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INTRODUCTION

Many owners of hydroelectric plants contend with the sometimes very aggressive deterioration of their machines due to particle abrasion. Such owners must find the means to communicate to potential suppliers of machines for their sites, their desire to have the particular attention of the designers at the turbine design phase, directed to the minimization of the severity and effects of particle abrasion.

Limited consensus and very little quantitative data exists on the steps which the designer could and should take to extend the useful life before major overhaul of the turbine components when they are operated under severe particle abrasion service. This has led some owners to write into their specifications, conditions which cannot be met with known methods and materials.

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1 Scope

This Guide serves to:

- a) present data on particle abrasion rates on several combinations of water quality, operating conditions, component materials, and component properties collected from a variety of hydro sites;
- b) develop guidelines for the methods of minimizing particle abrasion by modifications to hydraulic design for clean water. These guidelines do not include details such as hydraulic profile shapes which should be determined by the hydraulic design experts for a given site;
- c) develop guidelines based on “experience data” concerning the relative resistance of materials faced with particle abrasion problems;
- d) develop guidelines concerning the maintainability of abrasion resistant materials and hard facing coatings;
- e) develop guidelines on a recommended approach, which owners could and should take to ensure that specifications communicate the need for particular attention to this aspect of hydraulic design at their sites without establishing criteria which cannot be satisfied because the means are beyond the control of the manufacturers;
- f) develop guidelines concerning operation mode of the hydro turbines in water with particle materials to increase the operation life;

It is assumed in this Guide that the water is not chemically aggressive. Since chemical aggressiveness is dependent upon so many possible chemical compositions, and the materials of the machine, it is beyond the scope of this Guide to address these issues.

It is assumed in this Guide that cavitation is not present in the turbine. Cavitation and abrasion may reinforce each other so that the resulting erosion is larger than the sum of cavitation erosion plus abrasion erosion. The quantitative relationship of the resulting abrasion is not known and it is beyond the scope of this guide to assess it, except to recommend that special efforts be made in the turbine design phase to minimize cavitation.

Large solids (e.g. stones, wood, ice, metal objects, etc.) traveling with the water may impact turbine components and produce damage. This damage may in turn increase the flow turbulence thereby accelerating wear by both cavitation and abrasion. Abrasion resistant coatings can also be damaged locally by impact of large solids. It is beyond the scope of this Guide to address these issues.

This guide focuses mainly on hydroelectric powerplant equipment. Certain portions may also be applicable to other hydraulic machines.

2 Terms, definitions and symbols

2.1 Units

The International System of Units (S.I.) is adopted throughout this guide but other systems are allowed.

2.2 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions and symbols apply.

NOTE They are also based, where relevant, on IEC/TR 61364.

Sub-clause	Term	Definition	Symbol	Unit
2.2.1	specific hydraulic energy of a machine	specific energy of water available between the high and low pressure reference sections 1 and 2 of the machine Note 1 to entry: For full information, see IEC 60193.	E	J/kg
2.2.2	acceleration due to gravity	local value of gravitational acceleration at the place of testing Note 1 to entry: For full information, see IEC 60193.	g	m/s ²
2.2.3	turbine head pump head	available head at hydraulic machine terminal $H = E/g$	H	m
2.2.4	reference diameter	reference diameter of the hydraulic machine Note 1 to entry: For Pelton turbines this is the pitch diameter, for Kaplan turbines this is the runner chamber diameter and for Francis and Francis type pump turbines this is the blade low pressure section diameter at the band Note 2 to entry: See IEC 60193 for further information.	D	m
2.2.5	abrasion depth	depth of metal layer that has been removed from a component due to particle abrasion	S	mm
2.2.6	characteristic velocity	characteristic velocity defined for each machine component and used to quantify particle abrasion damage Note 1 to entry: See also 2.2.20 to 2.2.24.	W	m/s
2.2.7	particle concentration	the mass of all solid particles per m ³ of water solution Note 1 to entry: In case the particle concentration is expressed in ppm it is recommended to use the mass of particles per mass of water, so that 1 000 ppm approximately corresponds to 1 kg/m ³ .	C	kg/m ³
2.2.8	particle load	the particle concentration integrated over the time, T , that is under consideration $PL = \int_0^T C(t) \times K_{\text{size}}(t) \times K_{\text{shape}}(t) \times K_{\text{hardness}}(t) dt$ $\left(\approx \sum_{n=1}^N C_n \times K_{\text{size},n} \times K_{\text{shape},n} \times K_{\text{hardness},n} \times T_{s,n} \right)$ $C(t) = 0$ if no water is flowing through the turbine. If the unit is at standstill with pressurized spiral case then $C(t)=0$ when calculating PL for runner and labyrinth seals, but $C(t) \neq 0$ when calculating PL for guide vanes and facing plates.	PL	kg × h/m ³
2.2.9	size factor	factor that characterizes how the abrasion relates to the size of the abrasive particles	K_{size}	
2.2.10	shape factor	factor that characterizes how the abrasion relates to the shape of the abrasive particles	K_{shape}	
2.2.11	hardness factor	factor that characterizes how the abrasion relates to the hardness of the abrasive particles	K_{hardness}	

Sub-clause	Term	Definition	Symbol	Unit
2.2.12	material factor	factor that characterizes how the abrasion relates to the material properties of the base material	K_m	
2.2.13	flow coefficient	coefficient that characterizes how the abrasion relates to the water flow around each component	K_f	$\frac{\text{mm} \times \text{s}^{3,4}}{\text{kg} \times \text{h} \times \text{m}^a}$
2.2.14	sampling interval	the time interval between two water samples taken to determine the concentration of abrasive particles in the water	T_s	h
2.2.15	yearly particle load	the total PL for 1 year of operation, i.e. PL for $T = 8\,760$ h calculated in accordance with 2.2.8	PL_{year}	$\text{kg} \times \text{h}/\text{m}^3$
2.2.16	maximum concentration	the maximum concentration of abrasive particles over a specified time interval	C_{max}	kg/m^3
2.2.17	particle median diameter	the median diameter of abrasive particles in a sample, i.e. such diameter that the particles with size smaller than the value under consideration represent 50 % of the total mass of particles in the sample	dP_{50}	mm
2.2.18	wear resistance index	abrasion depth or volume of a reference material (generally some version stainless steel) divided by the abrasion depth or volume of the material in question, tested under the same conditions	WRI	-
2.2.19	impingement angle	the angle between the particle trajectory and the surface of the substrate		°
2.2.20	characteristic velocity in Francis guide vanes characteristic velocity in Kaplan guide vanes	flow through unit divided by the minimum flow area at the guide vane apparatus estimated at best efficiency point $W_{gv} = \frac{Q}{a \times Z_0 \times B_0}$	W_{gv}	m/s
2.2.21	characteristic velocity in guide vanes of Kaplan, Francis or tubular turbines	speed of the water flow at guide vane location $W_{gv} = 0,5 \times \sqrt{2 \times E}$	W_{gv}	m/s
2.2.22	characteristic velocity in Pelton injector	speed of the water flow at injector location $W_{inj} = \sqrt{2 \times E}$	W_{inj}	m/s
2.2.23	characteristic velocity in Kaplan or Francis tubular turbine runner	the relative velocity between the water and the runner blade estimated with below formulas at best efficiency point $W_{run} = \sqrt{u_2^2 + c_2^2}$ $u_2 = n \times \pi \times D$ $c_2 = \frac{Q \times 4}{\pi \times D^2}$ Note 1 to entry: In calculation of c_2 for Kaplan turbines, the hub diameter has been neglected in the interest of simplicity.	W_{run}	m/s
2.2.24	characteristic velocity in Pelton runner	speed of the water flow at a Pelton runner $W_{run} = 0,5 \times \sqrt{2 \times E}$	W_{run}	m/s
2.2.25	discharge (volume flow rate)	volume of water per unit time passing through any section in the system	Q	m^3/s
2.2.26	guide vane opening	average shortest distance between adjacent guide vanes (at a specified section if necessary)	A	m

Sub-clause	Term	Definition	Symbol	Unit
		Note 1 to entry: For further information, see IEC 60193.		
2.2.27	number of guide vanes	total number of guide vanes in a turbine	z_0	
2.2.28	distributor height	height of the distributor in a turbine	B_0	m
2.2.29	rotational speed	number of revolutions per unit time	n	1/s
2.2.30	specific speed	commonly used specific speed to of an hydraulic machine $n_s = \frac{60 \times n \times \sqrt{P}}{H^{5/4}}$ P and H are taken in the rated operating point and given in kW and m respectively	n_s	
2.2.31	output	output of the turbine in the rated operating point	P	kW
2.2.32	actual abrasion depth of target unit	the estimated depth of metal that will be removed from a component of the target turbine due to particle abrasion Note 1 to entry: For use with the Reference model.	$S_{\text{target, actual}}$	mm
2.2.33	actual abrasion depth of reference unit	the actual depth of metal that has been removed from a component of the reference turbine due to particle abrasion Note 1 to entry: For use with the Reference model.	$S_{\text{ref, actual}}$	mm
2.2.34	number of nozzles	number of nozzles in a Pelton turbine	z_0	
2.2.35	bucket width	bucket width in a Pelton runner	B_2	mm
2.2.36	number of buckets	number of buckets in a Pelton runner	z_2	
2.2.37	time between overhaul for target unit	time between overhaul for target unit Note 1 to entry: For use with the reference model.	TBO_{target}	h
2.2.38	time between overhaul for reference unit	time between overhaul for reference unit Note 1 to entry: For use with the reference model.	TBO_{ref}	h
2.2.39	turbine reference size	the reference size for calculation curvature dependent effects of erosion Note 1 to entry: For Francis turbines, it is the reference diameter, D (see 2.2.4). Note 2 to entry: For Pelton turbines it is the inner bucket width, B . Note 3 to entry: For further information in the inner bucket width, B , see IEC 60609-2.	RS	m
2.2.40	size exponent	exponent that describes the size dependant effects of erosion in evaluating RS	p	
2.2.41	exponent	numerical value of $0,4-p$ that balances units for K_f	α	

3 Abrasion rate

3.1 Theoretical model

In order to demonstrate how different critical aspects impact the particle abrasion rate in the turbine, the following formula is considered: