



# POWER VISION ENGINEERING

We focus on **modelling, simulation, analysis and optimisation** of hydroelectric power plants with a multiphysics approach including **hydraulic** circuit, **mechanical** systems, **electrical** installations and **control** devices.

—  SWISS ENGINEERING —





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Solutions & expertise in hydropower transients and operation through softwares and engineering services since 2007.

## ENGINEERING SERVICES

- Hydroelectric Transient Analysis
- Water Hammer Calculation
- System Stability Analysis
- Control System Optimisation
- Ancillary Services and Grid Code Compliance
- CFD and Complex Flow Simulations

## SOFTWARES & SEMINAR TRAININGS

### SIMSEN

Simulation Software for Hydraulic & Electric Systems  
Adjustable Speed Drives



### Hydro-Clone®

Physically based Digital Twin for Hydro Power Plant Transient Monitoring

HYDRO-CLONE™

### MyHPP Simulator

Simulator for Hydro Power Plant Operator Training

MyHPP SIMULATOR





**SIMULATION  
SOFTWARE**



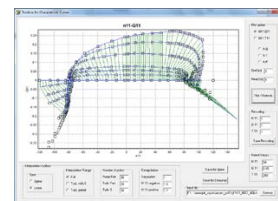
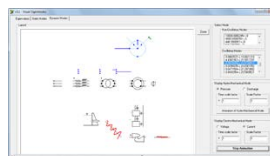
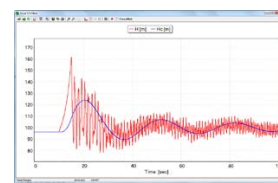
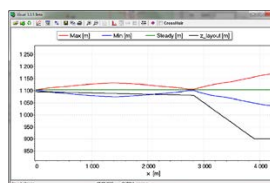
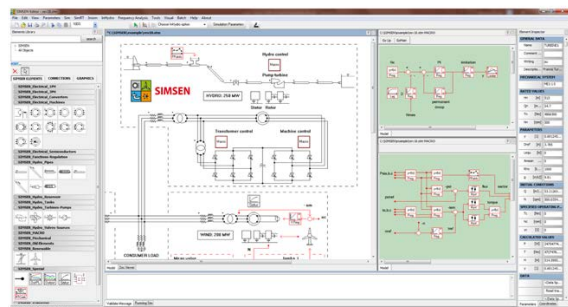
**SIMSEN**

## SIMULATION SOFTWARE FOR HYDRAULIC & ELECTRIC SYSTEMS ADJUSTABLE SPEED DRIVES

- Hydraulic and Electrical Transients
- Water Hammer Calculation
- Hydroelectric Systems
- Power Network Stability
- Complex Drives Control
- Load Flow

### FEATURES

- From water to wire modelling
- Electrical + hydraulic system
- Advanced control system
- Variable speed pump-turbines
- Pumped storage transients
- Time + frequency domain analysis
- Eigenvalues + eigenvectors calculation
- Forced response analysis
- Two-phase flows
- Open channel flows
- Francis and Pelton turbine characteristic library
- Reversible Francis pump-turbine characteristic library
- Scripting capability
- FMI co-simulation with external softwares



**EPFL**

Power Vision Engineering is the exclusive distributor  
of the SIMSEN EPFL software

# HYDRO-CLONE®



## PHYSICALLY BASED DIGITAL TWIN FOR HYDRO POWER PLANT TRANSIENT MONITORING

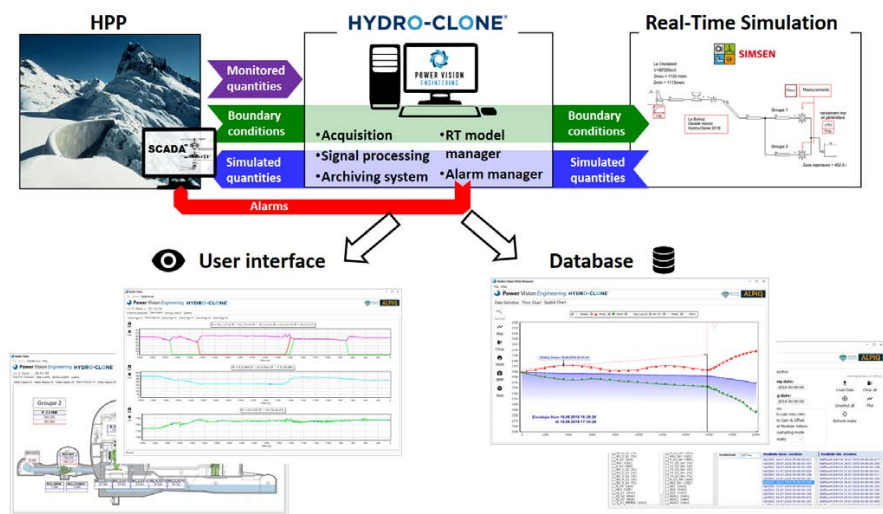
- Digital Twin of Hydroelectric Power Plant
- Real Time Water Hammer/Surge Tank/Unit Transient Monitoring
- Detection of Abnormal Pressure Transients prior to Reach Admissible Limit
- Detection of Anomalies
- Monitoring of Non Measurable Quantities
- Deviation of Hydropower Physical Characteristics
- Ahead of Time Projections of the State of the System (Decision Support Tool, Alert Awareness, What if...?)
- Anticipation of Potential Power Plant Damage
- Penstock Fatigue Monitoring

### ALARM SYSTEM

Type 1: Exceedance of the admissible limit of a measured quantity

Type 2: Exceedance of the admissible limit of a non measurable quantity

Type 3: Divergence measurements/simulations



### HYDRO-CLONE PATENTS

European patents numbers: EP 2 801 879 B1 (2017) & EP 3 285 128 B1 (2020)





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# MyHPP SIMULATOR



**SIMSEN BASED SOLUTION**

## SIMULATOR FOR HYDRO POWER PLANT OPERATOR TRAINING

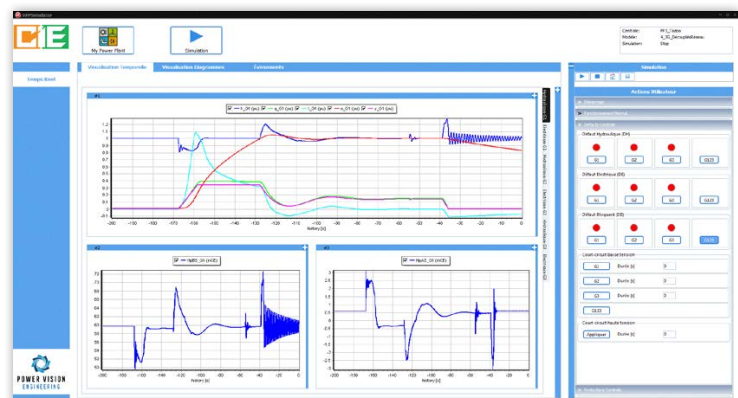
**My HPP Simulator emulates  
the operation and dynamics of  
a specific hydro power plant  
during normal, abnormal and  
emergency conditions.**



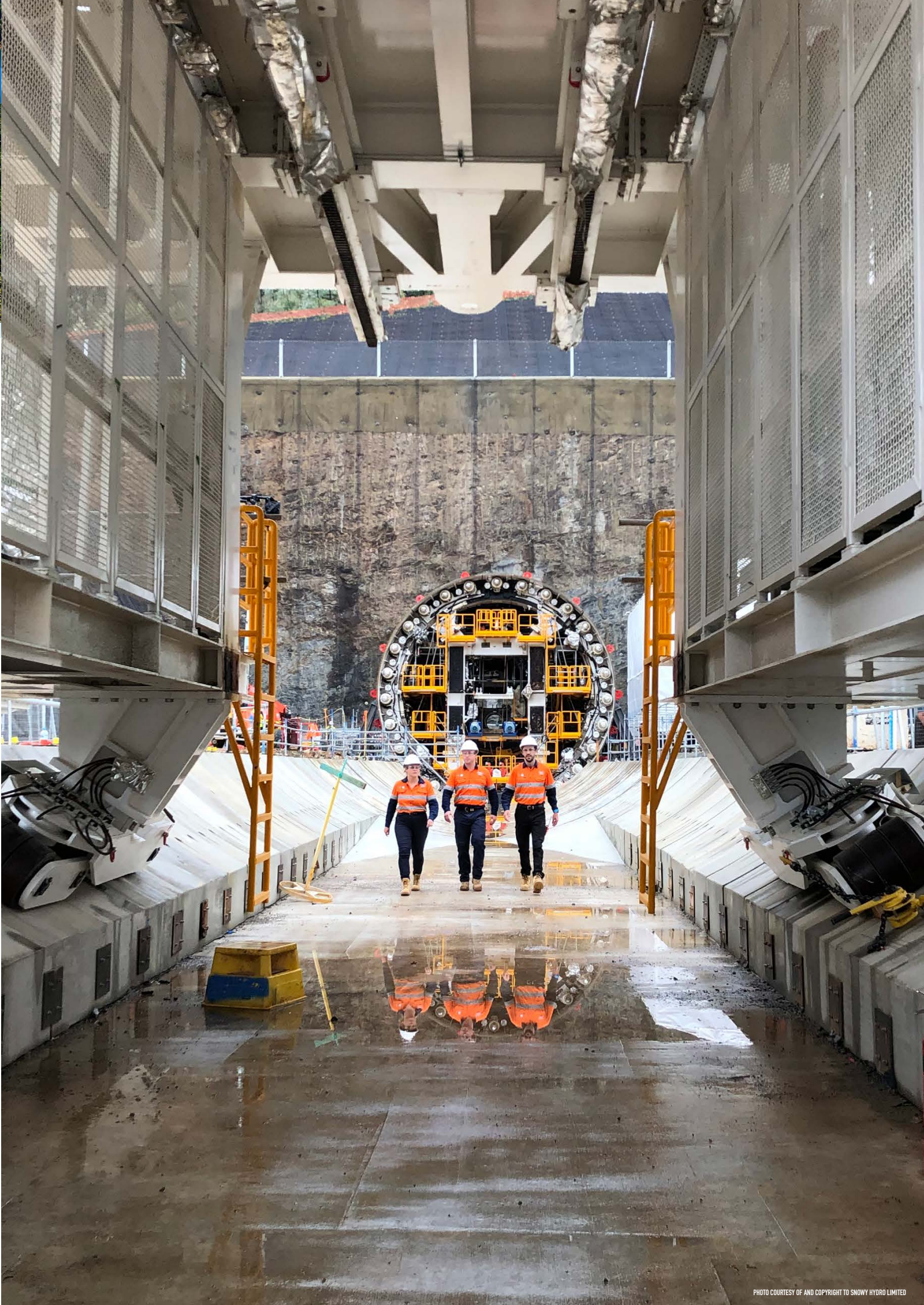
With My HPP, your operators:

- gain confidence and expertise
- improve awareness of operation risks
- increase knowledge and operator skills

Train your operators internally  
with this simulator.









PROJECT  
STEPS

**01**  
**FEASIBILITY**



**02**  
**DETAILED  
DESIGN**



**03**  
**CONSTRUCTION**



**04**  
**COMMISSIONING**



**05**  
**MAINTENANCE  
TRAINING**



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- Preliminary hydraulic and electric transient analysis
- Hydraulic layout design for PSPP and HPP
- Surge tank sizing
- Hydraulic machine sizing and selection incl. variable speed technology
- System stability evaluation

- Detailed hydraulic and electrical transient assessment
- Hydraulic layout optimisation (1D+CFD)
- Surge tank detailed design and optimisation (1D+CFD)
- System stability evaluation: isolated and islanded grid
- Resonance risk assessment (IEC 62882): part load and full load surge, RSI, Von Karman resonance
- Hydraulic machine transients and dynamic behavior specifications

- Final hydraulic and electrical transient analysis with data from suppliers
- Technical review of hydraulic machine bids
- Hydraulic machine reduced scale mode tests follow-up
- Transposition of pressure fluctuations from model to prototype (IEC 62882)
- Surge tank physical model tests follow-up
- Grid code compliance
- Ancillary services evaluation

- Transient tests specification
- Hydro-Clone® system deployment for hydraulic transient tests follow-up and validations
- Operating sequence optimisation
- Control system parameter optimisation
- Pressure fluctuations assessments
- Determination of final safe operating range of HPP and PSPP

- Long term hydraulic transient monitoring using Hydro-Clone® system
- Hydraulic transients, system dynamics and pressure fluctuations troubleshooting
- Training of plant operators with MyHPP Simulator

SIMULATION  
SOFTWARES



HYDRO-CLONE™

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MyHPP SIMULATOR





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## HYDROELECTRIC TRANSIENT ANALYSIS

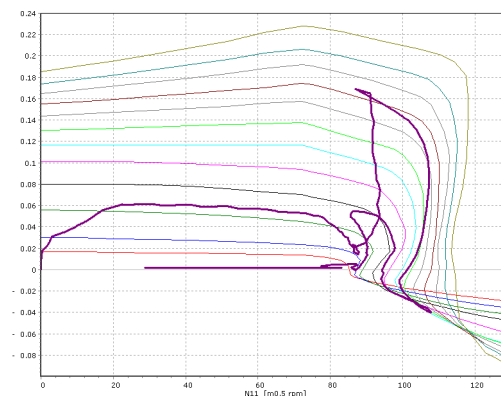
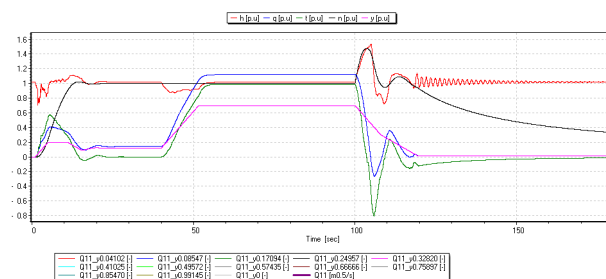
### WATER HAMMER CALCULATION

#### TRANSIENT ANALYSIS

- Hydraulic and electric transient analysis
- Hydraulic layout design and optimisation for PSPP and HPP
- Surge tank design and optimisation
- Penstock protection valve transients
- Air-valve sizing
- Hydraulic short-circuit operation

#### STABILITY/ RESONANCE ANALYSIS

- Resonance risk assessment according to IEC 62882: part load and full load surge risk, rotor stator interactions (RSI) induced resonance, Von Karman vortex shedding induced resonance (valves, GV, SV)
- Penstock resonance risk assessment
- Follow-up of hydraulic machine reduced scale mode tests and transposition of pressure fluctuations from model to prototype according to IEC 62882 and resonance risk assessment
- Hydraulic system dynamics and pressure fluctuations troubleshooting







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## SYSTEM STABILITY ANALYSIS

## ANCILLARY SERVICES & GRID CODE COMPLIANCE

## CONTROL SYSTEM OPTIMISATION

### POWER NETWORK STABILITY ANALYSIS

- Isolated operation
- Islanded network
- Interconnected grid

### OPTIMISATION

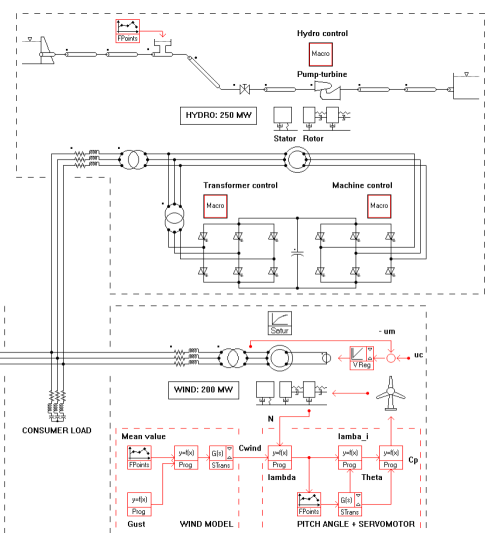
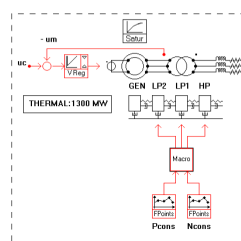
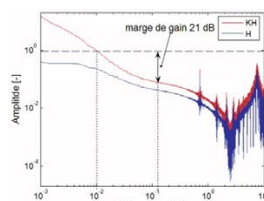
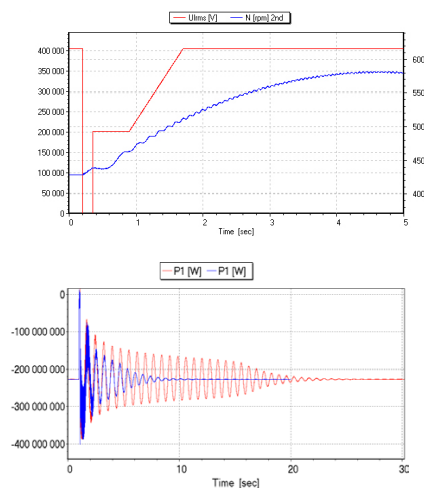
- Control/command strategy
- Control/command parameters
- Emergency procedures
- Annual production

### ANCILLARY SERVICES ASSESSMENT

- Primary (FCR) and secondary (aFRR) control capabilities assessment
- Evaluation of penstock fatigue risk
- Variable speed unit contribution to grid stability
- Power System Stabilizer (PSS) optimisation

### GRID CODE COMPLIANCE

- Short circuits
- Low voltage ride through (LVRT)
- Ramping rates optimisation
- Primary and secondary control for voltage and frequency control





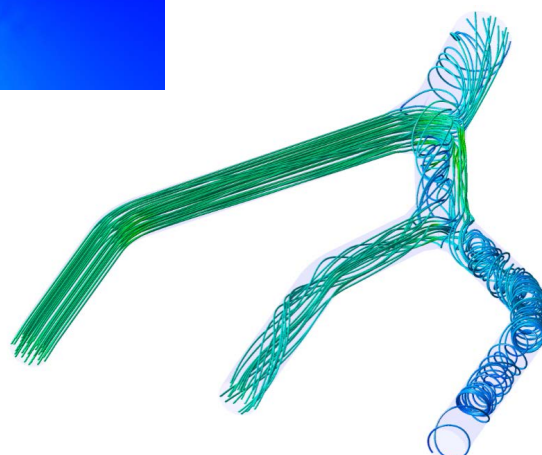
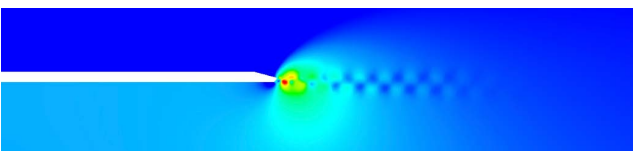
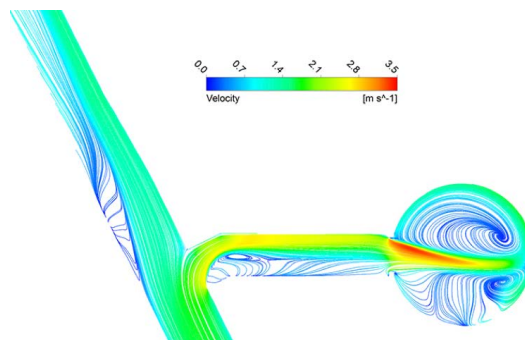
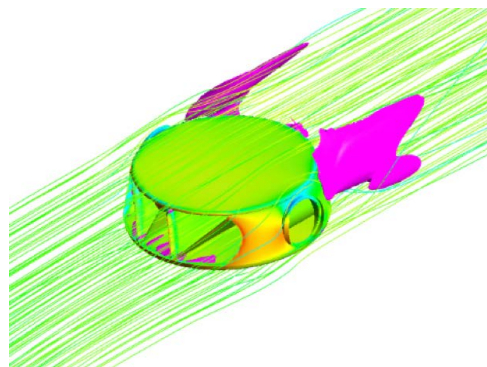
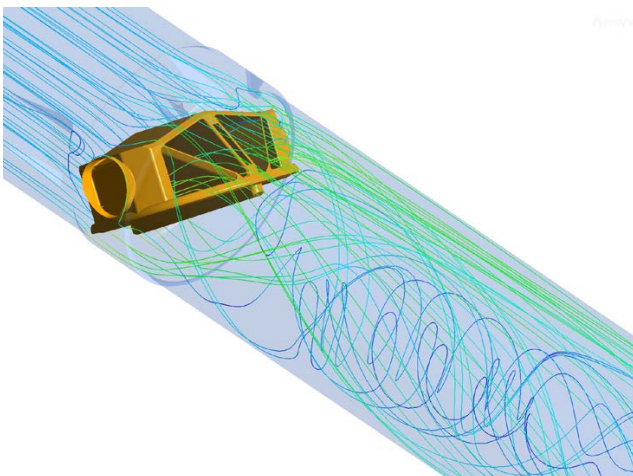


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## CFD & COMPLEX FLOW SIMULATION

### 2D/3D STEADY/UNSTEADY CFD (ANSYS-CFX®)

- Surge tank diaphragm optimisation
- Bifurcations flow stability
- Hydraulic short-circuit operation
- Von Karman vortices
- Part/Full load operation
- Valve torque and discharge characteristics
- Air-valve discharge characteristics







- INNOVATION
- LEADING EDGE RESEARCH & TECHNIQUES
- TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BETWEEN ACADEMIA & INDUSTRY
- HYDRO EXPERTISE

## HYPERBOLE

- HYPERBOLE European Project no. 608'532
- FP7 ENERGY 2013 Programme
- 42 months project (2013-2016)
- 10 partners



### SF0E Projects Swiss Federal Office of Energy

- RENOVHydro - Project no. SI/501436-01 (2016-2019)
- SHAMA - Project no. SI/501435-01 (2016-2019)
- SmallFLEX - Project no. SI/501636-01 (2018-2020)
- HydroLEAP - Project no. SI/502106-01 (2020-2024)

### CCEM-CH

#### Swiss Electric Research

- HydroNET II - Project (2013-2016)

## XFLEX HYDRO

- XFLEX HYDRO European Project no. 857832
- Horizon 2020 Framework Programme
- 48 months project (2019-2023)
- 19 partners



### InnoSuisse Projects

- Penstock fatigue monitoring - Project no. 28112.1 PFIW-IW (2018-2020)
- RENOVHydro - Project no. 19343.1 PFIW-IW (2016-2019)



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## PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD

# 6x 340<sub>MW</sub>

**SNOWY 2.0 PSPP**  
AUSTRALIA

Transient analysis of SNOWY 2.0 pumped storage power plant equipped with 6x340 MW reversible Francis pump-turbine including 3 variable speed units. Transient analysis verification in pumping and generating mode, and hydraulic layout and surge tanks optimisation.



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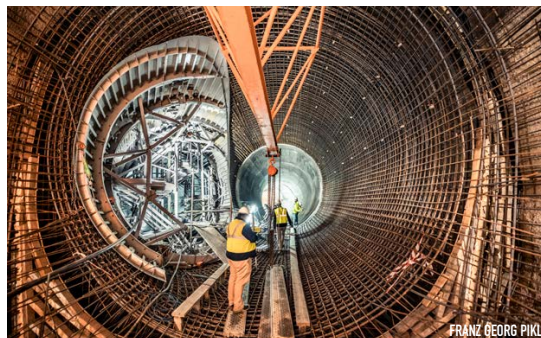


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# 4x 232<sub>MW</sub>

**GOUVÃES PSPP**  
PORTUGAL

Transient analysis for 4x232 MW reversible Francis pump-turbines to be operated under a nominal head of 660 mWC, optimisation of upstream and downstream surge tanks.



FRANZ GEORG PIKL

# 420<sub>MW</sub>

**FORCES MOTRICES  
HONGRIN-LÉMAN SA**  
SWITZERLAND

Expertise in hydraulic transient simulations for 240 MW → 420 MW upgrade of Forces Motrices Hongrin-Léman Power Plant, including surge tank modifications and commissioning assistance with Hydro-Clone.



# 6x 150<sub>MW</sub>

**NANT DE DRANCE PSPP**  
SWITZERLAND

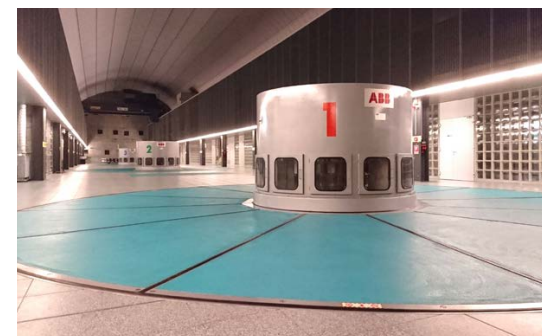
Transient analysis and CFD computation for hydraulic short-circuit safe operation of Nant de Drance 900 MW pumped storage power plant equipped with 6x150MW variable speed Francis pump-turbines, CFD computation of unsteady 3D flow developing in the downstream bifurcations and commissioning assistance with Hydro-Clone.



# 3x 423<sub>MW</sub>

**CLEUSON-DIXENCE HPP**  
SWITZERLAND

Transient analysis for the rehabilitation of 1200 MW power plant with 3 Pelton turbines and ancillary services optimisation.



# 4x 230<sub>MW</sub>

**MONTÉZIC PSPP**  
FRANCE

Hydroelectric transient analysis of 930 MW Montézic pumped storage power plant, RTE Grid Code compliance.

# 185<sub>MW</sub>

**AVČE PSPP**  
SLOVENIA


Transient analysis of 185 MW variable speed pumped-storage power plant, influence of air vacuum valves and surge tank modifications.







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