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Air inlet temperature of air-cooled generator



Overview

Turbine inlet air cooling is a group of technologies and techniques consisting of cooling down the intake air of the gas turbine. The direct consequence of cooling the turbine inlet air is power output augmentation. It may also improve the energy efficiency of the system. This technology is widely used in hot climates.

take in filtered, fresh ambient air and compress it in the compressor stage. The compressed air is mixed with fuel in the combustion chamber and ignited. This produces a high-temperature and high-pressure flow.

In areas where there is demand cooling, daily summer on-peak periods coincide with the highest atmospheric temperatures, which may reduce the efficiency and power gas turbines. With the vapor mechanical compression technologies, cooling.

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Different technologies are available in the market. Each particular technology has its advantages and inconveniences according to different factors such as ambient conditions, investment cost and payback time, power output increase and cooling capacity.

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What is inlet air cooling?

Inlet air cooling improves performance of cooled gas turbine based combined cycle. Vapor compression inlet air cooling is superior to vapor absorption inlet cooling. For every turbine inlet temperature, there exists an optimum pressure ratio. The optimum compressor inlet temperature is found to be 293 K.

Can a novel inlet air cooling system increase power output?

A novel inlet air cooling system for intercooled gas turbines is proposed. The proposed system is able to increase power output by 19% and efficiency by 2.3%. The novel system offers 8–18% better efficiency than existing designs in literature. The new system generates substantial annual profits.

How to select the optimal inlet air cooling system for intercooled gas turbines?

It is important to note that the optimal inlet air cooling system for intercooled gas turbines can be selected through a thermo-economic analysis that factors in different ambient temperatures and the ISO relative humidity level of 60%. Fig. 9. Required cooling capacity for an inlet air cooling system. 6.2. Inlet air temperature drop.

Does inlet air cooling increase power?

The addition of inlet air cooling has been reported to enhance power by 3.9–25.7% and efficiency by 2.1–5.2% while the pay back period was increased by 3.7 years. Another promising inlet air cooling method is vapor absorption cooling, as it uses a low grade thermal energy source to drive the system and generate the cooling effect.

What happens if the inlet air temperature increases?

Increasing the inlet air temperature causes a reduction in the air mass flow rate, and the efficiency and output power of a gas power plant will be reduced. To compensate this power and efficiency decrease, different cooling systems can be applied to the inlet air flow.

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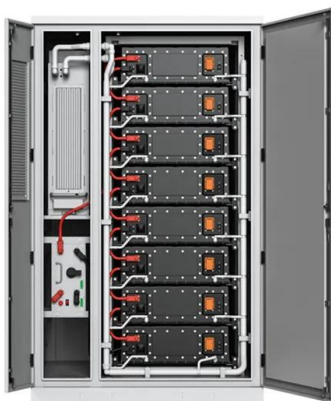
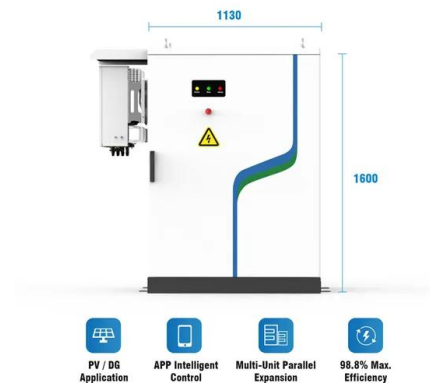


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