

Turn Up the Temperature: High Efficiency Modular Power Cycles

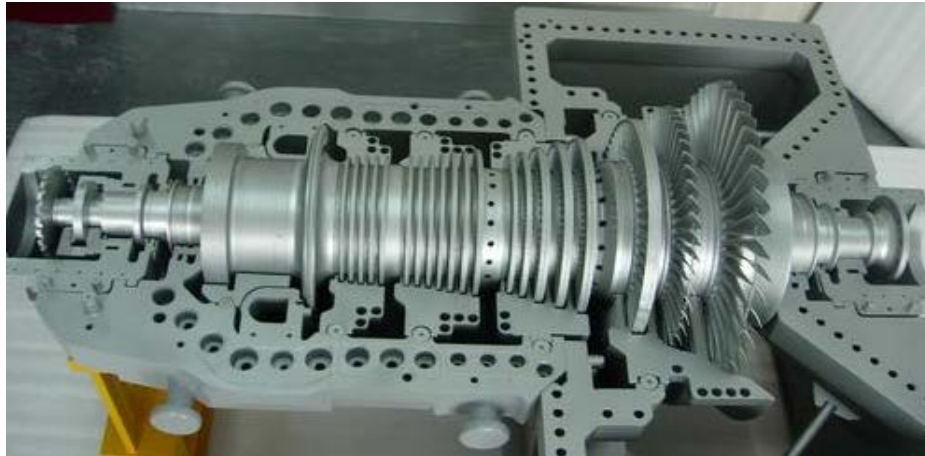
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Demonstrated Potential



Steam turbine (50kW)



sCO2 (50kW)

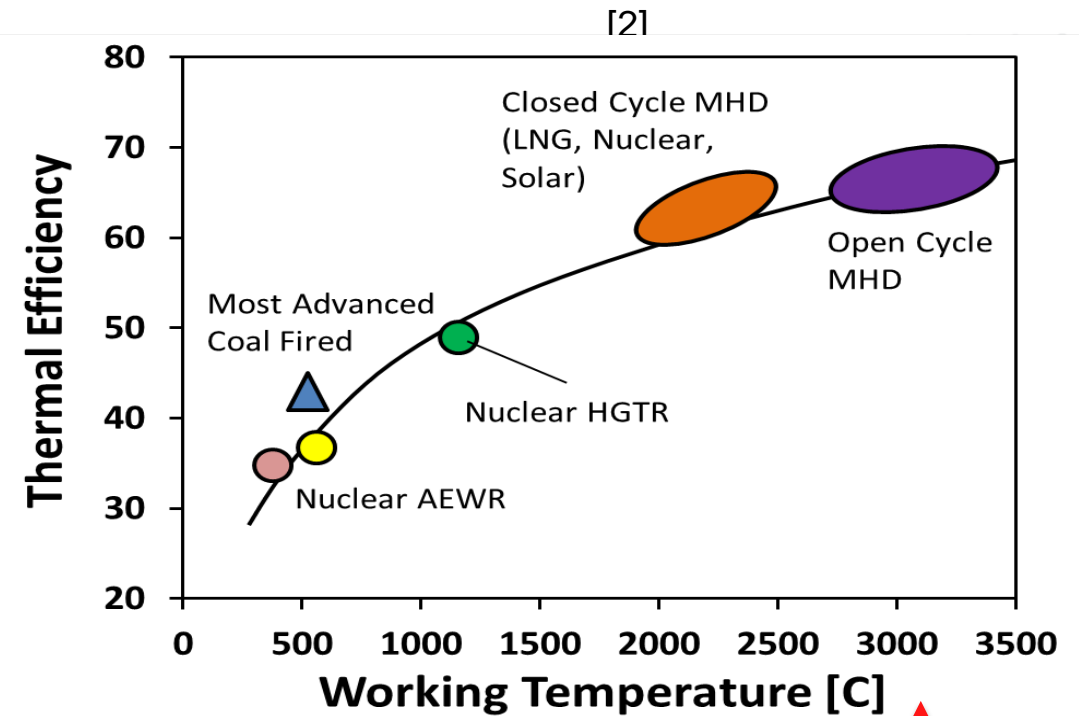
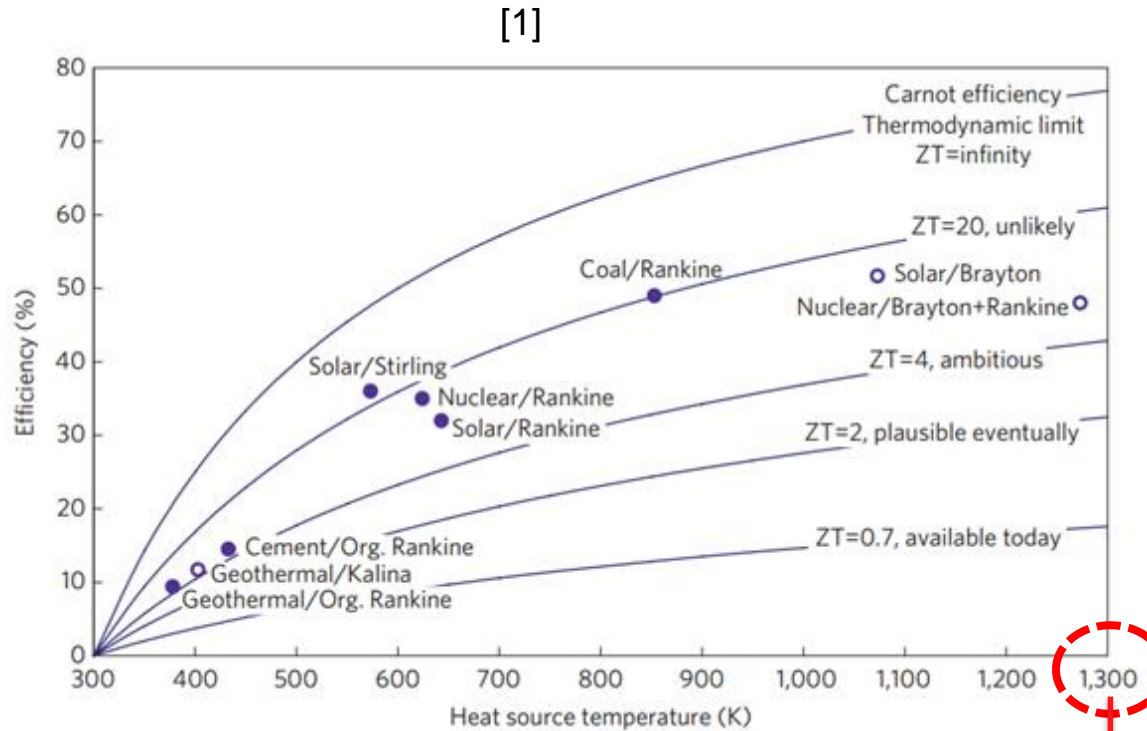
Some Quick Guiding Principles



Why Higher Temperatures and Pressures?

- The higher the energy source temperature the higher the net work delivered and the efficiency.
- Higher operating pressures allow use of super critical cycles, thus higher efficiencies and smaller system size

Much room for higher temperatures



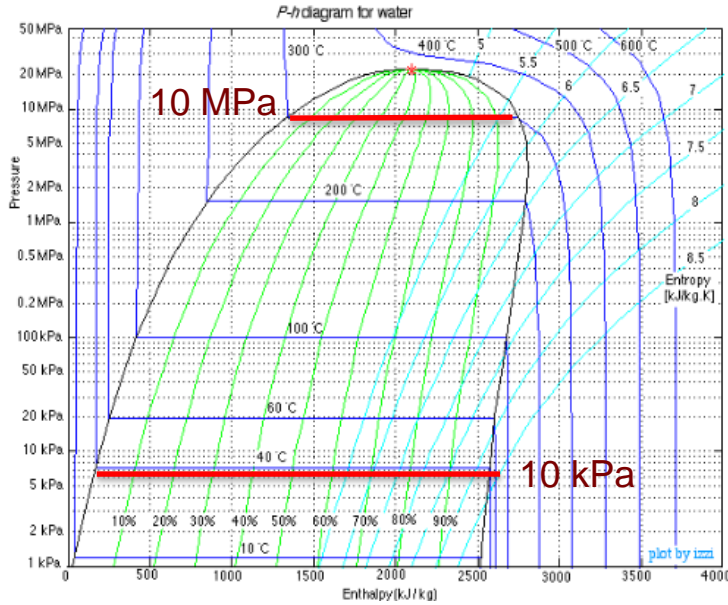
Significant boost in efficiency by increasing heat source temperature

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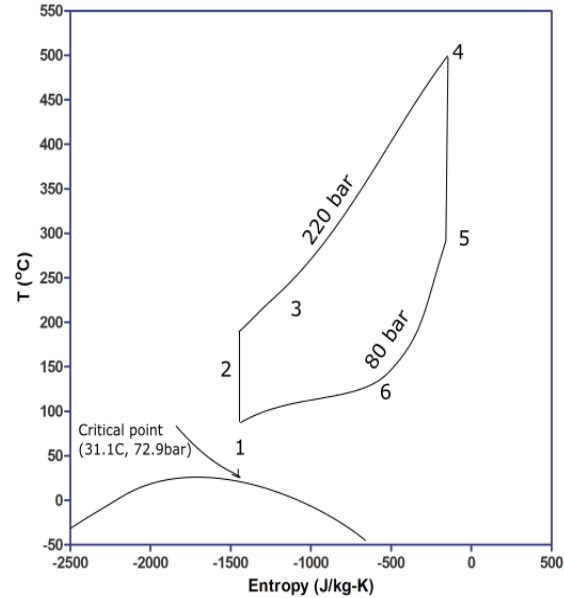
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Higher Pressure



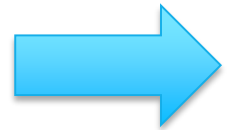
Water PR >100



sCO₂ PR ~ 3



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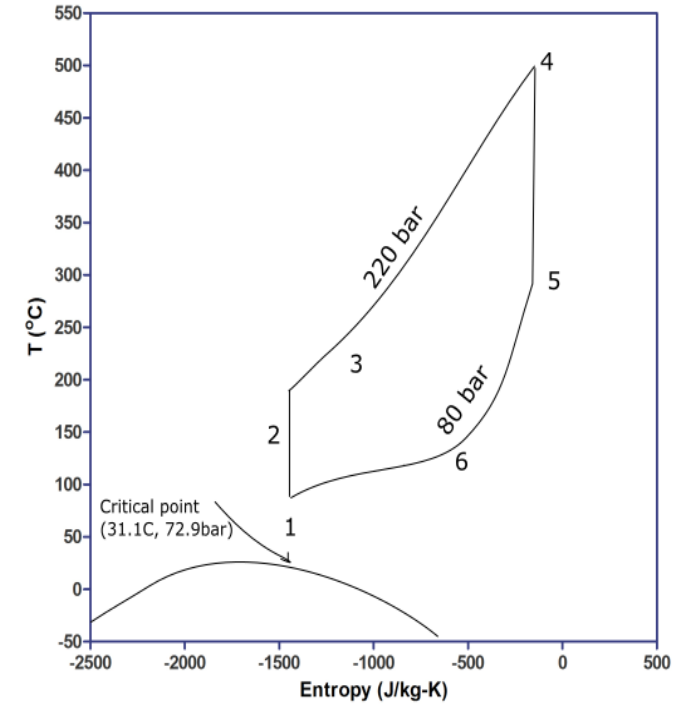
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Higher Pressures can enable use of super critical fluids and substantially reduce the size

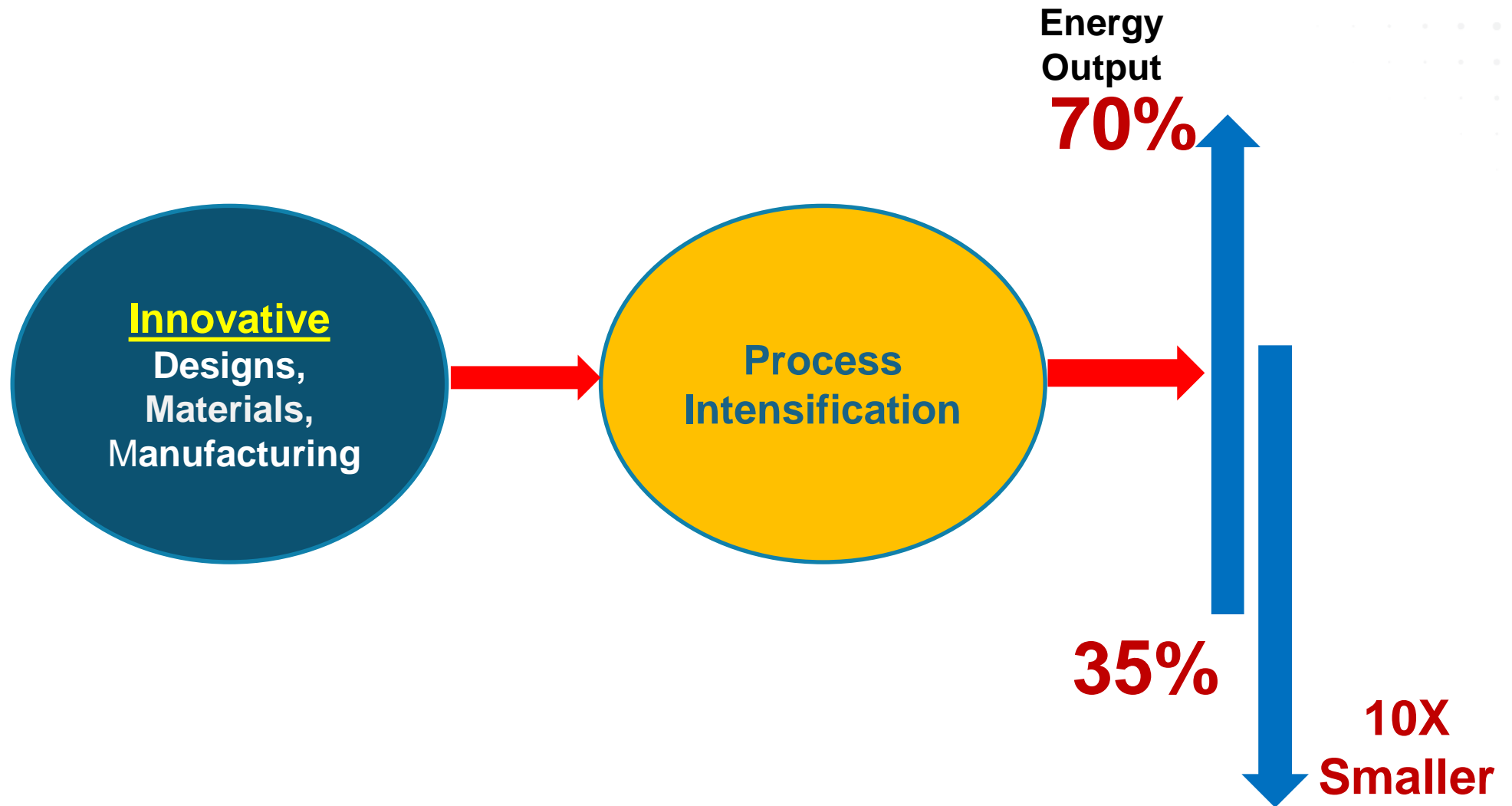
sCO₂ vs. Rankine

Other Advantages:

- ✓ Thermally stable, low-hazard, low-cost working fluid
- ✓ Simple, direct, single pressure, single-phase heat exchangers
- ✓ Flexible cycle, can integrate with wide variety of heat sources



Opportunities and Challenges



Industries that can benefit

- ▶ Potential heat sources across key Industries:

❖ Oil and Gas:



❖ Power Generation:



- ❖ **Marine:** Cruise Ships, LNG, Naval,...



- ❖ **Industrial:** Transportation, Cement, Air Separation, Process industries





Your thoughts?

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