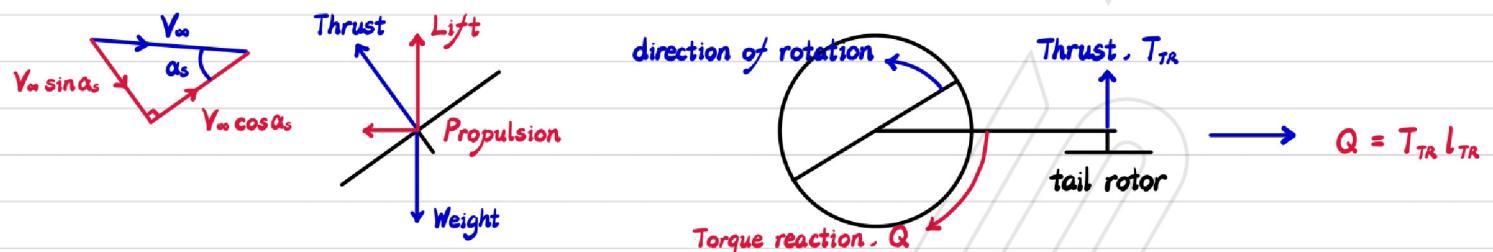


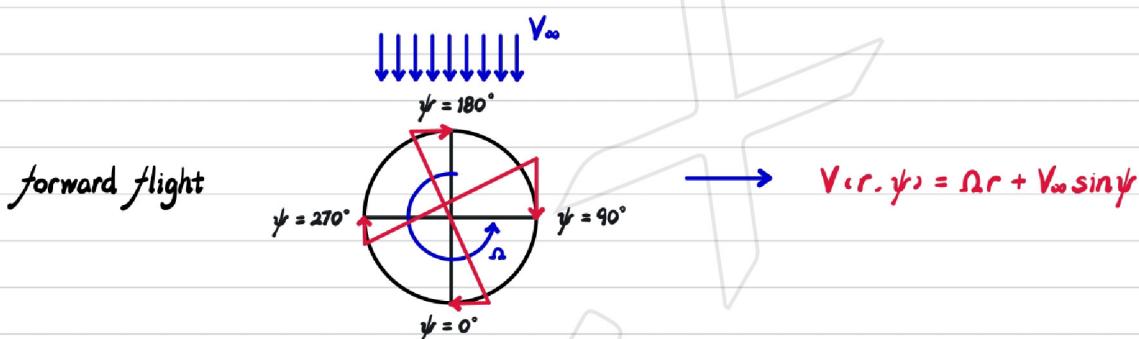
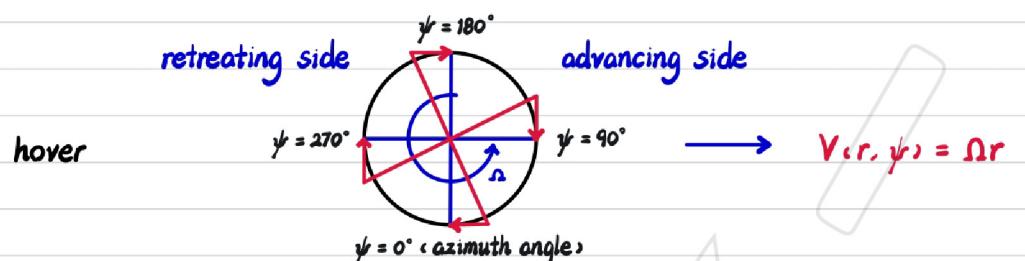
# Introductions

## Axis Conventions

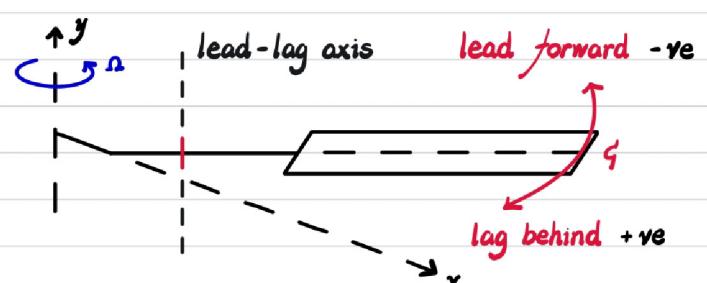
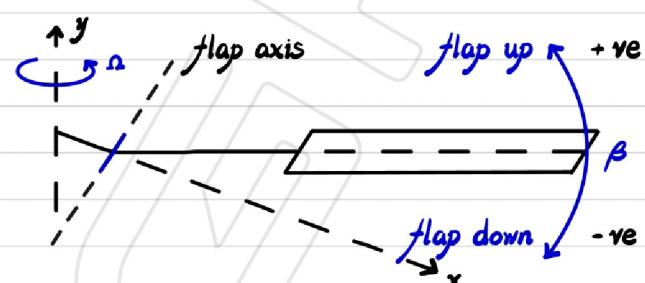
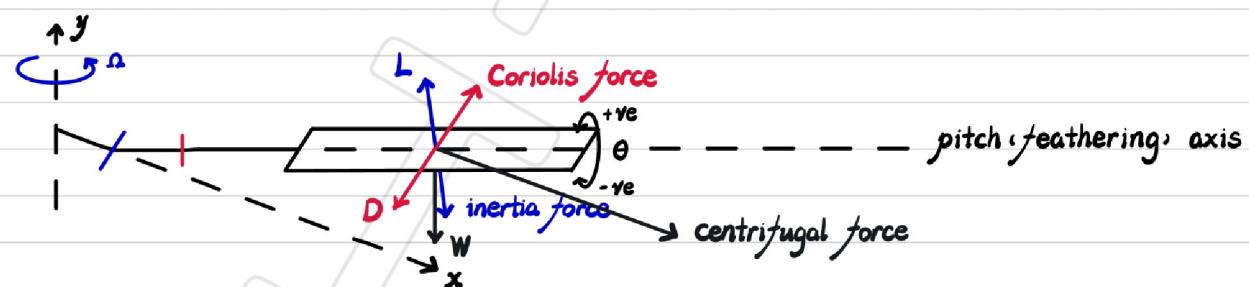
### Rotors



### Dissymmetry of lift



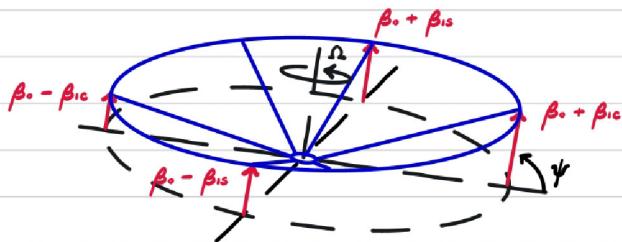
### Blade motion



a blade is a single-degree-of-freedom dynamic system in flap and lag

→ mass-spring-damper system →  $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F$  → often decoupled flap and lag

Rotor tip path plane (TPP),



Fourier series →  $\beta = \beta_0$  coning angle

+  $(\beta_{lc} + \dots + \beta_{nc}) \cos \psi$  longitudinal

+  $(\beta_{ls} + \dots + \beta_{ns}) \sin \psi$  lateral

$$\rightarrow \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_{lc} \cos \psi + \beta_{ls} \sin \psi$$

a dynamic system forced near natural frequency.  $\omega_n$  responds with 90° phase lag

$$\Delta F \xrightarrow{90^\circ} \Delta \beta \xrightarrow{90^\circ} \Delta \theta$$

forward flight → lift disymmetry  $\xrightarrow{90^\circ}$  TPP tilt aft

coning → AoA lower on rear and higher on forward

→ lift disymmetry  $\xrightarrow{90^\circ}$  TPP tilt toward advancing side

$$\text{pitch input } \theta = \theta_0 - \theta_{ls} \sin \theta + \theta_{lc} \cos \theta \xrightarrow{90^\circ} \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_{lc} \cos \psi + \beta_{ls} \sin \psi$$

## Configurations

Autogiro / Gyroplane

Single rotor

- conventional
- NOTAR (No-Tail-Rotor) using Coandă effect
- fenestron / fan-in-fin
- tip jets no anti-torque device necessary

Dual rotors

- tandem two longitudinal counter-rotating rotors
- coaxial
- side-by-side
- synchropter two equal counter-rotating intermeshing rotors on different axes

Compound helicopters

- thrust compound additional forward thrust
- lift compound small wings

## Tilt - rotors

- tilt - rotor
- tilt - wing

## Multi - rotors

## Control Mechanism

### Variable pitch conventional helicopters

- uniformly collective feathering Swashplate plate up/down → altitude control
- cyclically longitudinal / lateral cyclic feathering Swashplate plate tilting → direction control

### Variable speed multi-rotor systems

## Types of Rotors

Teetering 半刚性 (跷跷板) · both blades flapping together · no lead-lag hinges

Articulated 全铰接式 · flapping hinges · lead-lag hinges · feathering hinges

Hingeless 无铰接式 (刚性)

Bearingless 无轴承 · further evolution of hingeless rotor

## Momentum Theory

### Introduction

#### Methodology

- rotor  $\xrightarrow{\text{idealisation}}$  infinitesimally thin actuator disk
- conservation laws apply over the control volume

$$\text{mass } \oint_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0 \longrightarrow m = \rho A \sqrt{(V_\infty \cos \alpha_s)^2 + (V_\infty \sin \alpha_s + V_t)^2}$$

$$\text{momentum } \vec{F} = \oint_S \rho d\vec{S} + \oint_S (\rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{S}) \vec{V} \longrightarrow T = mw$$

$$\text{energy } W = \oint_s \frac{1}{2} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} \cdot |\vec{V}|^2 \longrightarrow P = T(V_\infty \sin \alpha_s + v_i) = \frac{1}{2} m w (2V_\infty \sin \alpha_s + w)$$

## Assumptions

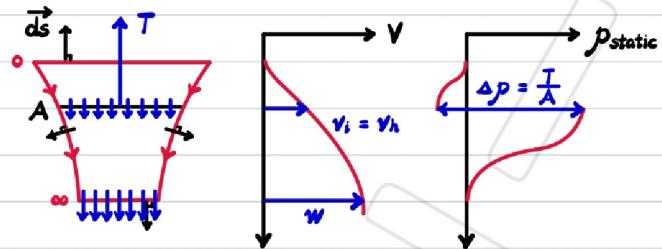
- flow through rotor / being distributed in a well defined streamtube
- far above the disk air is at the rest
- ideal fluid  $\rightarrow$  incompressible  $\rho = \text{const}$  and inviscid  $\mu = \nu = 0$
- 1-dimensional
- quasi-steady  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$

## Non-dimensional terms US convention

- thrust coefficient  $C_T = \frac{T}{\rho A V_{tip}^2} = \frac{T}{\rho A \Omega^2 R^2}$
- power coefficient  $C_P = \frac{P}{\rho A V_{tip}^3} = \frac{P}{\rho A \Omega^3 R^3}$
- torque coefficient  $C_Q = \frac{Q}{\rho A V_{tip}^2 R} = \frac{Q}{\rho A \Omega^2 R^3} = \frac{P/\Omega}{\rho A \Omega^2 R^3} = C_P$
- induced flow ratio  $\lambda = \frac{V_c + v_i}{V_{tip}} = \frac{V_c + v_i}{\Omega R} = \lambda_c + \lambda_i$
- rotor solidity  $\sigma = \frac{\text{blade area}}{\text{rotor area}} = \frac{N_b c R}{\pi R^2} = \frac{N_b c}{\pi R}$  typically  $\sigma = 0.07 \sim 0.12$

## Axial Flight

### Hover $V_c = 0$



conservation of mass  $m = \rho V_h A = \rho W A_\infty$

momentum  $T = m w$

energy  $P = T V_h = \frac{1}{2} m w^2$

$$\longrightarrow m w V_h = \frac{1}{2} m w^2 \longrightarrow W = 2 V_h \longrightarrow A = 2 A_\infty \longrightarrow V_h = \sqrt{\frac{T}{2\rho A}} \longrightarrow P = \frac{T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\rho A}}$$

$$\text{Disk loading } DL = \frac{T}{A} = 2 \rho V_h^2$$

$$\text{Power loading } PL = \frac{T}{P} = \frac{1}{V_h} \longrightarrow \text{power requirements } \propto \frac{1}{PL} = V_h \propto \sqrt{DL}$$

### Non-ideal effects for power to hover

- ideal power  $C_P = \frac{P}{\rho A \Omega^3 R^3} = \frac{T V_h}{\rho A \Omega^3 R^3} = \frac{T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2} \rho^{\frac{3}{2}} A^{\frac{1}{2}} \Omega^3 R^3} = \frac{C_T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}$
- induced power  $C_{P,i} = \frac{K C_T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}$  typically  $K \approx 1.1 \sim 1.15$

profile power  $C_{P_0} = \frac{P_0}{\rho A \Omega^3 R^3}$  where  $P_0 = N_b Q_0 = \Omega N_b \int_0^R dD y dy = \Omega N_b \int_0^R \frac{1}{2} \rho (\Omega y)^2 c C_{d0} y dy$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{8} \rho N_b \Omega^3 R^4 C_{d0}}{\rho A \Omega^3 R^3} = \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{N_b c}{\pi R} \right) C_{d0} = \frac{1}{8} 6 C_{d0}$$
 $\rightarrow C_P = C_{P_i} + C_{P_0} = \frac{K C_T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{8} 6 C_{d0}$

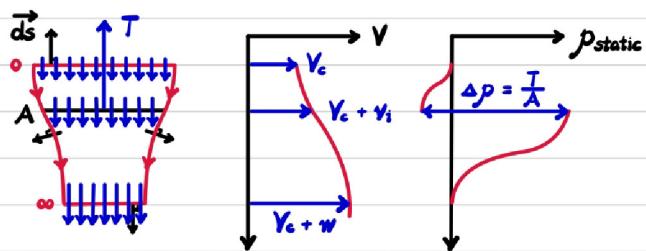
## FM (Figure of Merit)

$$FM = \frac{\text{ideal power to hover}}{\text{actual power to hover}} = \frac{C_T^{\frac{3}{2}} / \sqrt{2}}{K C_T^{\frac{3}{2}} / \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{8} 6 C_{d0}} < 1$$

$FM \propto \frac{1}{6}$  but low 6  $\rightarrow$  higher  $\alpha$  needed to produce same lift  $\rightarrow$  blade stall

$\rightarrow$  better to plot  $FM$  vs  $\frac{C_T}{6}$  = blade loading coefficient

Axial climb  $V_c > 0$



- conservation of mass  $\dot{m} = \rho (V_c + V_i) A = \rho (V_c + w) A_\infty$
- momentum  $T = \dot{m} (V_c + w) - \dot{m} V_c = \dot{m} w$
- energy  $P = T (V_c + V_i) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} w (2V_c + w)$

$$\rightarrow \dot{m} w (V_c + V_i) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} (w^2 + 2V_c w) \rightarrow w = 2V_i$$

$$\rightarrow T = \dot{m} w = \rho A (V_c + V_i) (2V_i) \rightarrow V_h^2 = \frac{T}{2\rho A} = (V_c + V_i) V_i \rightarrow \left(\frac{V_i}{V_h}\right)^2 + \frac{V_c}{V_h} \frac{V_i}{V_h} - 1 = 0$$

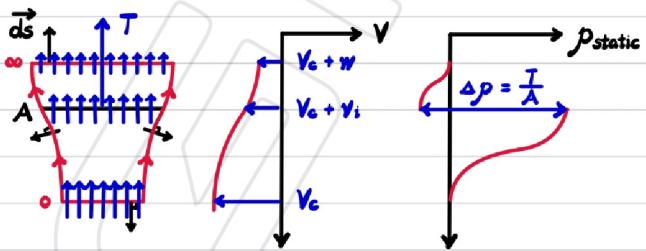
$$\frac{V_i}{V_h} > 0 \rightarrow \frac{V_i}{V_h} = -\frac{V_c}{2V_h} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_c}{2V_h}\right)^2 + 1}$$

$\frac{V_c}{2V_h} \ll 1$	$\frac{V_i}{V_h} \approx -\frac{V_c}{2V_h} + 1$
$\frac{V_c}{2V_h} \gg 1$	$\frac{V_i}{V_h} \approx 0$

Axial descent  $V_c < 0$

- $2V_i < V_c < 0$   $\rightarrow$  rotor still produce +ve thrust  $\rightarrow$  induced velocity point downwards
- $\rightarrow$  no well-defined streamtube  $\rightarrow$  cannot apply momentum theory

$V_c < -2V_i$



- conservation of mass  $\dot{m} = \rho (V_c + w) A_\infty = \rho (V_c + V_i) A$
- momentum  $T = m V_c - \dot{m} (V_c + w) = -\dot{m} w$
- energy  $P = T (V_c + V_i) = -\frac{1}{2} \dot{m} w (2V_c + w)$

$$\rightarrow -\dot{m} w (V_c + V_i) = -\frac{1}{2} \dot{m} (w^2 + 2V_c w) \rightarrow w = 2V_i$$

$$\rightarrow T = -m\omega = -\rho A (V_c + v_i) \approx 2v_i \rightarrow v_h^2 = \frac{T}{2\rho A} = -(V_c + v_i) v_i$$

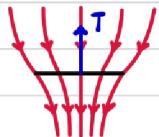
$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{v_i}{v_h}\right)^2 + \frac{V_c}{v_h} \frac{v_i}{v_h} + 1 = 0 \quad \frac{v_i}{v_h} \approx -2 \rightarrow \frac{v_i}{v_h} = -\frac{V_c}{2v_h} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_c}{2v_h}\right)^2 - 1}$$

## Power requirement

$$\begin{aligned} \text{• axial climb } \frac{P}{P_h} &= \frac{V_c + v_i}{v_h} = \frac{V_c}{2v_h} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_c}{2v_h}\right)^2 + 1} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{V_c}{2v_h} \ll 1 \\ \frac{V_c}{2v_h} \gg 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \frac{P}{P_h} = 1 + \frac{\Delta P}{P_h} = \frac{V_c}{2v_h} + 1 \\ \text{• axial descent } \frac{P}{P_h} &= \frac{V_c + v_i}{v_h} = \frac{V_c}{2v_h} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_c}{2v_h}\right)^2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

## Working states

• normal working state  $V_c > 0$

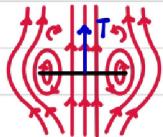


• vortex ring state  $-2v_h < V_c < 0$

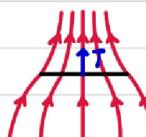


20-50% load fluctuation

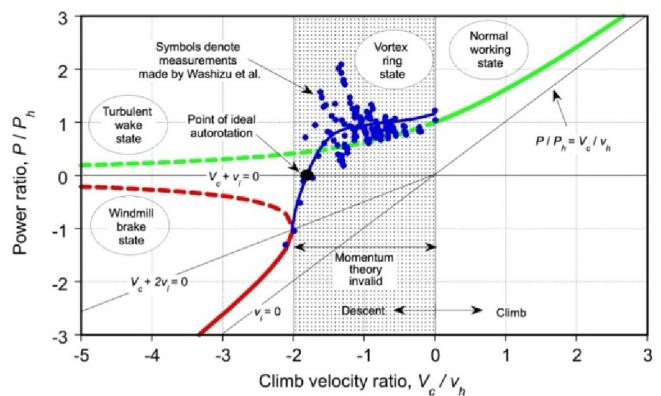
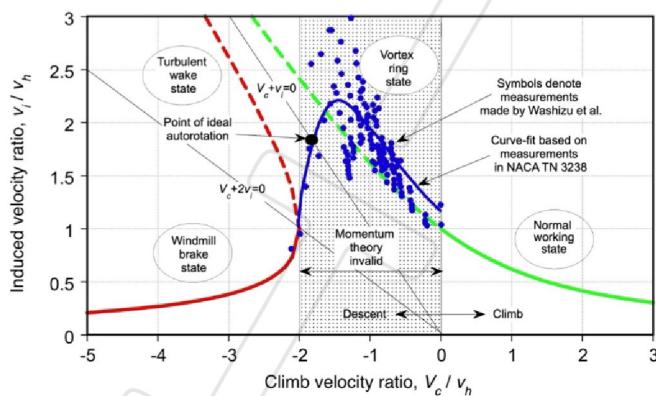
• turbulent wake state  $-2v_i < V_c < -2v_h$



• windmill 風車 brake state  $V_c < -2v_i$



extract energy from the flow



Credit: J.G Leishman

## Autorotation recover safe flight in the event of mechanical failure

$$\cdot \text{ideal } \frac{P}{P_h} = 0 \rightarrow P = T(V_c + v_i) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{V_c}{v_h} = -1.75$$

$$\cdot \text{actual profile losses} \rightarrow P = T(V_c + v_i) + P_0 = 0 \rightarrow \frac{V_c}{v_h} \approx -1.85$$

## Coaxial rotors

- ideal assume  $T = \frac{W}{2}$  and infinitesimal separation  $\rightarrow T_{\text{total}} = 2T$
- $\rightarrow v_h = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho A}}$  and  $P_{i,\text{total}} = \frac{(2T)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\rho A}} = \sqrt{2} \cdot 2 \frac{T^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\rho A}}$ ,  $\rightarrow K_{\text{int}} = \sqrt{2}$
- experimental  $K_{\text{int}} \approx 1.16 \rightarrow$  momentum theory overprediction
- $\rightarrow$  assume lower motor operates at the **rena contracta** 收缩流束 of the upper rotor, not affecting upper rotor and have constant induced velocity
- simple approach  $T_i = T_u = \frac{W}{2} \rightarrow K_{\text{int}} \approx 1.281$
- accurate approach  $Q_i = Q_u \rightarrow K_{\text{int}} \approx 1.219$

## Tip Losses

### Accounting for tip losses

reduction in effective disk area  $A_e = \pi R e^2 = \pi (BR)^2 = B^2 A$

- Prandtl's tip loss factor  $B = 1 - \frac{1.386 \lambda}{N_b}$
- Gessow & Myer's tip loss factor  $B = 1 - \frac{c}{2R}$

## Forward Flight

### Non-dimensional terms US convention

- advance ratio  $\mu = \frac{V_\infty \cos \alpha_s}{nR}$
- inflow ratio  $\lambda = \frac{V_\infty \sin \alpha_s + v_i}{nR} = \mu \tan \alpha_s + \lambda_i$

### Momentum theory

$$T = m w = 2 \bar{m} v_i = 2 \rho A v_i \sqrt{(\bar{V}_\infty \cos \alpha_s)^2 + (\bar{V}_\infty \sin \alpha_s + v_i)^2} \xrightarrow{\text{high speed, } V_\infty \gg v_i} 2 \rho A v_i V_\infty$$

$$\rightarrow v_h^2 = \frac{T}{2 \rho A} = v_i \sqrt{(\bar{V}_\infty \cos \alpha_s)^2 + (\bar{V}_\infty \sin \alpha_s + v_i)^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda_h^2 = \lambda_i^2 \sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda^2} \rightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{\lambda_h^2}{\sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda^2}} = \frac{C_T}{2 \sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda^2}} \text{ and } \lambda = \mu \tan \alpha_s + \frac{C_T}{2 \sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda^2}}$$

$$\text{at } \alpha_s = 0, \lambda = \lambda_i \rightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{\lambda_h^2}{\sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda_i^2}} \rightarrow \lambda_i^2 + \lambda_i^2 \mu^2 = \lambda_h^2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_h}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda_h}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_h}\right)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_h} = \sqrt{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda_h}\right)^2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda_h}\right)^2 + 1}}$$

$$\text{at } \alpha_s = 0, \text{ high speed} \longrightarrow \lambda_i \approx \frac{\lambda_h^2}{\mu} = \frac{C_T}{2\mu}$$

$$\text{fixed point method } \lambda_0 = \lambda_h = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}} \longrightarrow \lambda_{n+1} = \mu \tan \alpha_s + \frac{C_T}{2\sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda_n^2}} \text{ where } \epsilon = \left\| \frac{\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+1}} \right\|$$

$$\text{Newton-Rapson method } \lambda_0 = \lambda_h = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}} \longrightarrow \lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \frac{f(\lambda_n)}{f'(\lambda_n)} \text{ where } \epsilon = \left\| \frac{\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+1}} \right\|$$

$$\longrightarrow \lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \frac{\lambda - \mu \tan \alpha_s - C_T \cdot 2\sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda_n^2} J^{-1}}{1 + C_T [2\lambda_n \cdot \mu^2 + \lambda_n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} J^{-2}]}$$

## Rotor-wing analogy

assume mean downwash were uniform over the disk and wake lay in plane with rotor disk  $\longrightarrow \alpha_s = 0$

$$\longrightarrow \text{liken the rotor to an elliptical wing} \longrightarrow \tan \alpha_i = \frac{v_i}{V_\infty} = \frac{\lambda_i}{\mu} \approx \alpha_i$$

$$\longrightarrow R = \frac{b^2}{A} = \frac{(2R)^2}{\pi R^2} = \frac{4}{\pi} \text{ and } C_L = \frac{T}{\frac{1}{2}\rho (\mu^2 n^2 R^2)^{1/2} A} = \frac{2C_T}{\mu^2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \alpha_i = \frac{C_L}{\pi R} = \frac{C_T}{2\mu^2} \longrightarrow \frac{\lambda_i}{\mu} = \frac{C_T}{2\mu^2} \longrightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{C_T}{2\mu}$$

## Rotor power

$$P = T(V_\infty \sin \alpha_s + v_i) \longrightarrow \frac{P}{P_h} = \frac{T(V_\infty \sin \alpha_s + v_i)}{Tv_h}$$

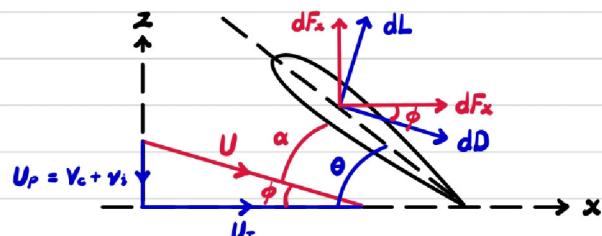
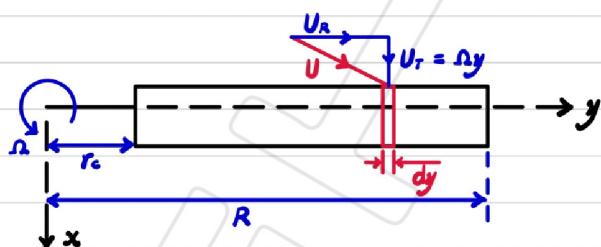
$$\longrightarrow \frac{P}{P_h} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_h} = \frac{\mu \tan \alpha_s}{\lambda_h} + \frac{\lambda_h}{\sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda^2}}$$

$$\frac{\tan \alpha_s}{\lambda} = \frac{D}{W} = \frac{D}{T} \longrightarrow \frac{P}{P_h} \approx \frac{\mu}{\lambda_h} \frac{D}{T} + \frac{\lambda_h}{\sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda^2}} = P_{\text{propulsive}} + P_{\text{induced}} = P_{\text{parasitic}} + P_{\text{induced}}$$

## BEMT < Blade Element Momentum Theory >

## BET < Blade Element Theory >

### Axis conventions



### Assumptions

$$U_p \ll U_r \text{ and neglect } U_h \longrightarrow U \approx U_r$$

$$\phi \ll 1 \longrightarrow \phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{U_p}{U_r} \right) \approx \frac{U_p}{U_r} \longrightarrow \alpha = \theta - \frac{U_p}{U_r}$$

## Loads

- $dL = \frac{1}{2} \rho (\Omega y)^2 C_C dy$
- $dD = \frac{1}{2} \rho (\Omega y)^2 C_D dy$
- $dF_x = dL \sin\phi + dD \cos\phi \approx dL\phi + dD$
- $dF_z = dL \cos\phi - dD \sin\phi \approx dL$
- $dT = N_b dF_z \approx N_b dL$
- $dQ = N_b (dF_x y) \approx N_b (dL\phi + dD) y$
- $dP = \Omega dQ \approx N_b (dL\phi + dD) \Omega y$

## Non-dimensional terms

- distance from root  $r = \frac{y}{R}$
- inflow ratio  $\lambda = \frac{V_c + V_i}{V_{tip}} = \frac{V_c + V_i}{\Omega R} = \frac{V_c + V_i}{\Omega y} r = \frac{U_p}{U_r} r = \phi r$
- thrust coefficient  $dC_T = \frac{N_b dL}{\rho A \Omega^2 R^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} N_b \rho (\Omega y)^2 C_C dy}{\rho \pi R^2 \Omega^2 R^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_b C}{\pi R} \left(\frac{y}{R}\right)^2 C_C \frac{dy}{R} = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_C r^2 dr$   
 $\rightarrow C_T = \frac{1}{2} 6 \int_0^1 C_C r^2 dr$
- power coefficient  $dC_P = \frac{N_b (dL\phi + dD) \Omega y}{\rho A \Omega^2 R^3} = \frac{N_b (dL\phi + dD)}{\rho A \Omega^2 R^2} \frac{y}{R} = \frac{1}{2} 6 (C_C \phi r^3 + C_D r^3) dr$   
 $\rightarrow C_P = \frac{1}{2} 6 \int_0^1 (C_C \phi r^3 + C_D r^3) dr$
- torque coefficient  $C_Q = C_P$

## Thrust approximations

linearised aerodynamics  $C_C = C_{l\alpha} (\alpha - \alpha_0) = C_{l\alpha} (\theta - \phi - \alpha_0) \xrightarrow{\text{symmetric airfoil}} C_C = C_{l\alpha} (\theta - \phi)$

 $\rightarrow C_T = \frac{1}{2} 6 \int_0^1 C_{l\alpha} (\theta - \phi) r^2 dr = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{l\alpha} \int_0^1 (\theta r^2 - \lambda r^2) dr$

- untwisted blade  $\theta = \theta_0$  in uniform inflow  $\lambda = \text{constant}$

$C_T = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{l\alpha} \int_0^1 (\theta_0 r^2 - \lambda r^2) dr = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{l\alpha} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \theta_0 r^3 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda r^3 \right]_0^1 dr = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{l\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{3} \theta_0 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda \right)$

at hover,  $\lambda = \frac{V_h}{\Omega R} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{2\rho A}} \frac{1}{\Omega R} = \sqrt{\frac{C_T + N_b R^2}{2}} \frac{1}{\Omega R} = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}}$   $\rightarrow C_T = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{l\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{3} \theta_0 - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}} \right)$ , solve iteratively

$\rightarrow \theta_0 = \frac{6 C_T}{6 C_{l\alpha}} + \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}}$

- linear twisted blade  $\theta(r) = \theta_0 + r\theta_{tw}$  in uniform inflow  $\lambda = \text{constant}$

$$C_T = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{ta} \int_0^r [(\theta_0 + r\theta_{tw}) r^2 - \lambda r] dr = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{ta} (\frac{1}{3} \theta_0 r^3 + \frac{1}{4} \theta_{tw} r^4 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda r^2)$$

- linear twisted blade  $\theta(r) = \theta_{0.75} + (r - 0.75) \theta_{tw}$  in uniform inflow  $\lambda = \text{constant}$

$$C_T = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{ta} \int_0^r [\theta_{0.75} + (r - 0.75) \theta_{tw}] r^2 - \lambda r \} dr = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{ta} (\frac{1}{3} \theta_{0.75} r^3 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda r^2)$$

Power approximations

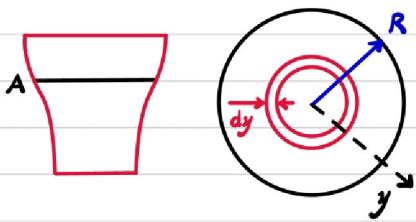
$$C_Q = C_P = \frac{1}{2} 6 \int_0^r (\lambda C_T r^2 + C_d r^3) dr$$

- constant sectional drag coefficient  $C_d = \text{constant}$  in uniform inflow  $\lambda = \text{constant}$

$$C_Q = C_P = \lambda C_T + \frac{1}{8} 6 C_d \xrightarrow{\text{at hover, } \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}}} \frac{C_T^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{8} 6 C_d$$

## Axial Flight

Annular momentum theory (Froude)



$$\cdot \text{conservation of mass} \quad dm = \rho (V_c + v_i) dA = \rho (V_c + v_i) (2\pi y dy)$$

$$\cdot \text{momentum} \quad dT = dm w = \rho (V_c + v_i) (2\pi y dy) (2v_i)$$

$$\cdot \text{energy} \quad dP = dT (V_c + v_i) = \rho (V_c + v_i)^2 (2\pi y dy) (2v_i)$$

$$\lambda_c = \frac{V_c}{\pi R} \text{ and } \lambda_i = \frac{v_i}{\pi R} \rightarrow dC_T = 4\lambda \lambda_i r dr = 4\lambda (\lambda - \lambda_c) r dr$$

$$\rightarrow dC_P = dC_Q = 4\lambda^2 \lambda_i r dr = 4\lambda^2 (\lambda - \lambda_c) r dr$$

- hover  $\lambda_c = 0$  in uniform inflow  $\lambda = \text{constant}$

$$C_T = 4\lambda^2 \int_0^r r dr = 2\lambda^2 \text{ and } C_P = 4\lambda^3 \int_0^r r dr = 2\lambda^3$$

- hover  $\lambda_c = 0$  in non-uniform inflow  $\lambda(r) = \lambda_{tip} r^n$  for  $n \geq 0$

$$C_T = 4\lambda_{tip}^2 \int_0^r r^{2n+1} dr = \frac{2\lambda_{tip}^2}{n+1} \rightarrow \lambda_{tip} = \sqrt{n+1} \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}}$$

$$C_P = 4\lambda_{tip}^3 \int_0^r r^{3n+1} dr = \frac{4\lambda_{tip}^3}{3n+2} = \frac{2(n+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3n+2} \frac{C_T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow K = \frac{2(n+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3n+2} \approx 1$$

$\rightarrow K = 1$  when  $n = 0$   $\rightarrow$  minimum induced power when uniform inflow  $\lambda = \text{constant}$

BEMT

$$dC_T = \frac{1}{2} 6 C_{ta} (\theta r^2 - \lambda r) dr = 4\lambda (\lambda - \lambda_c) r dr \rightarrow \lambda^2 + (\frac{6C_{ta}}{8} - \lambda_c) \lambda - \frac{6C_{ta}}{8} \theta r$$

$$\lambda(r) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{6C_{l\alpha}}{16} - \frac{\lambda_c}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6C_{l\alpha}}{8}\theta_r\right)^2} - \left(\frac{6C_{l\alpha}}{16} - \frac{\lambda_c}{2}\right)$$

• hover  $\lambda_c = 0$

$$\lambda(r) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{6C_{l\alpha}}{16}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6C_{l\alpha}}{8}\theta_r\right)^2} - \frac{6C_{l\alpha}}{16} = \frac{6C_{l\alpha}}{16} \left[ \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{32}{6C_{l\alpha}}\theta_r\right)^2} - 1 \right]$$

• hover  $\lambda_c = 0$  for minimum power  $\lambda = \text{constant}$

$$\theta_r = \text{constant} \longrightarrow \theta(r) = \frac{\theta_{tip}}{r} \text{ ideal twist distribution*}$$

\* helicopter always use linear twist  $\theta(r) = \theta_0 + r\theta_{tw}$  for forward flight consideration

Ideal twist performance in hover

$$C_T = \frac{1}{2} 6C_{l\alpha} \int_0^R (\theta_{tip} - \lambda)r dr = \frac{1}{4} 6C_{l\alpha} (\theta_{tip} - \lambda) \longrightarrow \theta_{tip} = \frac{4C_T}{6C_{l\alpha}} + \lambda = \frac{4C_T}{6C_{l\alpha}} + \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}}$$

$$\underline{\lambda = \text{constant} = \phi r = \phi_{tip}} \longrightarrow C_T = \frac{1}{4} 6C_{l\alpha} (\theta_{tip} - \phi_{tip}) = \frac{1}{4} 6C_{l\alpha}$$

The optimum hovering motor

• minimise induce power  $\lambda = \text{constant}$  and  $\theta = \frac{\theta_{tip}}{r} \longrightarrow C_{p_i} = \frac{C_T^{\frac{3}{2}}}{12}$

• minimise profile power  $\alpha_i = \text{constant}$  for  $(\frac{C_i}{C_d})_{\max}$

$$\longrightarrow dC_T = \frac{1}{2} 6C_{l\alpha} (\theta_{tip} - \lambda)r dr = \frac{1}{2} 6C_{l\alpha} \alpha_i r^2 dr \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} 6C_{l\alpha} \alpha_i r^2 dr = 4\lambda^2 r dr$$

$$\longrightarrow \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} 6r C_{l\alpha} \alpha_i} = \text{constant} \longrightarrow 6r = \frac{Nbc}{\pi R} r = \text{constant} \longrightarrow 6(r) = \frac{6_{tip}}{r} \text{ and } C(r) = \frac{C_{tip}}{r}$$

$$\longrightarrow \theta = \alpha + \phi = \alpha_i + \frac{\lambda}{r} = \alpha_i + \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} 6r C_{l\alpha} \alpha_i} = \alpha_i + \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} 6_{tip} C_{l\alpha} \alpha_i}$$

$$\longrightarrow C_T = \frac{1}{2} C_{l\alpha} \alpha_i \int_0^R \frac{6_{tip}}{r} r^2 dr = \frac{1}{4} 6_{tip} C_{l\alpha} \alpha_i$$

Power estimation

$$C_p = C_{p_i} + C_{p_o} = \int_0^R \lambda dC_T dr + \frac{1}{2} 6 \int_0^R C_d r^3 dr \text{ where } C_d = C_{d0} + d_1 \alpha + d_2 \alpha^2$$

Equivalent weight solidity

for non-rectangular blade, local solidity varies along the span

→ weight solidity  $6 = \int_0^R 6(r) dr = \text{solidity of equivalent rectangular blade}$

• thrust weighted solidity most common

$$C_T = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^R 6(r) C_l r^2 dr = \frac{1}{2} 6_e \int_0^R C_l r^2 dr \longrightarrow 6_e = 3 \int_0^R 6(r) r^2 dr$$

the optimum hovering motor  $\rightarrow G_e = 3 \int_0^r \frac{G_{tip}}{r} r^2 dr = \frac{3}{2} G_{tip} r^3 \rightarrow C_{P_0} = \frac{1}{6} G_{tip} C_{d0} = \frac{1}{q} G_e C_{d0} < \frac{1}{8} G_{rect} C_{d0}$

linear taper  $\rightarrow G_e = 3 / [6_{root} + (6_{tip} - 6_{root})r] r^2 dr = 6_{root} + \frac{3}{4} (6_{tip} - 6_{root}) = 6_{0.75}$

## power weighted solidity

$$C_P = \int_0^r \lambda dC_T + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^r G(r) C_d r^2 dr = \int_0^r \lambda dC_T + \frac{1}{2} G_e \int_0^r C_d r^2 dr \rightarrow G_e = 4 \int_0^r G(r) r^2 dr$$

## Tip Losses

### BET

reduce effective radius  $R_e = BR \rightarrow C_T = \frac{1}{2} G_{C_{1a}} \int_0^r \theta r^2 - \lambda r^2 dr$

increase effective inflow  $\lambda_e = \frac{\lambda}{B} \rightarrow C_T = \frac{1}{2} G_{C_{1a}} \int_0^r \theta r^2 - \frac{\lambda}{B} r^2 dr$

### BEMT

Prandtl's tip loss function  $F = \frac{2}{\pi} \cos^{-1}(e^{-f})$  where  $f = \frac{N_b}{2} \left( \frac{1-r}{r\phi} \right)$

$$\rightarrow dC_T = 4F\lambda(\lambda - \lambda_e)r dr$$

## Forward Flight

### Complications

- compressibility effects
- unsteady effects
- non-linear aerodynamics
- possibility of stall
- reverse flow
- complex induced velocity from the rotor wake

### Flapping motion

$$\beta(r, \psi) = \beta_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N (\beta_{nc} \cos n\psi + \beta_{ns} \sin n\psi)$$

ignoring higher harmonics  $\rightarrow \beta(r, \psi) = \beta_0 + \beta_{1c} \cos \psi + \beta_{1s} \sin \psi \rightarrow \dot{\beta} = \Omega \dot{\beta}^* = \Omega (-\beta_{1c} \sin \psi + \beta_{1s} \cos \psi)$

### Periodic pitch variation

$$\theta(r, \psi) = \theta_{in-built} + \theta_{elastic} + \theta_{collective} + \theta_{cyclic}$$

$$\rightarrow \theta(r, \psi) = \theta_{tw}(r) + \theta_{el}(r, \psi) + \theta_0 + \theta_s \sin \psi + \theta_c \cos \psi$$

## BET

- $U_r(y, \psi) = \Omega y + V_\infty \sin \psi = \Omega y + \mu \Omega R \sin \psi$
- $U_\theta(y, \psi) = V_c + v_i + y\dot{\beta} + V_\infty \beta \cos \psi = (\lambda_c + \lambda_i) \Omega R + y\dot{\beta} + \mu \Omega R \beta \cos \psi$
- $U_\phi(y, \psi) = V_\infty \cos \psi = \mu \Omega R \cos \psi$
- $dF_z \approx dL = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 C_{l,a} dy = \frac{1}{2} \rho U_r^2 C_{l,a} (\theta - \phi) dy = \frac{1}{2} \rho U_r^2 C_{l,a} (\theta - \frac{U_p}{U_r}) dy = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_{l,a} (\theta U_r^2 - U_p U_r) dy$
- $dF_x \approx dL \phi + dD \approx \frac{1}{2} \rho C_{l,a} (\theta U_p U_r - U_p^2) dy + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_r^2 C_{d,a} dy = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_{l,a} (\theta U_p U_r - U_p^2 + \frac{C_d}{C_{l,a}} U_r^2) dy$
- $dF_r = -\beta dF_z + dD_{\text{radial}}$  act outward

$$\rightarrow T = \frac{N_b}{2\pi} \int_0^x \int_0^R dF_z dy = \frac{N_b R}{4\pi} \rho C_{l,a} \int_0^x \int_0^R (\theta U_r^2 - U_p U_r) dr dy$$

$$\rightarrow H = \frac{N_b}{2\pi} \int_0^x \int_0^R dF_x \sin \psi + dF_r \cos \psi dy$$

$$\rightarrow Y = \frac{N_b}{2\pi} \int_0^x \int_0^R -dF_x \cos \psi + dF_r \sin \psi dy \text{ to advancing side}$$

$$\rightarrow Q = \frac{N_b}{2\pi} \int_0^x \int_0^R dF_x r dy = \frac{N_b R}{4\pi} \rho C_{l,a} \int_0^x \int_0^R (\theta U_p U_r - U_p^2 + \frac{C_d}{C_{l,a}} U_r^2) r dr dy$$

$$\rightarrow M_x = \frac{N_b}{2\pi} \int_0^x \int_0^R dF_z r \sin \psi dy$$

$$\rightarrow M_y = \frac{N_b}{2\pi} \int_0^x \int_0^R dF_z r \cos \psi dy$$

Simplify expression for  $C_T$

- small angle rigid blade  $\rightarrow \theta_{el} = 0$
- simplified air characteristic  $\rightarrow$  ignore stall. compressibility effect.  $U_R, \dots$
- neglect reverse flow no elastic  $\beta, q$  or  $\theta$  DoF no higher harmonic term
- constant inflow  $\rightarrow$  satisfactory for high  $\mu$  but introduce errors in flapping motion calculation
- no tip loss no root cutout

$$C_T = \frac{T}{\rho A (\Omega R)^2} = \frac{1}{\rho A (\Omega R)^2} \frac{N_b R}{4\pi} \rho C_{l,a} \int_0^x \int_0^R (\Omega R)^2 [\theta (r + \mu \sin \psi)^2 - (\lambda_c + \lambda_i + \frac{r}{2} \dot{\beta} + \mu \beta \cos \psi \times r + \mu \sin \psi)^2] dr dy$$

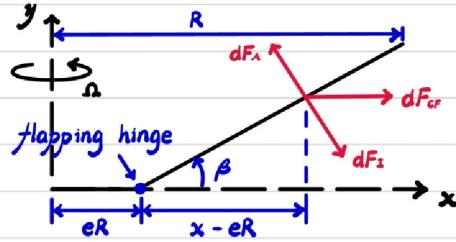
$$\rightarrow C_T = \frac{6C_{l,a}}{4\pi} \int_0^x \int_0^R (\theta_0 + \theta_{in} r + \theta_{in} \cos \psi + \theta_{in} \sin \psi \times r + \mu \sin \psi)^2 - (\lambda_0 + r \dot{\beta} + \mu \beta \cos \psi \times r + \mu \sin \psi)^2 dr dy$$

$$\rightarrow C_T = \frac{6C_{l,a}}{2} \left[ \frac{\theta_0}{3} (1 + \frac{3}{2} \mu^2) + \frac{\theta_{in}}{4} (1 + \mu^2) + \frac{\mu}{2} \theta_{in} - \frac{\lambda_0}{2} \right]$$

# Rotor Dynamics

## Flapping Dynamics

### Fundamental flap mode

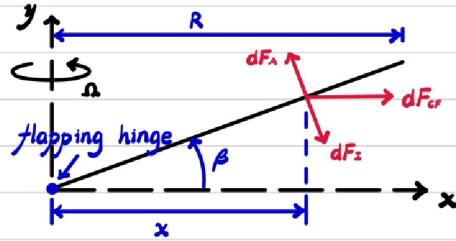


balance of moment about flapping hinge

→ external moments = inertial moments

$$\sum M_{ext} = I_b \ddot{\beta}$$

### Assumptions



- hinge locate at origin  $e=0$       • rigid blade undergoes *pure flapping*
- $\Omega = \text{constant}$        $\rightarrow F_{cf} = \text{constant}$       • uniform mass distribution
- gravity forces are negligible      •  $F_{cf} \gg F_A$        $\rightarrow \beta$  is small

### Blade element formulation

$$\sum M_{ext} = I_b \ddot{\beta} \rightarrow M_A + M_{cf} + M_I = 0 \text{ in clockwise about hinge}$$

$$dM_A = -dF_A \cdot x = -dL x \rightarrow M_A = -\int_0^R L x \, dx$$

$$dM_{cf} = dF_{cf} \cdot \beta \cdot x = (mdx \cdot \Omega^2 x) \beta x = m\Omega^2 x^2 \beta \, dx \rightarrow M_{cf} = \int_0^R \Omega^2 \beta m x^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{3} m \Omega^2 \beta R^3$$

$$dM_I = dF_z \cdot x = (mdx \cdot \ddot{\beta} x) x = mx^2 \ddot{\beta} \, dx \rightarrow M_I = \int_0^R \ddot{\beta} m x^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{3} m \ddot{\beta} R^3$$

### Coning angle

blade reach equilibrium when  $\sum M_{ext} = 0 \rightarrow M_A + M_{cf} = 0$

$$\rightarrow -\int_0^R L x \, dx + \frac{1}{3} m \Omega^2 \beta R^3 = 0 \rightarrow \beta_0 = \frac{3 \int_0^R L x \, dx}{m \Omega^2 R^3} \propto \frac{F_A}{F_{cf}} \xrightarrow{F_{cf} = \text{constant}} \beta_0 \propto F_A$$

large  $\beta_0$       • increase stress on the structure      • reduce  $A_{eff}$       → reduce lift production

### Flapping equation of motion in hover

$$-\int_0^R L x \, dx + \Omega^2 \beta \int_0^R m x^2 \, dx + \ddot{\beta} \int_0^R m x^2 \, dx = 0 \xrightarrow{I_b = \int_0^R m x^2 \, dx} (\Omega^2 \beta + \ddot{\beta}) I_b = \int_0^R L x \, dx$$

$$\ddot{\beta} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \frac{\dot{\beta}}{\Omega} \rightarrow (\Omega^2 \beta + \Omega^2 \ddot{\beta}) I_b = \int_0^R L x \, dx \rightarrow \beta + \ddot{\beta} = \frac{1}{I_b \Omega^2} \int_0^R L x \, dx$$

$$\int_0^R L_x dx = \int_0^R (\frac{1}{2} \rho U_r^2 C C_{l\alpha}) x dx \xrightarrow{\text{linearised aerodynamics}} \int_0^R [\frac{1}{2} \rho U_r^2 C C_{l\alpha} (\theta - \phi)] x dx$$

rectangular blade  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \rho C C_{l\alpha} \int_0^R U_r^2 (\theta - \frac{U_p}{U_r}) x dx = \frac{1}{2} \rho C C_{l\alpha} \int_0^R (U_r^2 \theta - U_p U_r) x dx$

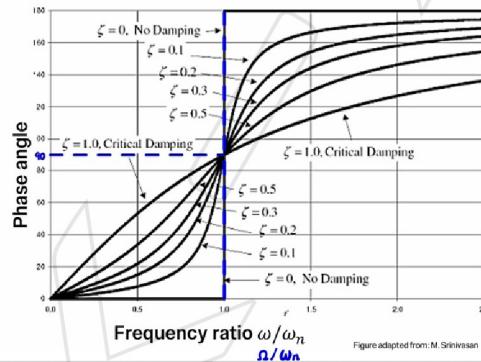
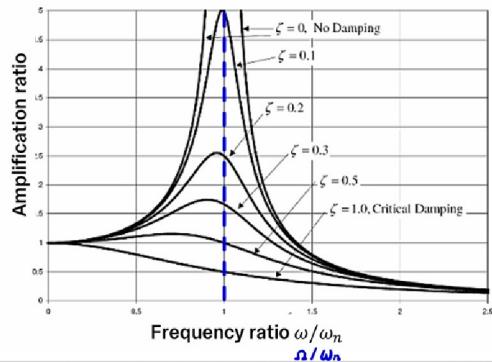
$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \rho C C_{l\alpha} \int_0^R [\Omega^2 x^2 \theta - (\beta x + \gamma_i) x] dx = \frac{1}{2} \rho C \Omega^2 C_{l\alpha} \int_0^R \theta \Omega^2 x^3 - \Omega \beta x^3 - \Omega \gamma_i x^2 dx$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{8} \rho C C_{l\alpha} \Omega^2 R^4 (\theta - \frac{\beta}{\Omega} - \frac{4\gamma_i}{3\Omega R}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{8} \rho C C_{l\alpha} \Omega^2 R^4 (\theta - \frac{\beta}{\Omega} - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$$

$$\rightarrow \beta + \dot{\beta} = 8 \bar{M}_p \text{ where lock number } \gamma = \frac{\rho C C_{l\alpha} R^4}{I_b} \propto \frac{F_A}{F_s} \text{ (typically 5-12)} \text{ and } \bar{M}_p = \frac{1}{8} (\theta - \dot{\beta} - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$$

$\rightarrow$  mass-spring-damper system with aerodynamic damping  $\frac{c}{m} = 2\omega_{n,p}\zeta = \frac{1}{8}\gamma$

$\rightarrow \omega_{n,p} = 1/\gamma = \Omega$  (t), and  $\zeta = \frac{\gamma}{16}$  (t), (typically 0.5-0.7 in hover)  $= \frac{\gamma}{16\Omega}$  (t)  $\rightarrow$  very well damped



$$\Delta F \xrightarrow{90^\circ} \Delta \beta$$

$\rightarrow$  stabilised the flapping motion  $\rightarrow$  allow rotor operate at or near resonance,  $\omega_{n,p} = \Omega$

harmonic matching  $\rightarrow \beta_0 + \frac{\gamma}{8} (-\beta_{ic} \sin \psi + \beta_{is} \cos \psi) = \frac{1}{8} \gamma (\theta_0 + \theta_{ic} \cos \psi + \theta_{is} \sin \psi - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$

$$\rightarrow \beta_0 = \frac{1}{8} \gamma (\theta_0 - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$$

$\rightarrow$  periodic solution does not cover transients

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow \beta_{ic} = -\theta_{is} \\ & \rightarrow \beta_{is} = \theta_{ic} \end{aligned} \rightarrow \Delta \beta \xrightarrow{90^\circ} \Delta \theta$$

### Flapping equation of motion in forward flight

$$U_r = \Omega x + V_\infty \sin \psi = \Omega x + \mu \Omega R \sin \psi \quad \text{and} \quad U_p = (\lambda_c + \lambda_i) \Omega R + \beta x + \mu \Omega R \beta \cos \psi$$

linear twisted blades,  $\theta = \theta_0 + \frac{\psi}{R} \theta_{tw}$   $\rightarrow \bar{M}_p = \theta (\frac{1}{8} + \frac{\mu}{3} \sin \psi + \frac{\mu^2}{4} \sin^2 \psi) + \theta_{tw} (\frac{1}{10} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin \psi + \frac{\mu^2}{6} \sin^2 \psi)$

$$- \lambda (\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin \psi) - \dot{\beta} (\frac{1}{8} + \frac{\mu}{6} \sin \psi) - \beta \mu \cos \psi (\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin \psi)$$

harmonic matching  $\rightarrow \beta_0 = \gamma (\theta_0 + \theta_{ic} \cos \psi + \theta_{is} \sin \psi) (\frac{1}{8} + \frac{\mu}{3} \sin \psi + \frac{\mu^2}{4} \sin^2 \psi) + \theta_{tw} (\frac{1}{10} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin \psi + \frac{\mu^2}{6} \sin^2 \psi)$

$$- \lambda (\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin \psi) - (-\beta_{ic} \sin \psi + \beta_{is} \cos \psi) (\frac{1}{8} + \frac{\mu}{6} \sin \psi)$$

$$-\{\beta_0 + \beta_{1c} \cos\psi + \beta_{1s} \sin\psi, \mu \cos\psi, \frac{1}{6} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin\psi\}$$

$$\rightarrow \beta_0 = 8 \{ [\theta_0 (\frac{1}{8} + \frac{\mu}{3} \sin\psi + \frac{\mu^2}{8}) + \theta_{1c} (\frac{1}{8} \cos\psi + \frac{\mu^2}{16} \cos\psi) + \theta_{1s} (\frac{1}{8} \sin\psi + \frac{\mu}{6} + \frac{3\mu^2}{16} \sin\psi) \\ + \theta_{tw} (\frac{1}{10} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin\psi + \frac{\mu^2}{12}) - \lambda (\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\mu}{4} \sin\psi) - [-\beta_{1c} (\frac{1}{8} \sin\psi + \frac{\mu}{12}) + \beta_{1s} (\frac{1}{8} \cos\psi)] \\ - [\beta_0 \mu (\frac{1}{6} \cos\psi) + \beta_{1c} \mu (\frac{1}{12} + \frac{\mu}{16} \sin\psi) + \beta_{1s} \mu (\frac{\mu}{16} \cos\psi)] \}$$

where  $\sin\psi \cos\psi = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\psi = 0$  (dropped),  $\cos^2\psi = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\psi) = \frac{1}{2}$  (dropped),  $\sin^2\psi = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\psi) = \frac{1}{2}$  (dropped).

$$\cos\psi \sin^2\psi = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\psi \sin\psi = \frac{1}{4} (\cos\psi - \cos 3\psi) = \frac{1}{4} \cos\psi$$

$$\cos^2\psi \sin\psi = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\psi \cos\psi = \frac{1}{4} (\sin\psi + \sin 3\psi) = \frac{1}{4} \sin\psi$$

$$\sin^3\psi = \frac{1}{2} (\sin\psi - \sin\psi \cos 2\psi) = \frac{1}{2} [\sin\psi - \frac{1}{2} (-\sin\psi + \sin 3\psi)] = \frac{3}{4} \sin\psi$$

$$\rightarrow \beta_0 = 8 [\frac{\theta_0}{8} (1 + \mu^2) + \frac{\theta_{tw}}{10} (1 + \frac{6}{5} \mu^2) - \frac{\lambda}{6} + \frac{\mu}{6} \theta_{1s}] \propto 8 \text{ and } \frac{C_7}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{periodic solution} \rightarrow \beta_{1s} - \theta_{1c} = -\frac{4\beta_0 \mu}{3(1 + \frac{1}{2}\mu^2)} \rightarrow \alpha \mu \text{ and } \frac{C_7}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \beta_{1c} + \theta_{1s} = -\frac{8\mu(\theta_0 - \frac{3}{4}\lambda + \frac{3}{4}\mu\theta_{1s} + \frac{3}{4}\theta_{tw})}{3(1 - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2)}$$

Flapping equation of motion include hinge offset

$$\cdot dM_A = -dF_A(x - eR) = -dL(x - eR) \rightarrow M_A = - \int_{eR}^R L(x - eR) dx$$

$$\cdot dM_{cf} = dF_{cf} \beta(x - eR) = (mdx)(\Omega^2 x)(x - eR) \rightarrow M_{cf} = \int_{eR}^R \Omega^2 \beta m x (x - eR) dx \approx \frac{1}{3} m \Omega^2 \beta R^3 (1 - \frac{3}{2}e)$$

$$\cdot dM_i = dF_i(x - eR) = (mdx)[\ddot{\beta}(x - eR)](x - eR) \rightarrow M_i = \int_{eR}^R \ddot{\beta} m (x - eR)^2 dx \approx \frac{1}{3} m \ddot{\beta} R^3 (1 - 3e)$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{eR}^R \ddot{\beta} m (x - eR)^2 dx + \int_{eR}^R \Omega^2 \beta m x (x - eR) dx = \int_{eR}^R L(x - eR) dx$$

$$I_b = \int_{eR}^R m(x - eR)^2 dx \rightarrow I_b \ddot{\beta} + \Omega^2 I_b \left( \frac{\int_{eR}^R m(x - eR)^2 + m eR(x - eR) dx}{I_b} \right) \beta = \int_{eR}^R L(x - eR) dx$$

$$\rightarrow \ddot{\beta} + \nu_{\beta}^2 \beta = 8 \bar{M}_{\beta} \text{ where } \nu_{\beta}^2 = 1 + \frac{eR \int_{eR}^R m(x - eR) dx}{I_b} = 1 + \frac{3e}{2(1-3e)} \approx 1 + \frac{3e}{2} = (\frac{w_{n,\beta} + i}{\Omega})^2 = w_{n,\beta}(\psi)^2 < 1.1$$

$$\rightarrow \text{rotor operate near resonance. } w_{n,\beta} > \Omega \rightarrow \text{aerodynamic damping } \frac{c}{m} = 2w_{n,\beta} \xi = 8(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{e}{6})$$

$$\text{at hovering. } \ddot{\beta} + \frac{1}{8} 8 \dot{\beta} + \nu_{\beta}^2 \beta = \frac{1}{8} 8 (\theta_0 + \frac{4}{5} \theta_{tw} - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$$

$$\rightarrow \beta_0 = \frac{8}{8\nu_{\beta}^2} (\theta_0 + \frac{4}{5} \theta_{tw} - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$$

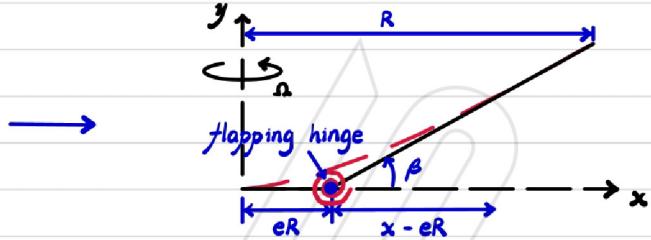
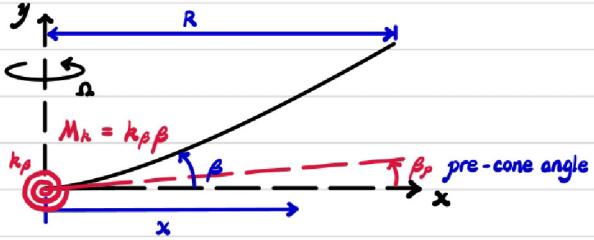
$$\rightarrow \text{harmonic matching} \rightarrow \text{periodic solution} \rightarrow \beta_{1c} (\nu_{\beta}^2 - 1) + \frac{8}{8} \beta_{1s} = \frac{8}{8} \theta_{1c} \rightarrow \Delta \beta \xrightarrow{< 90^\circ} \Delta \theta$$

$$\rightarrow \beta_{1s} (\nu_{\beta}^2 - 1) - \frac{8}{8} \beta_{1c} = \frac{8}{8} \theta_{1s}$$

• hinge offset enable part of  $F_{cr}$  act on hub  $\rightarrow M_{hub} = -F_{cr}eR$

$\rightarrow$  improve control by increase  $M_A$  (increase  $\beta$ )

### Flapping equation of motion for hingless or semi-rigid rotors



equivalent hinge offset  $R - eR = y_{tip} \frac{0.75R - eR}{y_{0.75R}}$  with resisting spring  $k_p$

$$\rightarrow \int_{er}^R \beta m(x-eR) dx + \int_{er}^R \alpha \beta mx(x-eR) dx + k_p(\beta - \beta_0) = \int_{er}^R L(x-eR) dx$$

$$\rightarrow \ddot{\beta} + \nu_p^2 \beta = 8 \bar{M}_p + \frac{W_{n,p}^2}{\Omega^2} \beta_0 \text{ where } \nu_p^2 = 1 + \frac{eR \int_{er}^R m(x-eR) dx}{I_b} + \frac{k_p}{I_b \Omega^2} \approx 1 + \frac{3e}{2} + \frac{W_{n,p}^2}{\Omega^2} = \left( \frac{W_{n,p} \Omega}{\Omega} \right)^2 = W_{n,p} \Omega^2$$

$\rightarrow$  smaller offset,  $e$ , needed to obtain same  $\nu_p$  value

$\rightarrow$  rotor operate near resonance (off resonance),  $W_{n,p} > \Omega$

• large  $\nu_p \rightarrow$  higher  $W_{n,p}$

$\rightarrow$  higher manoeuvring capabilities and easier to trim but higher vibration load from rotor

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\delta}{8\nu_p^2} (\theta_0 - \frac{4}{3}\lambda_0) + \frac{W_{n,p}^2}{\Omega^2} \beta_0$$

at hovering  $\xrightarrow{\text{harmonic matching}}$  periodic solution

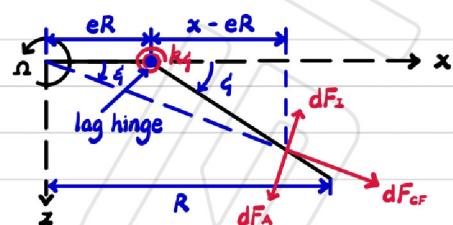
$$\beta_{10} = \frac{\theta_{10} + (\nu_p^2 - 1) \frac{\delta}{8} \theta_{10}}{1 + [(\nu_p^2 - 1) \frac{\delta}{8}]^2}$$

$$\beta_{10} = \frac{-\theta_{10} + (\nu_p^2 - 1) \frac{\delta}{8} \theta_{10}}{1 + [(\nu_p^2 - 1) \frac{\delta}{8}]^2}$$

$$\Delta \beta \xrightarrow{< 90^\circ} \Delta \theta$$

### Lead-lag Dynamics

#### Fundamental lag mode



balance of moment about lag hinge

$\rightarrow$  external moments = inertial moments

$$\rightarrow \sum M_{ext} = I_b \ddot{q}$$

#### Assumptions

small hinge offset  $\rightarrow I_q \approx I_b$  rigid blade undergoes pure lead-lag

$\Omega = \text{constant} \rightarrow F_{cf} = \text{constant}$  uniform mass distribution

## Blade element formulation

$$\sum M_{ext} = I_b \ddot{\gamma} \rightarrow M_A + M_{cf} + M_I + M_k = 0 \text{ in anticlockwise about hinge}$$

$$dM_A = -dF_A(x-eR) \approx -dD(x-eR) \rightarrow M_A = -\int_{er}^R D(x-eR) dx$$

$$dM_{cf} = dF_{cf}(\dot{\gamma} - \dot{\eta})(x-eR) = (mdx)(\Omega^2 x)(\dot{\gamma} - \dot{\eta} \frac{x-eR}{x})(x-eR) = m\Omega^2 \dot{\gamma} eR(x-eR) dx \text{ where } \dot{\gamma} - \dot{\eta} \propto \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\rightarrow M_{cf} = \int_{er}^R m\Omega^2 \dot{\gamma} eR(x-eR) dx = \frac{1}{2} m\Omega^2 \dot{\gamma} eR^3 (1-e)^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} m\Omega^2 \dot{\gamma} eR^3 (1-2e) = 0 \text{ if } e=0$$

$$dM_I = dF_I(x-eR) = (mdx)[\dot{\gamma}(x-eR)](x-eR) \rightarrow M_I = \int_{er}^R \dot{\gamma} m(x-eR)^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} m \ddot{\gamma} R^3 (1-3e)$$

$$\text{mechanical spring moment } M_k = k_q \dot{\gamma}$$

## Lagging equation of motion

$$\int_{er}^R \dot{\gamma} m(x-eR)^2 dx + \int_{er}^R m\Omega^2 \dot{\gamma} eR(x-eR) dx + k_p \beta = \int_{er}^R D(x-eR) dx$$

$$\rightarrow \ddot{\gamma} + \nu_q^2 \dot{\gamma} = 8 \bar{M}_q \text{ where } \nu_q^2 = \frac{eR \int_{er}^R m(x-eR) dx}{I_q} + \frac{k_p}{I_q \Omega^2} = \frac{3e}{2(1-3e)} + \frac{W_{n,p}^2}{\Omega^2} \approx \frac{3e}{2} + \frac{W_{n,p}^2}{\Omega^2} = \left(\frac{W_{n,p} + \Omega}{\Omega}\right)^2 = W_{n,p}(\psi)^2$$

$$\rightarrow W_{n,p} \text{ typically } 0.2 \sim 0.4 \Omega \text{ without } k_p \ll \Omega \rightarrow W_{n,p} \text{ typically } 0.5 \sim 1.5 \Omega \text{ with } k_p$$

$$e_p = e_q, I_b = I_p = I_q, k_p \approx k_q \rightarrow \nu_p^2 = 1 + \nu_q^2$$

## Ground resonance

$D \ll L \rightarrow$  very lightly damped  $\rightarrow$  aeroelastic and aerothermal instabilities e.g. ground resonance

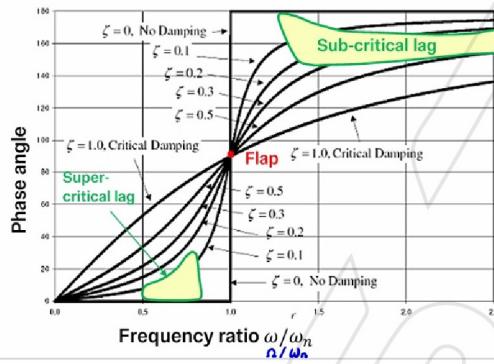
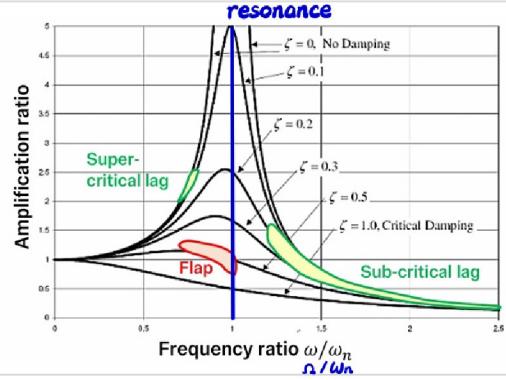
ground resonance occurs when  $\begin{cases} \text{regressive lag mode frequency close to fuselage mode frequency} \\ \text{regressive lag mode frequency} < \text{rotor speed, } \Omega \end{cases}$

avoid ground resonance (teetering and articulated rotor) and air resonance (hingeless and bearingless rotor)

$\rightarrow$  non-linear mechanical lag dampers

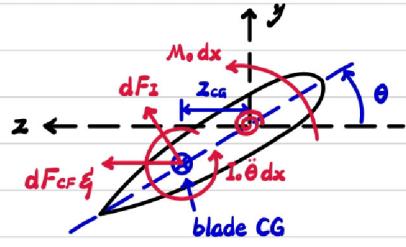
$\rightarrow$  artificial damping + suppression of aeromechanical phenomena

$\begin{cases} \text{sub-critical rotors } \omega < \Omega \text{ low lag response by high } \frac{\omega}{w_n} \leftrightarrow \text{require dampers at resonance} \\ \text{super-critical rotors } \omega > \Omega \text{ high lag response by low } \frac{\omega}{w_n} \leftrightarrow \text{do not need dampers} \end{cases}$



## Torsional Dynamics

Fundamental torsion (pitching) mode



balance of moment about pitching axis

→ external moments = inertial moments

$$\rightarrow \sum M_{\text{ext}} = I_b \ddot{\theta}$$

### Assumptions

- rigid blade undergoes pure pitching
- $\omega = \text{constant} \rightarrow F_{cf} = \text{constant}$
- torsional spring at root

### Blade element formulation

$$\sum M_{\text{ext}} = I_b \ddot{\theta} \rightarrow M_A + M_{cf} + M_I + M_k = 0 \text{ in clockwise about root}$$

$$\cdot dM_A = -M_\theta dx \rightarrow M_A = - \int_0^R M_\theta dx$$

$$\cdot dM_{cf} = I_b \omega^2 \theta dx \rightarrow M_{cf} = \int_0^R I_b \omega^2 \theta dx$$

$$\cdot dM_I = (m dx) (\dot{\theta} Z_{cg}) Z_{cg} + I \dot{\theta} dx \rightarrow M_I = \int_0^R m Z_{cg}^2 \dot{\theta} dx + \int_0^R I \dot{\theta} dx$$

mechanical spring moment  $M_k = k_\theta (\theta - \theta_{con})$  where  $\theta_{con}$  is pilot input

### Torsion equation of motion

$$\int_0^R I_b \omega^2 \theta dx + \int_0^R m Z_{cg}^2 \dot{\theta} dx + \int_0^R I \dot{\theta} dx + k_\theta (\theta - \theta_{con}) = \int_0^R M_\theta dx$$

$$I_f (\ddot{\theta} + \omega^2 \theta) + k_\theta (\theta - \theta_{con}) = I_f (\ddot{\theta} + \omega^2 \theta) + \omega_{n\theta}^2 I_f (\theta - \theta_{con}) = \int_0^R M_\theta dx$$

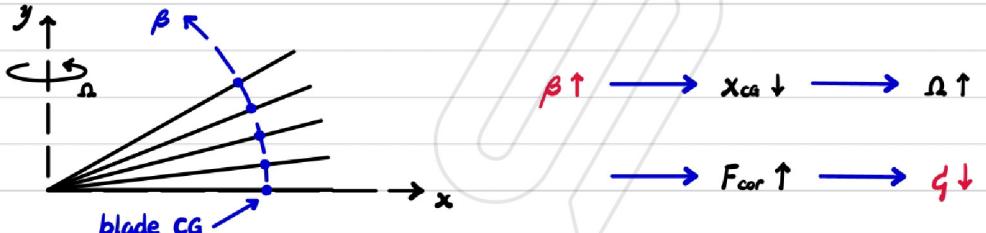
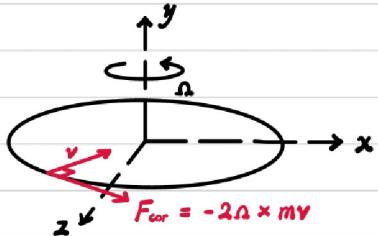
$$\rightarrow \frac{I_f}{I_b} (\ddot{\theta} + \nu_\theta^2 \theta) = 8 \bar{M}_\theta + \frac{I_f}{I_b} \frac{\omega_{n\theta}^2}{\omega^2} \theta_{con} \text{ where } \nu_\theta^2 = 1 + \frac{\omega_{n\theta}^2}{\omega^2} = \left( \frac{\omega_{n\theta}(t)}{\omega} \right)^2 = \omega_{n\theta} \nu_\theta^2$$

$\rightarrow \omega_{n,0}$  without  $k_0 = \Omega$   $\rightarrow \omega_{n,0}$  typically  $5 \sim 10 \Omega$  with  $k_0 \gg \Omega$  and  $\xi \approx 0.1$

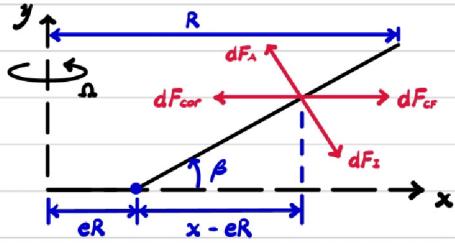
## Coupling Effects

### Coupled flap-lag motion

assume  $e_\beta \approx e_q$  and high torsional stiffness,  $k_0$   $\rightarrow$  blade only goes flapping and lead-lag motion



#### flapping equation of motion



$$M_A + M_{CF} + M_{Cor} + M_I = 0$$

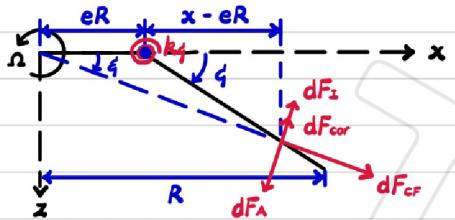
$$\text{where } dM_{Cor} = -dF_{Cor}\beta(x - eR)$$

$$\text{and } dF_{Cor} = 2\Omega \times mv = -2\Omega(mdx)[\dot{q}(x - eR)]$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{eR}^R m\beta\Omega^2 x(x - eR) dx + \int_{eR}^R m\ddot{q}(x - eR)^2 dx - \int_{eR}^R 2m\Omega\dot{q}\beta(x - eR)^2 dx = \int_{eR}^R L(x - eR) dx$$

$$\rightarrow I_b(\ddot{\beta} + v_p^2\Omega^2\beta - 2\Omega\dot{q}\beta) = 8\bar{M}_p \quad \rightarrow \ddot{\beta} + v_p^2\beta - 2\beta\dot{q} = 8\bar{M}_p$$

#### lagging equation of motion



$$M_A + M_{CF} + M_{Cor} + M_I = 0$$

$$\text{where } dM_{Cor} = -dF_{Cor}(x - eR)$$

$$\text{and } dF_{Cor} = 2\Omega \times mv = -2\Omega(mdx)[\beta\dot{q}(x - eR)]$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{eR}^R m\dot{q}\Omega^2 eR(x - eR) dx + \int_{eR}^R m\ddot{q}(x - eR)^2 dx + \int_{eR}^R 2m\Omega\beta\dot{q}(x - eR)^2 dx = \int_{eR}^R D(x - eR) dx$$

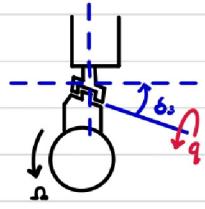
$$\rightarrow I_b(\ddot{q} + v_p^2\Omega^2q - 2\Omega\beta\dot{q}) = 8\bar{M}_q \quad \rightarrow \ddot{q} + v_p^2q + 2\beta\dot{q} = 8\bar{M}_q$$

$M_I \ll M_p$   $\rightarrow$  non-linear Coriolis force in the lagging equation of motion is significant

linear perturbation,  $\beta = \beta_0 + \hat{\beta}_{0t}$   $\rightarrow \ddot{\beta} + v_p^2\beta + 2\beta_0\dot{q} = 8\bar{M}_p$  and  $\ddot{q} + v_p^2q + 2\hat{\beta}_{0t} = 8\bar{M}_q$

### Pitch-flap ( $\delta_3$ ) coupling

$\delta_3$  hinge  $\rightarrow \beta = q \cos \delta_3$  and  $\theta = -q \sin \delta_3 \rightarrow \theta = -\tan \delta_3 \beta$  stabilised helicopter



$$\ddot{\beta} + \gamma_p^2 \beta = \frac{\gamma}{8} (\theta + \Delta\theta - \dot{\beta} - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i) = \frac{\gamma}{8} (\theta - k_{p\beta} \beta - \dot{\beta} - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$$

where  $k_{p\beta} = \tan \delta_3$ , typically approximately 1  $\Rightarrow \delta_3 \approx 45^\circ$

$$\ddot{\beta} + \frac{\gamma}{8} \dot{\beta} + (\gamma_p^2 + \frac{\gamma}{8} \tan \delta_3) \beta = \frac{\gamma}{8} (\theta - \frac{4}{3} \lambda_i)$$

$$\rightarrow k_p \uparrow \rightarrow \omega_{n,p} \uparrow = (\gamma_p^2 + \frac{\gamma}{8} \tan \delta_3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Omega \text{ and } \beta_0 \downarrow \frac{\nu_p = 1}{8 + \delta \tan \delta_3} \rightarrow \text{less vibration and noise}$$

often used in tail rotor to reduce flop response and save weight by avoid need for lead-lag hinge

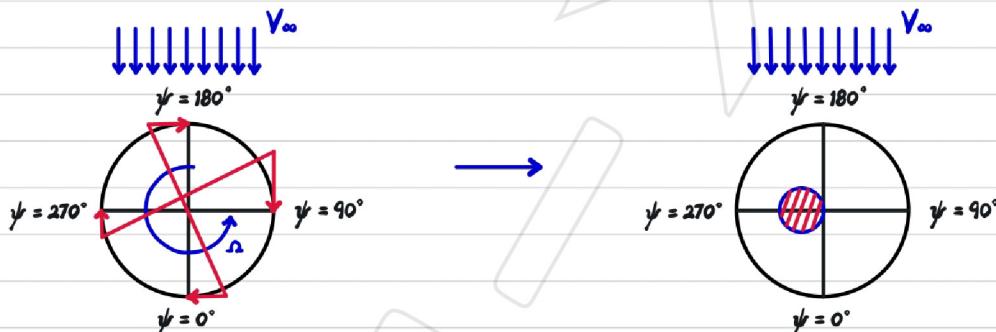
### Pitch-Lag ( $\delta_3$ ) coupling

$$\Delta\theta = -k_{p\beta} q \rightarrow \text{strongly influence lag damping}$$

## The Rotor Wake

### Reverse Flow

#### Forward flight



$$\text{reverse flow region margin at } U_r = 0 \rightarrow \Omega y + V_\infty \sin \psi = \Omega y + \mu \Omega R \sin \psi = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega R (r + \mu \sin \psi) = 0 \rightarrow r + \mu \sin \psi = 0 \rightarrow r = -\mu \sin \psi$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2 = \mu^2 \sin^2 \psi = -\mu y \text{ where } y = r \sin \psi = -\mu \sin^2 \psi$$

$$x^2 + (y + \frac{\mu}{2})^2 = (\frac{\mu}{2})^2 \rightarrow \text{circle with diameter } \mu \text{ and centre located at } (-\frac{\mu}{2}, \pi).$$

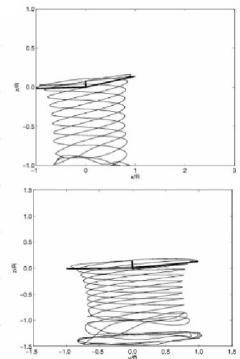
## Rotor Wake

### Introduction

constant induced velocity **only valid** in hover. simplified cases (e.g. momentum theory) and preliminary analysis

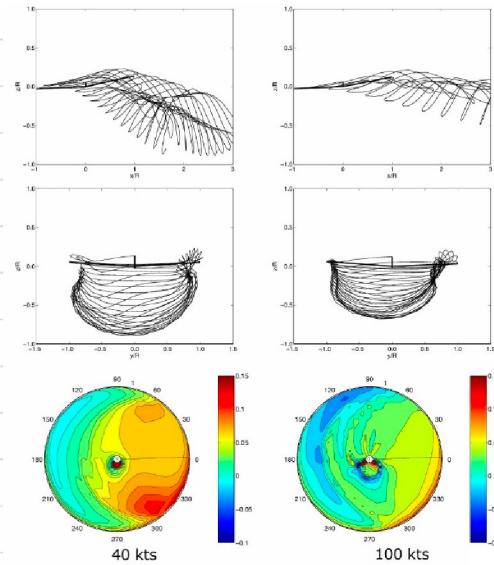
→ more accurate predictions **include** rotor wake is needed for forward flight and rotor loads

## Hover



- wake is **radially axisymmetric**
- strong tip vortices following helical pattern
- vortex sheet related to gradient of circulation

## Forward flight



- wake no longer axisymmetric
- wake convected behind in **epicycloidal** pattern
- highly sensitive to  $\Delta T$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $a$  and interference

## Inflow method

low fidelity → cheap    • constant inflow    • linear inflow models    • dynamic inflow

mid fidelity → expensive    • prescribed wake    • free wake models → Lagrangian

high fidelity → very expensive    • CFD    • CFD and CSD → Eulerian

## Linear inflow models

$$\lambda_i(r, \psi) = \lambda_0(1 + k_r r \cos \psi + k_\theta r \sin \psi)$$

with mean induced velocity  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_i = \frac{C_r}{2\sqrt{\mu^2 + \lambda^2}}$  from momentum theory



skew angle

$$x = \tan^{-1}(\frac{\mu_x}{\mu_z + \lambda_i})$$

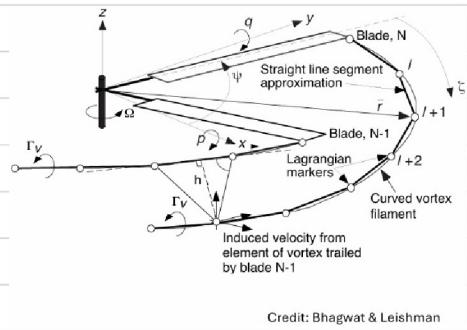
Coleman  $k_x = \tan(\frac{x}{2})$  and  $k_y = 0$

Drees  $k_x = \frac{4}{3}(\frac{1 - \cos x - 1.84^2}{\sin x})$  and  $k_y = -2\mu$

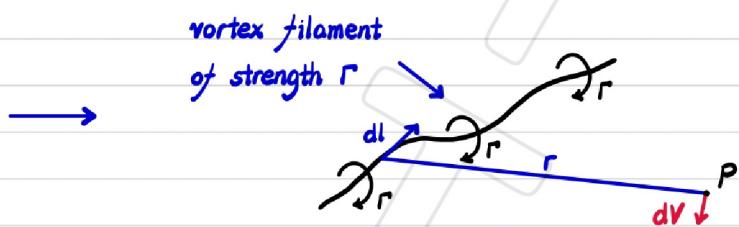
## Dynamic inflow

downwash  $\lambda(r, \psi) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_{1c}r \cos \psi + \lambda_{1s}r \sin \psi \rightarrow \frac{1}{\Omega}[\tau] \begin{Bmatrix} \lambda_0 \\ \lambda_{1s} \\ \lambda_{1c} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} \lambda_0 \\ \lambda_{1s} \\ \lambda_{1c} \end{Bmatrix} = L_{nl} \begin{Bmatrix} C_T \\ -C_My \\ C_Mx \end{Bmatrix}_{aero}$

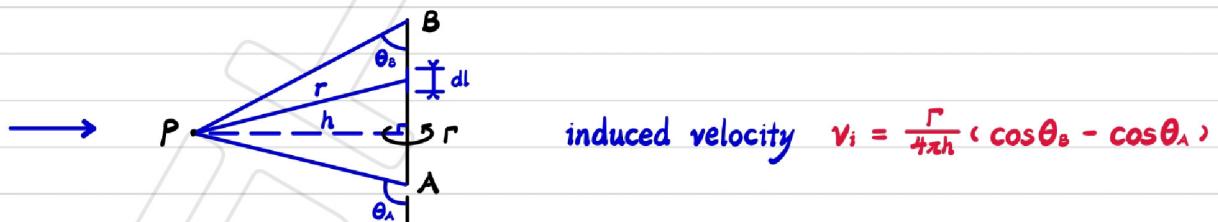
## Vortex wake models



- wake filament **discretized** into a number of vortex filament
- wake **discretized in time** into a number of equal  $\psi$  steps
- solve iteratively** due to mutual interactions or prescribed
- position and strength** of the wake vortex filament



Biot-Savart law  $dV = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi} \frac{dl \times r}{|r|^3}$



calculate circulation strength  $\Gamma$  by lifting-line blade model → solve iteratively

## Free wake models

· relaxation or iterative  $\longrightarrow$  enforce periodicity · time marching

# Rotorcraft Performance

## Power

### Hover

$$\text{assume } T \approx W \longrightarrow P = P_{\text{induced}} + P_{\text{profile}} = K \frac{W^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\rho A}} + \frac{1}{8} N_b \rho C R (\Omega R)^3 C_{D0}$$

$$\longrightarrow C_P = K \frac{C_w^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{8} 6 C_{D0}$$

$$\longrightarrow P_{\text{induced}} \propto \frac{1}{\rho} \text{ and } P_{\text{profile}} \propto \rho$$

### Climb

$$\frac{P}{P_h} = \frac{V_c + V_i}{V_h} = \frac{V_c}{2V_h} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_c}{2V_h}\right)^2 + 1} \xrightarrow{\text{low rate of climb}} \frac{P}{P_h} = \frac{V_c}{2V_h} + 1$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{P_h + \Delta P \text{ excess power}}{P_h} = \frac{V_c}{2V_h} + 1 \longrightarrow \frac{\Delta P}{P_h} = \frac{V_c}{2V_h}$$

$$\xrightarrow{P_h = T V_h} \Delta P = \frac{T V_c}{2}$$

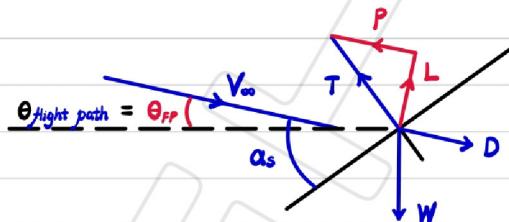
$$\xrightarrow{T = W \text{ at maximum climb rate}} V_{c,\max} = \frac{2\Delta P}{W}$$

### Forward flight

$$P = P_{\text{induced}} + P_{\text{profile}} + P_{\text{parasitic}} + P_{\text{climb}} + P_{\text{anti-torque (tail rotor)}} + P_{\text{auxiliary systems}} + P_{\text{transmission and rotor losses}}$$

$$= K_{\text{trans}} (P_{i,MR} + P_{o,MR} + P_p + P_c + P_{i,TB} + P_{o,TB} + P_{\text{AUX}})$$

### · level flight force equilibrium



$$T \cos(\alpha_s - \theta_{fp}) = W \xrightarrow{\alpha_s - \theta_{fp} \ll 1} T \approx W$$

$$T \sin(\alpha_s - \theta_{fp}) = D \cos \theta_{fp} \xrightarrow{\alpha_s - \theta_{fp} \ll 1} T(\alpha_s - \theta_{fp}) \approx D$$

$$\longrightarrow \alpha_s = \theta_{fp} + \frac{D}{W}$$

$$\cdot \text{induced power } P_i = K T v_i \longrightarrow C_{P_i} = K \frac{C_T^2}{2 \mu^2 + \lambda^2} \xrightarrow{\text{high speed}} C_{P_i} = K \frac{C_T^2}{2 \mu}$$

where  $K$  induced power factor =  $K_{\text{hover}} \cosh(7.5\mu^2)$

and download factor =  $1.04 \sim 1.08$  (large fuselage or compact main rotor) adds to lift

$$\cdot \text{profile power } P_o = \frac{1}{8} N_o \rho c R (\Omega R)^3 C_{do} (1 + K\mu^2) \longrightarrow C_{Po} = \frac{1}{8} 6 C_{do} (1 + K\mu^2)$$

where  $K = 4.65$  for  $\mu < 0.5$

compressibility effect  $\frac{\Delta C_{Po}}{6} = 0.007 \Delta M_{dd} + 0.052 \Delta M_{dd}$  for  $M \geq M_{dd}$

reverse flow  $C_{Po} = \frac{1}{8} 6 C_{do} (1 + K\mu^2 + \frac{3}{8}\mu^4)$

$$\cdot \text{parasitic power } P_p = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_\infty^2 S_{ref} C_{of} V_\infty \longrightarrow C_{Pp} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{S_{ref} C_{of}}{A} \right) \mu^3 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{f}{A} \right) \mu^3$$

where  $f$  equivalent wetted area =  $0.9 \sim 5 \text{ m}^2$

$$\cdot \text{climb power } P = TV_\infty \sin \alpha \approx TV_\infty (\theta_{fp} + \frac{D}{W}) \approx TV_c + DV_\infty = P_c + P_p \longrightarrow C_{Pc} = C_T \lambda_c$$

$$\cdot \text{tail rotor power } Q_{MR} = \frac{P_{MR}}{\Omega_{MR}} = l_{TR} T_{TR} \longrightarrow T_{TR} = \frac{(P_i + P_o + P_p + P_c)_{MR}}{\Omega_{MR} l_{TR}}$$

interference effect  $T_{TR} = K_{TRB} \frac{P_{MR}}{\Omega_{MR} l_{TR}}$

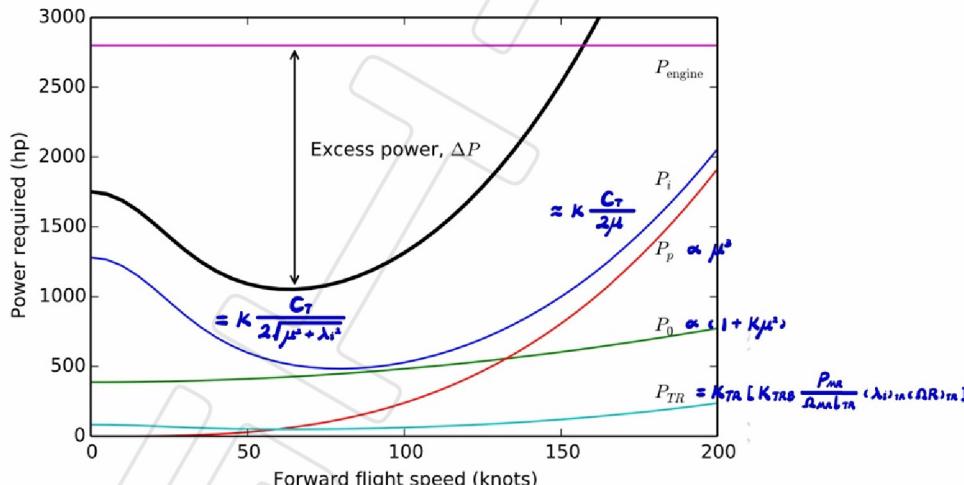
where  $K_{TRB}$  tail rotor blockage factor  $\approx 1.09$  (pusher)  $<$  (tractor)

$$\longrightarrow P_{iTR} = K_{TR} K_{TRB} \frac{P_{MR}}{\Omega_{MR} l_{TR}} V_{iTR} \quad \text{where } K_{TR} \text{ tail rotor induced power factor} \approx 1.2$$

$$P_{oTR} = \frac{1}{8} N_{oTR} \rho C_{TR} R_{TR} (\Omega R)^3 C_{dom} (1 + K\mu_{TR}^2)$$

$$\cdot \text{auxiliary power } P_{AUX} = P_{\text{hydraulic systems}} + P_{\text{electrical systems}} + P_{\text{windage loss from high drag rotating component (e.g. hub)}}$$

$$\cdot \text{transmission loss } 2\% \text{ per gear reduction stage}$$



## Performance indicators

Lift - to - drag ratio

$$\frac{L}{D} = \frac{T \cos(\alpha_s - \theta_{FP})}{P/V_\infty} \approx \frac{W}{P/V_\infty} = \frac{WV_\infty}{P}$$

## Speed for minimum power

$V_{mp}$   $\iff$  maximum rate of climb  $V_{c,\max} = \frac{P_{\text{avail}} - P}{T}$

$\iff$  minimum autorotative rate of descent

$\iff$  maximum endurance

$$C_P = C_Q \approx K \frac{C_T^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{8} 6C_{D0}(1+K\mu^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{f}{A}) \mu^2 + C_T \lambda_c \xrightarrow{\text{low speed, } \alpha_s \ll 1} C_P = K \frac{C_T^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{f}{A}) \mu^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{at } V_{mp} = -\frac{\mu_{mp} \Omega R}{\cos \alpha_s} \approx \mu_{mp} \Omega R, \quad \frac{dC_P}{d\mu} = -K \frac{C_T^2}{2\mu^2} + \frac{3}{2} (\frac{f}{A}) \mu^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_{mp} = (\frac{KC_T^2}{3f/A})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \lambda_h = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}} \quad \lambda_h (\frac{4K}{f/A})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow V_{mp} = V_h (\frac{4K}{f/A})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## Speed for maximum range

$V_R$   $\iff$   $(L/D)_{\max}$   $\iff$   $(\frac{P}{V_\infty})_{\min}$   $\iff$  minimum  $P_0$

$$C_P = C_Q \approx K \frac{C_T^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{8} 6C_{D0}(1+K\mu^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{f}{A}) \mu^2 + C_T \lambda_c \xrightarrow{\text{low speed, } \alpha_s \ll 1} C_P = K \frac{C_T^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{f}{A}) \mu^2$$

$$\rightarrow \text{at } V_R = -\frac{\mu_R \Omega R}{\cos \alpha_s} \approx \mu_R \Omega R, \quad \frac{d(C_P/\mu)}{d\mu} = -K \frac{C_T^2}{\mu^2} + (\frac{f}{A}) \mu = 0$$

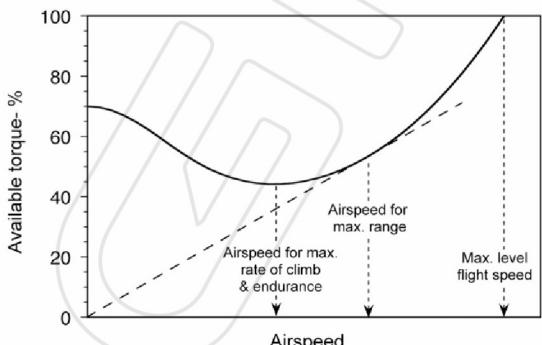
$$\rightarrow \mu_R = (\frac{KC_T^2}{f/A})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \lambda_h = \sqrt{\frac{C_T}{2}} \quad \lambda_h (\frac{4K}{f/A})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \rightarrow V_R = V_h (\frac{4K}{f/A})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## Maximum forward speed

limit by •  $P_{\text{avail}}$  and  $Q_{\text{avail}}$   $\rightarrow$  most helicopter is torque-limited • parasitic drag

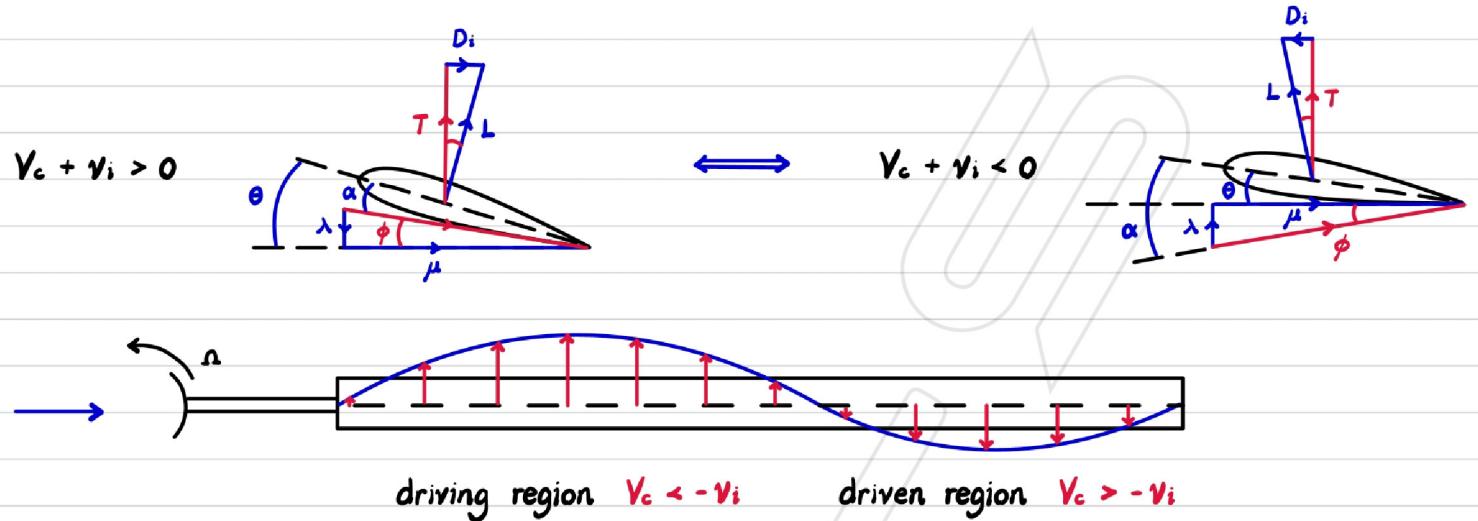
•  $P_{\text{avail},TR}$  and  $Q_{\text{avail},TR}$  • rotor aerodynamic  $\rightarrow$  compressibility effect and stall

• aeroelastic vibratory loads • structural constraints



# Autorotation

BET



$$\rightarrow Q = \int_0^R (dD - dL\phi) y dy = 0 \text{ for autorotation} \rightarrow \Omega \text{ adjusted for stable equilibrium}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{forward flight}} C_Q \approx K \frac{C_T^2}{2\mu} + \frac{1}{8} 6C_{D0}(1+K\mu^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{f}{A}) \mu^3 + C_T \lambda_c + K_{trans} \frac{1}{8} 6_{TR} C_{D0,TR}(1+K\mu_{TR}^2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda_c \equiv \lambda_d = -K \frac{C_T}{2\mu} - \frac{1}{8C_T} 6C_{D0}(1+K\mu^2) - \frac{1}{2C_T} (\frac{f}{A}) \mu^3 - \frac{K_{trans}}{8C_T} 6_{TR} C_{D0,TR}(1+K\mu_{TR}^2)$$

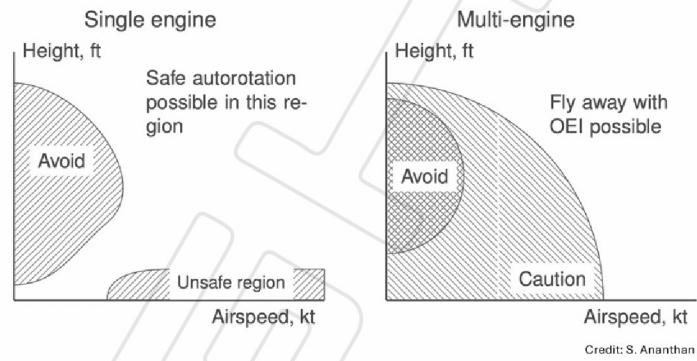
## Autorotation index

stored kinetic energy in the rotor system

$$AI = \frac{I_R \Omega^2}{2W}$$

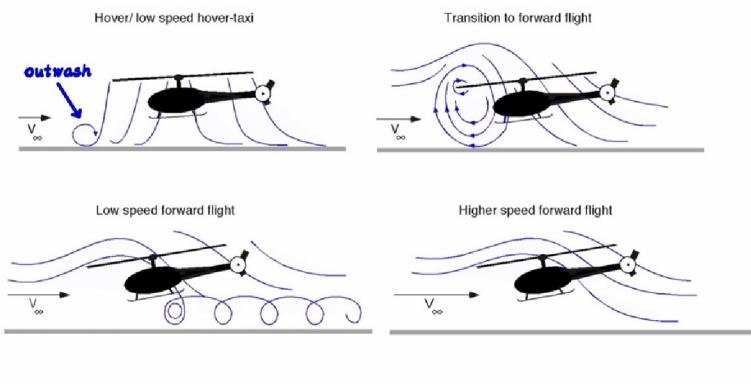
$$\xrightarrow{\text{Sikorsky}} AI = \frac{I_R \Omega^2}{2W \cdot DL} = \frac{I_R \Omega^2}{2W \cdot T/A}$$

## Height-Velocity (HV) curve



## Ground Effect

## Ground effect



→ increase  $T$  for given  $P$

## Outwash

- strength related to **DL**
- may uplift debris, damage ground facilities. ...
- brownout when close to dust or sand

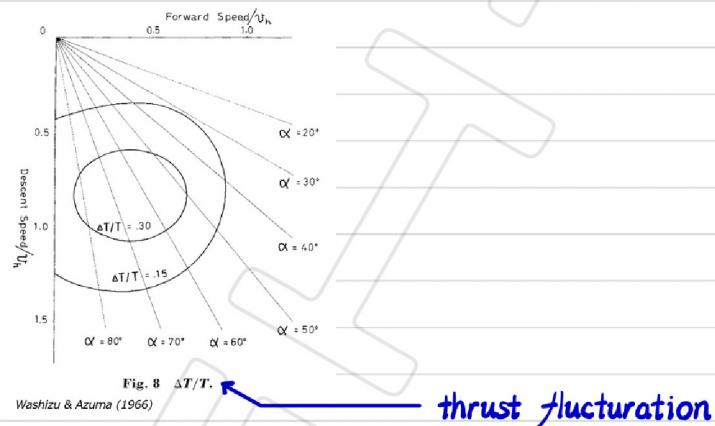
## The Vortex Ring State (VRS)

### The vortex ring state

occurs at **low forward speeds and moderate descent rates**



### Avoidance diagram



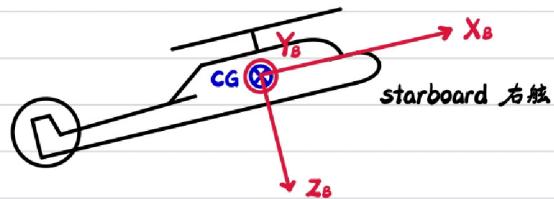
### Boundary definition

$$\bar{\mu}_{WTV_{CART}} \text{ critical wake transparent velocity} = \sqrt{k^2 \bar{\mu}_x^2 + (\bar{\mu}_z^2 + \bar{\lambda}_i^2)} = 0.74$$

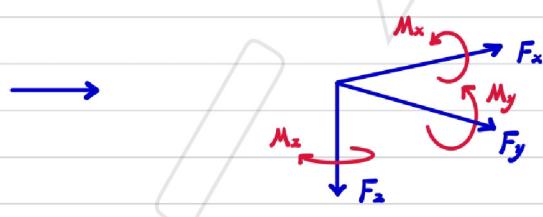
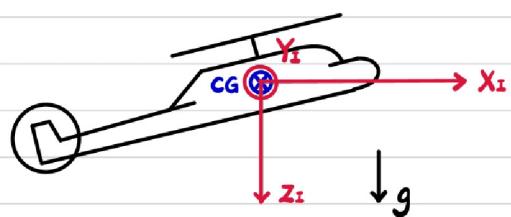
# Flight Dynamics

## Coordinate System

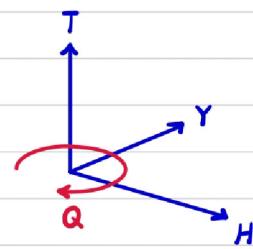
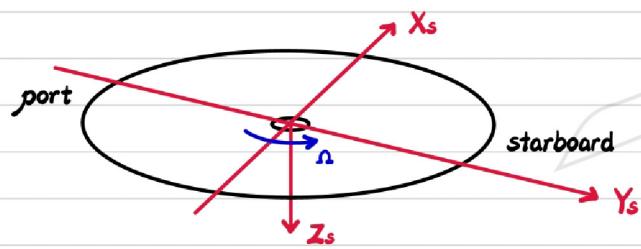
Body axes



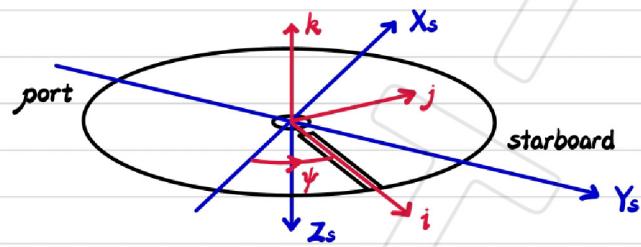
Inertia axes



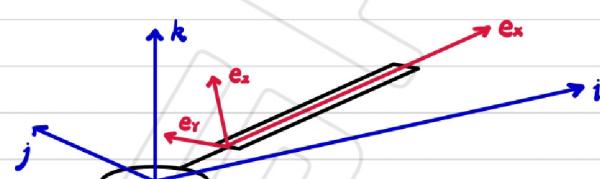
Shaft axes



Hub rotating axes

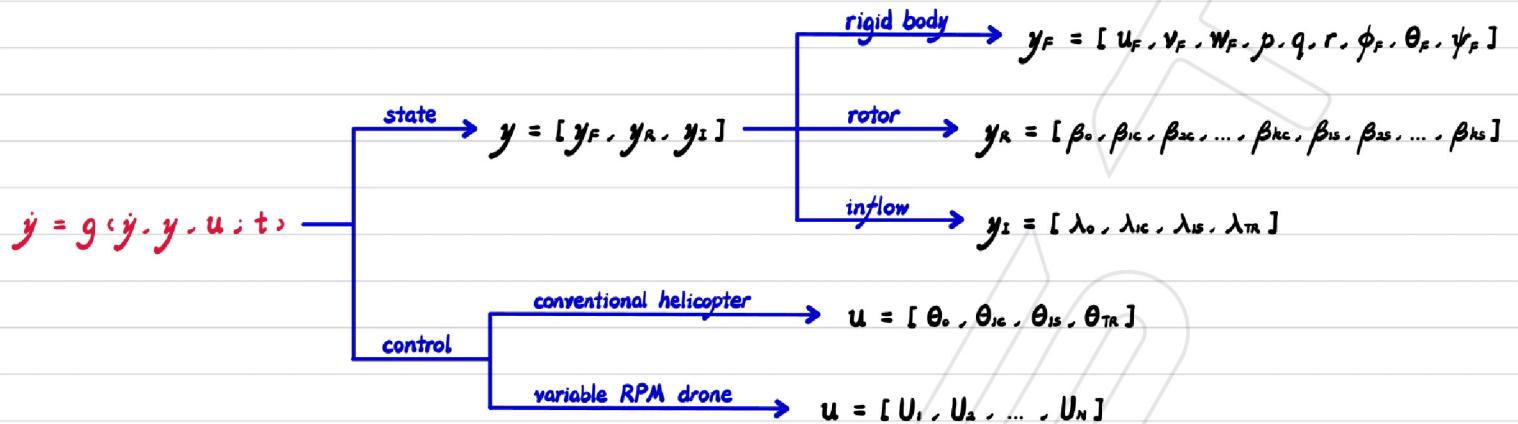


Blade axes

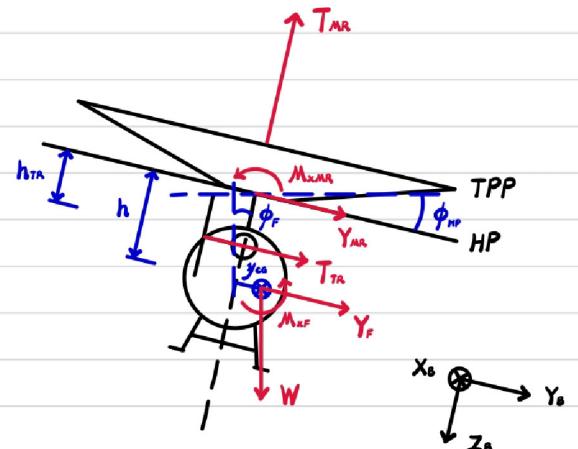
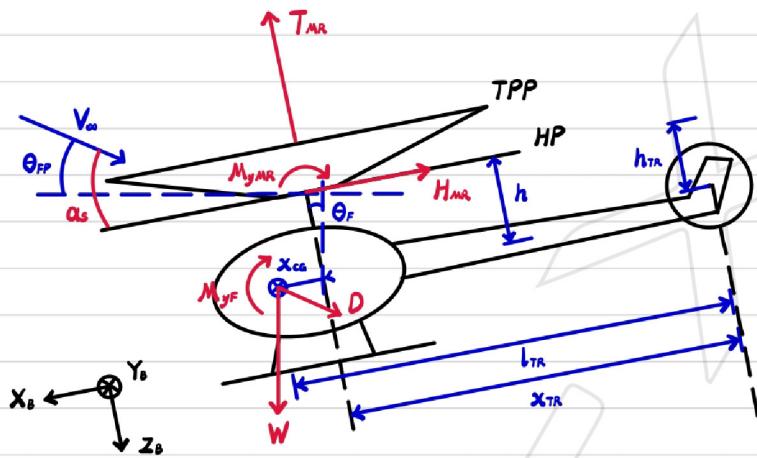
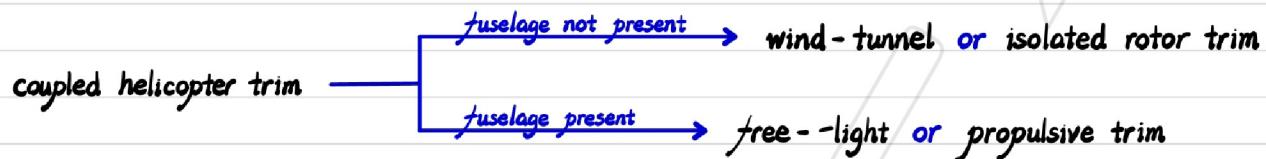


Equation of Motion

## First-order ODEs



## Trim



vertical forces  $W - T_{MR} \cos \theta_F \cos \phi_F + D \sin \theta_{FP} - H_{MR} \sin \theta_F + (Y_{MR} + Y_F + T_{TR}) \sin \phi_F = 0$

small angle approximation  $W - T_{MR} = 0$

longitudinal forces  $T_{MR} \sin \theta_F \cos \phi_F - D \cos \theta_{FP} - H_{MR} \cos \theta_F = 0$

small angle approximation  $T_{MR} \theta_F - D - H_{MR} = 0$

lateral forces  $T_{MR} \cos \theta_F \sin \phi_F + (Y_{MR} + Y_F + T_{TR}) \cos \phi_F = 0$

small angle approximation  $T_{MR} \phi_F + (Y_{MR} + Y_F + T_{TR}) = 0$

rolling moment about hub  $M_{x_MR} + M_{x_F} + W(-y_{co} \cos \phi_F + h \sin \phi_F) + Y_F h + T_{TR} h_{TR} = 0$

small angle approximation  $M_{x_MR} + M_{x_F} + W(-y_{co} + h \phi_F) + Y_F h + T_{TR} h_{TR} = 0$

pitching moment about hub  $M_{y_{MR}} + M_{y_F} + W(h \sin \theta_F - x_{cg} \cos \theta_F) + D(-h \cos \alpha_S - x_{cg} \sin \alpha_S) = 0$

small angle approximation  $\rightarrow M_{y_{MR}} + M_{y_F} + W(h \theta_F - x_{cg}) - Dh = 0$

torque  $Q_{MR} = l_{TR} T_{TR}$

inflow  $\lambda_{MR} = \mu_{MR} \tan \alpha_S + \frac{C_{T,MR}}{2\sqrt{\mu_{MR}^2 + \lambda_{MR}^2}}$  and  $\lambda_{TR} = \mu_{TR} \tan \alpha_{S,TR} + \frac{C_{T,TR}}{2\sqrt{\mu_{TR}^2 + \lambda_{TR}^2}}$

flapping  $\ddot{\beta} + v_p^2 \beta = 8 \bar{M}_p$

→ find  $X = [\theta_0, \theta_{ic}, \theta_{is}, \theta_{otR}, \lambda_{MR}, \lambda_{TR}, \theta_F, \phi_F]^T$  for trim