

1010

FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING

SOLAR FUELS AND CHEMICALS  
SYSTEM DESIGN STUDY

PREPARED FOR  
SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES  
LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA

JULY 10, 1985



FOSTER WHEELER SOLAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

12 Peach Tree Hill Road, Livingston, New Jersey 07039

FOSTER WHEELER  
SOLAR FUELS AND CHEMICALS SYSTEM DESIGN STUDY  
FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW

JULY 10, 1985

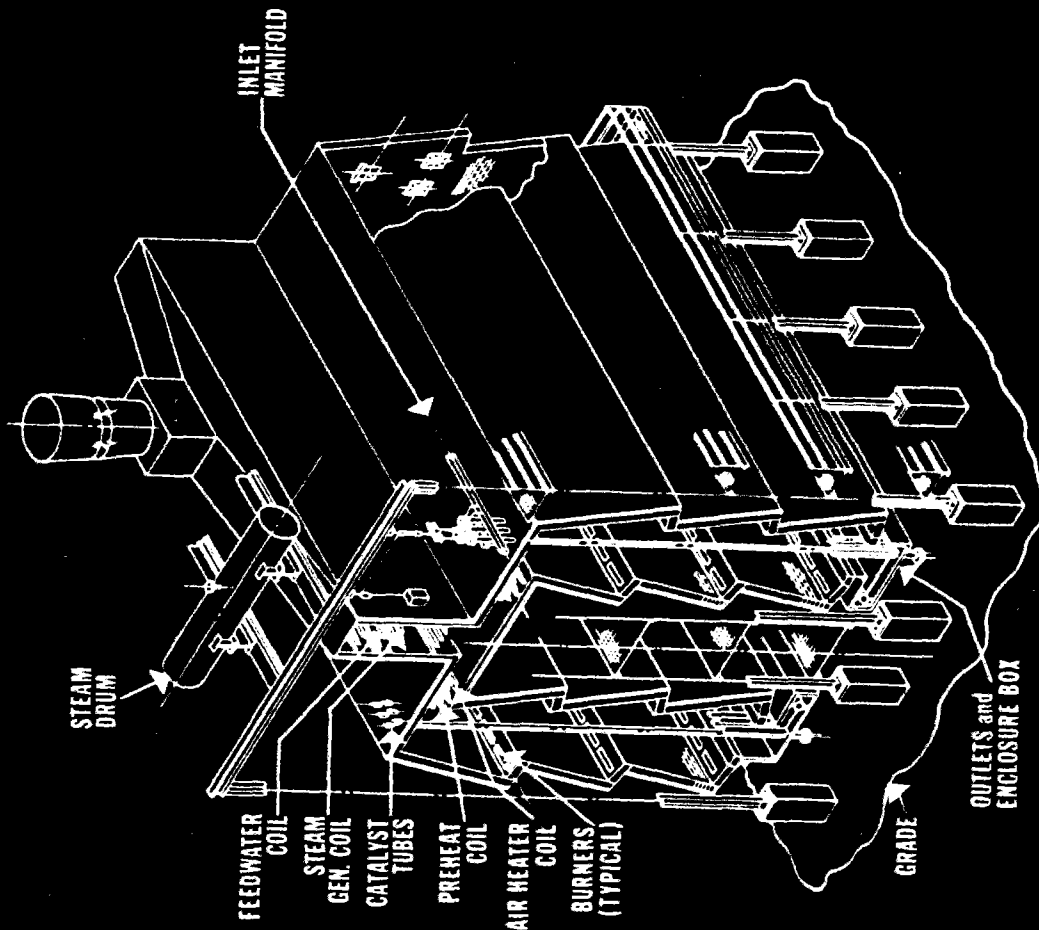
SNLL

LIVERMORE, CA

AGENDA

- 8:30 Introduction Betty Carrell, SNLL
- 8:40 Project Summary and Agenda S. F. Wu, FW
- Task 1 -- Project Management
- 9:10 Schedule, Manhours and Costs S. F. Wu, FW
- Task 2 -- Process Optimization
- 9:20 Selection of Heat-Transfer Medium S. F. Wu, FW
- 9:40 Heliostat Field/Receiver Performance Data S. F. Wu, FW
- 10:00 ----- BREAK -----
- 10:15 Process Studies and Selection Bob McCallister, FW
- Plant Capacities and Operating Conditions
  - Design Basis and Process Requirements
  - Process Flow Diagram
  - Preliminary Heat and Mass Balances
  - Design Data for Reformer and Ammonia Burner
- 11:10 Process Simulation David Allen, FW
- Simulation Model
  - Operating Strategy
  - Results of Parametric Study
- 12:00 ----- LUNCH -----
- 1:00 Product Mix and Plant Size Selection S. F. Wu, FW

# TERRACE WALL STEAM METHANE REFORMING FURNACE



FOSTER WHEELER 80-3

AGENDA (Continued)

Task 3 -- Facility Design

1:20	System Design and Performance	S. F. Wu, FW
1:40	Component/Subsystem Designs	Gio Carli, FW
2:20	----- BREAK -----	
2:30	Discussion and Action Items	Betty Carrell, SNLL S. F. Wu, FW
3:10	Adjourn	
3:20 to 3:50	SNLL Cost Data Management System (CDMS) to Mini Workshop	Betty Carrell, SNLL

PROJECT SUMMARY

TITLE: SOLAR FUELS AND CHEMICALS SYSTEM  
DESIGN STUDY

CLIENT: SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES

CONTRACT NO.: 9-91-4648 A

TOTAL COST: \$408,284

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: MARCH 3 TO DECEMBER 31, 1985

PRIME CONTRACTOR: FOSTER WHEELER SOLAR DEVELOPMENT CORP.

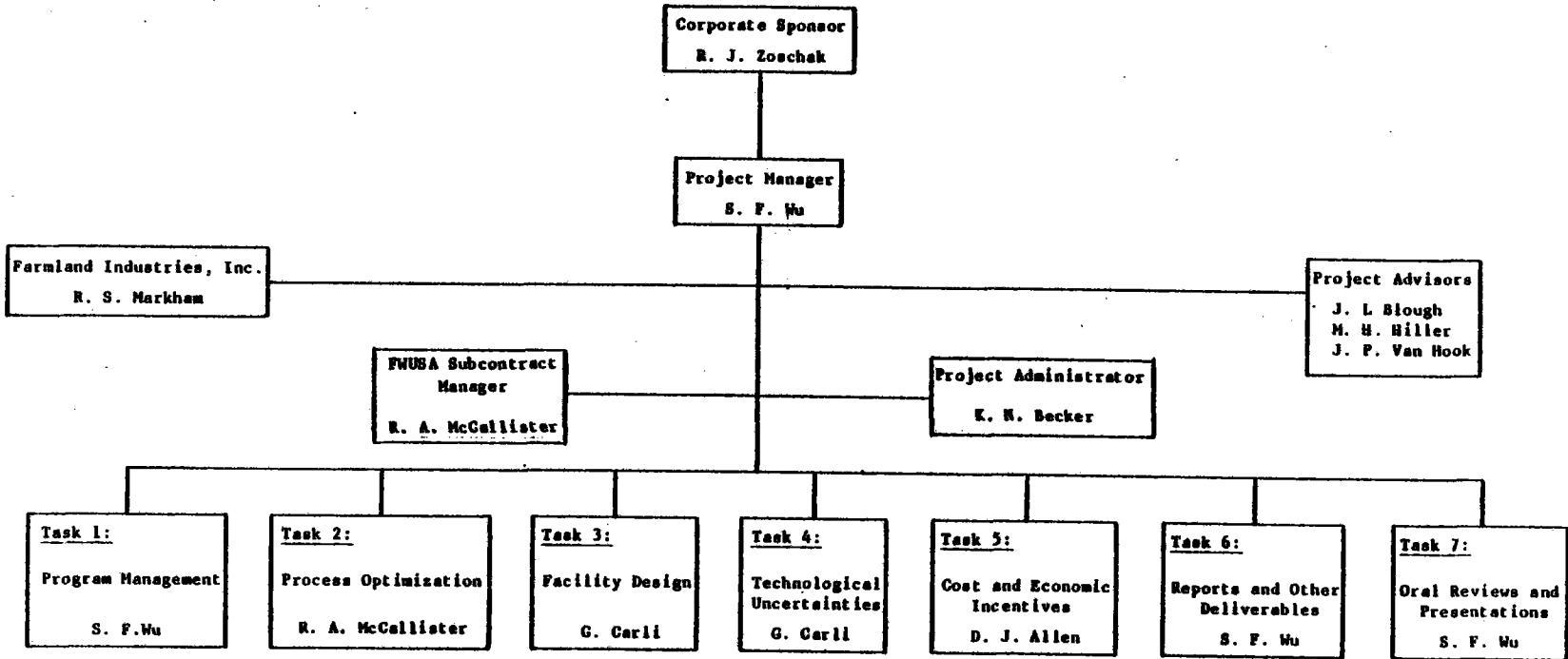
SUBCONTRACTORS: FOSTER WHEELER, USA CORP.  
FARMLAND INDUSTRIES, INC.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

TO DETERMINE THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF A FACILITY TO PRODUCE AMMONIA AND NITRIC ACID USING SOLAR ENERGY AS THE SOURCE OF PROCESS HEAT BY:

- PERFORMING PROCESS EVALUATION AND SELECTION
- DEVELOPING FACILITY AND COMPONENTS CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
- CONDUCTING COST ESTIMATES AND ECONOMIC EVALUATION
- IDENTIFYING TECHNICAL UNCERTAINTIES AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

**PROJECT ORGANIZATION CHART**



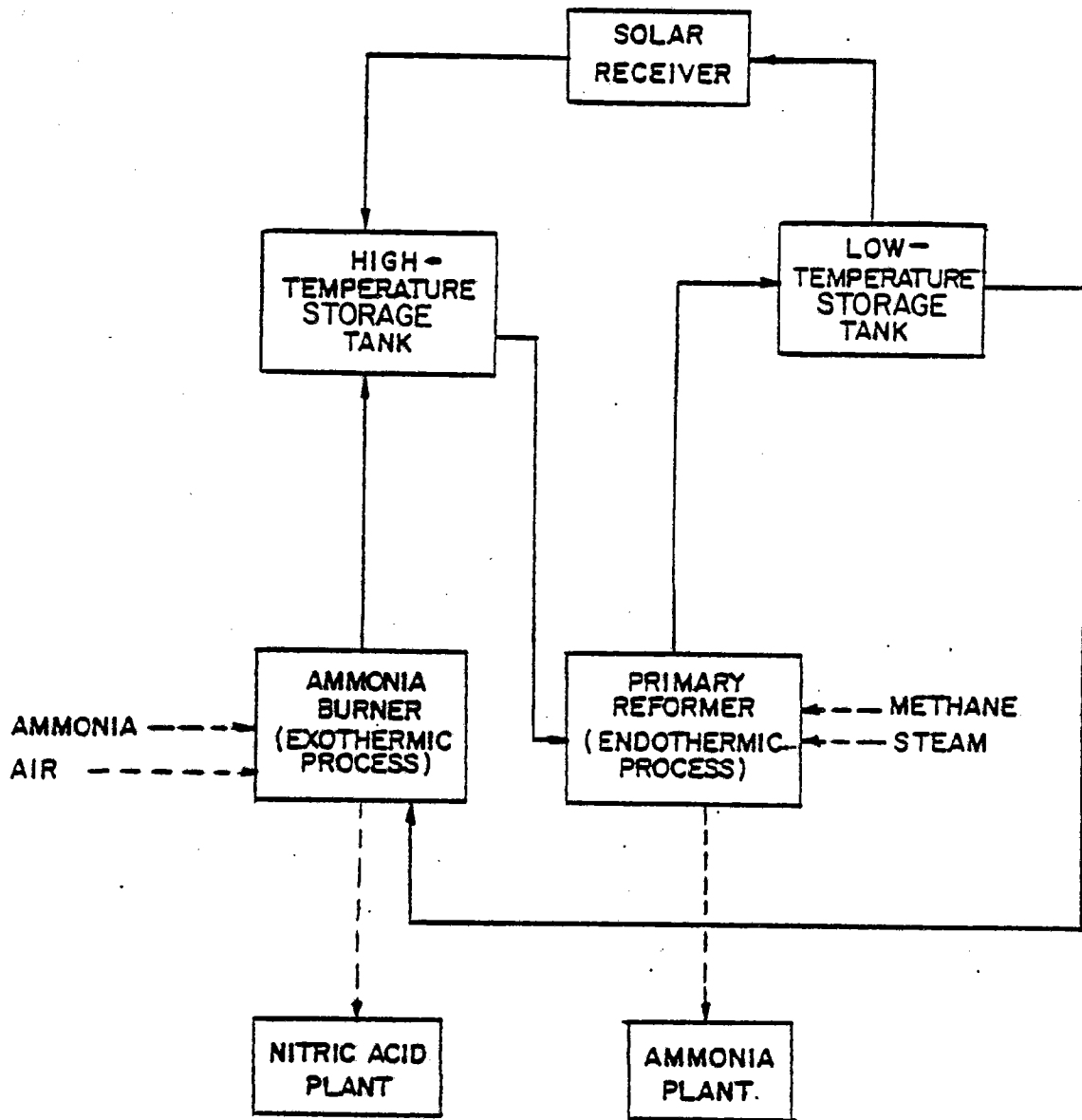
## PROPOSED SYSTEM CONCEPT

- USE SOLAR ENERGY TO PRODUCE AMMONIA AND NITRIC ACID WITH METHANE AS THE PRIMARY FEEDSTOCK
  
- SOLAR-FUELED CHEMICAL PLANT CONSISTS OF:
  - SOLAR CENTRAL RECEIVER
  - PRIMARY METHANE REFORMER (ENDOTHERMIC PROCESS)
  - AMMONIA BURNER (EXOTHERMIC PROCESS)
  - HEAT TRANSPORT LOOP AND STORAGE
  - AMMONIA PLANT
  - NITRIC ACID PLANT



# SIMPLIFIED BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE SYSTEM CONCEPT

---



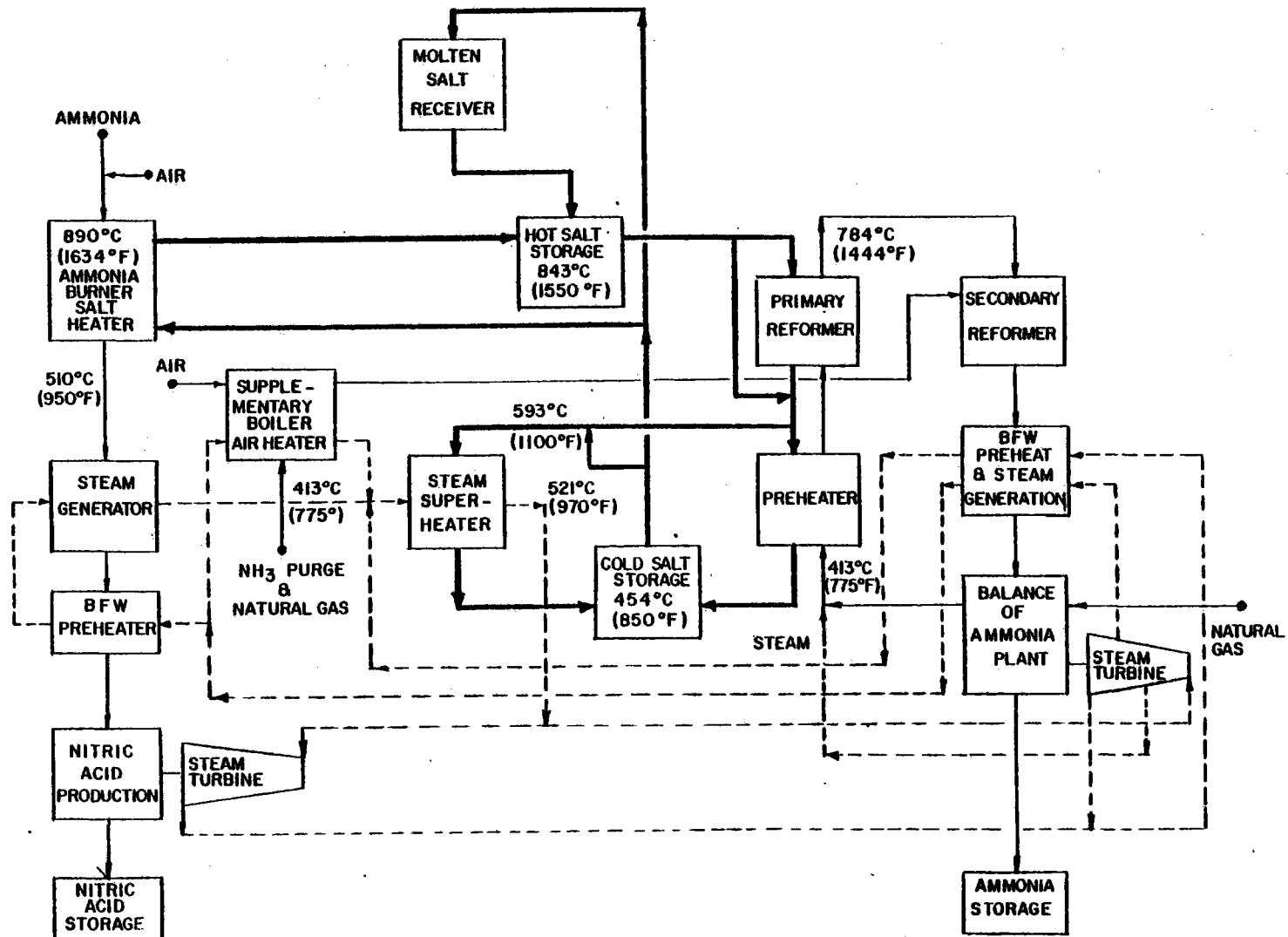
DESIRABLE FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED CONCEPT

- COMPLEMENTARY ENDOTHERMIC/EXOTHERMIC REACTION
- ENERGY INTENSIVE PROCESS AND ECONOMICALLY ATTRACTIVE PRODUCTS
- CONSTANT TEMPERATURE HEAT SOURCE TO THE REFORMER
- HIGH PLANT AVAILABILITY WITH THERMAL (MOLTEN SALT) AND CHEMICAL (AMMONIA) STORAGES
- HIGH SOLAR CONTRIBUTION TO PLANT ENERGY REQUIREMENT

## SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED OVERALL SYSTEM

- MOLTEN CARBONATE-SALT CHOSEN AS THE HEAT-TRANSFER AND THERMAL STORAGE MEDIUM
- DIRECT ABSORPTION RECEIVER
- HOT AND COLD MOLTEN SALT STORAGE TANKS
- PRIMARY REFORMER AND AMMONIA PLANT AT CONTINUOUS, CONSTANT LOAD
- AMMONIA BURNER/SALT HEATER AND NITRIC ACID PLANT AT CONTINUOUS OPERATION WITH A 5 TO 1 TURN-DOWN RATIO
- MOLTEN SALT HEATED STEAM SUPERHEATER
- SUPPLEMENTARY FIRED STEAM GENERATOR AND AIR HEATER

# PROCESS SCHEMATIC OF THE OVERALL SYSTEM

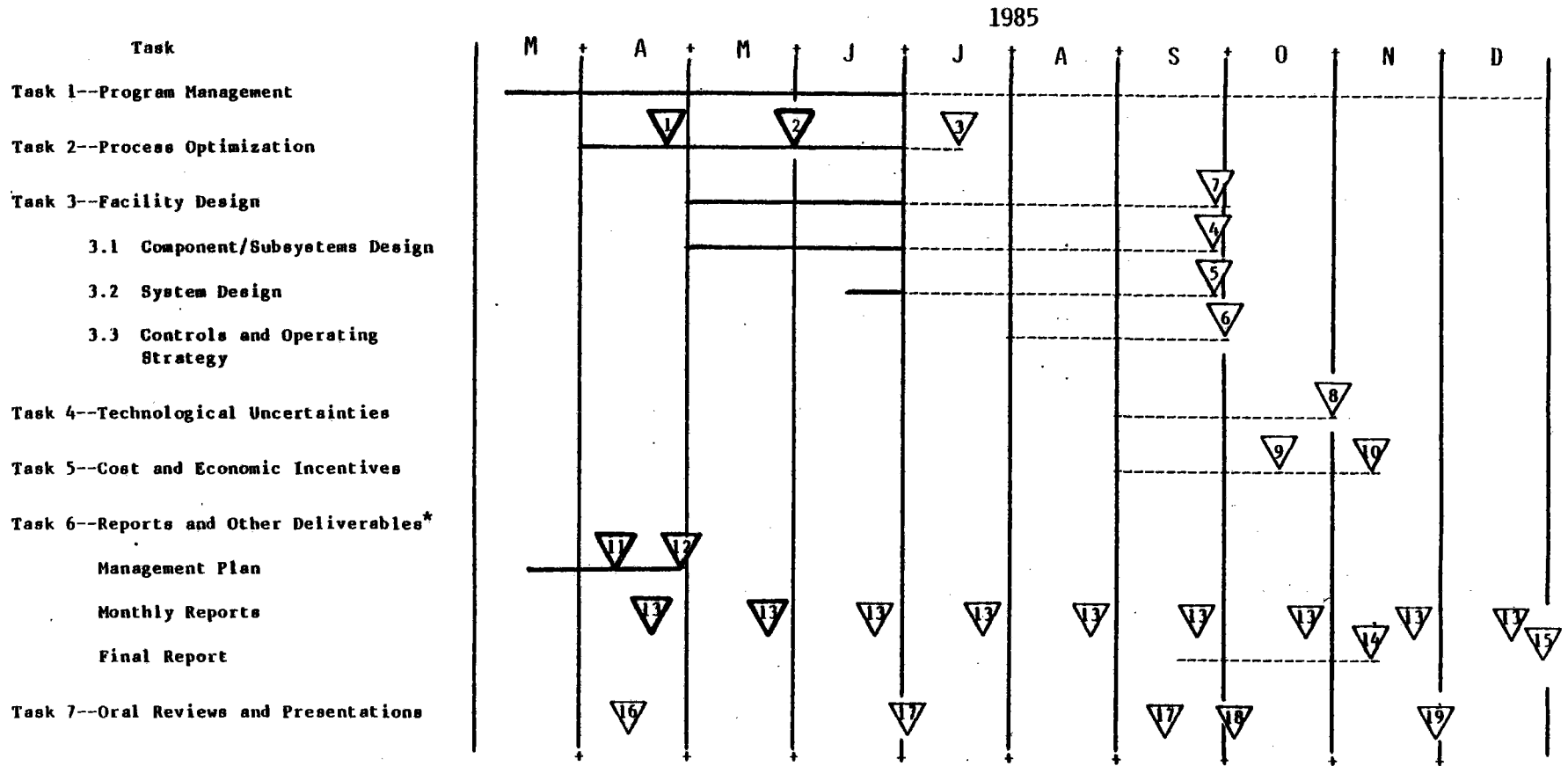


TASK 1 -- PROJECT MANAGEMENT

---

- PROJECT SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES
- MANPOWER STATUS
- COST STATUS

# PROJECT SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES



1. Heat-transport fluid selected
2. Optimized process selected
3. Conceptual process design completed
4. Component sizing completed
5. System integration and design point efficiencies calculated
6. Control and operation defined annual solar contribution projected

7. Facility design completed
8. Technological uncertainties and development activities identified
9. Component cost estimates completed
10. Product cost projection and economics incentives study completed
11. Management Plan (draft) submitted

12. Management Plan (final) submitted
13. Monthly Reports submitted
14. Final Report (draft) submitted
15. Final Report (final) submitted
16. Kick-Off Meeting
17. Quarterly Reviews
18. DOE Annual Review
19. Final Project Review

## MANPOWER STATUS

7. Months		M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D					8. FY 1985
<b>10. Manpower Status (Direct Labor)</b>																
a. man-hours	6989															
	6500															
	6000															
	5500															
	5000															
	4500															
	4000															
	3500															
	3000															
	2500															
2000																
1500																
1000																
500																
0																
																e. Manpower Plan Date 4/5/85
																f. Planned Manpower Prior FYs
																g. Actual Manpower Prior FYs
																h. Total Estimated Manpower for Contract  6,989
Manpower	b. Planned	87	630	795	942	960	904	1191	724	371	385					
	c. Actual	87	278	587	783											
	d. Variance		352	208	159											
																i. Total Contract Manpower  6,989





## TASK 2 -- PROCESS OPTIMIZATION

- SELECTION OF HEAT-TRANSFER MEDIUM
- HELIOSTAT FIELD/RECEIVER PERFORMANCE DATA
- PROCESS STUDIES AND SELECTION
- PROCESS SIMULATION
- PRODUCT MIX AND PLANT SIZE SELECTION

HEAT TRANSFER MEDIA CONSIDERED

---

- MOLTEN TERNARY CARBONATE SALT
- SOLID PARTICLES
- PRESSURIZED GAS

## ROLES OF THE HEAT TRANSFER MEDIUM

- RECEIVER AND STORAGE MEDIUM
- HEATING MEDIUM FOR THE REFORMER AND STEAM SUPERHEATER
- COOLANT FOR AMMONIA BURNER

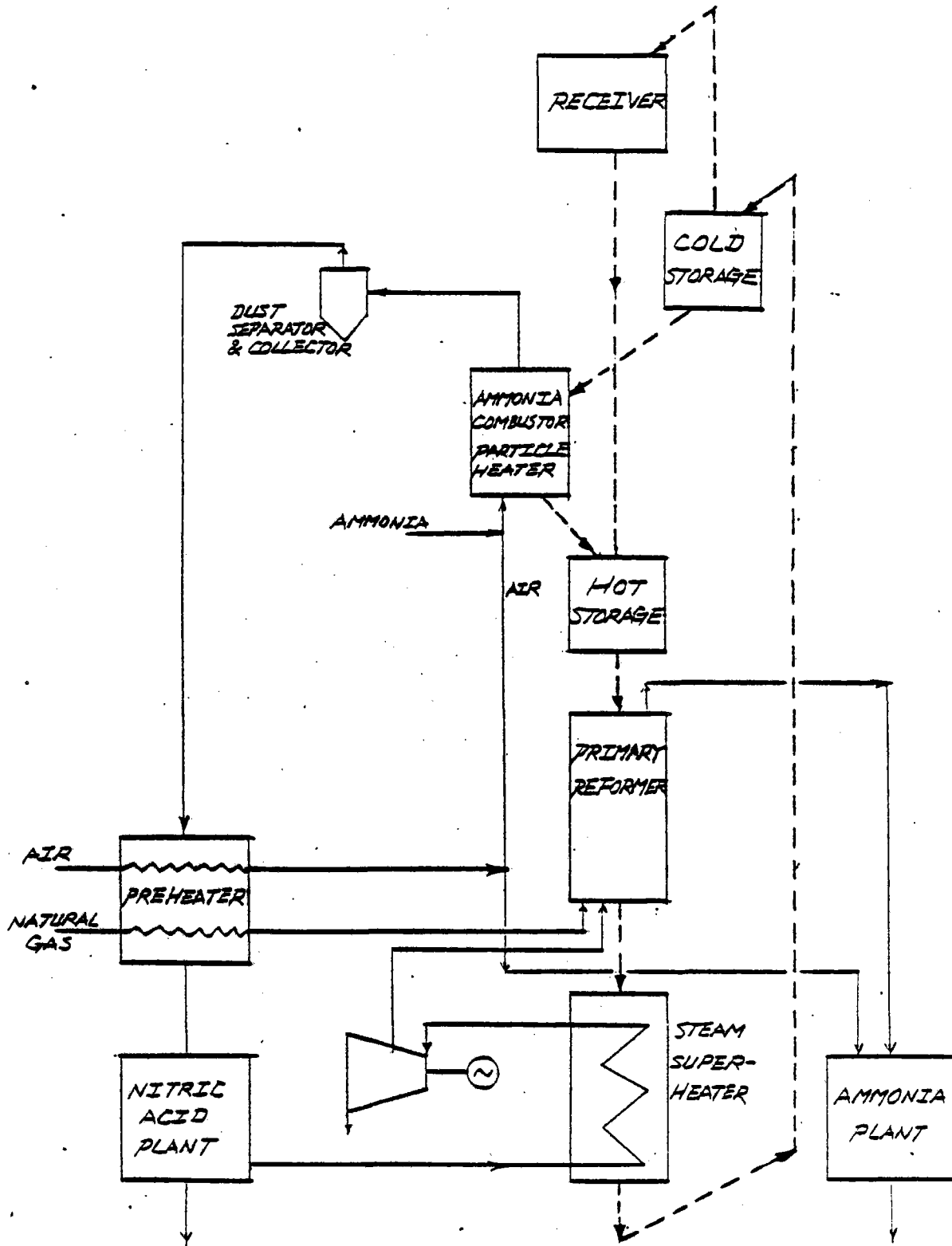
## SELECTION CRITERIA

- SUITABILITY FOR THE OVERALL PROCESS
- TECHNOLOGICAL MATURITY OF COMPONENTS
- HEAT TRANSFER AND FLOW CHARACTERISTICS
- MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY
- DESIGN LIMITATION
- ECONOMIC ATTRACTIVENESS

REASONS NOT TO SELECT PRESSURIZED GAS

- RECEIVER FLUX LIMITATION
- DESIGN AND FABRICATION SOPHISTICATION OF CERAMIC MATERIAL
- POOR HEAT TRANSFER CHARACTERISTICS
- NOT COST EFFECTIVE FOR A LARGE THERMAL STORAGE

# CONCEPTUAL SCHEMATIC OF A SOLID PARTICLE SYSTEM



## COMPARISON OF MOLTEN SALT AND SOLID PARTICLES

---

- RECEIVER AND THERMAL STORAGE - SIMILAR TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES AND SAME LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT MATURITY
- MOLTEN SALT HAS BETTER HEAT TRANSFER AND FLOW CHARACTERISTICS
- REFORMER DESIGN - MOLTEN SALT OFFERS LESS COMPLEX AND MORE CONVENTIONAL ARRANGEMENT
- AMMONIA - COMBUSTOR/PARTICLE - HEATER REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION FROM A CONVENTIONAL AMMONIA BURNER
- MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY - LESS CONCERN FOR SOLID PARTICLES

OUR SELECTION -- MOLTEN CARBONATE SALT

---

- BETTER SUITED TO THE OVERALL PROCESS
- SIMPLER, MORE COMPACT AND LESS COSTLY  
PROCESS COMPONENT DESIGNS
- CLOSER TO CONVENTIONAL PRACTICE



## MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY OF CARBONATE SALT

- INCONEL 600, THE MOST PROMISING ALLOY
- AT 900 C (1652°F), SERI TEST DATA SUGGESTED A CORROSION RATE OF 1 MM/YR FOR INCONEL 600
- LOWER OPERATING TEMPERATURE (E.G., 800 C) WILL REDUCE CORROSION RATE SUBSTANTIALLY
- MORE TESTS (LONG-TERM EXPOSURES, THERMAL CYCLING, AND MORE TEMPERATURE POINTS) AND DETAILED STUDIES ARE NEEDED

## DESIGN APPROACHES

- LIMIT THE UPPER SALT TEMPERATURE TO 850°C
  
- INCLUDE SUFFICIENT CORROSION ALLOWANCE AND REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS IN THE COMPONENT DESIGN

## HELIOSTAT FIELD/RECEIVER PERFORMANCE DATA

- BASED ON DAR (DIRECT ABSORPTION RECEIVER) SYSTEM STUDY CONDUCTED BY SERI
- METHODOLOGY -- USE DELSOL2, RADSOLVER AND SHAPEFACTOR COMPUTER CODES TO DETERMINE A MAXIMUM IN PERFORMANCE FOR A GIVEN SET OF SYSTEM PARAMETERS

REF: DIRECT ABSORPTION RECEIVER SYSTEM STUDY  
SERI/SP-253-2592

- DELSOL2 COMPUTER OUTPUTS FOR RECEIVER SIZES OF 75 AND 225 MWT WERE OBTAINED FROM SERI

## SUMMARY OF SYSTEM PARAMETERS

- SITE LOCATION: BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA
- NORTH FIELD, NO LAND CONSTRAINT
- HELIOSTATS: REFLECTIVE AREA/HELIOSTAT = 100M<sup>2</sup>  
REFLECTIVITY = 0.89  
MIRROR PANELS FOCUSED AND CANTED  
AT SLANT RANGE
- RECEIVER: SINGLE CAVITY WITH CANTED APERTURE
- SINGLE POINT AIMING STRATEGY
- DESIGN POINT: NOON, SPRING EQUINOX  
INSOLATION = 0.95 KW/M<sup>2</sup>

## SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE DATA

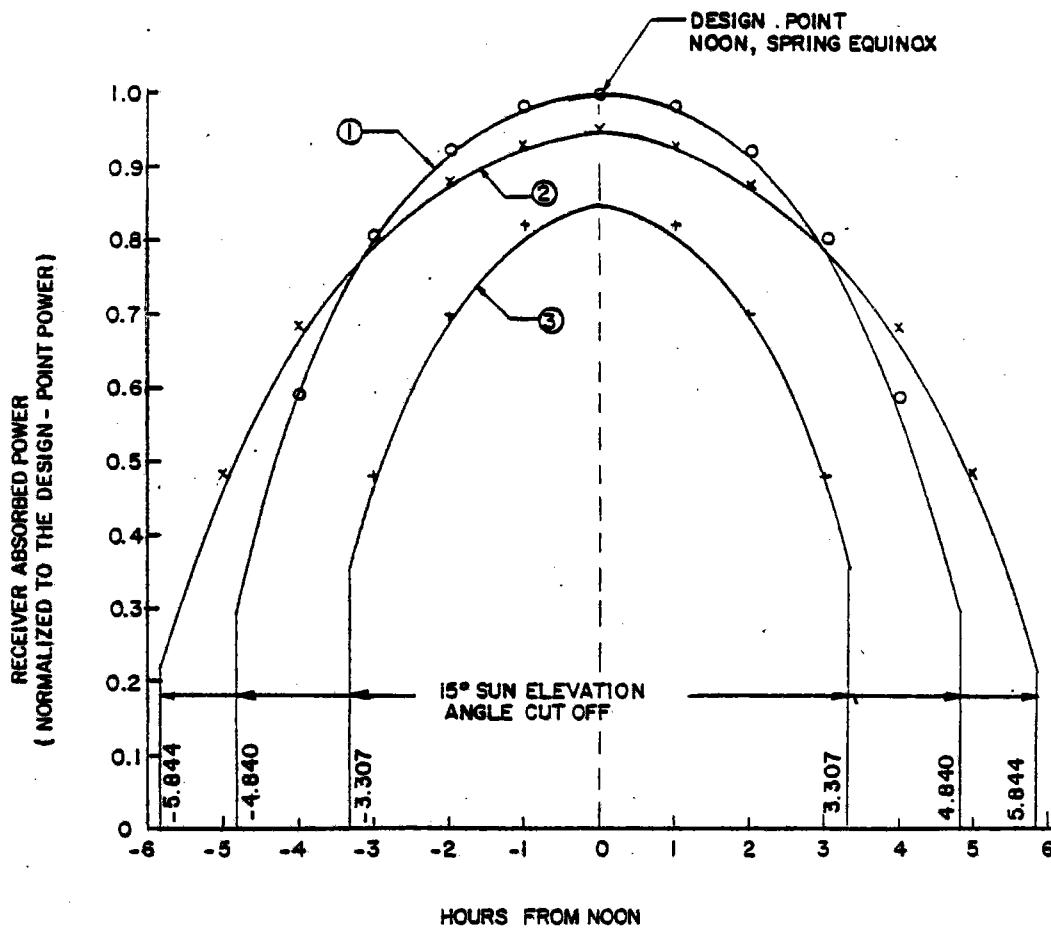
- APERTURE SIZE
- TOWER HEIGHT
- HELIOSTAT FIELD LAYOUT
- RECEIVER CAVITY DIMENSIONS  
AND FLUX DISTRIBUTION
- DESIGN POINT PERFORMANCE
- ANNUAL POWER PRODUCTION
- ANNUAL AVERAGE PERFORMANCE

# NORMALIZED DIURNAL RECEIVER ABSORBED POWER

---

**LEGEND**

- ① SPRING EQUINOX (DAY 81), FALL EQUINOX (DAY 264)
- x ② SUMMER SOLSTICE (DAY 172)
- + ③ WINTER SOLSTICE (DAY 355)
- CURVES FOR DESIGN POINT RECEIVER POWER RATING 75 MW
- POINTS FOR DESIGN POINT RECEIVER POWER RATING 225 MW

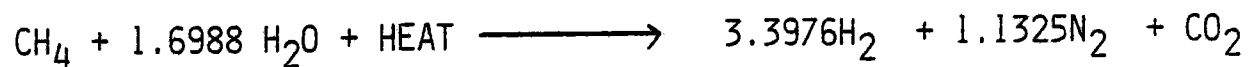
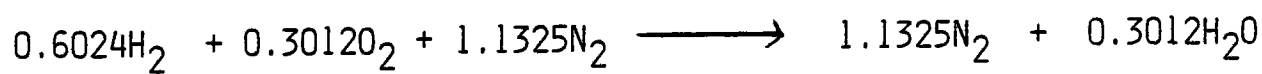


PROCESS STUDIES & SELECTION

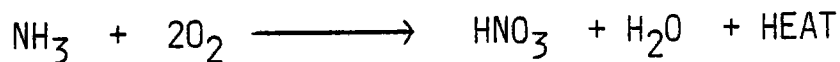
1-22-5004  
JULY 10, 1985

BASIC REACTIONS

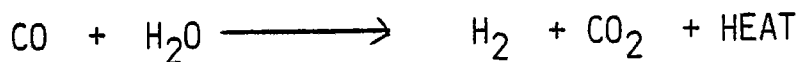
REFORMING:



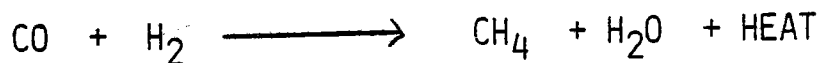
NITRIC ACID:



SHIFT REACTION:



METHANATION:

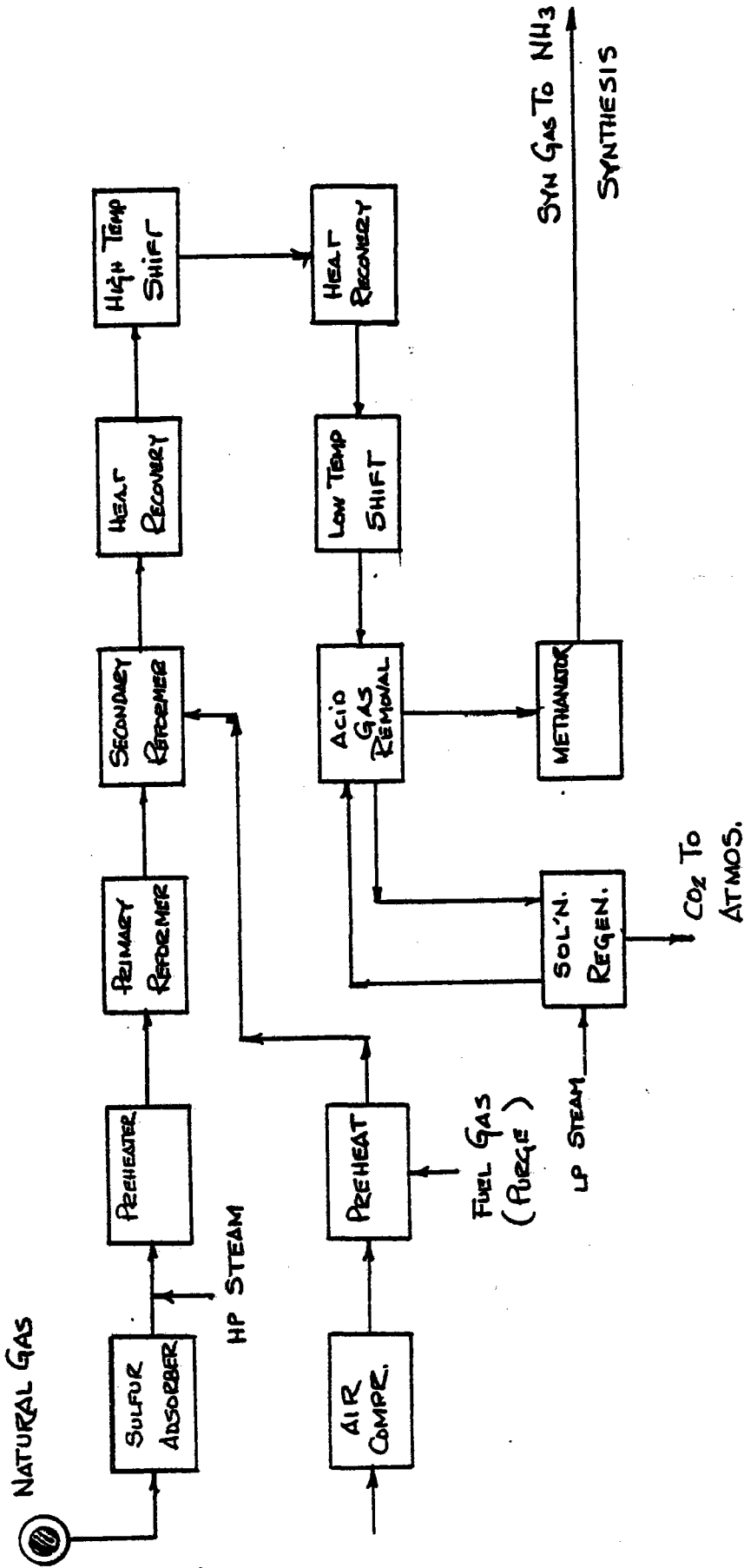


AMMONIA SYNTHESIS:



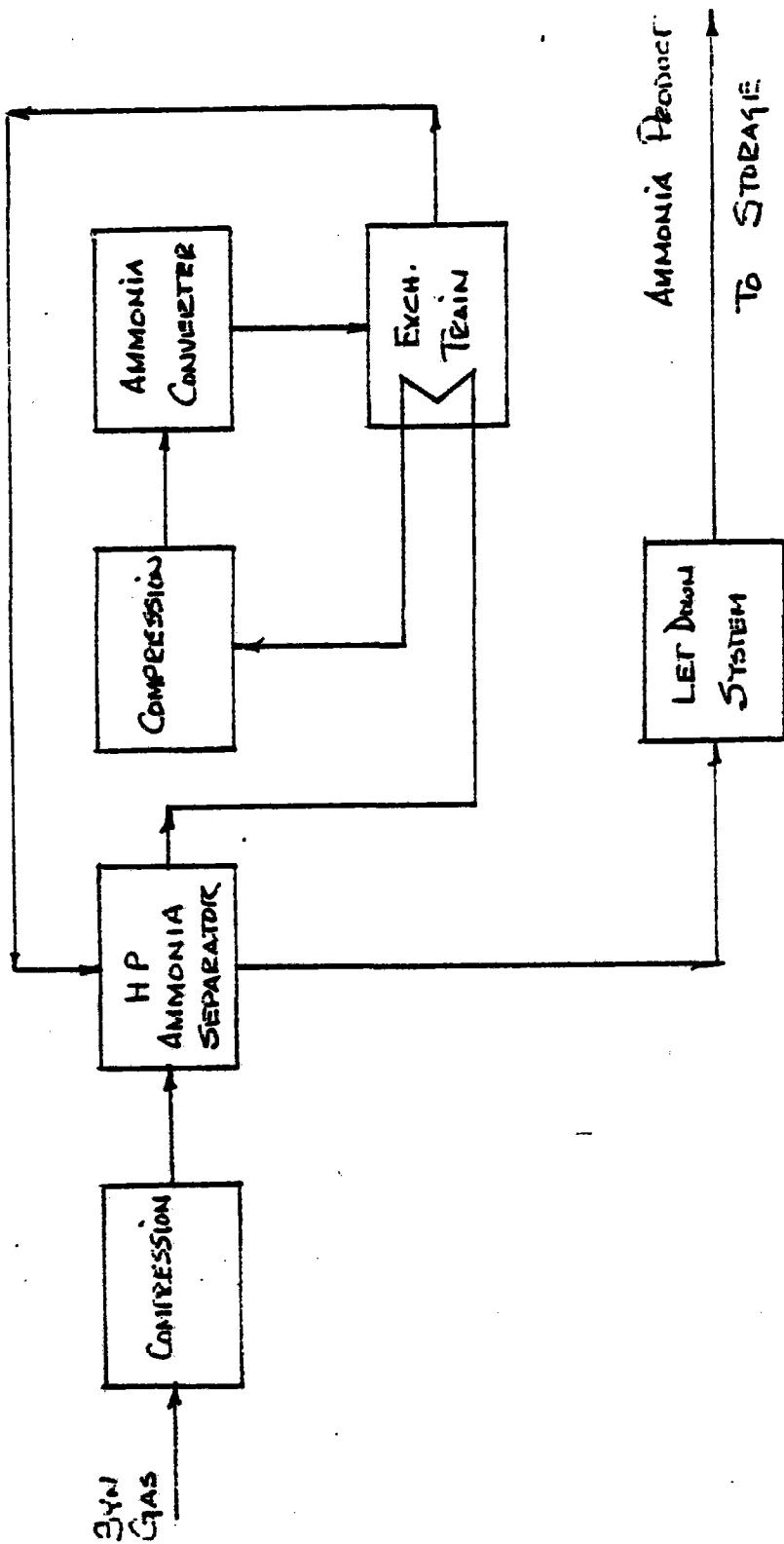


1-22-500-1  
JULY 10, 1985



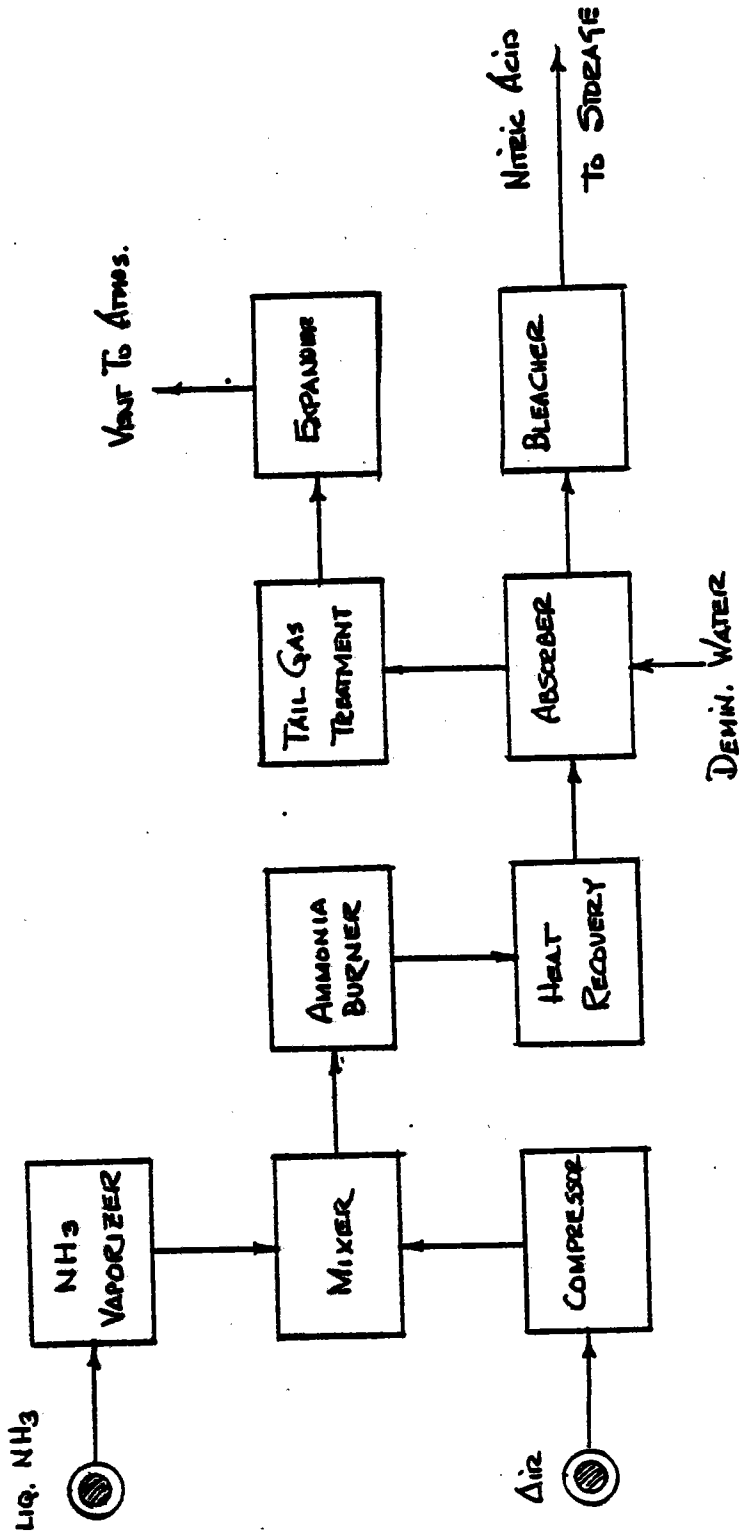
SYN. GAS PREPARATION UNIT.

1-22-5004  
JULY 10, 1983



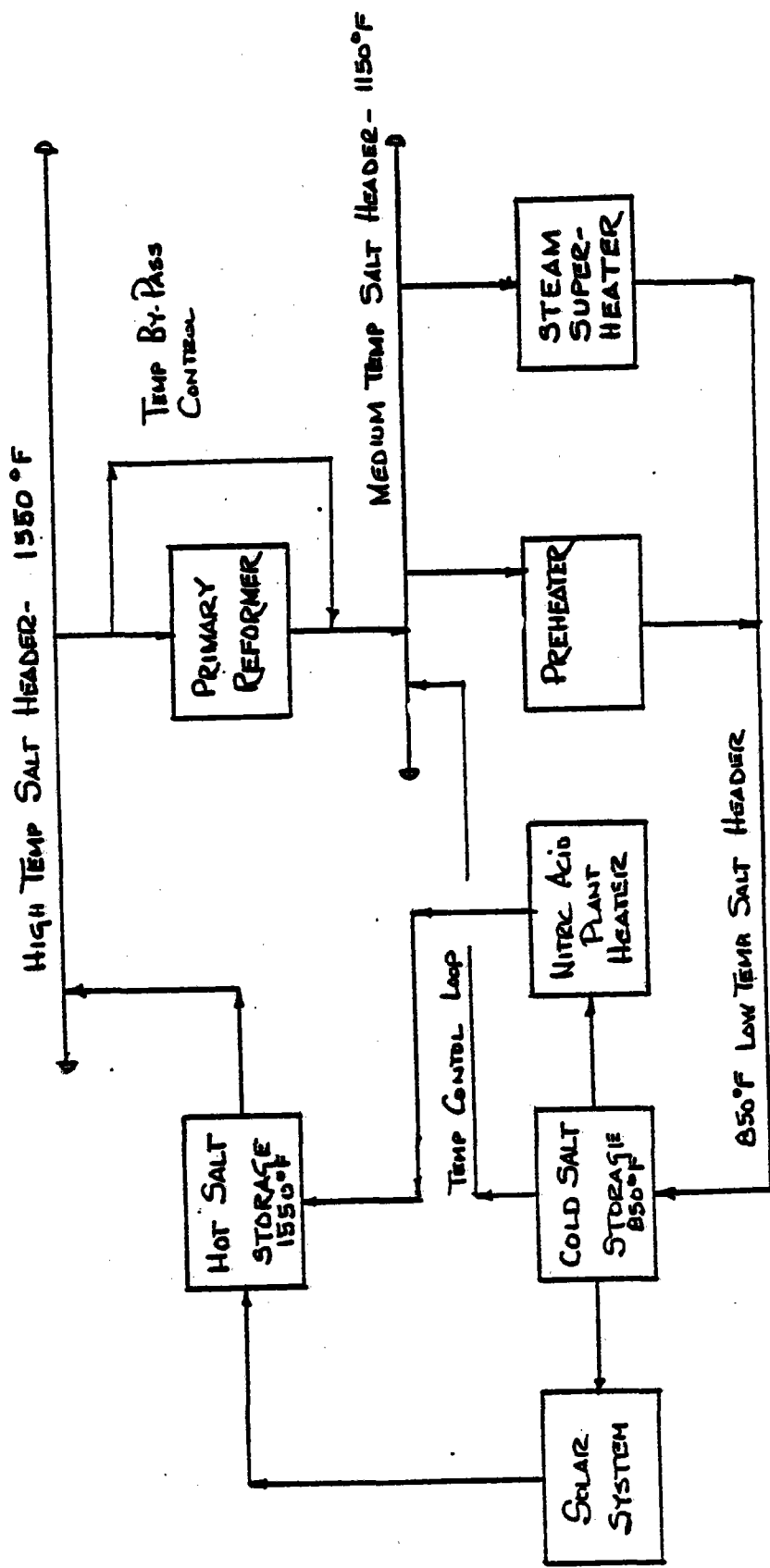
AMMONIA SYNTHESIS

1-22-5009  
July 10, 1985



NITRIC ACID PLANT

1-27-5004  
JULY 10, 1985



SALT LOOP - BLOCK FLOW DIAGRAM

1-22-5004  
JULY 10, 1985

AMMONIA PLANT

CAPACITY 1000 T/D (10.50 Kg/Sec)

DESIGN OPERATING FACTOR 94%

PRIMARY REFORMER OPERATING CONDITIONS:

OUTLET PRESSURE	430 PSIG (2.96 MPa)
OUTLET TEMPERATURE	1444°F (784°C)
STEAM/CARBON RATIO	3.5 (MOLE BASIS)
METHANE LEAKAGE (DRY)	12.95%
CARBON CONVERSION	59.54%

SECONDARY REFORMER OPERATING CONDITIONS:

OUTLET PRESSURE	420 PSIG (2.89 MPa)
OUTLET TEMPERATURE	1757°F (958)
Air/Primary Feed	1.32 MOLE RATIO
METHANE LEAKAGE (DRY)	0.50%
CARBON CONVERSION	94.11%
H <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> Ratio	2.51

1-22-5004  
JULY 10, 1985

NATURAL GAS COMPOSITION

<u>COMPOSITION</u>	<u>MOLE %</u>
CH <sub>4</sub>	93.0
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	4.0
C <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.1
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.5
N <sub>2</sub>	<u>1.4</u>
	100.0
M.W.	17.22
SULFUR	5 PPMV (MAX)
PRESSURE	600 PSIG (4.14 MPa)
TEMPERATURE	60°F (15.6°C)
LHV	941 BTU/SCF (48.24 MJ/kg)
HHV	1043 BTU/SCF (53.44 MJ/kg)

1-22-5004  
JULY 10, 1985

ASSUMED SITE CONDITIONS

SITE ELEVATION	2105 FT (633 m)
AMBIENT PRESSURE	13.58 PSIA (93.63 kPa)
SUMMER DRY BULB	104°F (40°C)
SUMMER WET BULB	72°F (22.2°C)
WINTER DRY BULB	19°F (-7.2°C)

1-22-5004  
 JULY 10, 1985

TYPICAL REQUIREMENTS

<u>NATURAL GAS REQ'D</u>	<u>LATEST COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY</u>	<u>TYPICAL OLDER TECHNOLOGY</u>	<u>SELECTED DESIGN</u>
PROCESS	22.860	23.00	22.318
FUEL	<u>4.640</u>	<u>10.80</u>	<u>11.774<sup>(1)</sup></u>
	27.500	33.80	34.092

UNITS AS MM BTU/SHORT TON - HHV

PROCESS THEORETICAL = 19.927 MMBTU/ST

	<u>LATEST</u>	<u>TYPICAL</u>	<u>SELECTED</u>
PROCESS	83.13 %	68.05 %	65.46 %
FUEL	<u>16.87</u> 100.00	<u>31.95</u> 100.00	<u>34.54</u> 100.00

(1) NATURAL GAS EQUIVALENT.



1-22-5004  
JULY 10, 1985

CATALYST

COMPOSITION

Ni	16	-	25%
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	45	-	86
TiO <sub>2</sub>	<3	-	12.5
Ni/FT <sup>3</sup> CATALYST	8	-	18 LBS/FT <sup>3</sup>
BULK DENSITY	50	-	90 LBS/FT <sup>3</sup>
TYPICAL SIZE	5/8" x 5/8" x 1/4" RINGS (16 mm x 16 mm x 6 mm)		

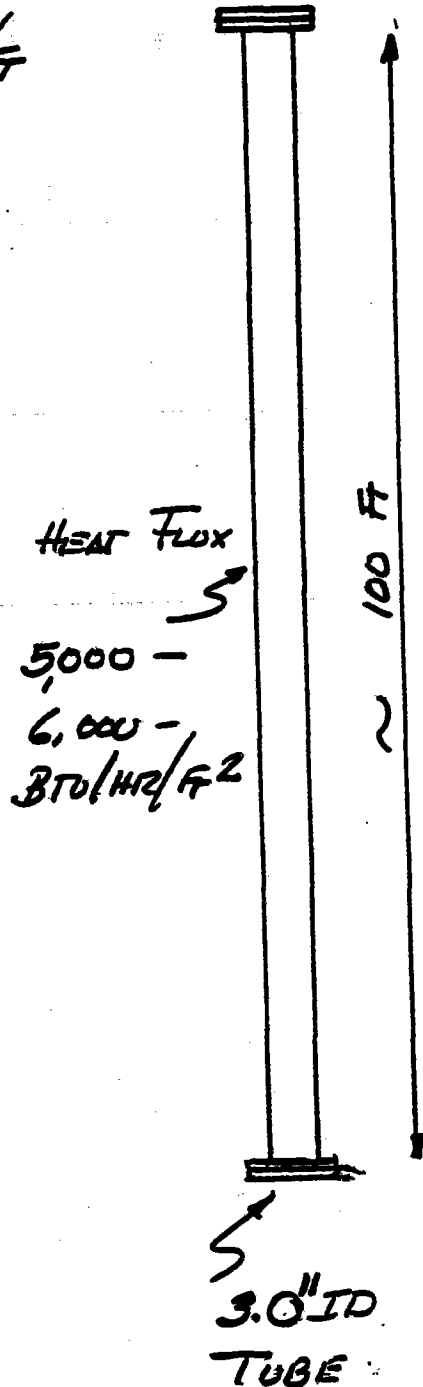
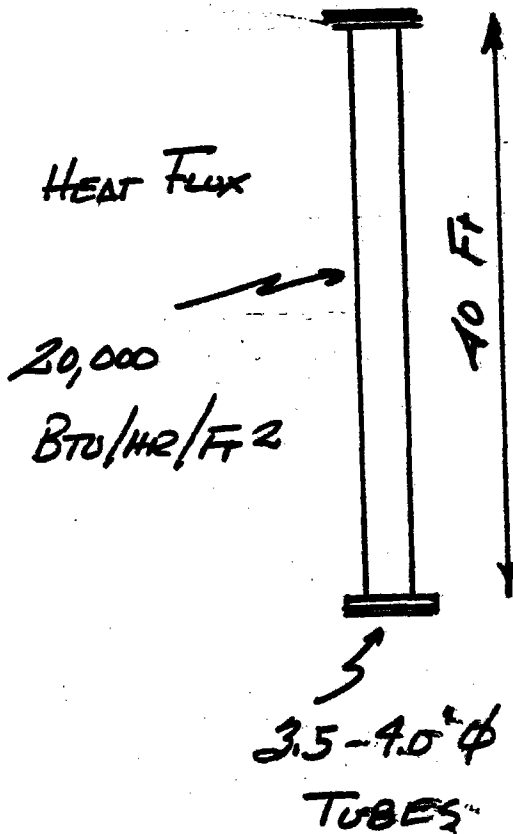
REFORMER

DESIGN

NORMAL

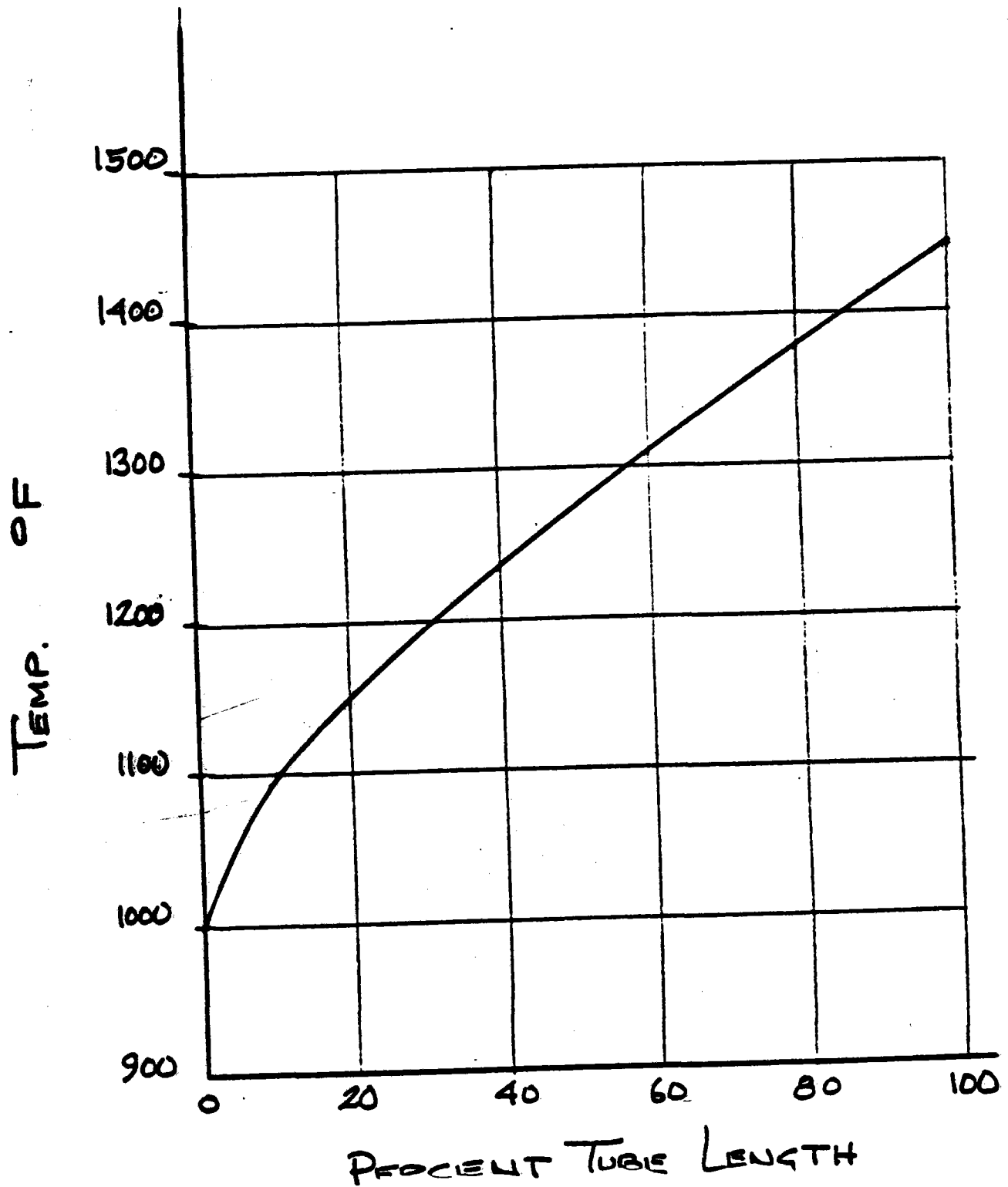
SOLAR

$\Delta P \sim 0.75 \text{ PSI/FT}$

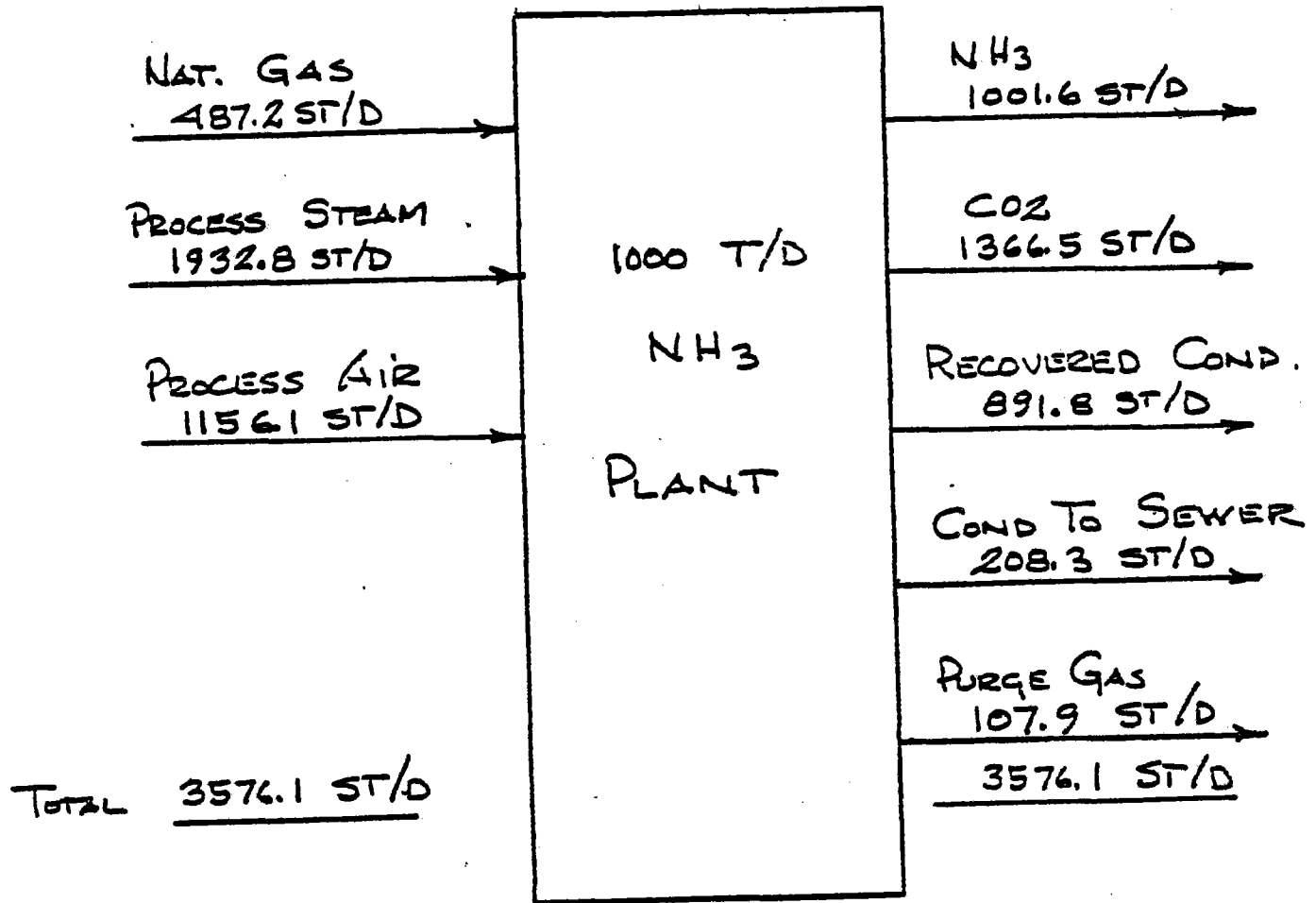


1-22-5004  
10 JULY 1985

# REFORMER TEMPERATURE PROFILE - PROCESS SIDE

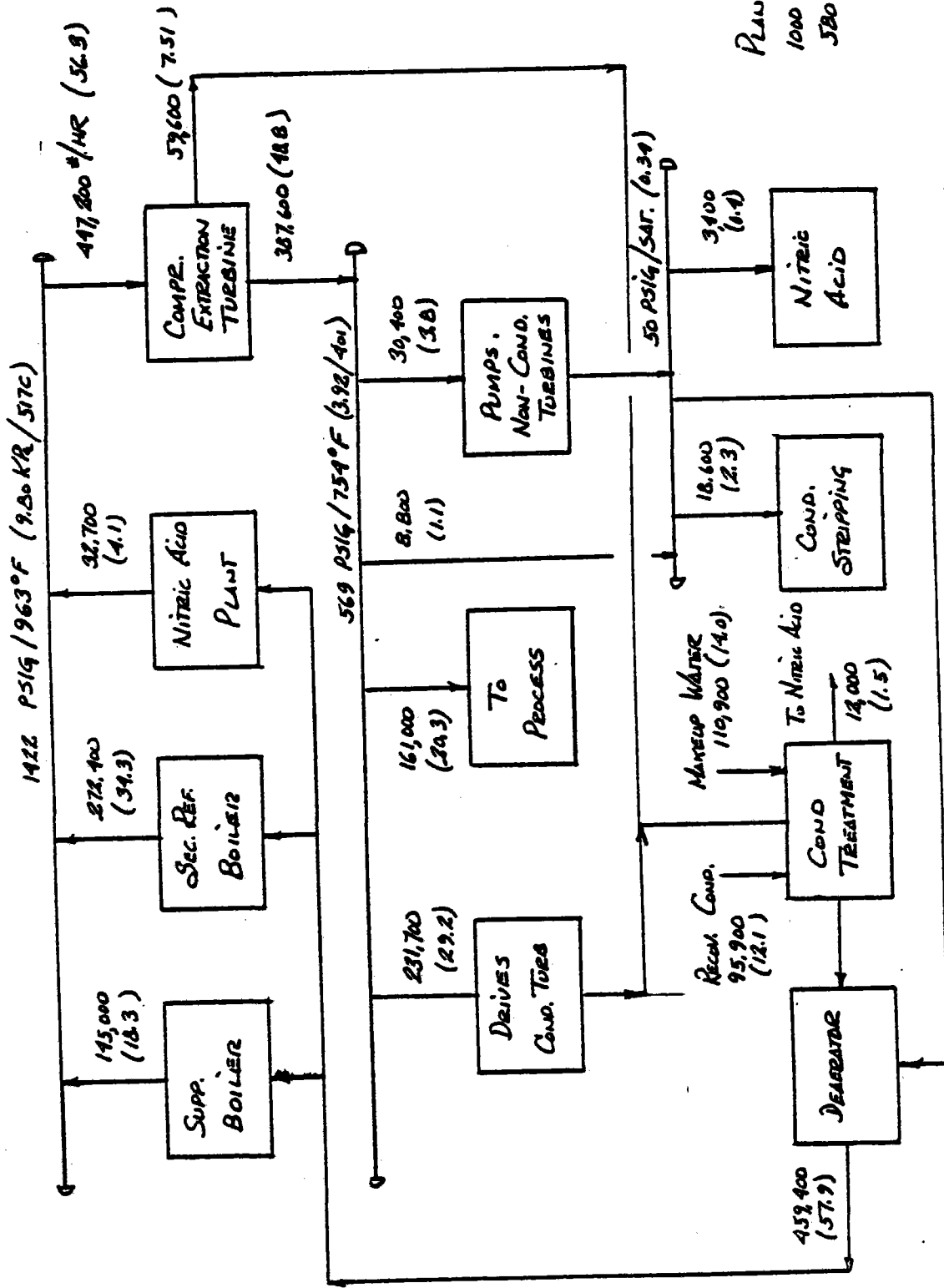


1-22-5004  
10 Jolt 1935



OVERALL NH<sub>3</sub> PLANT MATERIAL BALANCE

1-22-5004  
10 July 1985



PLANT STEAM BALANCE  
1000 STD NH3  
580 STD HNO3

PROCESS SIMULATION

- SIMULATION MODEL  
& OPERATING STRATEGY
- RESULTS OF PARAMETRIC STUDY

SIMULATION MODEL

- RECEIVER DOES NOT OPERATE AT  
POWER LEVELS OF LESS THAN 20%
- RECEIVER PERFORMANCE BY LINEAR  
INTERPOLATION OF DELSOL 2 RESULTS
- RANDOMIZED CLOUDINESS FACTOR

SIMULATION MODEL

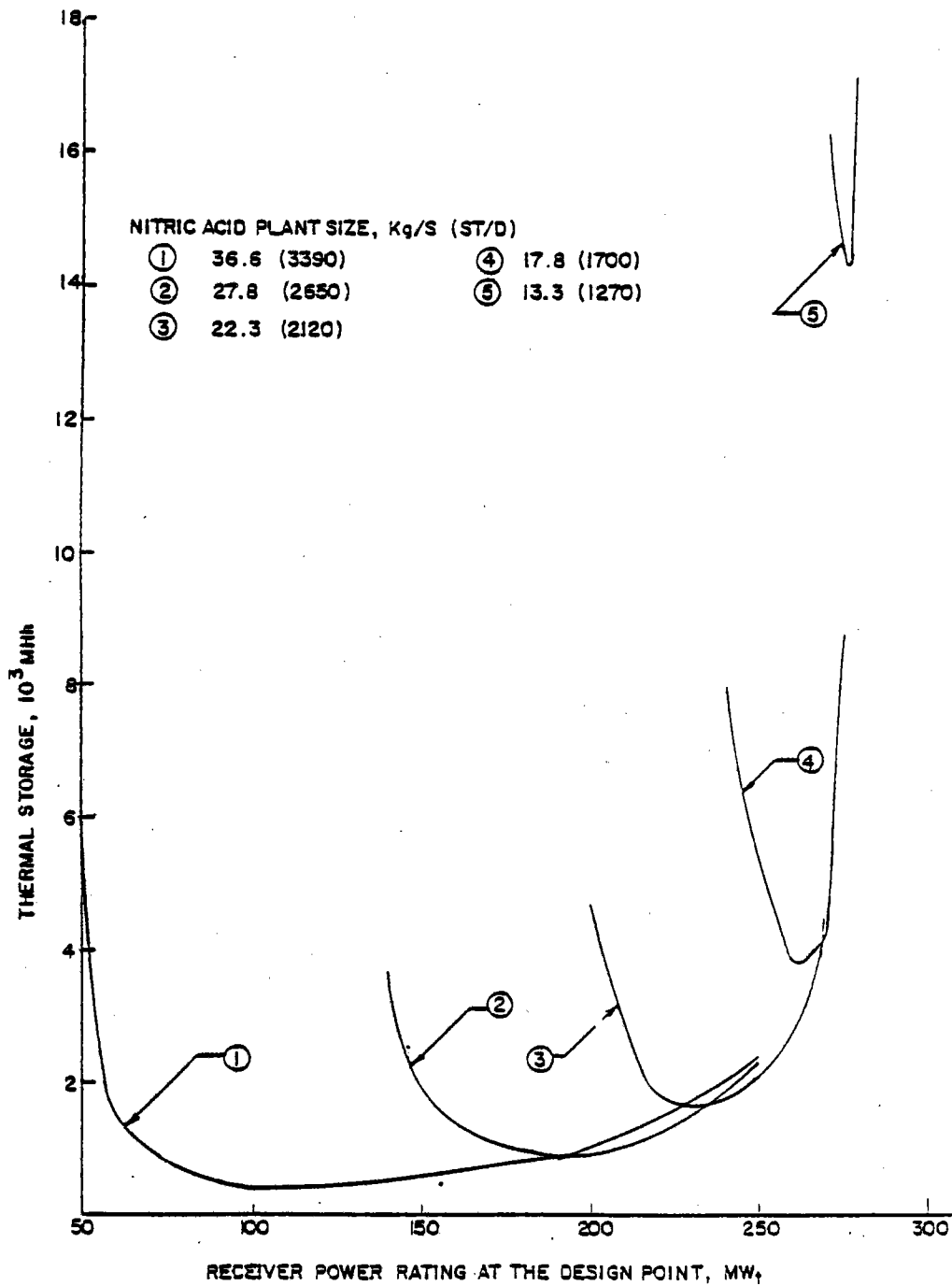
- QUASI-STEADY STATE
- PERFORMANCE DETERMINED AT HOURLY INTERVALS



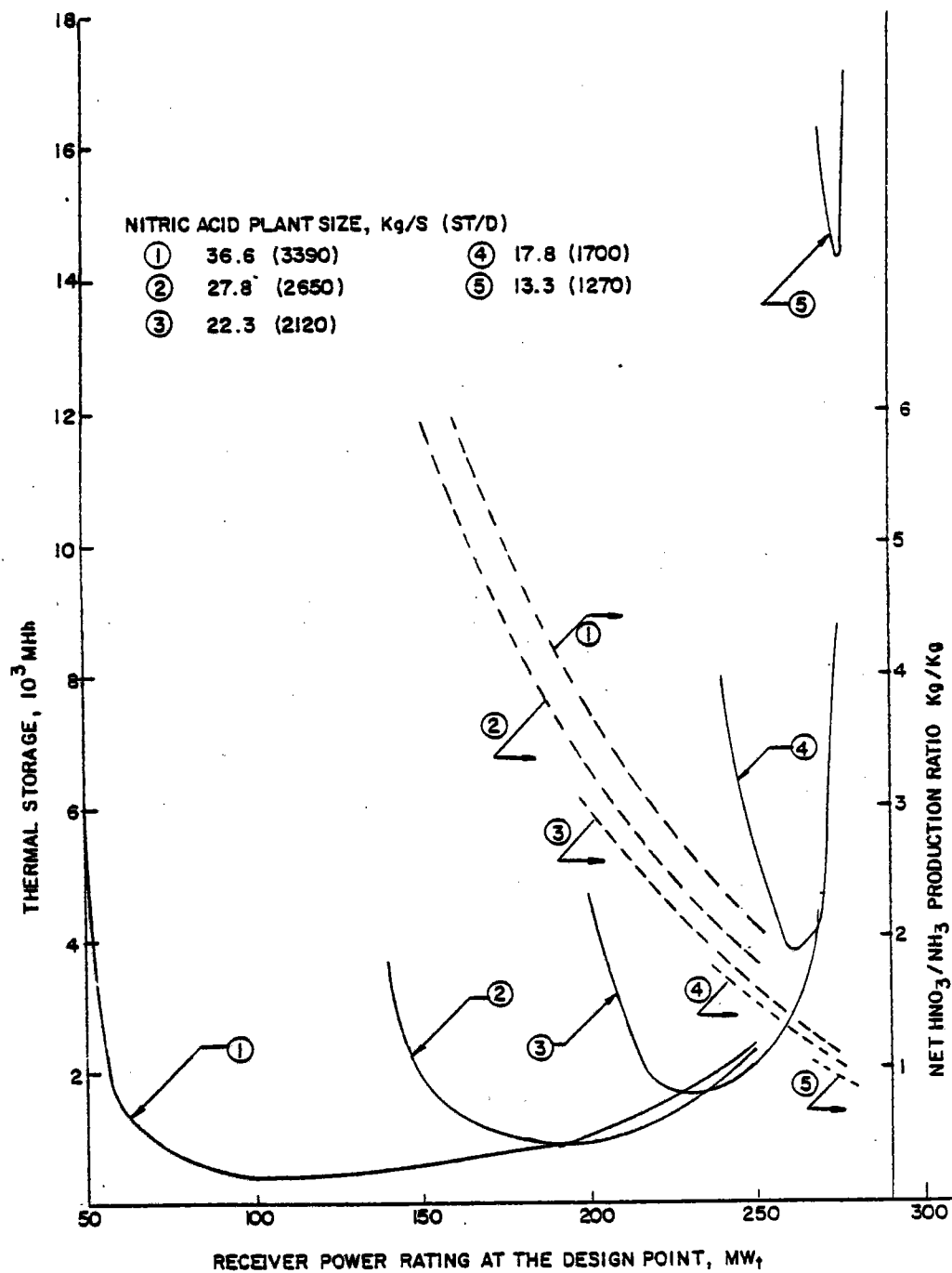
SIMULATION MODEL

- CONTROL STRATEGY TO  
MINIMIZE PRODUCTION OF  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  
MAXIMIZE USE OF INSOLATION

# RESULTS OF PARAMETRIC STUDY -- PLANT SIZES



# RESULTS OF PARAMETRIC STUDY -- PLANT SIZES & PRODUCTION RATIO



RESULTS OF PARAMETRIC STUDY

"LARGE" NITRIC ACID PRODUCTION CAPACITY

- LOW THERMAL STORAGE REQUIREMENTS
- INSENSITIVITY TO RECEIVER POWER RATING
- HIGH  $\text{HNO}_3$ : NET  $\text{NH}_3$  PRODUCTION RATIO

RESULTS OF PARAMETRIC STUDY (CTD)

DECREASED NITRIC ACID PRODUCTION CAPACITY

- INCREASED ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM POWER RATING
- $\text{HNO}_3$ : NET  $\text{NH}_3$  PRODUCTION RATIO FALLS

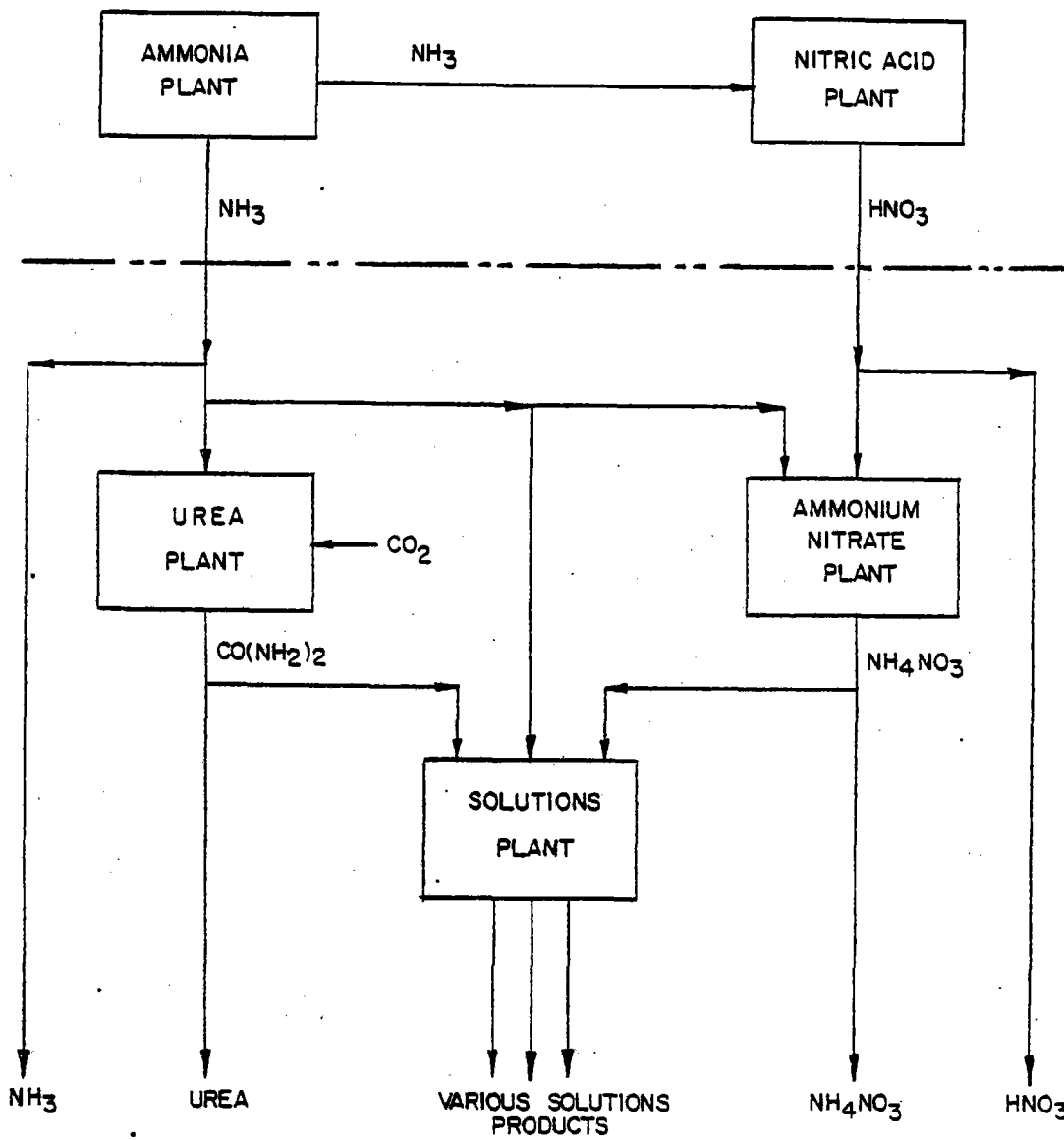
"SMALL" NITRIC ACID PRODUCTION CAPACITY

- SEASONAL THERMAL STORAGE
- LOW  $\text{HNO}_3$ : NET  $\text{NH}_3$  PRODUCTION RATIO

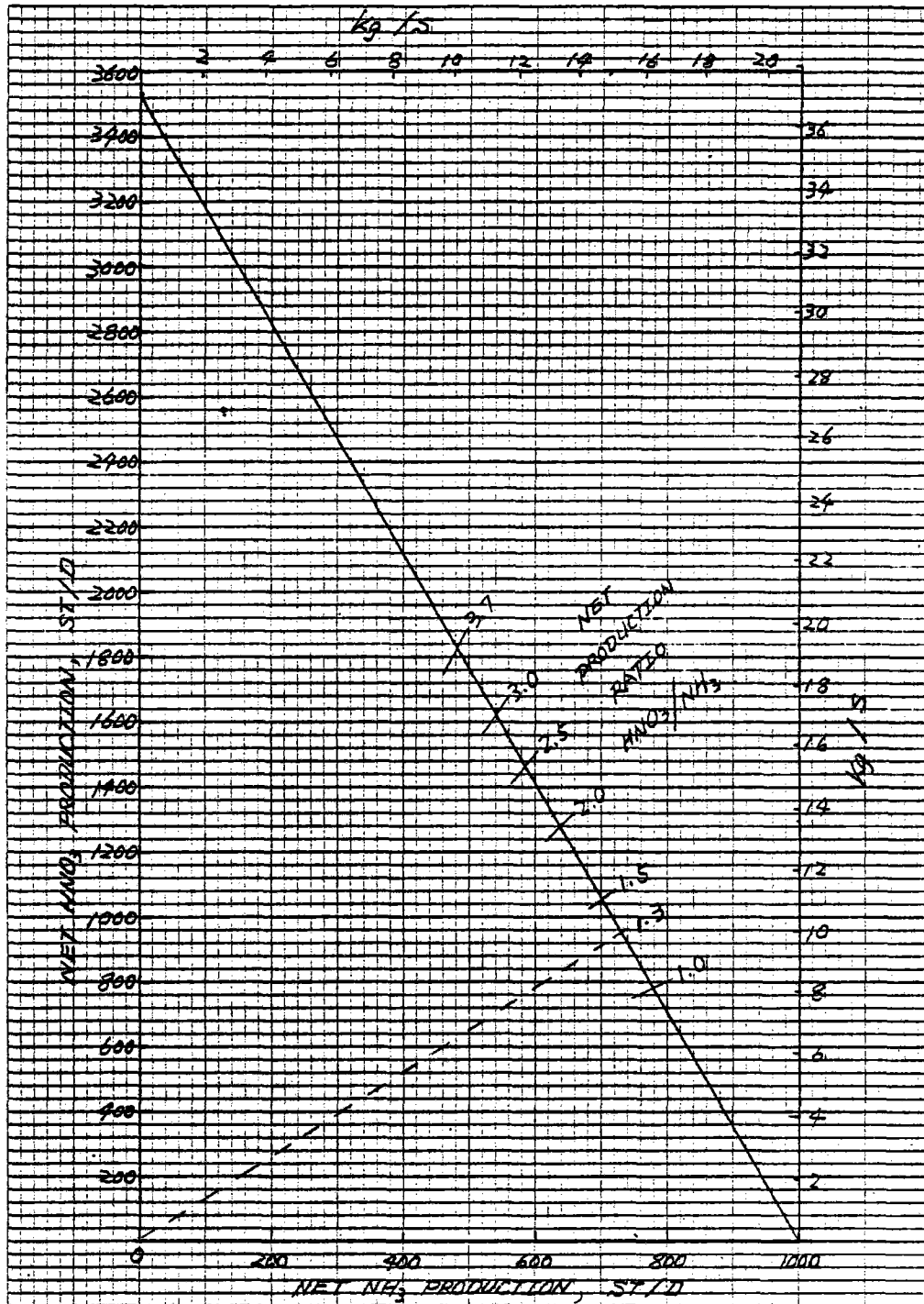
## PRODUCT MIX AND PLANT SELECTION

- NET  $\text{HNO}_3/\text{NH}_3$  PRODUCTION RATIO
- $\text{HNO}_3$  PLANT SIZE
- RECEIVER POWER RATING
- THERMAL STORAGE REQUIREMENT

# PRODUCT UTILIZATION OF A FERTILIZER PLANT

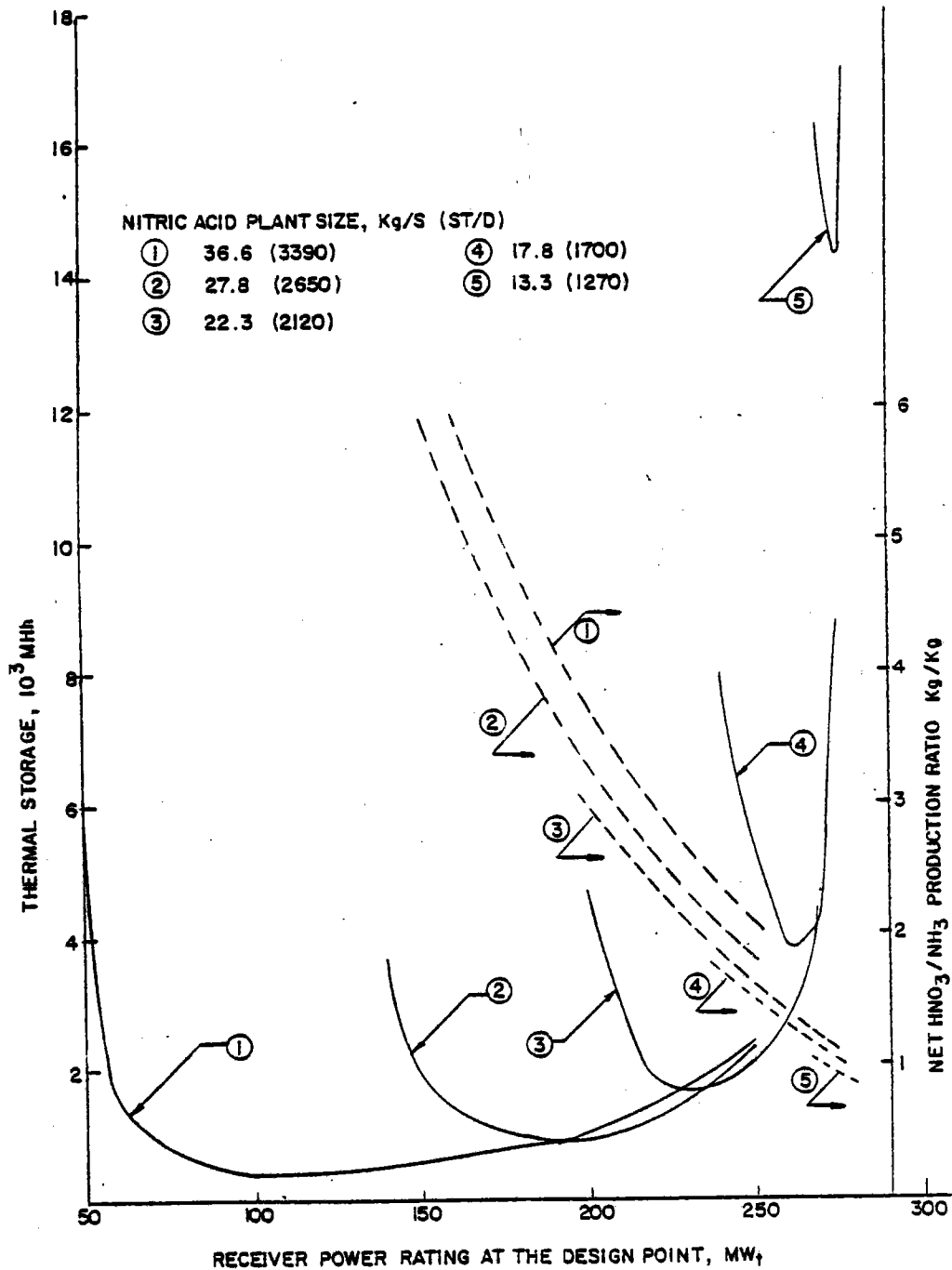


# NET AMMONIA VS. NET NITRIC ACID PRODUCTION

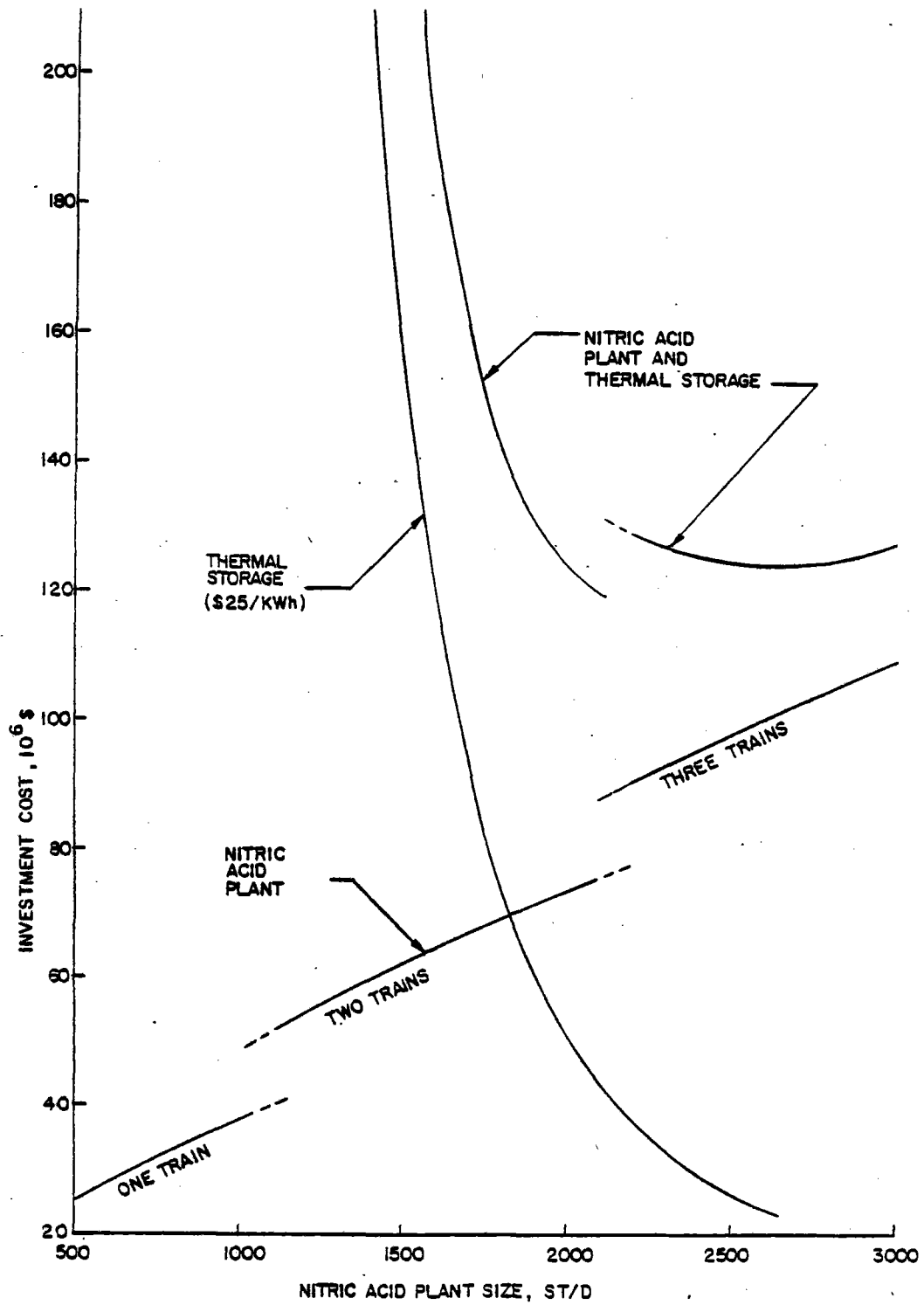




# RESULTS OF PARAMETRIC STUDY -- PLANT SIZES & PRODUCTION RATIO



# COST OF NITRIC ACID PLANT AND THERMAL STORAGE



## SELECTED PLANT SIZES

- AMMONIA PLANT : 10.5 kg/s (1000 ST/D)  
CONSTANT LOAD
- NITRIC ACID PLANT: TWO 11 kg/s (1050 ST/D) TRAINS  
TOTAL 22 kg/s (2100 ST/D)  
5 TO 1 TURN-DOWN
- RECEIVER: : 230 MWT AT THE DESIGN POINT
- THERMAL STORAGE : 1700 MWH

## TASK 3 -- FACILITY DESIGN

### SUBTASK 3.1 -- COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM DESIGN

- SOLAR RECEIVER
- THERMAL STORAGE TANKS AND PIPING
- PRIMARY REFORMER/PREHEATER
- AMMONIA BURNER/SALT HEATER
- MOLTEN SALT HEATER STEAM SUPERHEATER
- AMMONIA PLANT
- NITRIC ACID PLANT
- SUPPLEMENTARY FIRED STEAM GENERATOR AND AIR HEATER

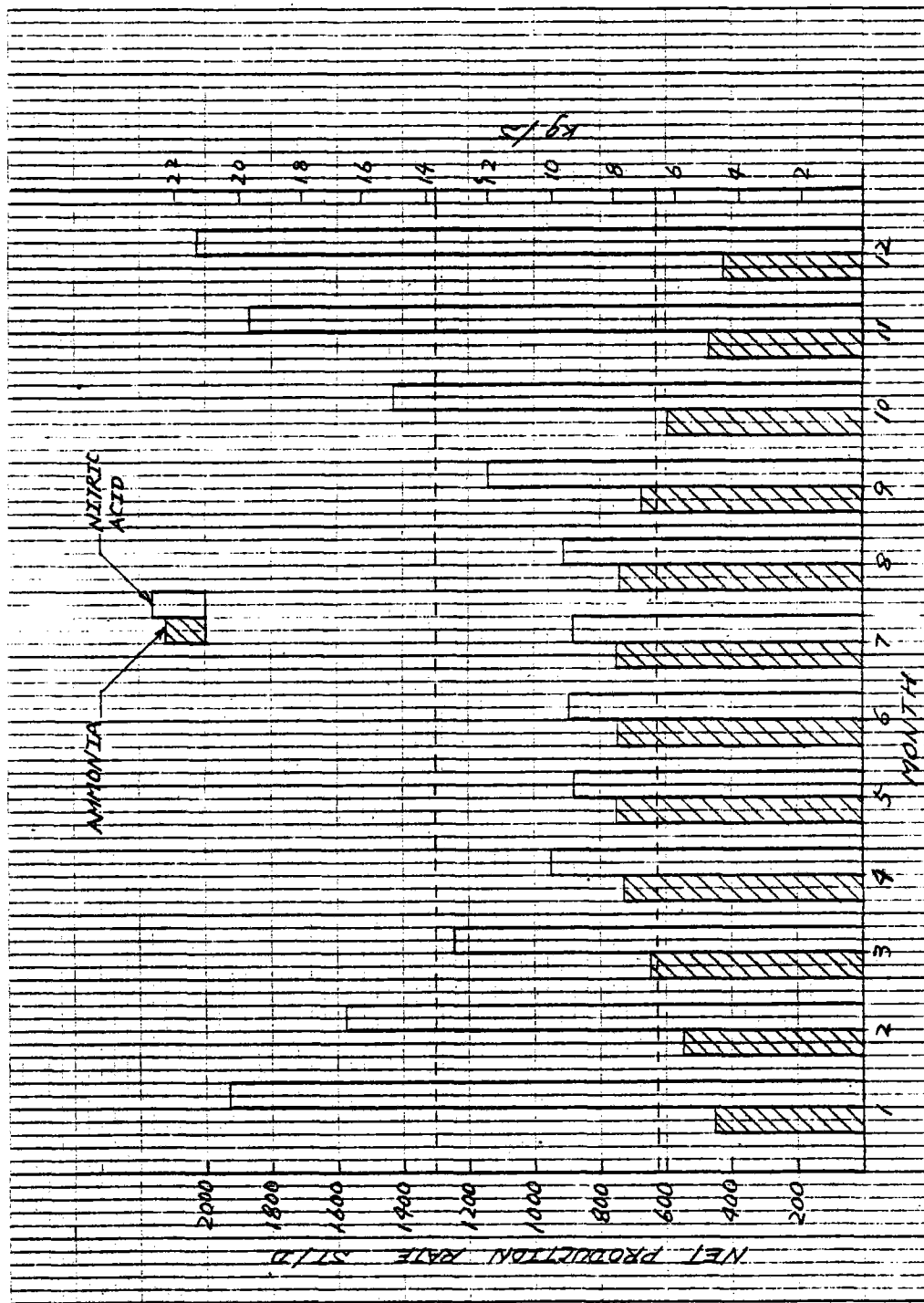
### SUBTASK 3.2 -- SYSTEM DESIGN

### SUBTASK 3.3 -- CONTROL AND OPERATING STRATEGY

## SYSTEM DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE

- INTEGRATE COMPONENTS/SUBSYSTEM INTO A TOTAL SYSTEM
- REFINE PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM AND MASS AND ENERGY BALANCES
- CALCULATE DESIGN POINT AND ANNUAL SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES
- PROJECT ANNUAL PRODUCTION AND SOLAR CONTRIBUTION

# ESTIMATED MONTHLY NET PRODUCTION OF AMMONIA & NITRIC ACID



## MAJOR COMPONENTS

- STEAM REFORMER
- HIGH-TEMPERATURE STORAGE TANKS
- SOLAR RECEIVER
- AMMONIA BURNER
- SUPERHEATER

COMPONENTS DESIGN LIFE (YEARS)

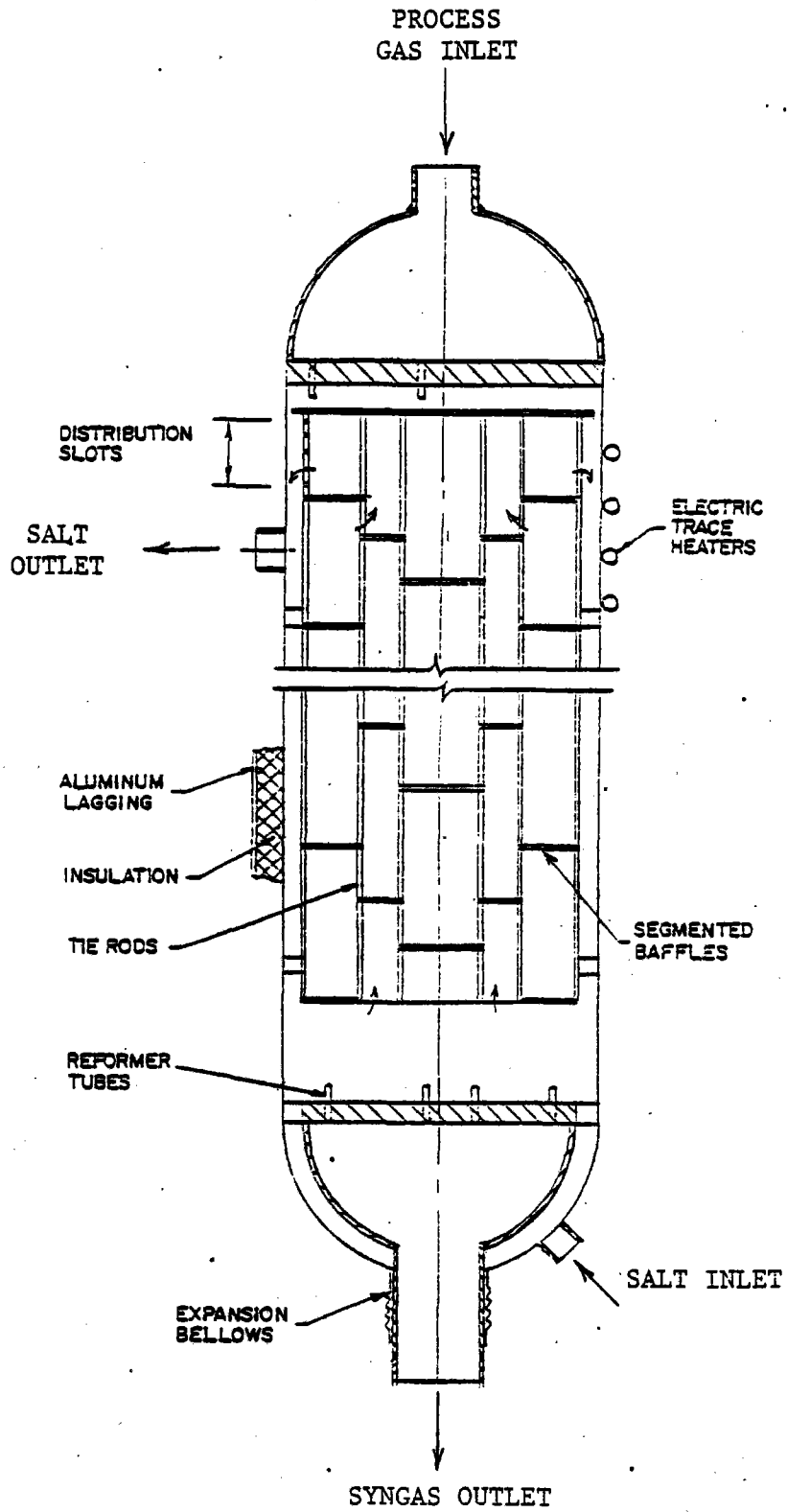
- CONVENTIONAL PLANT 20
- VESSELS, DRUMS, PUMP CASING, PIPING  
AND HEAT EXCHANGERS 10
- HEAT EXCHANGER TUBING, PUMP INTERNALS,  
REMOVABLE VESSEL INTERNALS AND  
FIRED HEATER TUBING 5



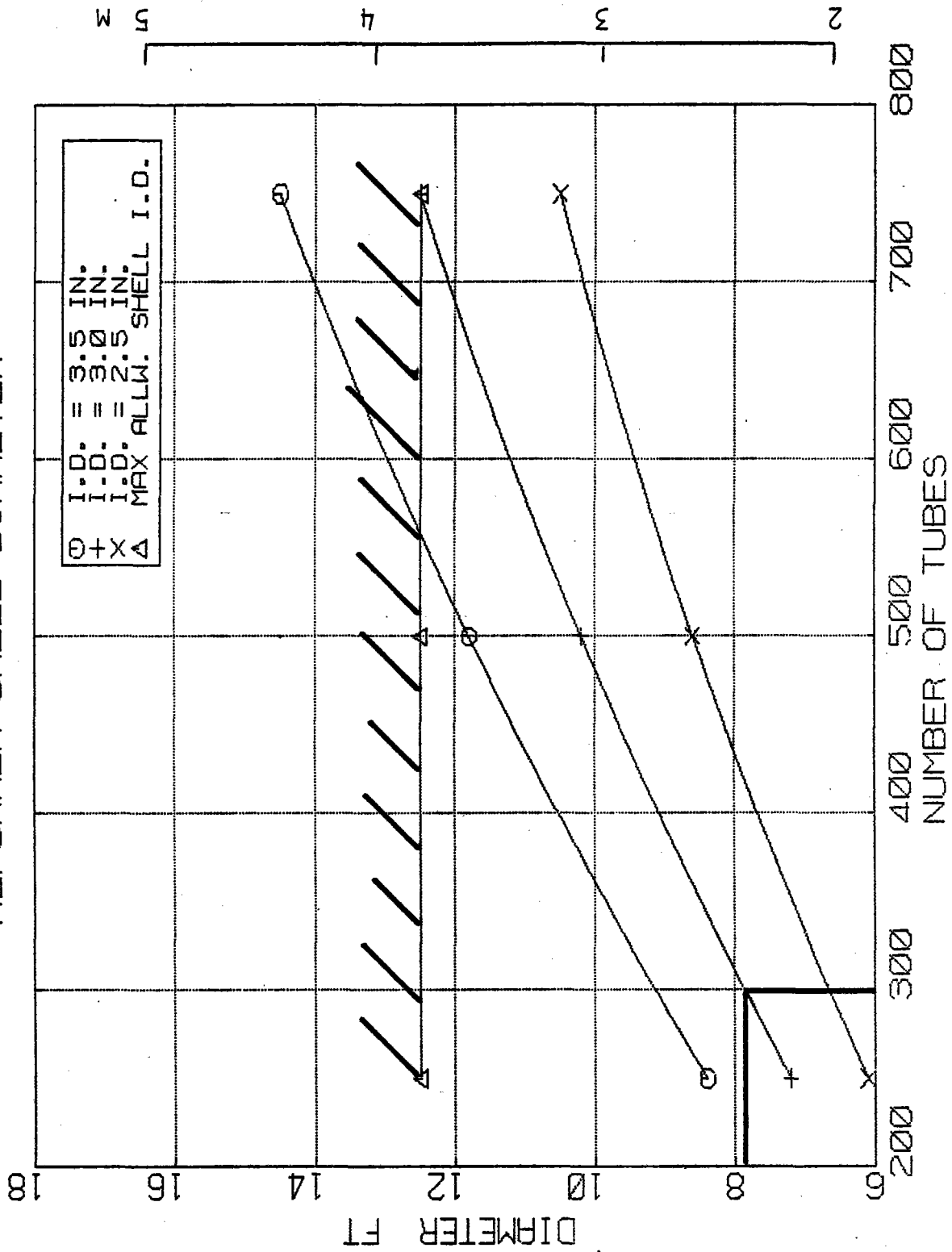
### STEAM REFORMER FEATURES

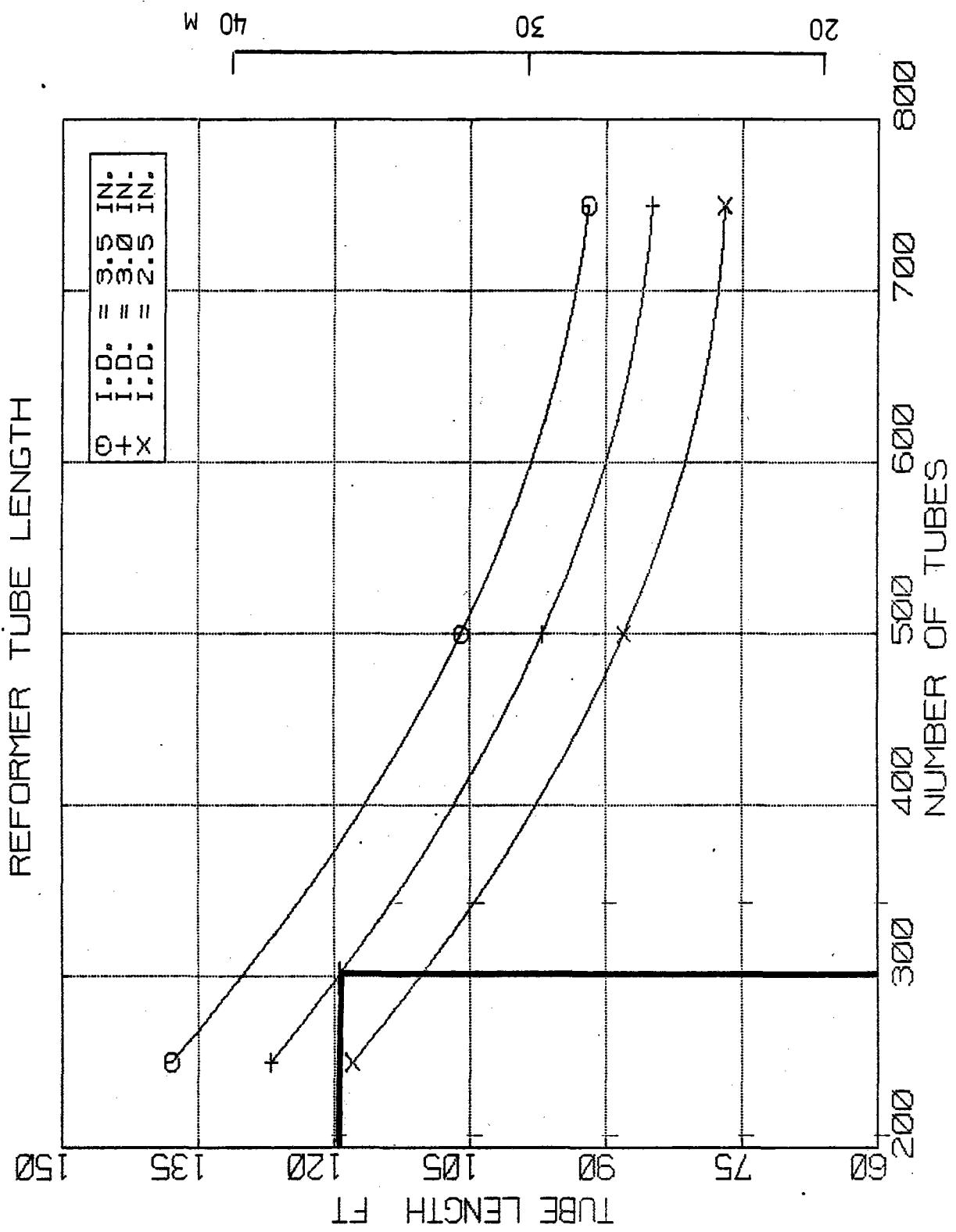
- VERTICAL STRAIGHT-TUBE, SHELL-AND-TUBE HEAT EXCHANGER
- SINGLE PASS, COUNTERFLOW ARRANGEMENT
- PROCESS GAS FLOWING INSIDE CATALYST-FILLED TUBES
- SEGMENTED BAFFLES TO PROMOTE BETTER SALT MIXING
- EXPANSION BELLOWS TO ACCOMMODATE DIFFERENTIAL THERMAL EXPANSION

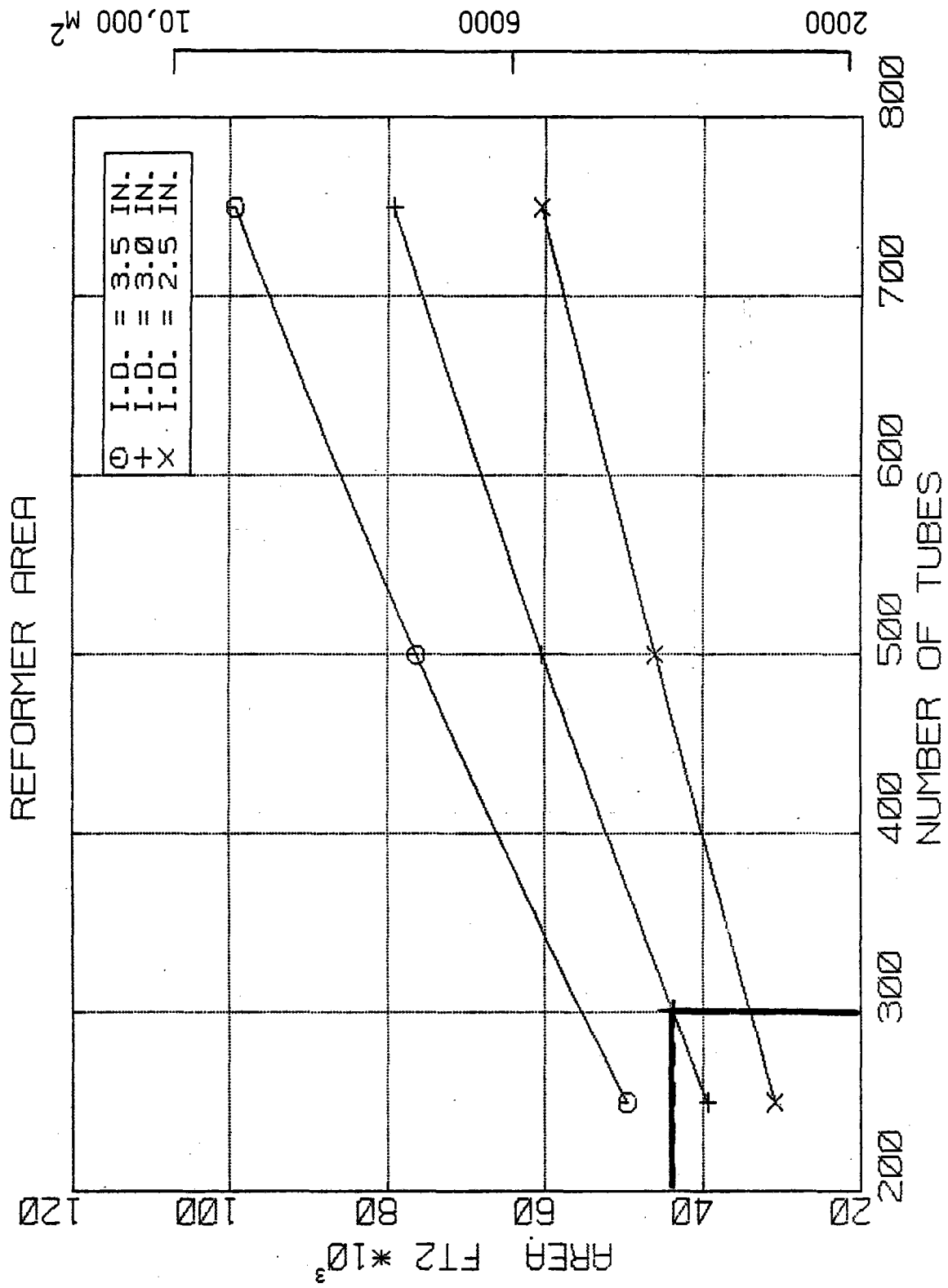
# MOLTEN SALT STEAM REFORMER



# REFORMER SHELL DIAMETER







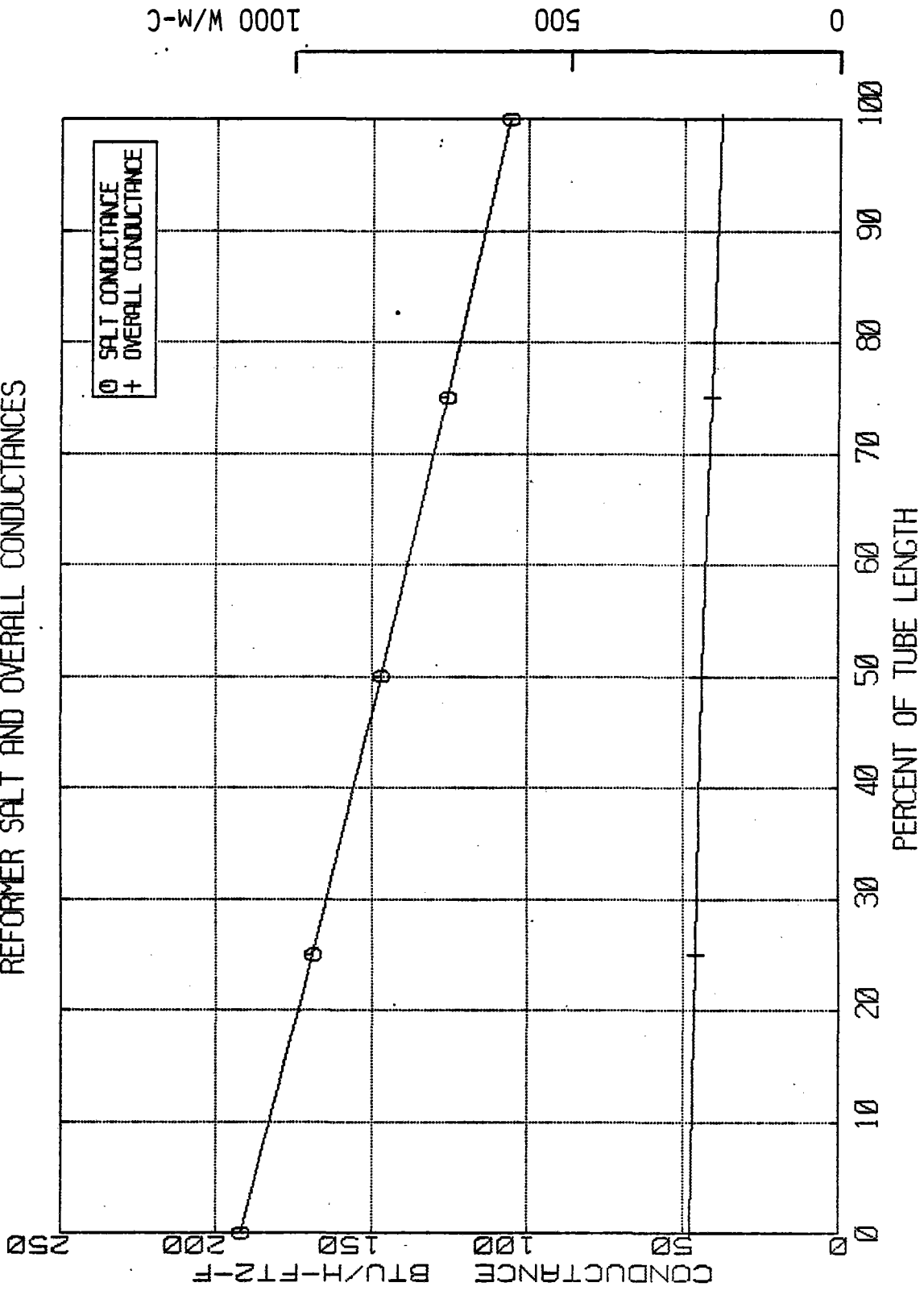
STEAM REFORMER DIMENSIONS

TUBE OUTSIDE DIAMETER, MM (IN.)	120 (4.750)
TUBE INSIDE DIAMETER, MM (IN.)	76 (3.000)
TUBEWALL THICKNESS, MM (IN.)	22 (0.875)
TUBE SPACING/O.D. RATIO	1.100
NUMBER OF TUBES	300
TUBEWALL METAL	INCONEL 600
SHELL INSIDE DIAMETER, M (FT)	2.4 (7.9)
TOTAL HEAT TRANSFER AREA, M <sup>2</sup> (FT <sup>2</sup> )	4125 (44,400)
TUBE LENGTH, M (FT)	36.3 (119)

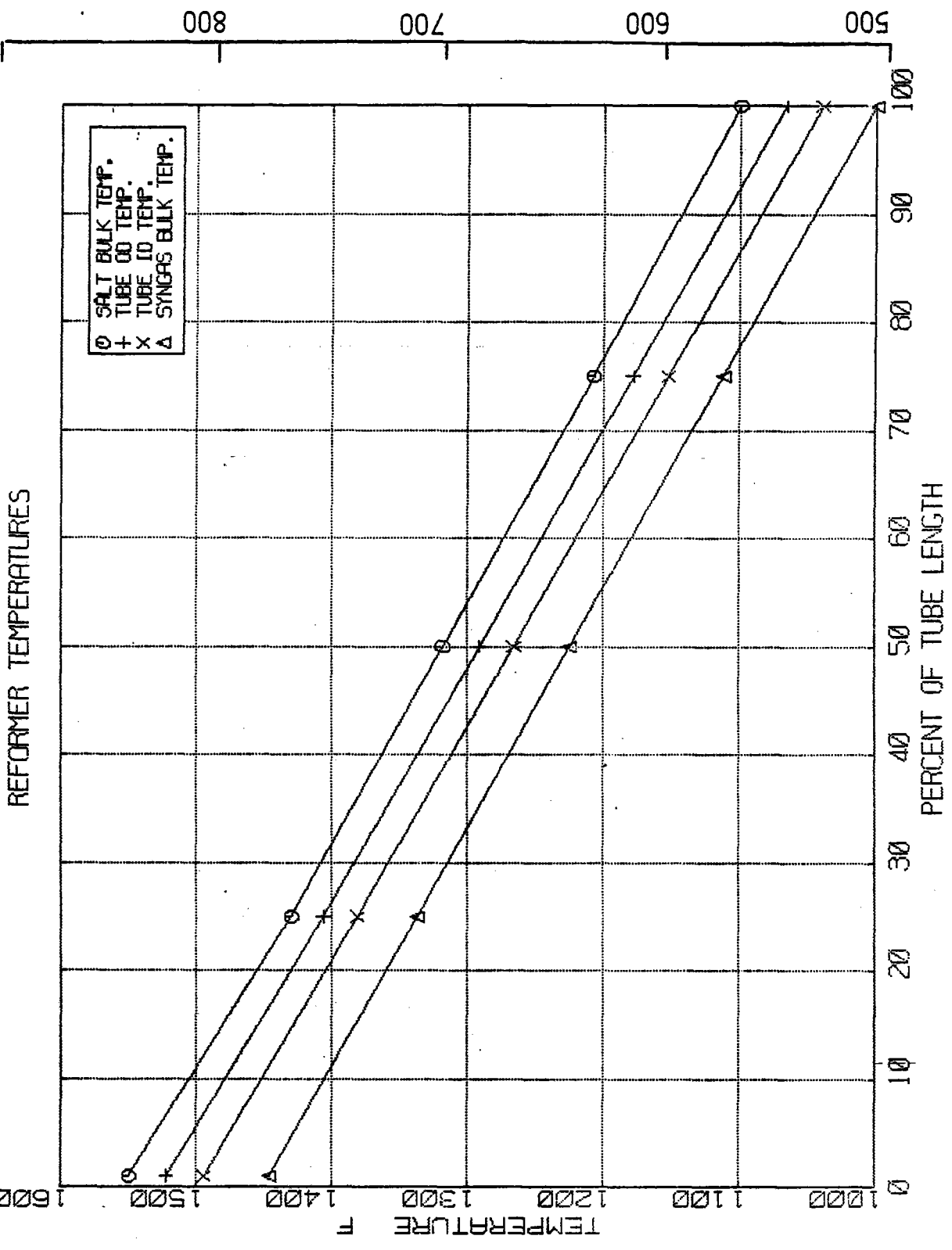
STEAM REFORMER PERFORMANCE

THERMAL DUTY, MWT	55.0
TUBE SIDE FLUID	PROCESS GAS
MASS VELOCITY, $\text{KG/S-M}^2$ ( $\text{LB/H-FT}^2$ )	9.2 (6790)
CONDUCTANCE, $\text{W/M}^2\text{-}^\circ\text{C}$ ( $\text{BTU/H-FT}^2\text{-}^\circ\text{F}$ )	935 (165)
INLET TEMPERATURE, $^\circ\text{C}$ ( $^\circ\text{F}$ )	538 (1000)
OUTLET TEMPERATURE, $^\circ\text{C}$ ( $^\circ\text{F}$ )	788 (1450)
SHELL SIDE FLUID	MOLTEN CARBONATE SALT
FLOW RATE, $\text{KG/S}$ ( $\text{LB/H}$ )	116.2 (920,000)
MASS VELOCITY, $\text{KG/S-M}^2$ ( $\text{LB/H-FT}^2$ )	101 (74,300)
CONDUCTANCE, $\text{W/M}^2\text{-}^\circ\text{C}$ ( $\text{BTU/H-FT}^2\text{-}^\circ\text{F}$ )	601 TO 1088 (106 TO 192)
INLET TEMPERATURE, $^\circ\text{C}$ ( $^\circ\text{F}$ )	843 (1550)
OUTLET TEMPERATURE, $^\circ\text{C}$ ( $^\circ\text{F}$ )	593 (1100)
OVERALL CONDUCTANCE, $\text{W/M}^2\text{-}^\circ\text{C}$ ( $\text{BTU/H-FT}^2\text{-}^\circ\text{F}$ )	215 TO 272 (38 TO 48)

REFORMER SALT AND OVERALL CONDUCTANCES







○ SALT BULK TEMP.  
 + TUBE OD TEMP.  
 x TUBE ID TEMP.  
 △ SYNGAS BULK TEMP.

REFORMER TEMPERATURES

500 600 700 800 900 C

1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600 F

PERCENT OF TUBE LENGTH

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

STORAGE SUBSYSTEM KEY ISSUES

- INLET/OUTLET TEMPERATURES
- CAPACITY
- TYPE
- TANK DIMENSIONS
- COST

SERI'S STORAGE SUBSYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

TEMPERATURE SWING, °C (°F)	425 TO 900 (797 TO 1653)
CAPACITY, MW	1800 (300 MW X 6 H)
HEAT LOSS RATE	2%/DAY MAX.
SALT INVENTORY, KG (LB)	$7.5 \times 10^6$ ( $16.5 \times 10^6$ )
HOT SALT VOLUME, M <sup>3</sup> (FT <sup>3</sup> )	3600 (127,100)
CHARGE TIME	9 HOURS
DISCHARGE TIME	6 HOURS
TEMPERATURE LIMITS OF LINERS, °C (°F)	
INCONEL	550 (1022)
CARBON-STEEL	300 (572)
CONCRETE	65 (119)

SERI'S STORAGE SUBSYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS

<u>CONCEPTS</u>	<u>COST \$/KW*</u> <u>LOW/HIGH</u>
RAFT THERMOCLINE	24/34
DUAL-MEDIA THERMOCLINE	15/23
TWO-TANK (HOT/COLD)	--/25

\*DOES NOT INCLUDE INSTALLATION AND O&M COSTS

## RAFT TANK STORAGE SUBSYSTEM

- ADVANTAGES

- HOT AND COLD FLUIDS DO NOT COME IN CONTACT
- NOT TOO SEVERE TEMPERATURE CYCLING

- DISADVANTAGES

- FREQUENT SIDEWALL TEMPERATURE CYCLING
- QUESTIONABLE RAFT STABILITY AT HIGH TEMPERATURE AND LARGE DIAMETERS
- TOO MANY TECHNICAL UNCERTAINTIES
- DEMONSTRATED ONLY IN THE LABORATORY AT NEAR AMBIENT CONDITIONS
- MOST EXPENSIVE OF THE THREE CONCEPTS

## DUAL-MEDIA STORAGE SUBSYSTEM

### ● ADVANTAGES

- PROVEN CONCEPT (SOLAR ONE AT 300°C)
- SOLID MEDIUM (MAGNESIA PELLETS) LESS EXPENSIVE THAN MOLTEN SALT
- SLOPED-SIDEWALL DESIGN HAS THE POTENTIAL OF BEING THE LOWEST COST SYSTEM

### ● DISADVANTAGES

- PELLETS AND TANK SIDEWALLS SUBJECT TO LARGE TEMPERATURE CHANGES AND GRADIENTS
- LACK OF DEMONSTRATED INTEGRITY OF PELLETS IN MOLTEN SALT AT 900°C
- UNCERTAINTY OF THERMOCLINE STABILITY
- SLOPE STABILITY OF SIDEWALLS IS UNCERTAIN

## TWO-TANK STORAGE SUBSYSTEM

- ADVANTAGES

- HOT AND COLD FLUIDS DO NOT COME IN CONTACT
- NOT TOO SEVERE TEMPERATURE CYCLING

- DISADVANTAGES

- TWO TANKS REQUIRED
- FREQUENT SIDEWALL PRESSURE CYCLES

STORAGE SUBSYSTEM CONCEPT SELECTION

TWO-TANK (COLD/HOT) CONCEPT SELECTED

- COST IS SIMILAR TO DUAL-MEDIA CONCEPT
- FEWER TECHNICAL UNCERTAINTIES



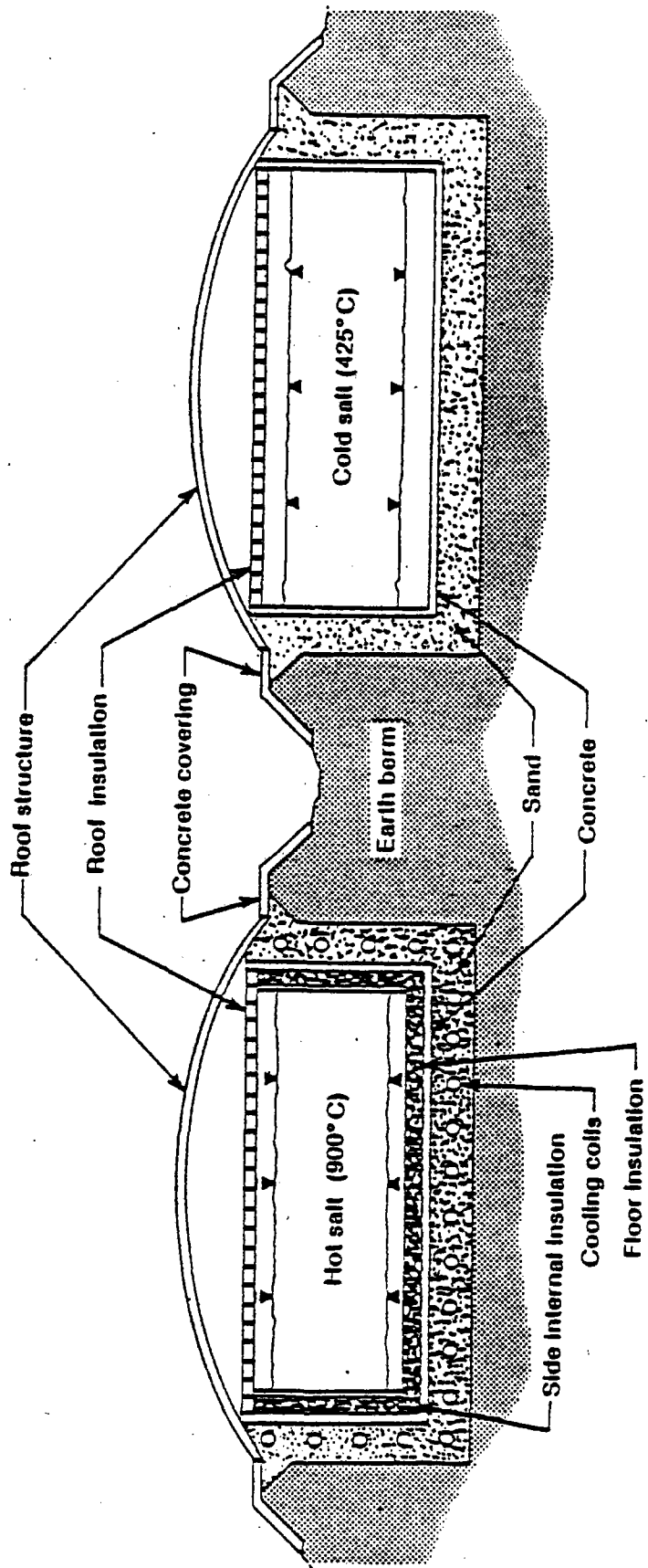
SERI'S TWO-TANK STORAGE CONCEPT

**Hot Tank**

(Salt from receiver to heat exchanger)

**Cold Tank**

(Salt from heat exchanger to receiver)

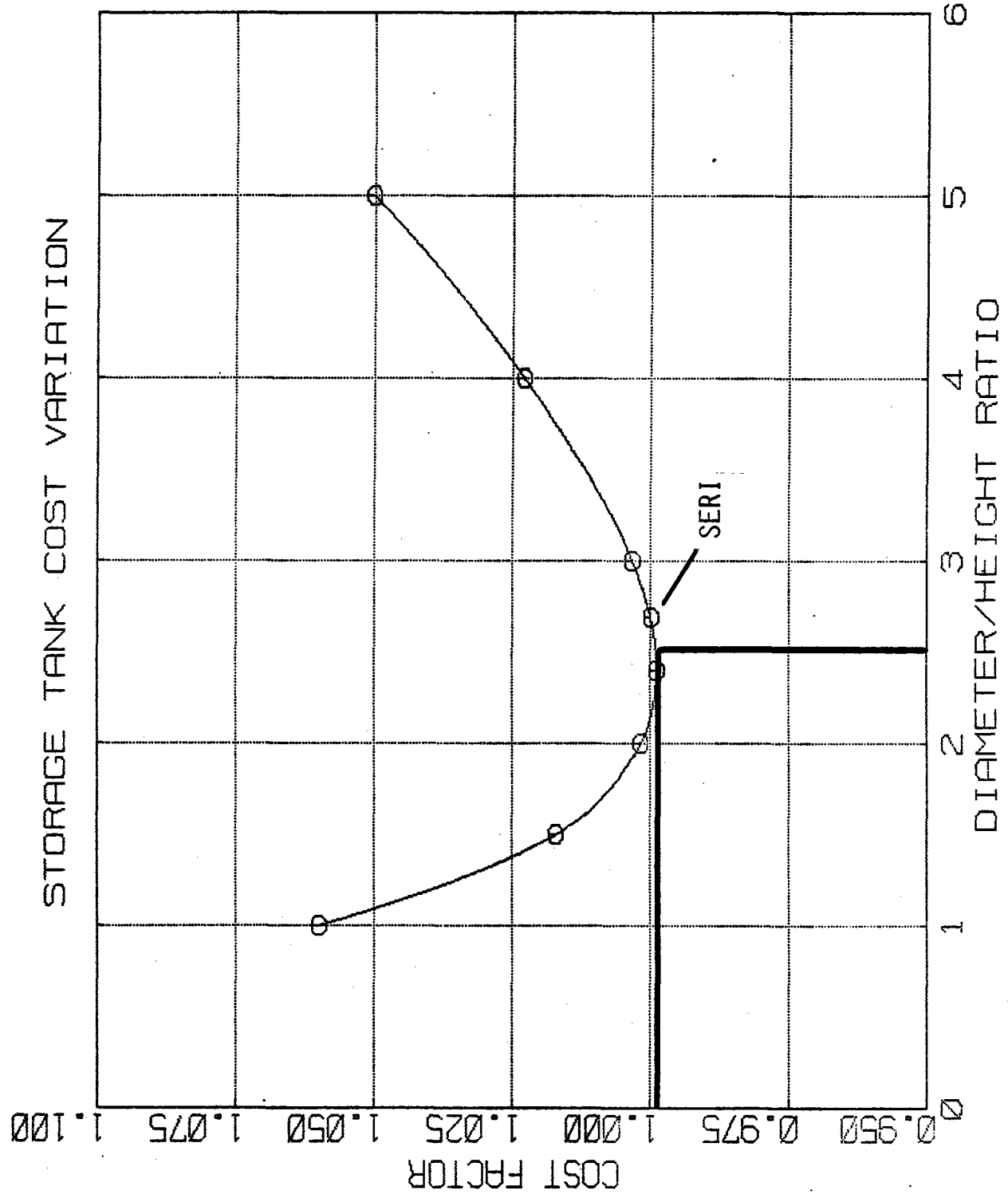


STORAGE TANKS COST ANALYSIS

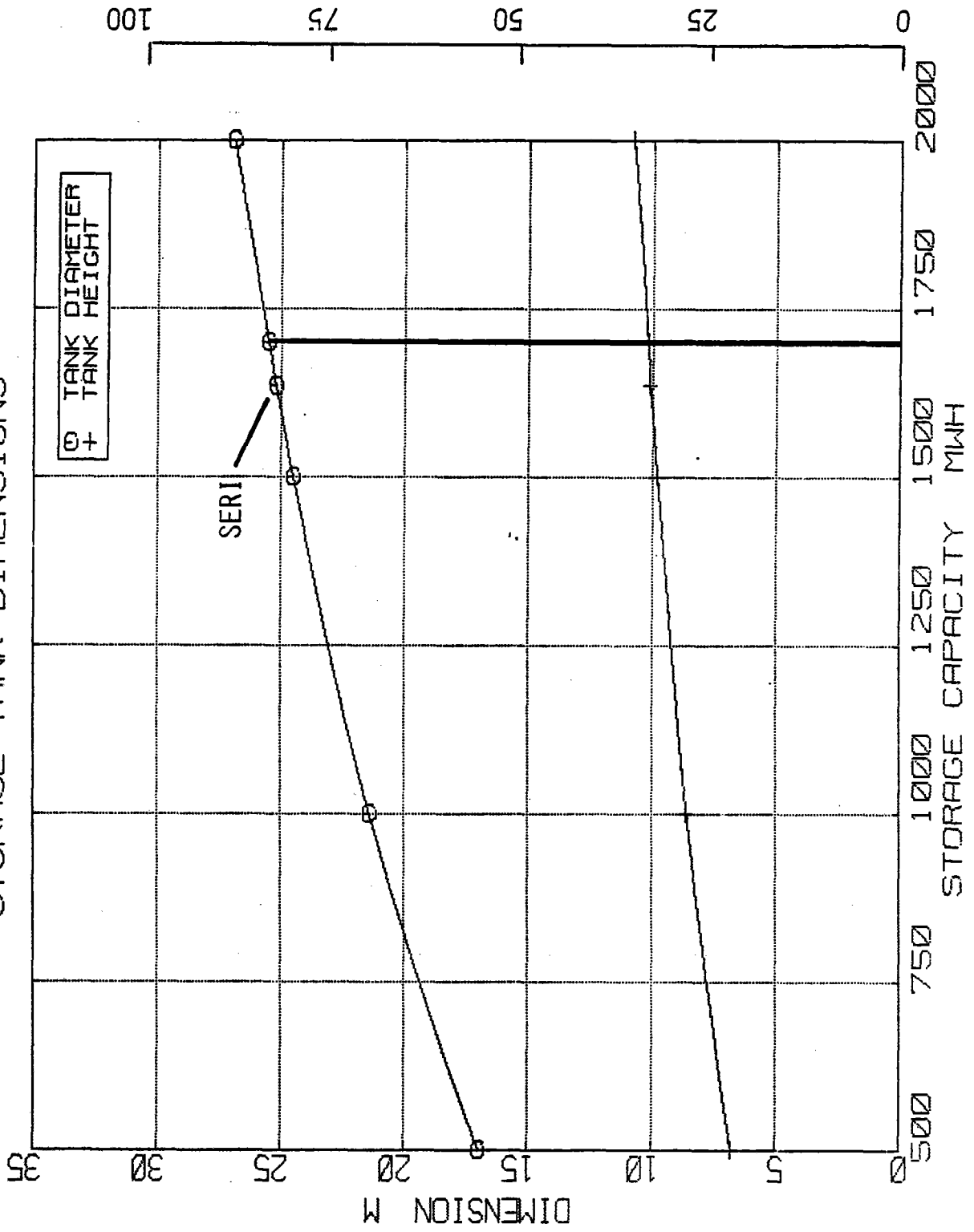
COST = WALLS + TOP + BOTTOM + SALT + COLD TANK  
= 25% + 9% + 5% + 55% + 6%

- BASED ON SERI'S DATA (4/85)
- ASSUMPTIONS: -- WALL/TOP/BOTTOM COSTS PROPORTIONAL TO AREA  
-- SALT/COLD TANK COSTS PROPORTIONAL TO VOLUME

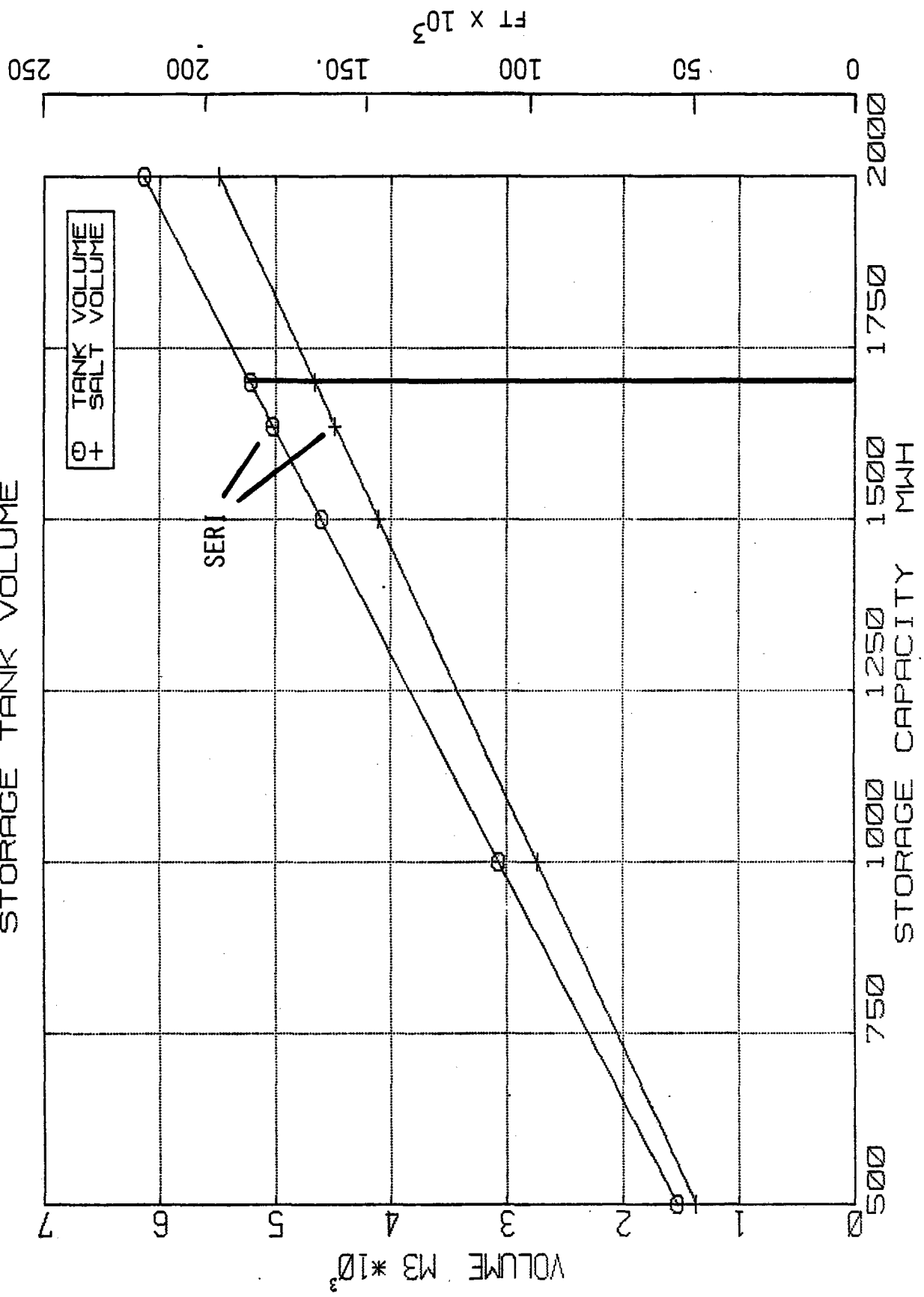
STORAGE TANK COST VARIATION



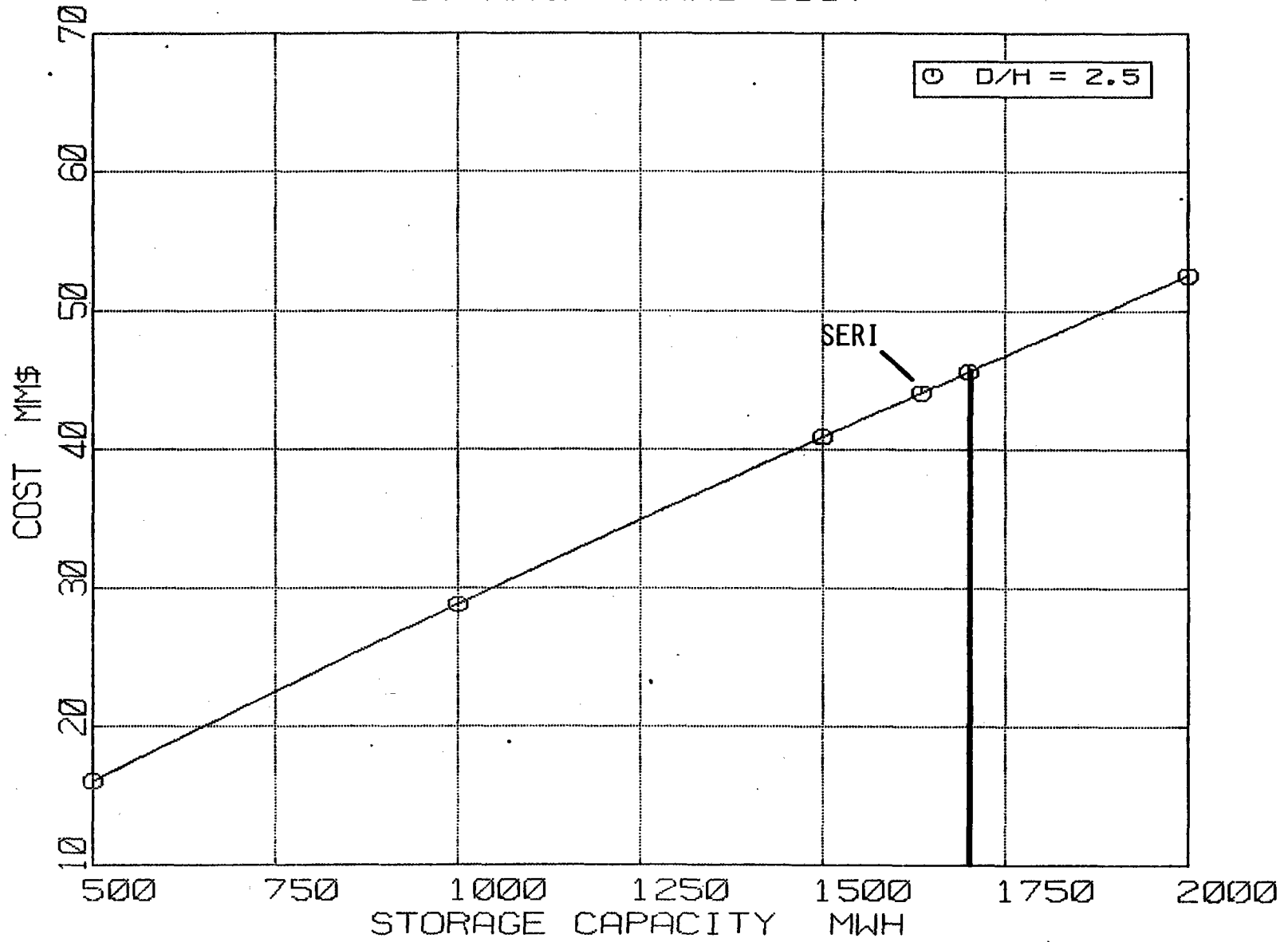
STORAGE TANK DIMENSIONS



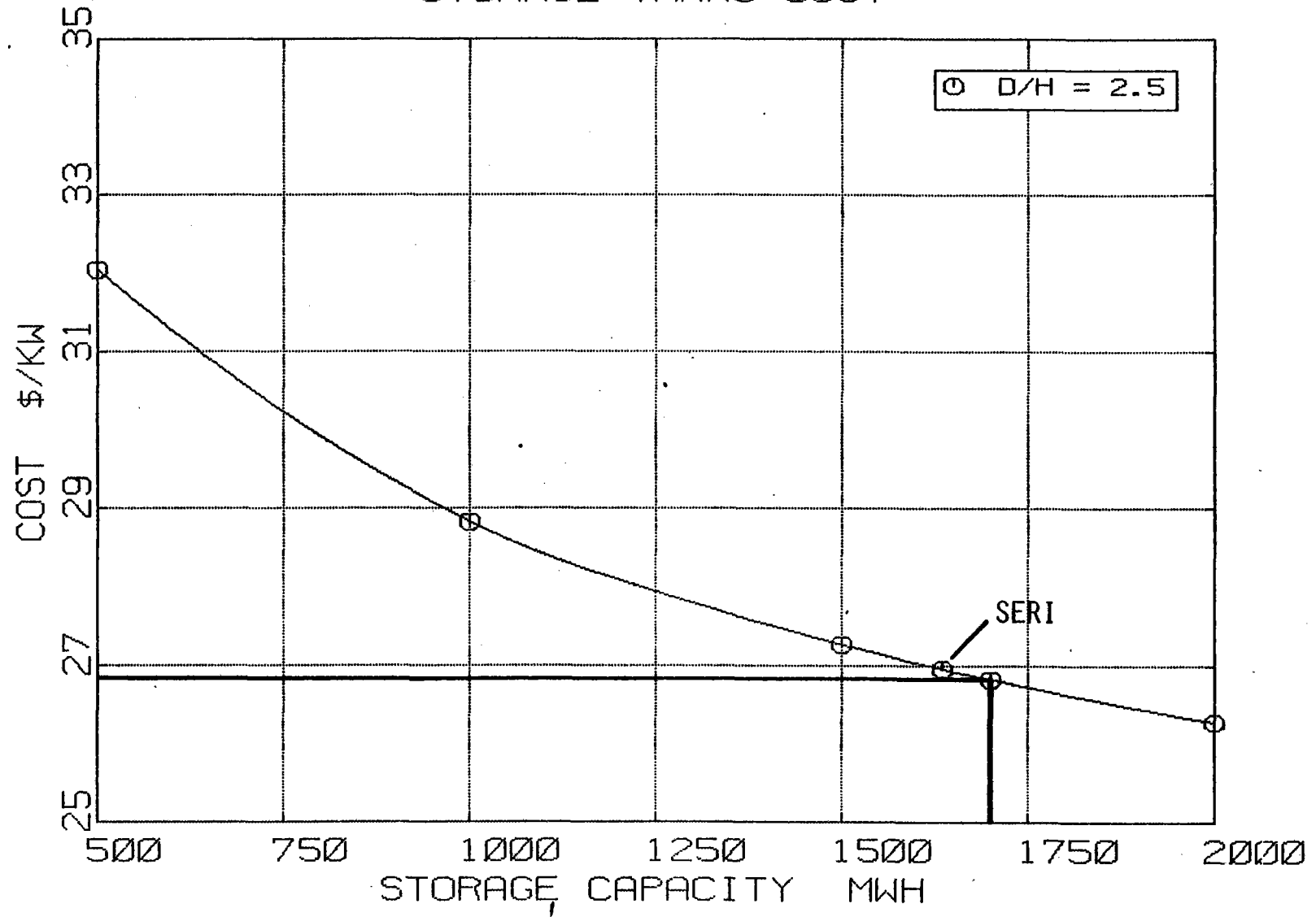
STORAGE TANK VOLUME



# STORAGE TANKS COST



# STORAGE TANKS COST



TWO-TANK SYSTEM COMPARISON

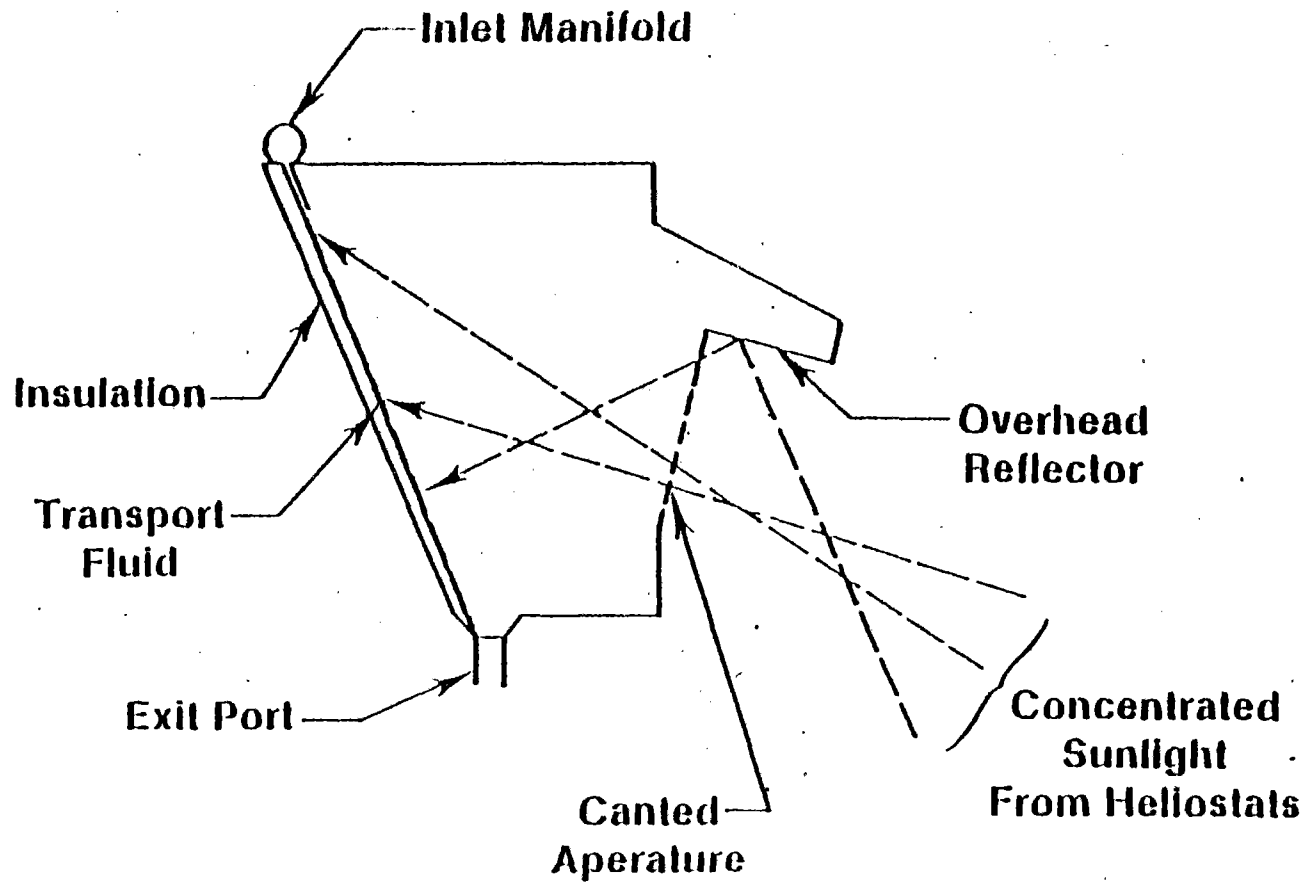
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SERI</u>	<u>SF&amp;C</u>
CAPACITY, MWh	1800	1700
COLD TEMPERATURE, °C (°F)	425 (797)	454 (850)
HOT TEMPERATURE, °C (°F)	900 (1653)	843 (1550)
TEMPERATURE RISE, °C (°F)	475 (856)	389 (700)
TANK VOLUME, m <sup>3</sup> (FT <sup>3</sup> )	5000 (177,000)	5220 (184,000)
SALT VOLUME, m <sup>3</sup> (FT <sup>3</sup> )	4500 (159,000)	4660 (165,000)
DIAMETER, M (FT)	25.8 (84.6)	25.5 (83.7)
TANK HEIGHT, M (FT)	9.6 (31.5)	10.2 (33.5)
SALT HEIGHT, M (FT)	8.6 (28.2)	9.1 (29.9)
D/H	2.7	2.5
COST, \$/kW	25	27



SOLAR RECEIVER

TYPE	DIRECT ABSORPTION/CAVITY
DESIGN POWER, MW	230
WORKING FLUID	MOLTEN CARBONATE SALT ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3\text{-Na}_2\text{CO}_3\text{-K}_2\text{CO}_3$ )
SALT INLET TEMPERATURE, °C (°F)	454.4 (850)
SALT OUTLET TEMPERATURE, °C (°F)	843.3 (1550)
SALT TEMPERATURE RISE, °C (°F)	388.9 (700)
MASS FLOW, KG/S (LB/H)	321 (2.542 x 10 <sup>6</sup> )

SERI's DIRECT ABSORPTION RECEIVER CONCEPT



### AMMONIA BURNER

- DESIGN SIMILAR TO CONVENTIONAL UNITS
- SAME FUEL (AMMONIA)
  - SAME COMBUSTION GAS FLOW RATES, FURNACE VOLUMES AND GAS FLOW AREAS
- MOLTEN CARBONATE SALT RATHER THAN WATER/STEAM
- HIGHER TUBEWALL TEMPERATURES. (HOTTER FLUID)
  - SMALLER LMTD
  - SMALLER RADIATION COEFFICIENT
  - HIGHER AREA REQUIREMENTS
- CYCLING DUTY

COMPARISON OF AMMONIA BURNER CONDUCTANCES

$W/M^2-^{\circ}C$  (BTU/H-FT<sup>2</sup>-<sup>o</sup>F)

- INSIDE
  - WATER/STEAM                    5700 TO 57,000 (1000 TO 10,000)
  - MOLTEN SALT                    6000 TO 28,000 (1000 TO 5000)
  
- OUTSIDE
  - FLUE GAS (CONVENTION  
AND RADIATION)            60 TO 500 (10 TO 80)

# MOLTEN SALT AMMONIA BURNER

