

LECTURE NOTES

ON

POWER STATION ENGINEERING

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Chapter-1 Introduction

Introduction of Power station Engineering :-

Power station Engineering is a division of power Engineering, and is defined as "the Engineering and technology required for the production of central station electric power".

The field is focused on the generation of power for industries and communities, not for household power production.

It is also called as "power plant Engineering".

* Sources of Energy :-

The various sources of Energy are :

i) Conventional

ii) Non-Conventional

Conventional :-

- 1) Fuels
- Solids - Coal, coke anthracite etc.
 - Liquids - Petroleum and its derivatives
 - Gases - Natural gas, blast furnace gas etc.

Non-Conventional :-

2) Energy stored in water

3) Nuclear Energy

4) Wind power

5) Solar Energy

6) Tidal Energy

7) Geothermal Energy

8) Thermoelectric power

1) Fuels :-

→ Fuels may be chemical or nuclear.

→ Here, we consider chemical fuels only.

A chemical fuel is a substance which releases heat energy on consumption. The principle combustible elements of each fuel are carbon and hydrogen.

Though sulphur is a combustible element too but its presence in the fuel is considered to be undesirable.

→ Solid → Coal, coke, anthracite etc.

→ Coal :-

→ Its main constituents are carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, moisture and ash.

→ Coal is primarily used as fuel to generate electric power or electricity.

→ Coke :-

→ It consists of carbon, mineral matter with about 2% sulphur and small quantities of hydrogen, nitrogen and phosphorus.

→ It is smokeless and clean fuel and can be produced by several processes.

→ It is mainly used in blast furnace to produce heat and at the same time to reduce the iron ore.

→ Anthracite :-

→ It is very hard coal and has a shining black lustre.

→ It ignites slowly unless the furnace temperature is high.

→ The calorific value of this fuel is high to the tune of 35500 KJ/kg and such as is very suitable for steam generation.

* Liquid :- Petroleum and its derivatives, LPG.
The chief source of liquid fuels is petroleum which is obtained from wells under the earth's crust.

Petroleum :-

→ It consists of a mixture of gases, liquids and solid hydrocarbons with small amounts of nitrogen and sulphur compounds.

→ In India the main sources of petroleum are Assam and Gujarat.

→ Heavy fuel oil or crude oil is imported and then refined at different refineries.

→ The refining of crude oil supplies the most important product called petrol.

Its derivatives are kerosene, fuels oils, colloidal fuels and alcohol.

LPG :-

→ Liquefied petroleum gas or LPG is a type of hydrocarbon gas that is obtained by refining crude oil or processing natural gas.

→ Uses in heating and cooking appliances, industrial appliances, in vehicles as a propellant & refrigerant.

Gaseous fuels :-

→ Natural Gas :-

- The main constituents of natural gas are methane (CH_4) and ethane (C_2H_6).
- It has calorific value nearly 21000 kJ/m^3 .
- Natural gas is used alternately or simultaneously with oil for internal combustion engines.

→ Blast Furnace Gas :-

- It is obtained from smelting operation in which air is forced through layers of coke and iron ore, the example being that of pig iron manufacture where this gas is produced as by product and contains about 20% carbon monoxide (CO).
- The heating value of this gas is very low.

CNG :-

- Compressed natural gas is produced by compressing the natural gas under a pressure between 21-25 kPa.
- CNG is a better eco-friendly fuel compared to gasoline/diesel; hence, its use as an alternative option in replacement of gasoline or diesel to run automobiles has attracted much more attention over the world.

2) Energy stored in water :-

This is energy that is used during the execution of processes, such as movement. Because of kinetic energy can flow and waves can exist.

But water can also contain potential energy.

→ This is energy that is stored in the water.

Ex :-

A hydroelectric dam captures energy from the movement of a river.

3) Nuclear Energy :-

Nuclear energy is the energy in the nucleus, or core, of an atom. Atoms are tiny units that make up all matter in the universe, and energy is what holds the nucleus together. There is a huge amount of energy in an atom's dense nucleus.

Ex :-

Nuclear fusion

Nuclear Fission

Electricity

Nuclear weapons

Nuclear medicine

Food treatments

4) Wind Power :-

Wind power describes the process by which the wind is used to generate mechanical power or electricity. Wind turbines convert the kinetic energy in the wind into mechanical power.

Ex: Wind farms
Transportation.

5) Solar Energy :-

Solar energy is power or heat that comes from the sun.

Ex: Heating, cooking, drying.

6) Tidal Energy :-

Tidal energy is a renewable energy powered by the natural rise and fall of ocean tides and currents. Some of these technologies include turbines and paddles.

Ex:

Sihwa Lake Tidal power station, South Korea - 254 MW

Lafayette Tidal Power Plant, France - 240 MW

Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon, U.K. - 240 MW

7) Geothermal Energy :-

- Geothermal Energy is Energy derived from the earth's internal heat.
- This heat is generated by the radioactive decay of minerals and the continual heat loss of earth's Core.
- The heat from the core continuously radiates outward, warming rocks, water, and other geological material.

Ex:

Geysers Hot Springs
homes and business Lava
Fumaroles

8) Thermoelectric Power :-

The conversion of thermal energy into energy of electrical or electrical energy.

- Thermoelectric generation relies on a fuel source (fossil, nuclear, biomass, geothermal, or solar) to heat a fluid to drive a turbine.

Ex:

Used in the process of generating electricity with steam-driven turbine generators.

* Explain concept of central and captive power station.

→ Concept of captive power station :-

- i) A captive power plant also called autoproductors or embedded generation, is a power generation facility used and managed by an industrial or commercial energy and used for their own energy consumption.
- ii) Captive power plants can operate off-grid or they can be connected to the electric grid to exchange excess generation.
- iii) Captive power plants are generally used by power-intensive industries where continuity and quality of energy supply are crucial, such as aluminium smelters, steel plants, chemical industries etc.

→ Concept of central power station :-

- i) Centralized generation refers to large-scale power generation in centralized plants.
- ii) These systems are generally located outside end-users and connected to the high voltage transmission network.
- iii) Central power station is referred to as large-scale power generation in centrally located plants. Generally located outside end-users, these systems are connected to a high voltage transmission network.

* Classify Power plants :-

Power plants are classified into those using traditional and non-traditional Energy resources.

- i) Thermal power station (TPS),
- ii) Nuclear Power ^{Plant} (NPP),
- iii) Hydraulic power plants (HPP)
- iv) Hydro pumped storage power plants (HPSPP),
- v) Solar power plant (SPP),
- vi) Geothermal power plant (GPP),
- vii) Wind power station (WPS),
- viii) Tidal power plants (TPP),
- ix) Magnetohydrodynamic power plant (MHDPP), etc.

i) Thermal Power station (TPS) :-

A Thermal power plant converts the heat energy of coal into electrical energy. Coal is burnt in a boiler which converts water into steam. The expansion of steam in turbine produces mechanical power which drives the alternator coupled to the turbine. Thermal power plant also called as Thermal power station contribute maximum generation of power.

→ Thermal power plants contribute 75.43% of the total installed captive and non-captive power

generation in India.

ii) Nuclear power plant :-

- A nuclear power plant is a facility that converts atomic energy into usable power.
- In a nuclear electric power plant, heat produced by a reactor is generally used to drive a turbine which in turn drives an electric generator.

iii) Hydraulic power plant :-

- hydraulic power plant or hydroelectric power plant convert the kinetic energy in flowing water into electricity or electric energy.
- Falling or flowing water turns a propeller like piece called a turbine.
- The turbine turns a metal shaft in an electric generator which produces electricity.

iv) Hydro Pumped Storage Power Plants (HPSPP) :-

- Pumped storage power plants are a special type of power plants, which work as conventional hydropower stations for part of the time.
- The water runs down through pipes to turn the turbine.
- The turbine connected to a generator to produce electricity.
- They are mainly used to meet the peak demand.

V) Solare Power plant :-

- Solare power plant is based on the conversion of sunlight into electricity, either directly using photovoltaic (PV), or indirectly using Concentrated Solare power (CSP) is thermal power plant.
- Photovoltaic converts light into electric current using the photoelectric effect.
- Concentrated Solare power systems use lenses or mirrors and tracking systems to focus a large area of sunlight into a small beam.

VI) Geothermal power plant (GPP) :-

- Geothermal power is power generated by geothermal energy.
- Hot water is pumped from deep underground through a well under high pressure.
- When the water reaches the surface, the pressure is dropped, which causes the water to turn into steam.
- The steam spins a turbine, which is connected to a generator that produces electricity.

Viii) Wind Power Station (WPS) :-

Wind Power is the conversion of wind energy into a useful form of energy, such as using wind turbines to make electric power, windmills for mechanical power, wind pumps for water pumping or drainage, or sails to propel ship.

Viii) Tidal Power Plants (TPP) :-

- Tidal Power, also called tidal energy, is a form of hydropower that converts the energy of tides into useful forms of power - mainly electricity.
- Tides are the waves caused due to the gravitational pull of the moon and also (though its pull is very low).
- During high tide, the water flows into the dam and during low tide, water flows out which result in turning the turbine.

ix) Magnetohydrodynamic power plant (MHDPP) :-

- MHD Power plant is a new system of electric power generation which is said to be high efficiency and low pollution.
- Magneto hydro dynamic (MHD) concerned with the flow of a conducting fluid in the presence of magnetic and electric field.

The field may be gas at elevated temperatures or liquid metals like Sodium or potassium.

* Importance Of Electrical Power In Day Today Life:

- i) Electricity is one of the most important blessings that science has given us. It is weightless, easier to transport and distribute.
 - ii) It is an essential thing in modern life.
 - iii) It is difficult for us to spend even a single moment without electricity. It is useful to man in many ways.
 - iv) The modern times is a time of heavy industry and every industry runs with electricity. The electrical wires are insulated to prevent the loss during transmission. In our houses the electrical fans, coolers, A.C., bulbs, and tubes give us relief from heat and darkness.
 - v) Electric trains and battery cars are quick means of transport. We can enjoy the live matches, film songs and various movies on T.V. due to electricity, without electricity lifts not up & down in the multistorey buildings.
- Just imagine if you have to go to 10th floor of a building on stairs! Modern equipments like computers and robots also have been developed

because of electricity use of electricity is increasing day by day and it has become the life line of each and every country of the world.

* Overview of method of electrical power generation:

- Electricity generation is the process of generating electric power from sources of different methods.
- Several fundamental methods exist to convert other forms of energy into electrical energy. Utility scale generation is achieved by rotating energy electric generation or generators or by photovoltaic systems. A small proportion of electric power distributed by utilities is provided by batteries.

Other forms of electricity generation used in niche applications include the triboelectric effect, the piezoelectric effect, the thermoelectric effect and betavoltaics.

Here, we consider

- 1) Generators
- 2) Photovoltaic effect
- 3) Electrochemistry

1) Generators :-

- Generators which convert mechanical energy into electrical energy is called generator.
- This is the most used form for generating electricity and is based on Faraday's law.

Ex:

Wind turbines usually provide electric generation in conjunction with other methods of producing power.

2) Electrochemistry :-

- Electrochemistry is the direct transformation of chemical energy into electricity, as in a battery. Electrochemical electricity generation is important in portable and mobile applications.
- Open electrochemical systems, known as fuel cells, can be used to extract power either from natural fuels or from synthesized fuels. Osmotic power is a possibility at places where salt and fresh water merge.

3) Photovoltaic effect :-

- The photovoltaic effect is the transformation of light into electricity, as in solar cells.
- Photovoltaic panels convert sunlight directly do

DC electricity.

- Although sunlight is free and abundant, solar power electricity is still usually more expensive to produce than large-scale mechanically generated power due to the cost of the panels.
- Recent advances in manufacturing efficiency and photo-voltaic technology, combined with subsidies driven by environmental concerns, have dramatically accelerated the deployment of solar panels. Installed capacity is growing by 40% per year led by increases in Germany, Japan, United States, China and India.