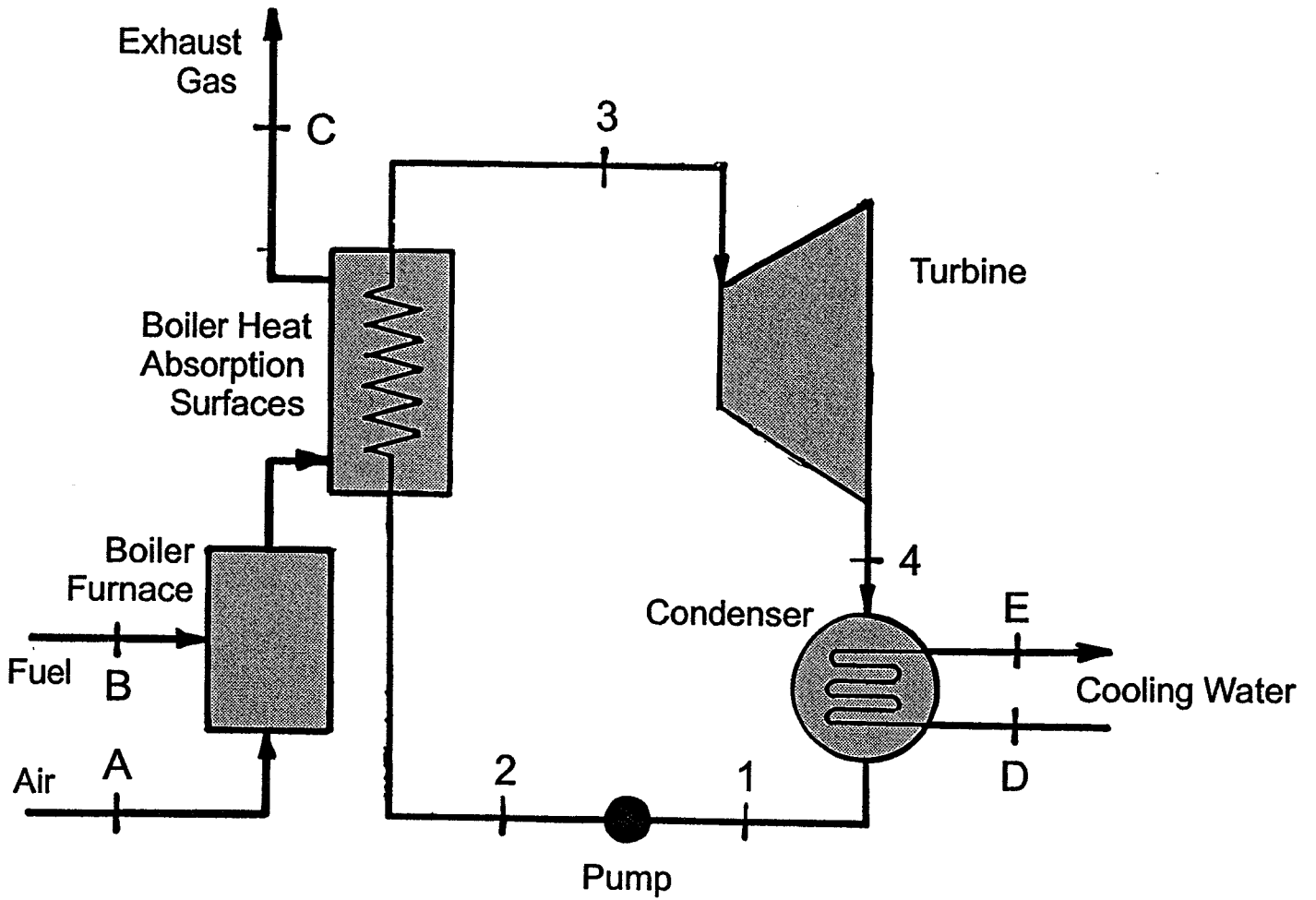


# **THERMO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**



**Figure 16 Simple steam cycle for a fossil fuel fired plant**

# EXERGY FLOW DIAGRAM

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## FOSSIL FUEL FIRED POWER PLANT

### STEAM CYCLE CONDITIONS

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= 0.005 \text{ MPa SAT} \\ h_1 &= 138 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ s_1 &= 0.4764 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_2 &= 0.4764 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \\ p_2 &= 15 \text{ MPa} \\ h_2 &= 153 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_3 &= 15 \text{ MPa} \\ t_3 &= 500^\circ\text{C} \\ h_3 &= 3309 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ s_3 &= 6.3443 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K} \end{aligned}$$

$$s_{4'} = 6.3443 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K}$$

$$p_{4'} = 0.005 \text{ MPa}$$

$$6.3443 = 0.4764 + x_{4'} 7.9187$$

$$x_{4'} = (6.3443 - 0.4764) / 7.9187 = 0.741$$

$$h_{4'} = 137.87 + 0.741 (2423.7) = 1934 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\eta_{\text{turbine}} = (h_3 - h_4) / (h_3 - h_{4'})$$

$$3309 - h_4 = 0.80 (3309 - 1934)$$

$$h_4 = 3309 - 1100 = 2209 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

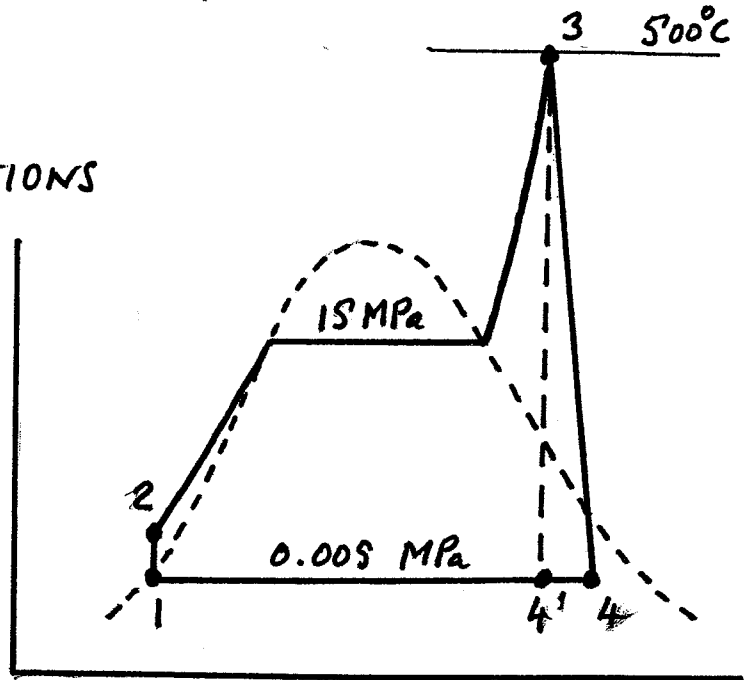
$$h_4 = 2209 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$p_4 = 0.005 \text{ MPa}$$

$$2209 = 137.87 + x_4 2423.7$$

$$x_4 = (2209 - 137.87) / 2423.7 = 0.854$$

$$s_4 = 0.4764 + 0.854 (7.9187) = 7.2433 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K}$$



$$\eta_{\text{pump}} = 100\% \quad \eta_{\text{turbine}} = 80\%$$

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## POWER OUTPUT CONDITIONS

$$P_{OUT} = 500 \text{ MW}$$

$$CV_{COAL} = 34000 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

## WORK DONE BY TURBINE

$$\begin{aligned} W_{OUT} &= (h_3 - h_4) - (h_2 - h_1) \\ &= (3309 - 2209) - (153 - 138) \\ &= 1100 - 15 \\ &= 1085 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

## MASS FLOW RATE OF STEAM

$$\begin{aligned} P_{OUT} &= 1085 \times M_{STEAM} \\ 500000 &= 1085 \times M_{STEAM} \\ M_{STEAM} &= 500000 / 1085 = 461 \text{ kg/s} \end{aligned}$$

## MASS FLOW RATE OF COOLING WATER

$$\begin{aligned} q_{RET} &= h_4 - h_1 \\ &= 2209 - 138 = 2071 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{RET} &= 2071 \times M_{STEAM} \\ &= 2071 \times 461 = 955000 \text{ kJ/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{INLET} &= 10^\circ\text{C} \\ T_{OUTLET} &= 20^\circ\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_D &= 42 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ h_E &= 84 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ S_D &= 0.151 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{K} \\ S_E &= 0.297 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{K} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{RET} &= (h_E - h_D) M_{CW} \\ M_{CW} &= 955000 / (84 - 42) = 22700 \text{ kg/s} \end{aligned}$$

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## AVAILABILITIES

TEMPERATURE OF HEAT REJECTION = CW TEMPERATURE

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 &= 10^\circ\text{C} \\ T_0 &= 283 \text{ }^\circ\text{K} \\ h_0 &= 42 \text{ kJ/kg} \\ s_0 &= 0.151 \text{ kJ/kg }^\circ\text{K} \end{aligned}$$

$$a = (h - h_0) - T_0 (s - s_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= (138 - 42) - 283 (0.476 - 0.151) \\ &= 96 - 92 = 4 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= (153 - 42) - 283 (0.476 - 0.151) \\ &= 111 - 92 = 19 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 &= (3309 - 42) - 283 (6.344 - 0.151) \\ &= 3267 - 1753 = 1514 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_4 &= (2709 - 42) - 283 (7.243 - 0.151) \\ &= 2167 - 2007 = 160 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_D &= (42 - 42) - 283 (0.151 - 0.151) \\ &= 0 - 0 = 0 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_E &= (84 - 42) - 283 (0.297 - 0.151) \\ &= 42 - 41 = 1 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

## EXERGY FLOWS

$$A = a \times M / 1000$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= 4 \times 461 / 1000 \\ &= 2 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= 19 \times 461 / 1000 \\ &= 9 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= 1514 \times 461 / 1000 \\ &= 699 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_4 &= 160 \times 461 / 1000 \\ &= 74 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_D &= 0 \times 22700 / 1000 \\ &= 0 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_E &= 1 \times 22700 / 1000 \\ &= 23 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

### MASS FLOW RATES IN COAL FIRED BOILER

AIR INLET TEMPERATURE AND CONDITIONS

$$t_A = 10^\circ\text{C}$$

$$h_A = 283 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$s_A = 2.4567 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K}$$

COAL INLET TEMPERATURE

$$t_B = 10^\circ\text{C}$$

GAS OUTLET TEMPERATURE AND CONDITIONS

$$t_C = 200^\circ\text{C}$$

$$h_C = 475 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$s_C = 2.9758 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{K}$$

AVAILABLE ENERGY IN COAL IS ASSUMED TO BE EQUAL TO ITS HIGHER CALORIFIC VALUE (IT IS ACTUALLY ABOUT 4% HIGHER)

$$\text{AIR/FUEL RATIO} = M_{\text{AIR}} / M_{\text{COAL}} = 12$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{\text{STEAM}} &= M_{\text{STEAM}} (h_3 - h_2) \\ &= 461 (3309 - 153) \\ &= 1454900 \text{ kJ/s}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{\text{LOST}} &= M_{\text{GAS}} (h_c - h_A) \\ &= M_{\text{GAS}} (475 - 283) \\ &= M_{\text{GAS}} 192\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{\text{COAL}} &= \dot{Q}_{\text{STEAM}} + \dot{Q}_{\text{LOST}} \\ M_{\text{COAL}} CV_{\text{COAL}} &= 1454900 + (M_{\text{AIR}} + M_{\text{COAL}}) 192 \\ M_{\text{COAL}} 34000 &= 1454900 + 13 M_{\text{COAL}} 192 \\ M_{\text{COAL}} (34000 - 2496) &= 1454900 \\ M_{\text{COAL}} &= 1454900 / 31504 = 46 \text{ kg/s}\end{aligned}$$

$$M_{\text{AIR}} = 12 M_{\text{COAL}} = 12 \times 46 = 552 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$M_{\text{GAS}} = M_{\text{AIR}} + M_{\text{COAL}} = 46 + 552 = 598 \text{ kg/s}$$

### AVAILABILITIES

$$a = (h - h_0) - T_0 (s - s_0)$$

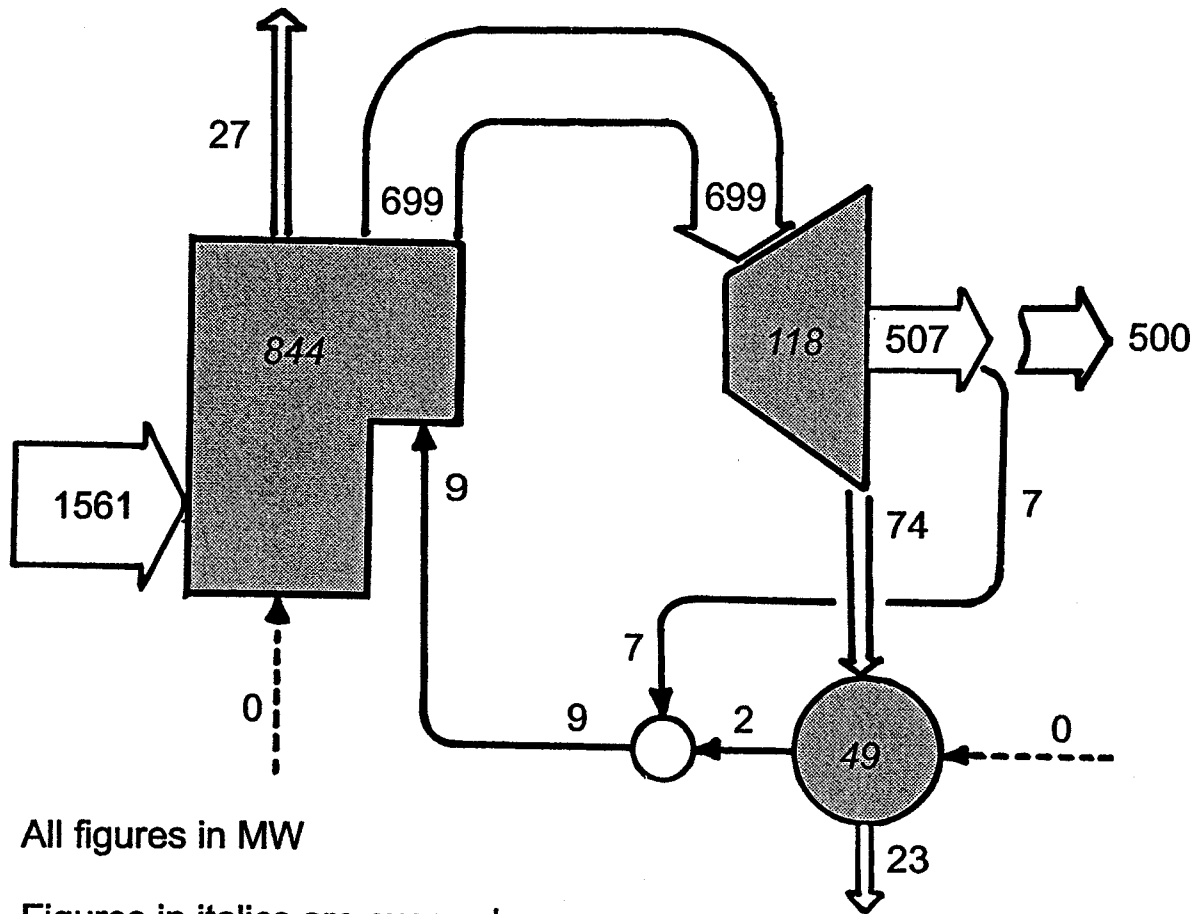
$$\begin{aligned}a_B &= (283 - 283) - 283 (2.4567 - 2.4567) \\ &= 0 \text{ kJ/kg}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}a_c &= (475 - 283) - 283 (2.9758 - 2.4567) \\ &= 192 - 147 = 45 \text{ kJ/kg}\end{aligned}$$

$$a_A = CV_{\text{COAL}} = 34000 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

### EXERGY FLOWS

$$A = a \times M / 1000$$



**Figure 17 Exergy flow diagram for simple steam plant (fossil fuel)**

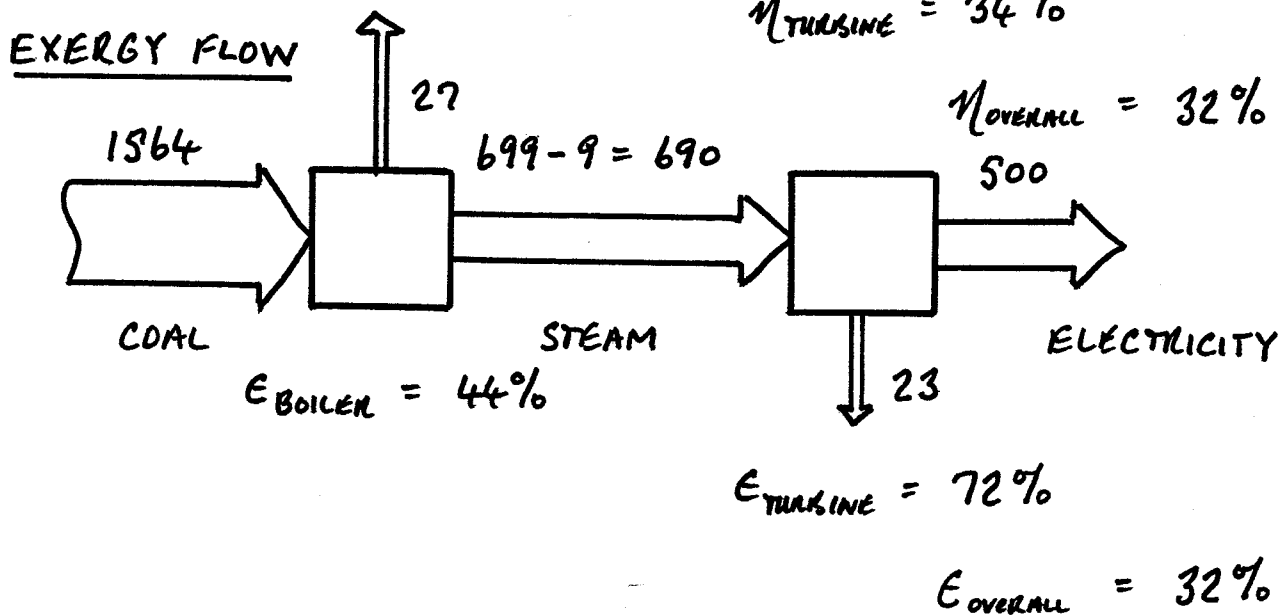
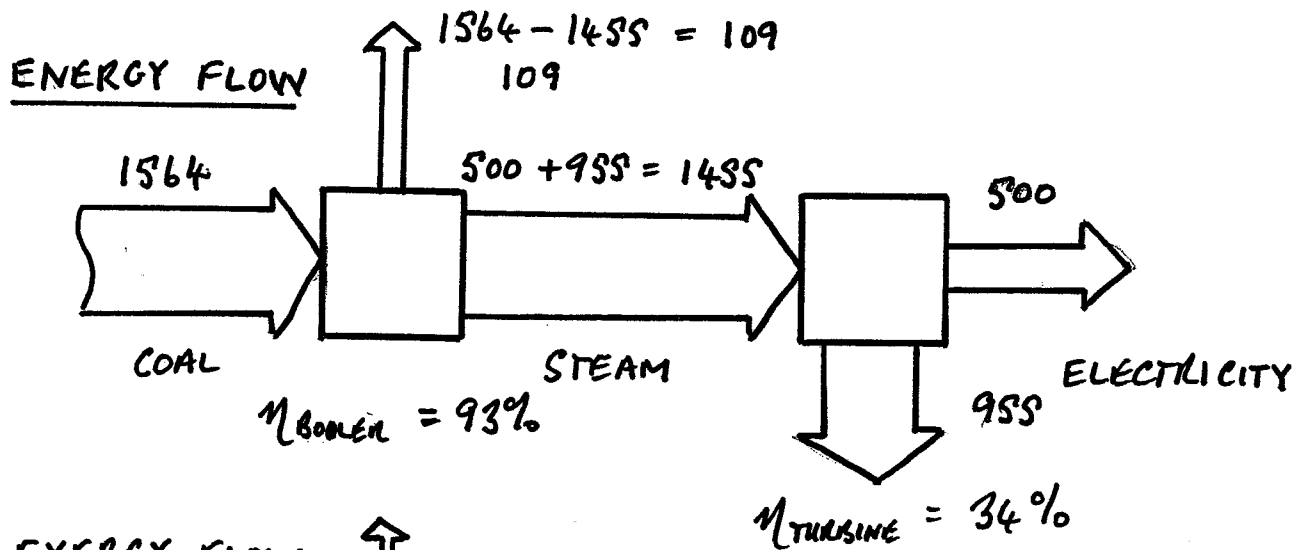
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$$A_A = 34000 \times 46 / 1000 = 1564 \text{ MW}$$

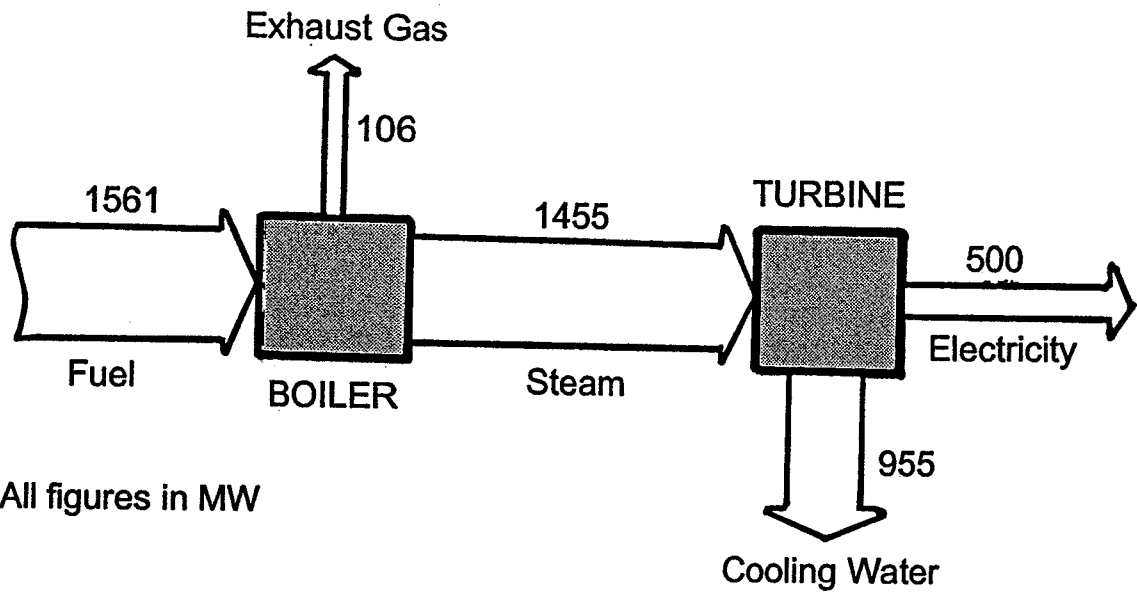
$$A_B = 0 \times 552 / 1000 = 0 \text{ MW}$$

$$A_C = 45 \times 598 / 1000 = 27 \text{ MW}$$

### UNIDIRECTIONAL ENERGY AND EXERGY FLOWS



### Unidirectional Energy Flow



### Unidirectional Exergy Flow

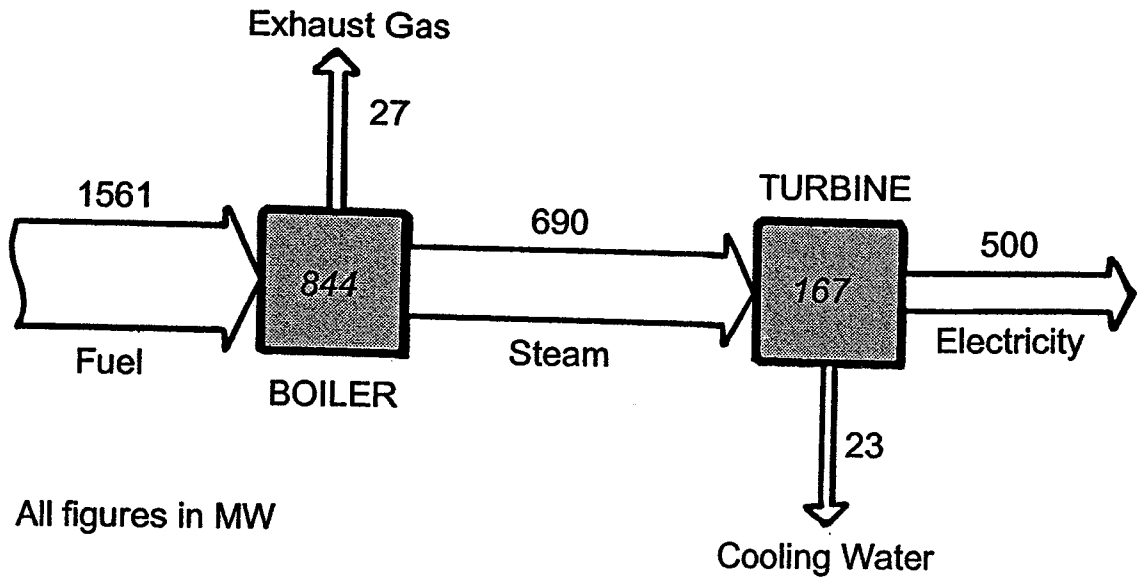


Figure 18 Unidirectional flow of energy and exergy

# THERMO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

## FOSSIL FUEL FIRED POWER PLANT

### BASIC COST DATA

COAL COST                      \$100 / tonne      (10 c / kg)  
 CALORIFIC VALUE            34,000 kJ / kg

### ENERGY VALUE OF COAL

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{COAL}} &= 10 / 34000 \\ &= 0.00029 \text{ c / kJ} \\ &= 0.29 \text{ c / MJ} \end{aligned}$$

### ENERGY VALUE OF ELECTRICITY

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{ELEC}} &= 0.29 / 0.32 \\ &= 0.92 \text{ c / MJ} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{UNIT OF ELECTRICITY} &= 1 \text{ kWh} \\ &= 1 \text{ kJ/s} \times 3600 \text{ s} \\ &= 3.6 \text{ MJ} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{ELEC}}^{\text{F}} &= 0.92 \times 3.6 \\ &= 3.31 \text{ c / kWh (BASED ON FUEL ONLY)} \end{aligned}$$

### CAPITAL COST (INCLUDING OPERATING COSTS)

ASSUME CAPITAL COST IS EQUAL TO  
 FUEL COST AVERAGED OVER LIFE OF PLANT

$$E_{\text{ELEC}} = \text{FUEL COST} + \text{CAPITAL COST}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{ELEC}} &= 0.92 + 0.92 = 1.84 \text{ c / MJ} \\ E_{\text{ELEC}} &= 3.31 + 3.31 = 6.62 \text{ c / kWh} \end{aligned}$$

## COST FLOW RATE OF USEFUL (AVAILABLE) ENERGY

### COAL FLOW AND COSTS

$$E_{\text{COAL}} = 0.29 \text{ c/MJ}$$

$$A_{\text{COAL}} = 1564 \text{ MJ/S}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{COST FLOW : } C_{\text{COAL}} &= 0.29 \times 1564 \\ &= 454 \text{ c/S} \end{aligned}$$

CONVERSION EFFECTIVENESS REDUCES AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE ENERGY SO ITS VALUE IN THE STEAM INCREASES BY THE INVERSE OF EFFECTIVENESS

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{STEAM}} &= 0.29 / 0.44 \\ &= 0.66 \text{ c/MJ} \\ A_{\text{STEAM}} &= 1564 \times 0.44 \\ &= 690 \text{ MJ/S} \\ C_{\text{STEAM}} &= 0.66 \times 690 \\ &= 455 \text{ c/S} \end{aligned}$$

SIMILARLY THE CONVERSION EFFECTIVENESS IN THE TURBINE GENERATOR REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE ENERGY. THE VALUE OF THE ELECTRICITY IS INCREASED BY THE INVERSE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS.

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{ELEC}} &= 0.66 / 0.72 \\ &= 0.92 \text{ c/MJ} \\ A_{\text{ELEC}} &= 690 \times 0.72 \\ &= 500 \text{ MJ/S (MW)} \\ C_{\text{ELEC}} &= 0.92 \times 500 \\ &= 460 \text{ c/S} \end{aligned}$$

MONETARY FLOW RATE IS CONSTANT EXCEPT FOR ROUNDING OFF ERRORS AS WOULD BE EXPECTED.

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COST FLOW RATE OF USEFUL ENERGY WHEN CAPITAL (AND OPERATING) COSTS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

ASSUME OVER LIFE OF PLANT

$$\text{CAPITAL COST} = \text{FUEL COST}$$

HENCE TOTAL ELECTRICITY COST

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{elec}} &= (\text{FUEL COST}) + (\text{CAPITAL COST}) \\ &= 0.92 \text{ c/MJ} + 0.92 \text{ c/MJ} \\ &= 1.84 \text{ c/MJ} \\ &= 1.84 \times 3.6 \text{ c/kWh} \\ &= 6.62 \text{ c/kWh} \end{aligned}$$

THIS NOW GIVES A MORE CORRECT VALUE FOR THE COST OF ELECTRICITY. ALSO THE COST FLOW RATE IN C/S INCREASES THROUGH THE PLANT REFLECTING THE COST OF BUILDING AND OPERATING THE PLANT TO PRODUCE POWER.

TO OBTAIN THE VALUE OF STEAM FLOWING BETWEEN THE BOILER AND THE TURBINE IT IS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER THE COST OF THE BOILER PLANT AND THAT OF THE TURBINE PLANT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF AVAILABLE ENERGY

ASSUME THE FOLLOWING RELATIVE COSTS

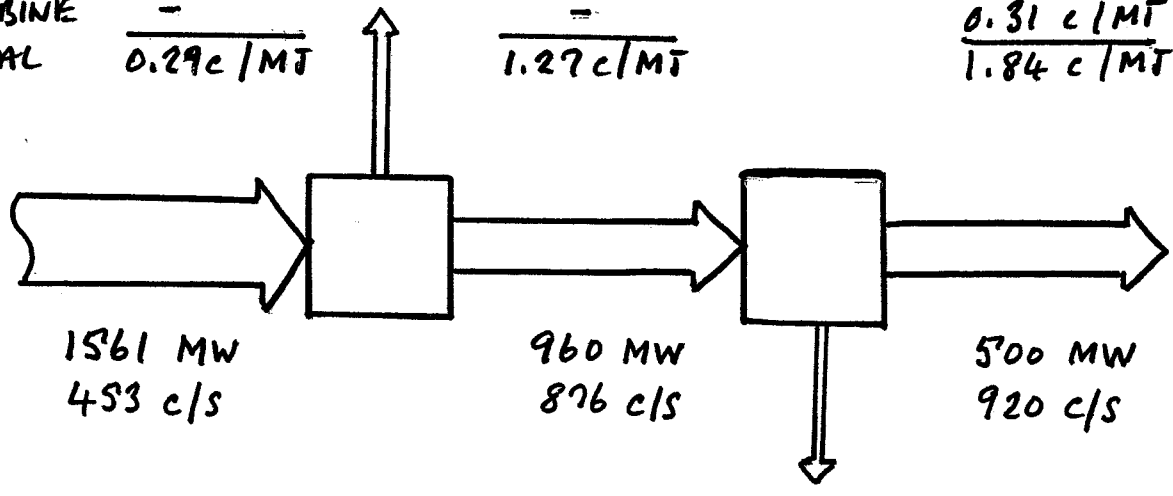
$$\text{BOILER PLANT COST} = 2 (\text{TURBINE PLANT COST})$$

TOTAL CAPITAL COST CONTRIBUTION TO ELECTRICITY COST = 0.92 c/MJ

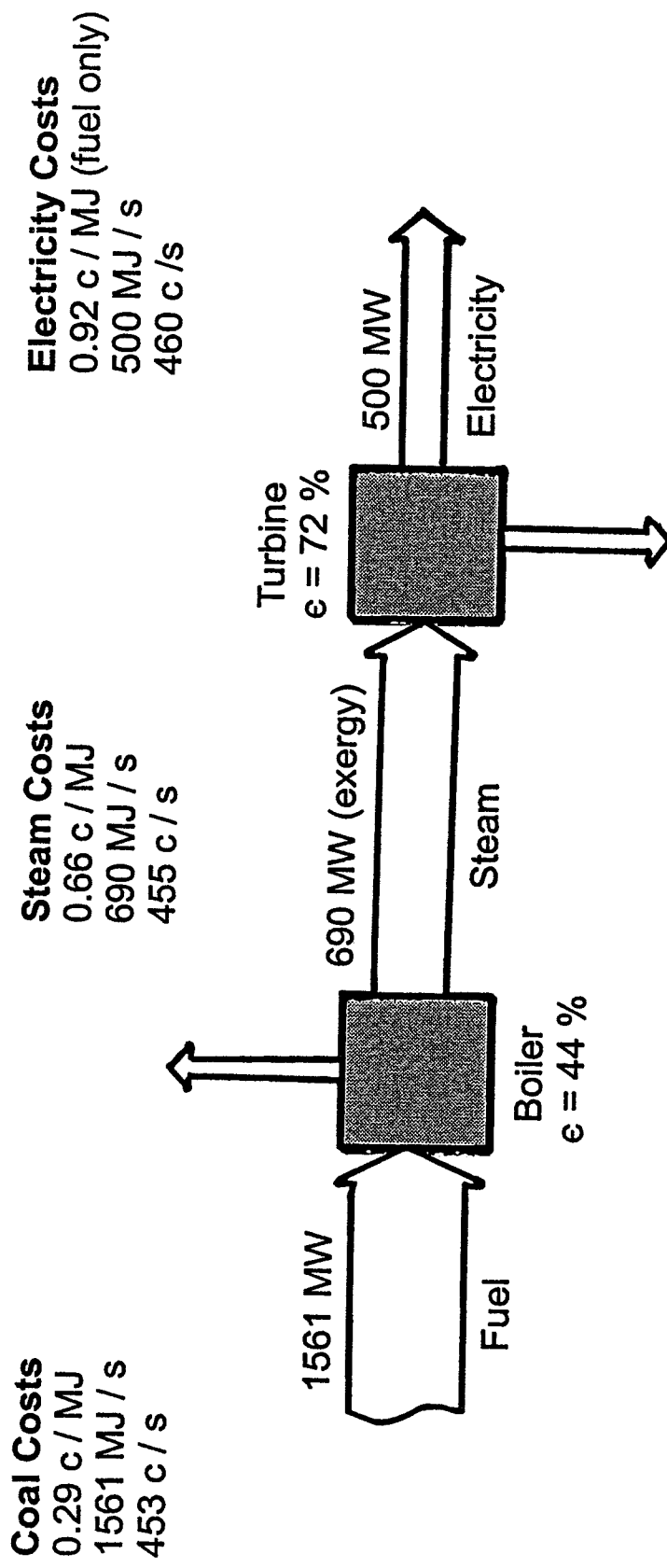
BOILER PLANT CONTRIBUTION = 0.61 c/MJ
TURBINE PLANT CONTRIBUTION = 0.31 c/MJ

COMBINING THESE COSTS WITH ENERGY COST GIVES THE FOLLOWING :

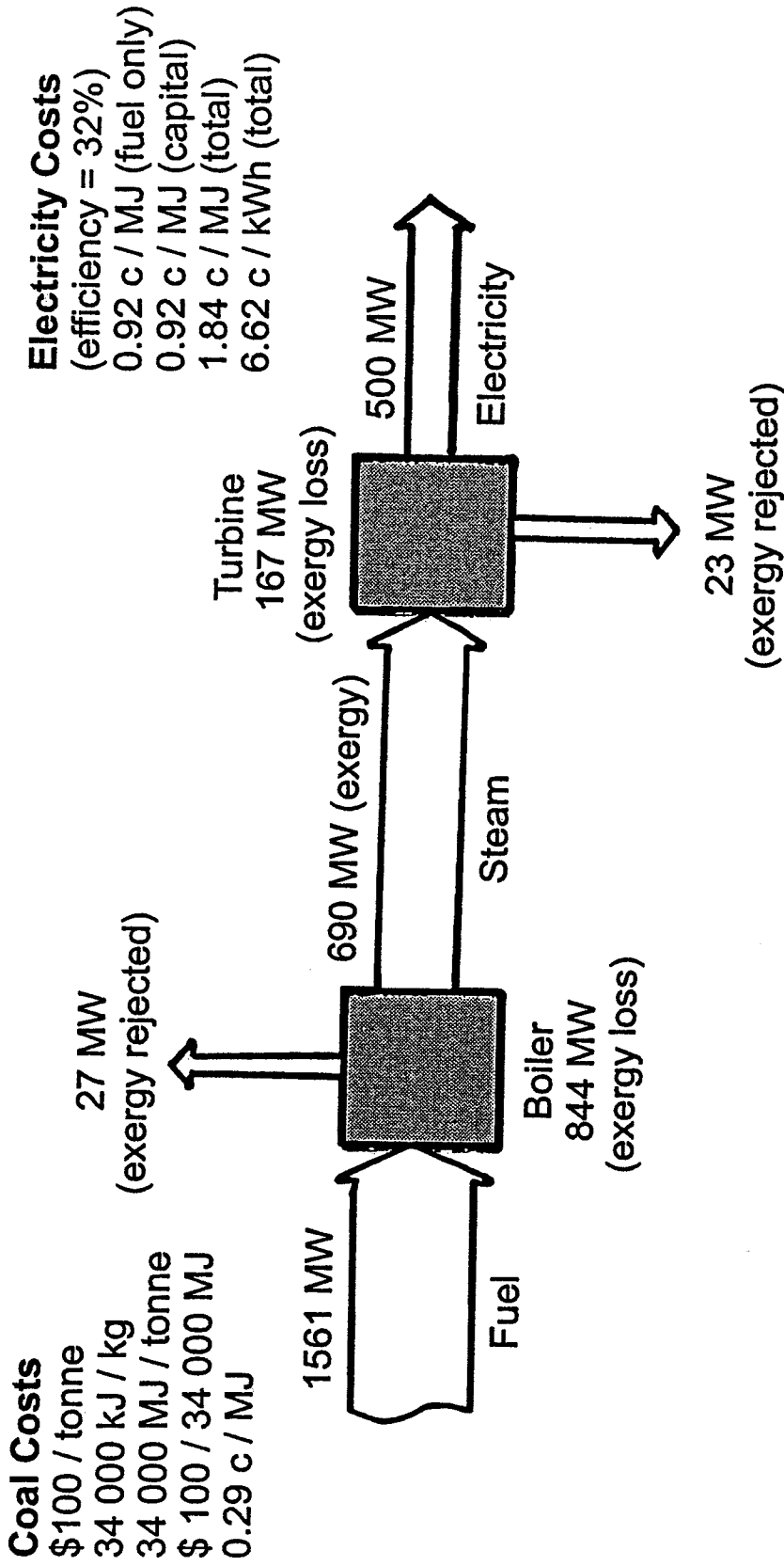
Table with 3 columns of costs: Fuel (0.29 c/MJ), Boiler (0.66 c/MJ), Turbine (0.31 c/MJ), and Total (1.84 c/MJ).



NOTE THAT MONETARY FLOW INCREASES THROUGH THE PLANT AS MORE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THE ENERGY



**Figure 20 Steam cost based on conversion efficiency and fuel cost**



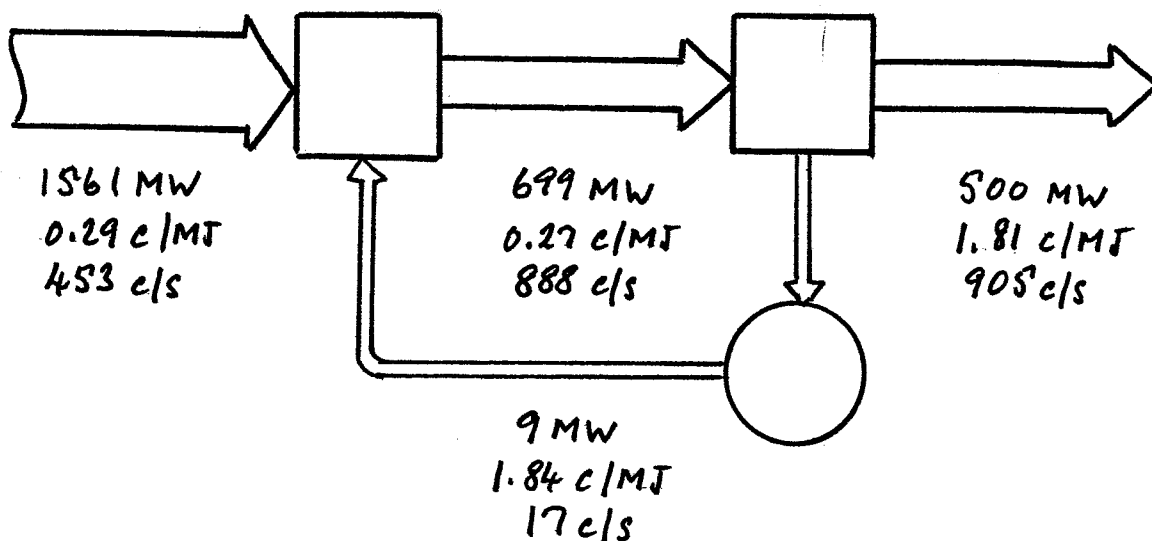
**Figure 19 Monetary input and output flows based on conversion efficiency**

THIS PRINCIPLE CAN BE EXTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE FEEDWATER FLOW BACK TO THE BOILER

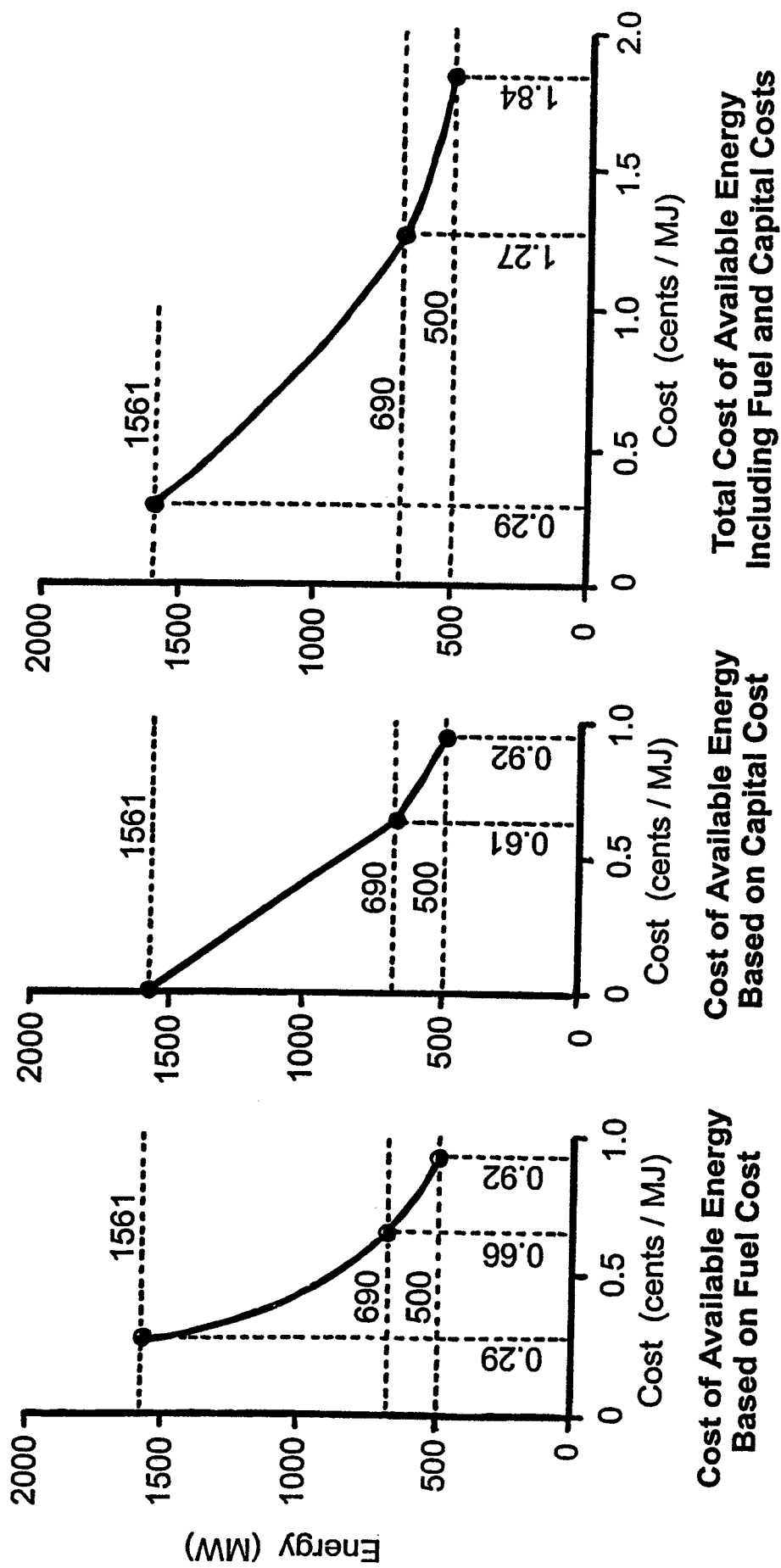
ASSUME A CONDENSER COST IN ADDITION TO THAT OF THE BOILER AND TURBINE SUCH THAT :

|                             |      |           |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|
| BOILER COST CONTRIBUTION    | 67%  | 0.61 c/MJ |
| TURBINE COST CONTRIBUTION   | 30%  | 0.28 c/MJ |
| CONDENSER COST CONTRIBUTION | 3%   | 0.03 c/MJ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL COST          | 100% | 0.92 c/MJ |

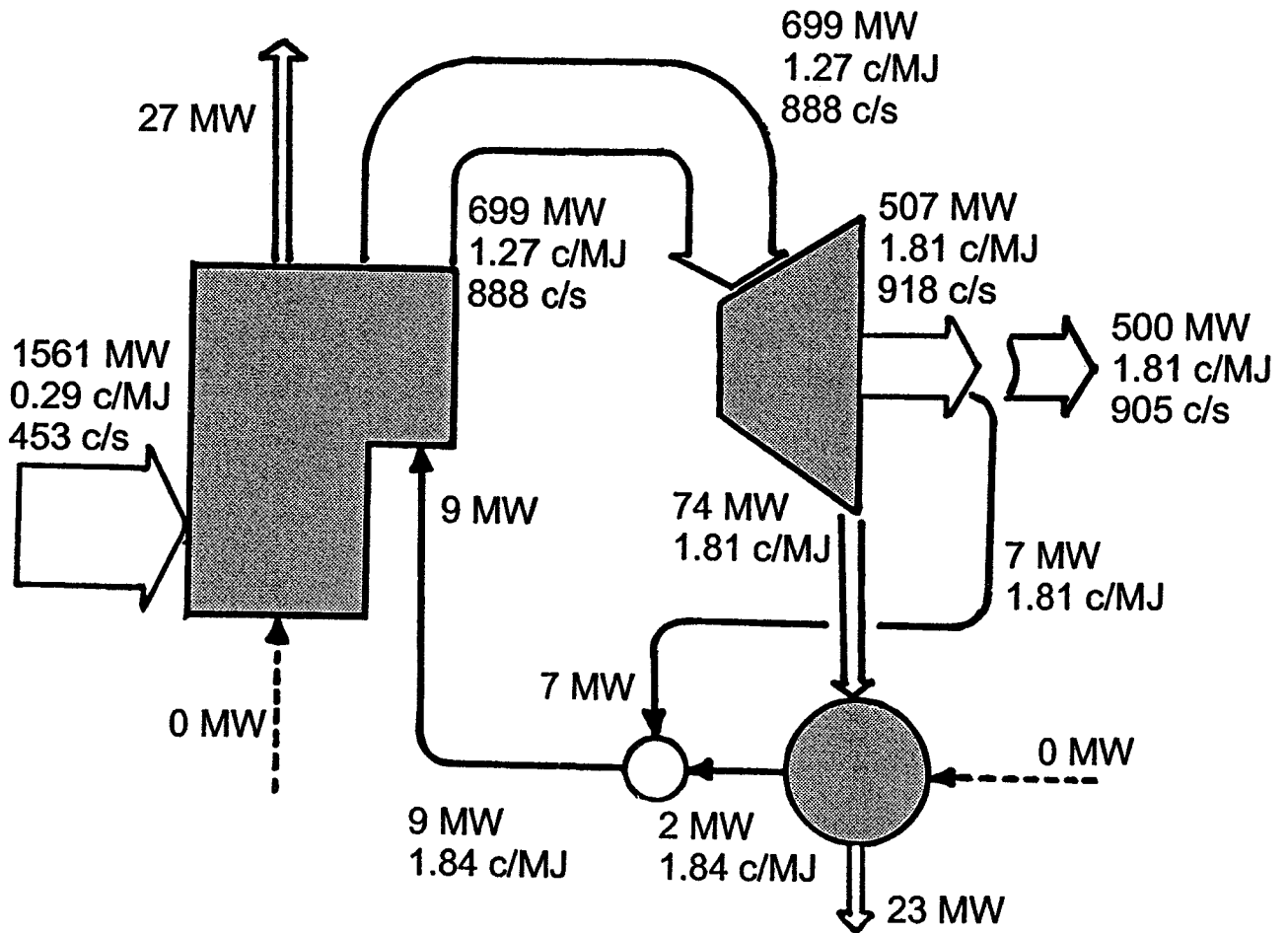
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|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| FUEL      | 0.29 c/MJ | 0.66 c/MJ | 0.92 c/MJ | 0.92 c/MJ |
| BOILER    | -         | 0.61 c/MJ | 0.61 c/MJ | 0.61 c/MJ |
| TURBINE   | -         | -         | 0.28 c/MJ | 0.28 c/MJ |
| CONDENSER | -         | -         | -         | 0.03 c/MJ |
| TOTAL     | 0.29 c/MJ | 0.27 c/MJ | 1.81 c/MJ | 1.84 c/MJ |



HENCE THE VALUE OF THE ENERGY IN ANY FLOW STREAM CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THIS IS OF PARTICULAR USE WHEN, IN A CO-GENERATION PLANT, SOME STEAM IS TAKEN FROM THE POWER CYCLE FOR PROCESS HEATING.



**Figure 21 Cost of available energy at key points in the plant**



**Figure 22 Monetary values for simple steam plant (fossil fuel)**