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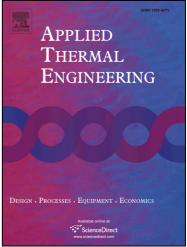
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11	Abstract
12	Although the turbine among the components of organic Rankine cycle (ORC) has a significant impact on the
13	cycle efficiency, only a handful studies have been conducted so far on the turbine design. The first step in the
14	development of radial inflow turbines is the preliminary design, and the rigorous preliminary design can simplify the
15	turbine optimization process. This study proposes a new design method to develop radial inflow turbines for ORC.
16	The proposed method does not deal with the ideal gas equation and average state properties. In addition, the
17	performance chart for gas turbines was not used. These improvements are the advantages of the proposed method.
18	Applying the proposed method, we designed a trans-critical radial inflow turbine for geothermal power systems and
19	used CFD analysis to evaluate the performance of the designed turbine. For the CFD analysis, grids independent on
20	the turbine output and suitable for y+ criterion were used. And, the numerical models suitable for the flow
21	conditions were also applied. The CFD results showed that the radial inflow turbine designed in this study more
22	closely approximated design conditions than one of Sauret and Gu [25]. A turbine performance analysis in off-
23	design conditions was also conducted using CFD. The results showed that the incidence angle to rotor blades as well
24	as RPM had a great impact on the efficiency and output of the turbine. And, these variables could be suitably
25	determined using the proposed design method.
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27 Keywords : Radial-inflow turbine, Preliminary design, Organic Rankine cycle, Performance analysis, CFD

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