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Novel Modular Heat Engines with sCO₂ Bottoming Cycle Utilizing Advanced Oil-Free Turbomachinery DOE FE0031617: Phase 1

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Motivation and Objectives

- Currently compressor station underutilize WHR
- sCO₂ WHR bottoming cycle
 - 40% simple cycle \rightarrow (+) 50% combined cycle
 - Savings in fuel costs/CO₂ emissions
 - Improve compressor station profits
- Perform Conceptual Design of Turbomachinery
 - Define bearing requirements
 - Perform Bearing Conceptual Design
 - Identify risks with immersed generator
 - Perform economic analysis of sCO₂ WHR unit



WHR Turbomachinery Drivetrain Concepts

- Current high-power drivetrain configs.
 - Oil-bearings for shaft support
 - Gearbox for high-speed to low-speed power transmission
 - CO₂ leakage
- Oil-Free non-Hermetic Concept
 - All bearings → gas bearings → lower power loss→ design simplification
 - Still requires oil system for gearbox
 - CO₂ leakage
- Oil-Free Hermetic Concept
 - All bearings \rightarrow process gas bearings
 - Mechanically decoupled system \rightarrow No GB
 - No CO_2 leakage \rightarrow completely hermetic
 - Requires a high speed line and low speed line
 - Low speed line has 2 modes
 - 60Hz power generation \rightarrow grid
 - >60Hz NG compressor drive



Conceptual Design Process



Thermodynamic Cycle

- Cascaded Brayton Cycle
 - PGT25+G4 GT used for study (LM2500 engine platform)
 - ~34MW @ ~40% simple cycle efficiency
 - Max GT exhaust temperature \rightarrow 510 C @ 89 kg/s
 - Efficiency debit from WHR system accounted for
- Cycle has two distinct loops
 - High temp loop \rightarrow low speed line
 - Low temp loop \rightarrow high speed line
 - High/Low temp recuperators



	PGT25+ G4	PGT25+ G4 with sCO₂ WHR
Output (kW)	34,000	33,252
Efficiency (%)	41	40.6
Heat Rate (kJ/kWh)	8700	8867
Fuel Consumption (kg/s)	1.730	1.724

Turbomachinery Aero-Design

- Trade-Off Analysis
 - Flow path root diameter
 - Number of stages
 - Stage height
 - Speed
 - While checking rotordynamics

- Low speed Expander speeds
 - NG centrif. compressor survey
 - 60Hz power generation



Electromagnetic Design

- PM Synchronous machine
 - High torque density and efficiency
 - 3 Phase electric power generation
 - Samarium-Cobalt PM; 160M/s surface speed
 - Torque correlation used to initially get L

 $T = \sigma L \pi D^2/2$

—— Magnetic Gap Shear stress (13kPa-300Kpa)

- FEA used for electromagnetics/thermals
- Analysis Output
 - Losses
 - Stator and rotor core
 - Copper losses
 - Windage



High-Speed Drivetrain Rotordynamics

- Lateral Rotordynamic Model
 - 3 bearing machine architecture
 - Stacked-tie-bolt rotor construction
 - Single stage overhung centrif. compressor
 - 3 stage axial expander (integral to shaft for stiffness)

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- Direct drive/rigidly coupled PM starter/generator
- Undamped Critical Speed Map
 - Used to position critical speeds
 - Anchoring of bearing stiffness values
 - Ensuring tie bolt frequency > MCOS
 - Cross-check 1G shaft deflections
 - Operation above 3rd critical speed below 4th critical speed



Damped Rotordynamic Eigenvalues & Unbalance Response

- Calculation of damped forward whirl mode eigenvalues
- Log dec and Frequency calcs for varying bearing damping values
- Complement w/synchronous response to rotor unbalance
- Diminishing return for vibration response with damping increase
- Balance log dec values with dynamic bearing loads





Low Speed Expander Turbine Foil Design

- Low temps from WHR application advantageous
- Low cost material selection
- Can consider dove-tailed foil designs
- T-Root bucket design
- 1st Stage worst case FEA model
- Stiffness diameter of shaft defined through this analysis → feeds into rotordynamics





Low Speed Drivetrain 12krpm Expander

Low Speed Drivetrain 12krpm PM Generator



Oil-Free Hermetic High-Speed Drivetrain: 27KRPM



Oil-Free Hermetic Low-Speed Drivetrain: 12KRPM



Immersed CO₂ Generator Cavity Thermal Stability

- Heat generation from PM EM needs to be addressed
- CFD thermal analysis; 1/12 stator-rotor sector
- Weak link \rightarrow electrical insulation
- Mitigated using: Stator (H2O) cooling jacket and Magnetic gap cooling (CO2),

	Per 1/12th section for 27k RPM machine		Per 1/24th section for 12k RPM machine	
Water jacket cooling	-517	W	-1205	W
Stator heat generation	546	W	2088	W
Rotor heat generation	8	W	33	W
Windage 1/12th	641	W	1708	W
Difference	678	W	2624	W
CO2 flow needed	0.0056	kg/s	0.0216	kg/s
Total CO2 flow	0.0672	kg/s	0.5184	kg/s



Gas Bearing DOE: Windage Leakage, Load Capacity

- Bearing CFD analysis using real gas props. includes
 - Setting desired running gap under load
 - Use orifice map DOE and inlet pressures
 - Calculation of leakage and windage
- Gas bearing show an order of magnitude less heat generation compared to oil-bearings



Compressor Station WHR Economics

- sCO2 WHR performance
 - 41% → 51.3% cycle efficiency increase
 - Fuel consumption/MWh reduction by 20%
 - CO2 emissions/MWh reduction by 20%
 - System cost 10-15M; 3-4 breakeven years
 - Emission-free WHR
 - EPA's New source review: stations in non-attainment areas hesitant to upgrade
 - WHR concept offers compressor stations options: 60Hz power gen or compressor drive
- Comparison to ORC*
 - Power conversion rate ~2X
 - Break even years cut by half

Configuration	Net Power	Cycle Efficiency $\eta = \frac{Net Power}{m_{fuel}*LHV}$	Heat Rate $\frac{1}{\eta}$ * 3600	Normalized NG Fuel Consumption: metric tons per MWh	Normalized CO2 Emission: metric tons per MWh
1. Baseline: Single PGT25 +G4	34 MW	41%	8700 kJ/kWh	0.183	0.494
2. Baseline + Oil- Free Hermetically sealed bottoming cycle	42.0 MW	51.3%	7019 kJ/kWh	0.148	0.400



* Sweetser, M., Leslie, N., "Subcontractor Report: National Account Energy Alliance Final Report for the Basin Electric Project at Northern Border Pipeline Company's Compressor Station #7, North Dakota." ORNL/TM-2007/158. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (2007)

Conclusions

- sCO2 WHR unit shows to increase efficiency from 41% → 51.3% with investment break even years = 3-4
- sCO2 Compared to ORC WHR: Power conversion rate increase nearly 2X and break even years cut in half

- Risks:
 - High-speed drive train: lightly loaded bearings but required t traverse third critical speed (bending mode)
 - Low-speed drive train: Highly loaded bearings but operates below third critical speed (bending mode)
 - Generator cavity thermal balance/stability

	ORMAT ORC	sCO₂ WHR Hermetically Sealed
WHR Conversion %	15%	28%
Recovered Energy	5.5 MW	8.75 MW
Annual kWh	43 million kWh	69.0 million kWh
Capital Cost	\$13.75M	\$10-15M
Annual O&M	\$250,000	\$5,000-50,000
Capital Costs/kW	\$2500/kW	\$1142-1714/kW
Breakeven Years	7 years	3-4.2 years

