

VENTuRE

a Virtual and physical ExperimeNtal Towing centre for
the design of eneRgy Efficient sea-faring vessels



VENTuRE National Networking Event
Wednesday, 18 May 2022
Admiral Hall, Fort St Angelo, Birgu
Waterfront



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Twinning the UM with USTRATH and UNIGE

Increasing the scientific excellence, research, and innovation capacities and profiles

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VENTuRE was one of the 37 successful proposals to be chosen from 456 applications (6% success rate)

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VENTuRE Programme

The programme involves many activities and events for the academic, technical staff, researchers, and the general public, and is divided into four main sections

- Short specialist courses
- E-Platform for training
- Short visits UM → USTRATH & UNIGE
- Partner visits to NAS
- Expert visits USTRATH, UNIGE, NAS → UM
- Technician /Lab staff visits UM → USTRATH & UNIGE

- Website & electronic media
- Communications
 - Electronic - newsletters
 - Printed - brochures, leaflets, posters, magazines, newspapers
- Scientific publications
- Online repository
- CDE plans

Enhancing
Scientific and
Technological
Capacity

Raising the
Research Profile

- Research groups
- Networking activities
- Conferences
- Co-operation NAS ↔ UM



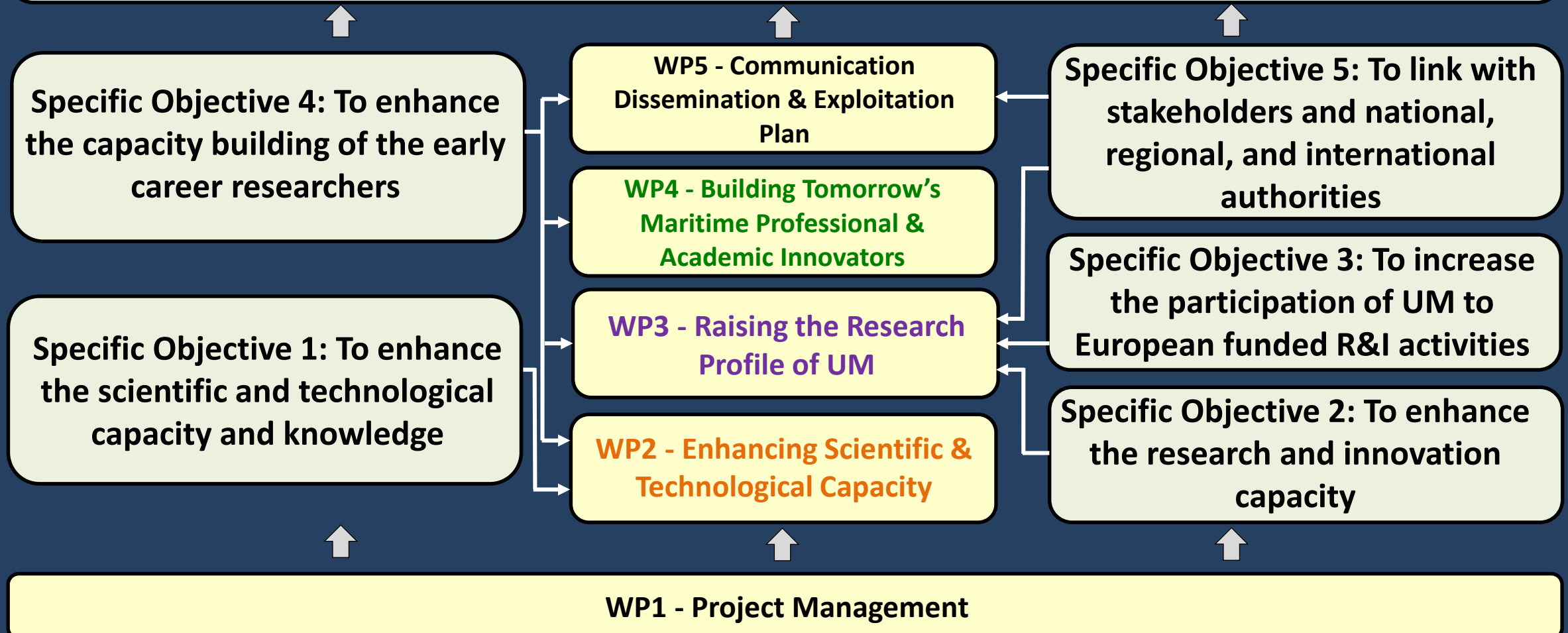
Communication
Dissemination
& Exploitation

Building
Tomorrow's
Maritime
Professional
and Academic
Innovators

- PG research conferences
- Student exchanges
- Mentoring & joint supervision
- Secondments in industry
- Schools
- Development of joint MSc programmes
- Development of training networks

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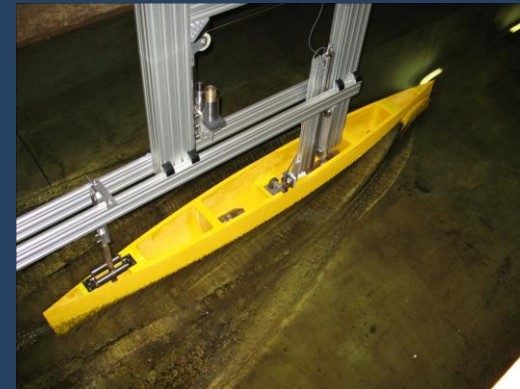
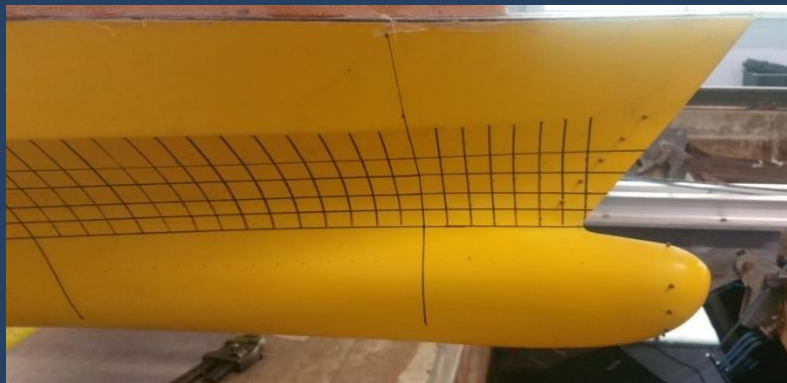
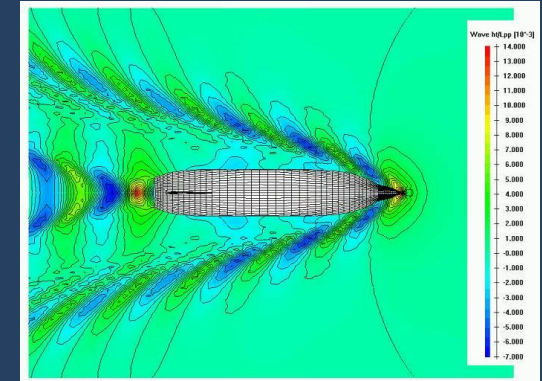
Increasing the scientific excellence, research, and innovation capacities and profiles



➤ Enhancing Scientific and Technological Capacity

❖ Short Specialist Courses

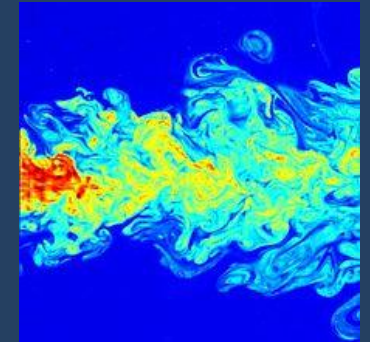
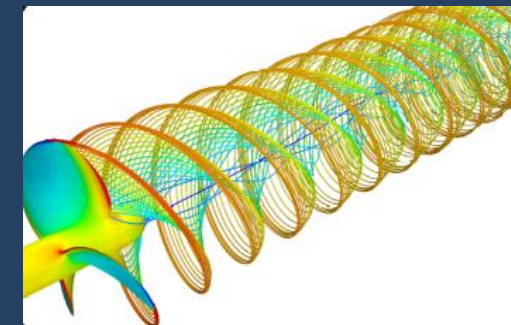
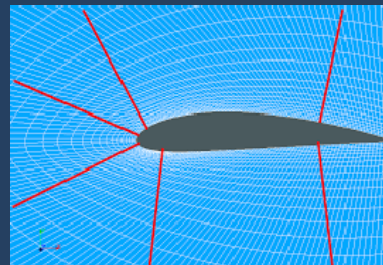
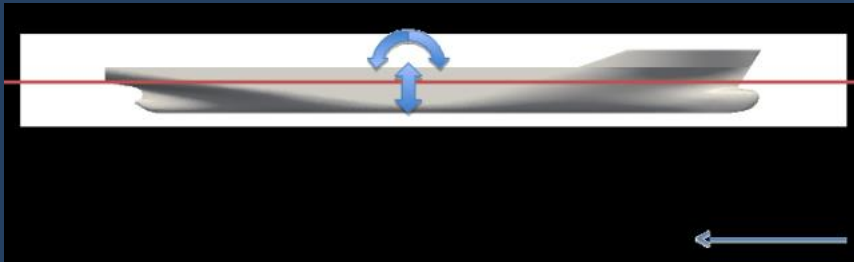
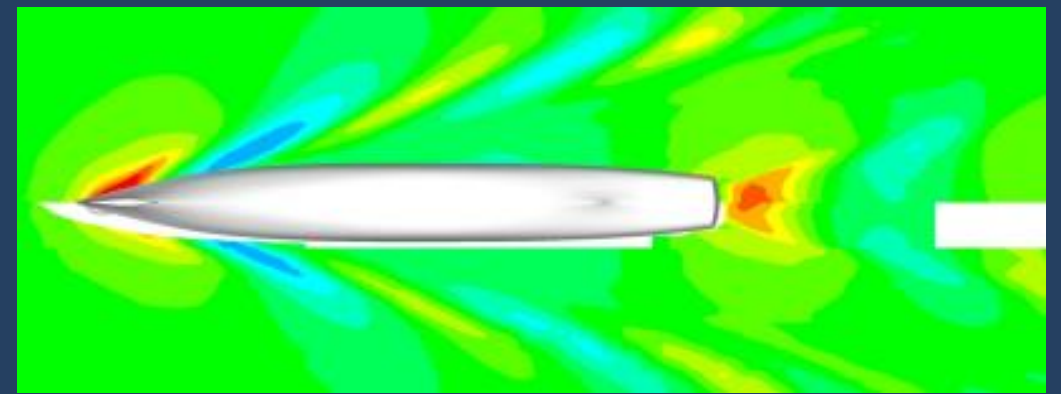
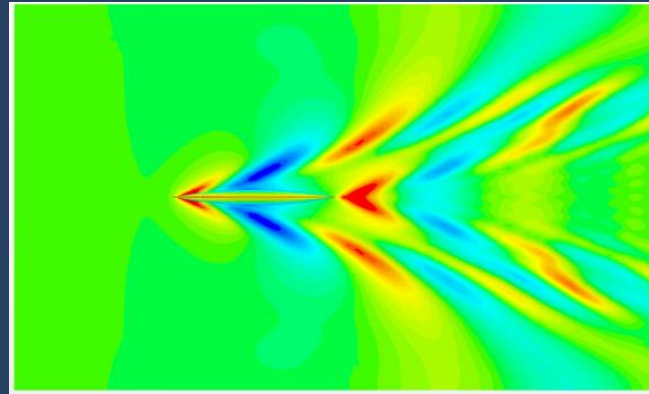
- Physical towing tank testing for the prediction of ship resistance & propulsion (USTRATH)
 - experimental technologies and techniques on ship resistance measurement and prediction



➤ Enhancing Scientific and Technological Capacity

❖ Short Specialist Courses (UNIGE)

- **Virtual towing tank testing for the prediction of ship resistance & propulsion using virtual tank testing**
 - Theories, numerical methods, tutorials and examples for the prediction of ship resistance & propulsion using virtual tank testing



➤ Enhancing Scientific and Technological Capacity

❖ Short Specialist Courses

- **Virtual towing tank testing for the prediction of ship hydrodynamics with a focus on seakeeping (UNIGE)**
 - Theories, numerical methods, tutorials and examples for the prediction of ship resistance & propulsion using virtual tank testing
- **State of the art Measurement, Calibration and Data Analysis Techniques (USTRATH) - June 2022**
- **Virtual Towing Tank Applications in Marine Industry (NAS) - September 2022**
 - Numerical techniques can be applied to the marine industry to predict various parameters of ship performance

➤ Enhancing Scientific and Technological Capacity



❖ Short Term University Visits

- How to design and spec a towing tank - tanks, wave generation, towing equipment, beaches



Carderock MASK basin, USA



Cranfield University towing tank

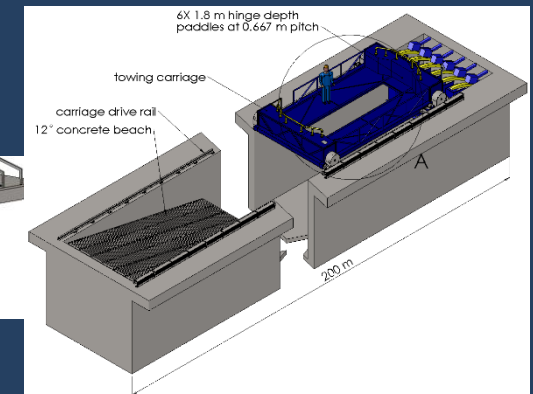
- Not man riding
- 30 m long
- 1.5m wide
- 3.5 m/s design max speed
- Cable drive



Egypt towing tank



University of Edinburgh, Flowave, UK



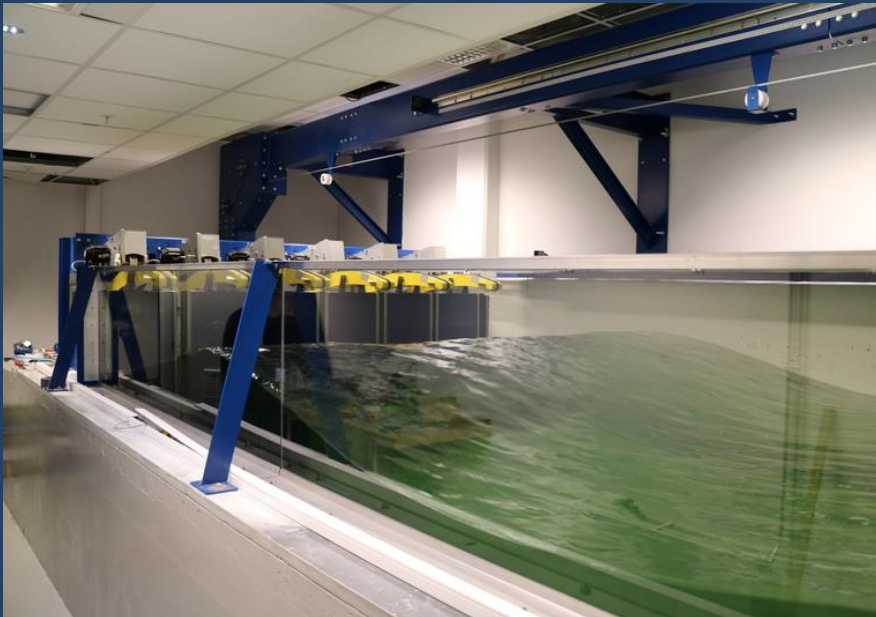
Concept towing tank

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❖ Short Term University Visits

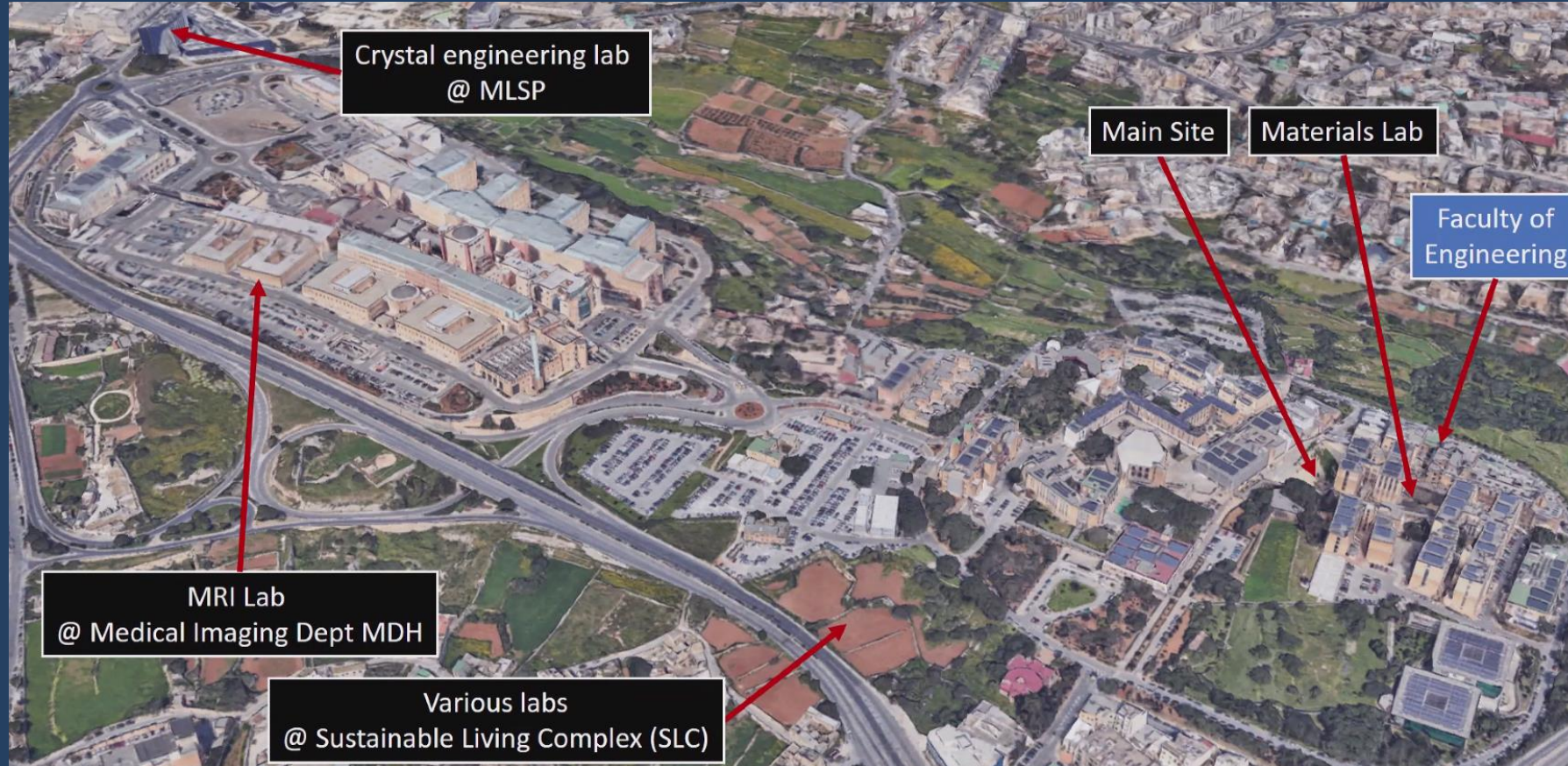
- Bergen University Towing Tank



- 6 flap paddles, 500mm wide x 1200mm hinge depth
- Towing carriage capable of 5m/s and 2m/s² acceleration
- 3m wide x 30m flume
- Glass wall extension with model access hatches

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TRAKE: Transdisciplinary Research and Knowledge Exchange Complex @ UM



Operational Programme I - European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020
"Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges"
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- Cavitation Tunnel @ UNIGE



tip vortex
cavitation



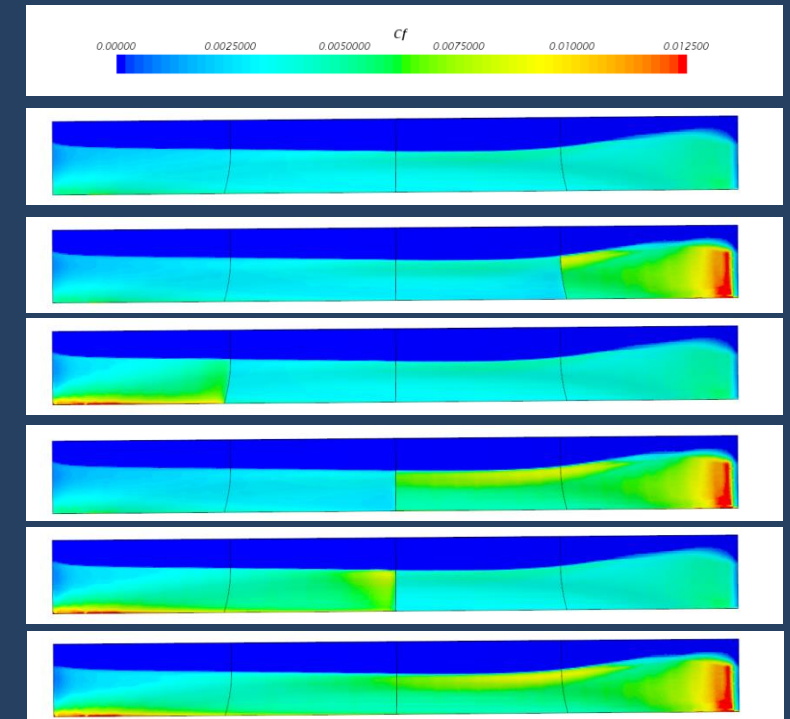
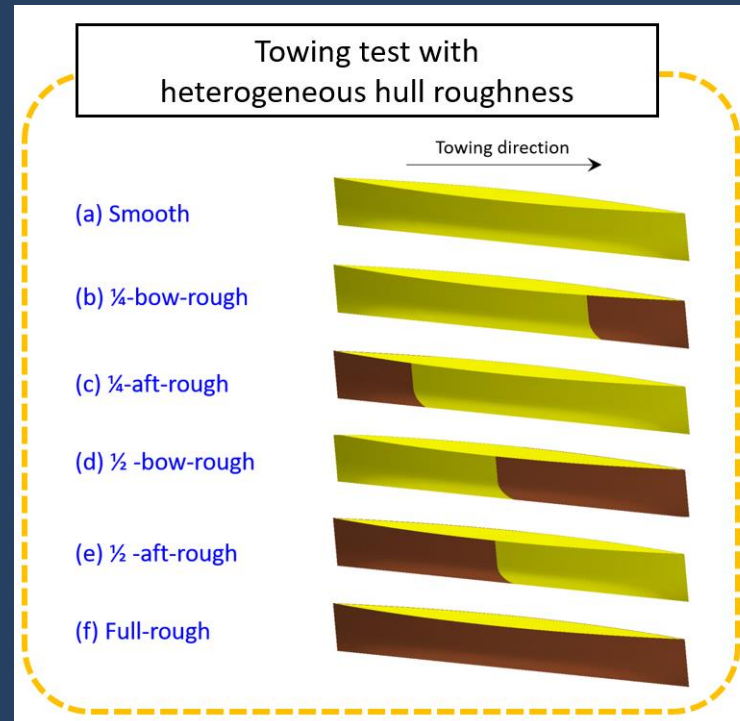
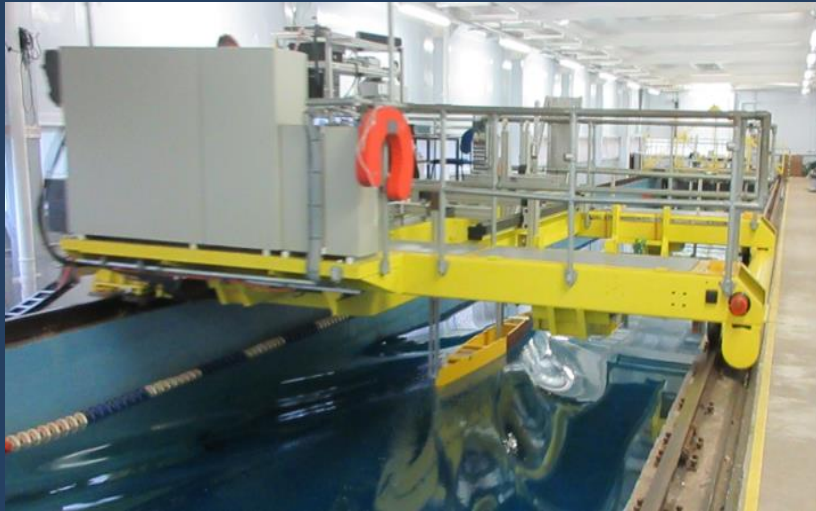
break down
of wake



➤ Raising the Research Profile

❖ Research Groups

- Resistance and Propulsion
 - Effect of heterogeneous hull roughness on ship resistance

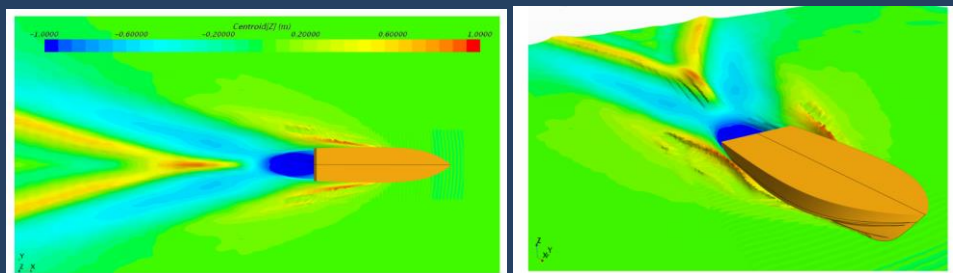
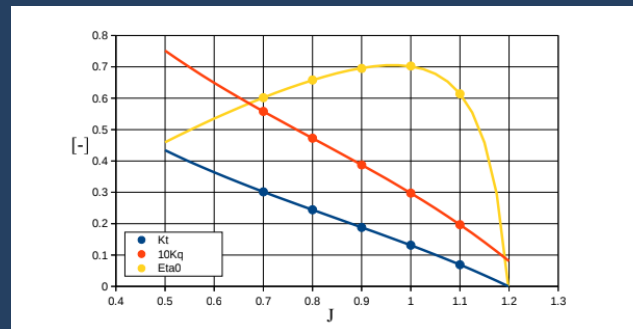
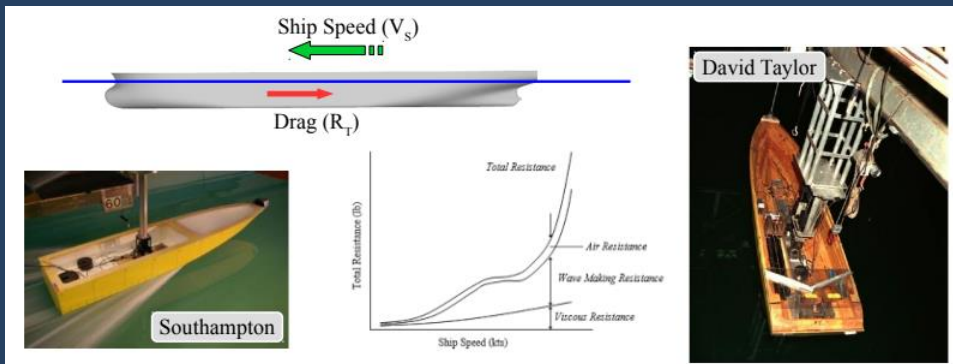
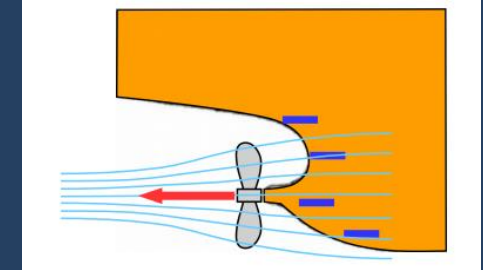


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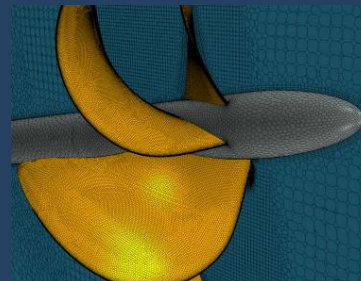
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○ Resistance and Propulsion

- Numerical & experimental (ITTC guidelines and procedure) prediction of high-speed craft in the self-propulsion condition



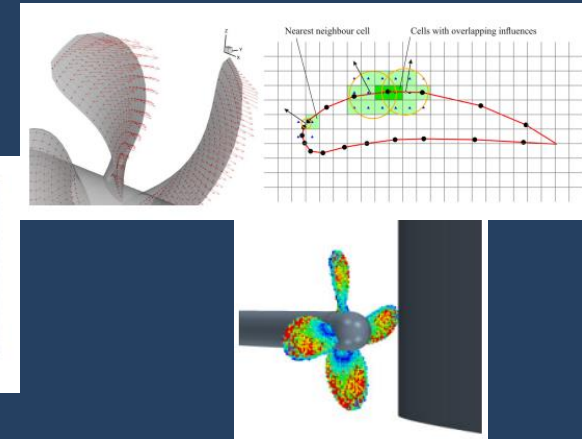
resistance tests



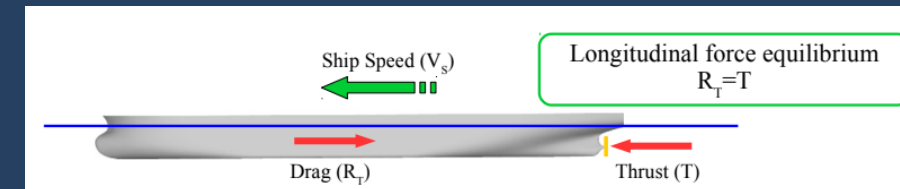
open water propeller tests



body force
approach



RANS/BEM coupling
approach



propulsion tests

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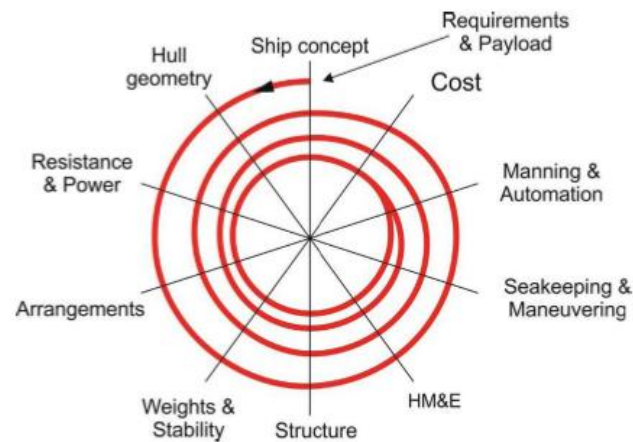
❖ Research Groups

○ Resistance and Propulsion

- Preliminary design of a diesel-electric passenger ferry for the island of Malta

Objectives:

- Maximise the number of localities serviced in the fastest way possible
- Maximum number of people per trip.
- Minimize time window at each stop
- Minimize CO2 emission for the operation of the ECO Vessel



NAS Ltd concept design

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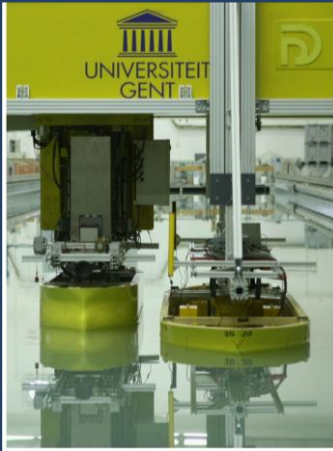
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○ Seakeeping and Manoeuvring

- The interactions between two ships during overtaking or encountering operations



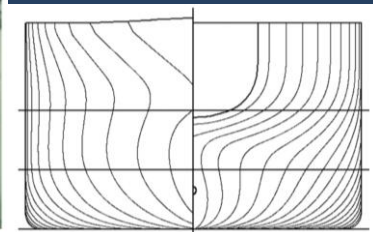
Two ships offloading



(a)



(b)



(c)

Two ships
overtaking/passing

Two ships passing in
inland waterways

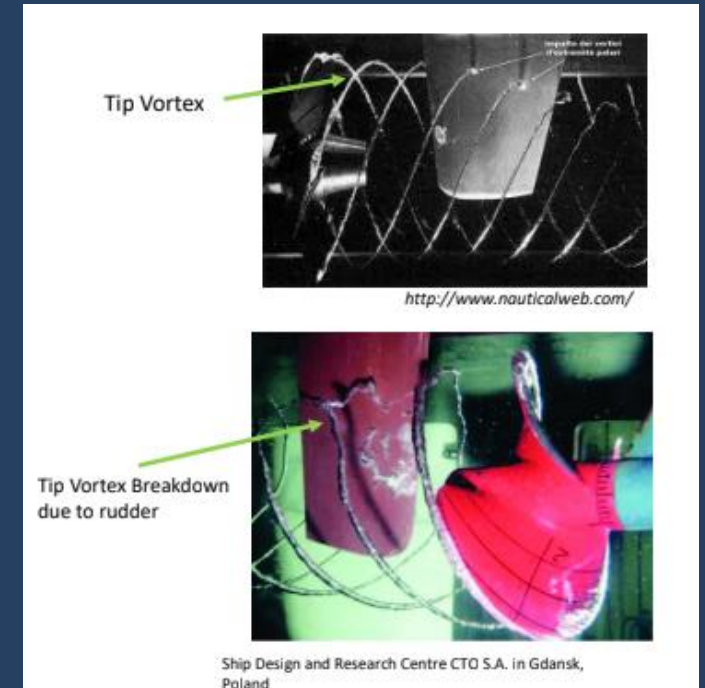
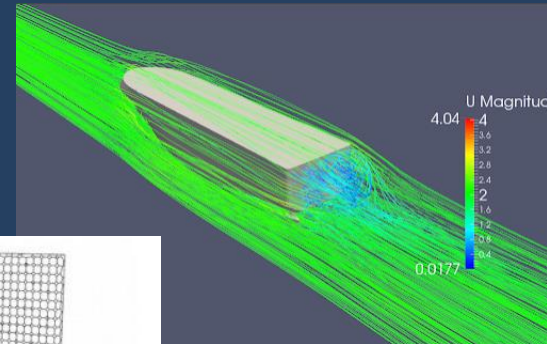
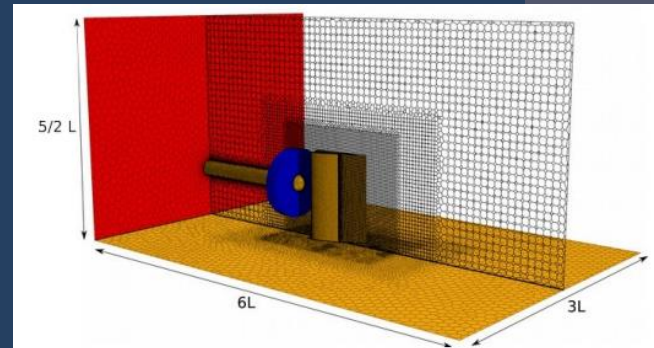
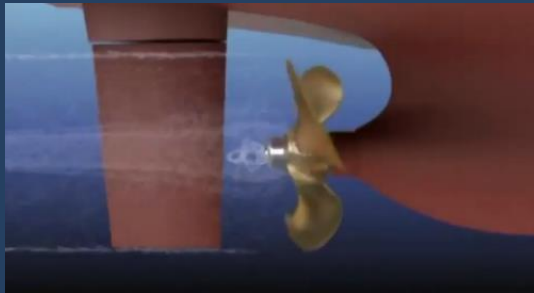
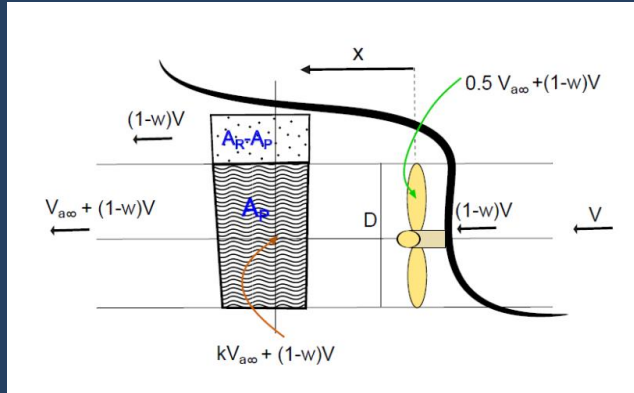


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○ Seakeeping and Manoeuvring

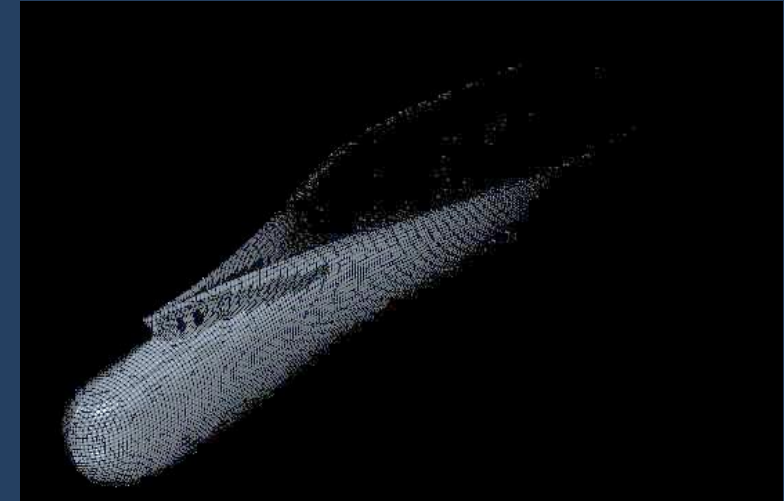
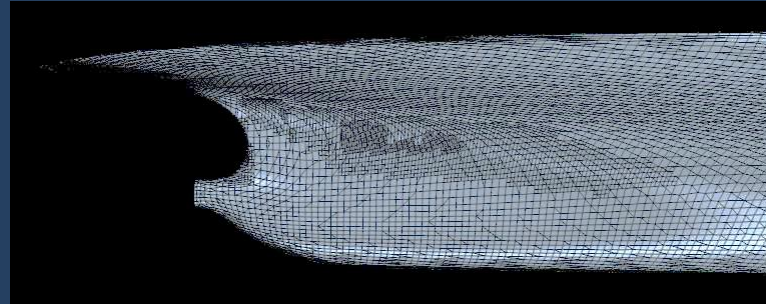
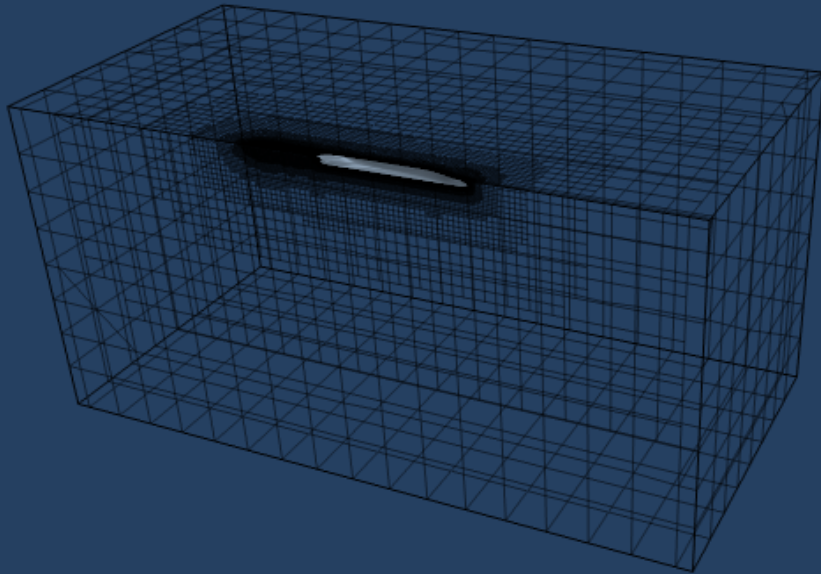
- To investigate the effects of hull-propeller-rudder interactions



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❖ Research Groups

- Combined CFD/EFD Methods
 - To investigate the effects of ship velocity on the form factor ($1+k$)

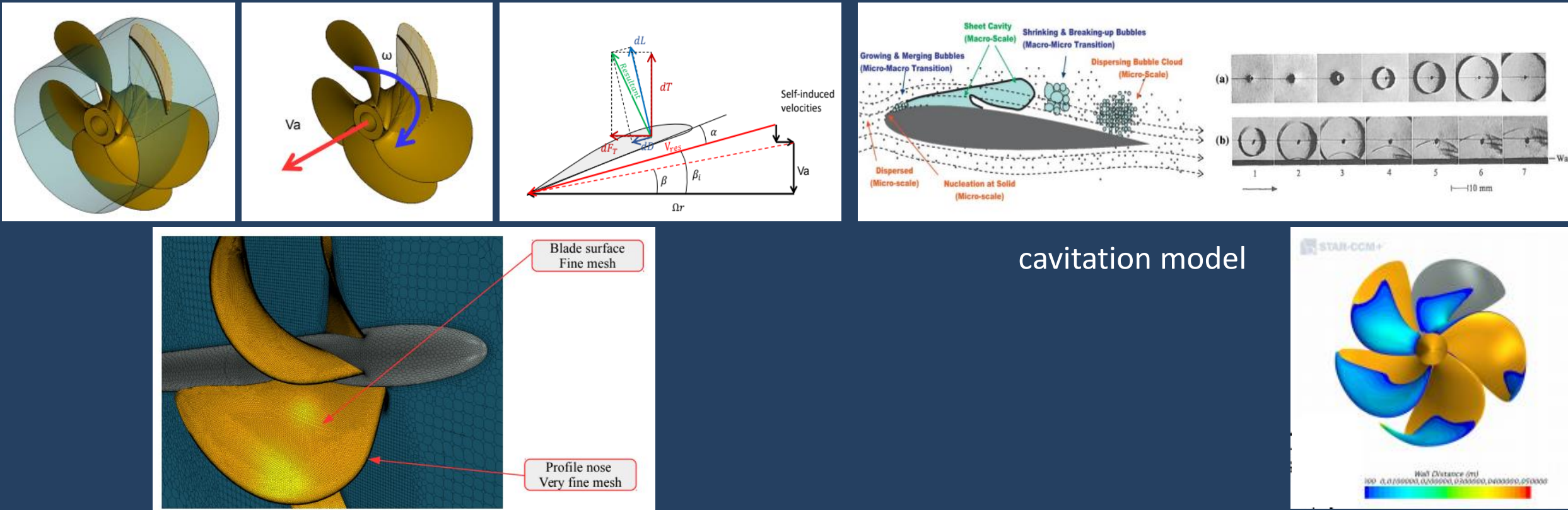


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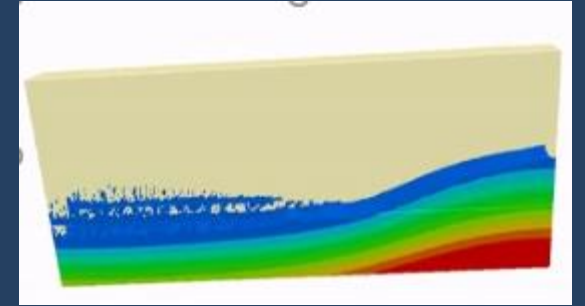
○ Combined CFD/EFD Methods

- Analysis of propellers in oblique flow: bearing forces without and with cavitation.



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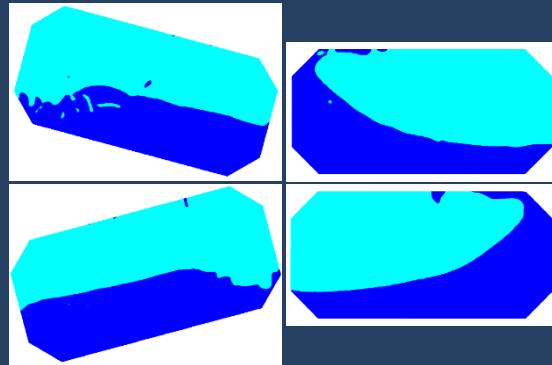
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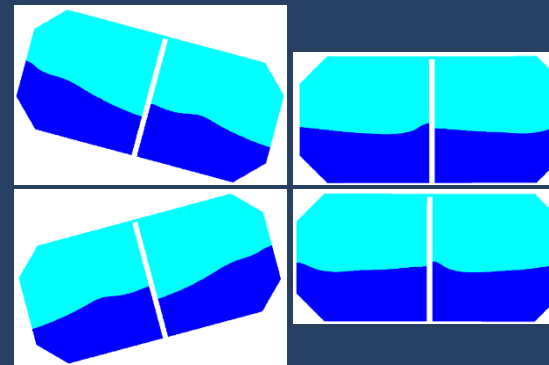
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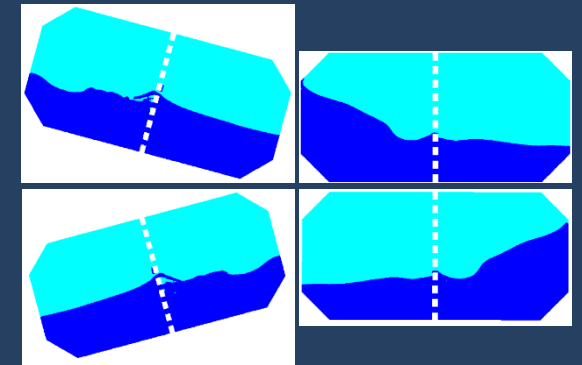
- An experimental & numerical analysis of dynamic slosh dampening utilising perforated partitions in partially-filled rectangular tanks



Open-bore tank



Partitioned tank



Perforated-Partitioned tank

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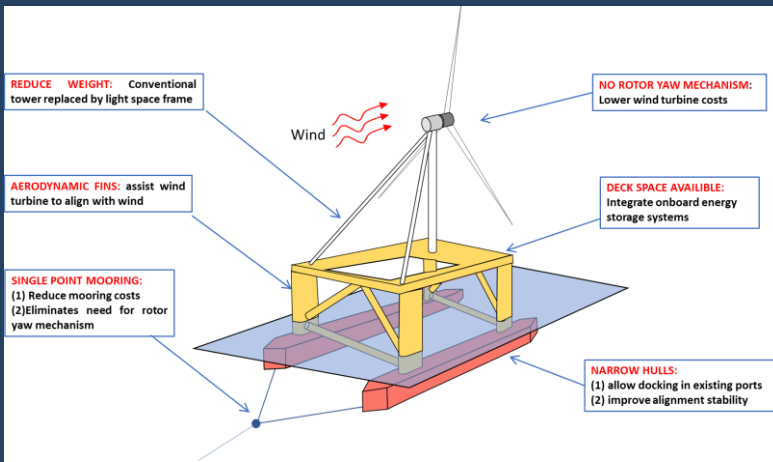
❖ Joint Proposal Strategy

- National funding from Malta

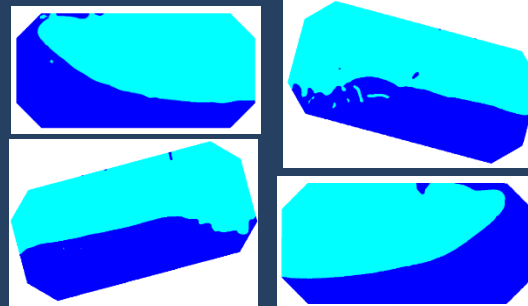
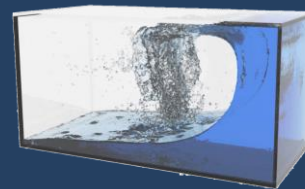
❖ Maritime Seed Award - MarSa Funds



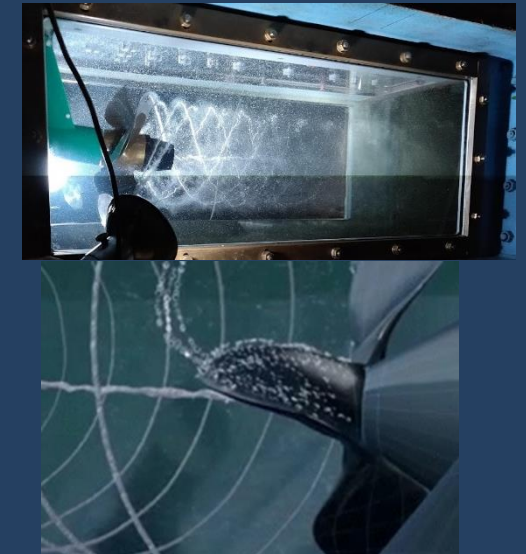
A versatile **Floating Offshore Wind Turbine** platform concept for Central **Mediterranean** Conditions (MedFOWT) - completed



Decreasing the **Sloshing-effect** on **Ship Hulls** (DeSloSH) - completed



Cavitation Experimentation Acquisition Technology (CAVEAT) - ongoing



➤ Raising the Research Profile

❖ Joint Proposal Strategy

- VENTuRE wins the Horizon 2020 Blue Award
 - The awards to MT coordinated & Maltese partner beneficiaries having participated in R&I projects within the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme



➤ Building Tomorrow's Maritime Professional and Academic Innovators

❖ Summer and Winter Schools

- School #1 - Data Analytics for Engineering - M16 ✓
- School #2 - CFD Marine Applications - M14 ✓
- School #3 - Boundary Element Method on Hydrodynamics - M30
- School #4 - Building a Successful Research Career - M30
- School #5 - Energy efficiency in Marine Engineering applications - M31
- School #6 - Dynamic Simulation of Marine Systems - M18 ✓

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