

National Workshop on Renovation, Modernization, Uprating & Life Extension of Hydro Power Plants – Diverse Issues & Handling Strategies

# Cutting Edge Technologies for Renovation, Modernization and Uprating of Old Hydro Power Stations



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# BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LTD



# **BHEL: JOURNEY TILL DATE**

- FIRST Hydro Generating set -- 3x33 MW Obra HEP UP, 1970.
- More than 50 years proven Expertise, Technology & Capability to manufacture, supply and commission.
- Supplied and commissioned 503 + sets having > 23100 MW including export of 49 sets totaling > 2730 MW.
- Augmented the annual manufacturing capacity for Hydro Sets to 2500 MW.
- State of art turbine model testing laboratory.



# **INSTALLED CAPACITY - HYDRO**

**MW** As on 31.03.16



- India has the potential of about 150 GW hydro power
- Approx. 43 GW (upto 31.03.16) has already been installed

#### **R&M Business**

Number of 454 Units totaling to 20,039 MW out of which more than 30% of the installed capacity are more than 30 years old .





# RMU & LE of Hydro Power Plants



# HYDRO POWER PLANT RMU & LE – WHY?

Life extension & performance restoration

Plant safety improvement

Reliability and availability increase

Operating cost reduction

Modified hydrology conditions

Performance improvement

Uprating



# **RMU & LE PROJECTS: OBJECTIVES**

To cater to change in operating parameters and up-gradation to new technology

To avoid unplanned outage & to replace damaged part due to silt erosion and cavitation

To reduce maintenance and operating cost.

To solve the existing problems(if any) such as cavitation.

To ensure greater availability of Power Houses especially during peaking hours

To enhance the life of power plant and performance restoration/improvement.



### **RMU & LE: CHALLENGES**

# NEW PROJECT

New Hydraulic Path

Design in line with

latest Practices

# RMU PROJECT

Modification in existing Hydraulic Path

Difficulty in modification of embedded parts

Runaway, Cavitation, Erosion constraints





# RMU & LE Methodology



# **RMU & LE: METHODOLOGY**

#### Performance Improvement

- Efficient hydraulic passage
- Design for minimizing losses at micro level

### **Capacity Uprating**

- High discharging runner to cater high discharge
- Utilization of high available head

#### Life Extension

- Replacement of worn out parts
- Innovative design retarding damage due to silt erosion

### **Environmental Compliance**

- Oil leakage to be minimized
- Efficient tapping of natural resource



### **RMU & LE: METHODOLOGY**





# **RANGE OF SOLUTIONS IN R&M**

### **TURBINES**

- Model Testing/CFD Analysis
- Restoring name plate rating
- Uprating with upgraded Runner profiles
- HVOF Coating/ Plasma Coating on underwater parts

### GOVERNORS

- High Pressure/ Microprocessor based Digital Governors
- RGMO / FGMO features

### **GENERATORS**

- Re-winding with Class-F insulation
- PTFE pads for Thrust bearings



# **RANGE OF SOLUTIONS IN R&M**

### **C&I and PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

- SCADA/ DCS System
- Smart/Digital Instruments, High speed relays etc.

#### BOPs

• Retrofitting

#### **ONLINE MONITORING DEVICES**

- Vibration monitoring
- Measurement of silt content in water
- Air Gap Monitoring system
- Partial Discharge Measurement system





# Advanced Technological Tools for RMU



# IMPACT OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY ON RMU&LE PROJECTS

The behavior of each component of a turbine can be studied in a better way & fine tuned to get better performance parameters and higher Efficiency.

Investigate into different facets of the problem and explore possible solutions in a faster & inexpensive way to improve the reliability of the Hydro Product

Hydro Turbine is capable of operating in a wider operating range by virtue of smarter design.

Lesser downtime of machine since the micro phenomenon of cavitation and erosion can be studied & mitigated at the design stage

Product cycle time is reduced significantly



# **CFD ANALYSIS**

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is one of the branches of fluid mechanics that uses numerical methods and algorithms to solve and analyze problems that involve fluid flows. Computers are used to perform the millions of calculations required to simulate the interaction of fluids used in engineering.





# WHY CFD ?

Advent of high capability computer resources.

Advancement in mathematical modeling of real life physical phenomenon.

Using the modern CFD Techniques, the designer can analyze the behavior of each component of a turbine in a better way and fine tune them to get better performance parameters.

Cycle time of design optimization using CFD is extremely less as compared to the experimental methods.

Only the best variant is experimentally tested for the validation of results.



### **PROCESS OF CFD ANALYSIS**



FINALISED HYDRAULIC PASSAGE



# **CFD ANALYSIS AT BHEL**

BHEL Bhopal uses one of the most powerful & popular CFD packages for turbo-machinery applications (Ansys-CFX).

It is based on full 3-D Navier-Stokes equations.

Multiple frames of reference for simultaneously solving rotating and stationary components.

Turbulence effects are taken care using a variety of turbulence models.

Grid generation is done using ICEM-CFD, Ansys Turbogrid & blade geometry synthesis is done by Ansys Bladegen.

Structured grid is generally used in all the components for more accurate simulation.

Using suitable macros validated by experiments, various performance parameters are evaluated.



### NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF REACTION TURBINES





Coordinates: (x,y,z) Velocity Components: (u,v,w)



### GOVERNING EQUATIONS

Continuity:	$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (\rho w)}{\partial z} = 0$
X – Momentum:	$\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[ \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} \right]$
Y – Momentum:	$\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u v)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v^2)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho v w)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[ \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} \right]$
Z – Momentum	$\frac{\partial(\rho_w)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho_{uw})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho_{vw})}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho_{w})}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[ \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} \right]$

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## **TYPICAL COMPUTATIONAL DOMAIN & RESULTS**





## NUMERICAL SIMULATION BY CFD ANALYSIS



**CFD Analysis of Francis turbine** 



### NUMERICAL SIMULATION BY CFD ANALYSIS



**CFD Analysis of Kaplan turbine** 



## **OPTIMIZATION USING CFD ANALYSIS**





Mismatch between Runner Blade & Guide Vane :

- Entry Shock Loss
- Secondary Flow Losses

Optimized Geometry: Minimized Losses



## **OPTIMIZATION USING CFD ANALYSIS**





- Hydraulic Losses
- Flow Induced Vibrations



# **OPTIMIZATION USING CFD ANALYSIS**





$$f = \frac{S * v}{a}$$

- S = Strouhal number
- v = flow velocity
- a = effective trailing edge thickness
  - Von Karman vortex-shedding
    - Flow Induced Vibrations







• Extension of CFD analysis to Pelton Turbine poses a complex set of problems in regard with numerical stability and accuracy.

• Simulating Free water jet, Water sheet over buckets still poses a challenge



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# **RUNNER BLADE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS**





### Applied Pressure Profile on Suction-side

### Applied Pressure Profile on Pressure-side



# **RUNNER BLADE DESIGN**



Stress Plot (Max 108 MPa)





# FEA OF RUNNER BLADE & HUB FOR KAPLAN TURBINE







# Special Feature Studies



### **SPECIAL FEATURE STUDIES**

Special studies like erosion of water wetted areas can be conducted using CFD.

Using numerical tool more insights can be thrown into the mechanism of erosion of under water components by silt.

This erosion causes losses in terms of power generation, equipment damage and machine down time.

Using Lagrangian particle tracking module, the flow of silt particles in the turbine passage can be simulated.

Exact location where a silt particle of a typical size will hit the surface and the damage done by it can be assessed by this numerical tool.

Hydraulic design for R&M projects



### **EROSION PATTERNS**





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### **CAVITATION STUDY**

Cavitation prediction through CFD tools ,i.e. Extreme low-pressure areas

Runner improvements reduce cavitation problems, reducing long-term turbine maintenance costs

Distribution of static pressure and dynamic pressure inside draft tube are related to operation stability

Influence of cavitation on pressure pulsation



### **CAVITATION STUDY**



Cavitation Curve from CFD analysis



Cavitation results from CFD Analysis



### **CFD ANALYSIS INFRASTRUCTURE AT BHEL BHOPAL**

Established in 1989, and accredited by NABL

Recognized by the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India as in-house R & D group for Hydraulic Design & Development of Hydro Turbines

State-of-the-art Hydro turbine development and model testing facility

Sophisticated model testing laboratory

Hydraulic design & development of all types of hydro turbines

#### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – HYDRO MACHINES





### **MODEL TESTING FACILITY**





#### **STATE-OF-THE- ART TESTING FACILITIES**



More than 150 Development Tests & 50 Contractual Witness Tests conducted till date.

All types of Hydro turbines

Pumps & Valves

In-situ calibration of all measuring devices



#### **CFD ANALYSIS OF HYDRO TURBINES**





Latest parallel processing technology is being used

High performance Cluster (HPC) dedicated for CFD analysis

State of the art Hardware & software facility for CFD Analysis



#### **ADVANTAGE - BHEL**

HBG single window facility to meet all the requirements

Concept to Commissioning solutions for Uprating/R&M of Hydro plants

First hand knowledge of O&M practices with Excellent Lab Facilities

Availability of original design data and performance test results

Make in India – In house Manufacturing facilities



#### **HYDRO R&M POTENTIAL**

### Sets identified for R&M

	No. of Sets	MW
BHEL Make	90	4748.35
Non-BHEL Make	81	2463.70
Total	171	7212.05



#### **RMU PROJECTS CURRENTLY BEING EXECUTED BY BHEL**

#### Ganguwal Kotla HEP (BBMB), 2 x 24.2 MW

• Renovation, modernization & Life Extension of Propeller turbines.

#### Balimela HEP (OHPC), 6 x 60 MW

• Renovation, modernization & Life Extension of Francis turbines

#### Bairasiul HEP (OHPC), 3 x 60 MW

• Renovation, modernization & Uprating of Francis turbines

#### Keban HEP (Turkey), 8 x 183 MW

• Renovation, modernization & Uprating of Francis turbines

#### Rihand HEP (UPJVNL), 3 x 50 MW

• Renovation, modernization & uprating of Francis turbines



### RMU PROJECTS EXECUTED BY BHEL

SN	Customer	Project	Rating
			(No. of Units x MW)
1	NEEPCO	Khandong	1x25
2	NEEPCO	Kopili	2x50
3	GSECL	Ukai	2x75
4	ОНРС	Rengali	2x50
5	UPJVNL	Rihand	3x50
6	KESB	Idamalayar	2x37.5
7	KPCL	Nagjhari	1x150
8	DGPC, Bhutan	Chukha	2x84
9	NEA, Nepal	Devighat	3x5
10	Barki Tojik, Tajikistan	Varzob	2x4.75



#### **RMU PROJECTS : BHEL OBSERVATIONS**

No. of years of operation should be clearly defined in the guidelines for Hydro projects, after which R&M to be made mandatory.

To bring down the frequency of Unplanned outage, replacement should be made mandatory for the machines that are above 35 years.

Sharing of firm Hydrological & Petrographic data for better design.

History card of the Units should be shared with R&M bidders.

Civil structure drawings/ data should also be shared.

Complete scope to be defined clearly during tender stage.



### CONCLUSION

R&M, uprating & life enhancement of Hydro Power Plants is very important in order to ensure the full utilization of nation's precious natural resource

Advanced Numerical Simulation techniques like CFD Analysis offer very potent solutions to the challenges associated with Hydro power plant R&M

CFD has an added advantage in terms of cost as well as flexibility to simulate complex phenomenon

BHEL is fully equipped with the latest technologies to offer the best R&M solutions



# **THANK YOU**

