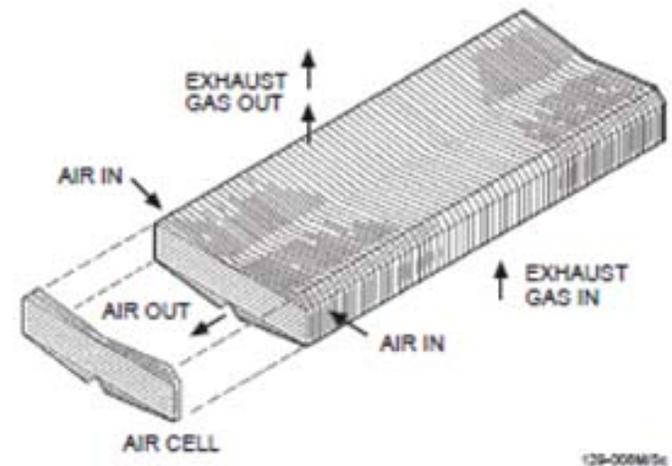
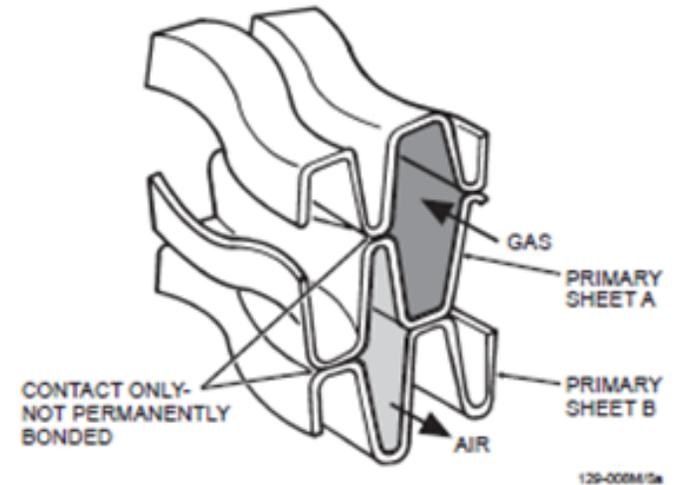
Recuperated CO₂ Oxy-Fuel Cycle

- Cycle advantages
 - Over **50% thermodynamic efficiency** when paired with a bottoming ORC cycle
 - Oxy-fuel cycle provides **sequestration-ready CO₂** stream (needs compression)
 - 70% volume flow compared with air cycle at equivalent power => **reduced size of turbomachinery and heat exchangers**



Primary Surface Heat Exchanger Technology

- Developed in early 1970s for vehicle engine recuperators
- Established technology is widely used in Mercury 50 gas turbine and multiple microturbines
- Core composed of cells constructed from 2-8 mil Inconel 625 corrugated sheets
- Clamped design allows assembly to flex, reducing thermal stresses
- Sheet contacts provide damping.

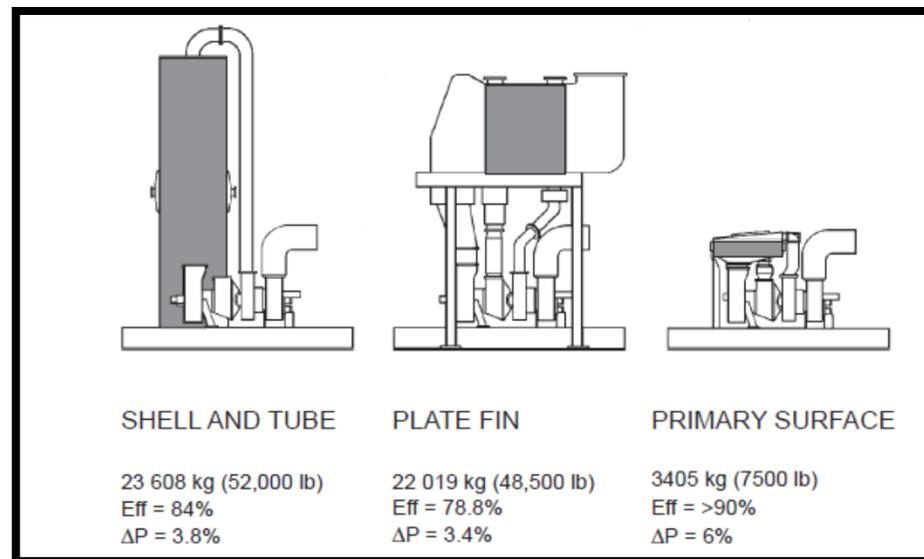


PSR Core Assembly



Primary Surface Heat Exchanger Technology

- High effectiveness (92-93%)
- Compact size
- Limited to low-DP cycles (currently 9 bar)
- Current design operates up to 1200°F (650°C)



Recuperator Development Needs

- Several technical challenges must be overcome for proposed cycle:
 - Material with sufficient tensile and creep strength at 1510°F (821°C)
 - Oxidation-resistant material/coating in high-temperature CO₂
 - Oxidation data unavailable above 600-700°C.
 - Mechanical stresses must be minimized by design to avoid creep and low-cycle fatigue failures
 - Maintain cost-effectiveness



Project Objective

- Develop a high-temperature heat exchanger design concept for operation in CO₂ at 1510°F (821°C) and differential pressure up to 130 psi (9 bar).
- Proposed for use in low pressure oxy-fuel Brayton cycle, but may also be used in other high temperature, low differential pressure cycles.



Project SOPO Tasks

- Task 1 – Project Management & Reporting
- Task 2 – System Analysis
- Task 3 – Materials and Coatings Evaluation
- Task 4 – Recuperator Mechanical Redesign
- Task 5 – Test Loop Preliminary Design



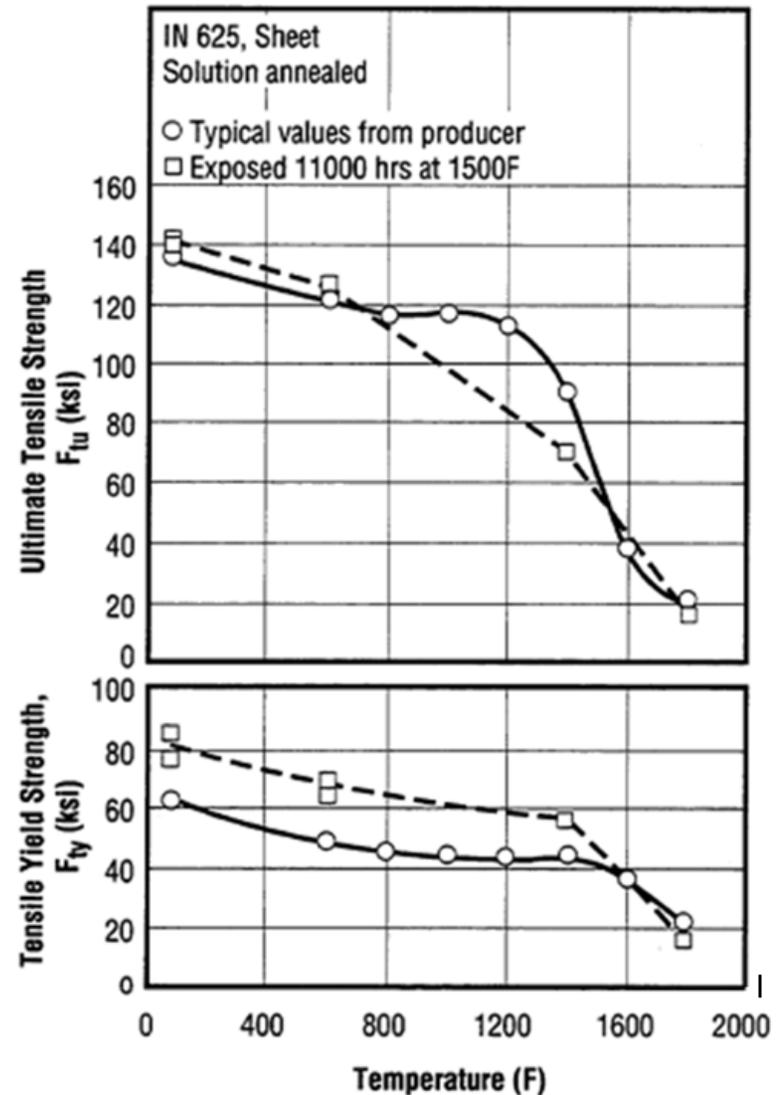
Task 2 – System Analysis

- Subtask 2.1: Thermodynamic Analysis
 - Predict system performance of recuperator design using calculated heat exchanger effectiveness
 - Predict fuel consumption
- Subtask 2.2: Economic Analysis
 - Predict capital and operating cost based upon material selection and thermodynamic analysis (fuel consumption)
 - Identify cycles where cost effective to include the recuperator
- Results will be updated for each recuperator redesign option/iteration, to allow the comparison



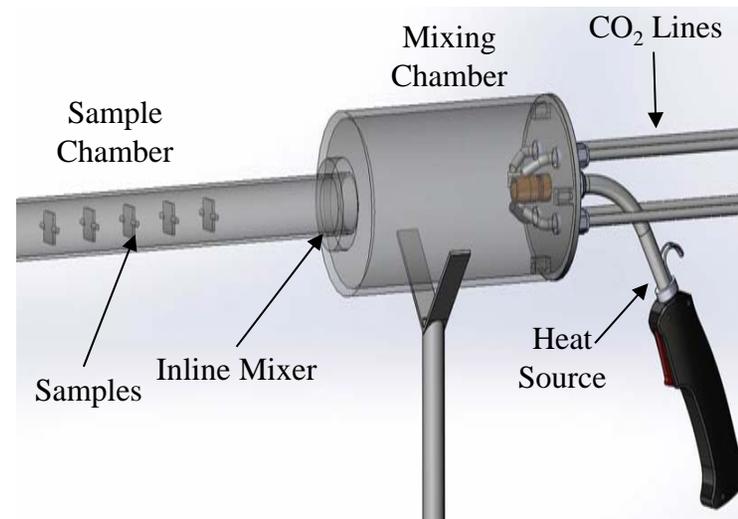
Task 3 – Materials and Coatings

- Subtask 3.1: Review and rank high-temperature materials and coatings by comparing formability, weldability, oxidation resistance, creep strength, and cost
 - Nickel-base alloys (Inconel 625/718, Haynes 282, etc.)
 - Alumina- or chromia-forming stainless steels
 - Nanocoatings or ceramic coatings



Task 3 – Materials and Coatings

- Subtasks 3.2 & 3.3: High temp bench-scale CO₂ corrosion test rig design and operation
- Option 1: Custom built test rig
 - Allow tuning to more closely match existing conditions
 - Flexibility in testing conditions, times, etc.
 - Custom or existing coupons for testing
 - Design and build required for test rig and samples



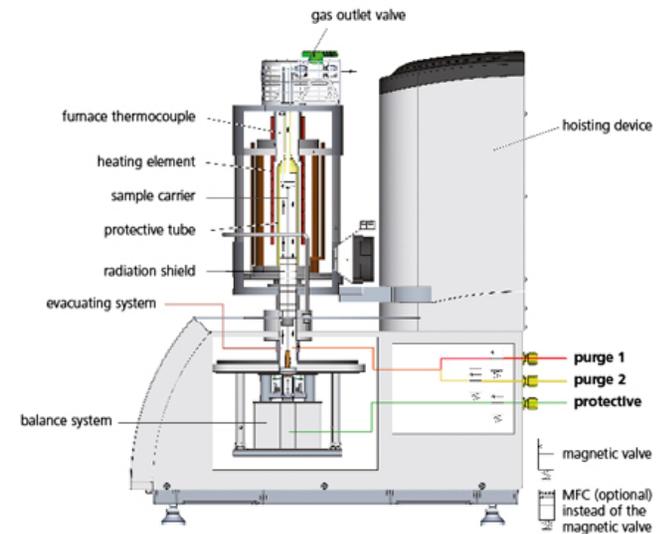
Task 3 – Materials and Coatings

- Option 2: Tube furnace
 - Existing equipment that is already operational
 - Basic furnace with CO₂ environment capability
 - Can provide a high quality CO₂ gas
 - Limited on gas flow rates



Task 3 – Materials and Coatings

- Option 3: Simultaneous Thermogravimetry Differential Scanning Calorimetry (STDSC)
 - Precise in measuring capabilities
 - Smaller sample sizes required
 - Limited on gas flow rates, reduced precision at higher flows



Task 4 – Recuperator Redesign

- Subtask 4.1 Develop and Validate Mechanical Model for Existing Recuperator
 - Solar to provide design information and model of recuperator core
 - SwRI to add ducting as necessary to simulate stresses
 - Simulate recuperator at air cycle conditions and verify HX effectiveness and thermal stresses with Solar values



Task 4 – Recuperator Redesign

- Subtask 4.2 Concept Study of Redesign Options
 - New material, changing cell size, primary surface thickness, rearrangement of clamping bars and/or weld geometry, additional stress reduction features at high-stress areas
 - Develop matrix to evaluate advantages and disadvantages, including estimated costs.
- Subtask 4.3 Mechanical Design and Analysis of Selected Concepts
 - Finite Element Analysis, Conjugate Heat Transfer Analysis
- Subtask 4.4 Design drawings and Quotes



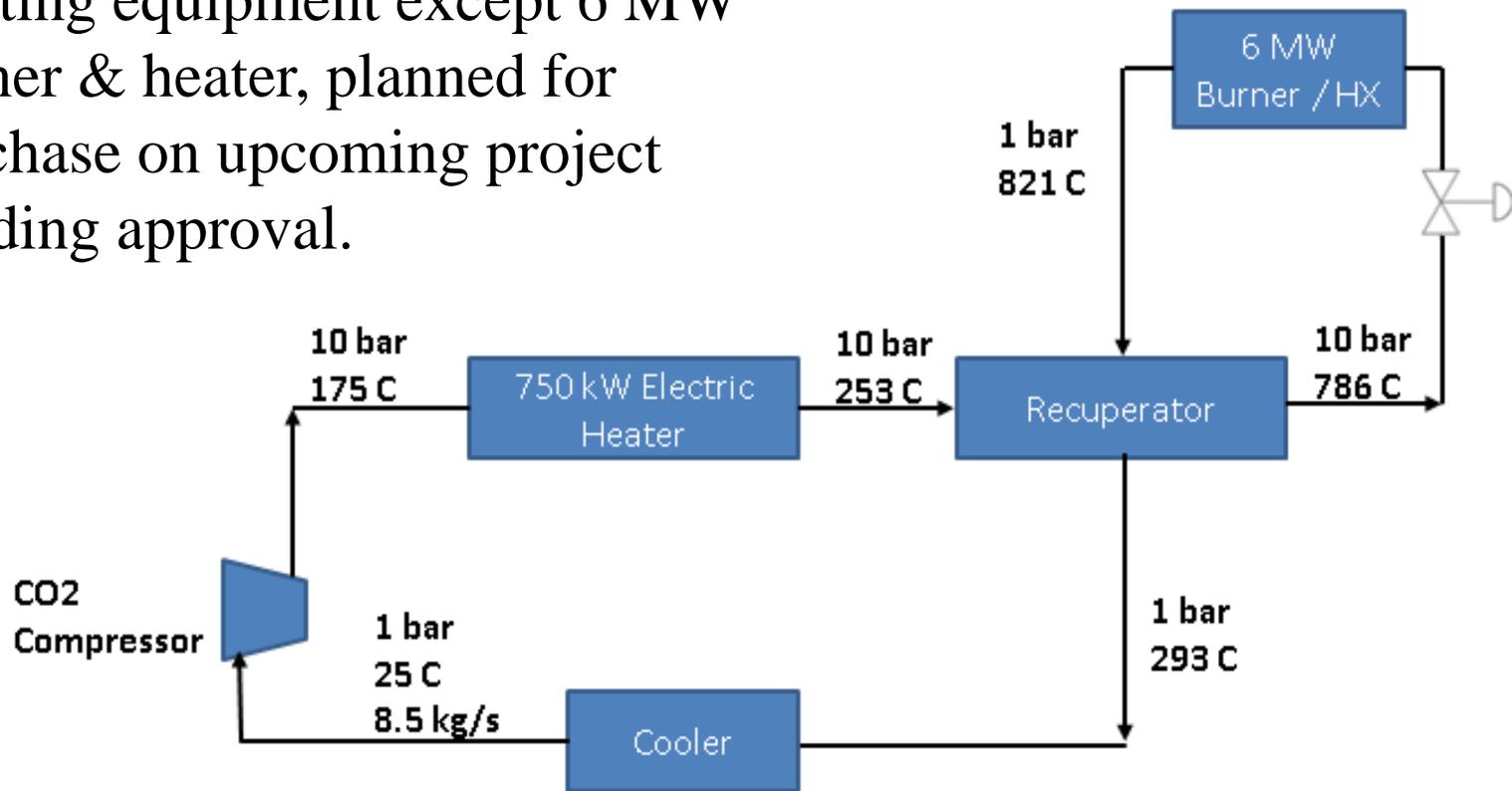
Task 5 – Test Loop Preliminary Design

- Design layout and components for test loop for future full-scale testing of recuperator
 - No testing in current scope
 - Design necessary for costing information for future work
- Minimize cost by utilizing existing CO2 compression facility at SwRI. Potentially use existing heaters, coolers, etc.

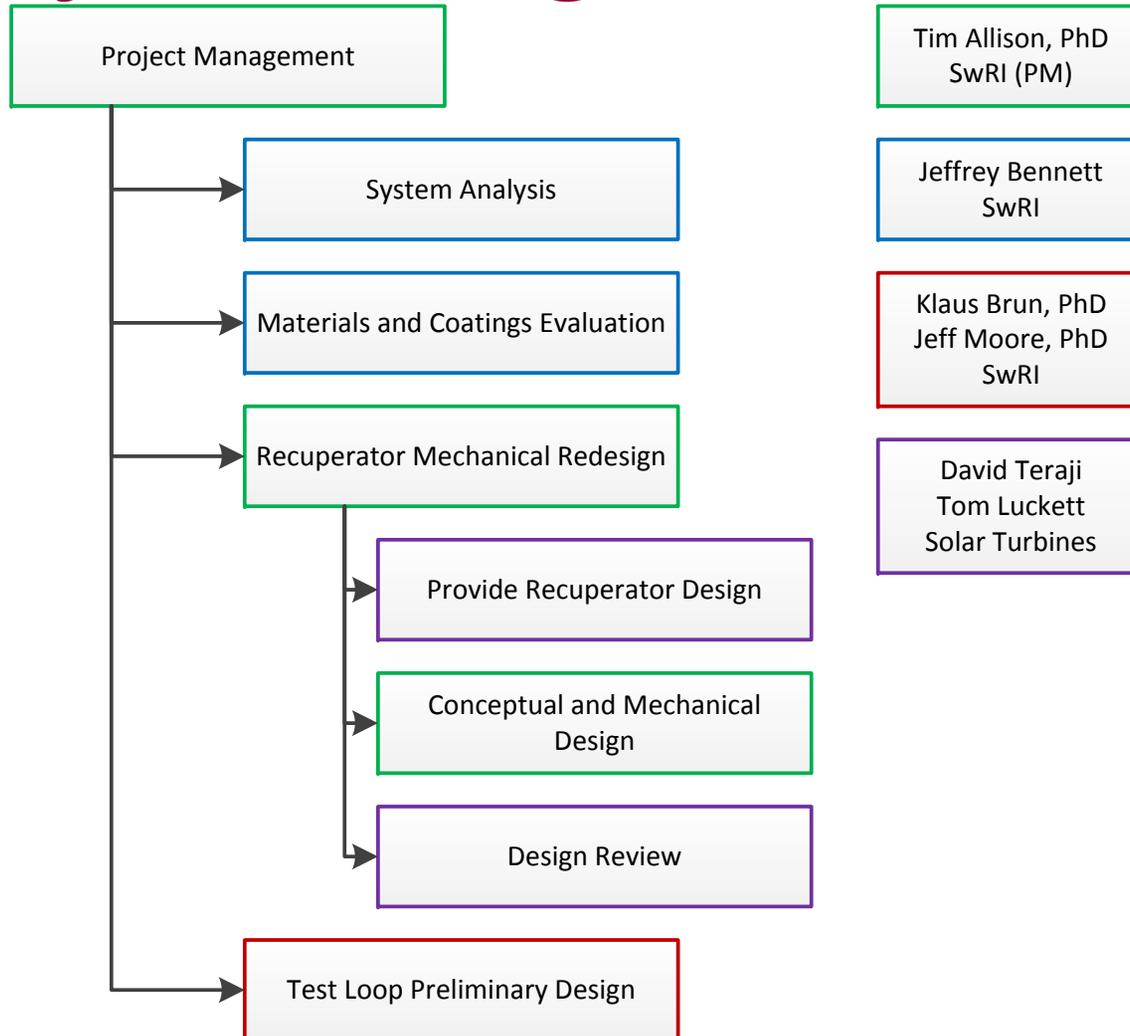


Task 5 – Test Loop Preliminary Design – 70%% Flow Concept

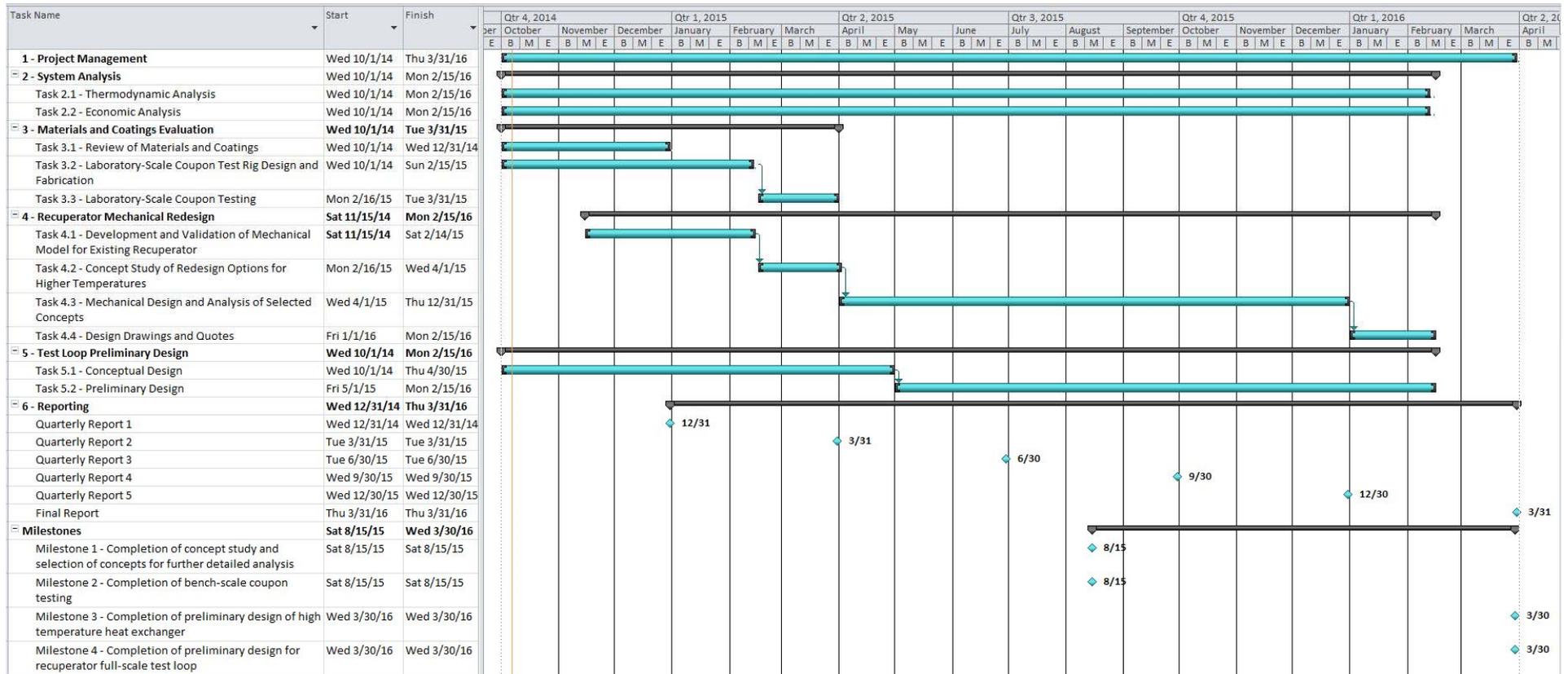
All major components are existing equipment except 6 MW burner & heater, planned for purchase on upcoming project pending approval.



Project Management - Roles



Project Management – 18 Month Timeline



Project Management – Spend Rate

