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## Code Capabilities and Experimental Comparison

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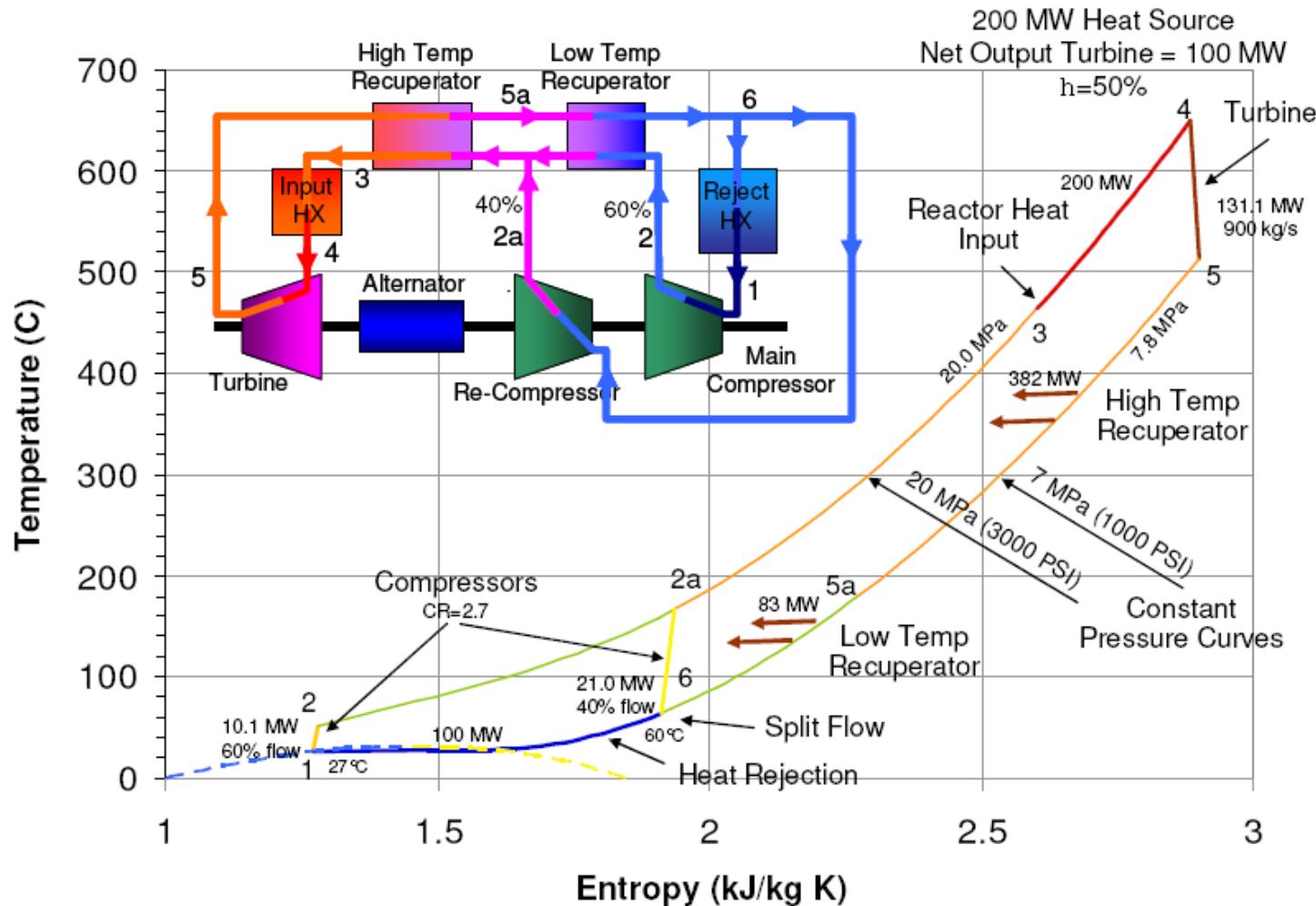
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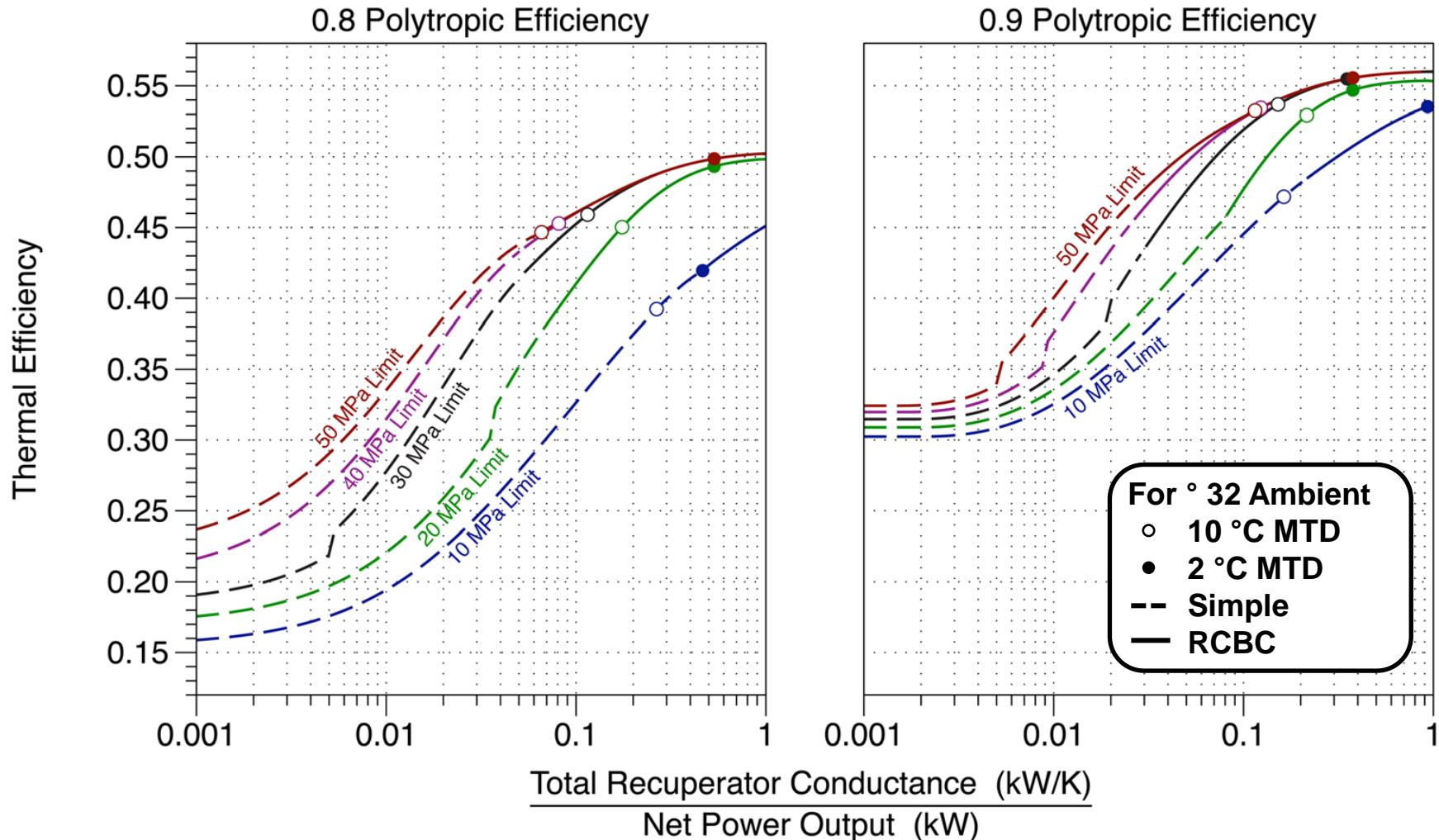
# BACKGROUND

# Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle



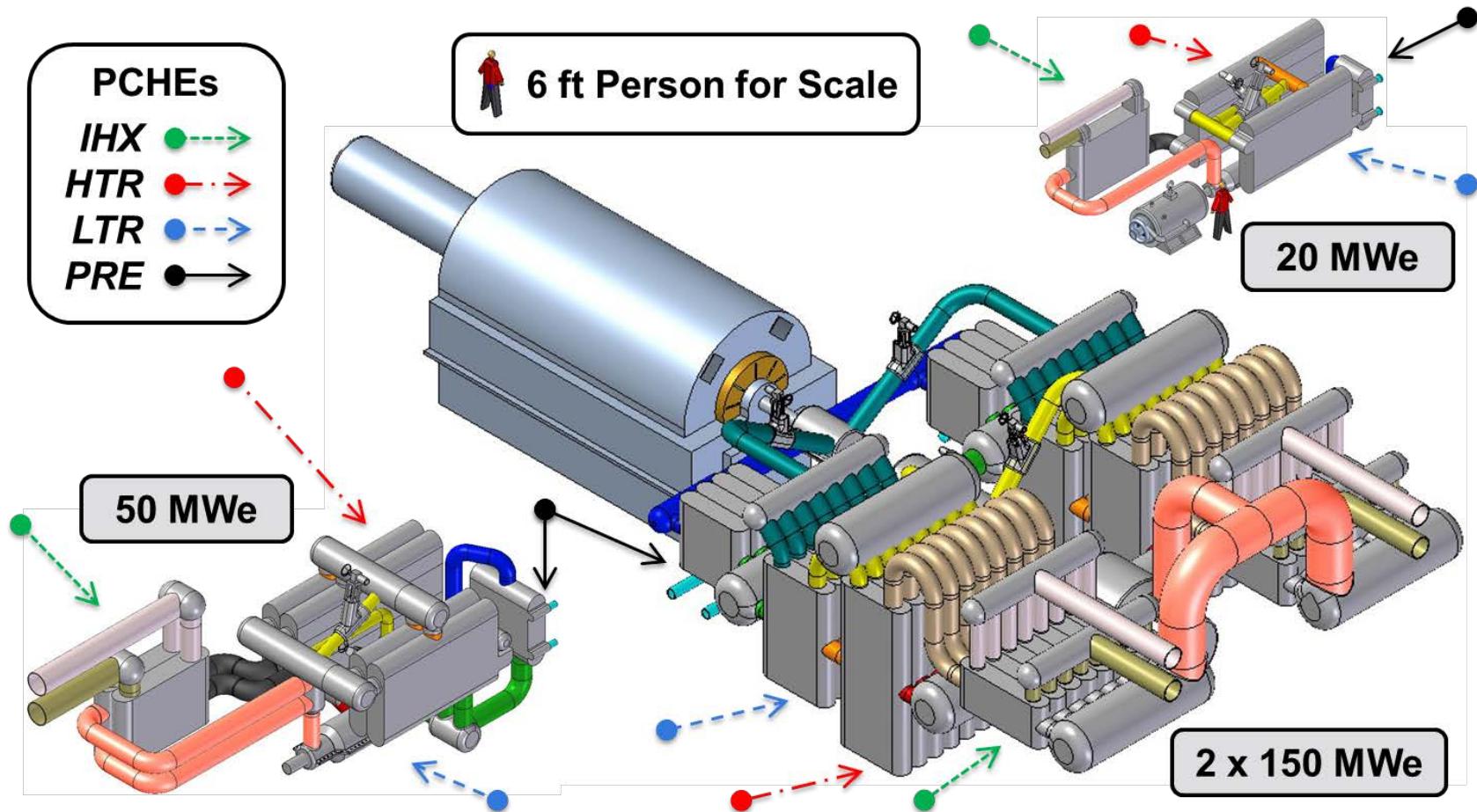
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# sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycles Recuperation



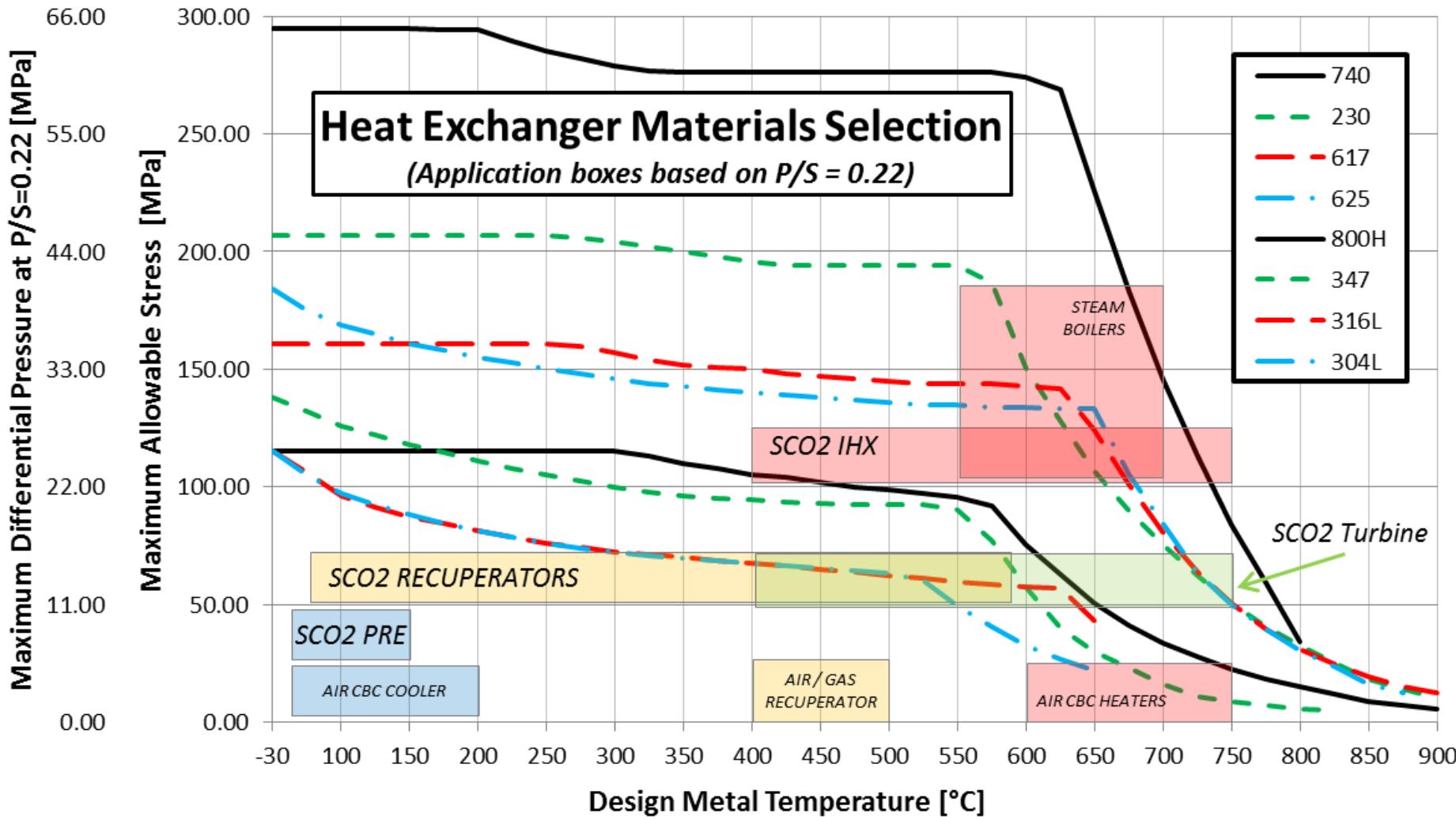
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# Scalable $\text{SCO}_2$ CBC Systems



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# Heat Exchanger Requirements



# Approximate Cost Scaling

$$Cost = C_{ESDU} F_{mat} F_p F_i UA_{sp} P_{elec}$$

$C_{ESDU}$  is the UA-specific cost value [\$/(kW/K)]

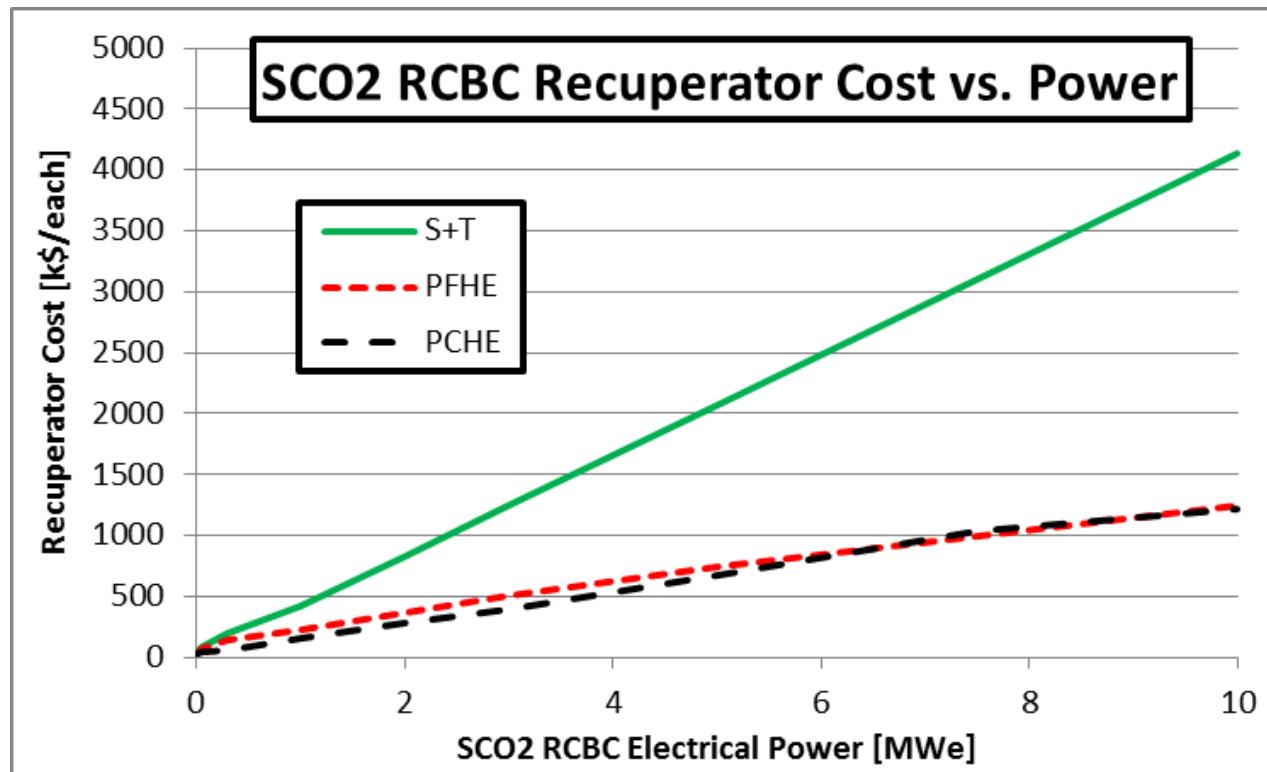
$F_{mat}$  is a material cost factor

$F_p$  is a pressure cost factor

$F_i$  is an adjustment for inflation

$UA_{sp}$  is the cycle power-specific UA [kW/(K-MWe)]

$P_{elec}$  is the cycle power level [MWe]



# Heat Exchanger Development Gaps

Technology Readiness Levels		Heat Exchanger Development Gaps															TIT / °C					
		from Direct Gas Combustion	from Exhaust Gas	from 3 MPa Helium	from Steam	from fluoride molten salts	from nitrate molten salts	from liquid sodium	from liquid lead-bismuth	from Heat Transfer Oil	from Combusting Particles	from Inert Solid Particles	from Geothermal Resources	from Sunlight	Yet To Be Identified Materials	Advanced Nickel Alloys	Conventional Nickel Alloys	Austenitic Stainless Steels				
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Direct CSP Tower	EE									4-5					4-5	6-8	6-8	2	2-4	500 to 1000		
CSP Tower with Thermal Storage	EE			3	2	2	3								4-5	6-8	6-8	2	2-4	500 to 1000		
CSP Trough with Thermal Storage	EE			3		2										6-8	6-8	2	2-4	300 to 600		
CSP Dish Generator	EE					2	2		4-5						4-5	6-8		2-4		500 to 1000		
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NE, Peregrine CRADA NEUP



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SuNLaMP SERIUS



NE, NEUPs



NEUP, APOLLO, NE,  
CRADAs (VPE, Peregrine)

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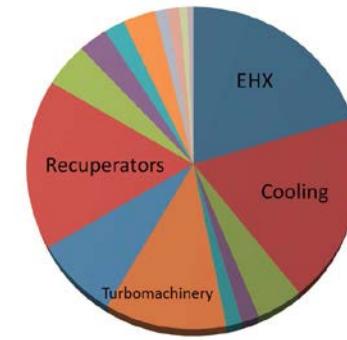
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# Key Development Metrics

## ■ Economics

- How do we optimize designs and reduce fabrication costs?
  - Efficiency vs. Effectiveness
  - Efficiency vs. pressure drop
  - Manufacturing techniques

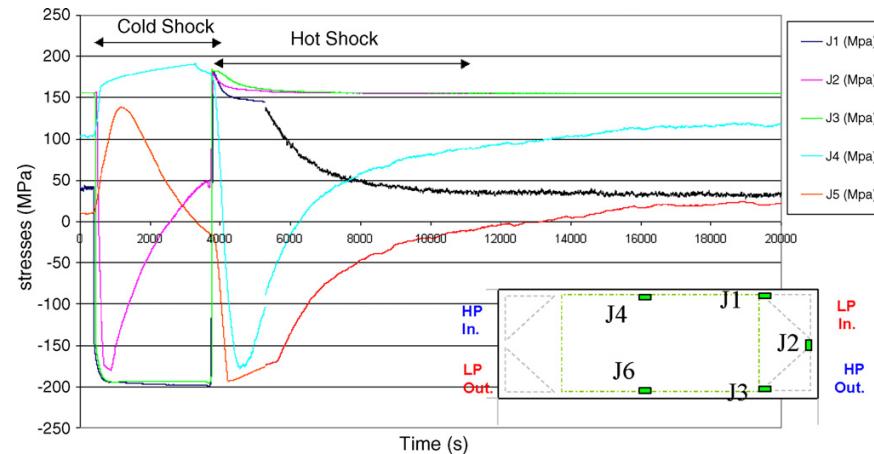
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“[A] 30% reduction in HX cost would have [a] meaningful impact on system cost.”

## ■ Failure Modes

- How do we accommodate thermal stress and fatigue?
  - Pressure containment (material vs. geometry)
  - Higher Temperatures
  - Corrosion and fouling



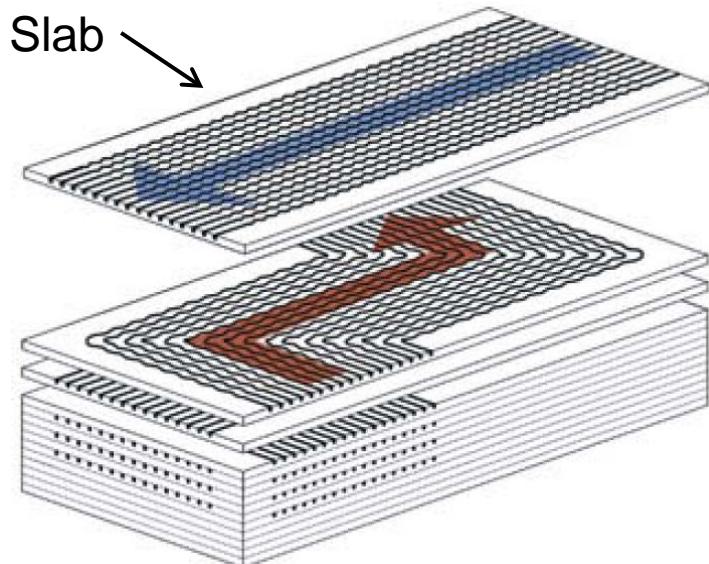
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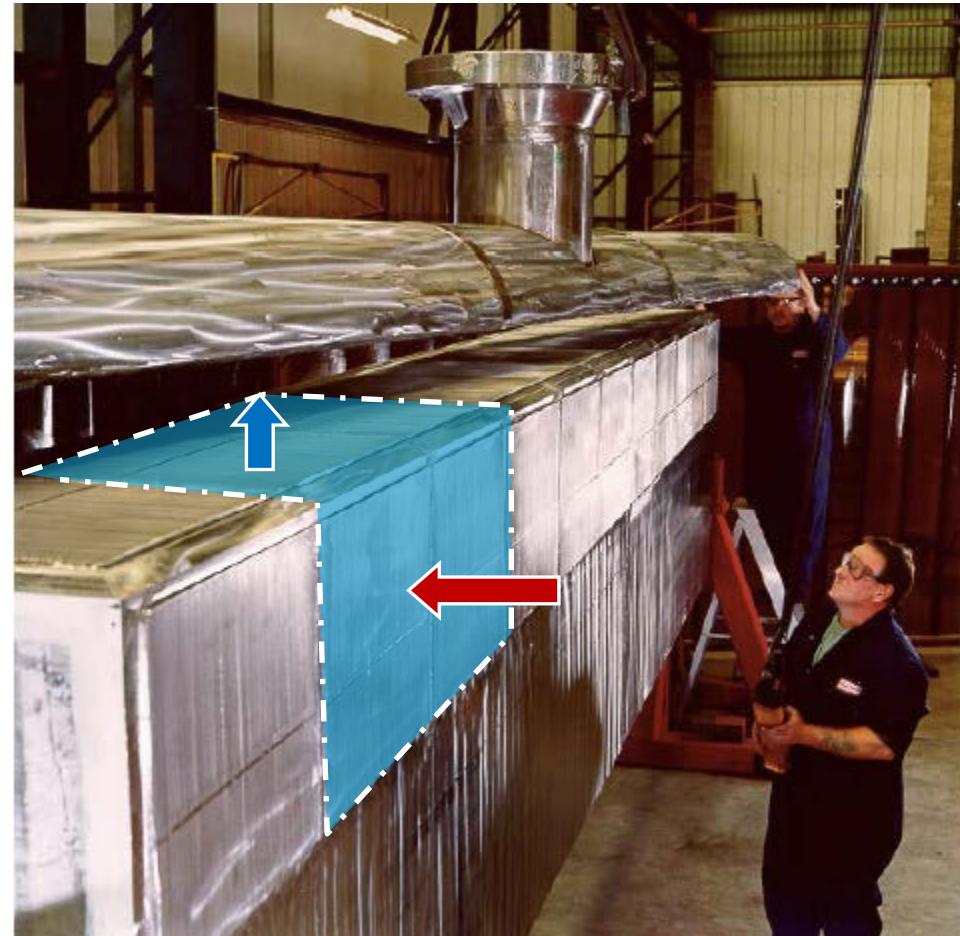
# MCHE DESIGN ALGORITHM

# The Printed Circuit Heat Exchanger

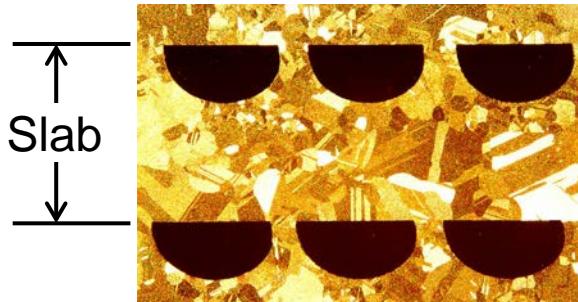
**Heat Exchanger Core**



**Core and Manifold Assembly**



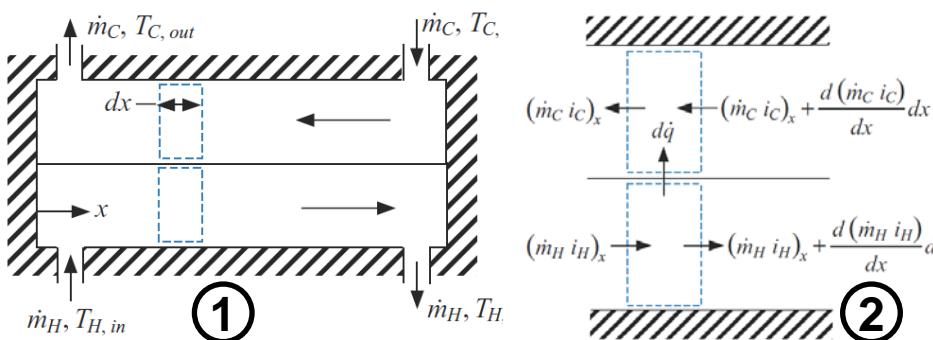
**Diffusion Bonding**



# Methods of Heat Exchanger Design

- Effectiveness – NTU / LMTD Methods
  - Uses analytical solutions to various heat exchanger configurations
  - Explicit solution method with reasonable accuracy
- Compact Heat Exchanger Correlations
  - Correlations developed from experimental data for several geometries
  - Explicit accurate solution but for a limited number of correlations
- Sub-Heat Exchanger Method
  - Implements method 1 multiple times to capture property variations
  - Implicit solution needing fewer nodes / iterations than 1D solutions
- 1D Channel Solutions
  - Simulates channels identically or in parallel to determine performance
  - Iterative, intensive solution with the highest accuracy and flexibility
- More complex methods also exist (2D, 3D, CFD)

# Effectiveness - NTU Derivation



$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{dT_H}{dx} = -\frac{UA}{L\dot{m}_H c_H} (T_H - T_C)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{dT_C}{dx} = -\frac{UA}{L\dot{m}_C c_C} (T_H - T_C)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \ln\left(\frac{T_{H,out} - T_{C,in}}{T_{H,in} - T_{C,out}}\right) = -UA\left(\frac{1}{\dot{C}_H} - \frac{1}{\dot{C}_C}\right)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad NTU = \begin{cases} \frac{\ln\left[\frac{1 - \varepsilon C_R}{1 - \varepsilon}\right]}{1 - C_R} & \text{for } C_R < 1 \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon} & \text{for } C_R = 1 \end{cases}$$

## 1. Assume:

- Externally adiabatic
- Incompressible flow
- Constant specific heat capacity
- Enthalpy independent of pressure

## 2. Finite difference method

- Establish control volumes

## 3. Coupled differential equations

- Hot and cold-side temperatures

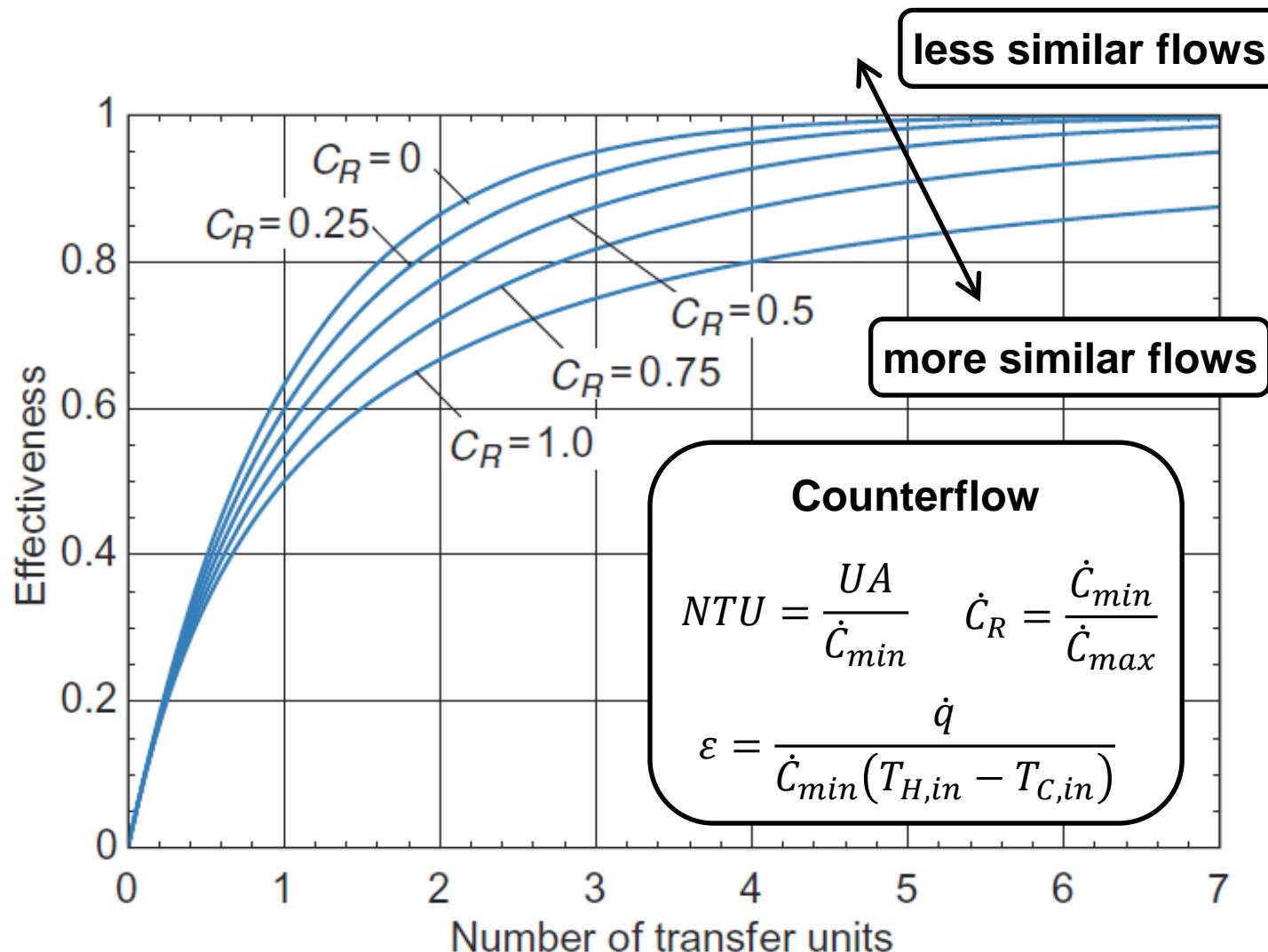
## 4. General solution

- Relate temperatures, UA,  $\dot{C}$ 's

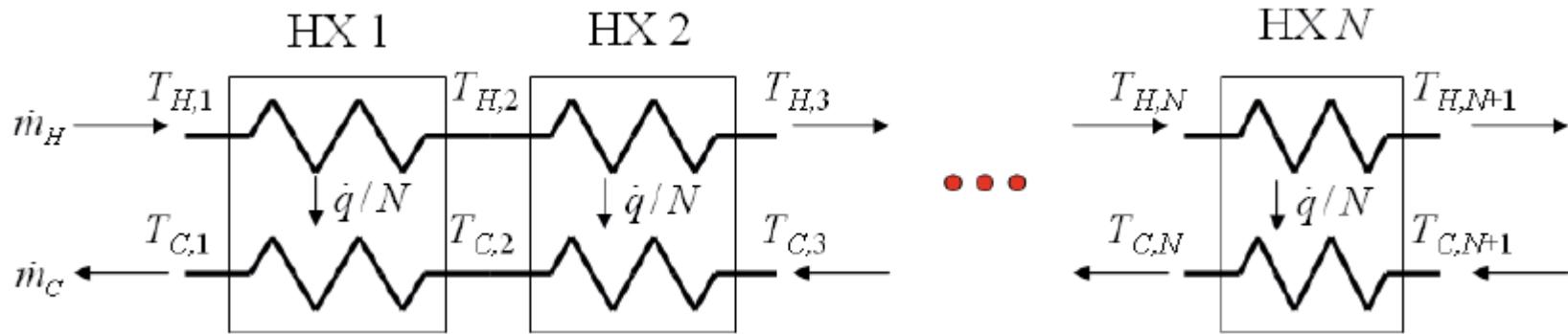
## 5. Effectiveness-NTU formulation

- $NTU = \frac{UA}{\dot{C}_{min}}$ , and  $\dot{C}_R = \frac{\dot{C}_{min}}{\dot{C}_{max}}$
- $\varepsilon = \dot{q}/[\dot{C}_{min}(T_{H,in} - T_{C,in})]$

# Effectiveness - NTU Solution



# Sub-Heat Exchanger Method



$$\dot{C}_i = \dot{m} \frac{h_i - h_{i+1}}{\text{MAX}(1e-4 [\text{K}], |T_i - T_{i+1}|) \text{SIGN}(h_i - h_{i+1})}$$

$$\varepsilon_i = \frac{\dot{q}_i}{\text{MIN}(\dot{C}_{A,i}, \dot{C}_{B,i})(T_{A,i} - T_{B,i+1})}$$

$$NTU_i = \begin{cases} \frac{\ln \left[ \frac{(1 - \varepsilon C_R)}{1 - \varepsilon} \right]}{1 - C_R} & \text{for } C_R < 1 \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon} & \text{for } C_R = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$UA_i = NTU_i \text{MIN}(\dot{C}_{A,i}, \dot{C}_{B,i})$$

- Divide into a series of HXers
- Extends e-NTU method
- Assumptions apply to each sub-heat exchanger ( $\Delta x$ )
- Best method to obtain UA accurately and quickly with variable property flows

# ASME BPVC Design Equations

$$S_{m,stay} = \frac{Ph}{2t_4} \left[ \frac{6 + K(11 - \alpha^2)}{3 + 5K} \right]$$

$$S_{m,1} = \frac{Ph}{2t_1} \left[ 3 - \frac{6 + K(11 - \alpha^2)}{3 + 5K} \right]$$

$$S_{m,2} = \frac{PH}{2t_2}$$

$$S_{b,stay} = 0$$

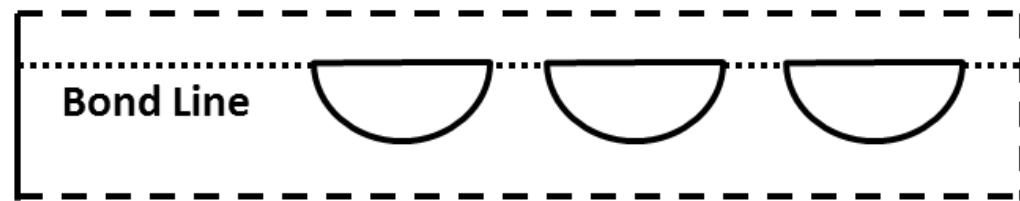
$$(S_{b,1})_{at N} = \frac{Pc_1}{24I_1} \left[ -3H^2 + 2h^2 \left( \frac{3 + 5\alpha^2 K}{3 + 5K} \right) \right]$$

$$(S_{b,1})_{at Q} = \frac{Ph^2 c_1}{12I_1} \left( \frac{3 + 5\alpha^2 K}{3 + 5K} \right)$$

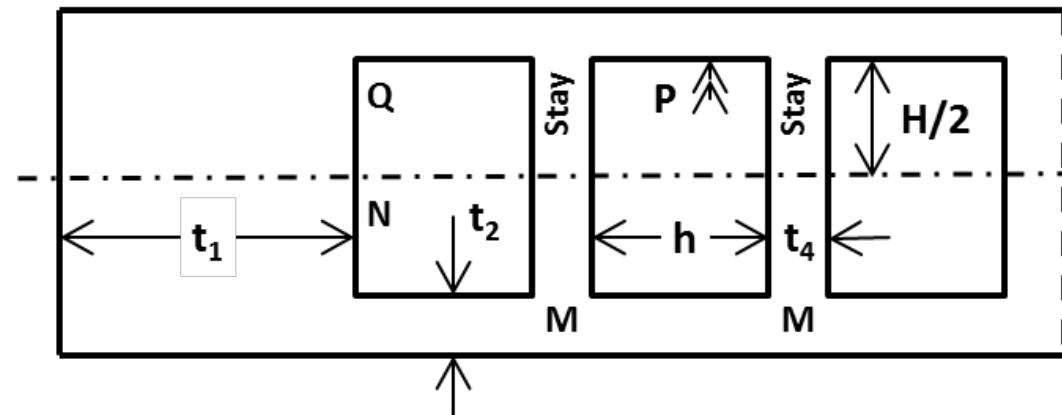
$$(S_{b,2})_{at M} = \frac{Ph^2 c_2}{12I_2} \left[ \frac{3 + K(6 - \alpha^2)}{3 + 5K} \right]$$

$$(S_{b,2})_{at Q} = \frac{Ph^2 c_2}{12I_2} \left( \frac{3 + 5\alpha^2 K}{3 + 5K} \right)$$

Section of a printed circuit heat exchanger



Vessel sketch from the ASME BPVC VIII-1-13-2(a)(8)



# Non-Dimensionalized Equations

$$\frac{P}{SE} \leq \left( \frac{1}{wf} - 1 \right)$$

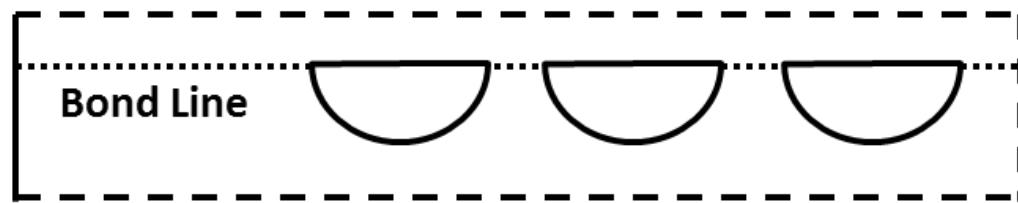
$$\frac{P}{S} \leq 2 \left( \frac{1}{df} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{P}{S} \leq 3 \left( \frac{df}{1-df} + \frac{1}{AR^2} \left( \frac{df}{1-df} \right)^2 \right)^{-1}$$

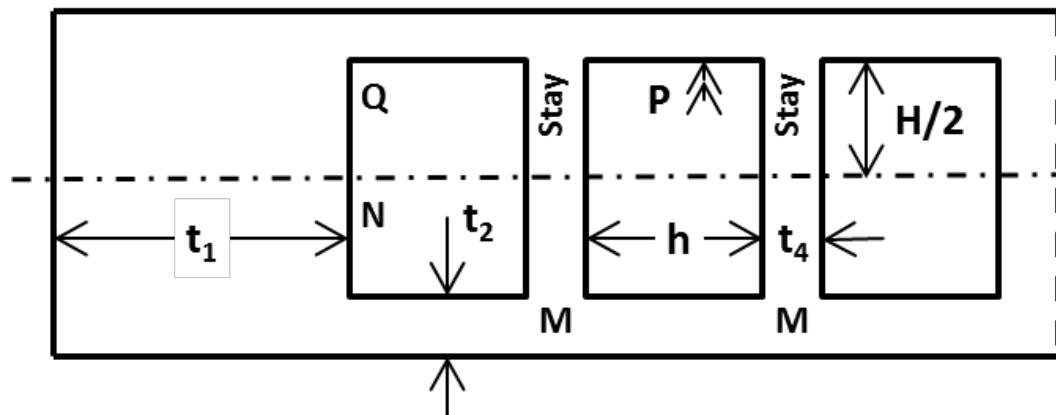
$$wf = \frac{h}{h + t_4}$$

$$df = \frac{H}{H + t_2}$$

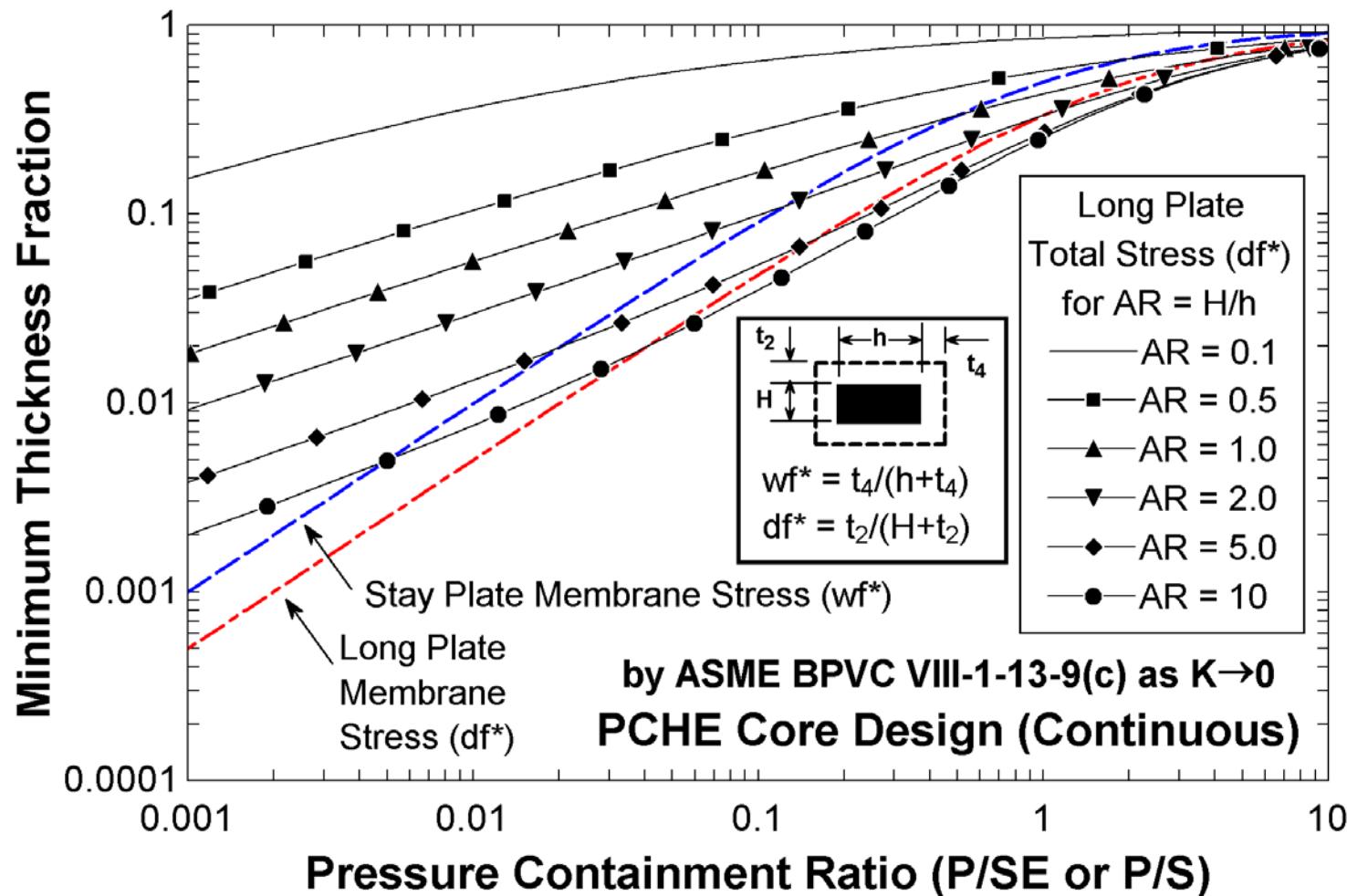
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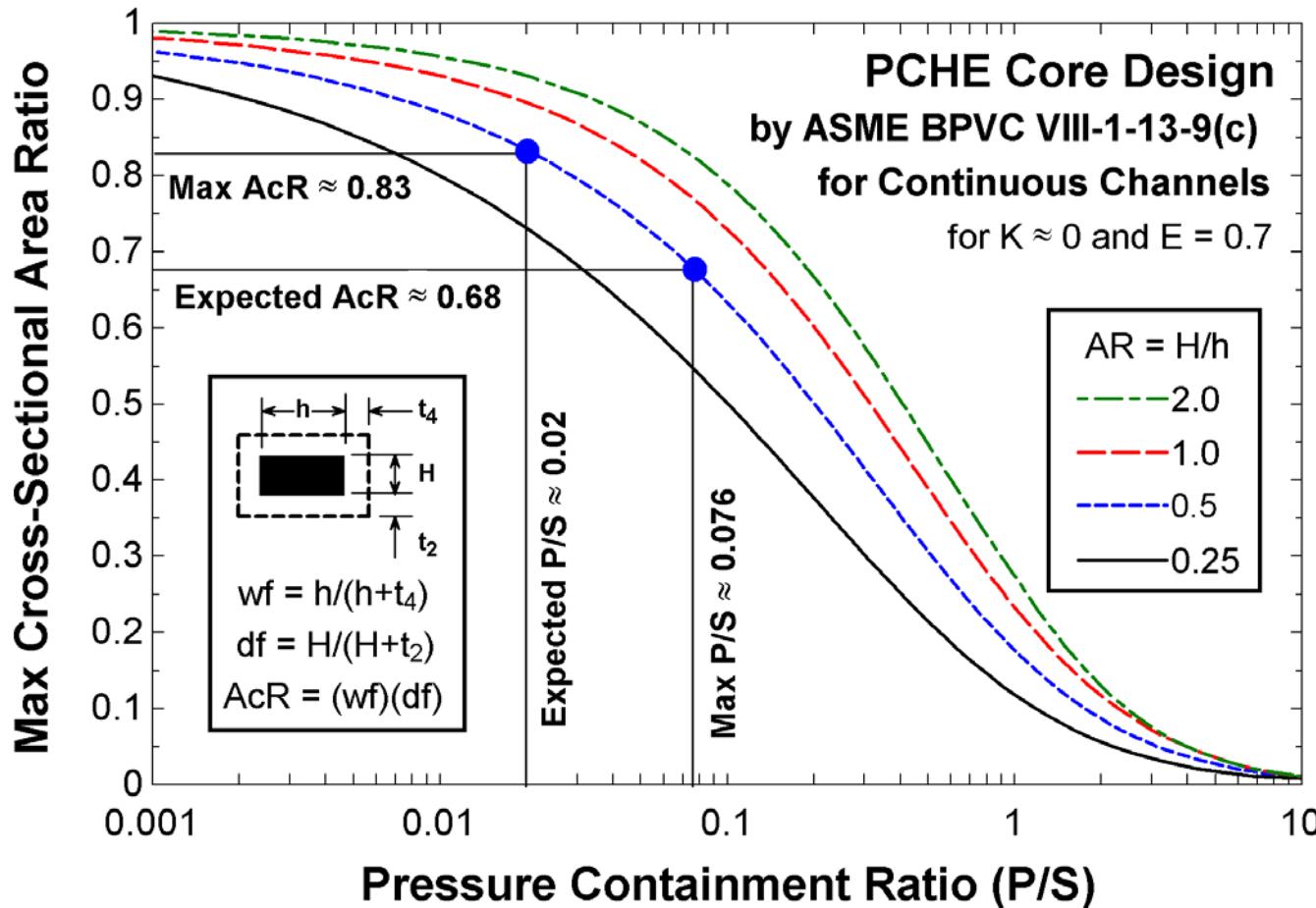
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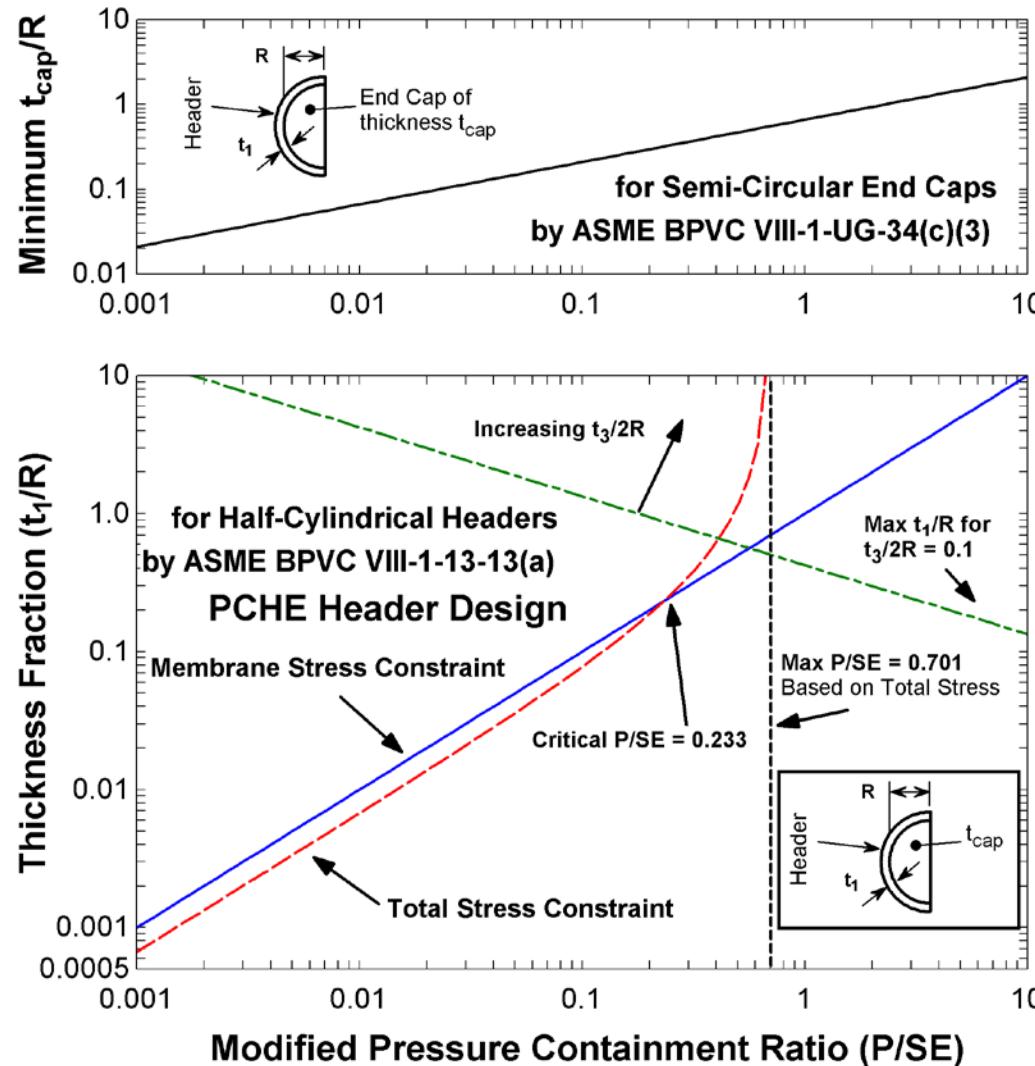
# PCHE Core Pressure Containment



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# Half-Cylindrical Headers



# Thermal-Hydraulics

$$\Delta x_i = UA_i \left( \frac{1}{h_{A,i} N_{ch,A} p_{ch,A}} + \frac{R''_{f,A,i}}{N_{ch,A} p_{ch,A}} + \frac{t_m}{k_{m,i} W} + \frac{1}{h_{B,i} N_{ch,B} p_{ch,B}} + \frac{R''_{f,B,i}}{N_{ch,B} p_{ch,B}} \right)$$

(1)   (2)   (3)   (5)   (4)   (3)   (5)

1. Sub-heat exchanger length
2. Sub-heat exchanger conductance-area product
3. Convective thermal resistances
4. Conductive thermal resistance
5. Fouling thermal resistances

# PCHE Design Software

- Sub-hxer model
- ASME BPVC
- Single, two-phase, supercritical flows
- Over 400 fluids

Document Number: RC1		Revision Number: 1	Heat Exchanger Data Sheet	
			solutionScope\$=All design steps (mech, thermo, TH)	
			Calculate	Save Inputs
			Load Inputs	
Summary of PCHE Design				
Job Number RC1 Run Date ***** Job Title Test Code Used ASME Code Section VIII Division 1 - 2013				
Core Length (bet. headers) L = ***** [m] Core Width (bet. headers) W = ***** [m] Core Height H = ***** [m] Core Cross-Section (H x W) A <sub>c</sub> = ***** [m <sup>2</sup> ] Side A Surface Area A <sub>sA</sub> = ***** [m <sup>2</sup> ] Side B Surface Area A <sub>sB</sub> = ***** [m <sup>2</sup> ] Wetted Volume (core + hdrs) Vol <sub>wet</sub> = ***** [m <sup>3</sup> ] Metal Mass (core + hdrs) M = ***** [kg] Heat Transfer Rate (Duty) $\dot{q}$ = ***** [W] Conductance-Area Product UAsum = ***** [W/K] Side A MAWP MAWP <sub>A</sub> = ***** [Pa] Side B MAWP MAWP <sub>B</sub> = ***** [Pa] MAWT (same as MDMT) MAWT = ***** [K] Number of Etched Plate Pairs N <sub>rows</sub> = ** [-] Side A Channels per Plate N <sub>chip,A</sub> = * [-] Side B Channels per Plate N <sub>chip,B</sub> = * [-] Number of Un-etched Plates N <sub>ex</sub> = *				
Step 9. Other Controls				
Max Active core volume width W <sub>ACV,max</sub> = 0.1597 [m] Max Active core volume height H <sub>ACV,max</sub> = 2.5 [m] Extra width provided W <sub>extra</sub> = 0 [m] Extra height provided H <sub>extra</sub> = 0 [m]				
Step 6. Specify the Performance Measure				
Choose Measure Type Side B Outlet Temperature Diffusion Bonding Joint Efficiency E <sub>DB</sub> = 0.7 [-] Header Cylinder Joint Efficiency E <sub>cyt</sub> = 0.7 [-]				
Side A (straight)      Side B (Z-side) Step 1. Side A and B Stream Compositions (by mass %)				
Choose the fluid set: Refprop Fluid(s) First 8 fluid components: 100 [%] WATER.FLD 0 [%] ACETONE.FLD 0 [%] Nitrogen.fld 0 [%] co2.fld 0 [%] Propane.FLD 0 [%] BUTANE.FLD 0 [%] IPENTANE.FLD 0 [%] HEXANE.FLD		Refprop Fluid(s) 100 [%] R1233ZD.FLD 0 [%] 1BUTENE.FLD 0 [%] 1BUTENE.FLD 0 [%] 1BUTENE.FLD 0 [%] 1BUTENE.FLD 0 [%] 1BUTENE.FLD 0 [%] 1BUTENE.FLD 0 [%] 1BUTENE.FLD		
Fouling (val A, val B) CO <sub>2</sub> vapor Fouling Factor: R <sup>f</sup> <sub>A</sub> = 0.0001 [m <sup>-2</sup> ]		CO <sub>2</sub> vapor R <sup>f</sup> <sub>B</sub> = 0.0001 [m <sup>-2</sup> ]		
Step 2. Specify Fluid Flow Rates Flow Rate (mass A, mass B) m <sub>A</sub> = 80.4 [kg/s]      m <sub>B</sub> = 34.8 [kg/s] V <sub>A</sub> = ***** [m <sup>3</sup> /s]      V <sub>B</sub> = ***** [m <sup>3</sup> /s]				
Step 3. Specify Inlet State for Sides A and B Inlet Pressure P <sub>A</sub> = 7.170E+06 [Pa]      P <sub>B</sub> = 2.330E+07 [Pa] Inlet Temperature T <sub>A,in</sub> = 572.8 [K]      T <sub>B,in</sub> = 378.1 [K] Inlet Quality (±100 = sup or sub) Q <sub>A,in</sub> = **      Q <sub>B,in</sub> = ** Outlet Pressure P <sub>A,out</sub> = ***** [Pa]      P <sub>B,out</sub> = ***** [Pa] Outlet Temperature T <sub>A,out</sub> = ** [K]      T <sub>B,out</sub> = 564.2 [K] Outlet Quality (±100 = sup or sub) Q <sub>A,out</sub> = **      Q <sub>B,out</sub> = **				
Step 4. Specify the Allowable Pressure Drop Pressure Drop dPsum <sub>A</sub> = ***** [Pa]      dPsum <sub>B</sub> = ***** [Pa] Drop / Operating Pressure dP <sub>A,%</sub> = ***** [%]      dP <sub>B,%</sub> = ***** [%]				
Step 5. Specify Header Orientations Header Axis Orientation Vertical      Vertical				
Step 7. Specify Core Channel Geometry Channel Width w <sub>A</sub> = 0.001289 [m]      w <sub>B</sub> = 0.001289 [m] Channel Depth d <sub>A</sub> = 0.000763 [m]      d <sub>B</sub> = 0.000763 [m]				

# PROTOTYPE PCHE DESIGN

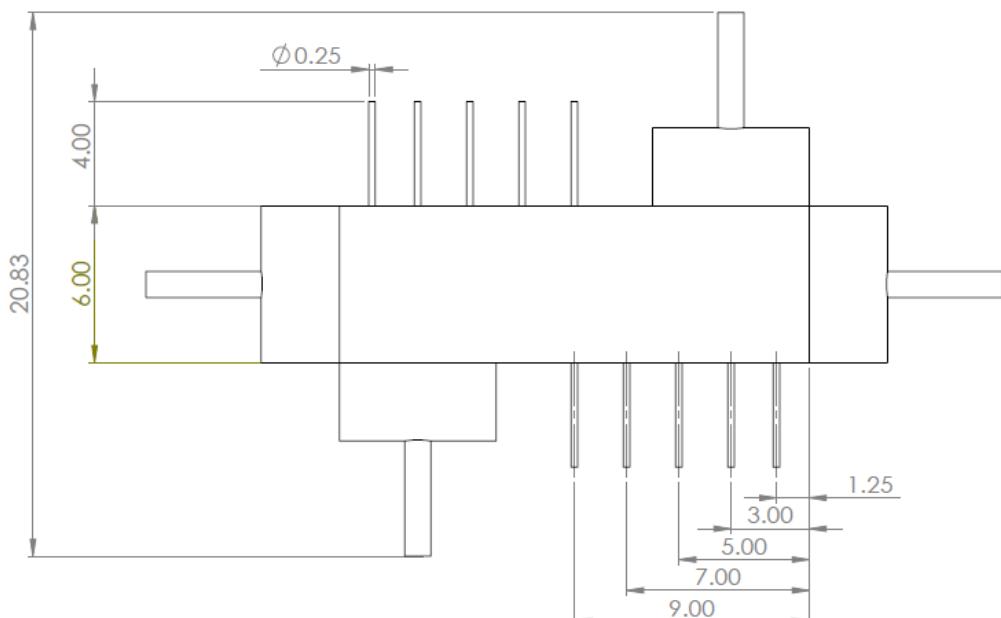
# Heat Exchanger Data Sheet

Parameter	Unit	Side A (Straight)	Side B (Z)
<b>Fluid</b>	-	water	water
<b>Mass Flow Rate</b>	kg/s (lbm/hr)	1.5 (12000)	1.5 (12000)
<b>Volumetric Flow Rate</b>	m <sup>3</sup> /s (gpm)	1.5e-3 (24)	1.5e-3 (24)
<b>Inlet Temperature</b>	°C (°F)	82 (180)	37 (98)
<b>Inlet Pressure</b>	kPa (psi)	300 (44)	300 (44)
<b>Pressure Drop</b>	kPa (psi)	55 (7.9)	62 (9.0)
<b>Fouling Factor</b>	m <sup>2</sup> -K/W	8e-5	8e-5
<b>MAWP</b>	MPa (psi)	20 (2900)	
<b>MAWT</b>	°C (°F)	550 (1000)	
<b>Duty</b>	kW <sub>th</sub> (Btu/hr)	103 (350000)	
<b>Height x Width x Length</b>	m (in)	0.15 x 0.15 x 0.46 (6 x 6 x 18)	
<b>Active Surface Area</b>	m <sup>2</sup> (in <sup>2</sup> )	1.2 (13)	
<b>Material</b>	-	316L Stainless Steel	

# Design for Multiple Phases

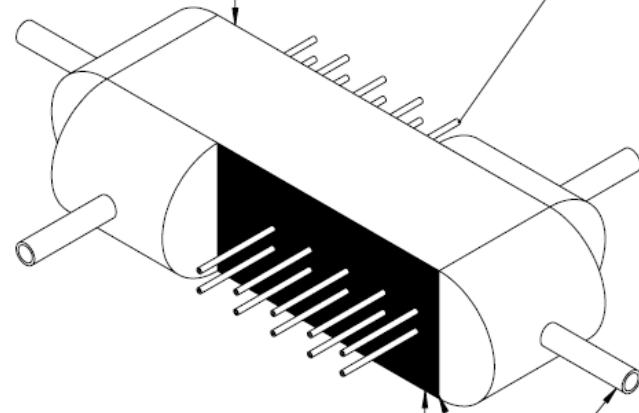
1. Pressure Containment
  - Evaluated by hydrostatic pressure testing
2. Single-phase Thermal Hydraulics
  - Evaluated in the NESL water test loop
3. Supercritical Thermal Hydraulics
  - Evaluated in the NESL sCO<sub>2</sub> loop
4. Fatigue Lifetime (to failure)
  - Tested by thermal cycling under pressure

# Instrumentation

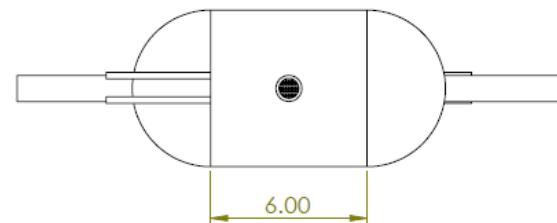
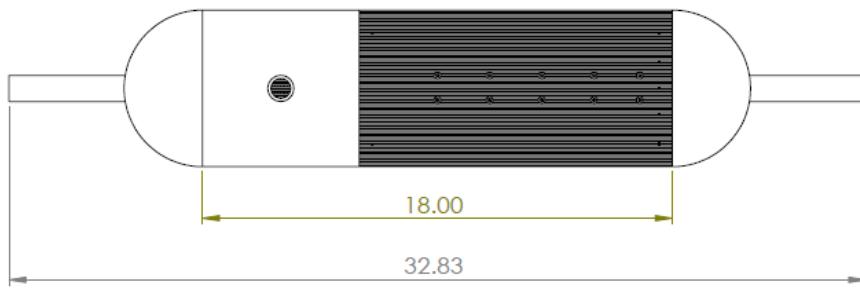


4.000 Long 0.25 $\phi$  0.065 Thickness Swagelok 316L Tube (sim.)

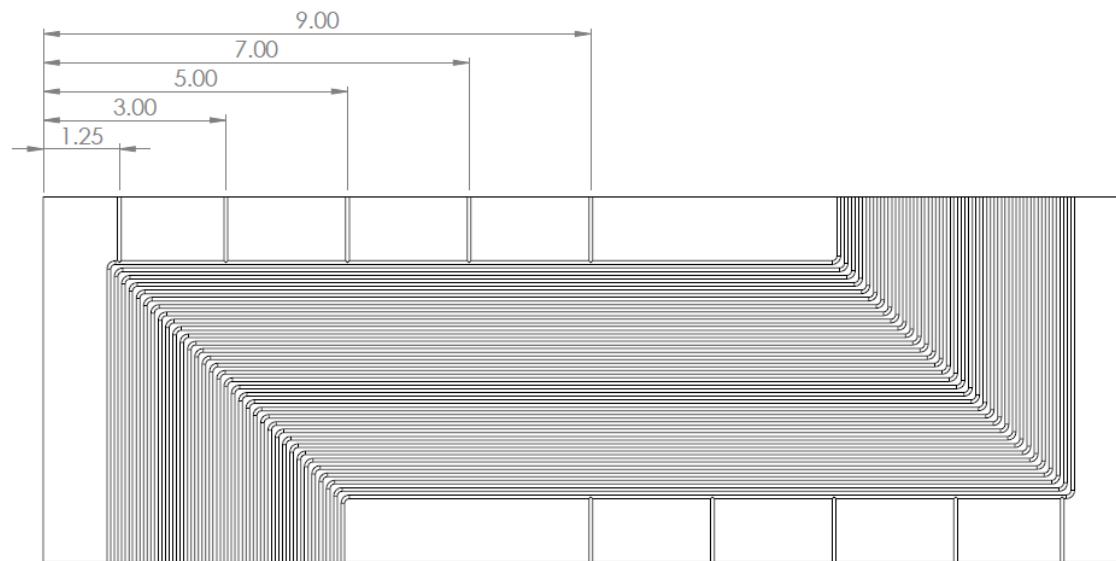
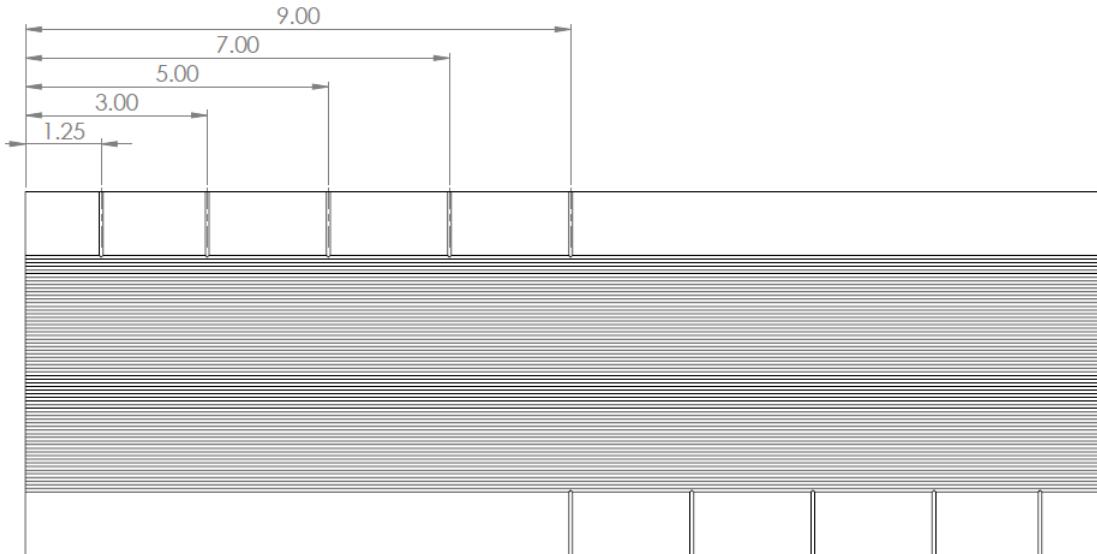
5 Pairs of holes w/o tubes



1.000  $\phi$  0.120 Thickness Swagelok 316L Tube (sim.)



# Instrumentation – Tap Locations

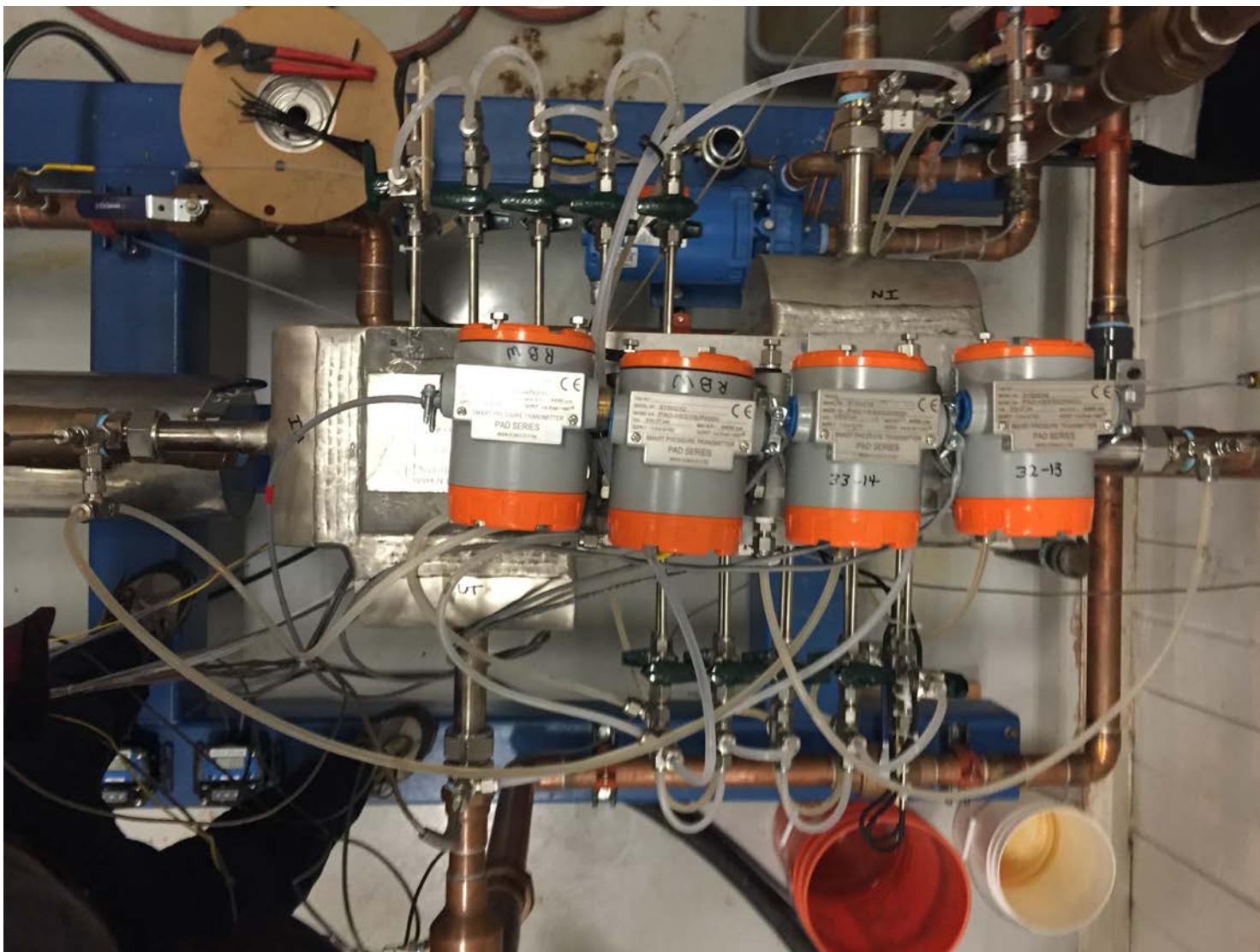


# HEAT EXCHANGER TEST PLATFORM

# Test Platform Configuration

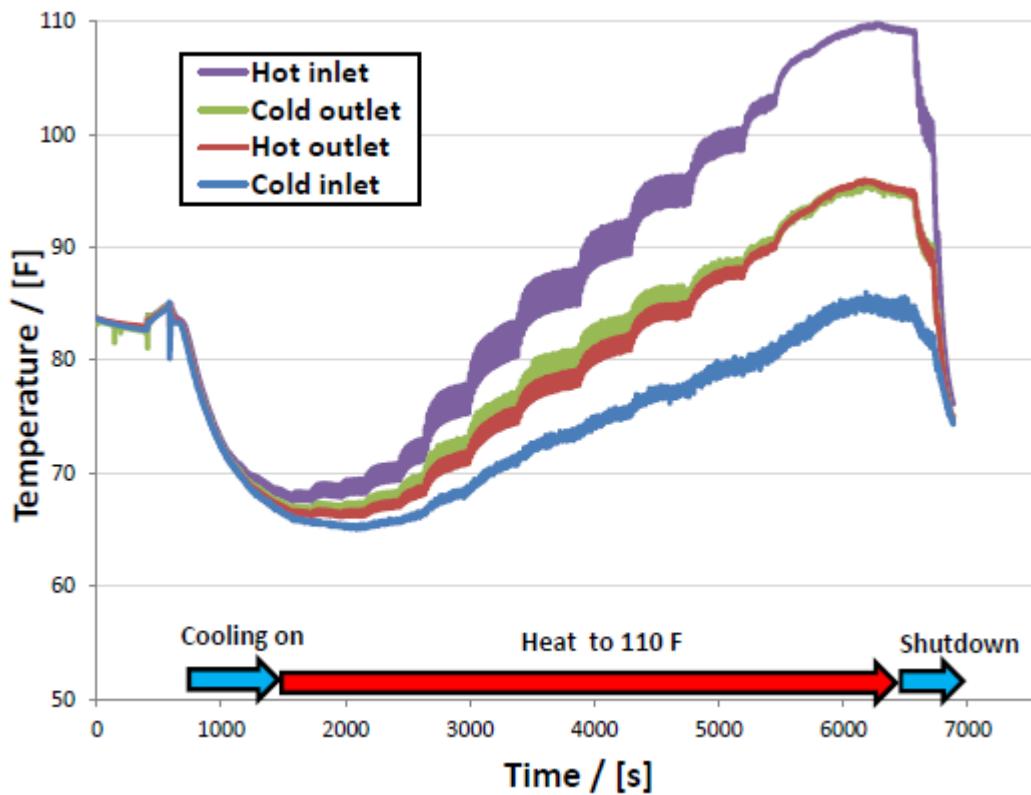


# PCHE Instrumentation



# PCHE PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

# Performance Testing



**SEARCH appears conservative by at least 10% on q, UA, effectiveness**

# Performance Comparison

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## Time Range   Description

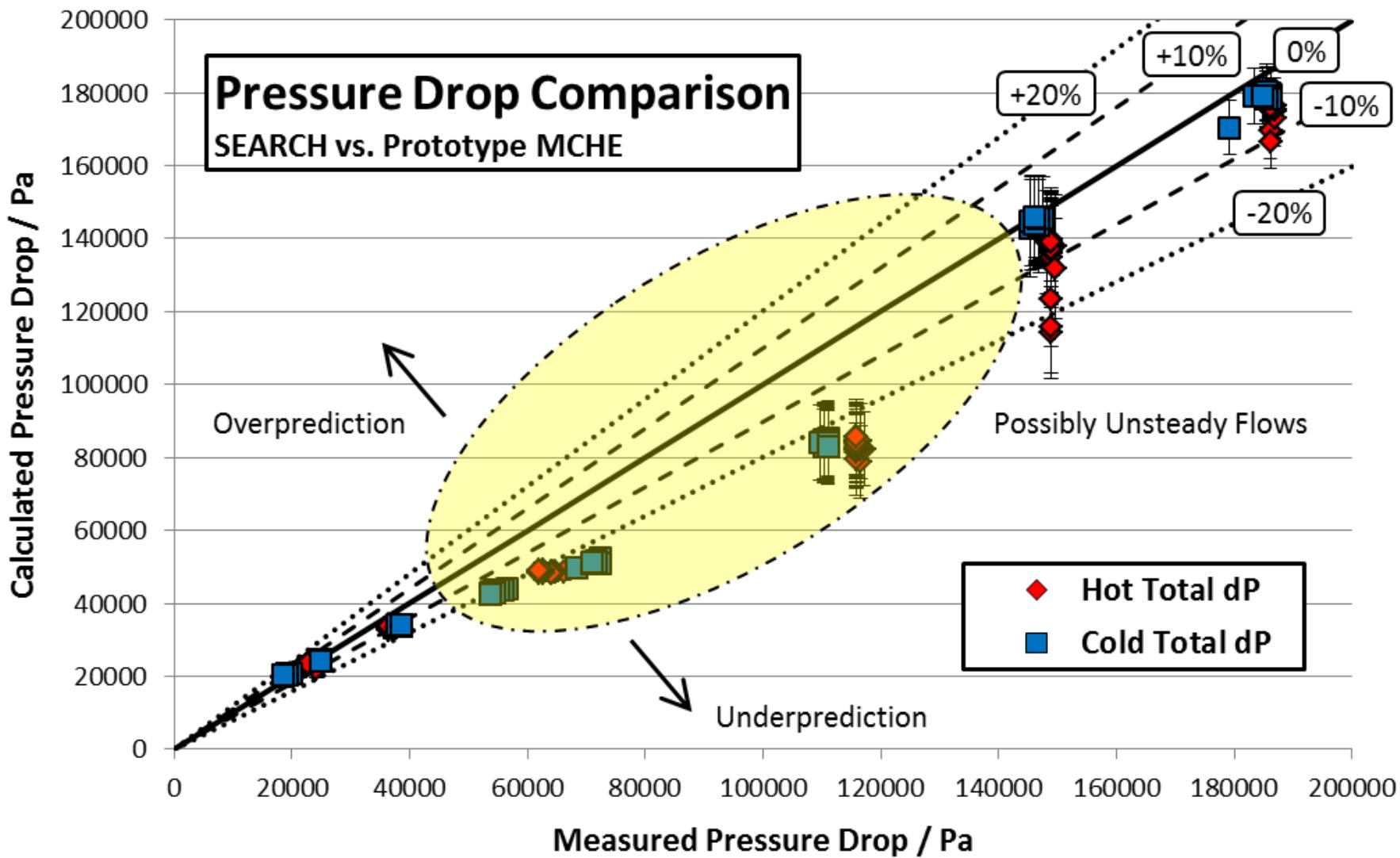
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0-750	Baseline, prepare to start test. Hot flow started first, wait to reach steady state.
750-1500	Start cooling flow; keep at maximum rate until loop below 70°F.
1500-6500	Increased heater power gradually (5-10% increments) to 100% = 110°F.
6500-7000	Shut off heater power, cooling remains on.

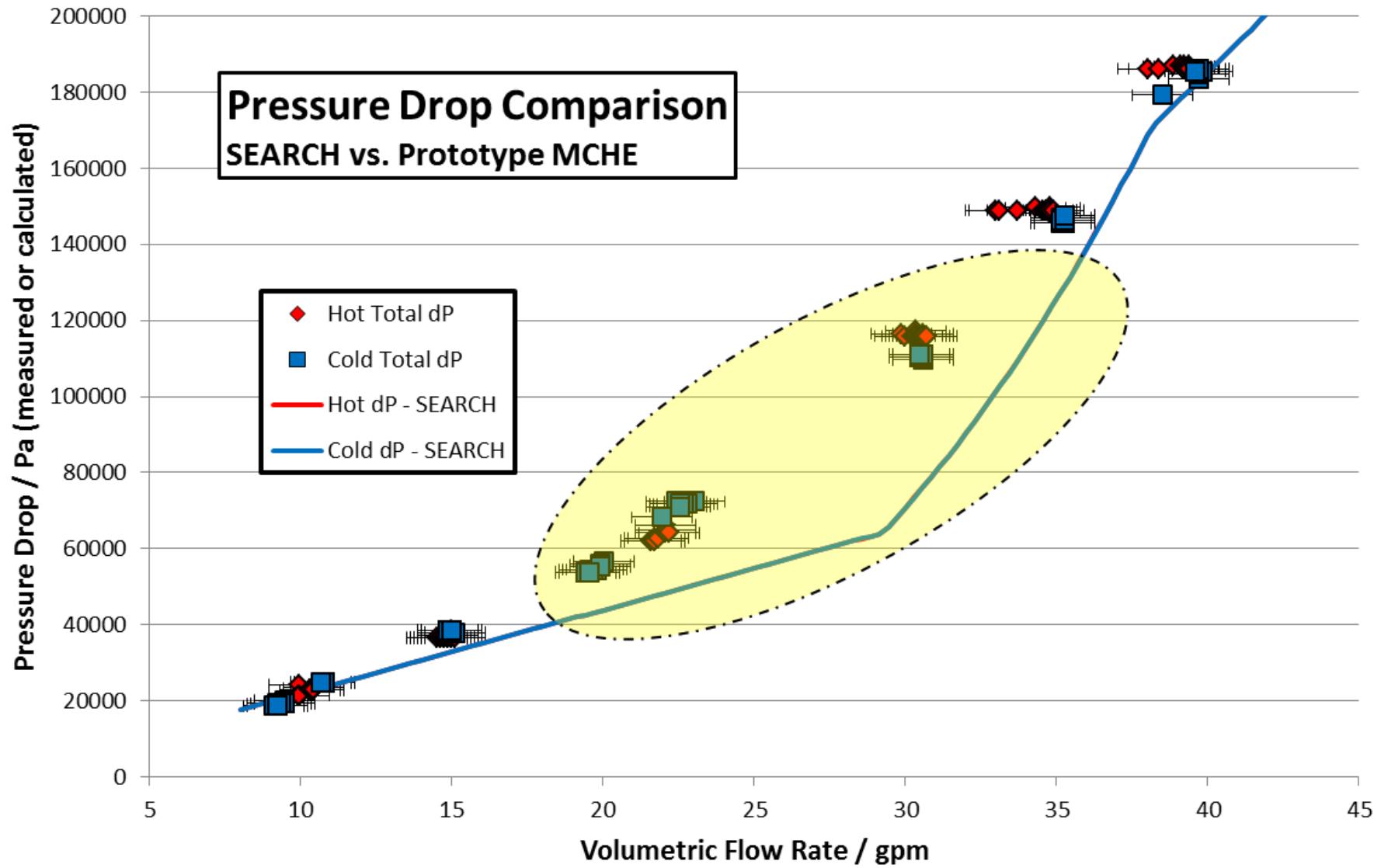
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Time / s	$\dot{q} / \text{W}$		$UA / (\text{W/K})$		$\varepsilon$	
	SEARCH	Measured	SEARCH	Measured	SEARCH	Measured
4200	44000	+7%	8100	+13%	43%	+6%
4700	44000	+12%	8200	+23%	43%	+11%
5100	54000	+13%	8400	+26%	43%	+12%
5400	61000	+14%	8500	+28%	44%	+13%
5700	67000	+14%	8600	+27%	44%	+13%
6260	67000	+16%	8700	+32%	44%	+15%

# Calculated vs. Meas. Pressure Drop



# Pressure Drop Prediction Capability



# Conclusions

- Based on our first set of tests:
  - SEARCH is within 25% accuracy on key metrics
  - Thermal performance is predicted conservatively
  - Pressure drop is under-predicted in some regimes
- These results have already been applied
- Testing is planned after loop upgrades
  - Additional thermal-hydraulic observations
  - Intermediate state (T & P) profiles
  - Future test phases (sCO<sub>2</sub>, fatigue)

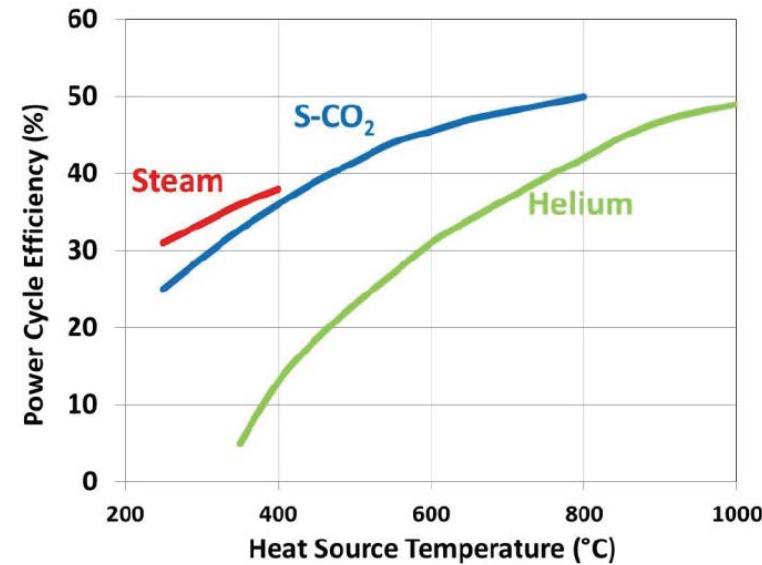
# BACKUP SLIDES

# The Argument for $\text{SCO}_2$ Brayton

## Versus Helium and Steam

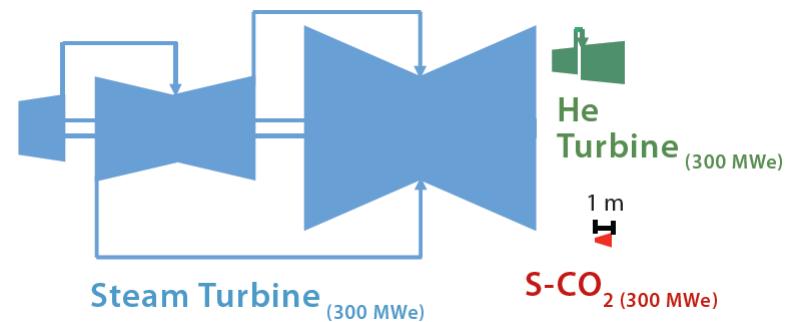
### 1. Higher efficiency

- Sodium Fast Reactor operating at 550 °C
- Concentrated Solar Power up to 700 °C
- CCS Gasified Coal and Natural Gas up to 1150 °C



### 2. Compact turbomachinery

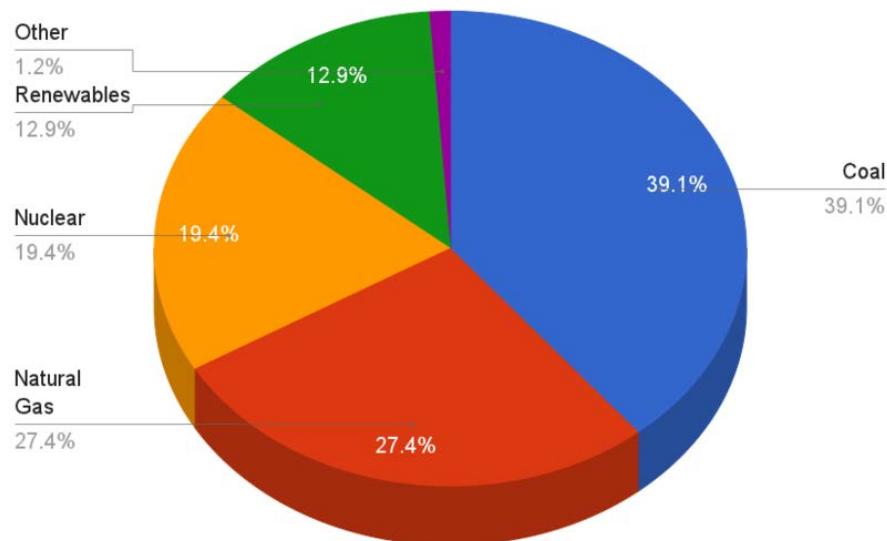
- Smaller system footprint
- Possibly reduced cost



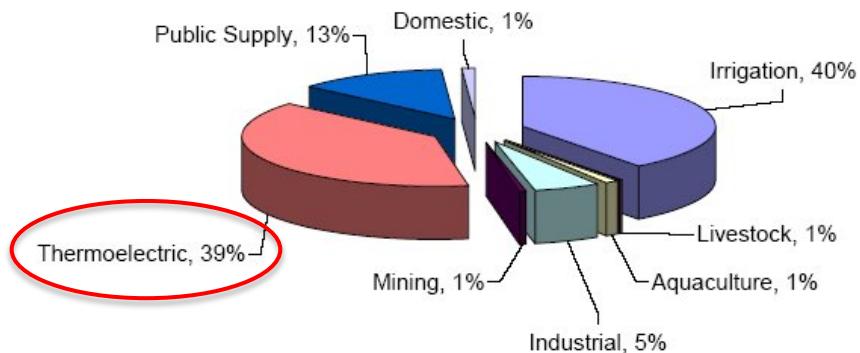
# Current Electrical Generation

- Electrical Generation
  - Dominated by fossil
  - Nuclear is a critical part
  - Expected that natural gas and nuclear will grow; coal will shrink
- Two main technologies
  - Steam Rankine cycle
    - Coal, Nuclear, CCNG
  - Gas Brayton cycle
    - Natural gas

U.S. 2013 Electricity Generation By Type

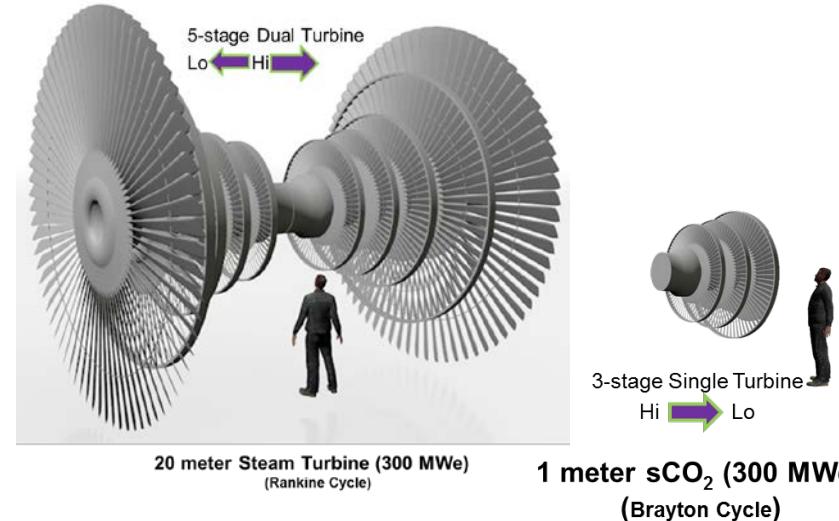


U.S. 2000 Water Withdrawals by Market

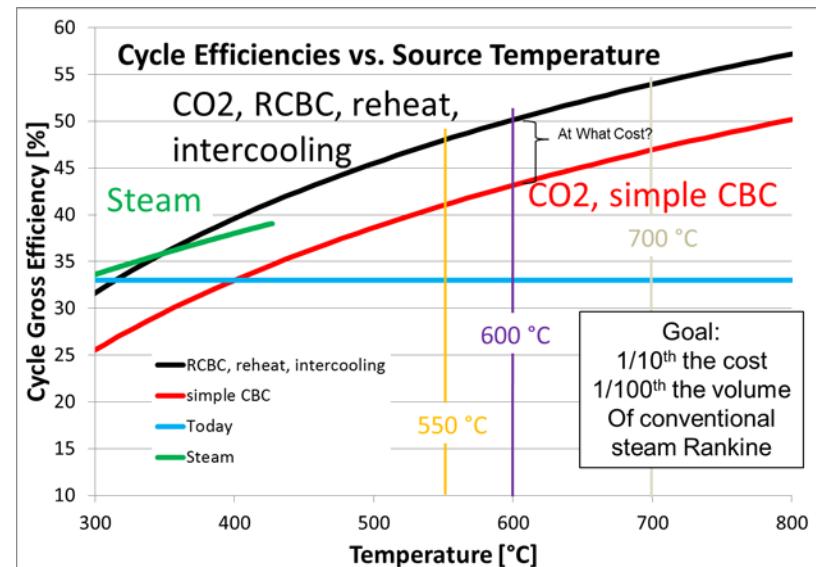


# Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> (sCO<sub>2</sub>) Brayton Cycle

- Key Advantages over Steam
  - Smaller turbomachinery
  - Single-phase fluid (no quality issues)
  - Recuperation becomes practical



- Key Advantages over Gas
  - High efficiency at low temperatures
  - Lower compression work
  - Smaller turbomachinery



# Current SCO<sub>2</sub> CBC HXers



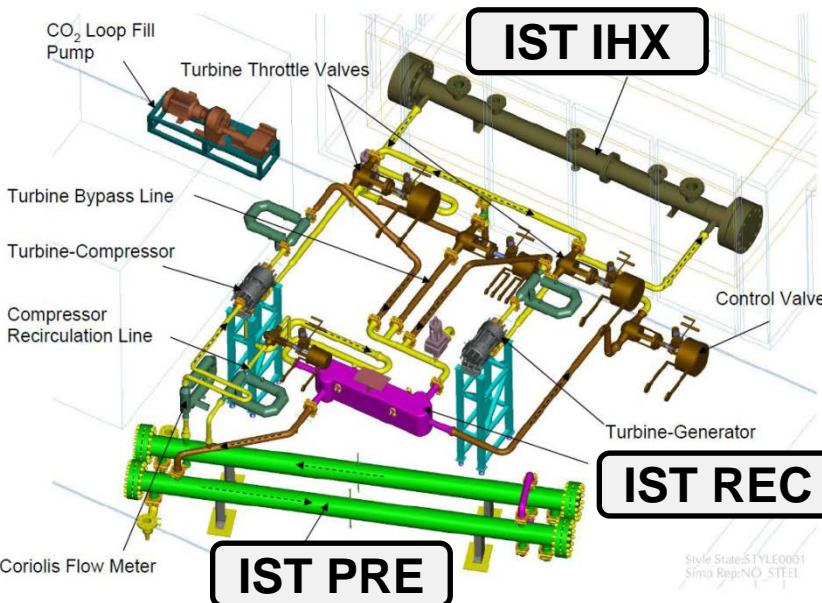
**SNL HTR**



**SNL PRE**



**SNL LTR**



G. O. Musgrove, C. Pittaway, D. Shiferaw, and S. Sullivan, "Tutorial: Heat Exchangers for Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycle Applications," San Antonio, Texas, USA, 03-Jun-2013.

# Commercial Unit Potential

## Key Requirements:

- ✓ High Pressure
- ✓ High Temperature
- ✓ Corrosion Resistant
- ✓ High Reliability
- ✓ Compact Geometry
- ✓ Scalable to 150 MWe

$$\beta = \frac{A_s}{V} = \frac{4\phi}{d_h}$$



Plate-Fin  
200 to 800 [m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>]



Coil-Wound  
10 to 300 [m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>]



Shell and Tube  
10 to 200 [m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>]

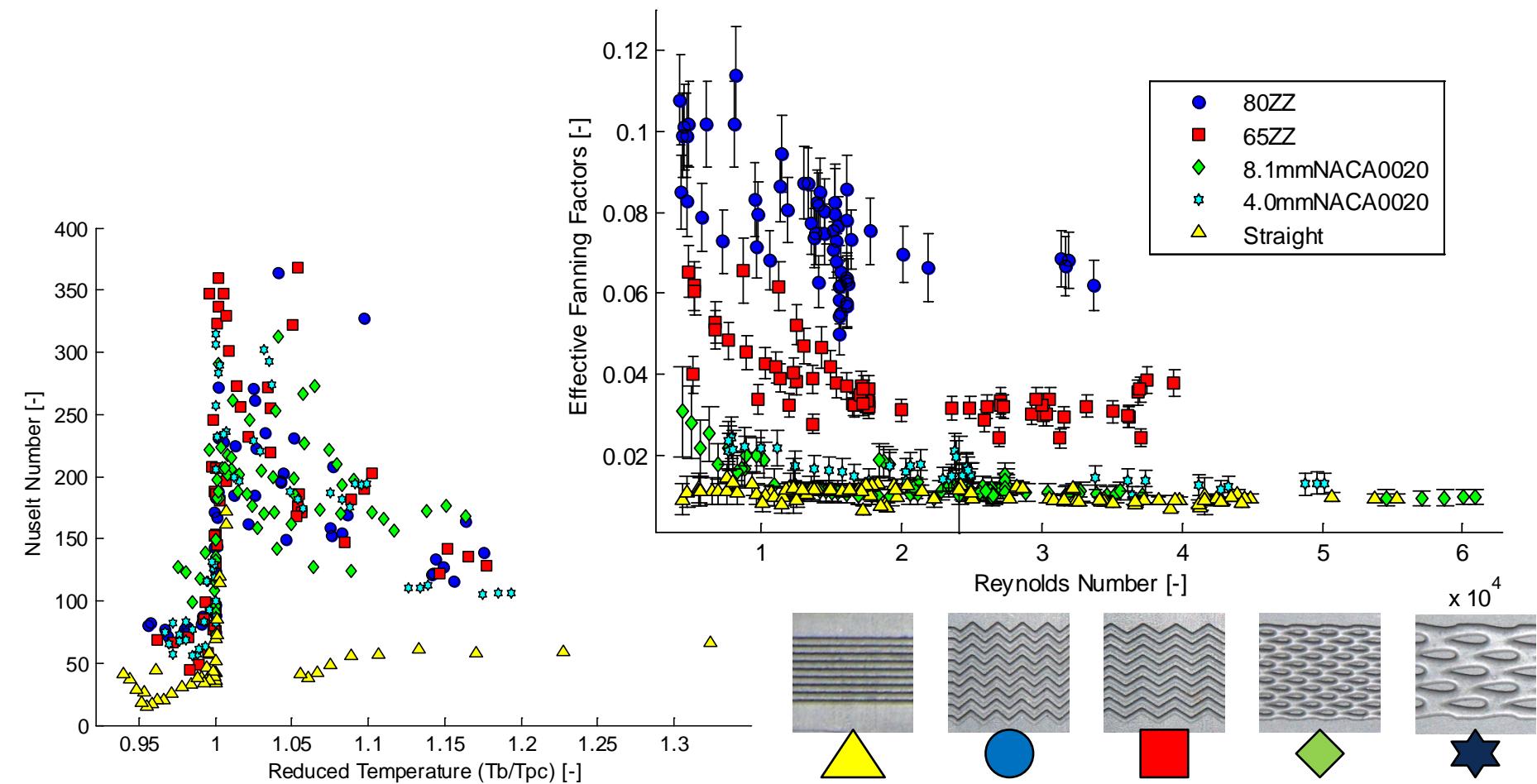


Printed Circuit  
200 to 5000 [m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>]



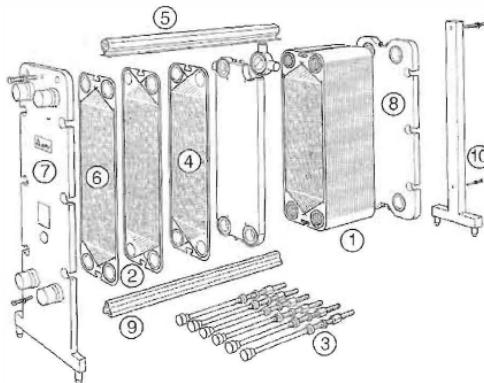
Shell and Plate  
100 to 600 [m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>]

# PCHE Thermal-Hydraulic Performance



Carlson, M. (2012). *Measurement and Analysis of the Thermal and Hydraulic Performance of Several Printed Circuit Heat Exchanger Channel Geometries* (Master of Science). University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI.

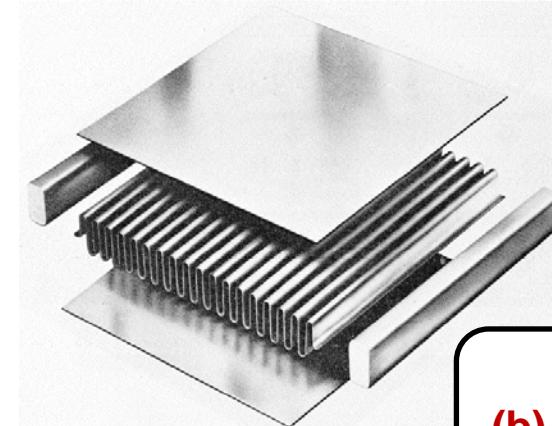
**PHE**  
**120 to 660**



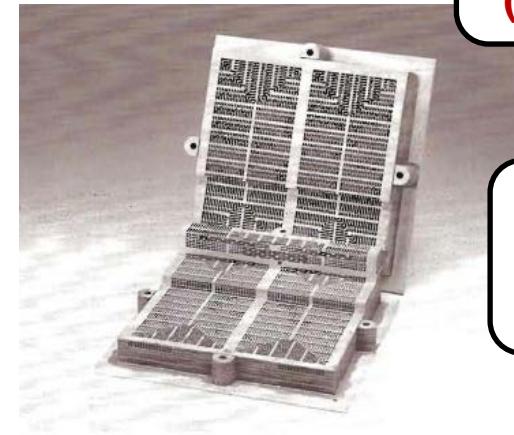
**PCHE**  
**(d) 200 to 5000**



**PFHE**  
**(b) 800 to 1500**  
**(d) 700 to 800**



**CBHE**  
**(Marbond)**  
**Up to 10000**



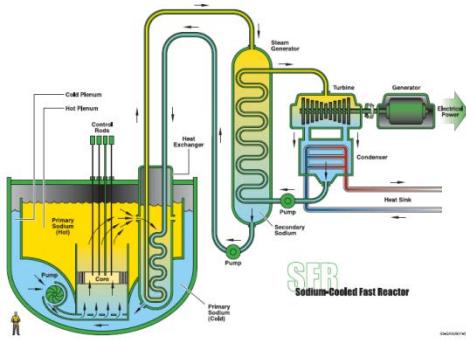
## HEAT EXCHANGER COMPACTNESS

Surface Area Density:  $\beta = \frac{A_s}{V} = \frac{4\phi}{d_h}$

# Potential Applications



**Coal / Nuclear**  
Steam Rankine



**GenIV Nuclear**  
Sodium Fast Reactor



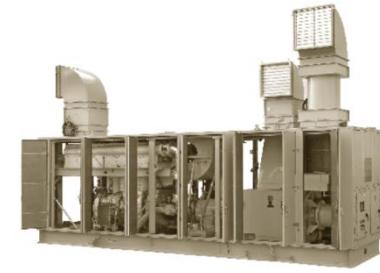
**MARINE**  
Rolls-Royce WR-21  
Type 45 Destroyer



**Refrigeration**  
Commercial, Cryogenic



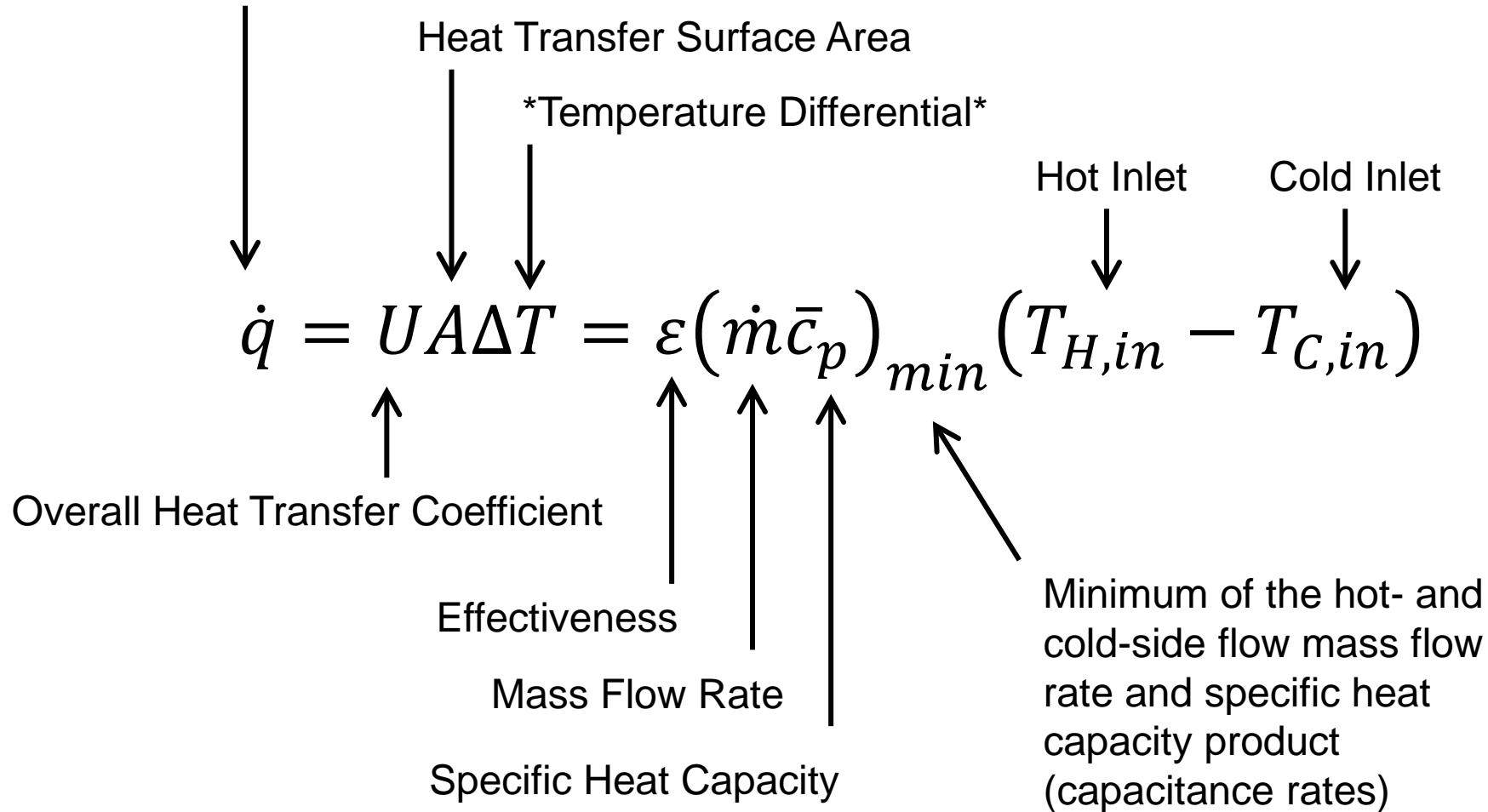
**VEHICULAR**  
Honeywell AGT1500  
M1 Abrams Tank



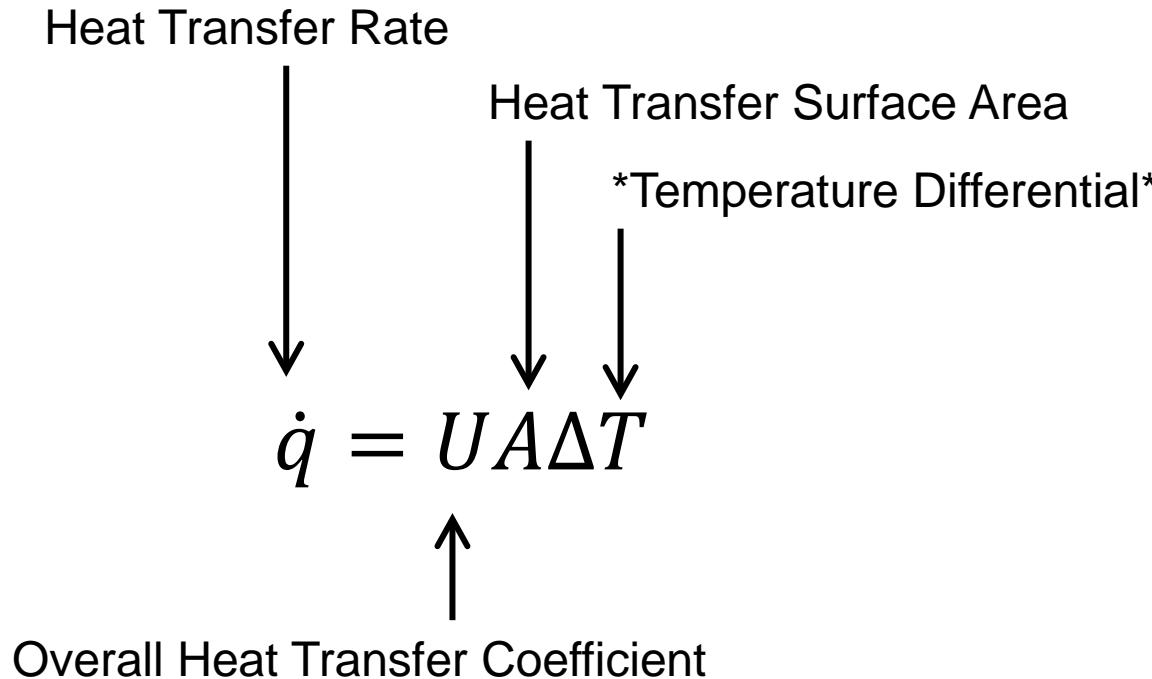
**STATIONARY**  
Solar Turbines  
Mercury 50

# Effectiveness and Scaling Behavior

Heat Transfer Rate



# Fundamental Scaling Behavior



# Fundamental Scaling Behavior

$$\dot{q} = UA\Delta T$$

Fluid	Transmission Surface	Fluid	<u>Overall Heat Transmission Coefficient</u>	
			(Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> hr °F)	(W/m <sup>2</sup> K)
Water	Cast Iron	Air or Gas	1.4	7.9
Water	Mild Steel	Air or Gas	2.0	11.3
Water	Copper	Air or Gas	2.3	13.1
Water	Cast Iron	Water	40 - 50	230 - 280
Water	Mild Steel	Water	60 - 70	340 - 400
Water	Copper	Water	60 - 80	340 - 455
Air	Cast Iron	Air	1.0	5.7
Air	Mild Steel	Air	1.4	7.9
Steam	Cast Iron	Air	2.0	11.3
Steam	Mild Steel	Air	2.5	14.2
Steam	Copper	Air	3.0	17
Steam	Cast Iron	Water	160	910
Steam	Mild Steel	Water	185	1050
Steam	Copper	Water	205	1160
Steam	Stainless Steel	Water	120	680

# Effectiveness and Scaling Behavior

Heat Transfer Rate

$$\dot{q} = UA\Delta T = \varepsilon(\dot{m}\bar{c}_p)_{min}(T_{H,in} - T_{C,in})$$

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Effectiveness

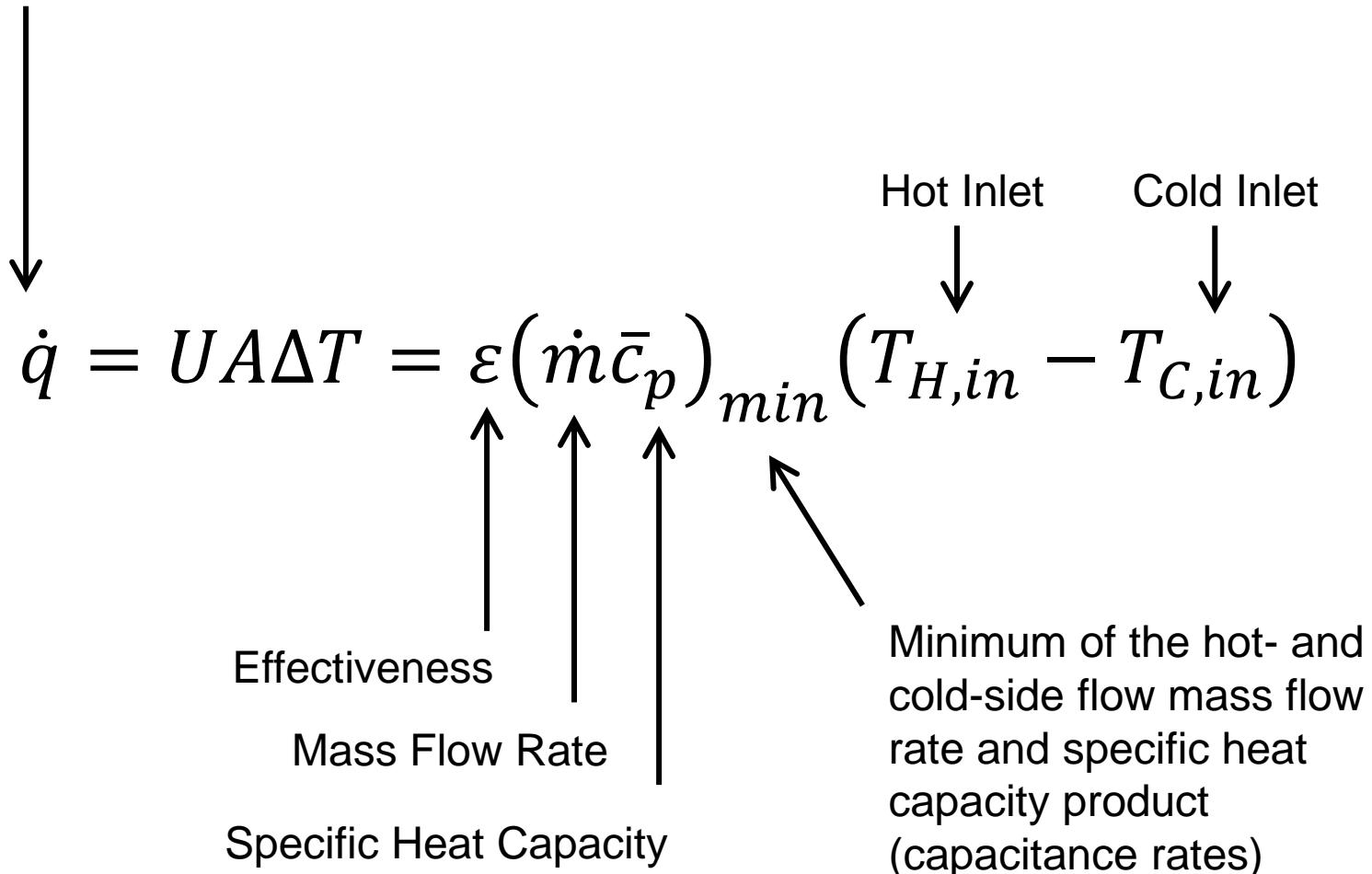
Mass Flow Rate

Specific Heat Capacity

Hot Inlet

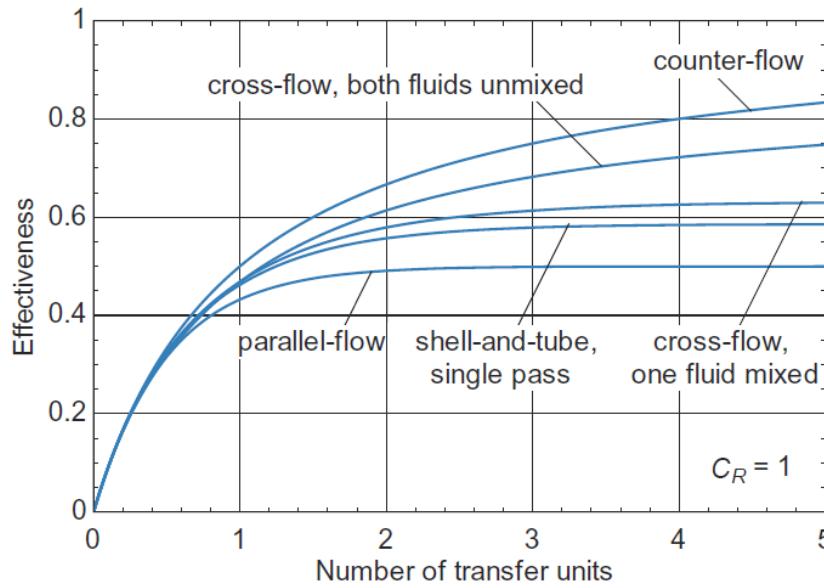
Cold Inlet

Minimum of the hot- and cold-side flow mass flow rate and specific heat capacity product (capacitance rates)

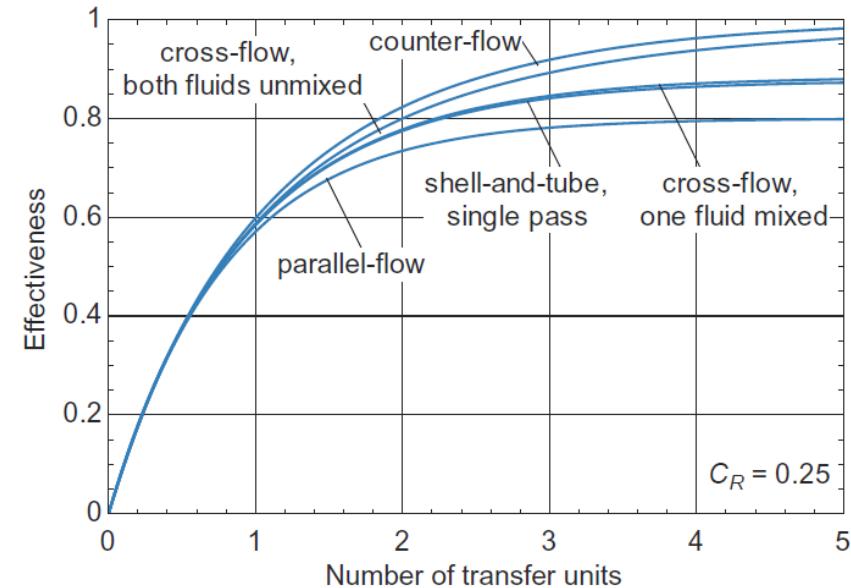


# Other Useful e-NTU Scaling

- Configuration matters most for  $C_R = 1$ ; counter-flow is best
- Effectiveness is asymptotic with NTU (size); 1 for counter-flow
- Configuration matters less as  $C_R$  approaches 0



$$C_R = 1$$



$$C_R = 0.25$$

# Pressure Drop Correlations

$$\Delta P = \sum \Delta P_{friction} + \sum \Delta P_{local} + \sum \Delta P_{acceleration} + \sum \Delta P_{body \ forces}$$

- Body Forces

$$\Delta P_{gravity} = g \left( \frac{i_{out} \rho_{out} + i_{in} \rho_{in}}{i_{out} + i_{in}} \right) L \sin(\theta)$$

Blasius

$$\Delta P_{friction} = f \frac{L_s}{d_{hyd}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{G^2}{\rho}$$

Kondrat'ev

$$f = 0.316 Re^{-0.25} \quad \rightarrow \quad f = 0.188 Re^{-0.22}$$

- Local Form Losses

$$\frac{\Delta P_{local}}{G^2/2\rho} = K_{loss} = f \left( \frac{L_{equivalent}}{d_{hyd}} \right)$$

Haaland

$$f = \frac{1}{\left( 1.8 \log_{10} \left[ \left( \frac{RR}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} + \frac{6.9}{Re} \right] \right)^2}$$

Filonenko

$$f = \frac{1}{(1.82 \log_{10} Re_b - 1.64)^2}$$

- Acceleration Difference

$$\Delta P_{acceleration} = G^2 \left( \frac{1}{\rho_{out}} - \frac{1}{\rho_{in}} \right)$$

Colebrook Equation

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2 \log_{10} \left( \frac{RR}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{Re \sqrt{f}} \right)$$

# Heat Transfer Correlations

## Constant Property

Dittus-Boelter Correlation

$$Nu = C Re^n Pr^m$$



## Supercritical Fluids

Jackson's Correlation

$$Nu = 0.0183 Re_b^{0.82} Pr_b^{0.5} \left( \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_b} \right)^{0.3} \left( \frac{\bar{c}_p}{c_{p,b}} \right)^n$$

## Gnielinski Correlation

$$Nu = \frac{\left(\frac{f}{8}\right)(Re - 1000)Pr}{1 + 12.7\sqrt{\frac{f}{8}}\left(Pr^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1\right)}$$



## Pitla Correlation

$$Nu = \left( \frac{Nu_w|_{Gnielinski} + Nu_b|_{Gnielinski}}{2} \right) \frac{k_w}{k_b}$$