ANALYTICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEFINITION OF THE PELTON TURBINE CONTROL CHARACTERISTICS

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ABSTRACT

The paper has investigated the volume control by injector (provided with needle valve and servomotor for acting) of the Pelton turbine that suitably modifies the performances of the hydroenergetic power plant, permitting a variable electric conversion. Beginning from the definition of the control coefficient $k_r \in [1,0]$, we have demonstrated the dependence between characteristic magnitudes, by obtaining characteristic magnitudes: input flow rate, $Q(k_r)$, velocity of the jet $v_{jet}(k_r)$, tangential velocity of the rotor $u(k_r)$, angular speed $\omega(k_r)$, speed $n(k_r)$, and input hydraulic power $N_i(k_r)$; the moment of the machine $M(k_r^2)$; powers: hydraulic, of the water jet $N_{jet}(k_r^3)$, mechanic of the turbine $N(k_r^3)$ and electric of the power station output $N_b(k_r^3)$; efficiencies: of the supply $\eta_{aduct}(k_r^2)$ and global, hydroelectric $\eta(k_r^2)$; ratio of the speed variation, obtained by a gear in order to enssure a constant speed for generator action $i(k_r^{-1})$. The study is accompanied by a numeric application. Relations permit a right control of the turbine Pelton in variable condition for exploitation, with minimum of errors and energetic loss.

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