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# Nuclear Thermal Energy Storage Use Case

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# Introduction: High-level Project Scope

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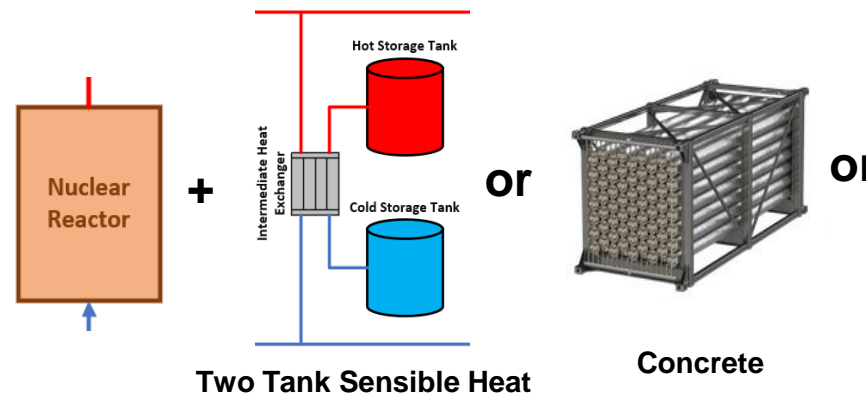
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## TES Systems

1. Liquid-based sensible heat storage:
  - Two-tank molten salt
  - Two-tank thermal oil
  - Thermocline molten salt
  - Thermocline thermal oil
  - Hot/Cold water
2. Underground (bore-holes and aquifers)
3. Thermochemical
4. Latent heat storage
5. Solid media
  - Firebrick
  - Concrete
  - Ceramics, graphite, and alloys
6. Steam accumulators.

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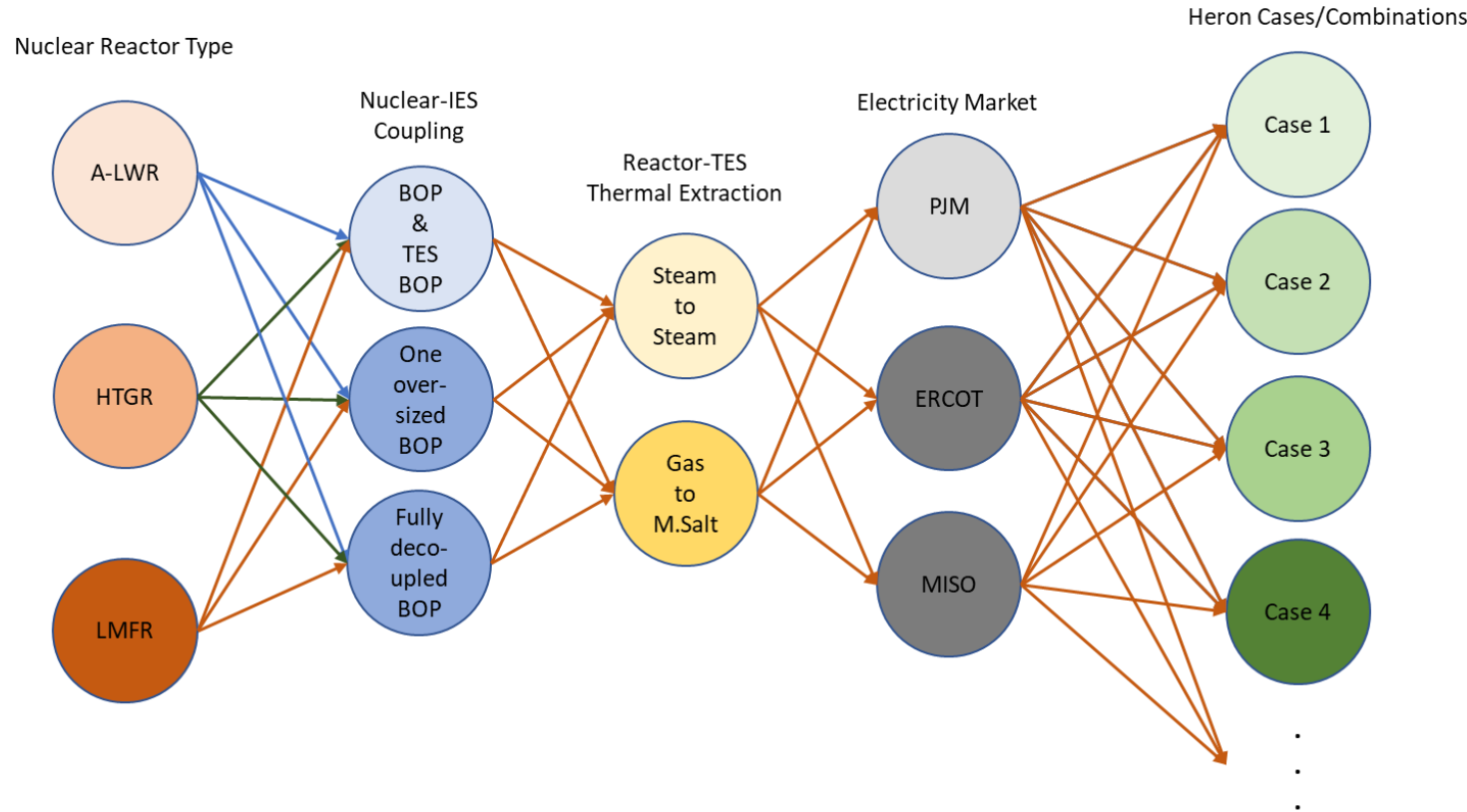
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\* A-LWR: Advanced light water reactor; HTGR: High temperature gas cooled reactor; LMFR: Liquid metal fast cooled reactor

\*\* PJM: PJM Interconnection LLC (mid-Atlantic); ERCOT: Electric Reliability Council of Texas; Miso: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator

# TES Use Case Methods and FORCE Tools

(Selected Results/Examples)

## 1. Steady-State and Physical Models Development

- Thermodynamic analysis of proposed systems
- What is the optimum Coupling approach?
- Develop fully-coupled TES-nuclear steady-state models
- Component-level analysis (heat exchange (HX) technology, geometries, sizes, etc.)
- Cost analysis and cost functions for discrete system sizes.

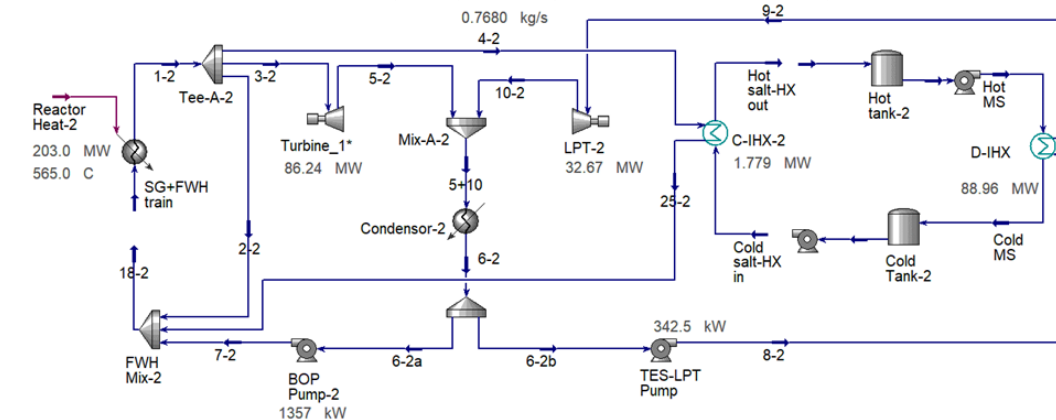
## 2. Stochastic Optimization Based on Market Price Signals

- Analyze and reproduce price signals from various markets
- What is the optimum system size for the highest net present value (NPV)?
- TES dispatch profiles of the IES system.

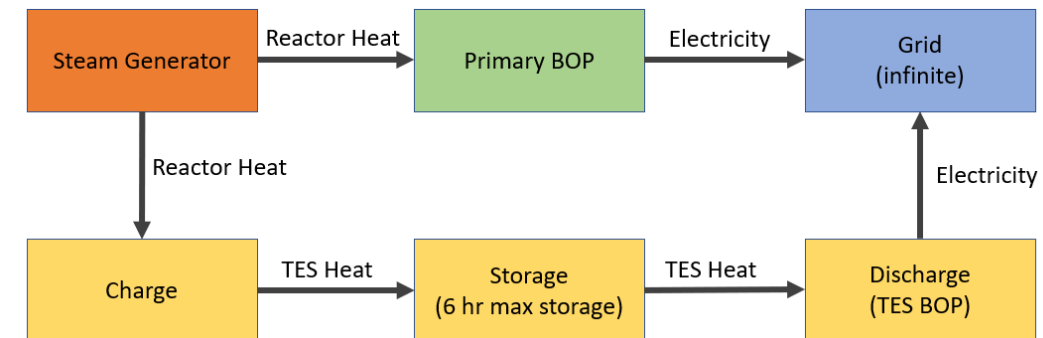
## 3. Transient Modeling and Dynamic Operation

- How do the dynamic behavior and system controls should look like?
- Is the dispatch profile with highest NPV feasible/reasonable dynamically?

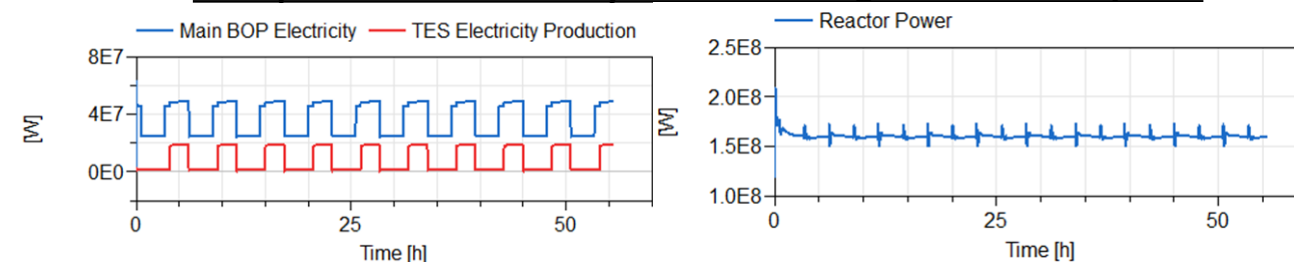
### TES-Coupling in Aspen HYSYS (Steady-State Models)



### HERON Optimization Workflow



### Examples of Nuclear-TES Dynamic Modeling Results from Dymola

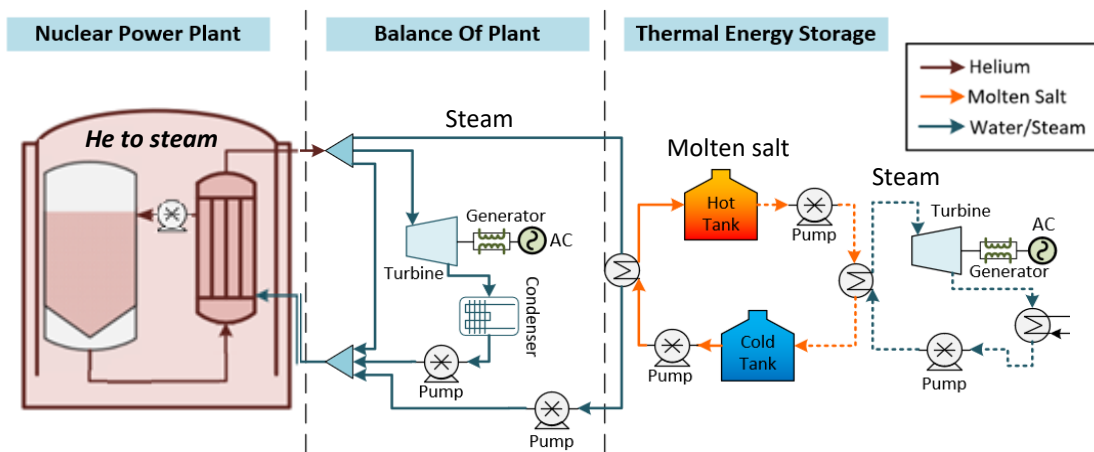


# TES-Nuclear Coupling Analysis

# Two Phase vs. Direct/Single-Phase Heat Transfer to TES

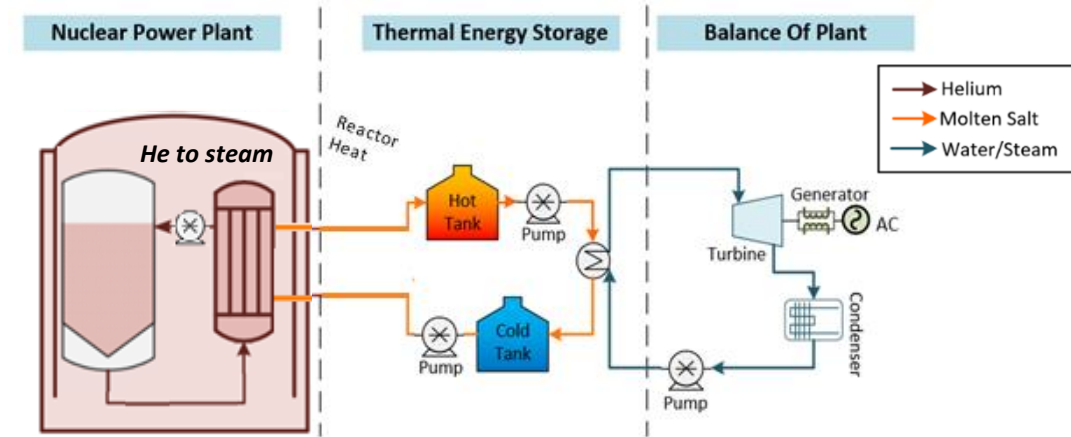
## Previous Design Configurations (FY-22):

- Two-phase design approach: BOP Steam → TES → BOP TES Steam
- TES and BOP are coupled in parallel.
- Nuclear island and BOP are coupled as normal with the addition of IES.
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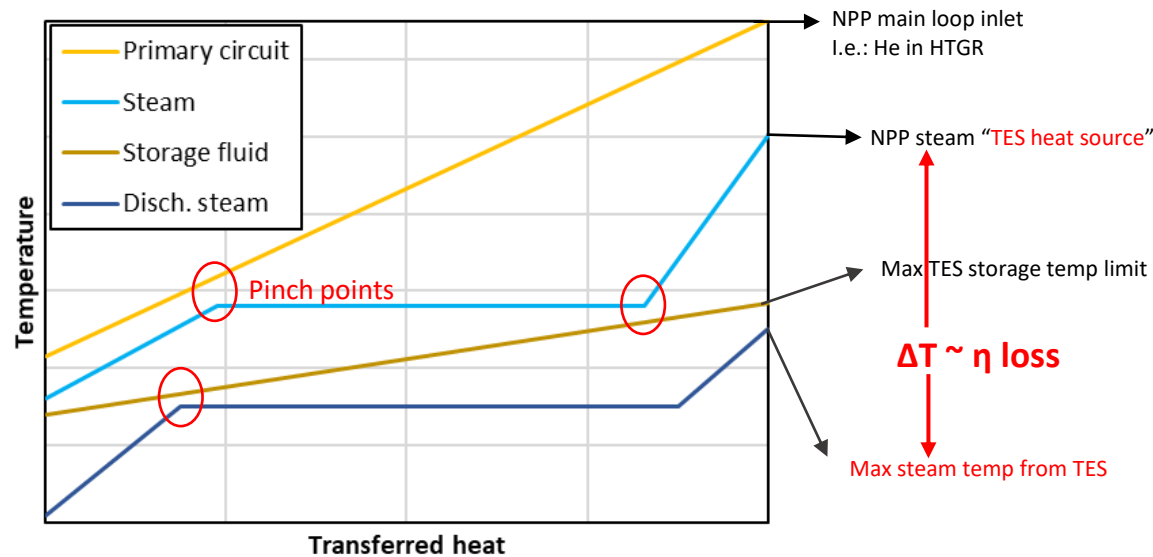
- Single-phase design approach: Reactor fluid → TES → BOP TES Steam
- TES and BOP are coupled in series.
- Nuclear island is fully decoupled from BOP.



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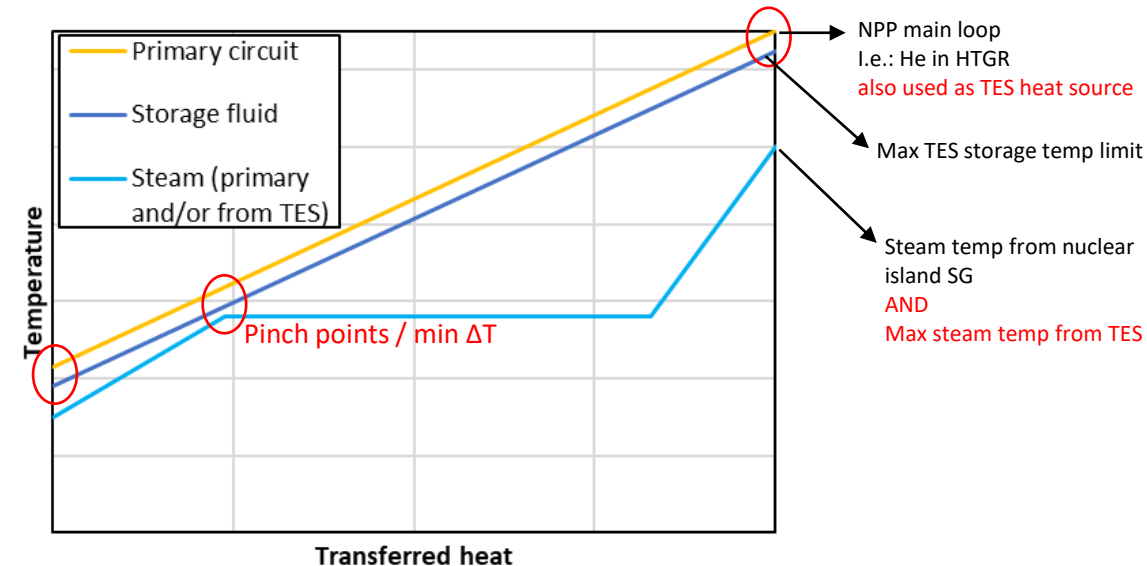
## Previous Design Configurations (FY-22):

- Two-phase design approach: BOP Steam → TES → BOP TES Steam
- Existing balance-of-plant steam generator:
  - No modifications to the nuclear island or balance of plant (BOP).
- Large temperature (exergy\*) loss between charging and discharging:
  - => Efficiency loss
  - Boosting the BOP output via TES comes with constraints on steam pressure and temperature delivery yet at a relatively higher normalized cost.



## Current Design Considerations (FY-23): Reactor fluid to TES to Steam

- Single-phase design approach: Reactor fluid → TES → BOP TES Steam
- Heat is transferred "directly" from nuclear island working fluid to TES
  - Minimal exergy loss and efficiency loss caused by TES.
- Discharge side has more flexibility for steam cycle design (higher temperature and pressure steam delivery).
- Heat from TES becomes available at higher temperature for industrial use.

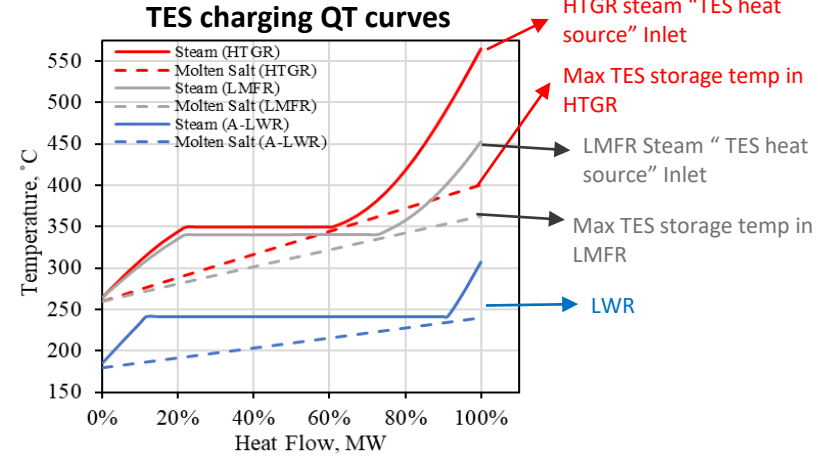
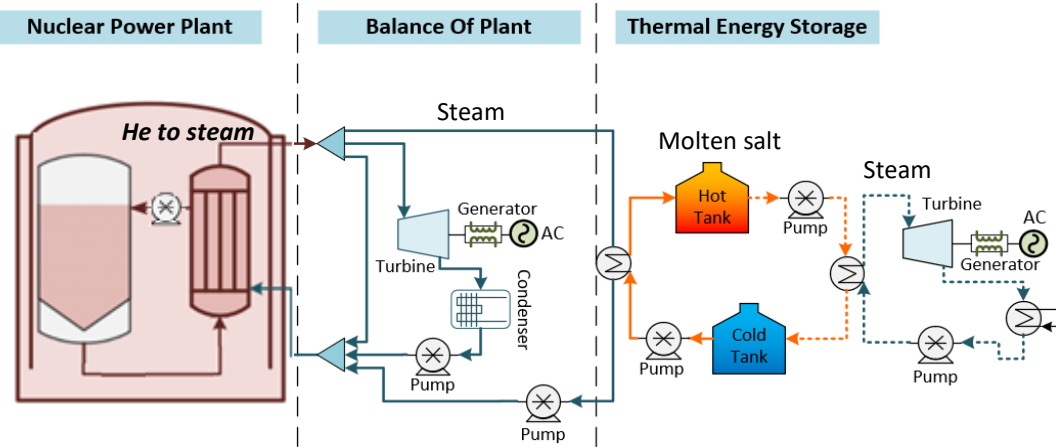


\* Potential or energy content of heat that could be converted to work based on 2nd law of thermodynamics by ideal systems.



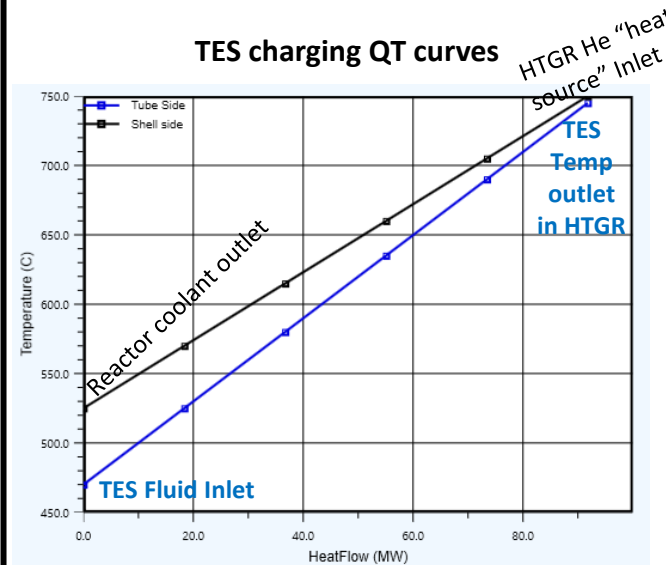
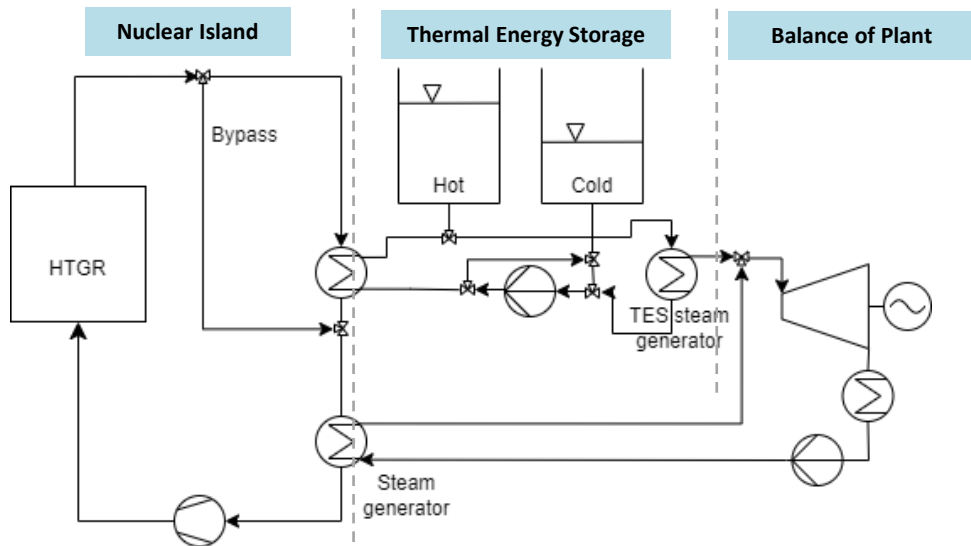
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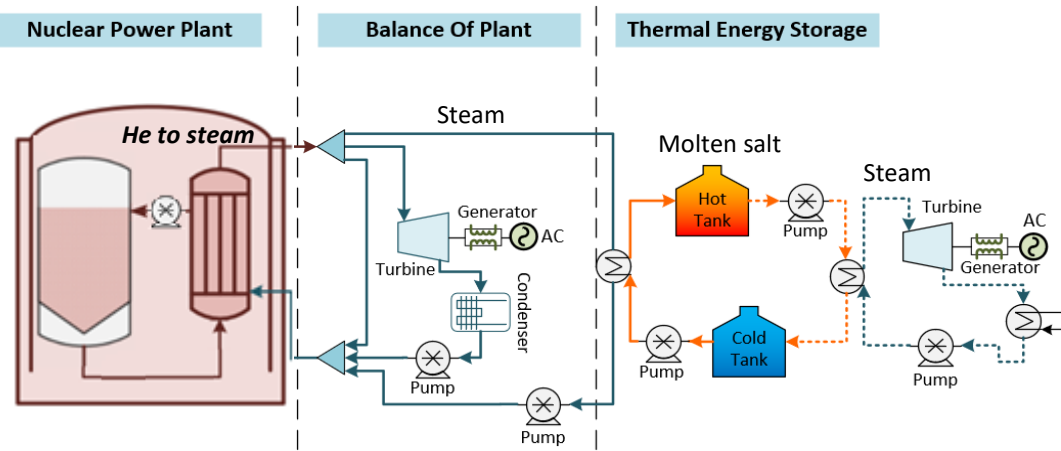
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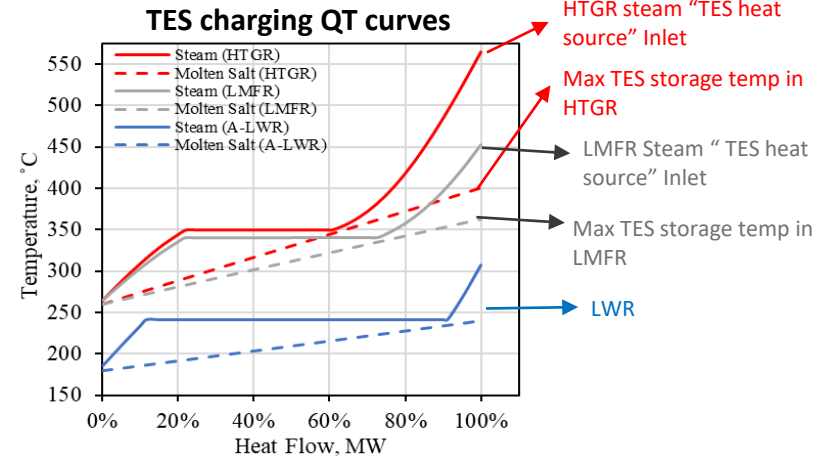
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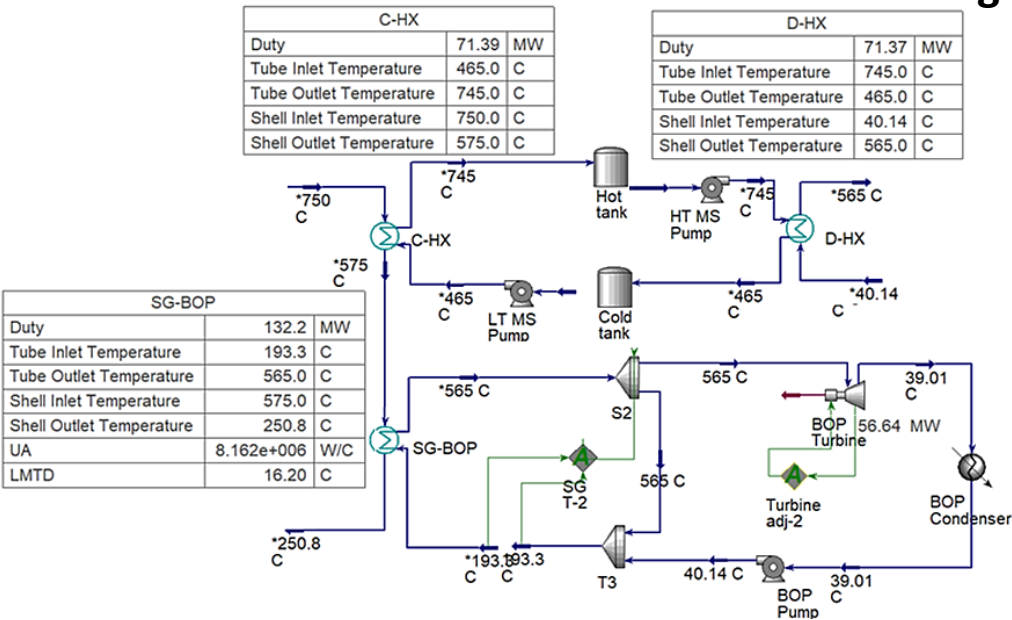


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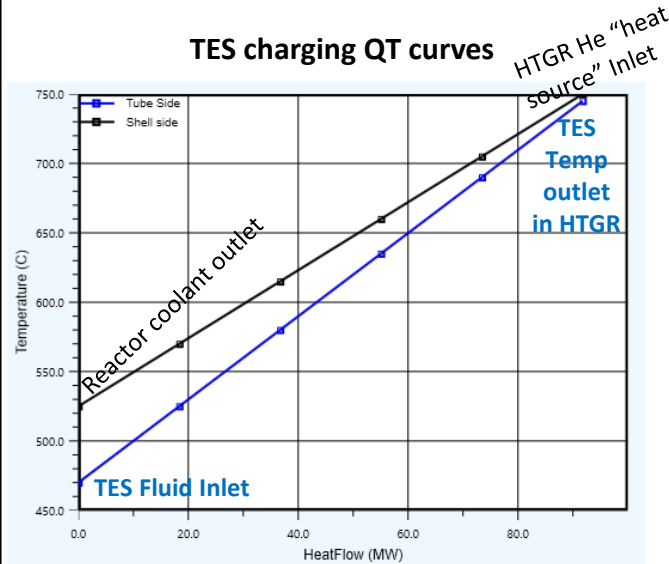


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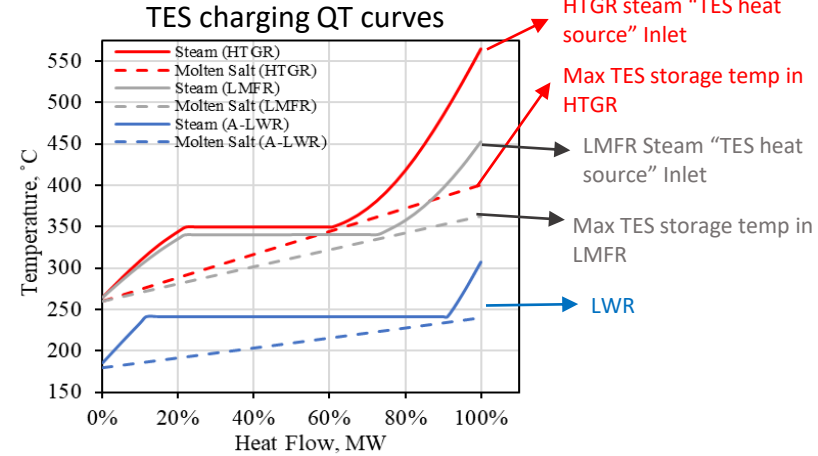
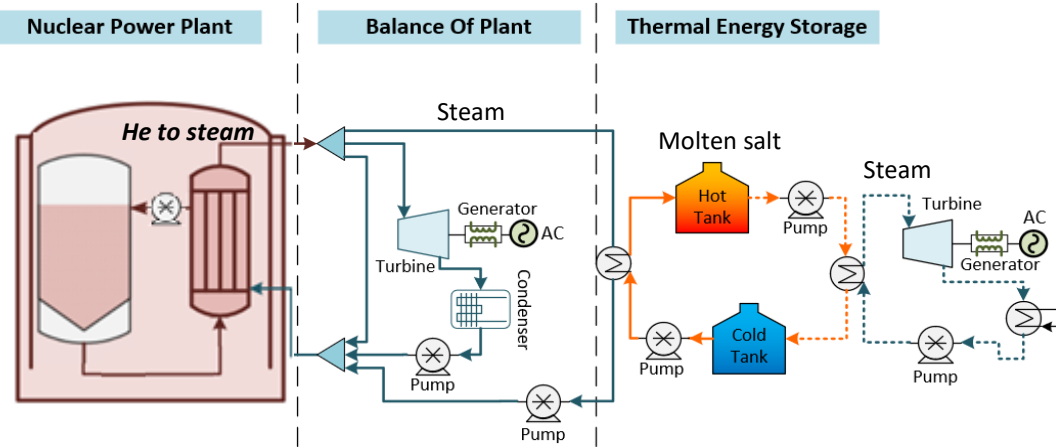


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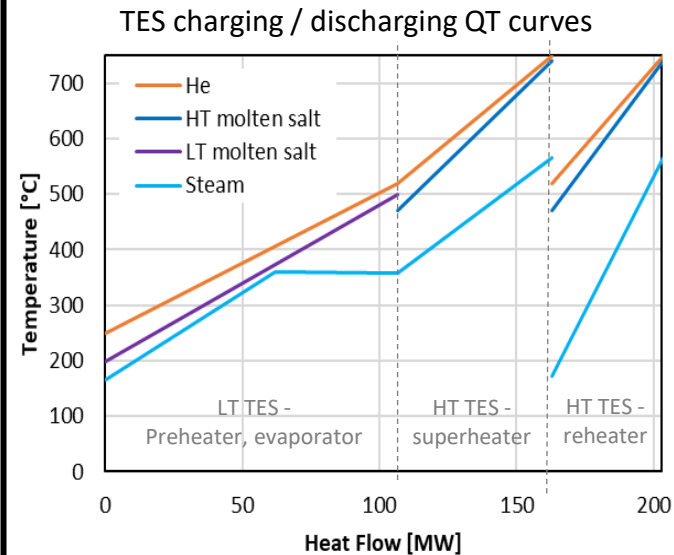
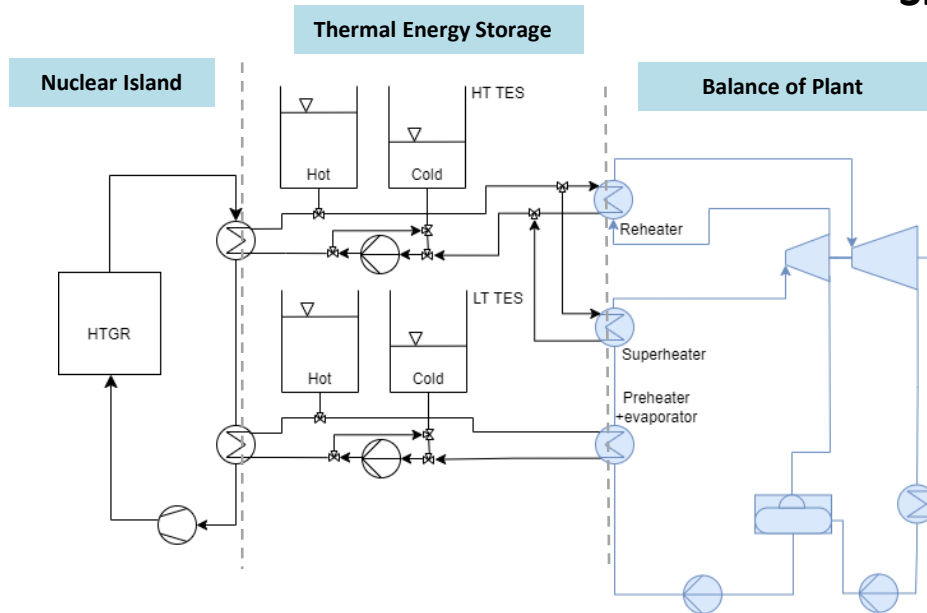
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## Single Phase, 2X Boosting



**Features**

- Requires thermodynamic optimization of heat flow between HT and LT TES
- Previous benefits of single TES plant plus these:
  - Fully decoupled nuclear island from BOP
  - Flexible power boosting
  - Reheat increases cycle efficiency (higher Generation capacity) and maintains heat balance between HT and LT TES plants
  - Reheat is standard in coal-fired plant and with molten salt.

Reduce the wetness problem in the steam cycle.

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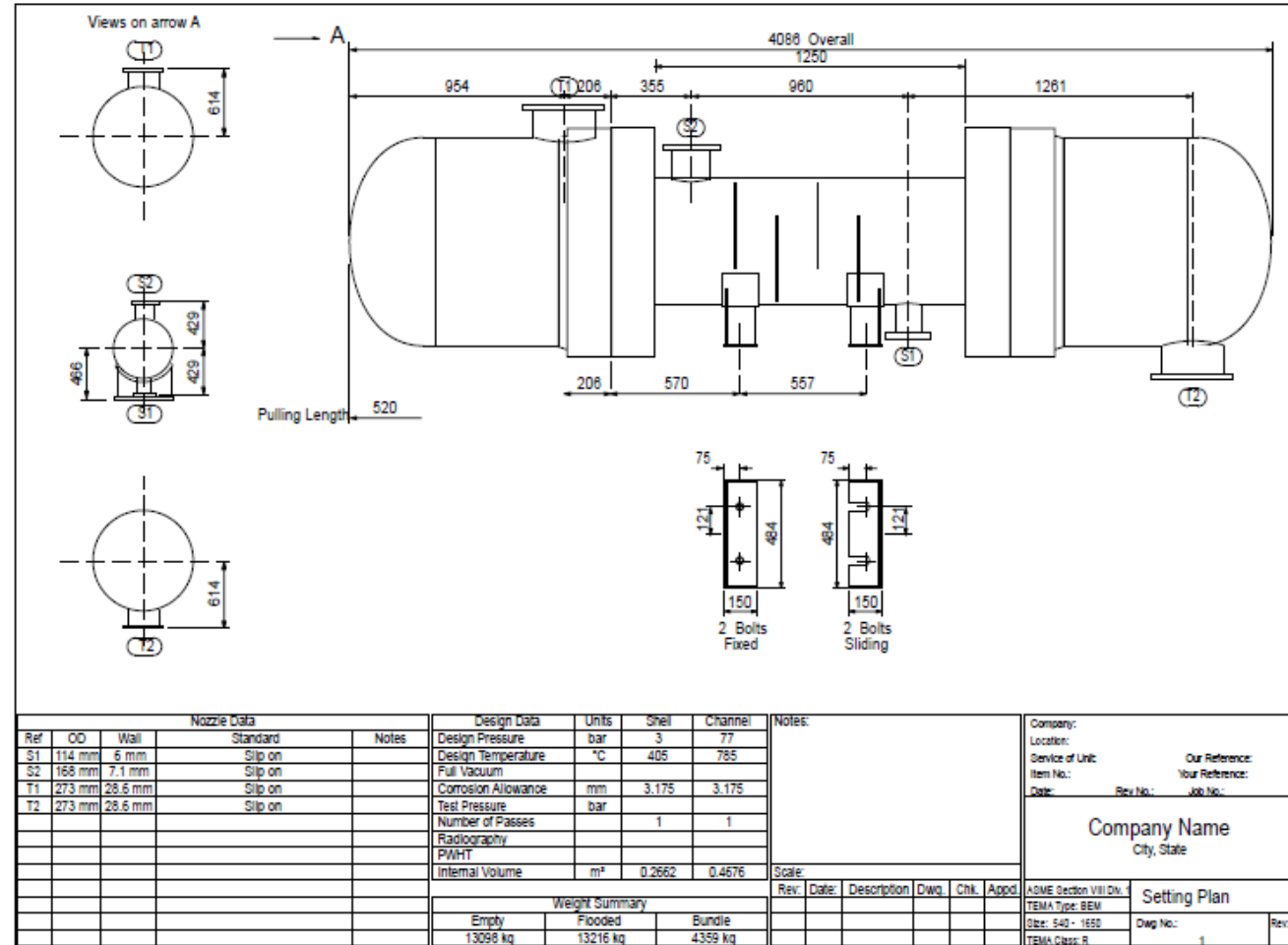
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Nuclear Power Plant

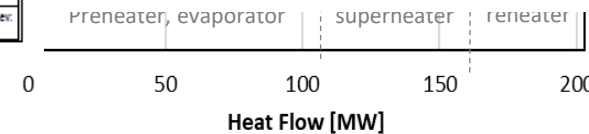
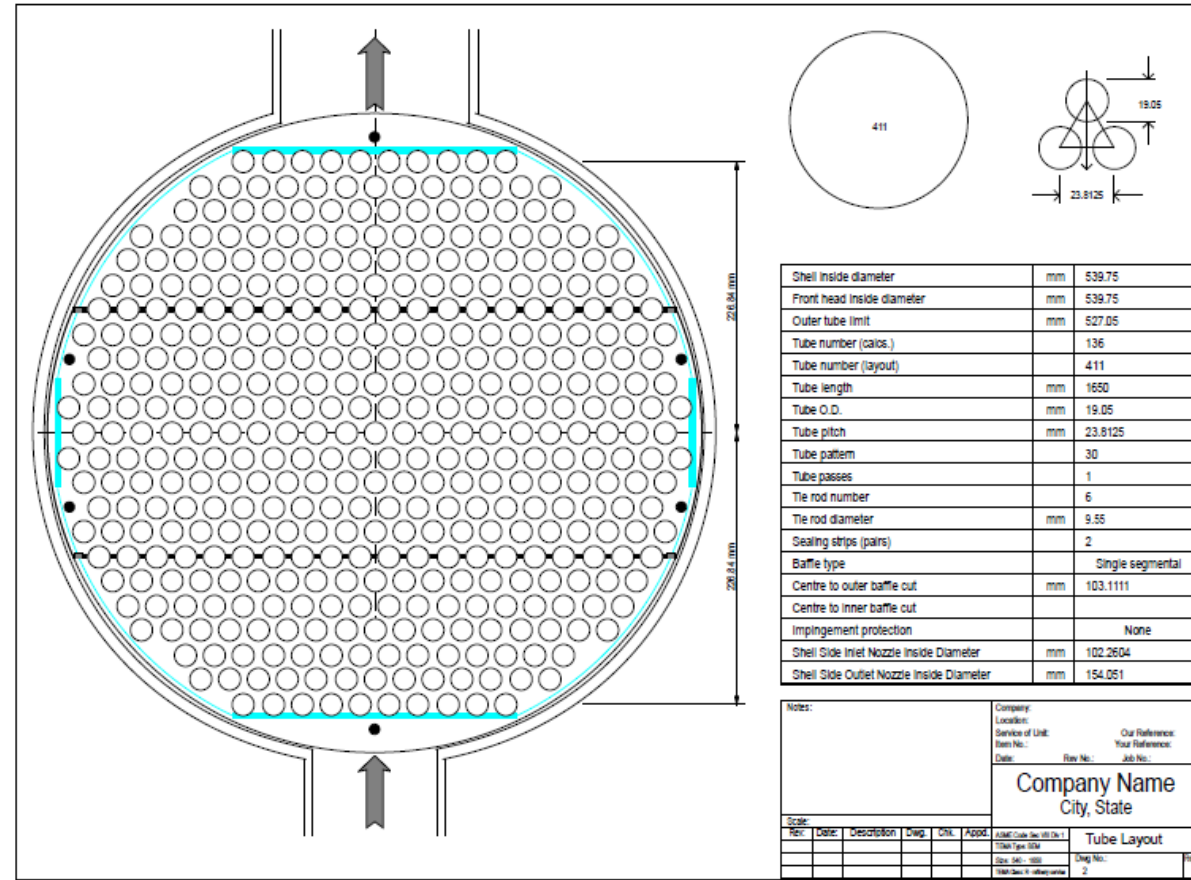
Balance Of Plant

Thermal Energy Storage



TES charging QT curves

HTGR steam "TES heat source" Inlet



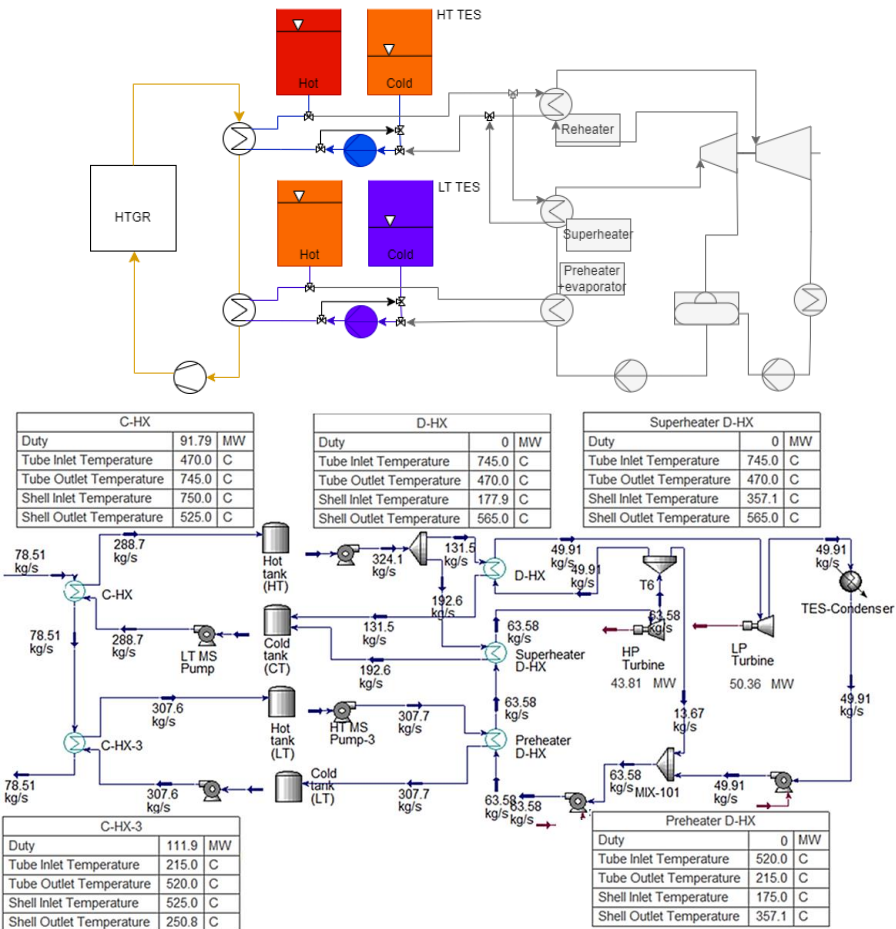
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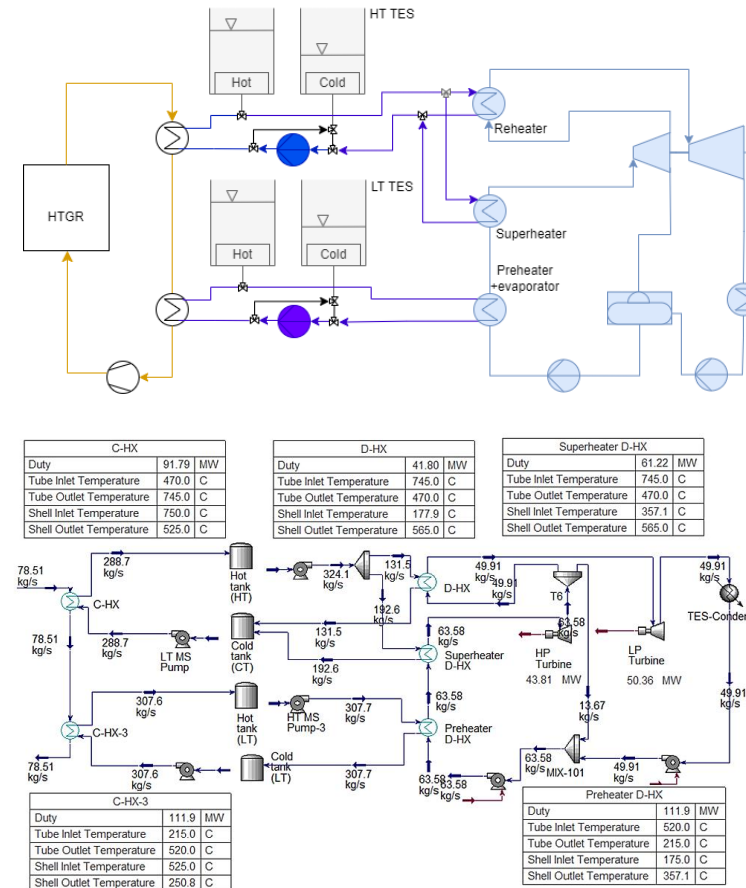
## Maximum Charge Mode

- Zero power output (standby)
- Salt only circulates between He HX and tanks.
- Tanks are getting charged.



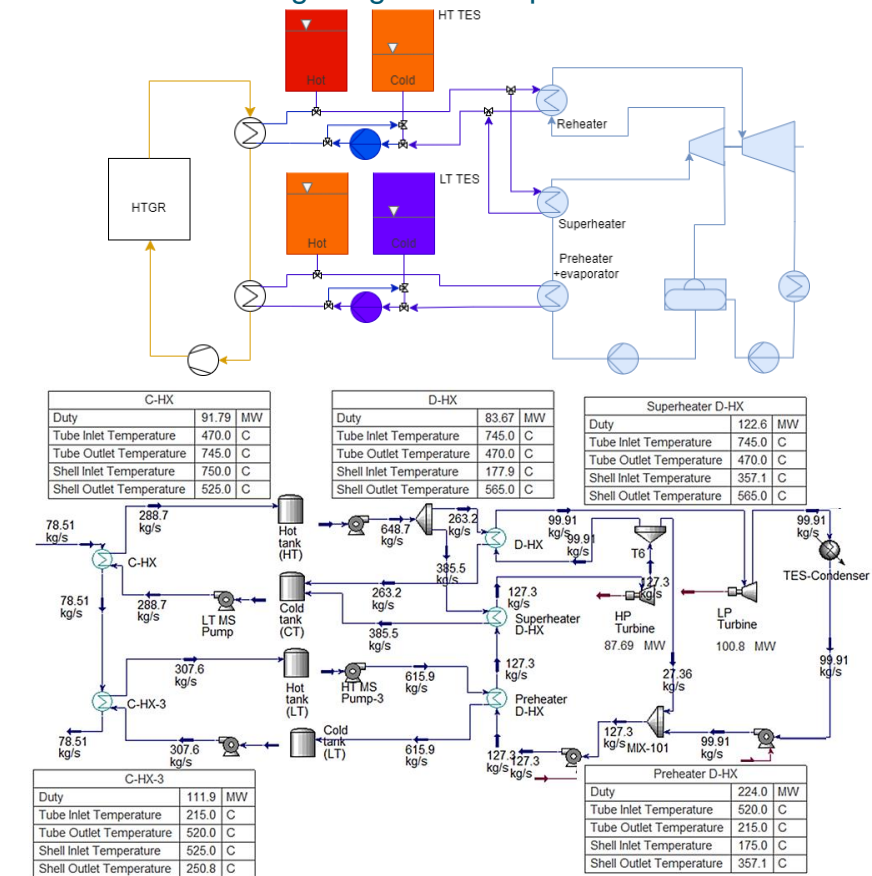
## Nominal Operation

- Nominal (baseload) power output; 94 MWe
- Salt acts as an intermediate heat transfer fluid between He and steam.
- Tanks bypassed.



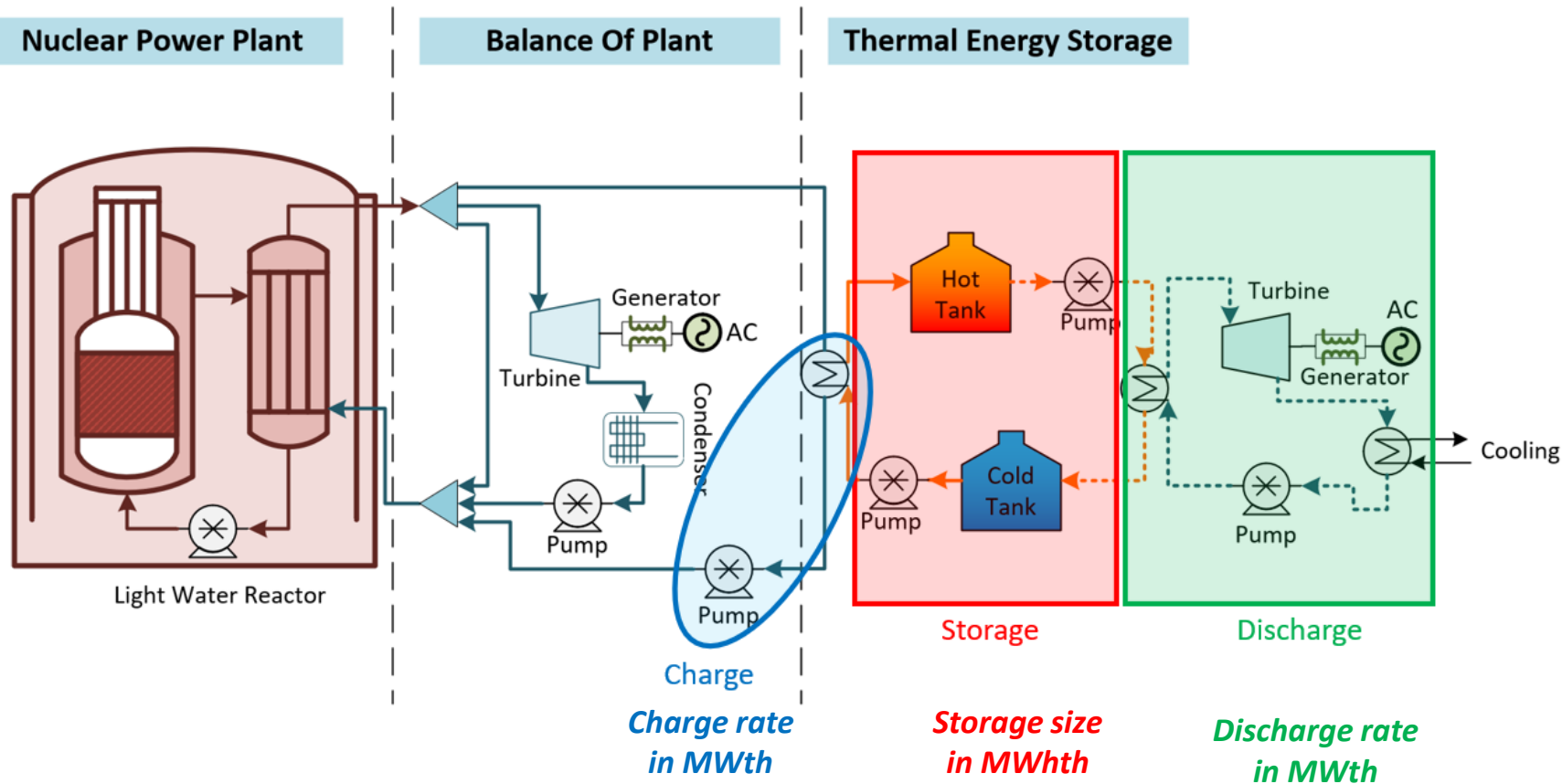
## 2X Boosting Discharge Mode

- Power output at 2X nominal; 188 MWe
- Hot salt from He HX is mixed with salt from hot tank and goes to steam cycle.
- Tanks are being discharged.
- Practical design might involve parallel turbines.



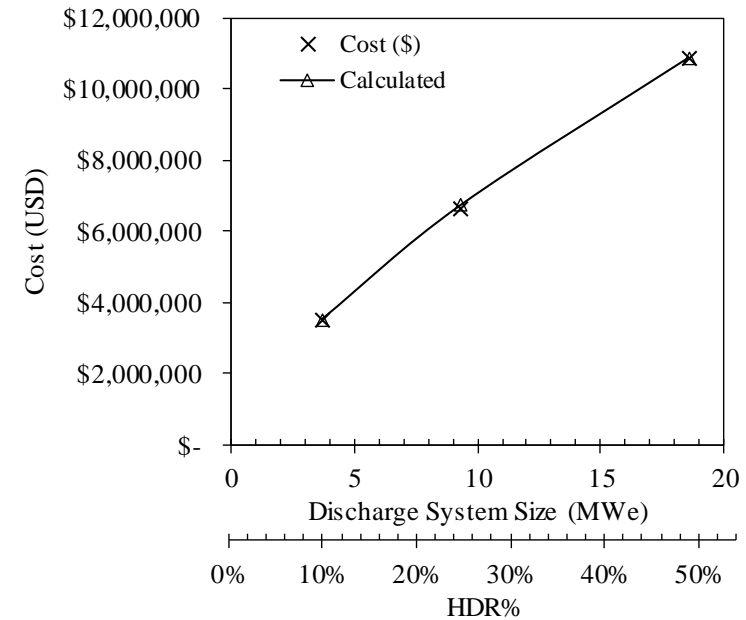
# Technoeconomic Analysis (HERON)

# Component groupings for HERON

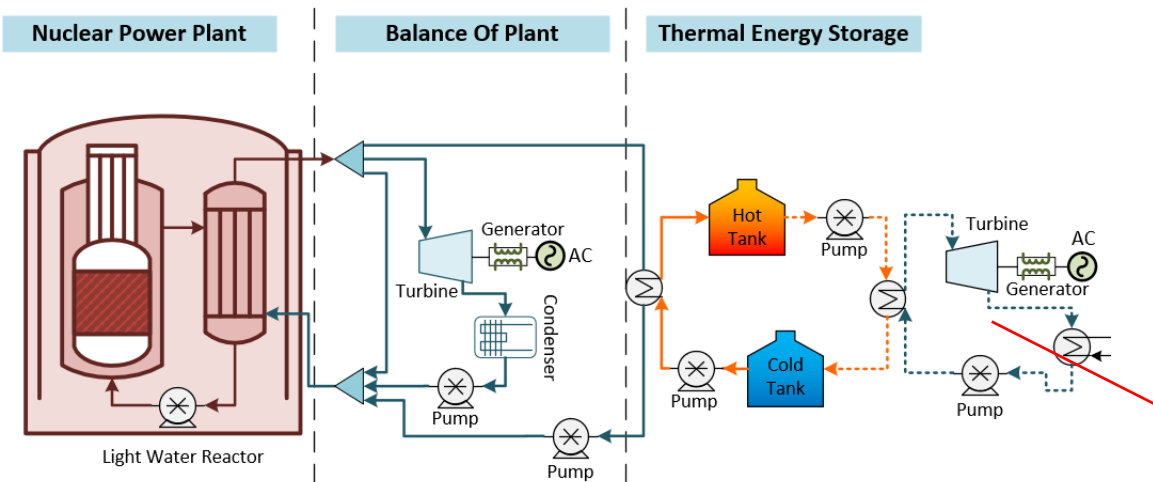


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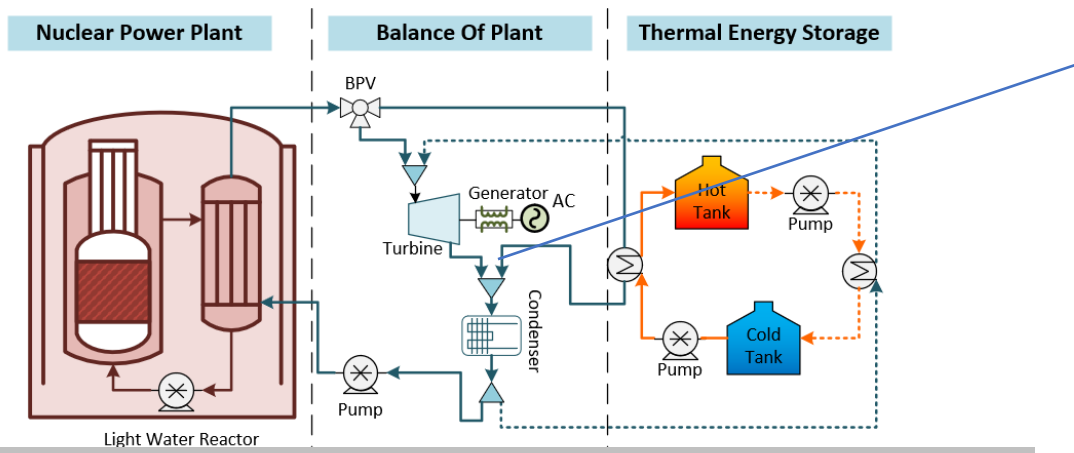
One example showing a cost function curve for the discharge system (IHX, turbine, condenser, condenser feedwater pump, TES power cycle pump)



# TES Coupling with Advanced Reactors (Dedicated vs Oversized BOP)

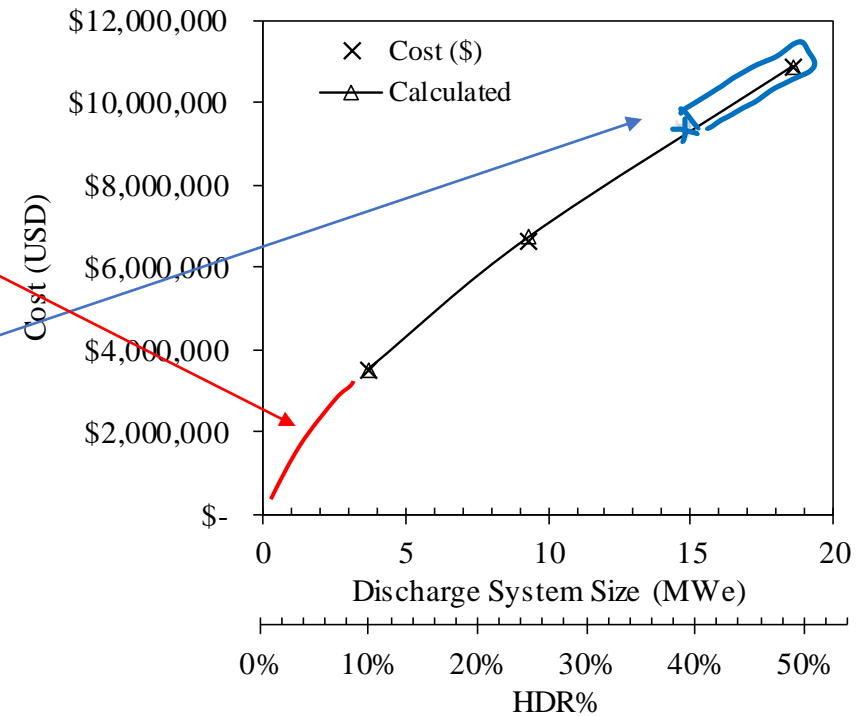


Parallel – Steam “two phase” - Two separate BOP



Parallel – Steam “two phase” - Single “oversized” BOP

*One example additional cost realized for adding 4MWe of electric power generation via a separate BOP or oversized BOP equipment (example showing turbine cost function)*





# TES Coupling with Advanced Reactors (Steam-Molten Salt for TES heat)

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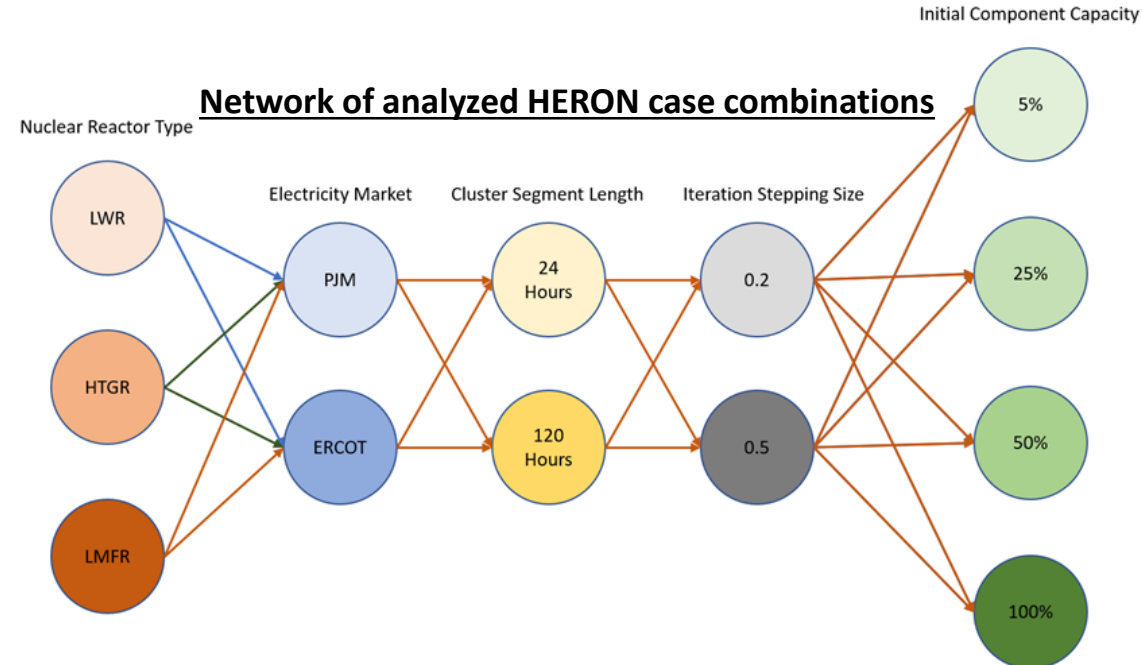
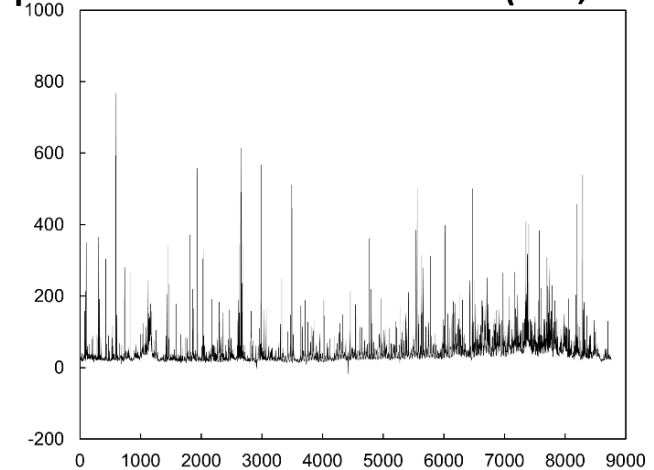
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Example: Historical real-time market (PJM, 2021)



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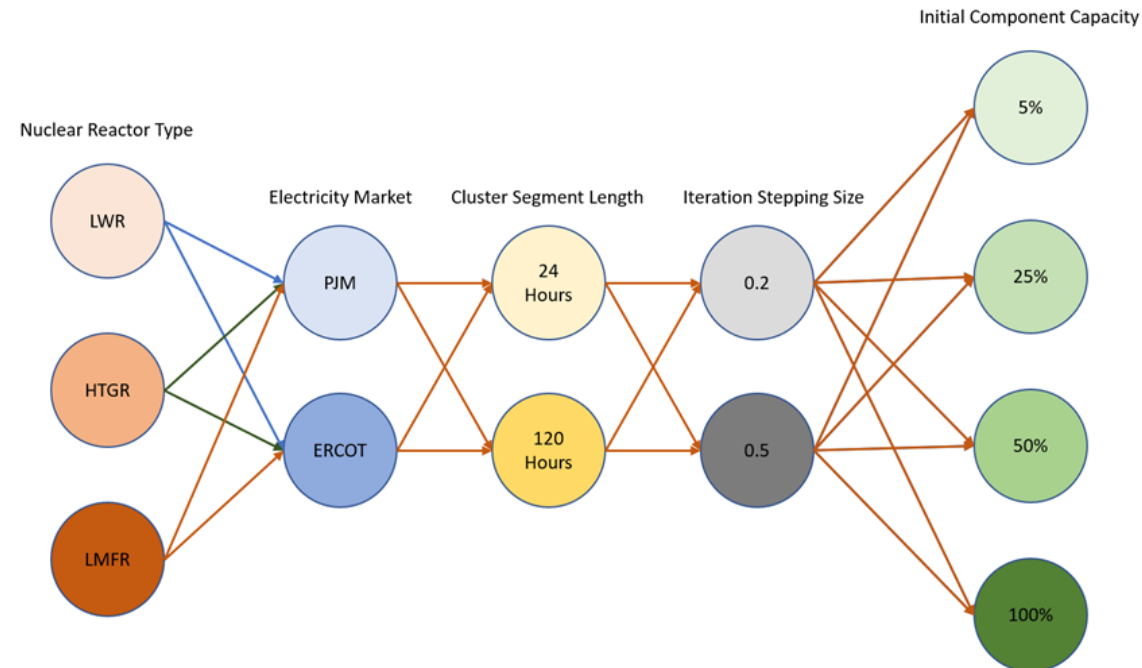
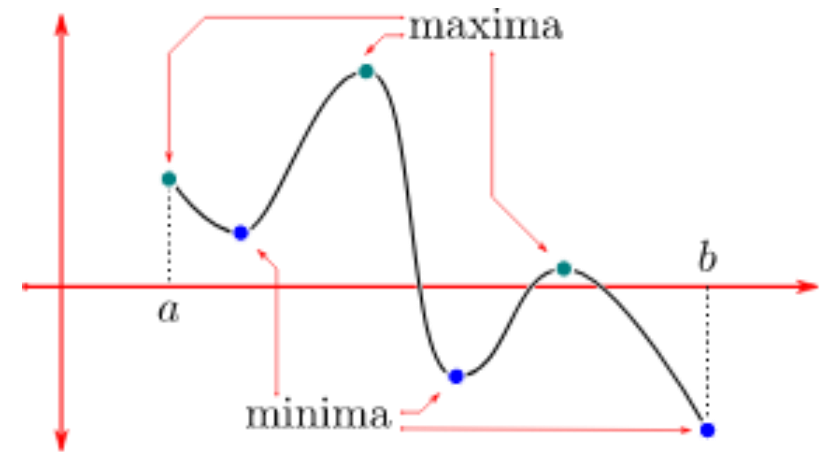
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Coupling analysis results from HERON (blue ■: Baseline [No TES]; gray ■: Negative ΔNPV; gold ■: Very Low Capacities; light green ■: Successful Cases; dark green ■: Maximum ΔNPV).

Initial Capacities	Step size	Segment Length (hrs)	Market
Baseline	N/A	24	PJM
Default	0.2	24	PJM
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LWR - TES Coupling

Market	Mean NPV (USD)	Capacity (Charge, Storage, Discharge)	Delta NPV (USD)
PJM	\$147,773,046	0, 0, 0	
PJM	\$145,143,366	-6.49, 1.32E-07, -8.91	-\$2,629,680
PJM	\$147,842,171	0,0,0	\$69,125
PJM	\$138,099,411	-0.585, 0.623, -69.19	-\$9,673,635
PJM	\$147,862,954	0,0,0	\$89,908
PJM	\$136,012,707	-90.85, 116.97, -45.12	-\$11,760,339
PJM	\$132,184,918	-160, 0, -70.06	-\$15,588,128
PJM	\$147,823,874	-2.492, 0.101, -0.0307	\$50,828
PJM	\$147,918,817	0,0,0	\$145,771

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PJM	\$150,154,838	0, 0, 0	
PJM	\$150,205,613	0,0,0	\$50,775
PJM	\$150,211,742	0,0,0	\$56,904
PJM	\$150,168,268	0,0,0	\$13,430
PJM	\$150,205,438	0,0,0	\$50,600
PJM	\$150,199,696	0,0,0	\$44,858
PJM	\$150,205,063	0,0,0	\$50,225
PJM	\$150,170,901	0,0,0	\$16,063
PJM	\$131,211,751	-133.34, 165.26, -159.99	-\$18,943,087

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ERCOT	\$173,267,567	0, 0, 0	
ERCOT	\$171,195,297	0,28,6,0	-\$2,072,270
ERCOT	\$175,505,510	-8.2,17.7,9.8	\$2,237,943
ERCOT	\$178,748,433	-43.9,71.3,36	\$5,480,866
ERCOT	\$172,762,829	-22.7,16.7, -35	-\$504,738
ERCOT	\$162,281,264	-86.9, 326.8, -129	-\$10,986,303
ERCOT	\$175,220,880	-98.7, 173, -148.7	\$1,953,313
ERCOT	\$161,692,273	-159.6, 630.8, -159.9	-\$11,575,294
ERCOT	\$170,972,789	-159.7,350.4,-155.6	-\$2,294,778

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ERCOT	\$189,398,404	0, 0, 0	
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ERCOT	\$189,669,980	-105.6, 1.94, -0.96	\$271,576
ERCOT	\$186,681,379	-41.9, 84.3, -14.7	-\$2,717,025
ERCOT	\$190,756,456	-42, 0.9, -0.04	\$1,358,052
ERCOT	\$194,443,952	-100, 131, -104.7	\$5,045,548
ERCOT	\$195,182,643	-86.3, 160.5, -122.3	\$5,784,239
ERCOT	\$197,601,129	-155.6, 548.2, -157.5	\$8,202,725
ERCOT	\$196,681,297	-117.6, 354.7, -131.1	\$7,282,893

HTGR - TES Coupling

Market	Mean NPV (USD)	Capacity (Charge, Storage, Discharge)	Delta NPV (USD)
PJM	\$258,575,648	0, 0, 0	
PJM	\$258,690,576	0,0,0	\$114,928
PJM	\$258,727,400	0, 115.64, -5.62	\$151,753
PJM	\$255,749,588	-42.21, 206.59, -57.09	-\$2,826,059
PJM	\$254,913,855	-43.77, 236.79, -44.61	-\$3,661,792
PJM	\$253,707,912	-73.94, 322.94, -69.61	-\$4,867,736
PJM	\$253,430,658	-154.91, 253.87, -85.02	-\$5,144,990
PJM	\$248,357,111	-202.46, 990.29, -202.61	-\$10,218,537
PJM	\$252,635,286	-149.43, 439.95, -118.49	-\$5,940,362

Market	Mean NPV (USD)	Capacity (Charge, Storage, Discharge)	Delta NPV (USD)
PJM	\$262,698,245	0, 0, 0	
PJM	\$262,713,606	0,0,0	\$15,361
PJM	\$262,622,391	0,0,0	-\$75,853
PJM	\$251,969,081	-59.44, 205.91, -62.25	-\$10,729,164
PJM	\$262,641,080	0,0,0	-\$57,165
PJM	\$252,463,614	-174.92, 428.1, -159.04	-\$10,234,631
PJM	\$252,089,693	-188.61, 335.05, -101.04	-\$10,608,552
PJM	\$253,501,444	-201.42, 548.21, -184.21	-\$9,196,800
PJM	\$253,454,930	-202.86, 587.78, -202.64	-\$9,243,314

Market	Mean NPV (USD)	Capacity (Charge, Storage, Discharge)	Delta NPV (USD)
ERCOT	\$302,911,238	0, 0, 0	
ERCOT	\$303,557,416	-4.6, 148.7, -20.5	\$646,178
ERCOT	\$307,862,929	-9.8, 60.4, -10.5	\$4,951,691
ERCOT	\$311,215,653	-52.5, 332.8, -48.8	\$8,304,415
ERCOT	\$342,067,044	-205, 1218, -205	\$39,155,806
ERCOT	\$327,717,451	-99.4, 360.9, -108.9	\$24,806,213
ERCOT	\$344,141,760	-165.1, 699.4, -176.6	\$41,230,522
ERCOT	\$343,886,881	-200.2, 1214, -200.6	\$40,975,643
ERCOT	\$350,963,466	-188.4, 762, -202	\$48,052,228

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ERCOT	\$331,215,757	0, 0, 0	
ERCOT	\$330,356,799	-11.3, 85.4, -9.6	-\$858,958
ERCOT	\$330,245,347	-11.7, 85.4, -13.7	-\$970,410
ERCOT	\$345,657,555	-63, 506, 71	\$14,441,798
ERCOT	\$375,522,679	-94, 470.3, -154	\$44,306,922
ERCOT	\$371,286,637	-167.3, 227.4, -154.3	\$40,070,880
ERCOT	\$391,071,440	-198.3, 976.2, 193.5	\$59,855,683
ERCOT	\$401,735,694	-202.4, 1218, -201.6	\$70,519,937
ERCOT	\$403,027,448	-200.8, 1203.6, -202.9	\$71,811,691

LMFR - TES Coupling

Market	Mean NPV (USD)	Capacity (Charge, Storage, Discharge)	Delta NPV (USD)
PJM	\$1,837,278,574	0, 0, 0	
PJM	\$1,834,553,149	0,0,0	-\$2,725,425
PJM	\$1,830,055,859	0,0,0	-\$7,222,715
PJM	\$1,823,705,468	-474.54, 1411.81, -520.46	-\$13,573,106
PJM	\$1,823,066,542	-544.65, 1595.08, -720.79	-\$14,212,032
PJM	\$1,830,483,636	-742.47, 2416.47, -923.34	-\$6,794,938
PJM	\$1,877,403,749	-1680, 4786.57, -1617.12	\$40,125,175
PJM	\$1,874,213,266	-1680, 6115.83, -1680	\$36,934,692
PJM	\$1,888,576,897	-1675.21, 4719.85, -1665.77	\$51,298,323

Market	Mean NPV (USD)	Capacity (Charge, Storage, Discharge)	Delta NPV (USD)
PJM	\$1,862,989,320	0, 0, 0	
PJM	\$1,863,529,957	0,0,0	\$540,637
PJM	\$1,863,542,269	0,0,0	\$552,949
PJM	\$1,896,256,614	-828.57, 2341, -1078.5	\$33,267,294
PJM	\$1,870,040,327	-566.46, 1716.67, -740.79	\$7,051,007
PJM	\$1,948,440,997	-1210.42, 4081.88, -1676.11	\$85,451,677
PJM	\$1,966,609,642	-1677.54, 4533.75, -1679.48	\$103,620,323
PJM	\$1,898,939,479	-1680, 10080, -1680	\$35,950,160
PJM	\$1,964,267,755	-1637., 4773.23, -1673.6	\$101,278,435

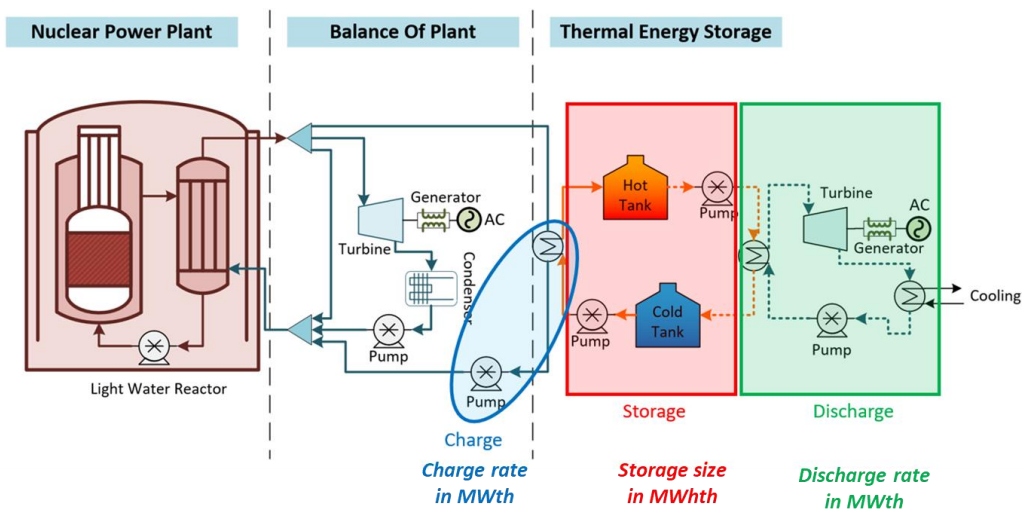
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ERCOT	\$2,154,163,005	0, 0, 0	
ERCOT	\$2,291,607,968	-463.4, 1971.4, -358.6	\$137,444,963
ERCOT	\$2,308,034,577	-326.3, 1363.3, -531.8	\$153,871,572
ERCOT	\$2,221,576,136	-334.2, 2880.2, -473.5	\$67,413,131
ERCOT	\$2,545,872,657	-981.6, 6945, -1460.4	\$391,709,652
ERCOT	\$2,421,523,450	-903.1, 5770.9, -959.6	\$267,360,445
ERCOT	\$2,388,581,887	-1096.7, 1728.4, -900	\$234,418,882
ERCOT	\$2,628,654,807	-1679.6, 9985.8, -1603.5	\$474,491,802
ERCOT	\$2,655,816,129	-1595.2, 9515.8, -1628	\$501,653,124

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ERCOT	\$2,299,782,706	0, 0, 0	
ERCOT	\$2,483,402,651	-305.1, 1773.9, -314.2	\$183,619,945
ERCOT	\$2,440,500,538	-144.2, 2721.9, -571.6	\$140,717,832
ERCOT	\$2,680,035,145	-626.2, 3403.8, -905	\$380,252,439
ERCOT	\$2,809,964,929	-1170.4, 3039, -1190	\$510,182,223
ERCOT	\$2,686,940,783	-844.4, 4915.8, -826.9	\$387,158,077
ERCOT	\$3,119,321,494	-1676.6, 5596.5, -1664.4	\$819,538,788
ERCOT	\$3,122,781,527	-1611.5, 10080, -1679	\$822,998,821
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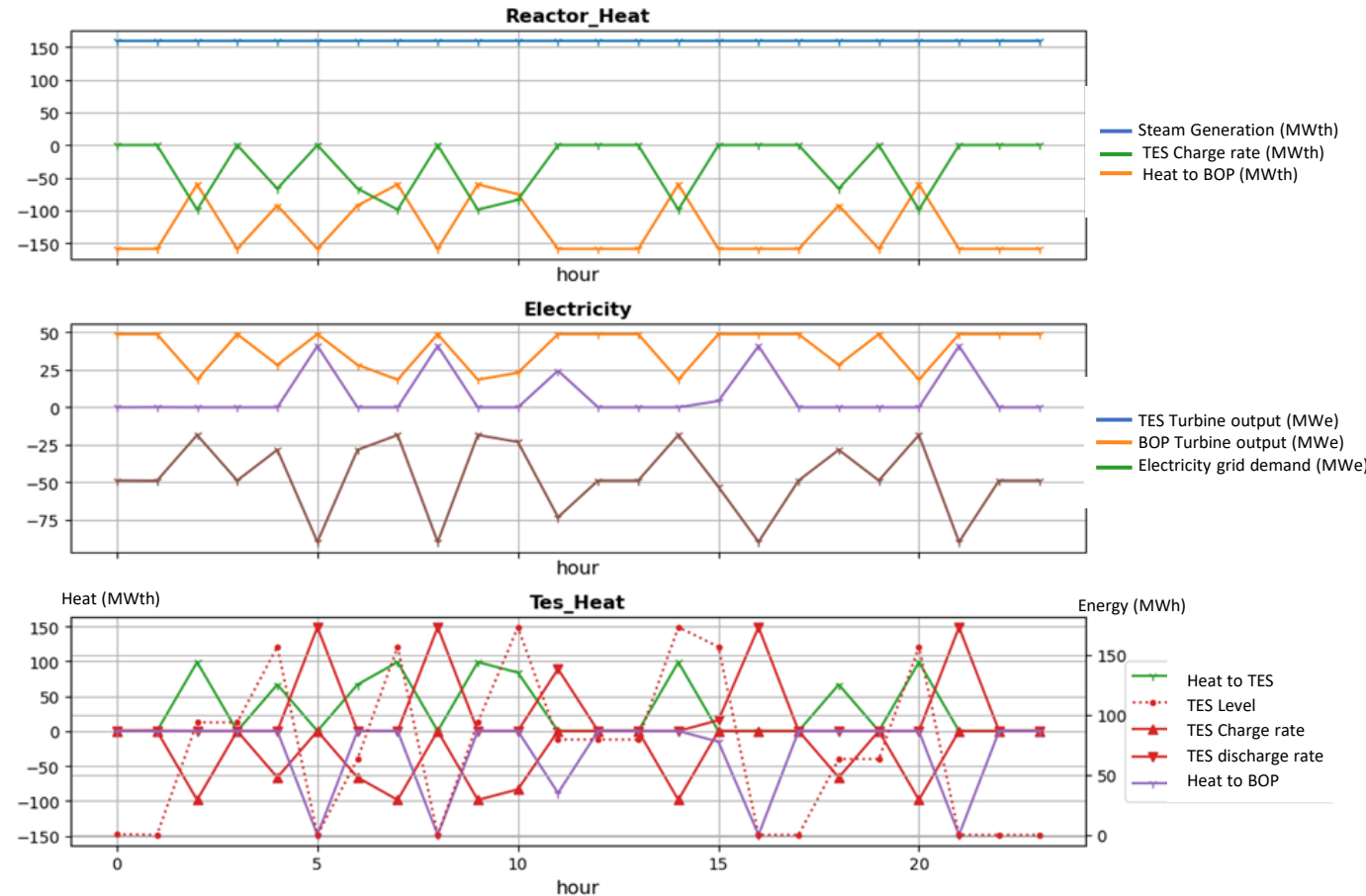
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## Optimization result for maximum NPV

Reactor Type	Initial Capacities	Step Size	Segment Length (hours)	Electricity Market	$\Delta$ NPV (USD)	Capacity of Charge, Storage, Discharge (MW <sub>th</sub> , MWh <sub>th</sub> , MW <sub>th</sub> )
A-LWR	50%	0.5	24	ERCOT	\$1,953,313	-98.7, 173, 148.7
A-LWR	100%	0.2	120	ERCOT	\$8,202,725	-155.6, 548.2, -157.5
HTGR	100%	0.5	24	ERCOT	\$48,052,228	-188.4, 762, -202
HTGR	100%	0.5	120	ERCOT	\$71,811,691	-200.8, 1203.6, -202.9
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## Selected example for A-LWR in ERCOT



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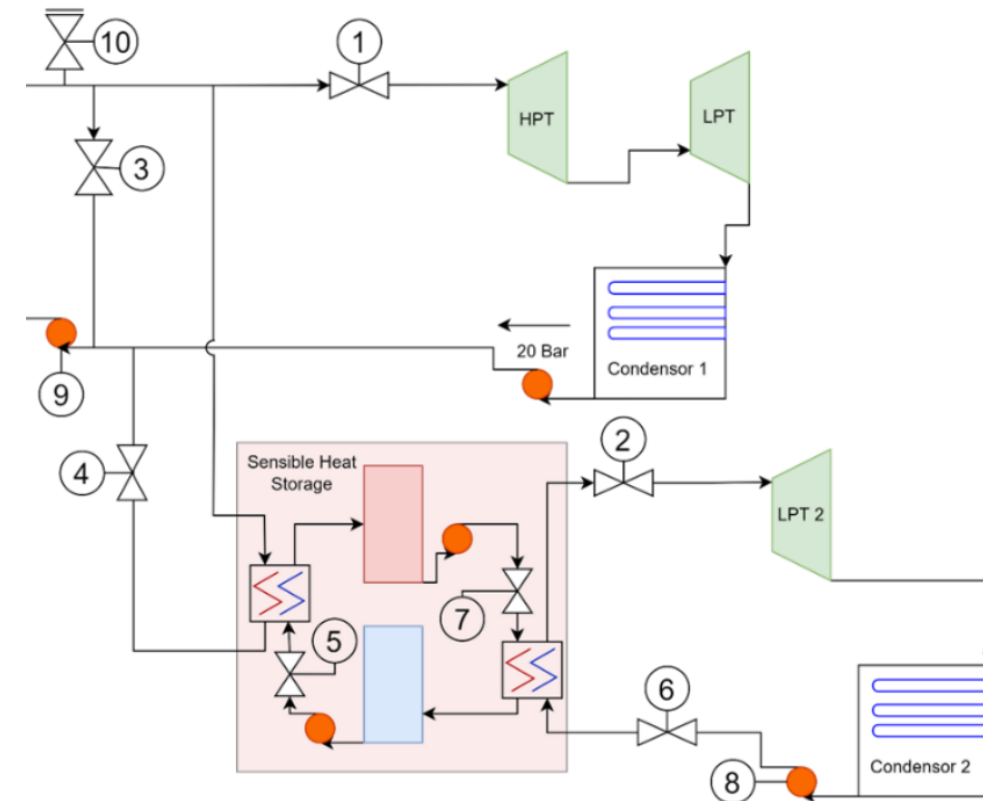
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Block diagram of in Dymola model.



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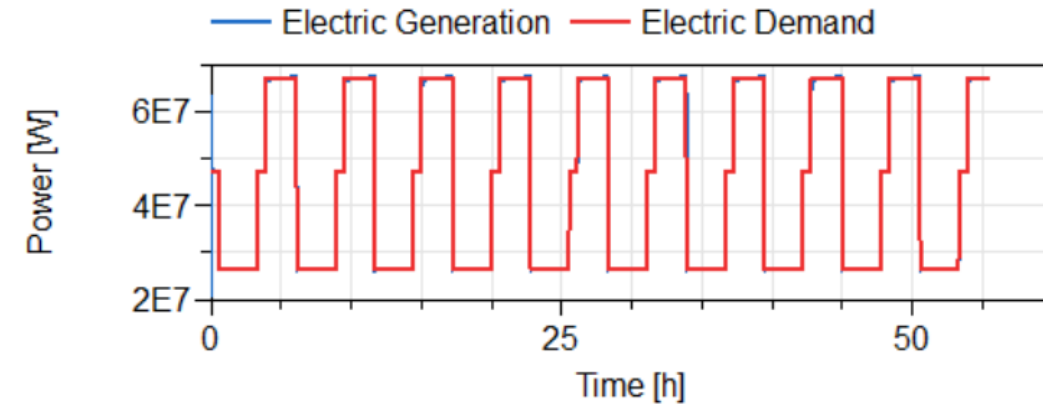
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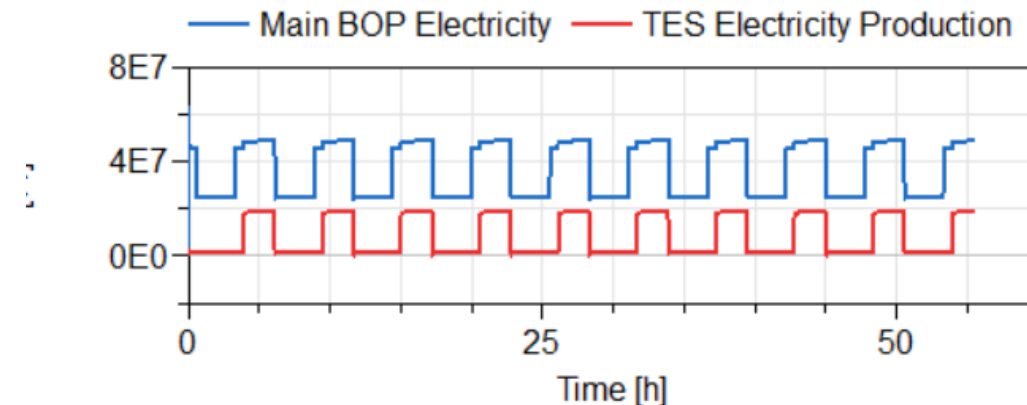
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Electric demand and power production curves



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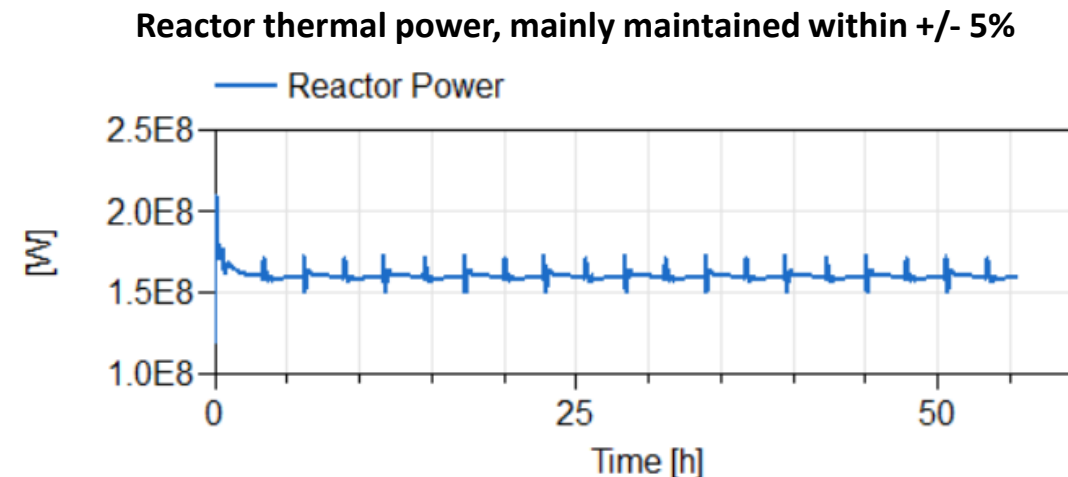
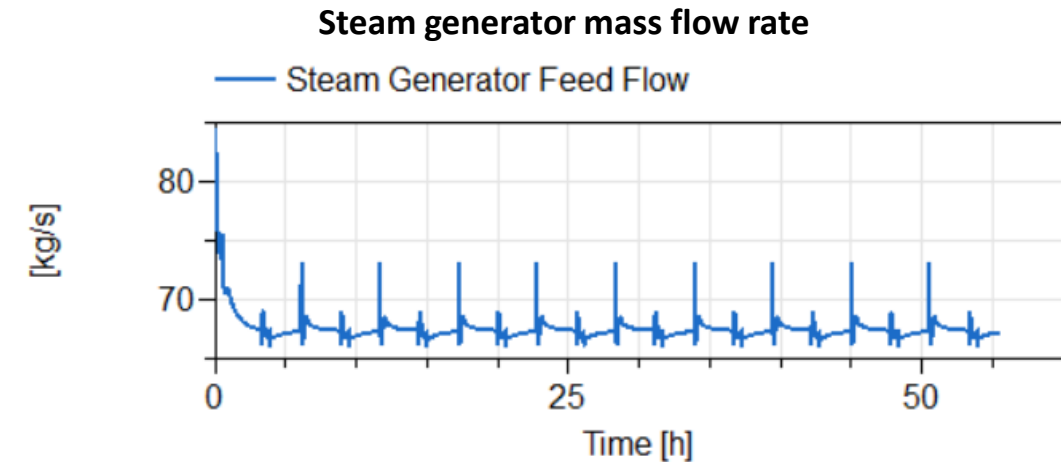
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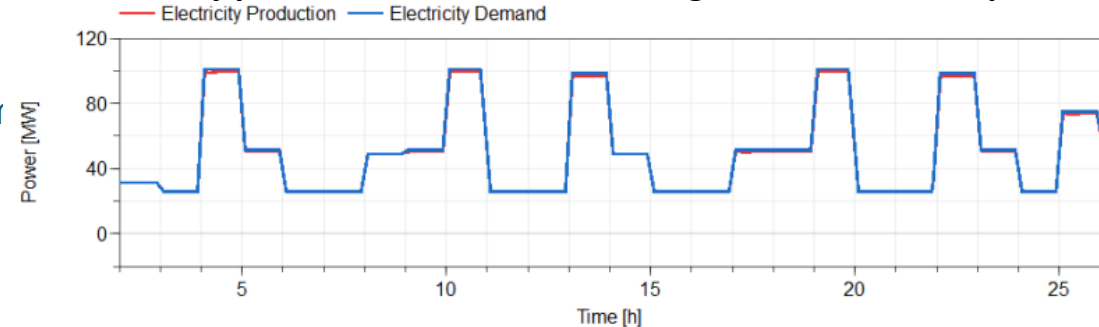
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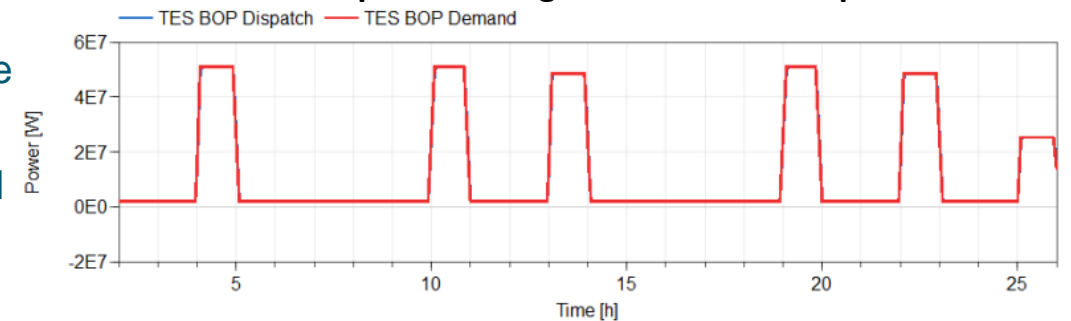
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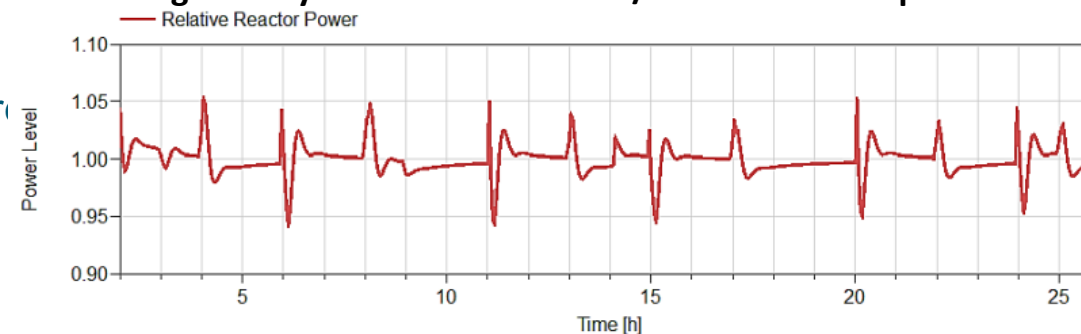
**Electricity production vs. demand throughout a 24-hour dispatch**



**TES BOP dispatch throughout a 24-hour dispatch test**



**Relative reactor power throughout the dispatch test. The power is generally maintained within +/- 5% of nominal power.**



**Thanks for your attention...**

**Questions?**

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