# HydroCen – Content and status of WP1 Hydropower structures

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# WP1 Introduction

Hydropower structures WP1.1 Tunnel systems WP1.2 Dams and dam safety WP1.3 Sediment handling WP1.4 Fish friendly intakes

Several associate projects





# WP1 Key personel

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### The PhD-students





## WP1.1 – Tunnel systems

Five PhD-projects started in 2017

- 1. Influence on stability and rock support from swelling rock mass
- 2. Consequences for rock mass from rapid changes in water velocity and pressure
- 3. Development of test procedures for design of transition from unlined tunnel to penstock
- 4. Design of tunnel systems in redesign from HPP to PSP
- 5. New concepts for pressurized rocktraps in hydropower tunnels





#### WP 1.1 Tunnel systems

Hydraulic laboratory work since 2018

- Sand trap model for Tonstad HPP 320 MW unit completed (1:20)
- Tunnel system model of Roskrepp HPP nearly finished (1:67)
- Laboratory test rig for rock stress measurements under construction







### WP 1.2 Dams and dam safety

Development of innovative and safe solutions for dams!

Only focus on rockfill dams







# WP 1.3 SEDIMENT HANDLING

**A1.3.1**: Toolbox for sustainable, resilient and cost-effective sediment handling

A1.3.2: Sediment handling in Francis turbines

**A1.3.3**: Combined sediment and fish bypass solutions, win-win?

**A1.3.4**: Tool for the assessment of sediment loads and measures from river basins to reservoirs







Francis Turbine Runner at KTU



Asahi Dam Reservoir at the Outlet of Bypass Tunr



# WP1.4 Fish friendly intakes

• Sub-project from WP4.2 Floating fences



- One PhD-student is working with the CFD part
- Manufacturing of the prototype during the winter 2020 (???)
- Installed and tested spring/summer 2020



#### WP 1.1 Fish friendly intakes

Other initiatives

Further development of the Coanda intake Snorkel device Environmental flow device Protection racks Pre-fab solutions









## Open Calls – Internal projects i HydroCen

- New initiatives in 2020
  - Real-time monitoring of dams and rock mass (for real-time evaluation of dam safety)
  - Automatic sediment flushing from brook intakes
  - Blocking of tunnels with air inflated plugs









## Summary status WP1

- Project WP1.1, WP1.2, WP1.3 and WP1.4 is ongoing without unexpected delays
- More involvement from Sintef and NINA
  - Mainly in WP1.3
- Several PhD-students will finish in 2020
- More projects have to be initiated and started in 2020



