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The Rankine Cycle Improvements



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- 3. The large pressures and temperatures in a Supercritical Rankine cycle requires the use of high pressure piping and steam generator, and turbine materials that can withstand high temperatures.
- 4. Efficiencies up to 47% can be achieved in a Supercritical Rankine cycle power plant.