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Energy Conservation Potential in Heat Recovery Techniques  
A Case Study

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ABSTRACT

In this study, we looked at replacing certain heat exchangers with Organic Rankine Cycles. In each case, we determined the cost of generating power and then from this tabulation of capital investment for power generation, feasibility of replacement on a unit-by-unit basis was determined.

The results show that 18 heat exchangers reject sufficient heat to warrant ORC usage, with potential electric generation of 36 MW or a 17% increase of the inplant power generation of 210 MW.

Cost estimates indicate the capital investment required to be approximately \$1000/KW with a potential reduction of \$300/KW for mass produced units.

Based on the results of this analysis it is recommended that ORC manufacturers be engaged to further engineer and incorporate Organic Rankine Cycles into the Oil/Gas design.

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## 1. Introduction

In our initial energy study, we developed a number of methods by which energy can be conserved in inefficient coal conversion plants.<sup>10</sup> Currently, our objective is to apply the procedures we have learned to more near term, efficient and highly engineered plants. The commercial concept Oil/Gas Complex designed by Ralph M. Parsons Company has been selected as the next candidate to be evaluated. This design has a high thermal efficiency of 77%.<sup>11</sup>

The purpose of this particular study is to investigate the feasibility of replacing certain heat exchangers with an organic rankine cycle. For each case, the cost of generating electric power is to be determined and then from this tabulation of capital investment for power generation, the feasibility of replacement on a unit-by-unit basis will be determined.

## 2. H<sub>x</sub> Suitability for ORC

Every heat exchanger in the Oil/Gas Complex has been evaluated for its suitability of being replaced by an organic rankine cycle to produce shaft work. As shown in Figure 1, the ORC can perform essentially the same function as a heat exchanger but the exit temperature of the second stream cannot be the same, ( $T_4 \neq T_4'$ ) since work is extracted.

In evaluating heat exchangers, there are three reasons why a heat exchanger may be rejected as a potential candidate: (1) the exchanger's operation is important to the downstream process and therefore a temperature change in any stream cannot be afforded or (2) the incoming temperature of the process stream is too low to warrant ORC usage or (3) the unit is too small.

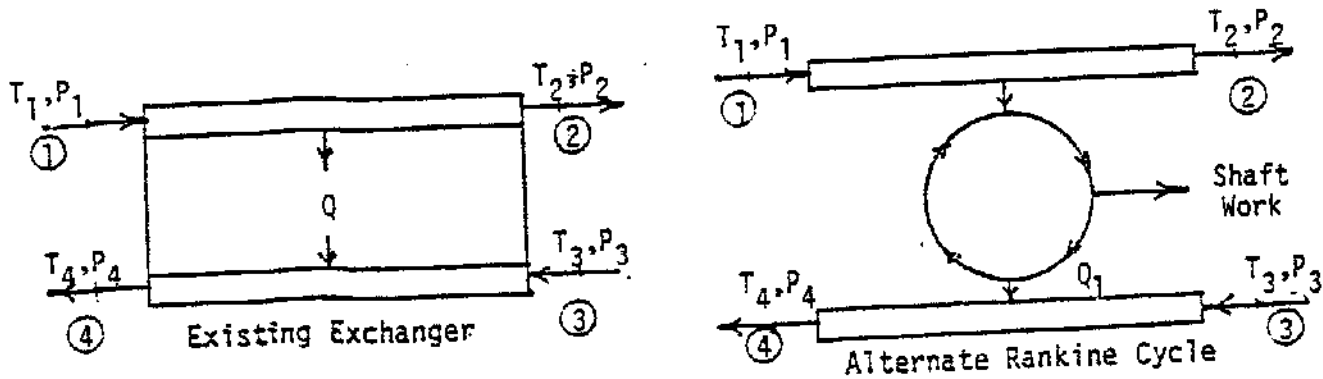


FIGURE 1.

COMPARISON OF ORC AND H<sub>x</sub>

### 3. Organic Rankine Cycle

In many areas in the Oil/Gas complex, air coolers and water coolers are used to cool process streams. In some cases the coolers are used independently and in others they are used in series as shown in Figure 2A. Normally, the air cooler cools the stream to 120°F, then the water cooler cools the stream to 100°F. The inlet temperature of the air coolers vary throughout the plant from 550°F-200°F. It is these schemes which are proposed for replacement by the Rankine Cycle design in Figure 2B, in this report.

The Rankine Cycle design in Figure 2B utilizes an organic working fluid to produce shaft power through a reciprocating or turbine type expander. The air cooler and/or water cooler is replaced by the boiler of Figure 2B keeping inlet and exit states of the process stream constant. Therefore, the waste heat which was previously lost to the atmosphere is used as a heat source for the Rankine Cycle in which some of this heat is converted to mechanical energy in the expander while the remaining is rejected in the condenser to the cooling tower.

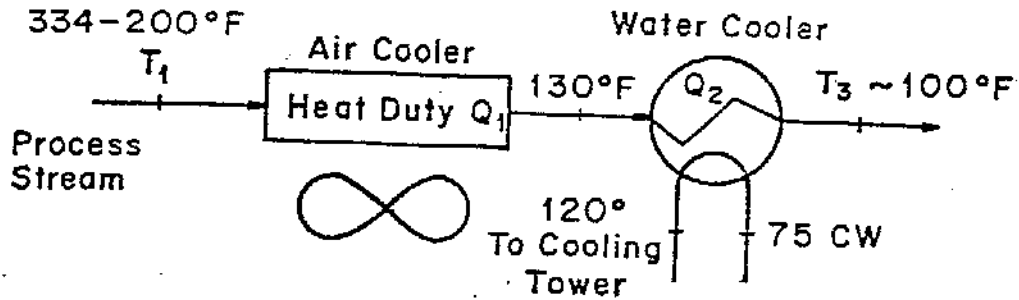


FIGURE 2A. PRESENT DESIGN

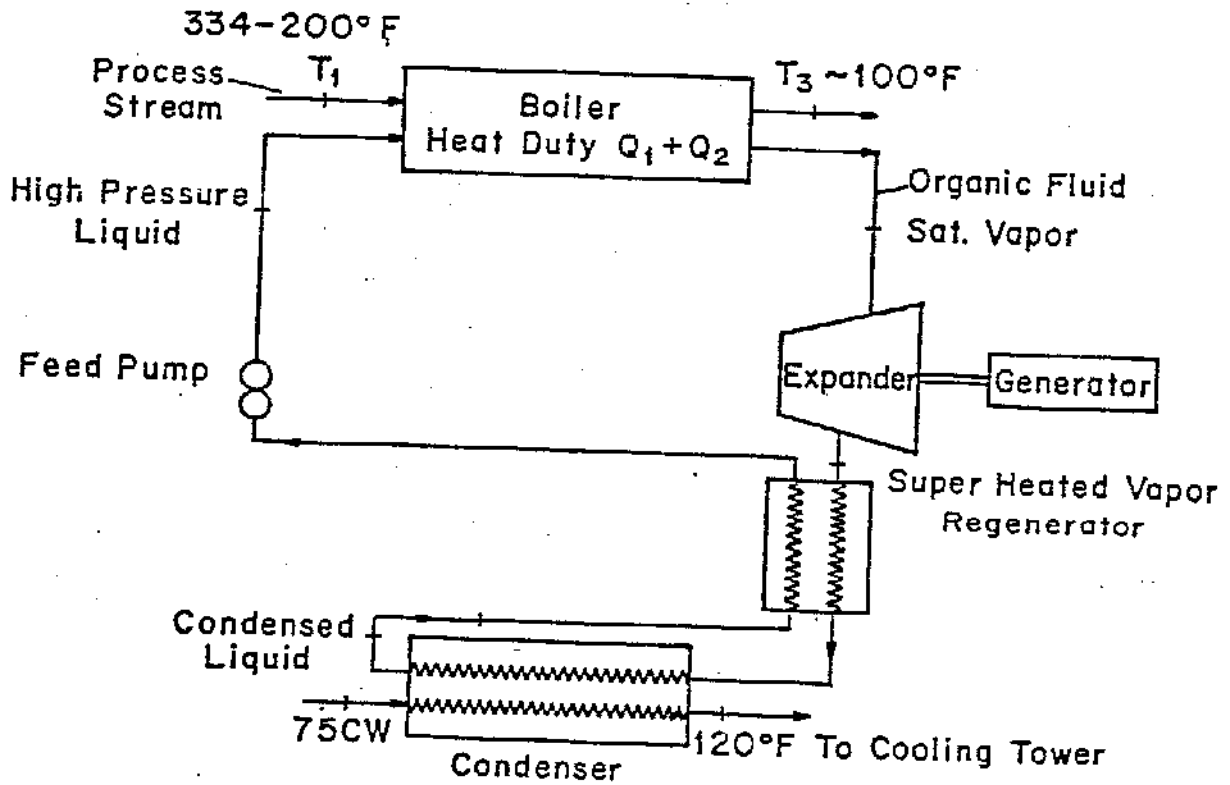


FIGURE 2B. ALTERNATIVE DESIGN ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE

To date, only AFI Energy Systems is in a position to market Organic Rankine Cycles as low level waste heat recovery systems in the 200-400°F temperature range.<sup>17</sup> AFI Energy Systems is a joint venture of: Allied Chemical, Foster Wheeler and Ishikawajima Hauma (IHI) of Japan.

A demonstration 500 KW Organic Rankine Cycle system shown in Figure 3 is being constructed at the Allied Chemical facility at Claymont, Delaware and will be operating in early 1978.<sup>8</sup> This plant incorporates a turbine and associated technology which has been commercially applied in Japan since 1968 in a 3800 KW Organic Rankine Cycle. This system shown in Figure 4 has provided over 70,000 hours of continuous operation with no major problems.<sup>18</sup>

The AFI systems are being offered for sale on a turnkey, fixed price basis in four nominal sizes: 500 KW, 1000 KW, 2000 KW, and 4000 KW. Delivered costs are approximately \$1000/KW.<sup>17</sup>

AFI's current market thrust is toward retrofitting the ORC to waste heat sources in existing plants. These systems utilize liquids or condensable vapors as a heating source. AFI feels economics are not yet justified for installation of an ORC when using gas as a heating source because of a much larger heat transfer area required in the boiler. A three-year AFI study indicated that there is a huge potential application in the following areas: chemical plants, refineries, chemical processes, and areas where there is excess process steam.<sup>17</sup>

Figures 5 and 6, furnished by AFI, have been used to estimate the ORC power output potential of heat exchangers with a liquid or condensable vapor as a heat source. Samples are shown in the figures.



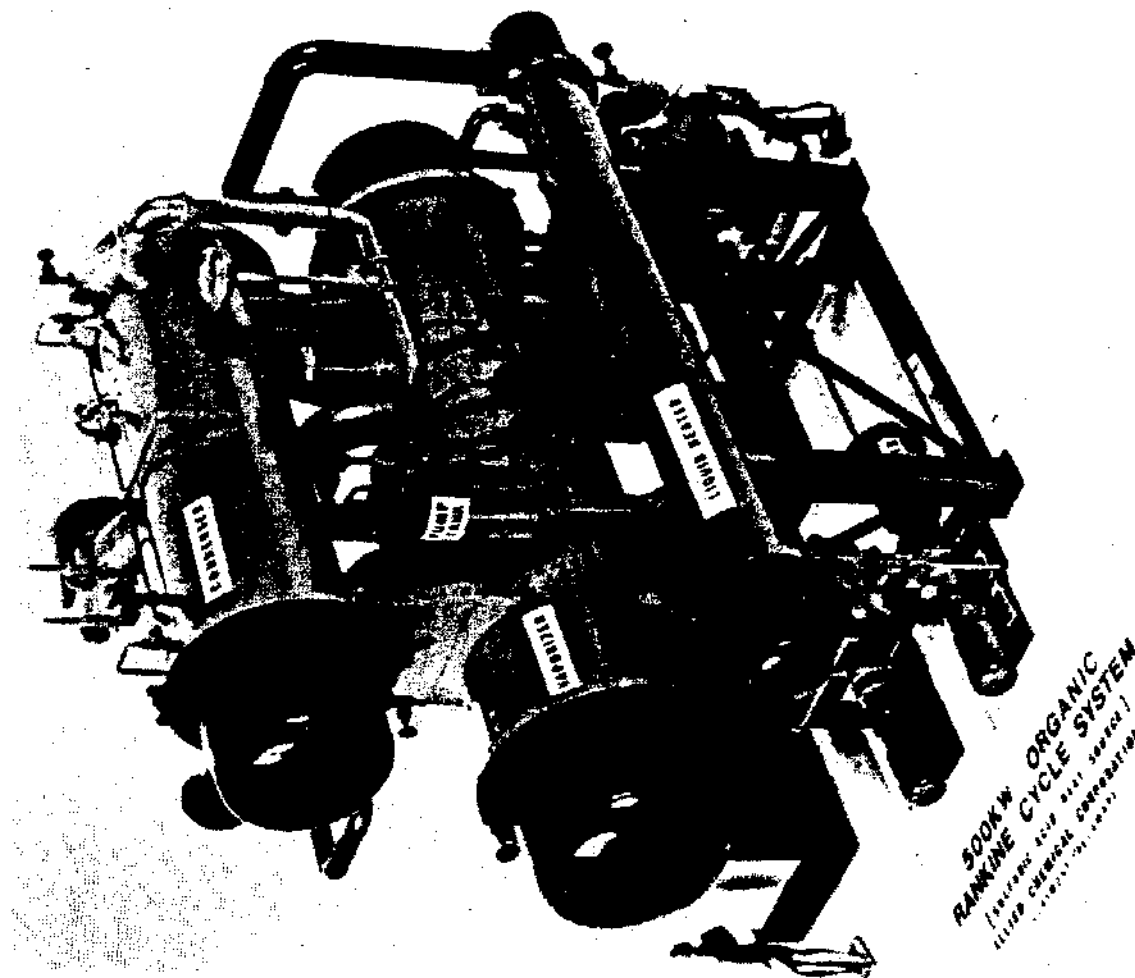


FIGURE 3

500KW ORGANIC  
RANKINE CYCLE SYSTEM  
(Includes 4000 RPM 500 KW  
ALLEN CHEMICAL CORPORATION  
... 1960-1961 ...)

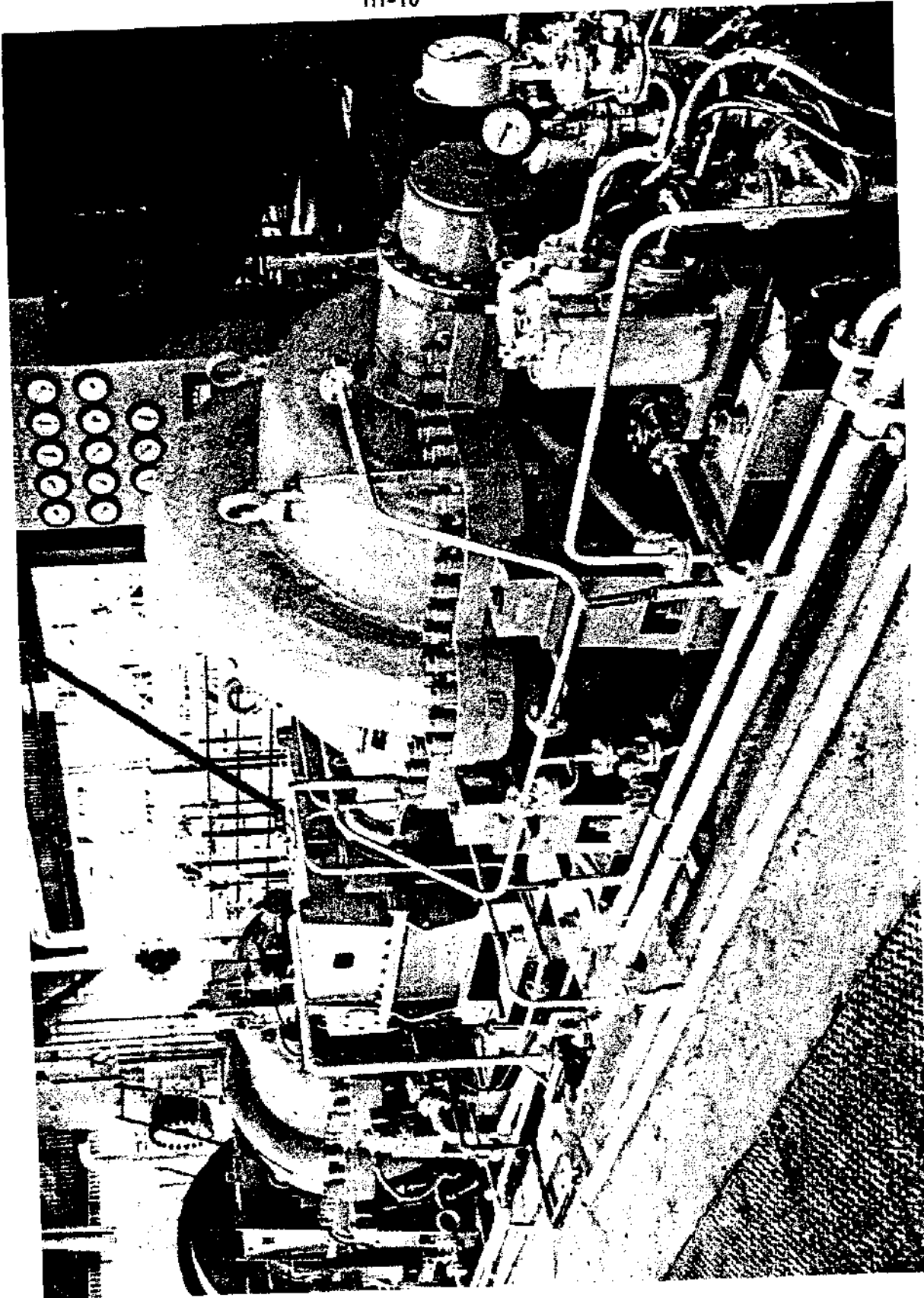
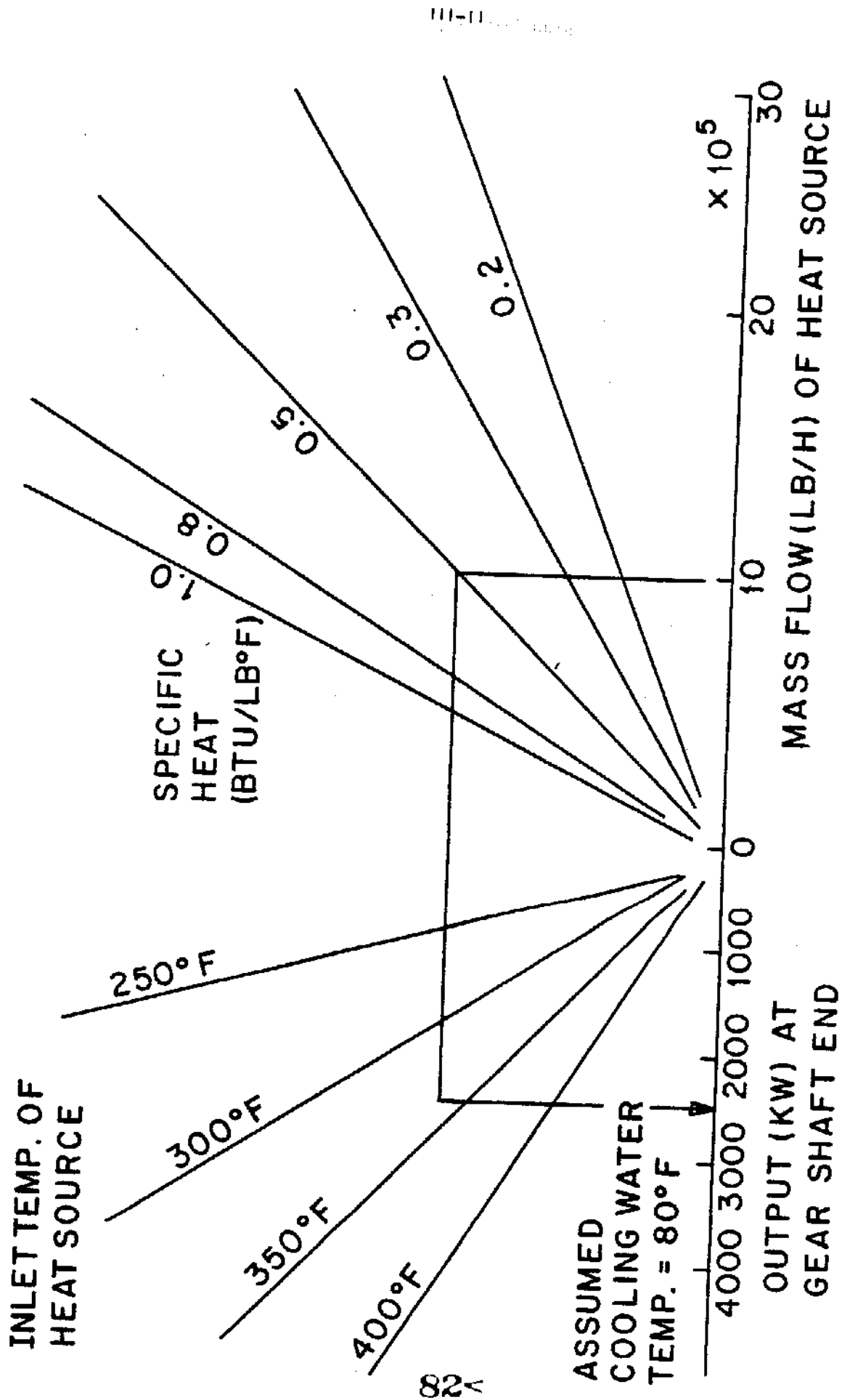


FIGURE 4  
3800KW ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE SYSTEM

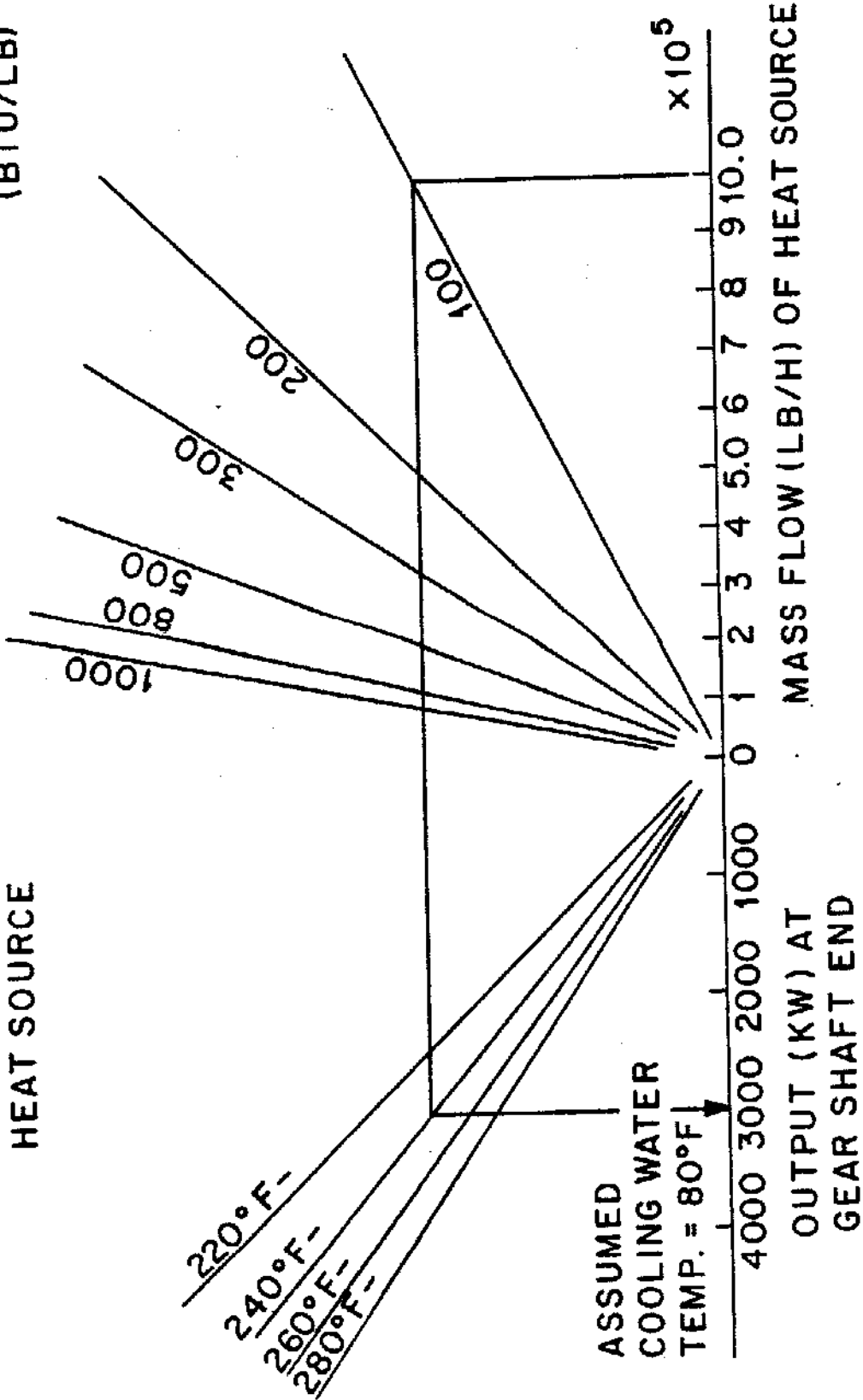


RECOVERED OUTPUT FROM LIQUID HEAT SOURCE

Fig. 5

LATENT  
HEAT  
(BTU/LB)

CONDENSING  
TEMP. OF  
HEAT SOURCE



RECOVERED OUTPUT FROM CONDENSABLE HEAT SOURCE

Fig. 6

Table I shows the results of the power estimates. As can be seen in the table, this analysis indicates that 6 MW of power can be generated using AFI's hardware.

Our analysis of all heat exchangers in the Oil/Gas Complex shows that most of the rejected waste heat is removed from gas streams. Currently AFI does not market systems which can use this heat source, but this is because their market thrust is toward retrofitting in existing installations rather than application at the design stage of a new plant. When looking at the economics of the ORC in a new design, credit must be taken for the heat exchanger which would have otherwise been needed to remove the heat. This credit will make the ORC utilizing a gas heat source economically attractive.

Barber-Nichols Engineering Company (Refs. 6 and 7) has constructed a generalized curve showing the evaluation of Rankine Cycle efficiency with maximum cycle temperature for various working fluids as shown in Figure 7. It is on this curve that output power has been made for the ORC system utilizing a gas as a heat source. Sample calculations are given in Appendix A. All results are shown in Table II. The results of Table II show that by incorporating an ORC in every potential gas stream over 30 megawatts of power can be generated.

#### 4. Cost Analysis

Only a rough figure of \$1000/KW for the ORC systems has been obtained through personal conversations with a representative of Allied Chemical.<sup>17</sup> Installation costs have been kept at a minimum because of a modular installation approach and is estimated to be 20% of the capital

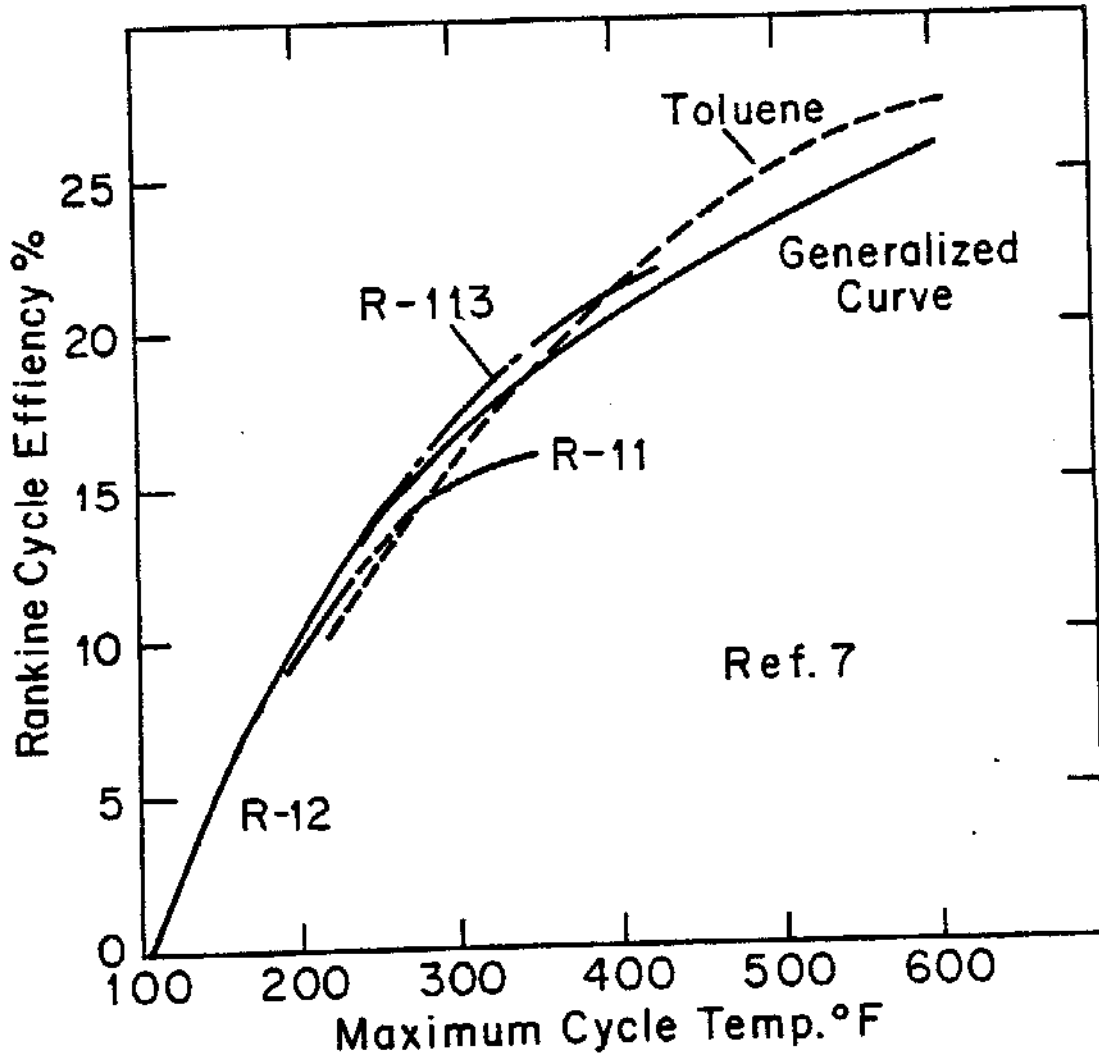


FIGURE 7. RANKINE CYCLE EFFICIENCY

Table I - Output Potential-AFI Energy Systems

| Item       | Description                     | Specific Heat<br>BTU/lb-°F | Mass Flow<br>lb/hr | Temp. of Source<br>°F | Output<br>KW         | Costs<br>\$/KW | Costs<br>\$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 12-1301    | slurry vapor<br>condenser air   | 0.45                       | 46,340             | 450                   | 500                  | 1200           | 600,000     |
| 12-1302    | slurry vapor<br>water condenser | 0.45                       | 44,500             | 260                   | 1900                 | 1200           | 2,280,000   |
| 12-1307(8) | Hp separator<br>liquid coolers  | 0.41                       | 224,740            | 300                   | 500                  | 1200           | 600,000     |
| 13-1301    | dried vapor<br>cooler           | 0.65                       | 74,000             | 460                   | 900                  | 1200           | 1,080,000   |
| 14-1308    | naphtha air<br>cooler           | 0.65                       | 199,600            | 280                   | 600                  | 1200           | 720,000     |
| 14-1314    | fuel oil air<br>cooler          | 0.45                       | 942,413            | 300                   | 1400                 | 1200           | 1,680,000   |
| 16-1307(8) | product coolers                 | 0.57                       | 106,500            | 270                   | 500                  | 1200           | 600,000     |
|            |                                 |                            |                    |                       | TOTAL                | 6300 KW        | \$7,560,000 |
|            |                                 |                            |                    |                       | Heat Exchanger Costs | --             | \$1,843,500 |
|            |                                 |                            |                    |                       | Net Investment       | --             | \$5,716,500 |
|            |                                 |                            |                    |                       | Or Installed Cost of | --             | \$ 910/KW   |

Table II - Power Output-Barber and Nichols

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Description</u>                              | <u>Mass Flow<br/>lb/hr</u> | <u>Temp. of Source<br/>°F</u> | <u>Power Generated<br/>KW</u> |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12-1305     | Hp separator<br>vapor air cond.                 | 605,700                    | 300                           | 5400                          |
| 16-1303     | effluent air<br>cooler                          | 325,350                    | 280                           | 900                           |
| 17-1304     | amine cond.                                     | 153,500                    | 230                           | 2500                          |
| 18-1303     | methanation comp.<br>1st stage dis-<br>charge   | 294,300                    | 290                           | 1300                          |
| 18-1304     | methanation comp.<br>2nd stage inter-<br>cooler | 294,300                    | 250                           | 900                           |
| 18-1308     | methanation<br>effluent air<br>cooler           | 305,314                    | 305                           | 2200                          |
| 18-1315     | SNG comp. 1st<br>stage discharge<br>intercooler | 277,295                    | 235                           | 800                           |
| 21-1302(3)  | shift gas coolers                               | 2,019,162                  | 260                           | 8200                          |
| 24-1307(8)  | fuel gas coolers                                | 2,213,382                  | 300                           | 7900                          |
|             | TOTAL   |                            |                               | 30,100                        |



investment.<sup>17</sup> The installed cost is therefore approximately \$1200/KW for systems utilizing a liquid or condensable vapor heat source. The capital investment required, shown in Table I, is 7.5 million dollars. The total replacement heat exchanger cost was found to be 1.8 million dollars. Taking the heat exchanger costs as a savings the net investment is 5.7 million dollars or \$910/KW. It is assumed that the same cost will be realized with ORC's utilizing gas as a heat source when credit is taken for the replacement heat exchangers.

Figure 8 presents cost curves which were extrapolated from cost curves given in Reference 6. These curves forecast the installed costs of Rankine Cycles for production units. The costs for the Rankine system include all the components necessary to produce shaft power and, in addition, the generator and associated controls to result in electrical power generation. The additional cost to the cooling tower because of larger cooling requirements are not given in this figure.

These curves assume a 100% installation cost and a 6% escalating rate from 1976. From this figure, the installed cost of replacement Rankine Cycles was estimated based on the cycle output and maximum cycle temperature. The cost estimates are given in Table III. Sample calculations are given in Appendix B of the report.

Table III is a summary of the results of the ORC feasibility analysis for all heat exchangers in the Oil/Gas Design. This table gives the feasibility of replacement in column one and the type of feasible exchangers in column two. Column three gives the estimated power output of each replacement cycle. The estimated installed costs are given in columns four and five, column 4 is AFI's estimated costs and column 5 is

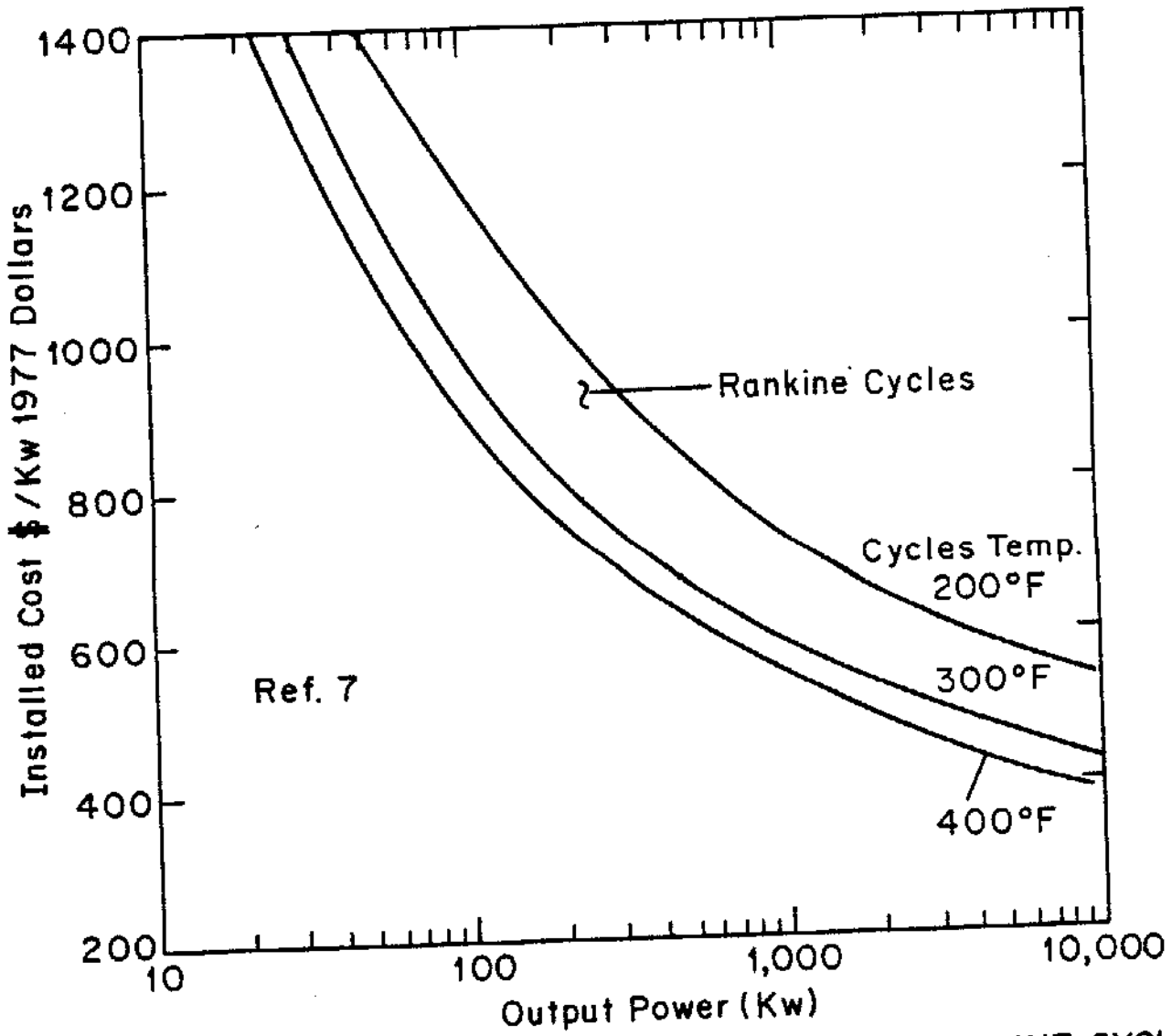


FIGURE 8. ESTIMATED INSTALLED COSTS FOR RANKINE CYCLES

Table III - Summary of ORC Analysis

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Description</u>                        | <u>Feasibility</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Power Generated<br/>KW</u> | <u>Installed Costs<br/>AFI (\$/KW) B &amp; N</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 12-1301     | slurry vapor<br>air condenser             |                    | steam-air   | 500                           | 1200   | 725            |
| 12-1302     | slurry vapor<br>water condenser           |                    | steam-air   | 1900                          | 1200   | 650            |
| 12-1310     | Hp separator<br>slurry feed<br>exchangers | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 12-1340     |   | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 12-1370     |   | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 12-1313     | Hp separator<br>slurry OH<br>cond. Hx     | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 12-1314     | Hp separator<br>slurry steam<br>gen.      | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 12-1303     | Hp separator<br>vapor<br>Feed Gas Hx      | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 12-1304     | Hp separator OH<br>vapor steam gen.       | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 12-1305     | Hp separator OH<br>vapor air<br>condenser |                    | gas-air     | 5400                          |  | 500            |
| 12-1306     | Hp separator OH<br>liq. steam gen.        | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |

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|---------|--|-------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 12-1307 | Hp separator OH<br>liq. air cooler               |             | Liquid-air | 500                   | 1200                                 | Process Hx     |
| 12-1308 | Hp separator OH<br>liq. water cooler             |             |            |                       | 625                                  | +12-1307       |
| 12-1309 | Hp separator OH<br>Cond. H <sub>2</sub> O cooler | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Temp. too low  |
| 12-1315 | Hp flash vapor<br>steam generator                | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 12-1316 | Hp flash vapor<br>air condenser                  | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Output too low |
| 12-1317 | Hp flash vapor<br>water condenser                | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Output too low |
| 12-1318 | 1st IP flash vapor<br>steam generator            | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 12-1319 | 1st IP flash vapor<br>air condenser              | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Output too low |
| 12-1320 | 2nd IP flash vapor<br>steam generator            | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 12-1321 | 2nd IP flash vapor<br>air condenser              | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Output too low |
| 12-1322 | LP flash vapor<br>air condenser                  | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Output too low |
| 12-1324 | LP vent gas<br>condenser                         | rejected    |            |                       |                                      | Output too low |

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|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 13-1301     | Dried vapor cooler                    |                    | liquid-air  | 900                           | 1200   |                |
| 13-1302     | Recycle wash oil preheater            | rejected           |             |                               | 580  | Process Hx     |
| 13-1601     | Drier WHB #1                          | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 13-1602     | Drier WHB #2                          | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1305     | Hy. Dist. PA/<br>Lt. Dist. Reboiler   | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1301     | Hy. Dist. PA<br>Feed Exchanger        | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1302     | Hy. Dist. PA<br>Steam generator       | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1307     | Fract. OVHD/<br>Steam generator       | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1303     | Lt. Dist. PA<br>Steam generator       | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1306     | Fract. Bottoms/<br>Hy. Dist. reboiler | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1401     | Main Fact. charge<br>furnace          | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1304     | Fract. Bottoms/<br>Feed exchanger     | rejected           |             |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 14-1308     | NAPHTHA<br>air cooler                 |                    | liquid air  | 600                           | 1200   | Process Hx     |
|             |                                       |                    |             |                               | 675  |                |

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| Item    | Description                       | Feasibility | Type                    | Power Generated KW | Installed Costs AFI (\$/KW) B & N | Remarks        |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 14-1315 | ATM. Bottoms/ 600 psig steam gen. | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Process Hx     |
| 14-1312 | Fuel oil/150 psig steam generator | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Process Hx     |
| 14-1313 | Fuel oil/150 psig steam generator | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Process Hx     |
| 14-1314 | Fuel oil air cooler               |             | liquid-air              | 1400               | 1200                              | 590            |
| 14-1309 | OVHD. vapor interm. air cooler    | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Temp. too low  |
| 14-1310 | OVHD. vapor air cooler            | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Temp. too low  |
| 16-1302 | Charge heater                     | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Process Hx     |
| 16-1301 | Feed-effluent exchanger           | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Process Hx     |
| 16-1303 | Effluent air cooler               |             | gas-air                 | 900                |                                   | 650            |
| 16-1304 | Stabilizer feed-bottoms exchanger | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Process Hx     |
| 16-1307 | Product air cooler                |             | liquid-air              | 500                | 1200                              | 725            |
| 16-1304 | Stabilizer OVHD air cooler        | rejected    |                         |                    |                                   | Output too low |
| 16-1308 | Product water trim cooler         |             | liquid-H <sub>2</sub> O |                    |                                   | +16-1307       |

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| Item    | Description   | Feasibility | Type                 | Power Generated<br>KW | Installed Costs<br>AFI (\$/KW) B & N | Remarks        |
|---------|---|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 16-1306 | Stabilizer reboiler                                     | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 19-1301 | Feed effluent Hx  | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 19-1302 | Effluent cooler   | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Output too low |
| 17-1301 | Gas/Gas Hx  | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 17-1302 | Amine cooler  | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 17-1303 | Amine exchanger   | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 17-1304 | Amine condenser   |             | gas-air              | 2500                  | 610                                  | Process Hx     |
| 17-1305 | Amine reboiler  | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 17-1306 | Amine reclainer   | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 18-1301 | Regeneration heater                                     | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 18-1302 | Regeneration cooler                                     | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 18-1303 | Methanation comp.<br>1st stage discharge                |             | gas-H <sub>2</sub> O | 1300                  | 620                                  | Temp. too low  |
| 18-1304 | Methanation comp.<br>2nd stage discharge<br>intercooler |             | gas-H <sub>2</sub> O | 900                   | 710                                  |                |
| 18-1305 | Methanation<br>feed/effluent fix                        | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |
| 18-1401 | Methanation<br>start-up heater                          | rejected    |                      |                       |                                      | Process Hx     |

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| <u>Item</u> | <u>Description</u>                                | <u>Feasibility</u> | <u>Type</u>          | <u>Power Generated</u><br>KW | <u>Installed Costs</u><br><u>AFT (\$/KW) B &amp; N</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 18-1306     | Methanation circulating oil boiler                | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Process Hx     |
| 18-1308     | Methanation effluent air cooler                   |                    | gas-air              | 2200                         | 570  |                |
| 18-1311     | Polish methanator feed/effluent Hx                | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Process Hx     |
| 18-1402     | Polish methanator start-up heater                 | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Process Hx     |
| 18-1313     | Polish methanator air cooler                      | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Output too low |
| 18-1315     | SNG compressor 1st stage discharge intercooler    |                    | gas-H <sub>2</sub> O | 800                          | 780  |                |
| 18-1316     | SNG comp. 2nd stage discharge cooler              | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Output too low |
| 18-1314     | Deethanizer comp. 1st stage discharge intercooler | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Output too low |
| 18-1317     | Deethanizer cond.                                 | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Temp. too low  |
| 18-1318     | Deethanizer reboiler                              | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Process Hx     |
| 18-1319     | Depropanizer cond.                                | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Output too low |
| 18-1320     | Depropanizer re-boiler                            | rejected           |                      |                              |  | Process Hx     |

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| <u>Item</u> | <u>Description</u>          | <u>Feasibility</u> | <u>Type</u>          | <u>Power Generated<br/>KW</u> | <u>Installed Costs<br/>AFI (\$/KW) B &amp; N</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 18-1321     | Debutanizer cond.           | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Temp. too low  |
| 18-1322     | Debutanizer re-boiler       | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 20-1301     | Steam superheater           | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 20-1302     | Oxygen preheater            | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 20-1303     | Quench water air cooler     | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Temp. too low  |
| 20-1601     | Steam boiler                | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 21-1601     | 170 psia waste heat boiler  | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 21-1301     | Boiler feed water preheater | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 21-1602     | 40 psia waste heat boiler   | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 21-1603     | 25 psia waste heat boiler   | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 21-1302     | Shift gas air cooler        |                    | gas-air              | 8200                          | 520  |                |
| 21-1303     | Shift gas water trim cooler |                    | gas-H <sub>2</sub> O |                               |  | +21-1302       |
| 24-1301     | Quench water air cooler     | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Temp. too low  |

Table III - Summary of ORC Analysis

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Description</u>                    | <u>Feasibility</u> | <u>Type</u>          | <u>Power Generated<br/>KW</u> | <u>Installed Costs<br/>AFI (\$/KW) B &amp; N</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 24-1302     | Air/fuel gas HX #1                    | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 24-1303     | Fuel gas-1200 psi<br>steam generator  | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 24-1304     | Air/fuel gas HX #2                    | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 24-1305     | Fuel gas-150 psi<br>steam generator   | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 24-1306     | Fuel gas-25 psi<br>steam generator    | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 24-1307     | Fuel gas air<br>cooler                |                    | gas-air              | 7900                          | 490  |                |
| 24-1308     | Fuel gas water<br>cooler              |                    | gas-H <sub>2</sub> O |                               |  | +24-1307       |
| 26-1302     | Reboiler                              | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 26-1351     | Solution Hx                           | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 26-1352     | Solution cooler                       | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 26-1353     | NH <sub>3</sub> stripper<br>condenser | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 26-1354     | NH <sub>3</sub> stripper<br>cooler    | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 26-1355     | NH <sub>3</sub> stripper<br>reboiler  | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |
| 26-1356     | NH <sub>3</sub> condenser             | rejected           |                      |                               |  | Process Hx     |

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Table III - Summary of ORC Analysis

| <u>Item</u>  | <u>Description</u>              | <u>Feasibility</u> | <u>Type</u>              | <u>Power Generated</u><br>KW | <u>Installed Costs</u><br><u>API (\$/KW) B &amp; N</u> | <u>Remarks</u>    |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 32-1311      | Condenser                       | rejected           |                          |                              |  | Process Hx        |
| 32-1312      | Condenser                       | rejected           |                          |                              |  | Process Hx        |
| 32-1313      | Condenser                       | rejected           |                          |                              |  | Process Hx        |
| 32-1315      | Condenser                       | rejected           |                          |                              |  | Process Hx        |
| 32-1316      | Condenser                       | rejected           |                          |                              |  | Temp. too low     |
| 32-1317      | Condenser                       | rejected           |                          |                              |  | Temp. too low     |
| 12-1323      | LP flash vapor<br>air condenser | rejected           |                          |                              |  | Potential too low |
| Total 110 Hx |                                 |                    | Total                    | 36,400                       | 1200   | 560               |
| 18-Used      |                                 |                    | Less Hx Investment       | -12,040,260                  | 910  | 230               |
|              |                                 |                    | Plus Cooling Tower Costs | + 2,300,000                  | 985/KW   | 300/KW            |

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the estimated costs from Reference 7. The last column gives reasons for rejection of heat exchanger replacement.

The total results shown in page 27 of the table indicates that 36 megawatts of power can be generated. The costs for the ORC is estimated to be around \$1200/KW using AFI's data and \$560/KW using the data from Reference 7. When credit is taken for the replaced heat exchangers and an adjustment made for the increased cooling tower costs the AFI estimate drops to \$985/KW and \$300/KW for Reference 7 costs.

Although the AFI estimates indicate the current costs of ORC for waste heat utilization, the costs from Reference 7 indicate the potential costs of the ORC given the appropriate demand. Given this range it is therefore necessary to perform a return on investment sensitivity analysis to demonstrate the potential ROI for various investment costs and selling prices.

#### 4.1 DCF Sensitivity Analysis

A discounted cash flow analysis has been performed on varying sizes of ORC for different investment costs and electricity exporting rates and the results are shown in Figures 9 and 10. Figure 9 assumes a \$.025/KW-hr exporting rate escalating 8% per year for 10 years. Figure 10 assumes a \$.01/KW-hr exporting rate escalating 6% per year for 10 years. Assumptions used for the basis of this analysis are in accordance with the Gas Cost Guidelines used in the Oil/Gas Complex and are shown in Appendix B.<sup>11</sup>

The cost curves of Figure 8 were used as a basis for this analysis. The capital investment was taken directly from Figure 8 for curve B in Figure 9 (B and C), the most optimistic curve. The capital investment for the pessimistic outlook, curves (A and D) was assumed to be a 100%

increase in the curve of Figure 7. This analysis does take credit for replacement heat exchangers.

The expected ROI for two ORC manufacturers is also given in the figure. One is AFI at \$985/KW and the other is Sundstrand Corporation, a 600 KW waste heat recovery ORC utilizing heat source temperatures above 550°F. The Sundstrand systems installed cost is \$800/KW, with a mass production projection of \$400/KW.

#### 5. Discussion of ORC

The results and conclusions presented here concerning Organic Rankine Cycles are not necessarily (restricted) to coal conversion plants but can be expanded to any industry in which low level heat is being wasted.

By replacing air coolers and water coolers with Organic Rankine Cycles, waste heat can be utilized to produce useful electrical or shaft power. All ORC presented in this report are within the realm of technological development of Rankine Cycles. In addition to AFI Energy Systems and Sundstrand's experience, many other U.S. firms have applied considerable effort to the development of Organic Rankine Cycles for various applications. Table IV, not intended to be an all inclusive list, gives a summary of some of the companies working on ORC.

Most applications of the Organic Rankine Cycle are of a prototype nature at the present time and therefore costs are substantially higher than the estimates presented here. In some cases the costs are as high as \$2000/KW-\$3000/KW, but all manufacturers forecast price declines given the appropriate demand. AFI's and Sundstrand's cycles

Table IV

| Manufacturer             | Type of Fluid | Type of Expander | Type of Application              | Expander Inlet<br>°F/PSIA | Rated Power Hp |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Aerojet-Liquid Rocket | AEF-78        | Turbine          | Automobile                       | 650/1000                  | 74.9           |
| 2. Barber-Nichols        | R-113         | Turbine          | Solar Cooling                    | 200/57                    | 2.7            |
| 3. Barber-Nichols        | R-113         | Turbine          | Solar Irrigation                 | 920/221                   | 25.0           |
| 4. Fairchild-Hiller      | FC-75         | Turbine          | Total Energy Plant               | 428/206                   | 25.34          |
| 5. Kinetics              | R-113         | Rotary           | Automobile                       | 375/355                   | 47.0           |
| 6. Kinetics              | R-114         | Rotary           | Solar Cooling                    | 200/180                   | 7.5            |
| 7. Ormat                 | MCB           | Turbine          | Power Pack                       | variable                  | 3.0            |
| 8. Sundstrand Aviation   | CP-25         | Turbine          | Total Energy Plant               | 825/195                   | 134.1          |
| 9. Sundstrand Aviation   | Dowtherm A    | Turbine          | Power Pack                       | 700/7                     | 8.0            |
| 10. Sundstrand Aviation  | Toluene       | Turbine          | Waste Heat Recovery              | 550/300                   | 900            |
| 11. Thermo-Electron      | Fluorinol 85  | Turbine          | Automobile                       | 600/700                   | 145.5          |
| 12. Thermo-Electron      | Fluorinol 85  | Turbine          | Gas turbine<br>bottoming plant   | 600/700                   |                |
| 13. Thermo-Electron      | Fluorinol 85  | Turbine          | Diesel engine<br>bottoming plant | 600/700                   | 1,000          |
| 14. United Aircraft      | R-113         | Turbine          | Solar Cooling                    | 200-375/70-340            | 4.3            |
| 15. United Aircraft      | R-114         | Turbine          | Solar Cooling                    | 250-275/250-400           | 8.0            |

are currently being sold at reasonable costs with satisfactory rates of return given today's electricity costs.

These efforts and the efforts of numerous other companies indicate the cost estimates presented here are certainly within the time frame necessary for use in coal conversion plants.

## 6. Conclusions

Based on estimates and results presented in this report, the following conclusions are drawn:

1. The Organic Rankine Cycle is an energy effective to air and water cooled systems operating at temperatures above 200°F. In the Oil/Gas Complex 36 megawatts of electricity can be produced in an energy effective manner through recovery of the waste heat of air and water coolers.
2. Incorporating Organic Rankine Cycles into coal gasification designs will generate demand to lower production costs and, therefore, enable the ORC to become cost effective in a variety of other industries where waste heat is available. On a national level the energy savings potential is incredible.

## 7. Recommendations

This report is a preliminary analysis which pinpoints 18 heat exchangers throughout the Oil/Gas Complex, in which the rejected heat is sufficient to generate over 36 MW of power via Organic Rankine Cycles. It is therefore recommended that current manufacturers be contacted and steps taken to further engineer and incorporate Organic Rankine Cycles into the Oil/Gas design.



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## Appendix A

Sample CalculationsRankine Cycle Power Output

The High pressure Separator vapor air condenser (12-1305) is used as an example in these calculations to illustrate the method used in determining possible power output of the ORC.

Data

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Heat Source Temp: | 300°F                       |
| Heat Transfer:    | $123.3 \times 10^6$ BTU/Hr. |
| Mass Flow:        | 605,700 Lbm/Hr.             |

Assumptions

1. Boiler, regeneration and condenser have an effectiveness of 80%.

Sample Calculations

The heat transfer in the boiler is  $123.3 \times 10^6$  BTU/Hr.

$$Q_B = 123.3 \times 10^6 \text{ BTU/Hr.}$$

Assuming boiler effectiveness of 80% the maximum cycle temperature is about 270°F.

$$T_{\max} = 270^\circ\text{F.}$$

Using the generalized curve of Figure #7, the Rankine cycle efficiency is 15%.

$$y = 15\%$$

Multiplying the heat source from the boiler with the cycle efficiency

gives the power output of the cycle.

$$\begin{aligned} P &= yQ_B = .15 \times 123.3 \times 10^6 \\ &= 18.5 \times 10^6 \text{ BTU/Hr.} \\ &= 5,420 \text{ KW} \\ &= 7,275 \text{ Hp} \end{aligned}$$

## Appendix B

1. Cost Analysis

The replacement rankine cycle for the air cooled system (12-1305) is used as an example for the cost analysis presented in this paper.

The installed cost of replacement rankine systems is estimated from the curves of Figure 8 using the estimated power output and cycle temperature calculated in Appendix A.

$$P_{out} = 5,400 \text{ KW}$$

$$T_{max} = 270^{\circ}\text{F.}$$

From Figure 8 the installed cost is found to be \$500/KW

$$IC = \$500/\text{KW}$$

Since the total output possible is 5,400 KW the total installed cost is easily found.

$$\begin{aligned} (IC)_T &= \$500/\text{KW} \times 5400 \\ &= \$2,700,000 \end{aligned}$$

Additional cost resulting from enlarging cooling tower capacity is estimated from data given in Reference 10.

$$\text{Cooling Tower Costs} = \$76,400$$

Heat exchanger costs were obtained from Reference 13.

$$\text{Hx Costs} = \$540,350$$

The net cost is found by adding the ORC installed cost plus the cooling tower costs minus the heat exchanger costs.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Net Cost} &= \$2,700,000 + 76,400 - 540,350 \\ &= \$2,236,050 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \$415/\text{KW}$$

## 2. DCF - Sensitivity Analysis

A discounted cash flow analysis was performed for various capital investments and rates of electricity. The following is the assumptions used in constructing the curves of Figures 9 and 10.

### All Curves

1. 20 year project life
2. Double-Declining Balance Depreciation
3. 48% federal income tax
4. \$.003/KW-hr operation and maintenance costs
5. 8400 Hrs/year operating

### Curve A - Pessimistic outlook

1. Capital Cost based on 100% increase of Fig. 8 with credit taken for replacement Heat Exchanger
2. Exporting rate for electric power is \$.01/KW-hr escalating at a rate of 6% per year for 10 years

### Curve B - Optimistic Outlook

1. Capital Cost based on Fig. 8 with credit taken for replacement Heat Exchanger
2. Exporting rate for electric power is \$.025/KW-hr escalating at a rate of 8%/year for 10 years

### Curve C

1. Capital Costs based on Fig. 8 with credit taken for replacement exchanger
2. Exporting rate of \$.01/KW-hr escalating at a rate of 6%/year for 10 years

Curve D

1. Capital Costs based on 100% increase of Fig. 8 with credit taken for replacement exchanger
2. Exporting rate of \$.025/KW-hr escalating at a rate of 8%/year for 10 years.

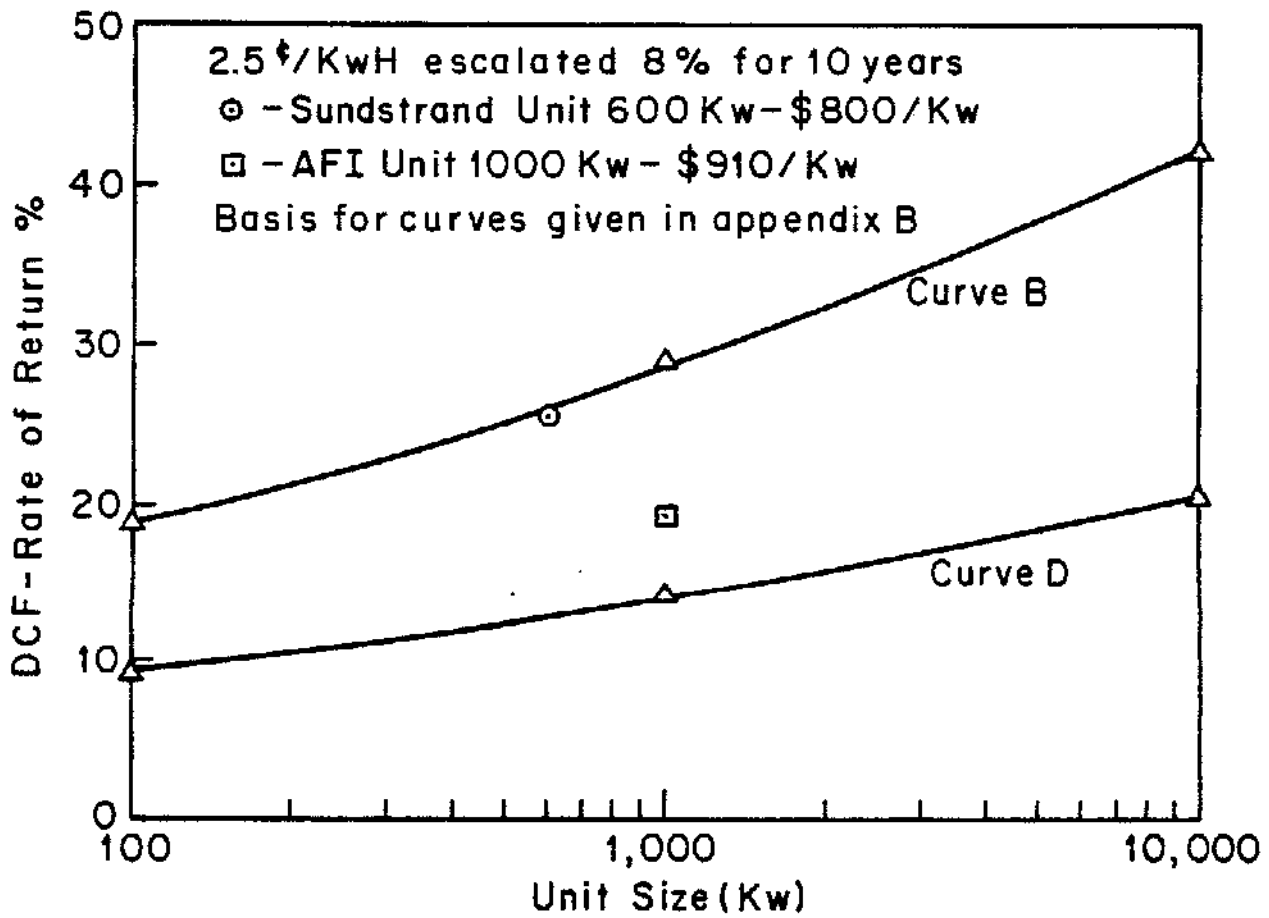


FIGURE 9. RATE OF RETURN VS CYCLE SIZE



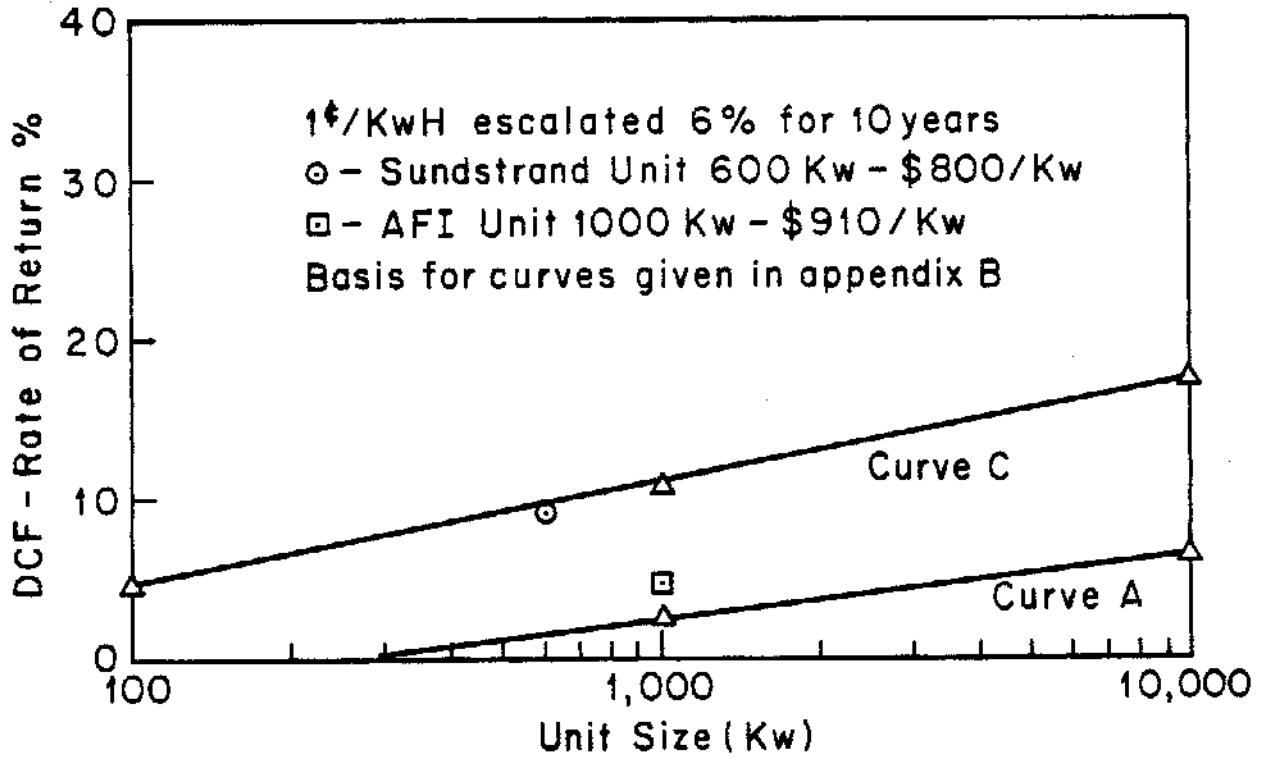


FIGURE 10. RATE OF RETURN VS CYCLE SIZE