

# Simultaneous investigation of boiling heat transfer and power output in ORC

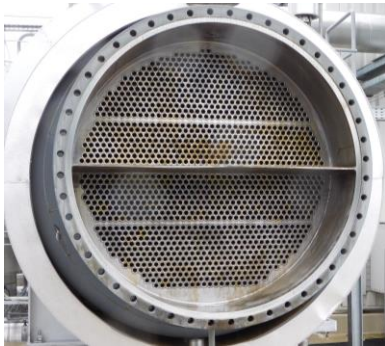
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# Working fluids

## ORC geothermal binary power plants

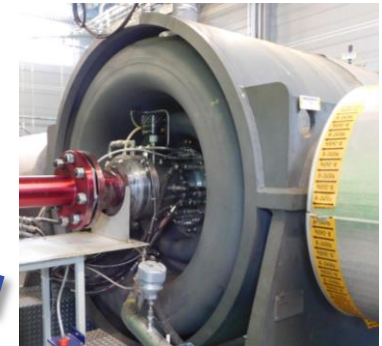
Shell-and-tube evaporator



HC:  Flammability

HFC:  GWP

ORC turbine



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$\alpha_{nb}$

$P_{el}$

Replacements? 

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## Low GWP replacement



• Refrigerant group	HFC	HCFO
• GWP	1030	5
• Safety classification	B1	A1
• Sat. pressure ( $T_{\text{sat}} = 100 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	12.6 bar	10.4 bar
• Vapour density ( $T_{\text{sat}} = 100 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	72.8 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	56.3 kg/m <sup>3</sup>

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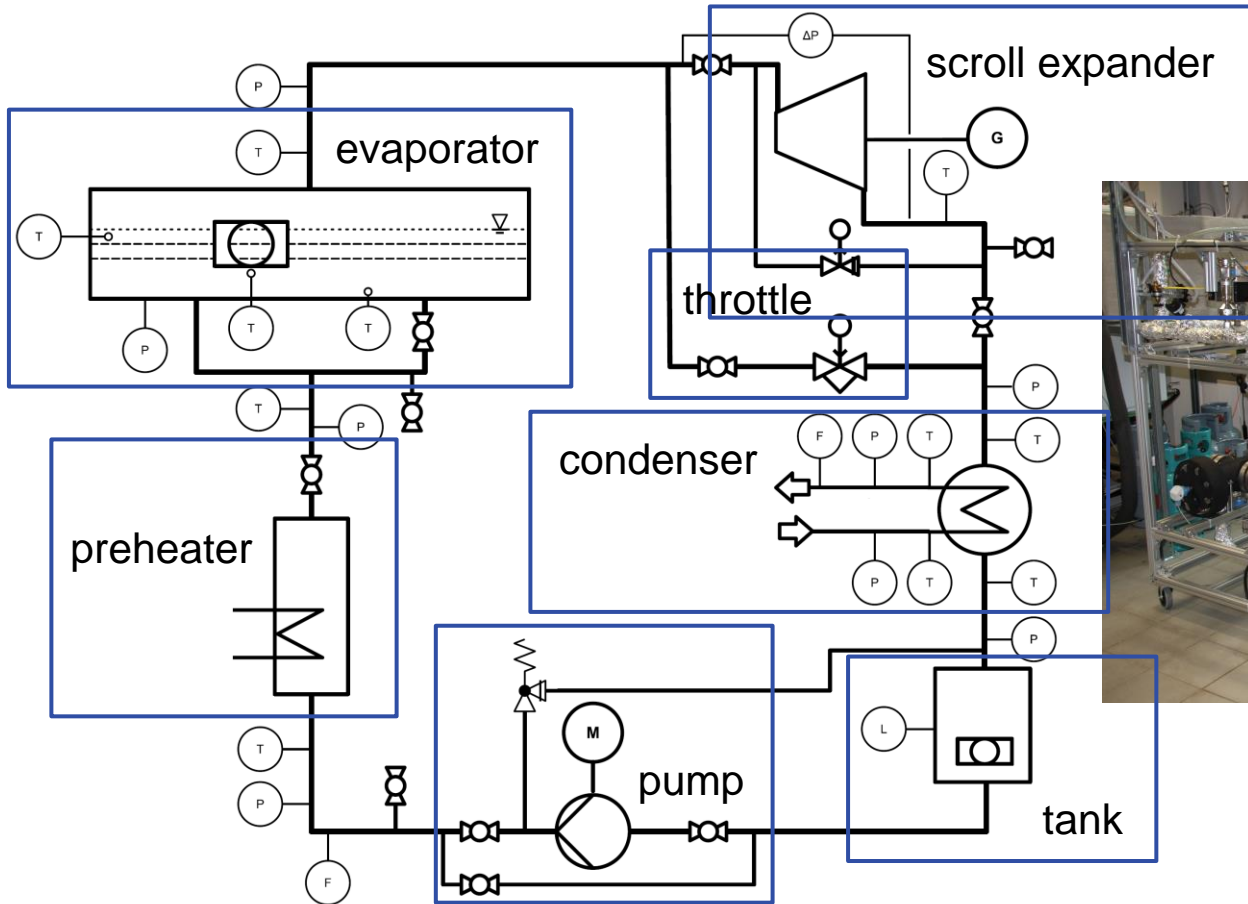
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## Flowsheet



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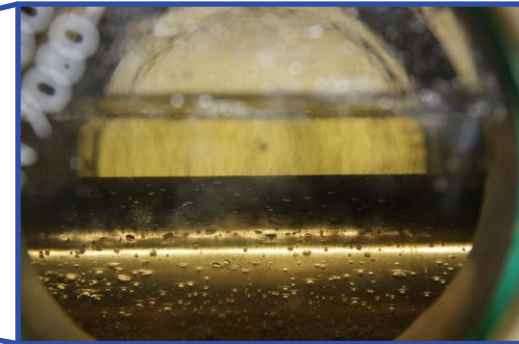
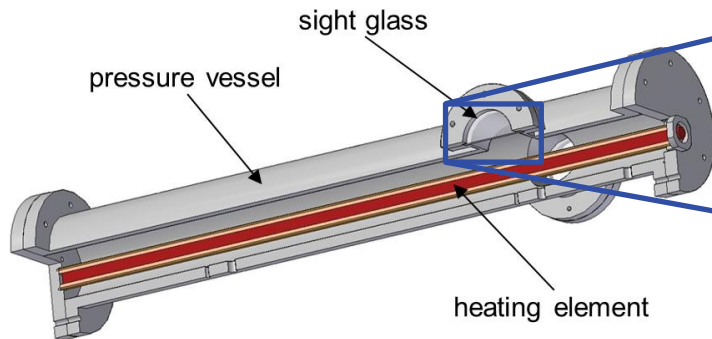
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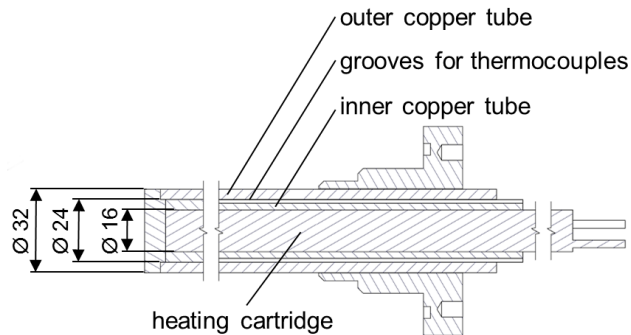
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## Evaporator

### Pool boiling



### Heating element



### Calculation of nucleate pool boiling HTC

$$\alpha_{nb} = \frac{q}{T_w - T_{sat}}$$

$$T_w = T_i - \frac{q D_o \ln(D_o / D_i)}{2 \lambda_t}$$

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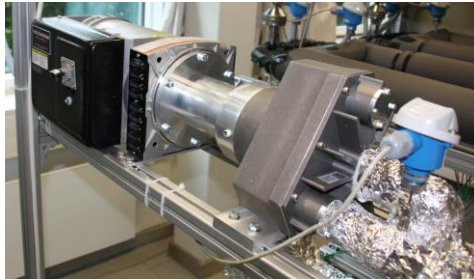
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## Scroll expander and generator

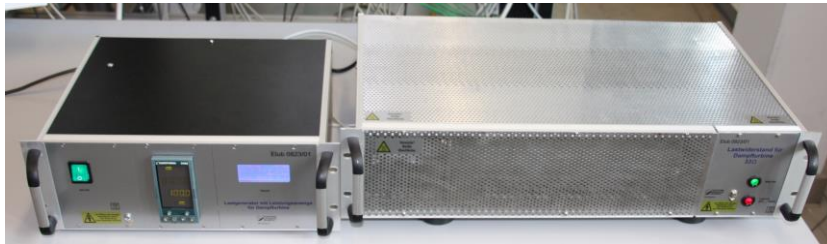


### Scroll expander

- Manufacturer: Air Squared
- Nominal power: 1 kW
- Max. speed: 3600 1/min
- Volume ratio: 3.5

### Generator

- Manufacturer: Voltmaster
- Type: Self-excited AC
- Nominal power: 2.4 kW
- Nominal speed: 3000 1/min



### Variable electronic load

- Type: Phase angle control
- Nominal power: 1.5 kW
- Frequency range: 45 ... 55 Hz

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## Operating parameters

Equal saturation temperatures  
 → Optimization of applications with limited heat source temperatures

Equal rotational speeds  
 → Comparison at equal heat fluxes and similar mass flow rates

Scroll expander at idle operation  
 → Evaluation of thermal and generator losses

$\dot{Q}_{\text{evap}}$ (kW)	$n_{\text{scroll}}$ (1/min)	$T_{\text{sat}}$ (°C)
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variable	2700	85
	2850	90
	...	...
	105	105

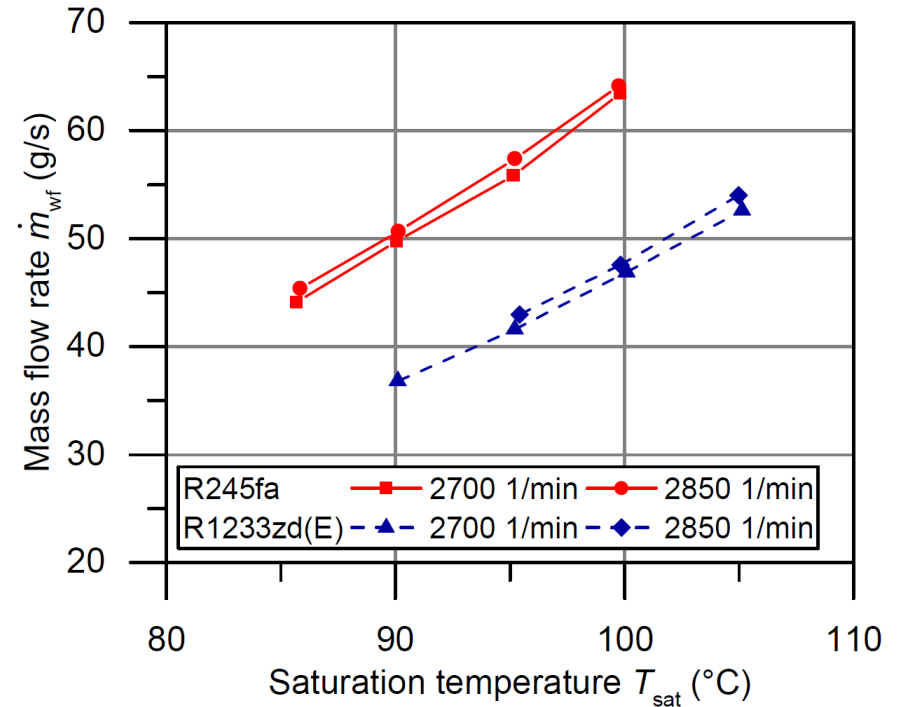
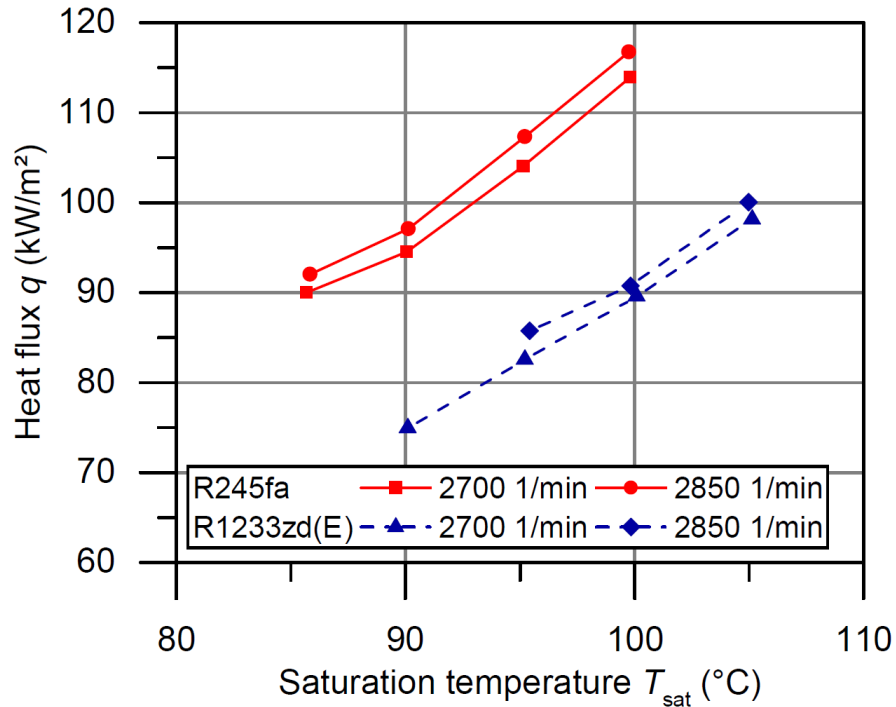
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	2850	
	3000	

7.8	variable	variable
8.7		
9.6		

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# Heat Transfer and Power Output

## Equal saturation temperatures



➡ R1233zd(E): Heat flux and mass flow rate lower

➡ Influence of rotational speed low

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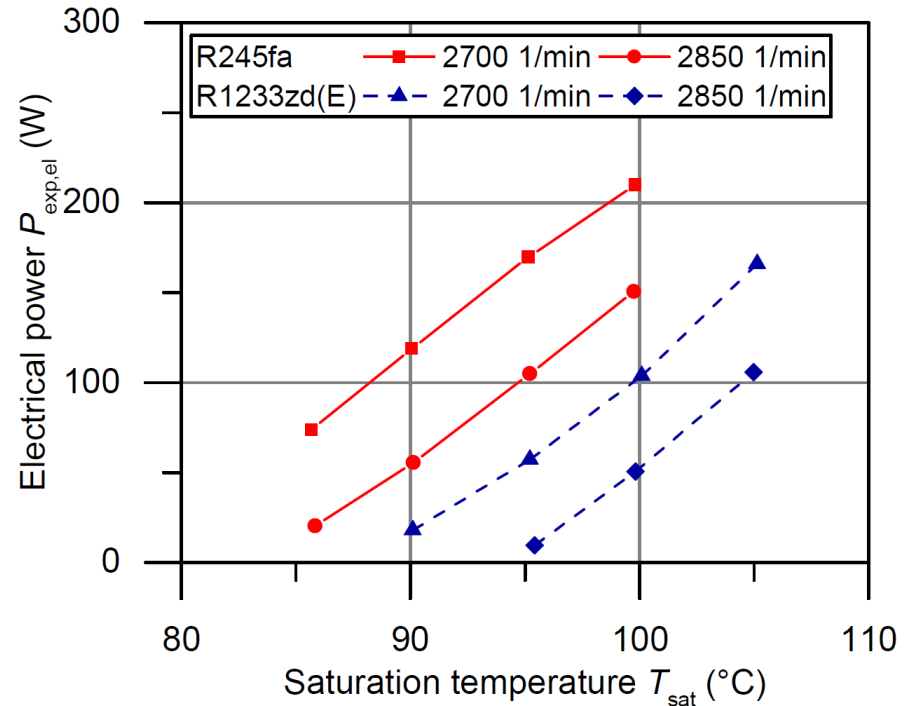
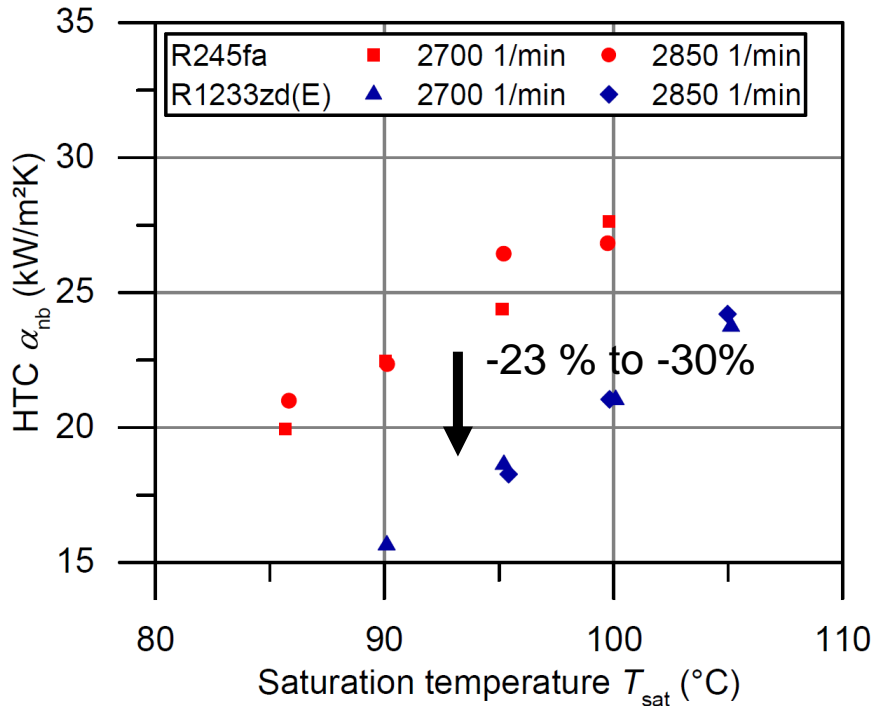
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# Heat Transfer and Power Output

## Equal saturation temperatures



➔ R1233zd(E): Lower HTC due to lower pressure and heat flux

➔ R1233zd(E): Lower power due to lower thermal input power and mass flow rate

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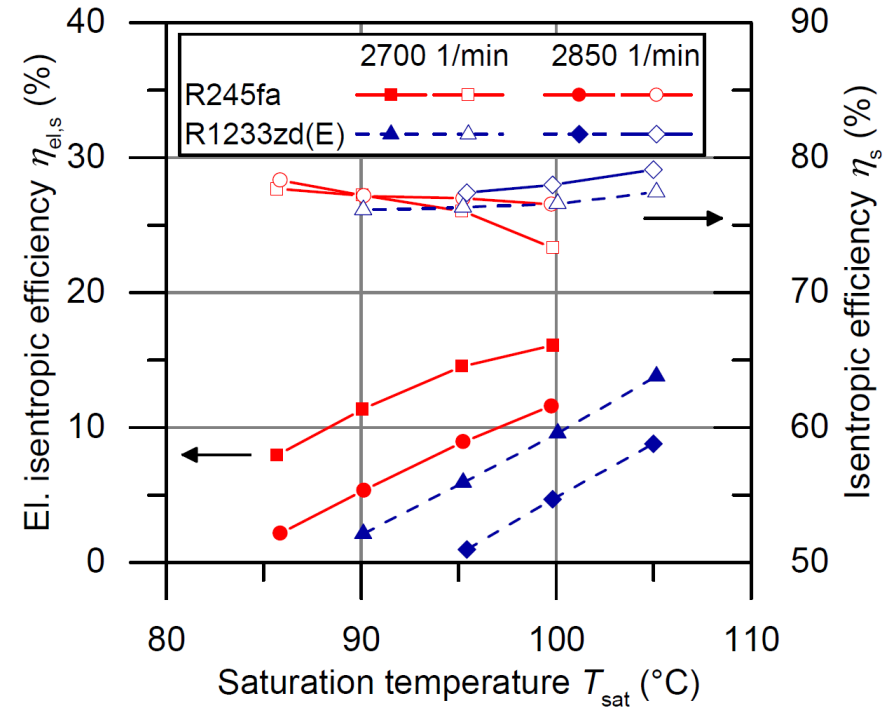
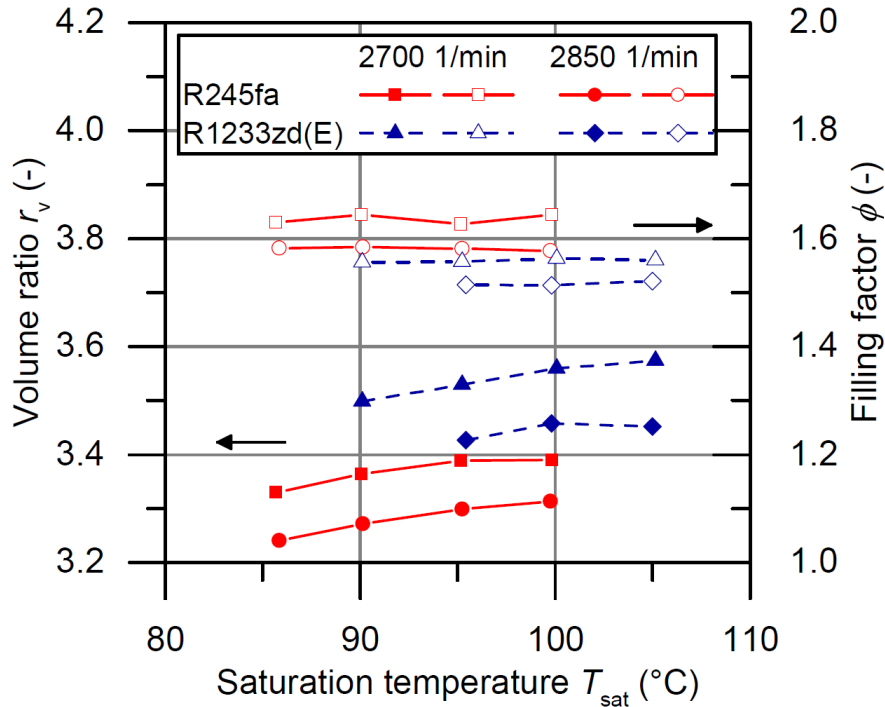
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# Heat Transfer and Power Output

## Equal saturation temperatures



➔ R1233zd(E): Lower filling factor causes lower volume flow rate and higher volume ratio

➔ Low electrical isentropic efficiency indicates poor generator efficiency

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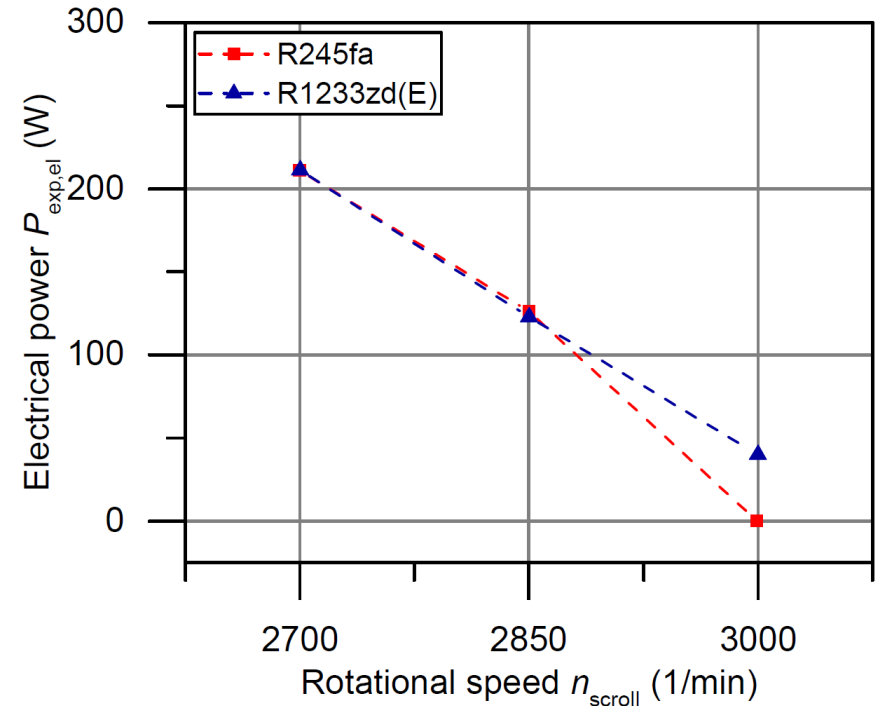
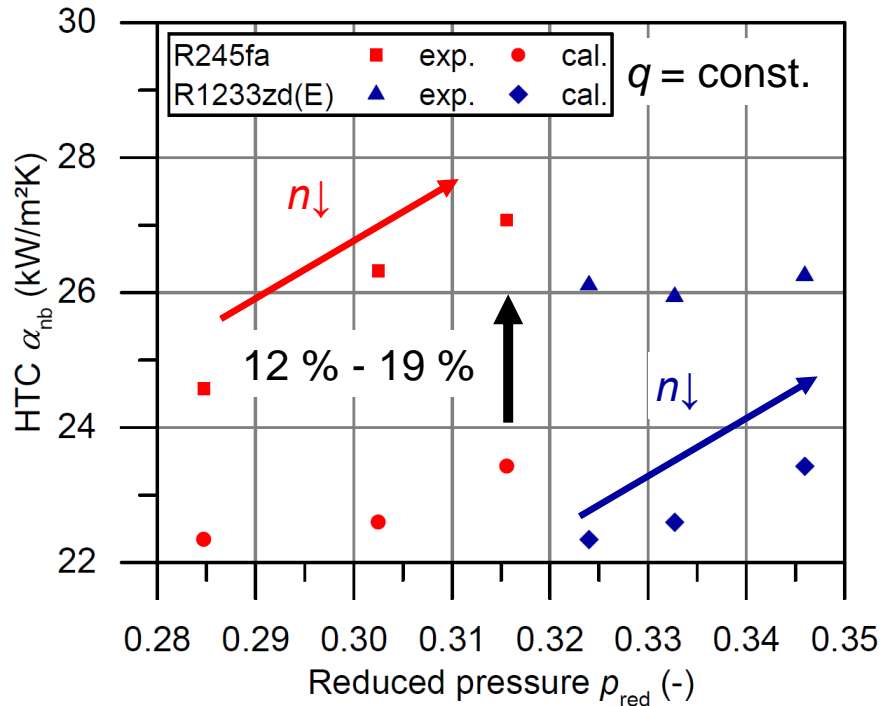
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# Heat Transfer and Power Output

Equal rotational speeds



➔ R245fa  $\approx$  R1233zd(E): Reduced pressure “compensates” effect of thermophysical properties

➔ Decreasing electrical power due to lower thermal input power and higher internal consumption of generator

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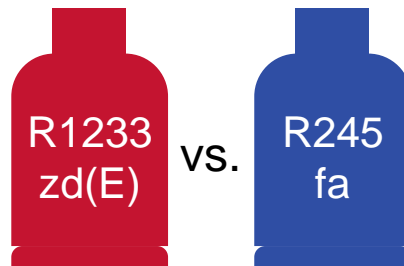
## Summary

**+** R1233zd(E)

GWP  
▼ 99.6 %

Filling factor  
▼ 5 %

Volume ratio  
▲ 6 %



Isentropic efficiency



**+** R245fa

HTC  
▼ 30 %

Power output  
▼ 100 W

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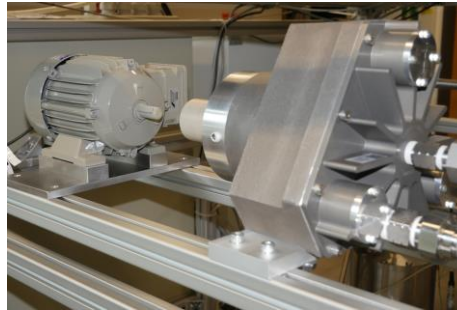
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# Further work and acknowledgments

## Further work

- Comparison of measured HTC to common pool boiling correlations
- Scroll expander
  - High efficiency generator
  - Torque measurement
- Evaporator
  - Stainless steel tube
  - Bundle evaporator



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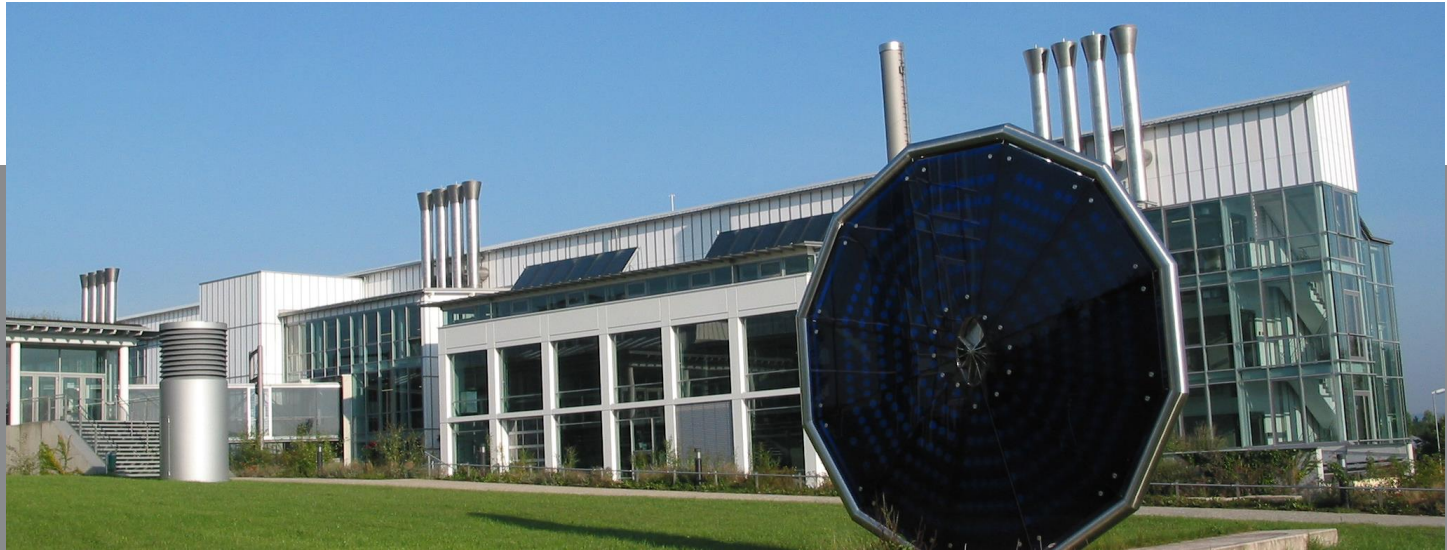
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## Idle operation

