

T3.2 -A- Expanding the operating range of hydraulic turbines and pump-turbines.



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Broadening the hydraulic turbine operating range for a lean grid integration of new renewable energy resources

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Scope

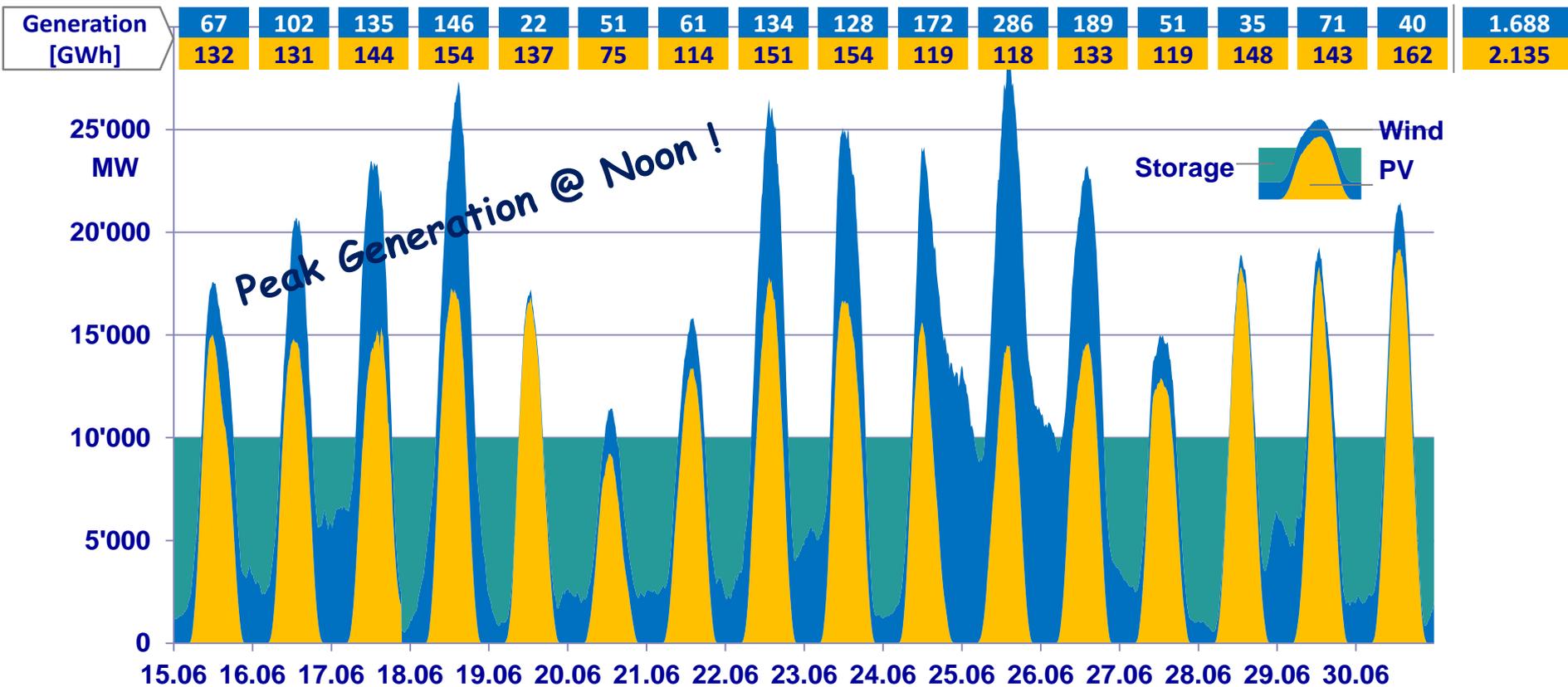
- Development of New Renewable Energy Resources
- Hydroelectric Power Station
- Hydraulic Turbines
- Extended Turbine Operating Range



Unit 4

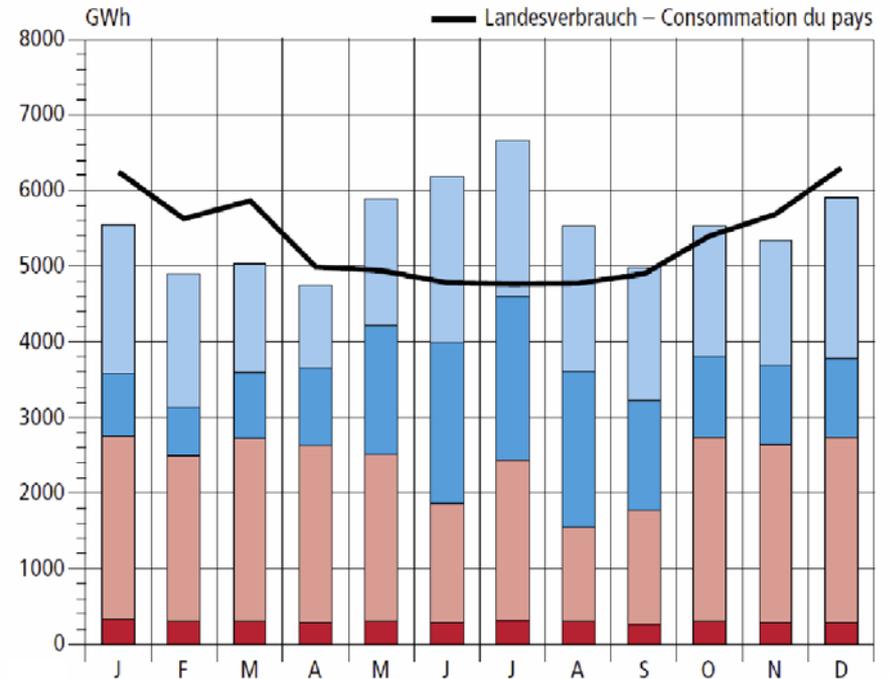
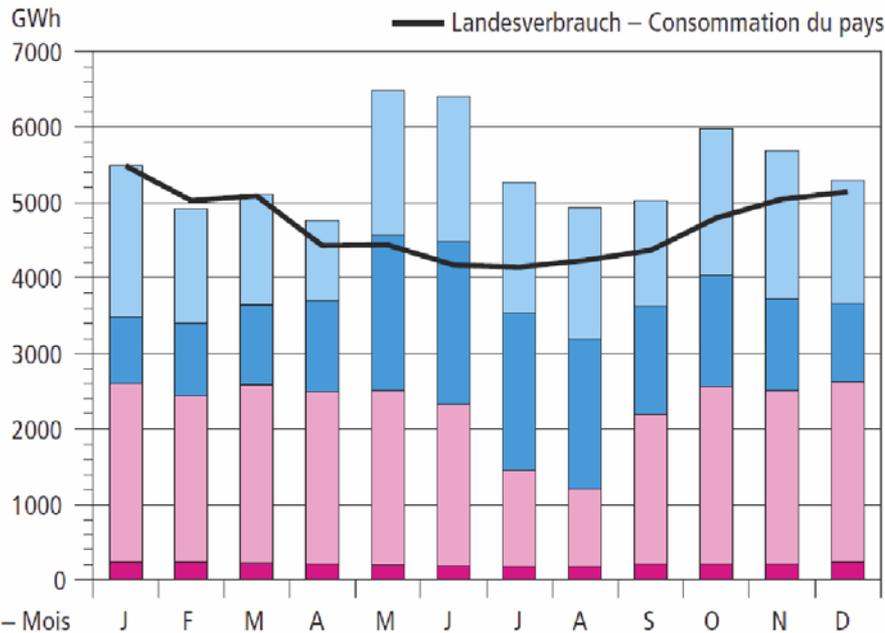
Integration of New Renewable Energy Sources in Europe

○ Needs of Storage & Grid Primary and Secondary Control ?



2000: 1 negative month!

2010: 6 negative months!



Speicherkraftwerke
Centrales à accumulation

Laufkraftwerke
Centrales au fil de l'eau

Kernkraftwerke
Centrales nucléaires

Konventionell-thermische und andere Kraftwerke
Centrales thermiques classiques et divers

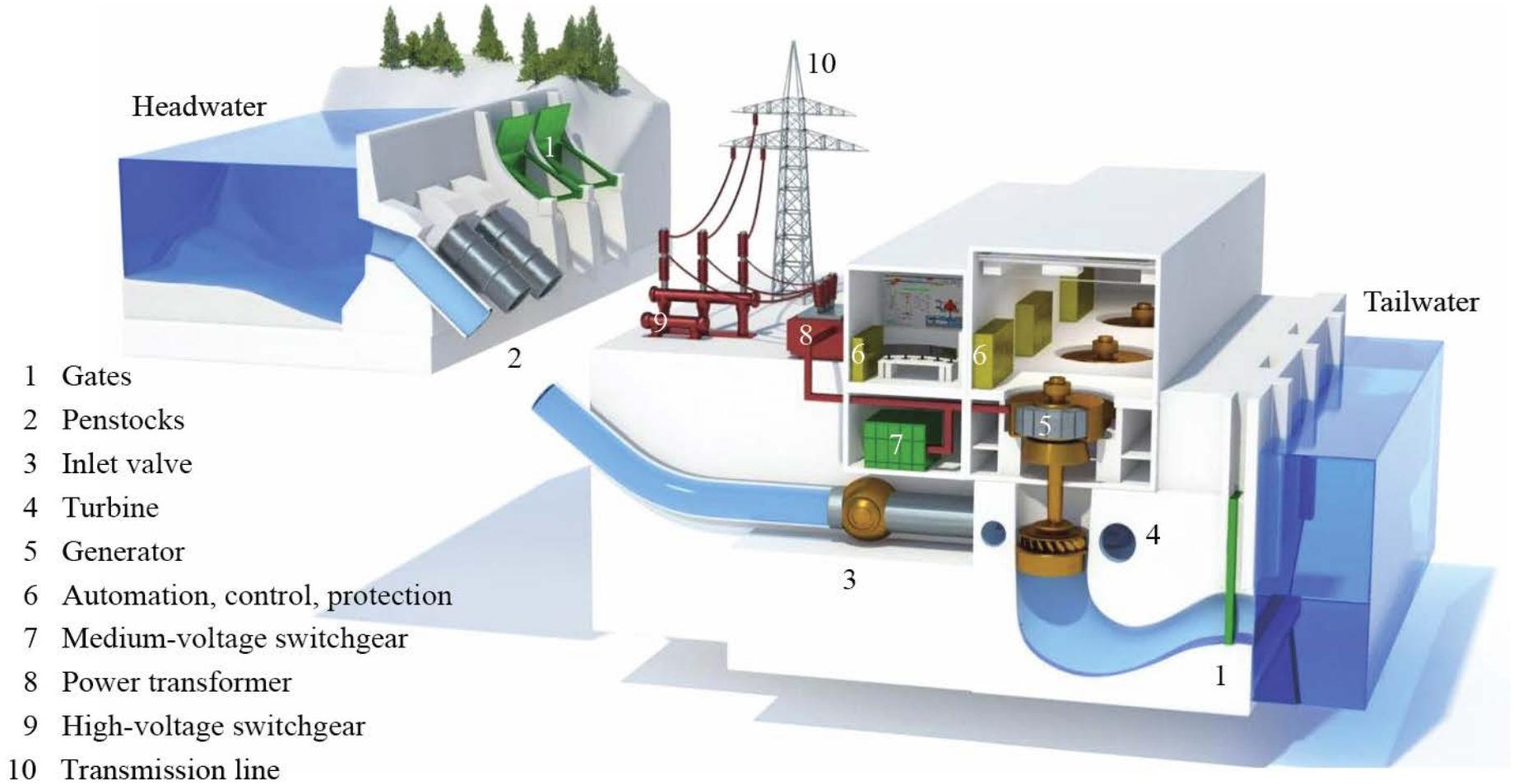
Source : OFEN/BFE

Operation Strategy Revision

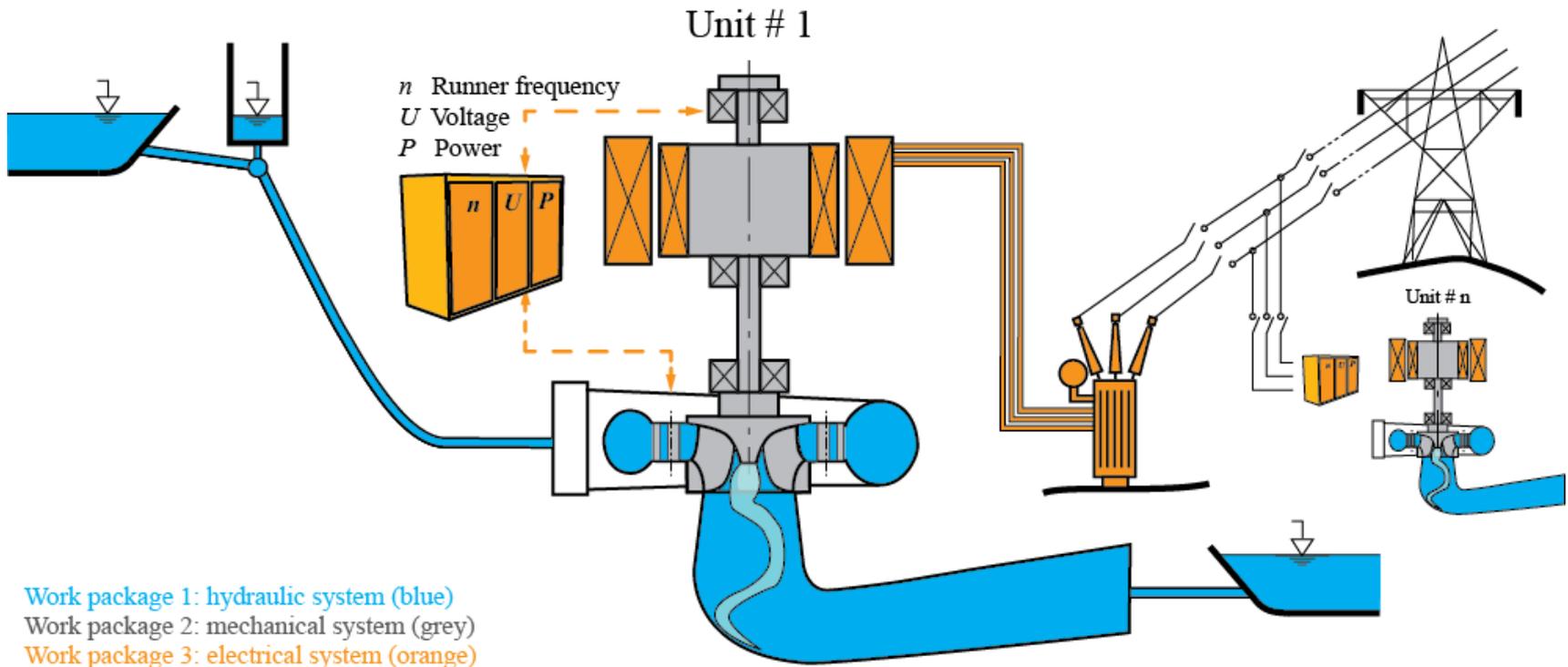
- ✓ From seasonal to daily operation
- ✓ Hydroelectric station dynamics
- ✓ Enhanced operating range
- ✓ Ancillary services

Grande Dixence Dam, Switzerland
Lac des Dix Impoundment $400 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ Capacity

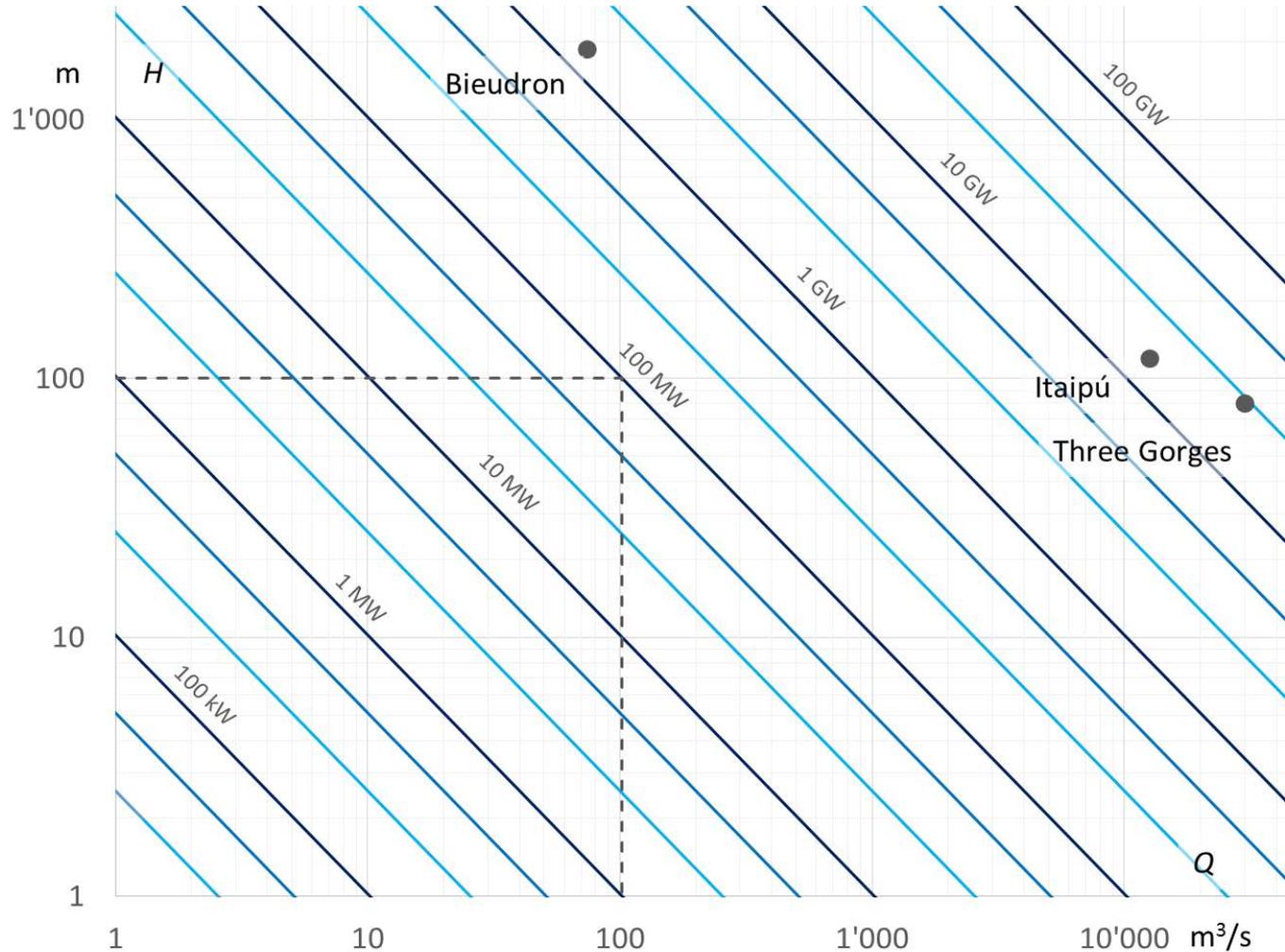
Hydroelectric Power Station Run-of-River Power Station Layout



Storage Hydroelectric Power Station Layout

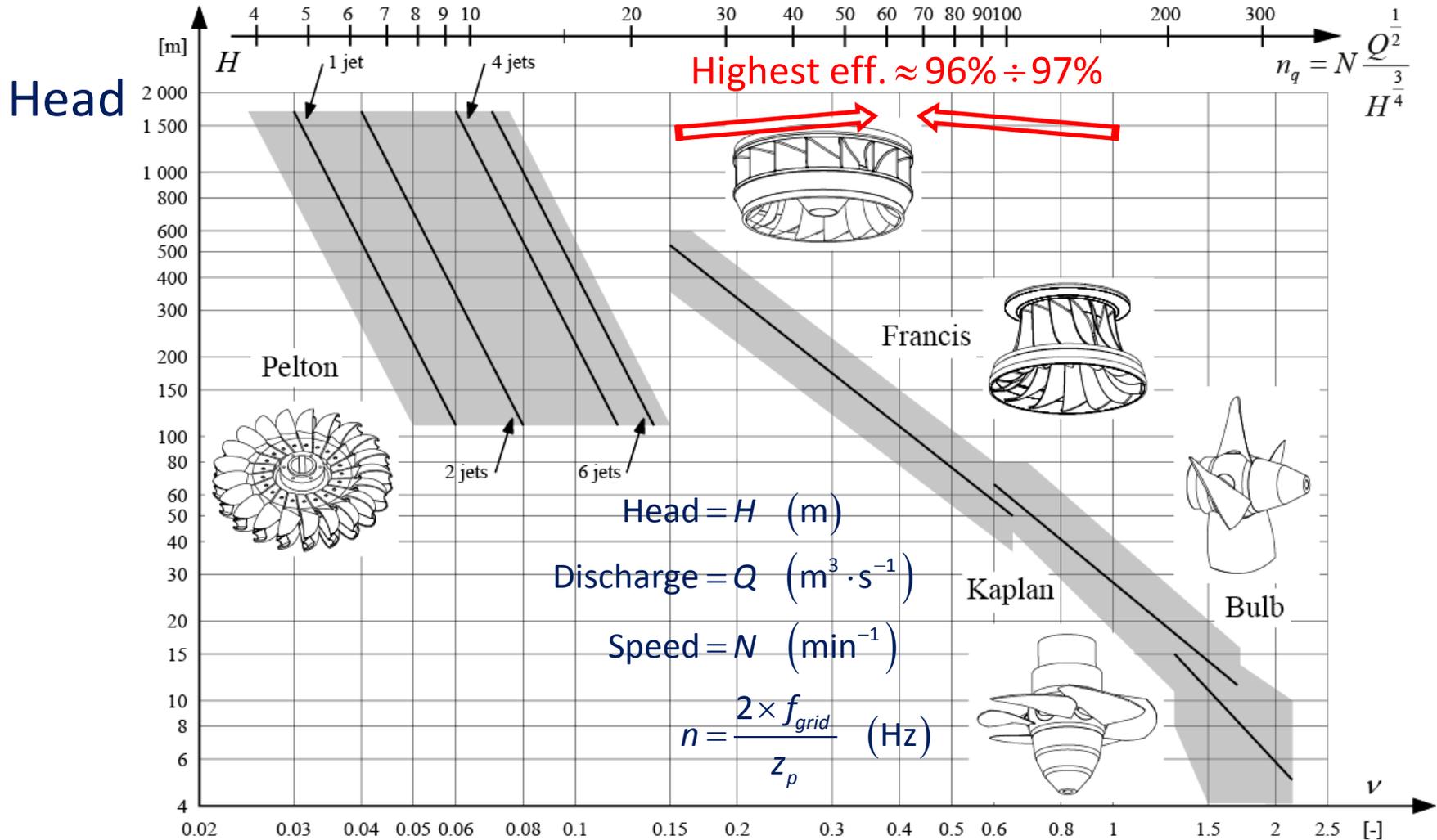


Capacity Chart of Hydroelectric Power Station



$$P_h = \rho Q \times gH$$

Best Suited Hydraulic Turbines



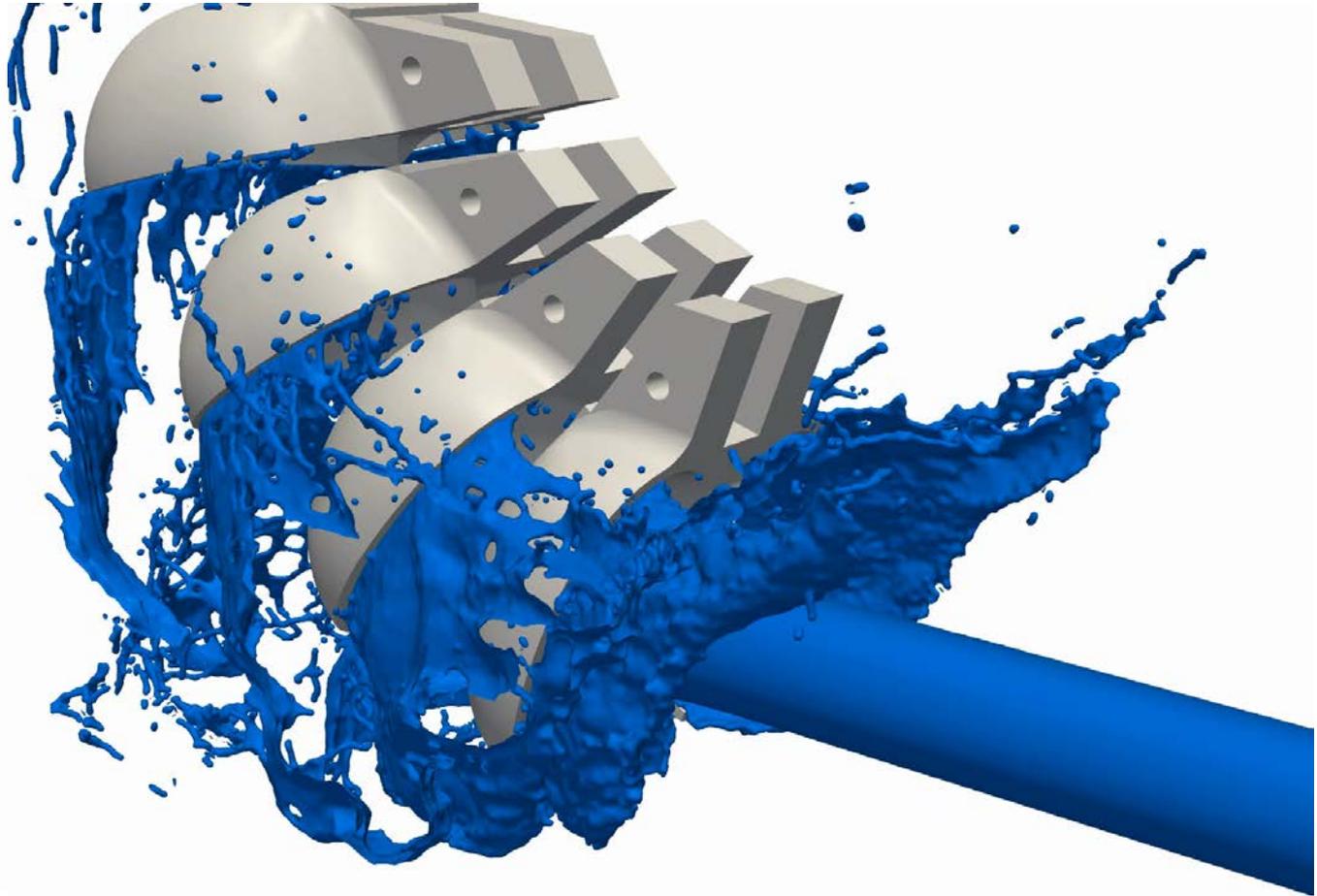
1'269 MW Bieudron Hydroelectric Power Station

3 Pelton Turbines



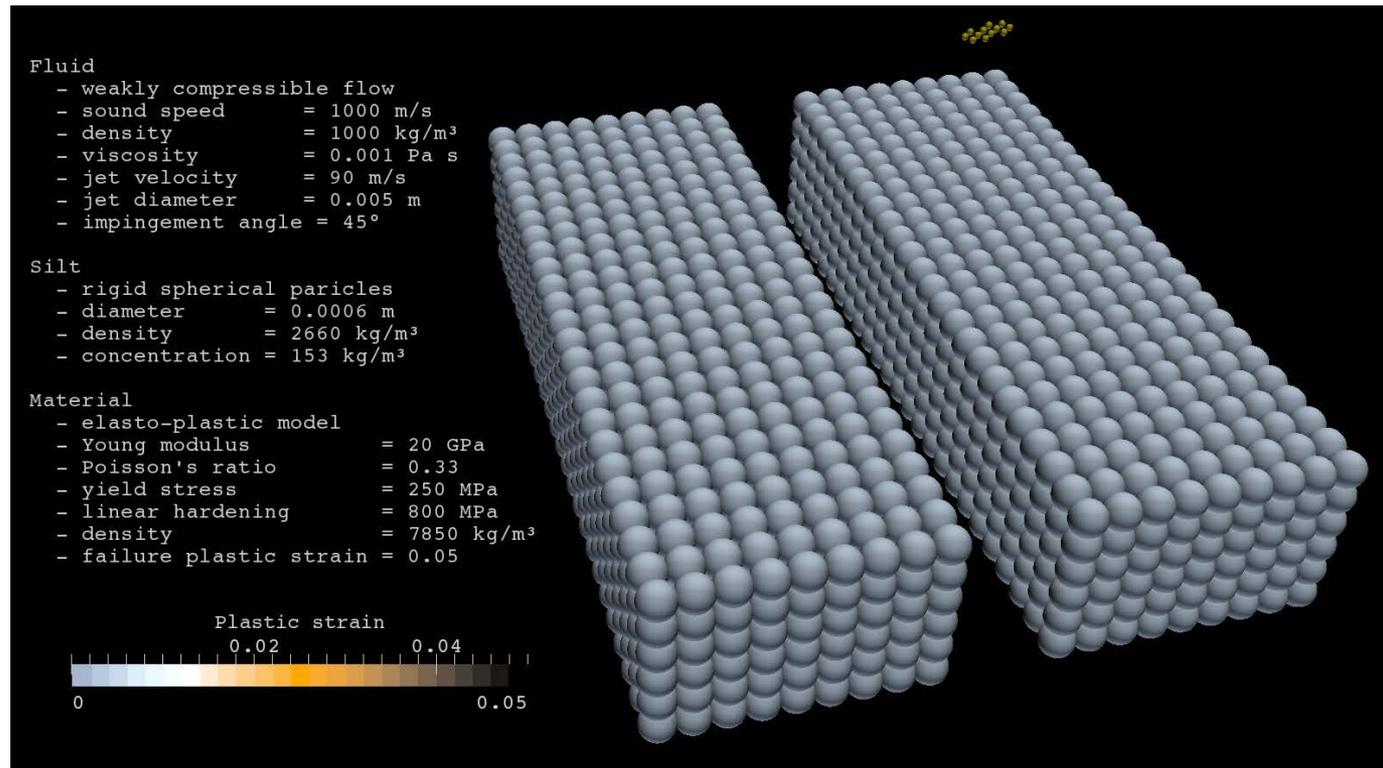
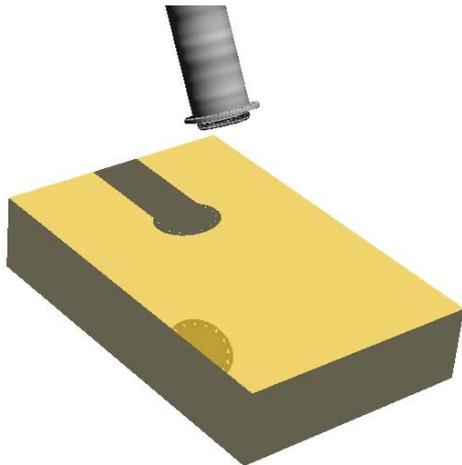
- **500 MVA Generators**
 - ✓ 14 poles, 35.7 MVA/pole
 - ✓ 428.5 min⁻¹
 - ✓ Water Cooled
- **423 MW Pelton Turbines**
 - ✓ 1'883 m Head
 - ✓ 25 m³/s Discharge
 - ✓ 5 injectors
 - ✓ $D_1 = 3.993$ m
 - ✓ ~28 t Runner Mass

FVPM Flow Numerical Simulations Impinging Jet on Pelton Buckets



Christian VESSAZ, EPFL doctoral work supported by the Ark Fondation

SCCER SoE T3.2 -B- Modeling silt erosion in turbine components for large hydro

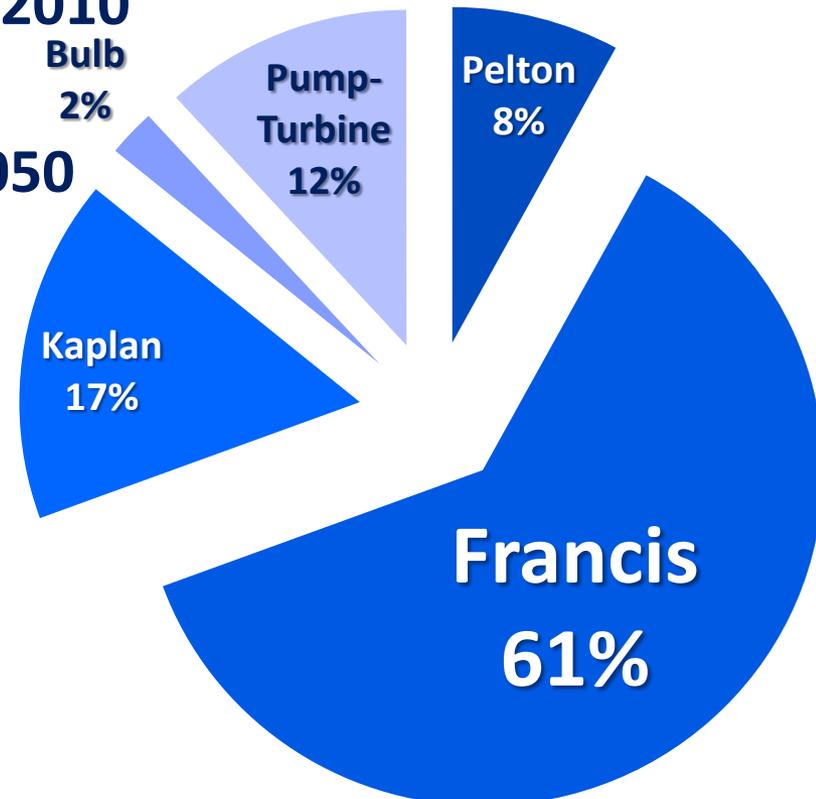


Ebrahim JAHANBAKHS, "Simulation of Silt Erosion Using Particle-Based Methods", EPFL doctoral work N° 6284, 2014

Hydro Turbines International Market

○ Capacity Breakdown by Types of Turbines

- ✓ **1'038 GW Installed Capacity in 2010
Modernization Market**
- ✓ **1'000 GW to be built before 2050
Greenfields Project**

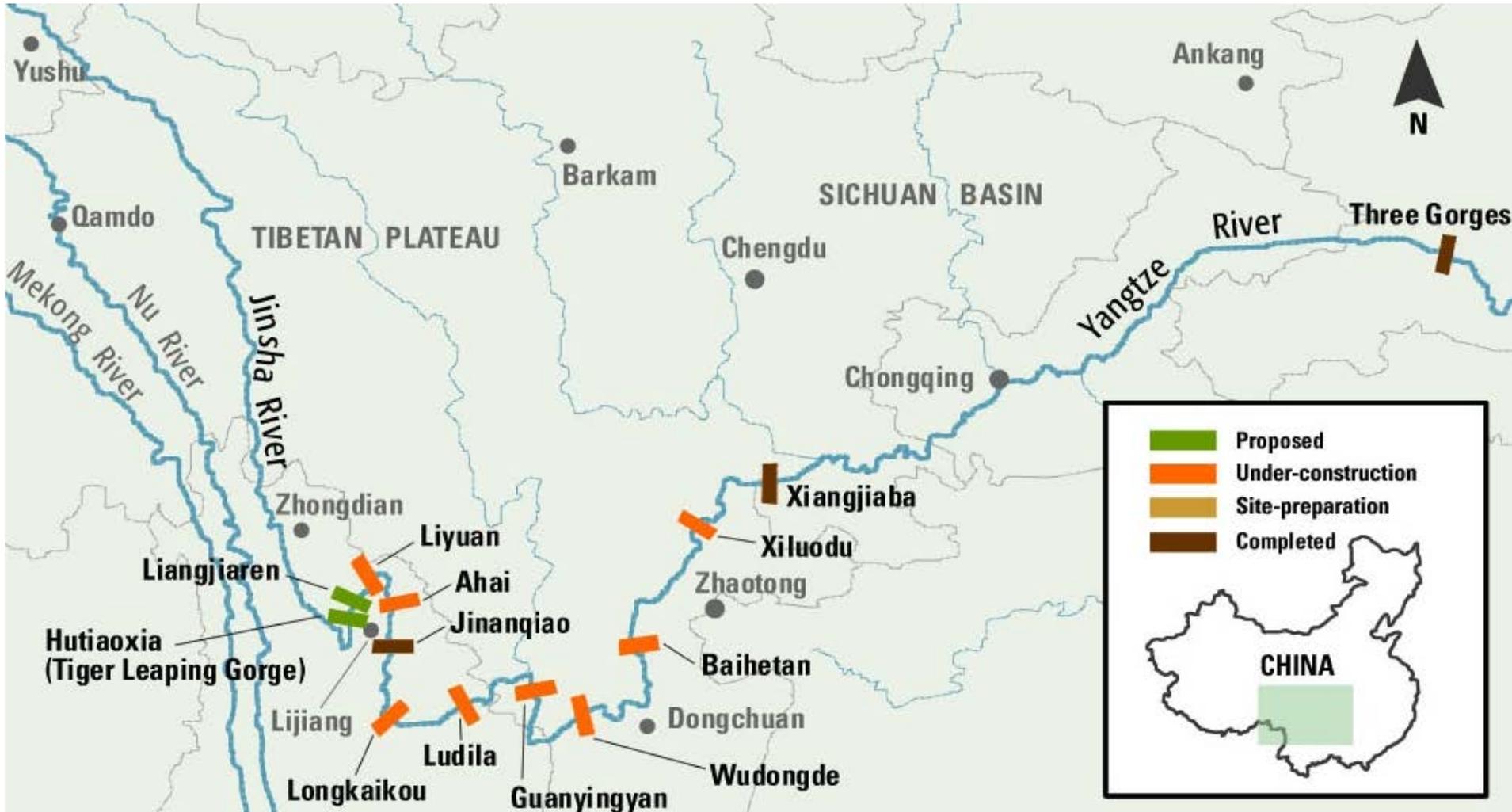


Major Hydroelectric Power Stations are Francis Powered

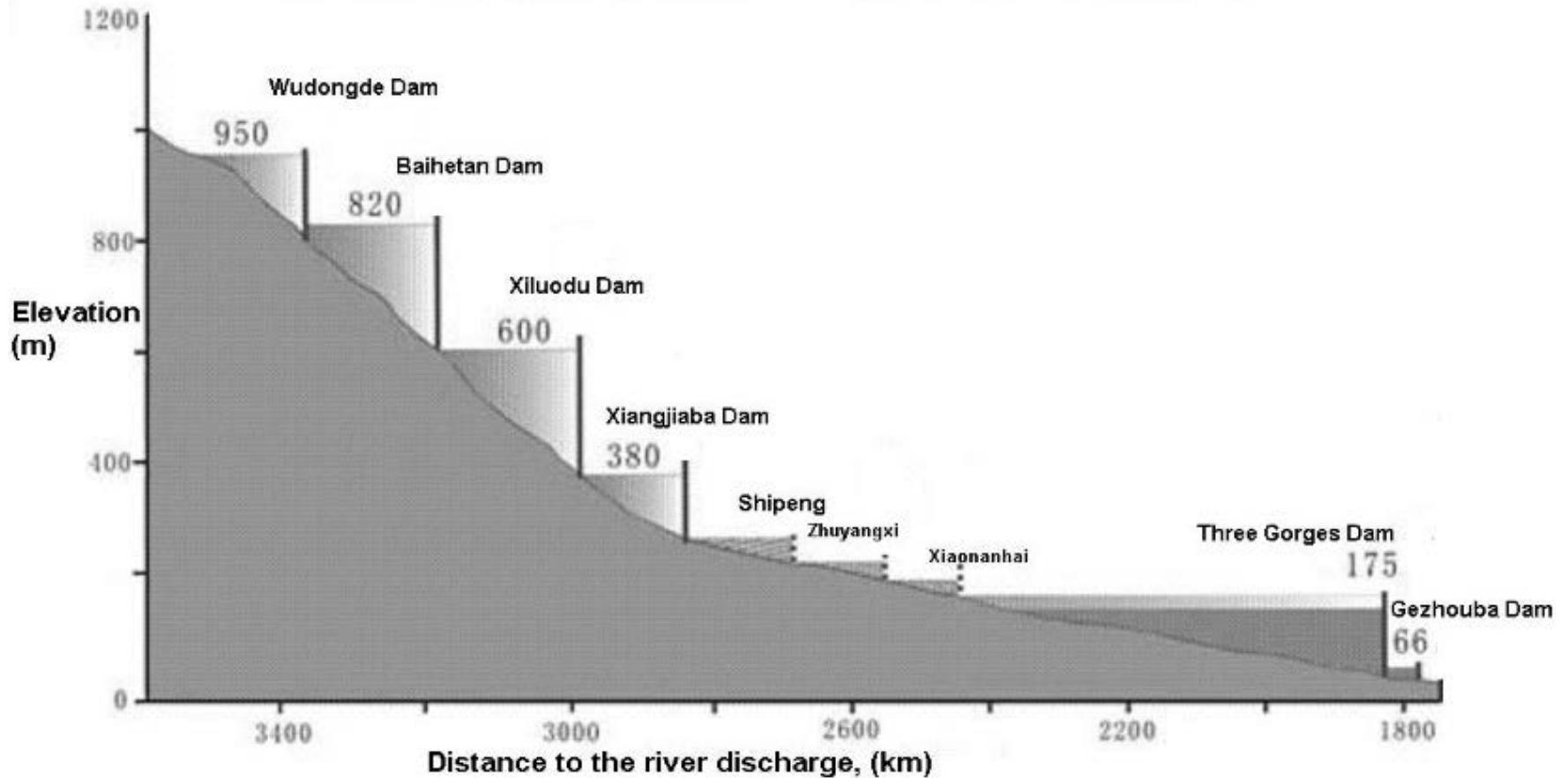
Hydropower Plant	Country	Capacity (MW)	Energy (TWh)	EPFL Model Testing	Type
Three Gorges	China	22'500	98.5	○	Storage
Itaipú	Brazil-Paraguay	14'000	98.3	✓	Storage
Belo Monte	Brazil	11'233	-	✓	Run-of-River
Guri (Raúl Leoni)	Venezuela	8'850	53.4	✓	Storage
Tucuruí	Brazil	8'370	41.4	✓	Storage
Grand Coulee	USA	6'809	20.0	✓	Storage
Longtan	China	6'426	18.7	○	Storage
Krasnoyarsk	Russia	6'000	20.4	○	Storage
Robert Bourassa (LG2)	Canada	5'616	26.5	✓	Storage
Churchill Falls	Canada	5'428	35.0	○	Storage

Tucuruí Dam, Eletro Norte

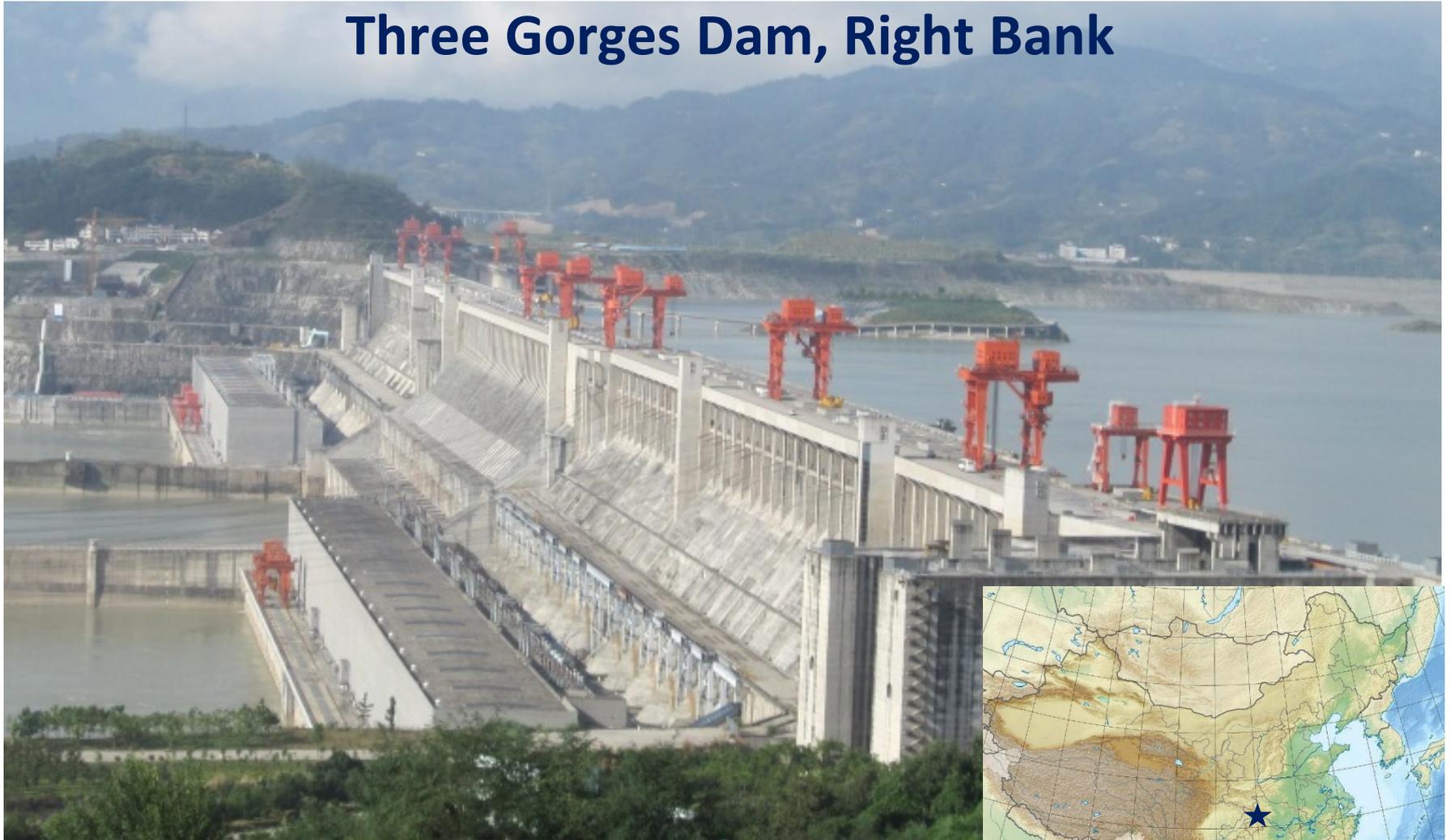
Jinsha-Yangtze Hydroelectric Scheme



Jinsha-Yangtze Hydroelectric Scheme



Three Gorges Dam, Right Bank



22'500 MW Three Gorges Power Station, Yang Tse River, P.R. China.



3 Gorges Francis Turbine Spiral Case



3 Gorges Turbine Runner Outlet Air Injection for Mitigating p-fluctuations



Gino BLOMMAERT, "Etude du comportement dynamique des turbines Francis: contrôle actif de leur stabilité de fonctionnement", EPFL Doctoral Thesis N°2222, 2000.

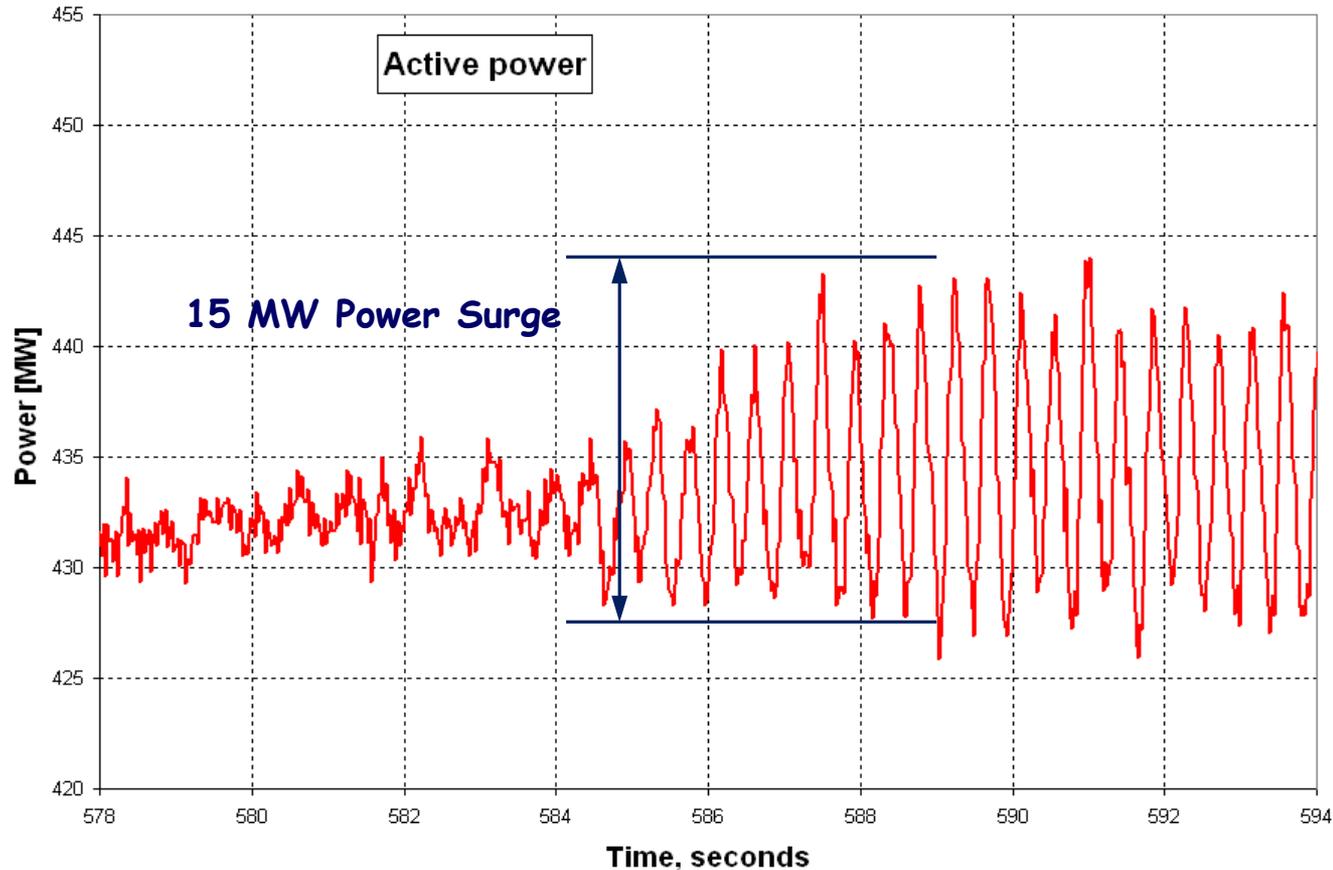
Xiangjiaba Power Station (Jinsha River, Yunnan)

Toward 1 GW Unit Capacity?

- **8 Francis Turbines**
- **825 MW Max. Power**
- **10.5 m Diameter**
- **~ 406 000 kg**

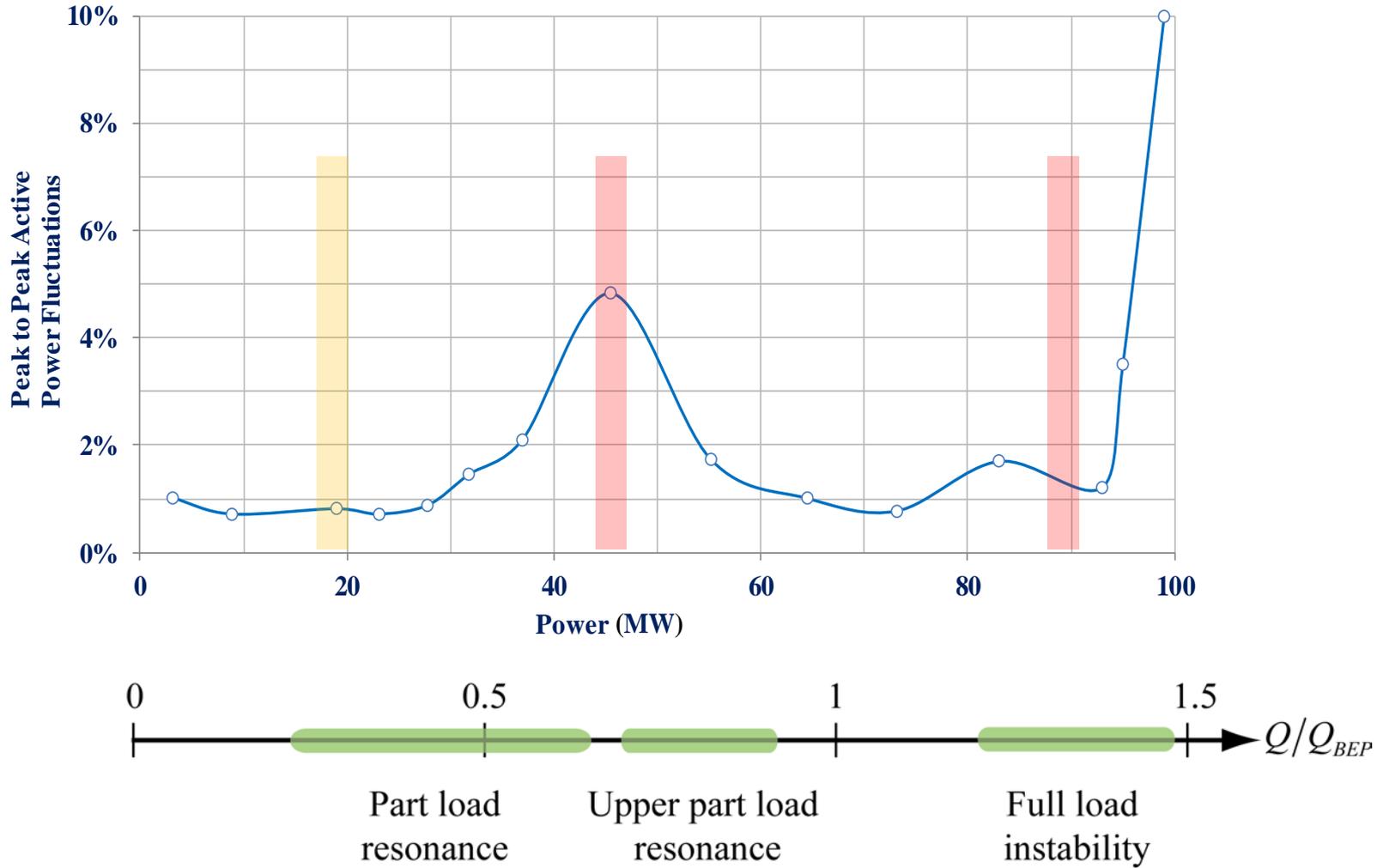


Generating Unit Dynamics

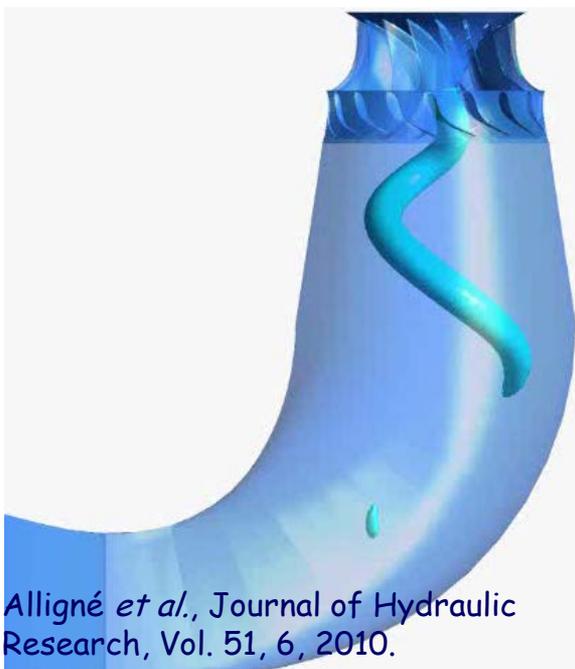
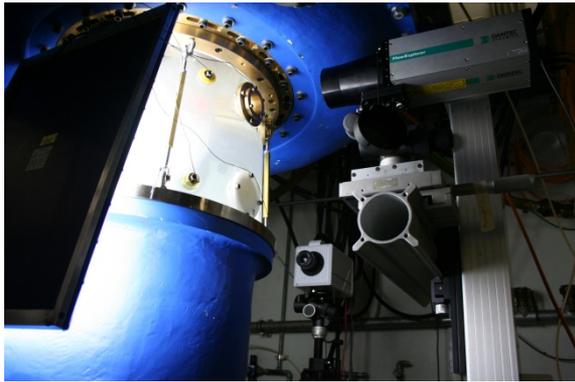


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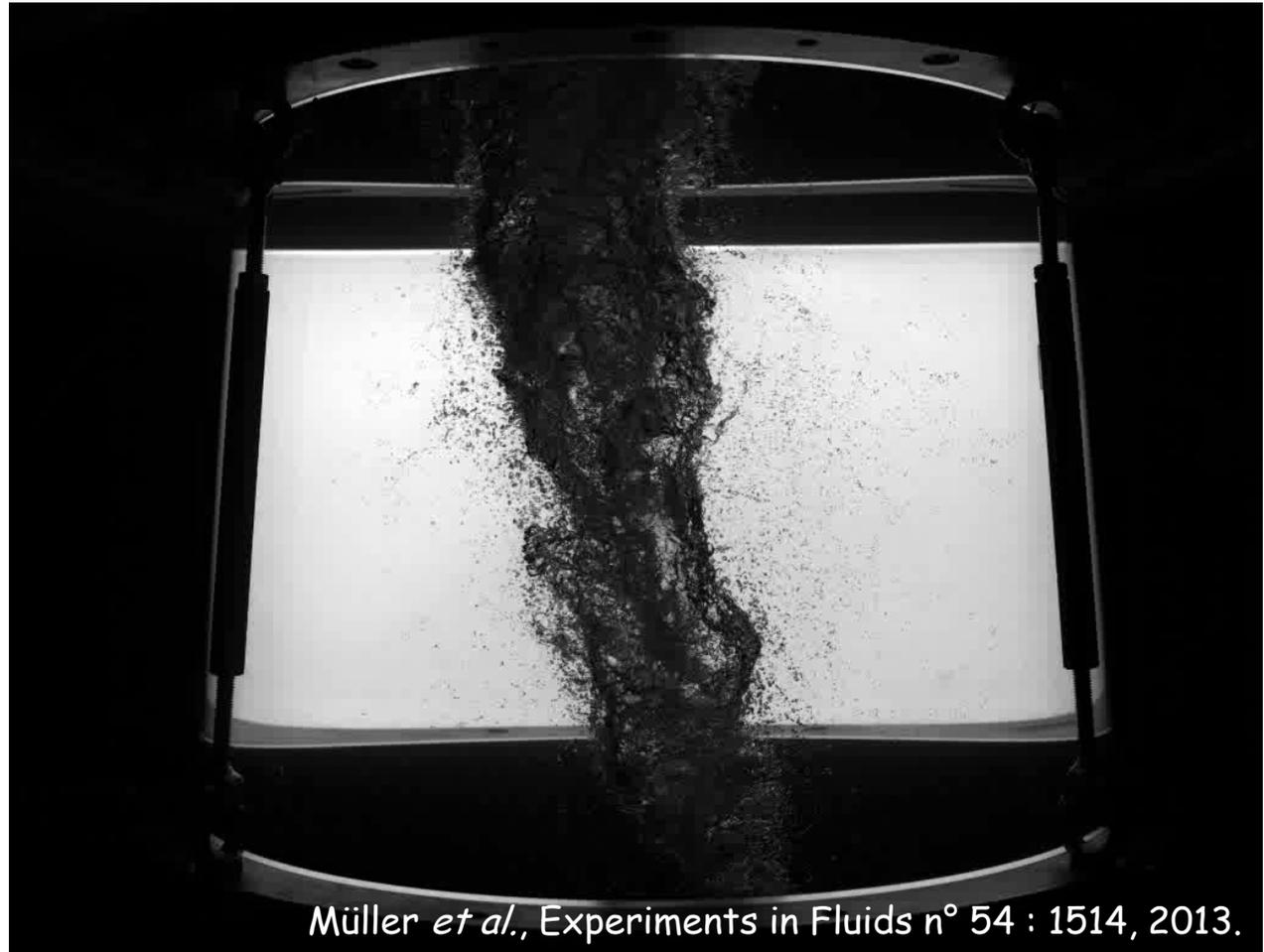
Power Surge



Unsteady Flow in Francis Draft Tube



Alligné *et al.*, *Journal of Hydraulic Research*, Vol. 51, 6, 2010.



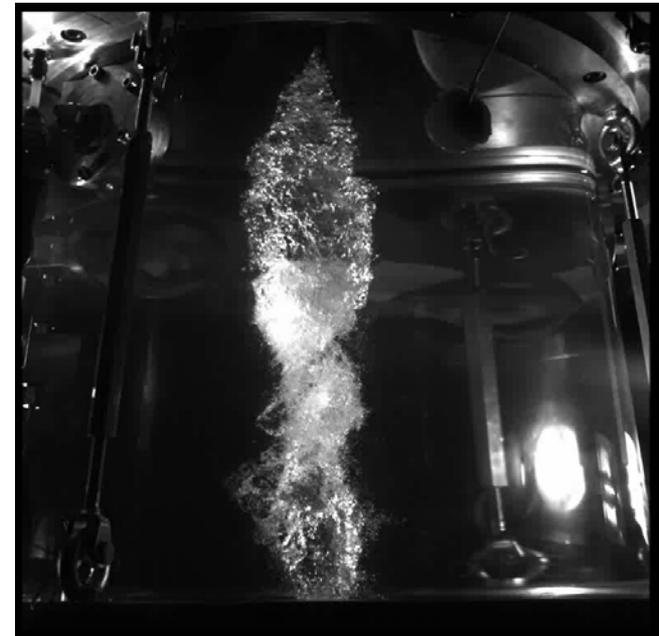
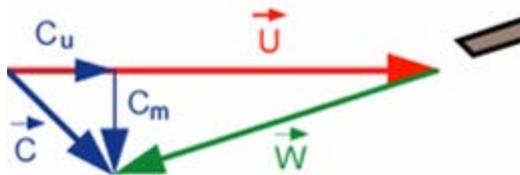
Müller *et al.*, *Experiments in Fluids* n° 54 : 1514, 2013.

Simon Pasche PhD Work, SNF GRANT N° 200021_149818

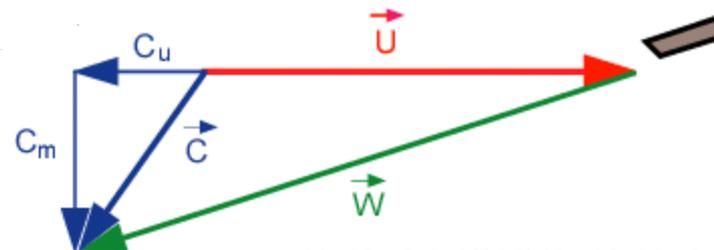
Vortex Rope Development Driving Parameters Discharge (Load) and σ



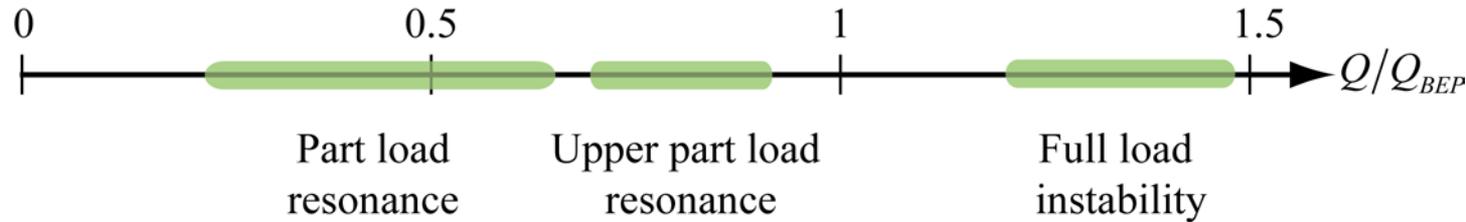
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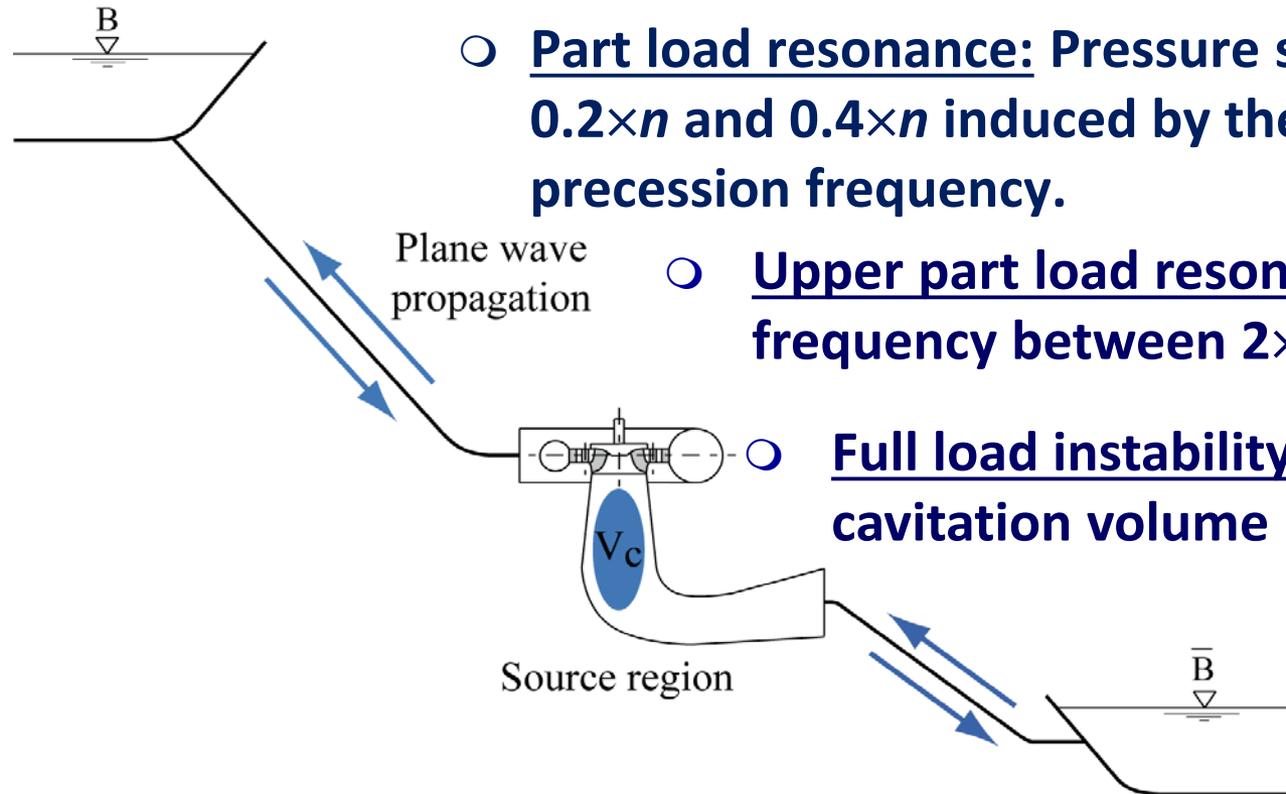
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Pressure, Power Surges

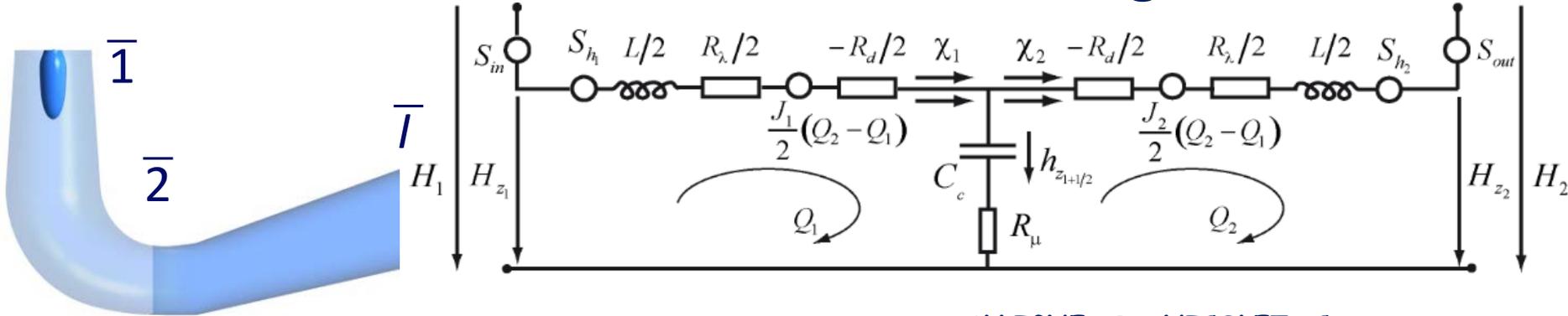


- **Part load resonance: Pressure surge frequency between $0.2 \times n$ and $0.4 \times n$ induced by the helical vortex rope precession frequency.**
- **Upper part load resonance: Pressure surge frequency between $2 \times n$ and $4 \times n$.**
- **Full load instability: Axial pulsations of the cavitation volume between $0.2 \times n$ and $0.4 \times n$.**



Cavitation Vortex Rope

1-D Transient Flow Modeling



- Compliance:

$$C = \partial V_c / \partial H$$

- Mass Flow Gain Factor:

$$\chi = \partial V_c / \partial Q$$

- Dissipation:

$$R_{ve} = \frac{\mu_{equ}}{A \times \rho \times g \times dx}$$

ALLIGNE, S., NICOLET, C.,
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 Cavitation surge modelling in Francis
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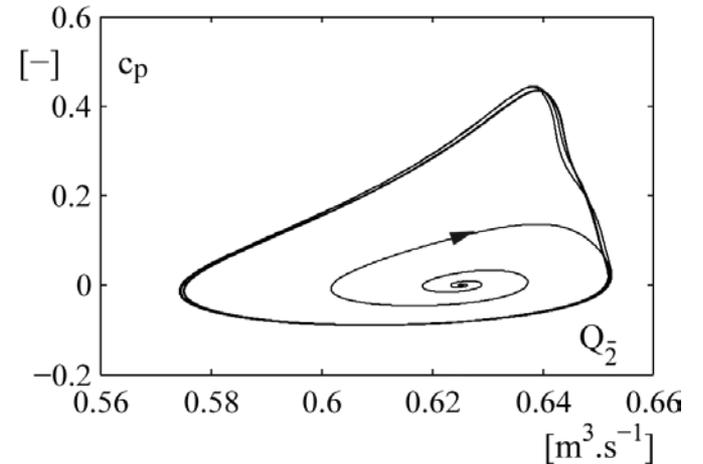
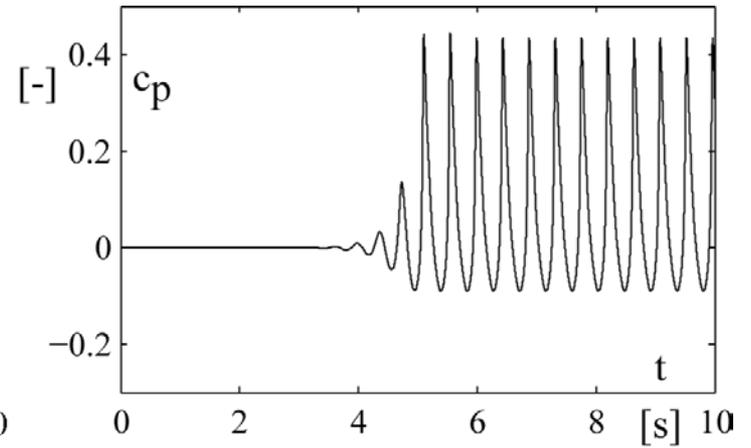
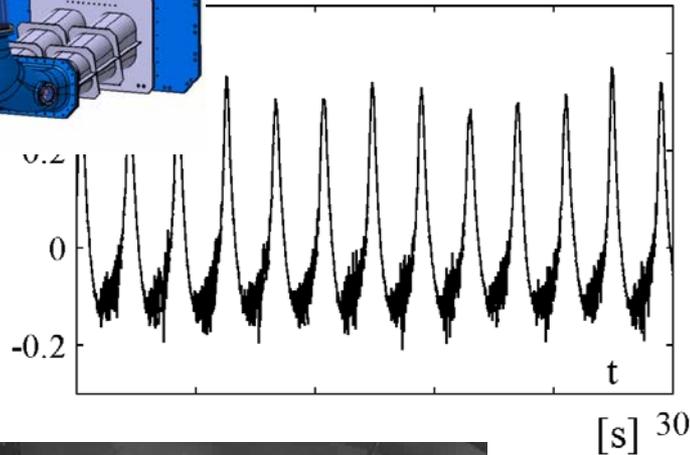
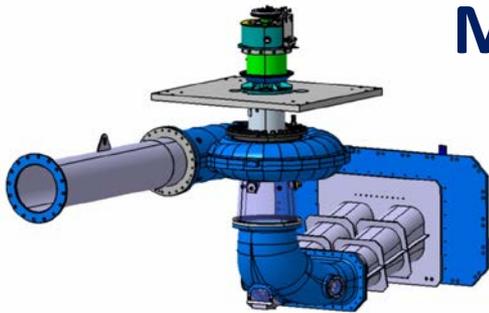
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Full Load Operating Instability Field Tests

- **MICA Hydropower Station, Dam Spanning the Columbia River 135 km North of Revelstoke**



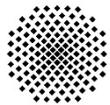
MICA Unit 2 Pressure Surge Simulation at Full Load



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Center Industrial Diagnostics



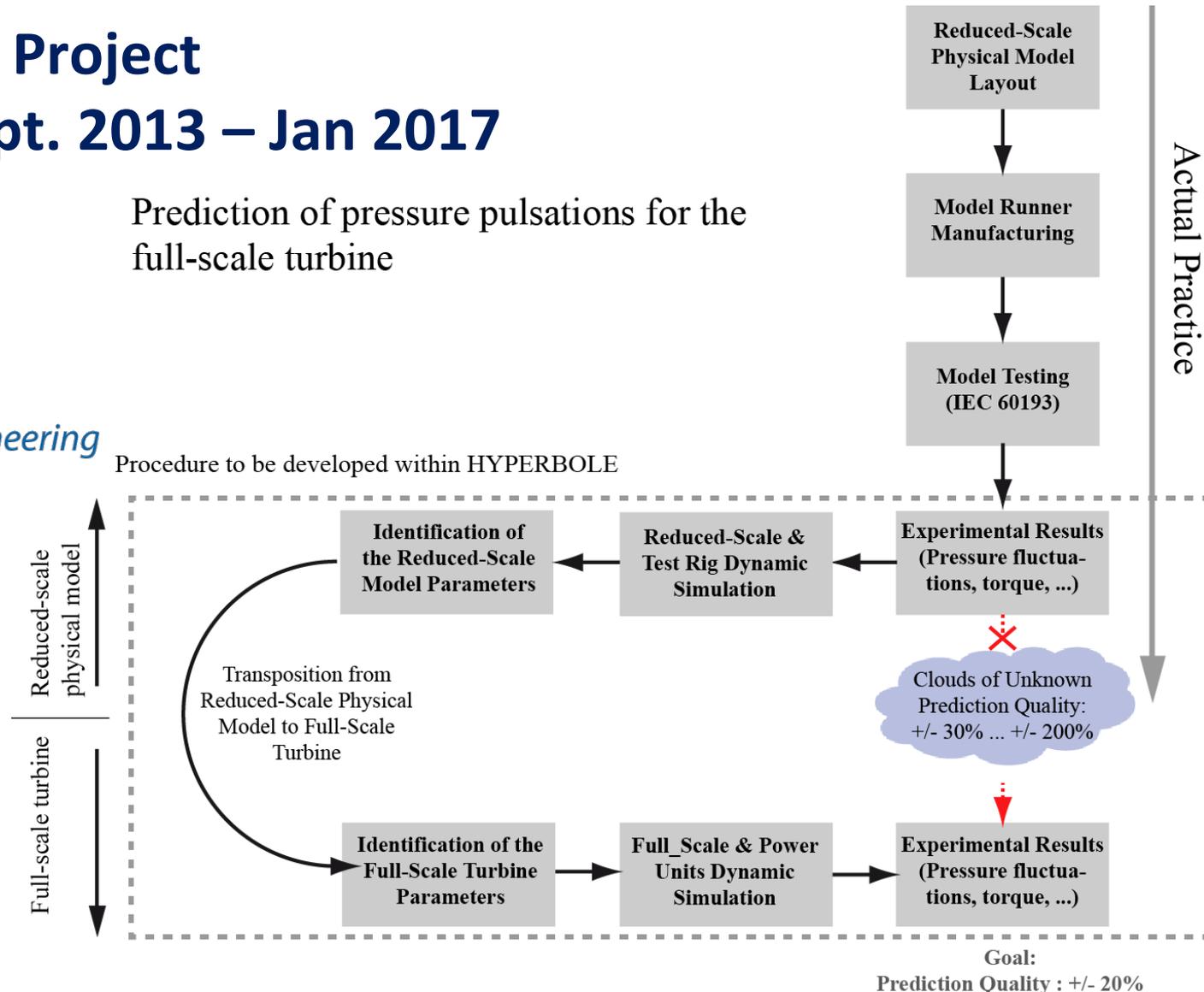
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Hes·SO VALAIS WALLIS



Prediction of pressure pulsations for the full-scale turbine



<https://hyperbole.epfl.ch>



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