



SCO₂ BRAYTON CYCLE FOR RETROFITTING EXISTING STEAM POWER UNIT

**A GOOD WAY TO PUSH INDUSTRIAL
SCALE DEMO PROJECT**

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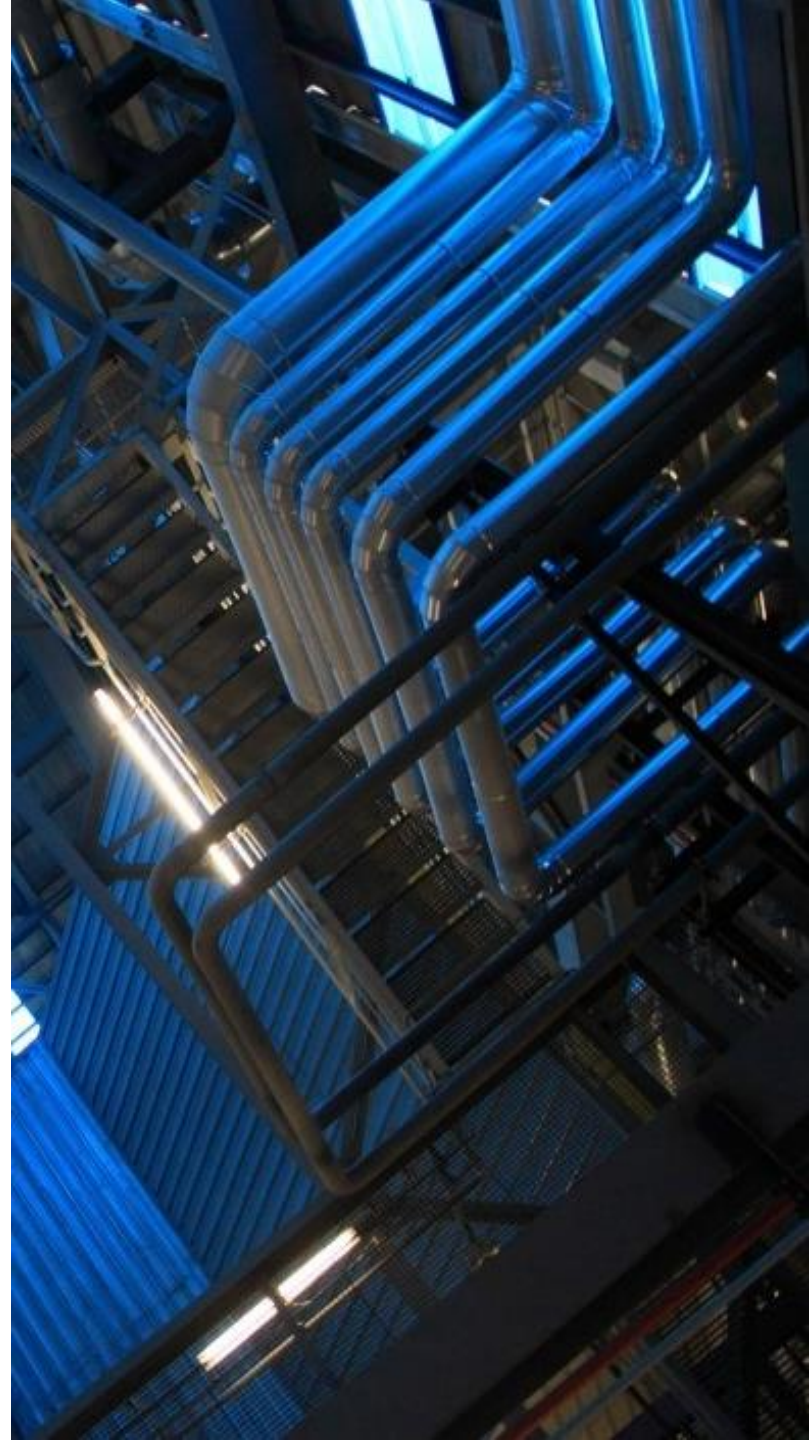
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SUPERCRITICAL CO₂ BRAYTON CYCLE

WHY IS IT INTERESTING ?

CO₂ turbomachinery and cycle

- High efficiency (better than steam above 550°C)
- High compacity
- Convenient thermo-physical properties

CO₂ physical properties

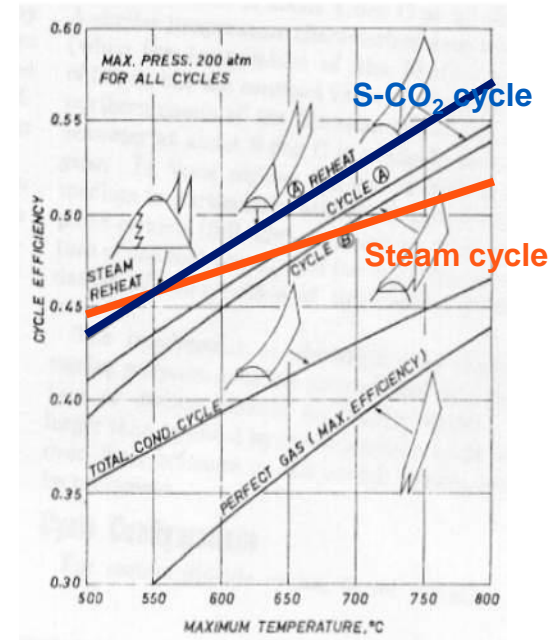
- Abundant and inexpensive
- Chemically inert & non toxic
- Non flammable
- Very well characterized

In-direct fired Multi-purpose cycle

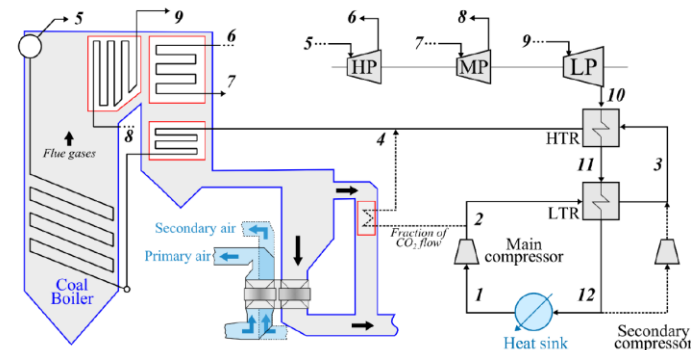
- Fossil-fired
- Nuclear
- CSP, geothermal, waste heat

Some drawbacks

- Low technology maturity
- Corrosive above 500°C



Carbon Dioxide Condensation Cycles for Power Production
G. Angelino,



Coal-fired power plant with CO₂ Brayton cycle (Mecheri, 2016)

RETROFITTING STEAM UNIT

WHY CONSIDER RETROFITTING?

Current stage with CO₂ cycle

- Ready for pre-industrial demonstration
- High key equipment cost (Boiler, PCHE)
- Lack of incentive to push the technology development

Retrofitting steam units with CO₂ topping cycle

- Reduce cost of the key equipment
- Reduce construction cost and length
- Add incentive to the technology development
- Fast way to up-size the demonstration project

Analysis of the effect of SCO₂ retrofit steam units

- Overall net plant efficiency change after retrofitting



Fusion-bonded printed heat exchanger



A 1GW Ultra-supercritical power plant

CONTENT OF STUDY

METHODOLOGY

Simulation tool

- Commercial process simulation software

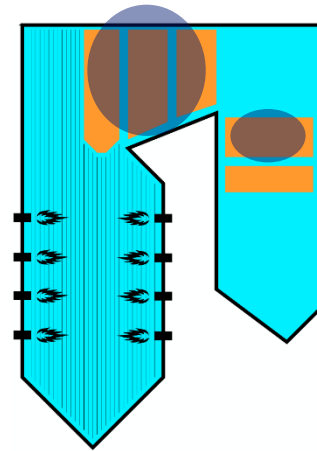


Reference plant

- A state of the art steam cycle (600°C, 24.6 MPa)
- Net cycle efficiency: 43.6%

Key assumptions (Steam part)

- Suspended heat exchanger & reheater parts replaced by CO₂ superheaters
- Boiler at full load operating condition
- Derated steam cycle, at a minimum 60% of full load with reduced Max T and P
- Turbine design unchanged
- Combustion air T: 300°C
- Flue gas boiler outlet T: 320°C



Retrofitted parts of the boiler

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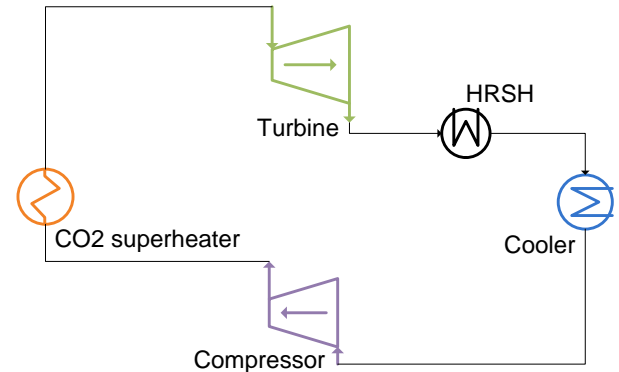
- Max Operating condition 700°C, 20 MPa
- Lowest pressure and temperature in the cycle remain above the CO₂ critical point (74bar and 35°C)

SCO₂ cycles

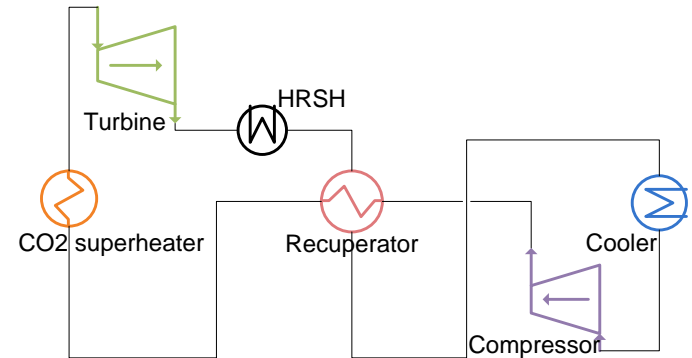
- Simple
- Recuperated
- Recompression Part-flow

Cycle integration

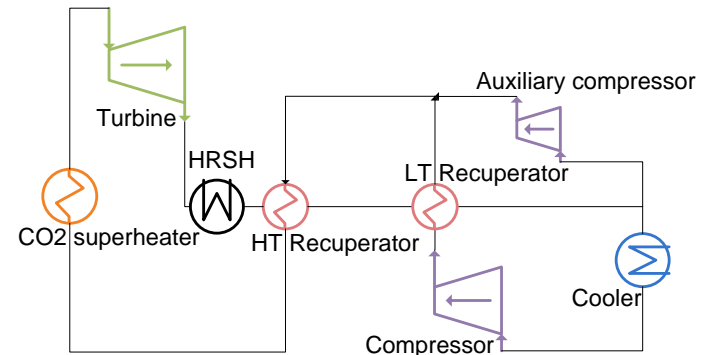
- Steam-CO₂ HRSH



Simple Brayton cycle



Recuperated SCO₂ cycle



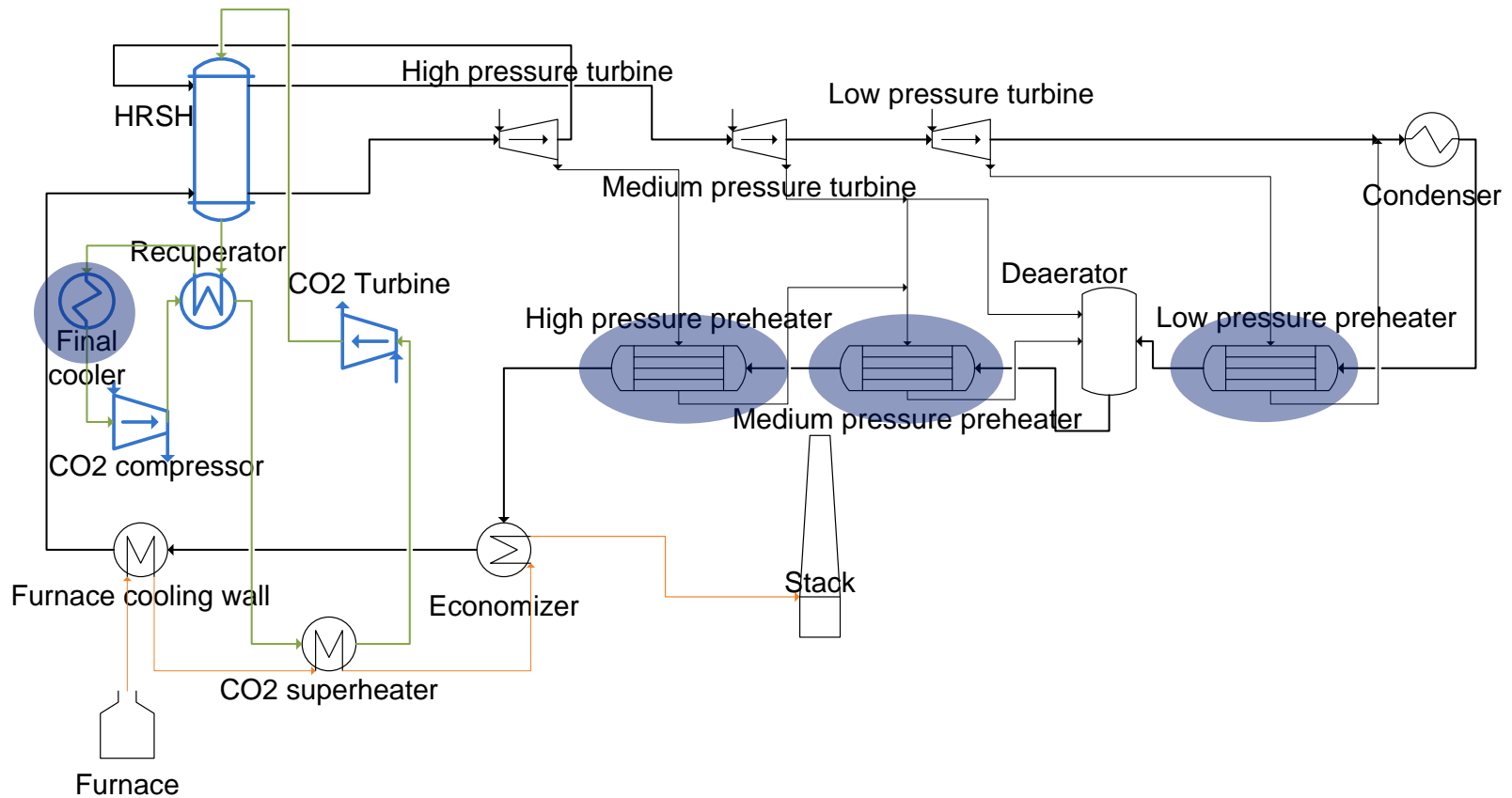
Recompression part-flow CO₂ cycle

CONTENT OF STUDY

METHODOLOGY

Cycle integration (continued)

- Other heat integrations options explored



RESULTS & DISCUSSION

■ 9 selected cases

| Cycle type | Description |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Recuperated cases | |
| Case 1 | Standard recuperated cases |
| Case 2 | Part of the LP preheater is heated by the CO2 stream instead by the turbine bleeding |
| Case 3 | HP, MP and LP heaters are heated by the CO2 stream instead by the turbine bleeding. |
| Simple SCO2 cycle | |
| Case 4 | Standard Simple SCO2 cycle without the CO2 final cooler |
| Case 5 | Standard Simple SCO2 cycle without the CO2 final cooler with higher air inlet Temperature |
| Case 6 | Standard Simple SCO2 cycle without the CO2 final cooler with higher CO ₂ operating pressure |
| Case 7 | HP, MP and LP heaters are heated by the CO2 stream instead by the turbine bleeding. The CO2 final cool is also removed |
| Recompression "part-flow" loop | |
| Case 8 | Standard Recompression "part-flow" loop |
| Case 9 | Part of the LP preheater is heated by the CO2 stream instead by the turbine bleeding |

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RECUPERATED CYCLE

■ Case 1

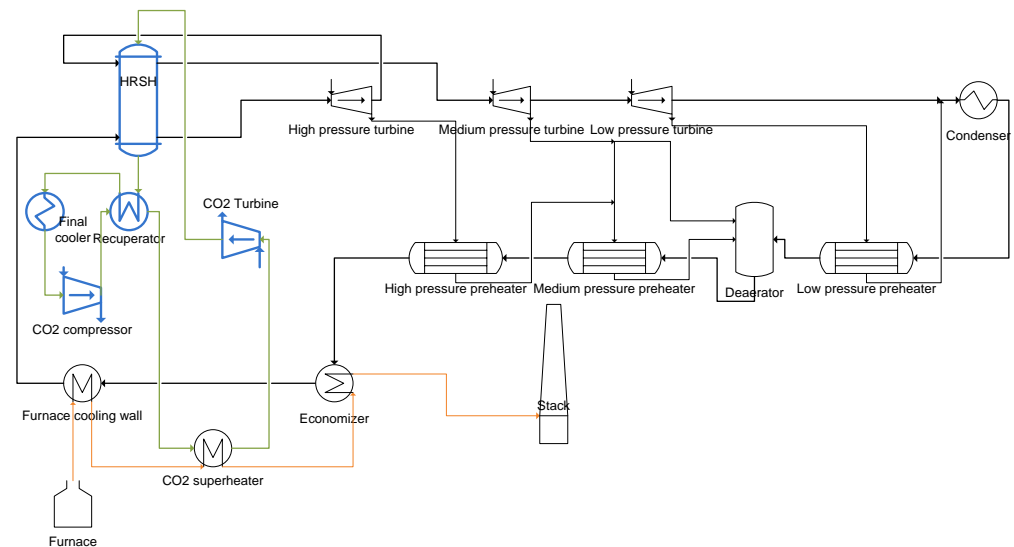
- ~60% steam cycle loading
- HRSH outlet T 520°C
- 41.09% net cycle efficiency
- - 2.52% pt

■ Case 2

- Heat integration at LP heater
- 41.21% net cycle efficiency
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■ Case 3

- No turbine bleeding
- 43.66% net cycle efficiency
- +0.05% pt



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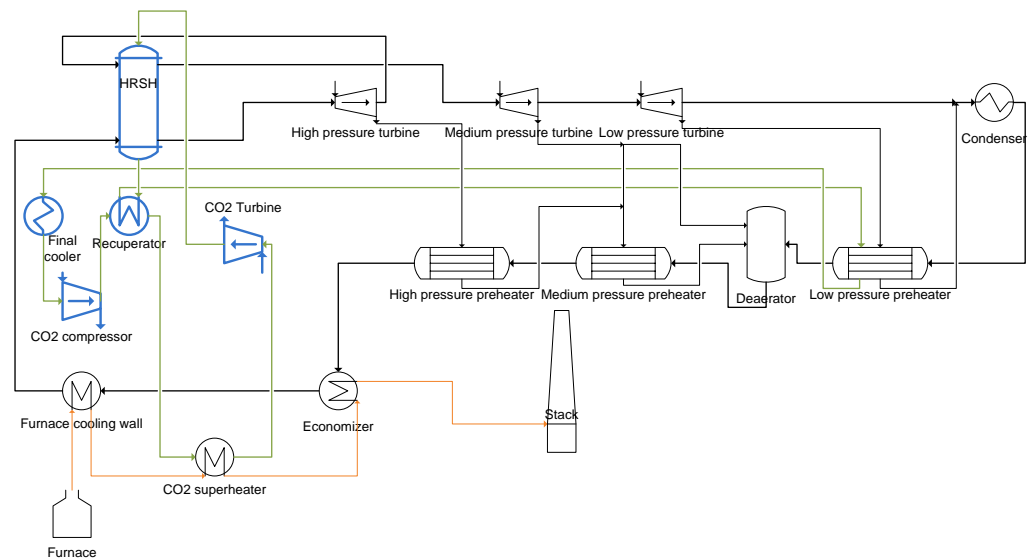
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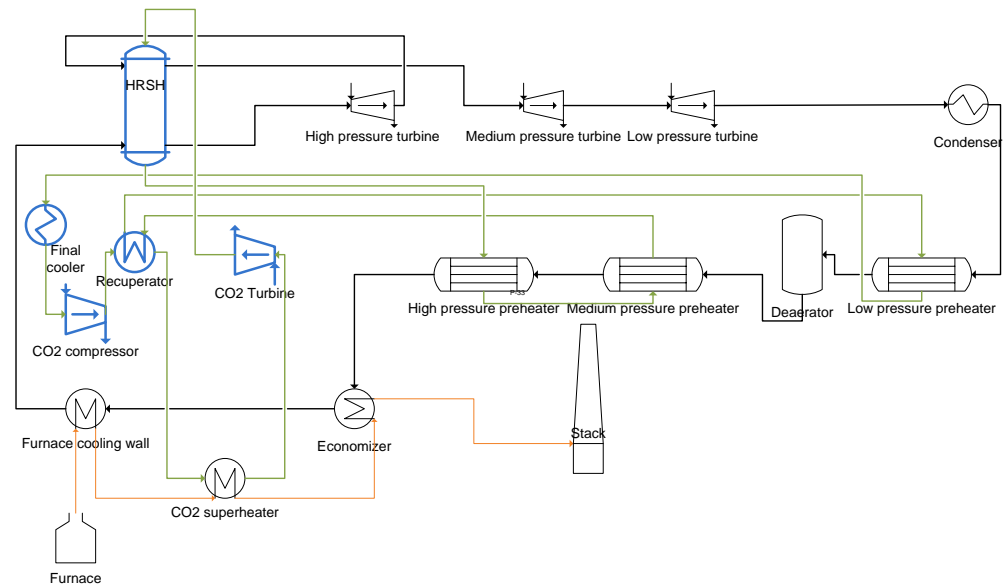
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SIMPLE SCO₂ CYCLE

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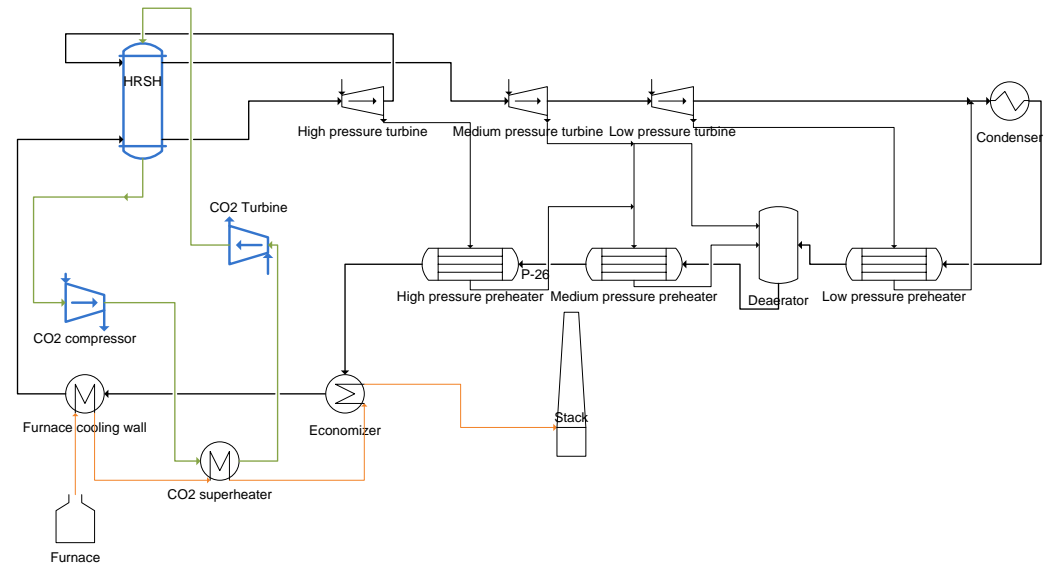
- Over 90% steam cycle loading
- HRSH outlet T ~340°C
- 44.77% net cycle efficiency
- +1.16% pt

■ Case 5

- Increased combustion air T
- 46.74% net cycle efficiency
- +2.40% pt

■ Case 6

- Increased CO₂ operating P
- 44.21% net cycle efficiency
- +0.60% pt

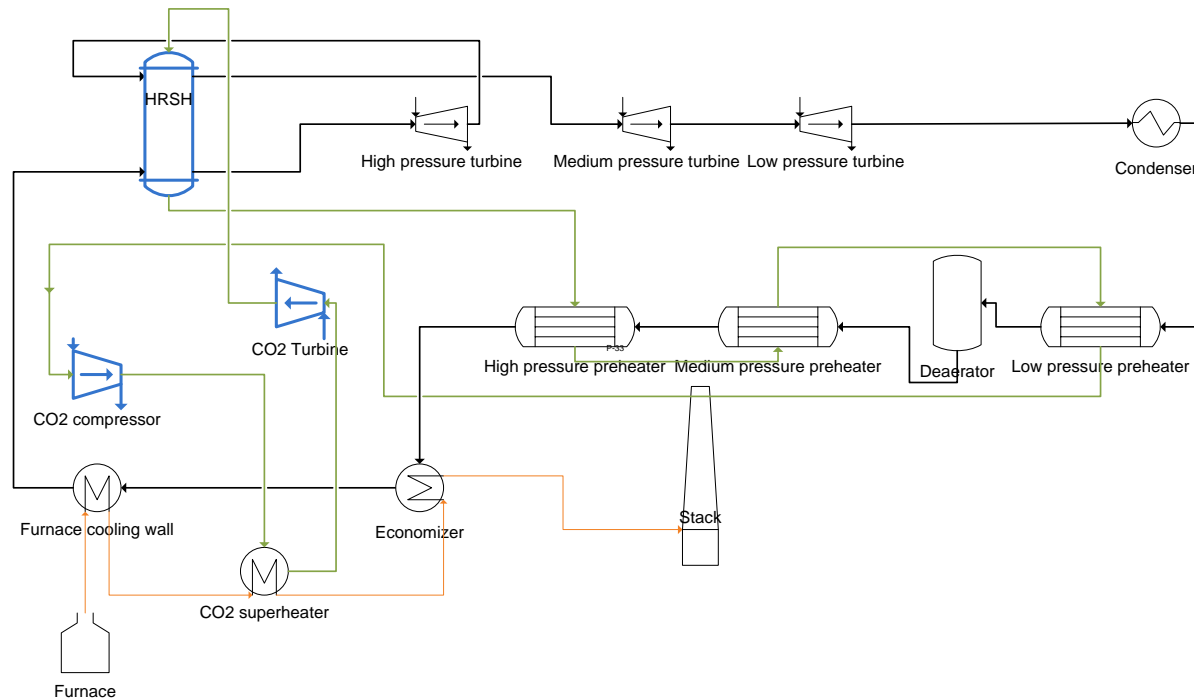


RESULTS & DISCUSSION

SIMPLE CO₂ CYCLE

■ Case 7

- No turbine bleeding
- 42.02% net cycle efficiency
- - 1.59% pt



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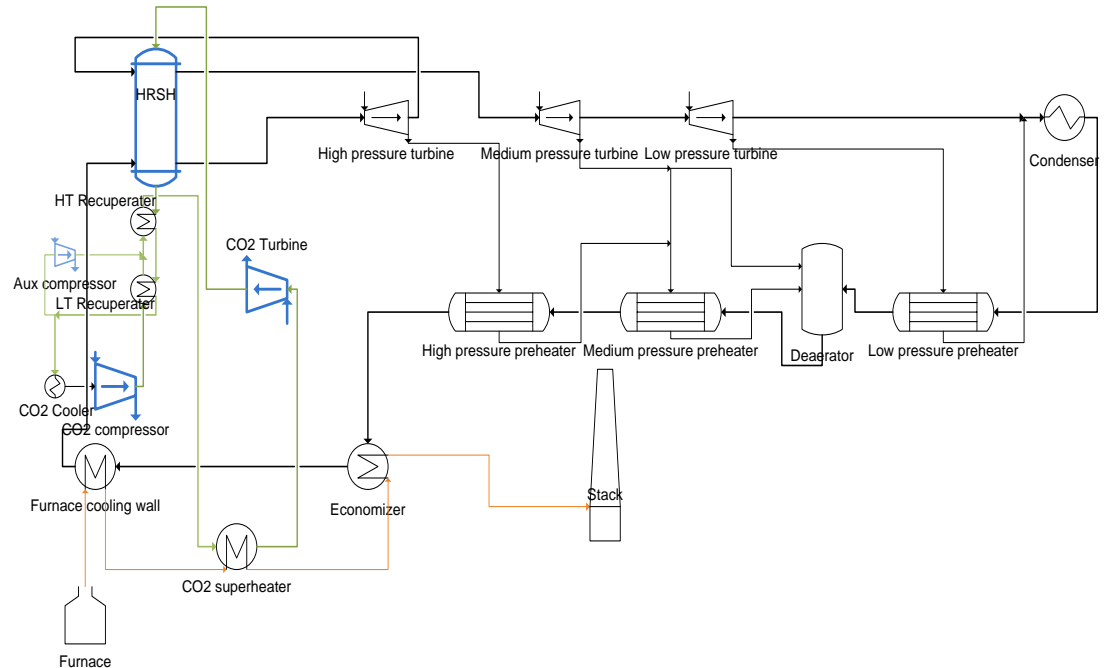
RECOMPRESSION PART FLOW CO₂ CYCLE

■ Case 8

- ~60% steam cycle loading
- 33% split ratio
- 43.16% net cycle efficiency
- - 0.45% pt

■ Case 9

- Heat integration in LP heater
- Reduced HRSH outlet T
- 33% split ratio
- 42.26% net cycle efficiency
- - 1.35% pt



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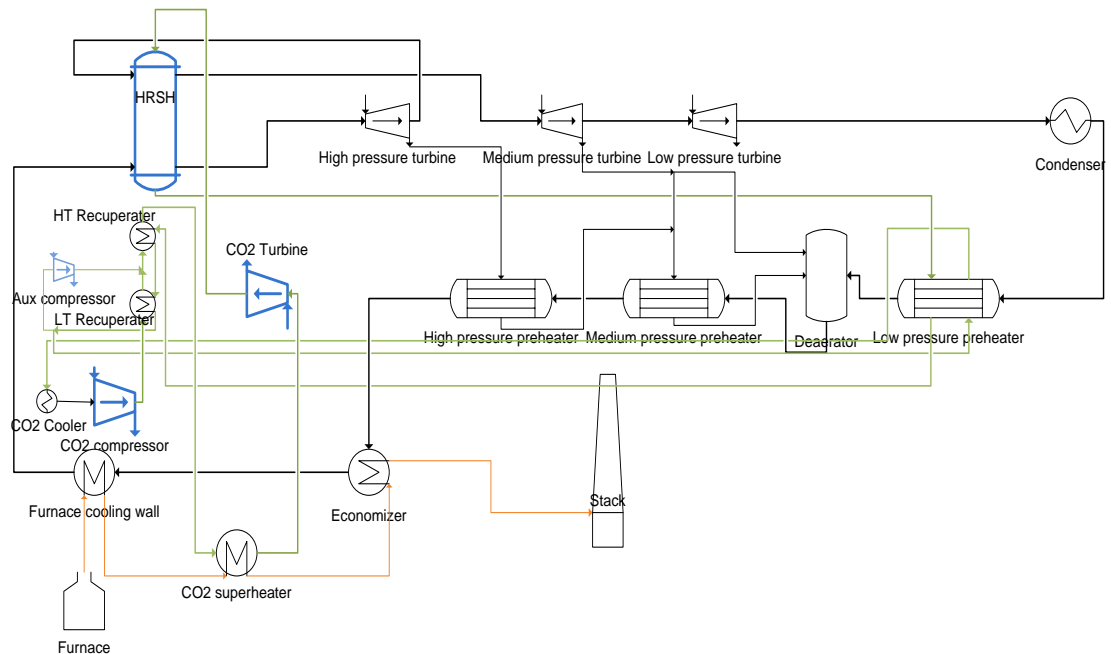
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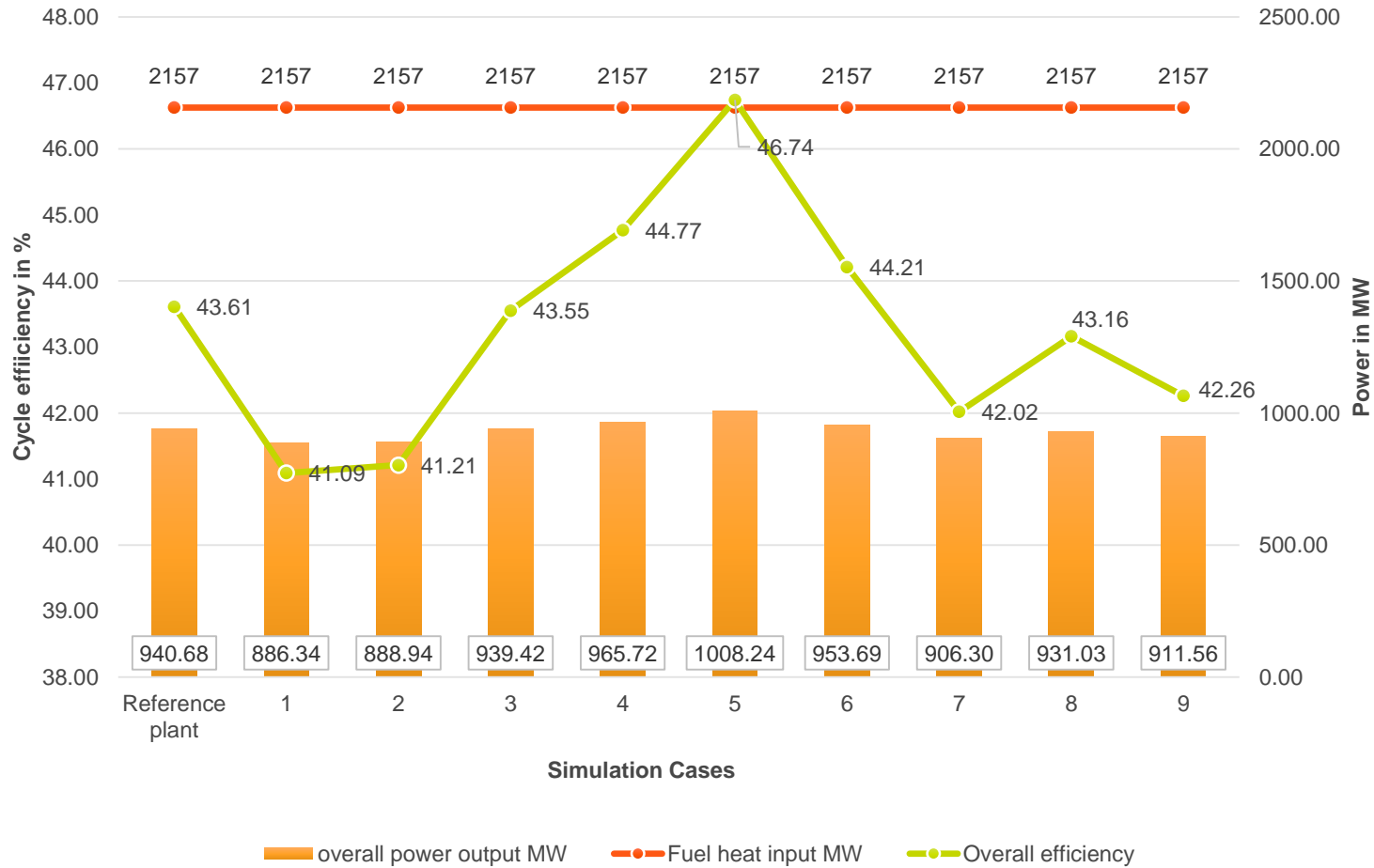
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SUMMARY

Result Summary



CONCLUSION

RETROFFITING STEAM UNIT WITH SCO_2 TOPPING CYCLE

No significant efficiency boost with USC unit

- Most promising case +0.05% pt
- Possible more significant gain with older units
- Efficiency boost with better cycle optimization

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|----------------------|-------|
| Overall power output | 235MW |
| Turbine | 46MW |
| HRSR | 112MW |
| Recuperator | 41MW |

Key equipment size for 250MW retrofits

Industrial scale SCO_2 demo through retrofitting is feasible

- Easy modification on the existing boiler
- Low impact on the steam cycle operation
- Small key equipment to be hosted
- Reduce construction period and cost

THANK YOU

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| CASE NUMBER | UNITS | REFERENCE | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| PLANT | | | | | |
| STEAM FLOW RATE | T/h | 2680 | 1610 | 1612 | 1799 |
| CO2 FLOW RATE | kg/s | 0 | 2910 | 2915 | 1500 |
| FUEL HEAT INPUT | MW | 2157 | 2157 | 2157 | 2157 |
| TOTAL HEAT ABSORBED | MW | 1993 | 1992 | 1992 | 1993 |
| HRSH OUTLET TEMPERATURE | °C | N/A | 520 | 520 | 350 |
| WATER WALL OUTLET TEMPERATURE | °C | 396 | 515 | 515 | 399 |
| STEAM CYCLE OUTPUT | MW | 981 | 590 | 590 | 809 |
| CONDENSER POWER | MW | 1015 | 677 | 720 | 1031 |
| STEAM CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | 43.61 | 45.76 | 44.19 | 42.04 |
| CO2 TURBINE OUTPUT | MW | N/A | 358 | 360 | 185 |
| CO2 COMPRESSOR CONSUMPTION | MW | N/A | 62 | 61 | 54 |
| CO2 FINAL COOLER DUTY | MW | N/A | 430 | 384.6 | 16 |
| CO2 CYCLE NET OUTPUT | MW | N/A | 297 | 299 | 131 |
| CO2 CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | N/A | 40.75 | 43.73 | 88.85 |
| OVERALL NET POWER OUTPUT | MW | 941 | 886 | 889 | 942 |
| OVERALL CYCLE NET EFFICIENCY | % | 43.61 | 41.09 | 41.21 | 43.66 |
| GAIN IN EFFICIENCY POINTS | | | 2.52 | 2.40 | 0.05 |



| CASE NUMBER | UNITS | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| STEAM FLOW RATE | t/h | 2650 | 2775 | 2570 | 1690 |
| CO2 FLOW RATE | kg/s | 3120 | 3120 | 3150 | 1505 |
| FUEL HEAT INPUT | MW | 2157 | 2157 | 2157 | 2157 |
| TOTAL HEAT ABSORBED | MW | 1992 | 2083 | 1992 | 1991 |
| HRSH OUTLET TEMPERATURE | °C | 340 | 340 | 350 | 317 |
| WATER WALL OUTLET TEMPERATURE | °C | 399 | 405 | 365 | 397 |
| STEAM CYCLE OUTPUT | MW | 919 | 961 | 911 | 778 |
| CONDENSER POWER | MW | 1028 | 1075 | 1040 | 1008 |
| STEAM CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | 46.41 | 46.39 | 45.42 | 39.15 |
| CO2 TURBINE OUTPUT | MW | 386 | 386 | 395 | 186 |
| CO2 COMPRESSOR CONSUMPTION | MW | 339 | 339 | 352 | 58 |
| CO2 FINAL COOLER DUTY | MW | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| CO2 CYCLE NET OUTPUT | MW | 46.9 | 46.9 | 43.0 | 128 |
| CO2 CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | 94.75 | 96.90 | 98.40 | 99.55 |
| OVERALL NET POWER OUTPUT | MW | 966 | 1008 | 954 | 906 |
| OVERALL CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | 44.77 | 46.74 | 44.21 | 42.02 |
| GAIN IN EFFICIENCY POINTS | | 1.16 | 3.13 | 0.60 | -1.59 |

| CASE NUMBER | UNITS | 8 | 9 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| STEAM FLOW RATE | t/h | 1720 | 1720 |
| CO2 FLOW RATE | kg/s | 2220 | 1800 |
| FUEL HEAT INPUT | MW | 2157 | 2157 |
| TOTAL HEAT ABSORBED | MW | 1992 | 1993 |
| WATER WALL OUTLET TEMPERATURE | °C | 501 | 504 |
| STEAM CYCLE OUTPUT | MW | 618 | 658 |
| CONDENSER POWER | MW | 732 | 865 |
| STEAM CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | 46.02 | 47.99 |
| CO2 TURBINE OUTPUT | MW | 410 | 332 |
| CO2 COMPRESSOR CONSUMPTION | MW | 97 | 79 |
| CO2 FINAL COOLER DUTY | MW | 329 | 217 |
| CO2 CYCLE NET OUTPUT | MW | 313 | 254 |
| CO2 CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | 48.83 | 53.11 |
| OVERALL NET POWER OUTPUT | MW | 931 | 912 |
| OVERALL CYCLE EFFICIENCY | % | 43.16 | 42.26 |
| GAIN IN EFFICIENCY POINTS | | -0.45 | -1.35 |