



**Optimizing Separation and Power Production**  
**for**  
**Two- and Three-Phase Well Flows**

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## Outline

- System Requirements
- System Description
- Component Experience

Axial Two-Phase Turbines

Two- and Three-Phase Separating Turbines

- Performance for Three-Phase Well Flow

# Requirements for Viable Geothermal Energy Production In an Oil and Gas Setting

- Meet Oil & Gas Industry Standards – API Specifications
- Minimize Cost per Kilowatt Hour

Maximize Power Production for Produced Fluids

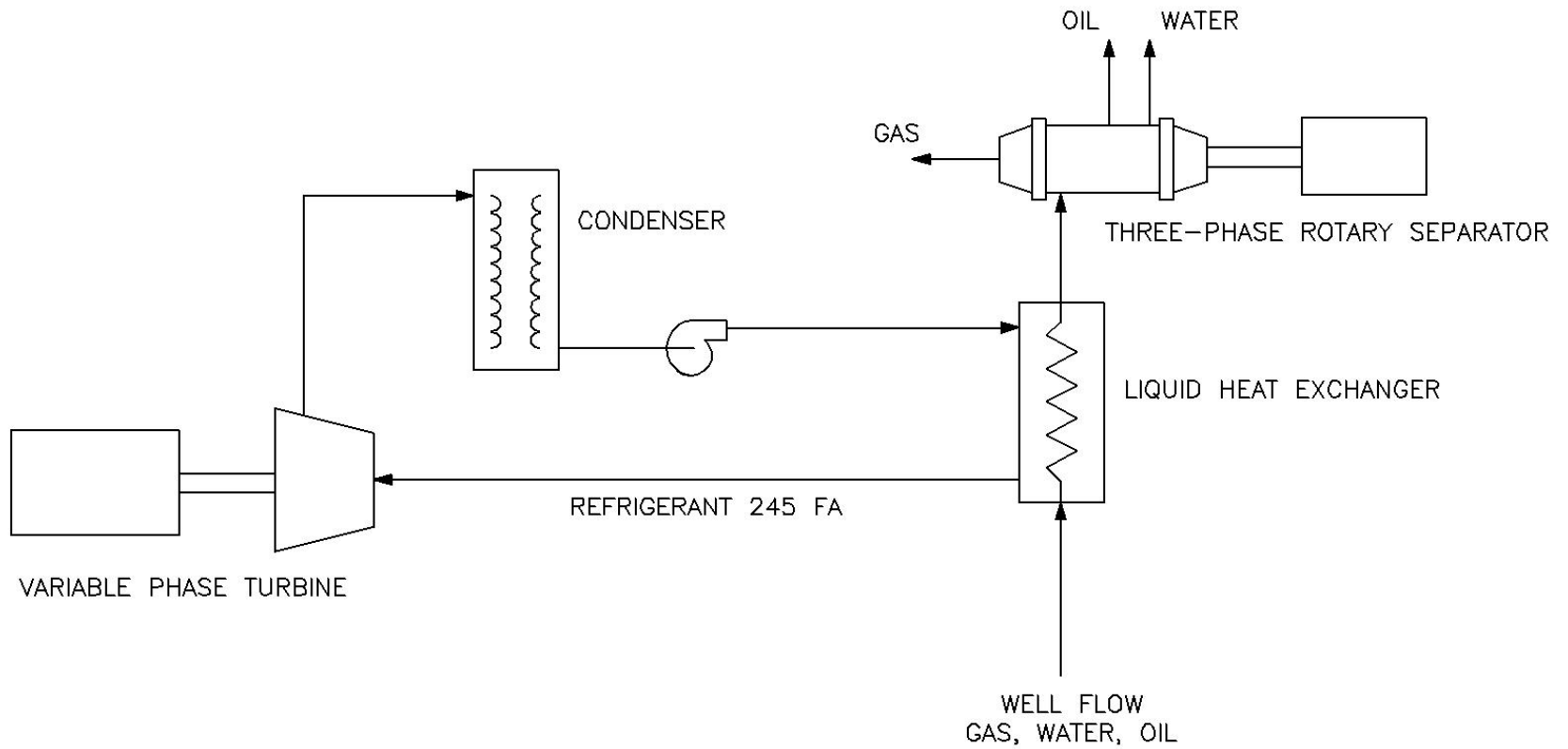
Minimize Equipment Cost

Minimize Installation Cost

Minimize O & M Cost

- Produce Dry Gas
- Produce Clean Water
- Produce Water Free Oil
- Portable Equipment
- Environmentally Benign

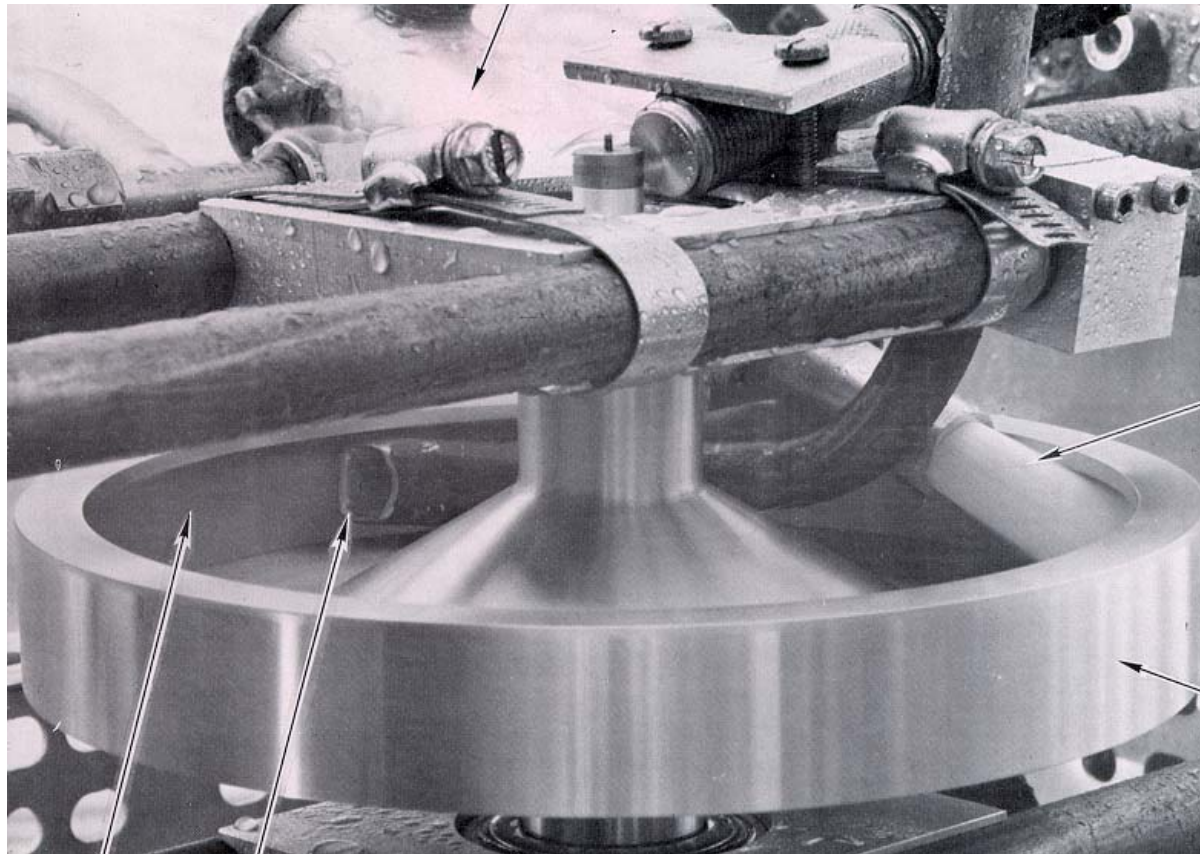
## **System Description**



Schematic of Separating Power System for Three-Phase Well Flow

# Two-phase Nozzle With Rotary Separator

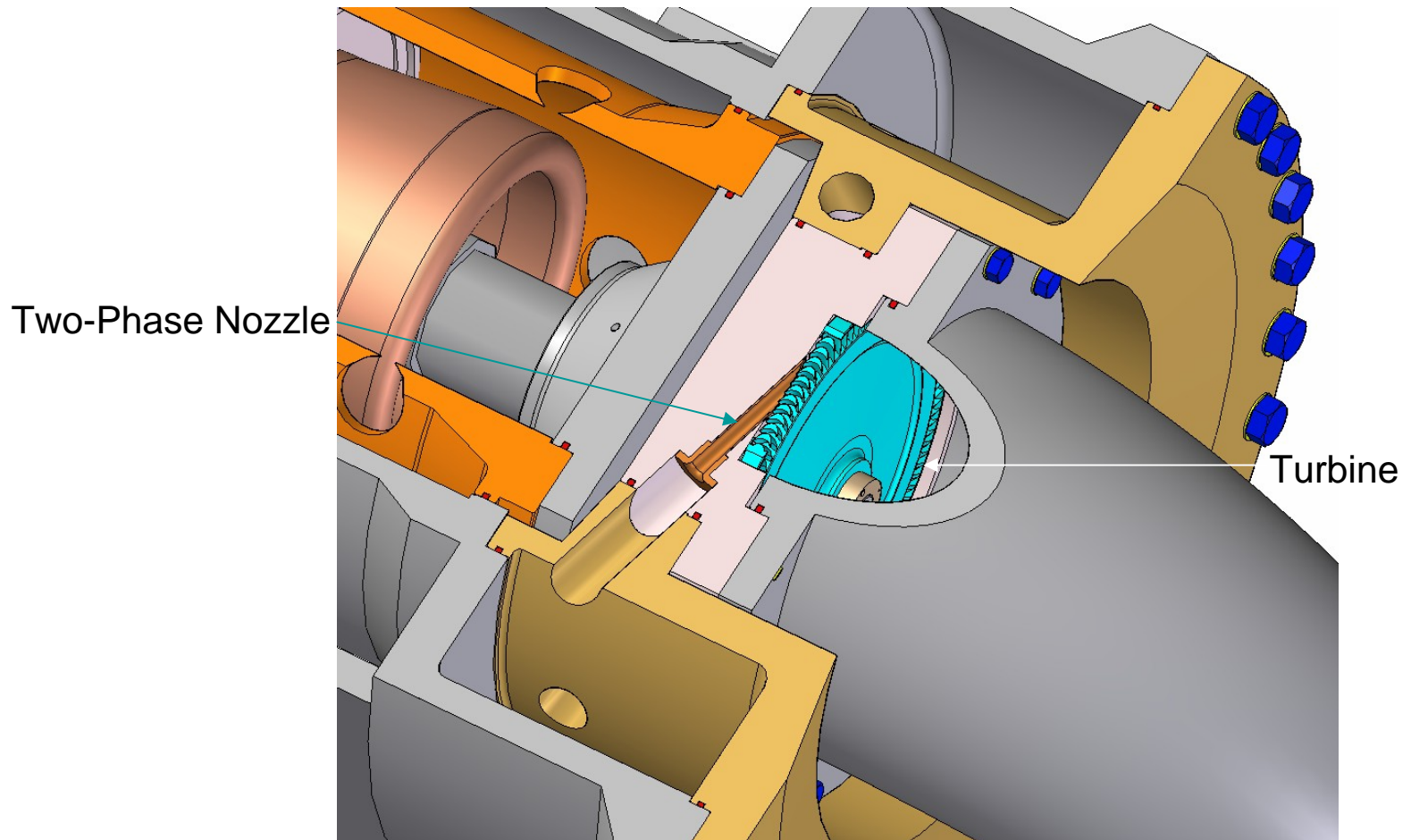
INLET NOZZLE



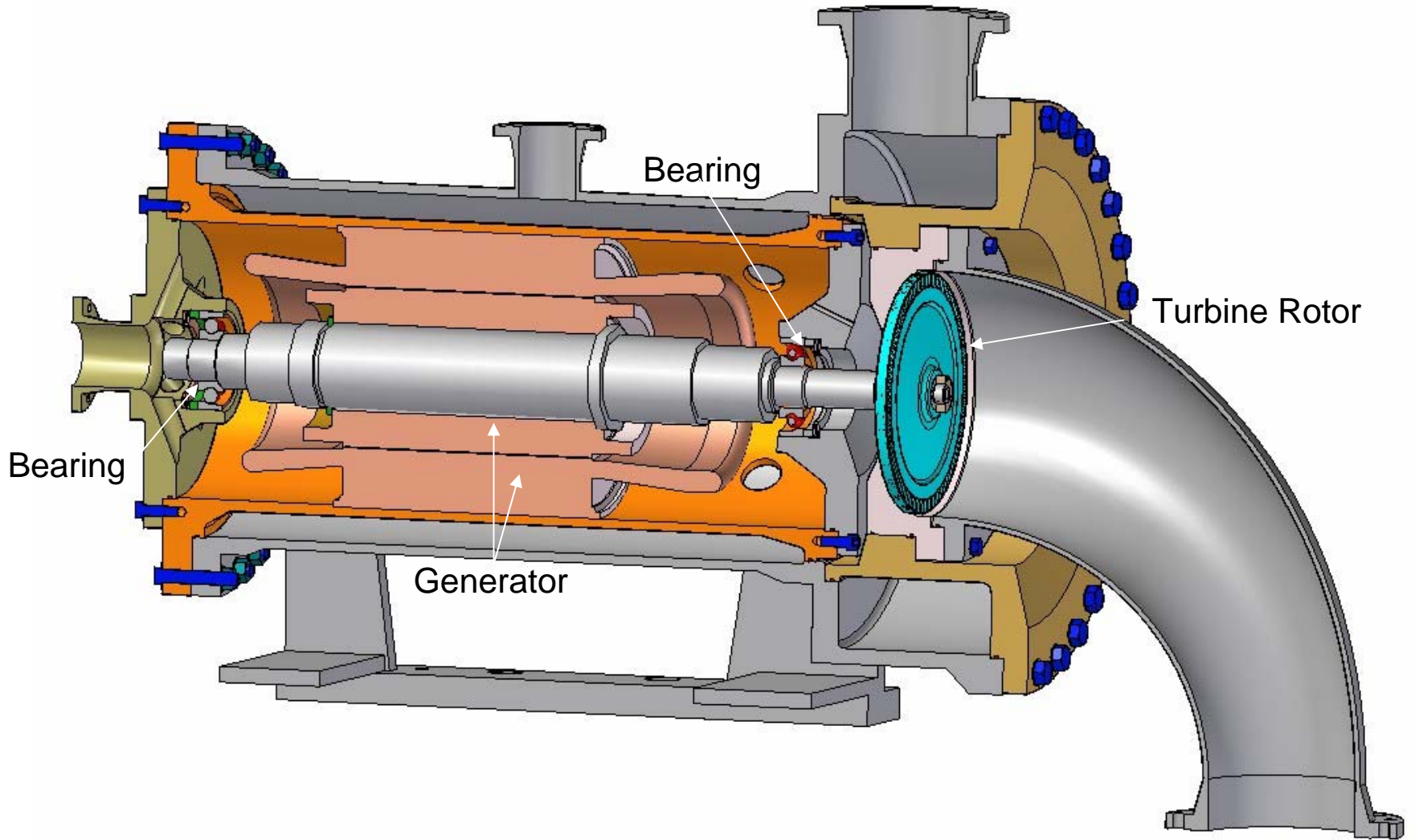
TWO-PHASE JET

ROTOR @ 10 000 rpm

LIQUID OUTLET  
(DIFFUSER)

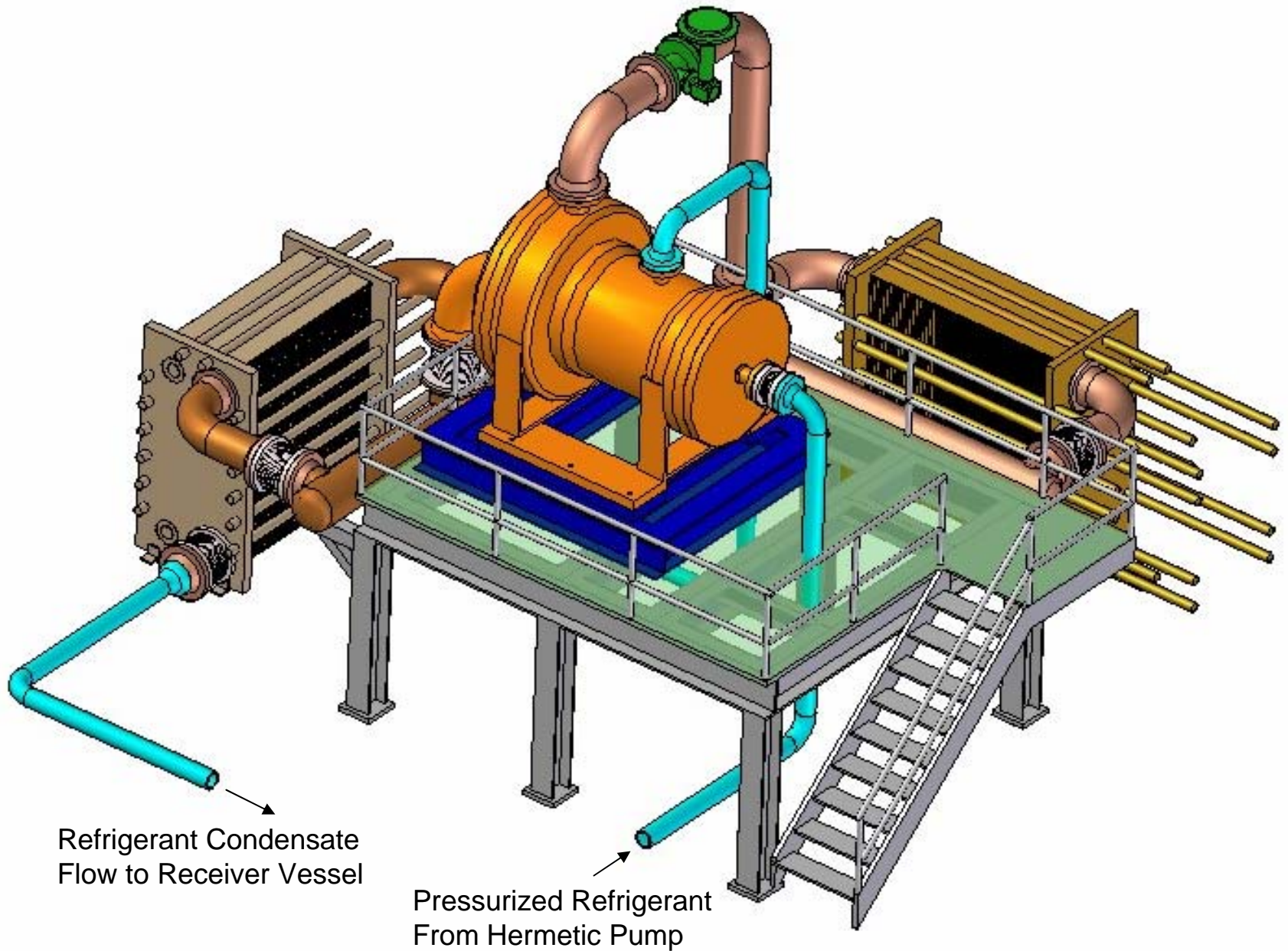


Variable Phase Turbine  
Nozzle and Rotor Arrangement

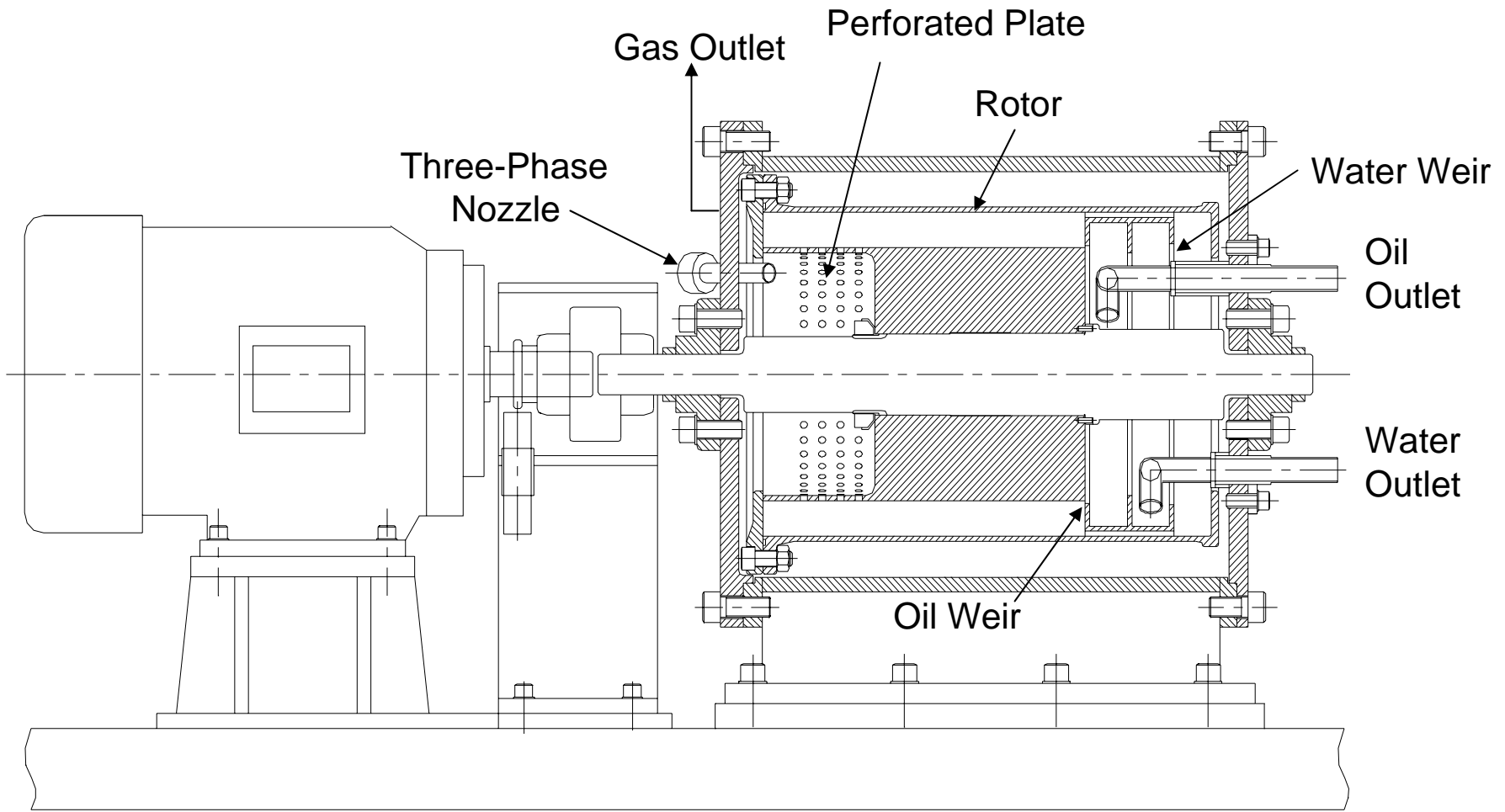


Hermetic Variable Phase Turbine-Generator





Arrangement of 1 Megawatt Variable Phase Power System

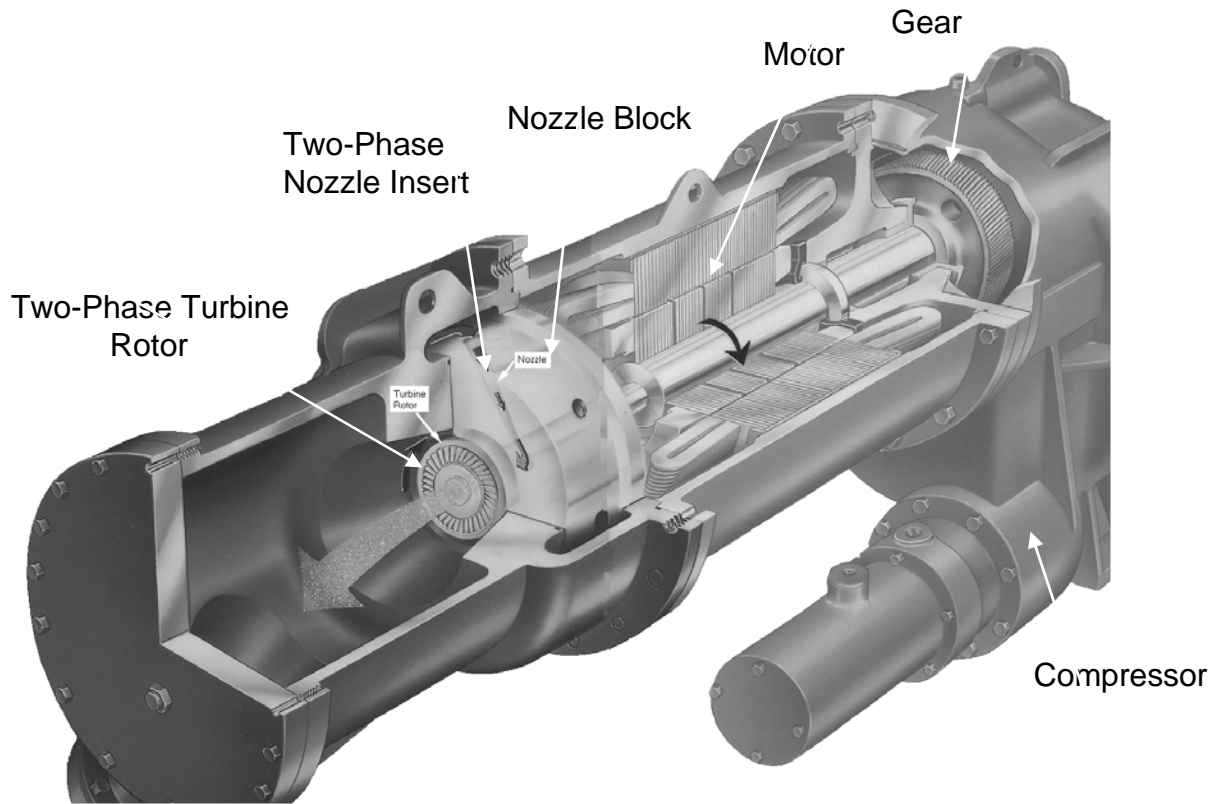


Three-Phase Separator

## **Component Experience**



Commercial Two-Phase Refrigerant Rotor



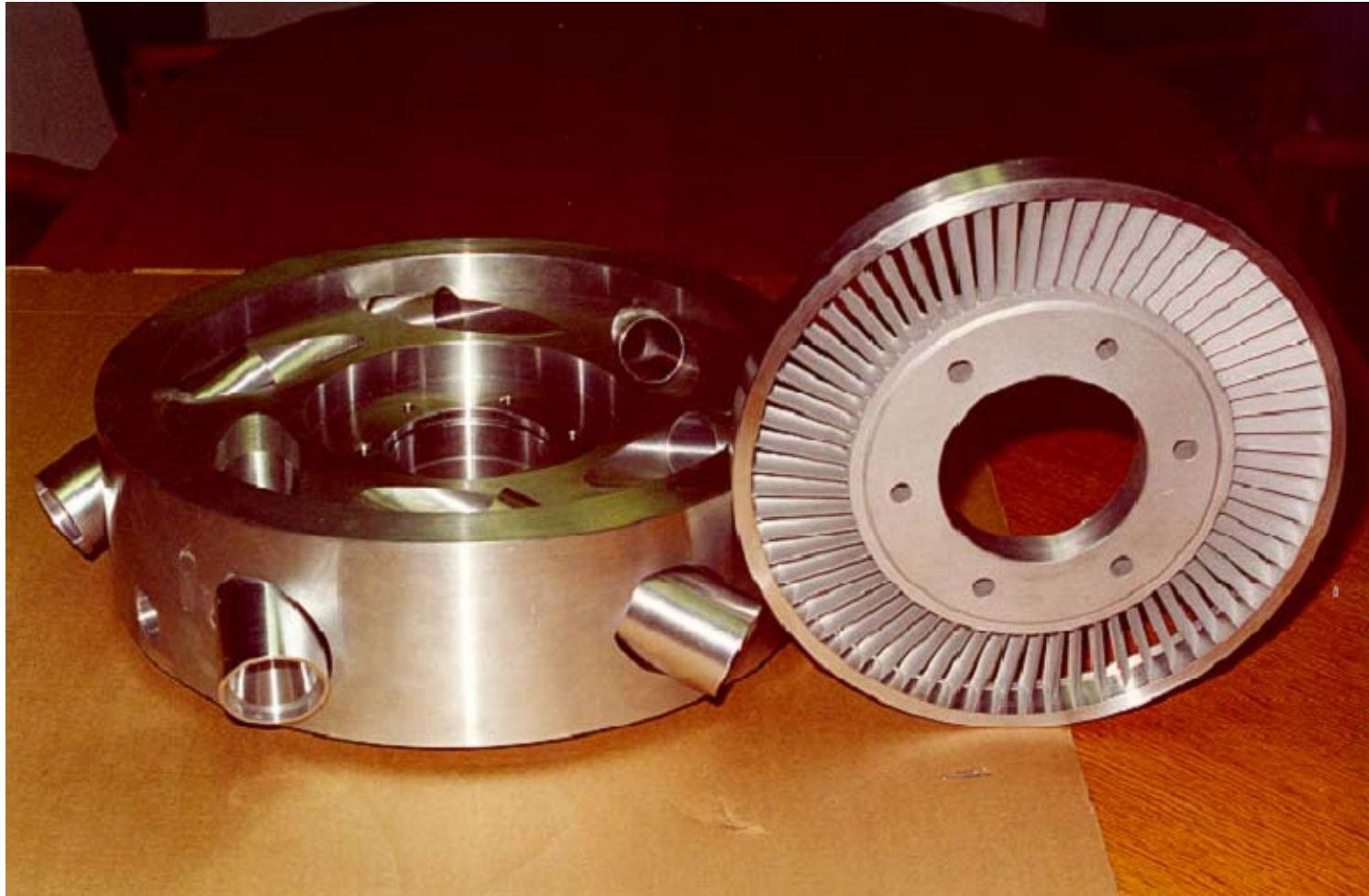
Cutaway of Chiller with Two-Phase Turbine, after Carrier

Two-Phase Turbine

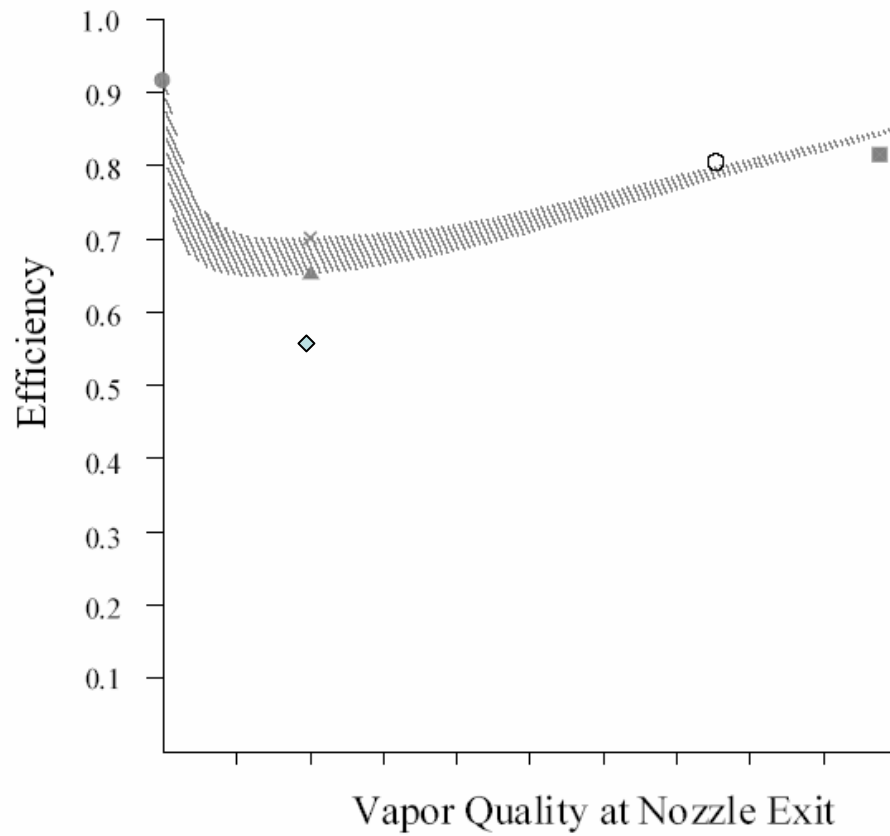


500 Ton Chiller with Two-Phase Turbine, after Carrier





100 kW Two-Phase Axial Turbine Components for Refrigerant Power Generation



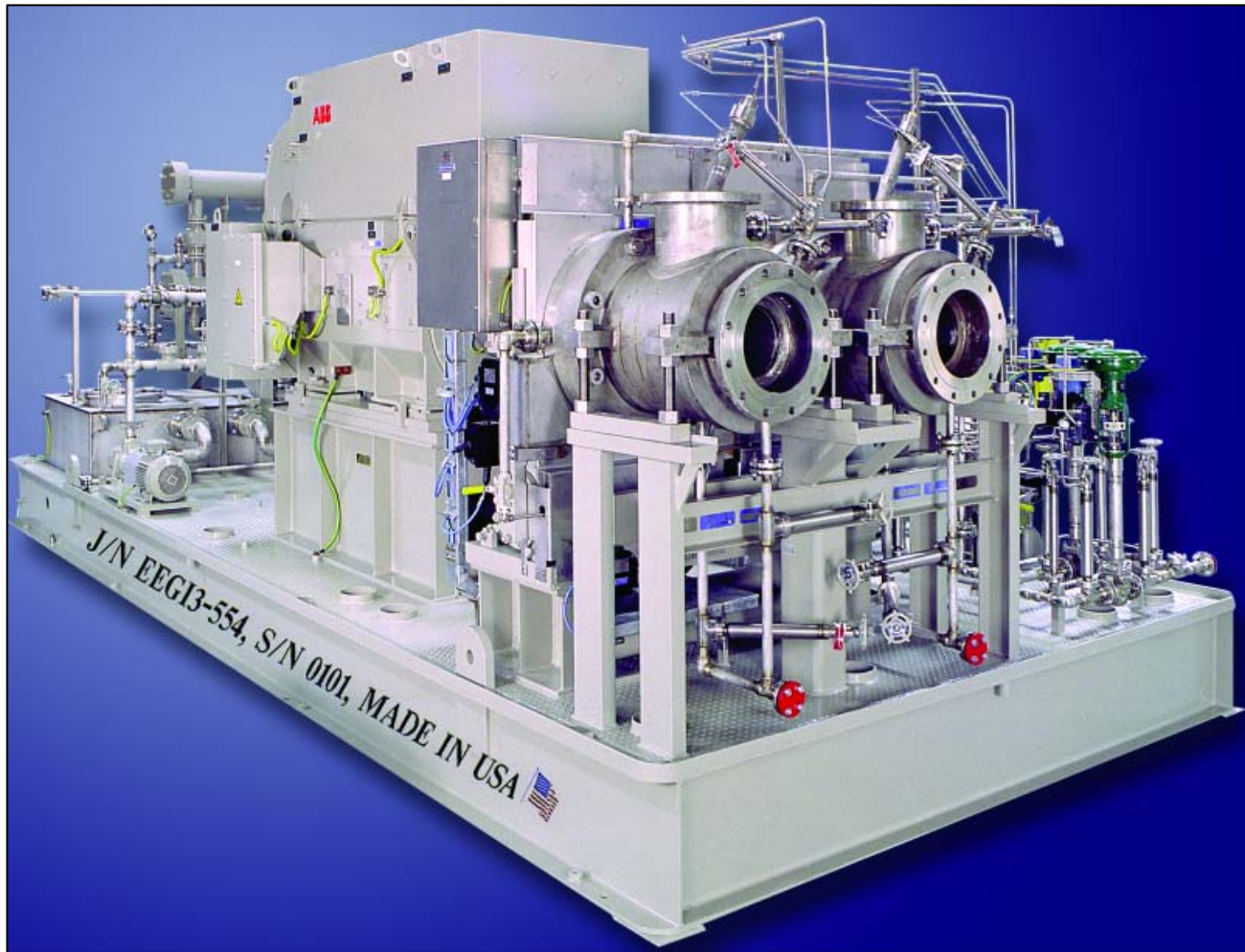
- Pelton Wheel
- × 100 kW R134a
- ▲ 15 kW R134a
- 1000 kW R245La
- 200 kW Steam (Euler Turbine)

## Efficiency of Axial Impulse Turbines





Hermetic LNG Pump, After ACD, Inc.



Hydrocarbon Turbine Generator, After Mafi-Trench





Inline Two-Phase Rotary Separator Operating at Laredo Gas Field  
After Chevron





Two-Phase Separating Turbine on Ram-Powell Platform, after Dresser-Rand





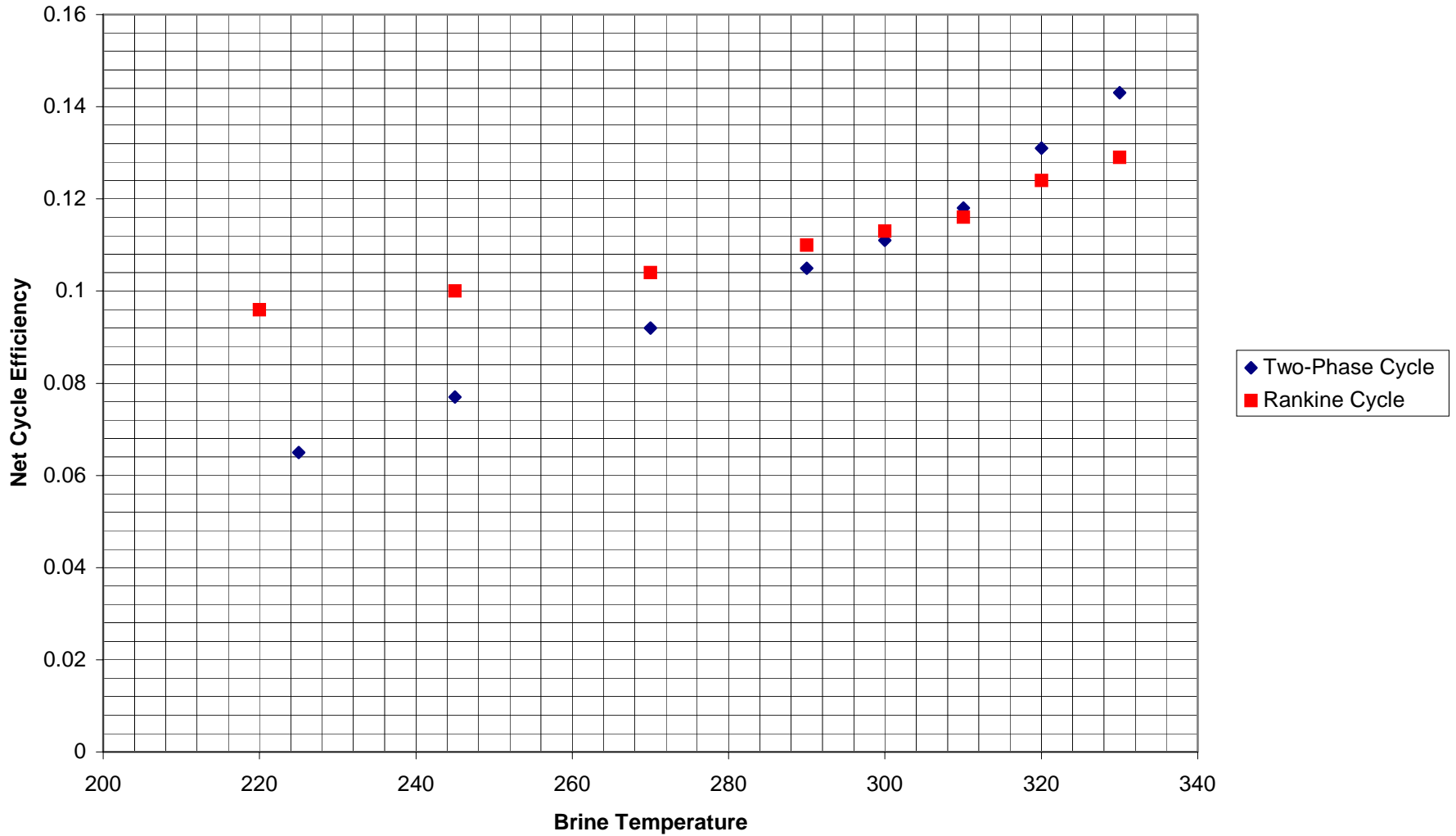
Ram-Powell Platform with Separating Turbine Installed, after Shell Deepwater



Three-Phase Separating Turbine on Ewing Banks Platform. After Dresser-Rand

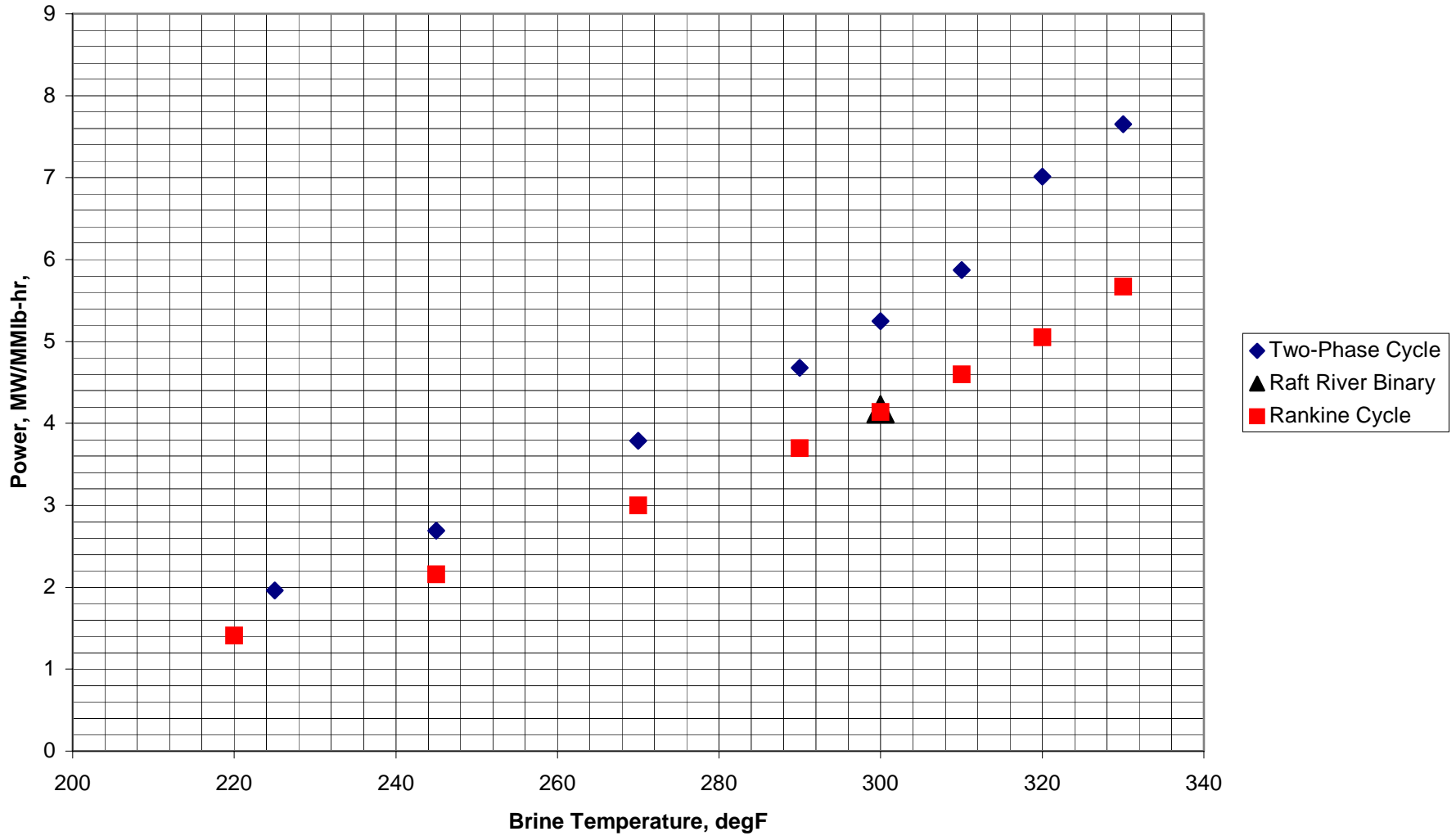
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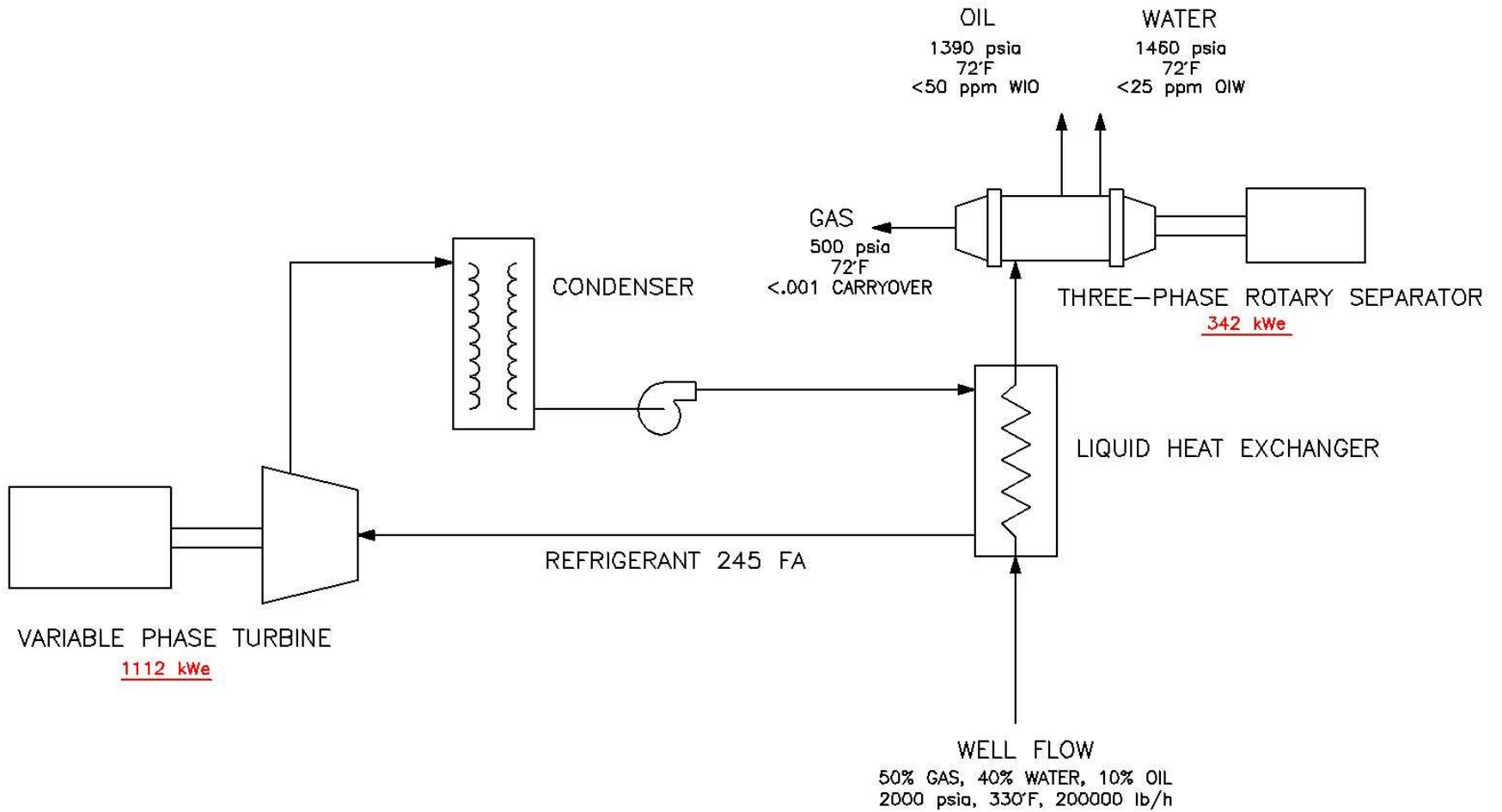
**Cycle Efficiency versus Resource Temperature for Two-Phase VPT and Rankine Cycle,  
Condensing Temperature = 78 degF**





# Power Produced per Million Pounds per Hour of Brine for Two-Phase VPT Cycle Compared to Rankine Cycle and Raft River Binary





Performance of Separating Power System for Three-Phase Well Flow  
**1454 kWe** vs **830 kWe** for Rankine Cycle

## Conclusions

- Application of Proven Two-Phase Refrigeration Technology and Proven Oil and Gas Two-Phase and Three-Phase Technology can Maximize Power Production and Separation for Two-Phase and Three-Phase Moderate Temperature Well Flows
- Production Advantages as Well as Power Production will Promote Early Acceptance by Oil & Gas Industry
- Experience by Technology Stakeholders in the Oil & Gas Industry Will Produce Systems Acceptable to that Industry