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HERMES system overall benefits

- Zero generation of pollutants
- 100% carbon recovery
- Efficiency >65%
- Compactness
- Fast response time/operational flexibility
- Support to the circular economy

Objectives

The key objective of HERMES is to develop and assess the performance of a closed-loop renewable energy system based on directly fired supercritical gas turbine engine (s-GT) operating on a variety of liquid/gaseous renewable fuels (here, methanol and hydrogen are used as a representatives) to provide electricity (and heat) with an efficiency above 65%, with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions and no emission of other pollutants. The Scientific and Technical Objectives are briefly presented below:

- Synthesis of renewable fuels for interchangeable GT operation and their value chains
- Fundamentals of zero-emission highly efficient supercritical combustion of renewable fuels
- System integration and assessment for technology maturity leap forward

Output

Hermes goes beyond the current state-of-the-art. It develops a research framework encompassing

a) determination of carbon-neutral and carbon -free fuel properties and development of methods and tools for assessing the performance of combinations of such fuels in high pressure supercritical combustors,

b) **validation** of renewable **fuels in terms of fuels economy and pollutant formation** stemming from the use of such fuels in combustors operating under **high pressure conditions**, and

c) approach to **support decision making** regarding the widespread deployment of these fuels to facilitate transition to a **climate friendly economy**.



