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# EFFICIENCY GAINS OF A TRANSCRITICAL SYSTEM WITH PARALLEL COMPRESSION

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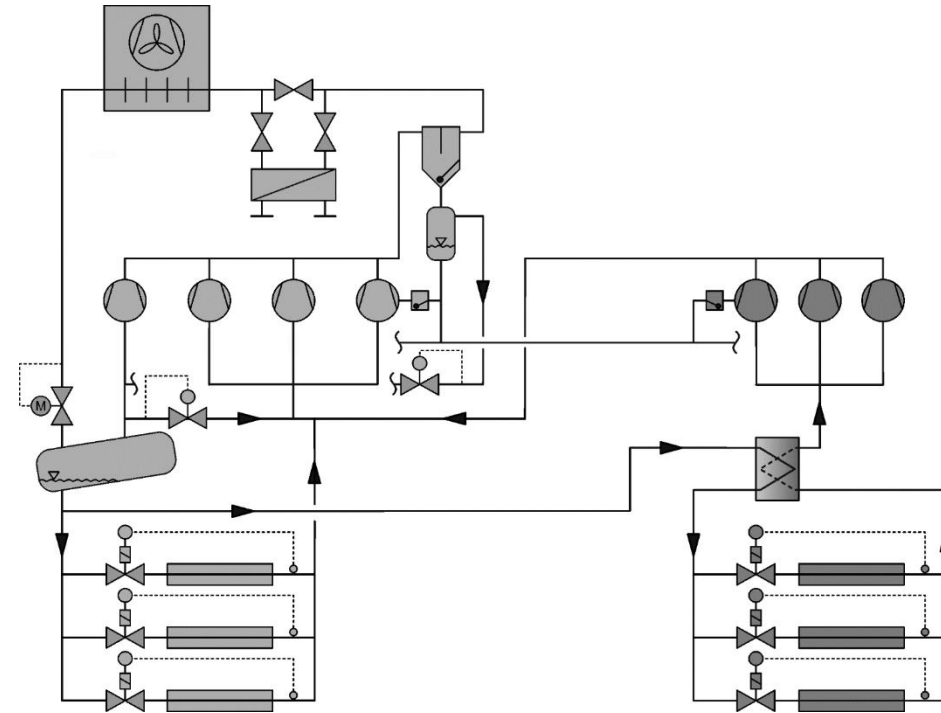
# SYSTEM EFFICIENCY GAINS

- / Many different efficiency gains being designed and promoted;
  - ⇒ Ejectors;
  - ⇒ “FTE”;
  - ⇒ Different configuration of heat exchangers;
- / Most efficiency gains result in additional components;
- / Additional components result in increased complexity;

**How do we raise system efficiency without adding more components?**

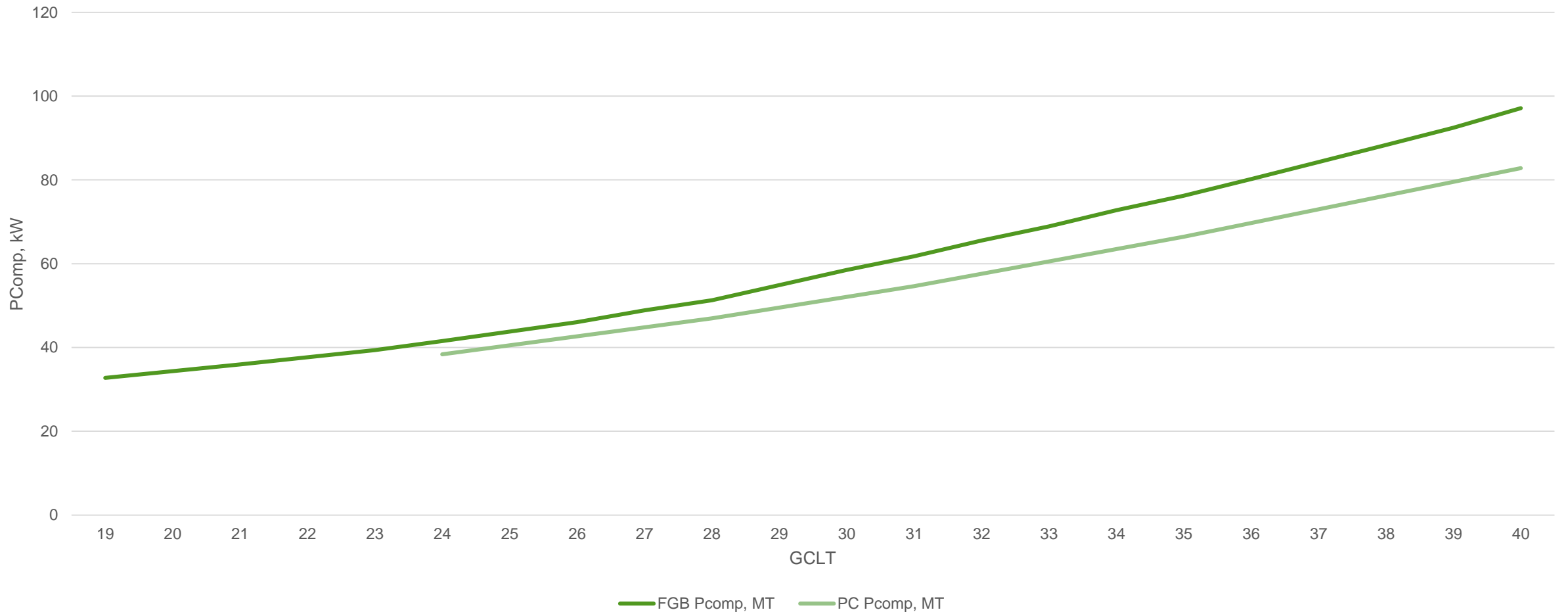
# PARALLEL COMPRESSION vs. FGB

- / PC: More efficient than FGB in all conditions;
- / FGB: challenging to maintain operation at low FG conditions;
- / Mission: Improving the efficiency of PC- systems, without adding components and costs



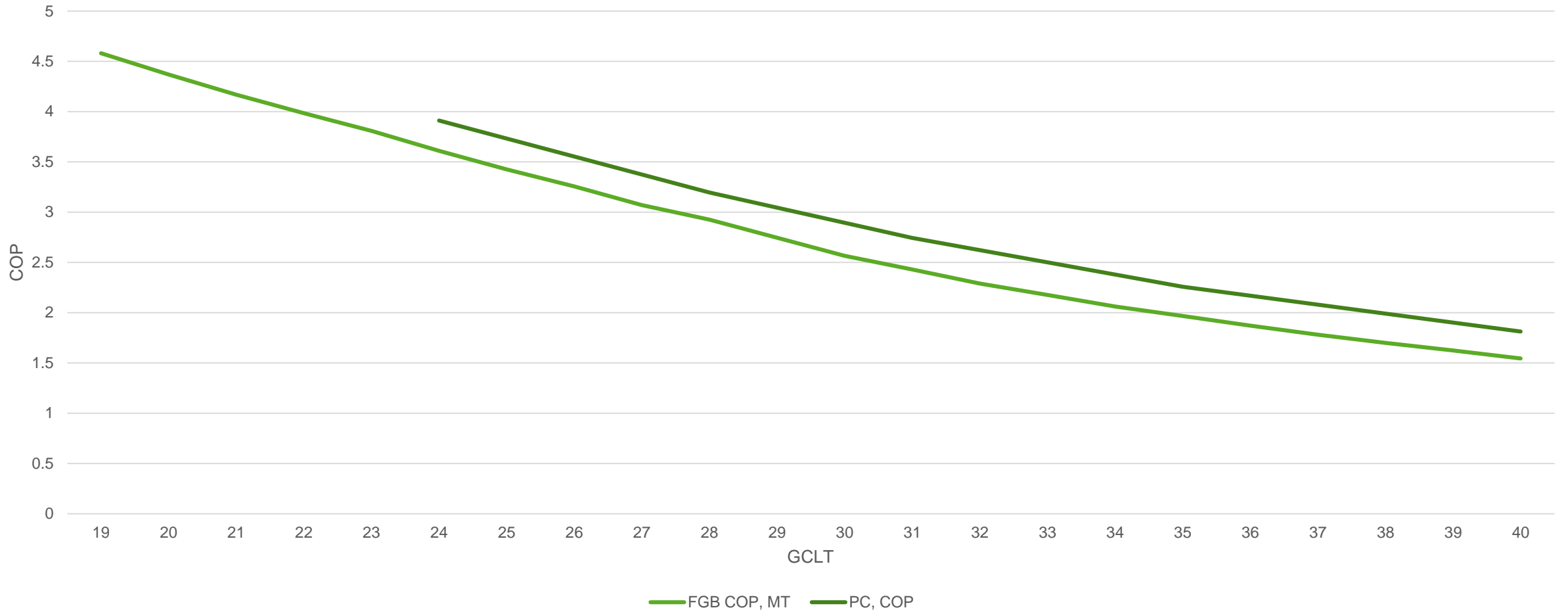
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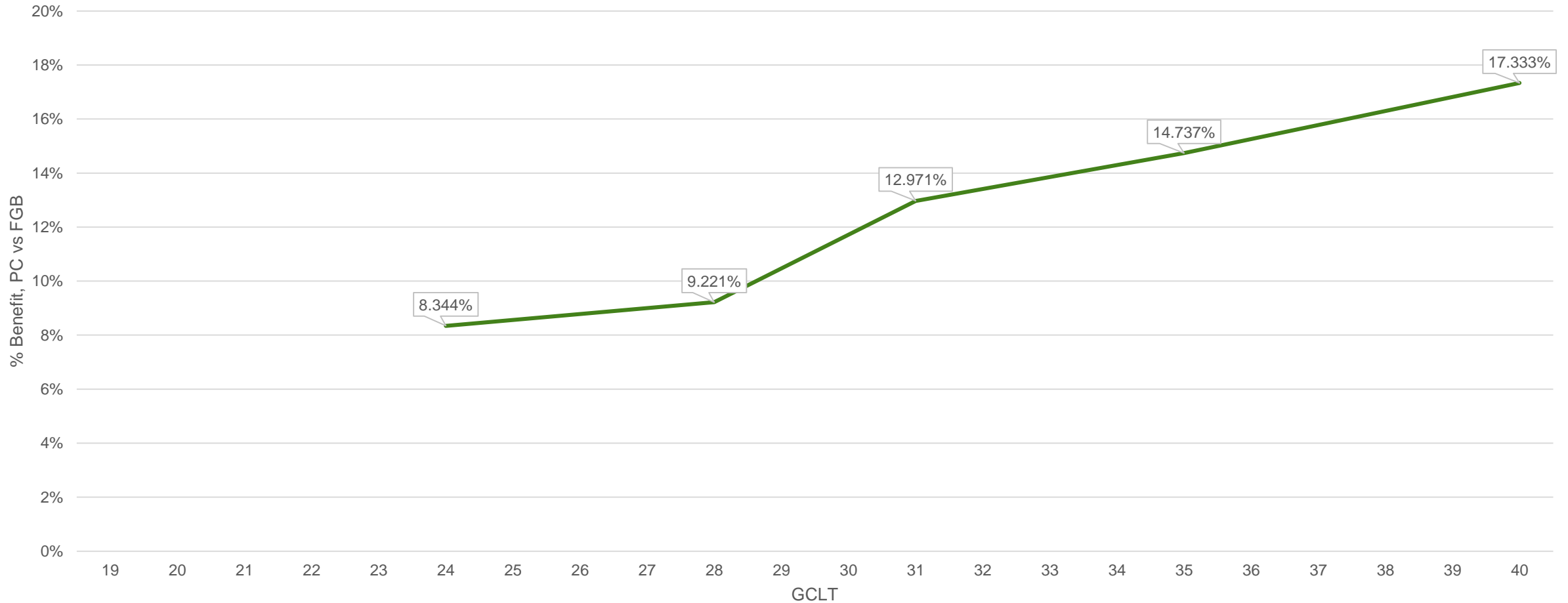
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# DEVIATING INTERSTAGE PRESSURE

## **Benefits of raising IP:**

- / Increased IP results in increased liquid fraction;
- / Increased liquid fraction equals lower flash gas mass flow;
- / Reduced flash gas mass flow with lower compression ratio for PC results in significant power input reductions;

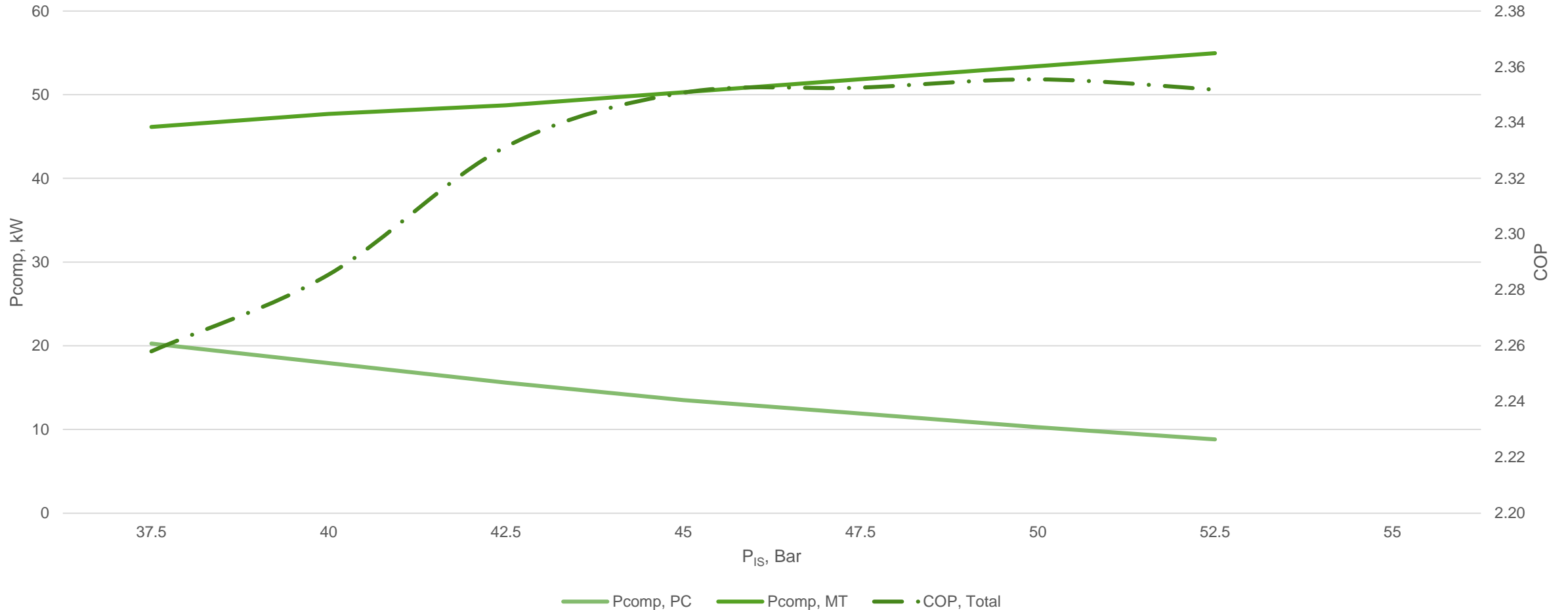
## **Drawbacks of raised IP:**

- / Reduced enthalpy difference of liquid phase in evaporators;
- / Larger mass flow rate of the MT (& LT) stage to maintain constant load;
- / Slight increase in MT (& LT) compressor power input;

**Overall, a rising Interstage Pressure  
results in a higher COP**

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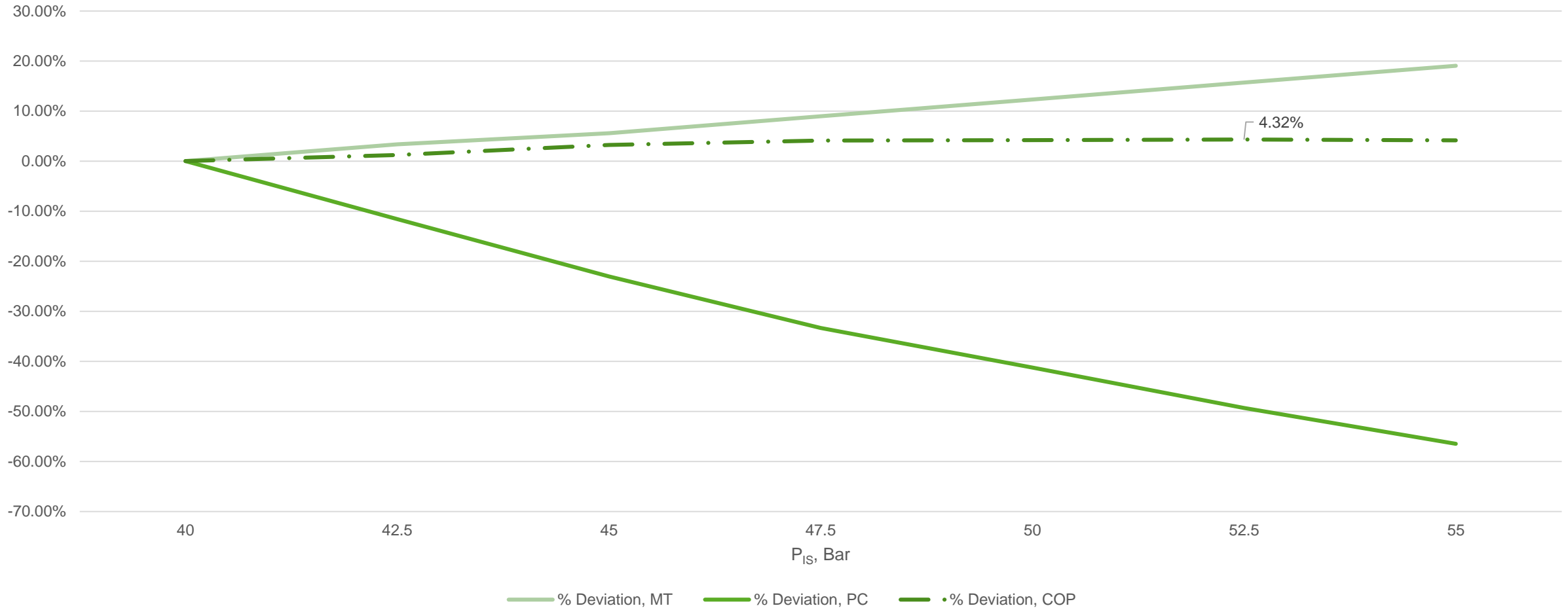
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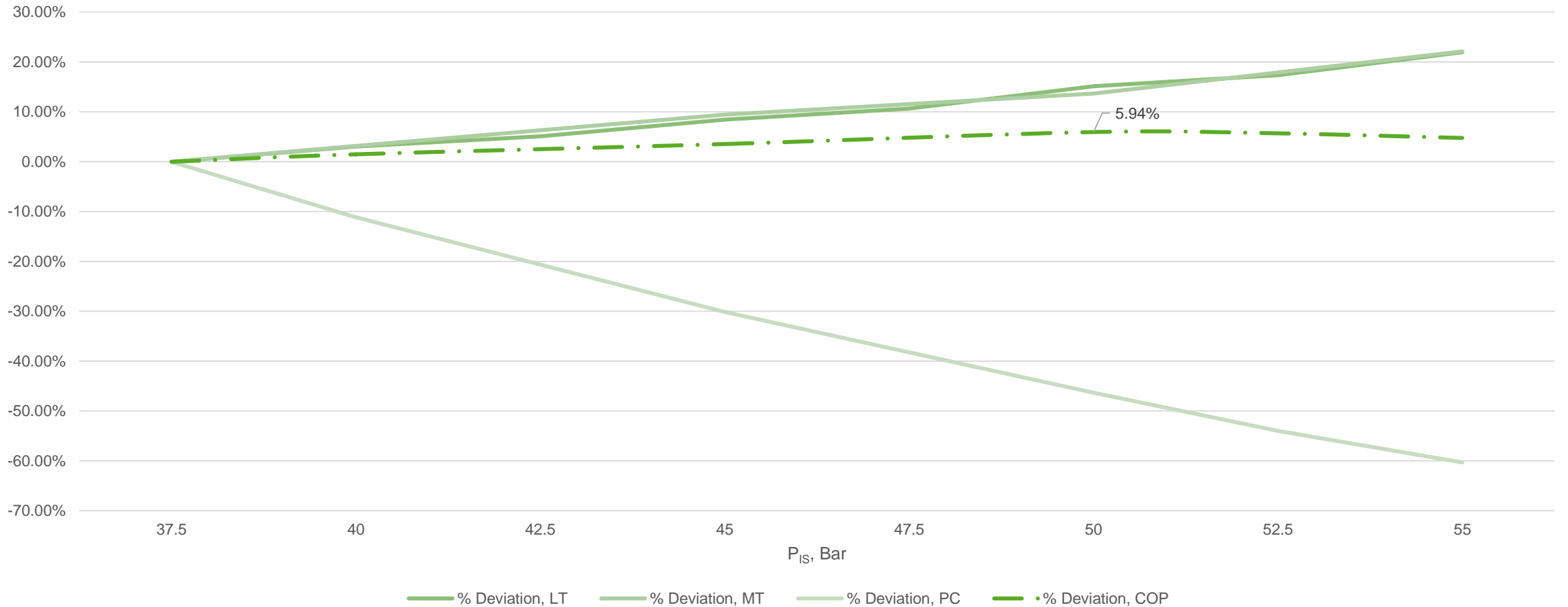
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35C GCLT, 75% MT, 25% LT



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37.5C GCLT, 75% MT, 25% LT



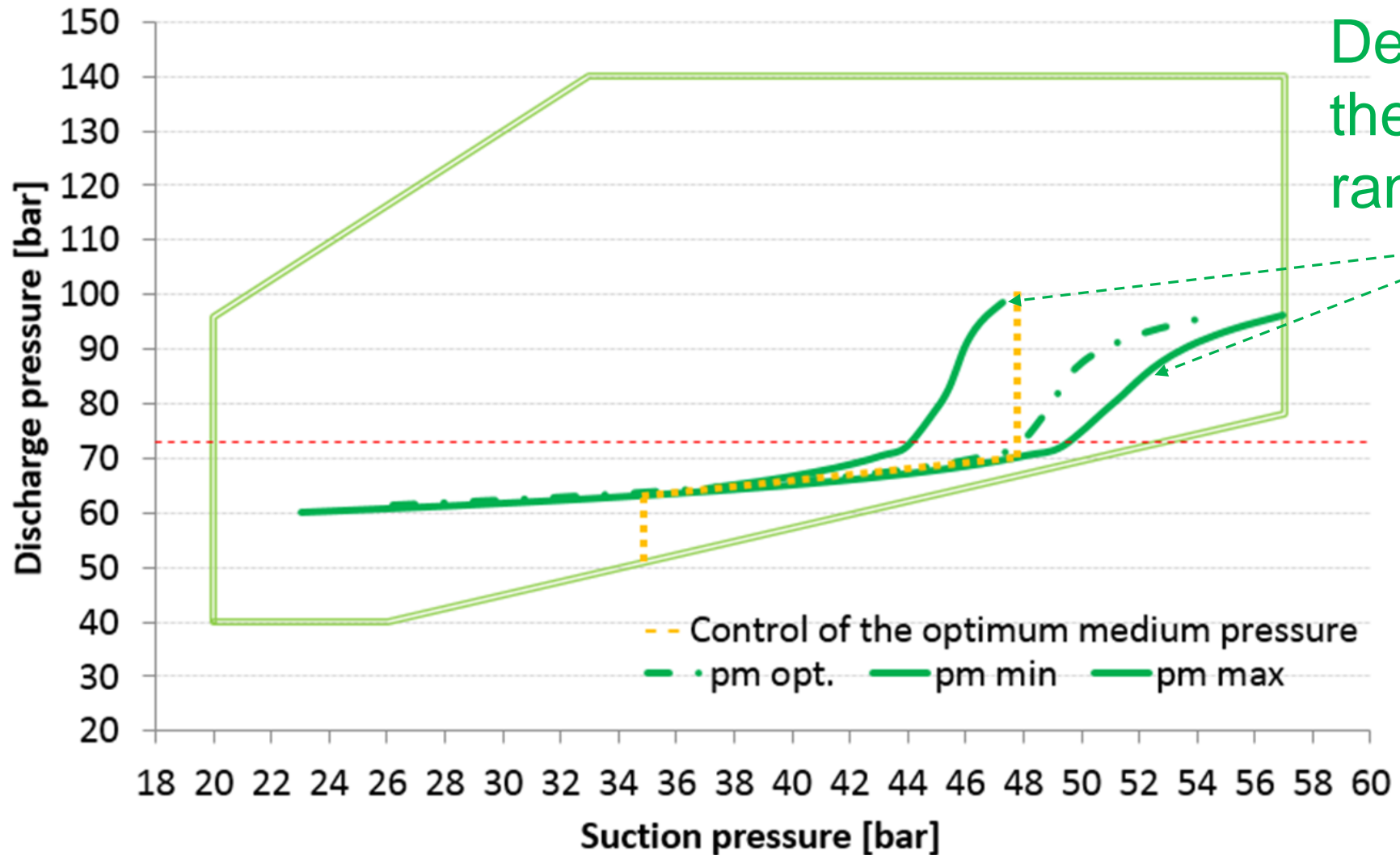
# JOINING FORCES TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY



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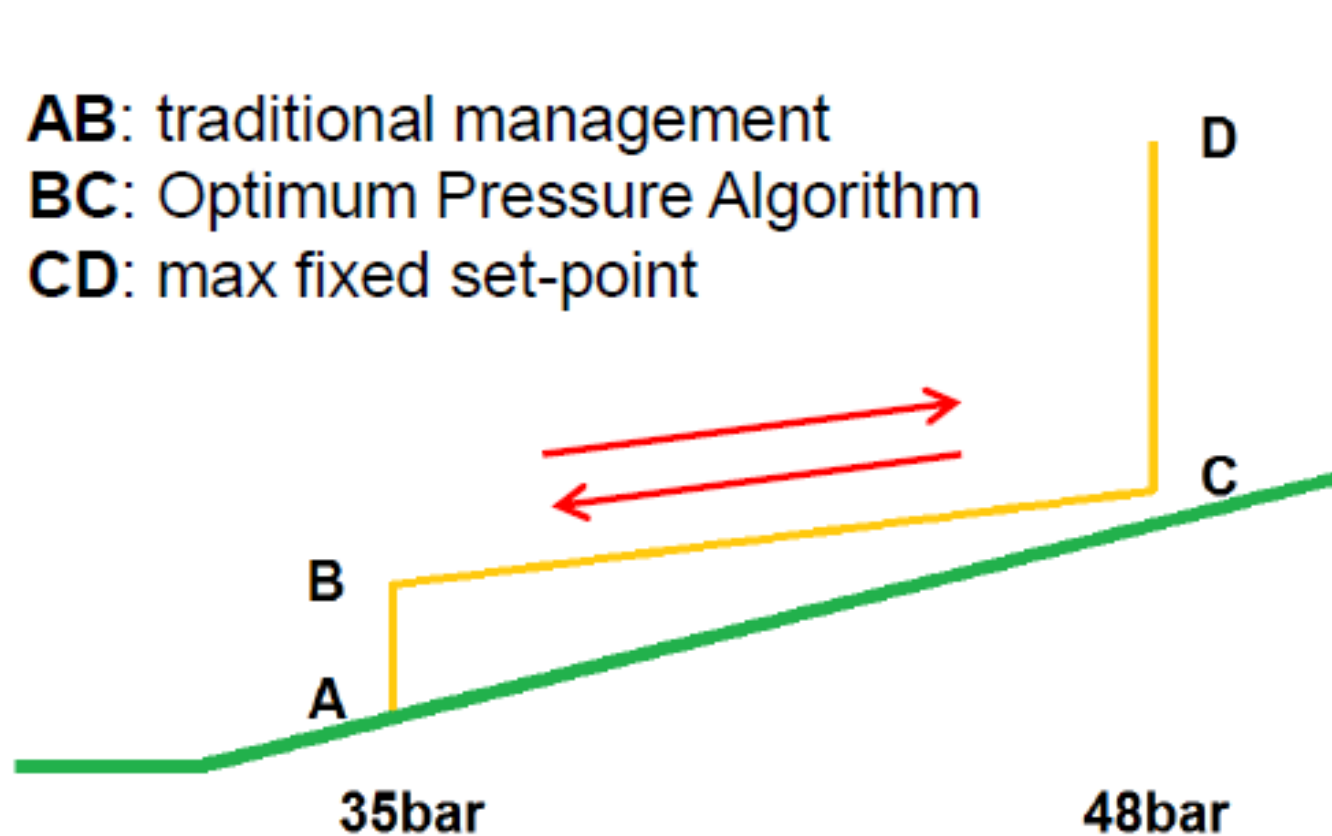

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# OPTIMISING THE PC STAGE

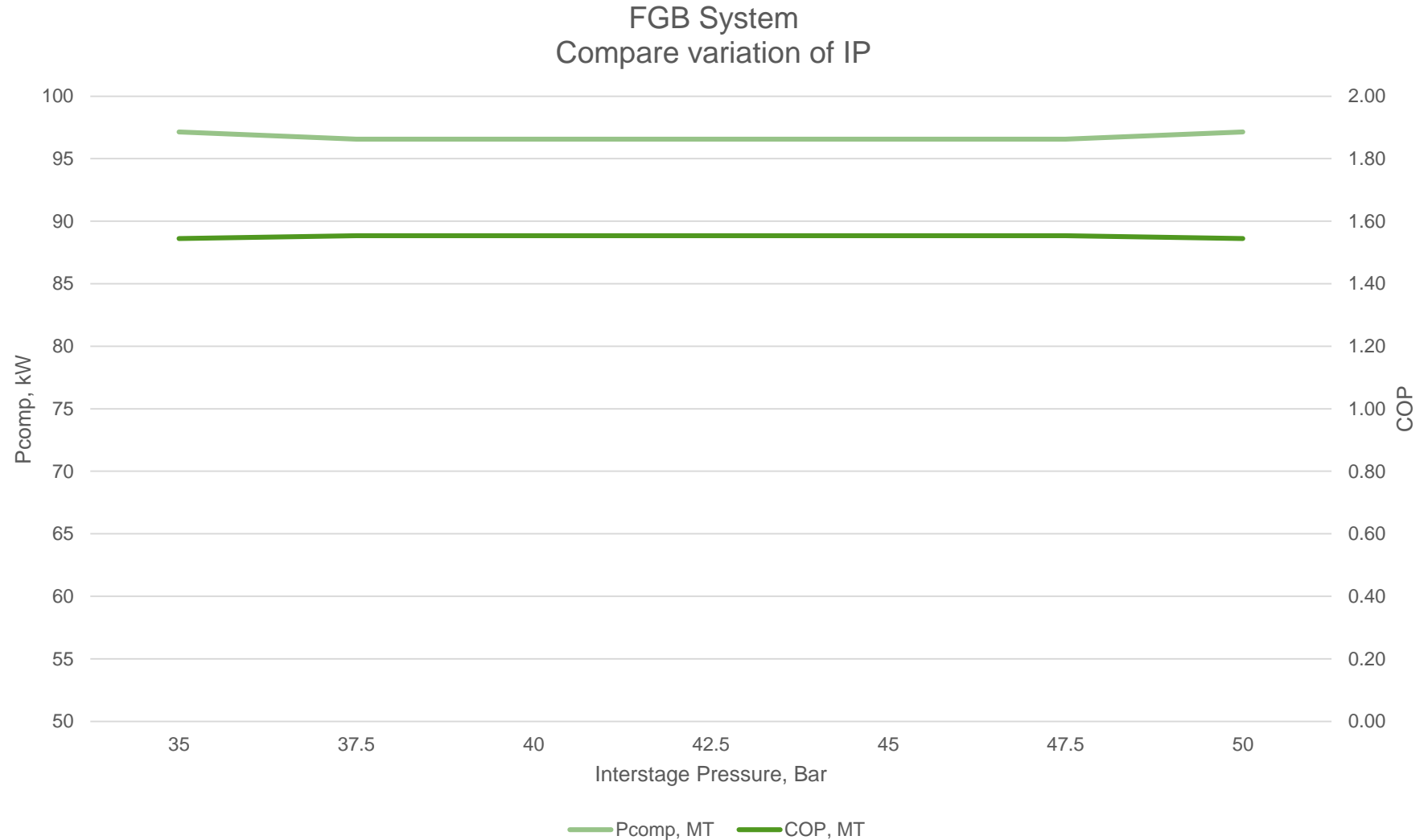


# OPTIMUM PRESSURE ALGORITHM

**AB:** traditional management  
**BC:** Optimum Pressure Algorithm  
**CD:** max fixed set-point



# FGB SYSTEM CANNOT BE OPTIMISED



# SUMMARY

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- / Careful commissioning can result in benefits that are not insignificant;
- / BITZER and CAREL are working to simplify the complexity associated with controls and system commissioning;
- / Increase in system efficiency possible without having to add more components or system complexity;
- / Floating  $P_{IS}$  can be of great benefit in Australian & NZ Climate!





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