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Thermal Efficiency

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# Thermal Efficiency – Inlet Pressure

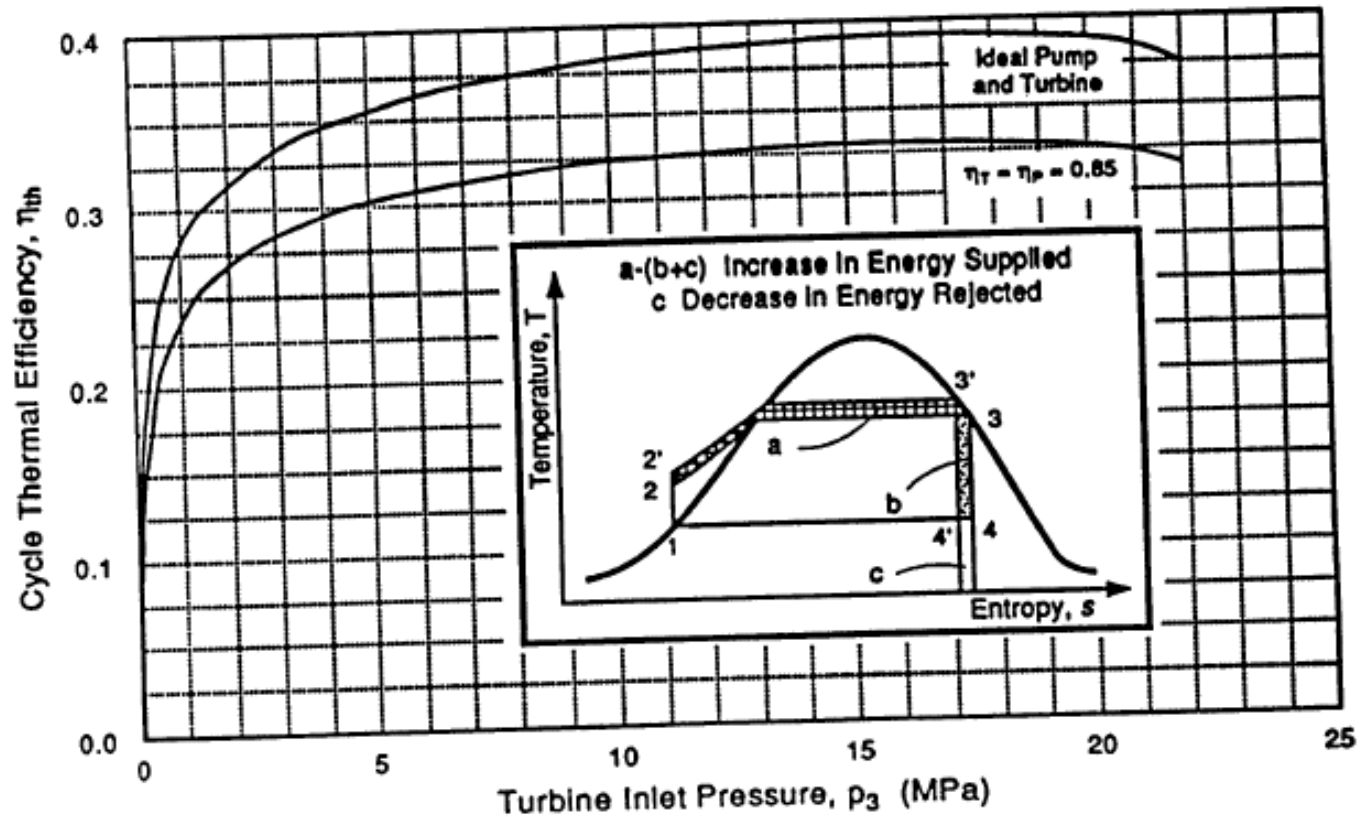


Figure 6-13 Thermal efficiency of Rankine cycle using saturated steam for varying turbine inlet pressure. Turbine inlet: saturated vapor. Exhaust pressure: 7kPa.

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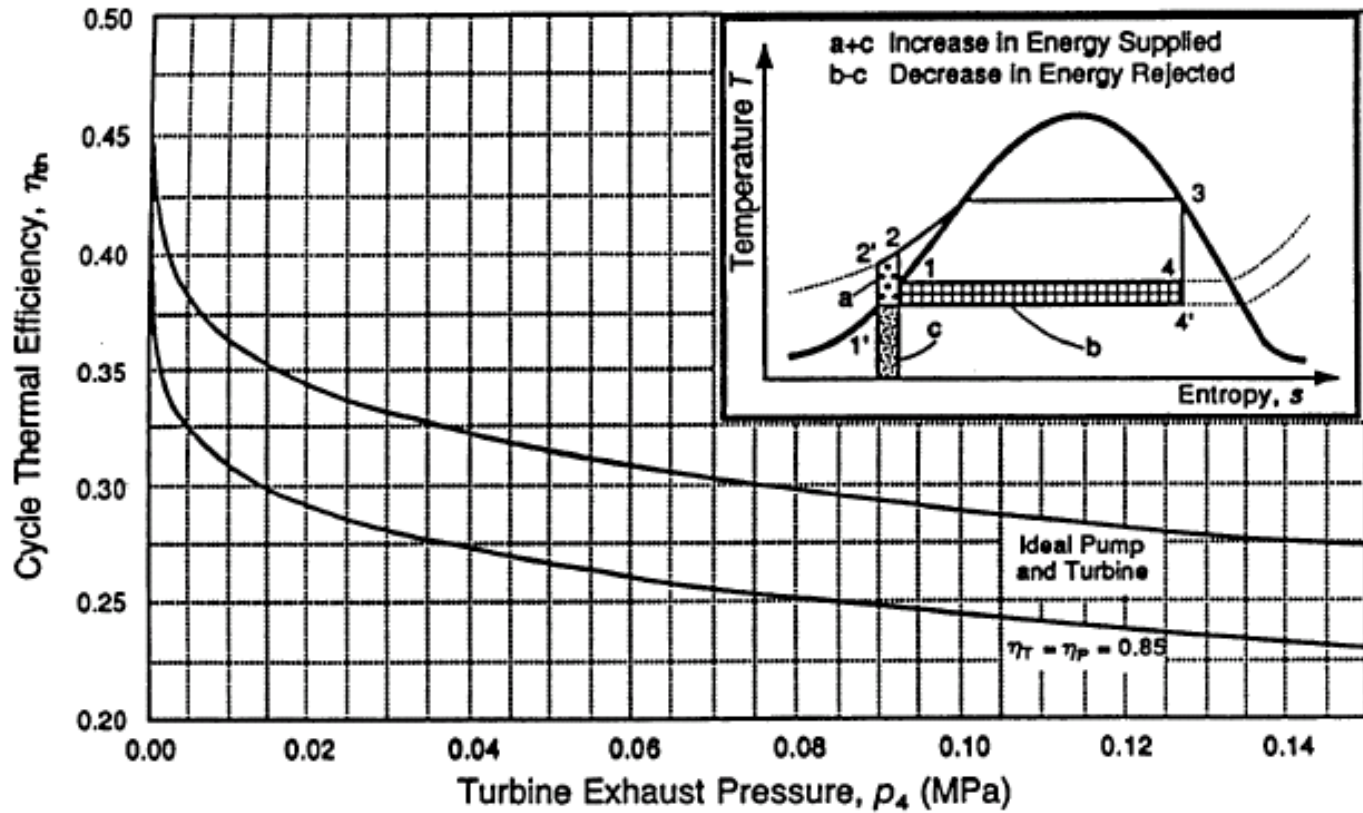
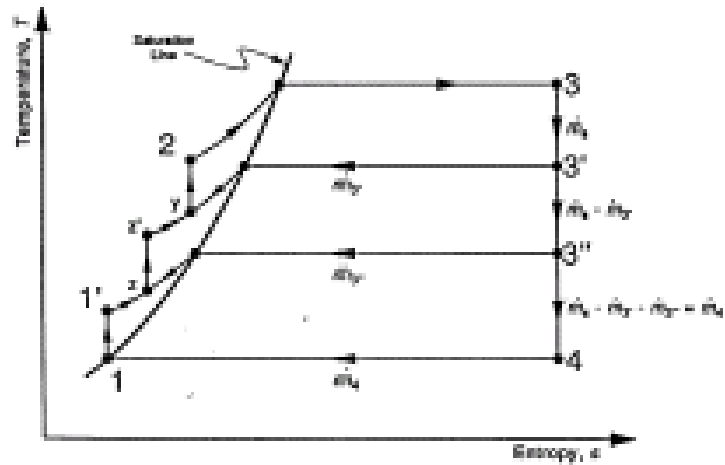
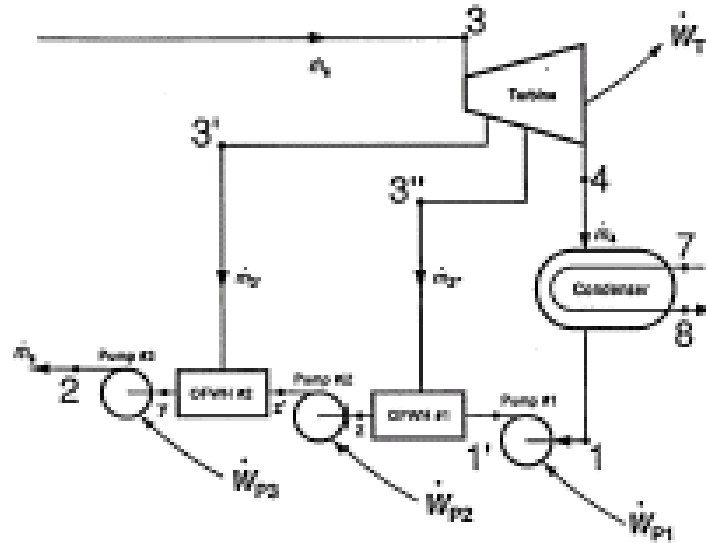


Figure 6-14 Thermal efficiency of Rankine cycle for a saturated turbine inlet state for varying turbine outlet pressure. Turbine inlet: 7.8 MPa saturated vapor.

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OPEN FEED WATER HEATERS

$$W_T = \dot{m}_3 (h_3 - h_2) + (\dot{m}_5 - \dot{m}_3)(h_2 - h_{2'}) + \dot{m}_4 (h_{2'} - h_4)$$

$$h_2 = \frac{\dot{m}_3 h_{2'} + \dot{m}_4 h_4}{\dot{m}_3 + \dot{m}_4} = \frac{\dot{m}_3 h_{2'} + \dot{m}_4 h_4}{\dot{m}_5 - \dot{m}_3}$$

$$h_2 = \frac{\dot{m}_3 h_{2'} + (\dot{m}_5 - \dot{m}_3) h_{2'}}{\dot{m}_5}$$

# Thermal Efficiency – Closed Configuration

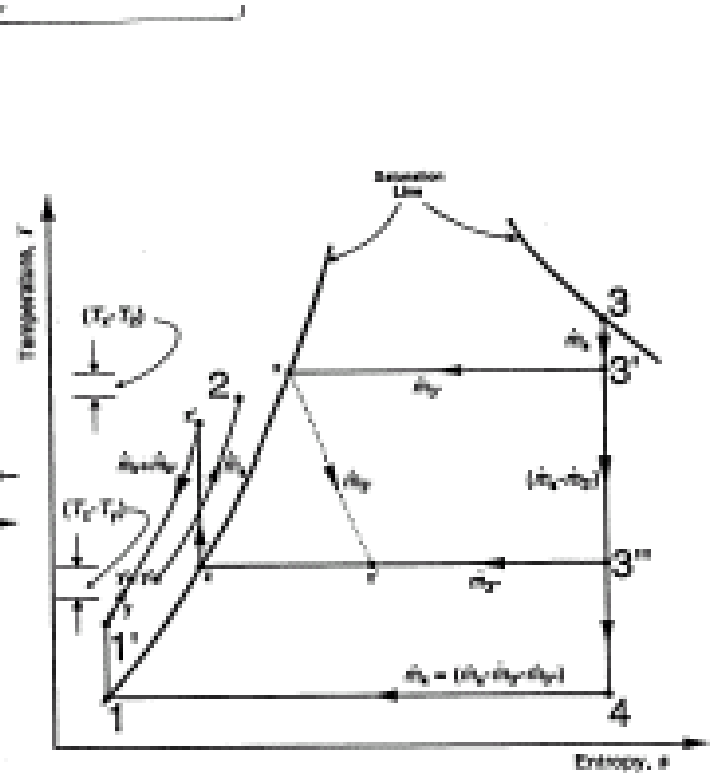
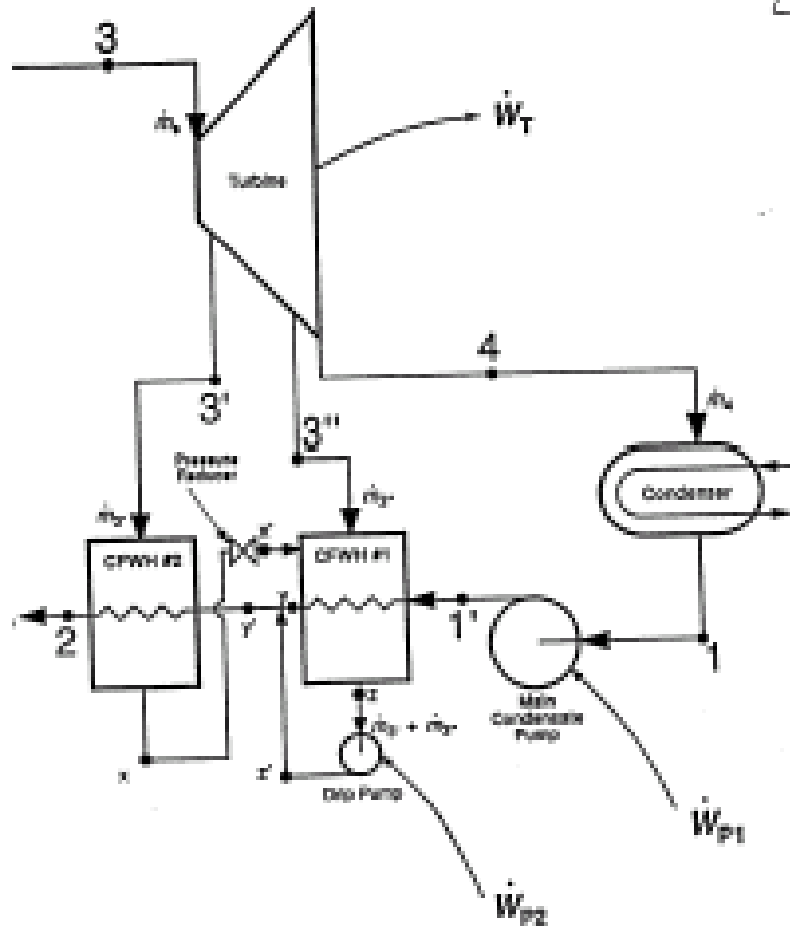


Figure 4-28 Portion of Rankine power cycle with closed feedwater heaters. Note: Process from constant pressure line 1'yy'x'2 for clarity.

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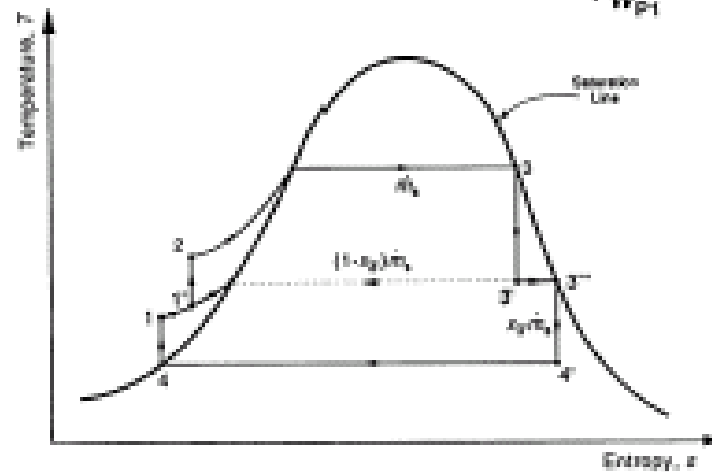
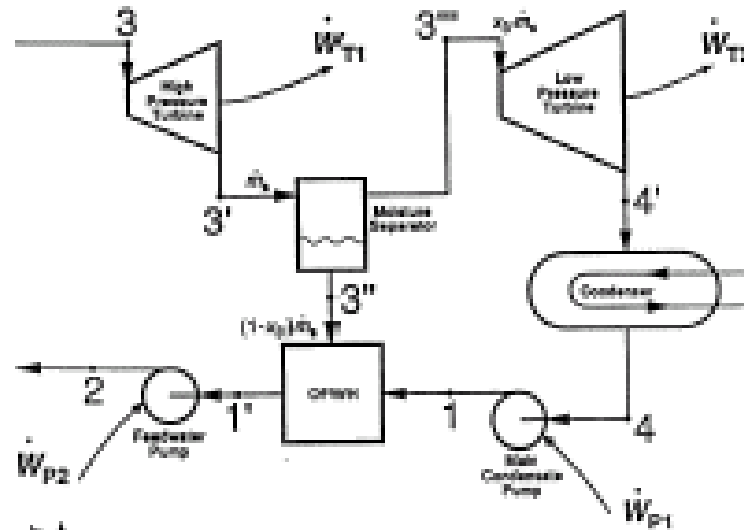
CLOSED FLOW WATER HEATERS

$$h_y = \frac{\dot{m}_3 h_{3a} + \dot{m}_4 h_{4a} + \dot{m}_2 h_{2a}}{\dot{m}_4} = (\dot{m}_3 + \dot{m}_2) h_{3a}$$

$$h_{y1} = \frac{\dot{m}_4 h_y + (\dot{m}_3 + \dot{m}_2) h_{3a}}{\dot{m}_2}$$

$$h_2 = \frac{\dot{m}_3 (h_y - h_{3a}) + \dot{m}_2 h_{y1}}{\dot{m}_2}$$

# Thermal Efficiency – Moisture Separation





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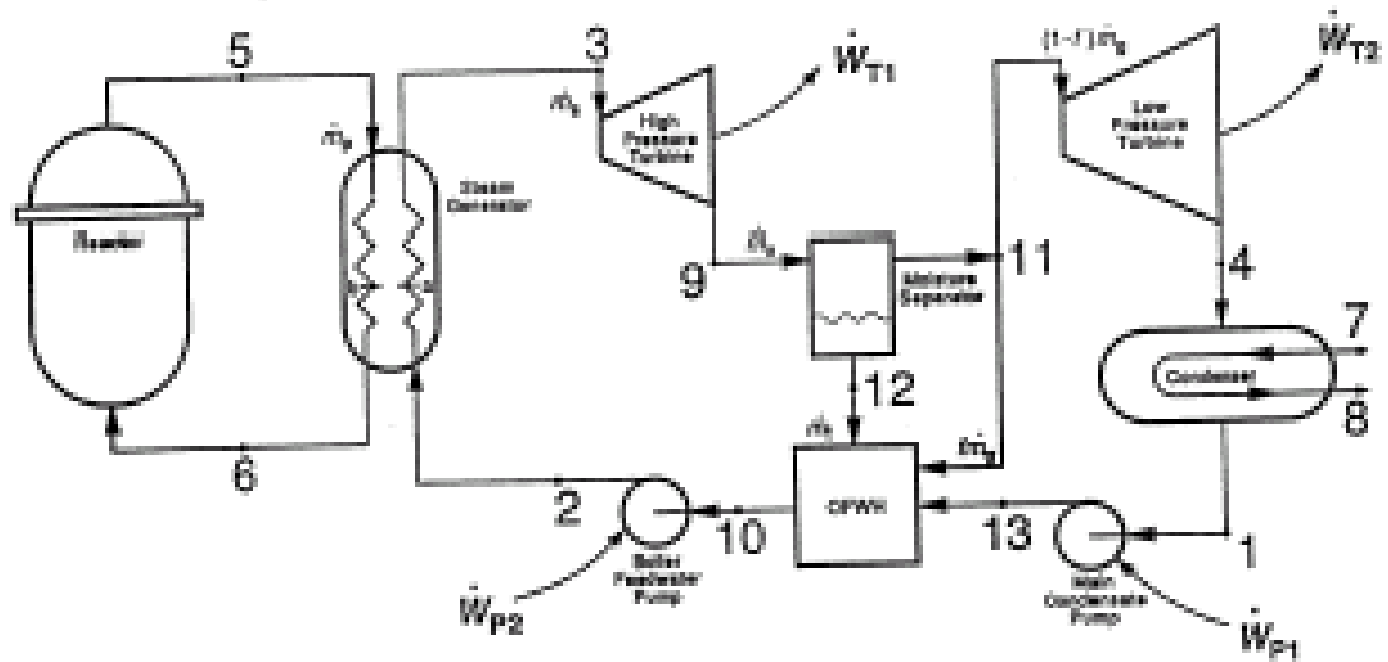
MOISTURE SEPARATION

$$h_{3u} = h_f \text{ (at } P_3) \quad (1 - X_3) \dot{m}_5 \quad \text{saturated}$$

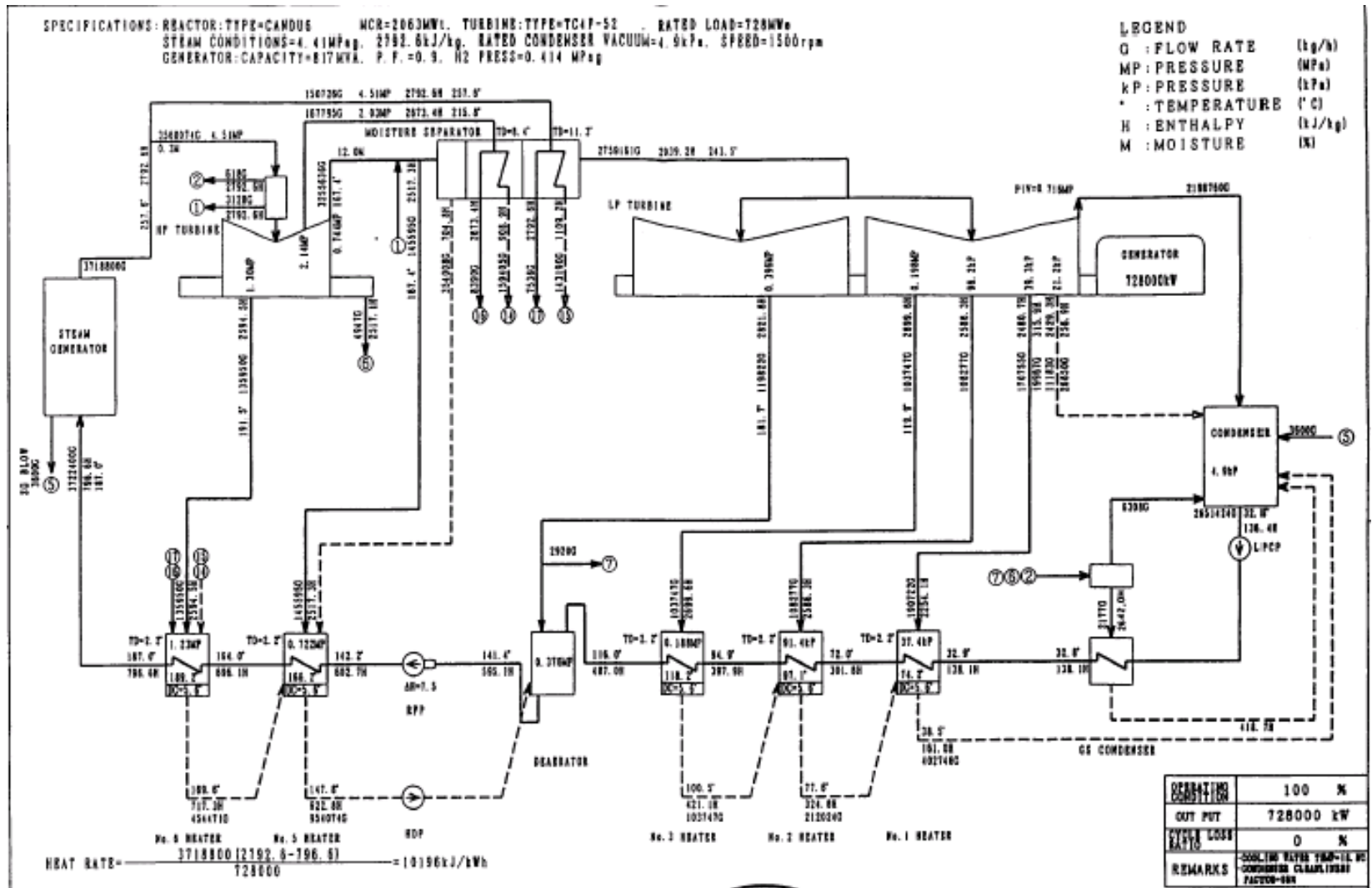
$$h_{3u} = h_g \text{ (at } P_3) \quad X_3 \dot{m}_5 \quad \text{saturated}$$

$$h_{4u} = \frac{h_{3u} (1 - X_3) \dot{m}_5 + h_g X_3 \dot{m}_5}{\dot{m}_5}$$

# Thermal Efficiency – Simple PWR



# Thermal Efficiency – CANDU 6



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