



DESIGN AND SPECIFICATION OF A 10MW-CLASS sCO<sub>2</sub>  
COMPRESSOR TEST FACILITY

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# BACKGROUND

## ☐ sCO<sub>2</sub> Compressors – Type, Flowrate, Efficiency

Main Author	Year	Institution	Compressor Type	Compressor Driving Power
Steven A. Wright	2009	Sandia National Laboratories	Centrifugal	50 kWe
Masanori Aritomi	2011	Tokyo Institute of Technology	Centrifugal	
Jeff S. Noall	2014	Barber Nichols Inc., Sandia National Laboratories	Centrifugal	55 kW
Jekyoung Lee	2014	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Centrifugal	
Timothy Held	2014	Echogen Power Systems	Centrifugal	2.7MW
Eric M. Clementoni	2016	Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation	Centrifugal	36.8 - 15.8 kW
Jae Eun Cha	2016	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Centrifugal	
Junhyun Cho	2016	Korea Institute of Energy Research	Centrifugal	90 kW
Eric M. Clementoni	2017	Naval Nuclear Laboratory	Centrifugal	
Timothy C. Allison	2018	Southwest Research Institute	Centrifugal	
Eric M. Clementoni	2018	Naval Nuclear Laboratory	Centrifugal	
Jacqueline Lewis	2018	Naval Nuclear Laboratory	Centrifugal	
Alexander Hacks	2018	University of Duisburg-Essen, Research Center Rez	Centrifugal	7 kW
Seungjoon Baik	2018	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology	Centrifugal	26 kW
Stefan D. Cich	2018	Southwest Research Institute, GE Global Research	Centrifugal	4.9 MW
Bongsu Choi	2019	Korea Institute of Energy Research	Centrifugal	90 kW
Yann Le Moullec	2019	EDF R&D China, Shouhang IHW		2.4 MW
Junhyun Cho	2019	Korea Institute of Energy Research	Centrifugal	90 kW
Eduardo Anselmi	2019	Cranfield University	Centrifugal	45 kW
Logan Rapp	2019	Sandia National Laboratories		1MW

Capacity of Test Facility

# OBJECTIVE

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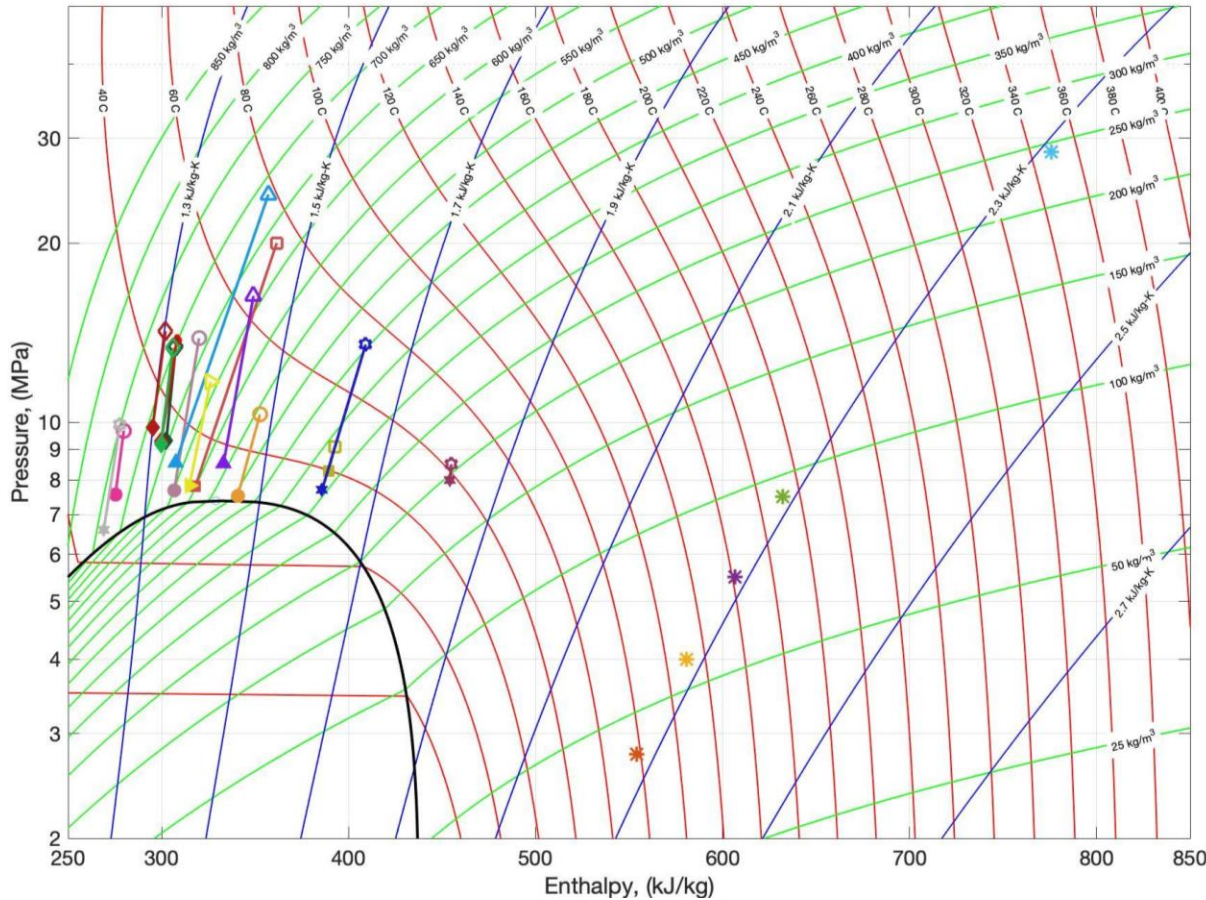
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- **III** Detail Aerodynamics and Aeromechanics Study

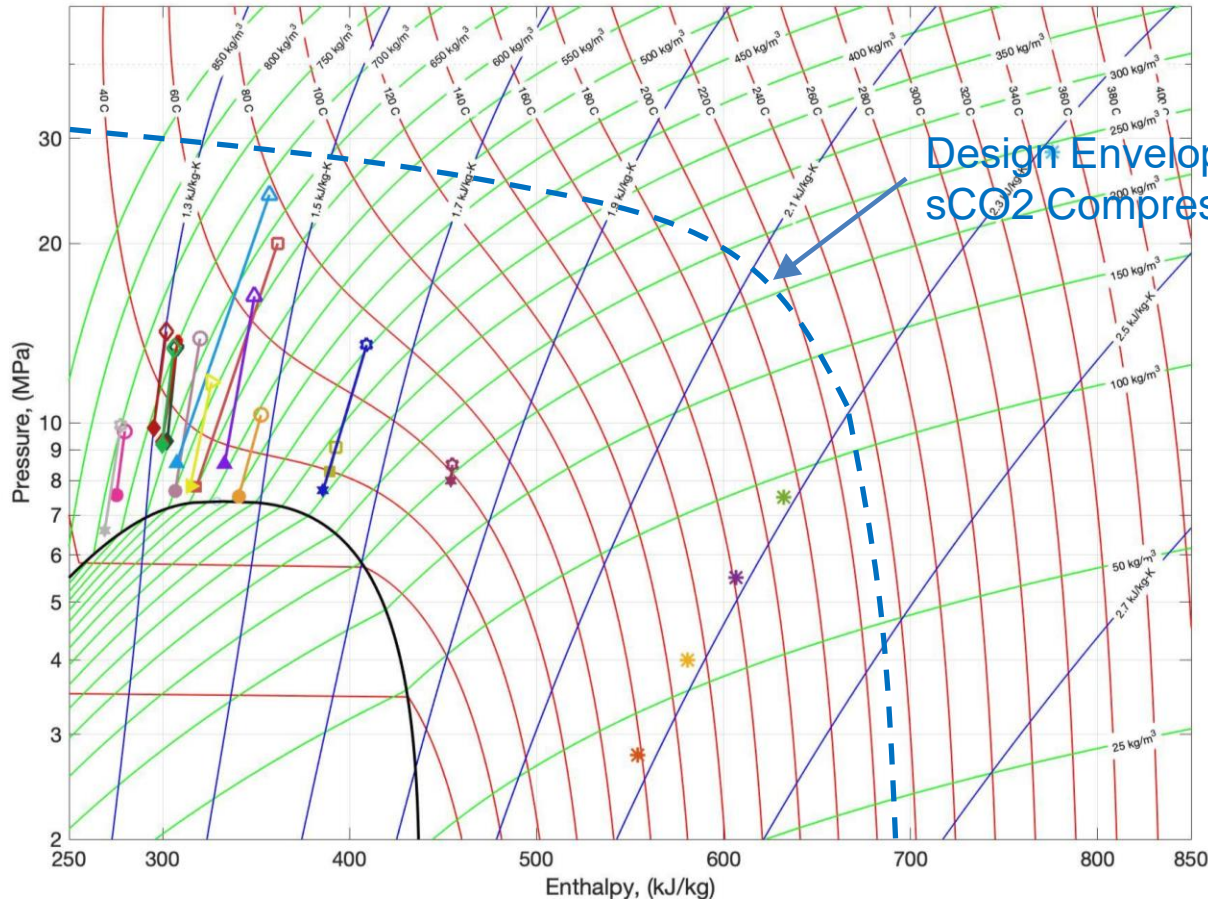
# Cases of sCO<sub>2</sub> Compressor



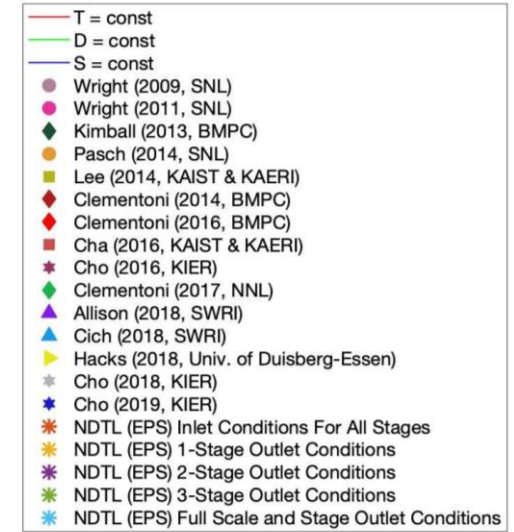
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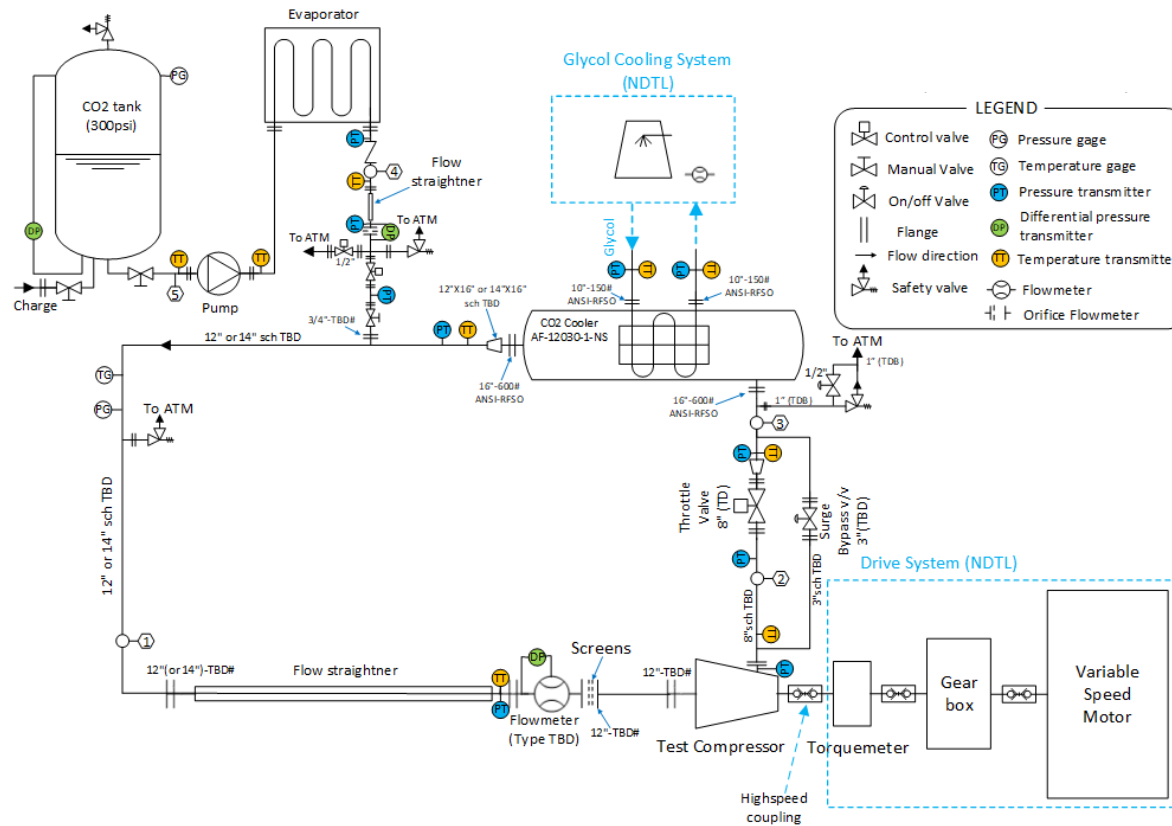
# Design Envelope of NDTL sCO<sub>2</sub> Compressor Test facility



Design Envelope of NDTL's sCO<sub>2</sub> Compressor Test Facility



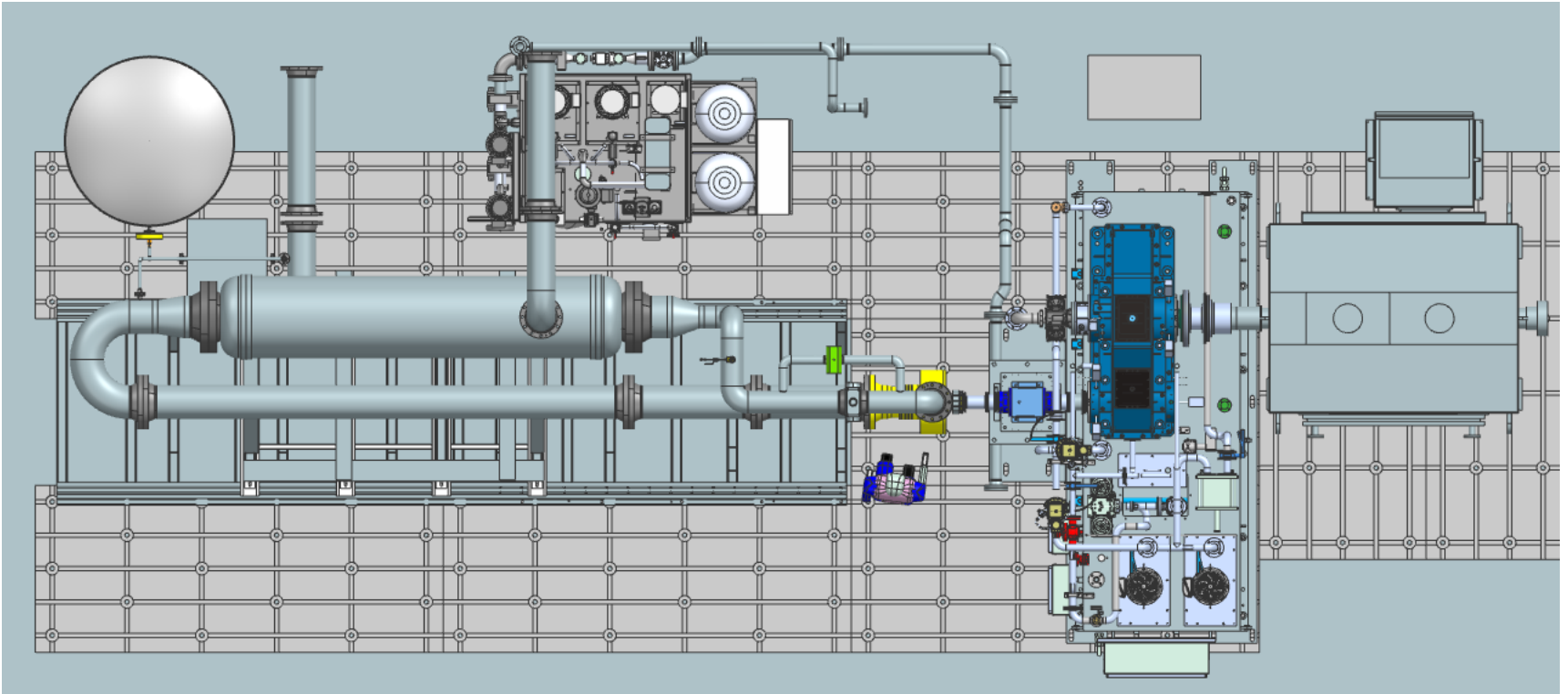
# Piping and Instrumentation Diagram of Test Facility



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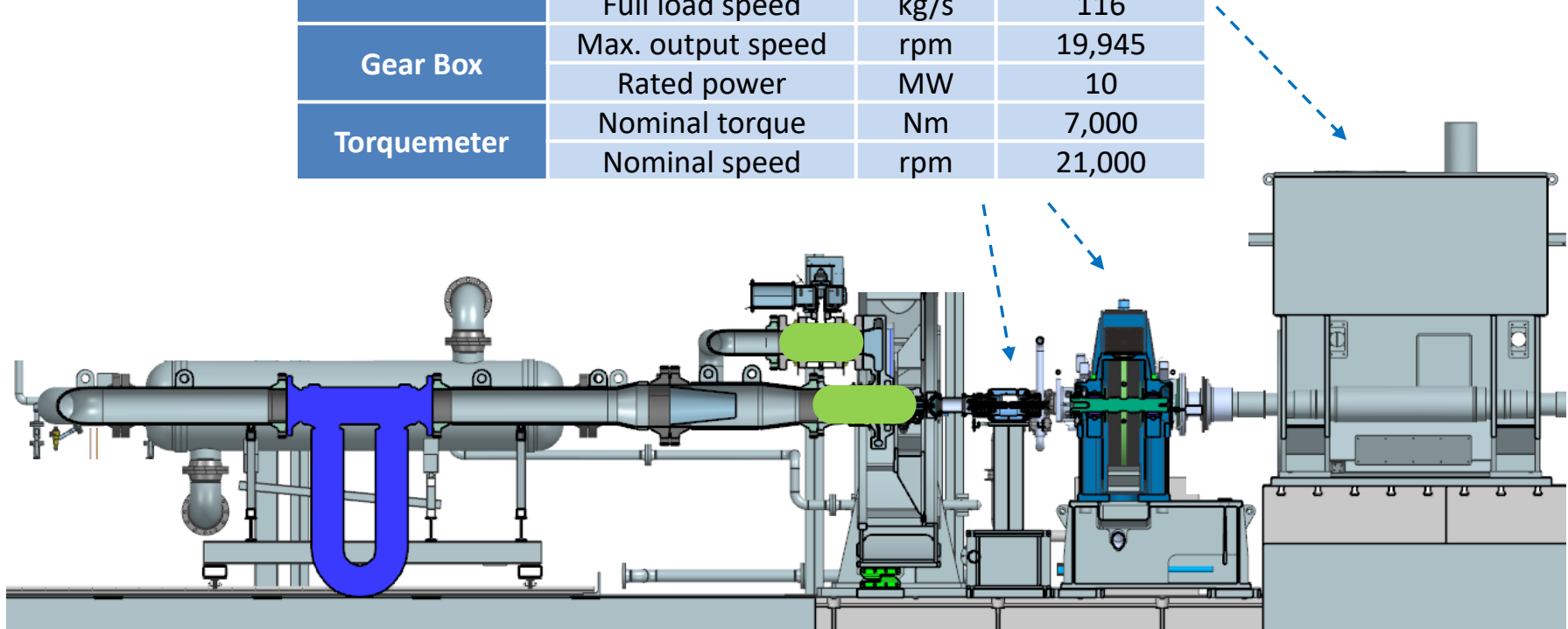
# sCO<sub>2</sub> Compressor Test Facility (Top view)



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# sCO<sub>2</sub> Compressor Test Facility – Specification of Drive System

<b>Motor</b>	Max. power	MW	10
	Full load speed	kg/s	116
<b>Gear Box</b>	Max. output speed	rpm	19,945
	Rated power	MW	10
<b>Torquemeter</b>	Nominal torque	Nm	7,000
	Nominal speed	rpm	21,000



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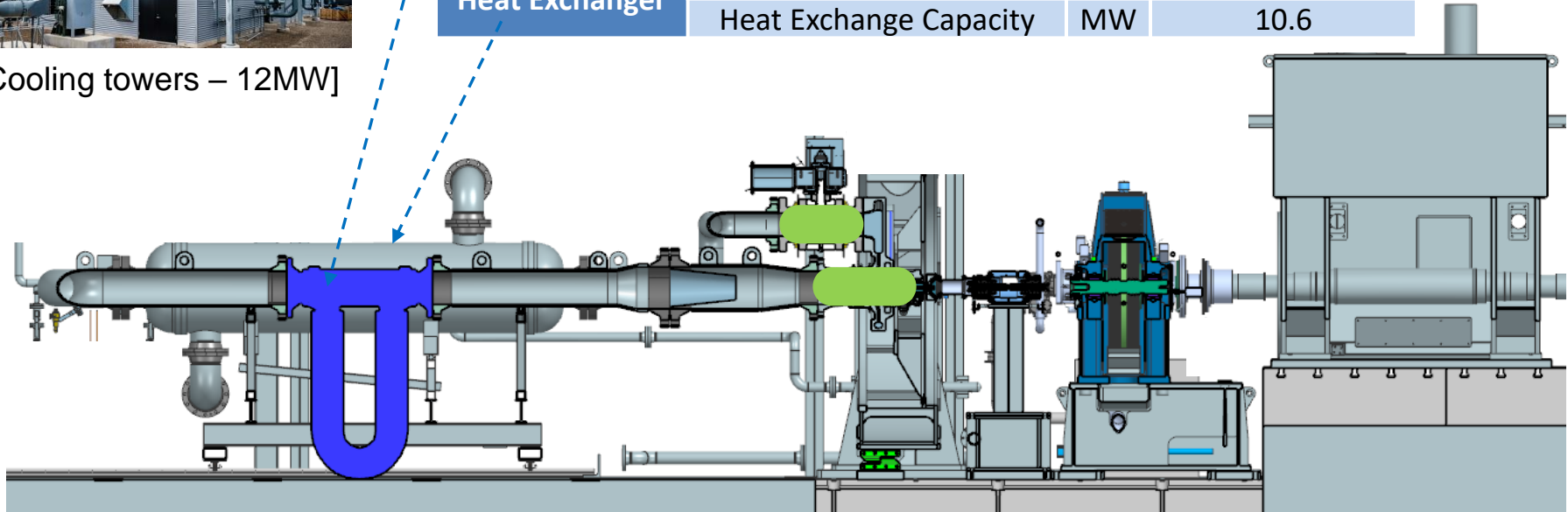
# sCO<sub>2</sub> Compressor Test Facility – Specification of Main Loop

[Specification of a main CO<sub>2</sub> Loop]

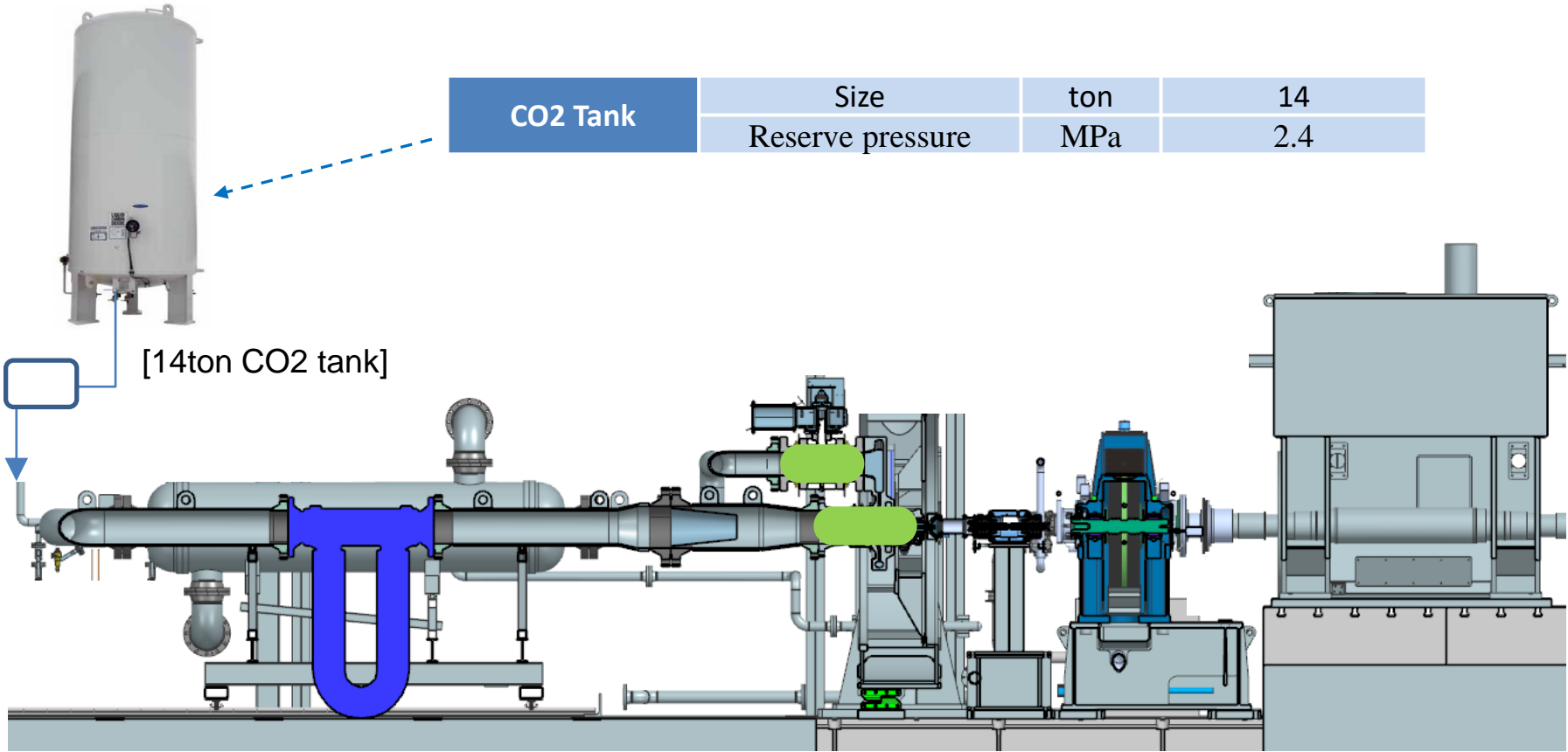


[Cooling towers – 12MW]

Flowmeter	Type	-	Coriolis
	Size	in	12
	Mass flow rate accuracy	%	0.10
Heat Exchanger	Max. flowrate	kg/s	907
	Type	-	Shell and tube
	Heat Exchange Capacity	MW	10.6



# sCO2 Compressor Test Facility – CO2 Inventory System

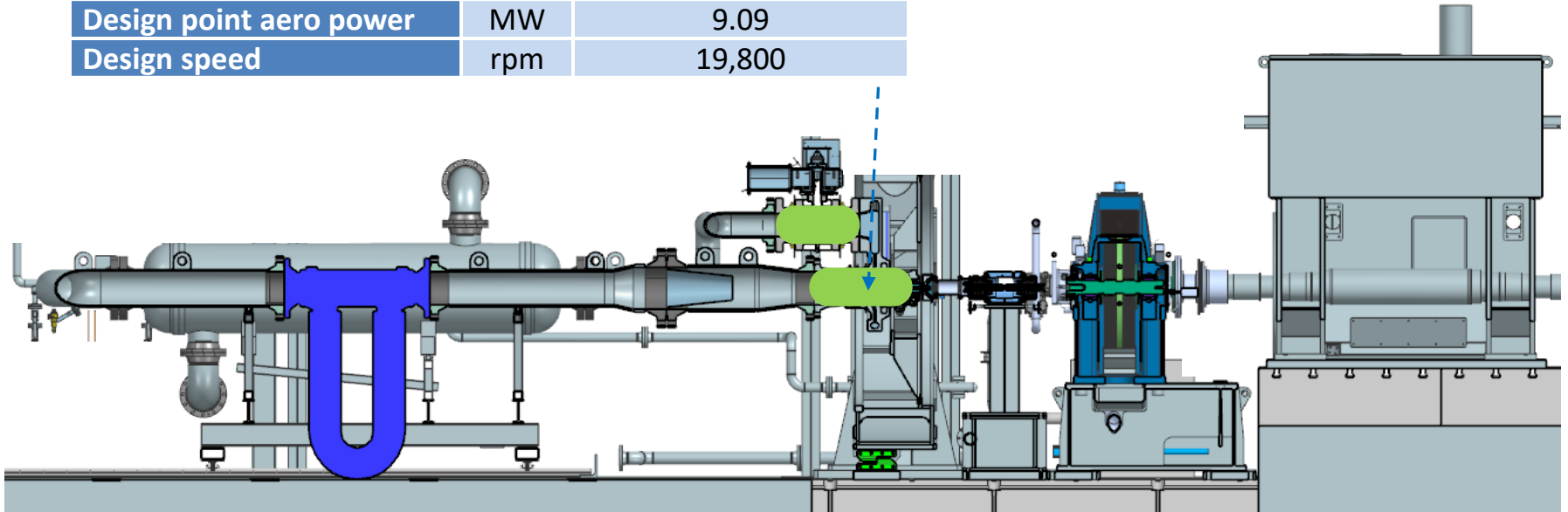


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# First Compressor to Test

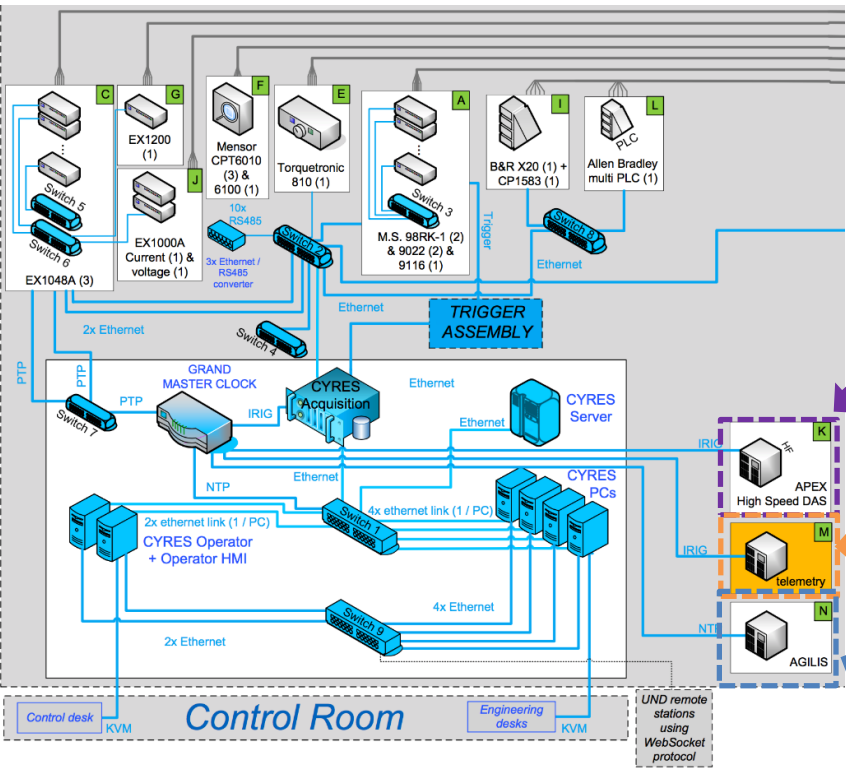
Compressor type		<b>Axial compressor</b>
# of compressor stages	-	1 / 2 / 3
Inlet total pressure	MPa	2.77
Inlet total temperature	°C	97.94
Mass flow rate	kg/s	116
Pressure ratio	-	2.706
Design point aero power	MW	9.09
Design speed	rpm	19,800

- Aerodynamic performance
- Aeromechanic characteristics
- Detail Flow survey

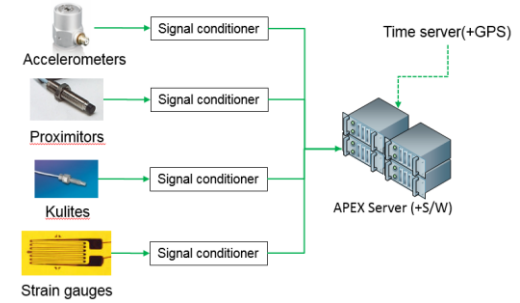


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# Architecture of Instrumentation & Data Acquisition System

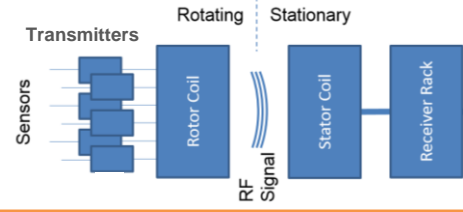


## Dynamic Data Acquisition



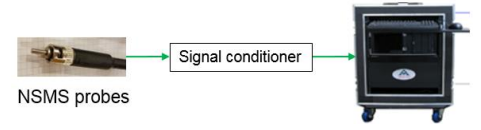
- 4 Dynamic DAQ systems
- 300 Channels
- Precision Filters
- Time stamped data

## Telemetry



- 3 Telemetry systems
- Used with strain gauges, Kulites, RTDs, TCs, etc.
- Fixed Sampling Frequency at ~100KHz

## NSMS



- 2 NSMS systems
- 16 light probes and channels

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# CONCLUSION

• I

A 10 MW-class sCO<sub>2</sub> compressor test facility has been designed.

• II

The 10MW scale allows sCO<sub>2</sub> compressor testing of both **axial and centrifugal compressor** types with flow passages large enough to enable advanced experimental studies of CO<sub>2</sub> compressors, including **detailed flow survey, steady and unsteady performance** measurement, and **aeromechanical research** on vanes or blades including blade vibrations and flutter.

• III

The facility is to be built at the University of Notre Dame in 2021 with a schedule to test the first CO<sub>2</sub> axial compressor in 2021.