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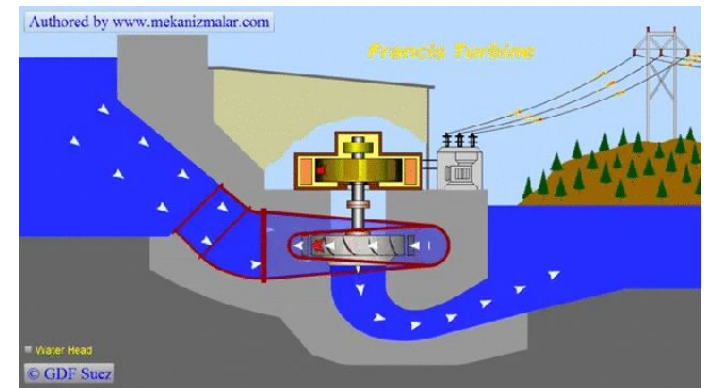
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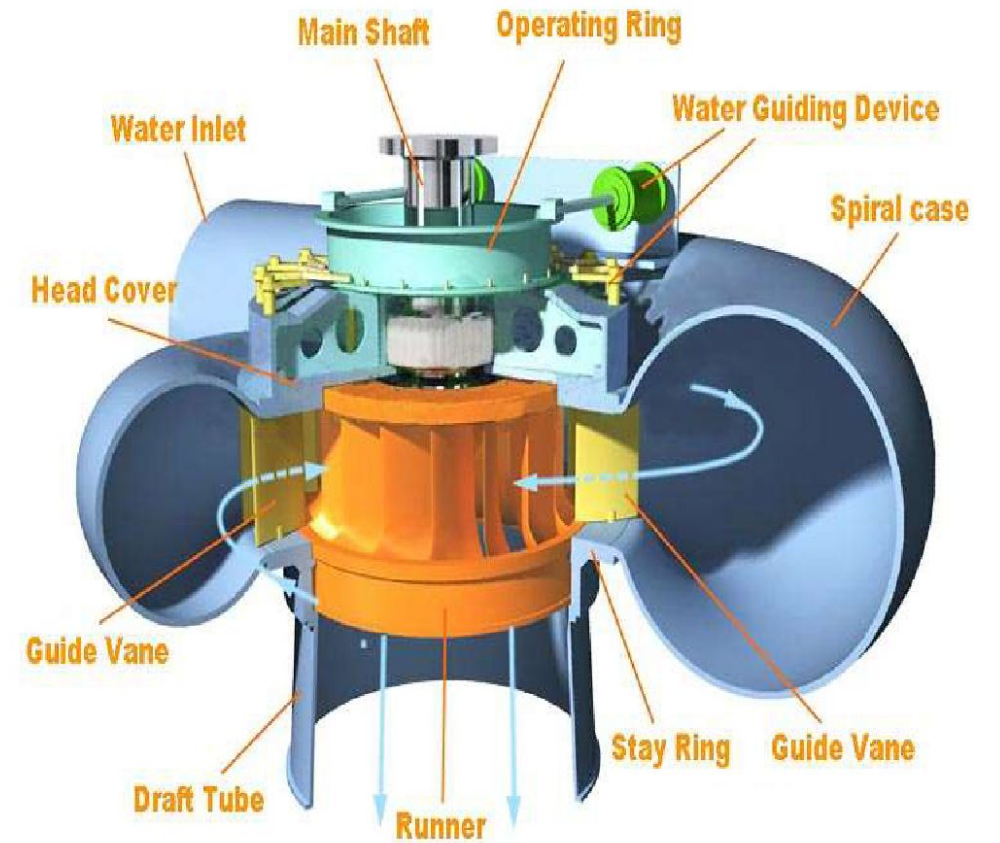
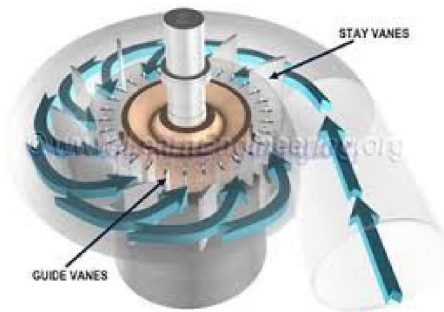


# FRANCIS TURBINE

- The Francis turbine is a type of water turbine that was developed by James B. Francis and are used for medium head (45-400m) and medium discharge (10-700 m<sup>3</sup>/s)
- The Francis turbine is a type of **reaction turbine**, a category of turbine in which the working fluid comes to the turbine under immense pressure and the energy is extracted by the turbine blades from the working fluid
- The turbine's exit tube is shaped to help decelerate the water flow and recover the pressure
- Water flow is radial from exterior to interior



# FRANCIS TURBINE





# APPLICATIONS

- Francis type units cover a head range from 40 to 600 m (130 to 2,000 ft).
- Its efficiency decreases as flow decreases.
- They may also be used for pumped storage,
- where a reservoir is filled by the turbine (acting as a pump) driven by the generator acting as a large electrical motor during periods of low power demand.

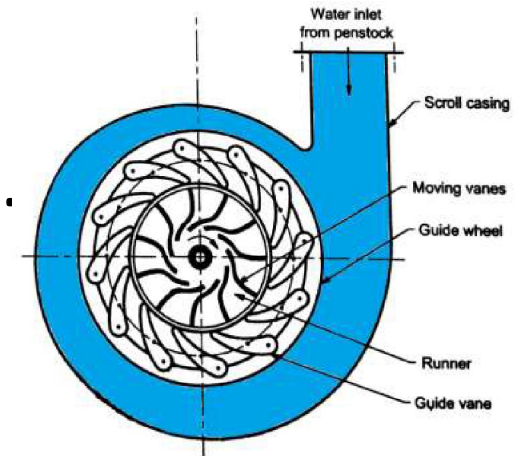
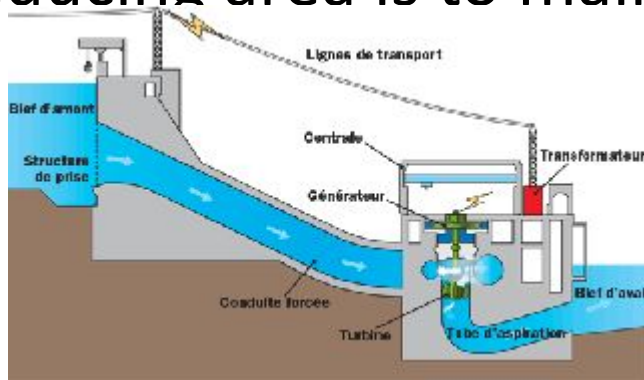
Question: Differentiate Francis with Pelton wrt. application.



# FRANCIS TURBINE – MAIN COMPONENTS

## 1) Scroll Casing

- It is surrounding to the runner, guide vanes and moving vanes.
- It is always full with water.
- Shape is spiral.
- Reducing area is to maintain velocity of water at constant.

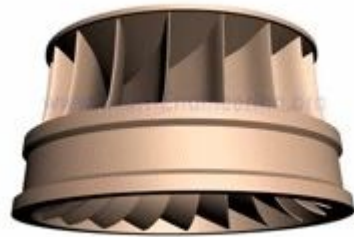




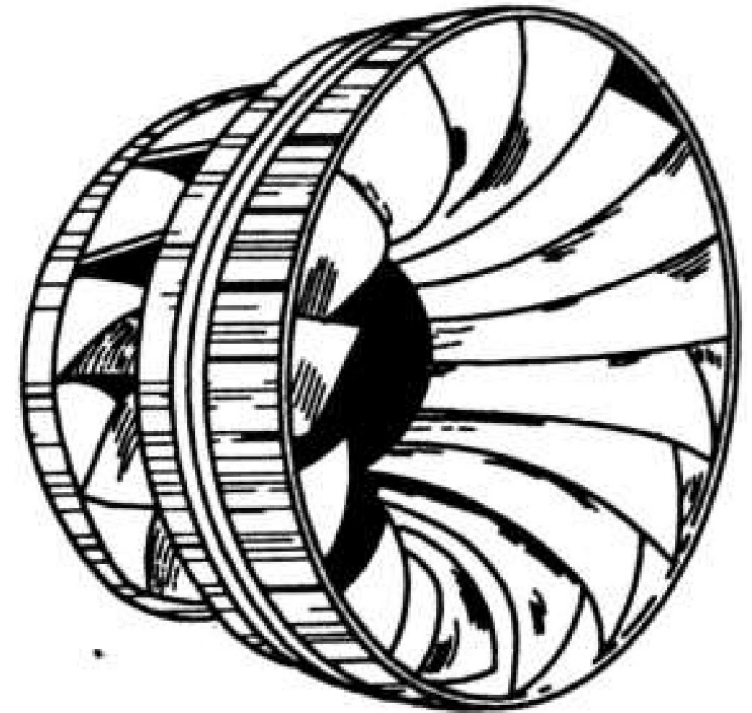
# FRANCIS TURBINE – MAIN COMPONENTS

## 2) Runner

- a) It is rotary part of turbine keyed with shaft
- b) Vanes are fixed on inlet ring and outlet ring
- c) Water enters radially and exit axially



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# FRANCIS TURBINE – MAIN COMPONENTS

## 3) Guide Vanes

- a) It is surrounding to the moving vanes.
- b) Guide vanes are fixed vanes.
- c) Shape is like aerofoil.
- d) Guide the water from casing to runner.



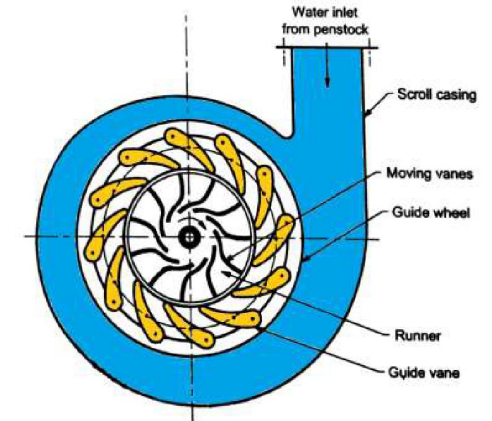




# FRANCIS TURBINE – MAIN COMPONENTS

## 4) Moving Vane

- a) It is surrounding to the runner.
- b) Shape is aerofoil.
- c) One end is pivoted on fixed ring and another end is pivoted on moving ring.
- d) Regulating the discharge of water from casing to runner as per desired load.

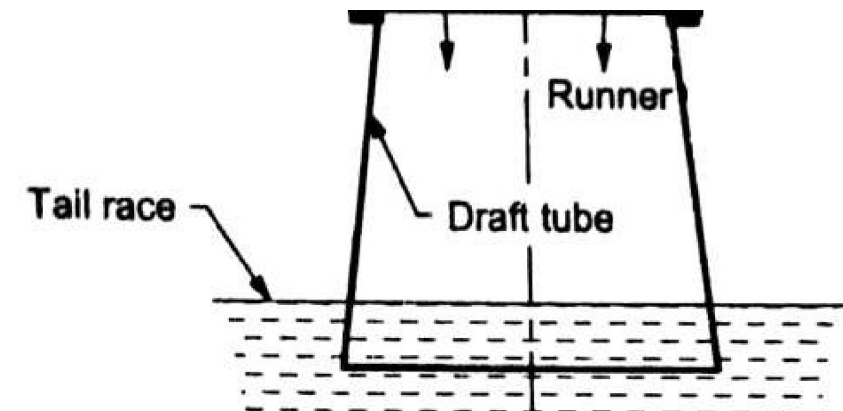


# FRANCIS TURBINE – MAIN COMPONENTS

## 5) Draft Tube

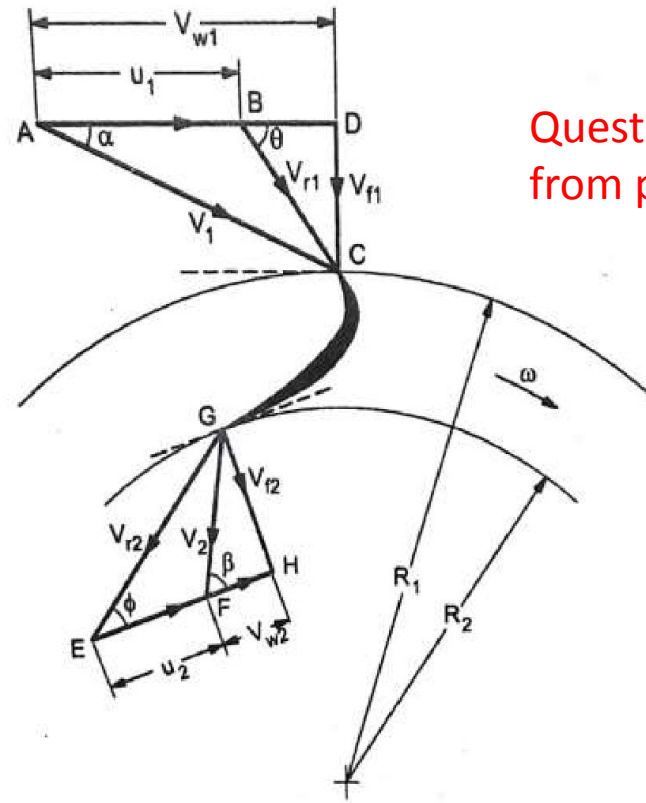
- a) It is fixed at exit of turbine to tail race.
- b) Convert kinetic energy of water to pressure energy.
- c) Increase head on turbine.
- d) Improve efficiency and reduces cavitations.

Question: What is cavitation?





# VELOCITY TRIANGLE



Question: How the velocity triangle differs from pelton turbine ?



# FRANCIS TURBINE –WORK DONE & EFFICIENCY

## 1) Uniform Velocity of Inlet and Outlet Tip

$$u_1 = \frac{\pi \times D_1 \times N}{60} \quad u_2 = \frac{\pi \times D_2 \times N}{60}$$

Where,

$D_1 = \text{Diameter of Outer Ring}$

$D_2 = \text{Diameter of Inner Ring}$

## 2) Work Done

$$W.D. = \frac{w \times Q}{g} \times [(v_{w1} \times u_1) \pm (v_{w2} \times u_2)]$$

Work done per second per unit weight of water

$$W.D. = \frac{[(v_{w1} \times u_1) \pm (v_{w2} \times u_2)]}{g}$$



# FRANCIS TURBINE –WORK DONE & EFFICIENCY

## • 3) DISCHARGE OF TURBINE

$Q = \text{Area of Flow } (\pi \times D_2 \times B_2) \times \text{Velocity of Flow } (v_{f2})$

$$Q = \pi \times D_1 \times B_1 \times v_{f1}$$

$$Q = \pi \times D_2 \times B_2 \times v_{f2}$$

Where,

$D_1 = \text{Diameter of Outer Ring}$

$D_2 = \text{Diameter of Inner Ring}$

$B_1 = \text{Width of Runner Blades at Inlet}$

$B_2 = \text{Width of Runner Blades at Outlet}$

$v_{f1} = \text{Flow Velocity at Inlet}$

$v_{f2} = \text{Flow Velocity at Outlet}$

## • 4) Hydraulic Efficiency

$$\eta_h = \frac{\text{Power Developed by Runner } (P)}{\text{Input Power } (P_i)}$$

$$\eta_h = \frac{\frac{w \times Q}{g} \times [(v_{w1} \times u_1) \pm (v_{w2} \times u_2)]}{w \times Q \times H}$$

$$\eta_h = \frac{[(v_{w1} \times u_1) \pm (v_{w2} \times u_2)]}{g \times H}$$

Where,

$H = \text{Net Head Available on Turbine}$



## 5) Mechanical Efficiency

$$\eta_m = \frac{\text{Shaft Power } (P_s)}{\text{Power Developed by Runner } (P)}$$

## 6) Overall Efficiency

$$\eta_o = \frac{\text{Shaft Power } (P_s)}{\text{Input Power } (P_i)}$$

## 7) Speed Ratio

$$k_u = \frac{u_1}{\sqrt{(2 \times g \times H)}}$$

Where,

$k_u = \text{Speed Ratio (0.6 to 0.9)}$

## 8) Flow Ratio

$$k_f = \frac{v_{f1}}{\sqrt{(2 \times g \times H)}}$$

Where,

$k_f = \text{Flow Ratio (0.15 to 0.30)}$

## 9) Ratio of Width to Diameter

$$n = \frac{B_1}{D_1} \quad \text{Where, } n = \text{Ratio of Width to Diameter (0.1 to 0.45)}$$



# IMPULSE VS REACTION TURBINE

Sl.No.	Impulse turbine e.g. Pelton turbine	Reaction turbine e.g. Kaplan & Francis turbines
1	In an impulse turbine all the available energy of water is converted into kinetic energy as it passes through a nozzle.	In a reaction turbine, at the entrance to the runner, only a part of the available energy of water is converted into kinetic energy and a greater part remains in the form of pressure energy.
2	The water flowing through the nozzle impinges on the buckets which are fixed on the outer periphery of the wheel.	The water is guided by the guide blades to flow over the runner vanes.



# ASSESSMENT - KAHOOT

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