Steam Turbine Exhaust Dryness and Wetness

Dryness fraction and moisture of steam leaving a turbine from the inlet conditions, exhaust pressure and isentropic efficiency, actual and isentropic (IAPWS-IF97).

Input parameters

Unit system: SI

Parameter	Value	Unit
Inlet steam pressure (absolute)	66.000	bar
Inlet steam condition	Superheated at the temperature below	
Inlet steam temperature (superheated only)	485.00	°C
Exhaust pressure (absolute)	10.000	kPa
Turbine isentropic efficiency	82.000	%

Calculated results

Parameter	Value	Unit
Exhaust dryness fraction (1 = dry or superheated)	91.067	%
Exhaust moisture (wetness)	8.9328	%
Dryness after isentropic expansion	81.803	%
Exhaust temperature	45.808	°C
Exhaust enthalpy	2,370.2	kJ/kg

Formula and method

$$h_2 = h_1 - \eta_i \left[h_1 - h(p_2, s_1) \right] \qquad x_2 = \frac{h_2 - h_f}{h_g - h_f} \qquad y_2 = 1 - x_2 \qquad x_{2s} = \frac{s_1 - s_f}{s_g - s_f}$$

Variables

p_1	inlet pressure, absolute	Pa
state	dry saturated or superheated inlet	–
T_1	inlet temperature (superheated)	K
p_2	exhaust pressure, absolute	Pa
η_i	turbine isentropic efficiency	–
x_2	exhaust dryness fraction	–
y_2	exhaust moisture	–
x_{2s}	dryness after isentropic expansion	–
T_2	exhaust temperature	K
h_2	exhaust enthalpy	J/kg
h_1 s_1	inlet enthalpy and entropy	J/kg, J/(kg·K)
h_f h_g s_f s_g	saturated liquid and vapour enthalpy and entropy at p_2	J/kg, J/(kg·K)

Method and standards

Exhaust state from the isentropic-efficiency expansion; dryness from saturation properties at the exhaust pressure, all by FireCAD's IAPWS-IF97. A superheated exhaust shows dryness 1.

Assumptions and limits

- One expansion with constant efficiency; equilibrium wet steam (no supercooling).

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