Fluid Dynamics Elements

Elements of Fluid Dynamics: Ideal Laws



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Continuity Equation

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Application of Fluid Dynamics: Ideal Laws



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$$\frac{\Delta m}{\rho_m} (p_1 - p_2) = (1/2) \Delta m (u_2^2 - u_1^2) + \Delta m (\upsilon_{Pot,2} - \upsilon_{Pot,1})$$

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Bernoulli Equation

$$\frac{\Delta m}{\rho_m}(p_1 - p_2) = (1/2)\Delta m(u_2^2 - u_1^2) + \Delta m(v_{Pot,2} - v_{Pot,1}) \implies p + (1/2)\rho_m u^2 + \rho_m v_{Pot} = \frac{E}{V} = const.$$

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$$\int \frac{dM}{dt}$$

Example: Head at h=175 m, diameter of penstock $d=3 m (A = \pi \cdot (d/2)^2 = 2.41 m^2)$ $u = \sqrt{2 \cdot g \cdot h} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 175} \frac{m}{s} = 58.6 \frac{m}{s}$ $\dot{Q} = A \cdot u = 2.41 m^2 \cdot 58.6 \frac{m}{s} = 141.3 \frac{m^3}{s} = 1.4 \cdot 10^5 L/s$ $\rightarrow P = 251 MW (= P_{max})$ contained in flow

Fluid Resistance/Parasitic Drag



Estimation of parasitic drag, angle of particle flow component perpendicular to obstacle area.

Continuous flow of particles (mass m), Number density $\rho \left[\#/cm^3 \right]$, mass density $\rho_m = m \cdot \rho$ Mass flux density : $j_m(u) = m \cdot \rho \cdot u = \rho_m \cdot u \left[g/cm^2 \cdot \Delta t \right]$

Flow speed $u = u_{\perp} (\perp \text{ to area A}) \rightarrow \text{Kinetic energy density } e_{kin} = \frac{1}{2}m \cdot \rho \cdot u^2$ Energy flux per Δt onto area $A = A_{\perp} (\perp \text{ to wind direction})$:

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \left(m \cdot \rho \cdot u^2 \right) \cdot \left(\underbrace{A \cdot u \cdot \Delta t}_{T_{\Delta V}} \right) \rightarrow Power \ P = \frac{1}{2} A \cdot m \cdot \rho \cdot u^3 \rightarrow \boxed{P = \frac{1}{2} A \cdot \rho_m \cdot u^3}$$

Get force exerted on area A from : $P = F \cdot u \rightarrow F =: F_{drag}$ $\boxed{F_{drag} = \frac{1}{2} A \cdot \rho_m \cdot u^2}$

Effective (projected) area hit directly by wind : $A_{\perp} = C_d \cdot A_{total}$

$$F_{drag} = D = \frac{1}{2}C_{d} \cdot A_{total} \cdot \rho_{m} \cdot u^{2}$$
$$F_{lift} = L = \frac{1}{2}C_{L} \cdot A_{total} \cdot \rho_{m} \cdot u^{2}$$

Derivation valid for parasitic drag, e.g., air resistance. Often, experimentally determined **Drag Coefficients** represent total drag/resistance.

Fluid-Dynamic Power Transfer



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through A in Δt :
Volume $\Delta V(u_1) = A \cdot u_1 \cdot \Delta t$.

Power flux
$$\perp A$$
: $P_i = \frac{\Delta E_{kin}}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\rho_m \cdot A_i \cdot u_i^3\right)$

Continuity: $j_1 A_1 = \rho A_1 \cdot u_1 \approx \rho A_2 \cdot u_2 = j_2 A_2$ \rightarrow Average speed $\overline{u} := (u_1 + u_2)/2$ for mass flow $\dot{M} = \rho_m \cdot \Delta V / \Delta t = \rho_m A \overline{u}$ Volume $\Delta V(\overline{u})$ transfers to turbine $(\rho_m A \overline{u})$

$$\Delta P = P_1 - P_2 \approx \frac{(\rho_m A \overline{u})}{2} \left(u_1^2 - u_2^2 \right) = \frac{(\rho_m A)}{4} \left(u_1 + u_2 \right) \left(u_1^2 - u_2^2 \right)$$

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Limit

Delivered to turbine:
$$\Delta P =: C_{Turbine} P_{wind} \text{ defines power coefficient } C_{Turbine} \rightarrow C_{Turbine} \approx \frac{1}{2u_1^3} \cdot (u_1 + u_2) \cdot (u_1^2 - u_2^2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1 + x) \cdot (1 - x^2) \text{ with } x := \frac{u_2}{u_1}$$

Maximum power: $d(\Delta P)/dx = 0 \rightarrow x|_{\Delta P=\max} = 1/3 \rightarrow self regulating stable$

Effective mean speed $\overline{u} := \frac{1}{2}u_1(1+x) = \frac{2}{3}u_1$ $C_{Turbine} = \frac{\Delta P}{P_{Wind}} \le \frac{16}{27} = 0.593$

 $\overline{u} := (1-a)u_{Wind}$ $a = linear (axial) induction factor of turbine = f(#blades, A_i)$

Power Generation in Impulse Turbines



Heads > 300m @ atm. P

Momentum transfer $\Delta p_{|}$ by *m* colliding with bucket (C),



Bucket area A_c is hit per Δt by (velocity jet u, bucket u_c) $\Delta m \approx j_m(u-u_c) \cdot A_c \cdot \Delta t$, rel.momentum $p = \Delta m \cdot (u-u_c)$,

 $(u - u_c) =$ speed relative to bucket initally $u_c \ll u$, increases in time.

Other Turbines

$$\rightarrow \text{ transfer } \Delta p = 2p \text{ to } cup \text{ in } \Delta t \rightarrow \text{Force } F = \Delta p/\Delta t$$

$$\rightarrow \text{ Force } F = 2p/\Delta t \approx 2 \cdot \left[j_m (u - u_c) \cdot A_c \right] \cdot (u - u_c) = 2\rho_m A_c (u - u_c)^2 \quad \text{Example of dissipative force}$$

$$\text{Energy (work) transfer to bucket } \Delta E = F \cdot \Delta x = F \cdot u_c \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\text{Power transferred to bucket } P = F \cdot u_c = \left[2\rho_m A_c \right] (u - u_c)^2 \cdot u_c$$

$$\text{Speed of bucket increases, maximum power transfer } P_{\text{max}} \rightarrow u_c = \frac{1}{3}u$$

$$P_{\text{max}} = \frac{2}{27} \left[\rho_m \cdot A_c \right] \cdot u^3 = \frac{4}{27} \left[\frac{1}{2} \rho_m \cdot u^2 \right] \cdot \left(A_c \cdot u \right) = \frac{4}{27} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m \cdot u^2 \right)$$

$$\text{Converts } \leq 16\%$$
of incoming P

$$\frac{Q}{Q} = dV/dt$$

Angular Momentum Transfer in Reaction Turbines



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Angular Momentum Transfer in Hydro Turbines



Angular Momentum Transfer in Turbines

Gen Reaction Turbine Angular momentum to turbine (runner) by driving fluid (water)



 $|\Delta \vec{L}_{\tau} = \vec{L}_{in} - \vec{L}_{out}$; Torque $M = \Delta L_{\tau} / \Delta t$; Power $P = M \cdot \Omega_{\tau}$

Turbine power does not depend on many construction details but blade geometry \rightarrow maximize angular momentum transfer!

$$P = \Omega_{\tau} \cdot \rho_{m} \cdot \dot{Q} \cdot \left[\left(\vec{r} \times \vec{u} \right)_{in} - \left(\vec{r} \times \vec{u} \right)_{out} \right] \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Euler's Turb} \\ \text{Equation} \end{array}$$

Power is maximized if fluid brings in maximum angular momentum ($\beta_{in}=0^0$) and carries no angular momentum on the way out $(\beta_{out}=90^{\circ}) \rightarrow$ tangential inflow & radial outflow.

$$P_{\max} = \Omega_T \cdot \underbrace{\rho_m}_{=dm/dt} \cdot r_{in} \cdot u_{in} \cdot \cos \beta_{in} \rightarrow \underbrace{\rho_m}_{=dm/dt} \cdot r_{in} \cdot u_{in} \cdot \cos \beta_{in} \rightarrow \underbrace{\rho_m}_{=dm/dt} \cdot \frac{R}{P_{\max}} = \underbrace{m}_{R} \cdot R \cdot \Omega_T \cdot (u_{in})_{tang} \qquad \begin{array}{c} R = i \\ (u_{in}) \\ (u_{in}) \end{array}$$

injection radius for turbine, $(u_{in})_{tang} = tangential jet velocity$

Turbine

High power produced by large turbines: high water inflow + tangential injection ($\beta_{in}=0^{0}$) + radial outflow ($\beta_{out}=90^{0}$).

Synchronized el. power output steered by governor circuitry controlling gate position.

Turbine Types



Hydro turbines are impact or reaction turbines.

Francis Turbine, radial flow, dia 0.5-6 m Fully submerged, horizontal or vertical modes. Axial outflow.

Popular design, versatile & useful for very different effective heads

> Pelton impact/impulse turbine, tangential flow, fixed buckets, low head, low/medium flow.



Turbine Arrangements



Propeller turbines for low heads. Fixed blades or variable pitch. Schematics of power generation with a Kaplan turbine = high efficiency @all loads/heads because of adjustable propeller blades.

Francis turbine: Heads< 360 m. Guide vanes→ tangential injection → radial out flow "Runner"



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