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Organic rankine cycle and steam turbine for intermediate temperature waste heat recovery in total site integration

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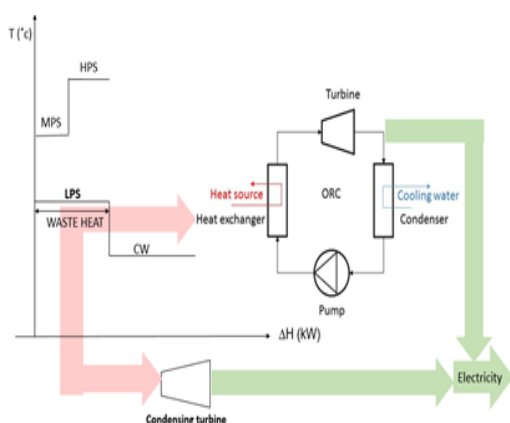
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Graphical abstract

Abstract

The utilization of waste heat for heat recovery technologies in process sites has been widely known in improving the site energy saving and energy efficiency. The Total Site Heat Integration (TSHI) methodologies have been established over time to assist the integration of heat recovery technologies in process sites with a centralized utility system, which is also known as Total Site (TS). One of the earliest application of TSHI concept in waste heat recovery was through steam turbine using the popular Willan's line approximation. The TSHI methodologies later were extended to integrate with wide range of heat recovery technologies in many literatures, whereby Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) has been reported to be the one of the beneficial options for heat recovery. In general, the medium to high temperature waste heat is recovered via condensing/backpressure steam turbine, whereas ORC is targeted for recovering the low temperature waste heat. However, it is known that condensing turbine is also abled to generate power by condensing low grade steam to sub-ambient pressure, which is comparable with ORC integration. In this work, the integration of ORC and condensing turbine was considered for a multiple-process system to recover intermediate temperature waste heat through utility system. This study presented a numerical methodology to investigate the performance analysis of integration of ORC and condensing turbine in process sites for recovering waste heat from a centralized utility system. A modified retrofit case study was used to demonstrate the effectiveness application of the proposed methodology. The performances of ORC and condensing steam turbine were evaluated with the plant total utility costing as the objective function. The turbine integration was found to be more beneficial in the modified case study with lower utility cost involved. However, the capital cost has not been considered in the analysis.

Keywords: Industrial energy system, organic rankine cycle, steam turbine, combined heat and power (CHP), total site heat integration, low grade heat recovery

INTRODUCTION

Industrial sector has been identifed as one of the main key players of world energy consumer. The largest heat source losses is reported from power plant and industrial processes (Bendig *et al*., 2013). Waste heat losses is found to be one of the main reasons of this issue, besides the energy system efficiencies. This large amount of waste heat is not recovered in two temperature ranges, low (120 °C) and extremely high (870 °C) (Thekdi and Nimbalkar, 2014). The lack of wide-scale heat recovery in these two temperature ranges appears to be primarily due to issues associated with technology, materials, and economics (Thekdi and Nimbalkar, 2014). This causes large amount of low-temperature waste heat to be discharged because of its poor ease of use and high cost.

The low temperature waste heat exploitation in process sites can lead to improved site energy efficiency and energy saving through the reduction of hot and cooling utility loads. Total Site Heat Integration (TSHI) methodologies have been long assisted in the integration of heat recovery in plant (industrial site) by considering multiple processes or also known as Total Site. TSHI makes use of indirect heat transfer for inter-process heat recovery targeting using a centralized utility system which is more cost effective in a large scale process industry. Generally TSHI methodology can be divided into graphical, numerical and mathematical program approaches. The numerical targeting algorithm based TSHI is a tool for estimating the maximum TS system waste heat recovery (Liew *et al*., 2012). The tool is able to assist the identification of the low temperature waste heat amount in overall site with higher

accuracy compared to the graphical approach, as well as more user friendly than mathematical program approach.

Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) is one of the waste heat recovery technologies that have been developed to recover low temperature waste heat with its working fluid having boiling point lower than water. By converting low temperature waste heat into power generation, ORC can improve the energy efficiency in various industrial applications through waste heat recovery in the processes site. The benefits of ORC include simple mechanism, low pressure requirement, convenience of maintenance, better economy, and high recovery efficiency(Sun *et al.*, 2017). Methodologies for the ORC design and integration play a crucial role for successful applications of ORC in process sites waste heat recovery. Oluleye and Smith (2016) developed Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP) to integrate various thermodynamic cycles which include ORC for waste heat utilization in process site. Oluleye *et al.* (2016) also proposed a methodology to identify the heat source in a site through graphical approach, however the techno-economic analysis was not evaluated.

The TSHI integration with backpressure turbine and condensing steam turbine are established for medium to high temperature heat recovery. Klemeš *et al.* (1997) extended TSHI concept for cogeneration targeting but was limited to high temperature heat recovery only. Desai and Bandyopadhyay (2009) proposed a typical steam-based cogeneration system that consisted of boiler for steam production and turbines for power generation through graphical approach. In fact, heat recovery from low pressure steam is worth for consideration through a condensing steam, which reduces the steam pressure to a saturated pressure of room temperature.

The previous literatures on TSHI methodologies application in waste heat recovery were established through graphical and mathematical program approaches (Pierobon *et al.*, 2013). Heat pump has been integrated in Total Site by Liew and Walmsley (2016) using numerical based TSHI methodology, which utilised medium to high temperature waste heat recovery.

In this paper, the effectiveness of the Total Site integration with ORC and condensing steam turbine was explored. A numerical targeting algorithm based TSHI methodology was used to simulate the integration of Organic Rankine Cycle and condensing steam turbine for low temperature waste heat recovery in Total Site processes site. The economic analyses for the ORC and condensing turbine were also evaluated in the developed methodology. The integration of ORC and condensing steam turbine to Total Site was discussed and compared through a case.

METHODOLOGY

In this paper, the TSHI methodology was extended for two low temperature heat recovery technologies which were ORC and condensing steam turbine. The proposed of extended TSHI methodology would allow low temperature waste heat recovery through integration with the utility system using Low Pressure Steam (LPS). There were three key steps inolved in the extended TSHI methodology. The initial key step was the identification and determination of low temperature waste heat for multiple process involved in the plant using numerical algorithm based TSHI targeting methodology (Liew *et al.*, 2012). The second key step was followed ORC modelling (Aneke *et al.* (2011) and condensing turbine modelling (Varbanov *et al.* (2004). This step was crucial to determine the effect of ORC and condensing steam turbine integration in total energy demands of the processes by recovery low temperature waste heat. The last step was economic analysis by determining the plant power generation of profit and plant utility saving. The results for both ORC and condensing turbine would be compared with each other. Figure 1 summarises the overall procedure for the extended TSHI Methodology for both ORC and condensing steam turbine.

KEY STEP 1: Identification and determination of low temperature waste heat

The numerical algorithm based TSHI targeting methodology involves several steps in order to efficiently quantify the amount of low temperature waste heat in the the processes site (Liew *et al.*, 2012). The

first step is to construct Problem Table Algorithm (PTA) for individual processes, followed by Multiple Utility-PTA (MU-PTA) and Total Site Problem Table Algorithm (TS-PTA).

In order to determine the energy requirement of an individual process, the construction of the PTA is required based on the process stream data. The heat availability at high temperature interval is cascaded from top to bottom. The hot utility requirement is adjusted until the pinch point shows zero heat cascade is obtained. The top heat flow represents minimum hot utility and the bottom heat flow represents minimum cold utility.

The energy targeting result of PTA shows the ultimate hot and cold utility temperature, which is available at the highest and lowest temperatures respectively. A MU-PTA is required for targeting the requirement of utilities at appropriate temperature according to the process temperature profile, which is typically illustrated in Grand Composite Curve (GCC) in graphical Pinch Analysis. The total of different hot and cold utilities should be equal to the hot and cold utility requirement in PTA. The multiple utility target is then used for determining the energy requirement for different processes in a TS system.

The net heat source and net heat sink of each utility determined in the MU-PTA for individual process are used in the TSHI targeting using TS-PTA. The net heat requirement for each utility level is formulated by deducting total cooling requirement (net heat source) with total heating requirement (net heat sink). Initial cascade is performed with an assumption of zero hot utility. Negative amount of heat represents heat deficit and positive amount of heat represents heat surplus. The resulting heat flow is all positive figures, showing a feasible PTA. If a negative figure is obtained, the most negative figure (if there are more than 1 negative figure) is selected and ~~provide~~ external hot utility with positive value of the same absolute figure is provided at the most top heat flow. The heat is then cascaded down again. The heat value at the bottom of the cascade represents total utility cooling.

> **KEY STEP 1**:Identification and determinationn of low temperature waste heat in Total Site
>
> 1) Perform Problem Table Algorithm (PTA) for all individual processes
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> 2) Perform Multiple Utility Problem Table Algorithm (MU-PTA) for all individual processes
>
> 3) Perform Total Site Problem Table Algorithm (TS-PTA)

> **KEY STEP 2**: Integration of heat recovery technology
>
> 1) ORC modelling and simulation
>
> 2) Condensing steam turbine model simulation

> **KEY STEP 3**: Economic analysis
>
> Determination plant utility costing for hot utility, cold utility and power generation profit

Figure 1 Methodology Summary

KEY STEP 2 : Integration of heat recovery technologies

There are two types of heat recovery technology to be considered in this work, which include Organic Rankine Cycle and condensing steam turbine. Both of the system are required to be simulated in mathematical expression for relating the inlet and outlet of the mass and energy flow in the system.

a) ORC model

The ORC model in this study allows the waste heat integration into the ORC evaporator. The ORC model is developed based on simple thermodynamic relations using EXCEL software relating the power generation with low temperature waste heat availabilty in process sites (Aneke *et al.*, 2011; Cengel and Boles, 2002).

Figure 2 shows a schematic diagram of basic ORC. A typical ORC consists of a pump, an evaporator, a turbine and a condenser. The cycle starts when the working fluid enters the pump at state 1 as saturated liquid and is pressurized to an evaporator. In ideal ORC cycle, the working fluid is compressed isentropically inside the pump to the operating pressure of the heat exchanger. However, in real ORC cycle, the pump efficiency may reduce due to irreversibility.

The deviation of actual pumps from the isentropic ones can be estimated by utilizing pump efficiency defined as:

$$n_P = \frac{(h_{2I} - h_1)}{(h_2 - h_1)} \quad (1)$$

Where n_P is the pump isentropic efficiency, h_i is the enthalpy in state *i* and h_{iI} is the isentropic enthalpy in state *i*.
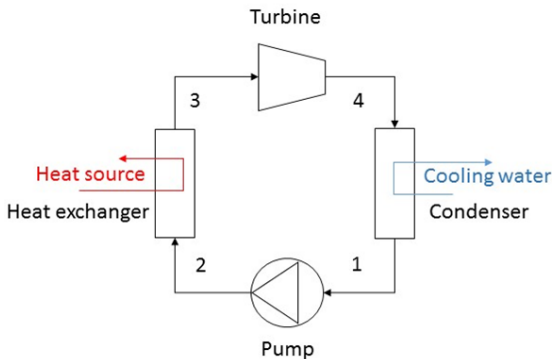

Figure 2 Components in basic ORC.

The pump work input, W_P is calculated based on following equation:

$$W_P \left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) = V_1(P_I - P_2) \quad (2)$$

The actual pump work input by accounting isentropic efficiency:

$$W_p \left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) = \frac{V_1(P_I - P_2)}{(n_p)} \quad (3)$$

The actual specific enthalpy in state 2 is calculated as follows:

$$h_2 \left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) = \frac{V_1(P_2 - P_1)}{(n_p)} + h_1 \quad (4)$$

Where V_i is the specific volumetric in state *i*, P_i is the pressure at state *i*.

Working fluid enters the evaporator as a compressed liquid at stage 2 and leaves as saturated steam or superheated steam. During this process, working fluid is heated up at a constant pressure by exchanging heat with the low temperature waste heat source carrier, the Low Pressure Steam (LPS). The scope of waste heat in this study is the heat which is available above the LPS temperature in the Total Site Profile (Klemeš *et al.*, 1997) after accounting the minimum heating and cooling requirement in the the plant. In order to integrate the waste heat (LPS) into ORC, the amount of waste heat, Q_H estimated is fed into the evaporator with maximum pinch point difference, $\Delta T_{PH} = 10$ ˚C.

The amount of heat transferred into the evaparator is expressed as:

$$Q_H \left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) = m_{orc}(h_3 - h_2) \quad (5)$$

Where $Q_{H\ is}$ is the waste heat amount, m_{orc} is the mass floware of working fluid in ORC

Thus the amount of ORC working fluid required to satisfy the heat transfer as follows:

$$m_{ORC} \left(\frac{kg}{s}\right) = \frac{(h_3 - h_2)}{Q_H} \quad (6)$$

The working fluid then enters the turbine at state 3 where it expands and produces work by rotating the shaft connected to an electric generator. For an ideal case, the working fluid expands isentropically but it is not the same in an actual case. During the expansion, only a part of the energy recoverable from the pressure difference is transformed into useful work. The other part is converted into heat and is lost.

The efficiency of the turbine, n_T is defined by comparison with an isentropic expansion in following equation:

$$n_T \left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) = \frac{(h_3 - h_4)}{(h_3 - h_{4I})} \quad (7)$$

The power generation, W_T generated by the turbine is determined by:

$$W_T \left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) = (h_3 - h_4) \quad (8)$$

The net power generated, W_{net} by the ORC in the plant is determined using:

$$W_{net} \ (kJ) = m_{ORC}(W_{net}) \quad (9)$$

The thermal efficiency of a cycle is the ratio of the net work output to the heat input, and it is determined as follows:

$$n_T \left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) = \frac{(W_T - W_P)}{Q_H} \quad (10)$$

The model is simulated by using design parameter used in Aneke *et al.* (2011) ORC model. The data used in (Aneke *et al.*, 2011) is taken from Chena Power Plant. The ORC model output is then validated with Aneke *et al.* (2011).

1096.845	n/a
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947.075	149.77

b) Condensing steam turbine model

An improved steam turbine model is proposed in Varbanov *et al.* (2004), which has high modelling precision and result confidence. The paper also proposed the regression data based on real device performance data.

In general, the maximum shaft power (electricity generation) of the steam turbine can be related to the the isentropic power through the overall turbine efficiency, as follows:

$$W_{is,max} = \Delta h_{is} \cdot W_{max} = W_{max}/\eta_{st,max} \quad (12)$$

In this study, the steam turbines models are assumed to be part-load model, which effects on the turbine efficiency. The expression of Willian's line is represented as follows:

$$W_{max} = n \cdot m_{max} - W_{int} \quad (13)$$

Where n is the slope of the willian's line, m_{max} is the maximum stream mass flow throgh a steam turbine and W_{int} is the intercept of the Willian's line.

The intecept of Willian's line can also relate to a turbine interception ratio, L, and the maximum power generation, as indicated in e.q.(14). Thus, the maximum power generation can be rewritten as e.q. (15).

$$W_{int} = L \cdot W_{max} \tag{14}$$
$$W_{max} = (n \cdot m_{max})/(L + 1) \tag{15}$$

The slope of the Willian's line, n, can be expressed as follows:

$$n = \frac{L+1}{B} \cdot \left(\Delta h_{is} - \frac{A}{m_{max}} \right) \tag{16}$$

The parameters A and B are the intermediate regression parameter in the steam turbine model. These parameters require regression analysis from real data, which is based on the saturation temperature difference across the turbine that contributes as the equivalent to the pressure drop across the turbine. The parameters A and B are expressed as follows:

$$A = a_0 + a_1 \cdot \Delta T_{sat} \tag{17}$$
$$B = a_2 + a_3 \cdot \Delta T_{sat} \tag{18}$$

The steam turbine intercept ratio for calculation of the Willian's line coefficients, L, is also requires in the model, which is also known as proportionality coefficient, as follows:

$$L = a_L + b_L \cdot \Delta T_{sat} \tag{19}$$

The condensing steam turbine model regression cofficients are recorded in Table 1 (Varbanov *et al.*, 2004), which ranges between 8.232 MW and 59.298 MW.

Table 1 Regression coefficient for condensing steam turbine (Varbanov *et a*l., 2004)

Coefficient	unit	Value
a_0	MW	-2.080 x 10^{-8}
a_1	MW/ °C	2.970 x 10^{-4}
a_2		1.602
a_3	1/°C	0.160 x 10^{-2}
a_L		-0.010
b_L	1/°C	3.260 x 10^{-4}

KEY STEP 3: Economic Analysis

All the utility requirements determined from the TS-PTA are used to calculate the plant annual utility costing. The estimation of utility costing for High Pressure Steam (HPS), Medium Pressure Steam (MPS), Low Pressure Steam (LPS), Cooling Water (CW) and power generation profit are calculated using equations described as following.

a) Hot Utility Costing Estimation

In order to calculate the plant hot utility costing, the first step is to calculate the cost of generating steam from the boiler. The fuel cost consists as much as 90 % of the total steam costing while remaining costs are the individual cost components .

The steam costing can be calculated using following equation:

$$\text{Fuel consumption rate} \left(\frac{kg}{yr} \right) = \frac{\dot{m}(steam)\left(\frac{kg}{yr}\right) \times \left(H_{steam}\left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) - H_{feedwater}\left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right) \right)}{n_{boiler} \times Fuel\ Calorific\ Value\left(\frac{kJ}{kg}\right)} \tag{20}$$

Where H_{steam} is the steam enthalpy at saturation pressure, $H_{feedwater}$ is the feedwater enthalpy.

The fuel consumption cost is determined by:

$$\text{Fuel consumption cost} \left(\frac{\$}{yr} \right) = \text{Fuel consumption rate} \left(\frac{kg}{yr} \right) \times Fuel\ price \left(\frac{\$}{kg} \right) \tag{21}$$

The total steam costing is given by equation:

$$\text{Total Steam Costing} \left(\frac{\$}{yr} \right) = \text{Fuel consumption cost} \left(\frac{kg}{year} \right) \times (1 + 0.3) \tag{22}$$

b) Cold utility costing estimation

The cooling water (CW) utility price is determined using the following equation (Ulrich and Vasudevan, 2006).

$$CW\ price \left(\frac{\$}{m^3} \right) = ((0.00007 + 2.5) \times 10-5q^{-1})\ (CE\ CPI) + 0.03 \times Fuel\ price \left(\frac{\$}{Gj} \right) \tag{23}$$

Whereby q is total water capacity $\left(\frac{m^3}{s} \right)$ abd CE CP is the US project inflamation parameter.

The cooling water cost can be calculated based on following,

$$CW\ cost \left(\frac{\$}{yr} \right) = CW\ price \left(\frac{\$}{m^3} \right) \times \dot{m}\ CW \left(\frac{m^3}{yr} \right) \tag{24}$$

Where $\dot{m}$ CW is the volumetric flowrate of cooling water.

c) Power generation costing estimation

The power generation profit of the Organic Rankine Cycle and the condensing turbine can be determined using following equation,

$$Electricity\ price \left(\frac{\$}{kWh} \right) = 1.3 \times 10^{-4}(CE\ CP1) + 0.01 \times Price\ of\ fuel \left(\frac{\$}{Gj} \right) \tag{25}$$

$$Electricity\ profit \left(\frac{\$}{year} \right) = Electricity\ price \left(\frac{\$}{kWh} \right) \times Electricity\ generation \left(\frac{kWh}{year} \right) \tag{26}$$

CASE STUDY

A modified literature case study (Liew et al., 2012) was used to illustrate the comparison of power generation by ORC and steam turbine. The stream data for the case study was shown in Table 2. There were four utilities available in the TS system, which including High Pressure Steam (HPS – 270°C), Medium Pressure Steam (MPS – 180 °C), Low Pressure Steam (LPS – 134 °C), and Cooling Water (CW – 15-20 °C). The minimum temperature difference between utility and process ($\Delta T_{min,up}$) in this case study was assumed to be 20 °C.

Table 2 Process A stream data for case study (Liew *et al.*, 2012).

Stream	Supply temp., T_s (°C)	Target temp., T_t (°C)	Heat duty, ΔH (MW)	Heat capacity, mCp (MW/°C)
Process A ($\Delta T_{min,pp}$ = 20 °C)				
A1 Hot	200	100	1150	10
A2 Hot	150	60	3600	40
A3 Cold	50	120	3150	45
A4 Cold	50	220	2550	15
Process B ($\Delta T_{min,pp}$ = 10 °C)				
B1 Hot	200	50	450	3
B2 Hot	240	100	210	1.5
B3 Hot	200	119	1860	23
B4 Cold	30	200	680	4
B5 Cold	50	250	400	2

KEY STEP 1: Determination of low temperature waste heat in Total Site

Through the construction of PTA for both processes, Process A minimum hot utility required was 1500 MW and the minimum cooling utility was 400 MW. The pinch point was identified at 60 °C which having zero heat flow. For process B, the minimum hot utility required

was 100 MW and the minimum coolimg utility was 1543 MW. The pinch point for process B was at 195 ˚C. The pinch point determined in the Process A PTA and Process B PTA were used to construct the Multiple Utility – Problem Table Algorithm.

Based on the the MU-PTA for Process A constructed, it required 1,500 MW of hot utility, which consisted of 750 MW, 200 MW and 650 MW of HPS, MPS and LPS respectively. The cooling water required to satisfy excess heat source of 400 MW from Process A was identified. For Process B, 100 MW of hot utility was required at the HPS level to satisfy Process B heat sink . The Process B excess heat source of 1543 MW which consisted of 215 MW at MPS level and 989 MW at LPS level. The remaining heat source was satisfied by cooling water.

The utility requirements for both Process A and Process B determined in the MU-PTA were summed up to determine Total Site energy requirement by constructing Total Site Problem Table Algorithm (TS-PTA) as shown in Table 3. Any excess utility generation at higher level was then cascaded to satisfy lower level energy requirement.

Table 3 Total Site Problem Table Algorithm (TS-PTA) result for case study.

Utility Type	Utility Temp. (°C)	Net heat source (kW)	Net heat sink (MW)	Net heat required (MW)	Initial heat cascade (MW)	Final heat cascade (MW)	Multiple utility heat cascade (MW)	External utility required(MW)
					0	850	0	
HPS	270	0	850	-850				850
					-850	0	0	
MPS	180	215	200	15				-15
					-835	15	0	
LPS	134	989	650	339				-339
					-496	354	0	
CW	15	739	0	739				-739
					243	1093	0	

The overall TS system required 850 MW and 1,093 MW of hot and cooling utility from the utility system, which there were excess MPS, LPS and CW generation opportunities for 15 MW, 339 MW and 739 MW from the processes.

In this study, LPS has been defined as the low temperature waste heat source carrier in the TS energy system. The excess waste heat source with temperature more than the LPS temperature 134˚C in the TS-PTA Table 3.3 was identified as the waste heat available for the integration with ORC and condensing turbine. The TS-PTA indicated for the heat source, there were 15 MW of excess heat at MPS level and 339 MW of excess LPS generation. The 15 MW of MPS was then cascaded to the LPS level which generated 354 MW of low temperature waste heat. Thus, there was 354 MW of waste heat available for the integration with ORC and condensing Turbine.

KEY STEP 2: Heat recovery technology integration

The ORC model in this study was simulated using design conditions as in Aneke et al. (2011), which the working fluid was assumed to be R134A. The limitions of this ORC model were it was developed by using simple thermodynamic relations and did not able to simulate using multiple working fluids except R134A. The superheating inside the turbine was also not being considered. The simulation design conditions was decribed below.

The working fluid was entered the pump inlet at 12 ˚C with mass flowrate of 1656 kg/s as saturated liquid where it was pressurized to the evaporator pressure of 16.95 bar. The temperature of working fluid was assumed to be increased by 1 ˚C from pump to the evaparator. In the evaporator, the working fluid was heated up to 65 ˚C at constant pressure by exchanging heat with the waste heat and left as saturated steam condition to the turbine for power generation with turbine isentropic efficiency of 0.80. The working fluid was expanded in the turbine where pressure dropped to condenser pressure. The condenser pressure was set to pump pressure of 4.43 bar. The working fluid was condensed at constant pressure in the condenser, which was basically a heat exchanger, by rejecting heat to cooling utilities. The working fluid left the condenser as saturated liquid and entered the pump, completing the cycle.

For the ORC integration, the model was simulated by integrating 354 MW of the low temperature waste heat into the ORC evaporator. The simulation result showed that the ORC generated 35.90 MW of power generation using pump power consumption of 4.74 MW. The net power generation of the ORC was 31.17 MW with thermal efficiency of 0.088%.

For the condensing steam turbine simulation, the turbine utilized steam with steam flowrate of 146.5 kg/s to drive. The turbine pressure inlet was set to 2.25 bar with steam temperature of 134 ˚C. The advantage of condensing steam turbine was its ability to accept a wide range of inlet pressure at the turbine compared to ORC, where the ORC working fluid characteristics were affected the system performance. The exhausted steam from the condensing turbine was at a pressure well below atmospheric at 0.15 bar, typically in 90% steam saturation. The condensing turbine model generated 45.61 MW of power generation with the integration of 354 MW waste heat.

The following assumptions were considered for the ORC model development:
- The ORC system was under steady state conditions
- Constant efficiencies were assumed for the pump and turbine
- The working fluid left the condenser as saturated liquid
- The temperature increase of 1˚C from the pump to heat exchager was assumed

The condensing steam turbine simulation was performed based on following assumptions:
- The steam was exited the turbine outlet at 90% saturated steam condition
- The steam was superheated before entering condensing turbine

Table 4 ORC and steam turbine data.

Organic Rankine Cycle	
Working fluid	R134A
Pump Isentropic efficiency	0.35
Turbine isentropic efficiency	0.8
Q_H (kJ/kg)	354000
Steam Turbine	
Working fluid	Steam
Turbine isentropic efficiency	0.9
Q_H (kJ/kg)	354000

KEY STEP 3: Economic analysis

In order to estimate the economic cost for ORC condensing turbine and base case, the processes in the TS system were assumed to operate for 335 day annually. Natural gas-fired boiler with efficiency of 0.75 was considered in the utility costing estimation. The electricity, fuel and cooling water prices were estimated at 0.1058 $/kWh, 0.19 $/kg and 0.0479 $/m³. The total utility cost for Base Case was found to be 212.54 M$/y, with 188.51 M$/year was spent for fuel and 24.03 M$/year for cooling water.

Table 5 Total cost comparision for base case, ORC case and steam turbine case.

	Base Case	Organic Rankine Cycle	Condensing Steam Turbine
HPS (MW)	850	850	850
MPS (MW)	-15	0	0
LPS (MW)	-339	0	0
CW (MW)	-739	-739	-739
Waste heat for ORC Evaporator (MW)	0	354	0
Hot Utilities Requirement (MW)	850	850	850
Cold Utilities Requirement (MW)	1,093	1062	739
ORC Condenser Load (MW)	0	322.83	0
Power Generation (MW)	0	31.17	45.61
Hot Utility Cost (M$/y)	188.51	188.51	188.51
Cold Utility Cost (M$/year)	24.03	23.34	16.25
Power Cost Saving (M$/year)	0	26.53	38.82
Total Utility Cost (M$/year)	212.54	188.53	165.94

In the integration of ORC, the plant total utility costing was seen to be spent about 188.53 M$/year for the hot utility, cold utility and also included the power saving. The power generation savings from the ORC was estimated to be worth of 26.53 M$/year, which was somewhat lower than condensing turbine. The cold utility cost was 23.34 M$/year.

The plant total utiltiy costing for the condensing turbine intgeration was estimated around 165.94 M$/year for the hot utility, cold utility and power saving. The plant total utlty costing was the lowest when compared to the ORC and base case, which the utility cost reduction was contributed by power generation savings where it has been generated profit worth of 38.82 M$/year and low cold utility cost around 16.25 M$/year.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The condensing steam turbine showed a significance performance in power generation in comparison to ORC. The results indicated higher power saving and lower total plant utility costing for condensing steam turbine as compared to the ORC and base case. The leading power performance of condensing turbine was attributed by its principal advantage where turbine could generate high power output. The potential of condensing turbine for low temperature waste heat should be considered for future research for this reason. Integration of ORC system has lower power generation than condensing turbine, which resulting the plant total utility costing to be higher. However, this integration option was still feasible compared to the base case senario, which the utility cost reduction was obtained. In addition, the capital cost of the ORC and turbine system were not yet considered in the analysis.

The integration of the low temperature waste heat in processes site has been proven to improve the energy efficiency and energy saving through the extended TSHI methodology developed in this study. The integration of the ORC and condensing turbine with the processes site was feasible because it could simultaneously reduce the hot utility and cooling utility requirements by utilizing the excess waste heat source for power generation. The implementation of this integration that was assisted by the methodology developed, the overall site energy consumption would be reduced and the efficiency in industrial sites could be enhanced, which contributing to economic and environmental sustainability.

The plant total utility costing of ORC could be reduced more by carrying out ORC optimization. The turbine pressure inlet of ORC in this study accounted only 40% of the working fluid critical pressure.

This study also showed that the cold utility costing was increased for ORC case in comparison to the base case. This was due to condenser heat release which required to be cooled down. For future study, the performance of ORC for waste heat recovery in process sites can be optimized further by exploring the potential of condenser heat for boiler feedwater preheating besides on the power generation.

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