
CO₂ Compression Using Supersonic Shock Wave Technology

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The Company – Brief Background

- Privately held since 1993, headquartered in Bellevue, WA
- Development and test of supersonic turbo-components for process gas and power generation applications
- 1998-present, \$30 M in private funds and \$25.0 M in DOE, DOD and CEC PIER support
- 2008-Dresser-Rand investment of up to \$49M to commercialize supersonic compression technology
- Novel technology permits high pressure ratios and efficiencies
- Recent DOE Funded tests validate capability of compression stage
- 26 full-time employees
 - Ingersoll-Rand, CAT/Solar, P&W, Boeing, Honeywell, Rocketdyne
 - 3 PhD & 9 MS Degreed Engineers



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Project Overview

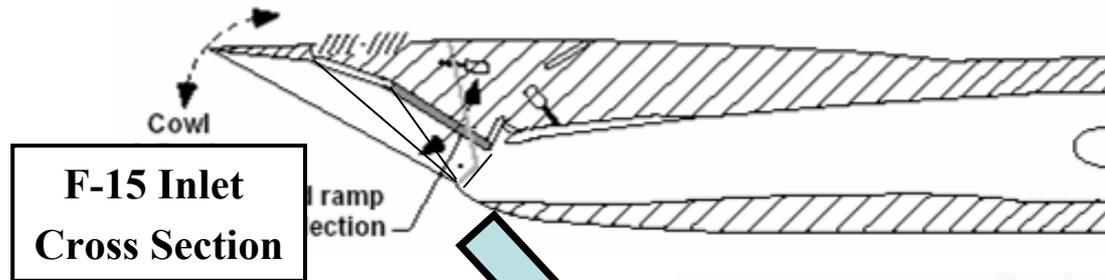
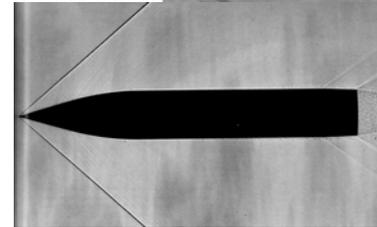
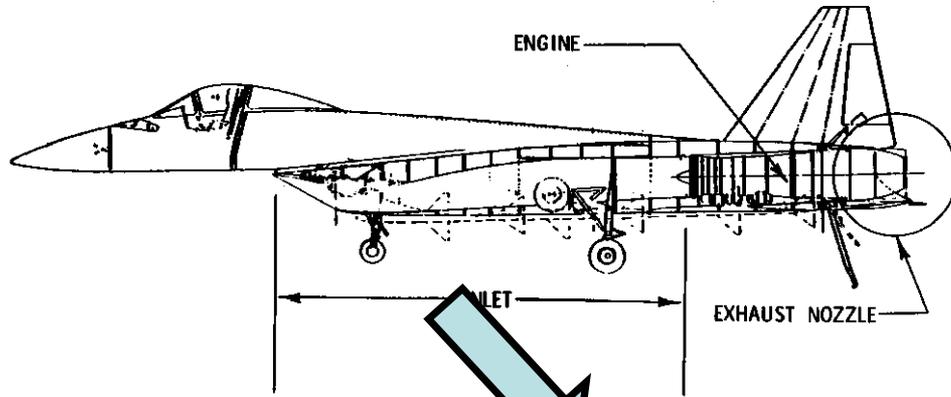
- **Funding (DOE and Cost Share)**
 - Total Funding – Current Contract \$16,109,211 (DE-FC26-06NT42651)
 - DOE – \$9,494,456
 - Ramgen – \$6,614,665
- **Overall Project Performance Dates**
 - May 10, 2006 – January 9, 2011
- **Project Participants**
 - DOE
 - Ramgen
 - Dresser-Rand – Integrated demonstration tests
 - Naval Post Graduate School Turbo Machinery Laboratory – static component testing
 - Consulting engineering organizations
- **Overall Project Objectives (SOPO)**
 - Incorporate lessons learned from previous Ramgen shock compression test programs and recommendations from industry partner Dresser-Rand to define and execute improvements in development plan for large scale demonstration of novel CO₂ compression technology

World Class Test Facilities

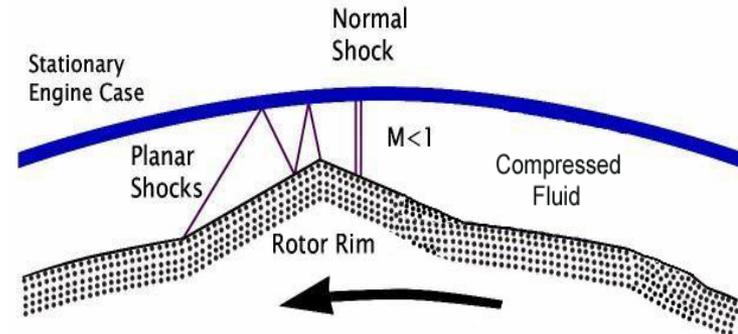


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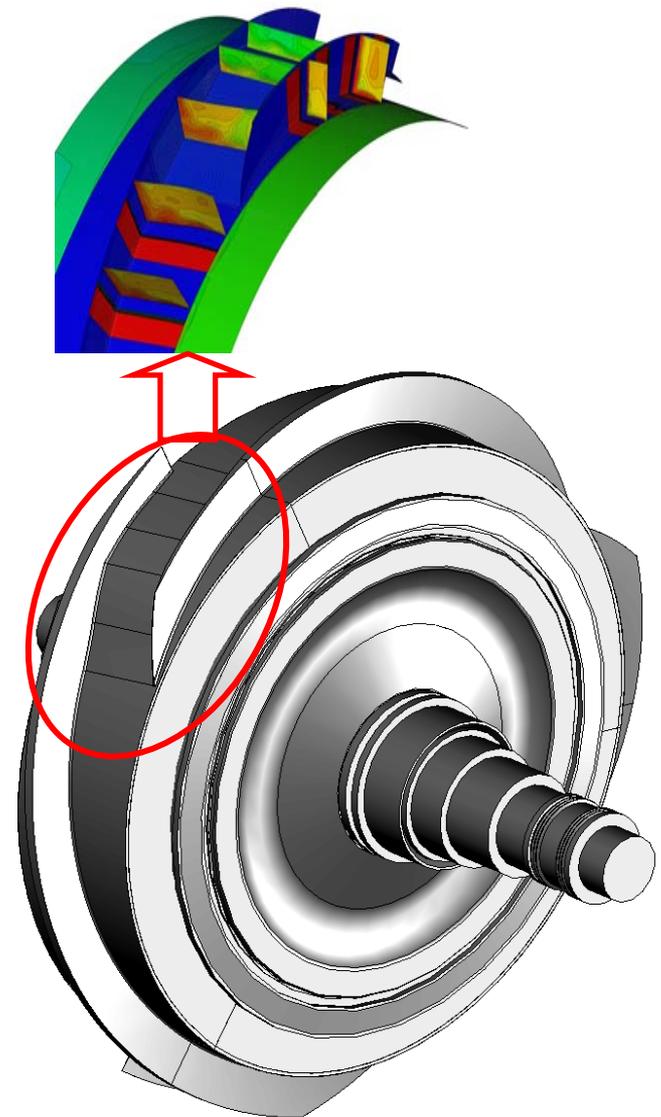
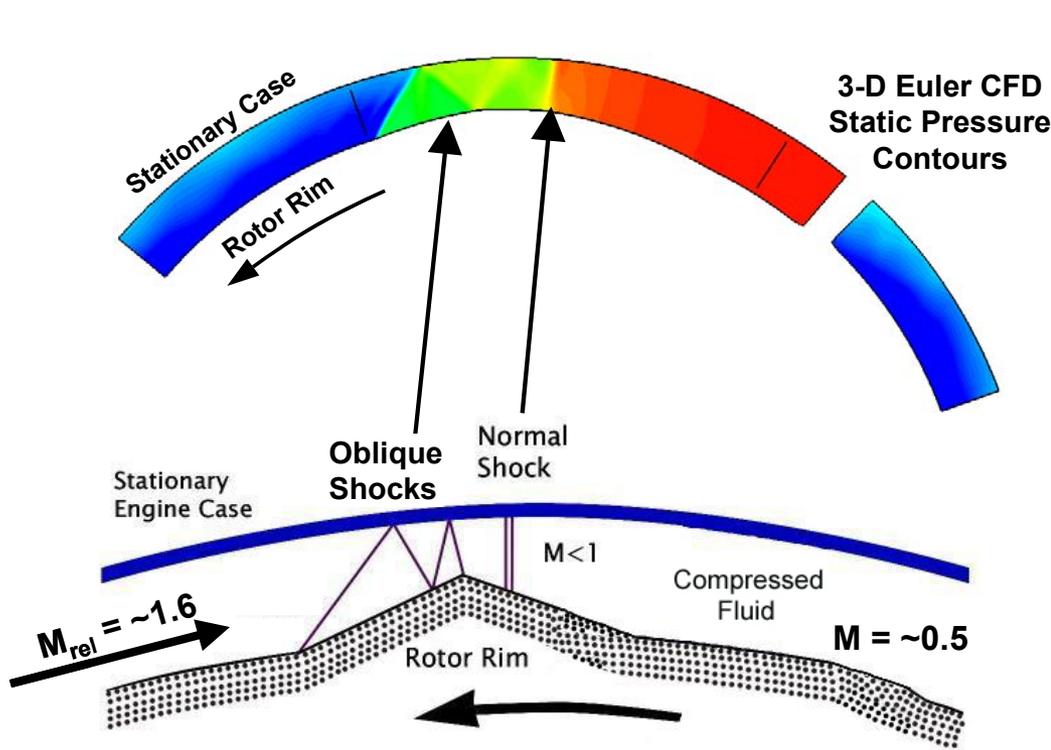
Technology Fundamentals/Background



Rampressor Rotor



Rampressor 3-D Geometry & Flowfield



- Compressive flowpaths integrated onto rim of rotor at shallow helix angle
- Strakes form sidewalls for shock compression ducts & separate high pressure discharge from low pressure suction

Ramgen 2-Stage Process – Discrete Drive

- Shaft power (stages 1-2)

- Gas-path power = 29,072 kW_{mech}

- Total shaft power = 29,964 kW_{mech}

- Heat of compression

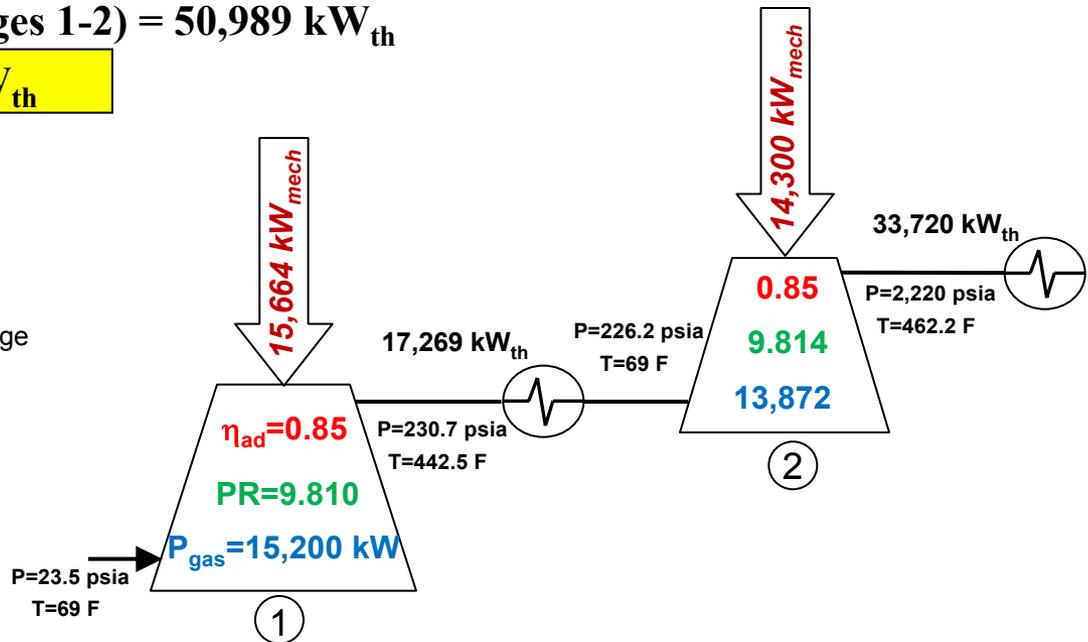
- Total rejected into coolers (stages 1-2) = 50,989 kW_{th}

- Total recoverable¹ = 28,986 kW_{th}

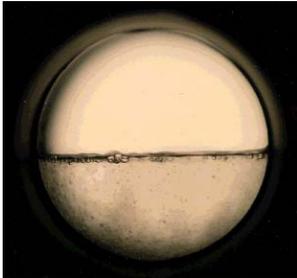
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1) 60°F Cooling Water / 9°F Approach / 69°F Interstage

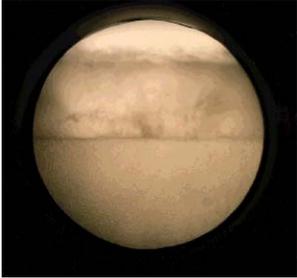
2) Recovery to 200°F



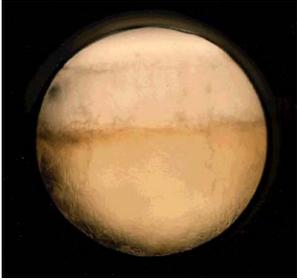
PT Diagram & Supercritical Phase



*Separate Phases
Visible-
Meniscus Clearly
Observed*



*Increase in
Temperature-
Diminished
Meniscus*

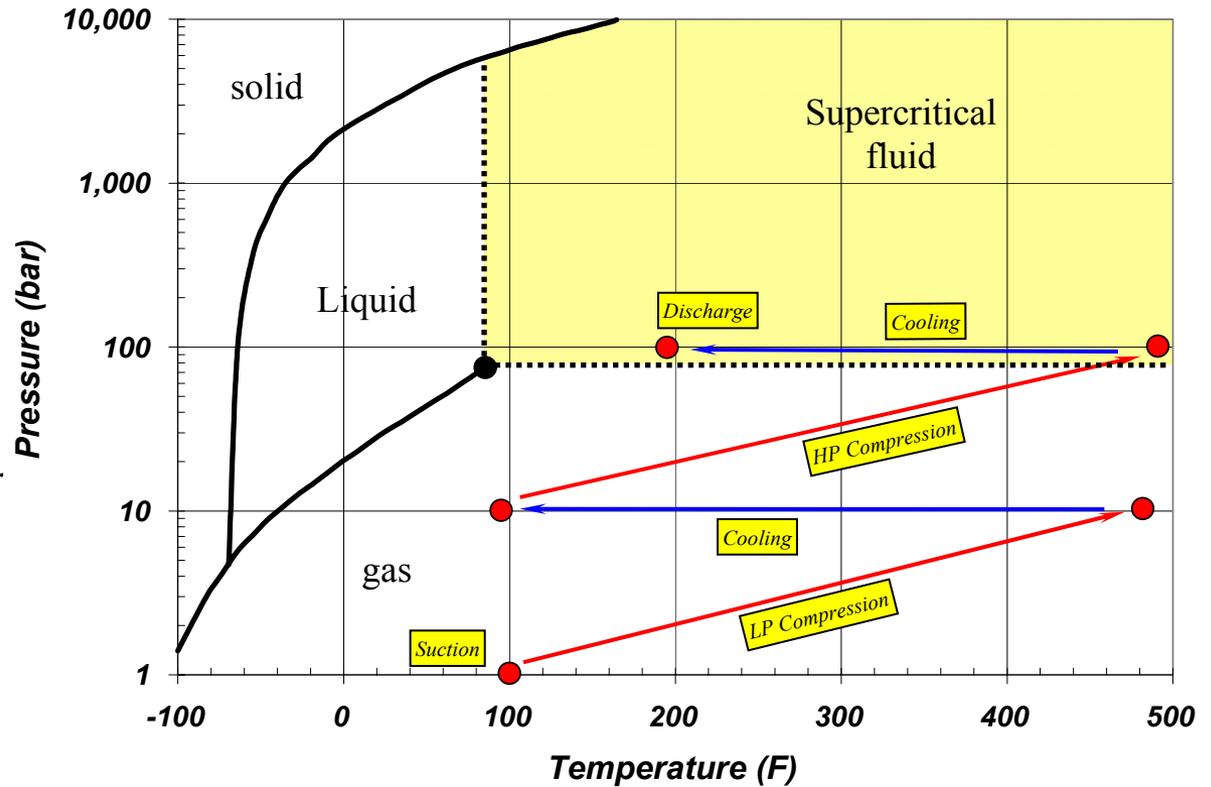


*Further Increase in
Temperature-
Gas & Liquid
Densities more Similar*

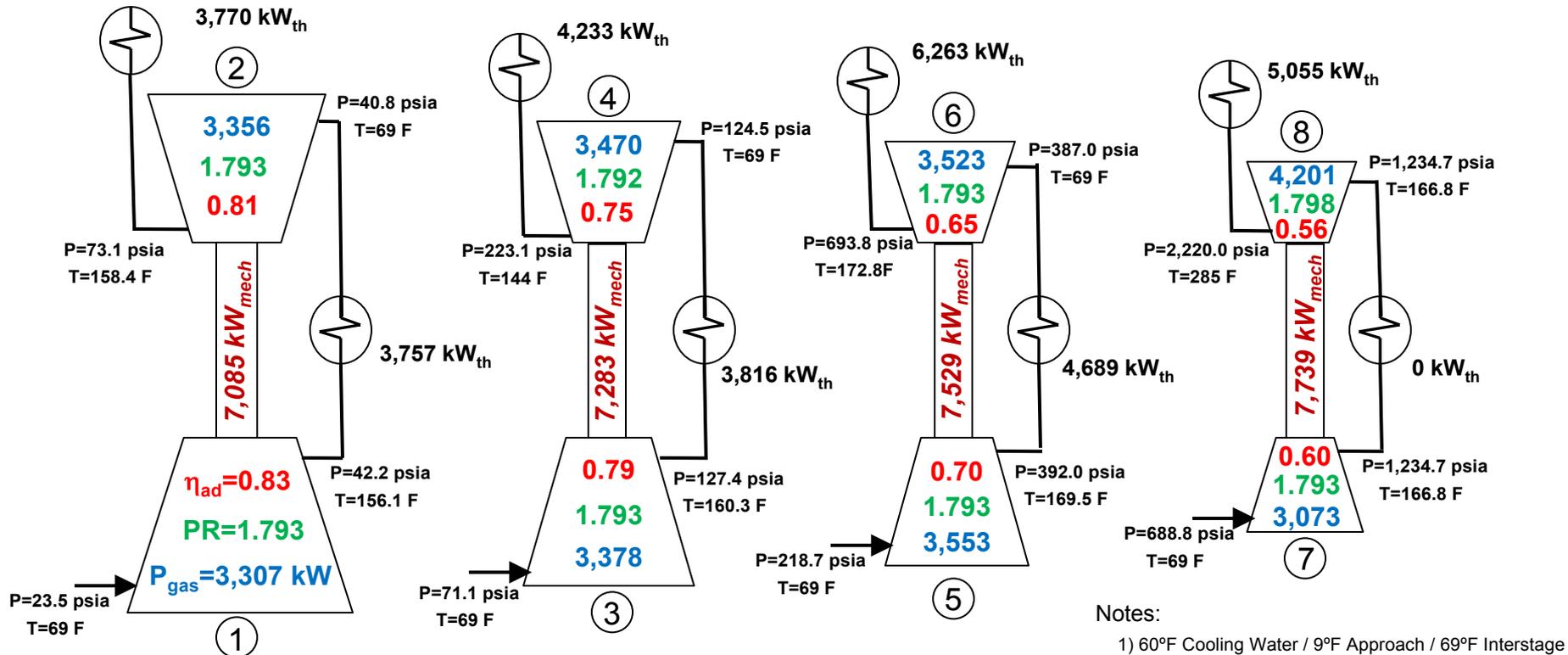


*At Critical P & T-
Distinct Gas & Liquid
Phases no Longer
Visible "Supercritical
Fluid" with Properties
of Both Liquids & Gases*

- Compression process transitions from superheated to supercritical phases
- Avoids liquid (sub-cooled) phase



Advantages Over Conventional Designs



- Shaft power (stages 1-8)

- Gas-path power = $27,862 \text{ kW}_{mech}$

- Total shaft power = $29,636 \text{ kW}_{mech}$

- Heat of compression

- Total rejected into coolers (stages 1-8) = $45,614 \text{ kW}_{th}$

- Total recoverable² = 224 kW_{th}

- Ramgen (stages 1-2)

- Total shaft power = $29,964 \text{ kW}_{mech}$

- Total recoverable² = $28,986 \text{ kW}_{th}$

Conventional Design Practices

- **Combined PR, turndown and specific speed effects limit maximum achievable stage pressure ratios (PR ~1.7 – 1.9)**
- **Increasing suction pressure and rotor pair speed matching results in decreasing rotor sizes through system**
- **Decreased rotor sizes result in decreased efficiency – Reynolds number effects become dominant**



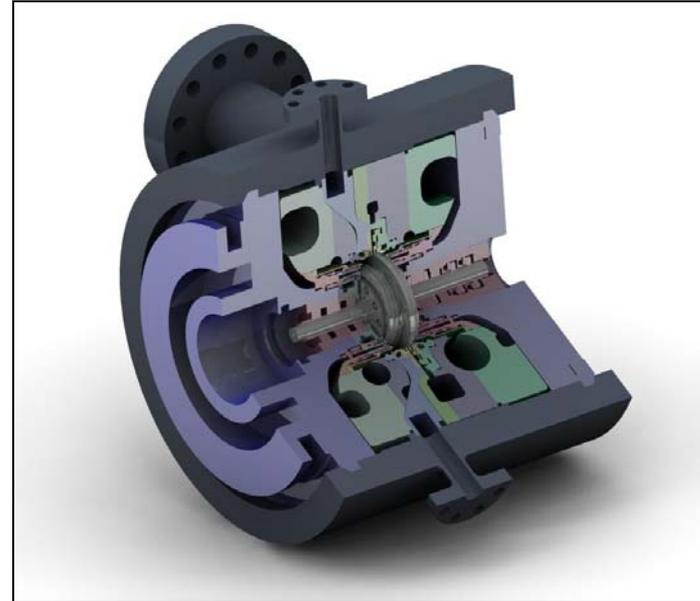
Benefits - Reduce CC(C)&S COE Penalty

MAN Turbo CO₂ Compressor



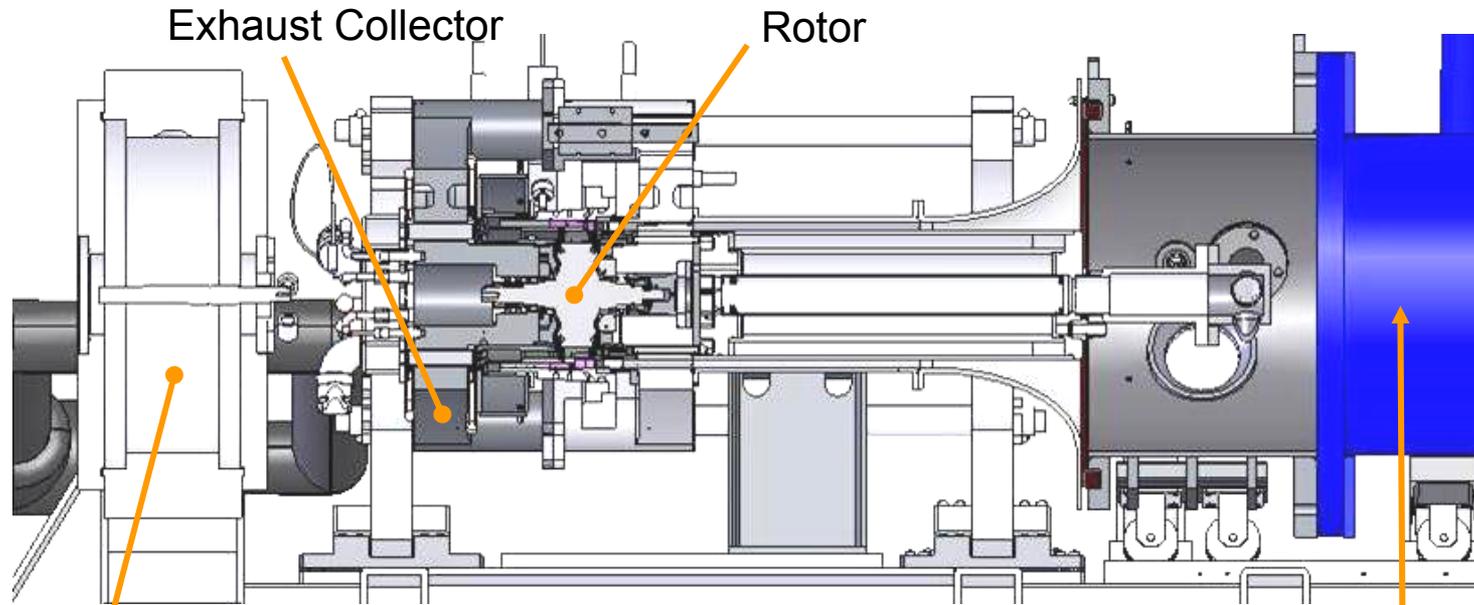
- **10-stage 6000 hp**
 - \$8.0 million ⇒ \$1350/hp
 - Pr 200:1 ⇒ 1.70 per stage
- **8-stage 20,000 hp**
 - \$15.0 million ⇒ \$750/hp
 - \$23.0 million installed ⇒ \$1150/hp
 - Pr 143:1 ⇒ 1.86 per stage

Ramgen CO₂ Compressor



- **Pr 10+:1 per stage; Intercooled**
- **1/10th the physical size**
- **50-60% of the installed capital cost**
- **Same shaft input power requirements**
- **Recover of 80% of the input Btu at 500°F**
 - Improve CCS efficiency
 - Reduce power plant de-rate

Progress/Current Status – Rampressor 2

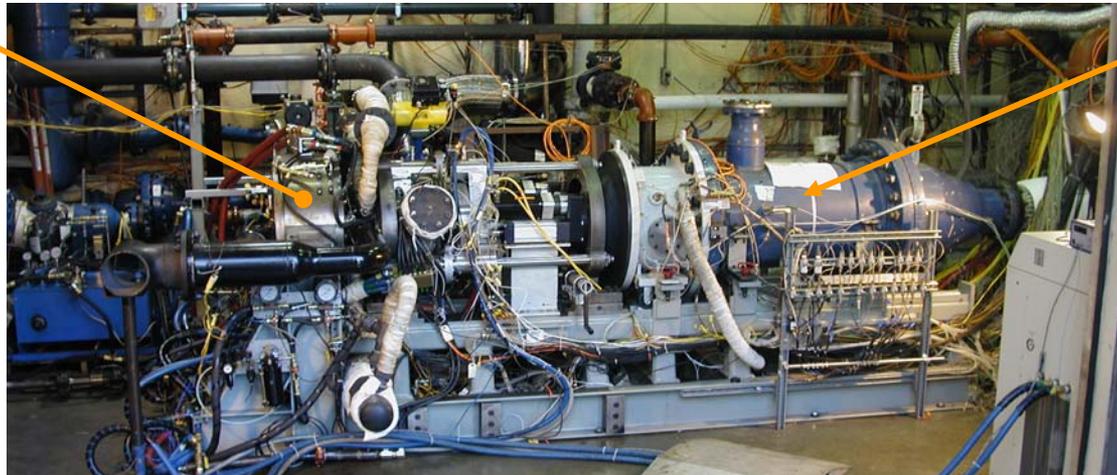


Drive Turbine

Exhaust Collector

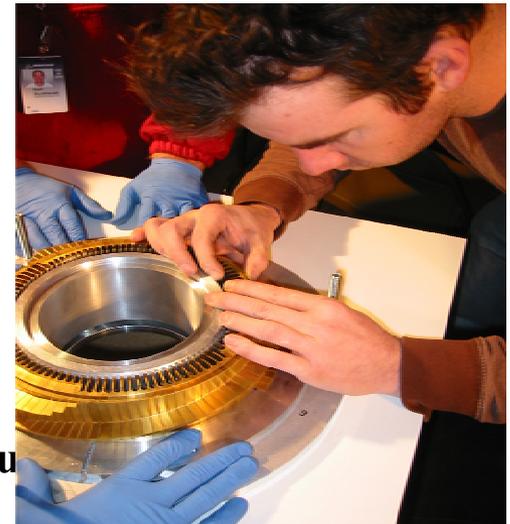
Rotor

Facility Air Supply Plenum



Ram 2 Results

- Achieved breakthrough rotor pressure ratio of $\sim 7.9:1$
- Demonstrated tip speeds up to $\sim 2,200$ ft/s and $M_{rel's}$ up to ~ 2.7
- Full flow path 3-D viscous CFD modeling successful
- Performance prediction/design tools match test
 - Pressure ratio
 - Mass flow
- Benign surge characteristics
- Data gathered for preliminary compressor maps
- Developed & demonstrated bearing designs suitable for production application
- Have not optimized all available technology “knobs” to increase efficiency

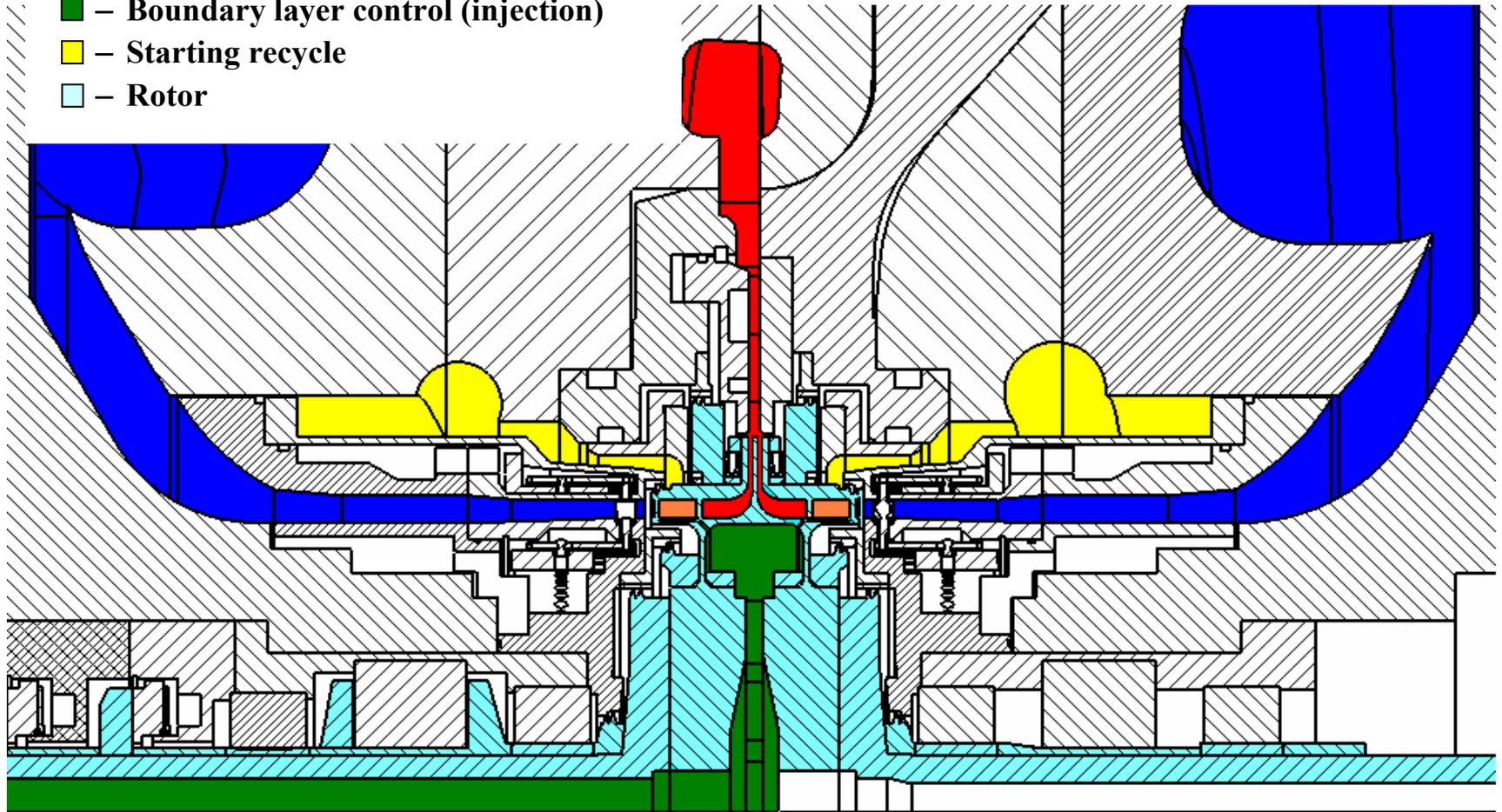


Test results fully traceable to CO₂ product

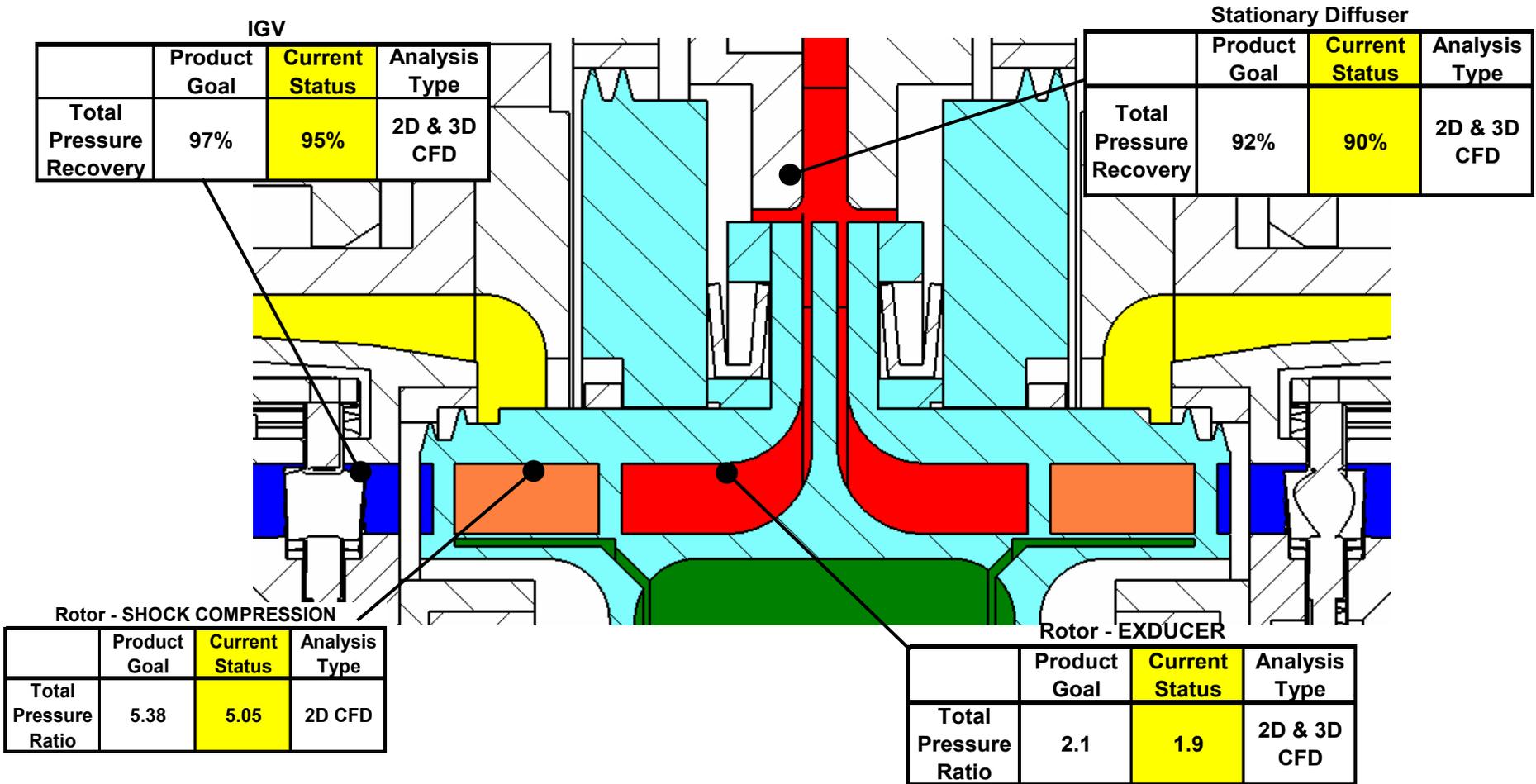
Working HP Stage Cross Section

- Key stage features

- – Suction (inflow)
- – Discharge (outflow)
- – Boundary layer control (injection)
- – Starting recycle
- – Rotor

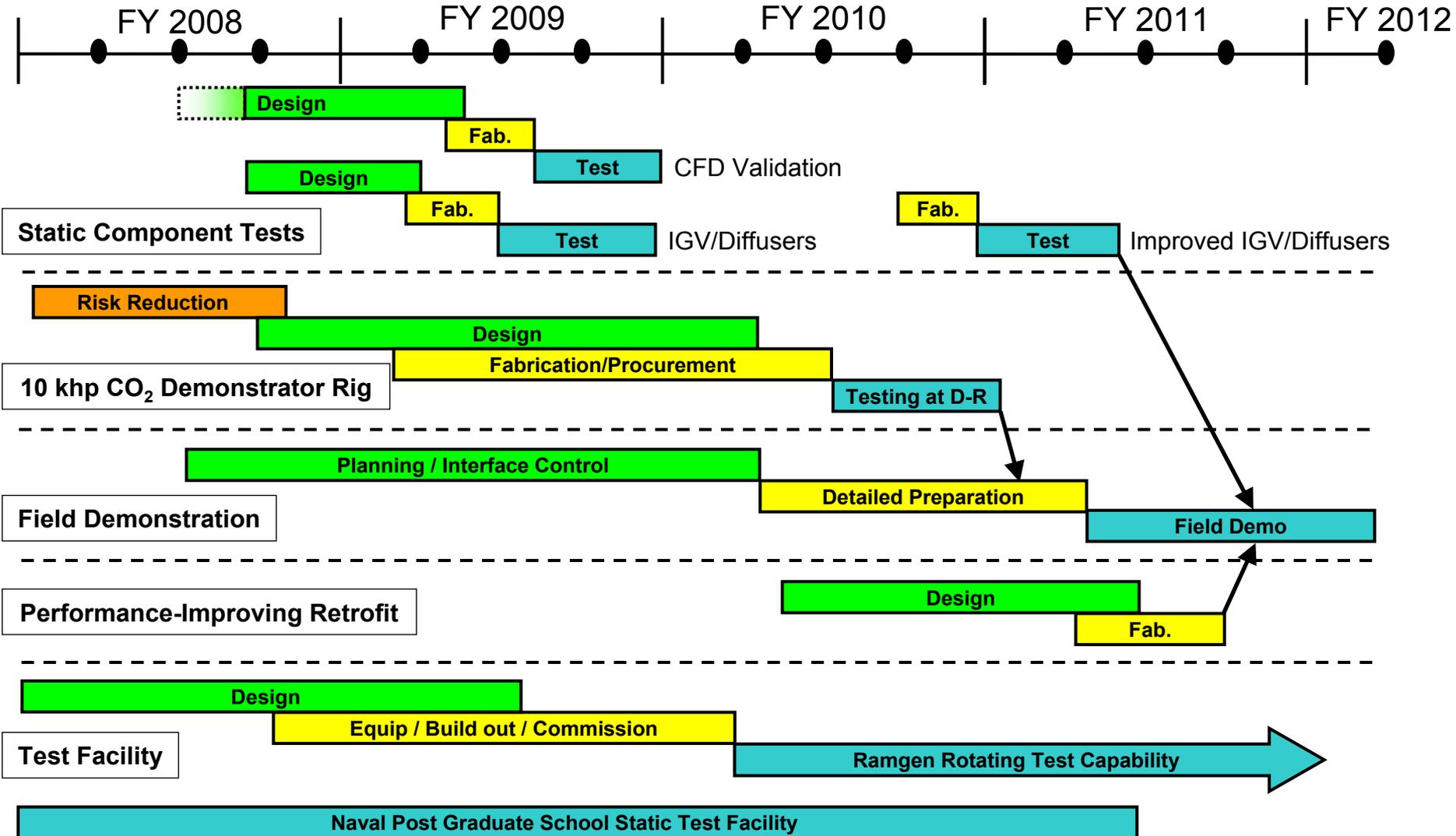


Demo Unit Performance Status



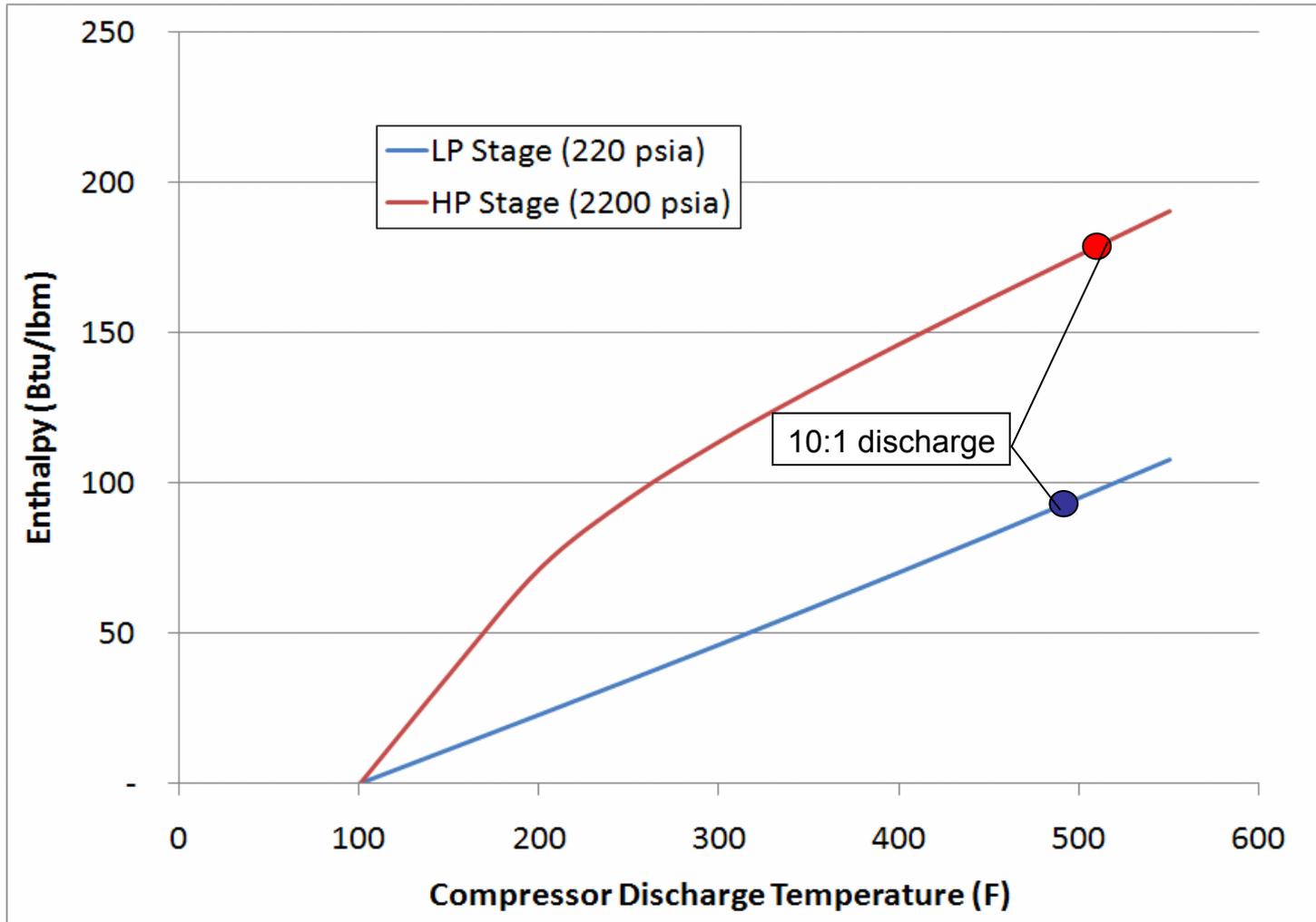
2D & 3D CFD Aero Analyses Indicate Component Performance Levels Are Near Product Levels

Future Testing/Commercialization



Ramgen Heat Recovery - Availability

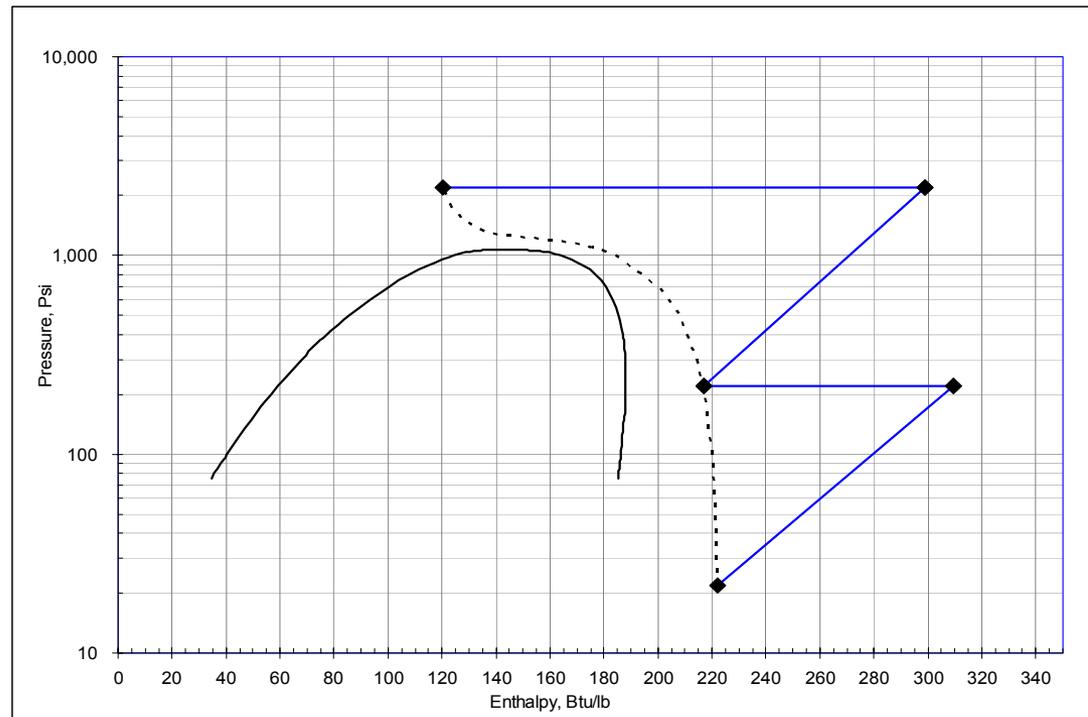
- HP stage has significantly more heat available due to non-ideal nature of CO₂



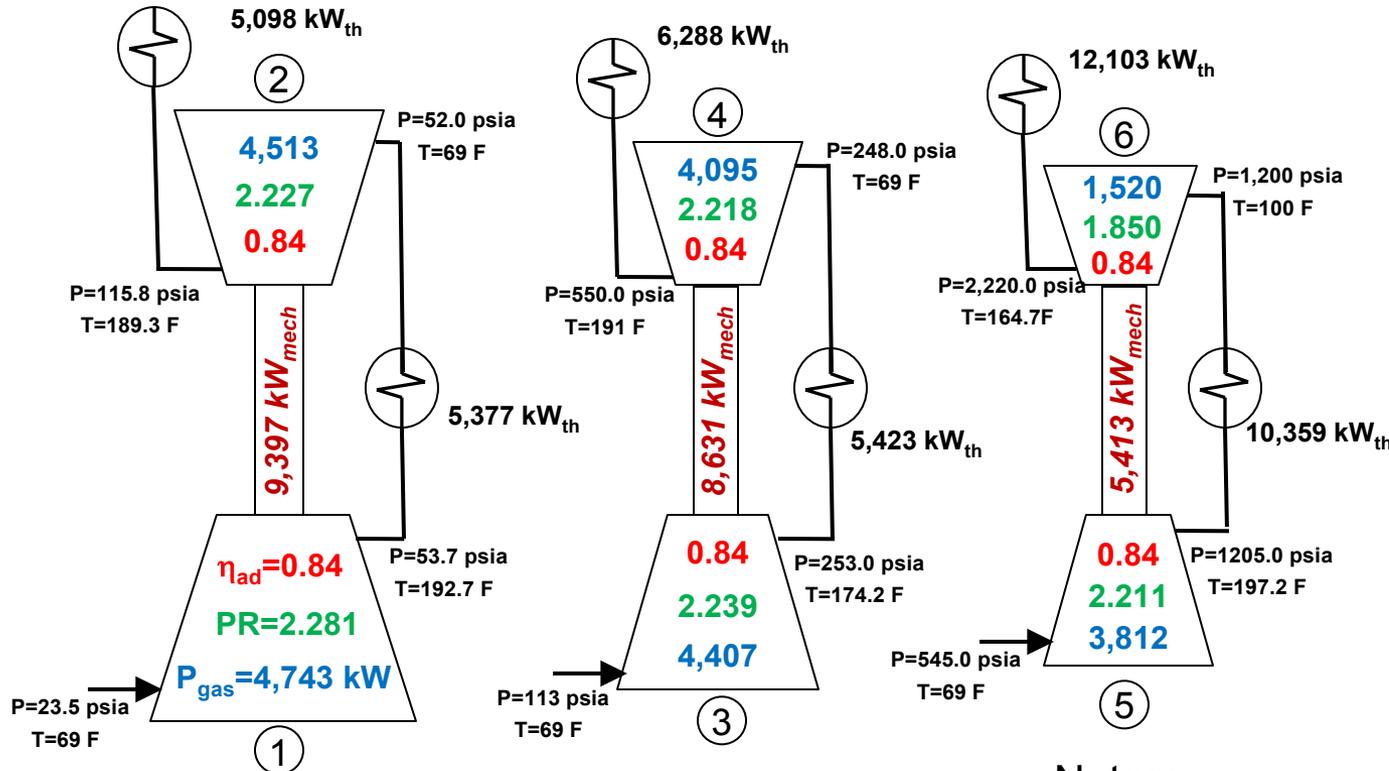
Ramgen Heat Recovery - Amount

	Low Pressure Stage 22 - 220 psia	High Pressure Stage 220 - 2200 psia
Compressor Shaft Input Work	90.6 Btu/lbm	87.0 Btu/lbm
Discharge Temperature	489 °F	509 °F
Lower Recovery Temperature	100 °F	100 °F
Recovered Heat	92.4 Btu/lbm	178.8 Btu/lbm
Recovered Heat/Compression Work	102%	205%

- Heat available in the HP hot discharge CO₂ is more than double the compressor shaft work
- 153% of the combined LP + HP shaft work is available as heat in the discharge CO₂



6-Stage Process (DOE Baseline)



- **Shaft power (stages 1-6)**

- Gas-path power = $23,090 \text{ kW}_{mech}$

- Total shaft power = $23,441 \text{ kW}_{mech}$

- **Heat of compression**

- Total rejected into coolers (stages 1-6) = $44,648 \text{ kW}_{th}$

- Total recoverable² = 0 kW_{th}

Notes:

- 1) 6 stage concept assumed in DOE
- 2) Recovery to 200°F
- 3) Constant Stage $\eta = 0.84$