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Risø’s history in brief

- **1956** Peaceful utilization of nuclear energy
- **1976** Nuclear energy and other energy sources
- **1986** Energy research in general
- **1990** R&D with energy as the primary area
- **1994** State-owned enterprise
- **2000** The last nuclear reactor is decommissioned
- **2005** Impact within
  1. Technology for greater competitiveness
  2. Sustainable energy supply
  3. Health technology
- **2007** Merged with DTU (The Technical University of Denmark)
Wind Energy Division

Blade Test Center Sparkær (Force+DNV)
National Test Station Høvsøre

150 employees in 5 research programmes
Coastal, flat terrain
5 test positions
Max. 10 MW
Max. height 165 m

Small wind turbines at Risø - 1979

National Test Station for Large Wind Turbines - 2007
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The typical wind turbine design 2011

- rated power 2-5 MW
- 80-125 m rotor
- pitchregulated
- variable speed
- steel, tubular tower
- gearbox or direct drive with multipole generator
- load alleviation with cyclic pitch
- advanced control and monitoring system
The typical wind turbine design 2011

Variable speed – const tip speed ratio

Pitch regulation
The typical wind turbine design 2011
The typical wind turbine design 2011

Old stall regulated turbine

5MW PITCH-REGULATED RWT TURBINE, 4-25m/s

500kW STALL-REGULATED TURBINE, 4-25m/s

Operational range

Operational range: 53% R

Operational range: 90% R
The typical wind turbine design 2011 - use of dedicated airfoil designs

Design for max. Lift-Drag-ratio / CT

High max. lift

Transition to turbulent flow close to LE: Roughness insensitive

High lift in post-stall to ensure smooth stall

Design for low noise

Design for high compatibility

Design for high stiffness

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The typical wind turbine design 2011 - use of dedicated airfoil designs

- **Risø-A1 (15% to 30%)**
  - Designed for stall, active stall and pitch
  - Full scale tested on a 600 kW ASR wind turbine

- **Risø-P (12% to 24%)**
  - Designed to replace Risø-A1 for pitch control
  - Used on 3 MW PRVS wind turbines

- **Risø-B1 (15% to 53%)**
  - Designed for pitch regulation variable speed control
  - Used on several MW size PRVS wind turbines
The typical wind turbine design 2011 - use of dedicated airfoil designs
Aeroelastic **blade design**

Design trade-off

- Aerodynamic noise
- Aerodynamic performance
- Aeroelastic loads
- Blade structural model
- Turbine cost model
Blade designed for maximum aerodynamic efficiency

![Graphs showing Local Cp and Local Cl vs. Rotor radius, m]

Table 1: Mechanical power and Thrust force for the present rotor. The IEA, 5MW RWT is included for comparison

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Wind turbine loads and certification

Loading from:

- turbulence and wind shear in the atmospheric inflow
- wakes from neighbouring turbines
- waves
- control action, e.g. an emergency stop
Wind turbine loads and certification

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List of load cases from IEC61400-1.

In total 1000-1500 load cases to be simulated – most 10 min. simulations

f=fatigue

u = ultimate load
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Numerical models/tools used for aerodynamic and aeroelastic analyses at the Aeroelastic Design Group (AED) at Risø DTU

- **EllipSys2D**
  - 2D CFD code used mainly for computation on 2D airfoil sections

- **EllipSys3D**
  - 3D CFD code used for rotor computations and flow over terrain

- **Hawc2**
  - Aeroelastic multibody code for aeroelastic time simulation of wind turbines

- **HAWCStab**
  - Code for computation of aeroelastic stability

- **HAWTopt**
  - Tool for design and optimization of rotors

- **AirfoilOpt**
  - Tool for design and optimization of airfoils
Aeroelastic codes and simulations

Engineering sub-models for simulation of:

- yawed flow
- dynamic stall
- unsteady blade aerodynamics
- unsteady inflow
- tip loss
- tower shadow
- wakes from neighboring turbines
- simulation of atmospheric inflow
- hydrodynamics
- wave loads
- control

Aeroelastic codes for time simulations used by industry:

- FLEX5
- FAST
- BLADED
- HAWC2

- simulations in real time or faster
Turbulence in atmospheric inflow is the main driver of loads - rotational sampling of turbulence
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OPERATION AT 8 m/s, TI=15%

PSD of $V_{y\text{-tip}}$ [(m/s)$^2$/Hz]

FREQUENCY [Hz]

50m D
100m D
200m D
$V_{y\text{ at hub}}$

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Turbulence in atmospheric inflow main driver of loads - rotational sampling of turbulence

![Graphs showing Normalised PSD of Thrust and Flapwise Moment](image-url)
Simulated tower loads

The bending moment in the tower base of a 5MW turbine at 18 m/s wind speed and 10% turbulence. Solid curve bending in main wind direction, dashed curve perpendicular.
Extreme load case – gust 18-24 m/s

Wind:

Rotational speed:

Pitch:

Tower Mx:

Flap:

Figure 17 Sample simulation EOG gust during normal operation.
Results from CFD-analysis:

• Shear causes aerodynamic hysteresis effects.
• Blade loads are different in horizontal position.
• Shear causes rotor yaw loads.
Details of blade-tower interaction investigated in order to:
- study lock-in phenomena
- develop semi-emperical tower shadow model and noise model
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HAWCStab2 – a linear aero(servo)elastic stability tool

- Linearization of HAWC2 equations.
- Aeroelastic eigenvalue analysis
- Mode shape animation
- Present implementations
  - pitch and generator dof.s
  - controller model

![Graph showing damping vs. wind speed](image)
Typical modal dynamics of wind turbines

Asymmetric modes at standstill

1. horizontal
2. vertical
1. tilt
1. yaw

2. tilt

2. flapwise forward whirling
1. edgewise forward whirling
2. flapwise backward whirling
1. edgewise backward whirling
1. flapwise forward whirling
1. symmetric flapwise
1. flapwise backward whirling
1. longitudinal tower bending
1. lateral tower bending
1. fixed-free drivetrain torsion

Example:
600 kW turbine

Rotor speed $\Omega$ [rpm]
Natural frequency $\omega$ [Hz]
Demonstration of the HAWCStab tool
Low damped modal shapes – can lead to instabilities

- modal shapes involving lateral tower top movement
- modal shapes involving blade edgewise tip motion
- flutter instability involving 2nd flapwise blade mode and 1st torsional mode
Edgewise blade vibrations

Measured instability

![Graph showing edgewise blade vibration instability](image)
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Wind farms and wakes
Wake operation

The presence of neighboring turbines causes:

1. Reductions in wind speed.
2. Increased turbulence – turbine components fails (especially yaw system).
Power reduction

Models for power prediction exist but nearly all only depend on the upwind turbine thrust coefficient. Large uncertainty present.
Example of increased loads
Load measurements from Vindeby wind farm

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Assessment of turbulence intensity
IEC61400-1, Frandsen 2003

For fatigue loads:

\[
I_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{eff}}}{V_{\text{hub}}} = \frac{1}{V_{\text{hub}}} \left[ (1 - N \ p_w) \hat{\sigma}^m + p_w \sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{\sigma}^m_i (d_i) \right]^{\frac{1}{m}}; \ p_w = 0,06
\]

\[
\hat{\sigma}_T = \sqrt{\frac{0,9 V_{\text{hub}}^2}{(1,5 + 0,3d_i \sqrt{V_{\text{hub}} / c})^2}} + \hat{\sigma}^2
\]

\[
\sigma_1 \geq I_{\text{eff}} \cdot V_{\text{hub}} + 1,28 \hat{\sigma}_\sigma
\]

For extreme loads:

\[
I_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{V_{\text{hub}}} \ \text{max}\left\{\hat{\sigma}_T\right\}
\]
Computation of half wake with EllipSys3D
Actuator line CFD simulation
Influence of Ambient Turbulence

- Upstream wake asymmetric due to inflow shear
- Ambient turbulence causes rapid vortex breakdown
- Fully turbulent wake more symmetric
- Rapid transition towards bell shaped deficit behind downstream turbine

no ambient turbulence

ambient turbulence
Measured influence of wake meandering

2002-2003 First version of model developed to investigate yaw loads in a wind farm

illustration of loads from meandering of wake velocity deficit

LOCAL INFLOW ANGLE

YAW MOMENT

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Different models for increased loading

**Effective turbulence model**

Wind turbine wake

All wake parameters

Effective turbulence

Aeroelastic simulations

**Dynamic wake meandering (DWM) model**

Wind turbine wake

Velocity deficit

Wake meandering

Wake added turbulence

Aeroelastic simulations
Load measurements on a NM80 2MW turbine in 3.3D wake

Figure 5. Measured and simulated loads at 8 m s⁻¹ (full lines and crosses) and 10 m s⁻¹ (broken lines and squares)
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Aeroacoustics

- Broadband noise can often cause problems when siting turbines on land.
- Trailing edge noise and noise from inflow turbulence are the dominant sources.
- Max. blade tip speed ratio typically limited to 70 m/s due to noise constraints.
- Turbines have special low noise control modes by pitching more positive – however production is reduced.
- Airfoils, blades and control are designed taking noise into account.
- For turbines with a downwind rotor, low frequency noise can be a major problem.
Aerodynamic Noise

Wind Turbine Blade:

- Leading edge separation possible
- Tip vortex
- Trailing edge flow
- Turbulence in oncoming flow
- Surface boundary layer
- Transition laminar / turbulent
- Wake
Trailing Edge Noise

Far field sound $S_P(\omega)$

$P(k, \omega)$

$U_1(y_2)$

$u_1, u_2, u_3$
TNO Trailing Edge Noise Model

Parchen (1998) combines a diffraction problem solution with knowledge of the turbulent fluctuations in the boundary layer.

- **Airfoil Surface Pressure Spectrum** (Blake, 1986)
  Lighthill analogy in spectral domain
  Solution for the Mean shear-Turbulence interaction:

\[
P(k, \omega) = 4\rho_0^2 \frac{k_1^2}{k_1^2 + k_3^2} \int_0^{+\infty} L_2(y_2) \left( \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial y_2} \right) u_2^2 \cdot \Phi_{22}(k, \omega) \cdot \Phi_m \left[ \omega - U_c k_1 \right] \cdot e^{-ky_2} dy_2
\]

- **Far Field Noise** (Ffwocs Williams and Hall, 1970; Chandiramani, 1974; Chase, 1975; Howe, 1978; Brooks and Hodgson, 1981)

\[
S_P(\omega) = \frac{L_{\text{span}}}{4\pi R^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\omega}{c_0 k_1} \cdot P(k_1, \omega) dk_1
\]
Turbulent Inflow Noise Model

Amiet’s Theory (1976)
Linearized Inviscid Theory for flat plate with 0-mean loading

- Inflow turbulence as a harmonic turbulent gust

\[ u_{2,\text{gust}} = v_0 \cdot e^{i(k_1(x_1-Ut)+k_3x_3)} \]

- Surface pressure response using Sears’ theory:

\[ \Delta P(x_1, x_3, t, k_1, k_3) = 2\pi\rho_0 v_0 g(x_1, k_1, k_3) \cdot e^{i(k_1 U t - k_3 x_3)} \]

where \( g \) is the transfer response function
TE and TI Noise Characterization

USING flush-mounted high-frequency MICROPHONES

- **Trailing Edge Noise**
  
  *Surface pressure spectrum near TE is correlated to TE far-field noise*

- **Inflow Turbulence & Related Noise**
  
  *Surface pressure near LE characterizes the inflow turbulence*

- **BL Transition**
  
  *Surface pressure can be used to detect transition (Sudden increase of spectral intensity)*
Airfoils: Tests in wind tunnel

LM’s wind tunnel: Test section

Inlet

Airfoil

Wake rake: Measurement of drag using traversing
Surf. Pres. measurements near TE measured in a wind tunnel
Measurements on an 80 m diameter rotor – DANAERO project

Comparison Exp./Model

Surface Pressure near TE

![Graph showing surface pressure PSD vs. frequency for different AoA and V values.]

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Summary on noise modelling

- the models can now be used in a design optimization loop to design low noise airfoils
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Floating turbines

The HYWIND concept

HYWIND concept by StatoilHydro

- 2.5MW pitch controlled wind turbine
- Floating spar buoy attached to three mooring lines
- Intended for water depths between 120 – 700m.
- Demonstration project with Siemens 2.3MW 10km outside west coast of Norway.
Combined wave and wind -- Poseidon

- Wave energy platform
- Dimensions are very large. Three turbines can produce extra power from wind – and contribute to the total damping of motion.
Poseidon

Illustration of the three 11 kW GAIA turbines mounted on the demonstration platform. The turbines are two-bladed fixed speed down-wind turbines with free yaw and a teeter mechanism.
DEEPWIND – EU funded project on new floating wind turbine concept
TRAILING EDGE FLAPS

Sensors and DTEG positions

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Summary of key aeroelastic research issues 2011

- Modeling detailed influence of atmospheric inflow, turbulence and wind shear
- Wake modeling – decreased power – increased loading
- Vibrations at standstill
- Non-linear structural modelling of blades
- Dynamic effects in deep stall
- Structural damping enhancement
- Load alleviation using trailing-edge flaps or other devices
- Modeling floating design concepts
THANK YOU for your attention