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MINING & METALS

NUCLEAR, SECURITY
& ENVIRONMENTAL



California Valley Solar Farm



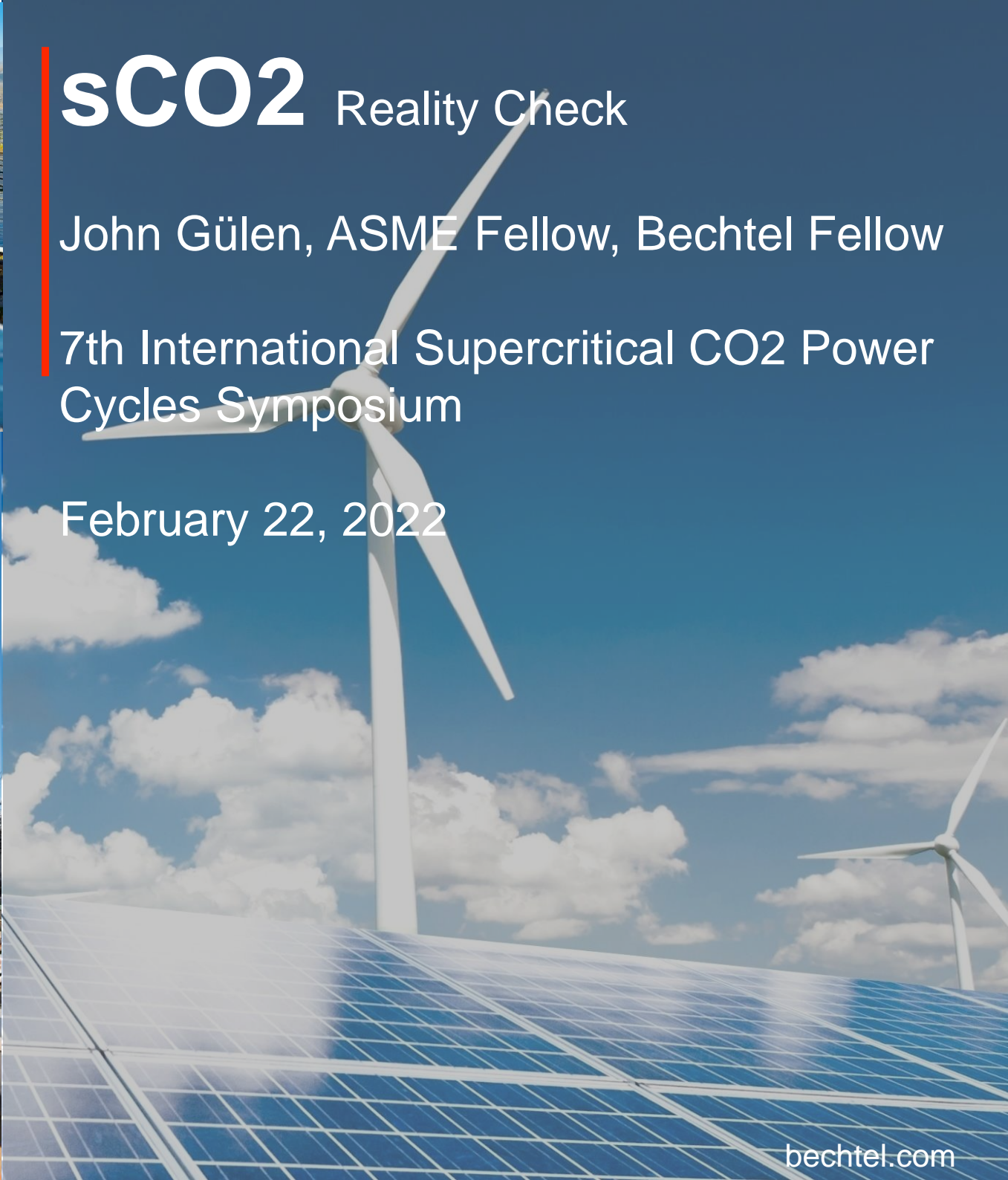
Temple II, Texas

sCO₂ Reality Check

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Cycles Symposium

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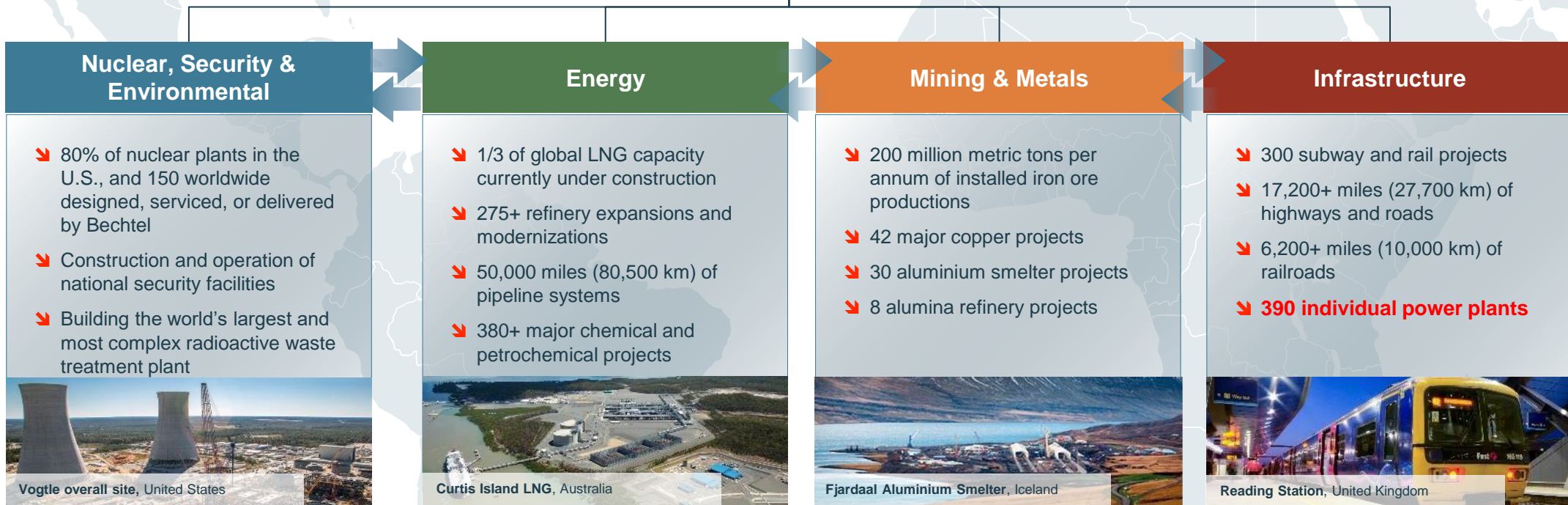
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Services We Offer

Wind Projects

Onshore and Offshore

- Medium voltage collection system layout
- Wind turbine micro-siting
- Turbine & tower transport logistics
- WTG erection and mechanical completion
- Levelized cost of energy & bankability analysis
- Technology and conceptual design options analysis
- Offshore foundation and structural design
- High voltage AC and DC platform design
- Managing vessels and subcontractors
- Staging port assessment & design
- Crane operation analysis and critical lifting analysis

Solar Projects

PV, CPV, and CSP

- PV system size optimization
- PVSYST® production estimates
- Levelized cost of energy & financeability analysis
- Technology trade-off analysis
- Site work
- Pile capacity testing
- Foundation & structural design
- Receiver/boiler & power block optimization
- Wind tunnel/CFD studies & structural analysis
- Cable size/routing optimization (CYME®/ETAP®)
- PV system commissioning & acceptance testing
- PV performance guarantee verification testing
- Meteorological monitoring

Renewables Engineering Design

- Design criteria development
- Specification development
- Detailed cost estimates
- Grounding system design
- SCADA design & utility integration
- Heliostat/pile positioning by GPS/GNSS
- Communications system design, including SCADA/fiber optics
- AC/DC power cable sizing
- Cable routing optimization – overhead or underground
- As-built drawing services

Studies

- Irradiance studies (satellite and weather station data)
- Hydrological & geotechnical studies
- Wind data interpretation & energy yield analysis
- Meteorological mast design and installation
- Wave and weather forecasting
- Geotechnical investigations
- **Feasibility evaluations**
- **Technology evaluation/selection**

Transmission Line








AC/DC

- Route selection and evaluation
- Tower type and configuration
- Tower spotting, line design



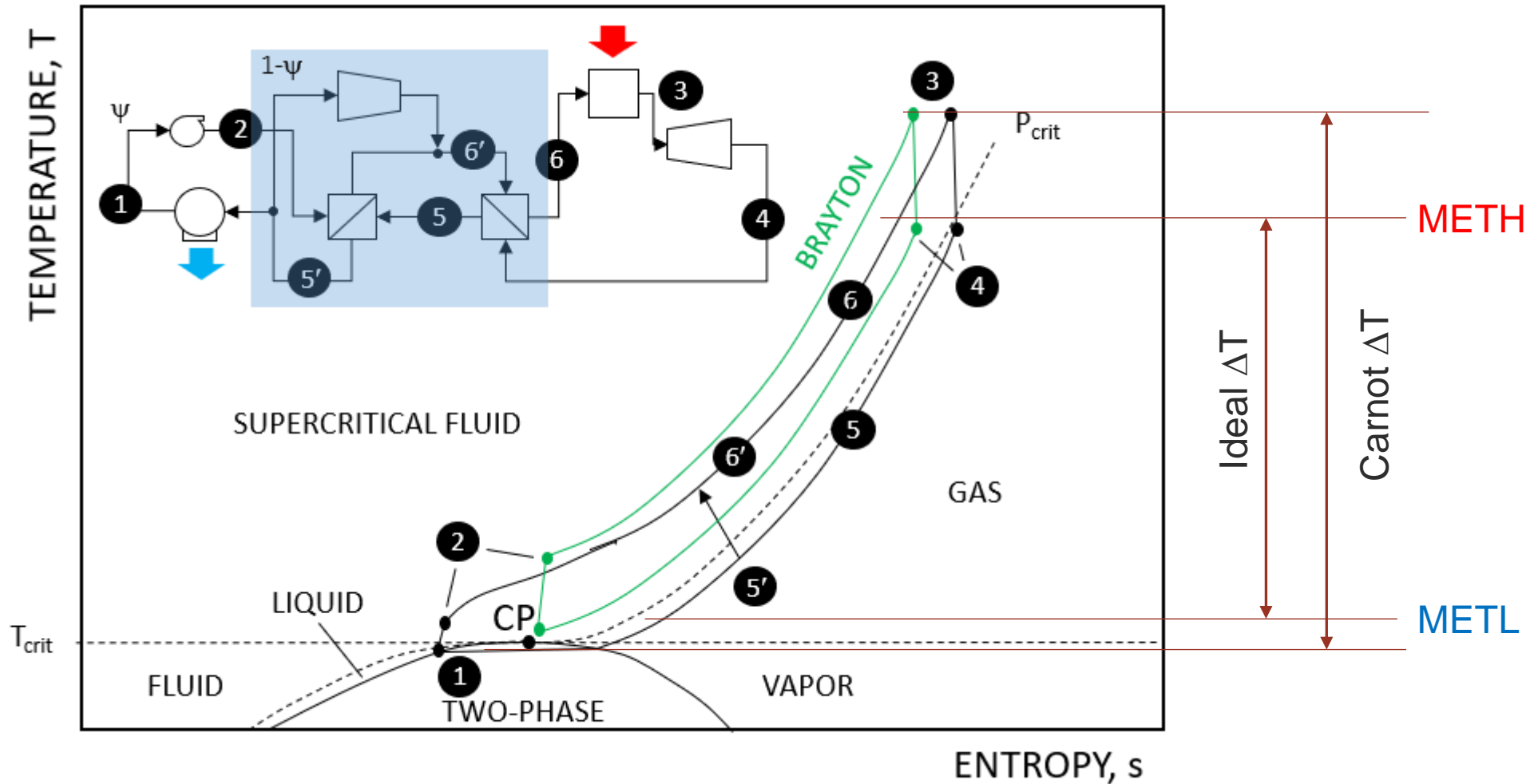
Hits & Misses – Personal Experience

	Technical	Commercial
■ McIntosh, Alabama, CAES Plant (ESPC, Inc. 1994-96)		
■ Cascaded Humidified Advanced Turbine (CHAT)		
■ Kalina Cycle (Thermoflow, Inc., 1998)		
■ H-System (General Electric, 2000-2004)		
■ 109FB SS-GTCC (GE, 2000-2003)		
■ Duke Edwardsport 207FB IGCC (GE, 2005-2008)		
■ HA Class GTCC (GE, 2008-2012)		

- Utility-Scale Fossil Fired Power Plant (300 – 1,000 MWe) 
- Utility-Scale GTCC Bottoming Cycle (400 – 1,000 MWe) 
- Industrial Waste Heat Recovery (< 50 MW) 
- Aeroderivative GT Bottoming Cycle (< 50 MW) 
- Gas Engine Bottoming Cycle (< 50 MW) 
- Small Modular Nuclear Power Plant (100 MW?) 
- Concentrated Solar Power Plant (100 MW?) 

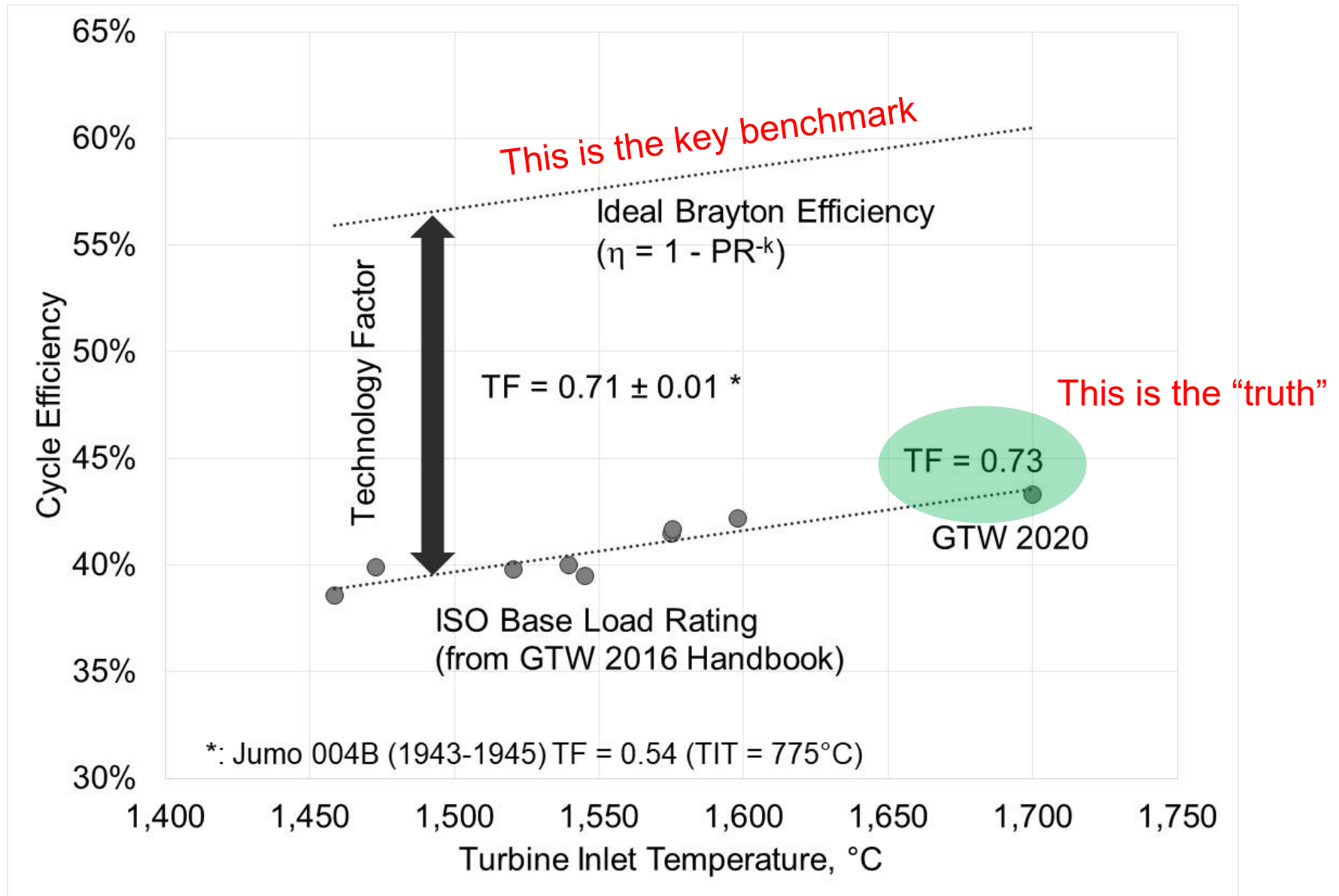
$$\text{Ideal Cycle Eff} = 1 - \psi \frac{\text{METL}}{\text{METH}}$$

Key Benchmark



METH: Mean-effective cycle heat addition temperature
METL: mean-effective cycle heat rejection temperature

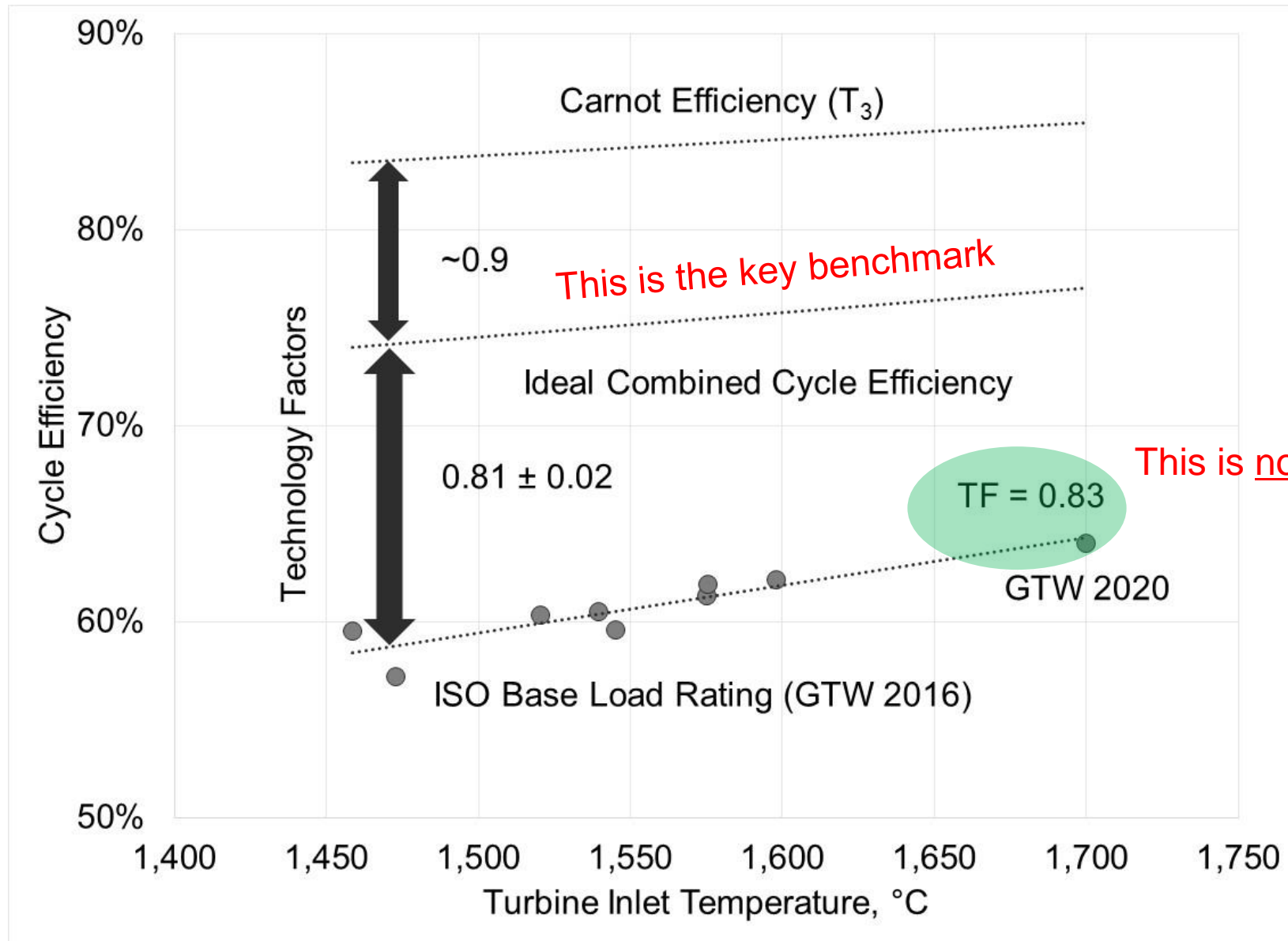
Technology Factor¹ – Gas Turbines



1. Gütegrad or Gütezahl in German, see *Turbo/Supercharger Compressors and Turbines for Aircraft Propulsion in WWII*, Kollmann, Douglas & Gülen, ASME Press, 2021



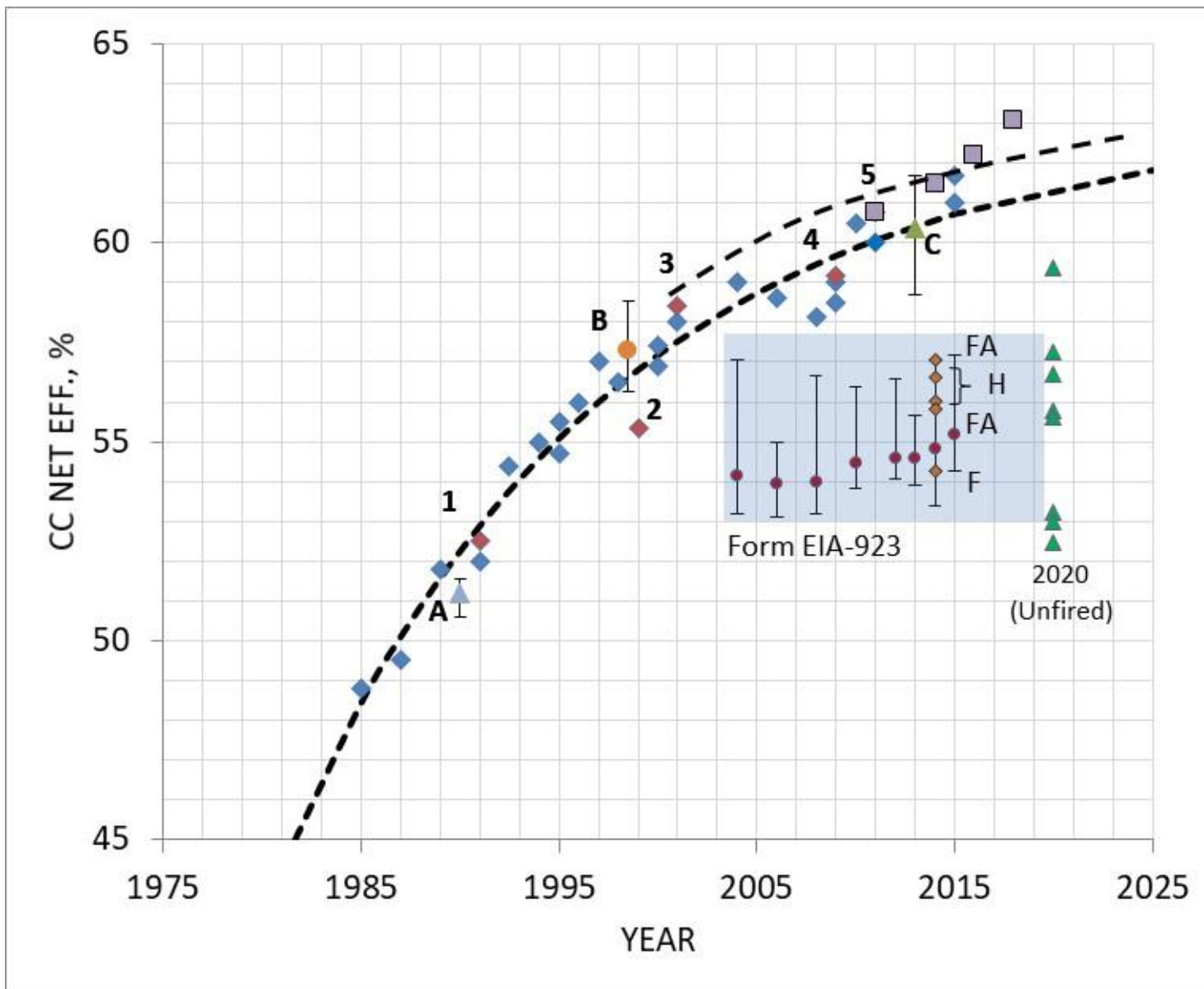
Technology Factor – Advanced GTCC



1. Gülen, S.C., *Disappearing Thermo-Economic Sanity in Gas Turbine Combined Cycle Ratings – A Critique*, ASME Paper GT2019-90883, ASME Turbo Expo 2019, June 17-21, 2018, Phoenix, AZ.



When the Rubber Hits the Road





"How often have I said
to you that when you
have eliminated
the impossible,
whatever remains,
however improbable,
must be the truth."

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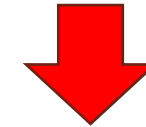
1. For the numerical examples below, see *Gas & Steam Turbine Power Plants – Applications in Sustainable Power*, S. Can Gülen, Cambridge University Press, to be published in mid-2022.

Cycle Performance Is NOT Plant Performance!

$$\text{Ideal Cycle Eff} = 1 - \psi \frac{\text{METL}}{\text{METH}} = 75.9\%$$

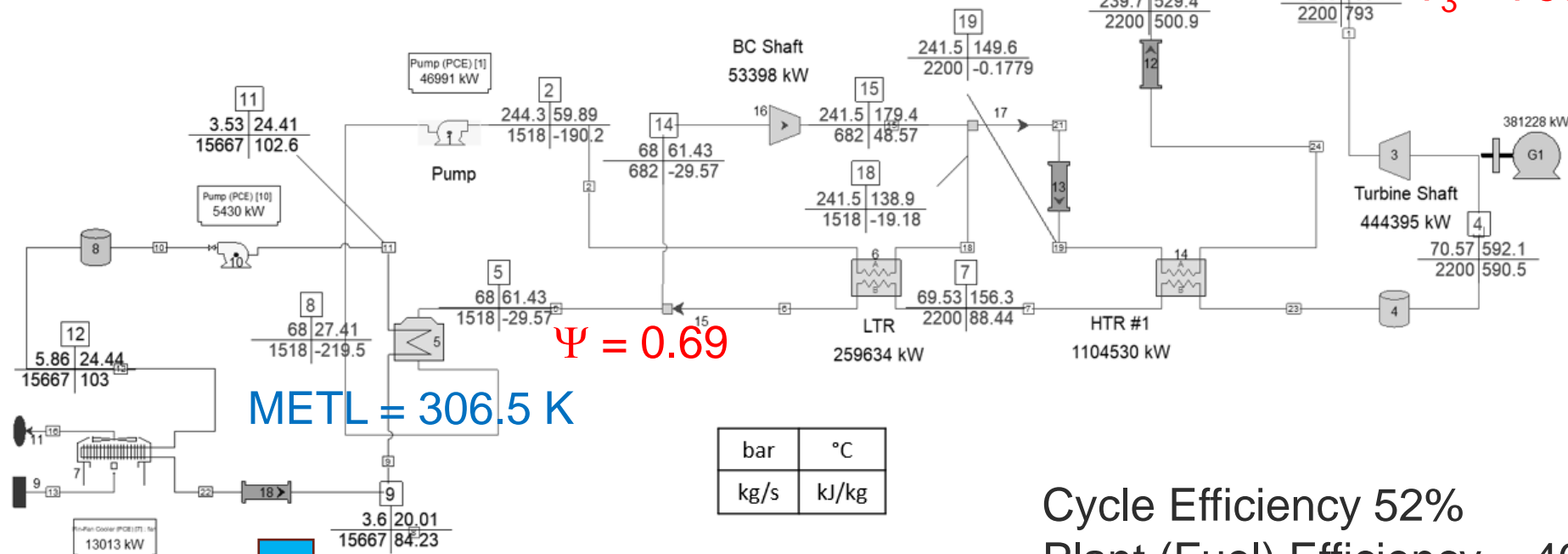
$$\text{Carnot Eff} = 1 - \frac{T_{\text{amb}}}{T_3} = 72.1\%$$

Cycle Heat Input \neq Fuel Burn



METH = 877.4 K

$T_3 = 760^\circ\text{C}$



METL = 306.5 K

$\Psi = 0.69$

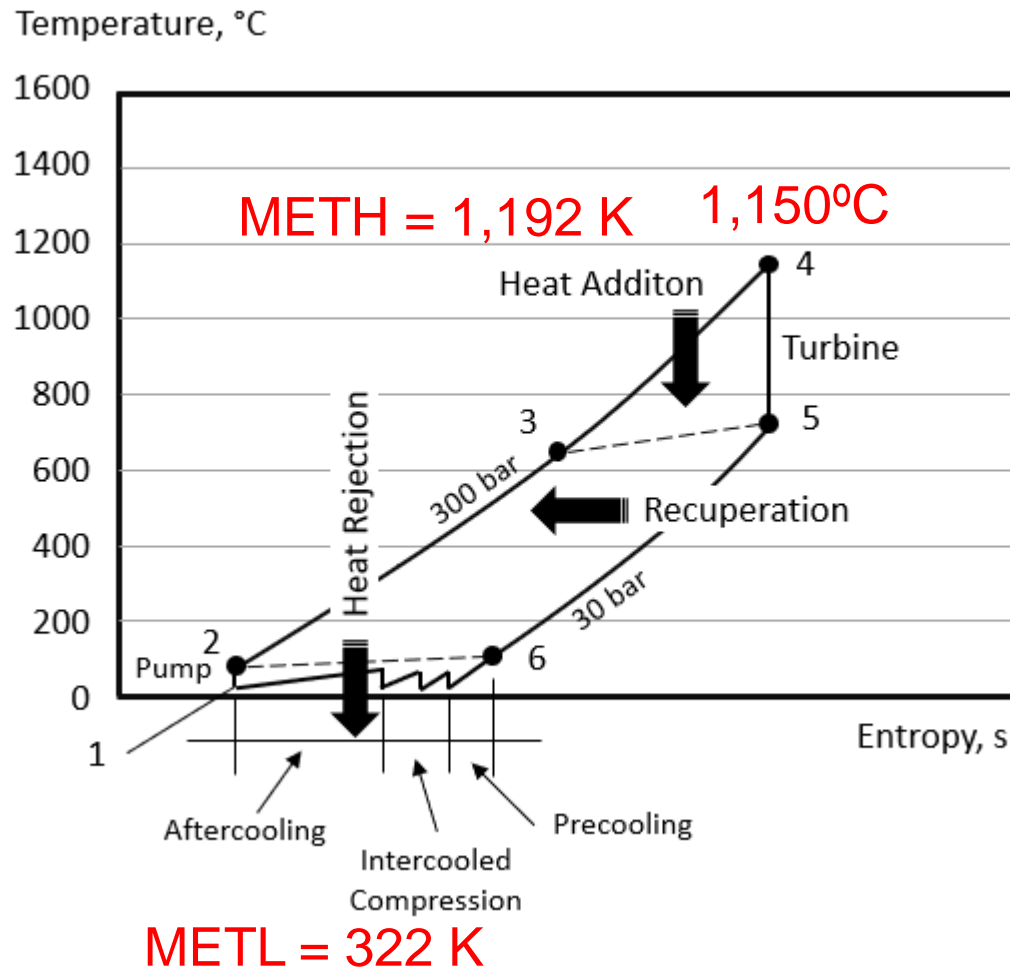
$T_{\text{amb}} = 15^\circ\text{C}$

bar	°C
kg/s	kJ/kg

Cycle Heat Rejection \rightarrow High Parasitic Load!

Cycle Efficiency 52%
 Plant (Fuel) Efficiency \sim 46%
 Specific Power Output \sim 150 kJ/kg
 (cf. \sim 1,200 kJ/kg SCPC)

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- ### Parasitic Power Consumers
- ASU Main Air Compressor
 - O₂ Compressor
 - Fuel Compressor
 - Air-Cooled Condenser Fans
 - Miscellaneous BOP
 - Transformer Loss

Carnot Efficiency	79.8%		
Ideal Cycle Efficiency	73.0%		
Cycle Factor	0.92		
Technology Factor	0.70	0.75	0.80
Actual Cycle Efficiency	51.1%	54.7%	58.4%

