A study on the Design and Efficiency of Organic Rankine Cycle

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This paper presents preliminary results for development of Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) systems under 50kWe that is capable of generating electric power using a low-grade temperature heat source. The ORC system is consist of a turbine-generator unit, a regenerator, a condenser, a pump, an evaporator. As a working fluid R-245fa is adopted, considering operation condition of cycle and environmental friendly characteristic. The heat source conditions are 70~350°C, low-grade of waste heat is considered in this work. The computed simulations to analyze the operation conditions, such as mass flow rate of R-245fa, the turbine saturated pressure and temperature are selected as the main parameters of the performance of cycle efficiency. The results show that for a low-grade of waste heat source temperature cycle efficiency affects turbine inlet/outlet pressure and temperature.