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# THE ANALYSIS OF TIDAL CURRENT IN SURAMADU BRIDGE PIER FOR MARINE POWER GENERATION TEST SITE

# ANALISIS ARUS PASUT DI JEMBATAN SURAMADU UNTUK LOKASI PENGUJIAN PEMBANGKIT LISTRIK TENAGA ARUS LAUT

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## **ABSTRACT**

Recently, the interest in renewable ocean energy has been growing rapidly among the ocean researchers in Indonesia. In this paper, the pattern of tidal current in Madura Strait was analyzed and it is used as First we present the general information of the structure of Suramadu Bridge and explain the purpose of installing tidal current turbine between its piers. Second, we develop the numerical model of Madura Strait. The bottom topography of Madura Strait is digitized from bathymetry map produced by Indonesian Navy. A nested hydrodynamic model has been developed to refine the specific area of interest around the piles of the Suramadu Bridge. MIKE-21 program is then employed to simulate the tidal current that passes between the piles of the bridge. Next, we validate the model by conducting the field measurement of the speed of tidal current between pile no. 56 and pile no. 57. We deployed ADCP and measured the current speed for 15 days. The obtained data is then compared with the numerical model. The results show that the simulated currents have similar pattern with the measured data. We also discuss the characteristics of the simulated tidal current comparing with the ADCP results. Finally, we estimate the possible produced power produced from the kinetic energy of the predicted tidal current of hydrodynamic.

Keywords: Suramadu Bridge, Marine Power Generation, Tidal Energy, MIKE 21, Vertical Axis Turbine.

## INTRODUCTION

For some reasons, a bridge structure can be very useful to test a prototype of tidal current turbine (Browne et al., 2009; Kyozuka & Gunji, 2005; Kyozuka & Ogawa, 2006; Kyozuka, 2008; Wosnik et al., 2009; Lim et al., 2016). Combining tidal energy conversion devices with bridging structure will be more efficient as it can save the cost for its installation and maintenance (Vennetti, 2012). Another advantage of combining the turbine and piers at the bridge is the proportional to increase flow rates and its velocity when it passes through the piles leading to higher energy output. In addition to above reasons, the Suramadu Bridge was chosen in this study because the location is close to all the supporting resources (i.e. hydrodynamic lab, vessel workshop, shipbuilding industry, scientific/technical support from universities research agencies) that can easily to be accessed when the floating platform turbine is operated and evaluated. Madura Strait represents the characteristic of strait in Indonesia which has a low speed less than 1.5 m/s. It has sufficient resource potential to produce energy (Firdaus et al., 2015). Therefore we tried to develop a turbine that able to working at low speed.

A twin Darrieus turbine, with three vertical axis blades, respectively, was fabricated and prepared for testing on a floating pontoon in an open water environment such as in a strait. Before scaling up, the model scale of turbine was tested in a towing tank belongs to the Indonesian Hydrodynamic Laboratory (BPPH, Surabaya). The prototype was intended to measure the successful level of energy conversion system that has been designed prior to deployment in an operational demonstration project. It should be capable of performing all the functions that will be

required for the operational system. The prototype is expected with the power coefficient of 30 %, will produce power approximately 5 kW for each of the turbine or 10 kW in total. The crucial design of prototype is its blade profile NACA 0021 with chord length, thickness and span of 0.186 m, 39 mm and 2.183 m,. The turbine will work at cut in speed 0.7 m/s and able to maintain its strength of structure and performance up to the maximum speed of 2 m/s.

The aim of this study is to develop a hydrodynamic simulation using MIKE 21 FM HD in Madura Strait, particularly in the area around the Suramadu Bridge piers as the potential spot to test the turbine. A mounted bottom ADCP was deployed to measure the ocean current and compared with the numerical simulations model.

## **METHODOLOGY**

#### General information of the site

Suramadu (stand for Surabaya-Madura) Bridge is the first impressive of 5.4 Km inter island bridge in Indonesia constructed across the Madura Strait, connecting the eastern part of Java Island and Madura Island (Figure 2). Madura Strait is connected to the Java Sea at the westward by a narrow and shallow water, and to Bali Strait at the eastward characterized by a wide and deep water (> 40 m). This shallow bathymetry at the west part is caused by the development of Suramadu Bridge and the sediment discharge from Porong River as the impact of mud volcano (Jennerjahn et al., 2013; Koropitan, 2007). Those activities have significantly contributed to the coastal sedimentation and silting problems.



Figure 1. Vertical axis twin turbine with three vertical blades (red arrows).

The bridge that standing on of those concrete has many piers with different distances between piers, in which the minimum length among them is 40 m. The prototype of tidal turbine will be placed between piles #56 and #57 which is part of the bridge that close to Madura side (Figure 3). The pile is rectangular in shape with a length of 25.5 m and a wide of 12 m as shown in Figure 3.

## Setting up model

## Model area and mesh

The bathymetry of Madura Strait was digitized

from a bathymetry map produced by the Hydro-Oceanography Division-Indonesian Navy (DISHIDROS TNI-AL) no.96 (2012) at a scale 1:75.000. A nested hydrodynamic model has been developed to refine the specific area of interest around the pile of the Suramadu Bridge. Two nested grids were used, with grid spacing of 150 m and 10 m. The coarse and finest domains represent respective area along the strait (maximum element area of 3,800,000 m² and mesh size number of 150 m and 25 m), and around the piles #56 and #57 (maximum element area of 150 m² and mesh size of 10 m) (Figure 4). The flow in the inner model (finest area) is driven by the flow in turn is driven by the boundary

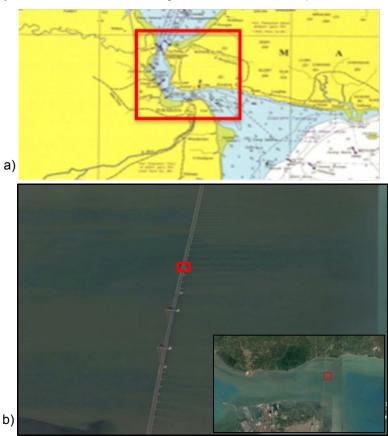


Figure 2. a. Madura Strait, b. Suramadu Bridge and the research site.

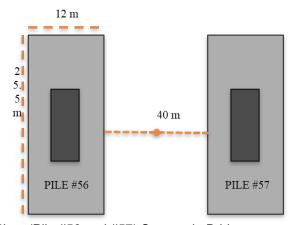
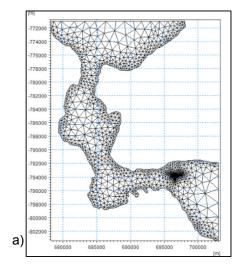


Figure 3. Dimension of Piers (Pile #56 and #57) Suramadu Bridge.



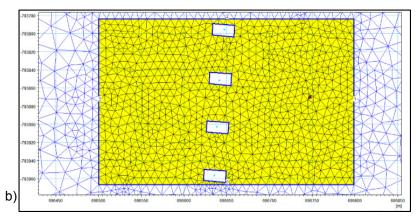


Figure 4. Nested bathymetry of Madura Strait (a. 150 m, and b. 10 m).

conditions imposed along its boundaries.

## **Driving force**

Wind and tidal data were used to generate the hydrodynamic model in Madura Strait. Wind stress data were taken from The European Center for Medium range Weather Forecasting (ECMWF) ERA-40,were re-analysed for periods of Mei-June 2015. These were 4 times daily (for every 6 hours) and have a horizontal resolution of 2.5 degree. The open boundary condition was obtained from the tidal prediction the transfer boundary tools in the hydrodynamic part of MIKE 21 toolbox (Global Tide Model). There were 2 open boundaries: the northern and eastern boundaries (Figure 5). For open boundaries, the 15-days period of water level (one spring neap tidal cycle) was used. This period is similar to the period of measurement using ADCP at Suramadu Bridge.

## **Model Running**

The model was run for 15 days with the time step interval for every 600 seconds or 10 minutes (Table 1).



Figure 5. ADCP setting and placement on the sea bottom of the study area.

## Field measurement

The tidal current at pile 56 was measured by using an ADCP (Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler) type multi Cell SonTek Argonaut-XR for about 15 days from 22 May 2015 at coordinates 7.178630° S and 112.780717° E. The ADCP uses three beams of 0.75 MHz and the

Table 1. Model setting for the baseline simulations

Parameter	Value
Simulation mode	Flow Model HD FM model using flexible mesh bathymetry
Number of nesting	2
Mesh size-coarse mesh	150 m
Mesh size-finest mesh	10 m
Simulation period	20 May-5 June 2015
Time step	600 sec
Turbulence model horizontal	Smagorinsky coefficient
Boundaries	2 boundaries: tidal prediction at east and west of the strai
Bed resistance number	0.28

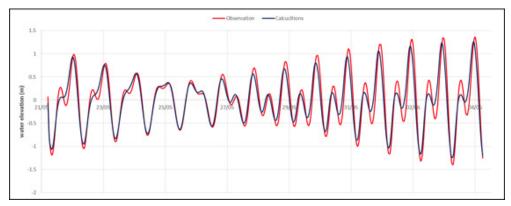


Figure 6. The comparison between the numerical model (blue) and measured water surface elevation (orange).

Doppler effect to measure the current velocity by transmitting a short pulse of sound, listening to its echo and measuring the change in pitch frequency of the echo. The ADCP was set up on the seabed and the beams are divided into 7 depth layers (1.5 m, 3 m, 4.5 m, 6 m, 7.5 m, 9 m and 10,5 m) in which, the sample rate for each layer is 600 seconds. It also measured the water pressure to be converted into water level. The water depth at that location is about 12 m and the sea bottom is muddy and guite flat.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

A numerical model was done for 15 days and the result was ompared with the observation. Figure 7 shows the comparison between the ADCP measurement and the calculated surface elevation at Madura Strait. The predicted tidal elevation shows a good agreement in pattern with field measurements. However, the model slightly shows an over-predicted surface elevation.

Further comparisons were also conducted to examine the agreements between the predicted data and the measured current velocities at the study area (Figure 8). It is observed that the simulated currents

have similar pattern with the measured data. The model simulated the pattern of maximum speed on the flood tide and minimum speed on the ebb tide. At the spring tide, the model was slightly under predicting throughout the calibration period.

Based on both simulated and field measurements, the ocean current in Madura Strait is dominated by astronomic tides of mixed tide prevailing semidiurnal (Formzahl number 1.27). The validation of hydrodynamic model to ADCP measurements showed that the error for the U and V components (east and north velocity) and its water level were 4.22 %, 18.52 % and 15.66 %, respectively.

The field measurement showed that the ocean current in Madura Strait flows in both directions back and forth eastward and westward. The current rose (Figure 9) showed that the occurrence frequency of ocean current dominantly eastward (43.08 %) and westward (47.36%) (Table 2).

Figure 10 shows the hodograph of velocity between piers for 4 tidal components (M2, S2, K1, O1). Tidal current is stronger during the flood tide than during the ebb tide, which explained by the geometry

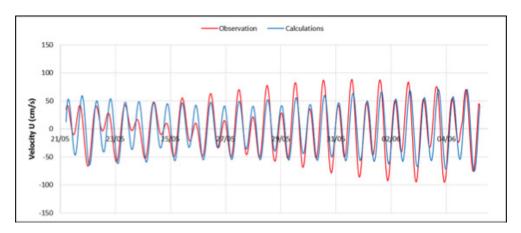


Figure 7. The Comparison between the calculated (blue) and measured current velocities (orange).

Table 2. Velocity distribution at Suramadu Bridge (Pile 56) on 21 May-5 June 2015

The occurrence frequency of ocean current (%)					
V	N	NE	E	SE	S
0-20	0.78	0.83	12.74	0.92	0.92
21-40	0.00	0.00	11.49	0.14	0.41
41-60	0.00	0.00	11.17	0.00	0.23
61-80	0.00	0.00	7.68	0.00	0.00
81-100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
121-140	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
> 140	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.78	0.83	43.08	1.06	1.56

The occurrence frequency of ocean current (%)				
SW	W	NW	Total	Cumulative
1.75	11.68	1.01	30.62	30.62
1.20	12.97	0.00	26.21	56.83
1.10	14.16	0.05	26.71	83.54
0.14	4.97	0.09	12.87	96.41
0.00	1.75	0.00	1.75	98.16
0.00	1.61	0.00	1.61	99.77
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4.18	47.36	1.15	100	100

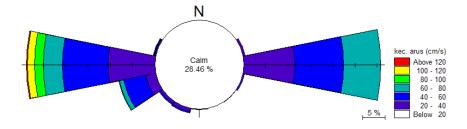


Figure 8. Current rose representing current velocities and direction at Suramadu Bridge.

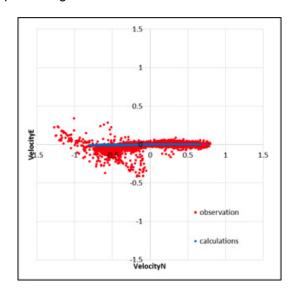


Figure 9. Hodograph of velocity between model and ADCP.

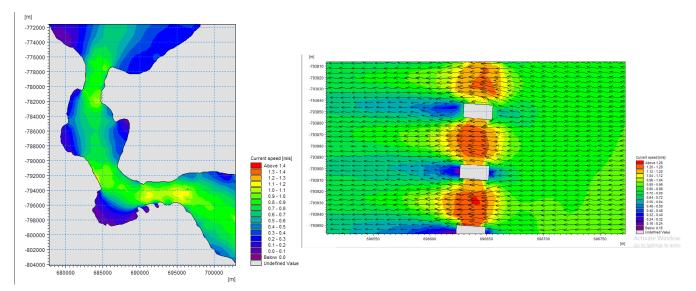


Figure 10. Velocity distribution around Madura Strait and between bridge piers in the towards flood tide.

effect of the location (current moves back and forth eastward and westward).

During the flow in each direction, the speed varies from zero at the time of slack water to a maximum, called strength of flood or ebb, of about midway between the slacks. The tidal current in the Madura Strait reached its maximum speed when it flows from ebb to flood, and its reversing current from flood to ebb. From ebb to flood, the range of speed is 0.5 m/s - 1.2 m/s with dominant flows from west to east. The speed at pile #56 is of 1 m/s - 1.05 m/s. (Figure 11).

From flood to ebb, the range of speed is 0.5 m/s - 1.3 m/s with dominant flows from east to west. The speed at pile #56 is of 1.2 m/s - 1.3 m/s. It shows that small channel bridge piles increase the flow rates and its velocity when it passes through (Figure 12).

Table 3 shows the tidal constantan obtained from tidal current velocity at 2.3 m and 8.3 m above the

bottom, amplitude is the absolute velocity component (U,V), phase is given as the mean of phase of (U,V), although they have almost same values.

Figure 13 shows the comparison of the observed velocities with the calculations at an average depth. Calculation means the summation of 4 tidal constituent velocities (M2, S2, K1 and O1). The sum of tidal constituents and its amplitude was done as it is required for designing the prototype of tidal turbine to determine the maximum speed of tidal current and its maximum forces affecting the turbine blades.

Figure 14 shows distribution of tidal in vertical direction, where the summation of 4 constituent amplitudes of tidal velocity were taken, therefore correspond to the amplitude of the velocity of spring tide. The current velocity reaches its maximum at 6-8 m from the bottom.

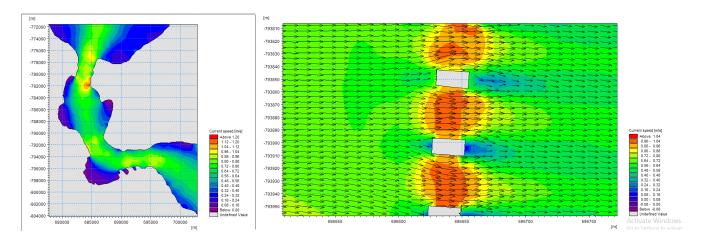


Figure 11. Velocity distribution around Madura Strait and between bridge piers in the towards ebb tide.

Table 3. Tidal current velocity at 2.3 and 8.3 m above bottom

Tidal current velocity at 2.3 bottom				
Constanta	Amp (cm)	Percent (%)	Phase (deg)	
M2	0.416	48.25986079	15.4	
S2	0.152	17.63341067	15.5	
K1	0.256	29.69837587	48.7	
O1	0.038	4.408352668	-39.0	
	0.862	100		

## Tidal current velocity at 2.3 bottom

Constanta		Amp (cm)	Percent (%)	Phase (deg)	
M2	0.519	47.61467890	19.1		
S2	0.225	20.64220183	189		
K1	0.277	25.41284404	40.6		
O1	0.069	6.330275229	88.6		
	1.09	100			

## **Tidal Current Power Estimation**

Theoretical value of tidal current power per unit sectional area (Pth) is given by:

P=0.593\*0.5ρAV<sup>3</sup> (watt)

Where P is a total power generated by tidal in certain length of area,  $\,\rho$  for density of water, and V for current velocity.

Figure 15 shows the comparison of the observation and calculation by 4 tidal components

during 15 days between two Piers Bridges (56-57). Tidal current energy was obtained by integrating the power with respect to the time. Average energy per day is calculated as follows:

E (observation) = 54.49 W/m<sup>2</sup> E (calculation) = 75.76 W/m<sup>2</sup>

Maximum power exceeds  $391.472~W/m^2$  at calculation power, and  $441.855~W/m^2$  at observation power at the spring tide, but during the neap conditions, the value was less than  $200~W/m^2$ .

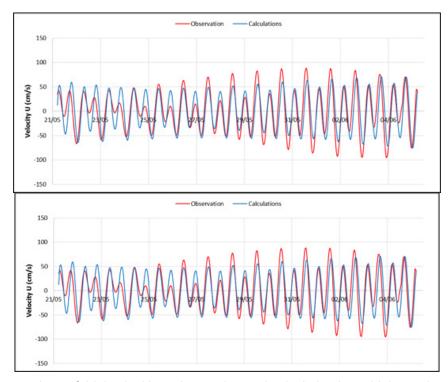


Figure 12. Comparison of tidal velocities, observation and calculation by 4 tidal constituents.

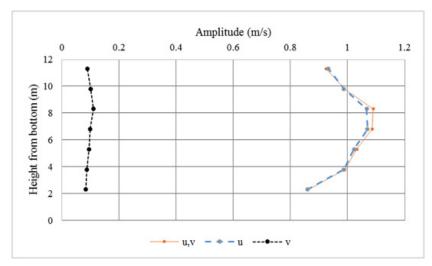


Figure 13. Velocity profile by summation of 4 tidal constituent amplitudes.

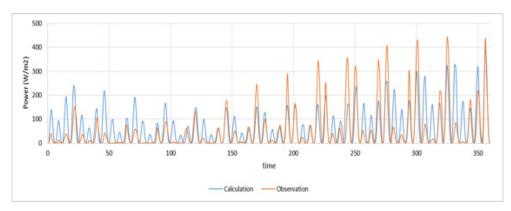


Figure 14. Comparison of power, observation and calculation by 4 tidal constituents.

## CONCLUSION

A high-resolution numerical model to determine the marine energy test site in Suramadu Bridge has been developed and calibrated against a dataset of observations. Although the location is not suitable for the placement of tidal turbines for long term, the Suramadu Bridge is an appropriate site for testing the prototype of tidal turbine to view and assess its performance. The speed of tidal currents in Madura Strait has range between 0.5-1.3 m/s (enough to set in motion the turbine blades), move back and forth in different direction following its ebb and flood pattern.

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