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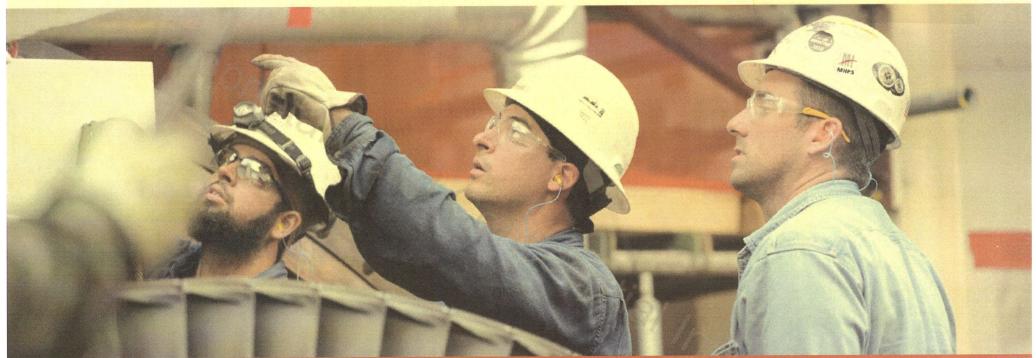
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Duke Energy Bartow ST 40" Upgrade Blade Test in Takasago Validation Rigor at MHPS

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#### Introduction

- The Steam Turbine applied at Duke Bartow was originally designed for 420MW as tandem compound unit with a double flow LP section, while the 4 on 1 fired configuration produces steam for 450MW.
- The original blade loading limit of the 40" L-0 blade did not allow the unit to produce 450MW resulting in blade modifications and testing.
- In the following 3 years, multiple forced outages were experienced due to last stage blade damage caused by high load stimulus and high energy blending in the 4 on 1 Configuration which was not fully understood until conducting an extensive collaborative RCA.
- Once the root cause was understood MHPS developed an upgraded 40" L-0 blade specifically to operate the conditions present at Bartow. (Note: this is not required across the fleet)
- To achieve confidence in the capability / reliability of the new blade, extensive testing was conducted.
- The upgrade blade was tested in Takasago factory and a team of Duke experts joined to witness the design validation testing.
- This presentation shows the extent of testing conducted to ensure component reliability

#### 40" L-0 upgrade blade for high loading







Upgraded 40"

40" Old

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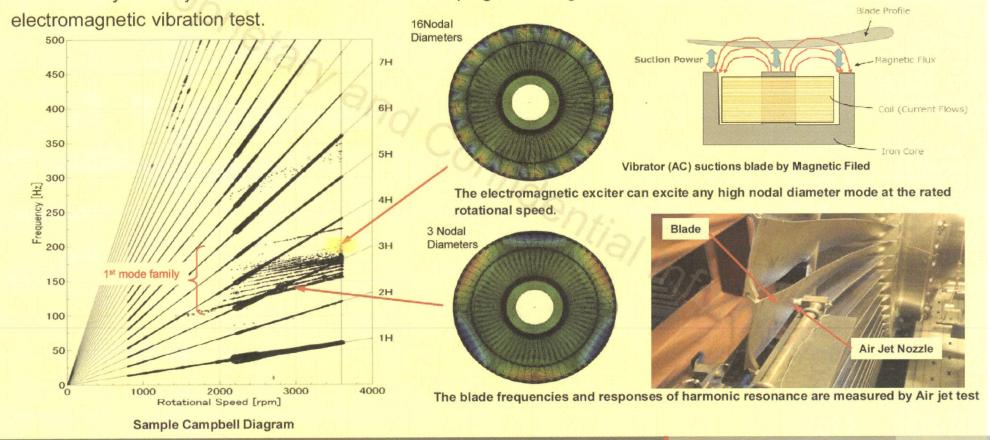
#### **Verification Testing Plan**

Following verification tests are planned for upgraded 40" L-0 blade.

- Factory Verification Testing
  - Harmonic resonance frequency of the upgraded 40" L-0 blade will be measured by air excitation.
  - Mechanical damping of high nodal diameter will be measured by electromagnetic excitation.
    Measured mechanical damping will certify reliability for non synchronous vibration.
  - BVM (Blade Vibration Monitoring) data will be calibrated using telemetry strain gauge data during shop testing.
- Field Validation Testing
  - Vibratory amplitude during actual operation will be measured by BVM including Bypass Operation.
- Long-Term Monitoring
  - Continuous long-term monitoring long-term BVM.

#### **Outline of Factory Verification Testing**

To certify reliability of Upgraded 40" L-0 Blade, the blade frequency (harmonic resonance frequency) were measured by the air jet test and the mechanical damping of the high nodal diameter was measured by the

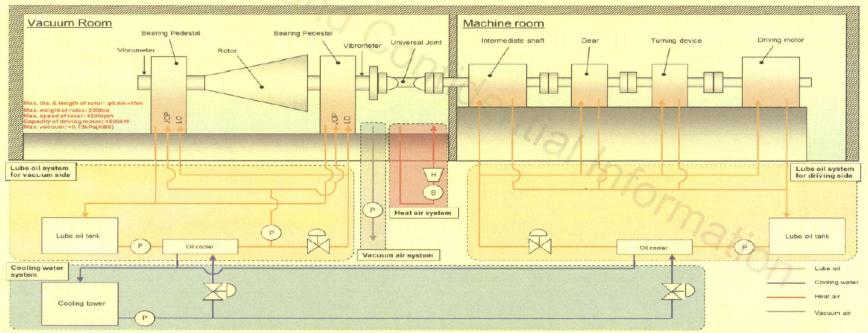


#### **Test Facility**

Verification test was carried out at HSB (High Speed Balance) test facility in Takasago factory.

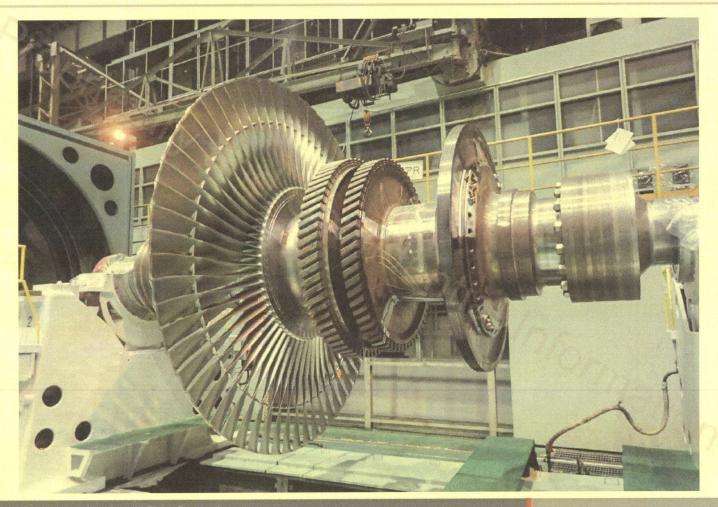
The test rotor was installed in a vacuum chamber to avoid high blade temperature by windage heating, and was rotated by a drive motor.

All measurement equipment for the air jet test and the electromagnetic test were installed inside the vacuum chamber.



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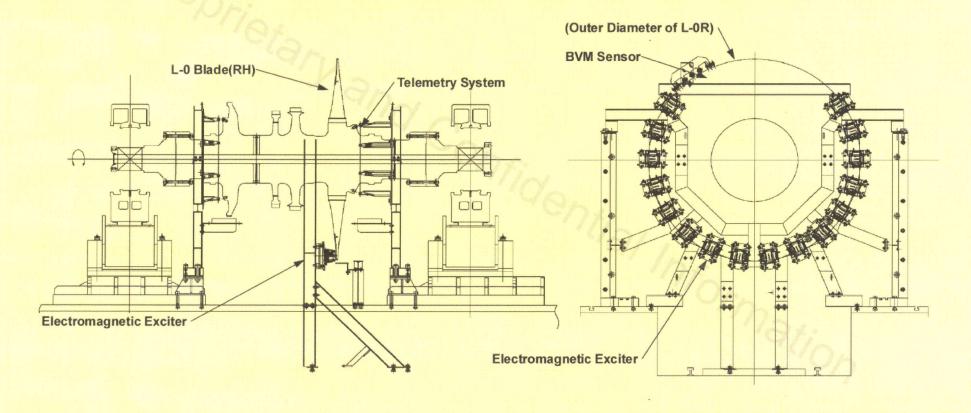
#### **Test Rotor with Production Blades**



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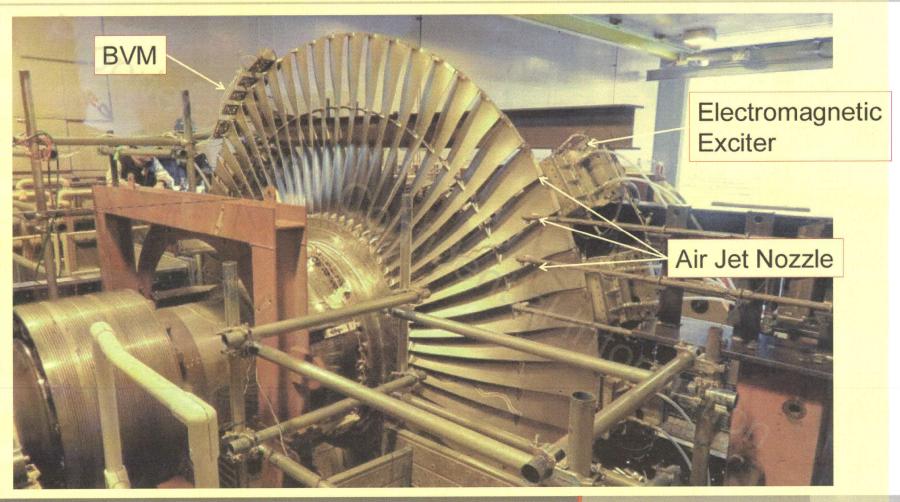
#### **Verification Test Procedure**

Air jet nozzles, electromagnetic exciters, telemetry system and BVM sensors for verification test was installed as shown below.



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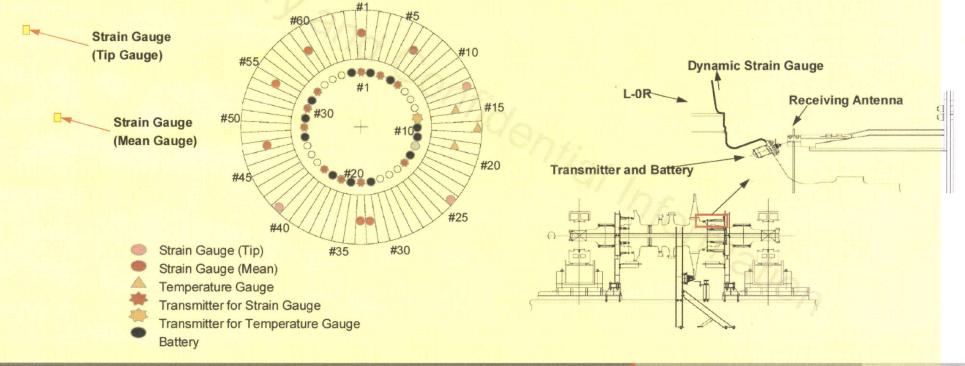
#### Installed Rotor in the Vacuum Chamber



#### **Telemetry Measurement**

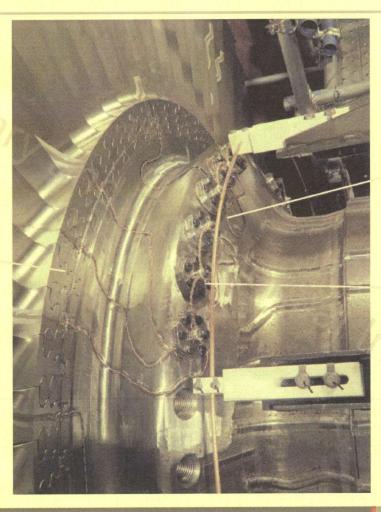
The blade vibration stress was measured by the dynamic strain gauge attached to the tip and the mean of blade surface.

The electric signals of the blade vibration stresses were sent from transmitters which were mounted in the balancing holes of the rotor to the receiving antenna which was set beside the rotor.



#### **Telemetry System**

Wiring



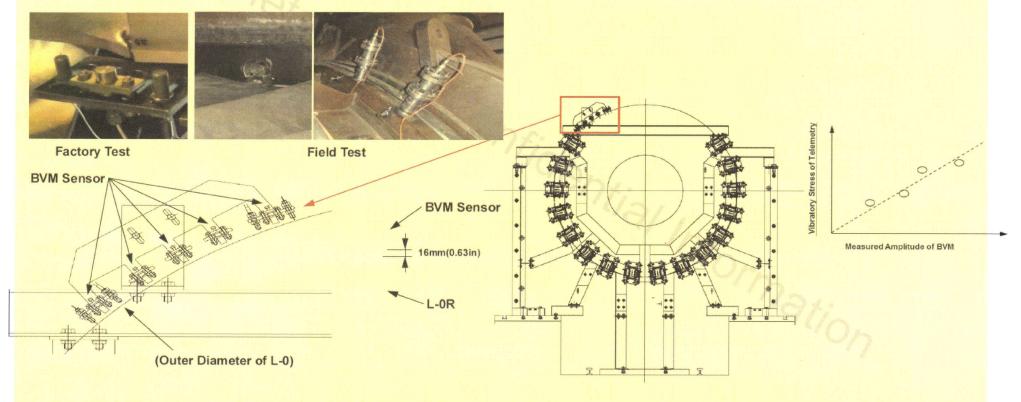
Receiving Antenna

Transmitter & Batteries

#### Blade Vibration Monitoring (BVM) Measurement

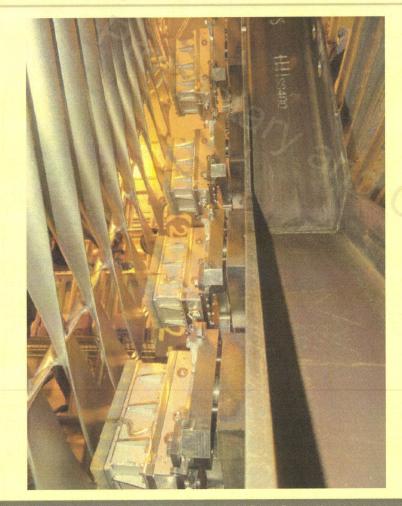
The blade vibration amplitude was measured by the BVM sensors set close to the tips of the blades.

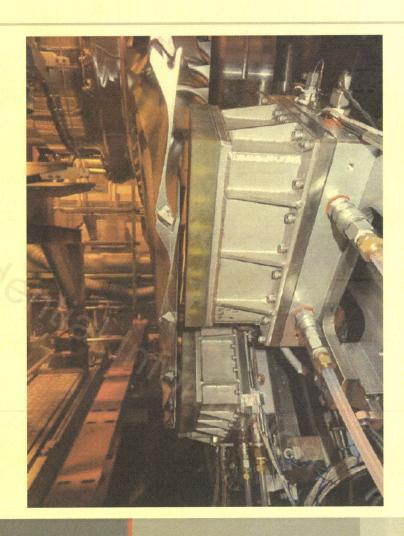
The specification of BVM system (specification of sensor, specification of analyzing system etc.) is the same as field verification testing.



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#### **Electromagnetic Exciter**

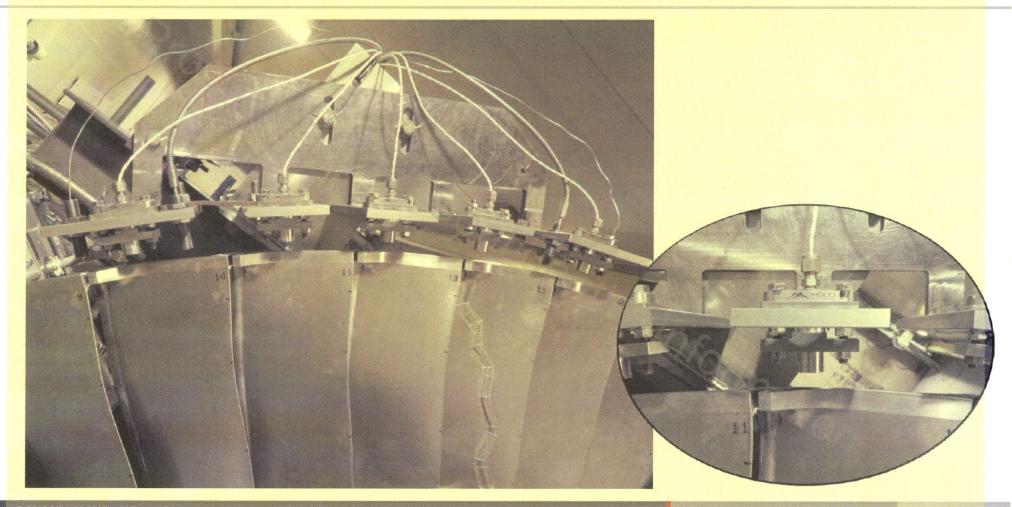




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#### **BVM Sensor**

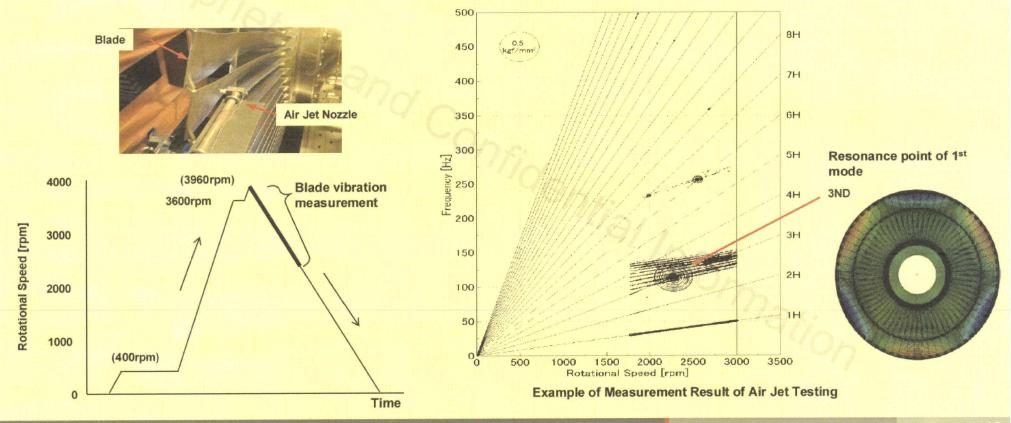


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#### **Air Jet Test Procedure**

Resonance points of each mode was confirmed by air excitation while decreasing the rotational speed.

Rotational speed of shroud and stub contact was confirmed by the change in the blade vibration characteristic.



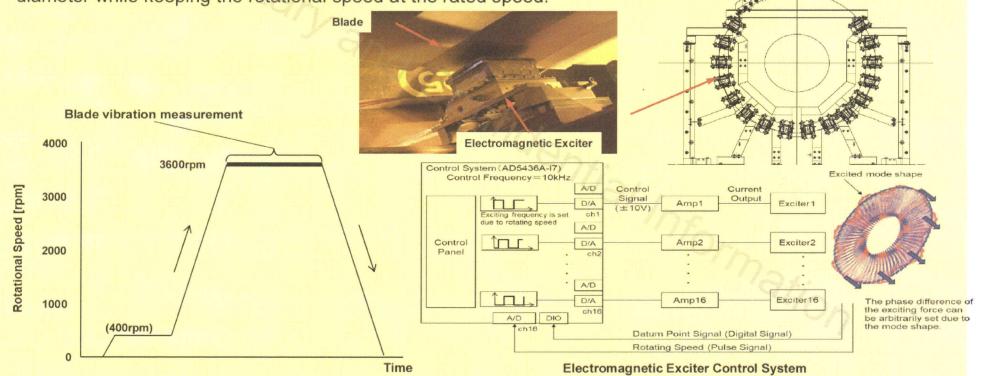
#### **Electromagnetic Test Procedure**

The magnitude response of high nodal diameters was confirmed by the electromagnetic test.

The exciting frequency, phase and power of each electromagnetic exciter were controlled.

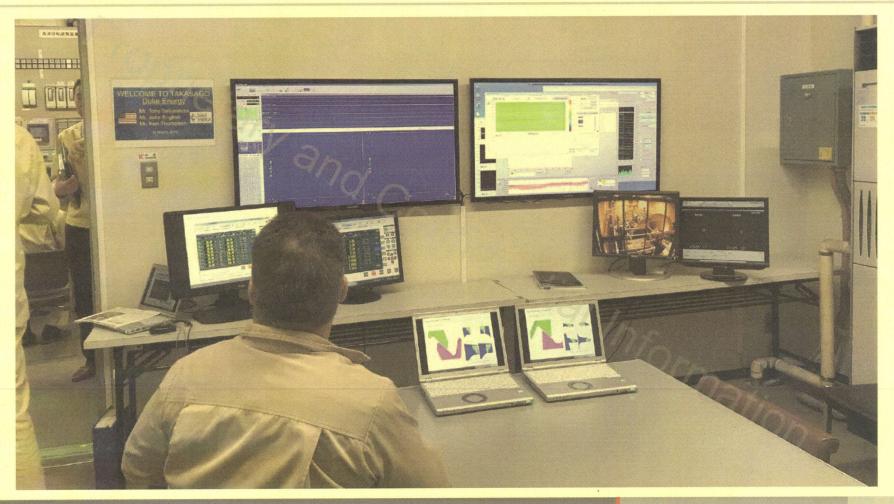
In the electromagnetic test, the exciting frequency was swept around the natural frequency of the high nodal

diameter while keeping the rotational speed at the rated speed.



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#### **Test Control Room**



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#### **Summary and Test Results**

- Campbell diagram showed sufficient margins for all vibration modes
- Higher level of mechanical damping observed during the test validated the calculations
- In-house testing proved that the upgrade blade can operate at higher blade loading that is enough to produce desired output for Bartow station
- New blades will be installed in the steam turbine in Nov 2019 along with Blade Vibration Monitoring

#### **Duke Team at MHPS Factory in Takasago**



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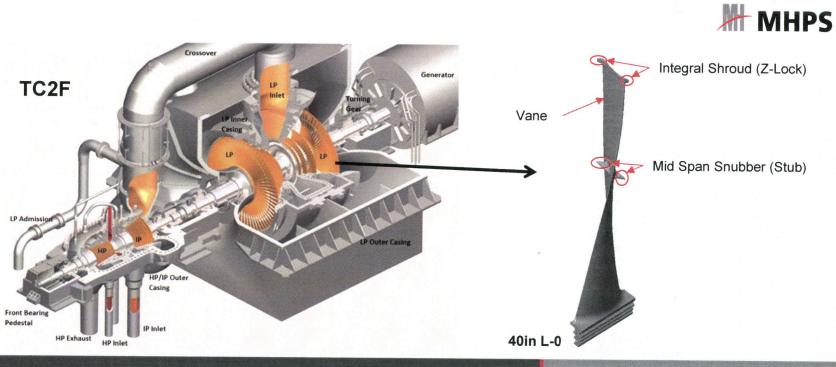
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### **Bartow RCA Summary**

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#### **Agenda**

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#### **Bartow Blade Operating Summary**

Period	Operating Time	Blade Type	Major Damage	Integral Shroud
Period 1	2009 - 2012	Type 1	Mid Span Snubber Only	(Z-Lock)
Period 2	2012 - 2014	Type1	No Significant Damage	Mid Span Snubber (Stub)
Period 3	Dec 2014 – Apr 2016	HVOF Stellite Mid Span Type 3	Shroud Only	Chabbel (Clab)
Period 4	Jun 2016 – Oct 2016	HVOF Stellite Mid Span + HVOF Stellite Shroud Type 3	Vane + Snubber (Note 1)	
Period 5	Dec 2016 – Feb 2017	Type 1	Mid Span Snubber Only	40in L-0

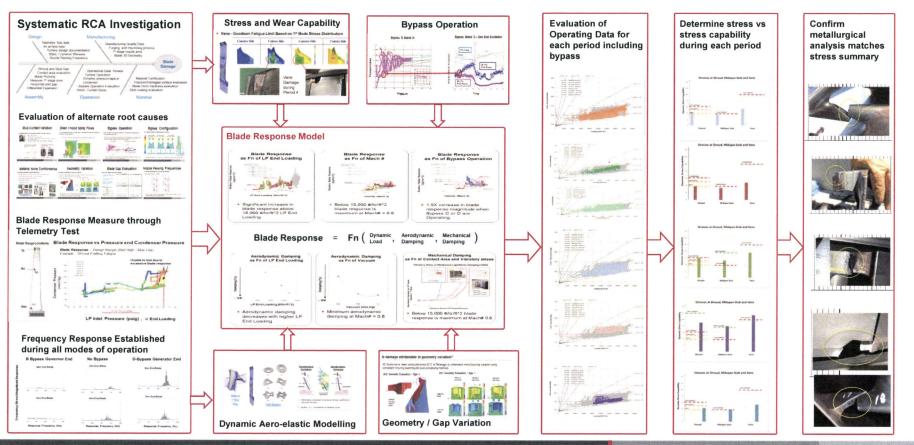
Note 1 – Period 4 did not show shroud fretting fatigue / contact wear damage.

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#### **RCA Process Overview**



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#### Why is Bartow's experience different from the 40in Fleet?

RCA Areas of Investigation – Systematic RCA Implemented

#### Manufacturing Design Telemetry Test data Manufacturing Quality Data Air jet test data Forging and machining process Turbine design documentation 1st stage nozzle area - Static / Dynamic Stresses Blade 3D Geometry - Nozzle Passing Frequency Blade Damage Shroud and Stub Gap - Operational Data Review Contact area evaluation - Turbine Operation Blade Rocking Material Certification Dynamic pressure taps in Measure 1st stage area Fracture/Damaged surface evaluation condenser Horizontal joint gap Blade micro hardness evaluation **Bypass Operation Evaluation** Differential Expansion Stub coating evaluation Hood / Curtain Spray Material Operation Assembly

 LP Loading + Bypass Operation at high load were identified as the primary root causes for the Bartow 40" Blade reliability differences from the global fleet.

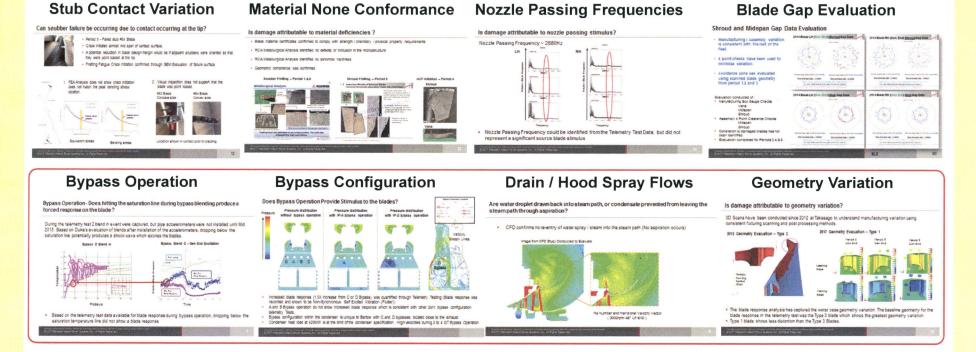
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#### **Evaluation of potential Root Causes included:**



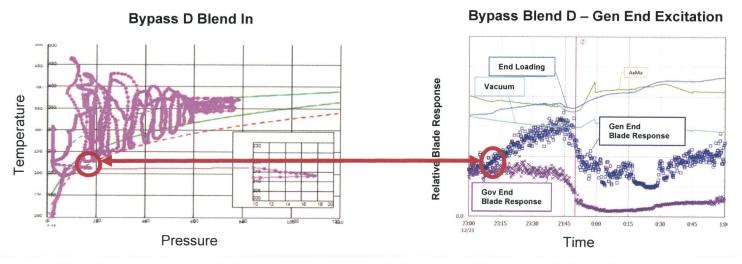
Pressure pulses from bypass operation, drain / hood spray flows, and blade geometry variation and gaps were not found to impact on blade loading. During bypass operation increased blade response was still shown as flutter.

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# Bypass Operation - Does hitting the saturation line during bypass blending produce a forced response on the blade ?

During the telemetry test 2 blend in event were captured, but pipe accelerometers were not installed until Mid 2015. Based on Duke's evaluation of blends after installation of the accelerometers, dropping below the saturation line potentially produces a shock wave which excites the blades.



 Based on the telemetry test data available for blade response during bypass operation, dropping below the saturation temperature line did not show a blade response

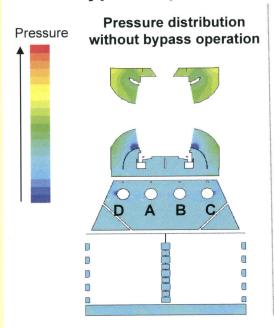
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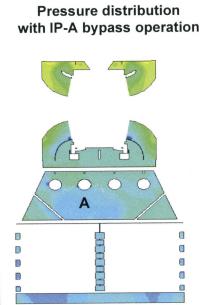
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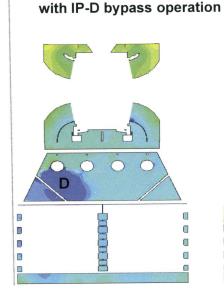
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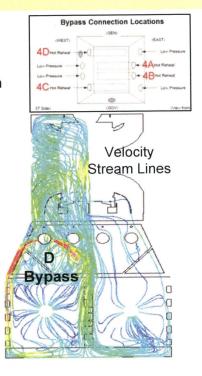
#### **Does Bypass Operation Provide Stimulus to the blades?**







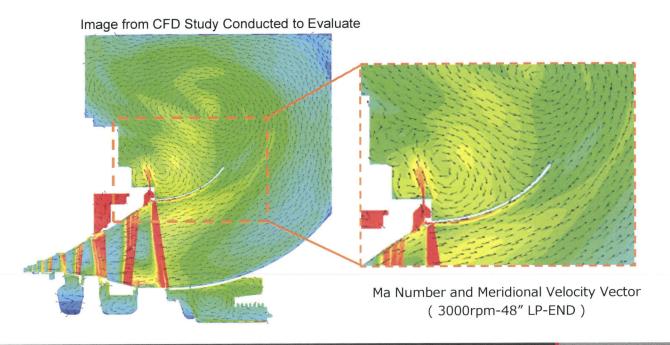
Pressure distribution



- Increased blade response (1.5X Increase from C or D Bypass) was quantified through Telemetry Testing (Blade response was recorded and shown to be Non-Synchronous Self Excited Vibration (Flutter))
- A and B Bypass operation do not show increased blade response which is consistent with other 2on1 bypass configuration telemetry Tests.
- Bypass configuration within the condenser is unique to Bartow with C and D bypasses located close to the exhaust.
- Condenser heat load at 420MW is at the limit of the condenser specification. High velocities during 3 to 4 GT Bypass Operation

# Are water droplet drawn back into steam path, or condensate prevented from leaving the steam path through aspiration?

CFD confirms no re-entry of water spray / steam into the steam path (No aspiration occurs)



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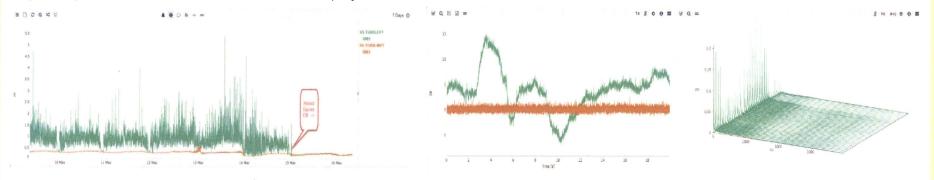
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# Does flashing of water droplets from hood sprays or curtain sprays within the steam path or exhaust produce a forced response on the blades?

- Telemetry Test does not show evidence of forced vibration. Blade response is self excited vibration.
- Vaporization of attemperation steam droplets has not been identified as a potential source of pressure stimulus to the blades as flashing only occurs when spray water temperature is above saturation temperature (108F @ 2.4in Hg). Larger droplet evaporate more slowly due to lower surface area to volume ratio.

Dynamic pressure identified associated with Hood Sprays:



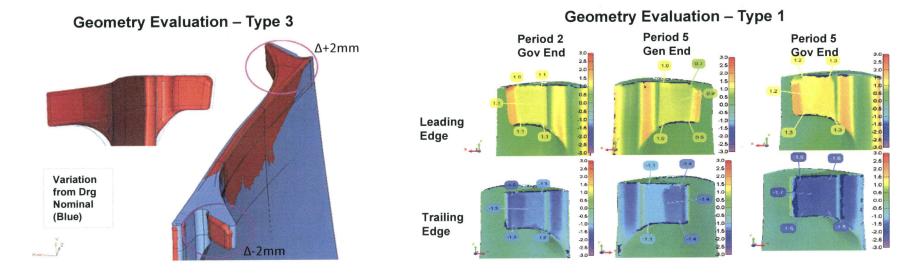
Pressure fluctuations did not have high frequency content, and identified pressure rising from 2.5" Hg to atmospheric pressure. No corresponding blade response identified during telemetry test.

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#### Is damage attributable to geometry variation?

- 3D Scans have been conducted since 2012 at Takasago to understand manufacturing variation using consistent fixturing scanning and post processing methods.
- 55 Rows of blade in operation with zero occurrence of midspan snubber damage. (All see same centrifugal loads)



- The blade response analysis has captured the worst case geometry variation. The baseline geometry for the blade response in the telemetry test was the Type 3 blade which shows the greatest geometry variation.
- Type 1 blade shows less distortion than the Type 3 Blades.

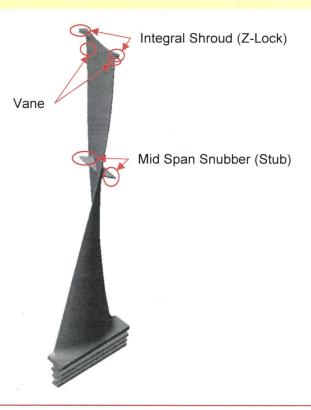
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#### **Damage Mechanism**

Blade damage occurs when : Stress > Material Capability

- Stress comes from Dynamic Loads superimposed on the steady state loads (Centrifugal + Steam Bending Loads).
- Limiting stress locations for 40" L-0 Blade :
  - 1) Mid Span Snubber
  - 2) Integral Shroud
  - 3) Vane HCF
- Dynamic Stresses are controlled by avoiding resonant operating conditions where the blade response frequency matches frequency of the stimulus, and ensuring adequate damping.

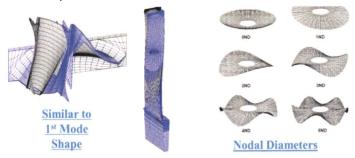


Root Cause Analysis has identified all blade damage from Period 1 thru Period 5 has been identified as Dynamic Loads from Non-Synchronous Self Excited Vibration (Flutter)

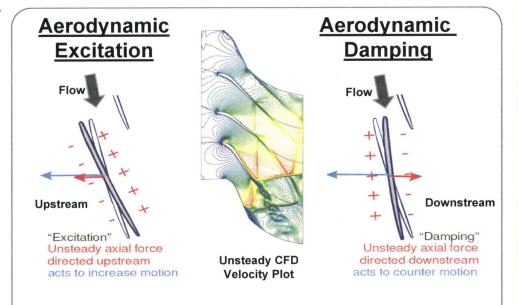
Note: Non-synchronous 1st Mode Higher Nodal Diameters response was presented March 18th 2015, prior to Period 3 RCA

#### **Non-Synchronous Self Excited Vibration (Flutter)**

- Blade response is measured during Telemetry Testing and analytically predicted at around 16<sup>th</sup> Nodal Diameter of the first mode (approx. 200Hz).
- The Notable Non-synchronous Vibration is caused by aero-dynamic flow and observed as the Multiple Modes Response (180Hz-230Hz).



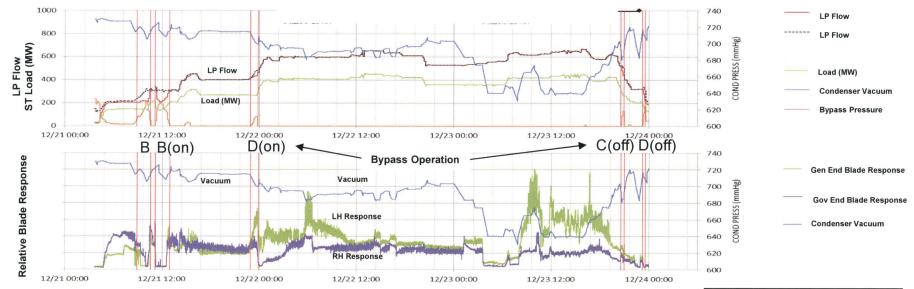
 Cycles accumulate at 12,000 cycles per minute at 200 Hz



- Alternating component of pressure shown as (Red) at mid point of travel
- Motion (Blue) at midpoint of vibration cycle

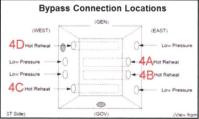
### How do we know the dominant response is Non-Synchronous Self Excited Vibration?

A Telemetry Test directly measuring the blade response was conducted – Dec 21st to Dec 24th 2014



### Range of Operating Conditions During Test:

- Blade Response was measured up to 455 MW and 5 in.Hg
- Bypass Operation of 2 Blend In and 2 Blend Out Events were recorded
- Mach Number Ranged from 0.4 to 0.9



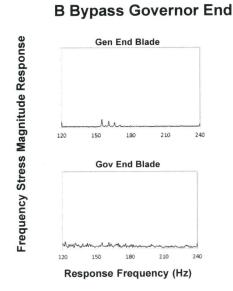
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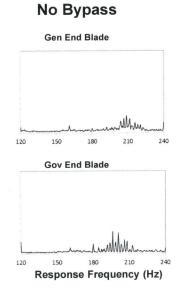
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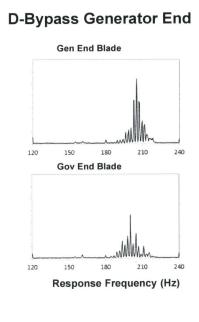
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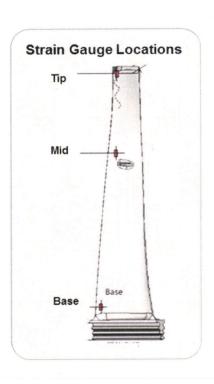
# How do we know the dominant response is Non-Synchronous Self Excited Vibration?

Frequency Response from Telemetry Test:









#### Recorded Response:

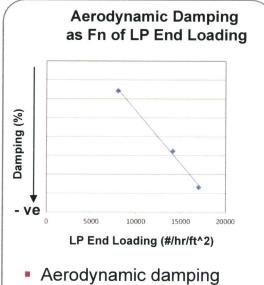
- Peeks at 120, 180, 240Hz are per Rev Responses
- Peeks between 180 to 230Hz are High Nodal Diameter responses of the First Cantilever Mode. These frequencies are associated with Non-Synchronous Self Excited Vibration

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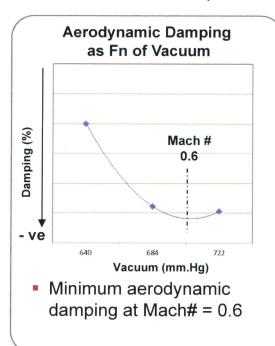
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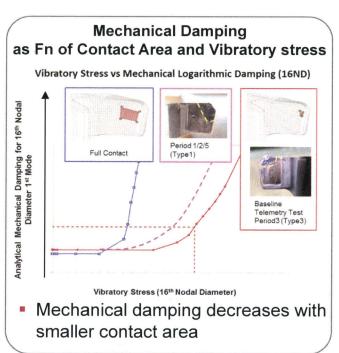
# Blade Response = Fn ( Dynamic Aerodynamic Mechanical ) Damping Damping Damping

Analytical results of damping below show trends, but the magnitude of blade response is established empirically from the telemetry test conducted at the start of period 3



 Aerodynamic damping decreases with higher LP End Loading



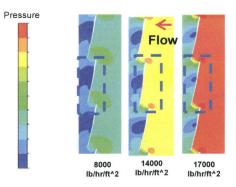


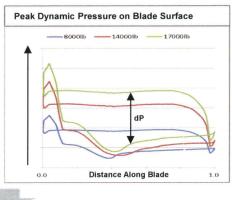
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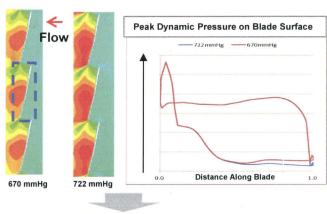
# **Aerodynamic Damping Analysis (Vibratory Stress and Logarithmic Damping)**



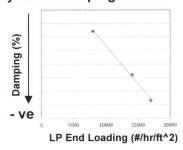




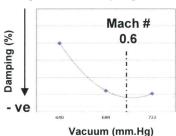
#### Aerodynamic Damping vs Mach No



#### Aerodynamic Damping as Fn of LP End Loading







Transient CFD was Correlated with Telemetry Test Data to understand Aerodynamic Damping

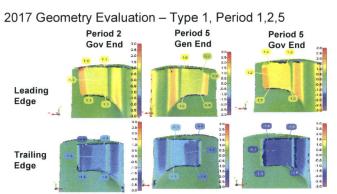
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#### Geometry Variation - Mechanical Damping is impacted by contact faces on adjacent blades

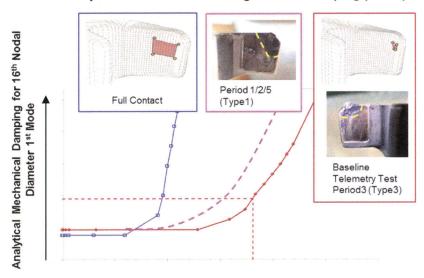
3D Scans conducted on multiple blades for Period 1,2,3 & 5 to understand manufacturing variation

2012 Geometry Evaluation - Type 3 Period 3





#### Vibratory Stress vs Mechanical Logarithmic Damping (16ND)



Vibratory Stress (16th Nodal Diameter)

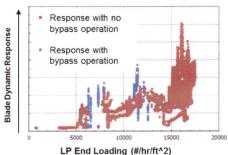
Analytical damping results are intended to understand drivers for blade response, absolute blade response was established from Telemetry Test

- Type 3 Blades established the baseline blade response from the telemetry test.
- Type 3 Blades were found to have lower damping than Type 1 Blades due to smaller contact area

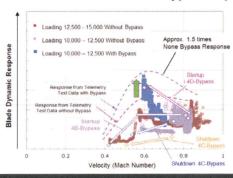
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# Blade Response = Fn ( Dynamic Aerodynamic Mechanical ) Load , Damping , Damping )

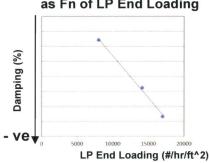
# Blade Response as Fn of LP End Loading



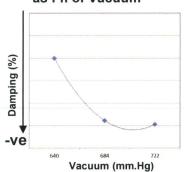
# Blade Response as Fn of Mach No. and Bypass Operation



# Aerodynamic Damping as Fn of LP End Loading



# Aerodynamic Damping as Fn of Vacuum



#### Mechanical Damping as Fn of Contact Area and Vibratory stress





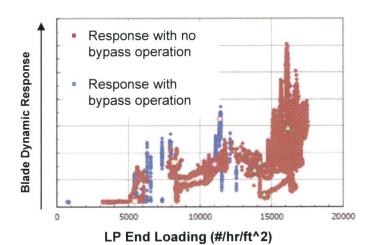
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### Blade Response as a Function of LP End Load

The telemetry test provided direct blade magnitude of the blade response from strain gauges

#### Blade Response vs LP End Loading

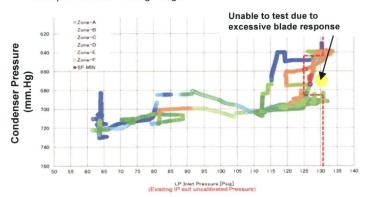


 Outside of the originally developed design space, blade response becomes sensitive to operating conditions.

Example: At 16,500 #/hr/ft^2 there is a 10X change in blade response based on condenser pressure

#### Blade Response vs Pressure and Condenser Pressure

**Blade Response** – Design Margin (Red High / Blue Low) Example : Shroud Fretting Fatique

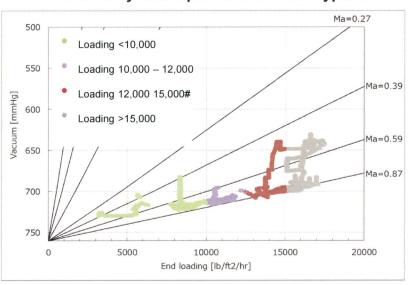


LP Inlet Pressure (psig), ∝ End Loading

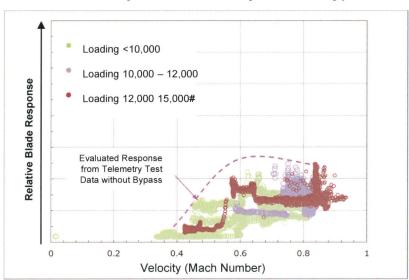
 The avoidance zone established in 2015 was developed to prevent operation in the region which measured high blade response.

## Blade Response as a Function of Mach Number – without Bypass

#### **Telemetry Test Operation without Bypass**

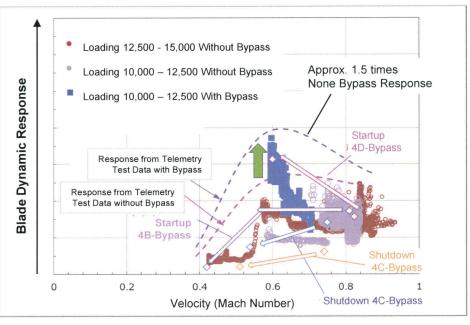


#### Blade Response vs Velocity without Bypass

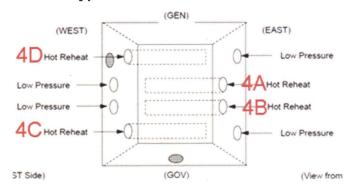


Below 15,000 lb/hr/ft^2 Blade Response becomes dominated by Mach Number

### **Blade Response as a Function of Bypass Operation**

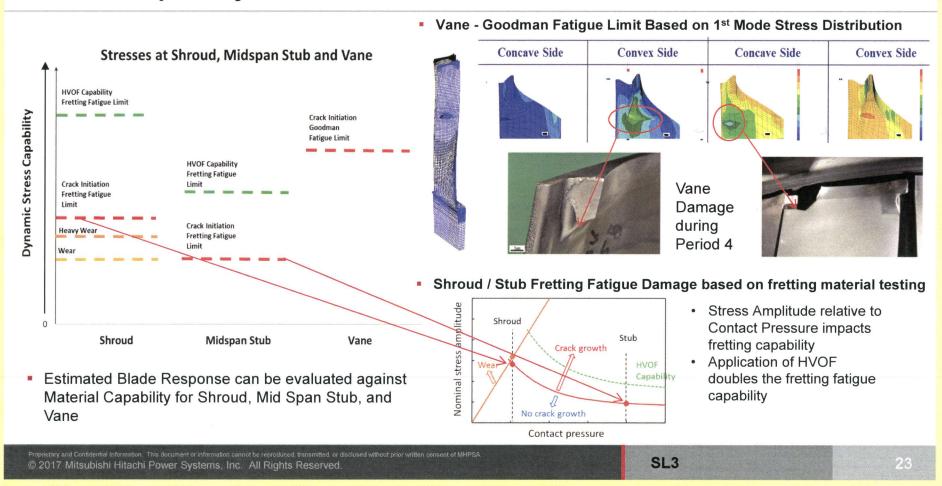


#### **Bypass Connection Locations**

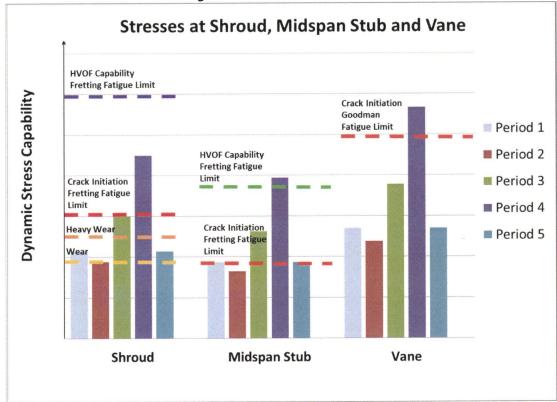


- Bypass C Operation increases response on Governor End Blades
- Bypass D Operation increases response on Generator End Blades
- Operation with Bypass D and C Produce a 1.5X Increase in blade response on the blades closest to the bypass
- Operation with Bypass A and B did not show an increase in blade response over none Bypass Operation
- Limited Blade Response data during Bypass is available with the operation before and after Dec 2014 Telemetry Testing being assumed to have remained the same change in response.

# **Material Capability – Material Test Data**



# Stress Summary – Period 1 thru 5



#### Period 1 – Mid Span Stub Cracking

High LP Loading but increased mechanical damping from Type 1 blade over baseline telemetry test

#### Period 2 – No Major Damage

Reduced LP Loading over Period 1, reduced bypass operation loading over period 5, light wear observed on shroud

#### Period 3 – Shroud Cracking

High LP Loading identified in Telemetry Test. Mid Span Stub protected by HVOF

#### Period 4 – Vane Cracking

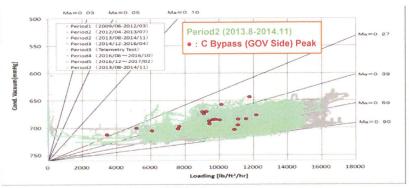
Reduced Loading. Application of HVOF reduces mechanical damping increasing amplitude of response. With HVOF protecting Shroud and Stub, the limiting location becomes the Vane

#### Period 5 – Mid Span Stub Cracking

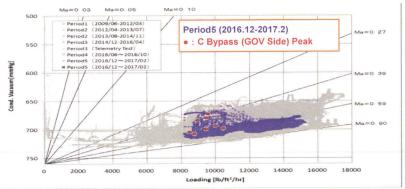
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Damage observed in all 5 Periods of operation is consistent Blade Response vs Capability Model

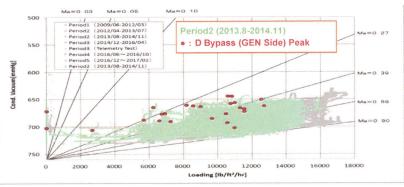
## How is the different operating experience between Period 2 and Period 5 explained?



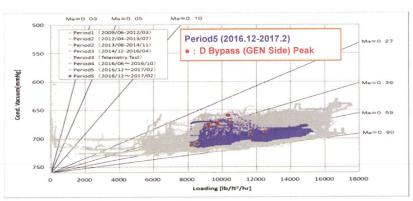
Period 2 Gov End - Type 1 Blade



Period 5 Gov End - Type 1 Blade



Period 2 Gen End - Type 1 Blade



Period 5 Gen End - Type 1 Blade

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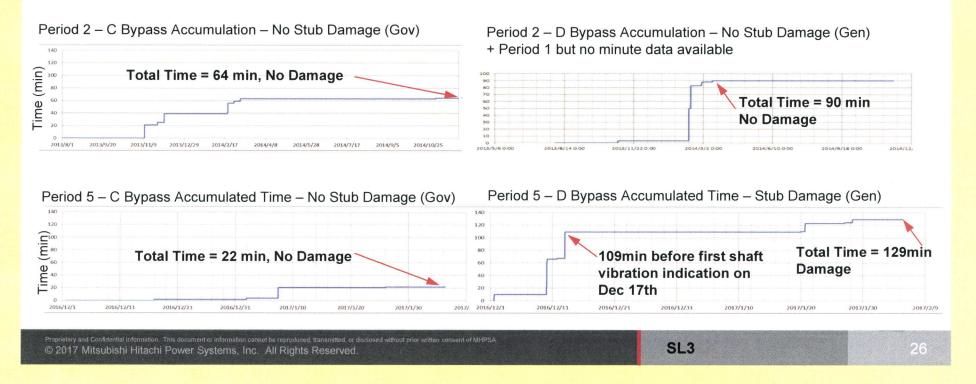
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How is the different blade damage between Period 2 and Period 5 Explained?

The following evaluation is intended to highlight difference in Period 2 to 5. It is not intended to be an absolute methodology to predict damage accumulation on the blades.

- Damage accumulates with High Load Bypass Operation of 4th GT Blending In or Out at 4C or 4D, High Mach #
- Accumulated damage below is based on time spent conducting 4th GT Bypass on C or D + Mach# > 0.55



# **RCA Summary**

Period	Operating Time	Blade Type	Loading	Aerodynamic Damping	Mechanical Damping	Root Cause
Period 3	Dec 2014 – Apr 2016	HVOF Midpsan Type 3	169 hrs Operation in avoidance zone High Load Bypass Operation (4 <sup>th</sup> GT)	Baseline Response	Baseline Response	Operation 169 hrs in avoidance zone  Mid Span protected by HVOF resulting in no Damage from Bypass Operation
Period 4	Jun 2016 – Oct 2016	HVOF Midspan + HVOF Shroud Type 3	69 min Operation in avoidance zone High Load Bypass Operation (4 <sup>th</sup> GT)	Baseline Response Assumed	HVOF reduces contact area and reduces mechanical damping	Low mechanical damping from application of HVOF increased magnitude of blade response above telemetry test levels.  No Bypass Operation at high loading / Mach #
Period 5	Dec 2016 – Feb 2017	Type 1 (No HVOF)	No operation in avoidance zone.  Increased time with High Load Bypass Operation (4th GT)  Bypass Water Hammer Event	Baseline Response Assumed	Baseline Response Assumed	Blending GT C or D as 4 <sup>th</sup> GT at high load  4on1 Configuration is creating higher blade loading than fleet experience  Vibration events from the bypass are not showing a blade response. Impact of water hammer event on blade is not confirmed.

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### Upgraded blade to achieve 450MW available by Oct 2018

#### Features:

#### 1) Updated Design Criteria – For Fretting Fatigue

Based on Development Material Testing in 2016:

Old Design Criterial – Fretting Fatigue Limit to prevent crack initiation New Design Criteria – Fretting Fatigue Limit to prevent crack propagation

# 2) Test Facility Upgraded to Excite High Nodal Diameter Modes

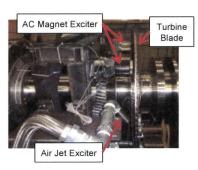


High-nodal diameter mode



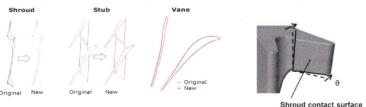
Low-nodal diameter mode

Magnetic exciter allows stimulus of high nodal diameter nodes with back to back testing being conducted on old vs new design to confirm design improvements.



**Blade Excitation System** 

#### 3) Redesigned Geometry to Reduce Stress



Design changes planned (including Type 5 Blade Shroud Geometry Improvement to reduce blade response and induced dynamic stress by 80%. Results can be validated in upgraded test facility.

#### 4) Telemetry Testing + BVM

Application of upgraded blade would include initial telemetry test to validate operating design space for Bartow's plant configuration and include BVM Blade Vibration Monitoring System for continuous real time monitoring of blade response.

#### 5) Bypass Operating Guidelines

If required based on Telemetry Test results, operating guidelines for bypass can reduce blade response by minimizing operation of C and D Bypass at a Mach # > 0.55

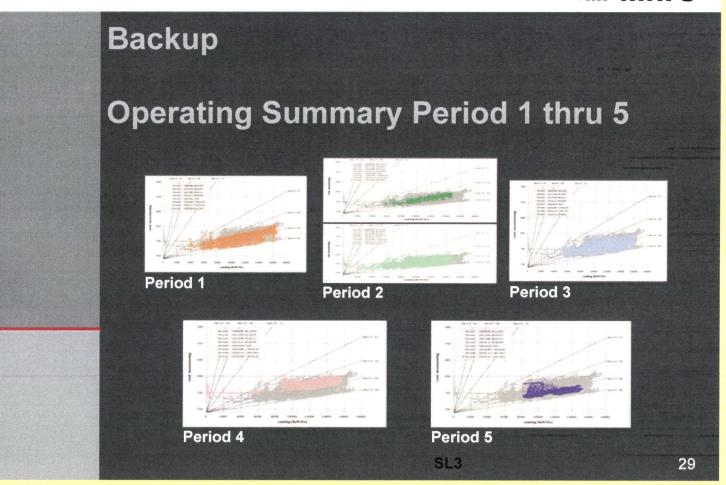
DCS controls update strategy is in evaluation.

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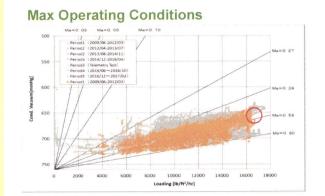
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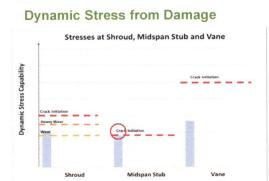


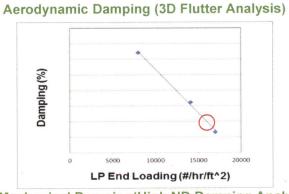


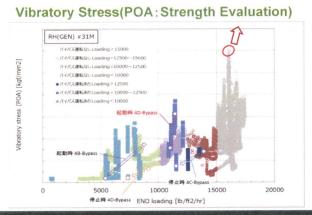
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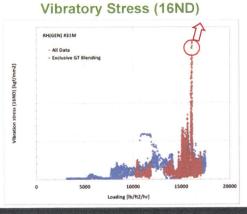
Operation at higher loads than Period 3, but Type 1 Blade has improved damping over Type 3 in Telemetry Test













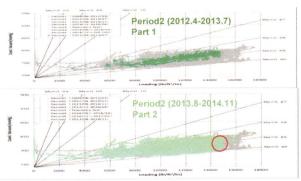
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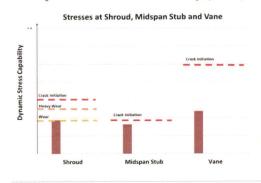
# Period 2 – No Major Damage, Minor Shroud Chipping

Reduced LP Loading over Period 1, reduced bypass operation loading over period 5, light wear observed on shroud

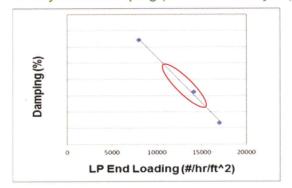




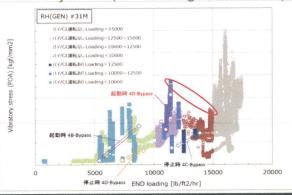
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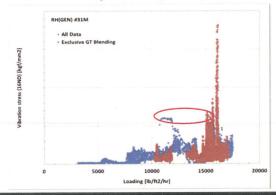
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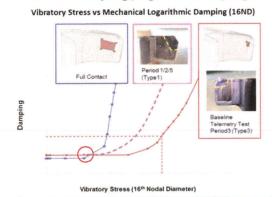
Vibratory Stress(POA: Strength Evaluation)



**Vibratory Stress (16ND)** 



Mechanical Damping(High ND Damping Analysis)



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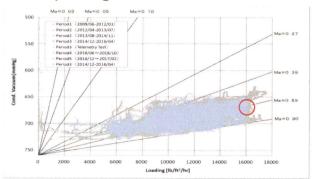
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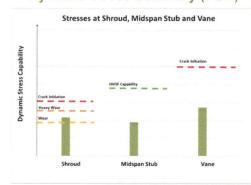
# Period 3 – Shroud Cracking - <u>Outside Avoidance Zone</u>

Outside of avoidance zone, bypass operation becomes most limiting. With HVOF on Mid Span Stub no cracking is predicted.

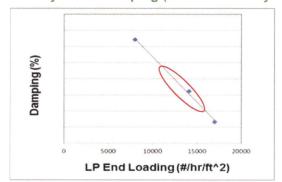
#### **Max Operating Conditions**



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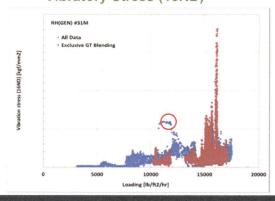
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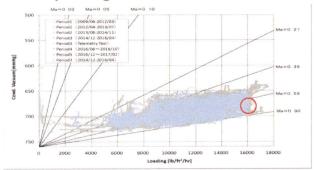
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### Period 3 – Shroud Cracking – Inside avoidance zone

High blade response established in Telemetry Test. Mid Span Stub protected by HVOF. Shroud become limiting location.

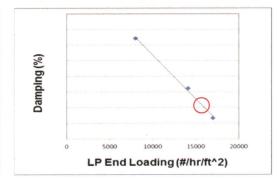
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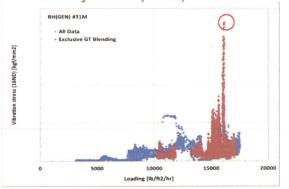
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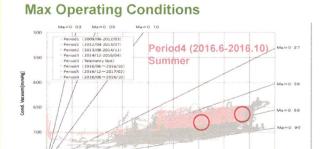


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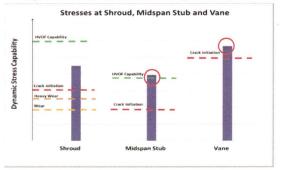
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### Period 4 – Vane + Stub Cracking

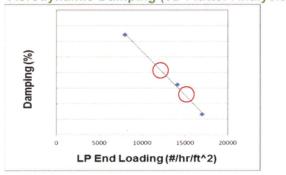
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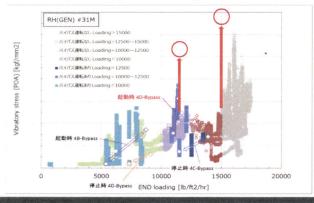
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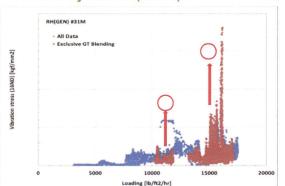


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Loading [lb/ft<sup>3</sup>/hr]



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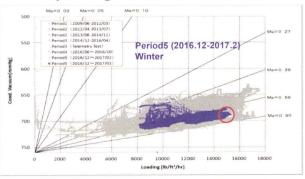
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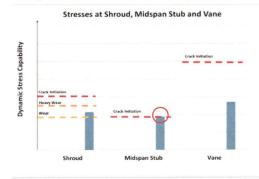
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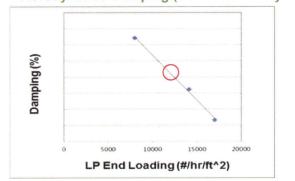
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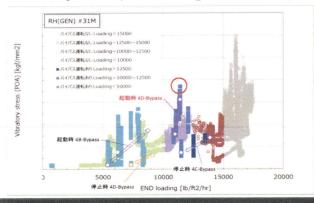
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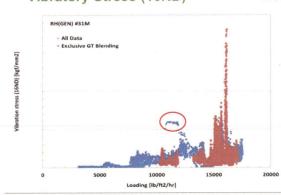
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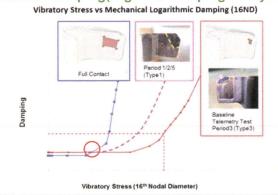
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