

## Turbomachinery Design

Project: 1-D Meanline Design of an Axial Turbine

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# Task:

Create a python program to calculate for rotor and stator at design and off-design conditions for a turbine using the 1-D Meanline design theory.

## Sub-Tasks:

- Calculate inlet and outlet conditions and  $\eta_{isen}$  for design parameters by varying  $\rho_h$ ,  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi_h$ .
- Plot the efficiencies for various models (combinations of  $\rho_h$ ,  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi_h$ ) and use contour plots in excel to display efficiency graphs.
- Calculate the same parameters for off-design conditions.
- Plot  $\eta_{poly}$ ,  $\Psi_{h-off-design}$  and  $\Psi_y$  for a given range of  $\Phi$  in excel.

# Assumptions (Design conditions):

- Repeating stage:

Flow velocity from the outlet of the rotor = Flow velocity to the inlet of the stator ( $c_2 = c_0$  or  $c_{m2} = c_{m0}$  and  $c_{u2} = c_{u0}$ )

- $\Phi$  constant:

$$\Phi_0 = \Phi_1 = \Phi_2 \text{ or } c_m = \text{const.}$$

- Blade velocity constant:

$$u_0 = u_1 = u_2$$

- Mass flow rate in rotor and stator constant:

$$\dot{m} = \text{const. (for a given } \rho_h, \Phi \text{ and } \Psi_h)$$

# Assumptions (Off-Design conditions):

- Flow follows the blades at the outlet:

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_{1, \text{DESIGN}} \text{ and } \beta_2 = \beta_{2, \text{DESIGN}}$$

- Enthalpy parameter can be approximated into a linear equation:

$$\Psi_h = 2 + K * \Phi_2 \text{ (K = const.)}$$

# Boundary Conditions and Work Parameter Range:

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# Boundary Conditions(can be changed by user)

n = 7000 #rotational speed(1/min)
R = float(287.0) #gas constant(J/kgK)
Kappa = float(1.31) #ratio of specific heats
Cp = float(1212.81) #heat capacity at constant pressure(J/kgK)
const = float(0.016) #loss constant
Cd = float(0.002) #turbulent flow coefficient
l = float(0.04) #blade length(l1 = l2)
visc = float(6.41*(10**-5)) #dynamic viscosity(kg/ms)
Z = float(46) #blade count
Cpb = float(0.2) #base pressure coefficient
delte = float(0.0004) #Profile thickness at trailing edge(m)
delcl = float(0.0005) #clearance gap height(m)
Cc = 0.6 #contraction coefficient(=deleff/delcl)
Dh = [0.55,0,0] #hub diameter(m)
Ds = [0.65,0,0] #shroud diameter(m)
Ptot = [25,0,0] #total pressure(bar)
Ttot = [800,0,0] #total temperature(K)

# Flow Coefficient Range(should be kept constant)

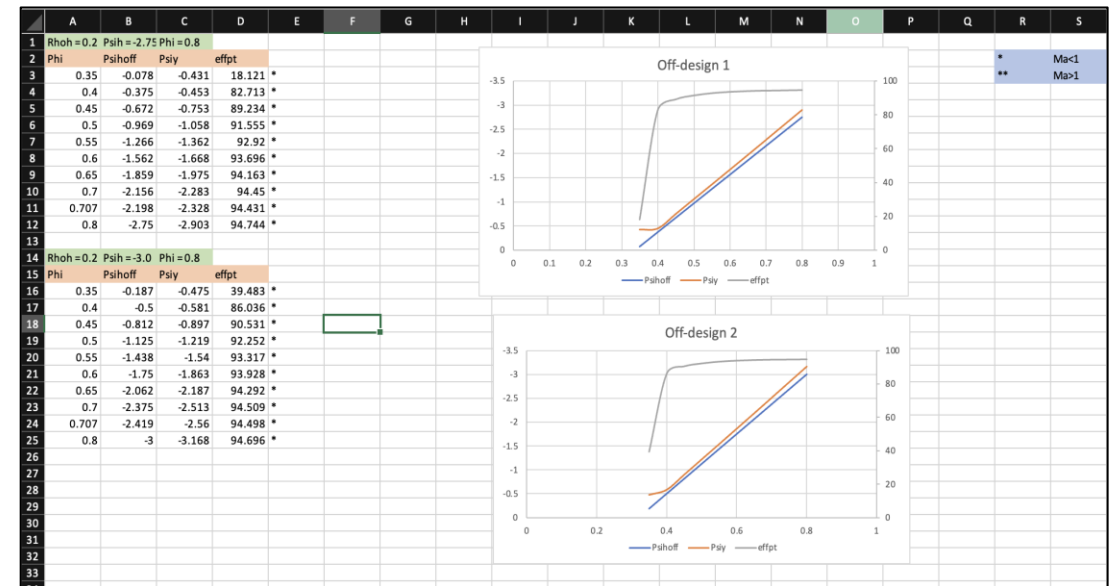
rhoh = [0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5]
psih = [-1.75, -2.0, -2.25, -2.5, -2.75, -3.0, -4.0]
phi = [0.35, 0.4, 0.45, 0.5, 0.55, 0.6, 0.65, 0.7, sqrt(0.5), 0.8]
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# Methodology:

- Insertion of boundary and initial conditions.
- Calculation of constant criteria ( $D_m$ ,  $u$ ,  $c_m$ ).
- Check for maximum rotational speed (for a given rotational speed,  $T \leq 0$  or  $T_{TOT} \leq 0$ ).
- Calculation of various parameters for every combination of  $\rho_h$ ,  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi_h$ :
  1. Calculation of velocities and angles ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $c$ ,  $w$ ).
  2. Calculation of initial conditions ( $T_0$ ,  $P_0$ ,  $\rho_0$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $dm/dt$ ).
  3. Calculation of conditions at inlet and outlet of rotor ( $T$ ,  $P$ ,  $\rho$ ).
  4. Check for choking at any point in the turbine ( $Mach \geq 1$ ).
  5. Calculation of hub and casing diameters ( $D_h$ ,  $D_s$ ).
  6. Calculation of losses in the turbine (Profile, Wake, Tip leakage, Secondary flow).
  7. Isentropic efficiency calculation with loss consideration.
  8. Plotting  $\eta_{isen}$  with  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi_h$  as the axes for every  $\rho_h$ .



- Off-design calculations for the two highest efficiency models from the design point calculations:
  - Calculation of parameters done in step 4 but for a given  $\Phi$  and using it to calculate a new  $\Psi_h$  ( $\Psi_{h,OFF}$ ) and  $\rho_h$  ( $\rho_{h,OFF}$ ).
  - Calculation of  $\Psi_y$ .
  - Plotting  $\Psi_h$ ,  $\Psi_y$  and  $\eta_{poly}$  against  $\Phi$ .
- Display of results using graphs and contour plots.



# Termination Criteria:

## 1. Rotational speed:

At a certain speed it was observed that the temperature (static or total) at some point inside the turbine becomes negative which is not realistically possible. Hence the program is designed to be terminated if the given rotational speed is greater than the allowable rotational speed ( $T$  and  $T_{TOT} > 0$ ).

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#Check for max rotational speed
while ntest < n+100:
    for Rhoh in rhoh:
        for Psih in psih:
            for Phi in phi:
                u = float((pi*Dm*ntest)/60)
                cm = float(Phi*u)
                alpha[1] = acos(((1-Rhoh-(Psih/4)))/sqrt(((1-Rhoh-(Psih/4))**2+Phi**2)))
                beta[1] = acos(((1-Rhoh+(Psih/4)))/sqrt(((1-Rhoh+(Psih/4))**2+Phi**2)))
                alpha[2] = acos(((0-Rhoh-(Psih/4)))/sqrt(((0-Rhoh-(Psih/4))**2+Phi**2)))
                beta[2] = acos(((0-Rhoh+(Psih/4)))/sqrt(((0-Rhoh+(Psih/4))**2+Phi**2)))
                c[1] = float(cm/sin(alpha[1]))
                c[2] = float(cm/sin(alpha[2]))
                T[0] = float(Ttot[0]-(c[2]**2/(2*Cp)))
                Ttot[2] = float(Ttot[0]+(Psih*(u**2))/(2*Cp))
                T[2] = float(Ttot[2]-((c[2]**2)/(2*Cp)))
                Ttot[1] = Ttot[0]
                T[1] = float(Ttot[1]-(c[1]**2/(2*Cp)))
                if T[0] <= 0 or T[1] <= 0 or T[2] <= 0 or Ttot[1] <= 0 or Ttot[2] <= 0:
                    sys.exit("Rotational speed exceeds max allowed speed")
            ntest = ntest+100
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## 2. Choking:

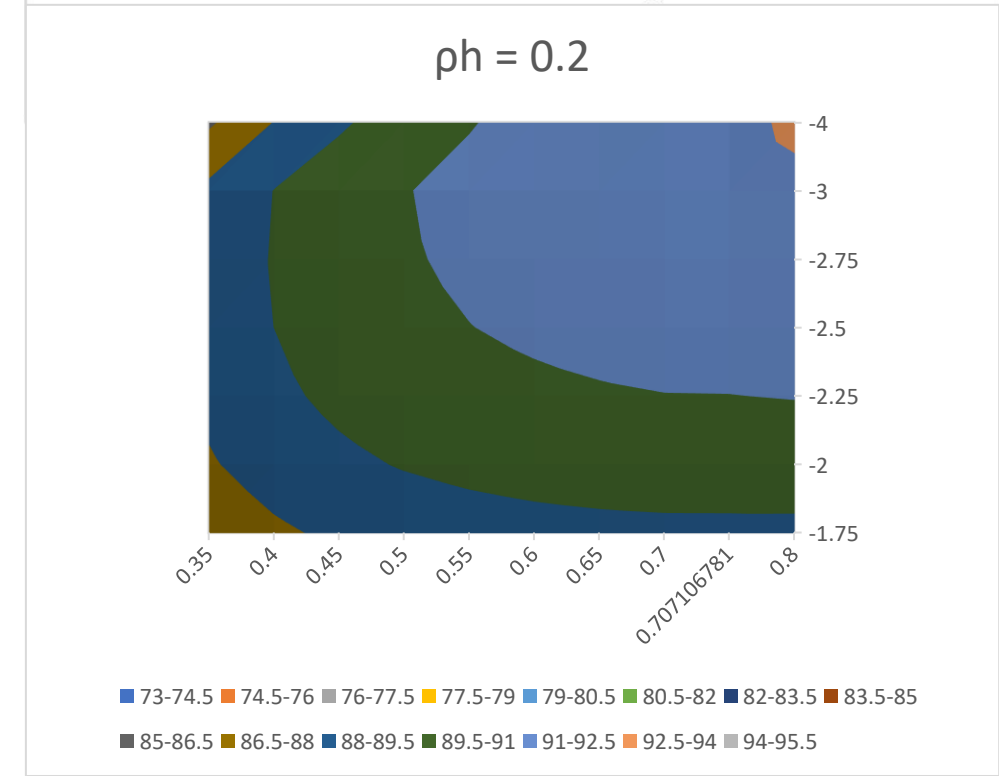
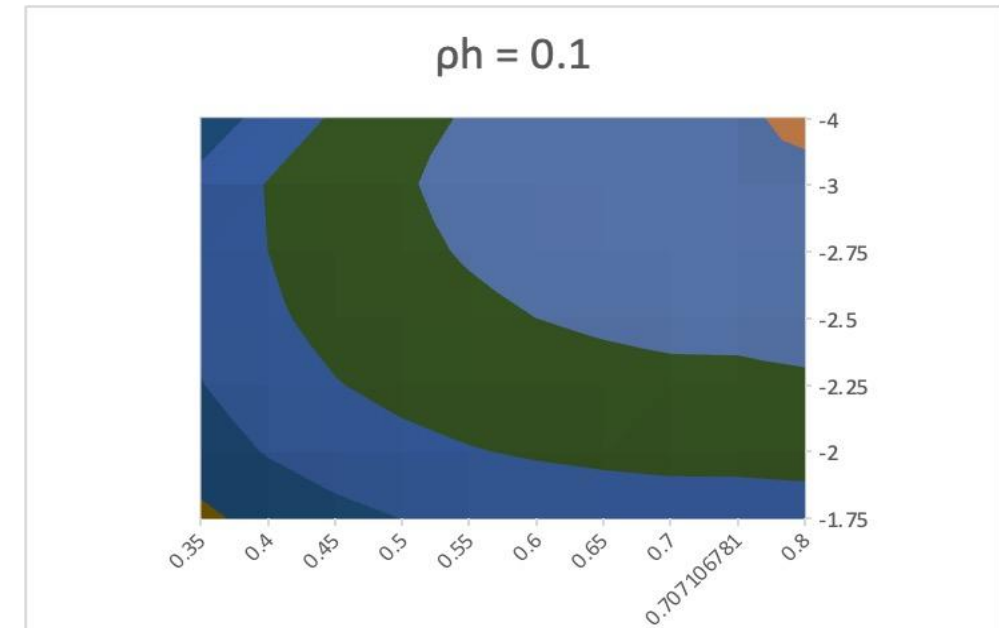
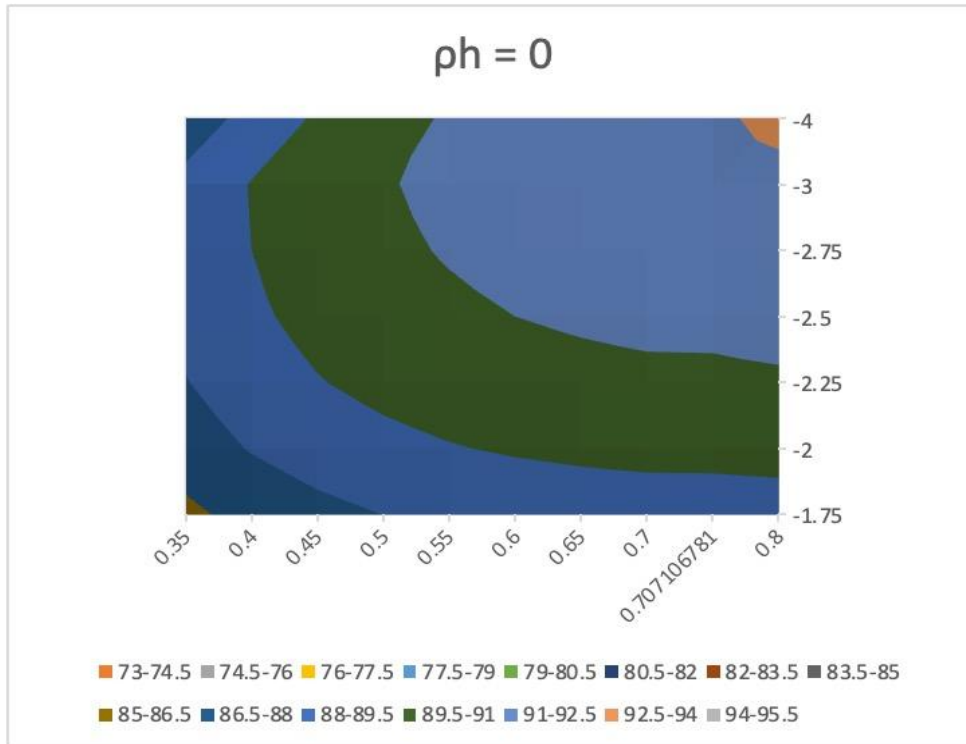
At any point inside the turbine, if the flow velocity becomes greater than the speed of sound at the local temperature, it leads to a choked flow situation. This is not preferable as it can lead to formation of shock waves which can cause a sudden increase in pressure, temperature and even cause flow separation. Hence the local Mach number is calculated at all points and the program does not allow the display of efficiency whenever the Mach number exceeds 1.

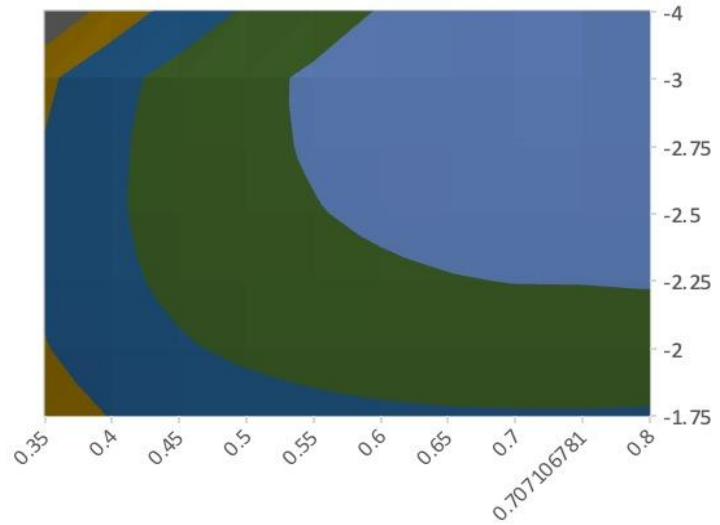
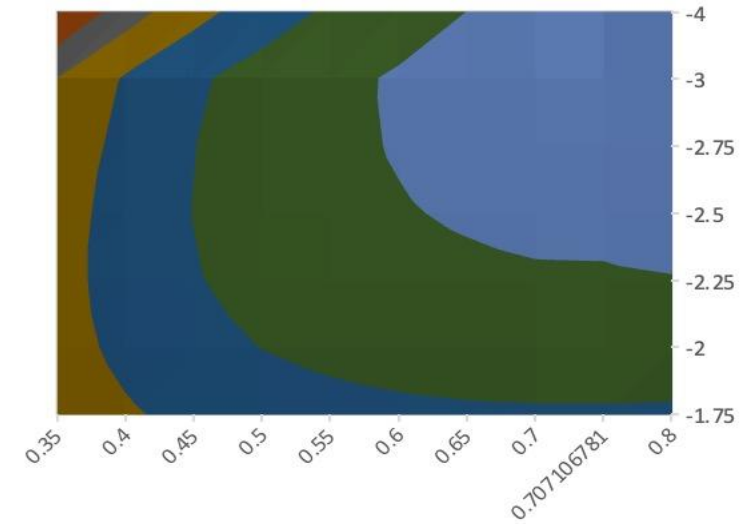
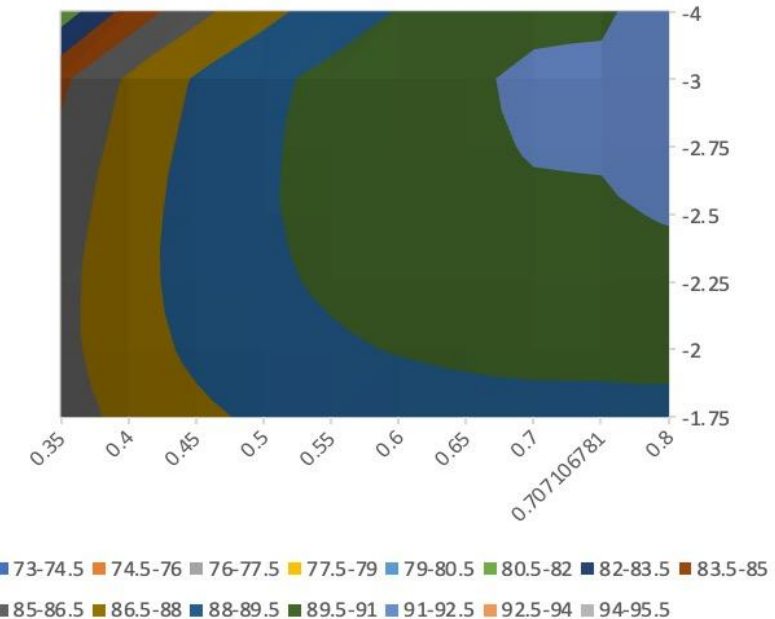
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#Check for choking at rotor and stator exits  
Ma[1] = float(w[1]/sqrt(Kappa*R*T[1]))  
Ma[2] = float(c[1]/sqrt(Kappa*R*T[2]))  
if Ma[1] >= float(1) or Ma[2] >= float(1):  
    count = 1  
else:  
    count = 0
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#Writing into the csv file  
if count == 0:  
    st1.append(round(effstnew*100, 3))  
else:  
    st1.append(0)  
df[Phi] = st1
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# Results:

## Design Calculations:



$\rho_h = 0.3$  $\rho_h = 0.4$  $\rho_h = 0.5$ 

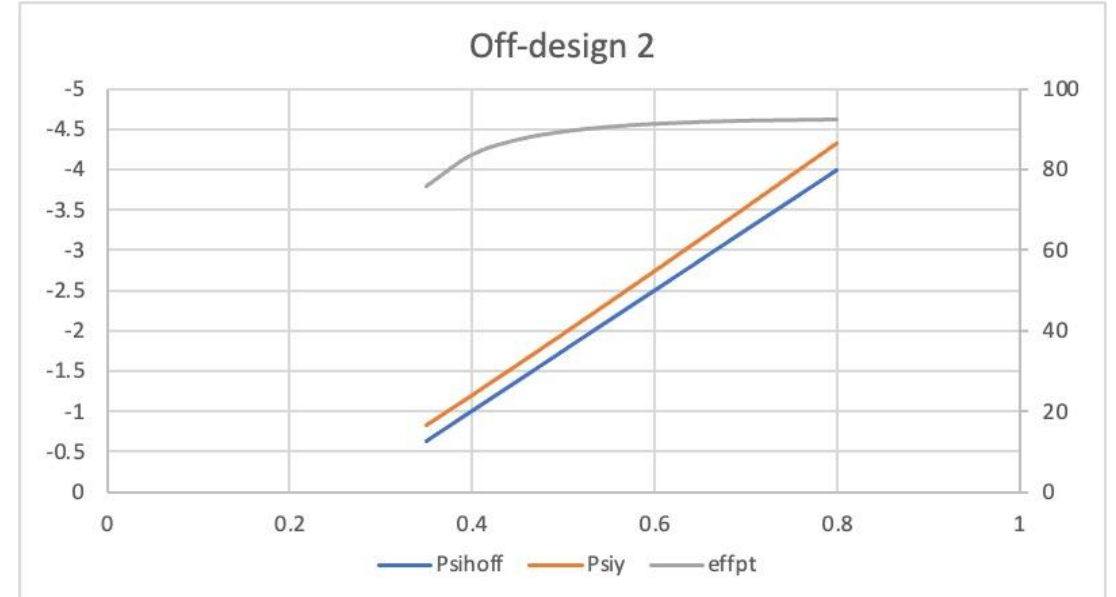
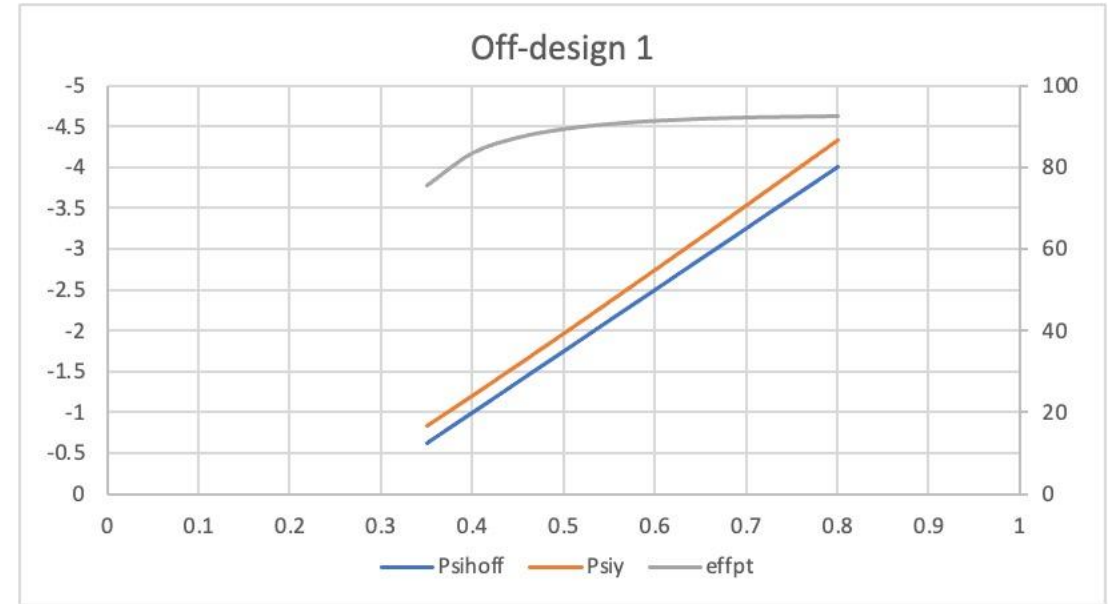
From the design point graphs it can be observed that:

- $\eta_{isen}$  roughly decreases with increase in  $\rho_h$ .
- $\eta_{isen}$  increases with increase in  $\Phi$ .
- $\eta_{isen}$  decreases with increase in  $\Psi_h$ .

## Off-design Conditions:

From the off-design graphs, it can be observed that:

- $\eta_{\text{poly}}$  increases towards the design point flow conditions.
- $\Psi_y$  shows little deviation from  $\Psi_h$ .



## Scope for Improvement:

- Check for Surge: Location inside the turbine where the pressure gradient is no longer favorable and flow reverses.
- Parameter Limitation: Limit the parameter range to avoid un-feasible results.
- User Interface: Improve user interface for easier usage and better display.

## References:

- Loss calculation models: *Denton [1990] and Jeschke [2017]*
- Formulae for design calculations: FH Aachen lectures (*D. Grates*)



Thank You