Tutorial:

Fundamentals of Supercritical CO_2

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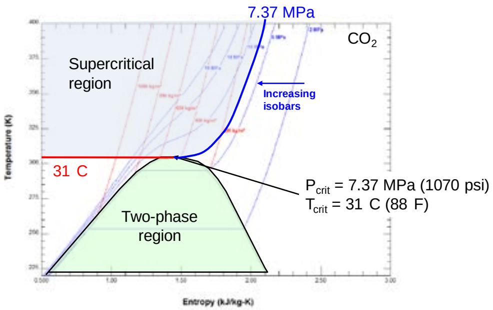
Abstract

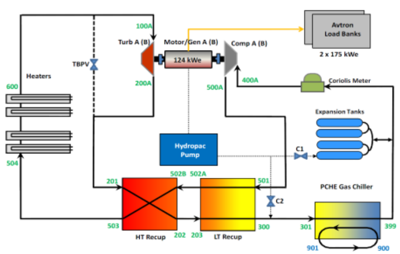
The recent interest to use supercritical CO_2 (sCO_2) in power cycle applications over the past decade has resulted in a large amount of literature that focuses on specific areas related to sCO_2 power cycles in great detail. Such focus areas are demonstration test facilities, heat exchangers, turbomachinery, materials, and fluid properties of CO_2 and CO_2 mixtures, to name a few. As work related to sCO_2 power cycles continues, more technical depth will be emphasized in each focus area, whereas those unfamiliar with the topic are left to undertake the large task of understanding fundamentals on their own.

The following content provides an introductory tutorial on sCO_2 used in power cycle applications, aimed at those who are unfamiliar or only somewhat familiar to the topic. The tutorial includes a brief review of CO_2 and its current industrial uses, a primer on thermodynamic power cycles, an overview of supercritical CO_2 power cycle applications and machinery design considerations, and a summary of some of the current research and future trends.

This tutorial provides an introduction to sCO_2 in power cycle applications



CO_2 and supercritical CO_2 (sCO_2)



sCO_2 loop hardware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Concentrated Solar Power


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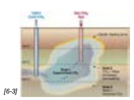
Fossil Fuel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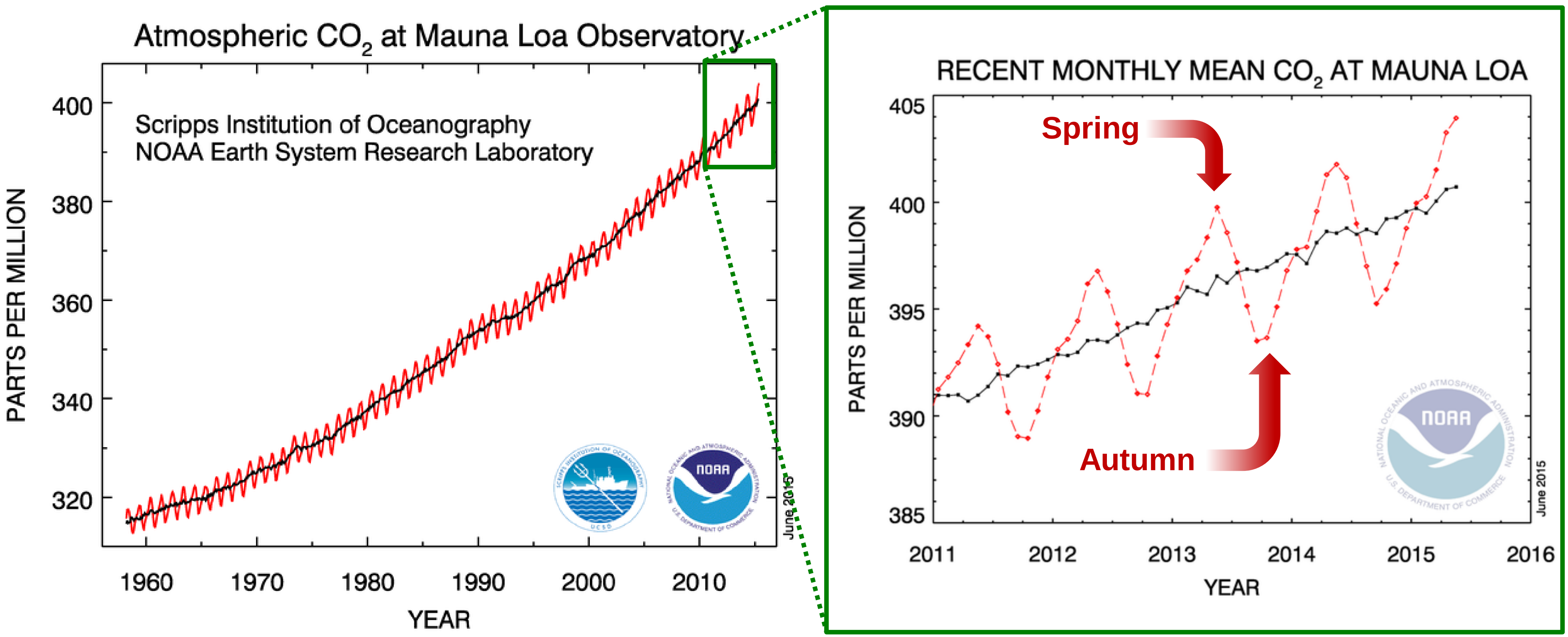
Ship-board Propulsion

Power cycle applications

Research and future trends

CO_2 General Information

CO_2 is a gas at atmospheric conditions with a concentration of ≈ 400 ppm



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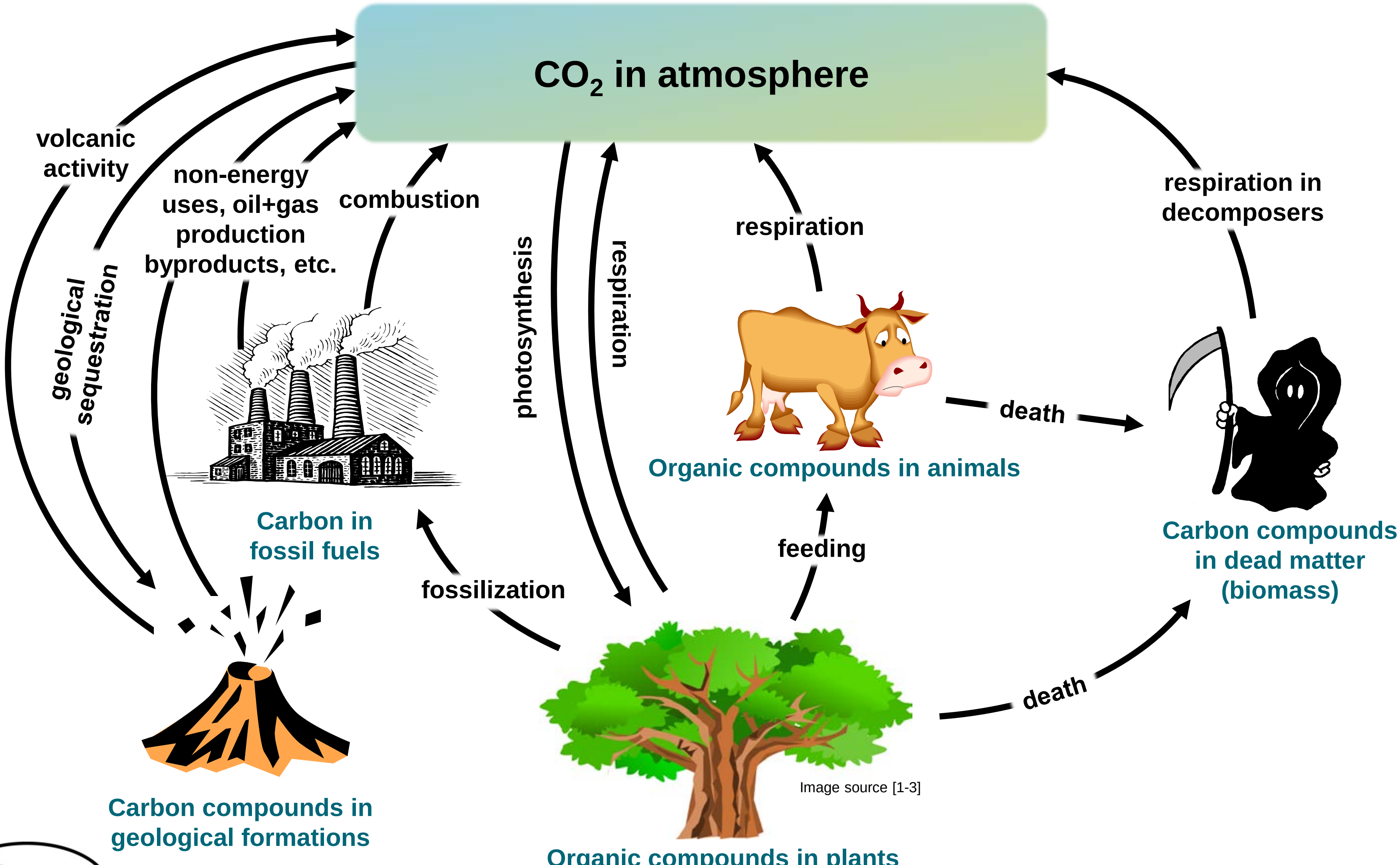
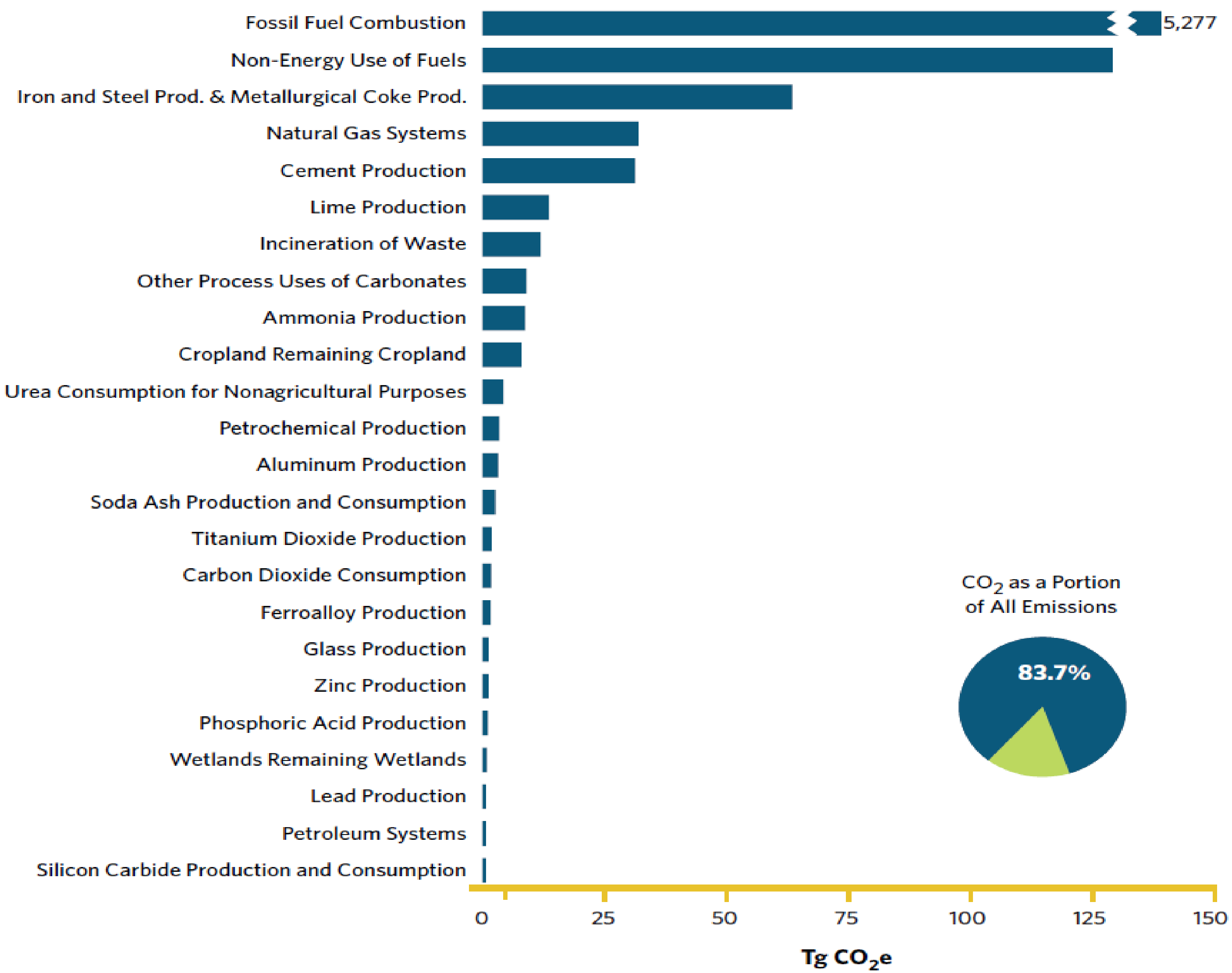
There are both industrial and natural contributors and consumers of CO_2 in our atmosphere



Fossil fuel combustion is the largest industrial contributor to CO_2 production



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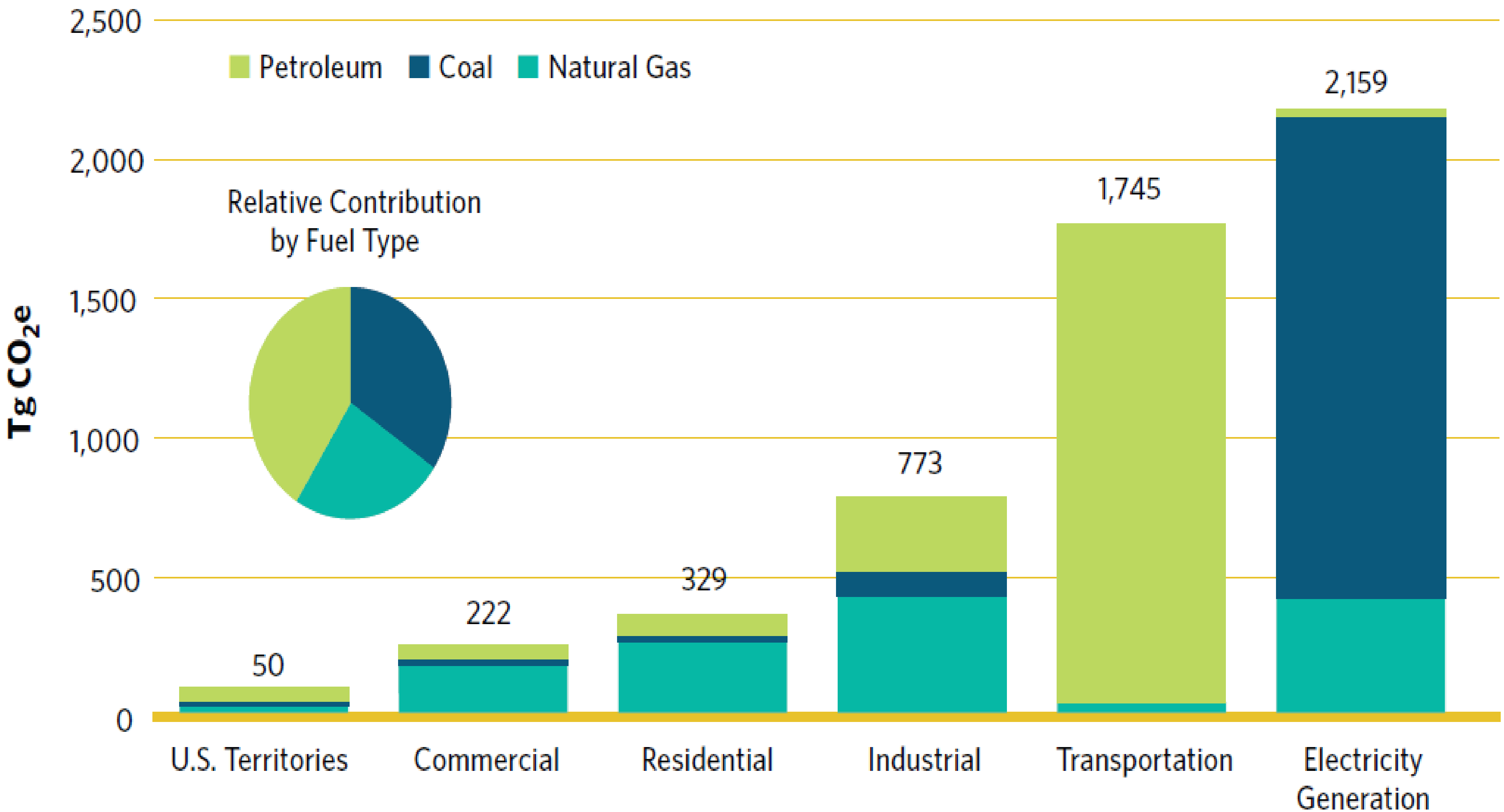
Transportation (petroleum) and electricity generation (coal) majority contributors of CO_2



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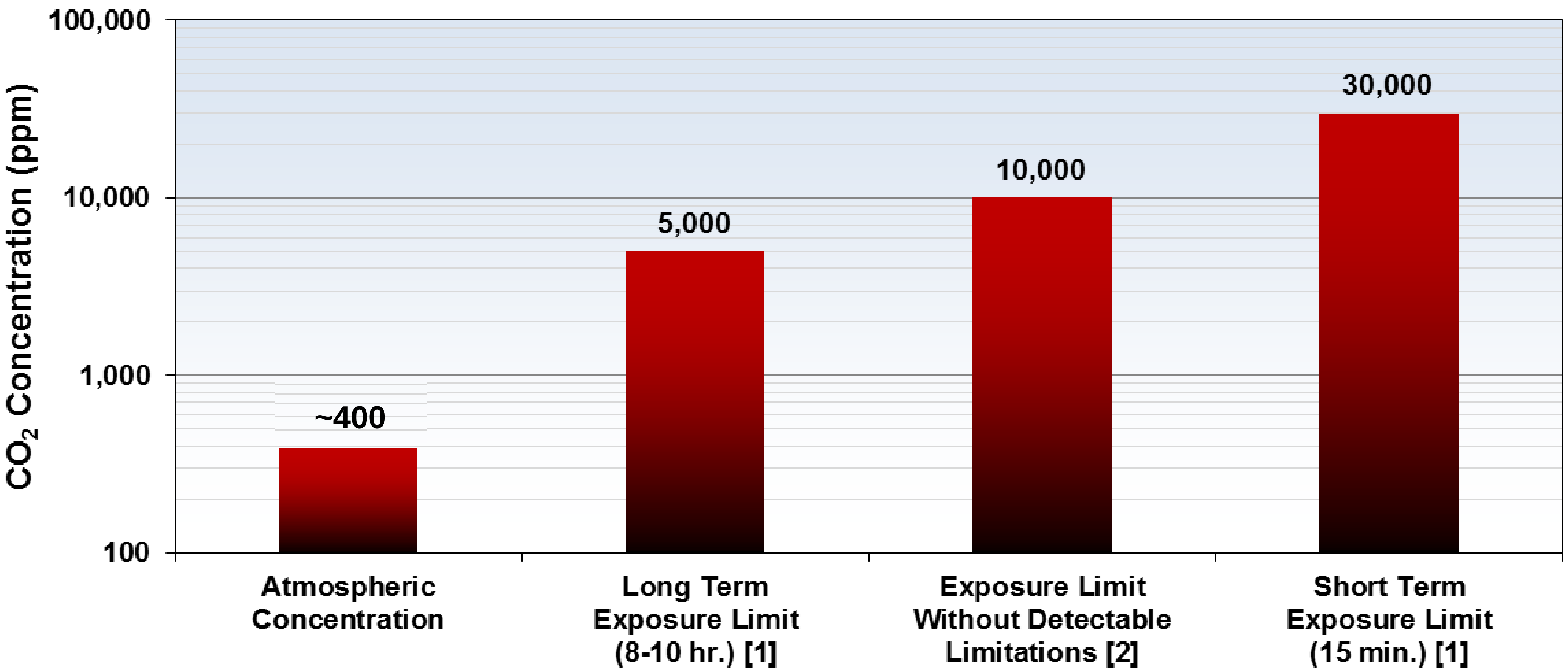
CO_2 has human exposure limits, but is classified at “non-toxic”



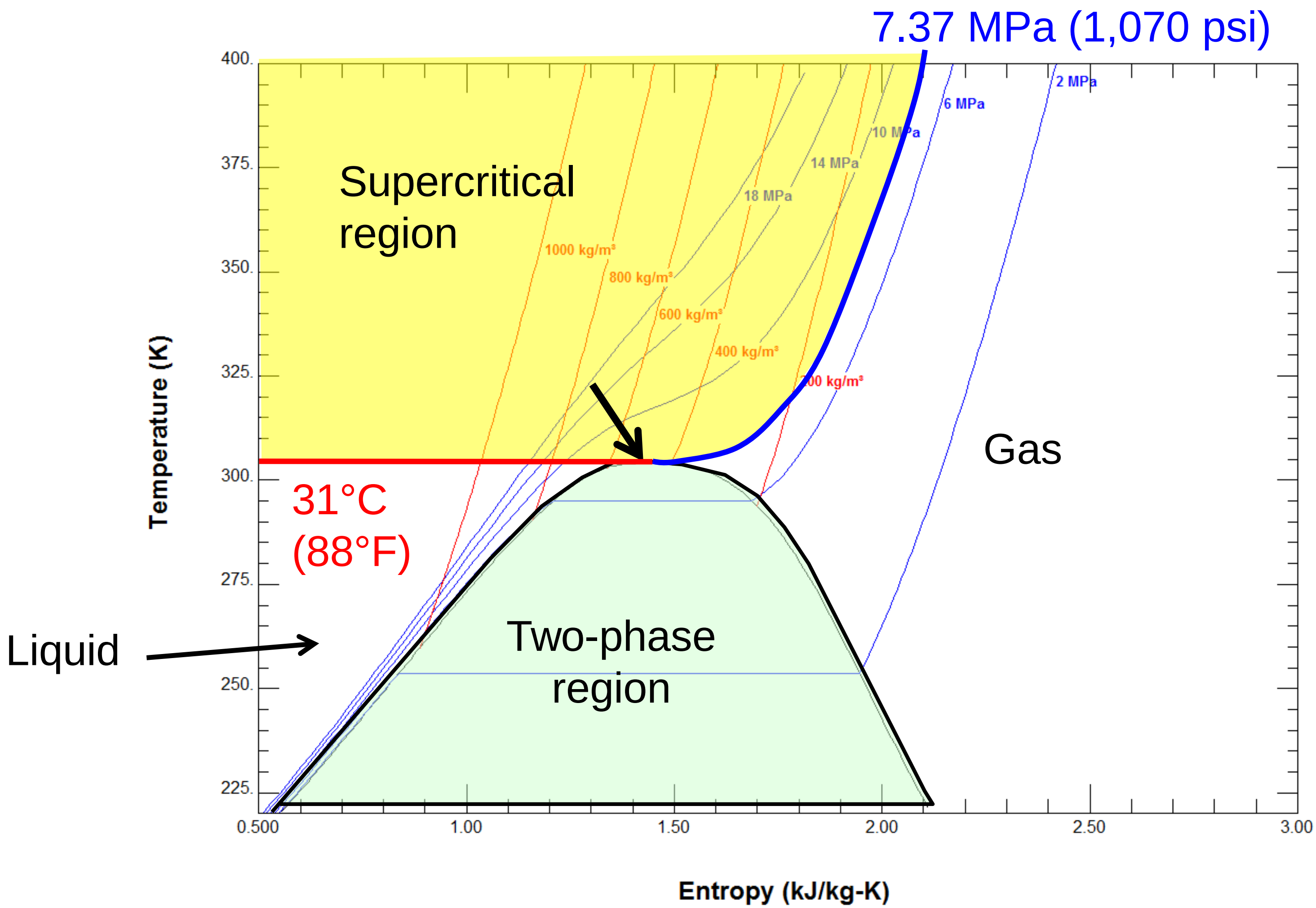
Notes:

[1] Reference safety standards: OSHA, ACGIH, NIOSH (USA)

[2] Reference study by Lambertsen (1971)

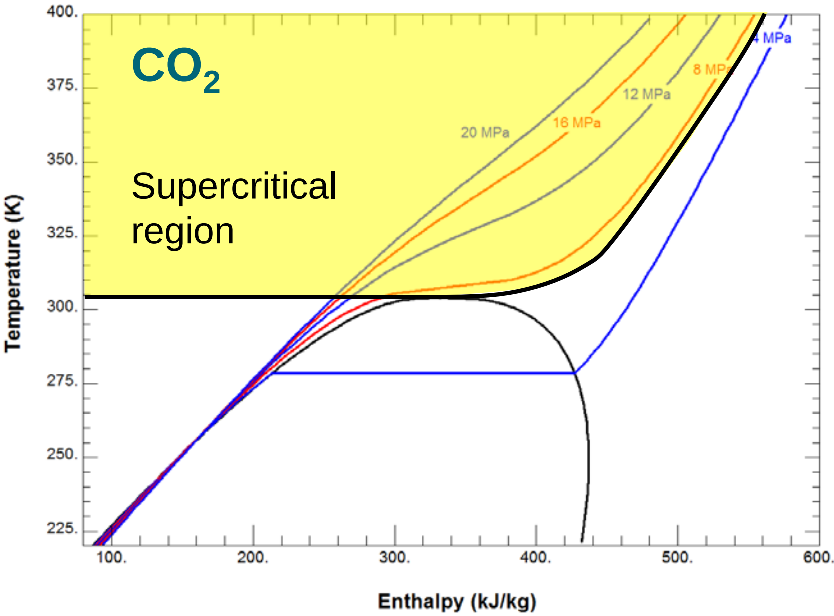
What is Supercritical CO_2?

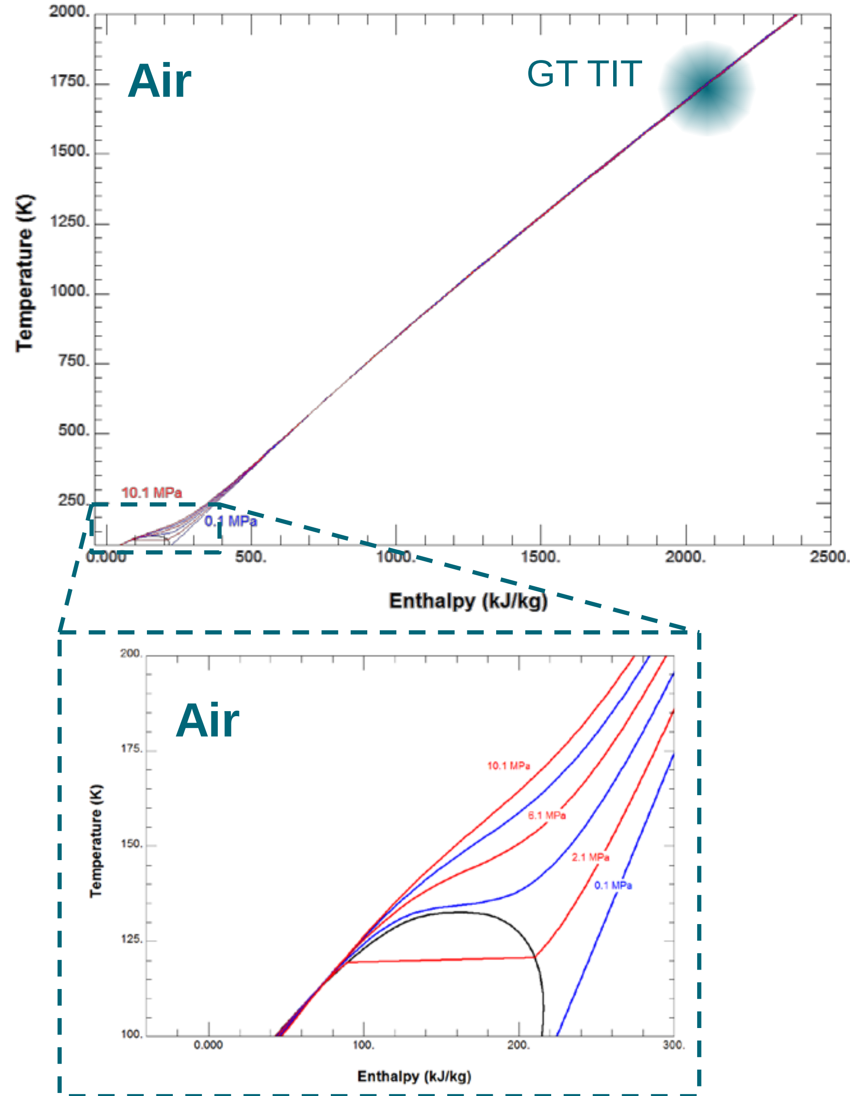
CO_2 is supercritical if the pressure and temperature are greater than the critical values



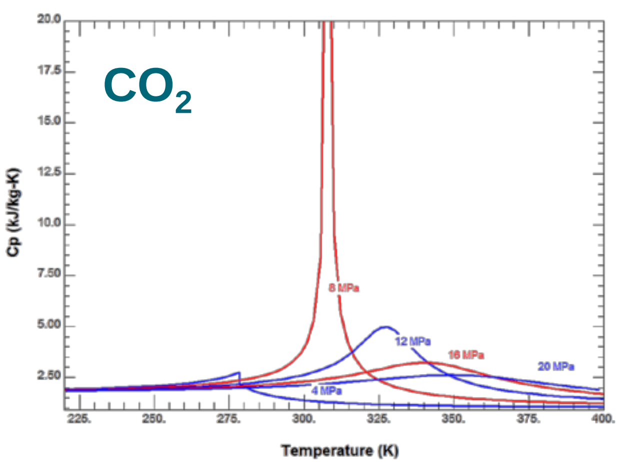
REFPROP (2007), EOS CO_2: Span & Wagner (1996)

Fluids operating near their critical point have dramatic changes in enthalpy





$$C_p = \left.\frac{\partial h}{\partial T}\right)_p$$



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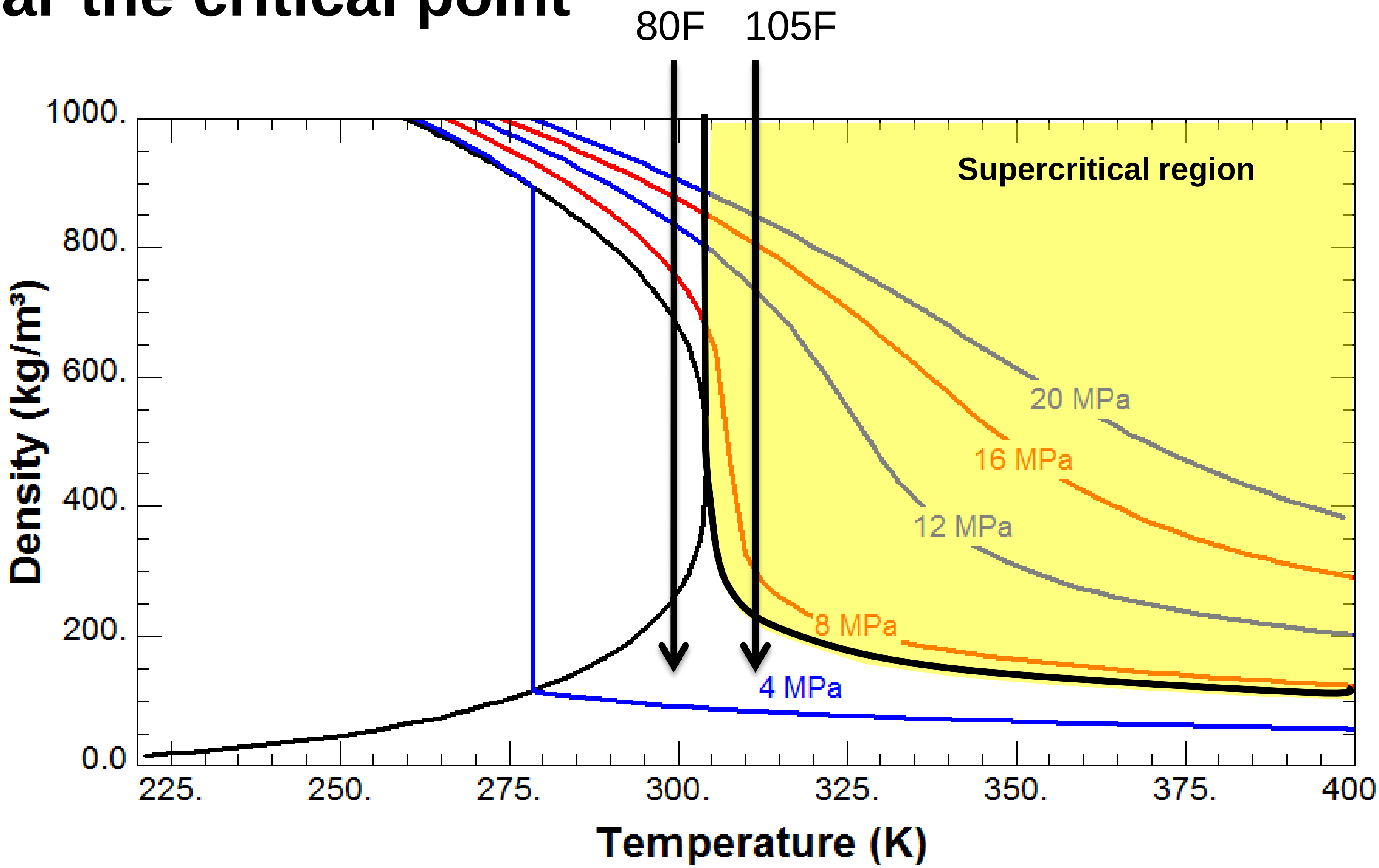
CO_2 density sharply decreases near the critical point



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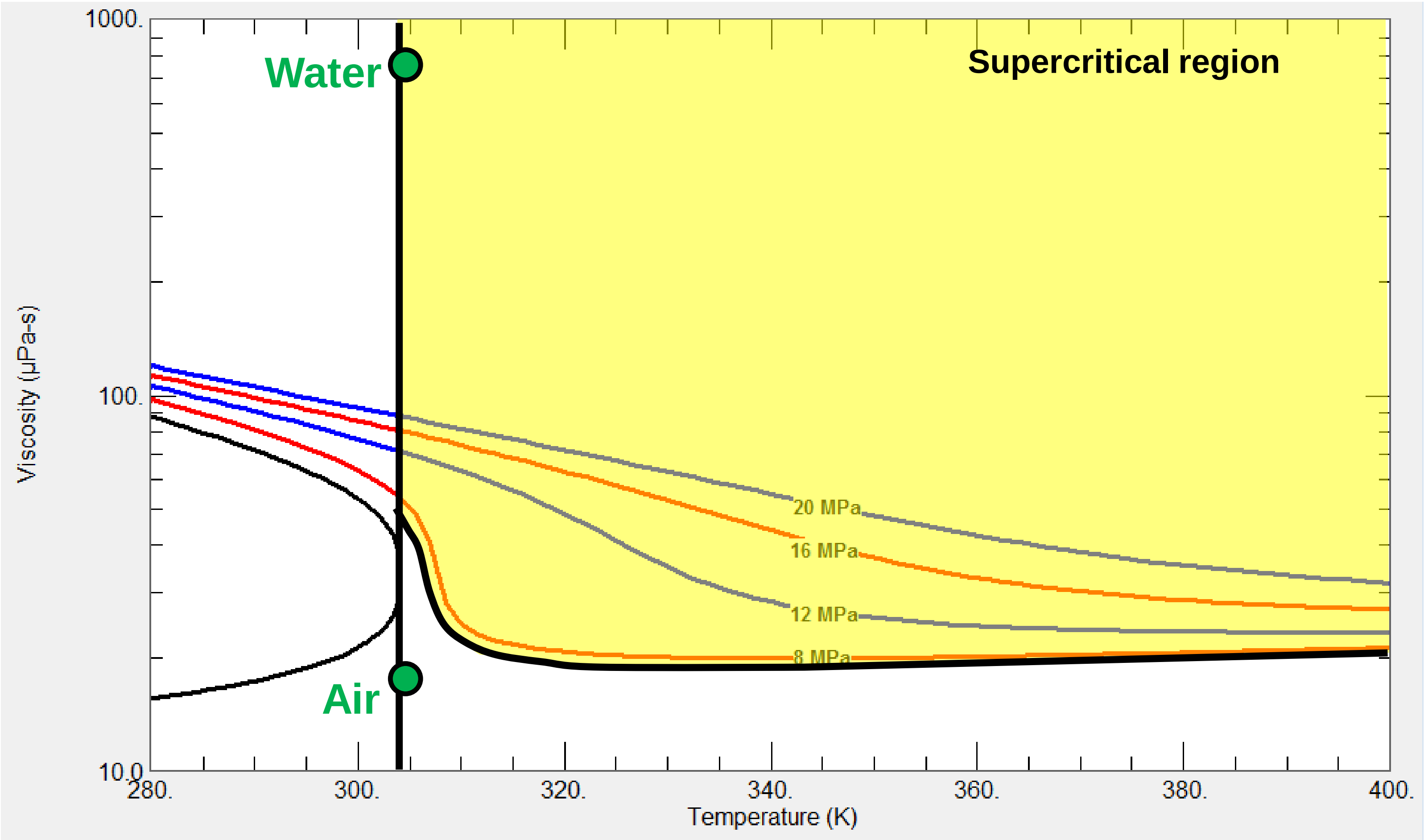
CO_2 viscosity decreases through the critical point



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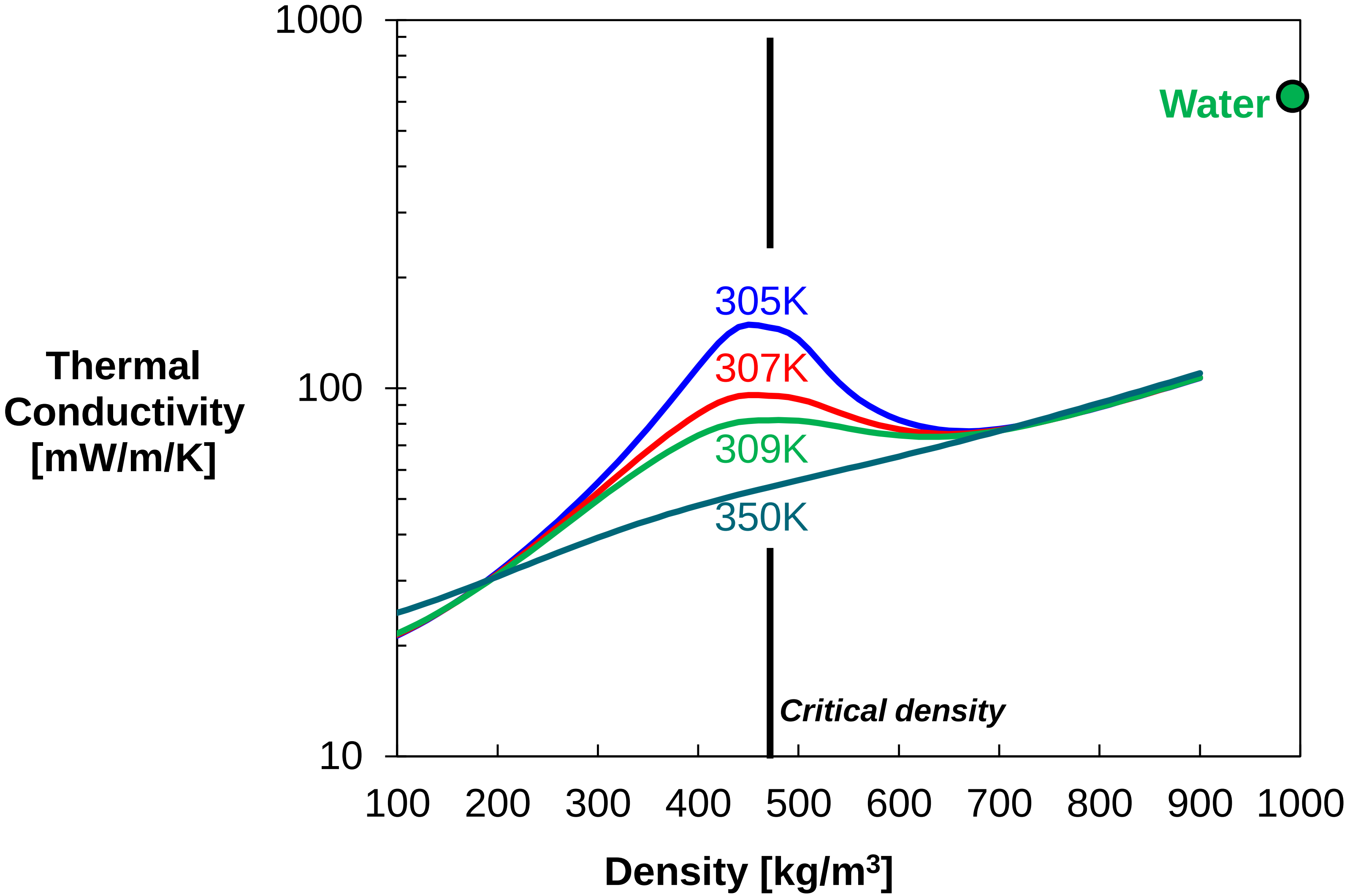
1 μPa-s = 10^{-6} kg/m/s

CO_2 thermal conductivity is enhanced near the critical region



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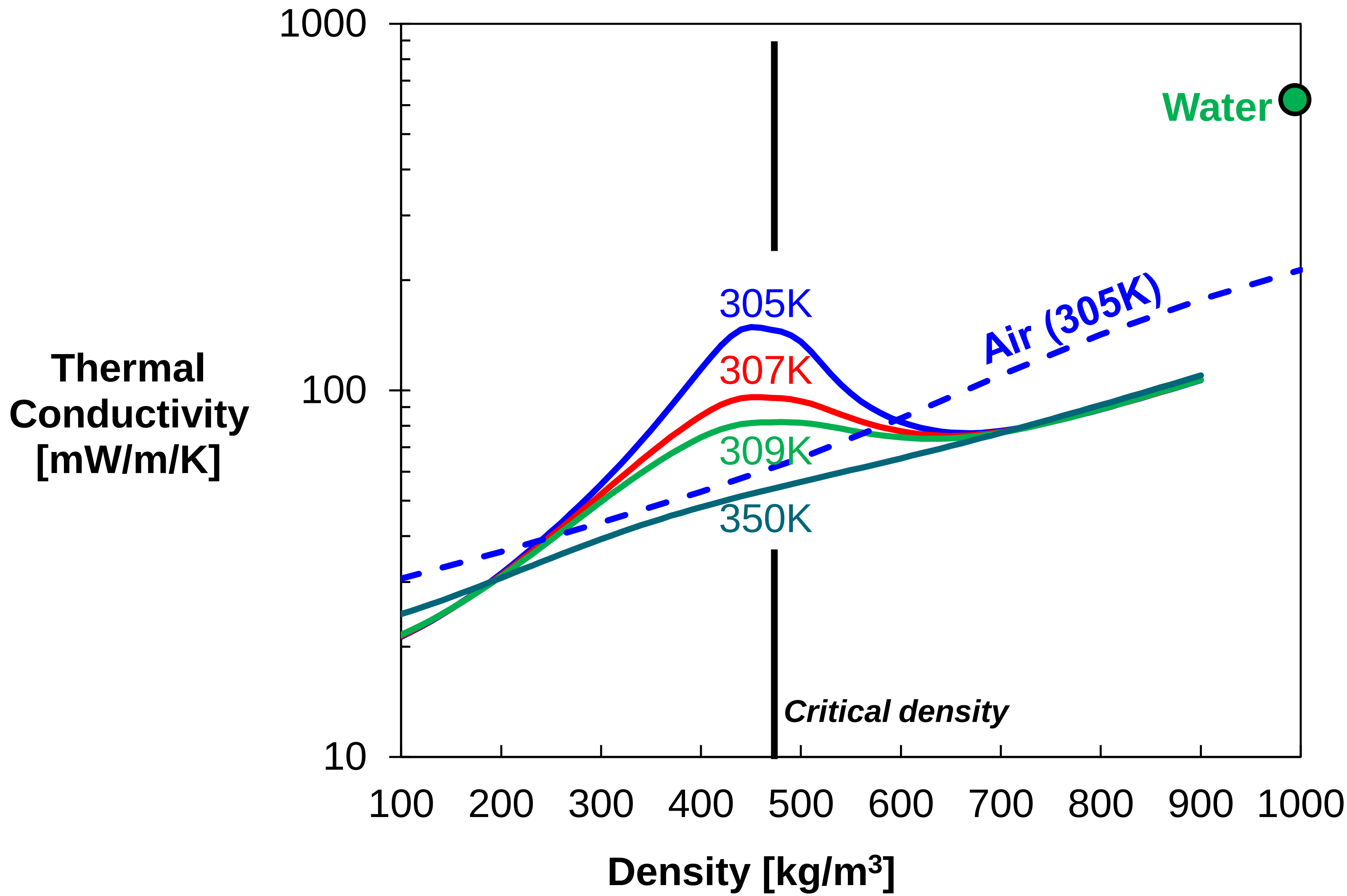

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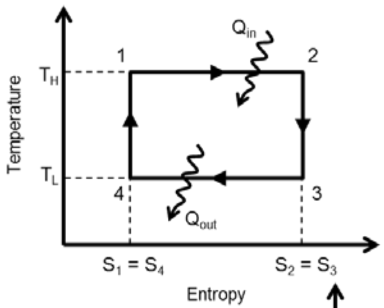
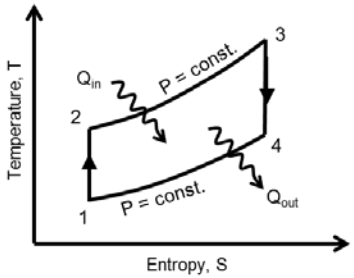
Power Cycle Basics

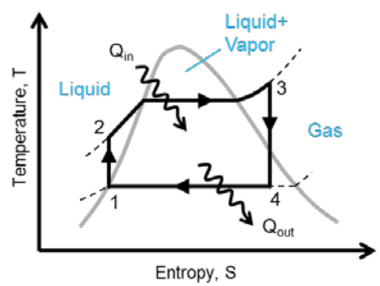
Power Cycle Basics Overview



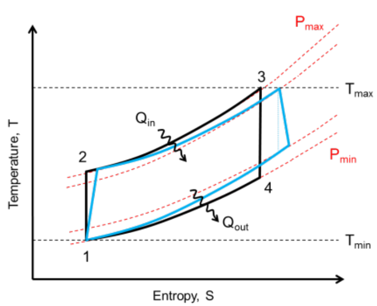
Carnot – “the standard”



Brayton – gas cycle

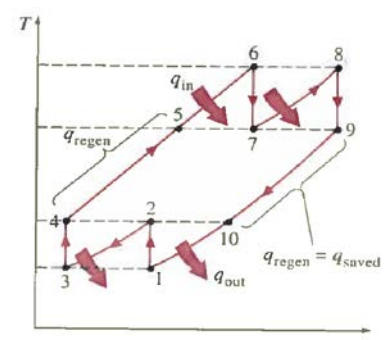


Rankine – vapor cycle



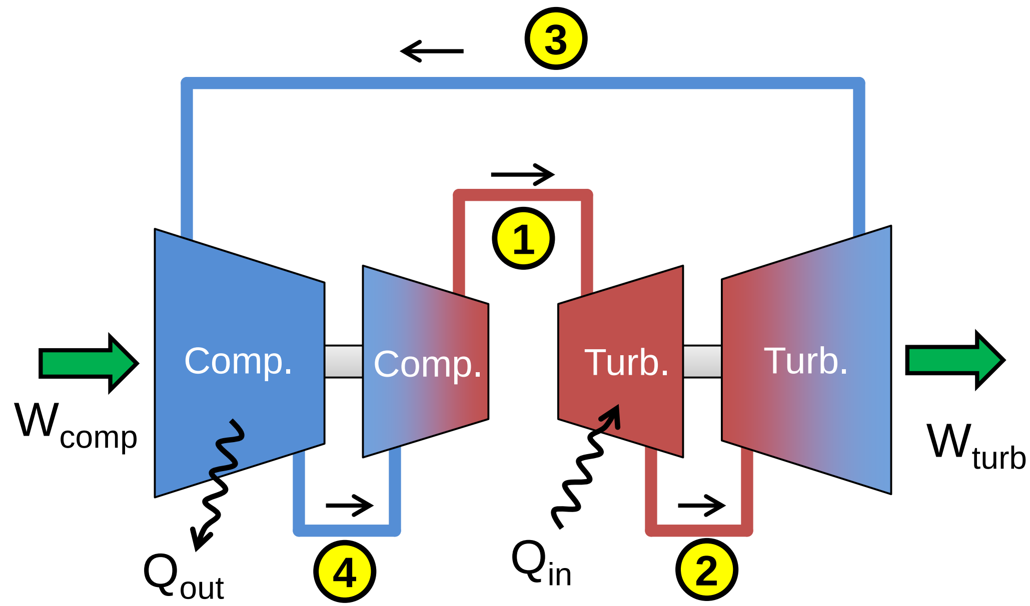
Ideal vs. actual cycle

Cycle variations



Carnot Cycle

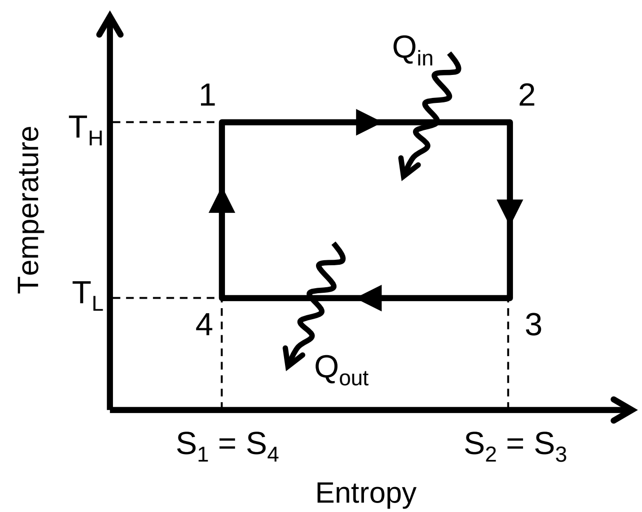
- Processes
  - (1-2) Isothermal heat addition
  - (2-3) Isentropic expansion
  - (3-4) Isothermal heat rejection
  - (4-1) Isentropic compression



- Not practical to build
- Most efficient heat engine

$$W_{net} = W_{turb} - W_{comp}$$

$$\eta_{th,Carnot} = 1 - T_L/T_H$$



↓T_L : Available heat sink?

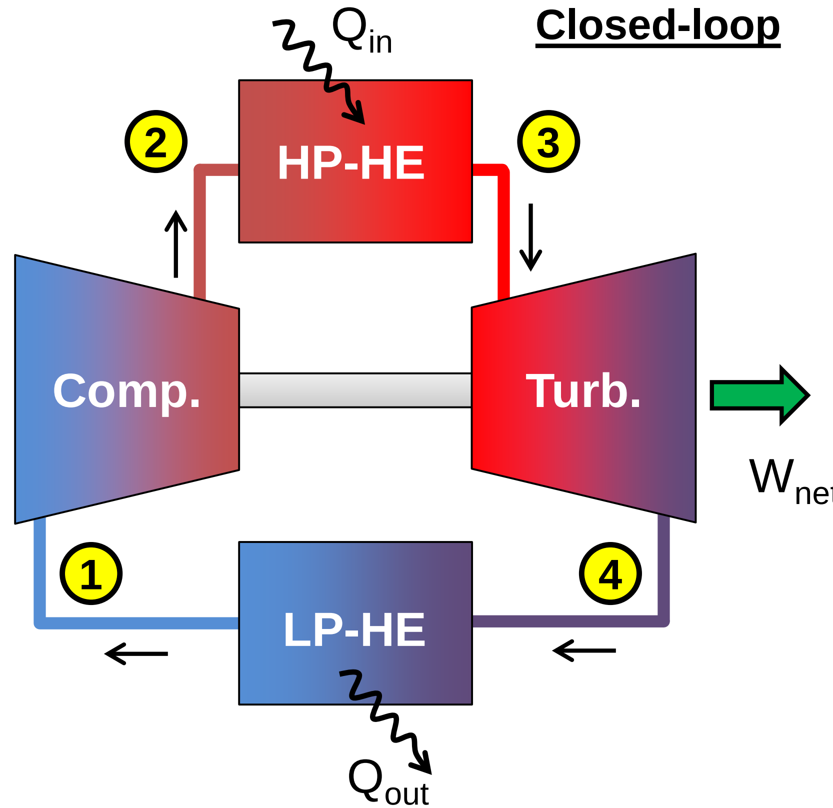
↑T_H : Available heat source?
Materials?

Brayton Cycle (Ideal)

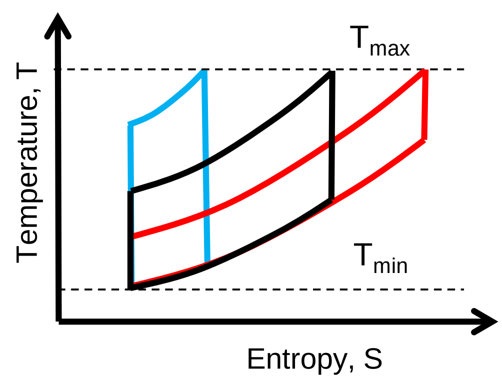
- Processes
  - (1-2) Isentropic compression
  - (2-3) Const. pres. heat addition
  - (3-4) Isentropic expansion
  - (4-1) Const. pres. heat reject.
- Open- or closed-loop

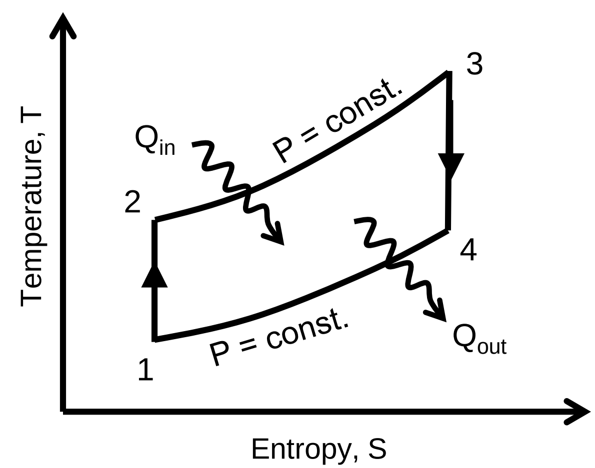
$$\eta_{th,Brayton} = 1 - PR^{(1-k)/k}$$

$$\uparrow PR, \uparrow k : \uparrow \eta_{th}$$



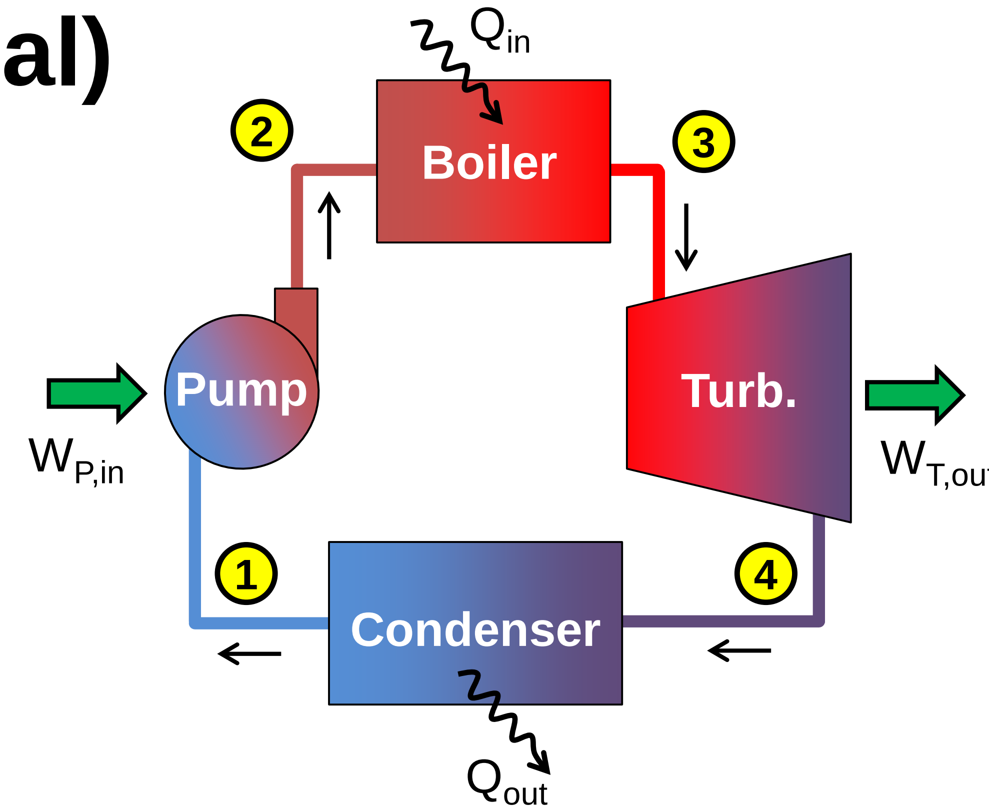
Optimal PR for net work

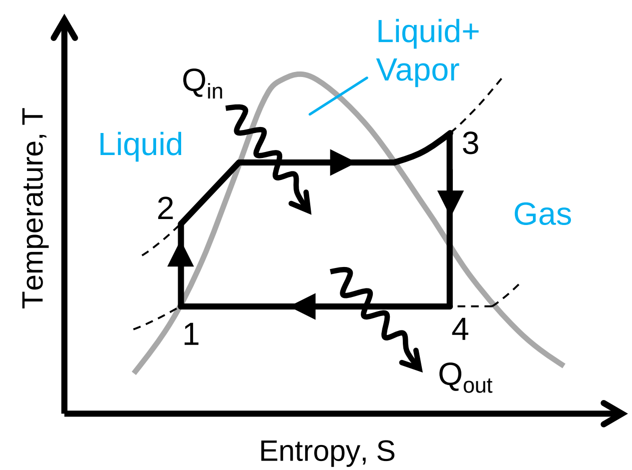




Rankine Cycle (Ideal)

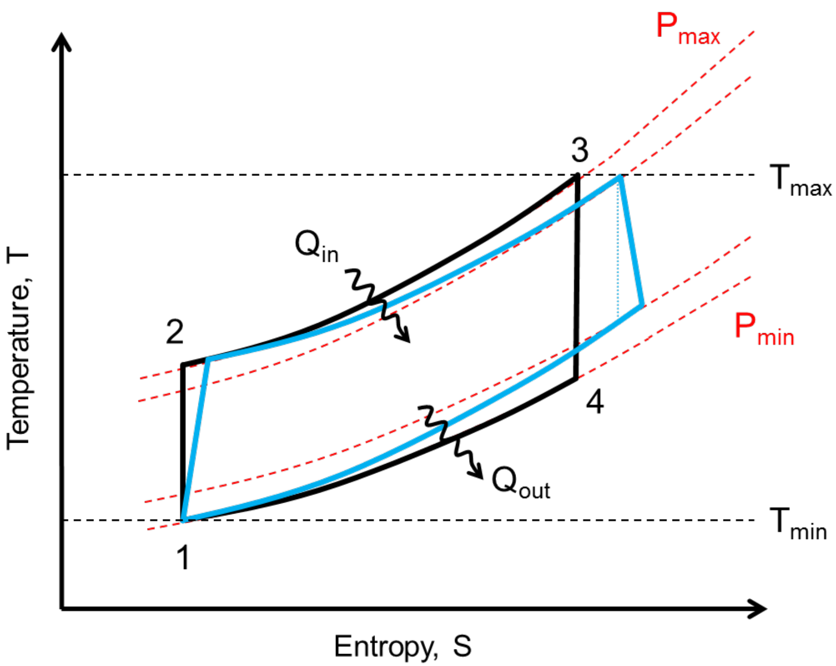
- Processes
  - (1-2) Isentropic compression
  - (2-3) Const. pres. heat addition
  - (3-4) Isentropic expansion
  - (4-1) Const. pres. heat reject.
- Same processes as Brayton; different hardware
- Phase changes
- E.g., steam cycle





Ideal vs. Actual Processes

Brayton



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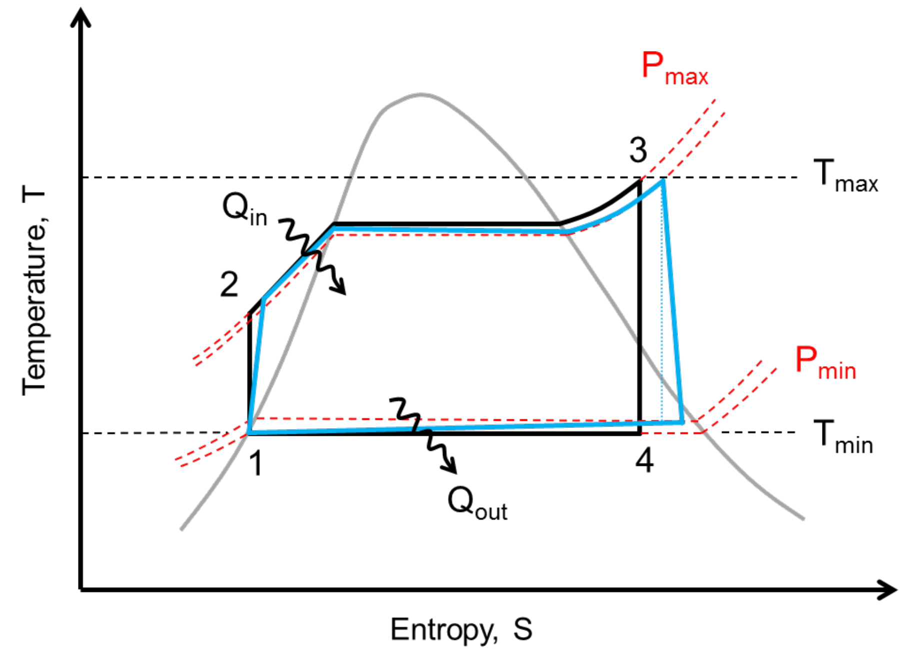

1-2, 3-4: Irreversibilities

2-3, 4-1: Pressure losses

Power Cycle Variations

- Regeneration
- Intercooling
- Reheating
- Recompression

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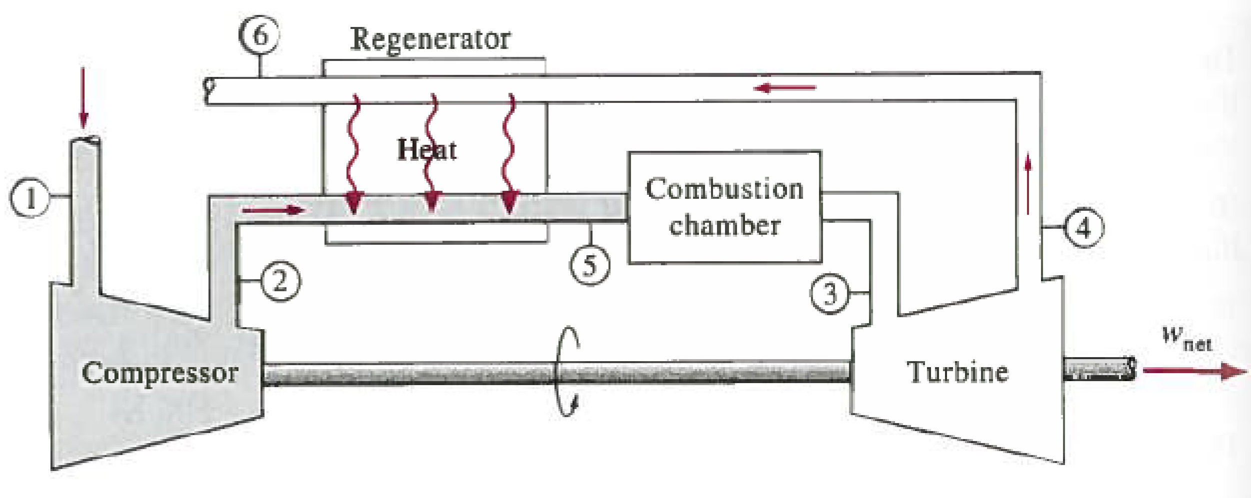
- What is supercritical power cycle?

Brayton Cycle + Regeneration

Regenerator = recuperator



Effectiveness:

$$\varepsilon = (h_5-h_2)/(h_4-h_2)$$

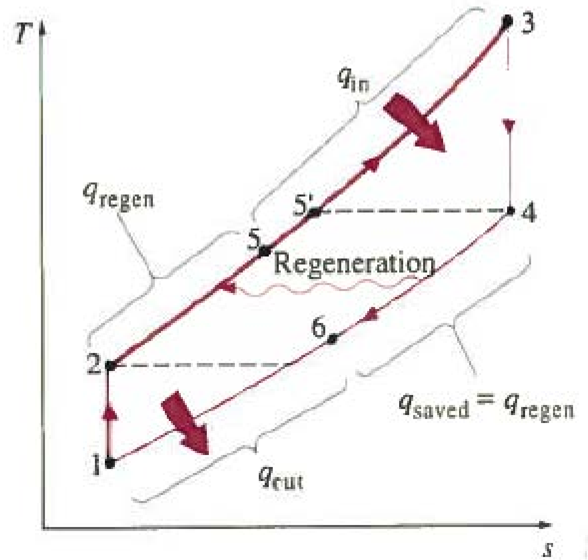


Figure reference: Cengel and Boles (2002)

Intercooling & Reheating…
Two Sides of the Same Coin

Minimize compressor work input

Increase fluid density

Intercooling

Multi-stage intercooling

Maximize turbine work output

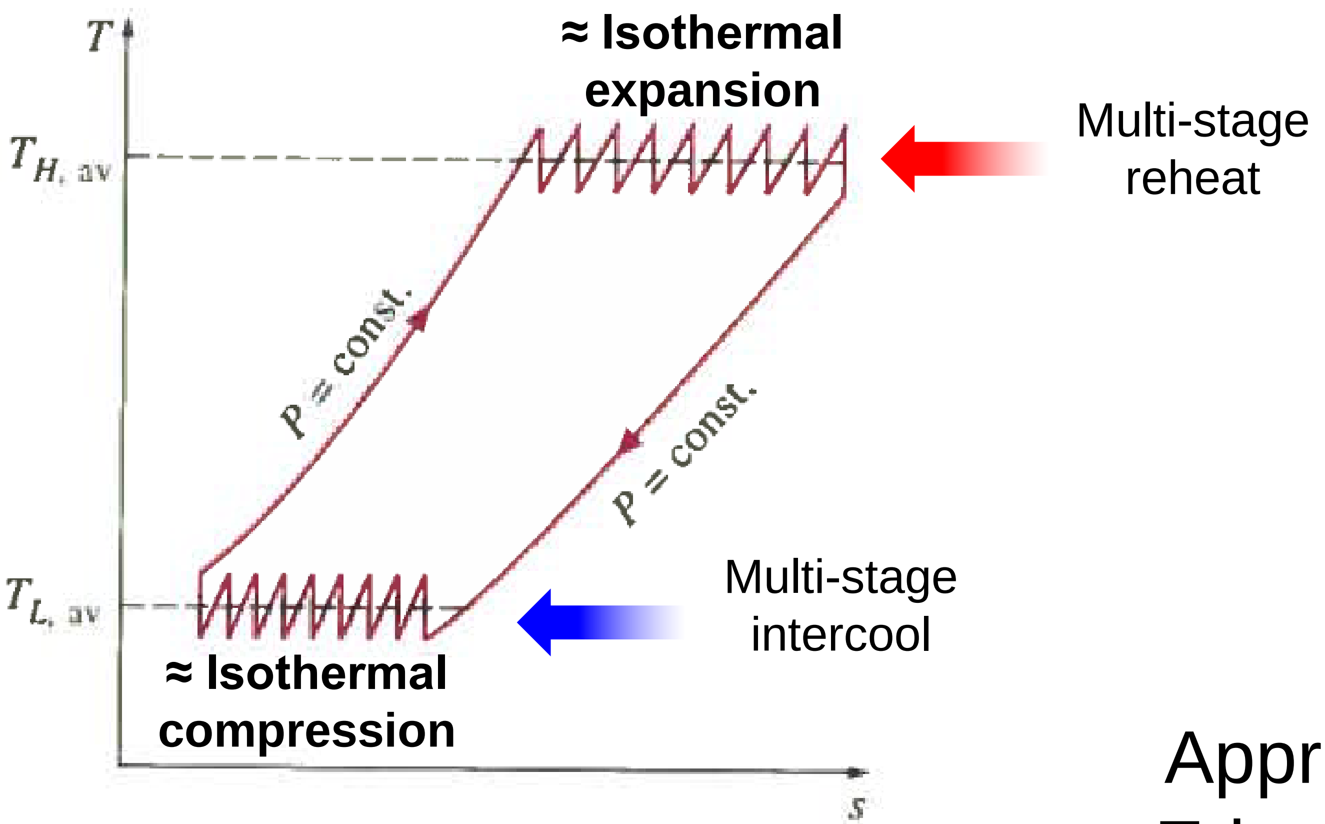
Decrease fluid density

Reheating

Multi-stage reheating

Approach isothermal conditions

Multi-Stage Intercooling & Reheating



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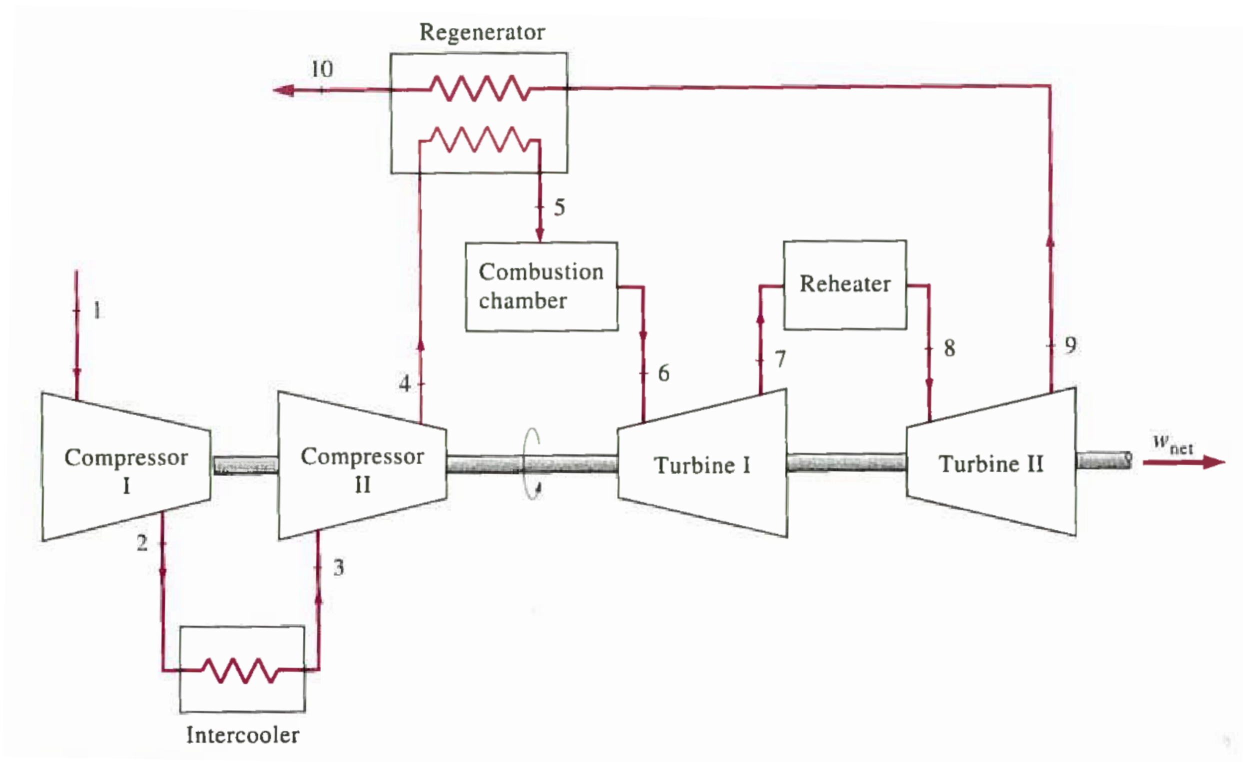
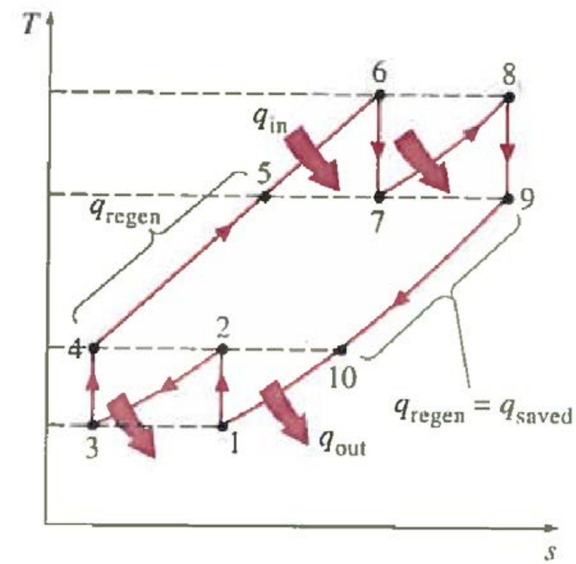
Approximates Ericsson cycle

$$\eta_{th,Ericsson} = \eta_{th,Carnot}$$

Brayton Cycle + Regeneration + Intercooling + Reheating





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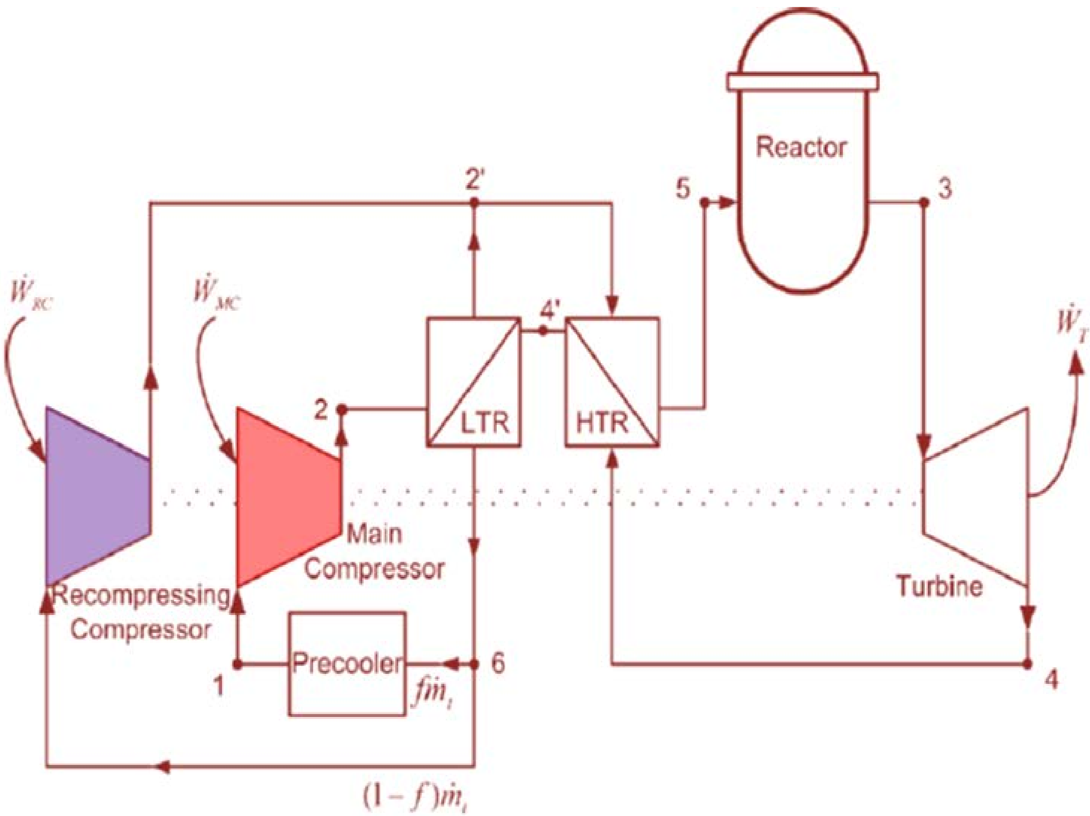
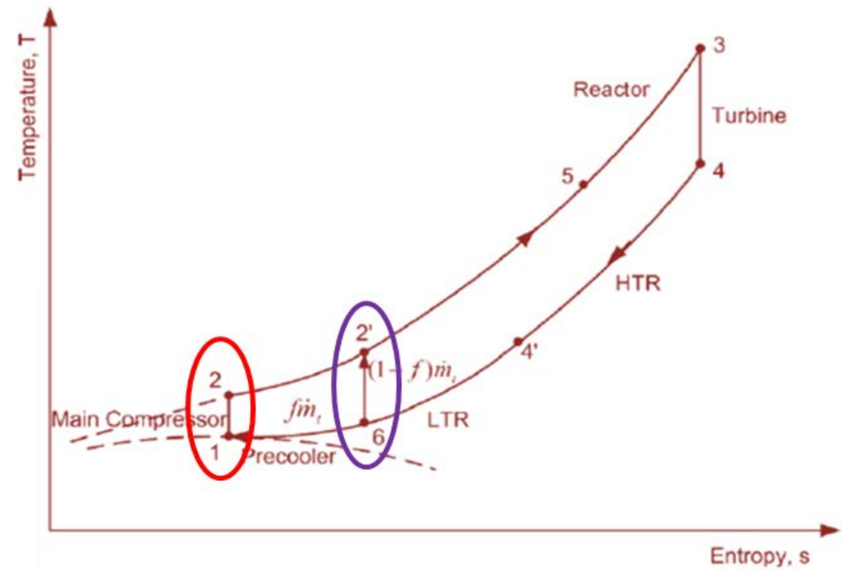
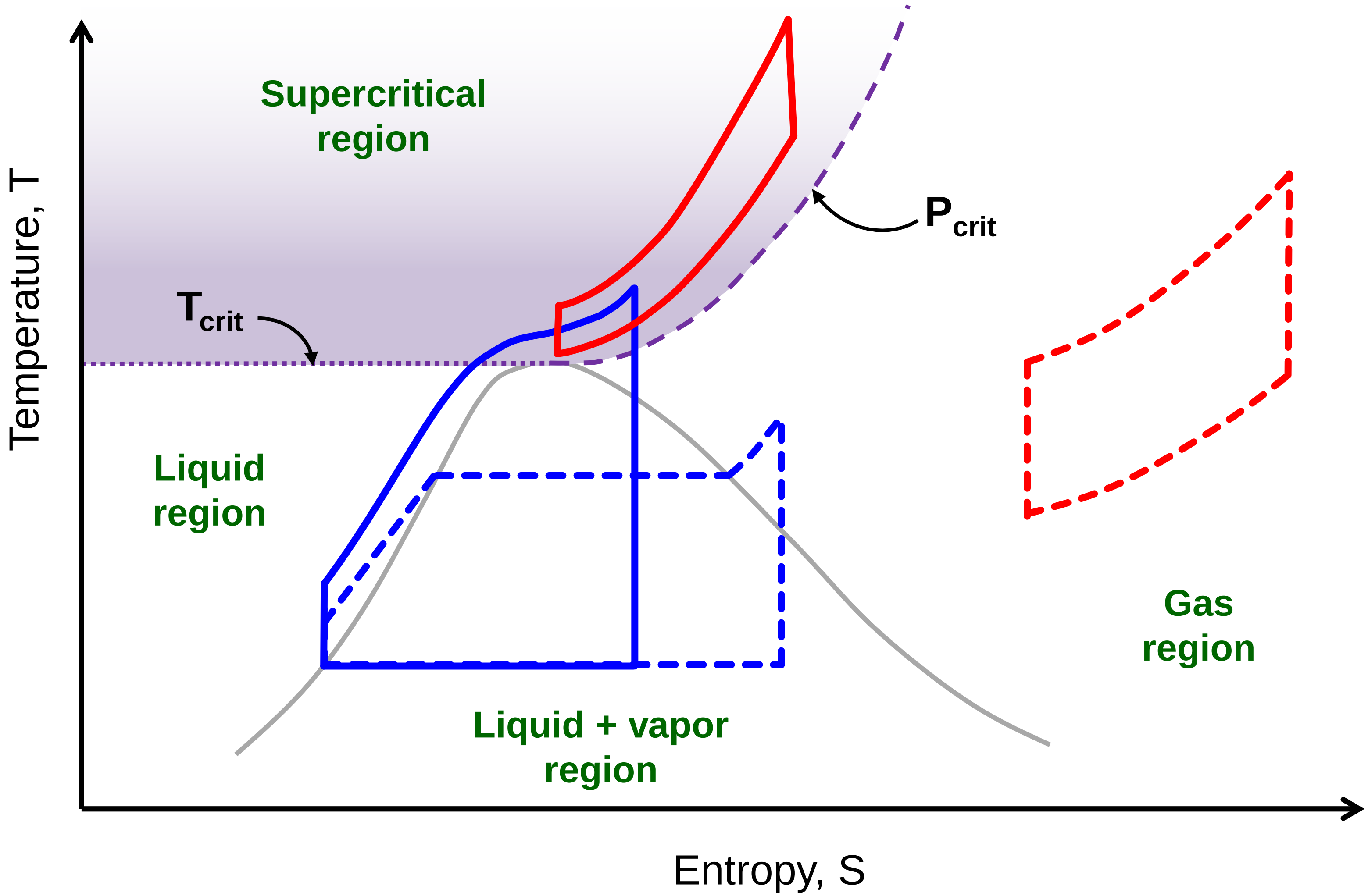
Recompression in Brayton Cycle





Source: Ludington (2009)

What is a Supercritical Power Cycle?

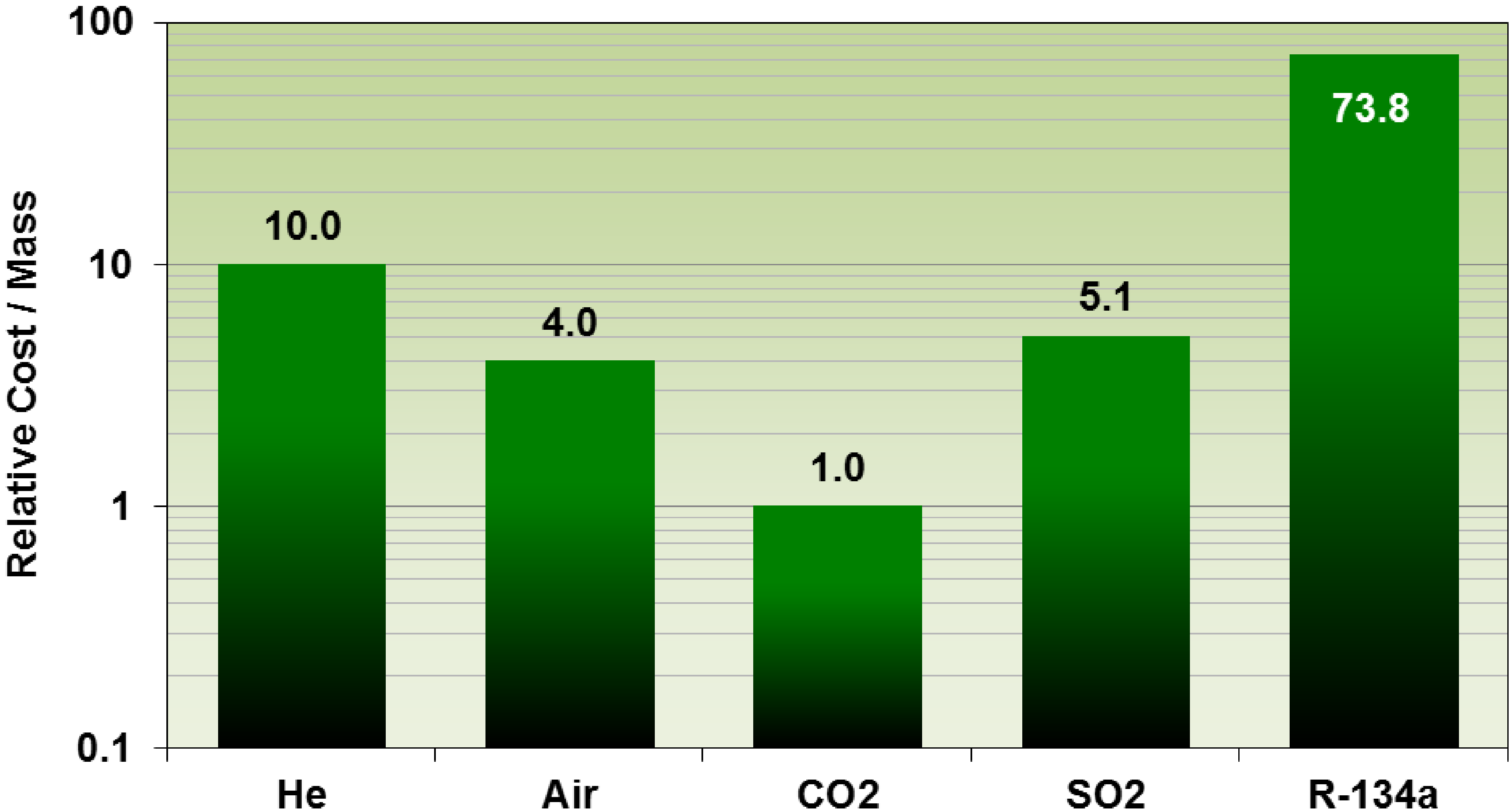


sCO_2 Power Cycles

Why sCO_2 for Power Cycles?

Property	Effect
High density, low viscosity, high CP near C.P.	• Reduced compressor work, increased W_{net} • Allow more-compact turbomachinery to achieve same power • Less complex – e.g., fewer compressor and turbine stages, may not need intercooling
Near-ambient T_{crit}	• Good availability for most temperature sinks and sources
Abundant fluid with low GWP	• Low cost
Familiar	• Experience with standard materials, though not necessarily at high temp. & high pressure

CO_2 Cost Comparison*



*Based on market pricing for laboratory-grade substance

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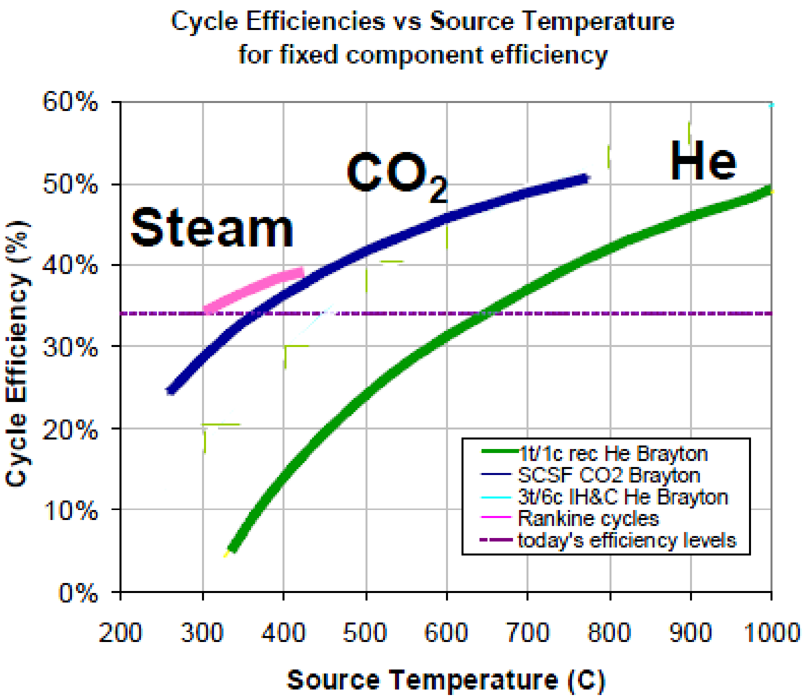
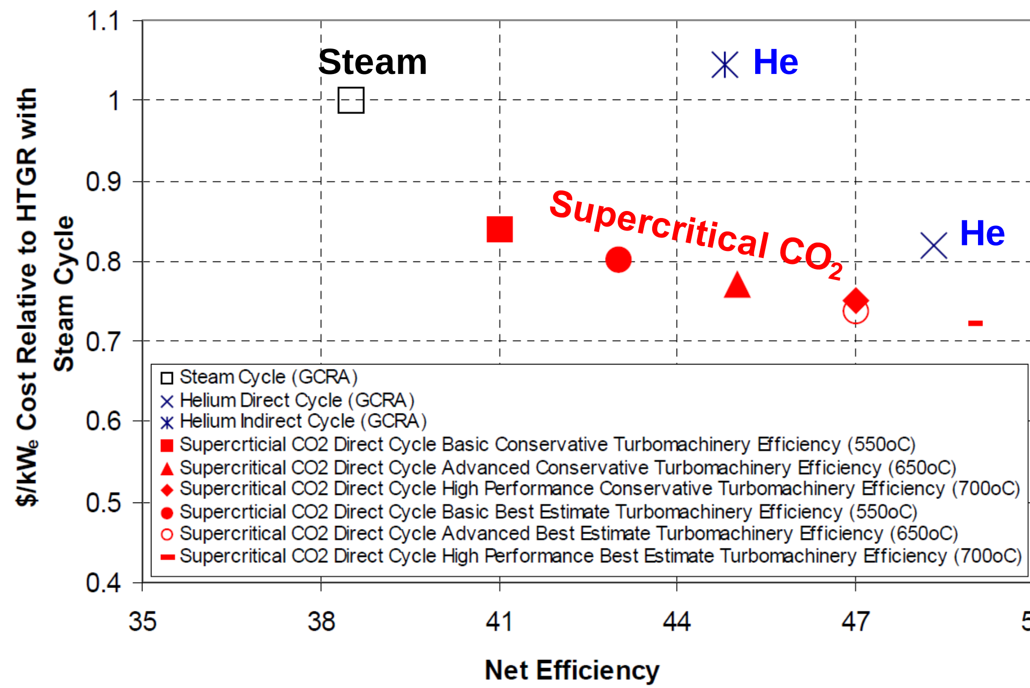
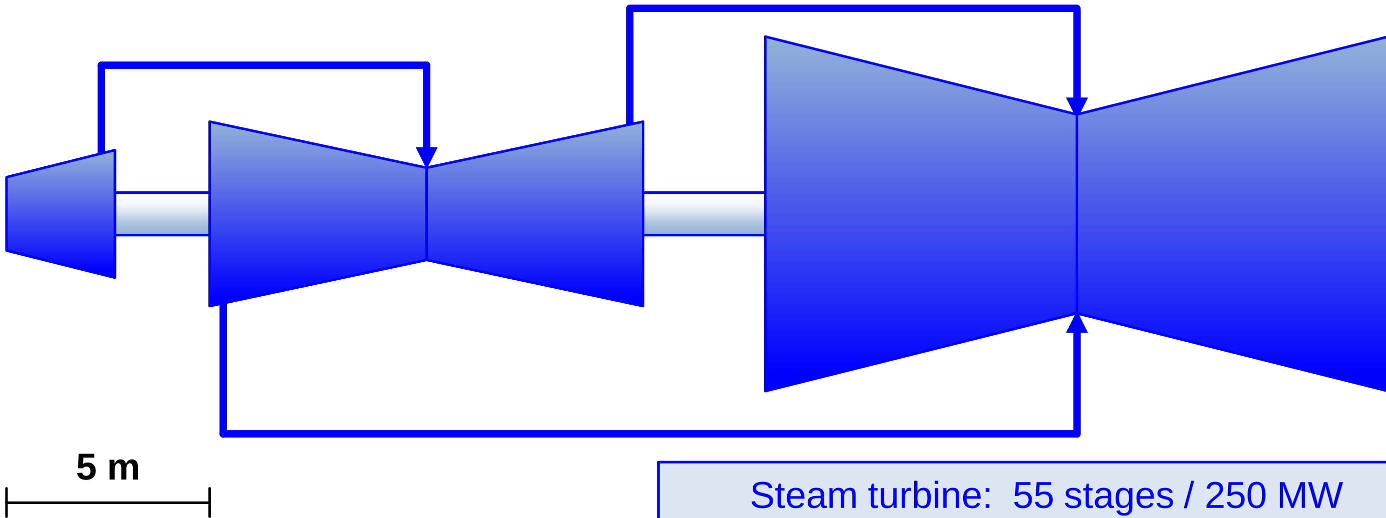
Calculated sCO_2 efficiencies close to a steam cycle for potentially less $/kW



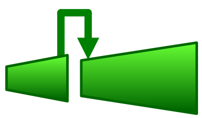


Source: Wright (2011) and Dostal (2004)

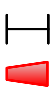
Relative Size of Components



Steam turbine: 55 stages / 250 MW
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (with casing)



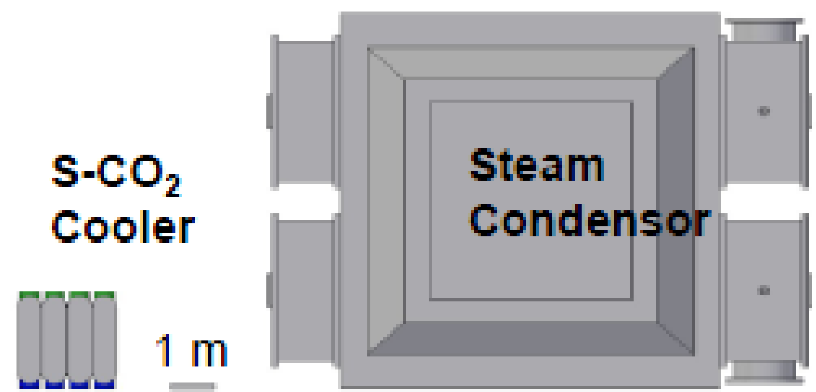
Helium turbine: 17 stages / 333 MW (167 MW_e)
X.L. Yan, L.M. Lidsky (MIT) (without casing)



sCO_2 turbine: 4 stages / 450 MW (300 MW_e)
(without casing)

Note: Compressors are comparable in size

Adapted from Dostal (2004)



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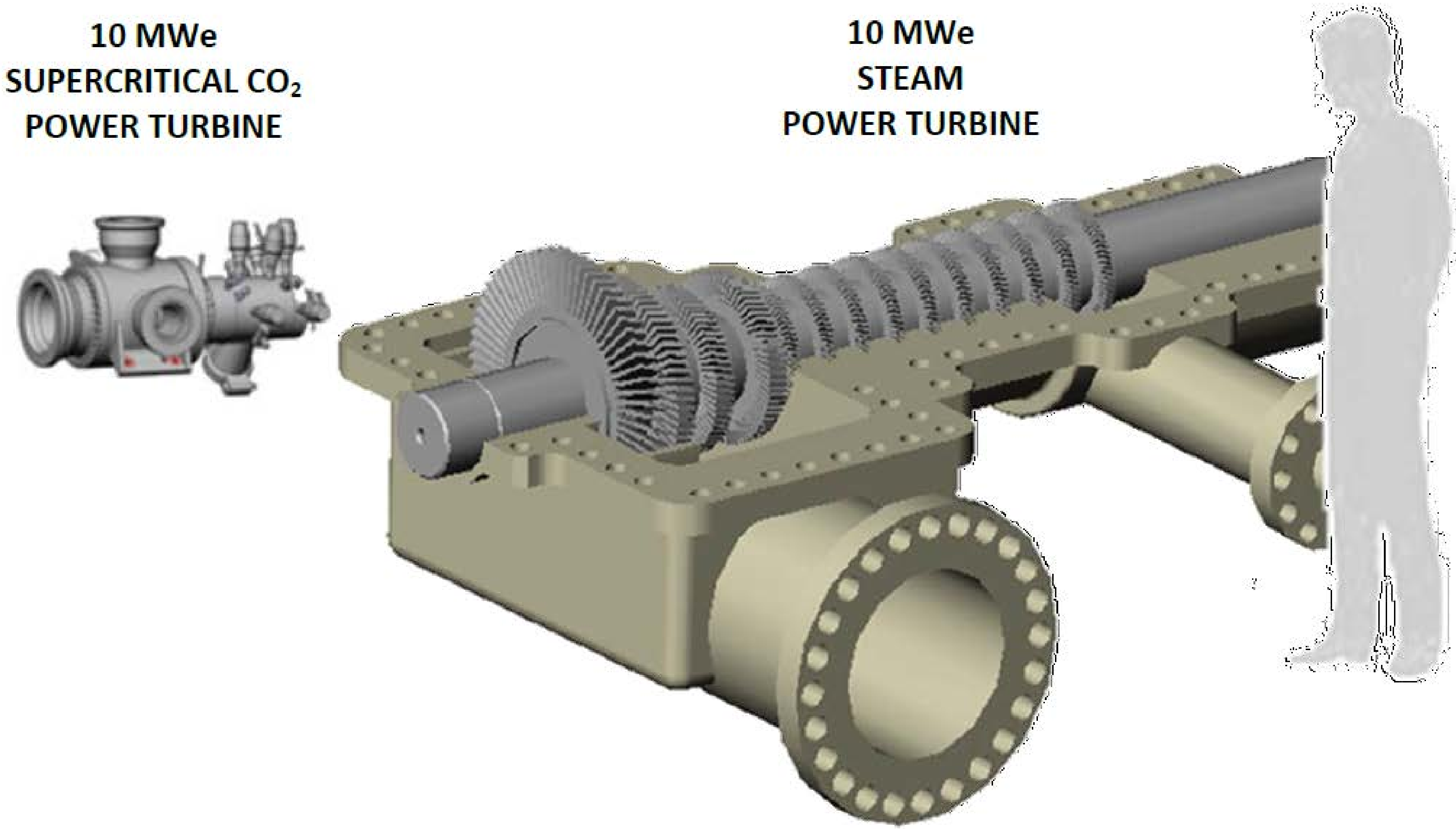
Example: 10 MWe Turbine Comparison



Source: Persichilli et al. (2012)

sCO_2 in Power Cycle Applications

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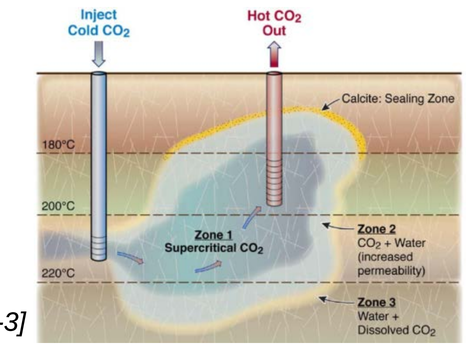

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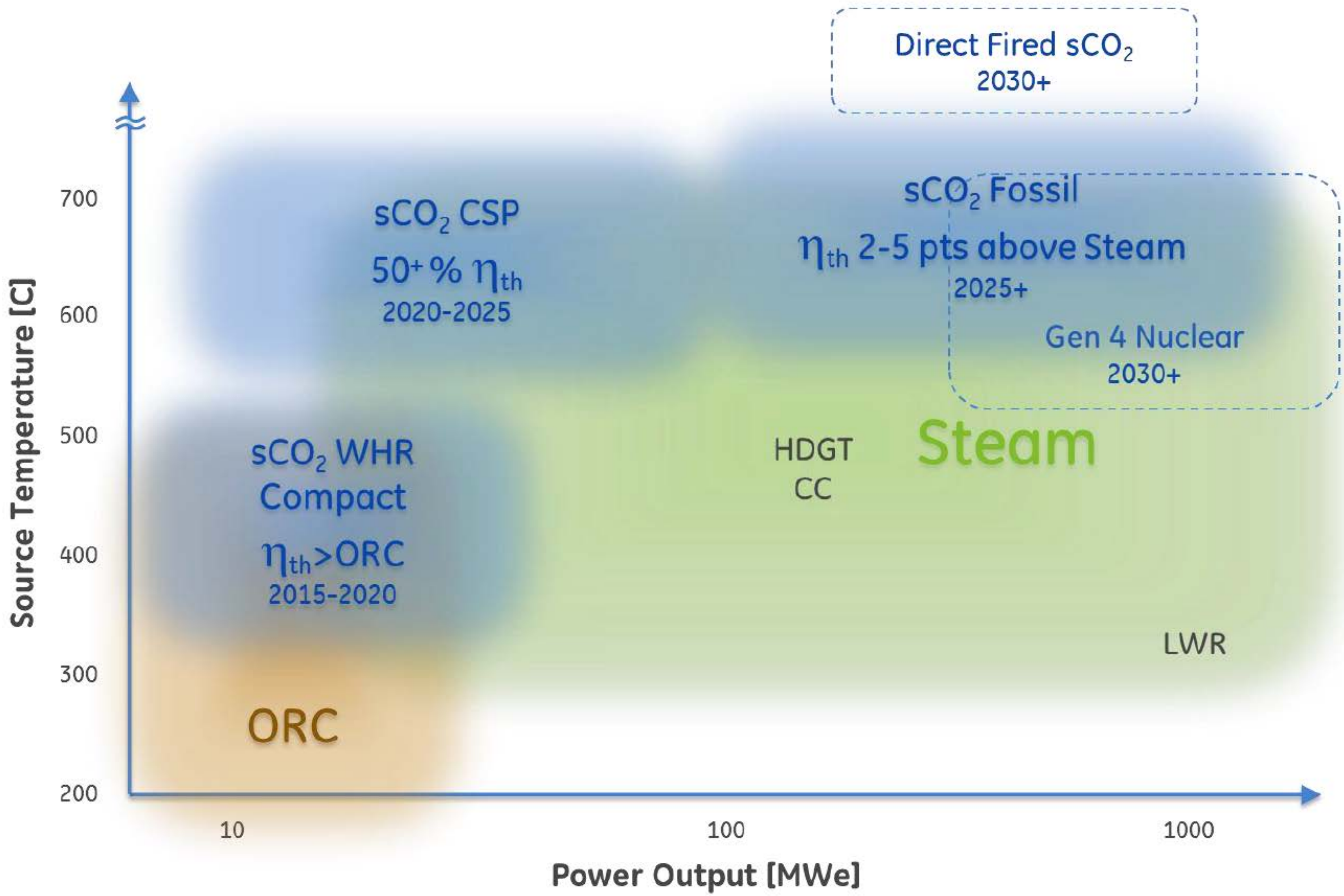
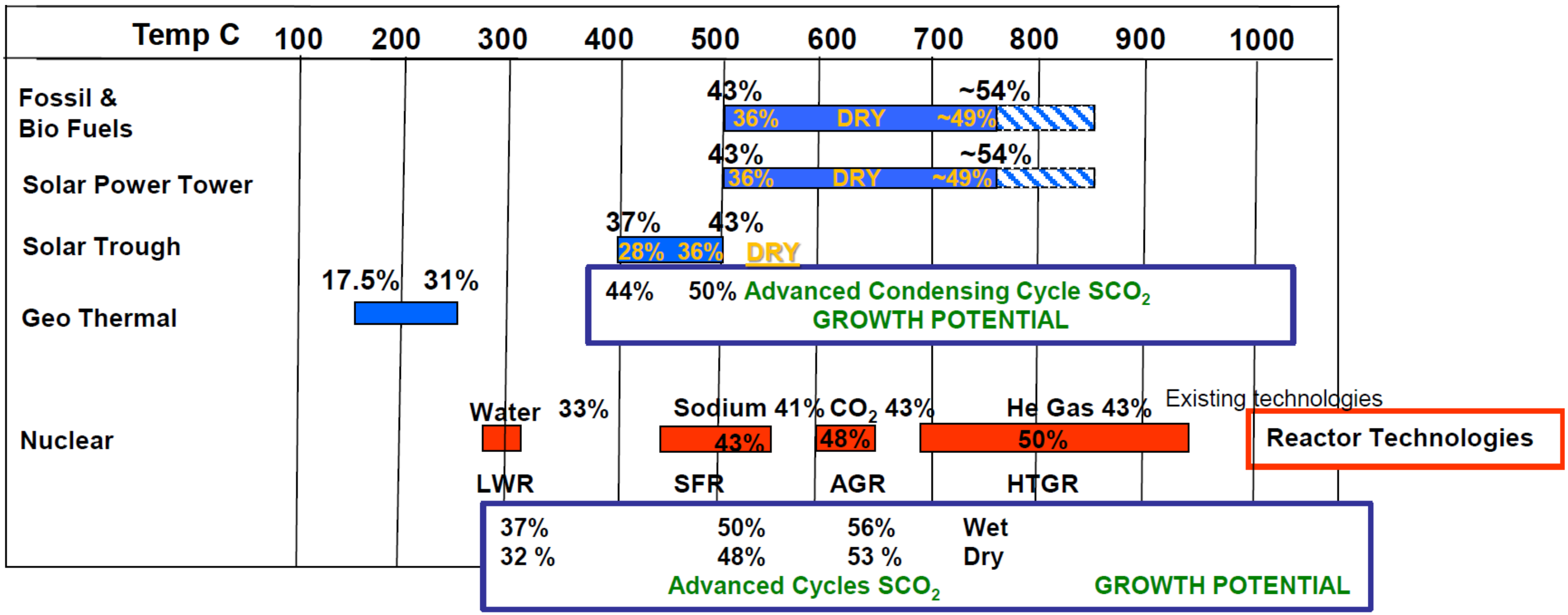


[Bowman 2016]

Heat Source Operating Temperature Range & Efficiency



Assumptions (Turbomachinery Eff (MC 85%, RC 87%, T 90%), Wright (2011)

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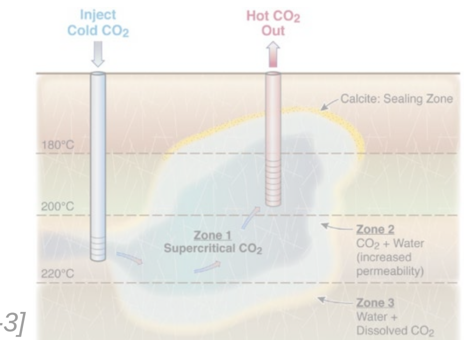

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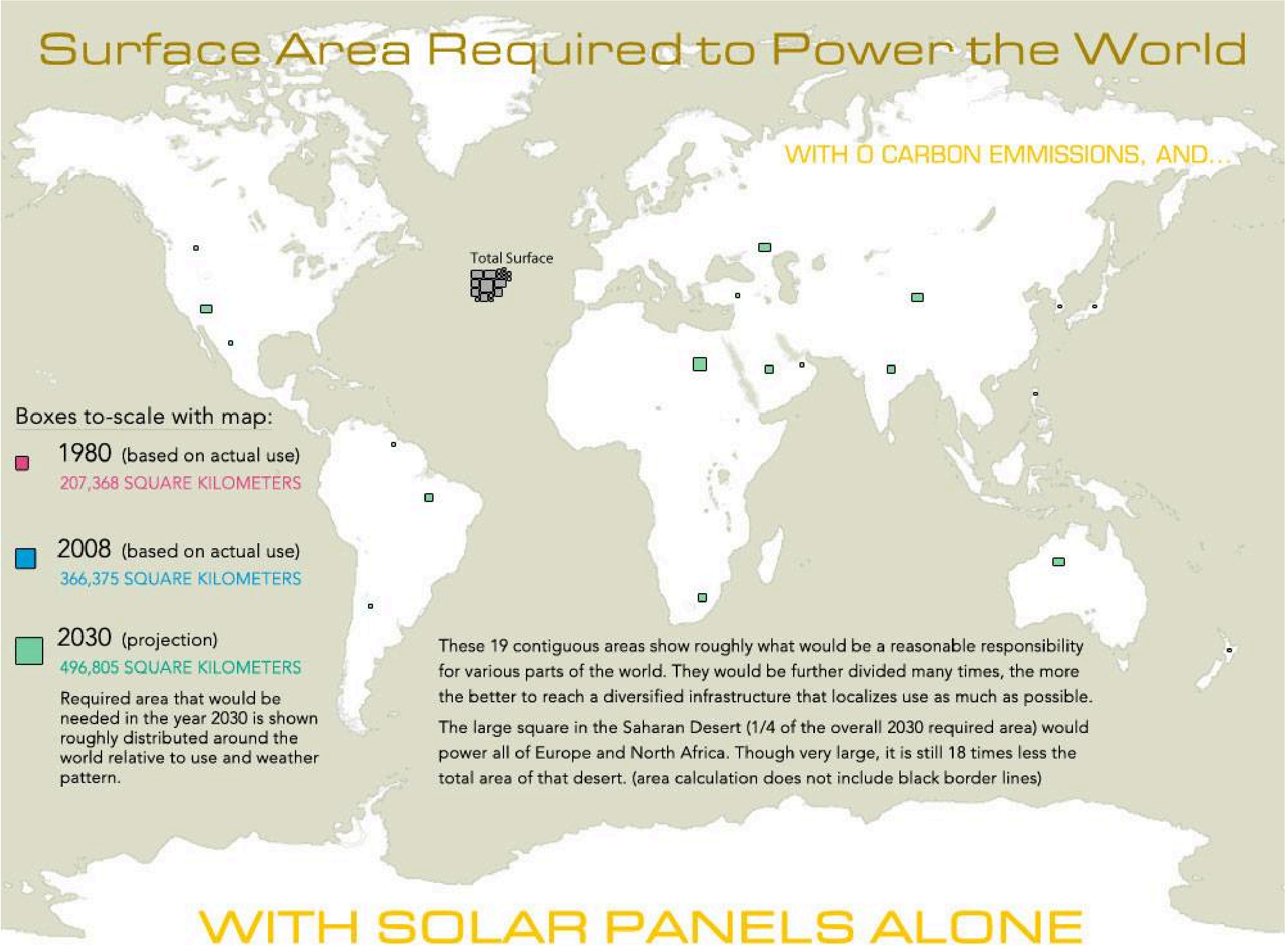
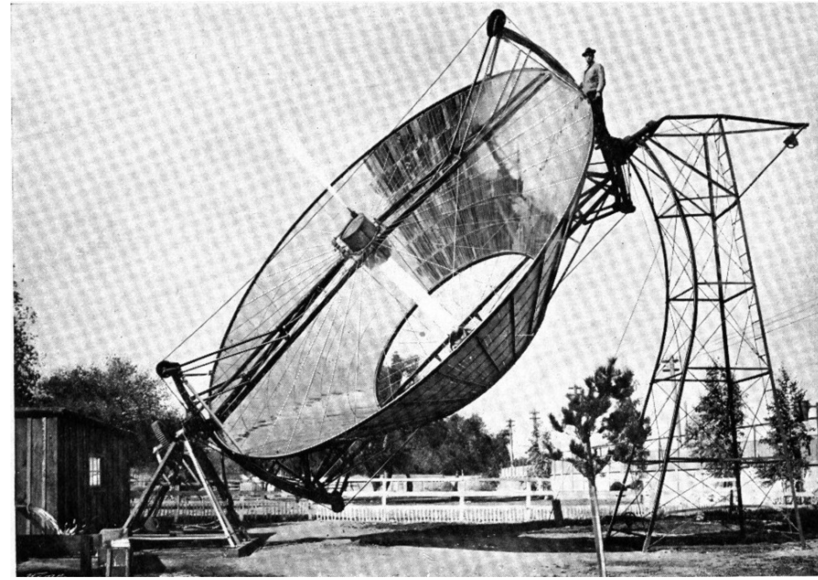
Why would we use solar power?



Concentrated Solar Power (CSP)

- The Sun-Motor (1903)
  - Steam Cycle
  - Pasadena, CA
  - Delivered 1400 GPM of water
- Solar One (1982)
  - 10 MW_e water-steam solar power tower facility
  - Barstow, CA
  - Achieved 96% availability during hours of sunshine
- Solar Two (1995)
  - Incorporated a highly efficient (~99%) molten-salt receiver and thermal energy storage system into Solar One.



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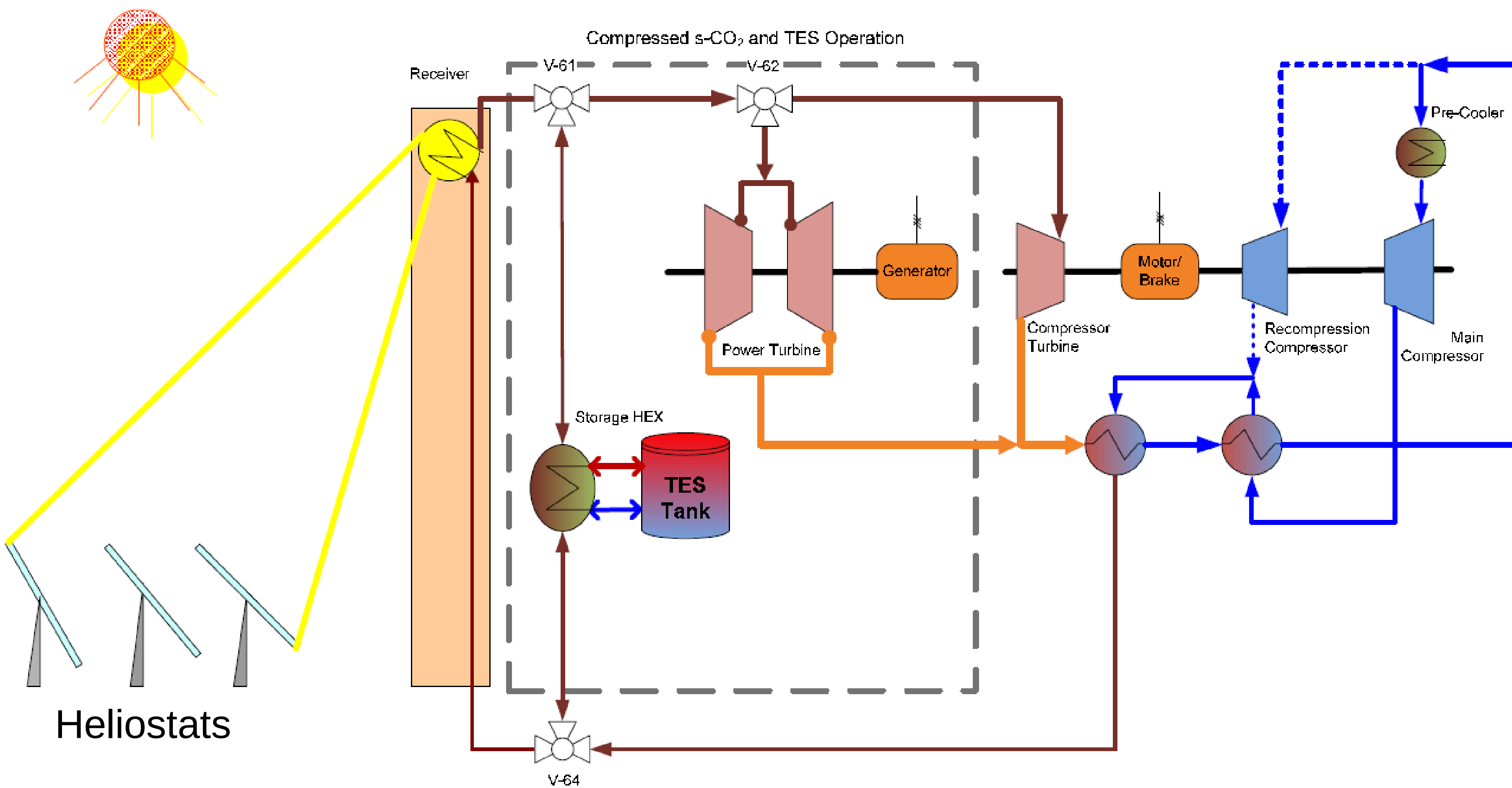
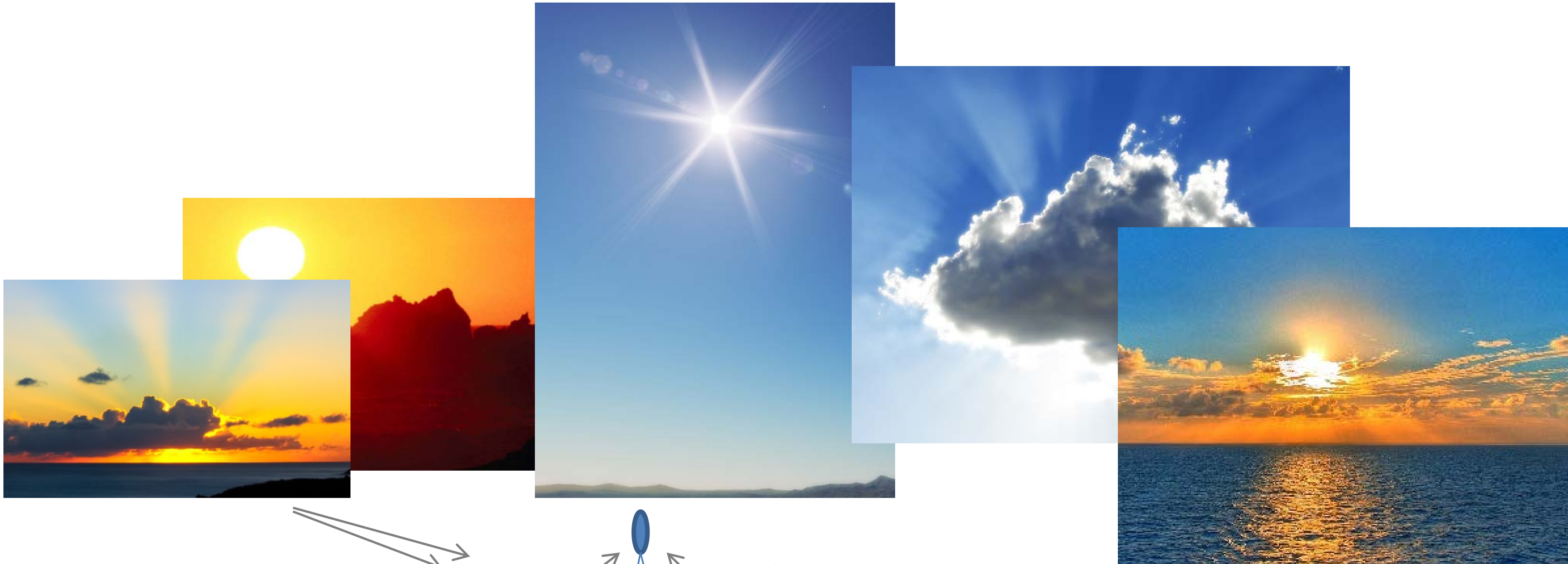
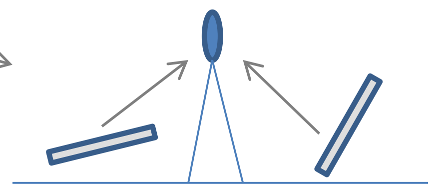
sCO_2 CSP Process Diagram

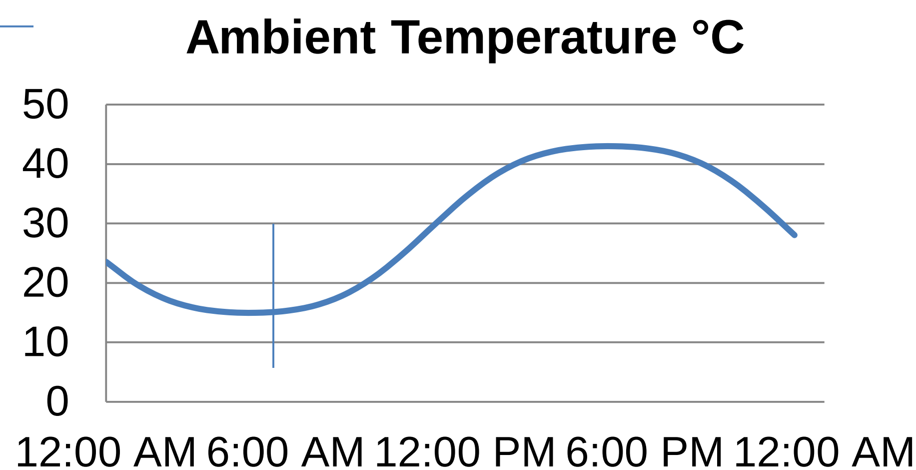


Dual-shaft, tower receiver sCO_2 Brayton Cycle solar thermal power system with thermal energy storage, Zhiwen and Turchi (2011)

The transient challenges of a concentrated solar power plant are significant

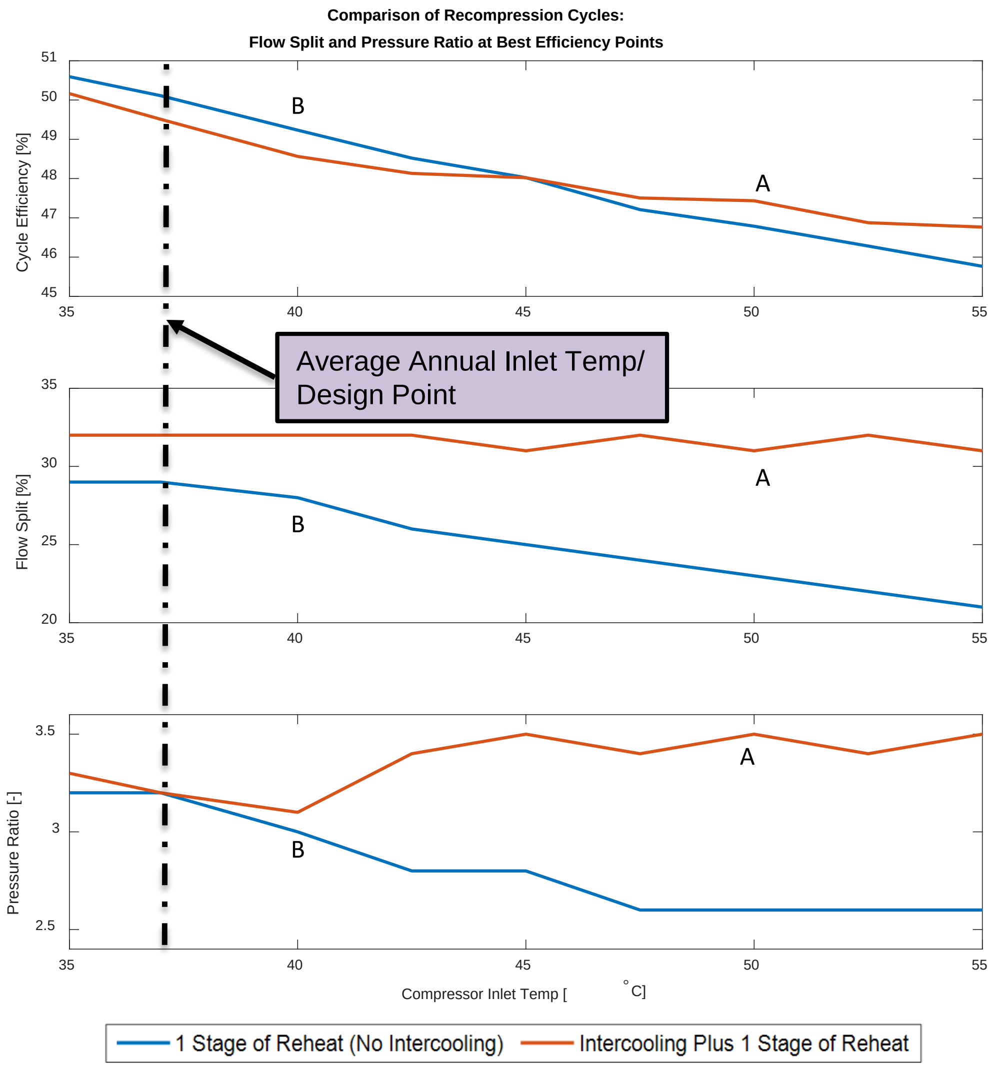






Optimal Cycle Configuration with varying Compressor Inlet Temperature

- SAM modeling of typical sites shows an annual average compressor inlet temperature to be 37-38ºC assuming 15ºC approach temperature in the cooler
- Cycle Modeling
  - Optimal flow split
    - 22-33%
    - Heavily dependent on CIT
  - Optimal PR
    - Varies with use of intercooling
  - Intercooled cycles are more efficient on hot days, and less efficient on cool days



CSP Compressor Inlet Variation and Turbomachinery Performance

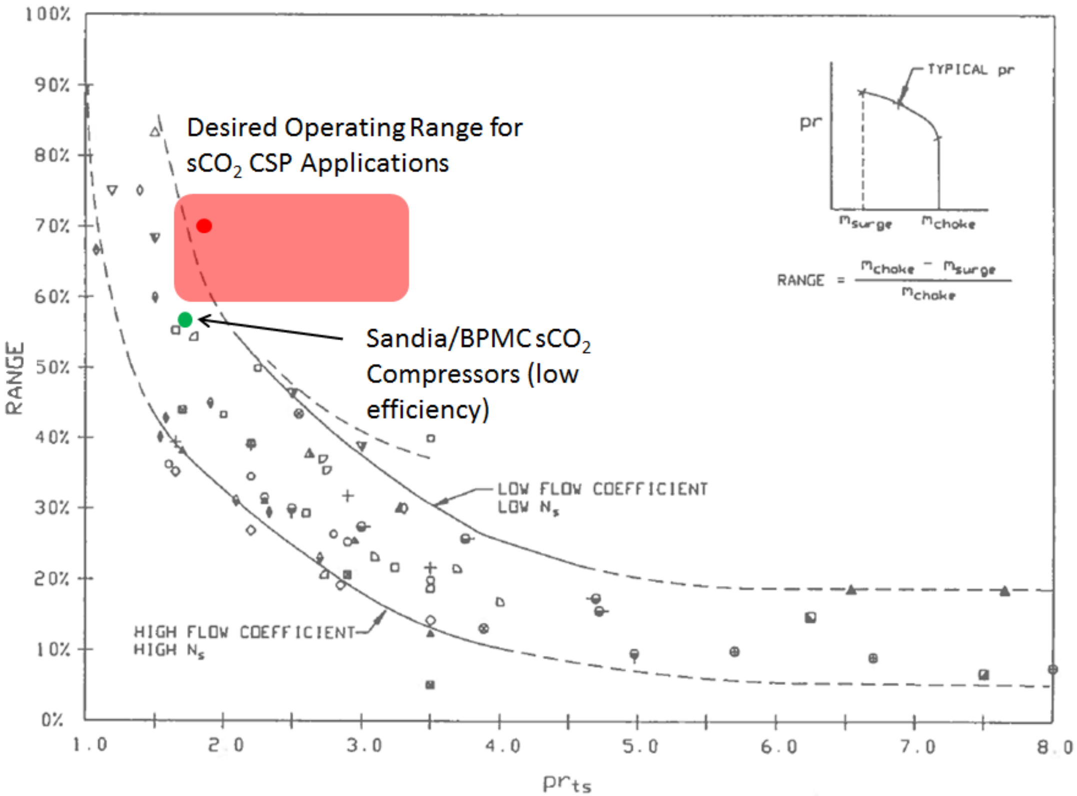
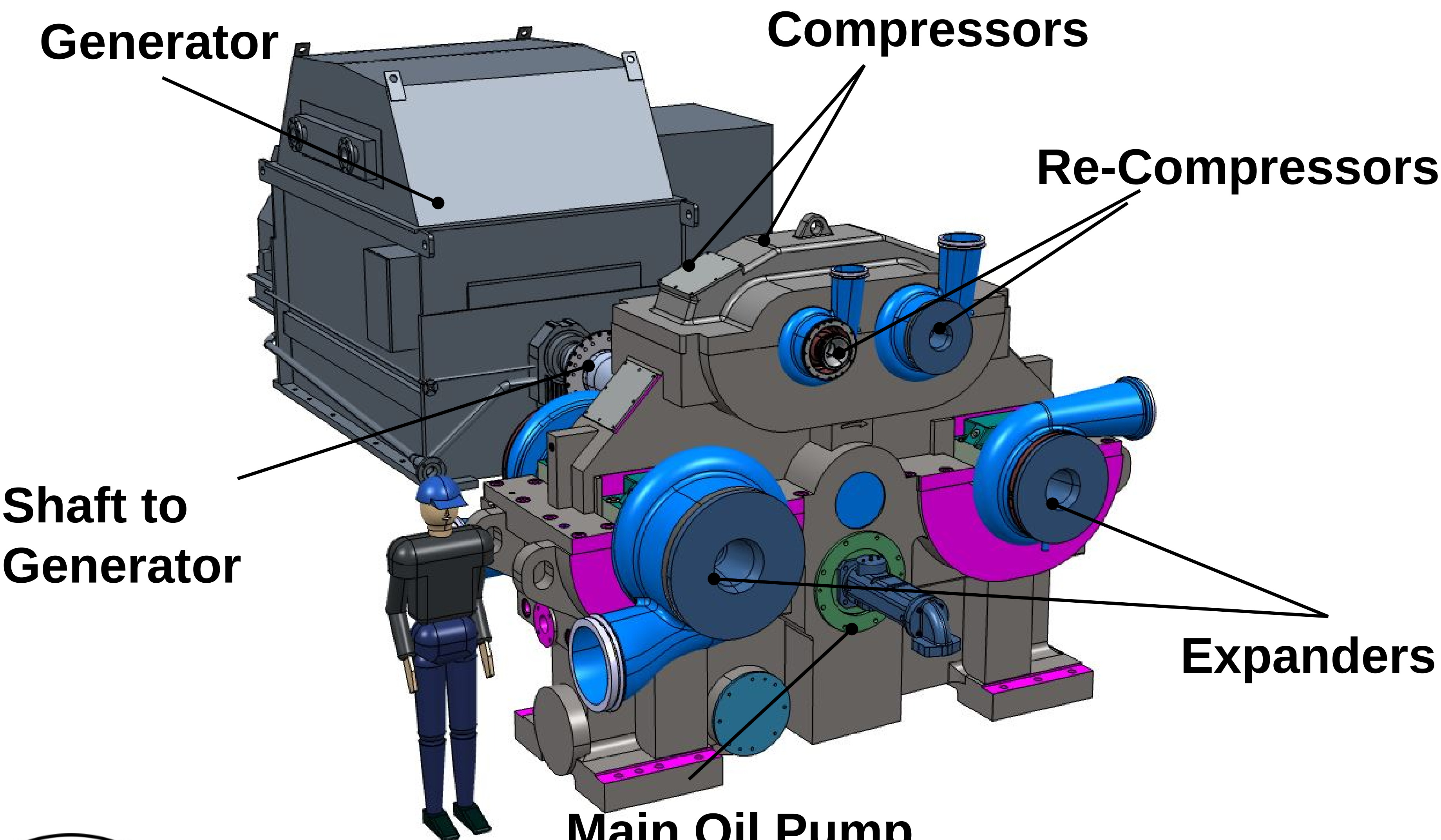


Figure 5: Comparison of Operating Range and Pressure Ratio Requirements [Modified from Japikse[5]]

- To manage this challenge, numerous strategies will be required
  - Inventory Control
  - Inlet Guide Vanes
  - Variable Diffuser Vanes
  - Variable Speed Compression
  - Novel Control Features

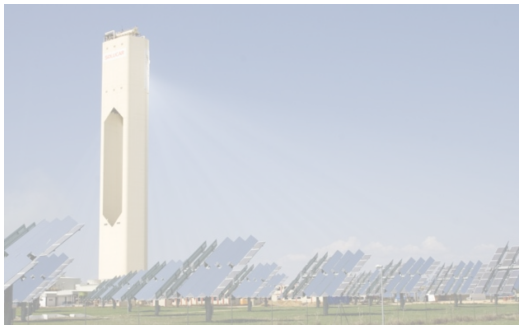
Conceptual 10 MW_e Integrally Geared Compressor Applied to Recuperated Brayton Cycle



What are the key challenges to CSP sCO2 cycles

- Variable inlet temperature creates numerous cycle challenges
  - Dry cooling mandatory
  - Compressor operation near the critical point requires careful cycle control (not yet demonstrated)
- Heat addition to the sCO2 while incorporating thermal energy storage is challenging
- Turbine inlet temperatures approaching 750° with very high cycle efficiency requirements expected.

Supercritical CO_2 in Power Cycle Applications



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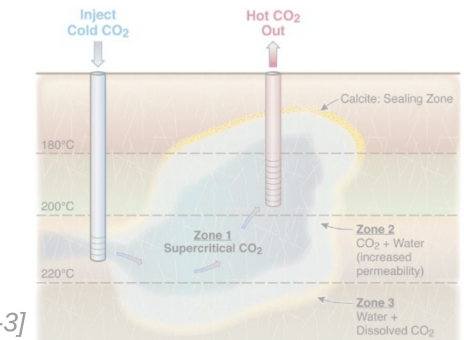

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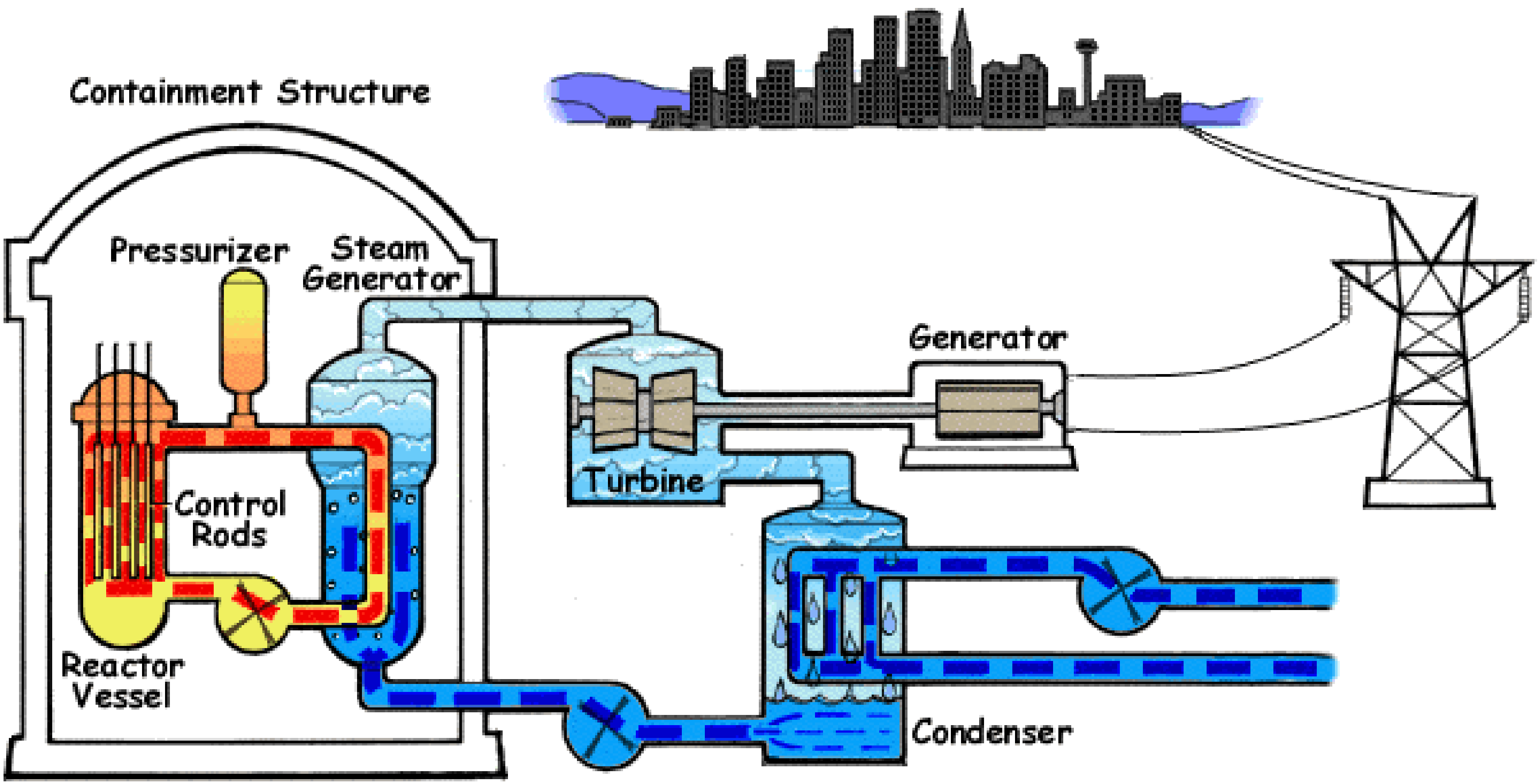
Rankine Cycle Application: Nuclear Power Generation



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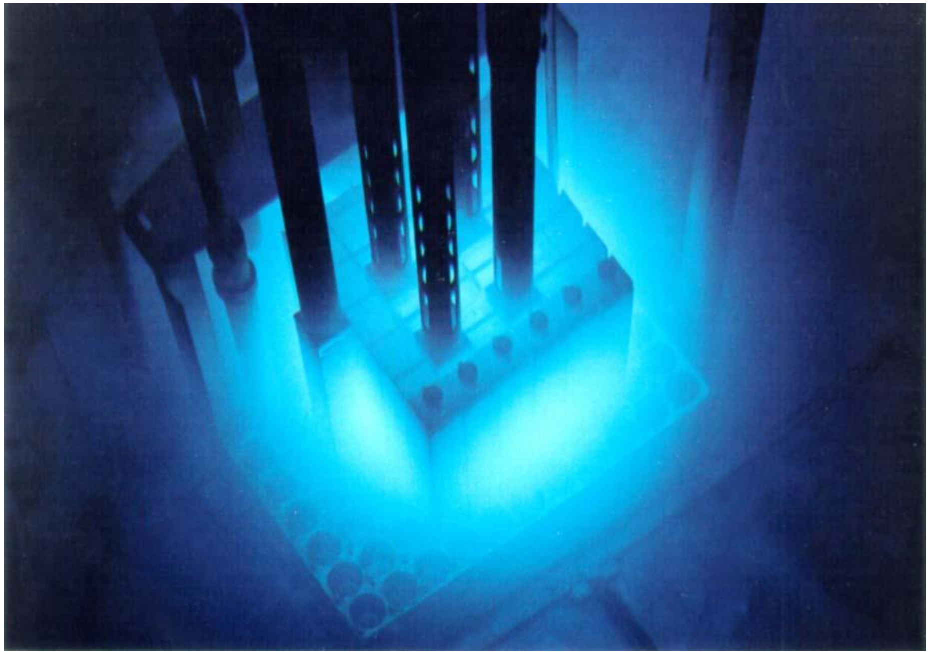
sCO_2 for Nuclear Applications (550°C-700°C, 34 MPa)



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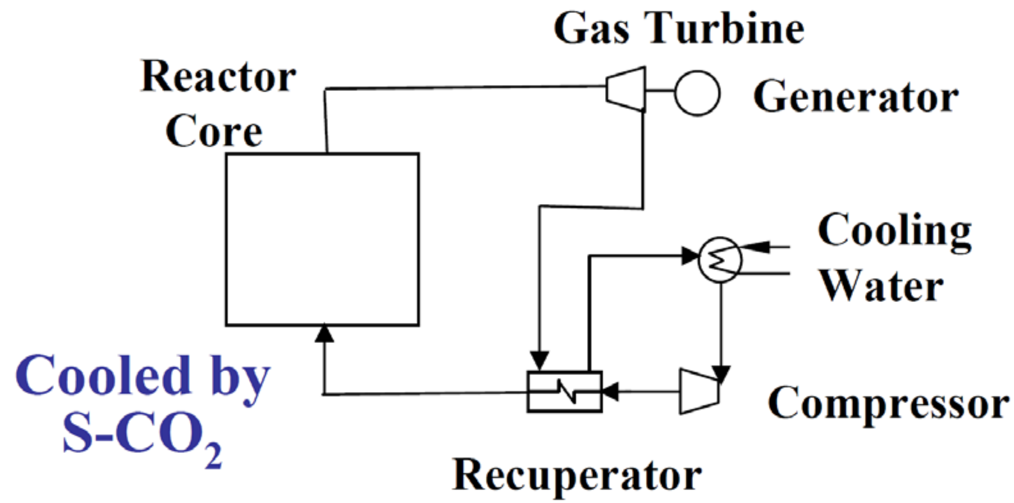
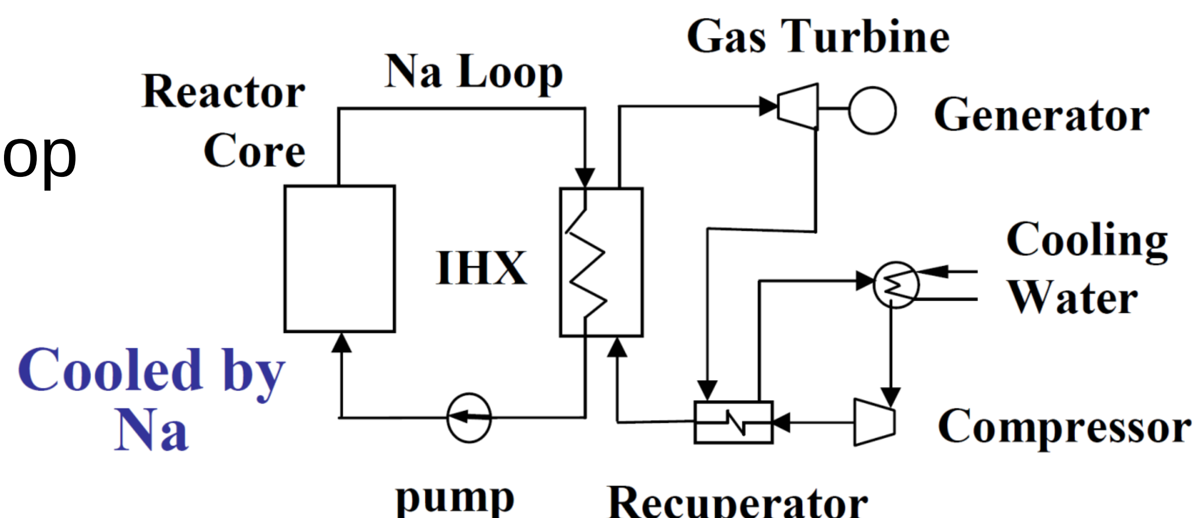
Proposed Nuclear sCO_2 Cycles

- Direct Cycle
  - No primary and secondary Na loops
  - Lower Void Reactivity



- Indirect Cycle
  - Primary Na loop
  - Smaller core size



Kato et al. (2007)

Advantages of CO_2 Cycle vs. Helium Cycle in Nuclear Applications

Pro	Con
Smaller turbomachinery than steam or helium	Helium preferred to CO_2 as a reactor coolant for cooling capability and inertness
CO_2 Brayton cycles are more efficient than helium at medium reactor temperatures	CO_2 requires a larger reactor than helium or an indirect cycle
CO_2 is 10× cheaper than Helium	New technology

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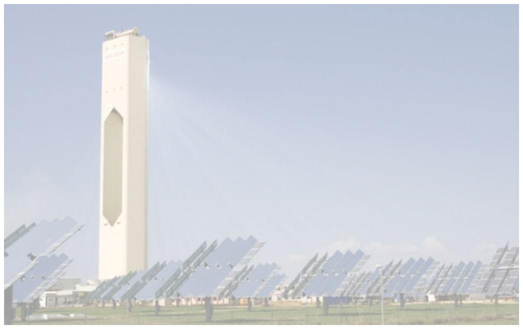

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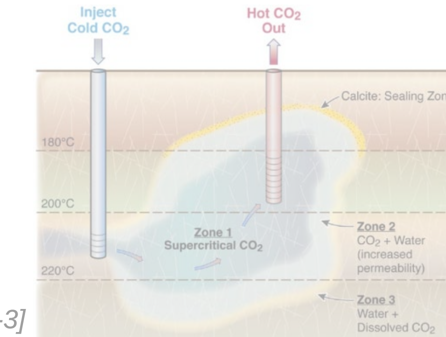

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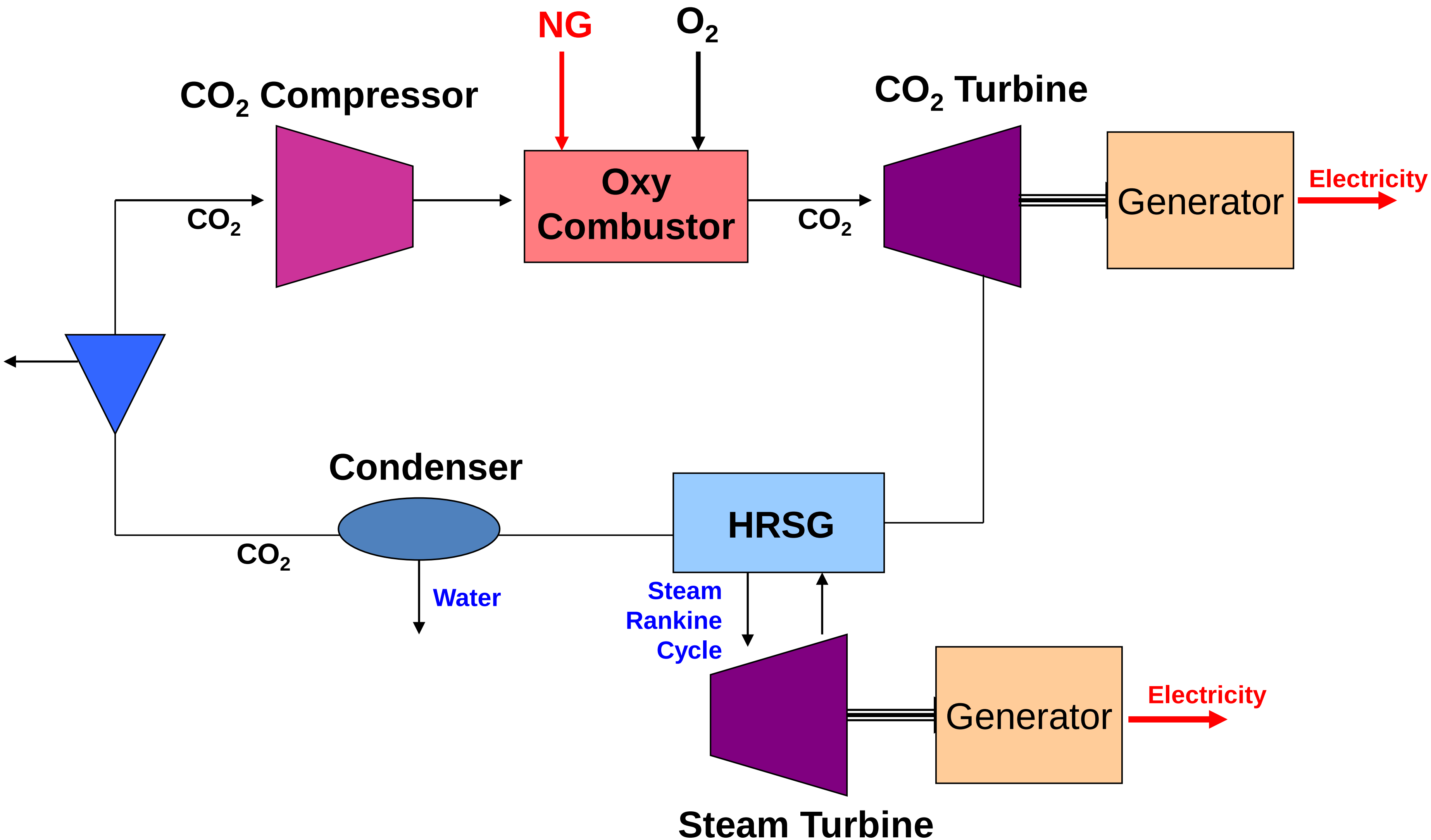
Oxy-Fuel Combustion

Conventional Combustion

(Solar Turbines 2012)

Oxy-Fuel Combustion

Direct Oxy-Fuel Combustion



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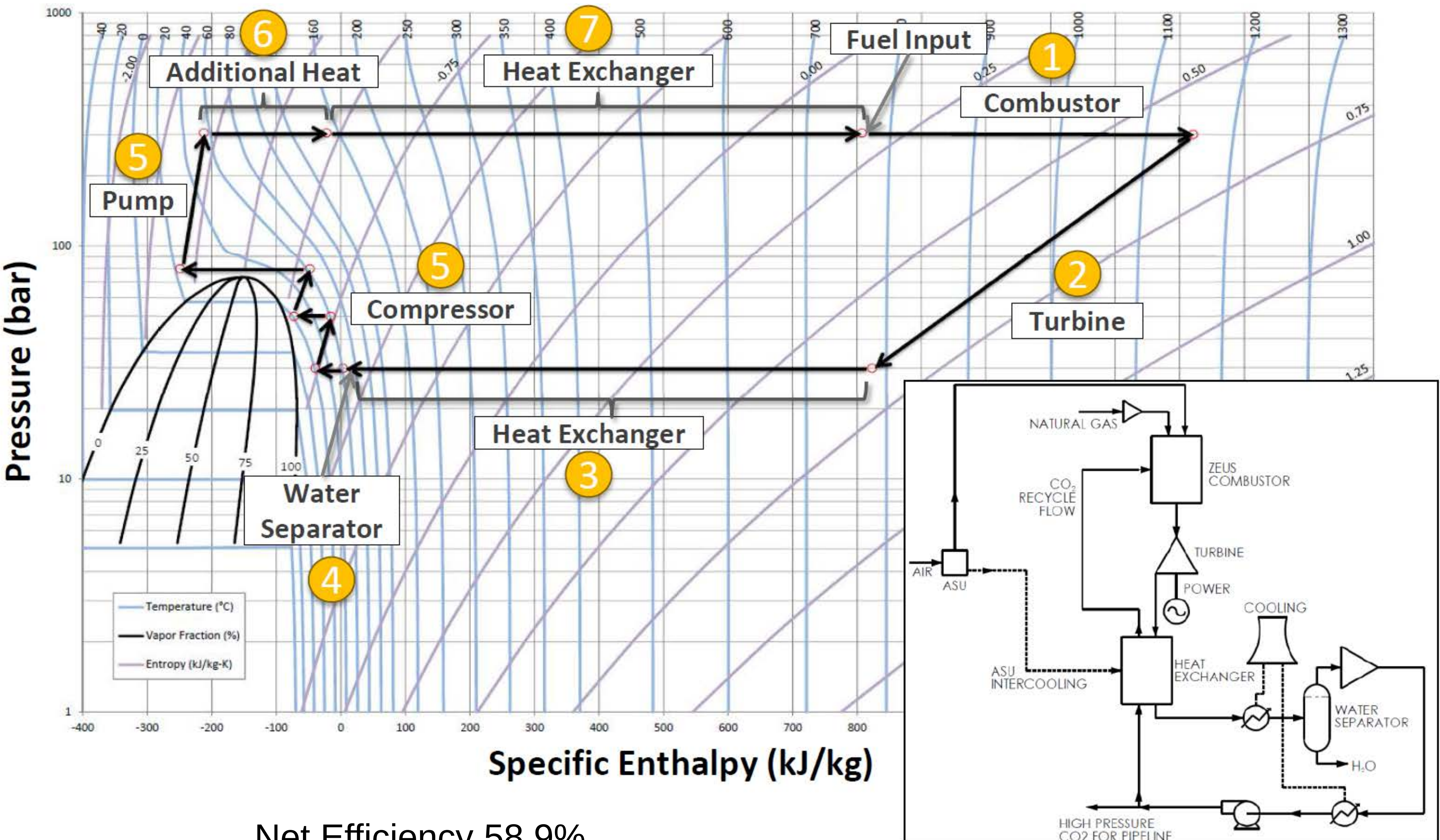

Net Efficiency 58.9%

[Fetvedt 2016]

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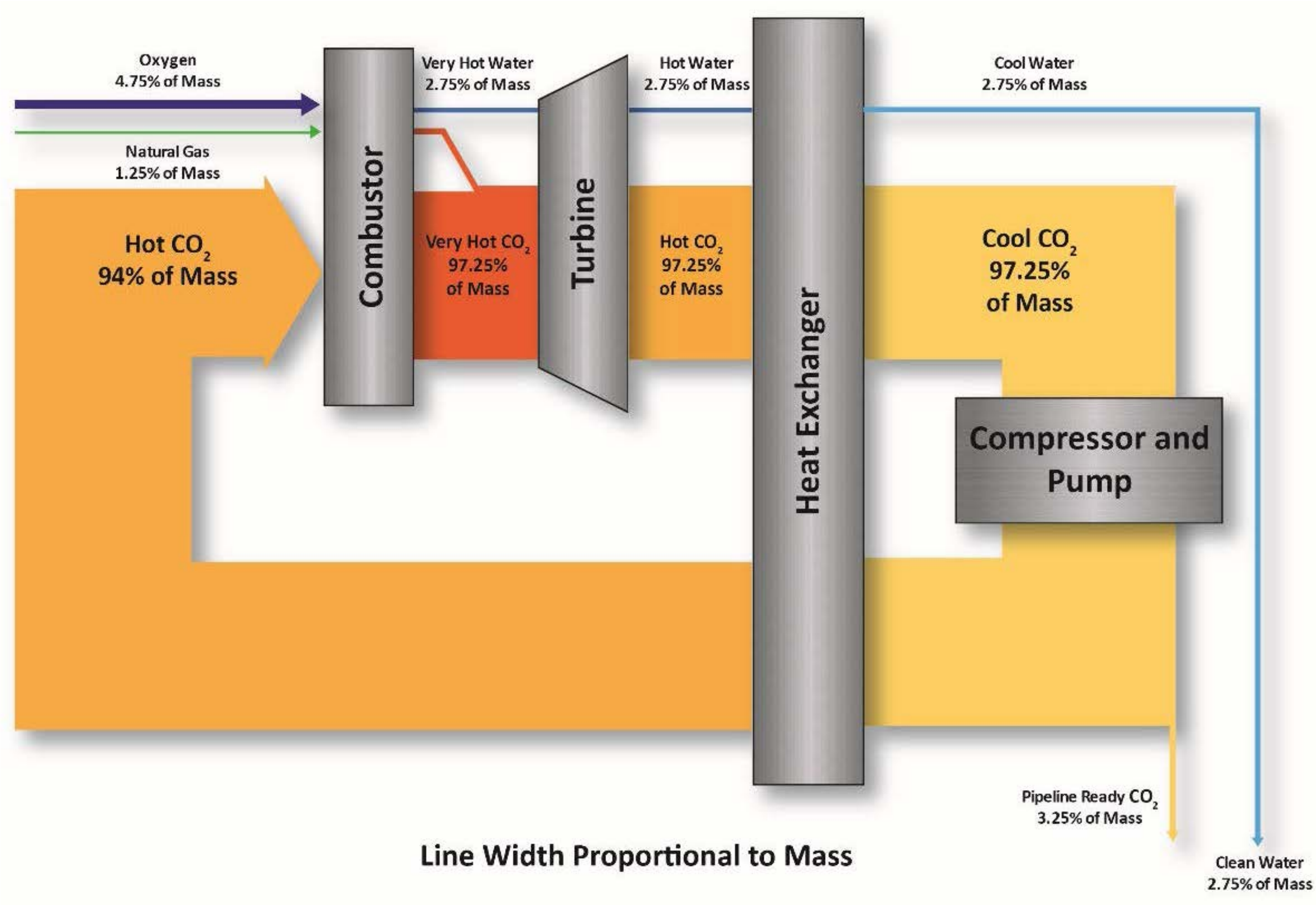

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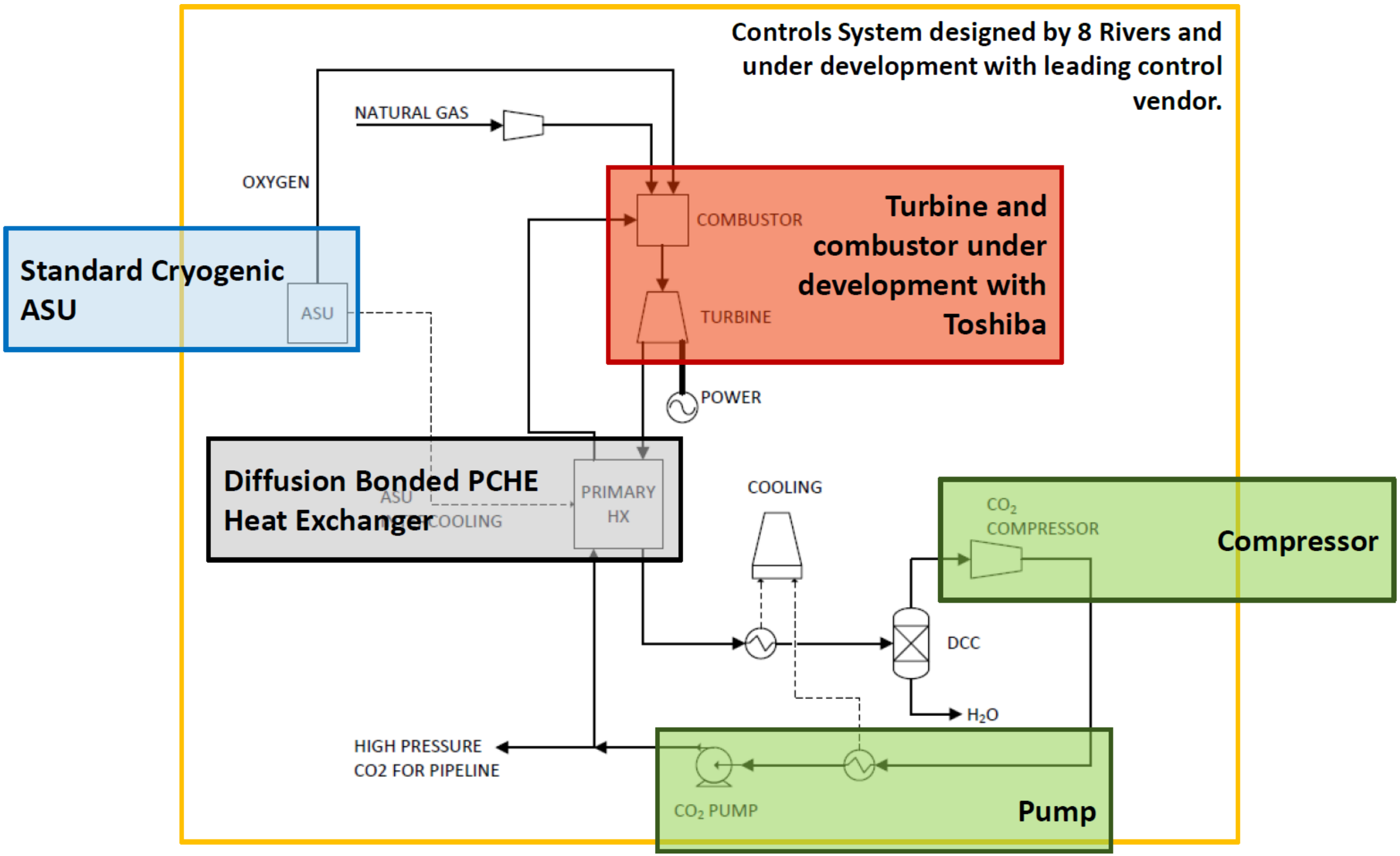
Component Development



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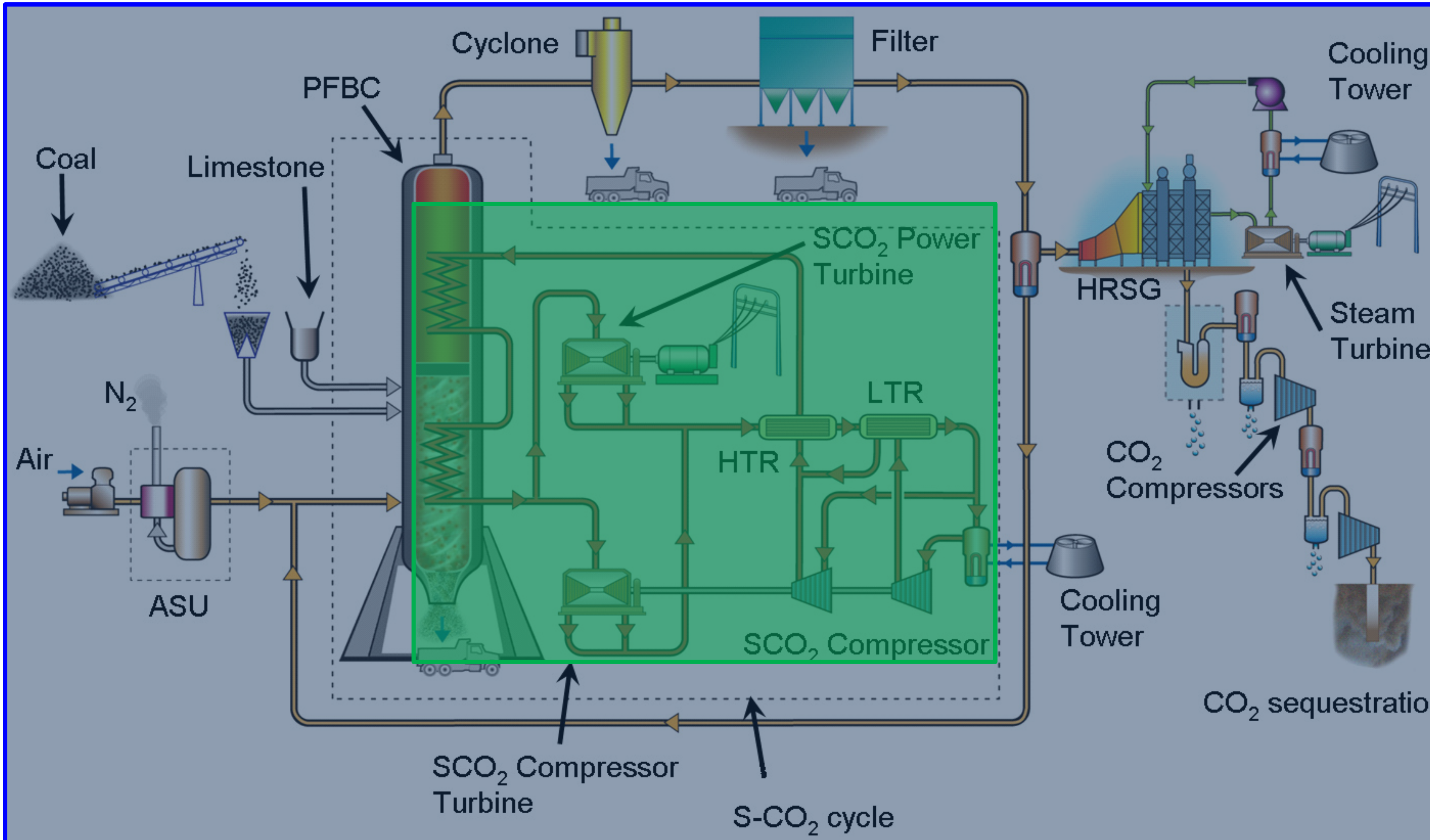
Indirect Oxy-Fuel Combustion

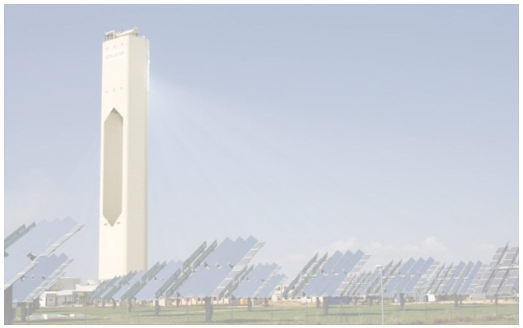


Zero Emission Oxy-Coal Power Plant with Supercritical CO_2 Cycle, Johnson et al. (2012)

What are the key challenges for oxy-fuel sCO2 cycles

- Very high combuster and expander temperatures (1200°C)
  - Film cooling mandatory
  - Containment challenges
  - Sealing challenges
- Unproven combustion dynamics
- Complex auxiliary hardware

Supercritical CO_2 in Power Cycle Applications



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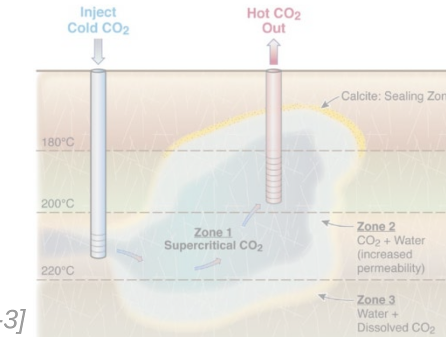

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Ship-board Propulsion

- Nuclear sCO_2 cycles?
- Improved power to weight
- Rapid startup
- Bottoming cycles

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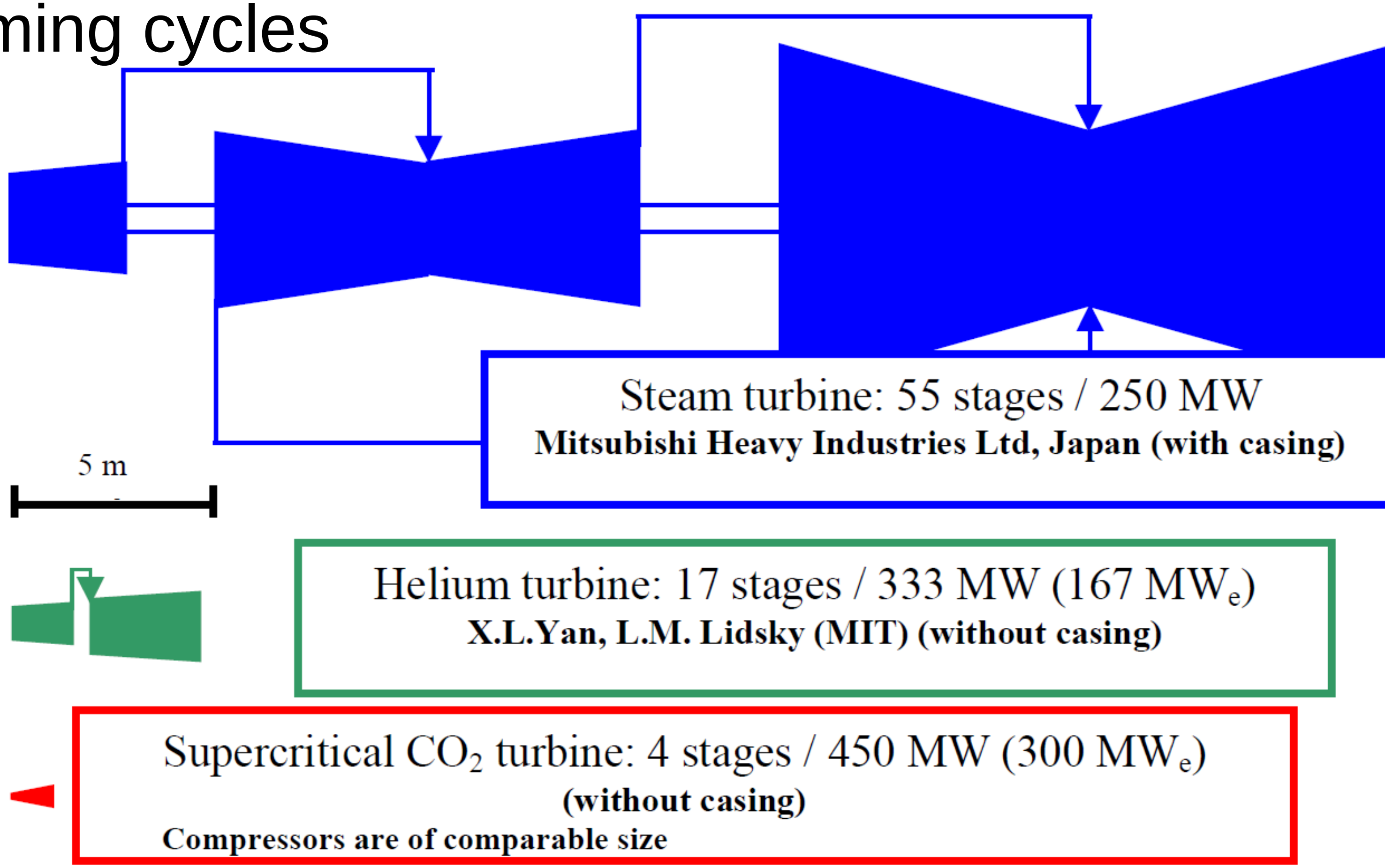

Source: Dostal (2004)

Key challenges to sCO2 nautical applications

- Weight
- Startup transient response times
- Impulse load robustness
- Containment (ships do get hit)

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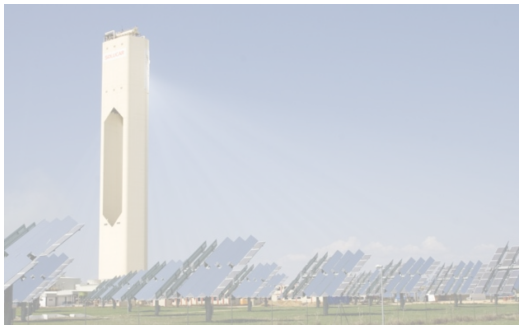

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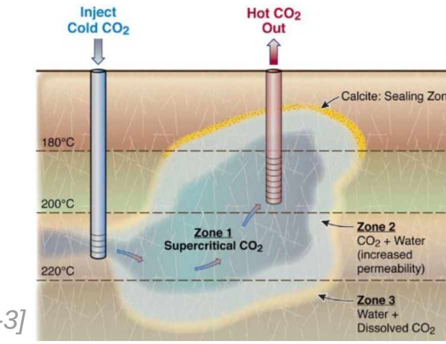

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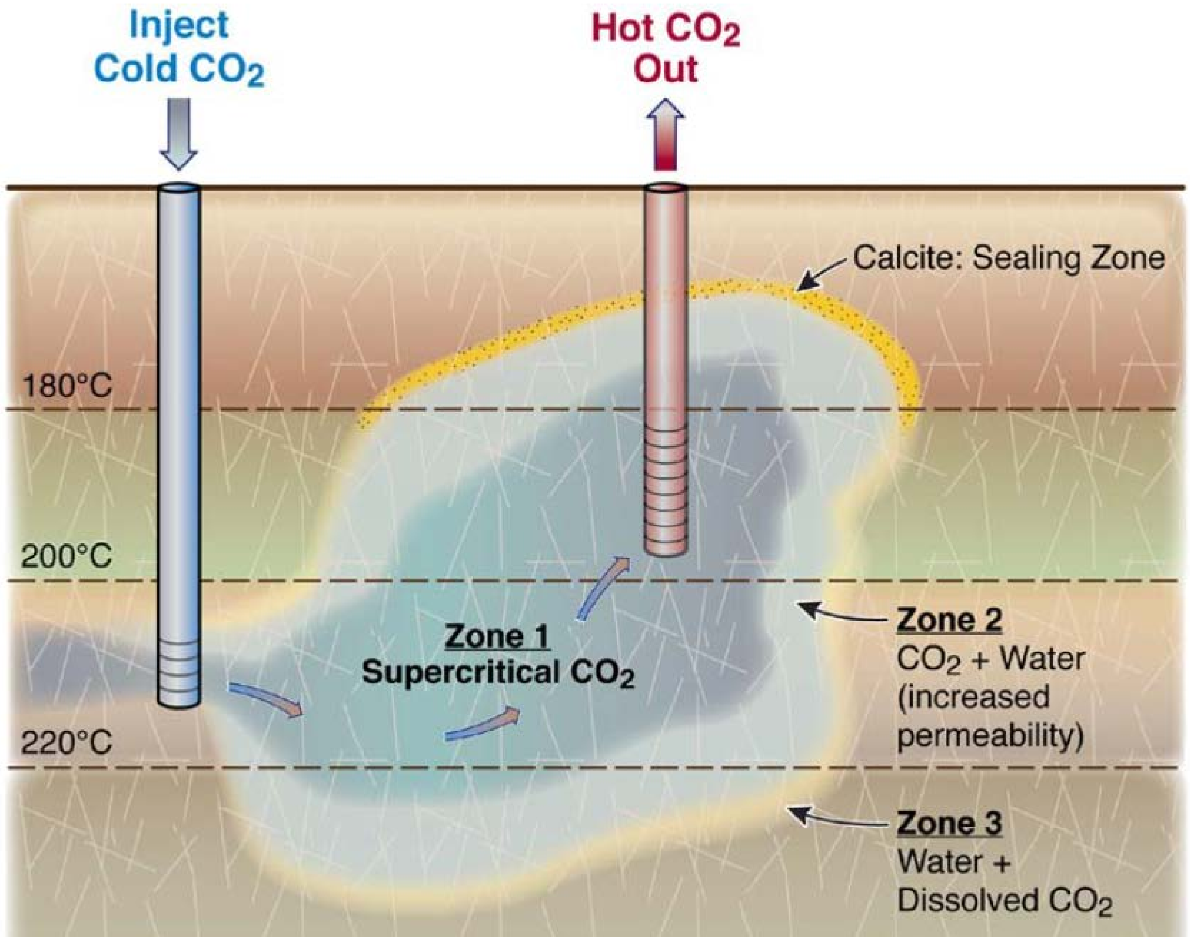
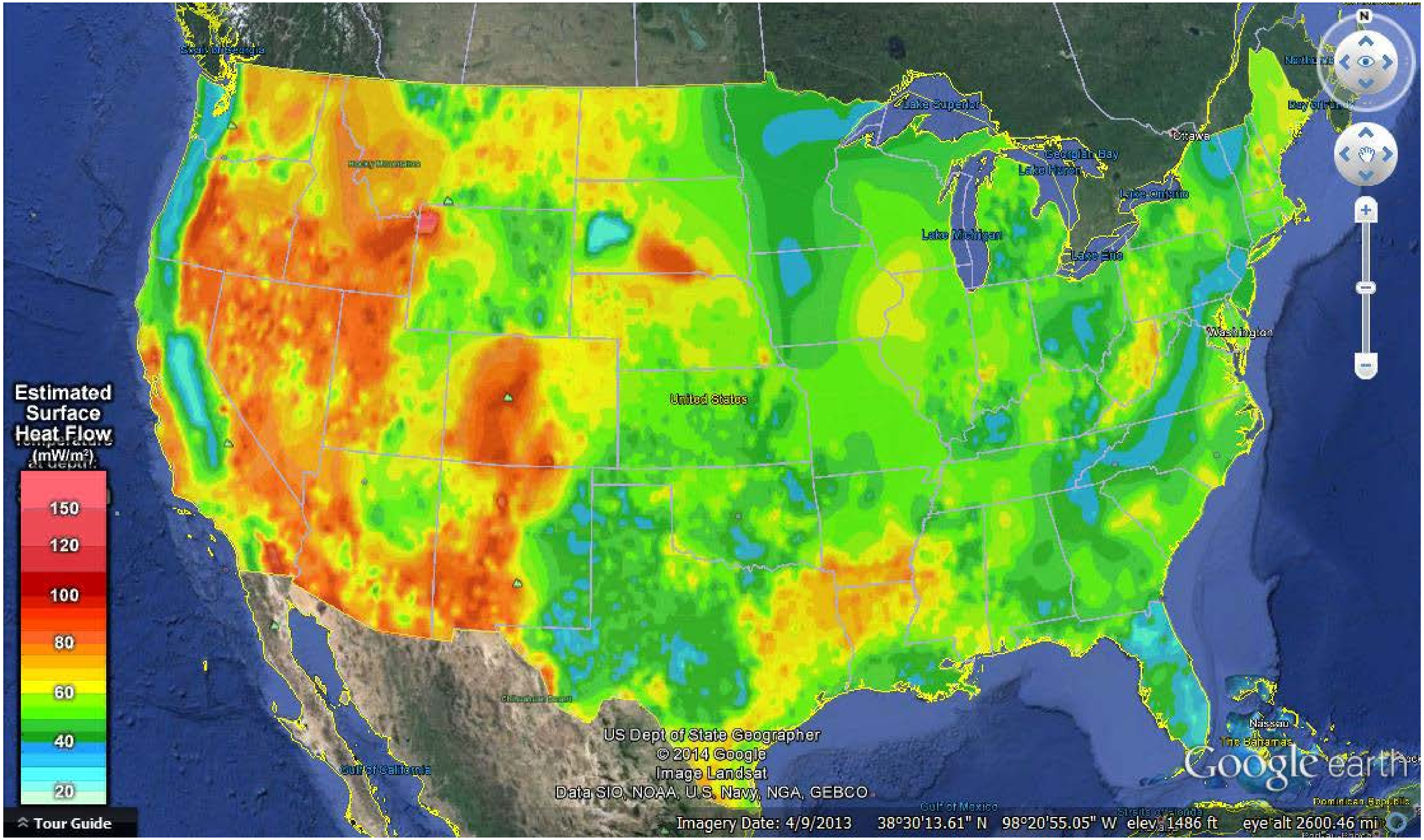
Geothermal

- ❑ Low Temperature Heat Source
  - T ≈ 210°C, P ≈ 100 bar



Pruess (May 19, 2010)

US Geothermal Resources



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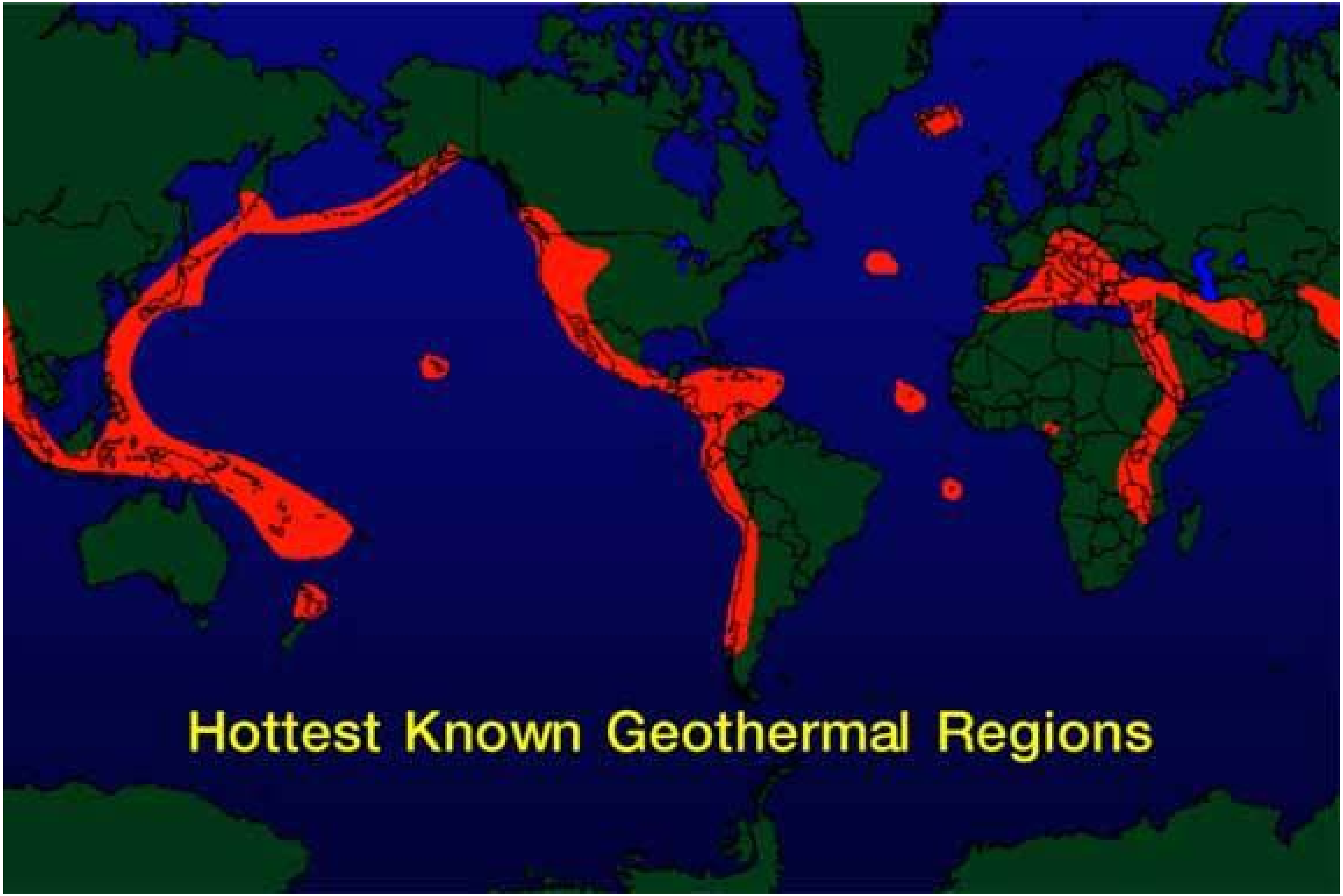
Global Geothermal Resources



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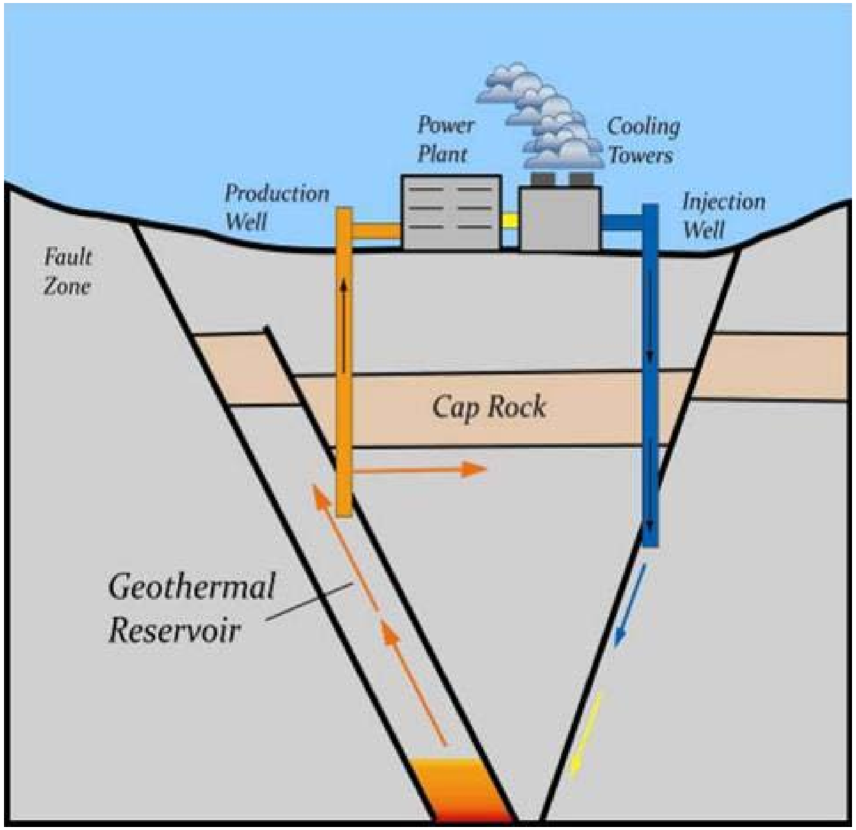
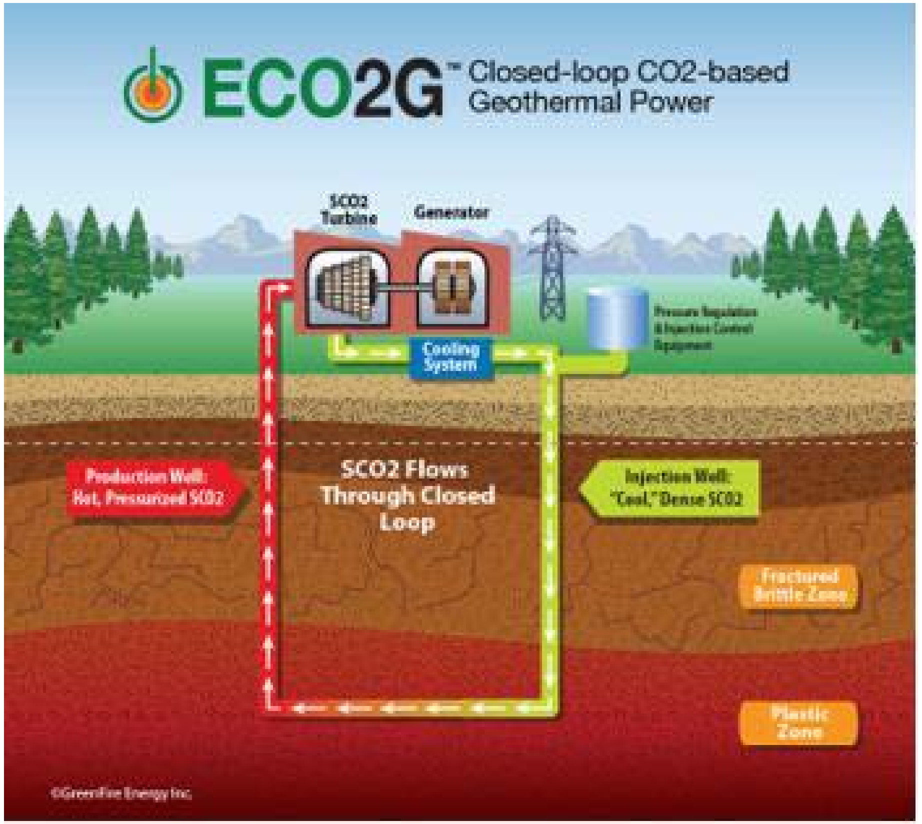
ECO2G

Conventional Hydrothermal



Closed-Loop Supercritical CO_2



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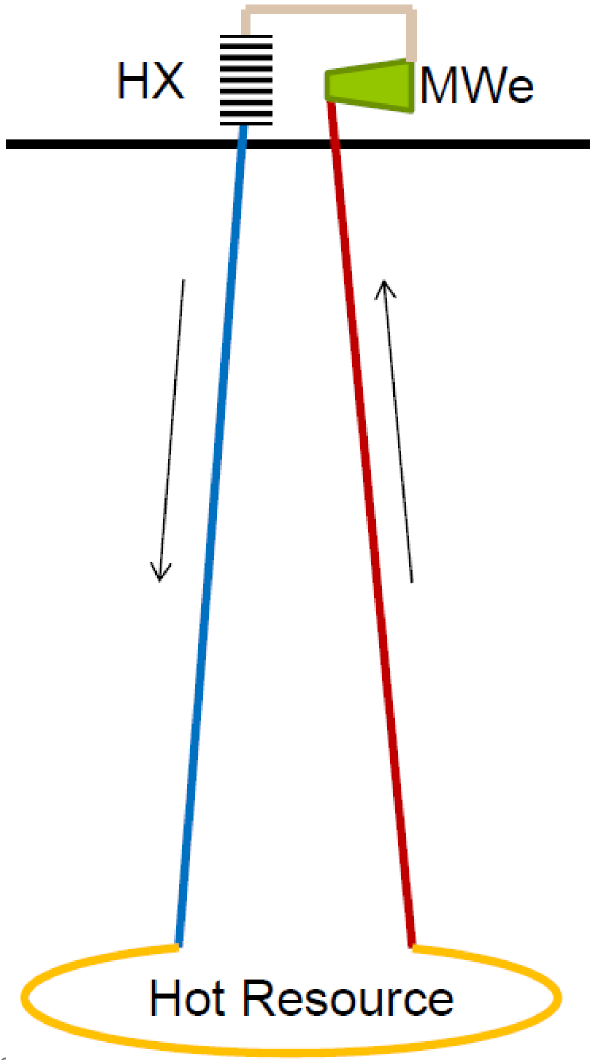
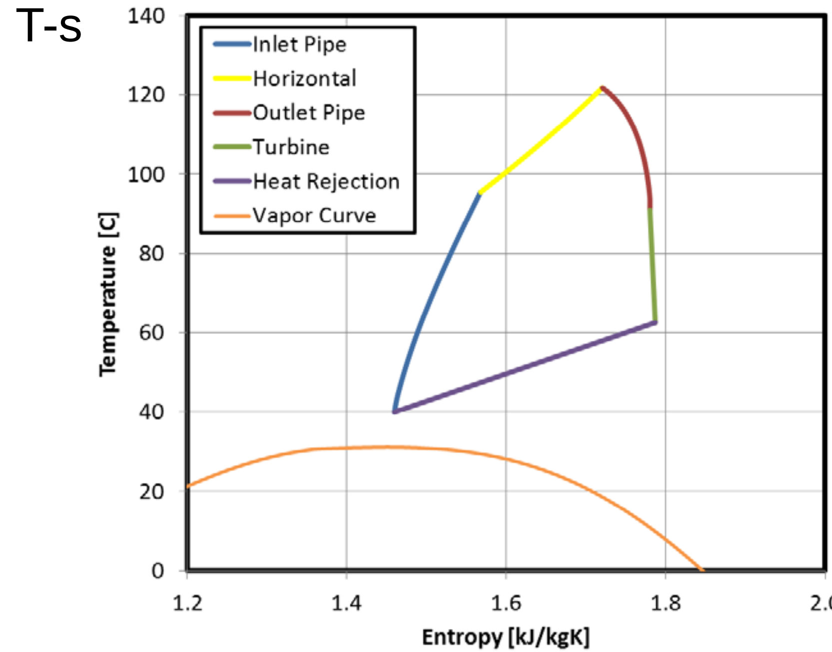
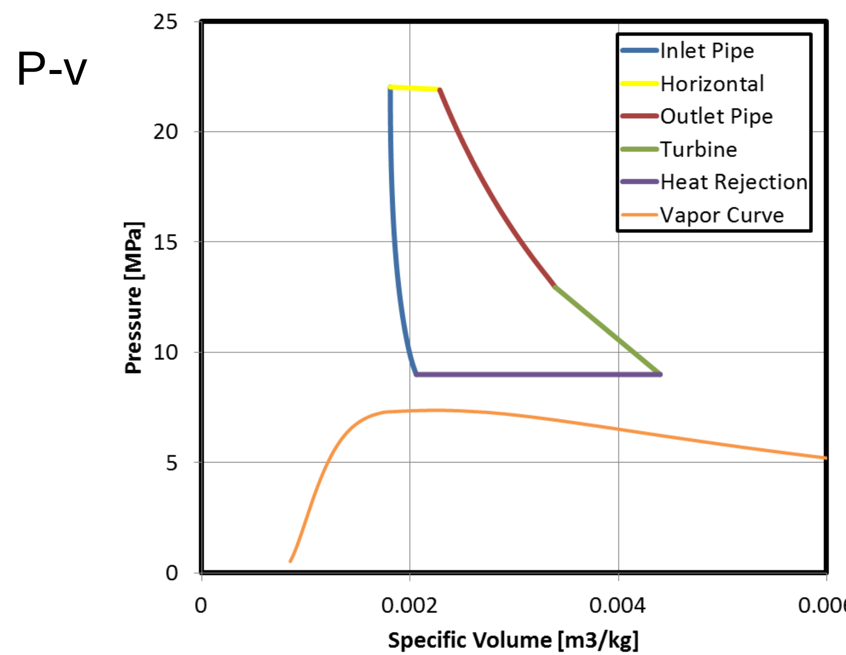
P-v & T-s Diagram







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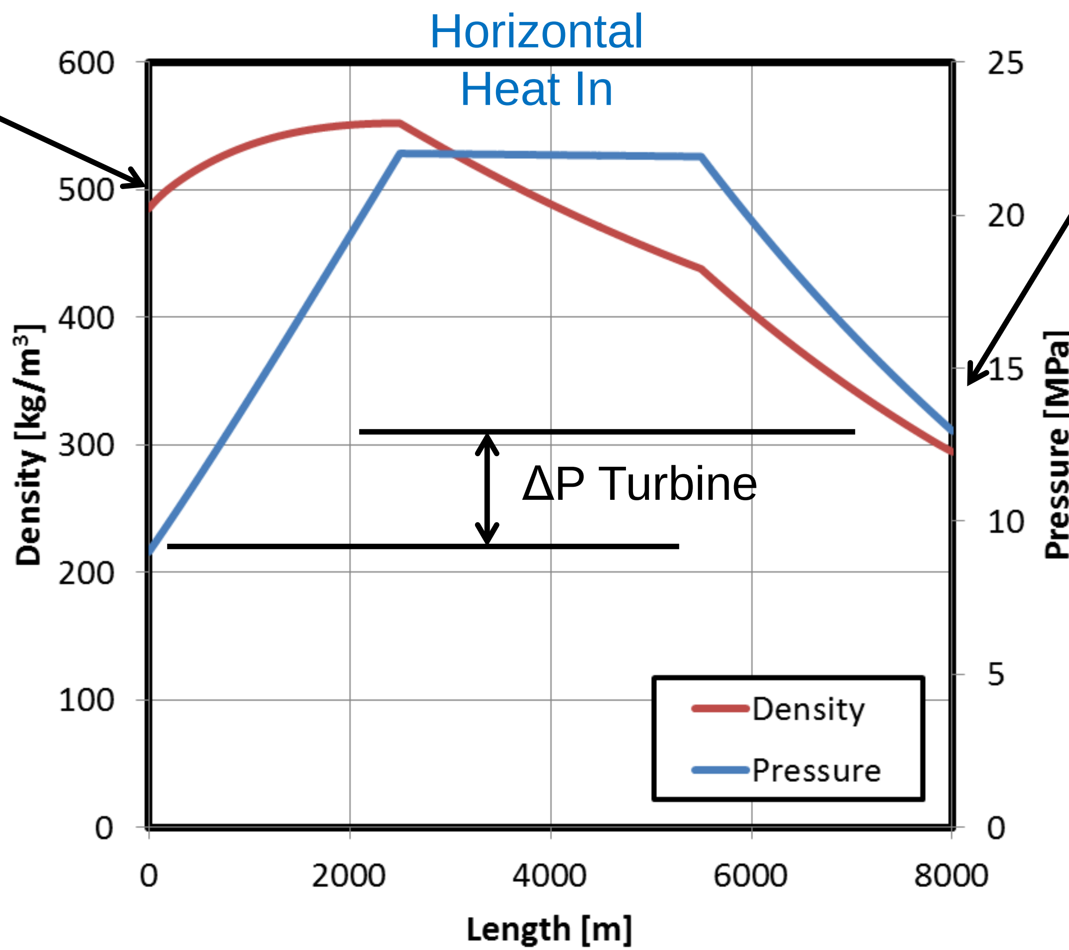
How does a Thermosiphon Work

Cold Gas In



Hot Gas Out

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Performance ECO2G

- Power Production
- Electrical power is typically 1 to 2 MWe per well
- Electrical power can exceed 5 MWe for some cases
- Financial Projections
- •25 Year LCOE ranges from $0.05 - $0.10/kWh

Benefits of s-CO2 Based Geothermal

- Highly Compressible
  - Produces a strong thermosiphon
- Inexpensive
- High-Efficiency, Small Turbines
- No Process Water
- Outperforms Hydrothermal
  - Steam (flash tank) and binary (ORC) cycles
- Environmentally Friendly
  - Relatively Inert
  - No Process Water
  - Zero Emissions
  - Small Footprint

Challenges to sCO2 goethermal

- Drilling technology is very expensive and (probably) not a sure thing.

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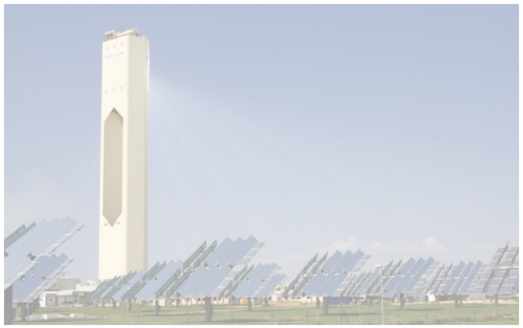

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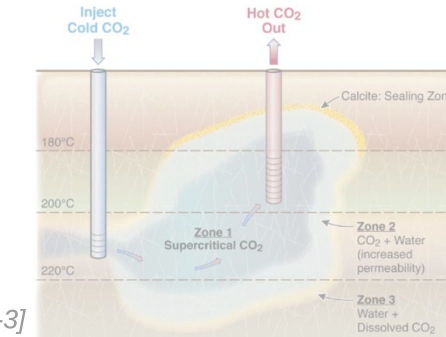

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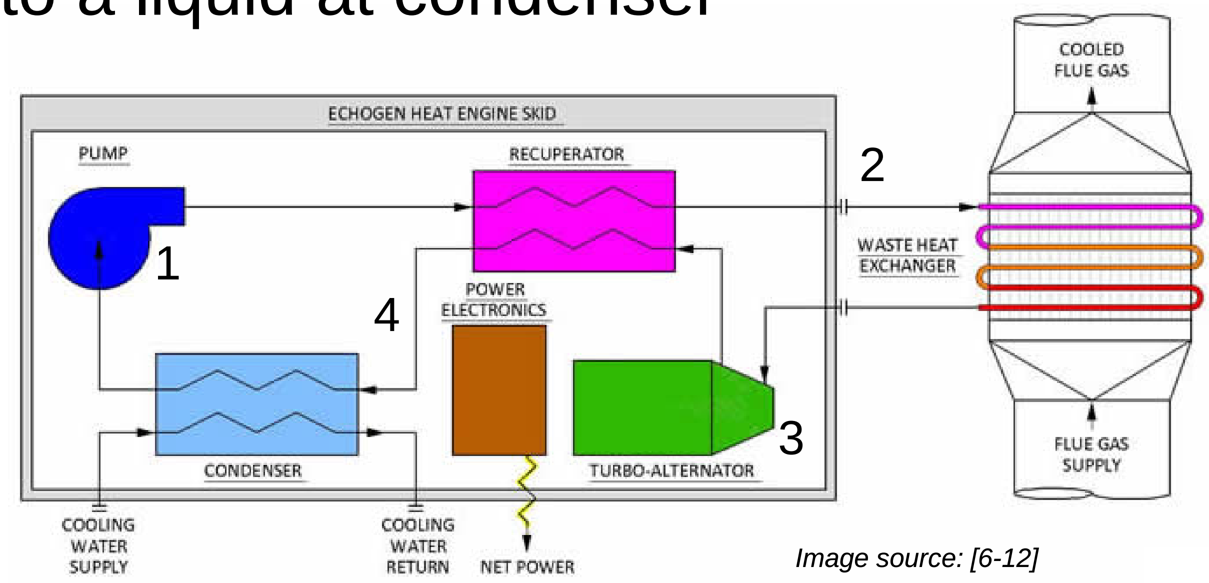
Waste Heat Recovery

Waste Heat Recovery (Bottoming)

- Rankine Cycle Description
  1. Liquid CO_2 is pumped to supercritical pressure
  2. sCO2 accepts waste heat at recuperator and waste heat exchanger
  3. High energy sCO_2 is expanded at turbo-alternator producing power
  4. Expanded sCO_2 is cooled at recuperator and condensed to a liquid at condenser

Image source: [6-11]



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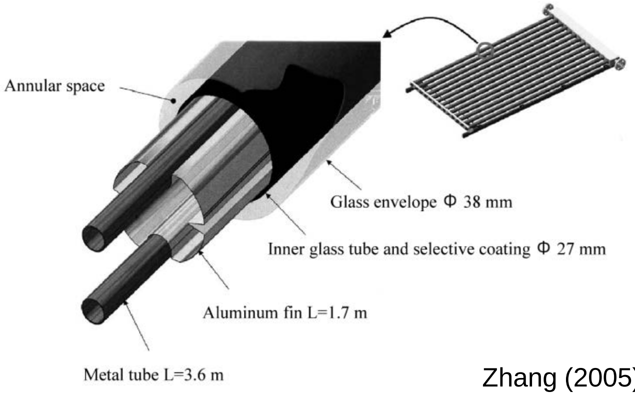
Key challenges to sCO2 bottoming cycles

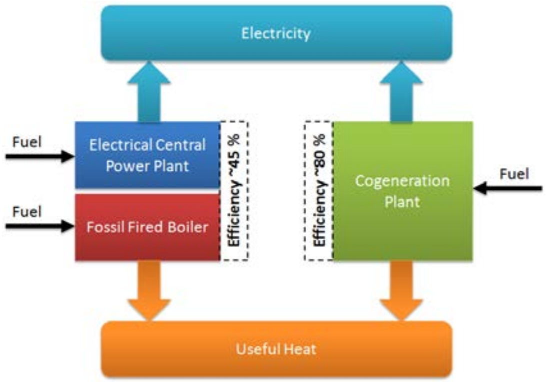
- Efficiencies and costs must compete with with steam/ORC at relevant temperatures
- Unproven technology must move into a field with proven WHR solutions (steam/ORC)
  - Since WHR is not the primary asset in nearly any implementation, shutting down production or heat generation for an unproven benefit is challenging.

Other sCO_2 Power Cycle Applications



Zhang (2005)

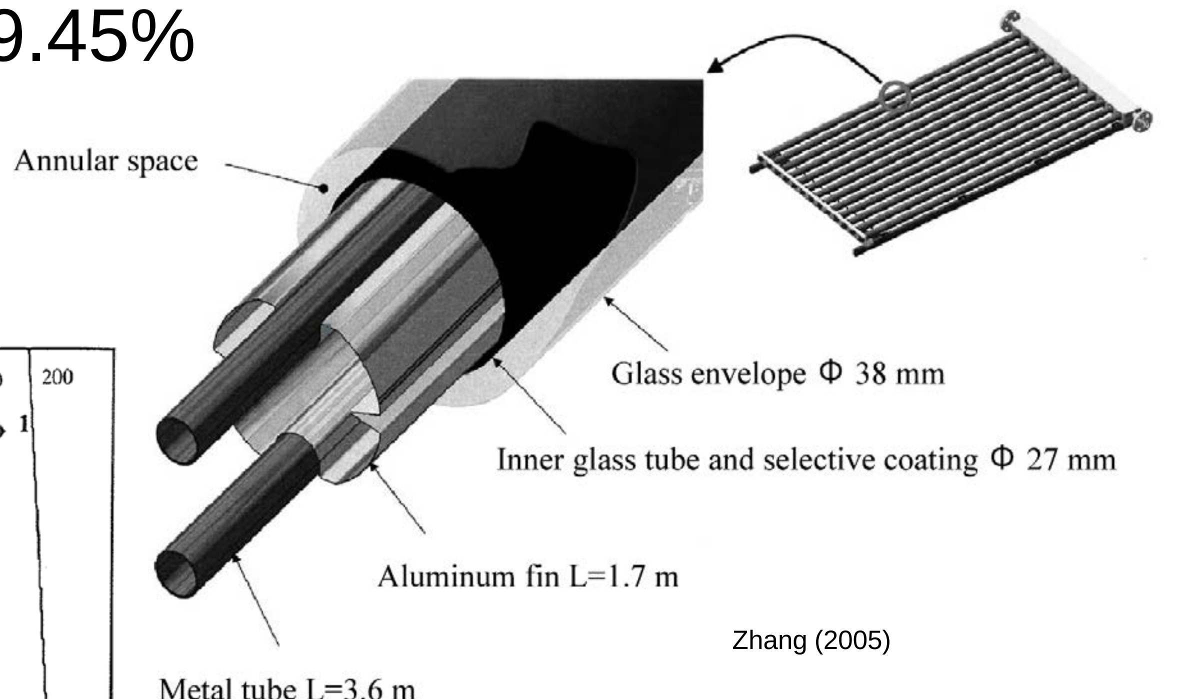
Non-Concentrated Solar Power



Combined Heat & Power

sCO_2 Rankine Cycle in Non-Concentrated Solar Power

- NCSP (Trans-critical Rankine) T_t = 180°C
  - $\eta_{e,exp}$ = 8.75%-9.45%
- Photovoltaic
  - $\eta_{e,exp}$ = 8.2%



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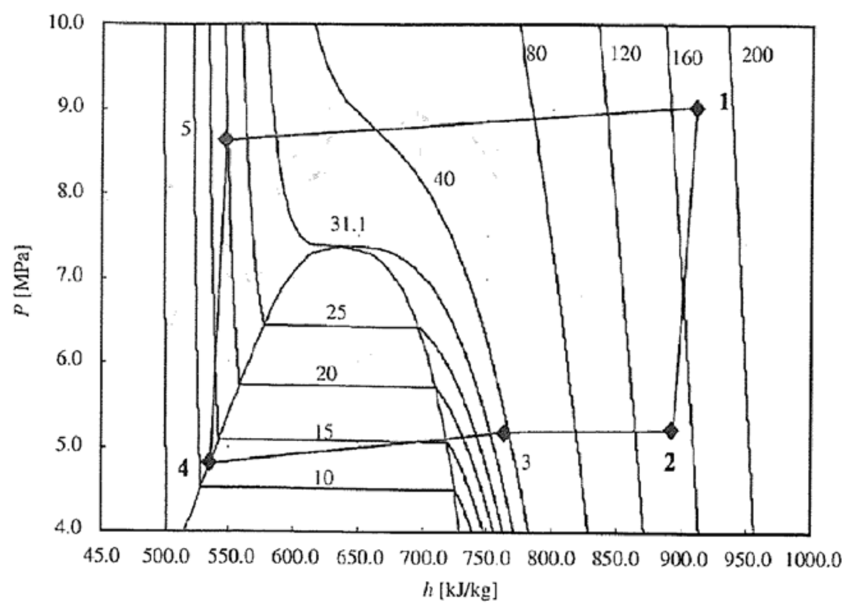
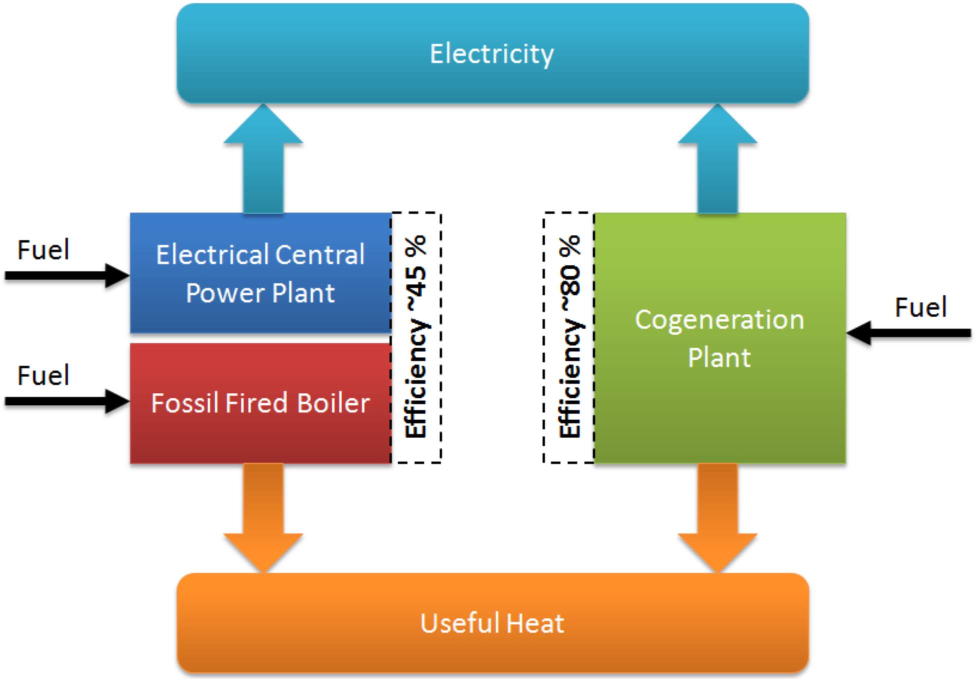


Zhang (2007)

sCO_2 Rankine Cycle in Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

- ❑ Electrical efficiency
  - Higher than ordinary steam CHP
  - Cascaded s-CO2 plant performed best



Moroz (2014)

sCO_2 as a Refrigerant

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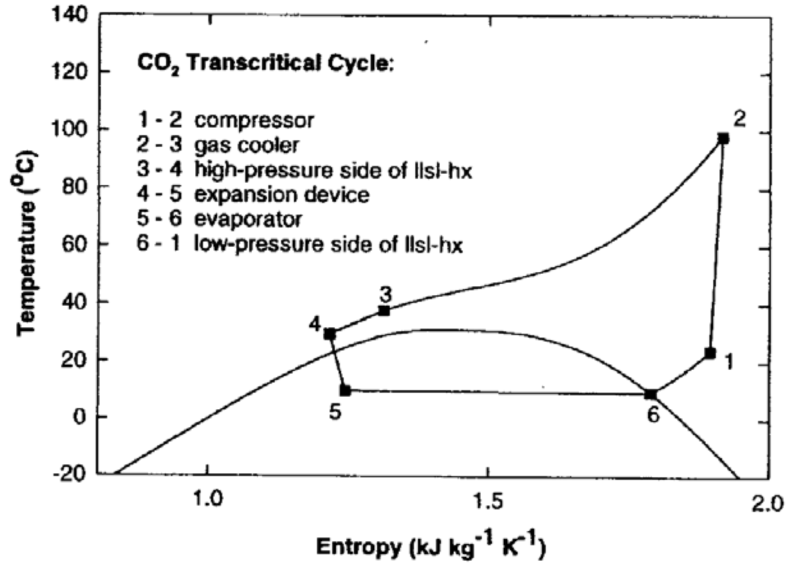
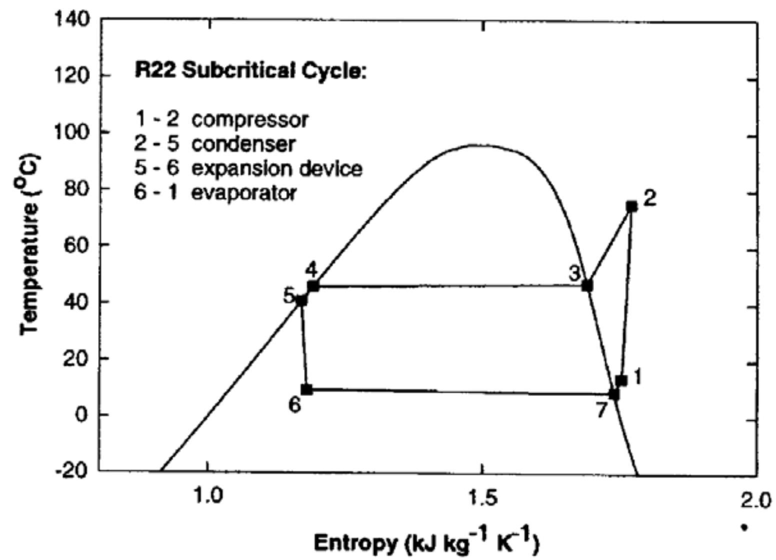
Image source: [6-14]

sCO_2 vs R-22 in Refrigeration

- Employed MCHEs
- Summary
  - CO_2 COP vs. R-22
    - 42% Lower at 27.8°C
    - 57% Lower at 40.6°C
  - Majority of entropy generation in CO2 cycle was in the expansion device





Brown (2002)

sCO_2 in Heat Pumps

- sCO_2 replaced as a refrigerant in domestic heat pump hot water heater in Japan.
  - COP = 8, 90°C (194°F)
  - Compared to COP_{typ}=4-5

$$\left(COP = \frac{Q_h + W_e}{W_e} \right)$$

Image source: [6-14]

EcoCute Heat Pump (2007)

Supercritical CO_2 Power Cycles Symposium

sCO_2 Power Cycle Research Efforts

SwRI®

Development of a High Efficiency Hot Gas Turbo-expander and Low Cost Heat Exchangers for Optimized CSP SCO_2 Operation

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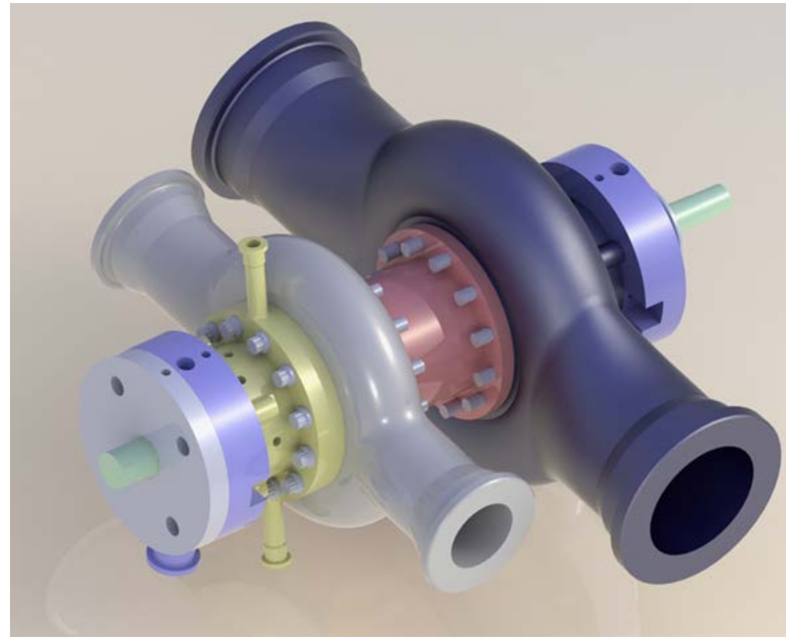


Taken from SunShot Subprogram Review: Concentrating Solar Power (Sunshot Grand Challenge Summit
Anaheim, CA, May 19-22, 2014)

SunShot
U.S. Department of Energy

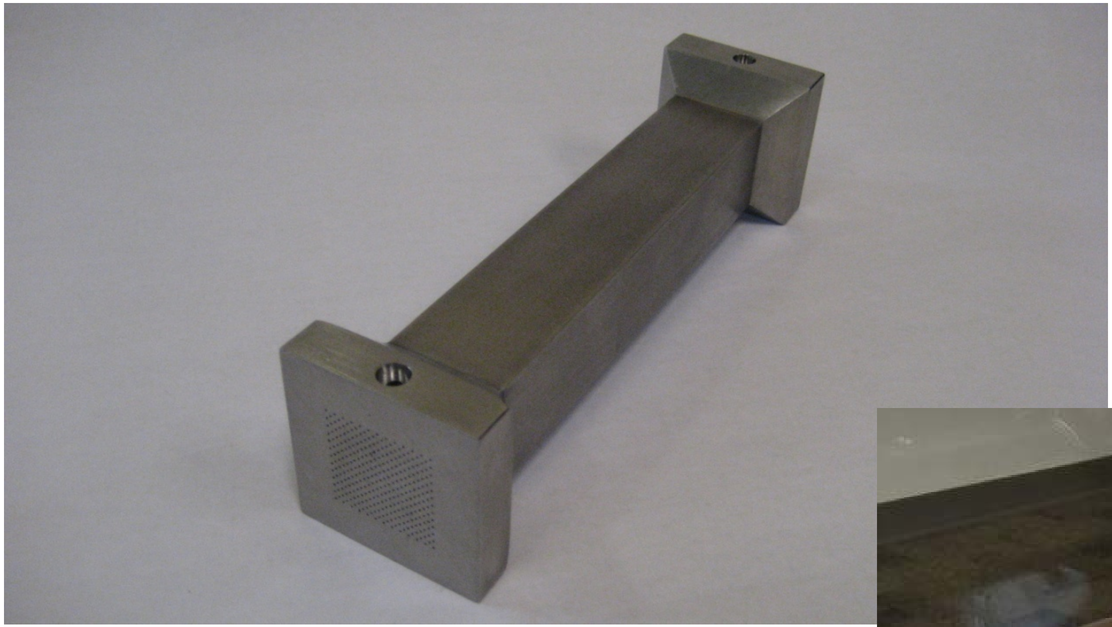
Project Objectives

- To develop a novel, high-efficiency supercritical sCO_2 turbo-expander optimized for the highly transient solar power plant duty cycle profile.
  - This MW-scale design advances the state-of-the-art of sCO_2 turbo-expanders from TRL3 to TRL6.
- To optimize compact heat exchangers for sCO_2 applications to drastically reduce their manufacturing costs.
- The turbo-expander and heat exchanger will be tested in a 1-MWe test loop fabricated to demonstrate component performance and endurance.
- Turbine is designed for 10 MW output in order to achieve industrial scale
- The scalable sCO_2 expander design and improved heat exchanger address and close two critical technology gaps required for an optimized CSP sCO_2 power plant
- Provide a major stepping stone on the pathway to achieving CSP power at $0.06/kW-hr levelized cost of electricity (LCOE), increasing energy conversion efficiency to greater than 50% and reducing total power block cost to below $1,200/kW installed.

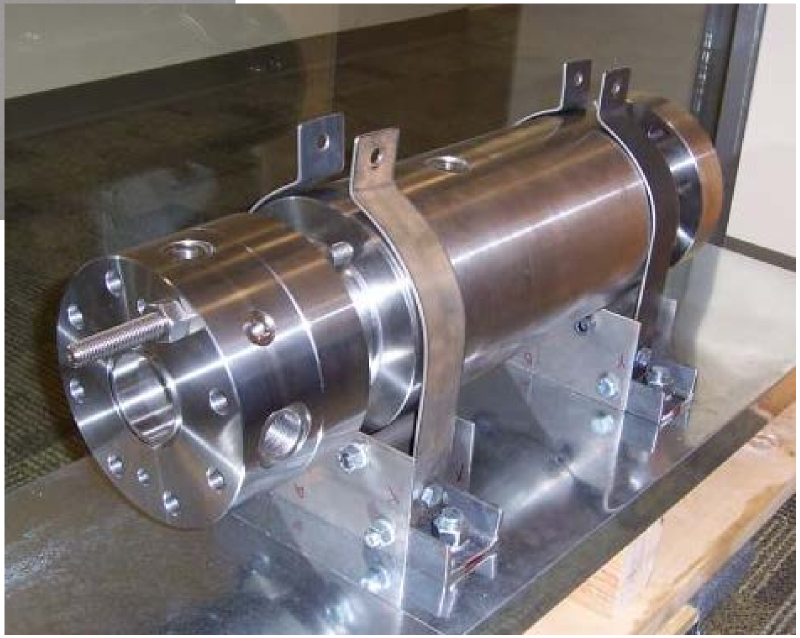
Project Approach

- Work has been divided into three phases that emulate development process from TRL3 to TRL6
- Phase I – Turbomachinery, HX, and flow loop design (17 months)
- Phase II – Component fabrication and test loop commissioning (12 months)
- Phase III – Performance and endurance testing (6 months)

Recuperator Prototypes – 5 and 50 kW



DMLS:
- Expensive and slow to build
- Highly automated
- High pressure drop
- Tested to 5000 psi

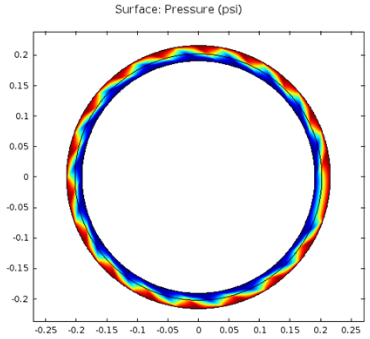


Laser Welded Construction:
- Undergoing flow tests
- Exceeded design predictions for HTC
- Held 2500 psi @ 600° F

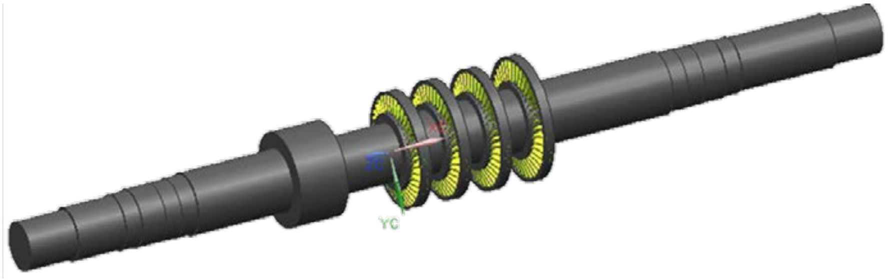
TURBOEXPANDER DESIGN

- A novel turboexpander has been designed to meet the requirements of the sCO2 power with these targets:
- ~14MW shaft power
- >700C inlet temp
- >85% aero efficiency

DGS Face Pressure Distribution from CFD



Multi-stage Axial Turbine



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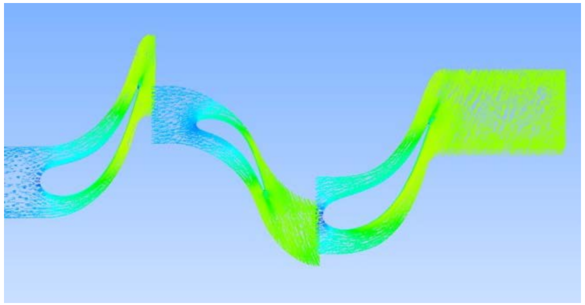
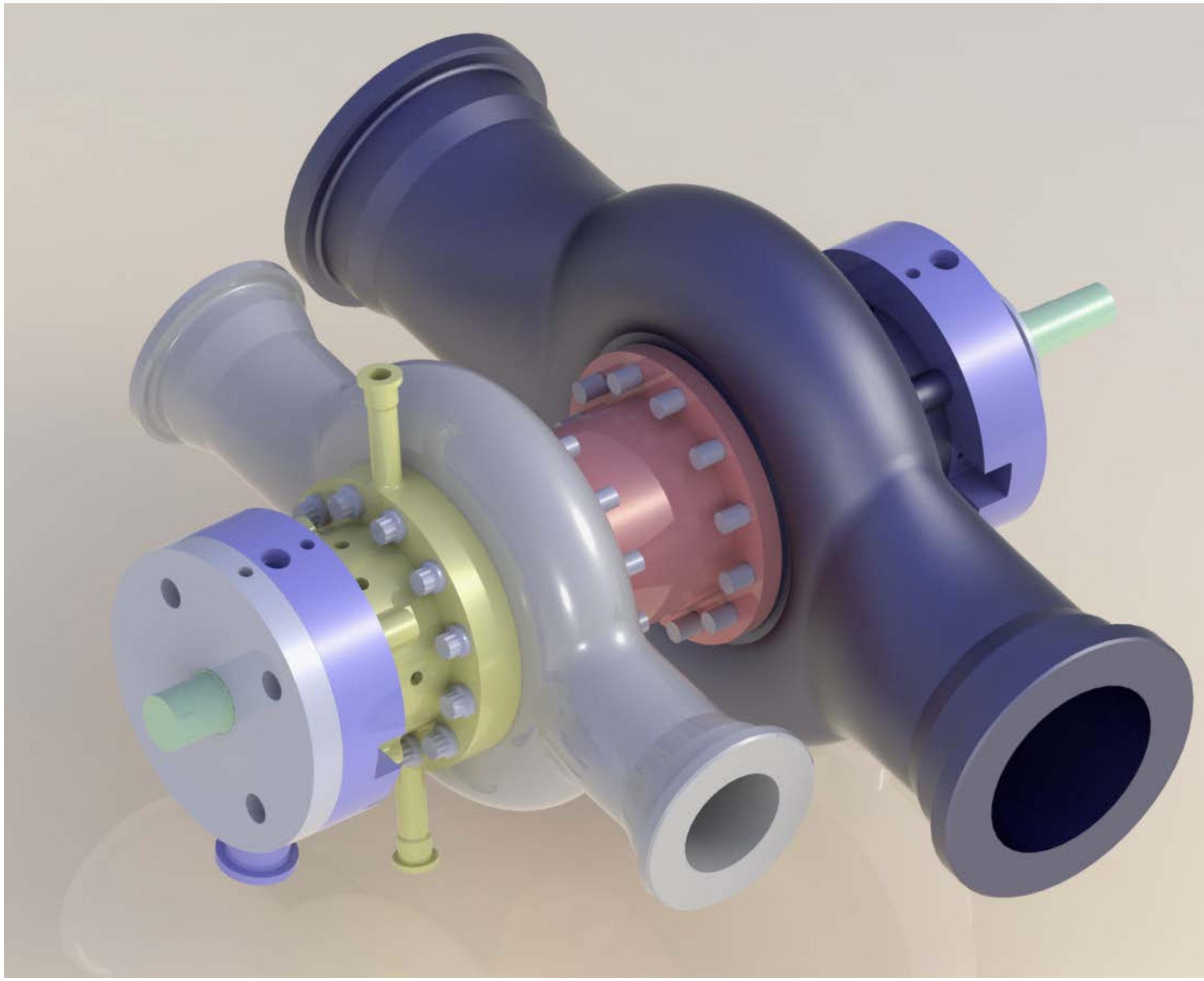
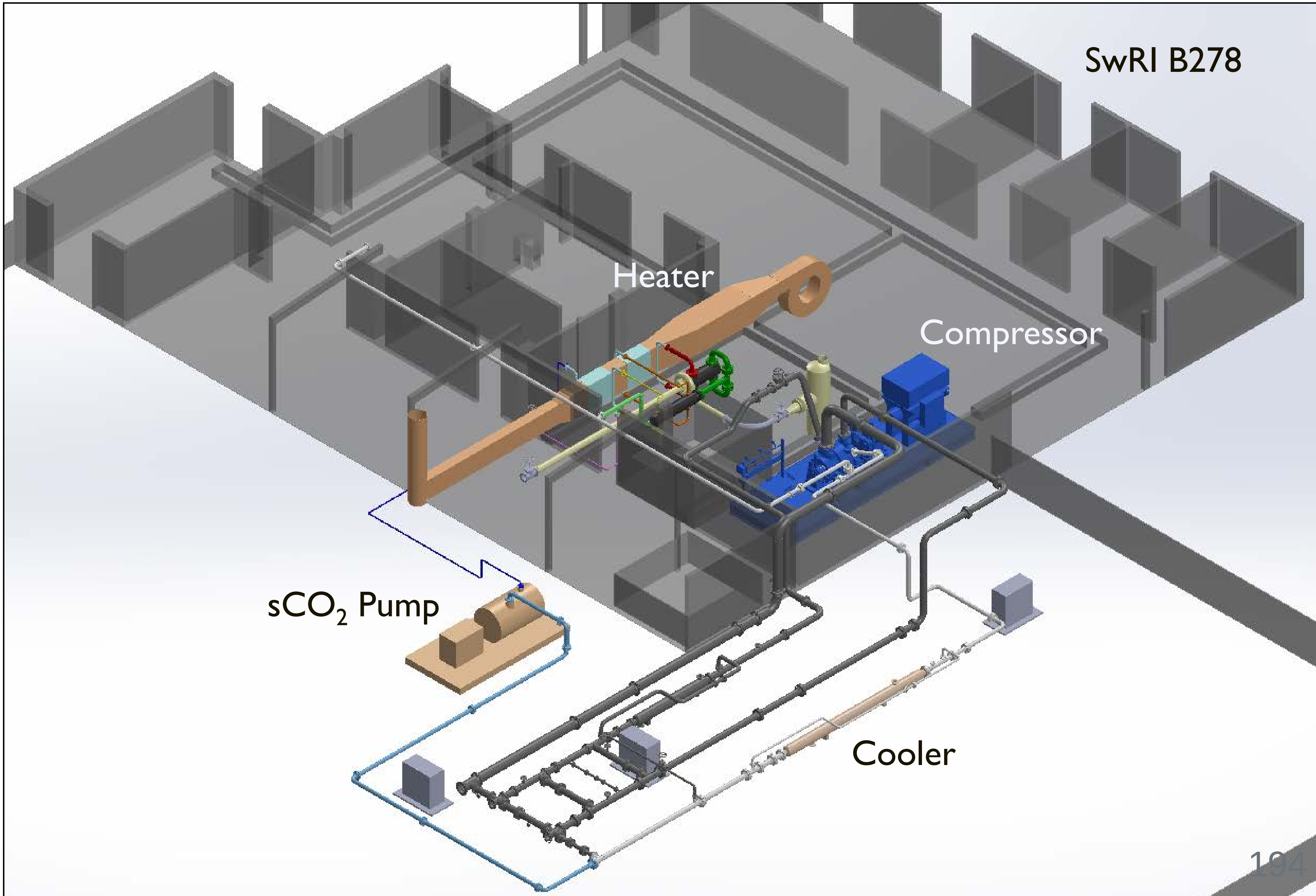


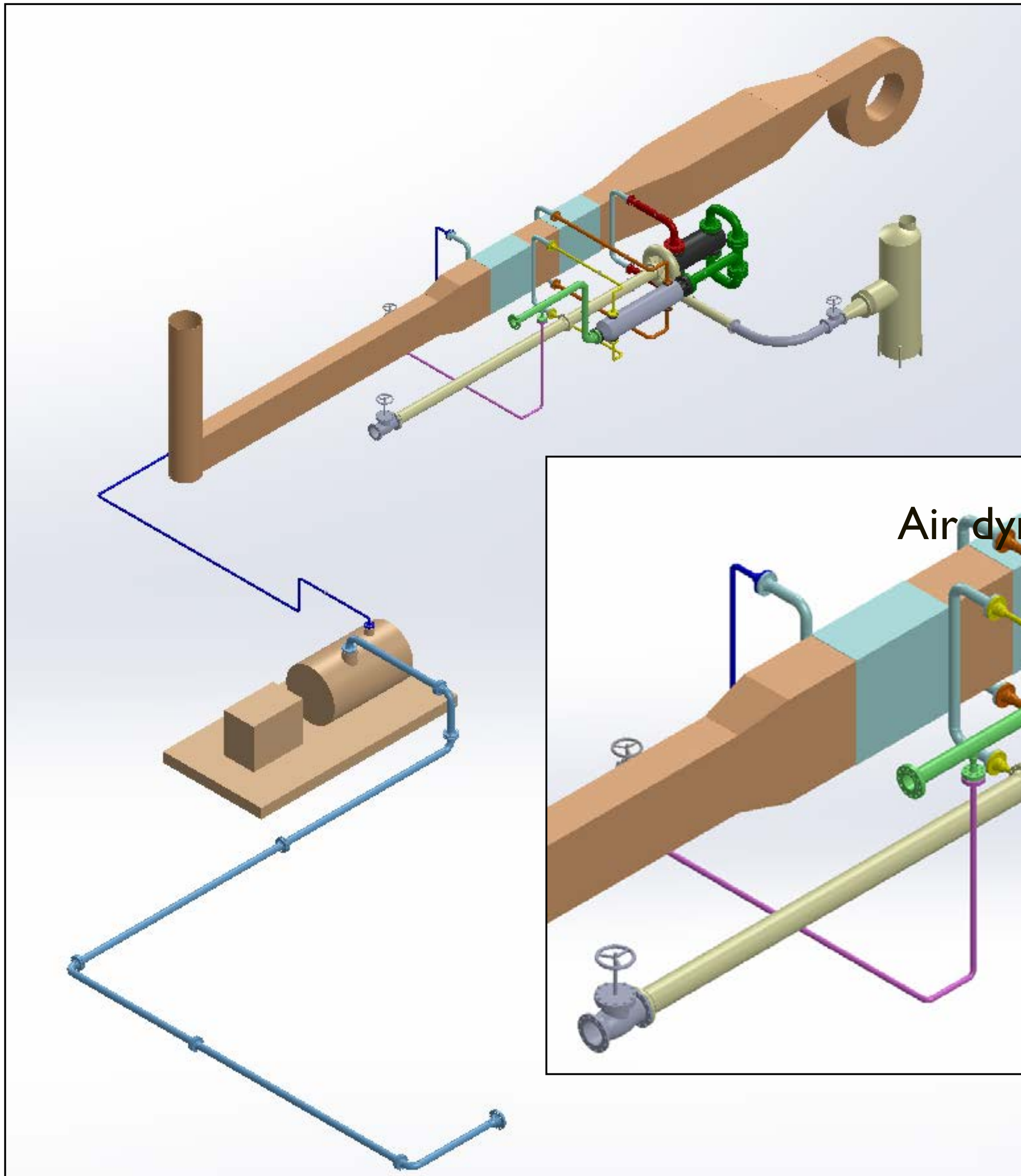
10 MW SCO2 Turbine Concept

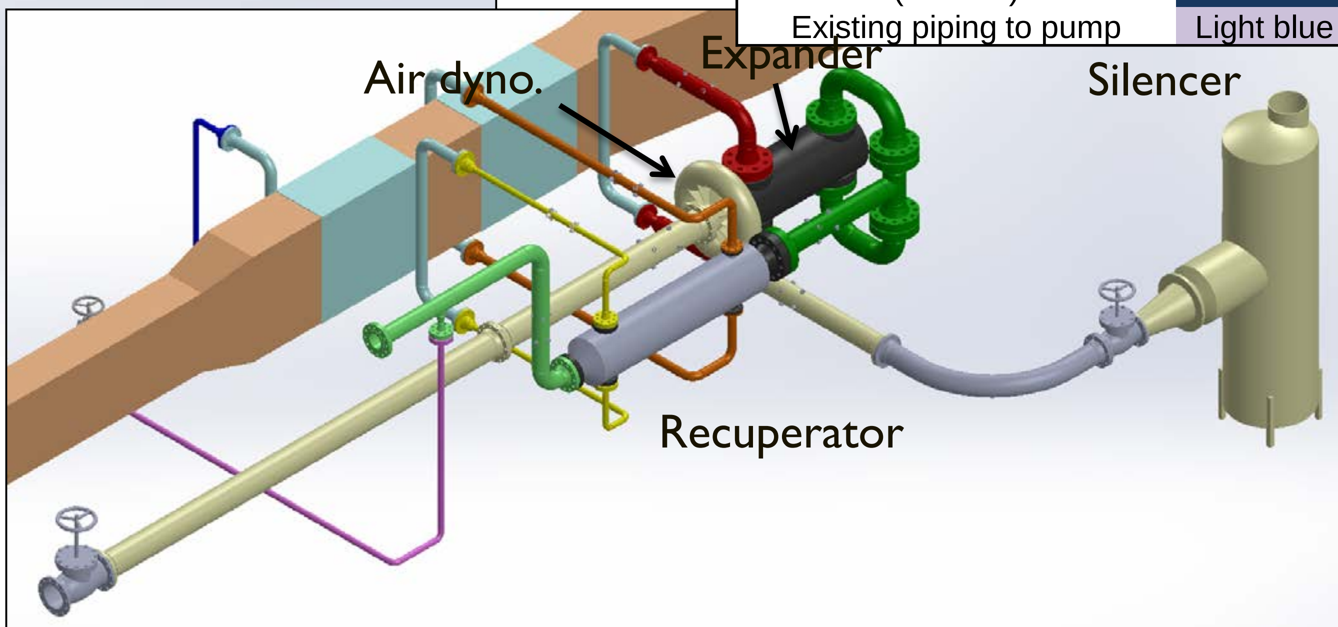


Test Loop Design



Mechanical Test Configuration



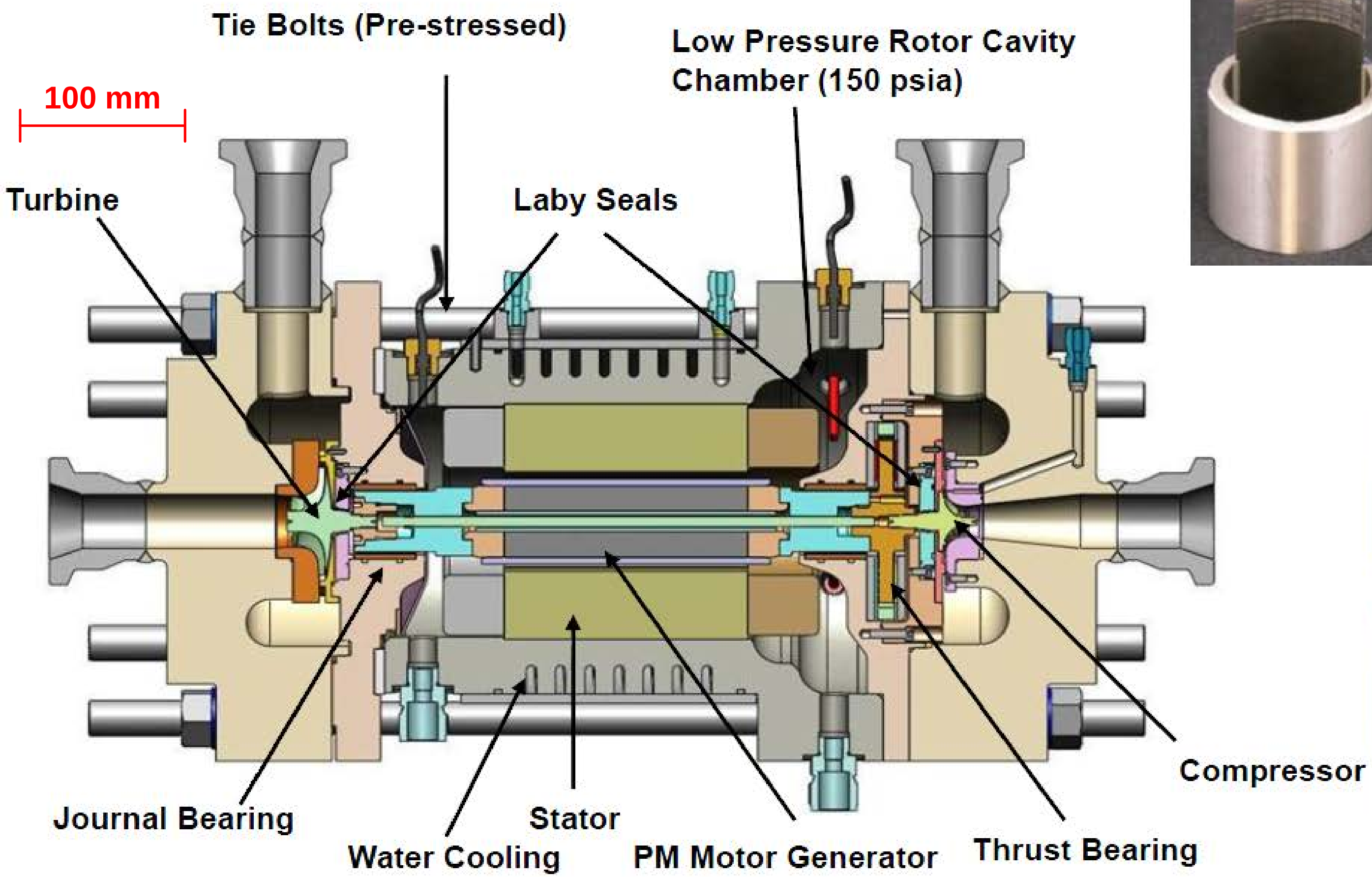


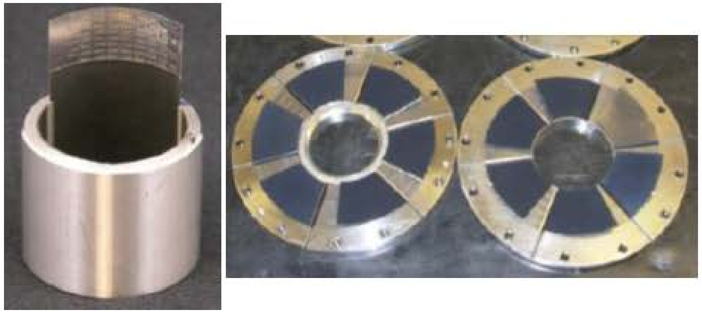
Pipe Section	Color
Pump to heater	Dark blue
LT heater to recuperator	Yellow
Recuperator to HT heater	Orange
HT heater to expander	Red
Expander to recuperator	Dark green
Recuperator to existing	Light green
Existing facility piping	White
Existing facility piping (unused)	Dark gray
Existing piping to pump	Light blue

DOE sCO_2 Test Program

- ❑ Research compression loop
  - Turbomachinery performance
- ❑ Brayton cycle loop
  - Different configurations possible
    - Recuperation, Recompression, Reheat
  - Small-scale proof-of-technology plant
  - Small-scale components
    - Different than hardware for commercial scale

DOE sCO_2 Test Program Turbomachinery





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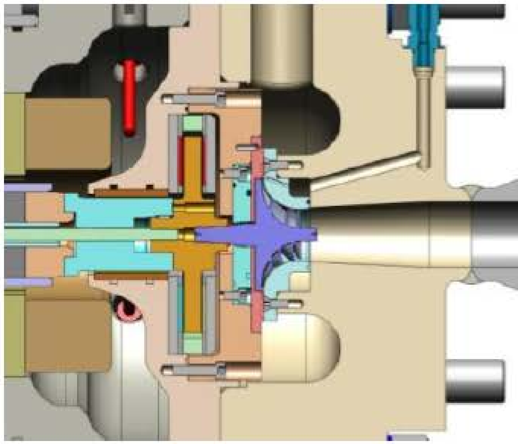

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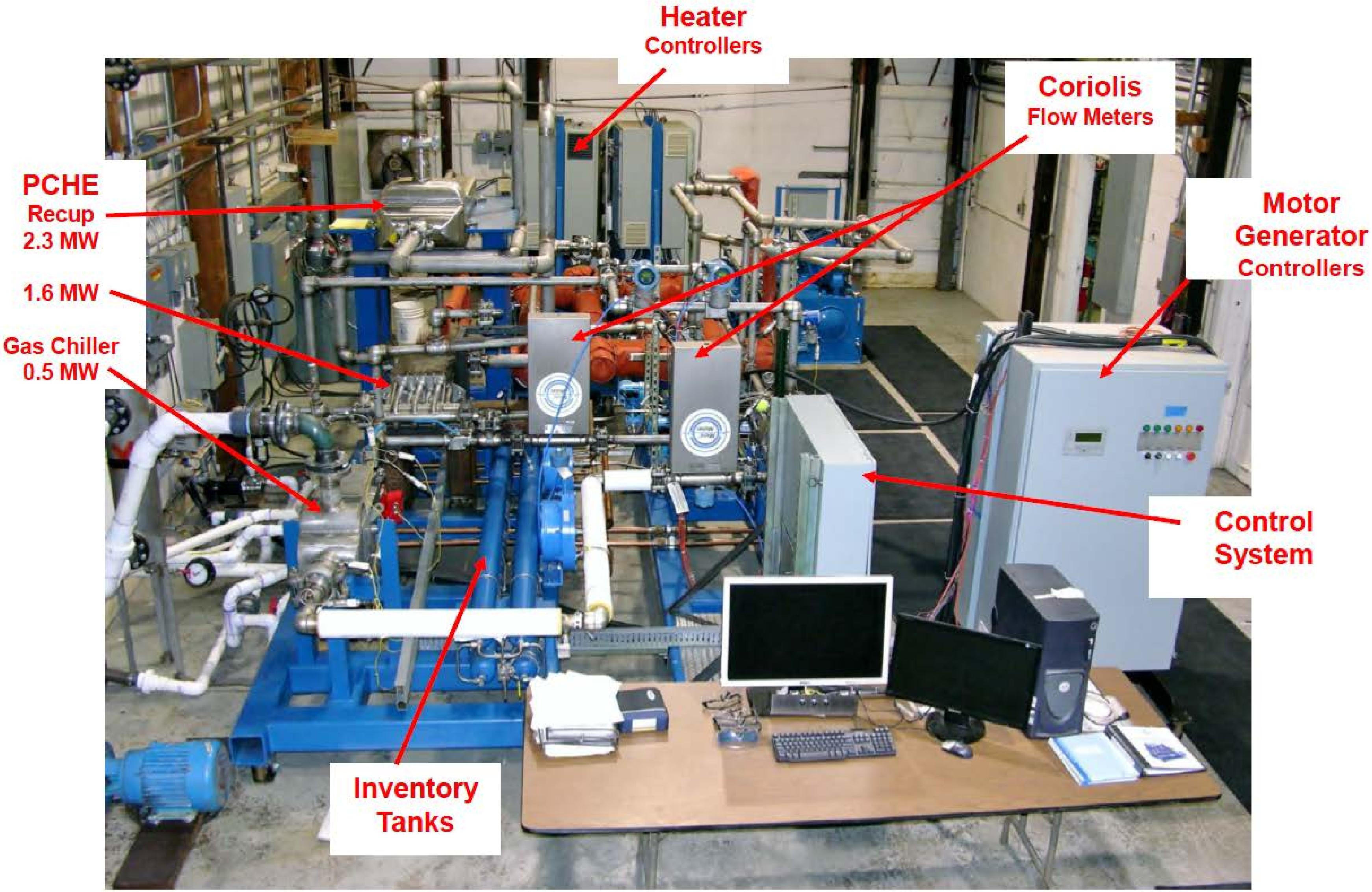
Source: Wright (2011)

sCO_2 Brayton Cycle Test Loop



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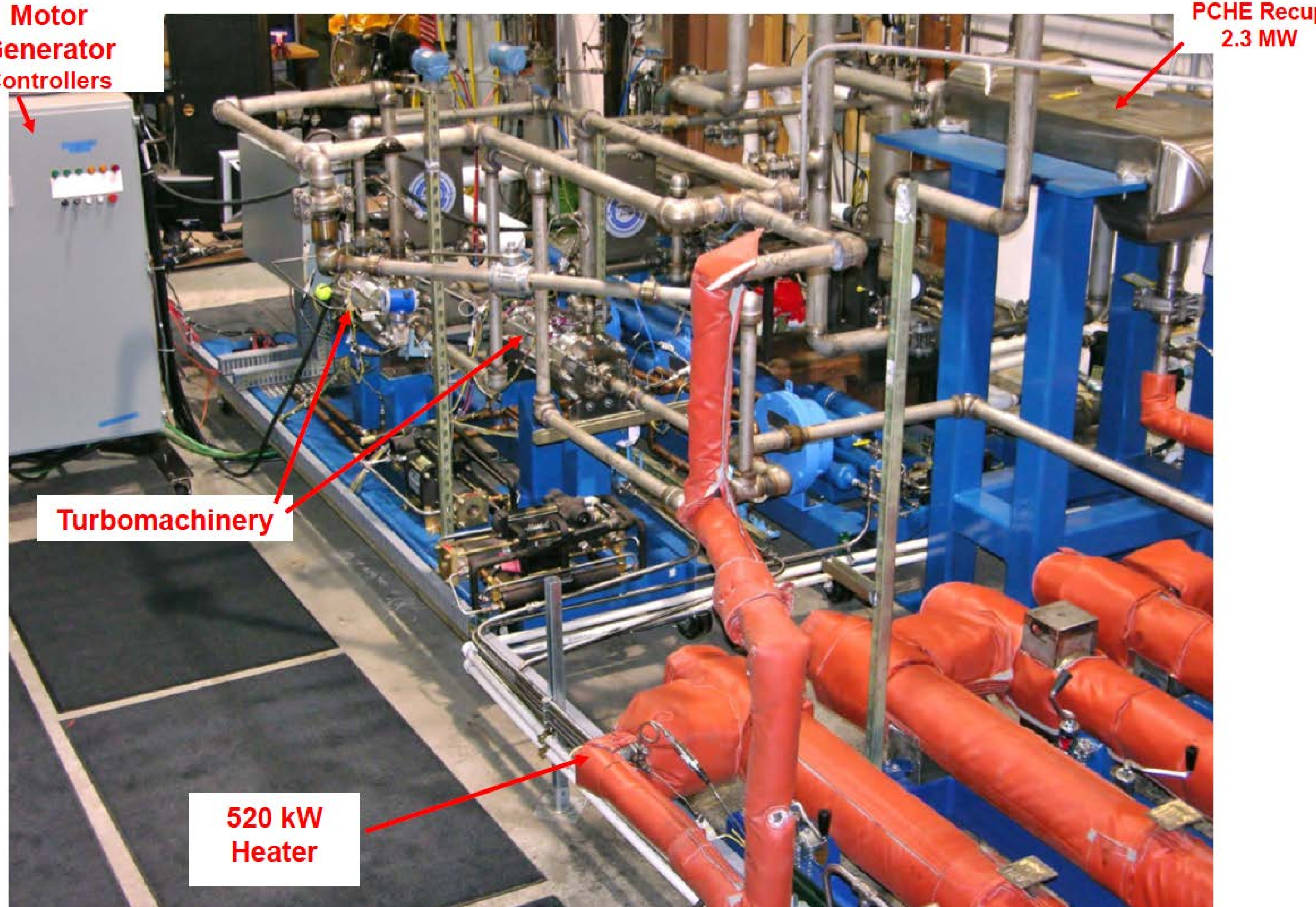

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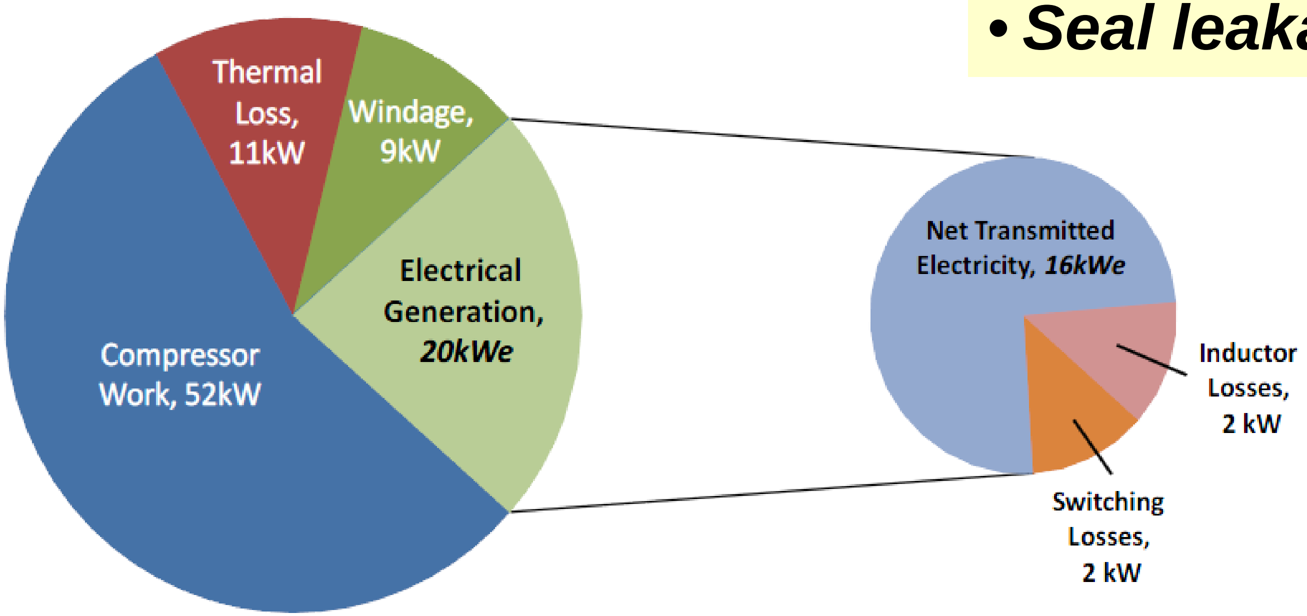
sCO_2 Brayton Cycle Performance with Regeneration Config.

Maximum Case:
Total Turbine Work, 92 kW

Improve with larger scale:
- ***Windage losses***
- ***Thermal losses***
- ***Seal leakage***

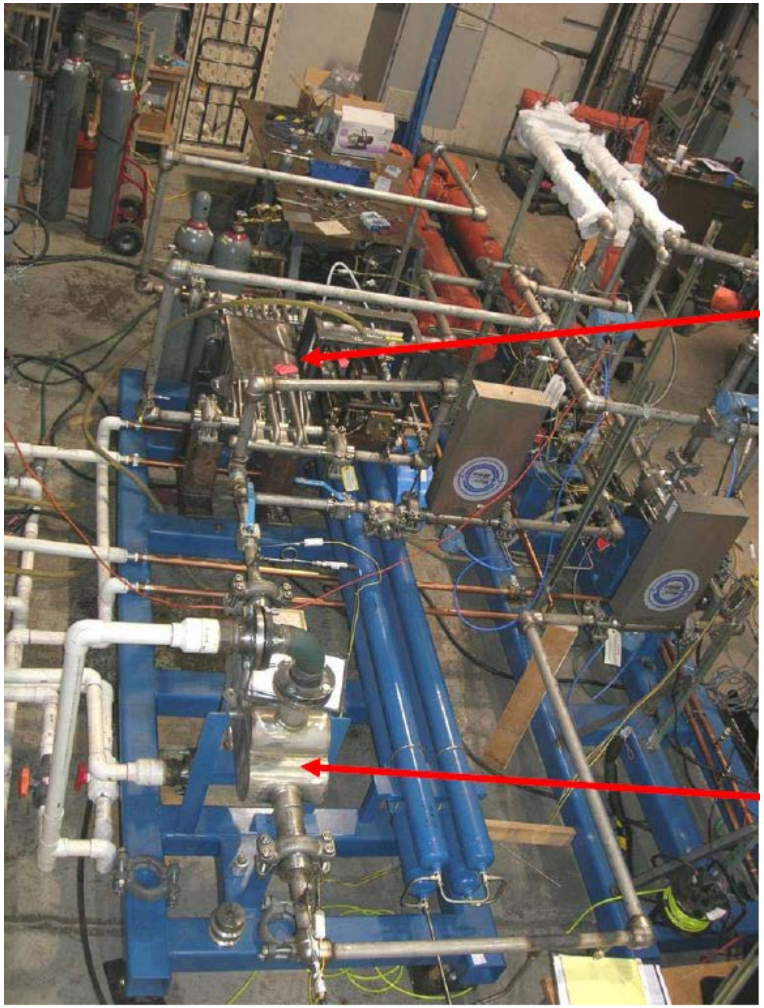


Source: Conboy et al. (2012)

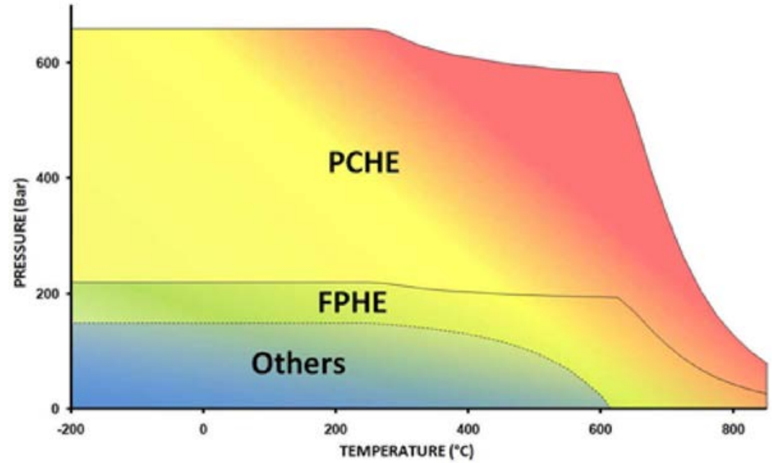
DOE sCO_2 Test Program Summary

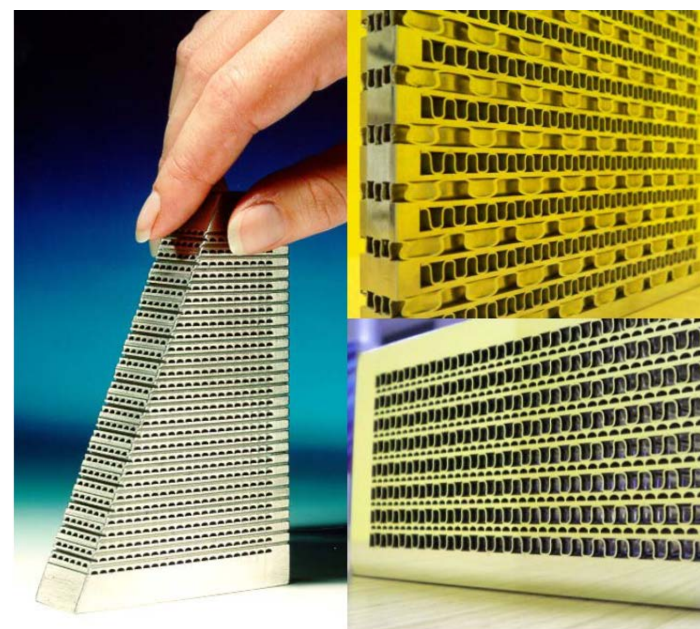
- ❑ Major milestones
  - Test loops operational
  - Demonstrate process stability/control
- ❑ Areas for future development
  - Heat exchanger performance
  - Larger scale test bed
    - Utilize commercial-scale hardware
    - Demonstrate more-realistic (better) performance
  - CO_2 mixtures

Printed Circuit Heat Exchanger (PCHE)



sCO_2 test loop used by Sandia/ Barber-Nicholls



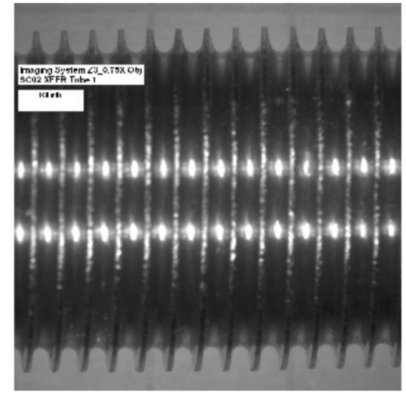


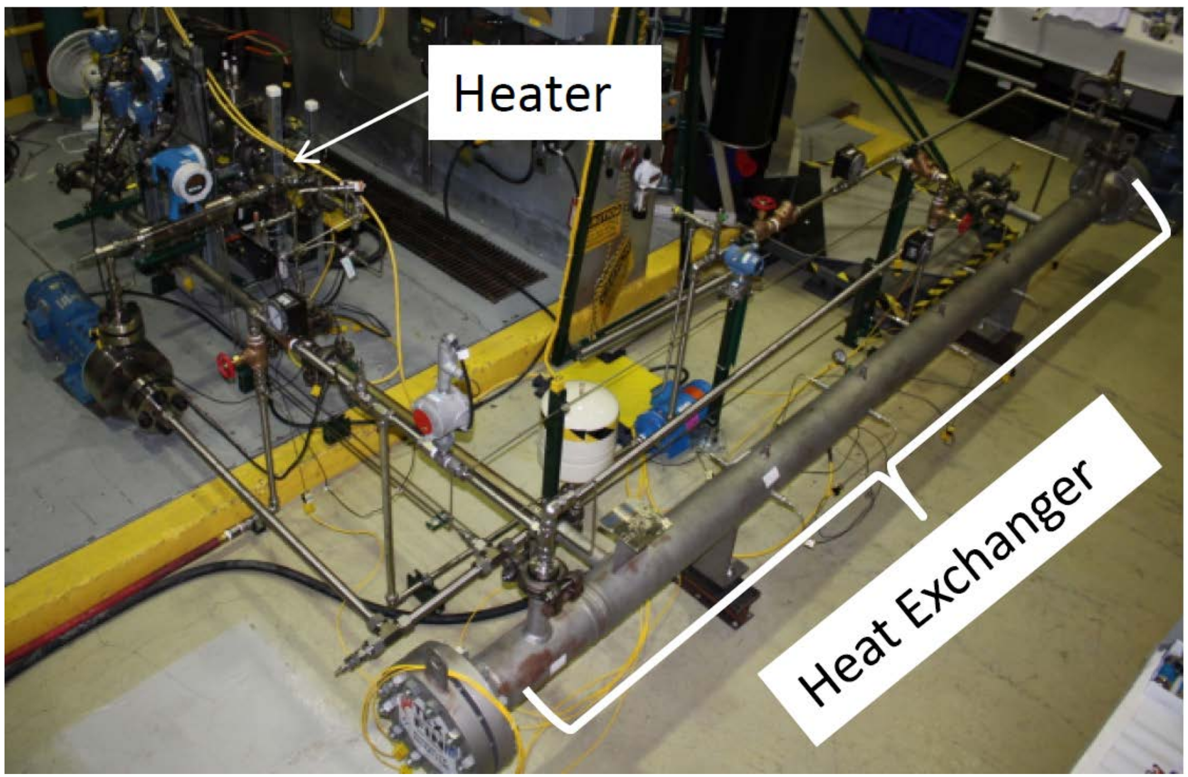
Heatric PCHE

Le Pierres (2011)

Heat Exchanger Testing (Bechtel)

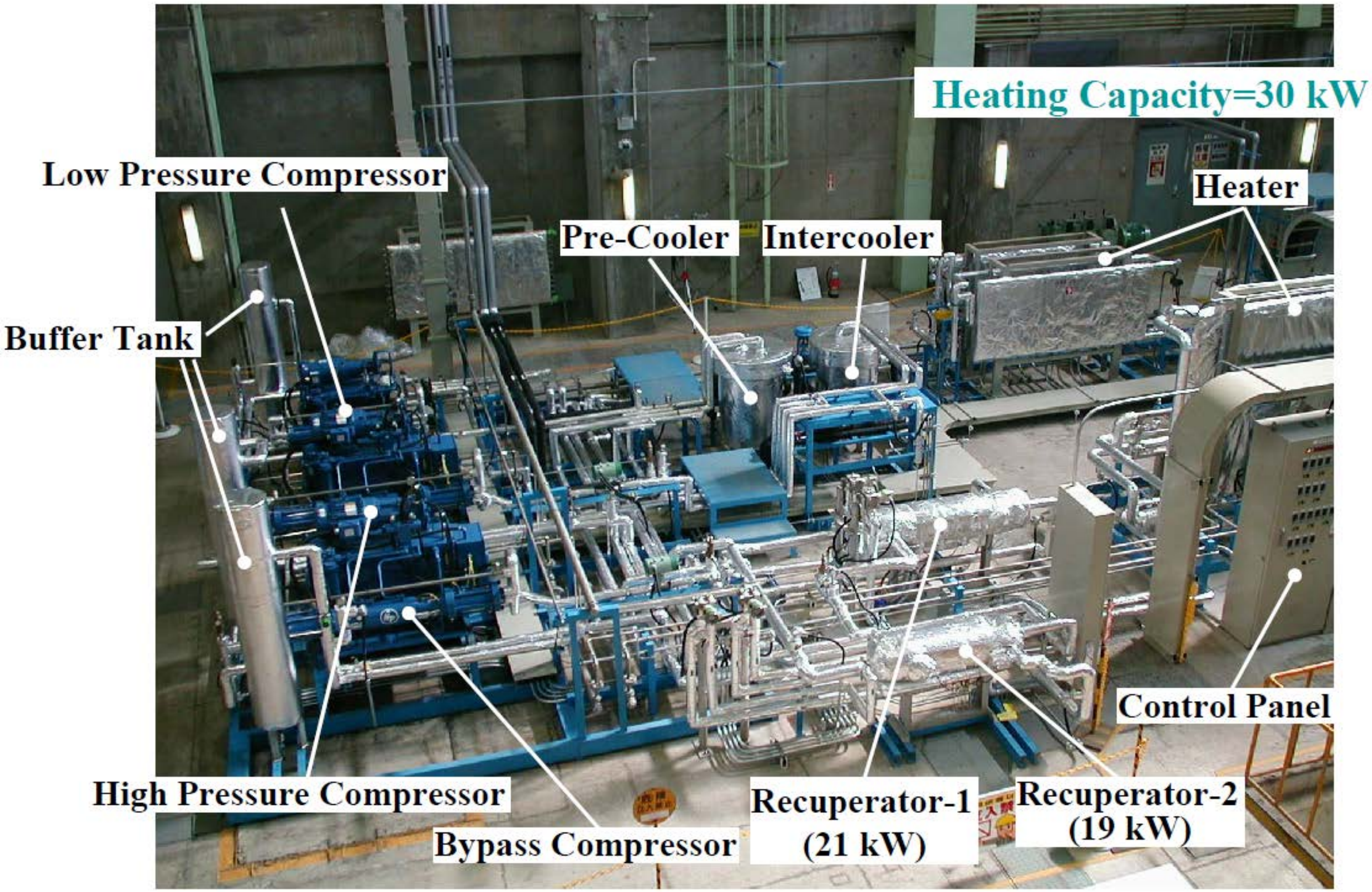
- 150 kW
- 8000 lbm/hr sCO_2
- 2500 psi





Nehrbauer (2011)

Tokyo Institute of Technology (TIT)



Supercritical CO_2 Cycle Mockup Test Loop

- 1. Compressor work reduction around the critical point,
  2. Pressure drop performance of new MCHE

(Kato et al., 2007)

Corrosion Loop at Tokyo Institute of Technology

316 SS, 12% Cr alloy, 200-600°C, 10 Mpa CO_2, Kato et al. (2007)

Other sCO_2 Corrosion Test Facilities

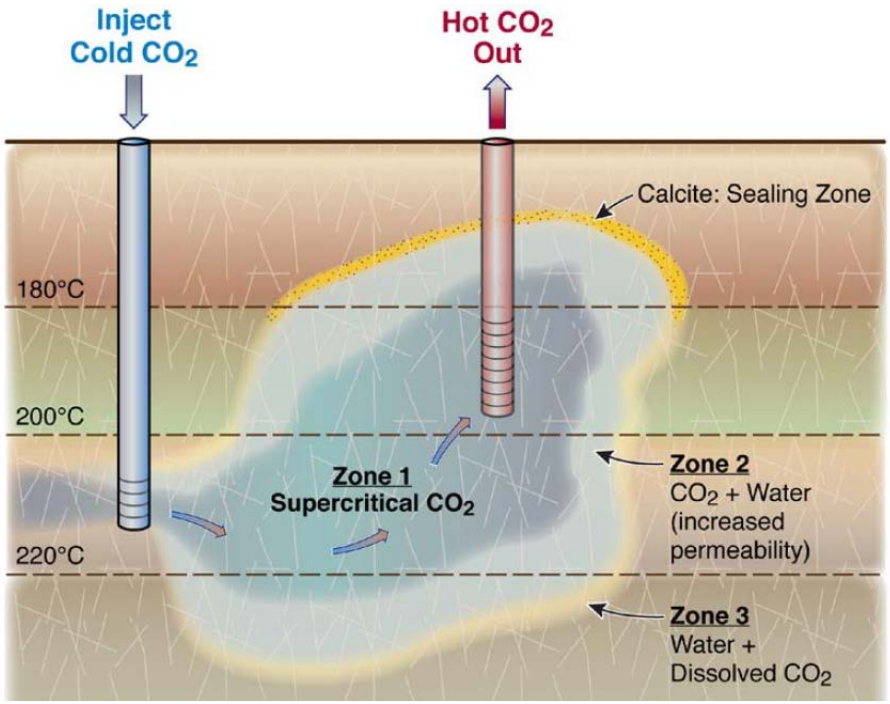
- MIT - 650°C, 22 MPa
  - Steels
- UW - 650°C, 27 MPa
  - Steels

Guoping (2009)

- French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission - 550°C, 25 MPa
  - Steels
- MDO Labs – 54.4°C, 12.4 MPa
  - Elastomers, engineering plastics, rubbers, etc.

Geothermal Research

- Explore the feasibility of operating enhanced geothermal systems (EGS) with CO_2 as heat transmission fluid
- Collaboration between LBNL (Pruess), UC Berkeley (Glaser), Central Research Institute of the Electric Power Industry, Japan (Kaieda) and Kyoto University (Ueda)
  - UC Berkeley: laboratory testing of CO_2 heat extraction
  - Japan: inject brine-CO_2 mixtures into Ogachi HDR site (T ≈ 210°C, P ≈ 100 bar)
  - LBNL: model reactive chemistry induced by brine-CO_2 injection



Schematic of EGS with sCO_2

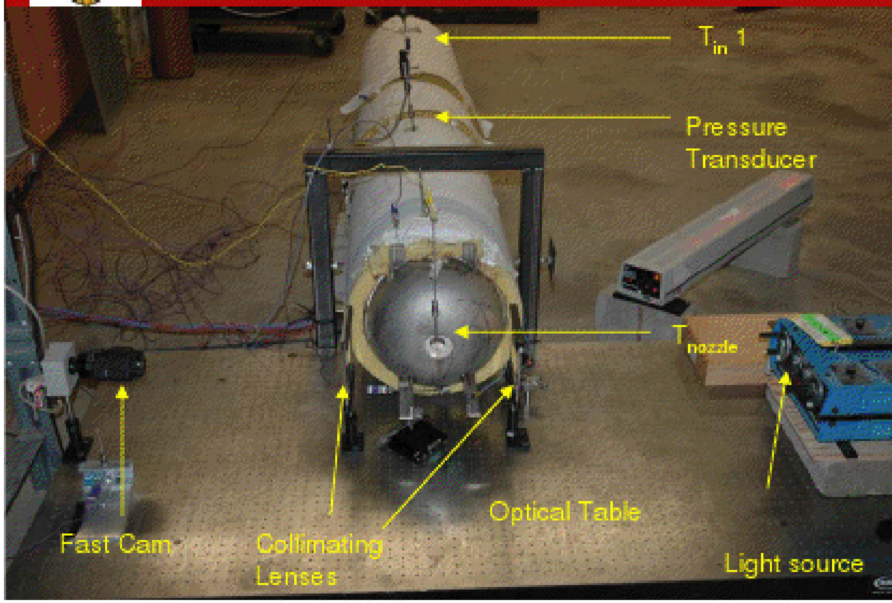
Pruess (May 19, 2010)

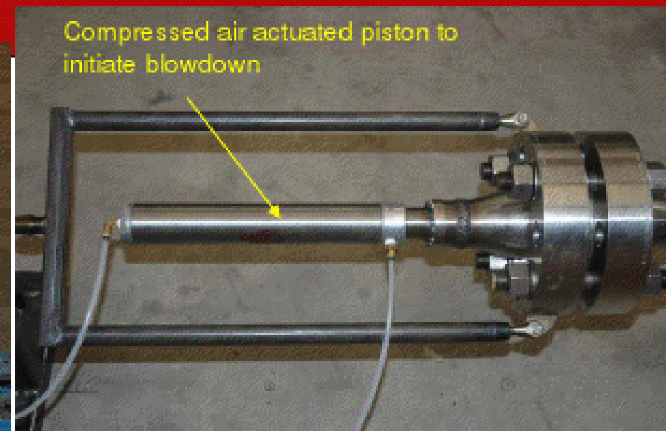
Ogachi, Japan – HDR Site

Pruess (May 18, 2010)

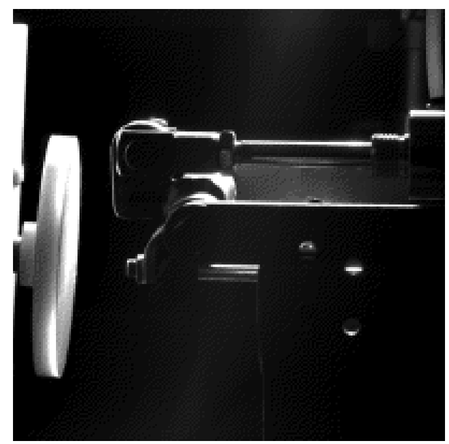
sCO_2 Critical Flow (Univ. Wisconsin)

Blowdown Facility Description (Pictures)





View of the opening systems



•Shadowgraphy set up using a fast frame camera to observe the shocks structure at the exit of the nozzles

•Some tests were conducted with a target plate located in front of the jet to measure the reaction force

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(Anderson, 2009)

Future Trends for

sCO_2 Power Cycles

Future trends and research needs

Intermediate-scale is needed to demonstrate commercial viability of full-scale technologies (i.e. 10 Mwe)

Materials

- ❑Long term corrosion testing (10,000 hrs)
- ❑Corrosion of diffusion-bonded materials (PCHE HX)
- ❑Coatings to limit/delay corrosion
- ❑Corrosion tests under stress

Heat Exchangers

- ❑Improved heat transfer correlations near the critical region for varying geometries
- ❑Improve resolution of local heat transfer measurements
- ❑Heat exchanger durability – studying effects of material, fabrication, channel geometry, fouling, corrosion, and maintenance

Rotordynamics

- ❑Analysis of rotor-dynamic cross-coupling coefficients for sCO_2

Pulsation analysis

- ❑Development of transient pipe flow analysis models for sCO_2

Future trends and research needs

Control System and Simulation

- ❑Detailed models of turbo machinery
- ❑Improved transient analysis – surge, shutdown events

Fluid properties

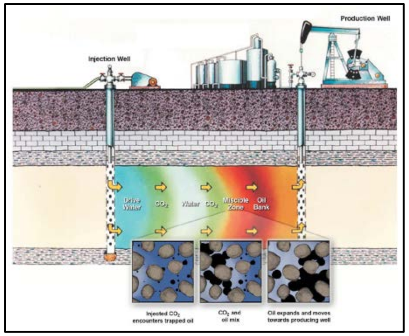
- ❑Mixture of sCO_2 and other fluids
- ❑Physical property testing of CO_2 mixtures at extreme conditions with significantly reduced uncertainties (i.e. $\leq$ 1%)

10 MW Scale Pilot Plant

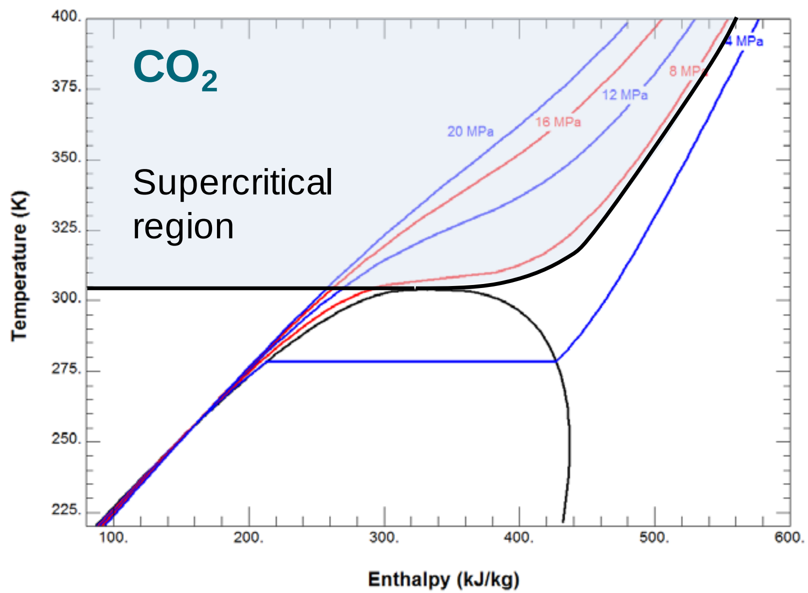
Summary

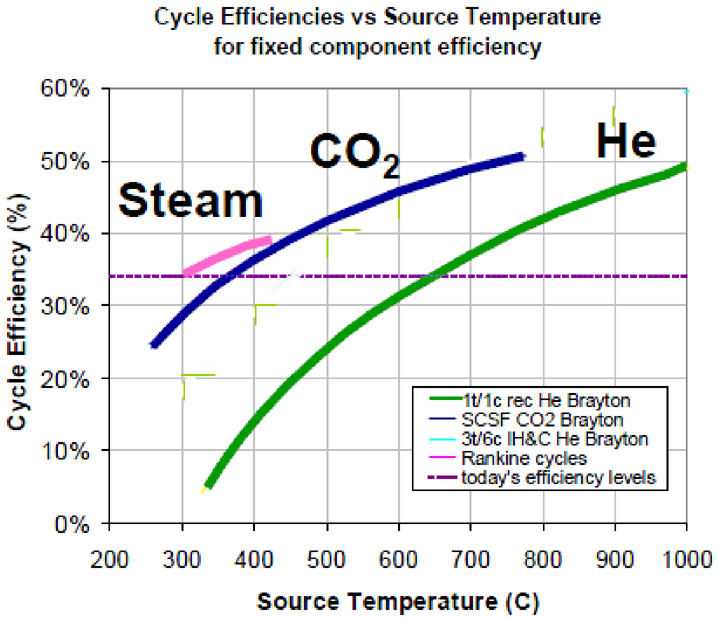
Both supercritical power cycles and the use of sCO_2 are not new concepts

sCO_2 is used in a variety of industries as a solvent



sCO_2 is desirable for power cycles because of its near-critical fluid properties



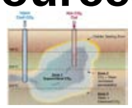


sCO_2 power cycles can be applied to many heat sources and have a small footprint

The near ambient critical temperature of CO_2 allows it to be matched with a variety of thermal heat sources

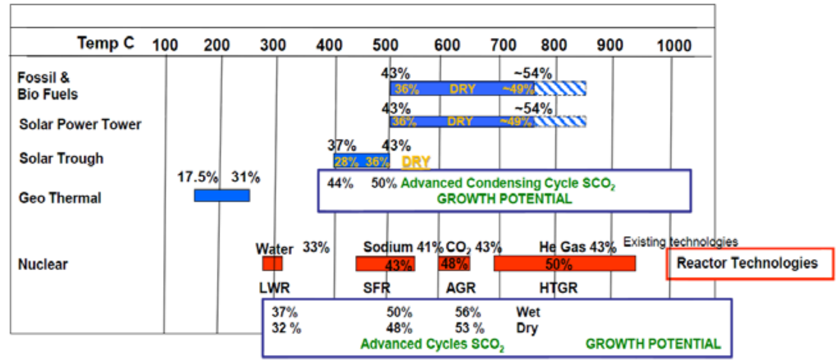

Concentrated Solar Power


Fossil Fuel

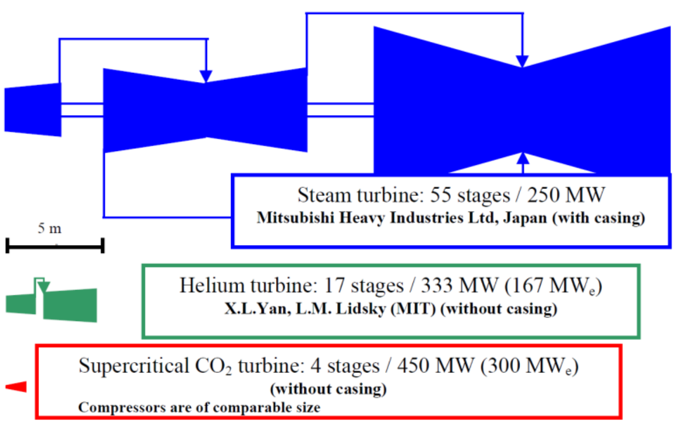

Geothermal

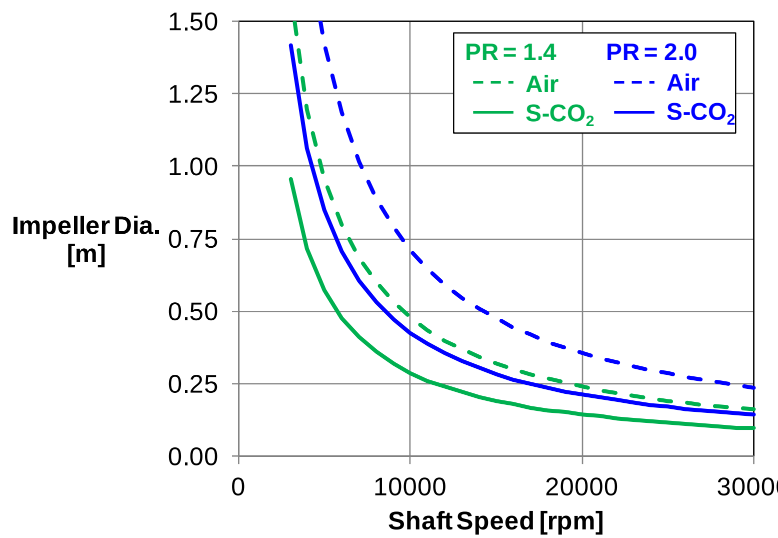

Nuclear


Ship-board Propulsion



The combination of favorable property variation and high fluid density of sCO_2 allows small footprint of machinery





The near future goal is to improve understanding and develop commercial-scale power

International sCO_2 power cycle research is ongoing

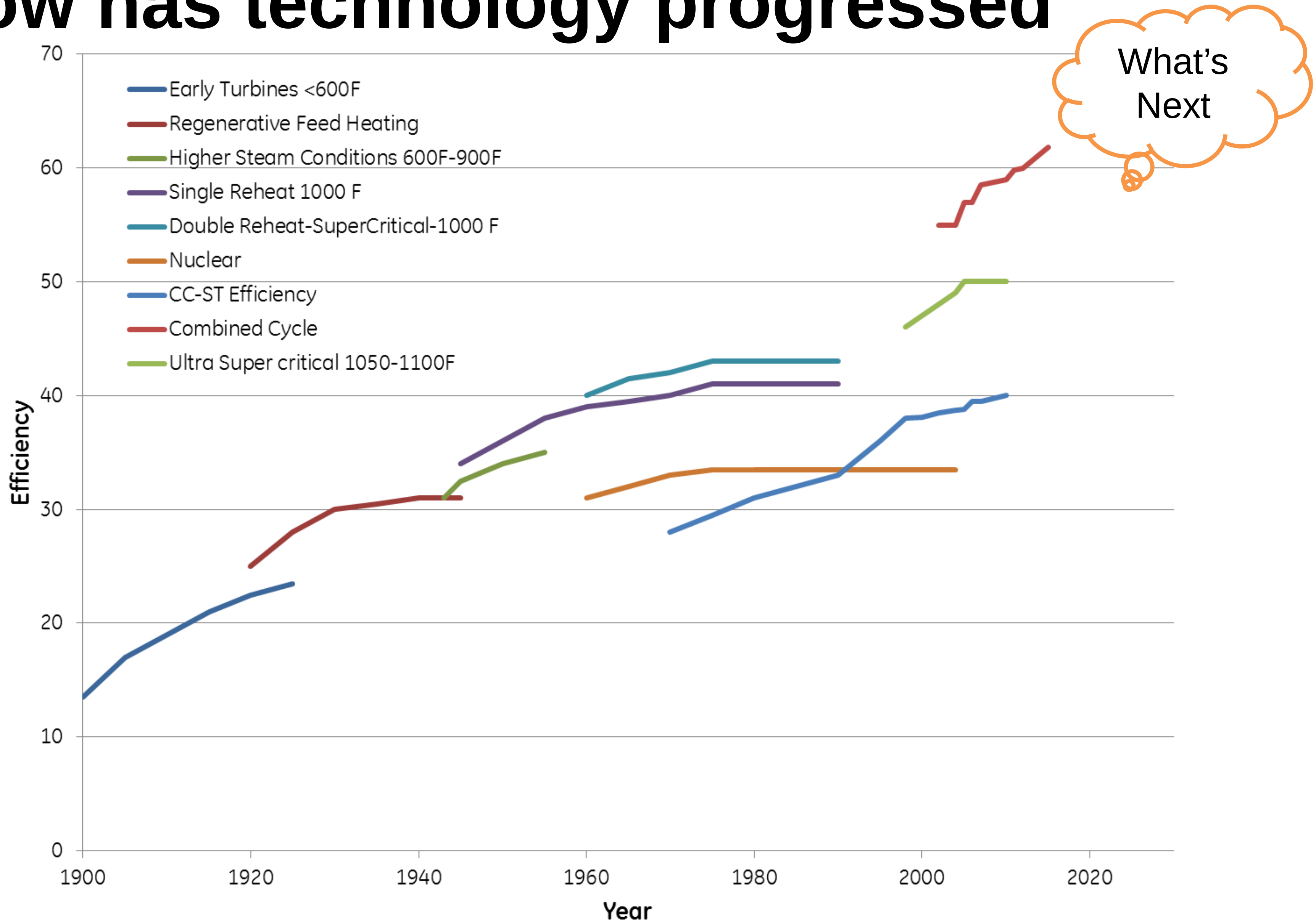
- Power production test loops
- Machinery component test loops
- Materials corrosion test facilities
- Fluid property testing

More research is needed sCO_2 power cycle applications

- Intermediate scale (10MW) demonstration
- Materials testing at high temperature, pressure and stress
- Property testing with sCO_2 mixtures
- Rotordynamics with sCO_2
- sCO_2 heat transfer and heat exchangers
- More detailed dynamic simulation and control systems

Questions?

How has technology progressed



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