



Discharge Head Replacement Project

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Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station



Inside a Nuclear Power Station



Fukushima Disaster





Job Scope

- After decades of service, a safety system discharge head needed replacement at the Columbia Nuclear Energy Station.
- A replacement head arrived on-site, but verification was needed to ensure the new head would match field conditions of the original head
- Columbia Station had a very short window in which to replace the head, there would be no time for misalignments in the field.
- Any dimensional documentation of the existing discharge head could not be verified for accuracy.
- Exact Metrology was brought in to provide 3-D models of the new and old head and provide comparison reports to alert Columbia Station of any potential problems that could arise during the replacement installation.



Metrology Equipment Utilized: Leica Geosystems HDS7000 Laser Scanner



- Fully integrated Laser Scanner
- Onboard scanning
- Battery operated
- Up to 1,000,000 points/sec
- 180 Meter Range
- Accurate to $\pm 0.125''$
- No warm-up time
- Phase Based Scanner
- Captures entire 3-D scene
- Class 1 Laser safety rating



Metrology Equipment Utilized: Romer Absolute Si PCMM



- Fully integrated Laser Scanner and Probing
- Up to 50,000 points/sec
- Accurate to $\pm 0.0025''$
- Wireless scanning
- Battery operated
- No warm-up time
- Available 2 M – 4.5 M
- Semi-automatic power/exposure
- No part coating necessary
- Automatic probe/scanner recognition



Existing Discharge Head



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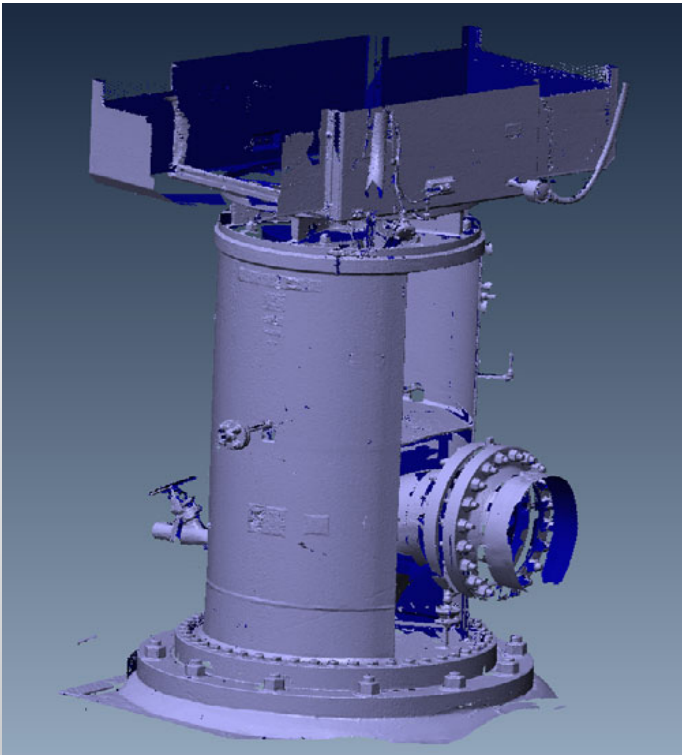
Replacement Discharge Head





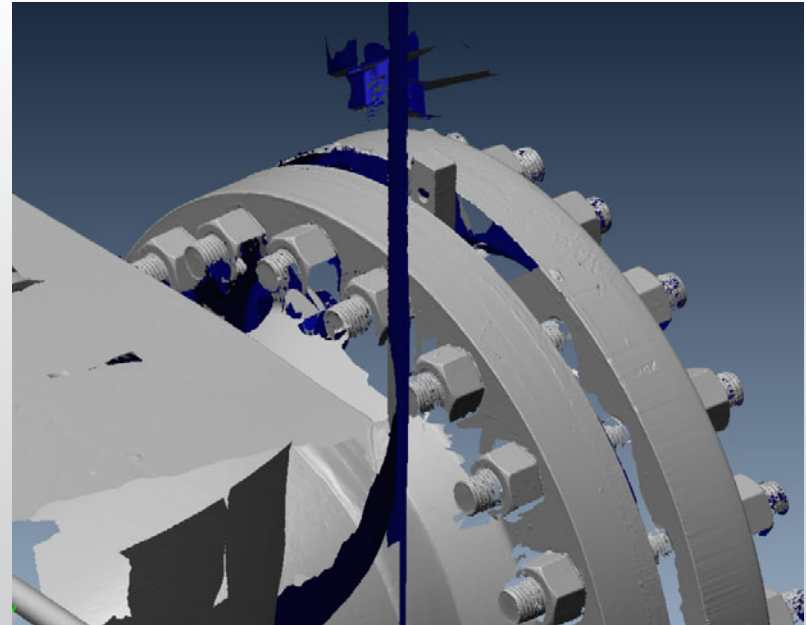
Stage 1 – Provide 3-D data of as-is condition of the existing discharge head

Coarse overall scan for clash detection



Data from Leica HDS7000

High Detail scans for alignment checks

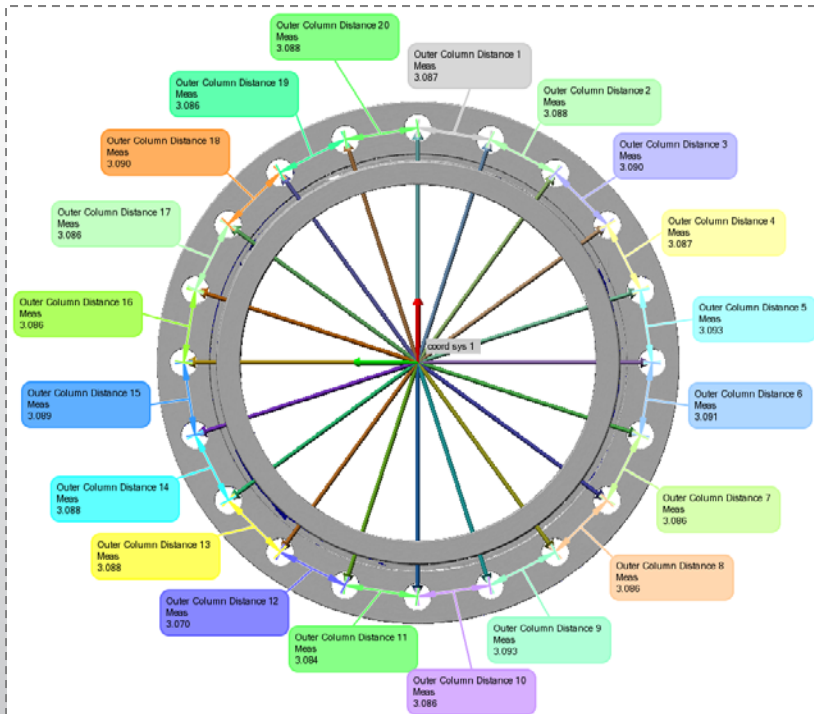


Data from Romer Si Scanner

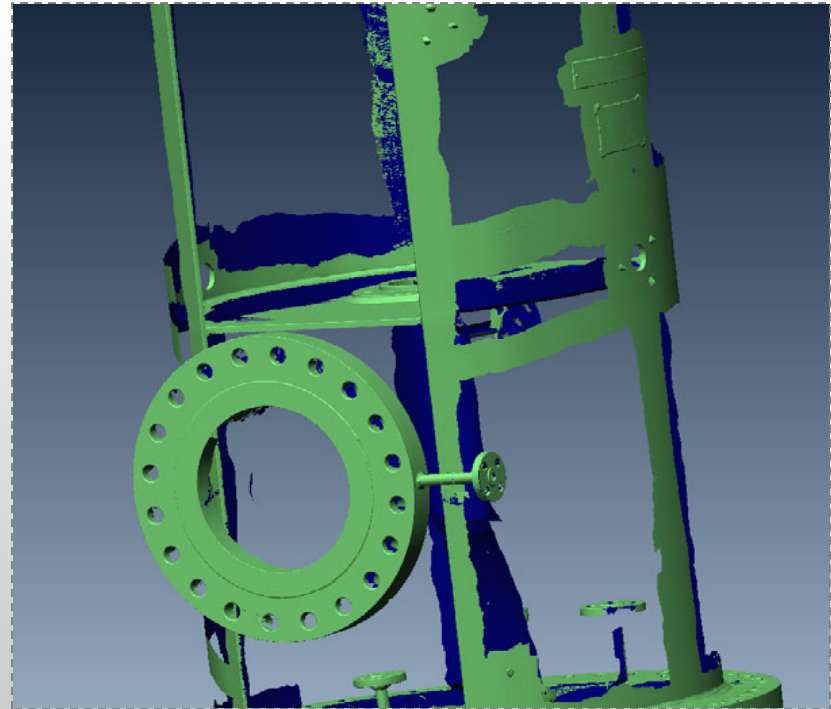


Stage 2 – Provide 3-D data of as-built condition of the new discharge head

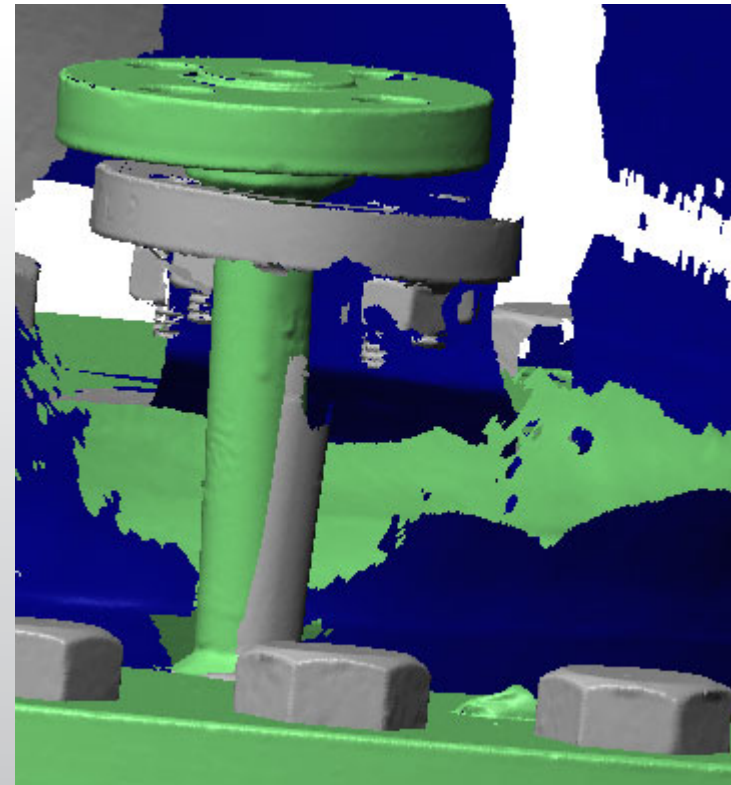
Dimensional detailing



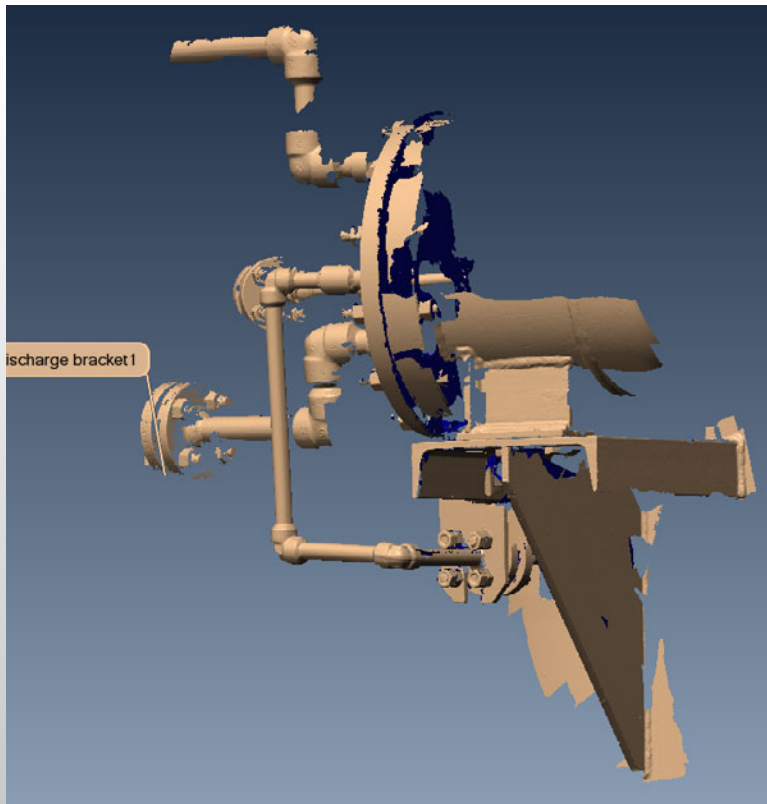
High Detail scans for alignment checks



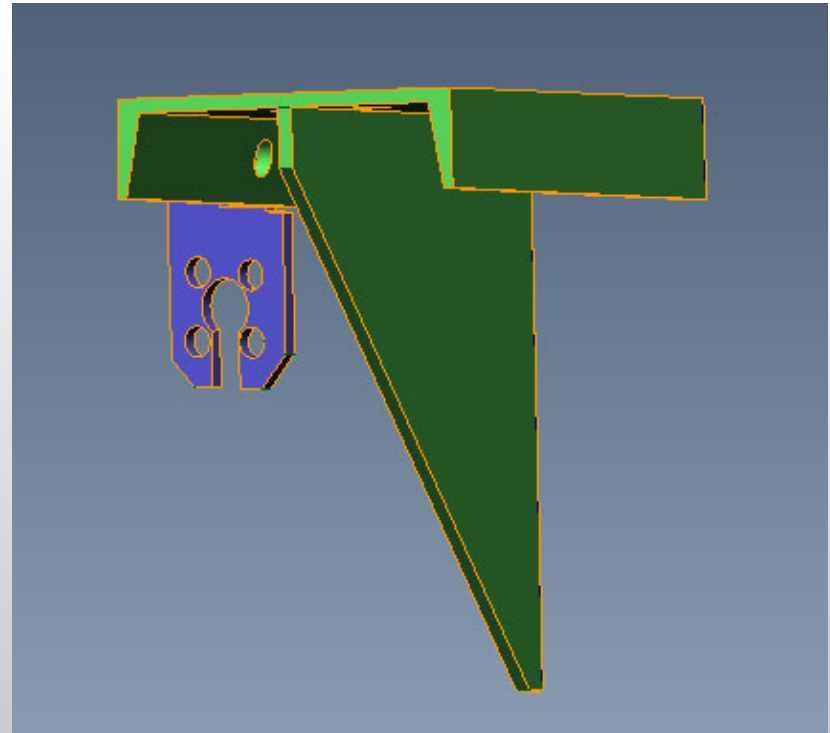
3-D Visualization of discrepancy



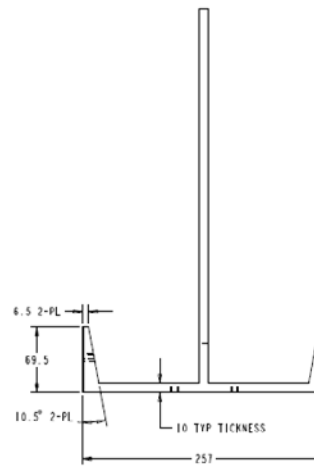
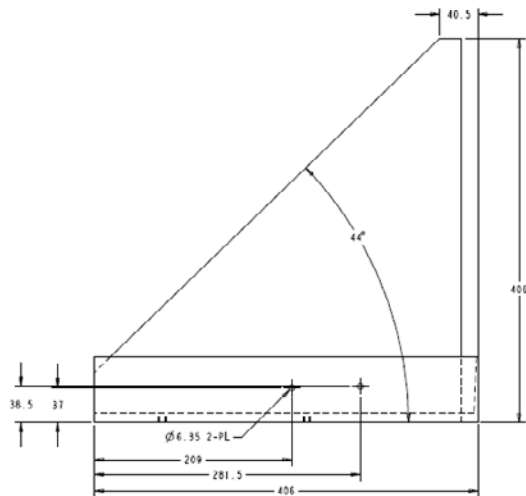
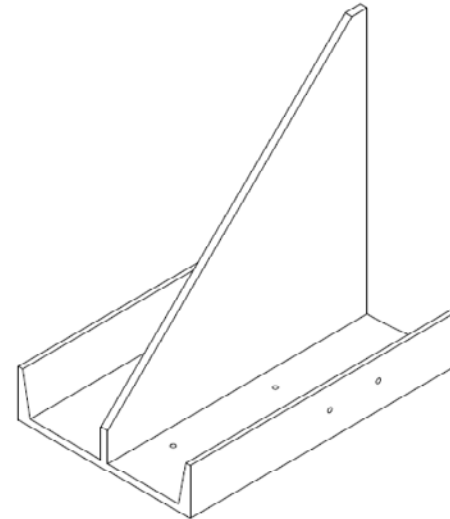
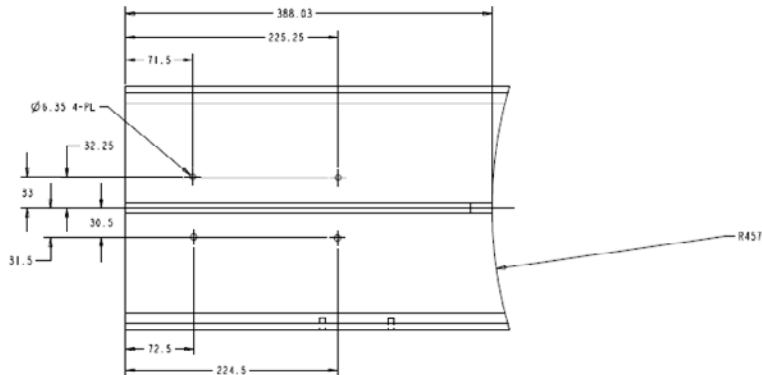
Scan data of bracket



**CAD model of reverse
engineered bracket**



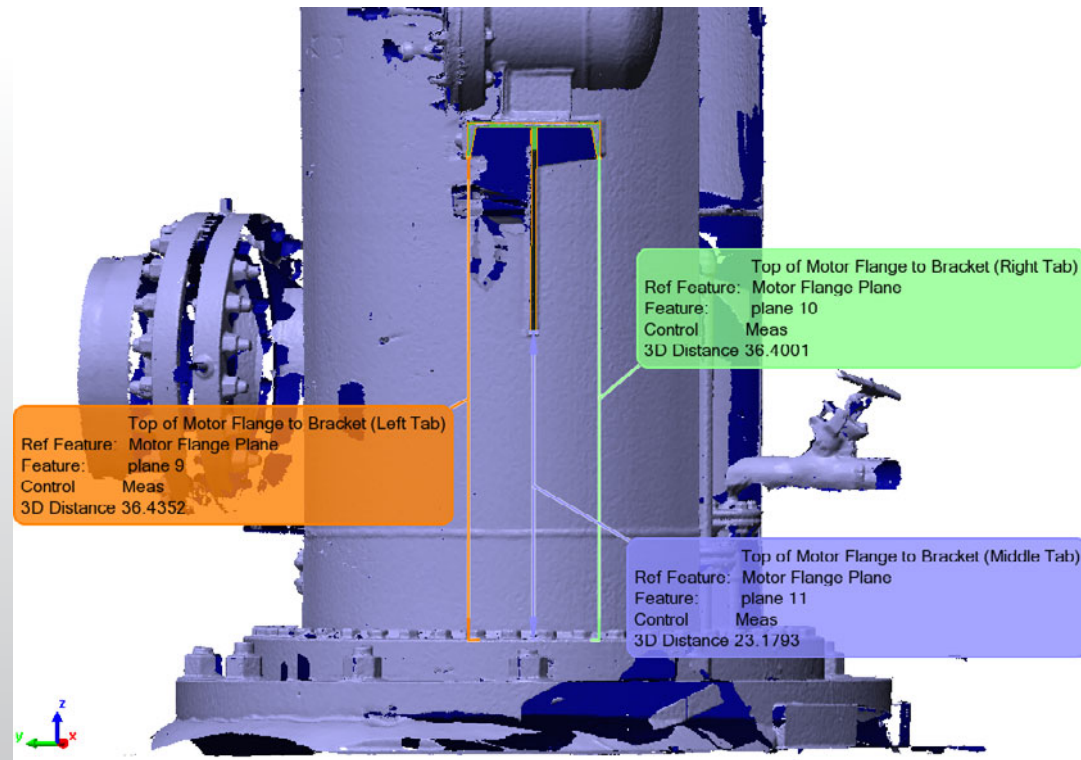
Stage 5: 2-D Fabrication drawing created from as-built scan data





Stage 6: Reducing Installation time - providing a measurement map for field installers

To decrease downtime and dose during the outage, pre-fab dimensioning was provided for any add-on pieces. This allowed for many parts to be pre-fabricated before the outage, and provided exact dimensioning to the field crew when installation occurred.





Conclusion

- Provided as-built data of new and existing discharge heads
- Provided a comparison and virtual fit-up to predict areas of concern with hard data and visual representation
- Reduced install time by providing accurate/easy to use dimensions for field crews
- Reverse Engineered add-on parts
- Provided 2-D drawings for fabricators of add-on parts
- Provided overall predictive maintenance and eliminated any fit-up problems
- Decreased down-time and reduced dose
- All from one visit and one data set