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WIND ENERGY



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Blade Optimal Aero-Structural Integrated Solutions

Blade Oasis

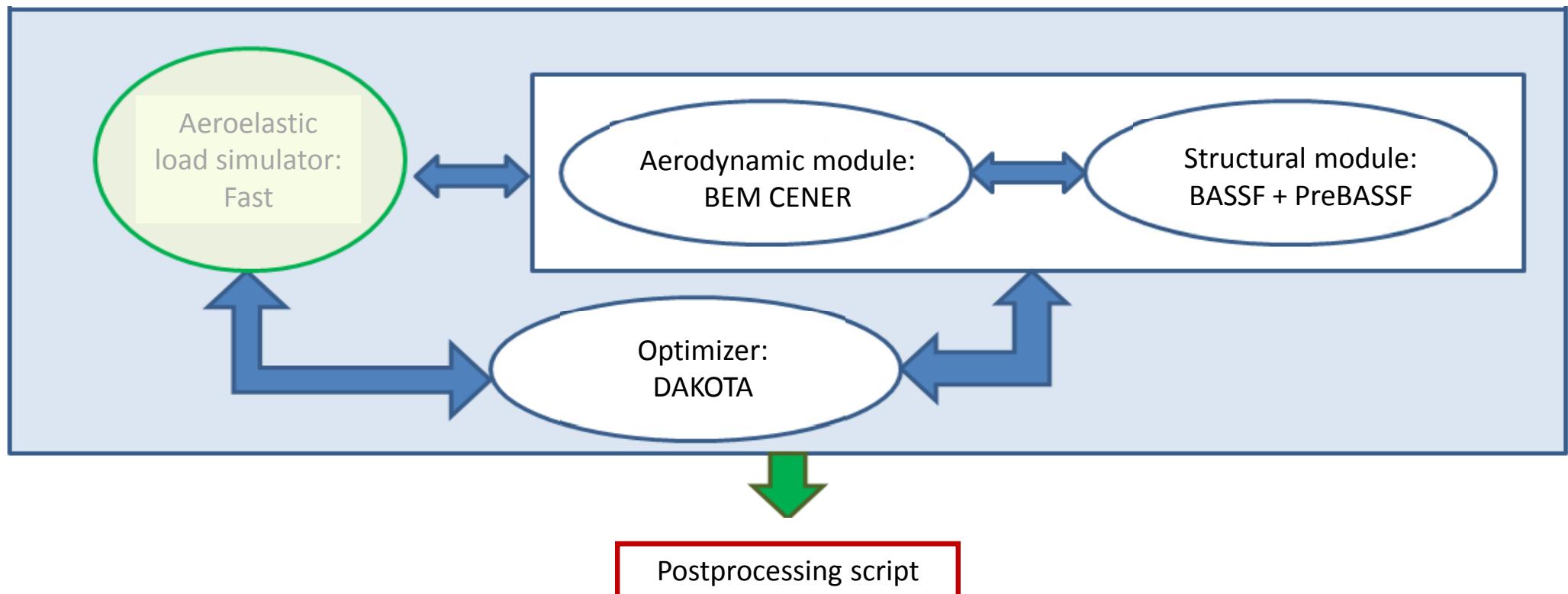
MDAO Tool for wind turbine blades

Simultaneous optimization of blade **geometry and structure.**

Can be used also for isolated aerodynamic or structural optimizations or analysis.

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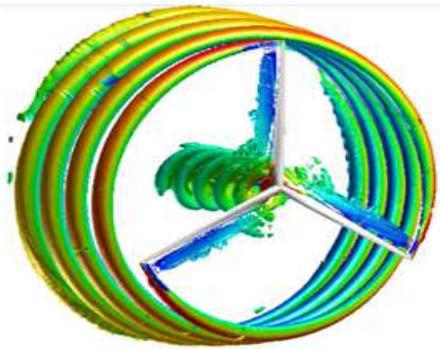
Software Structure



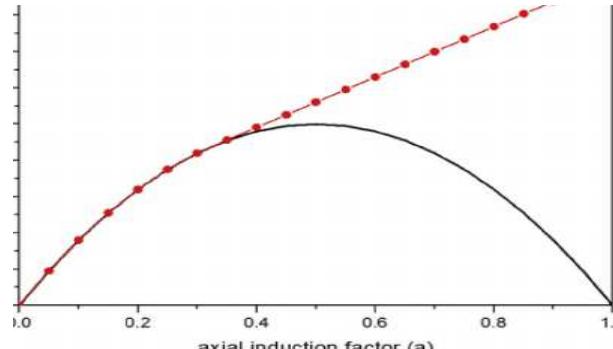
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Aerodynamic module

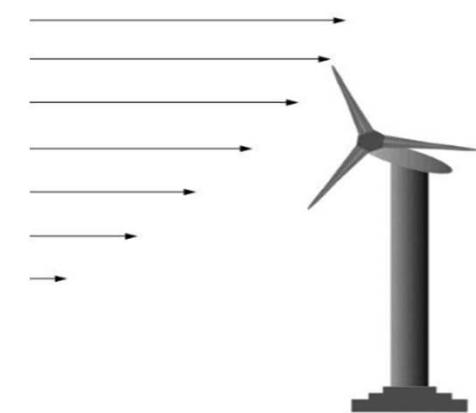
Aerodynamic Module – BEM CENER:



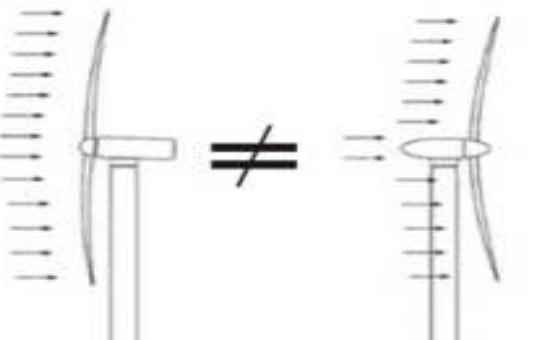
Tip and Root losses



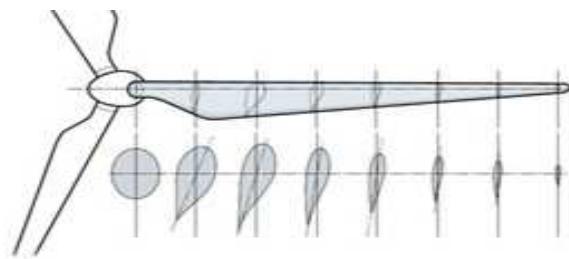
Correction for high CT



Wind shear



Tower shadow models:
Upwind and downwind



Automatic airfoil data
interpolation depending on t/c

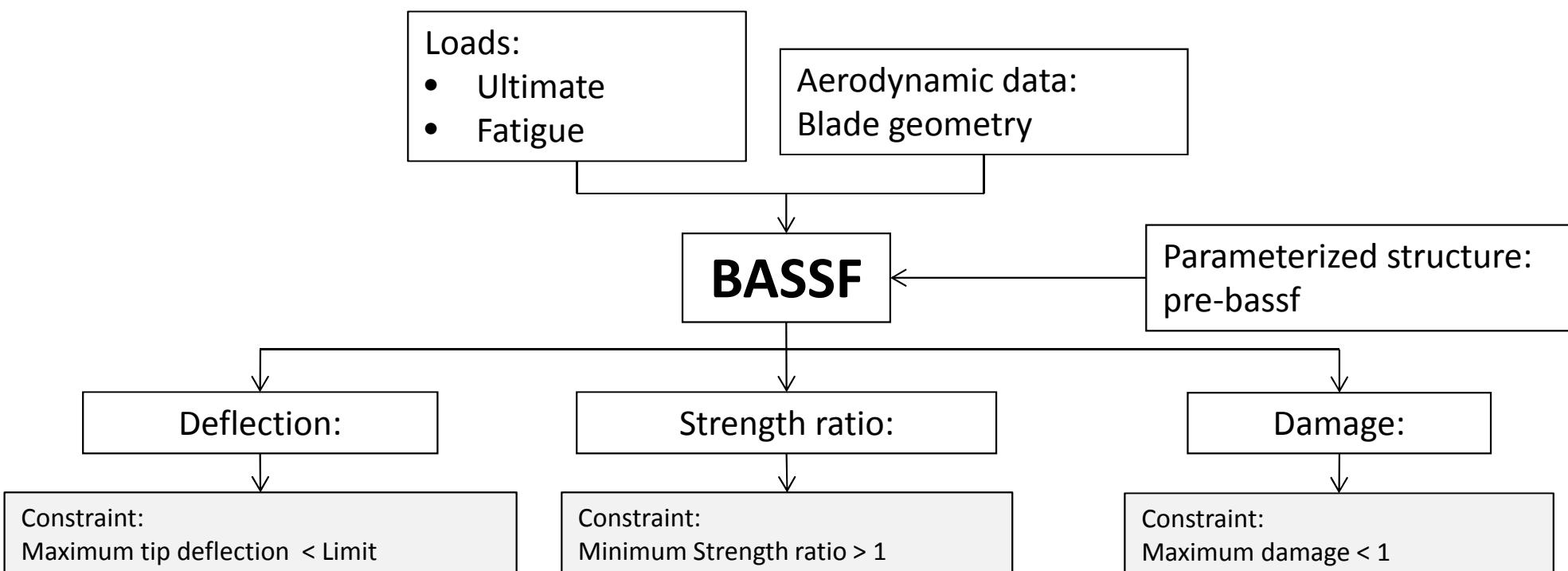
Tilt
Precone
Prebend
Presweep
Yaw



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Structural module

- BASSF (Blade Analysis Stress Strain Failure): Analytical tool for the preliminary design of blades
- Based in 3 main theories:
 - Mechanical properties extraction:
 - ✓ Classical Laminate Theory (CLT)
 - Strength analysis:
 - ✓ Euler-Bernoulli Beam Theory (EBT): Axial strain
 - ✓ Thin-walled multi-cell beam theory (TMBT): Shear strain
- BASFF architecture:



INTRODUCTION TO BLADEOASIS

Capabilities

- Variables that define **blade geometry**
- Variables that define **blade structure**
- Variables that describe the **wind turbine**

= **Design Variables**

Optimizers from Dakota



Genetic algorithm (Coliny_ea)

Fitness functions:

Aerodynamic optimization:

- **Maximize AEP** or match an AEP
- Maximize CP o match a CP
- Minimize CT o match a CT
- Combination of max CP and min CT

Structural optimization:

- **Minimize** or match **BladeMass**

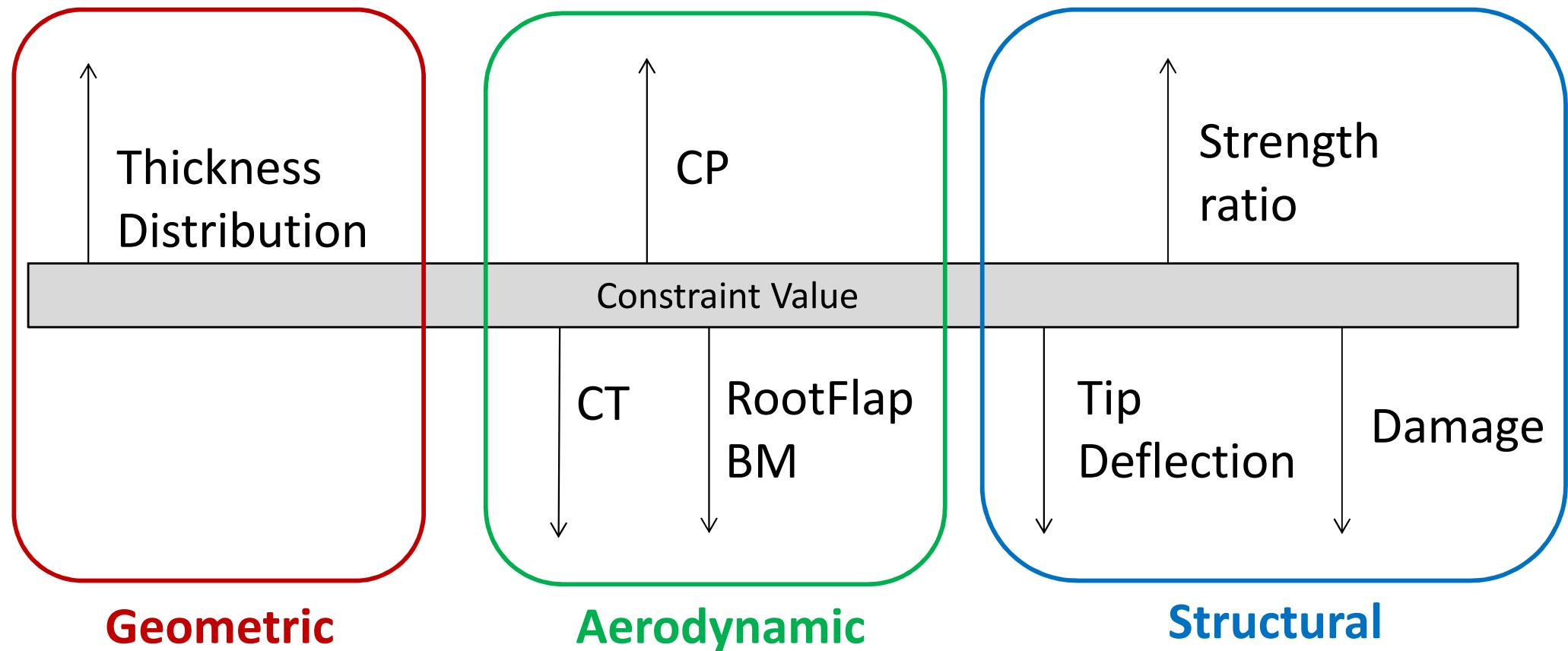
Aero-Structural optimization:

- Combination of **max AEP & min BladeMass**
- Minimize **COE**

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Constraints

Available constraints:



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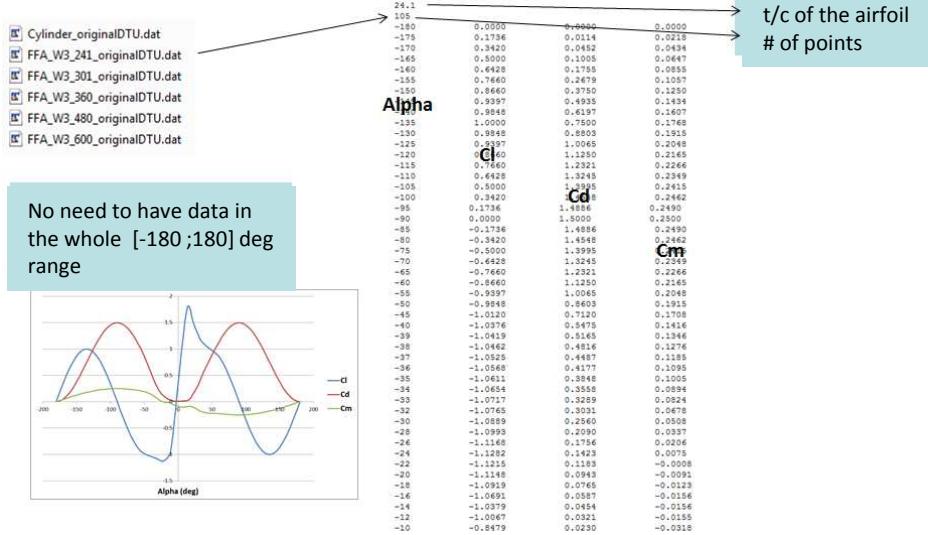
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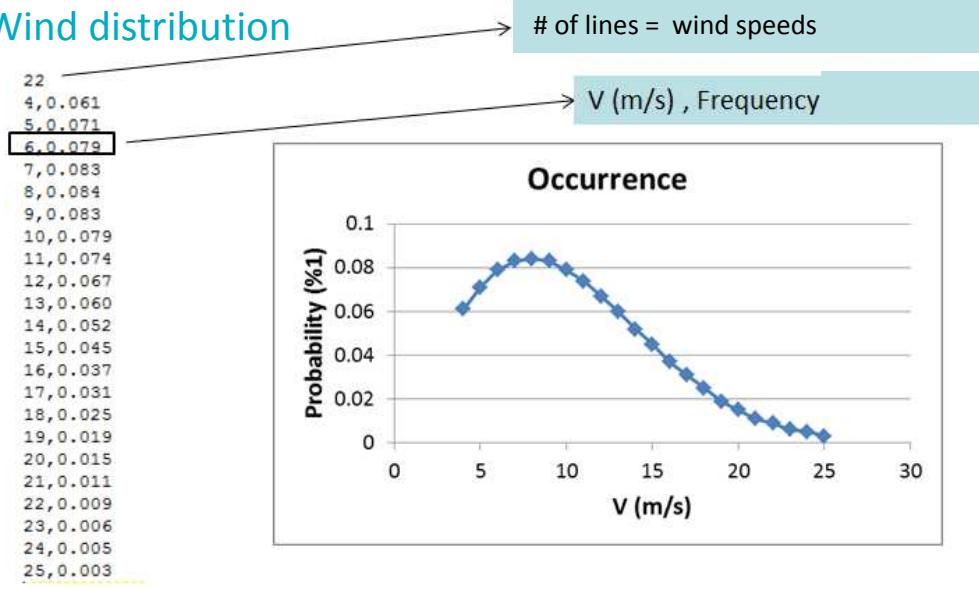
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Inputs for the aerodynamic module

Airfoil data



Wind distribution



WT Configuration

```

89.166 -RTIP (m)
2.8 -RROOT (m)
4.15 -TOWERBASE radius(m)
2.75 -TOWERTOP radius(m)
5.38 -CROOT (m)
0.6 -CTIP (m)
11.9 -HUBHEIGHT (m)
3 -NBLADES
1 -TLOSS: 1= TIPLOSS & HUBLoss
1 -WINDDAT: 1= read WIND file
10.0 -Vdes (m/s)
0.2 -SHEAR_FACTOR
7.5 -TSR
9.6 -OMEGA MAX (rpm)
6.0 -OMEGA MIN (rpm)
1 -varPITCH
0.0 -PITCH (deg)
0 -YAW (deg)
(tilt) -TILT (deg)
2.5 -CONT (deg)
1.628D-5 -VISC (dynamic=rho*kinematic)
1 -RANGE (1=detailed, 0=coarse)
4 -TSR_MIN
12 -TSR_MAX
0 -TWR (1= calculate tower)
1 -TWRSHADOW (1= pot =2 def =3 bak)
"Tower_file.txt" -TWRfile
7.1 -OverHang
0 -DOWNW
0 -LOSSES (valor de perdidas en porcentaje)
10000 -POWER RATED (kW)
1.245 -RHO (kg/m^3)
0.005 -CVA
36 -AZIMUT_DISC
115.63 -TOWER HEIGHT (m)
20 -LIFETIME (years)
54002.149390 -AEP REF (MWh)
50608.7253635 -MASS REF (kg)
0.443396 -CPref
0.756782 -CTref
2899.869 -RtFlapMomRef

```

Blade Configuration

1/L	chord	twist	t/c	prebend	presweep
0.0000	5.3800	14.5000	100.0000	0.0000	0
0.0023	5.3800	14.5000	99.9757	0.0007	0
0.0058	5.3800	14.5000	99.9392	0.0019	0
0.0087	(chord4)	{twist4}	{tc4}	0.0029	0
0.0116	(chord5)	{twist5}	{tc5}	0.0039	0
0.0342	(chord6)	{twist6}	{tc6}	0.0120	0
0.0662	(chord7)	{twist7}	{tc7}	0.025271403	0
0.0953	(chord8)	{twist8}	{tc8}	0.038891079	0
0.1343	(chord9)	{twist9}	{tc9}	0.060943767	0
0.1778	(chord10)	{twist10}	{tc10}	0.091045244	0
0.2011	(chord11)	{twist11}	{tc11}	0.109504287	0
0.2316	(chord12)	{twist12}	{tc12}	0.137428217	0
0.285517449	(chord13)	{twist13}	{tc13}	0.198156186	0
0.358983859	(chord14)	{twist14}	{tc14}	0.305291054	0
0.464048352	(chord15)	{twist15}	{tc15}	0.519610579	0
0.612173772	(chord16)	{twist16}	{tc16}	0.973077735	0
0.765602205	(chord17)	{twist17}	{tc17}	1.677887822	0
0.845240025	(chord18)	{twist18}	{tc18}	2.1534996333	0
0.914074983	(chord19)	{twist19}	{tc19}	2.634672068	0
0.964754649	(chord20)	{twist20}	{tc20}	3.032167447	0
0.977873237	(chord21)	{twist21}	{tc21}	3.141443933	0
0.995113818	(chord22)	{twist22}	{tc22}	3.301786163	0

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Inputs for the structural module

Blade geometry

Blade definition	
Blade name	INNWIND
Blade lenght [m]	86.37
Hub diameter [m]	5.6

Architecture Configuration						
Sec_number	Af_shape_file	Twist_aero [°]	Chord [m]	Le_loc [%/chord]	Span_loc [%/span]	tw_web [°]
1	estac_01_bassf.txt	14.50	5.380	0.500	0.000	0
2	estac_02_bassf.txt	14.50	5.380	0.500	0.002	0
3	estac_03_bassf.txt	14.50	5.380	0.500	0.006	0
4	estac_04_bassf.txt	15.44	5.440	0.500	0.009	0
5	estac_05_bassf.txt	15.43	5.500	0.500	0.012	0
6	estac_06_bassf.txt	15.31	5.992	0.500	0.034	0
7	estac_07_bassf.txt	14.98	6.752	0.500	0.066	0
8	estac_08_bassf.txt	14.56	7.414	0.494	0.095	0
9	estac_09_bassf.txt	13.82	8.092	0.466	0.134	0
10	estac_10_bassf.txt	12.84	8.346	0.427	0.178	0
11	estac_11_bassf.txt	12.26	8.231	0.410	0.201	0
12	estac_12_bassf.txt	11.46	7.918	0.392	0.232	0
....
21	estac_21_bassf.txt	-3.29	1.156	0.350	0.978	0
22	estac_22_bassf.txt	-3.76	0.512	0.350	0.995	0

Nweb	From section	To section	Position at initial section [%/chord]	Position at final section [%/chord]
1	6	20	0.44826	0.12664
2	6	20	0.56175	0.61659

Material information

Elastic Properties							
Mat_ID	Material_Name	Ply thickness [mm]	Density [Kg/m3]	E ₁ [MPa]	E ₂ [MPa]	G ₁₂ [MPa]	v ₁₂ [-]
1	SPARCAP	0.80	2003.7	51500	11500	3400	0.14
2	REFUERZO B.A.	0.80	1915.5	41630	14930	5047	0.241
3	REFUERZO B.S.	0.80	1915.5	41630	14930	5047	0.241
4	SHELL	0.70	1993.7	27000	27000	3900	0.104
5	RAIZ	0.75	1954.6	34315	20965	4474	0.173
6	LARGUEROS	0.70	1993.7	27000	27000	3900	0.104

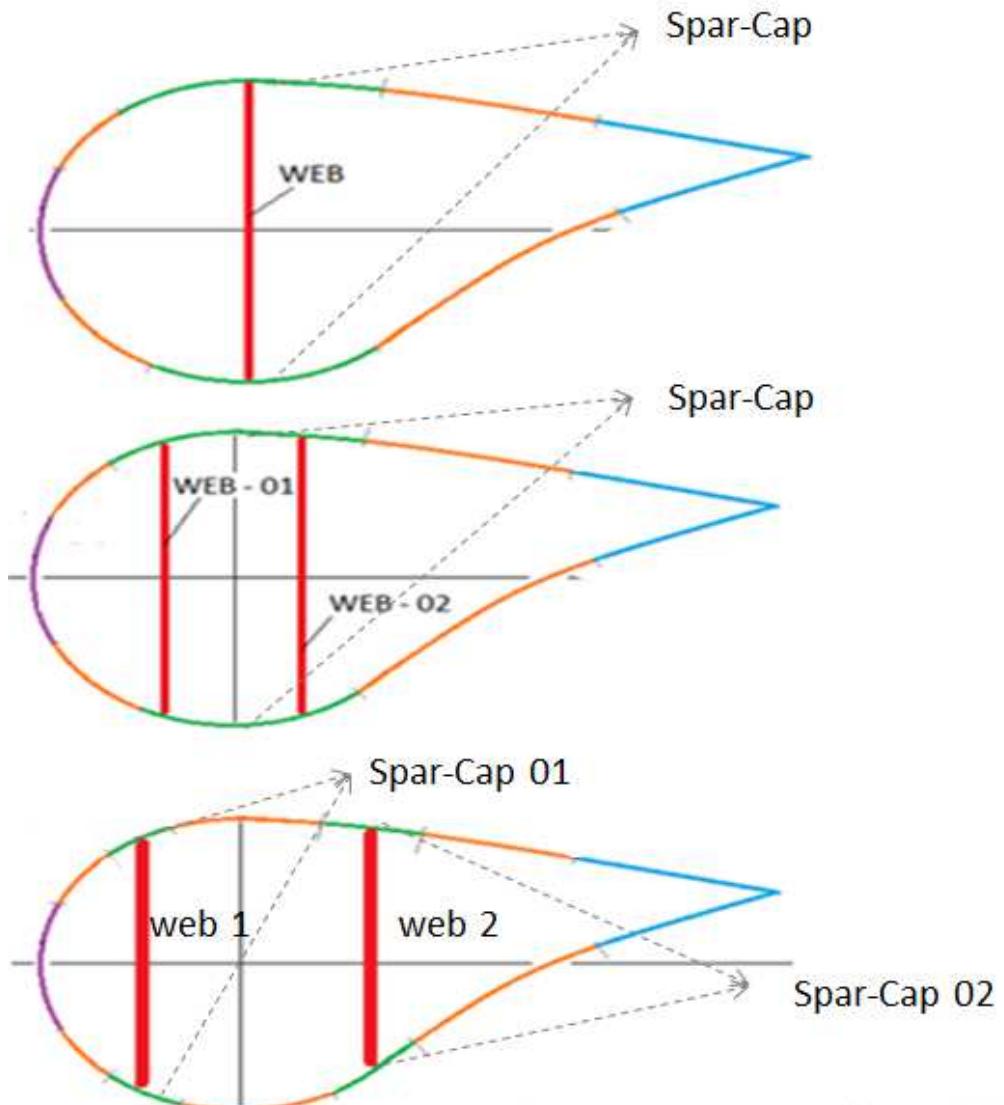
Allowable Strains & Stresses													
Mat_ID	Material_Name	Ply thickness [mm]	Density [Kg/m3]	ϵ_{11}^{comp} [mm/mm]	ϵ_{22}^{comp} [mm/mm]	γ_{12}	$\epsilon_{11}^{tension}$ [mm/mm]	$\epsilon_{22}^{tension}$ [mm/mm]	σ_{11}^{comp} [MPa]	σ_{22}^{comp} [MPa]	τ_{12} [Mpa]	$\sigma_{11}^{tension}$ [MPa]	$\sigma_{22}^{tension}$ [MPa]
1	SPARCAP	0.80	2003.7	1.35E-02	1.00E-02	2.50E-02	2.40E-02	4.91E-03	680.0	120.0	85.0	1260.0	54.0
2	REFUERZO B.A.	0.80	1915.5	1.50E-02	1.27E-02	1.12E-02	2.10E-02	4.94E-03	624.0	188.95	56.4	874.15	73.9
3	REFUERZO B.S.	0.80	1915.5	1.50E-02	1.27E-02	1.12E-02	2.10E-02	4.94E-03	624.0	188.95	56.4	874.15	73.9
4	SHELL	0.70	1993.7	1.63E-02	1.48E-02	1.44E-02	1.31E-02	1.54E-02	423	400	56	366	416
5	RAIZ	0.75	1954.6	1.56E-02	1.37E-02	1.28E-02	1.70E-02	1.02E-02	524	294	56	620	245
6	LARGUEROS	0.70	1993.7	1.63E-02	1.48E-02	1.44E-02	1.31E-02	1.54E-02	423	400	56	366	416

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Inputs for the structural module

Internal Arquitecture

- 1 spar-cap and 1 web
- 1 spar-cap and 2 webs
- 2 spar-caps and 2 webs

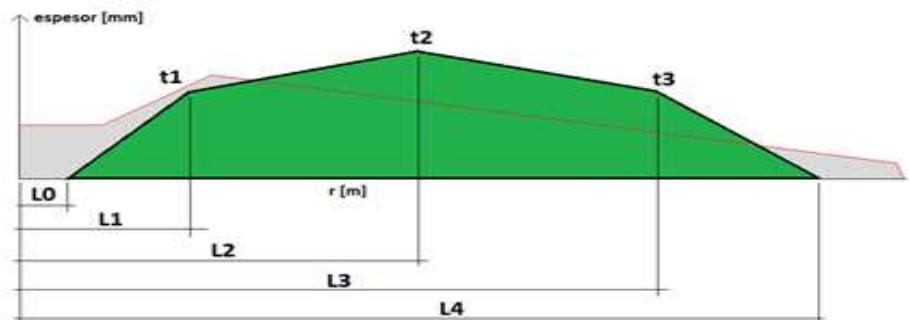


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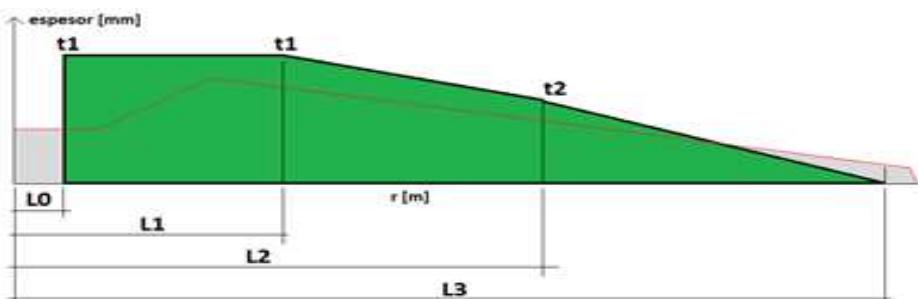
Inputs for the structural module

Parametric lay-up

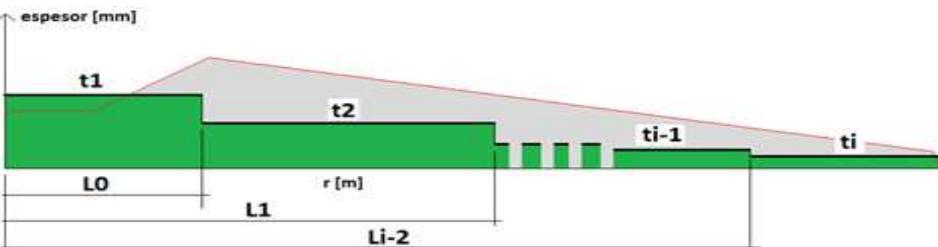
Spar-cap



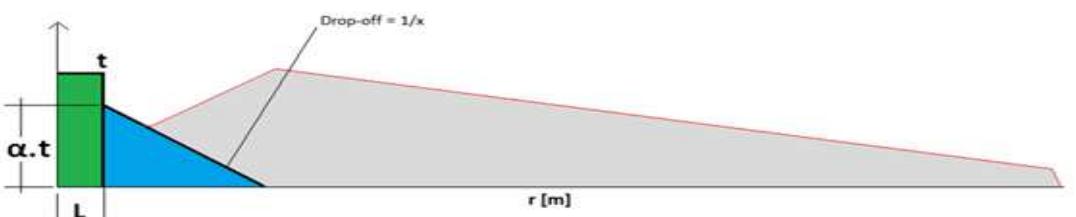
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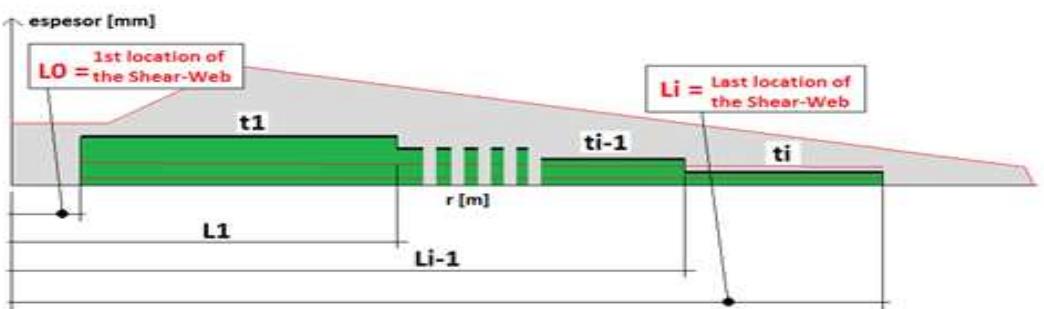
Shell



Root



Webs

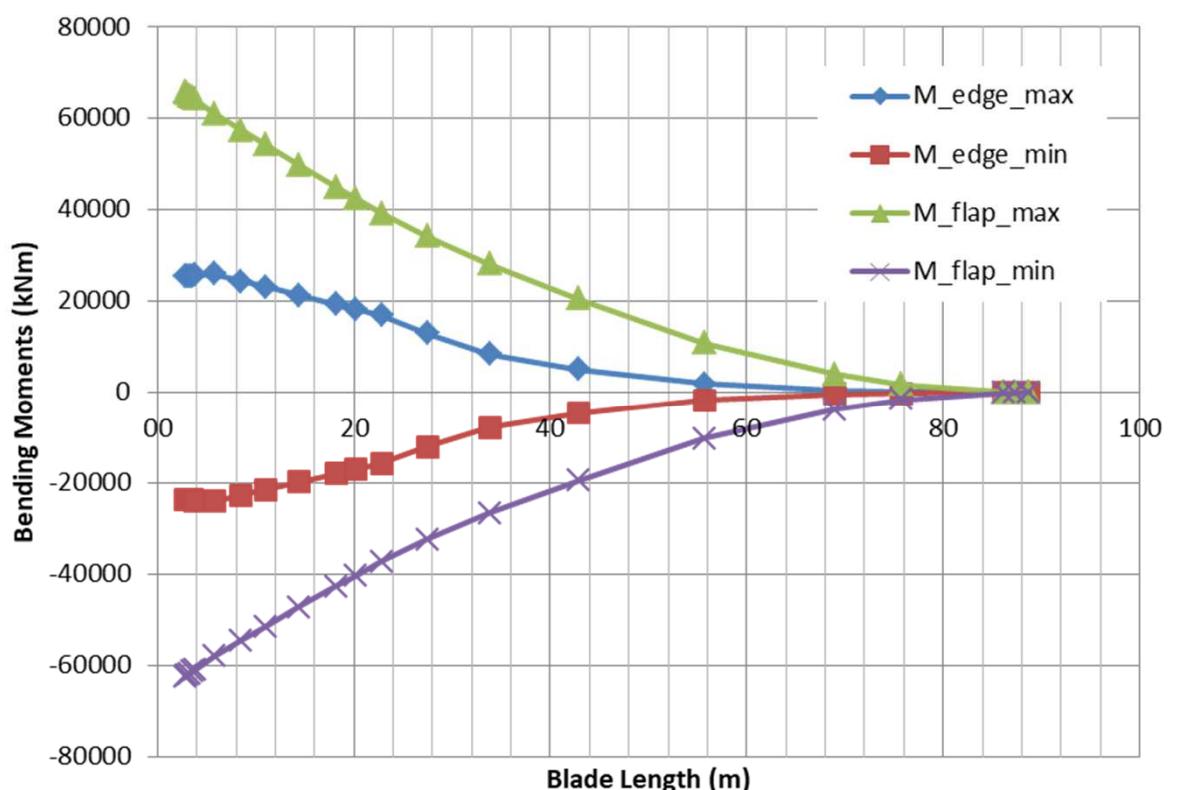


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Inputs for the structural module

Loads (Extreme – Fatigue)

L (m)	M_edge_max (kNm)	M_edge_min (kNm)	M_flap_max (kNm)	M_flap_min (kNm)
0.0	25459	-23677	65745	-62458
0.2	25489	-23705	65441	-62169
0.5	25535	-23748	64984	-61735
0.8	25576	-23786	64578	-61349
1.0	25617	-23824	64172	-60963
3.0	25934	-24119	61006	-57956
5.7	24373	-22667	57431	-54559
8.2	23097	-21480	54149	-51442
11.6	21326	-19833	49786	-47297
15.4	19369	-18014	44976	-42727
17.4	18314	-17032	42505	-40380
20.0	16839	-15660	39226	-37264
24.7	12935	-12029	34152	-32444
31.0	8362	-7777	28092	-26687
40.1	4995	-4646	20490	-19465
52.9	1866	-1736	10771	-10232
66.1	457	-425	4011	-3811
73.0	207	-192	1755	-1667
83.3	13	-12	71	-68
84.5	6	-5	31	-30
85.9	1	-1	3	-3



Design variables

```
variables,  
continuous_design = 18  
lower_bounds    10.29      8.41      5.54      1.17      -2.00      -3.00      -3.50  
upper_bounds    19.29      17.41      14.54     10.17      5.56       3.83      2.50  
descriptors     'twist8'    'twist10'   'twist13'  'twist15'   'twist17'   'twist19'   'twist22'
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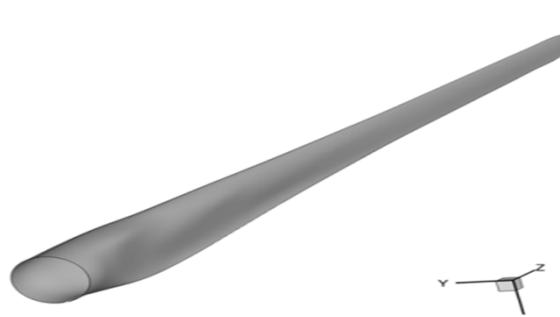
Parameters for the optimization

```
method,  
coliny_ea  
max_iterations = 1000  
max_function_evaluations = 1000  
seed = 11011011  
population_size = 50  
fitness_type merit_function  
mutation_type offset_normal  
mutation_rate 0.15  
crossover_type two_point  
crossover_rate 0.8  
replacement_type chc = 15  
debug output
```

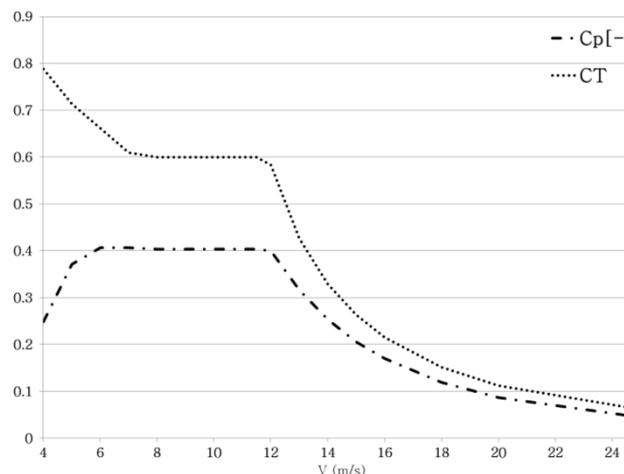
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Aerodynamic outputs

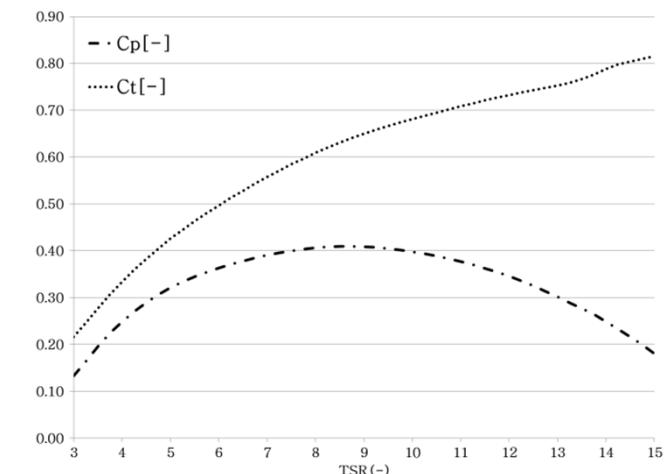
Outputs:



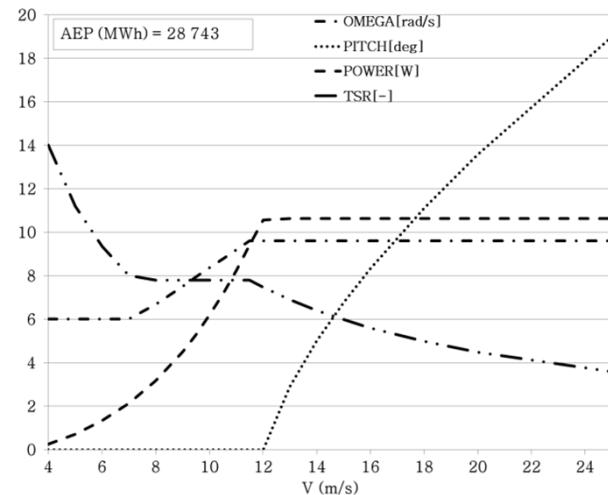
Blade geometry



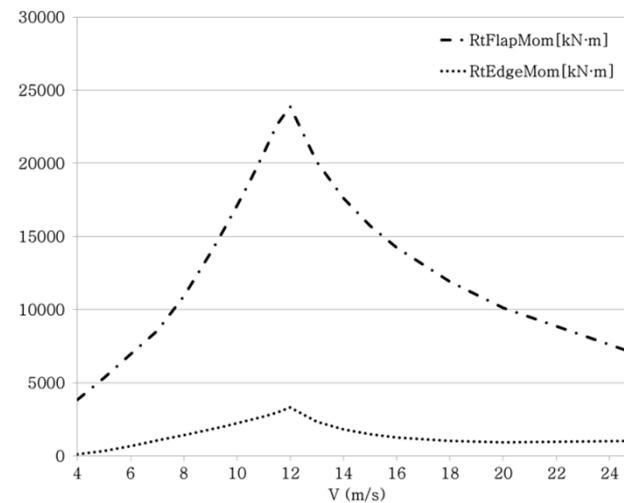
CP & CT vs Wind speed



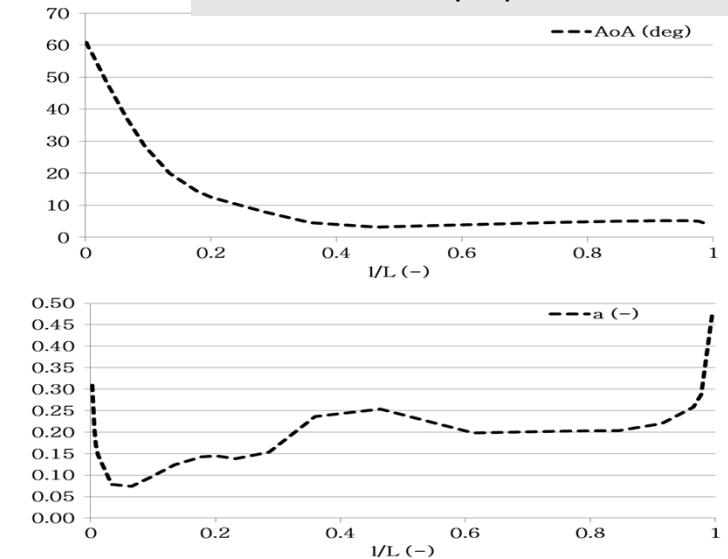
CP & CT vs Tip Speed Ratio



$\dot{\Omega}$, Pitch, Power, TSR vs Wind speed (AEP)



Moments at blade root

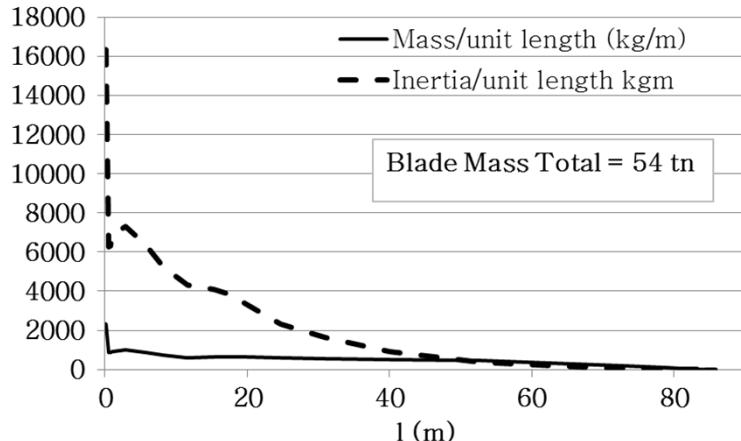


Angle of Attack and "a" vs spanwise

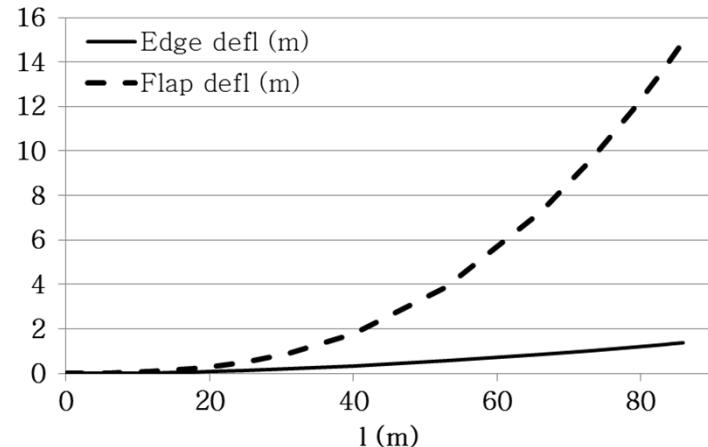
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Structural Outputs

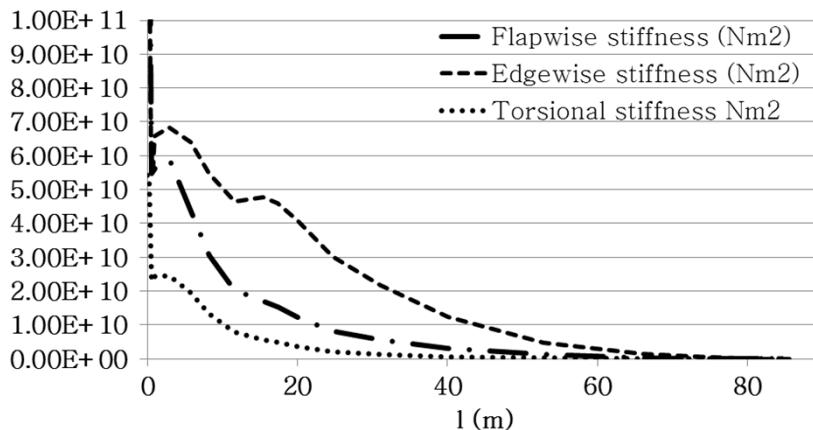
Outputs:



Distribution of mass



Blade deflection



Stiffness distribution

```

yers_params.txt x
=====
===== sparcaps
matID=1
orientacion=0
posicion=[-0.5972806476*899.6544146]
anchura=[899.6544146]
L0=[0.4]
L1=[18]
L2=[31]
L3=[54]
L4=[83]
t1=[0.8196427865*80.0]
t2=[80.0]
t3=[0.9989862418*80.0]

=====
===== rba
matID=1
orientacion=0
anchura=[500 500]
L0=[1 1]
L1=[25.89 25.89]
L2=[60 60]
L3=[75 75]
t1=[16 16]
t2=[16 16]

=====
===== rbs
matID=1
orientacion=0
offsetTEr=[-50 -50]
anchura=[-800 -800]
L0=[1 1]
L1=[25.89 25.89]
L2=[60 60]
L3=[75 75]
t1=[10.27918899 10.27918899]
t2=[0.15*10.27918899 0.15*10.27918899]

=====
===== web
nWebs=2
=====
===== web
matID=2
orientacion=45
alpha=0.03
t=[8.536872933 1.0*8.536872933 1.0*1.0*8.536872933]
L=[25.89 66.1]
=====
===== web
matID=2
orientacion=45
alpha=0.03
t=[8.536872933 1.0*8.536872933 1.0*1.0*8.536872933]
L=[25.89 66.1]

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Parametric lay-up

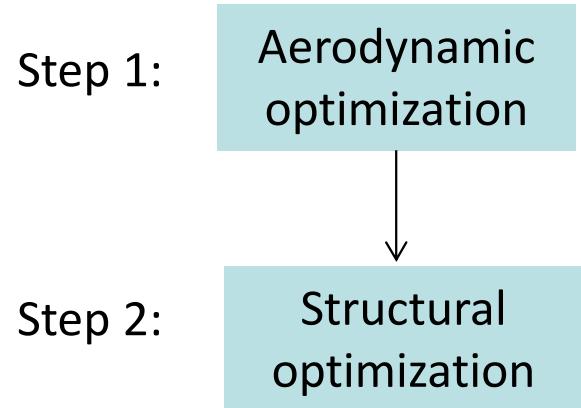
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PRACTICAL CASES

C1- Blade aerodynamic and structural optimization in two steps:



C2- Blade aero-structural integrated optimization (MDAO)

Aero-Structural optimization

PRACTICAL CASES

C1.Step1 – Aerodynamic Optim.

Starting point: DTU 10MW with some changes on the blade

- Reduced chord
- Less aggressive twist
- thicker blades

(same blade than in IEA Task 37, WP3)

DTU 10MW reference wind turbine – overall parameters:

- 3 Bladed Upwind
- Rated power: 10MW
- Blade length: 86.366m
- Hub height: 127m
- Airfoil family: FFA
- Vdesign = 8m/s
- rpm range: 6-9.6 rpm
- Tilt = 5 deg
- Cone = 2.5 deg

Optimizer: Genetic (coliny_ea of Dakota)

Fitness function: **Maximize AEP**

Design variables:

- chord
- t/c
- twist

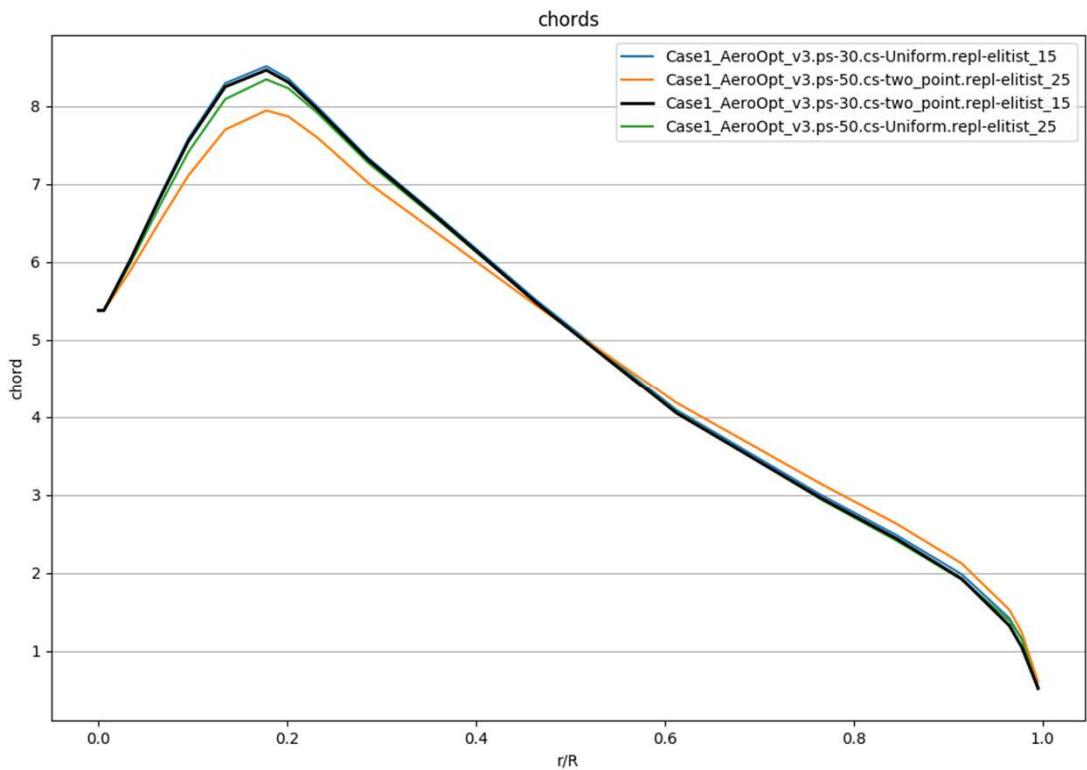
Constraints:

- Min Tabs
- Max CT
- Max Root flapwise bending moment

Parameters for the optimization:

- Population sizes: 30 and 50
- Two crossover types
- One replacement type
- 10 000 evaluations per case

The result will be the best evaluation among the four parameter combinations.



PRACTICAL CASES

C1.Step1 – Aerodynamic Optim.

Running the optimization:

It can be run in local or in CENER's cluster

Time in local: around 30 hours.

Time in cluster: around 2 hours.



Postprocessing the optimization:

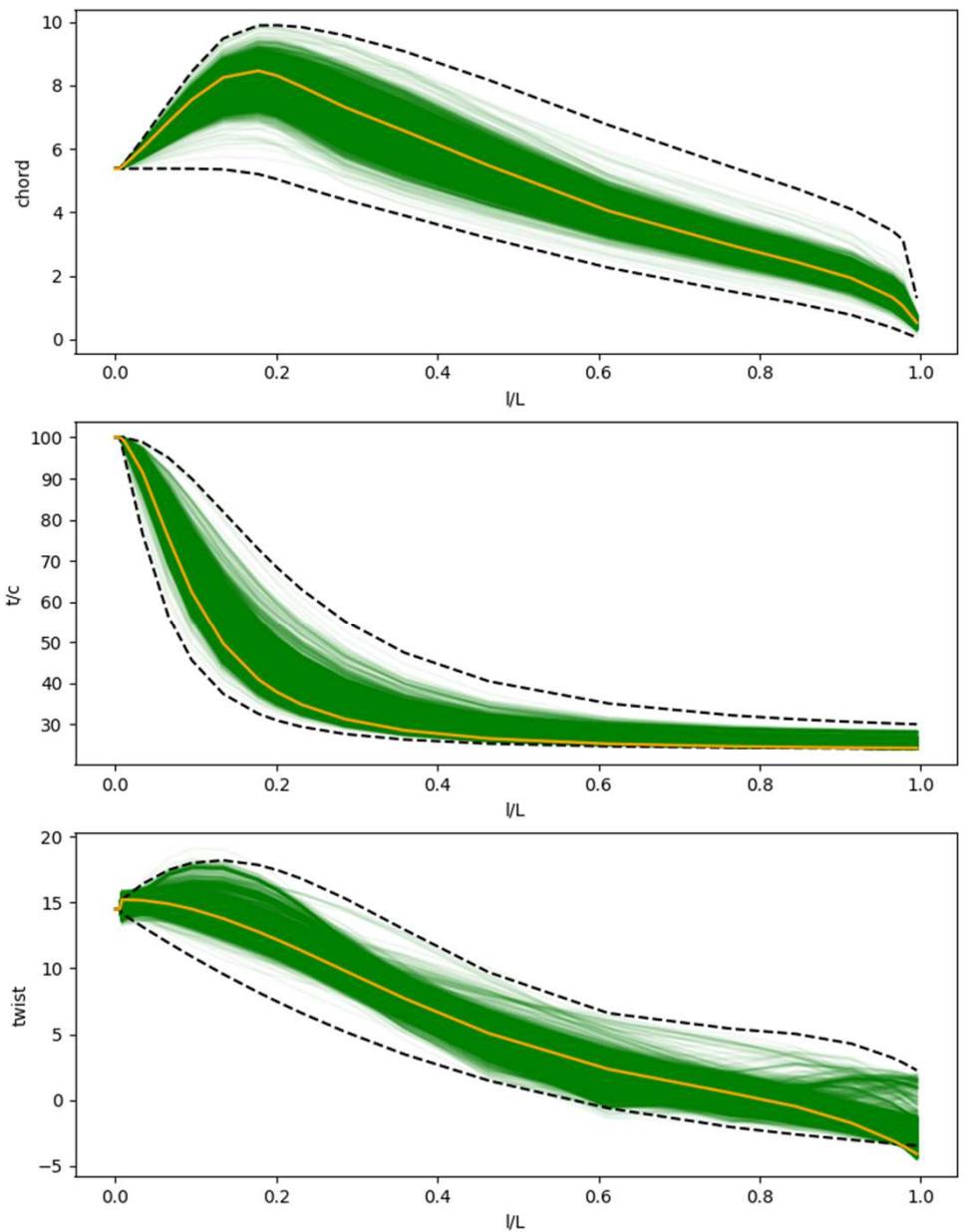
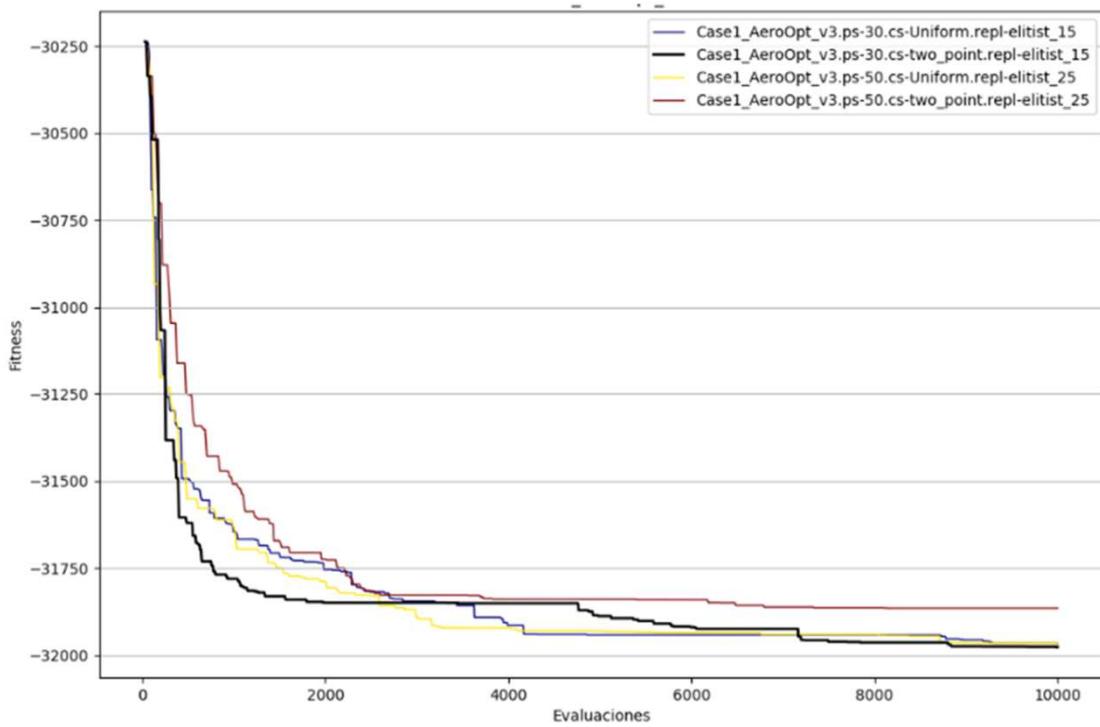
Several postprocessing scripts:

- To find the best solution among all iterations.
- To obtain results of the best solution.
- To generate some graphs.

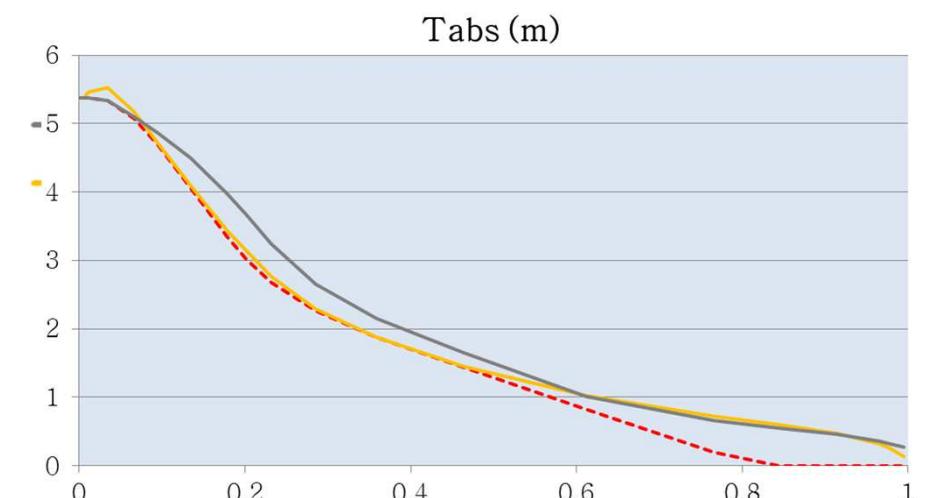
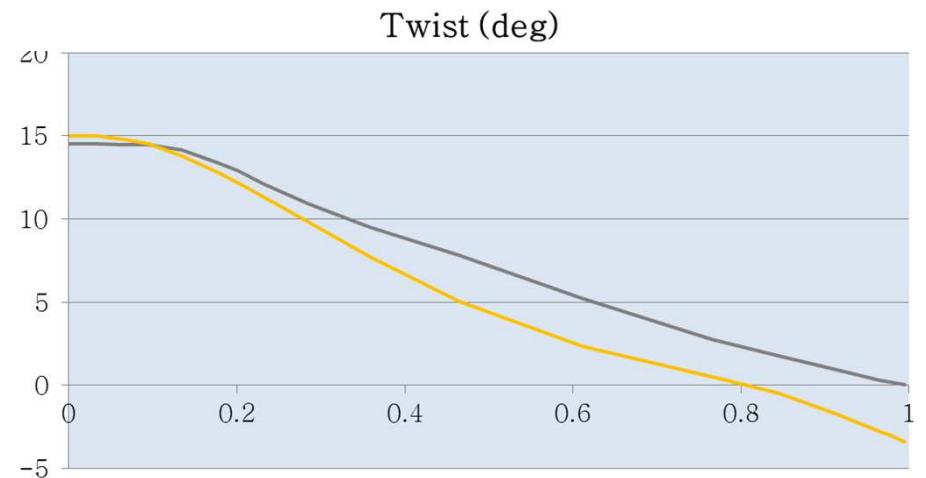
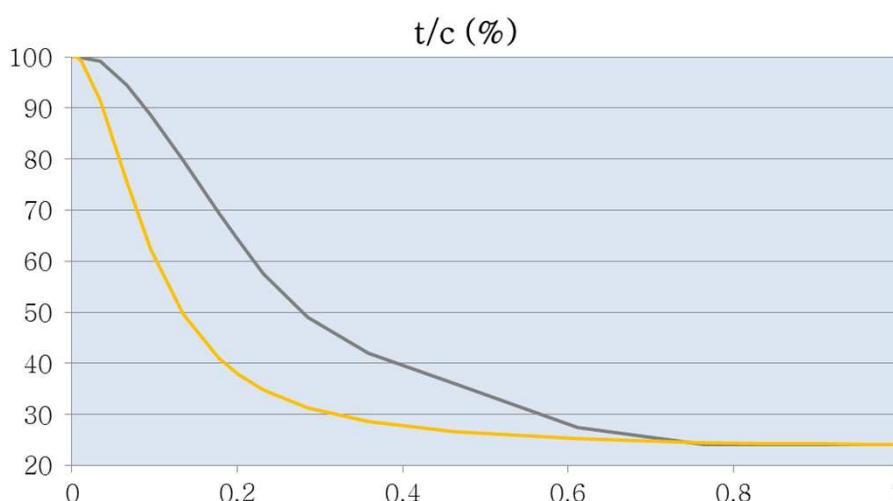
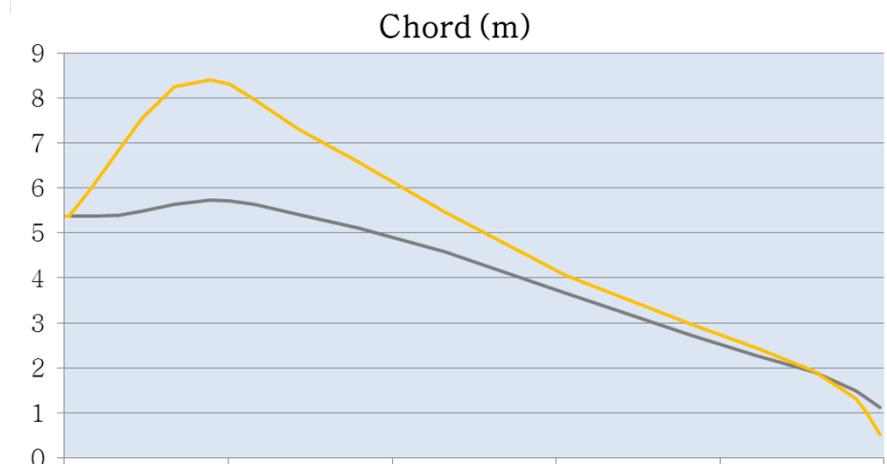
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C1.Step1 – Aerodynamic Optim.

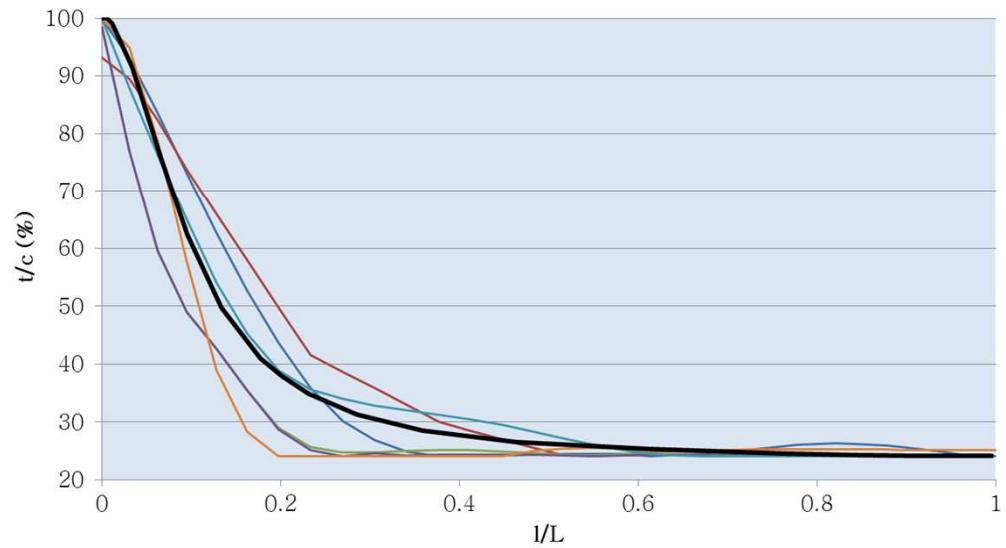
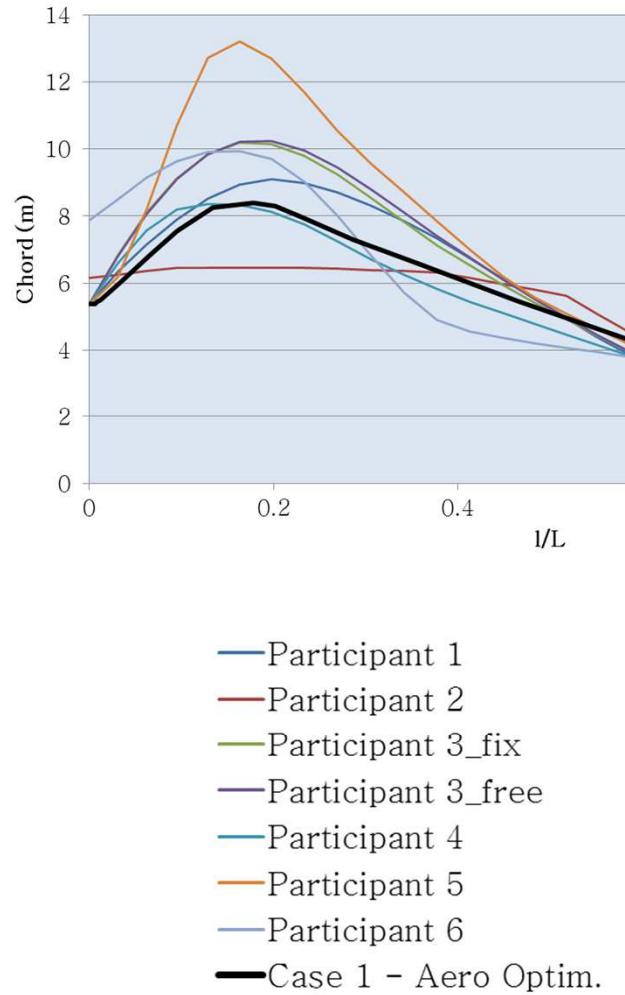
Results: Evolution of fitness function and design variables



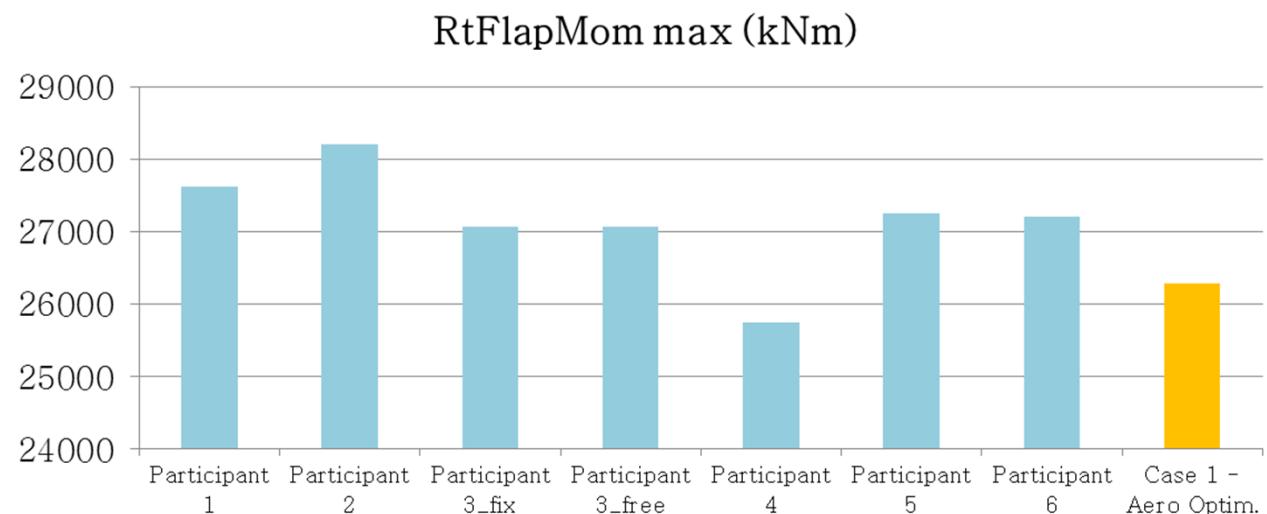
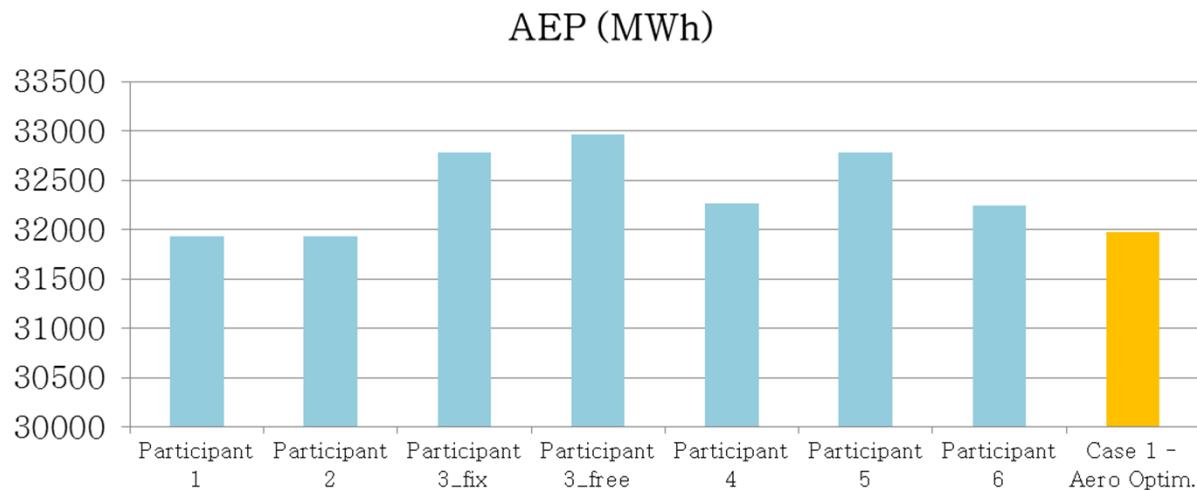
Results: Blade geometry



Results: Compared to IEA Task 37 results



Results: Compared to IEA Task 37 results



Blade geometry:

Optimal Aerodynamic from Step 1.

Optimizer: Genetic (coliny_ea of Dakota)

Fitness function: **Minimize Blade Mass**

Design variables:

- **Sparcap** (1): width, position and thicknesses.
- **TE reinforcement**: thicknesses
- **Root**: alpha and dropoff.
- **Shell**: thicknesses
- **Webs** (2): thicknesses

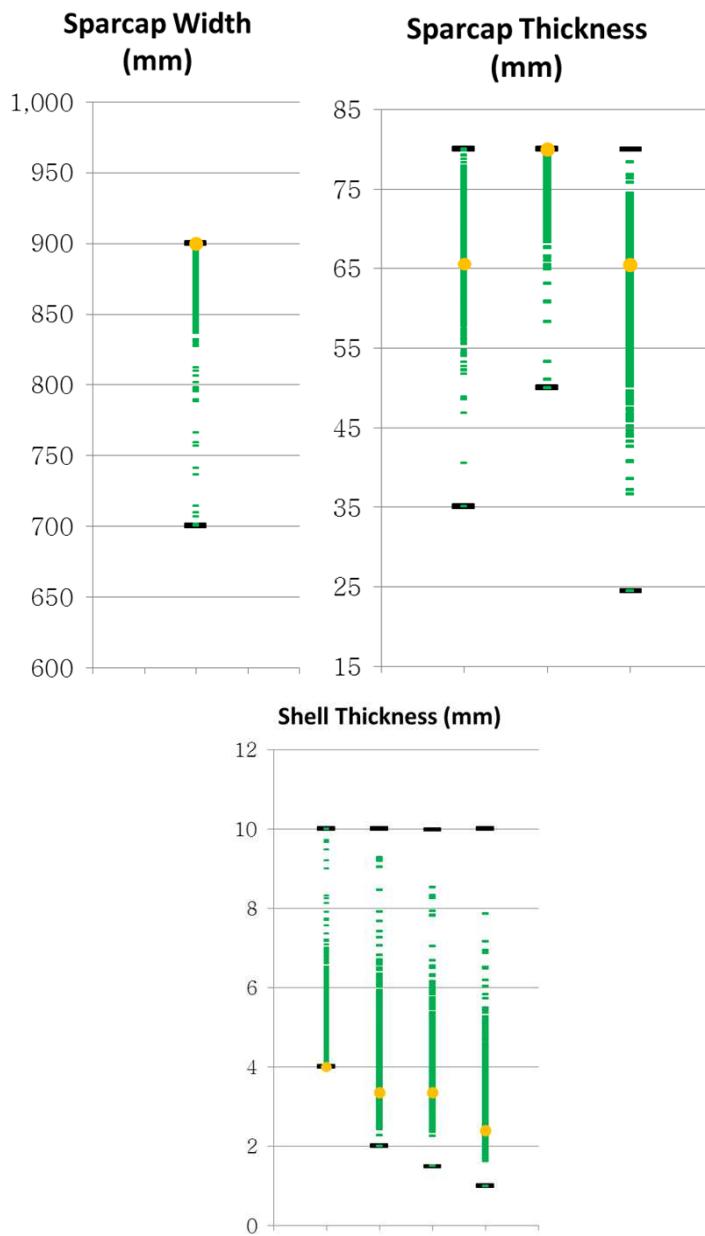
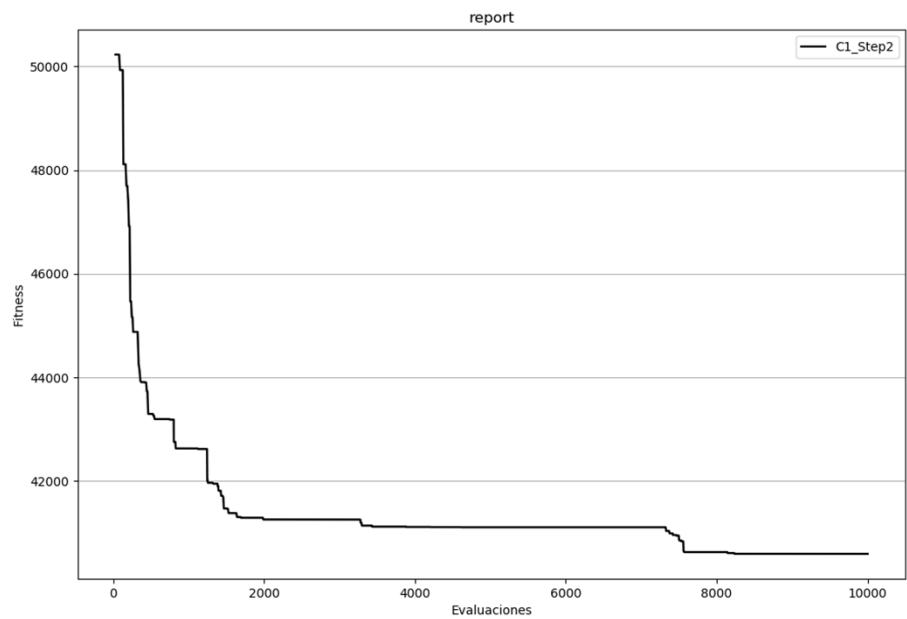
Constraints:

- Strength analysis based on extreme loads: max strain criteria.
- Maximum tip deflection: tip to tower minimum clearance.

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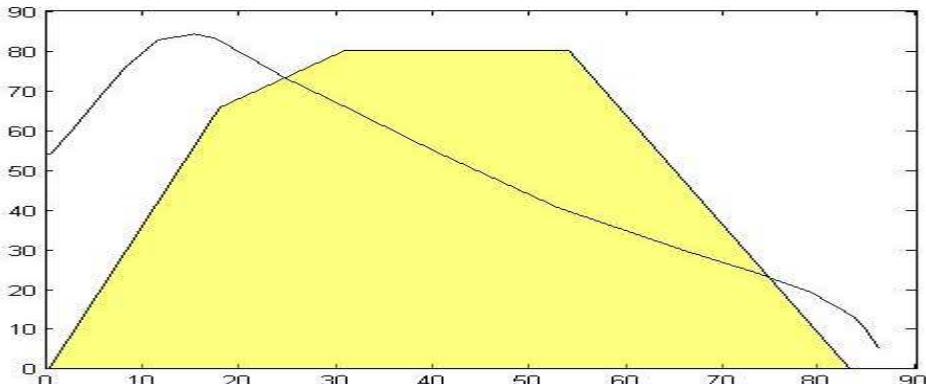
C1.Step2 – Structural Optim.

Results: Evolution of fitness function and design variables

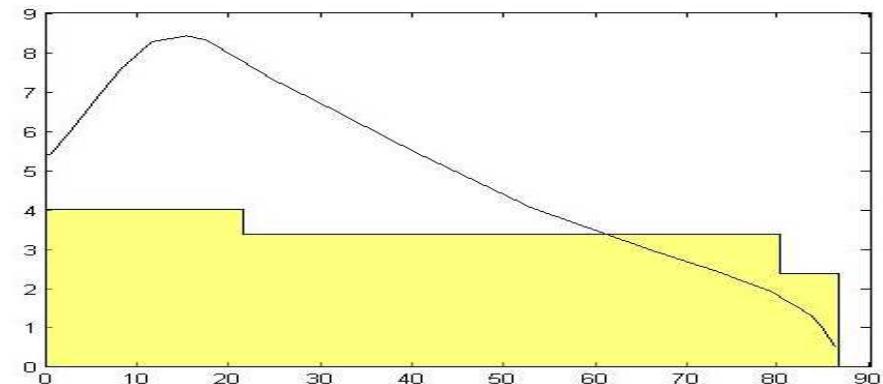


Results: Blade Structure

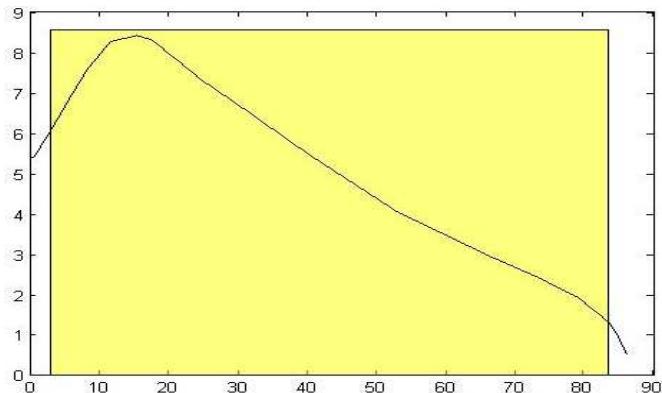
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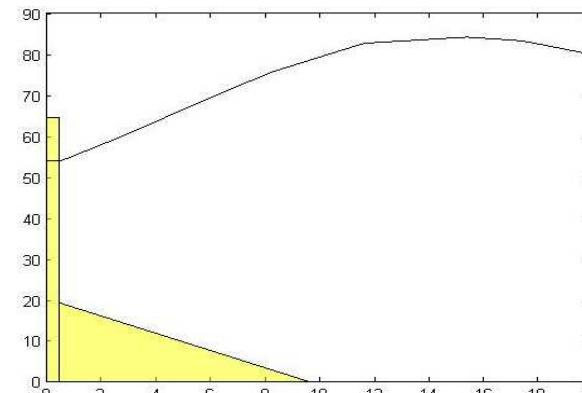
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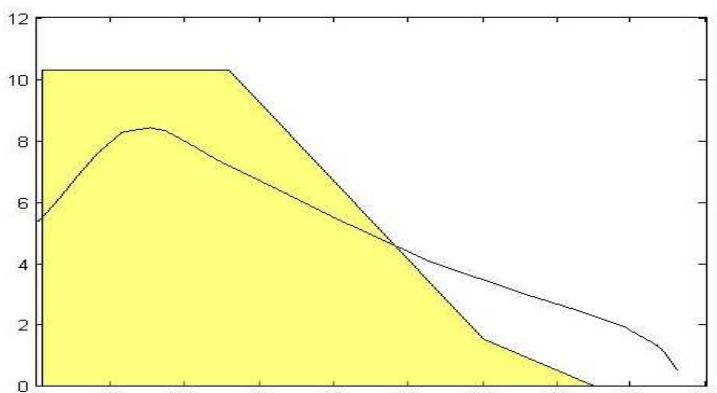
Webs



Root



TE reinforcement

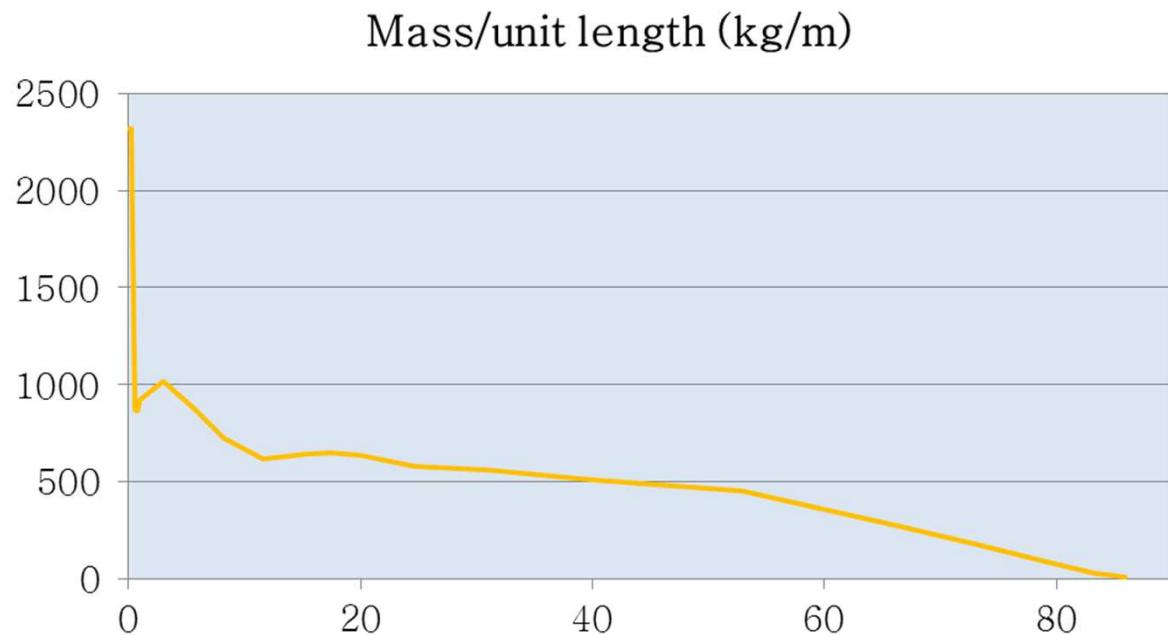


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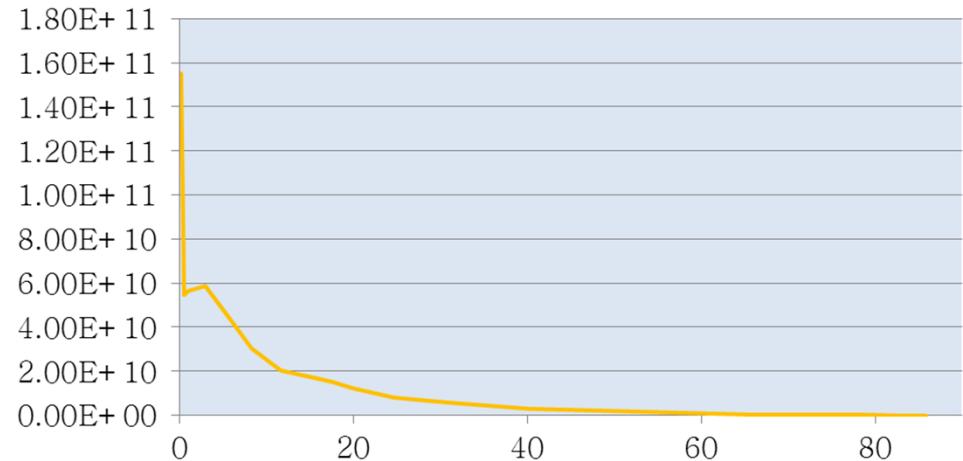
C1.Step2 – Structural Optim.

Results: Blade Structure

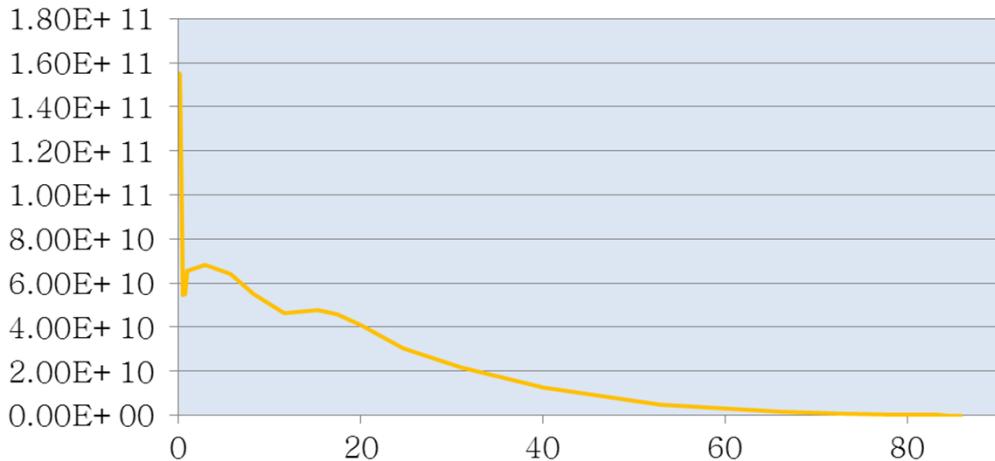
Blade Mass Total = 40.6 tn



Flapwise stiffness (Nm²)

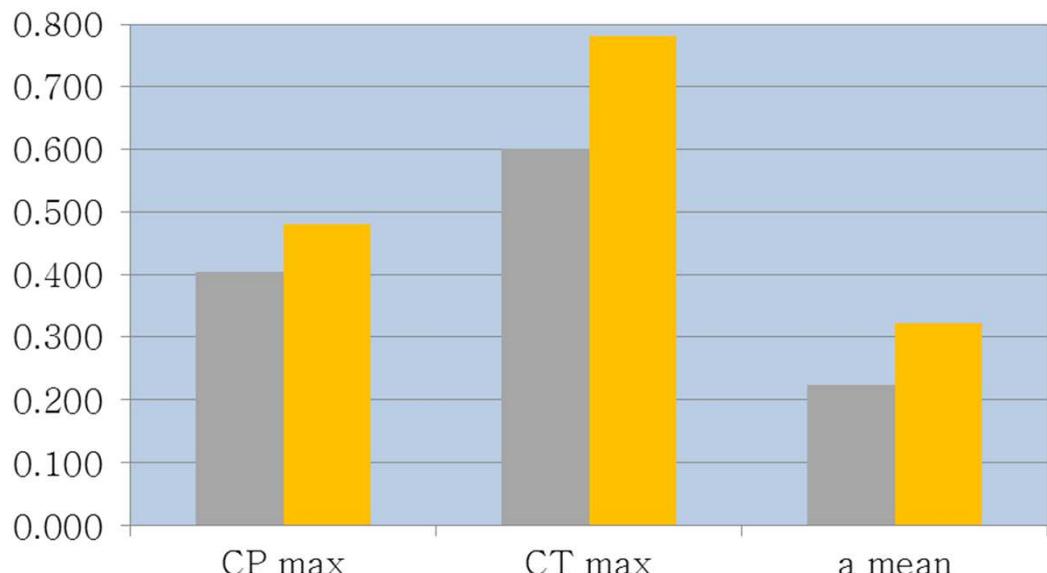
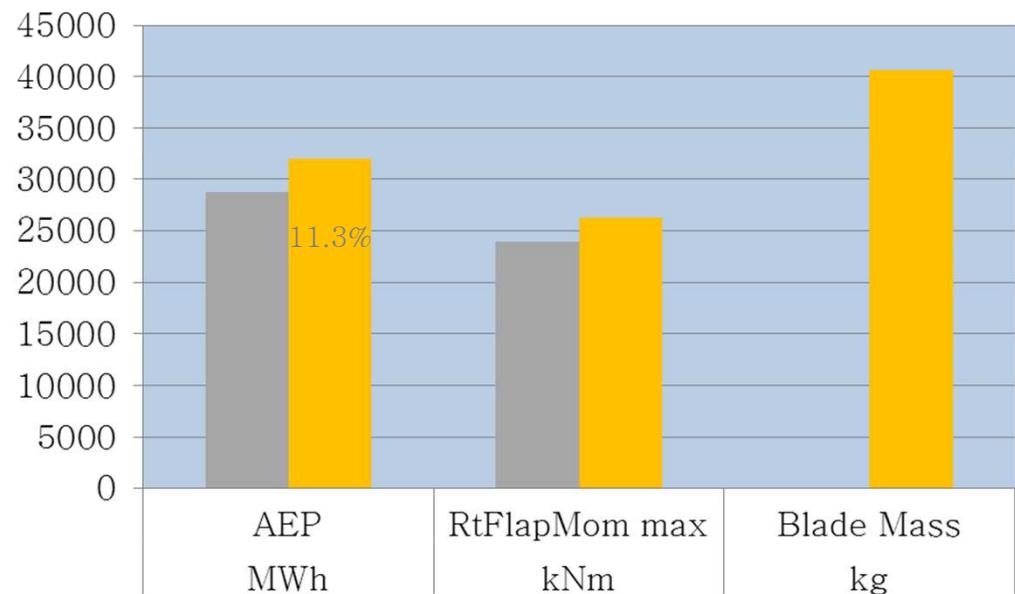


Edgewise stiffness (Nm²)



Results: Performance and loads

- Starting point
- C 1 – Isolated Optim.



AERO-STRUCTURAL OPTIMIZATION

Fitness function: max AEP and min BladeMass

Design variables:

- chord distribution
- t/c distribution
- twist distribution

- Sparcap: width, position and thicknesses
- TE reinforcement: thicknesses
- Root: alpha and dropoff
- Shell: thicknesses
- Webs: thicknesses

Constraints:

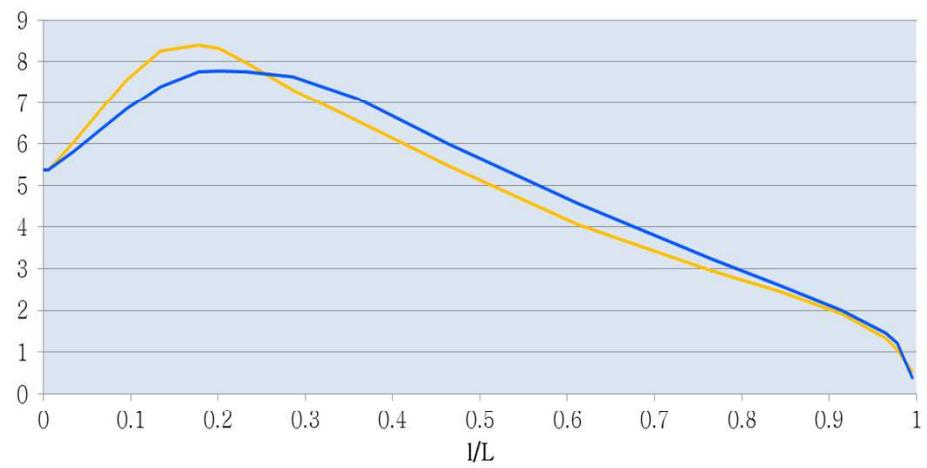
- CT max
- Root Flapwise BM (aerodynamic) max
- T min

- Strength analysis based on extreme loads.
 - Maximum tip deflection

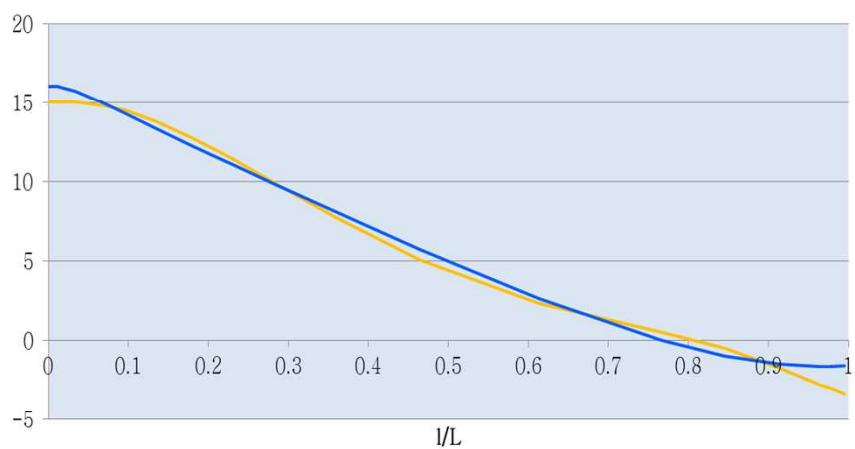
Results: Blade geometry



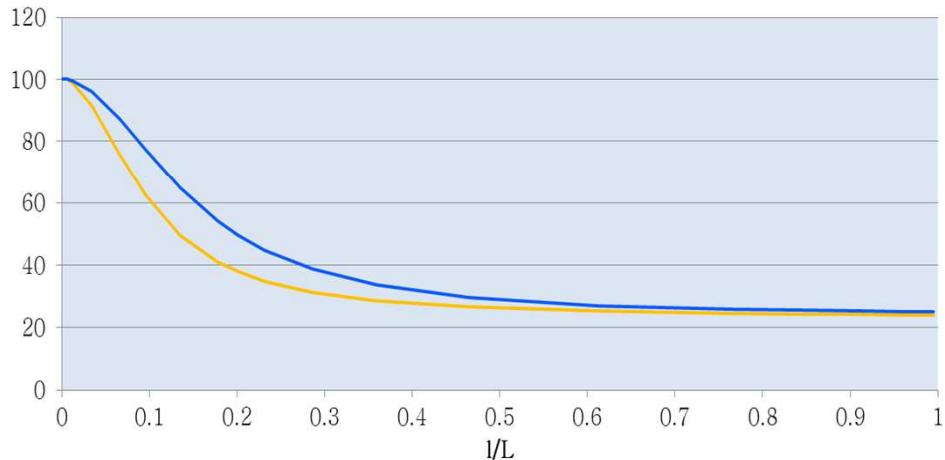
chord (m)



Twist (deg)



t/c (%)

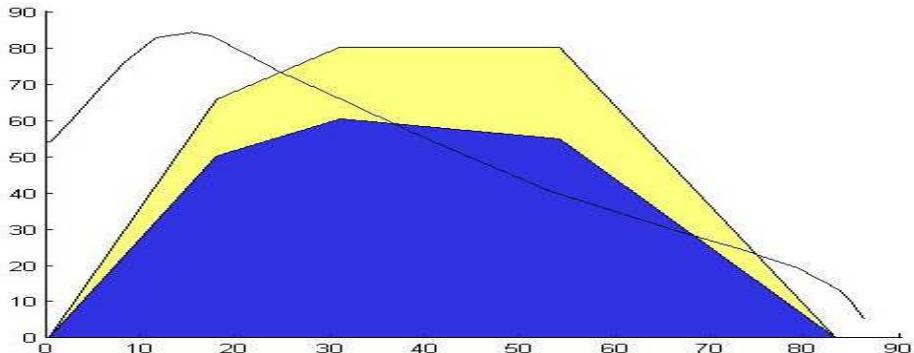


— C1 - Isolated Optimis
 — C2 - MDAO

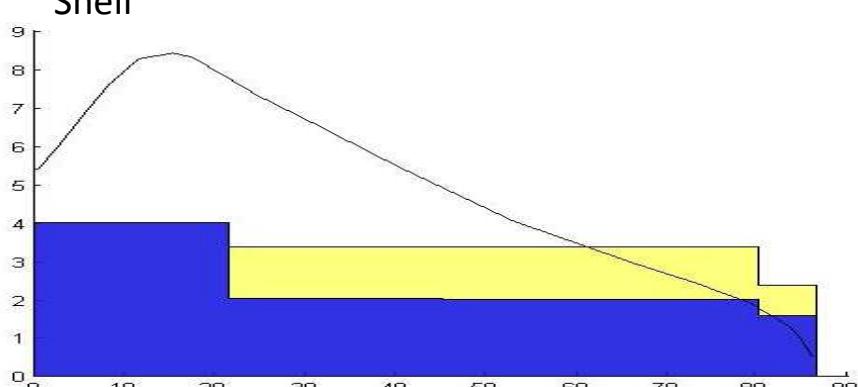
Results: Blade Structure


 C1 - Isolated Optimics
 C2 - MDAO

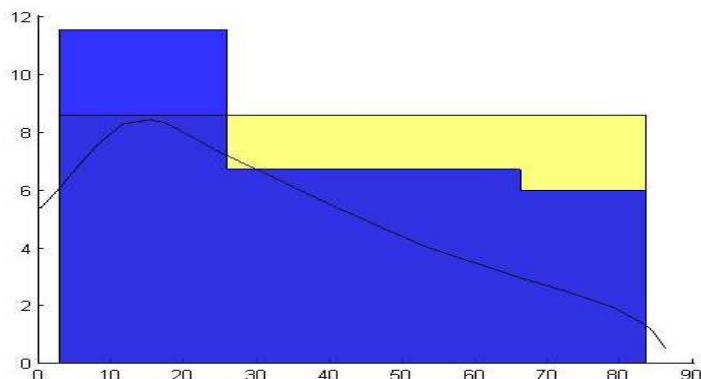
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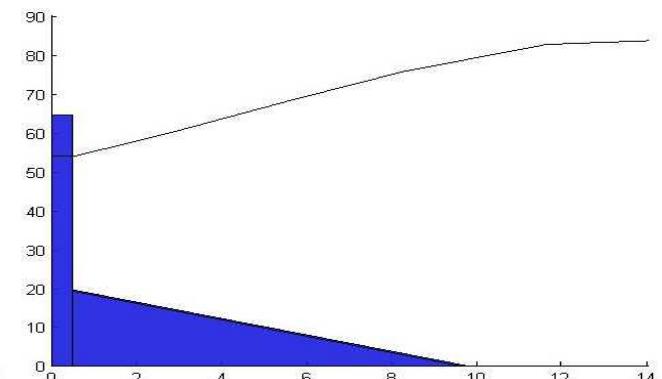
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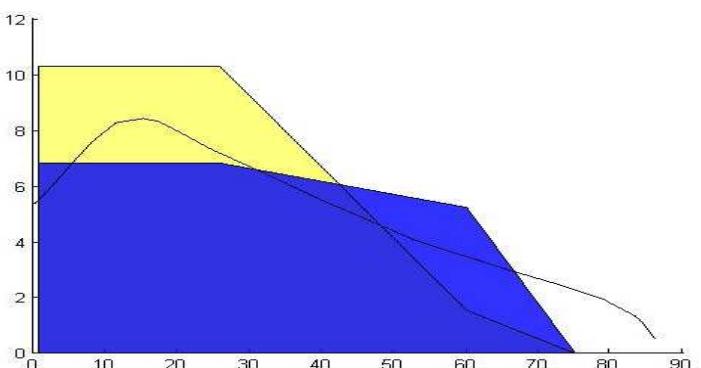
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Root

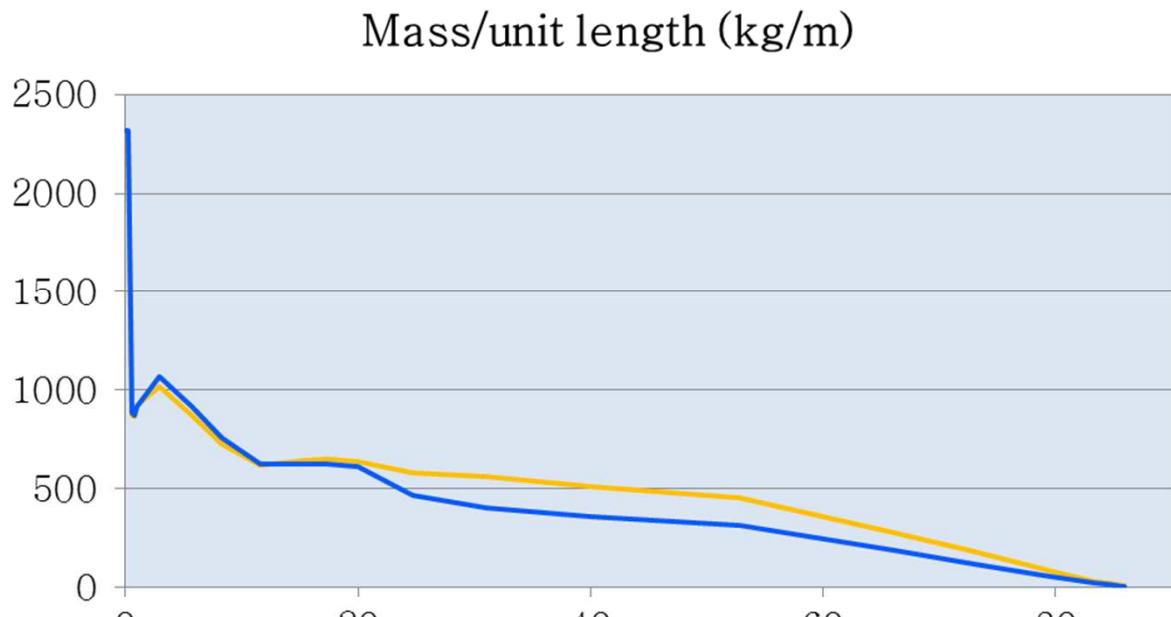


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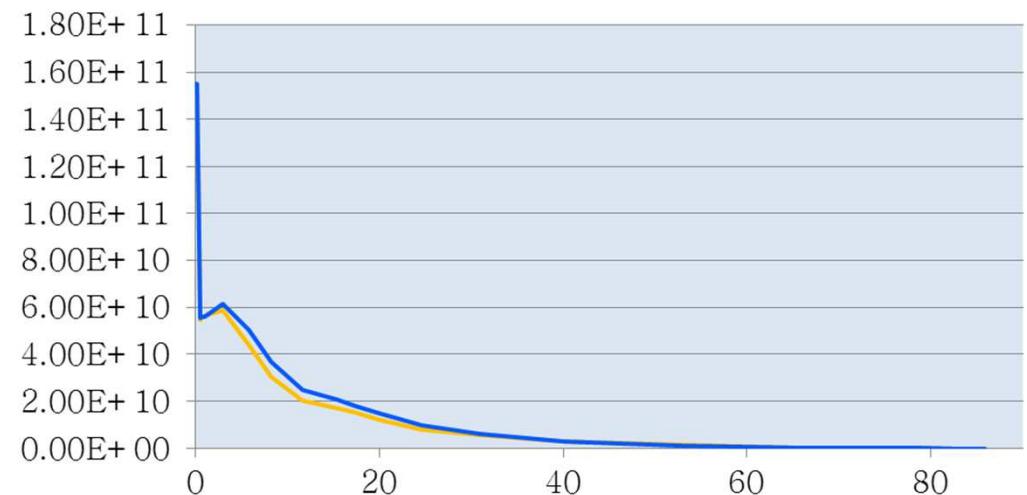


Results: Blade Structure

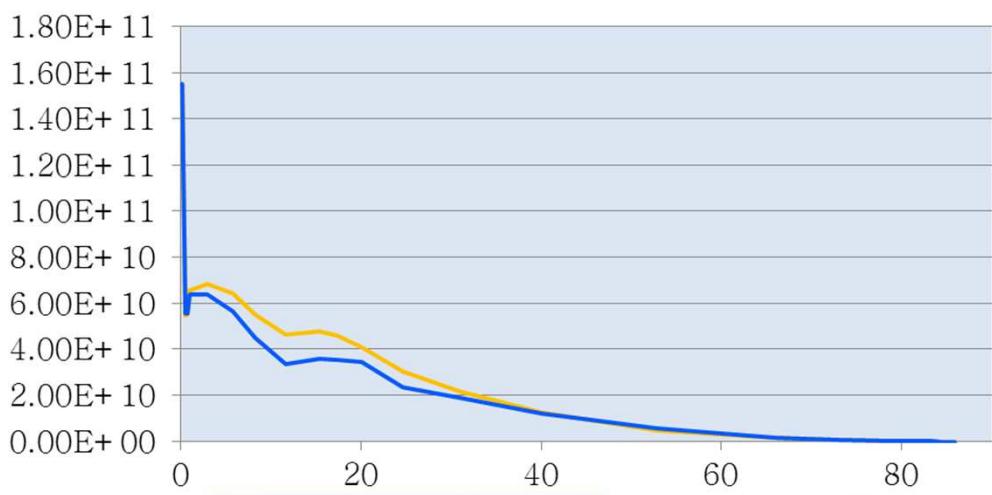
 C1 Structural Optim.
 C2 MDAO



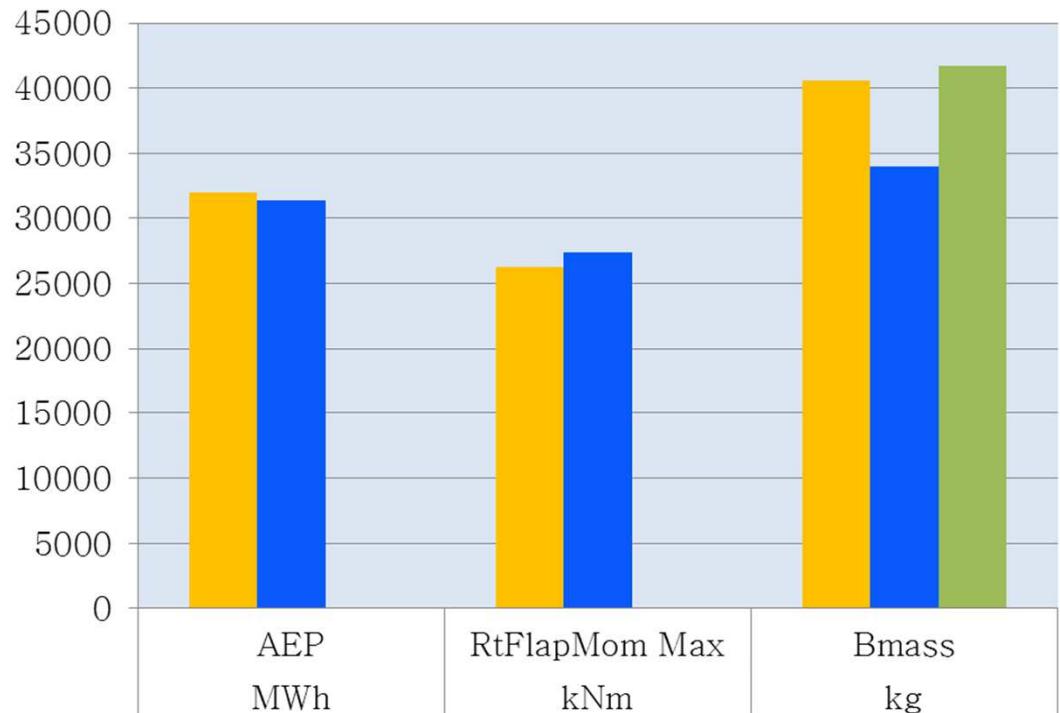
Flapwise stiffness (Nm²)



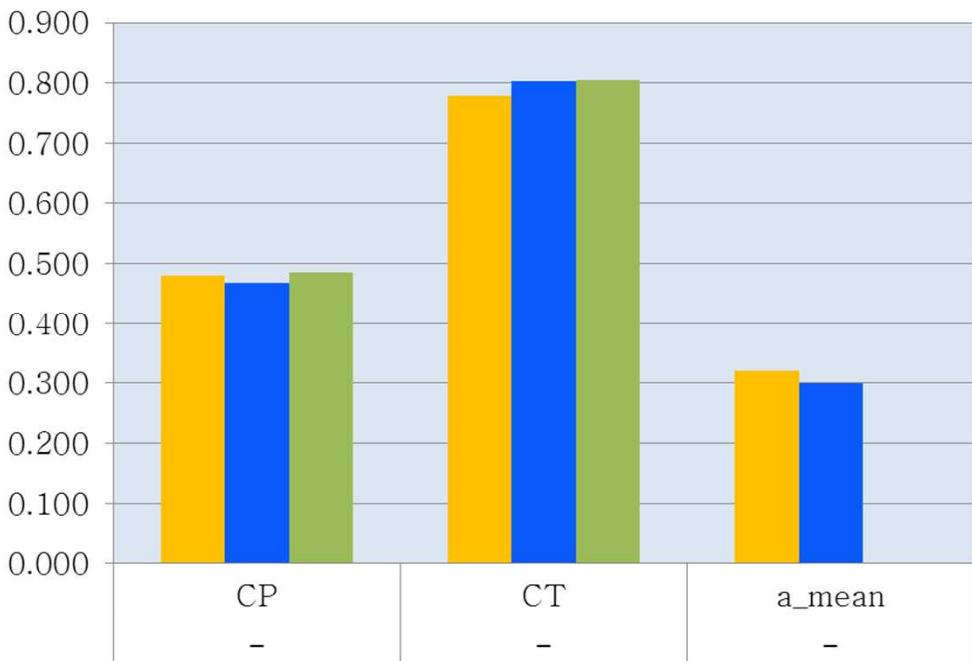
Edgewise stiffness (Nm²)



Results: Performance and loads



- C1 Isolated Optimis
- C2 MDAO
- DTU 10MW



BLADEOASIS OPTIMIZATION CONCLUSIONS

- BladeOASIS' results are coherent and in line with other codes'.
- Case 1 Step 1 - Aerodynamic optimization: the highest AEP.
- Case 1 Step 2 - Structural optimization: mass reduction conditioned by optimal geometry.
Lowest Blade Mass FOR THE GIVEN GEOMETRY.
- Case 2 – Aero-Structural optimization: best combination of both improvements:

Lower increase in AEP

BUT

Reduction in Blade Mass.

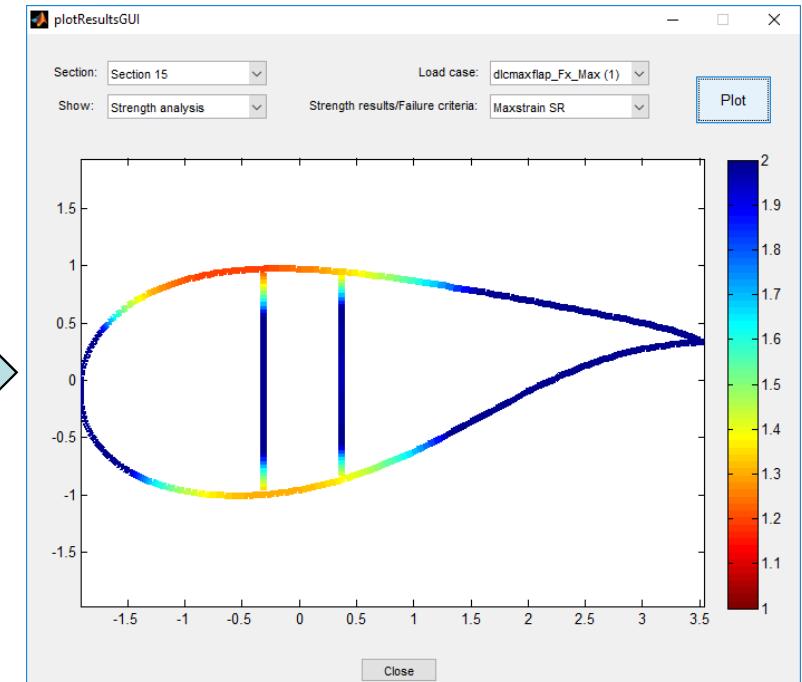
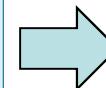
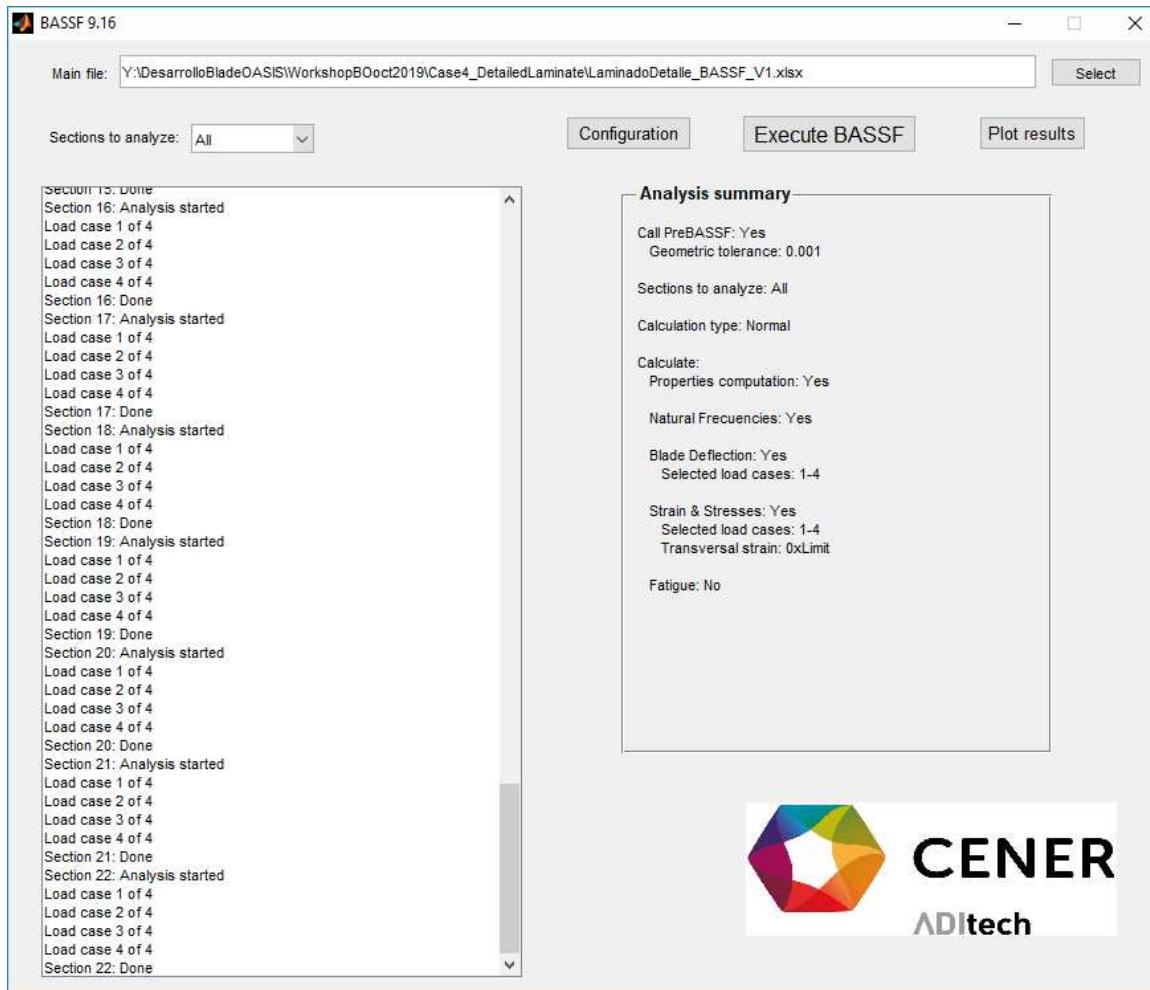
MDAO WORKS!

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===== Spar-Cap

Material ID=1
Orientation=0
Location=[-362.15]
Width=[782.37]
L0=[0.4]
L1=[18]
L2=[31]
L3=[54]
L4=[83]
t1=[50.02]
t2=[60.23]
t3=[54.73]

Section ID (-)	L (m)	Thickness (mm)
S1	0.00	0
S2	0.20	0
S3	0.50	1
S4	0.75	2
S5	1.00	2
S6	2.95	8
S7	5.72	16
S8	8.23	23
S9	11.60	33
S10	15.36	44
S11	17.37	50
S12	20.00	52
S13	24.66	55
S14	31.00	60
S15	40.08	58
S16	52.87	55
S17	66.12	5
S18	73.00	2
S19	78.94	0
S20	83.32	0
S21	84.45	0
S22	85.94	0

===== TE Reinforcement

Material ID=1
Orientation=0
Offset TE=[-50 -50]
Width=[-800 -800]
L0=[1 1]
L1=[25.89 25.89]
L2=[60 60]
L3=[75 75]
t1=[6.81 6.81]
t2=[5.22 5.22]

Section ID (-)	L (m)	Thickness (mm)
S1	0.00	0
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S8	8.23	7
S9	11.60	7
S10	15.36	7
S11	17.37	7
S12	20.00	7
S13	24.66	7
S14	31.00	7
S15	40.08	4
S16	52.87	4
S17	66.12	4
S18	73.00	4
S19	78.94	4
S20	83.32	4
S21	84.45	4
S22	85.94	4

===== Shell

Material ID=3
Orientation=0
t=[4.0 2.04 2.02 1.60]
L=[21.575 45 80]

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S5	1.00	8
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S7	5.72	8
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S10	15.36	8
S11	17.37	8
S12	20.00	8
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S14	31.00	4
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S17	66.12	4
S18	73.00	4
S19	78.94	4
S20	83.32	4
S21	84.45	4
S22	85.94	4

===== Root

Material ID=4
L=0.5
t=64.4
Alpha=0.305
Orientacion=0
Drop-off=500.0

Section ID (-)	L (m)	Thickness (mm)
S1	0.00	64
S2	0.20	64
S3	0.50	40
S4	0.75	25
S5	1.00	20
S6	2.95	15
S7	5.72	10
S8	8.23	5
S9	11.60	0
S10	15.36	0
S11	17.37	0
S12	20.00	0
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===== Web

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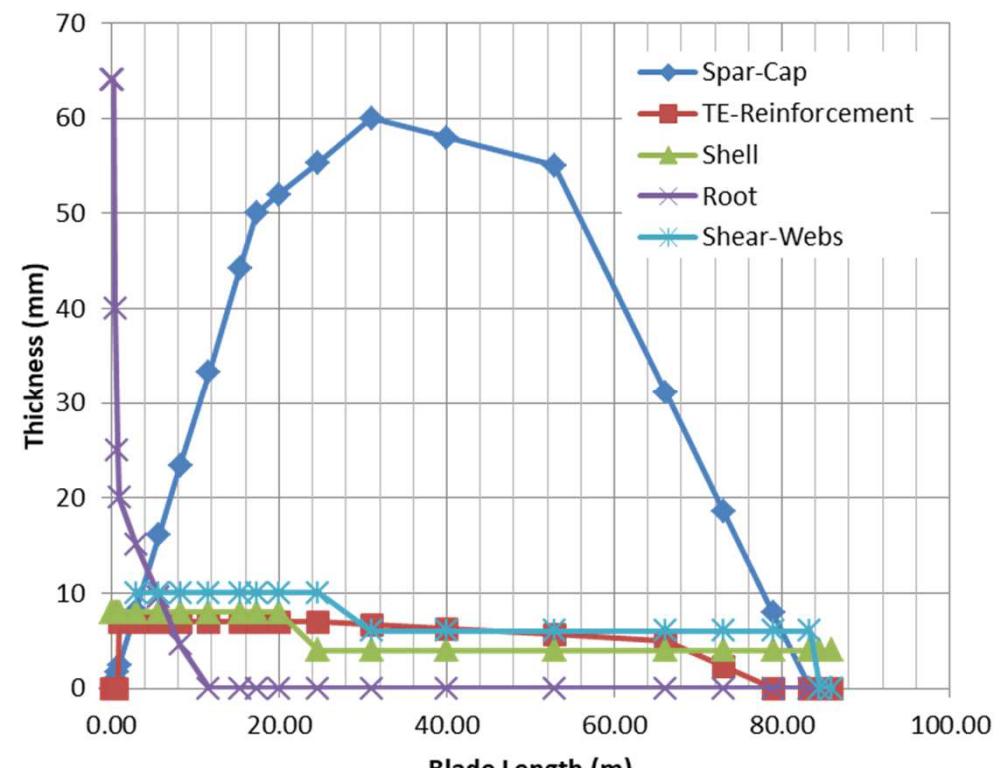
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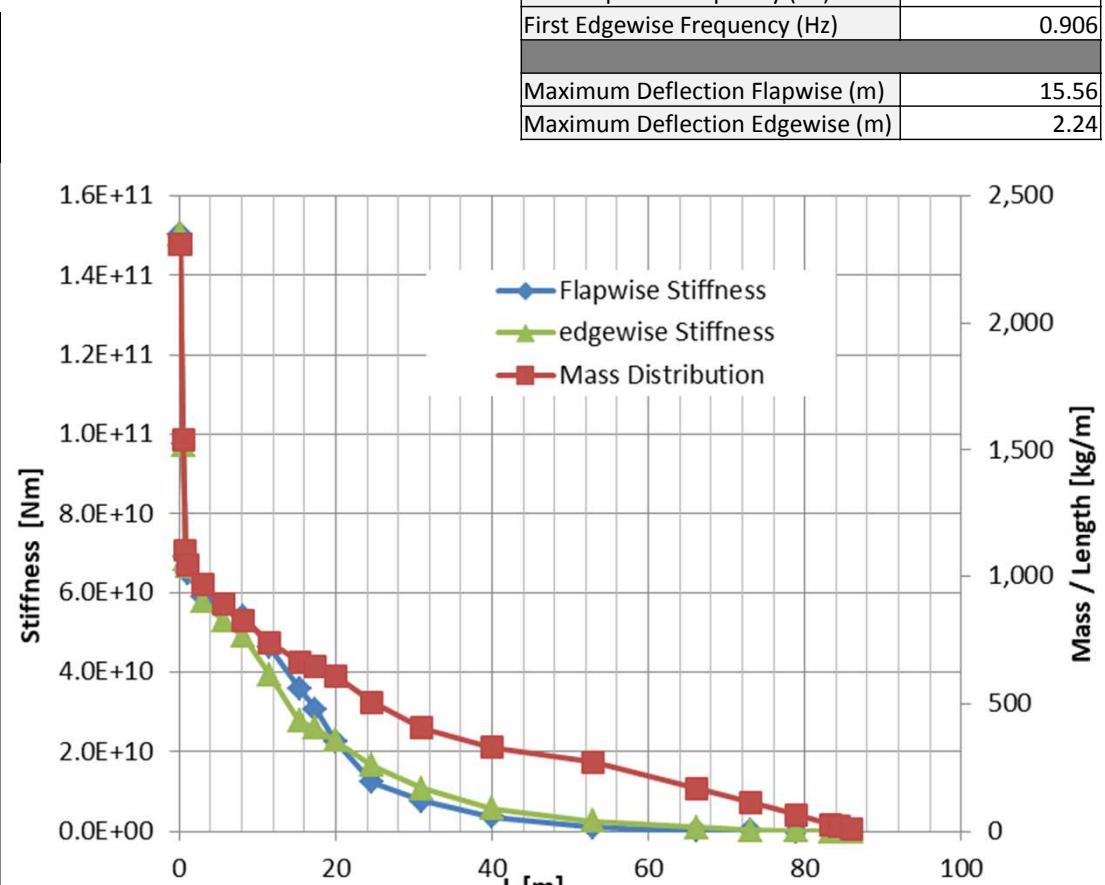
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Thickness distribution of the lay-up



Mass and Stiffness distribution



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