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&  
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Journals & Proc.s	128	113	70	15	37	19	34	6	10
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## Awards

THMT Young Researcher Prize, 2009

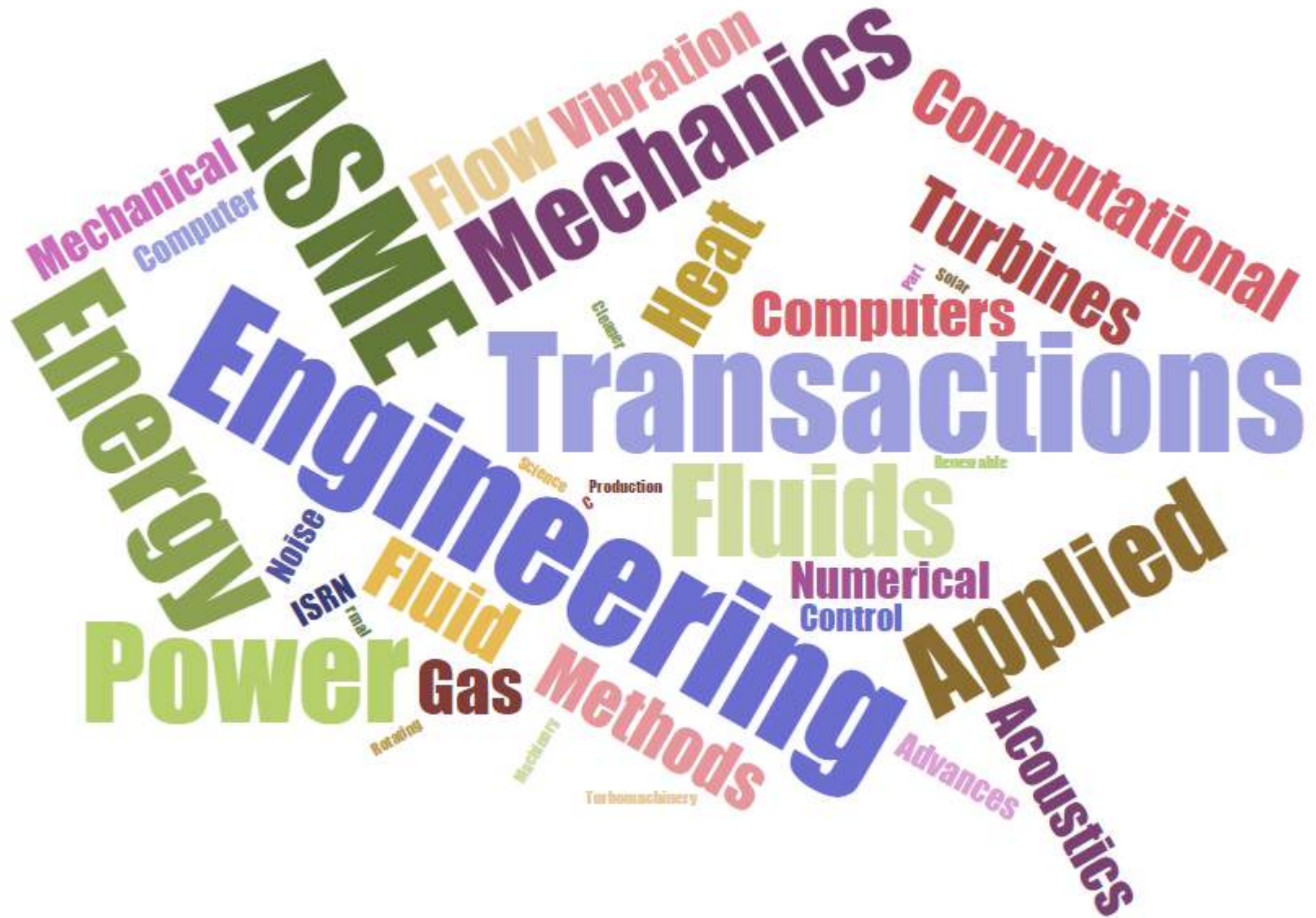
IMechE Donald Groen Prize on Fluid Machineries, 2013

ASME-IGTI Best Paper Award Coal Biomass and Alternative Fuels, 2013

ASME-IGTI Outstanding Service Award, 2015

ASME-IGTI Best Paper Award Fans&Blowers Committee, 2016







## ***Technical & Scientific Associations***

Chair of OWEMES

Chair of ATI Lazio

## ***Leadership roles in ASME Turbo Expo Technical Committees***

Vanguard Chair Turbomachinery TC,

Vanguardia Chair Heat Transfer TC,

Committee Chair Fan & Blowers TC

## ***Leadership roles in Scientific Conferences***

ICHMT, Scientific Committee

International Fan Conference Committee, Co-Chair

Finite Element in Fluids 2017 Conference, Co-Chair

OWEMES 2017 Seminar 2017 Conference Chair



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Universität  
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J. Sesterhenn

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3M+ CPU HOURS



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SSD: ING-IND/09



*Modelling and Simulation of Multi-Physics in Industrial Flows and Energy Systems*

*Design and Experimental Investigation of Turbomachinery*

*Design and Experimental Investigation of Energy Systems*



## Modelling of Industrial Flows

### In-House codes

*FEM URANS LES Code for incompressible and compressible flows (XENIOS++)*

*FVM URANS, LES Code for incompressible flows (T-FlowS)*

*FSI Incompressible flow and linear elastic material (XENIOS++/FSI)*

*Single and cloud particle-tracking for deposit and erosion FEM-Based (P-Track)*

*FDM Multiphase DNS code (NSF, developed at TU Berlin and currently jointly advanced)*

### Open Source & Commercial codes

*FVM Open source multi-purpose code (OpenFOAM)*

*FEM Multi-physics (electric field and incompressible flows) modelling of Fuel Cell (COMSOL)*

### In-house tools

*1D gas dynamic solver*

*Industrial TM design suite & optimization tools*

*Pattern recognition*

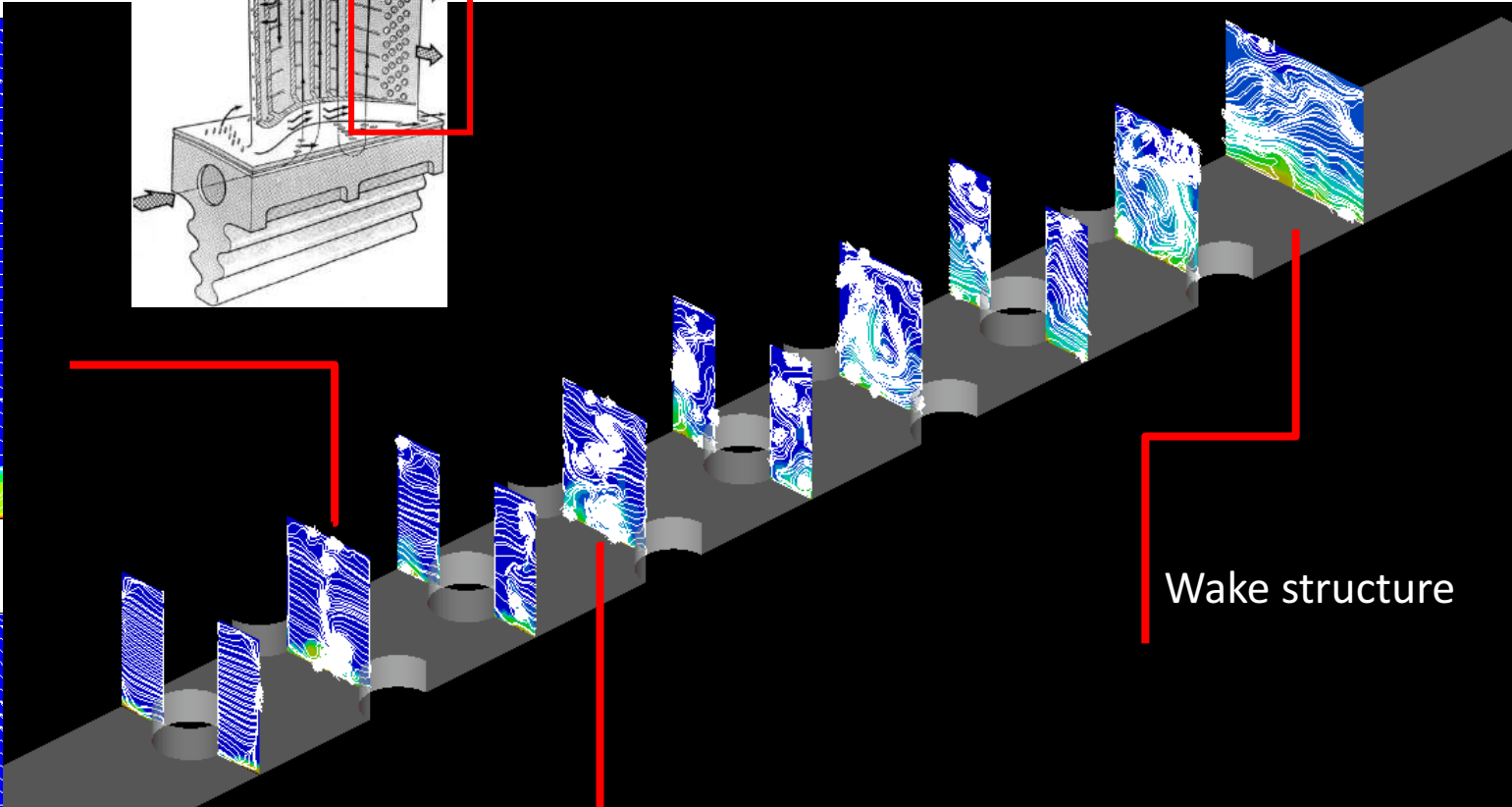
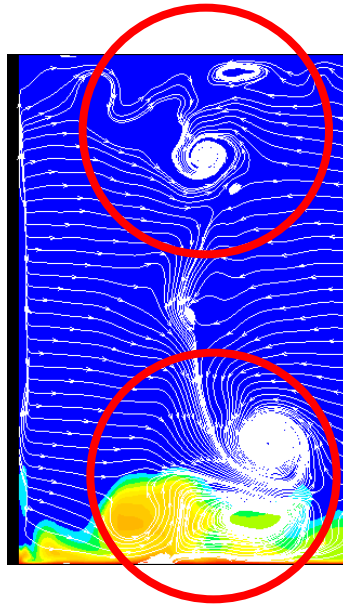
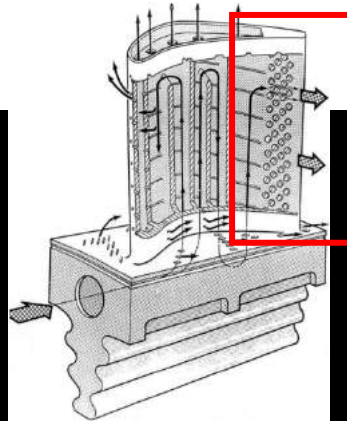
## Modelling of Energy Systems

*Transient energy system modeling suite (TRNSyS)*

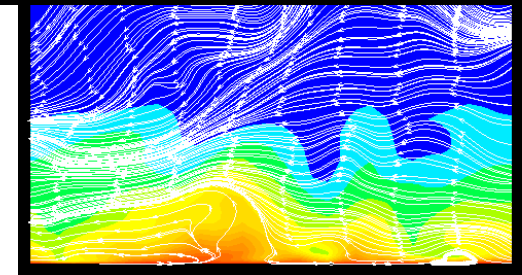
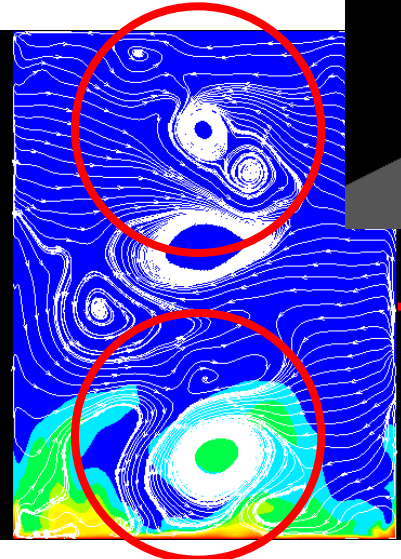
*Modelling of energy conversion processes (ASPEN Plus/ChemCad and WEC-Sym)*

*Data analytics for energy system diagnosis and prognosis*

## Internal cooling of GT blades with pinned passages



Wake structure





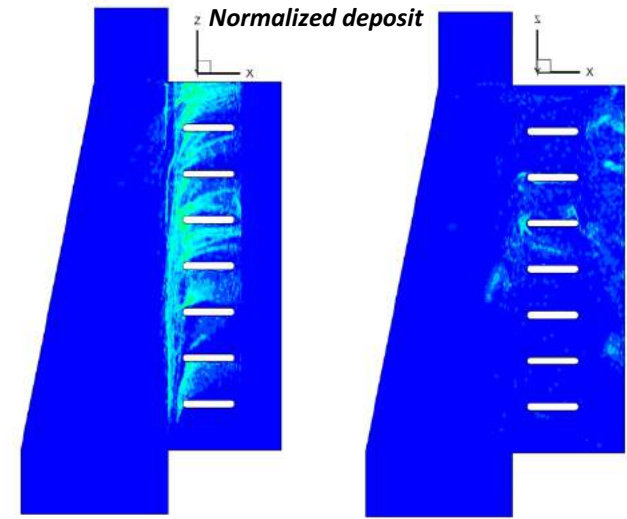
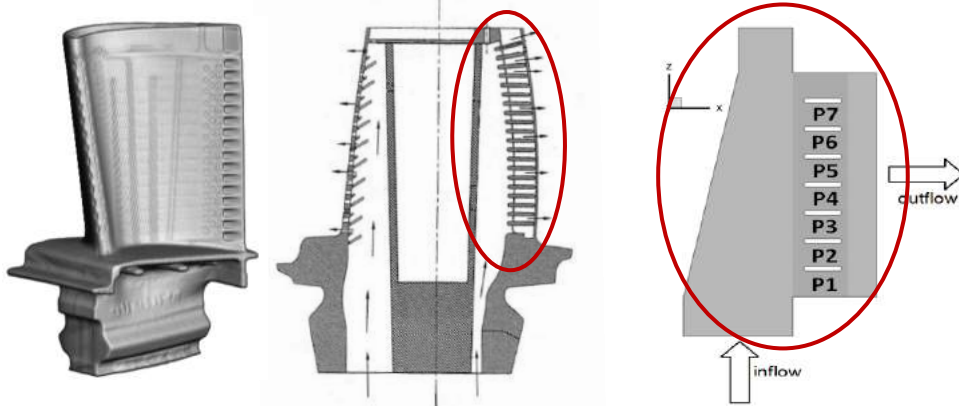


## Particle deposition on GT internal cooling channel

Turbulence Modelling: U-RANS  $\zeta$ - $f$  model

Single Particle Tracking

Adhesion model: impact mechanics (Johnson-Kendall-Roberts)



Pressure surface

Suction Surface

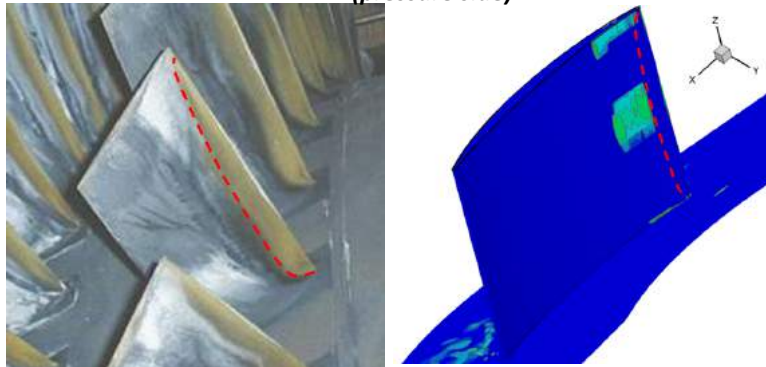
## Compressor blade erosion

Turbulence Modelling: hybrid LES-RANS  $\zeta$ - $f$  model

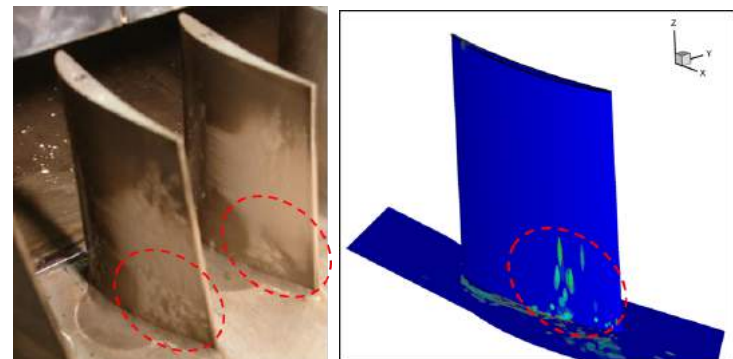
Single Particle Tracking

Erosion model: semi-empirical (Tabakoff)

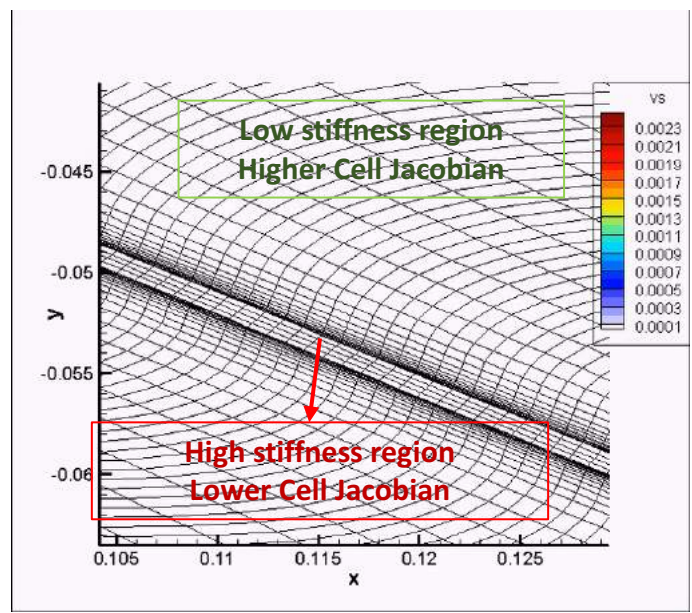
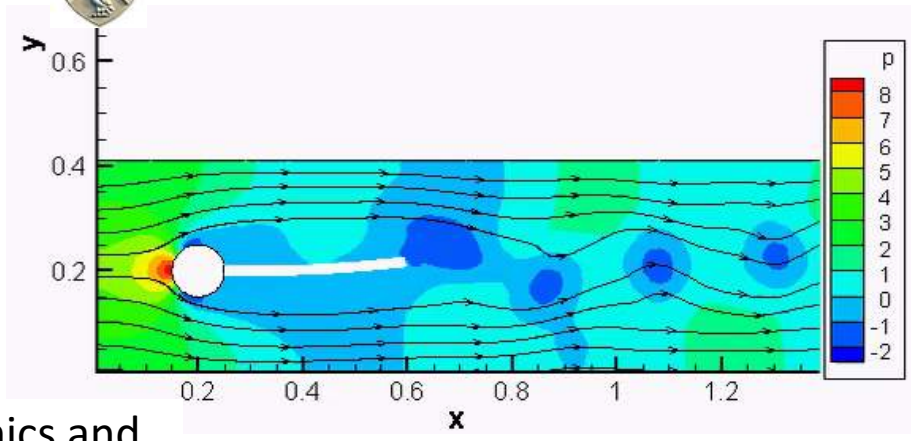
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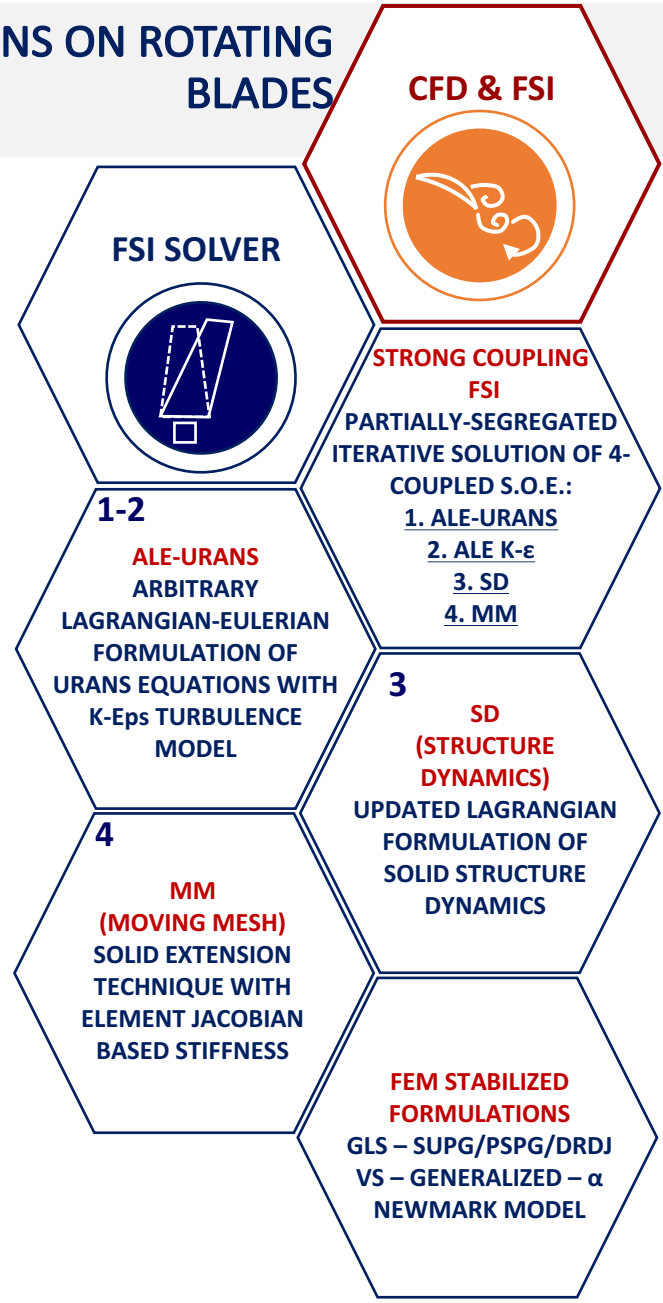
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FSI SOLVER CAPABILITIES

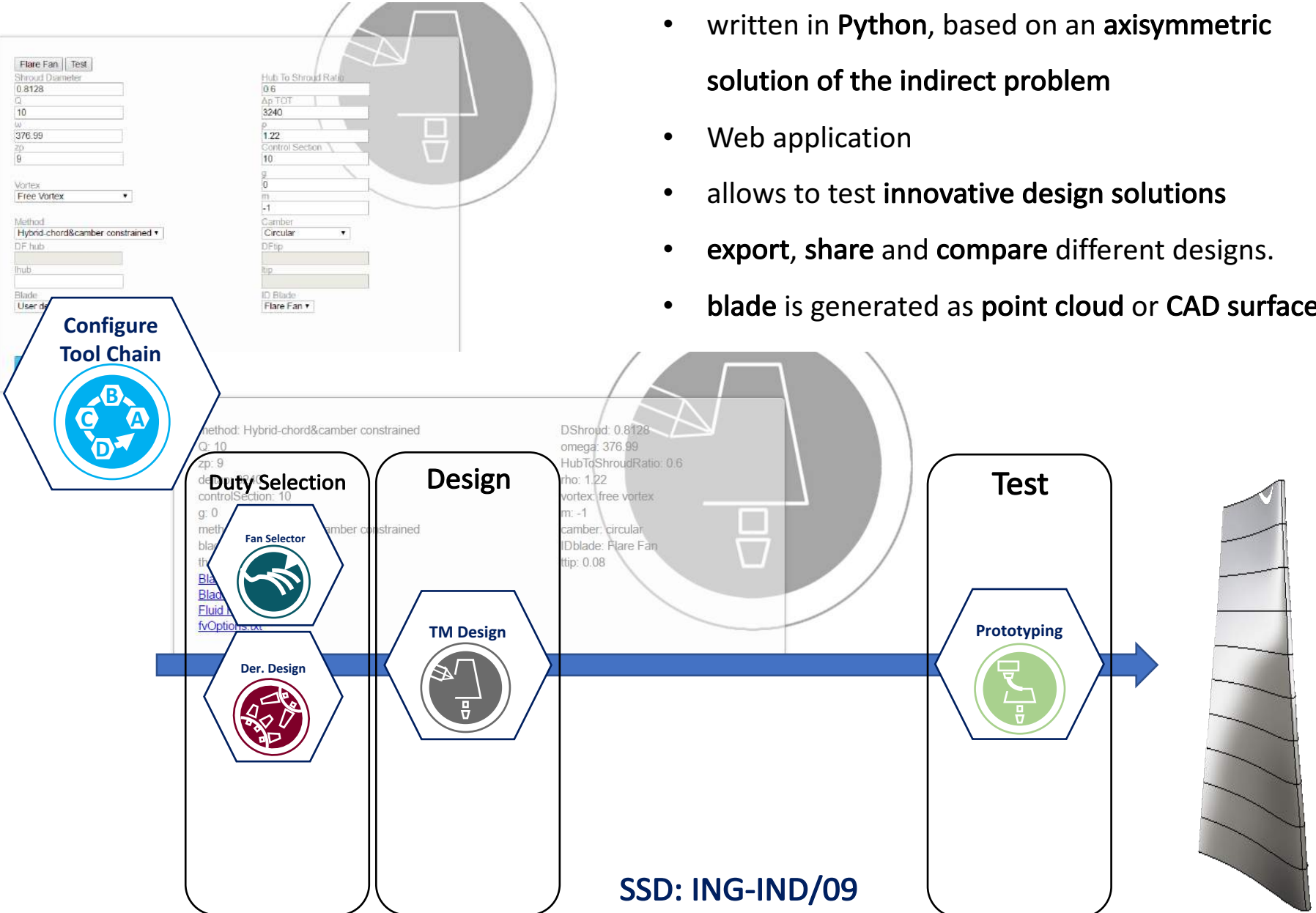


- Fluid dynamics and structure motion mutual and direct interaction
- Non-linear aerodynamic effects
- Mesh quality control during motion





- written in **Python**, based on an **axisymmetric solution of the indirect problem**
- Web application
- allows to test **innovative design solutions**
- **export, share and compare** different designs.
- **blade is generated as point cloud or CAD surface**



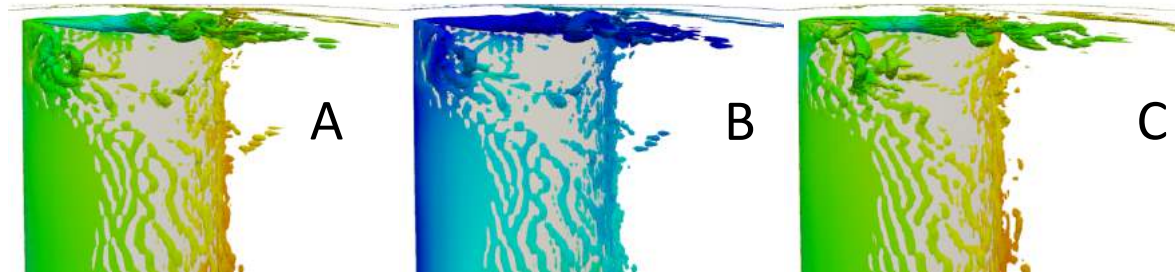


- *Passive noise control technology in industrial fans – Flakt Woods, Howden*
- *Stall identification, control and suppression – Flakt AB, SED Solutions*
- *Control of secondary flow phenomena in industrial fluid machineries – Ebara*
- *Design and onshore installation of a Wells Turbine tailored to Mediterranean Sea Operations (MATTM)*
- *Design of Offshore 15MW Wind Turbine (Micoperi)*
- *3D Design and optimization of turbomachinery*
- *Data Intensive turbomachinery design methodologies*
- *DIY experimental techniques (for stall and instability detection) – SED Solutions*

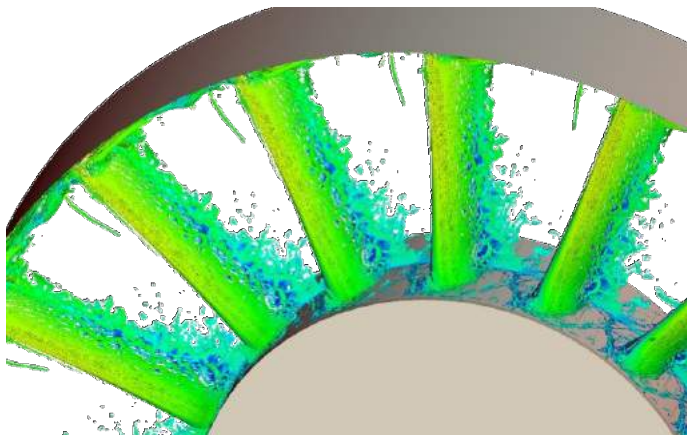




2.24 m tunnel&metro fan

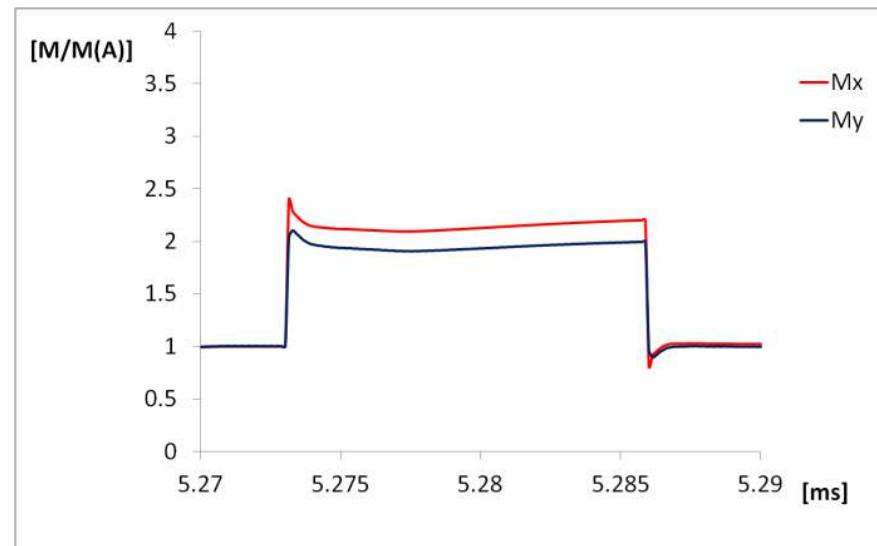


TLV before the pressure pulse (A), during pressure pulse (B) and after pressure pulse (C)



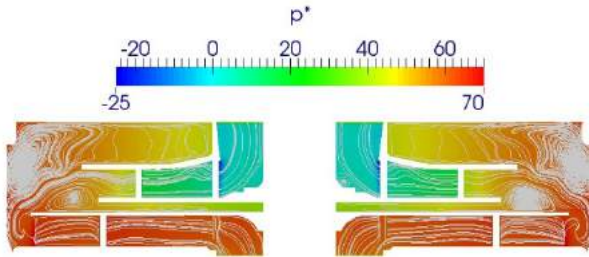
*AIM of the work: investigate how pressure pulses propagating through the tunnels affect the aerodynamics and mechanics of the fan*

Findings: torque during PP double (may lead to failure)

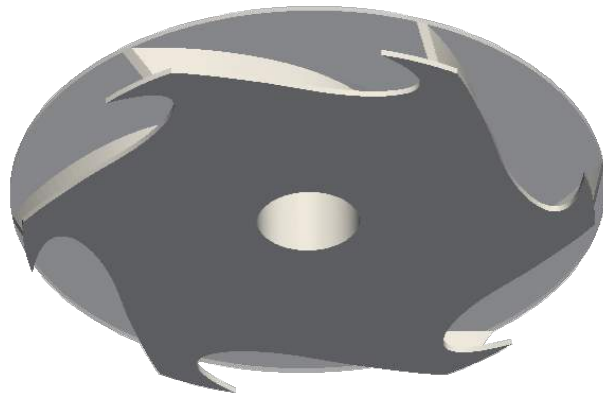




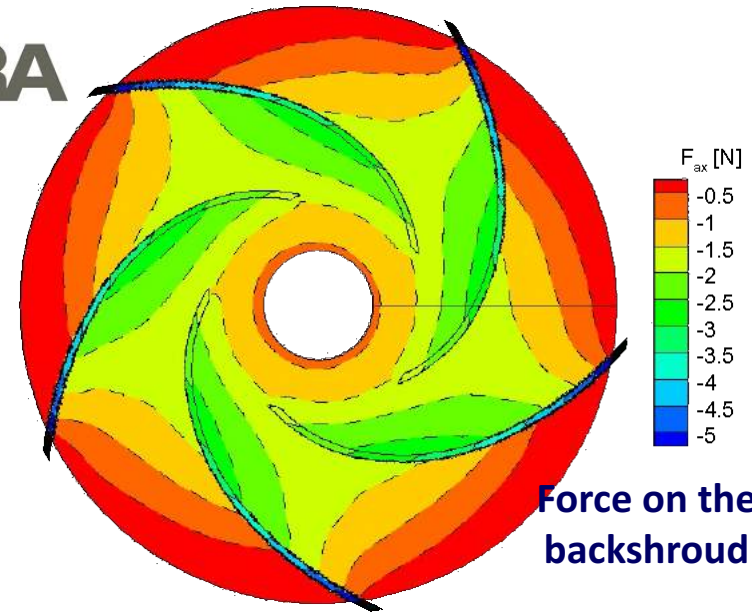
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**ANALYSIS OF PRESSURE IN THE STAGE (MERIDIONAL VIEW)**

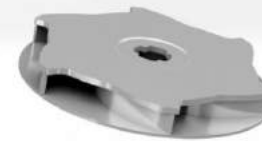


**Prototype**



**Force on the backshroud**

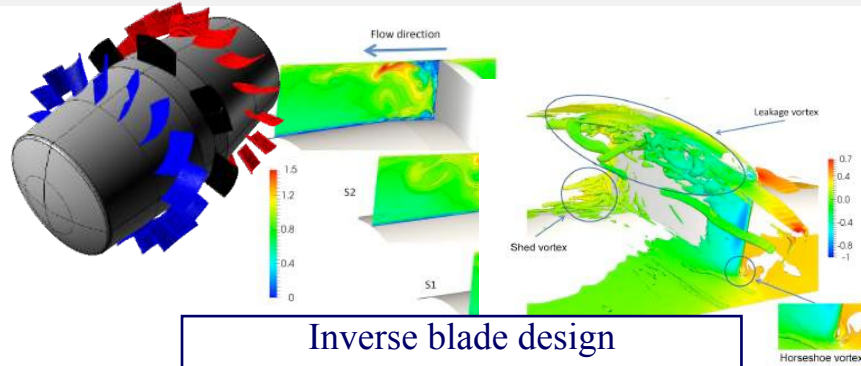
EBARA New Designed impeller "Shurricane"



**Final product**

*Masashi Obuchi, So Kuroiwa, Dai Sakihama, Renato Groppo, Fabio Balbo, Mariano Matteazzi, Lucio Cardillo, Alessandro Corsini, Giovanni Delibra, Franco Rispoli, , Franco Rispoli*  
"Impeller assembly for centrifugal pumps".

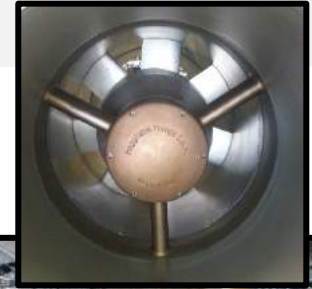
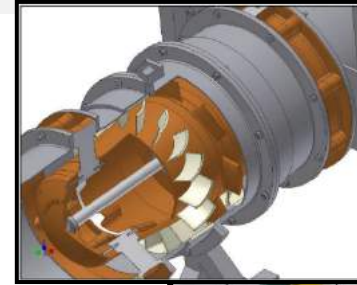
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Inverse blade design  
CFD verification of performance



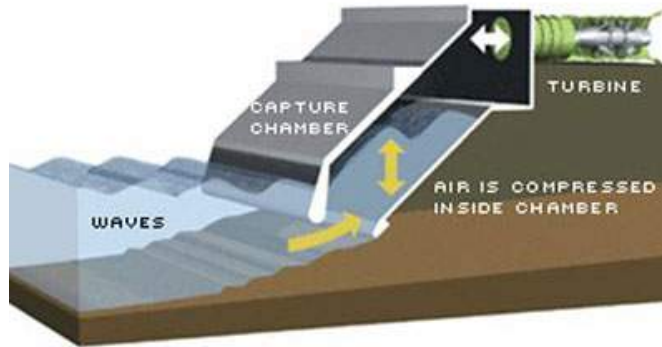
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Mecha design, proto assembly and  
experimental validation in lab



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OWC caisson design



On-shore installation and test



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di Reggio Calabria



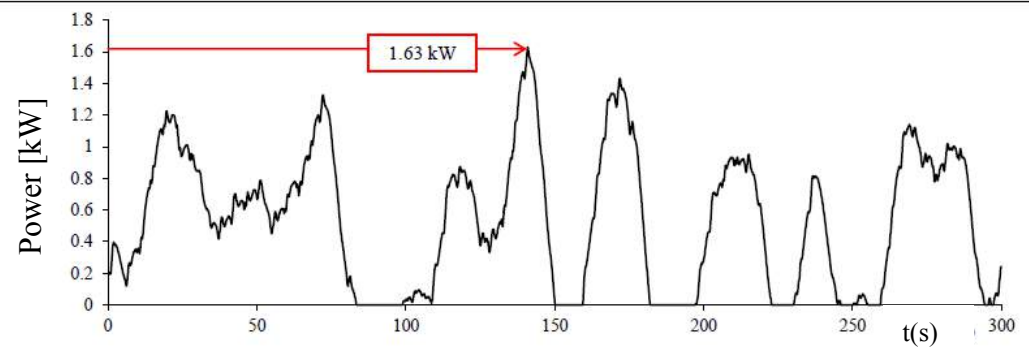
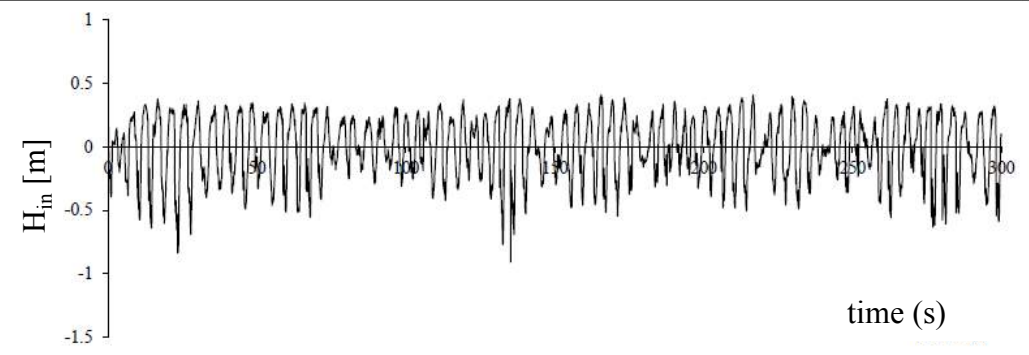




record 1163 (01/09/2014)

Average Power: 492 W @ 3500 rpm

Sea conditions:  $H_s = 1.03$  m  $T_p = 3.8$  s

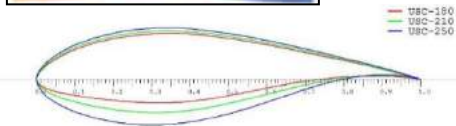


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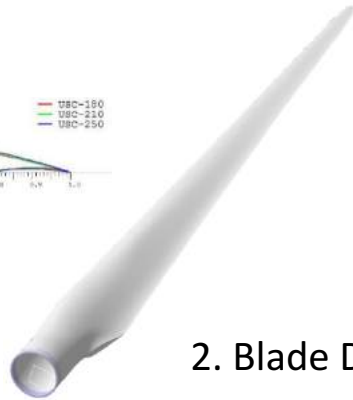


## Project: Aero-mechanical design of 15MW HAWT – 190 m diameter



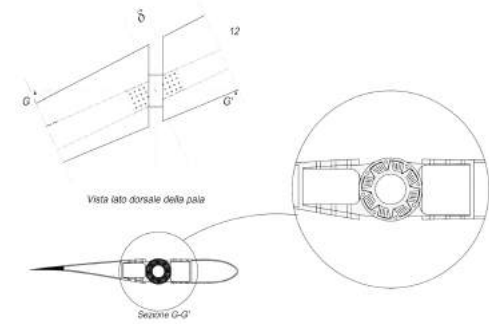
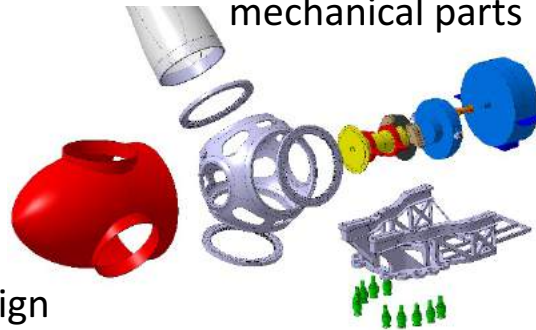
1.

Optimized  
airfoil design



2. Blade Design

3. Preliminary sizing of  
mechanical parts

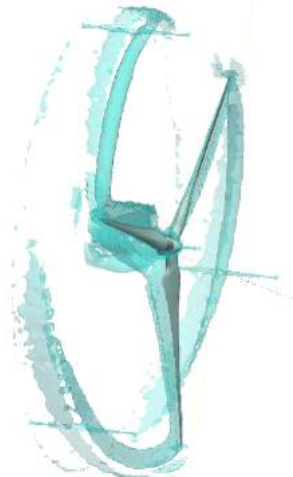


Patent: Modular HAWT  
with elastomeric joint  
(concept)

## Research: Numerical prediction of rain erosion on Multi MW-HAWT blades

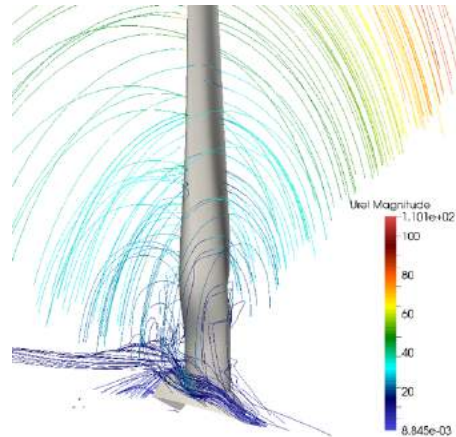
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RANS  
of design  
operating  
point



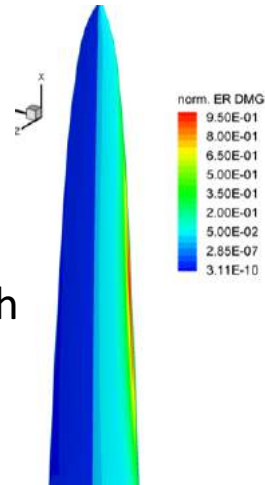
2.

PCT with  
different  
rain drop  
sizes



3.

Erosion  
Damage on  
the blade with  
empirical  
models



Castorrini et al.. "Computational analysis of wind-turbine blade rain erosion." *Computers & Fluids* 141 (2016): 175-183.



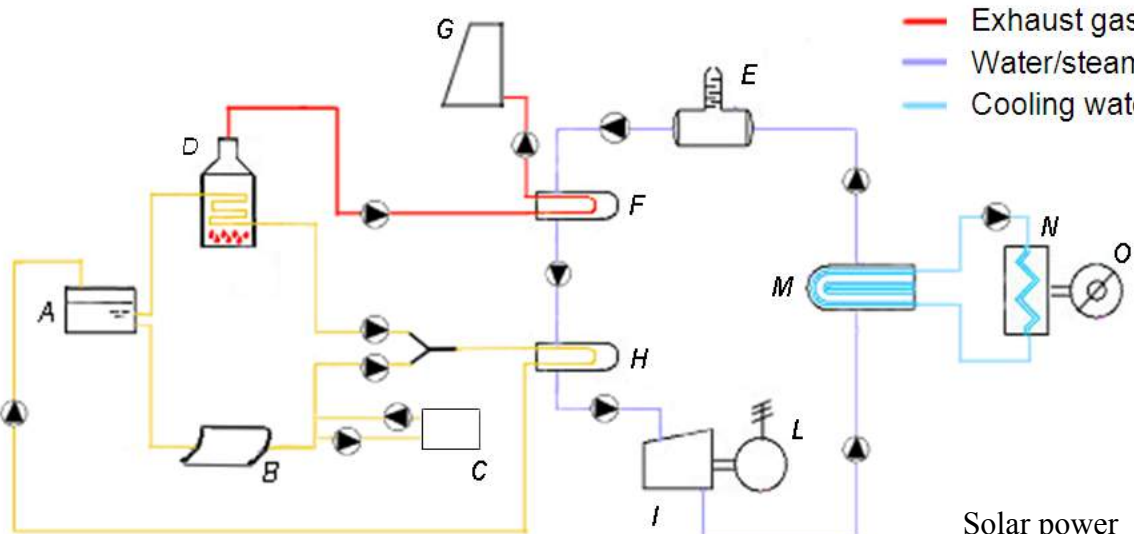
- *Biomass Gasification: TAR reduction and plant assisted fitoremediation with:*
- *RESET s.r.l., ISPRA, CNR*
  
- *Direct Methanol Fuel Cells: advanced configurations – with MM and Fincantieri*
  
- *Lithium Batteries: Management & Verification (Prof. Del Prete) - with MM and Fincantieri*
  
- *Development of CC4E (Clean Canvas 4 Environment) process – with Regione Lazio*
  
- *Biofuels in Internal Combustion Engines – with CURSA and Power Clean*
  
- *Pulse tube Stirling Engine: Molecular Freezing -to promote*
  
- *Coal Gasification: CCS techniques – with PAR-ENEA*
  
- *Design of Wave Energy Converter - with PAR-ENEA and MATTM*



Electric power 125 kW

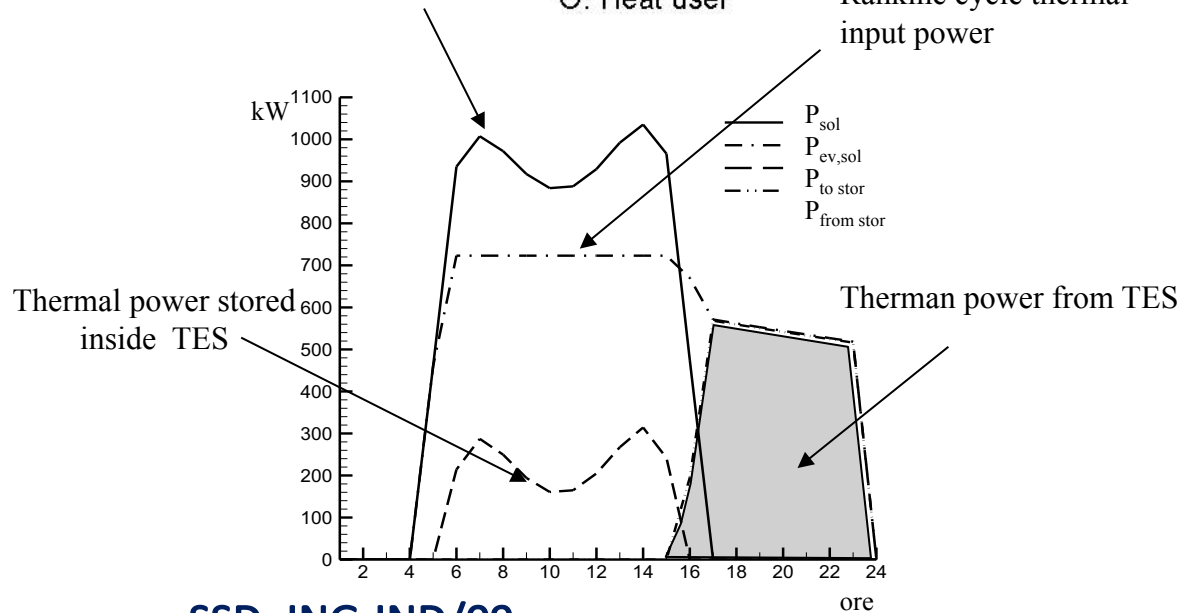
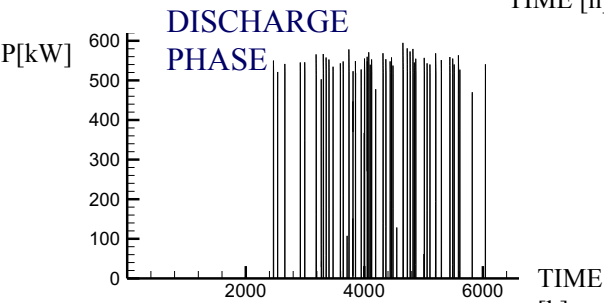
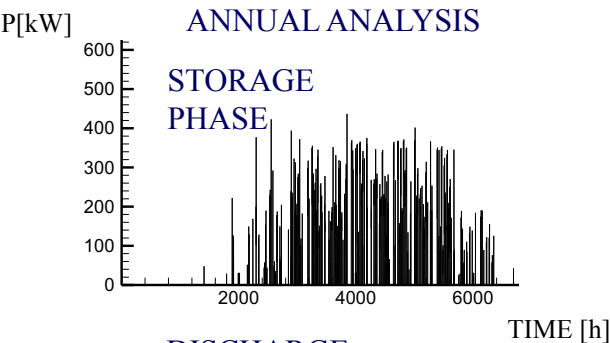
- Diatermic oil
- Exhaust gas
- Water/steam
- Cooling water

- A: Oil vessel
- B: Parabolic trough field
- C: Thermal energy storage
- D: Biomass furnace
- E: Degasser
- F: Economizer
- G: Chimney
- H: Evaporator
- I: Steam engine
- L: Electricity user
- M: Condenser
- N: Heat exchanger for low temperature users
- O: Heat user



Solar power

Rankine cycle thermal input power

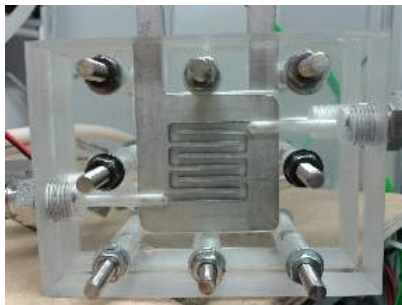


## Projects:

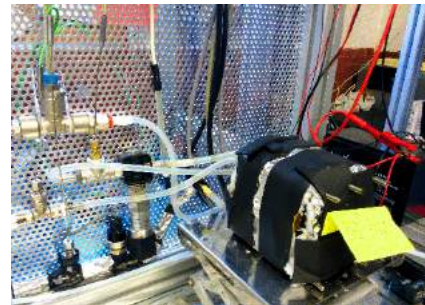
- **Ecocell**, 2013-2014. Development of a test rig for a 120 W DMFC.
  - a. Assembly and test of single DMFC
  - b. Assembly of the test bench and test of a commercial short stack
- **Stealth Energy**, 2015-2016. Design of a 1.3 kW DMFC stack and assembly of a test bench for higher power.
- **FarSeas**, 2016-2017. Design of a DMFC system for an *AIP* (Air Independent Propulsion).
  - a. Experimental tests measuring the permanent degradation over *800 h* of functioning on a commercial *1 kW* stack.
  - b. Sizing of a DMFC system for a *240 kW*.



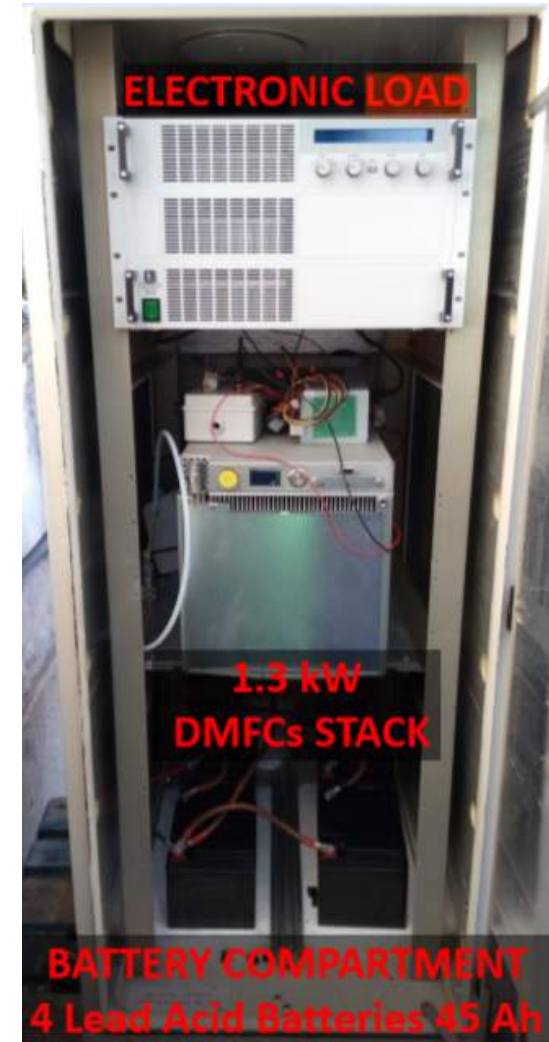
**DMFC4.** Passive DMFC under high current density.



**DMFC5.** Active DMFC assembly



**DMFC6.** 120 W DMFC stack under test



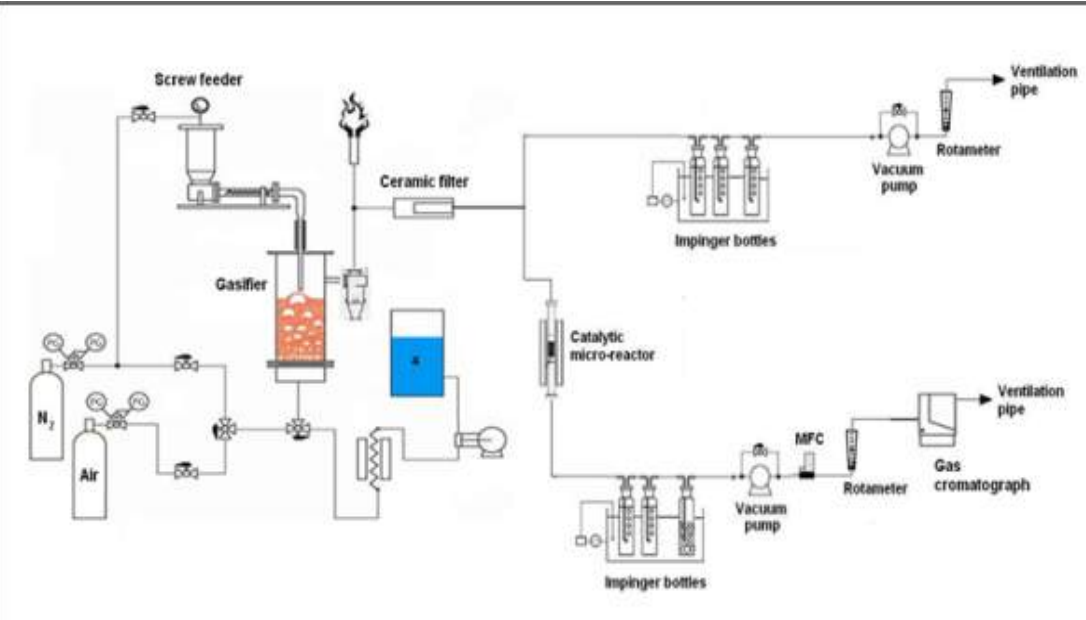
**DMFC7.** Test rig for a 1.5 kW DMFC system for 800 h of permanent degradation test



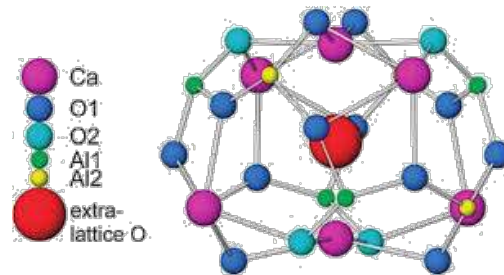
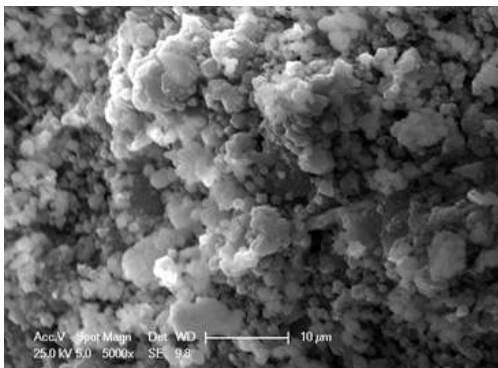
## Catalyzers for tar reforming

## Plant-assisted Fitoremediation

✓ Experimental test-rig, cooperation with RESET s.r.l., CNR and ISPRA



Ni-Mayenite catalyzer



Mayenite structure

SSD: ING-IND/09

## Vegetable oils fuelled common-rail engine (CURSA)

Fuels used: rapeseed oils, waste cooking oil (WCO), biodiesel, gasoil, gasoil-WCO blends

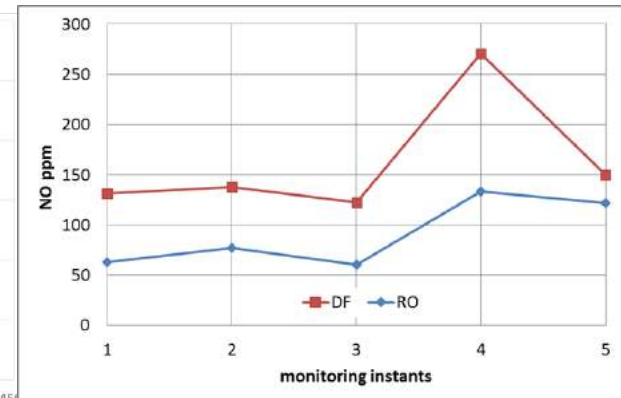
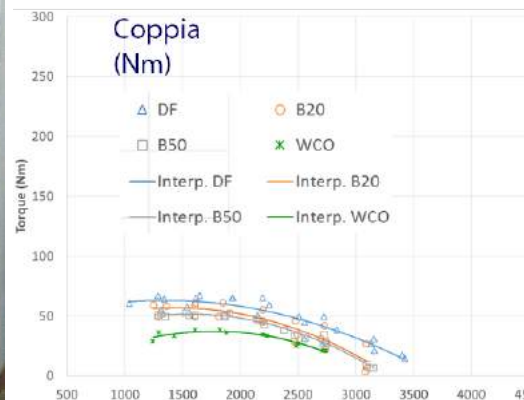
Measurements: engine performance, pollutant emissions, exhausts opacity

Software developed: code for accessing the electronic control unit

Experimental setup: 1.9 JTD common-rail Diesel engine, dual fuel system, Bosch BEA emissions monitoring unit



Engine installed at DIMA Lab



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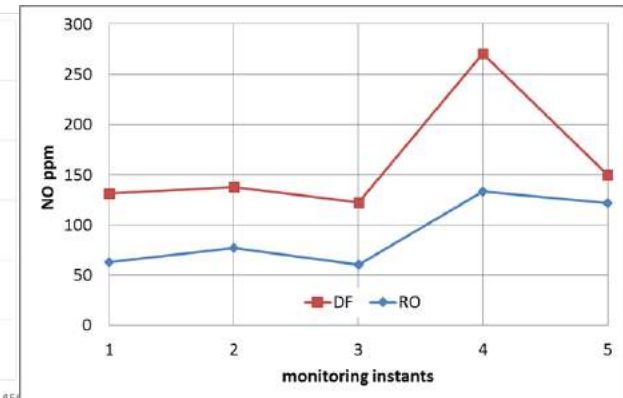
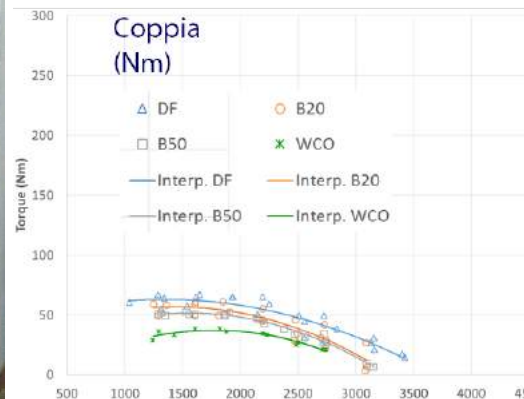
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