

INNOVATIVE INLAND WATERWAY VESSELS FOR THE DANUBE REGION

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CONTEXT

Some important facts:

- Danube become to be an EU waterway
- Safety and environment Regulations come in waves
- The structure of transportation demand is changing
- The actual fleet on Danube goes to the end of lifetime



Actions in progress:

- EU programs and strategies for fleet development
- Organizations and workgroups
- Meetings of experts (including the present meeting)
- Companies involved in R&D (including SDG)

OBJECTIVES

Required characteristics of inland vessels:

- Fuel efficient
- Environmental friendly
- Adapted to market requirements
- Adapted to waterway conditions
- Low cost of investment
- Good looking ships

R&D directions:

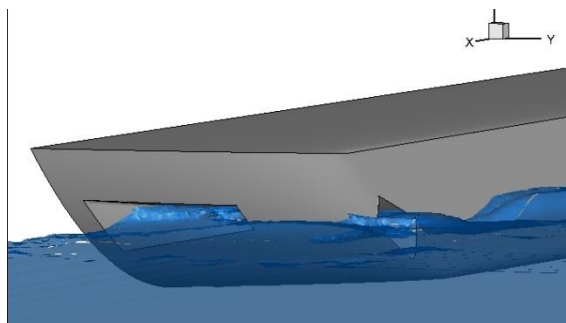
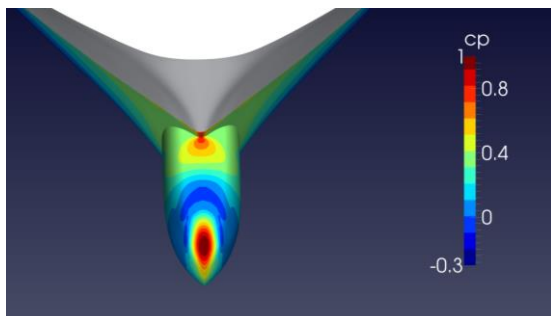
- Improvement of hydrodynamic characteristics (of hull and propulsion)
- Use of alternative fuels
- High efficient engines
- Special materials and structures
- Better transport management

SDG PROJECTS

LNG FUELED PUSHER



HIGH EFFICIENT PASSENGER VESSELS



RESEARCH FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL HYDRODYNAMIC SOLUTIONS

LNG FUELED PUSHER

Contractual research, part of “Innovative ship” program and “LNG Master Plan”

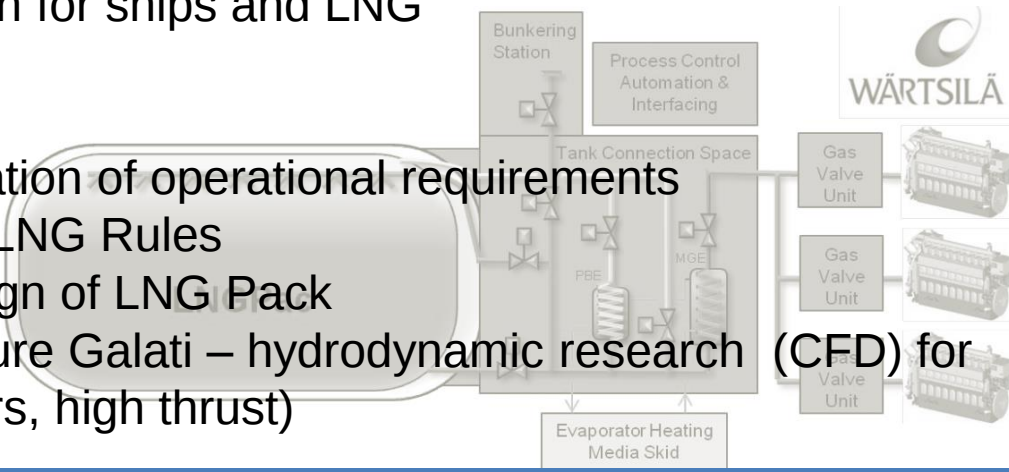
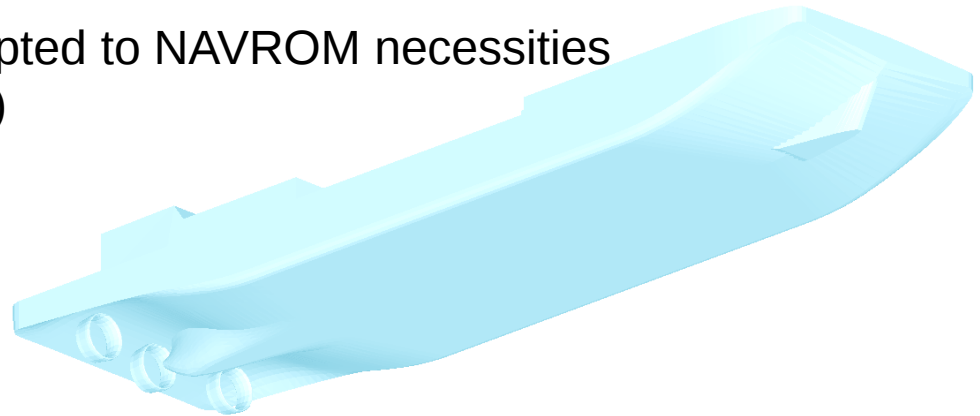
Task: Design a modern pusher adapted to NAVROM necessities using dual fuel (DO and LNG)

Requirements:

- Power 2400-3200 HP
- Range 1400 km at 10 km/h
- Draught less than 1.8 m
- Rules EU regulation for ships and LNG

In co-operation with:

- NAVROM Galati – clarification of operational requirements
- Classification Societies – LNG Rules
- WARTSILA – custom design of LNG Pack
- Faculty of Naval Architecture Galati – hydrodynamic research (CFD) for propulsion (three propellers, high thrust)



LNG FUELED PUSHER

Design characteristics

- Two versions: 2x1050 kW (2800 HP) and 3x876 kW (3570HP)
- Custom LNG equipment: WARTSILA “LNGPac H160-D9”
- Main dimensions (LxBxT): 42x11.2x1.70 m
- Air draft 7.50 / 5.95 m
- Range in standard operational profile, depend on version
 - Diesel mode 330/270 hours
 - LNG 270/200 hours
- Fuel cost saving
- Emission reduction (compared with diesel only):
 - NO_x - 60%; SO_x - 95%; PM - 85%; CO₂ - 20%



HIGH EFFICIENT PASSENGER VESSELS

Contractual research, 6 (six) types of vessel in operation, one in design process

Task: Design a day passenger ship mainly for tourism in Danube Delta, lakes and city waterways, capacity 40-100 passengers
 Make it comfortable, efficient and environmental friendly

In operation



Ship	Length [m]	Persons	Power [HP]	Speed [km/h]
Vega	9	32	2x150	50
Bucur	16	50	2x65	20
Naiada	16	40	2x150	35
Titan	10	50	2x30	16
Karpaten	25	100	2x95	18
Bega	13	50	2x60	17





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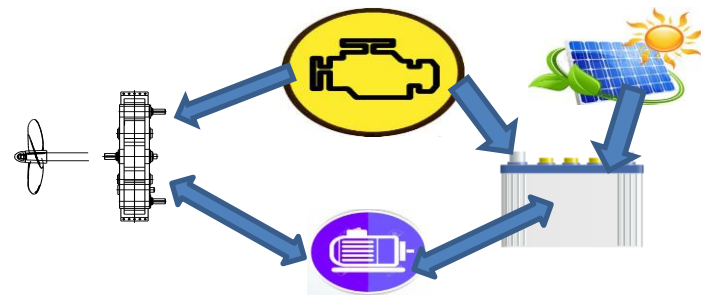
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HIGH EFFICIENT PASSENGER VESSELS

Special characteristics:

- Light construction (in general GRP)
- Catamaran type (more space, less drag)
- Shallow draught
- Hydrodynamic optimization
- Fuel efficient (abt. 25-30 g/pas/km)
- “Bega” and “Titan” have version for Hybrid propulsion (diesel and electric); Allow 4 hours electric propulsion for access in protected areas



Project under development:

Day river passenger ship either for tourism or liner passenger

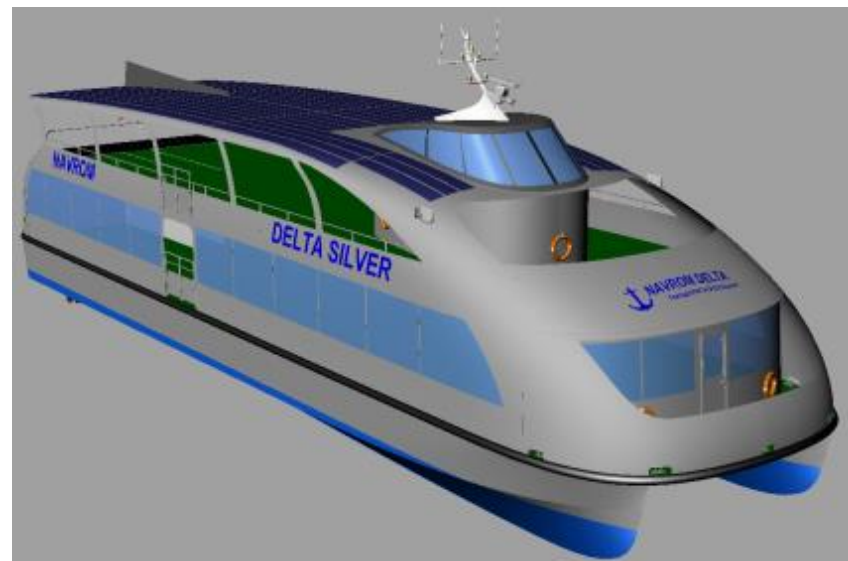
Light construction (aluminum or GRP)

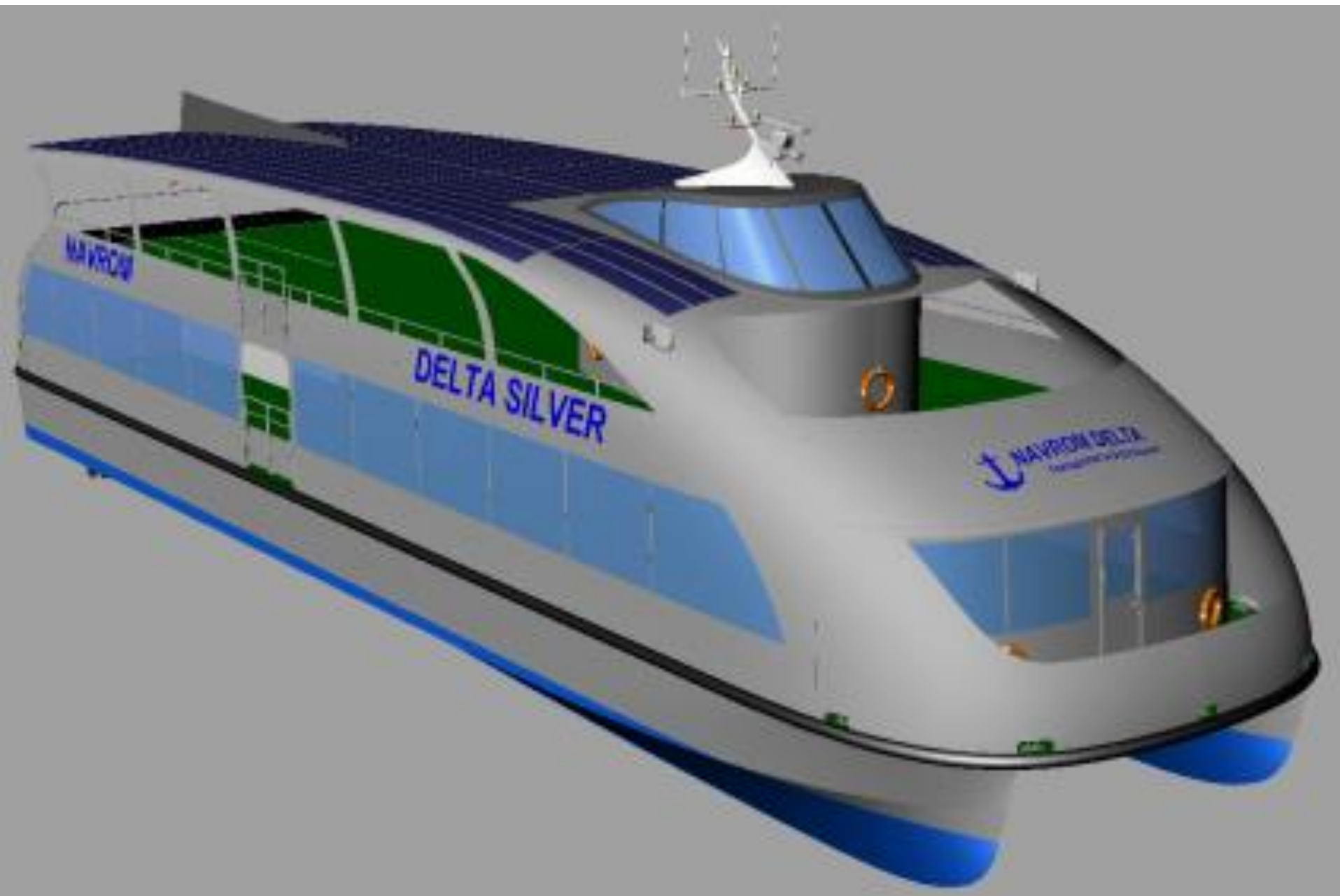
Medium speed (25-30 km/h)

Capacity 100-150 passengers (on each deck)

Modular arrangement- Liner, cruise, restaurant

Solar panels 40 kW for auxiliary energy





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ADAPTIVE BULB



Research in frame of EU project “ADAM4EVE”

Task: Minimize the ship resistance in different operation conditions

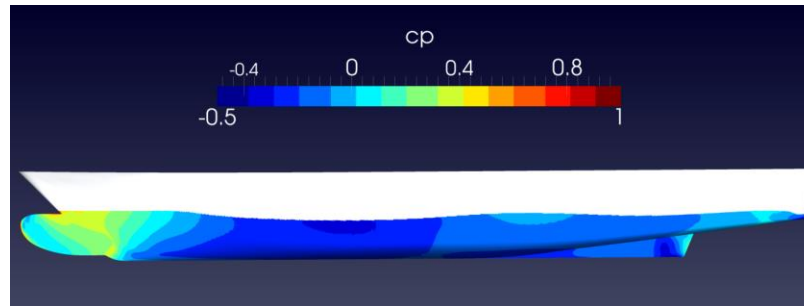
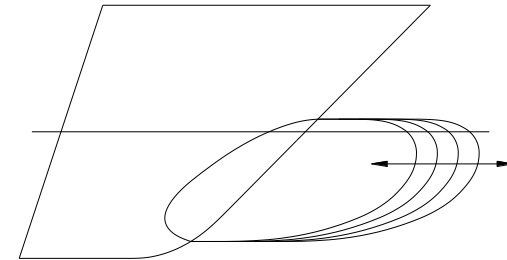
Idea: Provide an adaptive bulbous bow (variable length) for inland ships

Test ship: River passenger vessel

Method: CFD simulation + towing tank test

Co-operation with:

- HSVA Germany
- Faculty of Naval Architecture Galati

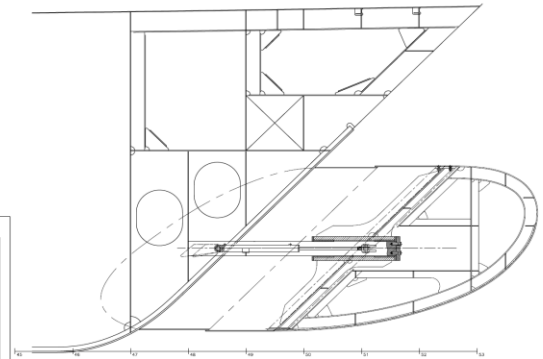
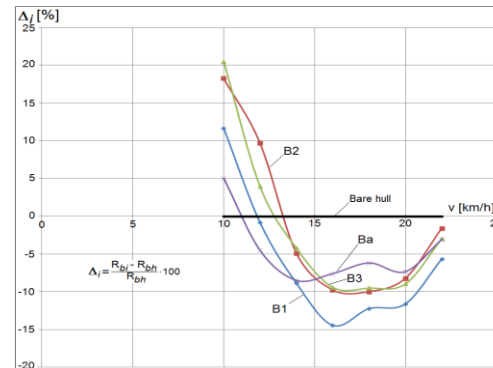
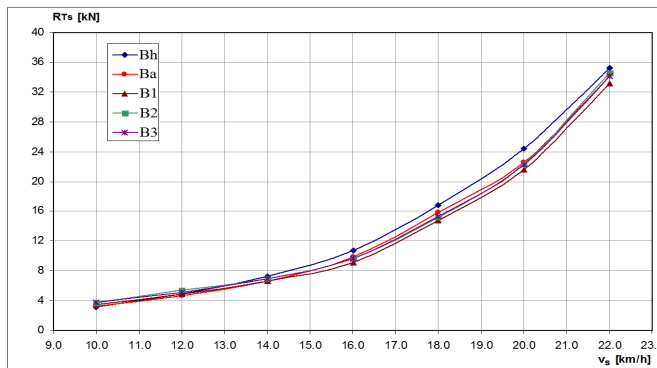


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ADAPTIVE BULB

Results:

- Ship resistance in four conditions (bare hull + 4 bulb length)
- Design of mechanism for length adjustment



Conclusions:

- in general the effect of bulb represent 5-20% resistance reduction
- depending of speed, the bulb effect is variable with it's length, in range of 5%
- at different speeds, the optimum length of bulb varies
- the length adjustment mechanism is simple, reliable and low cost
- the investment ca be recovered in less than 3 years, depending on operational profile

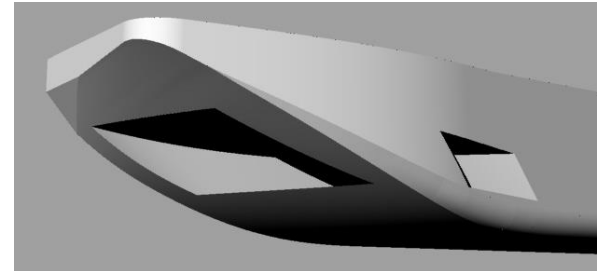
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“WHALE MOUTH” BOW

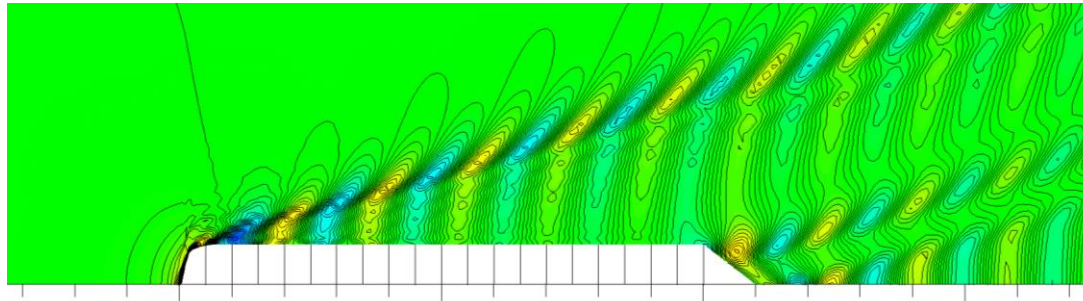
Internal research

Idea: a tunnel in fore part of ship having large B/T ratio (i.e. barges)

Ship: 2000 t dumb barge



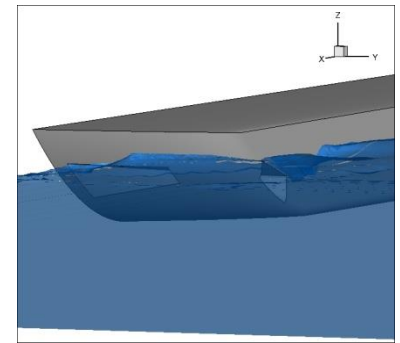
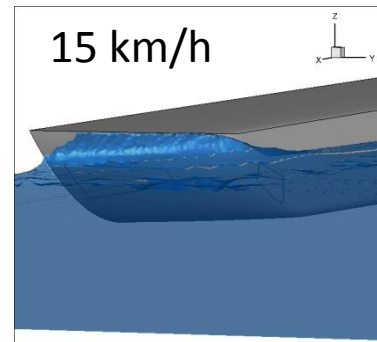
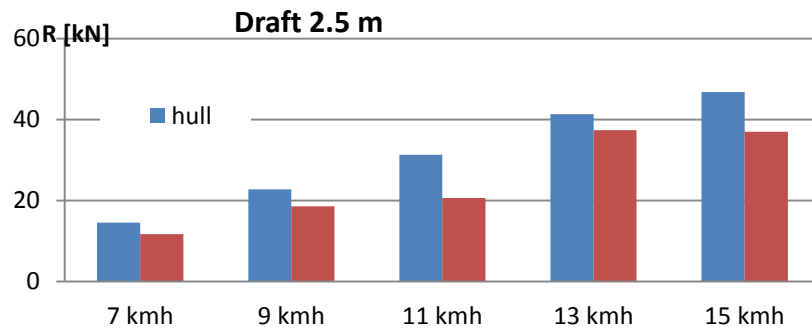
Method: CFD simulation - Viscous flow (Fluent-Ansys)



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“WHALE MOUTH” BOW

Results: Wave pattern and Total ship resistance calculation in both situation, bare hull and tunnel hull



Conclusions:

- the results looks promising
- a 1/1 scale experiment should be done (towing tank test in Froude hypothesis is not appropriate).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

