

Polytropic Efficiency

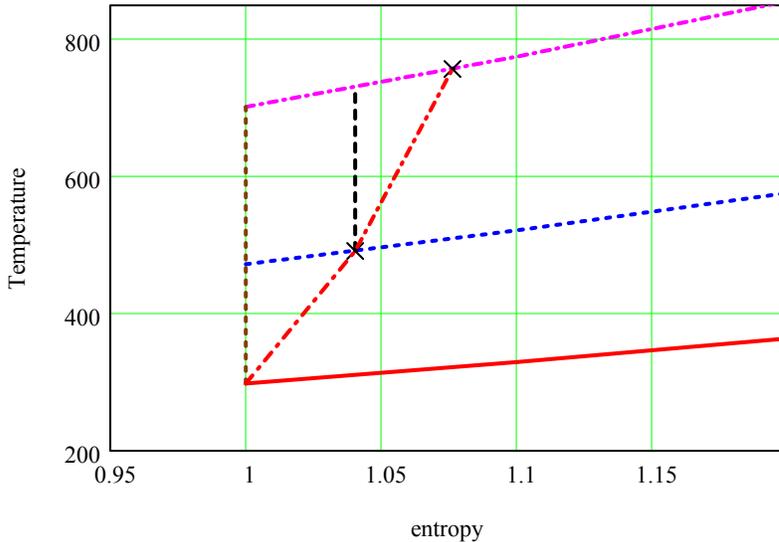
kJ := 1000J

consider a two stage compressor with a stage efficiency = 0.9

$$p_1 := 1 \text{ bar} \quad p_2 := 5 \text{ bar} \quad p_3 := 20 \text{ bar} \quad s_1 := 1 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} \quad \eta_{\text{stage}} := 0.9$$

calculations

the states resulting are plotted ...



using the gas laws and stage efficiency = η_{stage} , after the first stage the states will be

$$T_2 = 491.556 \text{ K} \quad s_2 = 1.04 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} \quad p_2 = 5 \text{ bar}$$

after the second stage the states will be $T_3 = 756.994 \text{ K} \quad s_3 = 1.076 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} \quad p_3 = 20 \text{ bar}$

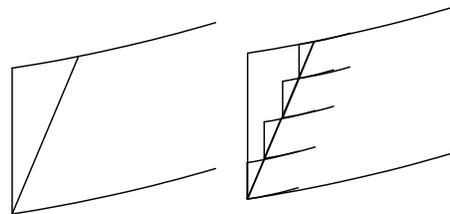
now if we calculate efficiency of the compressor

$$\eta_{\text{comp}} = \frac{\Delta T_s}{\Delta T} = \frac{T_{3s} - T_1}{T_3 - T_1} = 0.88 \quad \text{as a check ...} \quad \frac{T_{33s} - T_2}{T_3 - T_2} = 0.9 \quad \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{T_2 - T_1} = 0.9$$

This effect can be accounted for by using polytropic efficiency - or small stage efficiency.

reset variables T, s, p

$$\eta_c = \frac{h_{2s} - h_1}{h_2 - h_1} = \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{T_2 - T_1} = \frac{\Delta T_s}{\Delta T}$$



compressor

as the pressure ratio approaches unity

$$\frac{\Delta T_s}{\Delta T} = \frac{d}{dT} T_s \quad \text{define ...} \quad \eta_{pc} = \frac{d}{dT} T_s$$

$$\Rightarrow dT_s = \eta_{pc} \cdot dT \quad \text{for simple compressible substance} \quad T \cdot ds = dh - v \cdot dp \quad (7.7)$$

$$ds = \frac{dh}{T} - \frac{v}{T} \cdot dp = c_{po} \cdot \frac{dT}{T} - R \cdot \frac{dp}{p} \quad \text{ideal gas and definition of } c_{po}$$

$$\text{isentropic } ds = 0 \quad c_{po} \cdot \frac{dT_s}{T} = R \cdot \frac{dp}{p}$$

$$\text{substitute } dT_s = \eta_{pc} \cdot dT \quad c_{po} \cdot \eta_{pc} \cdot \frac{dT}{T} = R \cdot \frac{dp}{p} \quad \text{rearrange and integrate} \quad \ln\left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right) = \frac{R}{c_{po} \cdot \eta_{pc}} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{c_{po}}{c_{vo}} \quad c_{vo} := \frac{c_{po}}{\gamma} \quad R := c_{po} - c_{vo} \quad \frac{R}{\eta_{pc} \cdot c_{po}} \text{ simplify } \rightarrow \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}$$

$$\text{raise to exponents} \quad \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} \quad \text{use in definition of } \eta_c \quad \eta_c = \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{T_2 - T_1} = \frac{\frac{T_{2s}}{T_1} - 1}{\frac{T_2}{T_1} - 1} = \frac{r^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} - 1}{r^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}} - 1}}$$

example polytropic efficiency = 0.9; calculate isentropic efficiency for $p_2/p_1 = 2, 16, 30$; use air as working fluid

$$i := 0..2 \quad \eta_{pc} := 0.9 \quad \gamma := 1.4 \quad r := \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 16 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \quad \eta_{c_i} := \frac{\left(\frac{r_i}{1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} - 1}{\left(\frac{r_i}{1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}} - 1}} \quad \eta_c = \begin{pmatrix} 0.89 \\ 0.856 \\ 0.845 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{if } T_1 \text{ were } 25 \text{ deg C} \quad T_1 := 25 + 273.15$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} \quad T_2 := T_1 \cdot r^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} \quad T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 371.535 \\ 718.944 \\ 877.733 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{whereas } T_2 \text{ calculated using } \eta_{pc} \text{ as } \eta_c \quad \eta_c = \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{T_2 - T_1} \quad T_2 = T_1 + \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{\eta_c} \quad T_{2s} := T_1 \cdot r^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$T_{2s} = \begin{pmatrix} 363.449 \\ 658.369 \\ 787.897 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_{2s} := T_1 + \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{\eta_{pc}}$$

$$T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 370.704 \\ 698.393 \\ 842.313 \end{pmatrix}$$

temperature above is higher indicating more energy required for compressor consistent with lower efficiency

another observation ... if we say the two stages have a polytropic efficiency of 0.9 then using ...

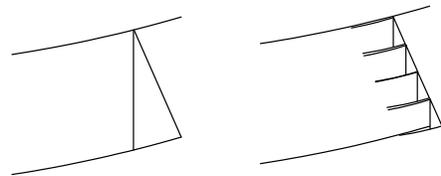
$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} \quad \text{and ...} \quad \frac{T_3}{T_2} = \left(\frac{p_3}{p_2}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} \Rightarrow \frac{T_2}{T_1} \cdot \frac{T_3}{T_2} = \frac{T_3}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} \cdot \left(\frac{p_3}{p_2}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} = \left(\frac{p_3}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}}$$

$$\frac{T_3}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_3}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}}$$

the polytropic efficiency of the compressor is identical, i.e T_3 is determined from the polytropic efficiency that is the same as the two stages since polytropic efficiency approaches isentropic efficiency for pressure ratio ~ 1, this is the same as saying that for a compressor with a large number of stages each with pressure ration near 1, the polytropic efficiency of the compressor is isentropic efficiency of the individual stages

turbine would be similar with exception of inversion of relationship

$$\eta_t = \frac{T_3 - T_4}{T_3 - T_{4s}} \Rightarrow \eta_{pt} = \frac{dT}{dT_s} \quad dT_s = \frac{dT}{\eta_{pt}}$$



turbine

$$c_{po} \cdot \frac{dT_s}{T} = R \cdot \frac{dp}{p} \Rightarrow \frac{c_{po}}{\eta_{pt}} \cdot \frac{dT}{T} = R \cdot \frac{dp}{p} \Rightarrow \frac{dT}{T} = \frac{R \cdot \eta_{pt}}{c_{po}} \cdot \frac{dp}{p} \quad \frac{T_3}{T_4} = \left(\frac{p_3}{p_4}\right)^{\eta_{pc} \cdot \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

could do by direct analogy if write

$$\frac{1}{\eta_t} = \frac{T_{4s} - T_3}{T_4 - T_3} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 4 = 2 \\ 3 = 1 \end{matrix} \quad \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \eta_{pc}}} \quad \text{morphs to ...} \quad \frac{T_4}{T_3} = \left(\frac{p_4}{p_3}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\eta_{pt}}\right)}}$$

$$\text{and ...} \quad \frac{T_4}{T_3} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{\eta_{pt} \cdot \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

same example polytropic efficiency = 0.9; calculate isentropic efficiency for $p_3/p_4 = 2, 16, 30$; use air as working fluid

$$\begin{matrix} i := 0..2 \\ \eta_{pt} := 0.9 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \gamma := 1.4 \\ r := \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 16 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad \eta_{t_i} := \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{r_i}\right)^{\eta_{pt} \cdot \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{r_i}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}} \quad \eta_t = \begin{pmatrix} 0.909 \\ 0.932 \\ 0.938 \end{pmatrix}$$

if T_3 were 700 deg C $T_3 := 700 + 273.15$

$$\frac{T_4}{T_3} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{\eta_{pt} \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \quad T_4 := T_3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{\eta_{pt} \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \quad T_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 814.277 \\ 477.034 \\ 405.834 \end{pmatrix}$$

whereas T_4 calculated using η_{pt} as η_t

$$\eta_t = \frac{T_3 - T_4}{T_3 - T_{4s}} = \frac{T_4 - T_3}{T_{4s} - T_3} \quad T_4 = T_3 + \eta_{pt} \cdot (T_{4s} - T_3) \quad T_{4s} := T_3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$T_{4s} = \begin{pmatrix} 798.309 \\ 440.702 \\ 368.252 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_{4s} := T_3 + \eta_{pt} \cdot (T_{4s} - T_3) \quad T_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 815.793 \\ 493.947 \\ 428.742 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{above temperature is lower indicating} \\ \text{more energy extracted from fluid,} \\ \text{consistent with higher efficiency} \end{array}$$

direct approach for calculating T_2 modeling as discrete multiple stages. increasing number_of_stages should make η_{c_1} approach η_c (back to compressor for calculations)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{number_of_stages} := 4 \quad j := 0..2 \quad TT_{0,j} := 25 + 273.15 \quad \gamma := 1.4 \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 16 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \\ r_per_stage := r^{\frac{1}{\text{number_of_stages}}} \quad r_per_stage^T = (1.189 \quad 2 \quad 2.34) \quad \text{power} := \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} \end{array}$$

temperature after each stage

$$TT_{1,ns} = TT_{0,ns} + \frac{(r_per_stage_j)^{\text{power}} \cdot TT_{0,j} - TT_{0,j}}{\eta_{pc}} \quad \eta_c = \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{T_2 - T_1} \quad T_2 = T_1 + \frac{T_{2s} - T_1}{\eta_c}$$

$$n := 0.. \text{number_of_stages} \quad T_{2s} = T_1 \cdot r^{\text{power}} \quad TT_{n+1,j} := TT_{n,j} + \frac{(r_per_stage_j)^{\text{power}} \cdot TT_{n,j} - TT_{n,j}}{\eta_{pc}}$$

$$\eta_{c_1,j} := \frac{TT_{0,j} \cdot (r_j)^{\text{power}} - TT_{0,j}}{TT_{\text{number_of_stages},j} - TT_{0,j}}$$

number_of_stages = 4	isentropic continuous model	10 stages	20 stages	50 stages
$\eta_{c_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.892 \\ 0.869 \\ 0.862 \end{pmatrix}$	$\eta_c = \begin{pmatrix} 0.89 \\ 0.856 \\ 0.845 \end{pmatrix}$	$\eta_{c_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.891 \\ 0.862 \\ 0.852 \end{pmatrix}$	$\eta_{c_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.89 \\ 0.859 \\ 0.849 \end{pmatrix}$	$\eta_{c_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.89 \\ 0.857 \\ 0.846 \end{pmatrix}$

further evidence that for a compressor with a large number of stages each with pressure ration near 1, the polytropic efficiency of the compressor is isentropic efficiency of the individual stages. this follows through to determine isentropic efficiency for the compressor based on equating polytropic efficiency of small stages to the isentropic efficiency of the (small) stage.