

## **Review Article**

# Electricity Production by Hydro **Power Plant**

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#### Abstract

Energy production has many ways, also electricity is very important for daily life work, various ways introduced for the production of electricity like electricity production from water called hydro power plant, electricity produce from heat called thermal power plant, electricity produce from wind called plant, electricity production from wind energy power surface heat called geothermal energy. In this paper discussed the hydro power plant electricity production method and its advantages, drawbacks and its uses at various places. Hydro power plant is one of the most famous, efficient and useful methods for electricity production. Water is a good and efficient renewable energy source for electricity production. Production of electricity by using water has been coming for many decades and it proves itself a better and efficient method of electricity production. Hydro power plants are classified on the basis of power capacity and facility, the first one consist five technologies to make the power capacity fulfill, these five categories such as dammed reservoir, run of river, pumped storage, in stream technology and new technology gravitational vortex. The other category which is capacity is this category further classified on the basis of power limit such as large power, small power, mini power, micro and pico hydropower. Earlier villages are not that much developed due to which advance technology was unable to set up there but nowadays village and countries are in their growing stage so they using hydro power plant as their source of electricity production and this method more come in use due to its cheap and effective nature, this paper give a review of hydro power plant for producing electricity, also gives knowledge about hydropower system and the most suitable turbines which can be used in future.

Keywords: Hydropower; Dammed reservoir; Runs of river; In stream; Gravitational vortex; Turbines; Capacity; Cheap; Coal; Thermal; Reservoir

## Introduction

Hydro power plants have become the power source and this method of electricity production has been praised by many countries. Many A SCITECHNOL JOURNAL

countries installed different types of and different capacities of hydro power plants according to the requirement of electricity. Hydro is a renewable energy resource and this is easily available everywhere due to which this method is cheap and more reliable. Based on the report of UNO there 7.6 billion approx. people around the world have depended on hydroelectric power plants and this number is increasing day by day. As per the previous data population have been increasing day by day and due to more population people of villages starts migrating into urban area called urbanization (over 55%), 70% of the total population lives in village but due to lack of jobs, facility and resources maximum youth migrate into town due to which population of town goes on increasing day by day, specially migration of those people from undeveloped region which need more energy and have high load requirement. Every country is working on their economic sector more to increase the growth rate and other facilities of different generations. So every country is working on some development stages of industrialization until its inhabitants mature enough to use proper technology to harvest energy in a clean and renewable way by having the lowest possible impact on the local flora and fauna [1] Figure 1.



Figure 1: Hydro power plant.

#### Principle of hydro power plant

Hydro power plants used to produce electricity, hydroelectric power plants convert the potential energy of water due to its high location into electrical energy. Total storage capacity of water is high then power production is also high [2].

The water flowing in the river possesses two type of energy:

- The kinetic energy due to flow of water.
- Potential energy due to the height of water.

In hydroelectric power and potential energy of water is utilized to generate electricity. The formula for total power that can be generated from water in hydroelectric power plant due to its height is given:

## P=q<sup>\*</sup>h<sup>\*</sup>g

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this paper discussed the hydro power plant electricity production method and its advantages, drawbacks and its uses at various places. Hydro power plants come in use in every country, also it is proven that hydro power plants are very good for urban as well as rural areas, when it comes for the growth and success of state or any country energy production for any state or country plays a very important role. Rather than the fixed collide of nuclear *vs.* nuclear free policy the RES is a natural form of energy harvesting with little or no pollution [3] Figure 2.



**Figure 2**: Hydropower categories. Facilities (technologies) and power capacity.

Figure 2 shows the classification of hydropower plant facilities and its power capacity. Production of electricity by using water has been coming for many decades and it proves itself a better and efficient method of electricity production. Hydro power plants are classified on the basis of power capacity and facility, the first one consist five technologies to make the power capacity fulfill, these five categories such as dammed reservoir, run of river, pumped storage, in stream technology and new technology gravitational vortex. The other category which is capacity is this category further classified on the basis of power limit such as large power, small power, mini power, and micro and pico hydropower [4].

Advantage of hydro power plant

- Hydro power plant is environmentally friendly; it is a clean renewable energy resource.
- Hydro is easily available so it has high degree of flexibility
- Hydro nowadays comes in use very much as it is easy to operate and cheap in cost so hydro becomes the part of the multipurpose project.
- Hydro can be used for pumped storage for optimal integrate operation of grid with least operational and maintenance cost
- Additional benefits of flood control, tourism, fishery.
- Well recognized for obtaining financial support [5].

#### What is hydro potential

Hydro potential means how hydro is important for practical use such as production of electricity. Hydro potential numbers of power production in watt to be about 84,000 MW at 60% load factor (load factor is the effect of load either over or under voltage load on a hydro power plant). 6,780 MW in terms of installed capacity from small, mini, and micro hydel schemes have been assessed. Also, 56 sites for pumped storage schemes with an aggregate installed capacity of 94,000 MW have been identified. It is the most widely used form of renewable energy. India is blessed with an immense amount of hydroelectric potential and ranks 5th in terms of exploitable hydro potential in global scenario [6].

#### **Research Questions**

- What is the specification of a hydro power plant?
- Which factors are responsible for failure of a hydro power plant?
- Which king of place and surrounding needs to build hydro power plants?

### **Literature Review**

There have been many research papers and review papers have been published on the electricity production by utilising renewable energy resources such as solar, wind, geothermal, thermal and hydro, so among all the papers are paper titled hydro power and turbine systems reviews by Elbatrana, Abdel-Hameda MW, Yaakobb OB, Ahmedb YM, Arif MA discussed the different technologies used in the hydro power technology system. Hydro power plants are classified on the basis of power capacity and facility, the first one consist five technologies to make the power capacity fulfill, these five categories such as dammed reservoir, run of river, pumped storage, in stream technology and new technology gravitational vortex. The other category which is capacity is this category further classified on the basis of power limit such as large power, small power, mini power, micro and pico hydropower.

Earlier villages are not that much developed due to which advance technology was unable to set up there but nowadays village and countries are in their growing stage so they using hydro power plant as their source of electricity production and this method more come in use due to its cheap and effective nature, this paper give a review of hydro power plant for producing electricity, also gives knowledge about hydropower system and the most suitable turbines which can be used in future. In this paper discussed the power capacity and head classification, also data of small-scale hydropower (MW) as defined by various countries shown, different technology classification also shown in this paper, discussed about Run of River (ROR) technology, discussed about the dammed reservoir technology, pumped storage technology, in-stream technology using existing facilities, VIVACE converter technology, gravitational vortex energy, gravitational vortex plant, impulse turbines, turgo turbines, pelton turbines, cross flow turbines, reaction turbine, Francis turbines, axial flow turbines propeller turbines, Pump as Turbine (PAT), Other reaction turbines [7].

In a research paper titled hydro power plants, an overview of the current types and technology by Štefan Tkáč discuss the types of hydro power plants. Earlier villages are not that much developed due to which advance technology was unable to set up there but nowadays village and countries are in their growing stage so they using hydro power plant as their source of electricity production and this method more come in use due to its cheap and effective nature, this paper give a review of hydro power plant for producing electricity, also gives knowledge about hydropower system and the most suitable turbines which can be used in future. In this paper discussed the power capacity and head classification, also data of Small-scale hydropower (MW) as defined by various countries shown, different technology classification also shown in this paper, discussed about Run of River (ROR) technology, discussed about the dammed reservoir technology, pumped storage technology, In-stream technology using existing facilities, VIVACE converter technology, gravitational vortex energy, gravitational vortex plant, impulse turbines, turgo turbines, pelton turbines, cross flow turbines, reaction turbine, Francis turbines, axial flow turbines propeller turbines, Pump as Turbine (PAT), Other

reaction turbines, division of hydro power plants according to configuration, classification of the 2 largest hydro power plants in the world types of turbines, hydro turbine manufacturing process and CFD software simulation, turbines division according to environment and applied medium, turbines division according to the working principle, according to the energy conversion, according to the head, applications [8].

In a research paper an overview of hydro-electric power plant by (i) Vineet kumar singh, (ii) Neha singh chauhan and (iii) Deepti kushwaha discuss hydro potential, also discuss history of hydroelectricity, strengths of hydro power, weakness of hydro power, opportunities of hydro power, threats of hydro power, working principle of hydro- electric power plant, components of hydroelectric power plants, what is dam, trash rack, forebay, surge tank, water reservoir, water turbines, intake or control gates, the penstock, generators, spillway, power house, this paper give a review of hydro power plant for producing electricity, also gives knowledge about hydropower system and the most suitable turbines which can be used in future. In this paper discussed the power capacity and head classification, also data of small-scale hydropower (MW) as defined by various countries shown [9].

## Methodology

## Design

The study of hydro power plants is designed in such a way that it divides it into two categories further classified on the basis of power limits such as large power, small power, mini power, and micro and pico hydropower. Earlier villages are not that much developed due to which advance technology was unable to set up there but nowadays village and countries are in their growing stage so they using hydro power plant as their source of electricity production and this method more come in use due to its cheap and effective nature. Energy production has many ways, also electricity is very important for daily life work, various ways introduced for the production of electricity like electricity production from water called hydro power plant, electricity produce from heat called thermal power plant, electricity produce from wind called wind energy power plant, electricity production from surface heat called geothermal energy. In this paper discussed the hydro power plant electricity production method and its advantages, drawbacks and its uses at various places. Hydro power plant is one of the most famous, efficient and useful methods for electricity production.

Water is a good and efficient renewable energy source for electricity production. Production of electricity by using water has been coming for many decades and it proves itself a better and efficient method of electricity production (Tables 1-2).

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#### Sample

Types of technology	Services available	Main sources
Dammed reservoir	Power and energy	Changes of habitat and social impact due to reservoir modification of river flow
Run of river	Base load	Limited flooding river flows unchanged
Pumped storage	Power only, net consumer of energy	Impact related to upper storage pool
In stream	Energy and power	Reduction of flow downstream of diversion

#### Table 1: Types of hydroelectric projects.

Table 1 shows the different types of technology used in hydro power plants and which kind of services available with different technologies and what are their main energy sources.

Countries	Capacity in 2016	Overall installed capacity(IHA) and World Energy Council
China - 13th five-year plan for	11.7 GW / 3.7 GW of pumped	331,11 GW
2015 - 2020	Slorage	
Ecuador	2 GW	4.409 GW
Ethiopia	1.5 GW	3.813 GW
South Africa	1.3 GW	3.573 GW
Vietnam	1.1 GW	14.3 GW
Peru	1 GW	3.82 GW
Switzerland	1 GW	15. 6 GW

**Table 2**: Installed capacities of countries leading in hydro power development.

#### Instrument

Hydro pelton wheel:



Figure 3: Small hydro pelton wheel.

In Figure 3 shows a pelton turbine, which is used to pass the high speed water from nozzle which strikes the doubled cup buckets like structure connected to the wheel, this set up arranged at the periphery of wheel, that will produce force which rotates the wheel at high speed and gives good efficiency rate of 70% to 90%.

#### **Turgo turbine:**



#### Figure 4: Turgo turbine.

Figure 4 show the turgo turbine, the turgo turbine used as high and medium head impulse turbine, turgo turbine can handle high water flow rate for energy production, also used to allow for proper operation in lower head ranges it is able to perform this because it can allow operation in lower range of water, because it can give efficient result by using more water with less head.

#### Multi jet pelton turbine:



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## **Data collection**

Division of hydro power plants according to configuration shown below:

- 1. Large and medium types of hydro power plant divided as
- 2. Accumulation type=using reservoir with dam or surging weir
- 3. Pumped storage=using two reservoirs
- 4. Weir type=using river regulation weir

Small, micro and pico types hydro power plant classified as

- 1. Weir type=using existing weir originally built for water level regulation or newly built surging weir.
- 2. Pumped storage=using two reservoirs or lake and water tank with sufficient head.
- 3. Derivative or diversion types are usually called Run-of-River types ROR=using diversion weir or not using weir at all.
- No pressured derivation=using diversion canal, side canal, adjusted river arm or river bed.
- Positive pressure derivation=using penstock
- Negative pressure derivation=using siphon tube
- Combined derivation (no pressured) and positive pressure or no pressure and negative pressure)=using diversion canal and then penstock or siphon tube.

## **Results and Discussion**

In this paper discussed the hydro power plant electricity production method and its advantages, drawbacks and its uses at various places. Hydro power plants come in use in every country, also it is proven that hydro power plants are very good for urban as well as rural areas, when it comes for the growth and success of state or any country energy production for any state or country plays a very important role. Rather than the fixed collide of nuclear vs. nuclear free policy there is a natural form of energy harvesting with little or no pollution. This paper shows different kinds of hydro power plants used by different countries such as Brazil  $\leq$  30, Canada <50, China  $\leq$  50, EU linking directive  $\leq 20$ , India  $\leq 25$ , Norway  $\leq 10$ , Sweden  $\leq 1.5$ , USA 5-100. This paper also shows different kind of hydroelectric project dammed reservoir power and energy changes of habitat and social impacts due to reservoir, modification of river flows, run of river base load with limited flexibility, limited flooding, river flows unchanged, pumped storage power only, net consumer of energy, impacts related to, upper storage pool, in stream energy and power Reduction of flow downstream of diversion. When it comes to hydro energy it is a very famous technology which is very close to the imagination of a large spectrum of the population. Hydro power plant is a Renewable Energy Resource (RER) and availability of its main energy source which is water is commonly available. Hydro power system is an energy storage method and also it can transform energy from one part to another, in urban areas their main motive is sustainable development. This paper described the technology behind hydro power plant, turbines used in hydro renewable energy fields. It indicates that hydro is a major sector of the electric generation power plant which has proved itself as a great energy resource worldwide, in this paper also discussed the benefits of hydro power plants on the environment and economy of that place.

## Conclusion

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and their components and its working. From the above study, it can be provided a guideline to reach about the suitable hydropower system and turbine which can be used in the different hydropower projects.

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