



# *Waste Heat Recovery Technology Overview*

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# Agenda



- ❖ What is Waste Heat Recovery (WHR)?
- ❖ WHR Applications
  - Exhaust heat electric power generation (ORC, steam)
  - Turboexpanders
  - Turbine inlet cooling – refrigeration cycle
  - Turbochargers
  - Preheating fuel (GT and recipis)
  - GT Regenerator
- ❖ Summary of Concepts



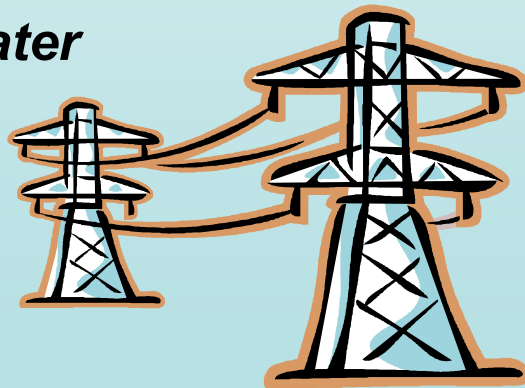
# *What is Waste Heat Recovery?*



- ❖ Using the remaining heat/thermal energy in the exhaust stream to create useful energy

## **Useful Energy**

- **Electricity**
- **Power/Torque**
- **Preheat**
- **Low Grade Steam**
- **Hot Water**

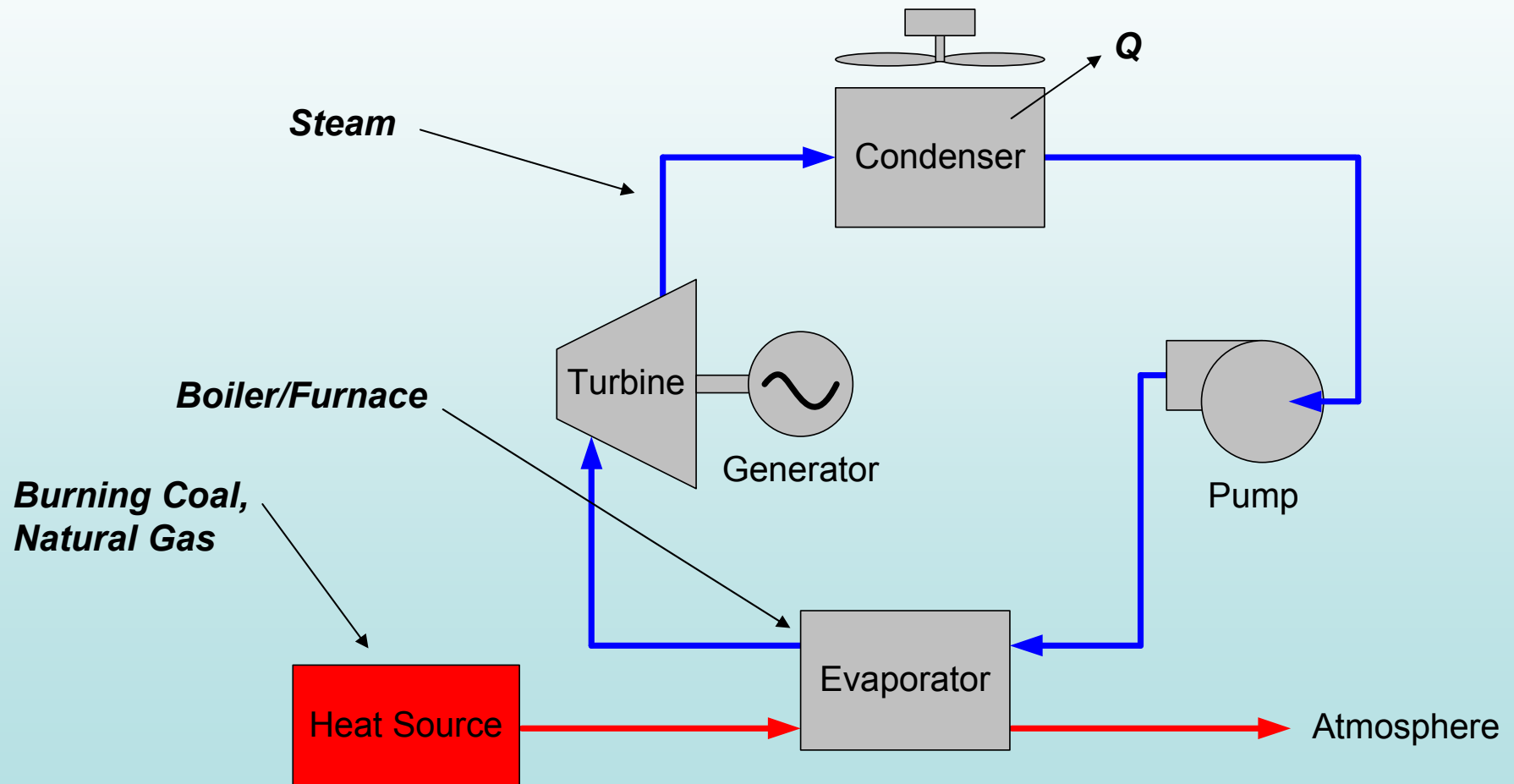


## **Common Heat Losses**

- **Gas Turbine Exhaust \***                      **72%**
- **IC Engine\***
  - **Exhaust**                                      **35%**
  - **Jacket Cooling**                              **18%**
  - **Lube Cooling**                              **20%**
- **IC Engine Total**                              **73%**

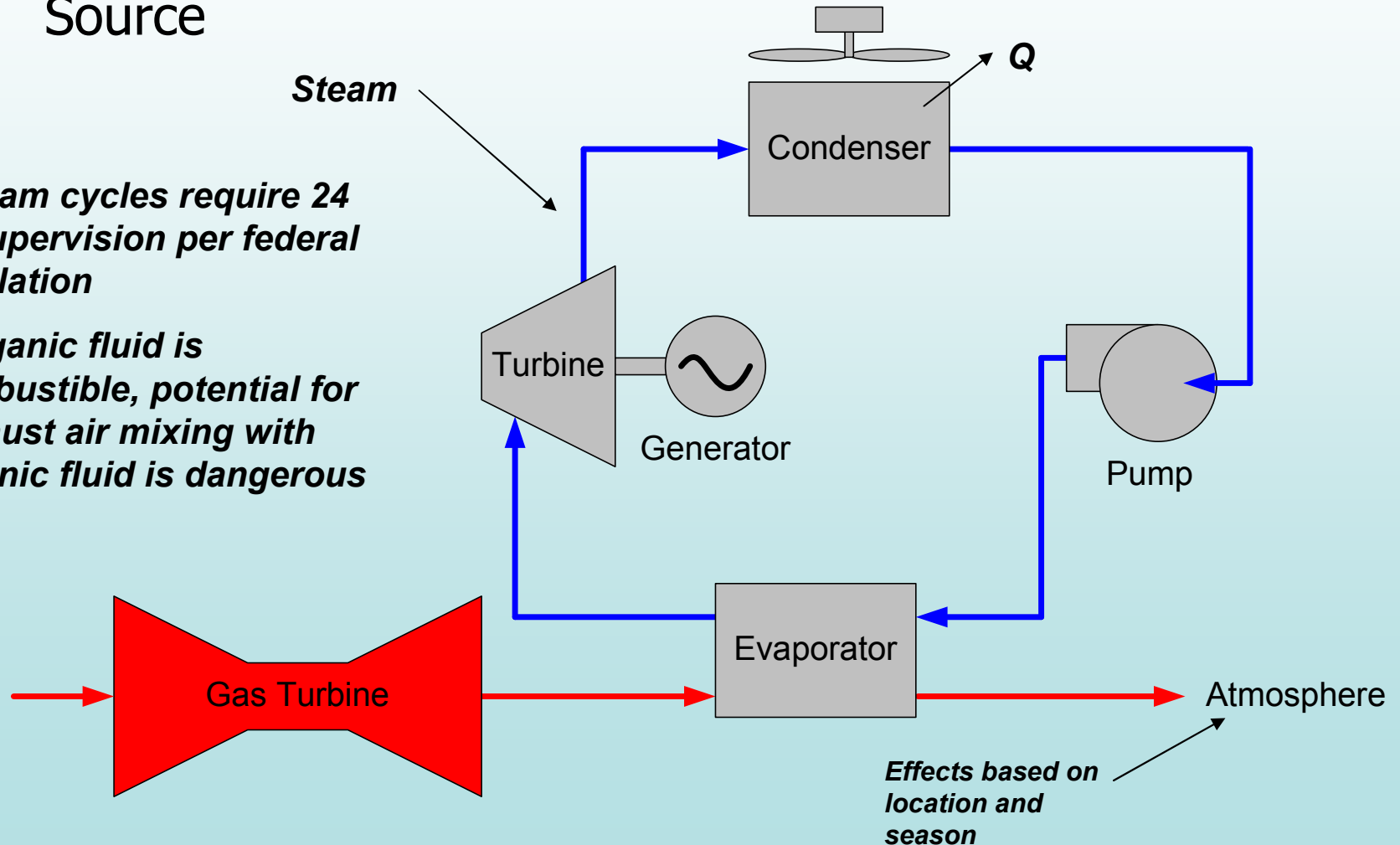
*\*Mckee, R., "Energy Audit Results from a Typical Natural Gas Compressor Station," Proceedings of GMC, 2001.*

## ❖ Rankine Cycle (Power Plant)



## ❖ Rankine Cycle with Gas Turbine Exhaust as Heat Source

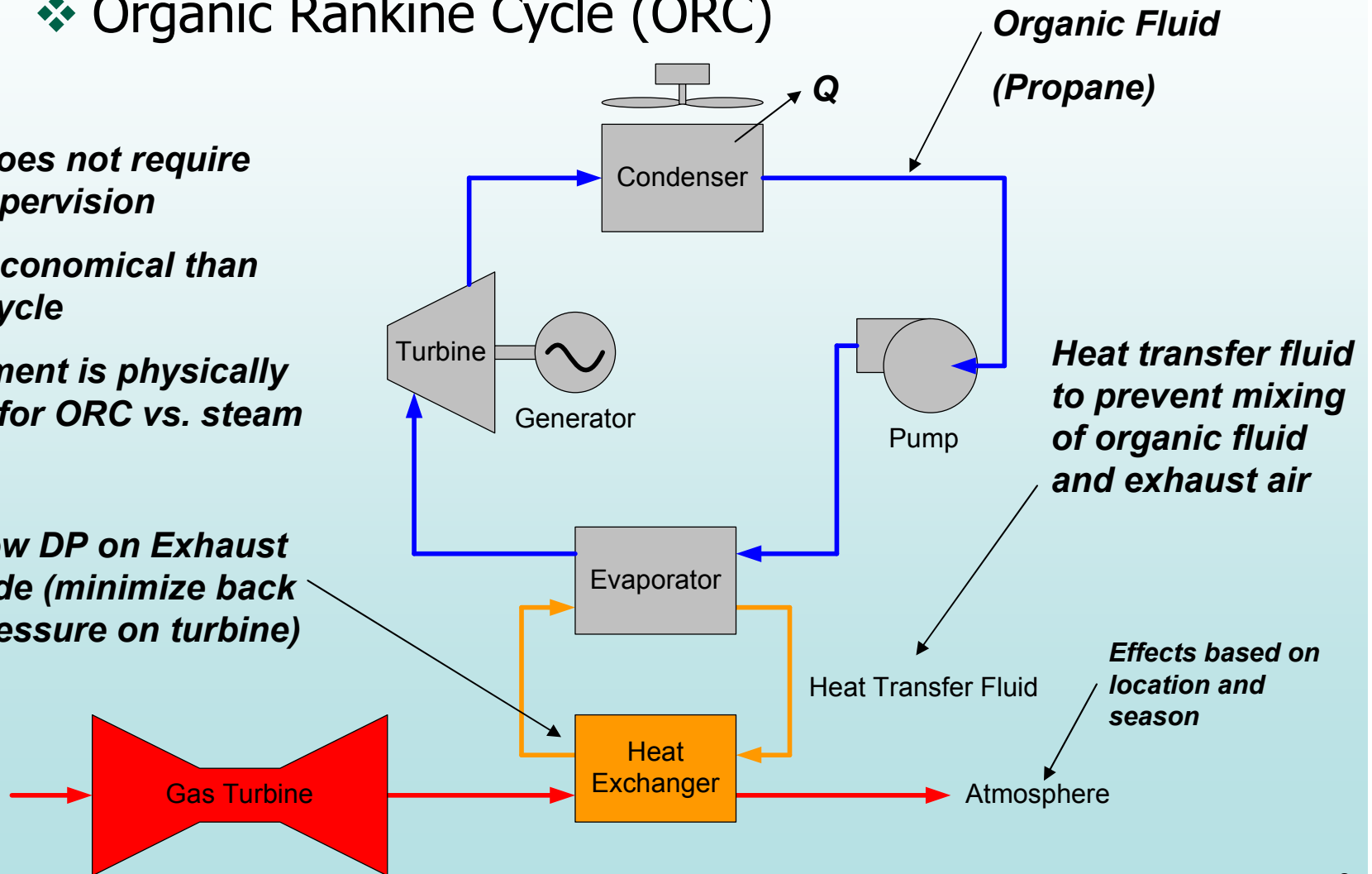
- *Steam cycles require 24 hr supervision per federal regulation*
- *Organic fluid is combustible, potential for exhaust air mixing with organic fluid is dangerous*



## ❖ Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC)

- ORC does not require 24 hr supervision
- More economical than steam cycle
- Equipment is physically smaller for ORC vs. steam

*Low DP on Exhaust Side (minimize back pressure on turbine)*





# Exhaust Heat Electric Power Generation



- ❖ ORC Common Applications: Geothermal, solar panels, biomass, and cement plants
- ❖ ORC Manufacturers: Infinity Turbine, ORMAT, TURBODEN, Turbo Thermal Corp., etc...

| <b>Economical Considerations*</b>   |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Capital Cost                        | \$2000 to \$2,500/kW   |
| Operating Cost                      | \$0.001 to \$0.005/kWh |
| Overall Cost to Operate and Own     | \$0.035 to \$0.040/kWh |
| Current Electricity Purchase Prices | \$0.035 to \$0.050/kWh |

***Note: This does not include cost of installation of power lines to site***

*\*INGAA, "Waste Energy Recovery Opportunities for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines," 2008.*



# Exhaust Heat Electric Power Generation



## ❖ Compressor Stations Applications

- Proximity to power grid

## ❖ INGAA White Paper Criteria for ORC

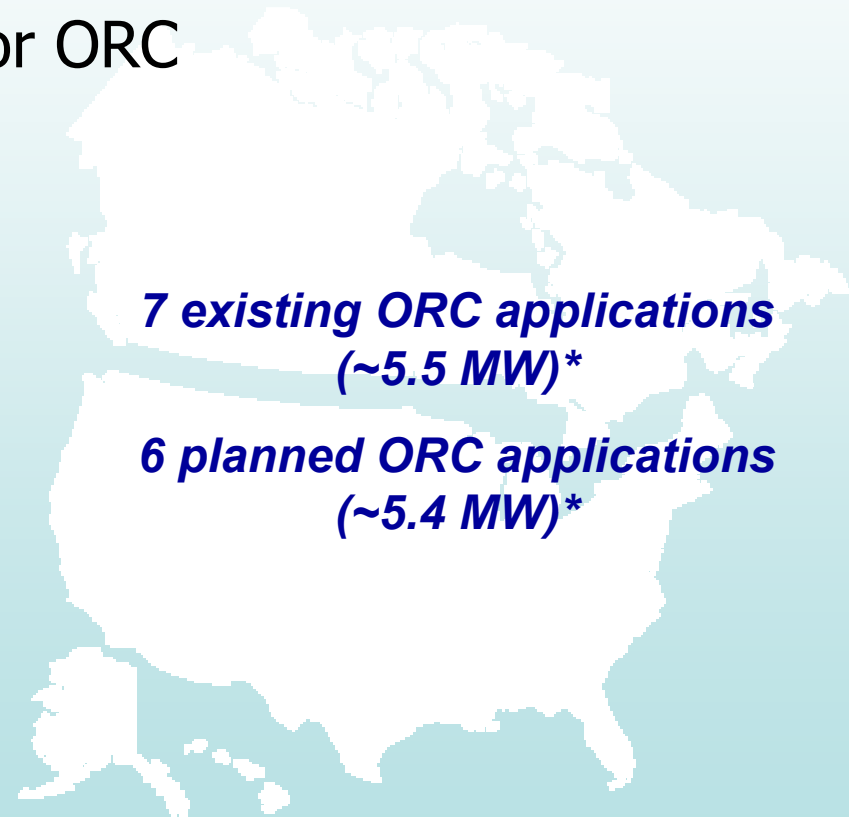
- Station Capacity > 15,000 hp
- 5,250 hrs / 12 months
- 50 stations of 473 meet criteria



**6.5 MW ORC Cycle Plant**

**Gold Creek Compressor Station, Canada**

*Courtesy of ORMAT*



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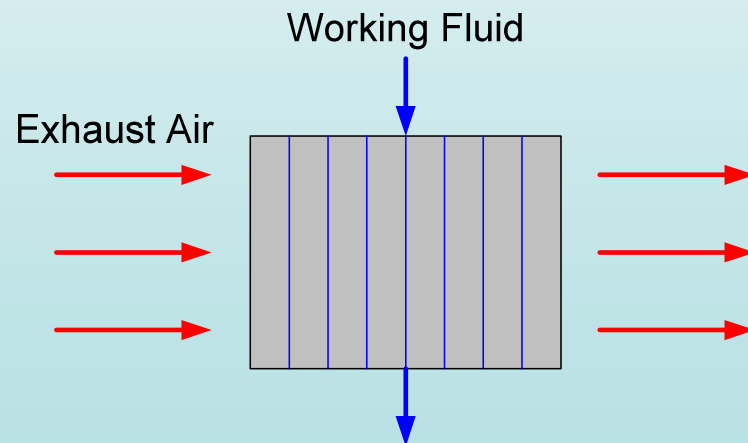
## *Exhaust Heat Recovery – Heat Exchangers*



- ❖ Integral component to any exhaust heat recovery system
- ❖ Gas Turbines and IC Engines
- ❖ Require Low DP, avoid back pressure on engines
- ❖ Current Industry Technology
  - HRSG – Combined Cycle Plant (Waste Heat Recovery on a large scale!)
  - Cogeneration – Use of waste heat to generate low grade steam or hot water
  - Regenerator – Preheat GT inlet air to combustor

## ❖ Applications

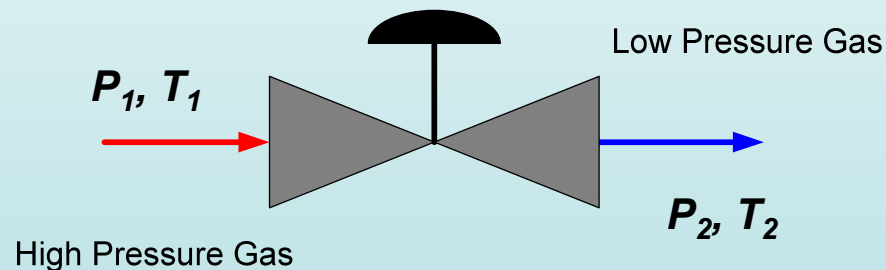
- Exhaust Heat Electric Power Generation (Steam, ORC)
- Cogeneration (production of low grade steam and hot water)
- GT Regenerator (preheat GT inlet air to combustor)
- Preheat GT fuel



**Gas Turbine Regenerator**

- ❖ Generate torque through expansion of high pressure gas
- ❖ Applications: LNG and hydrocarbon processing applications (steady flows and pressure ratio)
- ❖ Natural Gas Industry: Pressure regulation from transmission pipelines to distribution lines

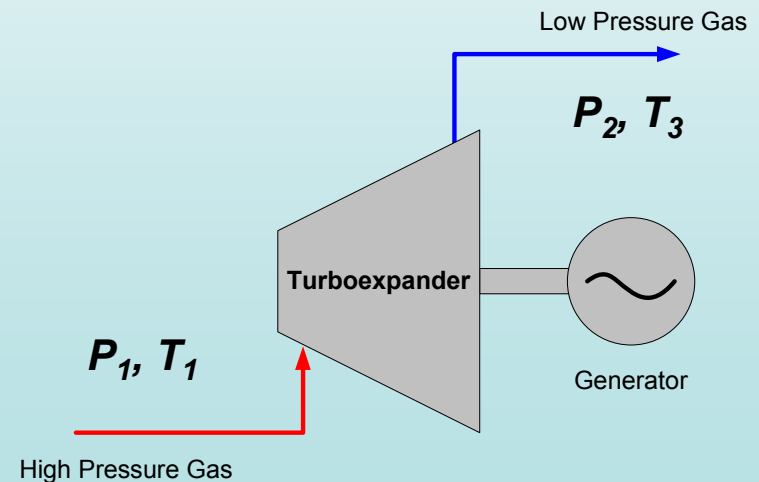
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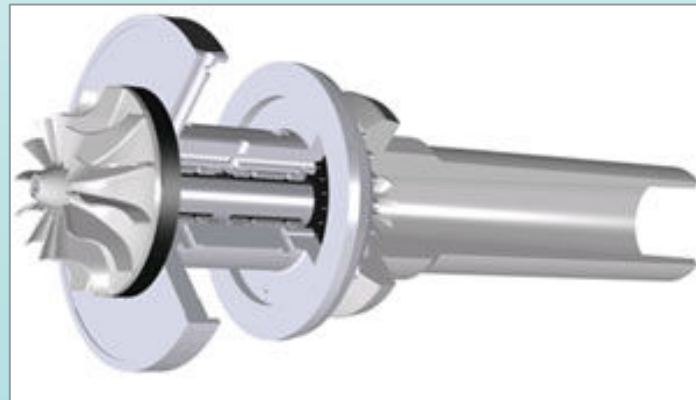
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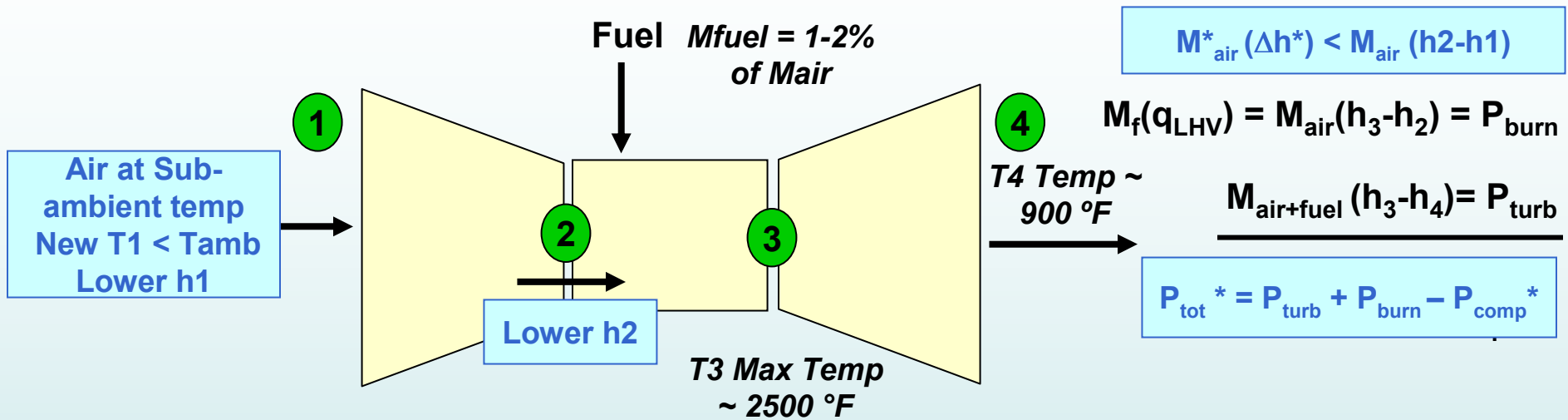
***Turboexpanders require either pre or post gas heating to avoid crossing dew point***

## Proposed Turboexpander



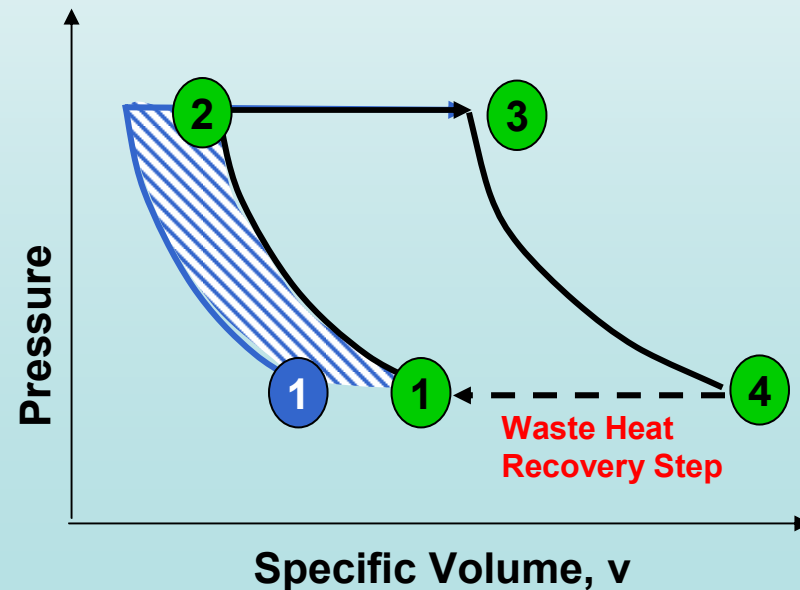
- ❖ Turboexpander capital cost
  - \$600 to \$2300/kWh (average of \$1450/kWh)
- ❖ High flow variability on pipelines
  - Not a constant energy source
- ❖ Increased additional O&M cost at regulating station
- ❖ Several installations in US in past, but since have been shutdown due to economics

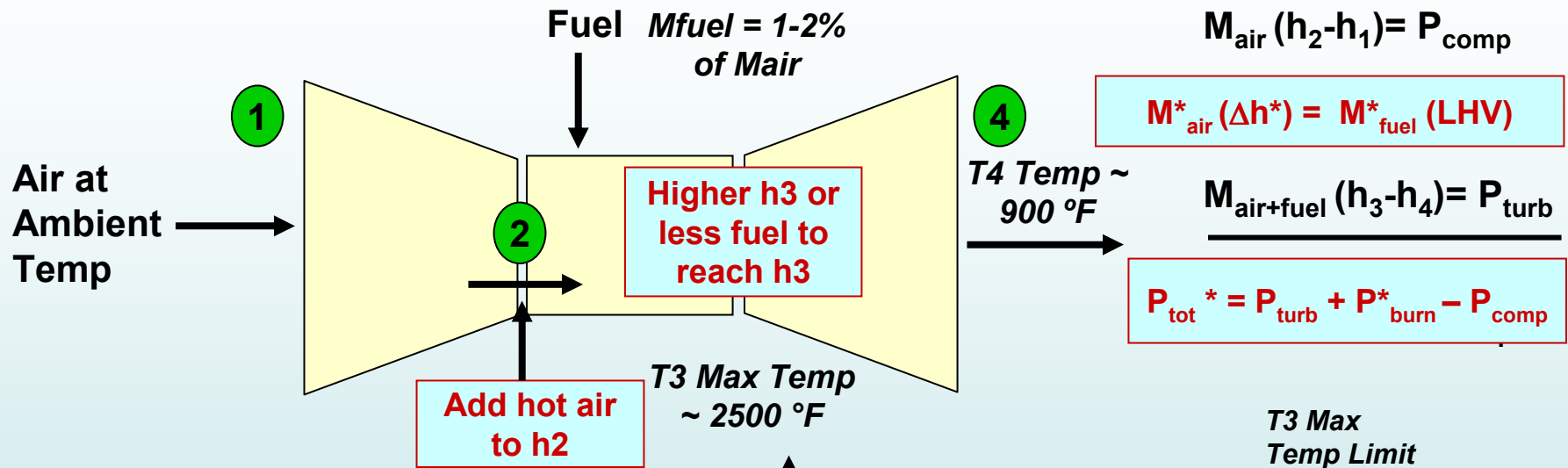




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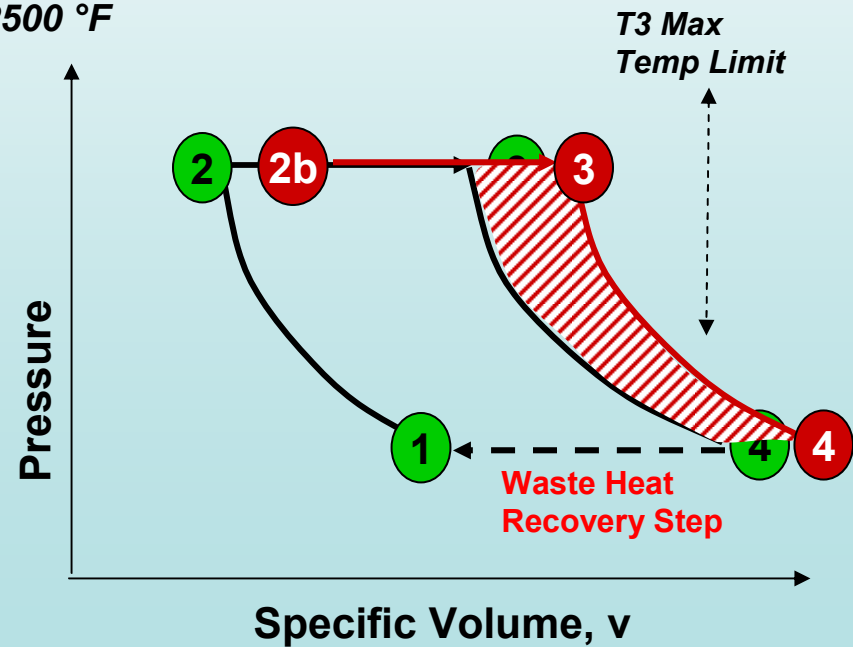
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- Pre-heating Fuel
- Turbocharging IC engines

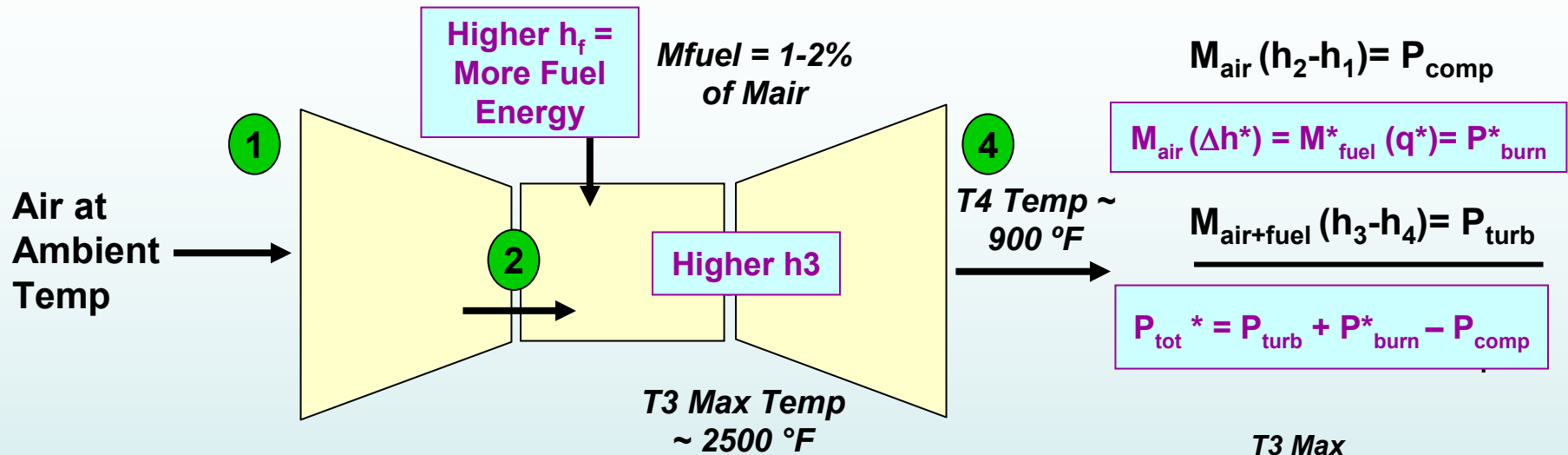




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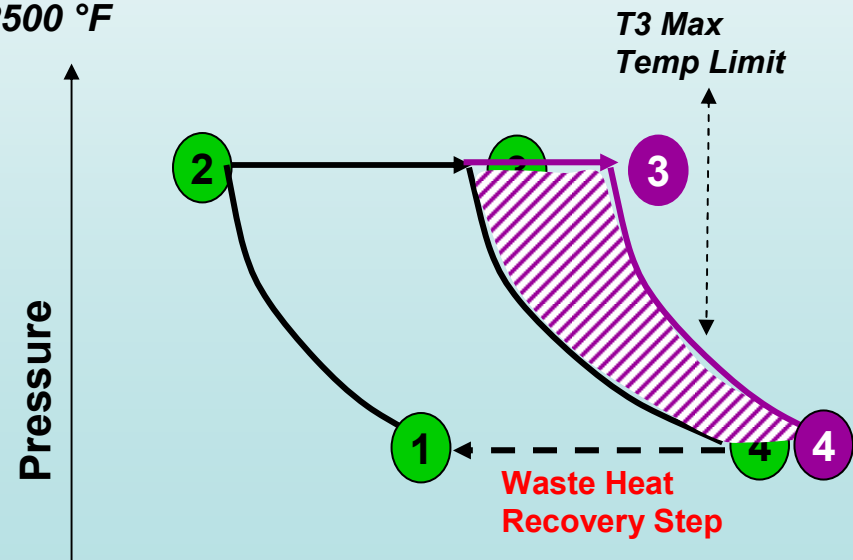
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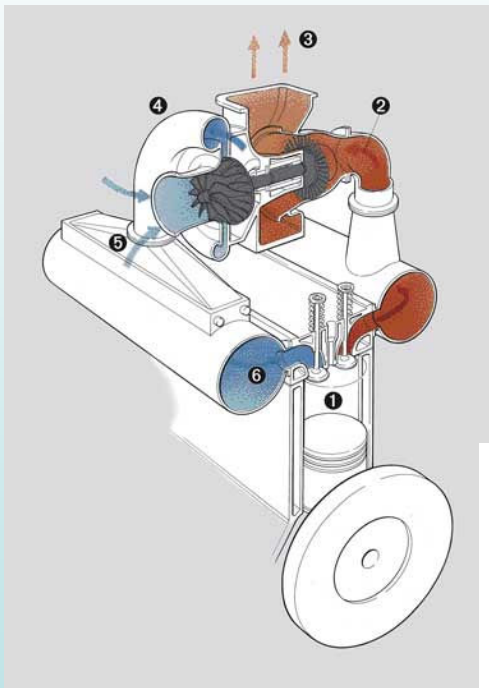
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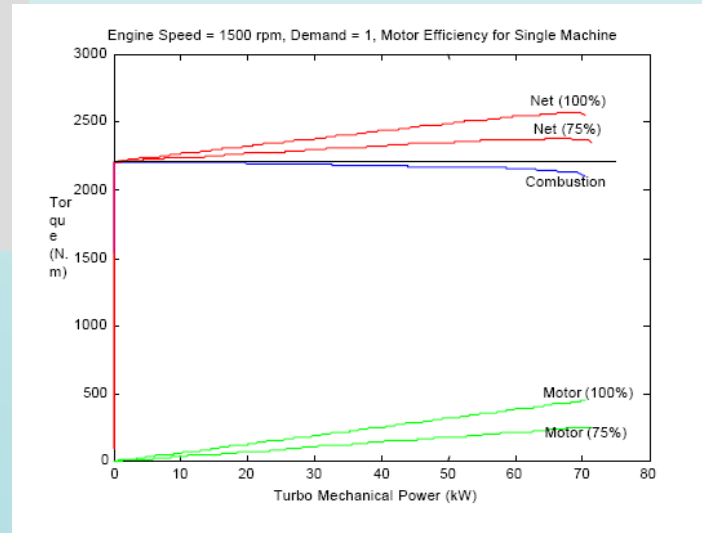
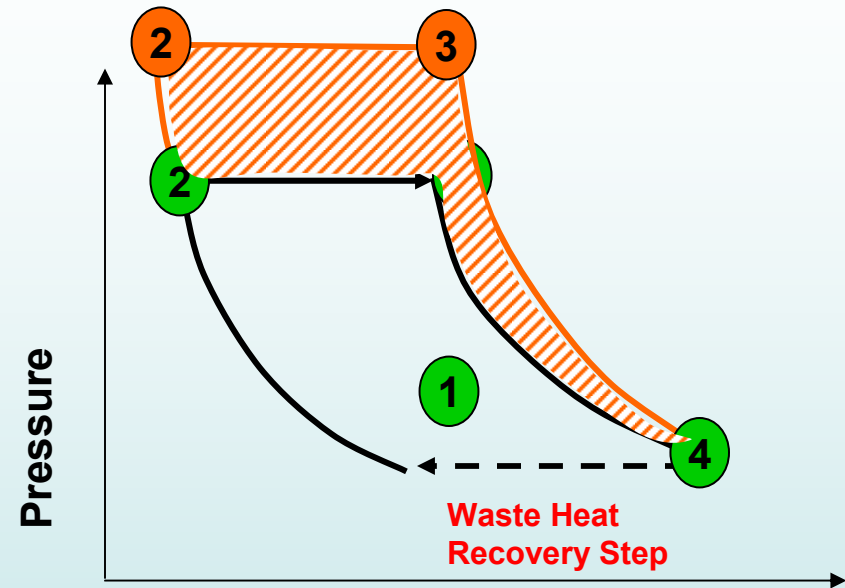


Preheating Fuel can also be easily applied (more effectively at times) for reciprocating engines.

## ➤ Turbocharging IC engines

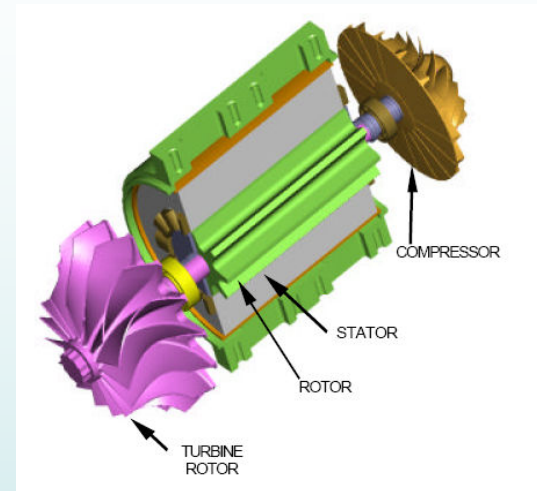


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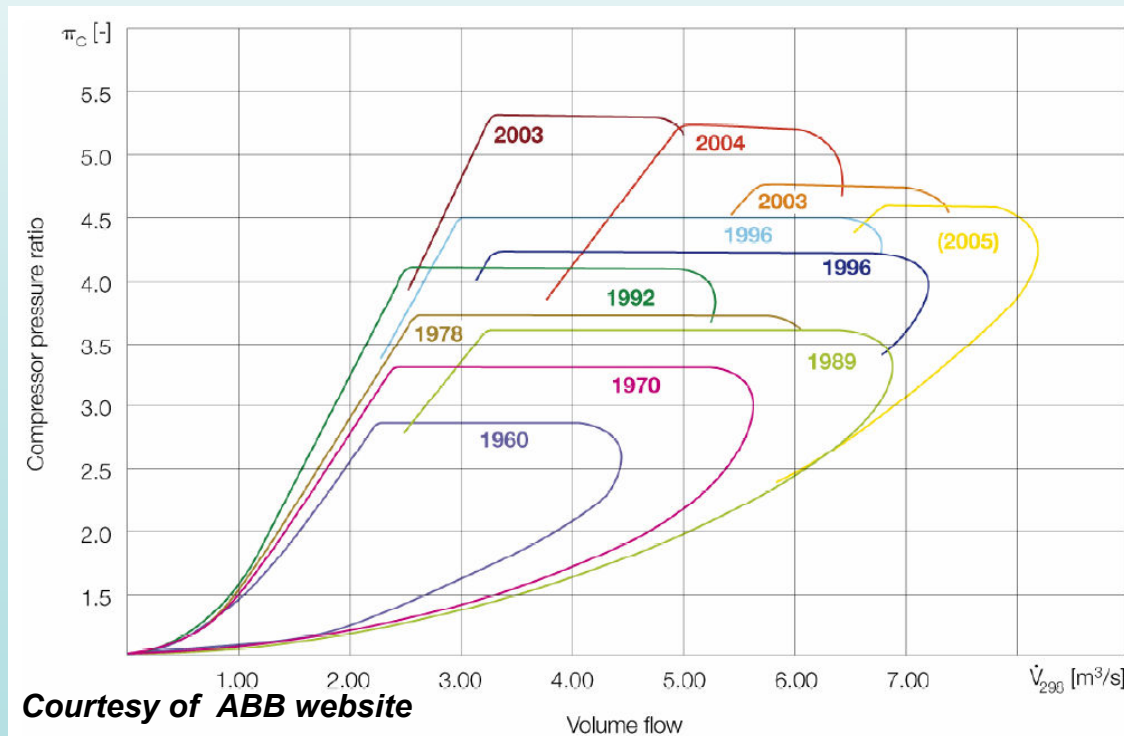


Specific Volume,  $v$

- Ongoing program at DOE NETL / Caterpillar to investigate recovery of exhaust energy electrically using high speed generator.
- ABB: Variable turbine geometry used in recovery of waste heat from 2 stroke engines.



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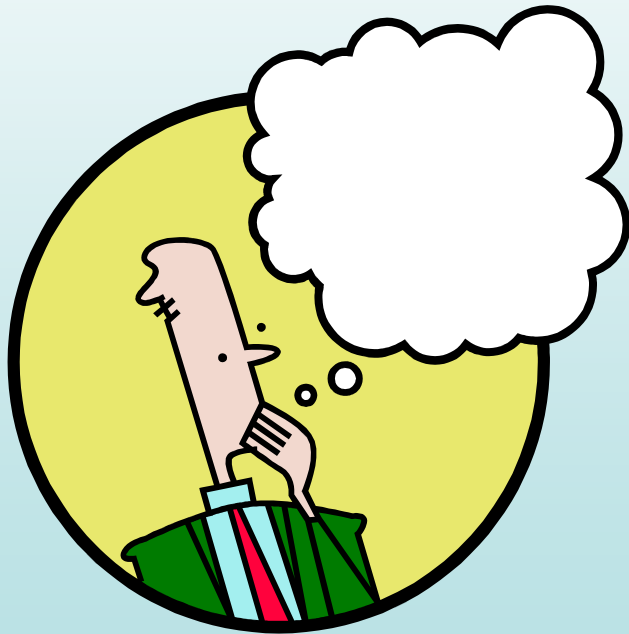


## *Summary Points*



- Effectiveness and cost to operator for many of the WHR concepts are site dependent.
- Technology advancements in compressed energy storage will aid many WHR options, especially turboexpander or steam drive.
- Operators need to assess options, based on lifecycle costs, capital costs and power grid considerations for a given site.
- Combinations of these technologies may prove to be the most useful to operators and should be considered.  
Examples: Turbine inlet air cooling and pre-heating fuel or Turboexpander and waste heat exchanger.

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