Performance Analysis of Regenerative Feed Heating in A Steam Power Plant

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Abstract: The development of any country relates on capital energy consumption. The demand for power generation on the large scale is increasing day by day. Owing to their major contribution towards power production thermal plant shave vital role to play in the development of nation due to the scarcity of power, every power plant needs to be operated at maximum level of efficiency. The feed water heaters from a part of the regenerative system to increase the overall thermal efficiency of the plant In the present world, that parameter which directly or indirectly influences the performance of a heater has been studied the factor such as inlet temperature ,saturation temperature, terminal tap difference, drain cool approach & Temperature raise are studied The data for the performance of a test and the subsequent calculations are collected from HP heaters of Unit 1 VTPS(Vijayawada Thermal Power Station)

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I. Introduction

The Regenerative Cycle starts from turbine. The regenerative feed heating system cycle starts from the condenser at L.P end and ends at economizer inlet H.P end. Various auxiliaries like condenser, pump, main ejectors, gland steam condenser, drain cooler, H.P heaters etc. are situated in the system. The L.P heaters drain cooler, main ejectors, and gland steam condenser are located in the condensate cycle between condensate pump & in the deaerator. The H.P heaters are located in the feed water cycle between deaerator and the boiler. The six extractions from the turbine are provided to 3 horizontal L.P heaters, deaerator and 2 Horizontal H.P heaters.

1.1Functions of extraction Drain System:

The turbine extraction lines are connected to extraction drain points to drain condensate during warming up of pipes, during heater out condition and during turbine drip operation. The function of L.P heater is to increase the temperature of the feed water condensate discharged from drain cooler. The function of H.P heater to increase the temperature of the drain to the maximum desired required range. The function of deaerator is the dissolved gases like oxygen, CO2, NH2 which are harmful and present in feed water, are eliminated and heats the incoming feed water & Acts as a reservoir to provide a sudden and instantaneous demand.

1.2 Advantages Of Regenerative Feed Heating System:

It improves the cycle efficiency. The metal temperature of boiler tube reduces by taking feed heaters in service and hence increases the boiler tube life and reduces the outage due to tube leakages. Extractions from last stages of turbine also act as moisture extractor and hence reduce the blade damage due to water droplets impact. Cost per unit of electrical power reduces by using with feed heaters.

1.3 Disadvantages Of Regenerative Feed Heating System:

Increase cost of pipe frame work and also increase mechanical losses with the some steam input less work is achieved. Strength of turbine decreases due to the holes provided for extraction of steam from different stages. The temperature of the flue gases may reach to dew point temperature Decreases the extent of heat extraction from the gases economizer, Regenerative feed heating involves the process of improving the efficiencies of turbine and to produce move work.

1.4 Basic feed heating system:

For the basic feed heating system for each process in vapor power cycle. it is possible to assume a hypothetical (or)ideal process which represents the basic intended operation. For basic feed system we used Rankin cycle in this when all these four processes are ideal, the cycle is an ideal cycle called Rankin cycle. For the purpose if analysis, the Rankin cycle is assumed to be carried out in a steady flow operation, applying steady flow engineering equation (SFEE) to each of the process on the basis of the process on the basis of unit mass of fluid, and neglecting changes in kinetic and potential energy. The work and heat quantities can be evaluated in terms of the properties of the fluid. Usually, the pump work is small compared to the turbine work, and is sometimes neglected then h_4 = h_3 and the cycle efficiency approximately becomes

h1 - h2 $\eta = \frac{1}{h1 - h4}$

In the direction opposite to the steam flow. In turbine, the steam is thus headed before entering into the boiler; such a system is known as Regenerative heating. The ideal regenerative cycle has efficiency equal to that efficiency of Carnot cycle with same heat supply and heat rejection temperatures.

All the heat added from an external source (θ_1) is at constant temperature (T_1) , and all the heat rejected (θ_2) is at the constant temperature (T_2) both being reversible then

 $\theta_1 = h_1 - h_4^{I} = T_1 (s_1 - s_4)$ $\theta_2 = h_2 - h_3 = T_2 (s_2 - s_3)$ $S4-s3=s_1-s_2$ $S1-s4 = s_2-s_3$ $?=1-\theta_{2}/\theta_{1}=1-T_{2}/T$

The efficiency of the ideal regenerative cycle is equal to Carnot cycle efficiency writing the steady flow energy equation for the turbine.

 $H_1-W_t-h_2+h_4-h_4=0$

 $W_t = (h_1 - h_2) - (h_4 - h_4)$

The pump work remains the same as in the Rankin cycle

 $W_n = h_4 - h_3$

The network output of the ideal regenerate cycle is thus less, and hence its steam rate will be move. Although it is more efficient when compared with the Rankin cycle

Regenerative Cycles With Feed Water Heaters: II.

2.1 regenerative Cycle With Single Feed Water Heater:

The steam at p, pressure enters the turbine at point A. let a small amount of wet steam of m Kg after partial expansion at pressure p_2 be drained from turbine at point B and enters the feed water heater. The remaining steam at pressure P₃ is further expanded in turbine and leaves at point "c" The steam is then condensed in the condenser. The condensate from the condenser is pumped into the feed water heater where it mixes up with steam extracted is just sufficient to cause the steam leaving the feed water to be saturated.

?cycle= $\frac{Wt}{Q1} = \frac{(h1-h2)+(1-m)(h2-h3)}{(h1-h6)}$

(h1-h6)

W_t=Turbine work

h₁=Enthalpy of steam entering the turbine at A

h₂=Enthalpy of bled steam

h₃=Enthalpy of steam leaving the turbine at C

 h_{f1} =sensible heat of feed water leaving the feed water heater.

 h_{f3} =Enthalpy (or) sensible heat of steam leaving the condenser.

m=Amount of bled steam per kg of steam supplied

Where $m = \frac{hf2 - hf3}{h2 - hf3}$

Efficiency of cycle including the effect of bleeding = $\frac{\text{Total work done}}{\text{total heat supplied}} = \frac{(h1-h2)+(1-m)(h2-h3)}{(h1-h2)}$

2.2 Regenerative Cycle with Two Feed Water Heaters:

The steam at pressure p_1 enters the turbine at point "A" Let a small amount of steam after partial expansion p_2 be drained from the turbine at point B_1 enters the feed water heater 2.the remaining steam equal t (1-m₁-m₂)Kg is further expanded in the turbine and leaves it a point "c". The steam is then condensed in the condenser, The condensate from the condenser is pumped in to the feed water where it mixes with the steam extracted from the turbine.

Let us consider 1Kg steam

h₁=Enthalpy of steam entering the turbine at A

h₂=Enthalpy of steam bled at B to L.P heater

 h_3 = Enthalpy of steam bled at B_1 to H.P heater

 h_4 = Enthalpy of steam leaving the turbine at C

h_{f2}=Enthalpy of feed water leaving the feed water heater1

 h_{f3} = Enthalpy of feed water leaving the feed water heater2

 h_{f4} = Enthalpy of steam leaving the condenser.

m₁=Amount of steam bled at B per kg of steam supplied

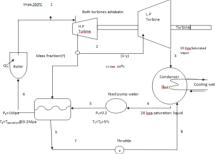
 m_2 = Amount of steam bled at B_1 per kg of steam supplied

Here
$$m_1 = \frac{hf_2 - hf_3}{hf_2 - hf_3}$$

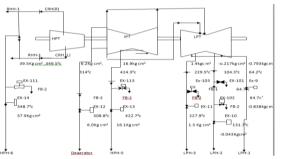
 $m_2 = \frac{\frac{m_1 - h_2 - h_{f3}}{h_2 - h_{f3}}}{(1 - m_1)(h_{f3} - h_{f4})}$

h3-hf4

Function of Extraction Drain System:-



Turbine Extraction System:-



HPH5:Vertical coil type with integral de superheating and drain cooling zones				
Quality of extraction steam	Kg/hr	17661		
Pressure of extraction steam(max)	ata	13.16		
Enthalpy of extraction steam	Kcal/kg	802.84		
Qty. of feed water	t/hr	662		
Temp. of feed water at inlet	°C	169.3		
Temp. of feed water at outlet	°C	186.0		
Size of tubes(D.S.Zone)	mm	32x4.0		
No .of spiral coils in de-superheating zone	••••••	32		
Surface area:				
De-superheating zone:	Mm ²	84.5		
Condensating zone:	Mm ²	602		
Drain cooling zone:	Mm ²	84.5		
Design pressure on shell side	atg	14		
Design pressure on water side	atg	265		
Design pressure on shell side	°C	210		
Design pressure on water side	°C	210		
Test pressure on the shell side	atg	21		
Test pressure on water side	atg	400		
Overall height	mm	9625		

III. Technical Data:

Technical Data:

HPH6:Vertical coil type with integral de superheating and drain cooling zones

Quality of extraction steam	Kg/hr	47278
Pressure of extraction steam(max)	ata	28.53
Enthalpy of extraction steam	Kcal/kg	733.67
Qty. of feed water	t/hr	662
Temp. of feed water at inlet	°C	186
Temp. of feed water at outlet	°C	222.3
Size of tubes(D.S.Zone)	mm	OD 32x4
No .of spiral coils in de-superheating zone		32
Surface area:		
De-superheating zone:	Mm^2	84.5
Condensating zone:	Mm ²	602
Drain cooling zone:	Mm ²	84.5
Design pressure on shell side	atg	32
Design pressure on water side	atg	265
Design pressure on shell side	°C	250
Design pressure on water side	°C	250
Test pressure on the shell side	atg	48
Test pressure on water side	atg	400
Overall height	mm	9625

Technical Data:

HPH7:Vertical coil type with integral de

Kg/hr	32441
ata	42.83
Kcal/kg	756.68
t/hr	662
°C	222.3
°C	245.7
mm	OD 32x4
	32
Mm ²	84.5
Mm ²	602
Mm ²	84.5
atg	32
atg	265
°C	250
°C	250
atg	48
atg	400
mm	9625
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Superheating	and	drain	cooling	zon	es

S.no					
1	NO. Of heaters		3		
2	Туре		Vertical		
3	HP HEATERS		HPH5	HPH6	HPH7
4	Inlet FW flow	t/hr	662	662	662
5	FW inlet temp	°C	169.3	184.8	221.73
6	FW outlet temp	°C	184.8	221.73	244.6
7	EXtern.Steam flow	t/hrs	17.66	41.28	32.44
8	Steam(turbine end)	Ata	13.15	28.853	42.83
9	Steam temp(turbine end)	°C	453	330	383
10	TTD	°C	2.0	4.5	2.5
11	DCA	°C	10	15	7.5
12	TR	°C			

Design Data:

Test Data:

S.NO.	Description	Units	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
1	Load	MW	209	211	209
2	Ms pressure	Kg/cm ²	128.98	118.8	129.02
3	Fw flow	t/hr	687.10	701.97	684.92
4	HPH5 shell pressure	Kg/cm ²	11.41	11.61	11.32
5	HPH6 shell pressure	Kg/cm ²	25.01	25.50	25.08
6	HPH7 shell pressure	Kg/cm ²	39.02	39.87	39.04
7	FW temp HPH5 IN	°C	162.52	161.95	162.45
8	FW temp HPH5 OUT	°C	179.01	179.01	178.78
9	FW temp HPH6 OUT	°C	220.68	221.58	221.05
10	FW temp HPH7 OUT	°C	245.32	246.34	245.48
11	Drain temp HPH5	°C	183.07	210.29	235.1
12	Drain temp HPH6	°C	183.51	210.95	236.01
13	Drain temp HPH7	°C	182.76	210.38	235.25

The extract from the test data (Run-1) is consolidated in the table given below:

S.	Description	Design °C	Design °C	Deviation °C	HR deviation
No.					Kcal/KWh
1	HPH7 TTD	2.5	2.2	-0.3	-0.57
2	HPH7 DCA	7.5	14.2	6.7	1.6
3	HPH7 TR	•••••	•••••	•••••	
4	HPH6 TTD	4.5	4.4	-0.1	-0.19
5	HPH6 DCA	15	31.3	16.3	3.89
6	HPH6 TR			••••••	
7	HPH5 TTD	2.0	8.7	6.7	12.78
8	HPH5 DCA	10	20.5	10.5	2.51
9	HPH5 TR			••••••	

Calculation& Analysis: IV. 1) Terminal Temperature Difference (TTD): $TTD = T \text{ sat-} \tilde{T} (fw \text{ out})$ Where, T (sat) = Saturation temp taken at the heater shell pressure, $^{\circ}C$ T (fw out) = Temperature of feed water leaving the heater, °C 2) Drain cooling approach (DCA): DCA = T (drain temp) - T (feed water entering) Where, T (drain) = temp of the drain leaving the heater, $^{\circ}C$ T (fw in) = Temperature of feed water entering the heater, $^{\circ}C$ 3) Temp rise across heater (TR): TR = T (feed water entering) - T(feed water leaving) Model calculations -1 For HPH- 7: Pressure = 39.02 bar T sat =248.029 °C (from stem tables) T fw out =245.32 °C TTD =248.029-245.32 =2.71 °C T drain = 235.10 °C T fw in = 220.88 °C DCA = 235.10-220.88 = 14.22 °C T fw out = 245.32 °C T fw in = 245.32 - 220.88 = 24.4 Model calculations -1 For HPH - 6: Pressure = 25.01 barT sat =223.97 °C (from stem tables)

T sat =223.97 °C (from stem tables) T fw out =211.88 °C = 3.1 °C TTD =223.97 - 211.88 =3.1 °C T drain = 210.29 °C T fw in = 179.01 °C DCA = 210.29 - 179.01 = 31.28 °C T fw out = 210.88 °C T fw in = 179 - 01 °C TR = 210.88 - 179.01 = 41.87 °C

Model calculations -1 For HPH - 5: Pressure = 11.4 bar T sat =187.68 °C (from stem tables) T fw out =179.01 °C TTD =187.68 - 179.01 =8.67 °C

Model calculation : 2

Using the amount of heat lost by the feed water and the amount of heat gained by the steam the performance of the HP heaters can be analyzed. it is know that the amount of heat gained should be equal to the amount of heat lost but the case being heaters or any other mechanical components the heat transfer is not that much perfect as it is effected by many losses.

Model calculations -2 For HPH - 7: External steam flow = 32 t/hr Steam pressure = 37.5 bar Steam temperature = 383 °C Drain pressure = 37.5 bar Drain temperature = 235 °C Using mollies diagram, The enthalpy of steam is h steam = 3170 KJ/kg The enthalpy of drain is h drain = 2820 KJ/kg h steam - h drain = 3170 - 02820 = 350 KJ/kgAmount of heat lost = flow x enthalpy $= 32 \times 350 \times 10^3 \text{ KJ/hr}$ $= 11200 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ As there is under cooling, the amount of heat lost in the drain is = m cp (T sat - T drain) $= 662 \times 1 \times (246 - 235)$ $= 7282 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/kg}$ Total amount of heat lost = $(911200 + 7282) \times 10^{3}$ = 662 x 1 x (245 - 221) $= 15888 \times 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Model calculations -2 For HPH - 6: External steam flow = 41 t/hr Steam pressure = 21 bar Steam temperature = $330 \degree C$ Drain pressure = 25 bar Drain temperature = $210 \,^{\circ}C$ Drain flow = 73 t/hrUsing mollies diagram, The enthalpy of steam is h steam = 3070 kJ/kgThe enthalpy of drain is h drain = 2825 kJ/kgThe enthalpy of drain leaving heater H drain = 3170 kJ/kgH eat lost by steam (Q1) =flow x enthalpy $= 41 \text{ x } 3070 = 125870 \text{ x } 10^3$ Heat lost by the drain leaving heater 7 (Q2) = 32×3170 $= 101400 \text{ x} 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Heat lost by drain $(Q3) = 73 \times 2825$ $= 2062258 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Heat lost = (Q1 + Q2) - Q3 $=(125870 + 101400) - 206225) \times 10^{3} \text{ kJ/hr}$ $= 21085 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Due to under cooling heat lost in drain = $m \times Cp \times (T \text{ sat } - T \text{ drain})$ $= 662 \times 1 \times (224 - 210)$ $= 9268 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Total heat lost = $(21085 + 9268) \times 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ $= 30353 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Heat gain by the feed water = $m \times Cp \times (Fwo - Fwin)$ = 662 x 1 x (221 - 179) $= 27084 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Model calculations -2 For HPH - 5: External steam flow = 17 t/hrSteam pressure = 11.5 bar Steam temperature = $453 \ ^{\circ}C$ Drain pressure = 11.5 bar Drain temperature = 183 °C Drain flow = 90 t/hr Using mollies diagram, The enthalpy of steam is h steam = 3380 kJ/kgThe enthalpy of drain is h drain = 2780 kJ/kgThe enthalpy of drain coming from heater 6 H drain = 2825 kJ/kgH eat lost by steam (Q1) =flow x enthalpy $= 17 \times 3380 = 57460 \times 10^{3}$ Heat lost by the drain leaving heater 7 (Q2) = 73×2825 $= 206225 \text{ x} 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Heat lost by drain $(Q3) = 90 \times 2780$

 $= 250200 \text{ x } 10^{3} \text{ kJ/hr}$ Heat lost = (Q1 + Q2) - Q3 =(57460 + 206225) - 250200) x 10^{3} kJ/hr = 13485 x 10^{3} kJ/hr Due to under cooling heat lost in drain = m x Cp x (T sat - T drain) = 662 x 1 x (186 - 183) = 1986 x 10^{3} kJ/hr where m = mass flow rate of steam

cp = 1.000 kJ/kg-k

Observations and analysis:

From the above calculations it is evident that efficiency of the HP heaters is on higher side kept for HPH-5. the efficiency of the HPH-5 may be lower due to sale formation or increase

flow velocity due to more number of tube diameters in the tube bundle. however efficiency can be improved by HP jet chemical cleaning of the tubes and replacement of the tube bundle the cycle efficiency of the plant can be improved.

Extraction steam parameter HPH-5:

Pressure of extraction steam pr = 13 bar Enthalpy of extraction steam hes = 3361.33 kJ/kgOuantity of feed water flow Of = 662 t/hrTemperature of feed water at inlet $Tfi = 169.3^{\circ} c$ Temperature of feed water at outlet Tout = $186.0 \degree c$ Quantity of extraction steam (Qes) = 17.661 t/hr Quantity of drip from HPH-6 (Q d) = 202° c Enthalpy of drip from HPH-5 = 778.116 kJ/kgEnthalpy of drip from HPH-6 = 869.8 kJ/kgHeat lost by extraction steam HPH-5 = Qe (hes - hfd) $= 17.661(3361.33 - 778.116)X10^{3}$ $= 45622.14 \text{X} 10^3 \text{ kJ/kg}$ Heat lost by drip coming from HPH-6 = Qsd (hdri - hdrip) $= 79.719(869.8 - 778.116)X10^{3}$ $= 7308.96 \text{X} 10^3 \text{ kJ/kg}$ Total heat lost by extraction steam & drip: $= (45622.4 + 7308.96)X10^{3}$ $=52931.1 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Heat gained by feed water = Qfdw (Tout - Tin) x 10^3 $= 662 \text{ x} 4.1868 (186 - 169.3) \text{ x} 10^3$ $= 46,286.75 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Efficiency of HPH - 5(n) = Heat gained/heat lost = (46,286.75/52,931.1) x 100 = 87.45 %

Extraction steam parameter HPH-6:

Pressure of extraction steam p r = 28 bar Enthalpy of extraction steam hes = 3071.72 kJ/kgQuantity of feed water flow Qfw = 662 t/hrTemperature of feed water at inlet Tfi = 186° c Temperature of feed water at outlet Tout = $222.3 ^{\circ}$ c Quantity of extraction steam (Qes) = 47278 kg/hrQuantity of drip from HPH-7 (Q d) = 32441 t/hrTemperature of drip from HPH-6 (Td) = 202° c Temperature of drip from HPH-7 (Td) = 233° c Enthalpy of drip from HPH-6 h d = 869.8 KJ/kgEnthalpy of drip from HPH-7 h d = 1013.7 KJ/kgHeat lost by extraction steam HPH-6 = Q_{es} (hes - hfd) = $47.278(3071.72 - 869.8)X10^{3}$ = $104102.37X10^{3} \text{ kJ/kg}$ Heat lost by drip coming from HPH-7 = Qsd (hdri - hdrip) = $32441(1013.7 - 869.8)X10^3$ = $4668.26X10^3$ kJ/kg Total heat lost by extraction steam & drip: = $(104102.37+4668.26)X10^3$ = 108770.63×10^3 kJ/hr Heat gained by feed water = Qfdw (Tout - Tin) x 10^3 = $662 \times 4.1868 (222.3 - 1876) \times 10^3$ = 10041.37×10^3 kJ/hr Efficiency of HPH - 6(n) = Heat gained/heat lost = $(100611.37/108770.63) \times 100$ = 92.5 %

Extraction steam parameter HPH-7:

pressure of extraction steam p r = 42 bar enthalpy of extraction steam hes = 3168.06 kJ/kgquantity of feed water flow Qfw = 662 t/hr Temperature of feed water at inlet $Tfi = 222.3^{\circ} c$ Temperature of feed water at outlet Tout = $245.7 \circ c$ Quantity of extraction steam (Qes) = 32441 kg/hr Temperature of drip from HPH-7 (Td) = 233° c Enthalpy of drip from HPH-7 (h_{Fd}) = 1013.7 kJ/kg Heat lost by extraction steam HPH-7 = Q_{es} (hes - hfd) $= 37441(3168.06 - 1013.7)X10^{3}$ $= 69889.6X10^3 \text{ kJ/kg}$ Heat gained by feed water = Qfdw (Tout - Tin) $\times 10^3$ $= 662 \text{ x} 4.1868 (245.7 - 222.3) \text{ x} 10^3$ $= 64856.88 \text{ x } 10^3 \text{ kJ/hr}$ Efficiency of HPH - 7 = Heat gained/heat lost = (64856.88/69889.6) x 100 = 92.8 % Total efficiency of the turbine (HP,IP,LP) = ((87.45+92.5+92.8)/3) x 100 $= (272.75/3) \times 100$ = 90.91%

V. Conclusion:

The efficiency of power plant increase with increase in number of heaters, but it is not economical to have large number of heaters to increase to increase the efficiency on the basis of the techno-economic study the numbers of heaters generally used in 210 MW units are 6 to 7 thus the efficiency increases by 5 to 6 %approximately. The operation and maintenance of the heaters in the current power plant must be increased such that there is no much deviation in the design and calculations values. It is also observed that with this operation and maintenance the heaters are giving the efficiency of about 75% - 80%.

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