

# Gen3CSP

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SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE

# Gen3 CSP Summit

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# Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) Overview

## MISSION

We accelerate the **advancement** and **deployment of solar technology** in support of an **equitable** transition to a **decarbonized energy system by 2050**, starting with a decarbonized power sector by 2035.

## WHAT WE DO

**Advance solar technology** and drive soft cost reduction to make solar **affordable** and **accessible** for all Americans

Enable solar to **support grid reliability** and pair with storage to provide new options for **community resilience**

Support **job growth**, **manufacturing**, and the **circular economy** in a wide range of applications



# Roadmap to Success: 8-10 Year Strategy

## Top Priorities

- 1) **Accelerate solar deployment and associated job growth** by opening new markets, providing workforce training, growing U.S. manufacturing, reducing environmental impacts, and **putting a focus on environmental justice**.
- 2) Enable inverter-based technologies to provide essential grid services and black start capabilities while demonstrating the **reliable, resilient and secure operation of a 100% clean energy grid**.
- 3) **Reduce hardware and soft costs of solar electricity for all Americans** to enable an affordable carbon-free power sector by 2035.
- 4) **Support a decarbonized industrial sector** with advanced concentrating solar-thermal technologies and develop affordable renewable fuels produced by solar energy.

## Key Goals by 2030

### Acceleration

- Enable 5x faster deployment (60 GW<sub>AC</sub>/yr)
- 65% of the solar hardware installed in U.S. was made or assembled in U.S.

### Reliability & Resiliency

- Demonstrate reliable operation of a grid with 75% inverter-based generation by 2025

### Costs

- \$0.02/kWh for utility-scale photovoltaics
- \$0.05/kWh for concentrating solar power
- 100% of energy consumers can choose solar without increasing energy costs by 2025

### Net Zero Emissions Energy Sector

- \$0.02/kWh for solar process heat at a range of temperatures by 2025)

# Long Duration Storage Earthshot



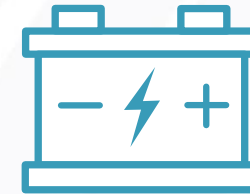
*Affordable grid storage  
for clean power –  
any time, anywhere*



Reduce storage costs  
by

**90%**

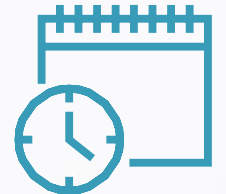
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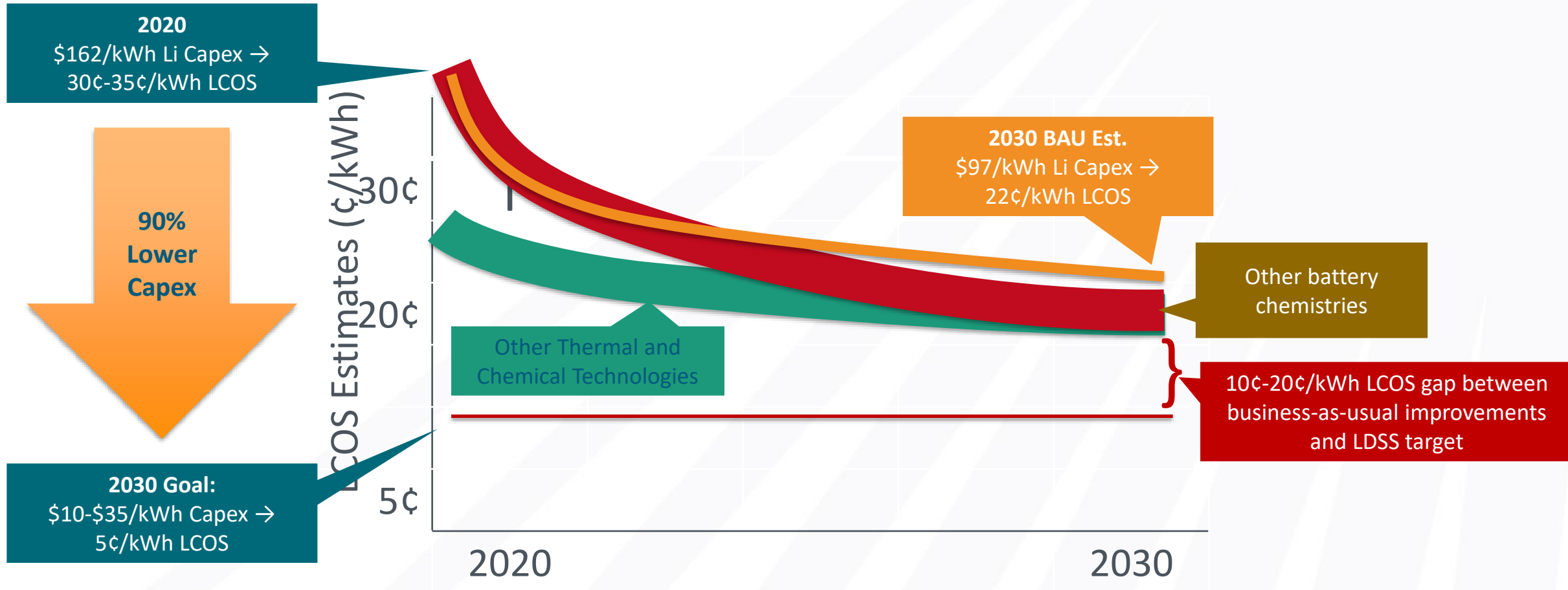
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**1**

decade

# Significant Storage Cost Decreases Required

## Business-as-usual Projections of Storage Price Decreases (10-hour system)



LCOS = Levelized Cost of Storage, or the cost of moving a kilowatt-hour of energy from one time period to another  
 Li batteries were 99% of grid storage being deployed in 2020: IHS, Grid-Connected Energy Storage Market Tracker, 1 February 2021  
 2020 and 2030 Battery Costs: [DOE-ESGC 2020 Grid Energy Storage Technology Cost and Performance Report](https://www.energy.gov/solar-office)  
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## Priority R&D Topics:

- Designing and piloting 'Gen3 CSP' high-temperature (> 700 °C) thermal transport systems
- Lowering the installed cost of highly autonomous heliostats
- Enhancing the performance and reliability of CSP plants
- Developing solar thermal systems and components for solar-driven industrial processes



**Concentrating Solar Power Best Practices Study**

Mark Mehos,<sup>1</sup> Hank Price,<sup>2</sup> Robert Cable,<sup>2</sup> David Kearney,<sup>2</sup> Bruce Kelly,<sup>2</sup> Gregory Kolb,<sup>2</sup> and Frederick Morse<sup>2</sup>

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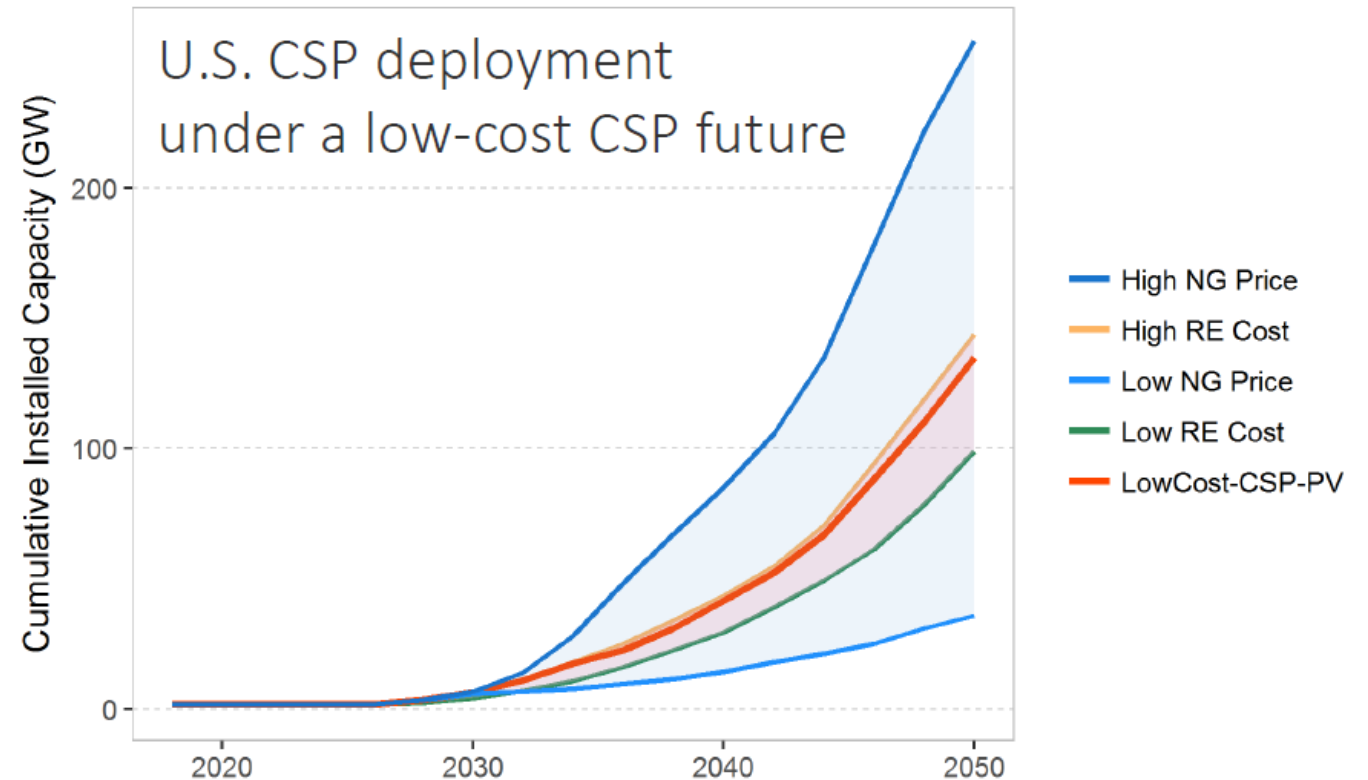
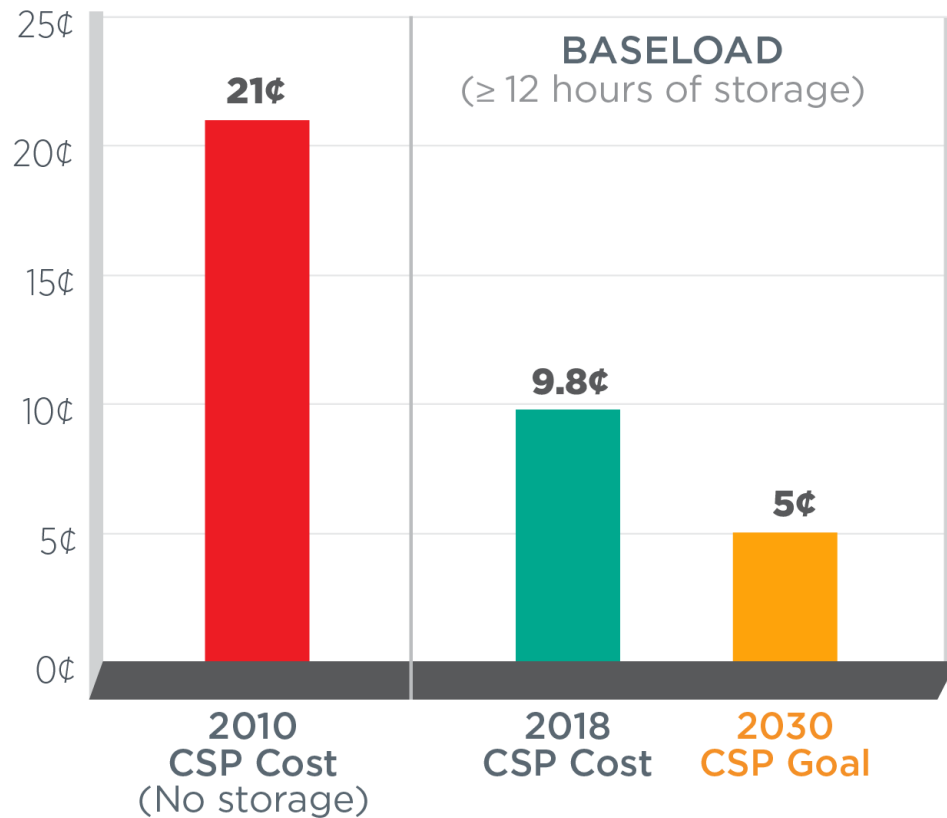
NREL is a national laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Operated by the Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC  
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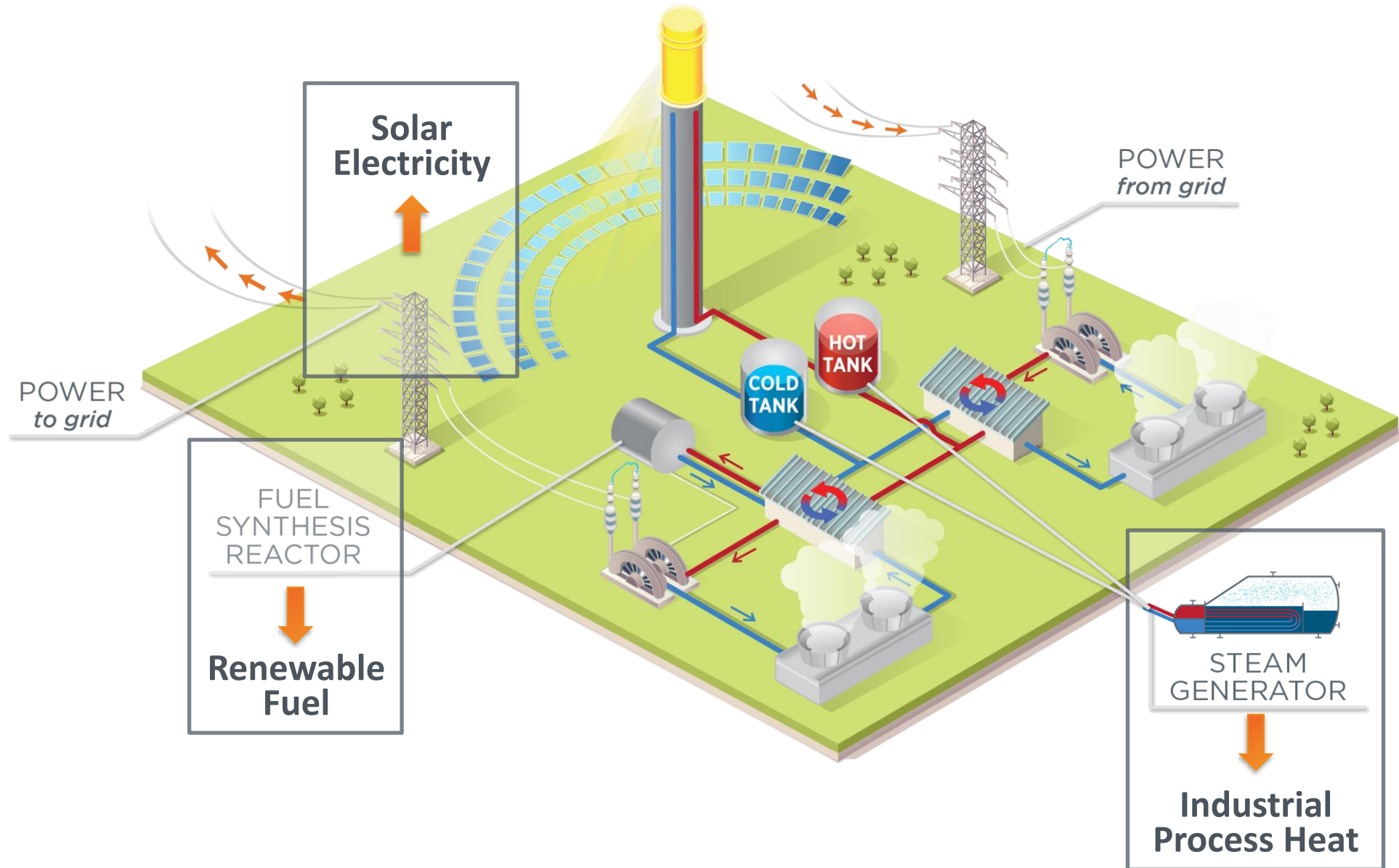
# Progress and Goals: 2030 LCOE Goals

The office's 2030 cost targets for CSP baseload ( $\geq 12$  hours of storage) plants will help make CSP competitive with other dispatchable generators.



\*Levelized cost of energy (LCOE) progress and targets are calculated based on average U.S. climate and without the ITC or state/local incentives. The residential and commercial goals have been adjusted for inflation from 2010-18.

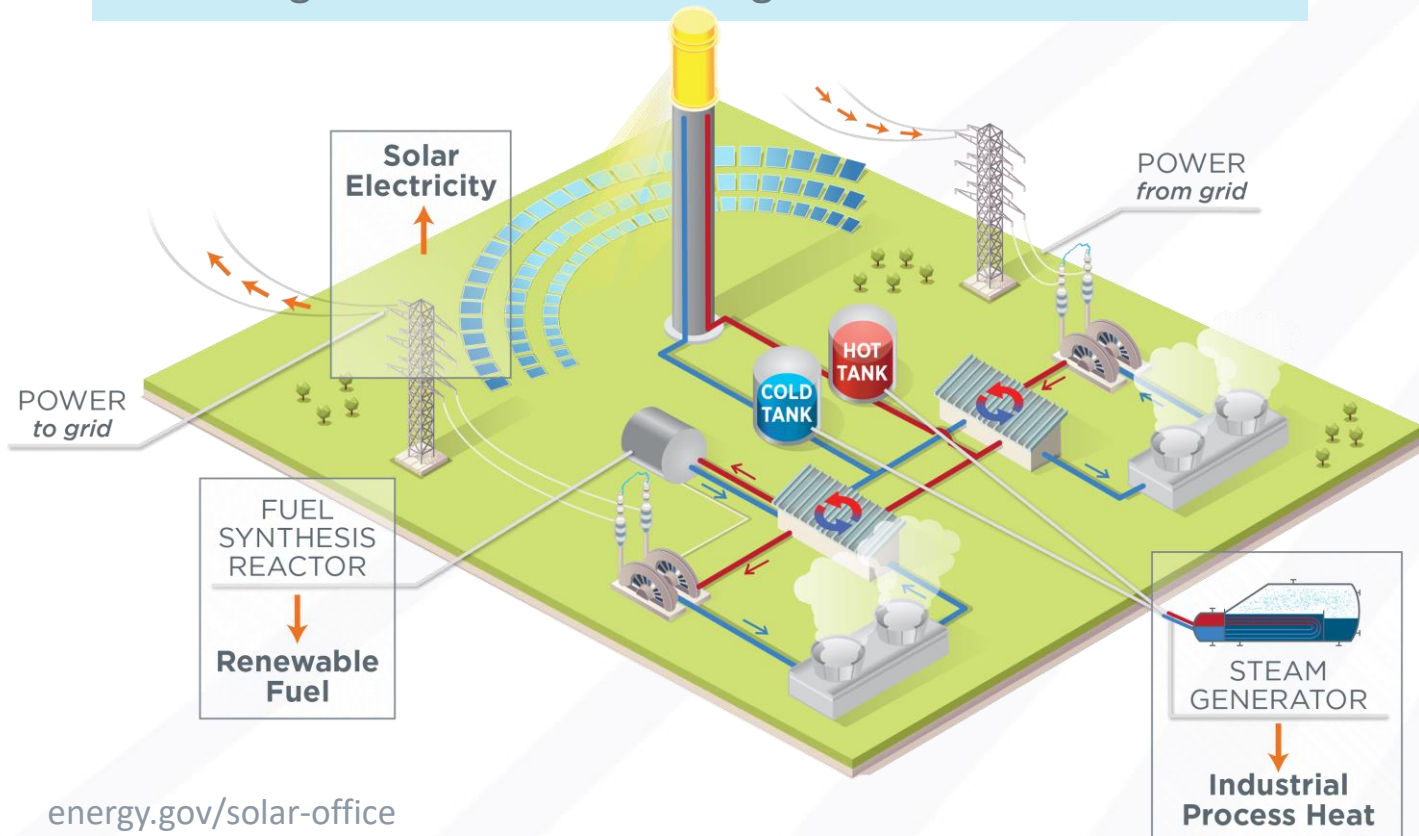
# Applications of Solar-Thermal Energy



# Solar Thermal for Decarbonization of Industrial Process Heat

## Thermally-Driven Industrial Processes:

- Desalination
- Enhanced Oil Recovery
- Agriculture and Food Processing
- Fuel and Chemicals Production
- Mining and Metals Processing



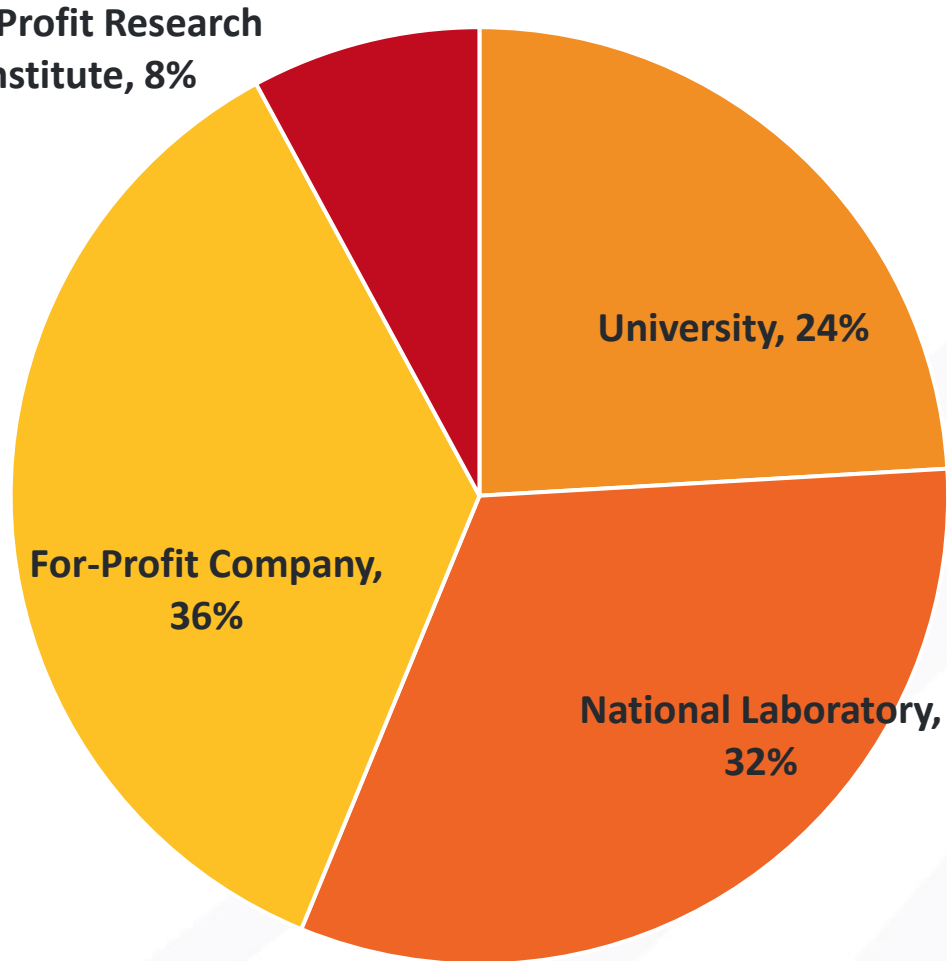
## Priority Research Areas:

- Reduce the levelized cost of heat, **with thermal energy storage**, in temperature ranges of high priority to industrial processes
- Improve the **thermal efficiency** of solar-thermal-coupled processes
- Develop long-duration, thermochemical storage of solar energy (i.e. **solar fuels** and chemical commodities)

## SETO Goals by 2025:

- Define system concepts and key components for solar process heat for carbon-emissions-intensive, high-heat-demand industries
- Define system concepts and key components for producing fuels from CSP

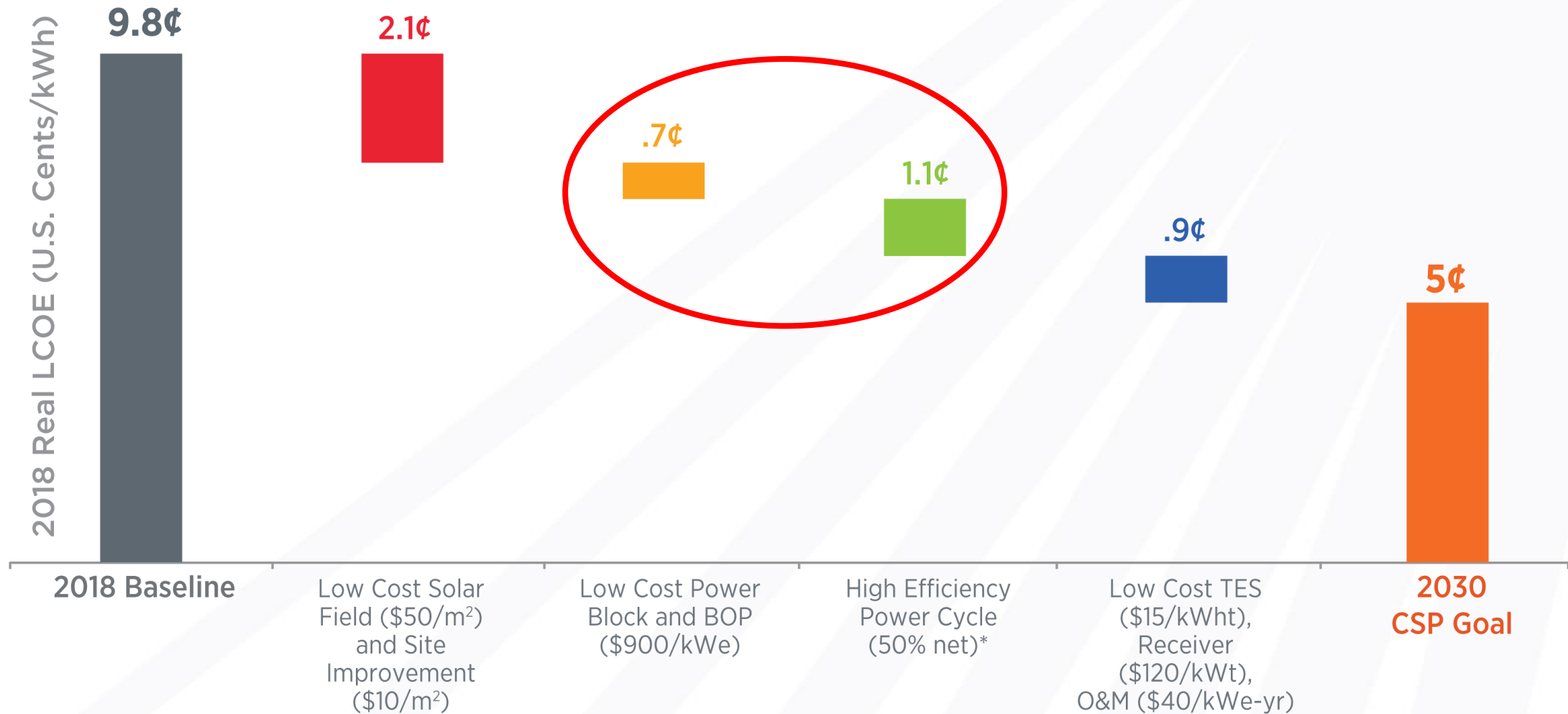
# CSP Funding Portfolio



~\$185M over ~100 Active Projects

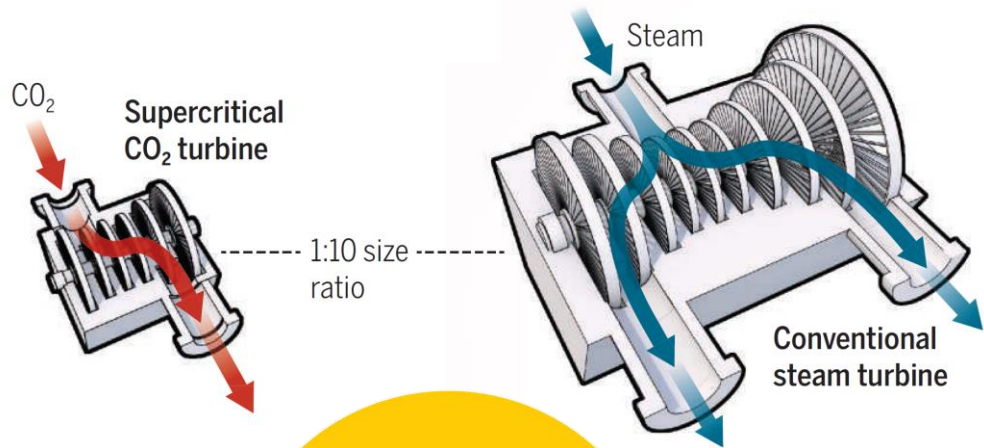
For full research portfolio, visit:  
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# A Pathway to 5 Cents per KWh for Baseload CSP



\*Assumes a gross to net conversion factor of 0.9

# Next Generation CSP will Leverage Next Generation Power Cycles

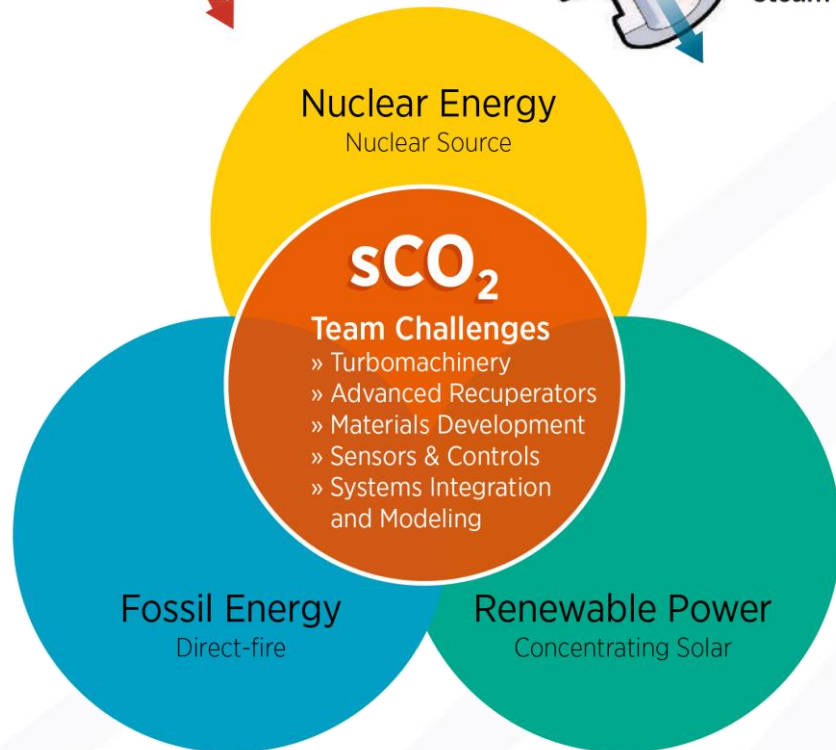


## Advantages of the sCO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle:

- Higher Efficiency (50% at ~720 °C)
- Compact Components
- Smaller Turbine Footprint (by a factor > 10)
- Reduced Power Block Costs
- Amenable to Dry Cooling
- **Scalability (< 100 MW) with high efficiency**
- Operational Simplicity

## Ongoing Research Focus

- Improvements in Expander Design – particularly dry gas seal performance
- Improvements in compressor efficiency and reduction in compression power – especially near dome
- Improvements in Manufacturing
  - Casting or novel manufacturing processes for casing
  - 3D printing or other Novel manufacturing for blades, rotor and bearings
- Integration of compressor and expander into one single casing, drive train; elimination of seals



# Integrated Thermal Energy Storage and Brayton Cycle Equipment Demonstration (Integrated TESTBED)

**Heliogen**

**Turbomachinery  
OEM**



**Thermal Storage  
OEM**



**EPC Partner**



**R&D Institutions**



- Integrated demonstration of a  $s\text{CO}_2$  cycle power block heated by **thermal energy storage** at 5 MWe scale
- Provide **operational experience of the  $s\text{CO}_2$  Brayton cycle** for utilities, operators, and developers.
- Public-private partnership cost-shared with **\$39 million DOE funding** and **>\$31 million private investment**

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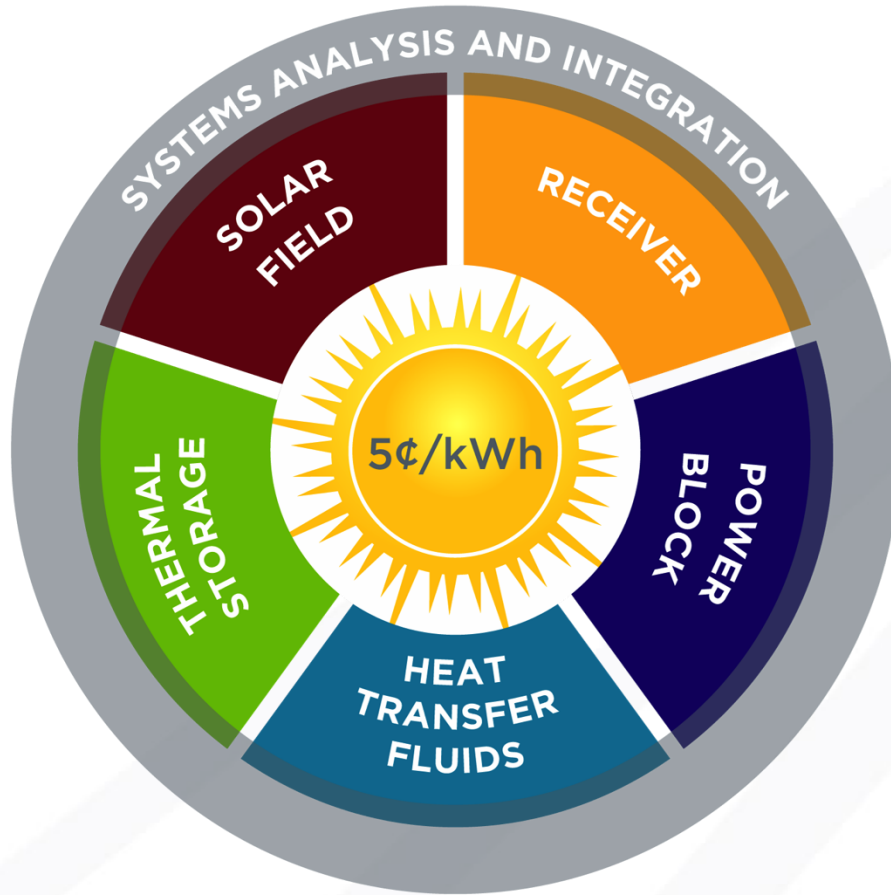
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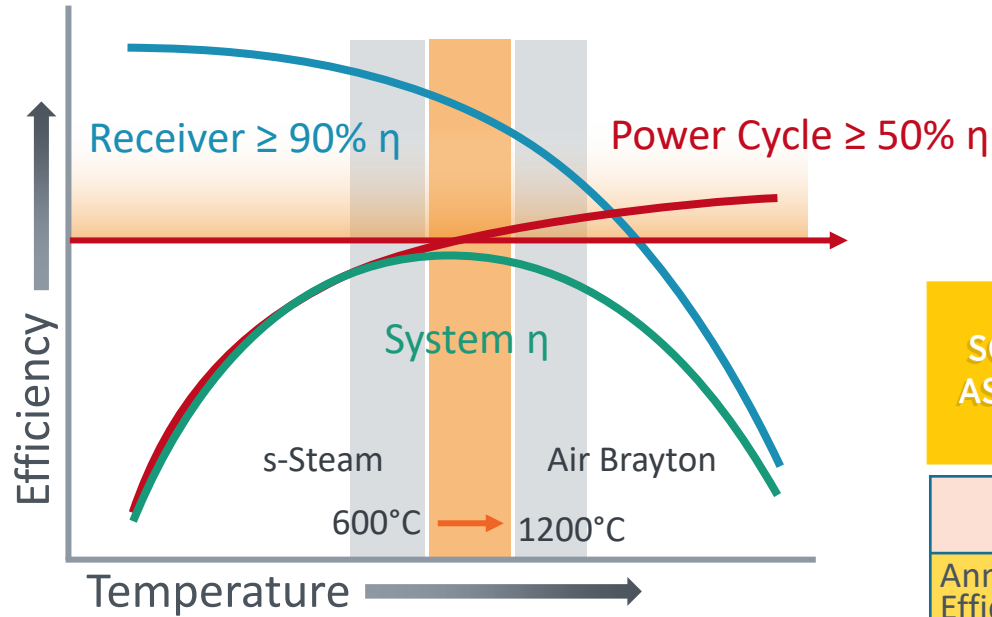
# Three waves of Gen3 relevant funding



## Competitive Programs



# Generation 3 CSP Technology

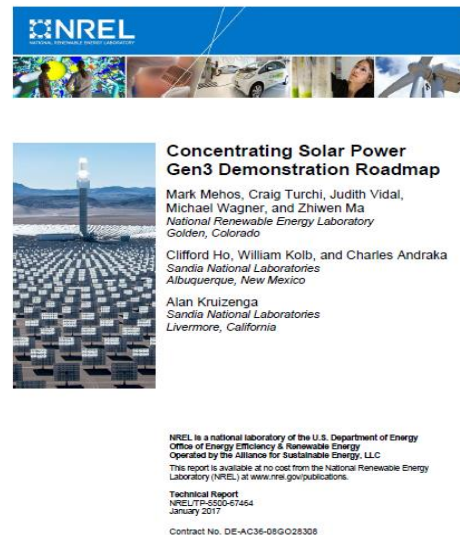


Gen 3 CSP  $>700^\circ\text{C}$

INNOVATION				
SOLAR FIELD ASSUMPTIONS	RECEIVER / TOWER	THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE	PRIMARY HEAT EXCHANGER	POWER CYCLE ASSUMPTIONS
\$75/m <sup>2</sup>	\$150/kW <sub>th</sub>	\$15/kWh <sub>th</sub>	\$150/kW <sub>th</sub>	\$600 / kW <sub>e</sub>
Annual Average Efficiency 50%	Thermal Efficiency $\geq 90\%$	Energetic Efficiency: $>99\%$	Power Cycle Inlet: $>700^\circ\text{C}$	Design Point Turbine inlet: $715^\circ\text{C} / 250 \text{ bar}$

# Gen3 Pathway Development

- Black and Veatch cost study for a 10MW power plant using chloride salt or particles for heat transfer media
- Series of workshops developing potential Gen3 pathways with CSP R&D community
- Commissioned NREL/SNL to draft technical report on gaps and status of 700 C + Heat transfer media for integrated test

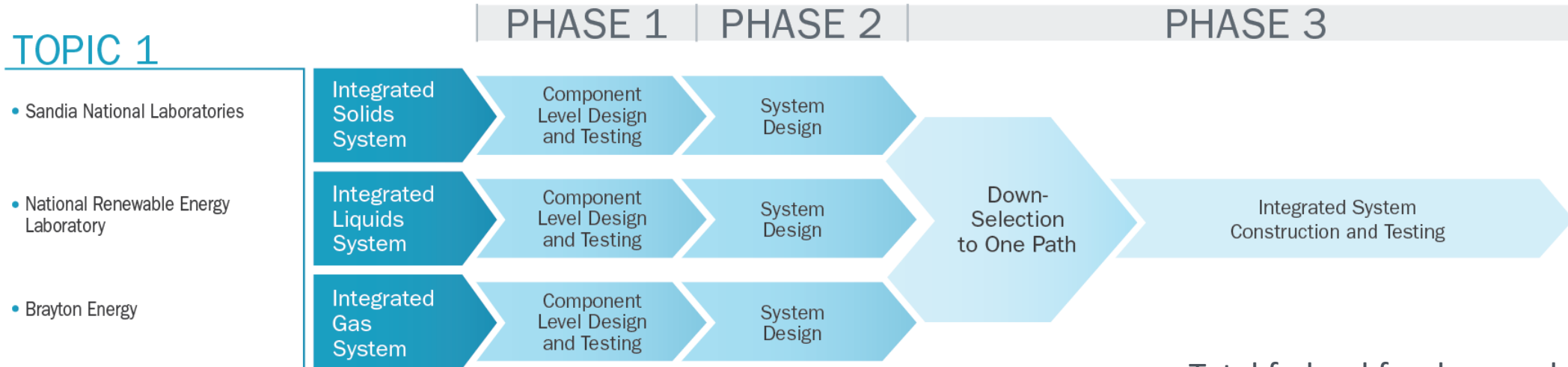


# Gen3 Pathway Challenges

- High temperature thermal transport systems were immature for the ~10 MW scale
- Small Brayton cycle  $\Delta T$  has strong effect on TES cost
- High temperature piping going up and down the tower can be a cost breaker
- Significant uncertainty in any high-flux receiver performance, especially with transients

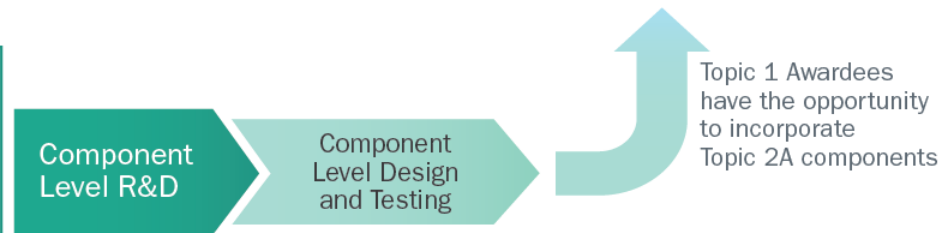
	Collector Field				
	• Cost <\$75/m <sup>2</sup>	• Concentration ratio >50	• Operable in 35-mph winds	• Optical error <3.0 mrad	• 30-year lifetime
	Molten Salt	Falling Particle	Gas Phase		
Receiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similarities to prior demonstrations</li> <li>• Allowance for corrosive attack required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most challenging to achieve high thermal efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-pressure fatigue challenges</li> <li>• Absorptivity control and thermal loss management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost &lt; \$150/kW<sub>th</sub></li> <li>• Thermal Efficiency &gt; 90%</li> <li>• Exit Temperature &gt; 720°C</li> <li>• 10,000 cycle lifetime</li> </ul>	
Material & Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potentially chloride or carbonate salt blends; ideal material not determined</li> <li>• Corrosion concerns dominate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable materials readily exist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize pressure drop</li> <li>• Corrosion risk retirement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost &lt; \$1/kg</li> <li>• Operable range from 250°C to 800°C</li> </ul>	
Thermal Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct or indirect storage may be superior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Particles likely double as efficient sensible thermal storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect storage required</li> <li>• Cost includes fluid to storage thermal exchange</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost &lt; \$15/kW<sub>th</sub></li> <li>• 99% energetic efficiency</li> <li>• 95% exergetic efficiency</li> </ul>	
HTF to sCO <sub>2</sub> Heat Exchanger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging to simultaneously handle corrosive attack and high-pressure working fluid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibly greatest challenge</li> <li>• Cost and efficiency concerns dominate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant uncertainty in any high-flux receiver performance, especially with transients</li> </ul>	
Supercritical CO <sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net thermal-to-electric efficiency &gt; 50%</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power-cycle system cost &lt; \$900/kW<sub>e</sub></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry-cooled heat sink at 40° C ambient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turbine inlet temperature ≥ 700°C</li> </ul>	

# Gen3 CSP: Solar Thermal Transport Systems > 700 °C



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- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (x2)
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- Powdermet
- Purdue University



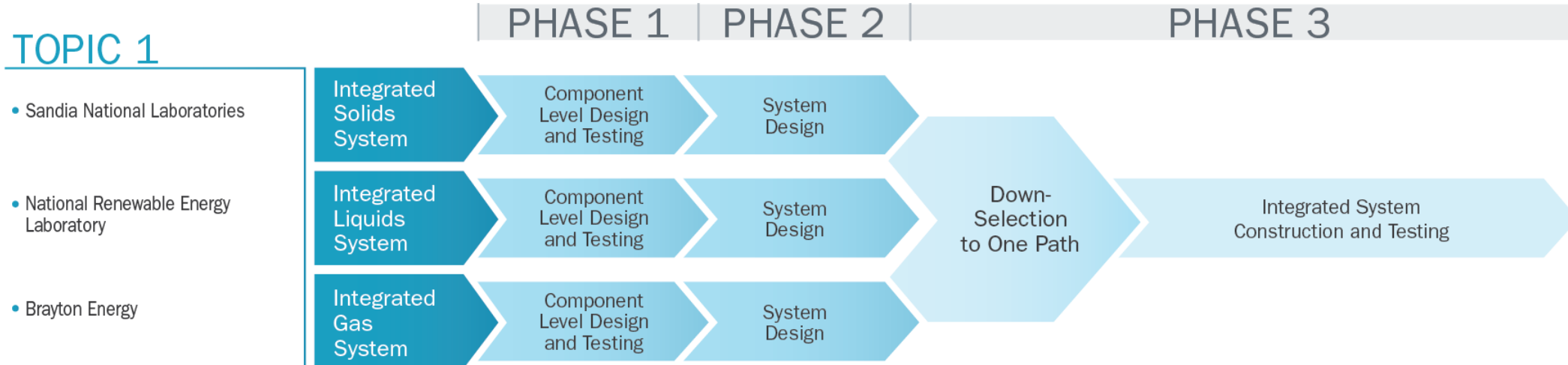
- Total federal funds awarded in 2018: \$85,000,000 over 25 projects in 3 Topics:
  - **Topic 1:** Integrated, multi-MW test facility
  - **Topic 2A:** Individual Component Development
  - **Topic 2B and National Lab Support:** Cross-cutting Gen3 Research and Analysis

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- Georgia Institute of Technology (x2)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
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- University of Tulsa

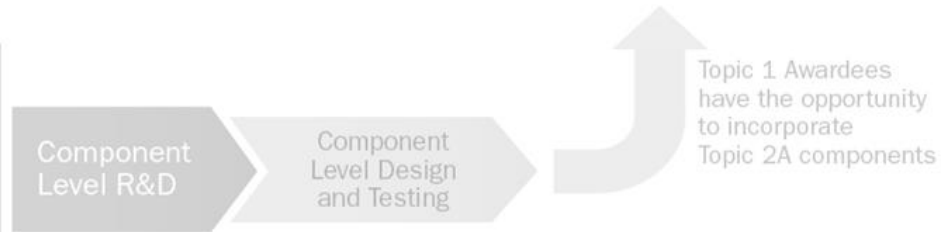


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\$25 million was available for one of the Topic 1 pathways to construct and operate the 'Phase 3' test facility

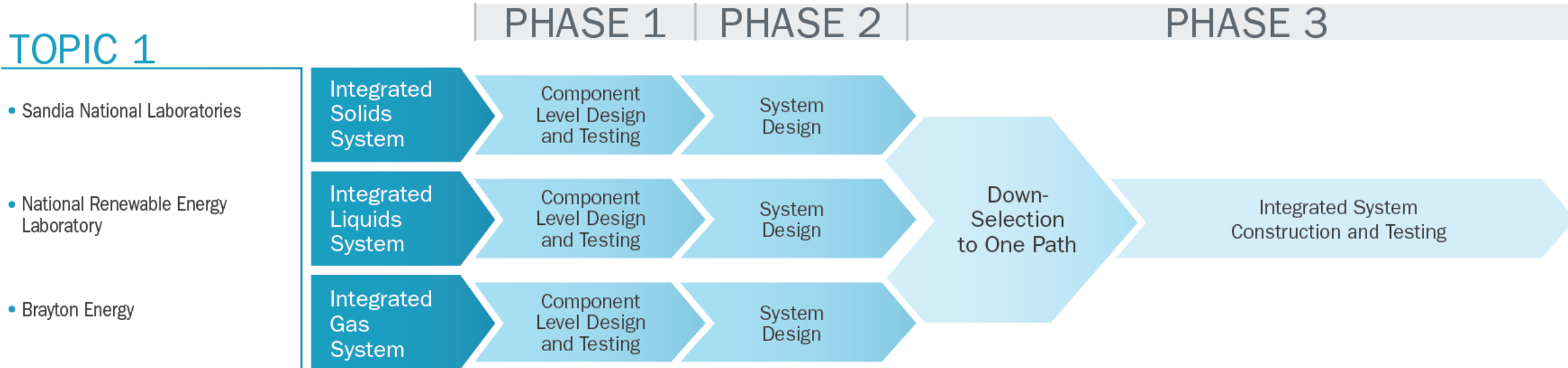
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# Gen3 CSP: Raising the Temperature of Solar Thermal Systems

## TOPIC 1



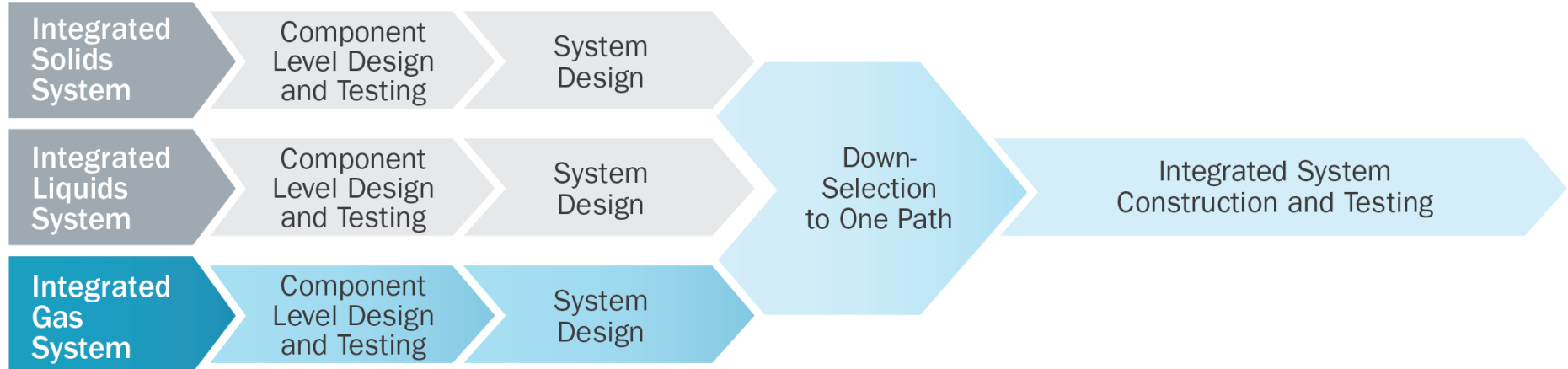
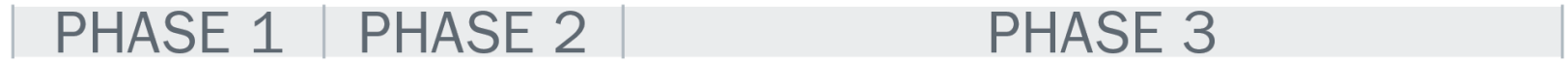
Executive Summaries of Phase 1/2 accomplishments are available at:  
<https://bit.ly/gen3-summit-2021>

# 'Gas' Gen3 CSP Pathway

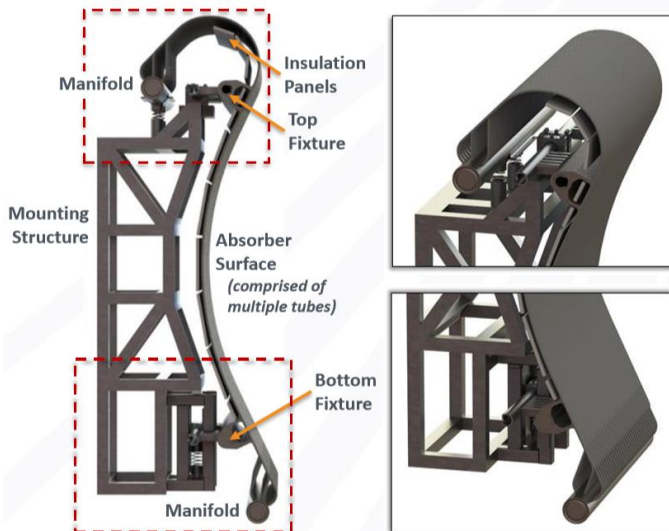
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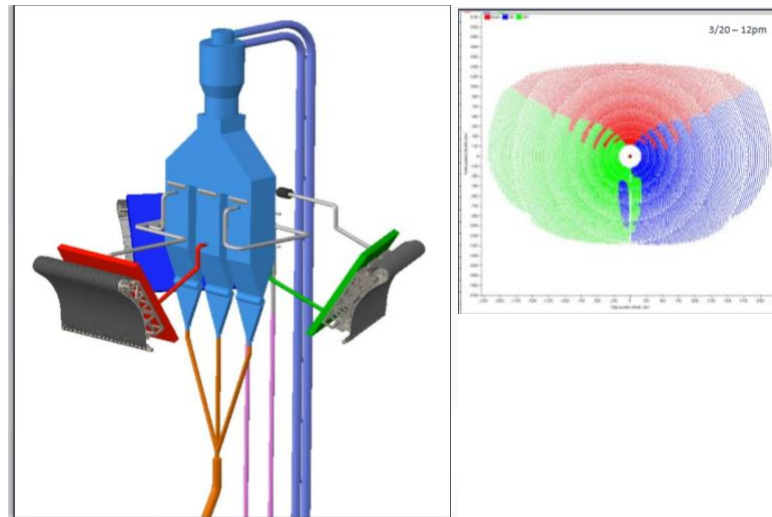
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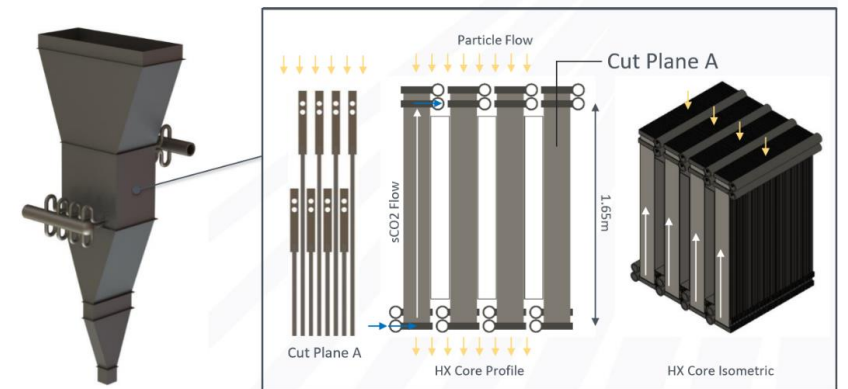
### Receiver Design and Modelling



### Tower and Solar Field Design



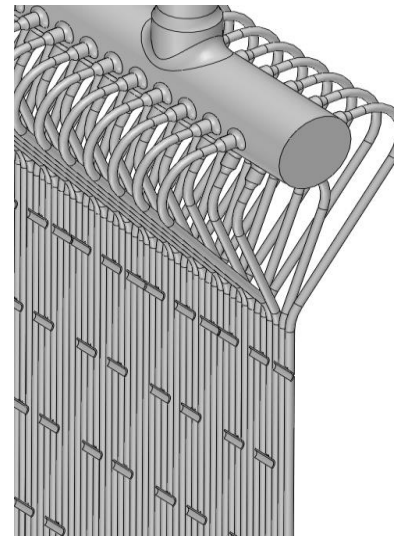
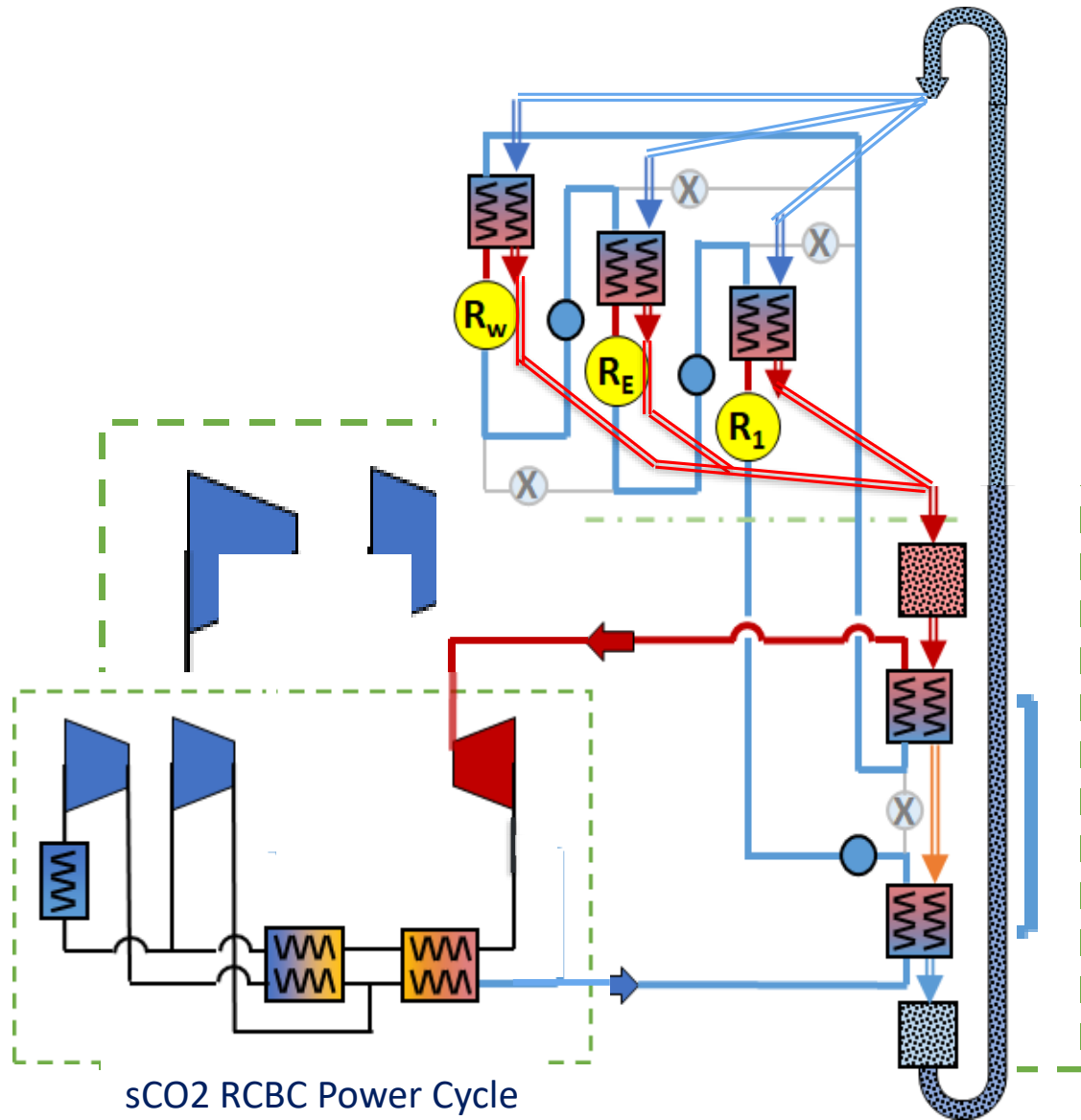
### Particle TES and Heat Exchanger





# State of the technology – Gas Pathway

- Mass flow is dictated by power block
- Heat input is constrained by peak allowable receiver material temp.



Tubular Receiver Panel Design

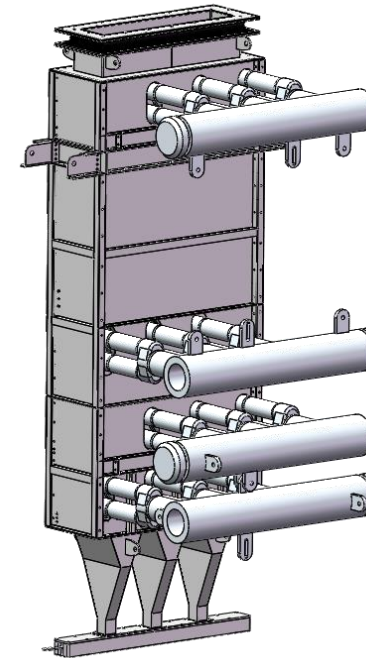
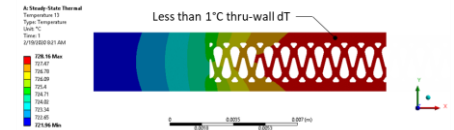


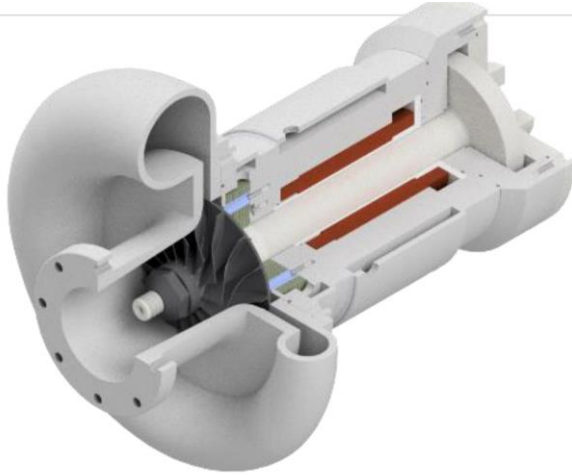
Plate and Plugged Flow Channel Hx

Charge TES HX Cross Section at Life Limiting Location



# Related Gas Pathway Accomplishments

## High-Temperature fluid circulator development

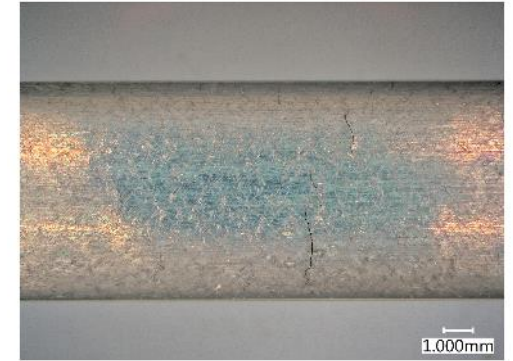


*Mohawk Innovative Technologies, Inc*

## High-temperature alloy development

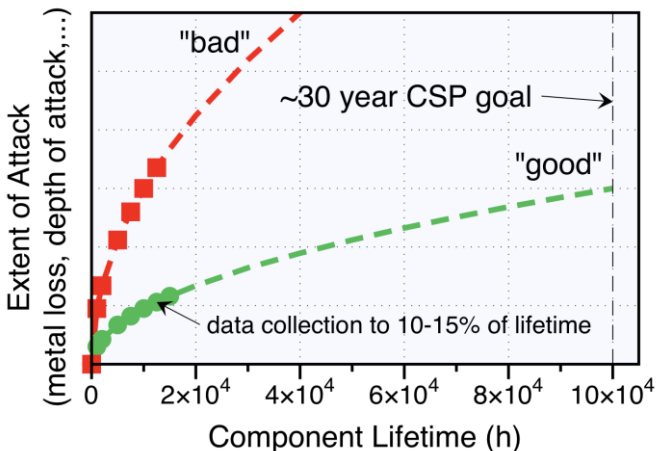


*EPRI - 740H Seam Welded Pipe*

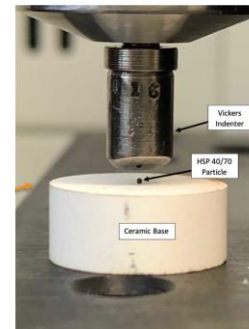


*Idaho NL, Argonne – Creep/fatigue characterization and receiver design*

## Material Metrology and Characterization



*Oak Ridge – sCO<sub>2</sub> Corrosion Lifetime Model Development*



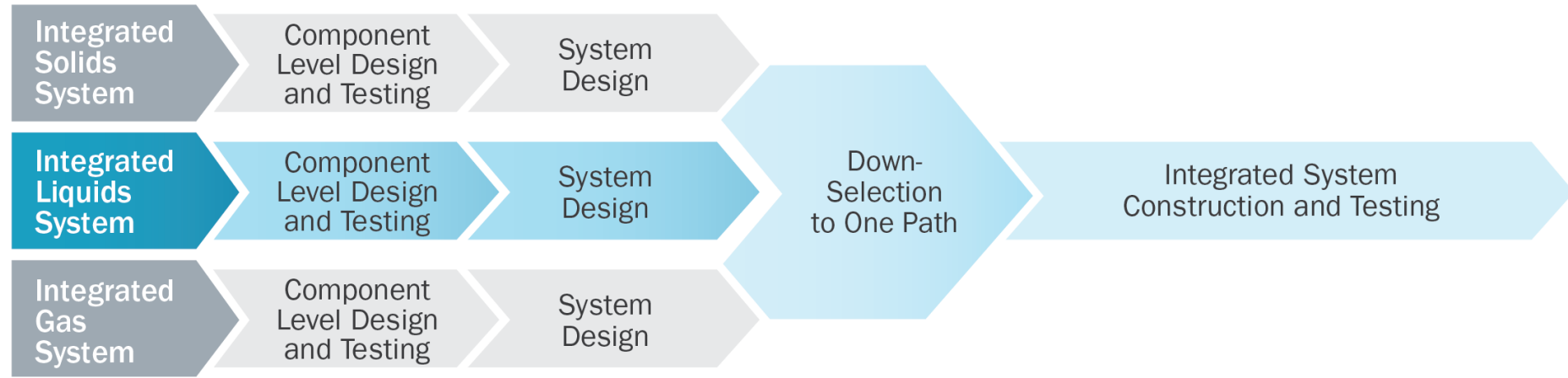
*U. Tulsa – Development of GEN3 Durability Life Models*

# Liquid Gen3 CSP Pathway

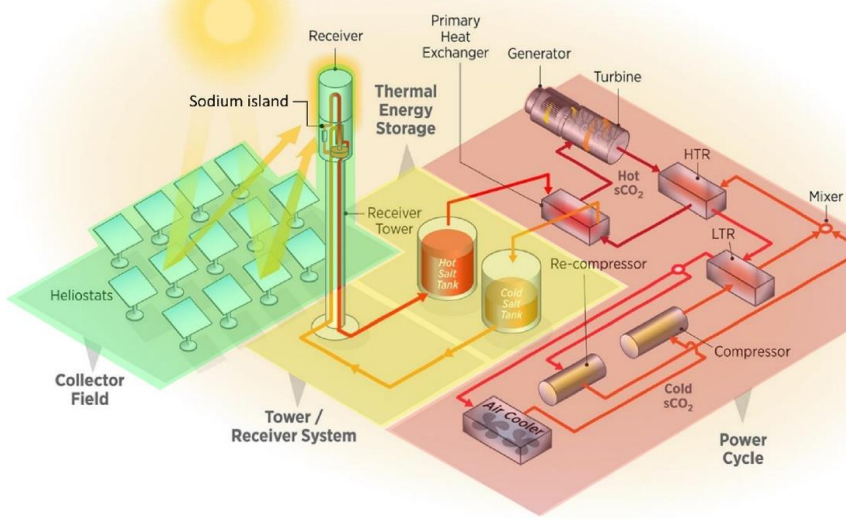
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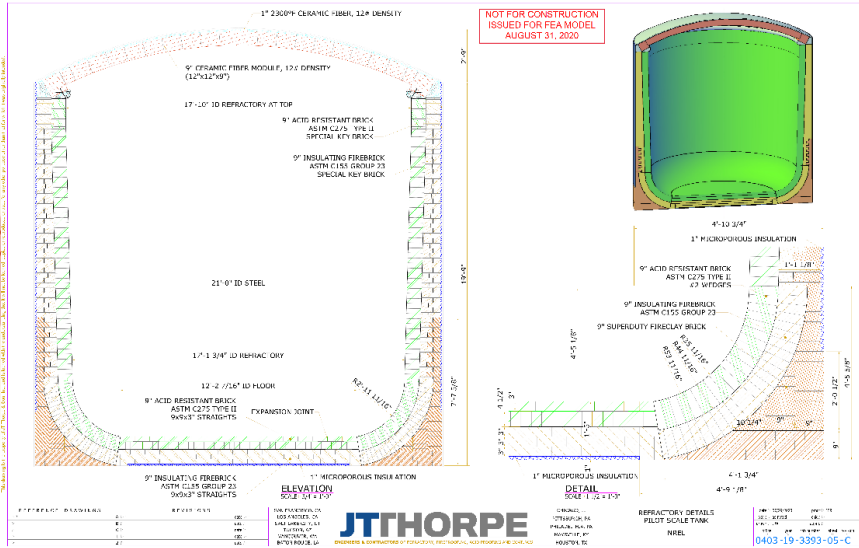
### PHASE 1 | PHASE 2 | PHASE 3



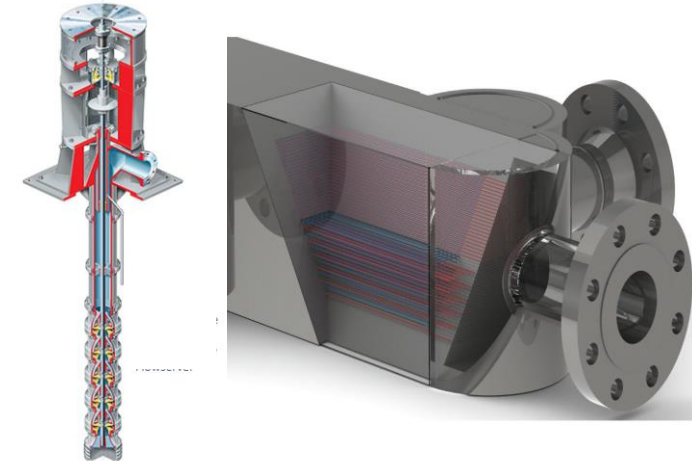
### Integrated System Design



### Molten Chloride Tank Design



### Component Design and Prototyping

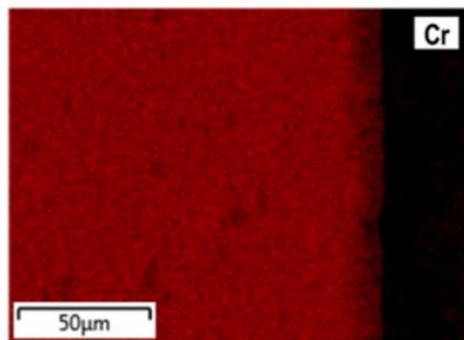
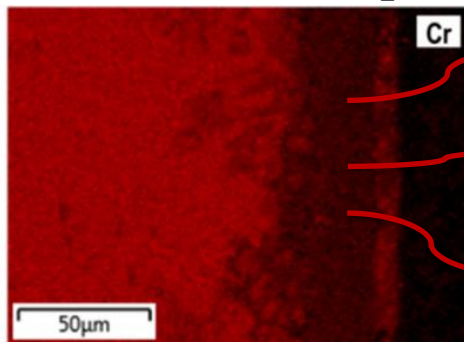


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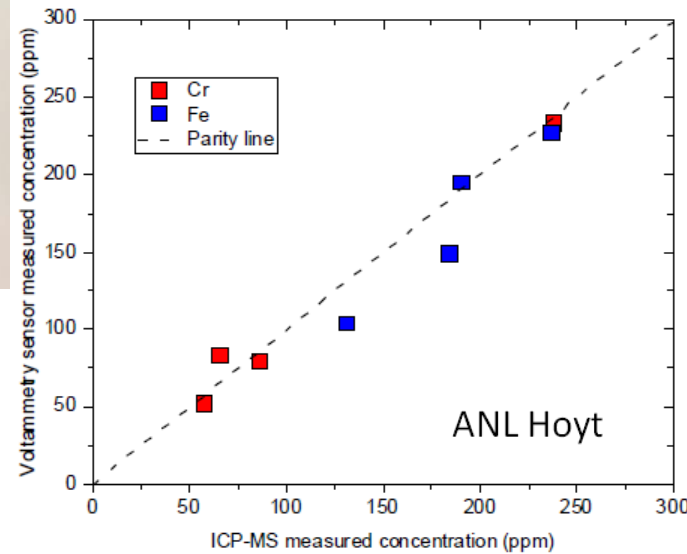
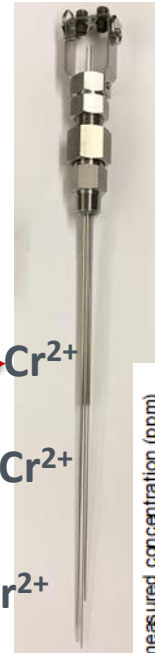
Mass Ratio: 45  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 39  $\text{KCl}$ , 16  $\text{NaCl}$

The salt is a chemical...  
for which you must keep water out.

'Dirty Salt' esp.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



'Clean Salt' – no  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



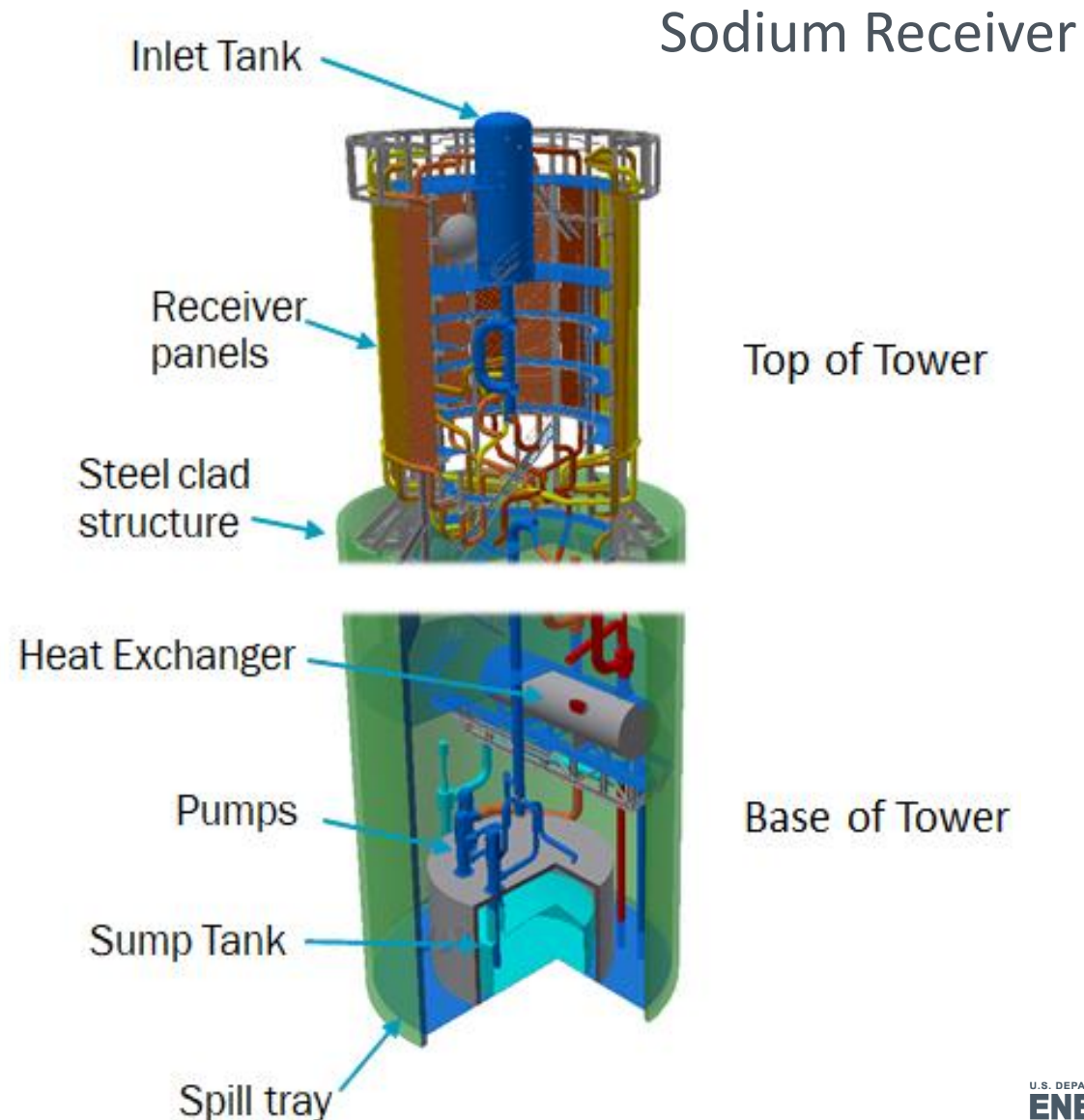
Electrochemical  
real-time monitoring  
of salt health

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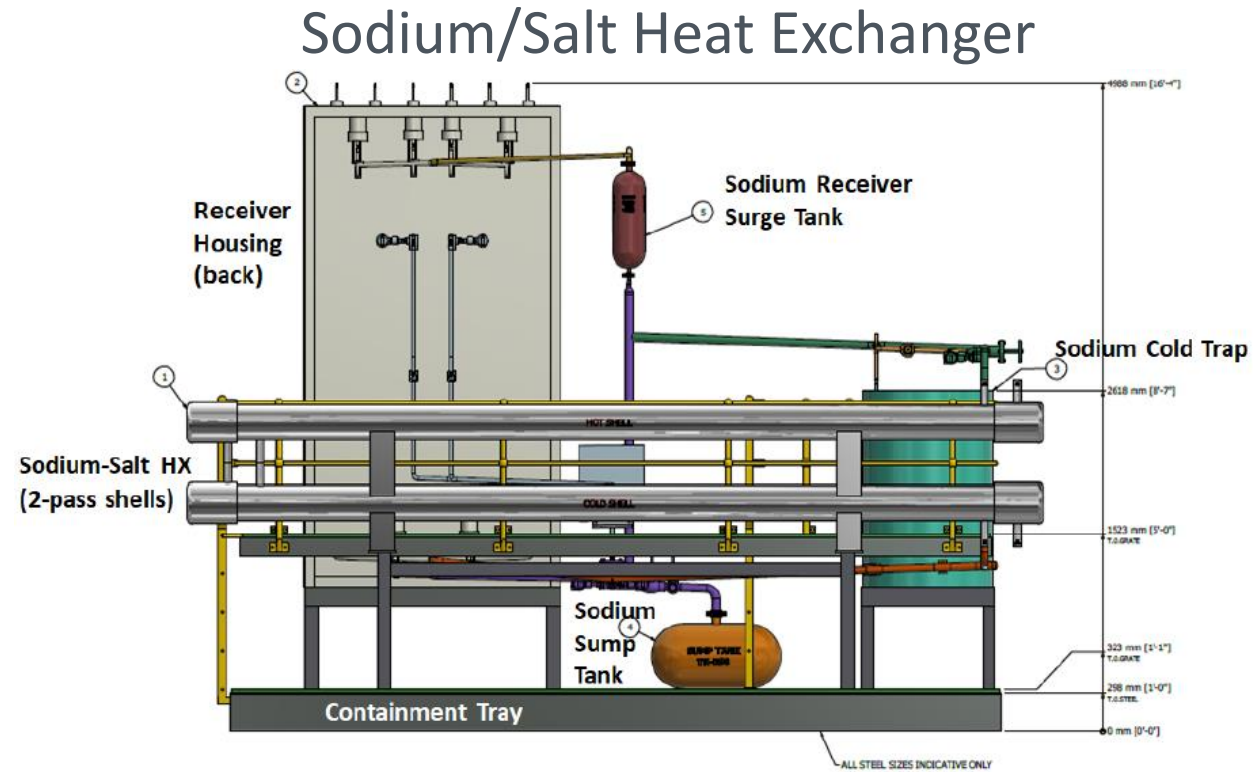
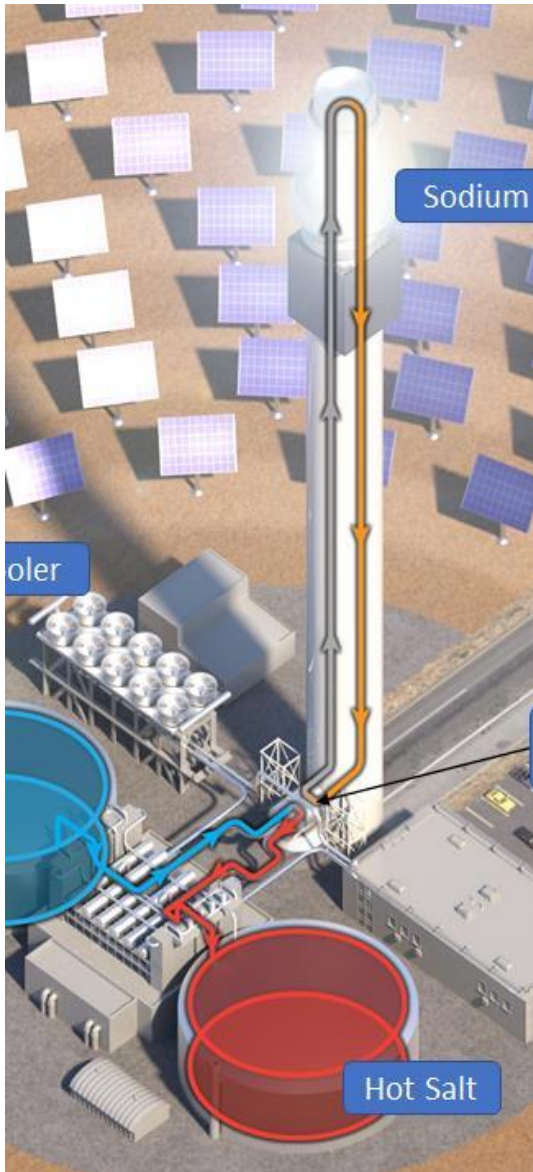
Salt or Sodium in the Receiver?

Salt: Lower thermal conductivity and higher freeze point resulted in higher materials-level risks, tighter operating constraints

Sodium: Higher thermal conductivity resulted in lower materials-level risks, more forgiving operating constraints



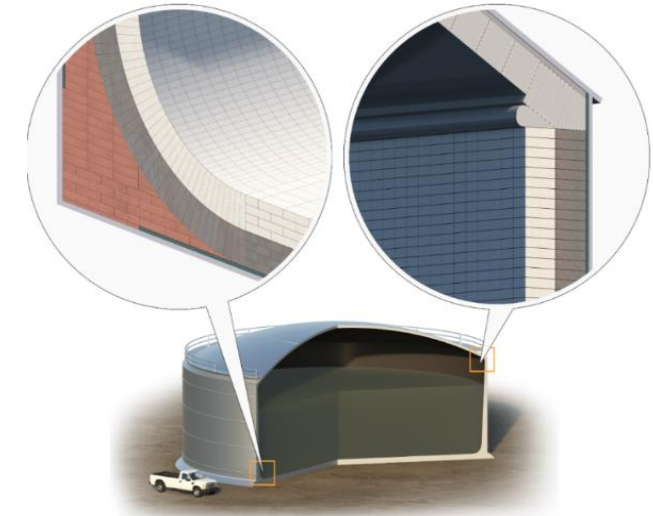
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## Challenge

800C compatibility between Sodium and high nickel alloys is not well known

## 2-Tank Storage

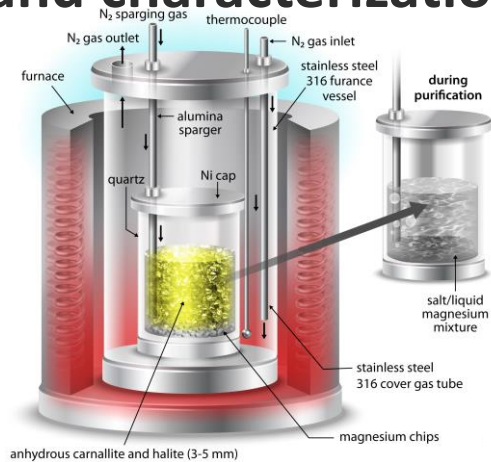


## Challenge

Salt vapor pressure is much higher than expected

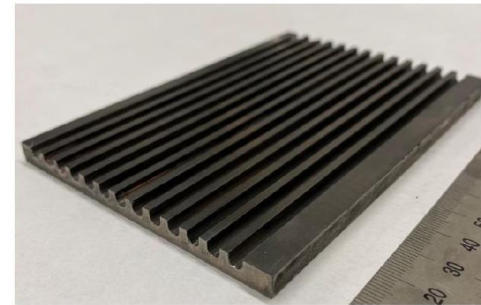
# Related Liquid Pathway Accomplishments

## Chloride salt purification, handling, and characterization

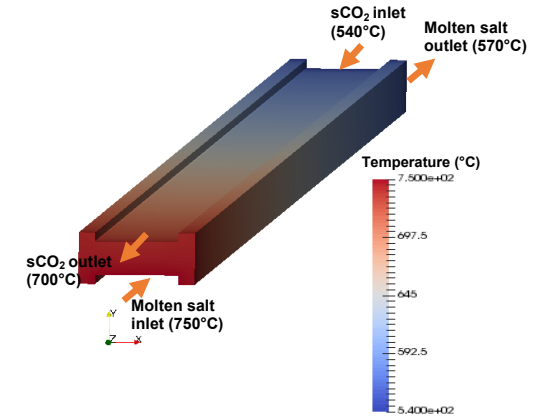


*Oak Ridge, Savannah River, NREL, RPI, et al*

## Novel Heat Exchanger Design and Materials

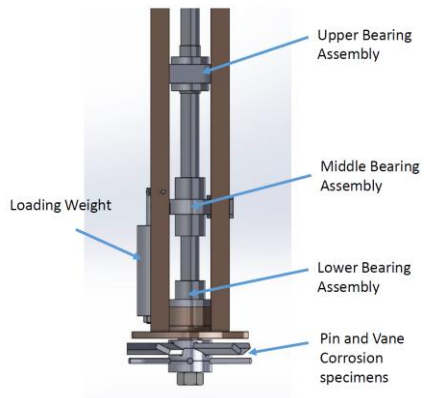


*Purdue U. – Melt infiltration synthesis of ceramic/metal composites*



*Argonne – Additive manufacturing of SiC/Si HXers*

## Pump and Valve Component Development



*Powdermet, U. Wisconsin, Sulzer*



*Sandia, Flowserve – High-temperature Liquid Valve Design*

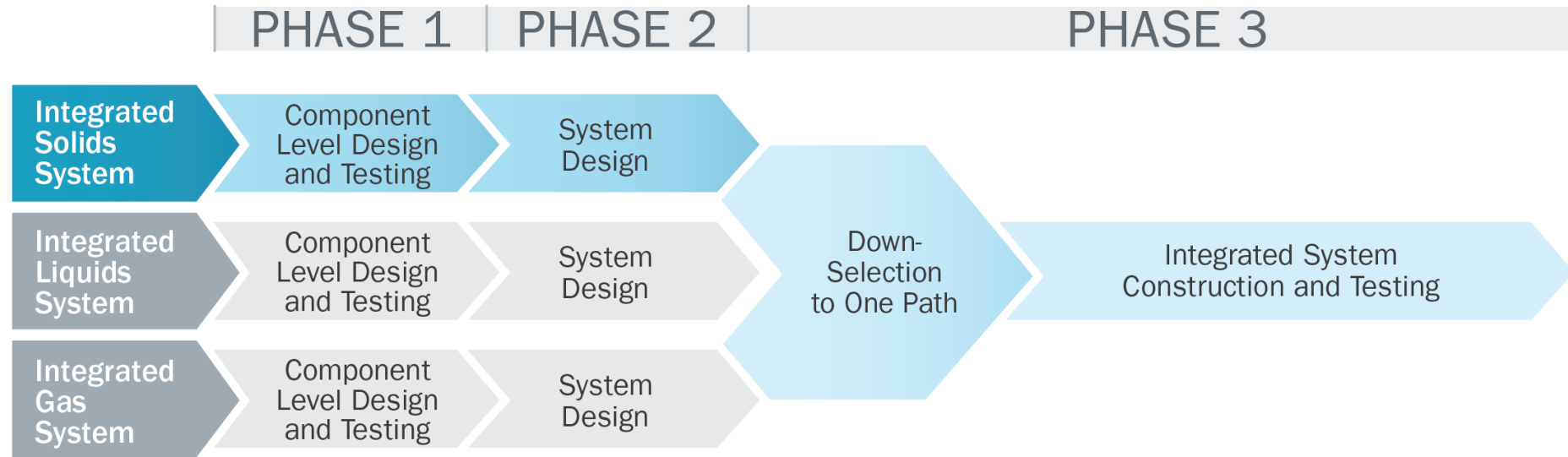


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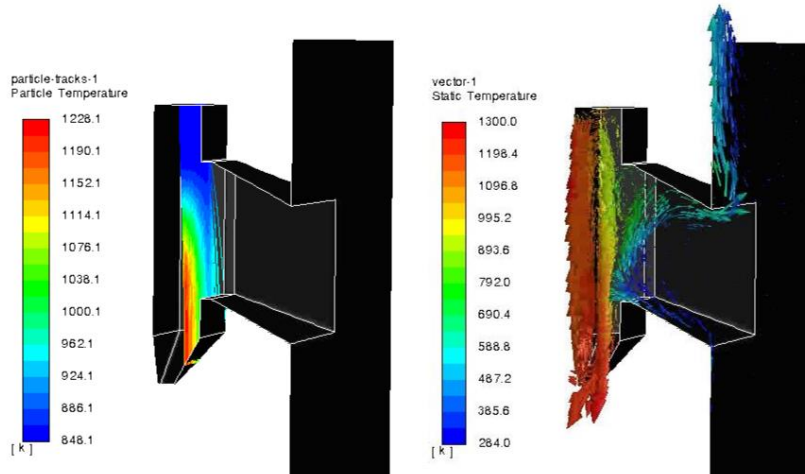
# Solid Particle Gen3 CSP Pathway

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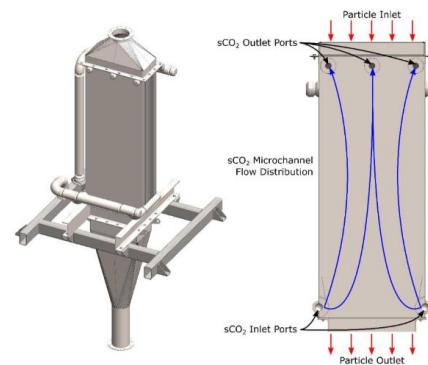
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### Receiver Design and Modelling

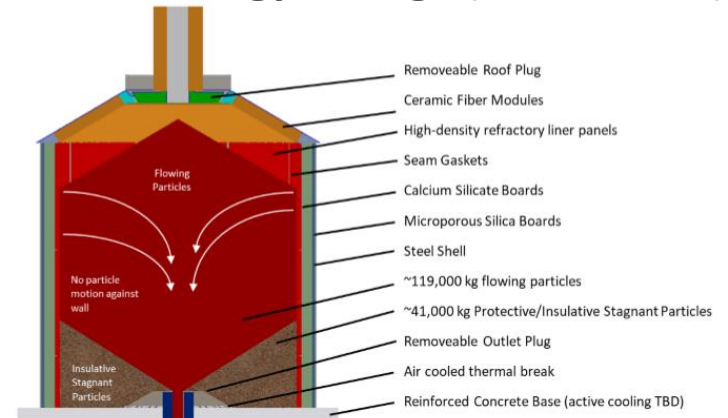


### Particle – sCO<sub>2</sub> Heat Exchanger



Contributors: VPE and Solex

### Thermal Energy Storage (Particle Silo)

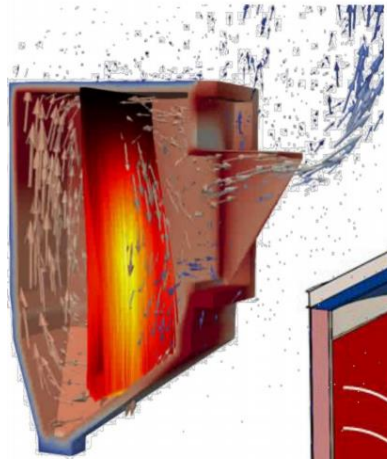


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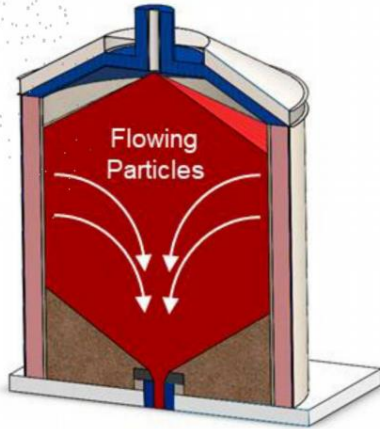


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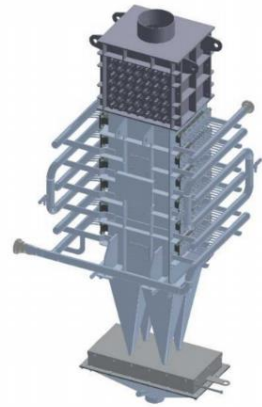
R&D and design of major components



Receiver



Storage Bin



Particle heat exchanger



Ceramic particles

Ho, Clifford K. Gen 3 Particle Pilot Plant (G3P3): Integrated High-Temperature Particle System for CSP (2020 SETO Peer Review poster). OSTI ID 1770059

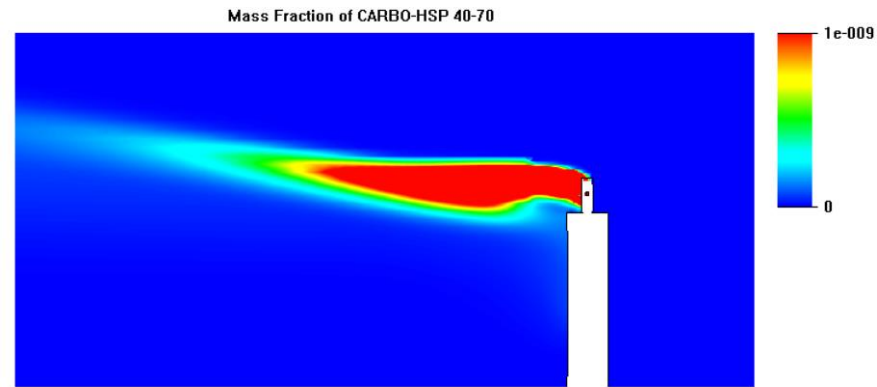
## Critical Advancements

- Substantial development of **wind tolerant** open particle receiver
- Robust understanding of high temperature **particle handling**, heat transfer, flow, and lifetime
- Sustained effort to demonstrate greater than  $300 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$  moving packed bed **particle to sCO<sub>2</sub> HX**
- Original **conceptual design of 100 MW system** and components
- Compatible with **5¢/kWh LCOE target**

**Remaining Challenges:** • Robust receiver operation and scale up; • Heat Exchanger performance and cost improvement; • TES and particle media cost reduction; • High Temperature Skip Hoist

# Related Solid Particle Pathway Accomplishments

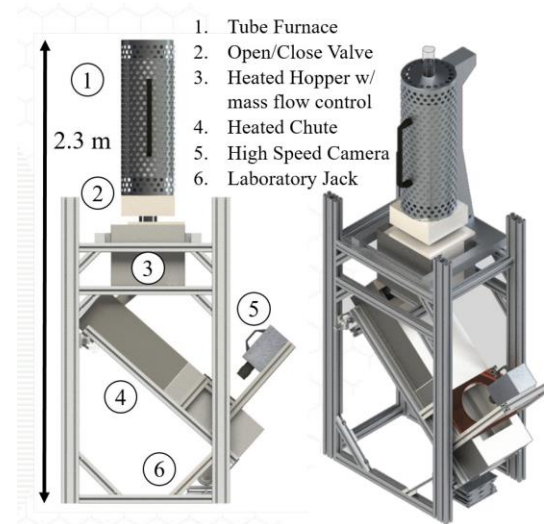
## Particle Receiver Characterization



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Iteration = 183

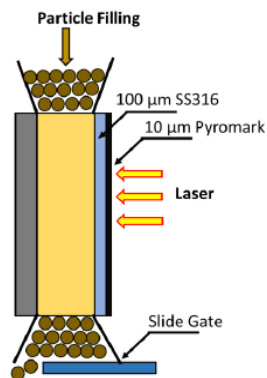
*Sandia/UNM – Characterization of Convective and Particle Losses*

## Particle Flow Characterization



*Georgia Tech (Loutzenhiser) – Advanced Characterization of Particulate Flow*

## Material Metrology and Testing



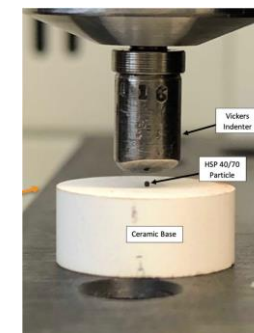
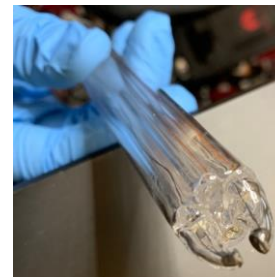
*UCSD (Chen) - Modulation Photothermal Radiometry (MPR)*

Laser Flash



*Georgia Tech (Yee) – Thermophysical Properties Database of Gen3 CSP Materials*

3-omega



*U. Tulsa – Development of GEN3 Durability Life Models*



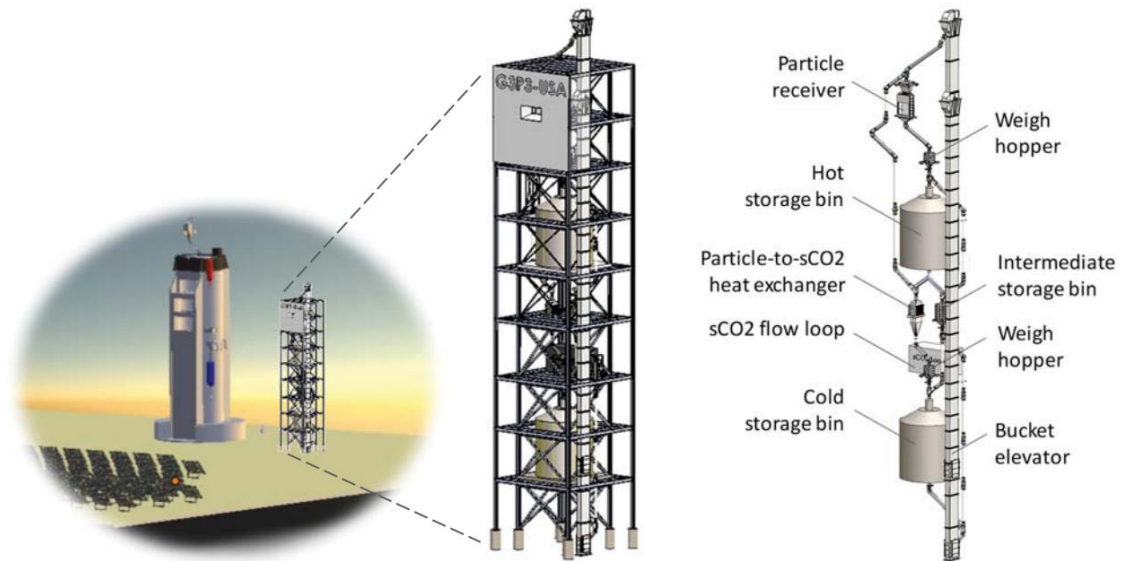
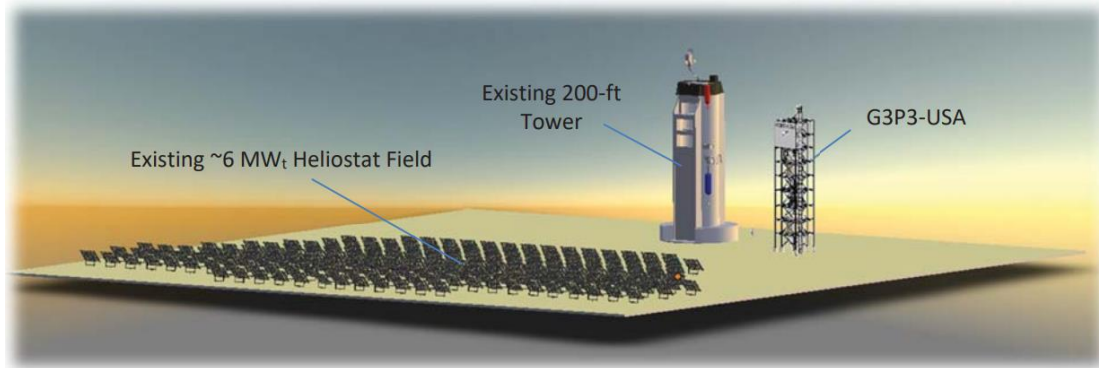
# Review Process / Selection Criteria

1. Critical technology risks addressed to advance and succeed in Phase 3.
2. Project management and technical capabilities of the awardees to accomplish Phase 3 activities. Preparation for construction.
3. Merit of future (100 MW scale) Gen 3 System to achieve LCOE targets and the likelihood of market adoption.
4. Extent to which the proposed Phase 3 activities will de-risk technology concerns.
5. Extent to which the proposed Phase 3 results will de-risk commercial adoption of Gen3 CSP

	Collector Field	Falling Particle	Gas Phase
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost &lt; \$75/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Concentration ratio &gt; 50</li> <li>• Operable in 35-mph winds</li> <li>• Optical error &lt; 3.0 mrad</li> <li>• 30-year lifetime</li> </ul>		
<b>Receiver</b> Cost < \$150/kW <sub>th</sub> Thermal Efficiency > 90% Exit Temperature > 720°C 10,000 cycle lifetime	Molten Salt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similarities to prior demonstrations</li> <li>• Allowance for corrosive attack required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most challenging to achieve high thermal efficiency</li> <li>• High-pressure fatigue challenges</li> <li>• Absorptivity control and thermal loss management</li> </ul>
<b>Molten Salt Support</b> Cost < \$1/kg Operable range from 250°C to 800°C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potentially chloride or carbonate salt blends; ideal material not determined</li> <li>• Corrosion concerns dominate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable materials readily exist</li> <li>• Minimize pressure drop</li> <li>• Corrosion risk retirement</li> </ul>
<b>Thermal Storage</b> Cost < \$15/kW <sub>th</sub> 99% energetic efficiency 95% exergetic efficiency		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct or indirect storage may be superior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Particles likely double as efficient sensible thermal storage</li> <li>• Indirect storage required</li> <li>• Cost includes fluid to storage thermal exchange</li> </ul>
<b>HTF to CO<sub>2</sub> Heat Exchanger</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging to simultaneously handle corrosive attack and high-pressure working fluid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibly greater thermal efficiency</li> <li>• Cost and efficiency concerns dominate</li> <li>• Not applicable</li> </ul>
	<b>Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net thermal-to-electric efficiency &gt; 50%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power-cycle system cost &lt; \$900/kW<sub>e</sub></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry-cooled heat sink at 40° C ambient</li> <li>• Turbine inlet temperature ≥ 700°C</li> </ul>

# Pathway Selection: Gen 3 Particle Pilot Plant (G3P3)

## G3P3 USA



## G3P3 KSA

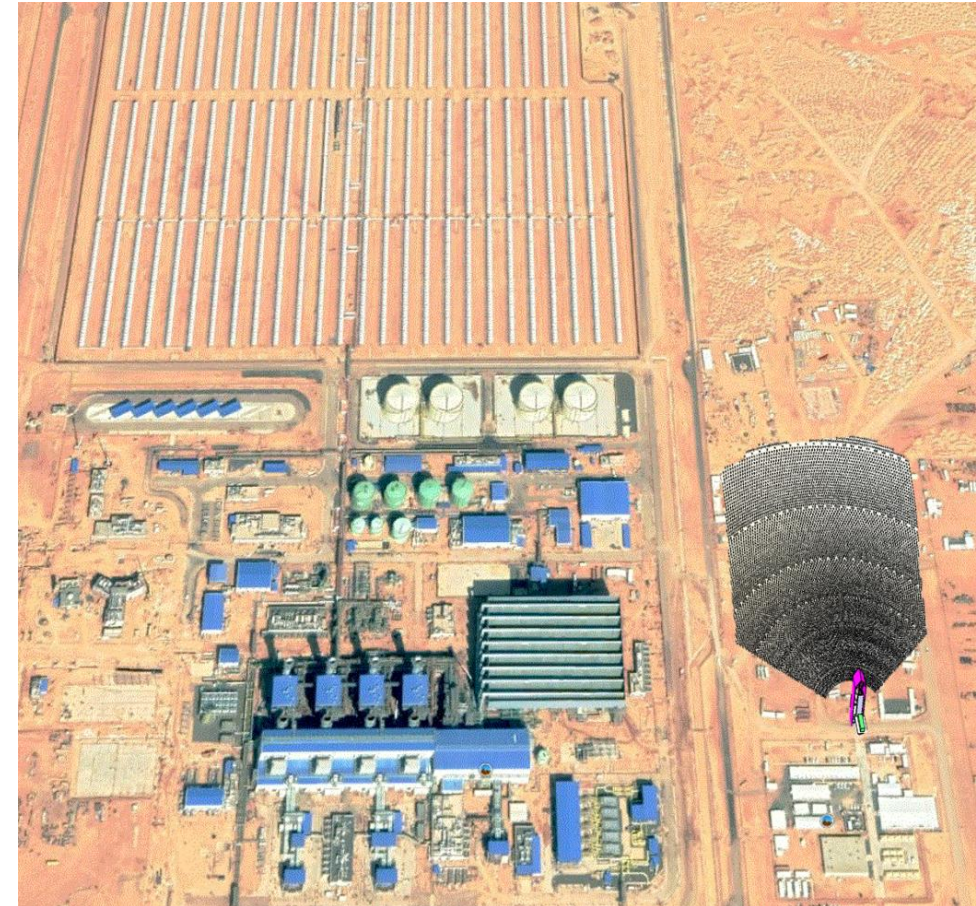
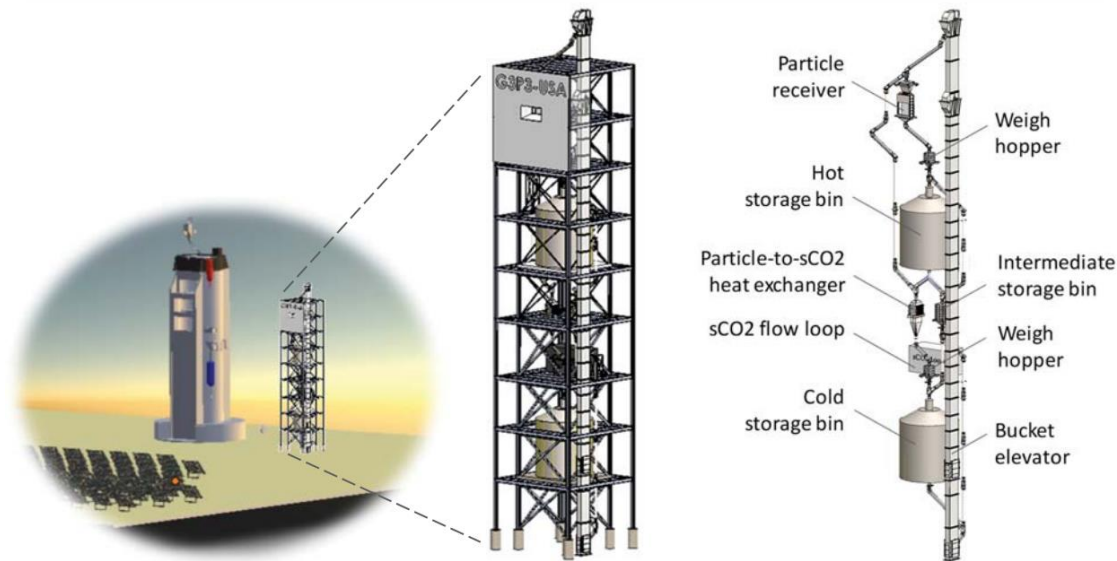
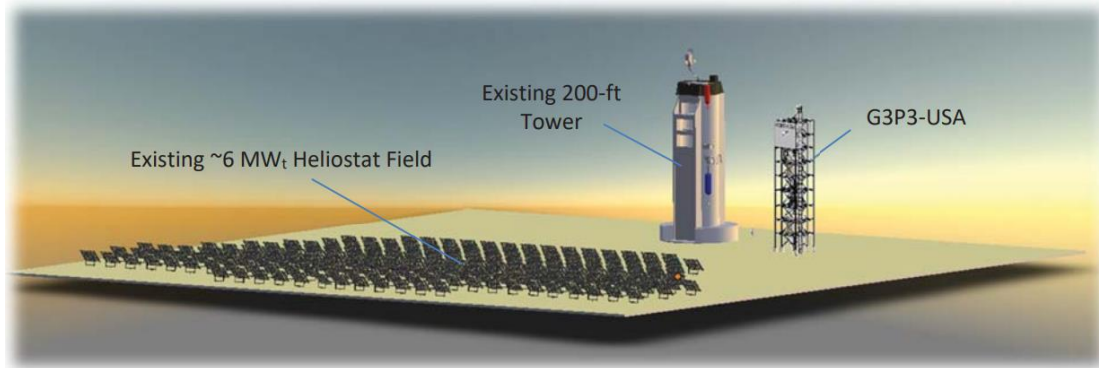


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# Pathway Selection: Gen 3 Particle Pilot Plant (G3P3)

## G3P3 USA



### *Solid Pathway Strengths*

- System simplicity for construction, operation, and reliability
- Wide operating range and opportunity for further temperature increases
- Potential relevance to other solar thermal applications

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# Future Needs for Gas and Liquid Pathways

## Gas

- Design of robust, high-thermal-efficiency receivers for high-flux applications, continue testing to validate
- Continued development of particle-to-gas heat exchangers
- Particle TES design could benefit a wide variety of future applications using indirect HTFs
- System designs needed to minimize parasitics (pressure drop)

## Liquid

- Chloride salt is a promising low-cost TES media for multiple applications
- TES tank development and chloride corrosion detection and control needs to be scaled up and validated
- Na receivers integrated with nitrate salt TES may lead to future adoption of chlorides
- Currently available materials impose significant flux limitations on indirect receivers due to thermomechanical property limitations

# Particle System Research Opportunities

- Alternate receiver designs may be needed for thermochemical applications where controlled environments are needed
- Particle cost and performance improvement are significant sensitivities to LCOE
- Particle handling and flow control needs to be cost effective and reliable
- Scaling up – system architectures and components need to be optimized and tested at MW-scale, potentially as part of the G3P3 system
- Significant opportunities to improve heat exchanger cost and performance
- Direct receivers and particle TES couple well with large cycle  $\Delta T$  – can particle systems be optimized to use full temperature range down to ambient?
- Beyond electricity – long duration energy storage, and solar thermochemical applications

# Gen3 Summit Goals

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- Dissemination of Gen3 pathway designs and project conclusions
  - Project summaries available on our website:  
<https://bit.ly/gen3-summit-2021>
- Discussion of remaining gaps and research opportunities
  - Moderated panel discussions, webex chat and Q&A



# Gen3 CSP Summit Agenda – Wednesday, August 25

Time (ET)	Session
11:00AM– 12:00PM	<b>SETO Introduction and Overview of the Gen3 CSP Program</b> <i>Avi Shultz, Program Manager, CSP, Solar Energy Technologies Office</i>
12:00PM– 1:00PM	<b>Track A: High-Temperature Nickel-Based Alloys</b> <b>Track B: Solid Particle Receivers</b>
1:00PM– 1:30PM	<b>Parallel Session Discussion</b>
1:30PM– 2:00PM	<b>Break</b>

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3:00PM– 4:00PM	<b>Track A: High-Temperature Nickel-Based Alloys</b> <b>Track B: Solid Particle Characterization and Handling</b>
4:00PM– 4:30PM	<b>Parallel Session Discussion</b>

# Gen3 CSP Summit Agenda – Thursday, August 26

Time (ET)	Session
11:00AM– 12:00PM	<b>Gen3 CSP 'Gas' Pathway</b>
12:00PM– 1:00PM	<b>Track A: Additive Manufacturing of Gen3 CSP Components</b> <b>Track B: Metrology and Characterization of High-Temperature Media and Materials</b>
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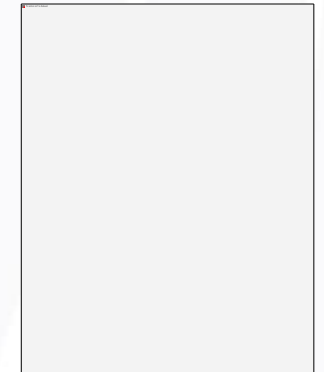
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# QUESTIONS?

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# Gen3CSP

An illustration of a Gen3 Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) system. A central receiver tower stands in the middle of a vast field of heliostats (mirrors) arranged in concentric circles. The tower is emitting a bright light, and the heliostats are reflecting light onto it. The background shows a desert landscape with mountains under a clear sky.

Bringing together *the people and the pieces* for an  
**INTEGRATED CSP SYSTEM**

