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TRENDS OF WORLD COAL MINING DEVELOPMENT AND THERMAL POWER GENERATION

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Purpose. On the base of studying the current situation in the world mining and energy generation authors make the prognosis of these sectors development and involving new methods of the “Technology 5,0”.

Methodology. The studies were carried out through the justification of the post-mining and wastes utilization technologies with the aim of supporting cheap fuel and energetic issues for national economy.

Findings. The article deals with the problem of choosing the strategy for coal mining by using traditional and non-traditional technologies. Such proposals are based on investigation of world mining and energy generating trends. The factors of the economic and ecological justification for either extension or termination of the coal enterprises’ functioning are analyzed. The comparison of different indicators for energy generation based on coal combustion and the use of alternative energy sources is given. The concept of synchro-mining is proposed for more effective mining operation and extending the life cycle of coal mine territories is proposed. Social and legislation aspects of such activities were examined for different mining and geological conditions.

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Key words: mining technologies, energy generation, synchro-mining, ecological and economic indicators.

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SOME ASPECTS OF CHARGE STATIC FIELD POTENTIAL IN THREE-DIMENSIONAL ELECTRODYNAMICS

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Purpose. Obtaining the explicit expression for a point charge field potential in three-dimensional electrodynamics when the vacuum polarization is taken into account; comparison of the results obtained by the different methods of calculation. The present work is a continuation of Ref. [1]. It is of interest from the point of view of further studying the chiral symmetry dynamic breaking in QED₃ [2-11] and the properties of planar structures in solid physics [12-15].

Methodology. The numerical calculation of the integral representing the desired potential and the integrand approximation by the fractional-linear function are used. The numerical evaluations are performed with the Wolfram Mathematica 9.

Findings. When calculating the potential of the static charge field in QED₃ in N^{-1} approximation, the possibility of using a fractional-linear approximation for a function associated with a polarization operator is investigated. When comparing the application of different variants of fractional-linear approximation for the considered function with the result of numerical integration, it turns out that the three-point approximation is the best one. On the basis of this approximation, an analytical expression is obtained for the required potential and it is shown that when the mass of loop fermions vanishes, this expression does not turn into the known exact expression; the reason for this discrepancy is analyzed. On the basis of the expression for the potential obtained with the help of the three-point approximation, the possibility of weakening the condition for the disappearance of confinement is investigated and it is shown that under the considered approximation this possibility is absent.

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Key words: three-dimensional electrodynamics, static potential, polarization of vacuum, chiral symmetry breaking, confinement.