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Supercritical Carbon Dioxide Brayton Cycle R&D at Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation

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100 kWe Integrated System Test



Primary Objectives

- Demonstrate system controllability and feasibility
- Provide test data to verify the ability to model sCO₂ Brayton system
- Provide sCO₂ loop operating experience and design feedback



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Compact Heat Exchanger Modeling and Testing

Heat Exchanger Test Facility



Water-to-CO₂ Heat Exchanger Approach

| Evaluation Task | Goal |
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| Small scale water to water heat exchanger testing | Obtain initial temperature and pressure drop data to develop COMSOL model of the heat exchanger. |
| Large scale water to supercritical CO ₂ heat exchanger testing | Obtain data to validate COMSOL modeling and scale modeling up to validate future heat exchanger size and weight. |
| Heat exchanger structural evaluation | Evaluate failure mode and manufacturing technique structural effectiveness. |





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