

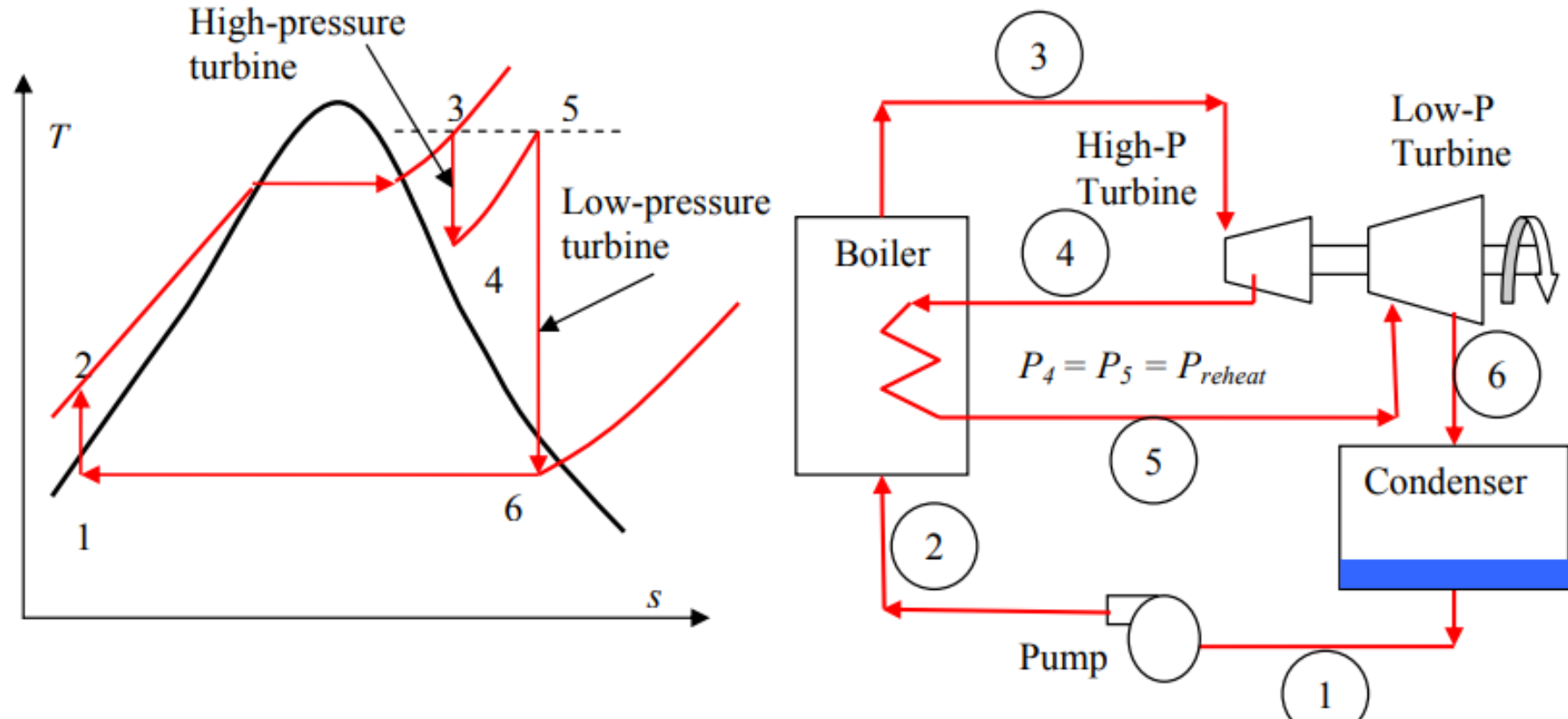


Reheat Rankine Cycle

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The Ideal Reheat Rankine Cycle

To take advantage of the increased efficiencies at higher boiler pressure without facing the excessive moisture at the final stages of the turbine, reheating is used. In the ideal reheating cycle, the expansion process takes place in two stages, i.e., the high-pressure and low-pressure turbines.



The total heat input and total turbine work output for a reheat cycle become:

$$q_{in} = q_{primary} + q_{reheat} = (h_3 - h_2) + (h_5 - h_4)$$

$$W_{turbine,out} = W_{H-P turbine} + W_{L-P turbine} = (h_3 - h_4) + (h_5 - h_6)$$

The incorporation of the single reheat in a modern power plant improves the cycle efficiency by 4 to 5 percent by increasing the average temperature at which heat is transferred to the steam.