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EDUCATION

M.S.C.E., Civil and Environmental Engineering

Georgia Institute of Technology

Area of Focus : Environmental Fluid Mechanics and Water Resources

Thesis : *Numerical Simulation of Selective Withdrawal In Stably Stratified Flows*

Advisor : Fotis Sotiropoulos

2002

B.S.C.E., Civil and Environmental Engineering

Georgia Institute of Technology

Area of Focus : Structural Engineering and Mechanics

1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Hydraulic and Hydrodynamic Engineer (2024 – present)

Hydraulic and Water Resources Engineer (2009 – 2024)

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Water Resource Science & Engineering Group, Oak Ridge, TN (Dec 2009 - Present)

Support research in the areas of renewable energy, water, and environmental systems with the following expertise:

- Environmental Fluid Mechanics and Hydrodynamics
- Computational Fluid Dynamics
- Hydropower Operations, Technologies, Scale Modeling, Testing, and Standards
- Headwater Benefits Energy Gains Assessments

Projects of Interest:

- **Testing Facilities and Standards for Nascent Hydropower Technology** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Scale-Model Hydrodynamic Testing of Innovative Floating PSH Closed-Loop Membrane Reservoir** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Floating Aquatic Vegetation Effects on River System Operations** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Hydropower Vision Roadmap for Advanced Technology** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **CFD Modeling of Tailrace and Fish Passage Attraction Designs** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Standard Modular Hydropower (SMH)** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Headwater Benefits Energy Gains Analysis (HWBEG)** for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- **FAST (Furthering Advancement to Solve Time) Commissioning for Pumped Storage Hydropower** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Hydropower Diversion Methodology and Assessment for New Stream Reach Development (NSD)** for Department of Energy (DOE)
- **Tidal Current Resource Model Validation** for Department of Energy (DOE)

Water Resources / Hydraulic Engineer

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

River Operations, Knoxville, TN (May 2004 – December 2009)

Norris Engineering Laboratory, Norris, TN (August 2002 - April 2004)

Main function is to support investigations and analyses related to regulatory and compliance issues associated with thermal plants and the Tennessee River System. This is accomplished by providing computational fluid dynamic (CFD) modeling assistance for various hydrodynamic and hydrothermal assessments and providing assistance for hydrothermal analysis, monitoring, and river temperature forecasting for nuclear and fossil plants.

- Development of a three-dimensional CFD model using FLUENT software for assessment of nuclear thermal effluent mixing behaviors in the Tennessee River. Analysis includes field and model velocity, flow distribution, and temperature comparisons. Findings help explain unforeseen and misunderstood hydrodynamic behaviors that can affect the monitoring process for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance.
- Monitor and investigate the hydrodynamics, thermal behaviors, and river flow scheduling that affect hydrothermal behaviors at nuclear plants and help determine the most effective and reliable process by which regulatory compliance can be maintained within given constraints and system interdependencies.

- Design and coordination of small and large scale field tests to investigate river velocities, river flow patterns, and river temperature distributions near nuclear and fossil plants that utilize Acoustic-Doppler Current Profilers (ADCP) equipment, drogues with GPS, and arrays of temperature sensors and thermistors.
- Analysis and review of field velocity measurements using WinRiver and temperature distributions using Tecplot visualization.
- Development of various three-dimensional CFD models used to :
 - Investigate forebay hydrodynamic withdrawal zones for temperature and oxygen.
 - Verify loss coefficient for new low-level outlet structure.
 - Study hydrodynamic mixing and flow patterns downstream of dam.
 - Calibrate scroll case flow meters.
 - Assess fossil plant's thermal discharge effect on the receiving waters for cold water refuge for indigenous fish species and helped recommend cooling tower discharge configuration.
 - Compare river flow behaviors at various flow rates and their effect on thermal effluent discharge in the river.
- Conduct hydrothermal river forecasting for nuclear plants and provide recommendations for river and plant system adjustments and cooling tower operations to help minimize adverse hydrothermal effects in support of maintaining NPDES permit compliance.
- Present results from technical assessments to a diversified group of both technical and non-technical professionals with varied interests in discussion and planning meetings.
- Perform various analyses such as :
 - Buoyancy and stability analysis of river temperature float.
 - Statistical investigations of river flow, air and river temperatures.
 - Determination of water intake withdrawal behavior.
 - Assessment of river flow forces on the structural integrity of underwater curtain.
- Address internal clients' technical and operational concerns regarding hydrodynamic issues.

Engineering Intern

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Division of Dam Safety, Atlanta, GA (part-time internship from 6/2000 to 4/2002)

- Assisted with inspections of earthen and concrete dams and wrote reports regarding findings.
- Reviewed consultant reports for 5-year inspections.
- Performed basic engineering analyses using HEC-RAS.

Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant

Georgia Institute of Technology

Fluid Mechanics and Water Resources Department, Atlanta, GA (April 2001 - July 2002) (September 1999 - April 2001)

- Assisted with development of two-dimensional CFD computer code for axisymmetric intake withdrawal.
- Investigated and calibrated CFD code for prediction of temperature distribution in a turbulent and sharply temperature-stratified flow environment.
- Recommended flow domain length-ratio criteria for stably-stratified intake flow that minimizes inconsistencies in flow and temperature predictions.

SELECTIVE LIST OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed & Technical Reports

Nguyen, T.D., Rao V., Deneale, S., **Stewart K.M.** (2025), *Addressing Critical Challenges of Coal Mines for Underground Pumped Storage Hydropower Using Numerical Calculations*. ORNL/TM-2025/3747, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.

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Stewart, K., Nguyen, T.D., Deneale, S. (2023), *Design and Computational Fluid Dynamics Modeling for Attraction Flow for Zero Ascend Omnispecies Fish Passage Module*. ORNL/TM-2022/2579, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.

Matson, P., **Stewart, K.M.**, Oladosu, G.A. and DeNeale, S. (2023). *Cost of Fish Exclusion and Passage Technologies for Hydropower*. ORNL/TM-2022/2498. Oak Ridge National Lab.(ORNL), Oak Ridge, TN.

Musa, M., Ghobrial, L., Sasthav, C., Heineman, J., Rencheck, M., **Stewart, K.M.**, DeNeale, S., Tseng, C.Y., White, D., Davis, L. and Kelsey, R. (2023). *Advanced Manufacturing and Materials for Hydropower: Challenges and Opportunities*. ORNL/TM-2023/2835, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.

Balducci, P., V. Koritarov, T. Levin, M. Christian, J. Kwon, Q. Ploussard, T. Mosier, R. Bhattarai, S.M. Shafiu Alam, G. Stark, D. Bain, **K. Stewart**, S. Mukherjee, V. Rathod, M. Weimar, and X. Ke. (2022). *Technoeconomic Studies for the Banner Mountain Energy Storage Project: Valuation Framework Test Case Study*, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Washington, D.C.

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Musa, M., Smith, B, Sasthav, C., Desomber, K. Deneale, S., **Stewart, K.**, Marsh, M., Smith, T., Irminger, P. (2022), *Needs and Opportunities for Testing of Hydropower Technology Innovations*. ORNL/TM-2022/2462, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.

Deneale, S., Sasthav, C., Musa, M. Hansen, C., **Stewart, K.**, Matson, P. (2022), *Non-Powered Dam Retrofit Exemplary Design for Hydropower Applications*. ORNL/TM-2021/2232, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.

Koritarov, Vladimir, Balducci, Patrick, Levin, Todd, Christian, Mark, Kwon, Jonghwan, Milostan, Catharina, Ploussard, Quentin, Padhee, Malhar, Tian, Yuting, Mosier, Thomas, Alam, S.M. Shafiul, Bhattarai, Rojan, Mohanpurkar, Manish, Stark, Gregory, Bain, Dominique, Craig, Michael, Hadjerioua, Boualem, O'Connor, Patrick, Mukherjee, Srijib, **Stewart, Kevin**, Ke, Xinda, and Weimar, Mark. *Pumped Storage Hydropower Valuation Guidebook: A Cost-Benefit and Decision Analysis Valuation Framework*. United States: N. p., 2021. Web. doi:10.2172/1770766.

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