

# SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

**UNIT – I- Industrial Aerodynamics – SAE1610** 

Unit I

Wind Energy Collectors

INTRODUCTION

Air Movement

Wind

Air Current

Circulation

The horizontal movement of air along the earth's surface is called a *Wind*. The vertical movement of the air is known as an *air current*. Winds and air current together comprise a system of *circulation* in the atmosphere.

## **TYPES OF WINDS**

On the earth's surface, certain winds blow constantly in a particular direction throughout the year. These are known as the 'Prevailing Winds'. They are also called the Permanent or the Planetary Winds. Certain winds blow in one direction in one season and in the opposite direction in another. They are known as Periodic Winds. Then, there are Local Winds in different parts of the world.



#### 1. Planetary Winds:

There are three main planetary winds that constantly blow in the same direction all around the world. They are also called prevailing or permanent winds.

## 1. Trade Winds:

Blow from the subtropical high pressure belt towards the Equator. They are called the north-east trades in the northern hemisphere and south-east trades in the southern hemisphere.

## 2. Westerly winds:

Blow from the same subtropical high pressure belts, towards 60° S and 60° N latitude. They are called the sought Westerly wind sin the northern hemisphere and North Westerly winds in the southern hemispheres.

#### 3. Polar Winds

Blow from the polar high pressure to the sub polar low pressure area. In the northern hemisphere, their direction is from the north-east. In the southern hemisphere, they blow from the south-east.

### 2. Periodic Winds

These winds are known to blow for a certain time in a certain direction - it may be for a part of a day or a particular season of the year.

### Example 1: Land and Sea breeze

During the day, near an ocean, sea or lake, the land heats up faster than the water. The air above the land also gets heated. As warm air rises, it draws cooler air from over the water to blow towards the land, creating a sea breeze.

At night, the opposite conditions prevail. The land loses heat rapidly while the sea is still warm. The air resting over the land is cold while the air resting over the sea is warm and rises creating a low pressure area. A land breeze thus blows in from the high





pressure over the land towards the water. These land and sea breezes maintain air circulation in the coastal areas and have a moderating effect on the temperatures.

#### Example 2: Monsoons

They are land and sea breezes on a large scale. The word 'monsoon' comes from the Arabic word 'mausim' meaning weather. They change or reverse their directions according to the seasons. Strong contrasts in temperature between summer and winter because great differences in



pressure conditions over the interior parts of the big continents like Asia. Hence winds blow onshore from a sea to the land in summer and from land to the sea in winter. The onshore winds bring moisture and heavy rainfall while the offshore winds are relatively dry. Although the monsoons are associated with south-east USA, Australia, parts of South America and East Africa they are most effective over south-east Asia and India blows from June to September while the winter monsoons prevails from October to December.

## Example 3: Mountain and Valley Breezes (tertiary circulation)

During the day, the valley heats up, so the warm less dense air flows up the mountain, creating a *valley breeze*.



At night, the mountain will cool off faster than the valley, so the cool mountain air descends because it is more dense, creating a *mountain breeze*.

# **3.** Local Winds

On the earth's surface, some local variations of temperature on the land may cause changes in air pressure. As a result local winds blow. They blow in a particular season and are known by the local names in that region. For instance, the hot dry, dusty winds that blow in the month of May and June over the northern plains in India are called Loo.

Some other examples of local winds that bring unusual changes in the temperature of the places are the warm Chinooks that devour the snow on the leeward side of the Rocky mountains of North America, the Foehn in the Swiss Alps and the hot, sand laden Siocco that blows over Southern Europe from the Sahara and causes 'blood rain' which is actually desert sand and dust that falls with the rain.

There are still other types of winds that are irregular and keep changing their direction and blow in an area for a very short time, such as tornadoes, typhoons and cyclones.

# **CAUSES OF VARIATION OF WINDS**

The movement and the speed of wind are affected by three main factors

# 1. Pressure Gradient Force

- The change in pressure measured across a given distance is called a "pressure gradient".
- The pressure gradient results in a net force that is directed from high to low pressure. The magnitude of the force depends on

1) How great the pressure difference is between the high pressure area and low pressure area

2) how far apart the two pressure areas are from each other. A large difference in pressure combined with pressure areas that are close to each other will cause a huge pressure gradient which produces a strong wind.

# 2. Coriolis Effect

*The Coriolis Effect* (also called the Coriolis force) is defined as the apparent deflection of objects (such as airplanes, wind, missiles, and ocean currents) moving in a straight path relative to the earth's surface.

If the Earth did not rotate upon its axis, winds would follow the direction of the pressure gradient. But the rotation produces another force other than the pressure force. It is called the '*Coriolis force*'.



- Causes air to move in a curved path
- It is caused by the Earth spinning on its axis
- The Earth spins fastest at the equator, and slowest near the poles
- As air moves from the equator to the pole, it will travel east faster than the land beneath it causing the air to follow a curved path
- So the Coriolis effect causes wind flowing from high pressure to low pressure to curve as the wind moves



- In the Northern Hemisphere, the Coriolis effect causes things to curve to the Right
- In the *Southern Hemisphere*, the Coriolis effect causes things to curve to the *Left*

# 3. Friction

The surface of the Earth exerts a frictional drag on the air blowing just above it. This friction can act to change the wind's direction and slow it down -- keeping it from blowing as fast as the wind aloft. Actually, the difference in terrain conditions directly affects how much friction is exerted. For example, a calm ocean surface is pretty smooth, so the wind blowing over it does not move up, down, and around any features. By contrast, hills and forests force the wind to slow down and/or change direction much more.

## ATMOSPHERIC BOUNDARY LAYER

The planetary boundary layer (PBL), also known as the atmospheric boundary layer (ABL), is the lowest part of the atmosphere and its behavior is directly influenced by its contact with a planetary surface. Above the PBL is the "free atmosphere" where the wind is approximately geostrophic (parallel to the isobars) while within the PBL the wind is affected by surface drag. The free atmosphere is usually non-turbulent.



# Structure of the Planetary Boundary Layer



The PBL can be subdivided into four separate component layers: the surface layer, the mixed layer, the stable layer, and the residual layer. We will discuss each of these in turn.

## 1. Mixed Layer(or) Convective Boundary Layer (CBL)

During the daytime, surface heating leads to convective motion in the PBL. Heat transfer from the surface forms rising warm air. Radiative cooling from clouds forms sinking cooler air. Convective motion also leads to significant turbulence which mixes the air within this layer. Because of the convective motion and significant mixing of air, this sub-layer is called the convective layer or mixed layer. Above the mixed layer is a stable layer which prevents the continued upward motion of thermals. This stable layer also restricts turbulence, preventing frictional influences from reaching above the PBL. This stable layer is called the entrainment zone, because it is here where air from above the PBL entrains into the mixed layer. During the day, the mixed layer reaches heights over 1 km and make up the entire layer of the PBL above the surface layer. However, the mixed layer vanishes with the sun as the thermally driven convection ceases.

## 2. Stable Layer(or) Nocturnal Boundary Layer (NBL)

After sunset, convective motion dramatically decreases. However, the earth's surface still affects the air, and a stable boundary layer forms (also called the nocturnal boundary layer). This boundary layer is charaterized by light winds and weaker, more sporadic turbulence than in the mixed layer. The height of the PBL, therefore, decreases significantly during the night. Though the height of the nocturnal layer varies, it is usually less than half that of the mixed layer. Unlike

the mixed layer, the stable boundary layer does not have a well-defined top. Instead, it slowly merges with the residual layer.

#### 3. Residual Layer

As turbulence and the mixed layer decay with sunset, the air maintains many of the state variables that the well-mixed air had. This layer is called the residual layer (because its properties are residuals of the mixed layer) and forms above the stable boundary layer. While the nocturnal boundary layer has a very stable profile, the residual layer tends to have more of a neutral profile. The residual layer does not have contact with the earth's surface, and so is not influenced by turbulent stresses like the stable boundary layer below it. The residual layer is bounded above by a capping inversion, which approximates the height of the daytime height of the mixed layer. This inversion simply prevents entrainment from aloft.

Because the residual layer is not influenced directly by the earth's surface (i.e. no turbulent stresses) it is not considered a boundary layer. However, we include it in our discussion for descriptive purposes. Only the mixed layer and stable layer are true boundary layers.

#### 4. Mixing Height (or) Gradient Height (or) Height of the PBL

Because turbulent fluxes vary based on surface heating and other factors, the height of the PBL also varies. At night, the height of the PBL decreases dramatically as the stable layer forms. The height of the PBL is called the mixing height, because it is the height up to which the air is well-mixed. The mixing height is very important to air quality experts when determining air pollution dispersion. We will cover this more in the Focus on Air Quality section. Meanwhile, we'll look at some of the factors which influence the PBL.

### EFFECT OF TERRAIN ON GRADIENT HEIGHT

For winds near ground surface, frictional effects play a significant role. Ground obstruction retard the movement of air close to the ground surface, causing a reduction in wind speed.

At some height above ground, the movement of air is no longer affected by ground obstruction. This height is called gradient height ( $Z_G$ ) which is a function of ground roughness.

The unobstructed wind speed is called gradient wind speed  $(V_{Zg})$  and it is considered to be constant above gradient height.

#### Wind Profile

Wind profile is the variation of mean wind speed with height above ground. It is usually represented by power law or logarithmic law.

#### 1. Power law

The Power law, which is used by some engineers to represent variation of wind speed with height, is an empirical equation, which for the case of *mean speeds* takes the form of

$$\frac{V_Z}{V_{Zg}} = \left[\frac{Z}{Z_g}\right]^a$$

Where,

 $V_z$ ,  $V_{zg}$  = the wind speeds at height Z,  $Z_g$  respectively, and

 $\alpha$  = the power law exponent.

( $Z_g$  and  $\alpha$  are functions of ground roughness)

#### 2. Logarithmic law

The Logarithmic law is used by both engineers and meteorologists. It is based on physics of the boundary layer and it is valid in the bottom 20 to 30% of the boundary layer.

Mean wind speed 
$$V = 2.5 \times U^* \times \ln \frac{Z}{Z_o}$$

Where,

Z<sub>o</sub>= Roughness length – see typical values in Table 1

$$U^*$$
= Friction velocity =  $\sqrt{\frac{c_o}{\rho}}$ 

 $\tau_0$ = Shear stress at the ground surface

$$\rho$$
 = Air density

Terrain category	Terrain description	Gradient height Z <sub>g</sub> (m)	Roughness length Z <sub>0</sub> (m)	Mean speed exponent α
1	Open sea, ice, tundra, desert	250	0.001	0.11
2	Open country with low scrub or scattered trees	300	0.03	0.15
3	Suburban areas, small towns, well wooded areas	400	0.3	0.25
4	Numerous tall buildings. City centers, well developed industrial areas	500	3	0.36

Table 1: Typical values of parameters in wind profiles based on effect of terrain type



Figure: Variation of wind speed with height for different terrain types

The turbulence created is higher in rougher terrain than in smoother terrain. Turbulence decreases with increasing height above ground.

## Turbulence Intensity

The most commonly used parameter to define turbulence in time domain isturbulence intensity. It is a measure of the relative amplitude of the fluctuationscompared to the mean component of wind. It is expressed as:

$$T_u = \frac{\sigma}{V_Z}$$

Where,

 $T_u$  = The turbulence intensity.

 $\sigma$  = The root mean square of wind speed, and

 $V_Z$ = The mean wind speed.

Turbulence intensity decreases with height since the mean wind speed increases and the fluctuation of wind decreases.



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## WIND ENERGY

Wind energy is produced by the movement of air (wind) and converted into power for human use. Wind has been used as a source of energy for more than a thousand years, but was replaced by fossil fuels for much of the 20th century. Today, wind is making a comeback as a source of electricity and power.

## WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM

An apparatus for converting the kinetic energy available in the wind to mechanical energy that can be used to power machinery (grain mills, water pumps, etc) and/or to operate an electrical generator.

# <u>Windmills</u>

Windmills convert wind energy directly into mechanical energy for such tasks as milling grain or pumping water, which is usually the purpose of windmills you see on farms.

#### Windmill Mechanism

The spinning vanes of a windmill turn a camshaft, which is connected by gears and rods to the machinery that does the work. All power is directed into the work

#### Wind Turbines

A wind turbine converts wind energy into electricity, which can then be used to power electrical equipment, stored in batteries or transmitted over power lines.

## Wind Turbine Mechanism

The blades turn, convert the energy of wind into rotational energy, a form of mechanical energy, and this energy is in turn converted into electrical energy. A wind turbine has essentially the same parts as a simple electric motor, but it works in reverse: A motor uses electrical current to produce motion; a wind turbine uses motion to create electrical current.

#### Wind Farms

In order to generate a large amount of electricity, wind turbines are often constructed in large groups called wind farms. Wind farms are made up of hundreds of turbines, spaced out over hundreds of acres.

#### The two main categories of wind turbines are

- 1. Vertical axis wind turbines and
- 2. Horizontal axis wind turbines.

#### HORIZONTAL AXIS MACHINES

A wind turbine in which the axis of the rotor's rotation is parallel to the wind stream and the ground. All grid-connected commercial wind turbines today are built with a propeller-type rotor on a horizontal axis. Horizontal-axis wind turbines (HAWT) have the main rotor shaft and electrical generator at the top of a tower, and may be pointed into or out of the wind. Small turbines are pointed by a simple wind vane, while large turbines generally use a wind sensor coupled with a servo motor. Most have a gearbox, which turns the slow rotation of the blades into a quicker rotation that is more suitable to drive an electrical generator.



Principles of Wind Turbine Aerodynamic Lift

HAWTs can be subdivided into upwind wind turbines and downwind wind turbines. Compare with vertical-axis wind turbine.

## Parts of the wind turbine

#### 1. Blades

Most wind turbines have three blades. Very small turbines may use two blades for ease of construction and installation. Vibration intensity decreases with larger numbers of blades. Noise and wear are generally lower, and efficiency higher, with three instead of two blades.

Also, the cost of the turbine usually increases with the number of blades. Based on blade style classified as

- The lifting style wind turbine blade. These are the most efficiently designed, especially for capturing energy of strong, fast winds.
- The drag style wind turbine blade, most popularly used for water mills, as seen in the old Dutch windmills. The blades are flattened plates which catch the wind. These are poorly designed for capturing the energy of heightened winds.







## 2. Rotor

The rotor is designed aerodynamically to capture the maximum surface area of wind in order to spin the most ergonomically. The blades are lightweight, durable and corrosion-resistant material. The best materials are composites of fiberglass and reinforced plastic.

## 3. Gear box

A gear box magnifies or amplifies the energy output of the rotor. The gear box is situated directly between the rotor and the generator. A rotor rotates the generator (which is protected by a nacelle), as directed by the tail vane.



# 4. Generator

The generator produces electricity from the rotation of the rotor. Generators come in various sizes, relative to the output you wish to generate. The nacelle is the housing or enclosure that seals and protects the generator and gear box from the elements. It is easily removed for maintenance.

#### 5. Yaw Mechanism

Yaw mechanism turns the rotor into the upwind direction as the wind direction changes. Electric motors and gear boxes are used to keep the turbine yawed against wind. This can be also used as controlling mechanism during high wind speeds.

#### 6. Anemometers

Wind speed is the most important factor for determining the power content in the wind. The power content in the wind is directly proportional to cube of the wind velocity. Measuring wind speed is important for site selection. The device which is used for measuring wind speed is called anemometer. These are usually located on top of the nacelle.

#### <u>Advantages</u>

- Higher wind speeds
- Great efficiency

#### **Disadvantages**

- Angle of turbine is relevant
- Difficult access to generator for repairs

## VERTICAL AXIS MACHINES

A type of wind turbine in which the axis of rotation is perpendicular to the wind stream and the ground. A vertical-axis wind turbine's (VAWTs) main rotor shaft is set vertically and the main components are located at the base of the turbine.VAWTs work somewhat like a classical water wheel in which water arrives at a right angle (perpendicular) to the rotational axis (shaft) of the water wheel. Vertical-axis wind turbines fall into two major categories: Darrieus turbines (Lift Device) and



Savonius turbines (Drag Device). Neither type is in wide use today.

## The basic theoretical advantages of a vertical axis machine are:

- The generator, gearbox etc. may be placed on the ground, and a tower is not essential for the machine
- > A yaw mechanism isn't needed to turn the rotor against the wind

# The basic disadvantages are:

- Wind speeds are very low close to ground level, so although a tower isn't essential, the wind speeds will be very low on the lower part of the rotor
- > The overall efficiency of the vertical axis machines is not impressive
- The machine is not self-starting, i.e. a Darrieus machine needs a "push" before it will start. This is only a minor inconvenience for a grid-connected turbine, however, since the generator may be used as a motor drawing current from the grid to to start the machine
- The machine may need guy wires to hold it up, but guy wires are impractical in heavily farmed areas
- Replacing the main bearing for the rotor necessitates removing the rotor on both a horizontal and a vertical axis machine. In the case of the latter, it means tearing the whole machine down.

# POWER COEFFICIENT, BETZ COEFFICIENT BY MOMENTUM THEORY

## Introduction

## Available Wind Energy

The kinetic energy of a stream of air:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mV^2$$

## Available Wind Power

*Power* is the *energy per unit*time and expressed

$$P = dE/dt$$
$$P = \frac{1}{2}\rho_a A_T V^3$$

## Power Co-efficient

The efficiency is the ratio of actual power developed by wind turbine rotor to the available wind power. It is also defined as power coefficient and expressed as

$$C_p = \frac{P_T}{2 \rho_a A V^3}$$

The power coefficient or the power picked up by the wind turbine rotor is influenced by many factors:

- profile of the rotor blade
- number of blades
- blade arrangement

## Torque Co-efficient

The thrust force developed by the rotor is

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \rho_a A_T V^2$$

The rotor torque is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \rho_a A_T V^2 R$$

The torque developed by the rotor shaft is less than the maximum theoretical torque and given in terms of *coefficient of torque* 

$$C_{T} = \frac{T_{r}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho A_{T}V^{2}T}$$

Tip Speed Ratio

$$V_{rw} = \frac{\omega R}{V} = \frac{2\pi N R}{V}$$

Where,

R = radius of the rotor

 $\omega$  = Angular velocity

N = Rotor rotational speed, rpm

Also, it can be shown that power coefficient and torque coefficient is related by relative speed:

$$\frac{C_P}{C_T} = V_{rw} = \frac{\omega R}{V}$$

Solidity is the ratio of total rotor plan form area to total swept area.



All wind power cannot be captured by rotor or air would be completely still behind rotor and not allow more wind to pass through.Betz' law States the theoretical limit for the conversion of wind energy in wind turbine.According to this law maximum possible wind turbine efficiency is less than 59.3 %

$$C_{p,\max} = \frac{16}{27} = .5926$$



#### **BETZ COEFFICIENT BY MOMENTUM THEORY**

This analysis uses the following assumptions:

- · Homogenous, incompressible, steady state fluid flow
- No frictional drag
- An infinite number of blades
- · Uniform thrust over the disk or rotor area
- A nonrotating wake
- The static pressure far upstream and far downstream of the rotor is equal to the undisturbed ambient static pressure



Figure: Actuator model of a wind turbine: U=Mean air velocity; 1,2,3,4, indicate locations

Applying the conservation of linear momentum to the control volume enclosing the whole system, one can find the net force on the contents of the control volume. That force is equal and opposite to the thrust, T, which is the force of the wind on the wind turbine. From the conservation of linear momentum for a one-dimensional, incompressible, time-invariant flow, the thrust is equal and opposite to the change in momentum of air stream:

$$T = U_1 (\rho A U)_1 - U_4 (\rho A U)_4 \tag{3.2.1}$$

where  $\rho$  is the air density, A is the cross sectional area, U is the air velocity and the subscripts indicate values at numbered cross sections in Figure 3.1.

For steady state flow,  $(\rho AU)_1 = (\rho AU)_4 = \dot{m}$ , where  $\dot{m}$  is the mass flow rate. Therefore:

$$T = \dot{m}(U_1 - U_4) \tag{3.2.2}$$

The thrust is positive so the velocity behind the rotor,  $U_4$ , is less than the free stream velocity,  $U_1$ . No work is done on either side of the turbine rotor. Thus the Bernoulli function can be used in the two control volumes on either side of the actuator disk. In the stream tube upstream of the disk:

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U_1^2 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U_2^2 \tag{3.2.3}$$

In the stream tube downstream of the disk:

$$p_3 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U_3^2 = p_4 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U_4^2$$
(3.2.4)

where it is assumed that the far upstream and far downstream pressures are equal ( $p_1 = p_4$ ) and that the velocity across the disk remains the same ( $U_2 = U_3$ ).

The thrust can also be expressed as the net sum of the forces on each side of the actuator disc:

$$T = A_2(p_2 - p_3) \tag{3.2.5}$$

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If one solves for  $(p_2 - p_3)$  using Equations 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 and substitutes that into Equation 3.2.5, one obtains:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \rho A_2 \left( U_1^2 - U_4^2 \right)$$
(3.2.6)

Equating the thrust values from Equations 3.2.2 and 3.2.6 and recognizing that the mass flow rate is  $A_2U_2$ , one obtains:

$$U_2 = \frac{U_1 + U_4}{2} \tag{3.2.7}$$

Thus, the wind velocity at the rotor plane, using this simple model, is the average of the upstream and downstream wind speeds.

If one defines the axial induction factor, a, as the fractional decrease in wind velocity between the free stream and the rotor plane, then

$$a = \frac{U_1 - U_2}{U_1} \tag{3.2.8}$$

$$U_2 = U_1(1-a) \tag{3.2.9}$$

and

$$U_4 = U_1(1 - 2a) \tag{3.2.10}$$

The quantity,  $U_1a$ , is often referred to as the induced velocity at the rotor, in which case velocity of the wind at the rotor is a combination of the free stream velocity and the induced wind velocity. As the axial induction factor increases from 0, the wind speed behind the rotor slows more and more. If a = 1/2, the wind has slowed to zero velocity behind the rotor and the simple theory is no longer applicable.

The power out, P, is equal to the thrust times the velocity at the disk:

$$P = \frac{1}{2}\rho A_2 \left( U_1^2 - U_4^2 \right) V_2 = \frac{1}{2}\rho A_2 U_2 \left( U_1 + U_4 \right) \left( U_1 - U_4 \right)$$
(3.2.11)

Substituting for  $U_2$  and  $U_4$  from Equations 3.2.9 and 3.2.10 gives

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A U^3 4 a (1-a)^2 \tag{3.2.12}$$

where the control volume area at the rotor,  $A_2$ , is replaced with A, the rotor area, and the free stream velocity  $U_1$  is replaced by U.

Wind turbine rotor performance is usually characterized by its power coefficient,  $C_P$ :

$$C_P = \frac{P}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^3 A} = \frac{\text{Rotor power}}{\text{Power in the wind}}$$
(3.2.13)

The non-dimensional power coefficient represents the fraction of the power in the wind that is extracted by the rotor. From Equation 3.2.12, the power coefficient is:

$$C_P = 4a(1-a)^2 \tag{3.2.14}$$

The maximum  $C_p$  is determined by taking the derivative of the power coefficient (Equation 3.2.14) with respect to *a* and setting it equal to zero, yielding a = 1/3. Thus:

$$C_{P,\max} = 16/27 = 0.5926$$
 (3.2.15)

when a = 1/3. For this case, the flow through the disk corresponds to a stream tube with an upstream cross-sectional area of 2/3 the disk area that expands to twice the disk area downstream. This result indicates that, if an ideal rotor were designed and operated such that the wind speed at the rotor were 2/3 of the free stream wind speed, then it would be operating at the point of maximum power production. Furthermore, given the basic laws of physics, this is the maximum power possible.

From Equations 3.2.6, 3.2.9 and 3.2.10, the axial thrust on the disk is:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \rho A U_1^2 [4a(1-a)]$$
(3.2.16)

Similarly to the power, the thrust on a wind turbine can be characterized by a nondimensional thrust coefficient:

$$C_T = \frac{T}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 A} = \frac{\text{Thrust force}}{\text{Dynamic force}}$$
(3.2.17)

From Equation 3.2.16, the thrust coefficient for an ideal wind turbine is equal to 4a(1-a).  $C_T$  has a maximum of 1.0 when a = 0.5 and the downstream velocity is zero. At maximum power output (a = 1/3),  $C_T$  has a value of 8/9. A graph of the power and thrust coefficients for an ideal Betz turbine and the non-dimensionalized downstream wind speed are illustrated in Figure 3.2.



Figure 3.2 Operating parameters for a Betz turbine; U, velocity of undisturbed air;  $U_4$ , air velocity behind the rotor;  $C_P$ , power coefficient;  $C_T$ , thrust coefficient

As mentioned above, this idealized model is not valid for axial induction factors greater than 0.5. In practice (Wilson et al., 1976), as the axial induction factor approaches and exceeds 0.5, complicated flow patterns that are not represented in this simple model result in thrust coefficients that can go as high as 2.0. The details of wind turbine operation at these high axial induction factors appear in Section 3.7.

The Betz limit,  $C_{P,\text{max}} = 16/27$ , is the maximum theoretically possible rotor power coefficient. In practice three effects lead to a decrease in the maximum achievable power coefficient:

- · Rotation of the wake behind the rotor
- · Finite number of blades and associated tip losses
- Non-zero aerodynamic drag

Note that the overall turbine efficiency is a function of both the rotor power coefficient and the mechanical (including electrical) efficiency of the wind turbine:

$$\eta_{overall} = \frac{P_{out}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho A U^3} = \eta_{mech} C_p$$
(3.2.18)

Thus:

$$P_{out} = \frac{1}{2} \rho A U^3 \left( \eta_{mech} C_P \right) \tag{3.2.19}$$

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# <u>Unit III</u>

# **Ground Vehicle Aerodynamics**



**Ground Vehicle aerodynamics** is the study of the <u>aerodynamics</u> of road vehicles. Its main goals are reducing <u>drag</u> and wind noise, minimizing <u>noise emission</u>, and preventing undesired <u>lift</u> forces and other causes of <u>aerodynamic instability</u> at high speeds. For some classes of racing vehicles, it may also be important to produce <u>downforce</u> to improve traction and thus cornering abilities.

# **Comparison with Aircraft Aerodynamics**

Ground Vehicle aerodynamics differs from aircraft aerodynamics in several ways. First, the characteristic shape of a road vehicle is much less streamlined compared to an aircraft. Second, the vehicle operates very close to the ground, rather than in free air. Third, the operating speeds are lower (and aerodynamic drag varies as the square of speed). Fourth, a ground vehicle has fewer degrees of freedom than an aircraft, and its motion is less affected by aerodynamic forces. Fifth, passenger and commercial ground vehicles have very specific design constraints such as their intended purpose, high safety standards (requiring, for example, more 'dead' structural space to act as crumple zones), and certain regulations.

# VEHICLE POWER REQUIREMENTS

Resistance forces acting on a ground vehicle are

- 1. Aerodynamic
- 2. Rolling
- 3. Grade

$$F = ma + R_a + R_{rl} + R_g$$



Composed of:

- 1. Turbulent air flow around vehicle body (85%)
- 2. Friction of air over vehicle body (12%)
- 3. Vehicle component resistance, from radiators and air vents (3%)

$$R_a = \frac{\rho}{2} C_D A_f V^2$$

Where,

$$\begin{split} C_D &= drag \ coefficient \\ \rho &= Density \ of \ air \ 1.225 \ kg/m^3 \\ V &= flow \ velocity \\ A_f &= characteristic \ frontal \ area \ of \ the \ body \end{split}$$

Rolling Resistance (R<sub>rl</sub>)

Composed primarily of

- 1. Resistance from tire deformation (~90%)
- 2. Tire penetration and surface compression (~4%)
- 3. Tire slippage and air circulation around wheel ( $\sim 6\%$ )

# R<sub>rl</sub>=C<sub>R</sub>.m.g

# Where,

- $C_R$  = coefficient of rolling resistance
- m = mass of vehicle [kg]
- g = 9.81 m/s

# Grade Resistance R<sub>g</sub>

# Composed of

- Gravitational force acting on the vehicle



$$R_g = W \sin \theta_g$$

The coefficients of rolling resistance and drag are determined from experiment. A typical value for the coefficient of rolling resistance is 0.015. The drag coefficient for cars varies, a value of 0.3 is commonly used.

The power output requirement can be determined from the drag force given above and the vehicle velocity.

## $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{V}$

## DRAG COEFFICIENTS OF AUTOMOBILES

- The drag coefficient expresses the drag of an object in a moving fluid.
- Reducing the drag coefficient in an automobile improves the performance of the vehicle as it pertains to speed and fuel efficiency.

Drag force can be expressed as:

$$F_d = c_d . (1/2) . \rho . v^2 . A$$

Where,

$$\begin{split} F_d &= drag \text{ force (N)} \\ c_d &= drag \text{ coefficient} \\ \rho &= Density \text{ of fluid } 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3 \\ v &= flow \text{ velocity} \\ A &= characteristic \text{ frontal area of} \\ the body \end{split}$$



## Vehicle aerodynamics includes three interacting flow fields:

- ➤ flow past vehicle body
- flow past vehicle components (wheels, heat exchanger, brakes, windshield),
- flow in passenger compartment

### **AERODYNAMICS OF CAR**

A body in motion is affected by aerodynamic forces. The aerodynamic force acts externally on the body of a vehicle. The component of the resultant aerodynamic force which opposes the forward motion is called the aerodynamic drag. The aerodynamic drag affects the performance of a car in both speed and fuel economy as it is the power required to overcome the opposing force. The other component, directed vertically, is called the aerodynamic lift. It reduces the frictional forces between the tyres and the road thus changing dramatically the handling characteristics of the vehicle. The aerodynamic force is the net result of all the changing distributed pressures which airstreams exert on the car surface. Therefore aerodynamic studies are very important as far as the car stability is concerned.

The main concerns of automotive aerodynamics are reducing drag, reducing wind noise, and preventing undesired lift forces at high speeds. For some classes of vehicles, it may also be important to produce desirable downwards aerodynamic forces, to improve cornering.

As the years passed the studies on aerodynamic effects on cars increased and the designs were being developed to accommodate for the increasing needs and for economic reasons. The wheels developed to be designed within the body, lowering as a result the aerodynamic drag and produce a more gentle flow. The tail was for many years long and oddly shaped to maintain attached streamline. The automobiles became developed even more with smooth bodies, integrated fenders and headlamps enclosed in the body. The designers had achieved a shape of a car that differed from the traditional horse-drawn carriages. They had certainly succeeded in building cars with low drag coefficient.

Road conditions have limited the width of automobiles. It is said this width was established by the width needed for two horses running comfortably side by side drawing a carriage. Length is not as much of a restriction but long bodies were not efficient enough for traffic use.

## Aerodynamic drag

In order to explain the Aerodynamic drag the two forces  $\,$  - the frontal pressure and the rear vacuum – have to be analyzed.

Frontal pressure is caused by the air attempting to flow around the front of the car. As millions of air molecules approach the front part of the car, they begin to compress, and in doing so raise the air pressure in front of the car. At the same time, the air molecules traveling along the sides of the car are at atmospheric pressure, a lower pressure compared to the molecules at the front of the car. The compressed molecules of air naturally seek a way out of the high pressure zone in front of the car, and they find it around the sides, top and bottom of the car.

Rear vacuum or wake is caused by the "hole" left in the air as the car passes through it. This empty area is a result of the air molecules not being able to fill the hole as quickly as the car can make it. The air molecules attempt to fill in to this area, but the car is always one step ahead. As a result, a continuous vacuum in the rear of the car sucks in the opposite direction of the motion of the car. This inability to fill the hole left by the car is technically called Flow detachment.

Flow detachment applies only to the "rear vacuum" portion of the drag equation, and it is really about giving the air molecules time to follow the contours of a car's bodywork, and to fill the hole left by the vehicle, it's tyres, it's suspension and protrusions (i.e. mirrors, roll bars).

The flow attachment is very important because the drag created by the vacuum far exceeds that created by frontal pressure, and this can be attributed to the turbulence created by the detachment. That is why in the early years of automotive industry the cars used to be designed with long tail. This was done as to maintain the streamlines created by the flow, attached.

Turbulence generally affects the "rear vacuum" portion of the drag equation, but if we look at a protrusion from the race car such as a mirror, we see a compounding effect. For instance, the air flow detaches from the flat side of the mirror, which of course faces toward the back of the car. The turbulence created by this detachment can then affect the air flow to parts of the car which lie behind the mirror. Intake ducts, for instance, function best when the air entering them flows smoothly. Therefore, the entire length of the car really needs to be optimized to provide the least amount of turbulence at high speed.

# Drag Coefficient

The shape of a car, as the aerodynamic theory above suggests, is largely responsible for how much drag the car has. Ideally, the car body should:

- Have a small grill, to minimize frontal pressure.
- Have minimal ground clearance below the grill, to minimize air flow under the car. In combination to this, a raked underside with the rear of the car raised can create down force.
- Have a steeply raked windshield to avoid pressure build up in front.
- Have a "Fastback" style rear window and deck, to permit the air flow to stay attached.
- Have a converging "Tail" to keep the air flow attached.

# Air dams (also called front spoiler):

- An air dam is a panel that reduces ground clearance at the front of the car below the bumper
- The smaller gap forces flow to locally accelerate under the air dam reducing pressure under the car and creating downforce
- Lower air volume flow to underbody reduces drag due to underbody roughness



# Splitter:

The splitter is a horizontal lip that brought the airflow to stagnation above the surface, causing an area of high pressure. Below the splitter the air is accelerated, causing the pressure to drop. This, combines with the high pressure over the splitter creates downforce.



# **Reduction of forebodydrag:**

- The most significant drag reduction can be achieved by rounding up the vertical and upper horizontal leading edges on the front face.
- Relatively small amendments can result considerable drag reduction.
- The drag reduction of front spoiler is large if its use is combined with rounded leading edges.

## Hood and Windshield Angle of Inclination:

- The hood angle (α) determines the pressure gradient and plays a role in maintaining attached flow
- The windshield angle, δ (rake) plays a stronger role
   by controlling point of attachment of flow to roof

# **Roofline Shape:**

 Curved (cambered) roofline helps maintain attached flow over the rear of the car

#### **Scoops:**

- Engine cooling
- ✤ Increases flow rate of air







# **EFFECT OF CUT BACK ANGLE** (Back Light Angle Or Rear Wind Shield Angle):

The rear window angle with horizontal is called the "cut back angle" or "back light angle".



- $\checkmark$  The angle of inclination affects the trailing vortex location and strength
- ✓ The nature of the counter rotating vortex structure is controlled primarily by the cut back angle.
- ✓ Vortices expend energy gives Drag. So the amount of drag force creation is controlled by the cut back angle.



The airflow over the rear surfaces of the vehicle is more complex and the solutions required to minimize drag for practical shapes are less intuitive. The inclination of the screen may be sufficient to cause the flow to separate from the rear window although in many cases the separation is followed by flow re-attachment along the boot lid.



(a) 'Squareback' large scale flow separation. (b) 'Hatchback/Fastback' vortex generation

The first occurs for 'squareback' shapes and is characterized by a large, low pressure wake. Here the airflow is unable to follow the body surface around the sharp, rear corners. The drag that is associated with such flows depends upon the cross-sectional area at the tail, the pressure acting upon the body surface and, to a lesser extent, upon energy that is absorbed by the creation of eddies.

A very different flow structure arises if the rear surface slopes more gently as is the case for hatchback, fastback and most notchback shapes. The centreline pressure distribution that the surface air pressure over the rear of the car is significantly lower than that of the surroundings. Along the sides of the car the body curvature is much less and the pressures recorded here differ little from the ambient conditions.

## SQUARE BACK

## HATCH BACK



#### NOTCH BACK



The low pressure over the upper surface draws the relatively higher pressure air along the sides of the car upwards and leads to the creation of intense, conical vortices at the 'C' pillars. These vortices increase the likelihood of the upper surface flow remaining attached to the surface even at backlight angles of over 30 degrees. Air is thus drawn down over the rear of the car resulting in a reacting force that has components in both the lift and the drag directions. The backlight angle has been shown to be absolutely critical for vehicles of this type. demonstrates the change in the drag coefficient of a typical vehicle with changing backlight angle. As the angle increases from zero (typical squareback) towards 15 degrees there is initially a slight drag reduction as the effective base area is reduced. Further increase in backlight angle reverses this trend as the drag inducing influence of the upper surface pressures and trailing vortex creation

increase. As  $30^{0}$  is approached the drag is observed to increase particularly rapidly as these effects become stronger until at approximately  $30^{0}$  the drag dramatically drops to a much lower value.

This sudden drop corresponds to the backlight angle at which the upper surface flow is no longer able to remain attached around the increasingly sharp top, rear corner and the flow reverts to a structure more akin to that of the initial squareback. In the light of the reasonably good aerodynamic performance of the squareback shape it is not surprising that many recent, small hatchback designs have adopted the square profiles that maximize interior space with little aerodynamic penalty.

## **Rear Spoilers:**

- Rear spoiler act in a similar way than front, they spoils the airflow tumbling over the rear edge of the car that causes a recirculation bubbles, this vortex doesn't allow a good underfloor flow increasing lift and instability.
- ✤ Can be free standing device or "deck strip"
- ✤ Causes increase in pressure just forward of the spoiler



#### **Boat-Tailing** (Tapering the rear end)

 Tapering of rear part results is reduction of the size of rear separation bubble and increase of pressure


### **Aerodynamics of Race Car**

### Front and rear wings:

The main focus in race cars is on the down force and drag. The relationship between drag and down force is especially important. Aerodynamic improvements in wings are directed at generating down force on the race car with a minimum of drag. Down force is necessary for maintaining speed through the corners.

A track with low speed corners requires a car setup with a high down force package. A high down force package is necessary to maintain speeds in the corners. This setup includes large front and rear wings. The front wings have additional flaps which are adjustable. The rear wing is made up of more than one section that maximizes down force.

- The front wing is important because it is the first part of the car that makes contact with the air.
- It affects the airflow in the full length of the car and even tiny changes can have huge effects on the overall performance.
- Front wing is one of the elements that is used for down force because it creates high pressure area on top and hence large amount of down force.







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• The rear wing helps glue the rear wheels to the track, but it also can hugely increases drag (air residence against the body of the car).

# **Barge Boards:**

Barge boards, or turning vanes, smooth out and separate the air that has been disrupted by the front wheels. They separate the flow into two parts - one is directed into the side pods to cool the engine; the other is diverted outside to reduce drag.

## Wheels:

- Open-wheeled race car have a very complicated aerodynamics due to the large exposed wheels
- The flow behind wheels is completed separated

## **Diffusers:**

The diffusers help to drive the low-pressure from beneath the car. The most common one is the upswept duct at the rear and below the bumper. The other type is located directly behind the splitter leading into the front wheel wheels. Aerodynamically, both of these diffusers achieve the same thing i.e. minimising pressure under the car.







### **AERODYNAMICS OF TRAIN**

#### Table 1

Aerodynamic problems and their related matters

	Aerodynamic problems	Related matters
1	Aerodynamic drag of train	Maximum speed, energy consumption
2	Aerodynamic characteristics of train due to cross-winds	Safety in strong cross-winds
3	Aerodynamic force due to passing-by of two trains	Running stability,
		Quality of comfort for passengers
4	Winds induced by train	Safety for passengers on platforms,
		Safety for maintenance workers
5	Pressure variations in tunnels	Quality of comfort for passengers,
		(Ear discomfort)
		Airtightness of vehicle,
		Stress upon vehicle,
		Ventilating system of vehicle
6	Micro-pressure waves radiating from tunnel exit	Environmental problems near tunnel exit
7	Ventilation and heat transfer in underground station and tunnel	Quality of comfort for passengers,
		Prevention of disaster (fire)
8	Aerodynamic noise	Environmental problems

### Aerodynamic drag of train

The aerodynamic characteristics of train are quite different from those of airplane. There are many characteristic features in the aerodynamics of the high- speed railway train, in the points that the train length is, in general, very long, compared with the equivalent diameter of it, the train runs close to adjacent structures, passes through a confined tunnel, and intersecting with each other, the train runs along a fixed railway track, always interacting with ground, and the train can be influenced cross-winds. by Thus, the aerodynamics, which has been applied to airplane, may not be of help for a detailed understanding of the HST aerodynamics.



Fig. . Aerodynamic drag on ICE (the hatching area is the device to smooth the structures underneath train).

In general, a desirable train system should be aerodynamically stable and have low aerodynamic forces. These aerodynamic characteristics are closely associated with the aerodynamic drag of the running train. The aerodynamic drag on the traveling train is largely divided into mechanical and aerodynamic ones. Of both, the aerodynamic drag can influence the energy consumption of train. Thus, detailed understanding on the aerodynamic drag and its precise evaluation are of practicalimportance. It has been well known that the aerodynamic drag is proportional to the square of speed, while the mechanical drag is proportional to the speed. Compared with the mechanical drag, the portion of the aerodynamic drag becomes larger as the train speed increases. Thus, reduction of the aerodynamic drag on high-speed railway train is one of the essential issues for the development of the desirable train system. In the open air without any cross-wind effects, the total drag on the traveling train can be expressed by a sum of the aerodynamic and mechanical ones:

$$D = D_{\rm M} + D_{\rm A} = (a + bV)W + cV^2$$

Where, D<sub>A</sub> and D<sub>M</sub> are the aerodynamic and mechanical drags, respectively,

a,b and c are the constants to be determined by the experiment, V the train speed and W the train weight.

In Eq., the mechanical drag, being proportional to the train weight, includes the sliding drag between rails and train wheels, and the rotating drag of the wheels. The measurement of the total drag on train and its precise prediction are not straightforward.

### **Cross-wind effects**

The cross-wind effects on the traveling train can closely be associated with the traveling safety. The cross- winds can be more seriously influence when the train runs over a bridge. Heavier vehicles could improve the crosswind stability but on the contrary issues like lower energy consumption demand lighter vehicles, which at the same time would lead to benefits regarding track deteriorationand track maintenance. Since the aerodynamic forces are mostcritical on the leading vehicle of a train, the weight change from a locomotive -as the leading and heaviest vehicle of a loco-train - to a vehicle of a multiple unitincreases the demands on crosswind stability of trains. In addition, unsteady crosswindlike various gusts is becoming a major concern.



### Aerodynamic noise due to train

For the assessment of aerodynamic noises produced by a traveling train in the open air, it can be often convenient to classify the noise sources. In addition to the aerodynamic noises due to the flows around the traveling train, there are many different noises which are



caused by train wheels, structures around track, pantograph system, etc. In order to reduce these noises, it is required to know how extent is each contribution to the noises. In general, aerodynamic noises are strongly dependent on the train speed U, being approximately proportional to  $U^6-U^8$ : Thus, the noise alleviation is of more practical importance when the train speed increases.

It can be found that the aerodynamic noises due to the traveling train are largely generated by the fore-body of the train, the connection part between trains, and the pantograph system.

The fore-body of a train is one of the noise sources. In usual, there are a lot of roughness on the fore-body surface. The aerodynamic noises are strongly dependent on the detailed configuration of the surface roughness and the entire shape of train fore-body as well. These geometrical configurations are associated with the wind speed along them and separation.

In practice, the pantograph system is composed of many bars with small diameters, which can play a musical instrument to create the aerodynamic noises. The pantograph system creates a number of vortices behind it. A pantograph cover can be used to reduce the aerodynamics noises generated by the pantograph system.

### **AERODYNAMICS OF HOVERCRAFT**

A hovercraft, also known as an air-cushion vehicle or ACV, is a craft capable of travelling over land, water, mud or ice and other surfaces.



Hovercraft use blowers to produce a large volume of air below the hull that is slightly above atmospheric pressure. The pressure difference between the higher pressure air below the hull and lower pressure ambient air above it produces lift, which causes the hull to float above the running surface. For stability reasons, the air is typically blown through slots or holes around the outside of a disk or oval shaped platform, giving most hovercraft a characteristic rounded-rectangle shape. Typically



this cushion is contained within a flexible "skirt", which allows the vehicle to travel over small obstructions without damage.



Propellers, 2. Air, 3. Fan, 4. Flexible skirt

## **Aerodynamics:**

Hovercraft float on a cushion of air that has been forced under the craft by a fan. This causes the craft to rise or lift. The amount of lift can range from 6" to 108" (152mm to 2,743mm) depending on the size of the hovercraft. The amount of total weight that a hovercraft can raise is equal to cushion pressure multiplied by the area of the hovercraft. To make the craft function more efficiently, it is necessary to limit the cushion air from escaping, so the air is contained by the use of what is called a hovercraft skirt. Fashioned from fabric, which allows a deep cushion

or clearance of obstacles, hovercraft skirts vary in style ranging from bags to cells (jupes) to separate fingered sections called segments.



Once "lifted" or "on cushion", thrust must be created to move the hovercraft forward. With many craft, this is generated by a separate engine from the one used to create the lift, but with some, the same engine is used for both. As the diagram above indicates, the fan-generated air stream is split so that part of the air is directed under the hull for lift, while most of it is used for thrust.

Now that the hovercraft has lift and thrust, it must be steered safely. This is achieved through the use of a system of rudders behind the fan, controlled by handlebars up front. Steering can also be controlled by the use of body weight displacement ... a skill which is achieved after practice.

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# **Building Aerodynamics**

# LOW RISE BUILDINGS

- Low rise building is defined as an enclosed structure less than 50 feet (15 m) in height.
- Usually immersed with in atmospheric boundary layer [Where turbulent intensity is high, interference and shelter effects are important but different to quantify]
- Non engineered and lack of maintenance
- Wind loads on roof are important
- Internal pressure are important especially for dominant openings
- Resonant effects are negligible
- Must sustain most damages in severe wind storms

### PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION ON LOW RISE BUILDINGS

Majority of the houses that are constructed all over the world are low-rise buildings. These buildings are constructed in different types of terrain and topography with various planforms. Measurements of the static pressure on low-rise building models in boundary layer wind tunnels provide vital information that can be used to design houses which are safer and more resistant to adverse weather conditions such as cyclones and hurricanes.



The values of static pressure are converted to non-dimensional pressure coefficient, Cp, which is defined as

$$C_p = \frac{P - P_\infty}{0.5\rho U_\infty^2}$$

Where,



The intensity of internal pressure is directly related to the size of dominant openings and their location with respect to the direction of wind angle of attack.

- Peak positive internal pressure occurs when a dominant opening of the building faces the incoming wind flow.
- Peak negative internal pressure occurs when a dominant opening of the building are in parallel to the incoming wind flow.
- Dominant openings resulted in an increase internal pressure. For example, the opening of the window together with ceiling hatch led to 45% increase on the net wind load on the windward side of the gable roof and 20% increase for hip roofs. This reinforces the need for keeping doors and windows covered with shutters during strong storms.

The point pressure measurements are processed with the help of a contour plotting to obtain surface contour plots on an entire surface of the building. The average values of Cp are estimated on all the faces of the gabled roof building models.

### Mean pressure coefficients on pitched roofs

# 5° roof pitch:



No separation at ridge. Higher negative pressures for greater h/d.

### 12º roof pitch:





Second separation at ridge. Higher negative pressures for greater h/d.

### 18º roof pitch

h/d = 1.0





Pressure on windward face is less negative at lower h/d

h/d = 1.0



Positive pressure on upwind face of roof for lower h/d.

Uniform negative pressure on downwind roof.

45° roof pitch:

h/d = 1.0



High positive pressure on upwind face of roof at all h/d.

Uniform negative pressure on downwind roof.

# Fluctuating and peak pressures at corners of roofs



Formation of conical vortices

<u>The variation of the minimum pressure coefficient over the roof of different building</u> models with the roof pitch angle for any wind direction



Contours converge towards corner of roof (effect of conical vortices)



Gable end has highest minimum pressure coefficients

Looking at the windward and the leeward portions of the roof, the peak suction over the leeward side is higher compared to that over the windward side with the difference between the two increasing with an increase in the roof pitch. It is clear from this figure that the worst suction reduces continuously when the roof pitch is increased. Interesting observations are made for the 45° pitch building models. The minimum Cp value is positive for both the gabled and the hip

roof models. It is also interesting to note that there is a slight increase in the suction on the leeward side for the gabled roof compared to the 30° case.

### Multi-span buildings



Note: Pitches less than 10 degrees are 'aerodynamically flat'

Saw-tooth roofs - magnitude of negative pressures reduces downwind:



# WIND FORCES ON BUILDINGS

Forces are classified as static and dynamic. Static loads are independent from time but dynamic loads are function of time. Usually, wind loads are dynamic loads. The design of buildings must account for wind loads, and these are affected by wind shear. For engineering purposes, a power law wind speed profile may be defined as follows:

$$v_z = v_g \cdot \left(\frac{z}{z_g}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, 0 < z < z_g$$

Where,

 $V_z$  = speed of the wind at height;  $V_g$  = gradient wind at gradient height

 $\alpha$ = exponential coefficient



- $Lift = \frac{1}{2}PV^{2}A.C_{L}$   $Drag = \frac{1}{2}PV^{2}A.C_{D}$  $Moment = \frac{1}{2}PV^{2}A.B.C_{M}$
- Lift =  $\frac{1}{2}PV^{2}A.C_{L}$  where A = Projected area of the body ona plane normal to the wind direction

$$A = B.L$$

$$C_D$$
,  $C_L$ ,  $C_H$  = Aerodynamic drag, Lift, and  
moment coefficients



### Wind load induced oscillation

There are three forms of wind load induced motion as follows:-

**a**) **Galloping** - Galloping is transverse oscillations of some structures due to the development of aerodynamic forces which are in phase with the motion. It is characterized by the progressively increasing amplitude of transverse vibration with increase of wind speed.

**b) Flutter** - Flutter is unstable oscillatory motion of a structure due to coupling between aerodynamic force and elastic deformation of the structure. Perhaps the' most common form is oscillatory motion due to *combined bending and torsion*. Long span suspension bridge decks or any member of a structure with large values of d/t ( where d is the depth of a structure or structural member parallel to wind stream and t is the least lateral dimension of a member ) are prone to low speed flutter.

c)Ovalling: This walled structures with open ends at one or both ends such as oil storage tanks, and natural draught cooling towers in which the ratio of the diameter of minimum lateral dimension to the wall thickness is of the order of 100 or more, are prone to ovalling oscillations. These oscillations are characterized by periodic radial deformation of the hollow structure.

### ENVIRONMENTAL WINDS IN CITY BLOCKS

Survey of wind flow in the urban area, especially within tall building in two terms is very important:

(1) Tall buildings can cause undesirable intensification of wind flow in urban streets and open spaces (square).

(2) On the other hand also have the ability to avoid wind flow in urban spaces.

In both cases, depending on various conditions, wind flow or wind stagnation could be favorable or not favorable. So in the polluted urban environments, increased air flow to prevent stagnation and accumulation of the pollution is very useful while for pedestrian and visitors in open space are undesirable and uncomfortable. Generally buildings depending on how their exposure to wind flow, create dual effects including wind flow is increased or recession. Flow rate set points with a recession in the wind and the tall buildings can deal with the accumulation of air pollution on residents to stop. Also, despite these points can reduce the adverse environmental wind flow can be exploited. If the distance between buildings is appropriate, the aerodynamic areas of each building to act individually and not interfere of wind flow in these areas, the impact of tall building on wind flow reaches minimum level. But if the distance between buildings is not appropriate the aerodynamic take effect, whatever set is denser and more compact, the behaviors of wind flow and the impact on the speed are required more complex analysis and apparent negative occurs.

Tall buildings effect on the air flow and pollution parameters is not distributed consequently the air pollution in cites are increasing. In addition to obstruction of visibility and confined spaces and also play a key role in changing winds direction. But regarding population growth of cities and land shortages and high prices make them inevitable. Other advantages of the towers can save energy and prevent pollution increases. Therefore, the appropriate principles and standards in height, properly locate them, the scale tall buildings, technical rules in making them, Immunization, Landscaping and creating green space around the towers, how exposure to towers for wind flow, appropriate distance to the other buildings, how to design them in terms of urban landscape must be considered to reduce the negative effects of tall buildings. In order to remove or reduce the environmental impact, create green spaces in floors and roofs of buildings are helpful to reduce environmental problems which is named environmentally friendly buildings and green architecture.

Today, tall building is a phenomenon that the world particularly large cities are facing. The tall buildings in order to exploit the land with having the negative affects in the environment create new problems including increasing congestion population, environmental pollution, reduce citizen access to fresh air and sunlight. However, regarding to population increasing and land shortage, tall buildings could not be avoided. This paper investigates the relationship of tall buildings with urban air pollution as well as the possible reducing of negative affects of tall building on environmental pollution with respect to geographical position, technical rules, immunization, green space, direct of wind, appropriate distance to other buildings, design in terms of visibility and landscape and urban appearance were reviewed. The study showed that the tall buildings cause increasing the air pollution in large urban area due to changing in wind and its direction and also congestion of tall buildings as a pollution sources. Therefore some techniques to design the tall building must be considered to reduce the negative affects of the tall

buildings on environmental pollution. Unfortunately the lack of the construction roles in term of environmental protection and also control of the rules in construction process causing the environmental pollution particularly air pollution. It is suggested that the re-evaluate of the rules with restricted control can improve the air quality in the large cities and also utilization of green spaces in floors and roofs of buildings as environmentally friendly buildings which are attempt to reduce environmental problems.

### SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF TALL BUILDINGS

Wind is a phenomenon of great complexity because of the many flow situations arising from the interaction of wind with structures. Wind is composed of a multitude of eddies of varying sizes and rotational characteristics carried along in a general stream of air moving relative to the earth's surface. These eddies give wind its gusty or turbulent character. The gustiness of strong winds in the lower levels of the atmosphere largely arises from interaction with surface features. The average



wind speed over a time period of the order of ten minutes or more, tends to increase with height, while the gustiness tends to decrease with height. The wind vector at a point may be regarded as the sum of the mean wind vector (static component) and a dynamic, or turbulence, component

$$V(z,t) = \overline{V}(z) + v(z,t)$$

A consequence of turbulence is that dynamic loading on a structure depends on the size of eddies. Large eddies, whose dimensions are comparable with the structure, give rise to well correlated pressures as they envelop the structure. On the other hand, small eddies result in pressures on various parts of a structure that become practically uncorrelated with distance of separation. Eddies generated around a typical structure are shown in Fig.



Figure 1: Generation of eddies.

Some structures, particularly those that are tall or slender, respond dynamically to the effects of wind. The best known structural collapse due to wind was the Tacoma Narrows Bridge which occurred in 1940 at a wind speed of only about 19 m/s. It failed after it had developed a There are several different phenomena coupled torsional and flexural mode of oscillation. giving rise to dynamic response of structures in wind. These include buffeting, vortex shedding, galloping and flutter. Slender structures are likely to be sensitive to dynamic response in line with the wind direction as a consequence of turbulence buffeting. Transverse or cross-wind response is more likely to arise from vortex shedding or galloping but may also result from excitation by turbulence buffeting. Flutter is a coupled motion, often being a combination of bending and torsion, and can result in instability. For building structures flutter and galloping are generally not an issue. An important problem associated with wind- induced motion of buildings is concerned with human response to vibration and perception of motion. At this point it will suffice to note that humans are surprisingly sensitive to vibration to the extent that motions may feel uncomfortable even if they correspond to relatively low levels of stress and strain. Therefore, for most tall buildings serviceability considerations govern the design and not strength issues.

**Vortex Shedding:** The most common source of crosswind excitation is that associated with 'vortex shedding'. Tall buildings are bluff (as opposed to streamlined) bodies that cause the flow to separate from the surface of the structure, rather than follow the body contour. For a particular structure, the shed vortices have a dominant periodicity that is defined by the Strouhal number. Hence, the structure is subjected to a periodic cross pressure loading, which results in an alternating crosswind force. If the natural frequency of the structure coincides with the shedding

frequency of the vortices, large amplitude displacement response may occur and this is often referred to as the critical velocity effect. The asymmetric pressure distribution, created by the vortices around the cross section, results in an alternating transverse force as these vortices are shed. If the structure is flexible, oscillation will occur transverse to the wind and the conditions for resonance would exist if the vortex shedding frequency coincides with the natural frequency of the structure. This situation can give rise to very large oscillations and possibly failure.

 $N = S \frac{U}{b}$ 

Shedding frequency N is given by

Where,

S = Strouhal number U = wind speed b = building width

Pressure coefficients on high- rise buildings



# **BUILDING CODES**

- Building codes are set of rules and regulation, provisions that must be observed in the design, construction and maintenance of buildings.
- Purpose is to ensure that in a disaster:
  - Lives are protected.
  - Physical damage is limited.

- Structures critical to human welfare remain operational.
- Embody accumulated knowledge of leading scientists, engineers and building construction experts that will produce structures that are 'Fit for purpose'.
- Provide the first line of defence against damage from natural hazards and help ensure public safety.
- Must be updated regularly to include new technological developments as well as new information after a disaster.
  - New Florida code after hurricane Andrew would have saved 60% of damage if available prior.
  - Buildings use 40% of a country's energy, so retrofitting older buildings for safety and energy use is critical.
- Building codes are generally intended to be applied by architects and engineers although this is not the case in the UK where Building Control Surveyors act as verifiers both in the public and private sector (Approved Inspectors), but are also used for various purposes by safety inspectors, environmental scientists, real estate developers, contractors and subcontractors, manufacturers of building products and materials, insurance companies, facility managers, tenants, and others.
- There are often additional codes or sections of the same building code that have more specific requirements that apply to dwellings and special construction objects such as canopies, signs, pedestrian walkways, parking lots, and radio and television antennas.

# **Importance of Building Codes**

- Building codes save lives
- Building codes protect your investment
- Building codes save on insurance
- Building codes increase disaster resilience
- Building codes enhances building stock

### **BUILDING VENTILATION AERODYNAMICS**

Ventilating is the process of "changing" or replacing air in any space to provide high indoor air quality (i.e. to control temperature, replenish oxygen, or remove moisture, odors, smoke, heat, dust, airborne bacteria, and carbon dioxide). Ventilation is used to remove unpleasant smells and excessive moisture, introduce outside air, to keep interior building air circulating, and to prevent stagnation of the interior air.

Ventilation includes both the exchange of air to the outside as well as circulation of air within the building. It is one of the most important factors for maintaining acceptable indoor air quality in buildings. Methods for ventilating a building may be divided into *mechanical/forced* and *natural* types.

"Mechanical" or "forced" ventilation is used to control indoor air quality. Excess humidity, odors, and contaminants can often be controlled via dilution or replacement with outside air. However, in humid climates much energy is required to remove excess moisture from ventilation air.

**Natural ventilation** is the ventilation of a building with outside air without the use of a fan or other mechanical system. It can be achieved with openable windows or trickle vents when the spaces to ventilate are small and the architecture permits. In more complex systems warm air in the building can be allowed to rise and flow out upper openings to the outside (stack effect) thus forcing cool outside air to be drawn into the building naturally through openings in the lower areas. These systems use very little energy but care must be taken to ensure the occupants' comfort. In warm or humid months, in many climates, maintaining thermal comfort solely via natural ventilation may not be possible so conventional air conditioning systems are used as backups. Air-side economizers perform the same function as natural ventilation, but use mechanical systems' fans, ducts, dampers, and control systems to introduce and distribute cool outdoor air when appropriate.

# Natural ventilation

# Mechanical ventilation



#### Single sided ventilation

supply and extraction through the same openings

•openings ~4% of floor area

·less efficient ·internal door remain closed

#### **Cross** ventilation

supply and extraction at the same level in the building

good result when wind exists internal doors opened or equipped with



# Stack ventilation

·air supply through louvers and extracted through chimneys wind not needed







### Mechanical supply ventilation

a fan supplies air to spaces

ventilation openings in building's envelope are used for extraction

 usually used where high ventilation rates are needed and air has to be heated before entering the room

#### Mechanical extract ventilation

•a fan draws air from spaces

 fresh outdoor air enters into rooms either through the leakage routes of building envelope or through ventilation openings in the building envelope

#### Mechanical extract & supply ventilation

•a balanced ventilation system

it must always include a supply and a return air fan

·an air heater is almost always installed in the supply air side

## **BUILDING ARCHITECTURAL AERODYNAMICS**

Architectural aerodynamics gains importance with the effect of rain, snow and fire and their impact on design of buildings and their impact on usage.

In the absence of wind, rain and snow fall vertically downwards. The effect of wind is to give the rain drops and snowflakes a horizontal component of velocity.

There are three consequences of this horizontal movement. The first is on the building where the rain can now impinge on non-horizontal surfaces and so cause staining, or allow mosses and lichens to grow, or can cause damp to penetrate the walls to the detriment of its inhabitants. The second effect is on the comfort of people because the rain can penetrate beneath canopies and other protective devices. The third is a combination of building and people: in the past the materials of which buildings were made could absorb water, and during a storm, the surface of a large building would absorb tons of water, water which would be evaporated by the wind once the rain had stopped. Canopies are placed over entrance doors to provide local shelter from the rain to people entering or leaving.

The basic approach for the containment of fire in a building, as far as the wind engineer is concerned, is that there shall be an internal volume at roof level, called a smoke reservoir, where the smoke from a fire can collect prior to being removed from the building. There are also considerations for false ceilings and escape routes.

The areas of openings in a fire situation should be sufficient to vent the smoke when there is no wind. This specifies the area of the openings which must work under buoyancy forces alone. The purpose of the wind engineer is to ensure that, under no circumstances, shall the wind inhibit this state of affairs.

Studies of fire situations are very similar to those for Ventilation with the exception that external flow is never allowed into smoke reservoirs. It is no good claiming that, on average, more air leaves a reservoir than enters it, because the air entering is cold, and when it mixes with the smoke, it will reduce the temperature of the smoke and cause it to lose its buoyancy, causing secondary flows which might bring the smoke into contact with people.

### Tower and dome architecture:

Due to the structural efficiency and economic benefit, the hemispherical dome is a common structural geometry shape for large span sports stadium or for storage purposes. The curve shape makes the accurate estimation of the wind pressure fluctuations on a hemispherical dome a difficult task due to the Reynolds number effects. In the past years, there have been reports of collapse of curve shaped storage domes during strong wind. The wind induced structural failure could be attributed to inadequate wind resistant design and/or poor quality construction

Additional complexity arises for curved bodies (e.g. hemisphere and cylinders) because the location of a separation point cannot be identified purely based on the geometry. This leads to a strong dependency on Reynolds number, boundary layer thickness and the turbulence intensity level of the approaching flow. A



reduction in the maximum pressure coefficient is occurred because the rough surface promotes

the turbulent boundary layer over the dome and causes earlier separation over the dome. Consequently, the earlier separation over the dome reduced suction at the separation point, but led to more suction overall in the wake and increased drag.

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# <u>Unit V</u>

# **Flow Induced Vibrations**

### EFFECT OF REYNOLDS NUMBER ON WAKE FORMATION OF BLUFF SHAPES

A body moving through a fluid experiences a drag force, which is usually divided into two components: frictional drag, and pressure drag. Frictional drag comes from friction between the fluid and the surfaces over which it is flowing. This friction is associated with the development of boundary layers, and it scales with Reynolds number as we have seen above. Pressure drag comes from the eddying motions that are set up in the fluid by the passage of the body. This drag is associated with the formation of a wake, which can be readily seen behind a passing boat, and it is usually less



sensitive to Reynolds number than the frictional drag. Formally, both types of drag are due to viscosity (if the body was moving through an aninviscid fluid there would be no drag at all), but the distinction is useful because the two types of drag are due to different flow phenomena. Frictional drag is important for attached flows (that is, there is no separation), and it is related to the surface area exposed to the flow. Pressure drag is important for separated flows, and it is related to the cross-sectional area of the body.

We can see the role played by friction drag (sometimes called viscous drag) and pressure drag (sometimes called form drag or profile drag) by considering an airfoil at different angles of attack. At small angles of attack, the boundary layers on the top and bottom surface experience only mild pressure gradients, and they remain attached along almost the entire chord length. The wake is very small, and the drag is dominated by the viscous friction inside the boundary layers. However, as the angle of attack increases, the pressure gradients on the airfoil increase in magnitude. In particular, the adverse pressure gradient on the top rear portion of the airfoil may become sufficiently strong to produce a separated flow. This separation will increase the size of the wake, and the pressure losses in the wake due to eddy formation Therefore the pressure drag increases. At a higher angle of attack, a large fraction of the flow over the top surface of the airfoil may be separated, and the airfoil is said to be stalled. At this stage, the pressure drag is much greater than the viscous drag.

When the drag is dominated by viscous drag, we say the body is **streamlined**, and when it is dominated by pressure drag, we say the body is **bluff**. Whether the flow is viscous-drag dominated or pressure-drag dominated depends entirely on the shape of the body. A streamlined body looks like a fish, or an airfoil at small angles of attack, whereas a bluff body looks like a brick, a cylinder, or an airfoil at large



angles of attack. For streamlined bodies, frictional drag is the dominant source of air resistance. For a bluff body, the dominant source of drag is pressure drag. For a given frontal area and velocity, a streamlined body will always have a lower resistance than a bluff body. For example, the drag of a cylinder of diameter D can be ten times larger than a streamlined shape with the same thickness (see figure).

Cylinders and spheres are considered bluff bodies because at large Reynolds numbers the drag is dominated by the pressure losses in the wake. The variation of the drag coefficient with Reynolds number is shown in figure, and the corresponding flow patterns are shown in figure. We see that as the Reynolds number increases the variation in the drag coefficient (based on cross-sectional area) decreases, and over a large range in Reynolds number it is nearly constant.



(a) Drag coefficient as a function of Reynolds number for smooth circular cylinders and smooth spheres

(b)Flow patterns for flow over a cylinder: (A) Reynolds number = 0.2; (B) 12; (C) 120; (D) 30,000; (E) 500,000. Patterns correspond to the points marked on figure 2.

At a Reynolds number between 10<sup>5</sup> and 10<sup>6</sup>, the drag coefficient takes a sudden dip. The size of the wake decreases, indicating that the boundary layer separation on the cylinder or sphere occurs further along the surface than before. What has happened? The phenomenon is related to the differences between laminar and turbulent boundary layer. The boundary layer and its interaction with the local pressure gradient plays a major role in affecting the flow over a cylinder. In particular, near the shoulder, the pressure gradient changes from being negative (decreasing pressure) to positive (increasing pressure). The force due to pressure differences changes sign from being an accelerating force to being a retarding force. In response, the flow slows down. However, the fluid in the boundary layer has already given up some momentum because of viscous losses and viscous friction, and it does not have enough momentum to overcome the retarding force. Some fluid near the wall actually reverses direction, and the flow separates.

# VORTEX INDUCED VIBRATIONS

# Vortices:

A vortex is defined as the motion of multitude of fluid particles around acommon center.

# **Types of vortices:**

- Forced Vortex
- Free Vortex

# Vortices in the Real World:

- Vortices in the real world like Tornados, Whirlpool in rivers are often a combination of free and forced vortices.
- Forced vortex flow occurs at and near the center of the vortex while free vortex conditions are approximated outside this region.

# **Flow-Induced Vibration:**

- The vibration caused by a fluid flowing around a body is known as flow-induced vibration.
- In the following examples, the vibration of the system continuously extracts energy from the source, leading to larger and larger amplitudes of vibration.

# Phenomena of Induced Vibration:

- Tall chimneys, Submarine periscopes, Electric transmission lines and nuclear fuel rods are found to vibrate violently under certain conditions of fluid flow around them.
- Similarly, water and oil pipe lines and tubes in air compressors undergo sever vibrations under certain conditions of fluid flow through them.
- In ice-covered electric transmission lines and the unstable vibration, known as *flutter*, of air foil sections.
- High frequency vibration known as *singing of transmission lines* occurs due to the phenomena of vortex shedding.

# Why Vortex Shedding Phenomena:

- Vortex shedding was the primary cause of failure of the Tacoma Narrows suspension bridge in the state of Washington in 1940.
- If the frequency of the vortex shedding is in resonance with the natural frequency of the member that produces it, large amplitudes of vibrations with resulting large stresses can develop.

- Experimental data show that regular vortex shedding occurs strongly in the range of Reynolds number (Re) from about 60 to 5000.
- Experiments shows also that the frequency of shedding is given in terms of Strouhal number (St), and this in turn is a function of the Reynolds number.
- Other cylindrical and two dimensional bodies can also shed vortices.

## Vortex shedding dictated by the Strouhal number

 $S_t = f_s d/U$ 

Where,

 $f_s$  is the shedding frequency, d is diameter and U inflow speed

### Additional VIV Parameters (Non-dimensional parameters)

Reynolds Number

$$R_{e} = \frac{UD}{v} \approx \frac{\text{inertial effects}}{\text{viscous effects}}$$

Reduced Velocity

$$\frac{U}{fD} = \frac{\text{path length per cycle}}{\text{model width}} = \text{reduced velocity}$$
$$V_m = \frac{U}{f_n D}$$

Dimensional Amplitude

 $\frac{A_y}{D} = \frac{\text{vibration amplitude}}{\text{model width}} = \text{dimensionless amplitude.}$ 

Vortex Shedding Frequency

$$f_s = \frac{SU}{D}$$

# > Mach Number

Mach Number is a measure of the compressibility of the air.

$$M^{2} = V^{2} / dp/d\rho = V^{2} / a^{2},$$

where a is the speed of sound.

$$M^{2} \approx V^{2} \rho / p \approx (V^{2} \rho^{2} L^{6} / time^{2}) / (p\rho L^{4} V^{2}) \approx (V^{2} \rho^{2} L^{6} / time^{2}) / p^{2} L^{4})$$
$$\approx (inertia \ force)^{2} / (pressure \ force)^{2}.$$

### > Froude Number

The Froude Number is a measure of the effect of gravity upon the flow.

$$F^{2} = V^{2} / (gL) \approx (\rho^{2} V^{2} L^{6} / time) / (gL\rho^{2} L^{6} / time^{2})$$
$$= (\rho^{2} V^{2} L^{6} / time^{2}) / ([gL/time^{2} \rho^{2} L^{6}))$$
$$\approx (inertia \ force)^{2} / (gravitational \ force)^{2}.$$

Froude Number is therefor only of significance when gravitational forces are important with respect to wind forces. This usually only occurs at interfaces of fluids of different densities.

Mass ratio

$$\frac{m}{\rho D^2} = \frac{\text{mass per unit length of model}}{\text{fluid density} \times \text{model width}^2} = \text{mass ratio}$$

# > Damping factor

$$\zeta = \frac{\text{energy dissipated per cycle}}{4\pi \times \text{total energy of structure}} = \text{damping factor.}$$

# Reduced damping

$$\frac{2m(2\pi\xi)}{\rho D^2} = \text{reduced damping}$$

### ➢ Fineness ratio

$$\frac{l}{D} = \frac{\text{length}}{\text{width}} = \text{fineness ratio}$$

# Lock-in

A cylinder is said to be "locked in" when the frequency of oscillation is equal to the frequency of vortex shedding. In this region the largest amplitude oscillations occur.

Shedding frequency

 $\underline{\omega}_{\underline{v}} = 2\pi f_{\underline{v}} = 2\pi S_t (U/d)$ 

Natural frequency  $\omega_n = 0$ 

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m + m_a}}$$

## **Types of in-stabilities:**

Name	Conditions	Type of motion	Type of section
Galloping	H <sub>1</sub> >0	translational	Square section
'Stall' flutter	A2>0	rotational	Rectangle, H- section
'Classical' flutter	$H_2 > 0, A_1 > 0$	coupled	Flat plate, airfoil

# Aerodynamic damping (along wind)

Consider a body moving with velocity in a flow of speed  $\overline{U}$ 

Relative velocity of air with respect to  $body = \overline{U} - x$ 

Drag force (per unit length) =  $D = C \int_{D}^{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho_{a} b(\Psi - x)^{2} \cong C \int_{D}^{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho_{a} b\Psi^{2} (1 - \frac{2x}{2})$   $= C \int_{D}^{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho_{a} b\Psi^{2} - C \rho_{a} b\Psi x$ for small x/U

Transfer to left hand side of equation of motion: mx + cx + kx = D(t)

Total damping term:  $cx+C_D\rho_a b\overline{Ux}$ 

Along-wind aerodynamic damping is *positive* 

# Galloping

- ✤ Galloping is a result of a wake instability.
- Galloping is a form of aerodynamic instability caused by negative aerodynamic damping in the cross wind direction



Motion of body in z direction will generate an apparent reduction in angle of attack,  $\Delta \alpha$ From vector diagram:  $\Delta \alpha = -\mathbb{Z}\overline{U}$ 

Aerodynamic force per unit length in z direction (body axes):

 $F_{z} = D \sin \alpha + L \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{a} \overline{U}^{2} b(C_{D} \sin \alpha + C_{L} \cos \alpha)$   $\frac{dF_{z}}{d\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{a} \overline{U}^{2} b(C_{D} \cos \alpha + \frac{dC_{D}}{d\alpha} \sin \alpha - C_{L} \sin \alpha + \frac{dC_{L}}{d\alpha} \cos \alpha)$ For  $\alpha = 0$ :  $\frac{dF_{z}}{d\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{a} \overline{U}^{2} b(C_{D} + \frac{dC_{L}}{d\alpha})$   $\Delta F_{z} \cong \frac{1}{2} \rho_{a} \overline{U}^{2} b(C_{D} + \frac{dC_{L}}{d\alpha}) \Delta \alpha$
Substituting,  $\Delta \alpha = -\dot{z}/\overline{U}$ 

$$\begin{split} \Delta F_z &\cong \frac{1}{2} \rho_a \overline{U}^2 b (C_D + \frac{dC_L}{d\alpha}) (-\frac{\dot{z}}{\overline{U}}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \rho_a \overline{U} b (C_D + \frac{dC_L}{d\alpha}) \dot{z} \end{split}$$

For  $(C_{_D} + \frac{dC_{_L}}{d\alpha}) < 0 \;$  ,  $\Delta F_z$  is positive - acts in same direction as  $\dot{z}$ 

negative aerodynamic damping when transposed to left-hand side

$$(C_{D} + \frac{dC_{L}}{d\alpha}) < 0$$
 den Hartog's Criterion

critical wind speed for galloping,  $\mathbf{\bar{U}}_{crit}$  , occurs when total damping is zero

$$c\dot{z} + \frac{1}{2}\rho_{a}\overline{U}_{crit}b(C_{D} + \frac{dC_{L}}{d\alpha})\dot{z} = 0$$
  
$$\overline{U}_{crit} = \frac{2c}{-\rho_{a}b(C_{D} + \frac{dC_{L}}{d\alpha})} \qquad \overline{U}_{crit} = \frac{8\pi\eta mn_{1}}{-\rho_{a}b(C_{D} + \frac{dC_{L}}{d\alpha})}$$

Since 
$$c = 2\eta \sqrt{(mk)} = 4\pi\eta mn_1$$

m = mass per unit length  $n_1 = first mode natural frequency$ 

#### **Cross sections prone to galloping:**

- Square section (zero angle of attack)
- ✤ D-shaped cross section
- ✤ Iced-up transmission line or guy cable
- Flexible Cylinders

# Galloping vs. VIV

- Galloping is low frequency
- Galloping is NOT self-limiting
- Once U >U<sub>critical</sub>then the instability occurs ir-regardless of frequencies.

### Conductor galloping/ transmission lines galloping

**Conductor gallop** is the high-amplitude, low-frequency oscillation of overhead power lines due to wind. The movement of the wires occur most commonly in the vertical plane, although horizontal or rotational motion is also possible. The natural frequency mode tends to be around 1 Hz, leading the often graceful periodic motion to also be known as **conductor dancing**. The oscillations can exhibit amplitudes in excess of a metre, and the displacement is sometimes sufficient for the phase conductors to infringe operating clearances (coming too close to other objects), and causing flashover. The forceful motion also adds significantly to the loading stress on insulators and electricity pylons, raising the risk of mechanical failure of either.

The mechanisms that initiate gallop are not always clear, though it is thought to be often caused by asymmetric conductor aerodynamics due to ice build up on one side of a wire.<sup>[3]</sup> The crescent of encrusted ice approximates an aerofoil, altering the normally round profile of the wire and increasing the tendency to oscillate.<sup>[3]</sup>

Gallop can be a significant problem for transmission system operators, particularly where lines cross open, windswept country and are at risk to ice loading. If gallop is likely to be a concern, designers can employ smooth-faced conductors, whose improved icing and aerodynamic characteristics reduce the motion.<sup>[4]</sup> Additionally, anti-gallop devices may be mounted to the line to convert the lateral motion to a less damaging twisting one. Increasing the tension in the line and adopting more rigid insulator attachments have the effect of reducing galloping motion. These measures can be costly, are often impractical after the line has been constructed, and can increase the tendency for the line to exhibit high frequency oscillations.<sup>[5]</sup>

Once gallop has started on a transmission line, an operator's options are more limited. If ice loading is suspected, it may be possible to increase power transfer on the line, and so raise its temperature by Joule heating, melting the ice.<sup>[3]</sup> The sudden loss of ice from a line can result in a phenomenon called "jump", in which the catenary dramatically rebounds upwards in response to the change in weight.<sup>[1][2]</sup> If the risk of trip is high, the operator may elect to pre-emptively switch out the line in a controlled manner rather than face an unexpected fault. The risk of mechanical failure of the line remains.<sup>[6]</sup>

Main phenomena related to wind effects on cables/ropes vibration

- Vortex shedding: alternate formation of vortices in the downstream wake of the cable.
- Vibration due to turbulent wind (buffeting): mainly related to forcing effects due to variation of wind speed both in module and direction.

L(s,t)  
m 
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = T(s) \frac{d^2 y}{d^2} + L(s,t)$$

- Aero-elastic instability (galloping): irregular shape, due to ice deposits (ice galloping), can lead to modification of cable profile, and unstable oscillations can occur.
- Wake induced vibrations(bundle galloping): typical for cables fitted in bundles (grouped in 2, 3, 4, or more formation), as occurs in electrical power transmission lines

Considering a cable or a rope, different natural frequencies exist. In the case of sag much less than the span length, are according to the formula:



Vibration modes of a taut cable

1° MODO	$\lambda = 2L$	4° MODO	$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}L$	
2° MODO	$\lambda = L$	5° MODO	$\lambda = \frac{2}{5}L$	
3° MODO	$\lambda = \frac{2}{3}L$	n° MODO	$\lambda = \frac{2L}{n}$	400000000000000000000000000000000000000

Vibrationscan be easily controlled by can be easily controlled by adding damping to the cable, in the form of adding damping to the cable, in the form of dampers and spacer dampers and spacer -dampers. This is feasible for dampers. This is feasible for electric power transmission lines.





## **FLUTTER**

Flutter is a dangerous phenomenon encountered in flexible structures subjected to aerodynamic forces. This includes aircraft, buildings, telegraph wires, stop signs, and bridges. Flutter occurs as a result of interactions between aerodynamics, stiffness, and inertial forces on a structure. In an aircraft, as the speed of the wind increases, there may be a point at which the structural damping is insufficient to damp out the motions which are increasing due to aerodynamic energy being added to the structure. This vibration can cause structural failure and therefore considering flutter characteristics is an essential part of designing an aircraft.



Consider a two dimensional body rotating with angular velocity  $\dot{\theta}$ 

Aerodynamic instabilities involving rotation are called 'flutter'

General equations of motion for body free to rotate and translate :



#### **Flutter Motion**

The basic type of flutter of aircraft wing is described here. Flutter may be initiated by a rotation of the airfoil (see t=0 in Figure 1). As the increased force causes the airfoil to rise, the torsional stiffness of the structure returns the airfoil to zero rotation (t=T/4 in Figure 1). The bending stiffness of the structure tries to return the airfoil to the neutral position, but now the airfoil rotates in a nose-down position (t=T/2 in Figure 1). Again the increased force causes the airfoil to plunge and the torsional stiffness returns the airfoil to zero rotation (t=3T/4). The cycle is completed when the airfoil returns to the neutral position with a nose-up rotation. Notice that the maximum rotation leads the maximum rise or plunge by 90 degrees (T/4). As time increases, the plunge motion tends to damp out, but the rotation motion diverges. If the motion is allowed to continue, the forces due to the rotation will cause the structure to fail.



This flutter is caused by the coalescence of two structural modes – pitch and plunge (or wing-bending) motion. This example wing has two basic degrees of freedom or natural modes of vibration: pitch and plunge (bending). The pitch mode is rotational and the bending mode is a vertical up and down motion at the wing tip. As the airfoil flies at increasing speed, the

frequencies of these modes coalesce or come together to create one mode at the flutter frequency and flutter condition. This is the flutter resonance.

#### **Types of Flutter**

Airfoils are used in many places on an airplane. The most obvious is the wing, but airfoil shapes are also used in the tail, propellers and control surfaces such as ailerons, rudders and stabilizers. All of these conditions must be analyzed and tested to insure that flutter does not occur.

There is other flutter behavior that must be considered when designing aircraft: panel flutter, galloping flutter, stall flutter, limit cycle oscillations (LCO) or buzz, and propeller or engine whirl flutter. There can also be flutter due to stores mounted on the wing.

**Panel flutter** can occur when a surface is not adequately supported (think of the skin of an airplane acting like a drumhead). Figure 3 illustrates panel flutter motion.



Figure Panel Flutter

**Galloping flutter, or wake vortex flutter**, was the cause of failure of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. This phenomenon can be observed frequently along the roadside when telephone and power lines "gallop" due to strong winds. You may also observe car radio antenna aerials whipping under certain driving speeds. The cause of the galloping motion is formation of wake vortices downstream of the object. As shown in Figure 4, the vortices are shed alternately from one side of the object and then the other. These cause oscillatory forces and produce the back-and-forth motion. This type of flutter is an important design consideration for launch vehicles exposed to ground winds.



Wake Vortex Shedding from a Cylinder Figure

Stall flutter is a torsional mode of flutter that occurs on wings at high loading conditions near the stall speed. Because the airflow separates during stall, this single degree-of- freedom flutter cannot be explained by classical flutter theory.

Limit cycle oscillation (LCO) behavior is characterized by constant amplitude, periodic structural response at frequencies that are those of the aeroelastically-loaded structure. LCO is typically limited to a narrow region in Mach number or angle-of-attack signaling the onset of flow separation.

Engine whirl flutter is a precession-type instability that can occur on a flexibly mounted engine-propeller combination. The phenomenon involves a complex interaction of engine mount stiffness, gyroscopic torques of the engine and propeller combination, and the natural flutter frequency of the wing structure.

## **Prevention of galloping and flutter**



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