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INTRODUCTION *)

A code is presented for predicting the performance of steam power plants operating with various steam cycles arrangements, on the basis of the minimum number of given design parameters.

A detailed knowledge of the procedures to design the power plant is not required.

The experience and the high performance level gained by the companies constructing large steam turbine-generators, guarantees that the performances of new power plants can be predicted accurately on the basis of the knowledge of existing designs. This consideration led "GENERAL ELECTRIC Co." to the "Method for predicting the performance of steam turbine generators" (1), (2) which has been followed in this paper.

1. GENERAL REMARKS

1.1 Data

A minimum number of design parameters are required:

- a) throttle steam pressure and temperature (or moisture)
- b) steam flow
- c) reheater (or moisture separator) pressure, if any
- d) condenser pressure
- e) type of steam cycle

Various types of steam cycles have been considered:

- saturated or low superheated steam cycle with moisture removal stages
- 2) saturated or low superheated steam cycle with moisture separator and moisture removal stages
- 3) saturated or low superheated steam cycle with separator, live steam reheater, and moisture removal stages
- 4) superheated steam cycle without reheater
- 5) superheated steam cycle with reheater.

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Fig.1 illustrates the possible steam cycle arrangements.

1.2 Preheaters and degasifier

The arrangement of preheaters, degasifier condenser, and feed-water pumps is presented in fig.2 and fig.3 .

The flow diagram shown in fig.2 is used in the case of superheated and/or reheated steam cycle (type 4 and 5); the diagram described in fig.3 is adopted in the case of saturated or low superheated steam cycle (type 1, 2, 3).

The degasifier's pressure is supposed to be a linear function of the throttle steam pressure.

Fig.4 shows the design parameters of a typical preheater. Pinch points and pressure drops are standard figures; the feedwater temperature rise is less than 30°C. This condition determines the number of preheaters. As a first approach, the distribution of the extraction pressures is calculated assuming that each preheater raises the feedwater temperatures by the same amount. If the steam cycle design requires the separator or the reheater, the pressure range $\mathbf{p_1} - \mathbf{p_2}$ (fig.5) is not clearly available for steam extraction. Pressure $\mathbf{p_1}$ is assigned; $\mathbf{p_2}$ is calculated by the code taking in account separator and/or reheater pressure drops. It is quite possible that feedwater temperature and reheater or separator pressure (input data) lead to special arrangements of the preheaters' distribution.

The following rules are always valid:

- a) if $p_1 . <math>p_2$ where p is the extraction pressure then $p = p_1$
 - i.e. the steam extraction is placed at the exit of the high pressure turbine section.
- b) if a) is true and p is the highest extraction pressure

then $p = p_1$

and \triangle T H (fig.4) in the corresponding preheater is modified to obtain the assigned feedwater temperature.

In any case the degasifier extraction point is located in the low pressure turbine section.

1.3 Low pressure preheaters and moisture removal stages

If moisture removal stages are requested (steam cycle type 1, 2, 3), the standard configuration of fig.6 is adopted.

The pressures of the standard moisture removal stages are fixed. The intermediate moisture removal stages coincide with the steam extraction points of the low pressure preheaters. A change in the moisture removal pressures gives a negligible effect on the overall efficiency.

1.4 Separator

The efficiency of the separator is assumed to be 0.8. The condensing water is collected by the preheater which operates at the same pressure as the separator. Pressure drops are calculated by standard methods.

1.5 Reheater

Let us consider the steam cycle type 3: the temperature difference between saturated reheater drains and reheated steam is 1377°C. The drained water is sent to the preheater operating at the highest pressure.

The reheat temperature of steam cycle type 5 is equal to the throttle steam temperature. Pressure drops are standard.

1.6 Heat balance

Ref. [1] and [2] describe the method for calculating:

- the efficiencies of the turbine sections
- the expansion lines
- the efficiencies of the generator.

Ref. [3]7 contains the procedure for predicting:

- the extraction flows
- the flows through the turbine sections
- the gross power output
- the pumping power
- the mechanical and electric losses
- the overall efficiency of the plant.

1.7 Efficiency, net power

The efficiency is calculated as follows:

gross power - pumping power - (mechanical and electrical losses)

steam generator flow . (outlet enthalpy - inlet enthalpy) +
$$\left[(\text{reheater flow}) \cdot (\text{outlet enthalpy - inlet enthalpy}) \right]^* \right]$$

and

gross power =
$$\sum_{i}$$
 (flow through the turbine section. [inlet enthalpy - outlet enthalpy)]

The overall efficiency is therefore defined as:

net electric power output

steam generator thermal power input

^{*)}steam cycle type 5 only

1.8 Assumptions

With the aim of minimizing the number of input data, definite assumptions have been introduced. The procedure supplies a series of design parameters and chooses among many possible design arrangements. The most important assumptions are the following:

- conventionally cooled 3000 rpm generator
- isoentropic efficiency of the pumps : 0.76
- change in enthalpy across the governing stage: 20 kcl/kg

Packing and valve steam leakages are not considered (the effect on the overall efficiency is estimated to be 1%).

2. HOW TO USE THE CODE

The code is written in FORTRAN IV language for IBM 360/65. Total length: 96.000 bytes (2000 FORTRAN cards); 0.5 sec execution time.

The code is intended for iterative calculations such as techniques used to determine an optimum. For this reason a particularly simple data input form was chosen. The user writes his own "Main programme" and the calculation is executed by calling the following subroutines:

CALL SAT (P,T,FLOW, PEXHP, TFW, PC, NCYCLE, NCASE, NPRINT, EFF, POWER, EEXHP, FLOWR)

for the steam cycle types 1, 2, 3 (saturated or low superheated steam)

or

CALL SUR (P,T, FLOW, PEXHP, TFW, PC, NCYCLE, NCASE, NPRINT, EFF, POWER, EEXHP, FLOWR)

for the steam cycle types 4, 5 (superheated, reheated steam).

2.1 Data

 (kg/cm^2) - admission steam pressure at the throttle valve, i.e. at the outlet of the steam generator (°C) - steam temperature at the oulet of the steam generator (ton/hour) - steam flow at the outlet of the steam FLOW generator PEXHP - steam pressure at the outlet of the high pressure section of the turbine = pressure at the separator inlet (cycles 2,3 = pressure at the reheater inlet(cycle 5) PEXHP is meaningless in cycles 1 and 4 TFW (°C) - feedwater temperature (steam generator inlet) (kg/cm^2) - condenser pressure NCYCLE - integer number : it defines the type of steam cycle saturated or low superheated steam cycle with moisture removal stages CALL SAT saturated or low superheated steam cycle with moisture removal stages + separator saturated or low superheated steam cycle with moisture removal stages + separator + live steam reheater superheated steam cycle CALL SUR superheated steam cycle + reheater (reheat temperature = admission temperature)

The following parameters control the output:

NPRINT - integer number

= 0 normally

if = 1 several intermediate results are
 printed for controlling the cal culation procedure

2.2 Calculated variables

EFF - efficiency of the plant (as defined above)

POWER (MWatt) - net power output

EEXHP (kcal/kg) - steam enthalpy at the output of the HP

section of the turbine

= enthalpy at the separator inlet for

steam cycle types 3, 2

= enthalpy at the reheater inlet for

steam cycle type 5

EEXHP is meaningless in cycles 1 and 4

FLOWR (ton/hour) = steam flow at the reheater inlet

(cycle type 5)

= live steam flow required by the reheater

(steam cycle type 3)

FLOWR is meaningless in cycles 1, 2, 4.

The number of calculated variables, which appear in the calling sequence of the subroutine SAT or SUR, is small. This is because the user is supposed to be interested in efficiency and net power calculations only. Adopting a steam cycle type 5, the user is also informed about the reheater inlet steam enthalpy and flow, which may be useful for reheater design calculations.

However, by easy modifications it is possible to make any other interesting parameter available.

2.3 Output

If it is required by the user (NCASE > 0), a detailed description of the calculated plant is printed. Two tables contain all the design parameters (see fig.7 and fig.8). The first table gives the thermodynamic properties of steam at the extraction points. The operating conditions of each preheater and moisture removal stage (if any) are also described. The second table gives a picture of the performance of the other components and of the whole plant.

2.4 <u>Subroutines of the thermodynamic properties of steam</u> and water

Ref. [-4] contains the formulation of the thermodynamic properties of steam and water (see also ref. [-3]).

The properties appear in the form of FORTRAN functions and they are also available for independent purposes, not connected with the particular code "Turbina".

Below is a list of the functions used by this code.

Saturation region

ELSAT(T)	saturated liquid enthalpy
EVSAT(T)	saturated steam enthalpy
SLSAT(T)	saturated liquid entropy
SVSAT(T)	saturated steam entropy
PSAT(T)	saturation pressure
TLSAT(P)	saturation temperature
EX(P,S,E,X)	enthalpy and quality as functions of
	pressure and entropy
SX(P,E,S,X)	entropy and quality as functions of
	pressure and enthalpy

Liquid region

ELIQS(P,T) liquid enthalpy

SLPT(P,T) liquid entropy

VSLIQ(P,T) liquid specific volume

TLIQS(E,P) liquid temperature as a function

of enthalpy and pressure

Superheat region

EVSUR(P,T) steam enthalpy SVSUR(P,T) steam entropy

VSVAP(P,T) steam specific volume

TVEP(E,P) steam temperature as a function

of enthalpy and pressure

ESURPS(P,S) steam enthalpy as a function of

pressure and entropy

The code carries out the calculations with the following units:

E P T S V

Kcal/kg kg/cm^2 °C kcal/kg°C m^3/kg

3. SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

The code "Turbina" has been tested on five existing steam turbine plants, constructed by different firms; the deviations between the real efficiency and the figure evaluated by the code are less than 2%.

Following the good results of these tests, the code has been used for predicting the performance of plants operating with various steam conditions. The results are plotted in figs. 10 to 19.

Certain data used in our designing have been fixed:

- net electric power output 250 MW

- condenser pressure 0,052 kg/cm²

and

with K = 0.65 or K = 0.75

The resulting feedwater temperature as a function of the admission pressure appears in fig.9 .

The exit pressure of the HP turbine section (steam cycles 2, 3, 5) has been chosen as:

 $PEXHP = 0.2 \cdot P$

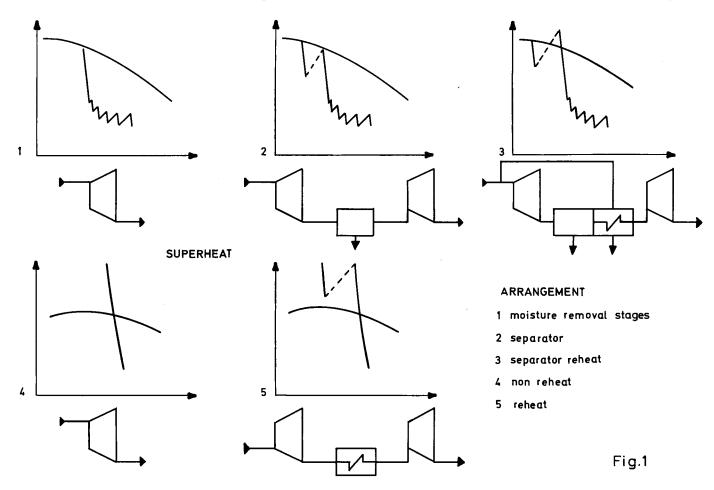
where P is the throttle admission pressure.

It should be noted that some curves drawn in figs. 10 - 19 are to be interpreted as extrapolations of the calculation procedures; they correspond to merely conceivable, but not technologically achievable designs of steam power plants, because the calculation procedure does not include any feasibility limit.

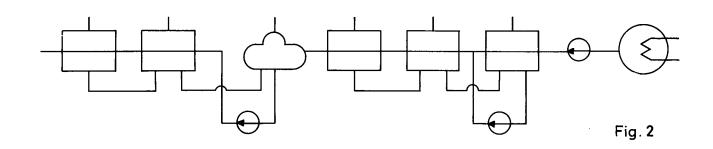
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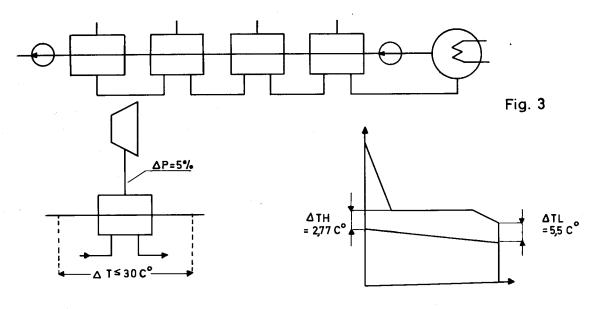
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SATURATED-LOW SUPERHEAT



SUPERHEAT - PREHEATERS





PREHEATER PRESSURE LOSS - PINCH POINTS

Fig. 4

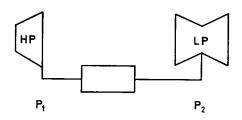
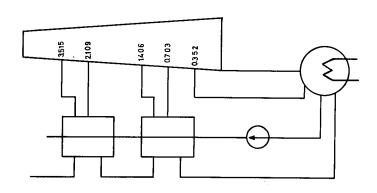


Fig. 5



MOISTURE REMOVAL STAGES LOW PRESSURE PREHEATERS (pressure Kg/cm²)

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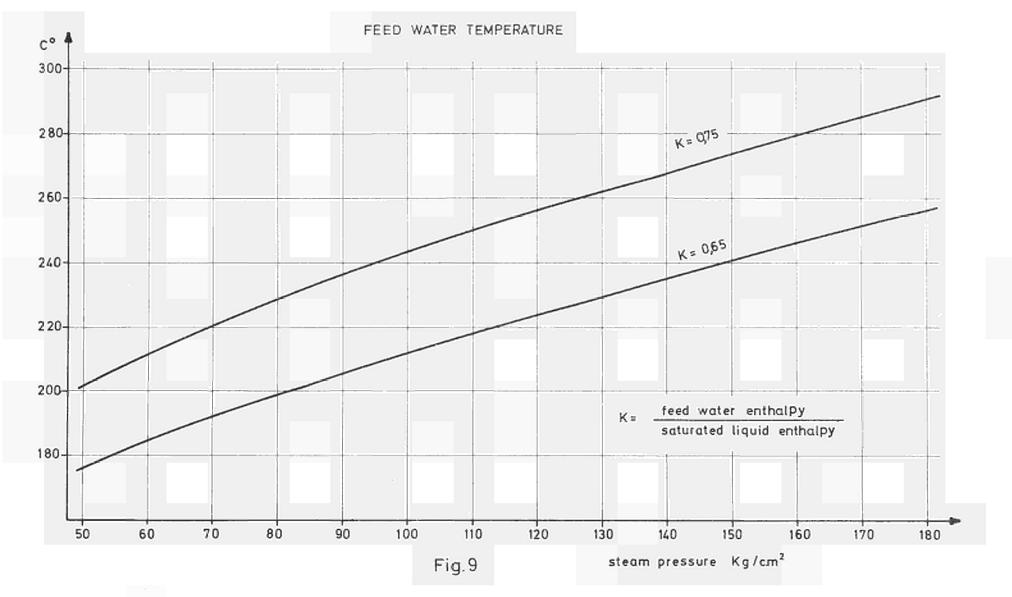
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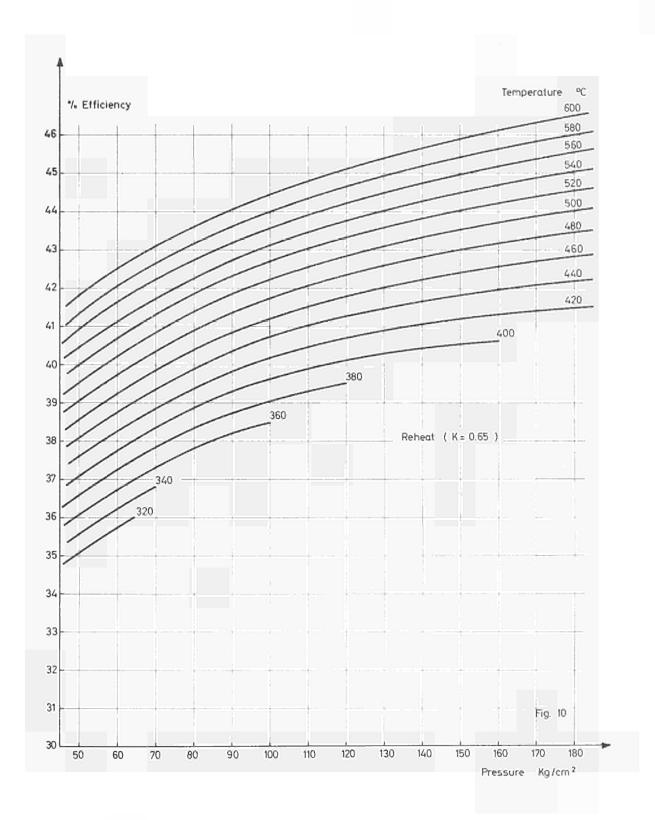
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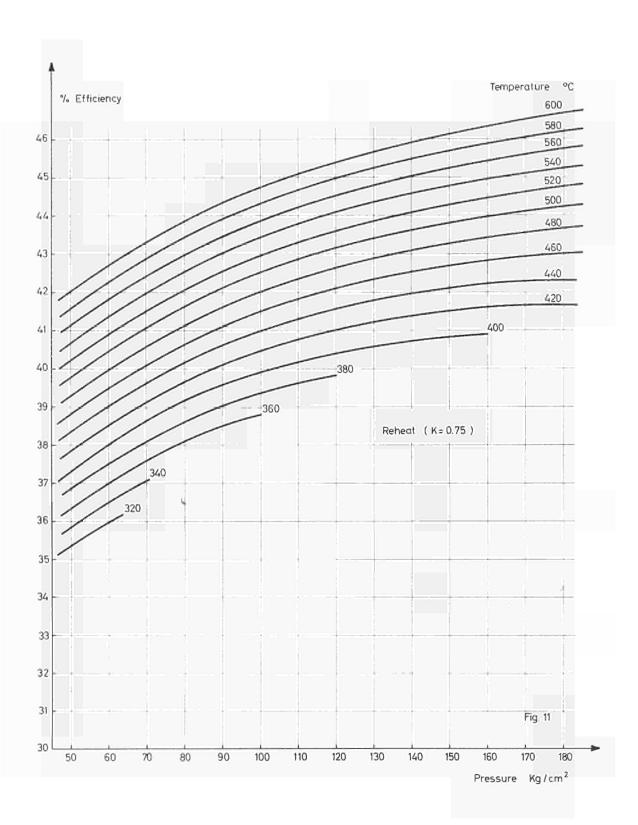
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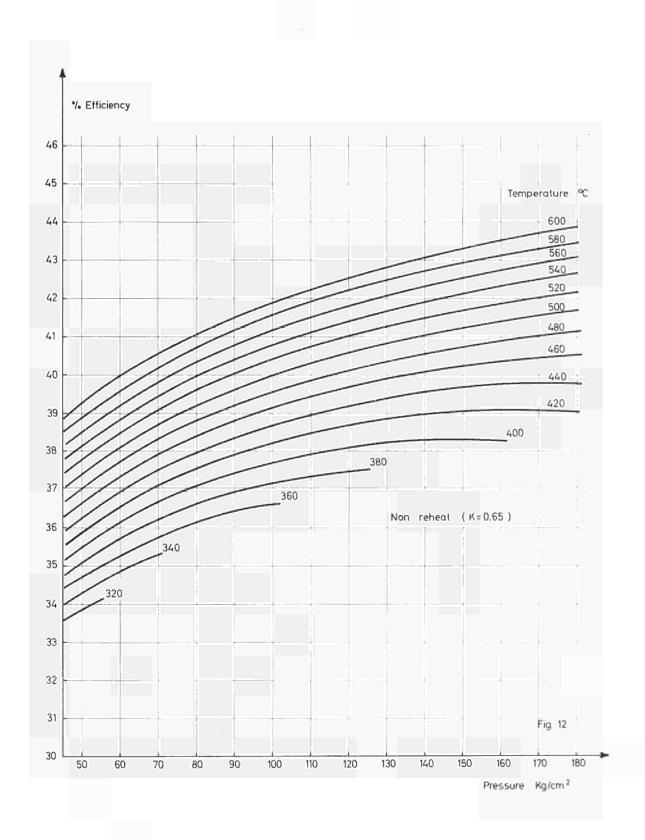
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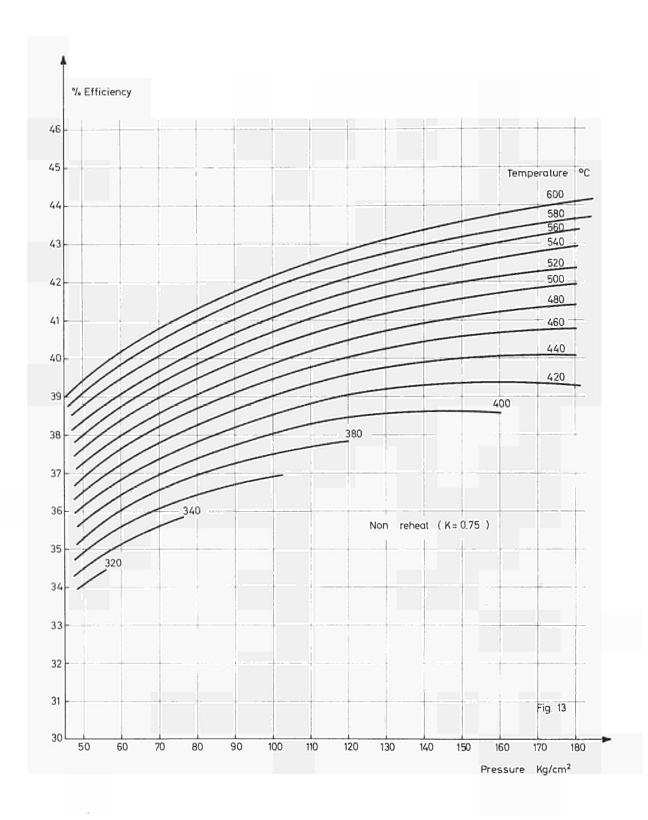
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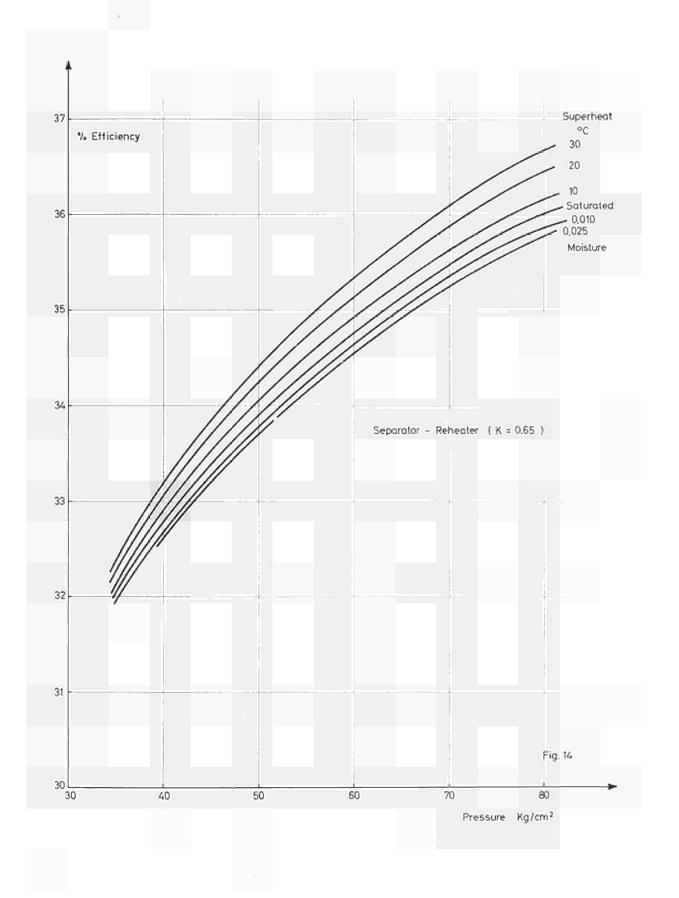


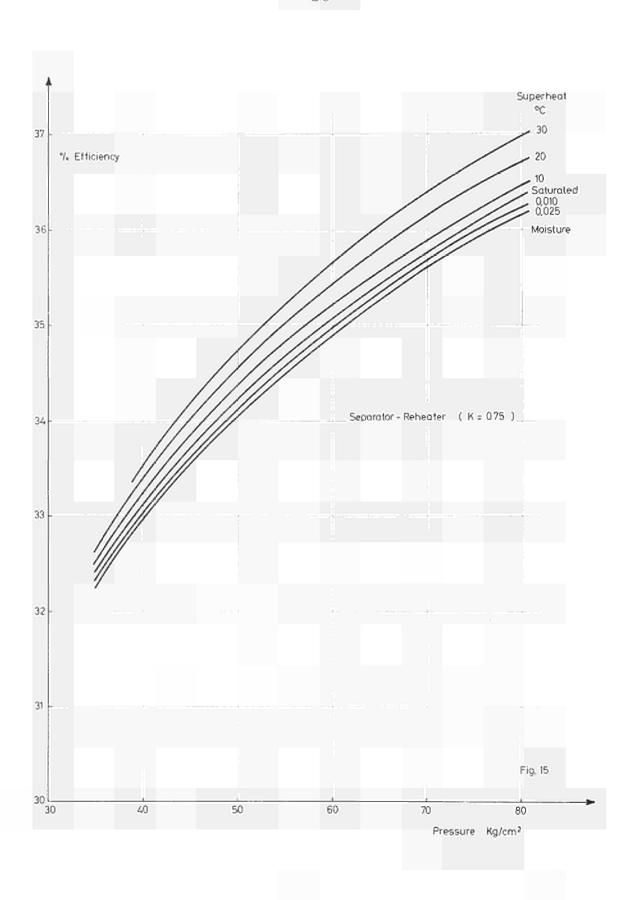


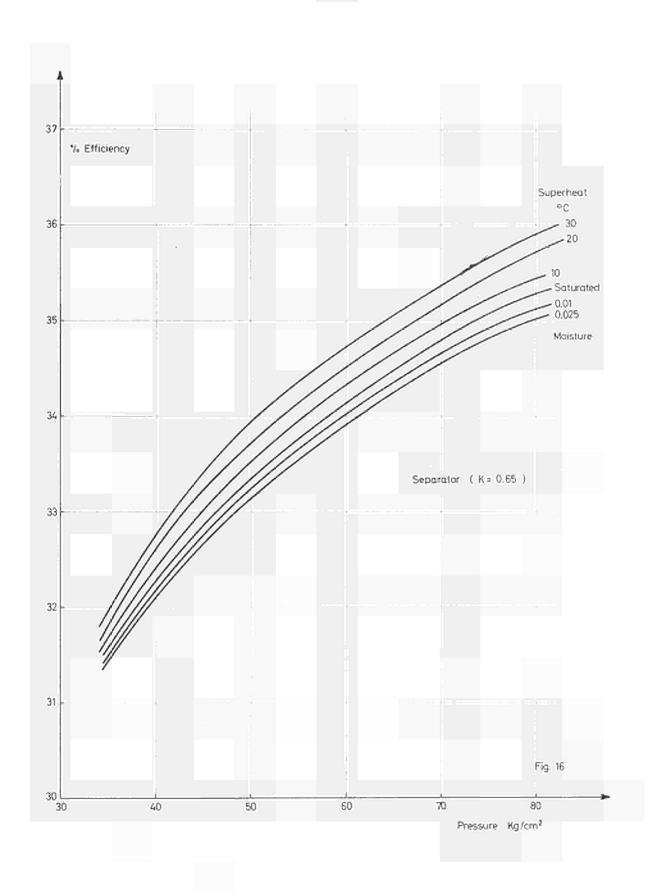


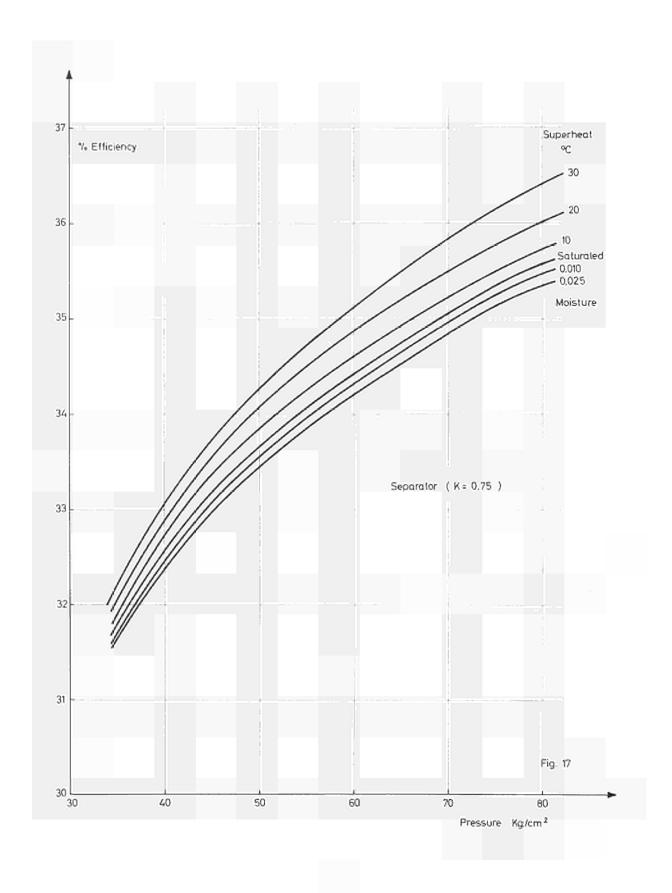


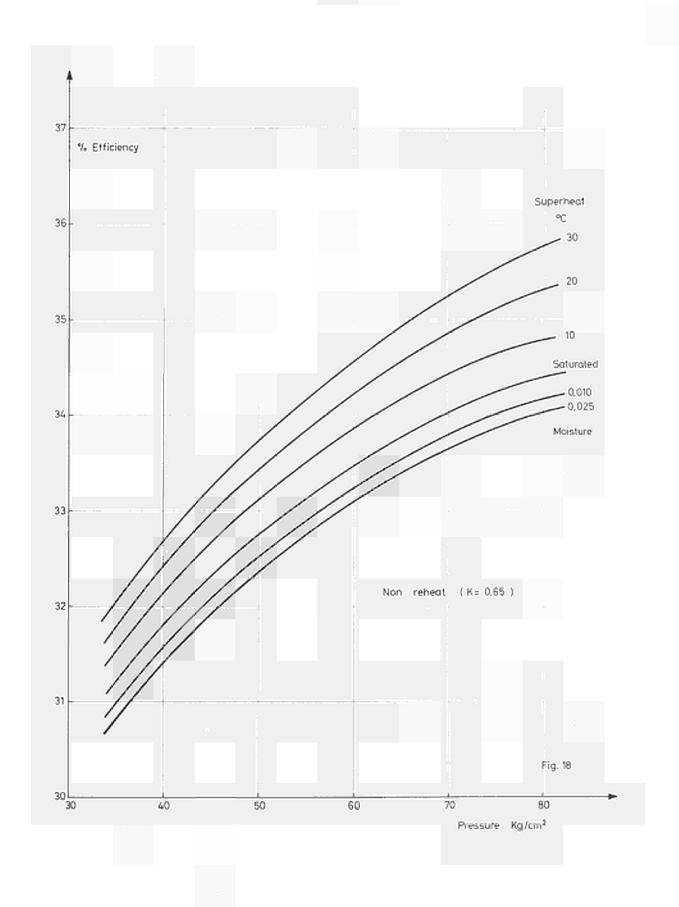


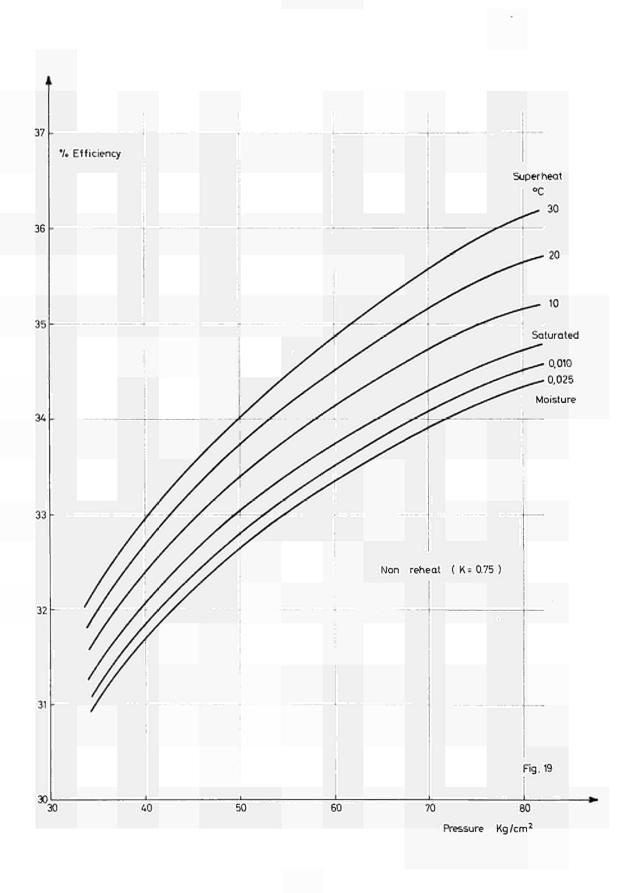












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