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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?
Flume

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

- $D=0.35m$
- 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

\[ \lambda = 3 \]

Circulation

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

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

Circulation

$$\Gamma = \oint \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

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

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

\[ \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi U_\infty R} \]

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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

\( \lambda = 4 \)

\( \lambda = 5 \)

\( \lambda = 6 \)

\( \lambda = 7 \)

\( \lambda = 8 \)
Tip vortex structure, unfolded, 0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105 deg

λ = 4

λ = 5

λ = 6

λ = 7
Axial velocity, TSR=6, 100 images

\( \lambda = 5 \)

U ax.

Vorticity
Instantaneous location of vortex center
0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105 deg

$\lambda = 6$

$\lambda = 5$

$\lambda = 4$

$\lambda = 7$
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, $U_{rms}$

- $\lambda = 3$
- $\lambda = 4$
- $\lambda = 5$
- $\lambda = 6$
- $\lambda = 7$
Tangential 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