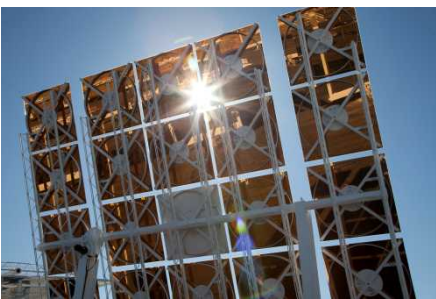


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# TECHNO-ECONOMIC COMPARISON OF SOLAR-DRIVEN $\text{SCO}_2$ BRAYTON CYCLES USING COMPONENT COST MODELS BASELINED WITH VENDOR DATA AND ESTIMATES

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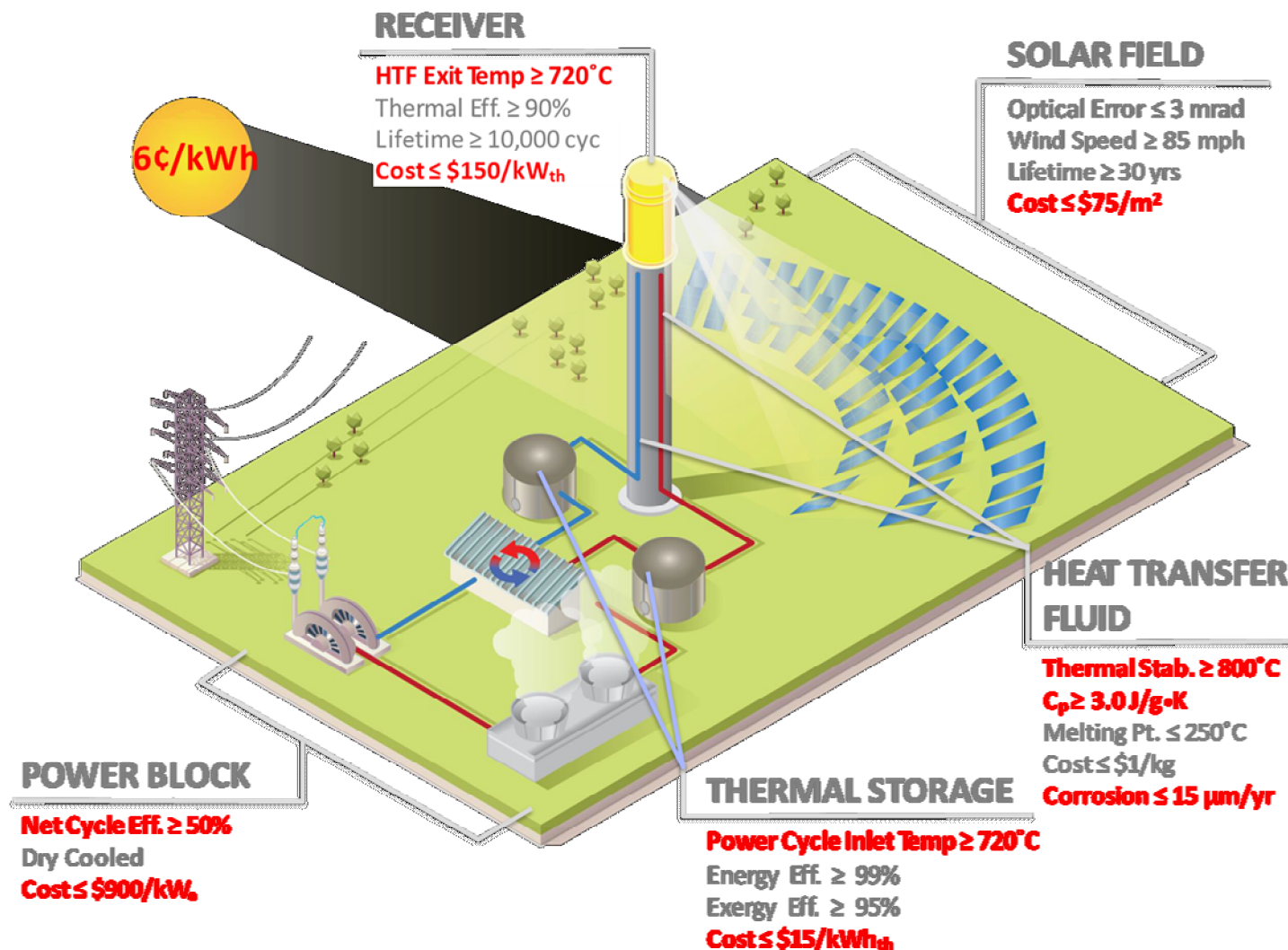


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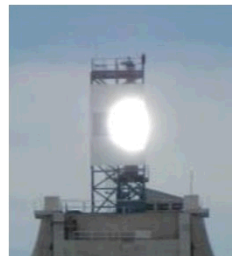
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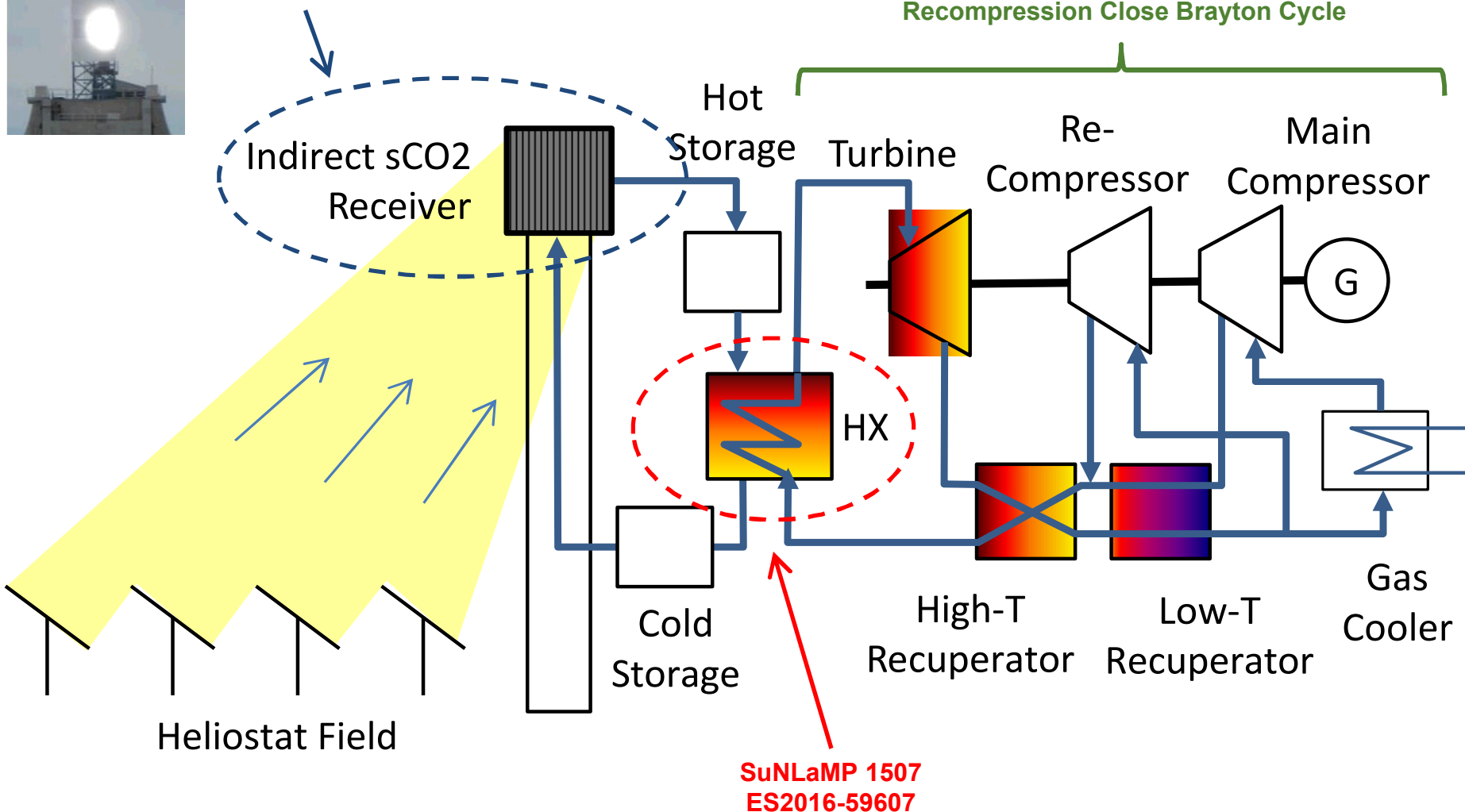
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# Integration with Sandia Capabilities



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# sCO2 Cycle Layout Options

Application	Size / MWe	Temp / °C	Pressure / MPa
Nuclear	10-300	350-700	20-35
Fossil (Indirect)	300-600	550-900	15-35
Fossil (Direct)	300-600	1100-1500	35
Solar	10-100	500-1000	20-35
Shipboard	<10-10	200-300	15-25
Waste Heat	1-10	<230-650	15-35
Geothermal	1-50	100-300	15

Adapted from R. Dennis, "DOE Initiative on sCO2 Power Cycles (STEP) -Heat Exchangers: A Performance and Cost Challenge -," presented at the EPRI-NETL Workshop on Heat Exchangers for sCO2 Power Cycles, San Diego, CA, 2015



# sCO2 Cycle Cost & Performance

	<i>SCBC</i>		<i>RCBC</i>	<i>CCBC</i>	<i>CBI</i>
<b>Net Power (MWe)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Efficiency (%)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>51</b>
<b><math>\Delta T_{HTR}</math> (C)</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>159</b>
<b><math>T_{max}</math> (C)</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>700</b>
<b><math>P_{max}</math> (MPa)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>15</b>
<b><math>P_{min}</math> (MPa)</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b><math>T_{comp,min}</math> (C)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Heater (\$/kWe)</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>281*</b>	<b>292</b>
<b>Recuperation (\$/kWe)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>122*</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Cooling (\$/kWe)</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>574*</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>Compression (\$/kWe)</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>80*</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Expansion (\$/kWe)</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>138*</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Total (\$/kWe)</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>914*</b>	<b>1,095</b>

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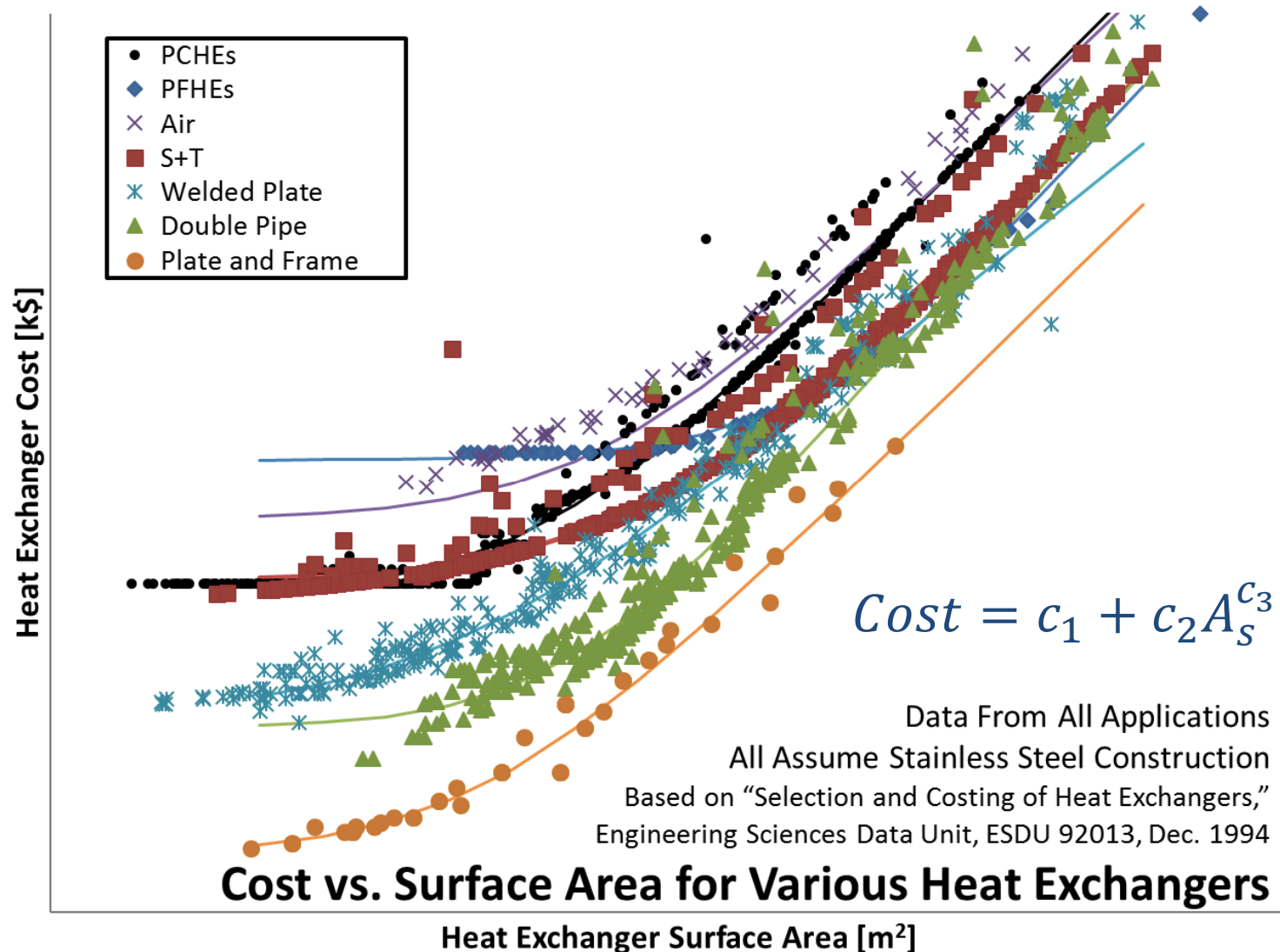


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# Cost Scaling with Surface Area





# Heat Exchanger Cost Models

Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient

Heat Transfer Rate

Heat Transfer Surface Area

\*Temperature Differential\*

$$\dot{q} = U A \Delta T_m$$

$$\frac{Cost(\dot{q}_2)}{Cost(\dot{q}_1)} = \frac{A_2}{A_1} \frac{U_2 \Delta T_{m,2}}{U_1 \Delta T_{m,1}}$$

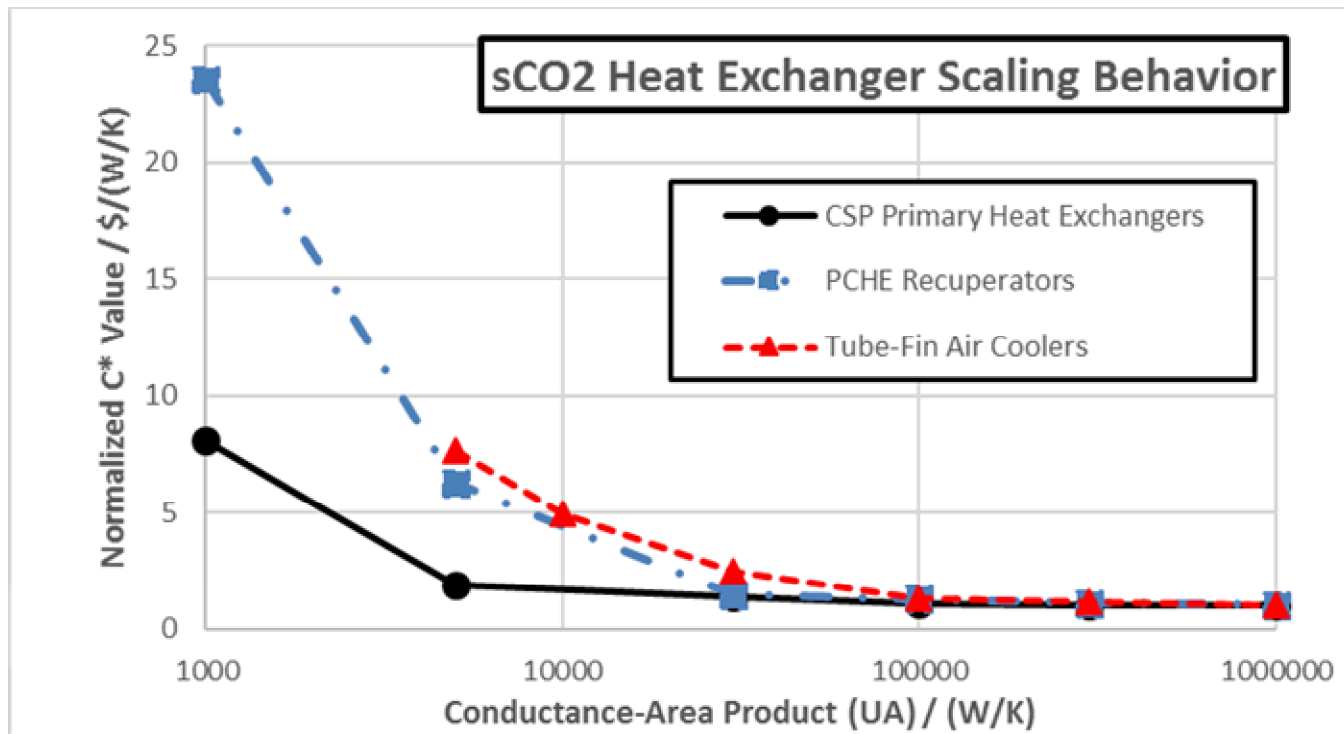
Requires scaling related to heat transfer and thermodynamic variables

$$\frac{Cost(U_2 A_2)}{Cost(U_1 A_1)} \sim \frac{\dot{q}_2}{\Delta T_{m,2}} \frac{\Delta T_{m,1}}{\dot{q}_1}$$

Requires scaling only by thermodynamic variables



# Exchanger Cost Scaling Behavior



UA (W/K)	$5 \times 10^3$	$3 \times 10^4$	$1 \times 10^5$	$3 \times 10^5$	$1 \times 10^6$
Primary Heat Exchanger ( $\$/(\text{W/K})$ )	1.9	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0
Recuperator ( $\$/(\text{W/K})$ )	6.3	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0
Air Coolers / Condensers ( $\$/(\text{W/K})$ )	7.6	2.4	1.3	1.1	1.0



# Comparison to ESDU Interpolation

Category	Model	SCBC		RCBC	CCBC	CBI
Recuperation (\$/kWe)	ESDU	0	243	244	122	259
	Current	0	250	251	125	267
	Change	0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%	3.1%
Cooling (\$/kWe)	ESDU	545	85	154	574	350
	Current	547	86	155	576	351
	Change	0.4%	1.2%	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%

- Errors less than 3% between direct interpolation and the proposed fitting method are within the tolerances of rough order of magnitude cost analyses

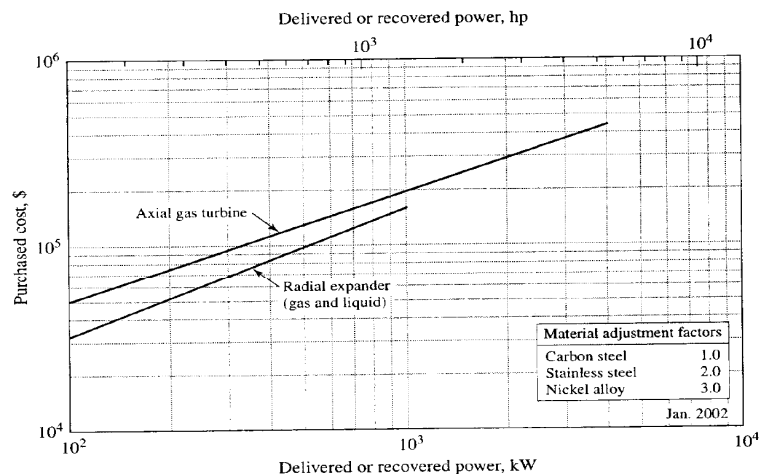


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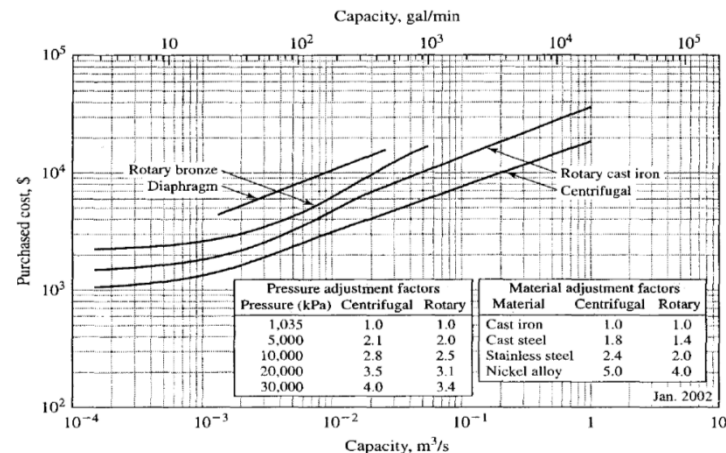
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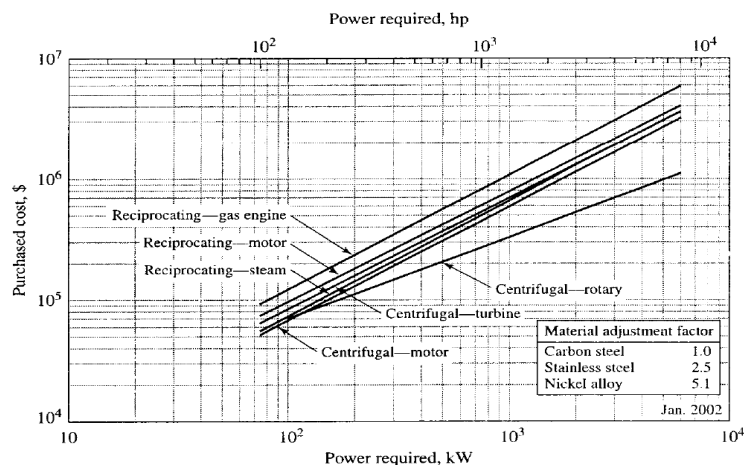
# Turbomachinery Cost Models



**Figure 12-34**  
Purchased cost of turbines and expanders



**Figure 12-23**  
Purchased cost of diaphragm, centrifugal, and rotary pumps



**Figure 12-28**  
Purchased cost of compressors. Price includes drive, gear mounting, baseplate, and normal auxiliary equipment; operating pressure to 7000 kPa (1000 psig).

	Power-law Cost Scaling
Motor-Driven Compressor (\$)*	$461.91(\dot{W}/kW)^{0.9339}$
Turbine-Driven Compressor (\$)*	$643.15(\dot{W}/kW)^{0.9142}$
Radial Expander (\$)***	$4001.4(\dot{W}/kW)^{0.6897}$
Axial Gas Turbine (\$)***	$9923.7(\dot{W}/kW)^{0.5886}$
Centrifugal Pump (\$)***	$124427\left(\dot{V}/\frac{m^3}{s}\right)^{0.3895}$

\*Includes factors of 2.5 and 0.2 for stainless steel construction and density ratio of air and CO<sub>2</sub> at 8 MPa.

\*\*Includes factor of 3 for nickel alloy construction.

\*\*\*Includes factors of 2.4 for stainless steel construction and 2.8 for elevator operating pressure.



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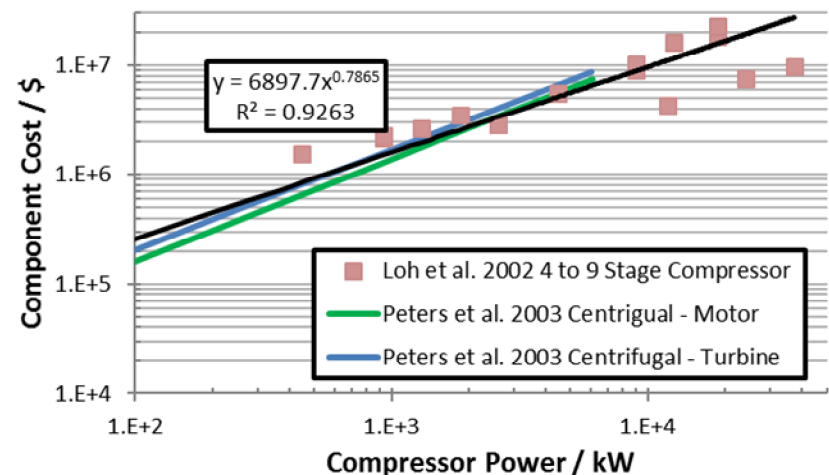
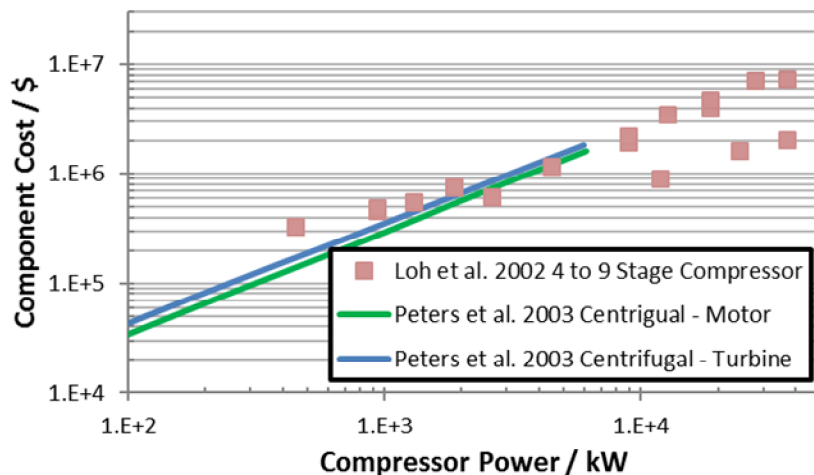
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# Compressor Cost Baseline

Cost models are collapsed to approximately trend with vendor data.

**\*\*Proprietary vendor data not shown\*\***

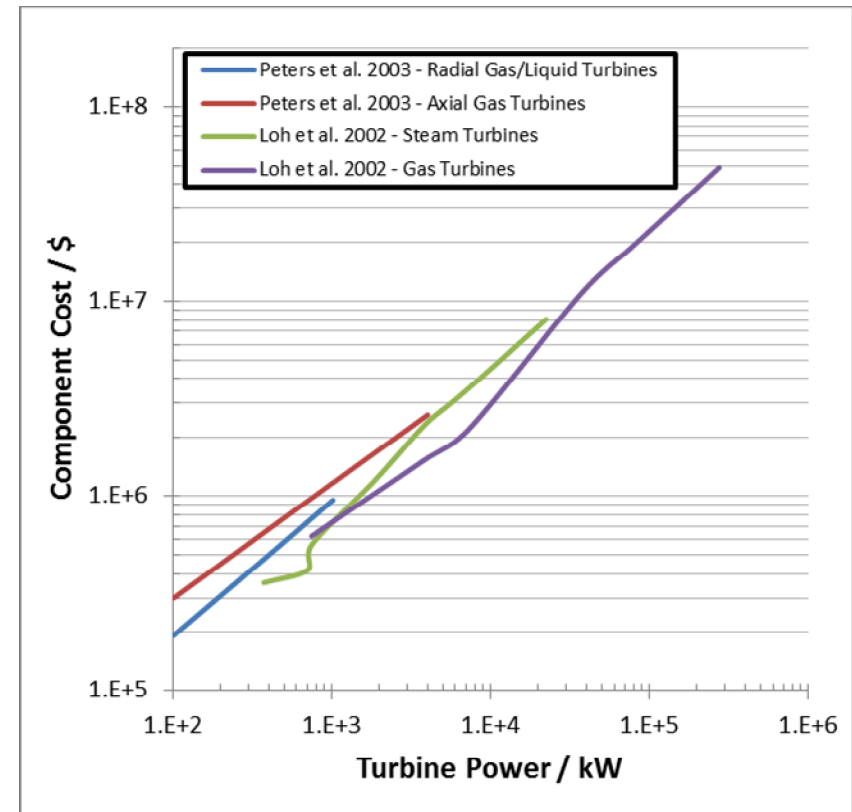
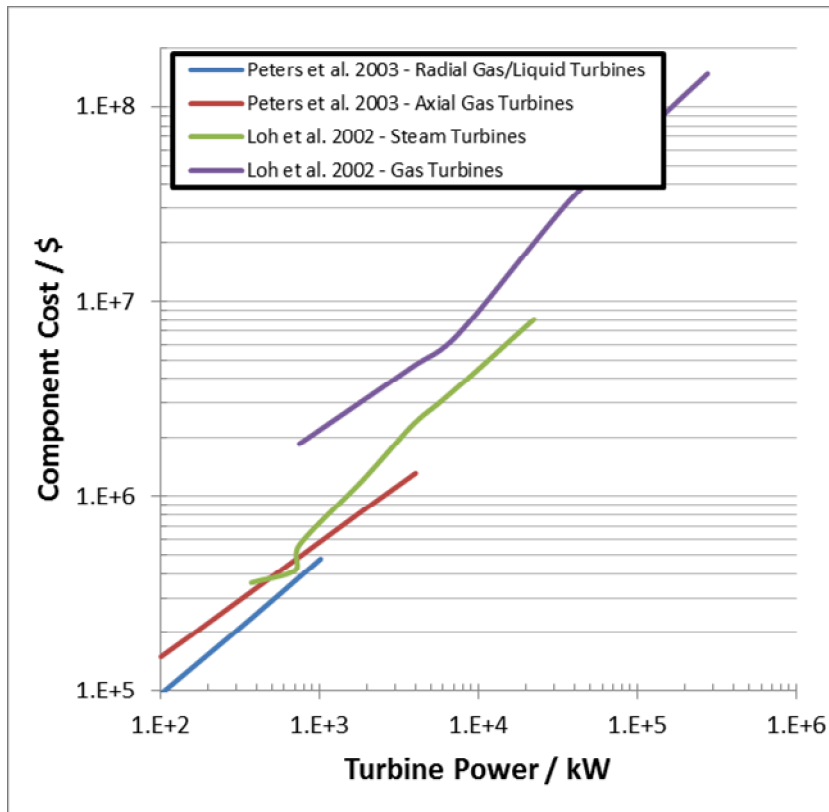


$$Cost/\$ = 6898(\dot{W}/kW)^{0.7865}$$



# Turbine Cost Baseline

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\*\*Proprietary vendor data not shown\*\*



$$Cost/\$ = 7790(\dot{W}/kW)^{0.6842}$$



# Baselined Heat Exchanger Costs

UA (W/K)	5x10 <sup>3</sup>	3x10 <sup>4</sup>	1x10 <sup>5</sup>	3x10 <sup>5</sup>	1x10 <sup>6</sup>
Primary Heat Exchanger C* (\$/(W/K))	1.9	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0
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Air Coolers / Condensers C* (\$/(W/K))	7.6	2.4	1.3	1.1	1.0

$$C^* = \exp \left[ \ln(C_1^*) + \frac{\ln\left(\frac{C_1^*}{C_2^*}\right) \ln\left(\frac{UA}{UA_1}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{UA_1}{UA_2}\right)} \right]$$

$C_{1 \times 10^6}^*$ Values	Naïve	Baselined
Primary Heat Exchanger	3.5	-
Recuperator	1.25	1.1 - 4.0
Air Coolers / Condensers	2.75	~2.3

$$Cost = C_{1 \times 10^6}^* C^* UA$$



# sCO<sub>2</sub> Cycle Cost & Performance

Category	Model	SCBC		RCBC	CCBC	CBI
Heater (\$/kWe)	Naïve	375	209	318	277	288
Recuperation (\$/kWe)	Naïve	0	250	251	125	267
	Baselined	0	220	221	110	235
Cooling (\$/kWe)	Naïve	547	86	155	576	351
	Baselined	458	72	130	482	294
Compression (\$/kWe)	[6]	243	114	147	80	74
	Baselined	625	328	440	233	311
Expansion (\$/kWe)	[6]	160	128	135	138	120
	Baselined	338	268	283	284	250
Total (\$/kWe)	Naïve	1325	787	1006	1196	1100
	Baselined	1796	1097	1392	1386	1378

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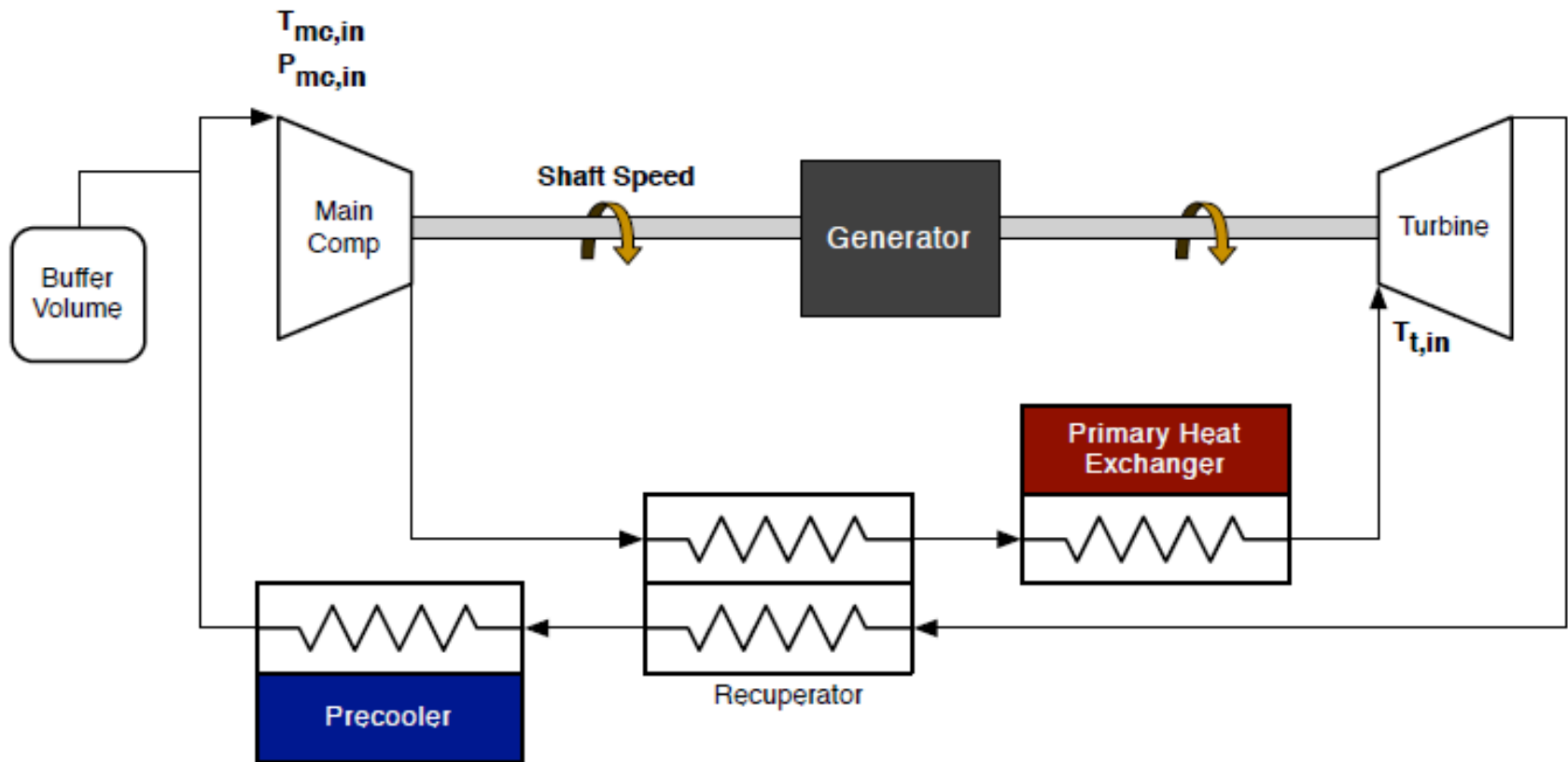
- Logarithmic interpolation and asymptotic extrapolation of heat exchanger cost curves is more accurate than the previously-suggested power-law fits
- Naïve cost models
  - Over-predicted heat exchangers by 10% to 20%
  - Under-predicted compressors by 60% to 75%
  - Under-predicted turbines by approximately 50%
- The simple recuperated cycle remains the most promising configuration to achieve SunShot targets
- More cost data should be used to increase the accuracy of turbomachinery cost models



# Backup Slides

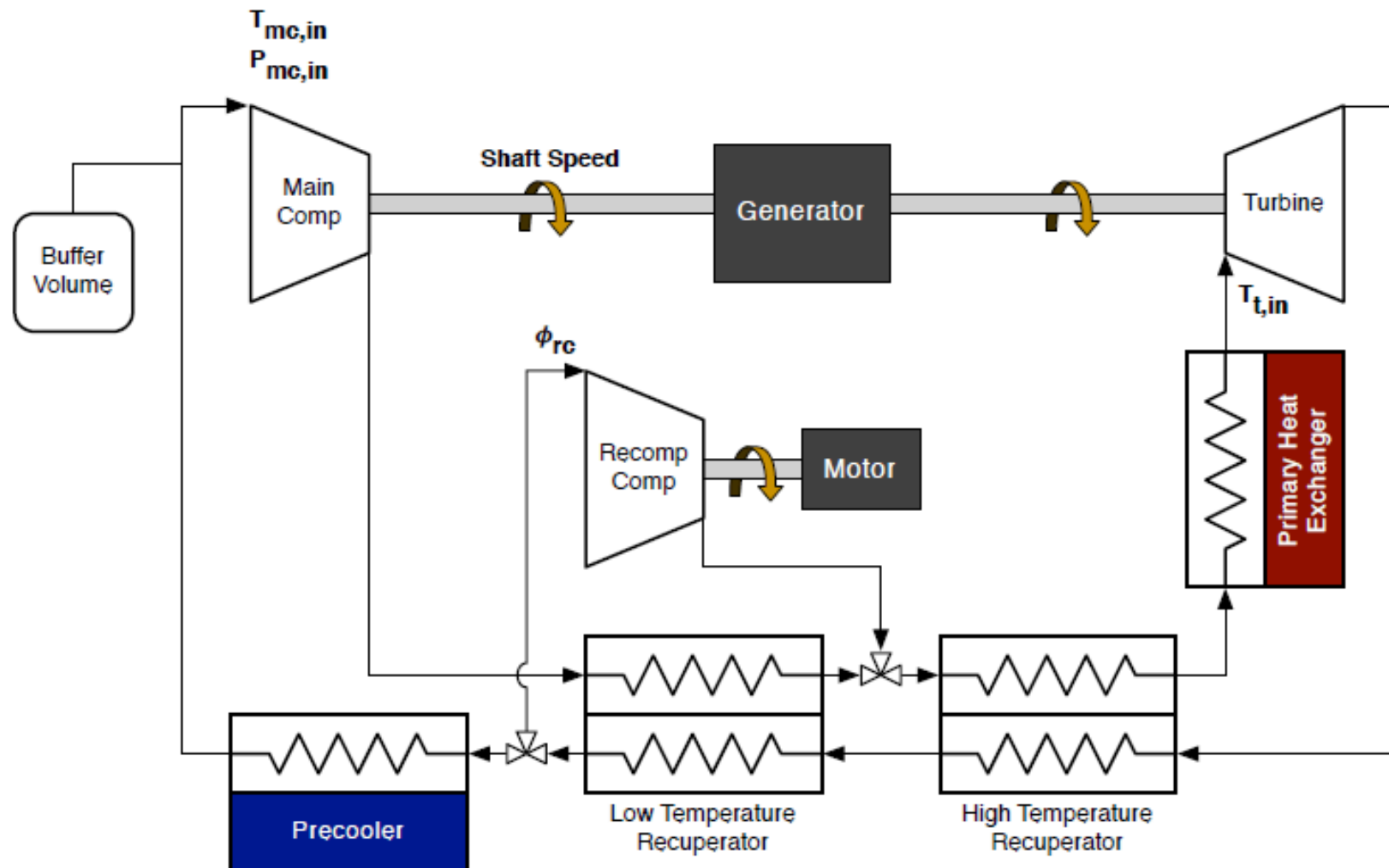


# Simple Closed Brayton Cycle (SCBC)



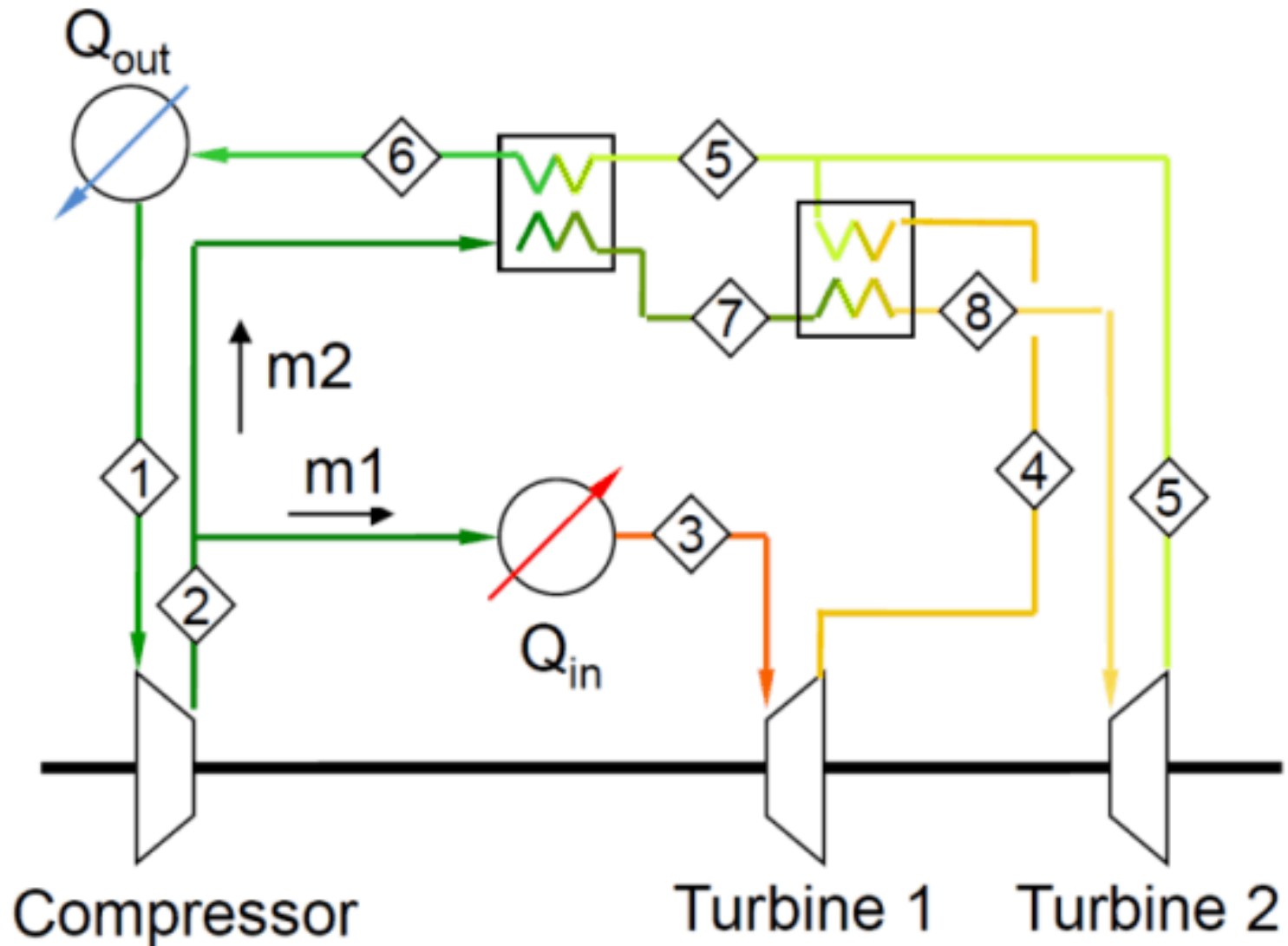


# Recompression Closed Brayton Cycle (RCBC)



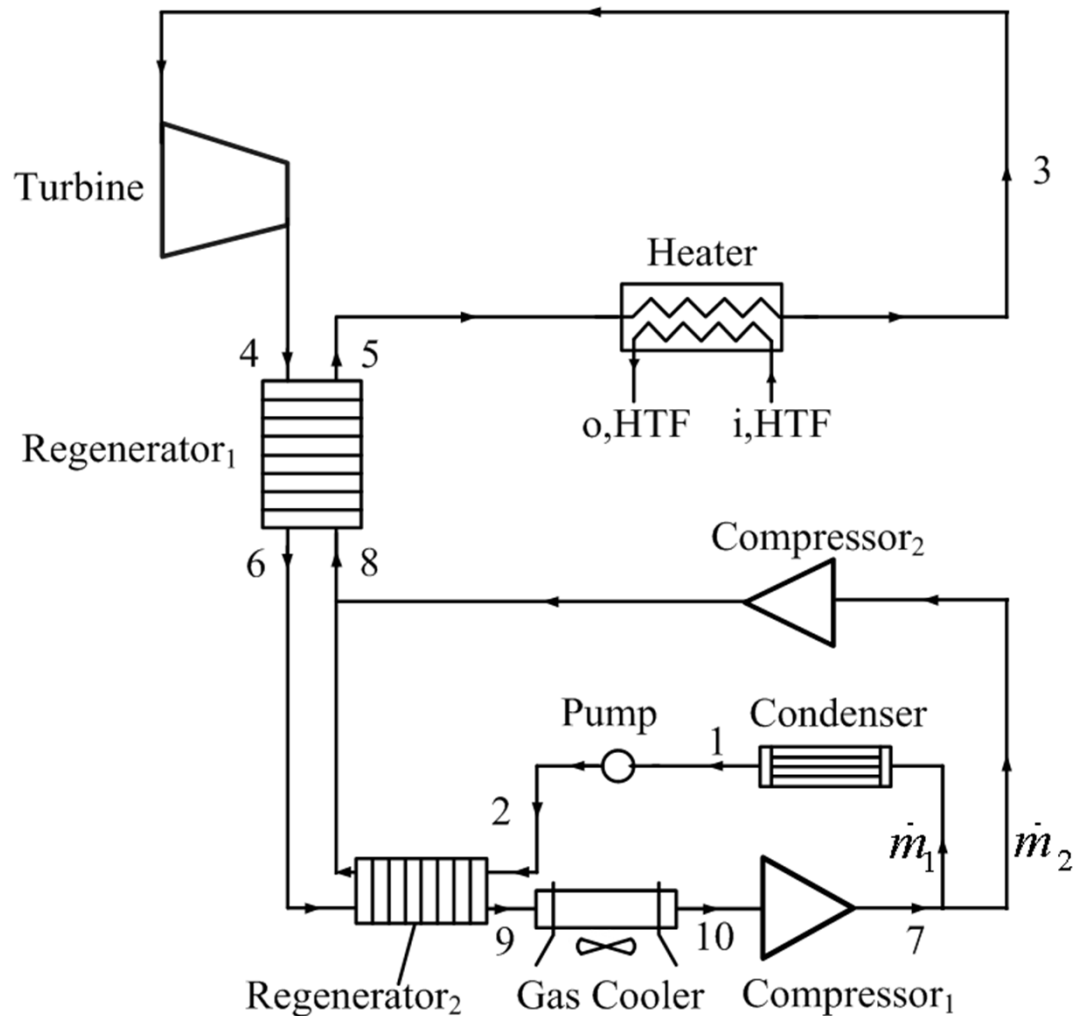


# Cascaded Closed Brayton Cycle



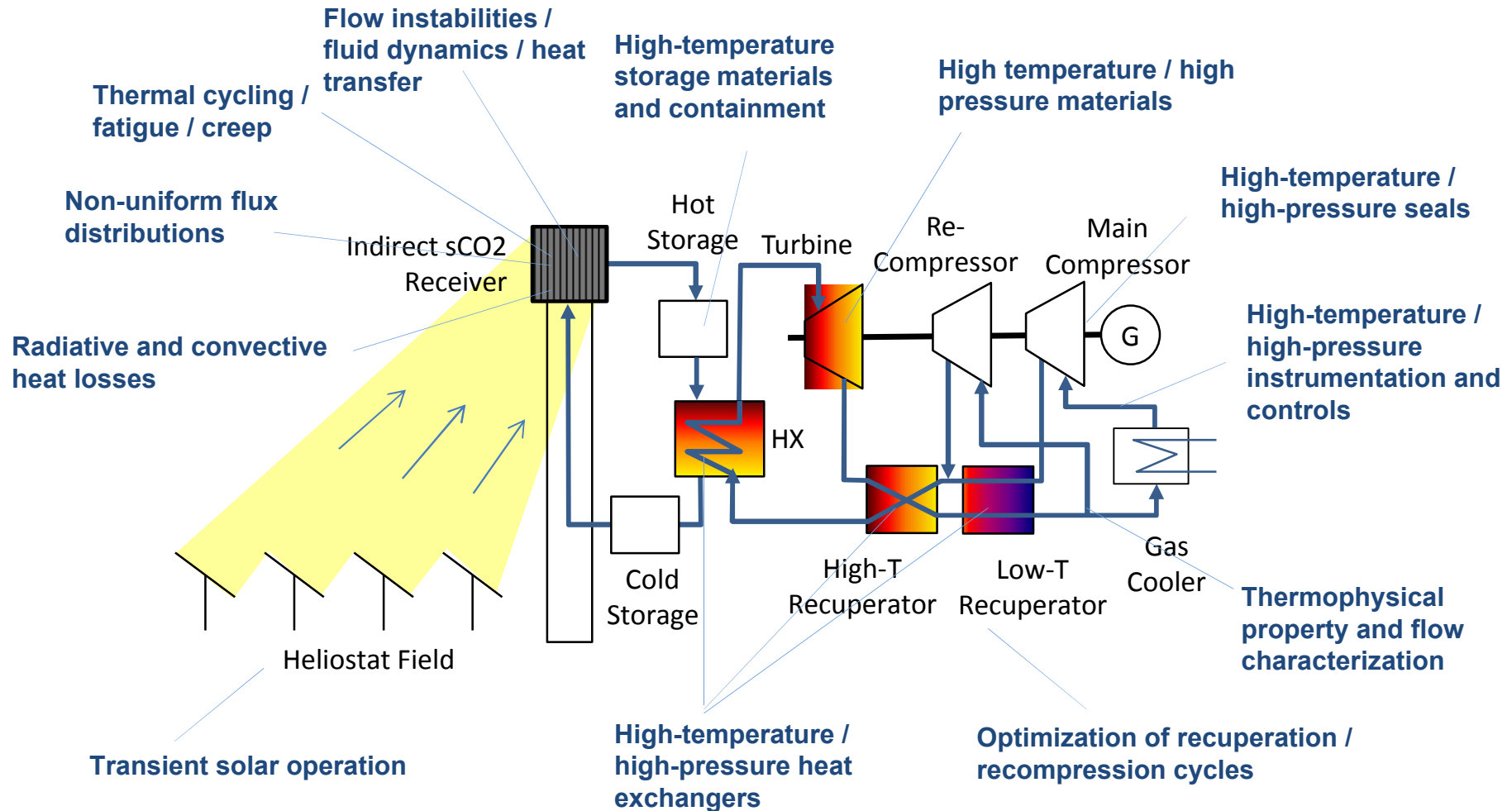


# Combination Bifurcation with Intercooler (CBI)



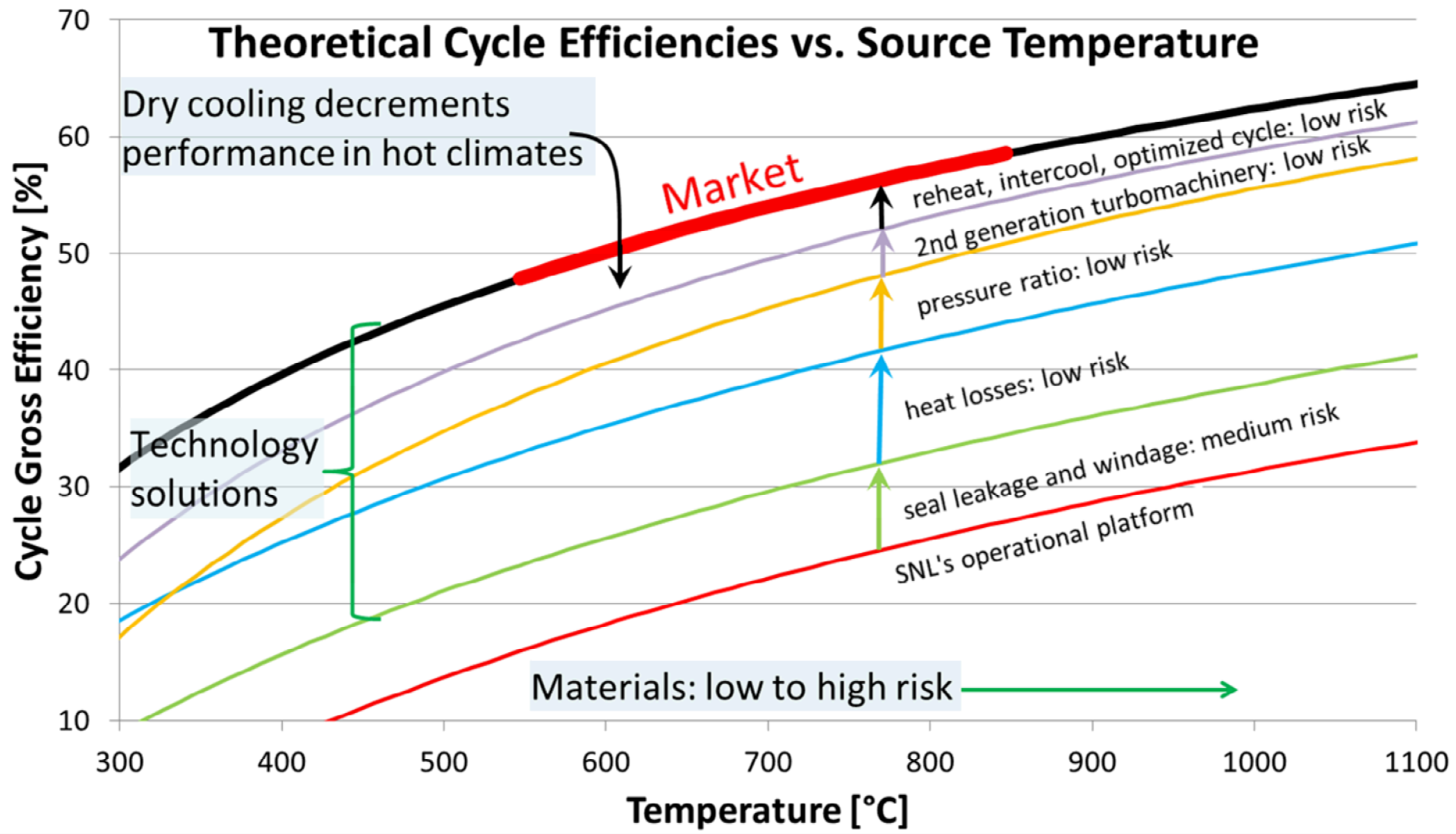


# Technical Challenges



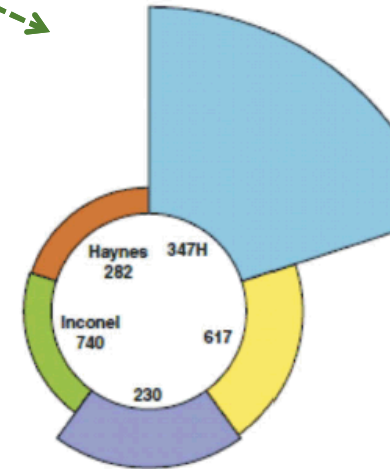
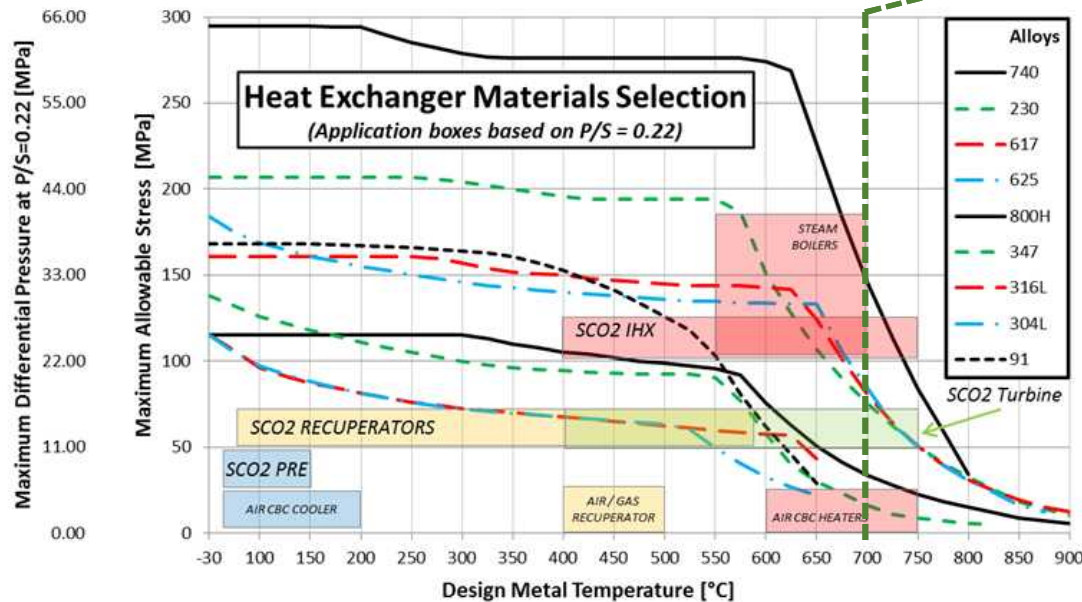


# Path to High Efficiency

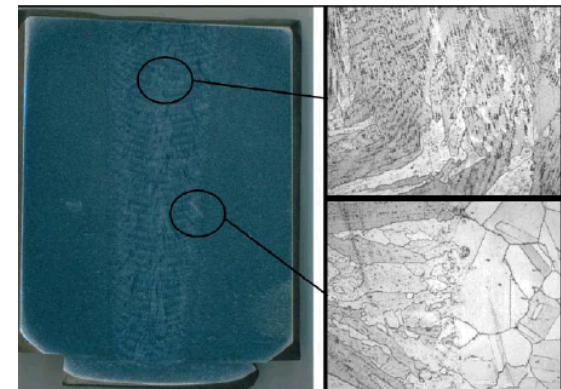




# Materials are limited to $\leq 700^{\circ}\text{C}$



Today: Repeatable 3" (75mm) thick Inconel 740 welds without cracking



- Advanced Ultrasupercritical (A-USC) research has advanced high temperature materials<sup>1</sup>
- Alloy 617 and 740 are leading candidates for such systems
  - 740 has recently been welded without cracking, more work is still needed to vet any materials issues<sup>1</sup>
- Little industrial experience exists and field testing is sparse.

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