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Organic Rankine cycle: The challenge of
a negative-carbon approach in power generation
from low-temperature waste heat

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Warnings from global warming

- Svalbard [Global Seed Vault](#) in Norway-- Arctic stronghold of world's seeds flooded after permafrost melts.

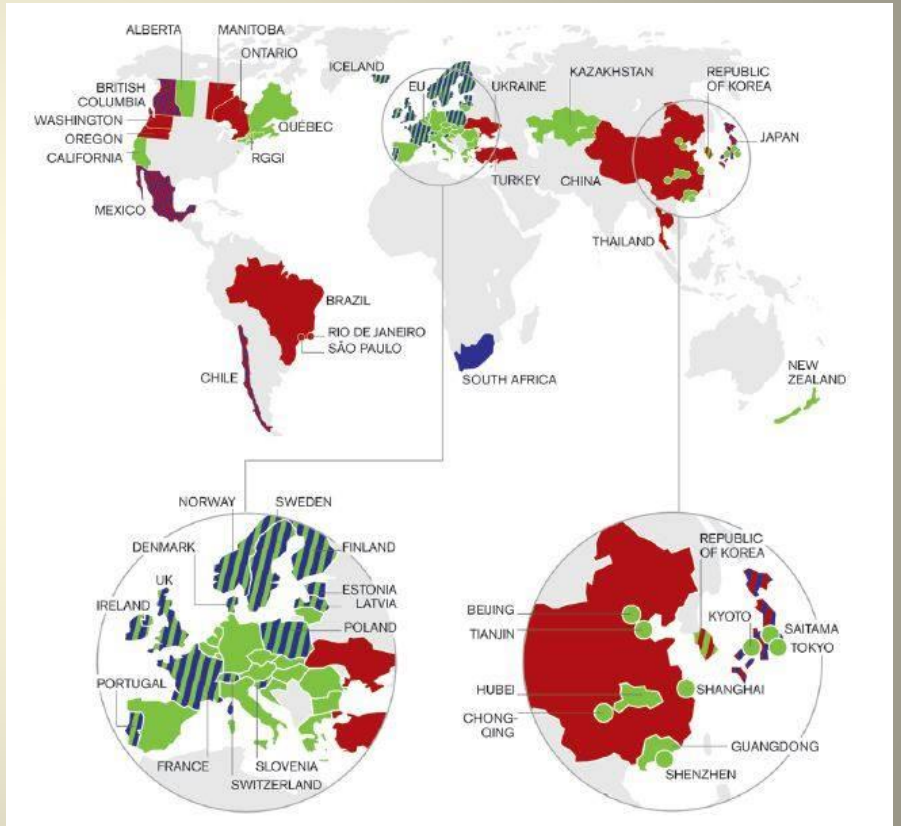


- Fast-growing moss is turning Antarctica green!
- **BUT**, *Donald Trump* proclaimed withdrew the US from the *Paris climate accord*!!!!

Carbon tax & emission trading



Source: D.G. Victor and D. Cullenward, 2007



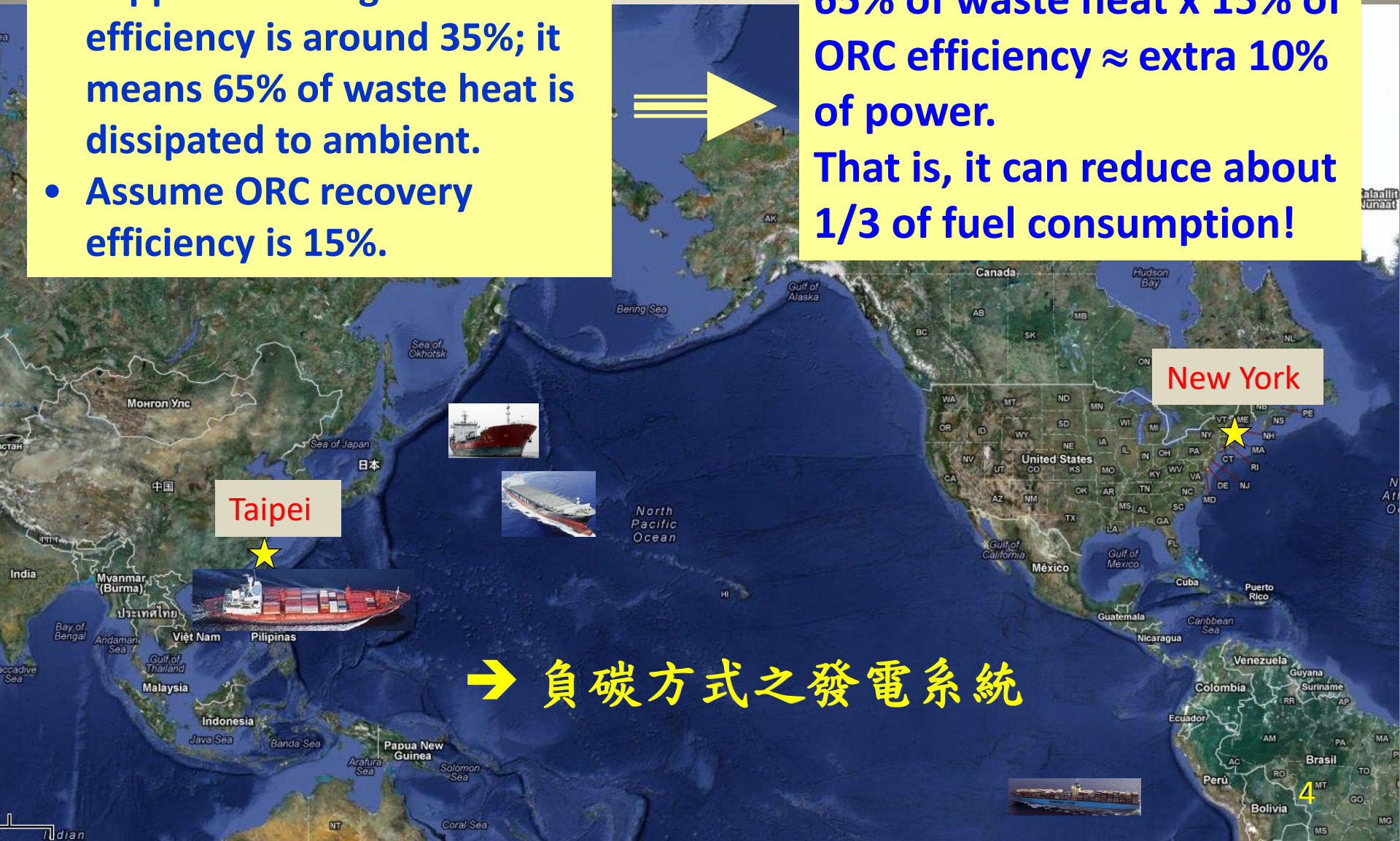
Source: Carbon pricing watching, 2015, Ecofys

Think about This!

- Suppose the engine efficiency is around 35%; it means 65% of waste heat is dissipated to ambient.
- Assume ORC recovery efficiency is 15%.

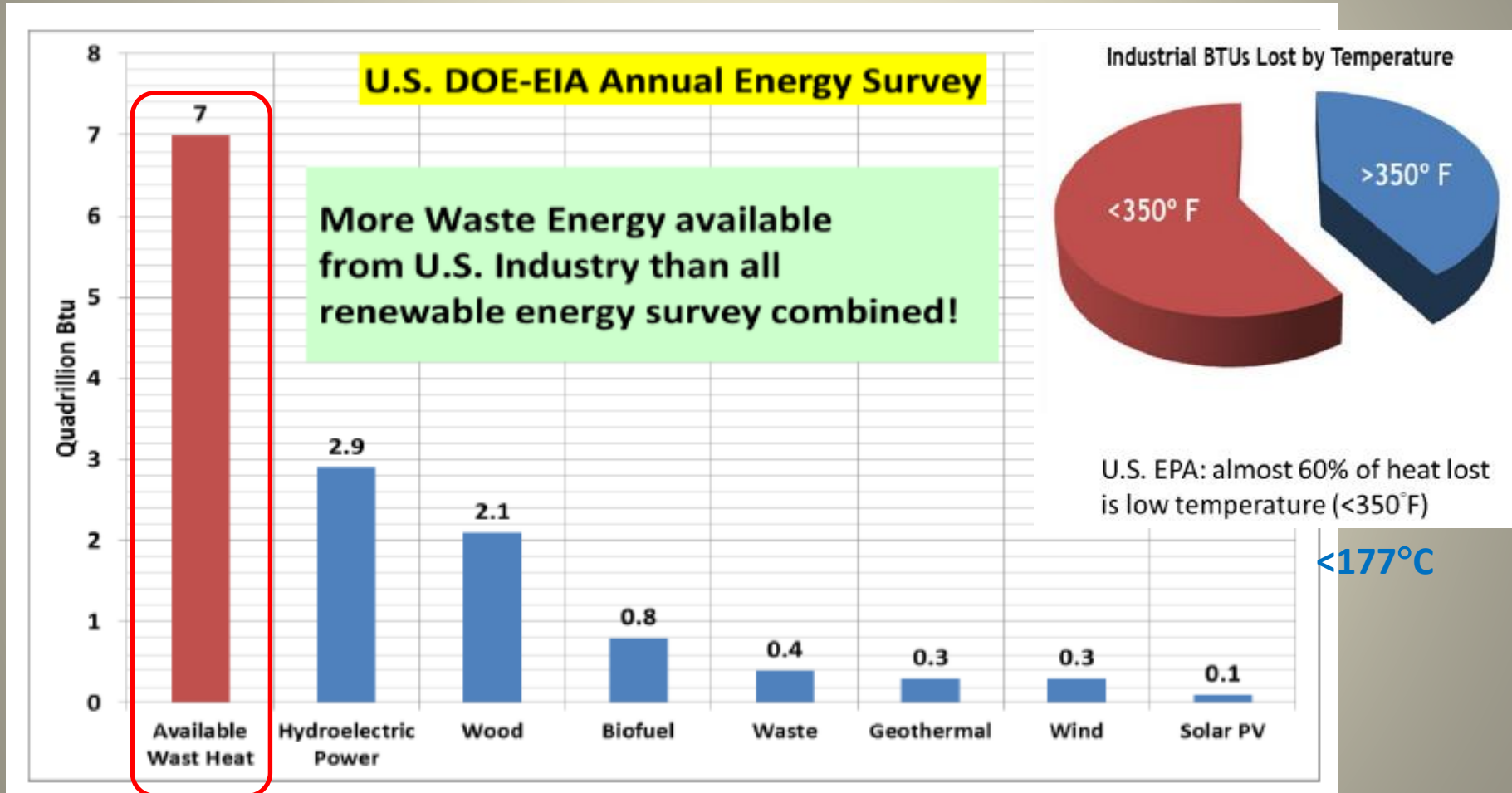


65% of waste heat x 15% of ORC efficiency \approx extra 10% of power.
That is, it can reduce about 1/3 of fuel consumption!



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Huge amount of industrial waste heat



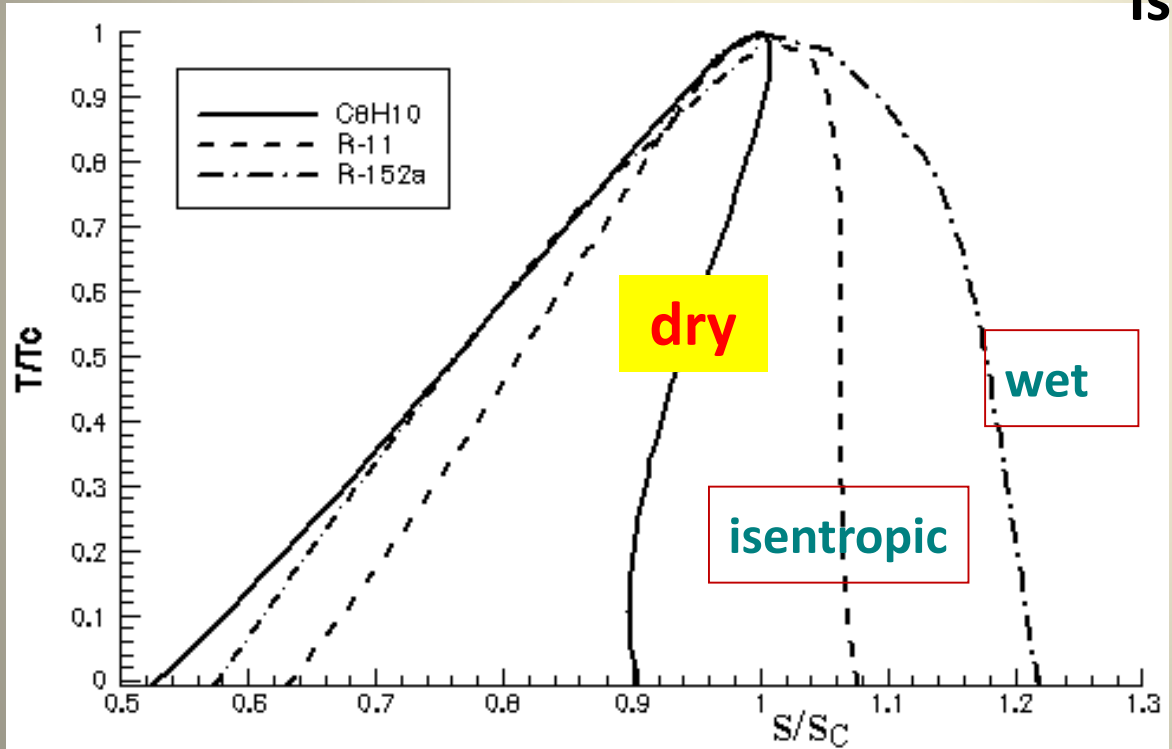
1 Quadrillion Btu $\approx 1 \times 10^{15}$ kJ

Background in Organic Rankine Cycle

Power Production from
Low Temperature Heat

Initiator of the idea

Saturated curves of working fluid



Dry: $\left(\frac{ds}{dT}\right)_{x=1.0} > 0$

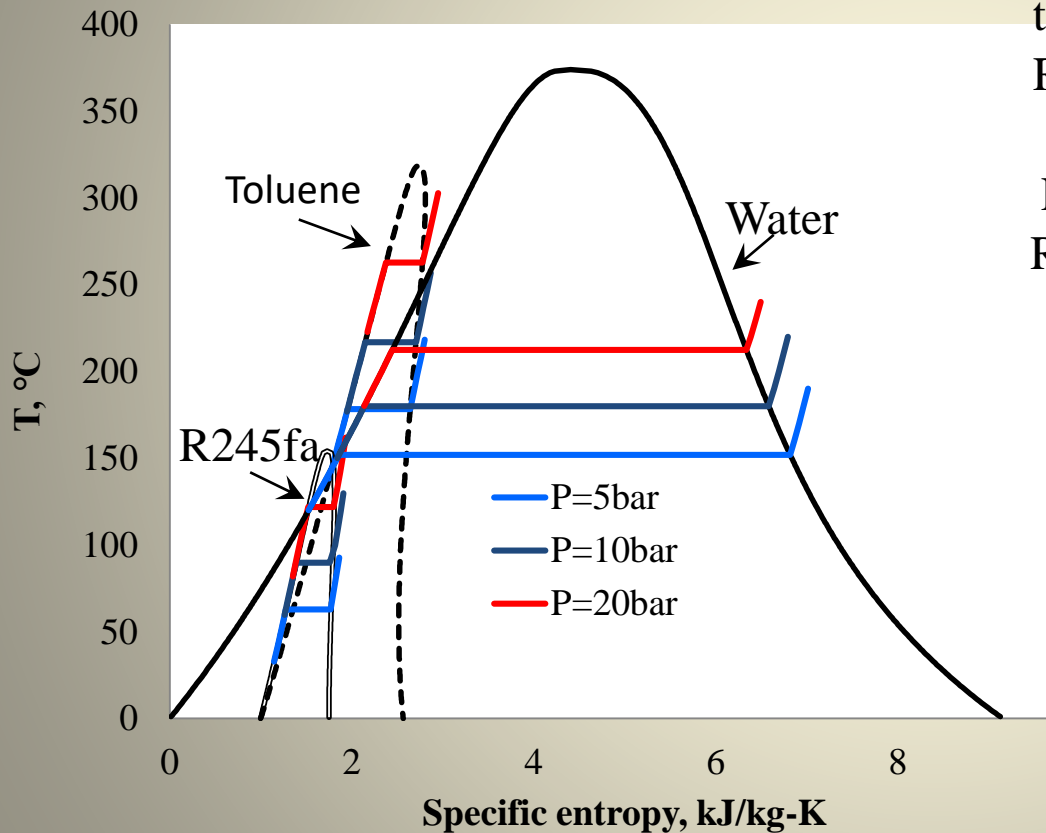
Isentropic: $\left(\frac{ds}{dT}\right)_{x=1.0} \cong 0$

Wet: $\left(\frac{ds}{dT}\right)_{x=1.0} < 0$

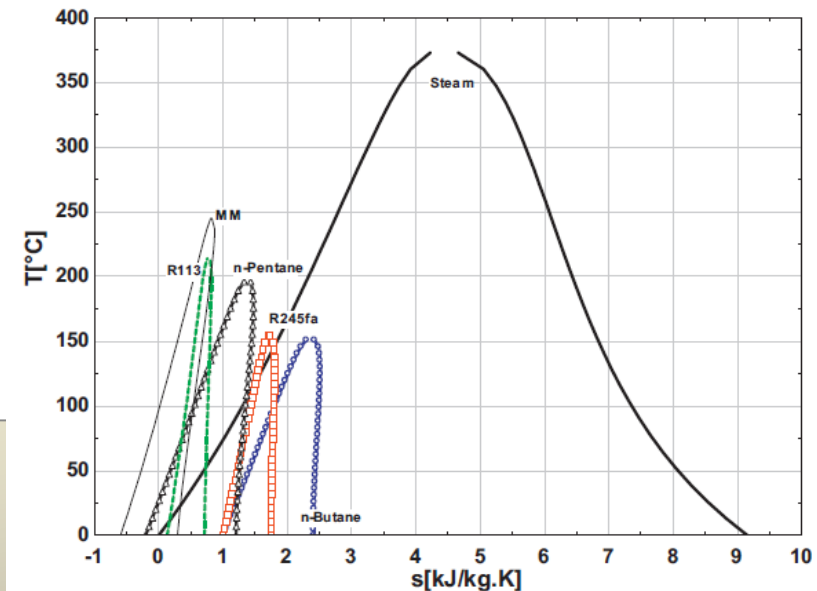
**So many choice
in fluids –
Not just water,
air, A/C
refrigerants!**

ENERGY, Vol. 22, No. 7, 1997, pp. 661-667.

Saturated curve: water vs. organic fluids

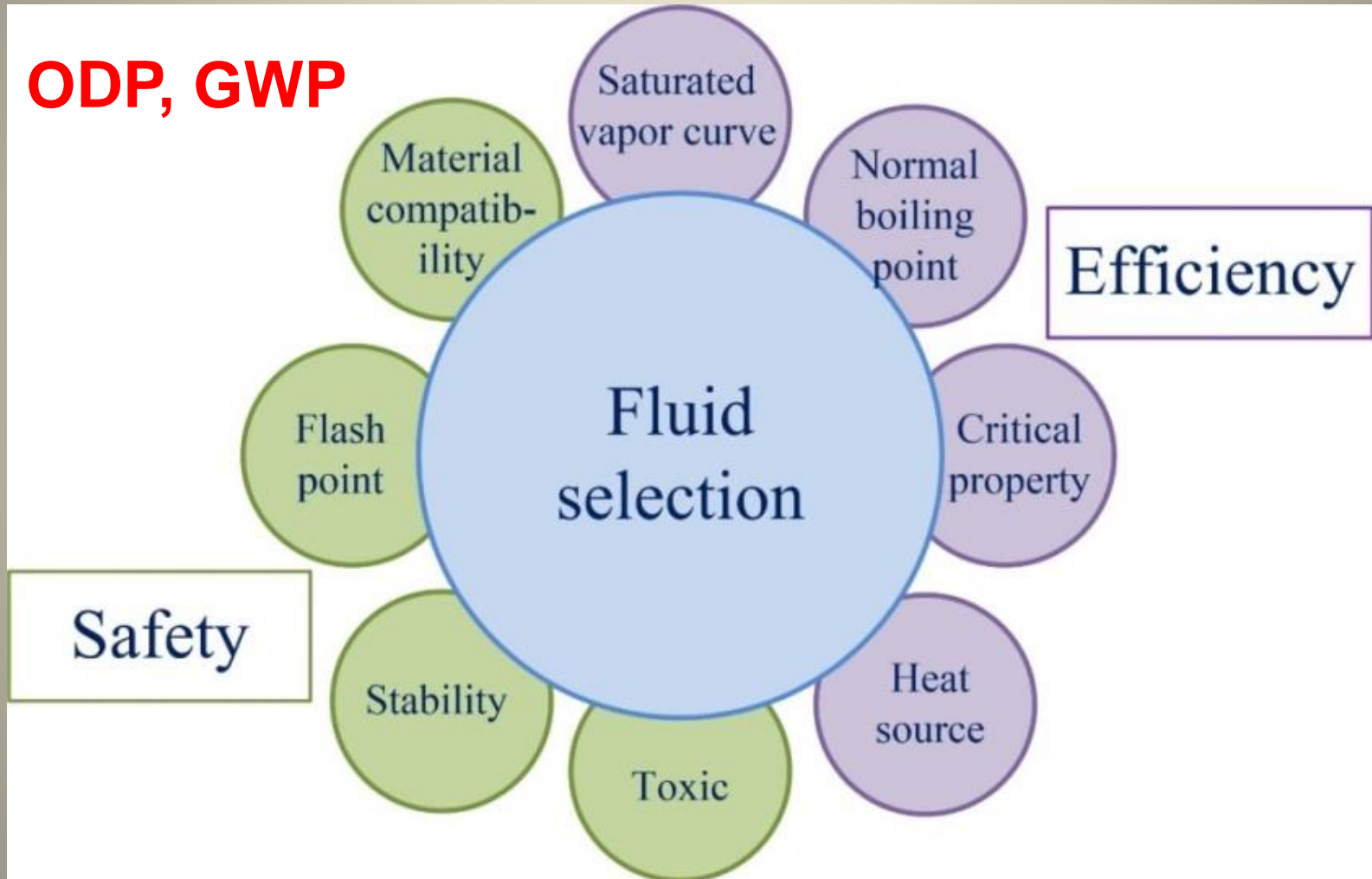


Fluid	Pressure	Saturation temp.
water		179.9 °C
toluene		216.8 °C
R245fa	10 bar	89.7 °C
R123		111.2 °C
R134a		39.4 °C
R227ea		53.4 °C



Organic Fluids vs. Water

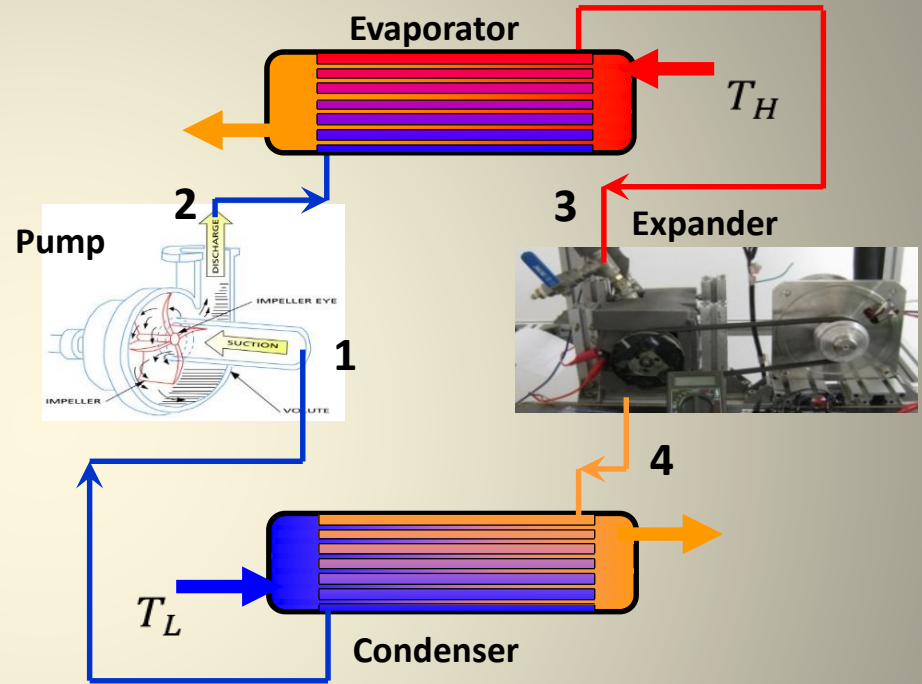
Concerns in the use of fluid



Other concerns: ecology, economics, etc.

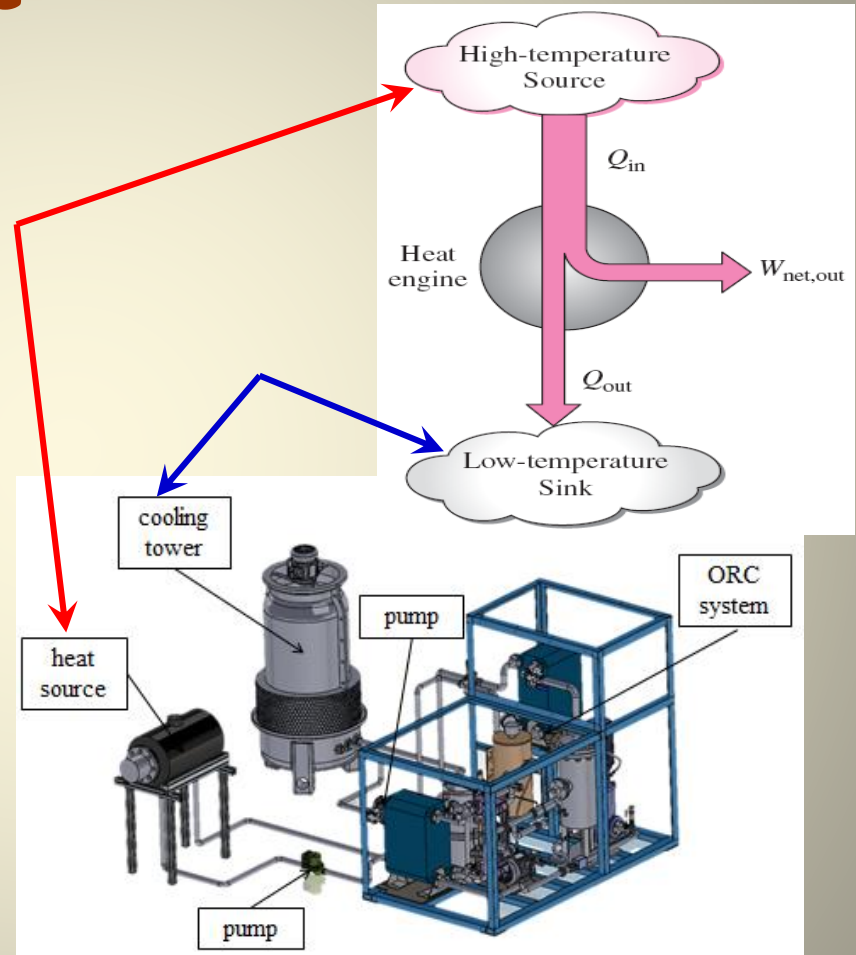
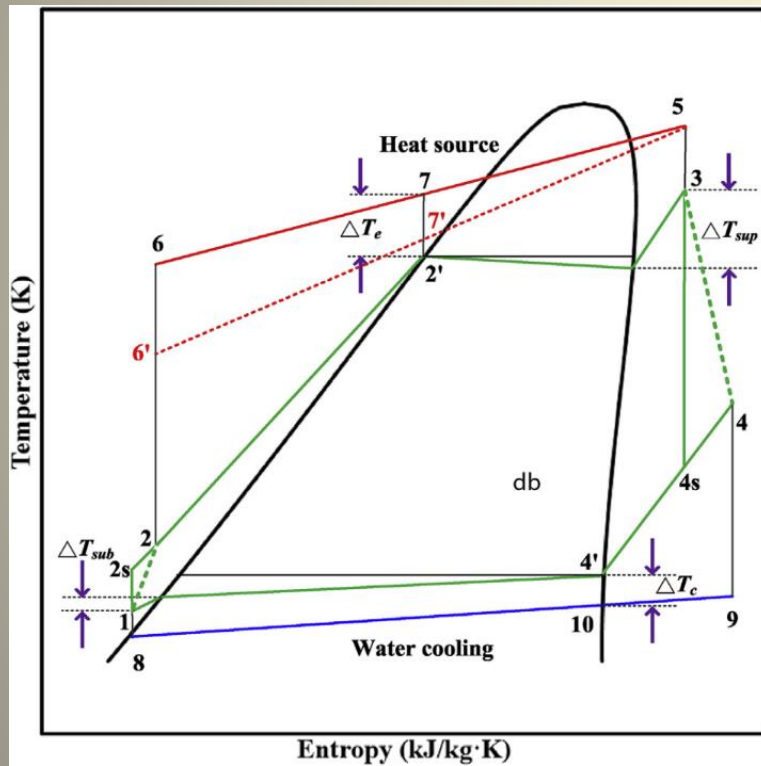
Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC)

- ORCs are primarily used for **low-temperature heat sources recovery**, such as OTEC, geothermal or waste heat, etc.

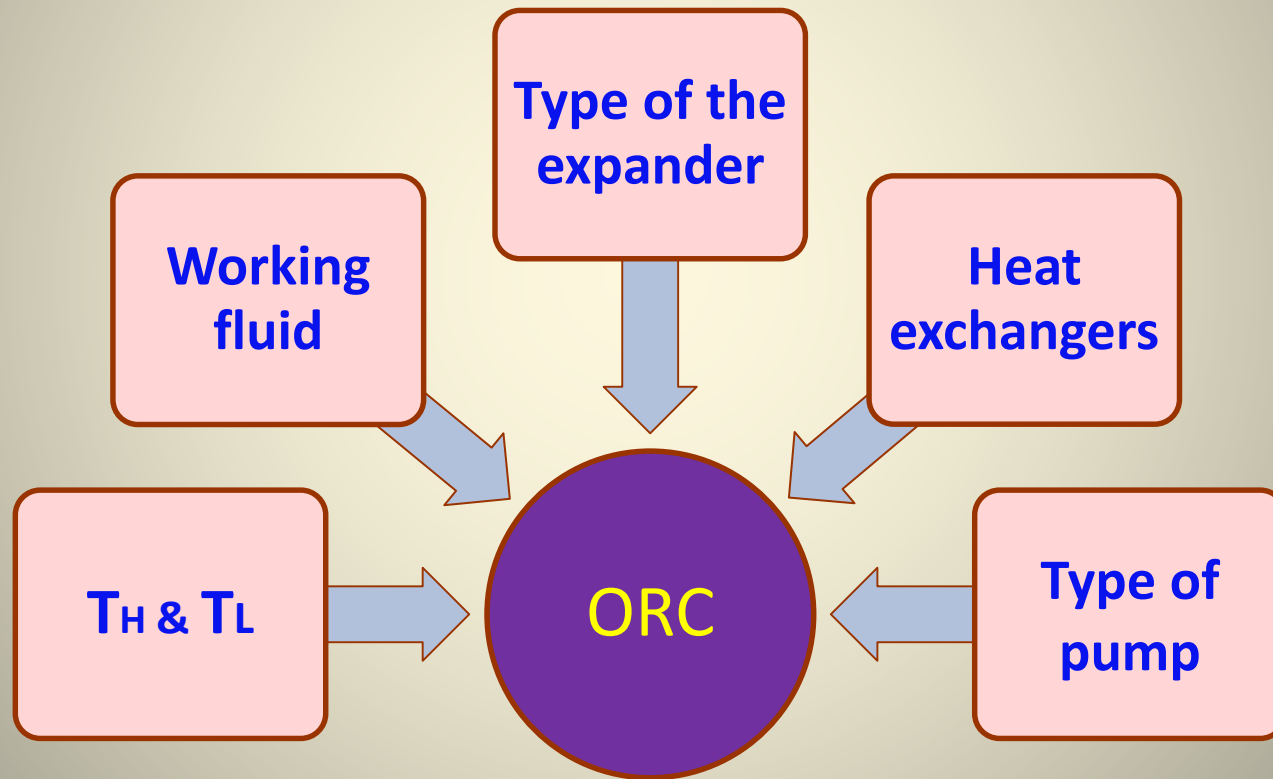


- ORCs use the **fluids** that can be selected to **best match wide temperature spectrum of heat source and heat sink.**

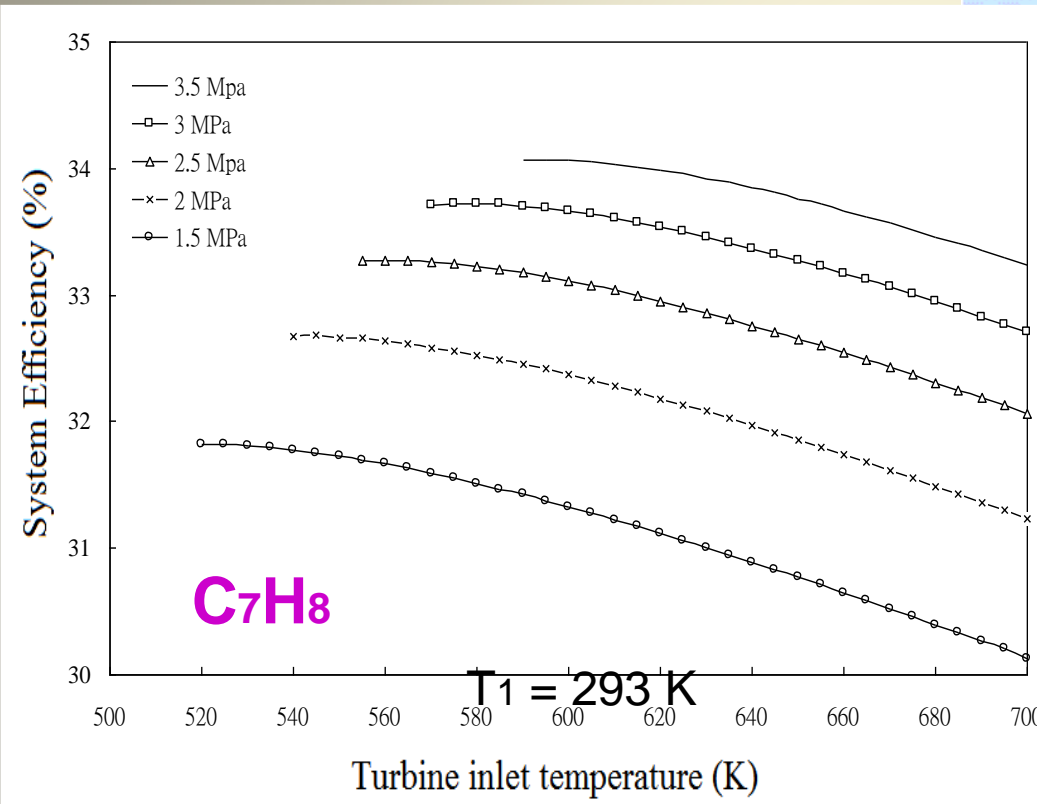
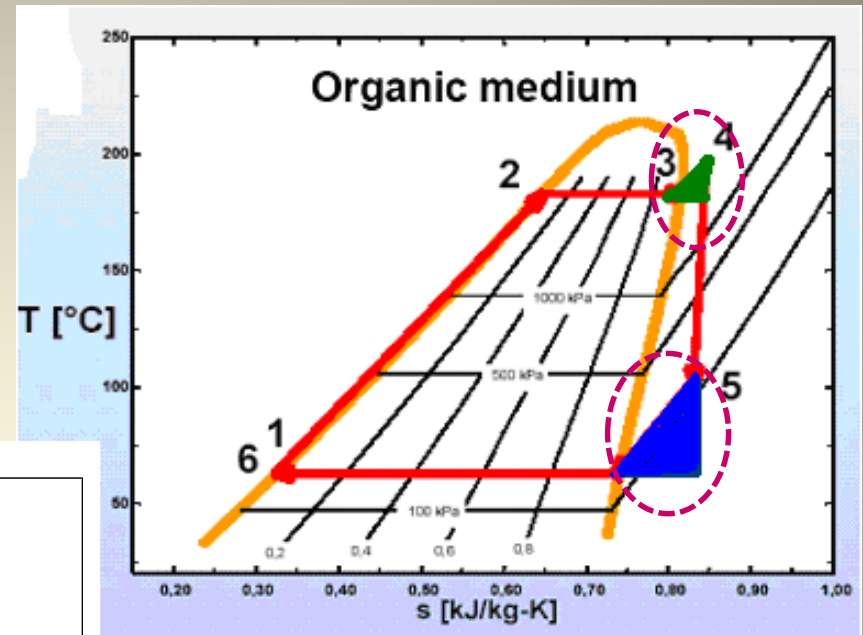
Generic T-s diagram vs. ORC schematic



What are related with ORC?



Theoretical effect of superheating to ORC using **dry fluids**



- Greater turbine T_{in} \rightarrow greater superheating \rightarrow less system efficiency!
- No superheat needed because no condensation during expansion

Types of expander

Expander

Dynamic

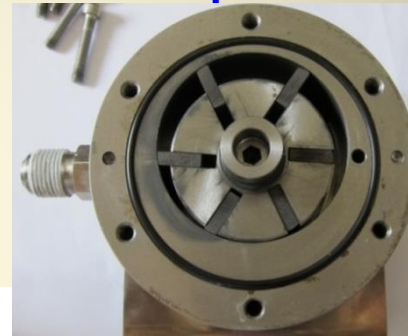
Positive-Displacement



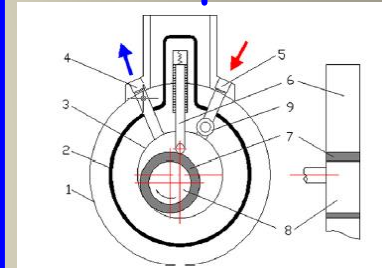
Radial inflow turbine



Twin screw



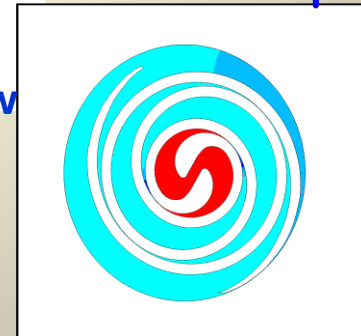
Multi-vane



Rolling-piston



Single screw



Scroll



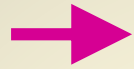
Piston 14

Power	Suitable expander
< 2kWe	Multi-vane
1-10kWe	Scroll, Multi-vane
10-100kWe	Screw, Turbine
>100kWe	Turbine

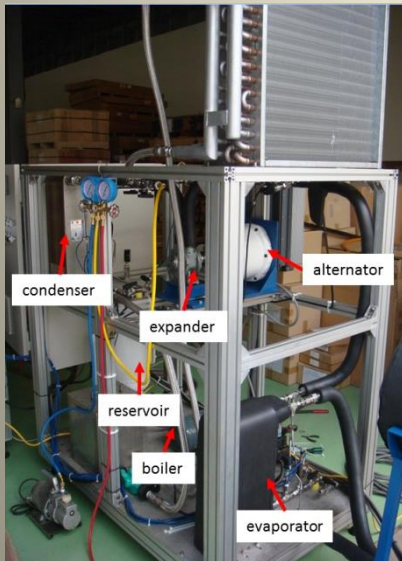
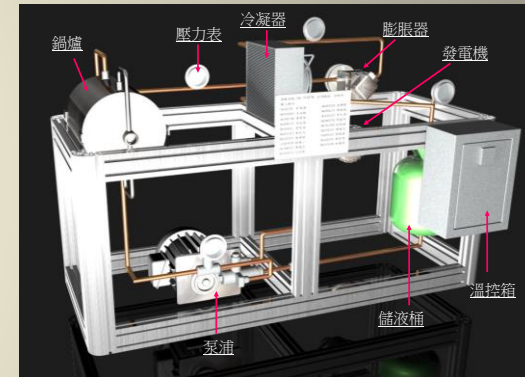
Developed ORCs in our laboratory



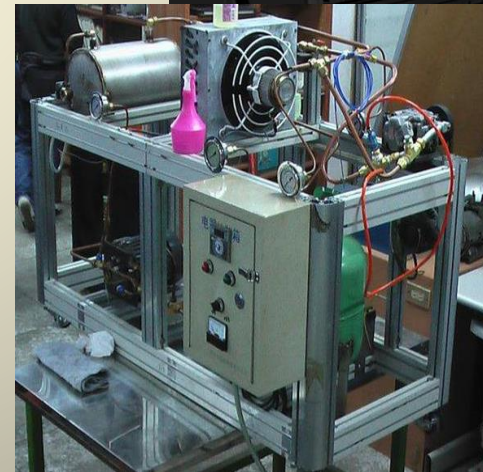
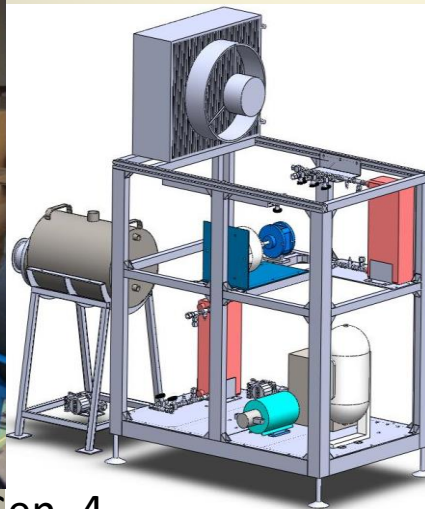
Gen. 1



Gen. 2



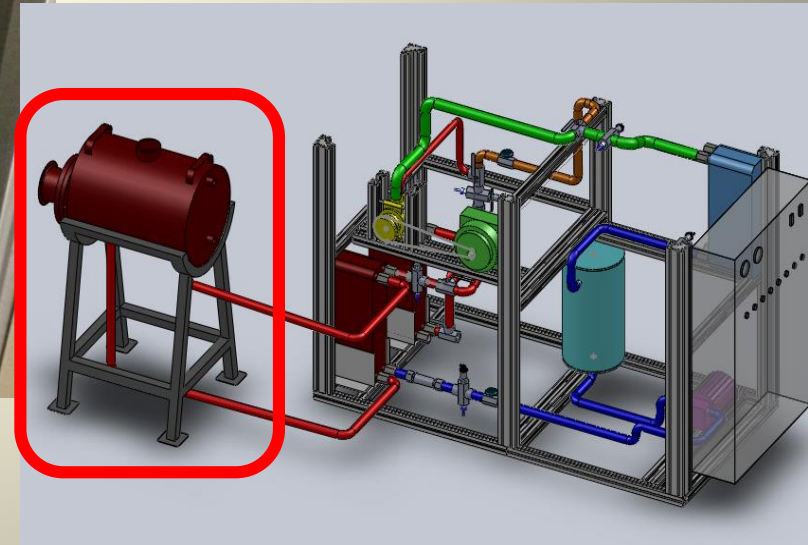
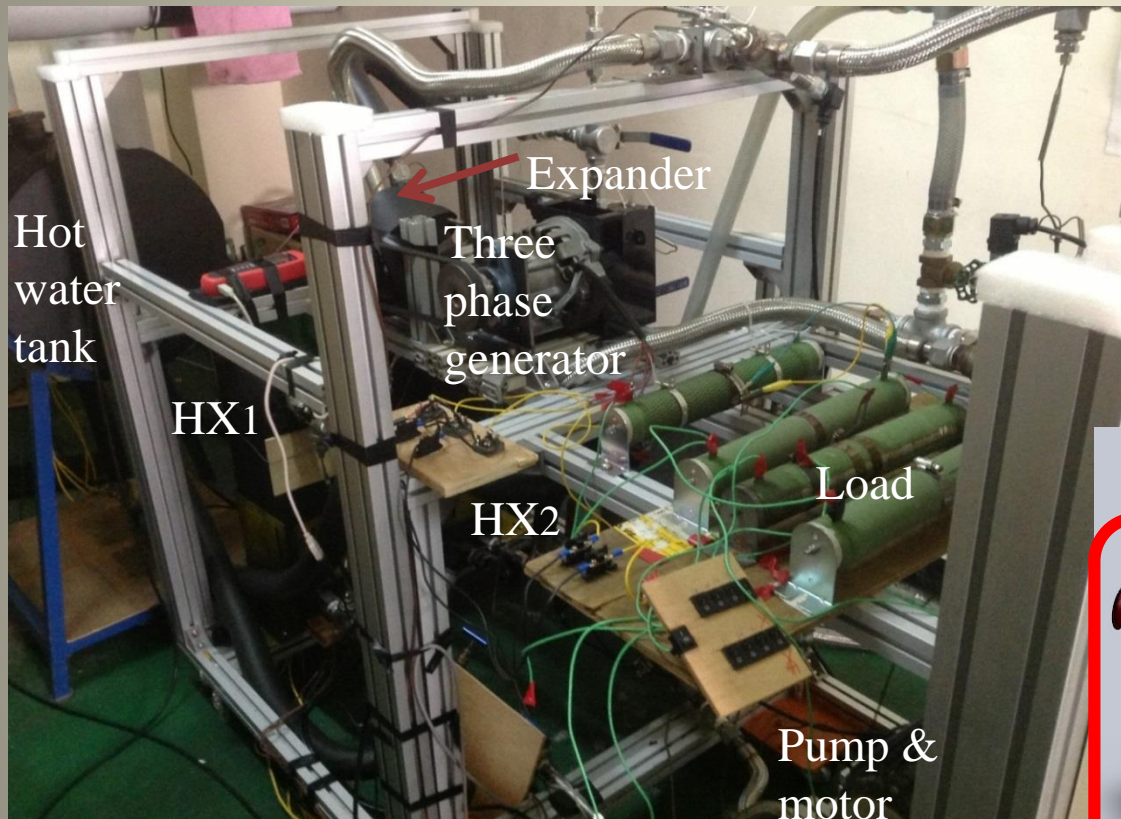
Gen. 4



Gen. 3

Gen. 5 ORC – 2 kW
(KNT-020)

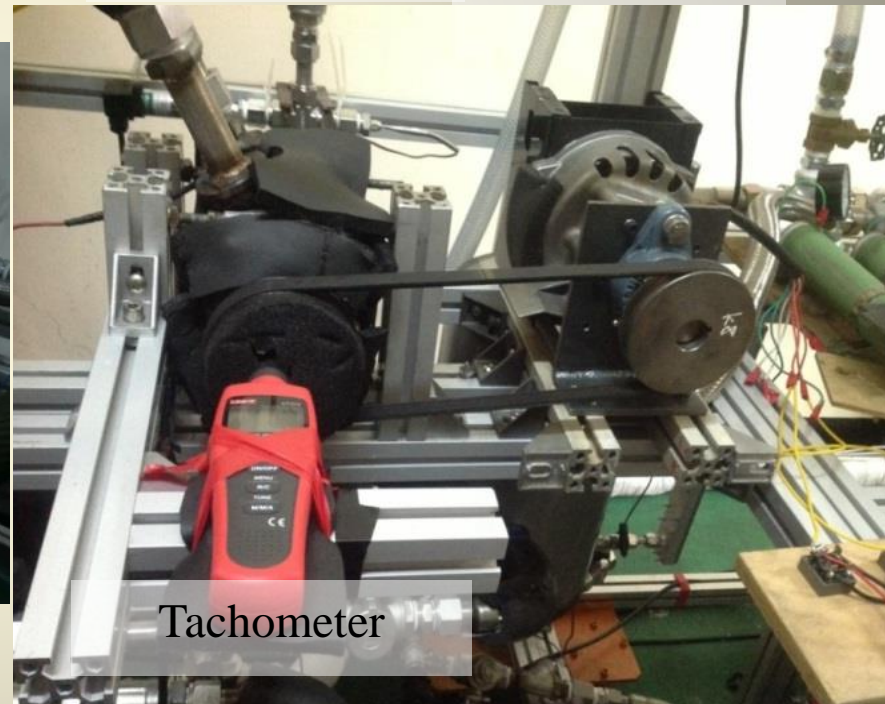
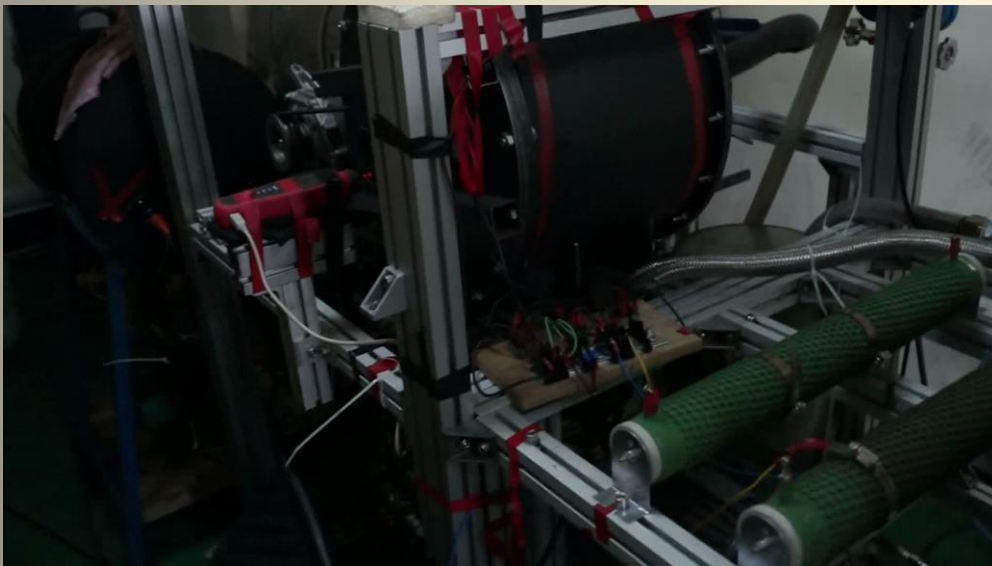
Gen. 5 experiment facility (KNT-020)



Pumping and power generation for Gen. 5 ORC (KNT-020)


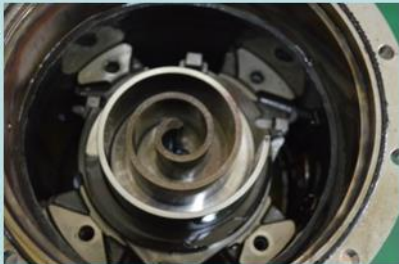
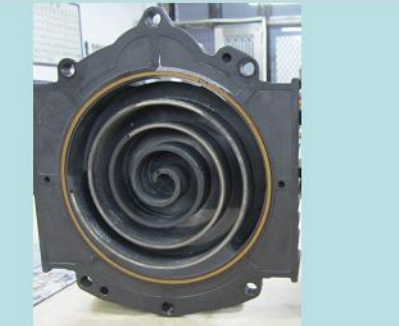
Expander

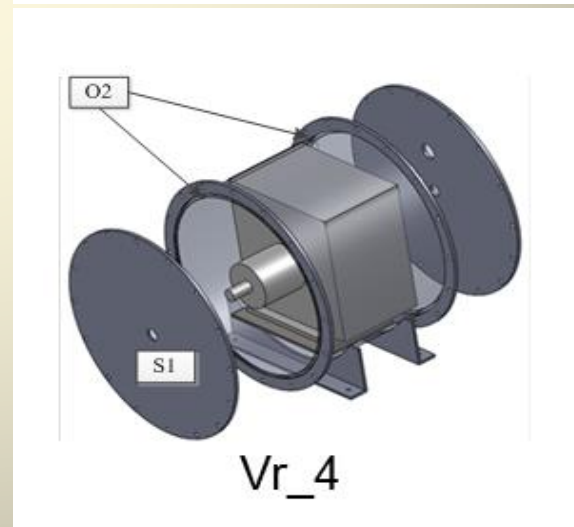
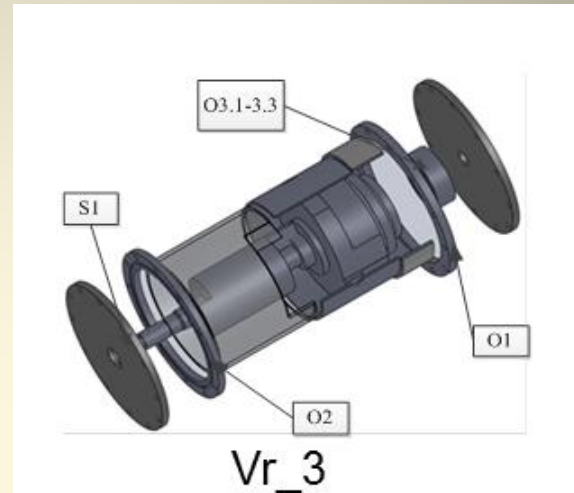
Generator



Tachometer

Scroll expanders for Gen. 5 ORC

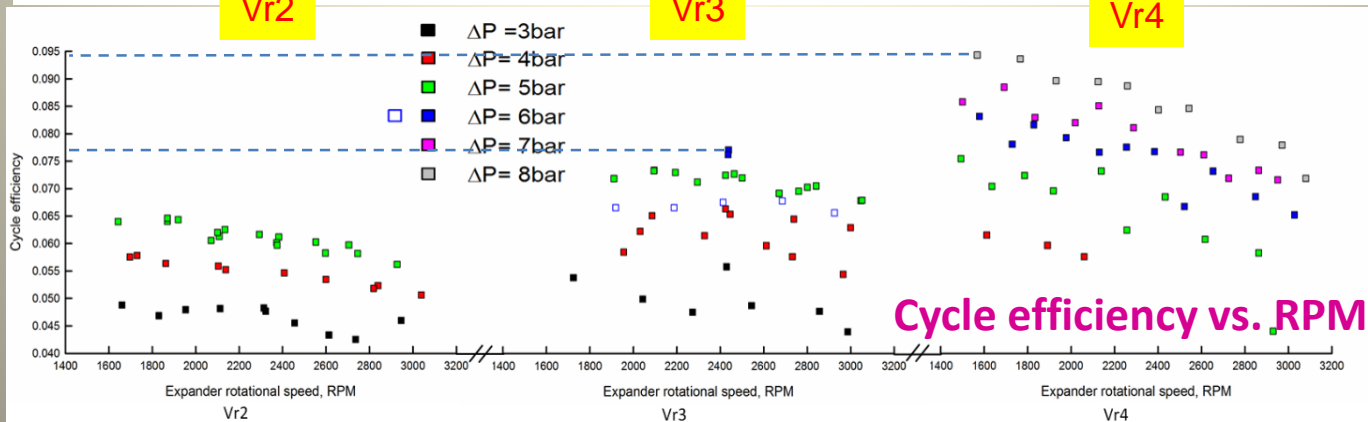
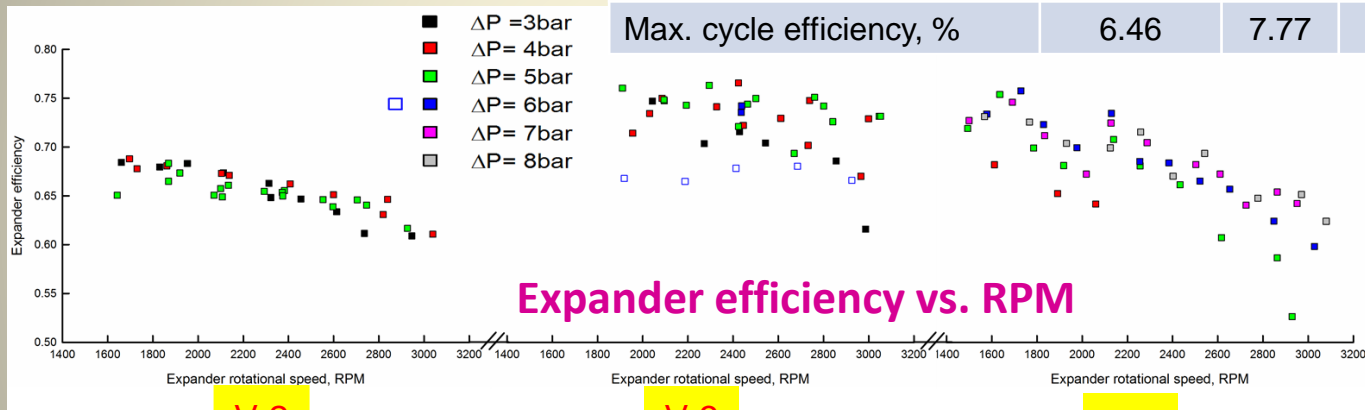
	<p> $V_r : 2.12$ $R_b : 3.21 \text{ mm}$ $P_t : 20.17 \text{ mm}$ $t : 4.58 \text{ mm}$ $H : 33 \text{ mm}$ $V_{ei} : 40817 \text{ mm}^3$ </p>
	<p> $V_r : 2.95$ $R_b : 2.59 \text{ mm}$ $P_t : 16.27 \text{ mm}$ $t : 4 \text{ mm}$ $H : 41 \text{ mm}$ $V_{ei} : 35005 \text{ mm}^3$ </p>
	<p> $V_r : 4.05$ $R_b : 3.262 \text{ mm}$ $P_t : 20.8 \text{ mm}$ $t : 4.5 \text{ mm}$ $H : 28 \text{ mm}$ $V_{ei} : 34210 \text{ mm}^3$ </p>



Performance achievement

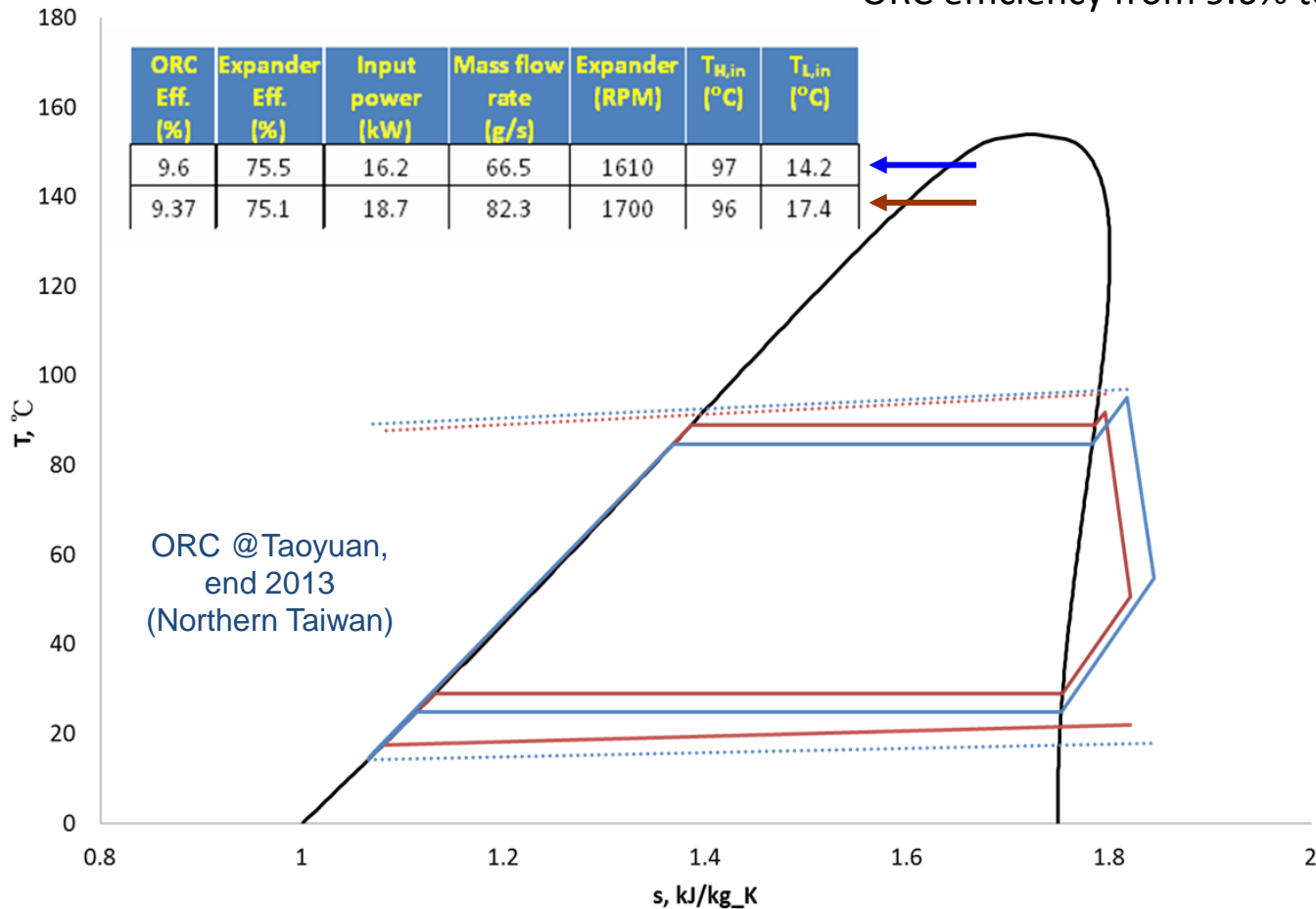
Superheating at expander inlet: $3 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$

	Vr2	Vr3	Vr4
Cycle pressure difference, bar	3~5 ± 0.15	3~6 ± 0.15	4~8 ± 0.15
Max. expander efficiency, %	68.8	76.3	73.1
Max. cycle efficiency, %	6.46	7.77	9.44

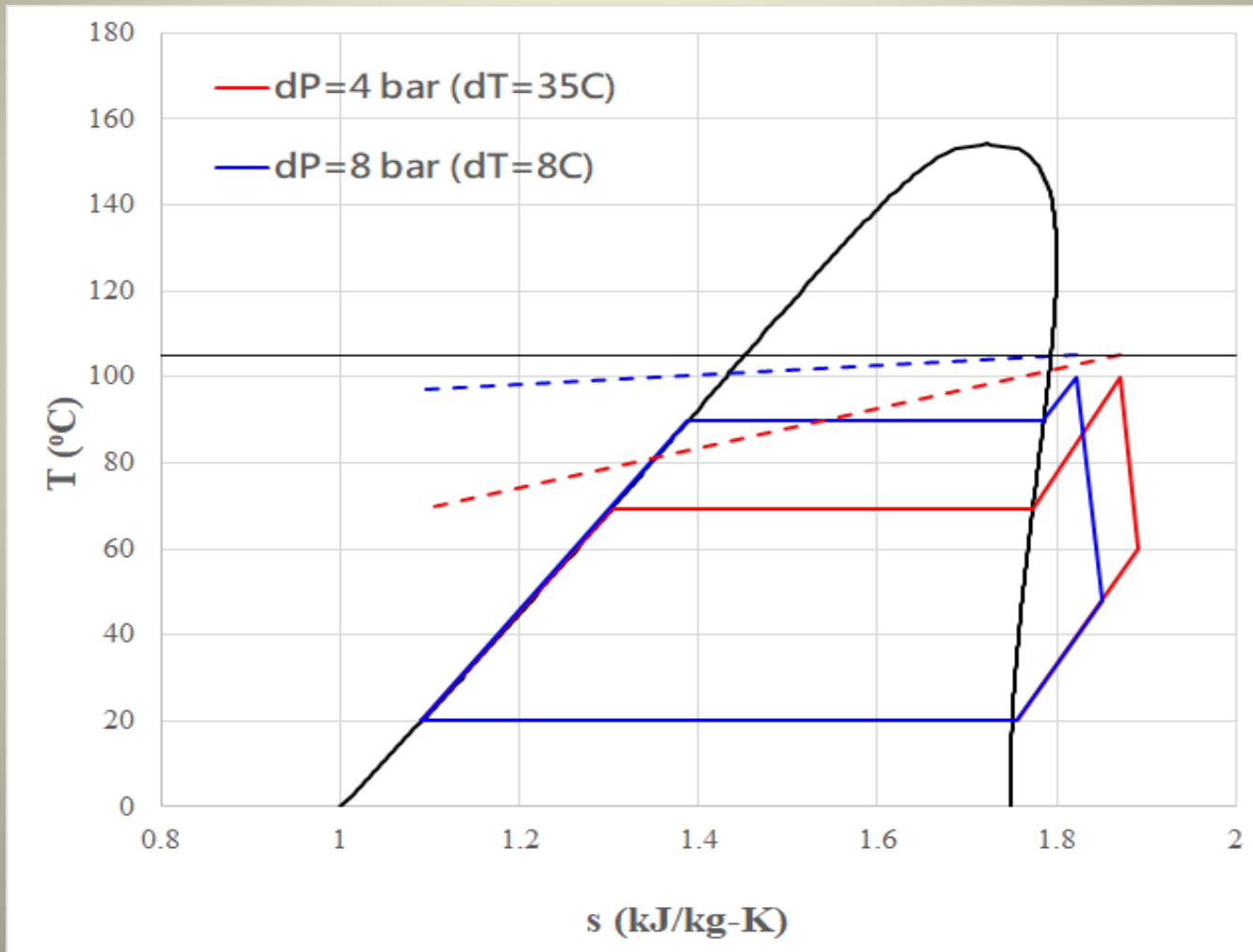


Sample results – Vr4

- Ideal ORC efficiency = 14.42%
- Carnot efficiency = 22%
- Regeneration **could enhance** the ORC efficiency from 9.6% to 12%.



The system and the heat source



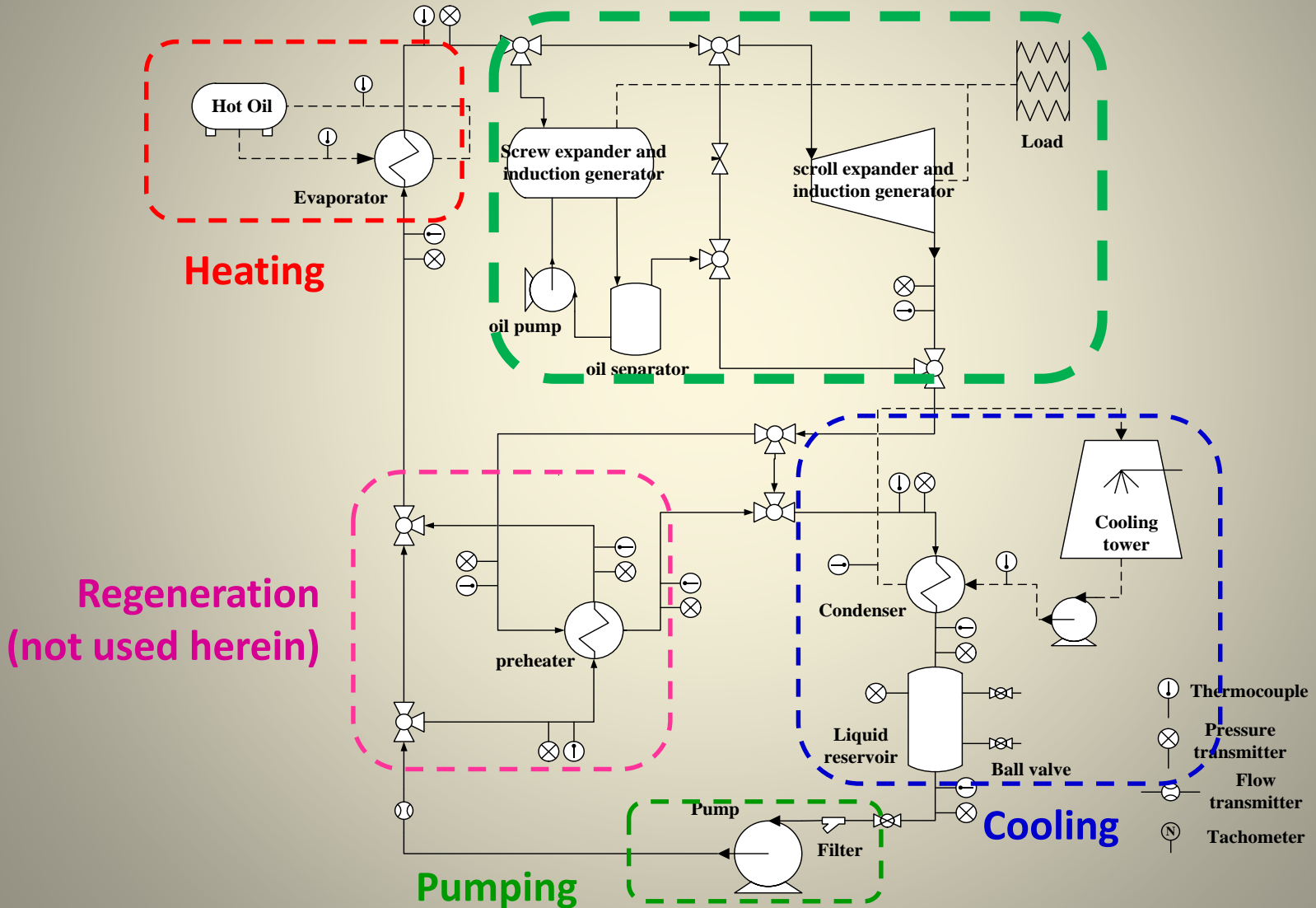
Gen. 6 ORC – 3 kW
(KNT-030)

Present Scope

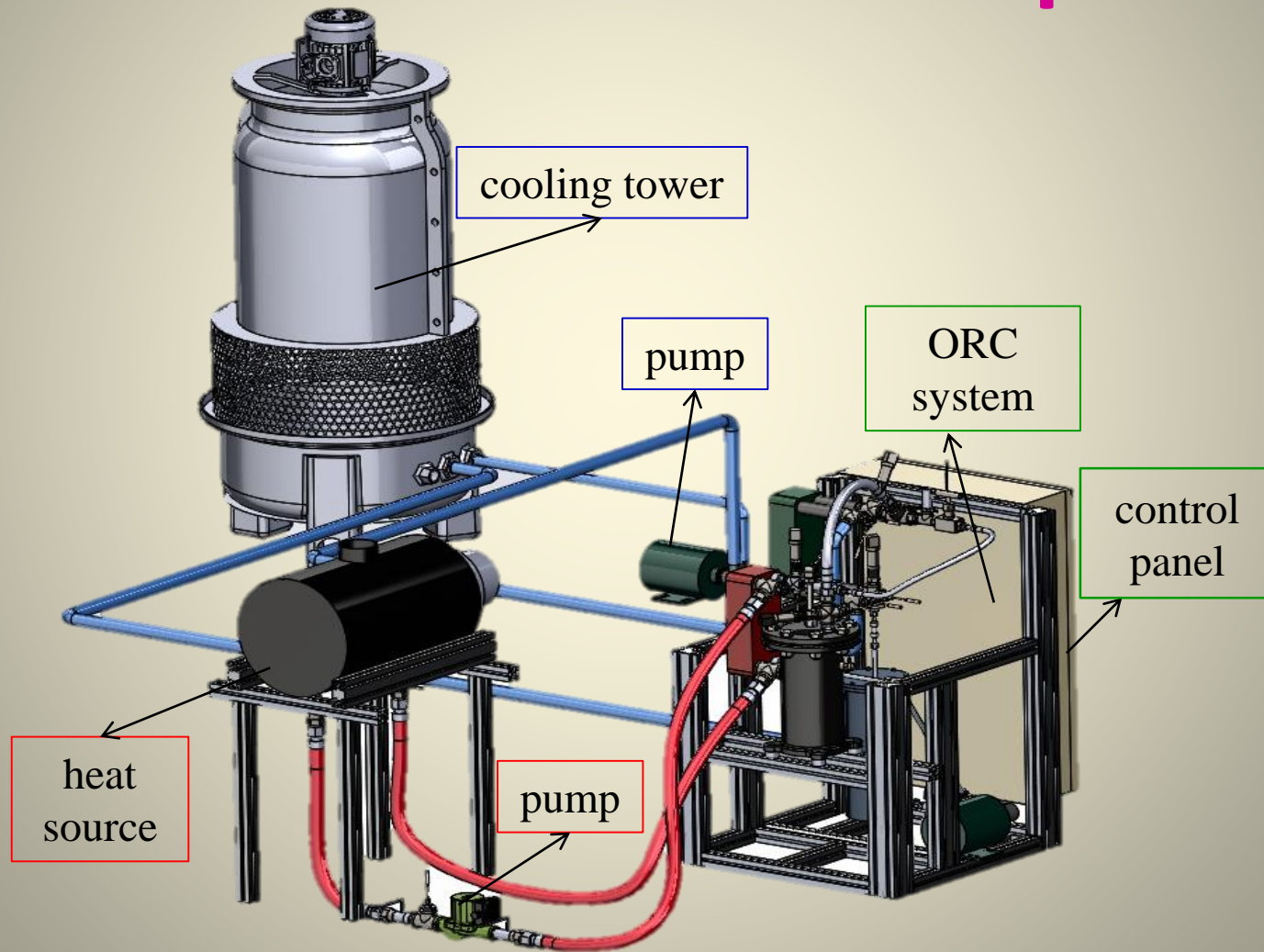
- Modularized 3~10kWe ORC (micro ~ small)
- Heat sources:
 - $< 120^{\circ}\text{C}$ of liquid or
 - $\cong 1\text{atm}$ of steam
 - $< 160^{\circ}\text{C}$ hot exhaust gas
- Ensuring safety
- The challenge in the simplicity and difficulty for low-temperature and low-pressure

KNT-030 & KNT-100

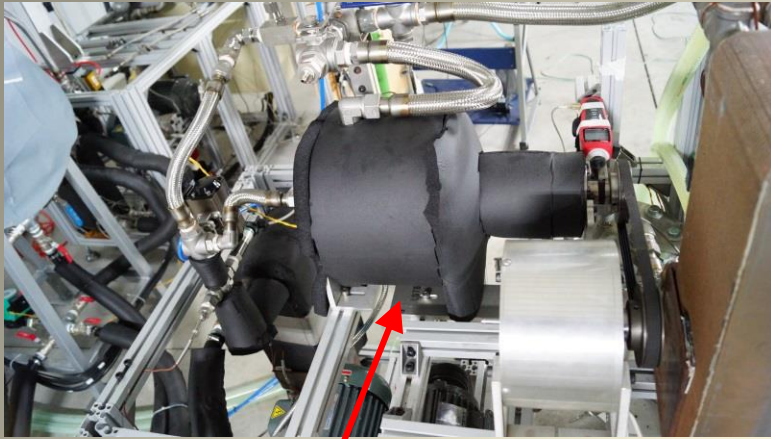
Power generation



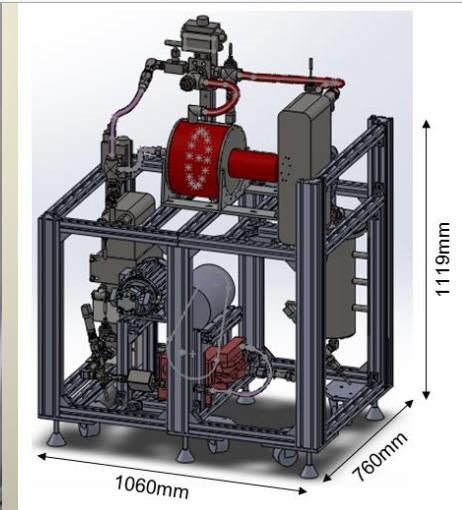
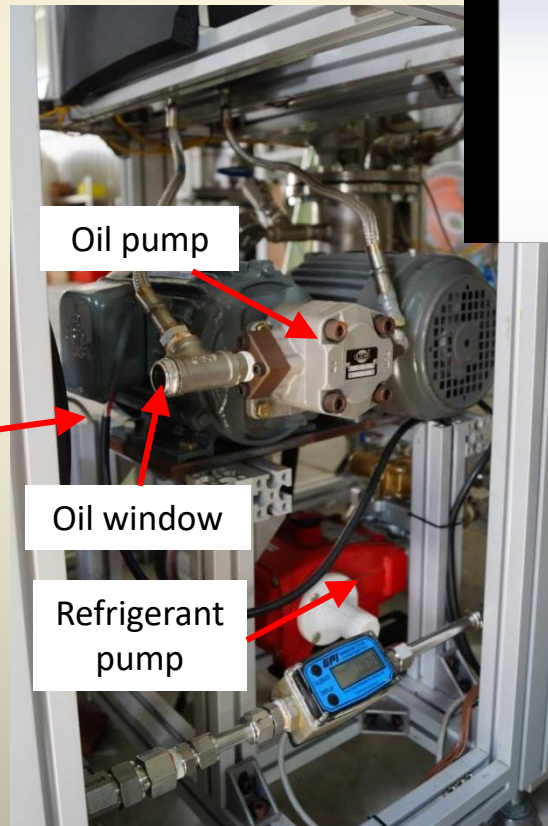
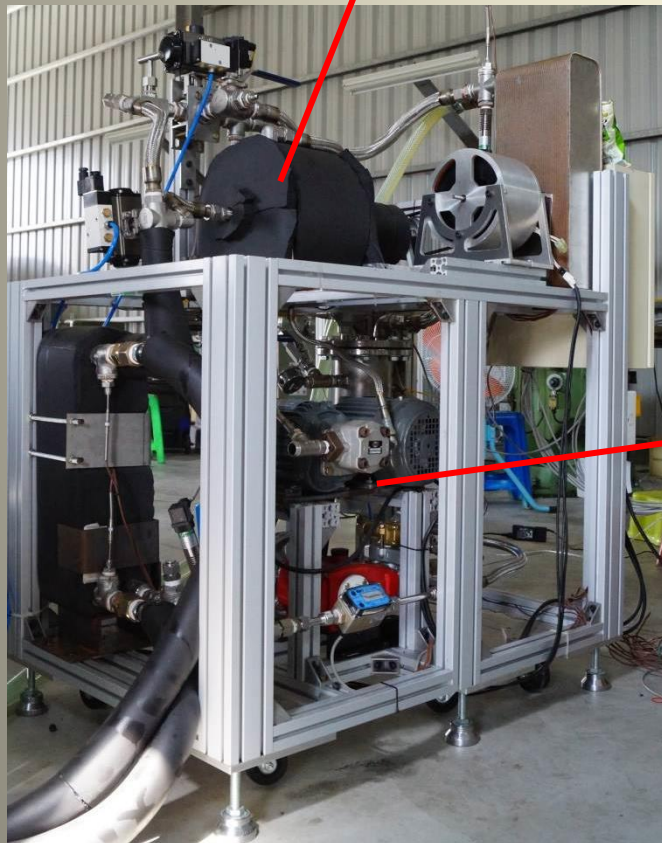
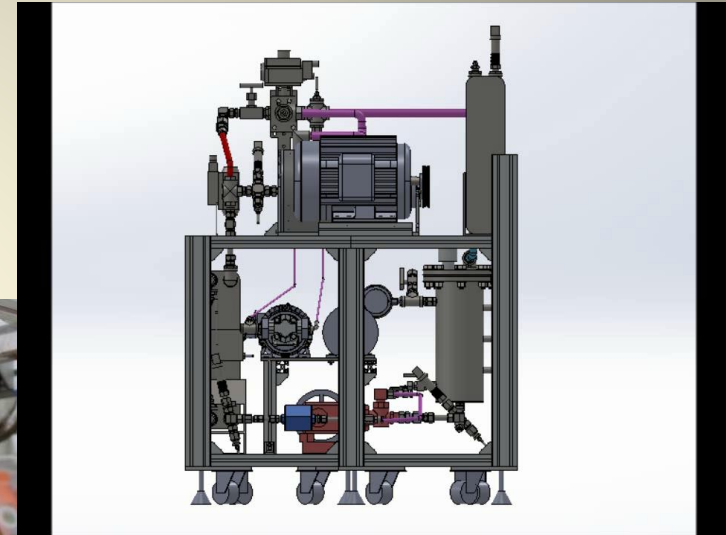
Schematic ORC experimental platform



Expander-generator set



Gen. 6 experiment ORC loop

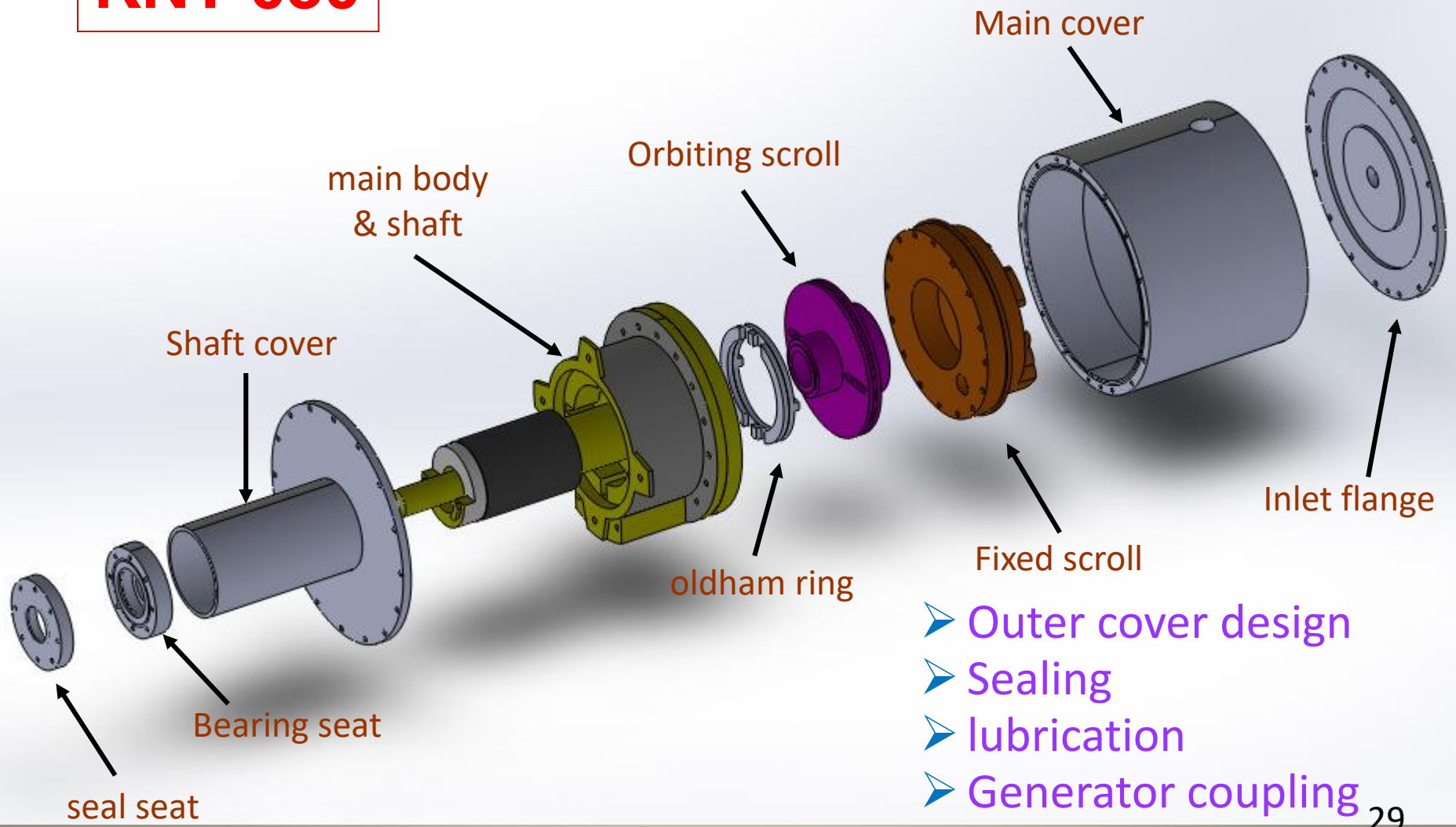




Modified scroll expander (Vr3)

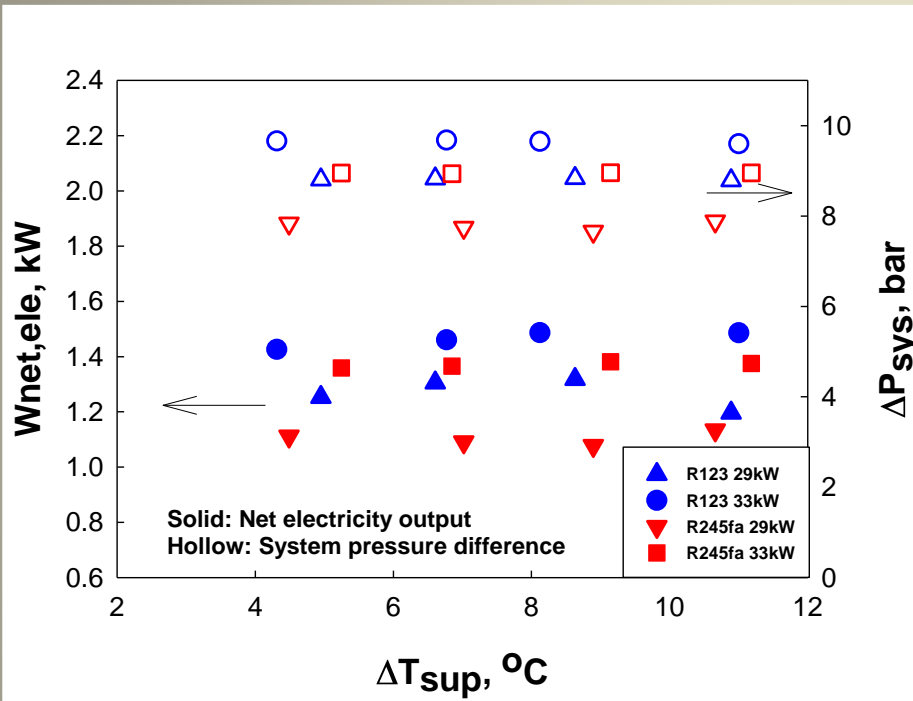
KNT-030

Applied Thermal Engineering, Vol. 73, 2014, pp. 1444-1452.

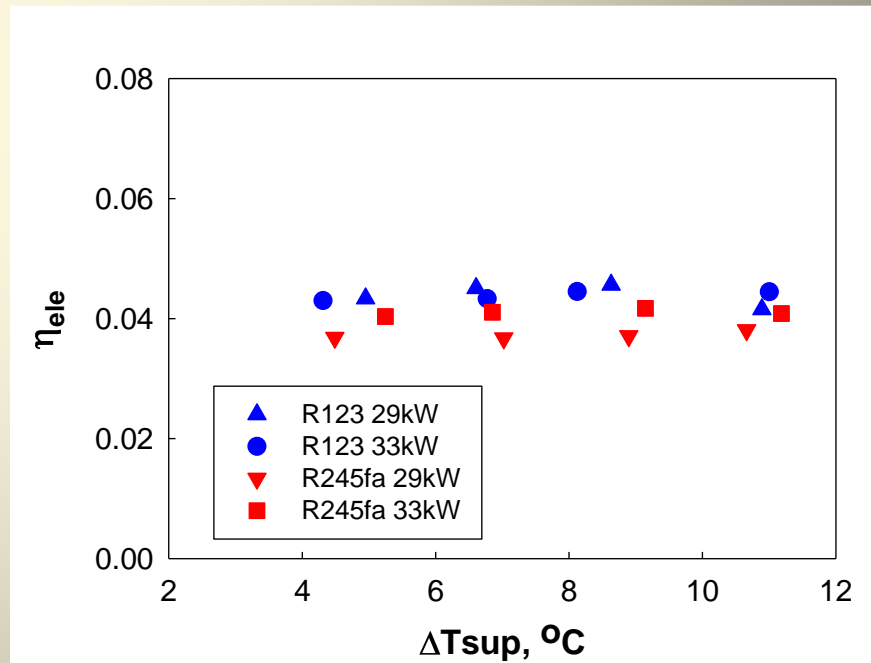


- Outer cover design
- Sealing
- lubrication
- Generator coupling

Operation characteristic of a R245fa-based KNT030 ORC

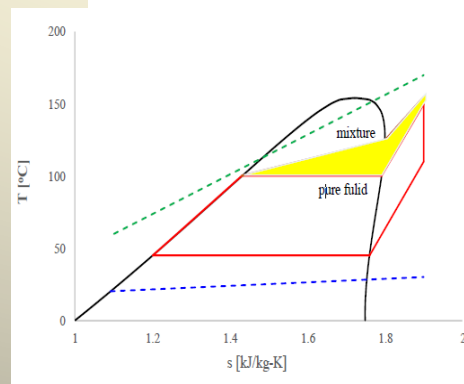
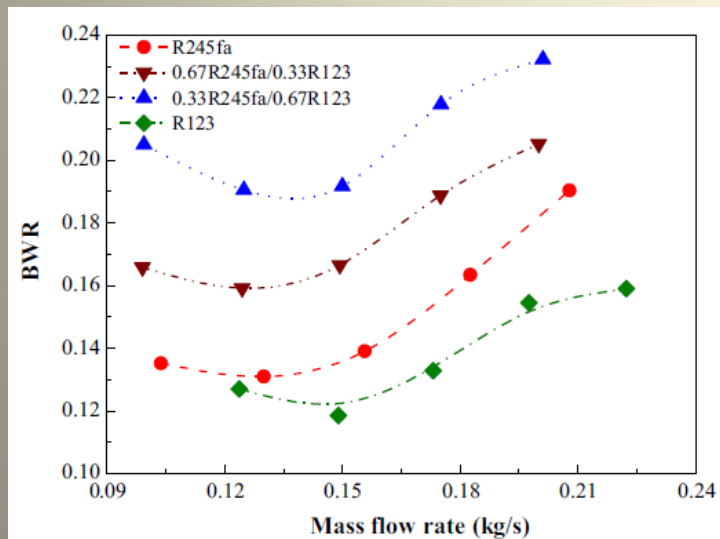
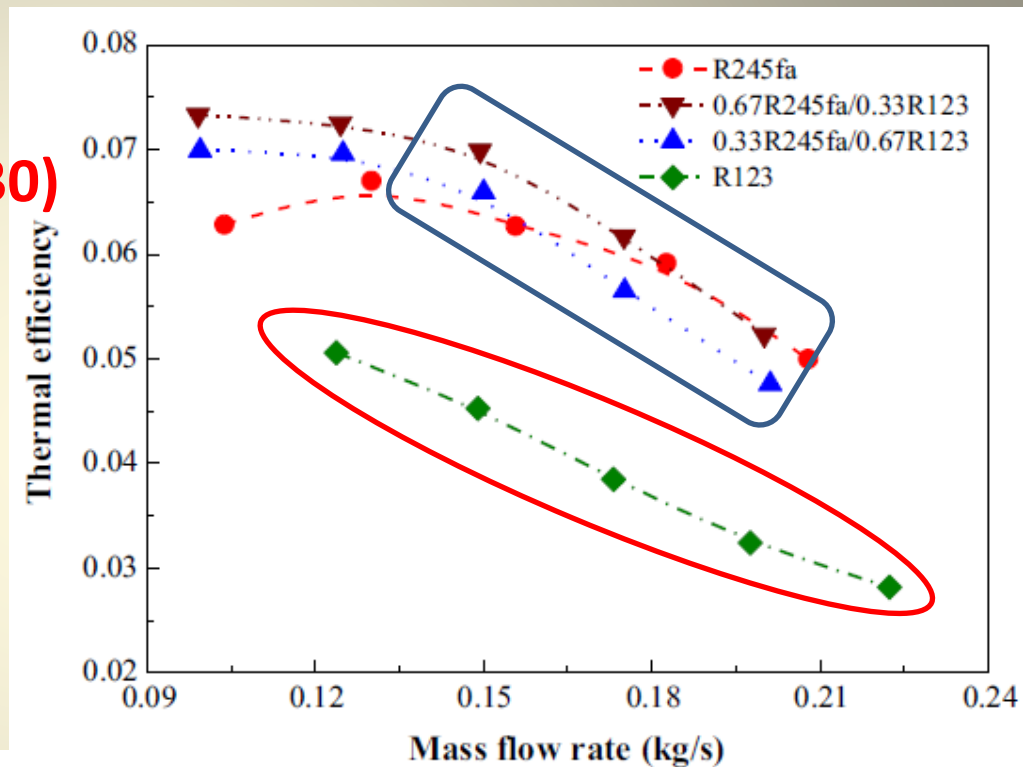
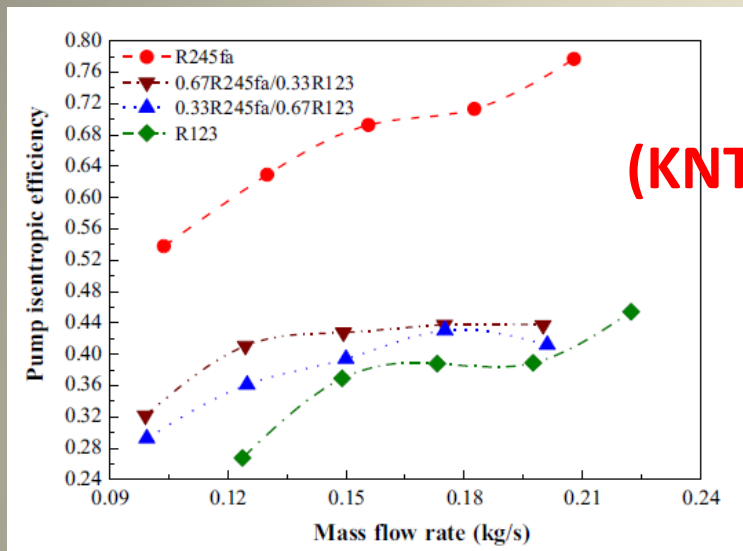


- Expander eff.=60~70%
- Generator eff.= 60~70%
- Pump isentropic eff.=20~40%



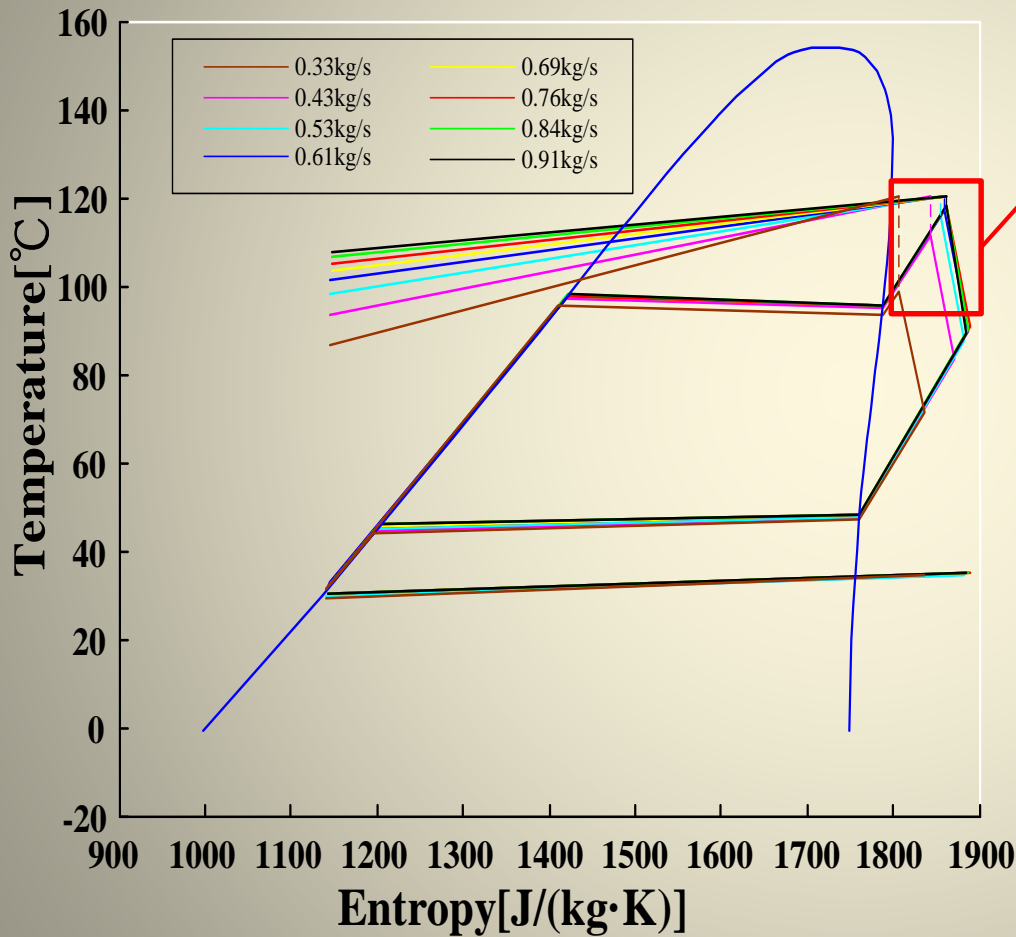
- Net electricity and ΔP_{sys} vs. ΔT_{sup}
- $T_H=100^\circ\text{C}$

Operation characteristic of ORC using R245fa, R123 and their mixtures

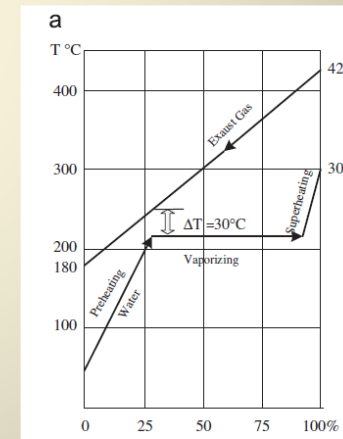


Energy, Vol. 133, 2017, pp. 636-651.

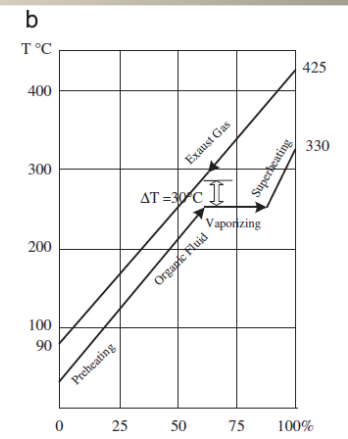
To pursue for large ΔT_H



Smaller ΔT_H



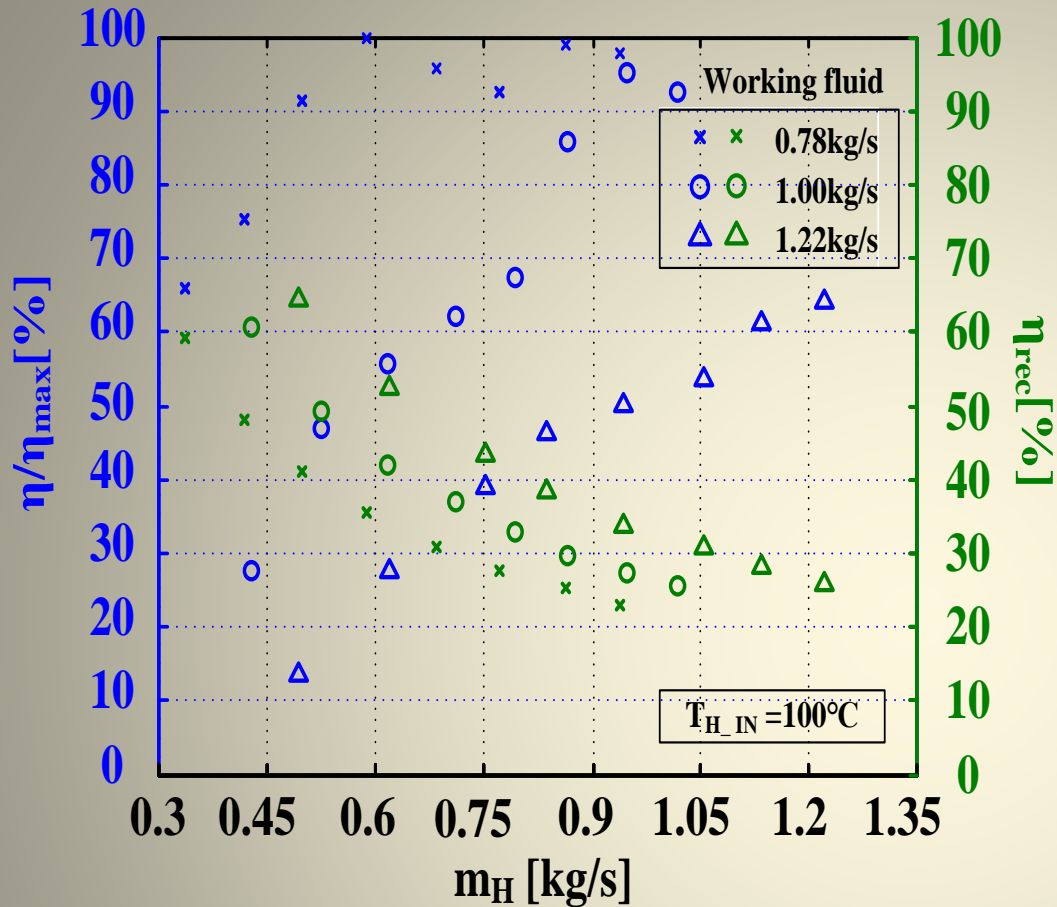
Greater ΔT_H



Source: Larjola J., Int. J. Production Economics, 1995.

ENERGY, Vol. 149, 2018, pp. 566-576.

Heat recovery



ENERGY, Vol. 172, April 1, 2019, pp. 391-400.

η = net electricity / heat supply

η_{\max} : maximum of η

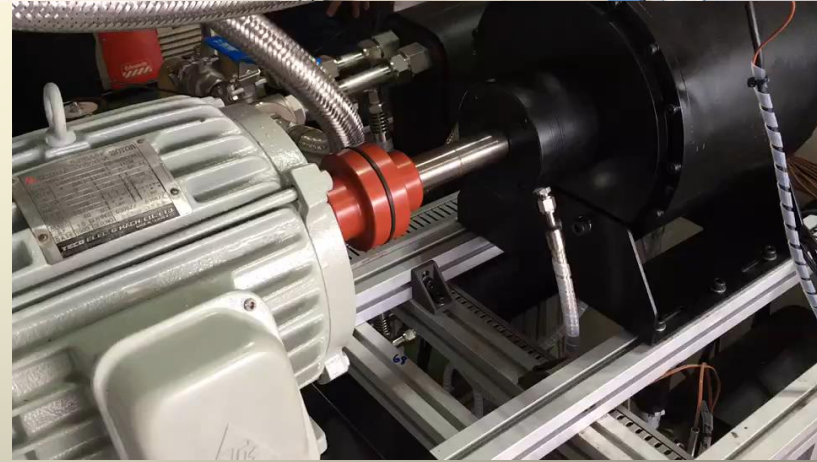
η_{rec} : heat recovery efficiency

$\eta_{\text{rec}} = (T_{H_IN} - T_{H_OUT}) / (T_{H_IN} - T_{H,\text{ref}})$; $T_{H,\text{ref}} = 60\text{C}$

m_H : mass flowrate of heat source

Inlet T of Heat source	100°C	110°C	120°C
η_{\max}	1.87%	2.89%	3.03%

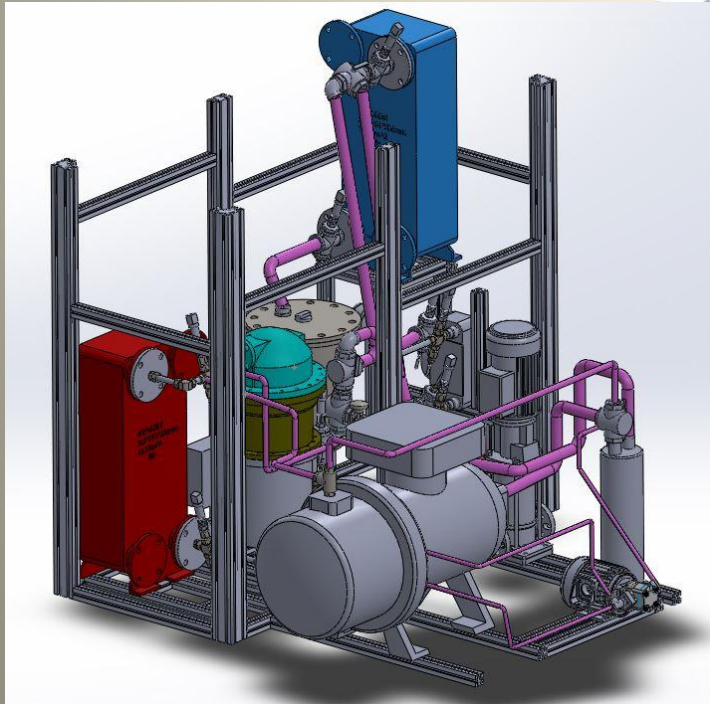
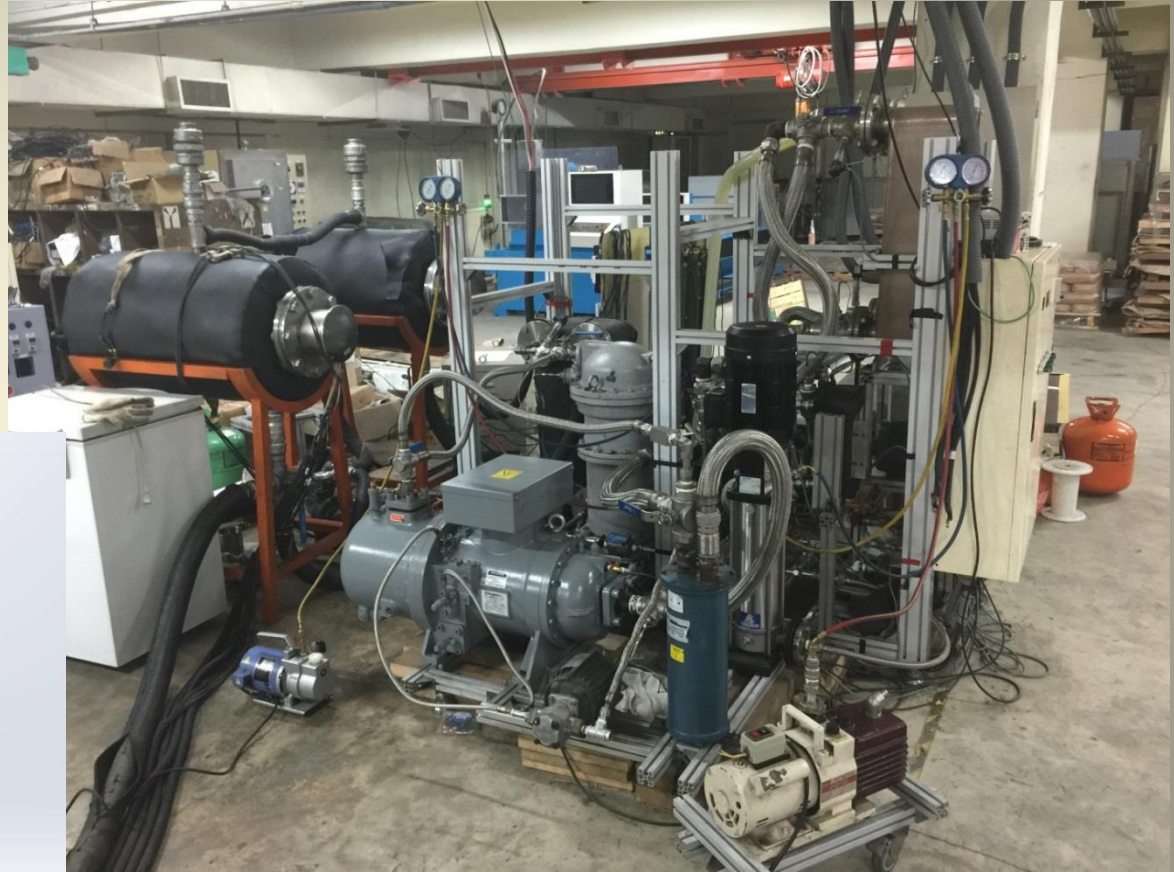
3 kW ORC products



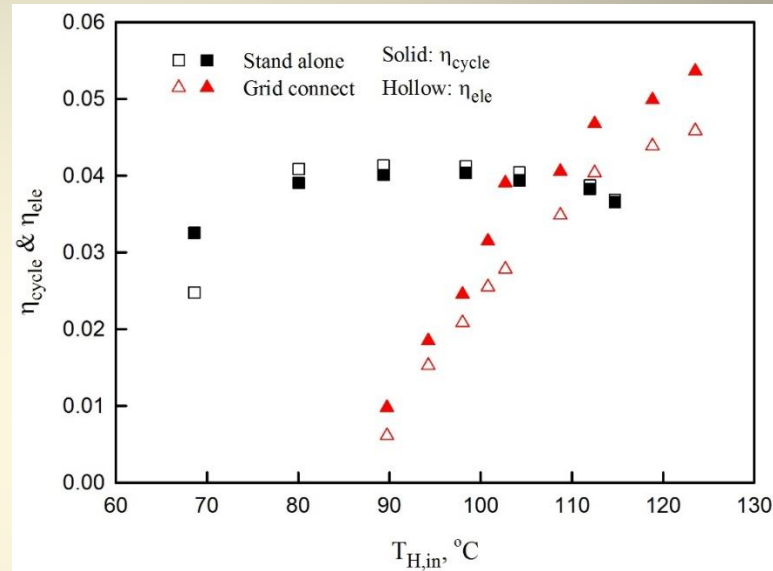
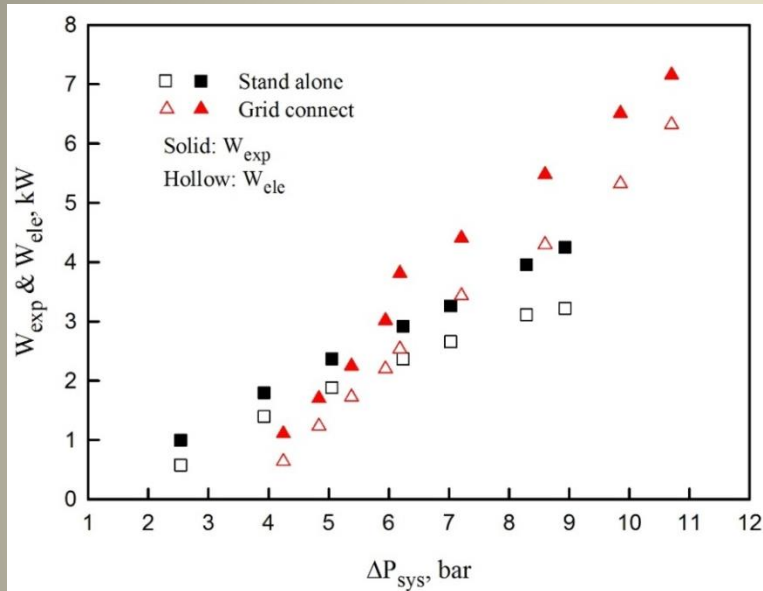
Gen. 7 ORC

(KNT100-1)

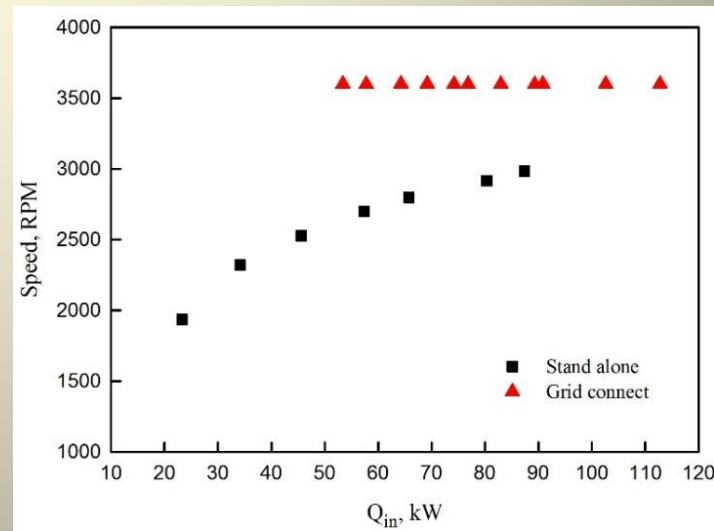
Gen. 7 Experiment facility (KNT100-1)



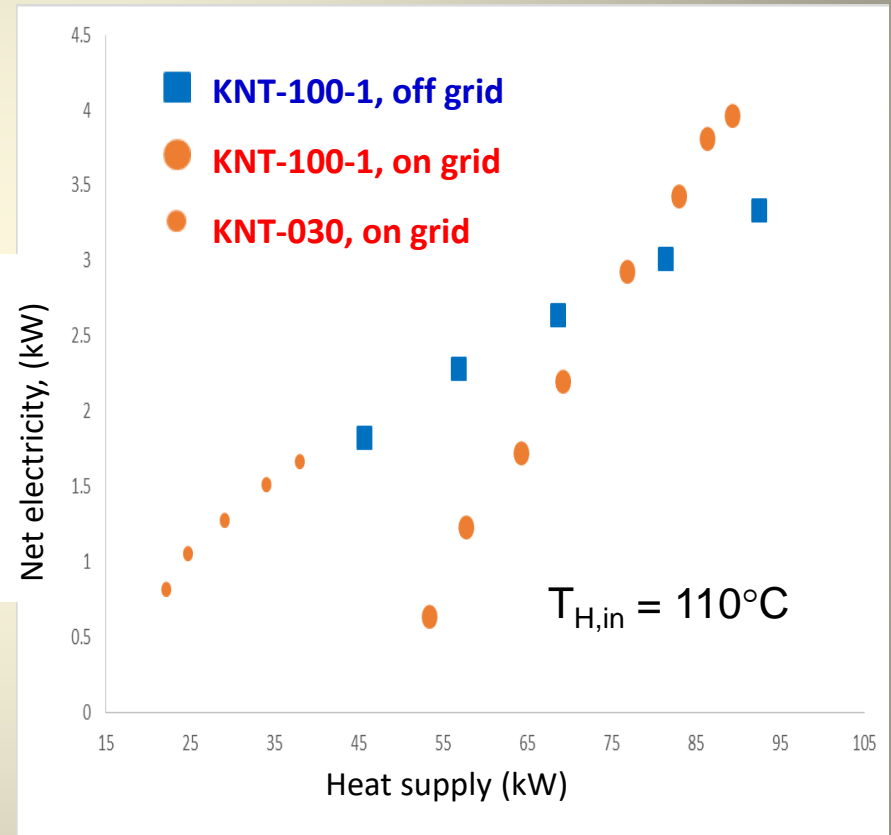
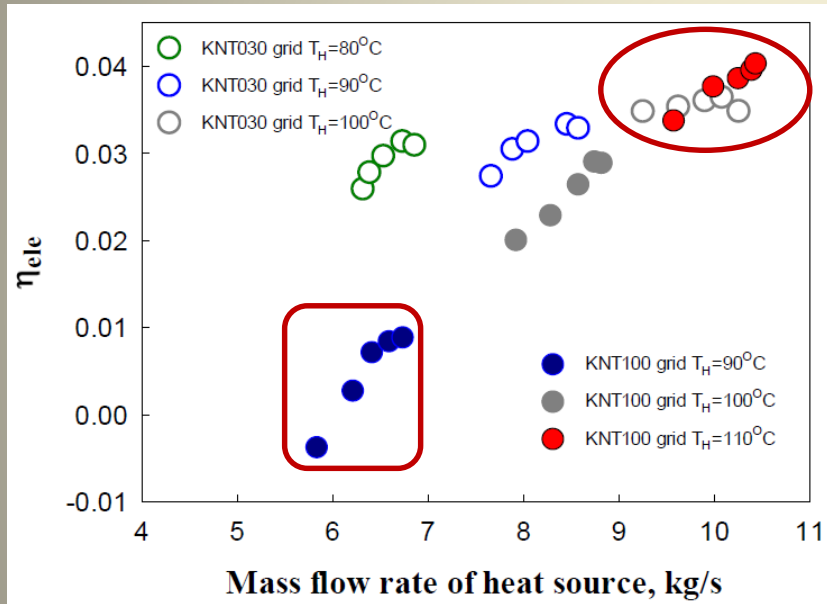
Characteristic of KNT100-1 -- influence of heat source



For stand alone, rotational speed will be influenced by the heat source.



R245fa-based KNT030 and KNT100-1: stand alone and grid connect

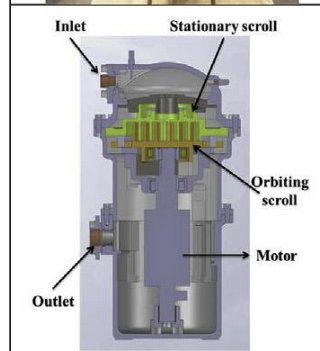
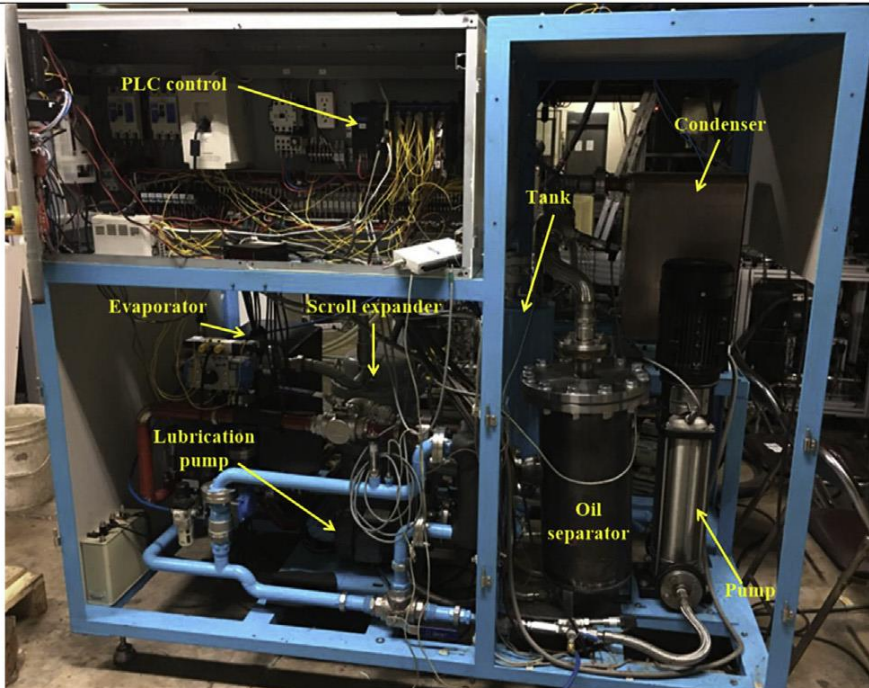
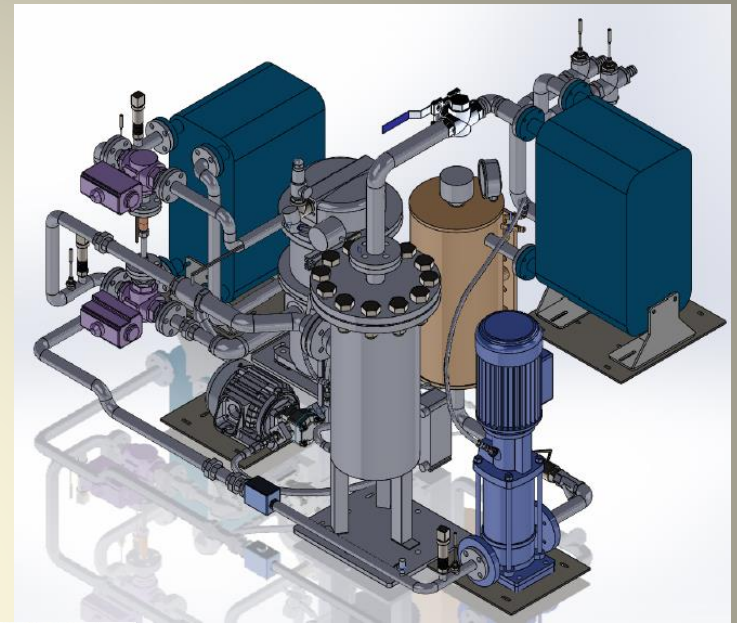


ENERGY, December 2017, 141: 1239-1253.

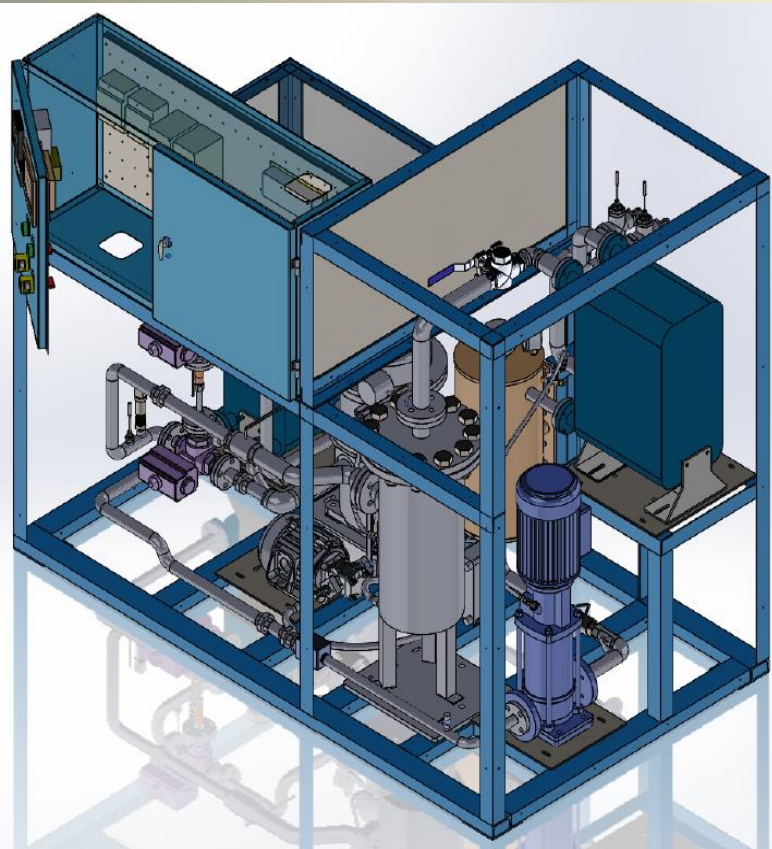
**Updated and good results
from KNT100-2**

10kWe ORC

KNT100-2



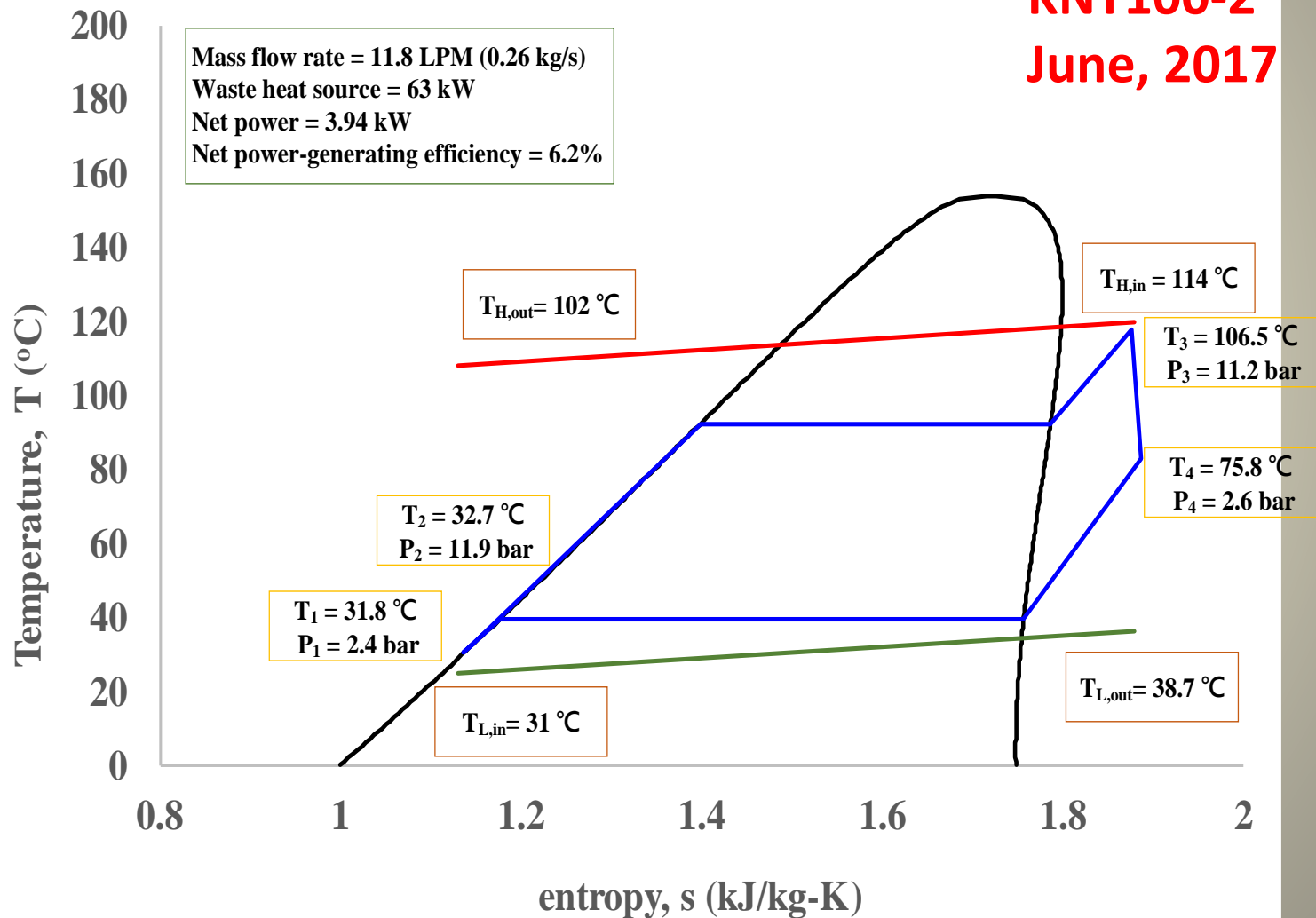
10kWe prototype ORC



ENERGY, Vol. 177 (April, 2019), pp. 94-105.

Sample operation

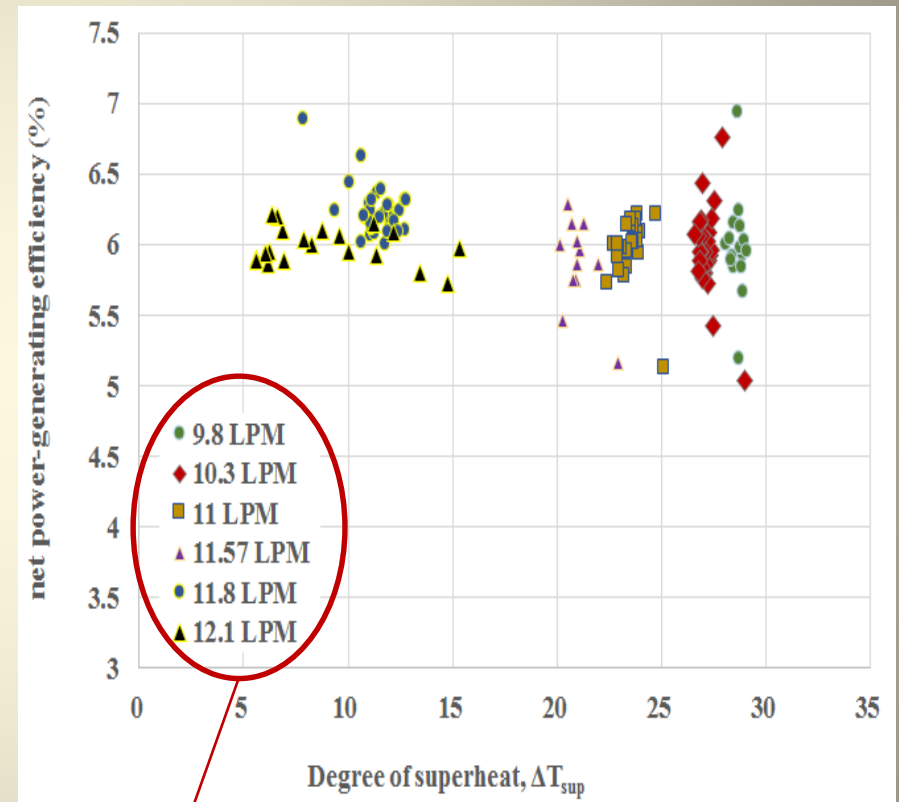
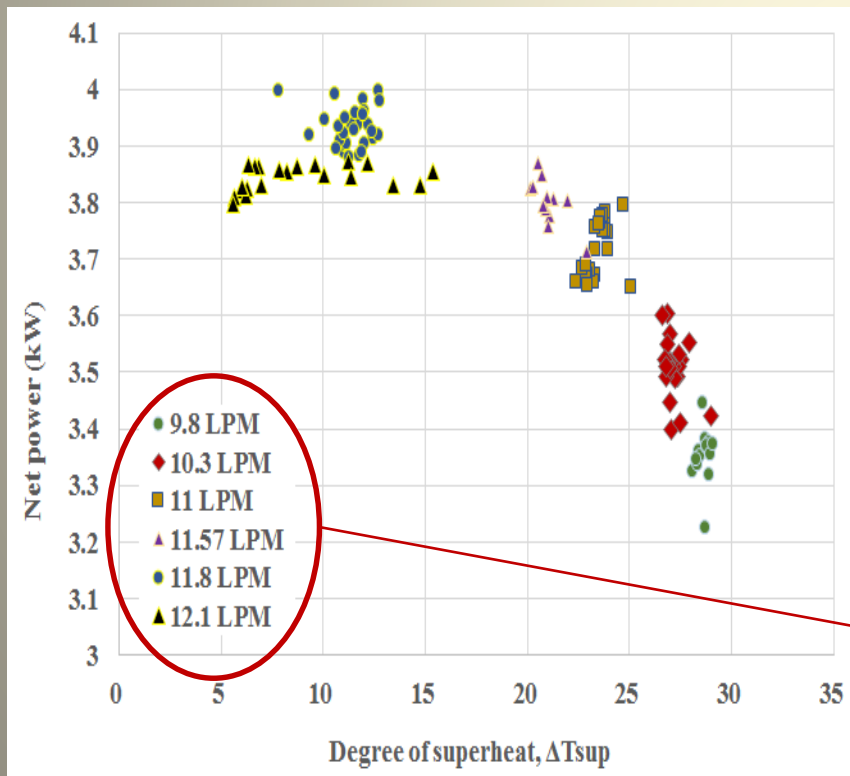
KNT100-2
June, 2017



Influence of superheating to net electricity generation and efficiency

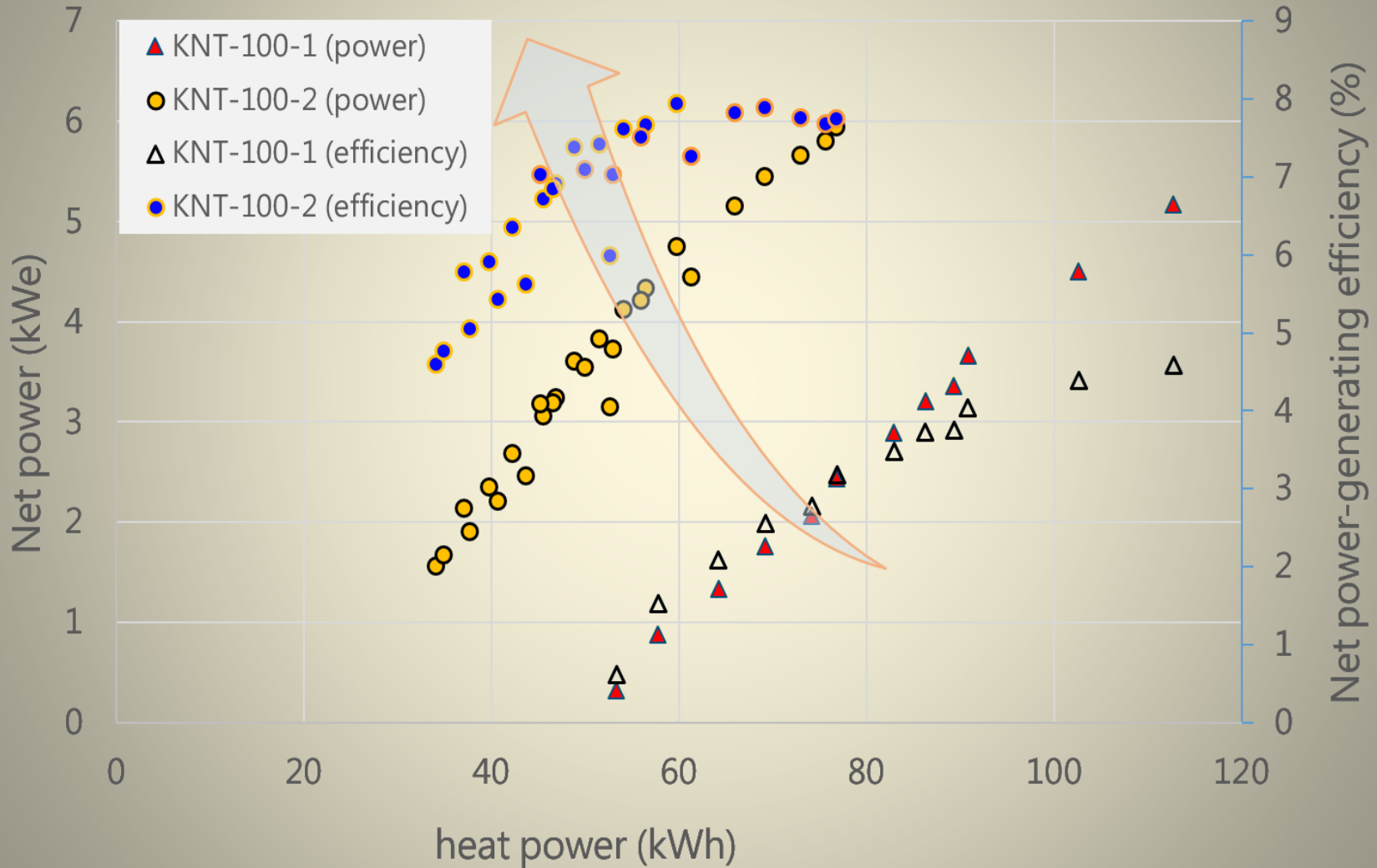
KNT100-2
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$T_{L,in}=31^{\circ}\text{C}$,
 $T_{H,in}=110\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$



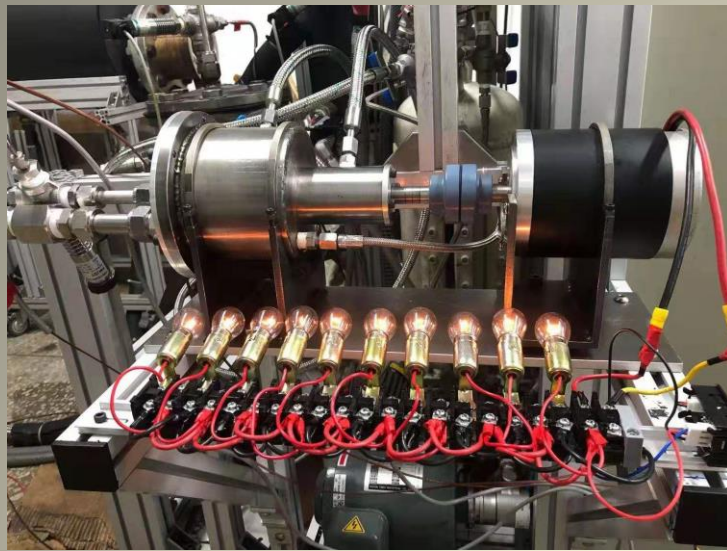
**Flow rate of working fluid
at the exit of pump**

Most updated KNT-100-2 results



Like a pony pulls a horse-drawn carriage!

300 W ORC unit (with City Univ. of Hong Kong)



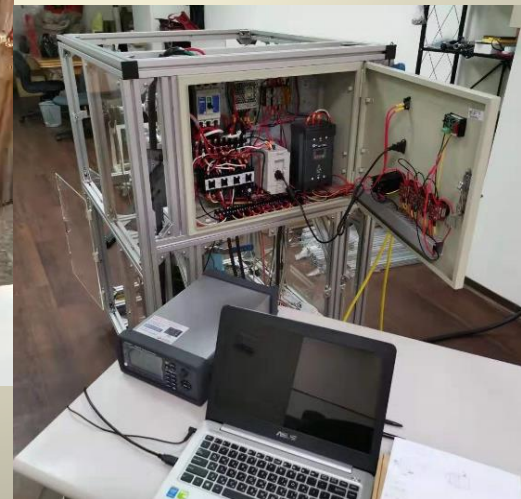
Scroll expander and generator



Ver 2



Ver 1

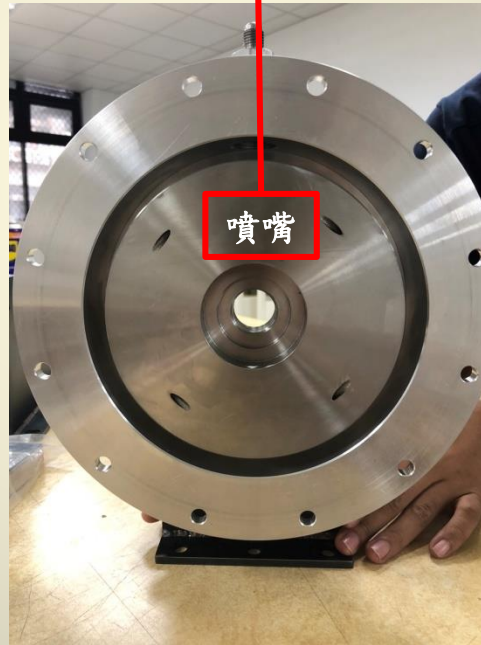
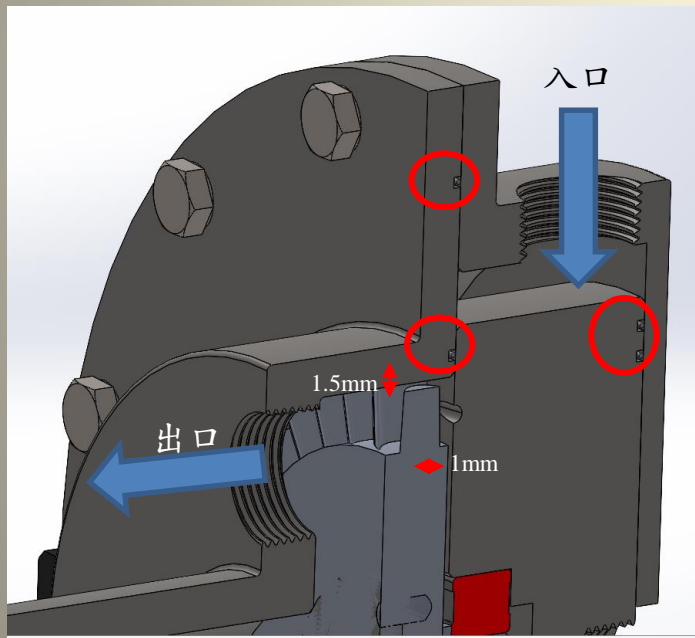


Turbine as expander of ORC (current progress)

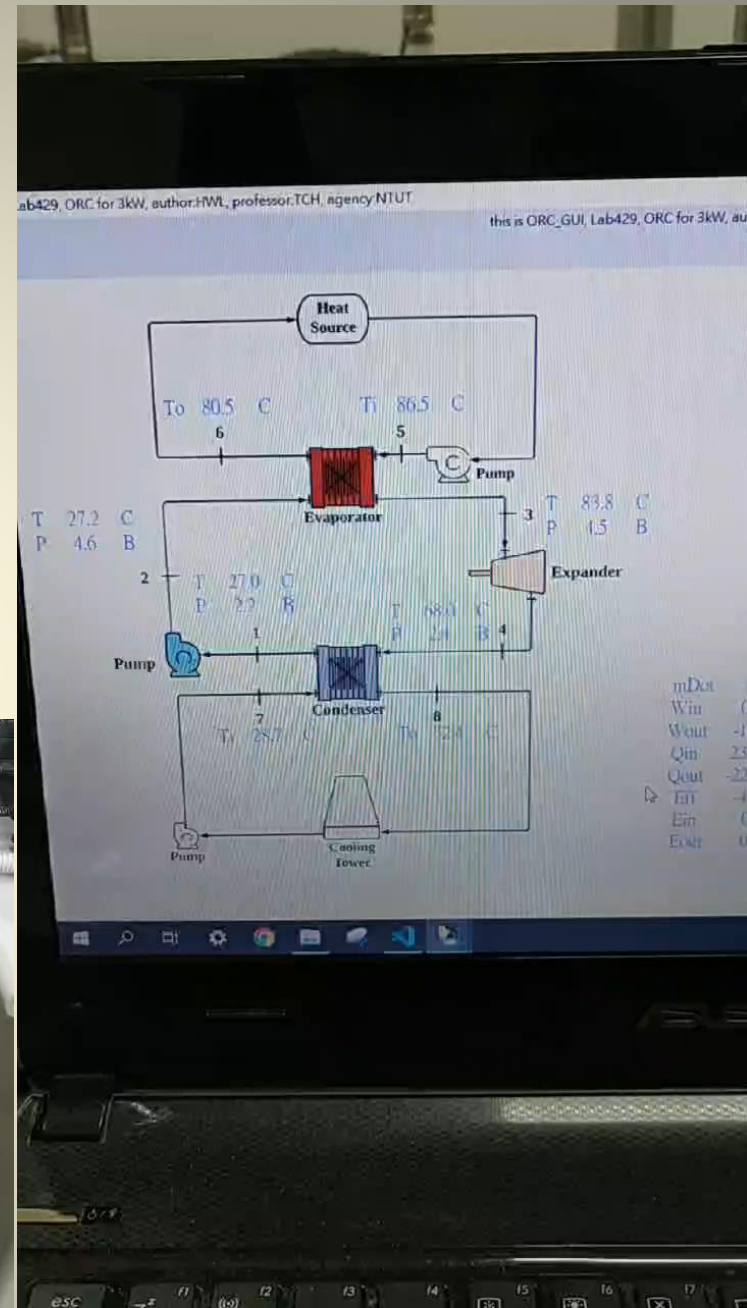
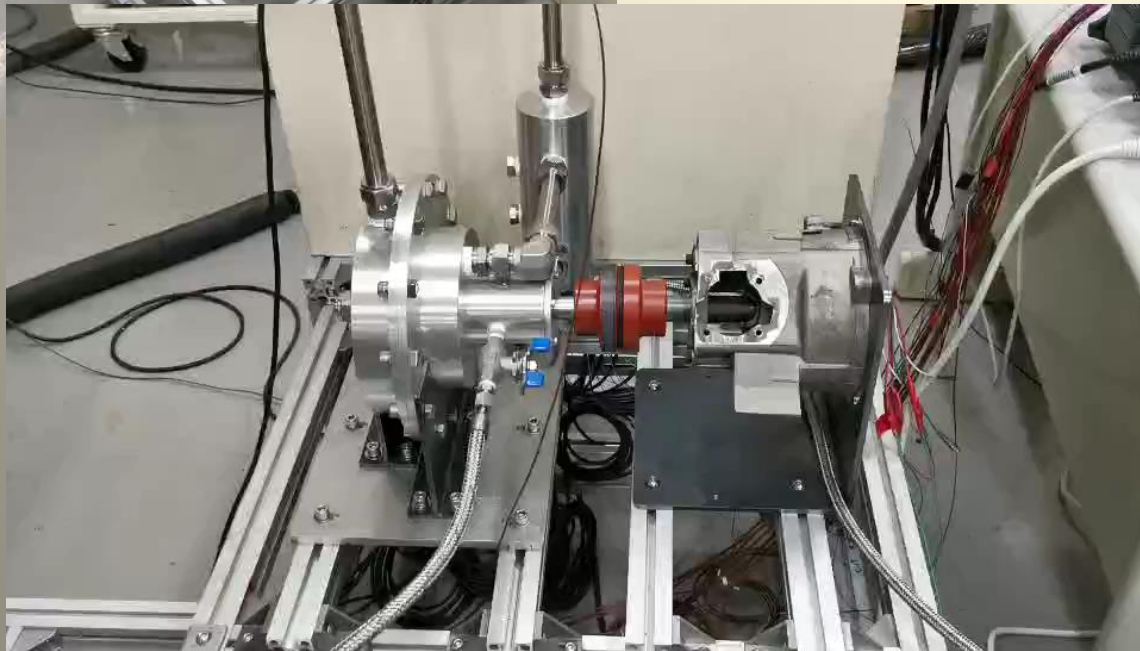
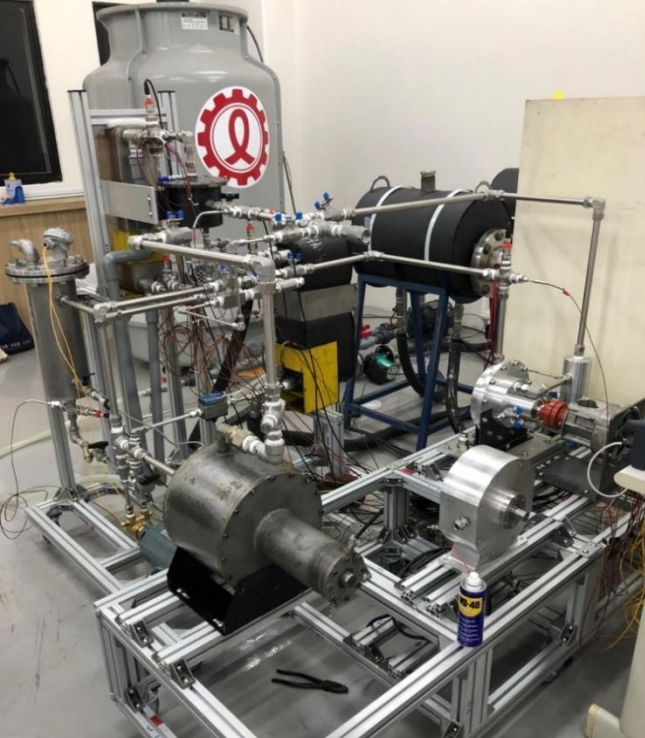
Why turbine?

- Scroll expanders are **no more practical for** the proposed unit of scale **> 10 kW!**
- Our applications: **Low temperature** of the heat source; **pressure is** relatively **low** as well.
- **One stage or two stage** of turbine is enough. It means simple and low cost!

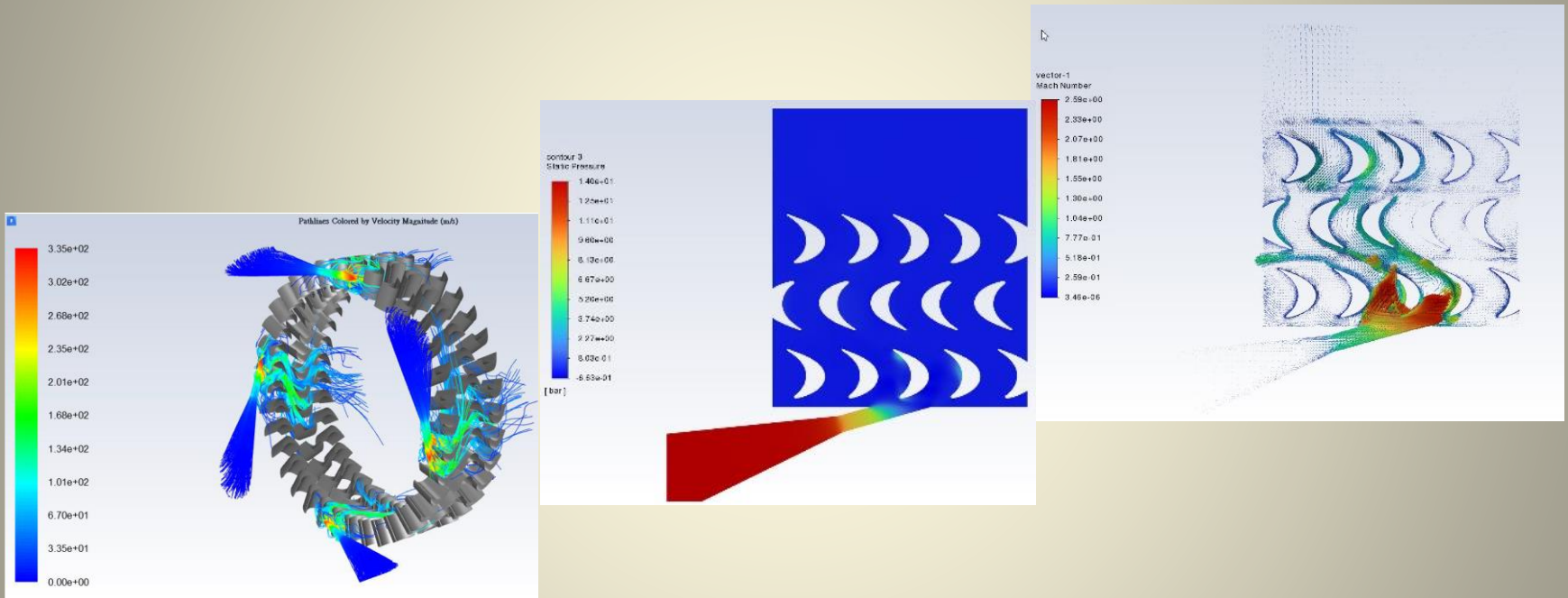
渦輪機加工結果



渦輪式 ORC



雙級渦輪機設計中



雙級渦輪機設計 (CFD) -- 左：速度場；中：壓力場；右：Mach #

**Where are the heat sources:
 T_H and $T_H - T_L$**

Heat sources for ORC



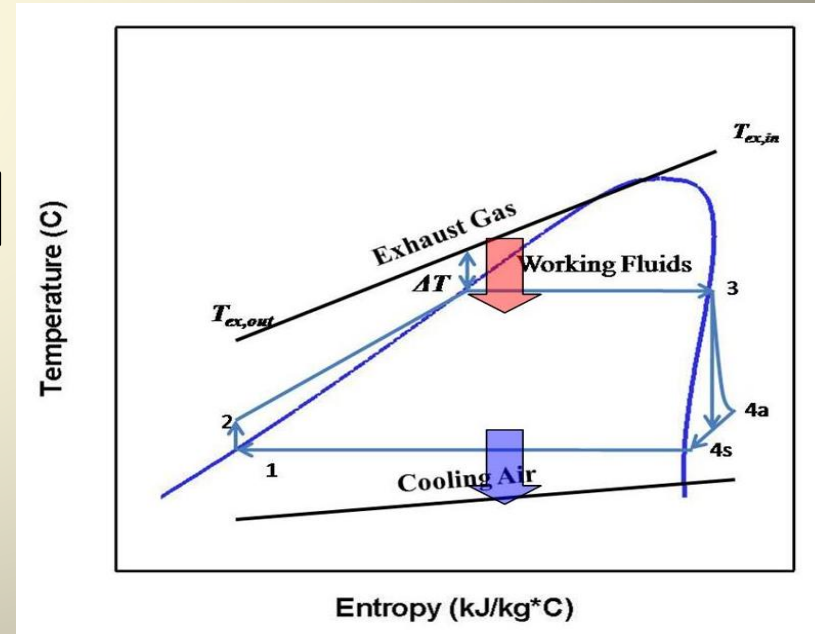
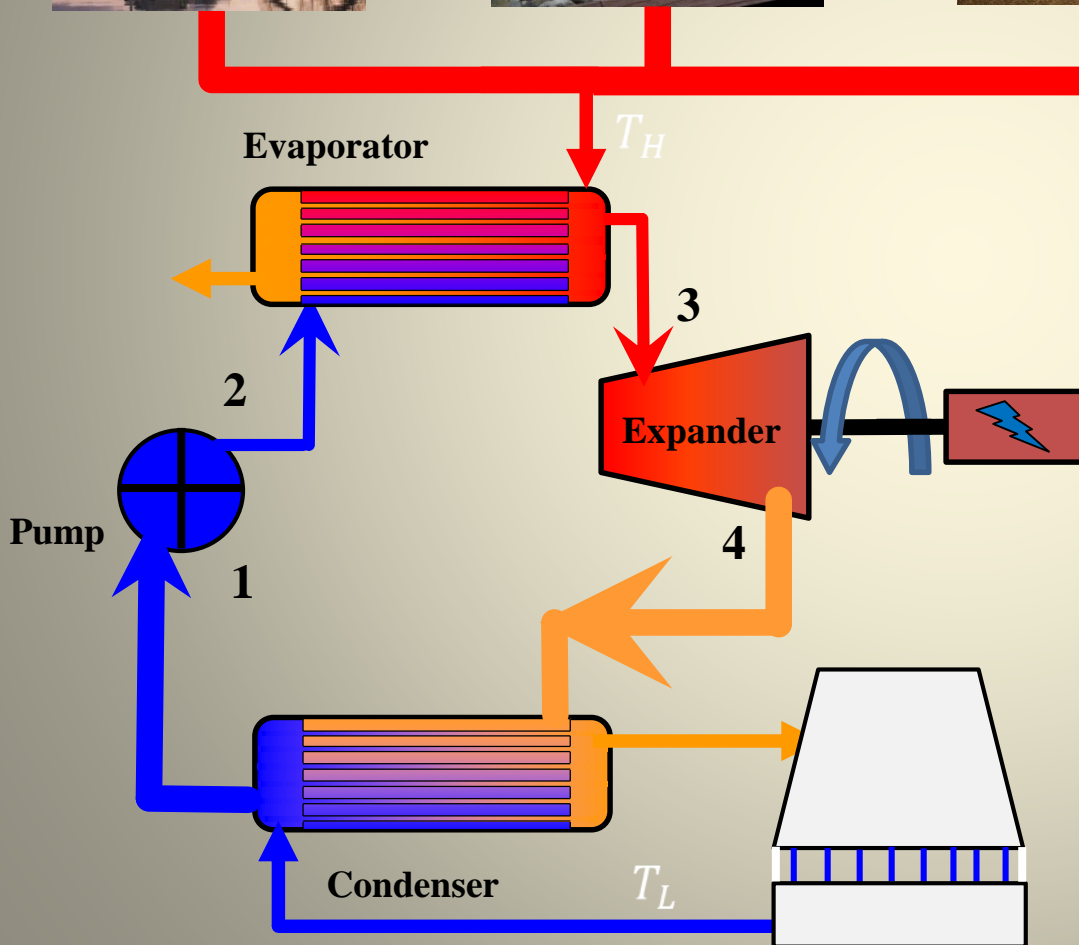
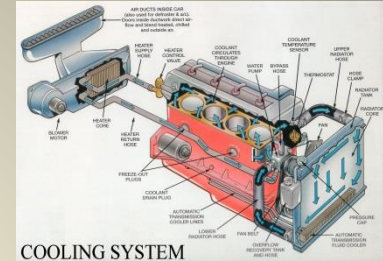
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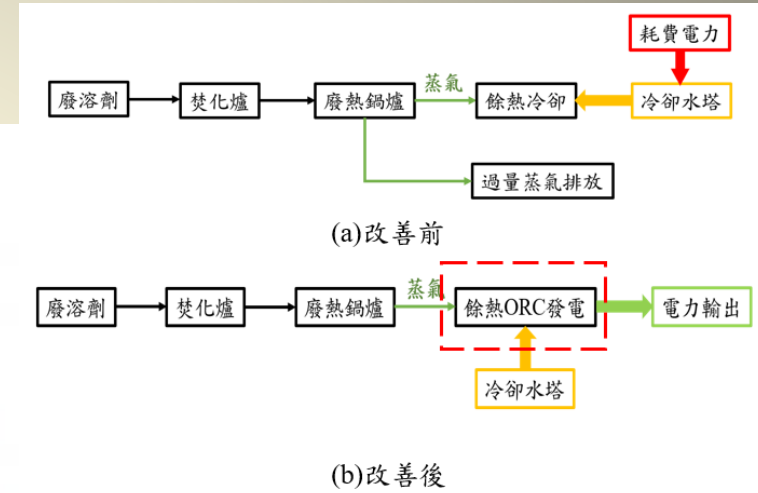
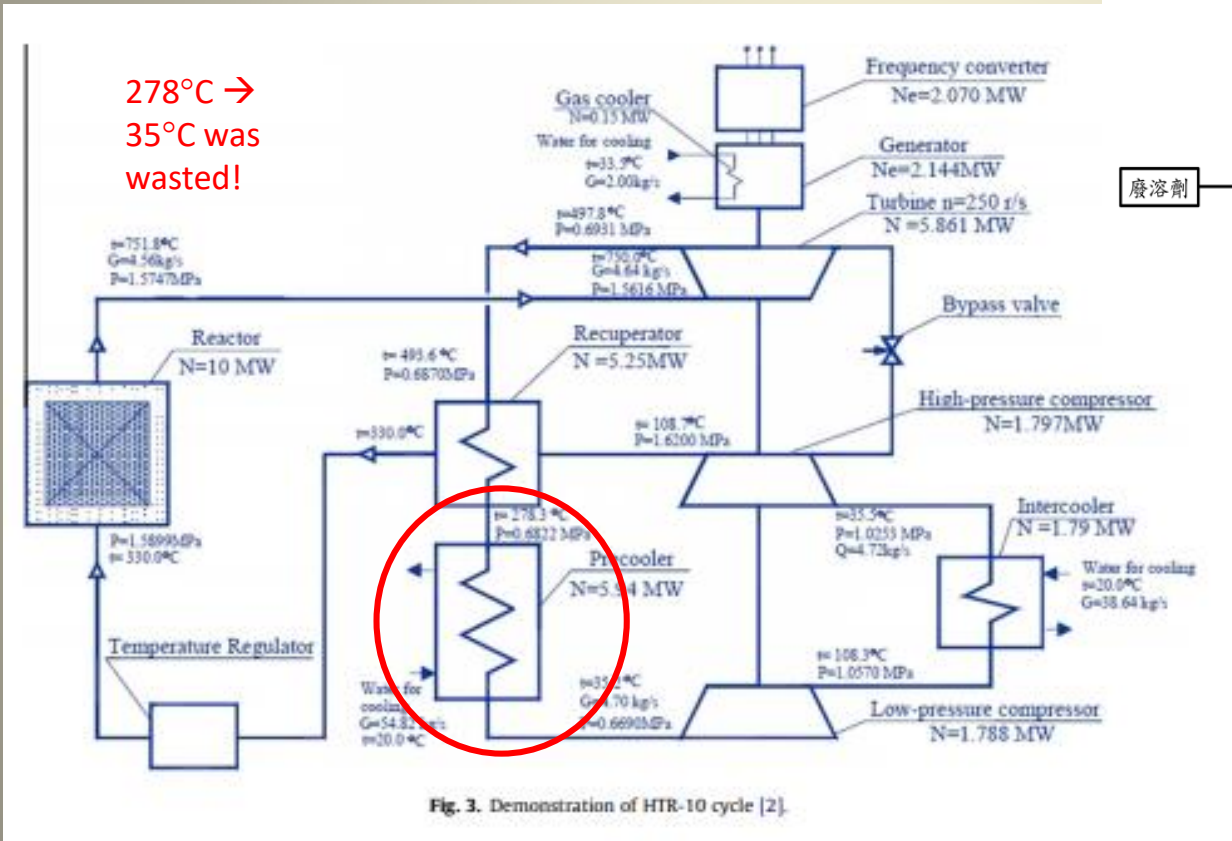
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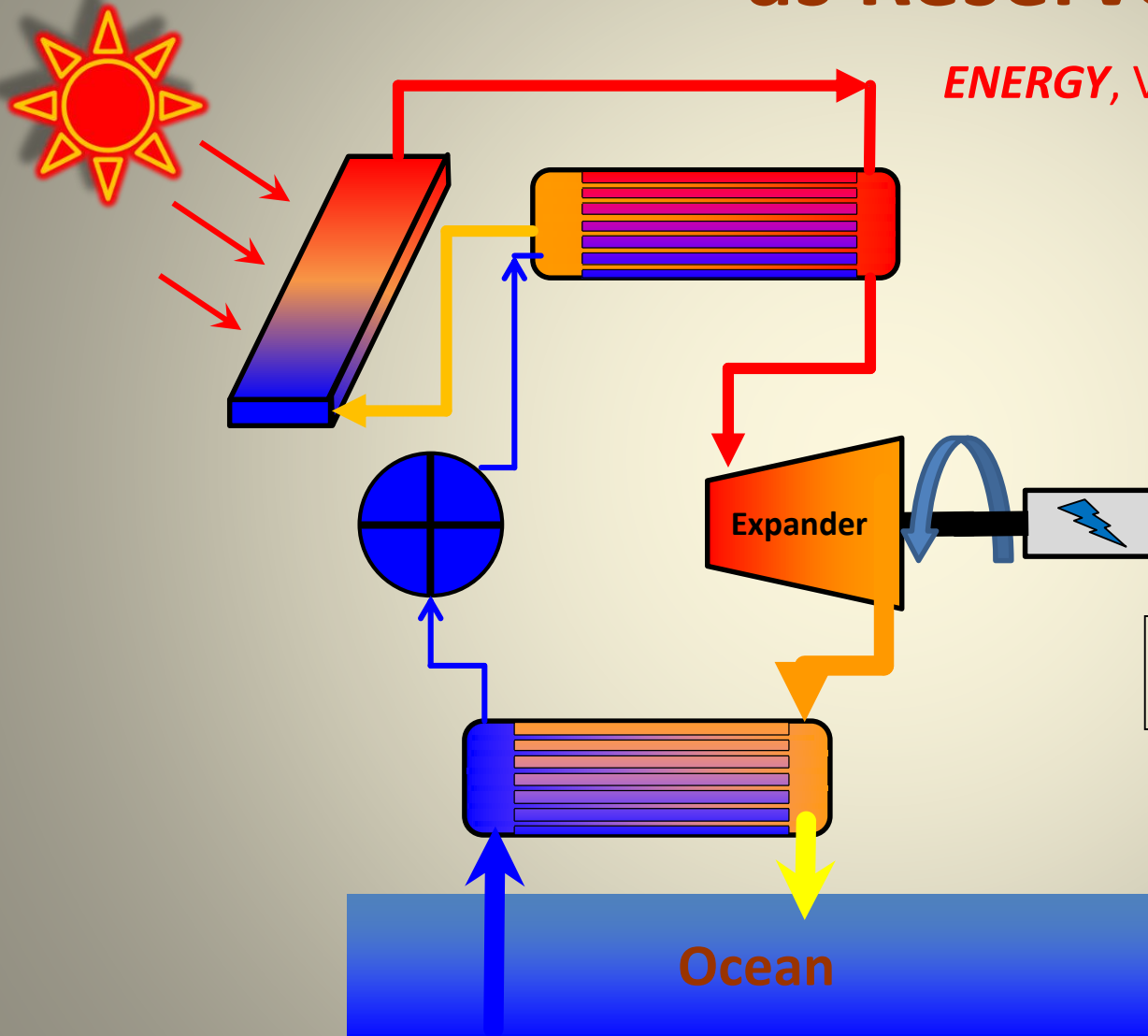


Waste heat exists anywhere



Applied Energy, Vol. 99, November 2012, pp. 183–191.

Integrated Solar and OTEC as Reservoir of ORC



ENERGY, Vol. 35, pp. 1403–1411, 2010.

OTEC:
Very small ΔT
→ low efficiency
→ high cost

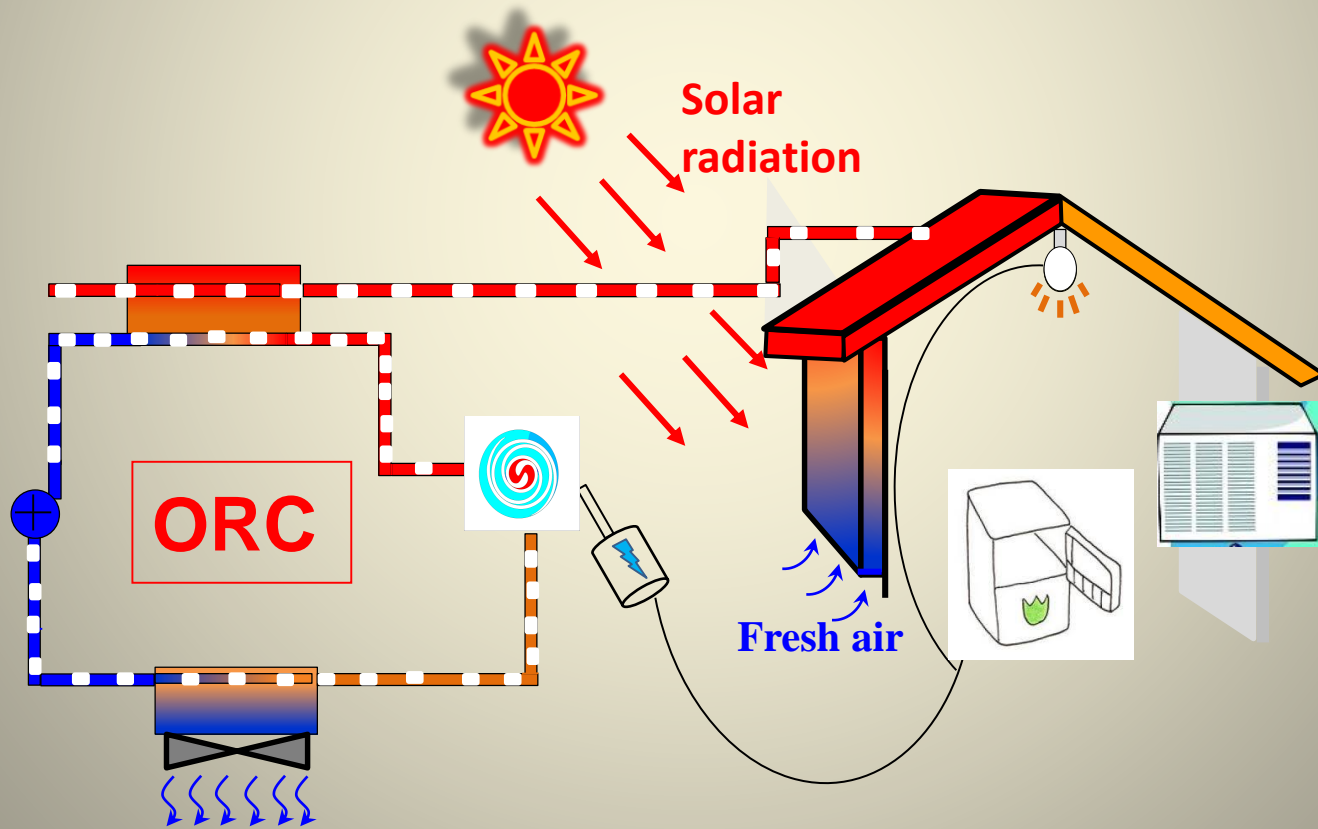
→ Instead of OTEC, shallow water is good for heat sink.



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Passive solar thermal collection design for ORC application & isolation for indoor



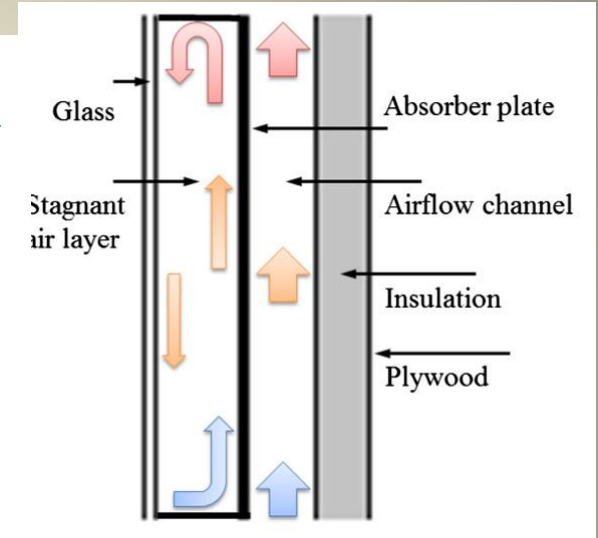
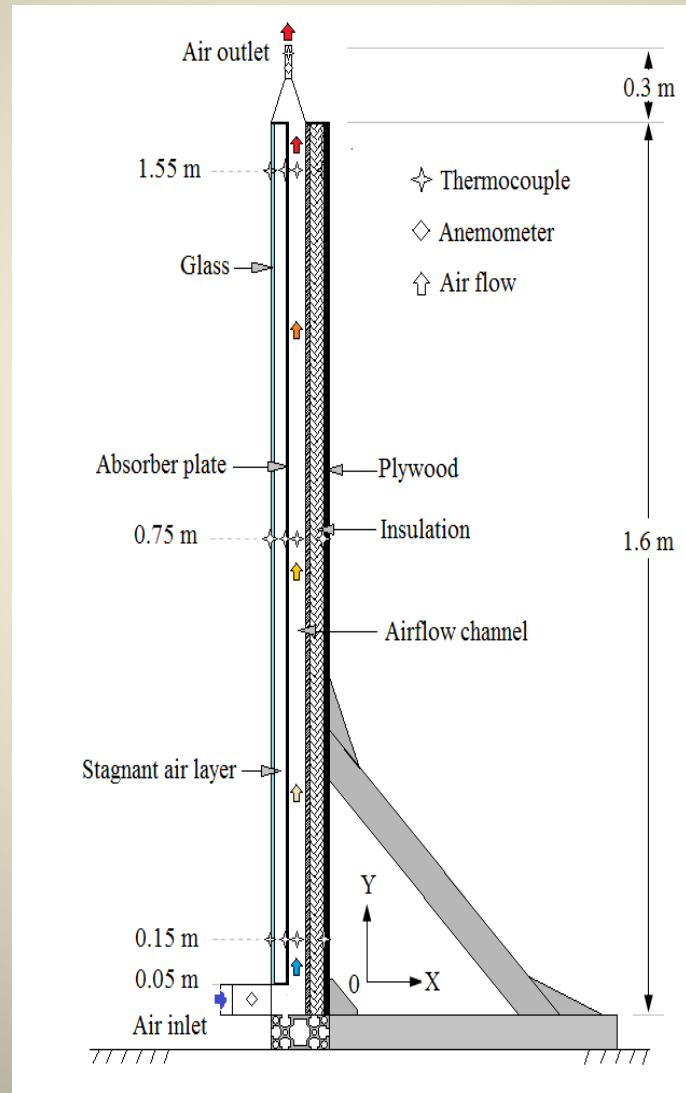
Driving force = net buoyancy force.
It is employed to overcome the
friction along the flow path.

$$\int_{\text{cold path}} \rho g dy - \int_{\text{hot path}} \rho g dy = \sum_i \int_{\text{path } i} \frac{1}{2} f_r \rho V^2 dy$$

Longer path → stronger buoyancy force!!

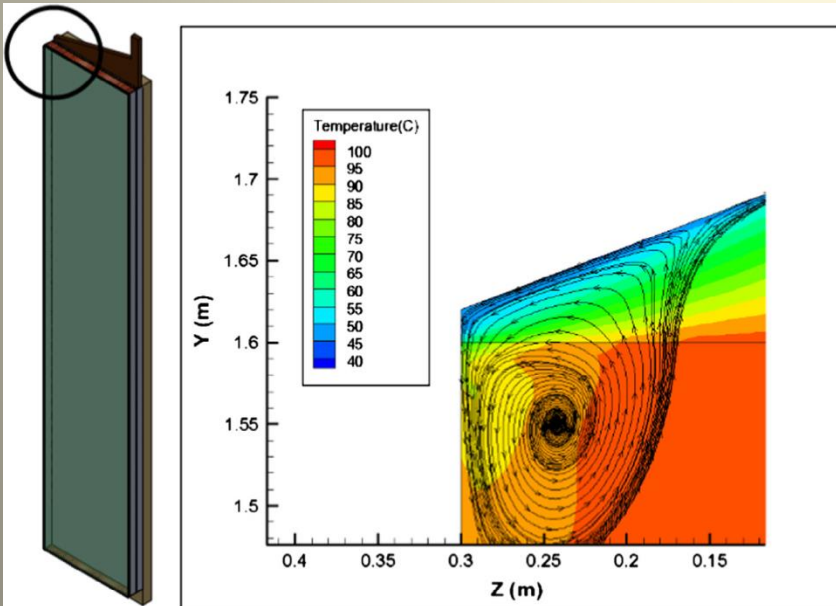
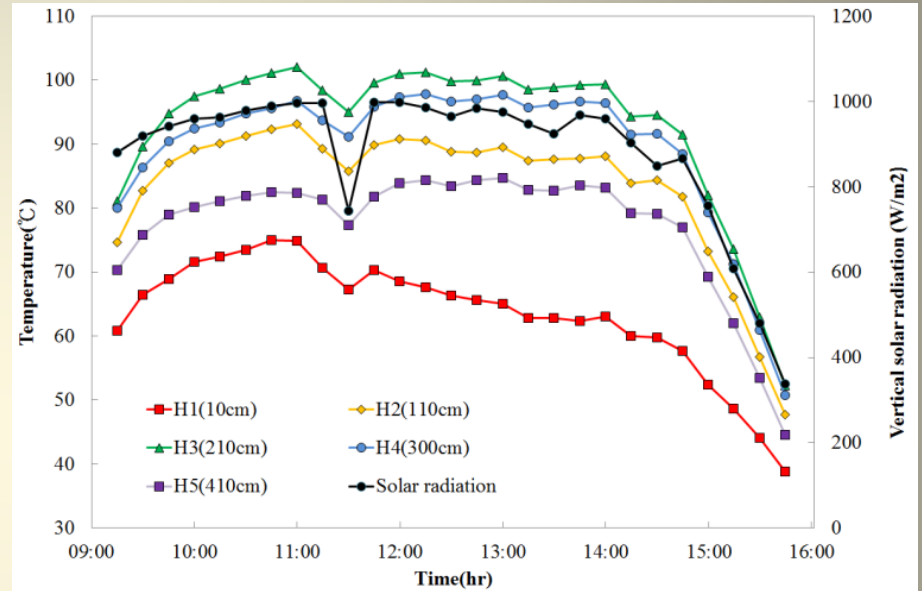
廣義而言：任何可以直接照射到太陽的空間皆可！

Experiments in solar building





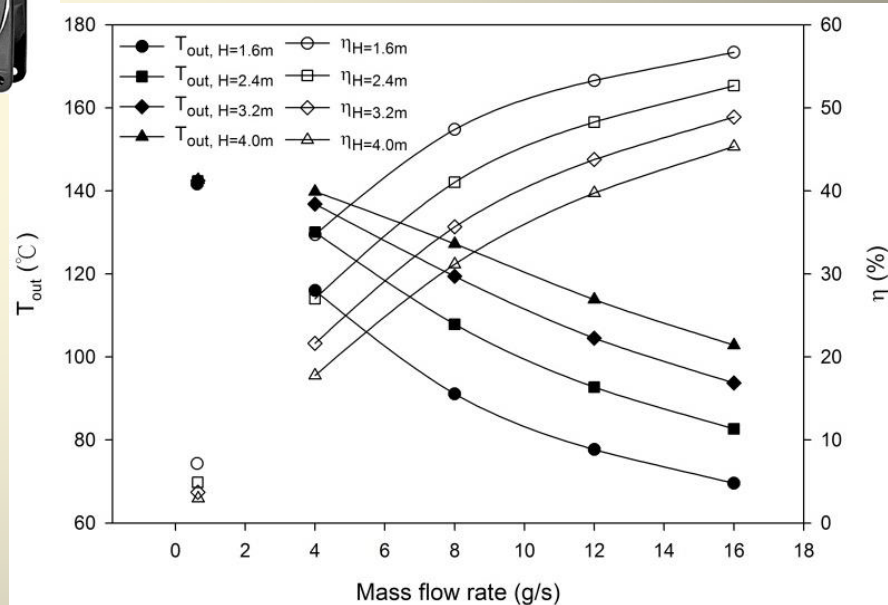
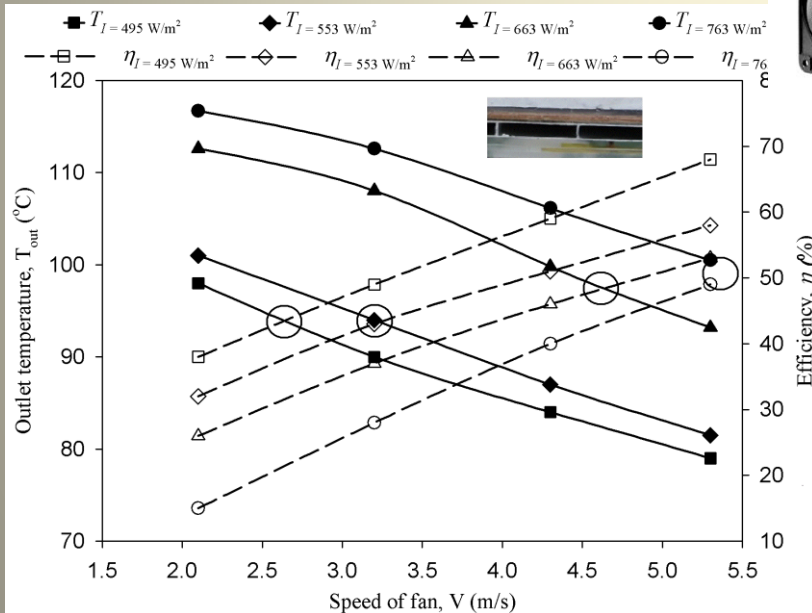
Experiment condition & flow phenomenon



Experiment data



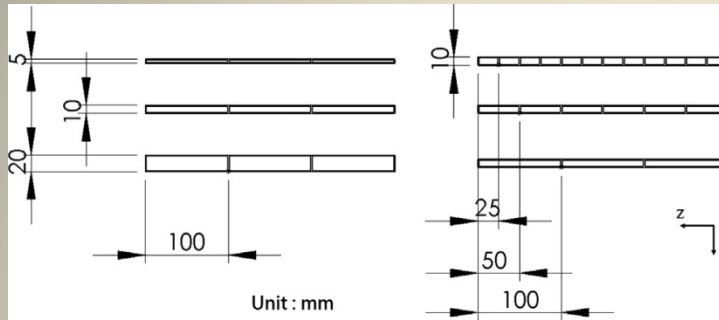
■ Mixed convection is preferable *Applied Energy*, Vol. 154, 15 September 2015, pp.651-662.



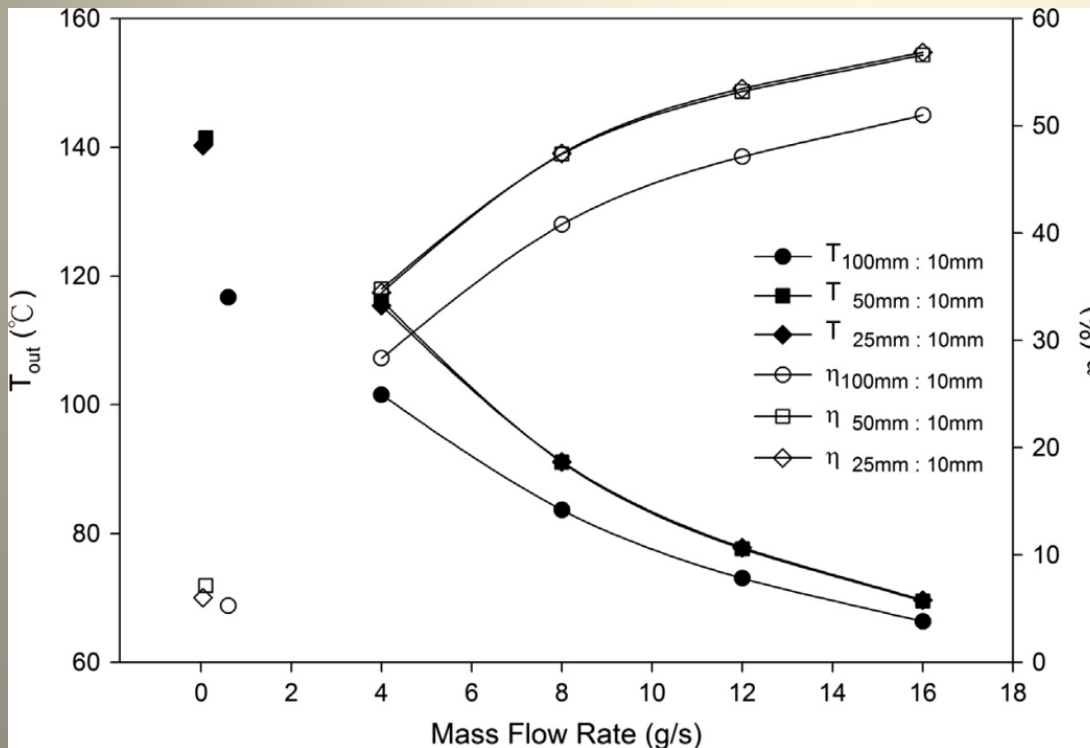
The outlet temperature and efficiency versus mass flow rate at different height of the device.



Experiment data

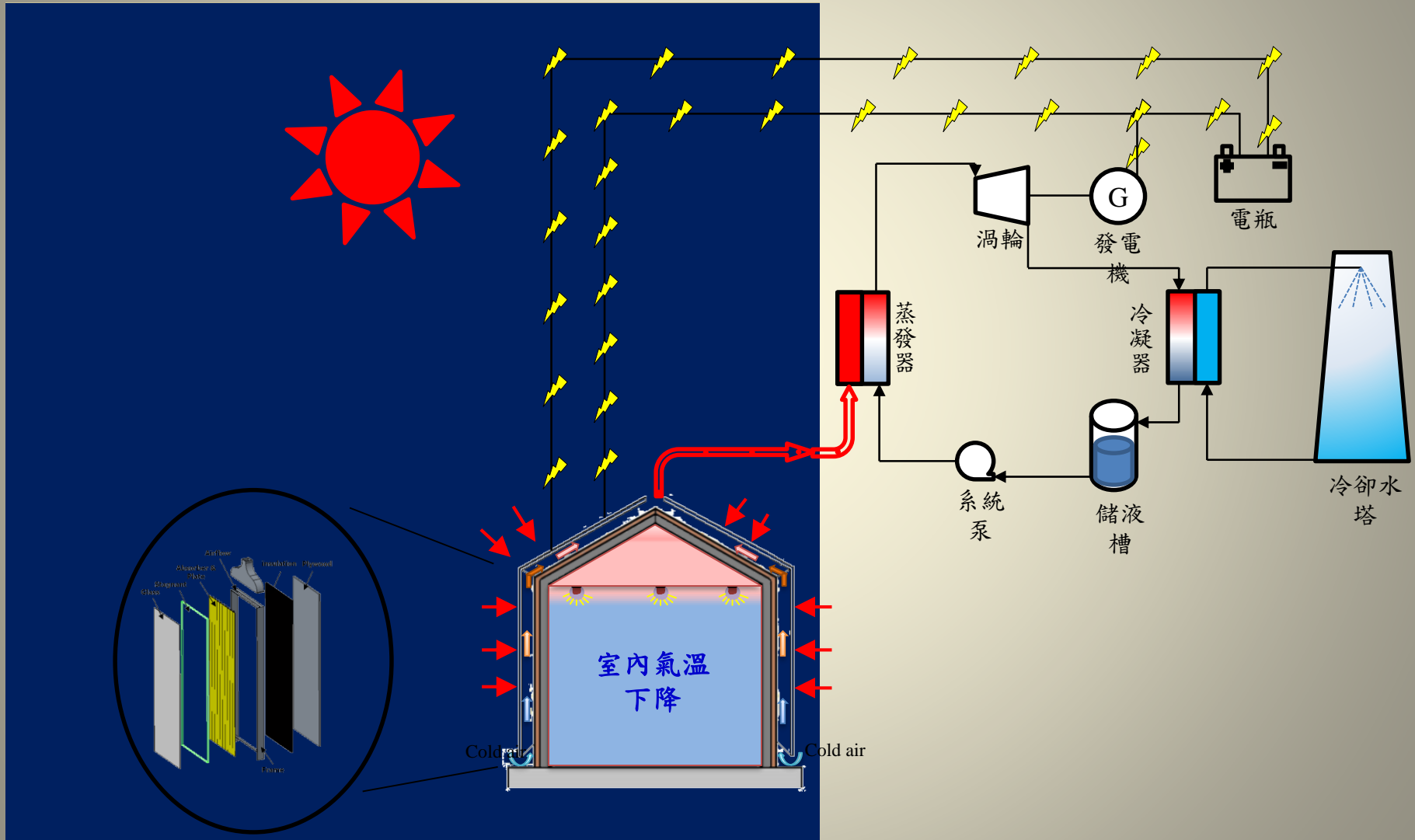


cross section and associate size of rectangular-tube

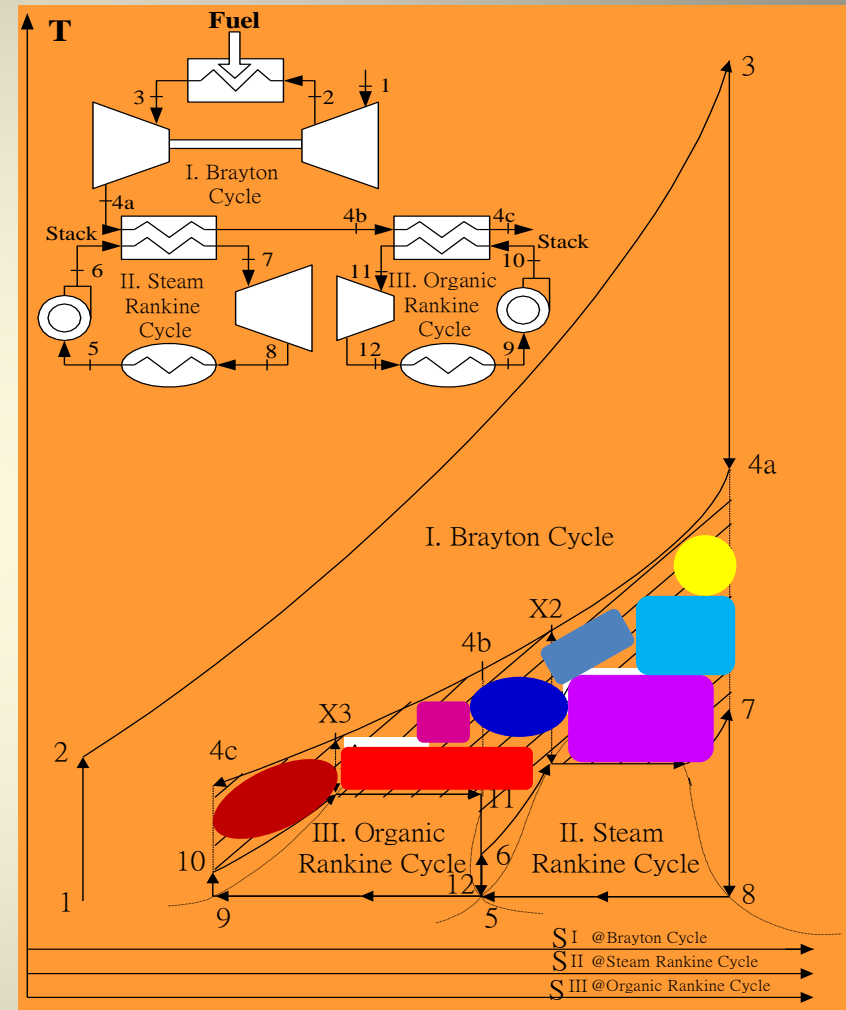
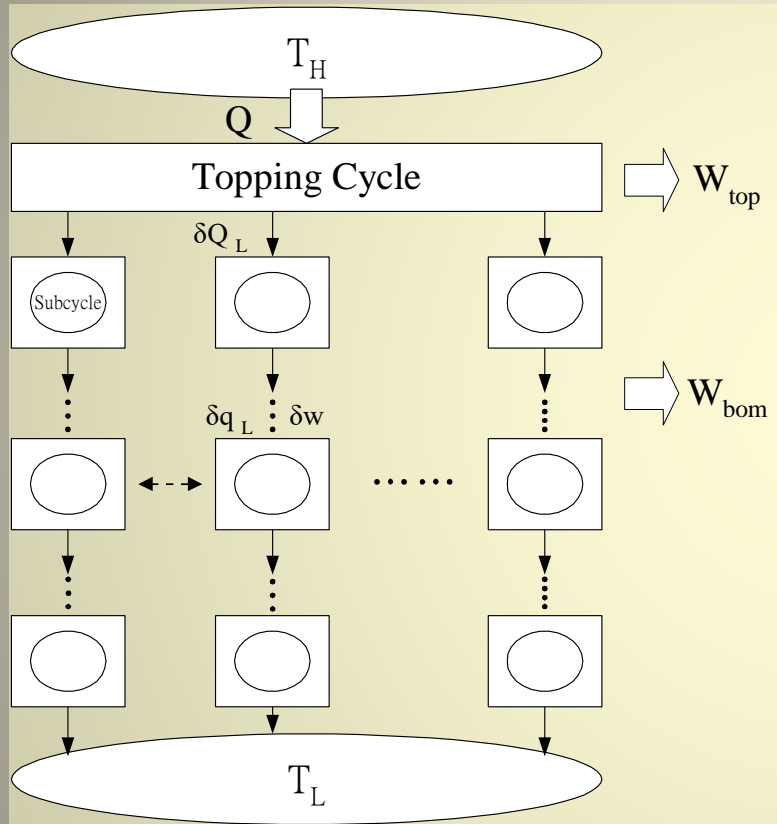


Outlet temperature and efficiency versus air flow rate for three aspect ratios of flow channel

結合產能與儲能



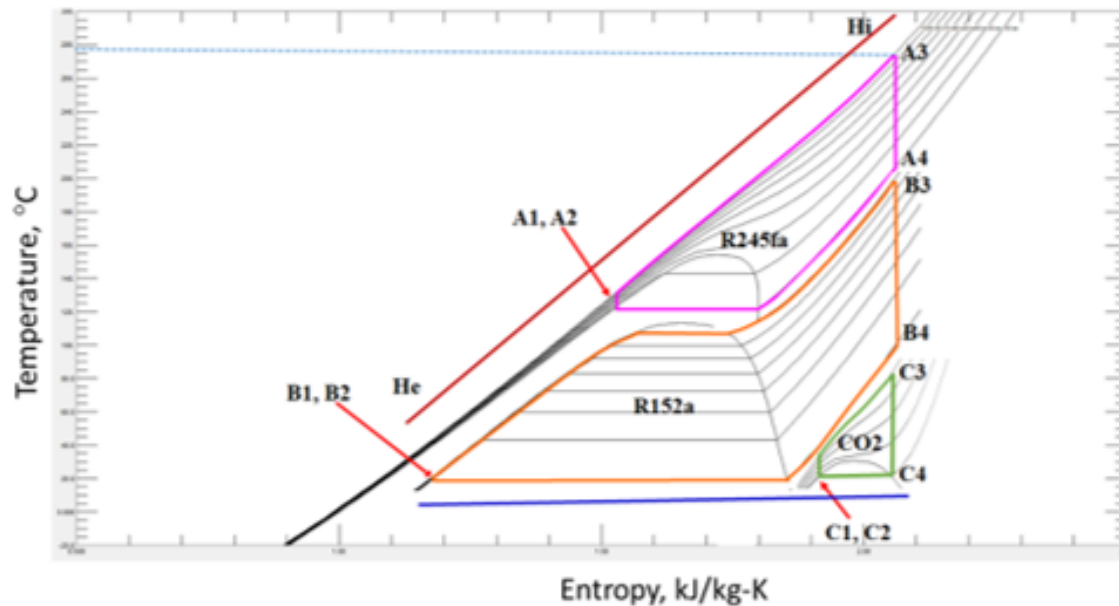
Multi-Cycle to Enhance the Efficiency



ASME Journal of Engineering for Gas Turbines and Power, Vol. 124, 2002, pp. 429-436.

Case Studies in Thermal Engineering, Vol. 28, December 2021, 101601.

Multiple ORCs to effectively generate power from a given pair of high- and low- temperature reservoirs



Layout of the cycles	Net power output, kW	Thermal efficiency, %	Exergy efficiency, %
3 cycles: A+B+C	7093.17	28.06	85.87
2 cycles: A+B	6674.86	26.40	80.80
Single cycle: B	5037.15	19.93	60.98

What we can do for them?



- **Electricity** + **internet** → enhance **knowledge** and stimulate the civilization
- Low-cost **ORCs**, 2nd-hand **Microsoft and computers** supported from rich countries or charity groups

$$\frac{DS}{Dt} = \frac{dS}{dt} + u \cdot \nabla S \rightarrow 0^+$$

S: entropy

For you with tons of blessing ...