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Supercritical Transformational Electrical Production (STEP)



Program Status Summary and Path Forward



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Turbocompressor Development

Artist rendering ~ late 2017



1 MWe Turbocompressor

Demonstrated performance ~ 2019

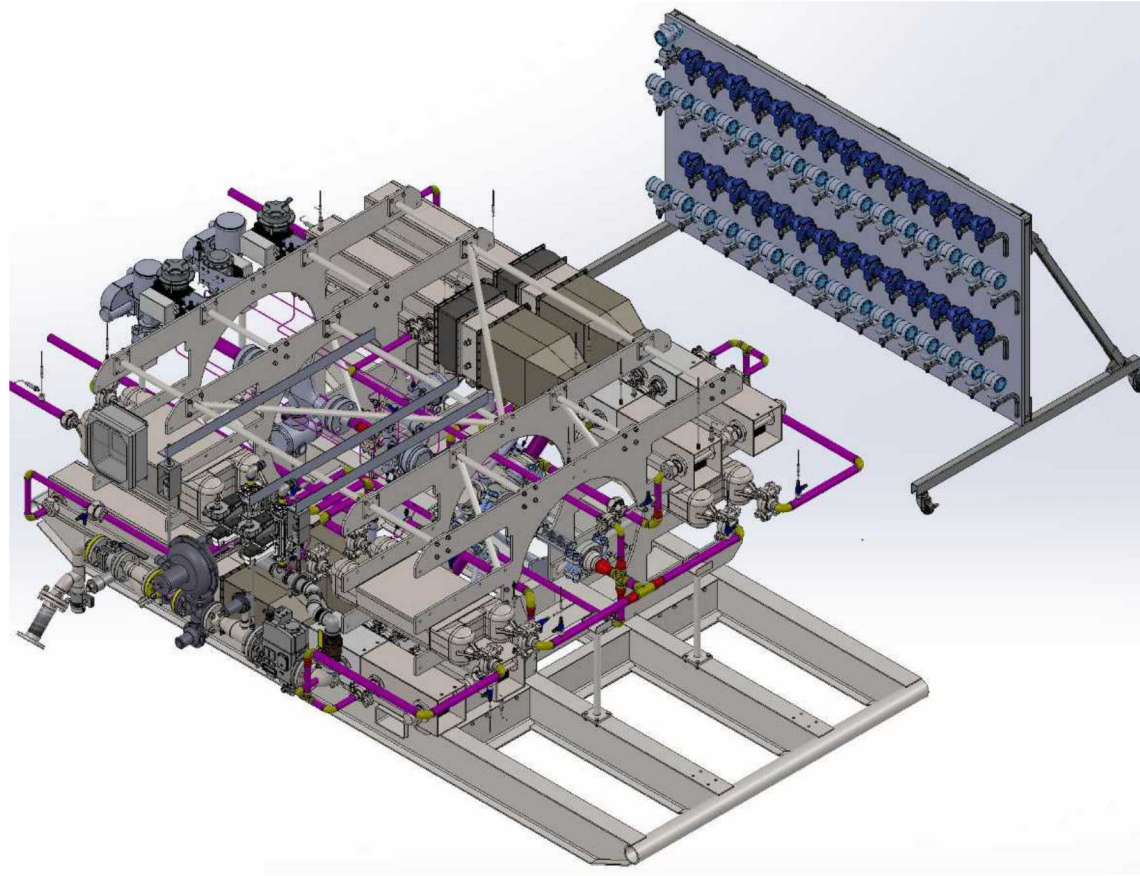


Turbomachinery development platform at SNL

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



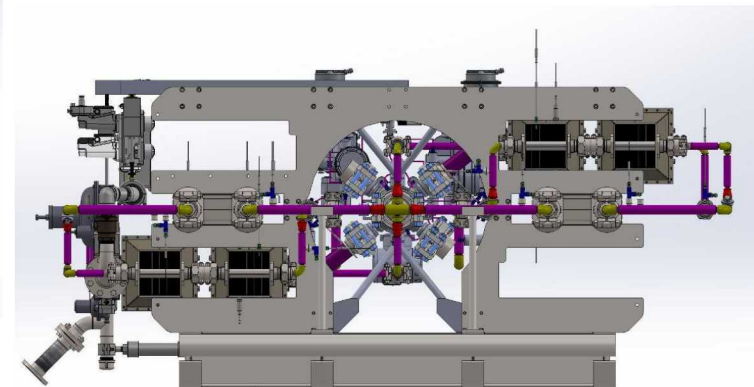
Goal:

Demonstrate performance of
turbocompressor to full design
conditions:

1382F @ 6222 psi

Utilize previously purchased
turbocompressor with 4
combustor/heat exchanger
trains

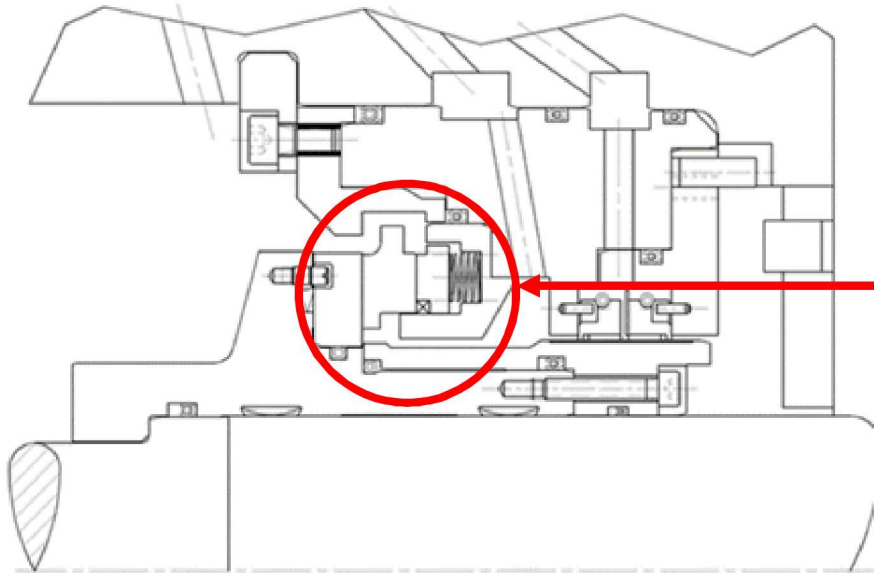
Able to be upgraded with
components necessary for
electricity generation



Dry Gas Lift Off Seal Design

■ FY17 Seals design underway

- CFD, FEA and seal modeling



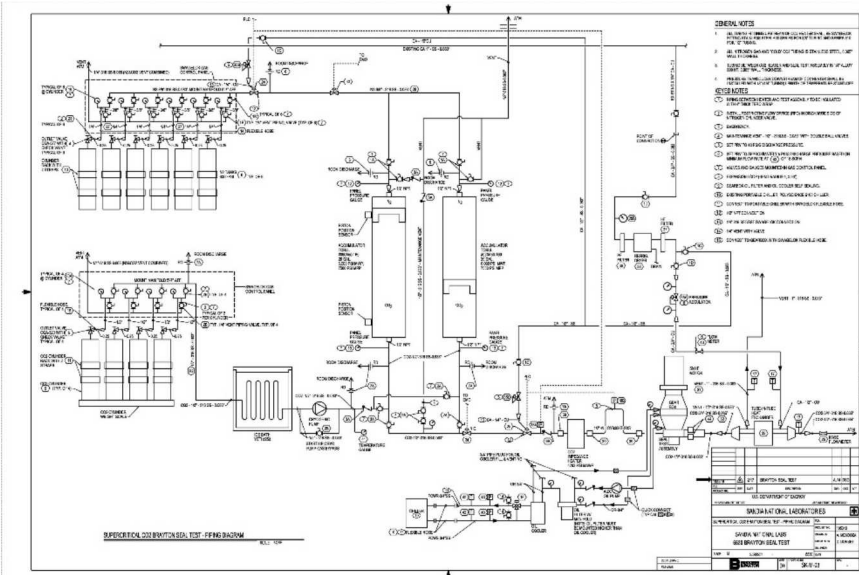
■ FY19 Seals have been manufactured on rev. 5



Seals Test Rig Design

FY17 Design Started

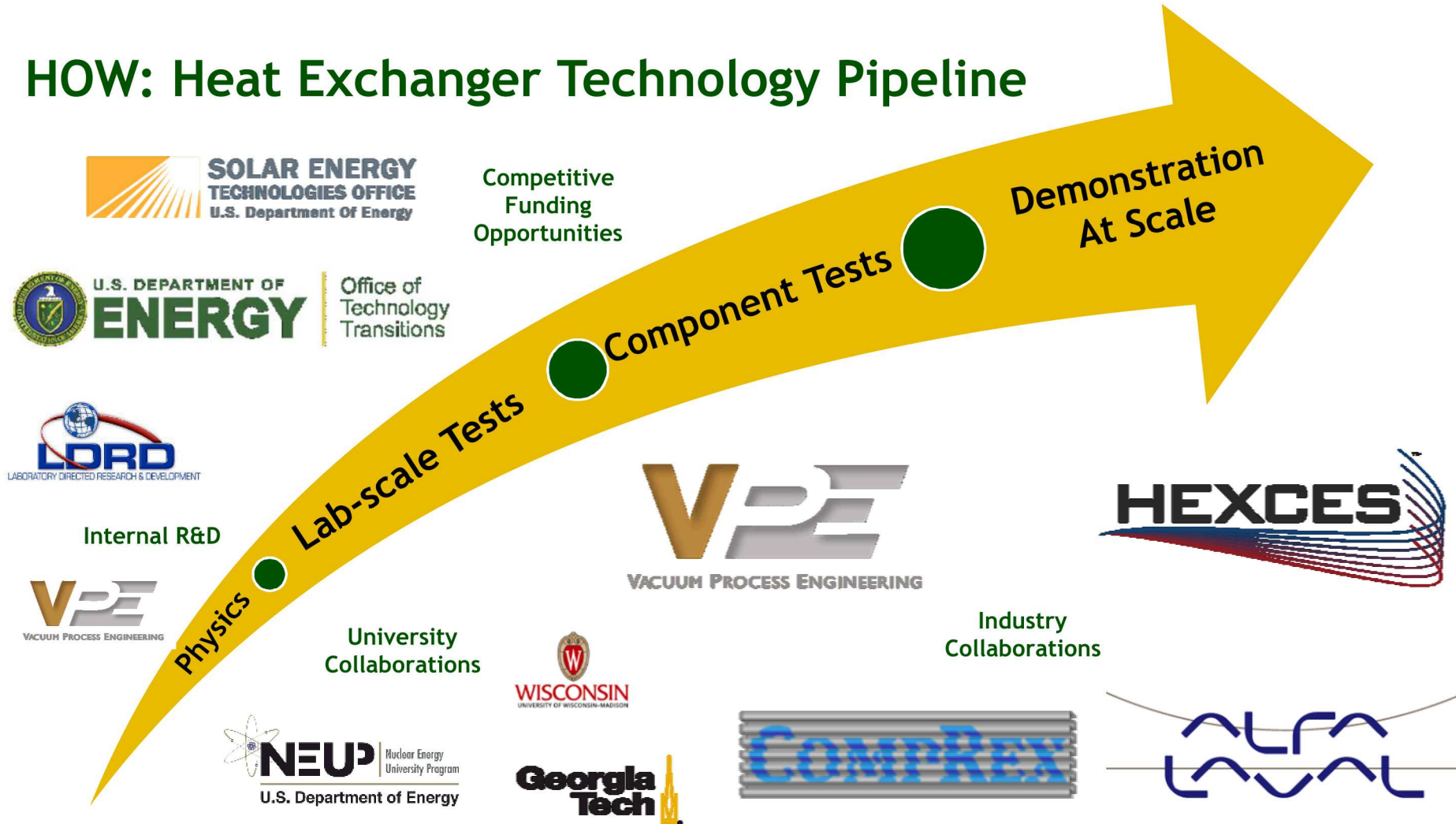
- CFD, FEA, design and system modeling



■ FY19 Construction



HOW: Heat Exchanger Technology Pipeline



High-Temperature Alloy Corrosion Behavior within Compact Heat Exchangers

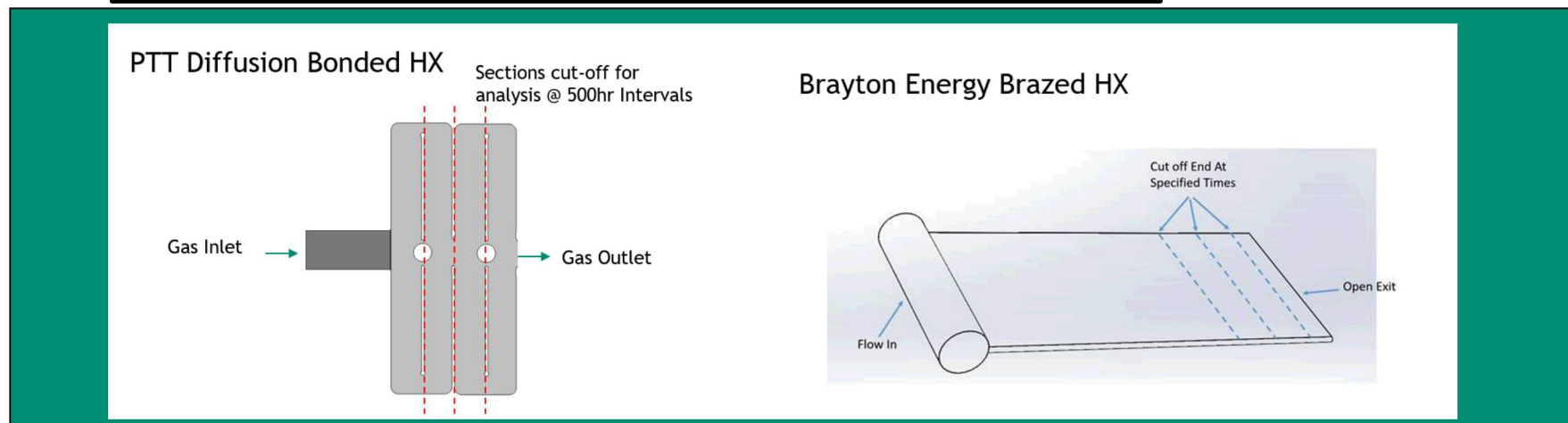
Groups are operating under the assumption that the corrosion for alloy coupons will be the same as for alloys that have been processed into a heat exchanger

- 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 CO₂ 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 |
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Evaluate samples for corrosion and hardness

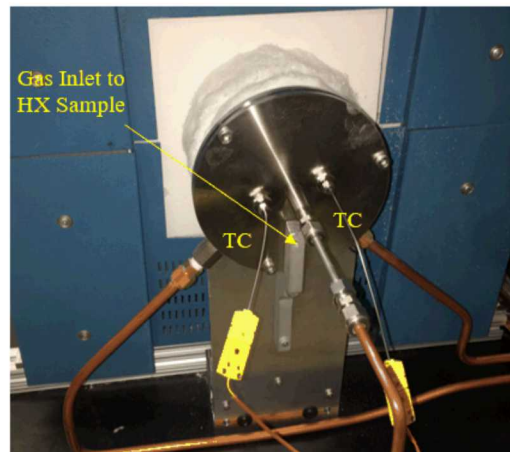
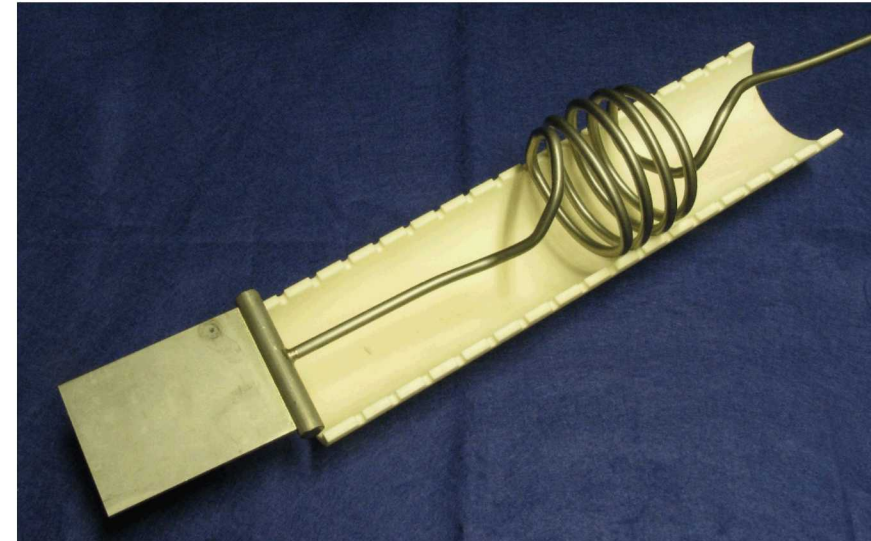


Experimental Setup for Heat Exchanger Experiments

Large Tube Furnaces used for Experiments



Brayton Energy Heat Exchanger Sample



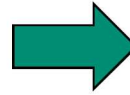
Peregrine Turbine Technologies Heat Exchanger Sample



Brayton Team Mission & Objectives

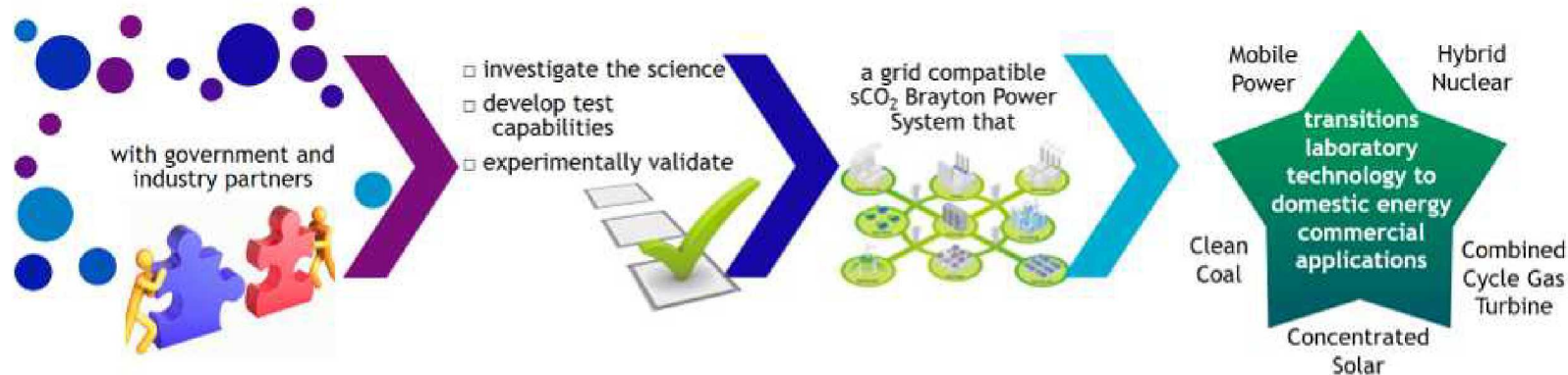
“By the end of FY 2019, Sandia National Laboratories shall develop, with industry, a **fully operational 550°C 10 MWe R&D demonstration sCO₂ Brayton Power Conversion System** that will allow the systematic identification and retirement of technical risks and testing of components for the commercial application of this technology.”

sCO₂ 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 sCO₂ Brayton Power System that transitions laboratory technologies to domestic energy commercial applications.”

sCO₂ Brayton Lab Vision Statement, revised June 2018



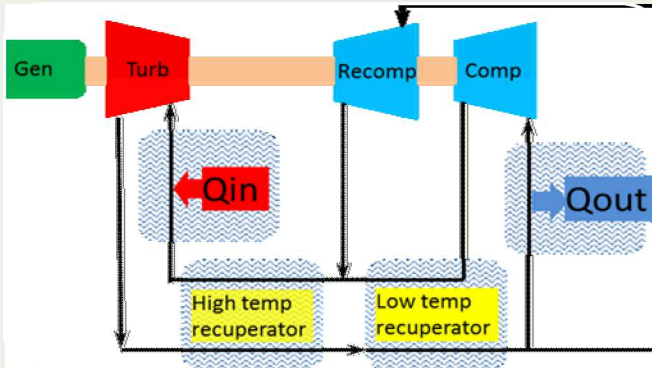
① To support coordination and collaboration across labs and with industry

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 Operation |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|
| sCO ₂ Technology Sponsors | Support and strategy for multiple applications | | Support and strategy for sCO ₂ commercial testing capabilities | Support strategy for sCO ₂ power on grid demonstration |
| Principal Investigators | Baylor: System Development, Materials, Controls, Lab Technical, Systems Engineering, Test Cell Development, Grid Readiness | | Interfaces & Integration, F&EA, Optimization of existing capabilities, Grid Specifications, Grid Connect, Partner Pipeline, Test Scheduling, Booking Mgmt, Data Monitoring and Analysis | |
| Commercial Partners | System Integrators, Manufacturers and Suppliers: Heat Exchangers, Turbomachinery, Controls, Piping, Bearings, Gaskets, Reciprocators, Inventory Management | | System Integrators, Manufacturers and Suppliers: NG Fuel Burner, CO ₂ , Natural Gas, Electrical Auxiliary Equipment, Data Acquisition systems, Controls | |
| SNL Procurement | Requestion of products and services needed to develop or test technology to specifications | | Requestion 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, Governance Jurisdiction, Technical Specs, Design, Bid Package | |
| Construction through Bid | | | Equipment Enclosure, Construction, Assembly, Interfaces and Integration | |
| Codes, Standards, Underwriting | Codes and standards applicable to safety, operation and underwriting of system components | | Safety, Underwriting Process, Data, Viability, 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

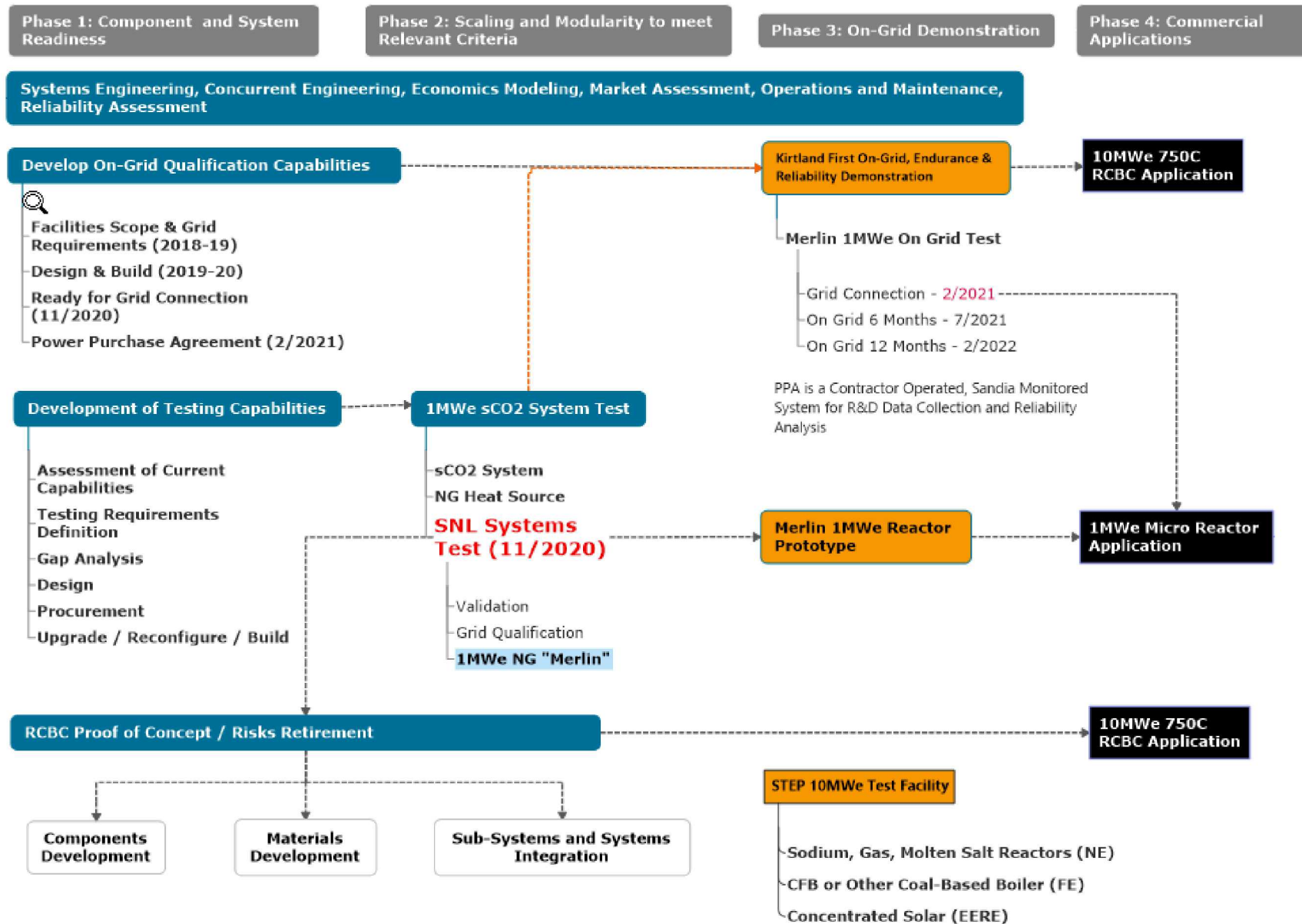
Component Testing Capabilities

- 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 sCO₂ energy conversion systems and components

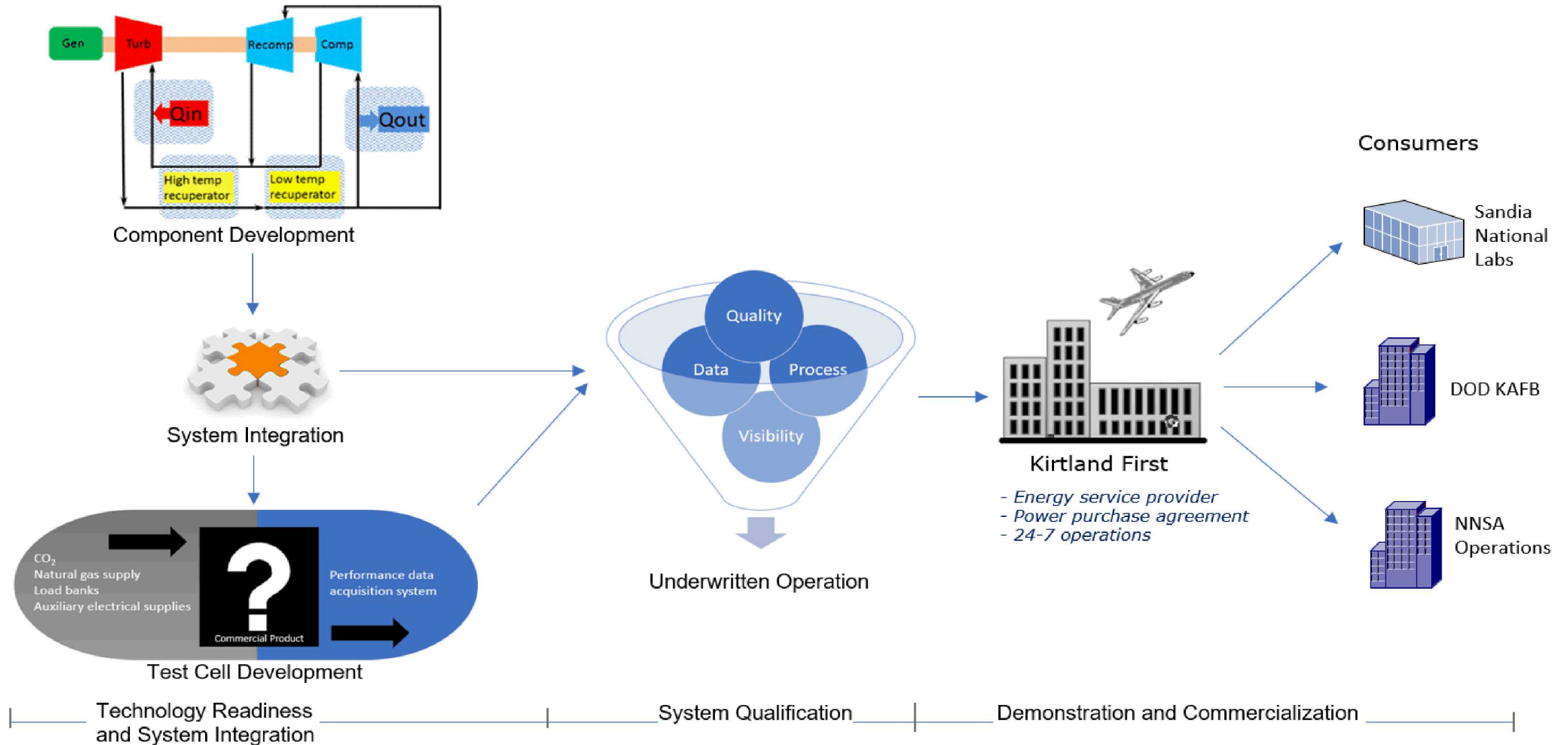
Grid Qualification Capabilities

- Scoping and Assessment of grid qualification requirements.
- Develops infrastructure to support grid qualification efforts, resulting in sCO₂-generated power on the grid.
- Results in a smart micro-grid at SNL to demonstrate endurance and reliability of sCO₂ power generated commercial systems.

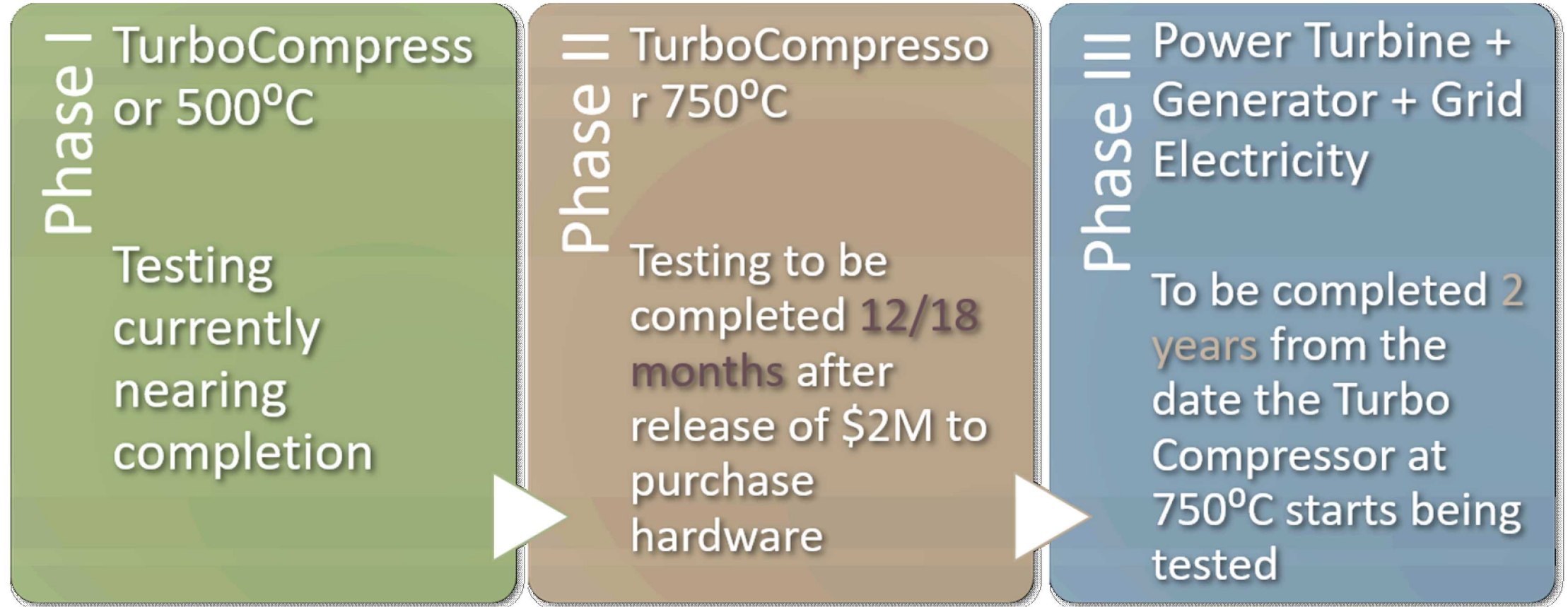
Updated STEP-NE Roadmap



Concurrent Kirtland First Development Stages

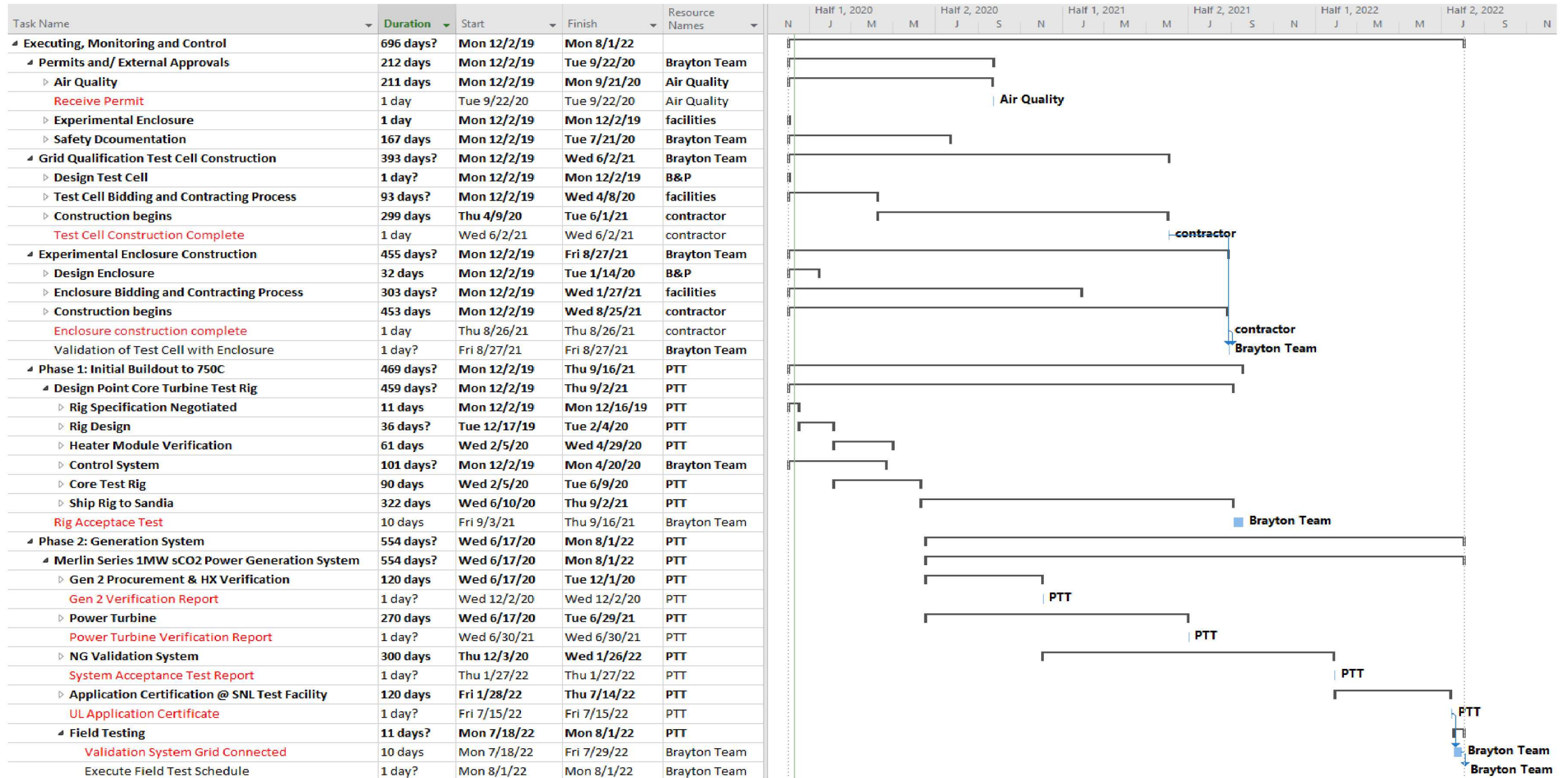


3 Phases to Commercialization



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

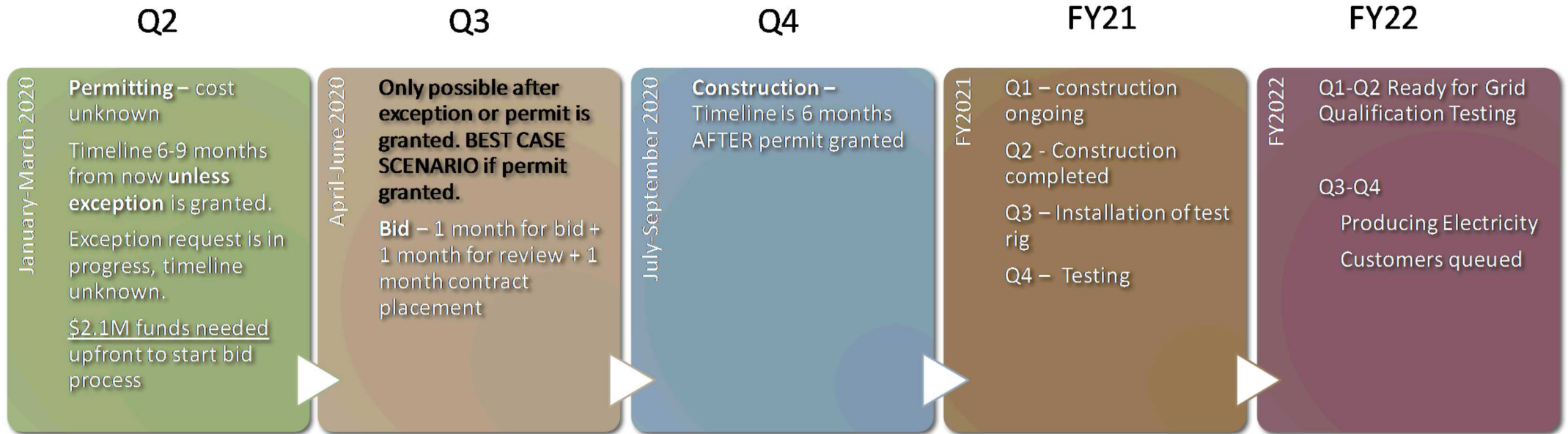
- Buildout of Core Test Rig **\$2 Million**.
- Does not include SNL Brayton team support costs.

■ 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

Test Cell



Build Out Test Rig

