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Motivation to this study is the incomprehensible wake!

An alternative presentation of the wake: near wake – far wake – turbulent wake
The next motivation is to study of the wake behind Glauert rotor.

Wake behind Joukowsky rotor - I

Wake behind Betz rotor - II

What is a wake behind Glauert rotor?

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Flume

- $V_0 = 0.38$ and 0.5
ROTOR
The current study is turbine by Glauert opt. for $\lambda=5$

- $D=0.35\text{m}$
- SD7003 aerofoil
- $Re = 20\ 000$
- $V_0 = 0.38$ and $0.5$
Measurement of the power and trust
Measurement of the blade circulation
Blade circulation \( \lambda = 3 \)

\[ \Gamma = \oint \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{l} \]

Circulation

\[ \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi U_\infty R} \]
Blade circulation \( \lambda = 5 \)

Circulation

\[ \Gamma = \oint \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{l} \]

\[ \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi U_\infty R} \]
Blade circulation \( \lambda = 7 \)

Circulation

\[ \Gamma = \oint \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{l} \]
Sketch of the setup with stereoscopic PIV
New motivation is to extend a domain of the PIV investigation

Sketch of 12 testing windows of the current experiment

Sketch of the windows in the “MEXICO” PIV-experiment

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Visualizations of WT’s wake TSR=6
Visualizations of WT’s wake for different TSR

λ=4

λ=6

λ=7

λ=5

λ=8

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Tip vortex structure, unfolded, $0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105$ deg

$\lambda = 4$

$\lambda = 5$

$\lambda = 6$

$\lambda = 7$
Axial velocity, TSR=6, 100 images

U ax.

Vorticity
Instantaneous location of vortex center
0,15, 30,45,60,75,90,105 deg
Tip vortex and vectors, TSR=6
Tip vortex – vorticity, phase averaged, TSR=3-7

\( \lambda = 3 \)

\( \lambda = 4 \)

\( \lambda = 5 \)

\( \lambda = 6 \)

\( \lambda = 7 \)
Axial velocity, phase averaged, TSR = 3-5
Mean Axial Velocity U, TSR 4-7
Axial velocity, $U_{rms}$

$\lambda = 3$

$\lambda = 4$

$\lambda = 5$

$\lambda = 6$

$\lambda = 7$
Tangentiel Vel, W-mean TSR 4-7
LDA prediction of wake frequencies
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Summary

Experimental investigation of the rotor by Glauert Opt. of TSR = 5 was made at TSR 3-8:

- Power and trust coefficients
- Circulation along blade
- Visualization captures dynamics of helical structures
- PIV-mapping of the flow in the wake
- LDA measurements - frequencies

Conclusions

- The wake pitch keeps a constant in axial direction
- The wake expansion coincide with the prediction of the actuator disk theory
- The far wake with double of the axial factor may be indicated before the wake breakdown
- Characteristic frequencies in the wake: blade, rotor and Strouhal
- The wake breakdown with a reduction of the axial factor displays under small $Re = 20000$ too