

Integrally-Geared sCO₂ Power Systems

Industrial Processes Emissions Reduction Technology Workshop



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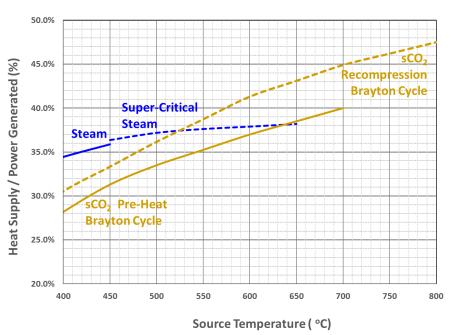
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Technologies Waste Heat Recovery (5 – 10 MWe Size Range)

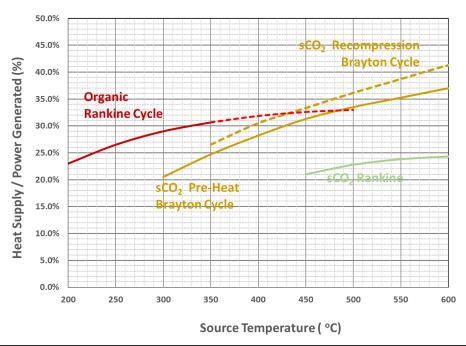


Power Generation



- Steam Rankine cycles have been the benchmark for power generation for over a century
- As the industry has looked for further performance gains, sCO2
 Brayton cycles have been identified as an option
- sCO2 Brayton cycles offer:
 - Compact machinery
 - High performance
 - Do not require water.

Waste Heat Recovery

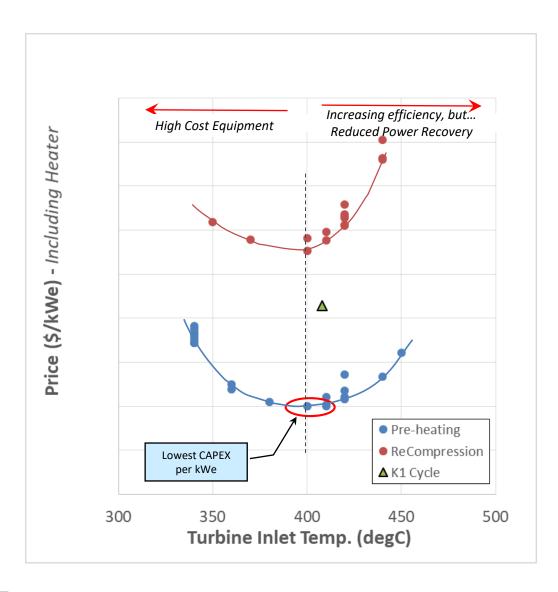


- Many industrial processes result in significant amounts of waste heat
- It is a challenge to identify a waste heat recovery option that is technically and financially viable
- Steam Rankine is often used for large, high grade waste heat sources.
- ORC may be applicable for smaller, low temp heat sources
- An sCO2 Brayton cycle is also an option as source temps get over 400C or where water is not available.



Optimizing System CAPEX and ROI





- A waste heat recovery system and cycle is optimized for each application to minimize the cost per kWe
- More complexity can be added to the cycle to enhance power recovery, but the added cost isn't necessarily justified.
 - Reheat
 - Intercooling
 - Recompression, etc.
- The max power recovery is typically achieved by operating the cycle with some margin between the peak temperature of the working fluid and the source temperature
- For the case of a small GT engine with an exhaust temperature ~500degC, the lowest cost per kWe cycle is achieved with a turbine inlet temperature ~400degC
- Additional gains in performance are possible by incorporating larger heat exchangers
- At some point the size of the heat exchangers begins to increase exponentially for small gains in performance and cannot be justified.



Pre-Apollo: Leverage Commercial Grade Components for Maximum Reliability



Our design approach to the *Integrally Geared sCO₂ Power System* is built largely on existing industrial grade equipment.

Tilting Pad Journal Bearings

- Conventional 5 Pad TPJB Oil lubricated configuration.
- Excellent bearing stiffness and damping.

Thrust Management System

- Bull Gear Fixed geometry thrust collar
- Thrust collars pass thrust from high-speed pinion to Bull gear

Main Compressor, Second Stage Balance Piston Main Compressor, First Stage First Stage Expander

Variable Inlet Guide Vane

 Controls the flow to the main compressor and the recompressor.

Dry Gas Seal Rack

 Dry gas seals and dry gas seal rack are common in O&G industry.

Lubrication System

 Oil lubrication system allows direct start-stop without need

Inlet Guide Vane

Flow control

Generator

 Low-Speed generator is industry standard and highest reliability.

Southwest Research Institute and Hanwha Power Systems partnered to develop an sCO2 Power System based on an integrally geared turbomachinery concept.

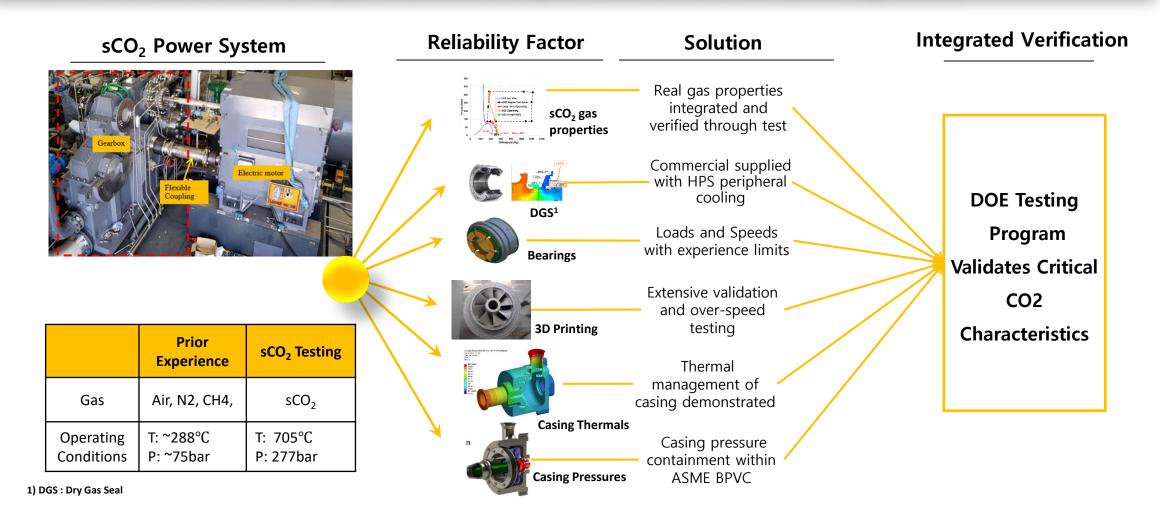
- Project successfully completed three funding phases.
- 10MW electrical (size basis)
- System built and tested:
 - Full size main compressor,
 - Full size expander 1st stage,
 - Full mechanical system
 - Sealing system,
 - Lubrication system,
 - 1+ MW testing loop infrastructure



Apollo - Validate of Integrated Turbomachinery Components Achieved



- Reliability elements of the sCO2 power system have been identified related to conventional IG turbomachines.
- Reliability factors were verified by design/interpretation/component tests and MRT, and Apollo integrated test.

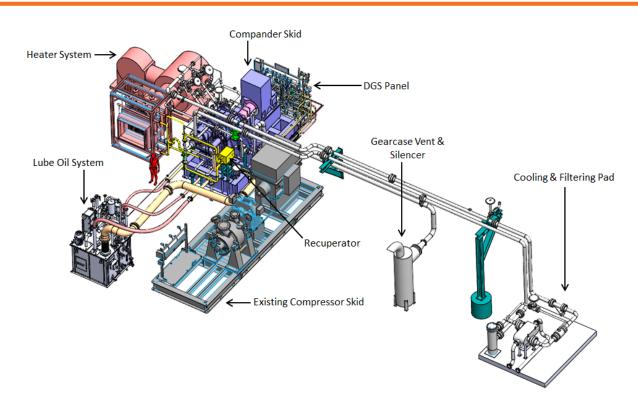


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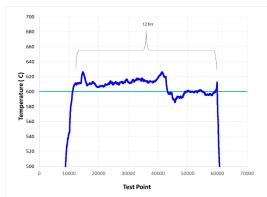
Apollo - Operation at Expander Inlet Conditions (720 °C and 260 bar)











OEM: Hanwha Power Systems
Tested: Southwest Research Institute

Program Achievements:

- Highest inlet expander temperature for CO₂
- Lowest leakage IG CO₂ compressor
- Widest range sCO₂ compressor
- Highest efficiency sCO₂ compressor stages

