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LOW HEAD HYDROPOWER SOLUTIONS

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KEY CONSIDERATIONS



Needs of HPP Developers	ANDRITZ Low Head HPP Solutions
1. Maximum Energy Yield	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher hydraulic efficiency due to better streamlined horizontal water flow -> higher annual energy output
2. Operational Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possibility of operation at larger head variations
3. Low Construction Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shallower setting -> less excavation -> less civil engineering and construction costs (up to 30% cost savings for powerhouse)• Use of existing non-hydro dams -> HYDROMATRIX• Shorter erection schedules
4. a. Low Environmental Impact b. Fish Friendliness c. Ecological safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small powerhouse footprint -> easier integration into landscape• Fish friendly runner design• Oil-less runner hub
5. Easy & Low Cost Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abrasion and cavitation easily manageable• Easy accessibility to Turbine parts

OIL FREE HUB - KEEPING THE WATER CLEAN

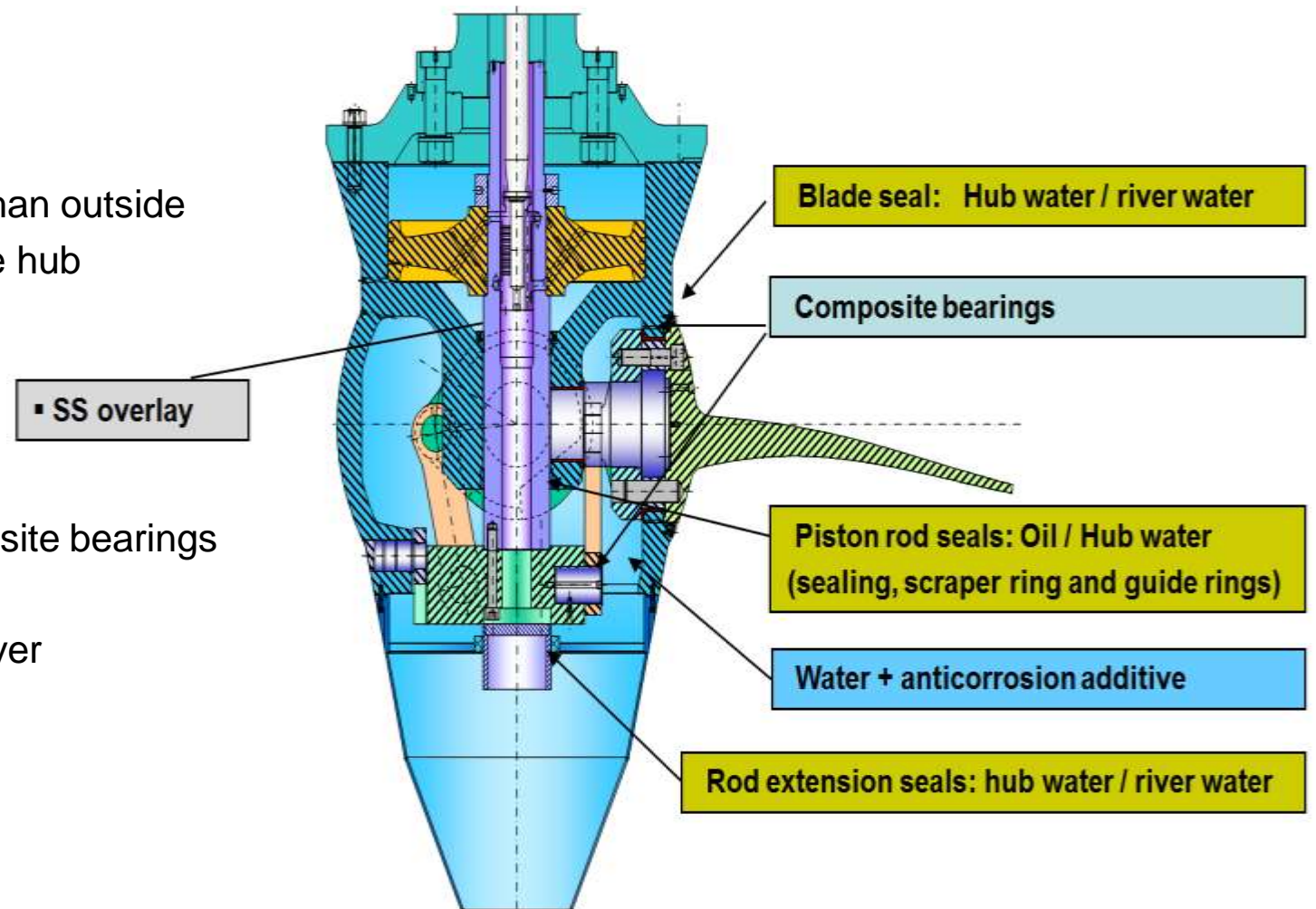


Conventional Hub Design

- “Oil-filled hub” → inside hub pressure higher than outside
- In case of seal failure the oil will leak out of the hub

“Oil Free Hub” Design

- Special blade and piston rod seals and composite bearings
- Special coating and hub filling
- Safely prevents any oil from leaking into the river

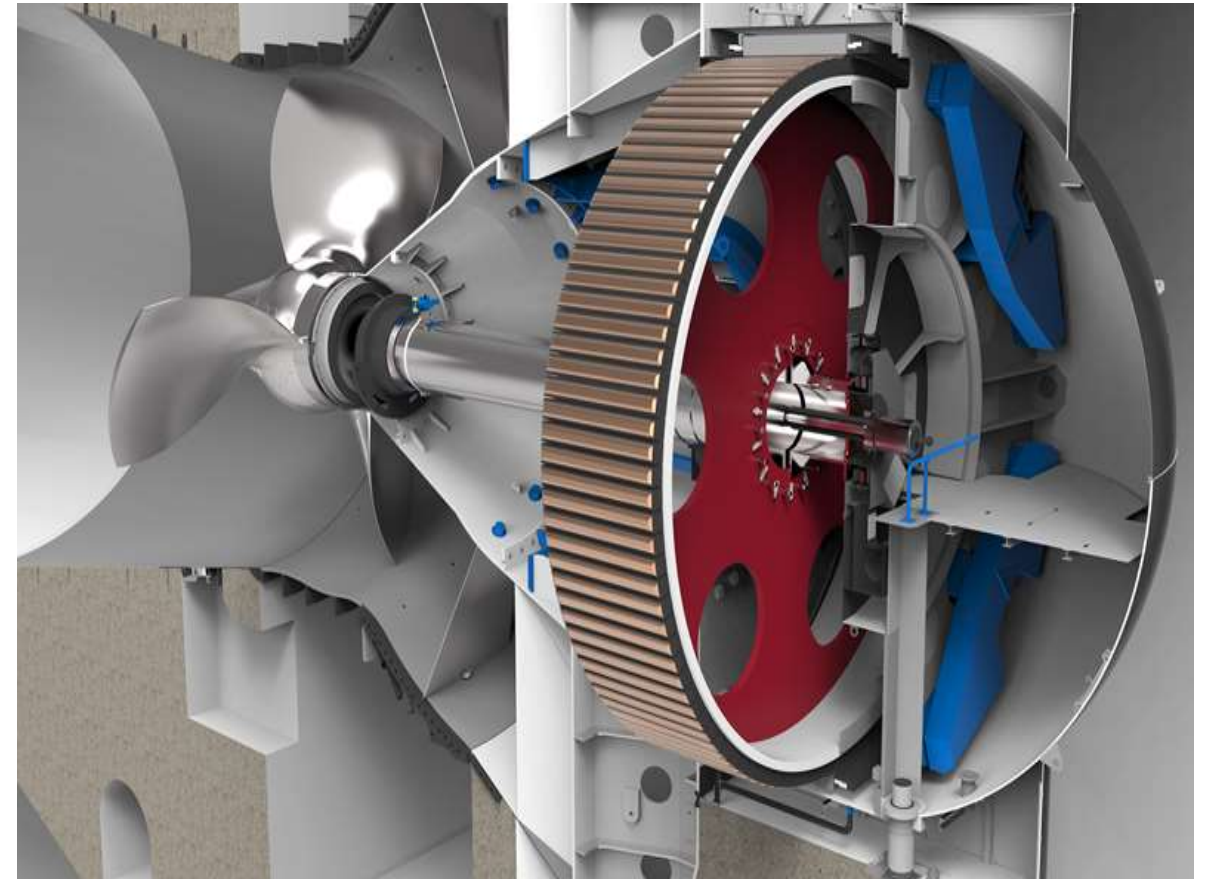


LOW HEAD HYDROPOWER BULB TURBINES

WORLD LEADING TECHNOLOGY



- 749 installed units in operation
- Over 80 years of experience
- Approx. 12,800 MW installed
- Over 70% market share for large BULB units
- Largest direct driven BULB turbine
7,700 mm runner diameter (Racine / USA)
- Highest unit output 76.55 MW (Jirau / Brazil)



CHOOSING THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY



- ✓ Complex decision process
- ✓ Multitude of available technologies
- ✓ Overlapping operation ranges of different technologies
- ✓ Many decision criteria

➔ **Proper Assessment Process is Crucial**

Bulb turbines (mid size to large size diameters)	LOW HEAD APPLICATION
Small Axial Turbine (Compact Bulb)	
Bevel Gear and Belt Driven Bulb Turbine	
HYDROMATRIX® and StrafloMatrix™	



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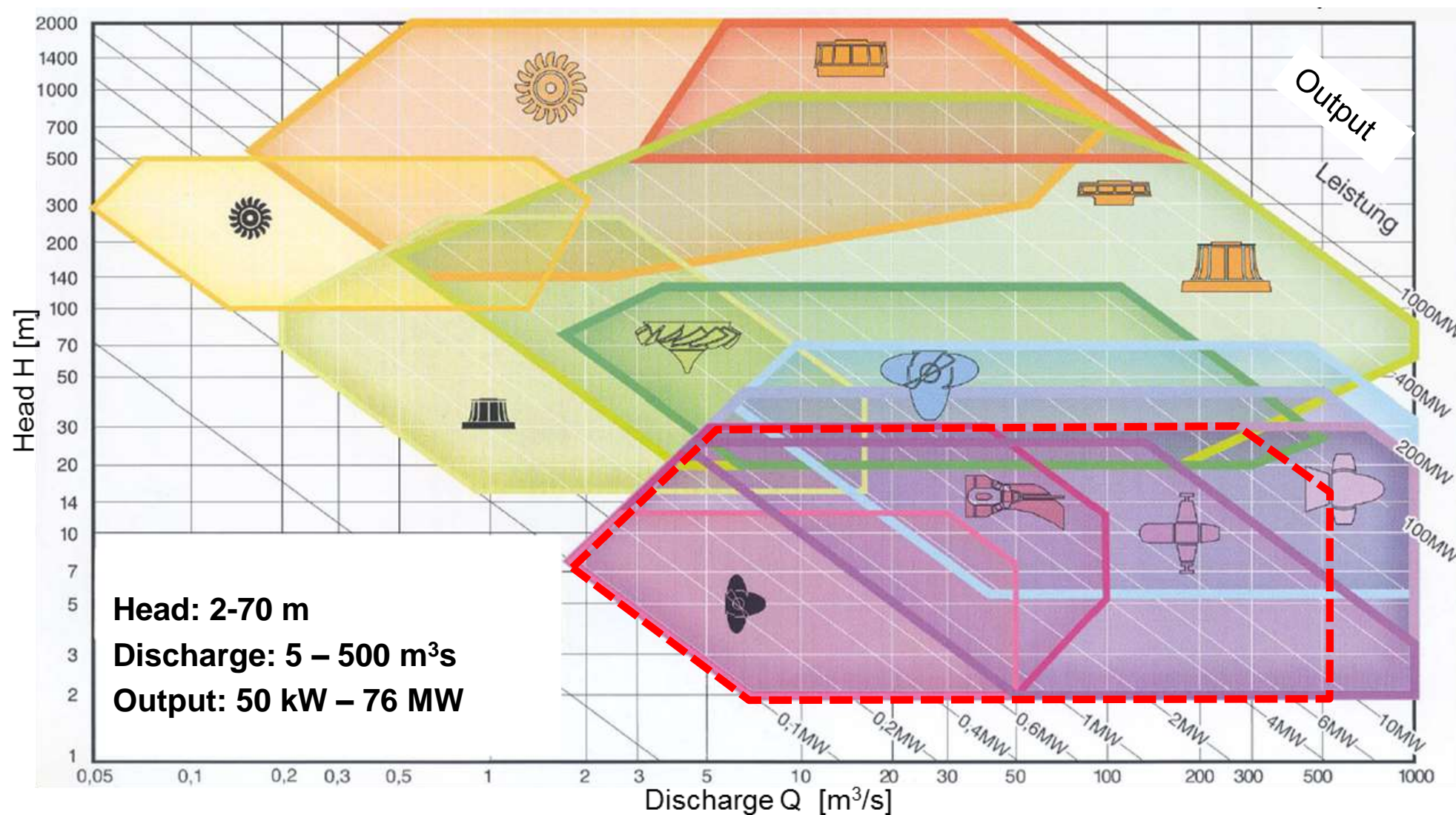
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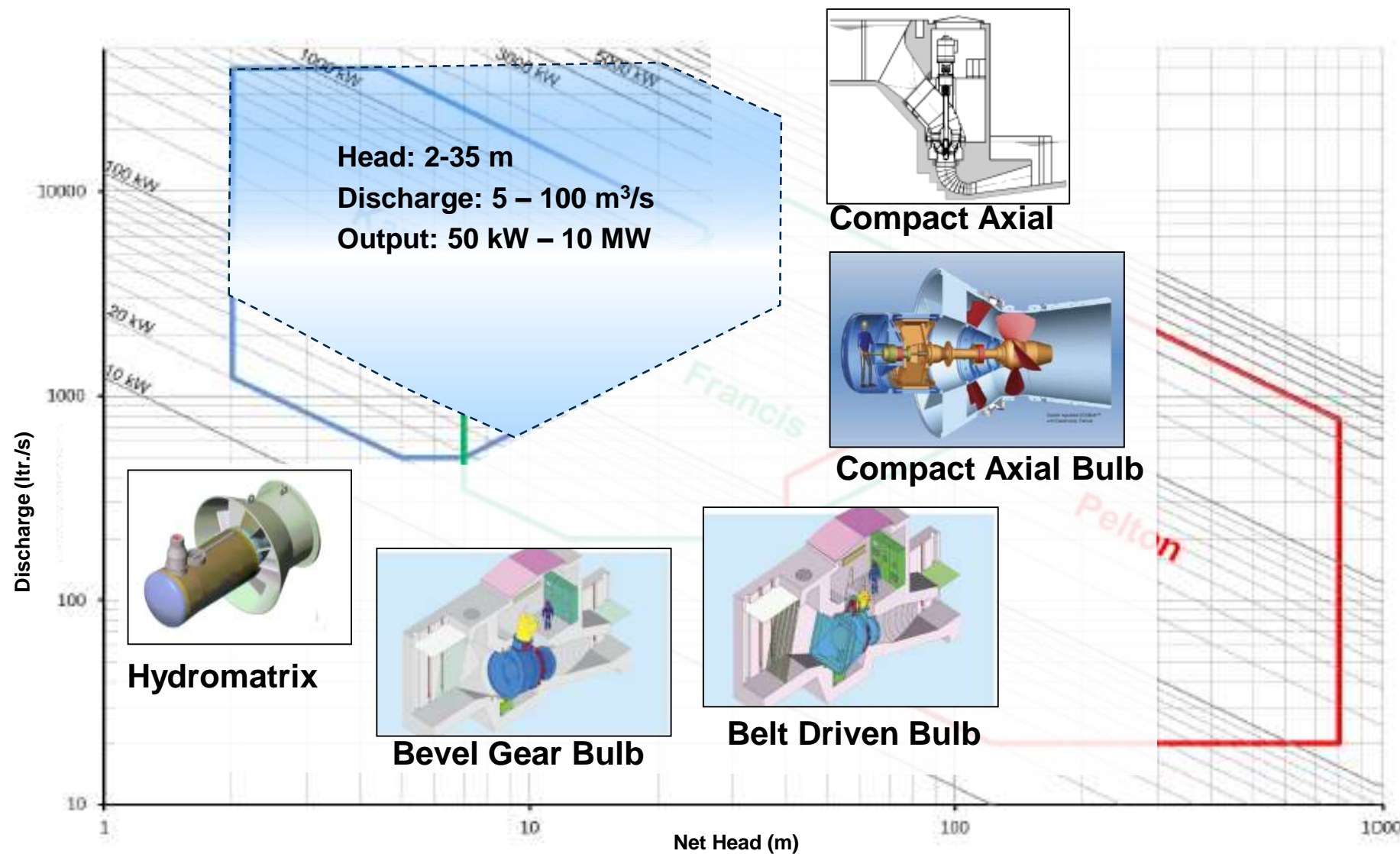
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OPERATING RANGE

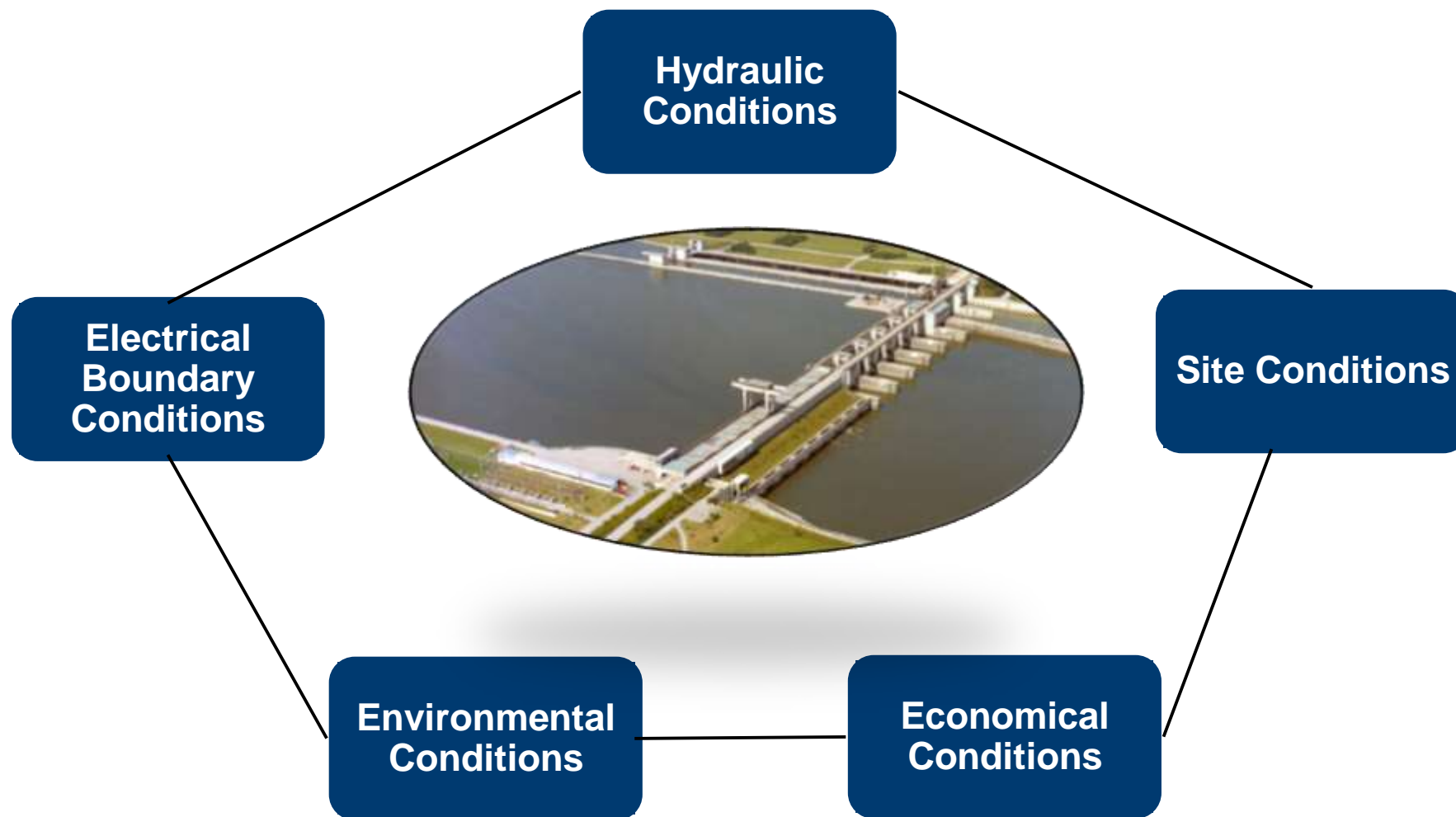


LOW HEAD “SMALL” HYDROPOWER

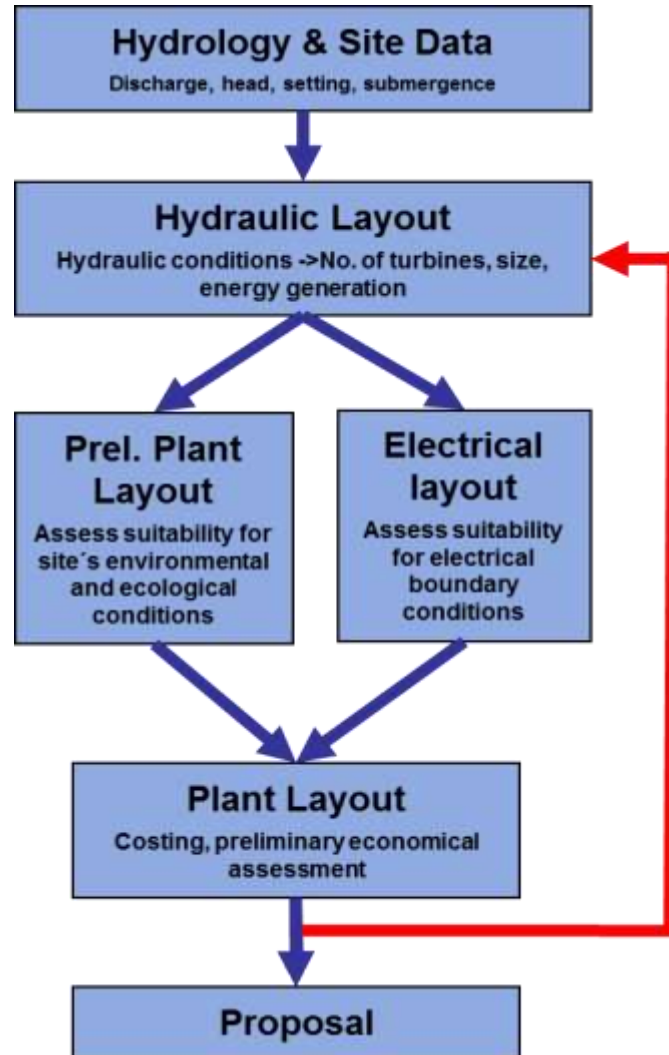
Turbine Types



BOUNDARY CONDITIONS



SITE ASSESSMENT PROCESS



- Structured and iterative assessment process using site assessment tool
 - Step 1: Technical feasibility check
 - Step 2: Economic viability check
- Considers all listed boundary conditions
- Eliminates non-viable solutions
- Suggests feasible technical solutions
- Optimized plant performance and, construction schedule
- Considers innovative design options

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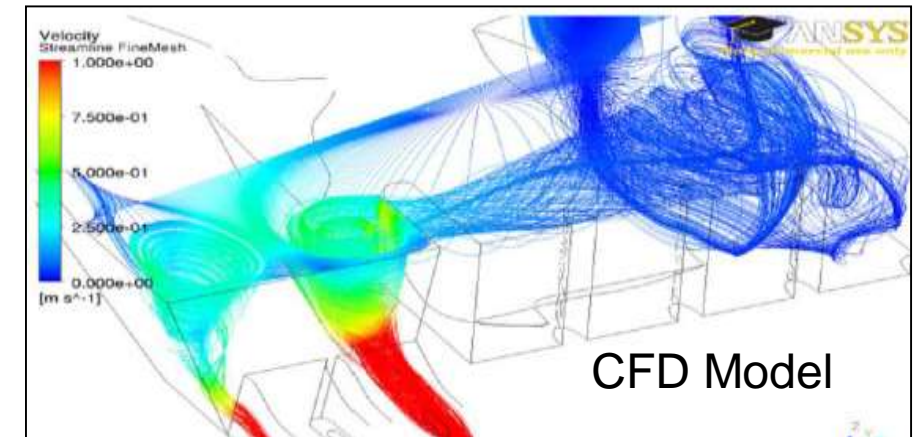
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CHI KHE / VIETNAM - PLANT OPTIMIZATION



CLIENT : POSCO E&C

- 2 Bulb Turbine units, $H = 11.28$ m, 21.09 MW each
- Contract Year: 2013
- ANDRITZ HYDRO supported POSCO in the design of intake area to optimize inflow conditions
 - CFD Analysis
 - Civil Design recommendation
- Support was crucial for optimizing energy revenues



YEOJU / KOREA - OPTIMIZING CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



New Plant at Greenfield Site

- 3 Bevel Gear Bulb Turbines
- Gross Head: 5.77 m
- Plant Output: 5.35 MW

Selection Criteria:

- Fast project implementation
- Rapid mechanical site assembly
- Economical solution with LV generator



ASHTA I AND II / ALBANIA - INNOVATIVE PLANT DESIGN



Greenfield Application at existing weir

Originally: large dam with Bulb Turbines

Alternative: 2 HPP Stages with 90 HYDROMATRIX Units

- Gross Head : 5 - 7.5 m
- Unit Output : 534 – 1003 kW
- Total Output : 54 MW
- Annual Energy : 250 GWh

	2-3 Bulb	90 HM
E&M cost	\$\$	\$\$\$
Civil Cost	\$\$\$	\$
Construction risk	\$\$\$	\$\$
O&M	\$\$	\$



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SELECTION CRITERIA CONVENTIONAL BULB VERSUS HYDROMATRIX



LARGE and COMPACT HYDRO Applications

- New plant (greenfield site) with good geological conditions
- Wide operating range
- No restrictions to grid requirements
- No space restrictions allowing river barrage with spillway and adjacent powerhouse

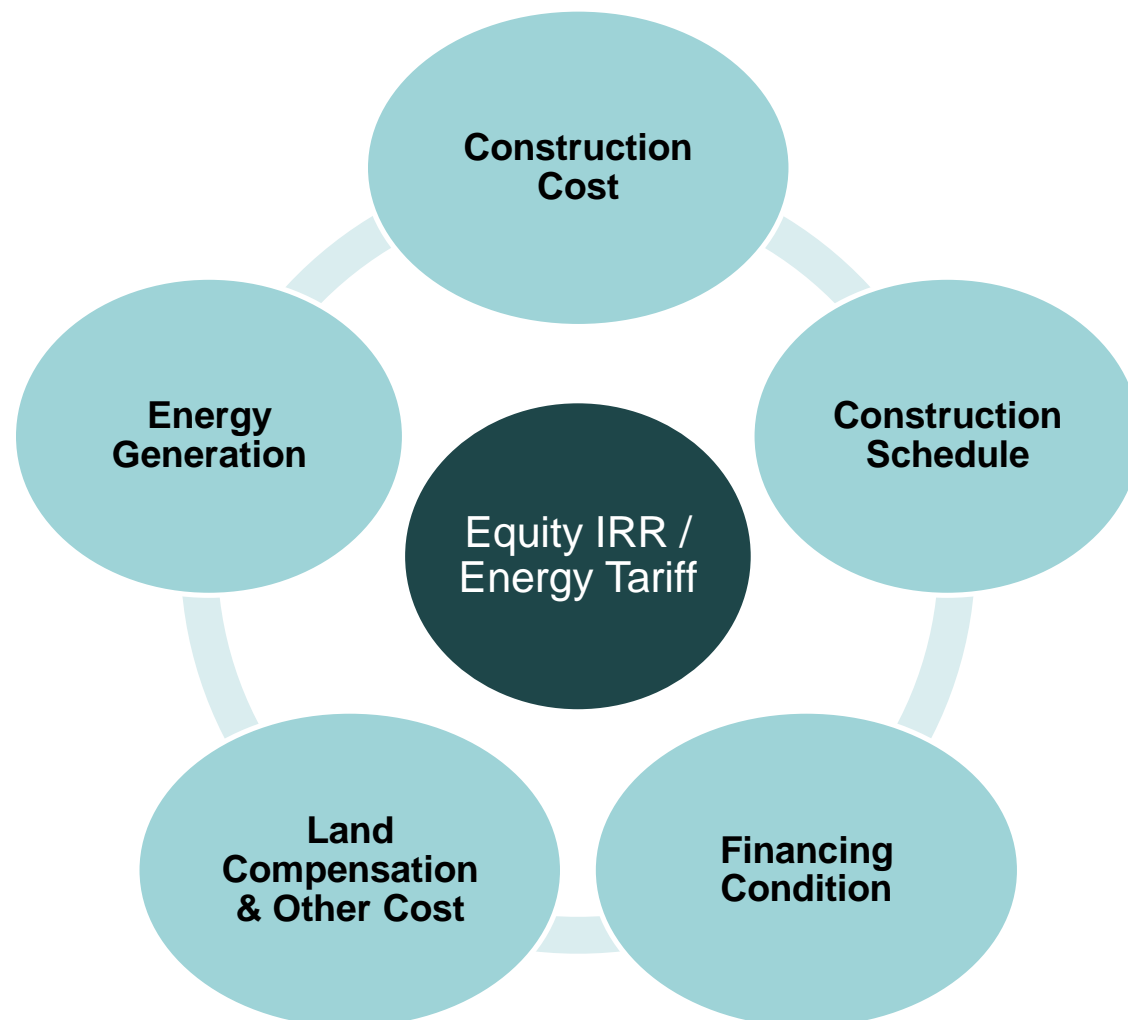


HYDROMATRIX Application

- Best for existing structures or multi-purpose dams requiring small footprint
- Mid- to high river discharges with small head fluctuations
- Greenfield sites with problematic geological conditions
- Special flood / discharge requirements



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT ANDRITZ CAN OFFER



Support we can offer:

Hydraulic Layout Optimization	✓
Plant Design & Construction Methodology	✓
Construction cost input & project cost validation	✓
Planning and Structuring	✓
Project Financing	✓
Raise of Equity	✓
Financial Modeling	✓

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- Low Head Hydropower Technologies offer High Energy Yields, Low Construction Cost and Risk and Environmental Safety
- ANDRITZ has extensive Know-How based on 8 decades of experience and 750 installed units
- ANDRITZ can help you throughout the development process:
 - Assessing your site conditions and development needs
 - Choosing the best technology for your particular site conditions
 - Assisting in technical layout, project cost and scheduling and financial engineering

Let us help making your projects a success !





Thank You
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