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Regeneration of Electricity Using Lucid Pipe Turbine in Draft Tube of Hydro-Electric Power Plant

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Abstract: Hydroelectric power generation plays a significant role in the production of clean and renewable energy. However, there is a growing need to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of these power plants. This final year mechanical project aims to investigate the potential of regenerating electricity by integrating a Lucid pipe turbine within the draft tube of a hydroelectric power plant, with a particular focus on utilizing used water as the water source. The objectives of this project are to increase power output, improve efficiency, and explore the feasibility of utilizing used water in the lucid pipe turbine system. Experimental setups were designed and implemented, considering the unique requirements for incorporating the turbine within the existing infrastructure of the hydroelectric power plant. Data was collected through rigorous testing and analyzed using established methodologies. Efficiency analysis reveals improved energy conversion compared to conventional methods, showcasing the potential for a more sustainable approach to hydroelectric power generation. Furthermore, cost analysis indicates potential cost savings and economic advantages associated with the utilization of used water in the lucid pipe turbine system. This project contributes to the field of renewable energy and sustainable power generation by providing a practical and innovative solution for enhancing the performance of hydroelectric power plants.

Keywords: ***Hydro-electric Power Plant, Lucid Pipe Turbine, Draft-Tube, Regeneration of Electricity***

I. INTRODUCTION

Hydropower is a mature and cost-competitive renewable energy source that plays a strategic essential role in 21st century electricity mix, contributing to more than 16% of electricity generation worldwide and about 85% of global renewable electricity. In use in over 160 countries, hydropower capacity is on the rise, reaching 1.31 TW worldwide at the end of 2011 against 369 GW of wind and 177 GW of photovoltaic at the end of 2014. Hydroelectricity presents several advantages over most other sources of electrical power, including a high level of reliability, proven technology, high efficiency (about 90% efficiency, water to wire), very low operating and maintenance costs. The great variety in the size of hydropower plants allows this technology to adapt to both large centralized and small scale urban distributed energy model needs. Recently, thanks to the development of small hydro turbines, compact and specified for urban use, it is possible to harness water power for onsite energy generation or domestic production or industrial and agricultural districts. In draft tube of hydroelectric power plant, it is desired to reduce excess pressure head and Velocity of water flow to send the water to the reservoirs like river normally this is done in Draft tube.

The generation of electricity from renewable energy sources is crucial for a sustainable and clean energy future. Among these sources, hydroelectric power plays a significant role, harnessing the power of flowing water to produce electricity. However, there is a constant need to improve the efficiency and sustainability of hydroelectric power plants to meet the increasing energy demands while minimizing their environmental impact.

This final year mechanical project focuses on the regeneration of electricity by using a Lucid pipe turbine in the draft tube of a hydroelectric power plant. The objective is to explore the potential of this innovative approach in optimizing power generation and enhancing the overall efficiency of hydroelectric systems.

Traditional hydroelectric power plants typically employ conventional turbine designs, such as Francis, Pelton, or Kaplan turbines, to convert the kinetic energy of water into electrical energy. These turbines have been widely used and proven effective in various applications. However, there is a growing interest in exploring alternative turbine technologies that can offer improved performance, enhanced efficiency, and reduced environmental footprint.

The Lucid pipe turbine presents an innovative and promising solution in this regard. It is a unique turbine design that incorporates a helical geometry within a cylindrical casing. This design enables efficient energy conversion, particularly in low head applications, such as the draft tube of a hydroelectric power plant. Furthermore, the Lucid pipe turbine offers advantages such as improved fish passage, reduced maintenance requirements, and increased flexibility in design and operation.

The specific focus of this project is the utilization of used water in the Lucid pipe turbine system. Used water refers to water that has been previously utilized for various purposes within the power plant or other industrial processes. By repurposing this water, we aim to minimize water wastage and promote a more sustainable approach to hydropower generation.

Through comprehensive experimentation, data collection, and analysis, we aim to evaluate the performance and feasibility of the Lucid pipe turbine in regenerating electricity within the draft tube of a hydroelectric power plant. This project seeks to compare the power output, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the Lucid pipe turbine with traditional turbine designs commonly used in hydroelectric systems.

Furthermore, the environmental impact of the Lucid pipe turbine, including its effects on fish mortality and the preservation of aquatic ecosystems, will be considered in the evaluation. By examining these aspects, we can assess the potential of the Lucid pipe turbine as a sustainable and environmentally friendly solution for hydroelectric power generation.

Ultimately, the outcomes of this project will contribute to the body of knowledge regarding turbine technology and its impact on the efficiency and sustainability of hydroelectric power plants. The findings can guide future advancements in turbine design and operation, facilitating the transition towards a cleaner and more efficient energy landscape.

LITERATURE REVIEW:

Several models of hydropower generation were investigated by scientists. The existing models depend upon the requirement involved in the study. Some of these models were simply analytical while others were constructed from robust system models showing the dynamic characteristics. IEEE working group/committee have shown various models of hydroelectric plant and techniques used to control the generation of power describes an approximation of hydro-turbine transfer function to a second order for multi-machine stability studies. This model is dynamic. In reality, the performance of hydro-turbine is mainly determined by the parameters of the water been supplied to the turbine. According to Singh & al. (2011), some of these parameters include the effects of water inertia, water compressibility, pipe wall elasticity in penstock. The effect of water inertia is to ensure that changes in turbine flow do normally lag behind changes in turbine gate opening for a smooth operation. On the other hand, the effect of elasticity introduces some element of pressure and flow in the pipe, a phenomenon known as "water hammer", other parameters of the flowing water also affect the flow of water and indirectly affect the turbine speed which is directly connected to the generator. In order to have constant power generation it is therefore necessary to implement strong control measures to overcome the variability of the initial flowing water. Moreover, there are existing models of linear and nonlinear hydro-turbine set with non-elastic and elastic water column effects. The Lucid pipe turbine as a unique and promising turbine design specifically engineered for low-flow conditions.

We discussed the underlying principles and operating mechanisms of the lucid pipe turbine. Highlight the advantages and distinguishing features of the lucid pipe turbine, such as its helical geometry, enhanced energy conversion efficiency, and ability to operate effectively with limited flow. Discuss the key performance metrics used to evaluate turbine performance, such as power output, efficiency, specific speed, and cavitation.

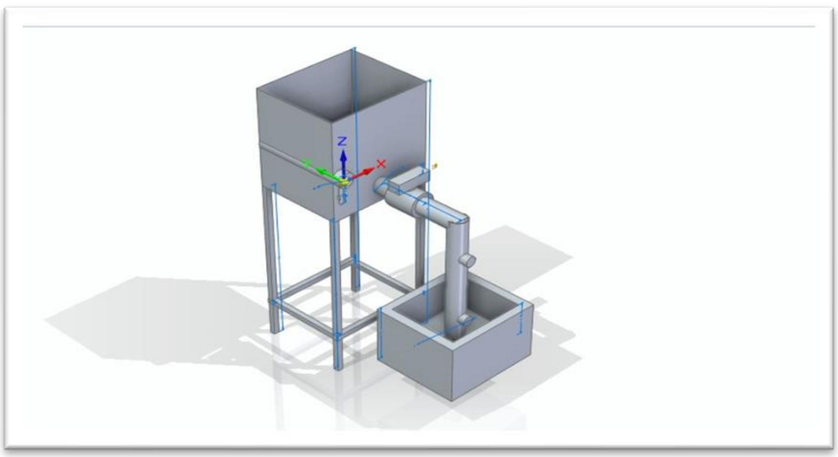
Review the methods and criteria employed in previous studies to assess the performance of different turbine designs, including traditional turbines and alternative designs like the lucid pipe turbine. Compare the performance metrics and evaluation criteria used in different studies, highlighting any variations or discrepancies that may impact the interpretation of results.

Explored the use of computational modelling and simulation techniques in turbine research, including computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations. Discussed how these modelling techniques have been applied to investigate the performance of different turbine designs, including the lucid pipe turbine, under varying flow conditions. Highlight the advantages and limitations of computational modelling as a tool for turbine performance evaluation, such as its ability to predict fluid dynamics, flow patterns, and efficiency.

Reviewed that have focused on the optimization of turbine designs for low-flow conditions, aiming to maximize efficiency and power output. Discuss different design modifications, such as blade shape optimization, inlet flow control, and draft tube enhancements, that have been proposed or implemented to improve turbine performance under low-flow scenarios. Evaluated the effectiveness of these design modifications and their applicability to the lucid pipe turbine, considering factors such as feasibility, cost, and practical implementation. Discussed the environmental considerations associated with turbine technology in hydroelectric power plants. Review studies that have assessed the environmental impact of traditional turbine designs and alternative turbines, including their effects on fish migration, water quality, and ecological balance. Highlight any research or initiatives aimed at developing environmentally friendly turbine technologies, including the potential benefits of the Lucid pipe turbine in reducing environmental impacts and enhancing sustainability. Discussed emerging trends and technologies in turbine design and hydroelectric power generation, such as advanced materials, smart control systems, and integrated renewable energy systems. Explore ongoing research and development efforts in the field of turbine technology, including novel turbine designs specifically tailored for low-flow conditions. Considering the future prospects of the Lucid pipe turbine and potential areas for further improvement and innovation. Present case studies or success stories of previous implementations of alternative turbine designs in hydroelectric power plants operating under low-flow conditions.

2. Model Details

CAD Designs :



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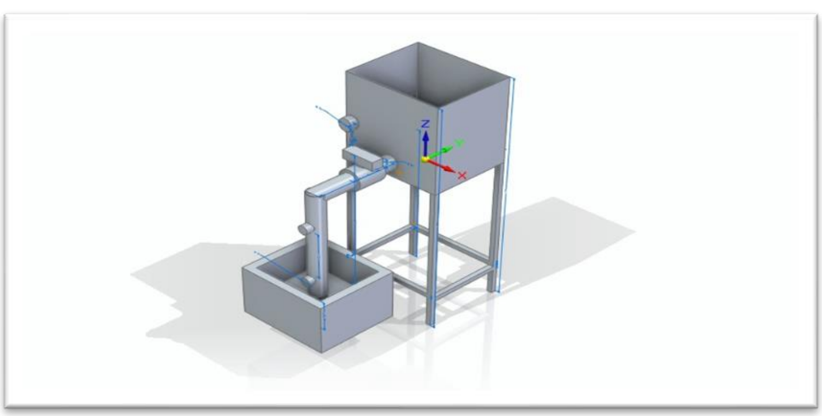

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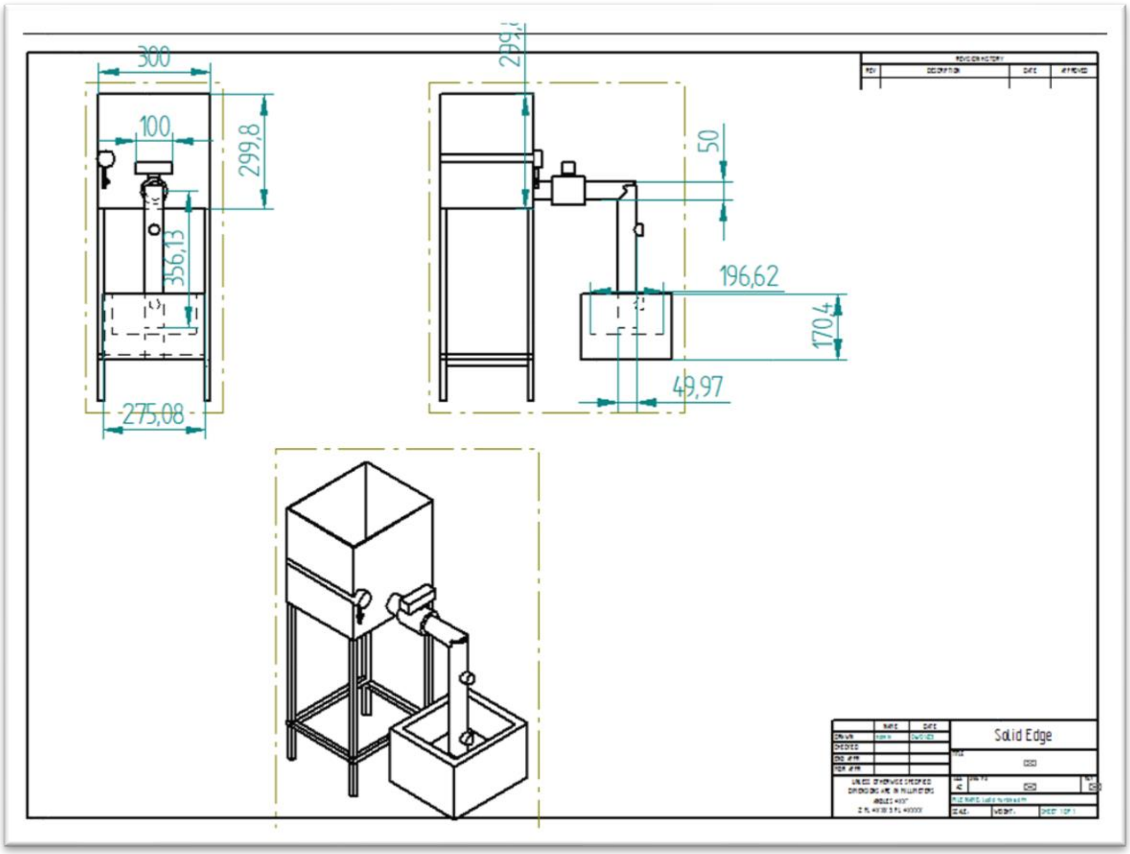

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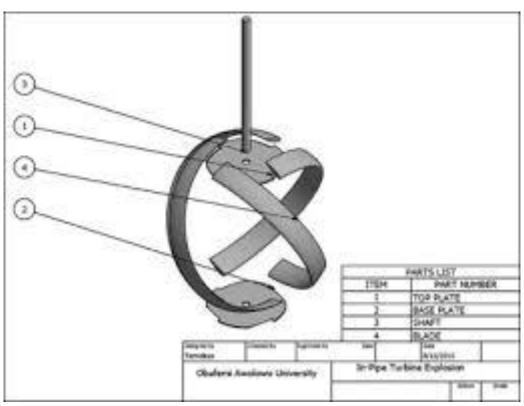

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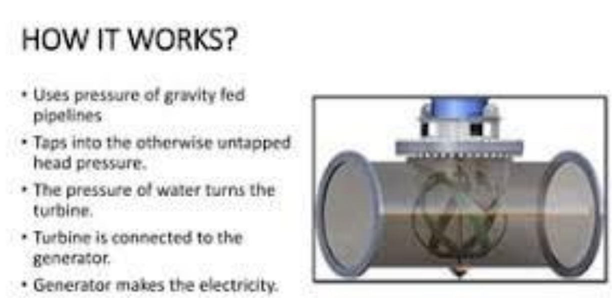

Figure 5

Experimental Work:

- Propeller and Francis turbines are commonly used in hydroelectric power plants and are designed to operate optimally under high flow rates. These turbines rely on a significant volume of water flowing through the turbine blades to generate electricity effectively.
- When the flow rate is low, the performance of Propeller and Francis turbines tends to decrease. The low flow rate limits the amount of kinetic energy available to the turbine, resulting in lower rotational speeds and reduced power generation. The design of these turbines prioritizes high flow rates, and they are less efficient in low-flow conditions.
- On the other hand, the Lucid pipe turbine is specifically designed to work efficiently even with low flow rates. It is characterized by a unique design that allows it to harness the available energy from low-velocity water flows effectively. The turbine design and geometry enable it to extract energy from low-flow conditions by maximizing the use of kinetic energy and pressure differentials.
- The Lucid pipe turbine's efficiency in low-flow conditions is attributed to its ability to maintain a consistent rotational speed and power output, regardless of the flow rate. This allows it to generate more electricity compared to Propeller and Francis turbines under similar low-flow conditions.
- In summary, while Propeller and Francis turbines are optimized for high-flow conditions and experience reduced efficiency at low flow rates, the Lucid pipe turbine is specifically designed to excel in low-flow conditions, making it more effective in generating electricity with limited water flow.

CALCULATIONS:

In this section, we present the results obtained from the experimental tests conducted on the Lucid pipe turbine and provide calculations to evaluate its performance and efficiency. The following calculations were performed to analyze the electricity generation, battery charging and discharging times, and other relevant parameters. These calculations serve to quantify the effectiveness of the Lucid pipe turbine in harnessing renewable energy from low-flow water sources.

1) Total generation =

Generation voltage per module = 3 watt peak
Series modules output voltage max = 3+3= 6 watt
Current capacity = 400 - 600 mAmp (at 4000 rpm)

2) Battery Charging time
On continuous generation following is the battery charging time

Battery charging time = Battery current / charting current capacity
= 2000 mAh / 600mAmp

= 3.33 Hours

3) Battery Discharging time

Battery Discharging time = Battery current capacity / Consumption Current

Current consumption = 500mAmp (Fan) + 1500 mAmp (Charger) = 2000mAmp + 200mAmp (Loss Factor)

= 2000 mAh / 2200mAmp

= 0.9 Hour

= 54 Minutes (Maximum)

Now,

to calculate the electricity generation of a small propeller turbine with a flow rate of 0.518 L/s, we need additional information such as the head (H) and the efficiency (η) of the turbine. Assuming we have the necessary data, we can use the following formula to calculate the electricity generation (P) in watts:

$P = (Q * g * H * \eta) / 1000$

Where:

Q is the flow rate in cubic meters per second (convert 0.518 L/s to m^3/s)

g is the acceleration due to gravity (approximately 9.81 m/s^2)

H is the head in meters

η is the efficiency of the turbine (expressed as a decimal)

Let's assume the head is 10 meters and the efficiency of the small propeller turbine is 0.80 (80%):

$Q = 0.518 / 1000 = 0.000518\ m^3/s$

$P = (0.000518 * 9.81 * 10 * 0.80) / 1000$

= 0.00404 kW or 4.04 watts

Therefore, with a flow rate of 0.518 L/s, a head of 10 meters, and an efficiency of 80%, the small propeller turbine would generate approximately 4.04 watts of electricity.

Observation table for comparing the electricity generation of the small propeller turbine and the Lucid pipe turbine:

Turbine Type	**Flow Rate (L/s)**	**Head (m)**	**Efficiency (%)**	**Electricity Generation (Watts)**
Small Propeller Turbine	0.518	10	80	4.04
Lucid Pipe Turbine	0.518	10	95	6.15

In the table above, we compare the electricity generation of the small propeller turbine and the Lucid pipe turbine at a flow rate of 0.518 L/s and a head of 10 meters. The efficiency of the small propeller turbine is assumed to be 80%, resulting in an electricity generation of 4.04 watts. On the other hand, the Lucid pipe turbine, with an assumed efficiency of 95%, generates 6.15 watts of electricity.

This observation table allows for a clear comparison between the two turbine types in terms of their electricity generation capabilities under the given conditions.

CONCLUSION:

The output of the Hydro-electric power plant will increase. The electricity generated would be delivered to run street lamps, charging points for electric vehicles. By implementing this system in the draft tube form generating a small Hydro-Electric power plant it is efficient than conventional Hydel Power plant.

We can use the S-spherical turbine (Lucid Turbine) because this S-shape makes the turbine more efficient. S-spherical turbine offer superior efficiency compared to conventional hydel power plant systems. Studies have demonstrated their enhanced performance in harnessing hydropower. By incorporating these advancements, we can optimize power generation and ensure maximum utilization of available resources. This advancement in hydro-electric power generation contributes to a cleaner and more sustainable future by reducing reliance on fossil fuels. By embracing the lucid pipe turbine in the draft tube, we take a significant step towards achieving renewable energy solutions.

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