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ABSTRACT

The paper proposes a new method for calculating the weight coefficients of an artificial neural network in the systems of technical diagnostics of hydro aggregates, in which it is proposed to use the coefficients of correlation between vibration signals in spatially distributed points of a hydro aggregate. A mathematical model and algorithm for calculation of weight coefficients of an artificial neural network are developed. The expediency of use of wavelet transformation of time realizations of a vibration signal is shown, as a result of which the received vibration signal is divided into amplitude-frequency-time spectrum, which leads to increase its informativeness. Experimentally confirmed the presence of strong inter-correlation links between spatially distributed points of the hydro aggregate and their dependence on the nature and place of application of disturbing forces. The dependence of the correlation coefficients on the load of the hydro aggregate and the water pressure in the reservoir is established. The obtained results can be considered as an experimental confirmation of the expediency of using the proposed method for calculating the weight coefficients of an artificial neural network.

Keywords: artificial neural network, amplitude-frequency-time spectrum, frequency band, vibration factor, probability index, correlation coefficient, weight coefficient

1. INTRODUCTION

The system of automatic diagnostics and forecasting of hydraulic units' defects development (SADF-HUDD)¹ is based on a modified frequency technology of vibration diagnostics, being a hardware and software complex composed of vibration measurement channels, a sub-system for routine monitoring of vibration and a sub-system for diagnostics and forecasting. Commercial operation of vibration measurement channels and sub-system for routine monitoring commenced at Nyzhnyodnistrovs'ka HPP (Ukraine), with the test operation of diagnostics and forecasting sub-system being commenced in a stage-by-stage manner²⁻⁹.

The diagnostic sub-system is based on a three-layer artificial neural-like network (ANLN). Each vibroacoustic signal received from the routine monitoring sub-system by way of discrete wavelet transformation (DWT) is decomposed in the amplitude-frequency-time spectrum (AFTS). Further on, all AFTS arrive at the entry point of ANLN¹⁰⁻¹¹.

The mathematical model of ANLN is shown in detail in¹⁻², that is why we will turn our attention to the results of its operation – by determining the probability of the fact that certain vibration factor may cause excessive vibration displacement.

The informative probability indicator of $PV_{k\tau}$ factor that corresponds to k^{th} neuron, as of the time point τ , is determined as follows[^]

$$\forall k = 1, 6 \forall i = 1, 4 \forall j \in \Psi_k \left(PV_{k\tau} = \sum_{i,j} w_{kij} d_{kij\tau}^{norm} \right), \quad (1)$$

where w_{kij} – weight coefficients that define the significance of accounting for wavelet coefficients of AFTS's j^{th} frequency band of the i^{th} vibration signal at the probability level of the k^{th} neuron; $d_{kij\tau}^{norm}$ – standardized values of wavelet coefficients of AFTS's j^{th} frequency band of the i^{th} vibration signal at the probability level of the k^{th} neuron as of the time

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point τ ; Ψ_k – the multitude of frequency bands' numbers, where the influence of vibration factor exists, which corresponds to the k^{th} neuron^{12,13}.

The task of this research paper lies in development of the correlation method for determination of weight coefficients w_{kij} as the coefficients of cross-correlation; it presents the analysis of their dependence on the hydrogenerator's load and water pressure head in water reservoir.

2. THEORETICAL RESEARCH RESULTS AND ANALYSIS THEREOF

The mathematical model for determination of cross-correlation coefficients is shown in detail in³⁻⁶. Let us recall its main provisions.

The hydraulic unit is shown as a relatively stationary distributed quasilinearized inseparable elastic system with space-variant stiffness coefficients⁷. Another specificity of a controlled unit (CU) lies in its exposure to k spatially distributed uncompensated forces of different physical nature, amplitude and vector direction that vary randomly with time function. Generalized structure of such CU may be shown as follows (fig. 1).

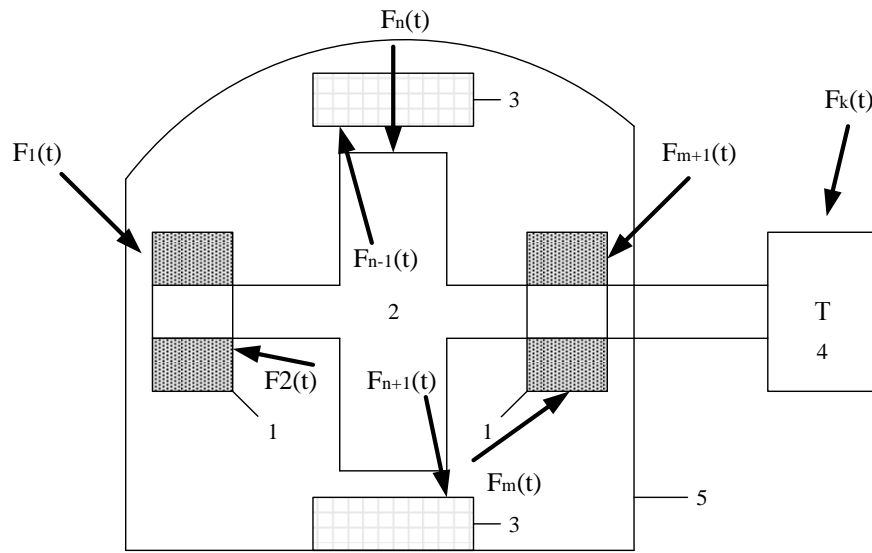


Fig. 1 Generalized structural diagram of hydraulic unit (1 – bearings; 2 – rotor; 3 – stator; 4 – turbine; 5 – housing)

In view of such system's inseparability, any of external uncompensated disturbing forces will evoke in the system's randomly chosen point (assembly) the occurrence of k th component of vibration signal (response), the amplitude of which will differ than zero. This being the case, in view of the system's quasilinearity, the vector-similar force, the resultant of which is applied to one and the same point of electrical machine with time delay Δt will cause the occurrence of the system's identical response with the same time delay in any randomly selected unit assembly. Hence, for a randomly selected controlled assembly in relation to each of k possible disturbing forces, one can obtain a link function. For a randomly selected assembly A being a part of CU, the following equation system will be true:

$$\begin{cases} \psi_{A1}(t) = F_1(t) \cdot H_{A1}(t), \\ \psi_{A2}(t) = F_2(t) \cdot H_{A2}(t), \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ \psi_{Ak}(t) = F_k(t) \cdot H_{Ak}(t), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $F_1(t) - F_k(t)$ – uncompensated force affecting an electrical machine; $H_{A1}(t) - H_{Ak}(t)$ – link functions in relation to disturbing forces $F_1(t) - F_k(t)$, respectively; $\psi_{A1}(t) - \psi_{Ak}(t)$ – system's response at point A to the disturbing action in the form of $F_1(t) - F_k(t)$ force, respectively.

Such being the case, the resulting vibration signal to be observed at point A may be obtained on the basis of superposition

$$\text{principle } \psi_A(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k \psi_{Ai}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k F_i(t) \cdot H_{Ai}(t).$$

On similar grounds for point B, the dependence between vibration signal response and disturbing forces will be written in

$$\text{the following form } \psi_B(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k \psi_{Bi}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k F_i(t) \cdot H_{Bi}(t), \text{ and the dependence between each system response at point B}$$

$$\text{and system response at point A will appear as: } \psi_{Bi}(t) = \frac{H_{Bi}(t)}{H_{Ai}(t)} \psi_{Ai}(t).$$

Hence, general system response at point B is defined as

$$\psi_B(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{H_{Bi}(t)}{H_{Ai}(t)} \psi_{Ai}(t). \quad (3)$$

In a similar way, other points belonging to the CU may be interconnected.

Since in view of astochastic nature of disturbing un-compensated forces $F_1(t) - F_k(t)$ the analyzed CU may be considered a stochastic system, presented expressions serve the theoretical substantiation for presence of cross-correlation connections between vibration signal responses at various points of the electrical machine under research.

A considerable challenge in the use of proposed approach lies in obtaining of cross-correlation coefficients' instantaneous values. Since vibration processes in electrical machines' controlled assemblies are of occasional nature, precise evaluation of linear relationship between two values $\psi_A(t)$ and $\psi_B(t)$ would require the use of the following expression⁸.

$$K_\psi(t_1, t_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\psi_1 - m_A(t_1))(\psi_2 - m_B(t_2)) \cdot f(\psi_1, \psi_2, t_1, t_2) d\psi_1 d\psi_2, \quad (4)$$

where $m_A(t_1)$, $m_B(t_2)$ – mathematical expectations of functions $\psi_A(t)$ and $\psi_B(t)$ at time points t_1 and t_2 , respectively; $f(\psi_1, \psi_2, t_1, t_2)$ – two-dimensional probability of occasional process $\psi(t)$, which preconditions the occurrence of vibration signals in A and B assemblies.

In its turn, $f(\psi_1, \psi_2, t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial^2 F(\psi_1, \psi_2, t_1, t_2)}{\partial \psi_1 \partial \psi_2}$, where $F(\psi_1, \psi_2, t_1, t_2)$ is a two-dimensional function of occasional process

probability distribution $\psi(t)$, which assigns the value of probability of the fact that at time point t_1 inequality $\psi_A \leq \psi_1$ is implemented, with inequality $\psi_B \leq \psi_2$ being implemented at time point t_2 , that is

$$F(\psi_1, \psi_2, t_1, t_2) = P(\psi_A(t_1) \leq \psi_1, \psi_B(t_2) \leq \psi_2). \quad (5)$$

Considering the particularity of CU, the coefficient of auto-correlation between signals $\psi_A(t)$ and $\psi_B(t)$ would be advisable to be determined for one and the same time point $t_1 = t_2$, that is $K_\psi(t_1, t_2) = K_\psi(t_1)$.

Given stationary external disturbances $F_1(t) - F_k(t)$ signals $\psi_A(t)$ and $\psi_B(t)$ may be considered ergodic, that is why, following the chain of transformations, the required quasi-instantaneous cross-correlation coefficient can be obtained as

$$K_\psi^*(t_1) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (\psi_A^*(t_1))(\psi_B^*(t_1)) dt_1, \text{ and for discrete time implementations, with due regard to known Pearson's equation, one}$$

can write the following correlation:

$$K_\psi^*(t_1) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_{Ai}^* \psi_{Bi}^*}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \psi_{Ai}^{*2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_{Bi}^{*2}}}, \quad (6)$$

where ψ_{Ai}^* and ψ_{Bi}^* – i^{th} values of time implementations of $\psi_A(t)$ and $\psi_B(t)$ functions.

3. METHOD FOR CALCULATION OF CROSS-CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS

Based on the foregoing mathematical model, the calculation method was developed, the algorithm for which implementation is shown below:

1. Selection of synchronized time implementations of vibration signals of the support ψ_A and tested assemblies ψ_B with the length of n and starting at time moment t .
2. Calculation of amplitude-frequency-time spectra of supporting assembly's vibration signal.
3. Calculation of amplitude-frequency-time spectra of tested assembly's vibration signal.
4. Assignment of the initial value ($j=1$) to the control mark.
5. Calculation of neuron's j^{th} weight coefficient responsible for the tested assembly using formula (6).
6. Recording the calculated j^{th} weight coefficient in ANLN.
7. Raising the control mark by one ($j=j+1$) and in the case when the value obtained does not exceed the number of tested harmonics, going on to item 5, otherwise – termination of the calculation.

This algorithm was implemented by the example of real archived values of vibration signals obtained from the sensors installed at journal-and-thrust bearing and turbine bearing of the other hydraulic unit of Nyzhnyodnistrovs'ka HPP (Ukraine) in the process of its commercial operation^{14,15}.

4. RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS THEREOF

Experimental investigations were carried out in two stages. Matrices of AFTS wavelet coefficients were redesigned, using discrete wavelet transformation⁹, for archival values of vibration signals in equal time periods for each of the vibration sensors installed at turbine and journal-and-thrust bearings along the horizontal and the vertical axes. At the first stage of the experimental investigation, required stacks of archival data were selected for hydrogenerator load parameters of 6.1 MW and 3.7 MW with the pressure head values that differed from each other by no more than 20%.

An example of such a matrix is shown in fig.2.

0,00058	0,01155	0,01438	0,01576	0,01212	-0,00096	0,00346	0,00287	-0,0078	-0,00846	-0,00734	-0,0045	0,0		
0,03872	0,00872	-0,0115	-0,03566	-0,04232	-0,03	-0,00131	0,05437	0,05372	0,05523	-0,00306	-0,03252	-0,04		
0,15454	-0,16133	0,0555	0,04689	-0,05505	0,13334	-0,04775	0,07545	-0,19004	0,24963	-0,12663	0,18934	-0		
-0,72517	0,73477	-1,05508	0,97104	-0,03406	0,97215	0,03884	0,87108	-3,94973	0,66259	-0,78816	0,78332	0		
-7,78715	13,04255	4,62815	-3,72211	-1,1116	5,23574	3,05388	-10,54587	2,24375	6,12588	-1,75158	0,41051			
-2,21957	-3,53178	-3,16962	-3,55569	-3,21698	-2,80924	-2,85577	0,47871	0,65359	-1,20723	-0,96873	0,16932			
1,28836	0,67028	0,38083	1,1104	2,32887	1,49697	-0,74232	-1,60403	0,99532	-0,71171	1,34484	-0,09773	1,1		
1,5978	-1,66826	3,41903	-1,30703	-0,19206	-1,09668	2,10297	-0,0658	-1,43045	-0,73242	-0,67391	0,06276	0		
-1,96601	0,10126	0,7241	-1,8216	0,34918	-1,18097	2,15002	-0,08153	-1,42263	-0,73579	-0,67224	0,06198	-0		
-1,96604	0,10127	0,72411	-1,82159	0,34918	-1,18097	2,15002	-0,08153	-1,42263	-0,73579	-0,67224	0,06198	-0		
-1,96604	0,10127	0,72411	-1,82159	0,34918	-1,18097	2,15002	-0,08153							
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Fig.2 Example of AFTS wavelet-coefficients' matrix for the journal-and-thrust bearing (axis Y, load – 4.1MW, water pressure head 4.85 m)

Further on (according to the calculation algorithm proposed), cross-correlation coefficients were determined for the third through the fourteenth frequency bands. Moreover, to generate time implementations of the third frequency band, 4 consecutive values were used, with eight ones used for the fourth band and ten ones for the remainder. Coefficients determined on the basis of experimental data are summarized in tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 – Computer simulation results (load – 6.1 MW)

Place of receipt and input signal axis	Frequency band No.											
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Support bearing, axis Y – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,821	0,707	0,73	0,953	0,703	0,879	0,693	0,527	0,64	0,754	0,53	0,699
Support bearing, axis Y – support bearing, axis X	0,851	0,83	0,862	0,864	0,846	0,794	0,683	0,699	0,763	0,849	0,64	0,68
Support bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis X	0,642	0,658	0,612	0,688	0,606	0,846	0,753	0,688	0,585	0,816	0,668	0,57
Turbine bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,625	0,524	0,691	0,877	0,905	0,741	0,831	0,765	0,781	0,641	0,634	0,29

Table 2 – Computer simulation results (load – 3.7 MW)

Place of receipt and input signal axis	Frequency band No.											
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Support bearing, axis Y – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,908	0,6939	0,767	0,75	0,565	0,68	0,485	0,46	0,75	0,908	0,526	0,755
Support bearing, axis Y – support bearing, axis X	0,611	0,614	0,765	0,744	0,626	0,637	0,791	0,598	0,774	0,646	0,698	0,62
Support bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis X	0,891	0,588	0,517	0,288	0,475	0,68	0,728	0,684	0,63	0,381	0,882	0,389
Turbine bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,815	0,73	0,636	0,703	0,696	0,511	0,758	0,83	0,678	0,536	0,722	0,177

At the second stage of experimental investigation, stacks of archival data required for the same-type hydraulic unit were selected for the time periods corresponding to hydrogenerator load of 4.1 MW with water pressure head of 4.85 m and the load of 4.7 MW with water pressure head of 6.35 m. Coefficients determined on the basis of experimental data are summarized in tables 3 and 4.

Table 3 – Results of cross-correlation coefficients' calculation (load – 4.1 MW, pressure head 4.85 m)

Place of receipt and input signal axis	Frequency band No.											
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Support bearing, axis Y – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,57	0,677	0,678	0,678	0,706	0,523	0,65	0,871	0,548	0,864	0,659	0,808
Support bearing, axis Y – support bearing, axis X	0,479	0,539	0,537	0,537	0,528	0,629	0,622	0,664	0,555	0,7	0,648	0,77
Support bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis X	0,534	0,512	0,511	0,511	0,641	0,801	0,677	0,791	0,646	0,722	0,527	0,931
Turbine bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,654	0,742	0,757	0,757	0,794	0,556	0,633	0,893	0,603	0,79	0,47	0,819

Table4 – Results of cross-correlation coefficients' calculation (load – 4,7 MW, pressure head 6.35 m)

Place of receipt and input signal axis	Frequency band No.											
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Support bearing, axis Y – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,679	0,796	0,732	0,732	0,809	0,697	0,71	0,949	0,673	0,619	0,778	0,789
Support bearing, axis Y – support bearing, axis X	0,636	0,703	0,662	0,662	0,882	0,78	0,765	0,704	0,69	0,687	0,915	0,931
Support bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis X	0,854	0,803	0,772	0,772	0,667	0,884	0,75	0,702	0,544	0,632	0,608	0,627
Turbine bearing, axis X – turbine bearing, axis Y	0,833	0,861	0,836	0,836	0,801	0,716	0,722	0,425	0,459	0,648	0,736	0,877

5. ANALYZING THE RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

It was demonstrated in research papers¹ and ⁹ that each line of AFTS waveletcoefficients' matrix corresponds to certain frequency band of the spectrum.

The upper limit of the spectrum, according to Kotelnikov-Shannon theorem, equals to a half of vibration measurement channels' sampling frequency. Since sampling frequency for vibration measurement channels at Nyzhnyodnistrovs'ka HPP (Ukraine), as used during experimental investigation, equals to 913.92 Hz, the upper limit of spectrum is 456.96 Hz.

The contraction coefficient of discrete wavelet transformation, which was used in the course of the above-mentioned investigation, equaled to 2, that is why each subsequent frequency band was twice as wide as the preceding one and, according to the algorithm of discrete wavelet transformation, the number of calculated frequency bands in AFTS equals to 14.

Calculation of AFTS frequency bands was performed in Excel environment (see ¹, ⁹) with the calculation results shown in fig.3.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<i>Fd</i>	<i>Frequency band</i>	<i>Band width</i>	<i>Band start</i>	<i>Band end</i>
2	913,9	1	0,027892327	0	0,027892327
3	<i>dF</i>	2	0,055784655	0,027892327	0,083676982
4	<i>k</i>	3	0,11156913	0,083676982	0,195246112
5	2	4	0,223138619	0,195246112	0,418384731
6	<i>M</i>	5	0,446277239	0,418384731	0,86466197
7	14	6	0,892554477	0,86466197	1,757216447
8		7	1,785108954	1,757216447	3,542325401
9		8	3,570217909	3,542325401	7,11254331
10		9	7,140435818	7,11254331	14,25297913
11		10	14,28087164	14,25297913	28,53385077
12		11	28,56174327	28,53385077	57,09559404
13		12	57,12348654	57,09559404	114,2190806
14		13	114,2469731	114,2190806	228,4660537
15		14	228,4939462	228,4660537	456,9599999

Fig.3 AFTS frequency band of vibration signal at Dnistrovs'ka HPP -2hydraulic unit with contraction coefficient of 2

It is known that rotor speed f_r (generator speed) of hydraulic units at Nyzhnyodnistrovs'ka HPP (Ukraine) equals to 1.785 Hz. As shown in ¹, electrodynamic components of vibration are directly proportional to hydrogenerator load, and their main effects are focused on the generator speed (f_r) and on the nearest harmonic ($2f_r$) and sub-harmonic ($f_r/2$).

It follows from fig. 4 that generator speed is confined to the beginning of the seventh frequency band, with the nearest harmonic respectively being in the eighth band and the nearest sub-harmonic – in the sixth one.

It also follows from tables 1 and 2 that these very frequency bands are the place where, with the increase in hydrogenerator load, cross-correlation coefficients grow significantly. This confirms the hypothesis set forth in research papers⁵ and ⁶

that coefficients of cross-correlation between vibration signals in the assemblies investigated will grow with the approach of external disturbance's significant component application point to the conditional point of the mechanical center between them, being also proportional to the this disturbing force's relative contribution to formation of general vibration signal^{14,15}.

Let us analyze the results of experimental investigation's stage two.

Considering that, during the above-mentioned experimental investigation, the hydraulic unit's capacity differed by no more than 15% and the pressure head by more than 30%, and given that the investigations were performed in the course of one day according to hydraulic unit's standard operating procedure, which disables any considerable influence on the results of changes in the system's mechanical stiffness or other considerable mechanical changes, these are the hydrodynamic factors that can be considered the primary drivers of change in vibration characteristics^{16,17}.

It was demonstrated in research papers¹ and⁹ that hydrodynamic vibrations are characterized by rotor speed $f_r = 1.785 \text{ Hz}$ (which is confined to the beginning of the seventh frequency band), and its harmonics and sub-harmonics, which corresponds to the frequency bands 3 (minimum frequency 0.08 Hz) through 9 (maximum frequency 14.25 Hz), as well as higher frequencies in the case when vibration originates from pressure pulsations or cavitation phenomena. These papers also prove that hydrodynamic vibrations are occasional, characterized by poor autocorrelation and poor cross-correlation between their axial projections, and they also grow with reduction in flow laminarity, which is typical for pressure head reduction. On the other side, paper⁵ contains theoretical and computer-simulated proofs of the fact that, with considerable disturbing force's estrangement from a conventional point of mechanical center between them (the said effect occurs with zooming of hydrodynamic vibration signal, since hydrodynamic forces' application points are located at the hydro turbine), their cross-correlation coefficients will decrease¹⁸⁻²¹.

When analyzing the results of experimental investigations set forth in tables 1 and 2, one can observe a distinct trend to reduction of cross-correlation coefficients with pressure head decrease at frequency bands 3 through 9 and 13, which entirely corresponds to the theoretical assumptions set forth in papers¹,⁵ and⁹. However, as already mentioned, the change in load was also significant during the experiment, which was inevitably reflected in hydraulic unit's overall vibration.

When analyzing the data obtained at stage one of experimental investigations, one can note that, given almost unchanged pressure head of hydraulic unit of examined type, with reduction of its load observed was the reduction in cross-correlation coefficients between investigated assemblies at frequency bands 6 through 8. Given that, concurrently with pressure head reduction, hydraulic unit's load also decreased, one can assume that reduction of cross-correlation coefficients at frequency bands 6 through 8 was conditioned both hydrodynamically and electromagnetically, with both factors acting in the same direction and magnifying the effect revealed during the experiment.

Based on the above, it would be advisable to state that cross-correlation coefficients may be used not only as ANLN weight coefficients, but also as an additional diagnostic attribute of one or another vibration components' presence in particular frequency bands.

6. CONCLUSIONS

1. It was experimentally proven that there are powerful correlation relationships between vibration signal's time implementations (vibration acceleration) at spaced points and in hydraulic unit's different coordinate axes in stationary operating conditions.
2. It was proven advisable to determine ANLN weight coefficients for vibration diagnostics of hydraulic units' defects using the correlation method, i.e. considering them as cross-correlation coefficients. This procedure's input data are represented by numerical values of wavelet coefficients of particular AFTS frequency bands.
3. It was found that, in the frequency bands, where electrodynamic components of vibration are concentrated, with the increase of hydrogenerator load, cross-correlation coefficients of vibration signals grow significantly at hydraulic unit's spaced quasymmetric points. This enables us to consider cross-correlation coefficients as an additional sign of electrodynamic vibration component's presence in particular frequency band.
4. It was experimentally proven that, with pressure head reduction, observed is the decrease of cross-correlation coefficients between vibration signals at support and turbine bearings within frequency bands, where hydrodynamic disturbing forces are concentrated.

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