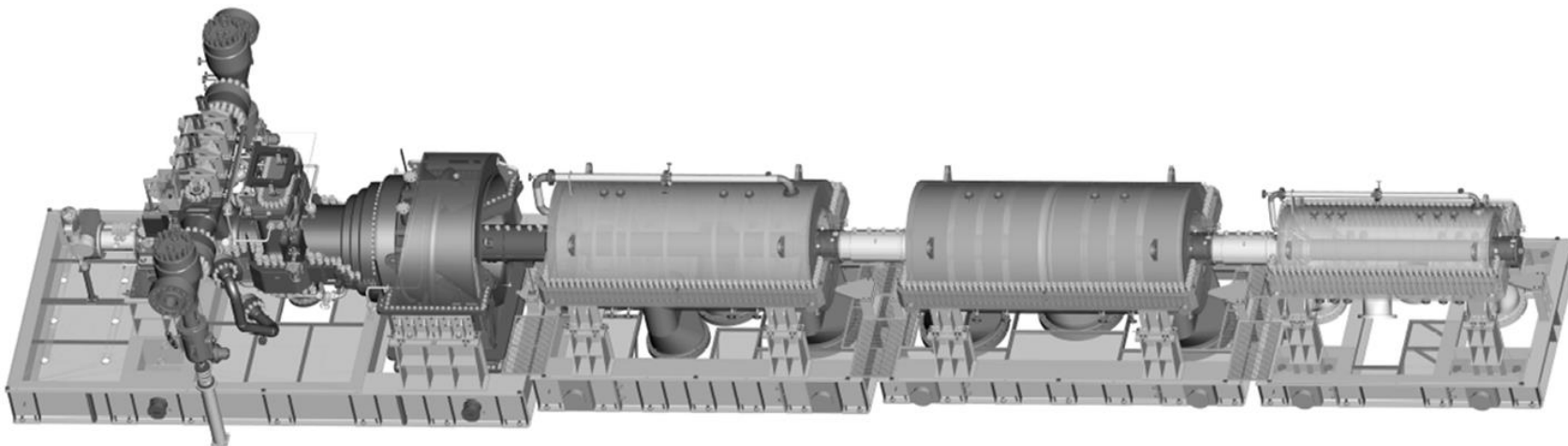
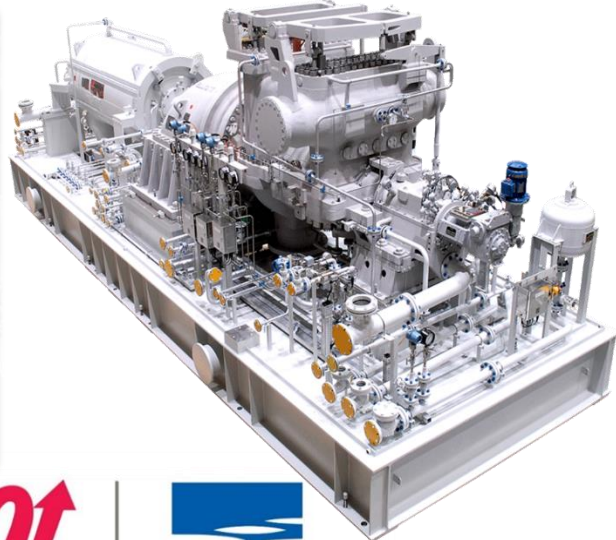


Carbon Dioxide Compression

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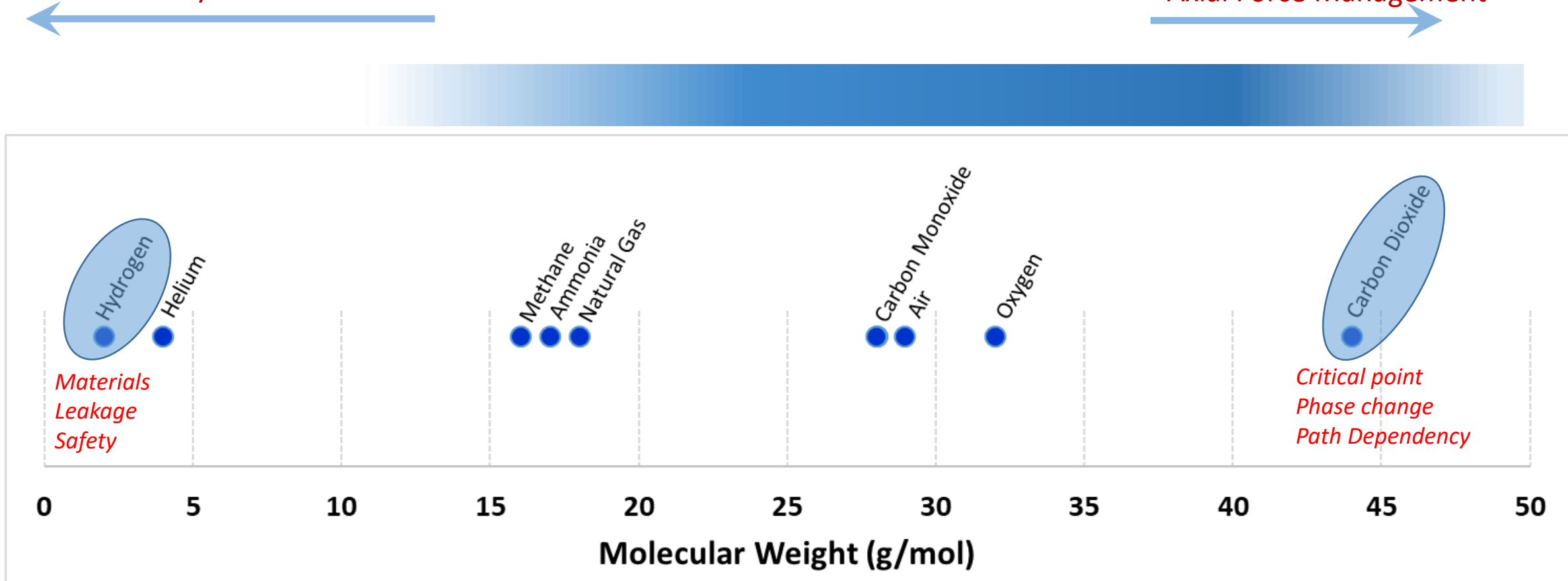
Challenges Associated with Turbomachinery Design

Higher Tip Speeds

- Stress Management
- Gas Leakage Control
- Rotordynamics

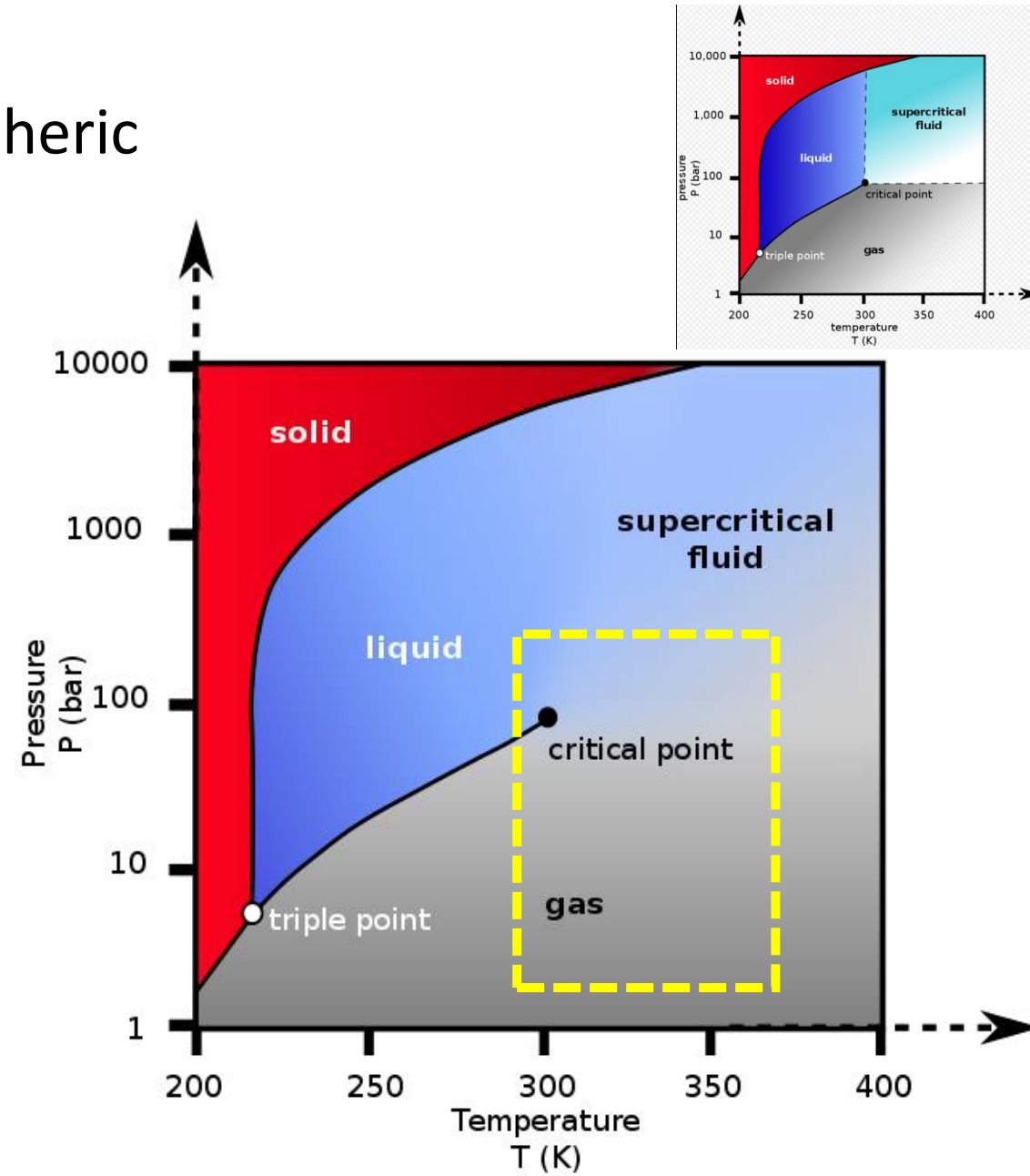
Higher Loading

- Gear Life
- Bearing Loads
- Axial Force Management



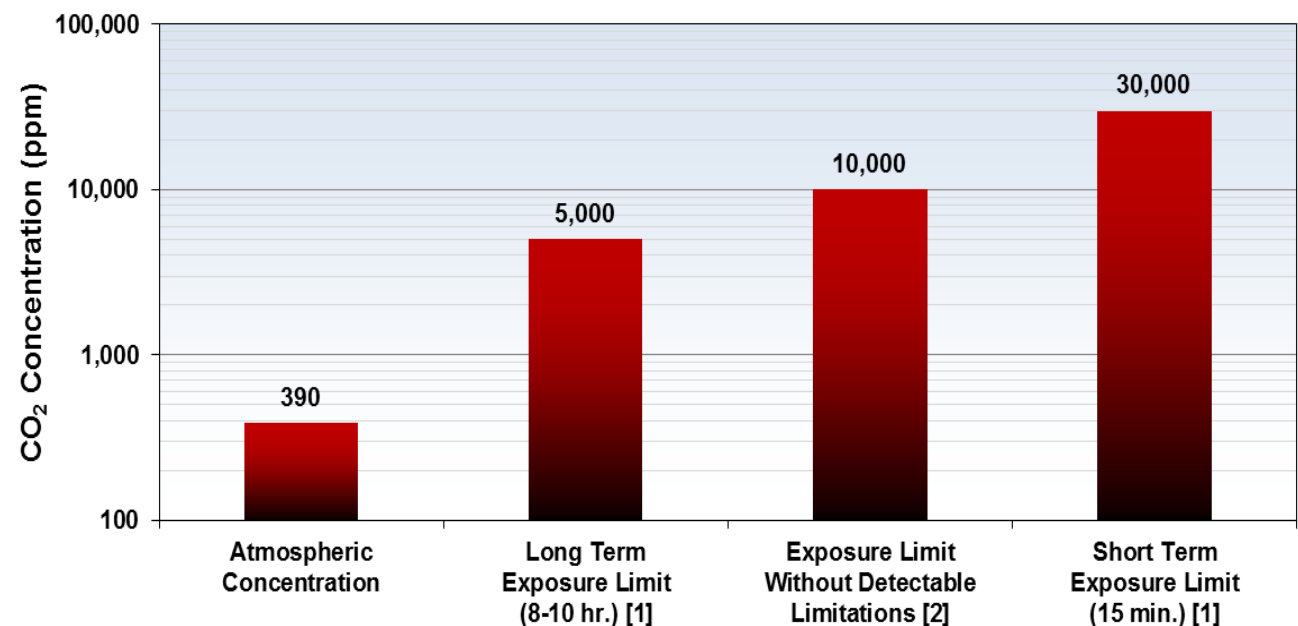
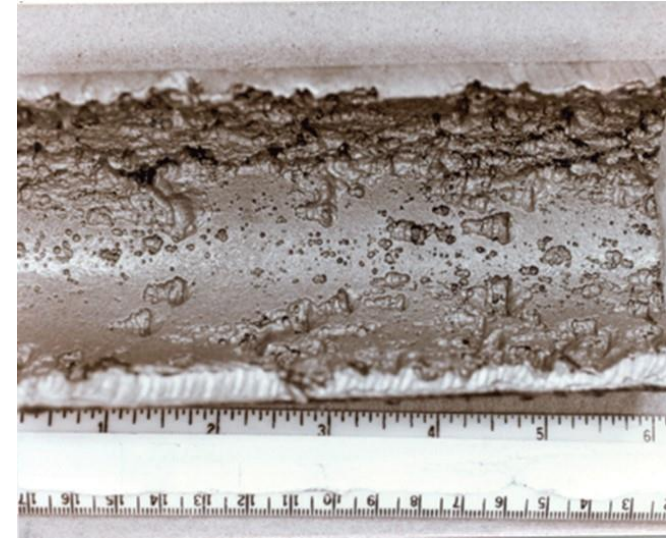
CO₂ Compression Operating Conditions

- Injection compression from near atmospheric
- Maintain dense phase operation
 - High density and low viscosity
 - Temperatures above 88°F (30.9°C)
 - Pressures above 1200 psi (73.3 bar), likely 1800-2300 psi
 - For pure CO₂
- Impurities alter speed of sound, vapor pressure, critical point, and compressibility factor
- 2100 psi is a typical pipeline pressure
- Recompression is basically pumping



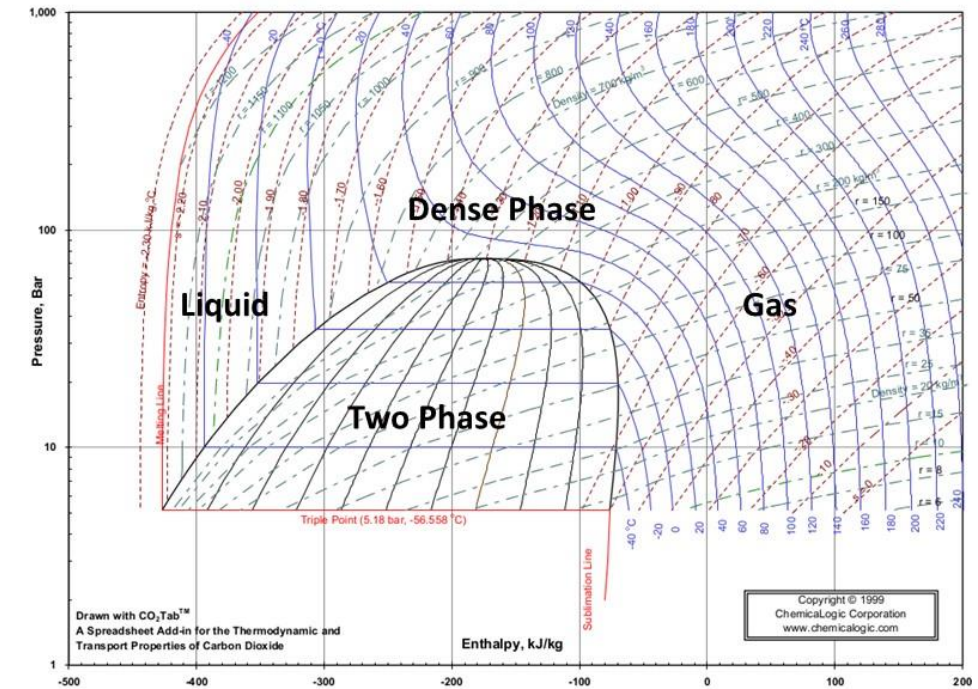
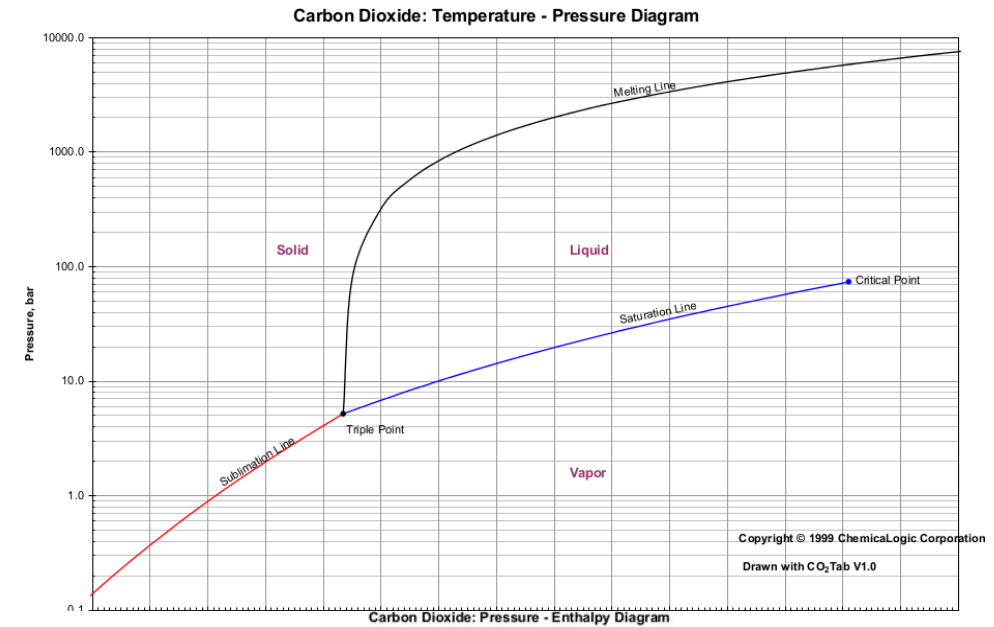
Characteristics of CO₂

- Naturally occurring (0.04% of air)
- Odorless and colorless
- Mostly inert with gases
- Forms carbonic acid when mixed with water
- Non-toxic
- Asphyxiant
 - Sleepy at 1%, fatal over 7 to 10% concentration

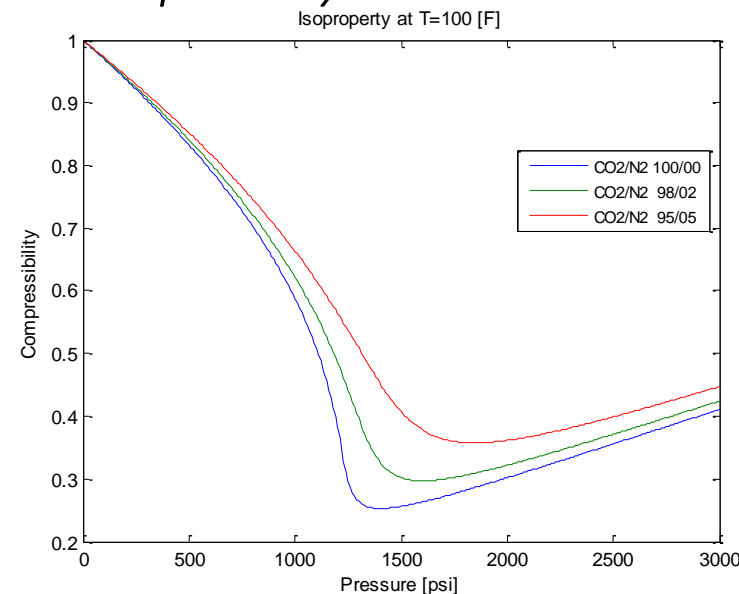
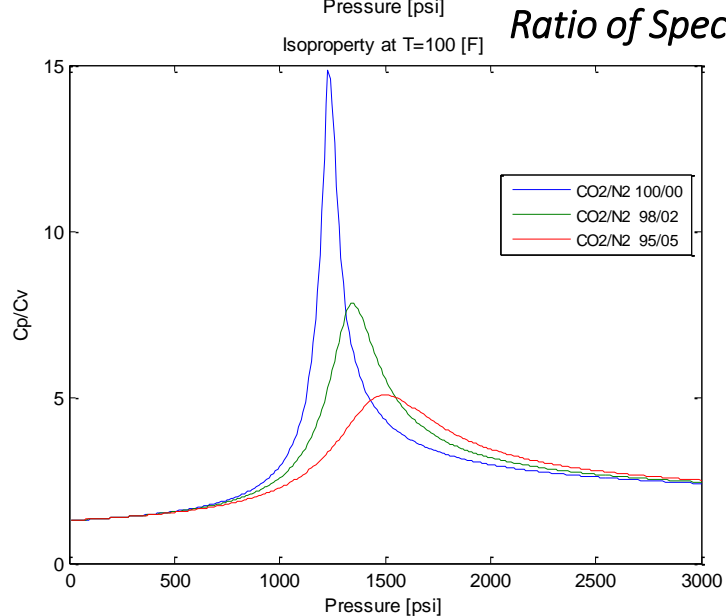
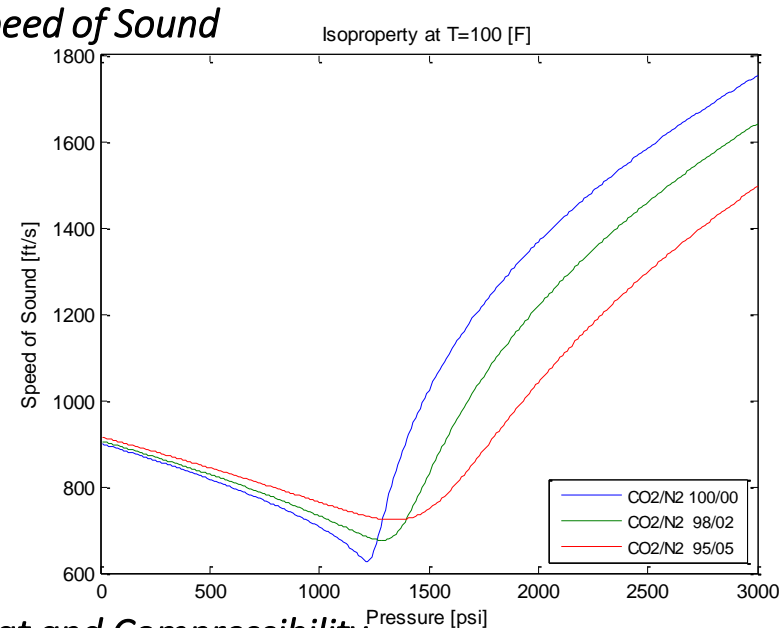
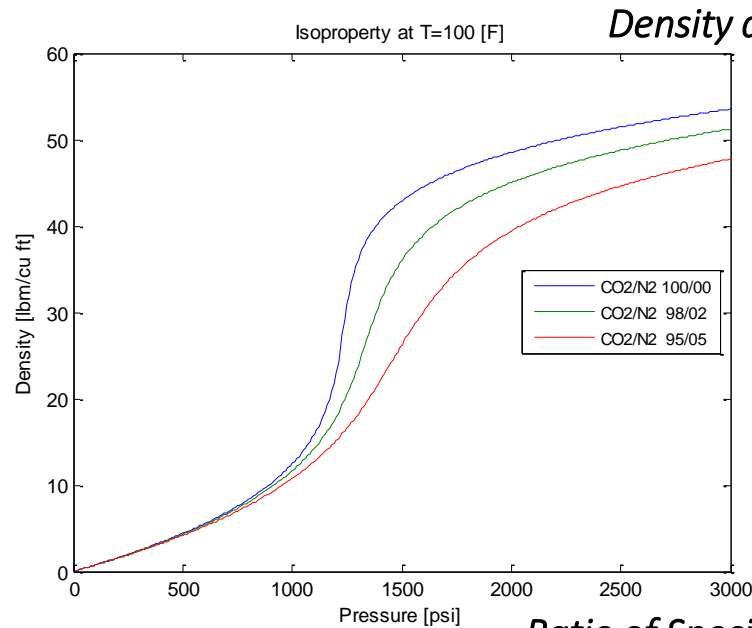


Supercritical CO₂

- Above 88°F and 1080 psi (30.9°C and 73.3 bar) for pure CO₂
- Quote “Density of liquid but fills voids like gas” (*wrong*)
- Density of liquid phase
 - At 2100 psi similar to liquid water
 - Low volumetric flow at high mass flow
- Viscosity of gaseous phase
 - Less friction loss at higher flow velocity
- Hydrophobic solvent
 - Dissolve nonpolar or light molecules
 - Organic compounds act as co-solvents that increase solubility and polarity
 - Dissolves light oils and aromatics



CO₂ Physical Property Variation Near Critical Point



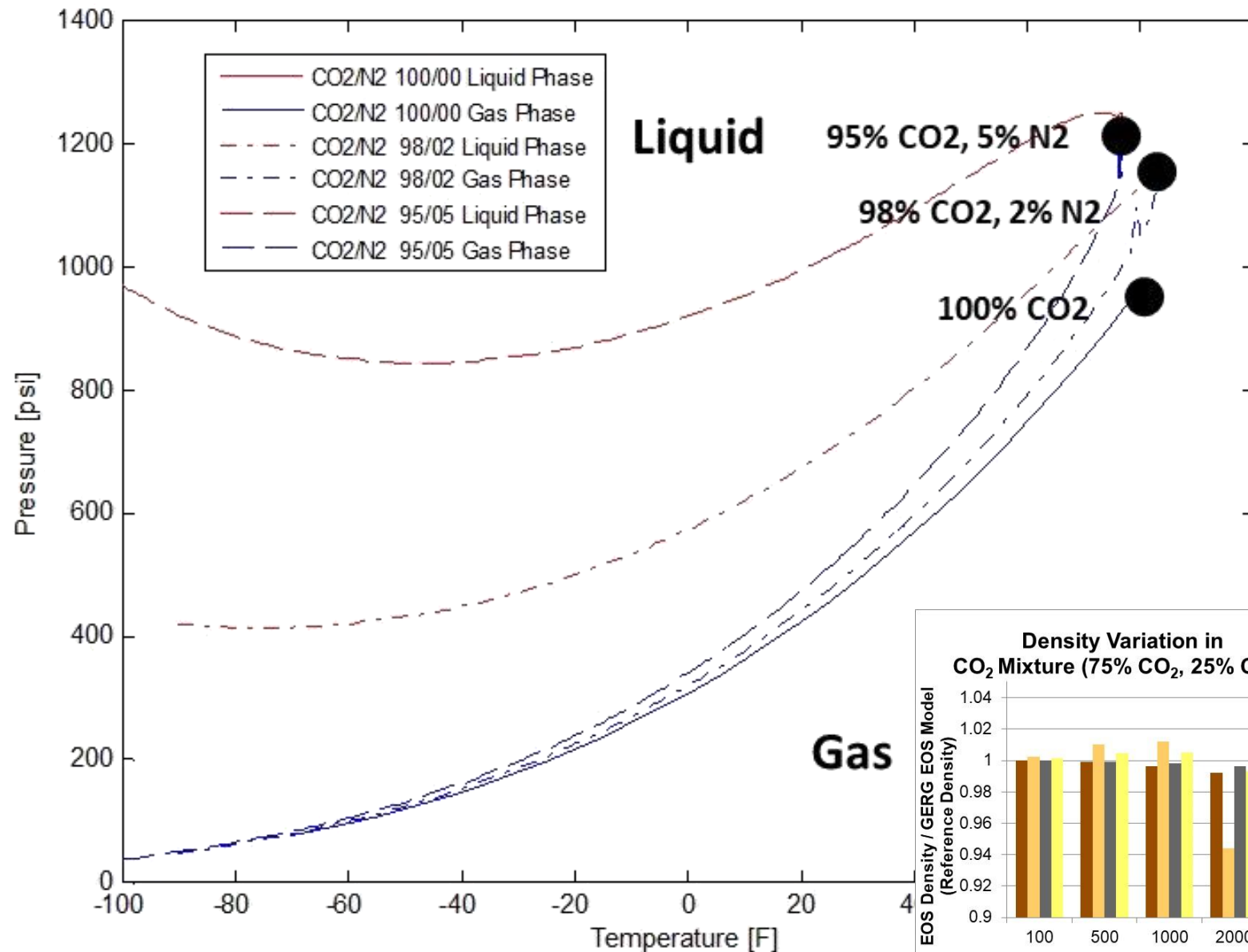
Near Critical Point:

- Enhanced thermal conductivity
- Sharp density decrease
- Increased thermal conductivity
- High ratio of specific heats

Above Critical Point:

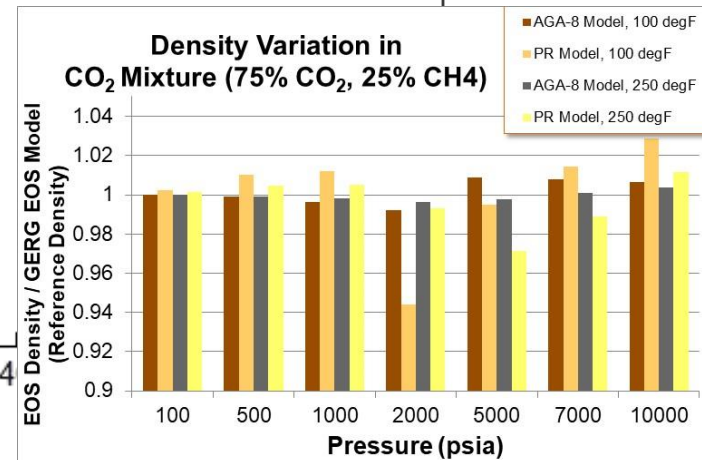
- Small density increase (i.e., small volume decrease) with P
- Drastic speed of sound increase with P

Change in Critical Point with Mixture



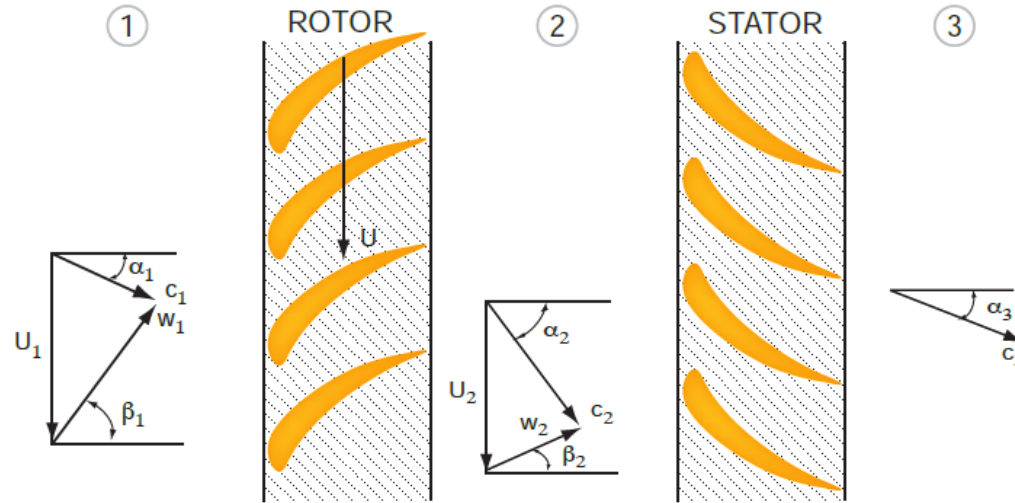
Typically trace impurities:

- H₂O – Water
- H₂S – Hydrogen Sulfide
- CO – Carbon Monoxide
- O₂ – Oxygen
- CH₄ – Methane
- N₂ – Nitrogen
- NH₃ – Ammonia
- Ar – Argon
- H₂ – Hydrogen
- SO_x – Sulfur Oxide/Dioxide
- NO_x – Nitrogen Oxide/Dioxide



+ EOS Uncertainties

Heavy Gas Compression



Head and efficiency is not significantly affected.

Head:
$$H = h_2 - h_1 = \frac{P}{W} = \omega \cdot (r_2 c_{u,2} - r_1 c_{u,1}) \quad \eta_s = \frac{H_s}{H}$$

Power:
$$P = \omega \cdot \Delta\tau = \omega \cdot W \cdot \Delta(r \cdot c_u) = \omega \cdot W \cdot (r_2 c_{u,2} - r_1 c_{u,1})$$

P Ratio:
$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(1 + \frac{\eta}{c_p T_1} \cdot H \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

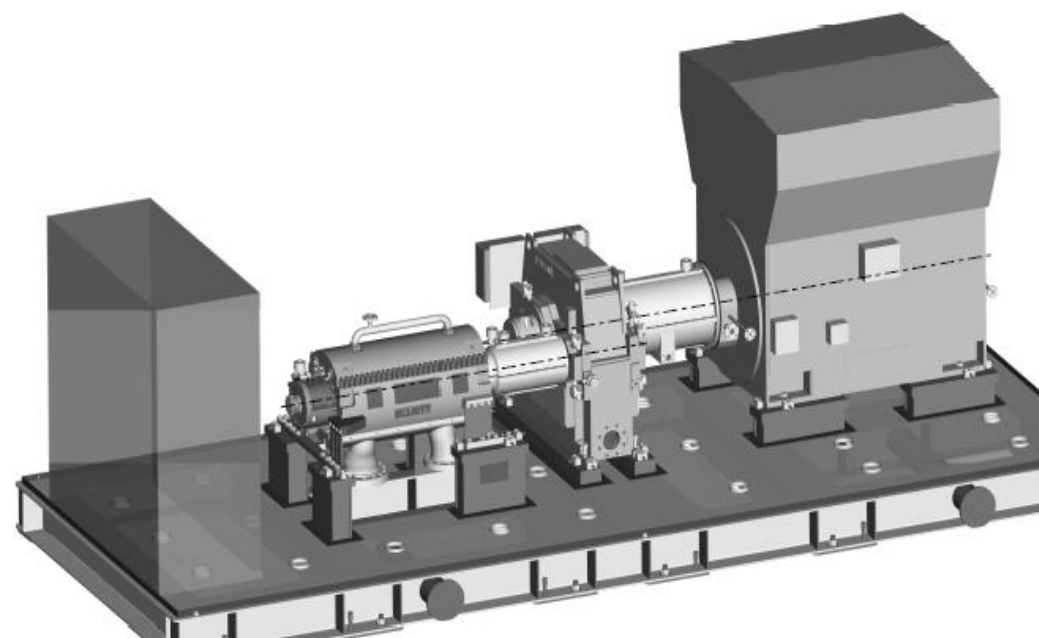
Specific Heat:
 Natural gas – 2.3 kJ/kgK
 Carbon Dioxide – 0.8 kJ/kgK

T Ratio:
$$\frac{T_{Cold}}{T_{Hot}} = \left(\frac{P_{Hot}}{P_{Cold}} \right)^{\frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}}$$

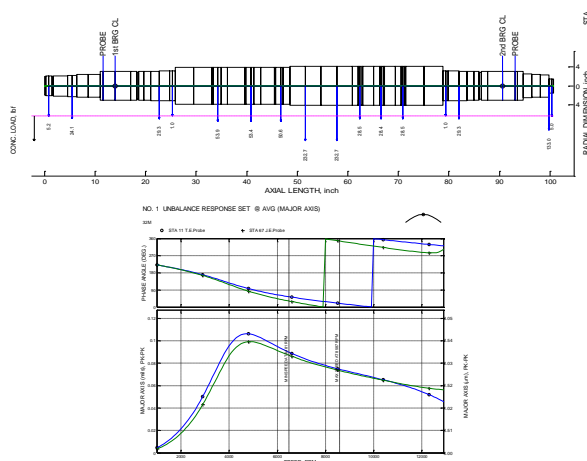
**High Volume Reduction
High Temperature Rise**

Per Stage

CO₂ Compressors



Elliott 15 MW CO₂ Recycle Compressor



Design Challenges:

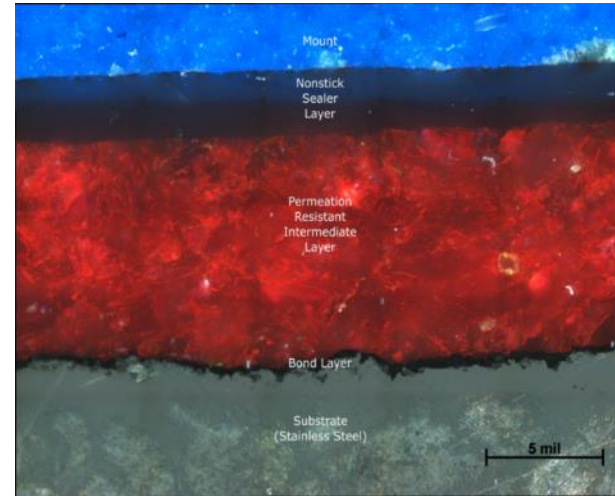
- High compression ratios (large volume changes, high temperature rise, gear boxes, intercooling, mechanical reliability)
- Wide required operating range (function of plant load)
- Low viscosity at high pressures
- Low sonic speed (higher shock losses and reduced operating range)
- Equation of state for CO₂ uncertainty (high pressure, high temperature, mixtures)
- High density (amplifies rotordynamic and impeller-dynamic forces)
- Thermodynamic path dependence (isentropic versus isothermal)
- Multi-phase behavior (pumping versus compression)
- Carbonic acid formation in presence of water (corrosion)
- Solubility in elastomeric materials (seals, flexible ducting, packings, valves)
- Liquid/ice formation when rapidly expanded (Joule-Thomson) at shaft seals
- Selectively leeches certain elements from common metals (materials, coatings)

Coatings

- Protects the base metal
- Improve erosion and corrosion resistance
- Anti-fouling

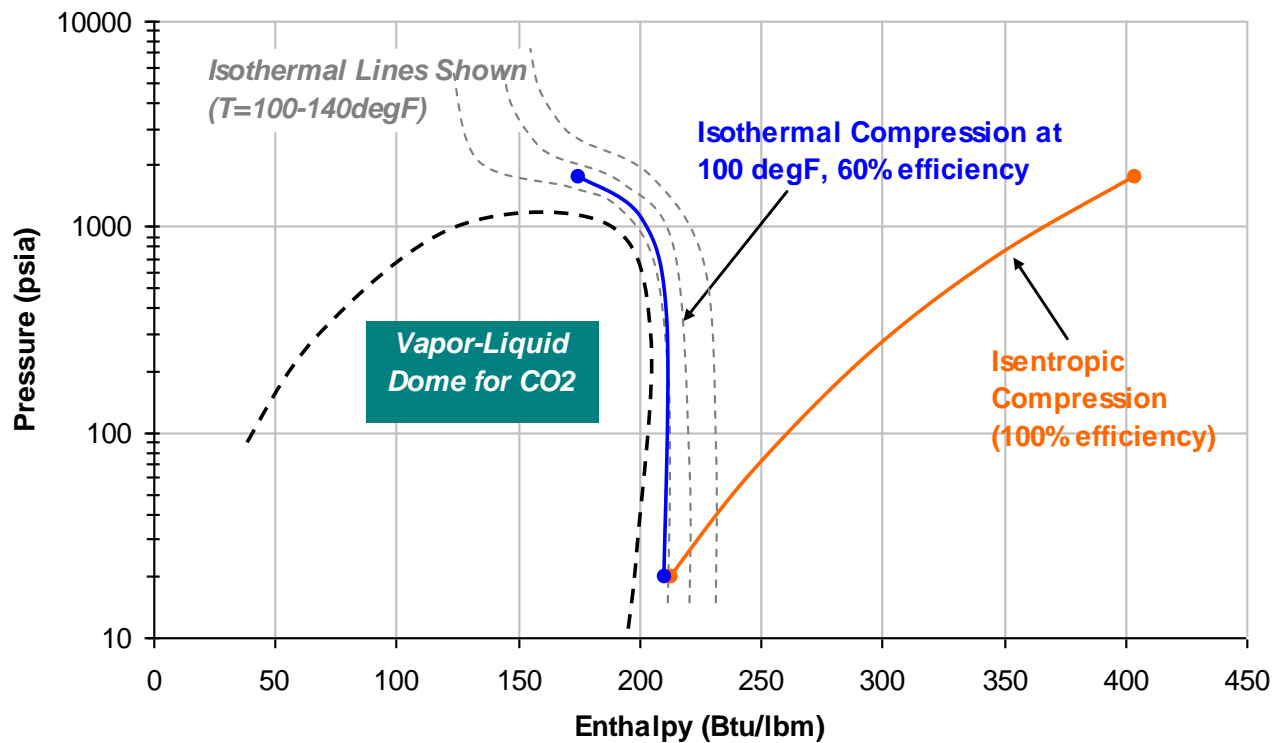
...but all coatings will eventually be worn away, spalled, or dis-bonded.

Cannot be used to increase material yield strength limits for long-term service applications.

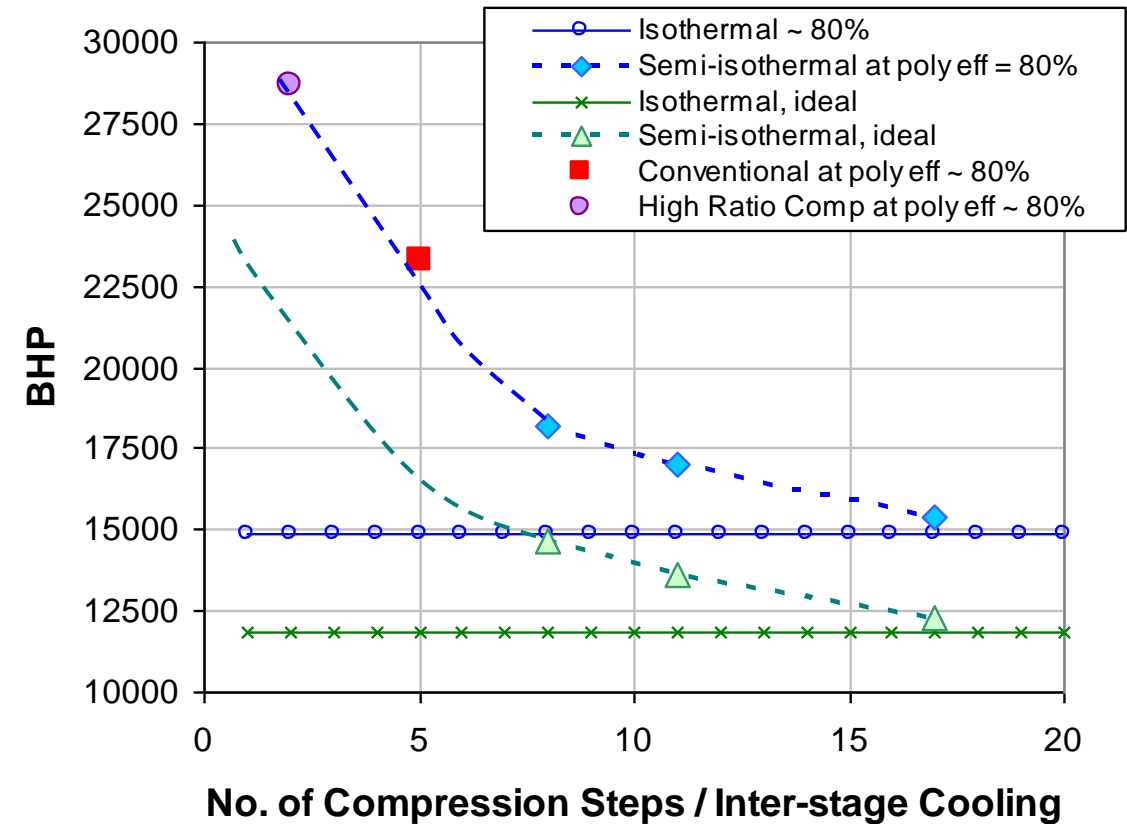


CO₂ Compression Path Dependence

Required Compression Power:
Path-Dependency of Compression Process

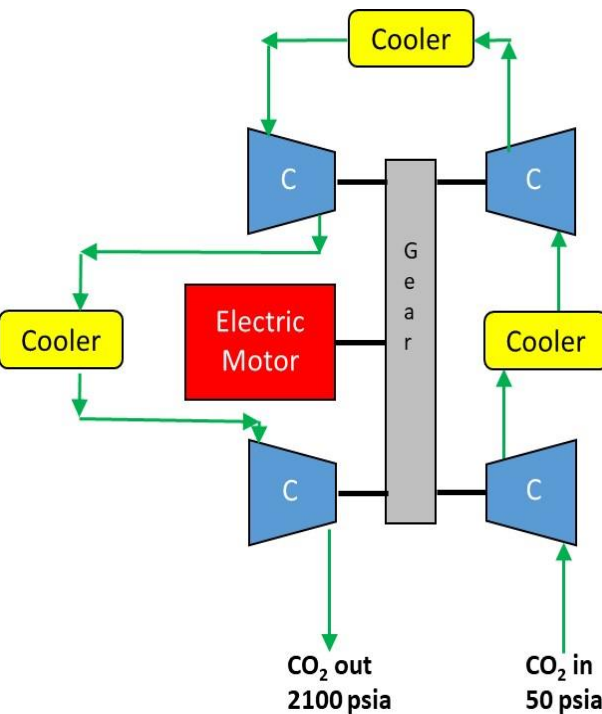


Thermodynamic Comparison of Compression Process
for Carbon Dioxide (22-2215 psia)

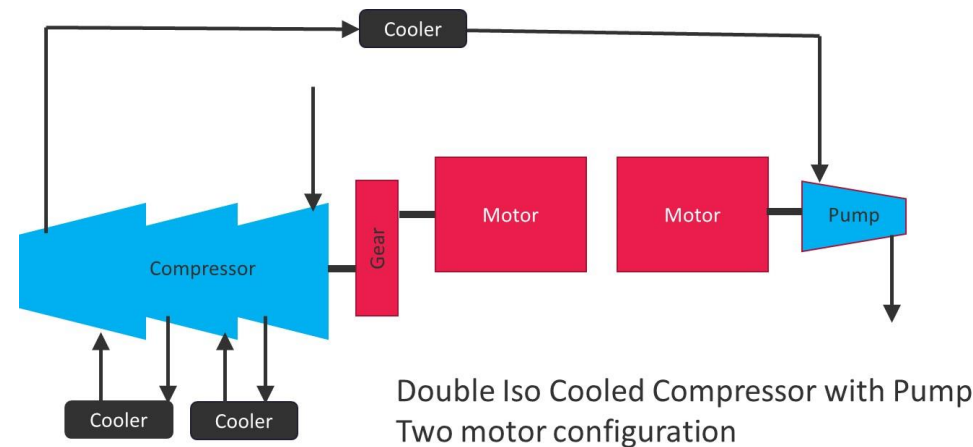
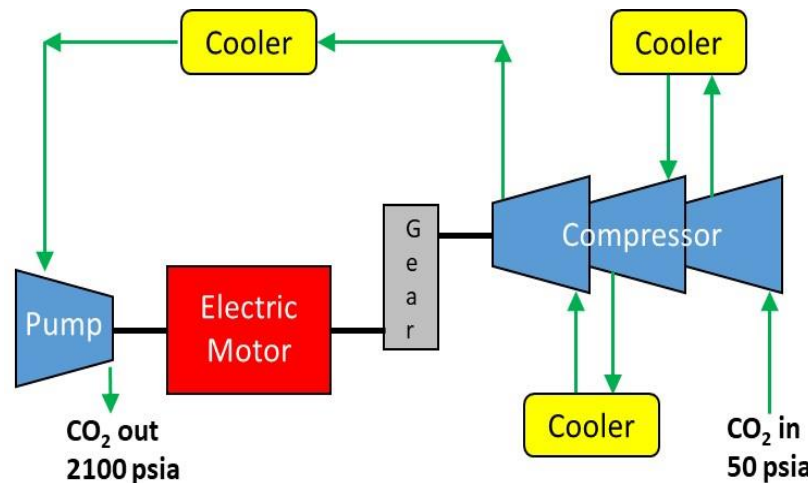
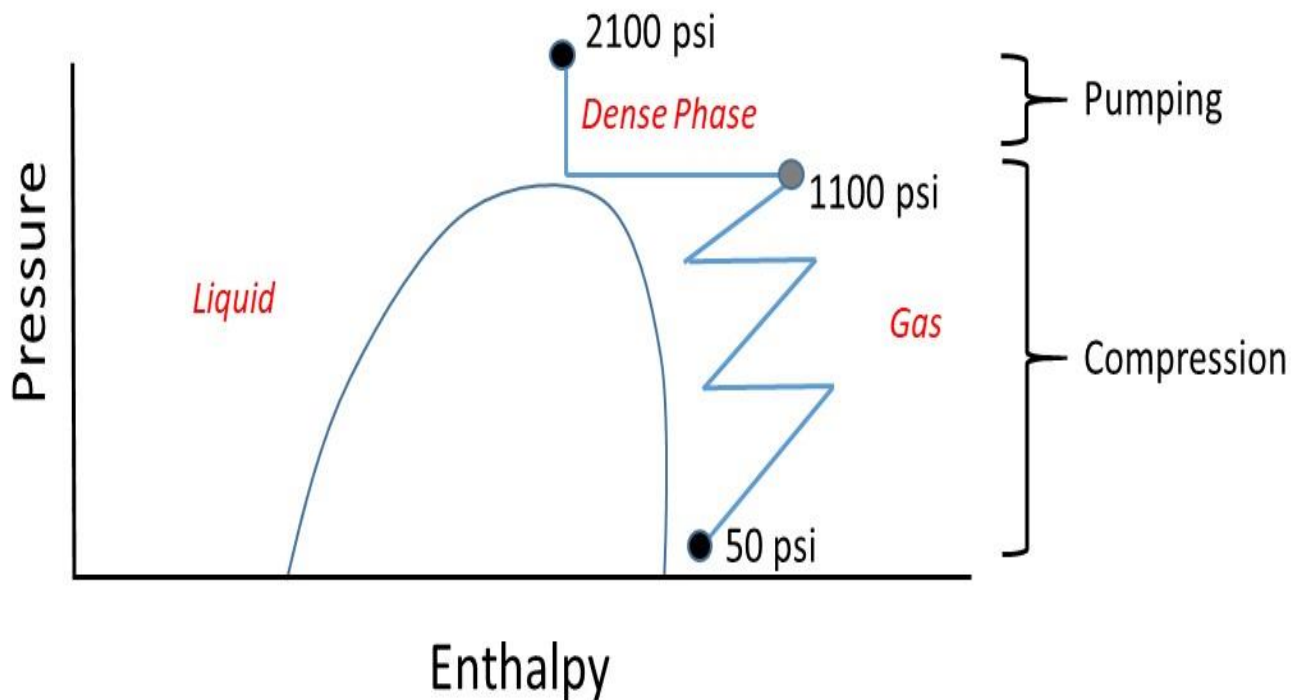


Courtesy SwRI and DOE [Moore et al.]

Compression Solutions



Integrally Geared Compressor

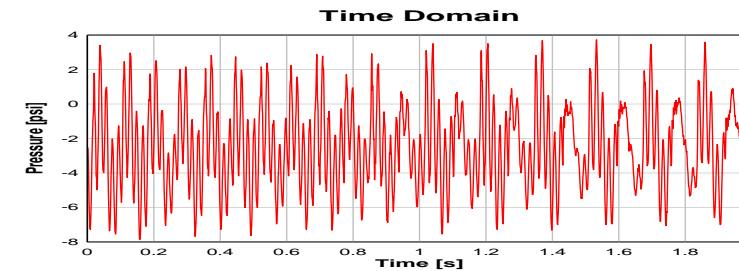
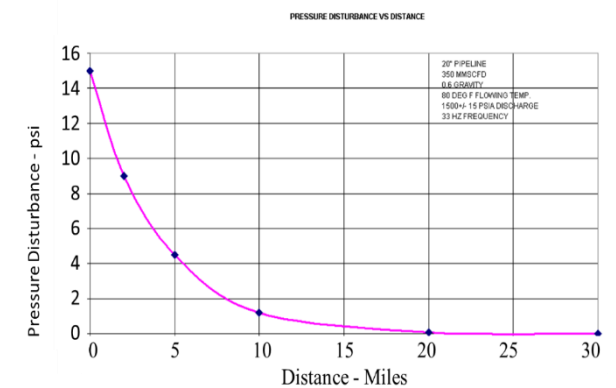


Hybrid Barrel-Pump

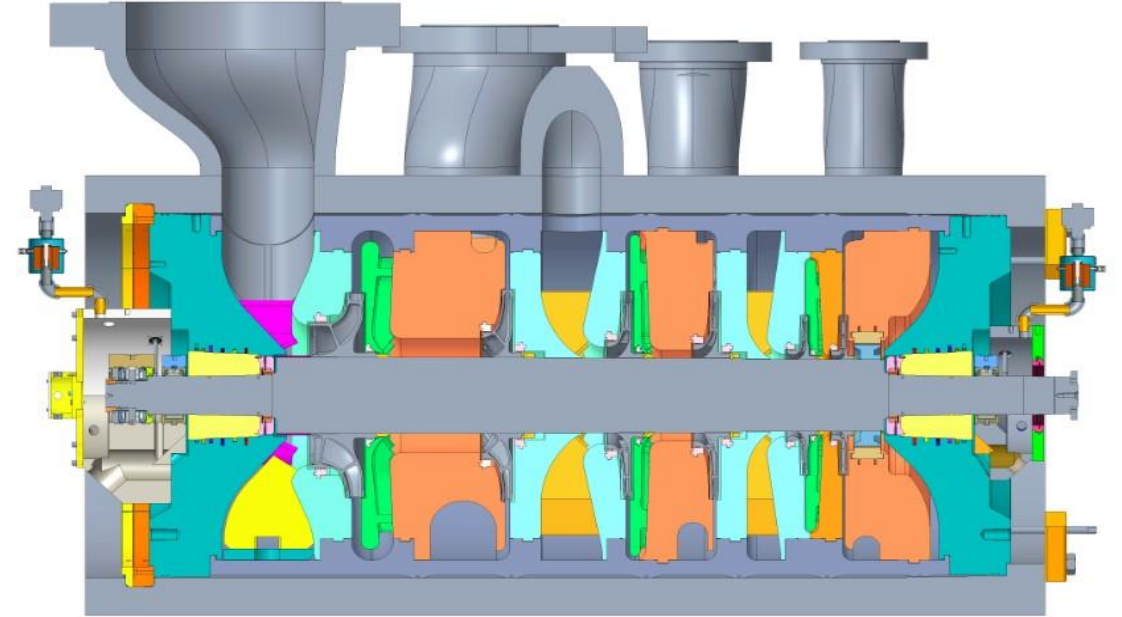
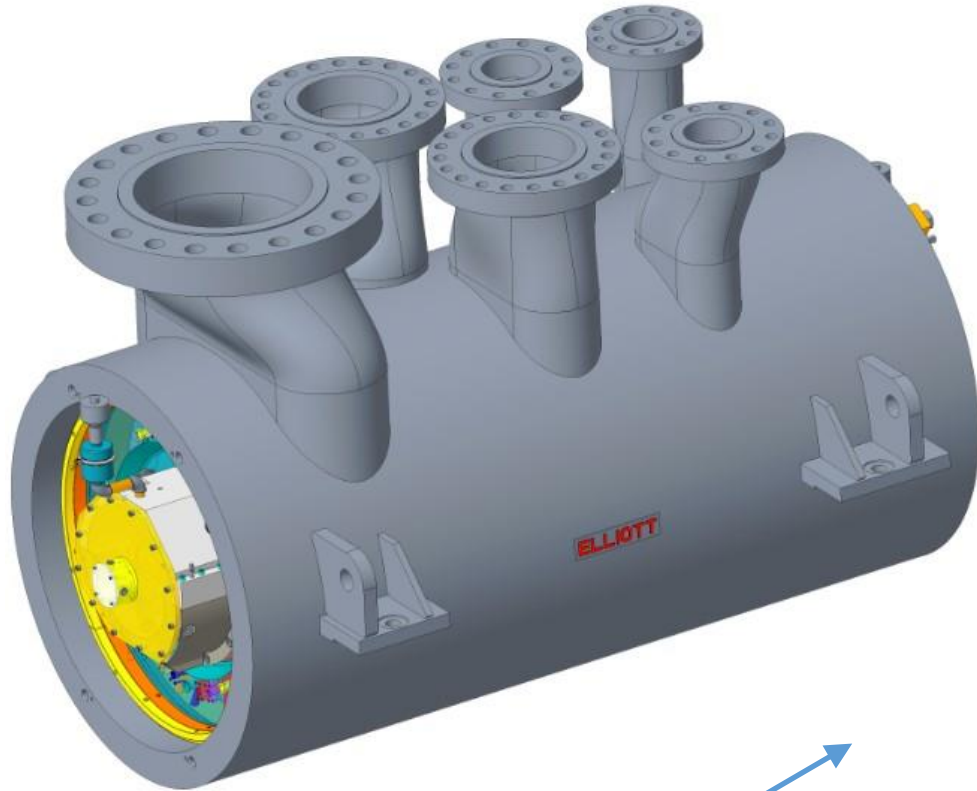
Aside: Reciprocating Compressors for sCO₂

Discussion:

- Pulsation control
- Lube oil-gas contamination
- Leakage
- Flow Limited
- Reliability



Hybrid CO₂ Compressor-Pump

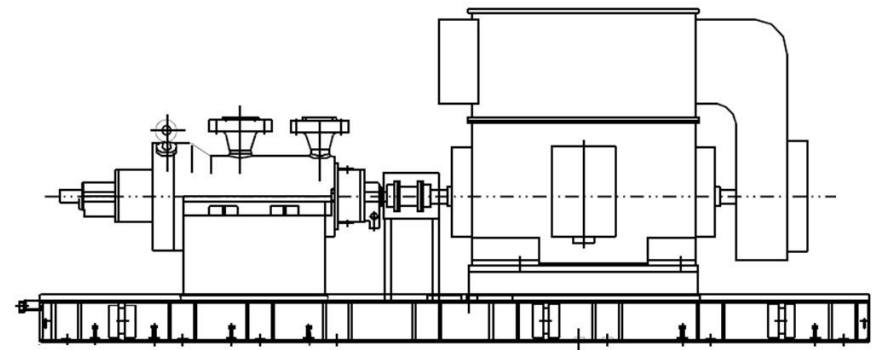


Below Critical Point:

- Multistage barrel compressor with intercooling

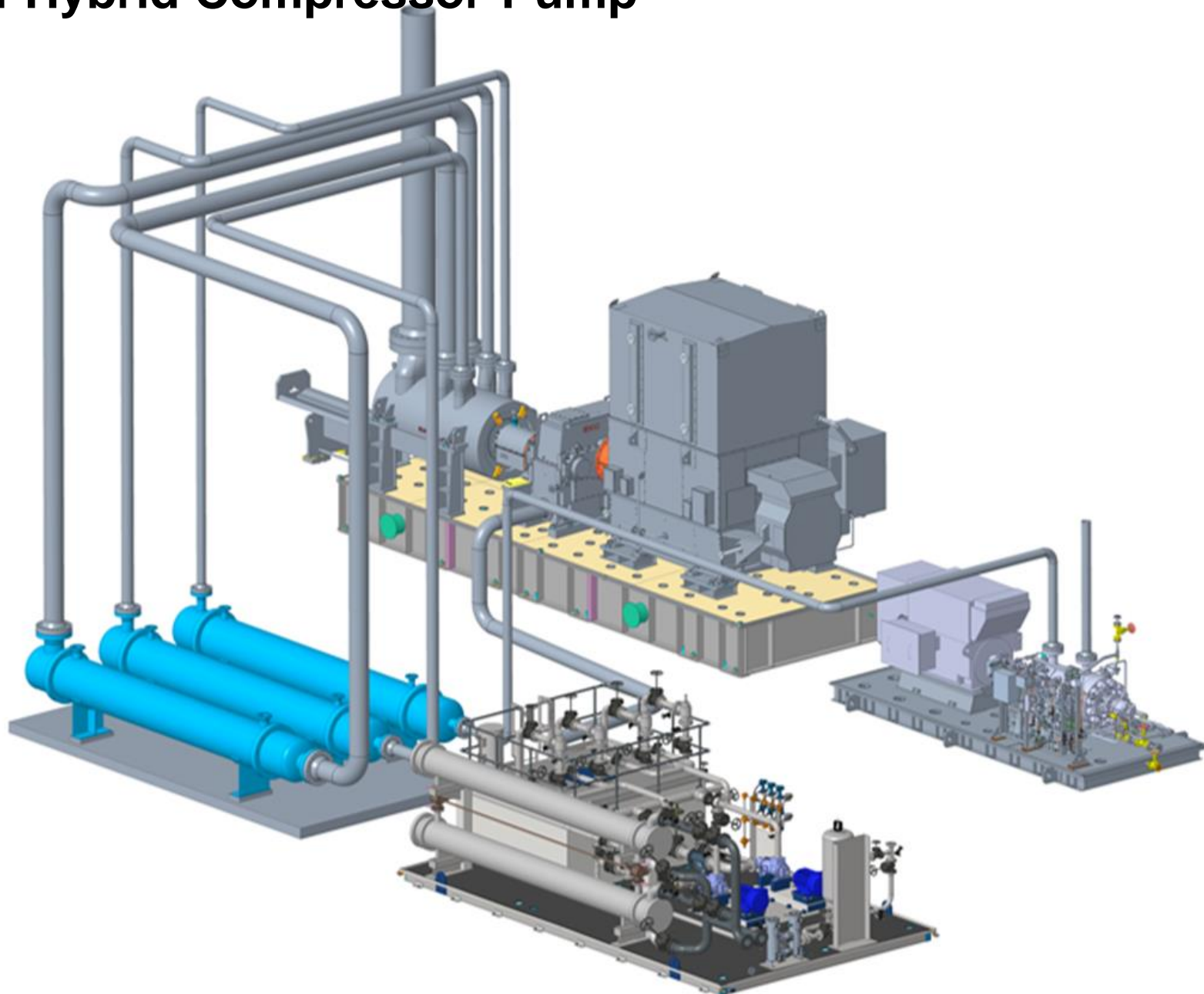
Above Critical Point:

- Multistage sCO₂ Pump



Layout of Hybrid Compressor-Pump

Multistage
Compressor:
100% CO₂
20→1200 psia
30 kg/s
≈ 13,000 hp



sCO₂ Pump:
1200→2200 psia
100% CO₂
30 kg/s
≈ 2,000 hp

Intercoolers:
• Water
• No.: 3

Ancillaries:
• Lube
• Seals

Compressor Test Stand – Upgrade

Expansion Currently Underway

- 2025 Completion

Power Supply Increased to 100 Mwe

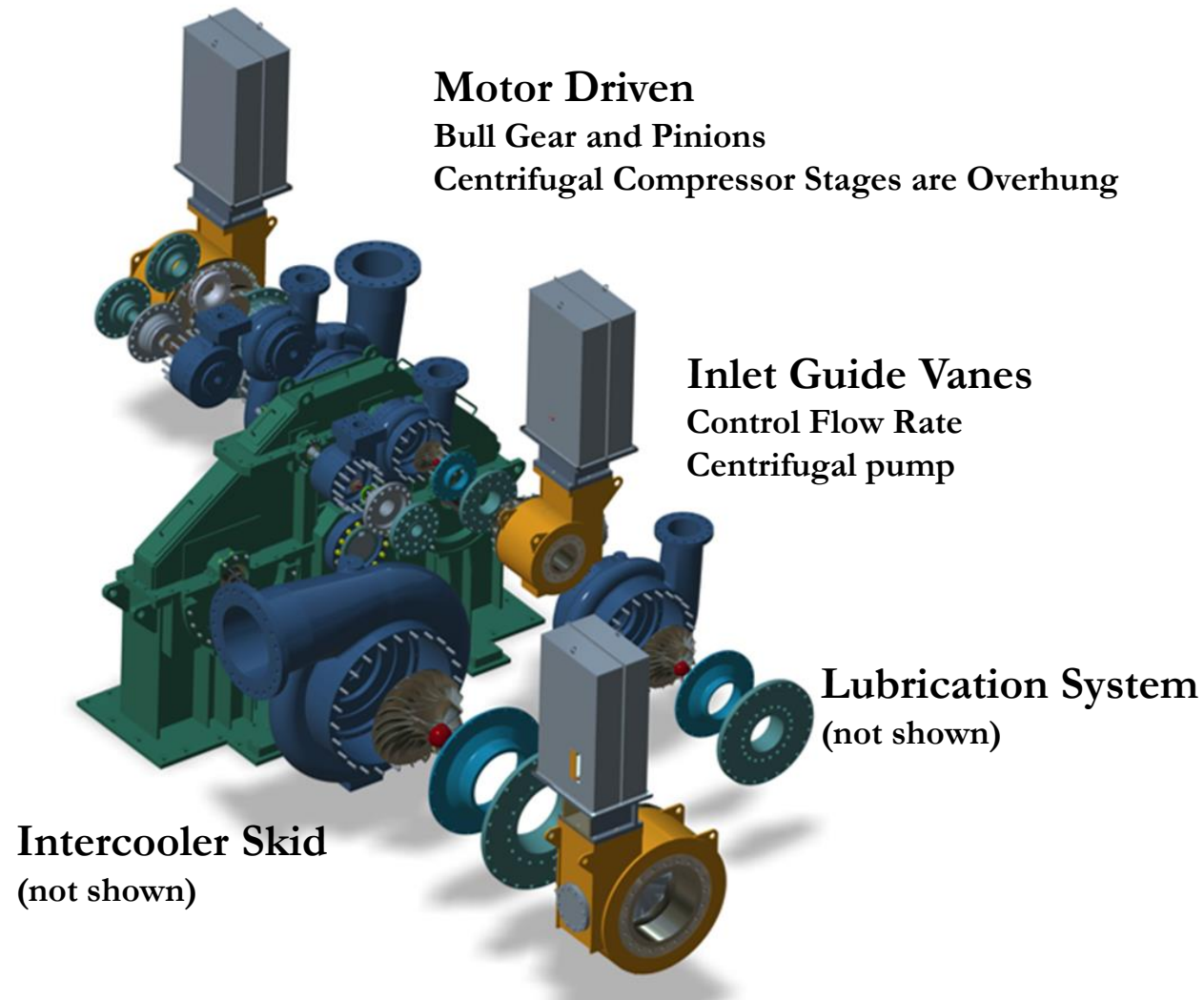
- 138 kV Upgrade to Ebara Elliott Energy's Facility
- 34.5 kV to Test Stand

Increased Test Capacity

- 90 MW String Test
- CO2 Full Load Full Power Test
- LNG
- Supports Electrification of Petrochemical Industry

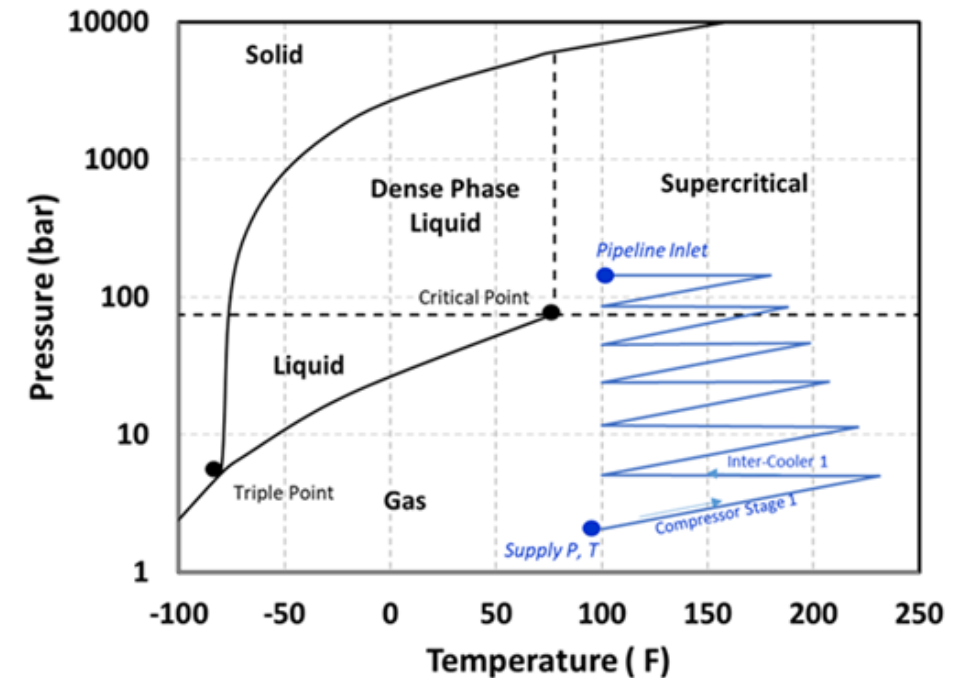


Integrally Geared Compressor for CO₂ Sequestration

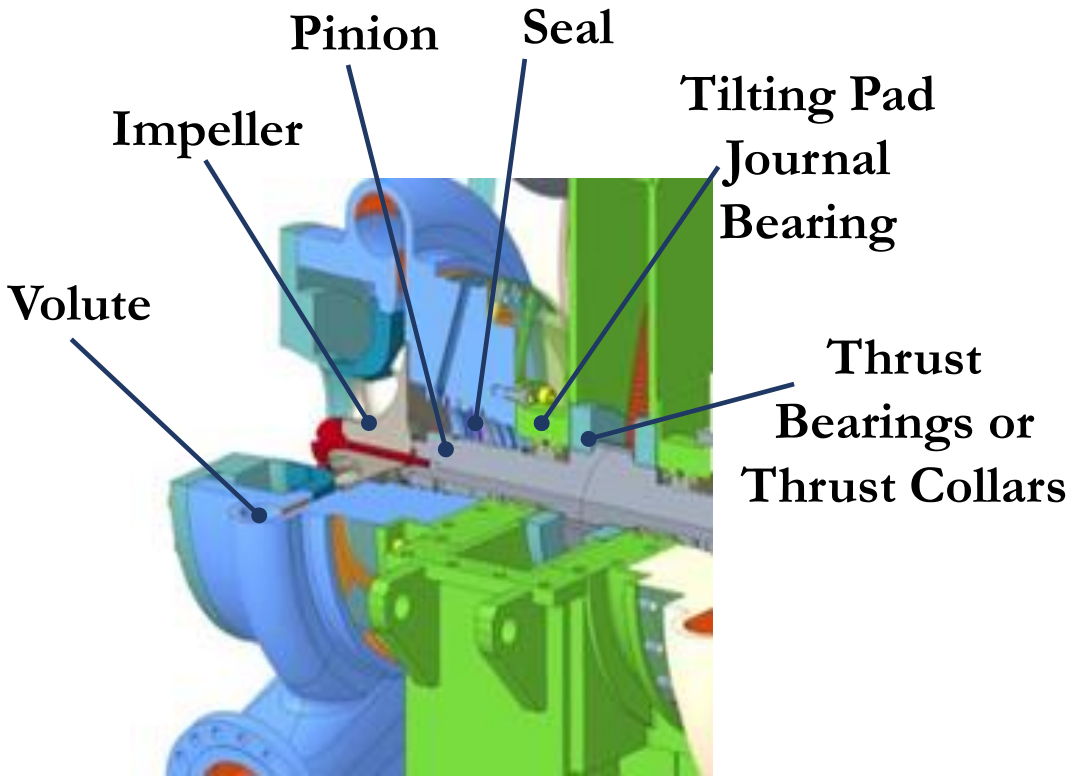
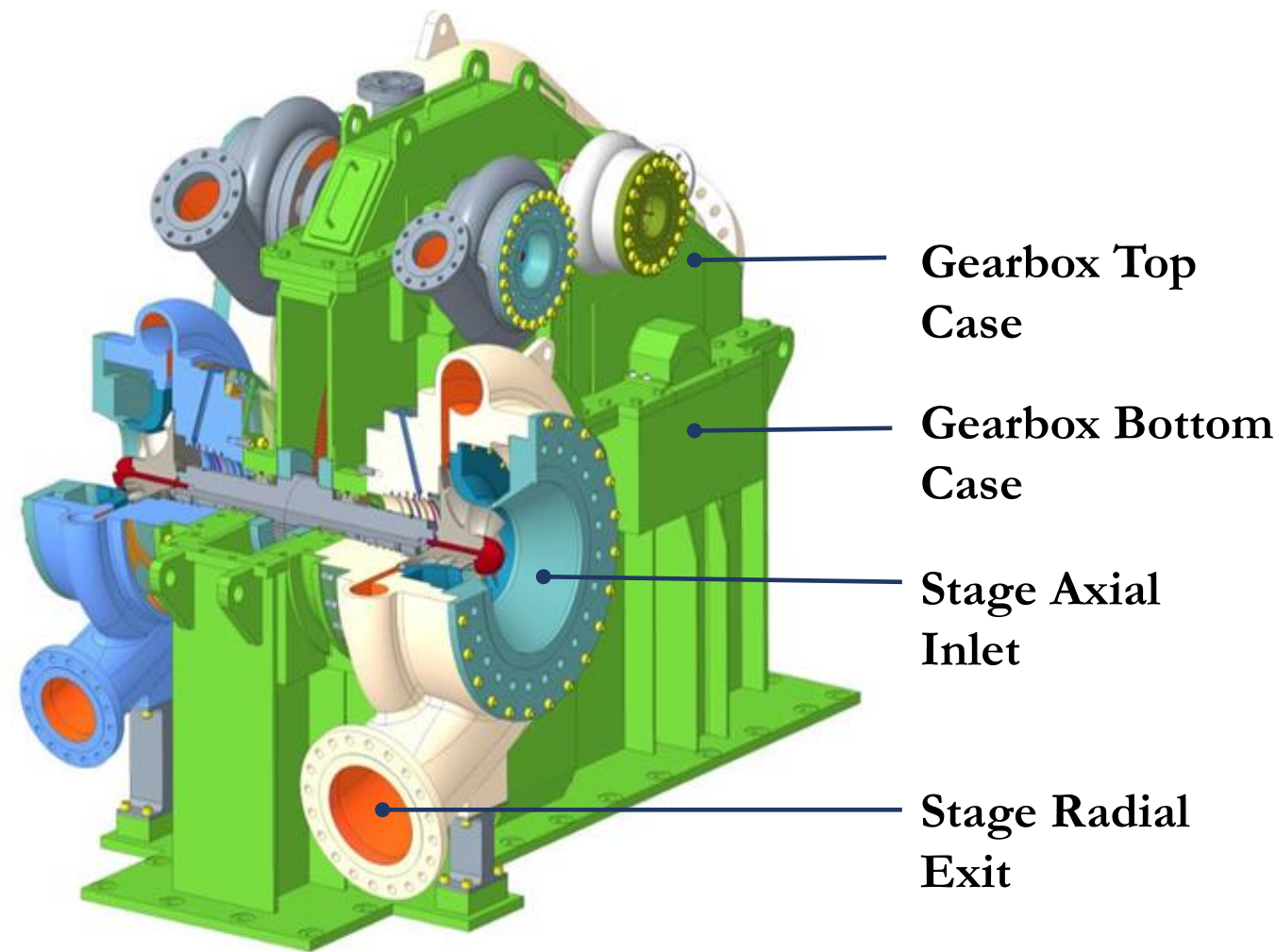


CO₂ Sequestration

- Integrally geared compressor offers efficient method of raising pressure from atmospheric pressure to pipeline conditions.
- Inter-cooling stages reduced the power consumption of the overall package.

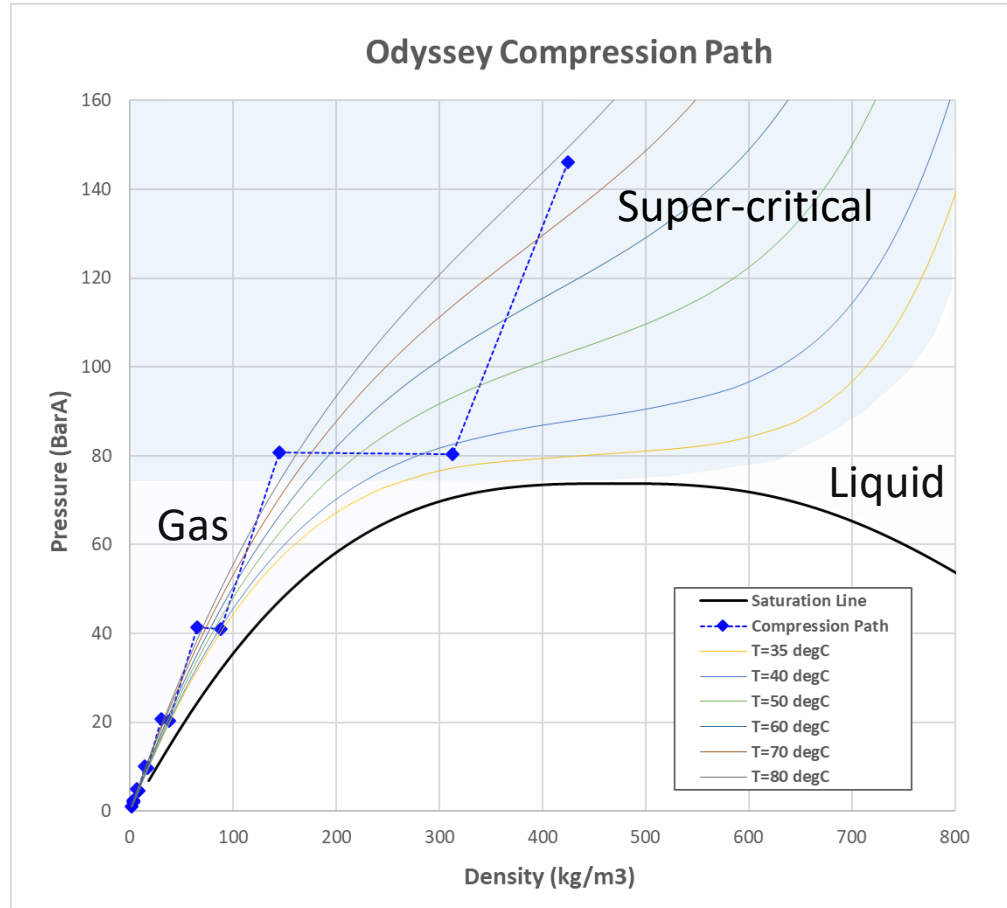


Integrally Geared Compressor



IG CO₂ – Technical Challenges

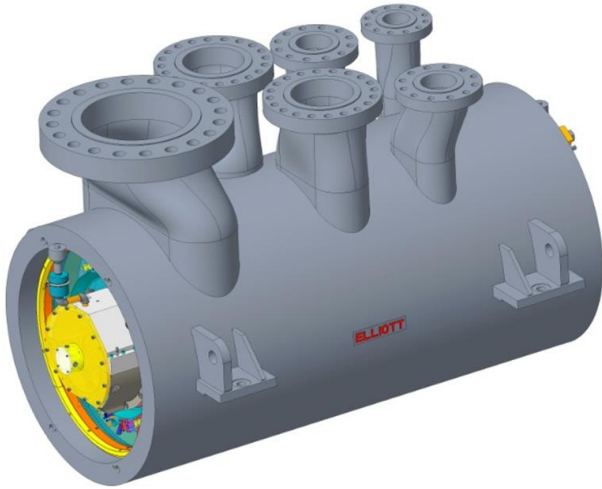
Compression Process Overview



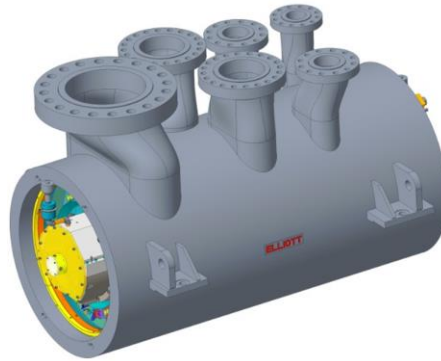
- Compressors achieve a **pressure ratio of 145:1** in 7 stages.
- **250x increase in gas density** across the machine
 - The first 5 stages operate sub-critical in the gas region
 - The last 2 stages operate at super-critical pressure and real gas effects are pronounced and strongly impact performance
- Substantial reduction in stage size though the machine.
 - Stage 1 = 31"dia → Stage 7 = 4.75" diameter
 - Stage matching is very dependent on intercooling.
- **Extreme levels of power density** are generated in the super-critical stages.
 - 7,000kJ of energy added to ever cubic meter of flow in the 7th stage compared to just 100kJ/m³ for the first stage
 - Aero and mechanical design work must be closely coupled

Impact of Cooling Between Stages (Inter-Cooling)

LP Section



HP Section



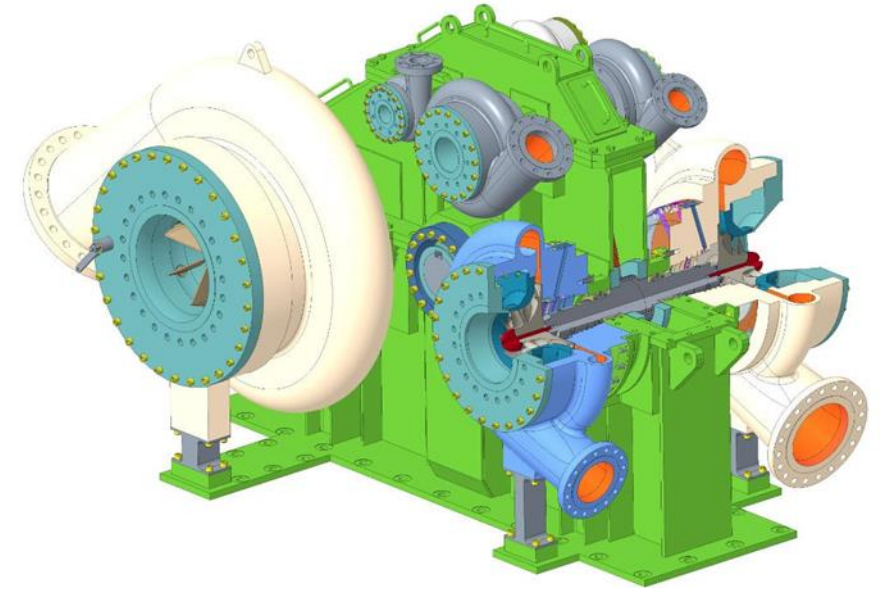
2 Beam Style Compressors (or Pump)

2 Gearbox

3 inter-coolers

4 Gas Seals / 4 Journal Bearings

Drive Power = 12,863 kW



IG Compressors

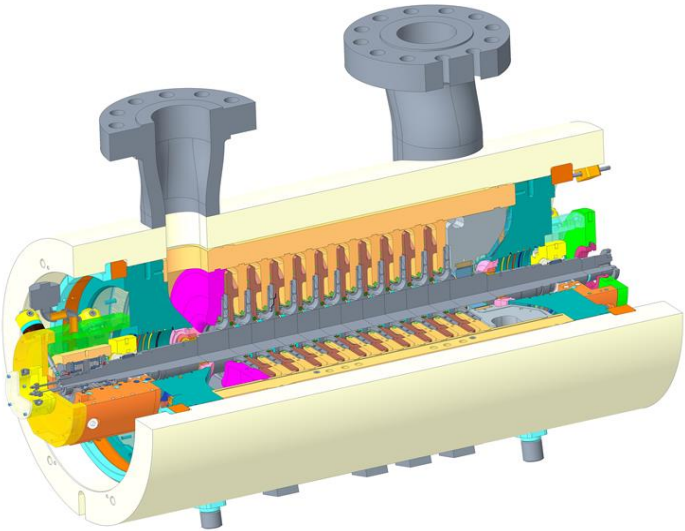
7 Stages

6 Inter-coolers

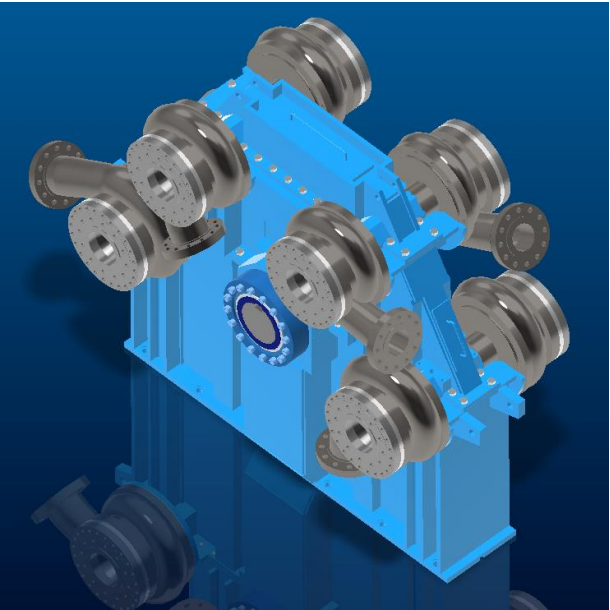
7 Gas Seals / 16 Journal Bearings

Drive Power = 10,925 kW

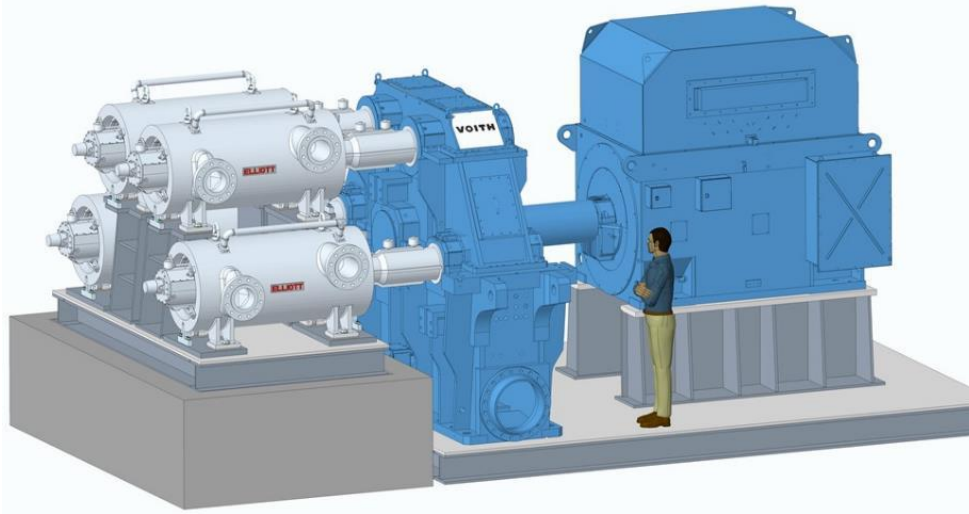
CO₂ Compression Technology Options



Conventional High Speed
In-Line Centrifugal Compressors

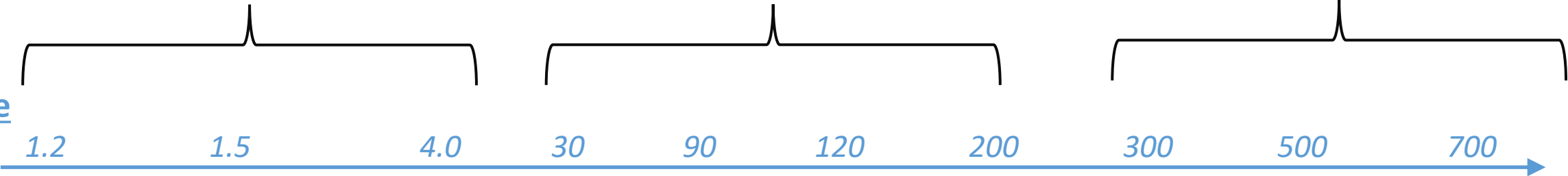


Integrally Geared Conventional and
High Speed Centrifugal Compressors



Multi-Body Centrifugal
Compressor/Pumps

Pressure
Ratio:

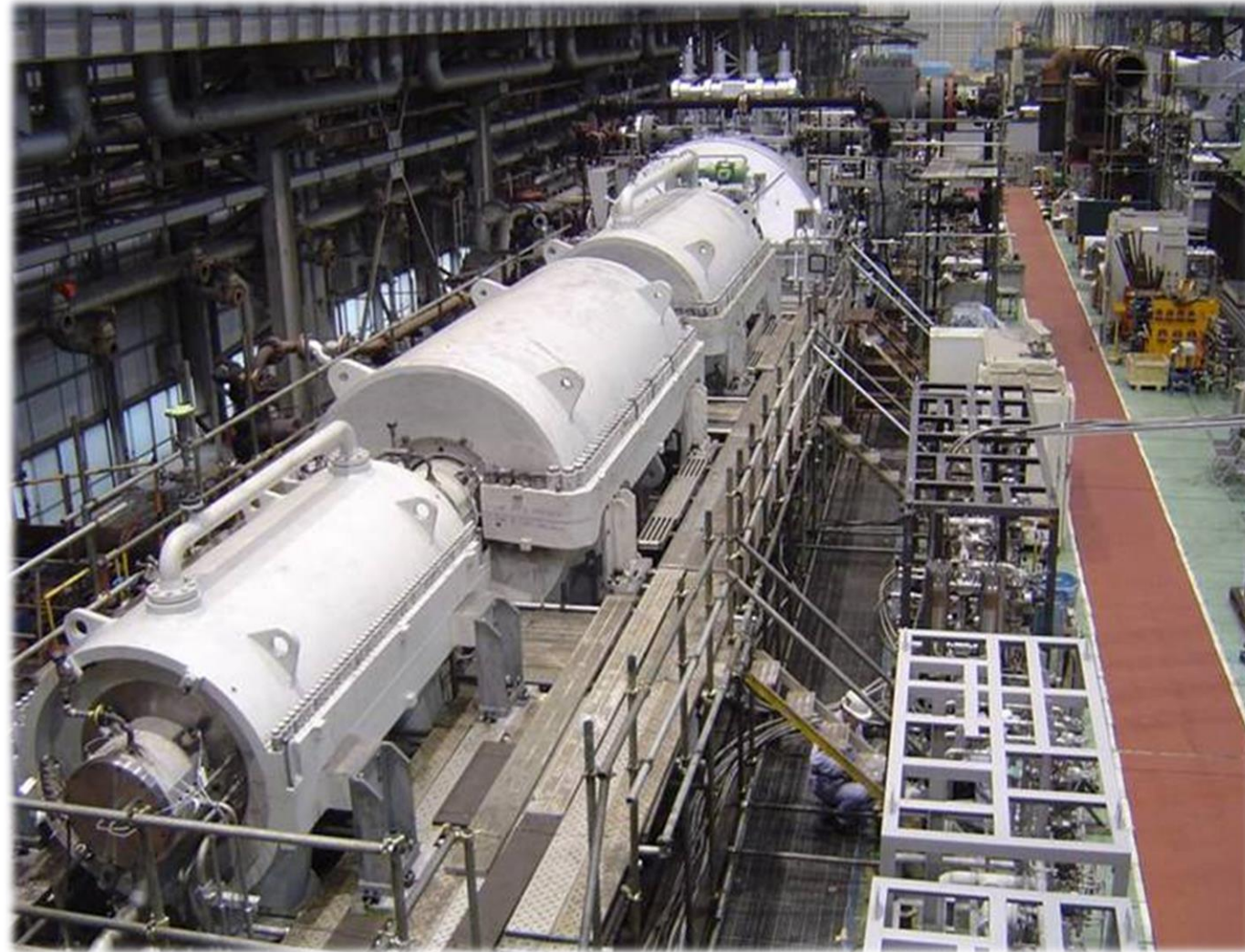


Application:

Blower Pipeline Transport Pipeline Header Production Storage

Elliott-Ebara Turbomachines for Decarbonization of Energy Streams

- Centrifugal Compressors (API)
 - Barrel/Horizontal Split
 - Inline/Back-To-Back
- Axial Compressors (API)
- Multi Valve Steam Turbines (API)
- Single Valve Steam Turbines
- Gas Expanders
- Cryo Pumps
- Cryo Single Phase and Multi Phase Expanders
- Custom Pumps (hydrocarbons, sCO₂, ammonia, liquid hydrogen, etc.)



Elliott Centrifugal Compressor Train

Thanks a lot! Questions?

