



CAVITATION TUNNEL

At the end of 2021, ITUKAT became operational and ranked seventh worldwide in terms of flow rate among its peers, with its large test section and a maximum achievable flow velocity of 16.5 m/s in the test section. The tunnel is powered by a 1 MW electric motor.

ITUKAT is equipped with measurement devices meeting international standards. Its wide range of equipment includes specially designed propeller dynamometers, a custom-designed hydroacoustic chamber, PIV (Particle Image Velocimetry), LDA (Laser Doppler Anemometry), and a contra-rotating propeller dynamometer.

In addition to its size, ITUKAT offers innovative possibilities for testing all types of propellers and underwater/surface vehicles. These possibilities are supported by the flow uniformity in the test section, low turbulence and acoustic noise characteristics, pressurization and vacuum capabilities within the test section, and a comprehensive array of advanced measurement devices.

- Test section dimensions: 5.5 m x 1.5 m x 1.2 m
- Maximum flow velocity: 16.5 m/s
- Electric motor power: 1 MW
- Pressurization/vacuum capability
- Low turbulence intensity
- High flow uniformity
- Low noise level
- Special acoustic chamber
- Approximately 1000 m² test facility area
- Crane capacity: 12.5 tons
- Performance, cavitation, and erosion tests of all types of propellers in uniform or non-uniform flows (in open water and behind ships)
- Performance and cavitation tests for contra-rotating propeller systems of torpedoes, submarines, and similar vehicles
- Hull pressure measurements
- Force and moment measurements for underwater shapes of torpedoes and submarines
- High-quality hydroacoustic measurements and frequency spectrum analysis using an acoustic chamber and hydrophone system
- Detailed flow visualization, wake region analysis, and boundary layer measurements with advanced laser-based velocity measurement systems (LDA, PIV)
- Boundary layer and resistance tests for flat plates and submerged bodies
- Performance evaluations of anti-fouling coatings, such as surface-enhancing treatments and anti-corrosion paints
- Specialized underwater flow experiments and noise measurements, leveraging the facility's extensive infrastructure

