

# wb1224 - Thermodynamics 2

## Lecture 10 – Energy Conversion Systems

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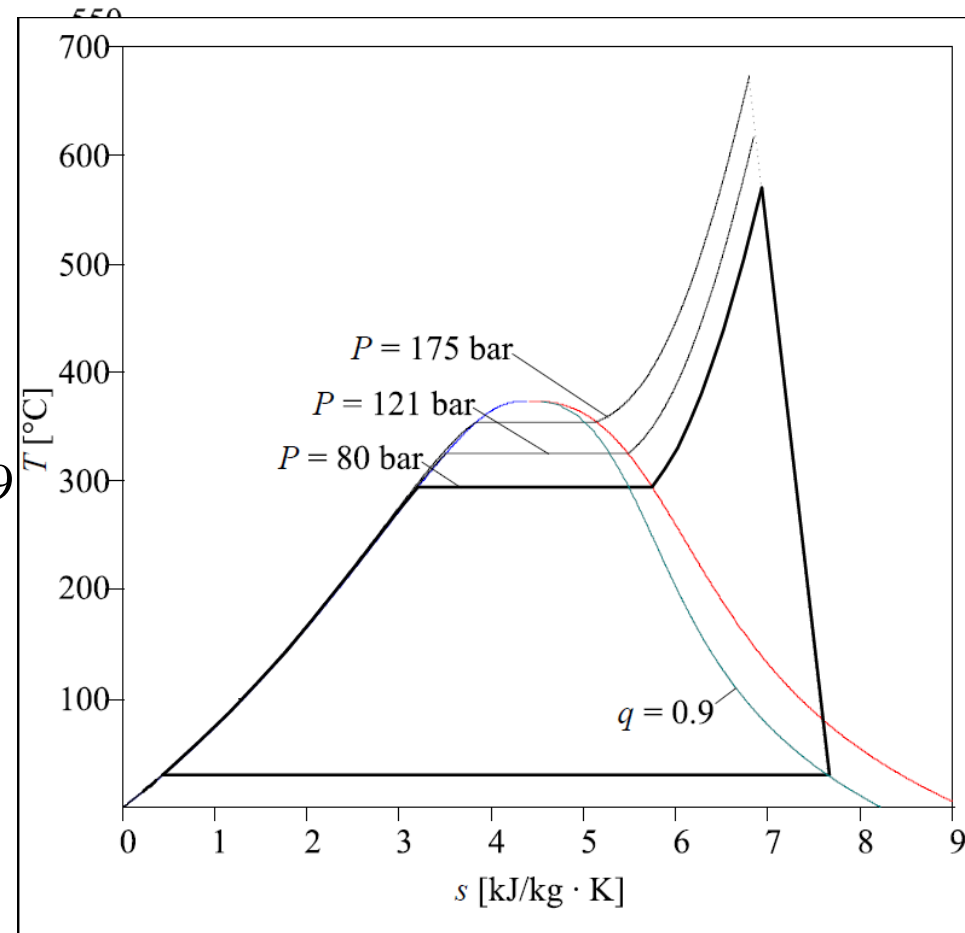
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- Refrigeration: compression cycle (inverse Rankine)
- Brayton cycle (Gas Turbines)
- Ideal vs real Brayton air cycle
- Regeneration
- Closed Brayton Cycle

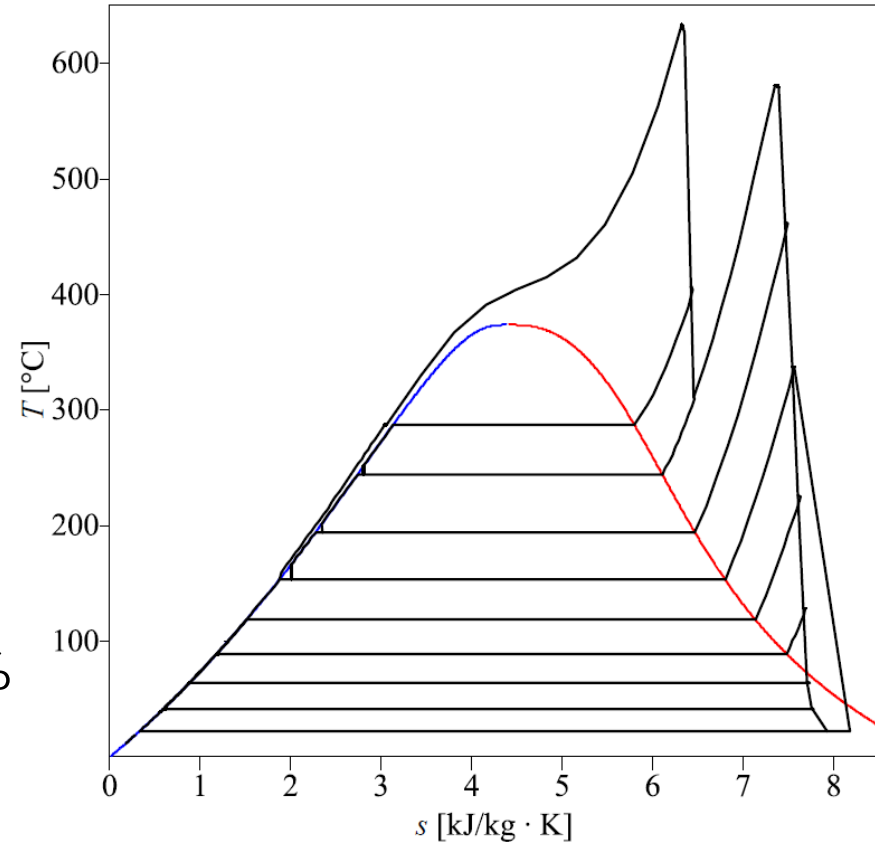
# Superheating and reheating

- The steam turbine: high expansion ratio ( $\beta_p=1884$ ) and problem of condensation
- Our example: quality  $q_4=0.81$ . Max for current turbines  $q_4=0.9$
- From Carnot: increase of  $P$  is beneficial: thermal energy introduced at higher  $T$
- Reheating



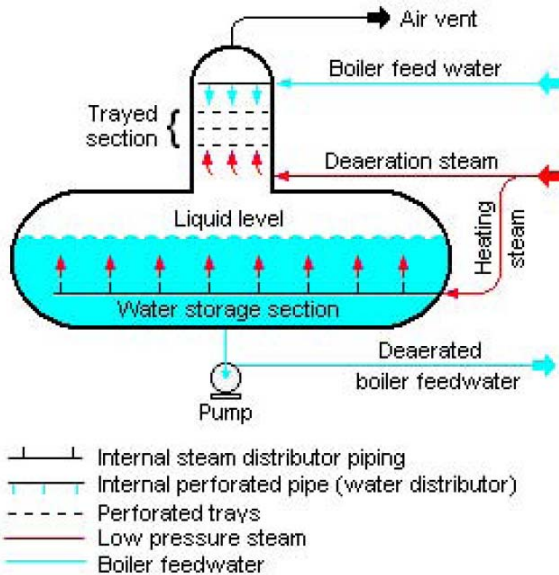
# Supercritical cycle

- Efficiency:  $\eta_{\text{cycle}} \propto \frac{T_{\text{max}}}{T_{\text{min}}}$
- Limit: materials
- Best steam power plants: (ultra) supercritical
- 300 bar and 630 °C,  $\eta_{\text{cycle}} = 48 \%$



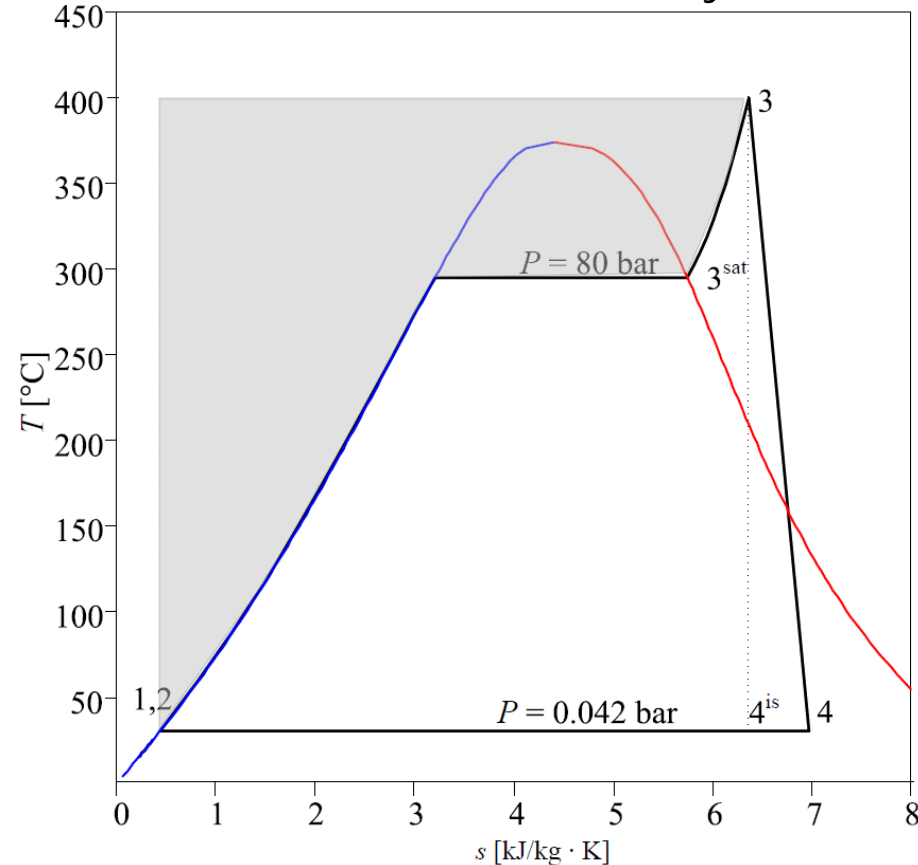
# Regeneration (1)

- Need for deration



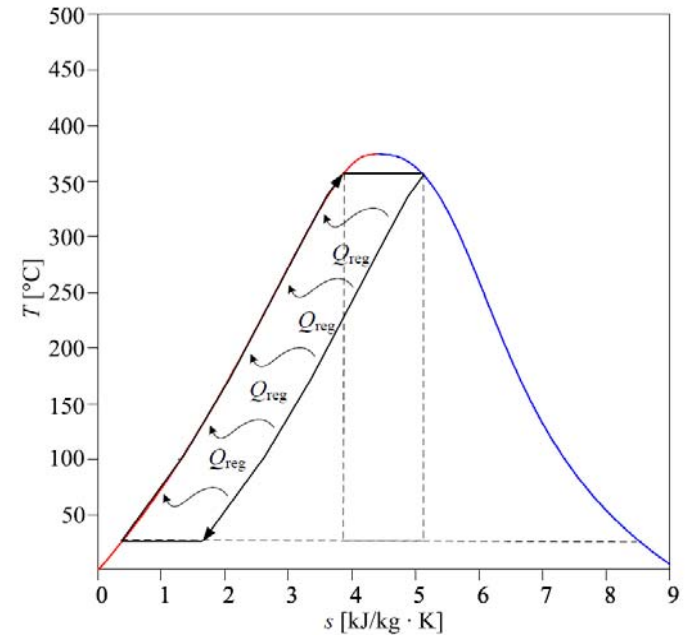
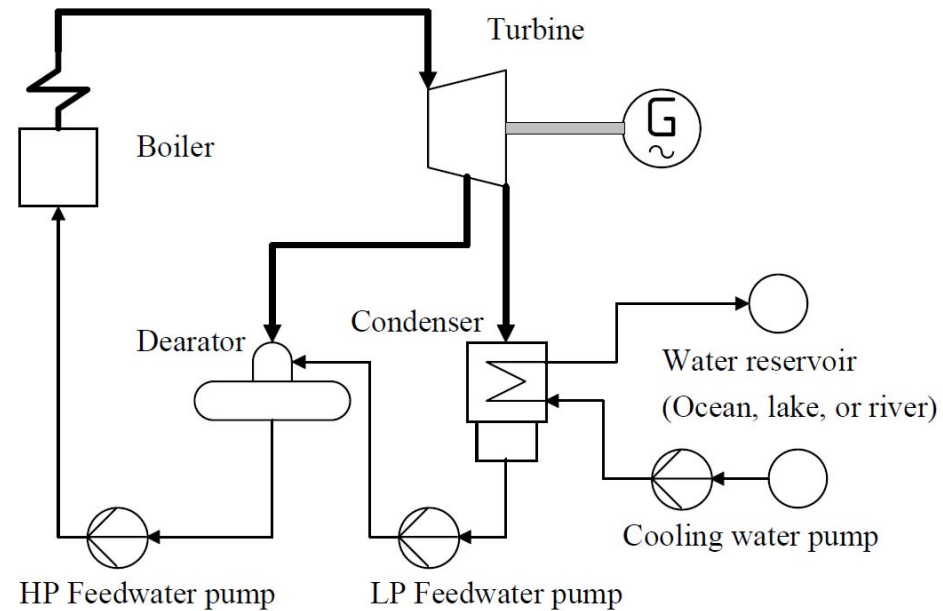
- Large inefficiency → liquid preheating with steam spilled from the turbine

Difference from Carnot Cycle



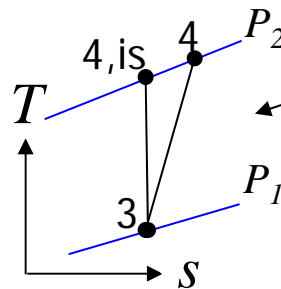
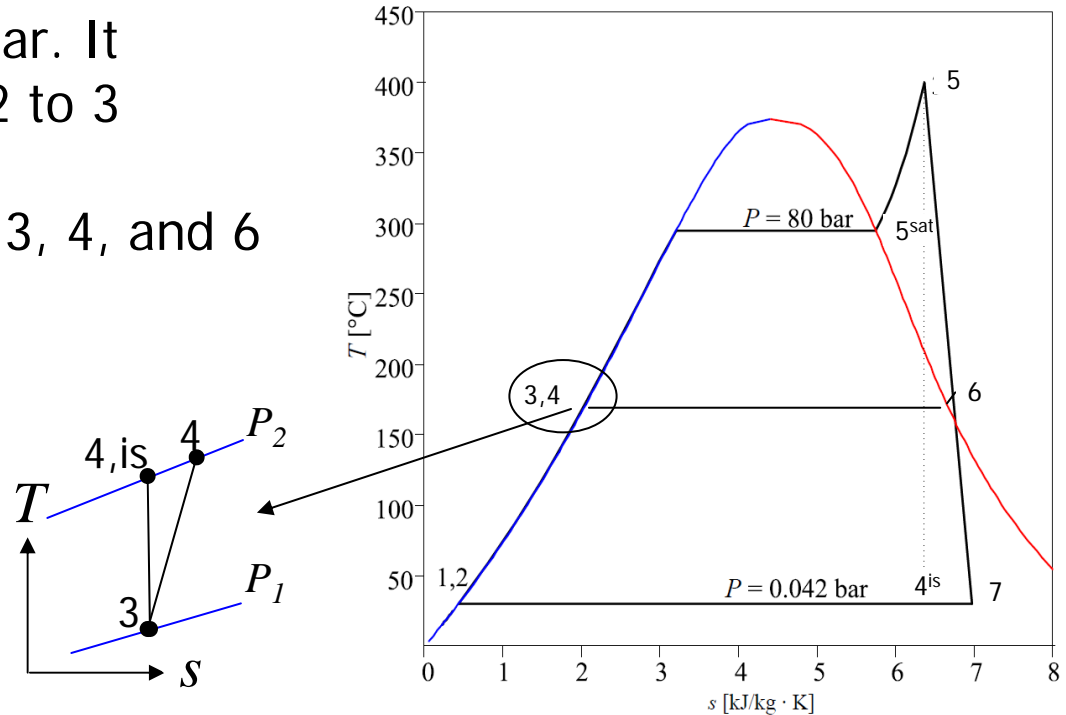
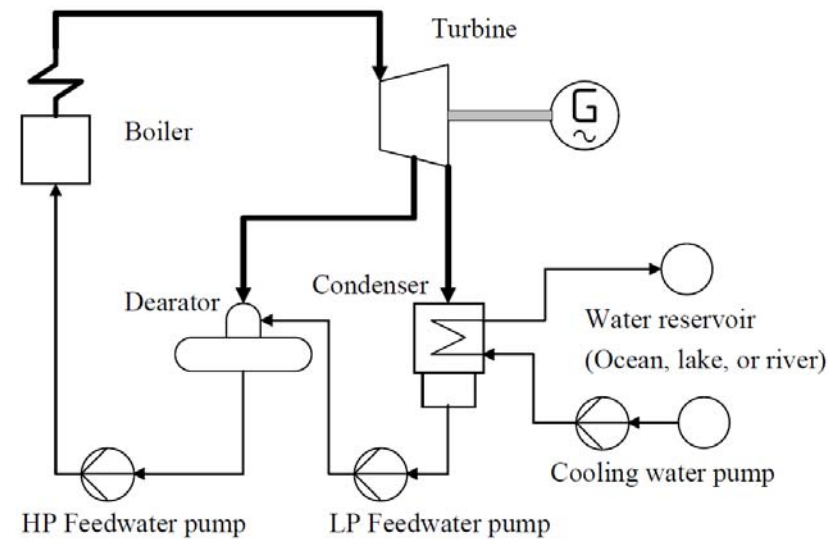
# Regeneration (2)

- Positive and negative effect
- Ideal: continuous regeneration = Carnot ("Arab phoenix")
- Common to all modern ECS and processes (heat integration)

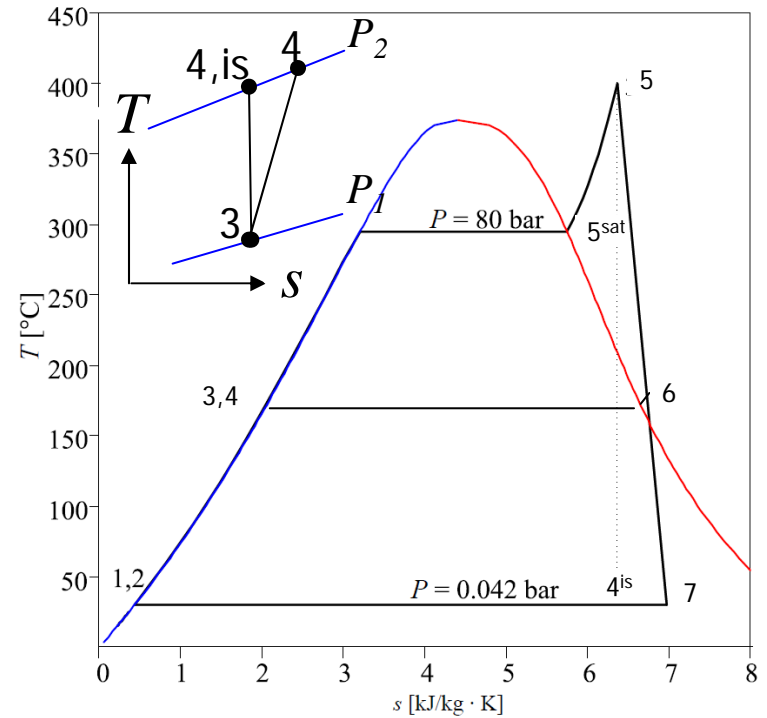
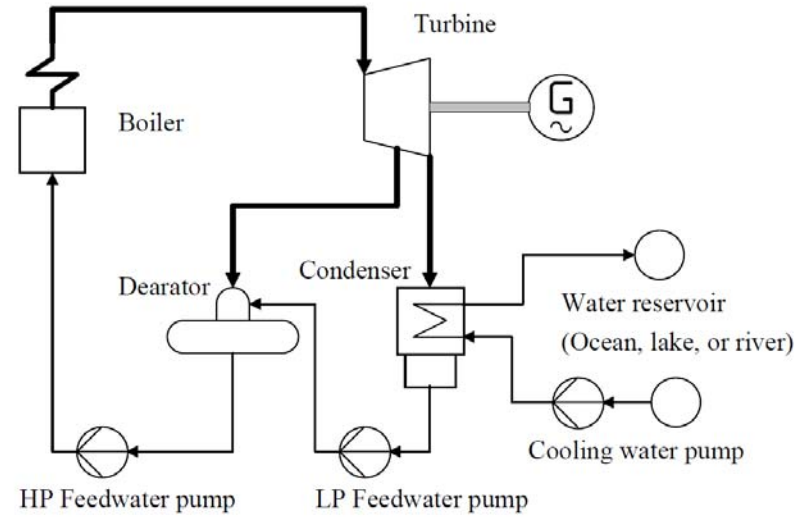


# Example: evaluation of regeneration

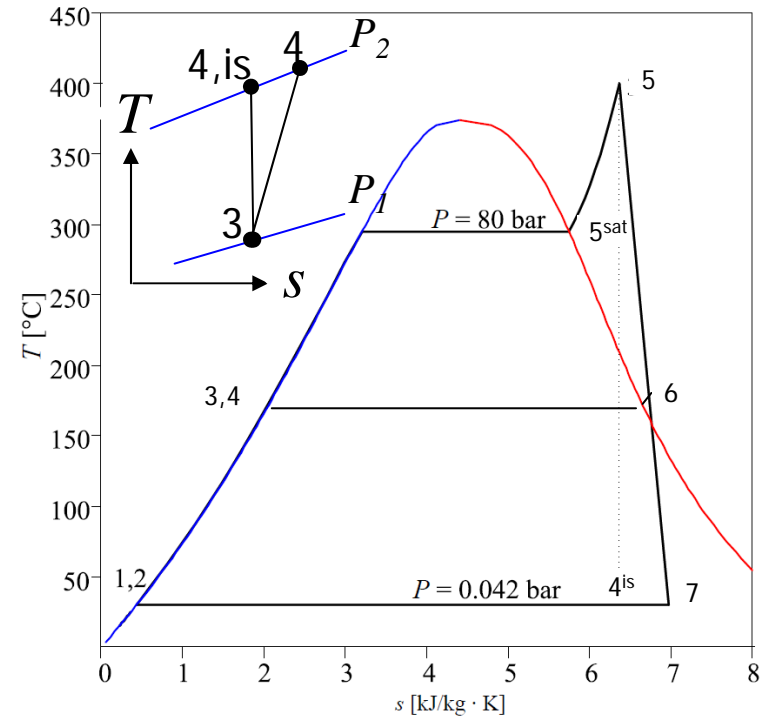
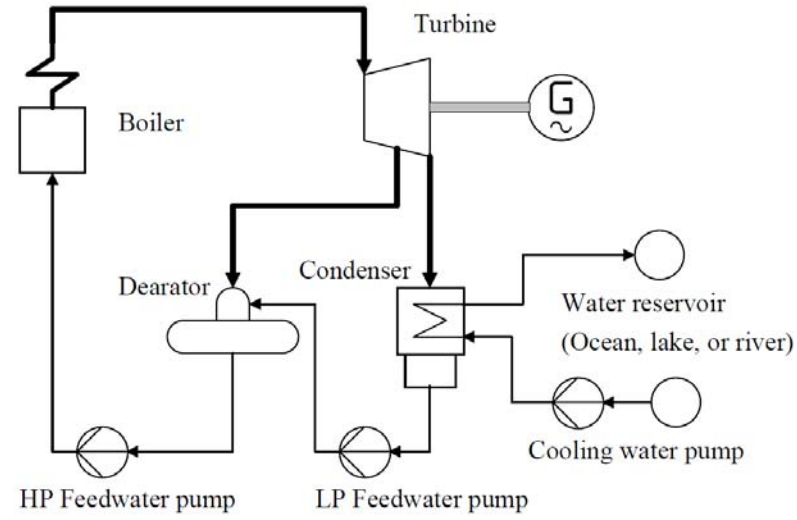
- Data as in the superheated cycle
- Steam extraction at 7 bar. It provides heating from 2 to 3
- Need to calculate state 3, 4, and 6



# State 3 (dearator)



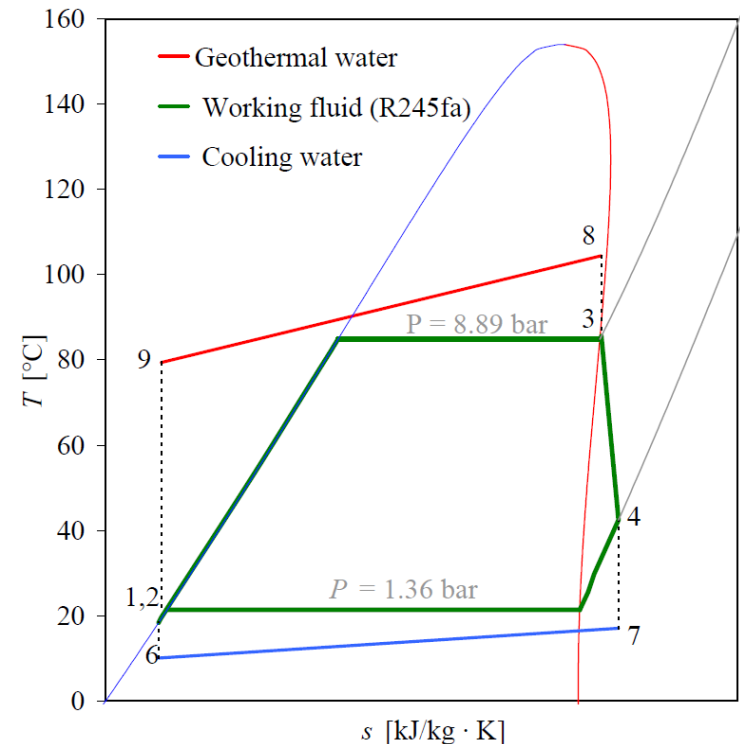




# Organic Rankine Cycle turbogenerator



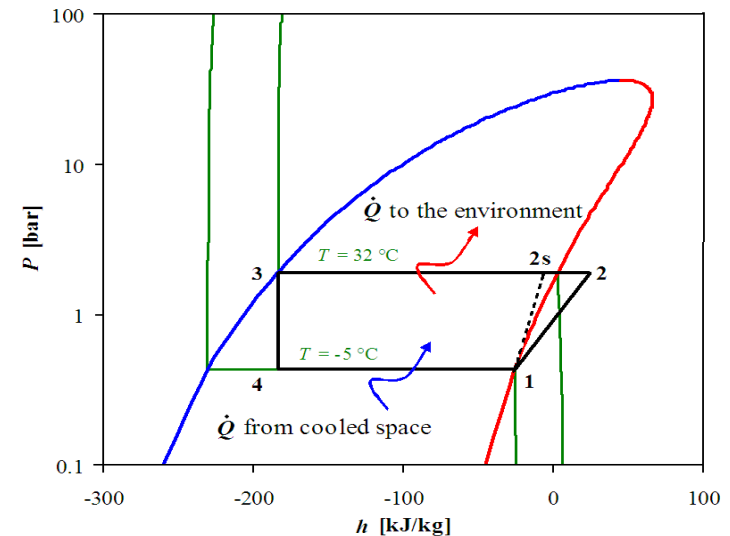
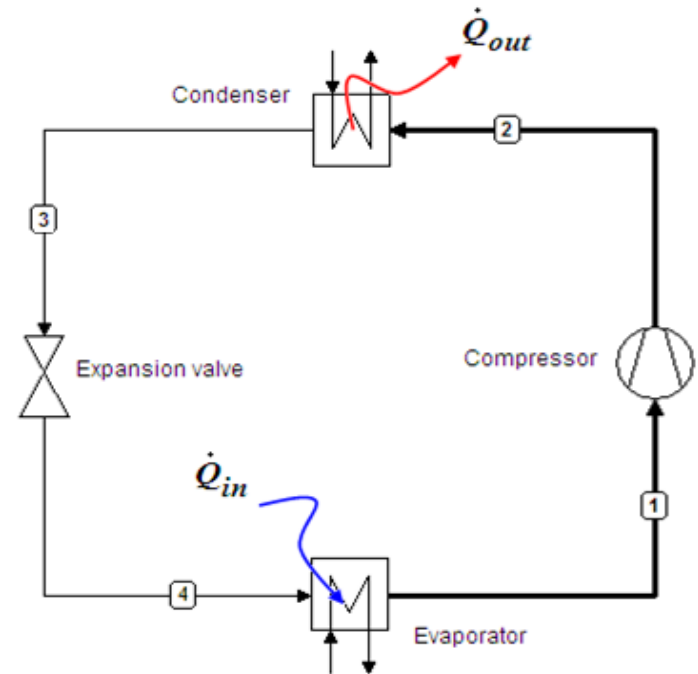
- Small capacity: from few kW up to 1-2 MW<sub>e</sub> (optimal turbine)
- Renewable energy!
- Good for low-temperature heat sources (geothermal)
- Dry expansion
- Analysis: the same as steam cycle, but different fluid



# Refrigeration

## Vapor compression cycle

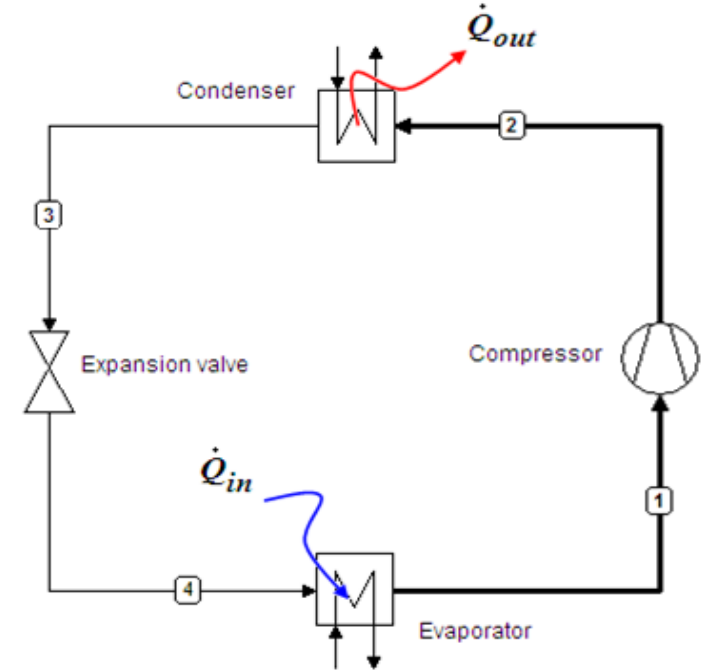
- Objective: cooling, thermal energy transfer (food, home,...)
- Inverse Rankine cycle (same cycle shape in the T-s and P-h diagrams)
- Thermal power transfer is obtained by means of mechanical power (compression)
- Working fluid: refrigerant to match environment conditions



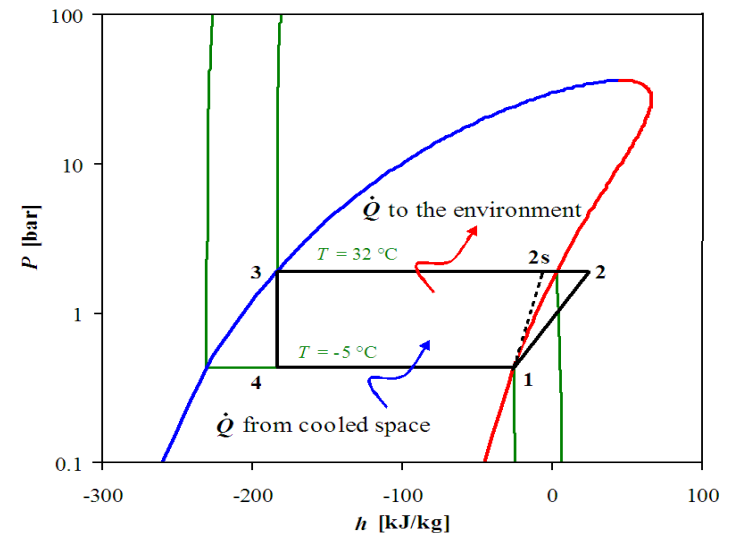
# Vapor comp. cycle analysis: Input data

## INPUT DATA

- Working fluid: R245fa
- Evaporation temperature:  $T = 268.15 \text{ K}$
- Condensation temperature  $T = 305.15 \text{ K}$
- Compressor:  $\eta_{is, compr} = 0.75$



log  $P$ - $h$  chart



Microsoft Excel - R245fa Tables.xls

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# 1 Properties of Saturated R245fa (Vapor-Liquid) as a Function of Temperature

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3 Thermodynamic model: StanMix, R245fa

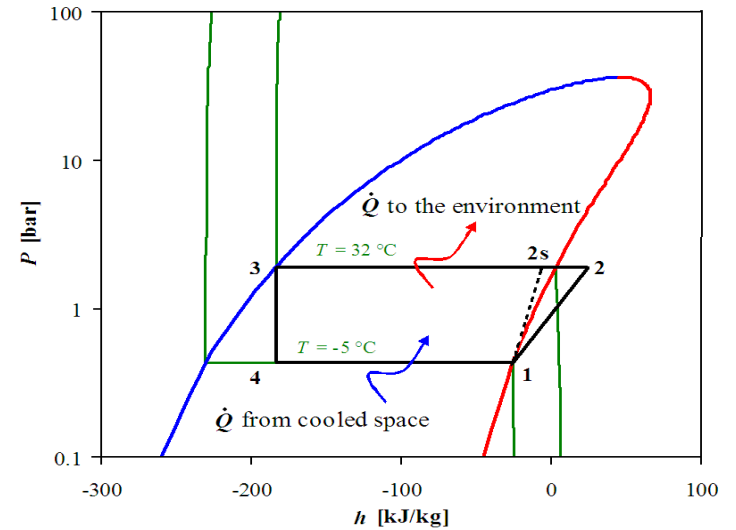
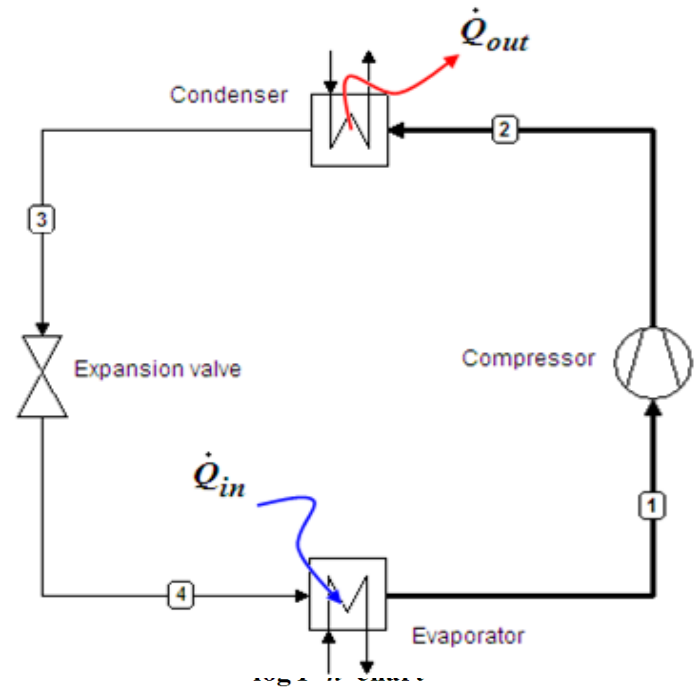
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5	Temp.	Pressure	Specific volume		Internal Energy		Enthalpy		Entropy		Pr
6			Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	Vapor	Liquid	Vapor	
7	°C	bar	m3/kg	m3/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg.K	kJ/kg.K	
8	T	P	v <sub>L</sub>	v <sub>V</sub>	u <sub>L</sub>	u <sub>V</sub>	h <sub>L</sub>	h <sub>V</sub>	s <sub>L</sub>	s <sub>V</sub>	
9	-50	0.031525	0.0006501	4.381	-281.80	-73.0	-281.80	-59.2	-1.0107	-0.0133	
10	-40	0.0626	0.0006580	2.301	-270.75	-66.5	-270.75	-52.1	-0.9623	-0.0243	
11	-30	0.116347	0.0006666	1.288	-259.48	-59.7	-259.47	-44.7	-0.9149	-0.0317	
12	-20	0.204148	0.0006759	0.761	-247.97	-52.8	-247.96	-37.2	-0.8686	-0.0362	
13	-10	0.340655	0.0006862	0.472	-236.23	-45.7	-236.20	-29.6	-0.8231	-0.0381	
14	-5	0.432692	0.0006917	0.377	-230.26	-42.1	-230.23	-25.8	-0.8006	-0.0382	
15	0	0.543965	0.0006975	0.305	-224.23	-38.5	-224.19	-22.0	-0.7783	-0.0379	
16	2	0.594483	0.0006999	0.280	-221.79	-37.1	-221.75	-20.4	-0.7694	-0.0377	
17	4	0.648715	0.0007024	0.258	-219.35	-35.6	-219.31	-18.9	-0.7606	-0.0373	
18	6	0.706857	0.0007049	0.238	-216.90	-34.2	-216.85	-17.3	-0.7518	-0.0370	
19	8	0.769109	0.0007074	0.220	-214.43	-32.7	-214.38	-15.8	-0.7430	-0.0365	
20	10	0.835677	0.0007100	0.204	-211.96	-31.2	-211.90	-14.2	-0.7342	-0.0360	
21	12	0.906772	0.0007127	0.189	-209.47	-29.8	-209.41	-12.6	-0.7254	-0.0354	
22	14	0.982612	0.0007154	0.175	-206.98	-28.3	-206.91	-11.1	-0.7167	-0.0348	
23	16	1.063417	0.0007181	0.162	-204.47	-26.8	-204.39	-9.5	-0.7080	-0.0341	
24	18	1.149416	0.0007210	0.151	-201.95	-25.3	-201.86	-8.0	-0.6993	-0.0334	
25	20	1.240841	0.0007239	0.140	-199.41	-23.8	-199.32	-6.4	-0.6906	-0.0326	
26	22	1.337929	0.0007268	0.131	-196.87	-22.4	-196.77	-4.9	-0.6820	-0.0318	
27	24	1.440924	0.0007299	0.122	-194.31	-20.9	-194.21	-3.3	-0.6734	-0.0309	
28	26	1.550073	0.0007330	0.114	-191.74	-19.4	-191.63	-1.8	-0.6647	-0.0300	

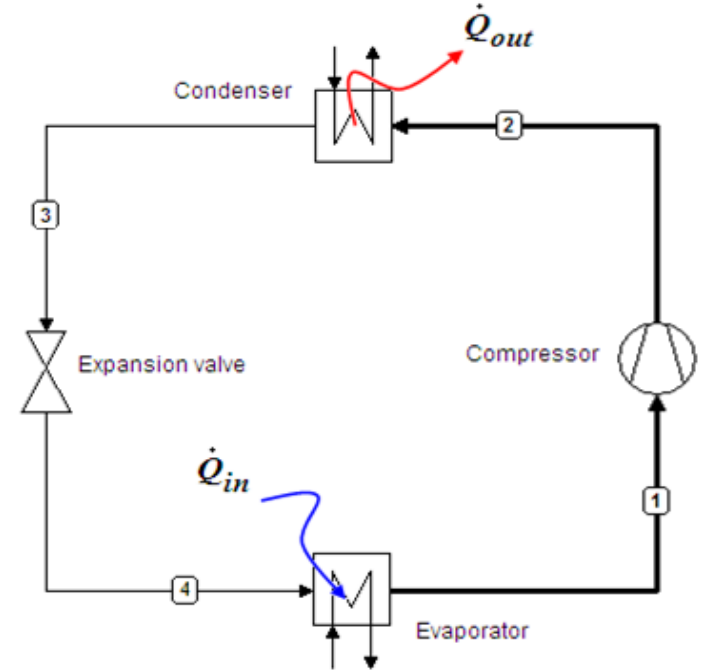
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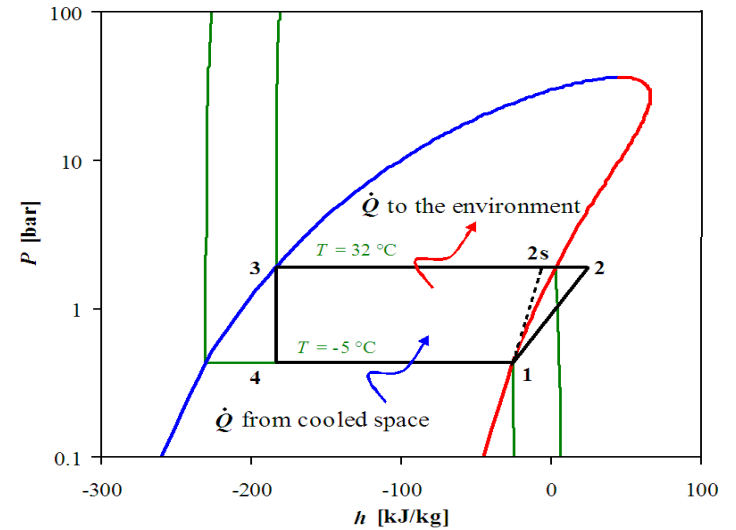
# Refrigeration cycle: Analysis (1)



# Refrigeration cycle: Analysis (2)

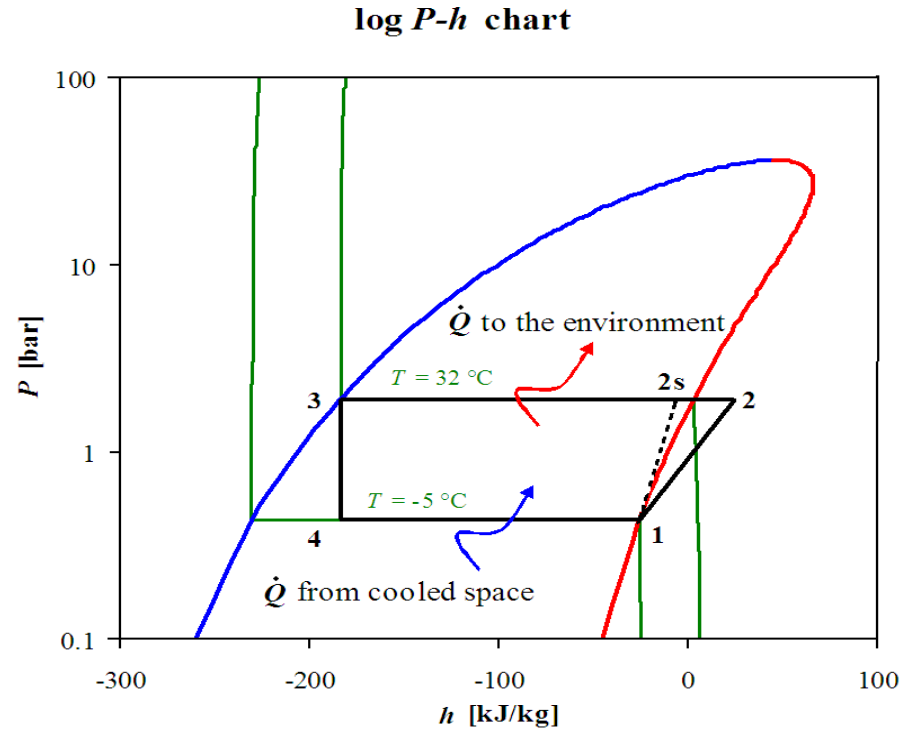


log  $P$ - $h$  chart





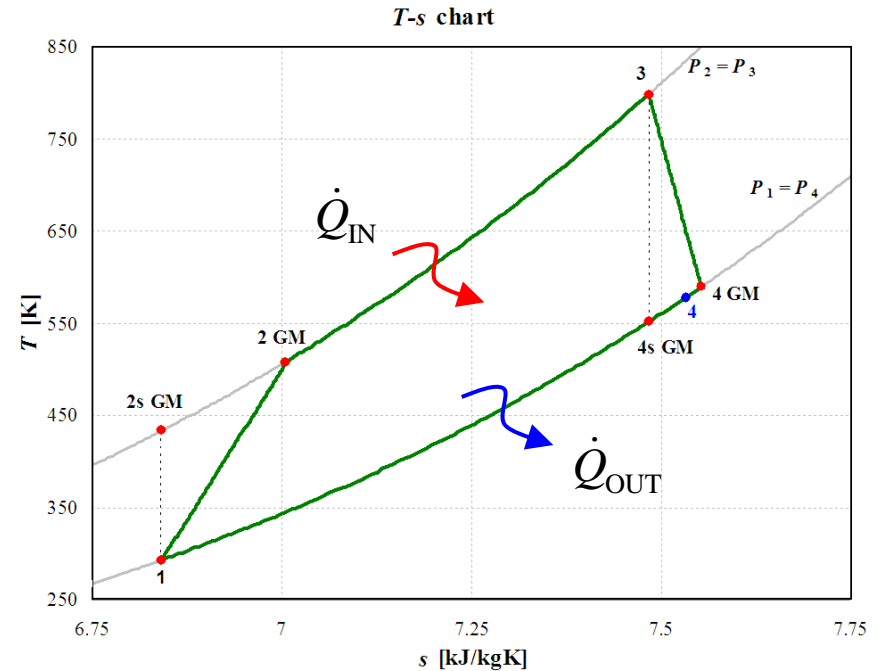
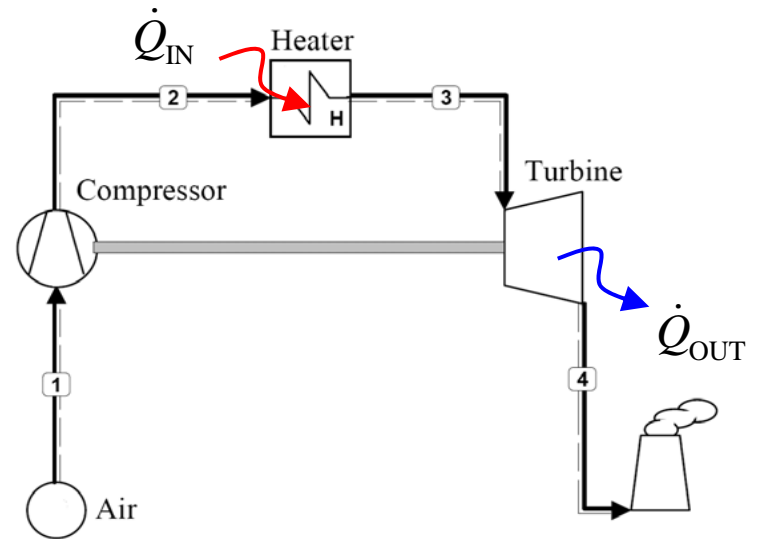
# Calculation of the COP





# Brayton cycle

- Advantage of a gas cycle (simple, light)
- Why gas turbine came after steam engines
- Working fluid: air (ideal gas)
- Operating principle
- Processes



# Brayton cycle calculation: Input data

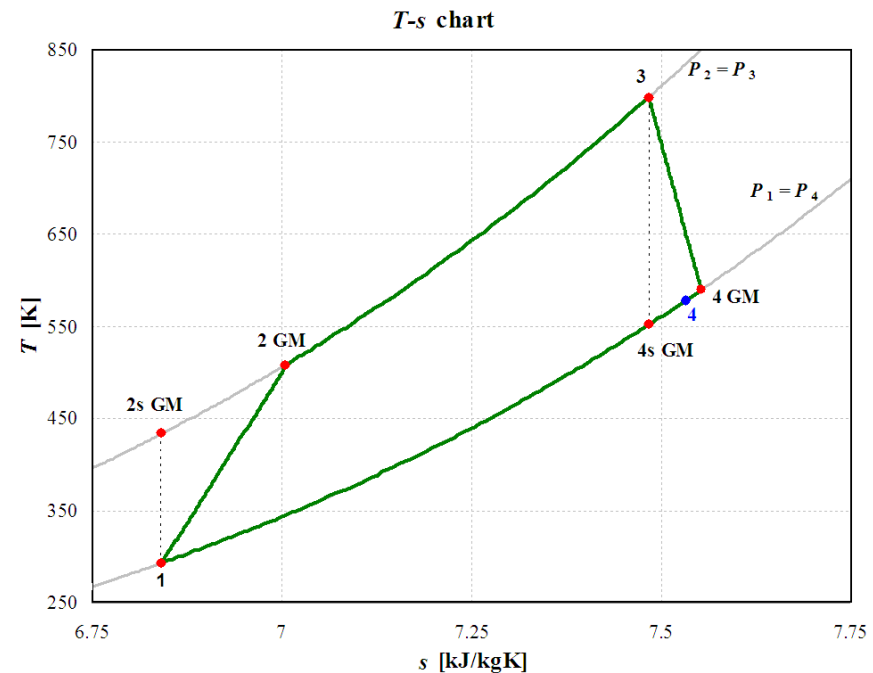
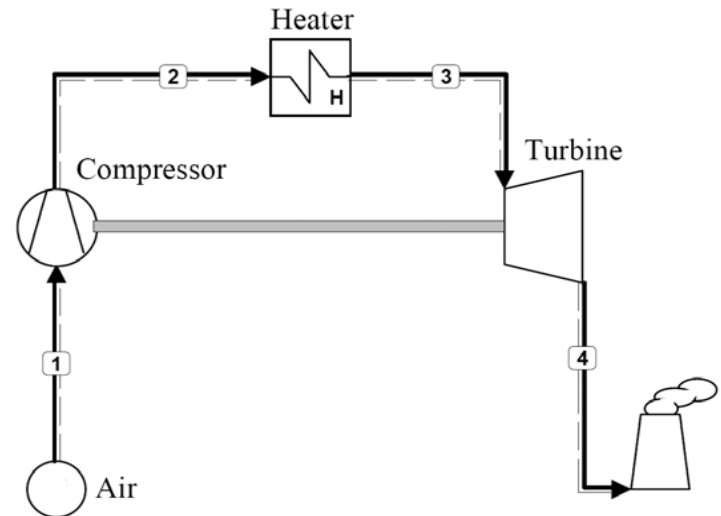
## INPUT DATA: operating parameters

- State 1, 293.15K (20 °C), 1.013 bar (atmospheric pressure)
- State 2, 0.4 MPa (4 bar)
- State 3, 798.15 K (525 °C), 0.4 MPa (4 bar)
- State 4, 1.013 bar

## INPUT DATA: components efficiencies

- Compressor:  $\eta_{is, comp} = 0.65$
- Turbine:  $\eta_{is, turb} = 0.85$

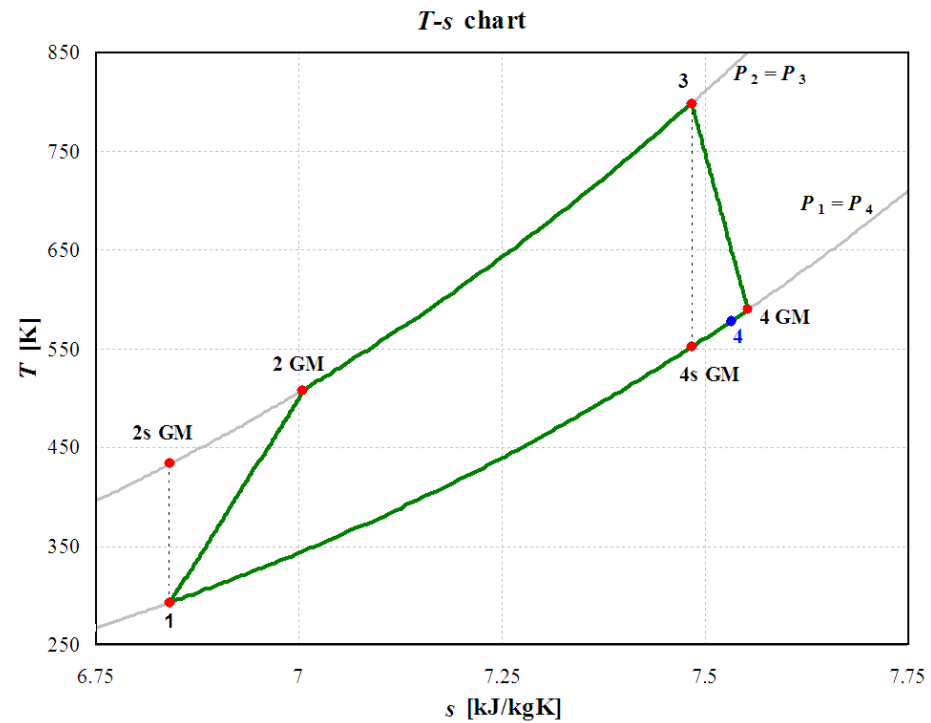
Same as in the Rankine Cycle example



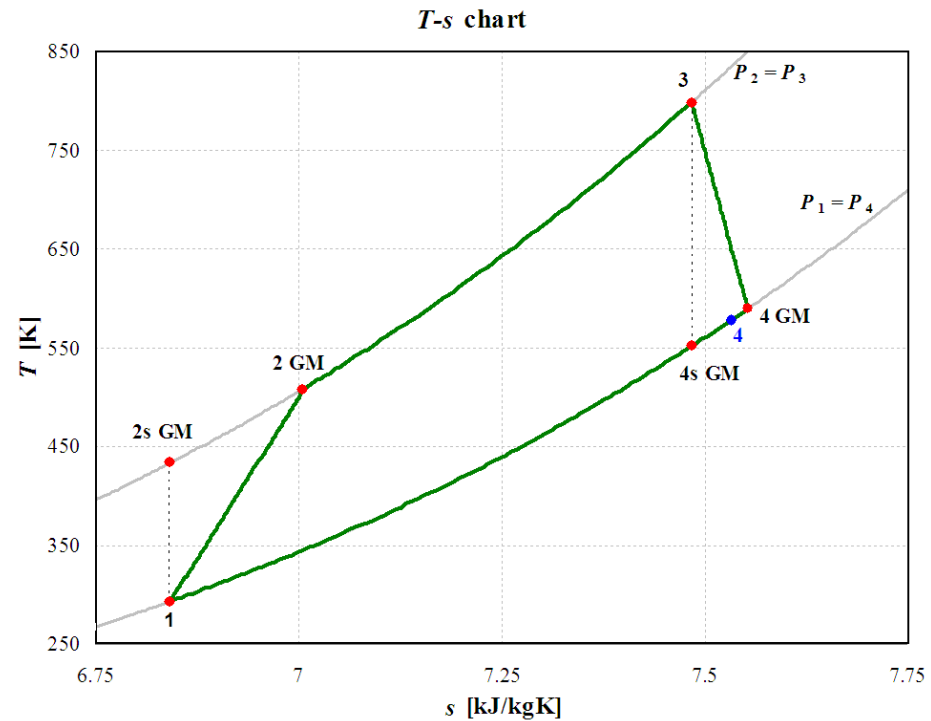
# Assumptions

- Kinetic and potential energies negligible at states 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Compressor and turbine adiabatic
- No pressure drop in the heater
- The system is at steady state
- Equilibrium states at 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Air can be modeled as a polytropic ideal gas ( $\gamma = 1.4$   $C_p = \text{const} = 1.04 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$ ) or as an ideal gas with  $C_p = C_p(T)$  (FluidProp/GasMix)

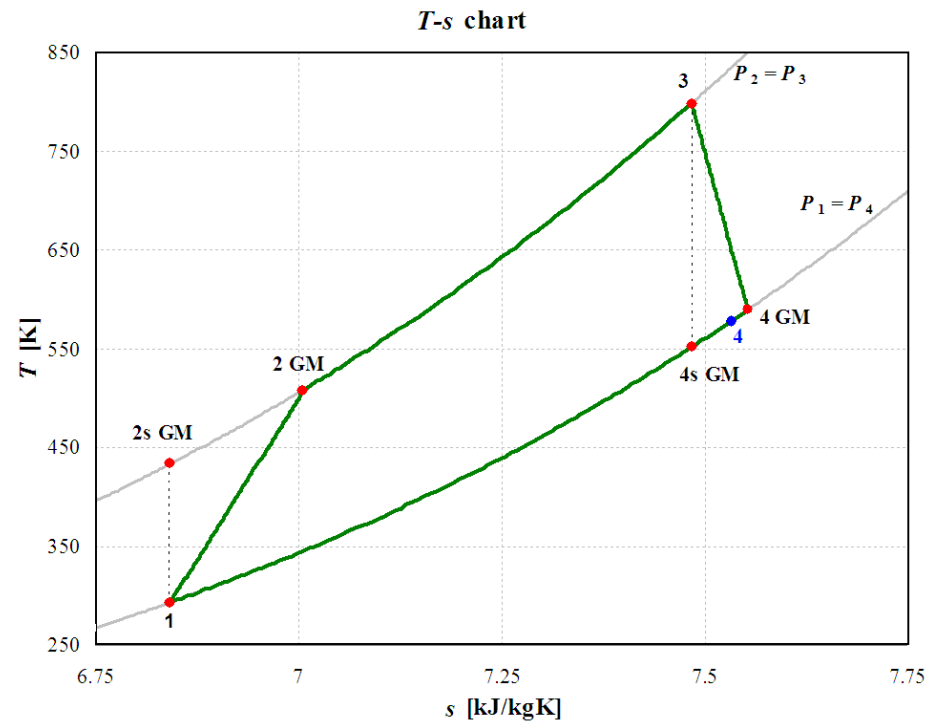
# Compressor work (state 1&2)



# Air Heating (state 3)



# Turbine work (state 4)



# Net power output and efficiency

Comparison with Superheated Rankine cycle for similar compression and expansion efficiencies, but higher TIT.

$$\eta_{I,Rankine} = 0.34$$

$$\eta_{II,Rankine} = 0.62$$

# Efficiency of the ideal Brayton cycle

$Pv = RT$ ,  $c_p = \text{const.}$ , isentropic compression/expansion

$$\eta = \frac{W_{\text{net}}}{q_{\text{in}}} = 1 - \frac{q_{\text{out}}}{q_{\text{heater}}} = 1 - \frac{\overbrace{c_p (T_4 - T_1)}^{\substack{\text{divide and} \\ \text{multiply by } T_1}}}{\underbrace{c_p (T_3 - T_2)}_{\substack{\text{divide and} \\ \text{multiply by } T_2}}} = 1 - \frac{T_4/T_1 - 1}{T_3/T_2 - 1} \cdot \frac{T_1}{T_2}$$

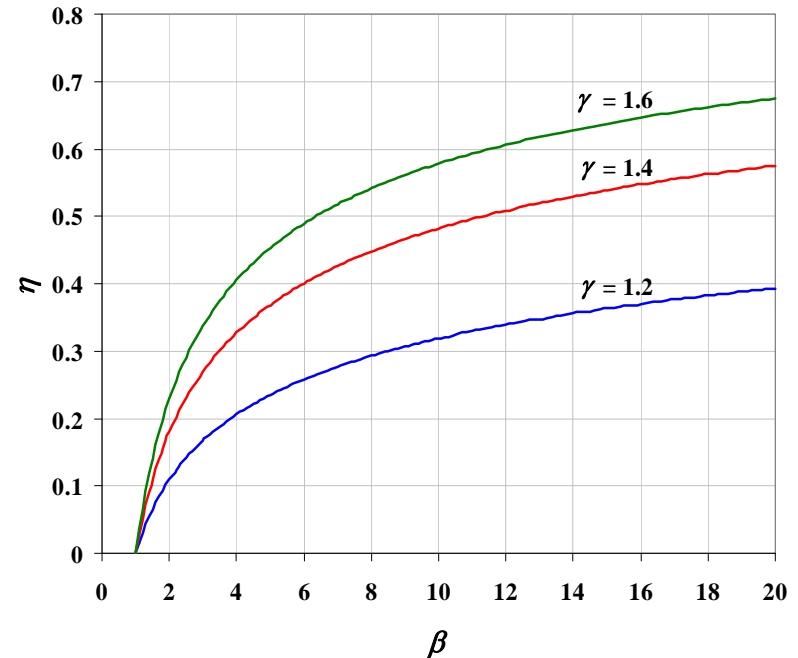
$$\frac{T_4}{T_1} = \frac{T_3}{T_2} \Rightarrow \eta = 1 - \frac{T_1}{T_2}$$

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{T_3}{T_4} = \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \quad \beta = \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{P_3}{P_4}$$

$$g = \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}$$

$$\eta = 1 - \beta^{-g}$$

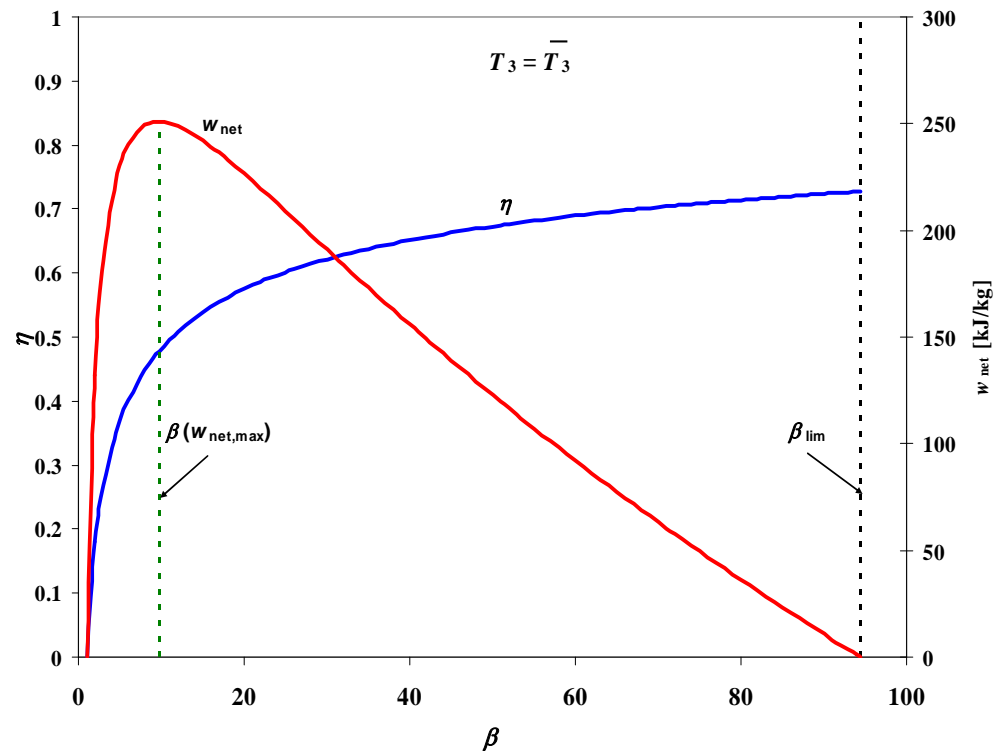
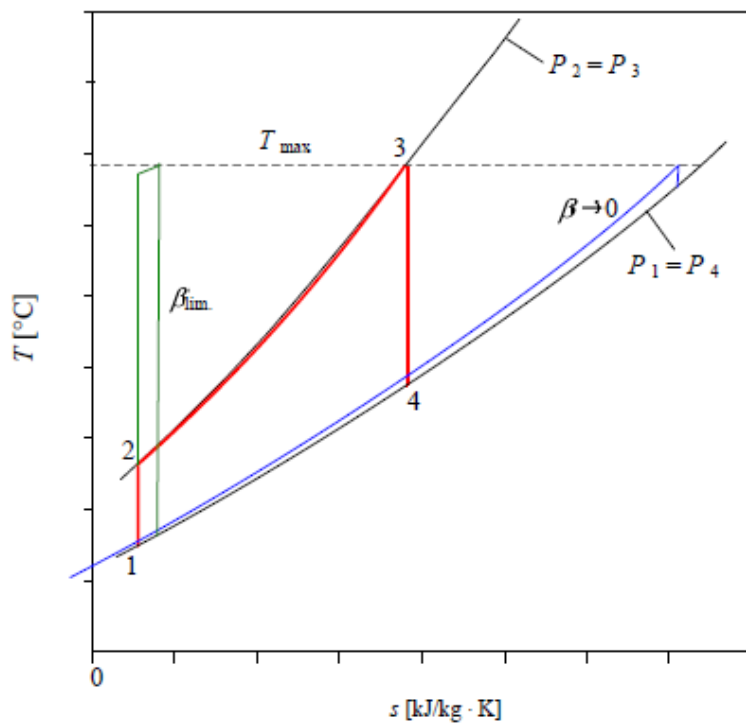
Depends only on  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$





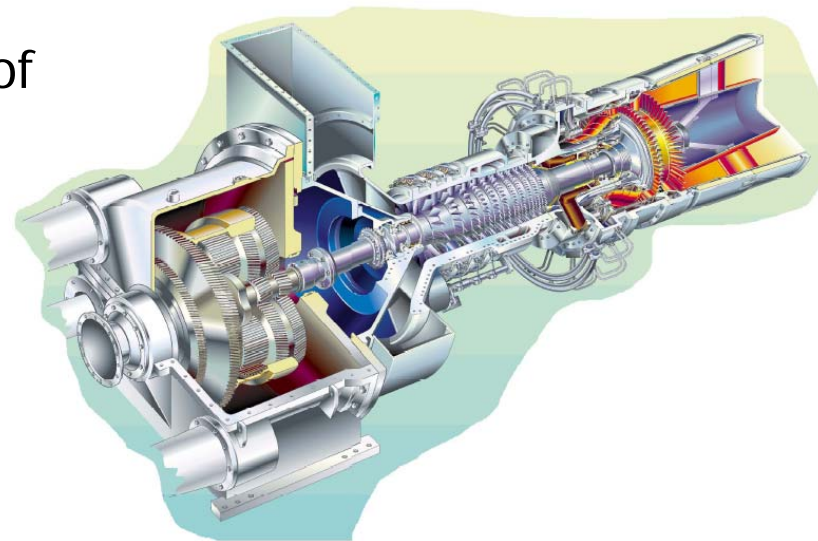
# Ideal gas cycle

$W_{\text{net}}$  max for  $T_4 = T_2$



# Comparison real vs ideal cycle

- The most relevant losses are in the compressor and turbine: limitation of ideal-gas analysis ( $\beta$  too high is a problem)
- Limit on TIT (blade cooling)
- Fuel issue



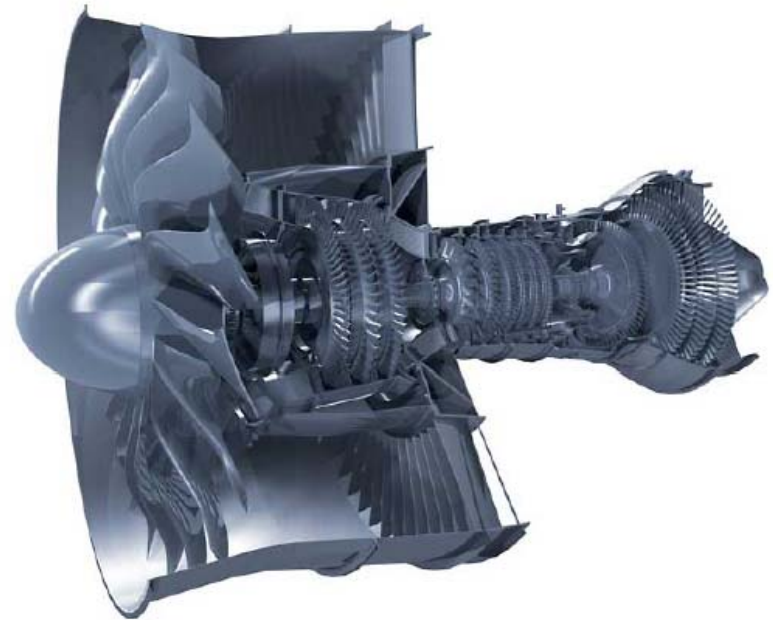
# Gas Turbine

## Advantages:

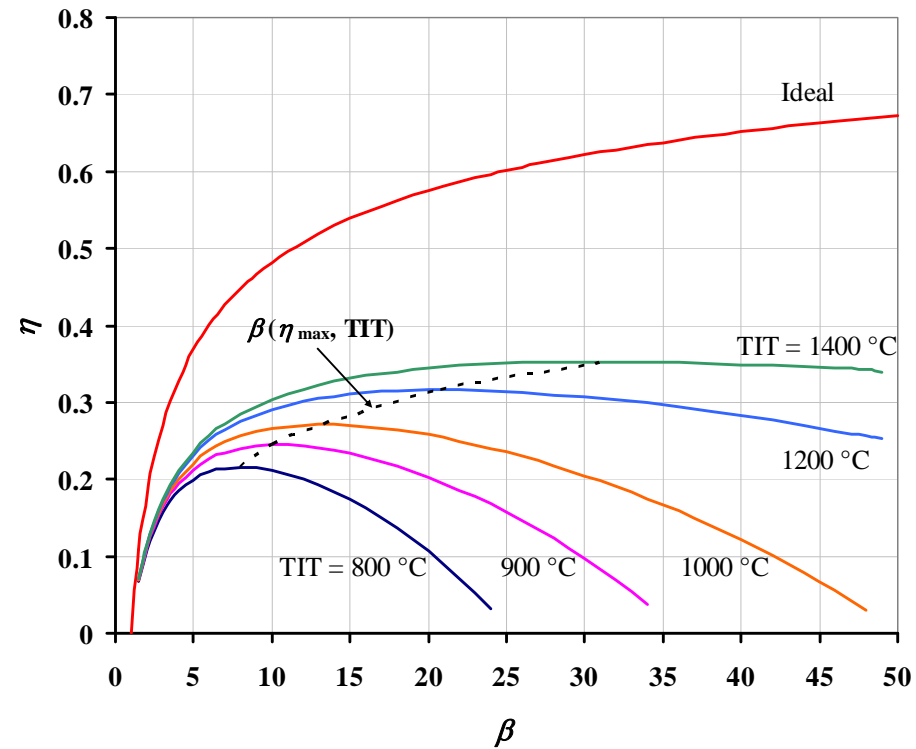
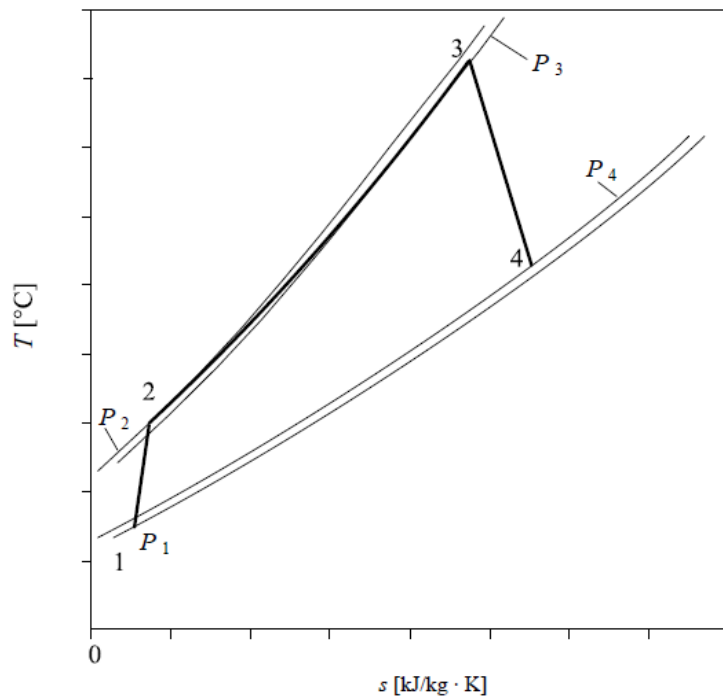
- High temperature & low pressure -> high power/weight
- No blade erosion with high-quality fuel
- Fast load-change

## Applications:

- Aircraft propulsion (ships, trains)
- Combined Cycle, Peak-shaving
- Cars (for hybrid engines in the future?)

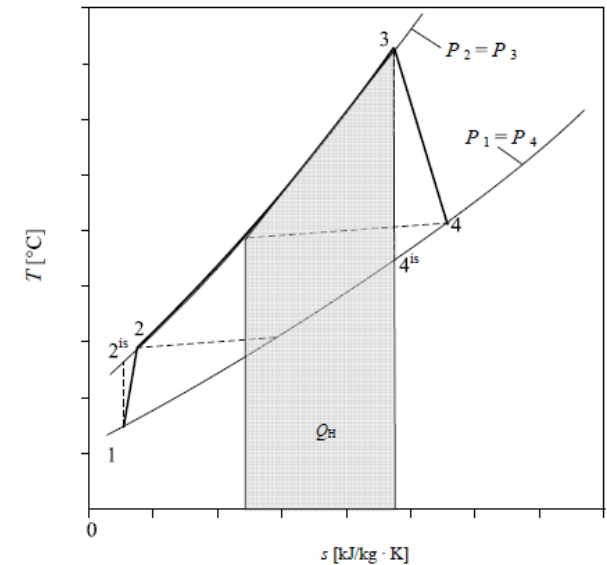
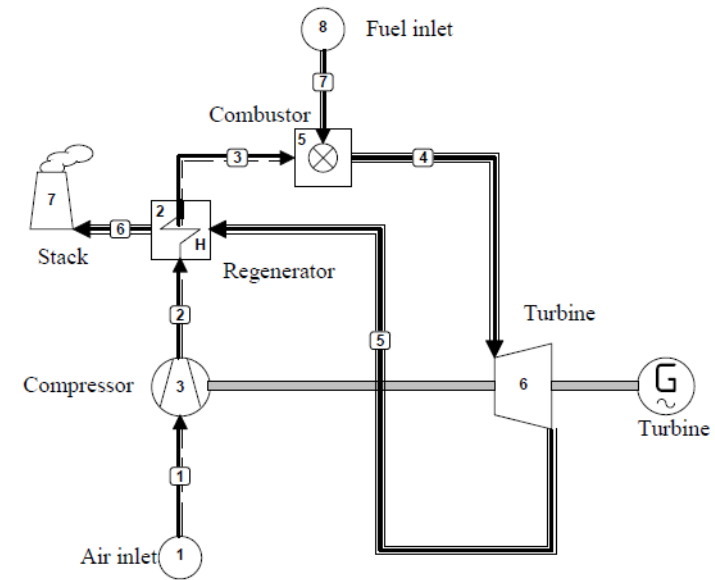


# Gas turbine cycle: parameters

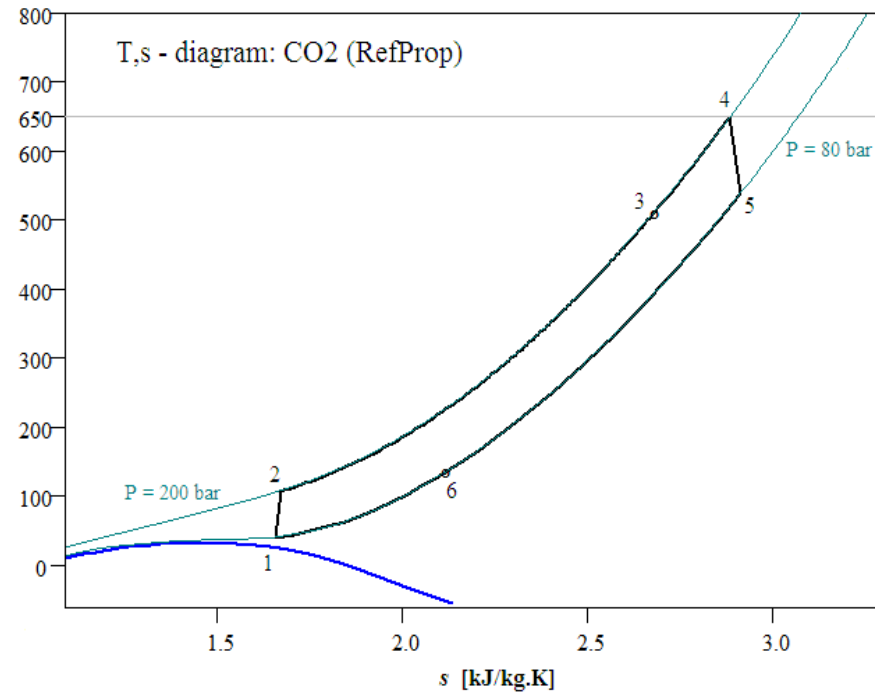
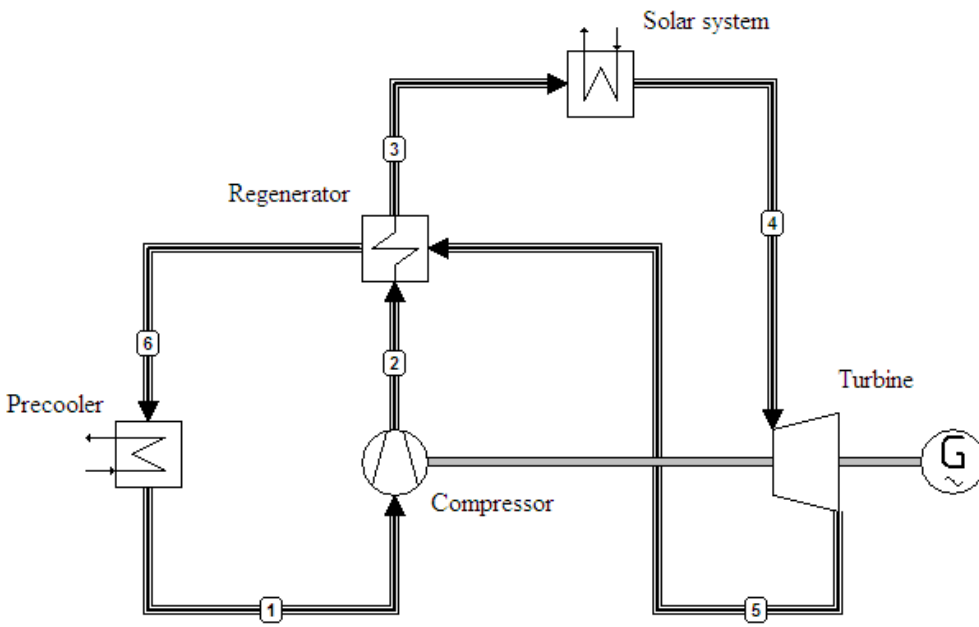


# Regeneration

- Reduction of thermal losses
- Note:  $T_4$  often in excess of  $450\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- For given TIT, maximum efficiency at modest  $\beta$  (increase  $T_4 - T_2$ )
- Recuperator: technological problem



# Closed Brayton cycle gas turbine





# Final remarks

- Importance of assumptions
- Always mass and energy balances
- Thermodynamic cycles: comparison with Carnot cycle
- Courses on gas turbines of the Master in Sustainable Energy

Technology:

- WB4420 Gas Turbines and
- WB4421 Gas Turbines Simulation/Application