Fluid Mechanics Track Program

Comprehensive Understanding & Practical Application

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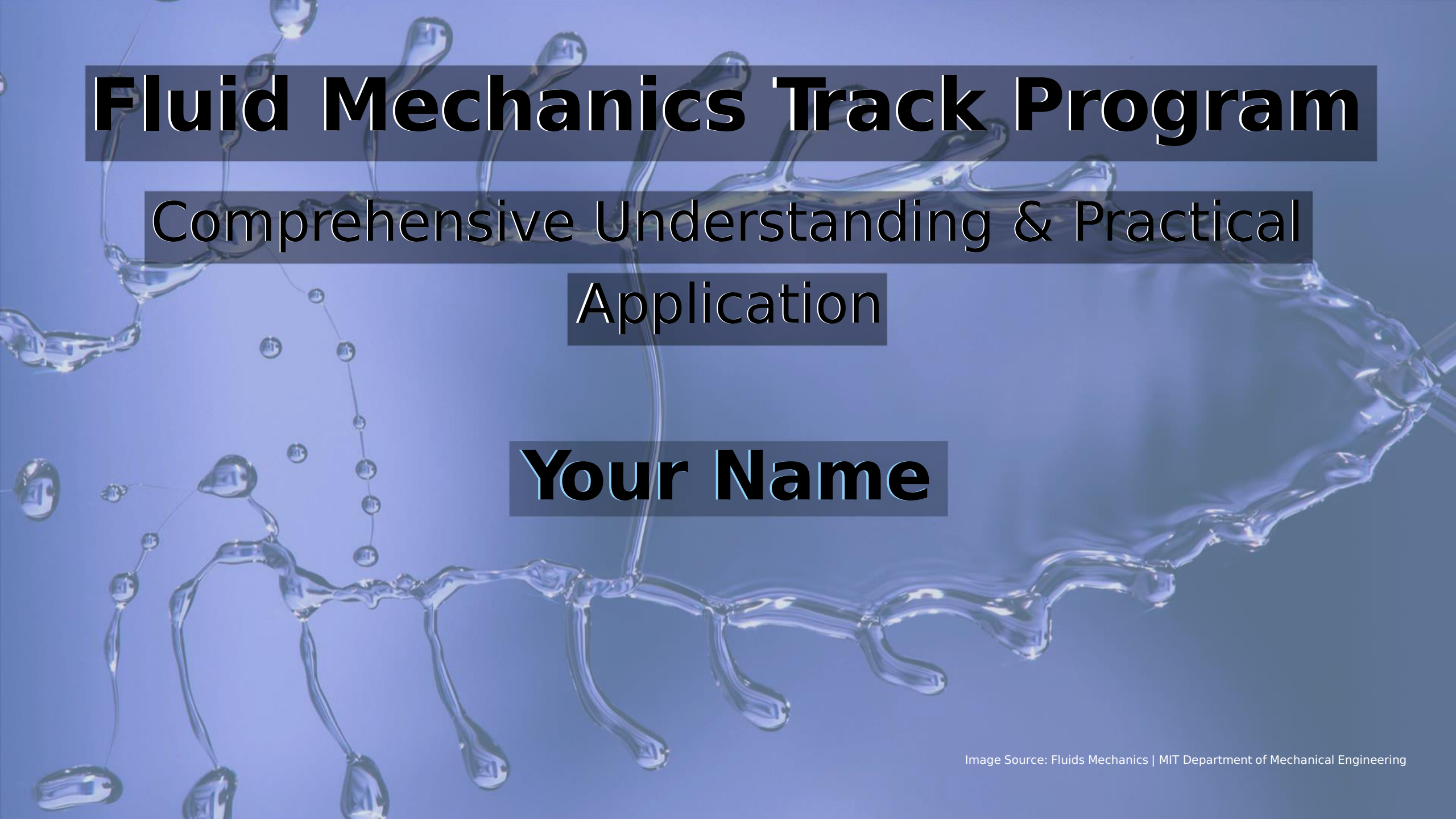

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Phase 1: Foundational & Core Concepts

Program Kick-off

Months 1 & 2: Online Learning

A flexible, module-based approach to start your journey.

Core Objective

Master Fundamental Principles

Build the essential groundwork for understanding how fluids behave at rest and in motion.

Hands-on Problem-Solving

Practical application is integrated throughout to reinforce theoretical concepts.

Comprehensive Coverage

Month 1: Fluid Properties, Statics & Basic Dynamics

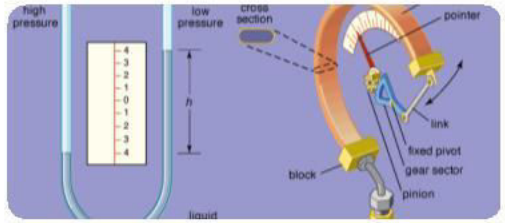
Week 1: Introduction & Fluid Properties

Density Defining mass per unit volume.

Viscosity Understanding fluid resistance to flow.

Surface Tension Cohesive forces at fluid interfaces.

Week 2: Fluid Statics & Pressure Measurement

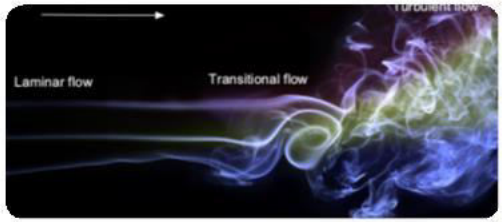


Hydrostatics Pressure variation in static fluids.

Manometry Principles of U-tube manometers.

Buoyancy Archimedes' Principle for floating bodies.

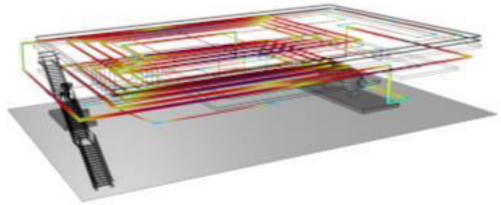
Week 3: Fluid Kinematics & Conservation of Mass



Visualization Observing motion via streamlines.

Continuity Applying conservation of mass to flow.

Week 4: Conservation of Energy & Momentum



Bernoulli Pressure, velocity, and elevation.

Applications Flow through pipes, nozzles, and orifices.

Momentum Intro to forces exerted by flowing fluids.

Week 1 — Week 2 — Week 3 — Week 4

Sources: U-tube manometer | science | Britannica; Types of Fluid Flows – Introduction to Aerospace Flight Vehicles; Model Pipe Networks with the Pipe Flow Module

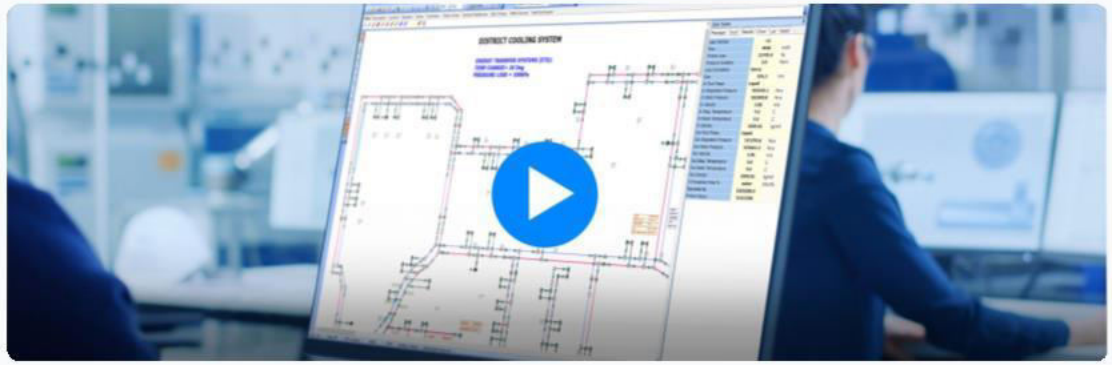
Month 2: Viscous Flow, Dimensional Analysis & Machines

Week 5: Viscous Flow in Pipes

- Differentiating flow as **Laminar vs. Turbulent** based on Reynolds number, from smooth to chaotic flow.
- Applying the **Hagen-Poiseuille Equation** to analyze pressure drop in fully developed laminar flow.

Reynolds Number | Pipe Flow | Viscosity Effects

Week 6: Head & Minor Losses



- Calculating **Major Losses** using the Darcy-Weisbach equation for friction.
- Quantifying **Minor Losses** from fittings, valves, and bends in pipe systems.

Energy Equation | Friction Factor | System Design

Phase 2: Industry Immersion & Integrated Project

Month 3: Offline Capstone Mini Project & Career Readiness

Goal: Apply principles to a real-world engineering challenge and develop practical problem-solving skills.

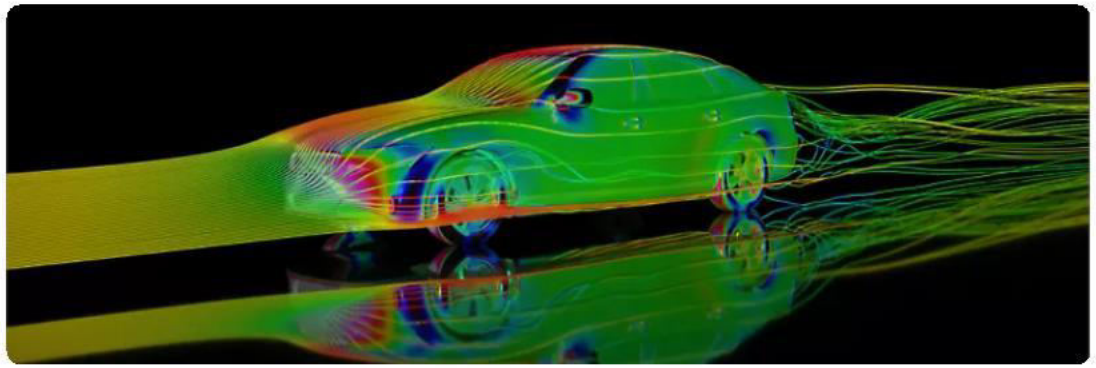
Option A: Hydraulic Turbine Model

Design & Build: Engage in the design and construction of a small-scale hydraulic turbine, applying principles of fluid dynamics and machine design.

Performance Evaluation: Focus on measuring and optimizing turbine efficiency, power generation, and understanding operational phenomena.

Energy Conversion | Machine Design | Renewable Energy

Option B: Pipe Flow Simulation



Computational Modeling: Utilize CFD software to simulate complex pipe networks, analyzing pressure drops, flow distribution, and transient phenomena.

Problem-Solving Focus: Tackle practical challenges related to water distribution, industrial piping, or fluid transportation systems.

CFD | Network Analysis | Numerical Methods

Week 9: Project Kick-off & Design Phase

On-Campus Transition & Collaborative Foundations

Arrival and Orientation

Transition to the offline campus for an immersive, hands-on environment. A full orientation covers facilities, lab access, safety, and introductions to key personnel.

Team Formation & Mentorship

Collaborative project teams are formed to leverage diverse skill-sets. Dedicated faculty mentors are allocated to each team for expert guidance and technical oversight.

Campus Integration | Team Building | Expert Guidance

Project Design & Technical Readiness

Detailed Design/Analysis Plan

Teams refine project scope, defining objectives, methodologies (analytical, CFD, experimental), and deliverables for their capstone.

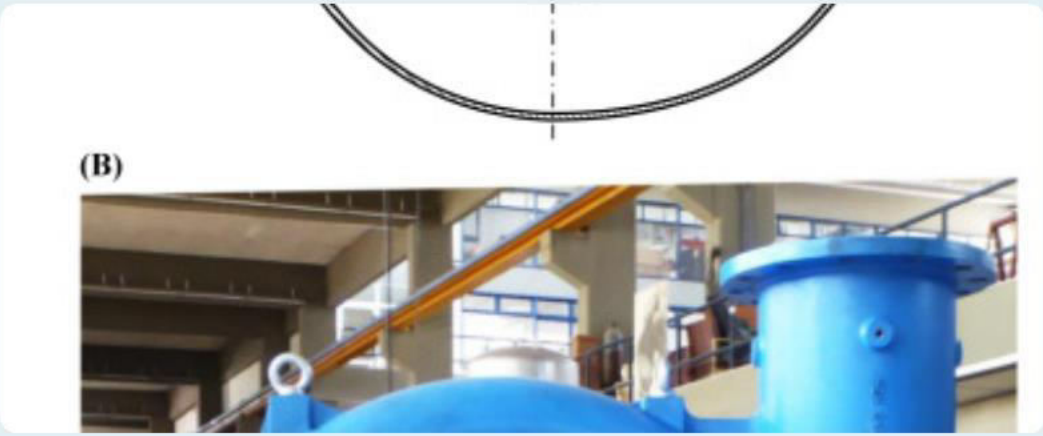
Tool Familiarization & Setup

Practical sessions begin for specialized simulation software. Initial materials sourcing and setup for physical models are also initiated.

Design Methodology | Simulation Software | Materials Sourcing | Project Planning

Week 10: Implementation & Data Collection

Option A: Hydraulic Turbine Model Build

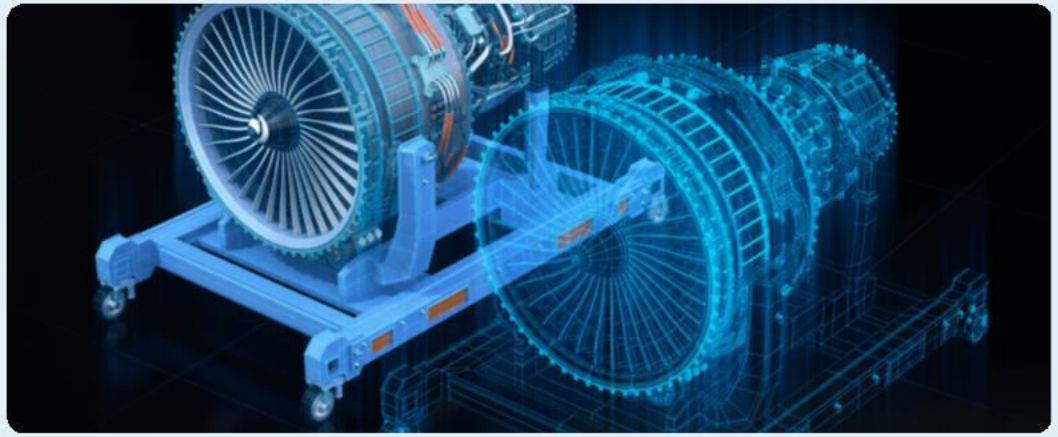


Construction: Physical assembly of the miniature turbine model, focusing on precision alignment and material integrity for optimal fluid interaction.

Water Supply Setup: Establishing a controlled water supply with pumps and calibrated piping to deliver specific flow rates for testing.

Initial Testing: Preliminary checks for leaks, rotational freedom, and qualitative flow observation to identify issues before data collection.

Option B: Pipe Flow Simulation & Analysis



Model Creation: Developing detailed CFD models of pipe networks, including accurate geometries and appropriate mesh generation.

Boundary Conditions: Applying realistic conditions (e.g., inlet velocities, outlet pressures, wall roughness) to ensure simulation accuracy.

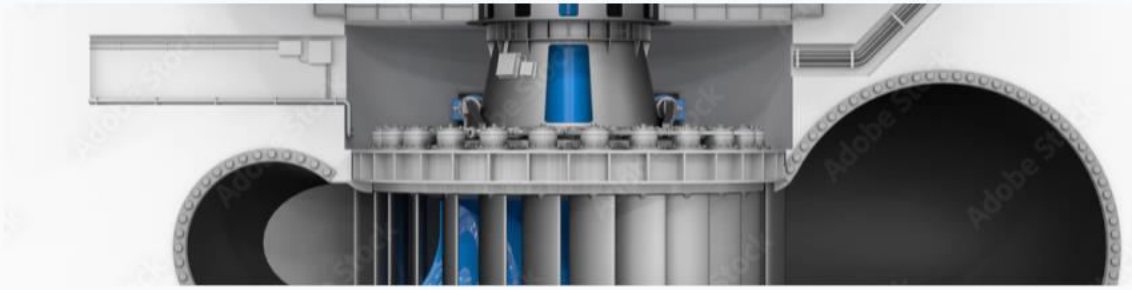
Simulation Runs: Executing iterative simulations to analyze flow characteristics like velocity profiles, pressure drops, and turbulence patterns.

Week 11: Testing, Analysis & Optimization

Integrating Theory & Practice: The Path to Optimized Solutions

This pivotal week focuses on transforming raw data into actionable insights, driving the refinement and optimization of project parameters. It's where theoretical principles meet real-world performance. Students will engage in rigorous testing, detailed data analysis, and iterative optimization loops—critical skills for any fluid mechanics engineer.

Option A: Turbine Performance Analysis



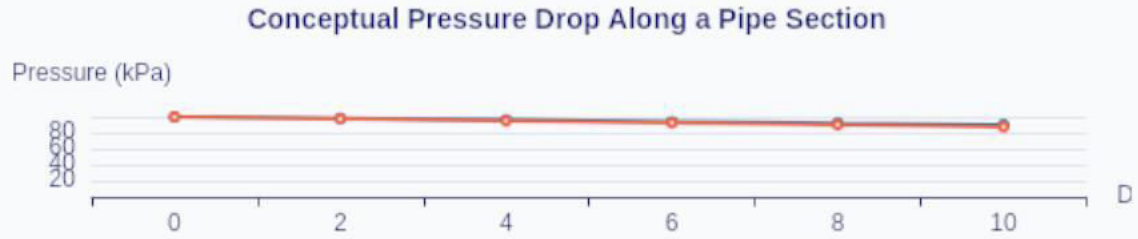
Efficiency Calculation: Detailed calculation of hydraulic, mechanical, and overall efficiencies to map the turbine's characteristic performance curves.

Specific Speed Analysis: Determination of the turbine's specific speed to classify its type and predict optimal operating conditions and potential cavitation.

Optimization Experiments: Conducting targeted adjustments (e.g., nozzle openings, load) to observe impacts on performance and guide optimization.

Energy Conversion | Hydraulic Efficiency | Design Optimization

Option B: Simulation Analysis



Data Interpretation: In-depth analysis of simulated velocity profiles and pressure contours to identify flow patterns and high-pressure drop zones.

Model Validation: Crucial comparison of simulation results with theoretical predictions (e.g., Darcy-Weisbach) to quantify model accuracy.

Parameter Sensitivity: Analyzing multiple scenarios (e.g., varying pipe diameters, fluid properties) to inform optimization strategies.

CFD Validation | Numerical Accuracy | Predictive Modeling

From Data to Decision: Interpretation & Refinement

Synthesizing findings from experiments or simulations to identify trends, detect anomalies, and draw robust conclusions about project performance. This involves

Based on detailed interpretation, we formulate data-driven recommendations to refine design parameters or operational strategies. The goal is to enhance

Week 12: Project Showcase & Career Launchpad

Crowning Achievement: Final Project Showcase

Dynamic Technical Presentations: Students deliver comprehensive presentations on project objectives, methodologies, and results to faculty and industry experts, highlighting problem-solving skills.

Live Practical Demonstrations: Live demos of Hydraulic Turbine models or interactive walkthroughs of Pipe Flow simulations showcase practical application and analytical capabilities.

Technical Communication | Problem Solving | Practical Application | Innovation Display

Structured Insights: Comprehensive Documentation

Professional Technical Reports: Submission of detailed reports adhering to industry standards, covering literature review, design, analysis, and conclusions with effective data visualization.

Design & Analysis Details: Documentation includes all design calculations, simulation parameters, experimental procedures, and analytical insights, ensuring reproducibility and a complete technical record.

Technical Writing | Data Analysis | Professional Standards | Knowledge Transfer

Propelling Your Future: The Career Launchpad

Building Your Professional Profile

Hands-on workshops to refine resumes, tailor cover letters, and build compelling LinkedIn profiles for networking with industry leaders.

Honing Your Interview Skills

Mock technical and behavioral interviews with personalized feedback from professionals to build confidence and readiness for real-world scenarios.

Next Steps & Certification

Forge Connections: Industry Networking

Direct Engagement: Participate in an exclusive networking event to connect with leading professionals from the Fluid Dynamics, Hydraulic Engineering, and Mechanical Design sectors.

Career Insights: Gain first-hand insights into current industry trends, emerging technologies, and diverse career pathways. Explore potential job openings with companies actively seeking talent.

Industry Connections | Mentorship | Career Opportunities

Your Achievement: Graduation & Certification

Formal Recognition: Join a celebratory graduation ceremony marking your successful completion of the intensive Fluid Mechanics Track Program and recognizing your dedication.

Certified Expertise: Receive your official certification, a testament to your specialized skills. This credential significantly enhances your professional profile and distinguishes you in the job market.

Academic Excellence | Professional Credential | Skills Validation

Propelling Your Future: Launch Your Career

Fluid Dynamics Innovators

Hydraulic Engineering Leaders

Mechanical Design Specialists