

Preliminary turbomachinery design of a power cycle integrated with a cold storage system

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Exploiting Variable Renewable Energy Sources (VRES), like wind and solar radiation, for electric power generation poses several challenges regarding the electric grid's stability over time. Storage systems and dispatchable power plant flexibility can support VRES penetration, improving grid stability. In line with such a goal, ENEA is developing a novel CO₂ power cycle integrated with a cold storage system. The system, in principle, exploiting the capabilities of a new concept of cold storage, could be much more flexible than any other conventional power plant.. It requires ad hoc turbomachines to meet all the system constraints in nominal and off-design operational conditions. The presentation deals with the tool developed by Roma Tre for the preliminary design of such turbomachines and its application to the specific case study and the validation through 3D CFD simulations.

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