Integrated tool for maintenance and refurbishment planning of hydropower plants

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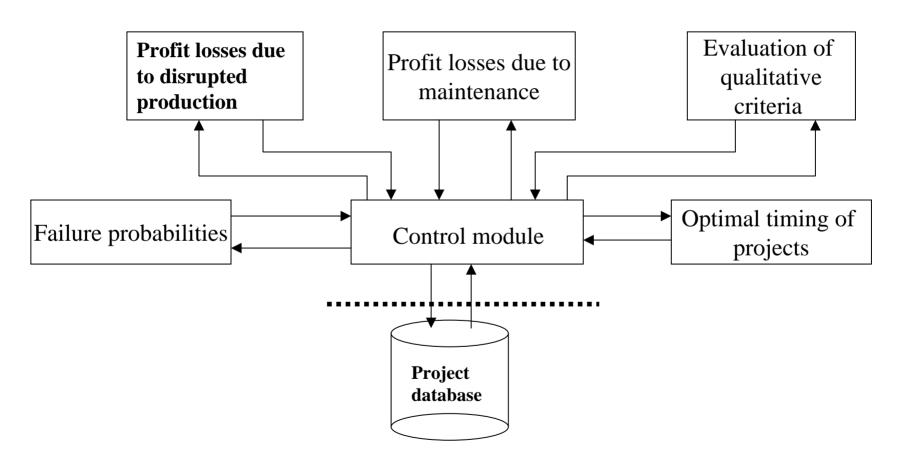


Model concept

- Based on integration of modules that can be run separately
- Advantages
 - Make use of existing modules if possible
 - New modules can be used before the whole concept is finished
 - The whole concept may not be necessary for every decision problem



Model overview





Profit losses due to disrupted production

- Module based on existing hydropower scheduling model (EOPS model used by most utilities in Norway)
- Input to module
 - Physical description of hydro system
 - Inflow statistics
 - Future market prices (scenarios)
- Calculates expected losses due to disrupted production for a given plant failure. Probability distribution for losses is also available



Profit losses due to maintenance

- Module also based on the EOPS model
- Same input as for the previous module
- The user specifies which plant, length of maintenance and possible maintenance period (e.g. next year)
- The model calculates automatically expected profit losses for all possible maintenance periods (e.g. week 20-26, 21-27, 22-28 etc)



Evaluation of qualitative criteria

- Standardized procedures for evaluation of project's non-economic (qualitative) utility value
 - Health, Environment and Safety
- Objectivity and consistency when comparing projects
- Improved documentation of projects
- Existing commercial software or make a new tool
 - Communication with other modules



Failure probabilities

- Output from module is failure probabilities as function of time of use for each unit (turbine, generator and control system)
 - Only failure that leads to disrupted production
- Based on:
 - Statistics
 - User knowledge
 - Operation patterns, maintenance actions etc



Optimal timing of projects

Input

- List of possible projects including:
- Failure probabilities, expected profit loss due to disrupted production, expected profit loss due to maintenance and investment cost

• Output:

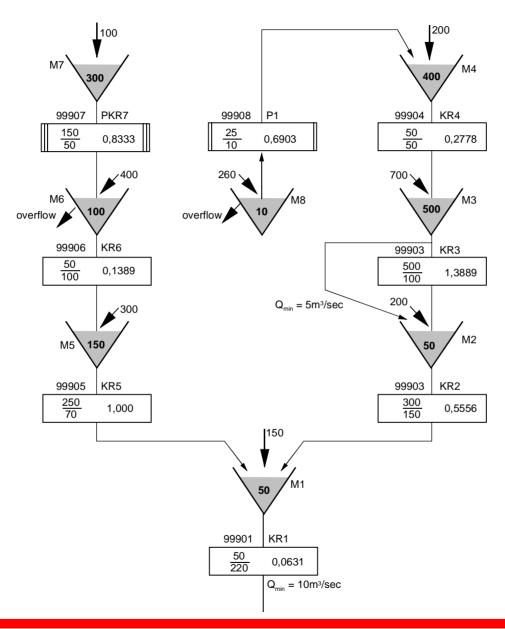
- A list of projects to carried out in the current year a maintenance schedule for the rest of the planning period.
- Optimisation based on dynamic programming



Status/benefits

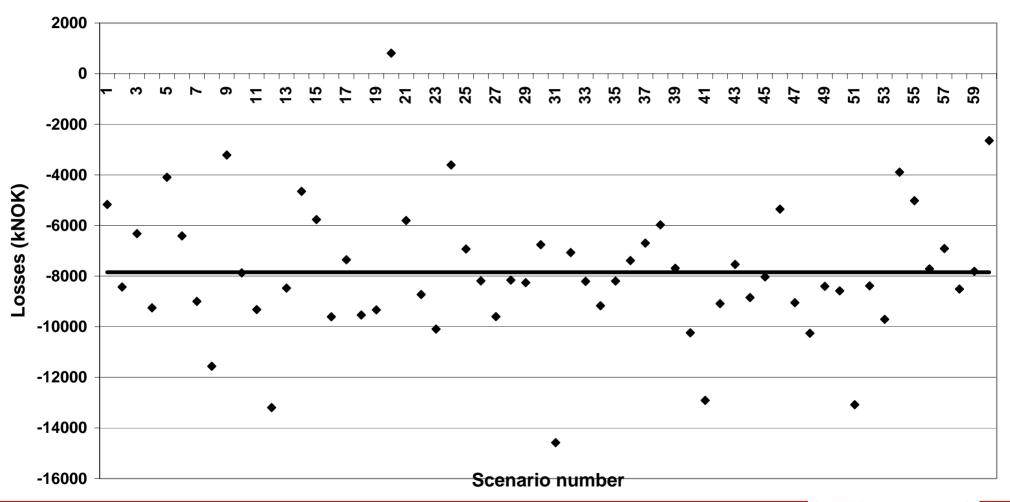
- Model development started in year 2000
- Based on earlier work and models
- The whole integrated concept is scheduled to be finished in 2005
- Automate/simplify computations
- Consistent weighting of non-economic criteria
- Documentation of decisions
- Optimal timing





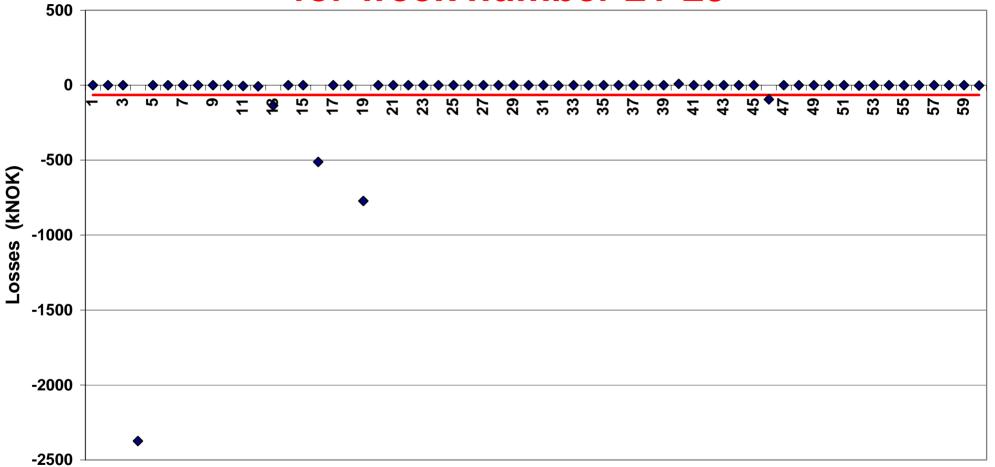


Losses due to disrupted production in KR4 for week number 6-14





Losses due to disrupted production in KR4 for week number 21-29



Scenario number

