

# Development of A Transient Analysis Code for S-CO<sub>2</sub> Power Conversion System

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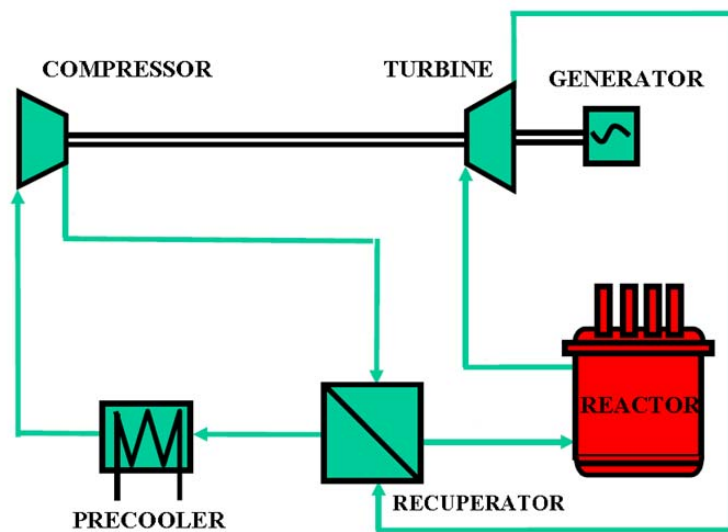
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# PART 1 INTRODUCTION

## ■ S-CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle

### S-CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle Advantage:

- ✓ High thermal efficiency
- ✓ Simple configuration
- ✓ Compact turbomachinery



3 **A Simple Brayton Cycle Layout**

### Transient analysis code used in S-CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle

Built up method	Analysis code	Applied in
Developed with an exist Transient analysis code	TRACE	S-CO <sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle
	GAMMA+	KAIST Micro Modular Reactor(MMR)
	MARS	Supercritical CO <sub>2</sub> Integral Experimental Loop (SCIEL)
	RELAP5-3D	SCO <sub>2</sub> cooled fast reactors
	MMS-LMR	Sodium cooled fast reactor KALIMER-600
Developed with nothing	GAS-PASS	
	Plant Dynamics Code (PDC)	S-CO <sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle coupled to lead-cooled fast reactor



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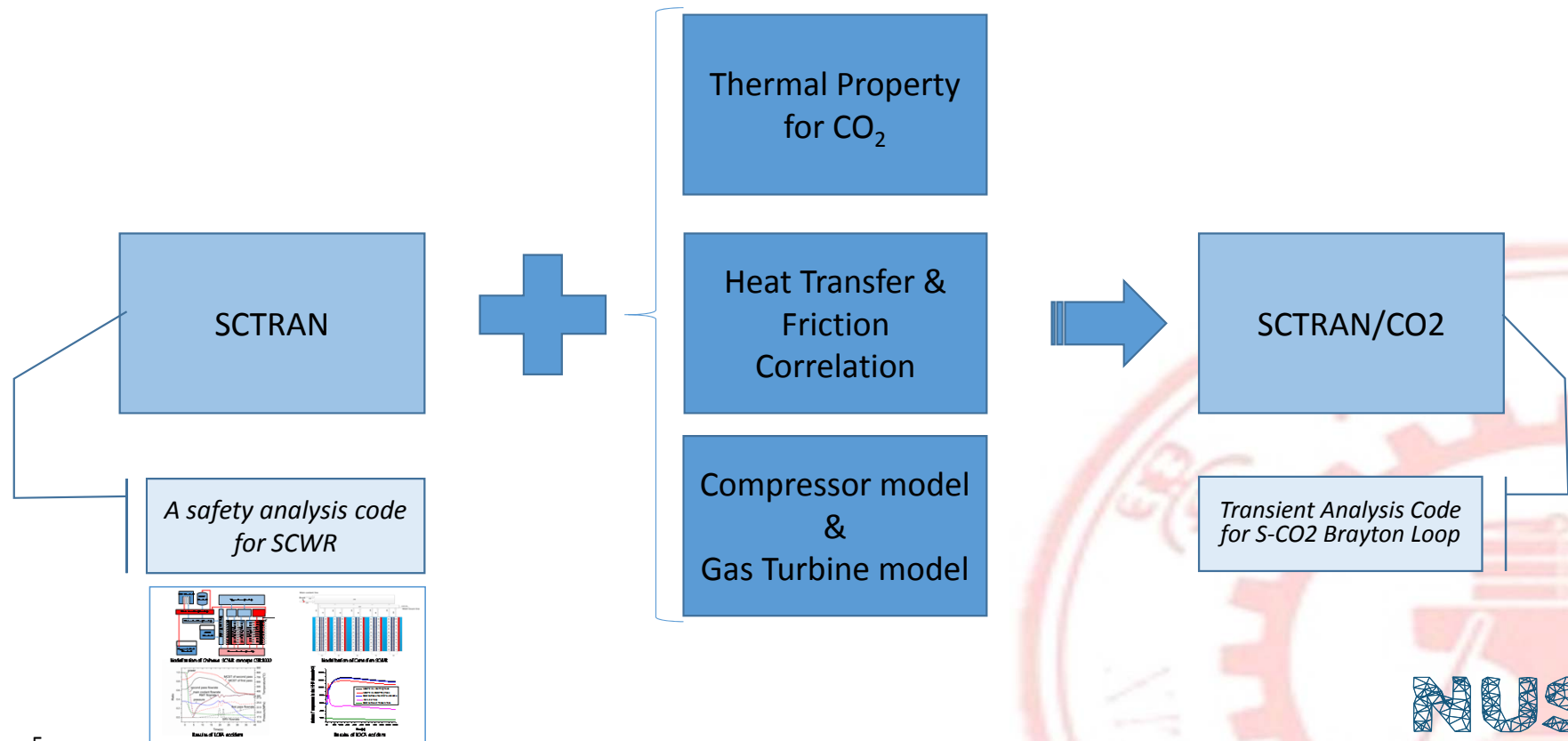
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- Component model needed for SCTRAN/CO2
  - ✓ Constitutive model
  - ✓ Compressor model
  - ✓ Gas turbine model
  - ✓ Shaft model

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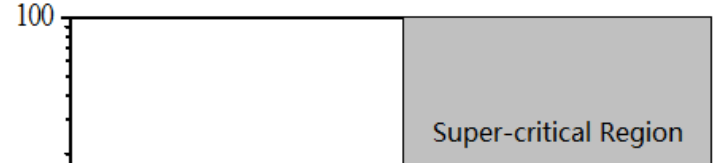
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# 2.1 SCTRAN Introduction



# 2.2 Constitutive Model

## Property of carbon dioxide



$$F(p, h) = \sum_{i=0}^4 \sum_{j=0}^4 a_{ij} p^i h^j, \quad p \leq p_{critical}, h < h_i(p) \text{ 或 } p > p_{critical}, h \leq h_{set10}$$

$$F(p, h) = \sum_{i=0}^4 \sum_{j=0}^4 b_{ij} p^i h^j, \quad p \leq p_{critical}, h_g(p) < h \leq h_{set20}$$

$$\text{或 } p > p_{critical}, h_{set11} < h \leq h_{set20}$$

$$F(p, h) = \sum_{i=0}^4 \sum_{j=0}^4 c_{ij} p^i h^j, \quad h > h_{set21}$$

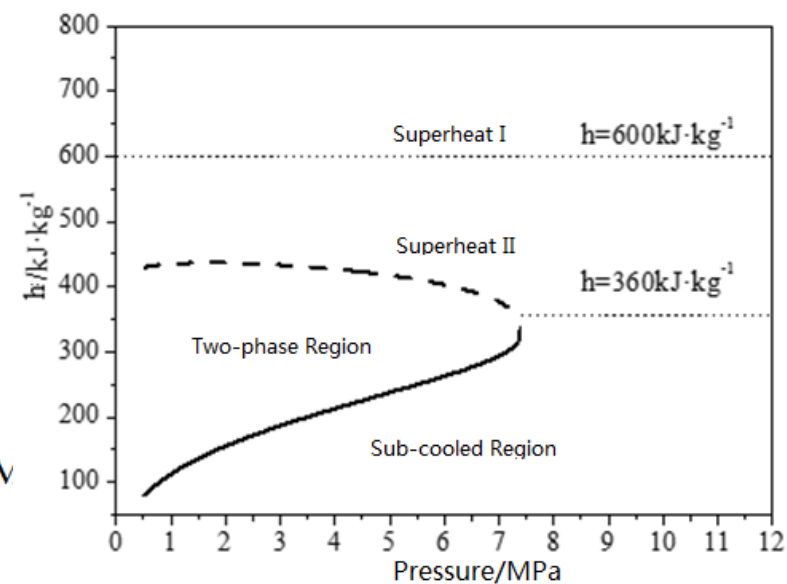
$$F(p, h) = F \left( F = \sum_{i=0}^4 \sum_{j=0}^4 a_{ij} T^i \rho^j - F(p, h_{set10}) \right)$$

$$, p > p_{critical}, h_{set10} < h < h_{set11}$$

$$F(p, h) = F(p, h_{set20}) + \frac{(h - h_{set20})}{(h_{set21} - h_{set20})} [F(p, h_{set21}) - F(p, h_{set20})]$$

$$, h_{set20} < h \leq h_{set21}$$

5 < p < 5.5 MPa



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## 2.2 Constitutive Model

### □ Heat transfer correlation

Gnielinski Correlation:

$$N_u = \frac{hD_e}{\lambda} = \frac{(f/8)(\text{Re}-1000)\text{Pr}}{1+12.7\sqrt{(f/8)(\text{Pr}^{2/3}-1)}}, 2300 < \text{Re} < 5 \times 10^6, 0.5 < \text{Pr} < 200$$

### □ Friction correlation

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2 \log \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon}{3.7D_e} + \frac{2.51}{\text{Re}} \left[ 1.14 - 2 \log \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{D_e} + \frac{21.25}{\text{Re}^{0.9}} \right) \right] \right\}, \text{Re} > 3400$$

$$f = \frac{64}{\text{Re}}, \text{Re} < 2300$$

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## 2.3 Compressor Model

### □ Compressor model : Solution

#### ✓ Compressor torque

$$\tau_t = \tau_s + \tau_d = \frac{m}{\omega} (h_{2s} - h_{01}) + \frac{m}{\omega} (h_{02} - h_{2s})$$

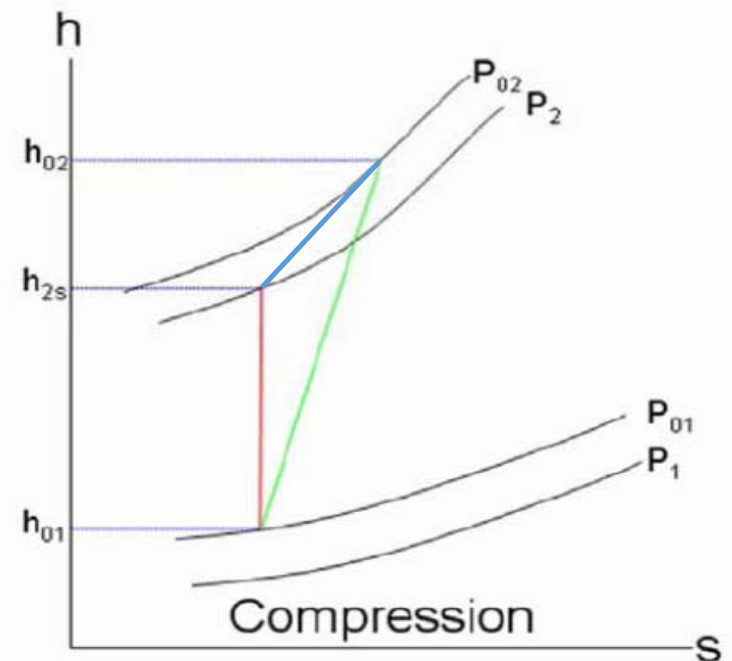
#### ✓ Ideal outlet fluid enthalpy

$$h_{2s} = h_{01} + \int_{P_1}^{P_2} v_m * dp$$

among,  $P_2 = P_1 * R_p$

#### ✓ Realistic outlet fluid enthalpy

$$\eta_{ad} = \frac{h_{2s} - h_{01}}{h_{02} - h_{01}}$$



*Ideal and realistic compression process  
inside compressor*

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## 2.3 Compressor Model

### □ Compressor model : Intergrated in SCTRAN

✓ Total torque of compressor

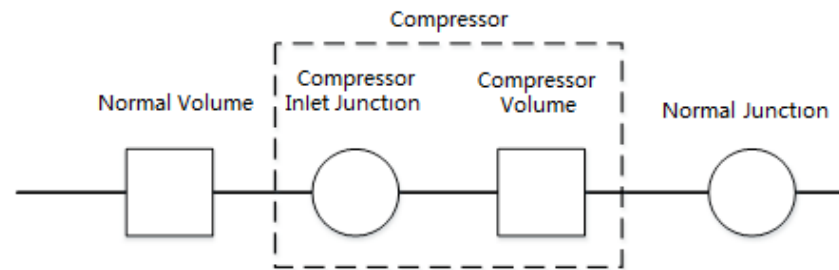
$$\tau_t = \tau_s + \tau_d = \frac{\dot{m}}{\omega} (h_{2s} - h_{01}) + \frac{\dot{m}}{\omega} (h_{02} - h_{2s}) = \frac{\dot{m}}{\omega} \frac{1}{\eta_{ad}} (h_{2s} - h_{01}) = \frac{\dot{m}}{\omega} \frac{1}{\eta_{ad}} \frac{P_1^T (R_p - 1)}{\rho_m} = \frac{\dot{m}}{\omega} \frac{1}{\eta_{ad}} \frac{(P_2 - P_1)}{\rho_m}$$

✓ Compressor work added on fluid

$$W = \tau_t * \omega$$

✓ Pressure rise

$$\Delta P = P_1 (R_p - 1)$$



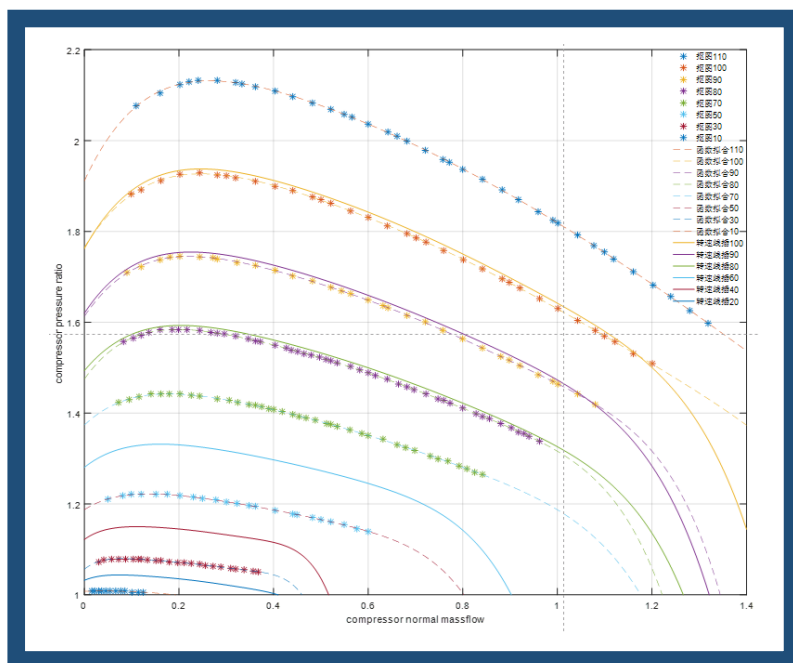
*The compressor incorporated in SCTRAN/CO2*



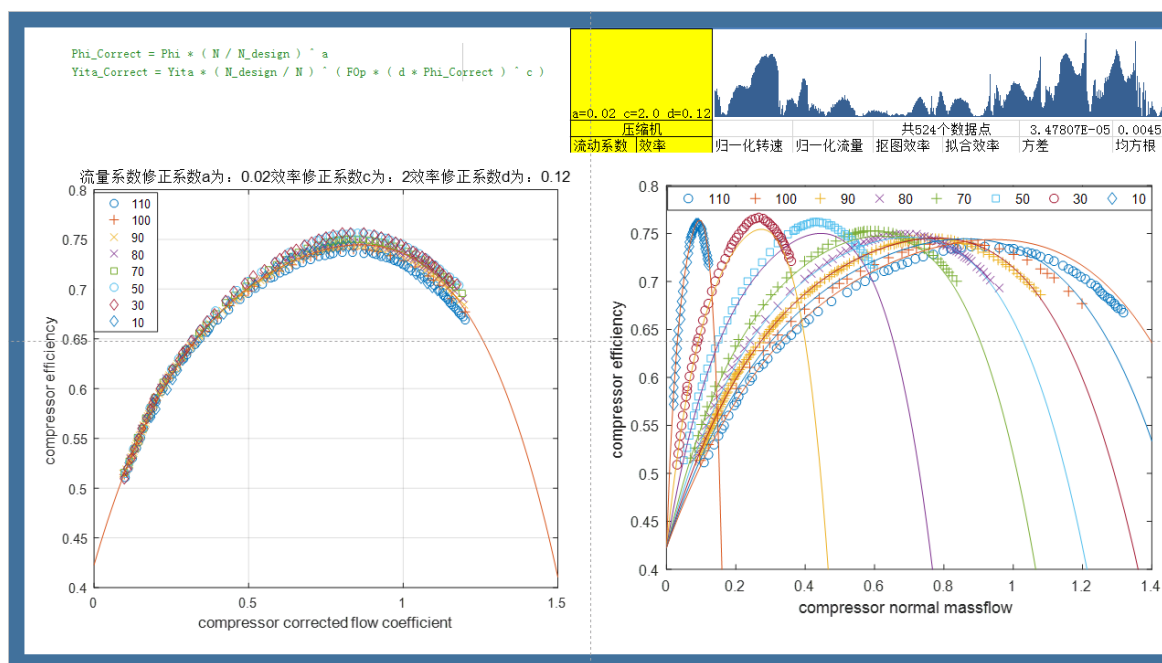
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# 2.3 Compressor Model

## Compressor model : Performance Map



Compressor Pressure Ratio



Compressor Efficiency



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## 2.4 Turbine Model

- ✓ fluid enthalpy increase

$$\Delta h = \frac{h_2^T - h_1^T}{\eta_{ad}}$$

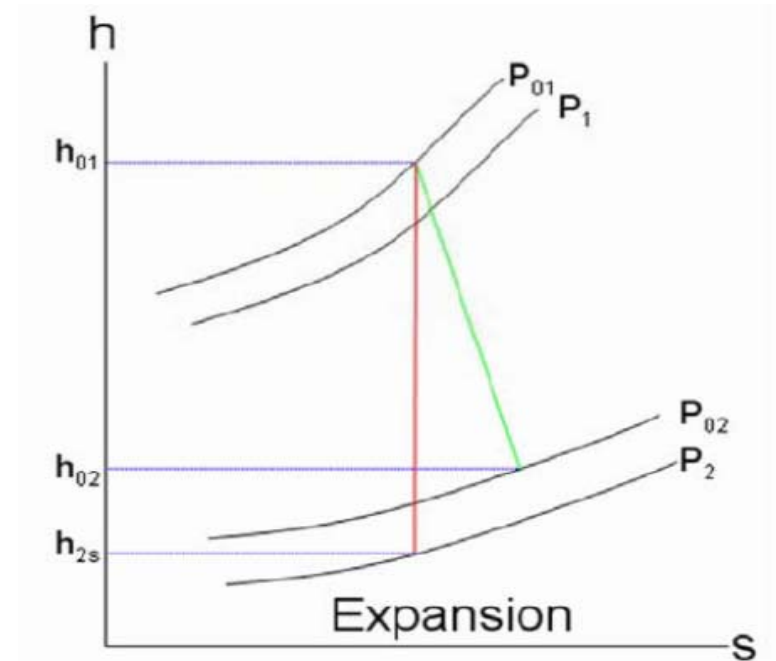
- ✓ pressure drop

$$\Delta P = P_1 (R_p - 1)$$

- ✓ total torque of gas turbine

$$\tau = \frac{m \eta (P_1 - P_2)}{\omega \rho_m}$$

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*Ideal and realistic expansion process  
inside gas turbine*

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## 2.5 Shaft Model

- ✓ Mode 1(without control system)

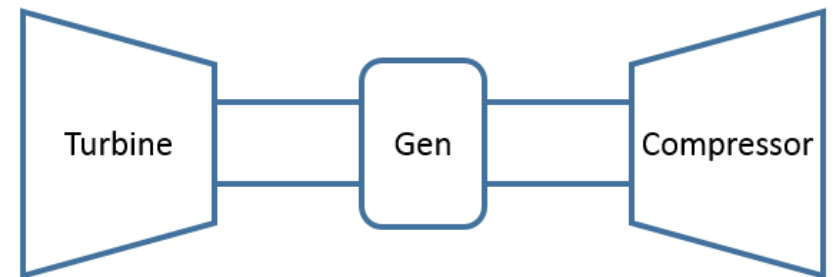
$$\omega_{T,i} = \omega_{C,k} = \omega_{Shaft} = \text{User defined}$$

- ✓ Mode 2(with control system)

$$\sum_i I_i \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \sum_m \tau_{T,m} - \sum_n \tau_{C,n} + \tau_g$$

Among:

$$\tau_g = C * \tau_{g,i}$$



# PART 3 COMPONENT MODEL VERIFICATION

- Thermal property verification
- PCHE model verification
- Compressor model verification

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# 3.1 Thermal Property Package Verification

*Relative prediction error of the developed CO<sub>2</sub> property package compared to NIST REFPROP 9.0*

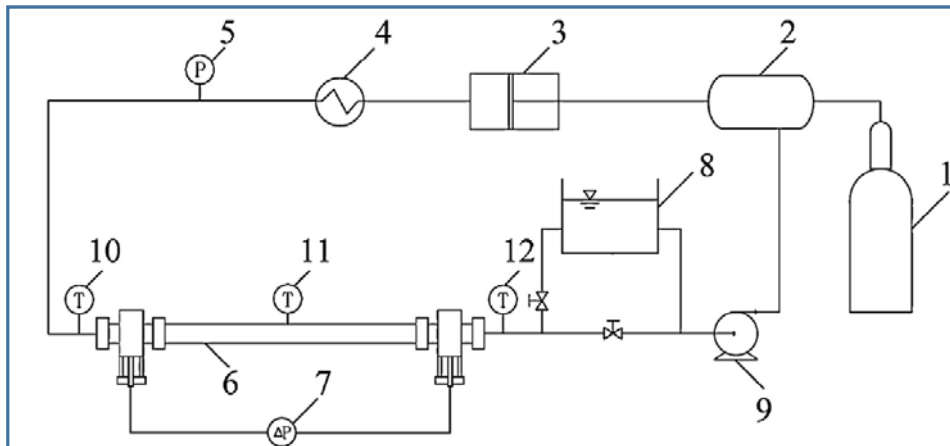
CO <sub>2</sub> Property	Symbol	Regions	Relative Error
Saturated Liquid Enthalpy	$h_f$	-	$\pm 0.015\%$
Saturated Vapor Enthalpy	$h_g$	-	$\pm 0.009\%$
Temperature	$T$	Subcooled area	(-0.05%, 0.1%), 99% of which is within relative errors of $\pm 0.05\%$
		Superheated region 1	(-0.2%, +0.2%), 99% of which is within relative errors of $\pm 0.1\%$
		Superheated region 2	(-0.1%, 0.25%), 99% of which is within relative errors of $\pm 0.05\%$
Specific Volume	$v$	Subcooled area	(-0.5%, 1%), 99% of which is within relative errors of $\pm 0.5\%$
		Superheated region 1	(-1%, 4%), 99% of which is within relative errors of $\pm 1.0\%$
		Superheated region 2	(-0.5%, 0.1%), 99% of which is within relative errors of $\pm 0.1\%$
Thermal Conductivity	$\lambda$	-	(-30%, 40%) near the critical region, (-2%, +2%) at other regions
Dynamic Viscosity	$\mu$	-	(-1.5%, 0.5%), 99% of which is within relative errors of $\pm 0.5\%$

# 3.2 PCHE Model Verification

## Friction model code programming verification

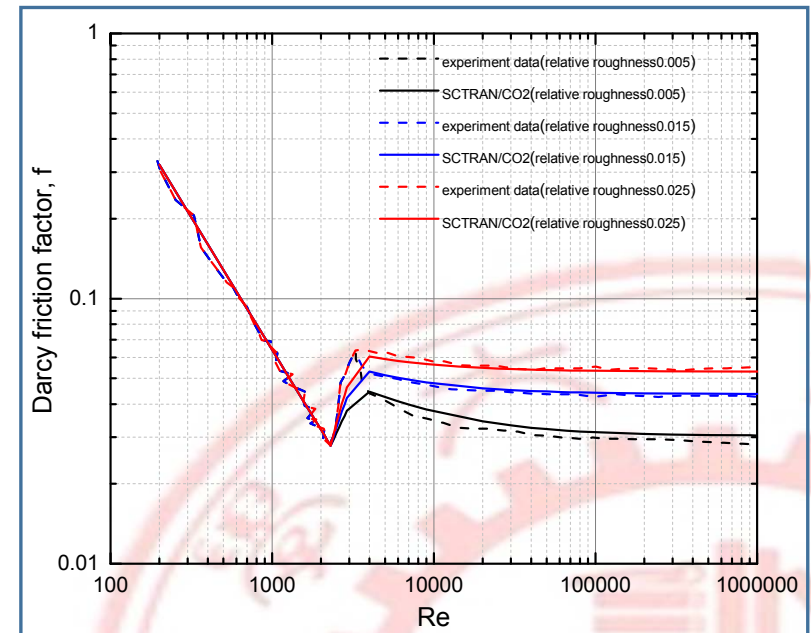
### Experimental Conditions:

- The temperature range : 30-150°C;
- The pressure range : 3.5-40 MPa;
- The Reynolds number range :  $200-2.0 \times 10^6$ ;
- The surface relative roughness (ratio of roughness over tube diameter) : 0.005, 0.015 and 0.025.



- 1. Carbon dioxide gas source; 2. Circulation tank; 3. Gas booster pump; 4. Heating system;
- 5. Pressure sensors; 6. Measuring pipeline; 7. Differential pressure sensors; 8. cooling unit;
- 9. Gas circulation pump; 10, 11, 12. temperature sensors

**Wang et al. Experimental Loop**



**Comparison with experimental data for friction coefficient of various roughness**

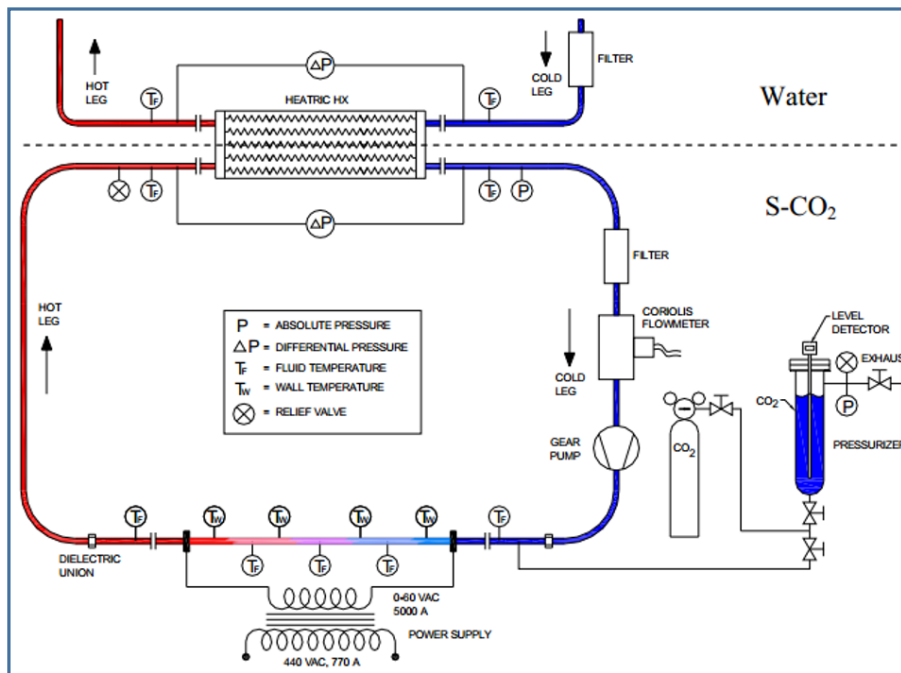


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# 3.2 PCHE Model Verification

## ■ PCHE model verification



**JOSH VAN METER PCHE Experimental Loop**

**Built in:**  
ANL

**Composed of:**  
Cooling water system  
CO<sub>2</sub> Circle System  
Pressure Stabilizing System

**Focused on:**  
Water and CO<sub>2</sub> heat transfer  
characteristic in PCHE



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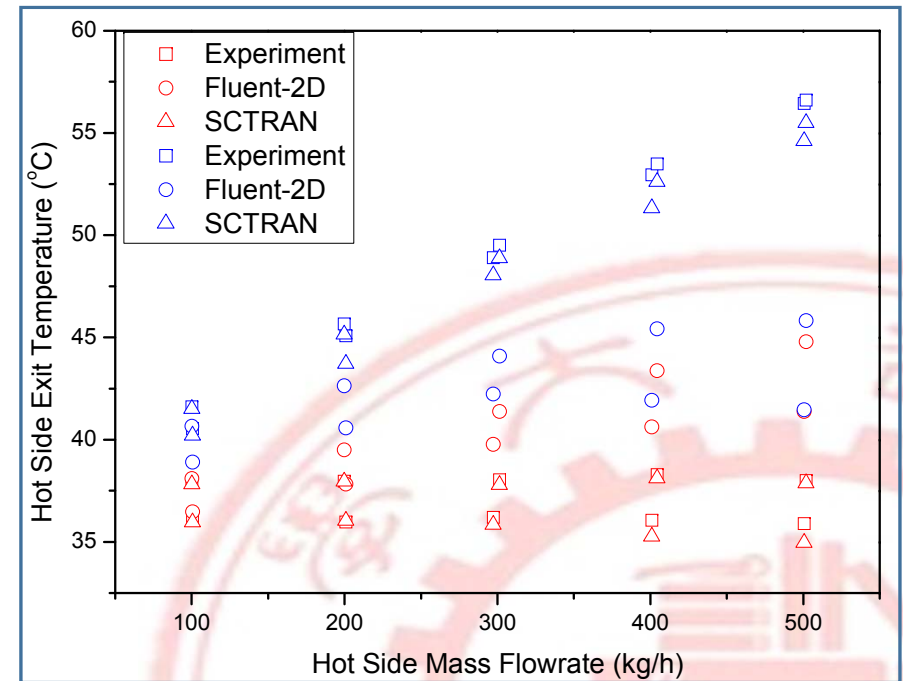
## ■ PCHE model verification

TEST_NO.	CO <sub>2</sub> Side			H <sub>2</sub> O Side	
	Pressure	Flowrate	Temp_In	Flowrate	Temp_In
B6	8.003	100.53	88.63	701.59	35.63
B7	8.001	200.77	88.1	699.78	35.11
B8	7.972	297.14	89.36	701.8	35.05
B9	8.003	401.01	87.92	701.77	33.28
B10	7.995	500.61	87.93	700.09	31.28
B11	8.003	100.03	87.68	697.8	37.68
B12	8.005	199.73	88.85	697.8	37.53
B13	7.998	301.31	88.17	699.86	37.48
B14	8.02	404.29	88.97	701.62	37.58
B15	7.998	501.79	88.09	702.25	36.83

**Test Conditions :**

**PCHE fluid inlet temperatures and Mass flowrate**

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**PCHE modeling results : PCHE fluid outlet temperatures**



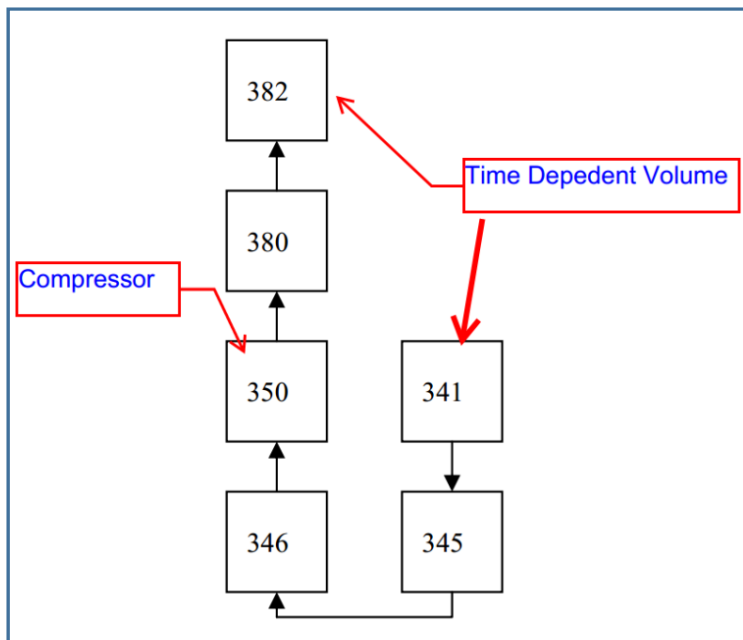
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# 3.3 Compressor Model Verification

## Compressor model verification

$$W_{c,v} = m \frac{1}{\eta_{ad}} \frac{P_1}{\rho_m} (R_p - 1)$$



Nodalization of  
the recompressing compressor

### Boundary conditions:

TDV 341:9.08MPa, 363K

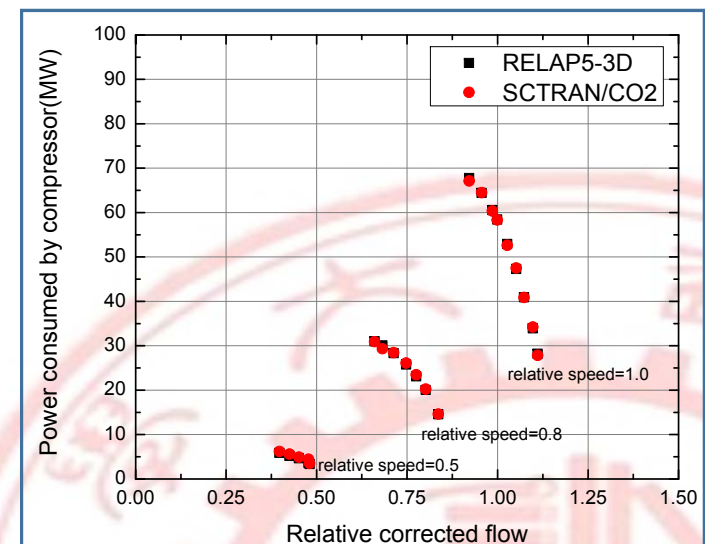
### Operation parameters:

Relative flowrate: 0.4-1.0

Relative speed: 0.5, 0.8, 1.0

### Result:

The compressor model in SCTRAN/CO2 is able to predict the compressor consuming power.



Predicted compressor consuming power  
by SCTRAN/CO2 and RELAP5-3D



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# PART 4 LOOP SIMULATION VERIFICATION

➤ S-CO<sub>2</sub> PE Loop

➤ IST Loop

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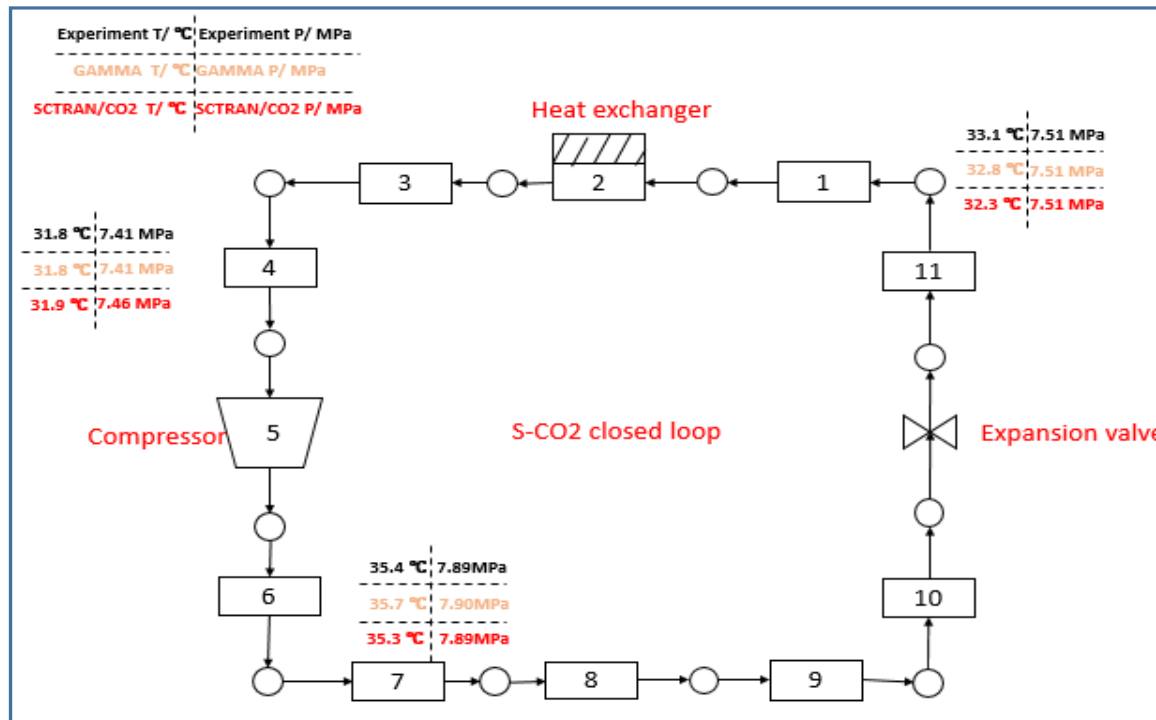
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# 4.1 S-CO2 PE Loop Simulation Verification

## ■ S-CO2 PE Loop Steady State Simulation



SCO2PE loop simulation nodalization and steady result

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### Simplification:

1. SCTRAN/CO2 applies a heat flux boundary to simulate the heat exchanger in the steady
2. The pressure ratio and efficiency keeps constant in the steady and transient simulation

### Steady Result:

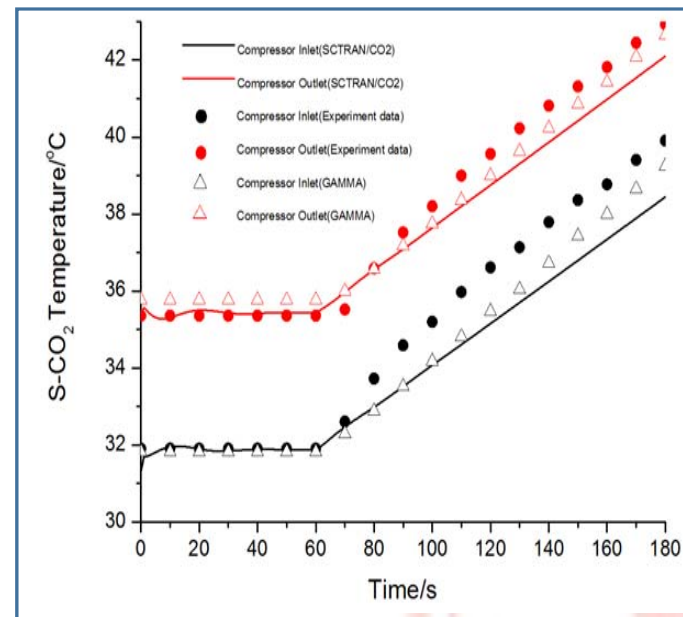
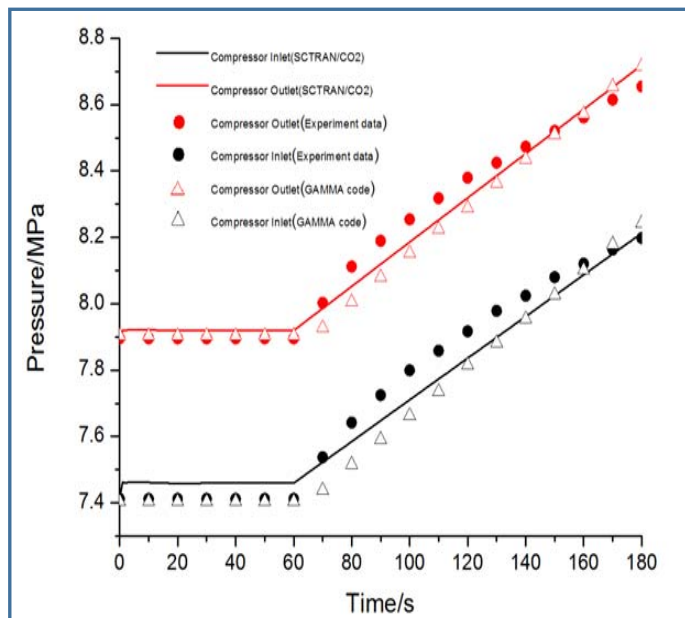
1. The Temp Error is within 0.2 °C
2. The Pressure Error is within 0.1 MPa



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# 4.1 S-CO<sub>2</sub> PE Loop Simulation Verification

## ■ S-CO<sub>2</sub> PE Loop Transient Simulation



*Pressure and temperature variation during the cooling reduction transient*

**Transient:**  
water flowrate from  
0.25 kg/s to 0.17 kg/s in  
60 second

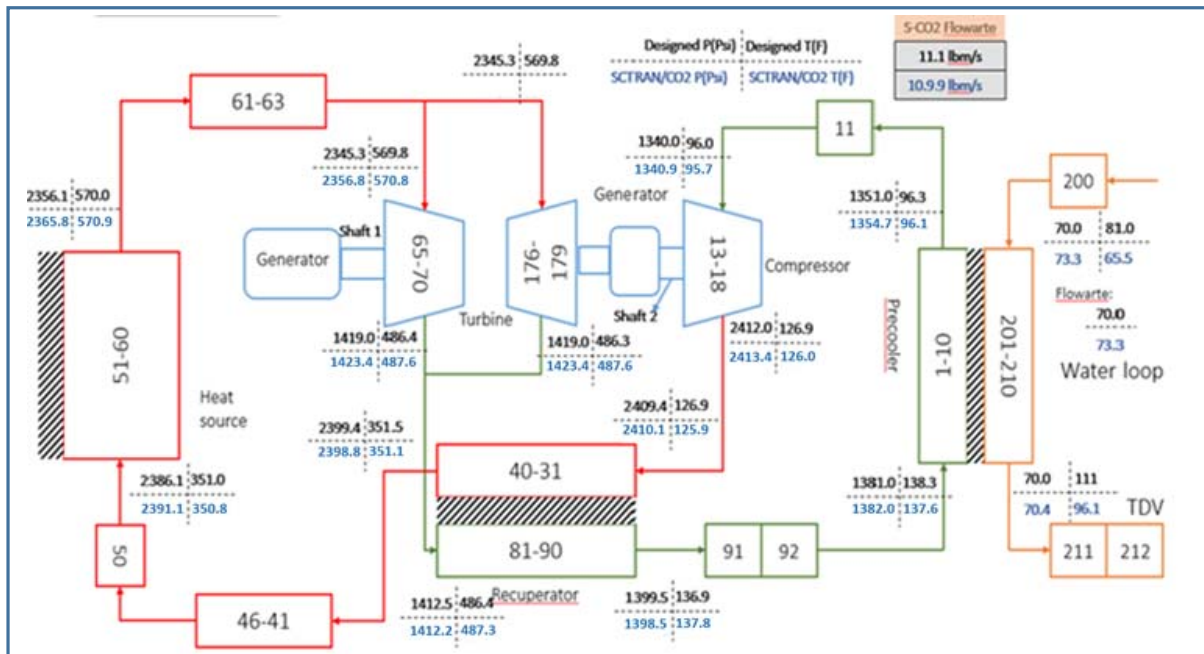
**Result:**  
the relative error of  
pressure is within 1% ;  
the error of temp is  
within 2 °C.



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# 4.2 IST Loop Simulation Verification

## ■ IST Loop Full Power Heat Balance Simulation



Designed	SCTRAN/CO2	Error
CO2 Loop Flowrate(lbm/s)		
11.1	10.99	-0.99%
Max Temperature Difference(F)		
486.4	487.6	1.2
Max Pressure Difference(psi)		
2345.3	2356.8	1.2%

### Conclusion:

1. The SCTRAN/CO2 is able to simulate S-CO2 Brayton cycle
2. Transient process isn't presented



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Comparison of SCTRAN/CO2 predicted and the IST designed steady state result

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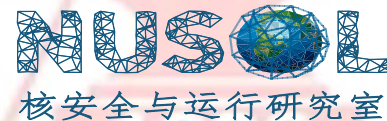
## ■ Conclusion

- ✓ The **PCHE model** can predict the fluid outlet temperature at steady state.
- ✓ The **compressor model** of SCTRAN/CO2 can predict **accurate** compressor consuming power, which indicate it can be used for Brayton cycle simulation.
- ✓ Transient simulation of SCO2PE and steady state simulation of IST indicate that **SCTRAN/CO2** owns the **ability** to conduct **transient simulations** for **S-CO2 Brayton cycle**.

## ■ Expectation

- ✓ The friction model for PCHE model should be validated
- ✓ The transient validation for PCHE model is wanted
- ✓ To do some control strategy analysis for brayton cycle with our newly developed code

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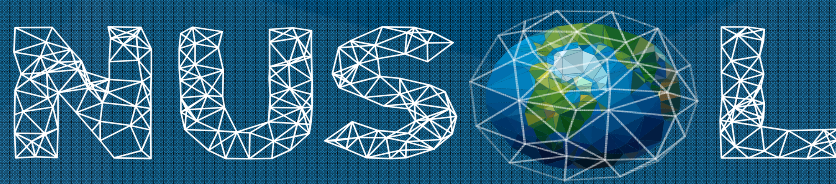
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