



## ASSOCIAZIONE IDROTECNICA ITALIANA SEZIONE FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

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**LORO SEDI**

Udine, 13 settembre 2010

Oggetto: Visita tecnica all'impianto idroelettrico con accumulo mediante pompaggio di AVCE in Slovenia sul fiume Isonzo di Venerdì 24 Settembre.-

Gentilissimi Soci e Simpatizzanti,

è con grande piacere che a mio nome e di tutto il Consiglio Direttivo dell'Associazione ho il piacere di invitarVi alla visita organizzata presso l'impianto idroelettrico di Avce in Slovenia realizzato dalla Società Idroelettrica del fiume Isonzo (Soske Elektrarne Nova Gorica) che rappresenta un'importante opera di ingegneria idraulica all'avanguardia nella gestione dell'energia mediante processo di accumulo. L'occasione sarà anche estremamente utile per prendere contatti con le Organizzazioni dei colleghi ingegneri della Slovenia che si occupano di problematiche idrauliche in modo da favorire la conoscenza e lo scambio di esperienze in materia di reciproco interesse. Alcune informazioni preliminari sull'impianto sono disponibili nella brochure allegata ed al sito [www.seng.si](http://www.seng.si).

La visita aperta a tutti i soci e simpatizzanti è prevista per venerdì 24 settembre c.a. e si svilupperà secondo la seguente modalità:

- ore 8.00 : per chi parte da Udine, ritrovo al parcheggio scambiatore di via Chiusaforte a Udine e partenza in comitiva con mezzi propri verso Gorizia;
- ore 8.45 : per chi non raggiunge Udine, ritrovo presso il valico Casa Rossa di Gorizia e ripartenza verso la sede della società SENG a Nova Gorica;
- ore 9.00: visita della sede della Soske Elektrarne situata in via Erjavceva 20 a Nova Gorica dove i tecnici ci illustreranno il progetto dell'impianto;

- a seguire, accompagnati dai tecnici della società partenza verso AVCE e visita dell'impianto. La conclusione della visita è prevista indicativamente per le ore 12.30.

Per quanti vorranno ci sarà la possibilità di concludere la giornata con un pranzo conviviale in zona.

Per consentirci di organizzare al meglio la giornata, invitiamo a far pervenire le adesioni per tempo ed al più tardi entro lunedì 20 settembre p.v. con relativo nominativo e punto di incontro (Udine o Gorizia) all'indirizzo e-mail: assidrofvg@libero.it o contattando direttamente il segretario Comuzzi Massimo al numero di cell. 333 2951774.

Colgo l'occasione per porgerVi i più cari saluti ed auguri di buon lavoro.

A presto.

**IL PRESIDENTE**

- Prof. Ing. VERRI Giorgio -

Allegata – brochure dell'impianto di AVCE.



# PSPP AVČE

THE FIRST PUMPED STORAGE  
HIDROPOWER PLANT IN  
SLOVENIA

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USR, HRT, ST, VCH, PSK, PHS, PHB, TRC
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# SENG hydro power plants

25 plants:

- 5 plants above 10 MW – HPP on Soča river:

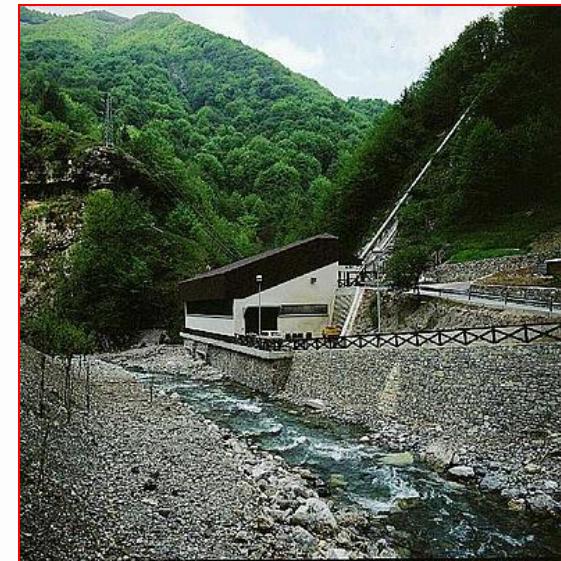
*HPP Doblar I, HPP Doblar II, HPP Plave I, HPP Plave II, HPP Sarkan*

- 20 plants up to 10 MW – HPP on Soča river  
*subsidiary streams*

Electrical energy production - 520 GWh

Remote control - HPP over 10 MW

Remote supervision - HPP up to 10 MW



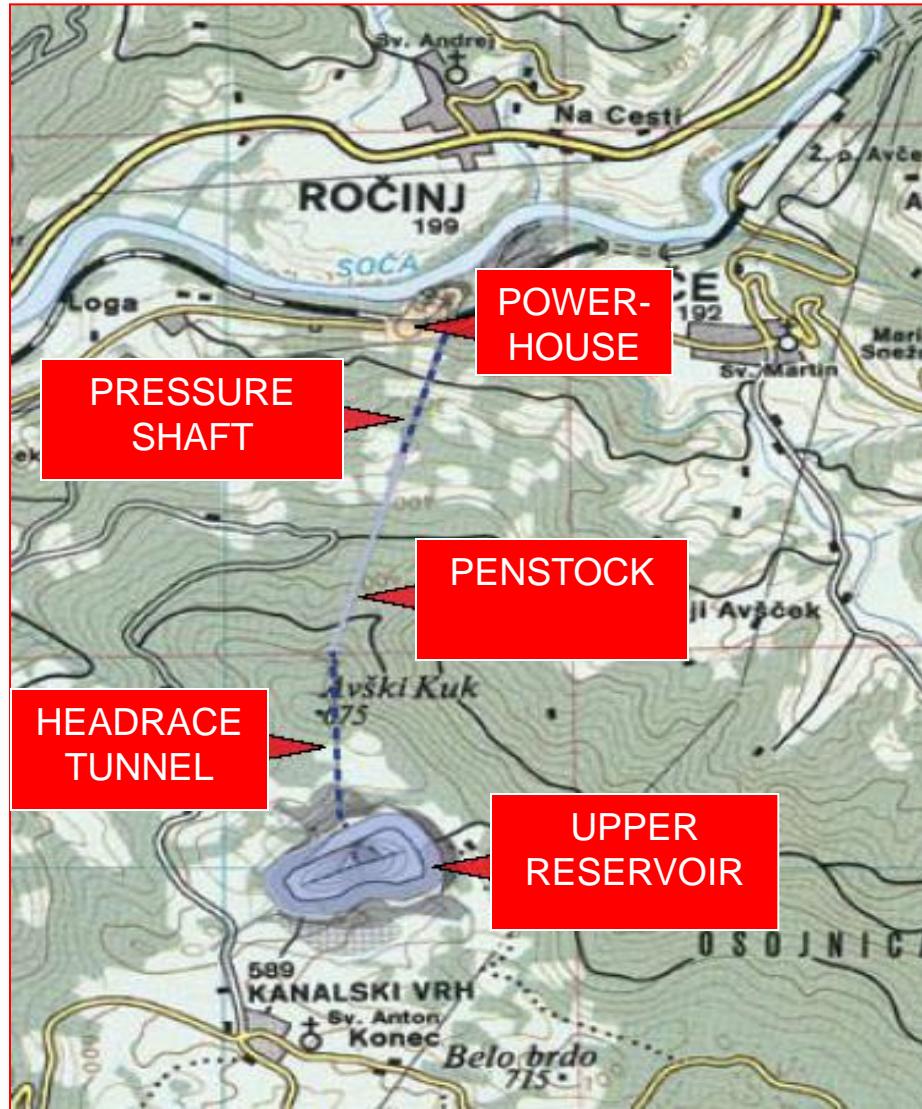
# HPP SENG



# Benefits of the Avče project

- Peak energy production
- Flexibility in the open electric energy market
- System reserve
- Turist development on upper storage reservoir area

# Location in detail



# AVČE PSPP – basic data

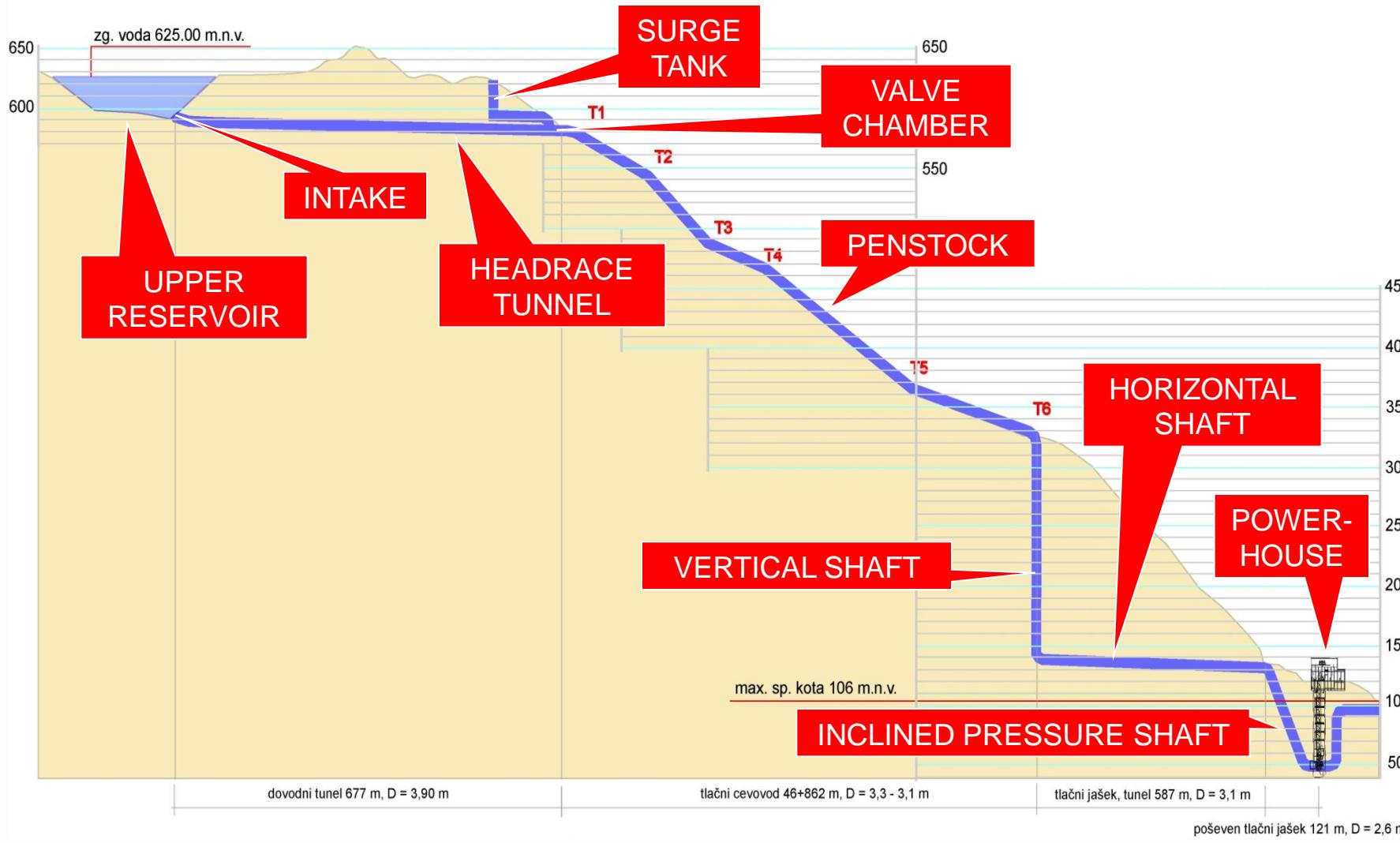
## General data

Maximal discharge - turbine / pumping mode	40 / 32 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Maximal / minimal head	521 / 491 m
Installed power - turbine / pumping mode	185.4 / 180.0 MW
Efficiency	0,77
Upper storage reservoir	2,3 mio m <sup>3</sup>
Lower storage reservoir	0,42 mio m <sup>3</sup>

## Electrical and mechanical equipment in the Powerhouse

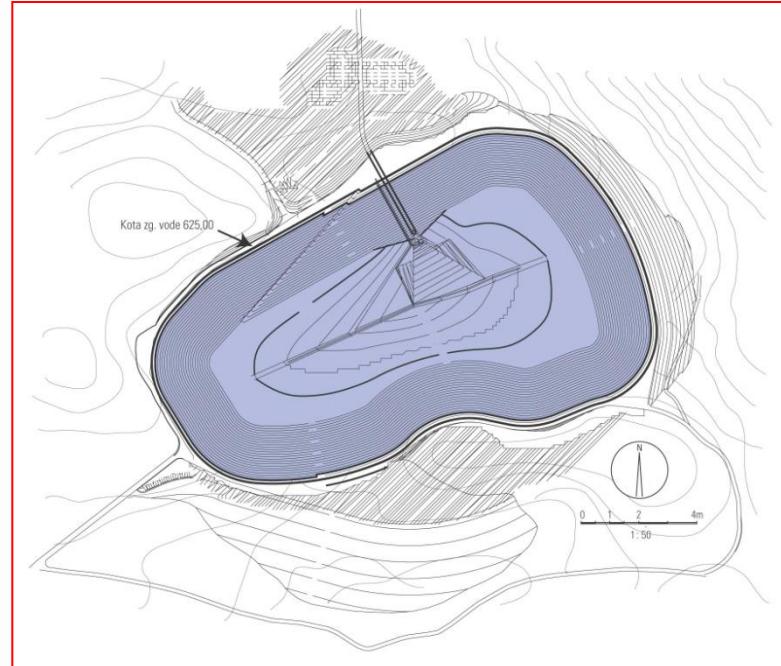
Pump/Turbine	Francis, 7 blades
Generator /Motor	195 MVA, 18kV
	600 min-1 (-4/+4 %)
Main crane	300 t
Main transformer	200 MVA, 18/116 kV
Switchgear (GIS)	110 kV

# Facility cross – section



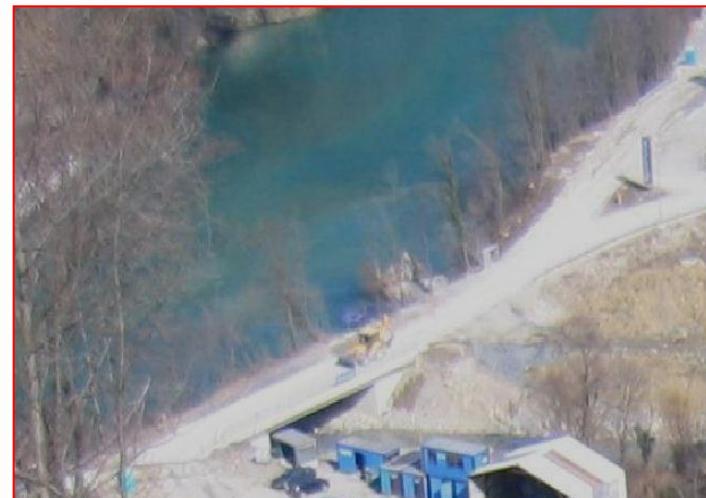
## Upper storage reservoir

- $H_{b\max}$  - 521,0 m
- $H_{b\min}$  - 491,0 m
- $H_{\max}$  - 625 m n.m.
- $H_{\min}$  - 597 m n.m.
- Volume  $2,3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^3$



## Lower storage reservoir

- $H_{\max}$  - 106 m n.m.
- $H_{\min}$  - 104,5 m n.m.
- Volume  $0,42 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^3$

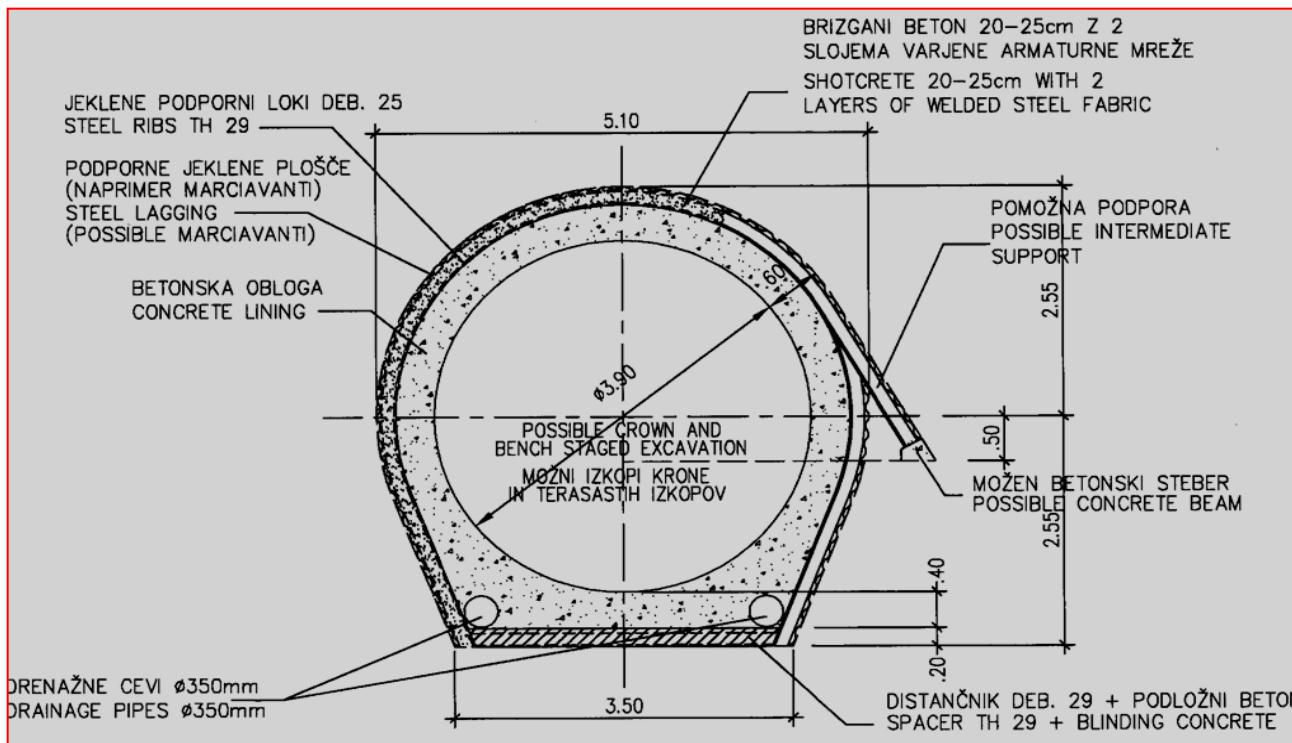
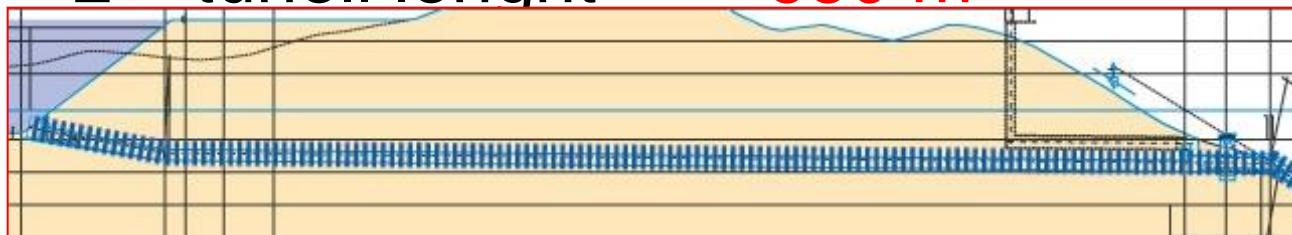






# Headrace tunnel

- D<sub>n</sub> – inner diameter **3,9 m**
- L – tunell lenght **680 m**



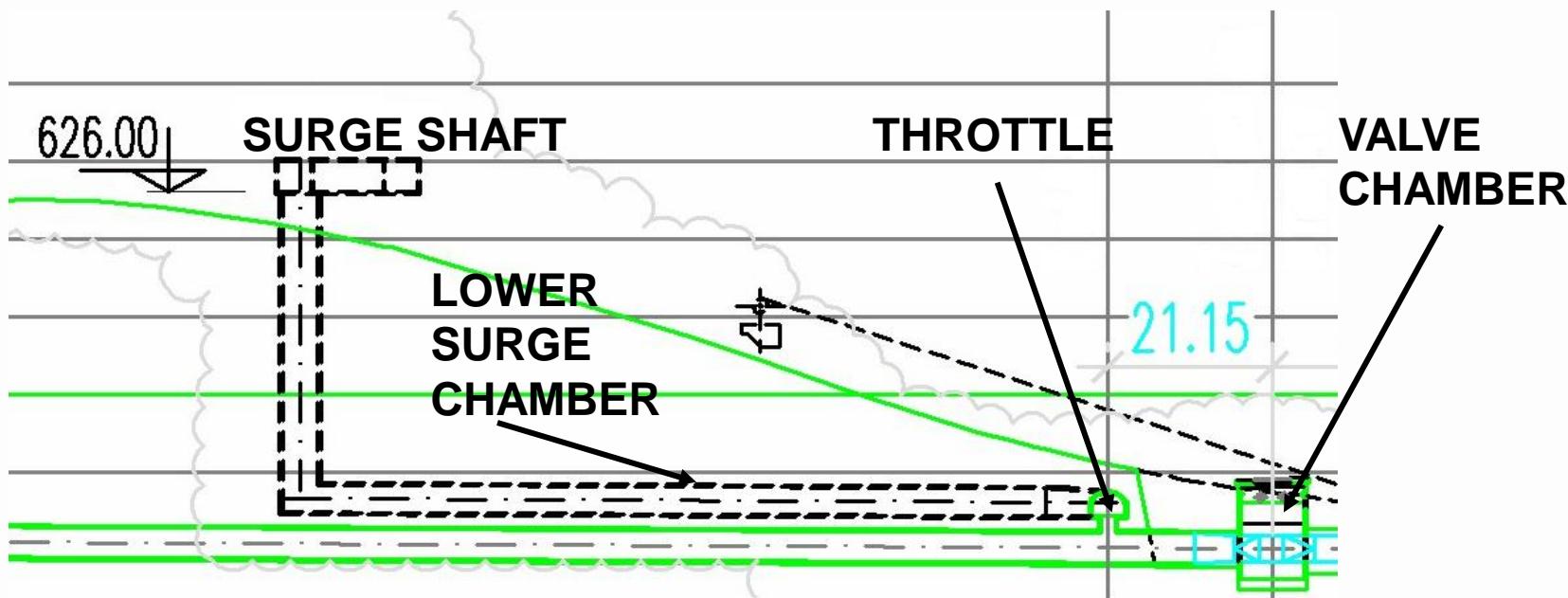


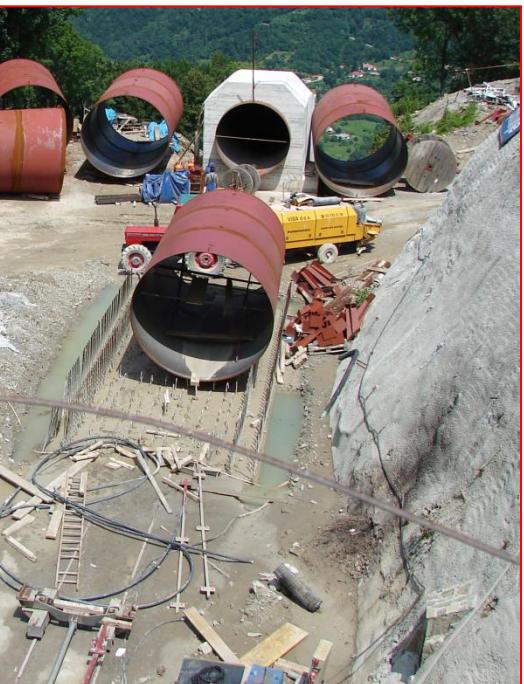
# Surge shaft

- D<sub>n</sub> – inner diameter      4,5 m
- L – surge lenght    39 m

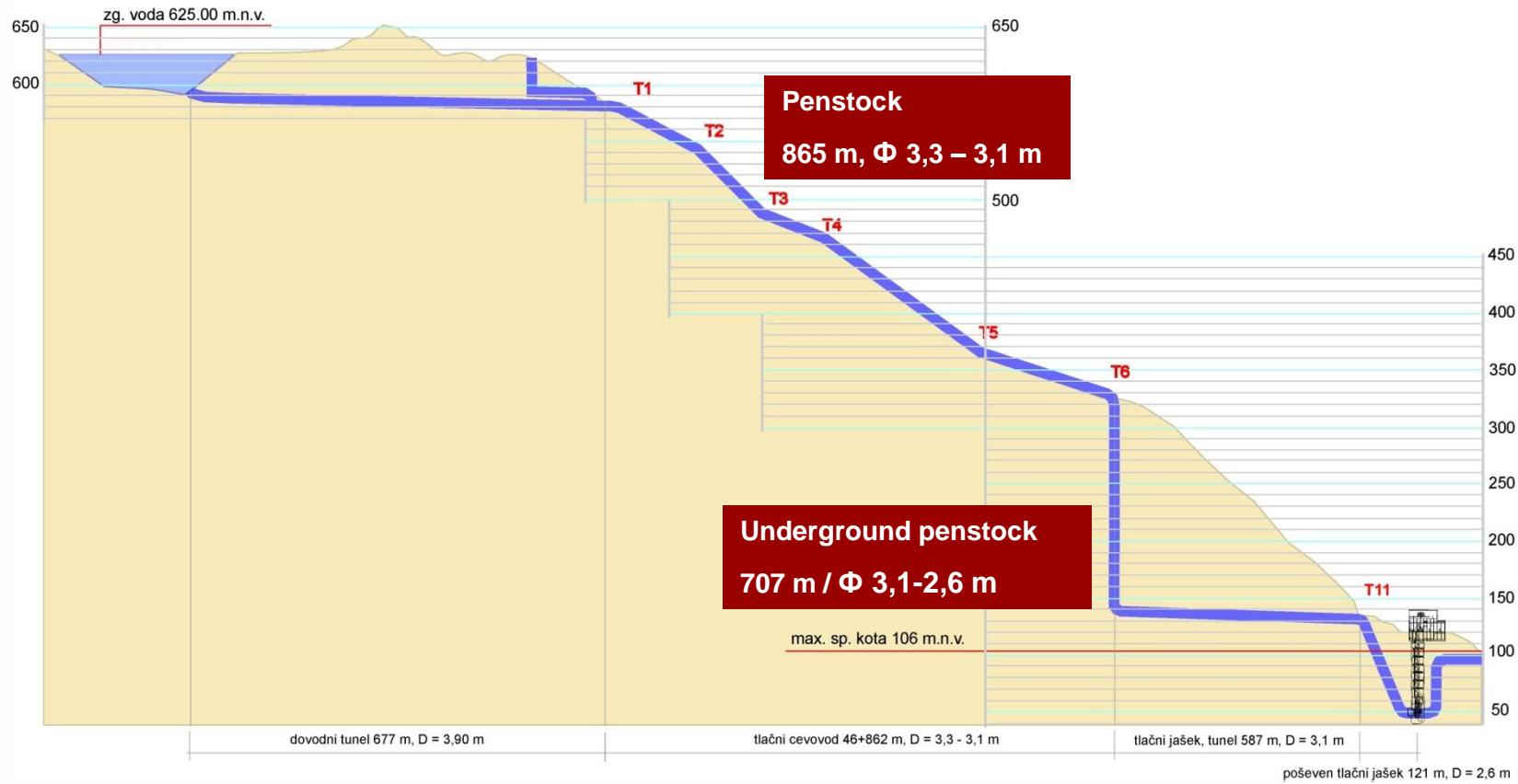
# Lower surge chamber

- D<sub>n</sub> – inner diameter      3,5 m
- L – chamber lenght      113 m



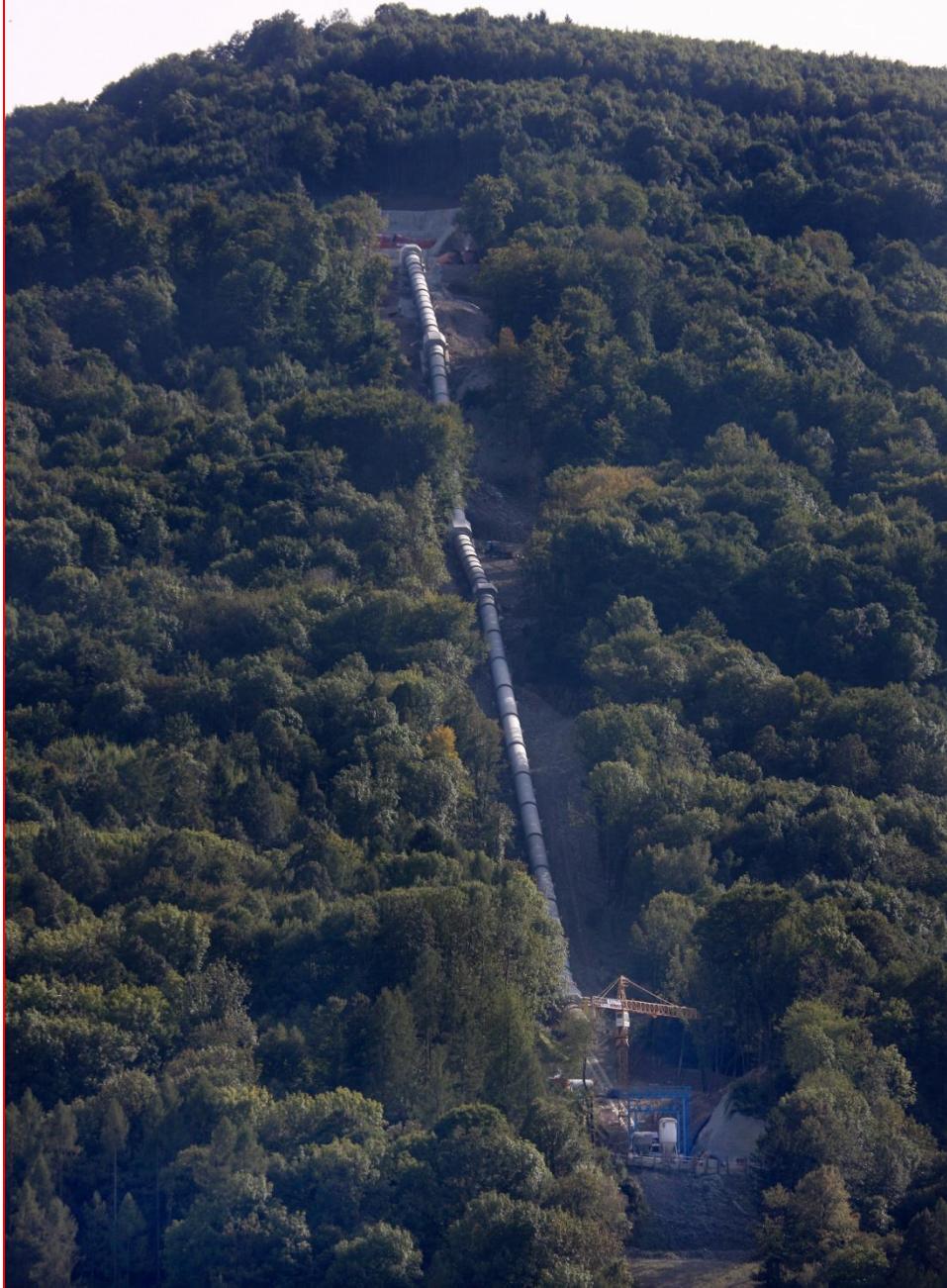


# Penstock longitudinal profile



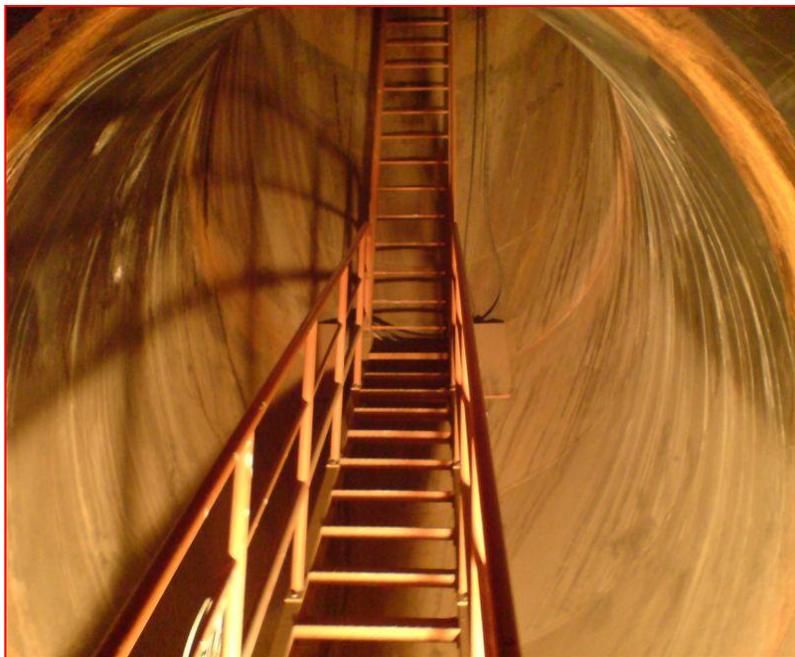




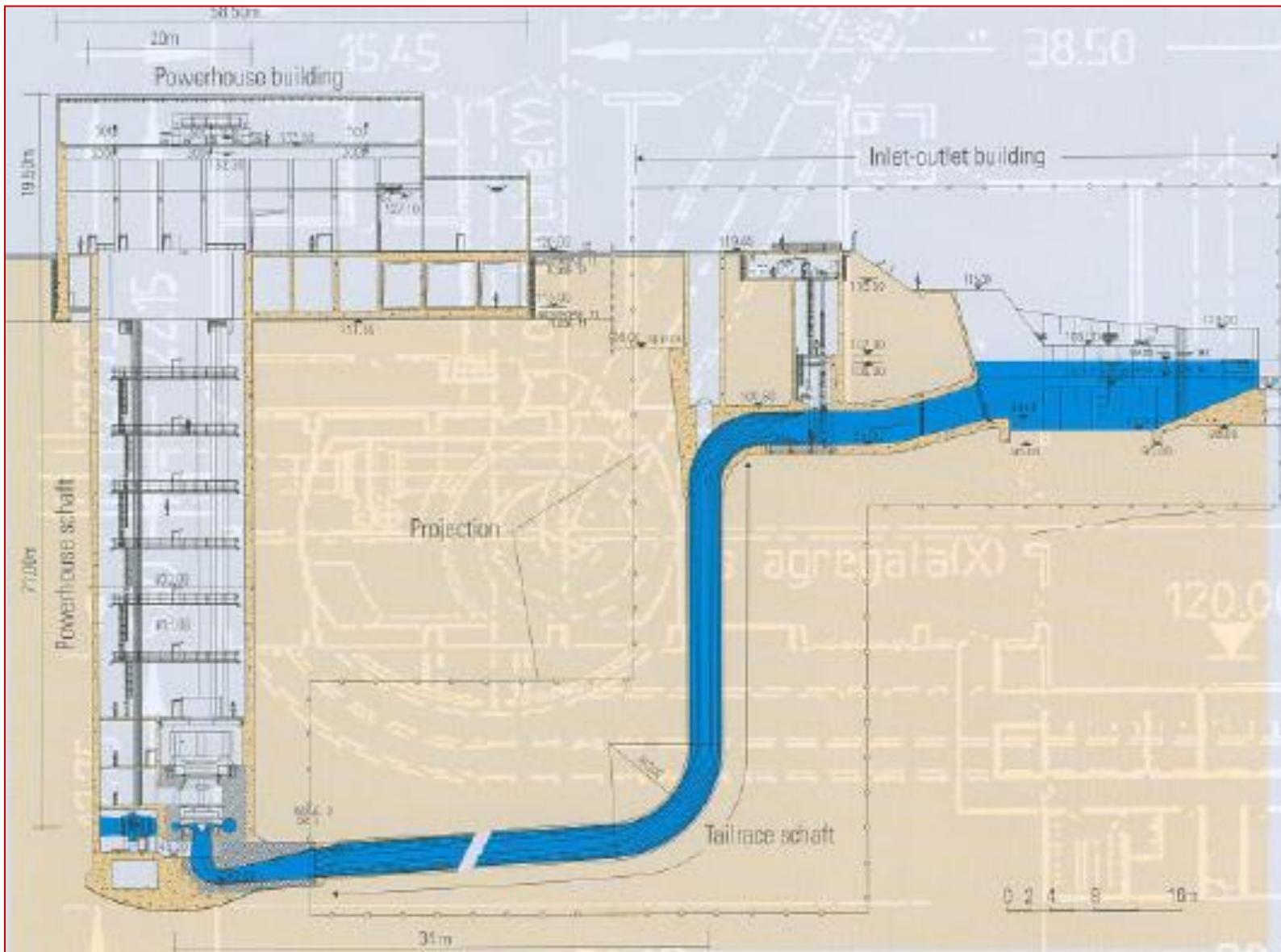


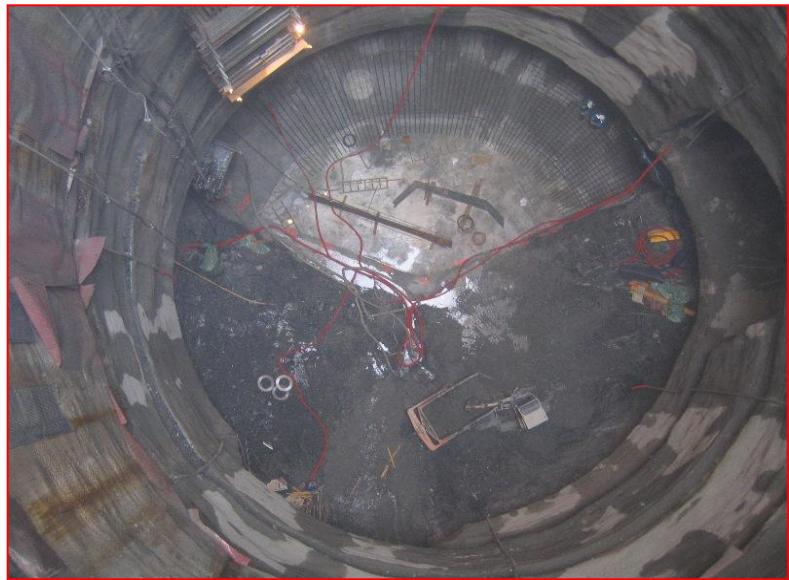


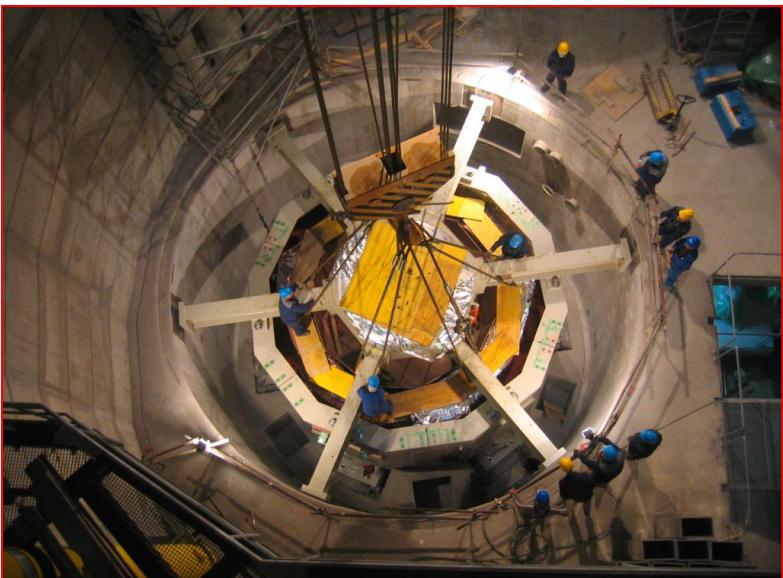
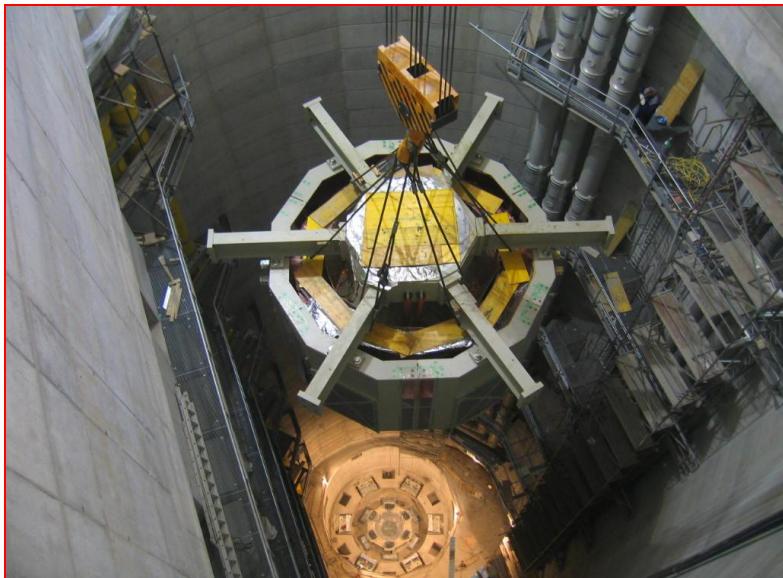
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# Powerhouse with inlet-outlet building











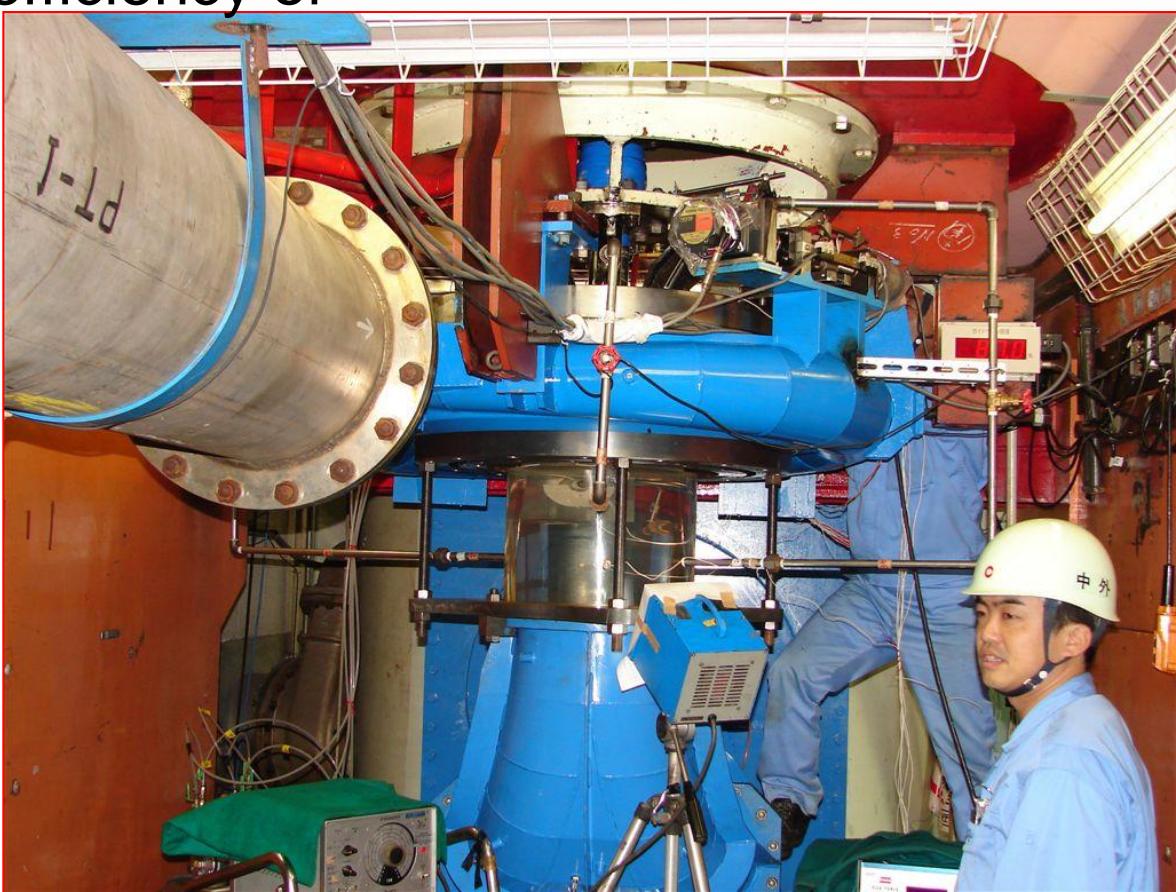
# Turbine model testing in contractor laboratory (Mitsubishi, Japan)

Relation model/prototype: 1/5,923

Average guaranteed efficiency of turbine: 92%

Average guaranteed efficiency of pump : 92,67%

Average guaranteed cycle efficiency:  
85,26%



# Manufacture of turbine equipment in MHI (Mitsubishi Heavy Industry)

Manufacturing of runner



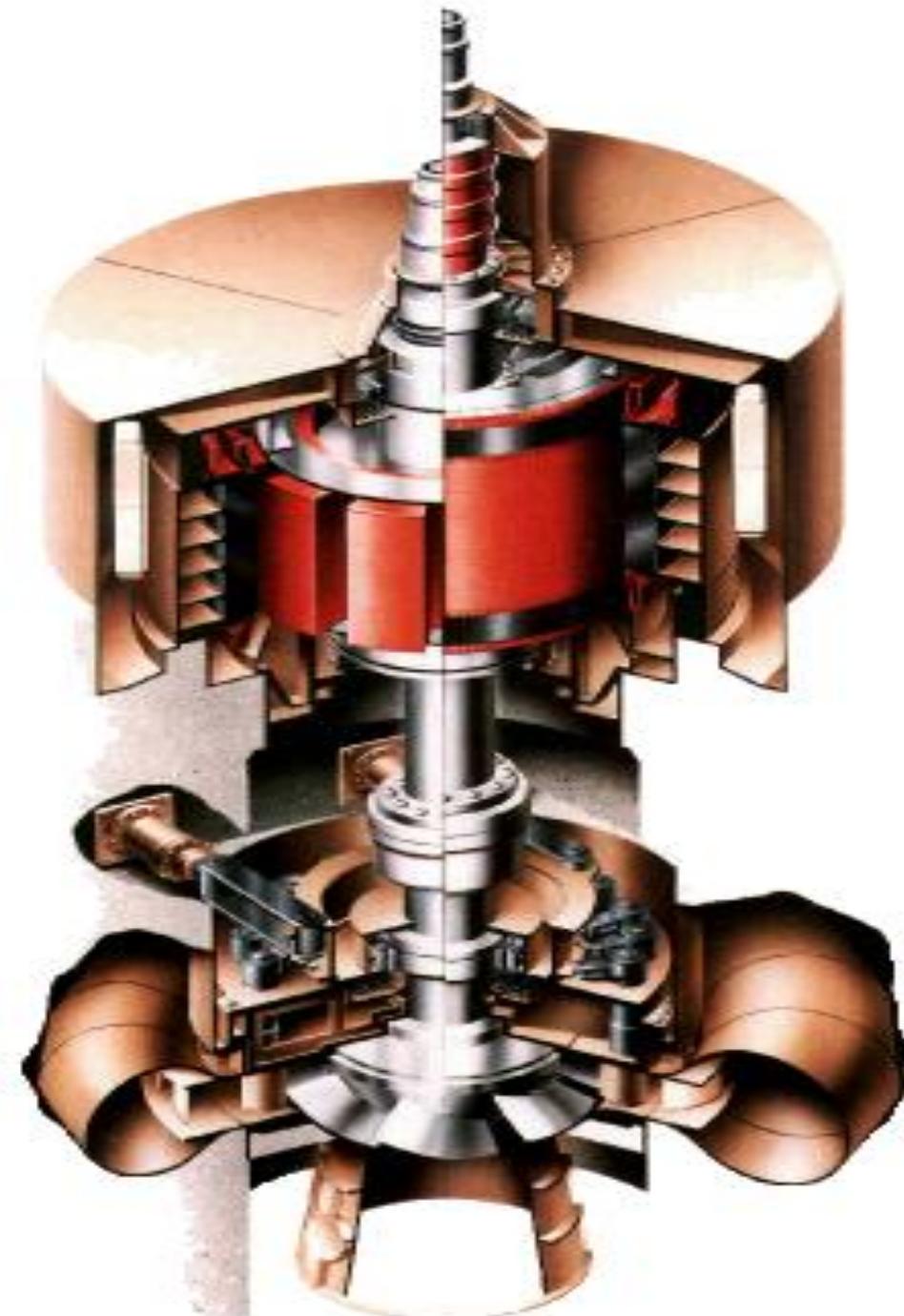
Manufacturing of main  
inlet valve

# Synchronous and asynchronous generator (DFIM)

## Specifications of the AVČE generator/motor

Generator capacity	195 MVA
Motor capacity	190 MVA
Rated voltage	18 kV
Rated rational speed	600 r/min
Runaway speed	900 r/min
Moment of inertia ( $GD^2$ )	2100 $tm^2$
Power factor	0,95
Frequency	50 Hz
Excitation voltage	1980 V
Maximum excitation voltage *	7000 V
Maximum excitation current	4800 A

\* a max. excitation voltage is applied at the start-up in the motor mode



## Rotor

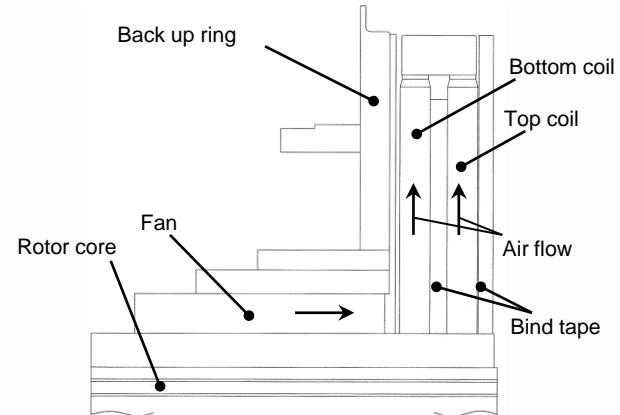
- rotor is cylindrical type with 3-phase windings are held in the slots;
- collector ring connect G/M to exitation system;
- rotor is completely assembled at the site.

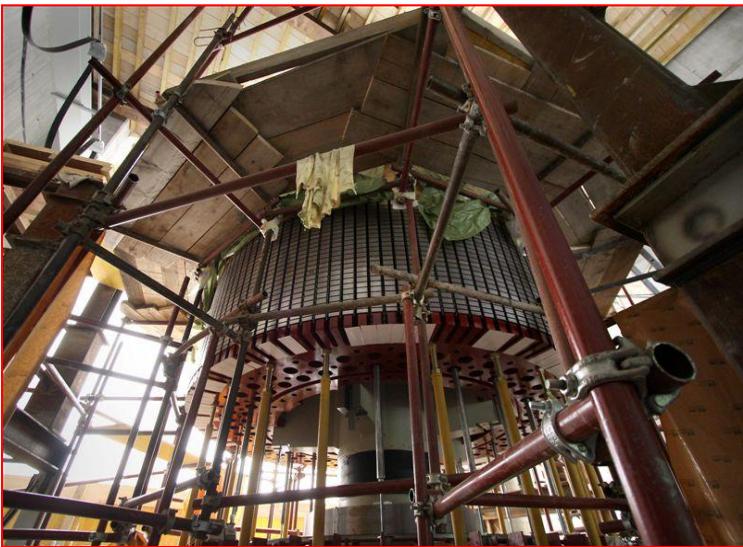
## Rotor coil end support

- coil end portion is exposed from the slot where a large centrifugal force acts during the operation;
- the support of the rotor coil end is achieved by a back up ring and a bind tape;
- as for the bind tape material, the Aramid tape is applied;
- coil end is cooled by air flow through paths between the adjacent rotor coils.

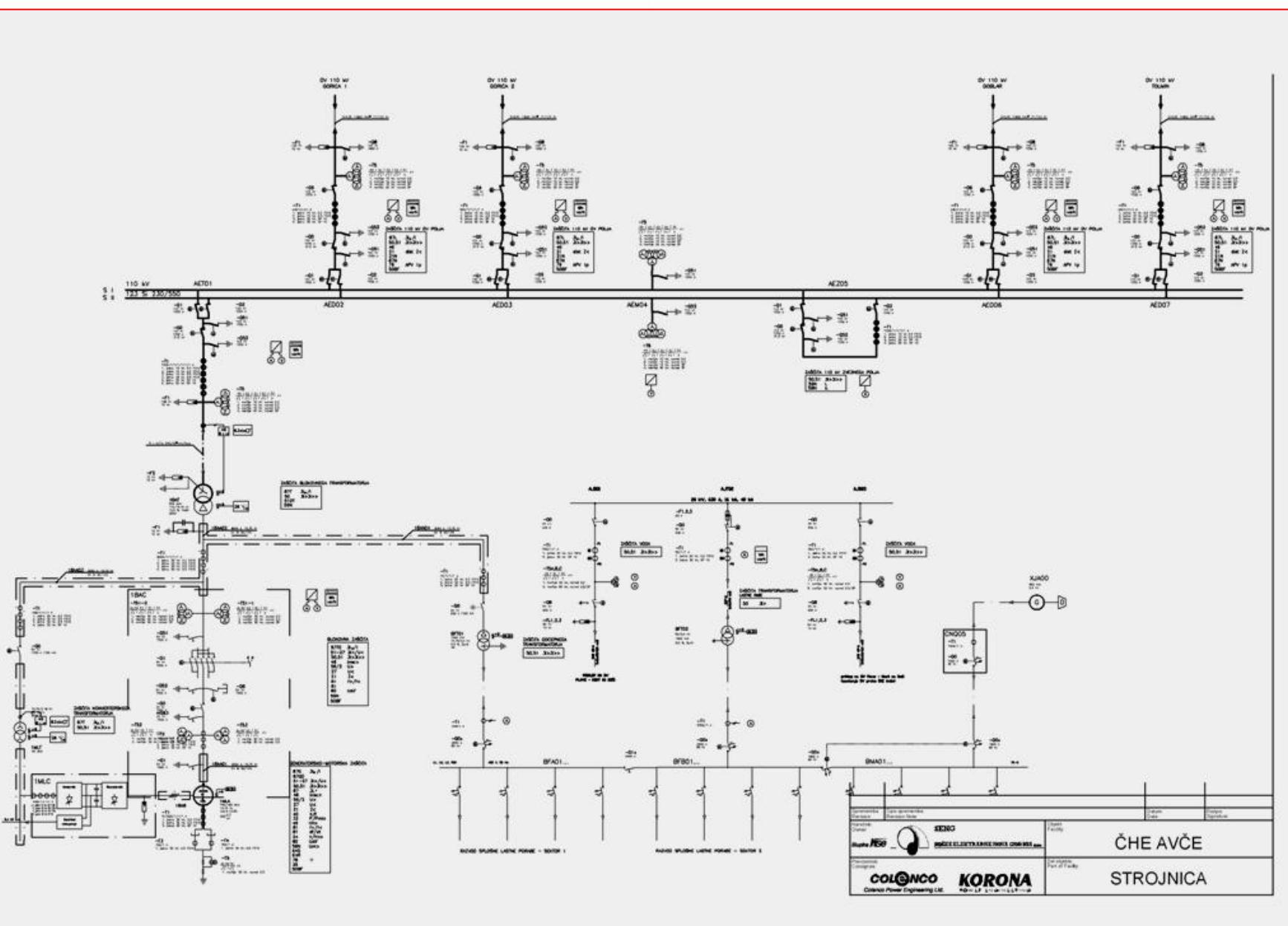
## Rotor core

- the rotor core consists of thin steel plate laminations bolted together;
- ventilating ducts are provided within the core laminations.

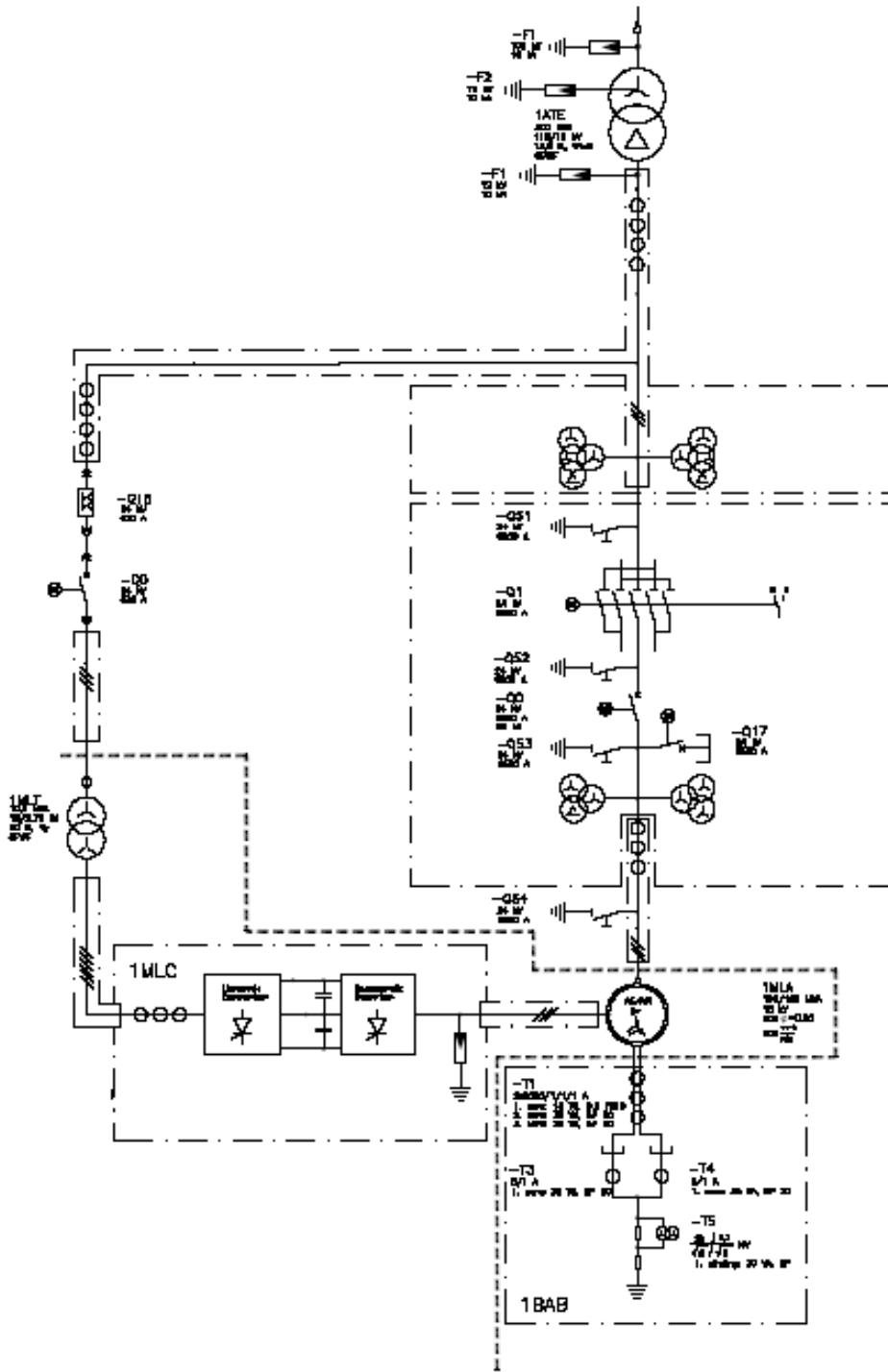




# Single line diagram



# Generator with the excitation system



# Advantage of adjustable speed system

## Constant Speed Machine

- ① Constant Speed ⇒  
Pump Input Power is  
constant ( impossible to  
regulate )
- ② Mechanical Power Control  
⇒ slow response
- ③ Constant Speed ⇒  
not improve efficiency of  
P/T

## Adjustable Speed Machine

- ① Speed Variation ⇒  
Pump Input Power change !!  
( possible to regulate )
- ② Electrical Power Control  
⇒ quick response !!
- ③ Speed Variation ⇒  
improve efficiency of P/T !!

Improvement of  
operation of Nuclear  
and Thermal P/S

Soft start in pump  
mode on relatively  
weak grid

Improvement of  
Grid stability

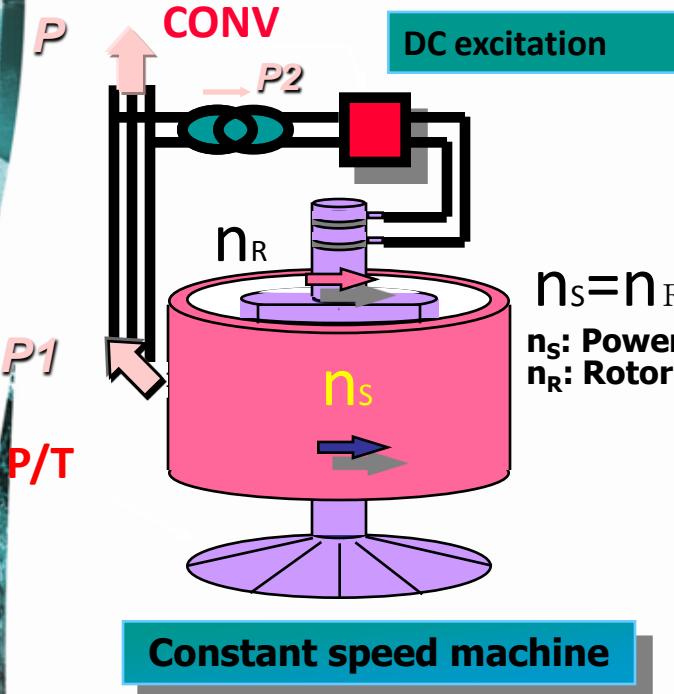
Convenient for  
wind power  
fluctuation

Effective  
application of  
natural energy

# Comparison of constant speed with adjustable speed

[1] System output/input is not equal to G/M terminal output/input.

Excitation system of adjustable speed generator-motor



$$n_s = n_R$$

$n_s$ : Power system frequency  
 $n_R$ : Rotor rotational frequency

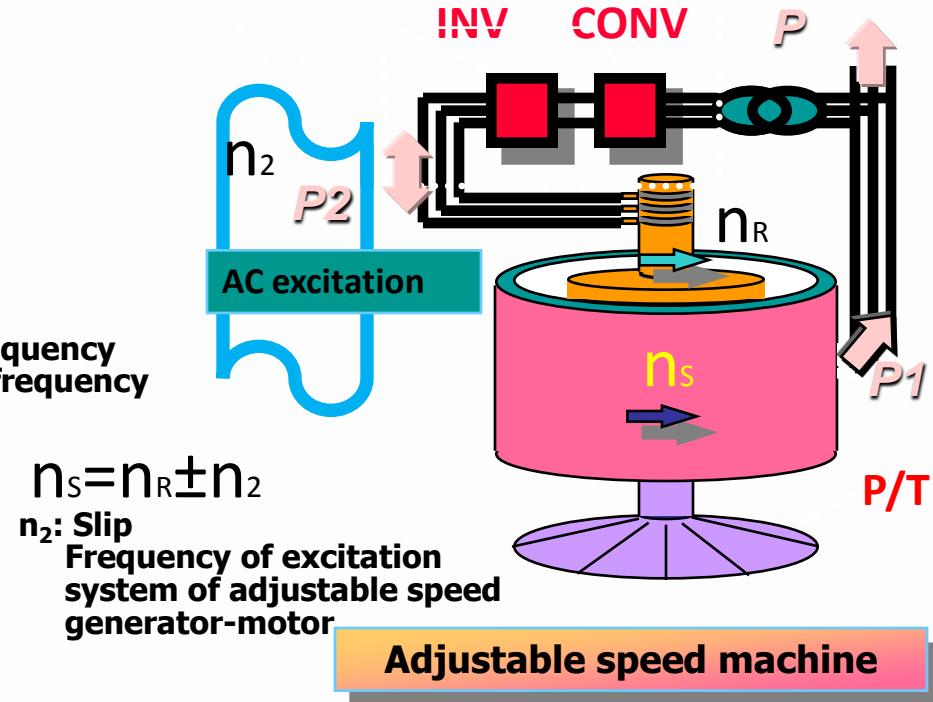
Constant speed machine

$$P \gg P_2 \quad \therefore P \approx P_1$$

P : System output

P1: Generator terminal output

P2: Power to exciter



$$n_s = n_R \pm n_2$$

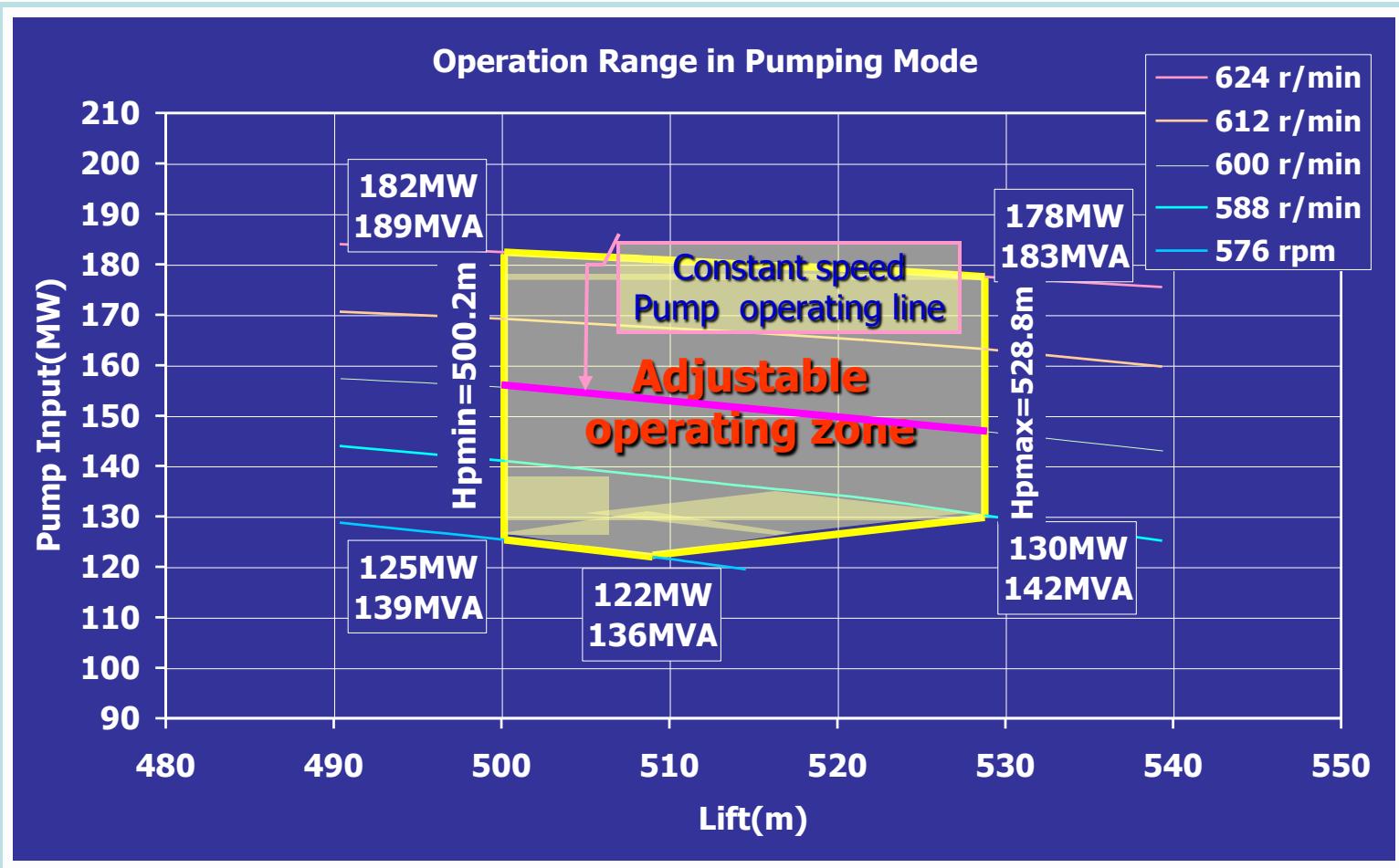
$n_2$ : Slip  
Frequency of excitation system of adjustable speed generator-motor

Adjustable speed machine

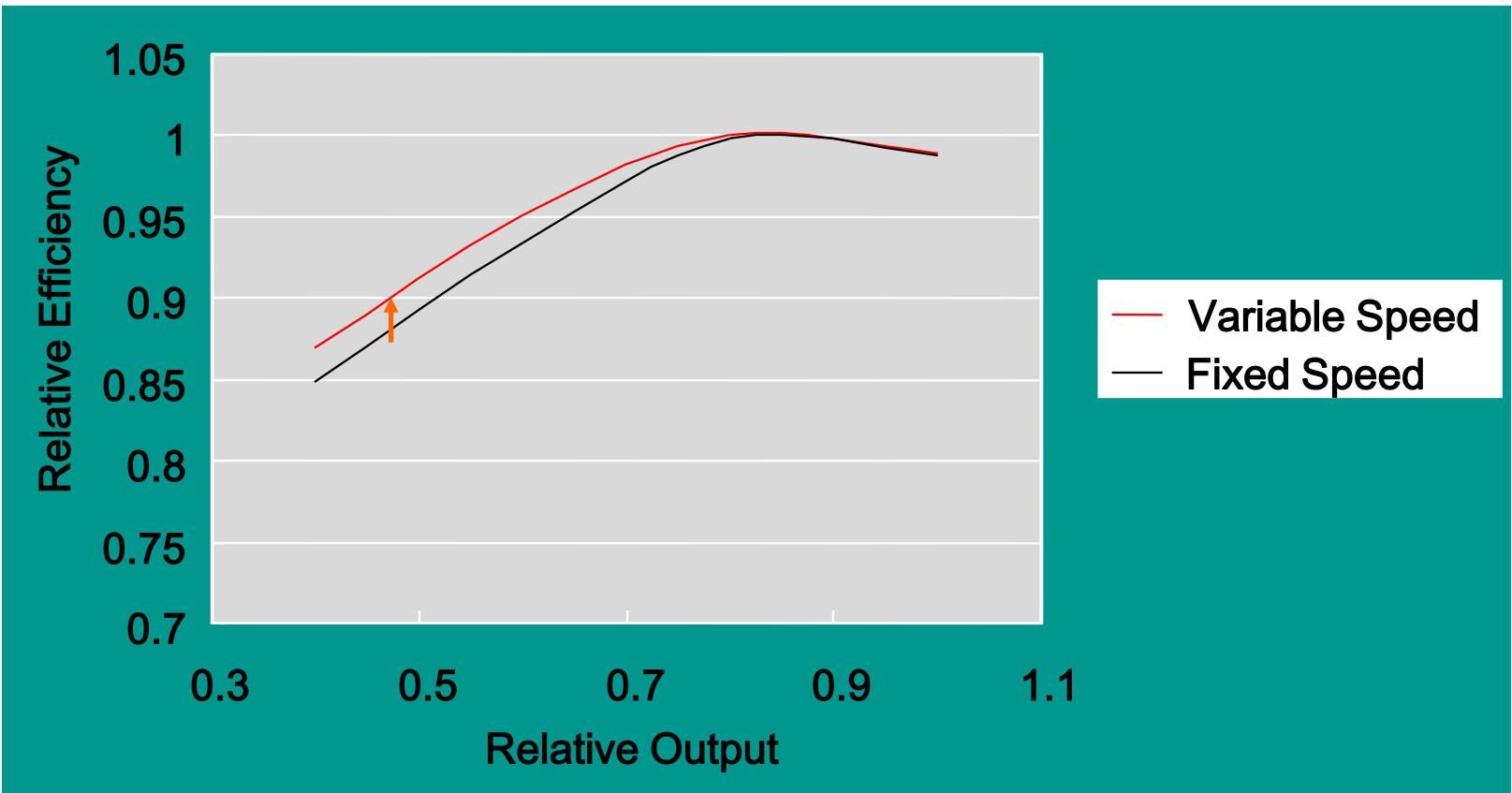
Value and/or direction of "P2" is changed due to the value of " $n_2$ ".

$$\therefore P \neq P_1$$

# Operating range in pumping mode



# Turbine efficiency



# Avče PSP milestones

- 2003: preliminary studies, invest program
- Sept. 2004: building permit
- Dec. 2004: start od preliminary works
- Jun. 2005: start of civil works and LOT T/G works
- Oct. 2005: start of Lot C/H (penstocand and HM equipment) and Lot D (cranes)
- Jun. 2006: start of Lot EE (electrical equipment)
- Dec. 2007: start of overhead 110 kV lines
- Avg. – Sept. 2009: dry tests
- Oct. 2009 – Mar 2010: wet tests
- Apr. 2010: trial operation

# Avče PSP – economical data

- Investment cost of 120 million EUR
- The most expensive are civil works and electrical equipment
- Financing: 42% SENG, 58% EIB and other banks.

