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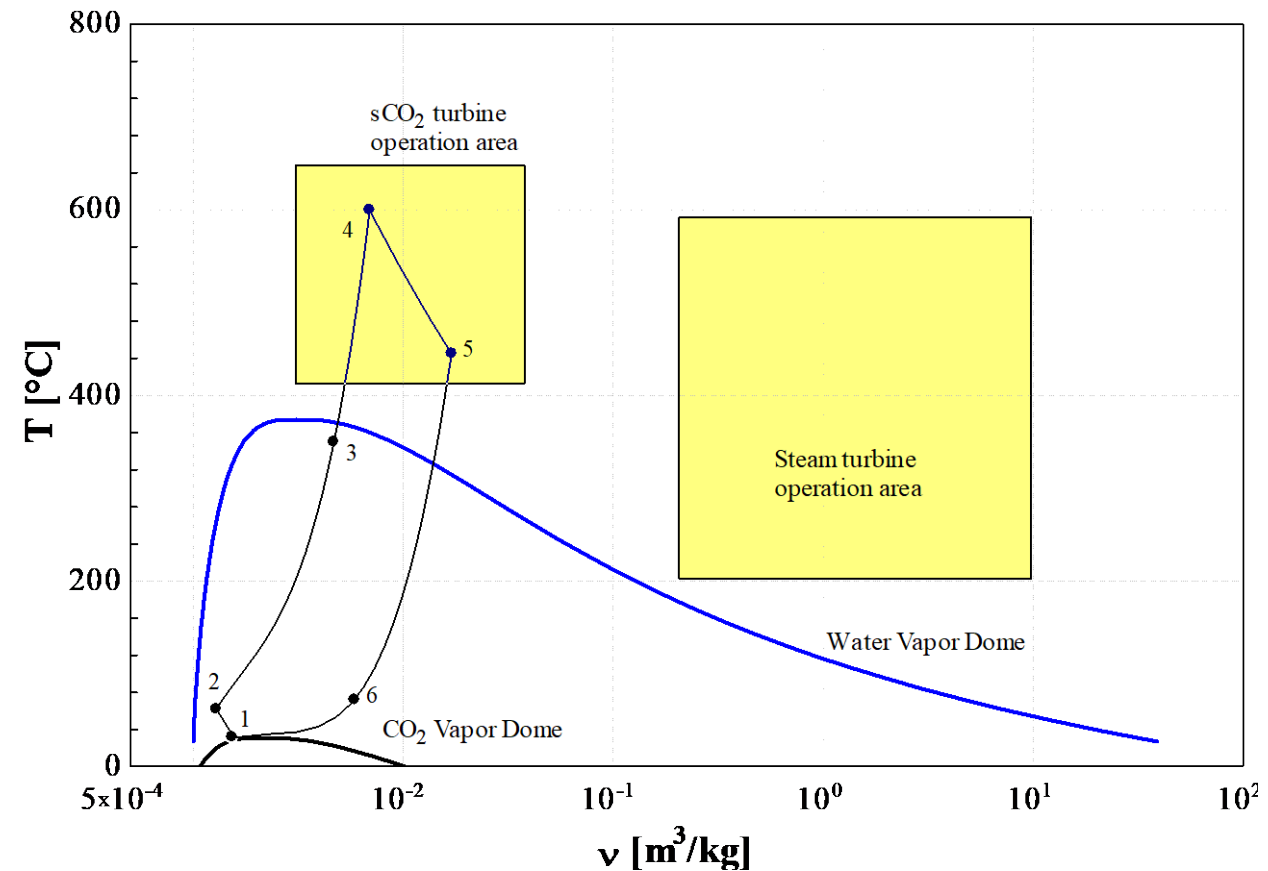
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Research: Additive Manufactured Supercritical
CO₂ Heat to Power Solution



Motivation

- The expansion of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) requires the development of conversion systems that provide a higher ratio of electrical to thermal output while maintaining high efficiency
- The Supercritical CO₂ power cycle is an enabling technology in this regard due to its potential for extremely high efficiency at low cost
- Preliminary analysis has shown a need for a turbine inlet temperature of approximately 1300°C, prompting the need for turbine-generator cooling system development and additively manufactured turbine material development



Objectives

- Develop power cycle model based on the chosen industrial power profiles in cooperation with Raytheon Technologies team; this model will be capable of incorporating the impact of technical advancements made during this project and will therefore include a 2nd order model of the turbine
- Develop model space thermo-physical boundaries for pressure, temperature, flow, and transients in order to enable instrumentation and hardware selection
- Adapt existing UW power cycle testbed and acquire any additional instrumentation and hardware required and develop data acquisition system and other support systems required for test
- Perform first stage run-up of system level demonstration test facility to demonstration pressure, flow capabilities and readiness to accept test unit

