

Techno-economic Survey and Design of a Pilot Test Rig for a Trilateral Flash Cycle System in a Steel Production Plant

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Agenda

Opportunity

Technology

Application

Development

Results

The Opportunity

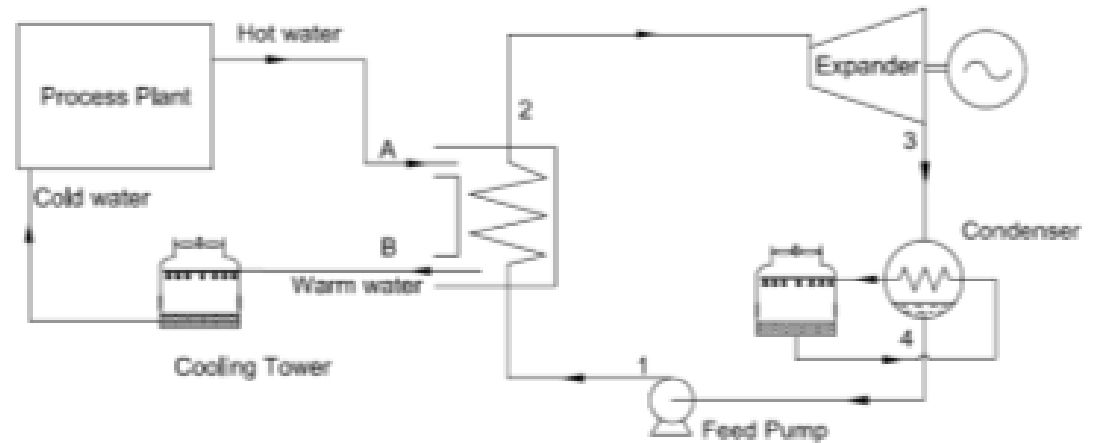
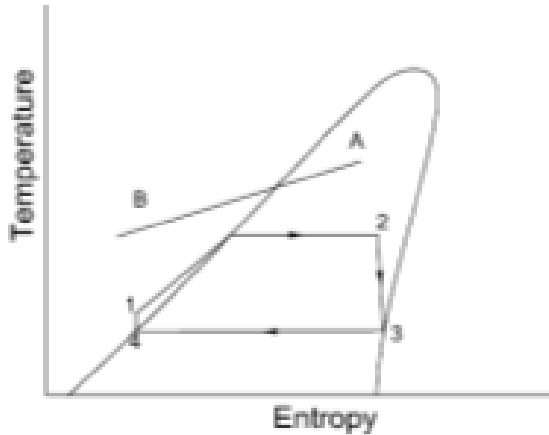
Potential Theoretical Global Waste Heat
estimated to be **68.2 TWh**

63% occurs below 100°C

Estimated heat recovery potential for industrial
sector lies in the region **10-20TWh** (36-71PJ)

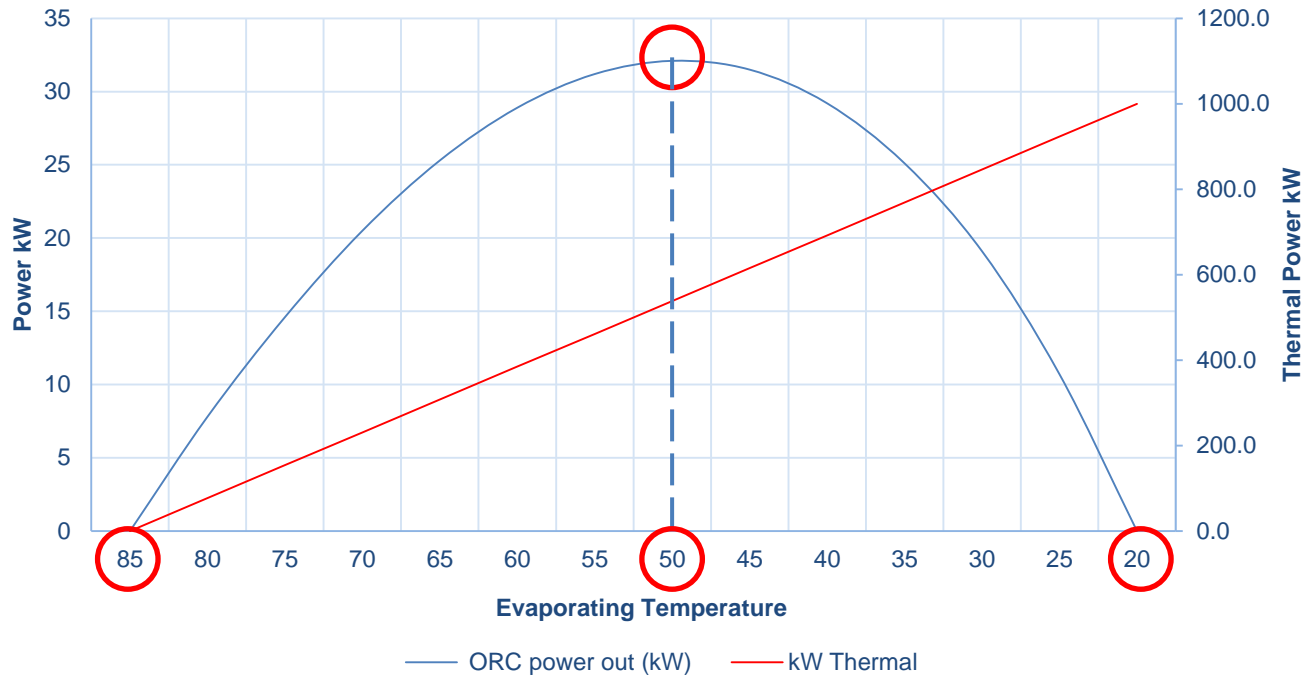
Largest heat recovery potential in
Iron and Steel

Existing Technology - ORC

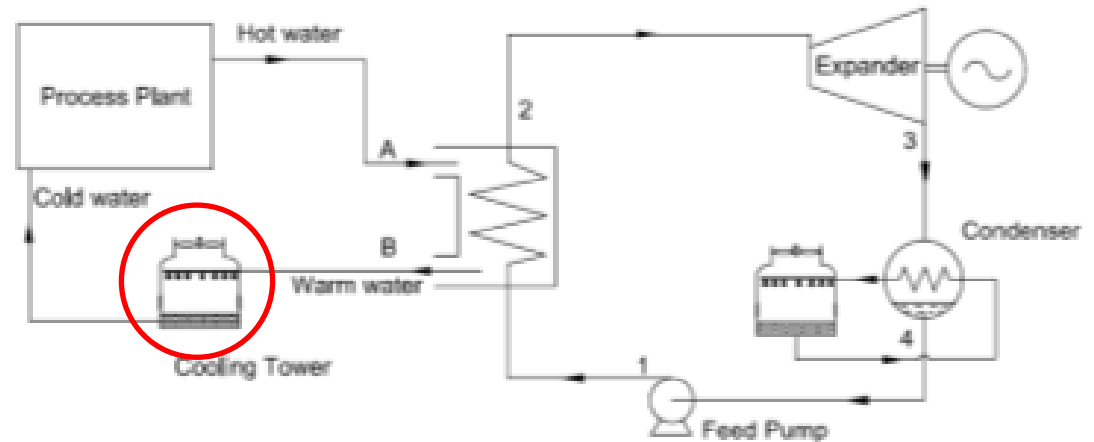
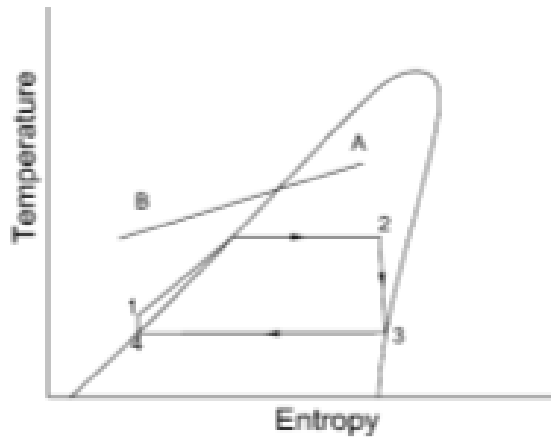


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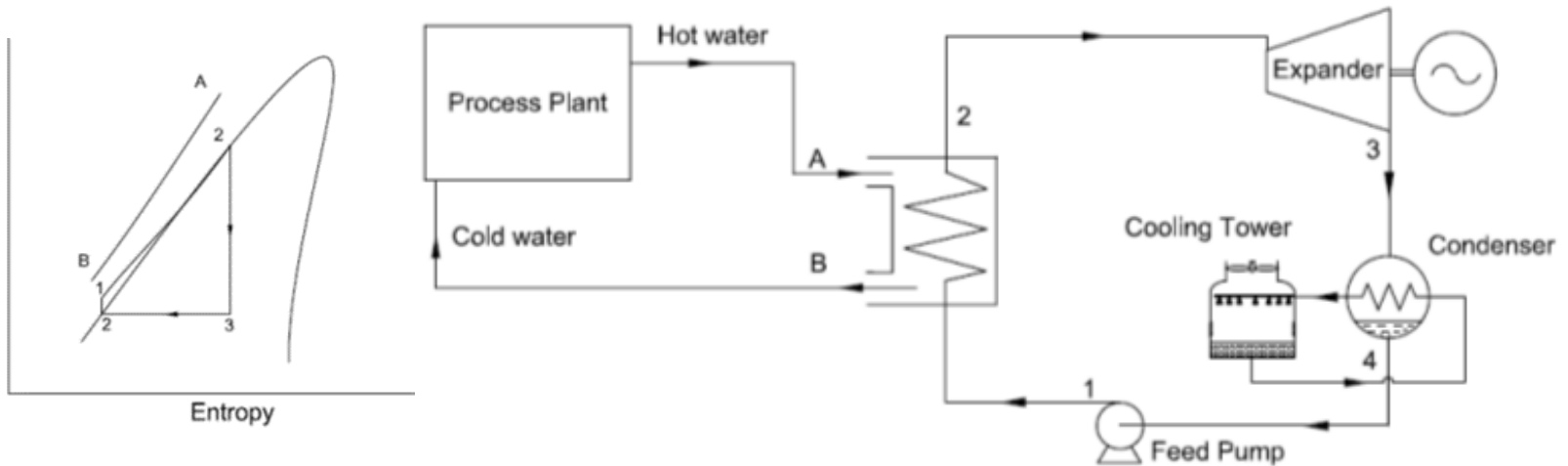
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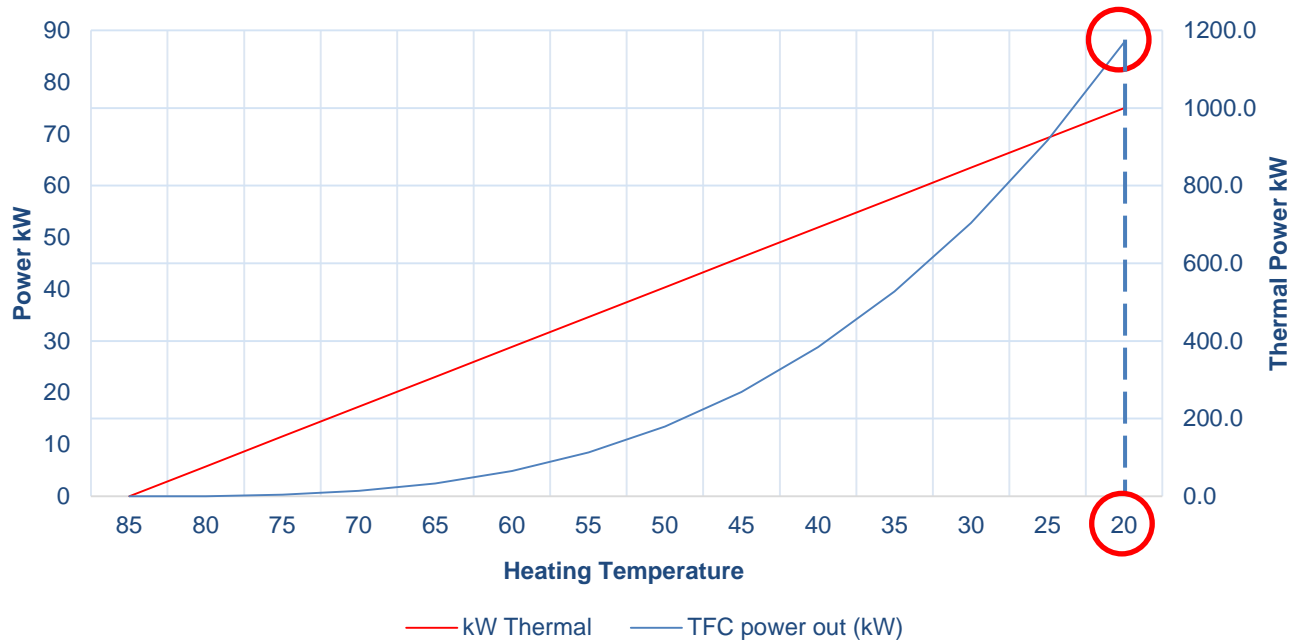


Trilateral Flash Cycle



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Tata Steel Application

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Tata Steel Heat Source A	33,820 (gas)	250	95	1478	7000	833
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✓ Typical Heat Recovery Opportunity
833+ MWh Potential Generation

✗ Large modifications required
Undesirable payback

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✓ Local cooling water available
Commercially attractive location
Opportunity for low-temp application

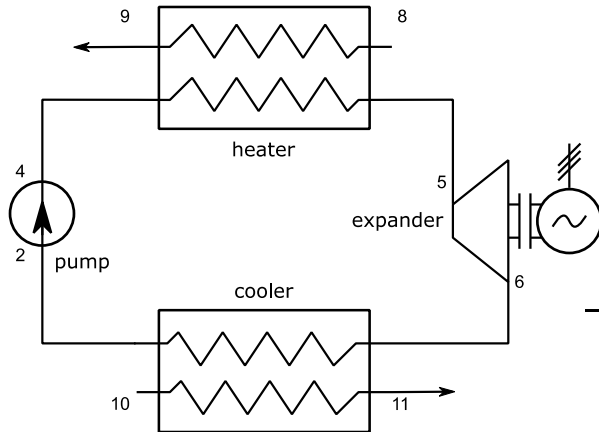
✗ Diversion of streams required
Currently unmetered

Tata Steel Design Specifics

Stream	Flowrate (kg/s)	Inlet Pressure (bara)	Outlet Pressure (bara)	Inlet Temperature (°C)	Outlet Temperature (°C)
Waste heat stream	10.39	4	3.5	70	24
Refrigerant stream	31.4	5.47	1.18	66	19
Condensing water stream	90.85	4	3.5	12	17

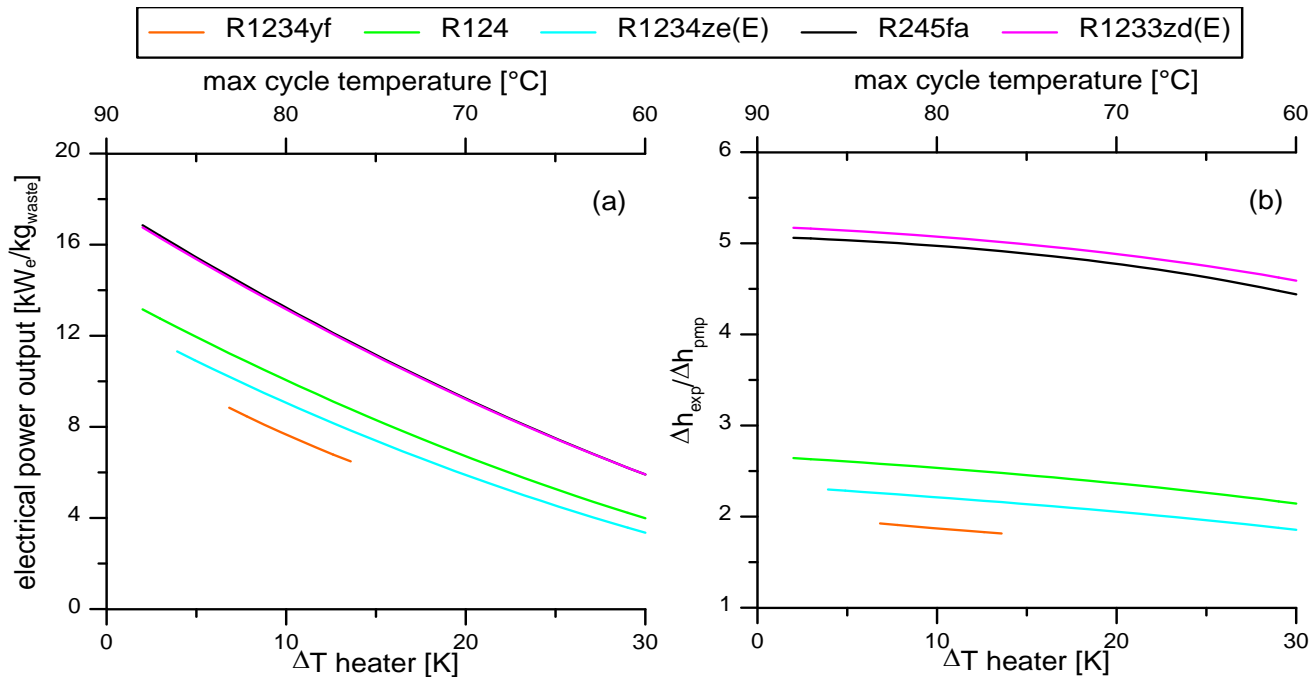
100kW Electrical Power Generation

Thermodynamic Modelling

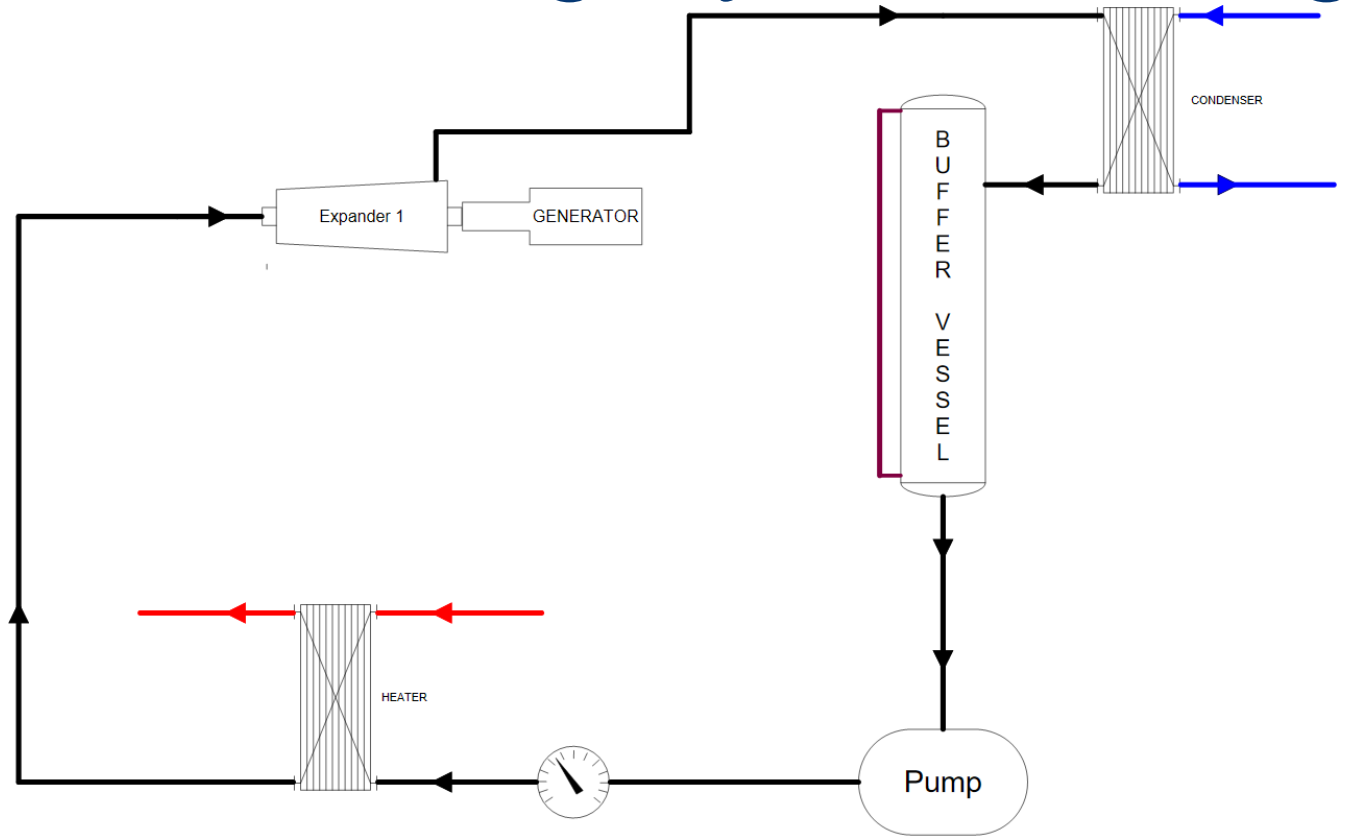


Heater	$\dot{m}_{hot} c_{p,hot} (T_8 - T_9) = \dot{m}_{wf} (h_B - h_A)$
Cooler	$\dot{m}_{cold} c_{p,cold} (T_{11} - T_{10}) = \dot{m}_{wf} (h_D - h_C)$
Pump	$\eta_{pmp} = (h_3 - h_2) / (h_4 - h_2)$
Expander	$\eta_{exp} = (h_5 - h_6) / (h_5 - h_7)$
Cycle efficiency	$\eta_{cy} = \frac{\dot{m}_{wf} ((h_5 - h_6) - (h_4 - h_2))}{\dot{m}_{hot} c_{p,hot} (T_8 - T_9)}$
Overall efficiency	$\eta_{tot} = \eta_{cy} \eta_{mech} \eta_{el}$

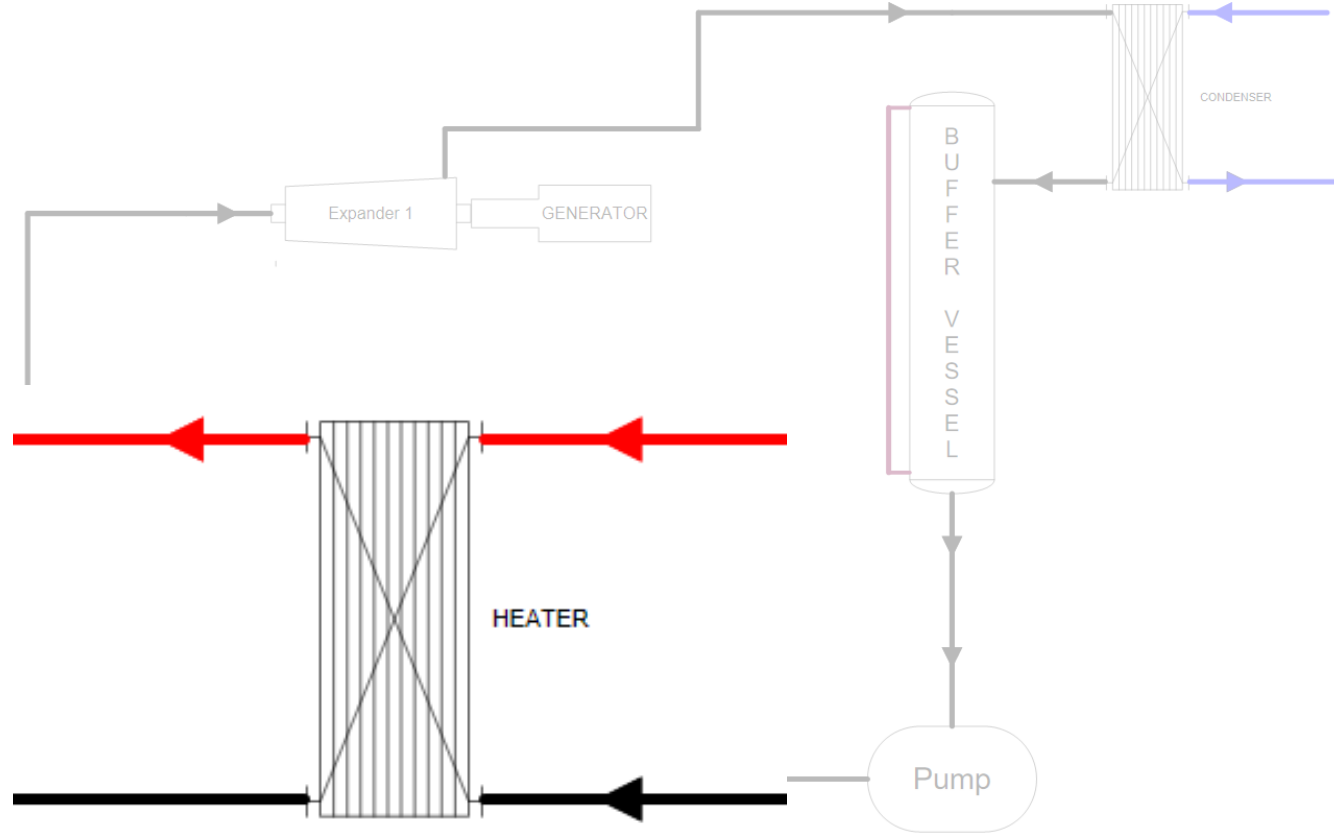
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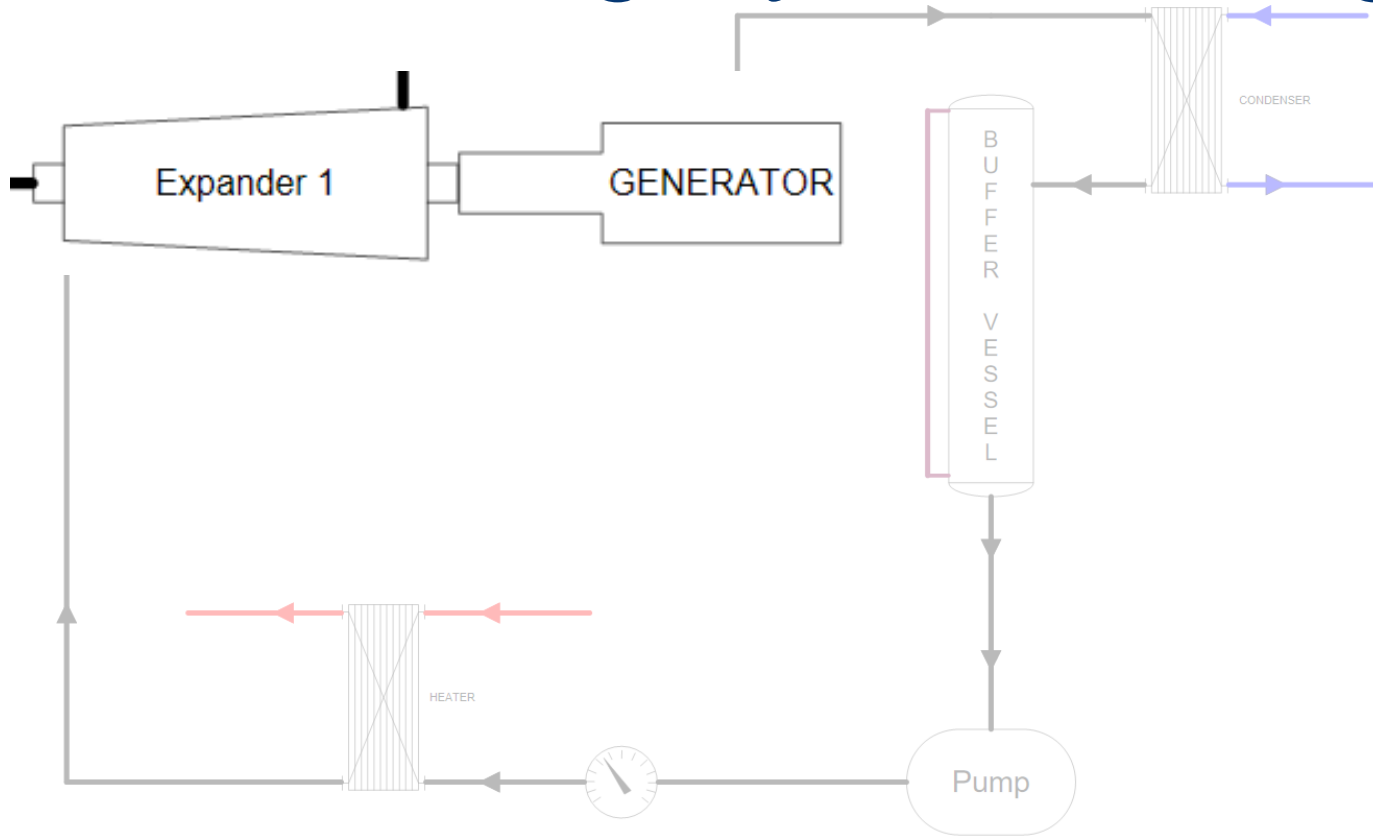
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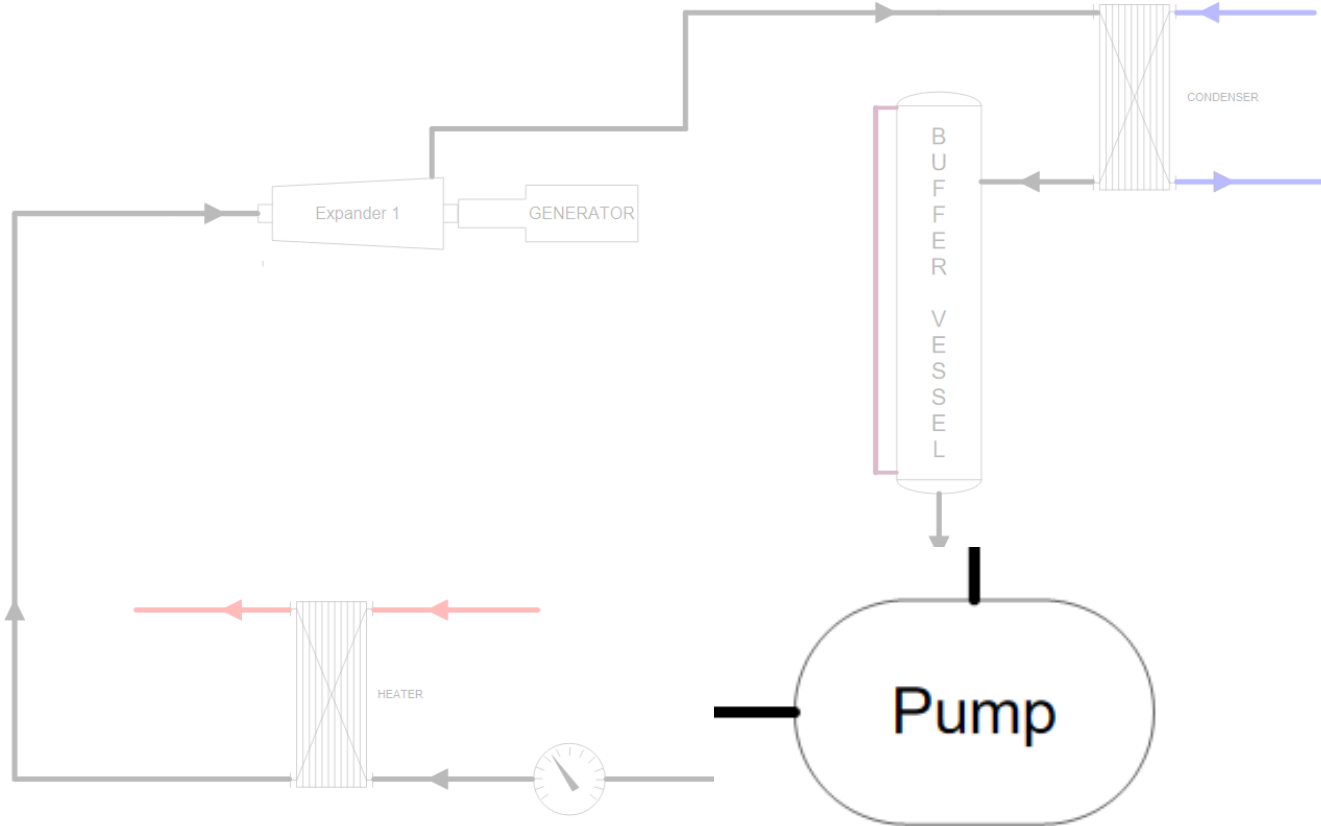
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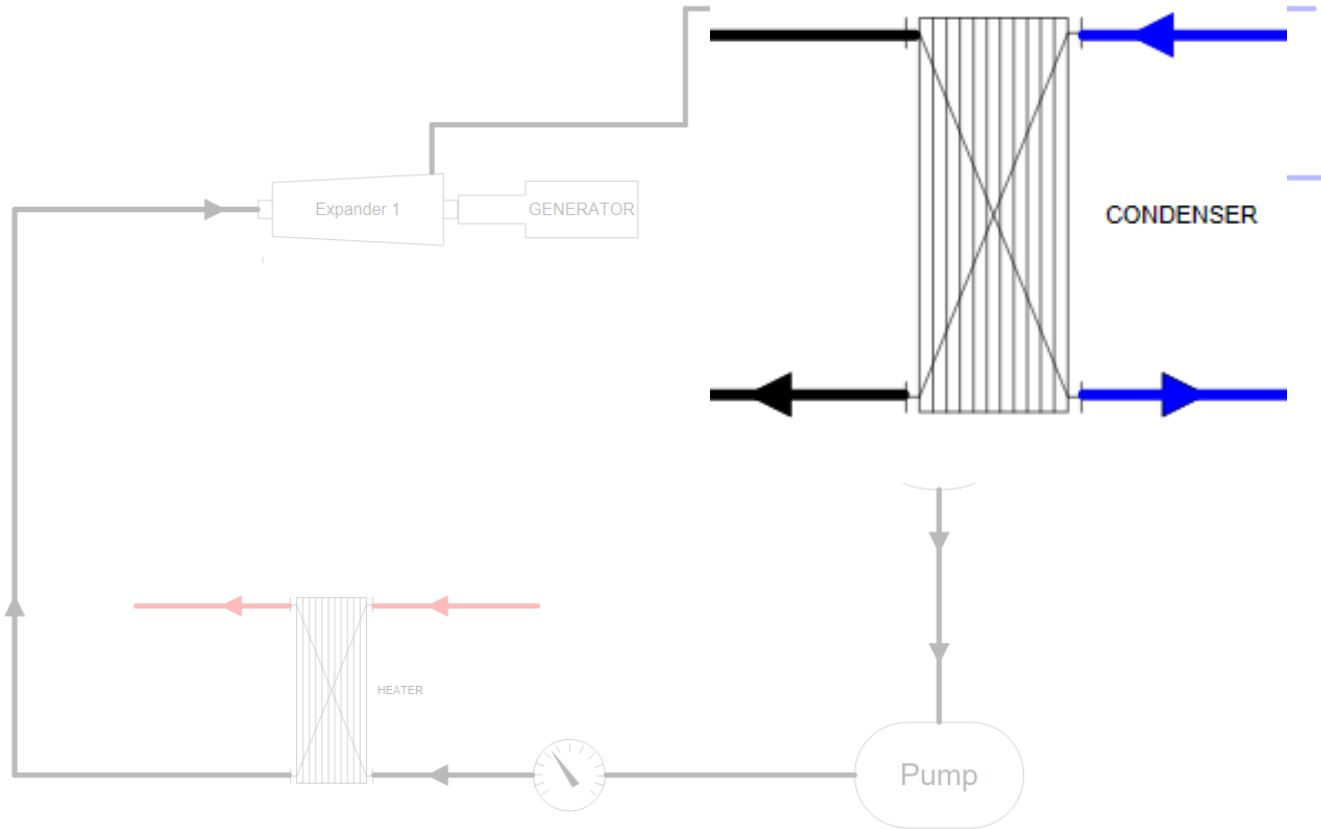
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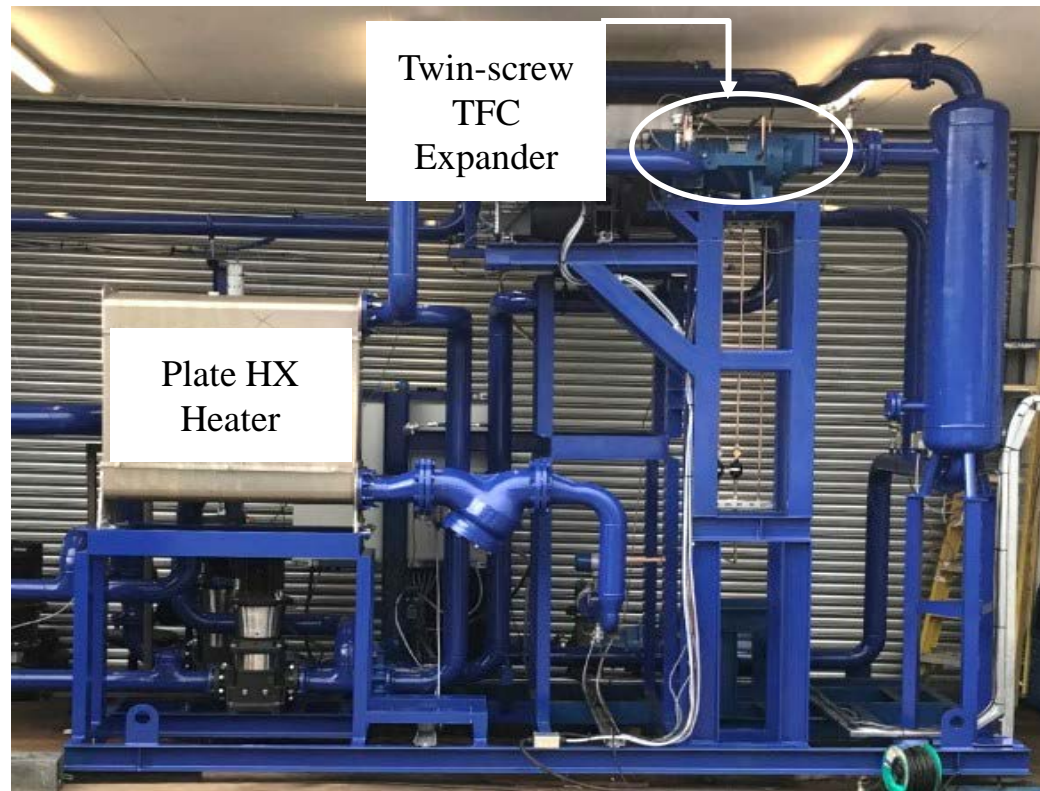
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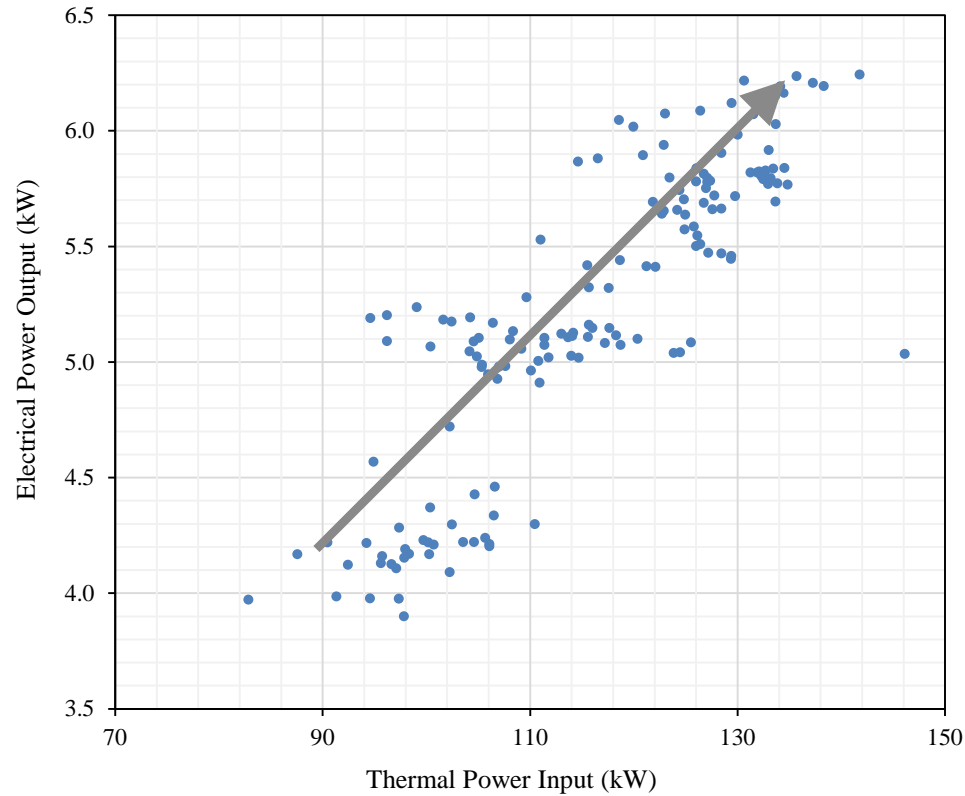
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Pilot Test Rig Development



Initial Testing



Conclusion

Thermodynamic model created

Commercial business cases reviewed and Tata Steel demonstration site chosen

TFC system designed, built and run successfully

Preliminary tests demonstrate ability to reach 6.2kW_e from 141.8kW_t

Limitation in the control system

Further development under I-ThERM