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LETTER FROM EDITORS

It is our great pleasure to submit to our readers issue no. 145 of the journal **Ciepłne Maszyny Przepływowe – Turbomachiny**, in which abstracts of the contributions presented at the International Symposium **SYMKOM 2014 IMP²** are included. Full texts of the manuscripts, after the revision procedure, will be distributed in an electronic version among the symposium participants.

SYMKOM 2014 IMP² follows the tradition of meetings of people who conduct scientific and R&D activities in the field of turbomachinery: turbines, compressors, pumps, as well as modern power engineering technologies.

The first symposia were devoted to compressors exclusively, hence their name which comes from “SYMpozjum KOMPresorów” (i.e., SYMposium on COMpressors). These symposia were held at the time when the production of first industrial compressors and blowers, designed at the Chair of Thermal Turbomachines, the predecessor of the Institute of Turbomachinery, started in Poland. Since 1987 the problem scope covered by **SYMKOM** symposia has included problems of theory and experiment of turbomachines, as well as their practical applications.

The first **SYMKOM** in which foreign participants took part was organised in 1967 in Łódź. The next venues were, respectively: 1977 – Tuszyn, 1987 – Bronisławów, 1991 – Łódź and Bronisławów, 1995 – Bronisławów, 1999 – Łódź and Arturówek, and 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 – Łódź and organised by the Institute of Turbomachinery, Lodz University of Technology.

Since 1995 English has become the official language of **SYMKOMs** and conference proceedings have been published in this language.

This year for the first time, the symposium is organized by two scientific centers: **Institute of Turbomachinery, Lodz University of Technology** and **Szewalski Institute of Fluid-Flow Machinery, Polish Academy of Sciences** in Gdańsk.

The symposium programme includes plenary and poster sessions introduced by keynote speeches delivered by eminent specialists recognized in various fields of turbomachines and representing the world of science and industry. A special session will be devoted to PhD students with a competition for the best presentation delivered by a young researcher. Moreover, an exchange of ideas among users, manufacturers and researchers involved in turbomachinery will be possible within a separate panel session.

The symposium contributions will be published after decision of the **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** in two scientific journals: **Central European Journal of Engineering** (Open Access) and **Ciepłne Maszyny Przepływowe-Turbomachiny**, which has been already issued for 58 years by the Institute of Turbomachinery, Lodz University of Technology.

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The scope of **SYMKOM 2014 IMP²** covers the following topics in the field of turbomachines (turbines, compressors, fans, pumps):

- design and manufacturing (rotordynamics, performance prediction, optimization, revamp and retrofit);
- maintenance and diagnostics;
- problems of flow unsteadiness (rotor – stator interaction, surge and stall, aeroacoustics, noise reduction);
- numerical flow simulations and their experimental verification (new computational models; turbulent, transitional, multiphase flow simulations, etc.);
- experimental investigations and measurement techniques;
- new energy and heat generating cycles (thermodynamics of turbomachines);
- designs for special applications (medicine, biotechnology, etc.);
- turbines, special devices and technology for 'green energy' generation;
- microdevices (turbines, bearings, etc.) and microflows;
- educational issues;
- AOB (Any Other Business).

We do hope that **SYMKOM 2014 IMP²** will contribute, like all the previous symposia, to the exchange of experience and knowledge, and to establishing new and tightening the already existing relations and scientific co-operation in the field of turbomachinery, between both Polish and foreign institutions.

Plenary sessions and discussions at posters, which were highly evaluated by participants of previous symposia, will serve these purposes.

For the symposium venue, we have chosen the Holiday Inn Lodz hotel in the heart of the city, situated in the famous Piotrkowska Street. Within the diversified agenda of social events, this year you will visit the former textile kingdom of Karol Scheibler, where the unique 19th century architecture has been given the second life to meet modern needs. We also hope that the social events will contribute to a nice atmosphere at the symposium.

The Organizing Committee would like to thank all the people and institutions who have provided financial and organizational support.

We wish fruitful sessions, vivid discussions and a nice stay in Łódź to all the participants of the **SYMKOM 2014 IMP²** symposium.

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OPRACOWANIE ZINTEGROWANYCH TECHNOLOGII WYTWARZANIA PALIW I ENERGII Z BIOMASY, ODPADÓW ROLNICZYCH I INNYCH

Strategic Programme Number 4 (SP-No. 4): *Development of integrated technologies in the production of fuel and energy from biomass, agricultural and other waste* is being carried out by a consortium, which includes IMP – ENERGA SA with a number of agreements between IMP and Cocontractors from different universities and centres.

It is a rare example of direct involvement of industry into cooperation with science on such a scale in our country.

Project is directed mainly to build several prototype installations, including main three (flagship initiatives) which are the very essence of EAR, Energy Autonomous Regions. In the project SP-No.4 a comprehensive concept was created as well as the innovative technologies for reference CHP power plant for EAR.

In its assumptions the power plant will be using regional primary energy sources with the special attention paid to biomass, other renewable energy sources, municipal waste and agricultural waste.

Modern cogenerative installations (and technologies associated with it) were created, with a thermal output of 1 to 3 MW and electrical output 0,15 to 0,5 MW. All of these installations are based on local and renewable energy sources.

The technologies for heat and electricity generation, created in the project will be based on renewable energy sources (biomass, waste) and will become a component of distributed energy system. A concept of modernisation of local, small thermal power stations (up to 50 MW_t) for the implementation of the CHP systems was created.

As a result of new technological developments it is possible to modernise many thermal power stations in Poland, using the ORC system and new types of biomass-fired boilers.

Typical thermal power stations in our country are still using outdated technologies with low efficiency ratios. It therefore comes down to the question: What to do with underutilization of installed capacity in summer?

The reference CHP power station can consist of several independent modules:

- biomass cogeneration module with ORC technology, with electrical power output of 0,1-0,3 MWe and heat power output around 1 MWc,
- cogeneration system with combustion engine/s fuelled with natural gas, with total power electric capacity of several MW,
- biomass-fired steam unit with CHP technology, with electrical power output/heating power output of 2-5 MW,
- modernised coal boilers with new dust collection facilities.



Picture 1. Example scheme of EAR power station, 1 – biomass cogeneration module, 2 – cogeneration system with combustion engines, 3 – biomass-fired steam unit with CHP, 4 – modernised coal boilers

Biomass cogeneration system CHP – ORC - fitted to summer demand on hot water – is going to work all year, while other systems will be running according to the heat demand (this limitation is very important mainly for engines for which income from electrical power production does not cover all of the operating costs – so the income from heat is needed). Steam unit is an exception and is also designed for all year work. During the heating season it will be working in heating mode, while in no heating season it will be working in condensation mode with maximum electrical energy production efficiency.

Essential and the same time excellent support for the idea of EAR is construction of laboratorial background. An example here can be Micro Power Station Laboratory in IMP PAN in Gdańsk. There will be tested systems with combustion engines of 500 kW and ORC microturbines of 100 kW and steam turbines of 30 kW. In 2014, after finishing the construction it will be the most modern laboratory of this type in Poland.

Created in the project SP-No.4 innovative technologies and installations are an opportunity for ecological distributed energetics (prosumer) and communal Energy Autonomous Regions based on its own resources of biomass and municipal and agricultural waste. Implementation of these technologies on large scale can put Poland on path of changes which can be seen all over the world.

Projects in the subject of prosumer energetics and EAR (=technologies of small power, using renewable energy sources) are mainly concentrated on energetics. But what is obvious, they will also stimulate development of innovative technologies in other fields. It is possible to speak here about building industry (plus energy housing) as well as about agriculture (harvesting of energy crop, micro biogas plant, biogas plant). This development will continue in Smart Grid environment in accordance with full ecological safety.



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LOW-POWER TURBINES FOR SMALL ORC APPLICATIONS

Abstract: A possibility of exploiting wasted heat and converting it into electric energy by means of different energy systems becomes more and more popular. The ORC system is one of the ways for small applications, for example, to recover waste heat from engine exhaust gases. The selection of an adequate design of the machine is a key factor to maximize efficiency of the ORC. This paper presents small turbines for power generation applications with particular attention focuses on the progress observed in recent years.

Keywords: Small turbine, Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC), combined heat and power.

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TRENDS AND PERSPECTIVES OF HEAVY DUTY GAS TURBINE AND COMBINED CYCLE TECHNOLOGY

Abstract: Information about the state of technology development of heavy duty gas turbines for power generation applications with particular attention to the progress observed in recent years is presented. Evaluation of current gas turbine and combined cycle market (key manufacturers, largest units, efficiency, emissions) is submitted. Examples of technical solutions in response to the key challenges associated with the development of technology and gas turbine market (parameter increasing of the working medium, the expectation of high flexibility, including the ability to work efficiently at partial load) are shown.

Keywords: Power Engineering, Gas Turbines, Gas and Steam Combined Cycle, Technology Progress.

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THE TEST RIG AND INVESTIGATION OF THE HIGH-SPEED ROTOR SUPPORTED BY FOIL BEARINGS AT INCREASED TEMPERATURE

Abstract: This article presents the test plan and the design-build process to build the test rig for high-speed foil bearings whose main aim is to detect the thermal instability in FB. The authors present numerical analysis of the dynamic properties of rotors supported by air foil bearings. The calculations were performed on two versions of the rotor and two values of the clamping force concerning pressing the top foil onto the shaft. In addition, the article discusses the method for selecting the maximum dynamic load that can be safely applied for the rotors. For the calculation and presentation of the results the MESWIR and the GRAF-MESWIR software were used.

Keywords: foil bearings, thermal instability, rotor dynamics, numerical analysis.

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MEASUREMENT OF UNSTEADY FLOW IN SUCTION INTAKES OF VERTICAL AXIAL-FLOW PUMPS

Abstract There are results of Pitot probe measurements of velocities at the outlet of the formed suction intake, with and without the rib. There are given conclusions of the comparative analysis of numerical computations and Pitot probe measurements. In the article there are also pressure measurements and the observation of surface vortices. These results may constitute the basis of verification of the unsteady flow computation method, for formed suction intakes.

Keywords: Cooling Water System, Suction Intake, Unsteady flow, Model studies.

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NUMERICAL COMPUTATIONS OF UNSTEADY FLOW IN SUCTION INTAKES OF VERTICAL AXIAL-FLOW PUMPS

Abstract: In the article, there are introduced results of numerical computations of unsteady flow in the intake of large vertical pumps verified by results of the measurements made on the test stand. Comparative analysis of results of numerical computations, pressure measurements and the observation of surface vortices, have confirmed the justness of a chosen computational method.

Keywords: Cooling Water System, Suction Intake, Unsteady flow, Model studies.

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THE LABORATORY TEST STAND OF THE ORC MICRO POWER PLANT

Abstract: The article presents the design and implementation of the laboratory test stand of the micro power plant with an Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC). The test stand was created to research different constructions of micro-turbines operating on a low-boiling agent. The electric power of these micro-turbines is 2-3 [kW]. There are measuring sensors connected to the test stand, which are necessary to collect information about the work of the whole ORC system. This laboratory test stand was built in the Szewalski Institute of Fluid Flow Machinery in Gdansk. The research on the newly constructed test stand were performed and some of the results are shown in this article.

Keywords: test stand, micro power plant, Organic Rankine Cycle, micro-turbines, CHP (Combined Heat and Power).

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A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF POPULAR MODERN SMALL WIND TURBINE DESIGN SOLUTIONS IN TERMS OF ESTIMATED COST TO POWER OUTPUT RATIO

Abstract: In this paper a series of estimations has been performed in order to establish the actual cost-effectiveness of small wind turbines (SWTs). Different design solutions have been evaluated and based on their power curves and installation costs, using accurate wind data, a rate of investment return (ROI) period has been calculated for each one of them. The chosen turbines are: a classic three bladed horizontal axis wind turbine (HAWT), an advanced diffuser augmented HAWT and a Darrieus type vertical axis wind turbine (VAWT). The conclusions drawn from this study entertain the idea that from the economical point of view, a price reduction of SWT systems is more important, than aerodynamic complexity and efficiency.

Keywords: small wind turbines, numerical weather prediction, cost estimation.

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CONDITIONAL CONTRADICTIONS IN DIAGNOSTIC KNOWLEDGE BASES

Abstract: A recognition of the actual technical state of an object is possible by means of diagnostic expert systems. Knowledge bases of such systems are collected by teams of experts and unfortunately they are not free from errors. Identification of errors, and in particular identification of conditional errors is a very hard task. The paper introduces a measure called disagreement level and enabling identification of erroneous data as well as errors in models represented by means of diagnostic knowledge bases.

Keywords: knowledge base, intuitionistic statement network, dis-agreement level, diagnostic system.

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THE „POOR MAN” MICRO-PIV – ADAPTATION OF PARTICLE IMAGE VELOCIMETRY FOR MICROSCALE MEASUREMENTS

Abstract: Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) is a well-established measurement technique in area of fluid mechanics [1]. Its main idea is monitoring the displacement of tracer particles over time to obtain the flow's velocity field. Although the technique is very flexible and widely used, it cannot be applied for flows in geometries of characteristic dimensions of order of millimeters or micrometers, which is often desired e.g. for visualization of the flow field between the centrifugal pump impeller and volute, in case of wall-slip flows in rheological investigations or generally in microfluidics area. In such scales the direct application of PIV is impossible due to technological issues: used in PIV lightning system – a light sheet used for slicing the investigated area will not work due to near-wall reflections, optical elements limited laser damage threshold and align problems. Therefore the light delivery system has to be completely redesigned, but as the other system components, data acquisition system and light source remain untouched, the adaptation of PIV system is possible in form of micro PIV [2,3]. In current work we would like to test the possibility of building such an adapter, aiming for

costs minimization, therefore we decide to reduce the microPIV system, using the breadboard-mounted set of opto-mechanical elements instead of using fluorescent microscope.

Keywords: flow visualization, velocity measurements, microfluidics, PIV, microPIV.

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STEAM TURBINE STRESS CONTROL USING NARX NEURAL NETWORK

Abstract: Considered here is concept of steam turbine stress control, which is based on Nonlinear AutoRegressive neural networks with eXogenous inputs. Using NARX neural networks, which were trained based on experimentally validated FE model allows to control stresses in protected thick-walled steam turbine element with FE model quality. Additionally NARX neural network, which were trained base on FE model, includes: nonlinearity of steam expansion in turbine steam path during transients, nonlinearity of heat exchange inside the turbine during transients and nonlinearity of material properties during transients. Moreover NARX neural network allows to predict strength parameters (stress and temperature in protected steam turbine thick-walled element) for few time steps ahead. This leads to high accuracy of stress control. In this article NARX neural networks stress controls is shown as an example of HP rotor of 18K390 turbine. HP part thermodynamic model as well as heat exchange model in vicinity of HP rotor, which were used in FE model of the HP rotor and the HP rotor FE model itself were validated bas on experimental data for real turbine transient events. In such a way it is ensured that NARX neural network behave as real HP rotor during steam turbine transient events.

Keywords: stress control, steam turbine, neural networks, rotor.

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ANALYSIS OF HOT-WIRE MEASUREMENTS ACCURACY IN TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER

Abstract: The paper discusses the problem of measuring velocity fluctuations of turbulent boundary layer using hot-wire probes. The study highlighted the problem of spatial resolution, which is essential when measuring small-scale in wall-bounded flows. Additionally, the attention was paid to the inconsistency in streamwise fluctuation measurements using single and X-wire probes. To clarify this problem the energy spectra using wavelet transformation were calculated. The analysis was performed for turbulent boundary layer flow, which was characterized by the Reynolds number based on the friction velocity equal $Re_{\tau} \approx 1000$.

Keywords: Turbulent Boundary Layer; Hot-wire; Spatial Resolution; Energy Spectra.

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CFD SIMULATION OF THE RELATIVE VORTICES ALONG THE CENTRIFUGAL FAN CHARACTERISTICS COMBINED WITH EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION

Abstract: Results of the centrifugal fans research project including CFD simulations of the relative velocities, trajectories and pressure profiles inside the rotor blade channels, have been presented in this study. Complete analysis of the characteristics was performed. Theoretical analysis of one-dimensional flow has also been studied. The conclusions confirmed that the change of rotation direction of the relative vortex inside the rotor blade channels, occurs along the fan characteristic.

Keywords: centrifugal model, relative vortex, CFD simulation, change of vortex rotation.

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DYNAMICAL SYSTEM ANALYSIS OF UNSTABLE FLOW PHENOMENA IN CENTRIFUGAL BLOWER

Abstract: Methods of dynamical system analysis were employed to analyze unsteady phenomena in the centrifugal blower. Pressure signals gathered at different control points were decomposed into their Principal Components (PCs) by means of Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA). Certain number of PCs was considered in the analysis based on their statistical correlation. Projection of the original signal onto its PCs allowed to draw the phase trajectory that clearly separated non-stable blower working conditions from its regular operation.

Keywords: Singular Spectrum Analysis, Nonlinear dynamics, Statistical pattern recognition, compressor, surge.

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MONITORING AND DIAGNOSTICS OF SPECIAL-PURPOSE TURBOMACHINES

Abstract: In the operation of special-purpose turbomachines, diagnostic tools which enable control of the machine technical state and its operation parameters in the on-line mode are necessary. The acquisition and processing of the measurement data in real time, which are indicators of the machine functioning under various operating conditions, are crucial. The paper presents two types of computer designed diagnostic tools to monitor in real time the dynamic and thermodynamic parameters of special-purpose turbomachines. The first one monitors the dynamics of the rotating system with an active magnetic bearing, the second - monitors the instant value of polytropic efficiency of the compression process, which was designed for the industrial machine.

Keywords: turbomachinery, monitoring, diagnostics, magnetic bearing, polytropic efficiency.

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A METHOD FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF OPERATIONAL SEVERITY FOR A HIGH PRESSURE TURBINE BLADE OF AN AERO-ENGINE

Abstract: This paper provides a tool for the estimation of the operational severity of a high pressure turbine blade of an aero engine. A multidisciplinary approach using aircraft/engine performance models which provide inputs to a thermo-mechanical fatigue damage model is presented. In the analysis, account is taken of blade size, blade metal temperature distribution, relevant heat transfer coefficients and mechanical and thermal stresses. The leading edge of the blade is selected as the critical part in the estimation of damage severity for different design and operational parameters. The study also suggests a method for production of operational severity data for the prediction of maintenance intervals.

Keywords: thermo-mechanical fatigue, turbine blades, oxidation, creep.

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INFLUENCE OF OPERATING PARAMETERS ON THERMODYNAMIC EFFICIENCY OF EXPERIMENTAL TURBINE WITH 1000 MW HP PART

Abstract: The results of experiments performed on a 5-stage steam turbine are presented. Operating parameters close to the real design parameters are simulated. The modes with the slightly different input temperature and pressure are also considered. Thermodynamic efficiency defined based on the torque moment by measuring on a water brake is compared with efficiency evaluated from the temperatures and pressures. An analysis of velocity ratios and efficiency of individual stages is carried out.

Keywords: steam turbine, experimental measurement, efficiency, wet steam, flow conditions.

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AN ADVANCED CFD MODEL TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF NON-CONDENSABLE GAS ON CAVITATION IN POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT PUMPS

Abstract: An advanced transient CFD model of a positive displacement reciprocating pump was created to study its behavior and performance in cavitating conditions throughout the inlet stroke. The “full” cavitation model developed by Singhal et al. was utilized and a sensitivity analysis test on two amounts (1.5 and 15 parts per million) air mass fraction content was carried out to study the influence of the air content in water on the cavitation phenomenon. The model was equipped with user defined functions to introduce the liquid compressibility which stabilizes the simulation and to handle the two-way coupling between the pressure field and the inlet valve lift history. Estimation of the pump performance is also presented in both cases.

Keywords: Cavitation, PD pumps, non-condensable gas effect, CFD.

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THE INFLUENCE OF THE INLET DUCT DESIGN ON THE FLOW PRESSURE FLUCTUATIONS INSIDE A SEWAGE AERATION-TYPE CENTRIFUGAL BLOWER

Abstract: Depending on customer requirements a waste water aeration blower might possess various inlet duct configurations. The design parameters that usually vary are the inlet duct volume or the geometry of the duct. However, it is not yet well known how can the duct design influence the steady and unsteady compressor operation. Due to that, this work aims to experimentally check how do such parameters as inlet duct volume, inlet filter and inlet guide vanes position affect the compressor stable and unstable performance. The measurements results show that the influence exists and has mainly quantitative rather than qualitative character.

Keywords: centrifugal compressor, waste-water aeration, unsteady pressure measurements.

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COMPUTATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE OVERLAP RATIO ON THE POWER CHARACTERISTICS OF A CLASSICAL SAVONIUS WIND TURBINE

Abstract: An influence of the overlap on the performance of the Classical Savonius wind turbine was investigated. Unsteady two-dimensional numerical simulations were carried out for a wide range of overlap ratios. For selected configurations computation quality was verified by comparison with three-dimensional simulations and the wind tunnel experimental data available in literature. A satisfactory agreement was achieved. Power characteristics were determined for all the investigated overlap ratios for selected tip speed ratios. Obtained results indicate that the maximum device performance is achieved for the buckets overlap ratio close to 0.

Keywords: Savonius wind turbine, overlap, CFD.

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EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF THE ORC SYSTEM IN A COGENERATIVE DOMESTIC POWER PLANT WITH A SCROLL EXPANDERS

Abstract: The paper presents the results of experimental investigations of the ORC system with two scroll expanders which have been used as a source of electricity. The working fluid was HFE-7100 – a newly engineered fluid with a unique heat transfer and favourable environmental properties. In the ORC system three heat exchangers were used (evaporator, regenerator, condenser) and before expanders the droplet separator was installed. As a source of heat an innovative biomass boiler was used. Studies have been carried out for the expanders worked in series and in parallel. The paper presents the thermal and fluid-flow properties of the ORC installation for the selected flow rates and different temperatures of the working medium. The characteristics of output electrical power, operating speed and vibrations for scroll expanders were also presented.

Keywords: Organic Rankine Cycle, micro CHP, scroll expander, biomass boiler.

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CONCEPT OF MULTI ROTOR ARRAY FOR DEEP OFF-SHORE WIND TURBINE

Abstract: Coastal regions in Norway, Spain, Portugal, Japan or the United States comprise over large water depths (> 50 m) making the installation of typical bottom-fixed offshore wind turbines very difficult and expensive. Floating offshore wind turbines might be a more economic option in order to exploit the high energy potential contained in the offshore winds. According to EU-funded ORECCA R&D project these locations were all identified as Level 1 resource capacity with wind velocities ranging 8-11 m/s at 10 m a.s.l. (above sea level) [1]. Different concepts of floating support structures have already been investigated as for the first HAWT prototype, Statoil's "Hywind" spar buoy turbine, which has been operated off the coast of Norway since 2009 [2]. However, rising costs of operation and maintenance (O&M) as well as manufacturing of large turbine rotors and generators already seriously impair and will impair this branch of energy engineering in the years to come [3]. To address these problems the paper presents a concept of an innovative floating off-shore multi-rotor array turbine.

Keywords: off-shore wind turbine, floating platform, multi rotor array, wind resources.

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APPLICATION OF THE MODIFIED BLADE ELEMENT METHOD FOR PROPELLER BLADE DESIGN ON HIGH-SPEED HELICOPTER X³

Abstract: The X³ helicopter is the experimental demonstrator of the H3 compound helicopter concept (High speed Hybrid Helicopter) developed by Airbus Helicopter and intended to operate at cruise speeds of about 113 m/s (220 kt). It is equipped with short fixed wings and two side-mounted propellers. Usually, fixed-wing propellers are sized to optimize the power consumption in cruise flight. In the case of a compound helicopter, some other flight cases such as hover and descent in autorotation also have to be considered. The geometrical criteria to satisfy all flight regimes may be contradicting what implies a compromise and a new approach to the propeller design. This paper presents the different steps of X³ propellers design from novelty theoretical Blade Element Method studies confirmed by CFD, experimental and flight tests.

Keywords: high speed helicopter, compound helicopter, BEM, CFD, experiment, flight test.

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DESIGN AND NUMERICAL STUDY OF TURBINES OPERATING WITH MDM AS WORKING FLUID

Abstract: Design processes and numerical simulations have been presented for a few cases of turbines designated to work in ORC systems. The chosen working fluid is MDM.

The considered design configurations include single stage centripetal reaction and centrifugal impulse turbines as well as multistage axial turbines. The power outputs vary from about 75 kW to 1 MW.

The flow in single stage turbines is supersonic and requires special design of blades. The internal efficiencies of these configurations exceed 80% which is considered high for these type of machines. The efficiency of axial turbines exceed 90%. Possible turbine optimization directions have been also outlined in the work.

Keywords: ORC, turbines, MDM, numerical simulations, CHP.

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THE BIONIC APPROACH IN NOISE REDUCTION OF THE FLUID MACHINERY

Abstract: At the present time minimization of the noise emission is an important issue. The most difficult is reducing source noise, but this is an important issue and must be considered in the design of future devices. Bionics is a novel approach to developing designs and products by taking inspiration from nature. Our studies about the aerodynamic noise of blades are inspired by owls. In this study the aeroacoustical parameters of wings the different species of owls were connect with their geometrical parameters. Thanks to this will be possible to design the "acoustically friendly" blade of fan.

Keywords: bionics, owls, noise reduction.

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INFLUENCE OF MESH GRIDS AND TURBULENCE MODELS ON 2D AND 3D VISCOUS FLUTTER IN TURBOMACHINERY CASCADE

Abstract: In this study, numerical simulations of 2D and 3D viscous flutter were performed and compared with the available experimental results for different mesh grid and turbulence models. The calculations were carried out for bending oscillations of the cascade known as the Eleventh Standard Configuration. The developed numerical algorithm solves the 3D Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes equation. Comparison of the calculated and the experimental results for the Eleventh Standard Configurations has shown good quantitative and qualitative agreement for local performances (unsteady pressure amplitude and phase distribution) at off-design conditions, benchmark solutions are provided for various values of the inter-blade phase angle.

Keywords: flutter, Eleventh Standard Configuration, viscous flow, ANSYS CFX.

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SELECTED TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF COGENERATION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY AND HEAT

Abstract: Cogeneration as a simultaneous production of electric energy and heat brings a considerable increase of energy efficiency and contributes to decrease emissions of harmful gases into the environment. Cogeneration can be applied in a large and small scale, however the opportunities for cogeneration are usually determined by the demand on heat. The prime movers in the large-scale cogeneration are steam turbines operating in a closed Rankine cycle. Extraction-condensing turbines provide the possibility of flexible coping with heat demand with practically little loss to the electric energy production. In order to take full advantage of variable load operation in extraction-condensing turbines, their adaptive control is needed and will be discussed in the paper.

Cogeneration can especially be applied in small power units of distributed generation systems. In small (and micro) units, the produced energy goes first to local communities. One can mention here the energy generation for households, residence buildings, large farms, public buildings or small and medium enterprises. The surplus of electric energy goes to the power network, whereas heat surplus goes to local district heating networks. There are many different technologies available for cogeneration of electric energy and heat in distributed sources such as gas/biogas stations, pv/solar installations, biorafinery, biomass stations. The paper describes an idea of a multi-fuel cogeneration system, which is a local energy centre for a small municipal community that includes a biomass-fueled steam power unit, ORC power unit, a group of gas piston engines and a coal boiler.

ORC is a promising technology for cogeneration based on local energy resources. ORC power units can be used as a main generation system allowing utilisation of different types of fuels. The solution also offers a possibility to apply low temperature heat sources. Therefore, ORC can be applied for topping main generation systems, for example based on piston engines or gas turbines. In the first case a heat source is usually a biomass-fueled boiler, whereas in the latter case ORC operates on a recovery heat coming from the exhaust gases and/or engine cooling

system. The ORC unit working in a combined cycle allows for a considerable increase of electric energy production.

In the framework of the strategic programme of the Polish National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR) two pilot installations with a considerable industrial potential are developed at IMP PAN:

- a poligeneration ORC system of electric power 100 kW and heat power 400 kW being a model for an agro-energy complex. The system consists of a boiler, intermediate heat cycle, ORC unit with a turbine working on a silica oil MDM, orifice cooling unit and connection to electric and heating network. The system products electricity, heat and cold;
- a cogeneration gas/ORC unit of electric power 0.45 MWe with a gas piston engine topped by an ORC unit. The recovery boiler is installed to transport heat from exhaust gases to the low-temperature ORC unit working on a medium SES36, whereas the heat from cooling the piston engine is used for network heating.

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SENSITIVITY STUDY OF DIFFUSER ANGLE AND BRIM HEIGHT PARAMETERS FOR THE DESIGN OF 3 KW DIFFUSER AUGMENTED WIND TURBINE

Abstract: The Diffuser Augmented Wind Turbine (DAWT) is an innovative mean to increase the power harvested by wind turbine. By encompassing the rotor with a diffuser-shaped duct it is possible to increase the flow speed through the turbine by about 40-50%. The study presents the development of a numerical model and its validation by the experiments performed in the wind tunnel of the Institute of Turbomachinery, TUL. The numerical model is then used for the geometry sensitivity study, to optimize the shape of a diffuser. The paper concludes that the DAWT technology has the potential to even double the power outcome of wind turbine when compared to a bare rotor version.

Keywords: Diffuser Augmented Wind Turbine (DAWT), small wind turbines, wind energy, numerical flow simulation, computational fluid dynamics (CFD), Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV), simulation-experiment integration.

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TIME-FREQUENCY ANALYSIS OF THE SURGE ONSET IN THE CENTRIFUGAL BLOWER

Abstract: Time frequency analysis of the surge onset was performed in centrifugal blower. Pressure signal was registered at the blower inlet, blower outlet and three locations at the impeller shroud. The time-frequency scalograms were obtained by means of the Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT). The blower was found to successively operate in four different conditions: stable working conditions, inlet recirculation, transient phase and the deep surge. Scalograms revealed different spectral structure of aforementioned phases and suggest possible ways of detecting the surge predecessors.

Keywords: compressor, blower, surge, unstable flow, continuous wavelet transform.

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MODELING EROSION IN A CENTRIFUGAL PUMP IN AN EULERIAN-LAGRANGIAN FRAME USING OPENFOAM®

Abstract: Erosion induced by solid particle impingement is a very common wear mechanism in turbomachinery and Computational Fluid Dynamics is one of the most widely used tools for its prediction. In this article, erosion is modelled in one of the channels of a centrifugal pump using OpenFOAM®, which is an Open Source CFD package. A review of some of the most commonly used erosion models is carried out in an Eulerian-Lagrangian frame along with a comparative study of the erosion rates obtained with each model. Results yielded some disparities between models due to the different factors taken into consideration. The mesh is then deformed to obtain the resulting eroded geometry.

Keywords: Erosion, Solid Particle Impingement, Centrifugal Pumps.

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APPLICATION OF A COMPLIANT FOIL BEARING FOR THE THRUST FORCE ESTIMATION IN THE SINGLE STAGE RADIAL BLOWER

Abstract: The paper presents an application of a compliant foil bearing for estimation of the thrust force in the single stage radial blower under operational conditions. The bump foil of the thrust bearing behaves as a nonlinear spring. The knowledge of the spring deflection curve allows one to estimate the actual thrust force for a measured bump deflection at the given rotational speed. To acquire the deflection curve, static calibration of the axial shaft displacement sensor was performed. During the calibration, the information about voltage signals of the sensor for the given loading force was gathered. Then, the measured voltage values at different speeds and loads were recalculated to the thrust force. The results were verified by a comparison to the thrust force resulting from the pressure distribution on the impeller.

Keywords: compliant foil bearings, thrust force estimation, single stage radial blower.

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EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL STUDY ON CONDENSATION IN TRANSONIC STEAM FLOW

Abstract: The present paper describes an experimental and numerical study of steam condensing flow in a linear cascade of turbine stator blades. The experimental research was performed on the facility of a small scale steam power plant located at Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice. The test rig of the facility allows us to perform the tests of steam transonic flows for the conditions corresponding to these which prevail in the low-pressure (LP) condensing steam turbine stages. The experimental data of steam condensing flow through the blade-to-blade stator channel were compared with numerical results obtained using the in-house CFD numerical code TraCoFlow. Obtained results confirmed a good quality of the performed experiment and numerical calculations.

Keywords: wet steam, condensation, experiment, numeric, linear cascade.

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NEW TRENDS IN DEVELOPMENT OF ORC'S FOR MICROPOWER GENERATION

Abstract: In the paper, new trends in development of micropower generation of heat and electricity are presented. New type of CHP for domestic usage is developed in the Institute of Fluid-Flow Machinery PAS and methods of its design are presented. The most promising trends in equipment of ORC cycle for this purpose were discussed. Main attention was focused on micro-heat exchangers design based on micro-channels and micro-jets. In our opinion future development of high power heat exchangers will be based on nets micro heat exchangers.

Keywords: CHP, ORC, heat exchangers, heat transfer intensification, thermodynamics.

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EXPERIENCES FROM OPERATION OF VARIOUS EXPANSION DEVICES IN SMALL SCALE ORC

Abstract: The main aim of this paper was to present various expansion devices for an application in the small scale ORC system. The investigations were carried out in two parallel directions. One direction was to design and construct a device dedicated to the analyzed ORC system. The second direction was to adapt existing expansion devices for the needs of the analyzed ORC system. Four various devices were described and presented together with the experimental results. The most promising seemed to be the vapour microturbine which was built from the beginning as the device ORC system oriented.

Keywords: micro-CHP, organic Rankine cycle (ORC), microturbine, expander.

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RADIAL COMPRESSOR UNSTABLE OPERATION MODELLING

Abstract: Unstable operation of a compressor is a dangerous phenomenon which occurs during certain operating regimes of compressors in engine turbo-compressors and also in combustion turbines used in transport and stationary energetics equipment. It is manifested by a sudden change of pressure and speed of air flow at the output of the compressor and characteristic sounds, which result in intense vibration of the rotor blades and changes to the character of air flow in other parts of the device. Surge or stall can result in interruption of engine operation, or its destruction due to mechanical damage to the compressor blades or heat damage to the blades of the gas turbine. This is why the formation of unstable compressor modes is inadmissible and a great deal of attention is devoted to preventing it.

Keywords: Surge, Stall, compressor, CFD, PIV.

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USING REX ENVIRONMENT IN DYNAMIC DIAGNOSTICS OF ORC POWER STATION

Abstract: In the Institute of Fundamentals of Machinery Design is developed a development environment REX, which is dedicated for designing and testing diagnostic expert systems for complex technical objects. The REX environment allows to design, test and use a multilayer statement networks. Paper presents an example of using REX environment for diagnose state of some objects of ORC power station. Results of the inference process of the expert system that are very interesting for the operator are presented in a special application. In this application are presented values of statements and how there are changed during the time.

Keywords: technical diagnostics, expert systems, statements, statements network, object monitoring.

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PHASE SHIFTING TECHNIQUES FOR CONTOURING, DEFORMATION AND VIBRATION ANALYSIS

Abstract: In this paper, two phase shifting techniques are introduced for objects surface analysis with projected fringes. First, scanning phase shift (SPS) is introduced for contouring and deformation analysis, while max-minscanning is used for vibration analysis. Then, a smoothing algorithm called phase shift convolution is used on the contouring and deformation phase maps. It is shown that both these techniques are suitable for the use on unstable objects.

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DESIGNING AND UPDATING THE FLOW PART OF AXIAL AND RADIAL-AXIAL TURBINES THROUGH THE USE OF METHODS OF MATHEMATICAL MODELING

Abstract: The paper describes an algorithm for the designing of axial and radial-axial type turbines. The algorithm is based on using mathematical models of various levels of difficulty – from 1D to 3D. Geometry description of flow parts is performed using analytical methods of profiling using a limited number of parameter values. 3D turbulent flow model is realized in the program complex IPMFlow, developed based on the earlier codes FlowER and FlowER-U. The examples of developed or modernized turbines for different purposes power machines are presented. They are an expansion turbine, ORC turbine, cogeneration medium-pressure turbine.

Keywords: expansion turbine, ORC turbine, cogeneration medium-pressure turbine, CFD, axial turbine, radial-axial turbine.

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WIND TURBINE BENCHMARK EXPERIMENTS

Abstract: Nowadays, especially in Europe the wind energy market is in state of rapid development. Although the wind power technology seems mature, a lot of economic potential can be found in improving the basics of wind engineering - working understanding of turbine aerodynamics and site assessment. Especially detailed wake modeling of wind turbines working in real life conditions eg. operating in wake region of neighborhood turbine, brought a lot of attention lately. The development of wind turbine wake modelling and wind farm design tools is however hampered down by lack of experimental validation data. To fill this gap the Department of Energy and Process Engineering, NTNU Trondheim has launched the series of benchmark, wind tunnel experiments with the main idea of establishing the reliable experimental data base for typical, three bladed horizontal axis wind turbine wake and interaction modeling.

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EU-NORSEWIND – DELIVERING OFFSHORE WIND SPEED DATA FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Abstract: Offshore wind is the key area of expansion for most EU states in order to meet renewable energy obligations. However, a lack of good quality offshore wind resource data is inhibiting growth in this area. To address this issue the NORSEWInD project was established in 2008 to develop the methodology for creating a wind atlas from remote sensing satellite data which is available in the public domain. This paper gives an overview of the methodology developed and includes the so-called "NORSEWInD standard" for comparing LIDAR and mast wind data, the technique for estimating the flow distortion measured around offshore platforms by LiDARs using wind tunnel and CFD data and observations of the vertical wind profile shear exponent at the hub height of off shore wind turbines.

Keywords: LIDAR; offshore winds; remote sensing; wind energy; wind resources.

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NUMERICAL INVESTIGATION OF A GTM-140 TURBOJET ENGINE

Abstract: The paper presents three-dimensional numerical simulations of combustion in the GTM-140 miniature turbine engine. The main aim of the work is to understand the processes occurring in the combustion chamber. The coupling of chemical kinetics, thermochemistry, transport of mass, energy and momentum, and fluid mechanics is a challenge for the engineers. The knowledge of these issues is essential to achieve a high performance product.

The $k-\epsilon$ (RANS) Turbulence Model and Non-Premixed Model for the combustion was used. The particles of fluid droplets were described by the Discrete Phase Model.

Keywords: GTM-140, turbine engine, CFD, Discrete Phase Model, combustion.

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NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF A TIP LABYRINTH SEAL OF HIGH ROTATING ROTOR

Abstract: Labyrinth seal constantly is a prime turbine sealing solution because of low price, low maintenance, minimal rub particulate contamination and high temperature capability. This work aims to perform detailed CFD investigation of high speed rotating labyrinth seal. There have been found an impact of rotational velocity and pressure ratio on discharge characteristics of the rotor. Discharge characteristics were calculated for variety of pressure ratios. Moreover influence of rotor roughness was shown in each case. Performed inquiry results were shown as relative mass flow rate in function of mentioned parameters. From variety of configurations, an optimal seal configuration – providing the lowest leakage can be found.

Keywords: labyrinth, sealing, gas turbine, turbomachinery, CFD.

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TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF A LARGE SIZE INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TURBO COMPRESSOR REVAMP

Abstract: Current paper describes several modernization aspects of the process 8MW air compressor and its driver. The main aim of revamp was to increase internal efficiencies of both compressor and turbine and increase the load of the compressor without additional Power consumption. The original pressure ratio was preserved. To meet these requirements a redesign of the flow path of both machines was necessary. Moreover, the turbine working conditions were changed from extraction-condensing to condensing. In terms of compressor, impeller blade redesign, adaptation of diffusers and Abradable seals application were a part of the scope. The revamp was completed in April 2014 with all the requirements met. The paper covers the general outline and a comparison of the original and modernized machine operating parameters, design and technical assumptions, but also describes some problematic issues which occurred during the realization of the project.

Keywords: Process compressor, Turbine, Impeller, Revamp.

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OIL-FREE BEARING DEVELOPMENT FOR HIGH-SPEED TURBOMACHINERY IN DISTRIBUTED ENERGY SYSTEMS – DYNAMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

Abstract: Modern distributed energy systems, which are used to provide an alternative to or an enhancement of traditional electric power systems, require small size high-speed rotor turbomachinery to be developed. The existing conventional oil-lubricated bearings reveal performance limits at high revolutions as far as stability and power loss of the bearing is concerned. Non-conventional, oil-free bearings lubricated with the machine working medium could be a remedy to this issue. This approach includes a correct design of the machine flow structure and an accurate selection of the bearing type. Chosen aspects of the theoretical and experimental investigations of oil-free bearings and supports, including magnetic, tilting pad, pressurized aerostatic and hydrostatic bearings as well as some applications of oil-free bearing technology for high-speed turbomachinery are described in the paper.

Keywords: oil-free bearings, turbomachinery, distributed energy systems.

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INVESTIGATION THE EFFECT OF SELECTED DESIGN AND OPERATING PARAMETERS ON THE DYNAMIC PROPERTIES OF THE STEAM MICRO-TURBINE

Abstract: The topic of the article is the analysis of the influence of selected design parameters and operating conditions on the radial steam micro-turbine, which was adapted to operate with low-boiling agent in the system based on the ORC. In the following parts of this article the results of the thermal load analysis, the residual unbalance and the stiffness of bearing supports are discussed. Studies showed that the steam micro-turbine is characterized by very good dynamic properties and is resistant to extreme operating conditions. The prototype of micro-turbine has passed a series of test calculations. It has been found that it can be subjected to experimental research in the micro combined heat and power system.

Keywords: micro-turbine, rotor dynamics, rotor-bearings system, ORC systems.

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