

EFFECT OF WAKE MEANDERING ON AEROELASTIC RESPONSE OF A WIND TURBINE PLACED IN A PARK

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- □ Aeroelastic simulation of NREL 5MW turbine
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Why Meandering is important?





3 *M.J. Churchfield and P.J. Moriarty "A Comparison of the Dynamic Wake Meandering Model, Large-Eddy Simulation, and Field Data at the Egmond aan Zee Offshore Wind Plant"





SIMA-DIWA Concept

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DIWA Standalone

Start Wake Deficit Models/Near Wake

□ Induction profiles based on Blade Element Method (BEM)

□ Near wake profiles and Near wake length model

$$r_{w,i+1} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-a_i)}{(1-2a_i)}} \left(r_{t,i+1}^2 - r_{t,i}^2\right) + r_{w,i}^2$$
$$U_w \left(\frac{(r_{w,i+1} + r_{w,i+1})}{2}\right) = U_0 \left((1-2a_i)\right)$$

Given Star Wake Model (MFoR)

Discretized thin shear Navier Stoke (NS) Equations

$$U\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V_r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} = \frac{V_T}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \right)$$

• Continuity equation
$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rV_r) = 0$$

Eddy viscosity model

The eddy viscosity is modelled using the following algebraic equation

$$v_t^{\star} = F_2 k_2 \left(\frac{b}{R}\right) \left(U_0 - U_{def,min}\right) + F_1 k_1 I_{amb}$$

Gilter function plays important role in deficit calculations

□ Three filter functions

□ FastFarm filter functions : 8 calibration parameters

DEffect of atmospheric stability is introduced

$$v_{t} = v_{t}^{*} \frac{\frac{du}{dr_{total}}}{\frac{du}{dr_{dwm}}}$$





Wake meandering model in DIWA

- Two hypothesis
 - Meandering due to large scale eddies (Plume behaviour)
 - intrinsic instabilities of the wakes (flow behind bluff bodies)
- Current implementation is based on the first hypothesis



• Wake centre position of the deficit

 $x_{c+1} = x_c + U\Delta t$

$$y_{c+1} = y_c + v_f \left(U[T - t_i], y_c, z_c \right) \Delta t$$

$$z_{c+1} = z_c + w_f \left(U[T - t_i], y_c, z_c \right) \Delta t$$

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 x_{q}

DIWA verification and validation

- Velocity Deficits and turbulence verification of a turbine with HAWC2 data (Literature data)
- Benchmarking with Fast Farm and SOWFA
- Power verification of a single (two turbines in row) and double wake scenario (three turbines in a row)
- Lillgrund wind farm



Verification without atmospheric Turbulence (NM 80 wind turbine)



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Mean wind = 6 m/s, TI = 0

Mean velocity and total turbulence intensity (Wind speed 8 m/s TI 5%, NM80)





Validation with FastFarm (FF) and SOWFA (8 m/s, Ti = 6%)



Validation with FF and SOWFA (8 m/s, Ti = 10%)



Flow visualization and power verification (Lillgrund Park)



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Visualization of flow field (Meandering)



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t=10s

t=100s

Lillgrund Single wake (two/three turbines in row)





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Power Verification: C8 turbine and full park (V=9 m/s; TI =6)







Aeroelastic simulations

- SIMA Riflex is an advanced tool for static and dynamic analysis of structures.
- Wind boxes were created using DIWA code
- Two NREL 5MW turbines in a row
- Six simulations were performed for each wind direction
- Damage equivalent loads were calculated using SIMA-DIWA



NREL 5MW turbine



6m/s . 6m/s . 6m/s .

6m/s 6m/s 9m/s

9m/s

9m/s 9m/s 11m/s

9m/s

11m/s 11m/s 11m/s

Wind speed - y-distance

11m/s

13m/s

13m/s 13m/s 13m/s 13m/s

Axial induction profiles for the NREL 5MW derived from aeroelastic analysis. The dashed lines show the induction ¹⁸profiles for rigid blades calculated by DIWA.

15m/s

15m/s 15m/s 15m/s 15m/s

Rigid vs. flexible rotor in aeroelastic simulations



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Benchmarking Lillgrund, power



Benchmarking Lillgrund, DEL (ongoing)



Conclusions

- Two hypothesizes for the wake meandering are identified based on the literature study.
- Most of the design codes are based on the first hypothesis.
- "SIMA-DIWA" is benchmarked against the literature data
- The study indicates that the eddy viscosity model parameters play quite an important role in wake deficits.
- The trends of fatigue loads are predicted well, with a few exceptions.
- More work is needed towards improving the eddy viscosity model

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