

TYPICAL SAVONIOUS TURBINE

Verifying theoretical analysis to predict the maximum rotational speed and output of turbine using experimental values:

Given:

A Savonius Wind Turbine with a 25% blade overlap

$$\text{Wind Velocity} = 14 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$\text{Diameter}_{(1)} = 0.75 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{Radius}_{(1)} = 0.37 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{Area}_{(1)} = 1.5 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\bar{A}_{(1)} = 1.06 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\bar{R}_{(1)} = 0.26 \text{ ft}$$

$$\text{Density} = 0.07 \text{ lb/ft}^3$$

$$C_{Tf} = 7.3 \quad (\text{Total force measured for } 1/2 \text{ a revolution})$$

$$\bar{C}_{Tf} = 5.2$$

$$C_{d(2,3)} = 0.63 \quad (\text{As determined from experimental testing})$$

Find:

1. The maximum rotational speed ω .
2. The work being done and maximum theoretical horsepower.
3. The energy in the wind and the efficiency of this turbine.

Notes:

- Assume that blade (V_2) **does** affect the turbine (create negative work)
- Assume values for area and radius change as the turbine rotates (RMS theorem)