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**DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL FOR DETERMINING A PRIORITY SEQUENCE OF POWER TRANSFORMERS OUT OF SERVICE (p. 6-15)**

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The research is devoted to the development of a model and algorithm for making decisions on determining the priority of power transformers out of service. Reducing the reliability of EPS operation, caused by the objectively existing aging of power transformer equipment, requires consideration of equipment significance when planning the power transformers out of service. For this purpose, it is proposed to use the theory of fuzzy sets and the Pareto method. The result of solving the optimization problem for multicriteria analysis is a vector of the best alternatives, built on the principle of dominance. The developed algorithm of complex simulation of the EPS state and technical condition of the power transformer for making decisions on the determination of priority of power transformers out of service allows for effective decision-making. The results of probabilistic and statistical simulation of EES states using the Monte Carlo method allow us to take into account the probabilistic nature of emergency situations in the EPS when determining its weakest elements that require priority replacement. The advantage of the proposed approach is taking into account the technical condition of electrical equipment for risk assessment of the EPS emergency situation. A comparative analysis of ranking results of power transformers based on the risk assessment of the EPS emergency situation confirmed the high efficiency of planning of EPS states when solving the problems of preventive control. The developed model will be used for further research and development of the algorithm for making effective decisions regarding the operation strategy of the power transformer and preventive control of the subsystem operation of the electric power system. The obtained results of complex simulation of the EPS state and technical condition of the power transformer give grounds to assert the possibility of software implementation of operation risk analysis of the electric power system for power supply companies.

**Keywords:** power transformer, risk, Pareto method, out of service, failure probability.

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**SUBSTANTIATION OF PARAMETERS AND OPERATIONAL MODES OF AIR SOLAR COLLECTOR (p. 16-28)**

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We developed a new design of an air solar collector for a fruit dryer including double glazing and a selective surface made of a thin metal substrate with inlet and outlet openings on its bottom. We established that it is necessary to use a glass with a heat-reflecting coating of a solid K-glass type with a radiation coefficient  $\epsilon=0.1..0.15$  for a double-glazing substrate. This makes it possible to obtain the widest possible spectrum of direct sunlight rays that irradiate a surface of an absorbing plate and reduces a diffuse component of radiation, which ensures an increase in efficiency of a solar collector.

We determined regularities of the influence of a change in flow speed of a heat-transfer agent, a temperature drop, and radiation intensity on power of a solar collector. We developed a model of heat exchange processes occurring in an air solar collector. We presented the methodology for estimation of heat loss of an air solar collector with passive use of solar energy.

We established that energy illumination  $E$ , which is from 377 to 1,223 W/m<sup>2</sup>, affects heat output of an air collector  $Q=117..480$  W significantly. We established that a use of a non-selective absorbing surface in an air solar collector with a low insolation level  $E=377$  W/m<sup>2</sup> makes it possible to increase efficiency by  $\eta=70.7$  % more for selective, and at a large energy illumination of  $E=1,000$  W/m<sup>2</sup>, on the contrary small  $\eta=54.6$  %. This makes it possible to explain how redistribution of the ratio of the maximum current thermal power ( $N_{sc}=48.8..100$  W) and efficiency of an air solar collector occurs.

One can use the obtained results in development and improvement of technical means for fruit drying to improve technological and energy efficiency of the process.

**Keywords:** air solar collector, transparent coating, temperature field, heat flow, heat exchange, heat loss.

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**A METHOD OF DESIGNING OF TORQUEFLOW PUMP IMPELLER WITH CURVILINEAR BLADE PROFILE (p. 29-35)**

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The research is devoted to energy efficiency increasing of a "Turo" type torque-flow pump by improving its impeller. This allows minimizing the total pump installation life cycle cost as a result of reducing the costs of electricity.

The application of the real fluid flow physical model in a torque-flow pump allowed developing the energy distribution mathematical model in its flowing part. In the proposed mathematical model, the ratio of component flows was defined. These include the toroidal vortex, the flow coming from the impeller intervane channels directly to the outlet (through-flow), and the flow that does not contact with the blades (flowing stream). As a result, it is found that the maximum possible energy efficiency of the torque-flow pump operating process without taking into account hydraulic losses is  $\eta_{op}=0.67$ .

The method of designing the torque-flow pump impeller with a curvilinear blade profile is developed. The method is based on the proposed mathematical model of energy distribution in the torque-flow pump flowing part. The blade inlet angle  $\beta_1$  and the angle on the calculated impeller radius  $\beta_r$  are proposed to be carried out in accordance with the fluid flow in the impeller intervane channels. The radius  $r < r_2$  is chosen for which there is a radial motion of the fluid in the intervane channels of the impeller.

The numerical investigation made it possible to estimate the fluid flow structure in the torque-flow pump flowing part. Using the proposed impeller has minimized losses at the inlet and in its intervane channels as a result of coordination of the fluid flow and the impeller skeleton geometry. Increasing the blade part and reducing the vortex part of the operating process allowed increasing the energy efficiency of the torque-flow pump.

The proposed geometry of the impeller allows increasing the energy efficiency of existing torque-flow pumps by 4–5 %.

**Keywords:** torque-flow pump, impeller, flowing part, energy efficiency, investment costs.

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## VISUALIZATION OF BUBBLES FORMATION ON THE BOILING PROCESS IN TAPERING HEAT PIPE WITH VARIATION OF EVAPORATOR TO CONDENSER DIAMETER RATIO (p. 35-40)

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In the present study, a new tapering heat pipe design had been developed to enhance the thermal performances. Boiling visualization in the tapering heat pipe is investigated to provide the detailed information of bubbles nucleation. Experiment was conducted in the tapering heat pipe with variation of the evaporator (d) to condenser (D) diameter ratio. The values of d/D are varied at 1/1; 1/2; 1/3 and 1/4. Heat load was generated at the evaporator section using heater DC-Power supply at 30, 40 and 50 Watt. The visualization technique was developed by using a transparent glass tube and the images of boiling bubbles were captured by SLR camera. The glass tube inclination is 45° and integrated with the NI-9211 and c-DAQ 9271 module. K-type thermocouple was set at the evaporator and condenser sections for measurement of boiling temperatures in the tapering heat pipe. Based on the results, it can be noted that variations of heat load and diameter ratio (d/D) of the evaporator and condenser affect the size and shape of boiling bubbles, as well as the nucleation temperature on the tapering heat pipe. The heat transfer coefficient tends to increase at a heat load of 50 W and diameter ratio d/D=1/4.

**Keywords:** boiling visualization, bubbles formation, tapering heat pipe, evaporator to condenser diameter ratio.

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#### IMPROVING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF SOLAR SYSTEMS FOR OBTAINING WATER FROM ATMOSPHERIC AIR (p. 41-51)

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We considered problems of water scarcity elimination in arid regions of the planet and analyzed modern water producing systems. We showed the prospects of obtaining of water from atmospheric air directly while cooling it below the dew point using refrigeration units.

We proposed to use absorption-type cooling systems with a water-ammonia solution as a working liquid as cooling units in regions with an excess of solar energy. We noted that low energy characteristics of heat-using refrigeration cycle, with main problems associated with non-calculated losses of refrigerant (ammonia) during transportation through AWRU refluxer hamper a widespread use of absorption water-ammonia refrigerating units (AWRU) in systems for obtaining of water from atmospheric air. This contribution is particularly noticeable in operation of AWRU in a wide range of outdoor air temperatures.

We performed modeling of heat and mass exchange processes of a lifting section of an AWRU refluxer to find methods for elimination of ammonia transportation losses. At the heart of model representations were equations of heat and mass balances, and we took into account resistance of a diffusion process at radial movement of a vapor flow to a wall of a refluxer in modeling. A preliminary analysis of thermal resistance of reflux film showed its small contribution to the total resistance and we ignored it subsequently.

As a result of modeling, we found a significant (up to 36 °C) temperature difference between a flow inside a refluxer and its wall. Experimental studies of a serial AWRU confirmed the modeling results. The obtained results made possible to propose the original design of a heat-insulating casing of an AWRU refluxer with variable thermal resistance with a corresponding change in the outside air temperature. This gave possibility to increase energy efficiency from 18 to 36 % and productivity of systems for obtaining of water from atmospheric air.

**Keywords:** water producing systems, atmospheric air, dew point, solar absorption refrigeration units.

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**THE INVESTIGATION OF THE PROCESS STREAMS INTEGRATION IN THE MULTIEFFECT EVAPORATION PLANT FOR THE CONCENTRATION OF SORGHUM SYRUP (p. 52-58)**

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The study on the integration of heat streams of the evaporation station for sorghum syrup concentrating is presented. The relevance of the research is why the research, aimed at reducing the consumption of external energy and enhancing operating efficiency, is relevant and has practical value.

The main purpose of the work is to create a scientifically substantiated design with enhanced economic indicators of operation, ensuring saving in consumption of hot utility (steam) and cooling water.

The problem was solved using the pinch-analysis. Heat streams, requiring heating and cooling, were identified, and the alternative project based on the selection of the value of minimum temperature difference  $\Delta T_{\min}$ , was created. This value was calculated and substantiated based on the data on thermal streams. The stream of condensate of return steam, the heat excess of which had not been used so far, was added to the system. For the alternative project, the layout of heat exchange equipment was proposed, calculation of plate heat exchangers was performed. The designed network of heat exchangers made it possible to decrease the annual steam consumption by 18 %.

Cost-effectiveness analysis was conducted by comparing the indicators for two of the projects of the syrup preheating department for the evaporation station. The proposed alternative project saves power consumption of cooling water by 35.9 kW, of heating vapor steam – by 60.5 kW. At the interest rate of profit tax of 18 %, implementation of the alternative project will pay off in 4 months. As a result, net annual gain of an enterprise is planned to increase by 16 %, at virtually the same payback period of the projects. Application of the methods of heat streams integration made it possible to develop an effective project of sorghum syrup preheating before evaporation and ensure saving of external utilities.

**Keywords:** energy recovery, pinch-analysis, evaporation plant, plate heat exchangers, sorghum syrup concentration.

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**DESIGN AND STUDY OF THE ENERGYEFFICIENT UNIFIED APPARATUSES FOR ENERGY-TECHNOLOGICAL MANUFACTURING (p. 59-65)**

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The improved industrial sample of the rotor-pulse heat generator (RPH), integrated into the thermal heating systems of industrial buildings, was produced. Rotor-pulse generators do not occupy sig-

nificant positions in the market of heating equipment because of the lack of reliable data on effectiveness of the use of such equipment in the thermal heating systems of industrial facilities.

The design of the developed cavitation chamber was changed, parameters of the channels, located between the rotor and the stator, were determined. It was found that the optimal width of the gap between the rotor and the stator channels at maximum efficiency of 0.7 was 8–10 mm. When integrating the cavitation chamber of the RPH into the thermal system, the design of the heat exchanger “pipe-in-pipe” was changed into the plate one.

Bench tests of energy efficiency of the thermal system operation were conducted. Indicators of energy efficiency of the system with the improved RPH were determined, the analysis was performed by comparing with analogues, described in the literature. It was proved that improvement of the thermal system allowed obtaining the improved indicators of energy efficiency. Bench testing showed that efficiency of the improved thermal system is by ≈17 % higher than efficiency of thermal systems based on the multi-stage RPH.

The automatic system of monitoring and control of the thermal system with the use of vibration-frequency sensors for assessment of cavitation process effectiveness was developed. The conducted commissioning works made it possible to determine the possibility of applying the developed automatic system with appropriate software for monitoring and control of the thermal system operation.

The obtained data of comparative analysis allow recommending the developed rotor-pulse heat generator as a credible alternative to the used thermal devices in thermal heating systems of industrial buildings.

**Keywords:** rotor-pulse apparatus, cavitation heat generator, efficiency, vibration method of control, control system.

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- This article describes the developed and manufactured multifunctional heat point, which allows to supply heat and refrigeration energy to consumers. For effective operation, the heat point contains an automated control system that allows to direct heat flows in an optimal way. Development of this thermal point began because in Russia there are no complex researches on creation of systems of power supply on the basis of heat pumps now. There are some works which actually copy the western technologies. At the same time, features of climatic zones are not considered that is extremely important for the development of similar power stations. That is, earlier nobody created a product which equally well works in the conditions of the Southern regions and Far North. Thermal and hydraulic calculations of thermal point were executed. Coefficients of performance and resistance of the contours of the heat pumping plant were the results of these calculations. These calculations showed that the transformation coefficient on all contours is in the range from 3.352 to 4.884. Now starting tests of the thermal point which showed a regularity of the chosen design decisions and operability of the installation are carried out.
- The received results will be useful at projection of similar systems as the main characteristics of cascade heatpumping plants are received by a calculated path.
- The concrete received results of a research are as follows:
- the multipurpose thermal point allowing to carry out heating – 25 kW, hot water supply – 5 kW, conditioning – 16 kW, ventilation of 25 kW is developed;



– key indicators of thermal effectiveness of the power station, such as transformation coefficient, thermal rating etc are defined;

– capacity of compact accumulators of warmth is determined.

Heating with the temperature of 35 oC, within 12 hours of night-time requires the boiler tank of 2500 l whereas the accumulator on change phase of 300–500 l;

– on the basis of the analysis of available renewable and secondary energy sources the structure of heat fluxes of the standard consumer with sources of excess warmth and points of its consumption is developed.

**Keywords:** heat pump, thermal point, air conditioning system, heating system, renewable energy sources, solar energy.

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## CFD MODELLING OF PARTICLE SIZE EFFECT ON STOKER COALFIRED BOILERS COMBUSTION (p. 73-78)

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In the previous study, CFD simulation had been developed to predict combustion characteristic on the Fluidized Bed Boiler and

Pulverized Boiler. The high demand on coal used for stoker-fired boilers in Indonesia the power plants provide challenge due to low thermal efficiency problem. In this study, CFD simulation is observed to predict the temperature distribution, heat of reaction, CO and CO<sub>2</sub> mass fraction on the stoker-fired boiler. Boiler geometry is modelled as the combustion chamber until the area before economizer. The selection of boundary conditions is set according to the governing equations available in the ANSYS Fluent software. Parameter design of coal which are particle size and properties of coal is determined to investigate the effect of the observed values. Four models are set to provide a combination of particle size and properties of coal. The solution strategy is developed to reduce instability of the simulation process. Coal combustion modelling includes several physical processes that could result in numerical stability issue when all processes are solved at once. The three stages were used to run the solution of the model. Plot of temperature distribution, heat of reaction, CO<sub>2</sub> and CO mass fraction is generated. The maximum temperature in the 1st to 4th model is 1440.95, 1473.85, 1347.72 and 1617.17 [K]. The amount of CO produced from each model tends to increase; respectively from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> model is 2.314E-07, 5.878E-07, 5.678E-07 and 7.904E-07. Based on the simulation results, it can be seen that the particle size of coal affects the combustion characteristic in the Stoker Coal-Fire Boiler.

**Keywords:** Stoker boiler, temperature distribution, heat of reaction, CO and CO<sub>2</sub> mass fraction.

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