



Atlas Copco



Advances in Geothermal Power

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Atlas Copco Gas and Process

Introduction



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Thank you for the invitation and the great work of the GEMS organizers!



This is the Atlas Copco Group



Customers in more than **180** countries



49 000 employees in **70** countries



Established in **1873** Stockholm, Sweden



Turnover of **141** BSEK/ **13.5** BLN USD*



Operating margin of **21.4%**

*Based on the average exchange rate in 2023.

Atlas Copco

A decentralized Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT AND CEO

GROUP MANAGEMENT



COMPRESSOR TECHNIQUE

- Compressor Technique Service
- Industrial Air
- Oil-free Air
- Professional Air
- Gas and Process
- Medical Gas Solutions
- Airtec



VACUUM TECHNIQUE

- Vacuum Technique Service
- Semiconductor Service
- Semiconductor
- Semiconductor Chamber Solutions
- Scientific Vacuum
- Industrial Vacuum



INDUSTRIAL TECHNIQUE

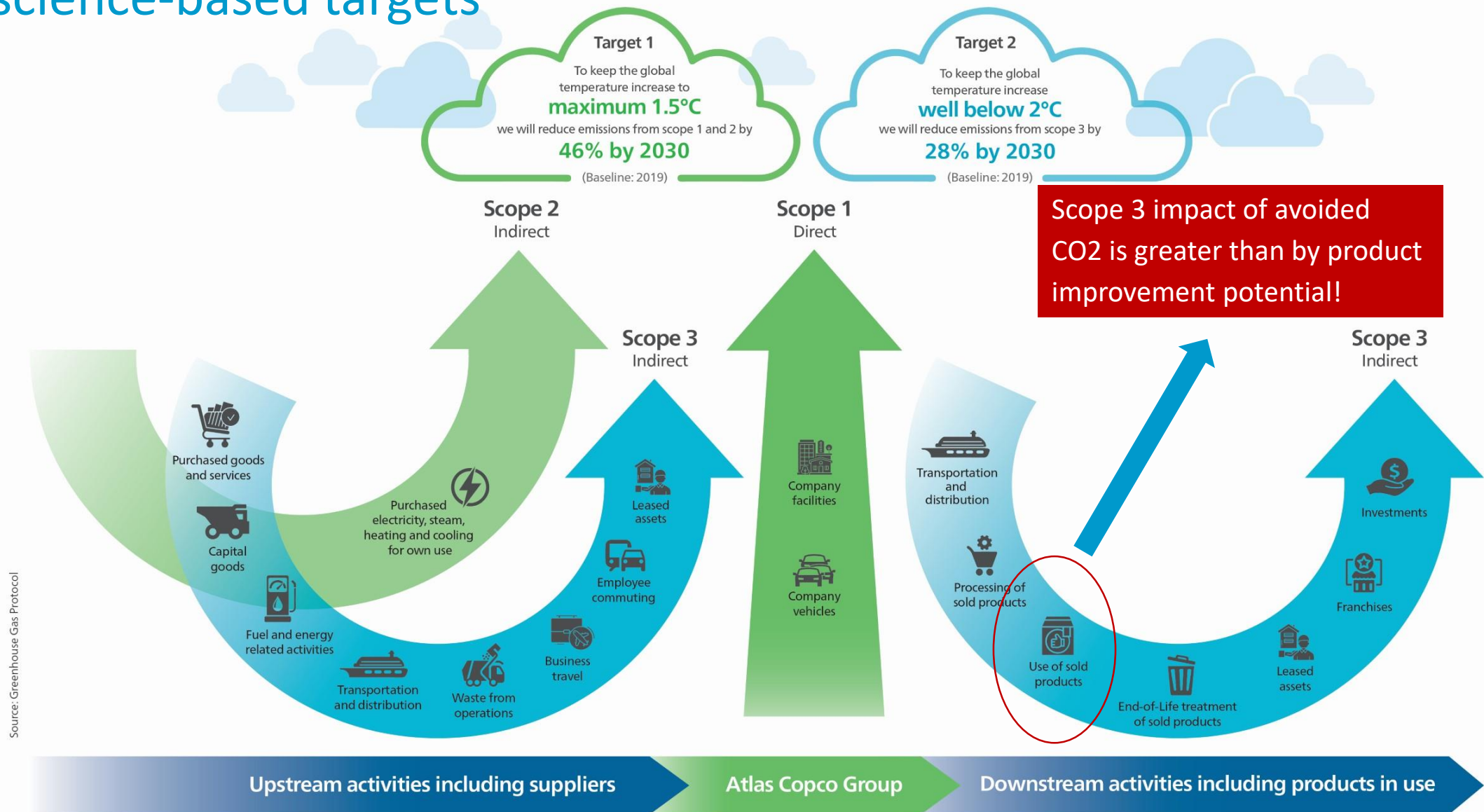
- Industrial Technique Service
- MVI Tools and Assembly Systems
- General Industry Tools and Assembly Systems
- Chicago Pneumatic Tools
- Industrial Assembly Solutions
- Machine Vision Solutions



POWER TECHNIQUE

- Power Technique Service
- Specialty Rental
- Portable Air
- Power and Flow

Our science-based targets

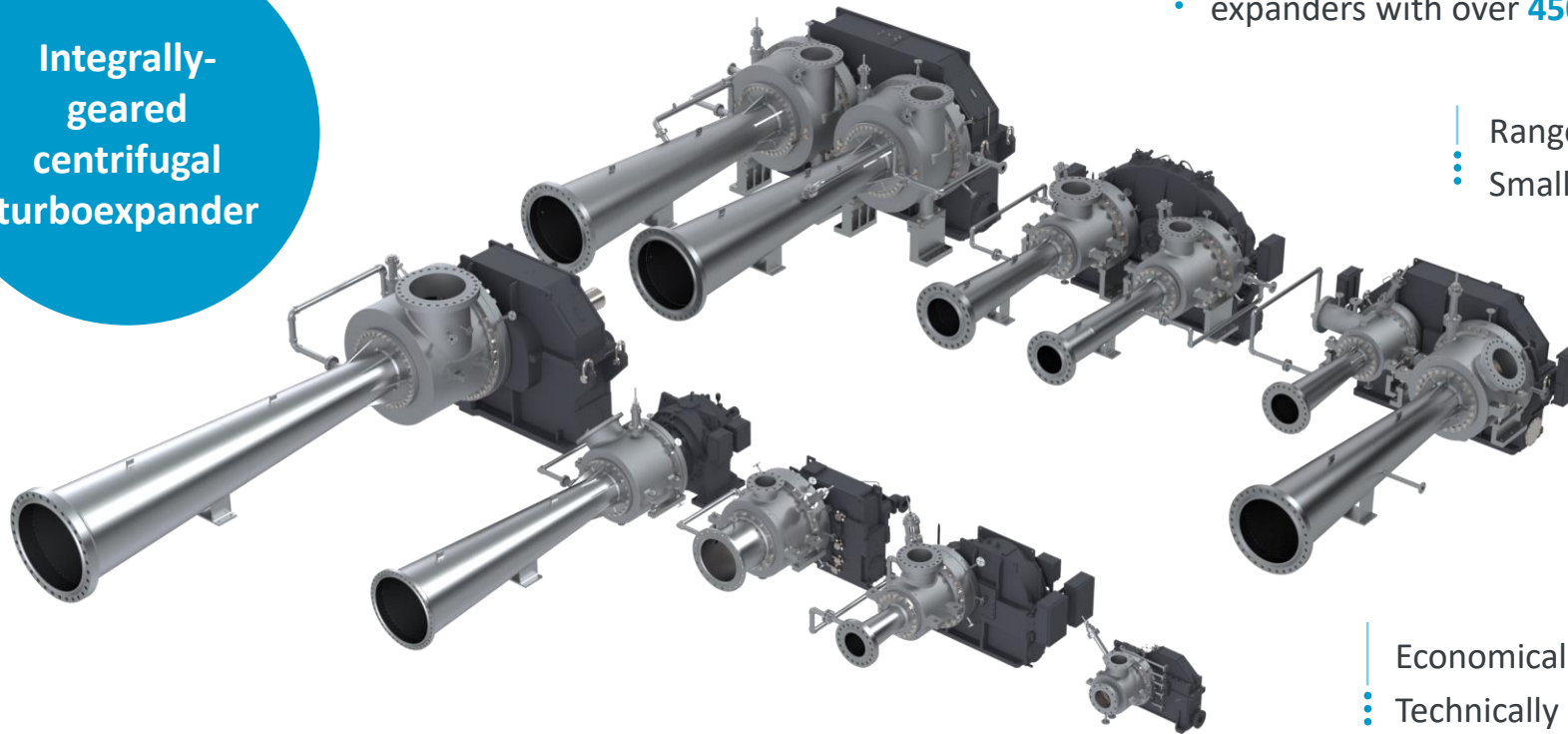


Integrally geared ORC Expanders

Reliable and mature technology for power generation

Product overview | Expanders for ORC Geothermal Power Plants

Integrally-
geared
centrifugal
turboexpander



Atlas Copco is the only EPC-independent major brand for ORC expanders with over **450MW** in more than **35** installations

Range of **8 Frame Sizes** covers wide power range from Small demo plants to >30MW full-commercial

Integrally geared design allows compact and flexible multistage units (parallel, HP/LP etc).

Custom designed and CFD optimized
Impeller designs for **highest efficiencies**

Economically viable power range is **5 to 30MW**,
Technically feasible power range is **500kW to 40MW**

Mature technology with documented **availability >98% p.a.**, due to continuous design improvement and implementation of “lessons learned”

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Precise control system allows **combined geothermal power and heat** plants (e.g. district heating and surplus heat-to-electricity)

Inlet guide vane technology allows precise and fast
Load and frequency control including “island mode”

Zero leakage configuration possible

Shaft sealings: Oil, Dry Gas, Labyrinth

Configurations with electric generators or directly
driven compressor stages possible (**Compander**):
Example: High pressure process steam from low-temperature
geothermal resources by steam compressor!

5MW HP/LP expander from 2019 for
Geothermal Powerplant in Germany



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Integrally-gearred centrifugal turboexpander



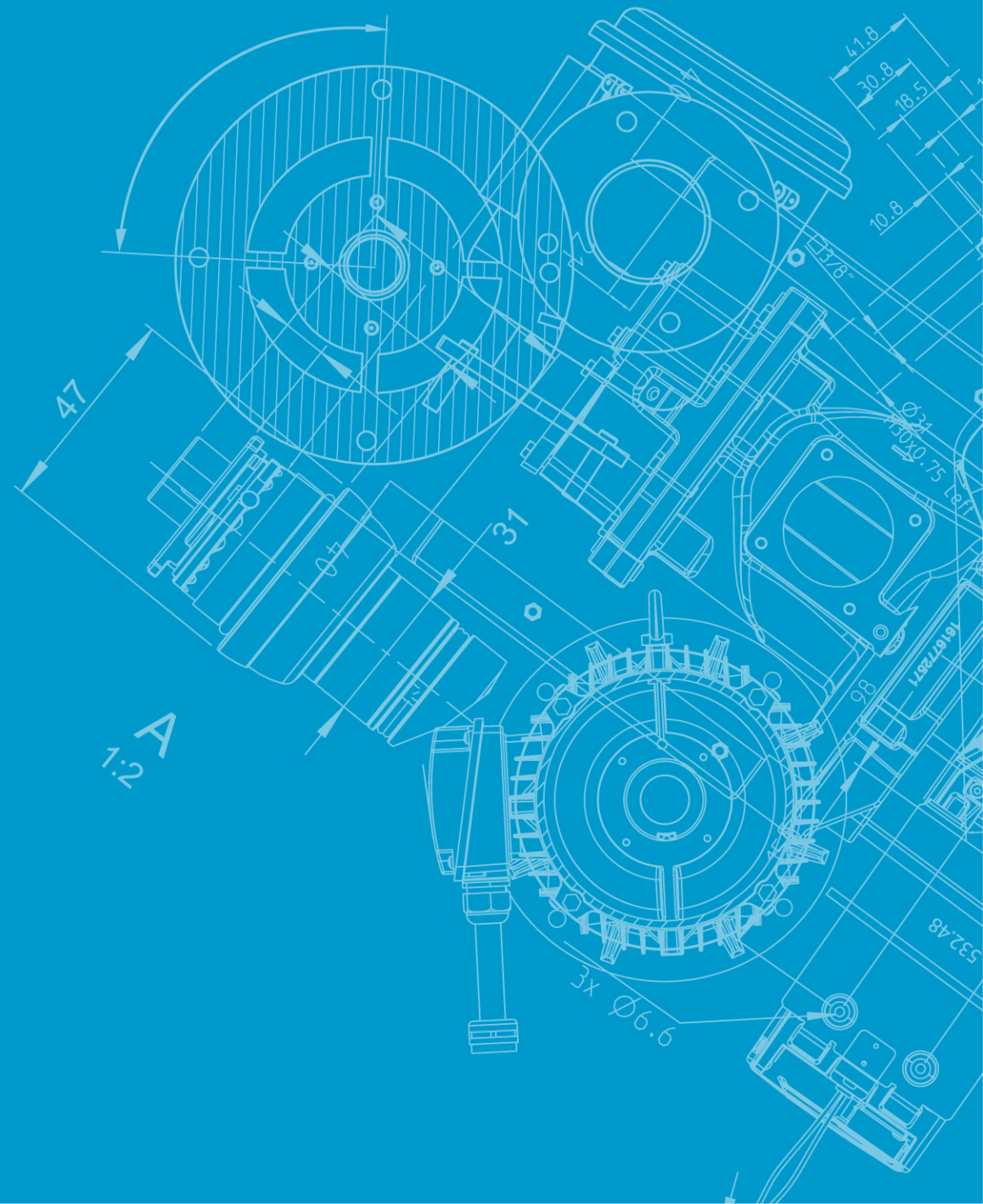
Dual-stage Expander Type EEGI 8/8
28MW, n-Butane, Turkey, 2018



Single-stage Expander Type EGi 8
13MW, i-Butane, USA, 2007

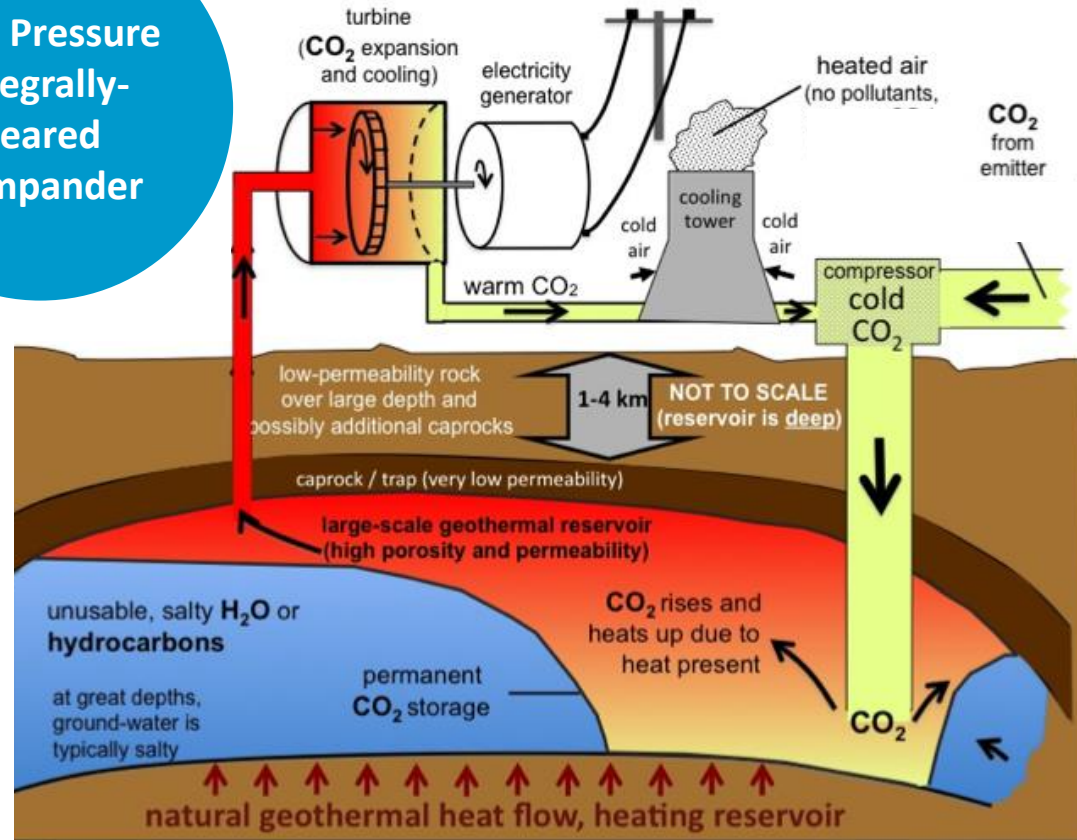
Supercritical Fluids Expanders

The next frontier in power generation



Product overview | Expanders for Advanced / sCO₂ Power Plants

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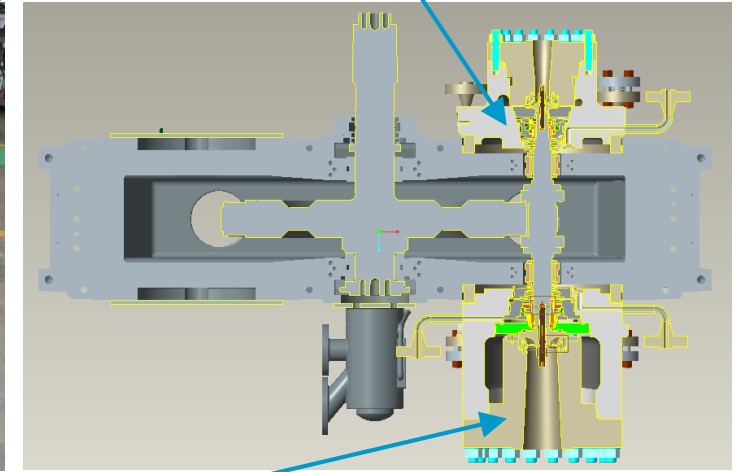
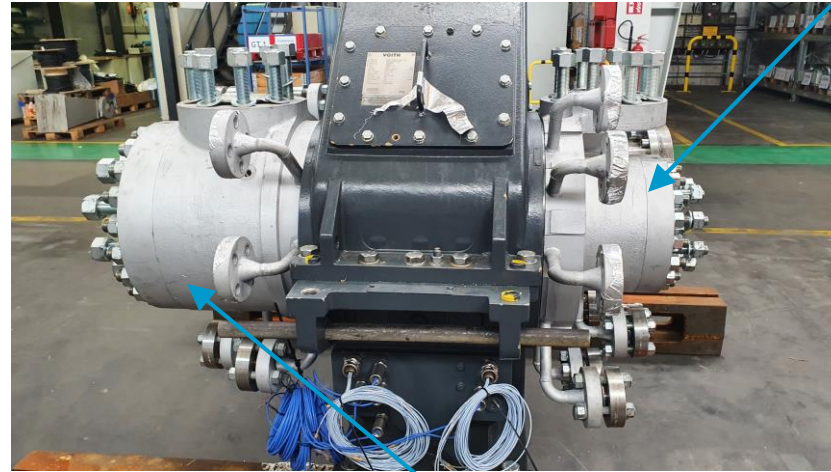
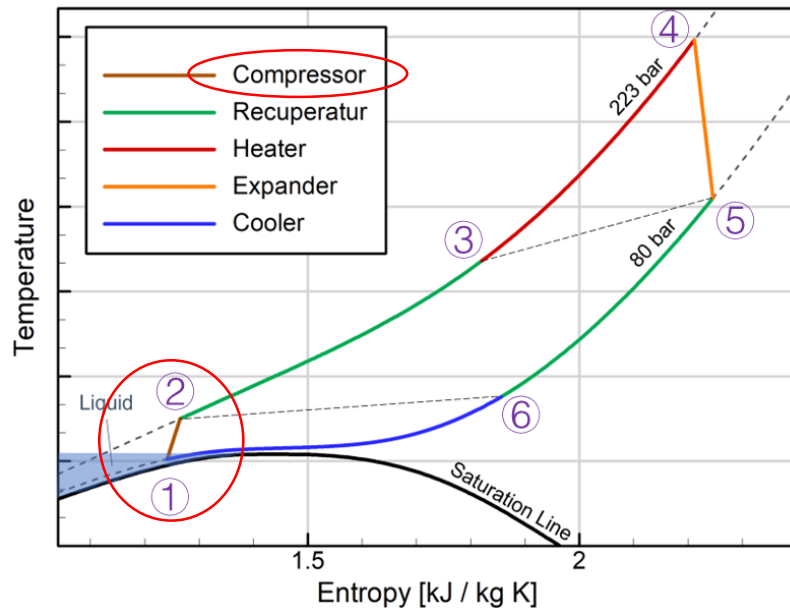


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- Advances in **geothermal resource engineering** allow direct use of CO₂ as working fluid
- Geothermal power production, combined with **carbon dioxide storage** is very suitable for oil&gas producing areas
- Modern Geothermal Powerplants may use directly **CO₂** or other **supercritical** fluids
- Trace components** (Cl, H₂S) often present in reservoirs, As well as methane etc., posing corrosion threats to metals

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Compressor

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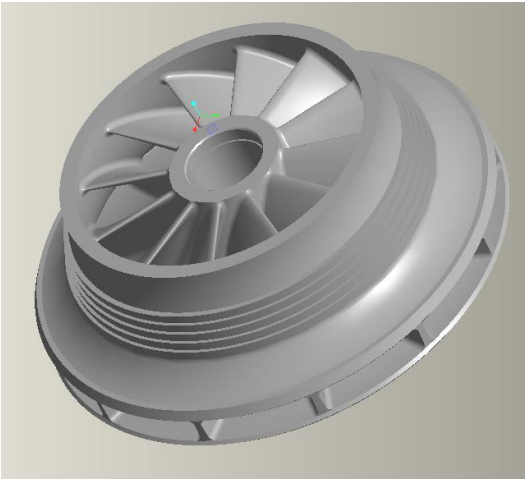
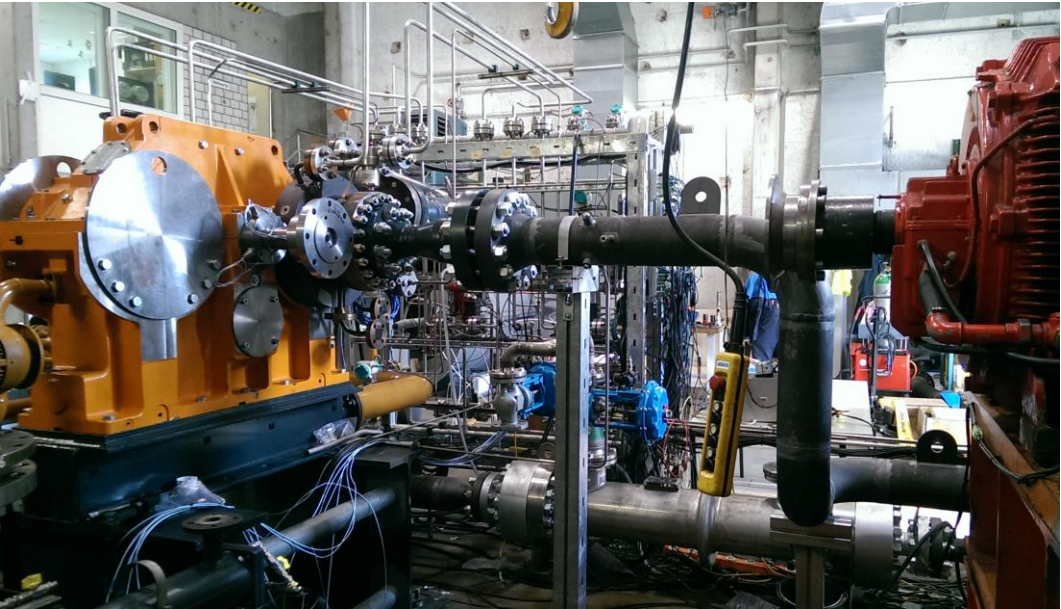
- Supercritical power cycles (CO₂) require other setup than ORC powerplants – instead of feed pump, there is a feed compressor
- Extreme high pressures (>200bar / >3000PSI) and high power density require other machine designs, compared to ORC expanders.

Product overview | Expanders for Advanced / sCO2 Power Plants

High Pressure
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- High pressure compressor and expander design for power cycle **successfully tested**
- Approximately **10-times higher power density**, compared to ORC expanders

Impeller type	centrifugal, shrouded
Shaft sealing	Dry Face Seal
Impeller diameter	150 Millimeter / 6 inch
Speed	38 000 RPM
Mass flow	174 600 kg/h / 385 000lb/h
Inlet pressure	220 bara / 3190 PSIA
Inlet temperature	275°C / 530°F
Outlet pressure	82 bara / 1190 PSIA
Expander power	3528 kW / 4730 hp



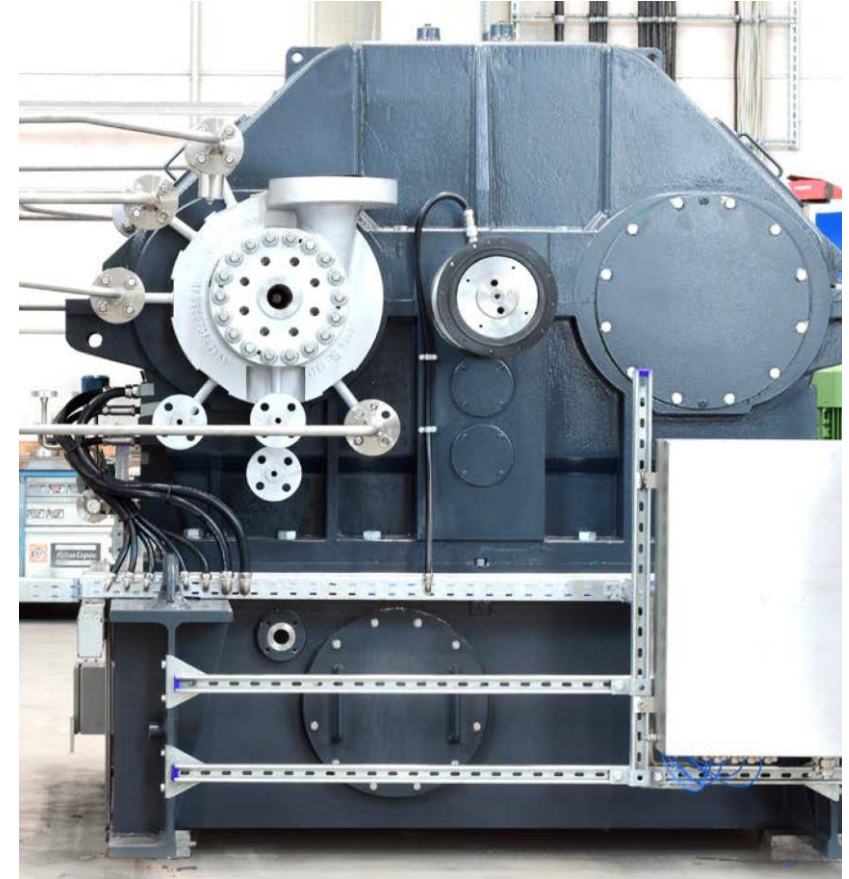
- Design can be **freely modified** for severe fluid / corrosion requirements
- Still not used in a wide scale, as ORC Technology is more mature and investors are risk-averting....

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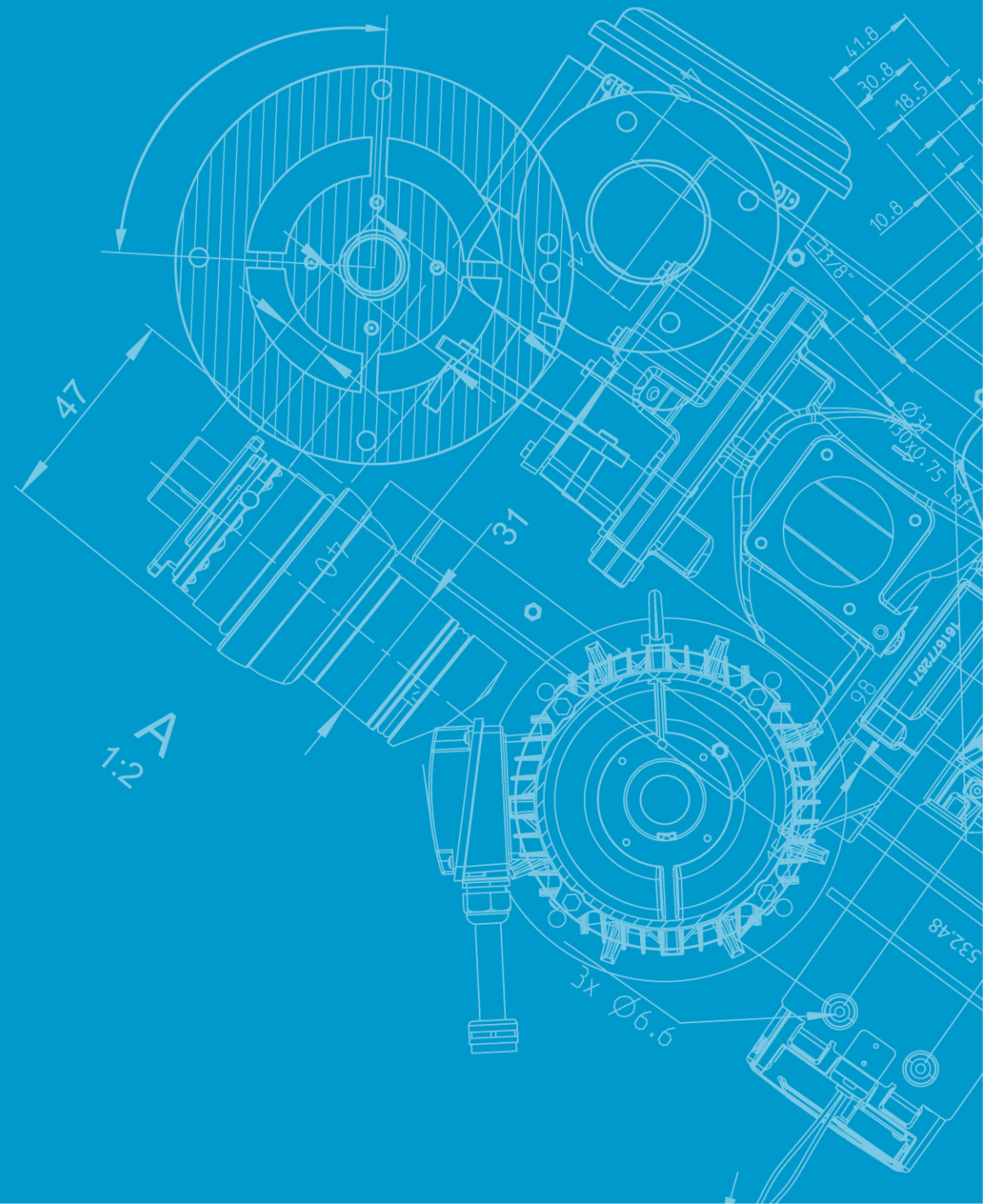
| sCO₂ expander-compressor technology is
| ready for **plant sizes** up to approx. 10MW

| Shown **demo unit is for sale**, ask us in case of
| interest!



Steam Generation

Industrial heat from geothermal resources



Product overview | Compressor for industrial heat generation

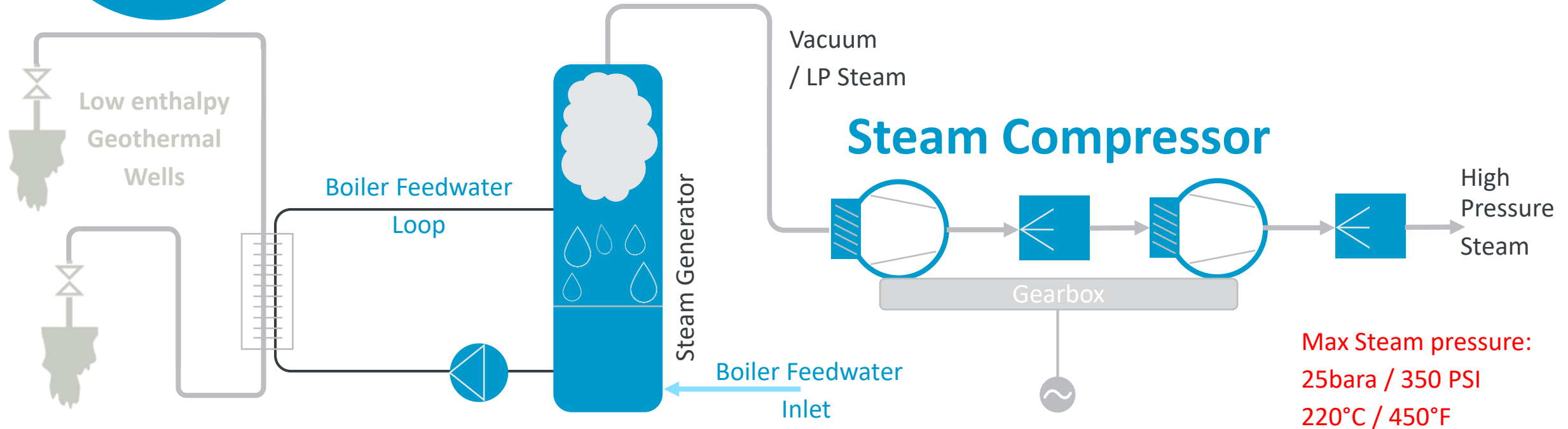
Integrally-geared Steam Compressor

Direct use of **geothermal** heat is more efficient (>90%) than electric power generation (10-20%)

Steam generation by geothermal heat and **subsequent compression** as ideal combination for climate neutral heat

Low enthalpy sources can be used for direct **steam generation**

More than 150 references for Atlas Copco Gas and Process **steam compressors**



Product overview | Compressor for industrial heat generation

Integrally-geared Steam Compressor

Heat-to-electricity **efficiency (COP)**
can be as high as 7

Very **mature technology** with
known processes



Dual-stage Steam Compressor, Type GT032T2K1
1.5MW, 12t/h steam, 30 to 175 PSI



Thank you!
Questions welcome!

