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Power plant:-

To set of the plant to produce electricity is known as power plant.

Energy:-

The capacity of doing work

Power:-

The rate of doing work is known as power.

Sources of energy:-

There are various sources of energy.

(i) Fuel.

(ii) energy stored in water.

(iii) Nuclear energy.

(iv) Wind energy

(v) Solar energy.

(vi) Tidal power.

(vii) geo-thermal energy

(viii) Thermoelectric power.

Fuel:-

→ fuels may be chemical or nuclear.

→ A chemical fuel is a substance which releases heat energy on combustion.

→ The major combustible element of each



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Fuel carbon and hydrogen.

### Classification of fuel:

- (i) The occurred in nature called Primary fuels. Or preparable fuels are called Secondary fuel.
- (ii) There in solid, liquid, Gaseous state.

### \* Solid fuel: -

#### Coal: -

→ It's the main constituents of Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, moisture and ash.

#### Peat: -

→ It's the first stage peat in the formation of coal from wood.

→ It contains huge amount of moisture therefore it's dried one to two month before it's use.

→ It's used as a domestic fuel in 'Ukrain' and the power generation in 'Russia'. But in India it doesn't come categories of good fuel.



### Lignite and Brown coal:

- These are intermediate state bet Peat and coal. It contains high ash, high moisture and low heat contained.
- They break easily.
- They burn on a smoky flame. So it's used in local use only.

### Bituminous coal:

- It burns with long yellow and smoky flame and has high percentage of volatile matter.
- The Avg. calorific value about 33,500 kJ/kg
- \* There are 2 types.
  - (i) Caking Bituminous coal.
  - (ii) Non-caking Bituminous coal.

### Semi-bituminous coal:

- It's better than the anthracite.
- It burns with very small amount of smoke.
- It contains 15 to 20% volatile matter.

### Semi-anthracite coal:

- It has a less fine carbon and gives out longer and more luminous flame when burns.



Anthracite:

- It has a very hard pole.
- It ignites slowly unless the furnace temp. is high.
- It burns either with a very short blue flame.
- The calorific value is high, 25,500 kJ/kg.

Wood charcoal:

- It's obtained by destructive distillation of wood.
- During this process the volatile matter and water are a product.
- It depends upon the rate of heating and temp.

Coke:

- It consists of carbon, mineral with about 1-2% sulphur and small quantities of hydrogen, nitrogen & phosphorus.
- It's smokeless and clean fuel and can be produced by several processes.
- It's mainly used in blast furnaces to produce heat & same time it's to reduce the iron ore. ~~low~~ coke.



## Briquettes: -

→ These are prepared from high coke or coke by compressing the material under high pressure.

## Analysis of coke:

→ There are 2 types of analysis is done in the coke.

(i) ~~Proximate~~ Proximate Analysis

(ii) Ultimate Analysis

### (i) Proximate Analysis:

→ In proximate analysis individual elements are not determined only determine Percentage of moisture, volatile matter, fixed carbon & ash.

→ This analysis used only commercial.

### (ii) Ultimate Analysis:

→ In U.M. Analysis the Percentage of various element are determined.

→ This type of Analysis used for combustion used only.



## \* Properties of coke :-

- (i) Energy contained and heating value.
- (ii) Sulphure contained.
- (iii) Burning characteristic.
- (iv) Grind ability.
- (v) Weather ability.
- (vi) High maintaining temperature.

→ A good coke should have low ash content and high calorific value.

→ Small percentage of sulphur less than 1%.

→ Good burning characteristic so that the combustion is completed.

→ High grind ability.

→ High weather ability.

## Liquid fuels :-

→ Liquid fuel is petroleum, which is obtained from wells under the earth's crust.

## Comparison bet Solid fuel & Advantages.



- Requires less space for storage.
- High calorific value.
- easy control of consumption.
- Start economic.
- No Ash Problem.
- easy handling & transporting.
- Absence of danger from spontaneous condition.

### Petroleum: -

- It consist of a mixture of gases, liquids and solid hydro carbon with small amounts of Nitrogen and Sulphur compounds.
- (Assam, Gujarat) sources of India.
- Petrol can be made by polymerisation & refractionisation gases.

### \* Composition of some common liquid fuels:

<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Carbon</u>	<u>Hydrogen</u>	<u>Sulphur</u>	<u>Ash</u>
(1) Petrol	85.5%	14.4%	0.1%	0
(2) Benzene	91.7%	8%	0.8%	0
(3) Kerosene	86.8%	13.8%	0.1%	0
(4) Diesel oil	86.8%	12.8%	0.9%	0
(5) Light fuel	86.2%	12.4%	1.4%	0
(6) Heavy fuel	88.8%	9.5%	1.2%	1



## \* Important Properties of liquid fuel :- P-8

- (i) Specific gravity.
- (ii) Flash point.
- (iii) Fire point.
- (iv) Sulphur contained.
- (v) Volatility.
- (vi) Viscosity.
- (vii) Ash content.
- (viii) Heating value.
- (ix) Cetane Number.
- (x) Cetend Number.

## \* Gaseous fuel:-

### Natural gas:-

→ Main constituent of Natural gas

(Methane -  $\text{CH}_4$ ) (Ethane  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ )

→ It's calorific value  $21,000 \text{ KJ/m}^3$ .

→ It's used for internal combustion engine

### Coke gas:-

→ Main constituent of Hydrogen, Carbon monoxide, & hydrocarbon.



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- It's prepared by carbonisation of coke.
  - It's used in boilers & sometimes commercial purposes.

### Producer gas:-

- It's the partial oxidation of coke, coal or peat. when there burnt in sufficient quantity of Air.
- It's has low heating value.
- It's used in steel industries for firing open hearth furnaces.

### \* Advantages of Gaseous fuel:-

- Better control of combustion cleanliness.
- No problem of storage of the supply available from public supplier.
- Economic in fuel and more efficiency.
- Easy maintenance of oxidising or reducing atmosphere.

### \* Important Properties of gaseous fuel:-

- (i) Heating value or calorific value
- (ii) Viscosity & density
- (iii) Specific gravity.



## \* Central power plant and captive power plant.

C.P.P.:- An captive power plant run by manufacturing company, and its output is not available for general use.

→ It's used for own ~~for~~ purpose.

→ Captive power plant is also known as industrial power plant.

Ex: "NALCO"

## Central power plant:-

→ In central power plant the electricity available is meant for general use to the customer or electricity boards who wish to purchase it.

Ex: power plant runs by "NTPC".

## \* Principle types of power plant :-

- (i) Steam plants using coal oil or nuclear fission
- (ii) Internal combustion plant
- (iii) Gas turbine plant.
- (iv) Hydro electric plant.



## Steam Power Plant:-

- In steam power plant chemical fuel or fuel (coal, oil, gas) convert into mechanical or electrical energy.
- It's main purpose to produce electricity.
- To produce steam for industrial purpose besides producing electric power.

## \* Classification of Steam power plant.

The Steam Power plant may be classified

- (i) Central Stations.
- (ii) Industrial power stations.
- (Captive power stations)

### (i) Central Stations:-

→ The electrical energy available there for station is met for general use to the customers who wish to purchase it.

### (ii) Industrial power station:-

→ This type of power station is run by a manufacturing company for its own use and its output is not available for general use.



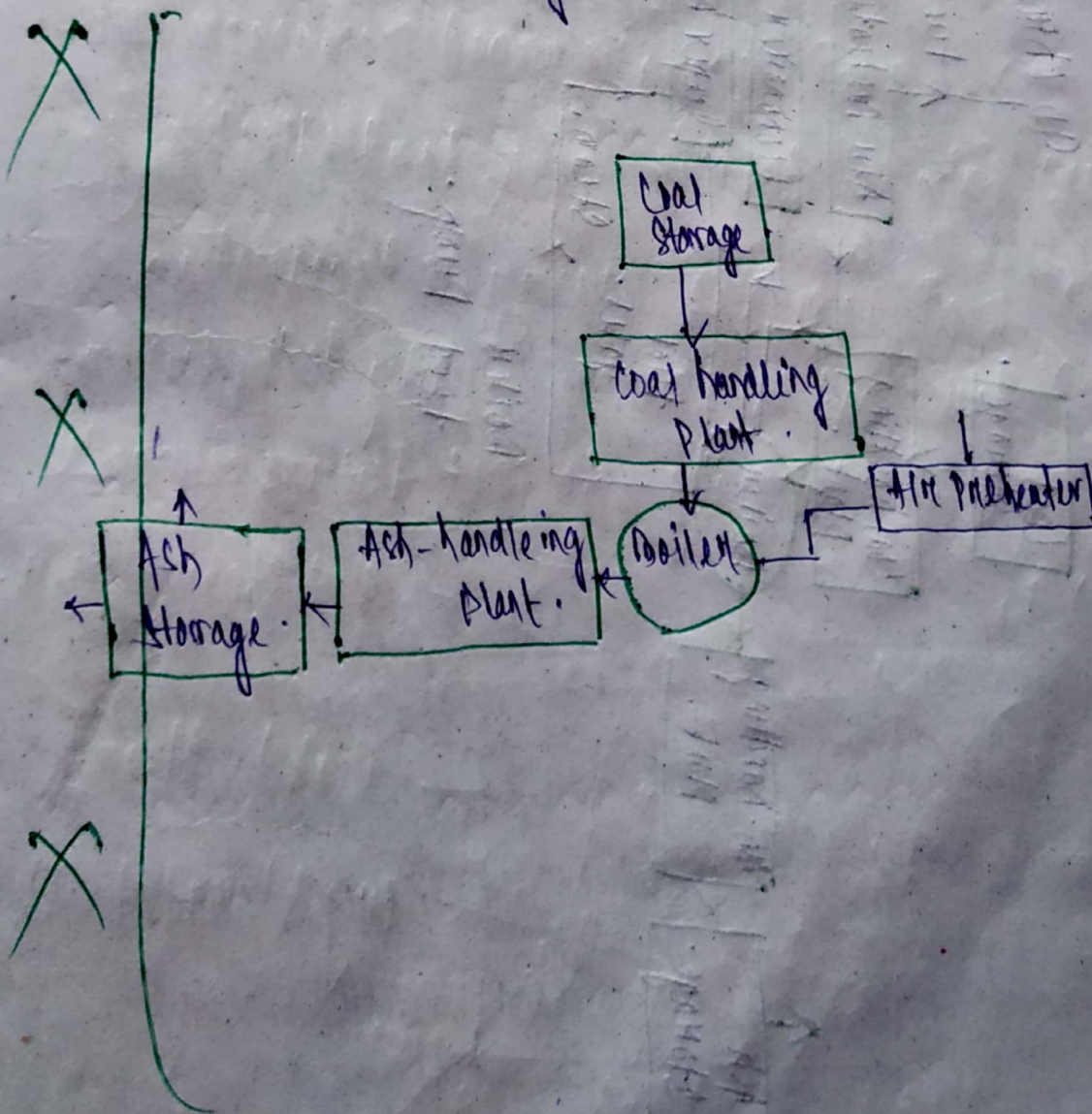
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→ Normally these plant are non-condensing, because a large quantity of steam is required for different manufacturing process.

### \* Layout of Steam power plant.

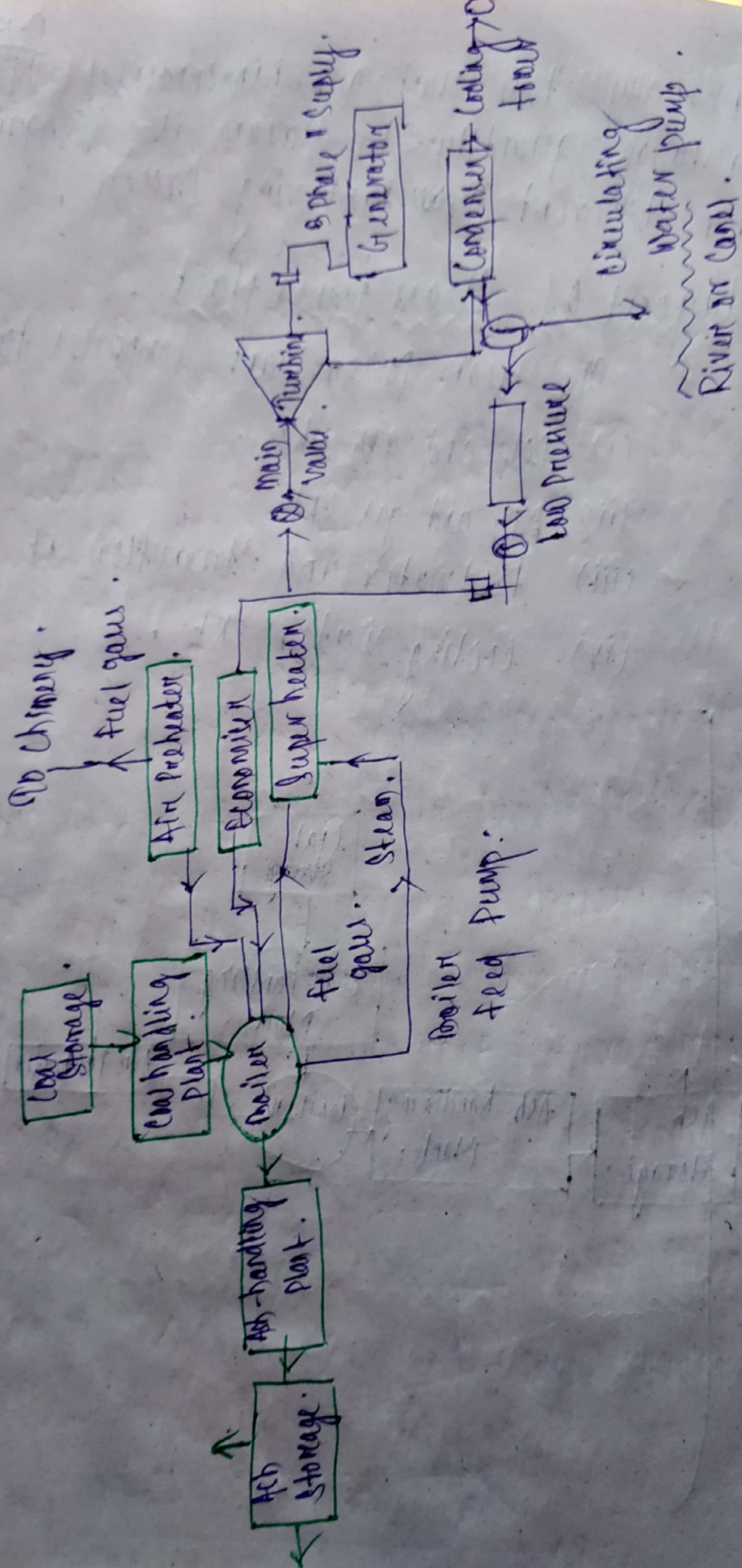
The steam power plant comprises four ext.

- (i) pole and air ext.
- (ii) Air and gas ext.
- (iii) Feedwater and Steamflow ext.
- (iv) cooling water ext.





# Lay out of Steam power plant





## Feed water and Steam Flow Ckt:-

→ In the water and steam ckt condenser  
 living the condenser is first heated in a flow  
 feed water heater through extracted steam  
 from the lowest pressure extraction point at the  
 turbine.

## Cooling Water Ckt:-

→ The cooling water supply to the condenser  
 helps in maintaining a low pressure.  
 → The water may be taken from a natural  
 source such as river, lake or sea.

## \* Components of a Modern Thermal Power Plant

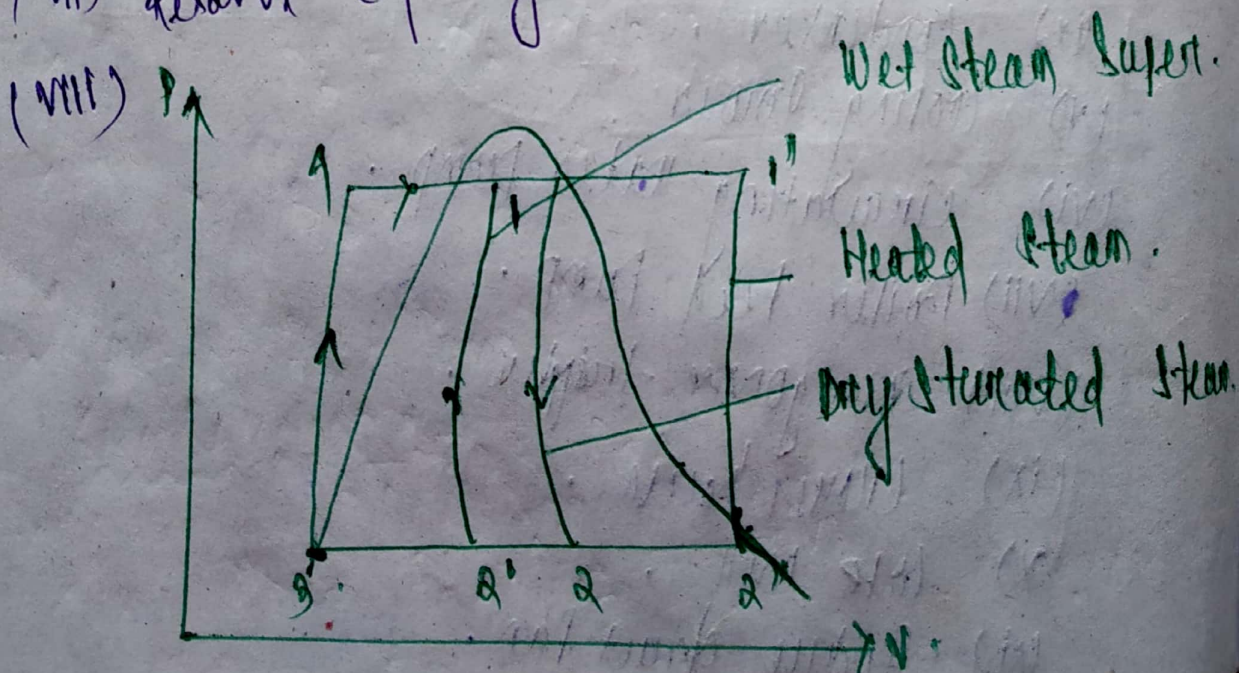
- (i) Boiler. (Super heater, economiser)
- (ii) Steam turbine. (Generator)
- (iii) Generator.
- (iv) Condenser.
- (v) Cooling Tower.
- (vi) circulating water pump.
- (vii) Boiler feed pump.
- (viii) Watergator tripper.
- (ix) Chimney house.
- (x) Coal mill.
- (xi) Induce draft fan.



- (11) Ash Precipitators.
- (12) Boiler Chimney.
- (13) Force draft fan.
- (14) Water treatment plant.
- (15) Control room.
- (16) Switch yard.

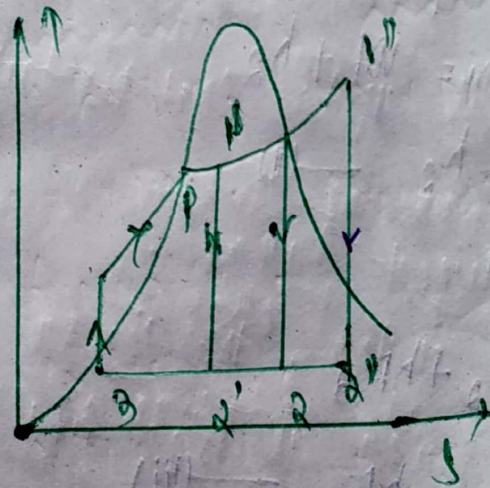
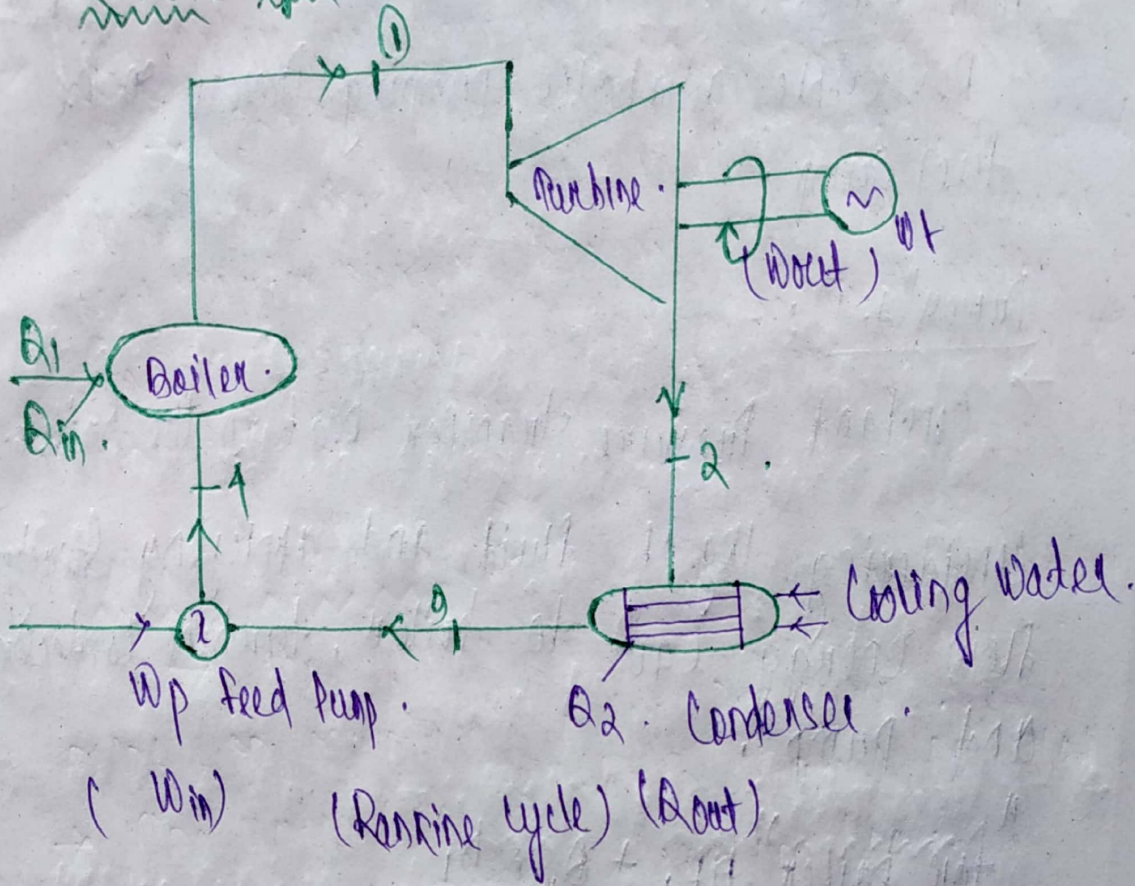
### \* Essential Requirement of Steam Power Plant Station design:-

- (i) Reliability.
  - (ii) min<sup>m</sup> capital cost.
  - (iii) min<sup>m</sup> operating and maintenance cost.
- (iv) Capacity to meet peak load effectively.
- (v) min<sup>m</sup> losses of energy in transmission.
- (vi) low cost of energy supply to the consumers.
- (vii) Reserve capacity to meet future demands.





# Rankine cycle:-



When the steam enters the turbine, it may be dry saturated or superheated.

Process 1-2 :-

Reversible adiabatic expansion on the turbine.

Process 2-3 :-

Constant pressure transfer heat in condenser.



Process 1-2 :-

Reversible adiabatic pumping process in the fuel pump.

Process 2-3 :-

Constant pressure transfer heat in the boiler.

Considering 1 kg of fluid and applying steady flow energy eqn to boiler, turbine, condenser and pump.

"for boiler"  $h_{f1} + Q_1 = h_1$

$$Q_1 = h_1 - h_{f1} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

"for turbine"  $h_1 = w_t + h_2$

$$w_t = h_1 - h_2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

"for condenser"

$$h_2 = Q_2 + h_{f2}$$

$$Q_2 = h_2 - h_{f2} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

"for the feed pump."

$$h_{f2} + w_p = h_{f1}$$

$$w_p = h_{f1} - h_{f2} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$



## Efficiency of Rankine cycle :-

$$\eta_{\text{Rankine}} = \frac{W_{\text{net}}}{Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{(W_T - W_P)}{Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{(h_1 - h_2 - h_{f4} - h_{f3})}{h_1 - h_{f4}}$$

→ The feed pump work ' $W_P$ ' being a small quantity in comparison with turbine work ' $W_T$ ' is usually neglected.

$$\eta_{\text{Rankine}} = \frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_1 - h_{f4}}$$

Where,  $h_1$  = enthalpy of steam enters in the turbine. (or) output of boiler.

$h_2$  = enthalpy of steam leaving the turbine.

$h_3$  = enthalpy of liquid entering to the boiler.



## Work ratio :-

$$\text{Work ratio} = \frac{W_{\text{net}}}{W_{\text{turbine}}}$$

→ It's the ratio bet<sup>n</sup> net work output in the cycle to the work done by the turbine.

$$W_{\text{net}} = \frac{W_t - W_p}{W_t}$$

## \* Thermal power plant :-

- Requires huge quantity of coal or oil.
- A 400-Mw. Watt thermal requires around 500 to 800 tons up to coal per day.
- It's costly
- Man power required large.
- Initial investment is low. 1050 per Kw.
- It's internal power is high and life of plant not so long. (20-45 years) and also
- Maintenance cost is high.

## Site Selection :- Special site to met fuel and

- Water & Pollution required.
- It's plant efficiency less 30-40%, and it's emission is about 3 years.



→ It requires 1.5 sector / M-watt.

### \* Nuclear power plant :-

- fuel consumption is very less.
- heat about 50 kg of uranium <sup>enriched</sup> is equivalent to the combustion of  $3 \times 10^6$  litre of oil or 113350 quintal or high grade coal.
- It's cost of energy cheap.
- less man power required.
- Initial investment is high that means 1700
- It's internal power consumption is less and life of plant less than "80" years.
- start-up time about "8" years.
- plant efficiency 31-35%.

### \* PWR and BWR power plant :-

PWR - Pressurised Water Reactor.

BWR - Boiling Water Reactor.

- There are various nuclear power plant situated in India such as
- (i) Tarapur power plant, (Maharashtra)



(ii) Ranapratap power Sagar power plant  
(Kota Rajasthan)

(iii) Calpankum (Tamil Nadu)

(iv) Mahoma power plant (UP)

(v) Ranapratap power plant (Gujarat)

(vi) A steam power plant is supplied with dry saturated steam at a pressure of 30 Bar. and exhaust into a condenser at 0.2 Bar. Calculate the Rankine efficiency by using steam table

Initial condition of steam

Pressure ( $P_1$ ) = 30 Bar

Dry saturated final condition of steam

exhaust steam pressure ( $P_2$ ) = 0.2 Bar

From steam table

Work done by turbine =  $h_1 - h_2$

Work done by feed pump

$$= h_{f4} - h_{f3}$$



Net Work =

$W_{\text{turbine}} - W_{\text{pump}}$

Maximum efficiency

$$= \frac{W_{\text{net}}}{Q_1}$$

$$Q = h_1 - h_{f2}$$

(i) Steam Stream inlet Pressure  $P_1 = 180 \text{ Bar}$

$$h_1 = 2700.81 \text{ kJ/kg (enthalpy saturated vapor)}$$

$$s_1 = 6.49 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K (entropy saturated vapor)}$$

at  $P_2 = 0.02 \text{ Bar}$

$$h_{f2} = h_{f3} = 251.18 \text{ kJ/kg (internal energy s. liquid)}$$

$$h_{fg2} = 2358.5 \text{ kJ/kg (enthalpy evaporation)}$$

$$s_{f2} = 0.8212 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K (entropy saturated liquid)}$$

$$s_{fg2} = 7.0784 \text{ kJ/kg} \cdot \text{K (Entropy evaporation)}$$

$$v_f = 0.001017 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \text{ (saturated liquid)}$$



## \* Diesel engine Power plant :-

- Diesel engine power plant installed where supply of coal and water is not available in sufficient quantity, or where to be generated in small quantity of power, or require for continuity of supply such as cinema hall, Hospital and Radiostations.
- It's capacity is 2-50 M.Watt.
- It's used central station for supply authorities.
- The demand of Diesel power plant is increase for electric power generation.
- The Diesel unit used for electric generation are more reliable and long lived life of equipments.

## \* Advantages of Diesel power plant :-

- (i) Design & Installation are very simple
- (ii) No problem of ash handling.
- (iii) Occupy less space.
- (iv) Can be started and put in load quickly
- (v) Require less quantity of water for



- Cooling purposes.
- Overall Capital cost is less than the Stream power plant.
  - Can burn <sup>finely</sup> wide range of fuels.
  - The Diesel power plants are more efficient than Stream power plant in the range of 150 m. watt.

### \* Dis. Advantages of Diesel power plant: —

- High operating cost.
- High lubrication and maintenance cost.
- Diesel unit capacity limited. These can't be <sup>constructed</sup> ~~quite~~ large size.
- In a Diesel power plant noise is a serious problem.
- Diesel plants can't supply overloads continuously where the stream power plant can work under 25% overload continuously.
- The Diesel power plants are not economically where fuel has to be imported.
- The life of a Diesel power plant is <sup>small</sup> (2-5 yrs less) as compared to the a (25-30) years stream p. plant.



## \* Essential Component of a direct power plant

- (i) Engine.
- (ii) Air intake system.
- (iii) Exhaust system.
- (iv) Fuel system.
- (v) Cooling system.
- (vi) Lubrication system.
- (vii) Engine starting system.
- (viii) Governing system.

### (i) Engine :-

→ This system main component of the plant which develops required power.  
→ It's generally directly couple to the generator.

### (ii) Air Intake System :-

→ The air intake system conveys fresh air to through pipes or ducts to  
(i) Air Intake Manifold of 4 stroke engine.  
(ii) Scavenging Pump Inlet of a 2 stroke engine.



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→ The super charger inlet of a super charge engine.

→ The filter may be dry or oil bath.

→ electrostatic Precipitator filter can be also use.

→ Oil spingement type of filter consist of the frame.

→ The dry type of filter is made of cloth, felt, glass wool etc.

→ In oil bath type of filter the air is swept over.

→ Eqn should be taken while constructing a Preagation Sweatable air intake system.

→ Air Intakes main or be located inside the engine room.

→ Air should not be taken from confined space other wise air Pulications, can cause serious vibration Problem.

→ The air intake line used should neither have to small a diameter nor should be too long other wise there may be starvation. Problem.



## \* Cooling System in Diesel powerplant:

→ During combustion process the peak gas in the cylinder of an I.C. Engine is of the order of  $2500^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

→ The gas temp. by a large no. of considerable and thus cooling for the cylinder head and piston, must be provided.

→ During the combustion period the heat losses to the chamber walls can reach as high as  $10 \text{ M.watt per m}^2$ .  $\text{M.watt/m}^2$ .

→ In regions of high heat flux thermal stress must be kept below levels that to cause fatigue failure. So temp must be less than about  $400^{\circ}\text{C}$  for cast iron &  $300^{\circ}\text{C}$  for aluminium alloys for water cool engine.

→ For air cool engine these values as  $270^{\circ}\text{C}$  &  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively.

→ Cooling Medium 2 types of cooling system.

- (i) Air as direct cooling system.
- (ii) Liquid or indirect cooling system.



→ Air cooling is used in small engines and portable engines by providing fins at the cylinder.

Big Diesel engines are always liquid cool.

→ Liquid cooling system are further classified '4' types.

(i) open cooling system.

(ii) Natural circulation (thermo system)

(iii) Force circulation system.

(iv) Evaporation cooling system.

### (i) Open cooling system

→ The system is available or applicable only where plenty of water is available.

→ The water from the storage tank is directly supply through an inlet valve to the cooling engine water jacket.

→ The hot water coming out of the engine is not cool for reused but it discharge



(ii) Natural Saturation :- P-29  
 → This system is closed and design flow so that the water may circulate naturally because of the different density of water at different temp.  
 → It consist of a water jacket, radiator and a fan.

→ Where water is heated its density decreases and it ~~tries~~ <sup>tends</sup> to rise. Why the cooler modulators ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> to ~~bring~~ <sup>bring</sup> sign.

(iii) Force Saturation System :-  
 → In these cooling system which is close one  
 → This system consist of pump, water jacket in the cylinder and fan.  
 → The cooler is circulated through the cylinder jacket with the help of pump which is usually centrifugal type and driven by the engine.



(iv)

### Evaporation Cooling System : —

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→ In these cooling system of bigger that a hot water is cool in a cooling tower and recirculated again.  
→ There is a need of small quantity of cooling make up water.



Atom: -

- The Smallest Particle of the <sup>element</sup> atom is called atom.
- An element is defined as a substance which can't be decomposed into other substances.
- Atom word derived from 'greek' words. It means indivisible and for long time the atom was considered.

Dalton's atomic theory: -

- It states that all the atoms of one element are precisely alike, have the same mass. But differs from the atoms of other elements.
- The chemical combination consist of the union of small fixed number of atom of one element with a small fixed of other elements.

Electron Cell: -

- The closed cell to the nucleus <sup>is called</sup> 1st cell. or 'K' cell. followed by 2nd cell or 'L' cell. then the 3rd cell or 'M' cell.



→ The cells correspond to the principal quantum numbers ( $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ ) or are level with alphabetically with the letter used in 'X'-ray notation.

→ Each cell can contain only a fixed no of electrons.

→ The 1st cell can hold upto 2 electrons

→ The 2nd cell can hold upto 8 electrons ( $2+6$ )  
 " 3rd " " " upto 18 electrons ( $2+6+10$ )  
 and so on.

→ The general formula is that 'nth' cell can principle hold up to  $2(n^2)$

### Valency cell:—

→ The electrons in the outer most occupied cell determine the chemical properties of atom

is called valency cell.

→ Each cell consist of one or more sub cell & each sub cell consist of one or more atomic.



Various atomic models are proposed by Scientist Thompson's Plump modeling, Rutherford's nuclear model, Bohr's model, Sommerfelds model. Vector Model. Wave mechanical Model.

### Atomic mass unit :-

- The mass of the atom is ~~equal~~ expressed in terms of the mass of the electron.
  - The unit of mass has been considered as  $\frac{1}{16}$  of the mass of neutral oxygen atom which contains 8 protons, 8 neutron
  - The atomic mass unit (AMU) is equal to  $\frac{1}{16}$  mass of  $O_2$  neutral atom.
- \*  $1 \text{ AMU} = 1.66 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$

### Isotopes :-

- In any atom the number of electrons equal to no. of protons.
- They are independent of neutral or nuclear atoms have different number

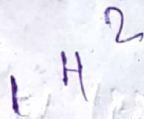


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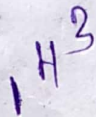
of neutrons that the number of protons are known as isotopes.

Ex: Hydrogen isotopes.

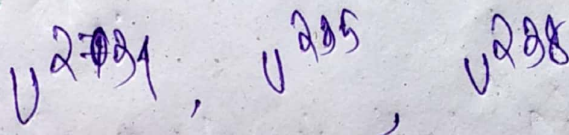
Deuterium: -



Tritium: -



Uranium: -



Radio activity: -

→ Radio activity was discovered by Becquerel in 1896.

→ This phenomenon is confined almost entirely to the heaviest element from 82 to 106 in the periodic table.

→ The phenomenon of spontaneous emission of powerful radiations exhibited by heavy elements is called radio activity.



ex: Uranium, Polonium, Radium, Radium  
Thorium, Actinium, & Mesorium

→ The radio active radiations emitted by  
the radio active elements are found to  
be  $\alpha$ -rays,  $\beta$ -ray,  $\gamma$ -ray or photon.

→ Radio active may be natural or artificial.



## PPE

### Advantages and disadvantages of steam turbine:-

#### Advantages

- Thermal efficiency of a steam turbine is much higher than that of a steam engine.
- The steam turbine develops power at a uniform rate and hence does not require flywheel.
- If the steam turbine properly designed and constructed then it is the most durable prime mover.
- ~~The~~ In a steam turbine there is no loss due to initial condensation of steam.

#### Steam condenser

- It is a condenser which is used to condense steam.
- steam condensers are mostly water cooled.
- Its function is to maintain condensing pressure below atmospheric for improving efficiency.
- to supply hot and pure water to cycle again.

#### Disadvantages

- High efficiency is ordinarily obtained only at high speed.
- Gas turbine locomotives had similar problems, together with a range of other difficulties.
- These devices are heavy and cumbersome.
- Turbines can rotate in only one direction.



## **INTRODUCTION**

Hydroelectric Power -- what is it?

It's a form of energy ... a renewable resource. Hydropower provides about 96 percent of the renewable energy in the United States. Other renewable resources include geothermal, wave power, tidal power, wind power, and solar power. Hydroelectric powerplants do not use up resources to create electricity nor do they pollute the air, land, or water, as other powerplants may. Hydroelectric power has played an important part in the development of this Nation's electric power industry. Both small and large hydroelectric power developments were instrumental in the early expansion of the electric power industry.

Hydroelectric power comes from flowing water ... winter and spring runoff from mountain streams and clear lakes. Water, when it is falling by the force of gravity, can be used to turn turbines and generators that produce electricity.

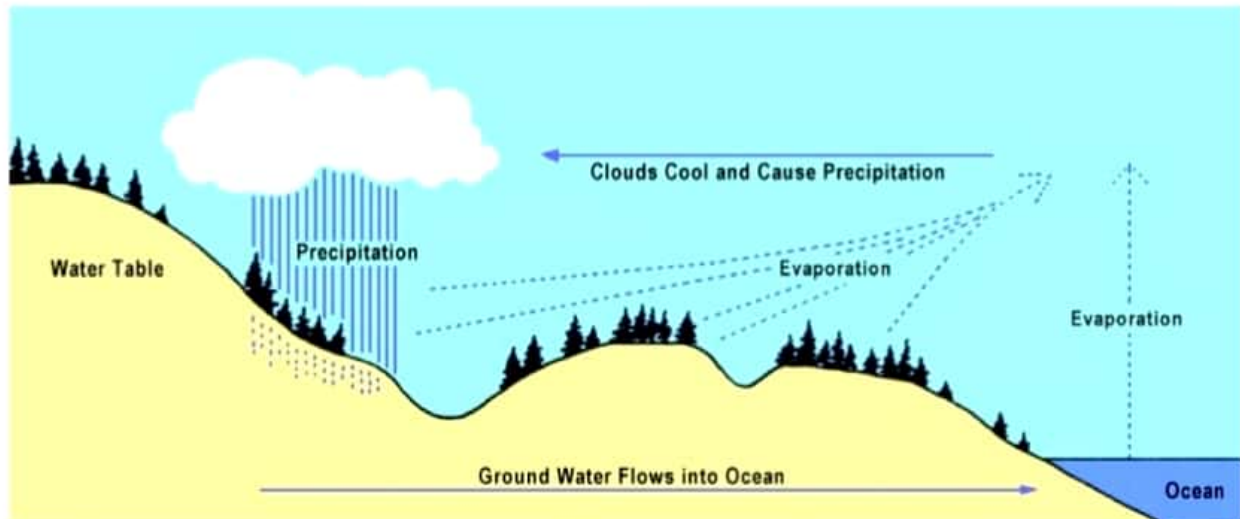
Hydroelectric power is important to our Nation. Growing populations and modern technologies require vast amounts of electricity for creating, building, and expanding. In the 1920's, hydroelectric plants supplied as much as 40 percent of the electric energy produced. Although the amount of energy produced by this means has steadily increased, the amount produced by other types of powerplants has increased at a faster rate and hydroelectric power presently supplies about 10 percent of the electrical generating capacity of the United States. Hydropower is an essential contributor in the national power grid because of its ability to respond quickly to rapidly varying loads or system disturbances, which base load plants with steam systems powered by combustion or nuclear processes cannot accommodate.

Reclamation's 58 powerplants throughout the Western United States produce an average of 42 billion kWh (kilowatt-hours) per year, enough to meet the residential needs of more than 14 million people. This is the electrical energy equivalent of about 72 million barrels of oil. Hydroelectric powerplants are the most efficient means of producing electric energy. The efficiency of today's hydroelectric plant is about 90 percent. Hydroelectric plants do not create air pollution, the fuel--falling water--is not consumed, projects have long lives relative to other forms of energy generation, and hydroelectric generators respond quickly to changing system conditions. These favorable characteristics continue to make hydroelectric projects attractive sources of electric power.

## **HOW HYDROPOWER WORKS**

Hydroelectric power comes from water at work, water in motion. It can be seen as a form of solar energy, as the sun powers the hydrologic cycle which gives the earth its water. In the hydrologic cycle, atmospheric water reaches the earth's surface as precipitation. Some of this water evaporates, but much of it either percolates into the soil or becomes surface runoff. Water from rain and melting snow eventually reaches ponds, lakes, reservoirs, or oceans where evaporation is constantly occurring.





Moisture percolating into the soil may become ground water (subsurface water), some of which also enters water bodies through springs or underground streams. Ground water may move upward through soil during dry periods and may return to the atmosphere by evaporation.

Water vapor passes into the atmosphere by evaporation then circulates, condenses into clouds, and some returns to earth as precipitation. Thus, the water cycle is complete. Nature ensures that water is a renewable resource.

### **Generating Power**

In nature, energy cannot be created or destroyed, but its form can change. In generating electricity, no new energy is created. Actually one form of energy is converted to another form.

To generate electricity, water must be in motion. This is kinetic (moving) energy. When flowing water turns blades in a turbine, the form is changed to mechanical (machine) energy. The turbine turns the generator rotor which then converts this mechanical energy into another energy form -- electricity. Since water is the initial source of energy, we call this hydroelectric power or hydropower for short.

At facilities called hydroelectric powerplants, hydropower is generated. Some powerplants are located on rivers, streams, and canals, but for a reliable water supply, dams are needed. Dams store water for later release for such purposes as irrigation, domestic and industrial use, and power generation. The reservoir acts much like a battery, storing water to be released as needed to generate power.

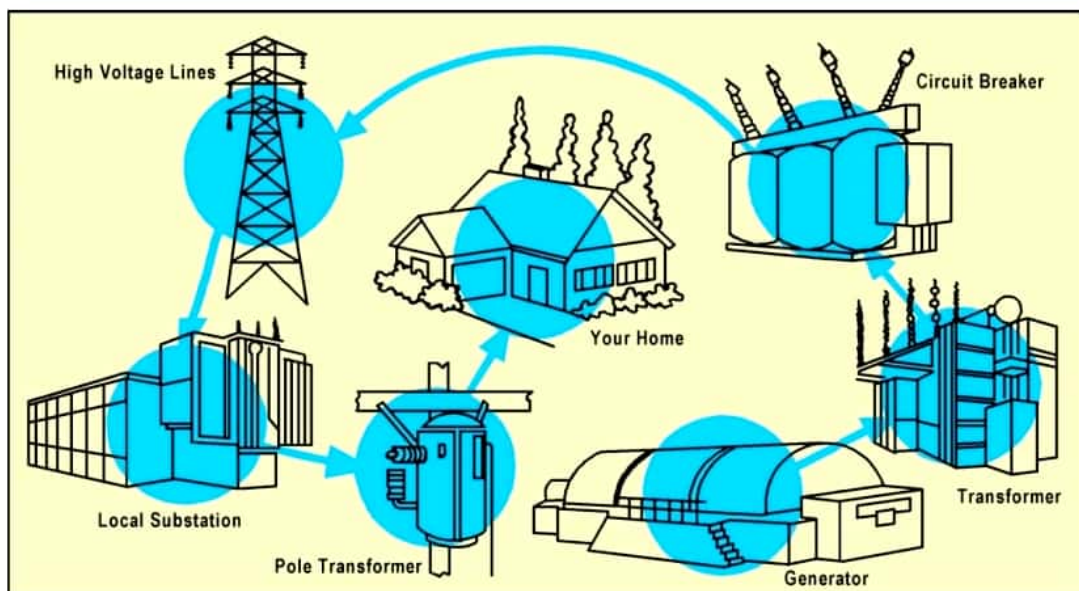


## Transmitting Power

Once the electricity is produced, it must be delivered to where it is needed -- our homes, schools, offices, factories, etc. Dams are often in remote locations and power must be transmitted over some distance to its users.

Vast networks of transmission lines and facilities are used to bring electricity to us in a form we can use. All the electricity made at a powerplant comes first through transformers which raise the voltage so it can travel long distances through powerlines. (Voltage is the pressure that forces an electric current through a wire.) At local substations, transformers reduce the voltage so electricity can be divided up and directed throughout an area.

Transformers on poles (or buried underground, in some neighborhoods) further reduce the electric power to the right voltage for appliances and use in the home. When electricity gets to our homes, we buy it by the kilowatt-hour, and a meter measures how much we use.



While hydroelectric powerplants are one source of electricity, other sources include powerplants that burn fossil fuels or split atoms to create steam which in turn is used to generate power. Gas-turbine, solar, geothermal, and wind-powered systems are other sources. All these powerplants may use the same system of transmission lines and stations in an area to bring power to you. By use of this "power grid," electricity can be interchanged among several utility systems to meet varying demands. So the electricity lighting your reading lamp now may be from a hydroelectric powerplant, a wind generator, a nuclear facility, or a coal, gas, or oil-fired powerplant ... or a combination of these.



# **Advantages of Hydroelectric Power plants**

- No Fuel charges No fuel transportation
- Highly reliable
- Operation and maintenance cost is less
- Plant efficiency does not change with age
- It takes a few minutes to run and synchronize the plant
- Less manual supervision required
- Plant has comparatively long life



### Disadvantage of hydroelectric power plant:-

- The hydroelectric power plant can be developed only where the large quantity of water is available.
- The hydroelectric power plant cannot be used where there is lack of water supply.
- Dams may fail which may cause flooding.
- The capital cost of the generator is high.
- The distance between the hydroelectric power plant and load center is more so the longer transmission line is required which increases costs.
- Initial civil engineering costs may be high.
- These are some advantages of hydroelectric power plant.



## 4.3 FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM

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**Fuel injection** is a system for mixing fuel with air in an internal combustion engine. A fuel injection system is designed and calibrated specifically for the type of fuel it will handle. Most fuel injection systems are for diesel applications. With the advent of electronic fuel injection (EFI), the diesel gasoline hardware has become similar. EFI's programmable firmware has permitted common hardware to be used with different fuels. Carburetors were the predominant method used to meter fuel before the widespread use of fuel injection. A variety of injection systems have existed since the earliest usage of the internal combustion engine.

The primary difference between carburetors and fuel injection is that fuel injection atomizes the fuel by forcibly pumping it through a small nozzle under high pressure, while a carburetor relies on low pressure created by intake air rushing through it to add the fuel to the air stream.

The fuel injector is only a nozzle and a valve: the power to inject the fuel comes from a pump or a pressure container farther back in the fuel supply.

### Objectives

The functional objectives for fuel injection systems can vary. All share the central task of supplying fuel to the combustion process, but it is a design decision how a particular system will be optimized. There are several competing objectives such as :

- power output,
- fuel efficiency,
- emissions performance,
- reliability,
- smooth operation,



#### 4.3.1 Basic Function

The process of determining the necessary amount of fuel, and its delivery into the engine, are known as fuel metering. Early injection systems used mechanical methods to meter fuel (non electronic or mechanical fuel injection). Modern systems are nearly all electronic, and use an electronic solenoid (the injector) to inject the fuel. An electronic engine control unit calculates the mass of fuel to inject.

Modern fuel injection schemes follow much the same setup. There is a mass airflow sensor or manifold absolute pressure sensor at the intake, typically mounted either in the air tube feeding from the air filter box to the throttle body, or mounted directly to the throttle body itself. The mass airflow sensor does exactly what its name implies; it senses the mass of the air that flows past it, giving the computer an accurate idea of how much air is entering the engine. The next component in line is the Throttle Body. The throttle body has a throttle position sensor mounted onto it, typically on the butterfly valve of the throttle body. The throttle position sensor (TPS) reports to the computer the position of the throttle butterfly valve, which is used to calculate the load upon the engine. The fuel system consists of a fuel pump (typically mounted in-tank), a fuel pressure regulator, fuel lines (composed of either high strength plastic, metal, or reinforced rubber), a fuel rail that the injectors connect to, and the fuel injector(s). There is a coolant temperature sensor that reports the engine temperature, which the engine uses to calculate the proper fuel ratio required. In sequential fuel injection systems there is a camshaft position sensor to determine which fuel injector to fire.

The fuel injector acts as the fuel-dispensing nozzle. It injects liquid fuel directly into the engine's air stream. In almost all cases this requires an external pump. The pump and injector are only two of several components in a complete fuel injection system.

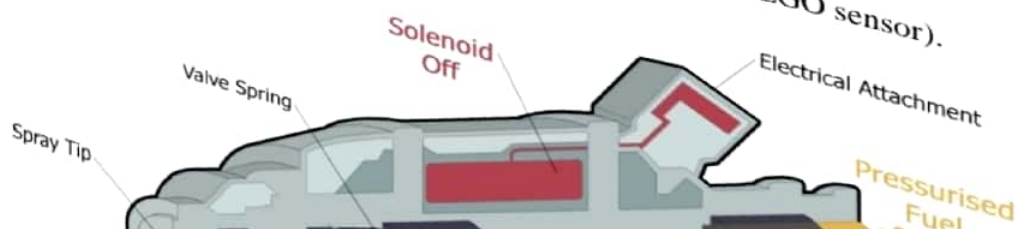
An EFI system requires several peripheral components in addition to the injector(s), in order to duplicate all the functions of a carburetor. A point worth noting during times of fuel metering repair is that early EFI systems are prone to diagnostic ambiguity. A single carburetor replacement can accomplish what might require numerous repair attempts to identify which one of the several EFI system components is malfunctioning. Newer EFI systems can be very easy to diagnose due to the increased ability to monitor the realtime data streams from the individual sensors.

##### Typical EFI Components

- Animated cut through diagram of a typical fuel injector
- Injectors
- Fuel Pump
- Fuel Pressure Regulator

#### Power Plant Engineering

- ECM – Engine Control Module; includes a digital computer and circuitry to communicate with sensors and control outputs
- Wiring Harness
- Various Sensors (Some of the sensors required are listed here)
- Crank/Cam Position (Hall effect sensor)
- Airflow (MAF sensor)
- Exhaust Gas Oxygen (Oxygen sensor, EGO sensor, UEGO sensor).





- initial cost,
- maintenance cost,
- diagnostic capability, and
- range of environmental operation.

Certain combinations of these goals are conflicting, and it is impractical for a single engine control system to fully optimize all criteria simultaneously. In practice, automotive engineers strive to best satisfy a customer's needs competitively. The modern digital electronic fuel injection system is far more capable at optimizing these competing objectives consistently than a carburetor. Carburetors have the potential to atomize fuel better.

### Benefits

Operational benefits include smoother and more dependable engine response during quick throttle transitions, easier and more dependable engine starting, better operation at extremely high or low ambient temperatures, increased maintenance intervals, and increased fuel efficiency. On a more basic level, fuel injection does away with the choke which on carburetor-equipped systems must be operated when starting the engine from cold and then adjusted as the engine warms up.

An engine's air/fuel ratio must be precisely controlled under all operating conditions to achieve the desired engine performance, emissions, and fuel economy. Modern electronic fuel-injection systems meter fuel very accurately, and use closed loop fuel-injection quantity-control based on a variety of feedback signals from an oxygen sensor, a mass airflow (MAF) or manifold absolute pressure (MAP) sensor, a throttle position (TPS), and at least one sensor on the crankshaft and camshaft to monitor the engine's rotational position. Fuel injection systems can react rapidly to changing inputs and control the amount of fuel injected to match the engine's dynamic needs across a wide range of operating conditions such as engine load, ambient air temperature, engine temperature, fuel octane level, and atmospheric pressure.

A multipoint fuel injection system generally delivers a more accurate and equal mass of fuel to each cylinder, thus improving the cylinder-to-cylinder distribution. Exhaust emissions are cleaner because the more precise and accurate fuel metering reduces the concentration of toxic combustion byproducts leaving the engine, and because exhaust cleanup devices such as the catalytic converter can be optimized to operate more efficiently since the exhaust is of consistent and predictable composition.

Fuel injection generally increases engine fuel efficiency. With the improved cylinder-to-cylinder fuel distribution, less fuel is needed for the same power output. When cylinder-to-cylinder distribution is less than ideal, as is always the case to some degree with a carburetor or throttle body fuel injection, some cylinders receive excess fuel as a side effect of ensuring that all cylinders receive sufficient fuel. Power output is asymmetrical with respect to air/fuel ratio; burning extra fuel in the rich cylinders does not reduce power nearly as quickly as burning too little fuel in the lean cylinders. However, rich-running cylinders are undesirable from the standpoint of exhaust emissions, fuel efficiency, engine wear, and engine oil contamination. Deviations from perfect air/fuel distribution, however subtle, affect the emissions, by not letting the combustion events at the chemically ideal (stoichiometric) air/fuel ratio. Grosser distribution problems eventually begin to reduce efficiency, and the grossest distribution issues finally affect power. Increasingly poorer air/fuel distribution affects emissions, efficiency, and power, in that order. By optimizing the homogeneity of cylinder-to-cylinder mixture distribution, all the cylinders approach their maximum power potential and the engine's overall power output improves.