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## **Proposta progetto innovazione Turbine idrocinetiche installate in canali**

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### **Oggetto del documento**



Il presente documento viene redatto allo scopo di presentare un progetto di turbine innovative, possibilmente a basso costo, installate ed utilizzate all'interno di canali.

Tale soluzione permette di ricavare energia rinnovabile da fonte idroelettrica, con i seguenti principali vantaggi:

- Possibilità di realizzazione senza costruzione di opere strutturali massive (es. dighe, traverse).
- Soluzione altamente ecosostenibile.
- Bassi costi di progettazione ed installazione, se realizzata "in house".

Fonte ppt: C.M. Niebuhr, M. van Dijka, V.S. Nearyb, J.N. Bhagwanc: *A review of hydrokinetic turbines and enhancement techniques for canal installations: Technology, applicability and potential*

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## Turbine idrocinetiche - Tecnologia

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$$P = \frac{\rho}{2} \times A \times V^3 \times C_p$$

$$C_p = \frac{\tau \times \omega}{P_{HK}}$$

$P$  = Potenza  
 $A$  = Sezione  
 $V$  = Velocità  
 $C_p$  = coefficiente  
 $\tau$  = torcente  
 $\Omega$  = velocità angolare

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    A[Current Energy Conversion Systems] --> B[Axial Flow]
    A --> C[Cross Flow]
    B --> D[Horizontal Axis]
    B --> E[Inclined Axis]
    C --> F[Vertical Axis]
    C --> G[In-Plane Axis]
    D --> H[Rigid Mooring]
    D --> I[Buoyant Mooring]
    I --> J[Non-submerged Generator]
    I --> K[Submerged Generator]
    F --> L[SC-Darrieus (Straight Blade)]
    F --> M[H-Darrieus (Straight Blade)]
    F --> N[Darrieus (Curved Blade)]
    F --> O[Gorlov (Helical Blade)]
    F --> P[Savonius (Straight/skewed)]
  
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1) Smart Duofloat  
Axial flow- Submerged generator  
At V=2.8 m/s P=5 kW (1m diam)

2) Smart Freestream  
Axial flow- Submerged generator  
At V=3.1 m/s P=5 kW (1m diam)

3) Hydroquest River 1.4  
Cross flow- Darrieus  
At V=3.1 m/s P=40 kW

4) Waterotor Energy Tech  
Cross flow- Savonius  
At V=0.89 m/s P=1.1 kW

5) Guinard Energies  
Axial flow- Custom  
Power output range P=130-3500W  
Min V=1 m/s

6) EnviroGen Series  
Cross flow- H-Darrieus  
At V=3 m/s P=5 kW

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7) ORPC RivGen  
Cross flow- Custom  
At V=2.3 m/s P=15 kW

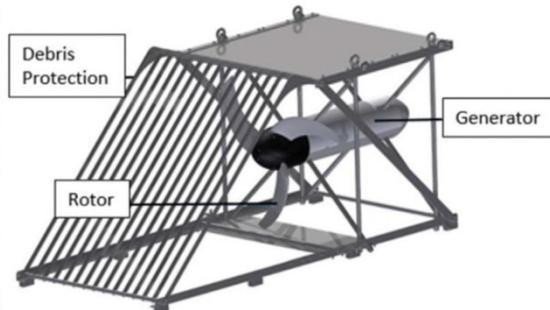
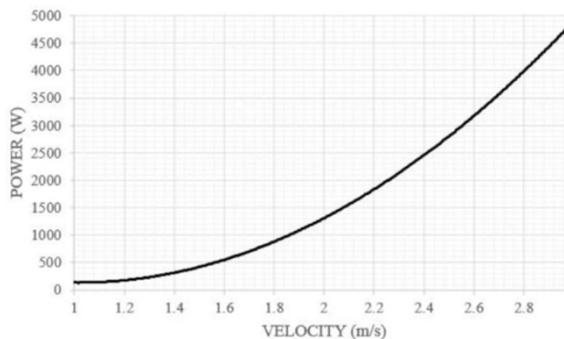
8) HeliosAtlas  
Cross flow- Custom  
Power output range P=100-500W  
Min V=1.8 m/s

9) Instream energy system  
Cross flow- H-Darrieus  
At V=3 m/s P=25 kW

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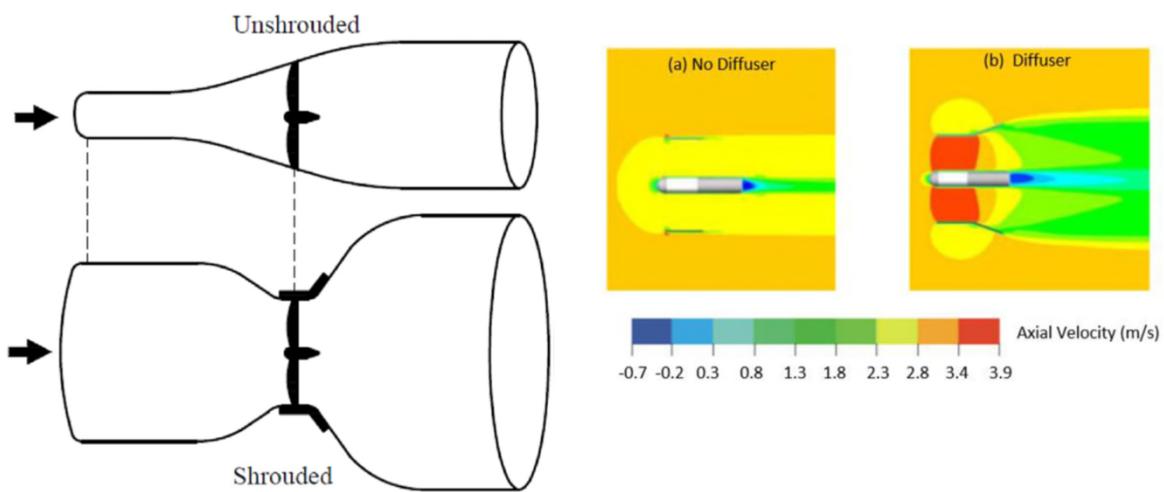
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Enhancement measure	Advantages	Disadvantages	Preferred use
<b>Confinement (diffuser/shroud)</b>	i. Cost-effective. ii. Shroud may be used as a safety mechanism. iii. Technique may result in faster flow recovery downstream of the turbine (turbulence is contained). iv. Rotor size may be reduced with the use of confinement.	i. Significantly increase the modular turbine unit size. ii. May increase the blockage thus increasing upstream damming effect. iii. May not function adequately over all flow velocities.	Use in higher velocity applications ( $> 2 \text{ m/s}$ )
<b>Channel modification</b>	i. Allows a greater scope of site selection possibilities (lower velocities). ii. Flow direction may be controlled. iii. Allows drastic flow velocity change.	i. Drastic changes may cause non-uniform swirling flow, affecting turbine functioning. ii. May result in high cost civil works. iii. Additional approvals may be required (infrastructure alteration).	Use in lower velocity applications ( $< 2 \text{ m/s}$ )
<b>Multiple turbine application</b>	i. Greater output obtainable per section. ii. Wake effects may be used to place turbines in preferable sections.	iv. Can only be applied over a short section before flow stabilizes to a higher flow depth. i. Clogging effect may be significantly worse (greater blocked area) ii. Inter-turbine effects must be considered which may be difficult to predict.	Areas with a large cross-sectional area.

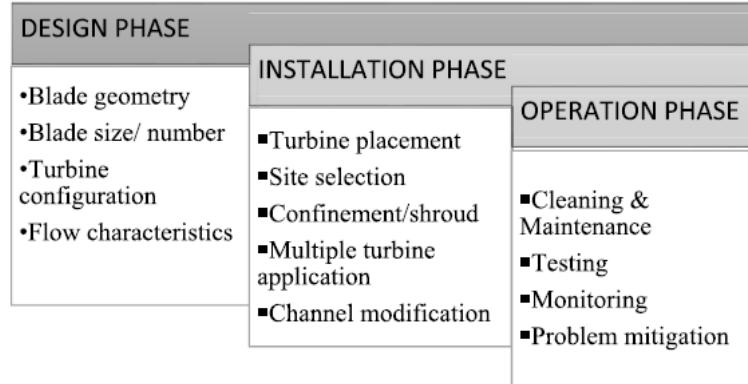
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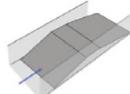
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## Turbine idrocinetiche – Soluzione di installazione



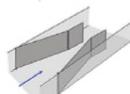
Augmentation forms Picture Design theory

Lifting canal bed



The flow exhibits a subcritical regime therefore this theory applies where the bed level is raised causing the venturi phenomenon.

Narrowing canal sides



By narrowing the canal sides the flow area is reduced over a short distance thus increasing the flow velocity.



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Installation locations

- Steep sections → Steeper canal sections result in accelerated flow velocities and therefore higher outputs from the HK device examples include canal outlets to balancing dams, or sections with higher gradients
- Flume sections → Where a narrowing in the canal occurs, higher velocities may be present.
- Siphon/ Pipe exits → Where siphons are used between canal sections narrowed section at exits may be considered as potential sites.
- Robust canal sections → Wide sections of canal with operational flexibility. Examples include high canal walls (room for damming); recovery zones available upstream and downstream

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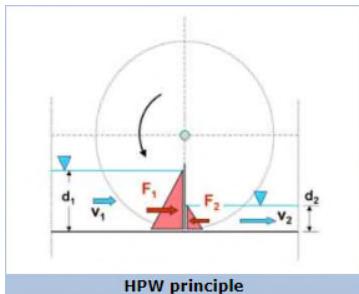
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## Hydrostatic Pressure Machine

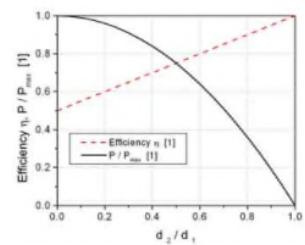
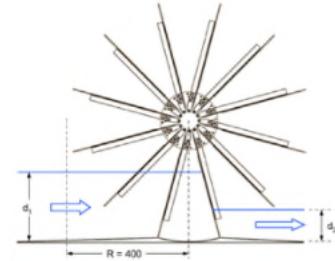
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HPW principle

L'HPC utilizza le differenze di pressione idrostatica tra monte e valle della macchina. Ciò consente efficienze elevate con differenze di carico molto basse.

L'HPC più semplice, la ruota a pressione idrostatica, è costituita da una ruota con pale radiali che fungono da sbarramento e che si muovono con la velocità del flusso.



La differenza di forza idrostatica  $F_1 - F_2$ , proporzionale alla velocità  $v_1$  e genera la potenza  $P$ . L'efficienza diventa una funzione del rapporto  $d_2 / d_1$ . Questo principio è piuttosto insolito, ma gli esperimenti hanno mostrato un buon accordo con la teoria.