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sCO₂ Cycle as an Efficiency Improvement Opportunity for Air-Fired Coal Combustion

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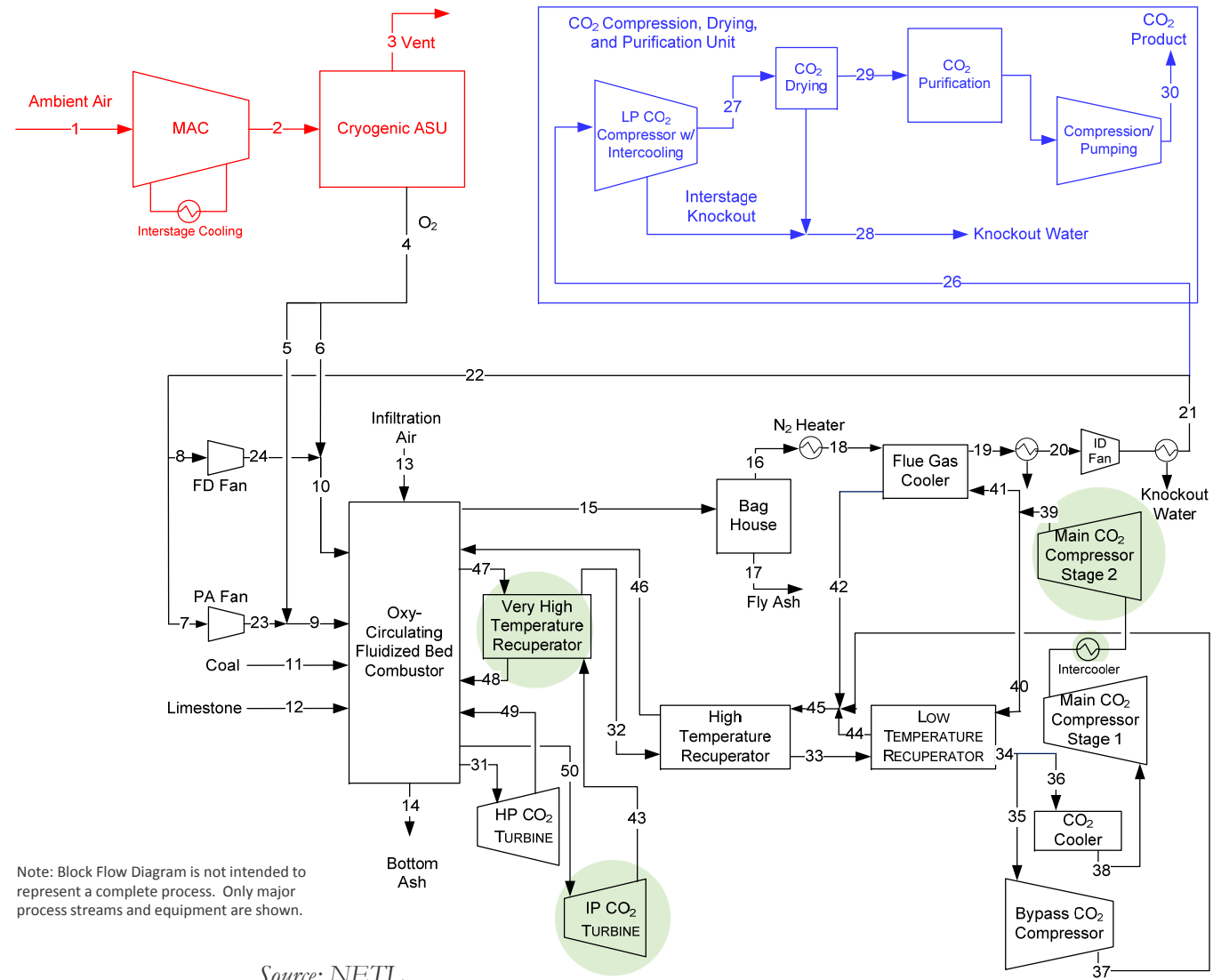
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Source: NETL

Oxy-CFB Coal-fired Indirect sCO₂ Power Plant Study

- A recent NETL report¹ examined the cost and performance of power plants with carbon capture based on:
 - Coal-fired oxy-CFB heat source
 - Indirect recompression sCO₂ Brayton cycle
- **4 Cycle Configurations Examined**
 - Recompression Brayton cycle (Base)
 - Reheat sCO₂ turbine (Reheat)
 - Intercooled 2-stage main sCO₂ compressor (Intercooled)
 - Reheat sCO₂ turbine and Intercooled main sCO₂ compressor (Reheat+Intercooled)

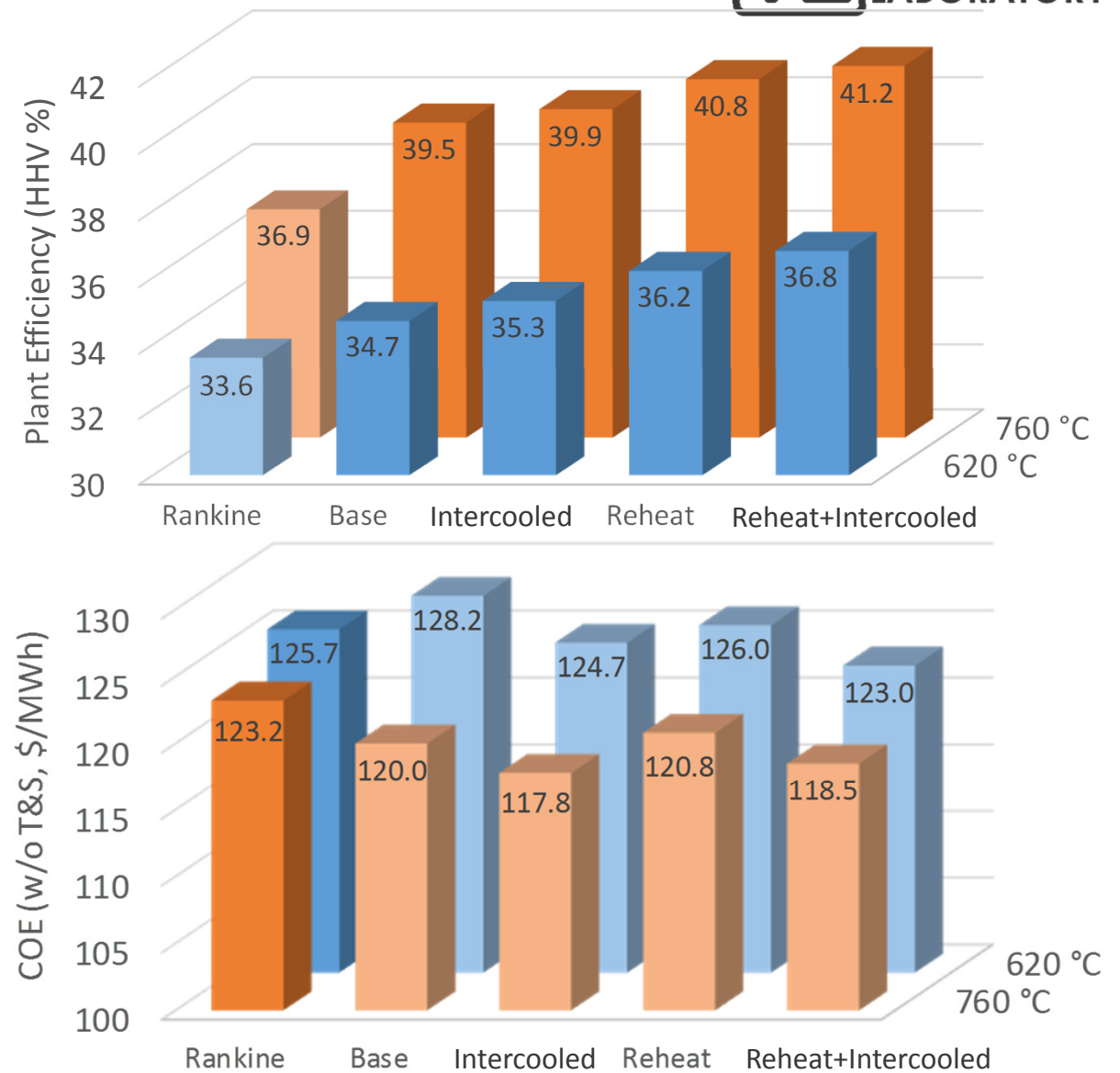


Oxy-CFB Coal-fired Indirect sCO₂ Power Plant Study

Cost and Performance Results



- **Results shown for two different turbine inlet temperatures**
 - 620 °C (similar to ultra-supercritical (USC) Rankine cycle conditions)
 - 760 °C (approximating advanced ultra-supercritical (AUSC) Rankine cycle conditions)
- **Compared to plants employing Rankine cycles at operating conditions similar to the corresponding sCO₂ plants, the sCO₂ plant offered:**
 - Significantly higher plant efficiency
 - Lower COE
- **Results were consistent with prior sensitivity analyses on indirect sCO₂ cycle sensitivity to turbine inlet temperature**



Non-capture Indirect sCO₂ Plant Study

Steam Rankine Comparison Cases

- **Air-fired PC Boiler**

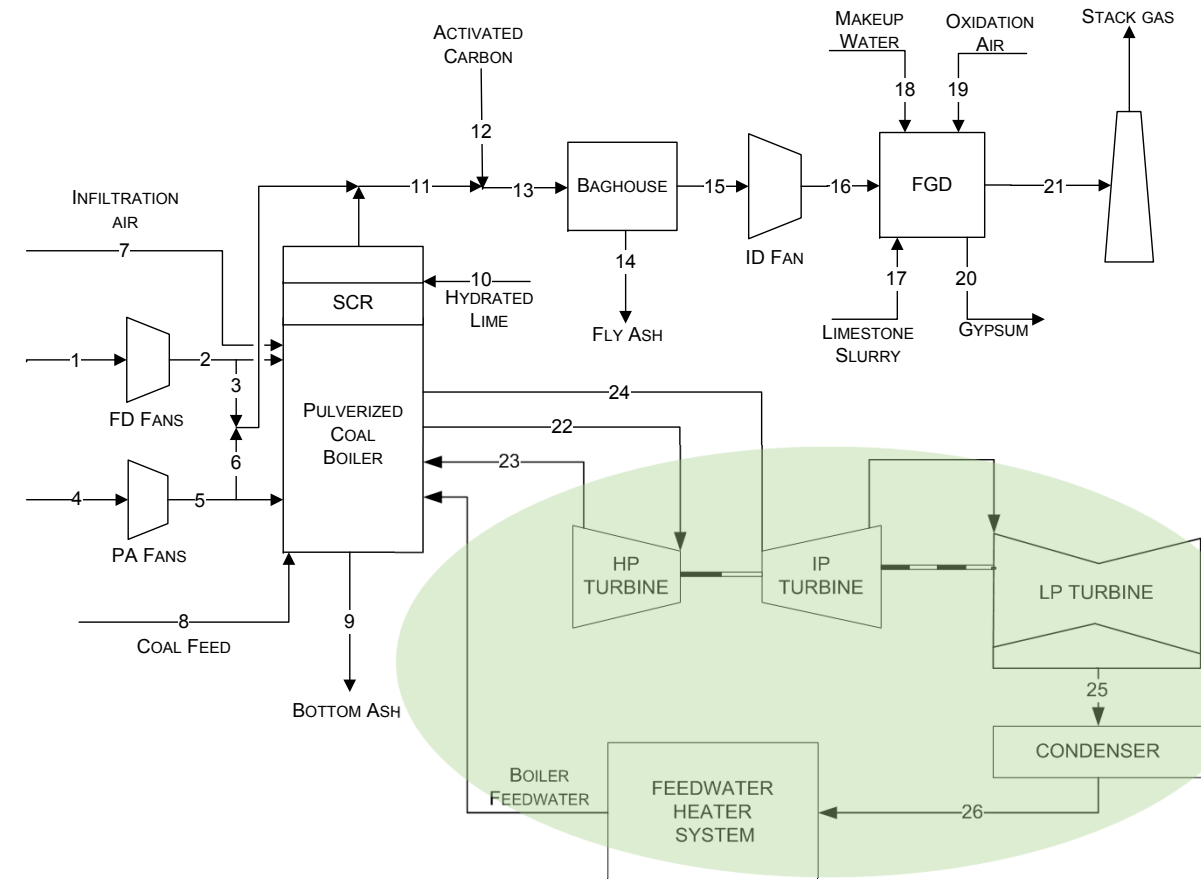
- Bituminous coal
- 99% carbon conversion
- Hydrated lime injected for SO₃ control
- Powdered activated carbon (PAC) for Hg control
- SCR and OFA for NO_x control
- Infiltration air 1.7% of feed air to PC boiler

- **Operating conditions for Rankine plants**

- Supercritical (SC) Rankine cycle¹
(Case B12A: 24.1 MPa/ 593 °C/ 593 °C)
- Advanced ultra-supercritical (AUSC) Rankine cycle²
(AUSC Case 5: 34.5 MPa/ 732 °C / 760 °C)

- **No low temperature flue gas heat recovery**

- **Wet FGD (98% efficiency) for sulfur removal (Gypsum)**



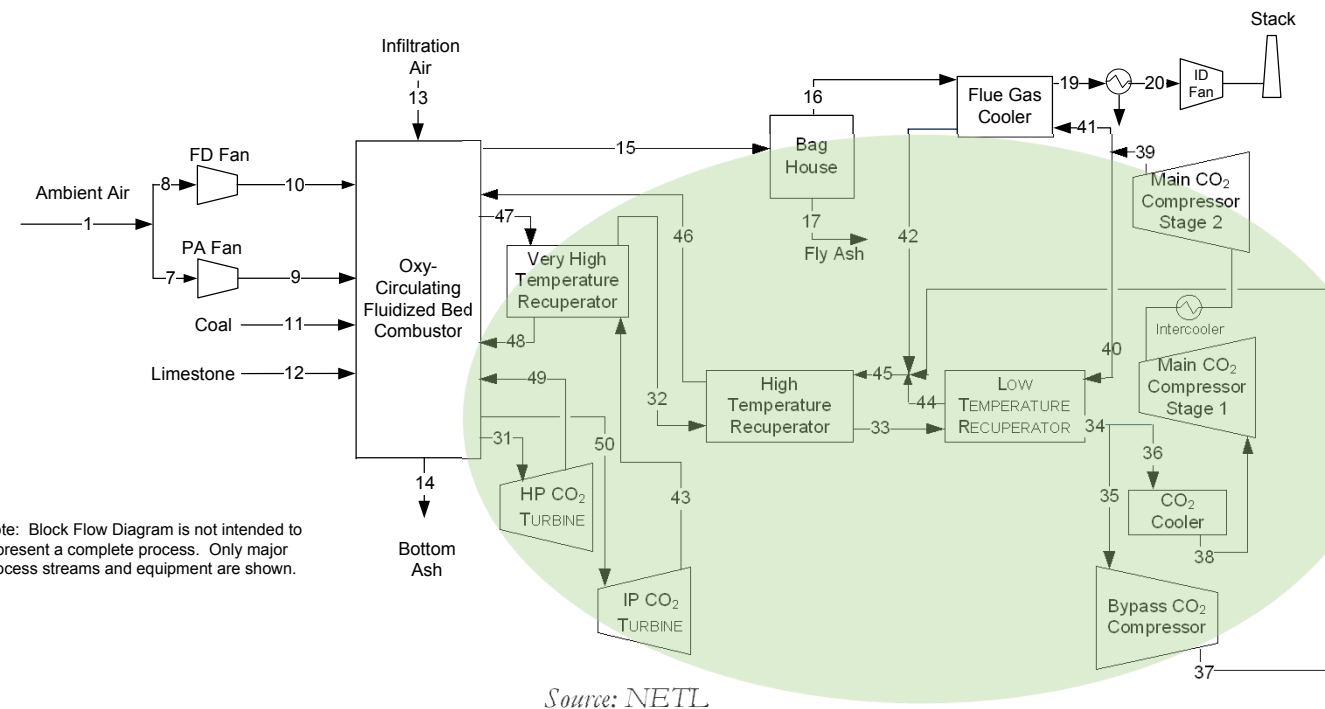
Note: Block Flow Diagram is not intended to represent a complete material balance. Only major process streams and equipment are shown.

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Non-capture Indirect sCO₂ Plant Study

Reference sCO₂ Process without CO₂ Capture – Case RhtIC760A

- **From Oxy-CFB Coal-fired Indirect sCO₂ Plant, Case RhtIC760A removes:**
 - Air Separation Unit (ASU)
 - CPU (Carbon Purification Unit) – no CO₂ capture
 - Recycle Flue Gas to CFB
- **Air-fired-CFB**
 - Bituminous coal
 - 99% carbon conversion
 - 3.1% excess O₂ to CFB
 - In-bed sulfur capture (94%), 140% excess CaCO₃
 - Infiltration air 2% of feed air to CFB
- **Recompression sCO₂ Brayton cycle**
 - Turbine inlet temperature 760 °C
- **High temperature heat recovery from flue gas (Economizer)**
- **Low temperature flue gas heat recovery in sCO₂ power cycle**



Source: NETL

Non-capture Indirect sCO₂ Plant Study

sCO₂ Cycle and Heat Source Parameters – Reference Case RhtIC760A



Section	Parameter	Reference Case RhtIC760A
CFB	Primary air fraction	0.235
	Secondary air fraction	0.765
	Pressure drop	6.6 kPa
	Excess air	3.1%
	Infiltration air	2%
	Lime molar feed rate	2.4 times sulfur feed rate
Expander	Inlet temperature	760 °C
	Max inlet pressure	34.5 MPa
	PR, P _{exit}	4.05, 8.51 MPa
	Isentropic efficiency	0.927
Recuperator	P _{drop} HP side	0.2%
	P _{drop} LP side	0.8%
	LTR Avg T _{app}	5.6 °C
	HTR Min Tapp	5.6 °C
CO ₂ cooler	Non-cond cooler	35 °C
	P _{drop} CO ₂ side	0.8%

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CO ₂ main compressor intercoolers	Non-cond cooler	35 °C
	P _{drop} CO ₂ side	13.8 kPa per stage
	Stages	1
	Cooling source	Process cooling water/Cooling tower
Recompression	CO ₂ bypass	22.4%
CO ₂ main compressor	P _{inlet}	7.75 MPa (≥ P _c)
	P _{exit}	35.10 MPa
	Isentropic efficiency	0.85
	Stages	2
	Intercooling stages	1
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	Isentropic efficiency	0.85
	Stages	2
	Intercooling stages	0
CO ₂ main compressor intercoolers	Non-cond cooler	35 °C
	P _{drop} CO ₂ side	13.8 kPa per stage

Development of Improved sCO₂ Power Cycles

Selection of Cycle Configurations



- **Baseline Case:**

- Applied the promising cycle state point and configuration changes to reference Case RhtIC760A **sequentially**
- Order of introduction of changes was based on the results obtained from the one-off analysis
 - Changes that both increased process efficiency and lowered COE were applied first
 - Changes that increased efficiency with a neutral or slightly negative impact on COE applied next
 - Changes that would adversely impact efficiency but lead to a large drop in COE were only considered if the COE goal could not otherwise be achieved

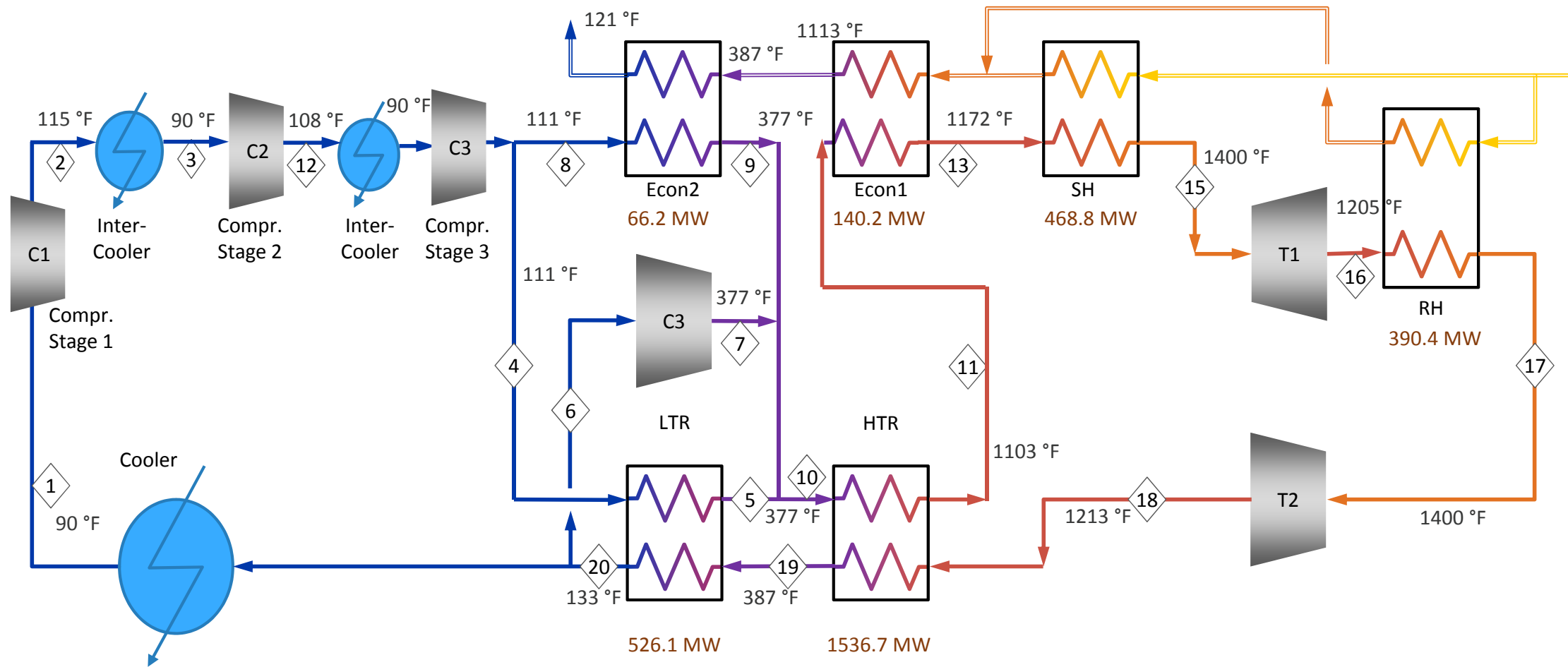
- **Alternate Configuration Case:**

- Developed by first identifying promising changes in the heat integration scheme
- If a preliminary techno-economic analysis yielded a higher efficiency or lower COE than for reference Case RhtIC760A:
 - Configuration was retained for further study
 - Same methodology for sequentially applying process changes used
 - Only the most promising of these alternatives were investigated

Baseline Case

State Point and Configuration Changes Adopted

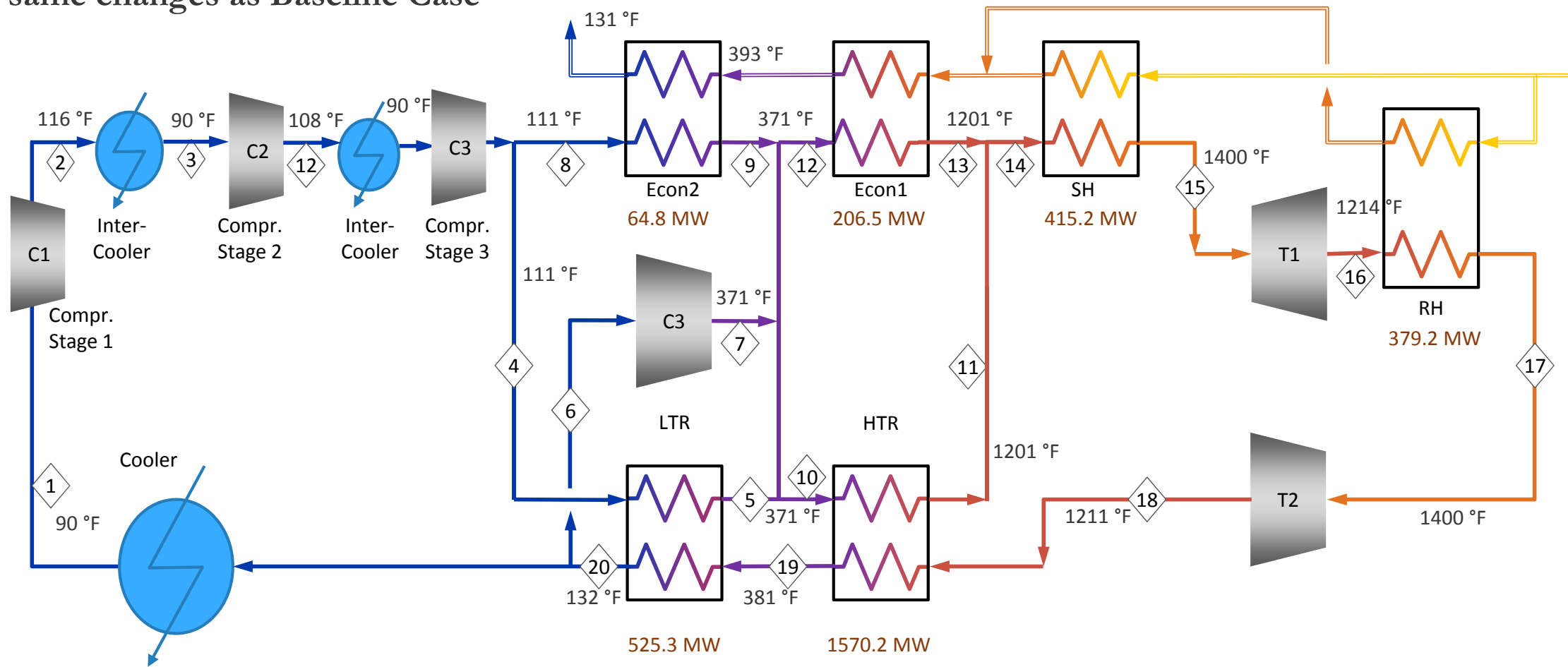
- Elimination of VTR
- Reduction in CO₂ cooler temperature to 90 °F
- Additional main CO₂ compressor intercooler stage
- Slight increase in CFB pressure



Alternate Configuration Case

State Point and Configuration Changes Adopted

- High temperature economizer (Econ1) in parallel with HTR
- Plus same changes as Baseline Case



Techno-economic Analysis Results Summary

Comparison of Baseline sCO₂ Plant with Rankine Plants



- Compared to reference Case B12A, **Baseline Case** has:
 - 8.8 percentage point higher process efficiency (HHV)
 - 6.6 percentage point higher cycle efficiency
 - 36% lower water consumption
 - 16% reduction in CO₂ emissions
 - Lower CO₂ emissions than current EPA limit*

Performance Summary	Reference Case B12A	AUSC Case 5	Baseline Case	Alternate Config
Total Gross Power, MWe	580	578	584	584
Total Auxiliaries, MWe	30	27	17	17
Net Power, MWe	550	550	567	567
HHV Net Plant Efficiency (%)	40.7%	44.1%	49.5%	49.5%
LHV Net Plant Efficiency (%)	42.2%	45.8%	51.3%	51.3%
HHV Boiler Efficiency, %	89.1%	89.1%	92.9%	92.9%
LHV Boiler Efficiency, %	92.4%	92.4%	96.3%	96.3%
Power Cycle Efficiency, %	48.2%	52.0%	54.8%	54.8%
CO ₂ Cycle Cooling Duty/Condensor Duty, GJ/hr (MMBtu/hr)	2,192 (2,078)	1,873 (1,776)	1,701 (1,612)	1,701 (1,613)
As-Received Coal Feed, kg/hr (lb/hr)	179,193 (395,053)	165,482 (364,825)	152,162 (335,460)	152,162 (335,460)
Limestone Sorbent Feed, kg/hr (lb/hr)	17,707 (39,037)	16,352 (36,050)	35,618 (78,525)	35,618 (78,525)
HHV Thermal Input, kWt	1,350,652	1,247,323	1,146,927	1,146,927
LHV Thermal Input, kWt	1,302,740	1,203,058	1,106,225	1,106,225
Raw Water Withdrawal, (m ³ /min)/MW _{net} (gpm/MW _{net})	0.035 (9.3)	0.030 (8.0)	0.024 (6.2)	0.024 (6.2)
Raw Water Consumption, (m ³ /min)/MW _{net} (gpm/MW _{net})	0.028 (7.4)	0.024 (6.4)	0.018 (4.7)	0.018 (4.7)
O ₂ Mole Percent in Boiler Exit, %	3.4%	3.4%	1.0%	1.0%
CO ₂ Emissions (lb CO ₂ /MWh-gross)	1,617	1,490	1,353	1,353

* However, the EPA's standard is based on average annual emissions – additional analyses are required to assess system performance under realistic annual operating profiles, including part-load

Techno-economic Analysis Results Summary

Comparison of Baseline sCO₂ Plant with Rankine Plants



- Compared to reference AUSC Case 5, **Baseline Case** has:
 - 5.4 percentage point higher process efficiency
 - 2.8 percentage point higher cycle efficiency
 - 22% lower water consumption
 - 9% reduction in CO₂ emissions
 - Lower CO₂ emissions than current EPA limit*

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Comparison of Baseline sCO₂ Plant with Rankine Plants



- Compared to Alternate Configuration Case, **Baseline Case** has:
 - Essentially identical performance

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Comparison of Baseline sCO₂ Plant with Rankine Plants



- Compared to reference Case B12A, **Baseline Case** has:
 - 5 MW increase in cycle output
 - 13 MW decrease in auxiliary power
 - Coal pulverizers
 - No wet FGD
 - Less cooling duty
 - 17 MW increase in net plant power

Power Summary	Reference Case B12A	AUSC Case 5	Baseline Case	Alternate Config
POWER GENERATION SUMMARY				
sCO ₂ /Steam Turbine Gross Power	588,516	586,305	741,272	740,316
sCO ₂ Main Compressor	---	---	-85,654	-83,172
sCO ₂ Bypass Compressor	---	---	-62,558	-64,096
Generator Loss	-8,828	-8,795	-8,896	-8,896
TOTAL POWER GENERATED	579,688	577,510	584,164	584,151
AUXILIARY LOAD SUMMARY				
Coal Handling	-430	-420	-399	-399
Sorbent Prep/Injection	-958	-890	-157	-157
Pulverizers	-2,690	-2,480	-72	-72
Ash Handling and Dewatering	-620	-580	-1,756	-1,756
Baghouse	-90	-80	-7	-7
Turbine Auxiliaries	-400	-400	-400	-400
Wet FGD	-2,830	-2,610	---	---
Condensate Pumps	-800	-640	---	---
SCR	-40	-40	---	---
Miscellaneous Balance of Plant	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000
Circulating Water Pump	-4,980	-4,290	-3,636	-3,636
Cooling Tower Fans	-2,340	-2,010	-2,122	-2,122
Air & Flue Gas Fan Power	-9,690	-8,950	-4,647	-4,647
Transformer Losses	-1,820	-1,800	-1,794	-1,794
TOTAL AUXILIARIES	-29,688	-27,190	-16,990	-16,990
NET POWER	550,000	550,320	567,174	567,162

Techno-economic Analysis Results Summary

Comparison of Baseline sCO₂ Plant with Rankine Plants



• Compared to reference
AUSC Case 5, **Baseline Case**
has:

- 7 MW increase in cycle output
- 10 MW decrease in auxiliary power
 - Coal pulverizers
 - No wet FGD
 - Less cooling duty
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Summary of Capital Costs/COE

Steam Rankine vs. sCO₂ Cases (\$/kW)



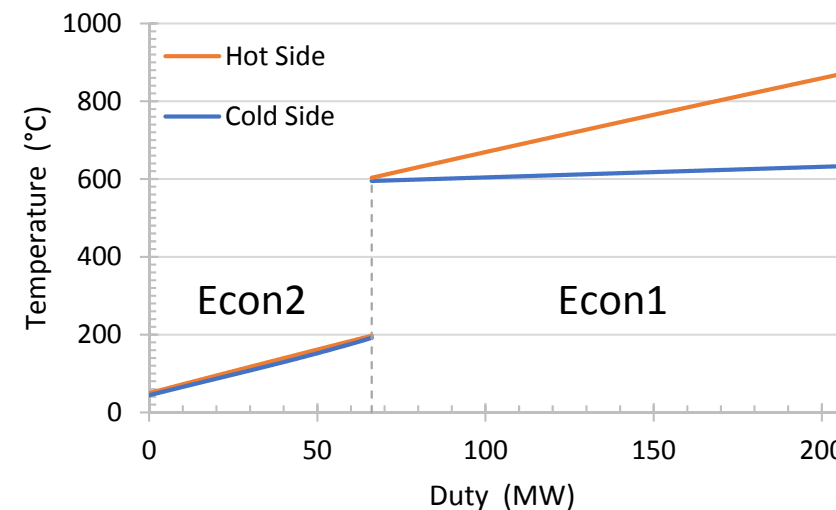
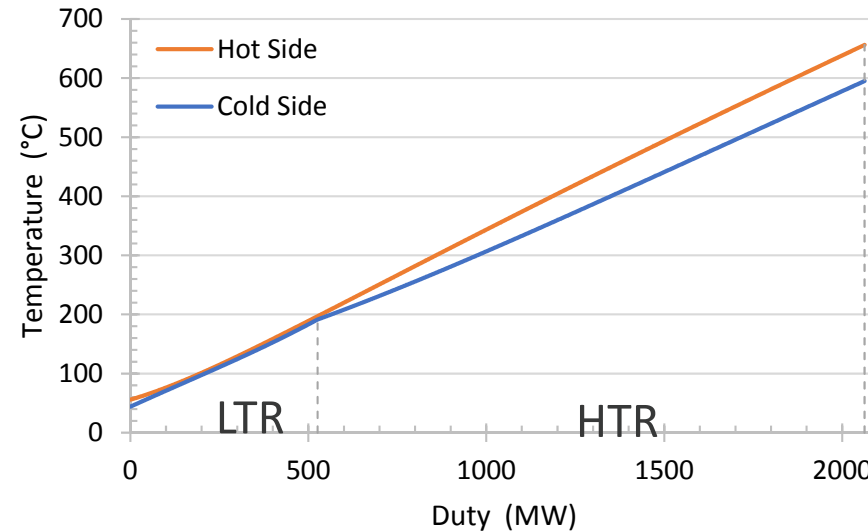
- Compared to the reference Case B12A, **Baseline Case** had:
 - 1.4 percent lower TOC
 - 3 percent lower COE
- Compared to the reference AUSC Case 5, **Baseline Case** had:
 - 1.5 percent greater TOC
 - 1.6 percent greater COE
- Compared to the Alternate Config Case, **Baseline Case** had:
 - \$10/kW lower TOC. Differences due to:
 - Boiler & Power Cycle Accounts
 - Differences in relative HX duties
 - Lower HTR driving force
 - Slightly greater COE (0.2 \$/MWh)
 - Difference not significant

Capital Cost Summary	Reference Case B12A	AUSC Case 5	Baseline Case	Alternate Config
Account	TPC (\$/kW)			
Coal & Sorbent Handling	83	78	81	81
Coal & Sorbent Prep & Feed	39	37	43	43
Feedwater & Miscellaneous BOP Systems	170	146	37	37
Boiler & Accessories	621	611	669	635
Gas Cleanup & Piping	304	287	57	57
HRSG, Ducting, & Stack	83	82	86	86
Steam/sCO ₂ Power Cycle	304	326	599	641
Cooling Water System	80	72	71	71
Ash & Spent Sorbent Handling Systems	31	29	52	52
Accessory Electric Plant	112	109	100	100
Instrumentation & Control	48	47	42	42
Improvements to Site	30	28	29	29
Buildings & Structures	122	119	121	121
Total Plant Costs	2,026	1,972	1,986	1,995
Owner's Costs & TOC (\$/kW)				
Owner's Costs	481	465	487	489
Total Overnight Cost (TOC)	2,507	2,437	2,473	2,483
Component	COE Summary (/MWh)			
Capital	39.0	38.0	41.2	41.4
Fixed O&M	9.6	9.5	9.7	9.7
Variable O&M	9.1	8.5	8.8	8.8
Fuel	24.6	22.7	20.2	20.2
Total (with T&S)	82.3	78.6	79.9	80.1

Heat Integration Analysis Results Summary

T-Q Economizer Diagram for Baseline sCO₂ plant

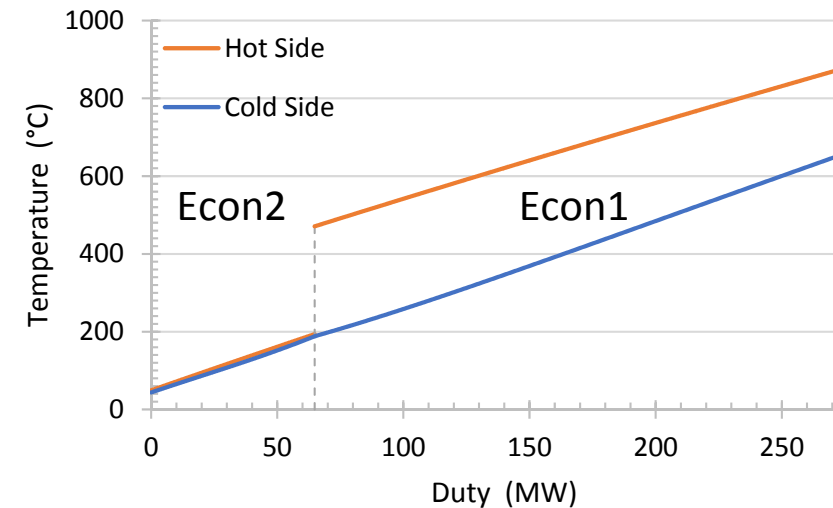
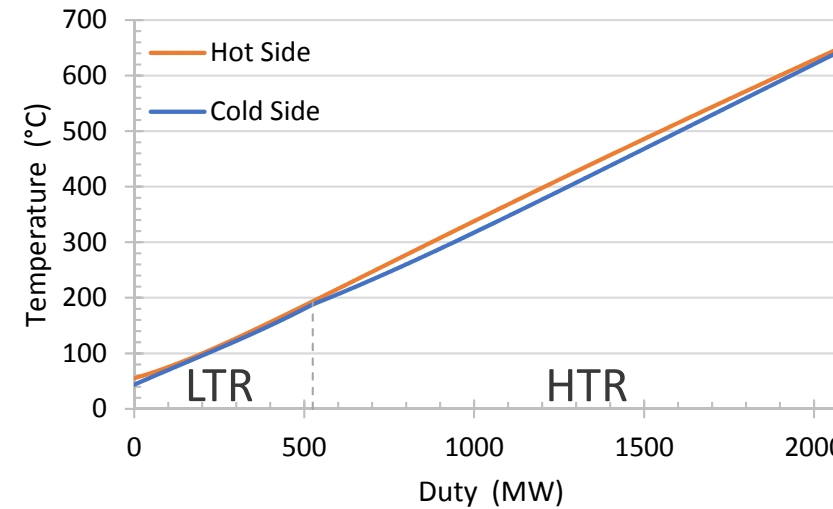
- **LTR has an internal pinch point:**
 - Minimum $T_{app} = 3.7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 11.9\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Average $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **HTR has considerably larger average T_{app} :**
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Hot end $T_{app} = 61.2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **Low temperature economizer (Econ2):**
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Hot end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Average $T_{app} = 8.3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **High temperature economizer (Econ1):**
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Hot end $T_{app} = 237\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



Heat Integration Analysis Results Summary

T-Q Recuperator Diagram for Alternate Configuration sCO₂ plant

- **LTR has an internal pinch point**
 - Minimum $T_{app} = 3.7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 11.7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Average $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **HTR has modestly larger average T_{app}**
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Hot end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Average $T_{app} = 15.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **Low temperature economizer (Econ2)**
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Hot end $T_{app} = 5.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Average $T_{app} = 8.3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **High temperature economizer (Econ1)**
 - Cold end $T_{app} = 283\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 - Hot end $T_{app} = 222\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



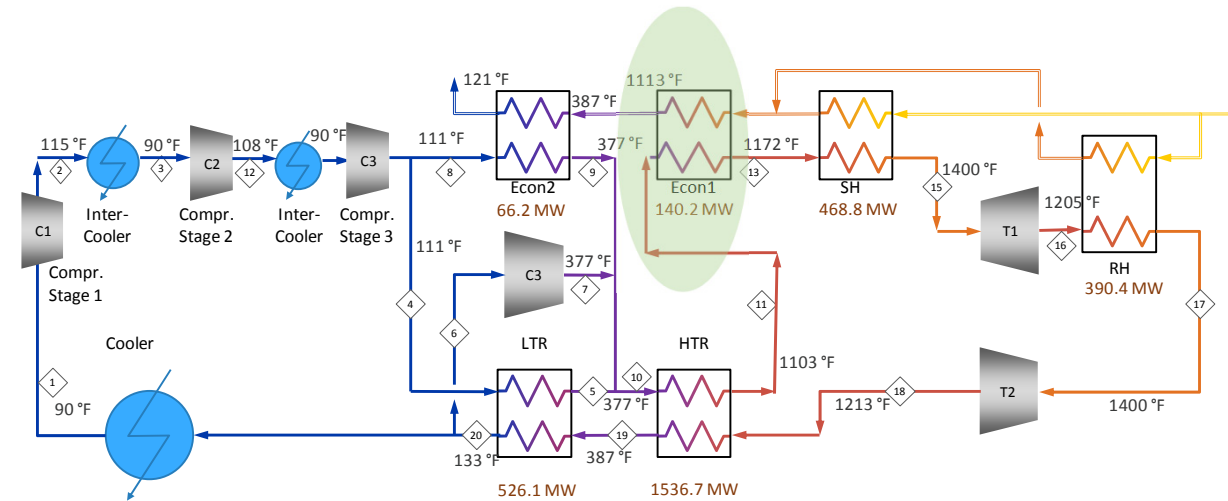
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Comparing Heat Integration - Baseline Case vs. Alternate Configuration Case



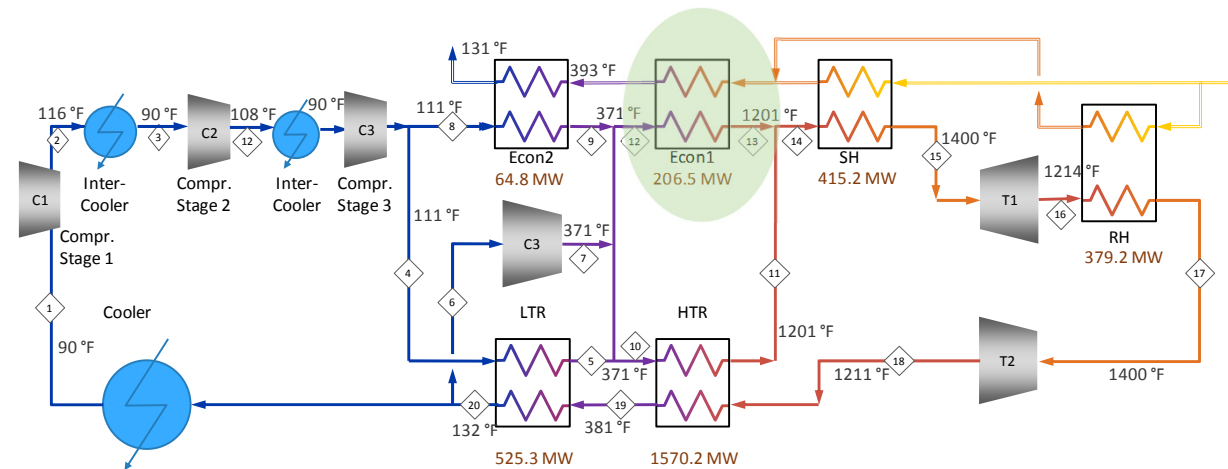
• Baseline Case

- Maximum LTR performance
- Moderate HTR performance
- Moderate Econ1 performance
- Maximum Econ2 performance



• Alternate Configuration Case

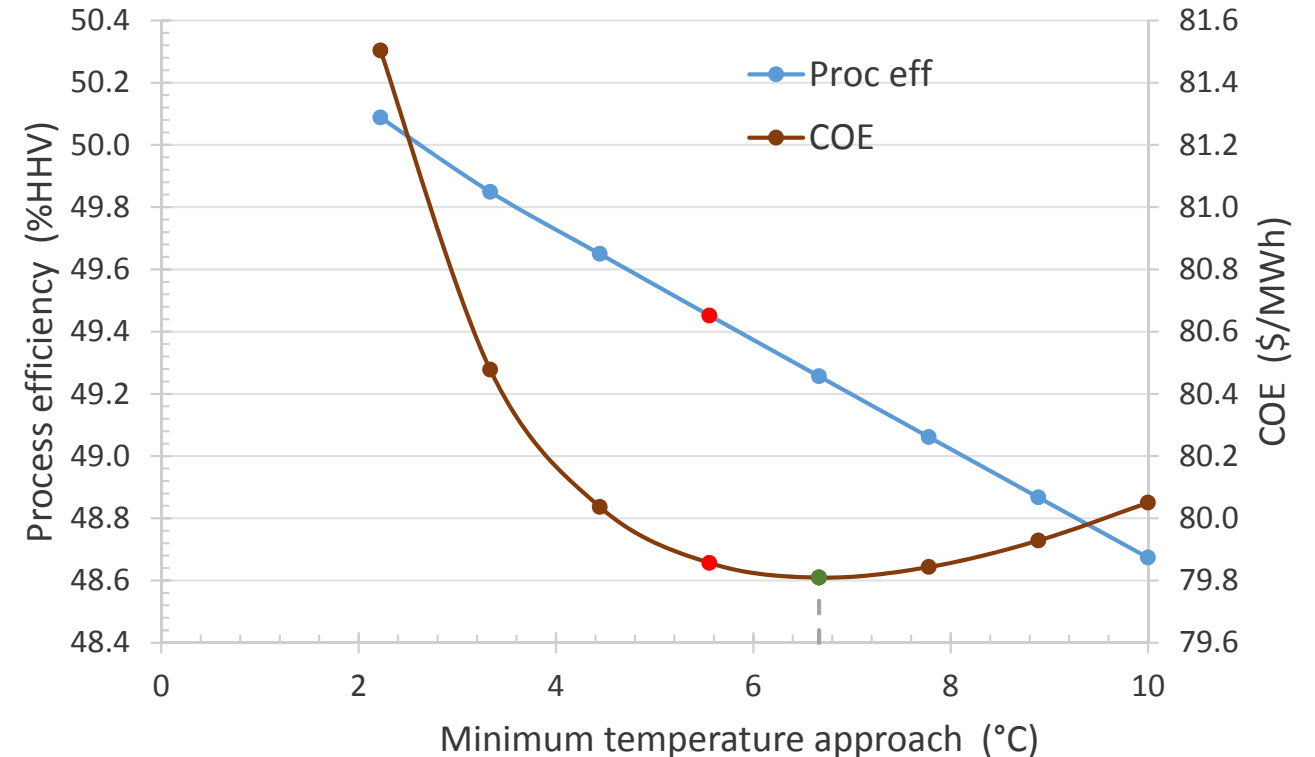
- Maximum LTR performance
- **Near maximum HTR performance**
- **Poor Econ1 performance**
- Maximum Econ2 performance



Sensitivity Analysis Results Summary

Efficiency and COE versus Minimum Recuperator T_{app}

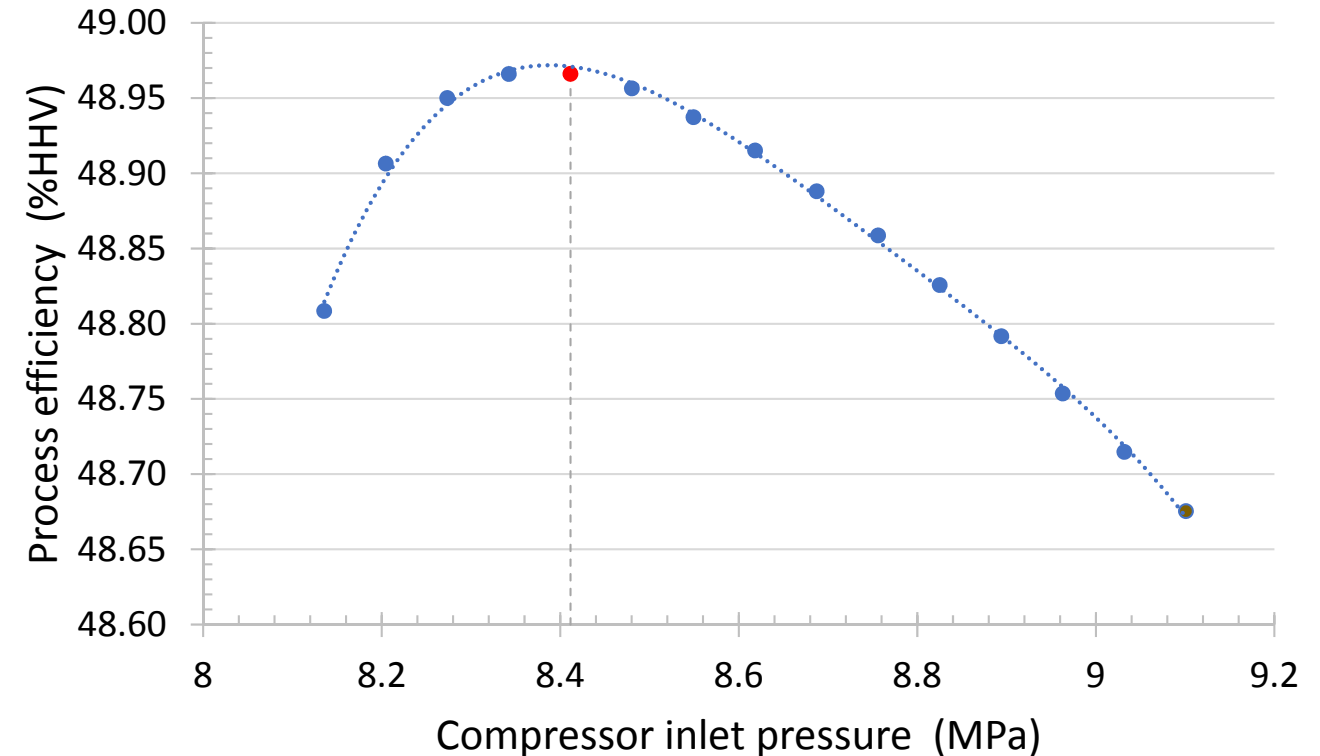
- Process efficiency decreases monotonically and almost linearly with increasing minimum T_{app}
- COE passes through a minimum at a T_{app} of 6.7 °C
 - Gray dashed vertical line and green marker
- Result suggests that a lower COE could be attained with a higher minimum T_{app} of 6.7 °C
 - However the 0.2 percentage point drop in process efficiency was deemed more significant than the negligible drop in COE



Sensitivity Analysis Results Summary

Main Compressor Inlet Pressure – Reference Case RhtIC760A

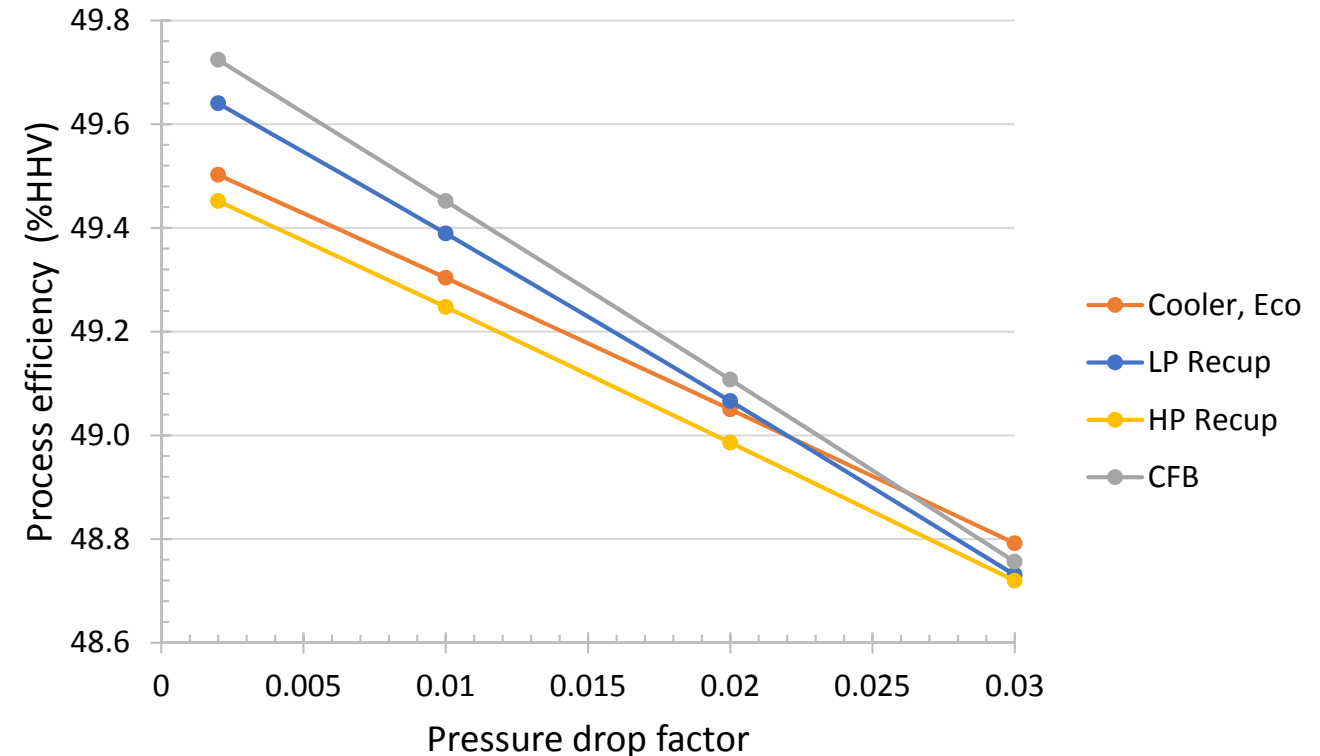
- For any sCO₂ power cycle there is an optimum:
 - Turbine inlet pressure
 - CO₂ compressor inlet pressure
- Sensitivity analysis was performed on reference Case RhtIC760A to determine optimum cycle pressures
- Optimum turbine inlet pressure exceeds the maximum turbine inlet pressure constraint
 - 34.5 MPa
- Optimum compressor inlet pressure found to be 8.41 MPa
 - Yielded maximum process efficiency
- Optimum cycle pressure ratio = 4.1



Sensitivity Analysis Results Summary

Unit Operation Pressure Drop – Reference Case RhtIC760A

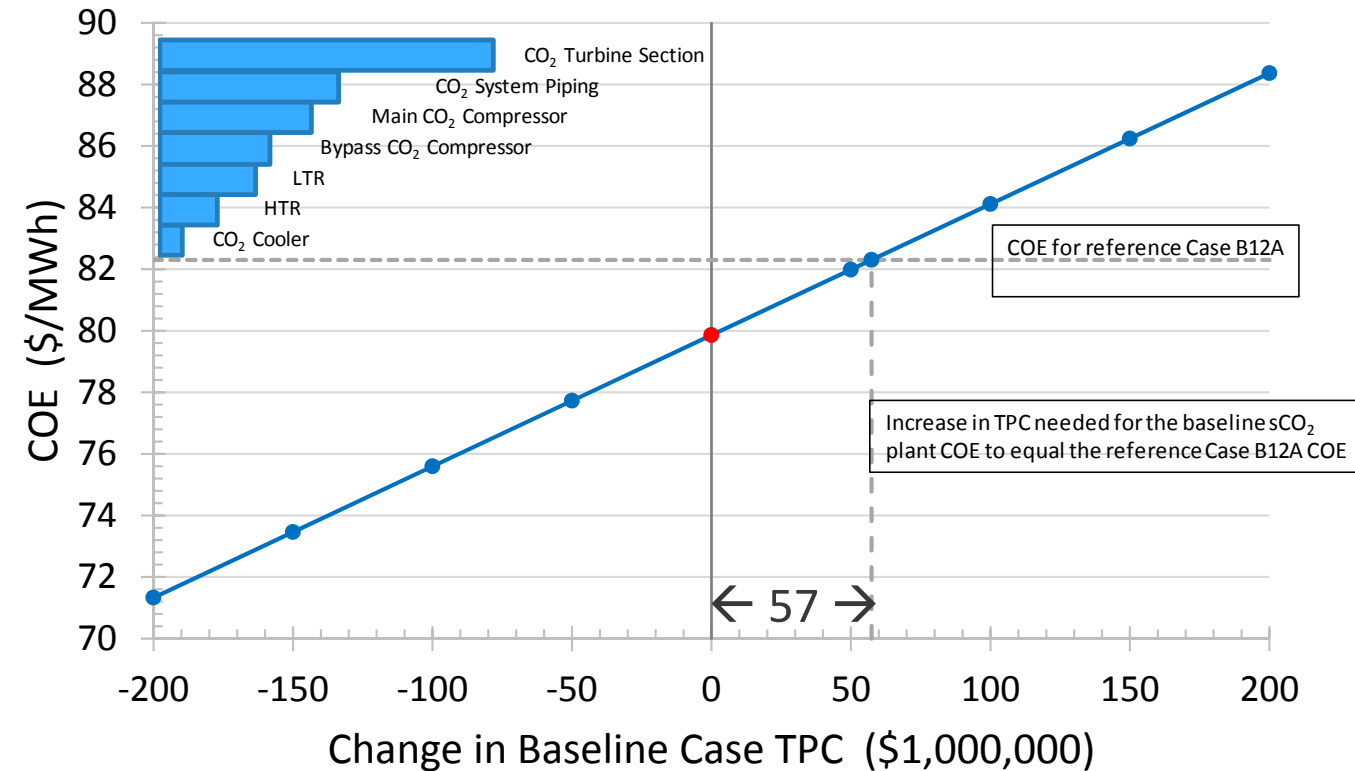
- Pressure drops used for power cycle should be considered optimistic targets that were based on the desire to maximize process efficiency
- A performance only sensitivity analysis was performed on reference Case RhtIC760A to quantify the impact of pressure drop on process efficiency
- Independent variables were the pressure drop factors
 - $\Delta P = P_{in} * \text{Factor}$
- Pressure drop factors used were:
 - 0.008 for the CO₂ cooler, CO₂ side of economizers and LP side of recuperators
 - 0.002 for HP side of recuperators
 - 0.01 for CO₂ side of the CFB
- Process efficiency for sCO₂ power cycle is moderately sensitive to the pressure drop
 - Particularly on the low-pressure side of the cycle
- If more conservative pressure drop factors had been used (triple the optimistic values) the efficiency benefit of the Baseline Case compared to reference AUSC Case 5 would have been cut by 30%



Sensitivity Analysis Results Summary

sCO₂ Power Cycle Component TPC, COE versus Δ TPC

- It is a study goal that the COE for the advanced technology power plants not exceed COE for reference Case B12A
- Horizontal bars are drawn to scale with respect to the horizontal axis
- For Baseline Case COE to equal reference Case B12A requires either:
 - 57 \$MM increase in the aggregate TPC
 - 5 percent increase in the aggregate TPC
 - 17 percent increase in power cycle TPC
 - 49 percent increase in turbine TPC
 - 107 percent increase in recuperator TPC



Summary & Conclusions

- This paper has presented the results of a preliminary examination of the potential benefits of the indirect sCO₂ power cycle for improving the efficiency and cost of non-capture coal-fired power plants
- Results have shown that the sCO₂ power cycle can achieve much higher efficiencies than SOA PC/Rankine systems with no increase in COE
- Compared to prior NETL systems studies on advanced power generation technologies (e.g., PC power plant with an AUSC Rankine cycle) the sCO₂ power cycle offers a significant increase in overall efficiency of greater than 5 percentage points
- Full-load, steady-state carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions of 1353 lbs CO₂/MWh gross nominally meets the current EPA's 1400 lbs CO₂/MWh gross for new coal plants
 - However, the EPA's standard is based on average annual emissions – additional analyses are required to assess system performance under realistic annual operating profiles, including part-load
- The study has also shown that plants based on the sCO₂ power cycle have significantly lower (22-33%) water consumption than comparable reference Rankine cycle plants
 - Due to higher thermal efficiencies of the sCO₂ plants
 - Elimination of intrinsic water losses arising from the Rankine cycle such as from blowdown

Ongoing and Future sCO₂ System Analysis



FY18-FY19

- **Continue to explore the indirect sCO₂ power cycle with the goals of**
 - Expanding its range of application
 - Further optimizing its performance and cost
 - Reducing the current level of uncertainty in the performance and cost models
 - Exploring more complex aspects of the cycle development related to system dynamics
- **One current study is exploring in greater detail the impacts of various cooling technology options on the cycle and overall plant performance**
 - Goal is to optimize the cooling technology choice for any given ambient condition or site location
- **Other concepts planned for near-term examination are based on the results of the sensitivity analyses performed in this study and include:**
 - Investigations of condensing cycles
 - Conducting a more thorough optimization of the cycle parameters including individual minimum temperature approaches for each end of every recuperator, economizer, and intercooler
 - Better defining the trade-off between process efficiency gains and capital cost results from pressure drops in the cycle unit operations

For More Information ...



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