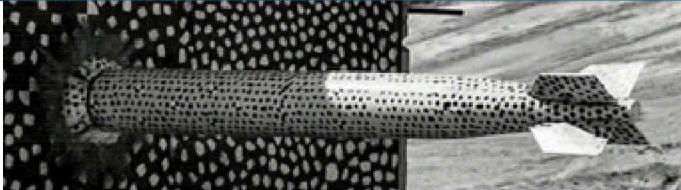


# Supercritical Transformational Electrical Production (STEP)



SAND2020-4724PE

## Program Status Summary and Path Forward



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# Turbocompressor Development

Artist rendering ~ late 2017



1 MWe Turbocompressor

Demonstrated performance ~ 2019

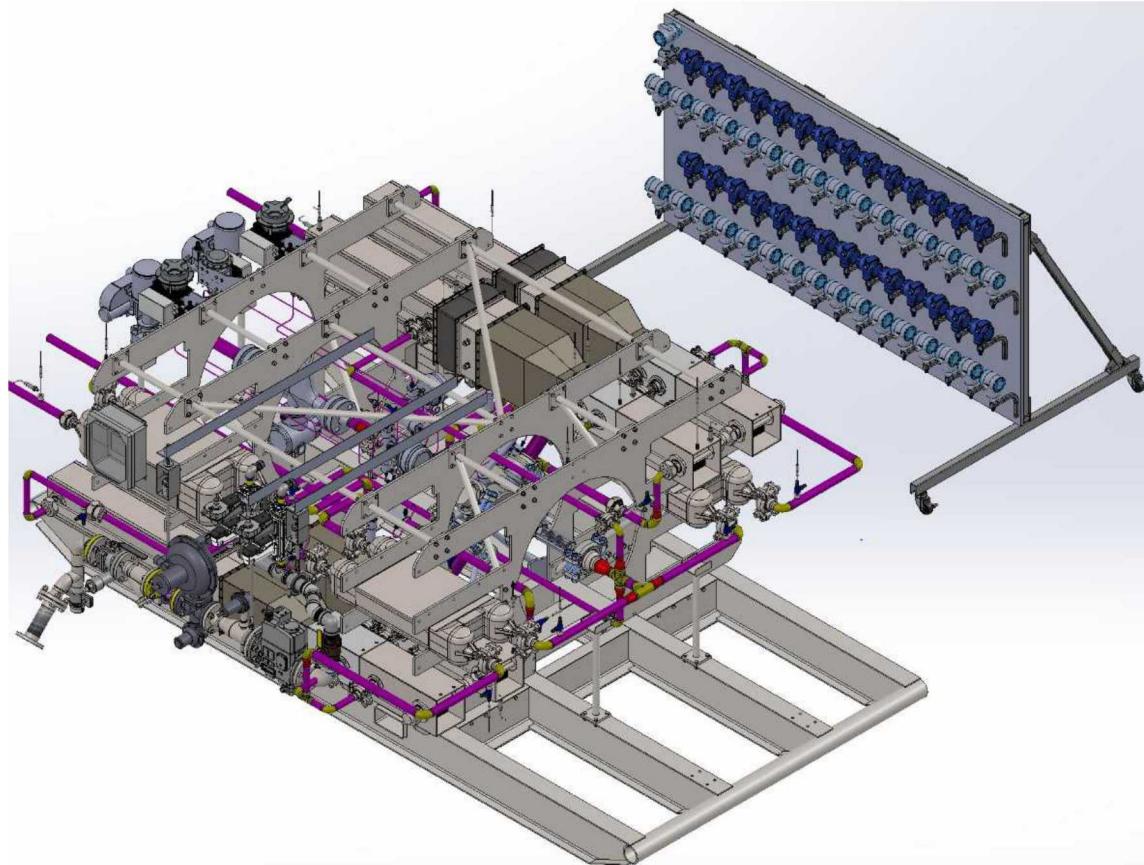


Turbomachinery development platform at SNL

## Successes:

- Demonstration of blowdown start method
  - 15 starts performed
- Rotor thrust balance achieved
  - After some initial thrust bearing rubs, thrust balance was achieved through valve control strategies
- Limits of SNL loop achieved
  - Maximum of 1000F @ 2000 psi achieved
- 67.5 hours achieved on unit
  - 51 hours at limits of loop
- Continuing to get operating hours on the unit

# Proposed Test Rig



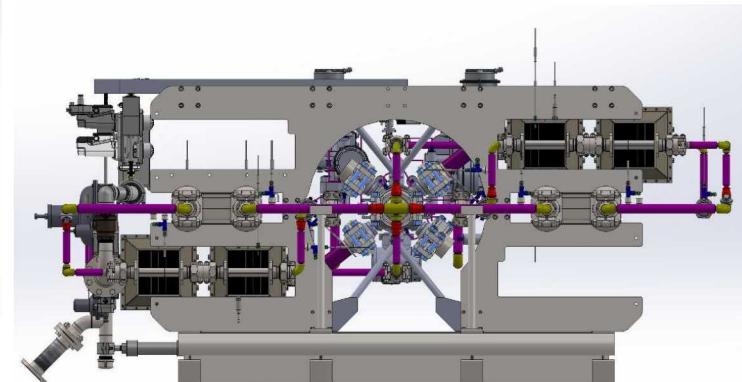
Goal:

Demonstrate performance of turbocompressor to full design conditions:

1382F @ 6222 psi

Utilize previously purchased turbocompressor with 4 combustor/heat exchanger trains

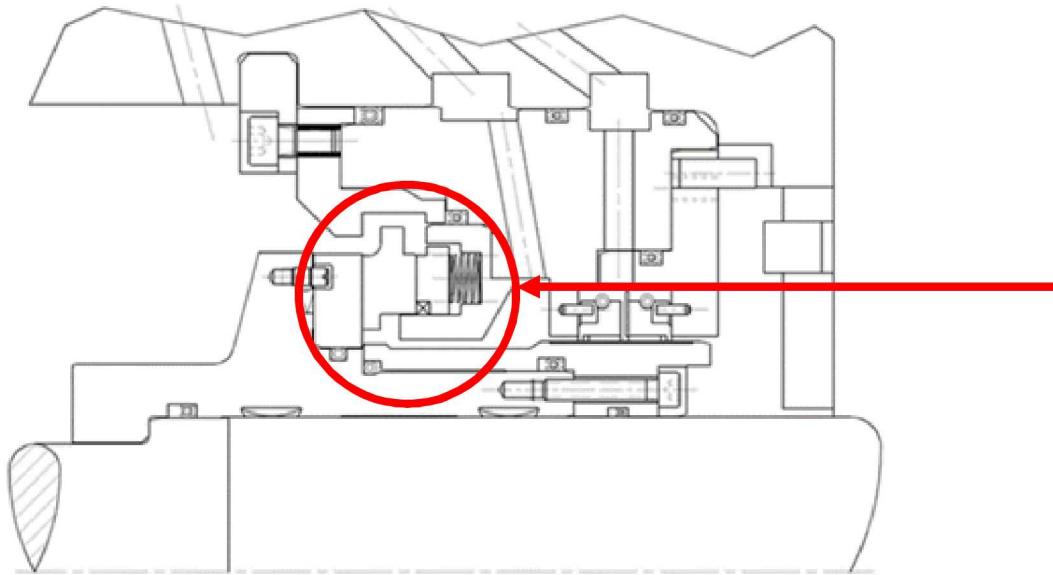
Able to be upgraded with components necessary for electricity generation



# Dry Gas Lift Off Seal Design



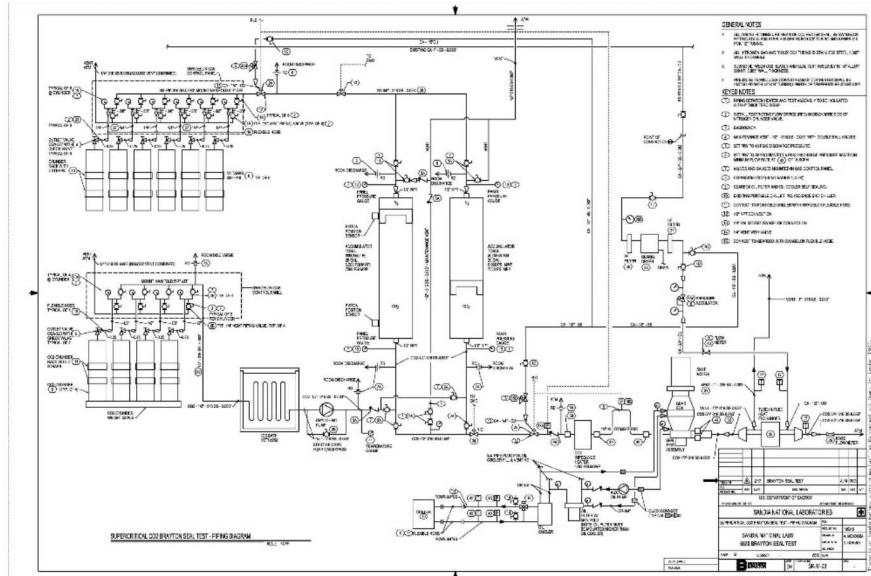
- FY17 Seals design underway
  - CFD, FEA and seal modeling



- FY19 Seals have been manufactured on rev. 5



# Seals Test Rig Design



## FY17 Design Started

- CFD, FEA, design and system modeling

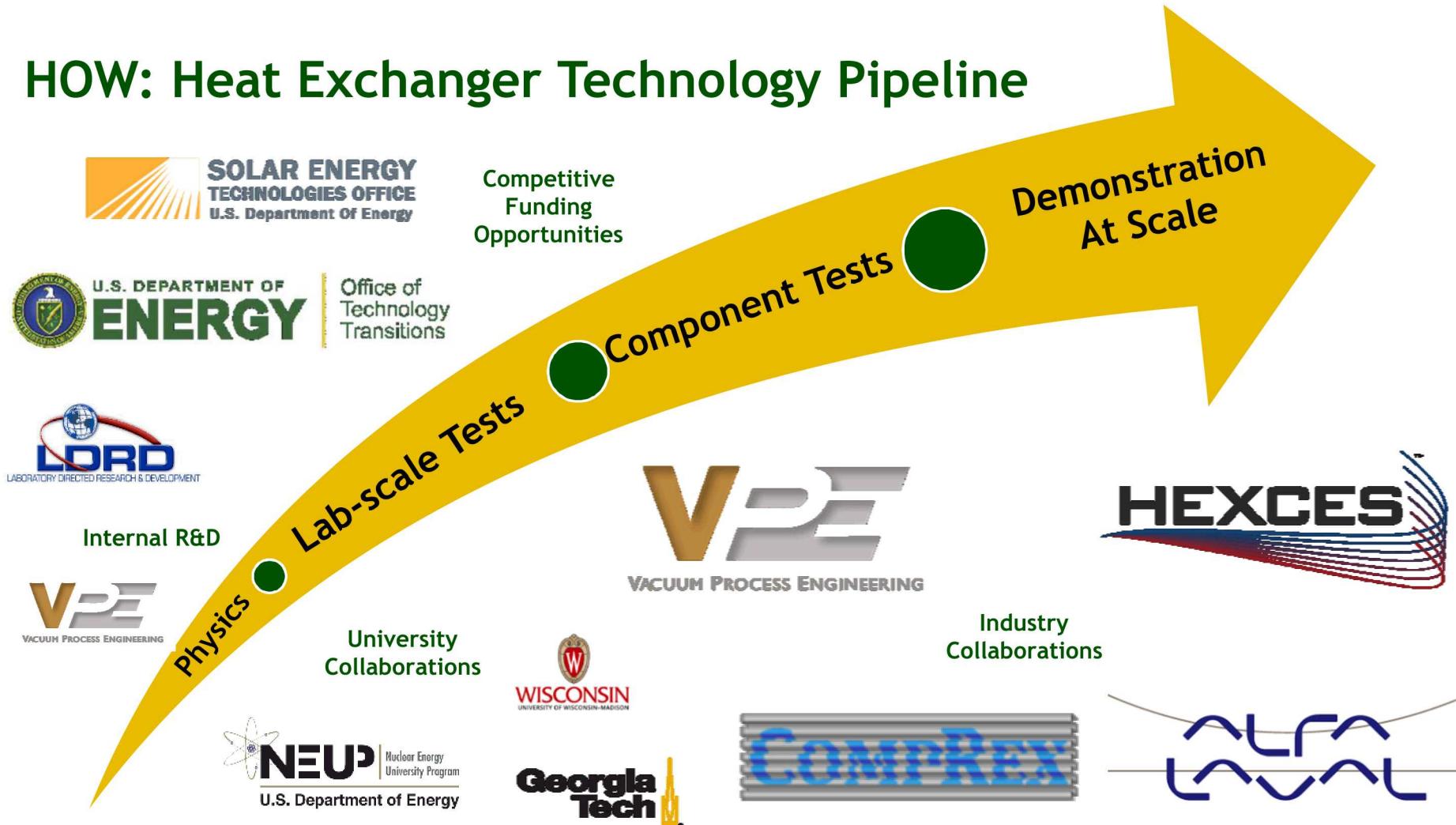


## ■ FY19 Construction

# STEP Heat Exchangers



## HOW: Heat Exchanger Technology Pipeline



# STEP Heat Exchangers



## WHO: Advanced Heat Exchanger R&D Customer Base



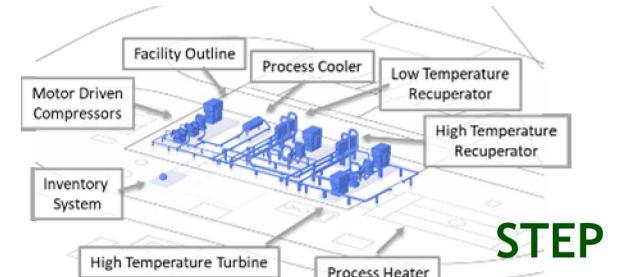
VACUUM PROCESS ENGINEERING



Original  
Equipment  
Manufacturers



HEXCES



STEP  
10 MWe

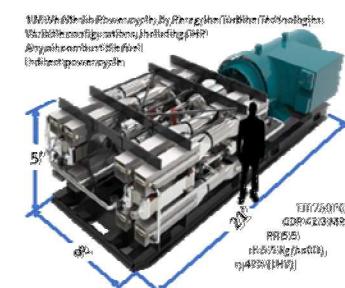


Echogen  
EPS100

System-  
Level R&D  
Projects



Gen3CSP  
1 MWe



Merlin  
1 MWe

# High-Temperature Alloy Corrosion Behavior within Compact Heat Exchangers

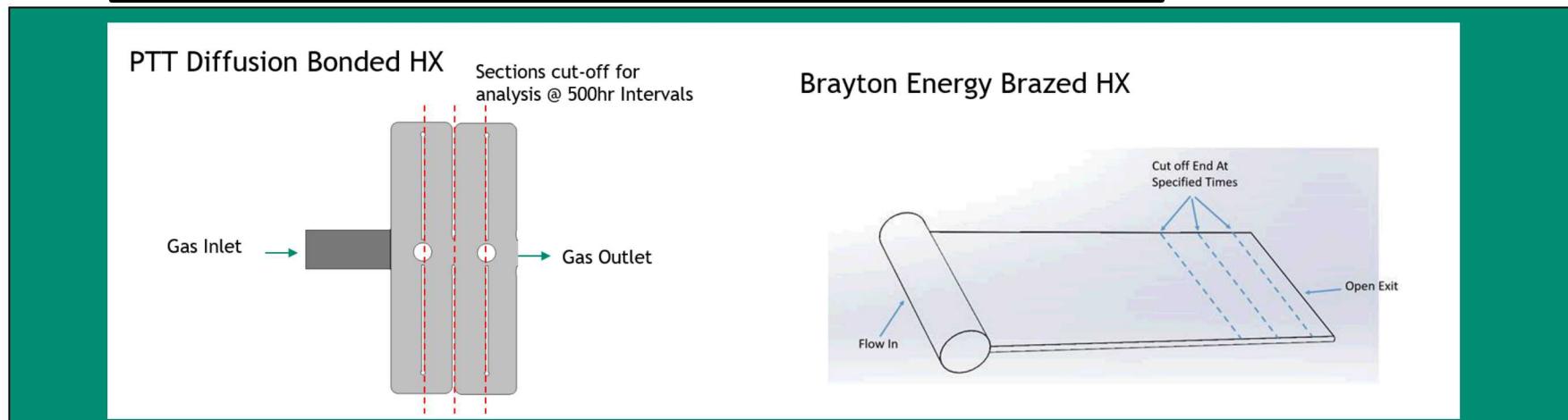
Groups are operating under the assumption that the corrosion for alloy coupons will be the same as for alloys that have been processed into a heat exchanger

- There are chemical and thermal process during heat exchanger fabrication that may have an affect on high temperature corrosion behavior
- Alloy corrosion with a heat exchanger channel following high temperature exposure to CO<sub>2</sub> has never been examined

Series of experiments completed using small compact heat exchanger samples in order to fill this critical gap in understanding

Matrix of Heat Exchanger Samples Tested			
Company	HX Technology	Alloy	T, °C
Peregrine Turbine Technologies	Diffusion Bonded	I625	750
BraytonEnergy	Plate Fin Brazed	H230	750
BraytonEnergy	Plate Fin Brazed	I625	750

Evaluate samples for corrosion and hardness



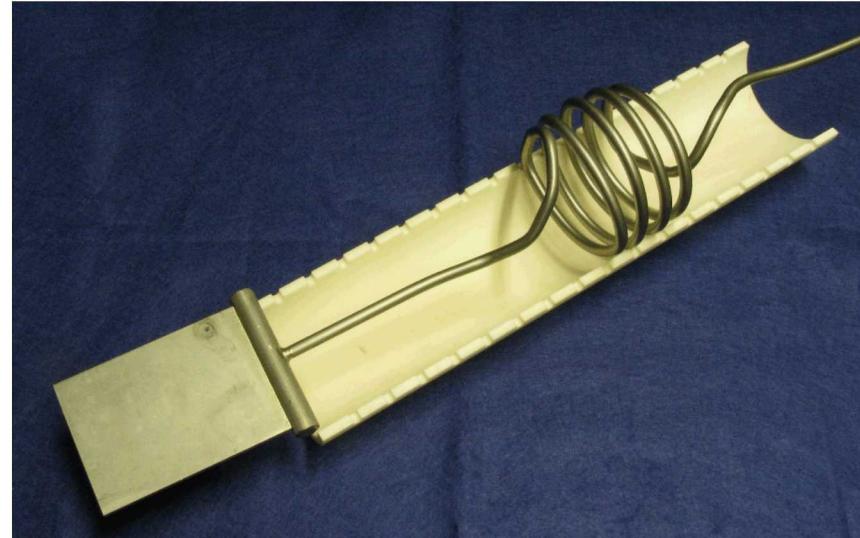
# Experimental Setup for Heat Exchanger Experiments



Large Tube Furnaces used for Experiments



Brayton Energy Heat Exchanger Sample



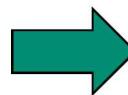
Peregrine Turbine Technologies Heat Exchanger Sample



# Brayton Team Mission & Objectives

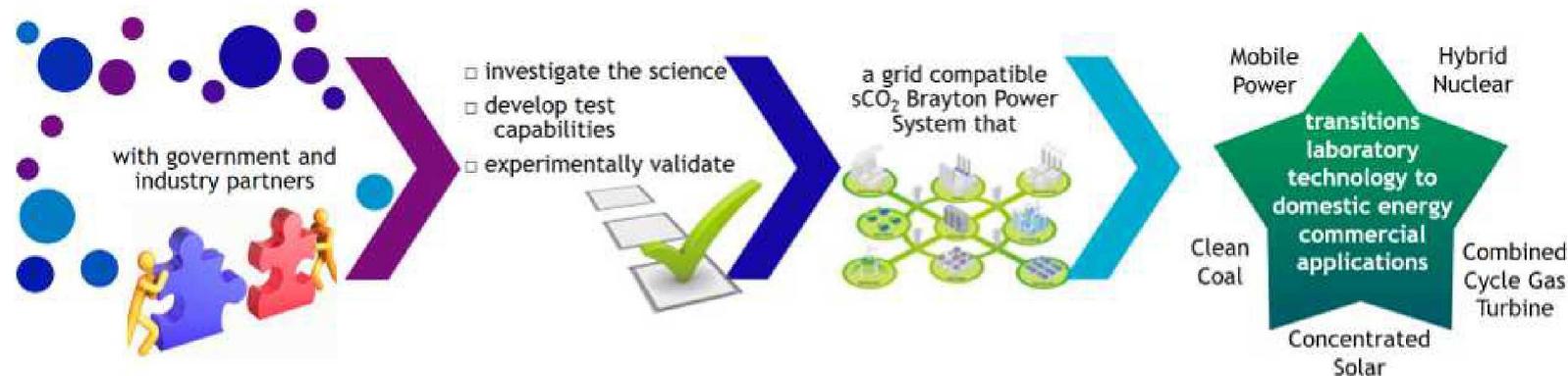
“By the end of FY 2019, Sandia National Laboratories shall develop, with industry, **a fully operational 550°C 10 MWe R&D demonstration sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Power Conversion System** that will allow the systematic identification and retirement of technical risks and testing of components for the commercial application of this technology.”

sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Lab Vision Statement, 2014



Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) Brayton Team mission states that “By October 2020, Sandia National Laboratories, in collaboration with government and industry partners, shall investigate the science, develop the test capabilities, and experimentally validate a grid compatible sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Power System that transitions laboratory technologies to domestic energy commercial applications.”

sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Lab Vision Statement, revised June 2018



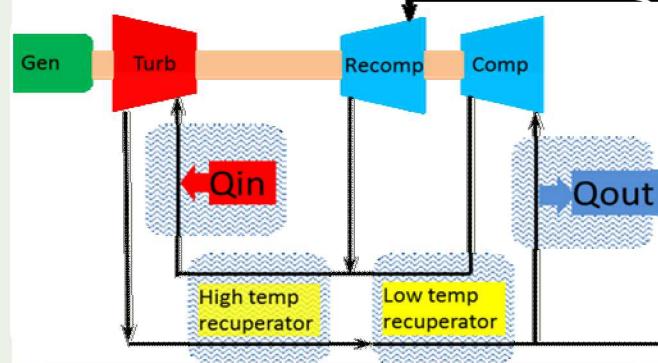
① To support coordination and collaboration across labs and with industry

② To lead R&D that ensures systematic identification and retirement of risks to ensure component readiness

③ To lead R&D that is inclusive of elements that increase the reliability and resiliency of electric power systems

④ To establish the foundations for successful commercialization of the technology

# R&D Roadmap Lanes



	Component Development	System Integration	Test Cell Development	Underwritten Operations
sCO <sub>2</sub> Technology Sponsors	Support and strategy for multiple applications		Support and strategy for sCO <sub>2</sub> commercial testing capabilities	Support strategy for sCO <sub>2</sub> power on grid demonstration
Principal Investigators	Brayton System Development, Materials, Controls, Lab Technical, Systems Engineering, Test Cell Development, Grid Readiness		Integrates & Integrates, FEA, Optimizes or existing capabilities, Optimal System Design, Project Management, Test Schedules, Booking Mgmt, Data Monitoring and Analysis	
Commercial Partners	System Integrators, Manufacturers and Suppliers: Heat Exchangers, Turbomachinery, Controls, Piping, Bearings, Seals, Recuperators, Inventory Management		System Integrators, Manufacturers and Suppliers: NG Fuel Burner, CO <sub>2</sub> , Natural Gas, Electrical Auxiliary Equipment, Data Acquisition system, Controls	
SNL Procurement	Requisition of products and services needed to develop or test technology to specifications		Requisition of products and services needed to develop test cell to specifications	
Transportation	Transport of components, assemblies, sub-assemblies	Transport of integrated system		
Operator			Assembly, Customizations, Operations, Upgrades, Maintenance	Testing, Quality Standards, Monitoring Controls
SNL Facilities				Site Permits, Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Government Relations, Technical Specs, Design, Bid Package
Construction through Bid				Equipment Enclosure, Construction, Assembly, Integration
Codes, Standards, Underwriting		Codes and standards applicable to safety, operation and underwriting of system components		Safety, Underwriting Process, Data, Visibility, Quality, Metrics and Controls

## RCBC Proof of Concept & Risk Retirement

- Ongoing since 2010, to Advance 10MWe, 750C component readiness through TRL and MRL management
- Includes Materials Development, Component Development, and Sub-Systems and Systems Integration
- Directly supports the 10MWe, 750C STEP Pilot Facility

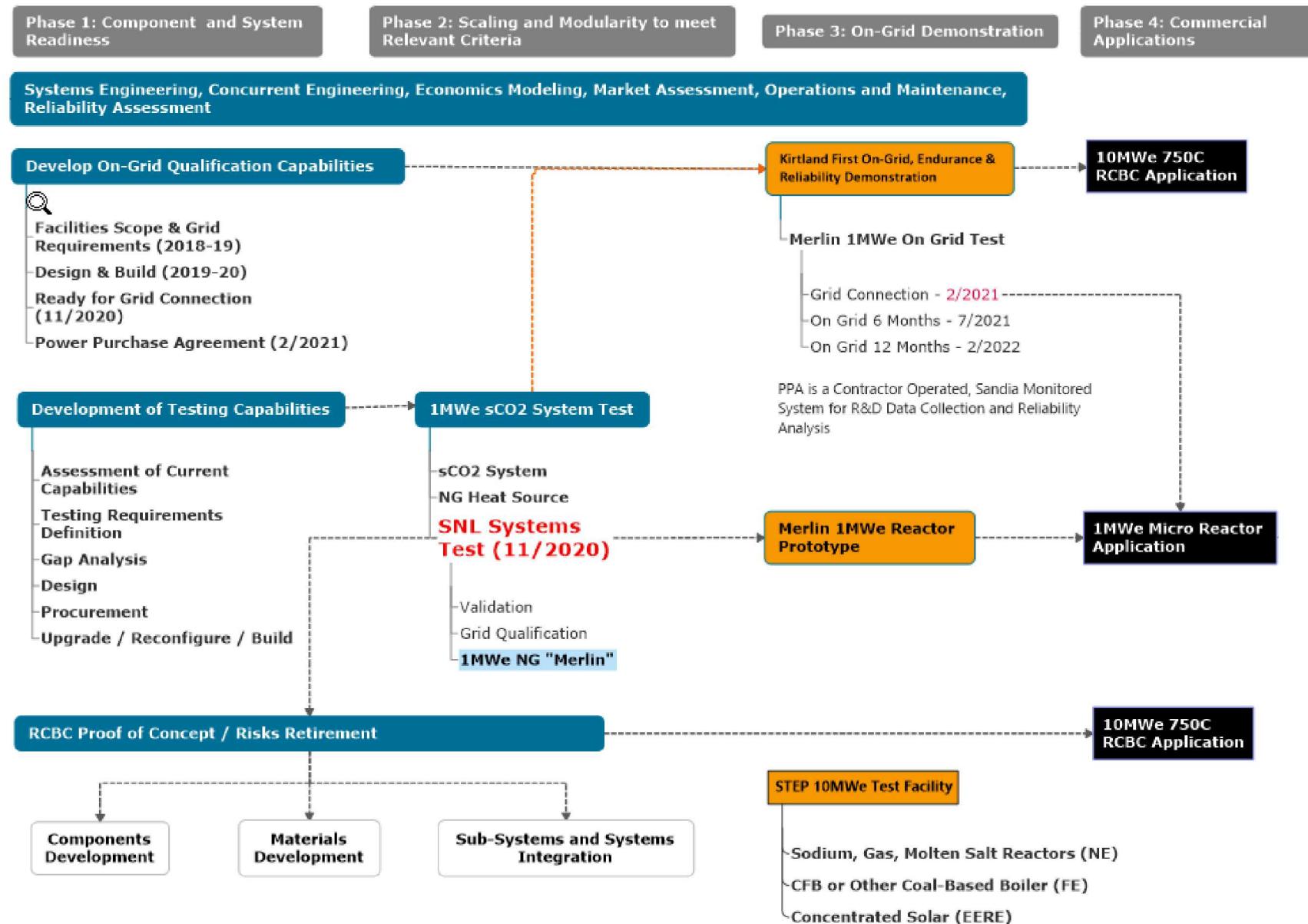
## Component Testing Capabilities

- Assessment of current testing capabilities at SNL, and identification of gaps and needs to support effort.
- Identifies test requirements and test plans for qualification of commercial products, and develops capabilities to support those tests.
- Advances commercial readiness for a range of sCO<sub>2</sub> energy conversion systems and components

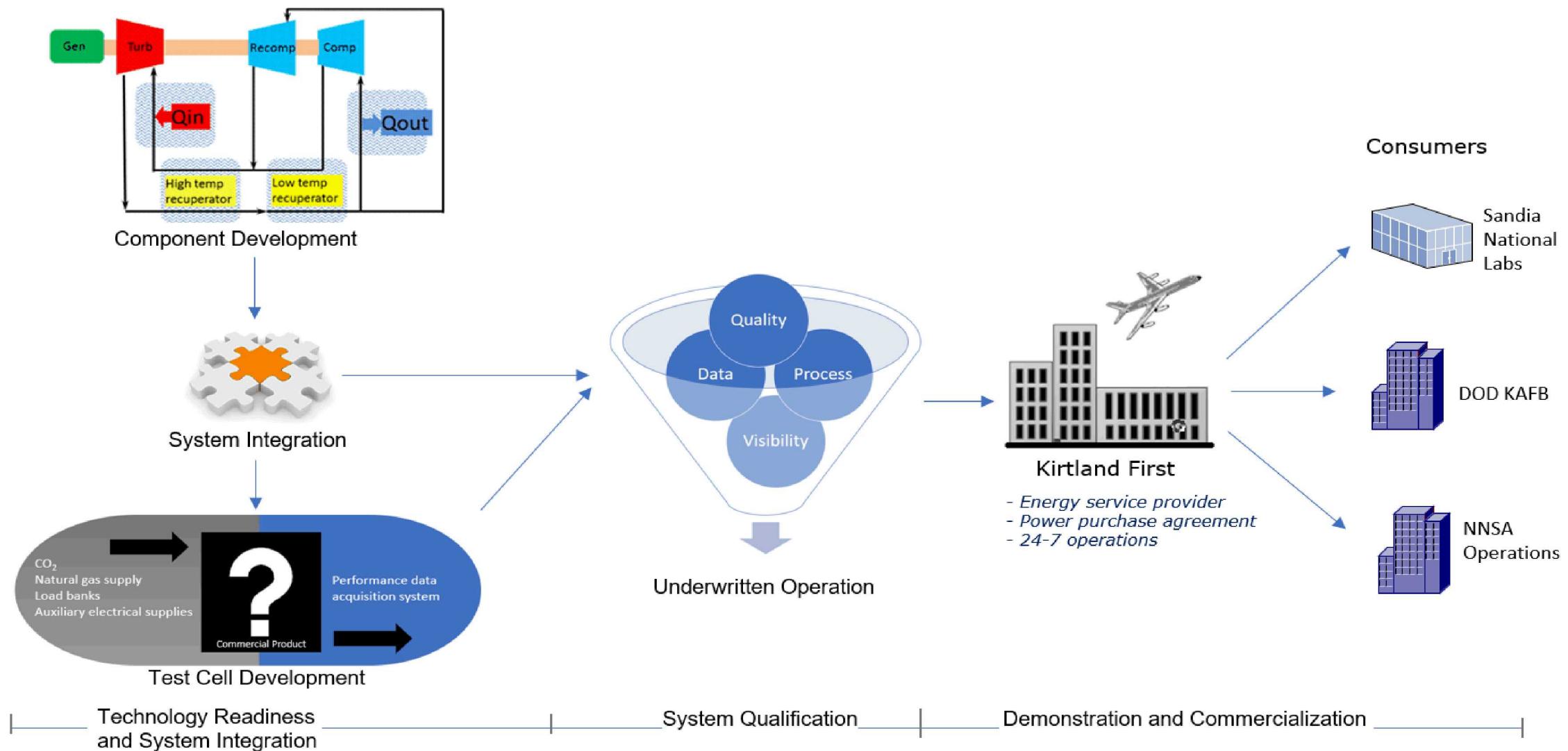
## Grid Qualification Capabilities

- Scoping and Assessment of grid qualification requirements.
- Develops infrastructure to support grid qualification efforts, resulting in sCO<sub>2</sub>-generated power on the grid.
- Results in a smart micro-grid at SNL to demonstrate endurance and reliability of sCO<sub>2</sub> power generated commercial systems.

# Updated STEP-NE Roadmap



# Concurrent Kirtland First Development Stages



# 3 Phases to Commercialization

Phase I = TurboCompress  
or 500°C

Testing  
currently  
nearing  
completion

Phase II = TurboCompresso  
r 750°C

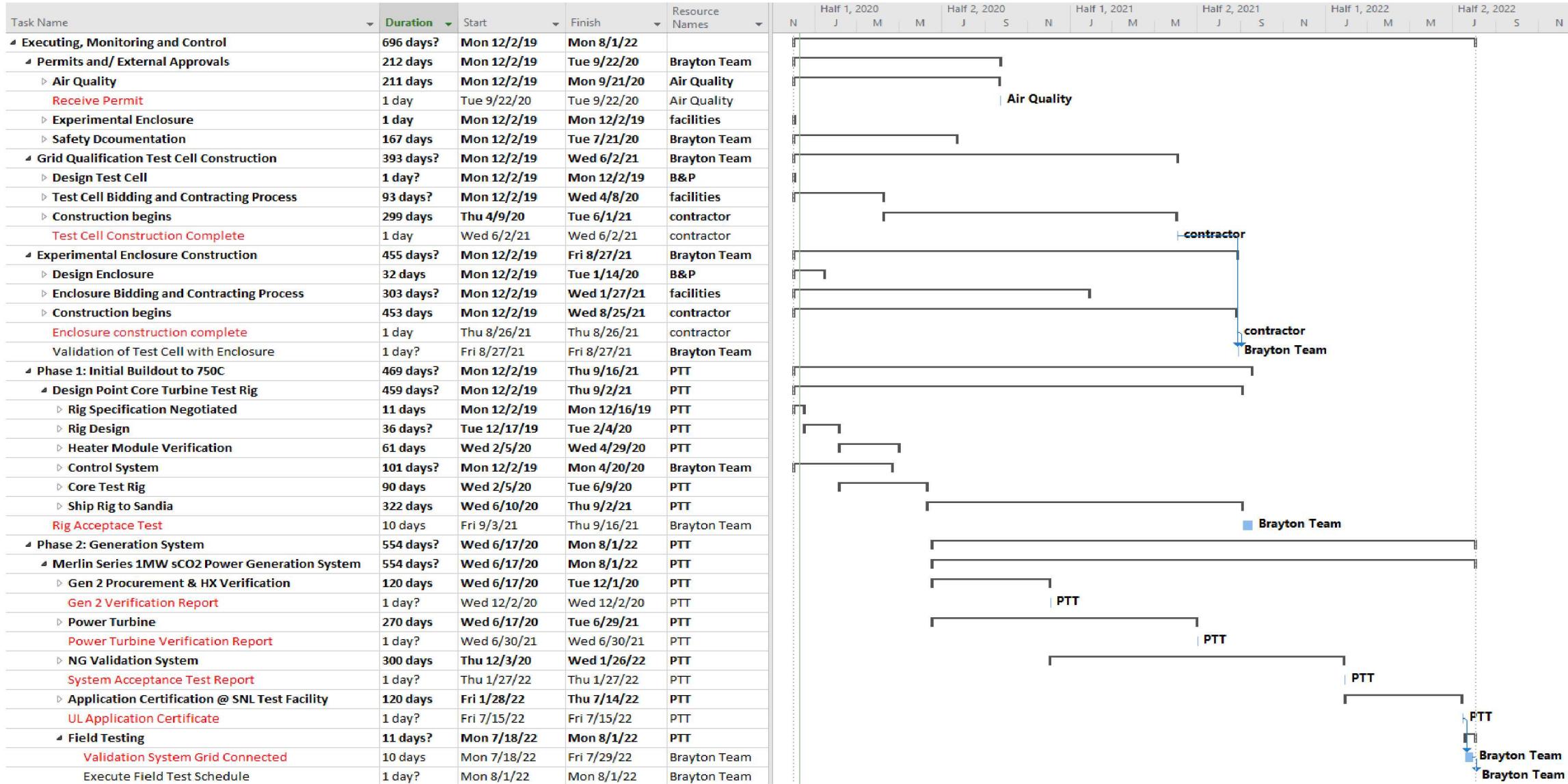
Testing to be  
completed **12/18**  
**months** after  
release of \$2M to  
purchase  
hardware

Phase III = Power Turbine +  
Generator + Grid  
Electricity

To be completed **2**  
**years** from the  
date the Turbo  
Compressor at  
750°C starts being  
tested

These three phases allow for the loop to be completed and tested, putting electrons on the grid. The prototype is a success and commercialization of 1 MWe system begins.

# Project Schedule - DRAFT



# Projected Project Costs



## ■ Building of the Grid Qualification Test Cell

- Facilities estimated **\$2.038 Million** for purchase of equipment and construction for installation of the test pad.
- Does not include Brayton team labor.

## ■ Experimental Enclosure for Grid Qualification Test Cell test equipment

- Additional cost in addition to the Grid Qualification Test Cell .
- Approximately **\$200K** for enclosure design.
- Unknown total cost to build (determined by design).
- Does not include Brayton team labor costs.

## ■ Peregrine Test Rig

- Buildout of Core Test Rig **\$2 Million**.
- Does not include SNL Brayton team support costs.

## ■ Peregrine Merlin Series 1MW Power Generation System

- Estimated cost between **\$5 Million and \$7 Million**.
- Does not include SNL Brayton team support costs.

# Parallel Path Forward

