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Dynamic Tidal Power

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Revolving Tides in Yellow Sea

 Can Korea generate up to 20% of national power consumption from the tides with a few big projects?





Performance

- \$ 5,000 20,000 MW per dam (Sihwa Plant
 = 254 MW).
- one large plant (15 GW):
 - Equal to 60 Sihwa dams
 - Could power 6 million Koreans with renewable energy
 - More than 10% of total
 South Korea consumption



Benefits to Korea

- Milestone national project
- Achieve and exceed renewable energy targets
- Reinforce Korean position as innovation leader

Major economic boost

Combine with Offshore Wind

- Easier Installation and Maintenance
- Reduced Exposure to Wave Action
- Improved Accessibility -> Reduced
 Downtime
- Wind Turbines on Dam

Are You Sure?

- Advanced, calibrated numerical tidal model, accuracy of predicted head within 10%
- Physics of DTP have been proven in natural peninsula and civil projects (Afsluitdijk, Delta Works)
- Entire dam can be built using existing technology

* Tidal model used: Delft 3D, considering Mass conservation, Gradients in the water levels, Convective acceleration, Coriolis force, Exchange of horizontal momentum through eddy viscosity, and Bed friction

Afsluitdijk 1920-1924-1932, NL 荷兰Afsluitdijk大坝

Finished dike 32 km in 1932

1924 temporary dike 12 km long, allowing tide to move in and out

Floating-in caissons Veersegat dam 1961, NL 荷兰的模块桥 坝

Delta Werken, NL, 1950 - 1997

Power Generation: Turbines

- Bi-directional, low head turbines
- 1000 2500 units, 4 MW 8 MW per unit

3D Cut-out of Dam Caisson (Artist Impression)

Theory: Wave Mechanics

The **tidal wave** moves in one direction, from left to right along the coast, But the **tidal flow** oscillates, from left to right

and back

Power Generation

High and low tide occur simultaneously north and south of the dam. Hydraulic head drives bi-directional turbines installed along the length of the dam.

Theory: Simplified Analytical Model

Oscillating tidal flow around fixed dam

Head* – H over straight dam:

 $H = 0.05 \text{ x } \text{D x } \text{V}_{\text{max}}$

D = Length of the dam

V_{max} = Maximum velocity of tidal flow (as approximation of maximum acceleration)

* Hydraulic head: Water level differential between the sides of the dam. The level of head determines the power generating potential of the dam

Source: Kolkman

Power Generation for T Dam

Research Needed

- Social and Environmental Impacts and Mitigation
- Integration with Grid
- Seabed Morphology
- Coastal Protection

Research Needed (cont.)

- Detailed Site-Specific Numerical Modelling
- Power Generation / Turbine Design
- Construction Methods
- In-Depth Economic Analysis

Korean – Dutch Joint Development

Intellectual Property

In time, Korean endogenous innovation + potential buyouts of IP would result in Korean majority or full ownership of related IP

China GDP-Energy-Electricity Growth

• Electricity demand has grown over tenfold between 1980 and 2010

Source: State Grid Corporation of China

• The rate of growth is forecast to decline, but overall electricity demand is still expected to triple up to 2030

Thank You!

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