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on

MODEL VERTICAL AXIS WIND TURBINE WITH DYNAMIC MESH

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Nomenclature

U	Velocity, m/s
g	Gravitational acceleration, m/s^2
P	Pressure, Pa

Greek Symbols

υ	Kinematic viscosity, m^2/sec
ω	Angular speed, rad/sec

Chapter1

Introduction and Problem Statement

1.1. Introduction

A vertical axis wind turbines (VAWT) is a type of wind turbine where the main rotor shaft is set transverse to the wind (but not necessarily vertically) while the main components are located at the base of the turbine [1]. VAWT does not require any complex mechanism or motors to yaw the rotor and pitch the blades [2]. One of the major challenges of this technology is dynamic stall of the blades as the angle of attack varies rapidly [3] [4] [5].

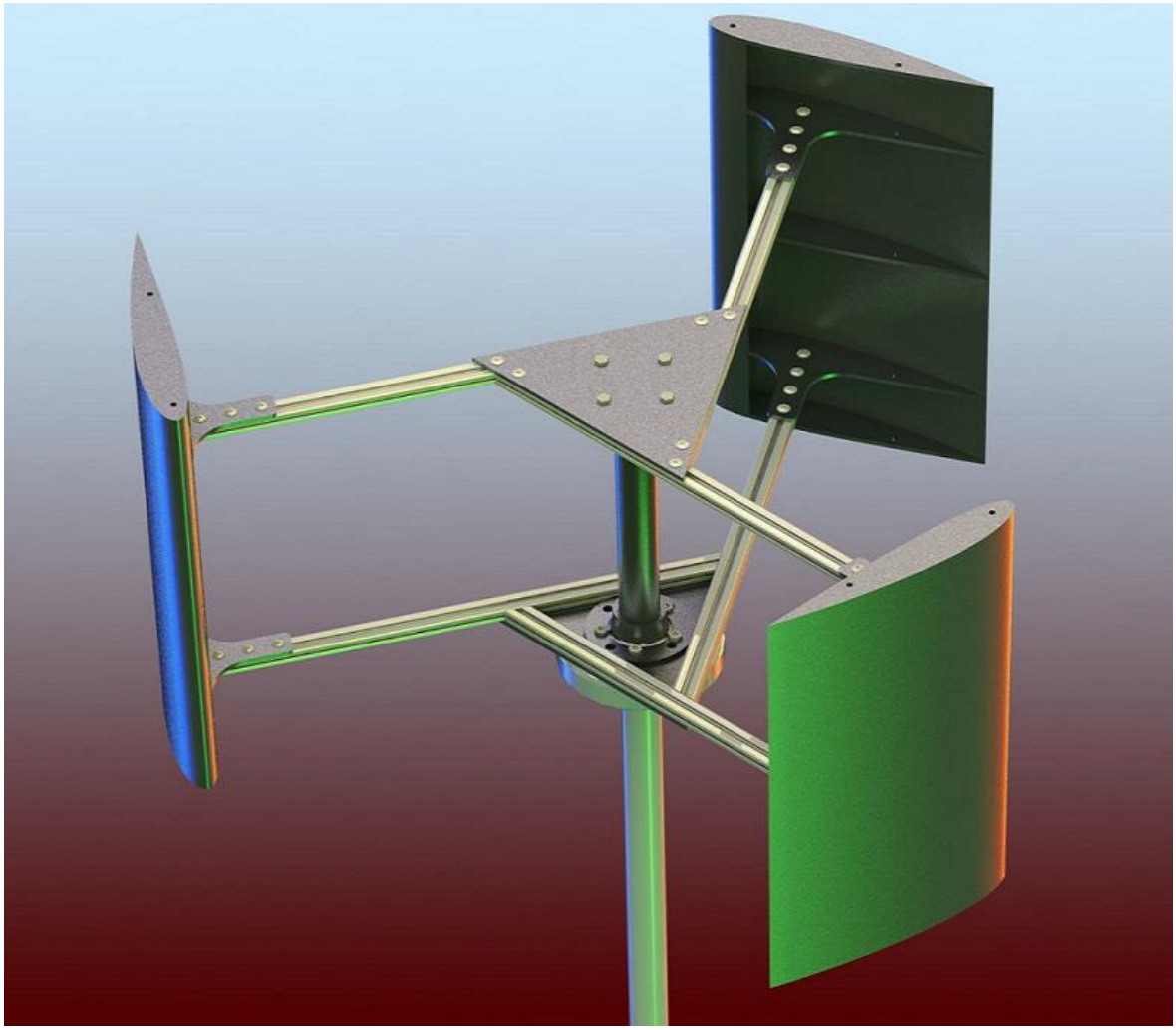


Figure 1.1. CAD model of VAWT [6]

1.2. Problem Statement

A model VAWT of 2D geometry was considered for the numerical study of a laminar flow. The details of the geometry can be found in the Figure1.2. Here whole the mesh was created with two different regions so that inner mesh of rotor can be rotated in CCW direction.

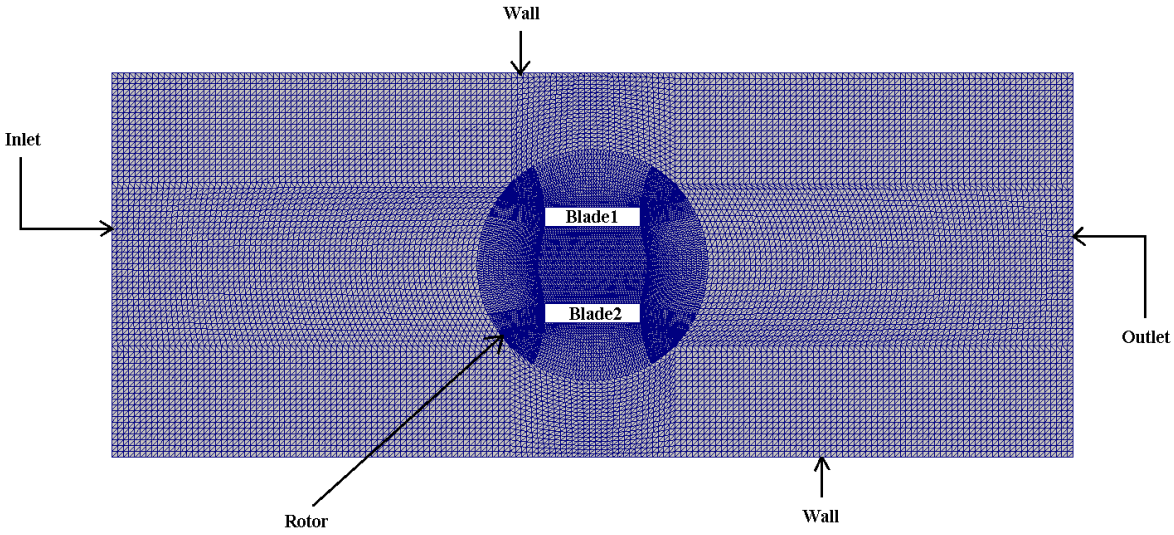


Figure 1.2. 2D Geometry with Mesh

Table 1. Geometry and Computational Details

Parameter	***Detail***
Model	2 Dimensional
Geometry-Mesh creating software	ICEM CFD
Number of cells	17,209
Post-processing tool	Paraview, Sigma Plot
Solver	pimpleFoam
Pressure-velocity coupling	PIMPLE algorithm [7]
Convective term solving scheme	Gauss linear upwind [7]

Table 2. Fluid properties and initial conditions

Parameter	***Value/Condition***
$\boldsymbol{\upsilon}_{air}$	1e-05 m2/sec
U_{air}	1 m/sec
Wall	No slip
Inlet	Free stream velocity
Blades	Moving wall velocity
Rotor rotation	CCW
ω	10 rad/sec

Chapter2

Equations

2.1. Continuity Equation [8]

$$\nabla . U = 0$$

2.2. Momentum Transfer Equation [8]

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \nabla . (UU) + \nabla . (\upsilon_{eff} \nabla U) = -\nabla P + g$$

Chapter3
Results and Discussion
3.1. Plots

The velocity and pressure were calculated at the downstream of rotor.

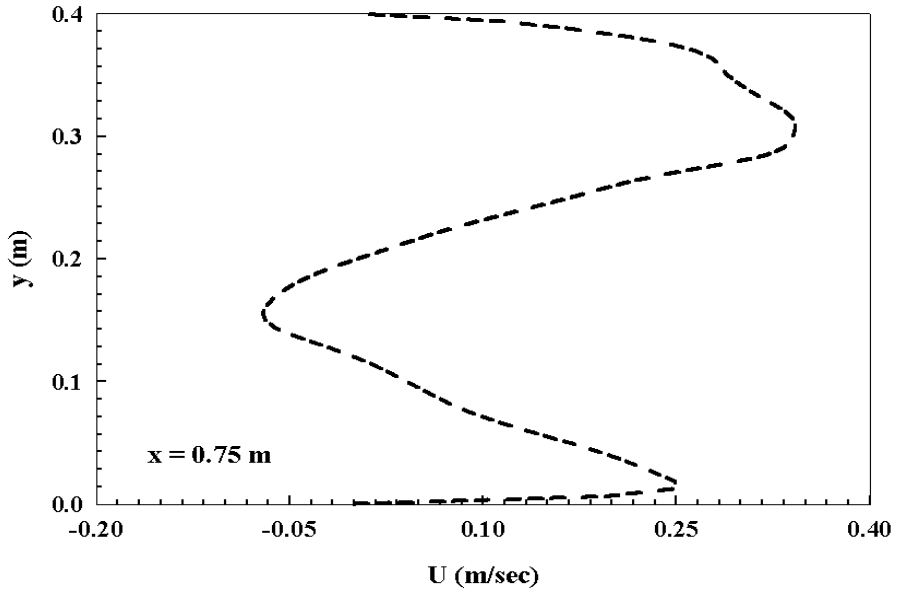


Figure 1.3. Velocity along height at x = 0.75m

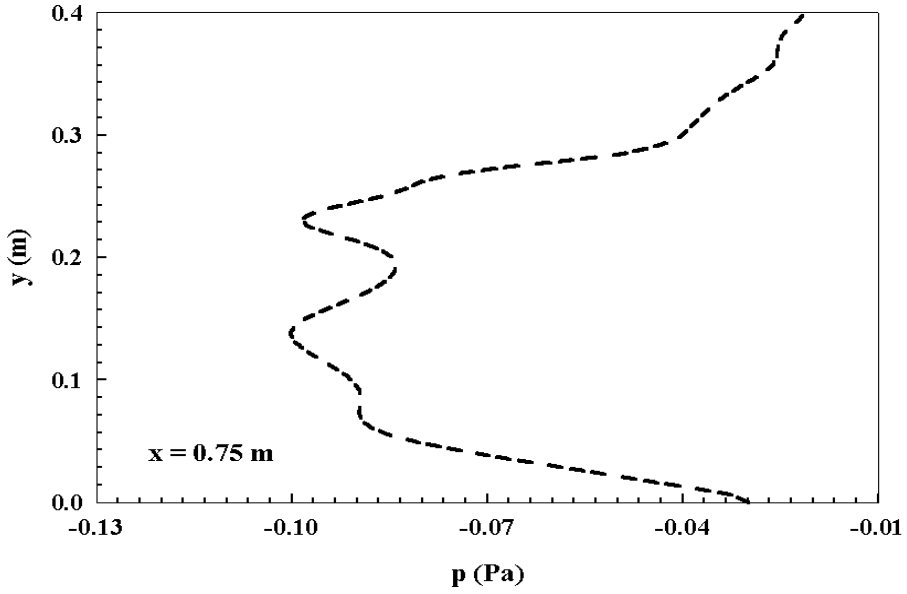


Figure 1.4. Pressure along height at x = 0.75m

3.2. Contours

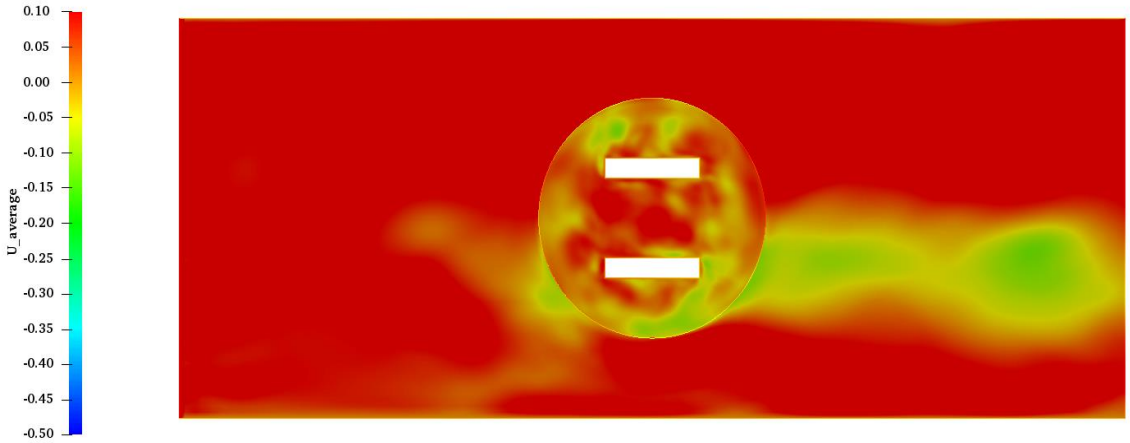


Figure 1.5. Velocity contour

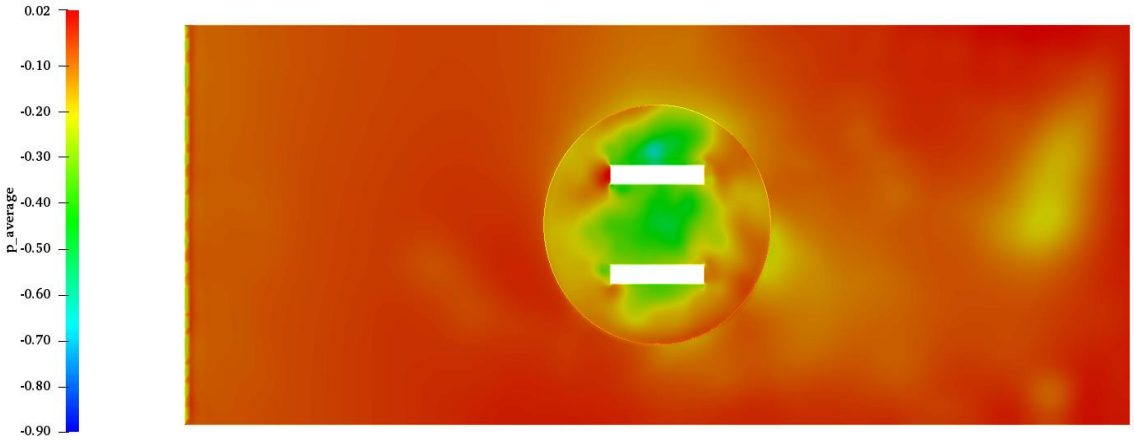
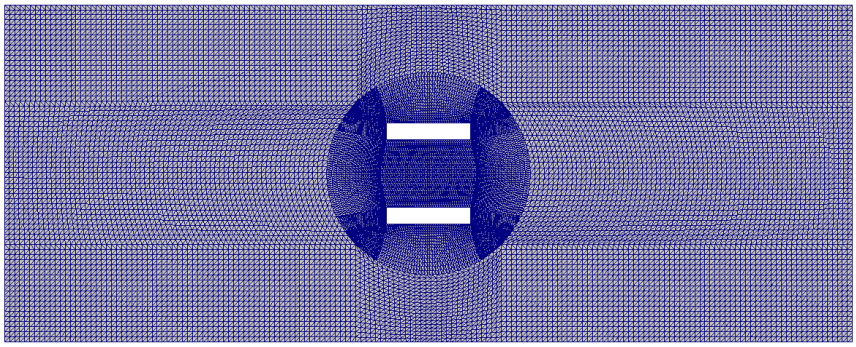


Figure 1.6. Pressure contour

3.3. Dynamic Mesh



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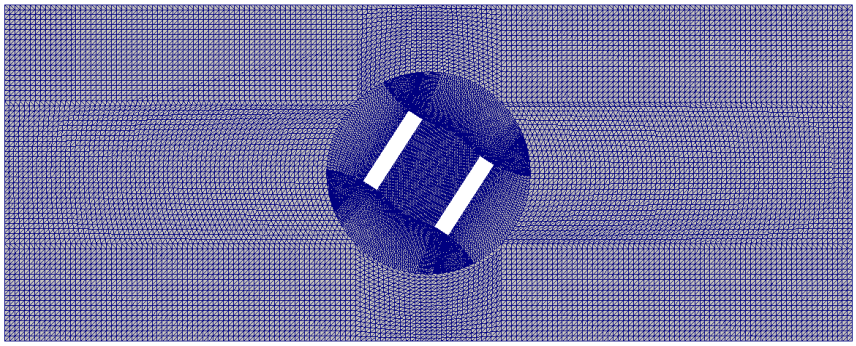

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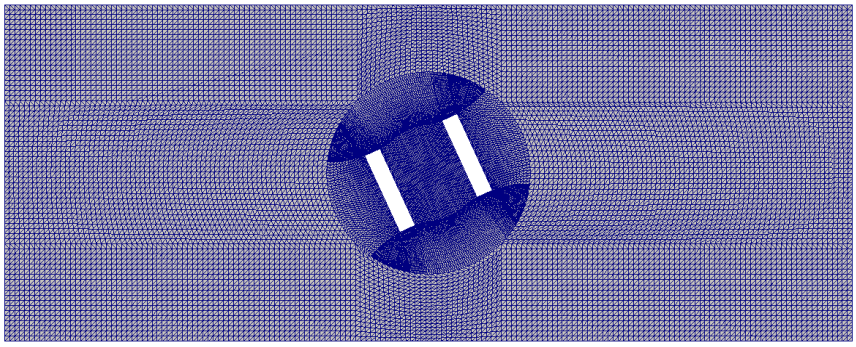

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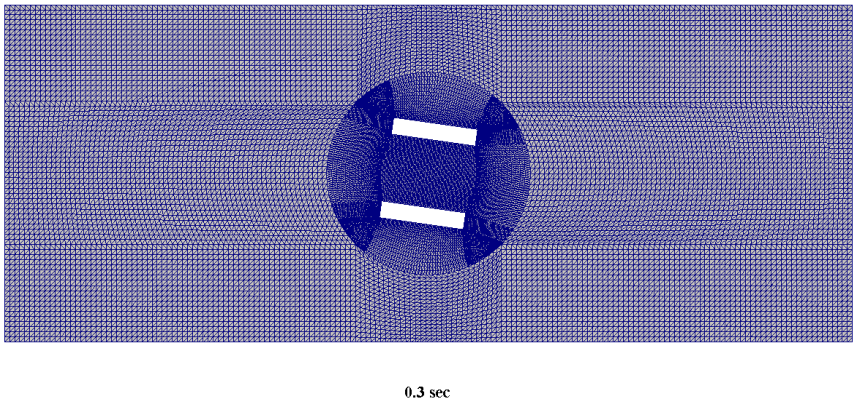

Figure 1.7. Moving mesh at different time

3.4. Conclusion

A physical problem of vertical axis wind turbine can be simulated for dynamic mesh with pimpleFoam solver.

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