THERMODYNAMIC ANALYSIS OF THE NET POWER OXY-COMBUSTION CYCLE

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ABSTRACT

This study presents the thermodynamic analysis results of the NET Power cycle featuring nearly 100% CO2 capture level. Significant initial pressure, low turbine pressure ratio, recuperation of heat in regenerator allow achieving very high net efficiency. The cycle design parameters are set up on the basis of the component technologies of today’s state-of-the-art gas turbines. The models of cooled gas turbine compartment and multi-flow high temperature regenerator were developed. The potential pinch points were analyzed. An influence of turbine inlet temperature and pressure, turbine outlet pressure, turbine coolant temperature, cooling water temperature on cycle efficiency was estimated. The performance penalty due to the oxygen production and carbon dioxide capture was examined. For the optimal parameters, the net efficiency of the NET Power cycle is 56.5%. An influence of equipment characteristics adopted in simulation such as turbine and compressor polytropic efficiency on the results was estimated. The sensitivity analysis of the main cycle parameters was provided.

KEYWORDS

SUPERCRITICAL CARBON DIOXIDE, THERMODYNAMIC ANALYSIS, OXY-FUEL COMBUSTION CYCLE

NOMENCLATURE

\( B \) coefficient depending on the BIOT number, [-]
\( C_p \) isobaric mass heat capacity, [kJ/(kg·°C)]
\( G \) massflow [kg/s]
\( K_{cool} \) cooling flow factor, [-]
\( P \) pressure, [Pa]
\( T \) temperature, [°C]
\( S \) turbine efficiency factor, [-]
\( \Psi \) cooling flow fraction, [-]
\( \varepsilon_0 \) cooling effectiveness, [-]
\( \varepsilon_f \) film-cooling effectiveness, [-]
\( \eta_{int} \) internal model effectiveness, [-]
\( \eta_{pol. cool} \) polytropic efficiency of a cooled stage, [%]
\( \eta_{pol. i} \) polytropic efficiency of a stage without cooling losses, [%]
ASU air separation unit
INTRODUCTION

In the last three decades, the main trends of the power industry are an improvement of power production efficiency, mitigation of harmful emissions and reduction of specific metal consumption in power facilities. The combined cycle facilities are approved leaders that combine these factors. Net efficiency of these natural gas firing facilities may be above 60% (Chiese and Macchi, 2002). This high performance is remarkably lower when it is necessary to capture the carbon dioxide that is the main non-condensing greenhouse gas. When the carbon dioxide is 85% captured, the combined cycle net efficiency may get 10% lower and the power production expenses may be about twice higher (Gibbins and Chalmers, 2008).

Shortages of the existing flue gas cleaning from carbon dioxide cause the development of oxy-fuel combustion cycles (Zheng, 2011). Specific features of this technology are oxygen combustion of gas fuel, closed cycle and two-component working fluid that allows efficient separation of carbon dioxide and water by condensing (Rogalev et al., 2018). The widely known Allam cycle has the natural gas firing net efficiency up to 58.9%, the specific installed power cost 800-1000 $/kW (Allam et al, 2013). In a coal firing facility the net efficiency and installed power cost are 51.4% and 1500-1800 $/kW respectively and the carbon dioxide capture degree nearly 100%. Therefore, the Allam cycle causes worldwide researches interest.

This paper is devoted to the detailed thermodynamic studies of the gas firing Allam cycle. To pursue the research goal, the mathematical model of the cycle was created using Aspen Plus software. Furthermore, the models of cooled gas turbine compartment and multithread regenerator were created. The potential pinch points were analyzed. The investigation of the turbine inlet parameters was performed for the wide ranges of temperatures and pressures from 600 to 1400 °C and from 200 to 400 bar correspondingly. The optimal turbine inlet temperature for each level of the turbine inlet pressure considered in the study was identified. The investigation of turbine outlet pressure, turbine coolant temperature, cycle minimal temperature, turbine, and compressor flowpath efficiency influence on cycle efficiency was conducted afterwards. The final part of the research is devoted to the sensitivity analysis of the main cycle parameters.

NET POWER TECHNOLOGY FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION WITH ZERO EMISSIONS

The gas firing Allam cycle flow chart shown in figure 1 is similar to the chart (Scaccabarozzi et al., 2016). The gas fuel compressor 1 supplies fuel to the combustor 2 where is also supplied the high purity oxygen produced in the air separation unit (ASU) 9 and compressed up to the proper pressure by the oxygen compressor 10. The oxy-fuel mixture combustion increases the flow temperature. The high temperature flow enters turbine 3, expands and drives the turbine and the electric generator 4. The exhaust gas flow enters the multi-flow high temperature regenerator 11, where it transfers its heat to the following three flows: oxygen and carbon dioxide mixture traveling to the combustor 2; carbon dioxide recirculation flow upstream of the combustor 2 to control the maximal temperature; carbon dioxide flow to the turbine 3 cooling.

The regenerator 11 also transfers the low potential heat of the compressed hot air from the air separation unit 9. After the regenerator 11, the cooled exhaust gas enters the condenser 12 where the two-component mixture is cooled, water is condensed and removed from the cycle flow. After the condenser 12, the mixture enriched with carbon dioxide enters the multi-stage intercooled compressor 5. Upstream of the compressor 5 some fluid is taken to the carbon dioxide compressor 13 for its further storage. Downstream of the compressor 5, the flow enters cooler 6 and then the first stage pump 7. A part of the fluid flow is mixed with oxygen on its way to the oxygen compressor 10 and the other part travels to the second stage pump 8. After the final compression, the flow is split into two parts, one part goes to the combustor and another part is supplied to the turbine cooling. Thus, the cycle is closed.
The Allam cycle computer simulation was performed with the Aspen Plus code. The turbine cooled compartment and the multi-flow regenerator models were specially developed.

Carbon dioxide is the main component of the working fluid of the Allam cycle and the correct definition of CO$_2$ thermodynamic properties is very important to ensure the accuracy of simulation results. Several approaches for estimation of CO$_2$ thermodynamic properties were considered: the Peng-Robinson equation of state (Peng and Robinson, 1976), the Redlich-Kwong equation of state (Soave, 1972) and the NIST REFPROP database. Reference values were taken from (Vargaftik, 1972).

The results of the comparison of thermodynamic properties defined using several approaches showed that the minimum average deviation of the CO$_2$ specific volume definition equal to 0.03% is achieved for NIST REFPROP database based on the Span and Wagner equation of state (Span and Wagner, 1996). An increase in CO$_2$ pressure usually leads to an increase in deviation. However, the temperature increase affects ambiguously. To simulate the Allam cycle we used the NIST REFPROP database because of the highest accuracy.

The computer simulation concept is illustrated in figure 2. The first stage of simulation involves an analysis of the chart shown in figure 1 without the turbine cooling losses. The modeling process starts with an input of the initial data presented in table 1. Then it is necessary to carry out a sequential calculation of the compressor, combustion chamber, and uncooled turbine. The resulting thermodynamic flow parameters form input data for the 1D turbine flowpath calculation.
The main outputs of the second stage of the simulation are the number of stages, parameters along the stages and the stage dimensions. To estimate these parameters for each input data set the stage reaction equal to 0.25 and the ratio of tip speed to the isentropic spouting velocity equal to 0.36 were considered in calculations.

The results of the two previous stages were used for stage III. To estimate cooling massflow for each turbine vane/blade row, it is necessary to choose coolant source, blade cooling scheme and the maximum acceptable average temperature of the blade metal outer surface.

Stage IV is devoted to the turbine efficiency cooling losses, which largely depend on the coolant massflow and blade cooling system (open-loop or closed-loop).

The last stage V was the flow chart calculation together with the turbine cooling losses.

The cycle thermodynamic simulation included the specially developed air separation unit model. The model includes the energy consumption for oxygen production and compression and the amount of low potential heat transferred to the regenerator. The ASU power consumption depends upon the produced oxygen purity and pressure and the production technology. The technical and financial reasons determine the ASU type as the cryogenic high pressure two-stage.

The analysis of ASU with different oxygen purity production is disclosed in the relation between oxygen purity and power consumption shown in figure 3. The oxygen purity above 90-91% requires a remarkable power consumption increase. In this work the purity degree is assumed as 91.25% with the argon main impurity, then the ASU power consumption is 900 kW/(kg/s).

According to the data provided in (Mancuso et al, 2015), the maximum of the NET Power cycle efficiency could be achieved at a higher value of the oxygen purity equal to 99.5%. The main reason
for the mismatch of the optimal oxygen purity is due to the lower efficiency of the ASU models discussed in this study.

The Allam cycle high efficiency is remarkably determined by the efficient recovery of low potential heat from different sources. The main supplier of low potential heat is the ASU compressed air. The ratio of processed air to produced oxygen may be evaluated by the comparison of a few industrial ASU: KA-5, AK-15p, KA-15, AKT-30, KA-32, KT-A-35, and Kt-70 (Akulov, 1983). The average ratio of processed air to produced oxygen is 5.46 for these air separation units. This value was used for evaluation of the low potential heat the air takes away from ASU. In addition, the simulation model assumes the air temperature increase caused by its compression up to 280 °C.

Table 1. Input data for the Allam cycle computer simulation

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td>Ambient temperature, °C</td>
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<td>Ambient pressure, bar</td>
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<td>Ambient air humidity, %</td>
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<td>Fuel mixture</td>
<td>89% CH₄, 7% C₂H₆, 2% CO₂, 1% C₃H₈, 0.89% N₂, 0.1% C₄H₁₀, 0.01% C₅H₁₂</td>
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<td>Fuel pressure, bar</td>
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<td>CO₂ pressure before storage, bar</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Multi-stage intercooled compressor outlet pressure, bar</td>
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<td>Compressors and pumps mechanical efficiency, %</td>
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<td>Turbine and power generator mechanical efficiency, %</td>
<td>99</td>
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<td>Power generator electric efficiency, %</td>
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<td>Regenerator hot and cold flows minimal temperature difference (in the pinch point), °C</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Underheating in condensers, °C</td>
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<td>Specific power spent on O₂ production in ASU, kW/(kg/s)</td>
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<td>Oxygen purity produced by the ASU, %</td>
<td>91.25</td>
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<td>Turbine electric power, MW</td>
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COOLED GAS TURBINE COMPARTMENT COMPUTER MODEL

An open cooling scheme of the gas turbine compartment presented in figure 4 was proposed for the estimation of turbine cooling losses. If the difference between working fluid and blade wall temperatures is less than 300 °C, the convective cooling type is considered, otherwise, the film cooling type is adopted. In the model, the maximum acceptable average temperature of the blade metal outer surface is 850 °C.

The method described in (Wilcock et al., 2005) was selected for the estimation of specific coolant massflow, or cooling flow ratio. According to the chosen method, the cooling flow fraction for each vane/blade row is defined as follows (1):

$$
\psi = \frac{G_{cool}}{G_o} = \frac{K_{cool} \cdot \varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_f \cdot [1 - \eta_{int} \cdot (1 - \varepsilon_0)]]}{1 + B \cdot \eta_{int} \cdot (1 - \varepsilon_0)}.
$$

(1)

To estimate the vane/blade cooling effectiveness $\varepsilon_0$ and the film-cooling effectiveness $\varepsilon_f$, the main flow and coolant temperatures were obtained from thermodynamic analysis of the oxy-fuel combustion cycle (the stage I in figure 2). The value of internal cooling efficiency $\eta_{int}$ equal to 0.7 was considered for the calculation, which represents the current level of the internal cooling
technology. To evaluate the cooling flow factor $K_{\text{cool}}$, the values of the required geometry parameters were obtained from 1D thermal and aerodynamic calculation of the CO2 turbine flow path (stage II in figure 2). To estimate the coefficient $B$, the metal and TBC Biot numbers equal to 0.3 and 0.15 correspondingly were chosen according to the recommendations in (Wilcock et al., 2005).

After determining the cooling flow factor for each turbine vane/blade row, the polytropic efficiency of a cooled stage is estimated with the method described in (Thorbergsson and Grönstedt, 2016) (2):

$$
\eta_{\text{cool}} = \eta_{\text{oi,i}} \cdot S \cdot \ln \left( \frac{P_{\text{in}}}{P_{\text{out}}} \right) \cdot \frac{P_i - P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}} - P_{\text{out}}} \cdot \frac{G_{\text{flow}} - G_{0\text{in}}}{G_{0\text{in}}},
$$

(2)

where $P_{\text{in}}$ – the total pressure at the turbine inlet; $P_{\text{out}}$ – the total pressure at the turbine outlet; $G_{0\text{in}}$ – the working fluid mass flow at the turbine inlet; $G_{\text{flow}}$ – the working fluid mass flow at the turbine outlet; $P_i$ – the total pressure at the inlet of the rotor blade row, $S$ – the turbine efficiency factor equal to 0.2 according to the recommendations in (Thorbergsson and Grönstedt, 2016).

The polytropic efficiency of stages without cooling losses $\eta_{\text{ol,i}}$ estimating as a result of the calculation of the turbine flow path (stage II) is defined as follows (3):

$$
\eta_{\text{ol,i}} = \left( \frac{k - 1}{k} \right) \cdot \frac{\log_{\text{T}02} \left( \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}} \right)}{\log_{\text{T}01} \left( \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}} \right)},
$$

(3)

where $k$ – specific heat ratio; $P_{\text{in}}$ – the total pressure at the stage inlet; $P_{\text{out}}$ – the total pressure at the stage outlet; $T_{01}$ – the total temperature at the stage inlet; $T_{02}$ – the total temperature at the stage outlet.

**MULTITHREAD REGENERATOR COMPUTER SIMULATION MODEL**

Figure 5a presents a computer simulation model of the high-temperature multithread regenerator. The regenerator has five flows, two heating and three heated. The regenerator computer simulation employs the pinch analysis technique (Scaccabarozzi et al., 2016; Kemp, 2011). The cycle thermodynamic optimization assumed the pinch-point equal to 5 °C as to provide equivalence of the simulation conditions.

The hot flows input data are the turbine exhaust parameters (temperature, massflow, heat capacity, and saturation point temperature) and the ASU hot air parameters (temperature, massflow and heat capacity). The cold flows input data are the coolant parameters (temperature fixed at a definite level, calculation determined massflow and heat capacity), the oxidizer/working fluid mixture parameters
(temperature, massflow and heat capacity), and the heated fluid parameters (temperature, massflow, heat capacity). The only limit is the fixed temperature at the regenerator exit. The temperature is fixed because the schemes are simulated at equivalent conditions.

Figure 5b presents integral relations of the hot flows cooling and cool flows heating that are calculated after the data and limits input. The local curve inclination at any point is proportional to the massflow multiplied by the isobaric mass heat capacity. If the two flows are cooled together, this inclination is proportional to the sum of these products. If the moisture is condensed, the inclination is also determined by the phase transition heat and the condensate massflow.

**Figure 5: The pinch analysis of the multithreaded regenerator**

Then are determined possible pinch points that are the integral curve inflection points of the hot and cool flows, or the beginning point of the cool flow heating. All possible pinch points of the system are shown in figure 5b.

The cold flows integral curves have two inflection points. The first point is the beginning of the three cold flows heating at temperatures below 100 °C. The flow initial temperatures are different and the coldest flow is determined by the temperature of oxidizer supplied by ASU. The second point is the completion of coolant flow heating. These two points cannot be assumed as pinch points because the first is in the low temperature area, and at the second point, the integral curve has a downward convexity caused by the reduction of the flow thermal equivalent.

The hot flow integral curves also have two inflection points. The first point is the beginning of the turbine exhaust flow and the hot air ASU exhaust flow combined cooling. The second point is the beginning of the water condensing. Both points may be the pinch points because in the both of them the flow heat equivalent grows, which produces the downward sag of the integral cooling curve.

The beginning of the moisture condensing produces a rapid increase in the effective heat capacity of flow. Thus, if the condensing beginning temperature is sufficiently high to heat the cold flows by the moisture condensing heat, this point is the potential pinch point.

Figure 6 presents the analysis results of the turbine exhaust flow dew point influence. In the considered 20-40 bar range of turbine outlet temperature, the dew point is as high as 90-115 °C. Thus, it should be considered as a potential pinch point.
The beginning of cooling of the hot flow cannot be the pinch point. Simulation with minimal temperature difference in the point shows the heating and cooling integral curves intersection due to the moisture condensing beginning at the existing initial inclination of the cold flow heating integral curve.

Thus, the potential pinch points of the considered heat exchange system configuration are the following three versions:
1) Beginning of the moisture condensing from the working fluid hot flow (version 1).
2) Kink point in the hot flow cooling integral curve at the beginning of ASU supplied hot air cooling (version 2).
3) Beginning of the turbine exit hot flow cooling (version 3).

Therefore, figure 7 shows possible versions of the $T$-$q$ diagram that are the integral cooling and heating curves. In the plots, the coolant temperature of 180 °C and the ASU exit hot air temperature of 280 °C are assumed.

The multi-parametric study shows that in terms of maximal heat transfer the pinch point location 1 is optimal. This pinch point location shows the nearest location of the hot and cold flows integral curves. Location 3 shows the smallest effectiveness.

**THERMODYNAMIC OPTIMIZATION RESULTS**

The results of thermodynamic investigations of the turbine inlet parameters influence upon the Allam cycle net efficiency are presented in figure 8. The maximum value of cycle net efficiency of 56.5% (including air separation unit penalty and carbon capture and storage at 100 bar) is achieved for the turbine inlet temperature of 1083 °C and pressure of 300 bar. The turbine outlet pressure value
was fixed at 30 bar and turbine coolant temperature – at 200 °C during the optimization of turbine inlet parameters.

The turbine inlet temperature optimum at a fixed pressure may be explained by specific features of the high temperature regenerator thermodynamic process. Usually, the turbine inlet temperature increase is followed by growth of the cycle mean integral heat intake temperature that increases the equivalent Carnot cycle efficiency, and the cycle thermodynamic efficiency also grows. On the other side, the regenerator analysis shows that the excessive increase of the turbine inlet temperature increases its exhaust temperature that changes the pinch point.

Figure 9 illustrates the power consumption for oxygen production and compression and carbon dioxide storage at 100 bar pressure. The solid line is similar to the curve in figure 8 at the turbine inlet pressure of 300 bar. The analysis assumes the produced oxygen purity of 91.25% and the specific oxygen production consumption of 900 kW/(kg/s). Production and compression of the oxygen supplied to the combustor reduce the cycle net efficiency in average for 7.2%, and the compression of carbon dioxide before storage – for 0.4%. The low energy consumption of the CO2 compressor is due to the high cycle minimal pressure, which is equal to 30 bar.

The results of studies of the turbine outlet pressure influence upon the cycle efficiency are shown in Figure 10a. The maximum net efficiency of 56.5% is achieved for the turbine outlet pressure of 30 bar. The turbine inlet temperature of 1083 °C and the turbine inlet pressure of 300 bar were fixed during the optimization of the turbine outlet pressure.
The results of thermodynamic investigations of the turbine coolant temperature are shown in Figure 10b. The maximum net efficiency of 56.5% is achieved for the turbine coolant temperature of 200 °C. The turbine inlet temperature of 1083 °C, the turbine inlet pressure of 300 bar and the turbine outlet pressure of 30 bar were fixed during the optimization of the turbine coolant temperature.

The optimal coolant temperature may be explained by the following. Deviations of the coolant temperature are followed not only by changes of the turbine cooling massflow and the turbine cooling losses but also by the changes of heat utilized in the regenerator. The latter drastically influences cycle efficiency. At the coolant temperature of 200 °C, the amount of heat transferred in the regenerator is maximal.

![Figure 10: The results of thermodynamic parameters optimization for the Allam cycle](image)

The temperature of cooling water supplied to the cooler-separators also remarkably influences the cycle efficiency. The simulation results show the 2.1% cycle net efficiency increase at the 10 °C water temperature reduction. The temperature reduction below 20 °C is undesirable because of the risk of liquid phase formation in the multi-stage compressor flowpath.

The analysis of flowpath efficiency influence upon the cycle efficiency included the compressor and turbine efficiency varying from 80 to 90% with a 2% step. The internal turbine and compressor efficiency increases of 1% cause the Allam cycle facility increase of 0.28-0.43% and 0.09-0.12% respectively.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The thermodynamic investigation of the Allam cycle operated on the natural gas was performed using the combination of the Aspen plus simulations and the specially developed mathematical models. The detailed cooled gas turbine compartment model allowing to estimate the coolant flow coefficients by stages taking into account an influence of the thermodynamic parameters of the multicomponent working fluid on the flow path geometry characteristics. The mathematical model of the multi-flow regenerator allowing to perform cycle thermodynamic investigation at a fixed pinch point was elaborated. Using the regenerator model the potential pinch points were analyzed.

The results of consistent optimization of the main cycle parameters showed that maximal net efficiency of 56.5% is reached at the turbine inlet pressure and temperature of 300 bar and 1083 °C, turbine exhaust pressure of 30 bar and the coolant temperature of 200 °C. These parameters could be considered for the supercritical carbon dioxide gas turbine design.

The sensitivity analysis of the main parameters was conducted. A decrease of the turbine inlet pressure by 1 MPa from the optimal value (30 MPa) leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.19% in the pressure range from 25 to 30 MPa and by 0.34% in the pressure range between 20 and 25 MPa. In turn, an increase of the turbine inlet pressure by 1 MPa leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.29% in the pressure range from 30 to 35 MPa and by 0.06% in the pressure range
between 35 and 40 MPa. Therefore, the turbine inlet pressure fluctuation in the range between 25 and 30 MPa will not lead to significant efficiency reduction.

A decrease of the turbine inlet temperature by 1 °C from the optimal value (1083 °C) leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.01% in the temperature range from 1025 to 1083 °C and by 0.02-0.05% in the temperature range between 600 to 920 °C. In turn, an increase of the turbine inlet temperature by 1 °C leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.01% in the temperature range from 1083 to 1210 °C and by 0.03-0.04% in the temperature range between 1240 to 1400 °C. Therefore, the acceptable range of the turbine inlet temperatures for the Allam cycle is between 1025 °C and 1210 °C. Exceeding the limits results in a more intensive efficiency reduction.

A decrease of the turbine outlet pressure by 1 bar from the optimal value (30 bar) leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.05-0.12% in the pressure range from 20 to 30 bar and by 0.12-0.34% in the pressure range between 20 and 35 bar. In turn, an increase of the turbine outlet pressure by 1 bar leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.19-0.26% in the pressure range from 30 to 50 bar. Therefore, the turbine outlet pressure fluctuation in the range between 20 and 35 bar will not lead to significant efficiency reduction.

The 10 °C coolant temperature decrease from the optimal value (200 °C) leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.03% in the temperature range from 100 to 200 °C. In turn, the 10 °C coolant temperature increase leads to a decrease of the cycle net efficiency by 0.01% in the temperature range from 200 to 300 °C and by 0.02-0.22% in the temperature range between 300 and 600 °C. Therefore, the coolant temperature between 100 and 300 °C is recommended for the supercritical carbon dioxide gas turbine. Herewith the coolant flow coefficient is in the range between 9.3 and 14.9%.

The 1 °C cooling water temperature reduction reduces the cycle net efficiency by 0.21%. The water temperature reduction below 20 °C is not recommended because of the risk of liquid formation in the compressor flowpath.

The 1% internal turbine and compressor efficiency increase produce the facility efficiency increases by 0.28-0.43% and 0.09-0.12% respectively.

The 91.25% pure oxygen production and compression reduce the average cycle net efficiency by 7.2% and the precipitated carbon dioxide compression consumes 0.4%.

The Allam cycle facility studies at different initial parameters show combinations of the turbine inlet pressure and temperature that provide the maximal net efficiency as the following:
- at the 996 °C temperature and 200 bar pressure, the facility net efficiency is 54.6% and the coolant flow coefficient is 3.9%;
- at the 1054 °C temperature and 250 bar pressure, the facility net efficiency is 55.7% and the coolant flow coefficient is 6.6%;
- at the 1083 °C temperature and 300 bar pressure, the facility net efficiency is 56.5% and the coolant flow coefficient is 11.4%;
- at the 1164 °C temperature and 350 bar pressure, the facility net efficiency is 55.8% and the coolant flow coefficient is 11.4%;
- at the 1058 °C temperature and 400 bar pressure, the facility net efficiency is 55.8% and the coolant flow coefficient is 10.5%.

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