

HYPERBOLE

HYdropower plants **PER**formance and flexi**B**le **O**peration
towards **L**ean integration of new renewable **E**nergies

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HYPERBOLE Project Outcomes

- ERC/FP7-ENERGY-2013-1- Grant N° 608532
- Enhanced Flexibility
- Extended Operating Range
- System Approach
- Fast Transition Mode
- Impact of Pumped Storage Technology
- Francis Turbine Part Load Operation
- Outlook

Spiral Case of 430 MW Francis Turbine



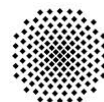
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- **HYdropower plants **PER**formance and flexi**B**le Operation" towards **L**ean integration of new renewable **E**nergies**
- ✓ **Dynamic Assessment of Francis Turbines & Pump-Turbines**
- ✓ **42 Months, EUR 6.3 Mio**
- ✓ **EUR 4.3 Mio Supported by European Commission**
- ✓ **1st Sept. 2013 ÷ 28th Feb. 2017**
- **Consortium coordinated by EPFL**



Center Industrial Diagnostics



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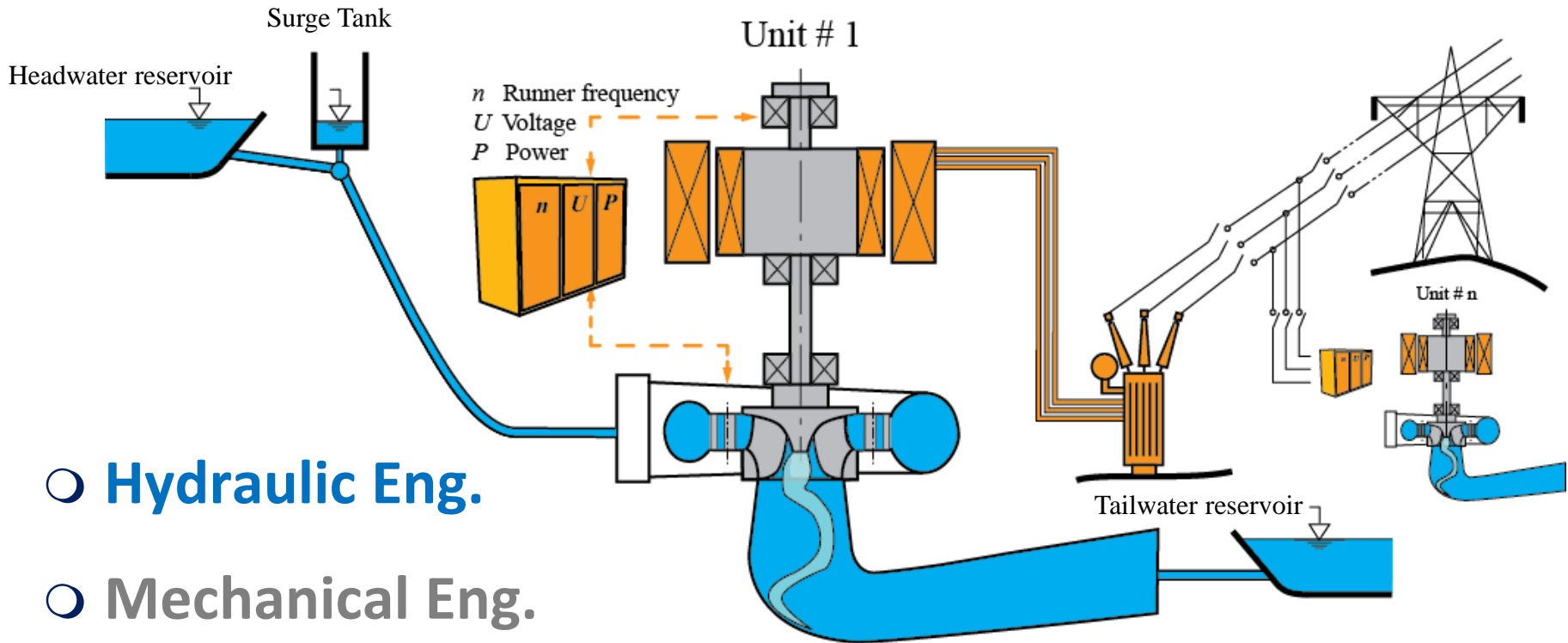


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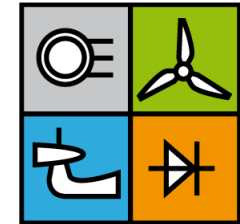
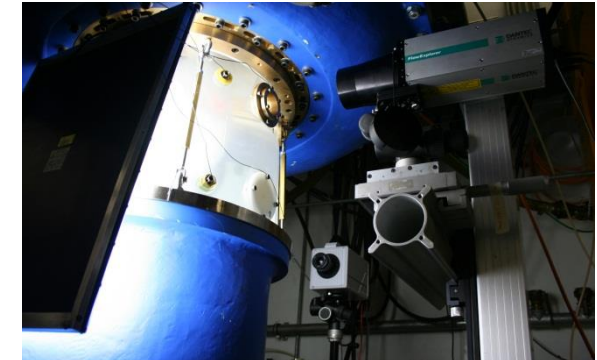
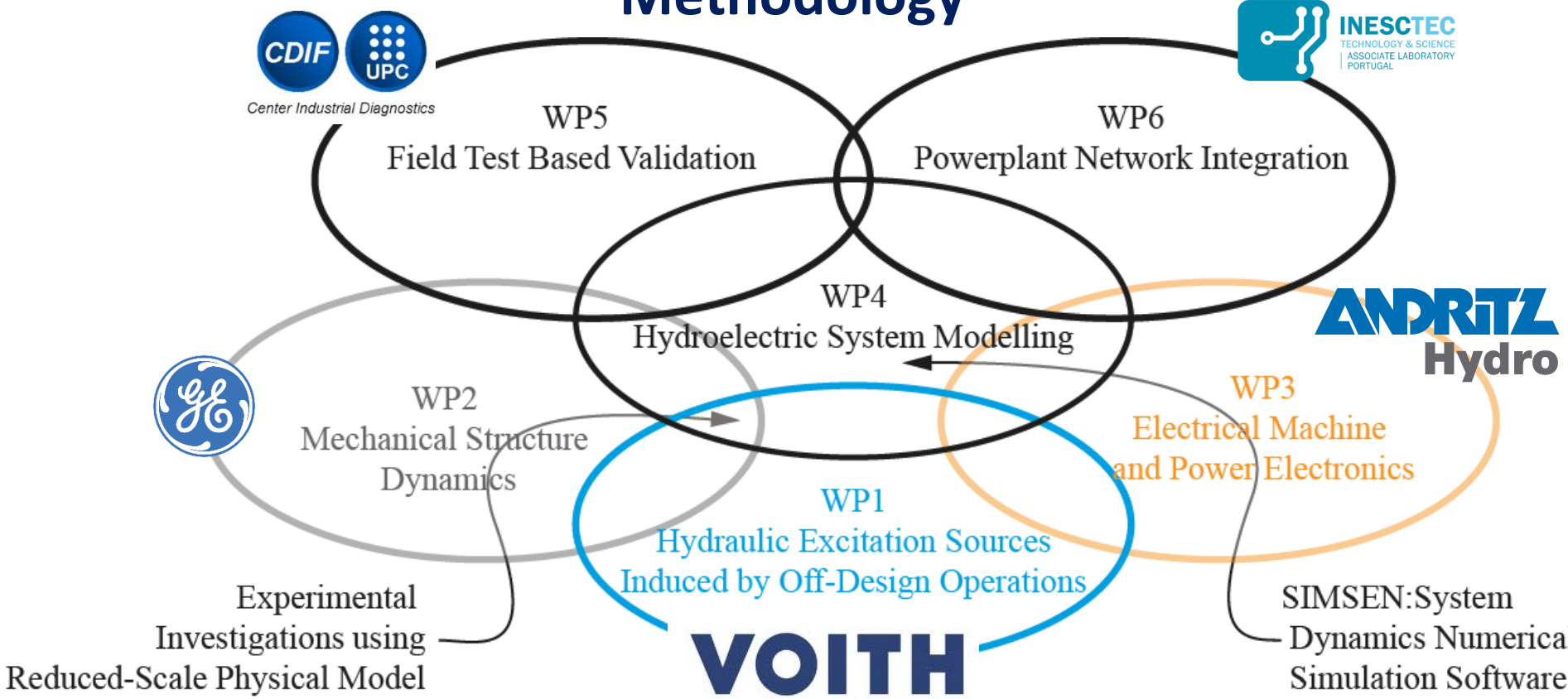
- Hydraulic Eng.
- Mechanical Eng.
- Electrical Eng.
- System Approach

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Methodology





HYPERBOLE Objective: Enhanced Flexibility Extended Operating Range

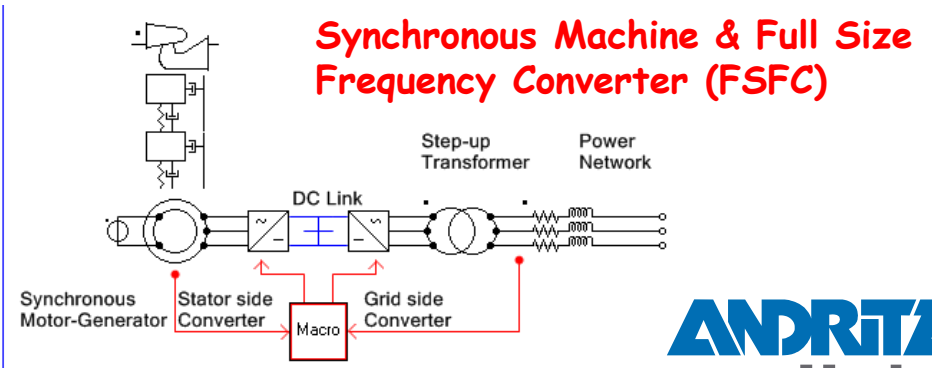
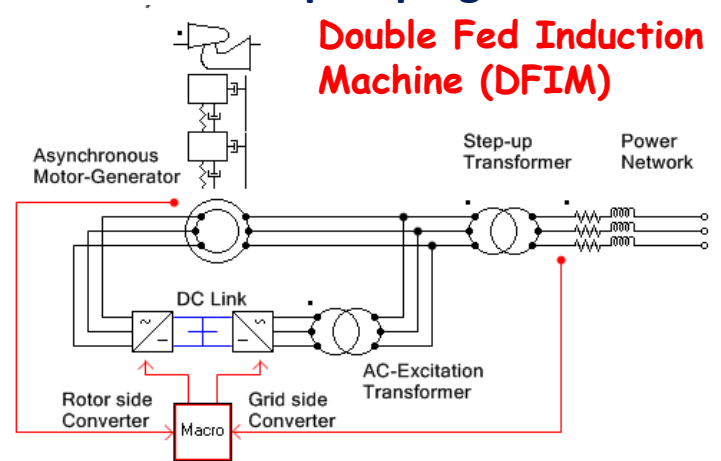
- **Understanding the root causes of the operating range limitations (WP1, WP2, WP3)**
 - ✓ **Reduced Scale Physical Model Testing**
 - ✓ **Flow and Structure Numerical Simulations**
 - ✓ **430 MW Francis Turbine Case Study**
 - ✓ **220 MW Pump-Turbine Case Study**
- **Modeling and simulation of the hydropower plants dynamics over the full range of operation (WP4, WP5)**
 - ✓ **Transient Simulation**
 - ✓ **Hydro-acoustic Parameters**
 - ✓ **Francis Turbine Extensive Monitoring and Field Tests**
- **Enabling NRE(s) development (WP6)**
 - ✓ **Portugese Transmission System Case Study**
 - ✓ **Impact of Pumped Storage Plant**

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Fast Transition Mode

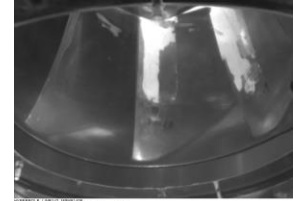
○ Variable Speed Technology

- ✓ Active power control in pumping mode
- ✓ Fast active power injection/absorption in pump and turbine mode thanks to “Flywheel” effect
- ✓ Extended operating range in turbine and pumping mode
- ✓ Pump start-up without supplementary equipment
- ✓ Suitability for large head variations in pump mode
- ✓ Reactive power control (Static Var Compensator) at standstill





HYPERBOLE WP3 Reversible Pump-Turbine Reduced Scale Physical Model



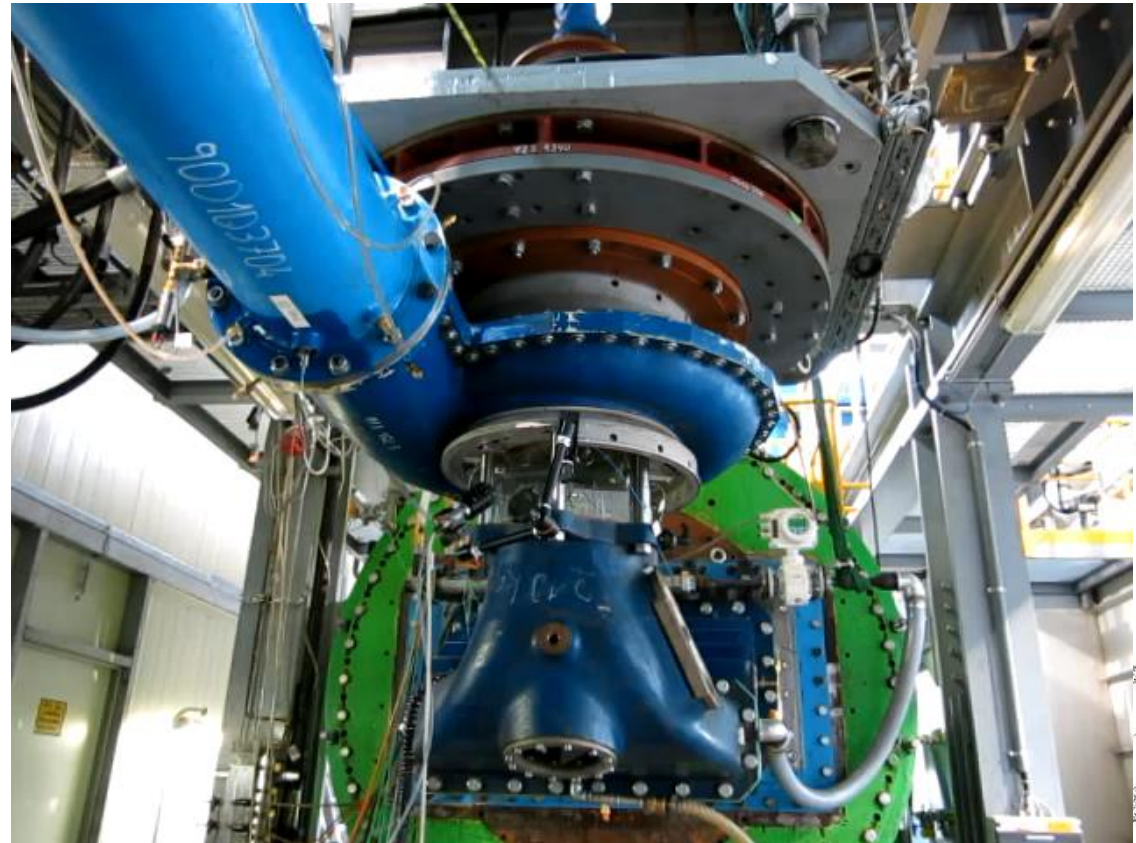
○ Prototype

- ✓ 2 x 210 MW
- ✓ $H = 133.5$ m
- ✓ $N = 200$ min⁻¹
- ✓ $D_{ref} = 3.86$ m
- ✓ $N_{QE} = 0.17$

○ Model

- ✓ $D_{ref} = 0.244$ m
- ✓ $N_{QE} = 0.17$

$$N_{QE} = n \cdot Q^{0.5} / E^{0.75}$$



Andritz Hydro Hydraulic Laboratory, Linz, Austria

HYPERBOLE WP3

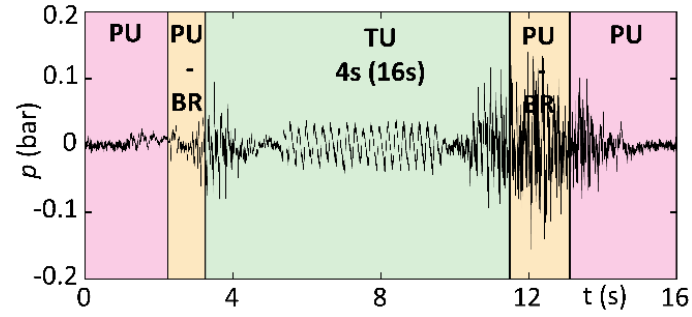
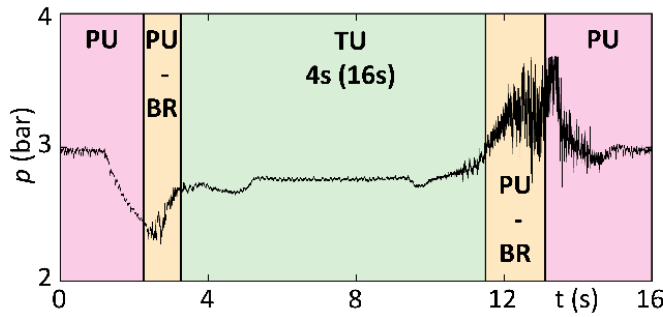
Pump-Turbine Fast Transition Mode

○ p Fluctuations Time History

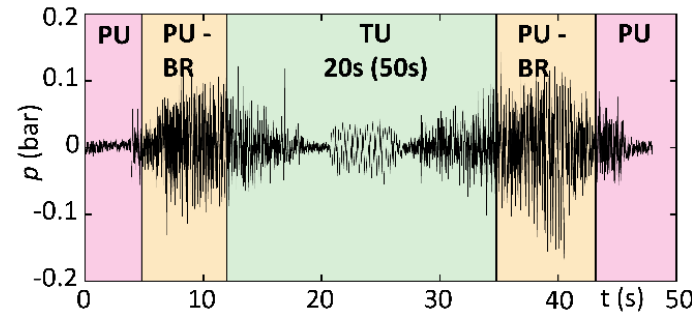
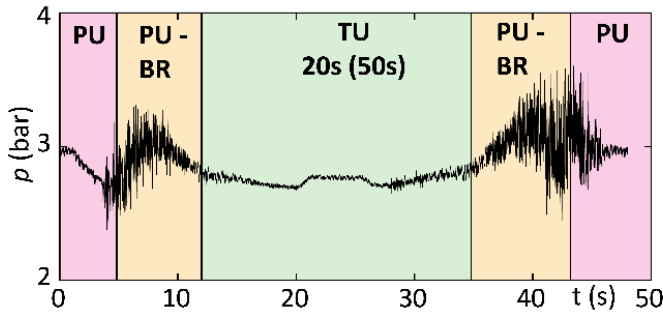
Blade less Gap

Draft Tube Cone

✓ *Fast !*



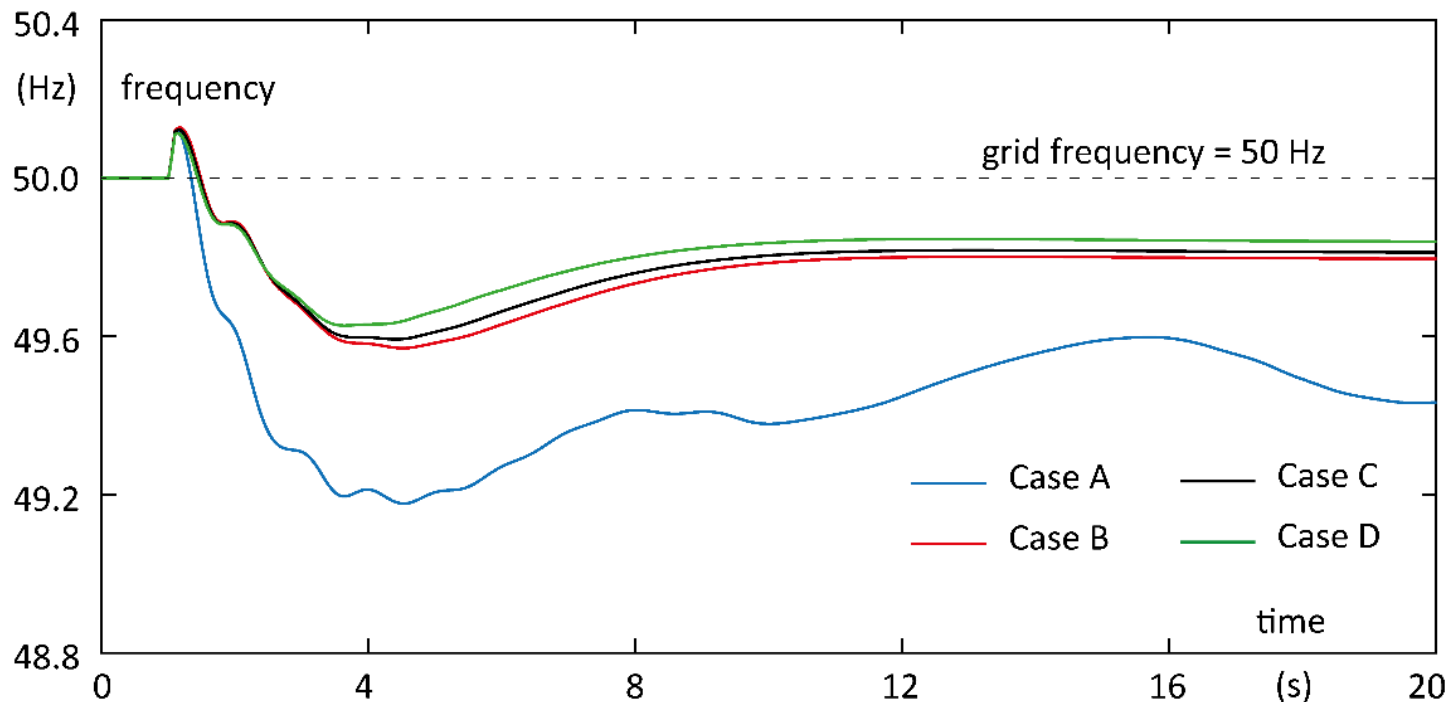
✓ *Slow !*



HYPERBOLE WP6

Impact of Pumped Storage Technology

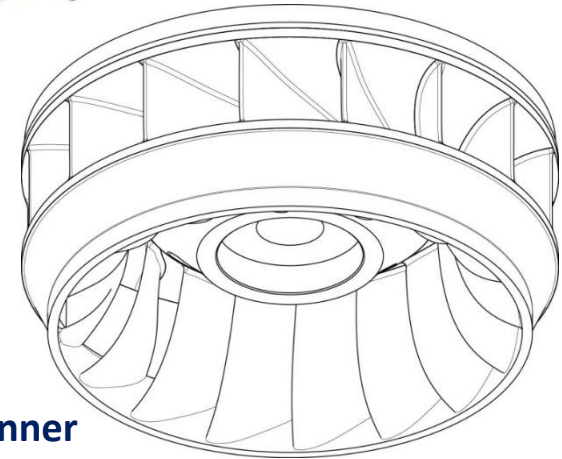
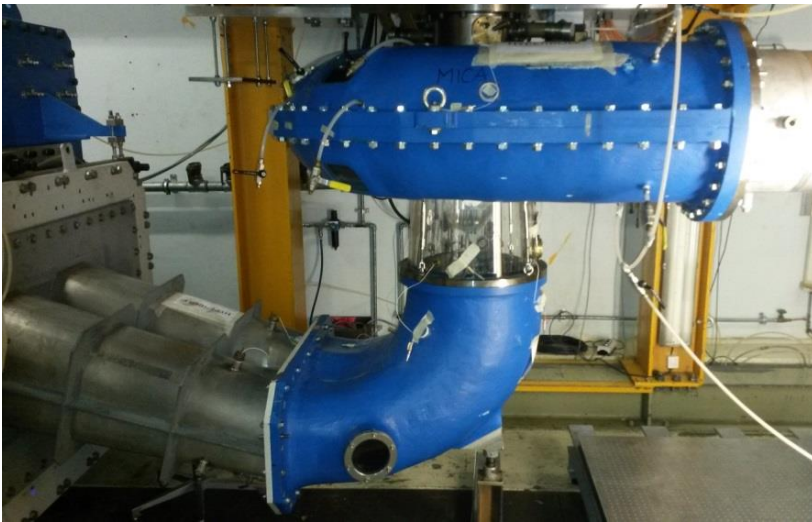
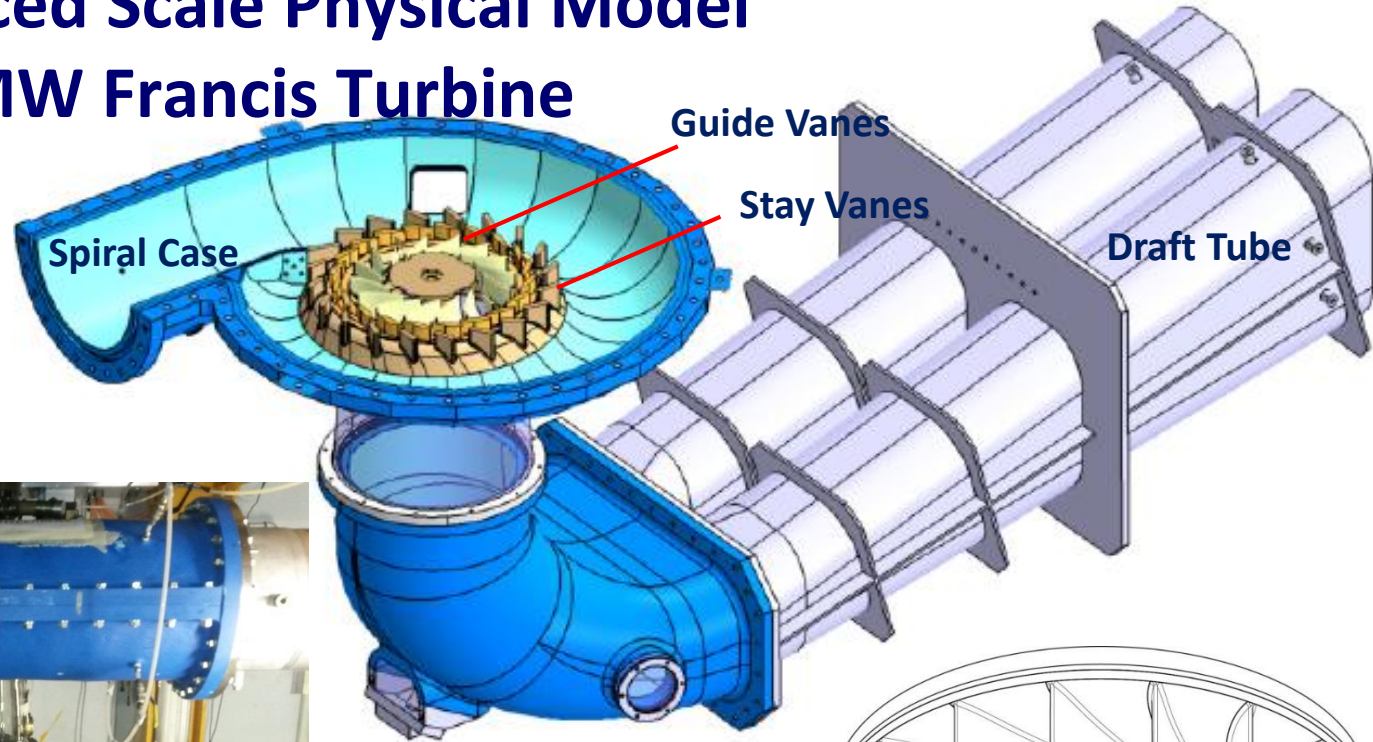
- Portuguese Transmission System Test Case:
Fault leading the disconnection of non-FRT compliant wind farms



✓ e.g. frequency restoration reserve (FRR) markets

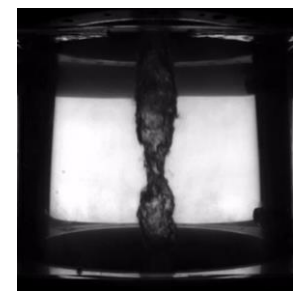
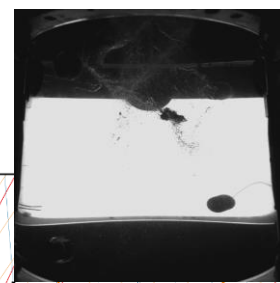
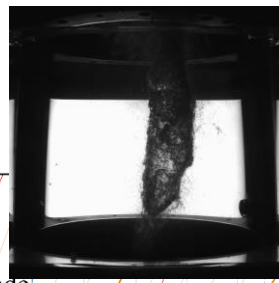
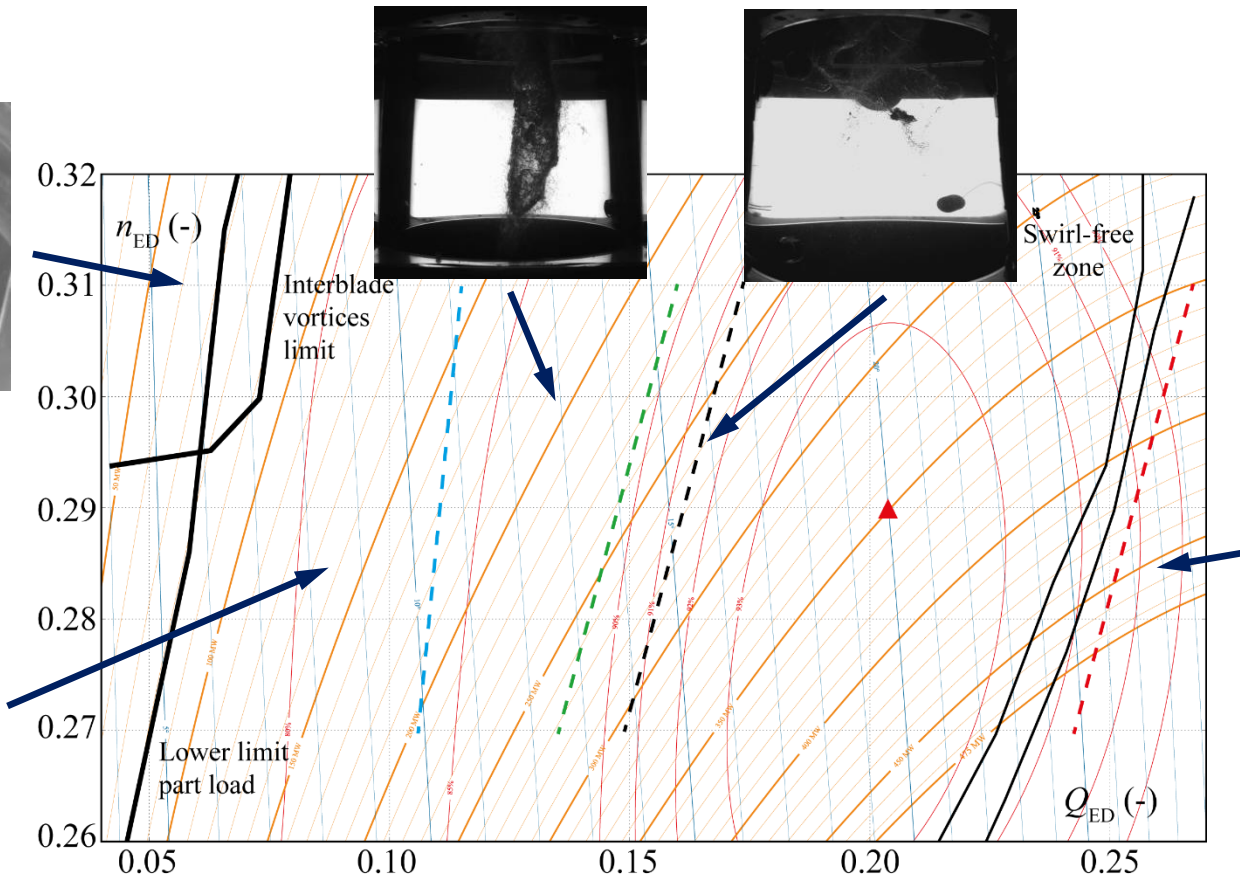
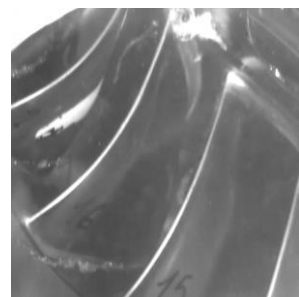


1:16 Reduced Scale Physical Model of a 430 MW Francis Turbine



HYPERBOLE WP1 - WP4

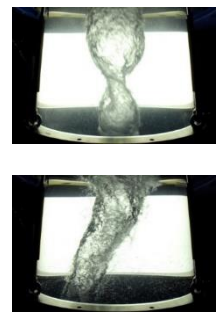
Vortex Cavitation Visualization



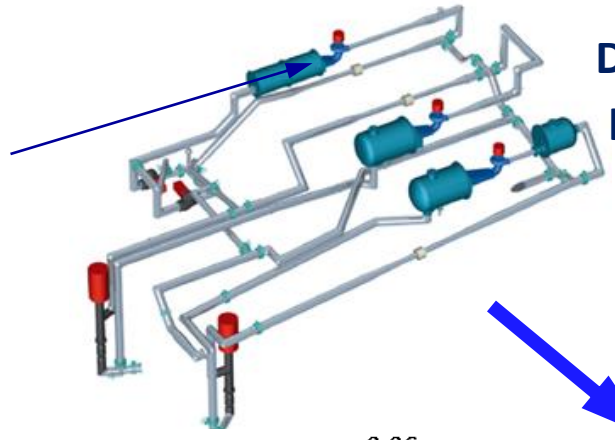
- limit of full load stability
- 1st limit at part load: development of vortex rope
- 2nd limit at part load: development of high coherent vortex rope
- 3rd limit at part load: transition between high coherent and no-coherent vortex rope

HYPERBOLE WP4: How to Transpose Generating Unit Dynamics from Model Tests to Prototype ?

Draft Tube Flow Instabilities

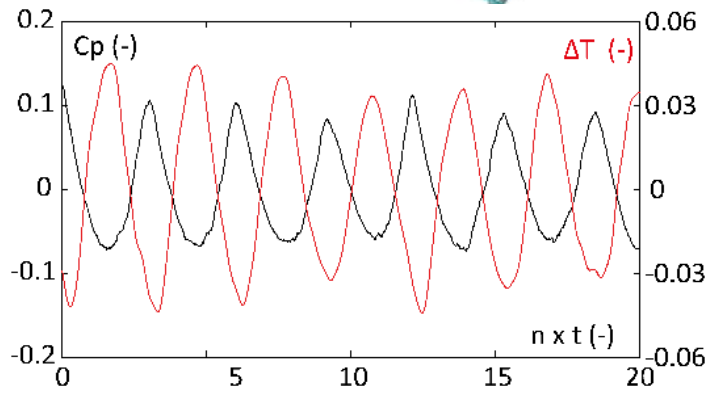
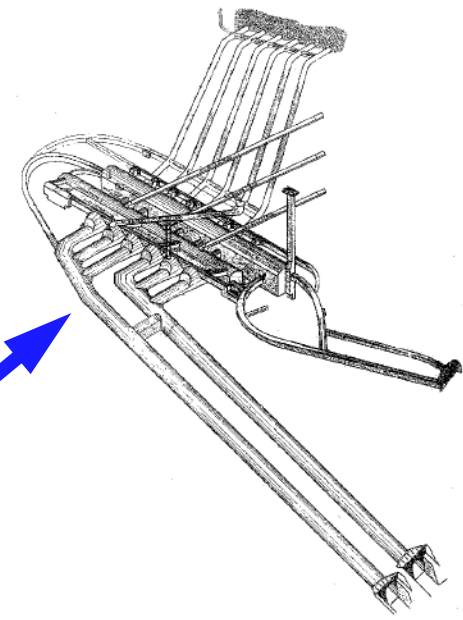


Reduced Scale Physical Model



~~Direct transposition of pressure fluctuations~~

Hydropower Plant

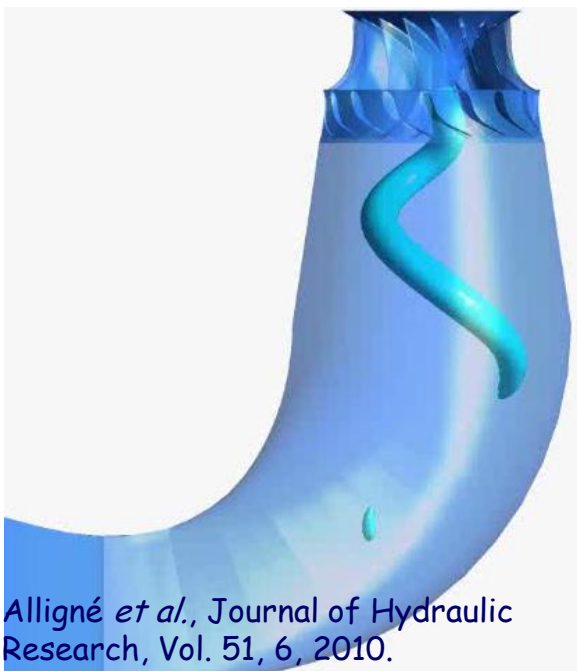
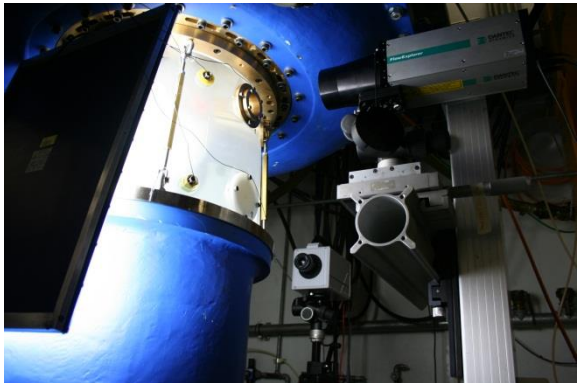


1D Transient Simulations

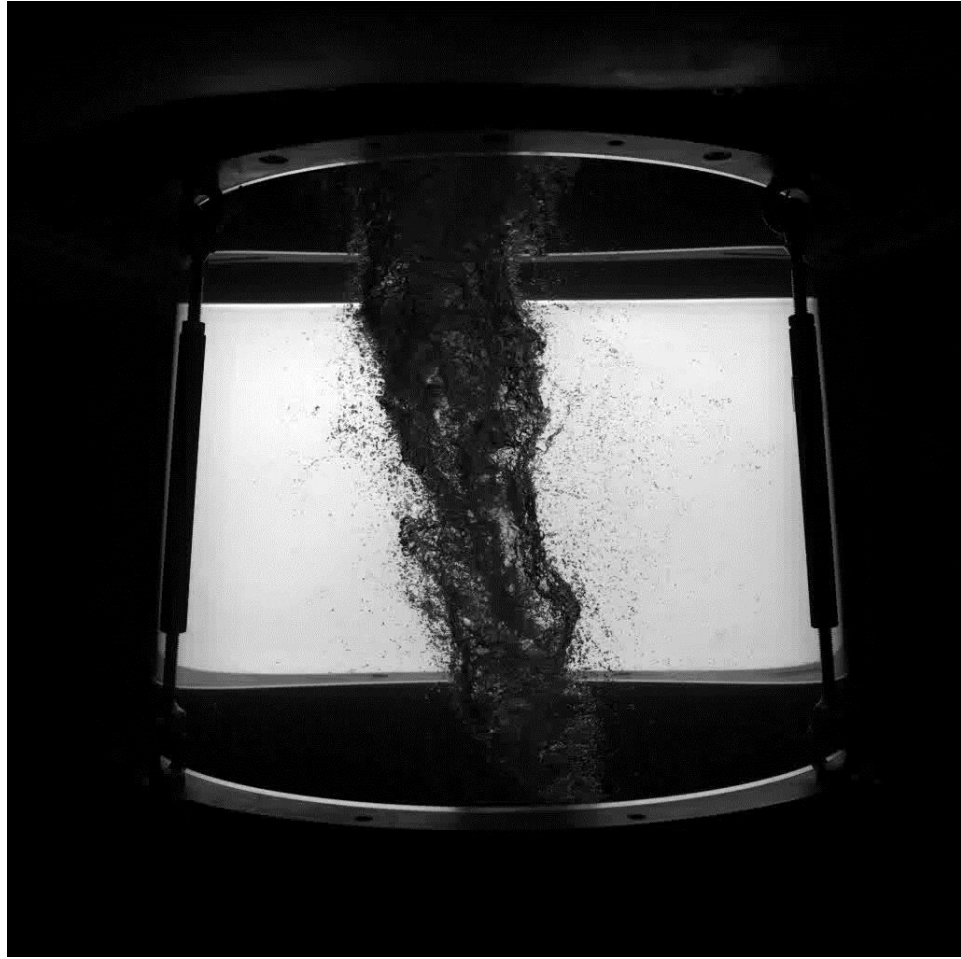


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Francis Turbine: Unsteady Flow in Draft Tube



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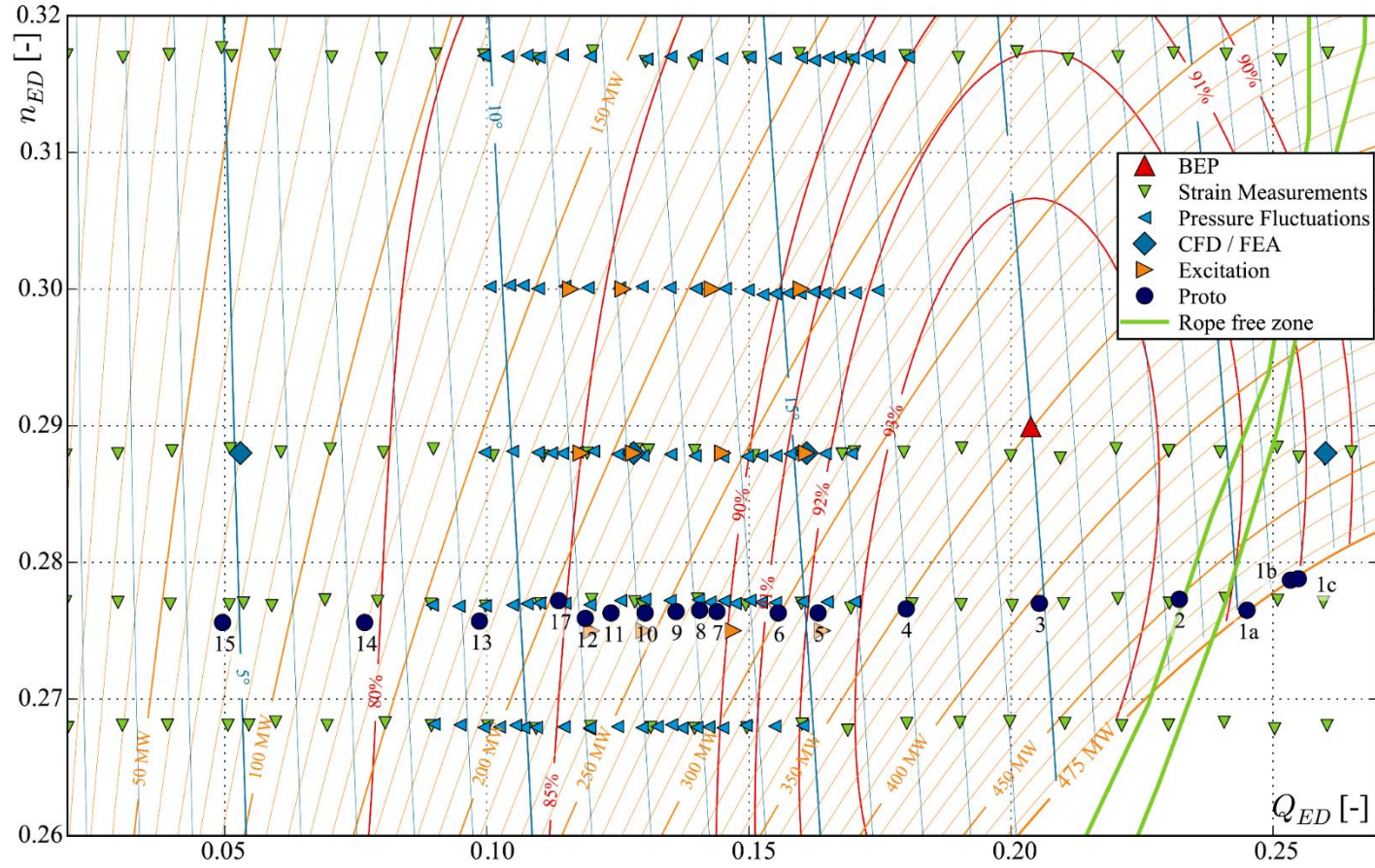


Simon Pasche Doctoral Work, SNF GRANT N° 200021_149818

Pasche *et al.* (2017) "Part Load Vortex Rope as a Global Unstable Mode", Journal of Fluids Engineering, Vol.139 (5).

HYPERBOLE WP4 Francis turbine test-case

Investigated operating conditions



HYPERBOLE WP5 Field Tests

○ Spiral Case

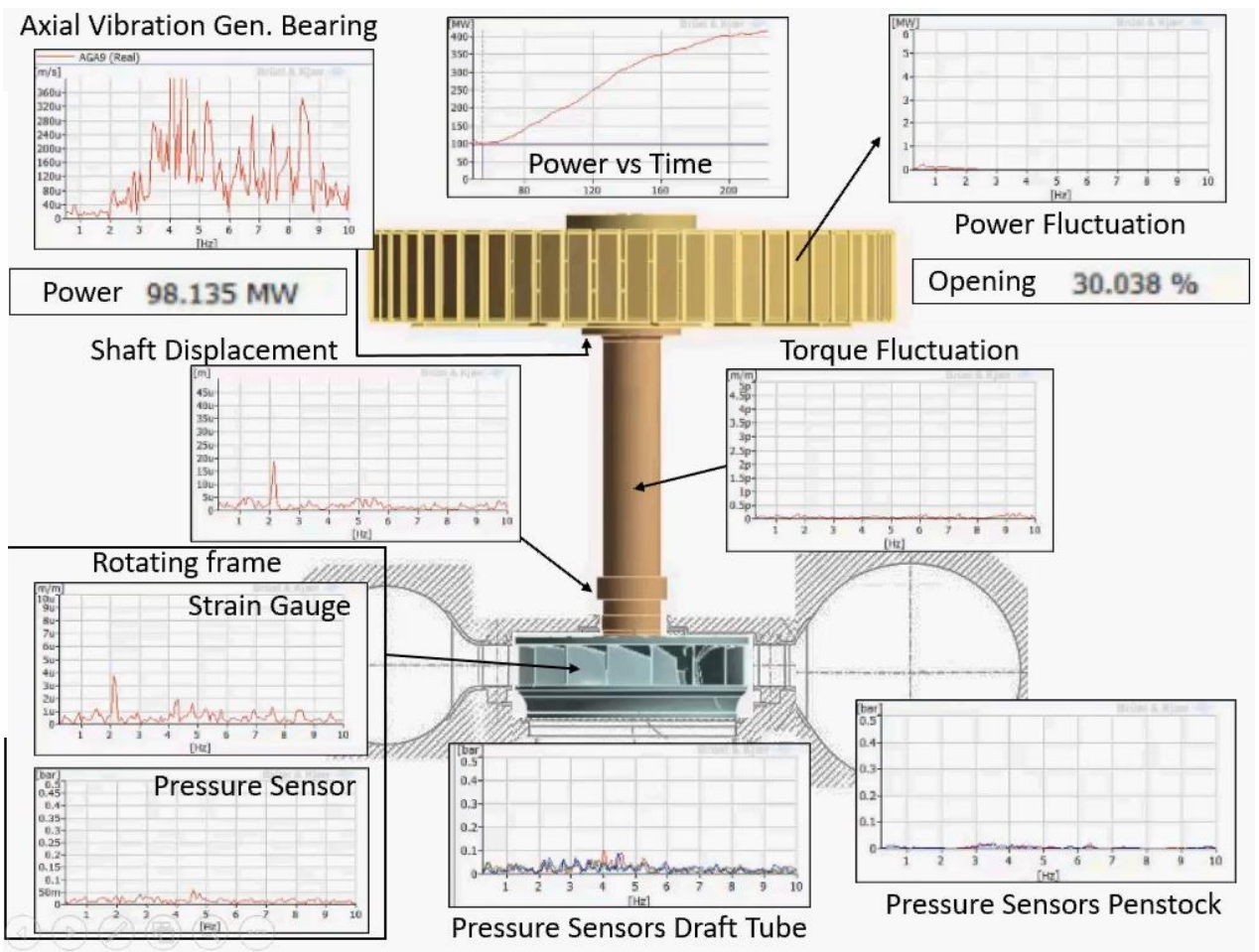
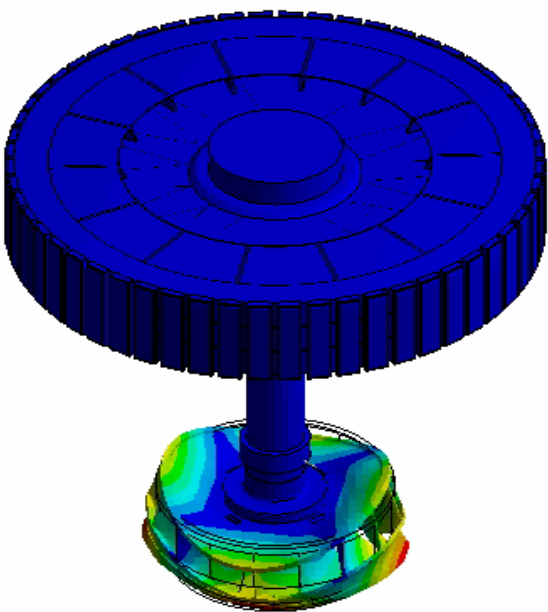


○ Control Room

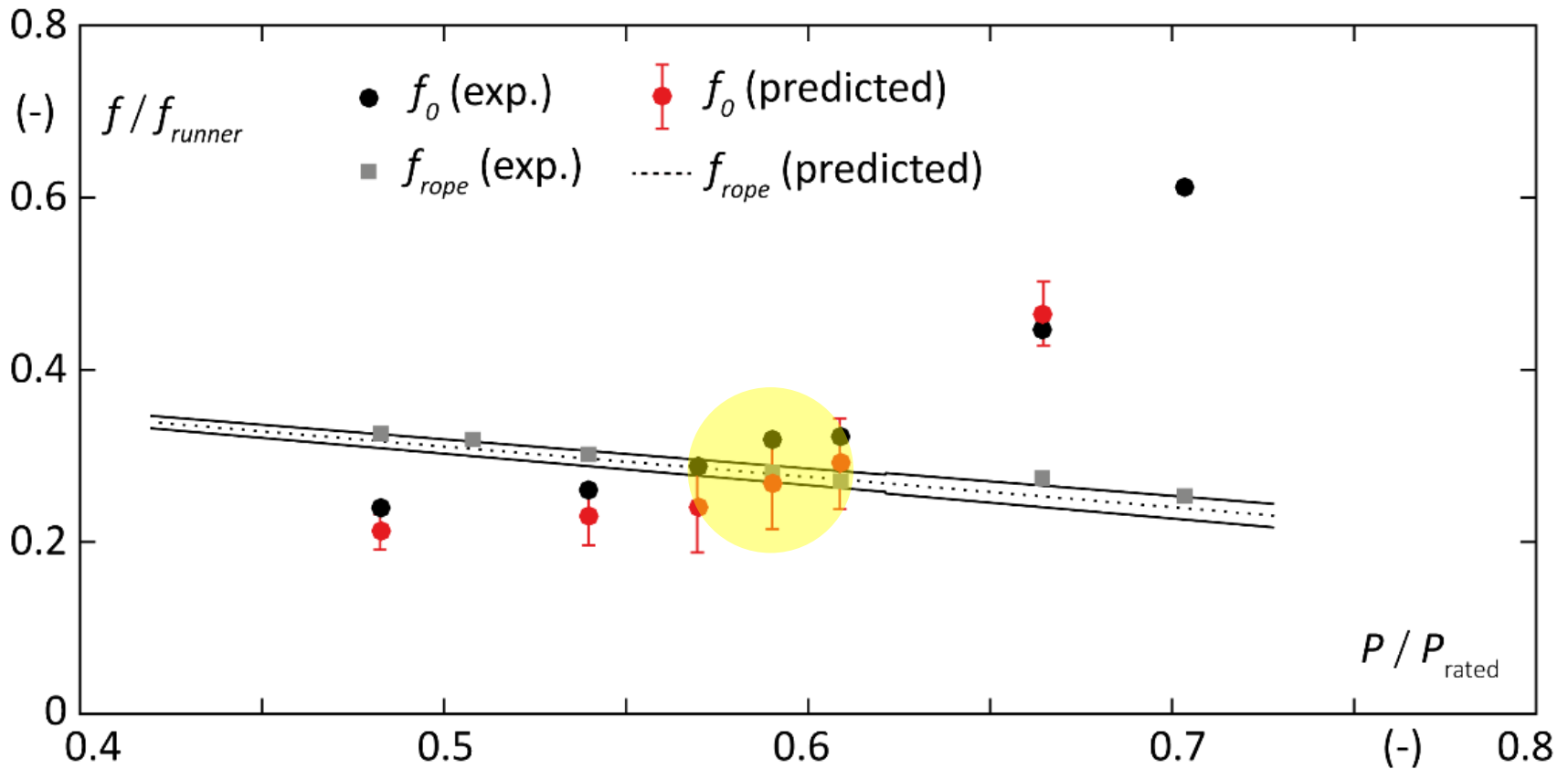


HYPERBOLE WP5 Field Tests

Power Ramp Up



Delivery D4.4: Prediction of Resonance Onset for Part Load Operating Conditions





HYPERBOLE Papers & EPFL Theses

○ Full load:

- ✓ Müller et al. (2017), *“Fluid-structure interaction mechanisms leading to dangerous power swings in Francis turbines at full load”*, Journal of Fluids and Structures, vol. 69.
- ✓ Müller et al. (2016), *“Measurement of the self-oscillating vortex rope dynamics for hydroacoustic stability analysis”*, Journal of Fluids Engineering, vol. 138.
- ✓ Müller A. (2014), *“Physical Mechanisms governing self-excited pressure oscillations in Francis turbines”*, EPFL Doctoral Thesis n°6206.
- ✓ Müller et al. (2013), *“Draft tube discharge fluctuation during self-sustained pressure surge: fluorescent particle image velocimetry in two-phase flow”*, Experiments in Fluids, vol. 54.

○ Part load:

- ✓ Favrel et al. (2017), *“New insight in Francis turbine cavitation vortex rope: Role of the runner outlet flow swirl number”*, Journal of Hydraulic Research, In Press.
- ✓ Pasche et al. (2017), *“Part Load Vortex Rope as a Global Unstable Mode”*, Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Fluids Engineering, Vol.139 (5), <https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4035640>.
- ✓ Favrel et al. (2016), *“LDV survey of cavitation and resonance effect on the precessing vortex rope dynamics in the draft tube of Francis turbines”*, Experiment in Fluids, vol. 57(11)
- ✓ Favrel A. (2016), *“Dynamics of the cavitation precessing vortex rope for Francis turbine at part load operating conditions”*, EPFL Doctoral Thesis n°6880.
- ✓ Favrel et al. (2015), *“Study of vortex-induced pressure excitation source in a Francis turbine draft tube by particle image velocimetry”*, Experiment in Fluids, vol. 56 (12).



HYPERBOLE Papers Papers & EPFL Doctoral Theses

- **Deep part load:**
 - ✓ Yamamoto et al. (2017), *“Experimental evidence of inter-blade cavitation vortex development in Francis turbines at deep part load condition”*, Experiments in Fluids, in press.
 - ✓ Yamamoto K. (2017), *“Hydrodynamics of Francis turbine operation at deep part load condition”*, EPFL Doctoral Thesis n° 7730.
 - ✓ Yamamoto et al. (2015); *“Experimental method for the evaluation of the dynamic transfer matrix using pressure transducers”*, in Journal of Hydraulic Research, vol. 53.
- **Turbine Dynamics Modeling and Hydro-Acoustic Parameters Identification:**
 - ✓ Landry et al. (2016), *“Local wave speed and bulk flow viscosity in Francis turbines at part load operation”*, Journal of Hydraulic Research, vol. 52.
 - ✓ Landry C. (2015), *“Hydro-acoustic Modeling of a Cavitation Vortex Rope for a Francis Turbine”*, EPFL Doctoral Thesis n°6547.
 - ✓ Alligné et al. (2014), *“Cavitation surge modelling in Francis turbine draft tube”*, Journal of Hydraulic Research, vol. 52.

Outlook

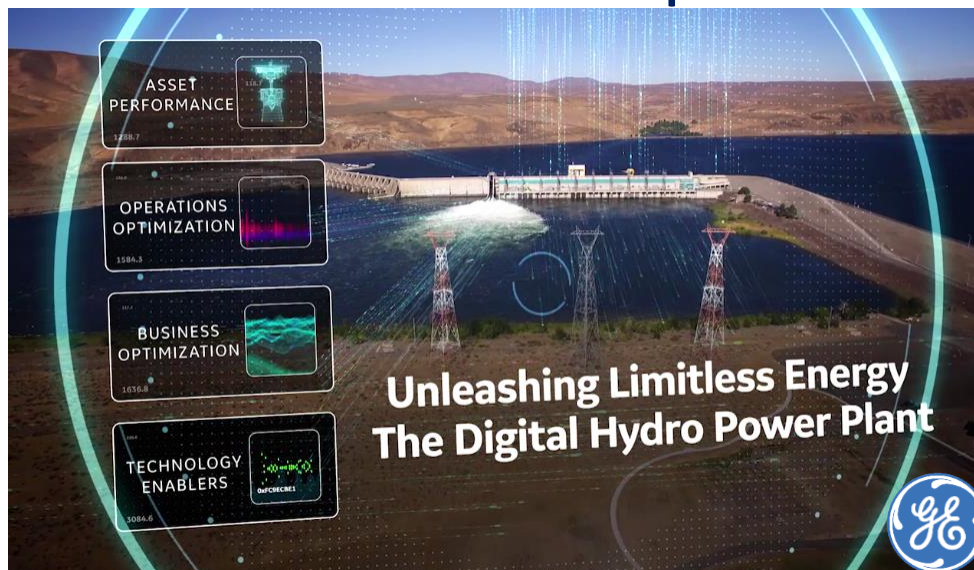
- **Unprecedented set of experimental and numerical simulation results**
- **Digital Avatar of Generating Unit Dynamics**
- **Enhanced Condition of Operation**
- **Advanced Maintenance**

Conclusion & Outlook

Scientific Challenges and Engineering Education

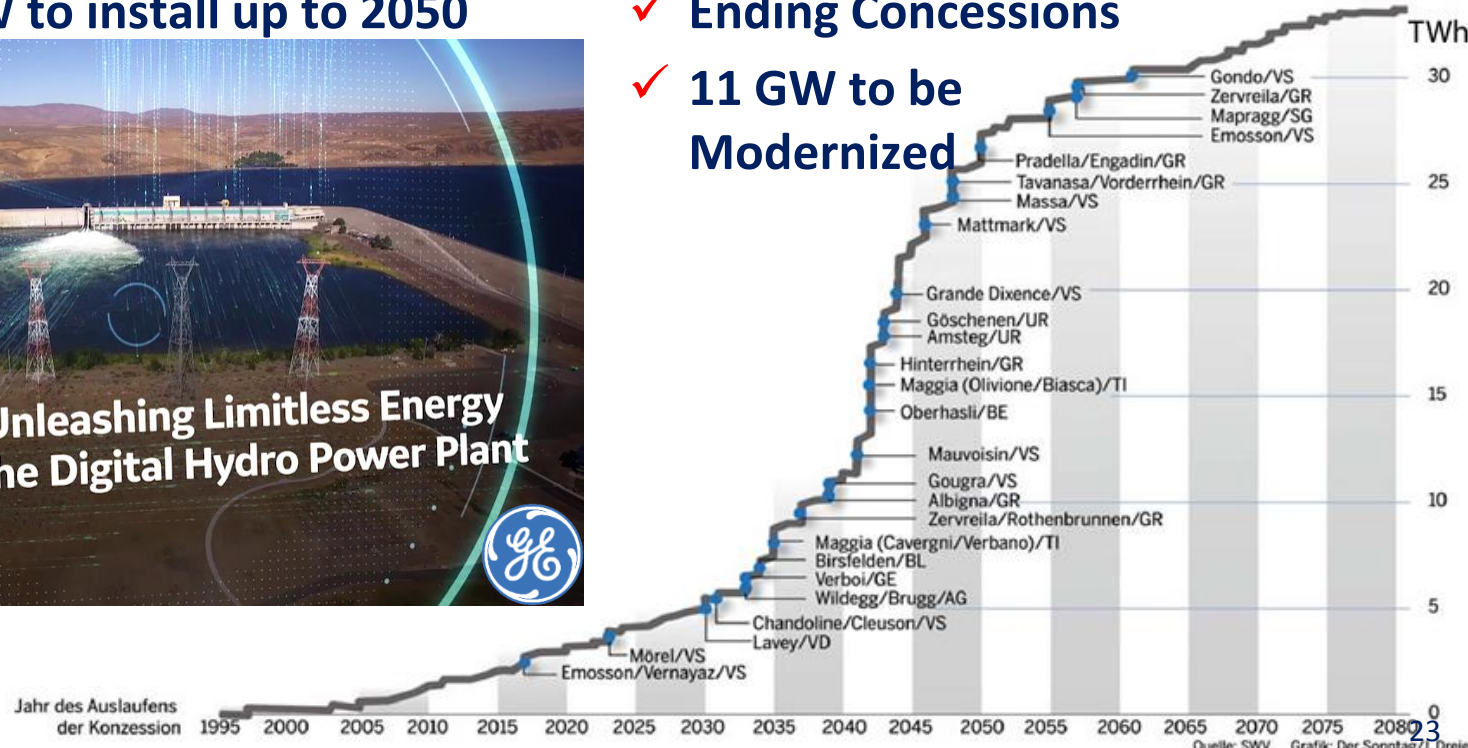
○ Digital Disruption

- ✓ 17% of the World Electricity
- ✓ 1'100 GW to be modernized
- ✓ 1'000 GW to install up to 2050



○ 2050 CH Energy Strategy

- ✓ 59.9% of the Swiss Electricity
- ✓ Water Protection Act
- ✓ Ending Concessions
- ✓ 11 GW to be Modernized

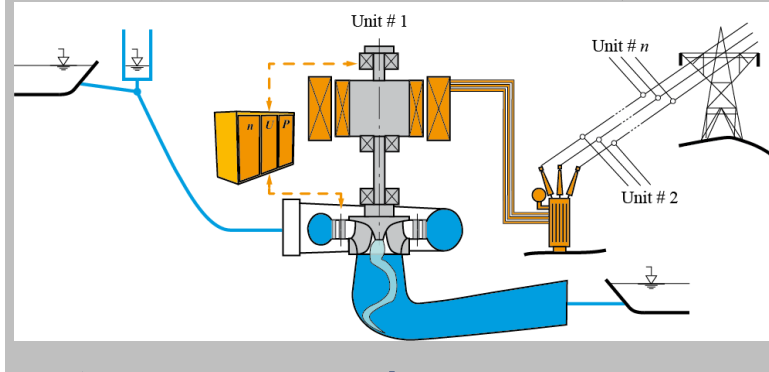


Outlook: Digital Turbine

HPP Operating Conditions: Z_{up} , Z_{down} , P_{set1} , P_{set2} , etc.

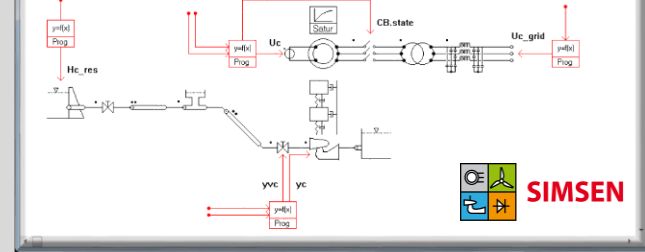
Off-Line Simulations for Specific Scenarios and Conditions

Actual Hydropower Plant



Digital Hydropower Plant Dynamics Avatar

1D Hydroelectric System Simulation



Real-Time Condition Monitoring

Comparison, Upgrading

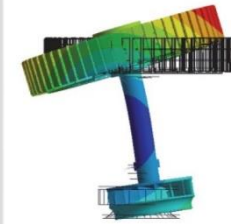
Reaction to Abnormal Operation

Calculated Parameters

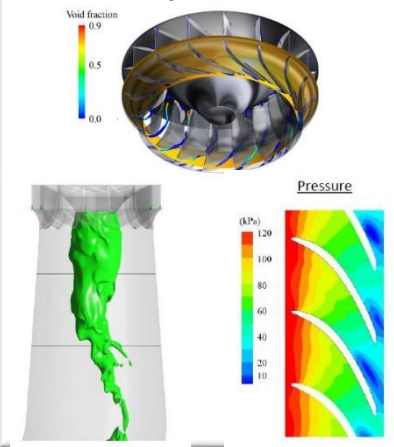
Management Recommendations, Maintenance

Lifetime Prediction, Failure Forecast

FEA & Rotor Dynamics



3D Computational Fluid Dynamics



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- **February 2017: 2 Days Conf. in Porto (125 attendees)**
- **23 Deliverables**
- **52 Peer reviewed papers**
- **7 Doctoral theses**

Model Testing by the Numbers @ EPFL

○ Since 10 Years

- ✓ 80'000 MW Installed Capacity
- ✓ 85 Hydropower Projects for 23 Countries
- ✓ 19'594 MW in PR China
- ✓ 19'316 MW in Brazil
- ✓ 16'205 MW in Canada
- ✓ 19 Reduced Scale Physical Models



Unit 4