Electricity Generation

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Power systems network



Thermal power generation





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Combined-cycle generating plant



Representative energy flows for a combined-cycle, cogeneration plant with back-pressure steam turbine, delivering thermal energy to a heating system.

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Steam turbine for electricity generation





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Hydraulic turbine





Solar generating system

11 MW Sevilla, Spain





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Wind energy generation system

2.5 MW from 8 turbines in Santa Catarina, N. L., Mexico





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Typical efficiencies

| Power plant technology | Electrical efficiency [%] |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Coal-fired steam turbine | 35 |
| Dual steam turbine | 35 |
| Fuel oil & gas steam turbine | 34 |
| Gas combined-cycle | 44 |
| Diesel combustion engine | 37 |
| Hydroelectric dam | 35 |
| Geothermal steam turbine | 35 |
| Wind turbine | 35 |
| Solar panels | 9-12 |
| Nuclear | 32 |



Life cycle of electricity generation





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Elements considered in life cycle analysis

- GWP Global warming potential (CO₂)
- ADP Abiotic depletion potential (Sb antimony)
- AP Acidification potential (SO₂)
- \blacksquare EP Eutrophication potential (NOx and others)
- FAETP Freshwater aquatic ecotoxicity potential (heavy metals to air and water)
- HTP Human toxicity potential (nickel, vanadium y arsenic)
- MAETP Marine aquatic ecotoxicity potential (hydrogen fluoride)
- OLDP Ozone layer depletion potential
- POCP Photochemical ozone creation potential (SO₂ and NO_x)
- TETP Terrestrial ecotoxicity potential (Chromium, nickel, vanadium and mercury)



Environmental impact for each kWh, the case of Mexico



Santoyo-Castelazo, E., Gujba, H., Azapagic, A., "Life cycle assessment of electricity generation in

Mexico." 2011. Energy 36 (3), 1488-1499.



CO_2 Emissions in Mexico

Emissions of greenhouse effect gases in Mexico in 2010, according to the Fifth National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Percentage of total emissions





Generation from conventional sources

Electricity Generation for Conventional Sources (fossil fuel)





Generation from non conventional sources

Electricity Generation for Non Conventional Sources





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Electricity Tariff in Mexico

First Sunday of April to last Saturday of October (DST)

| Days | Base | Intermediate | Peak |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Monday to Friday | 0:00-6:00 | 6:00-20:00 22:00-24:00 | 20:00-22:00 |
| Saturday | 0:00-7:00 | 7:00-24:00 | |
| Sunday and non-working days | 0:00-19:00 | 19:00-24:00 | |

Electricity Tariff in Mexico

Last Sunday of October to Saturday before first Sunday of April

| Days | Base | Intermediate | Peak |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Monday to Friday | 0:00-6:00 | 6:00-18:00 22:00-24:00 | 18:00-22:00 |
| Saturday | 0:00-8:00 | 8:00-19:00 21:00-24:00 | 19:00-21:00 |
| Sunday and non-working days | 0:00-18:00 | 18:00-24:00 | |

Typical demand in UAM Azcapotzalco

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Electricity Tariff in Mexico: Invoice Demand

| 2016 | $\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Demand}^{\star} \\ (\$/\mathrm{kW}) \end{array}$ | Peak (\$/kWh) | Intermediate (\$/kWh) | Base (\$/kWh) |
|------|--|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| June | 10.79 | 0.0954 | 0.0406 | 0.0339 |

 $^{*}D = DP + FRI \times \max(DI - DP, 0) + FRB \times \max(DB - DPI, 0)$

where:

- D = Invoice Demand
- DP = Peak demand in peak period
- DI = Peak demand in intermediate period
- DB = Peak demand in base period
- DPI = Peak demand in intermediate and peak periods
- FRI = 0.30
- FRB = 0.15

CO_2 emissions in every hour of a Wednesday in Mexican power plants.

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Typical electric demand during a Wednesday at UAM-A.

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CO₂ equivalent emissions in every hour of a Wednesday at UAM-A.

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The basic theory of electricity generation is available in $\it Fitzgerald$ and $\it Kingsley's$ $\it Electric$ $\it Machinery$

Umans, S., Fitzgerald, A., & Kingsley, C. (2013). Electric machinery. McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

Simplifying assumptions for engineering solutions:

Consider Ampère's law

$$\oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{S_C} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

where

Basic scheme of a magnetic circuit.

Consider Gauss' law

$$\oint_{S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0$$

where

 $\mathbf{B} = \quad \text{Magnetic field density} \quad d\mathbf{a} = \quad \text{Surface differential}$

- the presence of a high-permeability $(\mu \gg \mu_0)$ material tends to cause magnetic flux to be confined to the paths defined by the structure
- for uniform cross-sectional areas $\phi = B_c A_c$

• a three-dimensional magnetic circuit can be represented by a one-dimensional equivalent circuit similar to an electric circuit

then the

$$\mathcal{F}=Ni=\phi\mathcal{R}$$

where:

$$\mathfrak{R} = \frac{l_c}{\mu A_c}, \qquad \phi = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

Generation Basics: Flux linkage and inductance

• Time-varying magnetic fields produce electric fields according to Faraday's law:

$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

Generation Basics: Flux linkage and inductance

• A winding consists of N closed contours C, so

$$e = N \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{d\lambda}{dt}, \qquad \lambda = N\phi$$

• for a magnetic circuit composed of magnetic material of *constant* magnetic permeability or with a dominating air gap, the linear relation between flux and current is called *inductance*:

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{i}$$

Generation Basics: Flux linkage and inductance

Assuming the magnetic flux is uniform through most of the core $H \propto \mathcal{F}$ $B \propto \phi$, and hence, $B \propto \lambda$.

Hence, a plot of flux versus current is of the same shape as a B - H curve.

Generation Basics: Synchronous Generator

The field-winding of this machine produces a single pair of magnetic poles (similar to that of a bar magnet), and hence this machine is referred to as a two-pole machine.

Generation Basics: Synchronous Generator

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As the rotor rotates, the flux-linkages of the armature winding change with time. Under some assumptions, the resulting coil voltage will be sinusoidal in time.

In a two-pole machine, the coil voltage passes through a complete cycle for each revolution of the machine. Thus, its frequency in cycles per second (Hz) is the same as the speed of the rotor in revolutions per second:

the electric frequency of the generated voltage is synchronized with the mechanical speed.

As seen in the equation:

$$f_e = \frac{\omega_e}{2\pi}$$

where ω_e is the electrical angular frequency.

Generated armsture voltage of a two pole machine ($\omega_m = \omega_e$):

When a machine has more than two poles, it is convenient to express angles in electrical degrees.

One pair of poles in a multipole machine or one cycle of flux distribution equals 360 electrical degrees or 2π electrical radians. Since there are poles/2 complete wavelengths, or cycles, in one complete revolution, it follows that

$$\omega_e = \left(\frac{\text{poles}}{2}\right)\omega_m$$

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Generated armature voltage for a 4-pole machine. The mechanical frequency is half the electrical frequency

To maintain a constant frequency, machines with more than 2 poles must rotate at a lower speed than that of a 2 pole machine.

The typical frequency of operation in America is $60 \,\mathrm{Hz}$, yielding an angular velocity of $3600 \,\mathrm{rpm}$ for a two pole machine.

The rotational speed of a synchronous generator, in revolutions per minute, as a function of the electrical frequency is:

$$n = \frac{120}{\text{poles}} f_e$$

Synchronous Generator: Example

A synchronous generator is to produce 50 Hz sinusoidal voltages. What must be its speed if the machine has, a) 2 poles, b) 4 poles and c) 40 poles?

Synchronous Generator One-Phase Equivalent Circuit

 $V_t, E_a, V_f =$ Terminal, generated and field voltage $I_a, I_f =$ Armature and field currents $R_a, R_f =$ Armature and field resistances $L_f =$ Field inductance $X_s =$ Synchronous reactance, $X_s = \omega L_s$