# Dinamično vedenje vrtilnega sistema turbine 

# The Dynamic Behavior of a Turbine Rotating System 

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#### Abstract

Prispevek s pomočjo teoretičnega modeliranja in simuliranja obravnava dinamiko vrtilnega sistema turbine, skupaj s spremljanjem eksperimentalnih pogojev in diagnosticiranjem rezultatov. Dva rotoja sta povezana z zobniško sklopko s svežnji prožnih plošč. Med ploščami in polvprijemajočimi zobmi so tanke plasti olja. Med ploščami, ploščnimi svežnji in polvprijemajočimi zobmi lahko nastane prožni stik. Dinamični model vrtilnega sistema z zobniškim sklopom smo oblikovali in simulirali. Simulacijske in preizkusne merilne rezultate vrtilnega sistema smo uporabili za razpoznavo vira nihanj ter napak na prožnih ploščah, ki nastanajo zaradi korozijske obrabe in neporavnanosti rotorjev. © 2006 Strojniški vestnik. Vse pravice pridržane.


(Ključne besede: turbine parne, sistemi rotorski, dinamika, numerične metode, korozija stična)


#### Abstract

This paper looks at the dynamics of a steam-turbine rotating system using theoretical modeling and a simulation combined with experimental condition monitoring and diagnostics results. Two rotors are connected by the toothed wheel coupling with elastic plate packets. There are thin layers of oil between the plates and the semi-couplings' teeth. Elastic contacts can occur between the plates, the plate packets and the semi-couplings' teeth. A dynamic model of the rotating system with the toothed-wheel coupling was designed and simulated. The simulation and experimental measurement results of the rotating system were used to identify the vibration sources and the failures of the elastic plates due to fretting corrosion and the misalignment of the rotors. © 2006 Journal of Mechanical Engineering. All rights reserved.


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## 0 INTRODUCTION

The power generating machines in Lithuania are usually steam turbines that have been in service for about 25 to 40 years. The renovation of these machines results in an increase in both reliability and efficiency. The steam-turbine rotor system (Figure 1) consists of two rotors: a high-pressure cylinder rotor (HPR), a medium- and low-pressure cylinder rotor (MLPR), and a toothed-wheel coupling (TWC). The design of the coupling used in highpower turbo generators ( 60 MW ) is modern but not sufficiently applied in practice. Figure 1 b shows a TWC with 80 teeth connected by plate packets. Each plate packet contains three carbon-steel plates: two of them are $7 \times 45 \times 300 \mathrm{~mm}$ and one is $2 \times 45 \times 300 \mathrm{~mm}$. The TWC transmits about $70 \%$ of the turbine's torque to the MLPR and to the electric generator.

The rotating system with the hydrodynamic journal bearings and the TWC vibrates during the 3000 -rpm rotation speed, and this vibration movement is activated by the toothed-wheel coupling with the plate packets. The dynamic movement of each plate in the packet as well as of all the plate packets is complex, but important for the safe continuous operation of the machine, and it is complicated or even impossible to measure the vibration displacement of the plates and the coupling teeth in situ. The TWC plates inside the packet have to operate under unfavorable conditions: high inertia forces, high temperature, variable lubrication and loading, and relative displacements of the semi-couplings with teeth. Furthermore, during dynamic loading a metallic contact between a plate packet and a tooth may occur. The friction between the plates inside a packet and the teeth cause the fretting corrosion
phenomenon that damages the plates. Fretting wear will occur in any material under the conditions of cyclic slip under load [1]. Therefore, the operating conditions of plate packets determine their reliability and, in general, the reliability of the whole rotating system. In this paper the machine-condition monitoring and the diagnostic method is evaluated with modeling and simulation of the dynamics of the rotating system with journal bearings and with the TWC plate packets, both theoretically and experimentally.

The dynamic analysis of a non-linear torsion motion flexible coupling with elastic links is presented in [2]. The results of the analysis of the steady running and transient vibration performance are applied to the determination of the optimum proportions of the couplings. Some influence of the flexible coupling's stiffness on the torsion-motion torque amplitude is considered in [3]. The vibration of the high-power asynchronous electric motor of an air blower is estimated by the periodic monitoring of the absolute vibration of the housing bearings and the relative vibrations of the rotor shaft, and is presented [4]. The insufficient $1 X$ dynamic stiffness of the rotor system is the main reason for the high vibration amplitude of the $1 X$ frequency in the electric motor. The dynamics of the rotor is investigated using the finite-element method. The complex finite element of the rotor has twenty-six degrees of freedom. The general dynamic model for a large-scale rotor-bearing system with a cracked shaft is presented in reference [5]. The model accommodates shafts with tapered portions, multiple disks and anisotropic bearings. The dynamic processes in the driver together with the asynchronous engine, coupling with gas, and mechanical drive are considered in [6] to [8]. A coupling of this type consists of separate segments, where additional
masses are input. The dynamic model of the driver, the pressure-wave propagation in gas, the interaction of separate coupling bodies and gas are studied. The direct mathematical simulation method of the rotor system with an elastic link is presented [9]. The finite-element method approximates a rotorbearing system with a finite-degree-of-freedom system, the motions of which are described by ordinary differential equations ([10] to [13]).

## 1 THE DYNAMIC MODEL OF STEAM TURBINE ROTORS

The steam-turbine rotating system is shown in Figure 1 and consists of two rotors supported by oil-film bearings and TWC. The following general assumptions were made: the material of the rotors and the coupling are elastic; shear forces are taken into account; the deflection of the rotor is produced by the displacement of points of the centre line; the axial motion of the rotors is neglected; and the semicouplings are treated as rigid.

The rotor dynamics is simulated by the finiteelement method, where the finite element consists of two nodes and five degrees of freedom (DOF) at each node. The first and the second DOF are displacements along the $y$ and $z$ axes and the last three DOF are angles around the $X, Y$ and $Z$ axes. The vector of translation displacement and the rotation angles of the rotor's finite element can be described as follows:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
v \\
w
\end{array}\right\}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
N_{v}(\xi) \\
N_{w}(\xi)
\end{array}\right]\{q(t)\}=[N]\{q\} \\
\{\theta\}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\alpha \\
\beta \\
\gamma
\end{array}\right\}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
N_{1 \theta}(\xi) \\
N_{2 \theta}(\xi) \\
N_{3 \theta}(\xi)
\end{array}\right]\{q(t)\}=\left[N_{\theta}\right]\{q\} \tag{1}
\end{gather*}
$$



Fig. 1. Rotors and bearings layout: $a$ - rotating system, $1-H P R, 2-M L P R, 3-T W C, 1 B$ and $3 B-$ radial-axial bearings, $2 B$ and $4 B$ radial bearing; $b-v i e w ~ o f ~ T W C ~ w i t h ~ p l a t e ~ p a c k e t s ~$
where $\{q\}$ is the nodal element displacement vector; $[N]$ and $\left[N_{\theta}\right]$ are the matrices of the shape functions (see appendix A).

Cardin's angles are used to determine the relationship between the angular velocity $\{\dot{\theta}\}$ and the angular velocity $\{\omega\}$ in the $X Y Z$ coordinate system.

The equations of motion of the rotor's finite element are derived by applying a Lagrange equation of the second order, which can be written as follows:

$$
[M(q)]\{\ddot{q}\}+([C]+[G])\{\dot{q}\}+[K]\{q\}=\{F(q, \dot{q})\}(2),
$$

where $[M(q)],[C],[G]$ and $[K]$ are the mass, damping, gyroscopic and stiffness matrices of the finite element, respectively (see appendix B); and $\{F(q, \dot{q})\}$ is the load vector of the finite element.

## 2BEARINGMODEL

Under the assumption of small displacements of the journal centre, the fluid-film force components in the horizontal and vertical directions, $F_{y}$ and $F_{z}$, turn out to be as follows:

$$
\left\{F_{b}\right\}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
c_{y y} & c_{y z}  \tag{3}\\
c_{z y} & c z z
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\dot{v} \\
\dot{w}
\end{array}\right\}+\left[\begin{array}{ll}
k_{y y} & k_{y z} \\
k_{z y} & k_{z z}
\end{array}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{c}
v \\
w
\end{array}\right\}=\left[C_{b}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\dot{v} \\
\dot{w}
\end{array}\right\}+\left[K_{b}\right]\left\{\begin{array}{c}
v \\
w
\end{array}\right\}
$$

where $k_{i j}$ and $c_{i j}(i, j)=(Y, Z)$ are the stiffness and damping coefficients, respectively (Figure 2).

## 3 COUPLINGMODEL

The rotors and the bearing system are considered in the global coordinate system $X Y Z$ (Figure 1). The semi-couplings are considered as a rigid body attached to the rotors. The mass centers


Fig. 2. Fluid-film bearing model
of the first and second semi-couplings are input into the moving coordinate systems $X_{1} Y_{1} Z_{1}, X_{2} Y_{2} Z_{2}$, respectively. Each semi-coupling contains notches where a package of three plates is inserted. In each notch of the first and second semi-coupling coordinate systems $X_{1 k} Y_{1 k} Z_{1 k}$ and $X_{2 k} Y_{2 k} Z_{2 k}$ are input, respectively, where $k=1,2, \ldots, N Z$ and $N Z$ is the number of notches (Figure 3).

The coordinates vector of point $P_{i}$ in the global coordinate system $X Y Z$ in the $i^{\text {th }}$ semi-coupling and in the $k^{\text {th }}$ notch are given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\{R_{p i}\right\}=\left\{R_{c i 0}\right\}+\left\{U_{c i}\right\}+\left[A_{i}\right]\left(\left\{r_{i k, 0}\right\}+\left[A_{3}\left(\gamma_{k}\right)\right]\left\{\left\{_{i k, 1}\right\}\right)\right. \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

- $\left\{R_{c i 0}\right\}$ is the initial coordinate vector of the mass centre point $C_{i}$ of the $i^{\text {th }}$ semi-coupling;
- $\left\{U_{c i}\right\}$ is the vector translation displacements of the point $C_{i}$;
- $\left[A_{i}\right]$ is the transformation matrix between the coordinate systems $X Y Z$ and $X_{i} Y Z_{i}$;
$-\gamma_{k}$ is the angle $\gamma_{k}=3 \pi / 2+\alpha_{k}, \alpha_{k}=(k-1) 2 \pi / N Z$, ( $k=1,2, \ldots, N Z$ );


Fig. 3. The TWC model: $a$ - coupling; $b-$ HPR semi-coupling; $c-$ MLPR semi-coupling

- $\left[A_{3}\left(\gamma_{k}\right)\right.$ is the transformation matrix between the coordinate system $X_{1} Y_{1} Z_{1}$ and $X_{1 k} Y_{1 k} Z_{1 k}$,
- $\left\{r_{i k, 0}\right\}$ is the vector that is equal to $\left\{r_{i k, 0}\right\}=$ $\left[-\alpha_{1} \quad R_{1} \cos \left(\alpha_{k}+\alpha_{0}\right) \quad R_{1} \sin \left(\alpha_{k}+\alpha_{0}\right)\right] ; \sin \left(\alpha_{0}\right)=$ $b / 2 R_{1}$; and
- $\left\{r_{i k, 1}\right\}$ is the vector that determines the coordinates of the point $P_{i}$ in the coordinate system $X_{i k} Y_{i k} Z_{i k}$, ( $i=1,2$ ).

The vector $\left\{d_{12 k}\right\}$ from point $P_{1}$ to $P_{2}$ in the $k^{\mathrm{th}}$ notch and in the $X_{1 k} Y_{1 k} Z_{1 k}$ coordinate system is equal to:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\{d_{12 k}\right\}=\left[A_{3}\right]^{T}\left[A_{1}\right]^{T}\left(\left\{R_{p 2}\right\}-\left\{R_{p 1}\right\}\right) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and its first time-derivative is developed:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\{\dot{d}_{12 k}\right\}=\left[A_{3}\right]^{T}\left[\dot{A}_{1}\right]^{T}\left(\left\{R_{p 2}\right\}-\left\{R_{p 1}\right\}\right)+\left[A_{3}\right]^{T}\left[A_{1}\right]^{T}\left(\left\{\dot{R}_{p 2}\right\}-\left\{\dot{R}_{p 1}\right\}\right) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left[\dot{A}_{i}\right]=\left[\tilde{\omega}_{i}\right]\left[A_{i}\right]$;
$\left\{\dot{R}_{p i}\right\}=\left\{\dot{U}_{c i}\right\}+\left[\dot{A}_{i}\right]\left(\left\{\left\{_{i k, 0}\right\}+\left[A_{3}\left(\gamma_{k}\right)\right]\left\{r_{i k, 1}\right\}\right)\right.$;
$\left[\tilde{\omega}_{i}\right]$ is a skew-symmetric matrix associated with the vectors $\left\{\omega_{i}\right\}=\left[\begin{array}{lll}\Omega+\dot{\alpha}_{i} & \dot{\beta}_{i} & \dot{\gamma}_{i}\end{array}\right],(i=1,2)$, respectively.

The elements of the vector of force acting in the $\mathrm{k}^{\text {th }}$ notch of the first and the second semicoupling in the $X_{1 k} Y_{1 k} Z_{1 k}$ coordinate system are given as:

$$
F_{2 k y}=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
-k_{y}\left(d_{12 k}(2)-\delta_{y}\right), \text { if } d_{12 k}(2)>\delta_{y} \\
-c_{y, f l u d i d} d_{12 k}(2), \text { if }-\delta_{y} \leq d_{12 k}(2) \leq \delta_{y}  \tag{7}\\
-k_{y}\left(d_{12 k}(2)+\delta_{y}\right), \text { if } d_{12 k}(2)<-\delta_{y} \\
F_{2 k x}=-f\left|F_{1 k y}\right| \operatorname{sign}\left(\dot{d}_{12 k}(1)\right) \\
F_{2 k z}=-f\left|F_{2 k y}\right| \operatorname{sign}\left(\dot{d}_{12 k}(3)\right) \\
\left\{F_{2 k}\right\}=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
F_{2 k x} & F_{2 k y} \\
F_{2 k k}
\end{array}\right]^{T} \\
\left\{F_{1 k}\right\}=-\left\{F_{2 k}\right\}
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $\delta_{v}$ is the gap between the $k^{\text {th }}$ plate and the semi-coupling; $k_{y}, k_{z}$ and $c_{y \text {, fluid }}$ are coefficients of stiffness and damping of the $k^{\text {th }}$ plate; $f$ is the friction coefficient between the plate and the semi-coupling.

The following total force and moment vectors acting at points $C_{i}$ in the global coordinate system are developed as follows:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left\{F_{c i}\right\}=\left[A_{i}\right] \sum_{k=1}^{N Z}\left[A_{3}\left(\gamma_{k}\right)\right]\left\{F_{i k}\right\} \\
\left\{M_{c i}\right\}=\left[A_{i}\right] \sum_{k=1}^{N Z}\left[\tilde{r}_{k, c i, p i}\right]\left[A_{3}\left(\gamma_{k}\right)\right]\left\{F_{i k}\right\} \tag{8}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $\left[\tilde{r}_{k, c i, p i}\right]$ is a skew-symmetric matrix associated with vectors:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\{r_{k, c i, p i}\right\}=\{ & \left\{r_{k, 0}\right\}+\left[A_{3}\left(\gamma_{k}\right)\right]\left\{r_{i k, 1}\right\} \\
& (i=1,2)
\end{aligned}
$$

The equations of motion of the coupling can be presented by the matrix equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[M_{\text {coupl }}\left(a_{\text {coupl }}\right)\right]\left\{\ddot{q}_{\text {coupl } l}\right\}+\left[G_{\text {coupl }}\right]\{\dot{\text { qoupp }} \text { o }\}=\left\{F_{\text {coupl }}\left(q_{\text {coupl } l} \dot{,}_{\text {coupl } l}\right)\right\} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left[M_{\text {coupl }}\left(q_{\text {coupl }}\right)\right],\left[G_{\text {coupl }}\right]$ and $\left[K_{\text {coupp }}\right]$ are mass and gyroscopic matrices of the coupling, respectively (see appendix C); and $\left\{F_{\text {coupl }}\left(\left(_{\text {coupl }}, \dot{,}_{\text {coupl }}\right)\right\}\right.$ is the load vector of the coupling.

## 4 THE SOLUTION OF THE DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUMEQUATION

The dynamic equilibrium equation for the structure is written as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
[M(q)]\{\ddot{q}\}+[C]\{\dot{q}\}+[K]\{q\}=\{P(t)\}+\{F(t, q, \dot{q})\} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $[M(q)],[C]$ and $[K]$ are the mass, damping and stiffness matrices; $\{P(t)\}$ is an externally applied load vector; $\{F(t, q, \dot{q})\}$ is a non-linear force vector; and $\{q\},\{\dot{q}\}$ and $\{\ddot{q}\}$ are the displacement, velocity and acceleration vectors of the finite-element assemblage. In an implicit time-integration scheme, the equilibrium of the system (10) is considered at time $t+\Delta t$ to obtain the solution at time $t+\Delta t$. Iteration will be performed in the non-linear analysis. Using the Newton-Raphson iteration method, the main equilibrium equations turned out to be as follows:

$$
\begin{gather*}
{[M]_{t+\Delta t, i-1}\{\ddot{q}\}_{t+\Delta t, i}+[C]_{t+\Delta t, i-1}\{\dot{q}\}_{t+\Delta t, i}} \\
+\left([K]_{t+\Delta \Delta, i-1}-[J]_{t+\Delta t, i-1}\right)\{\Delta q\}_{i}= \\
\{P\}_{t+\Delta t}+\{F\}_{t+\Delta \Delta, i-1}  \tag{11}\\
\{q\}_{t+\Delta t, i}=\{q\}_{t+\Delta \Delta, i-1}+\{\Delta q\}_{i}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $[J]_{t+\Delta t, i-1}$ is Jacobian matrix, $[J]_{t+\Delta t, i-1}=[\partial\{F\} /$ $\left.\partial\{q\}_{T}\right]$.

In the Newmark-Beta time-integration scheme, the following assumptions are employed ([4] and [14]):

$$
\begin{align*}
& \{q\}_{t+\Delta t}=\{q\}_{t}+\frac{\Delta t}{2}\left(\{\dot{q}\}_{t}+\{\dot{q}\}_{t+\Delta t}\right)  \tag{12}\\
& \{\dot{q}\}_{t+\Delta t}=\{\dot{q}\}_{t}+\frac{\Delta t}{2}\left(\{\ddot{q}\}_{t}+\{\ddot{q}\}_{t+\Delta t}\right)
\end{align*}
$$

The application of the relations of the equations (12) results in:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{\ddot{q}\}_{t+\Delta t, i}=\frac{4}{\Delta t^{2}}\left(\{q\}_{t+\Delta t, i-1}-\{q\}_{t}+\{\Delta q\}_{i}\right)-\frac{4}{\Delta t}\{\ddot{q}\}_{t}-\{\ddot{q}\}_{t} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

and substituting into Equation (11) yields:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left(\frac{4}{\Delta t^{2}}[M]_{t+\Delta t, i-1}+\frac{2}{\Delta t}[C]+[K]-[J]_{t+\Delta t, i-1}\right)\{\Delta q\}_{i}=\{P\}_{t+\Delta t}+ \\
\{F\}_{t+\Delta t, i-1}-[M]\left(\frac{4}{\Delta t^{2}}\left(\{q\}_{t+\Delta t, i-1}-\{q\}_{t}\right)-\frac{4}{\Delta t}\{\dot{q}\}_{t}-\{\ddot{q}\}_{t}\right)- \\
{[C]\left(\frac{2}{\Delta t}\left(\{q\}_{t+\Delta t, i-1}-\{q\}_{t}\right)-\{\dot{q}\}_{t}\right)} \tag{14}
\end{gather*}
$$

The selection of an appropriate time step $\Delta t$ is important for the accuracy of the simulation results. A time step of $10^{-5} \mathrm{~s}$ was selected to be used in the integration process.

## 5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The values of the stiffness coefficients of the bearings are as follows: $k_{y y}=100.0 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}, k_{y z}$ $=50.0 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}, k_{z y}=-20.0 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}, k_{z z}=300.0 \times 10^{6}$ $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{m}, c_{y y}=c_{z z}=50.0 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{Ns} / \mathrm{m}$, and $c_{y y}=c_{z z}=0$. The steel's density and the elastic modulus are $\rho=7850$ $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ and $E=210 \times 10^{9} \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$, respectively. The gap between the plate packet and the semi-coupling is equal to $\delta=90 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~m}$. The coefficients of stiffness and the damping of the plate packet are $k_{y}=7.47 \times 10^{9}$ $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{m}, k_{z}=1.050 \times 10^{9} \mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{m}, c_{y}=5.0 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{Ns} / \mathrm{m}$, respectively, and the friction coefficient between the plate and the semi-coupling teeth is equal to $f=0.10$. The radii of the coupling are $R_{0}=0.424 \mathrm{~m}$, and $R_{1}=R_{2}$ $=0.374 \mathrm{~m}$. The geometrical parameters of the coupling are $a_{1}=a_{2}=0.035 \mathrm{~m}$, and $b=15.180 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~m}$. The mass, polar and transverse moments of the semicoupling are $m_{1}=m_{2}=241 \mathrm{~kg}, J_{c p}=2.15 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~m}^{4}$, and $J_{c d}=1.075 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~m}^{4}$. The journal diameter is equal to 0.300 m with the length 0.300 m ; the bearing radial clearance "lemon type" is $\sim 350 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~m}$. The turbines transferred to a 40 MW power load. The unbalances of the rotors are negligible.

The vibration caused by the TWC falls in the high-frequency region from 3000 Hz up to 7000 Hz , as shown in Fig. 4. Experimental results indicated

that a more accurate parameter to evaluate the technical condition of the TWC is the $2^{\text {nd }}$ bearing's absolute vibration acceleration in comparison with the $1^{\text {st }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ bearings' vibration data [15]. The prevailing vibration acceleration amplitudes at $\sim 4000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ frequency indicate that such a high-frequency vibration is caused by TWC plate packets meshing with teeth as in gear drivers ( 80 packets $\times 50 \mathrm{~Hz}=4000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ).

The vibration acceleration spectra acquired from the experimental monitoring of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ bearing indicates a significant difference in the vibration amplitudes at frequencies of 3180 to 4100 Hz when the TWC runs with new plates (a), in comparison with the vibration intensity of the TWC with used damaged plates (b), as shown in Fig. 4. The TWC with damaged plates provides not only highfrequency ( $\sim 4000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ) acceleration amplitudes but 6000 to 6500 Hz vibration accelerations. These data approved the diagnostics concept of the TWC condition evaluation with high-frequency acceleration monitoring of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ bearing. The surfaces of the plates that are in contact with the MLPR were heavily damaged in comparison with the driven sides of the plates that are in contact with the HPR.

If the load is increased up to 53 MW , the vibration intensity of these frequencies slightly decreases. It can be interpreted as a more uniform transmission motion of the rotating system torque from the driving part of the coupling via the plate packets and teeth to the driven part of the coupling, since larger deformations of the plates in the TWC distribute the load among the plate packets more uniformly.

The experimental study of the kinetic orbits of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ bearing shafts indicates that the maximum value of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ shaft displacement from the time-integrated mean position "zero"

Fig.4. $2^{\text {nd }}$ bearing's vertical vibration accelerations spectra with TWC new plates (a) and with plates used in the exploitation and finally damaged (b)
$S_{\max 2}=158 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ is three times larger in comparison with the $3^{\text {rd }}$ shaft $s_{\max 3}=55 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, as shown in Fig. 5. It is impossible to measure the semi-couplings' orbits, but the HPR semi-coupling orbit repeats the $2^{\text {nd }}$ shaft's motion as the MLPR semi-coupling orbit, i.e., the $3^{\text {rd }}$ shaft.

The data of the average position changes of the HPR and MLPR bearing's shafts is presented in Table 1. The changes in the HPR $3^{\text {rd }}$ bearing shaft's average position in the bearing during 10 months in operation indicates the significant changes in the static radial loads acting on the MLPR. The $3^{\text {rd }}$ bearing shaft position's changes in the fluid-film bearing versus time indicate a misalignment malfunction of the HPR-MLPR. The heavy damage to the plate's surfaces took place in the contact area with MLPR semi-coupling teeth (Fig. 1b), but not with HPR semicoupling teeth. The HPR with the semi-coupling and the plate packets moves in a radial direction relative to the LMPR semi-coupling teeth. This motion provides additional friction between the plates and the LMPR teeth.

The theoretical simulation results of the rotating system model confirmed that the causality of the plate's damage was only slightly involved in the vibration displacement of the plates in the packets that caused the fretting corrosion of the plates. The
simulated vibration displacements under a 40 MW power load during four full rotations indicated that the HPR and MLPR semi-couplings' vibration displacements in the $X Y Z$ coordinate system reached $140 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ in the $Y$ (Fig.6) and $Z$ directions.

Simulated vibration displacements of the first plate packet during a full four rotations in the $X_{1 k} Y_{1 k} Z_{1 k}$ coordinate system at a 40 MW power load is shown in Fig. 7, and comprises maximum peakpeak values of $s_{\text {ppmax }}=150 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. The contact between the plates and the plate packet with the semi-coupling tooth is not constant, and the oil pressure in this gap is variable. Such an operating condition of the plate packet is caused by the relative motion of the mated contact surfaces and results in contact failures and fretting corrosion and increased damage to the plates. Due to continuous long-term operation, heavy damage to the plates is caused by the eccentric motion of HPR-MLPR due to the misalignment.

## 6CONCLUSIONS

1. The designed theoretical model of the whole rotating system is based on the finite-element method and simulates the dynamics parameters of elements, and the vibration displacements of


Fig. 5. The kinetic orbits of $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{r d}$ bearings' shafts measured with proximity probes
Table 1. The average shaft positions in the bearings during 10 months of steady-state operation

| Machine Operation conditions | HPR bearings shafts' gaps, in $\mu \mathrm{m}$ |  |  |  | MLPR bearings shafts' gaps, in $\mu \mathrm{m}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1^{\text {st }}$ bearing |  | $2^{\text {nd }}$ bearing |  | $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ bearing |  | $4^{\text {th }}$ bearing |  |
|  | XY displacement directions, when rotating system runs in CW direction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -1X | $+1 \mathrm{Y}$ | -2X | +2Y | -3X | $+3 \mathrm{Y}$ | -4X | +4Y |
| After overhaul | -135 | +268 | -151 | +375 | -276 | +271 | -130 | +407 |
| After 10 months | -195 | +365 | -167 | +399 | -349 | +203 | -143 | +423 |



Fig. 6. Vibration displacement $s_{y}(t)$ plot of the HPR semi-coupling during a full four rotations in the XYZ coordinate system under a 40 MW power load in the horizontal $Y$ direction


Fig. 7. Vibration displacement plot of the first plate packet in the $X_{l k} Y_{1 k} Z_{l k}$ coordinate system in the $Y_{1 k}$ direction


Fig. 8. Photograph of the damaged plate of the TWC caused by the fretting corrosion and misalignment of the $H P R-L M P R$
the tooth-wheel coupling elements that are impossible to measure in-situ on the running machine. The gyroscopic effect due to the rotor's spinning motion and the dynamic properties of the oil-film bearings were introduced in the model.
2. Theoretical and experimental research results identify the causality that provides heavy damage to the TWC plates: the vibration displacements of the rotors, plates and plate packets, and the misalignment of the HPR due to the MLPR.
3. The results indicated that an accurate parameter to evaluate the technical condition of the toothed-wheel coupling is the HPR $2^{\text {nd }}$ bearing's absolute high-frequency vibration acceleration.

## APPENDIX A

Individual shape functions given by Ref. [10] are:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& N_{1}=\frac{1}{1+\Phi}\left(1-3 \xi^{2}+2 \xi^{3}+\frac{\Phi}{2}(1-\xi)\right) \\
& N_{2}=\frac{L}{1+\Phi}\left(\xi-2 \xi^{2}+\xi^{3}+\frac{\Phi}{2} \xi(1-\xi)\right) \\
& N_{3}=\frac{1}{1+\Phi}\left(3 \xi^{2}-2 \xi^{3}+\Phi \xi\right) \\
& N_{4}=\frac{L}{1+\Phi}\left(-\xi^{2}+\xi^{3}+\frac{\Phi}{2} \xi(\xi-1)\right) \\
& N_{5}=1-\xi ; \quad N_{6}=\xi \\
& N_{7}=\frac{-6 \xi}{L(1+\Phi)}(1-\xi) ; \quad N_{8}=\frac{1}{1+\Phi}\left(1-4 \xi+3 \xi^{2}+\Phi(1-\xi)\right) \\
& N_{9}=\frac{6 \xi}{L(1+\Phi)}(1-\xi) ; \quad N_{10}=\frac{1}{1+\Phi}\left(-2 \xi+3 \xi^{2}+\Phi \xi\right) \\
& {[N]=\left[\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
N_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & N_{2} & N_{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & N_{4} \\
0 & N_{1} & 0 & -N_{2} & 0 & 0 & N_{3} & 0 & -N_{4} & 0
\end{array}\right]} \\
& {\left[N_{0}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
0 & 0 & \frac{d N_{s}}{d \xi} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{d N_{s}}{d \xi} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -\frac{d N_{3}}{d \xi} & 0 & \frac{d N_{s}}{d \xi} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{d N_{0}}{d \xi} & 0 & \frac{d N_{0}}{d \xi} & 0 \\
\frac{d N_{0}}{d \xi} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{d N_{s}}{d \xi} & \frac{d N_{s}}{d \xi} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{d N_{0}}{d \xi}
\end{array}\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\Phi$ - the shear deformation parameter, $\Phi=12 E J_{d}$ $k G A L^{2}$;
$E, G$ - moduli of elasticity and shear respectively; $A$ - cross-sectional area;
$J_{d}$ is the second moment of the cross-sectional area; $k$ - the shear correction factor depending on the shape of the cross-section;
$\xi$ - the non-dimensional natural coordinate, $\xi=x / L$.

## APPENDIXB

The stiffness matrix of the rotor's finite element is

$$
\begin{gathered}
{[K]=\left[K_{11}\right]+\left[K_{12}\right]+\left[K_{21}\right]+\left[K_{22}\right]+\left[K_{3}\right]} \\
{\left[K_{11}\right]=\int_{0}^{L}\left[\frac{d N_{1 \beta}}{d x}\right]^{T} E J_{d}\left[\frac{d N_{1 \beta}}{d x}\right] d x} \\
{\left[K_{12}\right]=\int_{0}^{L}\left[\frac{d N_{2 \beta}}{d x}\right]^{T} E J_{d}\left[\frac{d N_{2 \beta}}{d x}\right] d x} \\
{\left[K_{21}\right]=\int_{0}^{L}\left(\left[\frac{d N_{v}}{d x}\right]-\left[N_{2 \beta}\right]\right)^{T} k G A\left(\left[\frac{d N_{v}}{d x}\right]-\left[N_{2 \beta}\right]\right) d x} \\
{\left[K_{22}\right]=\int_{0}^{L}\left(\left[\frac{d N_{w}}{d x}\right]+\left[N_{2 \beta}\right]\right)^{T} k G A\left(\left[\frac{d N_{w}}{d x}\right]+\left[N_{2 \beta}\right]\right) d x} \\
{\left[K_{3}\right]=\int_{0}^{L}\left[N_{1 \theta}\right] G J_{p}\left[N_{1 \theta}\right] d x}
\end{gathered}
$$

The total kinetic energy of the rotor's finite element in short form is:
$T=\frac{1}{2} \rho L J_{p} \Omega^{2}+\frac{1}{2}\{\dot{q}\}^{T}[M]\{\dot{q}\}+\Omega\left[P_{1}\right]\{\dot{q}\}-\Omega\{q\}^{T}\left[P_{2}\right]\{\dot{q}\}$
where [ $M$ ] is the composite mass matrix of the rotor's finite element is:

$$
\begin{gathered}
{[M]=\left[M_{1}\right]+\left[M_{2}\right]-\left[M_{3}(q)\right.} \\
{\left[P_{1}\right]=\int_{0}^{1} \rho L J_{p}\left[N_{1 \theta}\right] d \xi} \\
{\left[P_{2}\right]=\int_{0}^{1} \rho L J_{p}\left[N_{2 \theta}\right]^{T}\left[N_{3 \theta}\right] d \xi} \\
{\left[M_{1}\right]=\int_{0}^{1} \rho L[N]^{T}[N] d \xi}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
{\left[M_{2}\right]=2 L \int_{0}^{1}\left[N_{\theta}\right]^{T}\left[D_{1}\right]\left[N_{\theta}\right] d \xi} \\
{\left[M_{3}(q)\right]=\int_{0}^{1}\left[N_{1 \theta}\right]^{T}\left(L \rho J_{p} \theta_{y}\right)\left[N_{3 \theta}\right] d \xi} \\
{\left[D_{1}\right]=\operatorname{diag}\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\rho J_{p} & \rho J_{d} & \rho J_{d}
\end{array}\right]}
\end{gathered}
$$

where $A$ is cross-sectional area; $\rho$ is density of the finite element; $J_{p}, J_{d}$ are the polar and transverse moments, respectively; $\Omega$ is the constant angular velocity of rotor.

The gyroscopic matrix of the rotor's finite element is:

$$
[G]=\Omega\left(\left[P_{2}\right]-\left[P_{2}\right]^{T}\right)
$$

## APPENDIXC

The mass and gyroscopic matrices of the semi-coupling can be:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
{\left[M_{c}\right]=L_{c}\left(\left[D_{3}\right]+2 \beta\left[D_{6}\right]\right.} \\
{\left[G_{c}\right]=L_{c} \Omega\left(\left[D_{4}\right]-\left[D_{4}\right]^{T}\right)} \\
{\left[D_{3}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
{\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\rho A_{c} & 0 \\
0 & \rho A_{c}
\end{array}\right]} & {[0]} \\
{[0]} & {\left[D_{1}\right]}
\end{array}\right]} \\
{\left[D_{4}\right]=\rho J_{c p}\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]} \\
{\left[D_{2}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\left.D_{0}\right]^{T}\left[D_{1}\right]\left[D_{0}\right]
\end{array}\right.} \\
{\left[D_{0}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & -\beta \\
0 & 1 & \alpha \\
0 & -\alpha & 1
\end{array}\right]} \\
{\left[D_{1}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\rho J_{c p} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \rho J_{c d} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \rho J_{c d}
\end{array}\right]} \\
{\left[D_{6}\right]=\rho J_{c p}\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right]}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $A_{c}, J_{c p}$ are the cross-sectional area, polar and transverse inertia moments of the semi-coupling, respectively.

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