

Pico Hydropower Application on Tidal Irrigation Canal Supporting The Indonesian Agricultural Activities Case Study: Telang II – Banyuasin

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Abstract— A review of waterwheel history has conducted to evaluate the possibility and the technology development in its relation to harvest the energy from the flowing water in and out of irrigation canal regarding the tidal movement. The study has conducted at the east shore of South Sumatra. Hydro energy became a promising renewable energy in order to achieve at least 5% of total Indonesian national energy mix consumption in 2025. Tidal turbine energy is technologically potential for Indonesian future regarding the beach of 81,000 kilometers long and 20 millions hectares of tidal swamp area out of 33 millions hectares available. Mechanical torque of 30 Nm is produced by a waterwheel of 0.38 meter radius. An estimation of 60 watt at the peak of rain season could be harvested from each tidal irrigation canal in Telang II. This mechanical energy is applicable to generate small quantity water pump, water aeration injector and small electric energy appliances.

Keywords— Hydropower; Renewable Energy; Tidal Energy; Irrigation Canal.

I. INTRODUCTION

The world electric energy production became doubled in the last decade, from 9.5 MTOe in 2001 to 19 MTOe in 2010 (Abbasi, 2011). 17% out of it comes from hydropower or about 715,000 MW (BP, 2009). Some countries with lean fossil fuel resources, fulfill their national energy necessity with hydropower. e.g. Brazil with 85.5% of its national capacity, Norway with 98.25% of national capacity and Canada with 61.12% of national capacity. (Wikipedia, 2009) Hydro energy is an interesting energy resource regarding the clean and safe impact on the environment.

Indonesia is trying hard to diversify the energy consumption, concerning the pain experiences of state economic disturbances when the oil price raise. The higher the portion of oil in national energy consumption, the more the dependency of state economic on oil price. The government take some policies on the base of energy conservation, energy saving and energy diversification. In order to achieve the energy diversification target successfully, it is projected to consume energy mix as presented in Table 1, as a compulsory target. Renewable energy resources as solar energy, wave energy, tidal energy, wind energy are abundance in Indonesia regarding the geographic position across the tropic area and

archipelagic islands of the country. Hydropower is a possible energy to be developed in Indonesia regarding the huge amount of hydro energy potential. It is estimated that Indonesian hydropower potential about 75,000 MW one-third of Asian hydropower potential. (Hayes, 2004; Kamarudin, 2005). Hydropower, especially Tidal Current Turbine take special attentions for development in recent years. Tidal Current Turbines are classified as small hydropower regarding the energy produced mostly below 50 MW.

TABLE II
INDONESIAN ENERGY CONSUMPTION RATE AT PRESENT
AND CONSUMPTION PROJECTIONS IN YEAR 2025

No:	Energy Specifications	Present Consumption Rate *)	Consumption Rate Projection in the Year 2025 **)
1	Oil	47.5%	20%
2	Gas	26.5%	30%
3	Coal	24.3%	33%
4	Biofuel	-	> 5%
5	Geothermal	2.45%	> 5%
6	New and Renewable Energy	1.7%	> 5%
7	Others	-	> 2%

*) British Petroleum, Year 2008.

***) Perpres No5, Year 2006.

A. Greenhouse Gas Emission and Global Warming

Global warming is faced by the earth and threaten all nations on the globe. It is predicted that no nations and no countries will safe on earth when the temperature rise and climate change affected by the global warming is out of control. The greenhouse effect is the process of absorption and emission of infrared radiation by gases in the atmosphere and warm the planet's lower atmosphere and surface. It was proposed by Joseph Fourier in 1824. (Weart, 2008). The major greenhouse gases are water vapor, which causes about 36–70% of the greenhouse effect (Schmidt, 2005); carbon dioxide (CO₂), which causes 9–26%; methane (CH₄), which causes 4–9%; and ozone (O₃), which causes 3–7%. (Russell, 2007). Clouds also affect the radiation balance through cloud forcings similar to greenhouse gases. Indonesia menghasilkan emisi sekitar 2,1 Gt CO₂ equivalent di tahun 2005, hal mana equivalent dengan 4,97% dari emisi gas rumah kaca dunia. Suatu peningkatan terjadi hingga mencapai angka 2,4% emisi dunia pada tahun 1993 atau ekuivalen dengan 140 juta ton CO₂ (Petrich, 1993). Sebagian besar emisi CO₂ Indonesia tidak berasal dari aktifitas industri seperti India, China dan Jepang, tetapi terkait dengan kebakaran gambut dan deforestasi. (Indonesia National Climate Change Commission, 2010; Jupesta, 2011; Brockhaus, 2011).

B. Waterwheel

Waterwheel has established since 2000 BC. Doomsday Book reported in the year 1086 there are 5000 waterwheels in England and 60.000 waterwheels in France in the year 1820 (Denny, 2004). It is reported that in China, India, olden Egypt, Paraguay, Brazil, Congo and African countries, waterwheels are used to pump the water into rice fields. At the beginning most of the waterwheel operated with vertical shaft. Vertical shaft waterwheel is considered as much simplified the transmission system where the mechanical energy could directly connected to the equipment wanted to the devices such as milling machine, pumps etc. Some decades after, waterwheel is constructed with horizontal shaft, regarding the high efficiency and the development of transmission system. Waterwheel has operated in Europe since 800 years ago to meet the mechanical energy the people need that time. (Kaldellis, 2007).

C. Telang II – Banyuasin

Muara Telang is a Kecamatan in Kabupaten Banyuasin, Sumatera Selatan, Indonesia. This area is now being developed as a Kawasan Terpadu Mandiri (Integrated Self Sufficient Area) or abbreviated by KTM-Telang. This area includes Delta Telang I and Delta Telang II which is separated by Telang River. Delta Telang I and Delta Telang II is surrounded by four main rivers, Musi River on East, Banyuasin River on the West, Sebalik River and Gasing River on the the south, while on the north bordered by Terusan PU and Banka Strait. Delta Telang I has an area of 26.680 hectares involving three Kecamatan, i.e. Kecamatan Muara Telang, Kecamatan Banyuasin II and Kecamatan Makarti Jaya. Delta Telang II has an area of 13,800 hectares including Kecamatan Tanjung Lago, Kecamatan Talang

Kelapa and Kecamatan Muara Telang. Delta Telang II has 12 villages, i.e. Desa Telang Sari, Desa Purwosari, Desa Mulya Sari, Desa Banyu Urip, Desa Bangun Sari, Desa Sumber Mekar Mukti, Desa Suka Damai, Desa Suka Tani, Desa Tanjung Lago, Desa Sri Menanti and Desa Kuala Puntian.

1) *Climate and Hydrology*: The climate of KTM Telang is categorized as tropical rain where warm and moist is existed all the year. Average monthly temperature is 27 °C and relative humidity is 87%. The area of KTM Telang categorized as agroklimate C1 zone. In wet season (rain season) with period of 5-6 months the average rainfall is >200 mm per month and in dry season (summer), of equal period the average rainfall is <100 mm per month. Dry season does on October-April, and rain season does on May-September. Tidal irrigation canals are fully developed in KTM Telang concerning the

needs to watering the area of rice fields around it. Primary canals are stretching connecting between rivers and Secondary canals are stretching connecting between

primary canals. In general, the drainage system in KTM Telang is double-grid system. Mostly the distance between primary canals are 8.000 m. Secondary canals

are perpendicular and directly connected to primary canals. The distance between secondary canals are 1,150 meters each and 3,850 meters long. Most of KTM Telang area topographically are tidal swamp area with the elevation of 0,5 m - 2,25 m above the sea level. The water moving in and out of the canals all day long.

2) *Bangun Sari Village*: Bangun Sari is a village where the study of micro hydro power is focused on. Bangun Sari village is situated in Telang II and located at about one kilometers at the side of Jalan Raya Tanjung Api-api. Bangun Sari is an area of 1650 hectares square. This area is inhabited by 3,390 people, consist of 1,786 man and 1,604 women or about 681 Family Heads. Most of the people or about 60 % of the population are farmers and some other informal jobs. Small community with public facility is at the center of the village where the people do trading and their daily activities. (Darmawi, 2011) From the local point of view, the needs of hydro power generating in Bangun Sari village is quite high, regarding the following reasons: firstly, the electricity is expensive to install, meanwhile the hydro power is free of charge; secondly, the hydro power is strongly possible to generate the small farming engine such as paddy separators, corn shedder etc. and thirdly, supporting the Indonesian government program to ascend the people prosperous and the welfare by Desa Mandiri Energi (Energy Self-sustainable Village) program. The utilization of irrigation canal for energy purpose could hopefully change the culture of the local people from only water culture to techno-water culture. In the point of view of nationality, the hydro power is a way to bring the country out of oil dependence and protect the state economy from the influence of world oil price fluctuation.

II. THEORITICAL ENERGY STUDY

The study of hydro power is focused on the sluice of irrigation canal in BangunSari Village which is situated at 2.381 South Latitude and 104.42 East Longitude.

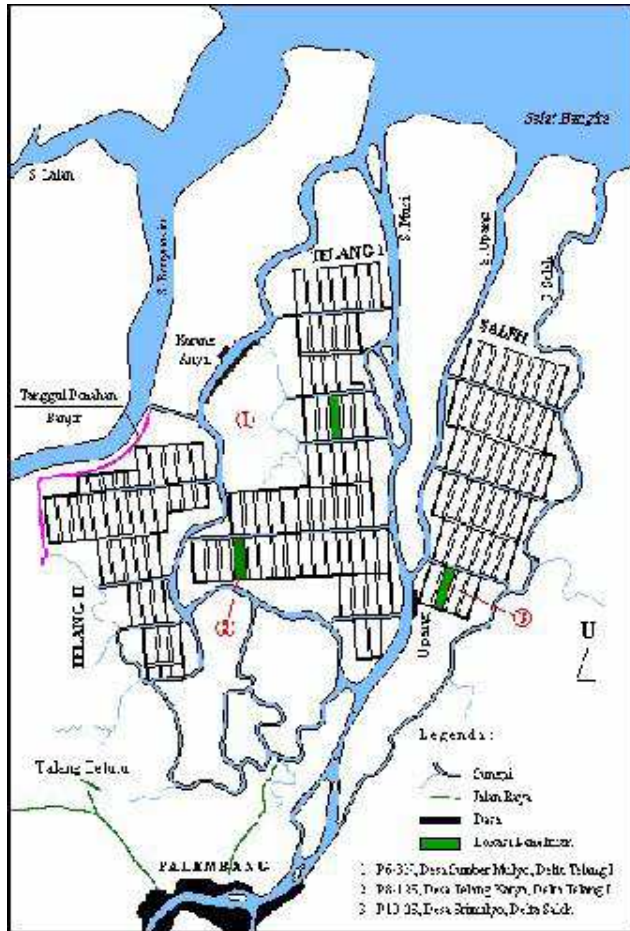


Fig. 1: Map of KTM Telang. Telang II at the left side. (Pusdatarawa,2006)

The observation conducted in March, 2011 noting that the water level at rain season is maximum at 95 cm from the baseline of sluice and the observation conducted in August the year 2011, the minimum water level at the dry season (summer) is at 30 cm, means that the cross section of flowing water at the irrigation sluice is 75 cm x 97 cm at the wet season and 10 cm x 97 cm at the dry season. The speed of flowing water in wet season measured by current meter is varying from zero at the beginning of tide and 1.12 m/sec at the end of tide at wet season and 0.76 m/sec at dry season. The maximum water level at dry season is 40 cm.

The maximum power contained in the flowing water at wet season is:

$$P = T \times \omega \quad (1)$$

where:

P is the power contained in water (Watt)

T is the torque produce by flowing water at the shaft of the wheel (Nm).

ω is the circumferential speed of the wheel (rad/sec).

$$\text{Torque } T = F \times r, \quad (2)$$

where F = Force acting on the wheel blade (Newton) and r is the distance between the shaft and the blade center point. The amount of the force acting on the blade is the total mass of water acting on the blade times the velocity of flowing water. ω is the angular speed of the wheel in rad/sec. In case, we assume that all of the water power could be accommodated by the device we use to convert the flowing water into mechanical energy, the power will be maximum at the wet season where the quantity of flowing water is maximum and the minimum power will be at the dry season where quantity of flowing water through the gate is minimum. If the radius of waterwheel is assumed 0.75 meter, the circumferential speed of the wheel does the same with the velocity of water hence the angular speed of the wheel is 1.49 rad/sec and the rotation of the wheel is about 14.4 rpm. The force of water acting on the blade of $(0.75 \times 0.97) \text{ m}^2$ will equal to: $\rho \cdot m \cdot V$ which is equal to: $\rho \cdot A \cdot V \cdot V$. where ρ is density of water 998.2 kg/m^3 . A is the area of blade and V is the velocity of flowing water. The force acting on the blade will be $998.2 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.75 \times 0.97) \text{ m}^2 \times 1.12 \text{ m/sec} \times 1.12 \text{ m/sec} = 90.938 \text{ Newton}$. The torque at the center of the wheel shaft will be $90.938 \text{ N} \times 0.75 \text{ m} = 68.203 \text{ Nm}$.

Hence the total power harnessed from the water flowing through the gate will equal to $68.203 \text{ Nm} \times 1.49 \text{ rad/sec} = 102,304 \text{ Watt}$. By the same way, the power contained in water in the dry season could be estimated as follows. From the preliminary measurements, the average velocity of water flowing out through the gate is 0.76 m/sec and the quantity of water acting on the blade is $998.2 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.1 \times 0.97) \text{ m}^2 \times 0.76 \text{ m/sec} \times 0.76 \text{ m/sec} = 5.5926 \text{ Newton}$. Torque produced is $5.6 \times 0.75 = 4.2 \text{ Nm}$. If the circumferential speed of the wheel is the same as the velocity of water, $U = 0.76 \text{ m/sec}$ and the angular velocity will be 1.01 rad/sec. The power produced is $P = 4.2 \times 1.01 = 4.24 \text{ Watt}$. (Darmawi, 2011)

III. FLOATING WATERWHEEL AND ENERGY HARNESSSED

Waterwheel is constructed on the base of sluice gate sizes existed in Bangun Sari village on Telang II – Banyuasin.



Fig. 2 Floating waterwheel with supporting PVC pipes on sides.

The wheel is made of Aluminium Alloy in the form of flat and L-profile. Connections are aluminium rivets. The overall sizes are 200 centimeters long and 90 centimeters wide. The wheel diameter is 79 centimeters with eight flat blades of 50 x 20 centimeters in size.

V. CONCLUSIONS

By utilizing the floating waterwheel at the sluice, the electric energy harnessed at sluice as long as eleven hours in one day. The energy stored in the battery could be used for the farmers' daily life activity. The mechanical energy harnessed from the tidal irrigation sluice could also be utilized for other agricultural activities such as water aeration of fish ponds and couple the spiral pumps to lift the water from canal to the rice fields.



Figure 3: (a) The wheel and supporting frame in construction. (b) The floating test is conducted with PVC pipes at the left and right sides.



Figure 4: (a) Floating waterwheel on test on Musi River. (b) Floating waterwheel on test at sluice gate at Bangun Sari Village.

IV. RESULTS OF TEST

The actual onsite test and measurements at the end of the year is shown the profile of water level and the speed of water flow on sluice as Figure 5. Figure 5a, shows the relation between the water level and the speed of water current at the sluice. Figure 5b shows the relation between the speed of water at sluice and the electric energy produced by the alternator.

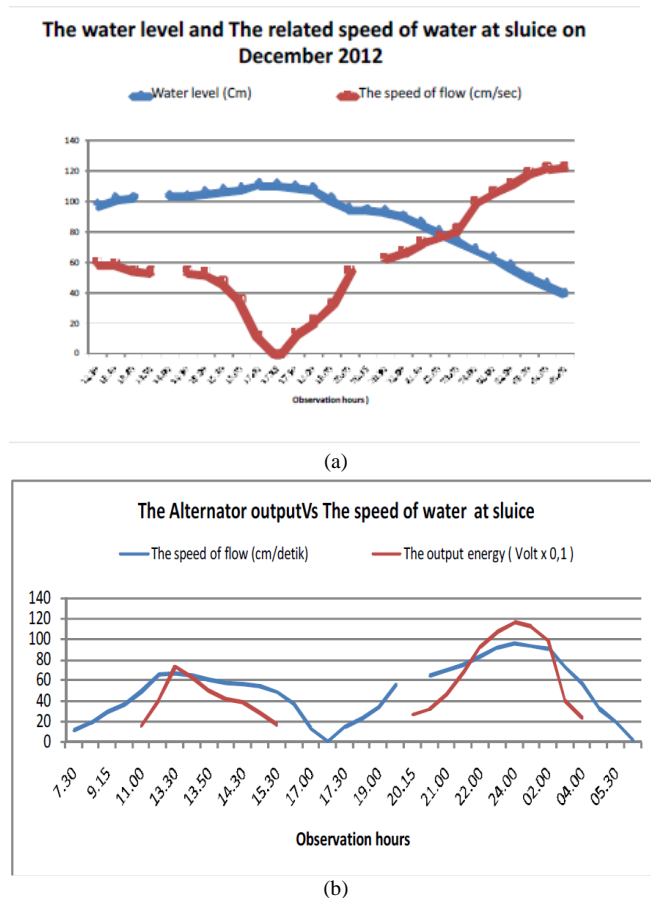


Fig. 5 (a) The water level at tidal irrigation canal sluice and related speed of water flow. (b) The electric energy harnessed from the tidal current at sluice by applying the floating waterwheel.

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