

# Design and Vibration Analysis of Steam Turbine Low Pressure Blade-2 to Enhance Efficiency

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Abstract: The development of country depends on the amount of power production. Thermal power plant plays a major roe in power production. In thermal power plant steam turbine is one of the essential components and it produces rotational work which is important for production. Limited primary energy resources and awareness of environmental pollution has led to ever increasing endeavor to develop new steam turbine power plants with the highest possible efficiencies. Even small step increase in efficiency can result in major saving for the customer. As overall cycle efficiency is strongly dependent on steam turbine performance the efforts are directed primarily towards improvement in reducing the losses.

The principle of steam turbine is steam energy is converted mechanical work by expansion through the turbine. The expansion takes place through a series of fixed blades (nozzles) and moving blades each row of fixed blades and moving blades is called a stage. The moving blades rotate on the central turbine rotor and the fixed blades are concentrically arranged within the circular turbine casing which is substantially designed to withstand the steam pressure.

The main objective of the paper to identifying the losses occurring in the turbine and to carry vibration analysis test of turbine LP blades to improve efficiency.

Key words: Vibration analysis, Steam Turbine, LP blades.

# I. INTRODUCTION

A steam turbine is a mechanical device that extracts thermal energy from pressurized steam, and converts it into rotary motion. It has an emergency stop valve (ESV),control valve(CV), and high & low pressure turbines.

Steam turbines has almost completely replaced the reciprocating piston steam engine because of its greater thermal efficiency and higher power-to-weight ratio. Because the turbine generates rotary motion, it is particularly suited to be used to drive an electrical generator – about 80% of all electricity generation in the world is by use of steam turbines. The steam turbine is a form of heat engine that derives much of its improvement in thermodynamic efficiency through these of multiple stages in the expansion of the steam, which results in a closer approach to the ideal reversible process.

Many industrial plants like sugar, pulp, paper, chemicals, fertilizers, steel and petroleum refineries require steam at low and medium pressures for process purposes and power for driving numerous machines, like turbo generators, compressors, pumps etc., incorporated in the plant. The steam turbines are utilized in several industries viz.. Paper, fertilizers, chemical petro chemicals, sugars, refinery, metallurgical etc foe power generation and mechanical drives already described. The following illustration explains the selection - application criteria of industrial turbines.

**1.1 ANSYS** is a major product for computer based Prototyping. While material Prototyping is as old as mankind, the computerized approach is relatively new and has on offer certain major advantages over the classical approach. In the following some info in regard. The great advantage of computer based prototyping is evident: modifications (e.g. updating material data, changing some dimension) and extensions (adding a new load scenario or a result quantity to evaluate) to the actual model are possible at any stage of simulation. Besides the **ANSYS** product family there are other names of rank in (multi physics) computer based prototyping as e.g. ADINA and COMSOL. We work with ANSYS since the mid-90ies and find it's a versatile too.

#### NOMENCLATURE

KM	Kilometer		
MW	Mega watt		
MU	Million units		
Т	Temperature		



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S	Entropy				
HP	High pressure				
IP	Intermediate pressure				
LP	Low pressure				
HPT	High pressure turbine				
LP	Low pressure turbine				
Ata	Atmospheric technical absolute				
TPH	Tons per hour				
Ksc	kg/cm <sup>2</sup>				
HPH	High pressure turbine				
LPH	Low pressure turbine				
D/A	Deaerator				
В	Boiler				
BFP	Boiler feed pump				
CEP	Condensate extraction pump				
GEN	Generator				
SH	Super heater				
RH	Reheater				
ECO	Economizer				
TX	Twisted blades with integral shroud				

Blades are the heart of a steam turbine, as they are the principal elements that convert the thermal energy into kinetic energy. The efficiency and reliability of a turbine depend on the proper design of the blades. It is therefore necessary for all engineers involved in the steam turbines engineering to have an overview of the importance and the basic design aspects of the steam turbine blades.

Blade design is a multi-disciplinary task. It involves the thermodynamic, aerodynamic, mechanical and material science disciplines. A total development of a new blade is therefore possible only when experts of all these fields come together as a team. The development process of a new profile took years of development and testing in the earlier years. But with the advent of CFD and FEM packages, there is a significant reduction in design and testing times. The feasibility of 3-D designs also has improved because of the advances in these software packages.

# II. CONSTRUCTIONAL FEATURES OF A BLADE

The blade can be divided into 3 parts:

- The profile, which converts the thermal energy of steam into kinetic energy, with a certain efficiency depending upon the profile shape.
- The root, which fixes the blade to the turbine rotor, giving a proper anchor to the blade, and transmitting the kinetic energy of the blade to the rotor.
- The damping element, which reduces the vibrations which necessarily occur in the blades due to the steam flowing through the blades. These damping elements may be integral with

the blades, or they may be separate elements mounted between the blades.

#### 2.2 L.P. BLADE PROFILES:

The LP blade profiles of moving blades are twisted and tapered. These blades are used when blade height-to-mean stage diameter ratio (h/Dm) exceeds 0.2. In case of KWU blades, when h/D ratio exceeds 0.14, twisted and tapered (F type) moving blades are used, but they are not as twisted and as tapered as moving blades.

The LP blade profiles used in Siemens Wesel turbines (industrial machines) are as follows:

1) -2 blading:

The LP blading has 2 stages. The LP module is designated by the equivalent diameter of the exhaust flange. The 2 stages in LP are also therefore designated in the same fashion. For example, in a EK1100-2 turbine, the LP blading 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stages are designated as ND1100-I and ND1100-II respectively. The profiles of the first stage are of VK family, and the profiles of 2<sup>nd</sup> stage are of WF family. Only in ND600-I blades, a VN profile is used.

## III. METHODOLOGY

# 3.1VIBRATION ANALYSIS OF STEAM TURBINE BLADES

Vibration Analysis is carried out in turbine blades to find out if there is any vibration occurring in blades .

- Steam turbine LP blades are more prone to failure due to resonance.
- Centrifugal forces acting on LP blades are higher, due to larger size and more mass. This leads to higher stresses .
- Vibration in blades leads to damage of blades and decreases efficiency of the turbine.
- Vibration Analysis of T-2 blade

Table3.1First 6 Natural frequencies table of LPT T-2blade at different operating speeds rpm

Rpm	Mode 1	Mode 2	Mode 3	Mode 4	Mode 5	mode 6	
0	360.73	759.77	1368.2	1479.4	2148.1	2577.7	
1000	361.92	761.02	1368.6	1480.5	2149.4	2578.2	
2000	365.44	764.73	1369.6	1483.9	2153.2	2579.6	
3000	371.19	770.86	1371.3	1489.5	2159.5	2582	

First find the different speeds different Natural frequencies for LPT-2 blades.

Next Campbell diagram forlpt-2 blade diagram is drawn.



# **IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

# MODE SHAPES MODES SHAPES AT 0 **RPM**



Figure 3.1 (a) First mode of LPT-2 blade Figure 3.1 (b) Second mode of LPT-2 blade figure 3.1 (c) third mode of t-2 blade

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Figure 2.1.2 (g) Campbell diagram for T-2 blade

1000

2000

Y axis - Rpm

Axis Title

-2-MOD

-4-MOD

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---6

3000

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1151.9 1036.71

> 921.52 806.33

> 691.14 575.95

460.76

345.57

230.38 115.19

X axis – Frequency



#### **4. MODIFICATION DONE IN NOZZLE**

- No. of Nozzles are increased from : (5+5+3+3) to (9+9+3+3) i.e, total No. of Nozzles from 16 to 24 nozzles.
- Nozzle height is changed from 13.1mm to 12.5mm.
- Nozzle profile is changed from t1-25-45 to t1-25-43



Figure 4.1 Modification of axial clearance between in nozzle

4. Axial clearance between 1<sup>st</sup> stage Nozzle to A-wheel is reduced from 6mm to 1.5mm

## **V. CONCLUSION**

1 Overall efficiency of the turbine has been increased by 11.5% and all the losses are reduced due to the modifications done at different stages.

.Our idea of increasing the length of the blade to improve efficiency is validated because natural frequencies calculated .

2. When RPM increases natural frequency also increases w.r.t model 6 has more natural frequency. That design best design for LPT-2.

3. For the analysis, a cantilever beam of length 0.45m and cross section 0.003m x 0.2m is taken.

4. No. of Nozzles are increased from24.this improves efficiency.

<sup>Parch</sup> in Engineering Appli 5. A Campbell diagram plot represents a arrangement's response range as a utility of its oscillation

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