



AERSP 597B

Wind Turbine Aerodynamics



“XTurb-PSU”

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User's Guide



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XTurb-PSU



A WIND TURBINE Design & Analysis Tool

Developed at The Pennsylvania State University

Objectives



- Getting Started
- Input Modules
 - Blade (Geometric Definitions)
 - Operation (Design, Analysis, Prediction)
 - Solver (Solver & Grid Selection)
 - HVM (Helicoidal Vortex Method)
 - BEMT (Blade Element Momentum Theory)
- Output Files
 - General & Method Specific Output

Getting Started



- Extract Files from XTurb-PSU_V#.#.tar

```
tar -xvf XTurb-PSU_V#.#.tar
```

- Run Directory

```
cd XTurb-PSU_V#.#
```

```
mkdir test1
```

```
cd test1
```

```
cp ../Example_1/ex1.inp ./test1.inp
```

- Executable

```
../src/XTurb-PSU-g95** .exe < test1.inp
```

Getting Started



- Executable

You can also use ... `'nohup'`

```
/usr/bin/nohup ../src/XTurb-PSU-g95**.exe < test1.inp > nohup.out
```

This will re-direct all screen output to `nohup.out`.

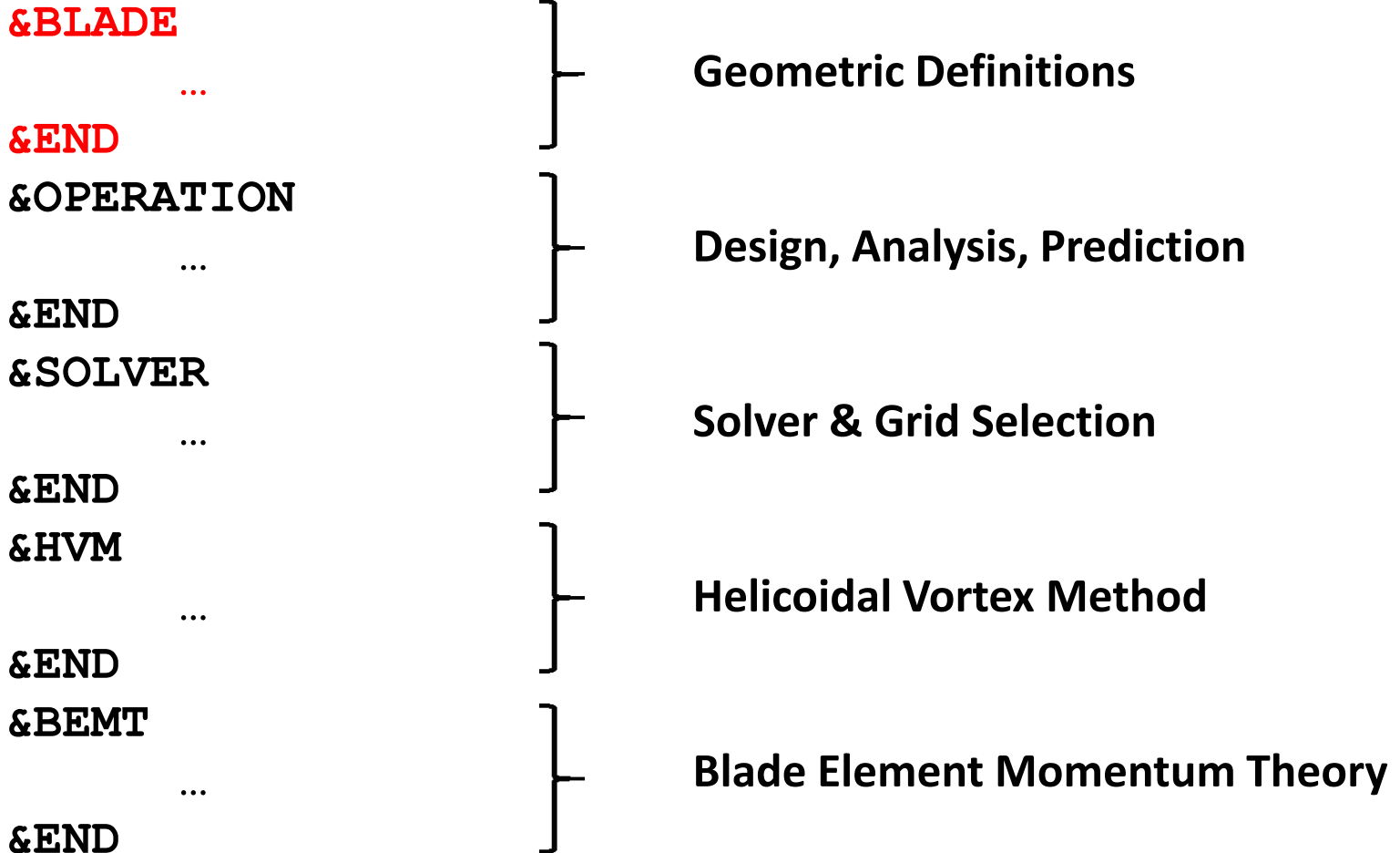
- Operating Systems

- Unix/Linux
- Windows + Cygwin (recommended)
- Windows Command Prompt (?)



Input Modules

- Structure of Input File





Input Modules

- Inputs - BLADE

&BLADE

Name	= 'NREL-PhaseVI',	Design Name
BN	= 2,	Blade Number
ROOT	= 0.25,	Root Location / Radius
NTAPER	= 2,	# Chord Definitions
RTAPER	= 0.25, 1.00,	Radial Location / Radius
CTAPER	= 0.1465, 0.0707,	Blade Chord / Radius

&END

Input Modules



- Inputs - BLADE

&BLADE

NTWIST = 20,

Twist Definitions

RTWIST = 0.250,
0.267,
...
1.000,

Radial Location / Radius

DTWIST = 20.040,
18.074,
...
-1.816,

Twist Angle [deg]

NAIRF = 2,

Airfoil Polars

&END



Input Modules

- Inputs - BLADE

&BLADE

```
RAIRF      = 0.25,  
           0.50,
```

Radial Location / Radius

```
AIRFDATA  = './S809_Re6E5.dat',  
           './S809_Re1E6.dat',
```

Path to XFOIL Polar

```
NSWEEP    = 2,
```

Sweep Definitions

```
RSWEEP    = 0.25,  
           1.00,
```

Radial Location / Radius

```
LSWEEP    = 0.00,  
           0.00,
```

Blade Sweep / Radius

&END

Input Modules



- Inputs - BLADE

Example : XFOIL Polar

XFOIL Version 6.8

Calculated polar for: 1. 0.

1 1 Reynolds number fixed

Mach number fixed

xtrf = 1.000 (top)

1.000 (bottom)

Mach = 0.000

Re =

0.500 e 6

Ncrit = 9.000

alpha	CL	CD	CDp	CM	Top Xtr	Bot Xtr
0.000	0.1452	0.01352	0.00682	-0.0431	0.6141	0.5406
0.500	0.2046	0.01361	0.00689	-0.0447	0.6125	0.5425
1.000	0.2633	0.01357	0.00696	-0.0461	0.6108	0.5449
1.500	0.3223	0.01364	0.00715	-0.0474	0.6093	0.5471
...	



Input Modules

- Inputs - BLADE

&BLADE

NDIHED = 2,
 RDIHED = 0.25,
 1.00,

**# Dihedral Definitions
 Radial Location / Radius**

LDIHED = 0.00,
 0.00,

Blade Dihedral / Radius

NTWAX = 2,

Twist Axis Definitions

RTWAX = 0.25,
 1.00,

Radial Location / Radius

LTWAX = 0.30,
 0.30,

Twist Axis / Chord

&END



Input Modules

- Inputs - BLADE

&BLADE

```
NPIAX = 2,  
RPIAX = 0.25,  
1.00,
```

**# Pitch Axis Definitions
Radial Location / Radius**

```
LPIAX = 0.30,  
0.30,
```

Pitch Axis / Chord

&END

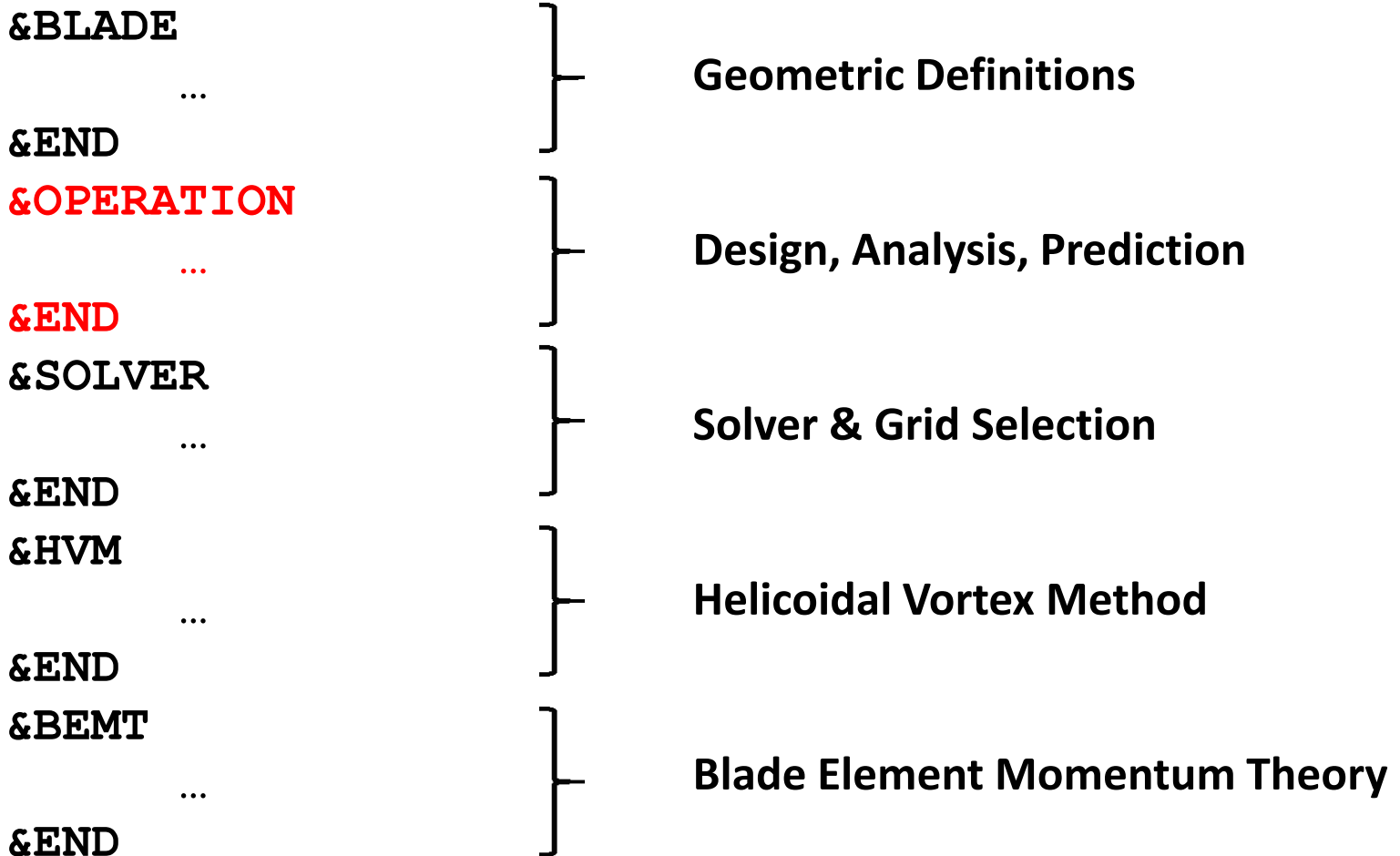
Note that in current version ...

1. No Sweep & Dihedral (BEMT); No Dihedral (HVM)
2. No usage of NTWAX, RTWAX, LTWAX and NPIAX, RPIAX, LPIAX



Input Modules

- Structure of Input File



Input Modules



- Inputs - OPERATION

&OPERATION

CHECK = 1,

&END

The CHECK Setting ...

CHECK = 1,

- Recommended before actual computation
- Review input parameters and solver settings

CHECK = 0,

- Proceeds directly to computation



Input Modules

- The CHECK Setting (What to look for ...)

```
*****
*                               AIRFOIL DATA                               *
*****
```

```
***** Airfoil Polars  NAIRF      = 2  *****
```

```
*** Polar # 1 ***
```

```
  r/R      File
0.2500  ./S809_Re6E5.dat
```

```
  From      To      (r/R)
0.2500    0.500
```

```
+++++ Extrema of Cl vs. alpha +++++
```

```
  Extremum = 29  CL = 1.0733
  Extremum = 31  CL = 1.0709
  Extremum = 39  CL = 1.0958
```

Number	AOA[deg]	CL	CD	CDP	CM
1	0.0000	0.1452	0.0135	0.0068	-0.0431
2	0.5000	0.2046	0.0136	0.0069	-0.0447
3	1.0000	0.2633	0.0136	0.0070	-0.0461
...



Input Modules

- The CHECK Setting (What could happen ...)

+++++ Extrema of Cl vs. alpha +++++

```
Extremum = 29  CL = 1.0733
Extremum = 31  CL = 1.0709
Extremum = 39  CL = 1.0958
Extremum = 51  CL = 1.53493285
Extremum = 55  CL = -1.43988514
Extremum = 59  CL = 1.30977213
```

If you repair the polar file manually, you get the OK as on the previous slide.

Data Distribution NOT favorable !
 Curvature change in CD vs. CL at single data point
 Suggest adding/interpolating a new data point
 ... between 52 and 53 i.e. AOA = 0.275000006 deg and AOA = 0.349999994 deg

Data Distribution NOT favorable !
 Curvature change in CD vs. CL at single data point
 Suggest adding/interpolating a new data point
 ... between 58 and 59 i.e. AOA = 0.725000024 deg and AOA = 0.800000012 deg

Number	AOA[deg]	CL	CD	CDP	CM
1	0.0000	0.1452	0.0135	0.0068	-0.0431
2	0.5000	0.2046	0.0136	0.0069	-0.0447
...



Input Modules

- The CHECK Setting (What to look for ...)

```
*****
*           RADIAL DISTRIBUTION - INPUT           *
*****
```

Using a COSINE distribution from root to tip ...

Input Data interpolated to radial stations r(j)

Number	r/R	Chord/R	Twist[deg]	Sweep/R	Dihed/R	Polar #
1	0.2500	0.1465	20.0400	0.0000	0.0000	1
2	0.2512	0.1464	19.9063	0.0000	0.0000	1
3	0.2546	0.1460	19.5061	0.0000	0.0000	1
4	0.2604	0.1455	18.8417	0.0000	0.0000	1
5	0.2684	0.1446	17.9188	0.0000	0.0000	1
6	0.2785	0.1436	16.7509	0.0000	0.0000	1
...

Check that inputs transfer to computational grid



Input Modules

- Inputs - OPERATION

&OPERATION

DESIGN = 1,

“Design” Mode

NTSR = 10,

Tip Speed Ratios, TSR

BTSR = 2,

Minimum TSR

ETSR = 20,

Maximum TSR

NPITCH = 2,

Blade Pitch Angles

BPITCH = 1.8,

Minimum Pitch Angle [deg]

EPITCH = 3.0,

Maximum Pitch Angle [deg]

&END



Input Modules

- Inputs - OPERATION - Design (Screen Output)

Total of NTSR * NPITCH = 20 cases.

+++++++ The following cases will be computed. +++++++

Number	TSR	PITCH [deg]
1	2.0000	1.8000
2	4.0000	1.8000
3	6.0000	1.8000
...
11	2.0000	3.0000
12	4.0000	3.0000
13	6.0000	3.0000
...

+++++

Input Modules



- Inputs - OPERATION

&OPERATION

ANALYSIS = 1,

NANA = 10,

TSRANA = 2,
 4,
 ...
 20,

PITCHANA = 3.0,
 3.0,
 ...
 3.0,

&END

“Analysis” Mode

Blade Analysis Cases

Minimum TSR

...

...

Maximum TSR

Minimum Pitch Angle [deg]

...

...

Maximum Pitch Angle [deg]



Input Modules

- Inputs - OPERATION - Analysis (Screen Output)

Total of NANA = 10 cases.

+++++++ The following cases will be computed. +++++++

Number	TSR	PITCH [deg]
1	2.0000	3.0000
2	4.0000	3.0000
3	6.0000	3.0000
4	8.0000	3.0000
5	10.0000	3.0000
6	12.0000	3.0000
7	14.0000	3.0000
8	16.0000	3.0000
9	18.0000	3.0000
10	20.0000	3.0000

+++++

Input Modules



- Inputs - OPERATION

&OPERATION

PREDICTION = 1,

“Prediction” Mode

BRADIUS = 5.03,

Blade Radius [m]

RHOAIR = 1.225,

Air Density [kg/m³]

MUAIR = 1.8E-05,

Air Dynamic Visc. [kg/(m*s)]

NPRED = 2,

Prediction Cases

&END

Input Modules



- Inputs - OPERATION

&OPERATION

VWIND = 5.0,
7.0,

Wind Speed [m/s]

RPMPRE = 72.0,
72.0,

Rotor RPM

PITCHPRE = 3.0,
3.0,

Blade Pitch Angle [deg]

&END



Input Modules

- Inputs - OPERATION - Prediction (Screen Output)

Total of NPRES = 2 cases.

+++++++ The following cases will be computed. +++++++

Equation : $TSR = (\Omega * BRADIUS) / VWIND$
 $= (2 * \pi / 60 * RPM * BRADIUS) / VWIND$

Number	TSR	PITCH [deg]
1	7.5851	3.0000
2	5.4179	3.0000

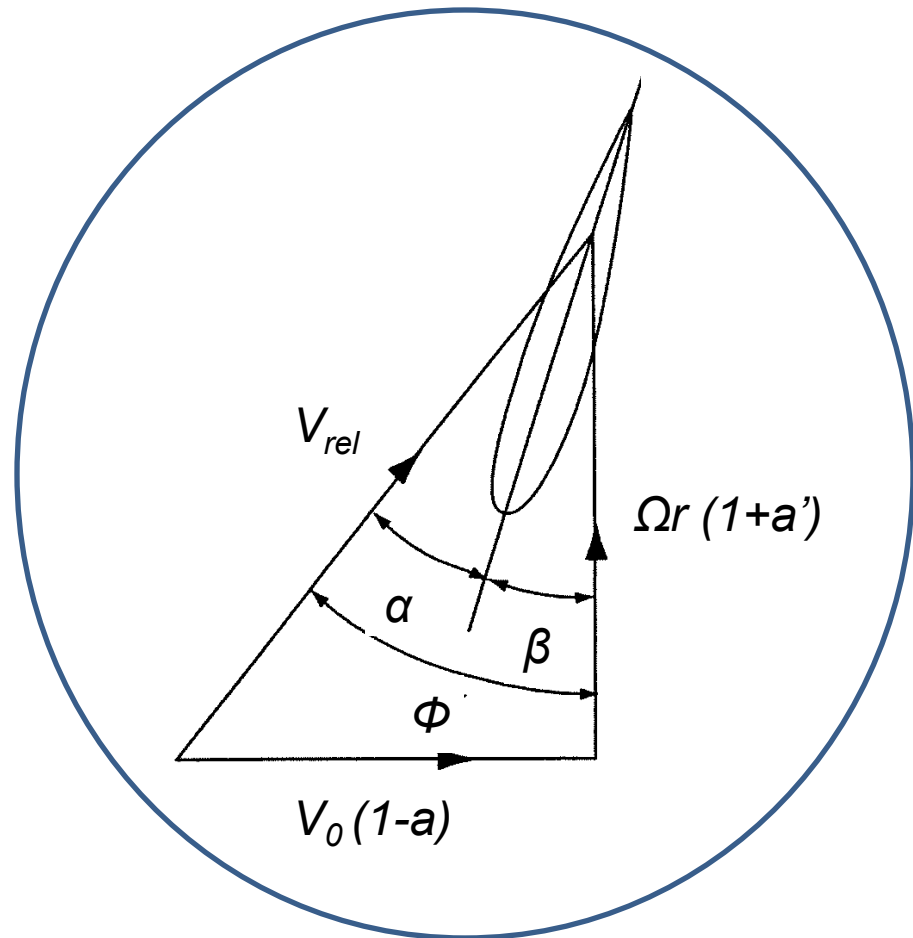
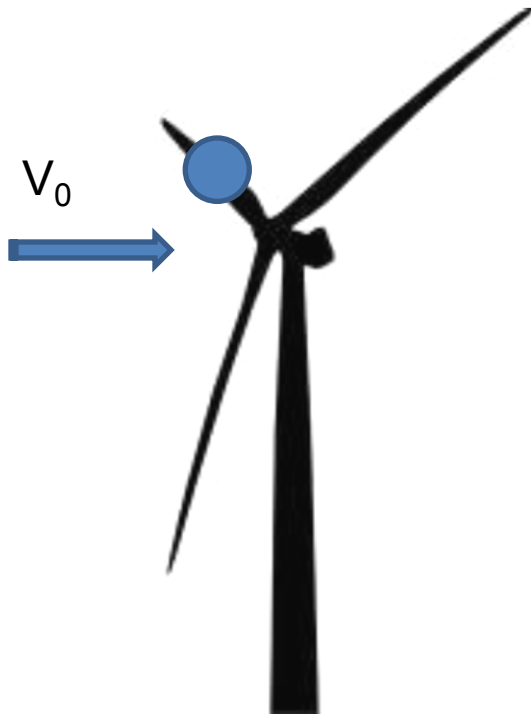
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XTurb-PSU translates into TSR & PITCH.

Input Modules



- How is PITCH [deg] defined ... ?





Input Modules

- How is PITCH [deg] defined ... ?
 - $\Phi = \text{Local Flow Angle} = \alpha + \beta$
 - $\alpha = \text{Local Angle of Attack}$
 - $\beta = \text{'Total' Local Twist}$
 $= \text{DTWIST} + (\text{PITCH} - \text{DTWIST}_{\text{Tip}})$
- Therefore, $\text{PITCH} = \beta_{\text{Tip}}$



Input Modules



- Wind Turbine
 - Positive Twist = Nose Down
 - $PITCH = \beta_{Tip}$
- Rotorcraft
 - Positive Twist = Nose Up
 - $PITCH = \beta_{r/R=0.75}$
- The ‘Schmitz’ Rule says :

“Positive Twist means Nose into the Wind. – Always.”



Input Modules

- How is PITCH [deg] defined ... ? (Screen Output)

```
*****
*      +++ SOLUTION +++ SOLUTION +++ SOLUTION +++      *
*****
```

```
+++++++ NEW CASE ++++++
  Number      TSR      PITCH [deg]
      1      7.5851    3.0000
```

Non-Dimensionalization :

```
Length Scales    => Blade Radius  BRADIUS
Velocity Scales  => Wind Speed    VWIND
```

In other words ... BRADIUS = VWIND = 1.00

Modifying Blade Twist from INPUT :

Adding 4.816 deg to get Tip Pitch Angle of 3. deg





Input Modules

- How is PITCH [deg] defined ... ? (Screen Output)

Number	r/R	Twist[deg]
1	0.2500	24.8560
2	0.2512	24.7223
...
40	0.9988	3.0079
41	1.0000	3.0000

Note that Tip Pitch > 0 means ...

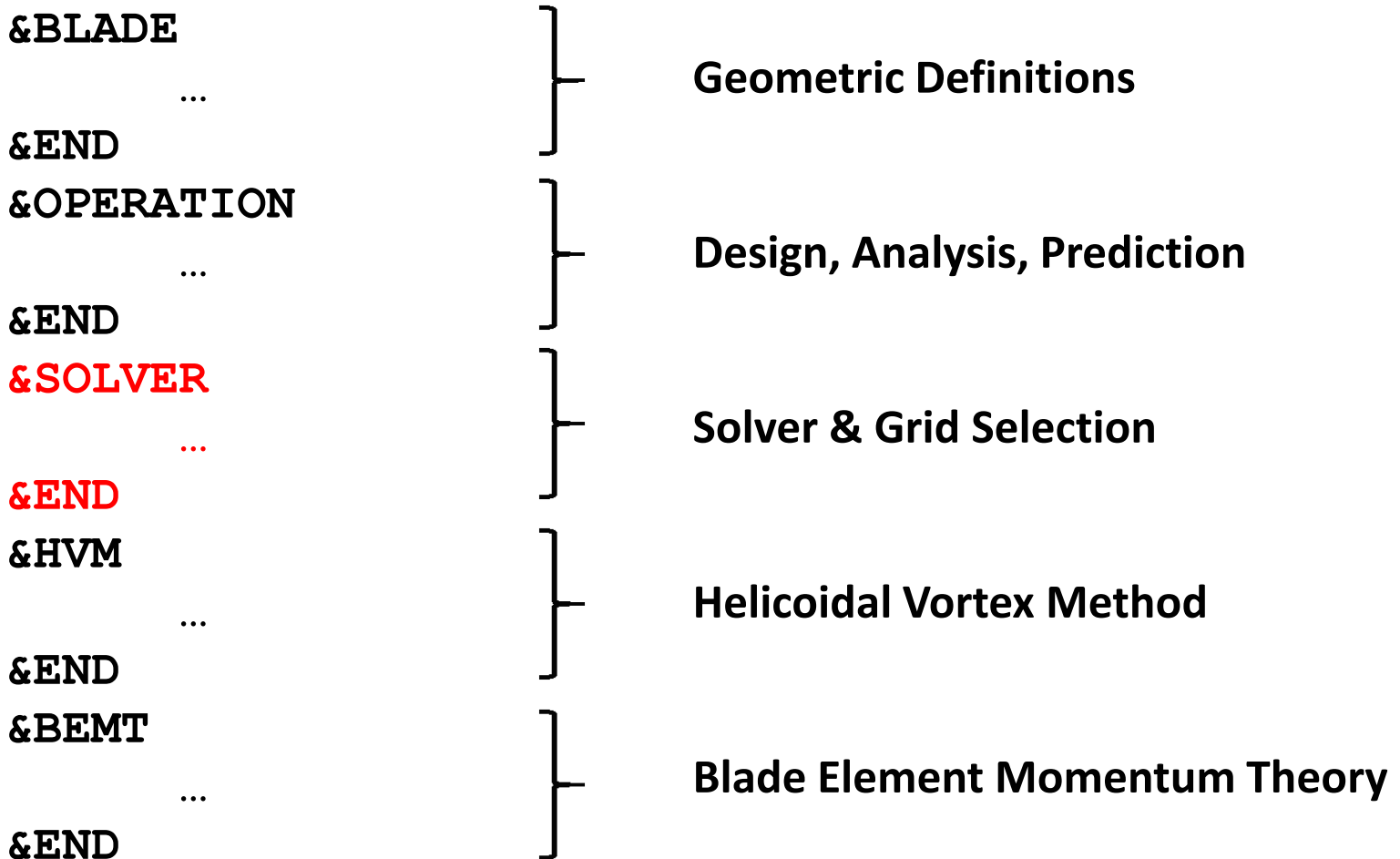
- i) Nose Down or
- ii) Nose into the Wind

... this is different from Rotorcraft !



Input Modules

- Structure of Input File





- Inputs - SOLVER

&SOLVER

```

METHOD      = 2,
  JX        = 41,
  COSDISTR  = 1,
  STALLDELAY = 0,
  GNUPLOT   = 0,
  
```

&END

```

METHOD      = 1,      Blade Element Momentum Theory (BEMT)
              = 2,      Helicoidal Vortex Method (HVM)
  
```

```

  JX        = # Radial Stations (Odd)
  
```



- Inputs - SOLVER

COSDISTR = 0, **Uniform Spacing along Blade Span**

COSDISTR = 1, **Uniform Spacing along Blade Span**
- Recommended for both BEMT & HVM

STALLDELAY = 0, **NO modification of Airfoil Data**

STALLDELAY = 1, **Stall-Delay Model -> 3-D Effects on Airfoil Data**
- Selig & Du (Lift Coefficient)
- Eggers (Drag Coefficient)

↔ **AirfoilPrep (NREL)**

Input Modules



- Inputs - SOLVER

GNUPLOT = 0, **Default, i.e. No Output Files for gnuplot**

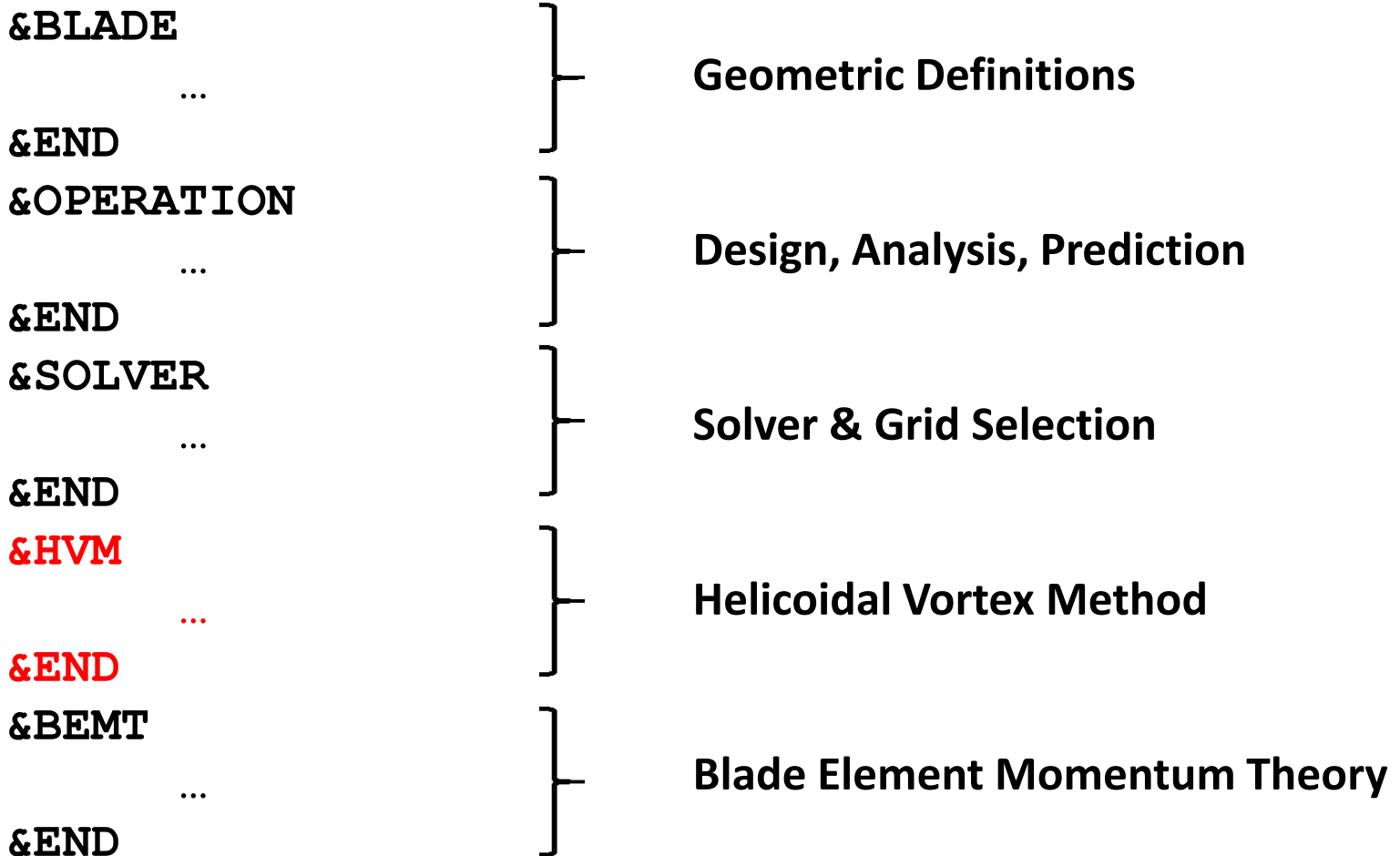
GNUPLOT = 1, **'Local' (Radial) Output**
- Data File
- Script File

GNUPLOT = 2, **'Local' (Radial) & 'Global' Output**
- Data File
- Script File



Input Modules

- Structure of Input File



Input Modules



- Inputs - HVM

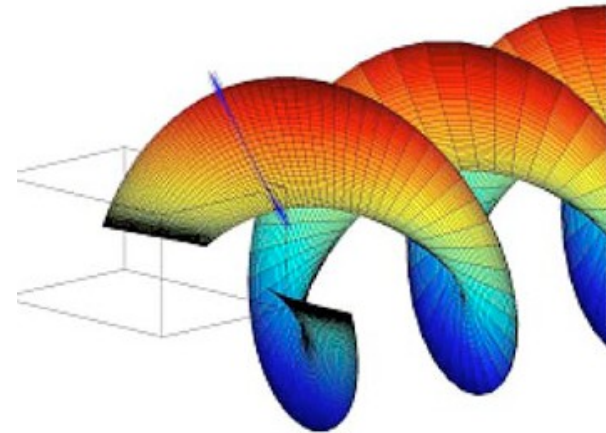
&HVM

```

WAKEEXP = 1,
DX0     = 1.E-04,
XSTR    = 1.0,
XTREFFTZ = 20.0,
NSEC    = 30,
IB      = 2,
DIP     = 1,
OMRELAX = 0.2,
AVISC   = 0.0,

NACMOD  = 0,
LN      = 0.050,
HN      = 0.025,
XN      = 0.000,
    
```

**DEFAULT Settings
No need to change !**



&END



Input Modules

- Inputs - HVM (Screen Output)

```
***** HVM *****
```

```
+++++ Vortex Structure - HELIX +++++
```

```
    # Filaments jx-1 = 40
```

```
End Mesh Stretching xstr = 1.
```

```
    Set xtrefftz = 20.
```

```
    Initial Mesh Step dx0 = 0.0001
```

```
    Number of Sectors nsec = 30
```

```
+++++ Vortex Structure - BOUND +++++
```

```
    # Filaments jx-1 = 40
```

```
    # Segments ib = 2
```

```
                = (jx-1)*(ib+1) = 120 Points
```

```
+++++ Vortex Structure - Wake Expans./Contr. +++++
```

```
Wake Expansion/Contraction WAKEEXP = 0
```

```
+++++ Influence Coefficients +++++
```

```
Interval for Boundary Nodes DIP = 1
```



Input Modules

- Inputs - HVM (Screen Output)

```
+++++ Solver Parameters +++++
Omega Relaxation Factor = 0.2
Artificial Viscosity ... = 0.
... for separated flow
```

No Input specified for Nacelle Model !

OR (for NACMOD = 1)

```
+++ Nacelle Model +++
```

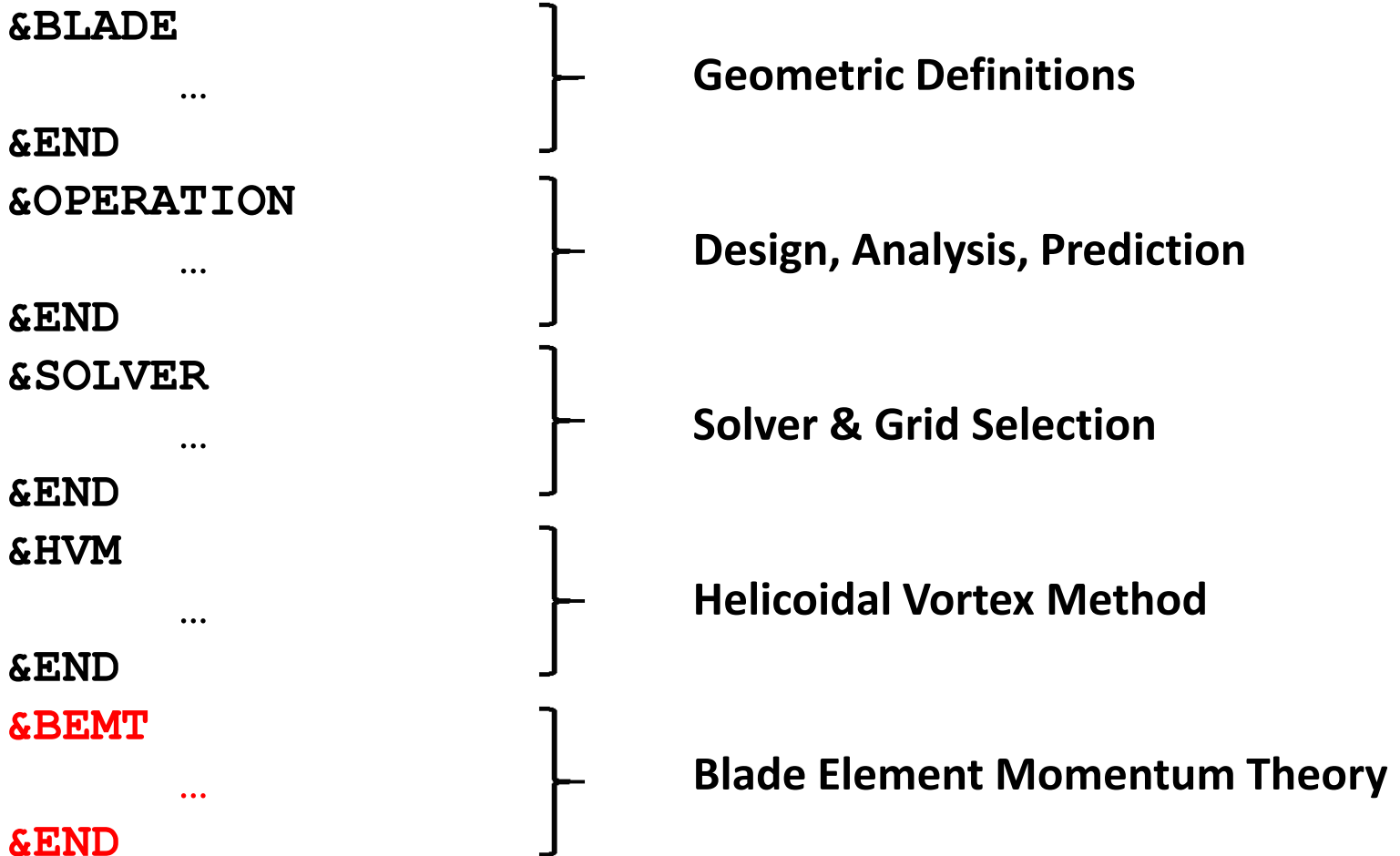
```
Nacelle 1/2 Length (Rankine Body)    LN/R = 0.05
Nacelle 1/2 Height (Rankine Body)    HN/R = 0.025
Axial Location of Nacelle midpoint    XN/R = 0.
```

```
***** Nacelle Modeling (Rankine Body) *****
```



Input Modules

- Structure of Input File



Input Modules



- Inputs - BEMT

DEFAULT Settings
No need to change !

&BEMT

RLOSS = 1,

TLOSS = 1,

AXRELAX = 0.125,

ATRELAX = 0.125,

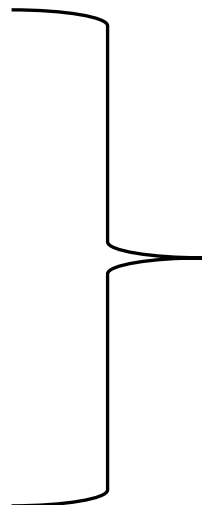
&END

Root Loss Factor (AeroDyn)

Tip Loss Factor (AeroDyn)

Relaxation Factor for a

Relaxation Factor for a'



Output Files



- General Output
 - XTurb_Output.dat
 - XTurb_Output1.dat
 - XTurb_Output2.dat
 - XTurb_Output3.dat
- Method Specific Output
 - XTurb_Output_Method.dat
 - For HVM : adv.out, remain.out, bound.out, helix.out, blade_bound.out, blade_helix.out, coeff_coord.out, coeff_bound.out, coeff_helix.out, coeff_nacelle.out



Output Files

- General Output
 - XTurb_Output.dat

```

NREL-PhaseVI                      ***** XTurb-PSU  -  OUTPUT *****
Blade Number      BN =  2

Solidity
0.0519

+ Prescribed Wake Method [Chattot, Schmitz] +

Number   TSR      PITCH [deg]      CT      CP      CPV      CB      CBV
   1     7.5850    3.0000    0.5472  -0.3287  0.0887  -0.3869  -0.0016
   2     5.4180    3.0000    0.5031  -0.3491  0.0314  -0.3475  -0.0011
   ...     ...     ...           ...     ...     ...     ...     ...
    
```



- General Output
 - XTurb_Output1.dat

```

+++++
NREL-PhaseVI                      ***** XTurb-PSU  -  OUTPUT 1 *****
  Blade Number          BN =  2

  Solidity
  0.0519

                                + Prescribed Wake Method [Chattot, Schmitz] +

  Number   TSR      PITCH [deg]      CT      CP      CPV      CB      CBV
    1      7.5850    3.0000          0.5472  -0.3287  0.0887  -0.3869  -0.0016

  "Thrust"  >  0      =>      Downwind Direction
  "Torque"  <  0      =>      Energy Extraction (Wind Turbine)  =>  Power = Torque * TSR
  "Bending" <  0      =>      Flap Bending towards Downwind

  r/R  Chord/R  Twist[deg]  AOA[deg]  PHI[deg]  CL      CD      CL/CD      VSEC      VSECX      VSECY      VSECZ
-----
  0.2500  0.1465  24.8560  -0.8872  23.9688  0.0417  0.0130  3.1985  2.1389  0.8689  -0.0140  1.9545
  0.2512  0.1464  24.7223  -0.7218  24.0005  0.0612  0.0132  4.6444  2.1466  0.8731  -0.0139  1.9610
  0.2546  0.1460  24.3221  -0.2279  24.0941  0.1191  0.0134  8.8652  2.1695  0.8857  -0.0138  1.9804
  ...

```



- General Output
 - XTurb_Output2.dat

```

+++++
NREL-PhaseVI                      ***** XTurb-PSU  -  OUTPUT 2 *****
  Blade Number          BN =  2

  Solidity
  0.0519

                                + Prescribed Wake Method [Chattot, Schmitz] +

  Number   TSR      PITCH [deg]      CT      CP      CPV      CB      CBV
    1      7.5850   3.0000          0.5472  -0.3287  0.0887  -0.3869  -0.0016

  "Thrust" >  0      =>      Downwind Direction
  "Torque" <  0      =>      Energy Extraction (Wind Turbine)  =>  Power = Torque * TSR
  "Bending" <  0      =>      Flap Bending towards Downwind

r/R  Chord/R  Twist[deg]  AOA[deg]  CL      CD      CDP      CM      CThrust  CTorque  CNormal  CTangen
-----
0.2500  0.1465  24.8560   -0.8872   0.0417  0.0130  0.0067  -0.0408  0.0434  -0.0013  0.0415  -0.0137
0.2512  0.1464  24.7223   -0.7218   0.0612  0.0132  0.0067  -0.0413  0.0612  -0.0032  0.0610  -0.0139
...

```



Output Files

- General Output
 - XTurb_Output3.dat

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NREL-PhaseVI

***** XTurb-PSU - OUTPUT 3 *****

Blade Number BN = 2

Solidity
0.0519

+ Prescribed Wake Method [Chattot, Schmitz] +

Number	TSR	PITCH [deg]	CT	CP	CPV	CB	CBV
1	7.5850	3.0000	0.5472	-0.3287	0.0887	-0.3869	-0.0016

"Thrust" > 0 => Downwind Direction
 "Torque" < 0 => Energy Extraction (Wind Turbine) => Power = Torque * TSR
 "Bending" < 0 => Flap Bending towards Downwind

r/R	Chord/R	Twist[deg]	AOA[deg]	PHI[deg]	CL	CD	CL/CD	CThrust	CThrustV	CTorque	CTorqueV	CBending	CBendingV
0.2500	0.1465	24.8560	-0.8872	23.9688	0.0417	0.0130	3.1985	0.0434	0.0053	-0.0013	0.0030	-0.0109	-0.0013
0.2512	0.1464	24.7223	-0.7218	24.0005	0.0612	0.0132	4.6444	0.0612	0.0054	-0.0032	0.0030	-0.0154	-0.0013
...



Output Files

- Method Specific Output (HVM)
 - XTurb_Output_Method.dat

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NREL-PhaseVI

***** XTurb-PSU - OUTPUT 3 *****

Blade Number BN = 2

Solidity
0.0519

+ Prescribed Wake Method [Chattot, Schmitz] +

Number	TSR	PITCH [deg]	CT	CP	CPV	CB	CBV
1	7.5850	3.0000	0.5472	-0.3287	0.0887	-0.3869	-0.0016

"Thrust" > 0 => Downwind Direction
 "Torque" < 0 => Energy Extraction (Wind Turbine) => Power = Torque * TSR
 "Bending" < 0 => Flap Bending towards Downwind

"Axial Induction Factor" a = -ui
 "Angular Induction Factor" a_prime = +wi/(r/R*TSR)

r/R	Chord/R	Twist[deg]	AOA[deg]	PHI[deg]	CIRC	CL	CD	CL/CD	ui	vi	wi	a	a'
0.2500	0.1465	24.8560	-0.8872	23.9688	0.0000	0.0417	0.0130	3.1985	-0.1311	-0.0140	0.0582	0.1311	0.0307
0.2512	0.1464	24.7223	-0.7218	24.0005	-0.0096	0.0612	0.0132	4.6444	-0.1269	-0.0139	0.0559	0.1269	0.0294

Output Files



- Method Specific Output (BEMT)
 - XTurb_Output_Method.dat

```

+++++
NREL-PhaseVI                      ***** XTurb-PSU  -  OUTPUT  -  METHOD  *****
  Blade Number          BN =  2

  Solidity
  0.0519

          +   BLADE ELEMENT MOMENTUM THEORY (BEMT)   +

Number   TSR      PITCH [deg]      CT      CP      CPV      CB      CBV
   1     7.5850    3.0000          0.5420  -0.3229  0.0881  -0.3836  -0.0016

"Thrust" >  0      =>      Downwind Direction
"Torque" <  0      =>      Energy Extraction (Wind Turbine)  =>  Power = Torque * TSR
"Bending" <  0      =>      Flap Bending towards Downwind

"Axial Induction Factor"  a      = -ui
"Angular Induction Factor"  a_prime = +wi/(r/R*TSR)

r/R  Chord/R  Twist[deg]  AOA[deg]  PHI[deg]  CL      CD      CL/CD      FR      FT      ui      wi      a      a'
-----
0.2500 0.1465  24.8560   -0.9001  23.9559   0.0402  0.0130   3.0846  0.0008  0.9990  -1.0000  -1.8962  1.0000  -1.0000
0.2512 0.1464  24.7223   -0.7680  23.9543   0.0557  0.0131   4.2431  0.0959  0.9996  -0.1418  0.0268  0.1418  0.0141

```



Output File - Convergence



- Convergence Output
 - XTurb_Convergence.dat

Gives some information on convergence problems that were encountered during the solution process.

Is quite helpful to isolate specific cases of TSR and Tip Pitch that may produce non-physical results.

Output Files - *gnuplot*



- Output Files for *gnuplot*

- XTurb_gnuplot_data.plt

- XTurb_gnuplot_script.plt

- XTurb_gnuplot_global_data.plt

- XTurb_gnuplot_global_script.plt

} GNUPLOT = 1

} GNUPLOT = 2

- Run *gnuplot* (in terminal)

```
gnuplot XTurb_gnuplot_script.plt
```

... creates a folder GNUPLOT/ with *.png plots.

```
gnuplot XTurb_gnuplot_global_script.plt
```

... creates a folder GNUPLOT_GLOBAL/ with *.png plots.

Future Developments XTurb-PSU



- Unsteady HVM – Shed Wake
- Vortex Rollup in HVM
- Optimization in HVM
- Tower Shadow Model
- Stall-Delay Model
- Wind Farm Wake Modeling

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