

# EEE210: Energy Conversion and Power Systems

## Necessary power system components and concepts- Part I

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# Highlights



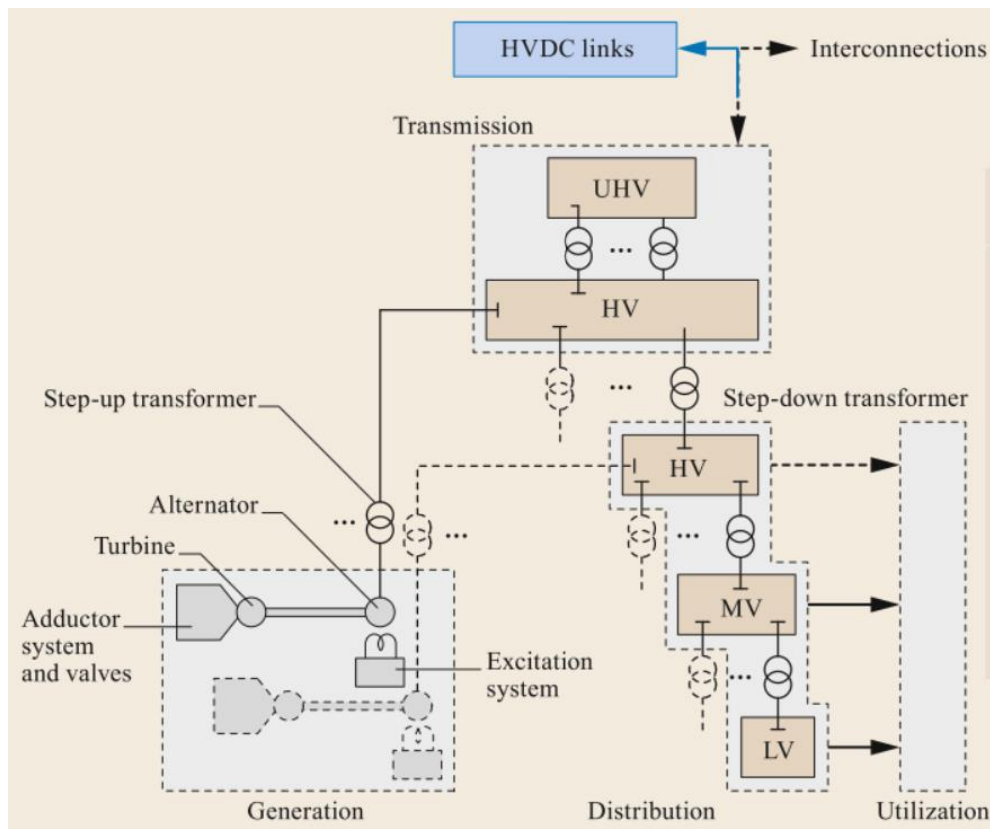
- **Generation mixes**
- **Delivery systems and consumptions**
- Essence of the power system control
- Smart Grids

# Review of the power system structure

Generation

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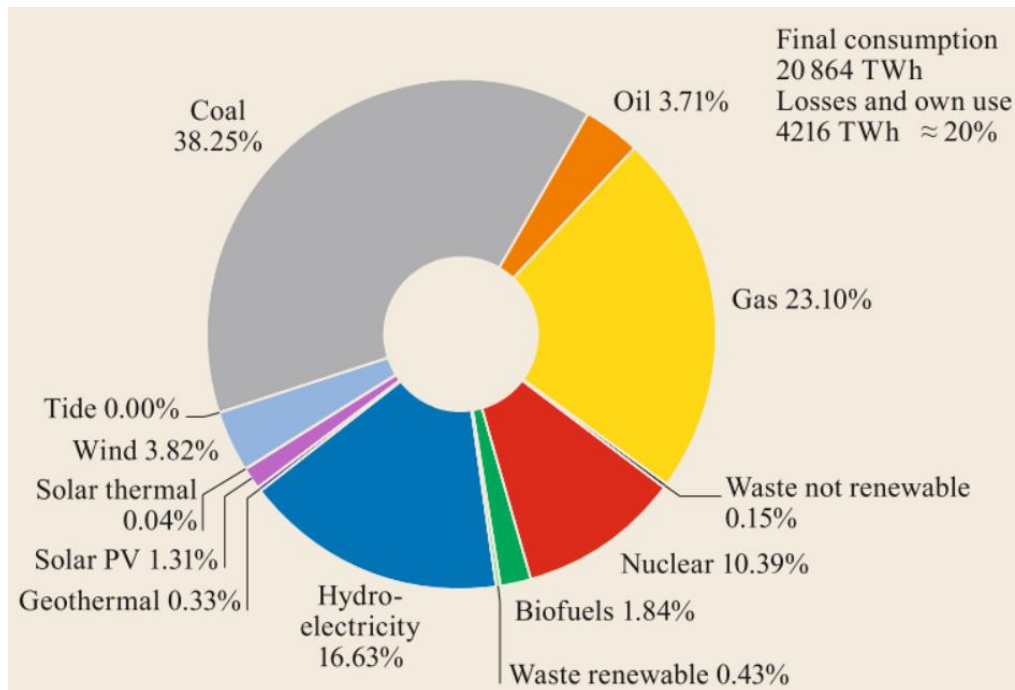


Examples of rated voltages in Italy (main values are in bold)

Transmission	UHV	above 800 kV
	EHV and HV	<b>380 kV</b> <b>220 kV</b>
Distribution (or sub-transmission)	HV	150 kV
		132 kV
		60 kV
Distribution	MV	30 kV
		<b>20 kV</b>
		<b>15 kV</b>
		10 kV
Distribution	LV	<b>400 V</b>
		<b>230 V</b>

# Generation Mixes

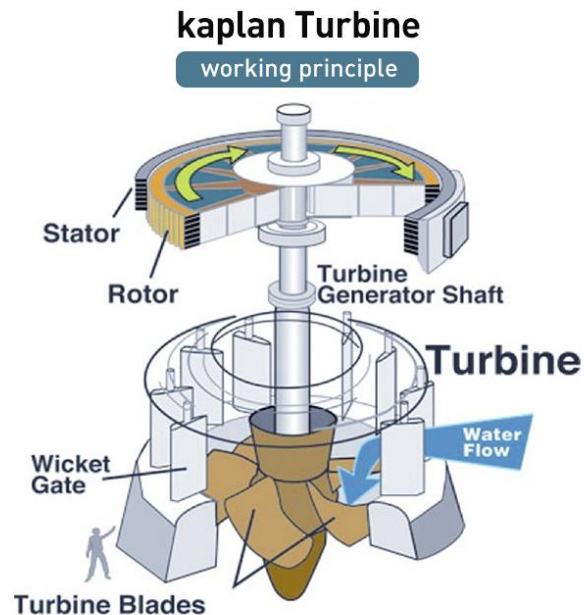
Energy sources used for electricity production  
worldwide in 2016



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Until now, the most used generation tech  
-- Turbine-Generators

For example:



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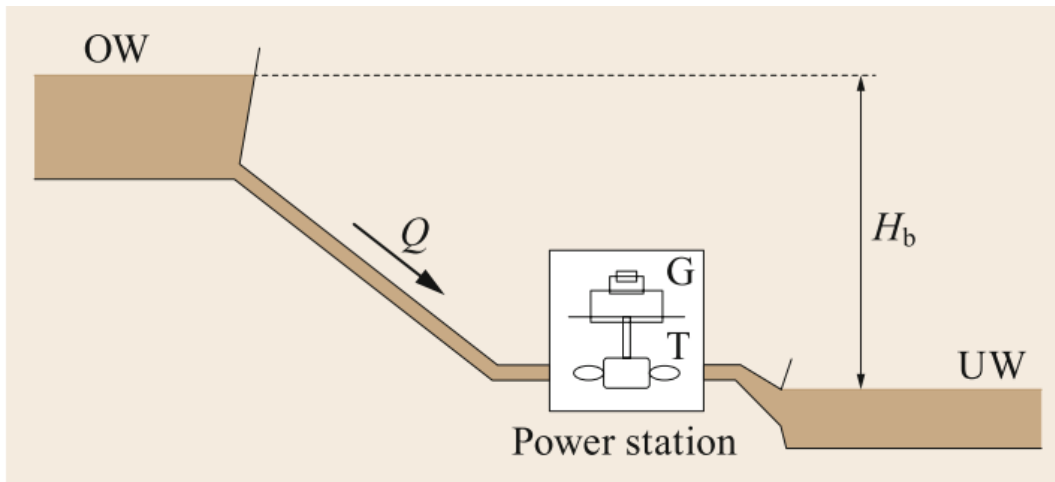
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- OW: the upper pool (head water)
- UW: the lower pool (the tailwater)
- $H_b$ : fall height or gross head (m) between OW and UW
- $Q$ : the maximum quantity of usable water ( $m^3/s$ )
- G indicates the generator
- T indicates the water turbine

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Whether Hydro power is a clean energy is still controversial.

Dams and Reservoirs create environment problems.

How to calculate the power output for a hydro power station?

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The theoretical gross power is given by:

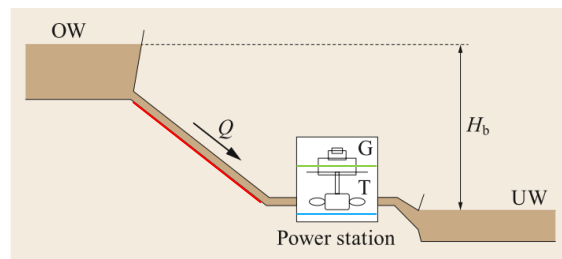
$$P_b = \rho * Q * g * H_b$$

where

$\rho$  is the unit weight of water (998 or  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ )

$Q$  is the maximum quantity of usable water/ nominal water flow  
 $g$  is the acceleration of gravity ( $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

$H_b$  is the fall height or gross head (m) between OW and UW



In reality, this theoretical height should be weighted, considering the **friction in the supply and discharge line**

The effective height:

$$H = H_b * \eta_h$$

Where  $\eta_h$  is the efficiency of the hydraulic system or the hydraulic efficiency.

The hydraulic power  $P_h = \rho * Q * g * H$

In addition, there are also power losses on the turbine. Thus the turbine power should be

$$P_t = \eta_t * P_h = \eta_t * \rho * Q * g * H$$

Where  $\eta_t$  is the turbine efficiency

Turbine power to generator power incurs losses. The net output of the power plant is

$$P = \eta_e * P_t = \eta_e * \eta_t * \rho * Q * g * H$$

Where  $\eta_e$  is the efficiency of the electrical device

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Example questions:

A power plant with a net output of **100MW** and a gross head of **500m** has the following efficiencies:  $\eta_h = 0.92$ ;  $\eta_t = 0.85$ ;  $\eta_e = 0.96$ . Also,  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Determine:

- (a) The turbine and hydraulic power
- (b) The effective head and the nominal water flow
- (c) The diameter of the circular feed gallery if the optimal water speed is  $4 \text{ m/s}$

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(a) The turbine and hydraulic power

$$P_h = \rho * Q * g * H$$

Unknown Q

$$P_t = \eta_t * P_h = \rho * Q * g * H$$

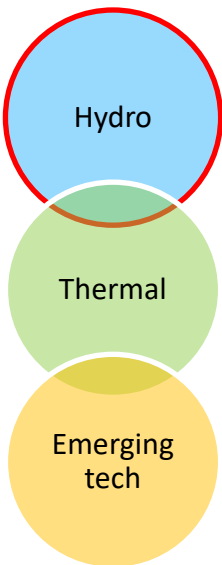
Other equations related to  $P_h$  and  $P_t$ :

$$P = \eta_e * P_t = \eta_e * \eta_t * P_h$$

Thus

$$P_t = \frac{P}{\eta_e} = \frac{100 \text{ MW}}{0.96} = 104.2 \text{ MW}$$

$$P_h = \frac{P}{\eta_e * \eta_t} = \frac{100 \text{ MW}}{0.96 * 0.85} = 122.6 \text{ MW}$$





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(b) The effective head and the nominal water flow

$$H = H_b * \eta_h$$

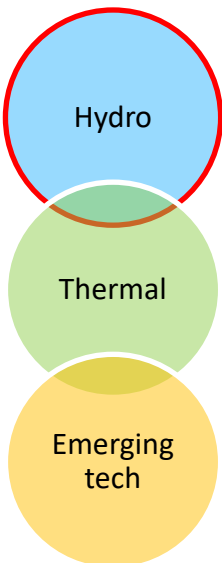
$$\text{In (a), } P_h = 122.6 \text{ MW} = \rho * Q * g * H$$

The effective head:

$$H = H_b * \eta_h = 500\text{m} * 0.92 = 460 \text{ m}$$

The nominal water flow:

$$Q = \frac{P_h}{\rho * g * H} = \frac{122.6 * 10^6 \text{ W}}{1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 * 9.81 \text{ m/S}^2 * 460 \text{ m}} = 27.2 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$$



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(c) The diameter of the circular feed gallery if the optimal water speed is 4m/s

- Extra knowledge:

The flow rate equation -- the flow rate of water through a specific pipe diameter – also called the discharge equation

$$Q = A * v$$

where Q is the flow rate, A is the flow area, v is the velocity.

Considering the cross section of the feed gallery is a circle, the diameter is given by:

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}}$$

The flow area is:

$$A = \frac{Q}{v} = \frac{27.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{4 \text{ m/s}} = 6.8 \text{ m}^2$$

The diameter is

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 * 6.8 \text{ m}^2}{3.14}} = 2.94 \text{ m}$$

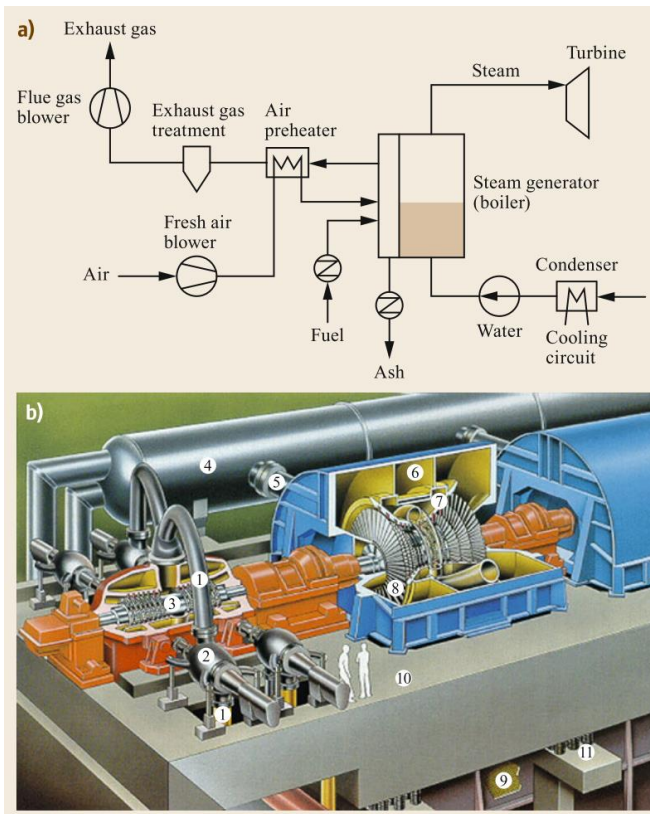
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## Steam power plant

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## Main circuits in a fossil fired steam power plant (principle)

1 live steam line

2 stop and control valve

3 high pressure turbine

4 water separator/ reheater

5 steam line, 6 low pressure turbine

7 guide vanes

8 rotor blades

9 condenser

10 support plate

11 vibration dampers

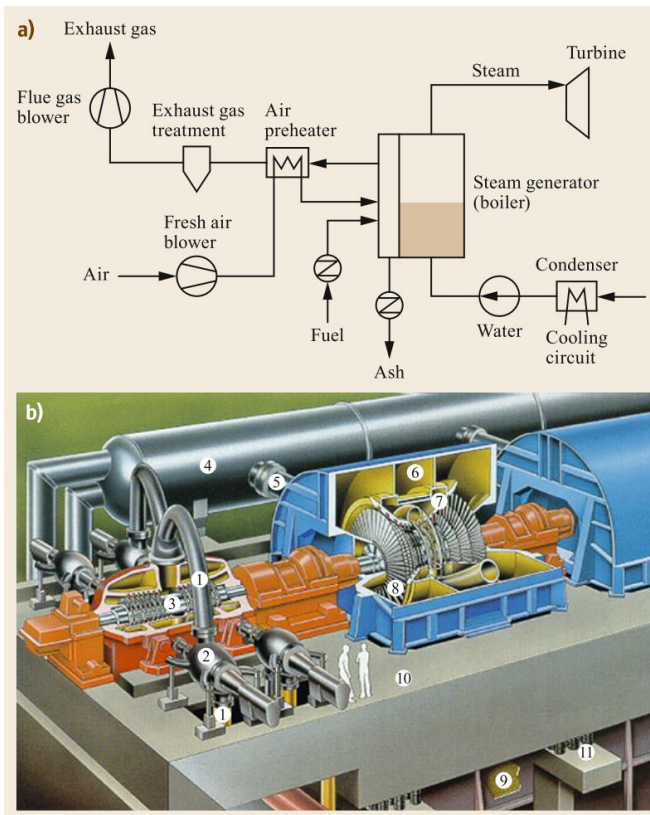
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The fossil-fired steam power plants includes three typical systems, where the last two also occur in nuclear power plants:

- Air–fuel–flue gas/ash circuit
- Water–steam cycle
- Cooling water circuit

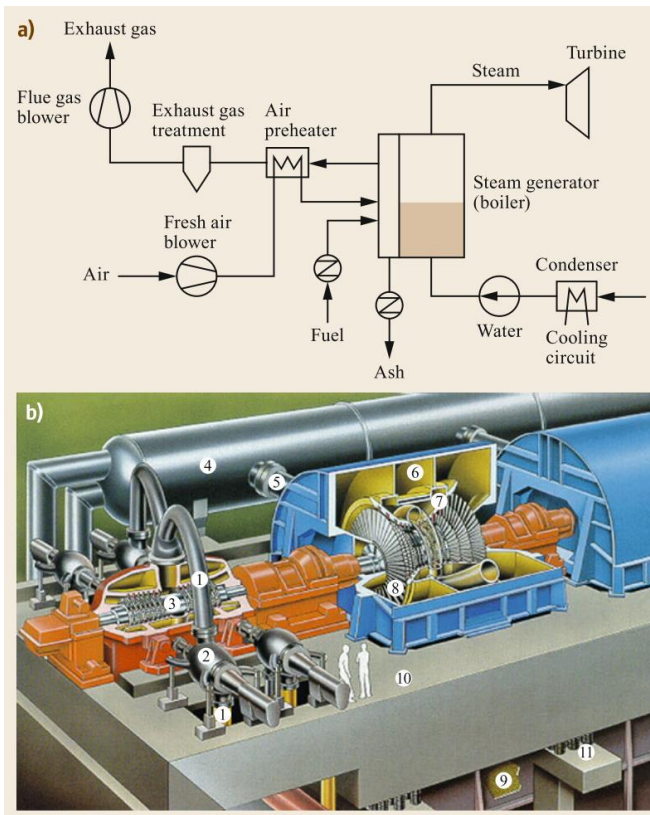
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- Air–fuel–flue gas/ash circuit

The fuel and the air preheated by the flue gases are fed **into the combustion chamber**.

Flue gas cleaning (flue gas treatment) includes, among other things, denitrification, desulfurization and dust removal.

**An ash extractor is required for coal fired systems.**

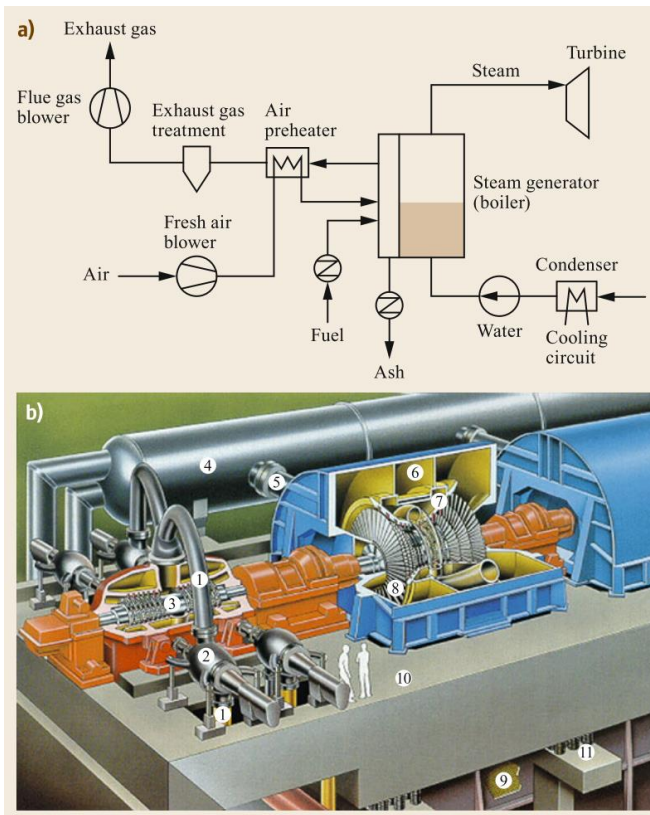
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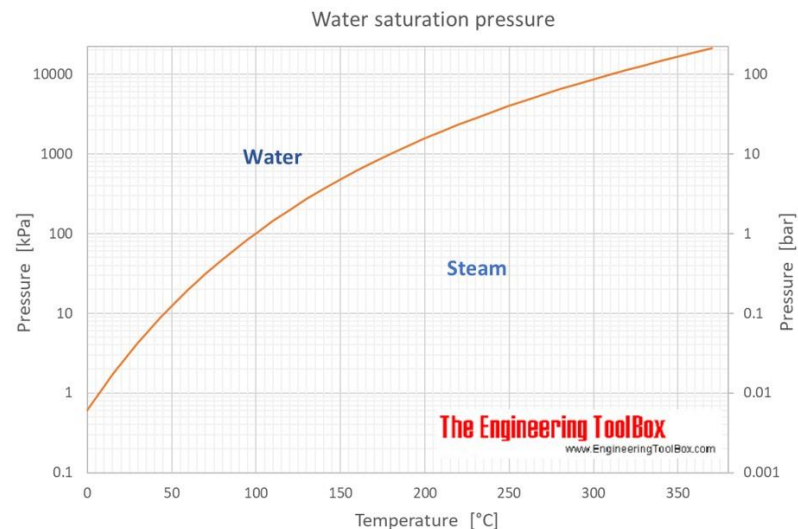
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- Water–steam cycle

Condensation process:

In modern power plants, the condensation pressure is selected as 0.04 – 0.1 bar, because:

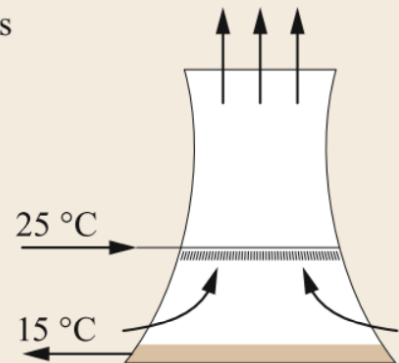
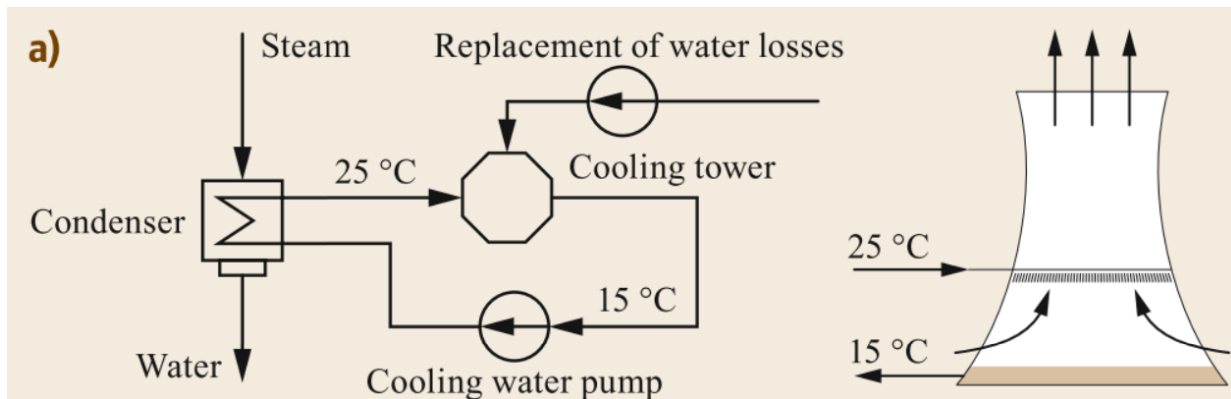


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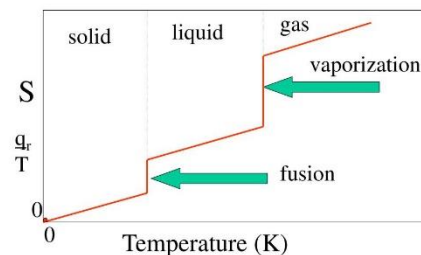
## Steam power plant



- Cooling water circuit (wet tower cooling)



Entropy curve



- The necessary cooling water quantity is about 50 -- 70 times the steam weight, if cooling water heating of approximately 10 degree is permitted
- As the river temperature should only rise slightly for ecological reasons, large rivers are needed even for these relatively small quantities of water



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Traditional wind turbines



Vertical axis spiral  
turbines





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1. Given an air mass  $m$  moving with speed  $v_0$ , this air mass should have the **kinetic power**:

$$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{2} * m * v_0^2 \text{ (J)}$$

2. If the air density is  $\rho$  and the cross section of this air mass is  $A$ , the air mass/second should be:

$$m' = A * \rho * v_0 \text{ (kg/s)}$$

- 3 the theoretical wind **power** is:

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= \frac{1}{2} * m' * v_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} * A * \rho * v_0 * v_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} * A * \rho * v_0^3 \end{aligned}$$

- \* From the equation of  $P_0$ :

- **wind speed and air density are two factors to  $P_0$**

For air density, it changes with the varying of the ambient temperature and **pressure**. By taking the barometric formula (**not important, refer to physics books**), the theoretical wind power at different **altitude** and temperature:

$$\text{Only temperature } \rho = \rho_0 * \frac{T_0}{T_{new}}$$

$$\text{Only altitude } \rho = \rho_0 e^{-\frac{h-h_0}{aT}}$$

where  $h$  is the alternative m a.s.l (meter above sea level)

$h_0$  is the base m a.s.l

$T$  is the temperature in K

$a$  is a constant equals 29.27 m/K



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\* Due to the ground friction, wind speed is not always constant



Wind speed at different altitude is given by :

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = \left( \frac{h}{h_0} \right)^\alpha$$

Where

$\alpha = 0.16$  above the sea

$\alpha = 0.17 \sim 0.2$

above plain ground without obstacles

$V$  is the wind speed at a different altitude

$V_0$  is the base wind speed

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## Wind power



Example questions:

Calculate the theoretical power per  $m^2$  of area for  $v_0=4\text{m/s}$  and  $7\text{m/s}$  and the corresponding theoretical power with constant wind conditions  $\rho = 1.292 \text{ kg/m}^3$  at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and normal pressure (0 m a.s.l)

- a) For 0 ma.s.l. at standard pressure and  $20^\circ\text{C}$
- b) At 2000 ma.s.l. at the corresponding pressure and  $10^\circ\text{C}$  at a wind speed of  $v_0$ . **The velocity of height change is ignored.**
- c) Assuming that the above speed values apply to a height of 10m above the ground, how does the power change in % if the wind turbine is installed 20m above the ground (ground without obstacles). **The air density of height change is ignored.**

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a) For 0 m a.s.l. at standard pressure and 20 °C

- Scale the air density to 20 °C

$$\rho_{20C} = \rho * \frac{T_0}{T_{new}} = 1.292 * \frac{273}{293} = 1.205 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

- For 4 m/s

The theoretical power :

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} * A * \rho_{20C} * v_0^3 = \frac{1}{2} * 1 * 1.205 * 4^3 = 38.6 \text{ W/m}^2$$

- For 7 m/s

The theoretical power :

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} * A * \rho_{20C} * v_0^3 = \frac{1}{2} * 1 * 1.205 * 7^3 = 207 \text{ W/m}^2$$

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## Wind power

b) At 2000 m a.s.l. at the corresponding pressure and 10 °C at a wind speed of  $v_0$ .

**The velocity of height change is ignored.**

- Define variables:

$$h_0 = 0 \text{ m}; h = 2000 \text{ m}; T = 273 + 10 = 283 \text{ K}$$

- Derive air density at 10 °C

$$\rho_{10C} = \rho_{20C} * \frac{T_{20C}}{T_{10C}} = 1.205 * \frac{293}{283} = 1.248 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

- Derive theoretical power at 0 m a.s.l

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} * A * \rho * v_0^3 = \frac{1}{2} * 1 * 1.248 * v_0^3 = 0.624 v_0^3 \text{ W/m}^2$$

- *Derive* theoretical power at 2000 m a.s.l

$$P = P_0 e^{-\frac{h-h_0}{aT_{10C}}} = 0.624 v_0^3 * e^{-\frac{2000-0}{29.27*283}} = 0.624 v_0^3 * 0.7855 = 0.49 v_0^3 \text{ W/m}^2$$

The theoretical power reduced by **19%** (in Question a)  $P = 0.60 v_0^3 \text{ W/m}^2$ )

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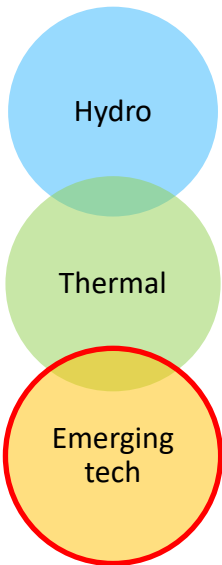
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## Wind power



c) Assuming that the above speed values apply to a height of 10m above the ground, how does the power change in % if the wind turbine is installed 20m above the ground (ground without obstacles). **The air density of height change is ignored.**

- Define variables:

$$h_0 = 10 \text{ m}; h = 20 \text{ m}$$

- Take variables into the equation:

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = \left( \frac{h}{h_0} \right)^\alpha = \left( \frac{20}{10} \right)^\alpha \text{ considering } \alpha = 0.17 \sim 0.2 \text{ on ground without obstacles}$$

$$V = 1.125 \sim 1.149 V_0,$$

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{2} * A * \rho * v_0^3 \text{ thus } v^3 = 1.42 \sim 1.52 v_0^3$$

The theoretical power would increase by 42~52%.

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## Solar power



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PV panels



Efficiency

15-20%

PV glasses



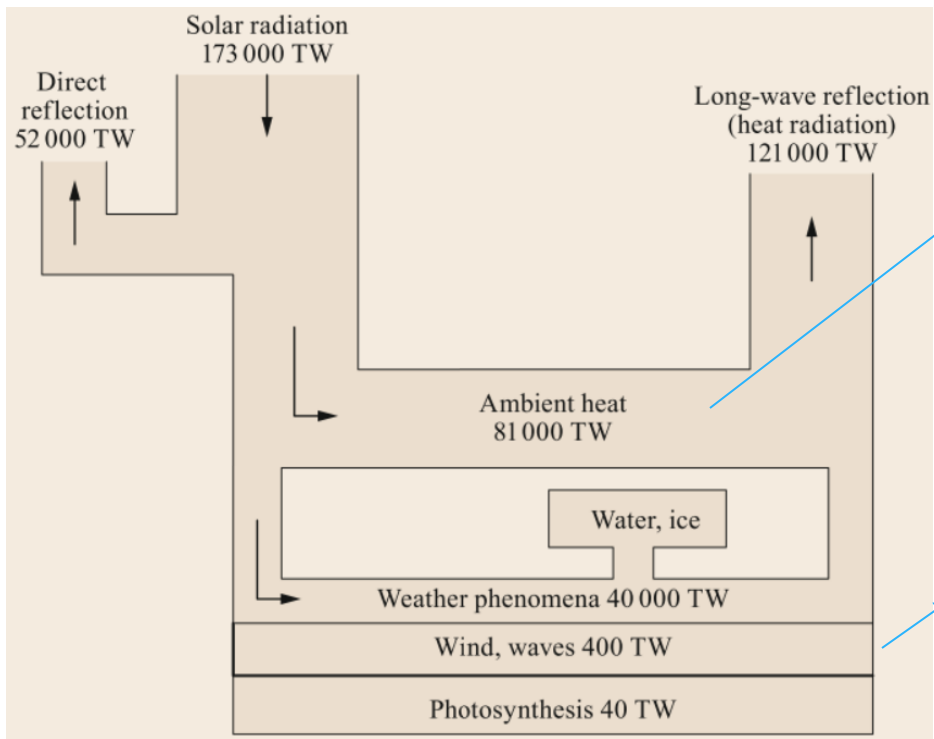
9-10%

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Solar power ---- Specific Availability of Solar Energy



## Solar energy balance of the world



the absorbed radiation is stored in air, water and the ground as **low-temperature heat** and, as such, it can be made use of, e.g., by means of heat pumps

Drives the world's weather by evaporating water and creating differences of pressure and temperature; this energy occurs as potential energy (water content of clouds, flowing water and glaciers) and as kinetic energy (**wind, ocean currents, waves**)



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## Solar power ----- Specific Availability of Solar Energy

If the 121 000TW that reaches the earth is **distributed uniformly** over the earth's surface, the result for **a horizontal surface** is

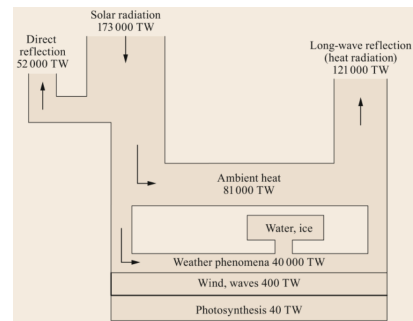
$$\text{Mean annual power} = \frac{P_{s\_radiation}}{A_{earth}} = \frac{121\,000\text{TW}}{510 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2} = 237 \text{ W / m}^2$$

If we consider only daylight hours, the result will double to  $474 \text{ W / m}^2$

If we multiply the annual mean power by 8760 h/a, the solar energy throughout a year would be:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The annual mean energy} &= \text{Mean annual power} * T_a \\ &= 237 * 8760 = 2076 \text{ kWh/a} \cdot \text{m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Will this value change because of different climate conditions on earth?



# Delivery systems and consumptions



## Example cases

Questions:

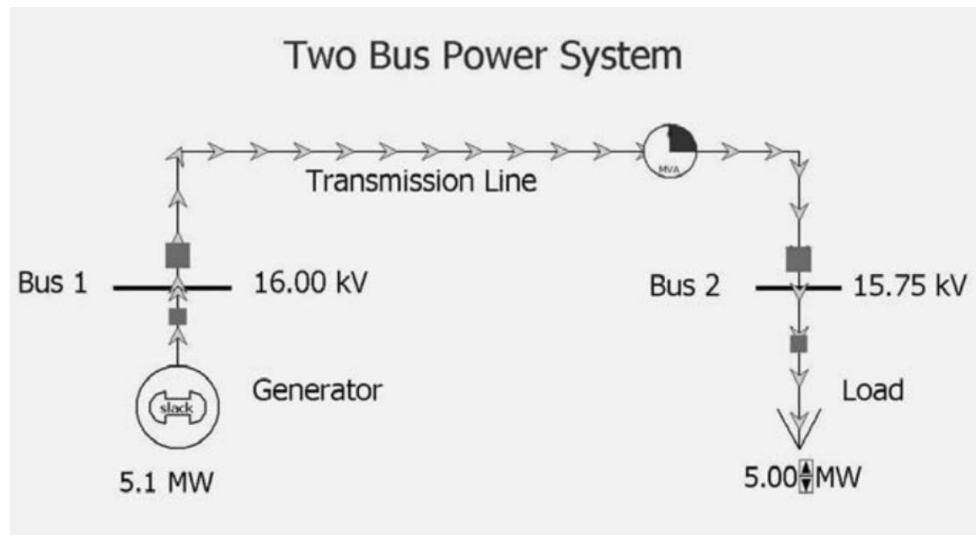
If the load cannot connect to 15KV, what should we do?

If the generator is 100 times of the example away from the load, what should we do?

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- Power transmitted from bus 1 to bus 2
- Voltage drops by 0.25 kV
- 0.1 MW lost on the delivery system



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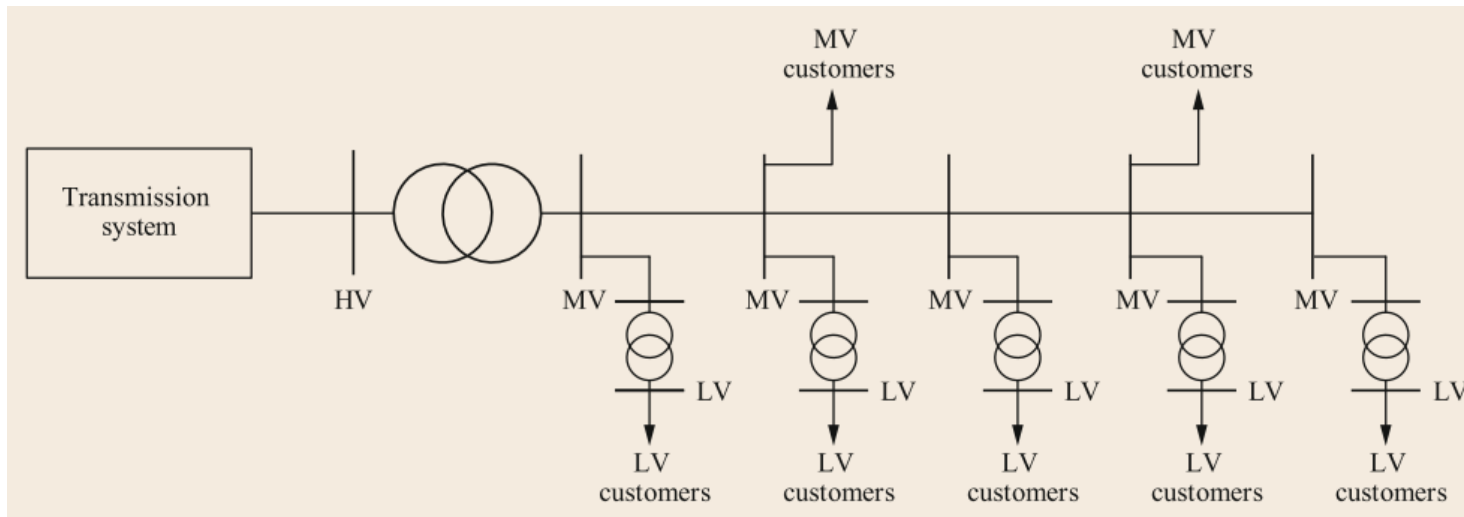


If the load cannot connect to 15KV, what should we do?

Lower the voltage level

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High Voltage → Medium Voltage → Low Voltage

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## Distribution networks— Voltage variations:

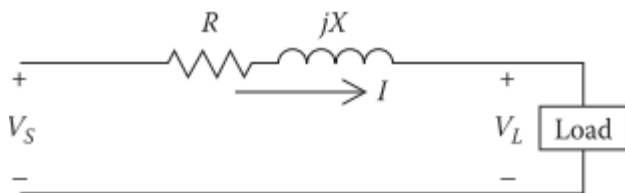
it can cause damage to electrical / electronic equipment as well as significant inefficiencies

### VARIATION RANGES OF THE SERVICE VOLTAGE

Country	Nominal Voltage(V)	Voltage variation range (min./max.)
Australia	230	-6.1%/+10%
Canada	120	-8.3%/+4.2%
Germany	230	±10.0%
Japan	100	±6.0%
Korea	220	±5.9%
U.K.	230	-6.0%/+10%
U.S.	120	±5.0%

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By applying the Kirchhoff's Voltage Law

$$V_S = V_L + (R + jX) * I$$

$$V_{drop/rise} \% = \frac{V_S - V_L}{V_{nominal}}$$

# Delivery systems and consumptions



## Distribution networks— Voltage variations:

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If the resistivity for a 200 m single-phase distribution wire is  $0.6 \Omega/\text{km}$ , the nominal voltage level is 230V at the beginning of the distribution wire. A demand of 6.9 kW is connected at the end of the distribution wire:

- Calculate the voltage drops at the end of the distribution wire (wire reactance is neglected)
- Derive the maximum supply distance of this wire at 230V if the voltage variation limits is  $\pm 5.0\%$
- Develop a scheme to double the maximum supply distance

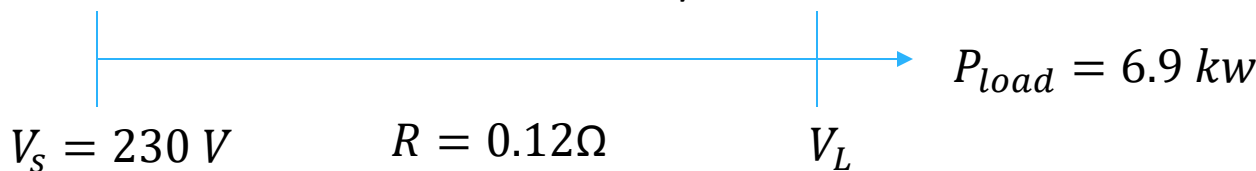
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Distribution networks— Voltage variations:

- a) Calculate the voltage drops at the end of the distribution wire (wire reactance is neglected)
- According to the problem statement:

$$R = r * L = 0.6 \Omega/\text{km} * 0.2 \text{ km} = 0.12 \Omega$$



- Reviewing the equation:

$$V_s = V_L + (R + jX) * I$$

$$P_{load} = V_L * I$$

- Taking the equation of  $P$  into  $V_s$

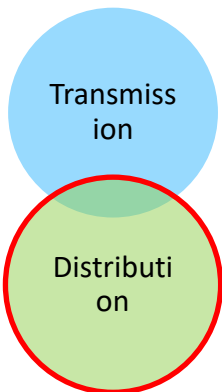
$$V_s = \frac{P_{load}}{I} + (R + jX) * I$$

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Distribution networks— Voltage variations:

- a) Calculate the voltage drops at the end of the distribution wire (**wire reactance is neglected**)



$$V_s = \frac{P_{load}}{I} + (R + jX) * I$$

$$V_s * I = P_{load} + R * I^2$$

$$0.12I^2 - 230I + 6900 = 0$$

$$I = 30.485 \text{ A or } 1886.185 \text{ A}$$

If  $I = 1886.185 \text{ A}$ ,  $V_L$  equals 3.65 V, impossible answer in the reality.

Thus,  $I = 30.485 \text{ A}$

$$V_L = \frac{P_{load}}{I} = \frac{6900}{30.485} = 226.34 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{drop} = V_s - V_L = 230 - 226.34 = 3.66 \text{ V}$$

# Delivery systems and consumptions



## Distribution networks— Voltage variations:

b) Derive the maximum supply distance of this wire if the voltage variation limits is  $\pm 5.0\%$

- The connected load is a pure resistive load, voltage should drop at the end.
- \* If the loads are shunt capacitors, things would be different.
- Calculate the permissible voltage margin

$$V_{Lm} = (100\% - 5\%) * V_S = 0.95 * 230 = 218.5 \text{ V}$$

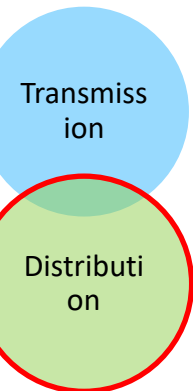
- Calculate the current that flows through the wire

$$I_{Lm} = \frac{P_{load}}{V_{Lm}} = \frac{6900}{218.5} = 31.58 \text{ A}$$

- Calculate the voltage drops and maximum supply distance

$$V_S - V_L = V_{dropm} = I_{Lm} * R = I_{Lm} * r * L_m$$

$$\text{Thus, } L_m = \frac{V_S - V_{Lm}}{I_{Lm} * r} = \frac{230 - 218.5}{31.58 * 0.6} = 607 \text{ m}$$





# Delivery systems and consumptions



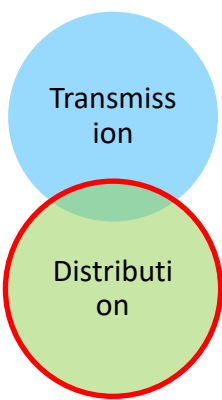
Distribution networks— Voltage variations:

c) Develop a reinforcement plan to double the maximum supply distance

- Now, the maximum supply distance  $L_m = 607$  m

The doubled supply distance  $L_{dm} = 2 * L_m = 2*607 = 1214$  m

The answer will be discussed in following classes.

A Venn diagram with two overlapping circles. The top circle is light blue and labeled 'Transmission'. The bottom circle is light green and labeled 'Distribution'. The intersection of the two circles is shaded green and outlined with a red border.

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# Delivery systems and consumptions



If the generator is 100 times of the distance away from the load, what should we do?

Voltage drops:  $V_s = V_L + (R + jX) * I$       Power losses  $P_{loss} = R * I^2$

Typical electrical characteristics of various overhead distribution lines

Material and cross-sectional area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	R (Ω/km)	X (Ω/km)	Ampacity (A)	Voltage (kV)
ACSR-16	1.268	0.422	136	20
ACSR-95	0.215	0.334	448	20
Cu-95	0.220	0.358	352	20
Cu-16	1.274	0.334	115	0.4
Cu-35	0.596	0.309	185	0.4

The reduction of the losses requires a larger cross section of the conductor

- Electric power generated is given by:

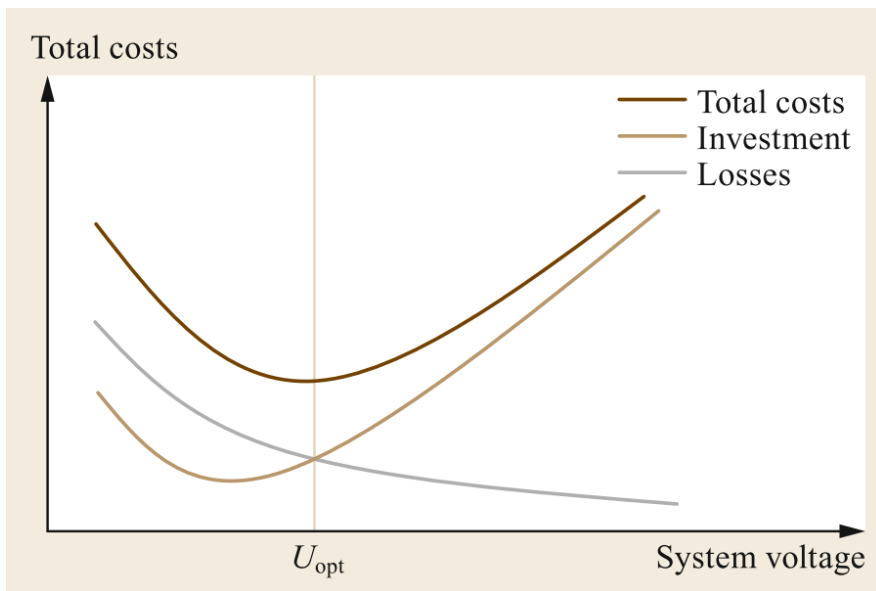
$$S = U \uparrow * I \downarrow$$

# Delivery systems and consumptions



If the generator is 100 times of the distance away from the load, what should we do?

Typical total costs for an electric power transmission system as function of the system voltage



$P = 9.6$  kW in the previous example:

The maximum supply distance is 607 m

If the voltage at the beginning of the wire is 10 kV with  $\pm 5.0\%$  variation limit

The current reduces to 1.01 A

The maximum distance could achieve almost **825 km**

# Next Lecture

Necessary power system  
components and concepts (2)

Thanks for your attendance!