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Actualitati si Perspective in Ingineria Sistemelor cu Fluide Complexe

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#### Hydrodynamics and Cavitation Group

#### Areas of expertise:

Numerical simulation of complex flows
Turbomachinery hydrodynamics and cavitation
Turbomachinery swirling flow analysis and control
Turbomachinery inverse design and optimization
Magnetic liquids and magnetorheological suspension applications
Biomedical flows (cardiovascular numerical analysis)



#### Axisymmetric turbulent swirling flow simulation and flow control with axial water jet injection





Meridian velocity (left) and streamlines (right)







## **Cavitating flow analysis in Kaplan turbines**

Development of cavitating flow models and FLUENT implementation

Analysis of Kaplan turbine hydrodynamics and cavitation development on Kaplan runner blades (velocity and pressure fields perturbation due to the cavity presence)

New cavitation inception criterion based on the exponential variation of the vapor volume with Thoma number

#### Vapor volume versus Thoma number



Wall shear stress on the blade suction side





#### Leading edge cavitation (upper picture) and trailing edge cavitation (lower picture)



## Cryogenic pump optimization with inverse design (pump runner and inducer for LNG ships)















#### Numerical flow simulation in hydraulic power equipment







Campul de viteza respectiv fractia volumica gazoasa continuta in vartejul principal

Campul de presiune aferent curgerii 2D prin supapa hidraulica de presiune



#### Non-newtonian numerical flow simulation

#### Aplicatii industriale



#### Imagine MRA





Campul termic aferent procesului de racire al sticlei turnare



Distributia campul termic in Interiorul cutiei camerei rezistentei Faze intermediare in procesul de turnare al protezelor dento-maxilare

**Aplicatii biomedicale** 









Vizualizarea influentei stenozei asupra modului de curgere in bifurcatia carotidiana



## Cardiovascular flow analysis and surgery design

Analysis of Computer Tomograph data,
 3D geometry reconstruction
 Blood rheology
 3D flow analysis, vortex structure and wall shear stress distribution
 Flow visualization and validation













University "Politehnica" of Timisoara, National Center for Engineering of Systems with Complex Fluids Rheological Investigation and Flow Curve Modeling for Magneto-Rheological Fluids



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We presents a rheological model for magnetorheological fluids (MRF) obtained by blending a quasi-newtonian behavior at very low shear stress with a Herschel-Bulkley model for large shear stress values where the MRF has a shear-thinning behavior.

The model parameters allow the identification of a yield point  $(r^*, \tau^*)$  on the flow curve, where the shear stress reaches a local maximum for large magnetic field intensity.

Our model accurately fits the experimental data over a wide range of shear rate and coil electric current intensity values.

A main advantage of our model is that it can be used in regular CFD codes (e.g. FLUENT) to compute the MRF flow in practical applications.

Although the yield point in our model may depend on the frequency of the oscillatory tests, as pointed by Gandhi and Bullough (2005), the physical model of Bossis et al. (2003) where in the start-up phase the aggregates slip on the walls and then begin to rotate before breaking is consistent with our model.



#### **Magnetic liquids laboratory**

Magneto-rheological suspensions: real time flow control by changing the viscosity within several orders of magnitude range with regular magnetic fields; Applications for smart dampers, clutches, flow control devices

Magnetic liquids preparation and characterization; development of engineering applications (e.g. magnetic liquid seals)







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Running projects:



Novel control methods for swirling flows in conical diffusers; integration of magnetorheological devices
Analysis and design of cardiovascular surgical procedures
Optimized inverse design of cryogenic pumps with inducer for liquified natural gas
Flow analysis for marine propellers
Flow analysis for marine turbines



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#### Infrastructure: •Parallel computer Tyan SPC800 (10 Intel Xeon L5320-LV quad code 64 bit, 40 GB RAM, Infiniband switch, 1.5 TB HDD), storage server 4.5 TB. Computing cluster 12 workstations •FLUENT 6.3 software (parallel license), GAMBIT 2.4, TECPLOT, TurboDesign-1 Roland LPX600 Laser Scaner 3D Physica MCR300 magnetorheometer for magnetic fluids and magnetorhelogical suspensions •Fluid machinery laboratory; new test rig for swirling flow analysis and control in conical diffusers





International partners

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- University of Notre Dame, USA (Prof. H.Atassi)
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**Industrial partners** - Sangari Engineering -Zoppas Industries - Siemens VDO -IRCA S.A. - General Electric Hydro -S.C. Hidroelectrica S.A. - UCM Resita S.A./S.C. HydroEngineering S.A. -S.C. RomEnergo S.A./Recont S.A.





## **Francis turbine hill chart**



# VB in Francis turbine draft tube cone



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# **Experiments on Vortex Breakdown**



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FIG. 1. Laser cross-section of axisymmetric structures.



**Jacob (1993)** 





FIG. 2. Evolution to unsteady, nonaxisymmetric flow.





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# Decelerated swirling flow in Francis turbine discharge cone





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#### As discharge decreases

the swirl number associated with the flow ingested by the draft tube increases;

 the swirling flow changes from supercritical (stable) to subcritical (unstable), Resiga et al., JFE 2006;
 the decelerated swirling flow evolves in vortex breakdown, with large

central quasi-stagnant

region.

## Novel swirling flow control technique: inject axially a high velocity water jet from the tip of runner crown



 $V_{\rm jet} \approx \sqrt{2gH} = \frac{\omega D}{2} \sqrt{\psi}$ 

The control jet address the main excitation cause by removing / mitigating the central quasi-stagnant region and the unstable vortex sheet. By removing the unsteady secondary flow in the discharge cone, the draft tube hydraulic losses are significantly decreased  $\rightarrow$  compensate for the jet hydraulic energy.

The control jet is continuously adjustable and it can be switched off when not needed.

Simple and robust, with no changes in the turbine flow passage.



## Jet control technique Animation





#### •Beginning: well established strong rope

•Onset of jet alters low pressure zone significantly and stabilizes it in the center.

#### **Jet control technique** Numerical solution for axial jet control in draft tube

-2.00 0.30 - - 1.40

> -3.10 -4.80 -6.50 -8.20 -9.90 -11.60 - 13.30 - 15.00

#### **Velocity distribution**







**Static pressure** 









## Water jet control technique Movie











The decelerated swirling flow in Francis turbine discharge cone evolves in helical vortex breakdown (precessing vortex rope) when the swirl number at runner outlet increases above a critical value.
 Nishi et al. (1988) suggest that the circumferentially averaged velocity field in the cone could be represented as a "dead" (quasi-stagnant) water region surrounded by the swirling main flow.
 The spiral vortex is a rolled-up vortex sheet originating between the central stalled region and outer swirling flow.

# **Actual Draft Tube and the Equivalent Axisymmetric Computational Domain**

r [m]



a) Side and top view, respectively, of the FLINDT draft tube



# Simplified straight diffuser



Conical diffuser with 8.5° half-angle and 2.5 x *inlet diameter* in length, followed by a cylindrical section. Inlet/outlet area ratio 2.56.

LDA measurements available in survey sections  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  for velocity components and turbulent kinetic energy.

## **Axisymmetric turbulent swirling flow in Francis** turbine draft tube





## Axisymmetric turbulent swirling flow simulation and flow control with axial water jet injection





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#### Proiectarea, realizarea standului experimental Condiții de proiectare:

- a) realizarea unei curgeri similare in sectiunea de test cu cea de la iesirea din conul tubului de aspiratie
- b) vizualizarea cat mai buna a fenomenului
- c) diametrul nominal al instalației 100mm

Din aceste condiții s-a ajuns la următoarele caracteristici: - 5200×1900×6000 - situat pe trei etaje - compus dintr-o serie de elemente principale si o serie de elemente secundare - echipat cu sisteme de masură a debitului, presiunii











#### Testarea si efectuarea primelor măsurători





Primele teste efectuate:

calibrare aparate măsură

 masurare: debit, inalţime de pompare, putere absorbită







# **Test rig from UPT- NCESCF**









## Swirl apparatus test section



Convergent-divergent cross-section
 Fixed blades in the upstream annular section
 Water injection through the central body
 Throat diameter ø 100 mm
 Throat Reynolds number ~ 4E5
 Diffuser cone included angle 17°, length = 2 x throat diameter



# Swirl generator and jet injection system





# **Test section**















## Vizualizarea vartejului funie si distrugerea lui





cu jet







#### Investigarea numerica pentru determinarea debitului optim al jetului





fara jet - stanga, cu debitul in jet de 8.9% - centru, cu debitul in jet de 9.4%.





Curgerea cu swirl in con Compararea rezultatelor numerice ale modelului 2D cu swirl cu datele experimentale

Discharge coefficient  $\varphi$ =0.410 (1.11 Q<sub>BEP</sub>)





Curgerea cu swirl in con Compararea rezultatelor numerice ale modelului 2D cu swirl cu datele experimentale

#### Discharge coefficient $\varphi$ =0.340 (0.92 Q<sub>BEP</sub>)



## Simularea 3D a vartejului funie

Simularea curgerii 3D nestationare turbulente cu vartej central (8 procese) → 60 zile (2 luni) Super-computer TYANPSC: 5 noduri x 2 procesoare, 40 Gb RAM 3Tb stocare, Windows Computer Cluster + Fluent (licenta paralela 16 procese)







## Simularea 3D a vartejului funie (cu/fara injectie de apa)





V= 1 m/s



fara jet

cu jet



## Standul experimental pentru curgerea cu vartej. Investigarea campului de viteza cu LDV









## Standul experimental pentru curgerea cu vartej. Investigarea campului de presiune









## S.C. Hidroelectrica S.A. – SH Caransebes



#### **CHE Ruieni – FVM 78 - 326**









## S.C. Hidroelectrica S.A. – SH Cluj





#### CHE Munteni – FVM 30 -140











#### **Rezultatele investigatiilor in CHE Ruieni si CHE Munteni**

#### amplasarea prizelor de presiune pe conul tubului de aspiratie

P4 P2 P1 P1 P1 P3 P6



Analiză comparativă a frecvențelor armonicii fundamentale

#### Analiză comparativă a amplitudinii armonicii de bază





**SMART**-Flow

# Perspective

reducerea/eliminarea vartejului central prin injectie axiala a apei si feed-back hidrodinamic









Solutia de implementare cu feed back hidrodinamic pe standul experimental





# Perspective



#### controlul curgerii cu vartej prin controlul turatiei rotorului





# Perspective

Analiza de stabilitate a curgerilor cu vartej

→ determinarea conditiilor de la iesire din rotor

conditii de proiectare a rotoarelor turbinelor hidraulice pentru limitarea/evitarea vartejului central



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