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Experimental loop SCO₂ SUSEN

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SUSEN – introduction



■ SUSEN = SUSustainable ENergy

Subject of the project:

Building of a research infrastructure to extend energy research possibilities with emphasis laid on nuclear technologies

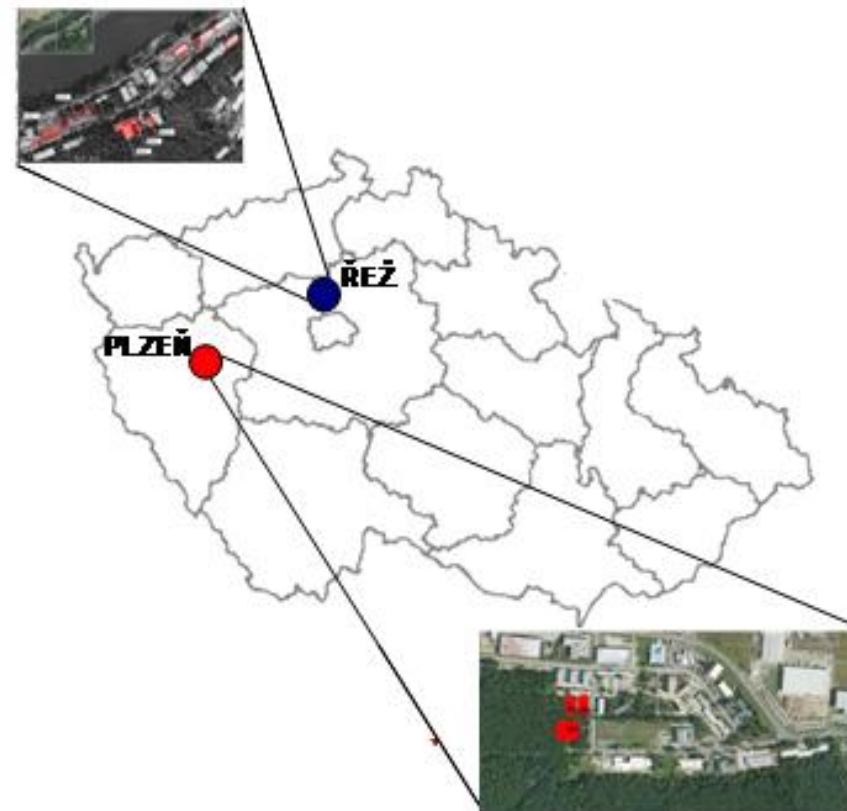
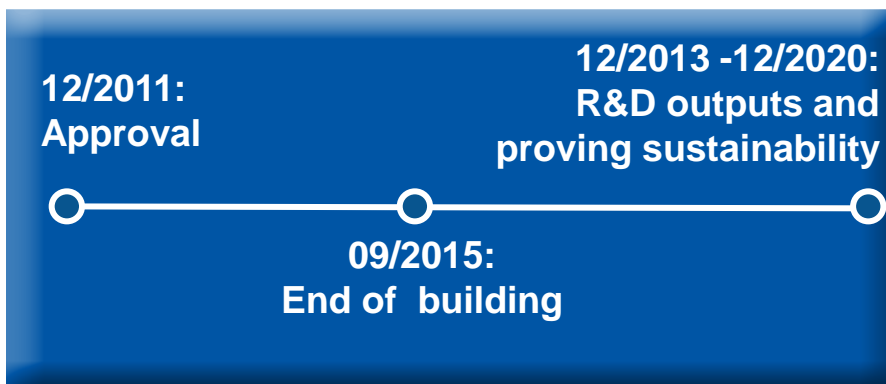
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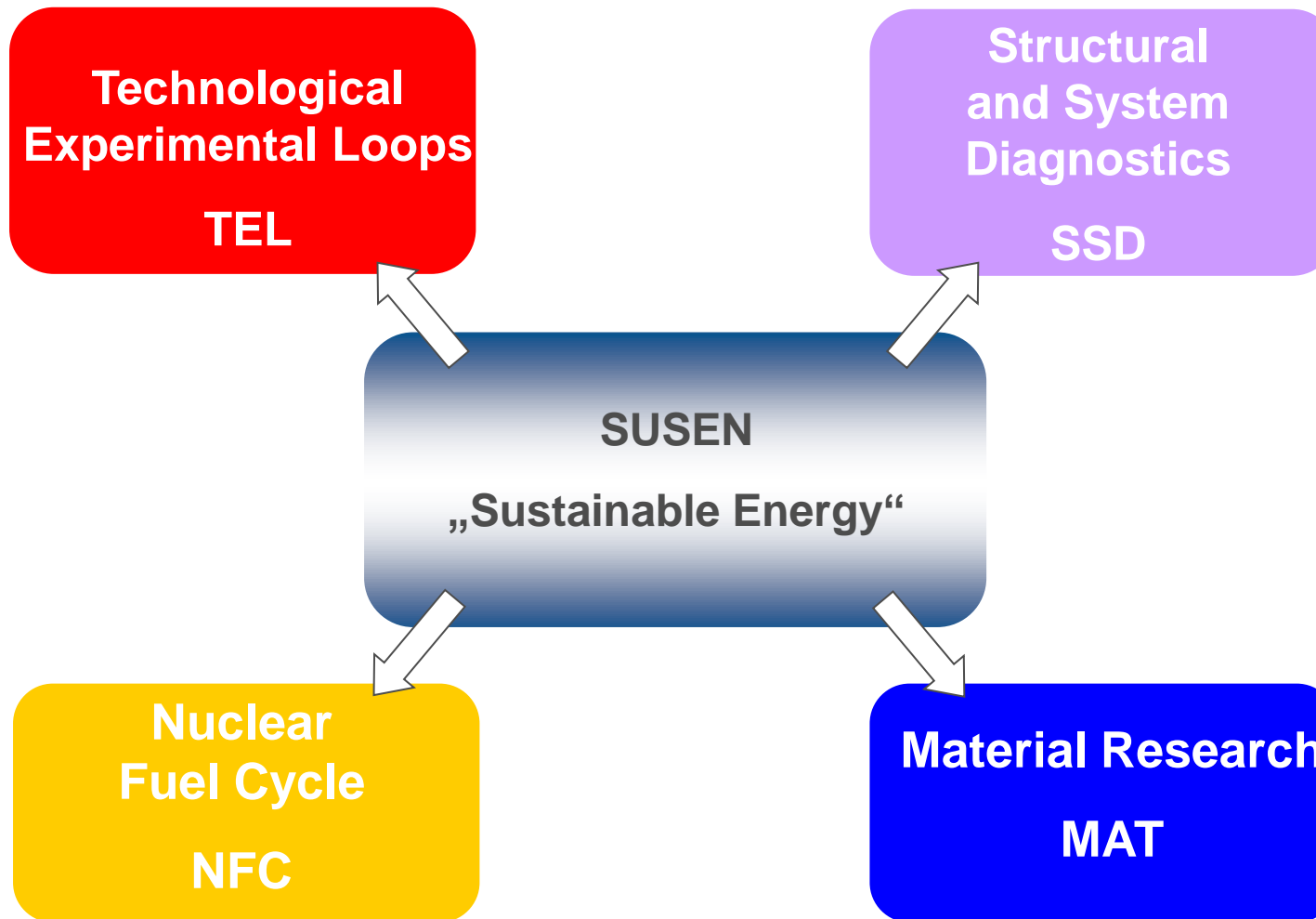
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SUSEN – structure, R&D programs





■ Objective

- To build up large-scale experimental facilities allowing R&D in the area of GEN IV reactors and fusions reactions

■ Research topics

- Effects on the materials of construction
- Thermodynamic and thermal-hydraulic properties
- Manufacturing technologies are not known
- The necessary components are not available, etc.

■ Studied media

- Supercritical water (*for SCWR*)
- Helium (*for V/HTR, GFR, fusion reactor*)
- **Supercritical carbon dioxide** (*secondary circuits for heat transfer*)
- Heavy liquid metal (Pb)

■ Experimental facilities planned in the TEL program

- Supercritical water loop for material testing – active, LVR-15, Řež
- High temperature helium loop – active, LVR-15, Řež
- **Experimental loop for supercritical CO₂ – non-active, Řež**
- High temperature helium loop for the GFR/HTR concept

Key issues of real CO₂ cycle



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 - Classical Shell&tube HX

■ Heat transfer

- Different Cp
- Pinch point
- Heat deterioration/enhancement

■ Turbomachinery

- sealing
- Material testing (corrosion and erosion)
- Blades (power density)

■ Flow instabilities

- Density wave oscillation
- Flow induced vibrations

■ Purity control system

- Influence on physical properties

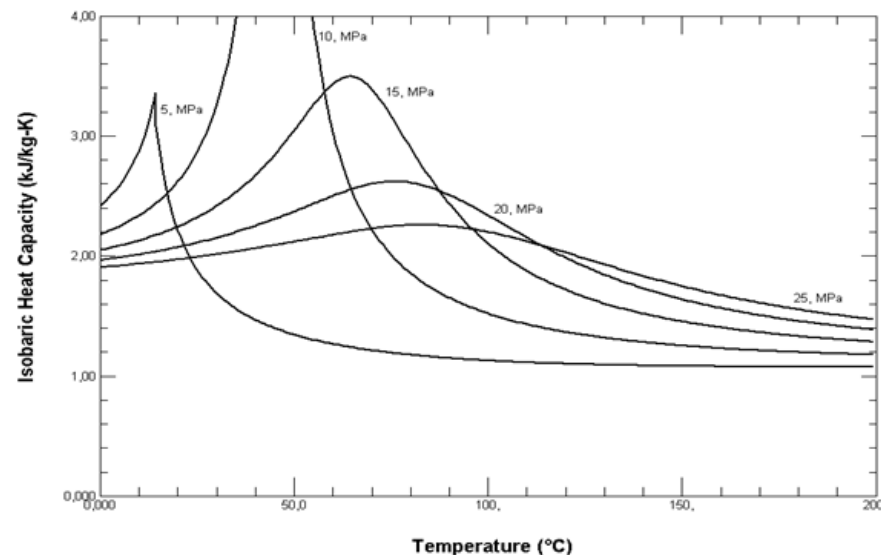


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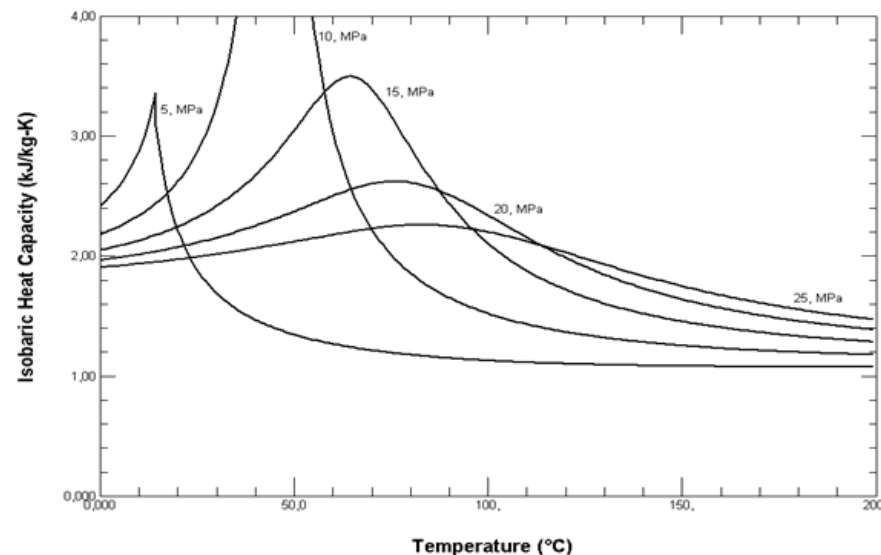
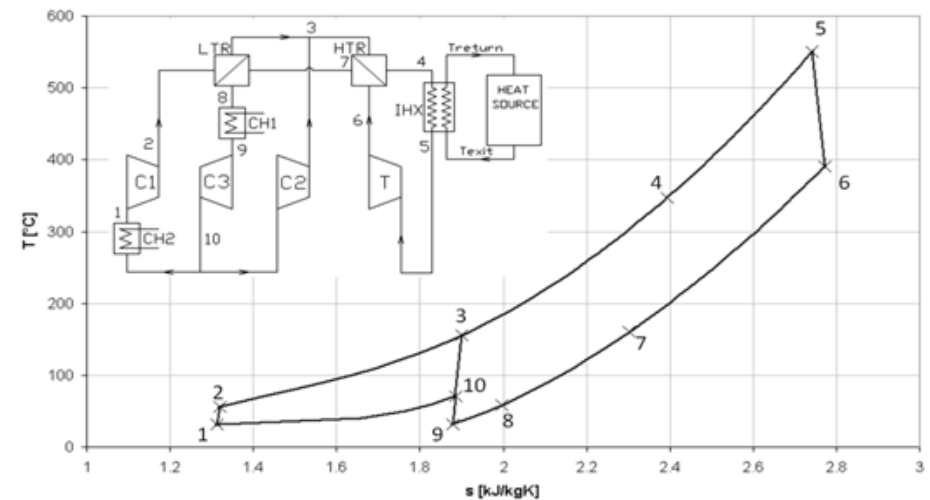


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SCO₂ loop – goals and objectives



- Research and testing of the heat transfer for various operating conditions of the supercritical CO₂
- Testing of the heat transfer efficiency for various loop composition
- Material testing for S-CO₂ cycles
- Corrosion and erosion material testing in the S-CO₂ environment
- Physical properties with different composition (CO₂+CO)
- Density wave oscillation

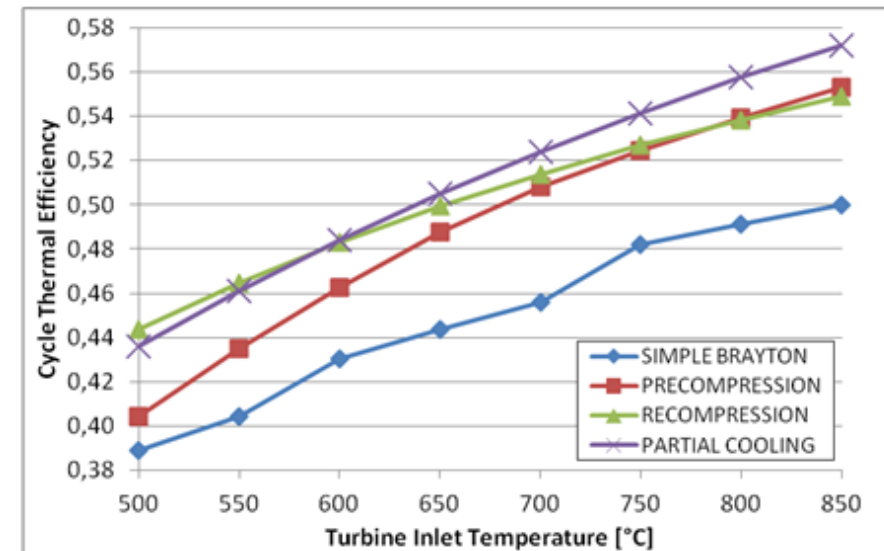
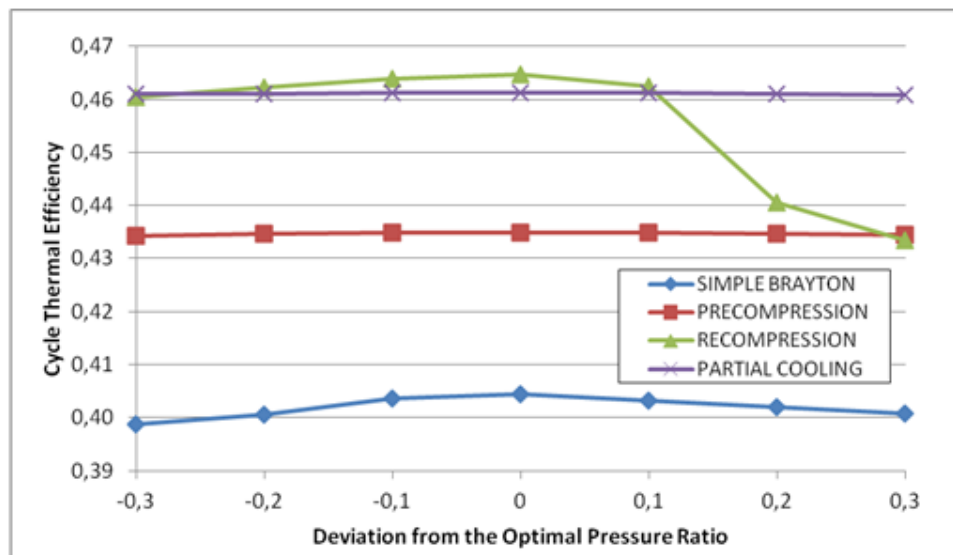


Partial-cooling Cycle Temperature - Entropy Diagram

S-CO₂ loop – main parameters



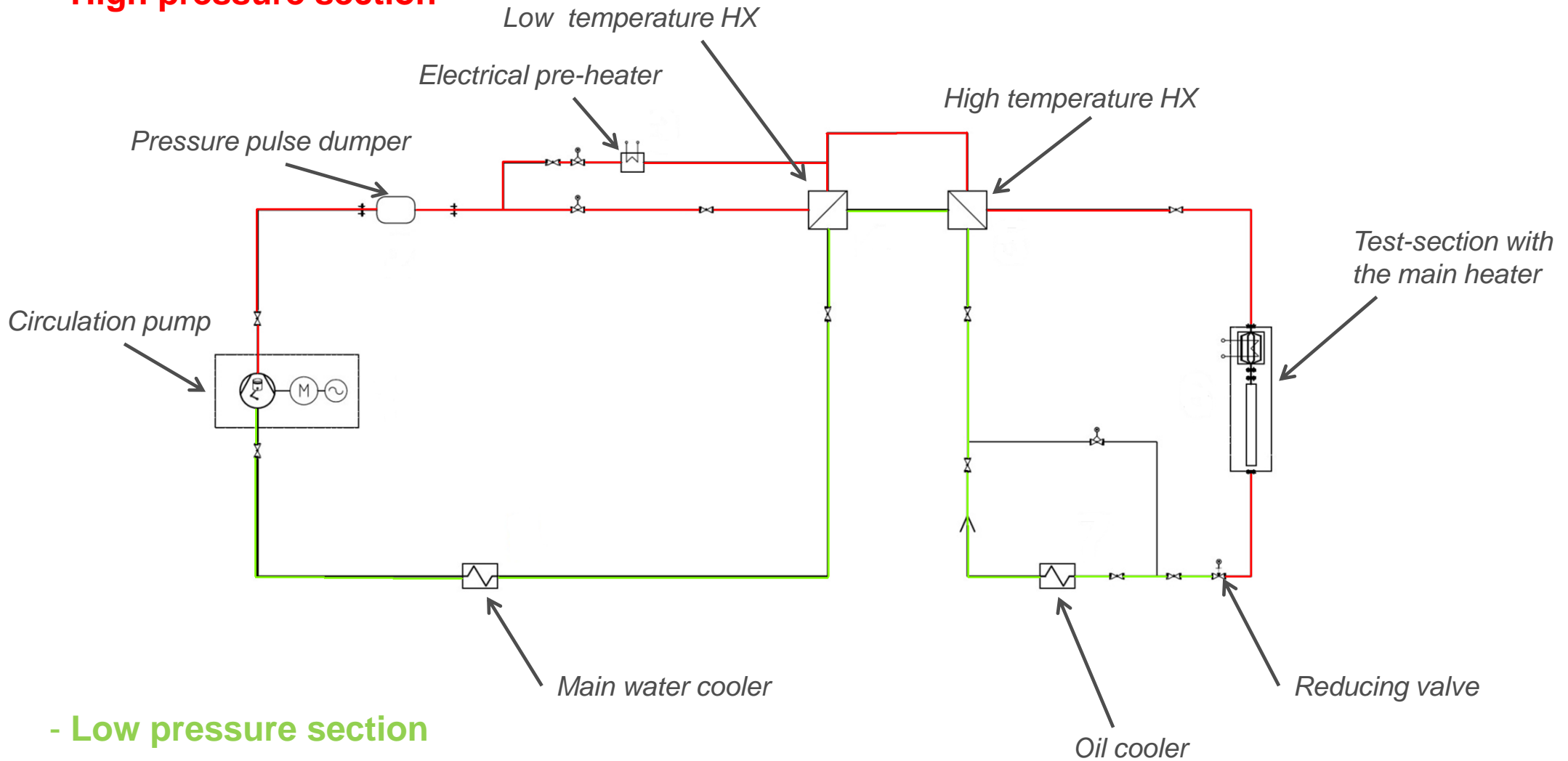
- Max. operating temperature: 550 °C
- Pressure at low pressure site: 7 - 12,5 MPa
- Pressure at high pressure site: X – 25 MPa
- Nominal flow rate : 0,35 kg/s
- Total heating power: 120 kW
- Power of the pre-heater : 20 kW
- Power of the main heater : 100 kW



S-CO₂ loop – primary circuit

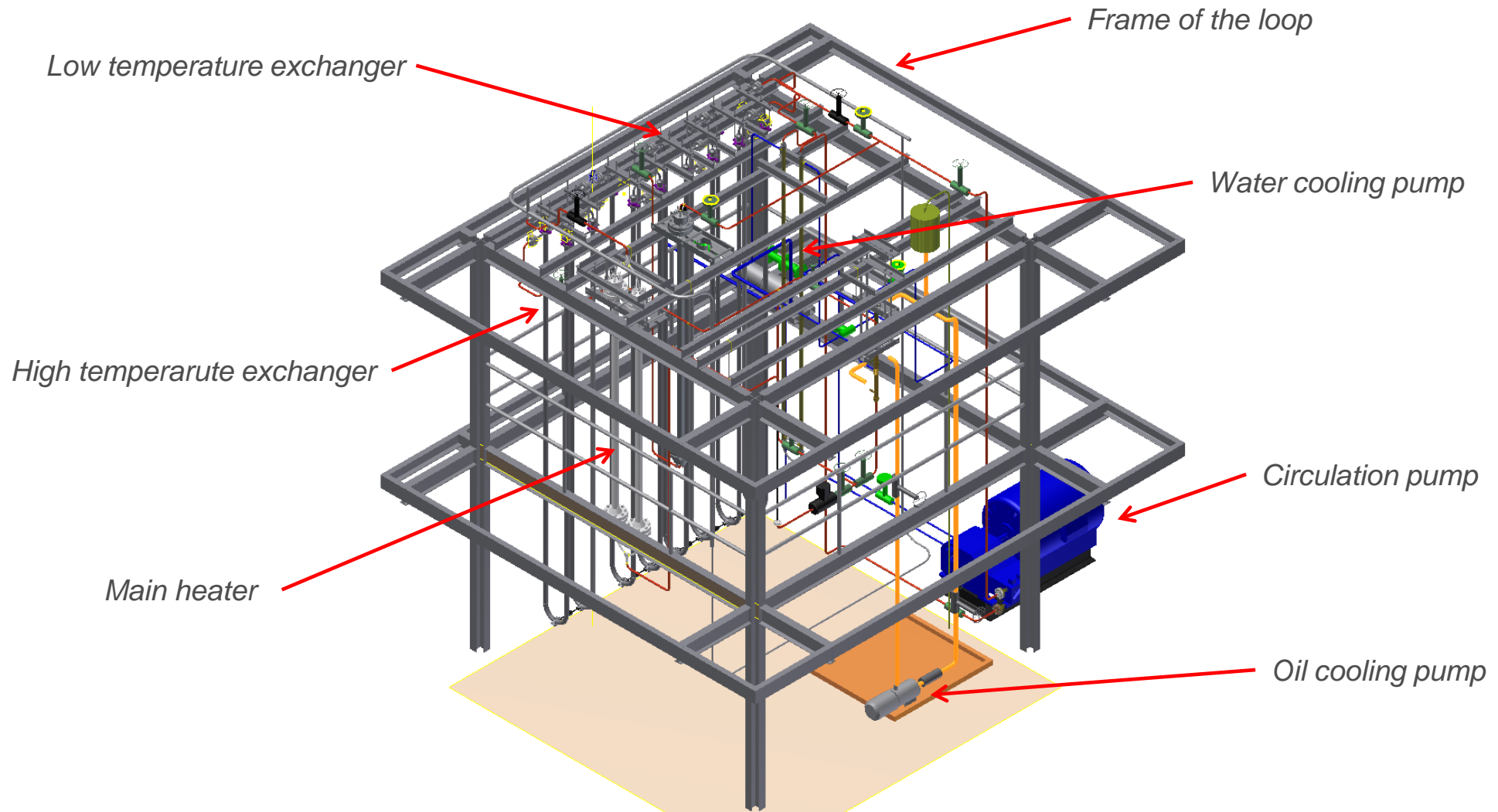


- High pressure section



- Low pressure section

Design of the experimental loop



Experimental capabilities



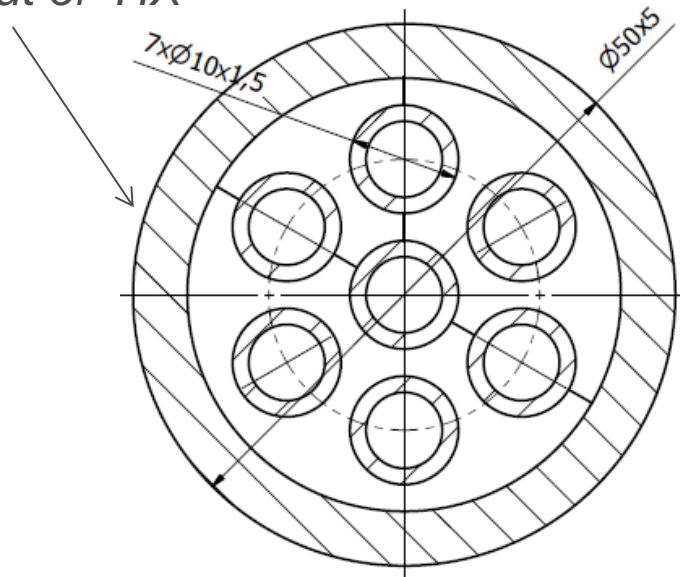
■ Heat transfer

- Capability to dose loop with other gases (→ mixture CO₂)

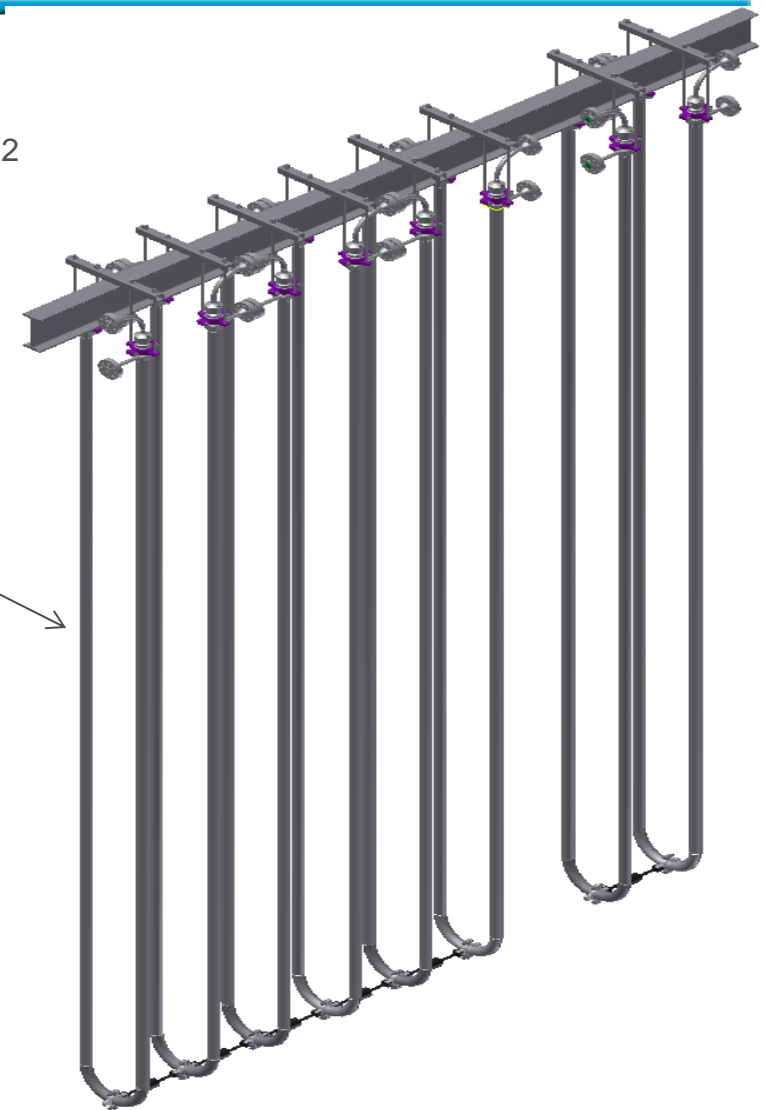
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- Test of the properties heat exchangers

Crosscut of HX



Exchangers assembly

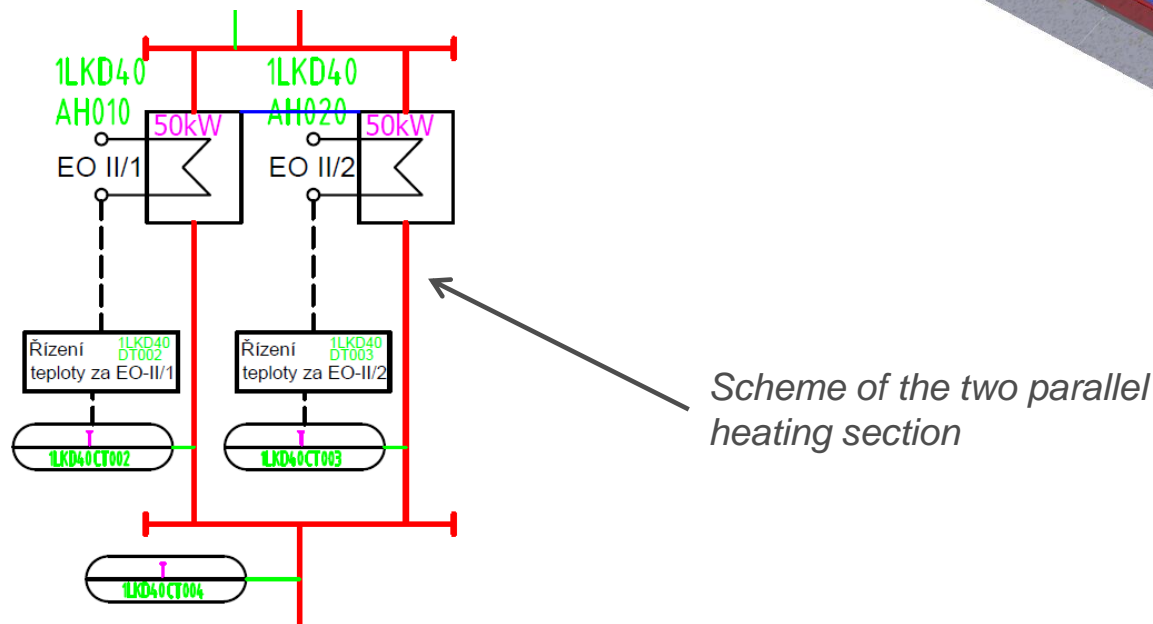
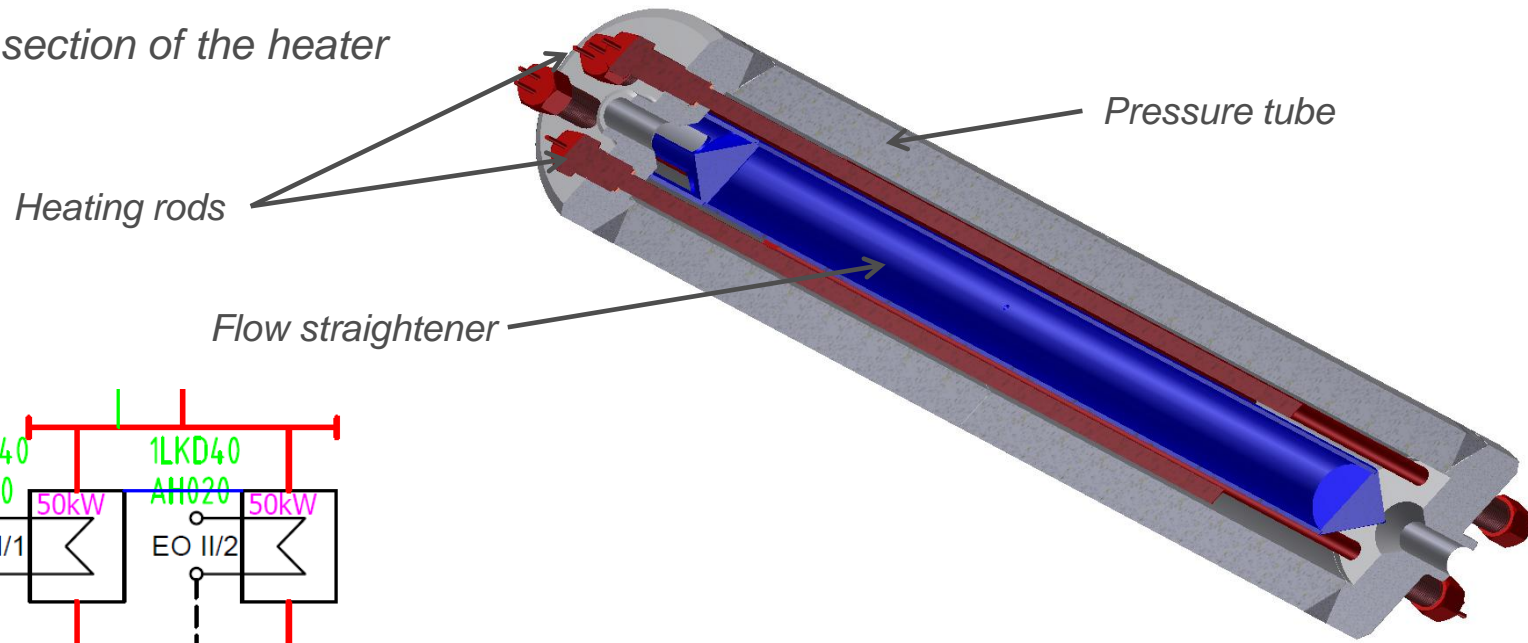




■ Density wave oscillations

- The loop is going to be heated by two parallel heating sections with independent power control

One section of the heater



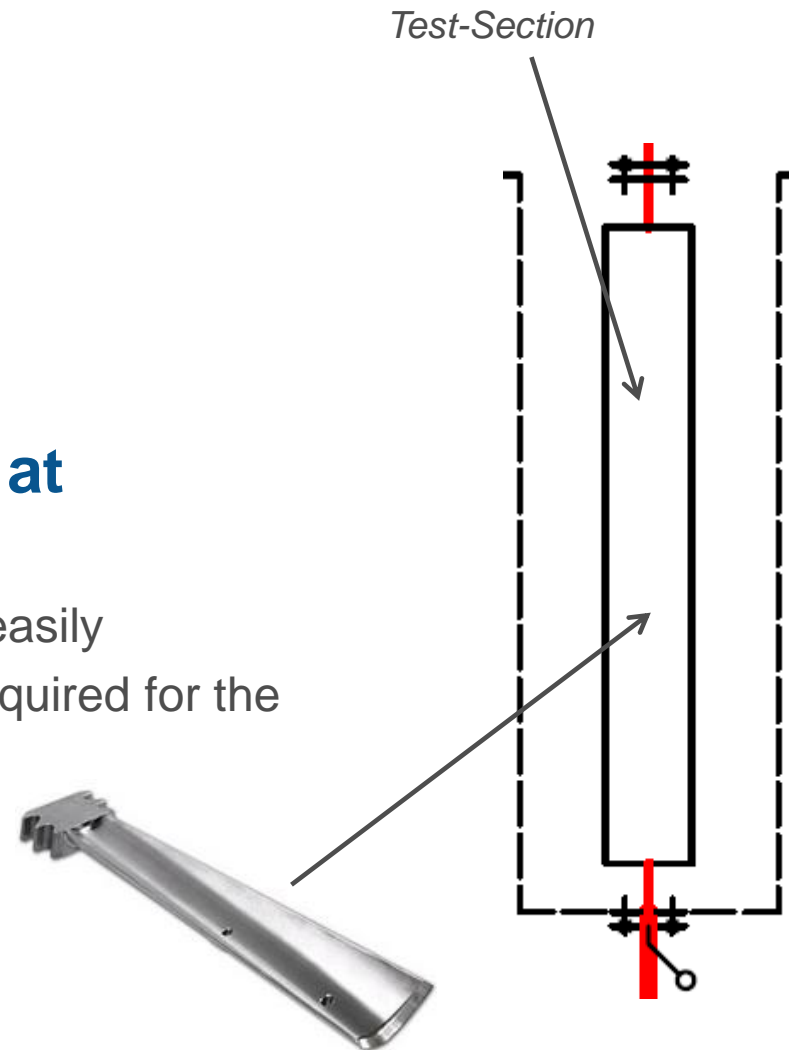


■ Turbomachinery (in the future)

- The loop is ready for:
 - Compressor testing
 - Turbine testing
 - Turbomachinery testing

■ Test-Section – corrosion, erosion at different parameters

- Loop is built to change different Test-section easily
- Test-section in the loop will be designed as required for the specific tests





- **COPRO – submitted under call „TAČR – Epsilon“ (2015-2018)**
 - Topic: Research of the CO₂ cycles for sustainable energy
 - Project participants:
 - Research Centre Rez
 - Doosan Škoda Power s.r.o.
 - UJV Rez
 - Key CVR issue:
 - Material testing
 - Heat transfer verification

- **HeRo – submitted under EURATOM call „NFRP - 3“ (2015-2018)**
 - Topic: R&D of the CO₂ cycle for support of Gen. II and Gen. III reactors safety
 - Project participants:
 - Research Centre Rez, UJV Rez, TU – Delft, UDE, US
 - Key CVR issue
 - Testing of the turbo-machinery
 - Cycle calculations

Other benefits - future



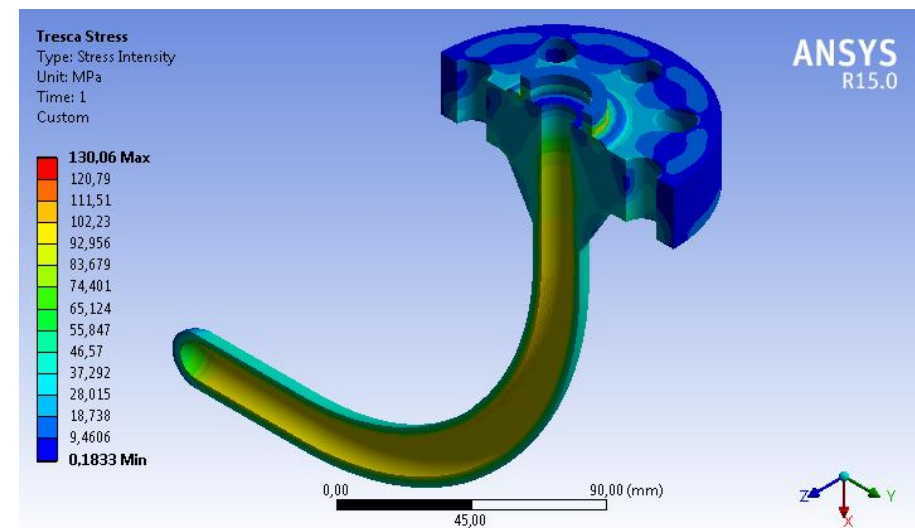
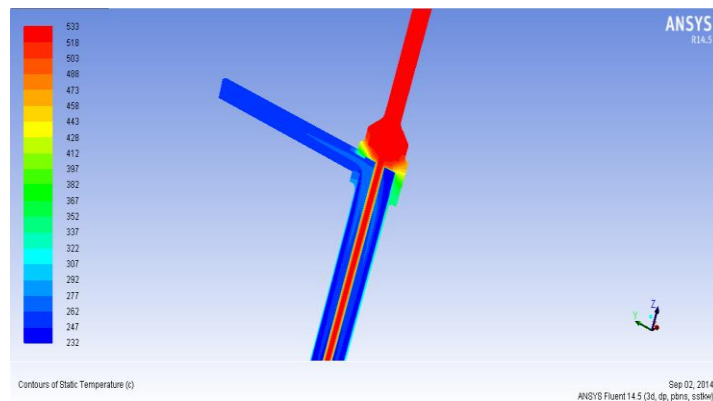
- **Experimental data library**
- **Benchmark workshop for computational codes validation**
- **Verification of cycles efficiency in the different configurations**



Experimental capacity Experimental data

Our work on development of the loop

- Construction of all parts with detailed manufacturing documentation
- Overall stress analysis of the pressure components
- Overall stress analysis of the supporting elements
- Thermal-technical calculations in CFD
- Technical documentation





Thank you for your attention

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