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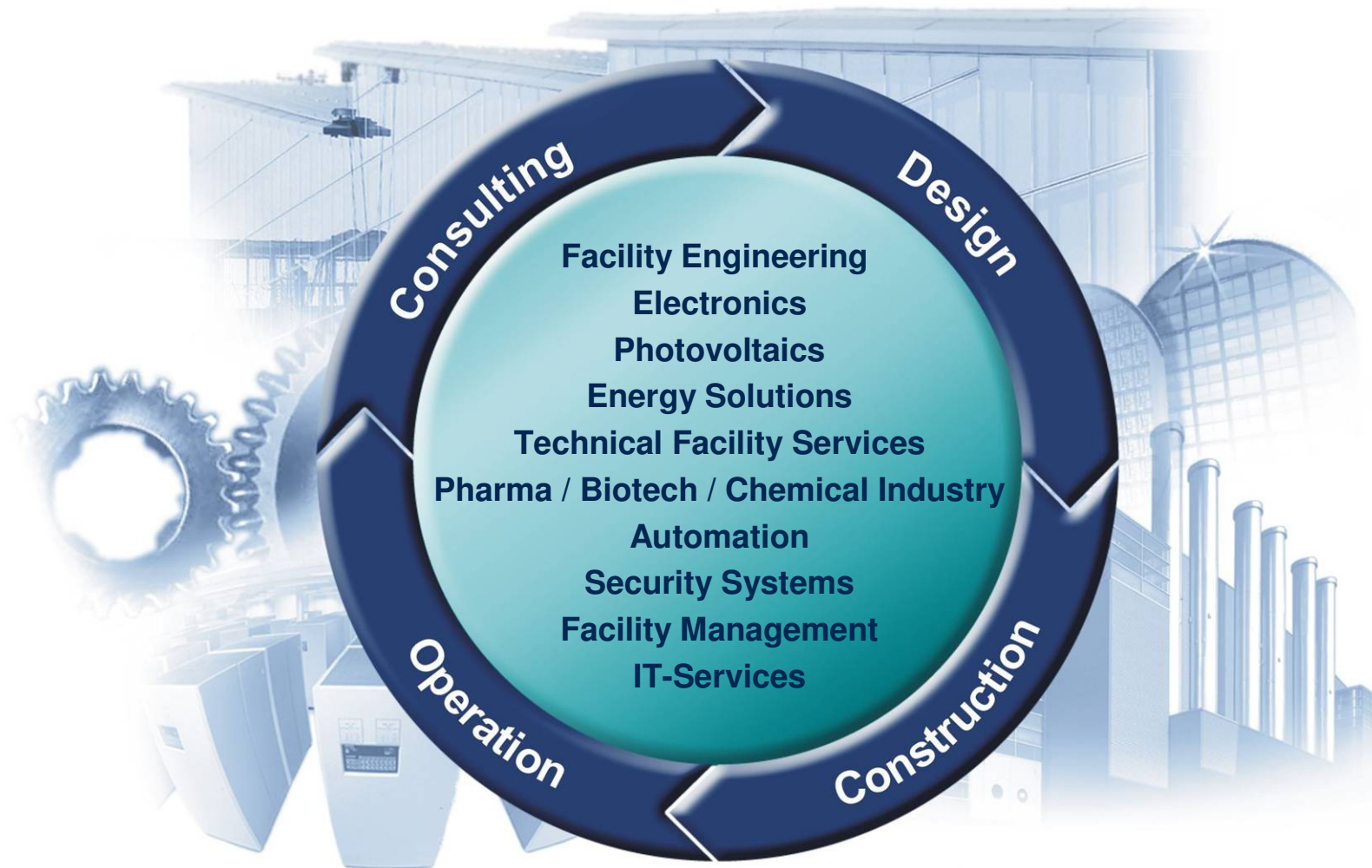
The New Generation Kalina Cycle

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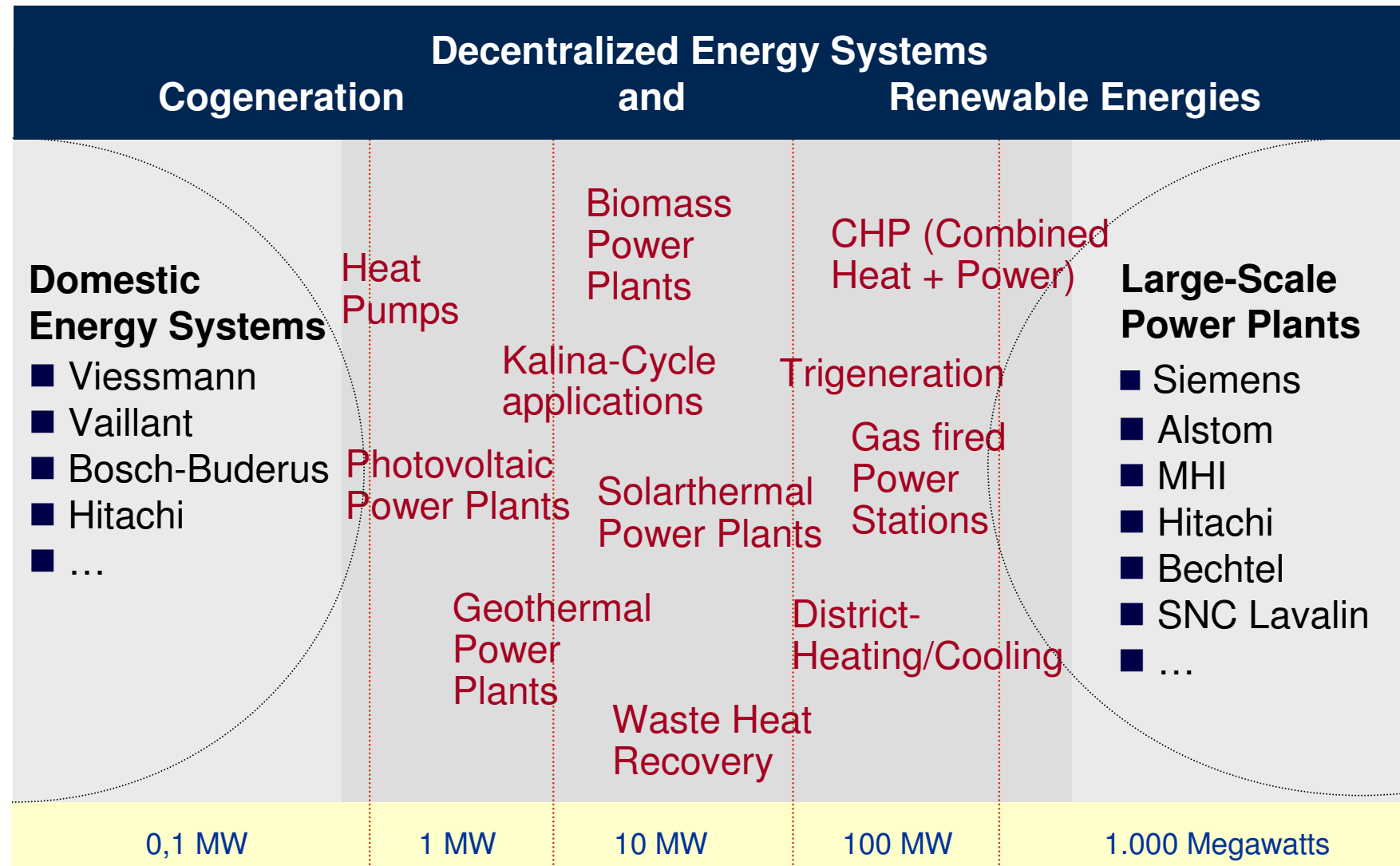




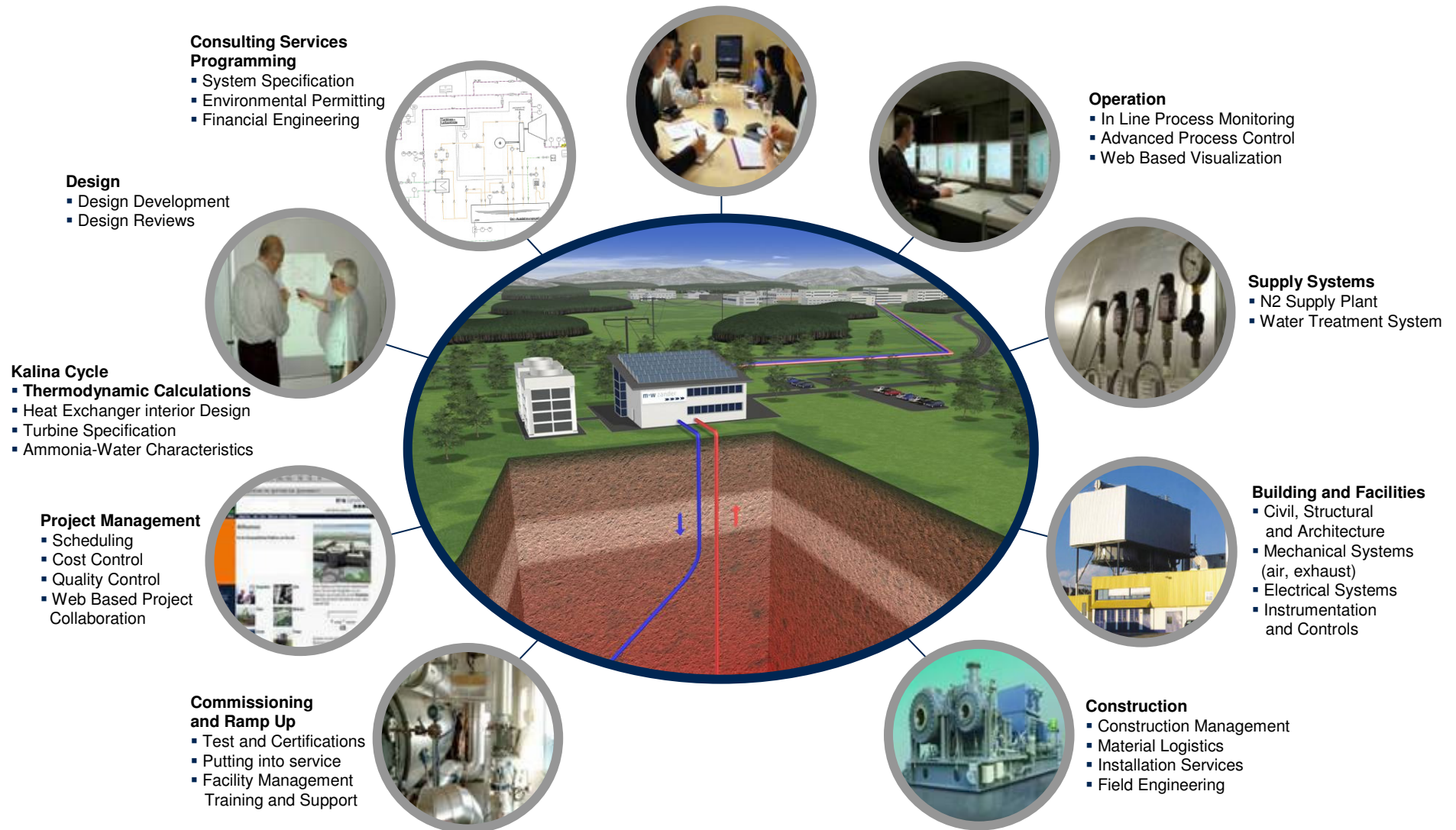
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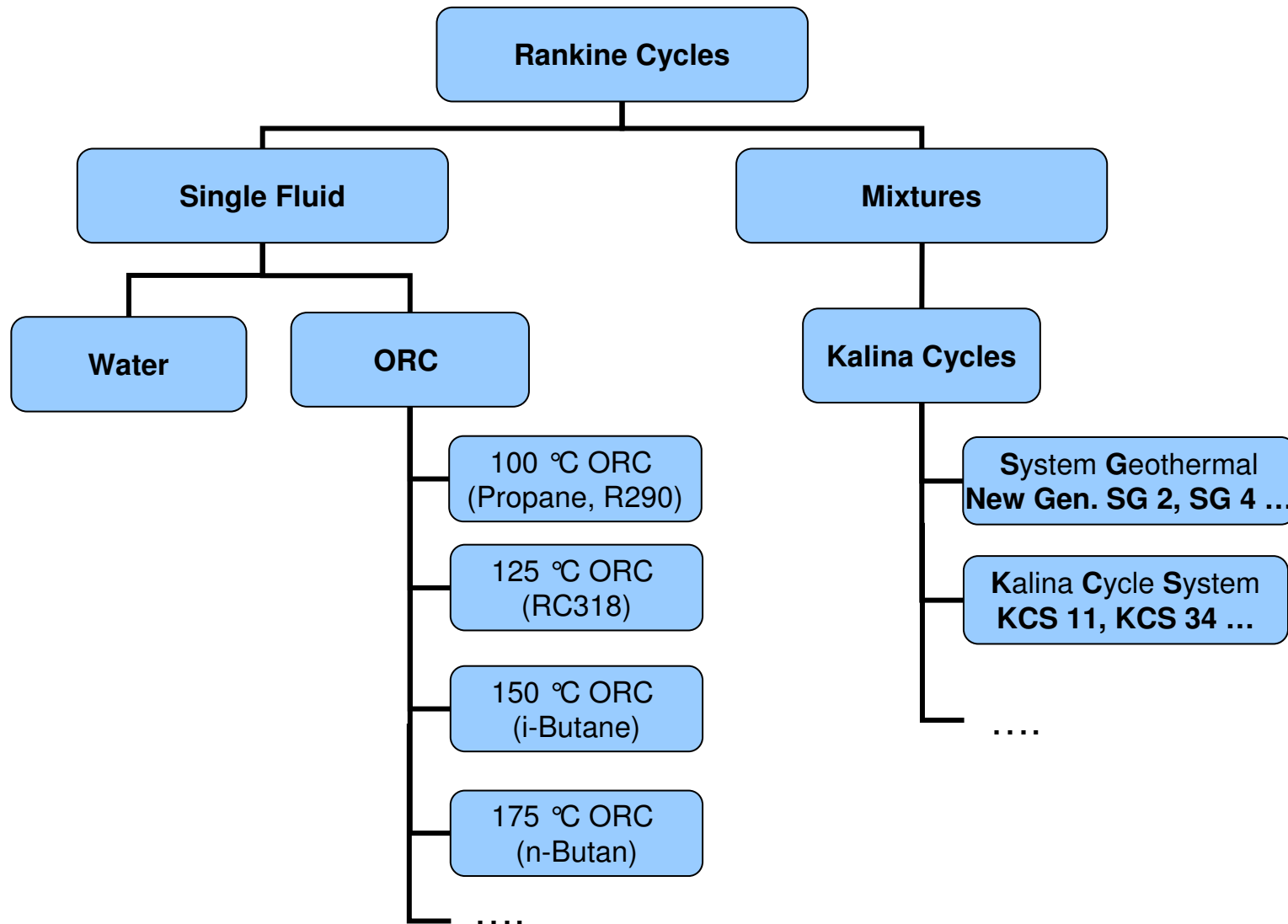
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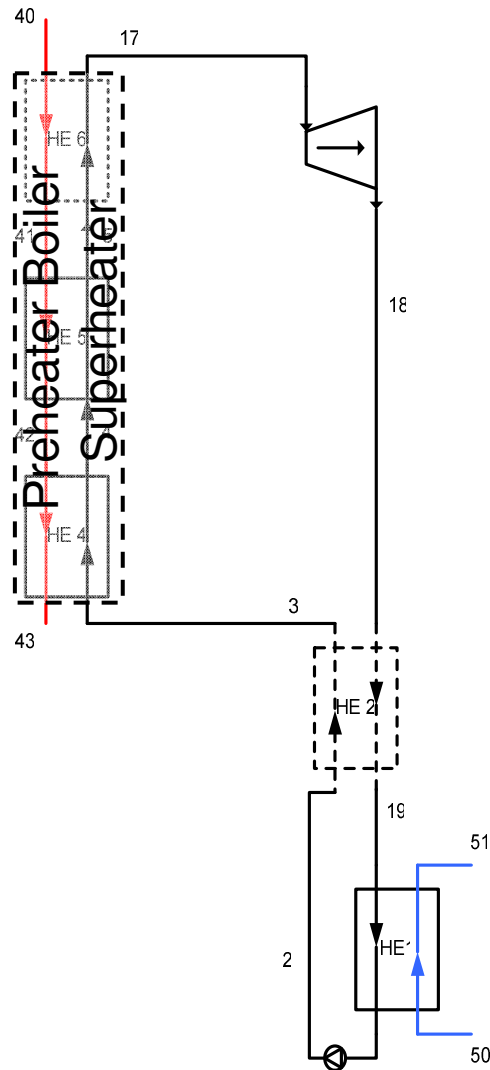
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Rankine Cycle Overview

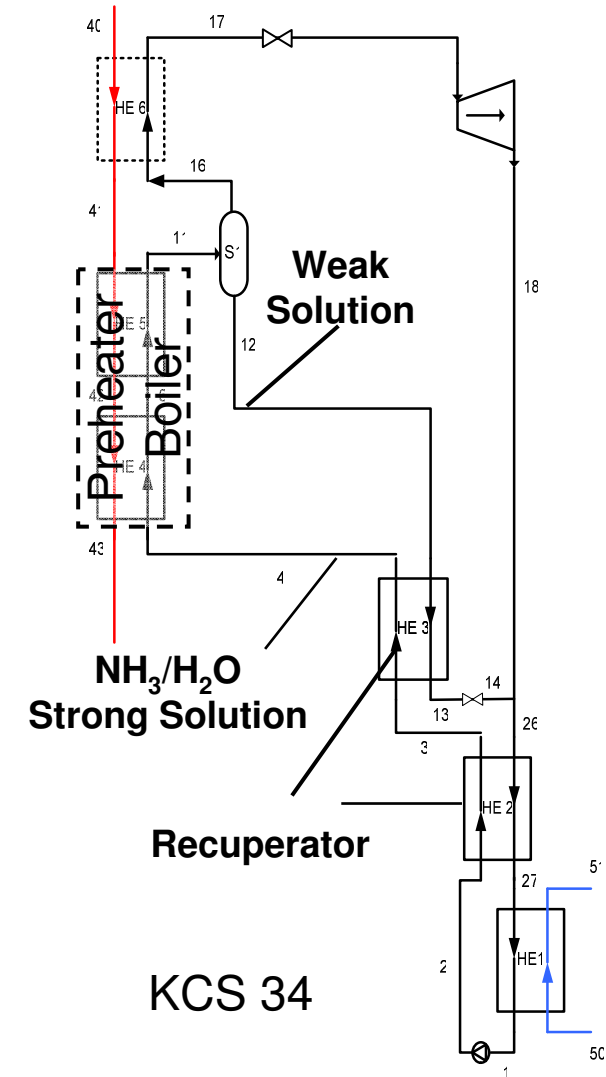


ORC – Kalina Cycle

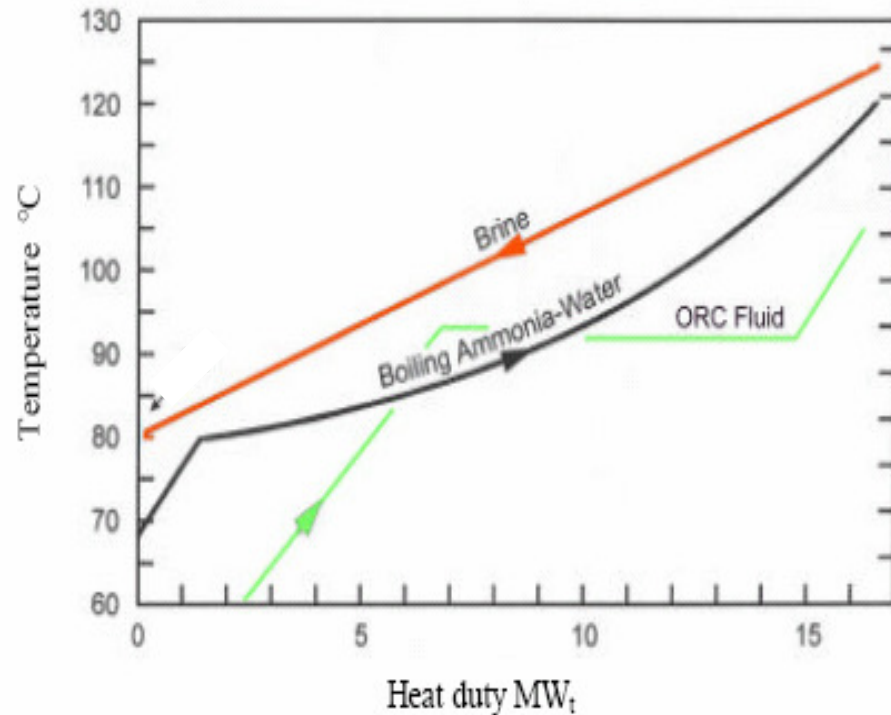


Kalina Cycle compared to ORC

- Single organic working fluid replaced by $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Closed loop of liquid working fluid (strong resp. weak solution)
- Separation of steam and liquid
Superheating possible but normally not considered in KCS34
- Condensation (absorption) of vapor at low pressure level in 2 steps
- A substantial part of absorption energy may be recuperated to the cycle in HE 2

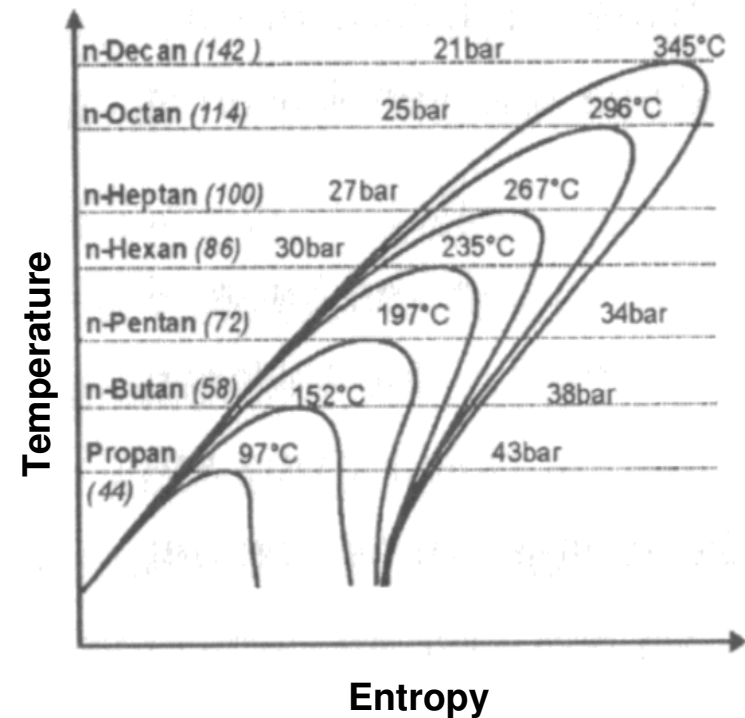


Characteristics of ORC and Kalina Cycles



Evaporation / Desorption Process

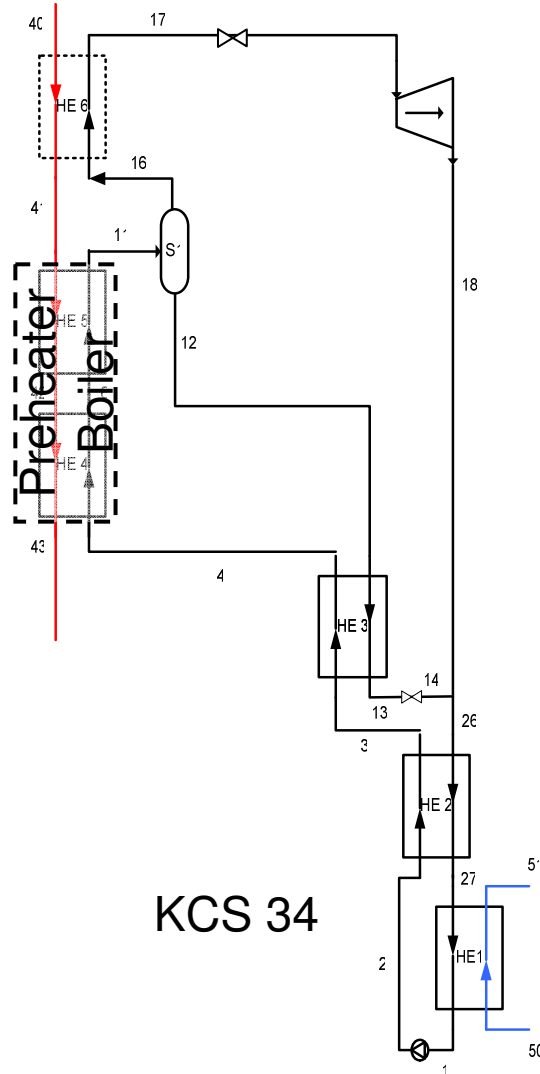
Organic Substances must be selected in accordance to the heat source temperature level ($T_{cr} < T_{in \text{ Brine}}$)



Cycle Characteristics

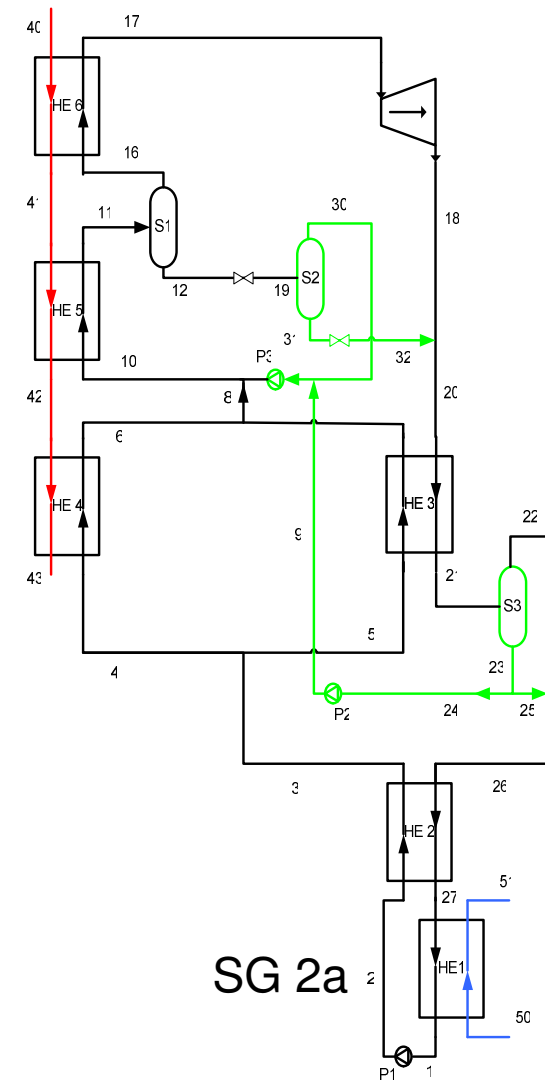
- ORC (Single Component Working Fluid)
 - Evaporation and condensation at fixed temperatures
 - Fluid must be selected in accordance to the temperature level of the heat source
 - Pinch point is limiting factor for heat transfer
 - Environmental impacts and restrictions by using organic substances
 - Inflamable and/or toxic and/or GWP (Global Warming Potential) and/or ODP (Ozone Depletion Potential)
- Kalina Cycle (Mixture of Ammonia/Water)
 - Evaporation (desorption) and condensation (absorption) over a large temperature range (fits to the nature of the heat source)
 - Same working fluid may cover a wide range of the heat source temperature levels \Rightarrow Optimization by switching concentration
 - Ammonia has toxic potential but:
 - Easy to detect at save concentration levels
 - A lot of experiences in handling the substance and operating ammonia cycles (mechanical and absorption chillers)
 - No GWP and ODP

Kalina Cycles KSC 34 and SG 2a



SG2a compared to KSC 34

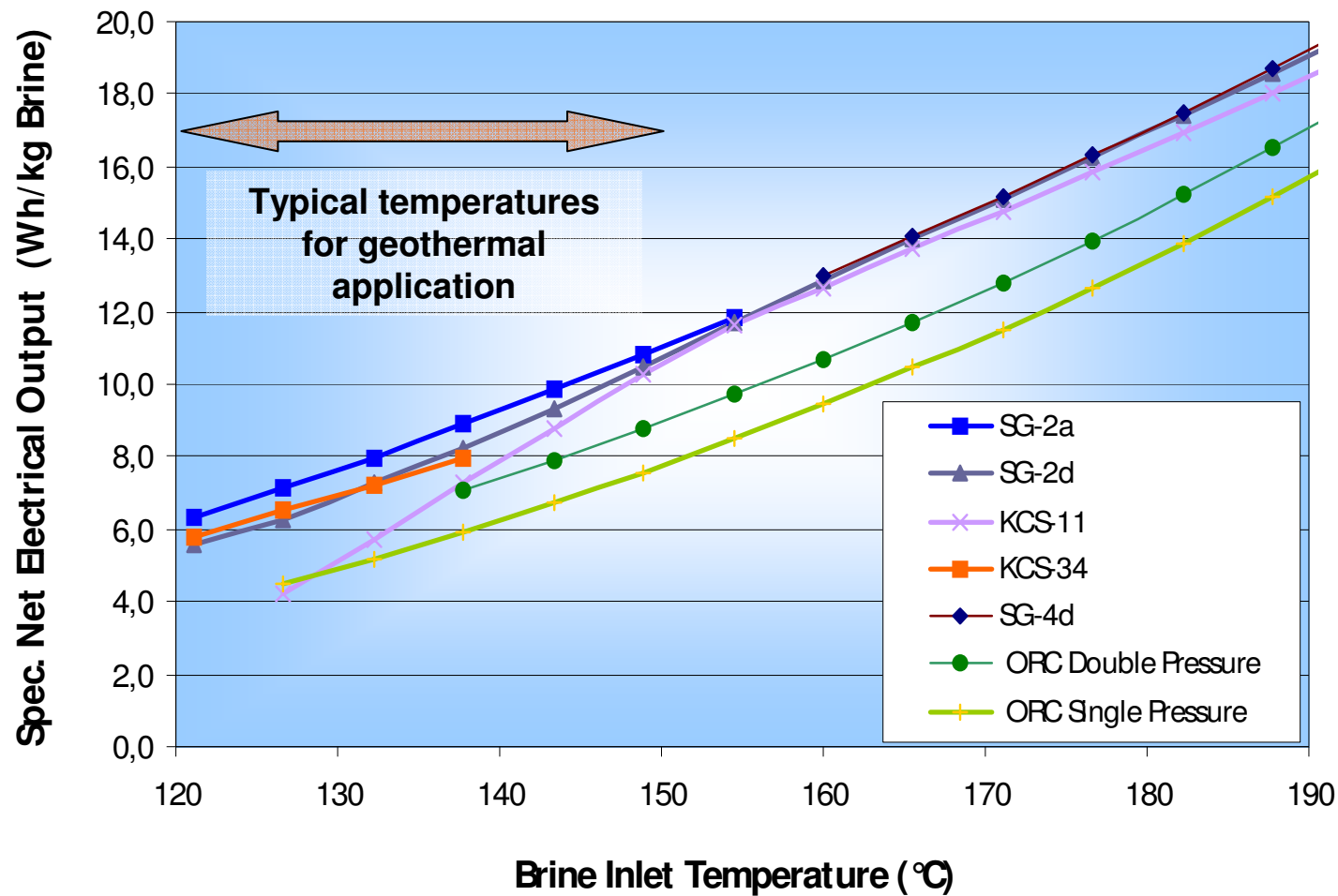
- Evaporator is splitted in preheater HE 4 and Boiler HE 5
- The working fluid is separated into 2 substreams, preheated in HE 3, HE 4
- Evaporator HE 5 is supplied additionally by an internal cycle, collecting working fluid from separators operating at intermediate and low pressure levels



Kalina SG 2a Cycle

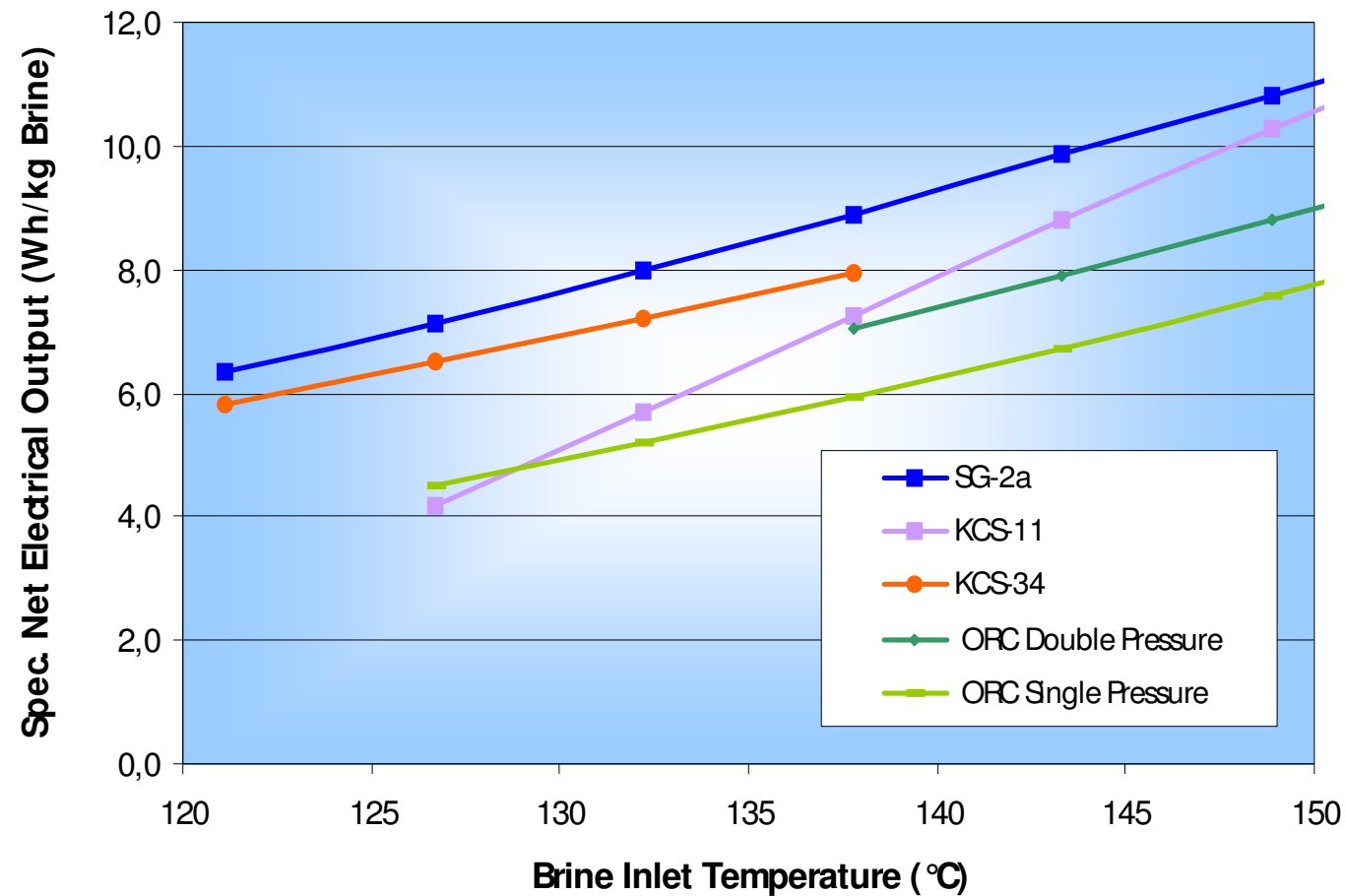
- Increased efficiency, especially at low heat source temperatures ($\leq 150^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Improved adaptability to brine output temperature restrictions (scaling effects)
 - Lower electricity generation loss in case of temperature restrictions
- Enhanced economic and technical viability for the utilization of low temperature geothermal sources
- Additional geothermal energy usage for heating purposes may be performed (e.g. during winter time) at less electrical power losses

Cycle Net Electrical Output Comparison



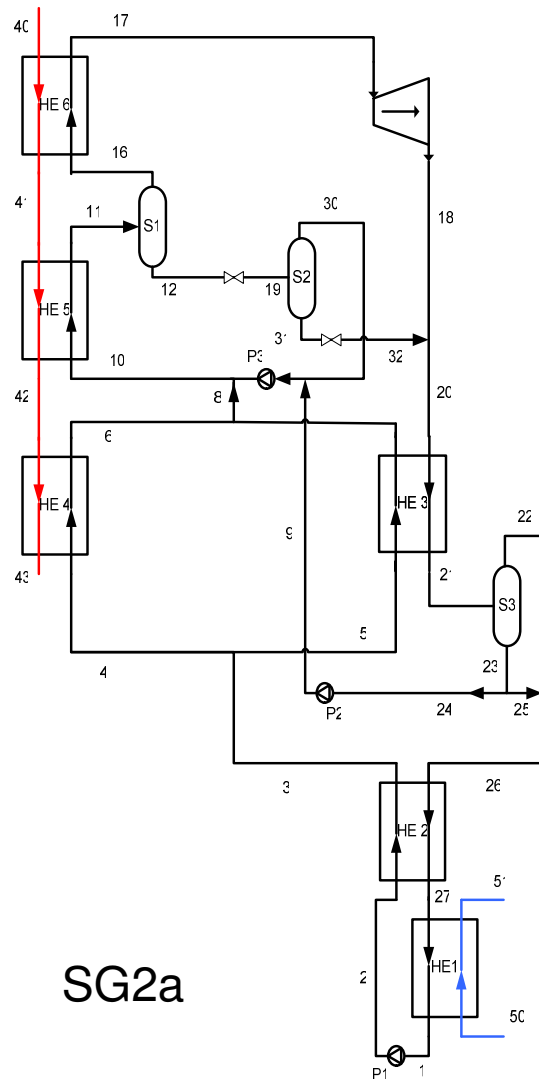
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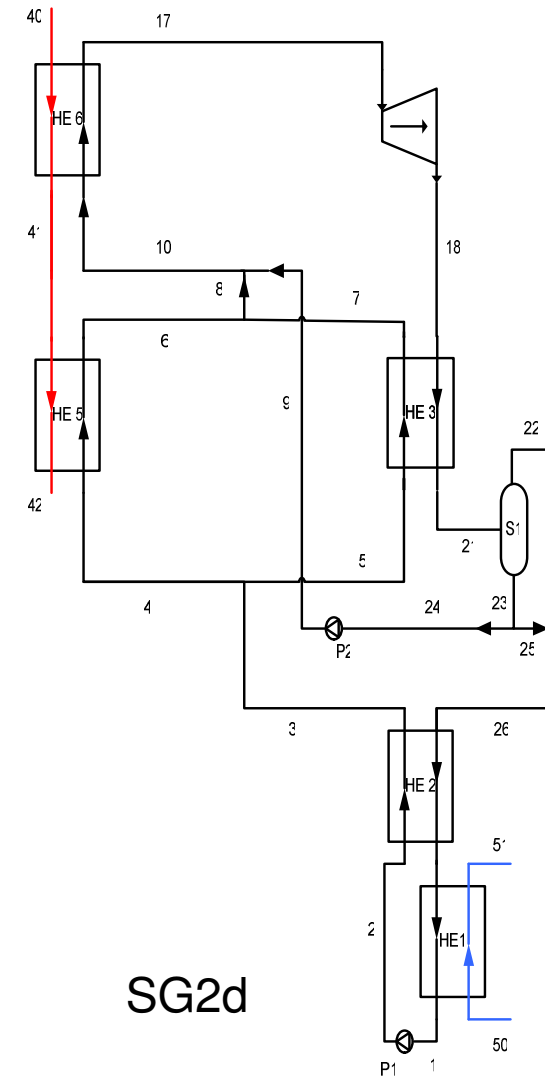
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Kalina Cycles SG 2a and SG 2d

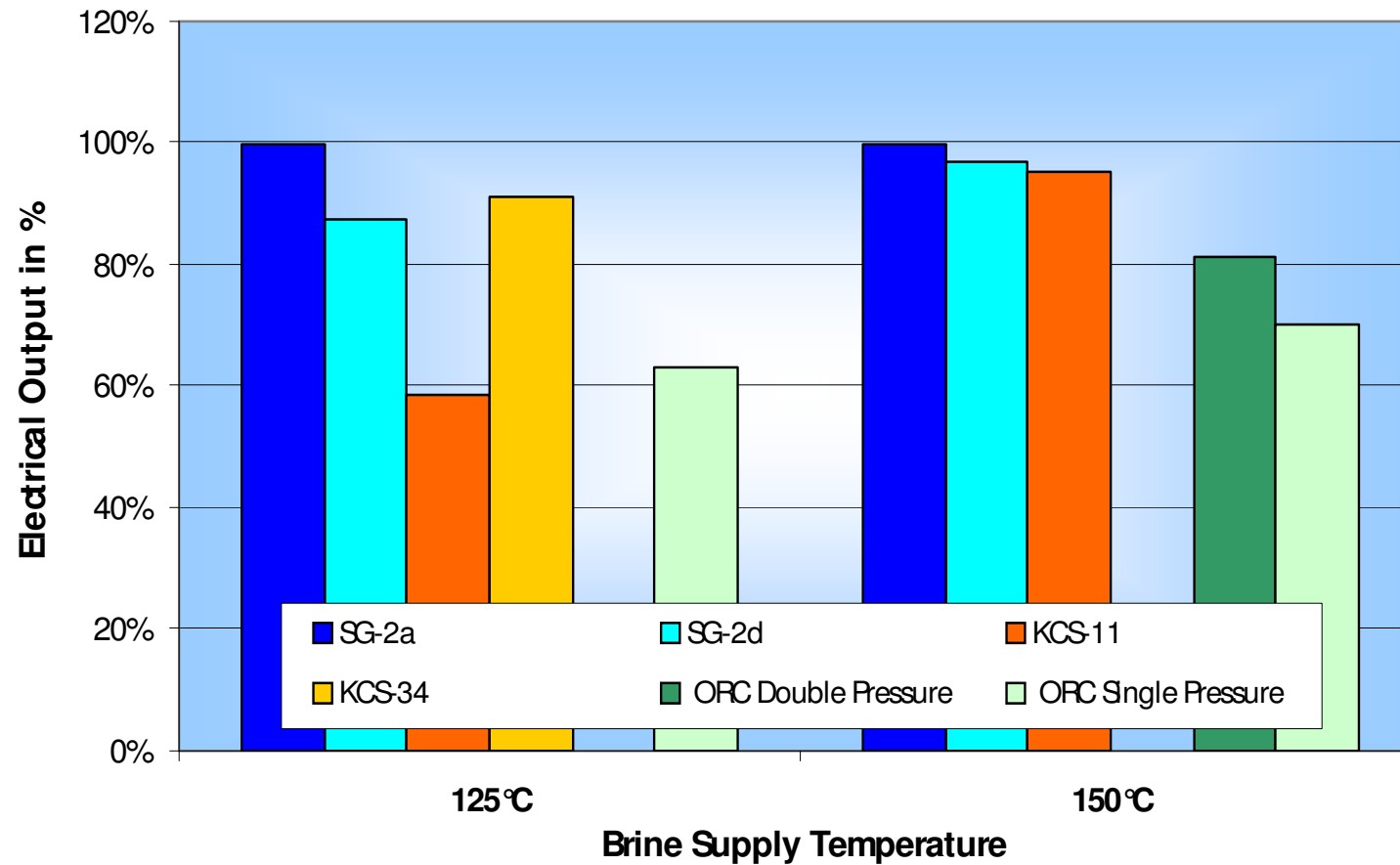


SG2d compared to SG2a

- Working fluid is totally evaporated and slightly superheated in HE 6
- No intermediate pressure level
- SG 2a best performances at temperatures $\leq 150^\circ\text{C}$
- SG 2d best performances at temperatures $\geq 150^\circ\text{C}$
- SG2d shall be used for high temperature applications

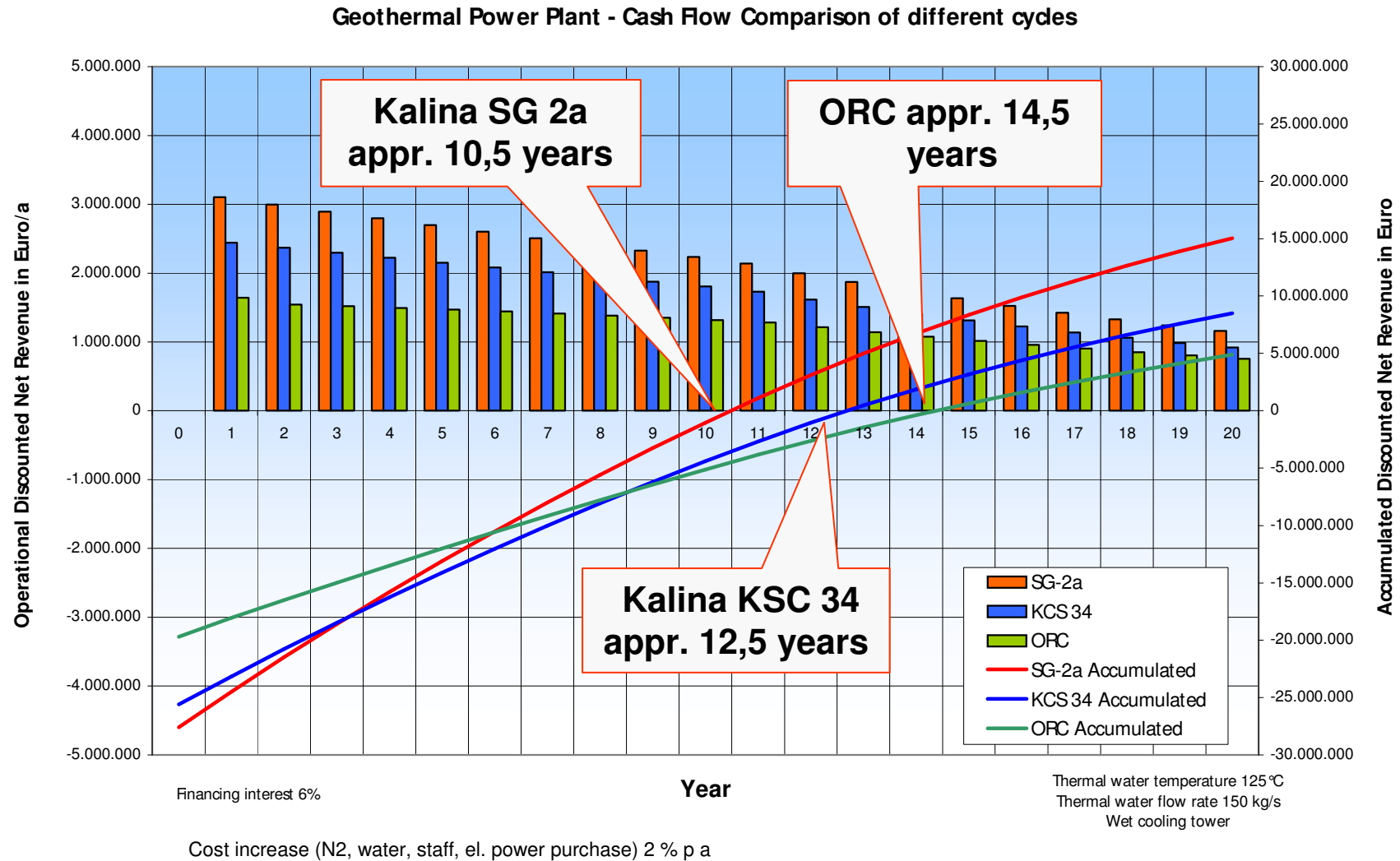


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Conclusion

- Ammonia water mixture has no GWP and ODP
- New Generation Kalina Cycle SG2a is very flexible concerning project factors (heat source and heat sink adaptation)
- SG2a has the best performance at heat source temperatures $\leq 150^{\circ}\text{C}$
- More sellable electrical energy
- SG2a causes higher invest costs but:
 - ⇒ Higher revenue
 - ⇒ Shorter payback period
 - ⇒ Highest possible economics of a geothermal project