



*7<sup>th</sup> International*  
Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycles Symposium  
San Antonio, TX U.S.A.  
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## Panel Session I:

**Industry Panel – Status of Technology Maturation**  
**2/22/22**

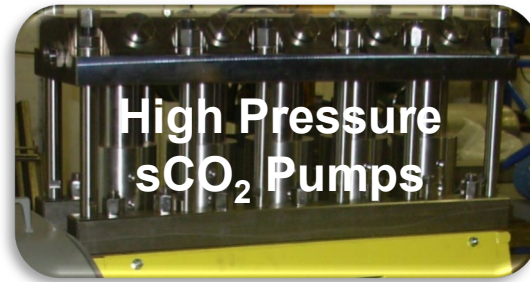
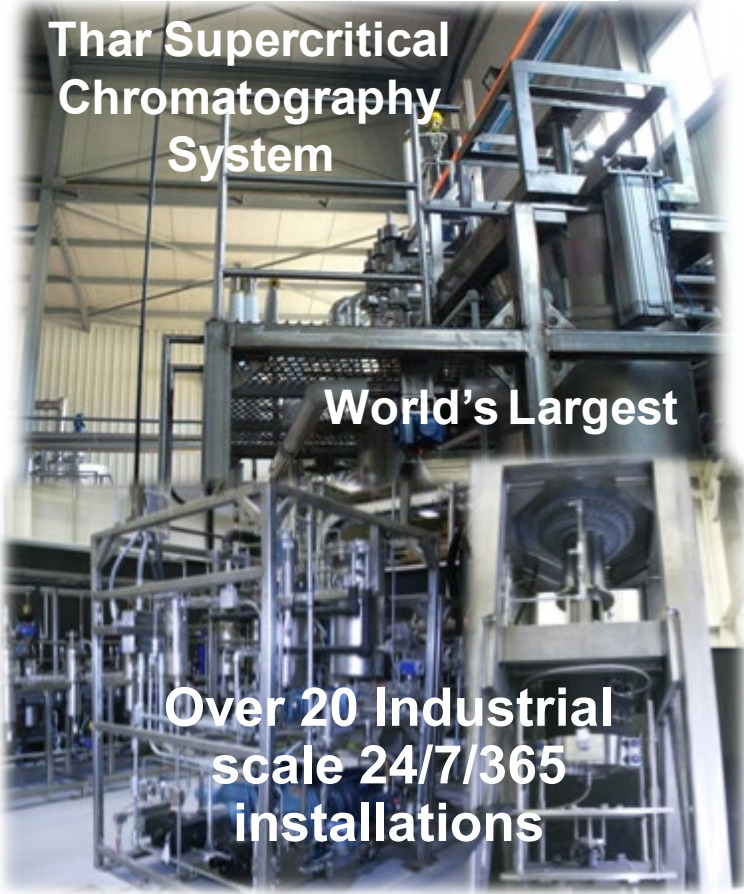
**sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Power Block**  
**Components & Cycle Development**  
*Turning concepts into hardware*

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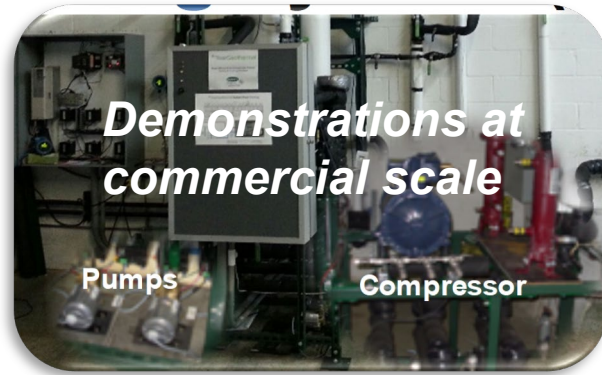
## The Thar Brand - Over 30 years of Innovation with “Green” Supercritical Fluid Technologies

**Design and commercialization of supercritical systems & major components**



**Over 5,000 scientific instruments installed**

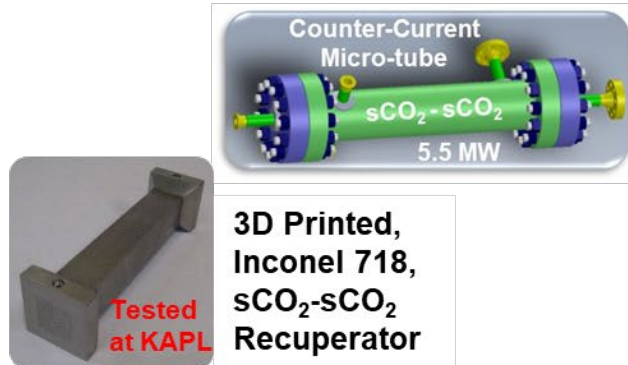
**Direct Exchange, R744 (CO<sub>2</sub>) Geothermal Heating & Cooling**



### Timeline (recent past)

sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Power  
Cycle Development

**COMPACT** Heat Exchangers for sCO<sub>2</sub>  
Power Cycles



Design – Construct – Install  
**Primary Heater for Sunshot**  
One MWe sCO<sub>2</sub> Test Loop



Design – Construct – Operate  
**sCO<sub>2</sub> Heat Exchanger Test Loop**  
*Superior Thermal Performance Confirmed*



2014



Design – Construct –  
Operate Largest GMP  
sCO<sub>2</sub> Extraction  
System in USA

2015



Expands into Liquid Chromatography

2016

Oxy Combustion Test Facility  
Design – Construct – Operate  
Demonstrate auto-combustion



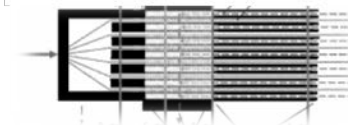
2017

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Patent - Notice  
of Allowance

Counter Current Heat  
Exchanger/Reactor



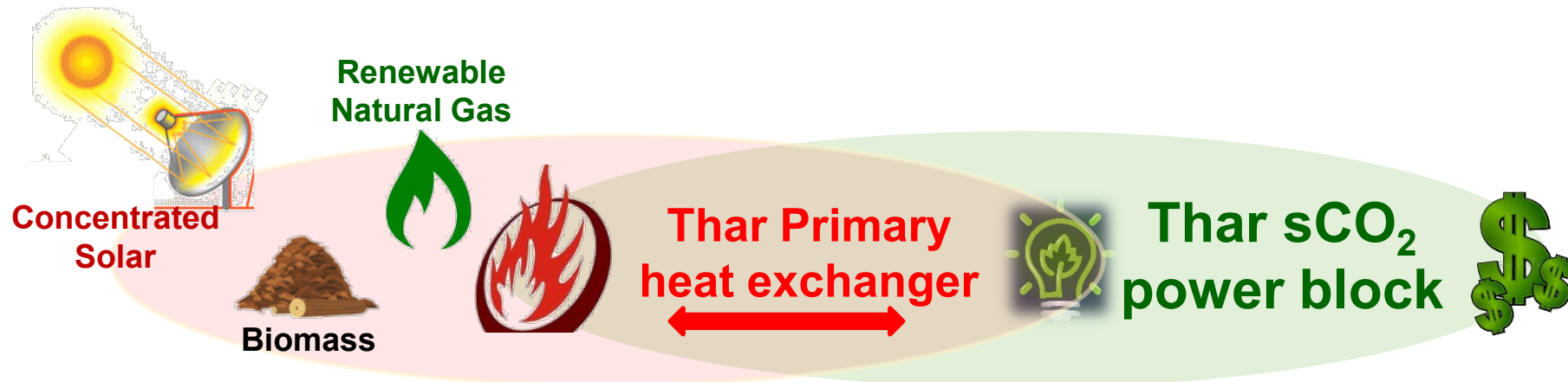
Thar  
Pharmaceuticals

sold to



Thar is interested in commercializing <1 MWe, recuperator sCO<sub>2</sub> power systems, that efficiently converts **heat** to electricity and **hot water/steam**

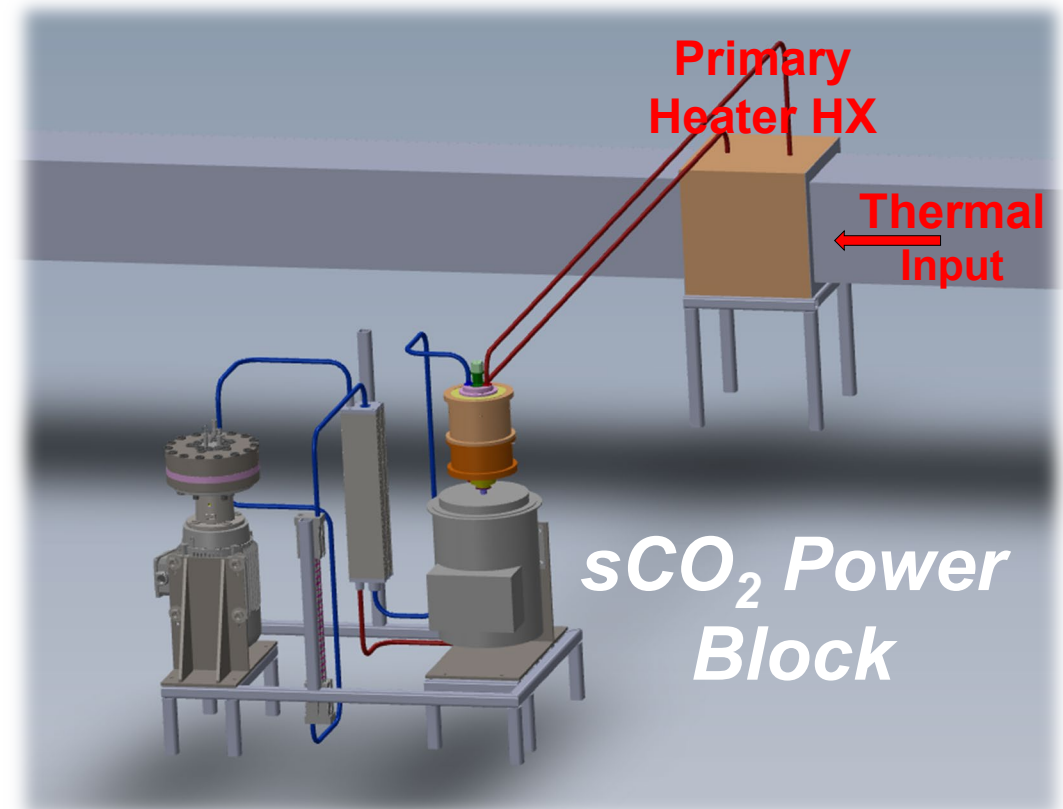
## ARPAe HITEMMP Project



***You bring the heat!*** We provide the power!

## sCO<sub>2</sub> Recuperated Power Block

- **Thar Energy's CHP sCO<sub>2</sub> Power Block is designed to be efficient, modular, compact and competitively priced**
  - **Electrical cycle efficiency: > 45%**
  - **CHP Efficiency: > 70%**
  - **Low cost of ownership**
  - **Reduced environmental impact**
- **Systems sized from 25 kW to < 1 MW electric capacity**
- **Fuel source agnostic**
- **Load following**
- **Able to integrate with existing burner systems**



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## Heat Exchangers are key to making sustainable electricity *Efficient & Economical*

*Thar Energy provides a range of compact heat exchangers*

- **Recuperators**
- **Primary Heater**
- **Gas Coolers**
- **Water Coolers**

**Optimized material use**

- **Aluminum**
- **Stainless Steels**
- **Nickel Super Alloys**

**Proven design flexibility to optimize performance/cost metrics**

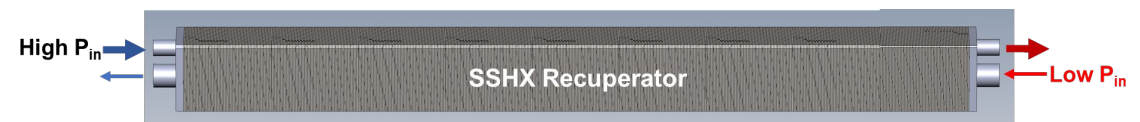
**SSHX Recuperator**  
*meets/exceeds STEP criteria*

**APPA-E**  
*project goals*

| Criteria              | S.T.E.P. State of Art Target | Thar SSHX Recuperator | ARPA-E Category A Target | Thar Project Goals |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Thermal Effectiveness | 97%                          | ✓                     | ≥ 80%                    | > 95%              |
| Temperature Limit     | 577°C                        | ✓                     | ≥ 800°C                  | > 800°C            |
| Low Pressure          | 85 bar                       | ✓                     | ≥ 80 bar                 | ≥ 80 bar           |
| High Pressure         | 255 bar                      | ✓                     | ≥ 250 bar                | ≥ 300 bar          |
| Pressure Loss         | $\Delta P_h < 1.5\%$         | ✓                     | $\Delta P_h < 2\%$       | $\Delta P_h < 2\%$ |
|                       | $\Delta P_c < 0.6\%$         | ✓                     | $\Delta P_c < 2\%$       | $\Delta P_c < 2\%$ |
| Cost                  | < \$100 / kWt                | ✓                     | \$2000/UA                | < \$1000/UA        |

**347H Stainless  
Inconel 625**

**$\gamma'$  strengthened  
Nickel Super-alloys**

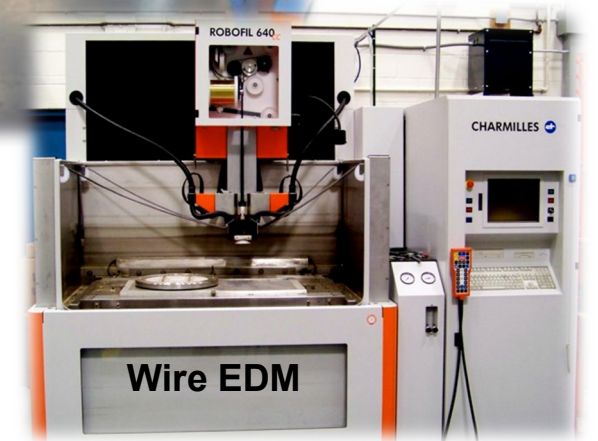
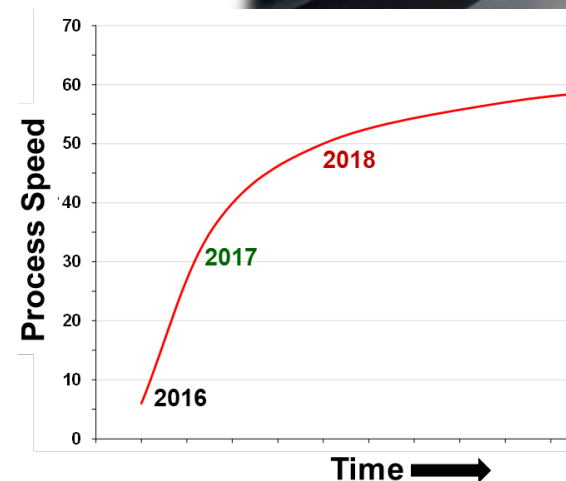
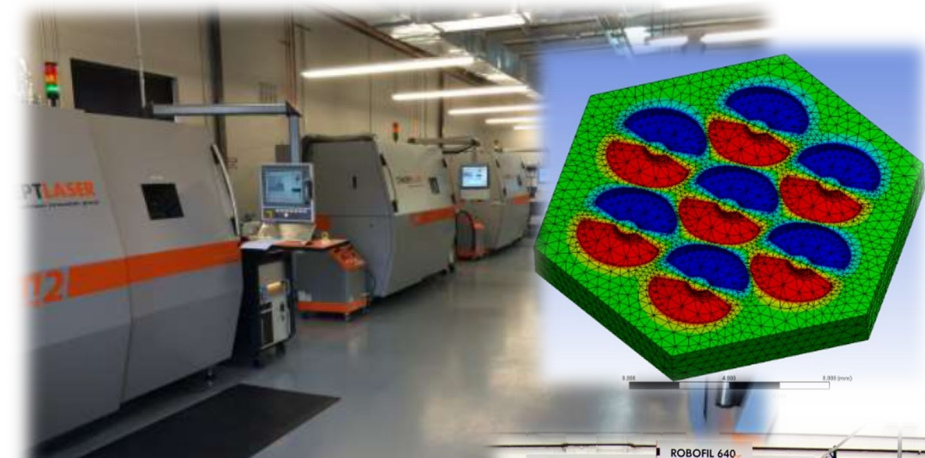


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Manufacturing technologies are advancing as a rapid pace

***Subtractive Manufacturing***  
***Additive Manufacturing***  
***QA/QC Methods***

- Laser cutting
- Laser welding
- Water jet cutting
- 3D metals printing
- Electrochemical etching
- Electrochemical machining (ECM)
- Electro discharge machining (EDM)
- EDM wire cutting
- Sheet bending/forming
- Metal plating
- Stamping
- Brazing
- Welding
- Diffusion bonding



## Summary

*The future is hopeful!*

*Thank you for your kind attention!*

Questions?

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